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Production: results for December 2025

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

	Jul-25	Aug-25	Sep-25	Oct-25	Nov-25	Dec-25
Year-on-year % change, unadjusted	-1,1	-1,6	1,0	0,5	-2,0	-1,4
Month-on-month % change, seasonally adjusted	-0,9	0,3	0,2	1,1	-2,1	-1,2
3-month % change, seasonally adjusted ¹	2,0	1,4	0,2	0,2	0,1	-0,5

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

Manufacturing production decreased by 1,4% in December 2025 compared with December 2024. The largest negative contributions were made by the following divisions:

- food and beverages (-4,6% and contributing -1,4 percentage points);
- wood and wood products, paper, publishing and printing (-5,2% and contributing -0,6 of a percentage point); and
- basic iron and steel, non-ferrous metal products, metal products and machinery (-2,3% and contributing -0,4 of a percentage point).

The petroleum, chemical products, rubber and plastic products division was the largest positive contributor (7,5% and contributing 1,6 percentage points) – see Table 5 and Table 6.

Seasonally adjusted manufacturing production decreased by 1,2% in December 2025 compared with November 2025. This followed month-on-month changes of -2,1% in November 2025 and 1,1% in October 2025 – see Table A.

Seasonally adjusted manufacturing production decreased by 0,5% in the fourth quarter of 2025 compared with the third quarter of 2025. Eight of the ten manufacturing divisions reported negative growth rates over this period. The following divisions reported the largest negative contributions:

- motor vehicles, parts and accessories and other transport equipment (-6,1% and contributing -0,5 of a percentage point);
- wood and wood products, paper, publishing and printing (-2,0% and contributing -0,2 of a percentage point); and
- food and beverages (-0,9% and contributing -0,2 of a percentage point).

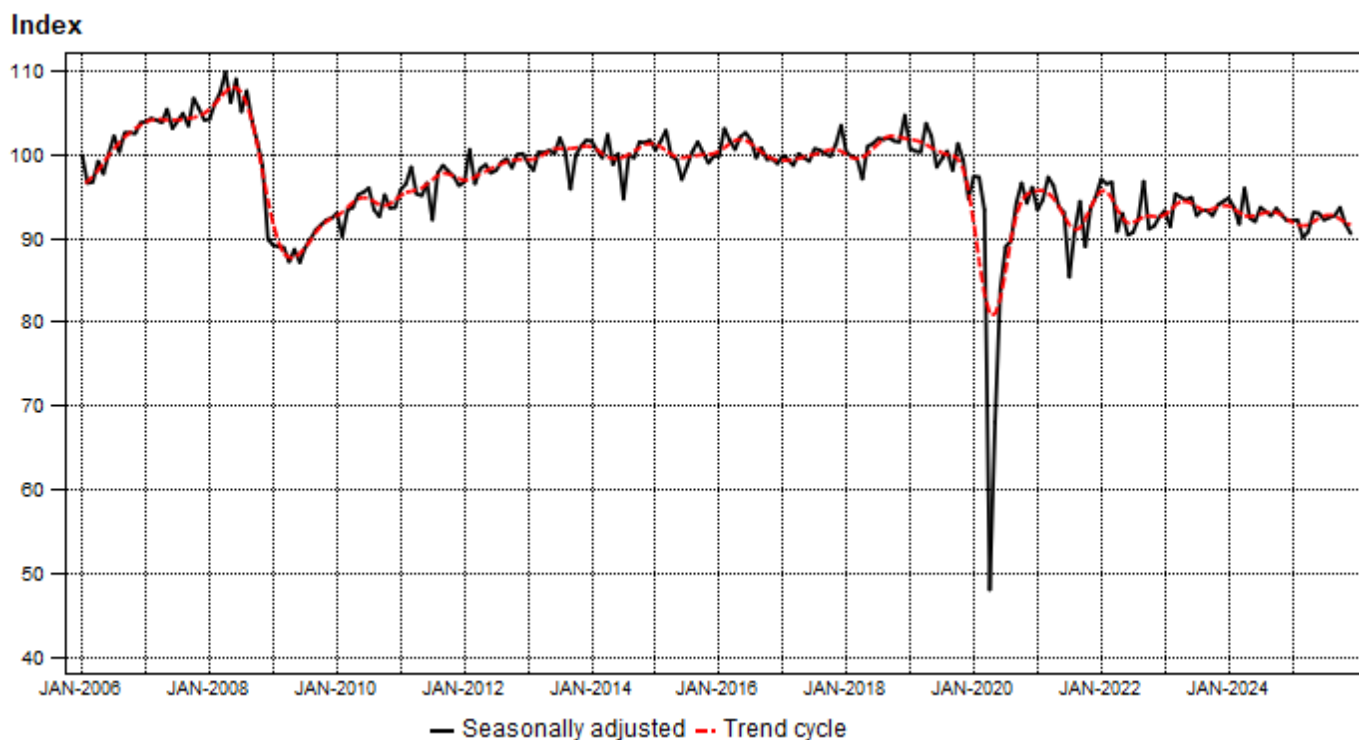
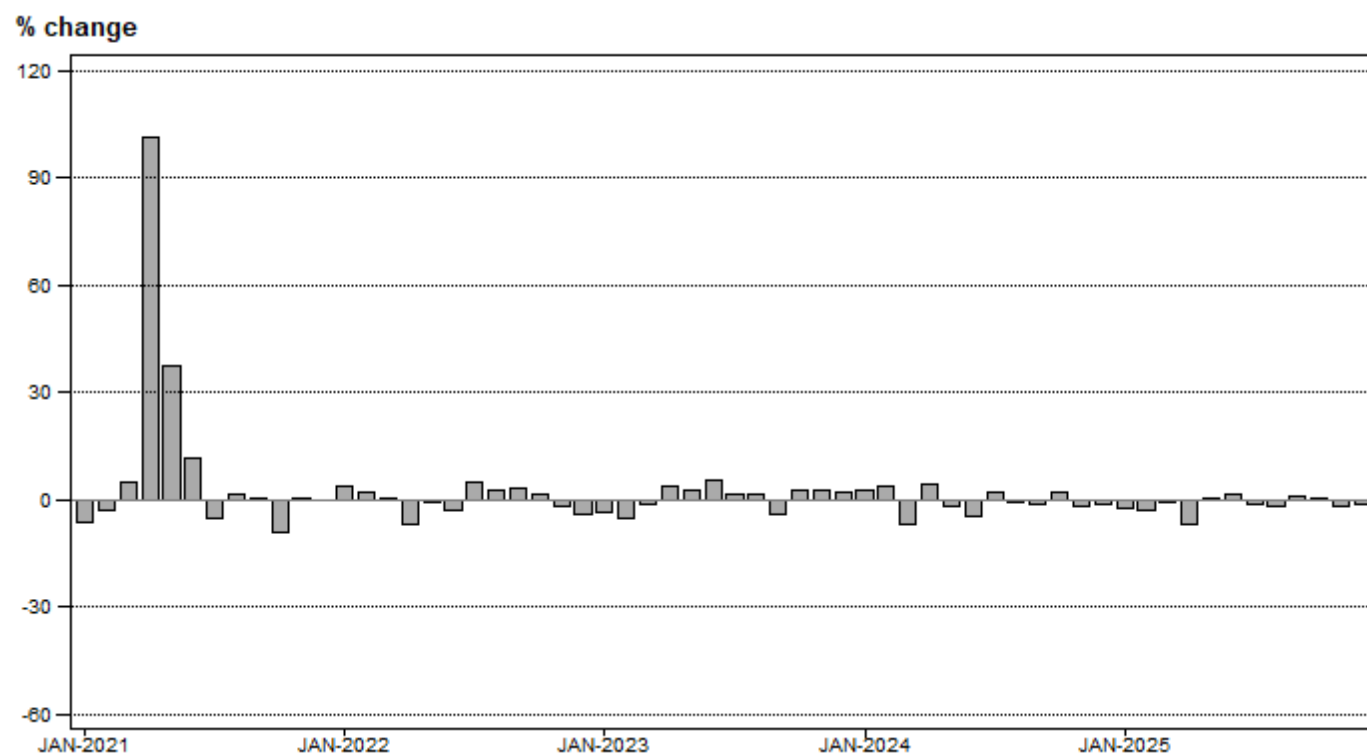
The petroleum, chemical products, rubber and plastic products division was the largest positive contributor (3,5% and contributing 0,7 of a percentage point) – see Table B.

