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Production: results for August 2026

Table A – Key growth rates in the volume of mining production

	Mar-26	Apr-26	May-26	Jun-26	Jul-26	Aug-26
Year-on-year % change, unadjusted	2,5	7,8	-5,1	-3,9	-7,0	-12,7
Month-on-month % change, seasonally adjusted	-4,9	3,8	-5,9	0,4	-1,9	-5,4
3-month % change, seasonally adjusted ¹	0,5	2,6	-1,6	-2,6	-5,5	-5,2

¹ Percentage change between the previous three months and the three months ending in the month indicated.

Mining production decreased by 12,7% year-on-year in August 2026. The largest negative contributors were:

- PGMs (-22,5% and contributing -6,1 percentage points);
- coal (-11,7% and contributing -3,0 percentage points); and
- iron ore (-16,2% and contributing -2,4 percentage points) – see Table 6 and Table 7.

Seasonally adjusted mining production decreased by 5,4% in August 2026 compared with July 2026. This followed month-on-month changes of -1,9% in July 2026 and 0,4% in June 2026 – see Table A.

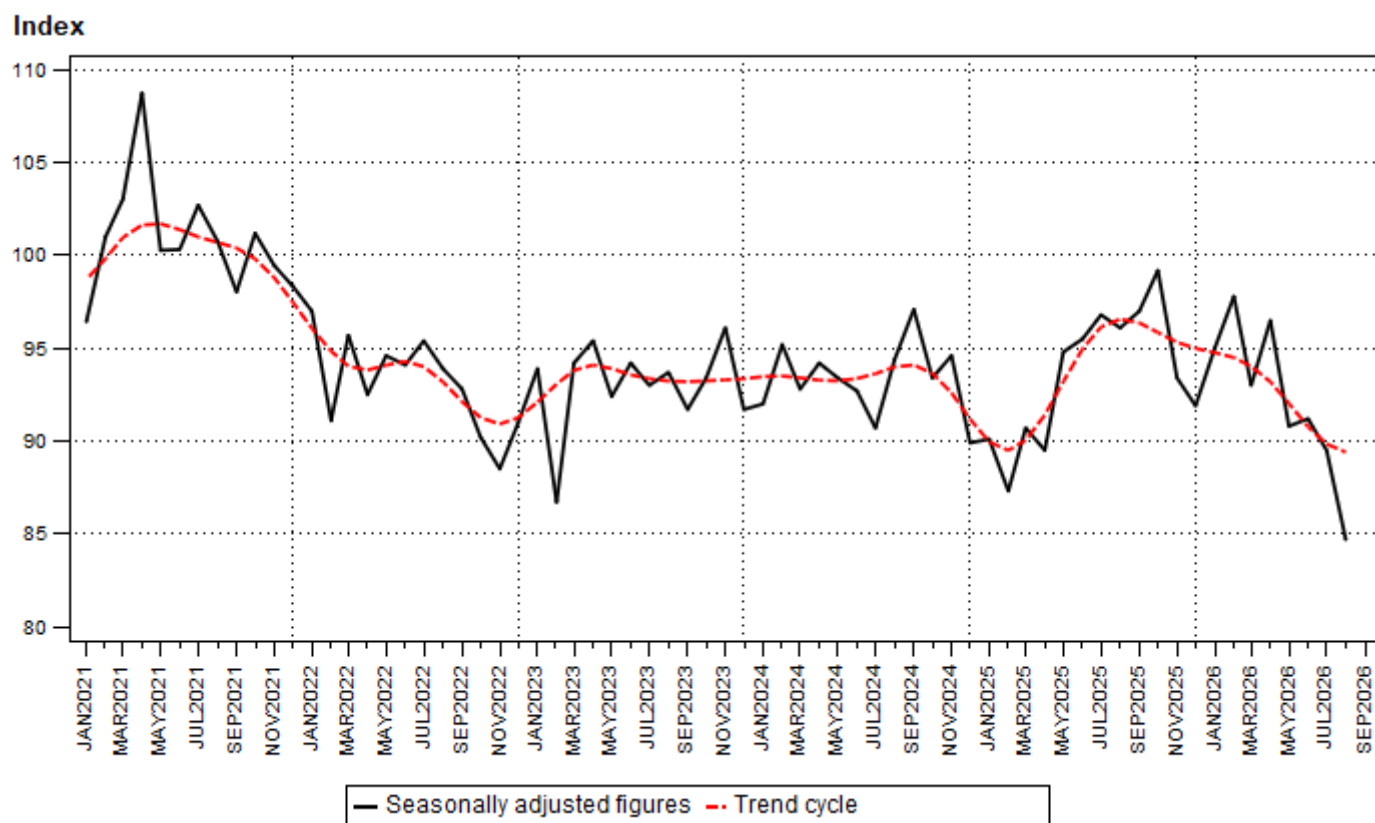
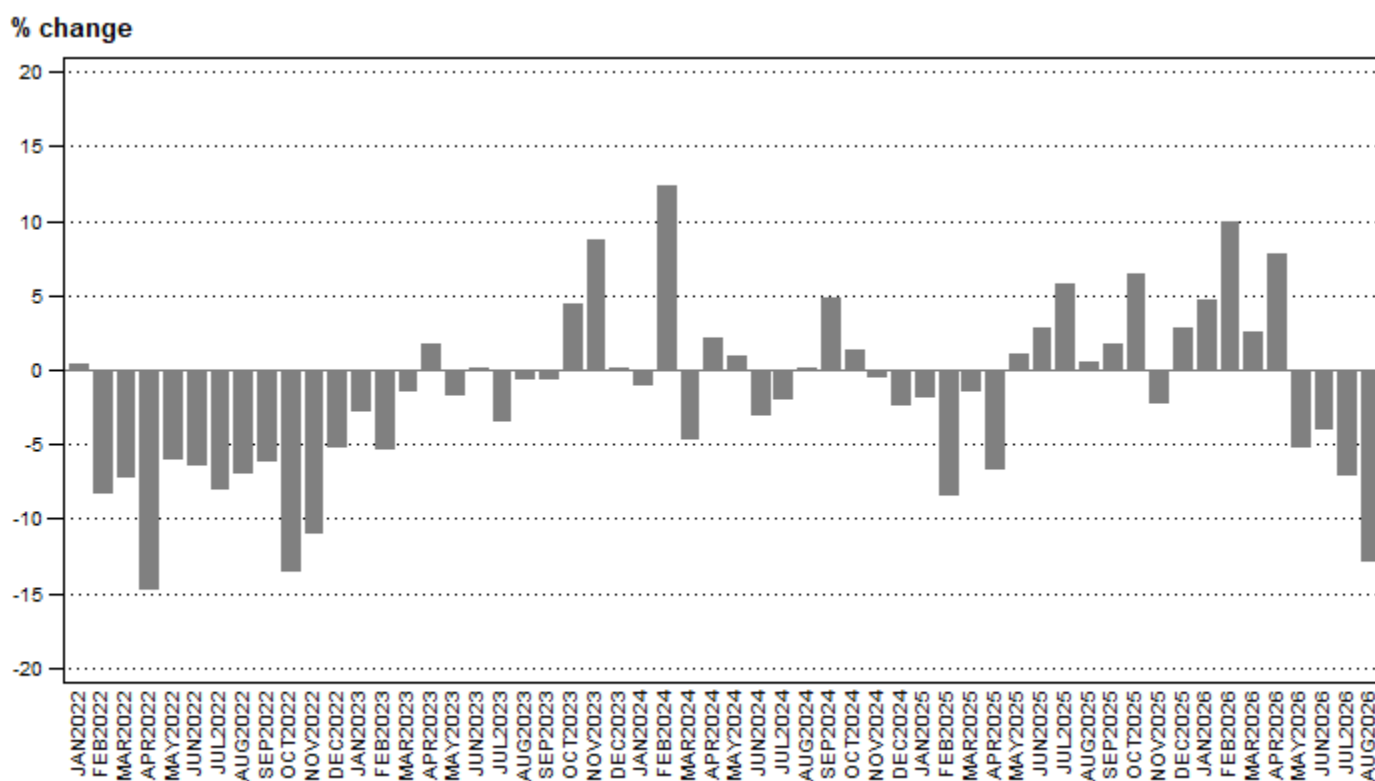
Table B – Seasonally adjusted index of the volume of mining production for the latest three months by mineral group and mineral (Base: 2019=100)

