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Production: results for August 2025

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

	Mar-25	Apr-25	May-25	Jun-25	Jul-25	Aug-25
Year-on-year % change, unadjusted	-0,8	-6,6	0,2	1,6	-1,3	-1,5
Month-on-month % change, seasonally adjusted	-2,2	1,2	2,4	-0,1	-0,8	0,4
3-month % change, seasonally adjusted ¹	-1,9	-1,3	-0,3	1,3	2,2	1,5

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

Manufacturing production decreased by 1,5% in August 2025 compared with August 2024. The largest negative contributions were made by the basic iron and steel, non-ferrous metal products, metal products and machinery division (-5,9% and contributing -1,3 percentage points) and the food and beverages division (-3,0% and contributing -0,7 of a percentage point) – see Table 5 and Table 6.

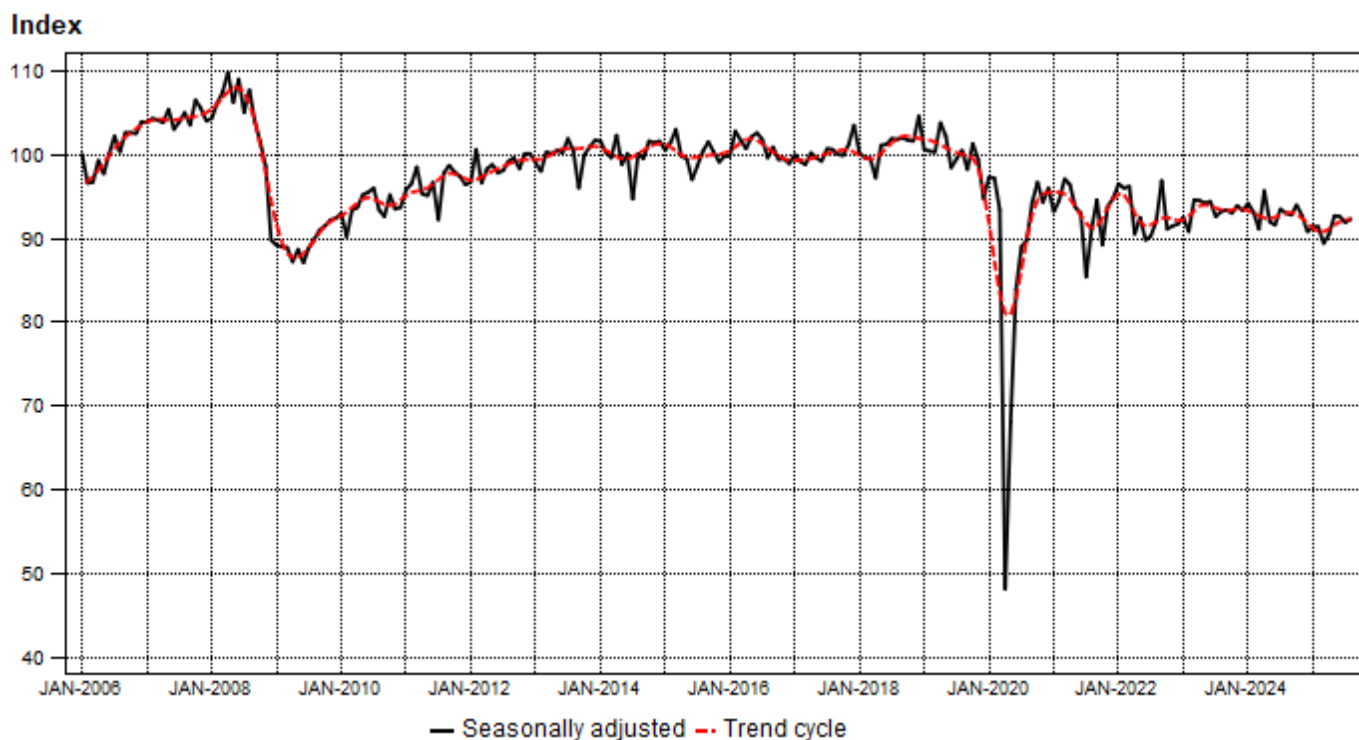
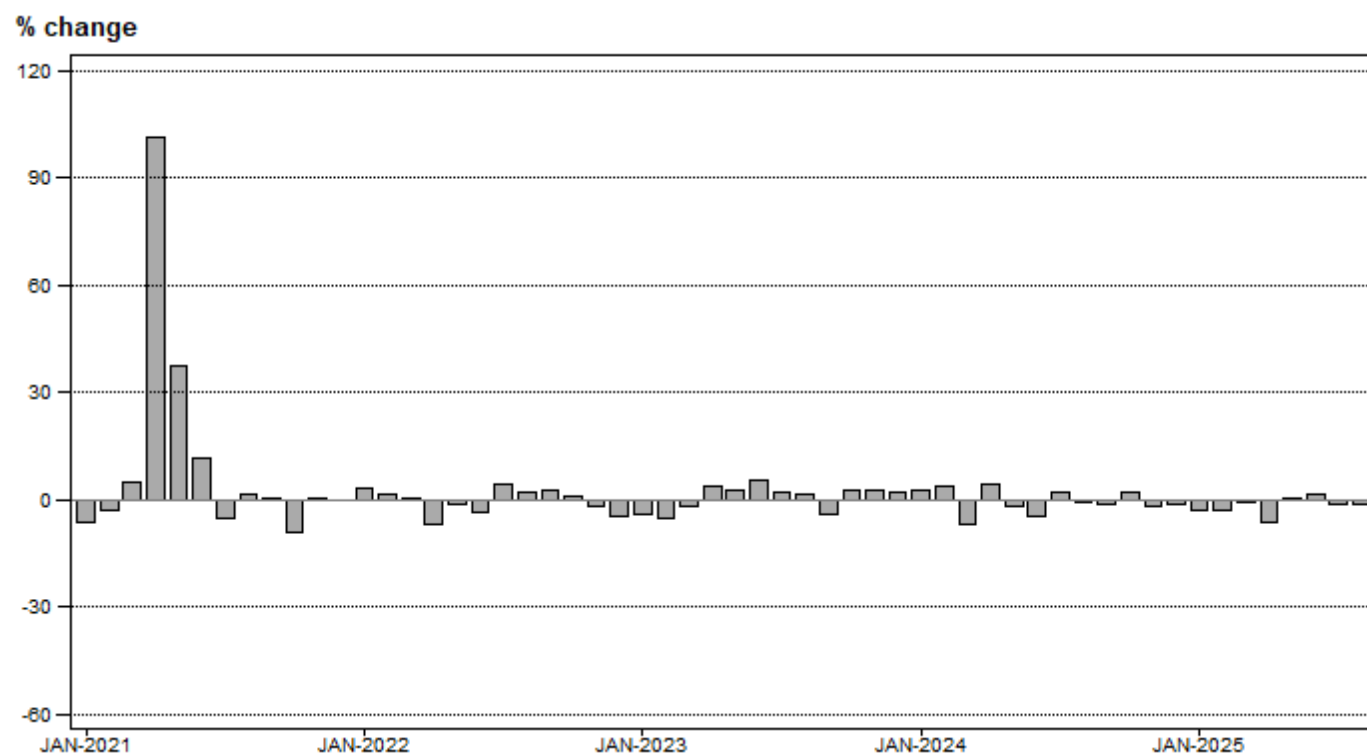
Seasonally adjusted manufacturing production increased by 0,4% in August 2025 compared with July 2025. This followed month-on-month changes of -0,8% in July 2025 and -0,1% in June 2025 – see Table A.