In 2025, total manufacturing production decreased by 1,3% compared with 2024. The largest negative contributions were made by the following divisions:

- wood and wood products, paper, publishing and printing (-3,1% and contributing -0,3 of a percentage point);
- basic iron and steel, non-ferrous metal products, metal products and machinery (-1,3% and contributing -0,3 of a percentage point);
- motor vehicles, parts and accessories and other transport equipment (-2,5% and contributing -0,2 of a percentage point); and
- petroleum, chemical products, rubber and plastic products (-0,9% and contributing -0,2 of a percentage point).

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	Jul – Sep 2025	Oct – Dec 2025	% change between Jul – Sep 2025 and Oct – Dec 2025	Contribution (% points) to the total % change
Food and beverages	22,19	105,2	104,3	-0,9	-0,2
Meat, fish, fruit, etc.	3,72	104,3	103,0	-1,2	-0,1
Dairy products	1,20	94,0	93,2	-0,9	0,0
Grain mill products	1,94	105,4	105,3	-0,1	0,0
Other food products	7,55	93,1	87,1	-6,4	-0,5
Beverages	7,78	119,0	123,1	3,4	0,3
Textiles, clothing, leather and footwear	3,68	89,9	89,1	-0,9	0,0
Textiles	0,85	95,3	99,6	4,5	0,0
Other textile products	0,55	98,1	94,8	-3,4	0,0
Knitted, crocheted articles	0,07	84,0	81,2	-3,3	0,0
Wearing apparel	1,65	85,7	83,6	-2,5	0,0
Leather and leather products	0,26	78,1	75,4	-3,5	0,0
Footwear	0,30	93,4	92,8	-0,6	0,0
Wood and wood products, paper, publishing and printing	9,98	90,7	88,9	-2,0	-0,2
Sawmilling and planing of wood	0,74	94,3	100,2	6,3	0,0
Products of wood	0,85	113,1	119,5	5,7	0,1
Paper and paper products	5,27	90,0	84,0	-6,7	-0,3
Publishing	1,94	83,2	85,5	2,8	0,0
Printing, recorded media	1,18	88,0	87,4	-0,7	0,0
Petroleum, chemical products, rubber and plastic products	23,91	79,6	82,4	3,5	0,7
Coke, petroleum products and nuclear fuel	11,12	59,5	60,0	0,8	0,1
Basic chemicals	3,60	107,3	113,6	5,9	0,2
Other chemical products	6,63	90,6	94,3	4,1	0,3
Rubber products	0,69	82,2	90,3	9,9	0,1
Plastic products	1,87	105,5	111,1	5,3	0,1
Glass and non-metallic mineral products	3,11	100,8	98,6	-2,2	-0,1
Glass and glass products	0,61	104,9	101,8	-3,0	0,0
Non-metallic mineral products	2,50	99,8	97,7	-2,1	-0,1
Basic iron and steel, non-ferrous metal products, metal products and machinery	21,85	93,3	92,8	-0,5	-0,1
Basic iron and steel products	3,20	61,8	58,5	-5,3	-0,1
Non-ferrous metal products	4,16	91,8	86,6	-5,7	-0,2
Structural metal products	1,98	110,3	108,4	-1,7	0,0
Other fabricated metal products	3,72	99,0	99,9	0,9	0,0
General purpose machinery	4,04	106,6	105,4	-1,1	-0,1
Special purpose machinery	4,01	90,0	94,2	4,7	0,2
Household appliances	0,74	109,9	121,3	10,4	0,1
Electrical machinery	2,15	106,5	107,6	1,0	0,0
Radio, television and communication apparatus and professional equipment	1,00	96,5	95,8	-0,7	0,0
Radio, television and communication apparatus	0,19	97,7	94,4	-3,4	0,0
Professional equipment	0,81	96,2	96,1	-0,1	0,0
Motor vehicles, parts and accessories and other transport equipment	7,84	90,7	85,2	-6,1	-0,5
Motor vehicles	2,33	98,5	88,8	-9,8	-0,2
Bodies for motor vehicles, trailers and semi-trailers	0,65	94,9	92,5	-2,5	0,0
Parts and accessories	3,95	85,6	80,5	-6,0	-0,2
Other transport equipment	0,91	89,6	90,7	1,2	0,0
Furniture and other manufacturing	4,29	89,6	86,5	-3,5	-0,1
Furniture	0,84	97,6	91,8	-5,9	-0,1
Other manufacturing groups	3,45	87,6	85,2	-2,7	-0,1
Total	100	92,5	92,0	-0,5	-0,5

