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Production: results for August 2026

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

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

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

Manufacturing production decreased by 4,3% in August 2026 compared with August 2025. The largest negative contributions were made by the following divisions:

- petroleum, chemical products, rubber and plastic products (-5,0% and contributing -1,1 percentage points);
- motor vehicles, parts and accessories and other transport equipment (-8,8% and contributing -0,7 of a percentage point);
- wood and wood products, paper, publishing and printing (-7,0% and contributing -0,7 of a percentage point);
- food and beverages (-3,0% and contributing -0,7 of a percentage point); and
- basic iron and steel, non-ferrous metal products, metal products and machinery (-3,0% and contributing -0,7 of a percentage point) – see Tables 5 and 6.

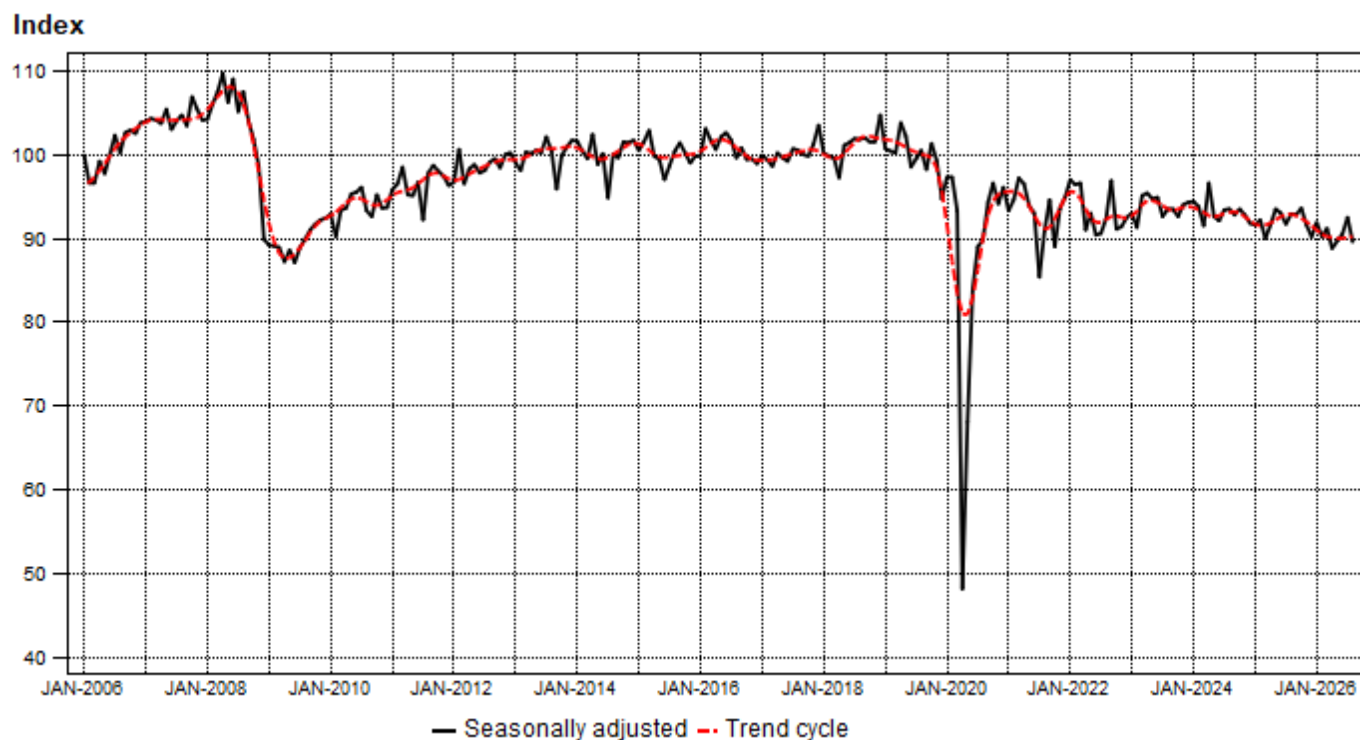
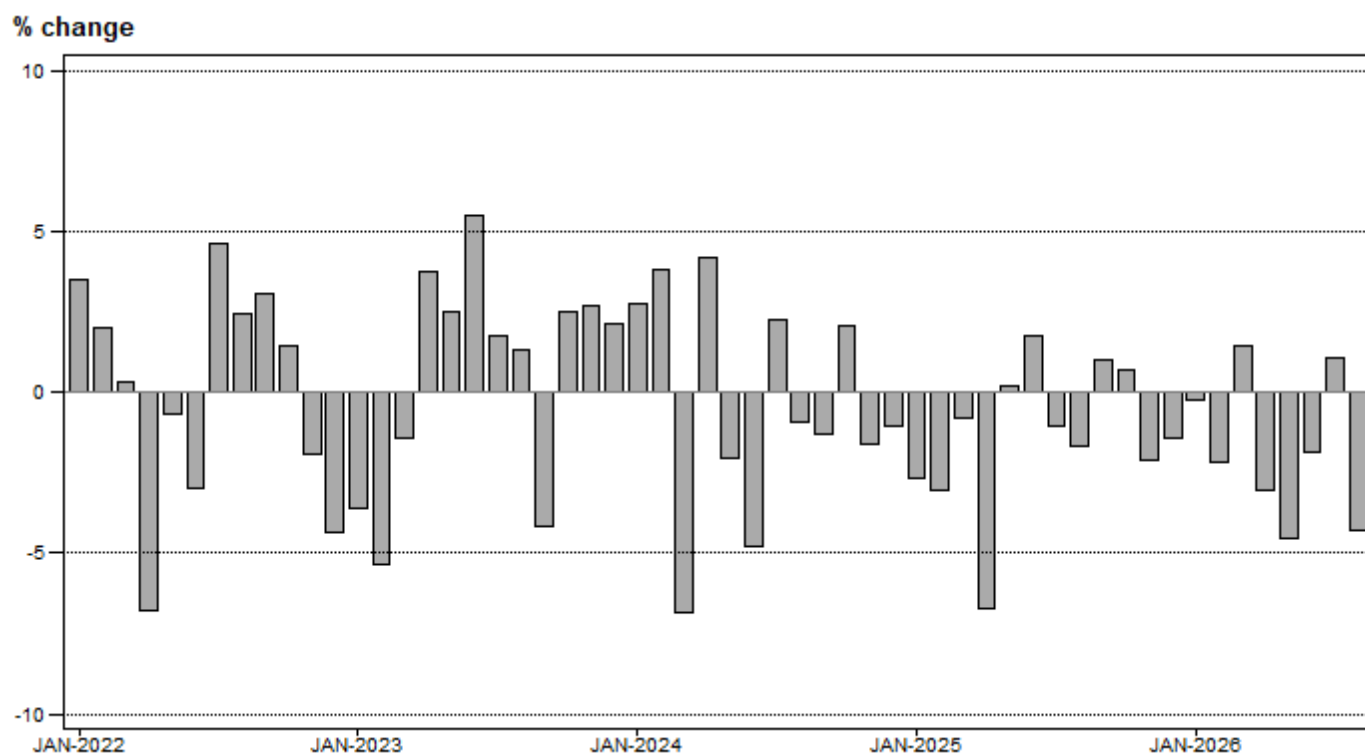
Seasonally adjusted manufacturing production decreased by 3,1% in August 2026 compared with July 2026. This followed month-on-month changes of 2,2% in July 2026 and 0,9% in June 2026 – see Table A.