Seasonally adjusted manufacturing production increased by 1,5% in the three months ended August 2025 compared with the previous three months. Six of the ten manufacturing divisions reported positive growth rates over this period. The largest positive contributions were reported for the following divisions:

- food and beverages (3,1% and contributing 0,8 of a percentage point);
- petroleum, chemical products, rubber and plastic products (2,6% and contributing 0,5 of a percentage point); and
- motor vehicles, parts and accessories and other transport equipment (5,2% and contributing 0,4 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	Mar – May 2025	Jun – Aug 2025	% change between Mar – May 2025 and Jun – Aug 2025	Contribution (% points) to the total % change
Food and beverages	22,07	101,7	104,9	3,1	0,8
Meat, fish, fruit, etc.	3,53	107,9	107,9	0,0	0,0
Dairy products	1,48	98,4	94,6	-3,9	-0,1
Grain mill products	2,01	106,9	107,0	0,1	0,0
Other food products	7,61	88,2	92,9	5,3	0,4
Beverages	7,44	112,0	117,3	4,7	0,4
Textiles, clothing, leather and footwear	3,89	88,7	89,6	1,0	0,0
Textiles	0,96	93,0	95,6	2,8	0,0
Other textile products	0,55	96,6	98,6	2,1	0,0
Knitted, crocheted articles	0,06	82,4	81,9	-0,6	0,0
Wearing apparel	1,83	84,8	84,8	0,0	0,0
Leather and leather products	0,24	77,7	79,8	2,7	0,0
Footwear	0,25	95,8	92,7	-3,2	0,0
Wood and wood products, paper, publishing and printing	10,29	95,0	93,1	-2,0	-0,2
Sawmilling and planing of wood	0,83	96,0	91,1	-5,1	0,0
Products of wood	0,93	117,5	110,9	-5,6	-0,1
Paper and paper products	5,18	96,5	94,7	-1,9	-0,1
Publishing	2,02	79,6	83,3	4,6	0,1
Printing, recorded media	1,33	96,3	90,1	-6,4	-0,1
Petroleum, chemical products, rubber and plastic products	24,38	77,4	79,4	2,6	0,5
Coke, petroleum products and nuclear fuel	11,63	62,0	60,8	-1,9	-0,2
Basic chemicals	3,35	93,7	108,1	15,4	0,5
Other chemical products	6,81	87,2	89,2	2,3	0,1
Rubber products	0,65	88,9	85,1	-4,3	0,0
Plastic products	1,94	103,0	104,6	1,6	0,0
Glass and non-metallic mineral products	3,06	103,6	101,8	-1,7	-0,1
Glass and glass products	0,50	104,0	107,9	3,8	0,0
Non-metallic mineral products	2,56	103,6	100,6	-2,9	-0,1
Basic iron and steel, non-ferrous metal products, metal products and machinery	20,86	92,9	92,3	-0,6	-0,1
Basic iron and steel products	3,18	76,4	66,7	-12,7	-0,3
Non-ferrous metal products	3,98	93,5	91,5	-2,1	-0,1
Structural metal products	2,01	111,0	100,5	-9,5	-0,2
Other fabricated metal products	3,74	97,1	99,0	2,0	0,1
General purpose machinery	3,52	99,5	105,7	6,2	0,2
Special purpose machinery	3,77	84,7	88,2	4,1	0,1
Household appliances	0,66	101,7	108,9	7,1	0,1
Electrical machinery	2,09	102,3	105,9	3,5	0,1
Radio, television and communication apparatus and professional equipment	1,06	98,4	94,4	-4,1	0,0
Radio, television and communication apparatus	0,16	103,2	103,0	-0,2	0,0
Professional equipment	0,90	97,6	92,9	-4,8	0,0
Motor vehicles, parts and accessories and other transport equipment	8,21	88,6	93,2	5,2	0,4
Motor vehicles	2,39	90,8	99,8	9,9	0,2
Bodies for motor vehicles, trailers and semi-trailers	0,72	91,0	91,7	0,8	0,0
Parts and accessories	3,96	86,4	89,2	3,2	0,1
Other transport equipment	1,14	90,3	94,0	4,1	0,0
Furniture and other manufacturing	4,09	81,3	85,2	4,8	0,2
Furniture	0,70	95,0	98,4	3,6	0,0
Other manufacturing groups	3,39	78,4	82,5	5,2	0,2
Total	100	90,9	92,3	1,5	1,5

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 August 2025

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

	Mar-25	Apr-25	May-25	Jun-25	Jul-25	Aug-25
Year-on-year % change, unadjusted	0,0	-8,0	-1,3	2,5	-0,6	1,1
Month-on-month % change, seasonally adjusted	-0,8	-0,5	1,9	2,0	-0,6	0,6
3-month % change, seasonally adjusted ¹	-0,8	-0,5	-0,6	0,9	2,5	3,0

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

Seasonally adjusted manufacturing sales increased by 0,6% in August 2025 compared with July 2025. This followed month-on-month changes of -0,6% in July 2025 and 2,0% in June 2025 – see Table C.

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

Manufacturing division	Mar – May 2025 (R million)	Jun – Aug 2025 (R million)	% change between Mar – May 2025 and Jun – Aug 2025	Contribution (% points) to the total % change
Food and beverages	222 698	229 912	3,2	0,8
Textiles, clothing, leather and footwear	20 043	20 421	1,9	0,0
Wood and wood products, paper, publishing and printing	54 688	55 490	1,5	0,1
Petroleum, chemical products, rubber and plastic products	181 653	188 555	3,8	0,8
Glass and non-metallic mineral products	25 105	25 137	0,1	0,0
Basic iron and steel, non-ferrous metal products, metal products and machinery	166 371	168 734	1,4	0,3
Electrical machinery	19 123	20 085	5,0	0,1
Radio, television and communication apparatus and professional equipment	7 343	7 343	0,0	0,0
Motor vehicles, parts and accessories and other transport equipment	129 129	135 265	4,8	0,7
Furniture and other manufacturing	32 334	33 025	2,1	0,1
Total	858 488	883 967	3,0	3,0

Seasonally adjusted manufacturing sales increased by 3,0% in the three months ended August 2025 compared with the previous three months. The largest contributions were made by the following divisions:

- food and beverages (3,2% and contributing 0,8 of a percentage point);
- petroleum, chemical products, rubber and plastic products (3,8% and contributing 0,8 of a percentage point); and
- motor vehicles, parts and accessories and other transport equipment (4,8% and contributing 0,7 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	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Jan	88,0	85,7	80,3	83,0	79,8	82,1	79,8
Feb	94,9	92,4	89,5	91,0	86,2	89,4	86,7
Mar	101,2	94,5	99,2	99,3	97,7	91,2	90,5
Apr	95,8	45,3	91,2	84,7	87,9	91,5	85,5
May	102,0	67,2	92,3	91,2	93,6	91,7	91,9
Jun	97,8	84,1	93,8	90,5	95,6	91,1	92,6
Jul	101,8	91,4	86,8	90,4	92,2	94,2	93,0
Aug	105,2	92,9	94,5	96,4	97,7	96,8	95,3
Sep	102,6	99,4	100,0	102,7	98,3	97,0	
Oct	112,7	106,8	97,3	98,4	101,0	102,9	
Nov	111,0	104,7	104,9	102,7	105,5	103,7	
Dec	86,8	87,6	87,6	83,4	85,2	84,2	
Total	100,0	87,7	93,1	92,8	93,4	93,0	

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

Month	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2025 year-to-date
Jan	-2,6	-6,3	3,4	-3,9	2,9	-2,8	-2,8
Feb	-2,6	-3,1	1,7	-5,3	3,7	-3,0	-2,9
Mar	-6,6	5,0	0,1	-1,6	-6,7	-0,8	-2,2
Apr	-52,7	101,3	-7,1	3,8	4,1	-6,6	-3,4
May	-34,1	37,4	-1,2	2,6	-2,0	0,2	-2,6
Jun	-14,0	11,5	-3,5	5,6	-4,7	1,6	-1,9
Jul	-10,2	-5,0	4,1	2,0	2,2	-1,3	-1,8
Aug	-11,7	1,7	2,0	1,3	-0,9	-1,5	-1,8
Sep	-3,1	0,6	2,7	-4,3	-1,3		
Oct	-5,2	-8,9	1,1	2,6	1,9		
Nov	-5,7	0,2	-2,1	2,7	-1,7		
Dec	0,9	0,0	-4,8	2,2	-1,2		
Total	-12,3	6,2	-0,3	0,6	-0,4		

Table 3 – Seasonally adjusted volume of manufacturing production

Month	Index (Base: 2019=100)				Month-on-month % change			
	2022	2023	2024	2025	2022	2023	2024	2025
Jan	96,5	92,5	94,2	91,4	1,8	0,9	1,0	0,7
Feb	96,0	90,8	93,1	91,4	-0,5	-1,8	-1,2	0,0
Mar	96,2	94,6	91,1	89,4	0,2	4,2	-2,1	-2,2
Apr	90,5	94,5	95,7	90,5	-5,9	-0,1	5,0	1,2
May	92,5	94,2	92,0	92,7	2,2	-0,3	-3,9	2,4
Jun	89,8	94,4	91,6	92,6	-2,9	0,2	-0,4	-0,1
Jul	90,3	92,6	93,5	91,9	0,6	-1,9	2,1	-0,8
Aug	92,1	93,2	93,0	92,3	2,0	0,6	-0,5	0,4
Sep	96,9	93,4	92,8		5,2	0,2	-0,2	
Oct	91,1	93,0	94,0		-6,0	-0,4	1,3	
Nov	91,5	93,9	92,7		0,4	1,0	-1,4	
Dec	91,7	93,3	90,8		0,2	-0,6	-2,0	

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

Manufacturing division and major group	Weight	Mar-25	Apr-25	May-25	Jun-25	Jul-25	Aug-25
Food and beverages	22,07	101,0	92,6	103,1	103,1	104,3	103,1
Meat, fish, fruit, etc.	3,53	109,4	102,0	109,2	103,6	104,8	110,6
Dairy products	1,48	106,8	88,9	88,0	82,7	86,8	98,6
Grain mill products	2,01	107,8	103,1	109,9	107,0	111,4	105,9
Other food products	7,61	83,7	79,1	96,9	104,3	105,4	95,5
Beverages	7,44	111,7	99,8	107,8	104,7	104,6	107,3
Textiles, clothing, leather and footwear	3,89	87,9	84,1	90,8	88,7	94,0	92,2
Textiles	0,96	97,6	85,7	104,9	103,1	100,2	94,0
Other textile products	0,55	95,4	91,4	96,8	90,1	98,6	104,0
Knitted, crocheted articles	0,06	89,1	68,2	78,3	80,6	91,8	97,7
Wearing apparel	1,83	81,0	82,9	84,1	81,8	88,9	88,1
Leather and leather products	0,24	78,4	69,9	78,0	82,4	91,5	71,2
Footwear	0,25	93,5	87,9	87,7	88,4	101,1	108,0
Wood and wood products, paper, publishing and printing	10,29	89,3	84,1	88,3	94,0	91,6	99,4
Sawmilling and planing of wood	0,83	87,0	89,4	96,9	94,5	98,7	100,0
Products of wood	0,93	123,9	98,3	108,4	109,0	107,5	127,0
Paper and paper products	5,18	91,7	89,5	92,3	99,7	91,6	89,2
Publishing	2,02	63,3	61,9	68,0	75,7	83,8	112,2
Printing, recorded media	1,33	97,0	83,3	84,3	88,7	88,3	100,2
Petroleum, chemical products, rubber and plastic products	24,38	76,7	74,1	77,3	80,9	76,9	82,8
Coke, petroleum products and nuclear fuel	11,63	60,2	62,5	62,5	62,9	53,7	62,7
Basic chemicals	3,35	94,0	88,0	94,7	112,9	103,3	114,7
Other chemical products	6,81	86,6	79,0	88,1	90,1	91,3	95,1
Rubber products	0,65	105,1	95,0	73,2	75,6	108,2	83,6
Plastic products	1,94	101,0	95,1	99,4	102,9	108,8	104,7
Glass and non-metallic mineral products	3,06	102,8	97,1	110,5	99,3	104,4	105,3
Glass and glass products	0,50	101,5	91,4	106,2	99,6	106,0	114,2
Non-metallic mineral products	2,56	103,1	98,2	111,3	99,3	104,1	103,6
Basic iron and steel, non-ferrous metal products, metal products and machinery	20,86	94,7	89,4	97,5	94,6	95,7	95,0
Basic iron and steel products	3,18	79,1	77,1	83,9	70,5	70,4	57,6
Non-ferrous metal products	3,98	95,3	91,4	96,6	93,8	86,9	92,5
Structural metal products	2,01	115,4	111,7	116,3	94,6	101,3	112,2
Other fabricated metal products	3,74	103,6	88,3	100,8	99,0	105,3	105,1
General purpose machinery	3,52	99,3	93,0	101,0	114,3	114,8	114,5
Special purpose machinery	3,77	80,4	82,4	92,6	91,1	91,0	89,4
Household appliances	0,66	108,9	94,8	102,0	104,3	125,0	109,7
Electrical machinery	2,09	102,9	103,1	113,3	106,6	116,0	111,2
Radio, television and communication apparatus and professional equipment	1,06	107,8	91,4	101,7	97,4	83,3	96,9
Radio, television and communication apparatus	0,16	92,0	78,8	108,8	110,5	89,3	98,5
Professional equipment	0,90	110,6	93,6	100,5	95,1	82,2	96,6
Motor vehicles, parts and accessories and other transport equipment	8,21	92,3	89,3	89,2	94,8	98,0	100,1
Motor vehicles	2,39	100,5	78,5	89,7	104,1	105,9	113,3
Bodies for motor vehicles, trailers and semi-trailers	0,72	100,3	93,6	89,9	89,7	109,2	96,8
Parts and accessories	3,96	78,8	97,8	91,6	90,8	93,9	97,5
Other transport equipment	1,14	116,8	80,0	79,5	92,2	88,4	83,3
Furniture and other manufacturing	4,09	75,9	72,5	78,9	77,6	90,0	95,7
Furniture	0,70	85,6	83,3	99,2	98,5	98,6	99,0
Other manufacturing groups	3,39	73,9	70,2	74,7	73,2	88,2	95,0
Total	100	90,5	85,5	91,9	92,6	93,0	95,3

