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## Production: results for February 2026

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

	Sep-25	Oct-25	Nov-25	Dec-25	Jan-26	Feb-26
Year-on-year % change, unadjusted	1,0	0,7	-2,1	-1,4	-0,1	-2,8
Month-on-month % change, seasonally adjusted	0,3	1,1	-2,3	-1,4	1,9	-2,2
3-month % change, seasonally adjusted <sup>1</sup>	0,1	0,2	0,1	-0,6	-1,8	-2,0

<sup>1</sup> Percentage change between the previous 3 months and the 3 months ending in the month indicated.

Manufacturing production decreased by 2,8% in February 2026 compared with February 2025. The largest negative contributions were made by the following divisions:

- food and beverages (-4,5% and contributing -1,1 percentage points);
- wood and wood products, paper, publishing and printing (-9,7% and contributing -1,0 percentage point); and
- basic iron and steel, non-ferrous metal products, metal products and machinery (-3,6% and contributing -0,8 of a percentage point) – see Table 5 and Table 6.

Seasonally adjusted manufacturing production decreased by 2,2% in February 2026 compared with January 2026. This followed month-on-month changes of 1,9% in January 2026 and -1,4% in December 2025 – see Table A.

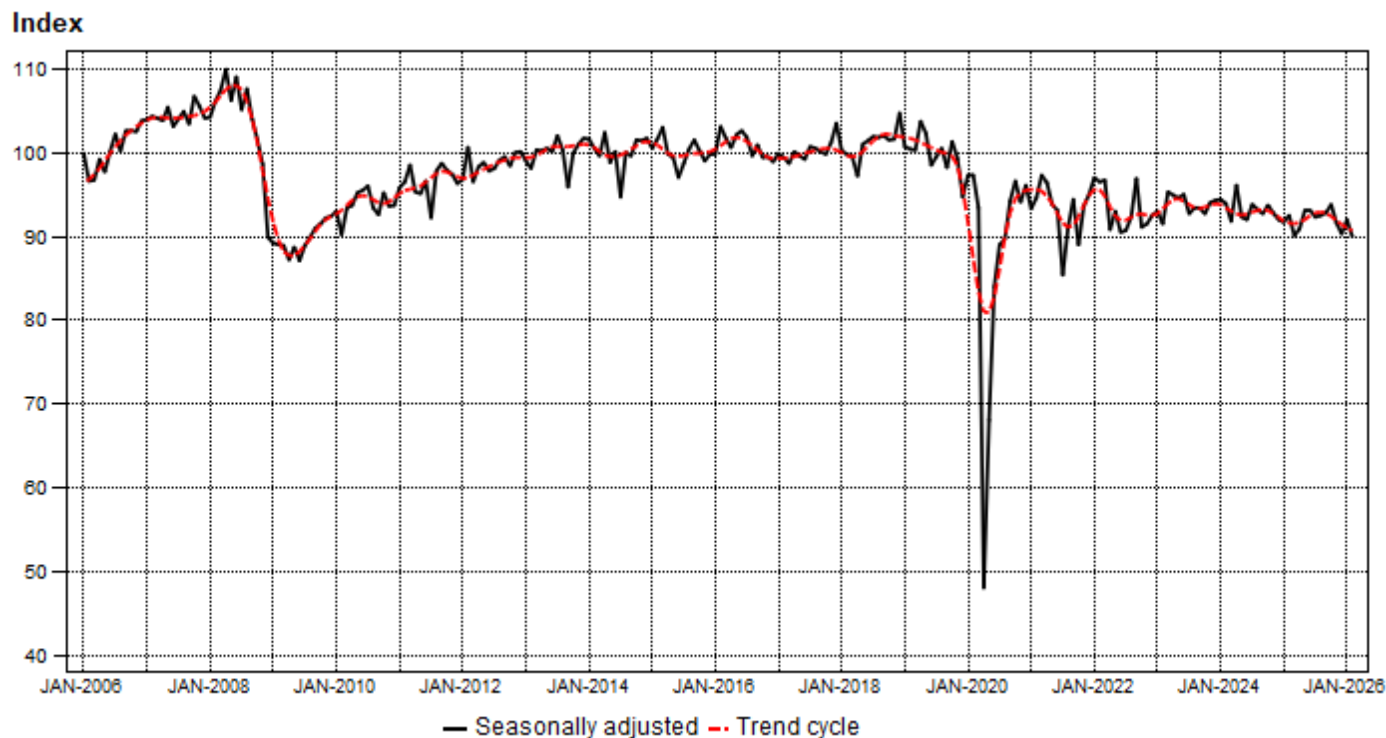
Seasonally adjusted manufacturing production decreased by 2,0% in the three months ended February 2026 compared with the previous three months. Eight of the ten manufacturing divisions reported negative growth rates over this period. The following divisions reported the largest negative contributions:

- basic iron and steel, non-ferrous metal products, metal products and machinery (-3,9% and contributing -0,9 of a percentage point);
- food and beverages (-2,5% and contributing -0,6 of a percentage point); and
- motor vehicles, parts and accessories and other transport equipment (-5,2% and contributing -0,4 of a percentage point) – see Table B.

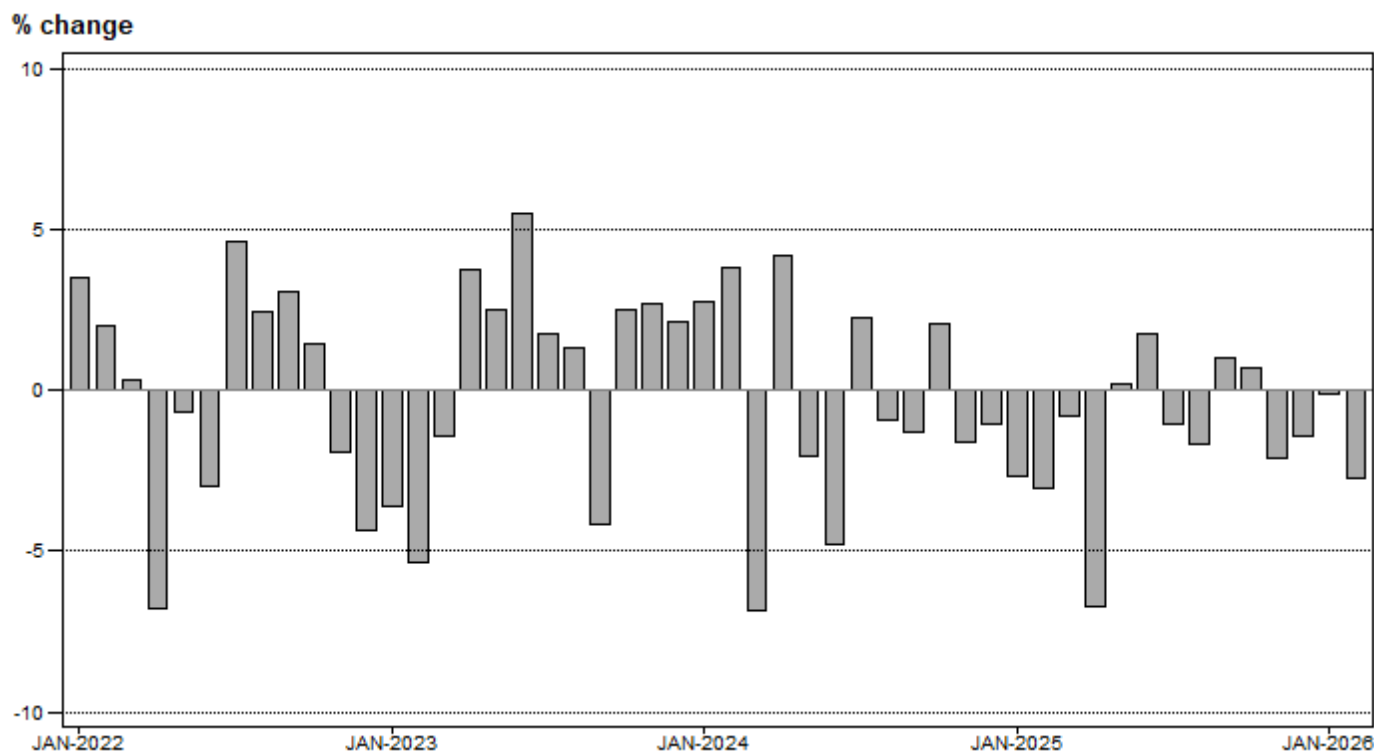
**Table B – Seasonally adjusted manufacturing production for the latest three months by division and major group (Base: 2019=100)**

