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Production: results for April 2026

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

	Nov-25	Dec-25	Jan-26	Feb-26	Mar-26	Apr-26
Year-on-year % change, unadjusted	-2,1	-1,4	-0,2	-2,2	1,5	-2,9
Month-on-month % change, seasonally adjusted	-2,3	-1,4	1,8	-1,8	1,2	-2,7
3-month % change, seasonally adjusted ¹	0,1	-0,5	-1,8	-2,0	-0,9	-1,3

¹ Percentage change between the previous 3 months and the 3 months ending in the month indicated.

Manufacturing production decreased by 2,9% in April 2026 compared with April 2025. The largest negative contributions were made by the following divisions:

- basic iron and steel, non-ferrous metal products, metal products and machinery (-6,0% and contributing -1,4 percentage points);
- wood and wood products, paper, publishing and printing (-10,0% and contributing -1,0 percentage point); and
- motor vehicles, parts and accessories and other transport equipment (-11,0% and contributing -0,9 of a percentage point) – see Table 5 and Table 6.

Seasonally adjusted manufacturing production decreased by 2,7% in April 2026 compared with March 2026. This followed month-on-month changes of 1,2% in March 2026 and -1,8% in February 2026 – see Table A.

Seasonally adjusted manufacturing production decreased by 1,3% in the three months ended April 2026 compared with the previous three months. Six of the ten manufacturing divisions reported negative growth rates over this period. The following divisions reported the largest negative contributions:

- petroleum, chemical products, rubber and plastic products (-3,5% and contributing -0,8 of a percentage point); and
- wood and wood products, paper, publishing and printing (-3,4% and contributing -0,3 of a percentage point) – see Table B.

Table B – Seasonally adjusted manufacturing production for the latest three months by division and major group (Base: 2019=100)

Manufacturing division and major group	Weight	Nov 2025 – Jan 2026	Feb – Apr 2026	% change between Nov 2025 – Jan 2026 and Feb – Apr 2026	Contribution (% points) to the total % change
Food and beverages	22,19	103,4	103,1	-0,3	-0,1
Meat, fish, fruit, etc.	3,72	102,3	105,6	3,2	0,1
Dairy products	1,20	93,3	94,3	1,1	0,0
Grain mill products	1,94	104,3	105,4	1,1	0,0
Other food products	7,55	86,1	85,7	-0,5	0,0
Beverages	7,78	122,0	119,6	-2,0	-0,2
Textiles, clothing, leather and footwear	3,68	90,0	90,6	0,7	0,0
Textiles	0,85	103,3	101,7	-1,5	0,0
Other textile products	0,55	96,6	97,2	0,6	0,0
Knitted, crocheted articles	0,07	73,8	70,7	-4,2	0,0
Wearing apparel	1,65	84,4	84,6	0,2	0,0
Leather and leather products	0,26	73,4	80,5	9,7	0,0
Footwear	0,30	90,0	92,7	3,0	0,0
Wood and wood products, paper, publishing and printing	9,98	88,6	85,6	-3,4	-0,3
Sawmilling and planing of wood	0,74	92,4	106,3	15,0	0,1
Products of wood	0,85	120,8	126,0	4,3	0,0
Paper and paper products	5,27	83,9	79,2	-5,6	-0,3
Publishing	1,94	86,9	75,9	-12,7	-0,2
Printing, recorded media	1,18	87,1	88,4	1,5	0,0
Petroleum, chemical products, rubber and plastic products	23,91	81,7	78,8	-3,5	-0,8
Coke, petroleum products and nuclear fuel	11,12	61,4	58,0	-5,5	-0,4
Basic chemicals	3,60	110,4	103,2	-6,5	-0,3
Other chemical products	6,63	91,2	91,5	0,3	0,0
Rubber products	0,69	87,4	76,3	-12,7	-0,1
Plastic products	1,87	112,0	112,2	0,2	0,0
Glass and non-metallic mineral products	3,11	100,2	100,6	0,4	0,0
Glass and glass products	0,61	101,4	105,0	3,6	0,0
Non-metallic mineral products	2,50	99,9	99,5	-0,4	0,0
Basic iron and steel, non-ferrous metal products, metal products and machinery	21,85	90,6	90,4	-0,2	0,0
Basic iron and steel products	3,20	54,7	56,6	3,5	0,1
Non-ferrous metal products	4,16	85,4	84,9	-0,6	0,0
Structural metal products	1,98	108,1	110,0	1,8	0,0
Other fabricated metal products	3,72	97,1	101,9	4,9	0,2
General purpose machinery	4,04	102,2	95,4	-6,7	-0,3
Special purpose machinery	4,01	92,4	90,5	-2,1	-0,1
Household appliances	0,74	121,7	130,0	6,8	0,1
Electrical machinery	2,15	108,4	107,2	-1,1	0,0
Radio, television and communication apparatus and professional equipment	1,00	95,1	96,5	1,5	0,0
Radio, television and communication apparatus	0,19	92,4	93,5	1,2	0,0
Professional equipment	0,81	95,7	97,2	1,6	0,0
Motor vehicles, parts and accessories and other transport equipment	7,84	84,8	85,3	0,6	0,0
Motor vehicles	2,33	86,3	92,9	7,6	0,2
Bodies for motor vehicles, trailers and semi-trailers	0,65	93,9	96,0	2,2	0,0
Parts and accessories	3,95	81,5	77,3	-5,2	-0,2
Other transport equipment	0,91	89,0	92,9	4,4	0,0
Furniture and other manufacturing	4,29	87,9	84,4	-4,0	-0,2
Furniture	0,84	88,5	92,0	4,0	0,0
Other manufacturing groups	3,45	87,7	82,6	-5,8	-0,2
Total	100	91,3	90,1	-1,3	-1,3

Figure 1 – Volume of manufacturing production (Base: 2019=100)