Seasonally adjusted manufacturing production increased by 1,1% in the three months ended August 2026 compared with the previous three months. Eight of the ten manufacturing divisions reported positive growth rates over this period. The following divisions reported the largest positive contributions:

- food and beverages (2,5% and contributing 0,6 of a percentage point); and
- basic iron and steel, non-ferrous metal products, metal products and machinery (1,5% 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	Mar – May 2026	Jun – Aug 2026	% change between Mar – May 2026 and Jun – Aug 2026	Contribution (% points) to the total % change
Food and beverages	22,19	101,9	104,4	2,5	0,6
Meat, fish, fruit, etc.	3,72	104,1	102,2	-1,8	-0,1
Dairy products	1,20	92,8	94,7	2,0	0,0
Grain mill products	1,94	104,9	105,3	0,4	0,0
Other food products	7,55	86,2	86,9	0,8	0,1
Beverages	7,78	116,9	123,7	5,8	0,6
Textiles, clothing, leather and footwear	3,68	90,9	93,6	3,0	0,1
Textiles	0,85	99,8	112,7	12,9	0,1
Other textile products	0,55	97,4	94,8	-2,7	0,0
Knitted, crocheted articles	0,07	72,4	76,5	5,7	0,0
Wearing apparel	1,65	85,6	86,9	1,5	0,0
Leather and leather products	0,26	85,5	80,1	-6,3	0,0
Footwear	0,30	92,4	90,0	-2,6	0,0
Wood and wood products, paper, publishing and printing	9,98	84,9	85,5	0,7	0,1
Sawmilling and planing of wood	0,74	103,3	95,1	-7,9	-0,1
Products of wood	0,85	127,1	118,7	-6,6	-0,1
Paper and paper products	5,27	80,6	85,8	6,5	0,3
Publishing	1,94	70,0	67,2	-4,0	-0,1
Printing, recorded media	1,18	86,6	83,9	-3,1	0,0
Petroleum, chemical products, rubber and plastic products	23,91	80,1	79,6	-0,6	-0,1
Coke, petroleum products and nuclear fuel	11,12	62,3	65,5	5,1	0,4
Basic chemicals	3,60	99,7	94,2	-5,5	-0,2
Other chemical products	6,63	90,2	87,8	-2,7	-0,2
Rubber products	0,69	74,9	71,2	-4,9	0,0
Plastic products	1,87	114,0	108,8	-4,6	-0,1
Glass and non-metallic mineral products	3,11	98,8	102,0	3,2	0,1
Glass and glass products	0,61	106,5	109,9	3,2	0,0
Non-metallic mineral products	2,50	96,9	100,1	3,3	0,1
Basic iron and steel, non-ferrous metal products, metal products and machinery	21,85	90,4	91,8	1,5	0,3
Basic iron and steel products	3,20	58,2	61,0	4,8	0,1
Non-ferrous metal products	4,16	83,9	85,5	1,9	0,1
Structural metal products	1,98	107,4	101,5	-5,5	-0,1
Other fabricated metal products	3,72	102,4	97,5	-4,8	-0,2
General purpose machinery	4,04	97,4	102,4	5,1	0,2
Special purpose machinery	4,01	89,9	97,1	8,0	0,3
Household appliances	0,74	125,5	118,6	-5,5	-0,1
Electrical machinery	2,15	106,5	107,2	0,7	0,0
Radio, television and communication apparatus and professional equipment	1,00	96,0	97,2	1,3	0,0
Radio, television and communication apparatus	0,19	95,5	97,2	1,8	0,0
Professional equipment	0,81	96,1	97,2	1,1	0,0
Motor vehicles, parts and accessories and other transport equipment	7,84	85,7	85,8	0,1	0,0
Motor vehicles	2,33	93,7	93,4	-0,3	0,0
Bodies for motor vehicles, trailers and semi-trailers	0,65	100,1	95,8	-4,3	0,0
Parts and accessories	3,95	77,3	79,5	2,8	0,1
Other transport equipment	0,91	91,3	86,6	-5,1	0,0
Furniture and other manufacturing	4,29	82,0	80,8	-1,5	-0,1
Furniture	0,84	92,3	97,3	5,4	0,0
Other manufacturing groups	3,45	79,5	76,8	-3,4	-0,1
Total	100	89,9	90,9	1,1	1,1

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 2026

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

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

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

Seasonally adjusted manufacturing sales increased by 1,1% in August 2026 compared with July 2026. This followed month-on-month changes of 5,1% in July 2026 and -1,7% in June 2026 – see Table C.