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	Mar-25	Apr-25	May-25	Jun-25	Jul-25	Aug-25
Food and beverages	-2,5	-7,1	-0,3	4,7	2,6	-3,0
Meat, fish, fruit, etc.	1,1	-1,4	-4,0	-0,8	4,5	-0,3
Dairy products	12,4	-4,0	-6,2	-7,2	-9,5	0,7
Grain mill products	9,3	0,9	7,1	5,5	6,5	5,8
Other food products	-9,7	-9,9	3,6	14,5	6,4	-5,2
Beverages	-3,3	-9,8	-2,5	0,4	-0,8	-5,2
Textiles, clothing, leather and footwear	0,3	-2,5	2,5	2,1	-2,4	2,3
Textiles	-8,0	-12,0	7,3	9,3	3,5	1,6
Other textile products	16,8	-1,6	0,9	5,0	4,0	10,8
Knitted, crocheted articles	16,8	-2,8	-5,2	-5,4	-4,0	-4,7
Wearing apparel	-0,1	5,1	2,1	-2,7	-7,1	2,1
Leather and leather products	2,3	-15,4	-3,7	4,7	-6,3	-7,7
Footwear	3,7	-3,7	-4,4	-1,6	0,4	-1,5
Wood and wood products, paper, publishing and printing	-2,9	-3,8	1,7	0,2	-1,8	-4,8
Sawmilling and planing of wood	2,6	-10,0	-2,4	-6,7	-9,9	-7,3
Products of wood	13,6	-16,1	0,2	-3,2	-10,6	1,9
Paper and paper products	-11,1	-0,6	7,3	3,6	2,6	-5,6
Publishing	2,1	4,9	-3,5	5,4	2,9	-0,8
Printing, recorded media	12,0	-9,6	-8,3	-11,4	-9,7	-11,6
Petroleum, chemical products, rubber and plastic products	-2,3	-5,4	-1,2	1,8	-3,3	1,8
Coke, petroleum products and nuclear fuel	-9,3	-0,6	9,5	2,3	-7,1	6,5
Basic chemicals	-2,1	-14,4	-10,5	8,1	-2,2	9,4
Other chemical products	3,8	-6,2	-3,9	-2,8	-2,0	-3,8
Rubber products	15,6	2,6	-15,3	-12,6	10,1	1,7
Plastic products	1,2	-7,1	-6,7	7,1	-1,2	-7,4
Glass and non-metallic mineral products	3,4	1,7	3,4	3,2	3,1	0,3
Glass and glass products	12,3	-1,3	9,9	-7,7	1,3	13,3
Non-metallic mineral products	1,9	2,2	2,2	5,8	3,4	-2,1
Basic iron and steel, non-ferrous metal products, metal products and machinery	1,1	-7,2	3,3	1,4	-3,3	-5,9
Basic iron and steel products	-12,1	2,1	11,6	-16,5	-20,5	-38,3
Non-ferrous metal products	7,4	8,3	3,9	8,8	-7,8	-2,4
Structural metal products	7,7	3,7	10,7	-2,1	-6,5	10,4
Other fabricated metal products	9,6	-17,2	1,6	5,2	2,8	0,9
General purpose machinery	1,3	-12,3	1,7	11,0	-0,8	3,1
Special purpose machinery	-10,1	-17,7	-2,7	-3,3	4,2	-9,8
Household appliances	11,7	-5,7	-1,8	-2,0	15,5	-1,3
Electrical machinery	-10,6	-13,4	-4,0	-3,1	-1,1	2,5
Radio, television and communication apparatus and professional equipment	-0,4	-12,3	1,8	-0,5	-5,4	-1,9
Radio, television and communication apparatus	4,9	-16,3	19,4	13,0	-2,0	8,7
Professional equipment	-1,1	-11,7	-1,0	-2,9	-6,2	-3,7
Motor vehicles, parts and accessories and other transport equipment	6,3	-10,5	-6,0	1,1	-1,0	4,7
Motor vehicles	25,2	-16,9	-15,6	8,8	-0,5	13,1
Bodies for motor vehicles, trailers and semi-trailers	3,6	-9,9	-5,9	3,3	2,2	5,0
Parts and accessories	-0,4	-5,6	0,9	-4,6	-3,3	-0,7
Other transport equipment	-3,3	-16,1	-6,7	3,4	3,6	5,3
Furniture and other manufacturing	1,9	-10,3	1,3	-8,3	-2,1	2,8
Furniture	0,8	-7,3	6,1	1,3	4,2	4,8
Other manufacturing groups	2,2	-11,0	0,0	-10,7	-3,4	2,3
Total	-0,8	-6,6	0,2	1,6	-1,3	-1,5