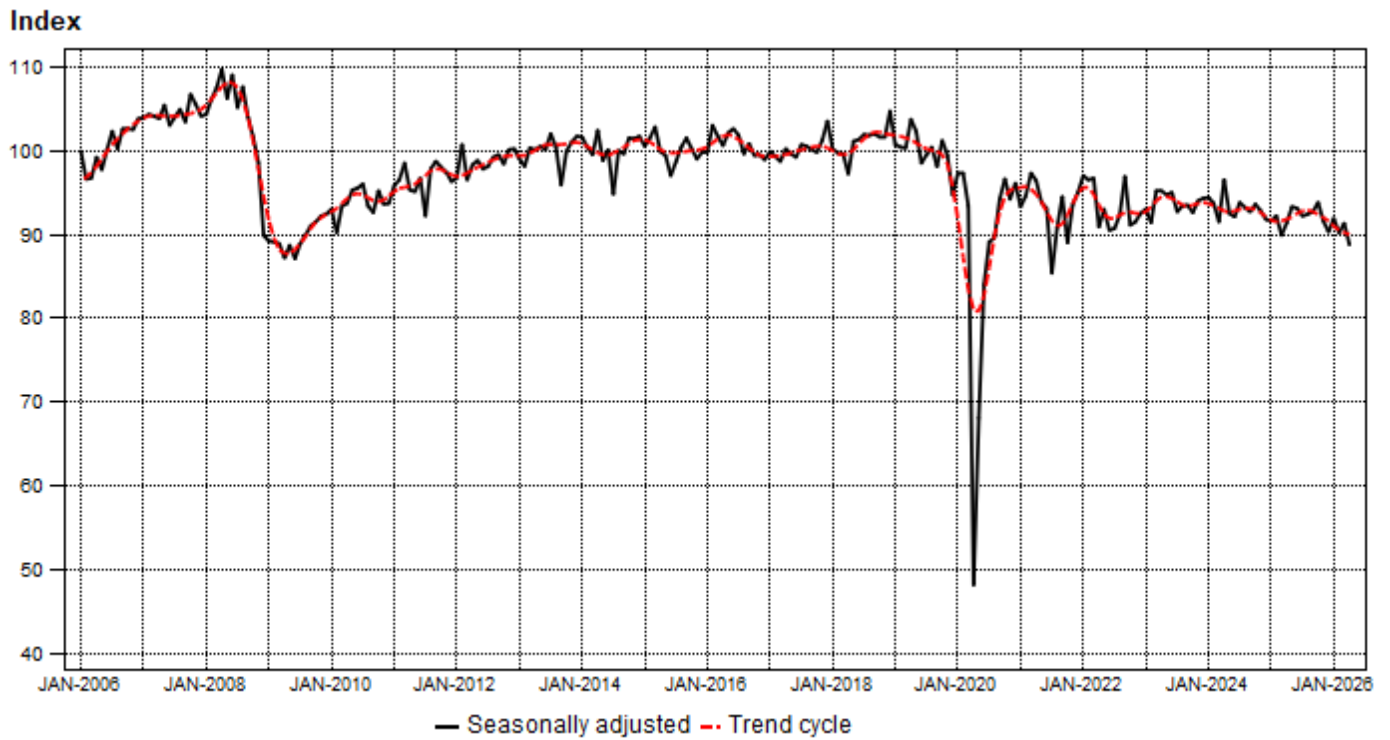
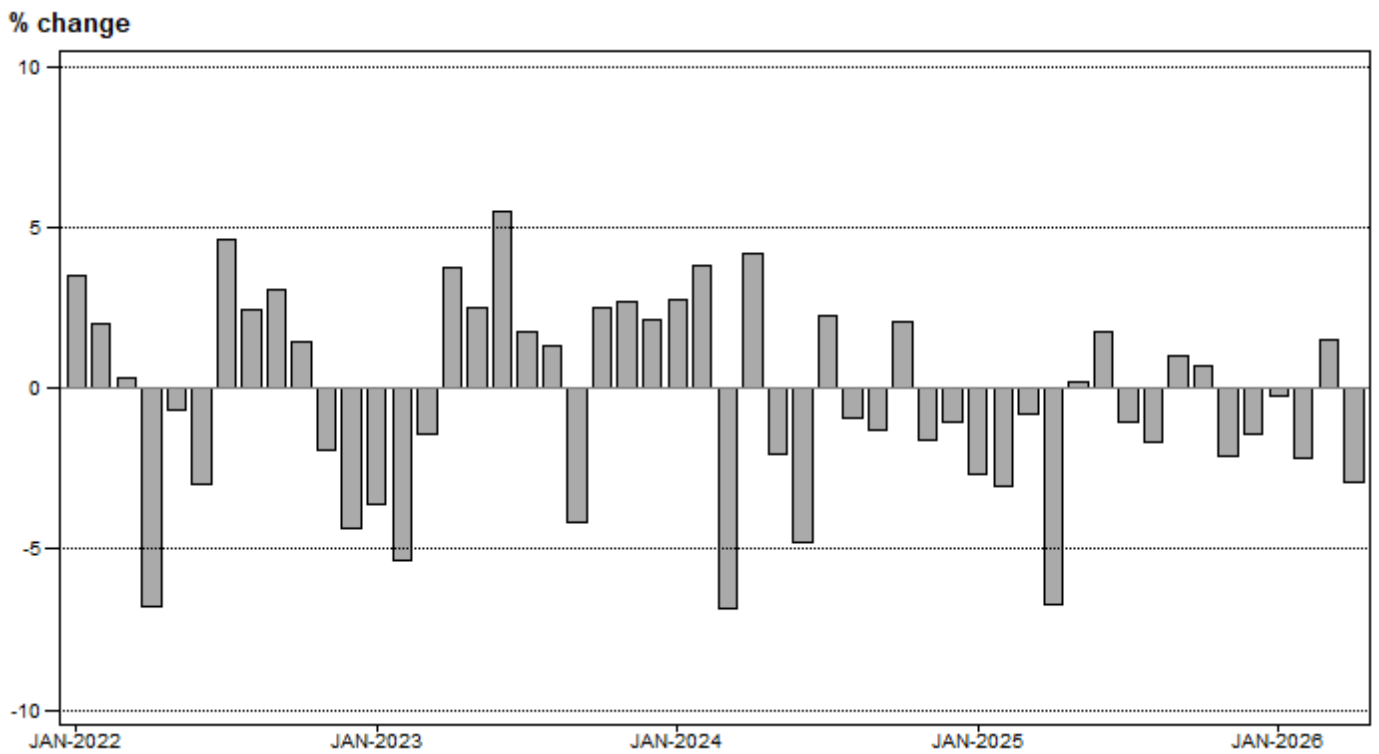


Figure 2 – Volume of manufacturing production (Base: 2019=100): year-on-year percentage change



Sales: results for April 2026**Table C – Key growth rates in manufacturing sales at current prices**

	Nov-25	Dec-25	Jan-26	Feb-26	Mar-26	Apr-26
Year-on-year % change, unadjusted	0,8	-3,1	-1,9	-0,7	3,4	4,7
Month-on-month % change, seasonally adjusted	-0,6	-4,5	3,2	0,0	2,2	0,7
3-month % change, seasonally adjusted ¹	-0,1	-2,3	-3,0	-3,1	0,6	2,3

¹ Percentage change between the previous 3 months and the 3 months ending in the month indicated.

Seasonally adjusted manufacturing sales increased by 0,7% in April 2026 compared with March 2026. This followed month-on-month changes of 2,2% in March 2026 and 0,0% in February 2026 – see Table C.

Table D – Seasonally adjusted manufacturing sales at current prices for the latest three months by division

Manufacturing division	Nov 2025 – Jan 2026 (R million)	Feb – Apr 2026 (R million)	% change between Nov 2025 – Jan 2026 and Feb – Apr 2026	Contribution (% points) to the total % change
Food and beverages	223 028	225 509	1,1	0,3
Textiles, clothing, leather and footwear	19 869	20 104	1,2	0,0
Wood and wood products, paper, publishing and printing	53 009	52 882	-0,2	0,0
Petroleum, chemical products, rubber and plastic products	184 451	183 680	-0,4	-0,1
Glass and non-metallic mineral products	25 287	26 310	4,0	0,1
Basic iron and steel, non-ferrous metal products, metal products and machinery	173 267	183 126	5,7	1,2
Electrical machinery	20 968	21 541	2,7	0,1
Radio, television and communication apparatus and professional equipment	7 140	7 321	2,5	0,0
Motor vehicles, parts and accessories and other transport equipment	113 069	121 069	7,1	0,9
Furniture and other manufacturing	36 517	34 408	-5,8	-0,2
Total	856 605	875 948	2,3	2,3

Seasonally adjusted manufacturing sales increased by 2,3% in the three months ended April 2026 compared with the previous three months. The largest positive contributions were made by the basic iron and steel, non-ferrous metal products, metal products and machinery division (5,7% and contributing 1,2 percentage points) and the motor vehicles, parts and accessories and other transport equipment division (7,1% and contributing 0,9 of a percentage point) – see Table D.


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Tables

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

Month	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026
Jan	85,7	80,3	83,1	80,1	82,3	80,1	79,9
Feb	92,4	89,5	91,3	86,4	89,7	87,0	85,1
Mar	94,5	99,2	99,5	98,1	91,4	90,7	92,1
Apr	45,3	91,2	85,0	88,2	91,9	85,7	83,2
May	67,2	92,3	91,7	94,0	92,1	92,3	
Jun	84,1	93,8	91,0	96,0	91,4	93,0	
Jul	91,4	86,8	90,8	92,4	94,5	93,5	
Aug	92,9	94,5	96,8	98,1	97,2	95,6	
Sep	99,4	100,0	103,1	98,8	97,5	98,5	
Oct	106,8	97,3	98,7	101,2	103,3	104,0	
Nov	104,7	104,9	102,9	105,7	104,0	101,8	
Dec	87,6	87,6	83,8	85,6	84,7	83,5	
Total	87,7	93,1	93,1	93,7	93,3	92,1	

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

Month	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2026 year-to-date
Jan	-6,3	3,5	-3,6	2,7	-2,7	-0,2	-0,2
Feb	-3,1	2,0	-5,4	3,8	-3,0	-2,2	-1,3
Mar	5,0	0,3	-1,4	-6,8	-0,8	1,5	-0,2
Apr	101,3	-6,8	3,8	4,2	-6,7	-2,9	-0,9
May	37,4	-0,7	2,5	-2,0	0,2		
Jun	11,5	-3,0	5,5	-4,8	1,8		
Jul	-5,0	4,6	1,8	2,3	-1,1		
Aug	1,7	2,4	1,3	-0,9	-1,6		
Sep	0,6	3,1	-4,2	-1,3	1,0		
Oct	-8,9	1,4	2,5	2,1	0,7		
Nov	0,2	-1,9	2,7	-1,6	-2,1		
Dec	0,0	-4,3	2,1	-1,1	-1,4		
Total	6,2	0,0	0,6	-0,4	-1,3		

Table 3 – Seasonally adjusted volume of manufacturing production

Month	Index (Base: 2019=100)				Month-on-month % change			
	2023	2024	2025	2026	2023	2024	2025	2026
Jan	93,0	94,4	91,6	91,9	0,5	0,1	-0,2	1,8
Feb	91,4	93,7	92,2	90,2	-1,7	-0,7	0,7	-1,8
Mar	95,2	91,5	89,9	91,3	4,2	-2,3	-2,5	1,2
Apr	95,2	96,5	91,4	88,8	0,0	5,5	1,7	-2,7
May	94,7	92,5	93,3		-0,5	-4,1	2,1	
Jun	95,0	92,1	93,1		0,3	-0,4	-0,2	
Jul	92,7	93,8	92,2		-2,4	1,8	-1,0	
Aug	93,4	93,2	92,4		0,8	-0,6	0,2	
Sep	93,5	92,7	92,7		0,1	-0,5	0,3	
Oct	92,6	93,6	93,8		-1,0	1,0	1,2	
Nov	94,0	92,8	91,6		1,5	-0,9	-2,3	
Dec	94,3	91,8	90,3		0,3	-1,1	-1,4	