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

Manufacturing division	Mar – May 2026 (R million)	Jun – Aug 2026 (R million)	% change between Mar – May 2026 and Jun – Aug 2026	Contribution (% points) to the total % change
Food and beverages	224 866	225 796	0,4	0,1
Textiles, clothing, leather and footwear	20 547	21 150	2,9	0,1
Wood and wood products, paper, publishing and printing	53 014	53 208	0,4	0,0
Petroleum, chemical products, rubber and plastic products	191 305	195 924	2,4	0,5
Glass and non-metallic mineral products	26 307	26 402	0,4	0,0
Basic iron and steel, non-ferrous metal products, metal products and machinery	178 297	173 149	-2,9	-0,6
Electrical machinery	21 138	21 294	0,7	0,0
Radio, television and communication apparatus and professional equipment	7 403	7 637	3,2	0,0
Motor vehicles, parts and accessories and other transport equipment	123 663	133 843	8,2	1,2
Furniture and other manufacturing	33 173	33 214	0,1	0,0
Total	879 713	891 619	1,4	1,4

Seasonally adjusted manufacturing sales increased by 1,4% in the three months ended August 2026 compared with the previous three months. The largest positive contributions were made by the motor vehicles, parts and accessories and other transport equipment division (8,2% and contributing 1,2 percentage points) and the petroleum, chemical products, rubber and plastic products division (2,4% and contributing 0,5 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	92,0
Apr	45,3	91,2	85,0	88,2	91,9	85,7	83,1
May	67,2	92,3	91,7	94,0	92,1	92,3	88,1
Jun	84,1	93,8	91,0	96,0	91,4	93,0	91,3
Jul	91,4	86,8	90,8	92,4	94,5	93,5	94,5
Aug	92,9	94,5	96,8	98,1	97,2	95,6	91,5
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	1,4	-0,2
Apr	101,3	-6,8	3,8	4,2	-6,7	-3,0	-1,0
May	37,4	-0,7	2,5	-2,0	0,2	-4,6	-1,8
Jun	11,5	-3,0	5,5	-4,8	1,8	-1,8	-1,7
Jul	-5,0	4,6	1,8	2,3	-1,1	1,1	-1,3
Aug	1,7	2,4	1,3	-0,9	-1,6	-4,3	-1,7
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	1,9
Feb	91,3	93,8	92,2	90,2	-1,8	-0,6	0,7	-1,8
Mar	95,1	91,5	90,0	91,2	4,2	-2,5	-2,4	1,1
Apr	95,4	96,6	91,6	88,8	0,3	5,6	1,8	-2,6
May	94,7	92,6	93,5	89,7	-0,7	-4,1	2,1	1,0
Jun	94,9	92,1	93,0	90,5	0,2	-0,5	-0,5	0,9
Jul	92,6	93,4	91,7	92,5	-2,4	1,4	-1,4	2,2
Aug	93,5	93,5	92,9	89,6	1,0	0,1	1,3	-3,1
Sep	93,5	92,8	92,8		0,0	-0,7	-0,1	
Oct	92,6	93,5	93,6		-1,0	0,8	0,9	
Nov	94,0	92,8	91,6		1,5	-0,7	-2,1	
Dec	94,3	91,8	90,2		0,3	-1,1	-1,5	