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	Mar-25	Apr-25	May-25	Jun-25	Jul-25	Aug-25
Food and beverages	22,07	-0,6	-1,7	-0,1	1,1	0,6	-0,7
Meat, fish, fruit, etc.	3,53	0,0	-0,1	-0,2	0,0	0,2	0,0
Dairy products	1,48	0,2	-0,1	-0,1	-0,1	-0,1	0,0
Grain mill products	2,01	0,2	0,0	0,2	0,1	0,1	0,1
Other food products	7,61	-0,8	-0,7	0,3	1,1	0,5	-0,4
Beverages	7,44	-0,3	-0,9	-0,2	0,0	-0,1	-0,5
Textiles, clothing, leather and footwear	3,89	0,0	-0,1	0,1	0,1	-0,1	0,1
Textiles	0,96	-0,1	-0,1	0,1	0,1	0,0	0,0
Other textile products	0,55	0,1	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,1
Knitted, crocheted articles	0,06	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0
Wearing apparel	1,83	0,0	0,1	0,0	0,0	-0,1	0,0
Leather and leather products	0,24	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0
Footwear	0,25	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0
Wood and wood products, paper, publishing and printing	10,29	-0,3	-0,4	0,2	0,0	-0,2	-0,5
Sawmilling and planing of wood	0,83	0,0	-0,1	0,0	-0,1	-0,1	-0,1
Products of wood	0,93	0,2	-0,2	0,0	0,0	-0,1	0,0
Paper and paper products	5,18	-0,6	0,0	0,4	0,2	0,1	-0,3
Publishing	2,02	0,0	0,1	-0,1	0,1	0,1	0,0
Printing, recorded media	1,33	0,2	-0,1	-0,1	-0,2	-0,1	-0,2
Petroleum, chemical products, rubber and plastic products	24,38	-0,5	-1,1	-0,2	0,4	-0,7	0,4
Coke, petroleum products and nuclear fuel	11,63	-0,8	-0,1	0,7	0,2	-0,5	0,5
Basic chemicals	3,35	-0,1	-0,5	-0,4	0,3	-0,1	0,3
Other chemical products	6,81	0,2	-0,4	-0,3	-0,2	-0,1	-0,3
Rubber products	0,65	0,1	0,0	-0,1	-0,1	0,1	0,0
Plastic products	1,94	0,0	-0,2	-0,2	0,1	0,0	-0,2
Glass and non-metallic mineral products	3,06	0,1	0,1	0,1	0,1	0,1	0,0
Glass and glass products	0,50	0,1	0,0	0,1	0,0	0,0	0,1
Non-metallic mineral products	2,56	0,1	0,1	0,1	0,2	0,1	-0,1
Basic iron and steel, non-ferrous metal products, metal products and machinery	20,86	0,2	-1,6	0,7	0,3	-0,7	-1,3
Basic iron and steel products	3,18	-0,4	0,1	0,3	-0,5	-0,6	-1,2
Non-ferrous metal products	3,98	0,3	0,3	0,2	0,3	-0,3	-0,1
Structural metal products	2,01	0,2	0,1	0,2	0,0	-0,2	0,2
Other fabricated metal products	3,74	0,4	-0,8	0,1	0,2	0,1	0,0
General purpose machinery	3,52	0,1	-0,5	0,1	0,4	0,0	0,1
Special purpose machinery	3,77	-0,4	-0,7	-0,1	-0,1	0,1	-0,4
Household appliances	0,66	0,1	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,1	0,0
Electrical machinery	2,09	-0,3	-0,4	-0,1	-0,1	0,0	0,1
Radio, television and communication apparatus and professional equipment	1,06	0,0	-0,1	0,0	0,0	-0,1	0,0
Radio, television and communication apparatus	0,16	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0
Professional equipment	0,90	0,0	-0,1	0,0	0,0	-0,1	0,0
Motor vehicles, parts and accessories and other transport equipment	8,21	0,5	-0,9	-0,5	0,1	-0,1	0,4
Motor vehicles	2,39	0,5	-0,4	-0,4	0,2	0,0	0,3
Bodies for motor vehicles, trailers and semi-trailers	0,72	0,0	-0,1	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0
Parts and accessories	3,96	0,0	-0,3	0,0	-0,2	-0,1	0,0
Other transport equipment	1,14	-0,1	-0,2	-0,1	0,0	0,0	0,0
Furniture and other manufacturing	4,09	0,1	-0,4	0,0	-0,3	-0,1	0,1
Furniture	0,70	0,0	-0,1	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0
Other manufacturing groups	3,39	0,1	-0,3	0,0	-0,3	-0,1	0,1
Total	100	-0,8	-6,6	0,2	1,6	-1,3	-1,5

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	Apr-25	May-25	Jun-25	Jul-25	Aug-25	Month-on-month % change
Food and beverages	22,07	97,6	104,6	105,1	105,3	104,4	-0,9
Meat, fish, fruit, etc.	3,53	108,5	107,8	106,3	106,5	110,8	4,0
Dairy products	1,48	93,5	93,6	91,8	91,5	100,5	9,8
Grain mill products	2,01	107,5	107,9	106,0	107,6	107,4	-0,2
Other food products	7,61	78,9	94,7	94,4	94,9	89,5	-5,7
Beverages	7,44	109,8	114,6	117,8	117,6	116,5	-0,9
Textiles, clothing, leather and footwear	3,89	89,5	89,7	89,5	89,4	89,8	0,4
Textiles	0,96	92,0	97,1	97,7	95,9	93,1	-2,9
Other textile products	0,55	96,5	96,6	95,1	98,8	101,8	3,0
Knitted, crocheted articles	0,06	79,5	78,7	81,3	83,3	81,1	-2,6
Wearing apparel	1,83	87,1	85,1	84,5	84,0	86,0	2,4
Leather and leather products	0,24	76,4	80,0	82,8	80,5	76,0	-5,6
Footwear	0,25	97,1	92,5	91,7	93,4	93,0	-0,4
Wood and wood products, paper, publishing and printing	10,29	96,4	97,1	94,9	93,3	91,0	-2,5
Sawmilling and planing of wood	0,83	93,6	95,7	91,8	89,8	91,6	2,0
Products of wood	0,93	112,1	114,4	112,8	104,6	115,4	10,3
Paper and paper products	5,18	100,4	101,7	98,4	96,3	89,5	-7,1
Publishing	2,02	81,0	80,8	81,5	84,4	84,1	-0,4
Printing, recorded media	1,33	95,3	92,6	90,9	89,8	89,7	-0,1
Petroleum, chemical products, rubber and plastic products	24,38	76,9	79,0	81,0	75,8	81,3	7,3
Coke, petroleum products and nuclear fuel	11,63	61,5	67,5	64,4	54,7	63,3	15,7
Basic chemicals	3,35	90,2	92,2	109,8	101,2	113,2	11,9
Other chemical products	6,81	87,2	86,0	88,2	88,8	90,5	1,9
Rubber products	0,65	97,9	77,4	75,2	96,4	83,8	-13,1
Plastic products	1,94	103,1	102,0	107,4	105,0	101,3	-3,5
Glass and non-metallic mineral products	3,06	105,3	103,8	100,9	102,8	101,6	-1,2
Glass and glass products	0,50	100,9	107,5	104,9	107,2	111,5	4,0
Non-metallic mineral products	2,56	106,2	103,1	100,1	101,9	99,7	-2,2
Basic iron and steel, non-ferrous metal products, metal products and machinery	20,86	92,5	94,7	92,4	94,4	90,0	-4,7
Basic iron and steel products	3,18	73,9	81,8	72,2	70,9	57,0	-19,6
Non-ferrous metal products	3,98	93,3	93,1	94,1	90,1	90,4	0,3
Structural metal products	2,01	112,0	112,9	95,1	101,8	104,5	2,7
Other fabricated metal products	3,74	94,6	98,3	98,1	100,3	98,6	-1,7
General purpose machinery	3,52	100,1	98,5	105,1	107,1	104,9	-2,1
Special purpose machinery	3,77	86,5	89,2	87,2	92,6	84,9	-8,3
Household appliances	0,66	98,9	100,3	102,2	119,9	104,6	-12,8
Electrical machinery	2,09	103,2	104,8	103,3	107,5	106,8	-0,7
Radio, television and communication apparatus and professional equipment	1,06	97,2	100,2	96,4	90,6	96,3	6,3
Radio, television and communication apparatus	0,16	94,8	117,8	108,5	100,9	99,7	-1,2
Professional equipment	0,90	97,7	97,1	94,3	88,8	95,7	7,8
Motor vehicles, parts and accessories and other transport equipment	8,21	95,1	89,1	92,8	92,5	94,2	1,8
Motor vehicles	2,39	93,7	89,5	102,1	96,8	100,5	3,8
Bodies for motor vehicles, trailers and semi-trailers	0,72	92,1	88,0	84,8	97,5	92,8	-4,8
Parts and accessories	3,96	97,8	89,2	88,1	88,6	91,0	2,7
Other transport equipment	1,14	90,6	88,8	94,5	94,2	93,4	-0,8
Furniture and other manufacturing	4,09	81,6	82,7	79,7	85,1	90,9	6,8
Furniture	0,70	93,4	99,7	96,9	99,3	99,1	-0,2
Other manufacturing groups	3,39	79,1	79,2	76,0	82,2	89,2	8,5
Total	100	90,5	92,7	92,6	91,9	92,3	0,4