Mineral group and mineral	Weight	Mar – May 2026	Jun – Aug 2026	% change between Mar – May 2026 and Jun – Aug 2026	Contribution (% points) to the % change in total mining production
Gold	10,48	86,7	84,1	-3,0	-0,3
Iron ore	16,41	84,5	79,7	-5,7	-0,8
Chromium ore	4,08	152,5	153,1	0,4	0,0
Copper ¹	0,75	74,3	79,8	7,4	0,0
Manganese ore	5,65	132,4	129,0	-2,6	-0,2
PGMs	27,11	97,2	83,2	-14,4	-4,1
Nickel ¹	1,38	74,9	59,3	-20,8	-0,2
Other metallic minerals ¹	2,81	78,8	95,8	21,6	0,5
Diamonds ¹	2,05	74,2	57,1	-23,0	-0,4
Coal	26,32	85,3	85,5	0,2	0,1
Building materials	2,58	88,1	90,7	3,0	0,1
Other non-metallic minerals	0,38	89,0	86,4	-2,9	0,0
Total	100,00	93,4	88,5	-5,2	-5,2

¹ Unadjusted. See notes 4, 5 and 6 on page 11.

Seasonally adjusted mining production decreased by 5,2% in the three months ended August 2026 compared with the previous three months. The largest negative contributors were:

- PGMs (-14,4% and contributing -4,1 percentage points);
- iron ore (-5,7% and contributing -0,8 of a percentage point); and
- diamonds (-23,0% and contributing -0,4 of a percentage point) – see Table B.

Figure 1 – Volume of mining production (Base: 2019=100)**Figure 2 – Volume of mining production (Base: 2019=100): year-on-year percentage change**

Sales: results for August 2026

Table C – Key growth rates in mineral sales at current prices

	Mar-26	Apr-26	May-26	Jun-26	Jul-26	Aug-26
Year-on-year % change, unadjusted	31,4	30,5	13,9	27,4	-5,3	-15,1
Month-on-month % change, seasonally adjusted	-8,8	2,3	-5,8	1,1	-13,7	-7,9
3-month % change, seasonally adjusted ¹	6,7	4,2	-6,7	-4,7	-10,9	-13,3

¹ Percentage change between the previous three months and the three months ending in the month indicated.

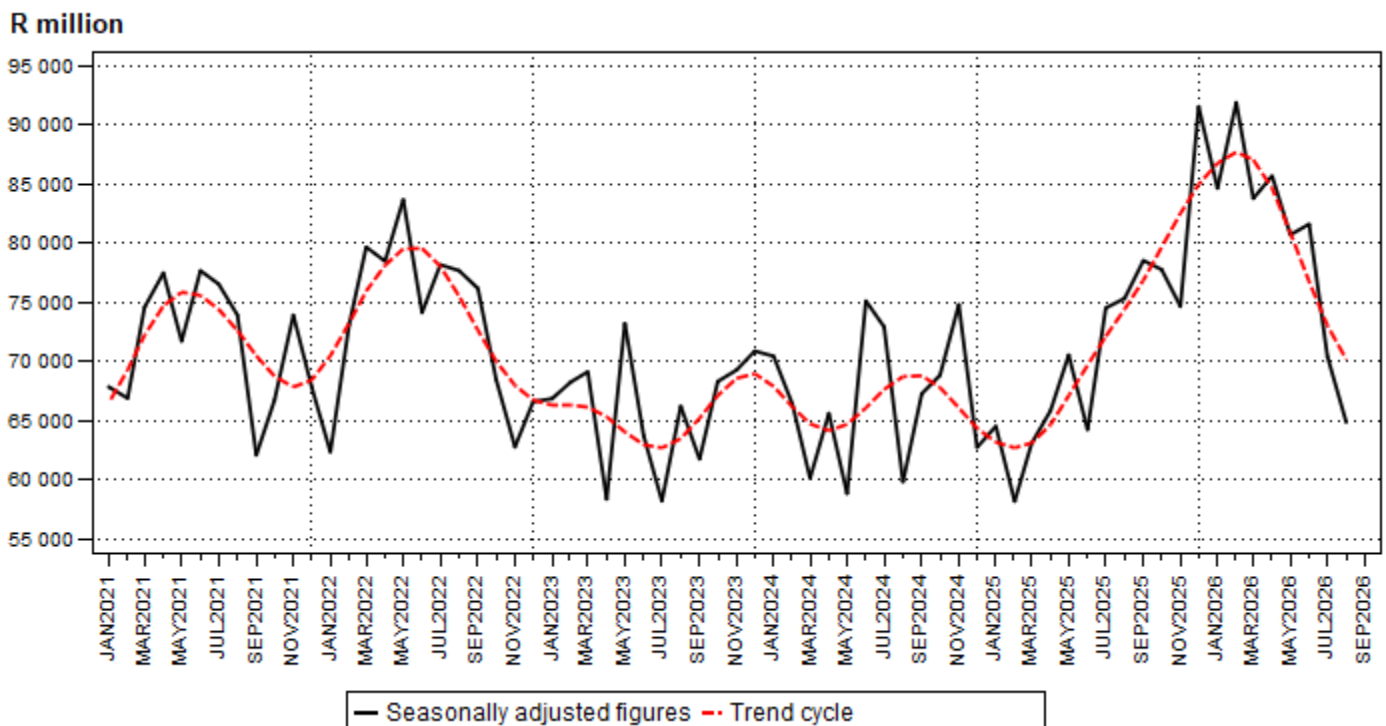
Mineral sales at current prices decreased by 15,1% year-on-year in August 2026. The largest negative contributors were:

- gold (-48,6% and contributing -8,6 percentage points);
- iron ore (-23,0% and contributing -2,4 percentage points);
- PGMs (-7,5% and contributing -1,9 percentage points); and
- coal (-7,8% and contributing -1,9 percentage points) – see Table 12 and Table 13.