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

Manufacturing division and major group	Weight	Mar-26	Apr-26	May-26	Jun-26	Jul-26	Aug-26
Food and beverages	22,19	105,5	93,1	97,3	99,7	108,4	101,1
Meat, fish, fruit, etc.	3,72	113,3	95,9	101,9	100,3	103,3	101,5
Dairy products	1,20	96,0	85,9	84,2	84,7	89,7	96,3
Grain mill products	1,94	113,7	97,5	102,9	105,1	109,2	109,5
Other food products	7,55	81,8	78,0	93,3	98,3	103,9	86,5
Beverages	7,78	124,2	106,5	99,7	101,8	117,8	113,7
Textiles, clothing, leather and footwear	3,68	90,4	88,9	90,3	90,6	100,1	98,5
Textiles	0,85	111,3	92,5	101,5	115,2	118,1	117,9
Other textile products	0,55	99,2	99,6	91,4	91,8	100,1	91,6
Knitted, crocheted articles	0,07	65,6	57,5	78,3	69,5	86,0	104,2
Wearing apparel	1,65	80,8	85,1	85,2	80,5	93,1	93,7
Leather and leather products	0,26	73,6	88,3	90,2	74,5	95,9	78,6
Footwear	0,30	87,9	88,1	87,7	93,2	95,0	98,1
Wood and wood products, paper, publishing and printing	9,98	82,5	75,7	76,9	85,3	85,5	90,6
Sawmilling and planing of wood	0,74	108,8	94,3	94,9	99,9	104,7	97,3
Products of wood	0,85	131,1	114,4	125,8	128,5	117,7	118,0
Paper and paper products	5,27	78,5	75,0	75,0	86,0	84,4	86,8
Publishing	1,94	59,5	52,2	53,5	61,4	68,0	84,3
Printing, recorded media	1,18	86,2	77,8	77,3	81,2	83,5	93,8
Petroleum, chemical products, rubber and plastic products	23,91	79,5	75,2	79,4	81,9	80,0	79,1
Coke, petroleum products and nuclear fuel	11,12	56,7	59,5	69,8	67,8	65,6	63,6
Basic chemicals	3,60	107,9	91,3	86,2	97,5	90,7	92,8
Other chemical products	6,63	90,7	84,1	85,6	92,4	88,7	88,9
Rubber products	0,69	93,0	71,2	68,6	69,6	85,7	70,0
Plastic products	1,87	115,3	106,9	105,5	102,6	111,5	113,8
Glass and non-metallic mineral products	3,11	97,3	93,7	101,5	101,3	106,8	104,7
Glass and glass products	0,61	100,4	95,8	107,2	105,0	113,9	116,2
Non-metallic mineral products	2,50	96,5	93,2	100,1	100,4	105,1	101,9
Basic iron and steel, non-ferrous metal products, metal products and machinery	21,85	95,4	84,0	91,8	95,0	97,2	92,8
Basic iron and steel products	3,20	59,9	60,3	62,6	61,6	61,8	62,1
Non-ferrous metal products	4,16	88,3	78,7	85,8	87,1	88,7	81,9
Structural metal products	1,98	129,7	99,7	103,6	102,4	112,4	94,7
Other fabricated metal products	3,72	109,1	97,2	105,8	96,7	104,6	101,6
General purpose machinery	4,04	98,9	83,8	96,8	112,0	114,4	110,6
Special purpose machinery	4,01	90,2	80,2	93,8	103,2	97,0	97,2
Household appliances	0,74	138,3	129,7	112,3	117,6	125,9	116,6
Electrical machinery	2,15	116,4	100,5	115,3	111,1	117,7	110,9
Radio, television and communication apparatus and professional equipment	1,00	103,4	91,6	97,3	101,3	87,1	97,9
Radio, television and communication apparatus	0,19	94,6	79,1	87,3	104,8	82,4	105,6
Professional equipment	0,81	105,5	94,5	99,6	100,5	88,2	96,1
Motor vehicles, parts and accessories and other transport equipment	7,84	93,2	79,6	86,2	89,7	95,5	91,5
Motor vehicles	2,33	106,0	81,0	88,7	98,5	105,4	102,0
Bodies for motor vehicles, trailers and semi-trailers	0,65	113,9	103,8	99,0	104,9	114,8	88,3
Parts and accessories	3,95	76,2	73,5	83,9	83,5	90,3	88,3
Other transport equipment	0,91	119,8	85,7	80,5	83,6	79,0	80,6
Furniture and other manufacturing	4,29	76,9	70,6	72,6	79,9	85,1	80,3
Furniture	0,84	85,1	80,9	91,8	94,2	102,5	104,5
Other manufacturing groups	3,45	74,9	68,1	67,9	76,5	81,0	74,4
Total	100	92,0	83,1	88,1	91,3	94,5	91,5

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-26	Apr-26	May-26	Jun-26	Jul-26	Aug-26
Food and beverages	4,2	0,3	-5,9	-3,5	3,6	-3,0
Meat, fish, fruit, etc.	3,6	-6,0	-6,7	-3,2	-2,1	-7,5
Dairy products	-10,1	-3,4	-4,3	2,4	3,2	2,0
Grain mill products	5,5	-5,4	-6,4	-1,8	-2,4	2,3
Other food products	-2,3	-1,4	-3,7	-5,6	-1,7	-10,5
Beverages	11,2	6,7	-7,5	-2,8	13,4	3,7
Textiles, clothing, leather and footwear	2,7	5,8	-0,2	1,7	6,4	5,7
Textiles	14,0	7,9	-3,2	11,7	17,9	25,0
Other textile products	4,0	9,0	-5,6	1,9	1,5	-11,9
Knitted, crocheted articles	-26,4	-15,7	0,0	-13,8	-11,2	4,0
Wearing apparel	-0,2	2,7	1,3	-3,0	5,2	5,2
Leather and leather products	-6,1	26,3	15,6	-9,6	4,1	5,1
Footwear	-6,0	0,2	0,0	5,4	-6,0	-9,2
Wood and wood products, paper, publishing and printing	-7,5	-10,1	-13,0	-9,4	-7,0	-7,0
Sawmilling and planing of wood	25,1	5,5	-2,1	5,7	6,1	-3,5
Products of wood	5,8	16,4	16,1	17,9	9,5	-7,0
Paper and paper products	-14,4	-16,2	-18,7	-13,7	-8,2	-2,8
Publishing	-6,0	-15,7	-21,3	-18,9	-19,5	-19,6
Printing, recorded media	-11,1	-6,6	-8,3	-8,5	-5,4	-4,2
Petroleum, chemical products, rubber and plastic products	3,1	1,1	2,3	0,6	3,4	-5,0
Coke, petroleum products and nuclear fuel	-5,8	-4,8	11,7	7,8	22,2	1,4
Basic chemicals	14,8	3,8	-9,0	-13,5	-12,3	-19,0
Other chemical products	4,7	6,5	-2,8	2,6	-2,3	-6,2
Rubber products	-11,5	-25,1	-6,3	-8,3	-20,9	-16,1
Plastic products	14,2	12,4	6,1	-0,2	2,5	8,5
Glass and non-metallic mineral products	-5,4	-3,3	-8,0	1,9	2,8	-0,2
Glass and glass products	-1,1	4,8	0,9	5,4	7,5	1,8
Non-metallic mineral products	-6,4	-5,1	-10,1	1,1	1,6	-0,8
Basic iron and steel, non-ferrous metal products, metal products and machinery	0,8	-6,0	-5,8	0,0	1,0	-3,0
Basic iron and steel products	-24,3	-21,8	-25,4	-12,6	-12,2	7,8
Non-ferrous metal products	-7,3	-13,9	-11,2	-7,1	2,1	-11,5
Structural metal products	12,4	-10,7	-10,9	8,2	11,0	-15,6
Other fabricated metal products	5,3	10,1	5,0	-2,3	-0,7	-3,2
General purpose machinery	-0,4	-9,9	-4,2	-2,0	-1,0	-3,1
Special purpose machinery	12,2	-2,7	1,3	13,5	6,7	6,1
Household appliances	27,0	36,8	10,1	12,8	0,7	6,0
Electrical machinery	11,5	-3,8	0,7	3,8	0,4	-2,7
Radio, television and communication apparatus and professional equipment	-3,5	0,9	-4,7	3,4	2,4	-1,3
Radio, television and communication apparatus	2,8	0,4	-19,8	-5,3	-7,3	4,0
Professional equipment	-4,6	1,0	-0,9	5,8	4,8	-2,6
Motor vehicles, parts and accessories and other transport equipment	2,0	-11,2	-3,7	-5,4	-2,6	-8,8
Motor vehicles	5,5	3,2	-1,1	-5,4	-0,5	-10,0
Bodies for motor vehicles, trailers and semi-trailers	13,6	10,9	10,1	17,9	6,6	-8,6
Parts and accessories	-3,3	-24,8	-8,4	-8,0	-3,8	-9,4
Other transport equipment	2,6	7,1	1,3	-9,3	-10,6	-1,0
Furniture and other manufacturing	0,3	-3,6	-9,0	1,7	-6,1	-12,6
Furniture	-0,6	-2,9	-7,5	-4,6	3,6	4,7
Other manufacturing groups	0,5	-3,7	-9,7	3,8	-8,6	-17,2
Total	1,4	-3,0	-4,6	-1,8	1,1	-4,3