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

Month	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Jan	190 002	188 904	187 321	211 089	231 718	253 650	249 626
Feb	204 724	210 330	215 111	238 381	259 006	286 861	274 778
Mar	223 429	210 477	248 468	269 658	302 213	291 315	291 434
Apr	212 298	104 263	225 547	232 822	263 028	290 216	267 085
May	222 771	153 176	231 852	258 900	280 985	292 763	289 049
Jun	222 806	185 789	238 443	260 671	283 175	288 974	296 093
Jul	226 993	200 480	206 482	255 030	277 945	297 763	295 960
Aug	236 382	206 571	228 601	266 928	296 255	295 260	298 474
Sep	227 590	221 995	240 283	283 884	300 624	294 593	
Oct	247 804	243 349	238 083	275 181	308 749	321 680	
Nov	245 147	247 095	266 853	297 743	326 392	318 576	
Dec	195 953	204 564	224 354	245 372	269 248	269 381	
Total	2 655 899	2 376 993	2 751 398	3 095 659	3 399 338	3 501 032	

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

Month	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2025 year-to-date
Jan	-0,6	-0,8	12,7	9,8	9,5	-1,6	-1,6
Feb	2,7	2,3	10,8	8,7	10,8	-4,2	-3,0
Mar	-5,8	18,0	8,5	12,1	-3,6	0,0	-1,9
Apr	-50,9	116,3	3,2	13,0	10,3	-8,0	-3,5
May	-31,2	51,4	11,7	8,5	4,2	-1,3	-3,0
Jun	-16,6	28,3	9,3	8,6	2,0	2,5	-2,1
Jul	-11,7	3,0	23,5	9,0	7,1	-0,6	-1,9
Aug	-12,6	10,7	16,8	11,0	-0,3	1,1	-1,5
Sep	-2,5	8,2	18,1	5,9	-2,0		
Oct	-1,8	-2,2	15,6	12,2	4,2		
Nov	0,8	8,0	11,6	9,6	-2,4		
Dec	4,4	9,7	9,4	9,7	0,0		
Total	-10,5	15,8	12,5	9,8	3,0		

Table 10 – Seasonally adjusted manufacturing sales at current prices

Month	R million				Month-on-month % change			
	2022	2023	2024	2025	2022	2023	2024	2025
Jan	249 091	270 023	292 733	287 693	4,0	1,0	-0,8	-0,2
Feb	250 943	271 582	295 344	287 616	0,7	0,6	0,9	0,0
Mar	257 700	287 075	288 828	285 316	2,7	5,7	-2,2	-0,8
Apr	248 248	285 646	301 451	283 873	-3,7	-0,5	4,4	-0,5
May	258 776	279 206	290 722	289 299	4,2	-2,3	-3,6	1,9
Jun	256 214	276 081	290 648	295 225	-1,0	-1,1	0,0	2,0
Jul	256 652	280 894	295 571	293 429	0,2	1,7	1,7	-0,6
Aug	259 907	288 576	288 669	295 313	1,3	2,7	-2,3	0,6
Sep	270 395	289 526	285 760		4,0	0,3	-1,0	
Oct	256 718	284 830	294 303		-5,1	-1,6	3,0	
Nov	265 295	292 170	284 931		3,3	2,6	-3,2	
Dec	267 286	295 007	288 274		0,8	1,0	1,2	

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

Manufacturing division and major group	Mar-25	Apr-25	May-25	Jun-25	Jul-25	Aug-25
Food and beverages	72 355	68 880	74 732	74 193	75 039	75 182
Meat, fish, fruit, etc.	20 988	21 141	22 406	21 975	23 006	22 534
Dairy products	6 643	5 981	5 648	5 287	5 754	5 991
Grain mill products	13 221	12 498	13 167	12 692	12 963	12 373
Other food products	14 814	14 085	16 663	16 983	17 489	16 375
Beverages	16 689	15 176	16 847	17 257	15 827	17 909
Textiles, clothing, leather and footwear	6 473	6 392	6 690	6 506	7 153	7 035
Textiles	806	816	906	816	983	788
Other textile products	1 951	1 880	2 020	1 850	2 003	2 158
Knitted, crocheted articles	248	202	223	228	262	277
Wearing apparel	2 166	2 256	2 276	2 224	2 396	2 375
Leather and leather products	570	533	571	691	683	543
Footwear	732	704	693	698	826	893
Wood and wood products, paper, publishing and printing	17 853	15 495	17 123	19 245	17 739	19 120
Sawmilling and planing of wood	1 082	1 149	1 195	1 168	1 249	1 284
Products of wood	2 692	2 029	2 403	2 304	2 293	2 575
Paper and paper products	9 929	8 587	9 694	11 693	9 842	9 964
Publishing	1 127	1 070	1 159	1 320	1 493	2 013
Printing, recorded media	3 023	2 659	2 672	2 760	2 863	3 284
Petroleum, chemical products, rubber and plastic products	61 074	56 014	61 667	63 100	62 971	64 037
Coke, petroleum products and nuclear fuel	23 485	20 594	23 867	23 209	23 144	23 106
Basic chemicals	9 928	9 796	10 448	10 771	10 844	12 120
Other chemical products	17 703	16 106	17 622	19 093	18 493	18 859
Rubber products	2 029	1 807	1 762	1 902	1 885	1 852
Plastic products	7 929	7 711	7 967	8 125	8 605	8 099
Glass and non-metallic mineral products	8 111	7 720	8 695	8 012	8 723	8 905
Glass and glass products	1 565	1 348	1 545	1 521	1 627	1 936
Non-metallic mineral products	6 546	6 371	7 150	6 491	7 096	6 969
Basic iron and steel, non-ferrous metal products, metal products and machinery	57 908	54 380	58 261	58 150	56 412	58 159
Basic iron and steel products	9 723	9 192	11 026	10 908	9 292	9 693
Non-ferrous metal products	19 078	17 678	17 319	17 075	16 668	17 531
Structural metal products	5 132	4 732	5 035	4 193	4 487	4 866
Other fabricated metal products	10 549	9 760	10 194	10 273	10 882	10 954
General purpose machinery	5 684	5 500	5 830	6 898	6 645	6 695
Special purpose machinery	6 558	6 428	7 683	7 550	7 020	7 223
Household appliances	1 186	1 091	1 175	1 253	1 419	1 197
Electrical machinery	6 365	6 282	6 997	6 971	7 031	6 828
Radio, television and communication apparatus and professional equipment	2 471	2 100	2 536	2 672	2 057	2 389
Radio, television and communication apparatus	1 096	959	1 327	1 433	1 043	1 213
Professional equipment	1 375	1 141	1 209	1 240	1 014	1 176
Motor vehicles, parts and accessories and other transport equipment	48 133	39 420	41 611	46 986	47 671	45 082
Motor vehicles	32 652	26 386	27 348	32 112	31 848	29 129
Bodies for motor vehicles, trailers and semi-trailers	1 263	1 166	1 051	1 111	1 389	1 202
Parts and accessories	10 393	9 235	10 603	10 729	11 507	11 987
Other transport equipment	3 826	2 632	2 608	3 034	2 926	2 764
Furniture and other manufacturing	10 691	10 403	10 738	10 256	11 164	11 738
Furniture	1 666	1 610	1 755	1 882	1 854	1 862
Other manufacturing groups	9 025	8 793	8 982	8 374	9 309	9 876
Total	291 434	267 085	289 049	296 093	295 960	298 474