Table 4 – Index of the volume of manufacturing production by division and major group (Base: 2019=100)

Manufacturing division and major group	Weight	Nov-25	Dec-25	Jan-26	Feb-26	Mar-26	Apr-26
Food and beverages	22,19	112,5	113,4	90,7	93,1	105,7	94,2
Meat, fish, fruit, etc.	3,72	107,6	105,5	91,4	102,1	113,7	96,2
Dairy products	1,20	100,5	97,0	94,2	87,9	96,0	85,3
Grain mill products	1,94	109,3	100,5	94,4	94,3	115,0	99,5
Other food products	7,55	93,2	76,7	71,5	75,2	81,8	82,2
Beverages	7,78	136,1	158,6	107,4	106,6	124,3	105,0
Textiles, clothing, leather and footwear	3,68	111,0	70,6	68,8	83,3	90,4	90,5
Textiles	0,85	129,2	64,2	83,1	100,7	111,3	93,8
Other textile products	0,55	114,3	76,2	72,0	90,3	99,2	101,4
Knitted, crocheted articles	0,07	99,7	50,0	45,0	61,3	65,6	58,4
Wearing apparel	1,65	105,2	72,3	62,7	76,7	80,8	86,8
Leather and leather products	0,26	82,2	53,3	71,7	72,2	73,7	89,8
Footwear	0,30	113,5	89,2	58,4	72,0	87,8	89,0
Wood and wood products, paper, publishing and printing	9,98	100,3	86,9	82,2	79,8	81,9	75,8
Sawmilling and planing of wood	0,74	103,0	78,5	73,9	103,2	109,2	94,6
Products of wood	0,85	140,1	101,2	102,7	113,2	130,0	116,2
Paper and paper products	5,27	91,8	86,6	79,9	76,5	77,8	73,9
Publishing	1,94	97,0	88,3	88,6	67,6	59,5	54,0
Printing, recorded media	1,18	113,1	81,0	72,1	75,7	85,4	78,7
Petroleum, chemical products, rubber and plastic products	23,91	87,0	79,3	76,2	75,3	79,4	74,4
Coke, petroleum products and nuclear fuel	11,12	60,3	65,8	63,8	56,6	56,7	59,5
Basic chemicals	3,60	119,1	106,4	105,4	97,7	107,3	87,9
Other chemical products	6,63	102,0	84,0	77,3	87,2	90,7	83,3
Rubber products	0,69	85,0	64,1	64,4	78,4	93,0	74,4
Plastic products	1,87	131,1	96,7	94,8	100,1	115,3	105,1
Glass and non-metallic mineral products	3,11	110,7	82,9	91,1	96,5	97,7	94,1
Glass and glass products	0,61	118,3	90,2	98,4	96,1	100,4	95,8
Non-metallic mineral products	2,50	108,9	81,1	89,3	96,6	97,0	93,7
Basic iron and steel, non-ferrous metal products, metal products and machinery	21,85	103,0	73,0	74,9	86,4	95,7	84,0
Basic iron and steel products	3,20	54,4	47,2	51,0	52,8	59,9	60,3
Non-ferrous metal products	4,16	87,7	80,3	79,8	80,2	88,3	79,9
Structural metal products	1,98	121,1	88,3	76,1	112,3	129,7	99,4
Other fabricated metal products	3,72	111,9	67,1	80,0	97,7	109,1	97,0
General purpose machinery	4,04	118,0	83,4	78,4	83,4	99,0	84,3
Special purpose machinery	4,01	119,9	69,2	73,8	92,2	91,7	78,9
Household appliances	0,74	133,6	96,5	107,8	125,2	137,2	127,9
Electrical machinery	2,15	115,9	75,9	89,3	105,9	116,8	101,0
Radio, television and communication apparatus and professional equipment	1,00	102,2	97,1	73,2	95,2	104,7	91,8
Radio, television and communication apparatus	0,19	111,2	118,7	59,8	74,4	94,6	78,7
Professional equipment	0,81	100,1	92,1	76,3	100,0	107,0	94,8
Motor vehicles, parts and accessories and other transport equipment	7,84	104,6	45,5	70,2	84,1	93,2	79,7
Motor vehicles	2,33	101,2	38,2	77,6	95,2	106,0	76,4
Bodies for motor vehicles, trailers and semi-trailers	0,65	102,1	66,8	64,8	80,8	113,7	103,7
Parts and accessories	3,95	106,3	38,3	65,3	75,7	76,2	76,2
Other transport equipment	0,91	107,9	80,3	75,9	94,0	119,8	86,4
Furniture and other manufacturing	4,29	100,0	79,2	81,4	86,1	76,9	70,8
Furniture	0,84	107,8	84,2	67,2	80,8	85,1	80,9
Other manufacturing groups	3,45	98,1	78,0	84,9	87,4	74,9	68,4
Total	100	101,8	83,5	79,9	85,1	92,1	83,2

Table 5 – Year-on-year percentage change in the volume of manufacturing production by division and major group (Base: 2019=100)

Manufacturing division and major group	Nov-25	Dec-25	Jan-26	Feb-26	Mar-26	Apr-26
Food and beverages	-1,3	-4,9	1,6	-2,2	4,4	1,5
Meat, fish, fruit, etc.	-6,4	-13,5	-7,9	-3,7	3,9	-5,7
Dairy products	-5,7	-5,7	-1,9	-1,3	-10,1	-4,0
Grain mill products	5,4	3,5	-1,0	-3,2	6,7	-3,5
Other food products	-2,6	-4,2	-2,9	-3,3	-2,3	3,9
Beverages	0,7	-3,2	10,4	-0,6	11,3	5,2
Textiles, clothing, leather and footwear	5,6	-2,5	6,8	-2,0	2,7	7,7
Textiles	17,5	6,8	34,5	5,1	14,0	9,5
Other textile products	5,4	-3,7	8,1	-4,1	4,0	10,9
Knitted, crocheted articles	2,9	-12,7	-12,5	-7,5	-26,4	-14,4
Wearing apparel	2,6	-7,1	2,5	-3,0	-0,2	4,7
Leather and leather products	-8,9	8,3	-14,6	-9,3	-6,0	28,5
Footwear	-0,7	0,1	-18,5	-8,6	-6,1	1,3
Wood and wood products, paper, publishing and printing	-9,5	-5,4	-10,7	-9,7	-8,2	-10,0
Sawmilling and planing of wood	1,1	-0,8	-12,0	5,0	25,5	5,8
Products of wood	-1,3	6,6	2,6	-1,4	4,9	18,2
Paper and paper products	-14,9	-11,3	-17,2	-15,6	-15,2	-17,4
Publishing	-3,8	5,6	5,5	-2,0	-6,0	-12,8
Printing, recorded media	-8,3	-5,9	-14,7	-11,0	-12,0	-5,5
Petroleum, chemical products, rubber and plastic products	3,2	7,7	6,4	2,9	3,0	0,0
Coke, petroleum products and nuclear fuel	0,3	2,5	22,0	10,5	-5,8	-4,8
Basic chemicals	5,9	12,5	11,8	4,5	14,1	-0,1
Other chemical products	3,8	11,1	-8,2	-2,8	4,7	5,4
Rubber products	-8,7	34,4	-25,3	-14,5	-11,5	-21,7
Plastic products	8,4	5,1	2,3	0,7	14,2	10,5
Glass and non-metallic mineral products	-8,4	-5,7	2,4	5,5	-5,0	-2,9
Glass and glass products	-1,7	-6,7	5,9	2,7	-1,1	4,8
Non-metallic mineral products	-10,0	-5,5	1,4	6,2	-5,9	-4,6
Basic iron and steel, non-ferrous metal products, metal products and machinery	-2,8	-2,3	-5,9	-4,5	1,2	-6,0
Basic iron and steel products	-26,2	-28,6	-34,0	-28,0	-24,3	-21,8
Non-ferrous metal products	-11,7	0,6	-6,2	-9,8	-7,3	-12,6
Structural metal products	-2,3	12,8	-2,4	4,4	12,4	-11,0
Other fabricated metal products	-6,2	-2,9	-6,0	1,3	5,3	9,9
General purpose machinery	9,5	-12,9	-2,5	-9,4	-0,3	-9,4
Special purpose machinery	4,3	22,3	6,8	6,0	14,1	-4,2
Household appliances	20,3	15,7	22,4	16,5	26,0	34,9
Electrical machinery	2,4	6,0	4,8	6,6	11,9	-3,3
Radio, television and communication apparatus and professional equipment	-2,8	1,3	0,7	-3,4	-2,2	1,1
Radio, television and communication apparatus	1,6	0,8	-5,1	-5,3	2,8	-0,1
Professional equipment	-3,8	1,3	1,9	-3,0	-3,3	1,3
Motor vehicles, parts and accessories and other transport equipment	-6,4	-2,4	0,6	-3,1	2,0	-11,0
Motor vehicles	-3,0	-8,0	2,4	-1,6	5,5	-2,7
Bodies for motor vehicles, trailers and semi-trailers	2,2	-5,0	2,9	-4,9	13,4	10,8
Parts and accessories	-11,3	0,8	1,6	-4,9	-3,3	-22,1
Other transport equipment	3,8	0,5	-8,8	0,0	2,6	8,0
Furniture and other manufacturing	-4,6	-6,7	1,4	-5,7	0,3	-3,3
Furniture	-1,6	-4,9	-12,5	2,8	-0,6	-2,9
Other manufacturing groups	-5,4	-7,1	4,7	-7,4	0,5	-3,3
Total	-2,1	-1,4	-0,2	-2,2	1,5	-2,9