Manufacturing division and major group	Weight	Sep – Nov 2025	Dec 2025 – Feb 2026	% change between Sep – Nov 2025 and Dec 2025 – Feb 2026	Contribution (% points) to the total % change
<b>Food and beverages</b>	<b>22,19</b>	<b>104,8</b>	<b>102,2</b>	<b>-2,5</b>	<b>-0,6</b>
Meat, fish, fruit, etc.	3,72	101,8	102,9	1,1	0,0
Dairy products	1,20	94,8	94,4	-0,4	0,0
Grain mill products	1,94	104,6	102,6	-1,9	0,0
Other food products	7,55	89,6	86,0	-4,0	-0,3
Beverages	7,78	122,8	118,9	-3,2	-0,3
<b>Textiles, clothing, leather and footwear</b>	<b>3,68</b>	<b>89,9</b>	<b>88,6</b>	<b>-1,4</b>	<b>-0,1</b>
Textiles	0,85	99,8	101,0	1,2	0,0
Other textile products	0,55	95,6	92,9	-2,8	0,0
Knitted, crocheted articles	0,07	81,2	71,4	-12,1	0,0
Wearing apparel	1,65	84,9	84,1	-0,9	0,0
Leather and leather products	0,26	75,7	73,5	-2,9	0,0
Footwear	0,30	93,1	88,1	-5,4	0,0
<b>Wood and wood products, paper, publishing and printing</b>	<b>9,98</b>	<b>88,5</b>	<b>88,6</b>	<b>0,1</b>	<b>0,0</b>
Sawmilling and planing of wood	0,74	100,6	93,0	-7,6	-0,1
Products of wood	0,85	117,5	119,7	1,9	0,0
Paper and paper products	5,27	84,2	83,8	-0,5	0,0
Publishing	1,94	84,1	86,0	2,3	0,0
Printing, recorded media	1,18	86,8	88,8	2,3	0,0
<b>Petroleum, chemical products, rubber and plastic products</b>	<b>23,91</b>	<b>81,4</b>	<b>81,0</b>	<b>-0,5</b>	<b>-0,1</b>
Coke, petroleum products and nuclear fuel	11,12	59,7	61,8	3,5	0,3
Basic chemicals	3,60	112,5	109,4	-2,8	-0,1
Other chemical products	6,63	93,4	89,4	-4,3	-0,3
Rubber products	0,69	73,1	86,0	17,6	0,1
Plastic products	1,87	110,8	108,8	-1,8	0,0
<b>Glass and non-metallic mineral products</b>	<b>3,11</b>	<b>98,8</b>	<b>102,9</b>	<b>4,1</b>	<b>0,1</b>
Glass and glass products	0,61	103,3	103,4	0,1	0,0
Non-metallic mineral products	2,50	97,7	102,8	5,2	0,1
<b>Basic iron and steel, non-ferrous metal products, metal products and machinery</b>	<b>21,85</b>	<b>94,4</b>	<b>90,7</b>	<b>-3,9</b>	<b>-0,9</b>
Basic iron and steel products	3,20	59,1	54,4	-8,0	-0,2
Non-ferrous metal products	4,16	89,8	85,7	-4,6	-0,2
Structural metal products	1,98	110,8	109,4	-1,3	0,0
Other fabricated metal products	3,72	100,1	97,8	-2,3	-0,1
General purpose machinery	4,04	107,8	100,7	-6,6	-0,3
Special purpose machinery	4,01	96,0	93,0	-3,1	-0,1
Household appliances	0,74	118,3	122,8	3,8	0,0
<b>Electrical machinery</b>	<b>2,15</b>	<b>108,1</b>	<b>106,3</b>	<b>-1,7</b>	<b>0,0</b>
<b>Radio, television and communication apparatus and professional equipment</b>	<b>1,00</b>	<b>97,5</b>	<b>95,8</b>	<b>-1,7</b>	<b>0,0</b>
Radio, television and communication apparatus	0,19	92,8	90,8	-2,2	0,0
Professional equipment	0,81	98,6	96,9	-1,7	0,0
<b>Motor vehicles, parts and accessories and other transport equipment</b>	<b>7,84</b>	<b>88,8</b>	<b>84,2</b>	<b>-5,2</b>	<b>-0,4</b>
Motor vehicles	2,33	97,2	87,4	-10,1	-0,2
Bodies for motor vehicles, trailers and semi-trailers	0,65	92,8	91,3	-1,6	0,0
Parts and accessories	3,95	83,1	80,3	-3,4	-0,1
Other transport equipment	0,91	89,4	88,2	-1,3	0,0
<b>Furniture and other manufacturing</b>	<b>4,29</b>	<b>91,2</b>	<b>87,9</b>	<b>-3,6</b>	<b>-0,2</b>
Furniture	0,84	94,7	89,1	-5,9	-0,1
Other manufacturing groups	3,45	90,3	87,6	-3,0	-0,1
<b>Total</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>92,7</b>	<b>90,8</b>	<b>-2,0</b>	<b>-2,0</b>

**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 February 2026****Table C – Key growth rates in manufacturing sales at current prices**

	Sep-25	Oct-25	Nov-25	Dec-25	Jan-26	Feb-26
Year-on-year % change, unadjusted	5,1	0,9	0,8	-3,1	-2,0	-0,6
Month-on-month % change, seasonally adjusted	0,4	-0,8	-0,7	-4,4	3,0	0,3
3-month % change, seasonally adjusted <sup>1</sup>	1,9	0,8	-0,2	-2,3	-3,1	-3,1

<sup>1</sup> Percentage change between the previous 3 months and the 3 months ending in the month indicated.

Seasonally adjusted manufacturing sales increased by 0,3% in February 2026 compared with January 2026. This followed month-on-month changes of 3,0% in January 2026 and -4,4% in December 2025 – see Table C.