Seasonally adjusted mineral sales at current prices decreased by 7,9% in August 2026 compared with July 2026. This followed month-on-month changes of -13,7% in July 2026 and 1,1% in June 2026.

Seasonally adjusted mineral sales at current prices decreased by 13,3% in the three months ended August 2026 compared with the previous three months.

Figure 3 – Total value of mineral sales at current prices



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Tables

Table 1 – Index of the volume of mining production (Base: 2019=100)

Month	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026
Jan	92,6	84,9	85,2	82,9	82,1	80,6	84,4
Feb	88,8	86,2	79,1	74,9	84,2	77,2	84,9
Mar	83,2	105,3	97,8	96,5	92,2	91,0	93,3
Apr	45,1	102,6	87,6	89,1	91,0	85,0	91,6
May	82,7	103,9	97,8	96,2	97,2	98,3	93,3
Jun	84,3	107,1	100,4	100,5	97,6	100,3	96,4
Jul	95,9	106,8	98,4	95,2	93,4	98,8	91,9
Aug	102,4	108,9	101,4	100,9	101,1	101,6	88,7
Sep	102,5	102,3	96,2	95,7	100,4	102,1	
Oct	101,9	105,7	91,5	95,5	96,8	103,0	
Nov	96,4	103,3	92,0	100,0	99,6	97,5	
Dec	93,4	93,5	88,7	88,8	86,8	89,2	
Year	89,1	100,9	93,0	93,0	93,5	93,7	

Table 2 – Year-on-year percentage change in the volume of mining production

Month	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2026 year-to-date
Jan	-8,3	0,4	-2,7	-1,0	-1,8	4,7	4,7
Feb	-2,9	-8,2	-5,3	12,4	-8,3	10,0	7,3
Mar	26,6	-7,1	-1,3	-4,5	-1,3	2,5	5,5
Apr	127,5	-14,6	1,7	2,1	-6,6	7,8	6,1
May	25,6	-5,9	-1,6	1,0	1,1	-5,1	3,6
Jun	27,0	-6,3	0,1	-2,9	2,8	-3,9	2,2
Jul	11,4	-7,9	-3,3	-1,9	5,8	-7,0	0,7
Aug	6,3	-6,9	-0,5	0,2	0,5	-12,7	-1,1
Sep	-0,2	-6,0	-0,5	4,9	1,7		
Oct	3,7	-13,4	4,4	1,4	6,4		
Nov	7,2	-10,9	8,7	-0,4	-2,1		
Dec	0,1	-5,1	0,1	-2,3	2,8		
Year	13,2	-7,8	0,0	0,5	0,2		

Table 3 – Seasonally adjusted volume of total mining production

Month	Index (Base: 2019=100)				Month-on-month % change			
	2023	2024	2025	2026	2023	2024	2025	2026
Jan	93,9	92,0	90,1	95,0	3,2	0,3	0,2	3,4
Feb	86,7	95,2	87,3	97,8	-7,7	3,5	-3,1	2,9
Mar	94,2	92,8	90,7	93,0	8,7	-2,5	3,9	-4,9
Apr	95,4	94,2	89,5	96,5	1,3	1,5	-1,3	3,8
May	92,4	93,4	94,8	90,8	-3,1	-0,8	5,9	-5,9
Jun	94,2	92,7	95,5	91,2	1,9	-0,7	0,7	0,4
Jul	93,0	90,7	96,8	89,5	-1,3	-2,2	1,4	-1,9
Aug	93,7	94,4	96,1	84,7	0,8	4,1	-0,7	-5,4
Sep	91,7	97,1	97,0		-2,1	2,9	0,9	
Oct	93,4	93,4	99,2		1,9	-3,8	2,3	
Nov	96,1	94,6	93,4		2,9	1,3	-5,8	
Dec	91,7	89,9	91,9		-4,6	-5,0	-1,6	

Table 4 – Index of the volume of mining production by mineral group and mineral (Base: 2019=100) ¹

Mineral group and mineral	Weight	Mar-26	Apr-26	May-26	Jun-26	Jul-26	Aug-26
Gold	10,48	94,4	82,3	84,1	92,9	84,3	84,0
Iron ore	16,41	89,9	81,0	88,3	85,0	89,9	78,2
Chromium ore	4,08	158,6	147,2	153,3	157,2	166,7	165,8
Copper	0,75	69,9	79,0	74,0	72,6	74,6	92,3
Manganese ore	5,65	137,6	124,1	133,4	134,2	144,9	143,0
PGMs	27,11	91,0	103,8	94,1	97,6	75,9	78,7
Nickel	1,38	79,7	73,1	71,9	80,5	50,0	47,4
Other metallic minerals	2,81	79,8	79,5	77,0	97,7	101,8	87,9
Diamonds	2,05	78,8	70,8	73,1	73,5	47,3	50,5
Coal	26,32	81,6	78,7	87,0	89,7	93,8	88,3
Building materials	2,58	94,0	82,7	87,7	93,9	102,0	96,6
Other non-metallic minerals	0,38	90,3	89,1	93,8	89,5	95,0	90,2
Total	100,00	93,3	91,6	93,3	96,4	91,9	88,7

¹ Annual averages and annual percentage changes are available on the following link: [Annual data](#).