Table 6 – Contribution of each division and major group to the year-on-year percentage change in the volume of manufacturing production (percentage points)

Manufacturing division and major group	Weight	Nov-25	Dec-25	Jan-26	Feb-26	Mar-26	Apr-26
Food and beverages	22,19	-0,3	-1,5	0,4	-0,5	1,1	0,4
Meat, fish, fruit, etc.	3,72	-0,3	-0,7	-0,4	-0,2	0,2	-0,3
Dairy products	1,20	-0,1	-0,1	0,0	0,0	-0,1	-0,1
Grain mill products	1,94	0,1	0,1	0,0	-0,1	0,2	-0,1
Other food products	7,55	-0,2	-0,3	-0,2	-0,2	-0,2	0,3
Beverages	7,78	0,1	-0,5	1,0	-0,1	1,1	0,5
Textiles, clothing, leather and footwear	3,68	0,2	-0,1	0,2	-0,1	0,1	0,3
Textiles	0,85	0,2	0,0	0,2	0,0	0,1	0,1
Other textile products	0,55	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,1
Knitted, crocheted articles	0,07	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0
Wearing apparel	1,65	0,0	-0,1	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,1
Leather and leather products	0,26	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,1
Footwear	0,30	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0
Wood and wood products, paper, publishing and printing	9,98	-1,0	-0,6	-1,2	-1,0	-0,8	-1,0
Sawmilling and planing of wood	0,74	0,0	0,0	-0,1	0,0	0,2	0,0
Products of wood	0,85	0,0	0,1	0,0	0,0	0,1	0,2
Paper and paper products	5,27	-0,8	-0,7	-1,1	-0,9	-0,8	-1,0
Publishing	1,94	-0,1	0,1	0,1	0,0	-0,1	-0,2
Printing, recorded media	1,18	-0,1	-0,1	-0,2	-0,1	-0,2	-0,1
Petroleum, chemical products, rubber and plastic products	23,91	0,6	1,6	1,4	0,6	0,6	0,0
Coke, petroleum products and nuclear fuel	11,12	0,0	0,2	1,6	0,7	-0,4	-0,4
Basic chemicals	3,60	0,2	0,5	0,5	0,2	0,5	0,0
Other chemical products	6,63	0,2	0,7	-0,6	-0,2	0,3	0,3
Rubber products	0,69	-0,1	0,1	-0,2	-0,1	-0,1	-0,2
Plastic products	1,87	0,2	0,1	0,0	0,0	0,3	0,2
Glass and non-metallic mineral products	3,11	-0,3	-0,2	0,1	0,2	-0,2	-0,1
Glass and glass products	0,61	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0
Non-metallic mineral products	2,50	-0,3	-0,1	0,0	0,2	-0,2	-0,1
Basic iron and steel, non-ferrous metal products, metal products and machinery	21,85	-0,6	-0,4	-1,3	-1,0	0,3	-1,4
Basic iron and steel products	3,20	-0,6	-0,7	-1,1	-0,8	-0,7	-0,6
Non-ferrous metal products	4,16	-0,5	0,0	-0,3	-0,4	-0,3	-0,6
Structural metal products	1,98	-0,1	0,2	0,0	0,1	0,3	-0,3
Other fabricated metal products	3,72	-0,3	-0,1	-0,2	0,1	0,2	0,4
General purpose machinery	4,04	0,4	-0,6	-0,1	-0,4	0,0	-0,4
Special purpose machinery	4,01	0,2	0,6	0,2	0,2	0,5	-0,2
Household appliances	0,74	0,2	0,1	0,2	0,2	0,2	0,3
Electrical machinery	2,15	0,1	0,1	0,1	0,2	0,3	-0,1
Radio, television and communication apparatus and professional equipment	1,00	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0
Radio, television and communication apparatus	0,19	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0
Professional equipment	0,81	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0
Motor vehicles, parts and accessories and other transport equipment	7,84	-0,5	-0,1	0,0	-0,2	0,2	-0,9
Motor vehicles	2,33	-0,1	-0,1	0,1	0,0	0,1	-0,1
Bodies for motor vehicles, trailers and semi-trailers	0,65	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,1	0,1
Parts and accessories	3,95	-0,5	0,0	0,0	-0,2	-0,1	-1,0
Other transport equipment	0,91	0,0	0,0	-0,1	0,0	0,0	0,1
Furniture and other manufacturing	4,29	-0,2	-0,3	0,1	-0,3	0,0	-0,1
Furniture	0,84	0,0	0,0	-0,1	0,0	0,0	0,0
Other manufacturing groups	3,45	-0,2	-0,2	0,2	-0,3	0,0	-0,1
Total	100	-2,1	-1,4	-0,2	-2,2	1,5	-2,9

Table 7 – Seasonally adjusted index of the volume of manufacturing production by division and major group (Base: 2019=100)

Manufacturing division and major group	Weight	Dec-25	Jan-26	Feb-26	Mar-26	Apr-26	Month-on-month % change
Food and beverages	22,19	101,9	103,7	102,8	104,9	101,6	-3,1
Meat, fish, fruit, etc.	3,72	101,0	102,1	105,0	108,9	103,0	-5,4
Dairy products	1,20	91,4	94,4	96,4	95,2	91,3	-4,1
Grain mill products	1,94	103,3	103,6	101,9	110,6	103,6	-6,3
Other food products	7,55	84,9	86,2	87,2	86,7	83,3	-3,9
Beverages	7,78	120,0	123,1	118,3	120,8	119,7	-0,9
Textiles, clothing, leather and footwear	3,68	86,7	91,5	87,6	90,2	93,9	4,1
Textiles	0,85	96,3	105,3	102,1	102,2	100,7	-1,5
Other textile products	0,55	92,2	99,8	88,9	100,0	102,8	2,8
Knitted, crocheted articles	0,07	70,5	70,7	73,6	69,6	69,0	-0,9
Wearing apparel	1,65	81,8	86,6	81,9	83,8	88,2	5,3
Leather and leather products	0,26	73,6	74,0	72,0	74,9	94,7	26,4
Footwear	0,30	91,8	85,2	91,7	91,3	95,1	4,2
Wood and wood products, paper, publishing and printing	9,98	89,6	89,2	86,3	84,4	86,2	2,1
Sawmilling and planing of wood	0,74	97,3	78,8	102,6	114,6	101,8	-11,2
Products of wood	0,85	123,3	121,2	120,5	128,7	128,7	0,0
Paper and paper products	5,27	83,9	85,6	80,6	75,4	81,5	8,1
Publishing	1,94	87,1	90,7	79,1	75,8	72,7	-4,1
Printing, recorded media	1,18	90,0	86,3	88,7	87,7	88,8	1,3
Petroleum, chemical products, rubber and plastic products	23,91	83,5	80,2	79,6	79,3	77,6	-2,1
Coke, petroleum products and nuclear fuel	11,12	61,9	62,6	60,4	55,5	58,2	4,9
Basic chemicals	3,60	111,9	109,6	106,6	110,5	92,5	-16,3
Other chemical products	6,63	92,8	86,4	90,5	91,6	92,3	0,8
Rubber products	0,69	117,6	66,9	73,2	82,2	73,4	-10,7
Plastic products	1,87	111,8	111,3	106,1	116,7	113,8	-2,5
Glass and non-metallic mineral products	3,11	98,1	105,6	102,3	99,2	100,3	1,1
Glass and glass products	0,61	95,4	106,0	105,1	104,0	106,0	1,9
Non-metallic mineral products	2,50	98,7	105,5	101,6	98,0	98,9	0,9
Basic iron and steel, non-ferrous metal products, metal products and machinery	21,85	89,3	90,7	90,5	92,4	88,4	-4,3
Basic iron and steel products	3,20	55,6	51,4	55,6	56,3	58,0	3,0
Non-ferrous metal products	4,16	85,3	86,2	85,2	86,5	82,9	-4,2
Structural metal products	1,98	114,2	105,0	109,9	118,4	101,7	-14,1
Other fabricated metal products	3,72	97,3	97,8	99,3	102,8	103,5	0,7
General purpose machinery	4,04	99,1	102,4	94,1	99,3	92,7	-6,6
Special purpose machinery	4,01	85,1	95,3	95,5	90,8	85,3	-6,1
Household appliances	0,74	118,8	123,7	127,6	130,2	132,2	1,5
Electrical machinery	2,15	106,2	110,7	108,0	110,6	103,0	-6,9
Radio, television and communication apparatus and professional equipment	1,00	96,6	95,2	96,1	95,9	97,5	1,7
Radio, television and communication apparatus	0,19	97,0	88,2	89,5	97,1	94,0	-3,2
Professional equipment	0,81	96,5	96,8	97,6	95,7	98,3	2,7
Motor vehicles, parts and accessories and other transport equipment	7,84	79,8	88,2	84,5	88,5	82,9	-6,3
Motor vehicles	2,33	75,7	95,3	91,7	99,7	87,3	-12,4
Bodies for motor vehicles, trailers and semi-trailers	0,65	97,0	93,0	85,9	102,1	100,1	-2,0
Parts and accessories	3,95	77,6	83,0	78,6	78,7	74,7	-5,1
Other transport equipment	0,91	87,2	89,0	91,0	92,7	95,0	2,5
Furniture and other manufacturing	4,29	82,0	94,8	85,7	86,7	80,9	-6,7
Furniture	0,84	87,1	87,2	93,3	92,0	90,6	-1,5
Other manufacturing groups	3,45	80,8	96,6	83,9	85,4	78,5	-8,1
Total	100	90,3	91,9	90,2	91,3	88,8	-2,7