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

Manufacturing division and major group	Mar-25	Apr-25	May-25	Jun-25	Jul-25	Aug-25
Food and beverages	-2,8	3,7	5,7	9,8	7,1	2,7
Meat, fish, fruit, etc.	6,4	10,0	6,3	11,1	12,8	7,5
Dairy products	8,7	1,1	-4,9	-7,2	-5,8	-2,0
Grain mill products	16,4	3,9	9,0	5,6	3,6	3,0
Other food products	-26,5	5,1	10,8	18,4	15,4	-3,0
Beverages	-2,2	-4,2	1,6	9,7	-0,4	3,7
Textiles, clothing, leather and footwear	10,3	4,8	6,8	7,7	9,7	8,5
Textiles	-3,4	0,2	15,1	0,1	29,0	-1,1
Other textile products	17,8	8,0	7,5	10,4	10,1	18,9
Knitted, crocheted articles	38,5	7,4	-6,3	-0,4	1,2	-3,5
Wearing apparel	6,9	7,3	7,8	5,4	5,9	5,4
Leather and leather products	7,1	-7,0	-2,4	26,3	0,6	2,6
Footwear	13,8	3,8	4,4	5,4	11,6	10,9
Wood and wood products, paper, publishing and printing	-5,7	-10,5	-2,3	-0,7	-0,9	-5,6
Sawmilling and planing of wood	-11,0	-6,0	-6,3	-7,5	-9,6	-7,7
Products of wood	13,1	-24,5	2,9	-7,7	-7,5	-1,6
Paper and paper products	-13,6	-6,9	0,4	3,8	5,3	-6,0
Publishing	2,0	0,9	-8,1	4,8	3,1	-0,7
Printing, recorded media	10,0	-14,5	-11,3	-10,9	-11,5	-9,4
Petroleum, chemical products, rubber and plastic products	6,1	-5,3	4,7	2,6	1,0	1,1
Coke, petroleum products and nuclear fuel	7,3	-5,4	17,7	10,6	8,2	8,5
Basic chemicals	6,3	-9,6	1,1	-11,3	-4,2	8,3
Other chemical products	7,1	-2,6	-2,0	2,9	-1,2	-5,8
Rubber products	6,6	-8,4	-4,0	3,3	-6,9	-2,8
Plastic products	0,4	-4,2	-5,8	2,1	-3,4	-9,5
Glass and non-metallic mineral products	11,7	2,0	9,8	5,5	3,1	8,5
Glass and glass products	21,0	-1,4	10,6	-6,1	2,9	27,6
Non-metallic mineral products	9,7	2,7	9,6	8,6	3,2	4,1
Basic iron and steel, non-ferrous metal products, metal products and machinery	-4,7	-14,2	-11,3	-2,9	-13,4	-3,6
Basic iron and steel products	-32,7	-27,2	-26,1	-12,6	-32,7	-24,2
Non-ferrous metal products	8,3	-10,6	-17,5	-9,0	-15,2	2,9
Structural metal products	10,2	3,2	10,4	-0,9	-6,7	11,3
Other fabricated metal products	6,5	-10,5	-2,0	6,1	-1,4	0,5
General purpose machinery	-0,4	-11,5	-0,6	17,8	-2,1	3,9
Special purpose machinery	-10,0	-21,1	-1,3	-1,8	-8,6	-4,2
Household appliances	7,3	-4,2	0,3	3,4	6,1	-3,9
Electrical machinery	-10,4	-13,6	-4,2	3,6	-3,1	1,4
Radio, television and communication apparatus and professional equipment	1,6	-7,8	4,4	6,2	0,2	2,0
Radio, television and communication apparatus	4,1	0,5	11,2	10,6	3,6	7,6
Professional equipment	-0,2	-13,8	-2,1	1,7	-3,1	-3,4
Motor vehicles, parts and accessories and other transport equipment	1,6	-21,7	-10,1	-2,2	0,6	3,9
Motor vehicles	7,8	-25,3	-12,4	-6,1	-3,7	-3,2
Bodies for motor vehicles, trailers and semi-trailers	4,4	-11,9	-11,9	0,1	9,4	4,3
Parts and accessories	-13,1	-12,9	-4,2	9,1	11,9	25,0
Other transport equipment	-2,9	-15,8	-6,7	4,0	5,1	7,4
Furniture and other manufacturing	11,5	0,4	10,7	5,6	4,7	7,6
Furniture	15,4	3,2	9,3	12,5	12,7	7,6
Other manufacturing groups	10,8	-0,1	11,0	4,2	3,2	7,6
Total	0,0	-8,0	-1,3	2,5	-0,6	1,1

