

Press Release

AGAIN A NEGATIVE SIGN FOR THE PRODUCTION OF THE AUTOMOTIVE INDUSTRY IN ITALY: -6.9% IN FEBRUARY

The production of cars during the month still show a double figure decrease (-11%), and it close the two months period with -18%

Turin, April 10th 2019 - According to ANFIA data of February 2019 the **National** cars productions in Italy shows a decrease of 11% respect to February 2018.

In the first two months of the year, the car production registers a decrease of 18%.

During March 2019, the Italian car market reported a decrease of 9.6%, after the 2.4% of February and the 7% of January. The trimester closes, with a negative sign: -6.5%. During March, the FCA group registrations showed a market share of 25%, with volumes in decrease of 19.5%. In other sectors, show a positive sign from January to March 2019 only light commercial vehicles, (+1%, despite the -2% of March), while are in decrease trucks (-11%, both during the month and in the trimester), buses (-4%, with a slowdown of 9% in March), heavy trailers and semitrailers (-6.5%, while during the month the slowdown is of 8%) and light trailers (-3.5% with a slowdown of 1% in March).

In January 2019, the value of the export of cars from Italy is about of 1.41 billion of Euro, the 4% of the total exported, and it is in slowdown of 16.4%. The import of vehicles, values 2.41 billion of Euro instead (-11.7% respect to January 2018), which is the 6.8% of the total imported in Italy. The United States of America is still representing in terms of value the first country as destination for the export of vehicles from Italy with a share of 17%, followed by Germany and France, respectively with a share of 15% and of 12%.

In Italy, the index of the Industrial production in its overall¹ grows of 0.9% during February 2019.

"The Italian automotive industrial production in its overall², registers during February 2019 even if with a lower decrease (-6.9%) respect to the previous month (-12%) and to the others slowdown register in the last three months of 2018 - says Gianmarco Giorda, Director of ANFIA. The closing of the first two months of a 2019 registers a trend of decrease of 9.4%, confirming the concerns for this opening of the year.

Also the Italian production of parts and accessories for vehicles and their engines ³ registers a negative sign, both in February (-6.1%), both in the cumulate (-7.7%)".

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¹ Corrected following the calendar effects: working days have been 20 like in February 2018 (with the only exception of the Manufacturing sector). Starting from 2018, the index of the industrial production published by ISTAT on the new basis 2015=100 (until last month it was 2010=100).

² Ateco Code 29: production of cars, car bodies, trailers and semitrailers and production of components and accessories for vehicles and their engines (no tyres).

³ Ateco Code 29.3, no tyres.



In January, according to the last data available, the orders of this specific field decrease of 3.6%, because of the decreasement of the national orders (-14.4%), while the international orders increase (+4.7%). Also the income of parts, shows a decrease during the month 4.2%, because of the national part which decrease of 14.3%, while the international part closes with +5.7%.

Orders⁴ for the automotive sector show a decrease of 14.9% in January (result of a national part in slowdown of 20.9% and of an international part in slowdown of 8.2%). The total orders of the industry (with the only exception of the Manufacturing sector), show a slowdown of 1.2% during January, instead (-1.9% the national part and -0.2% the international part).

The income⁵ in the automotive sector, in the end, show a decrease of 15% in January (-20% the national income and -9% the international one). For the industry the income increase of 0.6% during the month (-0.1% on the national market and +1.9% on the international ones).

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Components: motor vehicle parts and components manufacturers; Car Coachbuilders and Designers: companies working in the sector of design, engineering and style of motor vehicles and/or parts and components for the automotive sector; Motor vehicles: motor vehicles manufacturers in general, including trucks, trailers, camper vans, special means of transport.

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⁴ Unrefined data. The update data for February will be published by ISTAT on April 18th, 2019.

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