

## PREFACE

This publication, "Manufacturing Indices 2007, Annual Summaries", presents Israel's manufacturing data according to several variables: number of employee jobs, number of establishments, labour cost and wages, revenue from local sales and export, manufacturing production indices, etc.

These data are used each month in preparing the manufacturing indices that appear in the statistical monthly and the CBS data base.

Manufacturing indices are estimates of changes in manufacturing, which is of great importance – in 2007 it contained approximately 16% of all employed persons in the economy, constituted approximately 16% of the net domestic product, and produced approximately 96% of all export goods (excluding diamonds).

In this publication, the emphasis is placed on manufacturing data distributed by technological intensity (high technology, medium-high technology, medium-low technology, low technology). These data make it possible to learn about the differences between the various technology groups and their contribution to manufacturing.

This publication is intended to supply the demand for information regarding the development of manufacturing in its various aspects, from the viewpoint of different factors in the economy: national institutions, economic research institutions, government ministries and the general public.

The manufacturing indices are monthly indices which predate the annual data collected in the manufacturing survey. In the manufacturing survey data are collected on the manufacturing establishments: jobs, revenue, output, product, input, inventory, sales cost, expenditures, assets and liabilities, etc. Unlike manufacturing indices, which are based on monthly information collected from the establishments and administrative sources, the sources of manufacturing survey data are annual financial reports and administrative sources. The results of the 2005 manufacturing survey are presented in a separate publication\*.

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\* Central Bureau of Statistics, *Manufacturing Survey 2005*, Publication No. 1353, Jerusalem, 2009.