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 December 2025

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

	Jul-25	Aug-25	Sep-25	Oct-25	Nov-25	Dec-25
Year-on-year % change, unadjusted	-0,5	1,1	5,1	0,7	0,8	-3,0
Month-on-month % change, seasonally adjusted	-0,4	0,6	0,3	-0,9	-0,7	-4,5
3-month % change, seasonally adjusted ¹	2,1	2,7	1,9	0,8	-0,3	-2,5

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

Seasonally adjusted manufacturing sales decreased by 4,5% in December 2025 compared with November 2025. This followed month-on-month changes of -0,7% in November 2025 and -0,9% in October 2025 – see Table C.

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

Manufacturing division	Jul – Sep 2025 (R million)	Oct – Dec 2025 (R million)	% change between Jul – Sep 2025 and Oct – Dec 2025	Contribution (% points) to the total % change
Food and beverages	227 793	223 404	-1,9	-0,5
Textiles, clothing, leather and footwear	20 311	19 657	-3,2	-0,1
Wood and wood products, paper, publishing and printing	54 219	53 128	-2,0	-0,1
Petroleum, chemical products, rubber and plastic products	189 340	185 523	-2,0	-0,4
Glass and non-metallic mineral products	25 427	24 231	-4,7	-0,1
Basic iron and steel, non-ferrous metal products, metal products and machinery	170 924	174 272	2,0	0,4
Electrical machinery	19 993	20 679	3,4	0,1
Radio, television and communication apparatus and professional equipment	7 299	7 228	-1,0	0,0
Motor vehicles, parts and accessories and other transport equipment	133 906	118 349	-11,6	-1,8
Furniture and other manufacturing	34 308	35 026	2,1	0,1
Total	883 521	861 496	-2,5	-2,5

Seasonally adjusted manufacturing sales decreased by 2,5% in the fourth quarter of 2025 compared with the third quarter of 2025. The largest negative contributions were made by the motor vehicles, parts and accessories and other transport equipment division (-11,6% and contributing -1,8 percentage points) and the food and beverages division (-1,9% 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	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Jan	88,0	85,7	80,3	83,1	80,1	82,3	80,1
Feb	94,9	92,4	89,5	91,3	86,4	89,7	87,0
Mar	101,2	94,5	99,2	99,5	98,1	91,4	90,7
Apr	95,8	45,3	91,2	85,0	88,2	91,9	85,7
May	102,0	67,2	92,3	91,7	94,0	92,1	92,3
Jun	97,8	84,1	93,8	91,0	96,0	91,4	93,0
Jul	101,8	91,4	86,8	90,8	92,4	94,5	93,5
Aug	105,2	92,9	94,5	96,8	98,1	97,2	95,6
Sep	102,6	99,4	100,0	103,1	98,8	97,5	98,5
Oct	112,7	106,8	97,3	98,7	101,2	103,3	103,8
Nov	111,0	104,7	104,9	102,9	105,7	104,0	101,9
Dec	86,8	87,6	87,6	83,8	85,6	84,7	83,5
Total	100,0	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	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2025 year-to-date
Jan	-2,6	-6,3	3,5	-3,6	2,7	-2,7	-2,7
Feb	-2,6	-3,1	2,0	-5,4	3,8	-3,0	-2,8
Mar	-6,6	5,0	0,3	-1,4	-6,8	-0,8	-2,2
Apr	-52,7	101,3	-6,8	3,8	4,2	-6,7	-3,3
May	-34,1	37,4	-0,7	2,5	-2,0	0,2	-2,6
Jun	-14,0	11,5	-3,0	5,5	-4,8	1,8	-1,9
Jul	-10,2	-5,0	4,6	1,8	2,3	-1,1	-1,8
Aug	-11,7	1,7	2,4	1,3	-0,9	-1,6	-1,8
Sep	-3,1	0,6	3,1	-4,2	-1,3	1,0	-1,4
Oct	-5,2	-8,9	1,4	2,5	2,1	0,5	-1,2
Nov	-5,7	0,2	-1,9	2,7	-1,6	-2,0	-1,3
Dec	0,9	0,0	-4,3	2,1	-1,1	-1,4	-1,3
Total	-12,3	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			
	2022	2023	2024	2025	2022	2023	2024	2025
Jan	97,1	93,3	94,8	92,1	2,2	0,8	0,4	0,0
Feb	96,5	91,4	93,7	92,2	-0,6	-2,0	-1,2	0,1
Mar	96,7	95,3	91,7	90,1	0,2	4,3	-2,1	-2,3
Apr	90,8	94,9	96,0	90,8	-6,1	-0,4	4,7	0,8
May	93,0	94,6	92,4	93,1	2,4	-0,3	-3,7	2,5
Jun	90,4	94,9	92,0	93,0	-2,8	0,3	-0,4	-0,1
Jul	90,7	92,7	93,7	92,2	0,3	-2,3	1,8	-0,9
Aug	92,3	93,4	93,2	92,5	1,8	0,8	-0,5	0,3
Sep	96,8	93,3	92,7	92,7	4,9	-0,1	-0,5	0,2
Oct	91,1	92,7	93,6	93,7	-5,9	-0,6	1,0	1,1
Nov	91,5	94,0	92,8	91,7	0,4	1,4	-0,9	-2,1
Dec	92,6	94,4	92,1	90,6	1,2	0,4	-0,8	-1,2