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

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

Manufacturing division and major group	Apr-25	May-25	Jun-25	Jul-25	Aug-25	Month-on-month % change
Food and beverages	72 281	76 133	77 618	76 331	75 963	-0,5
Meat, fish, fruit, etc.	22 422	22 374	22 462	22 831	22 807	-0,1
Dairy products	6 155	5 960	5 758	5 931	6 120	3,2
Grain mill products	12 628	12 865	12 519	12 485	12 605	1,0
Other food products	14 417	16 671	17 168	16 768	14 910	-11,1
Beverages	16 659	18 263	19 710	18 315	19 521	6,6
Textiles, clothing, leather and footwear	6 730	6 659	6 732	6 904	6 785	-1,7
Textiles	836	834	817	982	782	-20,4
Other textile products	1 973	1 969	1 965	2 044	2 148	5,1
Knitted, crocheted articles	233	217	234	242	234	-3,3
Wearing apparel	2 328	2 310	2 295	2 283	2 281	-0,1
Leather and leather products	593	578	683	602	579	-3,8
Footwear	768	751	738	752	761	1,2
Wood and wood products, paper, publishing and printing	18 249	18 385	18 755	18 573	18 162	-2,2
Sawmilling and planing of wood	1 208	1 179	1 162	1 150	1 168	1,6
Products of wood	2 302	2 429	2 299	2 264	2 395	5,8
Paper and paper products	10 292	10 475	10 913	10 729	10 148	-5,4
Publishing	1 426	1 383	1 474	1 519	1 499	-1,3
Printing, recorded media	3 020	2 919	2 908	2 912	2 952	1,4
Petroleum, chemical products, rubber and plastic products	59 442	61 582	62 455	63 092	63 008	-0,1
Coke, petroleum products and nuclear fuel	21 192	23 471	22 611	23 968	22 842	-4,7
Basic chemicals	10 299	10 723	11 015	10 871	11 836	8,9
Other chemical products	17 692	17 459	18 590	18 202	18 548	1,9
Rubber products	1 906	1 791	1 857	1 789	1 790	0,1
Plastic products	8 352	8 138	8 381	8 261	7 992	-3,3
Glass and non-metallic mineral products	8 316	8 469	8 293	8 293	8 551	3,1
Glass and glass products	1 549	1 659	1 629	1 715	1 817	5,9
Non-metallic mineral products	6 768	6 810	6 665	6 578	6 734	2,4
Basic iron and steel, non-ferrous metal products, metal products and machinery	56 520	55 262	55 633	55 459	57 642	3,9
Basic iron and steel products	9 604	10 102	9 751	9 239	9 492	2,7
Non-ferrous metal products	17 510	16 191	17 021	17 179	18 686	8,8
Structural metal products	4 934	4 847	4 182	4 543	4 608	1,4
Other fabricated metal products	10 307	9 927	10 112	10 119	10 508	3,8
General purpose machinery	5 890	5 682	6 254	6 173	6 101	-1,2
Special purpose machinery	7 113	7 346	7 105	6 885	7 070	2,7
Household appliances	1 163	1 167	1 207	1 321	1 177	-10,9
Electrical machinery	6 487	6 521	6 753	6 655	6 677	0,3
Radio, television and communication apparatus and professional equipment	2 404	2 574	2 560	2 354	2 429	3,2
Radio, television and communication apparatus	1 199	1 405	1 370	1 219	1 249	2,5
Professional equipment	1 204	1 169	1 190	1 136	1 180	3,9
Motor vehicles, parts and accessories and other transport equipment	42 659	42 826	45 811	44 813	44 641	-0,4
Motor vehicles	28 184	28 585	30 810	29 341	29 138	-0,7
Bodies for motor vehicles, trailers and semi-trailers	1 189	1 031	1 053	1 280	1 144	-10,6
Parts and accessories	10 315	10 310	10 847	11 074	11 265	1,7
Other transport equipment	2 971	2 901	3 102	3 118	3 094	-0,8
Furniture and other manufacturing	10 784	10 888	10 614	10 956	11 455	4,6
Furniture	1 764	1 781	1 832	1 841	1 787	-2,9
Other manufacturing groups	9 020	9 106	8 782	9 115	9 668	6,1
Total	283 873	289 299	295 225	293 429	295 313	0,6

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 <i>Standard Industrial Classification of All Economic Activities</i> (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 <i>International Standard Industrial Classification of All Economic Activities</i> (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 67,0% for August 2025. The revised collection rate for July 2025 was 72,8%.
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
Aug-25	Additional information from respondents	May-25 - Jul-25
Sep-25	Additional information from respondents New weights for manufacturing production	Jan-22 - Aug-25
Oct-25	Additional information from respondents	Jul-25 - Sep-25
Nov-25	Additional information from respondents	Aug-25 - Oct-25
Dec-25	Additional information from respondents	Sep-25 - Nov-25
Jan-26	Additional information from respondents	Oct-25 - Dec-25
Feb-26	Additional information from respondents	Nov-25 - Jan-26
Mar-26	Additional information from respondents	Dec-25 - Feb-26
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 New sample	Jan-98 - Jun-26
New base year in 2027/28 - 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 2025	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			
	2018 (based on value added for 2016 – 2018)	2019 (based on value added for 2017 – 2019)	2020 (based on value added for 2018 – 2020)	2021 – 2025 (based on value added for 2019 – 2021)
Food and beverages	20,18	20,75	21,44	22,07
Meat, fish, fruit, etc.	2,95	3,27	3,42	3,53
Dairy products	1,34	1,39	1,47	1,48
Grain mill products	1,69	1,68	1,85	2,01
Other food products	7,76	7,75	7,81	7,61
Beverages	6,44	6,66	6,89	7,44
Textiles, clothing, leather and footwear	4,38	4,26	4,07	3,89
Textiles	1,10	1,08	1,04	0,96
Other textile products	0,65	0,61	0,58	0,55
Knitted, crocheted articles	0,06	0,06	0,06	0,06
Wearing apparel	2,04	1,98	1,88	1,83
Leather and leather products	0,28	0,27	0,26	0,24
Footwear	0,25	0,25	0,25	0,25
Wood and wood products, paper, publishing and printing	10,77	10,63	10,48	10,29
Sawmilling and planing of wood	0,93	0,87	0,86	0,83
Products of wood	0,87	0,88	0,90	0,93
Paper and paper products	5,39	5,34	5,26	5,18
Publishing	2,24	2,18	2,10	2,02
Printing, recorded media	1,34	1,35	1,36	1,33
Petroleum, chemical products, rubber and plastic products	25,38	24,95	24,86	24,38
Coke, petroleum products and nuclear fuel	12,02	11,85	11,92	11,63
Basic chemicals	3,69	3,50	3,39	3,35
Other chemical products	6,54	6,64	6,82	6,81
Rubber products	0,84	0,76	0,68	0,65
Plastic products	2,29	2,20	2,05	1,94
Glass and non-metallic mineral products	3,42	3,24	3,10	3,06
Glass and glass products	0,51	0,49	0,48	0,50
Non-metallic mineral products	2,91	2,75	2,62	2,56
Basic iron and steel, non-ferrous metal products, metal products and machinery	19,47	19,73	19,96	20,86
Basic iron and steel products	2,82	2,92	2,92	3,18
Non-ferrous metal products (including precious metals)	3,26	3,32	3,54	3,98
Structural metal products	1,98	1,99	2,01	2,01
Other fabricated metal products	3,35	3,53	3,65	3,74
General purpose machinery	3,46	3,42	3,45	3,52
Special purpose machinery	3,87	3,85	3,73	3,77
Household appliances	0,73	0,70	0,66	0,66
Electrical machinery	2,31	2,21	2,14	2,09
Radio, television and communication apparatus and professional equipment	1,21	1,07	1,06	1,06
Radio, television and communication apparatus	0,13	0,04	0,08	0,16
Professional equipment	1,08	1,03	0,98	0,90
Motor vehicles, parts and accessories and other transport equipment	8,66	8,89	8,72	8,21
Motor vehicles	2,65	2,78	2,62	2,39
Bodies for motor vehicles, trailers and semi-trailers	0,71	0,73	0,75	0,72
Parts and accessories	3,93	3,97	4,03	3,96
Other transport equipment	1,37	1,40	1,32	1,14
Furniture and other manufacturing	4,21	4,27	4,17	4,09
Furniture	0,86	0,78	0,69	0,70
Other manufacturing groups	3,35	3,49	3,48	3,39
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 – August 2025

	Lower limit (R million)	Estimate (R million)	Upper limit (R million)	Relative standard error (RSE) %
Total sales	294 932	298 474	302 017	0,6

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</i> (SNA) in the same way as in the <i>Standard Industrial Classification of All Economic Activities</i> (SIC), 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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