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

Manufacturing division	Sep – Nov 2025 (R million)	Dec 2025 – Feb 2026 (R million)	% change between Sep – Nov 2025 and Dec 2025 – Feb 2026	Contribution (% points) to the total % change
Food and beverages	224 446	221 599	-1,3	-0,3
Textiles, clothing, leather and footwear	19 914	19 500	-2,1	0,0
Wood and wood products, paper, publishing and printing	53 418	53 047	-0,7	0,0
Petroleum, chemical products, rubber and plastic products	186 941	180 127	-3,6	-0,8
Glass and non-metallic mineral products	24 599	26 113	6,2	0,2
Basic iron and steel, non-ferrous metal products, metal products and machinery	175 248	177 689	1,4	0,3
Electrical machinery	20 574	21 122	2,7	0,1
Radio, television and communication apparatus and professional equipment	7 155	7 151	-0,1	0,0
Motor vehicles, parts and accessories and other transport equipment	131 321	108 806	-17,1	-2,6
Furniture and other manufacturing	35 937	37 099	3,2	0,1
<b>Total</b>	<b>879 554</b>	<b>852 252</b>	<b>-3,1</b>	<b>-3,1</b>

Seasonally adjusted manufacturing sales decreased by 3,1% in the three months ended February 2026 compared with the previous three months. The largest negative contributions were made by the motor vehicles, parts and accessories and other transport equipment division (-17,1% and contributing -2,6 percentage points) and the petroleum, chemical products, rubber and plastic products division (-3,6% and contributing -0,8 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	80,0
Feb	92,4	89,5	91,3	86,4	89,7	87,0	84,6
Mar	94,5	99,2	99,5	98,1	91,4	90,7	
Apr	45,3	91,2	85,0	88,2	91,9	85,7	
May	67,2	92,3	91,7	94,0	92,1	92,3	
Jun	84,1	93,8	91,0	96,0	91,4	93,0	
Jul	91,4	86,8	90,8	92,4	94,5	93,5	
Aug	92,9	94,5	96,8	98,1	97,2	95,6	
Sep	99,4	100,0	103,1	98,8	97,5	98,5	
Oct	106,8	97,3	98,7	101,2	103,3	104,0	
Nov	104,7	104,9	102,9	105,7	104,0	101,8	
Dec	87,6	87,6	83,8	85,6	84,7	83,5	
<b>Total</b>	<b>87,7</b>	<b>93,1</b>	<b>93,1</b>	<b>93,7</b>	<b>93,3</b>	<b>92,1</b>	

**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	-0,1	-0,1
Feb	-3,1	2,0	-5,4	3,8	-3,0	-2,8	-1,6
Mar	5,0	0,3	-1,4	-6,8	-0,8		
Apr	101,3	-6,8	3,8	4,2	-6,7		
May	37,4	-0,7	2,5	-2,0	0,2		
Jun	11,5	-3,0	5,5	-4,8	1,8		
Jul	-5,0	4,6	1,8	2,3	-1,1		
Aug	1,7	2,4	1,3	-0,9	-1,6		
Sep	0,6	3,1	-4,2	-1,3	1,0		
Oct	-8,9	1,4	2,5	2,1	0,7		
Nov	0,2	-1,9	2,7	-1,6	-2,1		
Dec	0,0	-4,3	2,1	-1,1	-1,4		
<b>Total</b>	<b>6,2</b>	<b>0,0</b>	<b>0,6</b>	<b>-0,4</b>	<b>-1,3</b>		

**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	91,7	92,0	0,5	0,1	-0,3	1,9
Feb	91,5	93,9	92,5	90,0	-1,6	-0,5	0,9	-2,2
Mar	95,3	91,8	90,1		4,2	-2,2	-2,6	
Apr	94,9	96,1	90,9		-0,4	4,7	0,9	
May	94,6	92,3	93,1		-0,3	-4,0	2,4	
Jun	95,0	92,0	93,1		0,4	-0,3	0,0	
Jul	92,7	93,8	92,3		-2,4	2,0	-0,9	
Aug	93,4	93,2	92,5		0,8	-0,6	0,2	
Sep	93,4	92,7	92,8		0,0	-0,5	0,3	
Oct	92,7	93,7	93,8		-0,7	1,1	1,1	
Nov	94,0	92,8	91,6		1,4	-1,0	-2,3	
Dec	94,3	92,0	90,3		0,3	-0,9	-1,4	

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

Manufacturing division and major group	Weight	Sep-25	Oct-25	Nov-25	Dec-25	Jan-26	Feb-26
<b>Food and beverages</b>	<b>22,19</b>	<b>113,5</b>	<b>113,6</b>	<b>112,5</b>	<b>113,4</b>	<b>90,6</b>	<b>90,9</b>
Meat, fish, fruit, etc.	3,72	101,1	107,9	107,6	105,4	91,3	102,2
Dairy products	1,20	101,5	110,4	100,5	97,0	94,2	88,1
Grain mill products	1,94	103,4	114,6	109,3	100,5	94,0	93,9
Other food products	7,55	98,2	92,1	93,2	76,4	71,7	73,8
Beverages	7,78	138,8	137,4	136,1	158,9	107,2	101,7
<b>Textiles, clothing, leather and footwear</b>	<b>3,68</b>	<b>93,7</b>	<b>104,5</b>	<b>111,0</b>	<b>71,8</b>	<b>67,8</b>	<b>84,2</b>
Textiles	0,85	100,9	106,7	129,2	64,2	83,1	100,6
Other textile products	0,55	99,3	120,8	114,3	76,2	70,4	90,4
Knitted, crocheted articles	0,07	97,7	102,5	99,7	50,0	45,0	57,6
Wearing apparel	1,65	89,4	98,5	105,2	74,9	61,1	79,3
Leather and leather products	0,26	72,5	93,7	82,2	53,3	71,9	75,2
Footwear	0,30	103,8	111,3	113,5	89,2	58,4	67,2
<b>Wood and wood products, paper, publishing and printing</b>	<b>9,98</b>	<b>98,3</b>	<b>98,8</b>	<b>100,3</b>	<b>86,8</b>	<b>82,5</b>	<b>79,8</b>
Sawmilling and planing of wood	0,74	107,4	109,6	103,0	78,9	74,0	104,0
Products of wood	0,85	130,8	138,9	140,1	100,6	102,6	112,6
Paper and paper products	5,27	92,2	89,2	91,8	86,5	80,4	76,6
Publishing	1,94	98,0	103,5	97,0	88,3	88,6	66,9
Printing, recorded media	1,18	96,7	98,1	113,1	81,0	73,1	76,3
<b>Petroleum, chemical products, rubber and plastic products</b>	<b>23,91</b>	<b>82,7</b>	<b>89,7</b>	<b>87,0</b>	<b>79,3</b>	<b>76,3</b>	<b>74,6</b>
Coke, petroleum products and nuclear fuel	11,12	58,5	62,1	60,3	65,8	63,8	56,6
Basic chemicals	3,60	113,6	128,1	119,1	106,4	105,4	97,0
Other chemical products	6,63	98,5	104,0	102,0	84,0	77,4	85,6
Rubber products	0,69	69,1	78,4	85,0	64,1	64,4	78,4
Plastic products	1,87	116,5	133,9	131,1	96,7	94,8	98,7
<b>Glass and non-metallic mineral products</b>	<b>3,11</b>	<b>105,9</b>	<b>111,3</b>	<b>110,7</b>	<b>82,9</b>	<b>91,1</b>	<b>97,4</b>
Glass and glass products	0,61	107,8	116,4	118,3	90,2	98,4	100,1
Non-metallic mineral products	2,50	105,4	110,0	108,9	81,1	89,3	96,8
<b>Basic iron and steel, non-ferrous metal products, metal products and machinery</b>	<b>21,85</b>	<b>100,0</b>	<b>108,0</b>	<b>103,0</b>	<b>73,2</b>	<b>75,1</b>	<b>87,2</b>
Basic iron and steel products	3,20	60,5	65,1	54,4	47,2	51,0	52,8
Non-ferrous metal products	4,16	96,2	100,3	87,7	80,3	79,8	80,2
Structural metal products	1,98	133,1	117,8	121,1	88,3	76,1	111,5
Other fabricated metal products	3,72	103,9	119,8	111,9	67,1	79,8	98,5
General purpose machinery	4,04	118,7	121,8	118,0	84,5	80,0	86,0
Special purpose machinery	4,01	94,4	114,7	119,9	69,2	73,9	92,8
Household appliances	0,74	110,8	138,2	133,6	96,5	107,8	128,6
<b>Electrical machinery</b>	<b>2,15</b>	<b>107,2</b>	<b>126,6</b>	<b>115,9</b>	<b>70,6</b>	<b>89,2</b>	<b>105,0</b>
<b>Radio, television and communication apparatus and professional equipment</b>	<b>1,00</b>	<b>102,1</b>	<b>110,1</b>	<b>102,2</b>	<b>97,1</b>	<b>72,9</b>	<b>95,3</b>
Radio, television and communication apparatus	0,19	101,5	118,6	111,2	118,7	58,1	74,8
Professional equipment	0,81	102,2	108,1	100,1	92,1	76,3	100,0
<b>Motor vehicles, parts and accessories and other transport equipment</b>	<b>7,84</b>	<b>95,1</b>	<b>104,0</b>	<b>104,6</b>	<b>45,5</b>	<b>70,2</b>	<b>84,1</b>
Motor vehicles	2,33	108,6	125,2	101,2	38,2	77,6	95,2
Bodies for motor vehicles, trailers and semi-trailers	0,65	100,2	106,9	102,1	66,8	64,8	81,3
Parts and accessories	3,95	88,7	91,9	106,3	38,3	65,3	75,7
Other transport equipment	0,91	84,4	100,3	107,9	80,3	75,9	94,0
<b>Furniture and other manufacturing</b>	<b>4,29</b>	<b>102,7</b>	<b>106,8</b>	<b>100,0</b>	<b>79,2</b>	<b>81,4</b>	<b>86,0</b>
Furniture	0,84	111,1	114,5	107,8	84,2	67,2	80,5
Other manufacturing groups	3,45	100,6	104,9	98,1	78,0	84,9	87,4
<b>Total</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>98,5</b>	<b>104,0</b>	<b>101,8</b>	<b>83,5</b>	<b>80,0</b>	<b>84,6</b>