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

Manufacturing division and major group	Weight	Jul-25	Aug-25	Sep-25	Oct-25	Nov-25	Dec-25
Food and beverages	22,19	104,6	104,2	113,5	113,5	112,5	113,7
Meat, fish, fruit, etc.	3,72	105,5	109,7	101,1	107,9	108,1	104,7
Dairy products	1,20	86,9	94,4	101,5	110,1	100,6	96,9
Grain mill products	1,94	111,9	107,0	103,4	114,5	109,1	99,3
Other food products	7,55	105,7	96,7	98,2	92,0	93,2	77,1
Beverages	7,78	103,9	109,6	138,8	137,3	136,1	159,6
Textiles, clothing, leather and footwear	3,68	94,1	93,2	93,7	104,6	110,8	71,8
Textiles	0,85	100,2	94,3	100,9	106,7	130,0	63,8
Other textile products	0,55	98,6	104,0	99,3	120,8	114,2	75,8
Knitted, crocheted articles	0,07	96,9	100,2	97,7	101,6	102,1	55,8
Wearing apparel	1,65	88,5	89,1	89,4	98,5	105,2	74,9
Leather and leather products	0,26	92,1	74,8	72,5	93,7	82,0	52,4
Footwear	0,30	101,1	108,0	103,8	112,9	108,4	90,5
Wood and wood products, paper, publishing and printing	9,98	91,9	97,4	98,3	98,0	100,9	87,1
Sawmilling and planing of wood	0,74	98,7	100,8	107,4	109,7	102,8	78,9
Products of wood	0,85	107,5	126,9	130,8	139,8	140,5	100,9
Paper and paper products	5,27	91,9	89,3	92,2	87,8	92,9	87,8
Publishing	1,94	84,5	104,9	98,0	103,5	97,0	86,2
Printing, recorded media	1,18	88,3	97,9	96,7	97,1	113,3	80,6
Petroleum, chemical products, rubber and plastic products	23,91	77,4	83,3	82,7	89,4	87,1	79,1
Coke, petroleum products and nuclear fuel	11,12	53,7	62,7	58,5	62,1	60,3	65,7
Basic chemicals	3,60	103,4	114,5	113,6	126,2	120,8	106,3
Other chemical products	6,63	90,8	94,8	98,5	103,9	101,6	83,6
Rubber products	0,69	108,4	83,4	69,1	78,4	85,0	64,2
Plastic products	1,87	108,8	104,9	116,5	133,0	131,1	95,8
Glass and non-metallic mineral products	3,11	103,9	104,9	105,9	110,5	111,3	86,9
Glass and glass products	0,61	106,0	114,1	107,8	116,4	119,2	92,6
Non-metallic mineral products	2,50	103,4	102,7	105,4	109,1	109,4	85,5
Basic iron and steel, non-ferrous metal products, metal products and machinery	21,85	96,2	95,7	100,0	108,0	103,1	73,0
Basic iron and steel products	3,20	70,4	57,6	60,5	65,1	54,4	47,2
Non-ferrous metal products	4,16	86,9	92,5	96,2	100,3	87,7	80,3
Structural metal products	1,98	101,3	112,2	133,1	117,8	121,1	88,3
Other fabricated metal products	3,72	105,3	105,0	103,9	119,8	111,6	67,5
General purpose machinery	4,04	115,5	114,1	118,7	121,8	118,0	83,6
Special purpose machinery	4,01	90,9	91,6	94,4	115,0	120,4	69,0
Household appliances	0,74	125,0	110,0	110,8	138,0	134,3	93,9
Electrical machinery	2,15	117,2	114,0	107,2	126,3	115,7	70,9
Radio, television and communication apparatus and professional equipment	1,00	85,1	99,2	102,1	109,8	102,6	96,0
Radio, television and communication apparatus	0,19	88,9	101,5	101,5	118,6	111,5	117,8
Professional equipment	0,81	84,2	98,7	102,2	107,7	100,5	91,0
Motor vehicles, parts and accessories and other transport equipment	7,84	98,0	100,3	95,1	104,0	104,4	45,6
Motor vehicles	2,33	105,9	113,3	108,6	125,2	101,2	38,2
Bodies for motor vehicles, trailers and semi-trailers	0,65	107,7	96,6	100,2	106,9	99,5	67,0
Parts and accessories	3,95	93,9	97,5	88,7	91,9	106,3	38,3
Other transport equipment	0,91	88,4	81,4	84,4	100,3	107,9	81,5
Furniture and other manufacturing	4,29	90,6	91,9	102,7	106,7	100,0	78,2
Furniture	0,84	98,9	99,8	111,1	114,3	107,6	84,5
Other manufacturing groups	3,45	88,6	89,9	100,6	104,9	98,1	76,7
Total	100	93,5	95,6	98,5	103,8	101,9	83,5