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

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-26	May-26	Jun-26	Jul-26	Aug-26	Month-on-month % change
Food and beverages	22,19	100,9	100,4	100,8	108,8	103,7	-4,7
Meat, fish, fruit, etc.	3,72	102,3	101,6	101,2	103,0	102,3	-0,7
Dairy products	1,20	91,8	91,6	92,9	93,6	97,5	4,2
Grain mill products	1,94	102,0	102,9	103,0	105,2	107,7	2,4
Other food products	7,55	82,6	89,8	87,8	89,5	83,5	-6,7
Beverages	7,78	119,0	111,0	113,9	133,4	123,9	-7,1
Textiles, clothing, leather and footwear	3,68	92,9	89,6	91,6	94,0	95,2	1,3
Textiles	0,85	101,0	95,2	109,3	112,5	116,3	3,4
Other textile products	0,55	100,6	92,4	96,0	95,2	93,3	-2,0
Knitted, crocheted articles	0,07	69,8	76,8	72,3	75,5	81,7	8,2
Wearing apparel	1,65	87,0	86,1	83,6	87,7	89,3	1,8
Leather and leather products	0,26	92,8	88,0	76,9	81,7	81,6	-0,1
Footwear	0,30	94,0	91,9	94,6	88,9	86,5	-2,7
Wood and wood products, paper, publishing and printing	9,98	85,7	84,4	85,6	85,9	84,9	-1,2
Sawmilling and planing of wood	0,74	99,9	96,5	95,2	96,7	93,4	-3,4
Products of wood	0,85	123,9	127,6	129,1	116,4	110,7	-4,9
Paper and paper products	5,27	83,0	82,3	84,0	86,6	86,7	0,1
Publishing	1,94	69,5	66,2	68,4	67,5	65,8	-2,5
Printing, recorded media	1,18	87,5	84,7	83,3	84,4	84,0	-0,5
Petroleum, chemical products, rubber and plastic products	23,91	78,9	82,1	80,8	79,6	78,4	-1,5
Coke, petroleum products and nuclear fuel	11,12	59,7	72,0	67,0	65,9	63,7	-3,3
Basic chemicals	3,60	96,9	90,5	95,6	93,7	93,4	-0,3
Other chemical products	6,63	92,2	87,3	89,2	87,3	86,9	-0,5
Rubber products	0,69	71,0	71,5	70,8	73,5	69,4	-5,6
Plastic products	1,87	114,0	111,1	108,2	108,6	109,6	0,9
Glass and non-metallic mineral products	3,11	100,2	97,0	102,0	103,4	100,6	-2,7
Glass and glass products	0,61	106,8	107,9	109,3	111,4	108,9	-2,2
Non-metallic mineral products	2,50	98,7	94,3	100,3	101,5	98,6	-2,9
Basic iron and steel, non-ferrous metal products, metal products and machinery	21,85	88,6	90,1	92,3	93,7	89,4	-4,6
Basic iron and steel products	3,20	58,2	60,0	61,3	60,7	61,1	0,7
Non-ferrous metal products	4,16	81,2	84,0	85,4	90,0	81,1	-9,9
Structural metal products	1,98	101,3	101,3	103,2	106,6	94,6	-11,3
Other fabricated metal products	3,72	102,8	102,1	97,1	99,0	96,4	-2,6
General purpose machinery	4,04	94,8	97,3	102,8	103,2	101,2	-1,9
Special purpose machinery	4,01	86,4	92,3	98,7	97,8	94,7	-3,2
Household appliances	0,74	133,0	112,9	118,4	121,6	115,9	-4,7
Electrical machinery	2,15	102,4	106,8	106,8	107,7	107,1	-0,6
Radio, television and communication apparatus and professional equipment	1,00	97,2	96,0	99,1	96,0	96,6	0,6
Radio, television and communication apparatus	0,19	95,1	93,6	97,8	92,5	101,3	9,5
Professional equipment	0,81	97,7	96,5	99,4	96,8	95,5	-1,3
Motor vehicles, parts and accessories and other transport equipment	7,84	82,4	85,7	86,3	87,2	83,9	-3,8
Motor vehicles	2,33	91,1	90,2	94,6	94,7	91,0	-3,9
Bodies for motor vehicles, trailers and semi-trailers	0,65	100,3	97,8	101,2	100,6	85,7	-14,8
Parts and accessories	3,95	71,9	80,2	79,1	81,1	78,2	-3,6
Other transport equipment	0,91	92,9	89,3	85,7	84,8	89,2	5,2
Furniture and other manufacturing	4,29	80,3	79,0	81,7	81,6	79,1	-3,1
Furniture	0,84	91,3	93,0	92,5	98,8	100,5	1,7
Other manufacturing groups	3,45	77,7	75,6	79,1	77,4	73,9	-4,5
Total	100	88,8	89,7	90,5	92,5	89,6	-3,1