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

Month	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026
Jan	188 904	187 321	211 089	231 718	253 650	249 626	244 887
Feb	210 330	215 111	238 381	259 006	286 861	274 778	272 896
Mar	210 477	248 468	269 658	302 213	291 315	291 434	301 412
Apr	104 263	225 547	232 822	263 028	290 216	267 085	279 565
May	153 176	231 852	258 900	280 985	292 763	289 049	
Jun	185 789	238 443	260 671	283 175	288 974	295 978	
Jul	200 480	206 482	255 030	277 945	297 763	296 413	
Aug	206 571	228 601	266 928	296 255	295 260	298 650	
Sep	221 995	240 283	283 884	300 624	294 593	309 667	
Oct	243 349	238 083	275 181	308 749	321 680	324 619	
Nov	247 095	266 853	297 743	326 392	318 576	321 048	
Dec	204 564	224 354	245 372	269 248	269 381	261 002	
Total	2 376 993	2 751 398	3 095 659	3 399 338	3 501 032	3 479 349	

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

Month	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2026 year-to-date
Jan	-0,8	12,7	9,8	9,5	-1,6	-1,9	-1,9
Feb	2,3	10,8	8,7	10,8	-4,2	-0,7	-1,3
Mar	18,0	8,5	12,1	-3,6	0,0	3,4	0,4
Apr	116,3	3,2	13,0	10,3	-8,0	4,7	1,5
May	51,4	11,7	8,5	4,2	-1,3		
Jun	28,3	9,3	8,6	2,0	2,4		
Jul	3,0	23,5	9,0	7,1	-0,5		
Aug	10,7	16,8	11,0	-0,3	1,1		
Sep	8,2	18,1	5,9	-2,0	5,1		
Oct	-2,2	15,6	12,2	4,2	0,9		
Nov	8,0	11,6	9,6	-2,4	0,8		
Dec	9,7	9,4	9,7	0,0	-3,1		
Total	15,8	12,5	9,8	3,0	-0,6		

Table 10 – Seasonally adjusted manufacturing sales at current prices

Month	R million				Month-on-month % change			
	2023	2024	2025	2026	2023	2024	2025	2026
Jan	270 936	294 886	289 828	287 153	0,7	-1,1	-0,7	3,2
Feb	272 156	296 359	288 761	287 079	0,5	0,5	-0,4	0,0
Mar	287 493	289 000	286 026	293 354	5,6	-2,5	-0,9	2,2
Apr	284 840	300 741	282 955	295 515	-0,9	4,1	-1,1	0,7
May	279 515	290 602	289 086		-1,9	-3,4	2,2	
Jun	275 347	289 512	293 875		-1,5	-0,4	1,7	
Jul	280 155	294 801	292 615		1,7	1,8	-0,4	
Aug	287 815	287 906	294 441		2,7	-2,3	0,6	
Sep	289 302	285 091	295 439		0,5	-1,0	0,3	
Oct	283 230	292 535	293 157		-2,1	2,6	-0,8	
Nov	291 765	284 294	291 257		3,0	-2,8	-0,6	
Dec	298 148	291 897	278 195		2,2	2,7	-4,5	

Table 11 – Manufacturing sales at current prices by division and major group (R million)

Manufacturing division and major group	Nov-25	Dec-25	Jan-26	Feb-26	Mar-26	Apr-26
Food and beverages	80 520	82 575	64 685	67 611	77 191	71 697
Meat, fish, fruit, etc.	22 974	22 702	18 550	20 124	22 686	20 358
Dairy products	6 509	6 317	5 811	5 709	6 472	5 658
Grain mill products	12 566	11 619	10 577	10 378	12 143	11 146
Other food products	16 609	15 669	12 788	13 428	15 949	18 034
Beverages	21 861	26 269	16 960	17 972	19 940	16 501
Textiles, clothing, leather and footwear	8 003	5 342	5 091	6 059	6 575	6 781
Textiles	958	524	609	733	788	765
Other textile products	2 375	1 561	1 592	1 966	2 153	2 203
Knitted, crocheted articles	288	150	130	180	188	170
Wearing apparel	2 883	1 978	1 759	2 099	2 210	2 294
Leather and leather products	616	430	530	534	552	665
Footwear	884	698	470	547	684	684
Wood and wood products, paper, publishing and printing	20 361	17 106	15 884	16 172	16 809	15 737
Sawmilling and planing of wood	1 393	1 019	957	1 334	1 466	1 247
Products of wood	2 912	2 015	2 181	2 474	2 636	2 442
Paper and paper products	10 561	9 788	8 712	8 646	8 946	8 400
Publishing	1 750	1 600	1 654	1 223	1 075	994
Printing, recorded media	3 744	2 684	2 379	2 496	2 687	2 654
Petroleum, chemical products, rubber and plastic products	68 746	57 598	54 050	55 033	62 519	58 854
Coke, petroleum products and nuclear fuel	22 202	20 772	19 979	18 404	20 697	20 865
Basic chemicals	12 857	10 792	9 670	9 418	11 577	10 814
Other chemical products	21 521	17 032	15 798	17 688	18 915	16 944
Rubber products	1 984	1 671	1 498	1 720	2 065	1 726
Plastic products	10 182	7 330	7 105	7 802	9 264	8 505
Glass and non-metallic mineral products	9 231	6 829	7 491	8 033	8 783	8 121
Glass and glass products	1 876	1 320	1 764	1 477	1 560	1 570
Non-metallic mineral products	7 355	5 509	5 727	6 556	7 223	6 550
Basic iron and steel, non-ferrous metal products, metal products and machinery	63 327	48 232	47 987	58 968	62 870	60 026
Basic iron and steel products	8 302	5 694	6 903	7 213	7 723	7 751
Non-ferrous metal products	20 083	18 634	17 758	22 316	22 409	23 905
Structural metal products	5 372	3 662	3 370	5 088	6 282	4 512
Other fabricated metal products	11 789	7 389	8 818	10 385	11 698	10 929
General purpose machinery	6 658	5 206	4 698	5 010	5 528	4 829
Special purpose machinery	9 685	6 512	5 322	7 759	7 869	6 841
Household appliances	1 439	1 136	1 118	1 199	1 361	1 260
Electrical machinery	7 555	5 346	5 675	6 994	8 044	6 420
Radio, television and communication apparatus and professional equipment	2 725	2 904	1 643	2 169	2 627	2 153
Radio, television and communication apparatus	1 433	1 715	688	901	1 239	890
Professional equipment	1 292	1 189	955	1 268	1 387	1 263
Motor vehicles, parts and accessories and other transport equipment	47 623	23 134	31 386	40 233	45 114	38 919
Motor vehicles	31 437	15 013	19 482	26 179	28 785	25 908
Bodies for motor vehicles, trailers and semi-trailers	1 341	909	824	1 029	1 461	1 325
Parts and accessories	11 267	4 547	8 563	9 910	10 855	8 705
Other transport equipment	3 578	2 665	2 516	3 115	4 013	2 981
Furniture and other manufacturing	12 958	11 936	10 995	11 623	10 880	10 857
Furniture	2 274	1 767	1 360	1 654	1 737	1 708
Other manufacturing groups	10 684	10 169	9 635	9 969	9 143	9 148
Total	321 048	261 002	244 887	272 896	301 412	279 565