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	Jul-25	Aug-25	Sep-25	Oct-25	Nov-25	Dec-25
Food and beverages	2,8	-2,3	4,2	2,1	-1,3	-4,6
Meat, fish, fruit, etc.	5,2	-1,1	-10,8	-3,5	-5,9	-14,2
Dairy products	-9,4	-3,6	-7,0	2,0	-5,6	-5,8
Grain mill products	7,0	6,9	1,7	6,8	5,2	2,3
Other food products	6,7	-4,0	14,7	2,1	-2,6	-3,7
Beverages	-1,4	-3,2	5,9	3,4	0,7	-2,6
Textiles, clothing, leather and footwear	-2,4	3,1	3,7	2,2	5,4	-0,8
Textiles	3,5	1,9	1,8	-2,7	18,2	6,2
Other textile products	4,0	10,8	1,5	9,5	5,4	-4,2
Knitted, crocheted articles	1,4	-2,2	-3,7	-4,4	5,4	-2,6
Wearing apparel	-7,5	3,2	8,9	3,6	2,6	-3,7
Leather and leather products	-5,7	-3,0	-5,6	0,2	-9,1	6,5
Footwear	0,4	-1,5	-3,0	0,1	-5,2	1,6
Wood and wood products, paper, publishing and printing	-1,1	-6,3	-5,3	-6,0	-8,9	-5,2
Sawmilling and planing of wood	-9,9	-6,6	3,5	9,4	0,9	-0,3
Products of wood	-10,6	1,8	9,1	3,1	-1,1	6,3
Paper and paper products	2,9	-5,5	-9,6	-14,9	-13,9	-10,0
Publishing	3,8	-7,3	-3,6	13,4	-3,8	3,1
Printing, recorded media	-9,7	-13,7	-6,6	-11,3	-8,2	-6,4
Petroleum, chemical products, rubber and plastic products	-3,4	1,8	0,6	0,9	3,3	7,5
Coke, petroleum products and nuclear fuel	-7,1	6,5	-4,7	-5,6	0,3	2,3
Basic chemicals	-2,1	9,3	11,5	12,7	7,4	12,4
Other chemical products	-2,6	-4,1	0,7	2,2	3,4	10,6
Rubber products	10,3	1,5	-23,4	-16,0	-8,7	34,6
Plastic products	-1,2	-7,3	6,8	2,0	8,4	4,1
Glass and non-metallic mineral products	2,4	0,1	0,6	-6,0	-7,9	-1,1
Glass and glass products	1,3	13,2	1,8	1,3	-0,9	-4,2
Non-metallic mineral products	2,7	-2,9	0,3	-7,8	-9,6	-0,3
Basic iron and steel, non-ferrous metal products, metal products and machinery	-3,0	-5,4	-1,4	0,6	-2,7	-2,3
Basic iron and steel products	-20,5	-38,3	-35,6	-23,1	-26,2	-28,6
Non-ferrous metal products	-7,8	-2,4	5,4	-0,4	-11,7	0,6
Structural metal products	-6,5	10,4	35,0	0,9	-2,3	12,8
Other fabricated metal products	2,8	0,8	-2,7	3,6	-6,5	-2,3
General purpose machinery	-0,2	2,7	7,2	5,4	9,5	-12,7
Special purpose machinery	4,1	-7,6	-7,5	4,5	4,7	21,9
Household appliances	15,5	-1,1	-4,9	17,8	20,9	12,6
Electrical machinery	-0,3	4,4	-7,3	6,0	2,2	-1,0
Radio, television and communication apparatus and professional equipment	-3,6	0,7	4,7	2,4	-2,4	0,1
Radio, television and communication apparatus	-2,4	12,0	2,1	-4,5	1,8	0,1
Professional equipment	-3,9	-1,6	5,3	4,4	-3,5	0,1
Motor vehicles, parts and accessories and other transport equipment	-1,3	4,4	7,6	1,7	-6,5	-2,1
Motor vehicles	-0,5	13,1	33,1	17,0	-3,0	-8,0
Bodies for motor vehicles, trailers and semi-trailers	0,8	4,8	11,3	-12,9	-0,4	-4,7
Parts and accessories	-3,3	-0,7	-4,3	-6,5	-11,3	0,8
Other transport equipment	3,6	2,9	-2,4	7,8	3,8	2,0
Furniture and other manufacturing	-1,8	-1,8	5,0	1,3	-4,6	-7,9
Furniture	4,5	5,6	-1,3	10,3	-1,8	-4,5
Other manufacturing groups	-3,4	-3,6	6,8	-0,8	-5,4	-8,7
Total	-1,1	-1,6	1,0	0,5	-2,0	-1,4

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

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	Aug-25	Sep-25	Oct-25	Nov-25	Dec-25	Month-on-month % change
Food and beverages	22,19	105,2	104,8	105,5	104,8	102,6	-2,1
Meat, fish, fruit, etc.	3,72	109,8	97,5	104,1	104,4	100,6	-3,6
Dairy products	1,20	95,6	95,3	94,7	93,8	91,1	-2,9
Grain mill products	1,94	107,8	100,6	107,5	106,0	102,5	-3,3
Other food products	7,55	90,1	94,1	87,8	87,7	85,7	-2,3
Beverages	7,78	118,5	121,2	124,4	122,9	121,9	-0,8
Textiles, clothing, leather and footwear	3,68	90,4	89,5	88,6	91,7	86,9	-5,2
Textiles	0,85	93,8	95,9	94,3	109,1	95,5	-12,5
Other textile products	0,55	102,0	93,8	97,0	96,7	90,6	-6,3
Knitted, crocheted articles	0,07	83,4	81,9	82,7	83,3	77,7	-6,7
Wearing apparel	1,65	86,5	86,6	83,2	84,8	82,9	-2,2
Leather and leather products	0,26	78,4	74,7	80,1	72,6	73,6	1,4
Footwear	0,30	93,2	93,5	95,8	90,6	92,1	1,7
Wood and wood products, paper, publishing and printing	9,98	90,4	88,9	89,0	87,5	90,1	3,0
Sawmilling and planing of wood	0,74	93,5	98,7	103,3	100,6	96,8	-3,8
Products of wood	0,85	116,9	117,8	118,3	117,9	122,3	3,7
Paper and paper products	5,27	89,4	85,4	84,1	82,9	84,9	2,4
Publishing	1,94	81,9	83,0	85,4	83,4	87,7	5,2
Printing, recorded media	1,18	87,5	87,4	87,2	84,8	90,1	6,3
Petroleum, chemical products, rubber and plastic products	23,91	81,6	80,5	81,7	81,9	83,6	2,1
Coke, petroleum products and nuclear fuel	11,12	63,1	60,8	58,2	59,8	61,9	3,5
Basic chemicals	3,60	111,2	108,1	118,0	110,8	111,9	1,0
Other chemical products	6,63	91,1	91,7	94,2	95,1	93,5	-1,7
Rubber products	0,69	82,0	68,4	74,5	78,4	117,9	50,4
Plastic products	1,87	101,1	109,6	109,8	112,6	110,9	-1,5
Glass and non-metallic mineral products	3,11	100,1	100,5	97,8	96,9	101,1	4,3
Glass and glass products	0,61	106,8	102,4	103,9	102,9	98,7	-4,1
Non-metallic mineral products	2,50	98,5	100,0	96,2	95,4	101,6	6,5
Basic iron and steel, non-ferrous metal products, metal products and machinery	21,85	90,8	94,4	96,8	92,0	89,5	-2,7
Basic iron and steel products	3,20	56,9	59,3	61,6	57,6	56,3	-2,3
Non-ferrous metal products	4,16	90,1	95,4	89,4	84,9	85,4	0,6
Structural metal products	1,98	106,2	121,3	106,3	104,8	114,1	8,9
Other fabricated metal products	3,72	98,4	98,4	106,0	95,9	97,7	1,9
General purpose machinery	4,04	104,6	107,5	110,2	105,9	100,1	-5,5
Special purpose machinery	4,01	87,4	89,8	99,9	97,3	85,3	-12,3
Household appliances	0,74	106,3	102,3	128,2	121,2	114,5	-5,5
Electrical machinery	2,15	108,9	102,3	113,5	107,5	101,9	-5,2
Radio, television and communication apparatus and professional equipment	1,00	98,3	99,5	98,6	93,2	95,5	2,5
Radio, television and communication apparatus	0,19	100,2	94,4	93,5	92,6	97,2	5,0
Professional equipment	0,81	97,8	100,7	99,8	93,3	95,1	1,9
Motor vehicles, parts and accessories and other transport equipment	7,84	91,5	89,9	89,7	85,8	80,0	-6,8
Motor vehicles	2,33	99,7	99,7	102,1	86,8	77,5	-10,7
Bodies for motor vehicles, trailers and semi-trailers	0,65	92,6	95,4	92,6	89,0	96,0	7,9
Parts and accessories	3,95	86,6	84,4	81,0	83,6	77,0	-7,9
Other transport equipment	0,91	91,1	84,5	93,7	90,7	87,8	-3,2
Furniture and other manufacturing	4,29	88,5	94,0	91,8	86,4	81,3	-5,9
Furniture	0,84	98,3	96,0	97,2	91,2	87,1	-4,5
Other manufacturing groups	3,45	86,1	93,5	90,5	85,2	79,9	-6,2
Total	100	92,5	92,7	93,7	91,7	90,6	-1,2