**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	Sep-25	Oct-25	Nov-25	Dec-25	Jan-26	Feb-26
<b>Food and beverages</b>	<b>4,2</b>	<b>2,2</b>	<b>-1,3</b>	<b>-4,9</b>	<b>1,5</b>	<b>-4,5</b>
Meat, fish, fruit, etc.	-10,8	-3,5	-6,4	-13,6	-8,0	-3,6
Dairy products	-7,0	2,3	-5,7	-5,7	-1,9	-1,1
Grain mill products	1,7	6,9	5,4	3,5	-1,5	-3,6
Other food products	14,7	2,2	-2,6	-4,6	-2,6	-5,1
Beverages	5,9	3,5	0,7	-3,1	10,2	-5,1
<b>Textiles, clothing, leather and footwear</b>	<b>3,7</b>	<b>2,2</b>	<b>5,6</b>	<b>-0,8</b>	<b>5,3</b>	<b>-0,9</b>
Textiles	1,8	-2,7	17,5	6,8	34,5	5,0
Other textile products	1,5	9,5	5,4	-3,7	5,7	-4,0
Knitted, crocheted articles	-3,7	-3,6	2,9	-12,7	-12,5	-13,1
Wearing apparel	8,9	3,6	2,6	-3,7	-0,2	0,3
Leather and leather products	-5,6	0,2	-8,9	8,3	-14,4	-5,5
Footwear	-3,0	-1,3	-0,7	0,1	-18,5	-14,7
<b>Wood and wood products, paper, publishing and printing</b>	<b>-5,3</b>	<b>-5,2</b>	<b>-9,5</b>	<b>-5,5</b>	<b>-10,3</b>	<b>-9,7</b>
Sawmilling and planing of wood	3,5	9,3	1,1	-0,3	-11,9	5,8
Products of wood	9,1	2,4	-1,3	6,0	2,5	-1,9
Paper and paper products	-9,6	-13,6	-14,9	-11,4	-16,7	-15,5
Publishing	-3,6	13,4	-3,8	5,6	5,5	-3,0
Printing, recorded media	-6,6	-10,4	-8,3	-5,9	-13,5	-10,3
<b>Petroleum, chemical products, rubber and plastic products</b>	<b>0,6</b>	<b>1,2</b>	<b>3,2</b>	<b>7,7</b>	<b>6,6</b>	<b>1,9</b>
Coke, petroleum products and nuclear fuel	-4,7	-5,6	0,3	2,5	22,0	10,5
Basic chemicals	11,5	14,4	5,9	12,5	11,8	3,7
Other chemical products	0,7	2,3	3,8	11,1	-8,1	-4,6
Rubber products	-23,4	-16,0	-8,7	34,4	-25,3	-14,5
Plastic products	6,8	2,7	8,4	5,1	2,3	-0,7
<b>Glass and non-metallic mineral products</b>	<b>0,6</b>	<b>-5,4</b>	<b>-8,4</b>	<b>-5,7</b>	<b>2,4</b>	<b>6,4</b>
Glass and glass products	1,8	1,3	-1,7	-6,7	5,9	6,9
Non-metallic mineral products	0,3	-7,0	-10,0	-5,5	1,4	6,4
<b>Basic iron and steel, non-ferrous metal products, metal products and machinery</b>	<b>-1,4</b>	<b>0,6</b>	<b>-2,8</b>	<b>-2,0</b>	<b>-5,7</b>	<b>-3,6</b>
Basic iron and steel products	-35,6	-23,1	-26,2	-28,6	-34,0	-28,0
Non-ferrous metal products	5,4	-0,4	-11,7	0,6	-6,2	-9,8
Structural metal products	35,0	0,9	-2,3	12,8	-2,4	3,6
Other fabricated metal products	-2,7	3,6	-6,2	-2,9	-6,2	2,2
General purpose machinery	7,2	5,4	9,5	-11,8	-0,5	-6,6
Special purpose machinery	-7,5	4,3	4,3	22,3	6,9	6,7
Household appliances	-4,9	18,0	20,3	15,7	22,4	19,6
<b>Electrical machinery</b>	<b>-7,3</b>	<b>6,3</b>	<b>2,4</b>	<b>-1,4</b>	<b>4,7</b>	<b>5,7</b>
<b>Radio, television and communication apparatus and professional equipment</b>	<b>4,7</b>	<b>2,7</b>	<b>-2,8</b>	<b>1,3</b>	<b>0,3</b>	<b>-3,2</b>
Radio, television and communication apparatus	2,1	-4,5	1,6	0,8	-7,8	-4,8
Professional equipment	5,3	4,7	-3,8	1,3	1,9	-3,0
<b>Motor vehicles, parts and accessories and other transport equipment</b>	<b>7,6</b>	<b>1,7</b>	<b>-6,4</b>	<b>-2,4</b>	<b>0,6</b>	<b>-3,1</b>
Motor vehicles	33,1	17,0	-3,0	-8,0	2,4	-1,6
Bodies for motor vehicles, trailers and semi-trailers	11,3	-12,9	2,2	-5,0	2,9	-4,4
Parts and accessories	-4,3	-6,5	-11,3	0,8	1,6	-4,9
Other transport equipment	-2,4	7,8	3,8	0,5	-8,8	0,0
<b>Furniture and other manufacturing</b>	<b>5,0</b>	<b>1,4</b>	<b>-4,6</b>	<b>-6,7</b>	<b>1,4</b>	<b>-5,8</b>
Furniture	-1,3	10,5	-1,6	-4,9	-12,5	2,4
Other manufacturing groups	6,8	-0,8	-5,4	-7,1	4,7	-7,4
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,0</b>	<b>0,7</b>	<b>-2,1</b>	<b>-1,4</b>	<b>-0,1</b>	<b>-2,8</b>