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	272 727
Mar	210 477	248 468	269 658	302 213	291 315	291 434	301 308
Apr	104 263	225 547	232 822	263 028	290 216	267 085	279 727
May	153 176	231 852	258 900	280 985	292 763	289 049	287 185
Jun	185 789	238 443	260 671	283 175	288 974	295 978	289 281
Jul	200 480	206 482	255 030	277 945	297 763	296 413	306 725
Aug	206 571	228 601	266 928	296 255	295 260	298 650	307 094
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	-0,6	1,0
Jun	28,3	9,3	8,6	2,0	2,4	-2,3	0,4
Jul	3,0	23,5	9,0	7,1	-0,5	3,5	0,9
Aug	10,7	16,8	11,0	-0,3	1,1	2,8	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	271 061	295 021	289 663	287 077	0,7	-1,0	-0,8	3,2
Feb	272 167	296 278	288 561	286 511	0,4	0,4	-0,4	-0,2
Mar	287 356	289 013	285 961	293 197	5,6	-2,5	-0,9	2,3
Apr	284 276	300 538	282 670	295 356	-1,1	4,0	-1,2	0,7
May	279 850	290 958	289 743	291 160	-1,6	-3,2	2,5	-1,4
Jun	276 330	290 992	296 035	286 328	-1,3	0,0	2,2	-1,7
Jul	279 748	294 339	291 730	301 033	1,2	1,2	-1,5	5,1
Aug	287 806	287 839	294 076	304 258	2,9	-2,2	0,8	1,1
Sep	289 223	284 741	295 212		0,5	-1,1	0,4	
Oct	283 056	292 071	292 453		-2,1	2,6	-0,9	
Nov	291 493	284 362	291 061		3,0	-2,6	-0,5	
Dec	298 092	291 889	278 130		2,3	2,6	-4,4	

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

Manufacturing division and major group	Mar-26	Apr-26	May-26	Jun-26	Jul-26	Aug-26
Food and beverages	76 947	71 596	70 197	70 738	76 528	74 574
Meat, fish, fruit, etc.	22 614	20 601	20 730	20 120	21 673	21 187
Dairy products	6 468	5 782	5 665	5 710	6 031	6 112
Grain mill products	12 006	10 914	11 387	11 101	11 861	11 648
Other food products	15 993	17 767	16 033	16 519	17 774	16 908
Beverages	19 866	16 532	16 381	17 288	19 190	18 718
Textiles, clothing, leather and footwear	6 582	6 681	6 900	6 792	7 725	7 201
Textiles	788	750	781	808	913	800
Other textile products	2 153	2 171	2 192	2 305	2 530	2 265
Knitted, crocheted articles	188	169	220	216	251	269
Wearing apparel	2 210	2 265	2 310	2 168	2 537	2 551
Leather and leather products	558	650	725	579	762	557
Footwear	685	677	673	715	732	760
Wood and wood products, paper, publishing and printing	16 907	15 772	16 342	17 851	17 743	18 686
Sawmilling and planing of wood	1 460	1 244	1 233	1 322	1 356	1 301
Products of wood	2 653	2 407	2 588	2 478	2 558	2 755
Paper and paper products	8 988	8 535	8 871	10 128	9 712	9 991
Publishing	1 075	964	1 019	1 156	1 243	1 566
Printing, recorded media	2 731	2 623	2 632	2 767	2 874	3 073
Petroleum, chemical products, rubber and plastic products	62 571	59 399	65 660	63 439	65 634	69 803
Coke, petroleum products and nuclear fuel	20 736	20 926	25 992	22 439	25 362	28 020
Basic chemicals	11 585	11 274	11 294	11 286	10 341	11 511
Other chemical products	18 920	16 899	17 567	19 257	18 590	19 113
Rubber products	2 065	1 651	1 638	1 700	2 044	1 609
Plastic products	9 264	8 649	9 169	8 757	9 297	9 550
Glass and non-metallic mineral products	8 778	8 101	8 826	8 570	9 384	9 117
Glass and glass products	1 560	1 569	1 664	1 748	1 898	1 788
Non-metallic mineral products	7 219	6 532	7 162	6 822	7 486	7 329
Basic iron and steel, non-ferrous metal products, metal products and machinery	62 882	60 107	59 691	59 404	58 756	58 148
Basic iron and steel products	7 723	7 749	8 484	8 192	7 888	8 110
Non-ferrous metal products	22 452	23 948	19 799	19 145	18 124	18 223
Structural metal products	6 283	4 526	4 885	4 663	5 052	4 948
Other fabricated metal products	11 700	10 925	11 675	11 280	11 576	11 609
General purpose machinery	5 526	4 811	5 606	6 397	6 622	6 377
Special purpose machinery	7 814	6 871	8 023	8 536	8 224	7 697
Household appliances	1 384	1 278	1 219	1 191	1 270	1 183
Electrical machinery	8 016	6 442	7 157	7 355	7 745	7 284
Radio, television and communication apparatus and professional equipment	2 618	2 146	2 446	2 712	2 229	2 569
Radio, television and communication apparatus	1 239	892	1 138	1 381	1 076	1 303
Professional equipment	1 379	1 254	1 309	1 331	1 152	1 266
Motor vehicles, parts and accessories and other transport equipment	45 127	38 673	39 534	42 252	49 555	48 600
Motor vehicles	28 787	25 714	25 961	27 407	33 251	34 060
Bodies for motor vehicles, trailers and semi-trailers	1 462	1 329	1 280	1 292	1 444	1 180
Parts and accessories	10 866	8 675	9 445	10 596	12 092	10 549
Other transport equipment	4 013	2 955	2 848	2 957	2 767	2 811
Furniture and other manufacturing	10 880	10 810	10 431	10 167	11 425	11 113
Furniture	1 737	1 708	1 951	1 861	2 012	2 082
Other manufacturing groups	9 143	9 102	8 480	8 305	9 412	9 032
Total	301 308	279 727	287 185	289 281	306 725	307 094