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	295 978
Jul	226 993	200 480	206 482	255 030	277 945	297 763	296 413
Aug	236 382	206 571	228 601	266 928	296 255	295 260	298 650
Sep	227 590	221 995	240 283	283 884	300 624	294 593	309 667
Oct	247 804	243 349	238 083	275 181	308 749	321 680	324 079
Nov	245 147	247 095	266 853	297 743	326 392	318 576	321 255
Dec	195 953	204 564	224 354	245 372	269 248	269 381	261 240
Total	2 655 899	2 376 993	2 751 398	3 095 659	3 399 338	3 501 032	3 479 254

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	2,4	-2,1
Jul	-11,7	3,0	23,5	9,0	7,1	-0,5	-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	5,1	-0,7
Oct	-1,8	-2,2	15,6	12,2	4,2	0,7	-0,6
Nov	0,8	8,0	11,6	9,6	-2,4	0,8	-0,4
Dec	4,4	9,7	9,4	9,7	0,0	-3,0	-0,6
Total	-10,5	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			
	2022	2023	2024	2025	2022	2023	2024	2025
Jan	249 423	270 442	293 833	288 739	3,7	0,6	-1,3	-0,9
Feb	251 178	272 114	296 146	288 729	0,7	0,6	0,8	0,0
Mar	257 747	287 335	288 973	285 806	2,6	5,6	-2,4	-1,0
Apr	248 375	285 553	301 641	284 024	-3,6	-0,6	4,4	-0,6
May	258 708	279 452	290 768	289 177	4,2	-2,1	-3,6	1,8
Jun	255 925	275 448	289 720	294 243	-1,1	-1,4	-0,4	1,8
Jul	256 190	280 417	295 236	293 089	0,1	1,8	1,9	-0,4
Aug	259 767	287 994	288 071	294 811	1,4	2,7	-2,4	0,6
Sep	270 351	289 314	285 344	295 621	4,1	0,5	-0,9	0,3
Oct	255 842	283 417	292 684	292 883	-5,4	-2,0	2,6	-0,9
Nov	264 903	291 387	283 729	290 877	3,5	2,8	-3,1	-0,7
Dec	268 835	297 667	291 305	277 736	1,5	2,2	2,7	-4,5