Table 5 – Seasonally adjusted index of the volume of mining production by mineral group and mineral (Base: 2019=100)

Mineral group and mineral	Mar-26	Apr-26	May-26	Jun-26	Jul-26	Aug-26	Month-on-month % change
Gold	91,0	85,8	83,3	90,8	81,1	80,5	-0,7
Iron ore	86,9	83,9	82,7	80,1	83,8	75,3	-10,1
Chromium ore	155,7	153,6	148,3	149,4	155,4	154,5	-0,6
Copper ¹	69,9	79,0	74,0	72,6	74,6	92,3	23,7
Manganese ore	134,6	134,8	127,7	124,4	130,2	132,3	1,6
PGMs	94,2	106,8	90,6	89,1	85,4	75,1	-12,1
Nickel ¹	79,7	73,1	71,9	80,5	50,0	47,4	-5,2
Other metallic minerals ¹	79,8	79,5	77,0	97,7	101,8	87,9	-13,7
Diamonds ¹	78,8	70,8	73,1	73,5	47,3	50,5	6,8
Coal	81,8	87,0	87,1	85,8	86,0	84,8	-1,4
Building materials	89,3	90,3	84,7	91,6	90,0	90,6	0,7
Other non-metallic minerals	91,2	86,6	89,1	89,9	87,3	81,9	-6,2
Total	93,0	96,5	90,8	91,2	89,5	84,7	-5,4

¹ Unadjusted. See notes 4, 5 and 6 on page 11.

Table 6 – Year-on-year percentage change in the volume of mining production by mineral group and mineral

Mineral group and mineral	Mar-26	Apr-26	May-26	Jun-26	Jul-26	Aug-26
Gold	16,7	-0,4	-4,4	6,2	-7,3	-5,7
Iron ore	-3,2	-6,3	-12,0	-7,8	-6,8	-16,2
Chromium ore	17,4	14,6	10,3	7,9	13,9	11,1
Copper	-35,8	-13,1	-13,5	-5,5	-6,6	-7,3
Manganese ore	14,2	17,7	10,1	13,4	6,7	4,1
PGMs	10,2	36,8	-4,1	-8,4	-13,4	-22,5
Nickel	10,2	31,9	-16,6	-1,0	-18,8	-32,2
Other metallic minerals	-9,4	-16,0	-17,6	-2,8	-3,0	-12,5
Diamonds	-11,5	-20,4	-21,1	-21,2	-48,2	-41,1
Coal	-9,7	-6,2	-5,5	-6,9	-7,3	-11,7
Building materials	6,8	5,2	-9,6	4,1	-5,3	-3,2
Other non-metallic minerals	-12,0	-6,2	-7,0	1,1	-7,2	-11,2
Total	2,5	7,8	-5,1	-3,9	-7,0	-12,7

Table 7 – Contribution of each mineral group and mineral to the year-on-year percentage change in the volume of mining production (percentage points)

Mineral group and mineral	Mar-26	Apr-26	May-26	Jun-26	Jul-26	Aug-26
Gold	1,6	0,0	-0,4	0,6	-0,7	-0,5
Iron ore	-0,5	-1,0	-2,0	-1,2	-1,1	-2,4
Chromium ore	1,1	0,9	0,6	0,5	0,8	0,6
Copper	-0,3	-0,1	-0,1	0,0	0,0	-0,1
Manganese ore	1,1	1,2	0,7	0,9	0,5	0,3
PGMs	2,5	8,9	-1,1	-2,4	-3,2	-6,1
Nickel	0,1	0,3	-0,2	0,0	-0,2	-0,3
Other metallic minerals	-0,3	-0,5	-0,5	-0,1	-0,1	-0,3
Diamonds	-0,2	-0,4	-0,4	-0,4	-0,9	-0,7
Coal	-2,5	-1,6	-1,4	-1,7	-2,0	-3,0
Building materials	0,2	0,1	-0,2	0,1	-0,1	-0,1
Other non-metallic minerals	-0,1	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0
Total	2,5	7,8	-5,1	-3,9	-7,0	-12,7

Table 8 – Mineral sales at current prices (R million)