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

Manufacturing division and major group	Mar-26	Apr-26	May-26	Jun-26	Jul-26	Aug-26
Food and beverages	6,3	3,9	-6,1	-4,6	1,7	-1,5
Meat, fish, fruit, etc.	7,7	-2,6	-7,5	-8,4	-6,3	-5,0
Dairy products	-2,6	-3,3	0,3	8,0	4,8	3,5
Grain mill products	-9,2	-12,7	-13,5	-12,5	-9,1	-6,9
Other food products	8,0	26,1	-3,8	-2,5	1,3	0,5
Beverages	19,0	8,9	-2,8	0,2	21,4	3,0
Textiles, clothing, leather and footwear	1,7	4,5	3,1	4,4	7,6	1,4
Textiles	-2,2	-8,1	-13,8	-1,0	-7,1	1,3
Other textile products	10,4	15,5	8,5	24,6	26,3	5,0
Knitted, crocheted articles	-24,2	-16,3	-1,3	-5,3	-6,7	-7,6
Wearing apparel	2,0	0,4	1,5	-2,6	5,1	6,3
Leather and leather products	-2,1	22,0	27,0	-16,2	10,9	-1,9
Footwear	-6,4	-3,8	-2,9	2,4	-11,4	-14,9
Wood and wood products, paper, publishing and printing	-5,3	1,8	-4,6	-7,2	-0,2	-1,3
Sawmilling and planing of wood	34,9	8,3	3,2	13,2	8,6	0,5
Products of wood	-1,4	18,6	7,7	7,6	11,6	7,1
Paper and paper products	-9,5	-0,6	-8,5	-13,3	-1,8	0,1
Publishing	-4,6	-9,9	-12,1	-12,4	-15,6	-16,8
Printing, recorded media	-9,7	-1,4	-1,5	0,3	0,2	-4,3
Petroleum, chemical products, rubber and plastic products	2,5	6,0	6,5	0,5	4,3	9,0
Coke, petroleum products and nuclear fuel	-11,7	1,6	8,9	-3,3	9,6	21,3
Basic chemicals	16,7	15,1	8,1	4,8	-4,7	-4,8
Other chemical products	6,9	4,9	-0,3	0,8	1,0	1,3
Rubber products	1,8	-8,6	-7,0	-10,9	7,1	-13,7
Plastic products	16,8	12,2	15,1	7,8	8,1	17,6
Glass and non-metallic mineral products	8,2	4,9	1,5	7,0	7,2	1,2
Glass and glass products	-0,3	16,4	7,7	14,9	16,7	-7,6
Non-metallic mineral products	10,3	2,5	0,2	5,1	5,1	3,6
Basic iron and steel, non-ferrous metal products, metal products and machinery	8,6	10,5	2,5	2,2	4,0	-0,3
Basic iron and steel products	-20,6	-15,7	-23,1	-24,9	-15,1	-16,8
Non-ferrous metal products	17,7	35,5	14,3	12,1	8,7	4,0
Structural metal products	22,4	-4,4	-3,0	11,2	12,6	1,6
Other fabricated metal products	10,9	11,9	14,5	9,8	6,4	6,1
General purpose machinery	-2,8	-12,5	-3,8	-7,2	-0,9	-3,9
Special purpose machinery	19,2	6,9	4,4	13,4	16,3	3,8
Household appliances	16,7	17,1	3,7	-4,9	-10,5	-1,2
Electrical machinery	25,9	2,5	2,3	5,5	10,2	5,0
Radio, television and communication apparatus and professional equipment	5,9	2,2	-3,5	2,5	6,7	4,6
Radio, television and communication apparatus	13,0	-7,0	-14,2	-3,0	1,9	4,3
Professional equipment	0,3	9,9	8,3	8,7	11,5	4,9
Motor vehicles, parts and accessories and other transport equipment	-6,2	-1,9	-5,0	-10,0	3,8	7,8
Motor vehicles	-11,8	-2,5	-5,1	-14,7	4,3	16,4
Bodies for motor vehicles, trailers and semi-trailers	15,8	14,0	21,8	17,1	5,2	-1,3
Parts and accessories	4,6	-6,1	-10,9	-1,2	4,7	-11,7
Other transport equipment	4,9	12,3	9,2	-2,5	-5,4	4,0
Furniture and other manufacturing	1,8	3,9	-2,9	-0,9	2,3	0,5
Furniture	4,3	6,1	11,2	-1,3	8,2	10,9
Other manufacturing groups	1,3	3,5	-5,6	-0,8	1,1	-1,6
Total	3,4	4,7	-0,6	-2,3	3,5	2,8