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

Manufacturing division and major group	Jul-25	Aug-25	Sep-25	Oct-25	Nov-25	Dec-25
Food and beverages	75 278	75 694	79 702	80 498	80 649	82 484
Meat, fish, fruit, etc.	23 122	22 294	22 499	23 207	23 088	22 524
Dairy products	5 757	5 903	6 240	6 851	6 513	6 326
Grain mill products	13 043	12 509	12 119	12 911	12 586	11 515
Other food products	17 545	16 824	17 053	16 564	16 609	15 726
Beverages	15 811	18 164	21 790	20 965	21 852	26 393
Textiles, clothing, leather and footwear	7 182	7 100	6 907	8 024	7 993	5 410
Textiles	983	790	833	965	974	516
Other textile products	2 003	2 158	2 024	2 527	2 373	1 552
Knitted, crocheted articles	269	291	281	295	294	161
Wearing apparel	2 414	2 399	2 402	2 691	2 883	2 059
Leather and leather products	687	568	550	661	612	426
Footwear	826	893	818	885	857	696
Wood and wood products, paper, publishing and printing	17 772	18 941	20 060	19 267	20 528	17 191
Sawmilling and planing of wood	1 249	1 294	1 416	1 473	1 390	1 025
Products of wood	2 293	2 573	2 874	2 891	2 917	2 007
Paper and paper products	9 889	9 981	10 849	9 762	10 723	9 924
Publishing	1 472	1 883	1 724	1 898	1 749	1 563
Printing, recorded media	2 869	3 211	3 196	3 243	3 750	2 673
Petroleum, chemical products, rubber and plastic products	62 909	64 044	66 268	67 770	68 838	57 527
Coke, petroleum products and nuclear fuel	23 144	23 106	22 365	20 871	22 202	20 799
Basic chemicals	10 850	12 095	12 465	13 290	12 976	10 777
Other chemical products	18 402	18 859	20 647	21 190	21 481	17 030
Rubber products	1 908	1 864	1 867	2 127	1 984	1 668
Plastic products	8 604	8 120	8 924	10 292	10 195	7 253
Glass and non-metallic mineral products	8 754	9 006	9 193	9 299	9 319	7 082
Glass and glass products	1 627	1 935	1 829	2 000	1 937	1 318
Non-metallic mineral products	7 126	7 072	7 365	7 299	7 383	5 764
Basic iron and steel, non-ferrous metal products, metal products and machinery	56 504	58 319	59 242	65 131	63 323	48 392
Basic iron and steel products	9 292	9 744	9 007	8 564	8 302	5 775
Non-ferrous metal products	16 668	17 515	17 594	21 158	20 084	18 769
Structural metal products	4 487	4 870	5 782	5 337	5 372	3 661
Other fabricated metal products	10 882	10 941	10 845	12 296	11 784	7 428
General purpose machinery	6 685	6 637	6 996	6 979	6 654	5 156
Special purpose machinery	7 072	7 414	7 820	9 328	9 705	6 524
Household appliances	1 419	1 197	1 197	1 469	1 422	1 079
Electrical machinery	7 027	6 937	6 957	7 793	7 547	5 354
Radio, television and communication apparatus and professional equipment	2 089	2 456	2 599	2 696	2 705	2 951
Radio, television and communication apparatus	1 056	1 249	1 350	1 394	1 427	1 758
Professional equipment	1 033	1 207	1 249	1 302	1 278	1 193
Motor vehicles, parts and accessories and other transport equipment	47 734	45 098	45 874	50 305	47 397	23 090
Motor vehicles	31 887	29 259	30 560	33 369	31 426	15 003
Bodies for motor vehicles, trailers and semi-trailers	1 372	1 195	1 264	1 258	1 275	829
Parts and accessories	11 549	11 941	11 250	12 353	11 119	4 552
Other transport equipment	2 926	2 703	2 800	3 324	3 578	2 705
Furniture and other manufacturing	11 165	11 054	12 865	13 295	12 955	11 758
Furniture	1 859	1 877	2 073	2 239	2 271	1 772
Other manufacturing groups	9 306	9 176	10 792	11 056	10 684	9 987
Total	296 413	298 650	309 667	324 079	321 255	261 240

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

Manufacturing division and major group	Jul-25	Aug-25	Sep-25	Oct-25	Nov-25	Dec-25
Food and beverages	7,5	3,4	6,8	3,5	1,5	-0,7
Meat, fish, fruit, etc.	13,4	6,3	4,7	2,5	0,3	-10,1
Dairy products	-5,7	-3,4	-1,0	0,9	-2,1	2,5
Grain mill products	4,3	4,1	1,4	1,8	0,4	-3,0
Other food products	15,8	-0,3	11,7	6,3	-1,2	11,6
Beverages	-0,5	5,2	11,2	4,5	6,9	2,2
Textiles, clothing, leather and footwear	10,1	9,5	8,2	7,6	5,1	-0,8
Textiles	29,0	-0,9	6,8	6,3	5,6	-4,6
Other textile products	10,1	18,9	8,3	16,6	11,0	-2,3
Knitted, crocheted articles	3,9	1,4	-3,1	-1,0	6,1	-2,4
Wearing apparel	6,7	6,4	12,4	7,8	6,3	-0,4
Leather and leather products	1,2	7,4	3,0	-0,5	-6,4	14,8
Footwear	11,6	10,9	5,3	-4,0	-5,0	-3,6
Wood and wood products, paper, publishing and printing	-0,7	-6,5	-8,1	-4,6	-5,0	-0,6
Sawmilling and planing of wood	-9,6	-7,0	4,7	8,7	7,2	4,4
Products of wood	-7,5	-1,6	10,5	-4,3	-5,1	-2,8
Paper and paper products	5,8	-5,8	-14,8	-9,5	-7,4	0,7
Publishing	1,7	-7,1	-5,3	19,2	1,7	2,8
Printing, recorded media	-11,3	-11,4	-3,3	-5,8	-4,7	-6,6
Petroleum, chemical products, rubber and plastic products	0,9	1,1	10,4	-0,1	5,6	1,6
Coke, petroleum products and nuclear fuel	8,2	8,5	16,8	-8,8	0,4	-1,4
Basic chemicals	-4,1	8,0	16,6	9,8	10,8	5,6
Other chemical products	-1,7	-5,8	5,8	5,4	10,3	3,6
Rubber products	-5,7	-2,2	3,4	5,7	-3,1	15,1
Plastic products	-3,4	-9,3	0,9	-4,4	4,0	-2,5
Glass and non-metallic mineral products	3,5	9,7	9,1	-4,4	-4,9	1,4
Glass and glass products	2,9	27,6	4,2	-5,1	-9,3	-14,7
Non-metallic mineral products	3,6	5,6	10,4	-4,2	-3,7	5,9
Basic iron and steel, non-ferrous metal products, metal products and machinery	-13,2	-3,3	-4,2	-2,5	-0,2	-3,0
Basic iron and steel products	-32,7	-23,8	-27,9	-32,6	-31,0	-23,7
Non-ferrous metal products	-15,2	2,9	-2,7	3,6	17,9	-5,9
Structural metal products	-6,7	11,4	36,1	7,4	1,5	1,5
Other fabricated metal products	-1,4	0,4	2,1	-1,2	-3,4	-0,4
General purpose machinery	-1,5	3,0	7,0	6,7	9,2	-9,6
Special purpose machinery	-8,0	-1,6	-8,3	11,8	2,5	41,5
Household appliances	6,1	-3,9	-10,2	7,4	9,4	6,3
Electrical machinery	-3,2	3,0	-2,0	1,1	7,0	10,5
Radio, television and communication apparatus and professional equipment	1,8	4,8	7,4	-8,5	-2,5	6,8
Radio, television and communication apparatus	4,9	10,8	10,9	-13,6	-0,3	10,0
Professional equipment	-1,2	-0,8	3,7	-2,3	-5,0	2,3
Motor vehicles, parts and accessories and other transport equipment	0,7	3,9	12,6	2,9	-4,2	-26,2
Motor vehicles	-3,5	-2,8	9,1	-1,9	-7,9	-34,9
Bodies for motor vehicles, trailers and semi-trailers	8,0	3,7	5,8	-1,4	2,2	-5,6
Parts and accessories	12,3	24,6	28,9	16,7	3,1	-4,3
Other transport equipment	5,1	5,1	-0,2	10,9	6,9	4,9
Furniture and other manufacturing	4,7	1,3	14,6	7,6	6,5	4,8
Furniture	13,0	8,5	14,4	20,9	19,2	9,3
Other manufacturing groups	3,2	0,0	14,6	5,2	4,1	4,1
Total	-0,5	1,1	5,1	0,7	0,8	-3,0