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

Manufacturing division and major group	Nov-25	Dec-25	Jan-26	Feb-26	Mar-26	Apr-26
Food and beverages	1,3	-0,6	1,0	-0,1	6,7	4,1
Meat, fish, fruit, etc.	-0,2	-9,4	-1,6	1,1	8,1	-3,7
Dairy products	-2,2	2,3	-5,6	0,0	-2,6	-5,4
Grain mill products	0,2	-2,1	-5,4	-8,7	-8,2	-10,8
Other food products	-1,2	11,2	-1,3	-2,1	7,7	28,0
Beverages	7,0	1,7	13,8	6,0	19,5	8,7
Textiles, clothing, leather and footwear	5,2	-2,1	4,6	-3,3	1,6	6,1
Textiles	3,9	-3,1	1,2	-10,4	-2,2	-6,3
Other textile products	11,1	-1,7	15,9	2,3	10,4	17,2
Knitted, crocheted articles	4,0	-9,1	-9,7	-9,1	-24,2	-15,8
Wearing apparel	6,3	-4,3	6,4	0,0	2,0	1,7
Leather and leather products	-5,8	15,9	-1,9	-11,7	-3,2	24,8
Footwear	-2,0	-3,3	-14,7	-12,1	-6,6	-2,8
Wood and wood products, paper, publishing and printing	-5,8	-1,1	-12,4	-7,4	-5,8	1,6
Sawmilling and planing of wood	7,4	3,8	-2,8	16,4	35,5	8,5
Products of wood	-5,2	-2,4	0,6	-0,3	-2,1	20,4
Paper and paper products	-8,8	-0,7	-19,7	-13,3	-9,9	-2,2
Publishing	1,7	5,2	12,9	4,0	-4,6	-7,1
Printing, recorded media	-4,8	-6,3	-10,5	-7,1	-11,1	-0,2
Petroleum, chemical products, rubber and plastic products	5,5	1,7	-4,2	-3,9	2,4	5,1
Coke, petroleum products and nuclear fuel	0,4	-1,5	-3,3	-2,0	-11,9	1,3
Basic chemicals	9,8	5,7	-8,6	-12,2	16,6	10,4
Other chemical products	10,5	3,6	-3,8	-1,9	6,8	5,2
Rubber products	-3,1	15,3	-11,0	-8,4	1,8	-4,5
Plastic products	3,9	-1,4	0,1	-0,4	16,8	10,3
Glass and non-metallic mineral products	-5,8	-2,3	10,7	8,5	8,3	5,2
Glass and glass products	-12,1	-14,6	30,5	-0,1	-0,3	16,5
Non-metallic mineral products	-4,1	1,2	5,8	10,6	10,3	2,8
Basic iron and steel, non-ferrous metal products, metal products and machinery	-0,2	-3,3	-3,5	7,5	8,6	10,4
Basic iron and steel products	-31,0	-24,8	-37,7	-26,1	-20,6	-15,7
Non-ferrous metal products	17,9	-6,5	13,5	28,9	17,5	35,2
Structural metal products	1,5	1,5	-4,3	10,1	22,4	-4,6
Other fabricated metal products	-3,4	-1,0	2,2	4,2	10,9	12,0
General purpose machinery	9,3	-8,7	5,2	-8,6	-2,7	-12,2
Special purpose machinery	2,3	41,2	0,7	19,2	20,0	6,4
Household appliances	10,7	11,9	-0,7	0,5	14,8	15,5
Electrical machinery	7,1	10,3	10,8	17,5	26,4	2,2
Radio, television and communication apparatus and professional equipment	-1,8	5,1	-4,5	-3,0	6,3	2,5
Radio, television and communication apparatus	0,1	7,3	-10,8	-4,7	13,0	-7,2
Professional equipment	-3,9	2,0	0,5	-1,9	0,9	10,7
Motor vehicles, parts and accessories and other transport equipment	-3,8	-26,0	-4,5	-10,2	-6,3	-1,3
Motor vehicles	-7,9	-34,9	-9,9	-16,0	-11,8	-1,8
Bodies for motor vehicles, trailers and semi-trailers	7,5	3,5	17,5	-1,5	15,7	13,6
Parts and accessories	4,5	-4,4	9,1	3,9	4,4	-5,7
Other transport equipment	6,9	3,4	-6,8	1,8	4,9	13,3
Furniture and other manufacturing	6,5	6,4	10,9	6,6	1,8	4,4
Furniture	19,3	9,0	8,5	14,1	4,3	6,1
Other manufacturing groups	4,1	6,0	11,3	5,5	1,3	4,0
Total	0,8	-3,1	-1,9	-0,7	3,4	4,7

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

Manufacturing division and major group	Nov-25	Dec-25	Jan-26	Feb-26	Mar-26	Apr-26
Food and beverages	0,3	-0,2	0,3	0,0	1,7	1,1
Meat, fish, fruit, etc.	0,0	-0,9	-0,1	0,1	0,6	-0,3
Dairy products	0,0	0,1	-0,1	0,0	-0,1	-0,1
Grain mill products	0,0	-0,1	-0,2	-0,4	-0,4	-0,5
Other food products	-0,1	0,6	-0,1	-0,1	0,4	1,5
Beverages	0,4	0,2	0,8	0,4	1,1	0,5
Textiles, clothing, leather and footwear	0,1	0,0	0,1	-0,1	0,0	0,1
Textiles	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0
Other textile products	0,1	0,0	0,1	0,0	0,1	0,1
Knitted, crocheted articles	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0
Wearing apparel	0,1	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0
Leather and leather products	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0
Footwear	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0
Wood and wood products, paper, publishing and printing	-0,4	-0,1	-0,9	-0,5	-0,4	0,1
Sawmilling and planing of wood	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,1	0,1	0,0
Products of wood	-0,1	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,2
Paper and paper products	-0,3	0,0	-0,9	-0,5	-0,3	-0,1
Publishing	0,0	0,0	0,1	0,0	0,0	0,0
Printing, recorded media	-0,1	-0,1	-0,1	-0,1	-0,1	0,0
Petroleum, chemical products, rubber and plastic products	1,1	0,4	-0,9	-0,8	0,5	1,1
Coke, petroleum products and nuclear fuel	0,0	-0,1	-0,3	-0,1	-1,0	0,1
Basic chemicals	0,4	0,2	-0,4	-0,5	0,6	0,4
Other chemical products	0,6	0,2	-0,3	-0,1	0,4	0,3
Rubber products	0,0	0,1	-0,1	-0,1	0,0	0,0
Plastic products	0,1	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,5	0,3
Glass and non-metallic mineral products	-0,2	-0,1	0,3	0,2	0,2	0,2
Glass and glass products	-0,1	-0,1	0,2	0,0	0,0	0,1
Non-metallic mineral products	-0,1	0,0	0,1	0,2	0,2	0,1
Basic iron and steel, non-ferrous metal products, metal products and machinery	0,0	-0,6	-0,7	1,5	1,7	2,1
Basic iron and steel products	-1,2	-0,7	-1,7	-0,9	-0,7	-0,5
Non-ferrous metal products	1,0	-0,5	0,8	1,8	1,1	2,3
Structural metal products	0,0	0,0	-0,1	0,2	0,4	-0,1
Other fabricated metal products	-0,1	0,0	0,1	0,2	0,4	0,4
General purpose machinery	0,2	-0,2	0,1	-0,2	-0,1	-0,3
Special purpose machinery	0,1	0,7	0,0	0,5	0,5	0,2
Household appliances	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,1	0,1
Electrical machinery	0,2	0,2	0,2	0,4	0,6	0,1
Radio, television and communication apparatus and professional equipment	0,0	0,1	0,0	0,0	0,1	0,0
Radio, television and communication apparatus	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0
Professional equipment	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0
Motor vehicles, parts and accessories and other transport equipment	-0,6	-3,0	-0,6	-1,7	-1,0	-0,2
Motor vehicles	-0,8	-3,0	-0,9	-1,8	-1,3	-0,2
Bodies for motor vehicles, trailers and semi-trailers	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,1	0,1
Parts and accessories	0,2	-0,1	0,3	0,1	0,2	-0,2
Other transport equipment	0,1	0,0	-0,1	0,0	0,1	0,1
Furniture and other manufacturing	0,2	0,3	0,4	0,3	0,1	0,2
Furniture	0,1	0,1	0,0	0,1	0,0	0,0
Other manufacturing groups	0,1	0,2	0,4	0,2	0,0	0,1
Total	0,8	-3,1	-1,9	-0,7	3,4	4,7

Table 14 – Seasonally adjusted manufacturing sales at current prices by division and major group (R million)