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

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

Manufacturing division and major group	Apr-26	May-26	Jun-26	Jul-26	Aug-26	Month-on-month % change
Food and beverages	75 337	73 105	72 720	77 567	75 509	-2,7
Meat, fish, fruit, etc.	21 780	21 071	20 129	21 371	21 378	0,0
Dairy products	5 999	6 109	6 092	6 185	6 280	1,5
Grain mill products	11 177	11 284	10 829	11 427	11 590	1,4
Other food products	17 642	16 134	16 419	16 668	16 049	-3,7
Beverages	18 739	18 506	19 251	21 916	20 211	-7,8
Textiles, clothing, leather and footwear	6 909	6 895	6 944	7 155	7 051	-1,5
Textiles	774	752	797	849	810	-4,6
Other textile products	2 237	2 177	2 350	2 377	2 347	-1,3
Knitted, crocheted articles	201	213	221	222	218	-1,8
Wearing apparel	2 307	2 334	2 272	2 391	2 415	1,0
Leather and leather products	661	706	595	642	591	-7,9
Footwear	728	713	710	673	669	-0,6
Wood and wood products, paper, publishing and printing	18 104	17 517	17 349	18 061	17 798	-1,5
Sawmilling and planing of wood	1 301	1 255	1 277	1 271	1 245	-2,0
Products of wood	2 620	2 597	2 502	2 523	2 628	4,2
Paper and paper products	10 007	9 549	9 397	10 121	9 903	-2,2
Publishing	1 311	1 258	1 291	1 264	1 234	-2,4
Printing, recorded media	2 865	2 858	2 883	2 882	2 788	-3,3
Petroleum, chemical products, rubber and plastic products	63 152	65 461	62 953	65 161	67 810	4,1
Coke, petroleum products and nuclear fuel	21 706	24 301	22 529	25 157	26 706	6,2
Basic chemicals	11 839	11 715	11 321	10 578	11 384	7,6
Other chemical products	18 731	18 248	18 487	18 486	18 793	1,7
Rubber products	1 682	1 678	1 677	1 930	1 588	-17,7
Plastic products	9 193	9 519	8 939	9 011	9 340	3,7
Glass and non-metallic mineral products	8 765	8 767	8 720	8 877	8 805	-0,8
Glass and glass products	1 786	1 773	1 827	1 896	1 734	-8,5
Non-metallic mineral products	6 979	6 994	6 893	6 981	7 071	1,3
Basic iron and steel, non-ferrous metal products, metal products and machinery	61 359	57 657	57 412	57 838	57 899	0,1
Basic iron and steel products	7 993	7 640	7 379	7 723	7 747	0,3
Non-ferrous metal products	23 086	19 027	19 383	19 012	19 516	2,7
Structural metal products	4 649	4 706	4 807	5 049	4 814	-4,7
Other fabricated metal products	11 283	11 573	10 972	10 910	11 195	2,6
General purpose machinery	5 327	5 615	5 732	5 941	5 823	-2,0
Special purpose machinery	7 679	7 864	7 956	7 998	7 606	-4,9
Household appliances	1 342	1 232	1 183	1 206	1 198	-0,7
Electrical machinery	6 719	6 841	7 022	7 169	7 103	-0,9
Radio, television and communication apparatus and professional equipment	2 436	2 462	2 535	2 543	2 559	0,6
Radio, television and communication apparatus	1 142	1 190	1 247	1 244	1 287	3,5
Professional equipment	1 294	1 272	1 287	1 299	1 272	-2,1
Motor vehicles, parts and accessories and other transport equipment	41 472	41 591	39 846	45 409	48 588	7,0
Motor vehicles	27 534	27 842	25 150	29 782	34 466	15,7
Bodies for motor vehicles, trailers and semi-trailers	1 273	1 272	1 256	1 275	1 148	-10,0
Parts and accessories	9 484	9 352	10 437	11 398	9 868	-13,4
Other transport equipment	3 181	3 124	3 003	2 953	3 107	5,2
Furniture and other manufacturing	11 103	10 865	10 826	11 252	11 136	-1,0
Furniture	1 854	1 960	1 828	1 977	1 989	0,6
Other manufacturing groups	9 249	8 905	8 999	9 275	9 147	-1,4
Total	295 356	291 160	286 328	301 033	304 258	1,1

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 73,9% for August 2026. The revised collection rate for July 2026 was 79,1%.
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-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
Apr-27	Additional information from respondents	Jan-27 - Mar-27
May-27	Additional information from respondents	Feb-27 - Apr-27
Jun-27	Additional information from respondents	Mar-27 - May-27
Jul-27	Additional information from respondents	Apr-27 - Jun-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 – August 2026

	Lower limit (R million)	Estimate (R million)	Upper limit (R million)	Relative standard error (RSE) %
Total sales	303 420	307 094	310 768	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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