Month	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026
Jan	51 128,5	63 518,6	59 050,2	63 640,8	67 356,0	62 034,4	81 659,2
Feb	45 135,2	56 927,3	61 698,4	57 573,5	56 147,4	49 636,4	78 548,7
Mar	51 606,4	78 213,1	83 573,6	71 667,9	61 535,8	63 303,2	83 210,5
Apr	31 064,5	78 533,6	80 279,4	60 098,5	67 633,1	68 083,9	88 863,1
May	40 521,7	75 976,9	89 818,5	79 471,8	64 369,6	76 870,0	87 540,3
Jun	41 962,5	82 049,6	77 693,5	66 609,1	78 628,2	67 683,0	86 245,4
Jul	48 588,4	73 935,4	76 368,5	57 344,8	71 883,4	73 635,0	69 696,2
Aug	56 868,0	77 095,1	80 551,6	67 474,6	59 717,0	73 356,1	62 283,6
Sep	63 394,0	65 086,8	78 856,7	63 315,9	68 323,5	79 502,8	
Oct	66 165,3	69 099,3	70 397,8	70 071,2	70 635,6	80 228,8	
Nov	58 255,9	72 147,3	60 931,6	67 144,9	72 774,3	73 044,8	
Dec	58 501,2	64 696,9	64 521,0	70 216,5	63 673,5	94 051,5	
Total	613 191,6	857 279,9	883 740,8	794 629,5	802 677,4	861 429,9	

Table 9 – Year-on-year percentage change in mineral sales at current prices

Month	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2026 year-to-date
Jan	24,2	-7,0	7,8	5,8	-7,9	31,6	31,6
Feb	26,1	8,4	-6,7	-2,5	-11,6	58,2	43,5
Mar	51,6	6,9	-14,2	-14,1	2,9	31,4	39,1
Apr	152,8	2,2	-25,1	12,5	0,7	30,5	36,7
May	87,5	18,2	-11,5	-19,0	19,4	13,9	31,2
Jun	95,5	-5,3	-14,3	18,0	-13,9	27,4	30,6
Jul	52,2	3,3	-24,9	25,4	2,4	-5,3	24,8
Aug	35,6	4,5	-16,2	-11,5	22,8	-15,1	19,3
Sep	2,7	21,2	-19,7	7,9	16,4		
Oct	4,4	1,9	-0,5	0,8	13,6		
Nov	23,8	-15,5	10,2	8,4	0,4		
Dec	10,6	-0,3	8,8	-9,3	47,7		
Total	39,8	3,1	-10,1	1,0	7,3		

Table 10 – Seasonally adjusted total mineral sales at current prices

Month	R million				Month-on-month % change			
	2023	2024	2025	2026	2023	2024	2025	2026
Jan	66 862,9	70 449,6	64 541,6	84 620,0	0,4	-0,6	2,9	-7,5
Feb	68 275,3	66 397,7	58 196,1	91 868,3	2,1	-5,8	-9,8	8,6
Mar	69 137,8	60 145,6	63 108,6	83 772,1	1,3	-9,4	8,4	-8,8
Apr	58 381,0	65 618,1	65 847,6	85 676,4	-15,6	9,1	4,3	2,3
May	73 221,7	58 844,3	70 559,5	80 700,8	25,4	-10,3	7,2	-5,8
Jun	63 728,7	75 119,8	64 246,2	81 601,9	-13,0	27,7	-8,9	1,1
Jul	58 224,8	72 923,9	74 521,0	70 442,2	-8,6	-2,9	16,0	-13,7
Aug	66 231,5	59 844,9	75 328,0	64 890,4	13,8	-17,9	1,1	-7,9
Sep	61 758,7	67 284,1	78 526,0		-6,8	12,4	4,2	
Oct	68 318,8	68 841,9	77 765,7		10,6	2,3	-1,0	
Nov	69 286,8	74 813,8	74 662,1		1,4	8,7	-4,0	
Dec	70 886,1	62 749,8	91 528,5		2,3	-16,1	22,6	

Table 11 – Mineral sales at current prices by mineral group and mineral (R million)

Mineral group and mineral	Mar-26	Apr-26	May-26	Jun-26	Jul-26	Aug-26
Gold	15 308,9	19 470,4	22 866,6	20 732,1	12 468,7	6 659,5
Iron ore	6 790,8	7 064,0	4 756,5	5 992,4	6 740,3	5 810,3
Chromium ore	6 739,0	7 385,7	6 592,8	7 613,9	7 203,2	6 588,7
Copper	552,4	629,4	685,5	623,7	719,4	592,5
Manganese ore	4 828,4	5 110,0	3 954,3	4 721,3	3 943,7	4 617,2
PGMs	24 954,1	27 886,1	24 597,9	23 319,4	17 567,8	17 102,9
Nickel	845,2	855,7	1 188,3	1 061,5	272,5	319,4
Other metallic minerals	2 006,1	1 835,5	1 953,3	2 569,0	2 045,2	1 488,4
Coal	17 431,1	16 071,8	18 128,8	16 724,7	15 889,1	16 282,0
Building materials	1 205,3	1 023,6	1 158,3	1 230,3	1 322,2	1 270,2
Other non-metallic minerals	2 549,2	1 530,8	1 658,1	1 656,9	1 524,1	1 552,6
Total	83 210,5	88 863,1	87 540,3	86 245,4	69 696,2	62 283,6