Manufacturing division and major group	Dec-25	Jan-26	Feb-26	Mar-26	Apr-26	Month-on-month % change
Food and beverages	74 514	74 071	73 056	76 521	75 932	-0,8
Meat, fish, fruit, etc.	20 604	21 552	21 936	22 519	21 871	-2,9
Dairy products	6 079	5 960	6 171	6 132	5 861	-4,4
Grain mill products	11 763	11 674	11 434	11 580	11 365	-1,9
Other food products	16 783	15 087	14 584	16 757	17 838	6,5
Beverages	19 285	19 799	18 932	19 533	18 997	-2,7
Textiles, clothing, leather and footwear	6 364	6 829	6 408	6 725	6 971	3,7
Textiles	727	768	757	763	782	2,5
Other textile products	1 949	2 145	1 915	2 143	2 241	4,6
Knitted, crocheted articles	208	208	216	196	199	1,5
Wearing apparel	2 216	2 448	2 265	2 325	2 324	0,0
Leather and leather products	561	567	553	578	689	19,2
Footwear	702	694	702	719	734	2,1
Wood and wood products, paper, publishing and printing	17 731	17 790	17 399	17 383	18 100	4,1
Sawmilling and planing of wood	1 238	1 129	1 373	1 498	1 327	-11,4
Products of wood	2 575	2 600	2 619	2 632	2 632	0,0
Paper and paper products	9 410	9 549	9 097	9 017	9 882	9,6
Publishing	1 573	1 607	1 431	1 385	1 367	-1,3
Printing, recorded media	2 936	2 905	2 879	2 852	2 891	1,4
Petroleum, chemical products, rubber and plastic products	61 285	60 327	59 073	62 275	62 332	0,1
Coke, petroleum products and nuclear fuel	20 806	21 163	20 175	20 061	21 148	5,4
Basic chemicals	11 406	10 716	9 982	11 876	11 489	-3,3
Other chemical products	18 438	18 003	18 874	18 943	18 858	-0,4
Rubber products	2 075	1 759	1 735	1 918	1 766	-7,9
Plastic products	8 560	8 687	8 307	9 477	9 071	-4,3
Glass and non-metallic mineral products	8 127	9 089	8 713	8 786	8 811	0,3
Glass and glass products	1 414	2 072	1 601	1 639	1 774	8,2
Non-metallic mineral products	6 714	7 017	7 111	7 148	7 036	-1,6
Basic iron and steel, non-ferrous metal products, metal products and machinery	56 912	58 355	61 845	59 941	61 340	2,3
Basic iron and steel products	7 431	7 580	7 744	7 355	8 008	8,9
Non-ferrous metal products	19 778	20 069	23 166	21 047	23 093	9,7
Structural metal products	4 687	4 577	4 960	5 726	4 643	-18,9
Other fabricated metal products	10 331	10 944	10 788	11 168	11 300	1,2
General purpose machinery	6 082	6 212	5 567	5 614	5 320	-5,2
Special purpose machinery	7 277	7 695	8 361	7 701	7 633	-0,9
Household appliances	1 325	1 279	1 259	1 330	1 343	1,0
Electrical machinery	6 783	7 178	7 248	7 594	6 699	-11,8
Radio, television and communication apparatus and professional equipment	2 490	2 296	2 387	2 503	2 431	-2,9
Radio, television and communication apparatus	1 260	1 084	1 123	1 272	1 133	-10,9
Professional equipment	1 230	1 212	1 264	1 231	1 298	5,4
Motor vehicles, parts and accessories and other transport equipment	32 256	37 975	39 117	40 302	41 650	3,3
Motor vehicles	21 249	24 238	25 584	25 664	27 680	7,9
Bodies for motor vehicles, trailers and semi-trailers	1 188	1 233	1 100	1 352	1 279	-5,4
Parts and accessories	6 908	9 530	9 400	10 185	9 456	-7,2
Other transport equipment	2 910	2 974	3 033	3 102	3 235	4,3
Furniture and other manufacturing	11 732	13 244	11 834	11 325	11 249	-0,7
Furniture	1 827	1 841	1 893	1 843	1 840	-0,2
Other manufacturing groups	9 905	11 403	9 941	9 481	9 409	-0,8
Total	278 195	287 153	287 079	293 354	295 515	0,7

Explanatory notes

- Introduction**
- 1 Statistics South Africa (Stats SA) conducts a monthly survey of the manufacturing industry, covering manufacturing enterprises. This statistical release contains the results of a sample drawn from the statistical business register (SBR), with enhanced coverage of South African businesses (see point 3). The release contains monthly indices of the volume of manufacturing production and monthly value of sales of manufactured products by division and major group.
 - 2 In accordance with international practice, the indices are usually re-based every five years to a new base year. The current base period of the index is 2019. Both estimated and seasonally adjusted figures are presented.
 - 3 Stats SA is continuously updating its SBR, based on units registered for value-added tax (VAT) and income tax (IT) obtained from the South African Revenue Service (SARS).
- Purpose of the survey**
- 4 The results of the monthly manufacturing production and sales survey are used to calculate the volume of manufacturing 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. These indices provide an indicator of the real level of manufacturing activity in the economy.
- Special Data Dissemination Standard of the IMF**
- 5 The data in this statistical release adhere to the Special Data Dissemination Standard (SDDS) of the International Monetary Fund (IMF), which sets out standards on coverage, periodicity and timeliness of data, access by the public, integrity, and quality of the disseminated data.
- Scope of the survey**
- 6 This survey covers manufacturing enterprises, i.e. those conducting activities in:
 - the manufacturing, processing, making or packing of products;
 - the slaughtering of animals, including poultry; and
 - installation, assembly, completion, repair and related work.
- Classification**
- 7 The 1993 edition of the *Standard Industrial Classification of All Economic Activities* (SIC), Fifth Edition, Report No. 09-90-02, 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 enterprise is classified to an industry which reflects its predominant activity. Statistics in this publication are presented at SIC division (two-digit) and major group (three-digit) level.
- Collection rate**
- 8 The preliminary collection rate for the survey on manufacturing production and sales was 72,6% for April 2026. The revised collection rate for March 2026 was 75,9%.
- Statistical unit**
- 9 The statistical unit for which information is compiled and published is an enterprise, defined as a legal unit or a combination of legal units that includes and directly controls all functions necessary to carry out its production activities. The statistical units are derived from and linked to the South African Revenue Service (SARS) administrative data.

Revised figures

10 Revised figures are mainly due to late submission of data to Stats SA, or respondents 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
Apr-26	Additional information from respondents	Jan-26 - Mar-26
May-26	Additional information from respondents	Feb-26 - Apr-26
Jun-26	Additional information from respondents	Mar-26 - May-26
Jul-26	Additional information from respondents	Apr-26 - Jun-26
Aug-26	Additional information from respondents	May-26 - Jul-26
Sep-26	Additional information from respondents	Jun-26 - Aug-26
Oct-26	Additional information from respondents	Jul-26 - Sep-26
Nov-26	Additional information from respondents	Aug-26 - Oct-26
Dec-26	Additional information from respondents	Sep-26 - Nov-26
Jan-27	Additional information from respondents New weights for manufacturing production New base year for manufacturing production	Jan-98 - Dec-26
Feb-27	Additional information from respondents	Nov-26 - Jan-27
Mar-27	Additional information from respondents	Dec-26 - Feb-27
New base year in 2026/27 - periodic, approximately four- to five-year intervals		

Related publications

11 Users may also wish to refer to *Stats in Brief* available from Stats SA.

Rounding-off of figures

12 Where necessary, the figures in the tables have 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

13 Historical manufacturing data are available on the Stats SA webpage. Click on the following link ([Time series data](#)) to access the data electronically.

Past publications

14 Past manufacturing releases are available on the Stats SA webpage. Click on the following link ([Past publications](#)) to access the releases electronically.

Technical notes

Survey methodology and design

1 The survey is conducted monthly. Questionnaires are sent to a sample of 3 011 enterprises from a population of 27 305 manufacturing enterprises. Completed questionnaires are required to be returned to Stats SA within 10 days after the end of the reference month. Email and telephone reminders are used to follow up on non-respondents.

2 A stratified random sample was drawn at the Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) three-digit level in April 2025 from Stats SA’s statistical business register (SBR). Strata were formed using a combination of the SIC and the measure of size classes for enterprises (see point 3 on the following page).

The Neyman optimal allocation formula used to allocate samples to each stratum is given by a formula below:

$$n_h = \frac{N_h S_h}{\sum N_h S_h}$$

N_h and S_h are the stratum population size and the stratum variance respectively.

- Class limits** **3** Each manufacturing major group is divided into four size groups. All large enterprises (size group one) are completely enumerated. Simple random sampling is applied to medium (size group two) and to small (size groups three and four) enterprises. The total value of sales of manufactured products of large enterprises (size group one) in a major group is added to the weighted totals of size groups two, three and four of that major group to reflect the total value of sales of the major group.

Measure of size classes (Rand)

Enterprise size	Size group	Lower limit	Upper limit
Very small	4	3 984 745	27 500 000
Small	3	27 500 001	71 500 000
Medium	2	71 500 001	280 500 000
Large	1	280 500 001	

- Sample weighting** **4** For those strata not completely enumerated, the weights to produce estimates are the inverse ratio of the sampling fraction, modified to take account of non-response in the survey. Stratum estimates are calculated and then aggregated with the completely enumerated stratum to form major group and division estimates. These procedures are consistent with international best practice.

