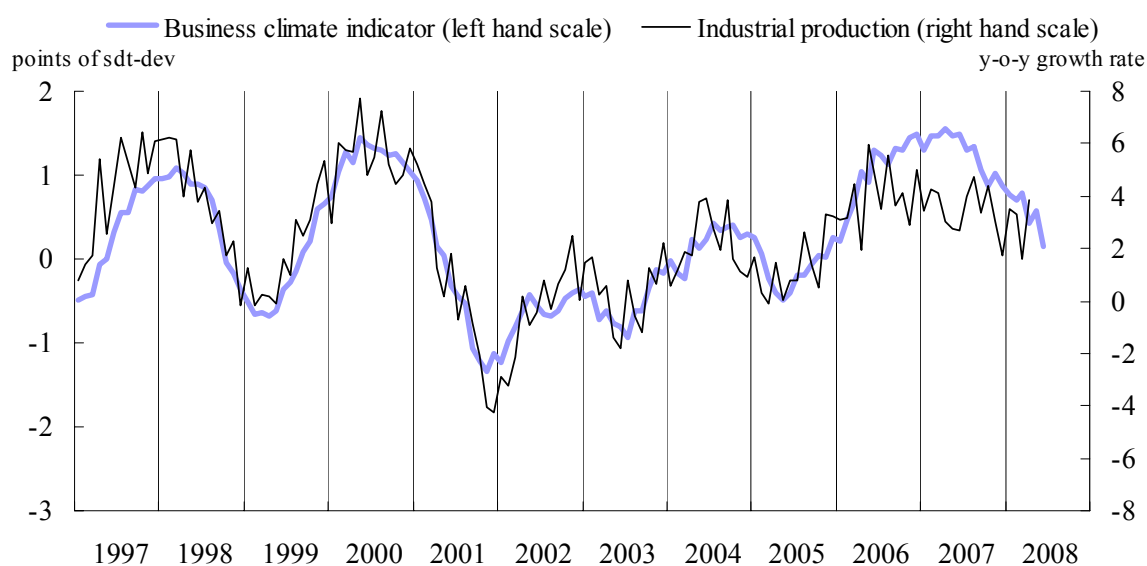


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June 2008: Business Climate Indicator for the euro area declines in June

After a rebound in May, the Business Climate Indicator (BCI) for the euro area decreased in June. The current level of the indicator suggests that industrial production growth weakened in the second quarter of this year, although it still points to a production growth rate which is above its historical average.

All the five underlying components of the BCI registered a decrease. The industrial managers' appraisal of the production trend in recent months and their total order books deteriorated sharply, while their assessment of the stocks of finished products, production expectations and export order books declined moderately.



The BCI is based on a factor analysis of the euro area aggregate balances (seasonally adjusted) of five of the monthly questions in the industry survey (only employment and selling-price expectations are excluded).

