

**PRESS RELEASE****No. 7 of February 8, 2005****The main short term indicators in December and in 2004**

In 2004, **manufacturing production** registered a growth of 6.3 % in comparison with the same period of previous year; per total branch, gross index was 105.3%. In December 2004, as against December 2003, gross index of **industrial production** increased by 12.3%.

During 1.I.-30.XII.2004, total turnover¹⁾ of enterprises having industry as main activity was by 9.9% higher, in real terms, as compared to the same period of previous year.

In 2004, **the main resources of primary energy** amounted to 41493.0 thousand tons equivalent oil²⁾, of which 25125.5 thousand tons equivalent oil²⁾ of domestic production.

Livestock, according to the data provided by the Ministry of Agriculture, Forests and Rural Development, existent on December 31, 2004, accounted for 2949.1 thou heads cattle, 5200.0 thousand heads pigs and 8300.0 thousand heads sheep and goats.

During 1.I.-30.XI.2004, turnover volume of enterprises having as main activity **retail trade** (except trade of motor vehicles and motorcycle) was by 12.3% over the level registered in the same period of 2003, higher growths being obtained both for sales of non-food goods (+13.6%), and for sales of food goods (+10.5%). In November 2004, in comparison with the same month of 2003, turnover obtained from **retail trade** was by 14.1% higher (+15.5% for non-food goods and +12.0% for food goods).

Turnover volume of enterprises having as main activity **wholesale and retail trade, maintenance and repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles, retail trade of fuels for motor vehicles** registered during January-November 2004 was by 12.9% higher than in the same period of 2003, being supported both by the growth of turnover volume of retail trade for motor vehicles fuels (+16.0%), and of turnover from motor vehicles trade and maintenance (+9.4%). In November 2004, in comparison with November 2003, turnover obtained from this activity was by 26.4% higher because of the higher turnover obtained both from motor vehicles trade and maintenance, and from retail trade of fuels for motor vehicles (+26.5%, respectively +26.3%).

During 1.I.-30.XI.2004, the activity of **market services rendered to the population** registered a turnover by 14.2% higher in comparison with the same period of previous year. As against the same month of previous year, in November 2004 a growth of 25.2% was registered.

According to the data provided by the National Agency for Employment, **the number of unemployed registered** at the end of December 2004 was 557.9 thousands. In comparison with December 2003, the number of unemployed registered at the agencies for employment was by 101 thousand persons lower. Of total unemployed, women represented 42.1 %.

¹⁾ Total turnover comes from main activity and from secondary activities of industrial enterprises.

²⁾ Conventional fuel with calorific power of 10 000 kcal/kg.

In December 2004, **unemployment rate** was 6.2% in relation to total civil active population and was at the level of previous month (7.4% in December 2003). Female unemployment rate was 5.6% (6.8% in December 2003) and male unemployment rate was 6.8% (7.8% in December 2003).

Higher unemployment rates were registered in the counties: Hunedoara (10.9%), Braşov (10.6%) Vaslui (10.3%) and Ialomiţa (10.1%). The lowest unemployment rates were registered in the counties: Satu Mare (2.0%), Bihor (2.1%), Timiş (2.6%), as well as in Bucharest Municipality (2.7%).