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

**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	Oct-25	Nov-25	Dec-25	Jan-26	Feb-26	Month-on-month % change
<b>Food and beverages</b>	<b>22,19</b>	<b>105,4</b>	<b>104,5</b>	<b>101,9</b>	<b>103,6</b>	<b>101,2</b>	<b>-2,3</b>
Meat, fish, fruit, etc.	3,72	104,0	104,0	101,0	102,2	105,4	3,1
Dairy products	1,20	95,0	94,1	91,5	94,6	97,0	2,5
Grain mill products	1,94	107,5	105,9	103,1	103,2	101,4	-1,7
Other food products	7,55	87,6	87,5	84,9	86,6	86,4	-0,2
Beverages	7,78	124,5	122,7	120,1	122,2	114,3	-6,5
<b>Textiles, clothing, leather and footwear</b>	<b>3,68</b>	<b>88,5</b>	<b>91,8</b>	<b>87,2</b>	<b>90,7</b>	<b>88,0</b>	<b>-3,0</b>
Textiles	0,85	94,8	108,5	96,4	105,2	101,5	-3,5
Other textile products	0,55	96,6	96,8	91,7	96,9	90,1	-7,0
Knitted, crocheted articles	0,07	81,9	80,6	71,1	71,3	71,7	0,6
Wearing apparel	1,65	83,2	84,9	83,2	85,5	83,5	-2,3
Leather and leather products	0,26	80,0	72,7	73,8	74,2	72,4	-2,4
Footwear	0,30	94,1	92,3	90,5	85,5	88,2	3,2
<b>Wood and wood products, paper, publishing and printing</b>	<b>9,98</b>	<b>89,5</b>	<b>87,1</b>	<b>89,6</b>	<b>89,8</b>	<b>86,3</b>	<b>-3,9</b>
Sawmilling and planing of wood	0,74	102,6	100,3	95,8	82,0	101,1	23,3
Products of wood	0,85	117,7	117,4	121,8	119,8	117,6	-1,8
Paper and paper products	5,27	84,8	82,2	84,0	86,4	81,1	-6,1
Publishing	1,94	85,8	83,4	88,0	90,7	79,4	-12,5
Printing, recorded media	1,18	87,8	84,8	90,1	87,1	89,3	2,5
<b>Petroleum, chemical products, rubber and plastic products</b>	<b>23,91</b>	<b>81,9</b>	<b>81,6</b>	<b>83,5</b>	<b>80,4</b>	<b>79,1</b>	<b>-1,6</b>
Coke, petroleum products and nuclear fuel	11,12	58,3	59,8	62,1	62,6	60,6	-3,2
Basic chemicals	3,60	119,5	109,8	111,9	109,8	106,4	-3,1
Other chemical products	6,63	93,9	94,3	92,5	86,9	88,7	2,1
Rubber products	0,69	73,9	77,6	118,0	67,3	72,8	8,2
Plastic products	1,87	110,2	112,7	111,3	110,6	104,6	-5,4
<b>Glass and non-metallic mineral products</b>	<b>3,11</b>	<b>98,8</b>	<b>96,6</b>	<b>98,7</b>	<b>105,2</b>	<b>104,9</b>	<b>-0,3</b>
Glass and glass products	0,61	104,4	103,0	95,6	106,3	108,4	2,0
Non-metallic mineral products	2,50	97,4	95,1	99,4	104,9	104,0	-0,9
<b>Basic iron and steel, non-ferrous metal products, metal products and machinery</b>	<b>21,85</b>	<b>96,8</b>	<b>91,9</b>	<b>89,6</b>	<b>91,2</b>	<b>91,3</b>	<b>0,1</b>
Basic iron and steel products	3,20	61,3	57,1	55,6	51,8	55,7	7,5
Non-ferrous metal products	4,16	89,2	84,9	85,3	86,3	85,4	-1,0
Structural metal products	1,98	106,2	104,7	113,9	104,9	109,4	4,3
Other fabricated metal products	3,72	105,9	96,0	97,1	97,1	99,1	2,1
General purpose machinery	4,04	110,2	105,7	100,6	104,5	97,0	-7,2
Special purpose machinery	4,01	100,3	97,5	85,7	96,2	97,0	0,8
Household appliances	0,74	129,8	122,1	118,3	122,7	127,4	3,8
<b>Electrical machinery</b>	<b>2,15</b>	<b>114,1</b>	<b>107,7</b>	<b>101,3</b>	<b>109,9</b>	<b>107,7</b>	<b>-2,0</b>
<b>Radio, television and communication apparatus and professional equipment</b>	<b>1,00</b>	<b>99,2</b>	<b>93,3</b>	<b>96,6</b>	<b>94,7</b>	<b>96,0</b>	<b>1,4</b>
Radio, television and communication apparatus	0,19	92,8	91,6	96,7	86,2	89,4	3,7
Professional equipment	0,81	100,7	93,7	96,5	96,7	97,5	0,8
<b>Motor vehicles, parts and accessories and other transport equipment</b>	<b>7,84</b>	<b>89,8</b>	<b>86,3</b>	<b>79,7</b>	<b>88,1</b>	<b>84,8</b>	<b>-3,7</b>
Motor vehicles	2,33	102,6	87,7	75,7	95,0	91,4	-3,8
Bodies for motor vehicles, trailers and semi-trailers	0,65	92,5	90,5	95,4	91,6	86,9	-5,1
Parts and accessories	3,95	81,0	83,9	77,9	83,6	79,4	-5,0
Other transport equipment	0,91	93,4	90,2	86,6	88,0	89,9	2,2
<b>Furniture and other manufacturing</b>	<b>4,29</b>	<b>92,2</b>	<b>87,2</b>	<b>82,5</b>	<b>95,4</b>	<b>85,8</b>	<b>-10,1</b>
Furniture	0,84	97,2	91,3	87,1	87,3	92,9	6,4
Other manufacturing groups	3,45	91,0	86,3	81,4	97,3	84,1	-13,6
<b>Total</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>93,8</b>	<b>91,6</b>	<b>90,3</b>	<b>92,0</b>	<b>90,0</b>	<b>-2,2</b>

**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	244 736
Feb	210 330	215 111	238 381	259 006	286 861	274 778	273 128
Mar	210 477	248 468	269 658	302 213	291 315	291 434	
Apr	104 263	225 547	232 822	263 028	290 216	267 085	
May	153 176	231 852	258 900	280 985	292 763	289 049	
Jun	185 789	238 443	260 671	283 175	288 974	295 978	
Jul	200 480	206 482	255 030	277 945	297 763	296 413	
Aug	206 571	228 601	266 928	296 255	295 260	298 650	
Sep	221 995	240 283	283 884	300 624	294 593	309 667	
Oct	243 349	238 083	275 181	308 749	321 680	324 619	
Nov	247 095	266 853	297 743	326 392	318 576	321 048	
Dec	204 564	224 354	245 372	269 248	269 381	260 995	
<b>Total</b>	<b>2 376 993</b>	<b>2 751 398</b>	<b>3 095 659</b>	<b>3 399 338</b>	<b>3 501 032</b>	<b>3 479 342</b>	

**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	-2,0	-2,0
Feb	2,3	10,8	8,7	10,8	-4,2	-0,6	-1,2
Mar	18,0	8,5	12,1	-3,6	0,0		
Apr	116,3	3,2	13,0	10,3	-8,0		
May	51,4	11,7	8,5	4,2	-1,3		
Jun	28,3	9,3	8,6	2,0	2,4		
Jul	3,0	23,5	9,0	7,1	-0,5		
Aug	10,7	16,8	11,0	-0,3	1,1		
Sep	8,2	18,1	5,9	-2,0	5,1		
Oct	-2,2	15,6	12,2	4,2	0,9		
Nov	8,0	11,6	9,6	-2,4	0,8		
Dec	9,7	9,4	9,7	0,0	-3,1		
<b>Total</b>	<b>15,8</b>	<b>12,5</b>	<b>9,8</b>	<b>3,0</b>	<b>-0,6</b>		