- Index of the volume of manufacturing production** **5** The index of the volume of manufacturing production, also known as a production index, is a statistical measure of the change in the volume of production. The production index of a major group is the ratio between the volume of production of a major group in a given period and the volume of production of the same major group in the base period. The current base period is 2019. The production in the base period is set at 100.

- Calculation of production index** **6** The calculation of the monthly production indices is based on the value of sales of products and articles manufactured and change in monthly value of stocks of manufactured products, after the effect of price changes has been eliminated through deflation using appropriate indices of the producer price index (PPI). For 38 of the 44 major groups in manufacturing, the value of production is calculated from the value of sales and stocks of manufactured products obtained from the monthly survey of manufacturing enterprises.

- 7** More direct indicators are used for the value of production of the following major groups:
- tobacco;
 - coke and refined petroleum products;
 - basic iron and steel products;
 - basic precious and non-ferrous metal products;
 - motor vehicles; and
 - parts and accessories for motor vehicles.

The volume indices for these major groups are calculated on the basis of quantities. This method is used by the national statistical agencies of many other countries for petroleum products as the results are considered more satisfactory (mainly because these commodities are relatively homogeneous).

Index weighting

- 8** For indices, a weight is calculated for every major group according to the value added of the major group (i.e. output of a major group minus intermediate consumption) relative to the total value added of the manufacturing industry as a whole, based on the results of the most recent census of manufacturing, large sample survey (LSS) of the manufacturing industry or national accounts (NA) value added data. The production indices of all divisions are multiplied by the applicable weights and aggregated to produce the index for the total volume of manufacturing production. Weights between census/LSS/NA years are fixed. The table below reflects the period and the census/LSS/NA which were used as base year for the given period.

Period	Source
1998 to 2000	1996 Census of manufacturing
2001 to 2004	2001 LSS
2005 to 2009	2005 LSS
2010 to 2026	National accounts

- 9** The weights reflect the importance of the major group/division to the total manufacturing industry. The weights change over time due to changes in the relative performance of industries, due to factors such as quality changes, changes in relative prices, and changes in customer preferences. New weights are calculated and implemented annually.

Table E – Weights by division and major group

Manufacturing division and major group	Weights used for manufacturing indices by period			
	2019 (based on value added for 2017 – 2019)	2020 (based on value added for 2018 – 2020)	2021 (based on value added for 2019 – 2021)	2022 – 2026 (based on value added for 2022)
Food and beverages	20,75	21,44	22,07	22,19
Meat, fish, fruit, etc.	3,27	3,42	3,53	3,72
Dairy products	1,39	1,47	1,48	1,20
Grain mill products	1,68	1,85	2,01	1,94
Other food products	7,75	7,81	7,61	7,55
Beverages	6,66	6,89	7,44	7,78
Textiles, clothing, leather and footwear	4,26	4,07	3,89	3,68
Textiles	1,08	1,04	0,96	0,85
Other textile products	0,61	0,58	0,55	0,55
Knitted, crocheted articles	0,06	0,06	0,06	0,07
Wearing apparel	1,98	1,88	1,83	1,65
Leather and leather products	0,27	0,26	0,24	0,26
Footwear	0,25	0,25	0,25	0,30
Wood and wood products, paper, publishing and printing	10,63	10,48	10,29	9,98
Sawmilling and planing of wood	0,87	0,86	0,83	0,74
Products of wood	0,88	0,90	0,93	0,85
Paper and paper products	5,34	5,26	5,18	5,27
Publishing	2,18	2,10	2,02	1,94
Printing, recorded media	1,35	1,36	1,33	1,18
Petroleum, chemical products, rubber and plastic products	24,95	24,86	24,38	23,91
Coke, petroleum products and nuclear fuel	11,85	11,92	11,63	11,12
Basic chemicals	3,50	3,39	3,35	3,60
Other chemical products	6,64	6,82	6,81	6,63
Rubber products	0,76	0,68	0,65	0,69
Plastic products	2,20	2,05	1,94	1,87
Glass and non-metallic mineral products	3,24	3,10	3,06	3,11
Glass and glass products	0,49	0,48	0,50	0,61
Non-metallic mineral products	2,75	2,62	2,56	2,50
Basic iron and steel, non-ferrous metal products, metal products and machinery	19,73	19,96	20,86	21,85
Basic iron and steel products	2,92	2,92	3,18	3,20
Non-ferrous metal products (including precious metals)	3,32	3,54	3,98	4,16
Structural metal products	1,99	2,01	2,01	1,98
Other fabricated metal products	3,53	3,65	3,74	3,72
General purpose machinery	3,42	3,45	3,52	4,04
Special purpose machinery	3,85	3,73	3,77	4,01
Household appliances	0,70	0,66	0,66	0,74
Electrical machinery	2,21	2,14	2,09	2,15
Radio, television and communication apparatus and professional equipment	1,07	1,06	1,06	1,00
Radio, television and communication apparatus	0,04	0,08	0,16	0,19
Professional equipment	1,03	0,98	0,90	0,81
Motor vehicles, parts and accessories and other transport equipment	8,89	8,72	8,21	7,84
Motor vehicles	2,78	2,62	2,39	2,33
Bodies for motor vehicles, trailers and semi-trailers	0,73	0,75	0,72	0,65
Parts and accessories	3,97	4,03	3,96	3,95
Other transport equipment	1,40	1,32	1,14	0,91
Furniture and other manufacturing	4,27	4,17	4,09	4,29
Furniture	0,78	0,69	0,70	0,84
Other manufacturing groups	3,49	3,48	3,39	3,45
Total	100	100	100	100

Seasonal adjustment 10 Seasonally adjusted estimates are generated each month, using the X-12 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 more clearly recognised. Seasonal adjustment does not aim to remove irregular or non-seasonal influences, which may be present in any particular month. 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 manufacturing production and sales is described in more detail on the Stats SA website:
[Click to download Manufacturing seasonal adjustment February 2022.](#)

Trend cycle 11 The trend is the long-term pattern or movement of a time series. The X-12 Seasonal Adjustment Programme is used for smoothing seasonally adjusted estimates to estimates of the underlying trend.

Reliability of estimates 12 Data presented in this publication are based on information obtained from a sample and are, therefore, subject to sampling variability; that is, they may differ from the figures that would have been produced if the data had been obtained from all enterprises in the manufacturing industry in South Africa. Estimates are subject to sampling and non-sampling errors.

13 Inaccuracies may occur because of imperfections in reporting by enterprises and errors made in the collection and processing of the data. Inaccuracies of this kind are referred to as non-sampling errors. Every effort is made to minimise non-sampling errors by careful design of questionnaires, testing them in pilot studies, editing reported data and implementing efficient operating procedures. Fluctuations may occur in consecutive months as a result of seasonal and economic factors.

Relative standard error 14 One measure of the likely difference is given by the standard error (SE), which indicates the extent to which an estimate might have varied by chance because only a sample of enterprises was used. The relative standard error (RSE) provides an immediate indication of the percentage errors likely to have occurred due to sampling, and thus avoids the need to refer to the size of the estimate.

Estimates of total industry sales within 95% confidence limits – April 2026

	Lower limit (R million)	Estimate (R million)	Upper limit (R million)	Relative standard error (RSE) %
Total sales	275 719	279 565	283 411	0,7

Month-on-month percentage change 15 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 (annual) percentage change 16 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) 17 The contribution (percentage points) of a major group or division to the total manufacturing production percentage change for a given period is calculated by multiplying the difference in the index of each major group or division by the weight of the major group or division and then dividing by the previous period total manufacturing index.

Sales contribution (percentage points) 18 The contribution (percentage points) of a division or major group to the percentage change in total manufacturing sales for a given period is calculated by multiplying the percentage change of each major group or division with its percentage contribution to the total sales of the previous period, divided by 100.

Glossary

Enterprise	The enterprise is a legal entity or a combination of legal units that includes and directly controls all functions necessary to carry out its production activities.	
Industry	An industry is made up of enterprises 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, Report No. 09-90-02 of January 1993.	
Sales	Sales are the total value of sales and transfers-out of all own manufactured products/articles and the amounts received for installation, erection or assembly or other services rendered.	
Symbols and abbreviations	GDP	Gross domestic product
	IMF	International Monetary Fund
	ISIC	International Standard Industrial Classification of All Economic Activities
	LSS	Large sample survey
	NA	National accounts
	PPI	Producer price index
	SARS	South African Revenue Service
	SBR	Statistical business register
	SDDS	Special Data Dissemination Standard
	SIC	Standard Industrial Classification of All Economic Activities
	Stats SA	Statistics South Africa
	VAT	Value-added tax
	*	Revised figures

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