Business climate indicator, euro area

Jan-85	-0.44	Jan-90	1.07	Jan-95	1.40	Jan-00	0.73	Jan-05	0.26
Feb-85	-0.48	Feb-90	0.99	Feb-95	1.37	Feb-00	1.05	Feb-05	0.06
Mar-85	-0.64	Mar-90	0.99	Mar-95	1.24	Mar-00	1.28	Mar-05	-0.23
Apr-85	-0.54	Apr-90	0.91	Apr-95	1.07	Apr-00	1.15	Apr-05	-0.41
May-85	-0.38	May-90	0.91	May-95	1.00	May-00	1.44	May-05	-0.48
Jun-85	-0.31	Jun-90	0.65	Jun-95	0.68	Jun-00	1.37	Jun-05	-0.41
Jul-85	-0.17	Jul-90	0.70	Jul-95	0.63	Jul-00	1.32	Jul-05	-0.19
Aug-85	-0.16	Aug-90	0.59	Aug-95	0.53	Aug-00	1.30	Aug-05	-0.19
Sep-85	-0.04	Sep-90	0.45	Sep-95	0.16	Sep-00	1.24	Sep-05	-0.06
Oct-85	-0.01	Oct-90	0.36	Oct-95	-0.05	Oct-00	1.25	Oct-05	0.05
Nov-85	-0.25	Nov-90	0.18	Nov-95	-0.27	Nov-00	1.16	Nov-05	0.01
Dec-85	-0.16	Dec-90	0.09	Dec-95	-0.51	Dec-00	1.03	Dec-05	0.25
Jan-86	-0.34	Jan-91	-0.03	Jan-96	-0.77	Jan-01	0.93	Jan-06	0.22
Feb-86	-0.42	Feb-91	-0.46	Feb-96	-1.08	Feb-01	0.72	Feb-06	0.47
Mar-86	-0.48	Mar-91	-0.65	Mar-96	-1.24	Mar-01	0.47	Mar-06	0.69
Apr-86	-0.29	Apr-91	-0.57	Apr-96	-1.20	Apr-01	0.15	Apr-06	1.03
May-86	-0.41	May-91	-0.69	May-96	-1.34	May-01	0.05	May-06	0.91
Jun-86	-0.18	Jun-91	-0.78	Jun-96	-1.46	Jun-01	-0.31	Jun-06	1.30
Jul-86	-0.24	Jul-91	-0.79	Jul-96	-1.24	Jul-01	-0.46	Jul-06	1.23
Aug-86	-0.23	Aug-91	-0.84	Aug-96	-1.18	Aug-01	-0.53	Aug-06	1.12
Sep-86	-0.15	Sep-91	-0.99	Sep-96	-0.96	Sep-01	-1.07	Sep-06	1.33
Oct-86	-0.35	Oct-91	-0.92	Oct-96	-0.76	Oct-01	-1.21	Oct-06	1.30
Nov-86	-0.49	Nov-91	-0.94	Nov-96	-0.82	Nov-01	-1.35	Nov-06	1.44
Dec-86	-0.31	Dec-91	-1.06	Dec-96	-0.78	Dec-01	-1.12	Dec-06	1.50
Jan-87	-0.47	Jan-92	-1.03	Jan-97	-0.49	Jan-02	-1.23	Jan-07	1.30
Feb-87	-0.64	Feb-92	-0.83	Feb-97	-0.45	Feb-02	-0.97	Feb-07	1.47
Mar-87	-0.50	Mar-92	-0.87	Mar-97	-0.42	Mar-02	-0.80	Mar-07	1.47
Apr-87	-0.40	Apr-92	-0.96	Apr-97	-0.07	Apr-02	-0.62	Apr-07	1.56
May-87	-0.32	May-92	-1.11	May-97	0.00	May-02	-0.43	May-07	1.47
Jun-87	-0.23	Jun-92	-1.08	Jun-97	0.32	Jun-02	-0.55	Jun-07	1.49
Jul-87	-0.10	Jul-92	-1.27	Jul-97	0.56	Jul-02	-0.65	Jul-07	1.31
Aug-87	0.01	Aug-92	-1.44	Aug-97	0.56	Aug-02	-0.69	Aug-07	1.35
Sep-87	0.08	Sep-92	-1.73	Sep-97	0.83	Sep-02	-0.61	Sep-07	1.06
Oct-87	0.10	Oct-92	-2.12	Oct-97	0.81	Oct-02	-0.46	Oct-07	0.87
Nov-87	0.26	Nov-92	-2.48	Nov-97	0.86	Nov-02	-0.40	Nov-07	1.03
Dec-87	0.27	Dec-92	-2.55	Dec-97	0.96	Dec-02	-0.35	Dec-07	0.88
Jan-88	0.30	Jan-93	-2.76	Jan-98	0.95	Jan-03	-0.44	Jan-08	0.76
Feb-88	0.34	Feb-93	-2.65	Feb-98	0.97	Feb-03	-0.39	Feb-08	0.71
Mar-88	0.53	Mar-93	-2.63	Mar-98	1.09	Mar-03	-0.71	Mar-08	0.79
Apr-88	0.50	Apr-93	-2.86	Apr-98	1.01	Apr-03	-0.62	Apr-08	0.43
May-88	0.72	May-93	-2.80	May-98	0.90	May-03	-0.77	May-08	0.58
Jun-88	0.88	Jun-93	-2.80	Jun-98	0.89	Jun-03	-0.80	Jun-08	0.14
Jul-88	0.83	Jul-93	-2.82	Jul-98	0.85	Jul-03	-0.93		
Aug-88	0.99	Aug-93	-2.65	Aug-98	0.71	Aug-03	-0.62		
Sep-88	1.09	Sep-93	-2.39	Sep-98	0.37	Sep-03	-0.61		
Oct-88	1.22	Oct-93	-2.20	Oct-98	-0.05	Oct-03	-0.34		
Nov-88	1.34	Nov-93	-1.93	Nov-98	-0.16	Nov-03	-0.13		
Dec-88	1.37	Dec-93	-1.75	Dec-98	-0.36	Dec-03	-0.16		
Jan-89	1.36	Jan-94	-1.43	Jan-99	-0.51	Jan-04	-0.03		
Feb-89	1.34	Feb-94	-0.98	Feb-99	-0.67	Feb-04	-0.17		
Mar-89	1.34	Mar-94	-0.74	Mar-99	-0.64	Mar-04	-0.24		
Apr-89	1.30	Apr-94	-0.37	Apr-99	-0.69	Apr-04	0.24		
May-89	1.24	May-94	-0.06	May-99	-0.61	May-04	0.13		
Jun-89	1.40	Jun-94	0.15	Jun-99	-0.36	Jun-04	0.24		
Jul-89	1.23	Jul-94	0.38	Jul-99	-0.28	Jul-04	0.43		
Aug-89	1.25	Aug-94	0.50	Aug-99	-0.14	Aug-04	0.35		
Sep-89	1.12	Sep-94	0.81	Sep-99	0.08	Sep-04	0.38		
Oct-89	1.07	Oct-94	1.00	Oct-99	0.22	Oct-04	0.39		
Nov-89	1.13	Nov-94	1.26	Nov-99	0.60	Nov-04	0.25		
Dec-89	1.07	Dec-94	1.33	Dec-99	0.67	Dec-04	0.31		

Full details of the Business Climate Indicator are available on the Europa website:

http://ec.europa.eu/economy_finance/db_indicators/db_indicators8650_en.htm

The next BCI Results are due to be published on 30 July 2008.