**Table 10 – Seasonally adjusted manufacturing sales at current prices**

Month	R million				Month-on-month % change			
	2023	2024	2025	2026	2023	2024	2025	2026
Jan	270 826	294 522	289 393	286 573	0,6	-1,2	-0,9	3,0
Feb	272 249	296 495	288 921	287 521	0,5	0,7	-0,2	0,3
Mar	287 201	288 780	285 622		5,5	-2,6	-1,1	
Apr	285 366	301 384	283 638		-0,6	4,4	-0,7	
May	279 219	290 437	288 933		-2,2	-3,6	1,9	
Jun	275 394	289 628	294 076		-1,4	-0,3	1,8	
Jul	280 677	295 348	293 092		1,9	2,0	-0,3	
Aug	287 753	287 784	294 343		2,5	-2,6	0,4	
Sep	289 204	285 206	295 509		0,5	-0,9	0,4	
Oct	283 164	292 453	293 035		-2,1	2,5	-0,8	
Nov	291 531	283 989	291 010		3,0	-2,9	-0,7	
Dec	298 162	291 941	278 158		2,3	2,8	-4,4	

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

<b>Manufacturing division and major group</b>	<b>Sep-25</b>	<b>Oct-25</b>	<b>Nov-25</b>	<b>Dec-25</b>	<b>Jan-26</b>	<b>Feb-26</b>
<b>Food and beverages</b>	<b>79 702</b>	<b>80 563</b>	<b>80 520</b>	<b>82 503</b>	<b>64 612</b>	<b>67 482</b>
Meat, fish, fruit, etc.	22 499	23 228	22 974	22 683	18 523	20 136
Dairy products	6 240	6 866	6 509	6 317	5 812	5 721
Grain mill products	12 119	12 923	12 566	11 619	10 526	10 340
Other food products	17 053	16 571	16 609	15 609	12 824	13 174
Beverages	21 790	20 975	21 861	26 276	16 928	18 112
<b>Textiles, clothing, leather and footwear</b>	<b>6 907</b>	<b>8 017</b>	<b>8 003</b>	<b>5 422</b>	<b>5 033</b>	<b>6 081</b>
Textiles	833	965	958	524	610	733
Other textile products	2 024	2 527	2 375	1 561	1 561	1 952
Knitted, crocheted articles	281	300	288	150	130	159
Wearing apparel	2 402	2 691	2 883	2 059	1 727	2 157
Leather and leather products	550	661	616	430	532	555
Footwear	818	872	884	698	473	524
<b>Wood and wood products, paper, publishing and printing</b>	<b>20 060</b>	<b>19 464</b>	<b>20 361</b>	<b>17 088</b>	<b>15 974</b>	<b>16 233</b>
Sawmilling and planing of wood	1 416	1 472	1 393	1 025	959	1 348
Products of wood	2 874	2 884	2 912	2 003	2 197	2 487
Paper and paper products	10 849	9 935	10 561	9 776	8 761	8 662
Publishing	1 724	1 898	1 750	1 600	1 654	1 210
Printing, recorded media	3 196	3 275	3 744	2 684	2 403	2 526
<b>Petroleum, chemical products, rubber and plastic products</b>	<b>66 268</b>	<b>67 858</b>	<b>68 746</b>	<b>57 596</b>	<b>54 061</b>	<b>54 731</b>
Coke, petroleum products and nuclear fuel	22 365	20 871	22 202	20 772	19 979	18 404
Basic chemicals	12 465	13 337	12 857	10 791	9 671	9 384
Other chemical products	20 647	21 157	21 521	17 032	15 808	17 467
Rubber products	1 867	2 127	1 984	1 671	1 498	1 720
Plastic products	8 924	10 365	10 182	7 330	7 105	7 756
<b>Glass and non-metallic mineral products</b>	<b>9 193</b>	<b>9 362</b>	<b>9 231</b>	<b>6 829</b>	<b>7 491</b>	<b>8 197</b>
Glass and glass products	1 829	2 000	1 876	1 320	1 764	1 651
Non-metallic mineral products	7 365	7 362	7 355	5 509	5 727	6 546
<b>Basic iron and steel, non-ferrous metal products, metal products and machinery</b>	<b>59 242</b>	<b>65 257</b>	<b>63 327</b>	<b>48 253</b>	<b>48 104</b>	<b>59 091</b>
Basic iron and steel products	9 007	8 564	8 302	5 694	6 903	7 209
Non-ferrous metal products	17 594	21 311	20 083	18 634	17 758	22 316
Structural metal products	5 782	5 337	5 372	3 662	3 370	5 054
Other fabricated metal products	10 845	12 296	11 789	7 394	8 823	10 451
General purpose machinery	6 996	6 979	6 658	5 222	4 813	5 056
Special purpose machinery	7 820	9 299	9 685	6 512	5 319	7 802
Household appliances	1 197	1 470	1 439	1 136	1 118	1 204
<b>Electrical machinery</b>	<b>6 957</b>	<b>7 799</b>	<b>7 555</b>	<b>5 332</b>	<b>5 613</b>	<b>6 941</b>
<b>Radio, television and communication apparatus and professional equipment</b>	<b>2 599</b>	<b>2 698</b>	<b>2 725</b>	<b>2 904</b>	<b>1 647</b>	<b>2 165</b>
Radio, television and communication apparatus	1 350	1 394	1 433	1 715	692	897
Professional equipment	1 249	1 305	1 292	1 189	955	1 268
<b>Motor vehicles, parts and accessories and other transport equipment</b>	<b>45 874</b>	<b>50 305</b>	<b>47 623</b>	<b>23 132</b>	<b>31 206</b>	<b>40 591</b>
Motor vehicles	30 560	33 369	31 437	15 013	19 469	26 609
Bodies for motor vehicles, trailers and semi-trailers	1 264	1 258	1 341	909	824	1 036
Parts and accessories	11 250	12 353	11 267	4 545	8 397	9 831
Other transport equipment	2 800	3 324	3 578	2 665	2 516	3 115
<b>Furniture and other manufacturing</b>	<b>12 865</b>	<b>13 298</b>	<b>12 958</b>	<b>11 936</b>	<b>10 995</b>	<b>11 617</b>
Furniture	2 073	2 241	2 274	1 767	1 360	1 648
Other manufacturing groups	10 792	11 056	10 684	10 169	9 635	9 969
<b>Total</b>	<b>309 667</b>	<b>324 619</b>	<b>321 048</b>	<b>260 995</b>	<b>244 736</b>	<b>273 128</b>