Table 12 – Year-on-year percentage change in mineral sales at current prices by mineral group and mineral

Mineral group and mineral	Mar-26	Apr-26	May-26	Jun-26	Jul-26	Aug-26
Gold	51,7	12,2	7,1	125,7	-33,4	-48,6
Iron ore	-18,6	3,0	-34,5	-14,0	0,9	-23,0
Chromium ore	43,9	37,3	9,8	48,3	21,0	8,4
Copper	-2,5	-11,0	19,7	10,1	31,3	-5,5
Manganese ore	10,8	-9,8	-1,7	10,5	-0,2	8,8
PGMs	113,5	120,3	70,5	27,0	3,2	-7,5
Nickel	16,4	35,3	6,0	35,2	-51,7	-59,3
Other metallic minerals	-8,7	8,0	-0,4	22,2	23,0	-24,6
Coal	-0,9	8,2	8,7	1,1	4,9	-7,8
Building materials	8,6	2,3	-5,2	3,0	-1,2	-1,4
Other non-metallic minerals	30,2	20,0	-26,5	-35,6	-26,1	-8,5
Total	31,4	30,5	13,9	27,4	-5,3	-15,1

Table 13 – Contribution of each mineral group and mineral to the year-on-year percentage change in mineral sales at current prices (percentage points)

Mineral group and mineral	Mar-26	Apr-26	May-26	Jun-26	Jul-26	Aug-26
Gold	8,2	3,1	2,0	17,1	-8,5	-8,6
Iron ore	-2,5	0,3	-3,3	-1,4	0,1	-2,4
Chromium ore	3,2	2,9	0,8	3,7	1,7	0,7
Copper	0,0	-0,1	0,1	0,1	0,2	0,0
Manganese ore	0,7	-0,8	-0,1	0,7	0,0	0,5
PGMs	21,0	22,4	13,2	7,3	0,7	-1,9
Nickel	0,2	0,3	0,1	0,4	-0,4	-0,6
Other metallic minerals	-0,3	0,2	0,0	0,7	0,5	-0,7
Coal	-0,3	1,8	1,9	0,3	1,0	-1,9
Building materials	0,2	0,0	-0,1	0,1	0,0	0,0
Other non-metallic minerals	0,9	0,4	-0,8	-1,4	-0,7	-0,2
Total	31,4	30,5	13,9	27,4	-5,3	-15,1

Explanatory notes

- Introduction**
- 1 Statistics South Africa (Stats SA) publishes monthly mining production indices and mineral sales based on the information furnished by the Department of Mineral and Petroleum Resources (DMPR). Data in this release are presented by mineral group and mineral.
 - 2 In accordance with international practice, the indices are usually re-based every five years to a new base year. The current base year of the index of the volume of mining production is 2019=100. Both actual and seasonally adjusted figures are presented.
 - 3 The value of mineral sales is calculated, in general, on a free-on-rail/free-on-board basis.
- Purpose of the survey**
- 4 The monthly mining production and sales survey is conducted by the DMPR, covering all formal mining establishments operating in the South African economy. The results of this survey are used to calculate the volume of mining production indices in order to estimate the gross domestic product (GDP) and its components, which in turn are used to develop and monitor government policy.
- Scope of the survey**
- 5 This survey covers mining establishments conducting activities regarding the extracting, dressing and beneficiating of minerals occurring naturally, for example solids such as coal and ores.
- Classification**
- 6 The 1993 edition of the *Standard Industrial Classification of All Economic Activities* (SIC), Fifth Edition, Report No. 09-90-02, Fifth Edition of January 1993, was used to classify the statistical units in the survey. The SIC is based on the 1990 *International Standard Industrial Classification of All Economic Activities* (ISIC) with suitable adaptations for local conditions. Each statistical unit is classified to an industry which reflects the predominant activity of the establishment. Statistics in this publication are presented by mineral group and mineral.
- Statistical unit**
- 7 The statistical unit for the collection of information is the mining establishment. An establishment is the smallest economic unit that functions as a separate entity.
- Revised figures**
- 8 Revised figures are mainly due to late submission of data to the DMPR, or the DMPR reporting revisions or corrections to their figures. The reasons for routine revisions are outlined in the following schedule. Any unscheduled revisions will be promptly indicated in relevant tables to maintain transparency and accuracy. It is important to note that seasonally adjusted figures are revised monthly.