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

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

Manufacturing division and major group	Aug-25	Sep-25	Oct-25	Nov-25	Dec-25	Month-on-month % change
Food and beverages	76 135	75 578	74 797	74 370	74 237	-0,2
Meat, fish, fruit, etc.	22 391	21 577	21 632	21 558	20 468	-5,1
Dairy products	6 046	6 013	6 067	6 136	6 089	-0,8
Grain mill products	12 628	11 935	12 273	12 195	11 702	-4,0
Other food products	15 488	16 783	15 522	14 730	16 579	12,6
Beverages	19 582	19 270	19 304	19 750	19 399	-1,8
Textiles, clothing, leather and footwear	6 805	6 615	6 652	6 638	6 367	-4,1
Textiles	781	792	806	848	714	-15,8
Other textile products	2 144	1 933	2 001	2 000	1 908	-4,6
Knitted, crocheted articles	244	241	247	247	228	-7,7
Wearing apparel	2 292	2 348	2 278	2 274	2 237	-1,6
Leather and leather products	591	561	578	545	564	3,5
Footwear	753	742	743	723	716	-1,0
Wood and wood products, paper, publishing and printing	17 936	17 881	17 783	17 575	17 770	1,1
Sawmilling and planing of wood	1 197	1 268	1 343	1 339	1 230	-8,1
Products of wood	2 423	2 547	2 449	2 500	2 520	0,8
Paper and paper products	9 991	9 670	9 552	9 434	9 515	0,9
Publishing	1 441	1 463	1 563	1 504	1 578	4,9
Printing, recorded media	2 884	2 933	2 876	2 799	2 927	4,6
Petroleum, chemical products, rubber and plastic products	62 837	63 573	60 996	63 076	61 451	-2,6
Coke, petroleum products and nuclear fuel	22 535	22 771	19 980	21 418	20 780	-3,0
Basic chemicals	11 816	11 757	11 662	11 652	11 546	-0,9
Other chemical products	18 652	18 877	19 032	19 582	18 506	-5,5
Rubber products	1 802	1 867	1 956	1 793	2 099	17,1
Plastic products	8 032	8 300	8 367	8 632	8 520	-1,3
Glass and non-metallic mineral products	8 616	8 513	7 920	8 089	8 222	1,6
Glass and glass products	1 808	1 703	1 627	1 540	1 403	-8,9
Non-metallic mineral products	6 808	6 809	6 293	6 549	6 819	4,1
Basic iron and steel, non-ferrous metal products, metal products and machinery	57 832	57 372	59 561	57 838	56 873	-1,7
Basic iron and steel products	9 390	9 053	8 394	8 189	7 589	-7,3
Non-ferrous metal products	18 768	18 089	19 734	19 082	19 549	2,4
Structural metal products	4 662	5 465	4 804	4 640	4 675	0,8
Other fabricated metal products	10 487	10 277	10 643	10 456	10 283	-1,7
General purpose machinery	6 081	6 268	6 439	6 158	6 146	-0,2
Special purpose machinery	7 260	7 095	8 189	7 998	7 351	-8,1
Household appliances	1 183	1 126	1 358	1 315	1 280	-2,7
Electrical machinery	6 768	6 573	6 955	6 930	6 794	-2,0
Radio, television and communication apparatus and professional equipment	2 466	2 464	2 358	2 346	2 524	7,6
Radio, television and communication apparatus	1 260	1 244	1 162	1 182	1 300	10,0
Professional equipment	1 206	1 221	1 196	1 164	1 224	5,2
Motor vehicles, parts and accessories and other transport equipment	44 393	44 785	43 948	42 486	31 915	-24,9
Motor vehicles	29 076	29 682	28 679	28 387	20 986	-26,1
Bodies for motor vehicles, trailers and semi-trailers	1 131	1 166	1 112	1 103	1 088	-1,4
Parts and accessories	11 171	11 146	11 059	9 987	6 913	-30,8
Other transport equipment	3 015	2 790	3 098	3 010	2 927	-2,8
Furniture and other manufacturing	11 023	12 267	11 913	11 530	11 583	0,5
Furniture	1 806	1 842	1 917	1 893	1 833	-3,2
Other manufacturing groups	9 217	10 425	9 996	9 637	9 750	1,2
Total	294 811	295 621	292 883	290 877	277 736	-4,5

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 71,6% for December 2025. The revised collection rate for November 2025 was 73,2%.
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
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-26 - Jun-26
Aug-26	Additional information from respondents	May-26 - Jul-26
Sep-26	Additional information from respondents	Jun-26 - Aug-26
Oct-26	Additional information from respondents	Jul-26 - Sep-26
Nov-26	Additional information from respondents	Aug-26 - Oct-26
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			
	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 – 2025 (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 – December 2025

	Lower limit (R million)	Estimate (R million)	Upper limit (R million)	Relative standard error (RSE) %
Total sales	257 792	261 240	264 688	0,7

Month-on-month percentage change 15 The month-on-month percentage change in a variable for any given month is the change between that month and the previous month, expressed as a percentage of the latter.

Year-on-year (annual) percentage change 16 The year-on-year percentage change in a variable for any given period is the change between that period and the corresponding period of the previous year, expressed as a percentage of the latter.

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

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

Glossary

Enterprise	The enterprise is a legal entity or a combination of legal units that includes and directly controls all functions necessary to carry out its production activities.	
Industry	An industry is made up of enterprises engaged in the same or similar kinds of economic activity. Industries are defined in the <i>System of National Accounts</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
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