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

Manufacturing division and major group	Sep-25	Oct-25	Nov-25	Dec-25	Jan-26	Feb-26
<b>Food and beverages</b>	<b>6,8</b>	<b>3,6</b>	<b>1,3</b>	<b>-0,6</b>	<b>0,9</b>	<b>-0,3</b>
Meat, fish, fruit, etc.	4,7	2,6	-0,2	-9,5	-1,8	1,1
Dairy products	-1,0	1,1	-2,2	2,3	-5,6	0,2
Grain mill products	1,4	1,9	0,2	-2,1	-5,8	-9,0
Other food products	11,7	6,3	-1,2	10,8	-1,0	-4,0
Beverages	11,2	4,6	7,0	1,7	13,6	6,8
<b>Textiles, clothing, leather and footwear</b>	<b>8,2</b>	<b>7,5</b>	<b>5,2</b>	<b>-0,6</b>	<b>3,5</b>	<b>-2,9</b>
Textiles	6,8	6,3	3,9	-3,1	1,3	-10,4
Other textile products	8,3	16,6	11,1	-1,7	13,6	1,6
Knitted, crocheted articles	-3,1	0,7	4,0	-9,1	-9,7	-19,7
Wearing apparel	12,4	7,8	6,3	-0,4	4,5	2,8
Leather and leather products	3,0	-0,5	-5,8	15,9	-1,5	-8,3
Footwear	5,3	-5,4	-2,0	-3,3	-14,2	-15,8
<b>Wood and wood products, paper, publishing and printing</b>	<b>-8,1</b>	<b>-3,6</b>	<b>-5,8</b>	<b>-1,2</b>	<b>-11,9</b>	<b>-7,1</b>
Sawmilling and planing of wood	4,7	8,6	7,4	4,4	-2,6	17,6
Products of wood	10,5	-4,5	-5,2	-3,0	1,4	0,2
Paper and paper products	-14,8	-7,9	-8,8	-0,8	-19,3	-13,2
Publishing	-5,3	19,2	1,7	5,2	12,9	2,9
Printing, recorded media	-3,3	-4,9	-4,8	-6,3	-9,6	-6,0
<b>Petroleum, chemical products, rubber and plastic products</b>	<b>10,4</b>	<b>0,0</b>	<b>5,5</b>	<b>1,7</b>	<b>-4,2</b>	<b>-4,4</b>
Coke, petroleum products and nuclear fuel	16,8	-8,8	0,4	-1,5	-3,3	-2,0
Basic chemicals	16,6	10,2	9,8	5,7	-8,6	-12,5
Other chemical products	5,8	5,3	10,5	3,6	-3,8	-3,1
Rubber products	3,4	5,7	-3,1	15,3	-11,0	-8,4
Plastic products	0,9	-3,7	3,9	-1,4	0,1	-1,0
<b>Glass and non-metallic mineral products</b>	<b>9,1</b>	<b>-3,8</b>	<b>-5,8</b>	<b>-2,3</b>	<b>10,7</b>	<b>10,7</b>
Glass and glass products	4,2	-5,1	-12,1	-14,6	30,5	11,7
Non-metallic mineral products	10,4	-3,4	-4,1	1,2	5,8	10,5
<b>Basic iron and steel, non-ferrous metal products, metal products and machinery</b>	<b>-4,2</b>	<b>-2,3</b>	<b>-0,2</b>	<b>-3,3</b>	<b>-3,3</b>	<b>7,7</b>
Basic iron and steel products	-27,9	-32,6	-31,0	-24,8	-37,7	-26,2
Non-ferrous metal products	-2,7	4,3	17,9	-6,5	13,5	28,9
Structural metal products	36,1	7,4	1,5	1,5	-4,3	9,4
Other fabricated metal products	2,1	-1,2	-3,4	-0,9	2,2	4,9
General purpose machinery	7,0	6,7	9,3	-8,5	7,8	-7,8
Special purpose machinery	-8,3	11,5	2,3	41,2	0,6	19,9
Household appliances	-10,2	7,5	10,7	11,9	-0,7	0,9
<b>Electrical machinery</b>	<b>-2,0</b>	<b>1,1</b>	<b>7,1</b>	<b>10,0</b>	<b>9,6</b>	<b>16,6</b>
<b>Radio, television and communication apparatus and professional equipment</b>	<b>7,4</b>	<b>-8,4</b>	<b>-1,8</b>	<b>5,1</b>	<b>-4,3</b>	<b>-3,2</b>
Radio, television and communication apparatus	10,9	-13,6	0,1	7,3	-10,2	-5,1
Professional equipment	3,7	-2,1	-3,9	2,0	0,5	-1,9
<b>Motor vehicles, parts and accessories and other transport equipment</b>	<b>12,6</b>	<b>2,9</b>	<b>-3,8</b>	<b>-26,0</b>	<b>-5,1</b>	<b>-9,4</b>
Motor vehicles	9,1	-1,9	-7,9	-34,9	-10,0	-14,6
Bodies for motor vehicles, trailers and semi-trailers	5,8	-1,4	7,5	3,5	17,5	-0,9
Parts and accessories	28,9	16,7	4,5	-4,5	7,0	3,0
Other transport equipment	-0,2	10,9	6,9	3,4	-6,8	1,8
<b>Furniture and other manufacturing</b>	<b>14,6</b>	<b>7,6</b>	<b>6,5</b>	<b>6,4</b>	<b>10,9</b>	<b>6,6</b>
Furniture	14,4	21,0	19,3	9,0	8,5	13,7
Other manufacturing groups	14,6	5,2	4,1	6,0	11,3	5,5
<b>Total</b>	<b>5,1</b>	<b>0,9</b>	<b>0,8</b>	<b>-3,1</b>	<b>-2,0</b>	<b>-0,6</b>

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

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

Manufacturing division and major group	Oct-25	Nov-25	Dec-25	Jan-26	Feb-26	Month-on-month % change
<b>Food and beverages</b>	<b>74 649</b>	<b>74 362</b>	<b>74 429</b>	<b>73 837</b>	<b>73 333</b>	<b>-0,7</b>
Meat, fish, fruit, etc.	21 657	21 509	20 587	21 516	21 900	1,8
Dairy products	6 081	6 141	6 084	5 927	6 202	4,6
Grain mill products	12 262	12 148	11 731	11 605	11 367	-2,1
Other food products	15 372	14 845	16 651	14 911	14 713	-1,3
Beverages	19 277	19 720	19 376	19 878	19 151	-3,7
<b>Textiles, clothing, leather and footwear</b>	<b>6 661</b>	<b>6 655</b>	<b>6 379</b>	<b>6 714</b>	<b>6 407</b>	<b>-4,6</b>
Textiles	806	835	727	769	752	-2,2
Other textile products	2 011	2 033	1 926	2 108	1 921	-8,9
Knitted, crocheted articles	242	234	208	208	201	-3,4
Wearing apparel	2 287	2 288	2 259	2 378	2 308	-2,9
Leather and leather products	577	547	562	566	555	-1,9
Footwear	738	719	697	686	671	-2,2
<b>Wood and wood products, paper, publishing and printing</b>	<b>17 949</b>	<b>17 529</b>	<b>17 727</b>	<b>17 874</b>	<b>17 446</b>	<b>-2,4</b>
Sawmilling and planing of wood	1 338	1 341	1 230	1 127	1 387	23,1
Products of wood	2 489	2 549	2 568	2 615	2 634	0,7
Paper and paper products	9 663	9 331	9 400	9 583	9 098	-5,1
Publishing	1 563	1 505	1 588	1 622	1 418	-12,6
Printing, recorded media	2 896	2 804	2 941	2 926	2 909	-0,6
<b>Petroleum, chemical products, rubber and plastic products</b>	<b>60 802</b>	<b>62 703</b>	<b>61 072</b>	<b>60 090</b>	<b>58 965</b>	<b>-1,9</b>
Coke, petroleum products and nuclear fuel	19 902	21 381	20 735	21 092	20 122	-4,6
Basic chemicals	11 606	11 458	11 329	10 614	10 077	-5,1
Other chemical products	18 956	19 473	18 424	18 010	18 682	3,7
Rubber products	1 939	1 776	2 067	1 755	1 734	-1,2
Plastic products	8 400	8 616	8 519	8 618	8 350	-3,1
<b>Glass and non-metallic mineral products</b>	<b>8 041</b>	<b>8 056</b>	<b>8 138</b>	<b>9 079</b>	<b>8 896</b>	<b>-2,0</b>
Glass and glass products	1 618	1 499	1 424	2 055	1 800	-12,4
Non-metallic mineral products	6 423	6 557	6 714	7 023	7 095	1,0
<b>Basic iron and steel, non-ferrous metal products, metal products and machinery</b>	<b>59 726</b>	<b>58 077</b>	<b>57 039</b>	<b>58 585</b>	<b>62 065</b>	<b>5,9</b>
Basic iron and steel products	8 372	8 158	7 457	7 603	7 776	2,3
Non-ferrous metal products	19 889	19 229	19 730	19 970	23 259	16,5
Structural metal products	4 808	4 644	4 683	4 564	4 917	7,7
Other fabricated metal products	10 669	10 489	10 295	10 885	10 751	-1,2
General purpose machinery	6 429	6 206	6 171	6 409	5 625	-12,2
Special purpose machinery	8 199	8 025	7 379	7 881	8 477	7,6
Household appliances	1 359	1 326	1 323	1 272	1 258	-1,1
<b>Electrical machinery</b>	<b>6 974</b>	<b>6 994</b>	<b>6 775</b>	<b>7 141</b>	<b>7 206</b>	<b>0,9</b>
<b>Radio, television and communication apparatus and professional equipment</b>	<b>2 342</b>	<b>2 350</b>	<b>2 486</b>	<b>2 295</b>	<b>2 370</b>	<b>3,3</b>
Radio, television and communication apparatus	1 139	1 172	1 258	1 087	1 118	2,9
Professional equipment	1 203	1 178	1 228	1 208	1 252	3,6
<b>Motor vehicles, parts and accessories and other transport equipment</b>	<b>43 902</b>	<b>42 637</b>	<b>32 265</b>	<b>37 595</b>	<b>38 946</b>	<b>3,6</b>
Motor vehicles	28 730	28 488	21 293	24 080	25 532	6,0
Bodies for motor vehicles, trailers and semi-trailers	1 120	1 155	1 176	1 218	1 120	-8,0
Parts and accessories	10 962	9 996	6 907	9 360	9 299	-0,7
Other transport equipment	3 091	2 998	2 889	2 937	2 996	2,0
<b>Furniture and other manufacturing</b>	<b>11 988</b>	<b>11 646</b>	<b>11 848</b>	<b>13 364</b>	<b>11 887</b>	<b>-11,1</b>
Furniture	1 918	1 894	1 830	1 846	1 895	2,7
Other manufacturing groups	10 070	9 752	10 018	11 519	9 991	-13,3
<b>Total</b>	<b>293 035</b>	<b>291 010</b>	<b>278 158</b>	<b>286 573</b>	<b>287 521</b>	<b>0,3</b>