Statistical release	Reason for revision	Period subject to revision
Aug-26	Additional information from the DMPR	Jan-24 - Jul-26
Sep-26	Additional information from the DMPR	Jan-24 - Aug-26
Oct-26	Additional information from the DMPR	Jan-24 - Sep-26
Nov-26	Additional information from the DMPR	Jan-24 - Oct-26
Dec-26	Additional information from the DMPR	Jan-24 - Nov-26
Jan-27	Additional information from the DMPR New weights for mining production	Jan-23 - Dec-26
Feb-27	Additional information from the DMPR	Jan-25 - Jan-27
Mar-27	Additional information from the DMPR	Jan-25 - Feb-27
Apr-27	Additional information from the DMPR	Jan-25 - Mar-27
May-27	Additional information from the DMPR	Jan-25 - Apr-27
Jun-27	Additional information from the DMPR	Jan-25 - May-27
Jul-27	Additional information from the DMPR	Jan-25 - Jun-27
New base year in 2027/28 - periodic, approximately four- to five-year intervals		

- Rounding-off of figures**
- 9 The figures in the tables have, where necessary, been rounded off to the nearest digit shown. There may, therefore, be slight discrepancies between the sums of the constituent items and the totals shown.

Historical data and past publications	10	Historical mining data and past publications are available on the Stats SA website. Click on the following link (Time series data) or (Past publications) to access the data and releases electronically. Annual averages and annual percentage changes are available on the following link: Annual data .
Technical notes		
Index of the volume of mining production	1	The index of the volume of mining production, also known as the production index, is a statistical measure of the change in the volume of production. The production index of a mineral group is the ratio between the volume of production of a mineral group in a given period and the volume of production of the same mineral group in the base period. The current base period is 2019. The production in the base period is set at 100.
Index weighting	2	The weight of a mineral group is the ratio of its value added to the total value added of the mining industry. The weight of a mineral group reflects the importance of the mineral group in the total mining industry. The weights change over time due to quality improvements and changes in relative prices. New weights will be calculated annually.
	3	The weights used to aggregate minerals into mineral groups and mineral groups into total mining are derived from national accounts value added data. The latest set of weights (introduced in the September 2025 publication) is based on 2022 value added data and is applicable from January 2022.
Seasonal adjustment	4	Seasonally adjusted estimates are generated each month using the X-12-ARIMA Seasonal Adjustment Program developed by the United States Census Bureau. Seasonal adjustment is a means of removing the estimated effects of normal seasonal variation from the series so that the effects of other influences on the series can be recognised more clearly. Seasonal adjustment does not aim to remove irregular or non-seasonal influences which may be present in any particular month.
	5	Influences that are volatile or unsystematic can still make it difficult to interpret the movement of the series even after adjustment for seasonal variations. This means the month-to-month movements of seasonally adjusted estimates may not be reliable indicators of trend behaviour. The X-12-ARIMA procedure for mining production and sales is described in more detail on the Stats SA website at: Click to download seasonal adjustment for mining production and sales February 2022 .
Calendar effects	6	These are effects due to calendar variations. Such calendar effects include the number of working/trading days in a week, moving holidays such as Easter and the length of month (some months have more days than others).
Trend cycle	7	The trend is the long-term pattern or movement of a time series. The X-12-ARIMA Seasonal Adjustment Program is used for smoothing seasonally adjusted estimates to estimate the underlying trend cycle.
Month-on-month percentage change	8	The month-on-month percentage change in a variable for any given month is the change between that month and the previous month, expressed as a percentage of the latter.
Year-on-year percentage change	9	The year-on-year percentage change in a variable for any given period is the change between that period and the corresponding period of the previous year, expressed as a percentage of the latter.
Index contribution (percentage points)	10	The contribution (percentage points) of a mineral group or mineral to the percentage change in the total mining production for a given period is calculated by multiplying the difference in the index for each mineral group or mineral by the weight of the mineral group or mineral and then dividing by the previous period's total index.

Sales contribution (percentage points)	11	The contribution (percentage points) to the percentage change in total sales for a given period is calculated by multiplying the percentage change of each mineral group or mineral with its percentage contribution to total mineral sales of the previous period, divided by 100.
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Glossary

Free-on-rail	Free-on-rail relates to goods sold on the local market where no rail or road transport costs are involved.																
Free-on-board	Free-on-board relates to goods destined for the export market. Rail, road transport and docking charges are involved but no charges are made for transport by sea.																
Industry	An industry consists of a group of establishments engaged in the same or similar kinds of economic activity. Industries are defined in the <i>System of National Accounts (SNA)</i> in the same way as in the <i>Standard Industrial Classification of All Economic Activities (SIC)</i> , Fifth Edition of January 1993.																
PGMs – Platinum group metals	Platinum group metals include platinum, iridium, osmium, palladium, rhodium, ruthenium and osmium.																
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