## Explanatory notes

- Introduction**
- 1 Statistics South Africa (Stats SA) conducts a monthly survey of the manufacturing industry, covering manufacturing enterprises. This statistical release contains the results of a sample drawn from the statistical business register (SBR), with enhanced coverage of South African businesses (see point 3). The release contains monthly indices of the volume of manufacturing production and monthly value of sales of manufactured products by division and major group.
  - 2 In accordance with international practice, the indices are usually re-based every five years to a new base year. The current base period of the index is 2019. Both estimated and seasonally adjusted figures are presented.
  - 3 Stats SA is continuously updating its SBR, based on units registered for value-added tax (VAT) and income tax (IT) obtained from the South African Revenue Service (SARS).
- Purpose of the survey**
- 4 The results of the monthly manufacturing production and sales survey are used to calculate the volume of manufacturing production indices in order to estimate the gross domestic product (GDP) and its components, which in turn are used to develop and monitor government policy. These indices provide an indicator of the real level of manufacturing activity in the economy.
- Special Data Dissemination Standard of the IMF**
- 5 The data in this statistical release adhere to the Special Data Dissemination Standard (SDDS) of the International Monetary Fund (IMF), which sets out standards on coverage, periodicity and timeliness of data, access by the public, integrity, and quality of the disseminated data.
- Scope of the survey**
- 6 This survey covers manufacturing enterprises, i.e. those conducting activities in:
    - the manufacturing, processing, making or packing of products;
    - the slaughtering of animals, including poultry; and
    - installation, assembly, completion, repair and related work.
- Classification**
- 7 The 1993 edition of the *Standard Industrial Classification of All Economic Activities* (SIC), Fifth Edition, Report No. 09-90-02, was used to classify the statistical units in the survey. The SIC is based on the 1990 *International Standard Industrial Classification of All Economic Activities* (ISIC) with suitable adaptations for local conditions. Each enterprise is classified to an industry which reflects its predominant activity. Statistics in this publication are presented at SIC division (two-digit) and major group (three-digit) level.
- Collection rate**
- 8 The preliminary collection rate for the survey on manufacturing production and sales was 70,6% for February 2026. The revised collection rate for January 2026 was 75,4%.
- 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
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	Apr-26 - Jun-26
Aug-26	Additional information from respondents	May-26 - Jul-26
Sep-26	Additional information from respondents	Jun-26 - Aug-26
Oct-26	Additional information from respondents	Jul-26 - Sep-26
Nov-26	Additional information from respondents	Aug-26 - Oct-26
Dec-26	Additional information from respondents	Sep-26 - Nov-26
Jan-27	Additional information from respondents New weights for manufacturing production New base year for manufacturing production	Jan-98 - Dec-26
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)
<b>Food and beverages</b>	<b>20,75</b>	<b>21,44</b>	<b>22,07</b>	<b>22,19</b>
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
<b>Textiles, clothing, leather and footwear</b>	<b>4,26</b>	<b>4,07</b>	<b>3,89</b>	<b>3,68</b>
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
<b>Wood and wood products, paper, publishing and printing</b>	<b>10,63</b>	<b>10,48</b>	<b>10,29</b>	<b>9,98</b>
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
<b>Petroleum, chemical products, rubber and plastic products</b>	<b>24,95</b>	<b>24,86</b>	<b>24,38</b>	<b>23,91</b>
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
<b>Glass and non-metallic mineral products</b>	<b>3,24</b>	<b>3,10</b>	<b>3,06</b>	<b>3,11</b>
Glass and glass products	0,49	0,48	0,50	0,61
Non-metallic mineral products	2,75	2,62	2,56	2,50
<b>Basic iron and steel, non-ferrous metal products, metal products and machinery</b>	<b>19,73</b>	<b>19,96</b>	<b>20,86</b>	<b>21,85</b>
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
<b>Electrical machinery</b>	<b>2,21</b>	<b>2,14</b>	<b>2,09</b>	<b>2,15</b>
<b>Radio, television and communication apparatus and professional equipment</b>	<b>1,07</b>	<b>1,06</b>	<b>1,06</b>	<b>1,00</b>
Radio, television and communication apparatus	0,04	0,08	0,16	0,19
Professional equipment	1,03	0,98	0,90	0,81
<b>Motor vehicles, parts and accessories and other transport equipment</b>	<b>8,89</b>	<b>8,72</b>	<b>8,21</b>	<b>7,84</b>
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
<b>Furniture and other manufacturing</b>	<b>4,27</b>	<b>4,17</b>	<b>4,09</b>	<b>4,29</b>
Furniture	0,78	0,69	0,70	0,84
Other manufacturing groups	3,49	3,48	3,39	3,45
<b>Total</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>

**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 – February 2026

	Lower limit (R million)	Estimate (R million)	Upper limit (R million)	Relative standard error (RSE) %
Total sales	269 284	273 128	276 972	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

<b>Enterprise</b>	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.	
<b>Industry</b>	An industry is made up of enterprises engaged in the same or similar kinds of economic activity. Industries are defined in the <i>System of National Accounts (SNA)</i> in the same way as in the <i>Standard Industrial Classification of All Economic Activities (SIC)</i> , Fifth Edition, Report No. 09-90-02 of January 1993.	
<b>Sales</b>	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.	
<b>Symbols and abbreviations</b>	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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