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Production: results for January 2025

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

	Aug-24	Sep-24	Oct-24	Nov-24	Dec-24	Jan-25
Year-on-year % change, unadjusted	-0,9	-1,3	1,9	-1,9	-1,2	-3,3
Month-on-month % change, seasonally adjusted	-0,7	-0,3	1,3	-1,2	-2,2	0,2
3-month % change, seasonally adjusted ¹	0,3	0,1	0,6	0,2	-0,6	-1,8

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

Manufacturing production decreased by 3,3% in January 2025 compared with January 2024. The largest negative contributions were made by the following divisions:

- petroleum, chemical products, rubber and plastic products (-9,1% and contributing -2,1 percentage points);
- food and beverages (-3,2% and contributing -0,8 of a percentage point); and
- motor vehicles, parts and accessories and other transport equipment (-10,1% and contributing -0,8 of a percentage point).

The largest positive contribution was made by the wood and wood products, paper, publishing and printing division (5,6% and contributing 0,6 of a percentage point) – see Table 5 and Table 6.

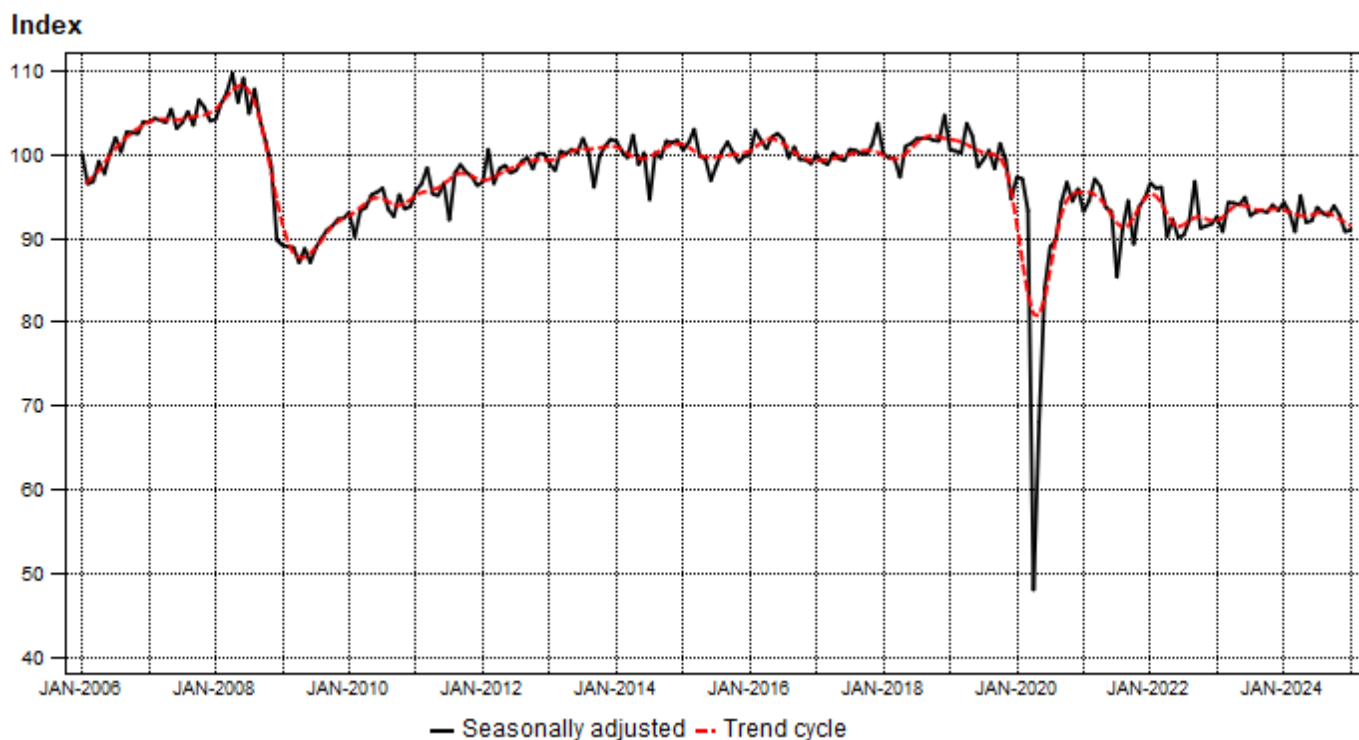
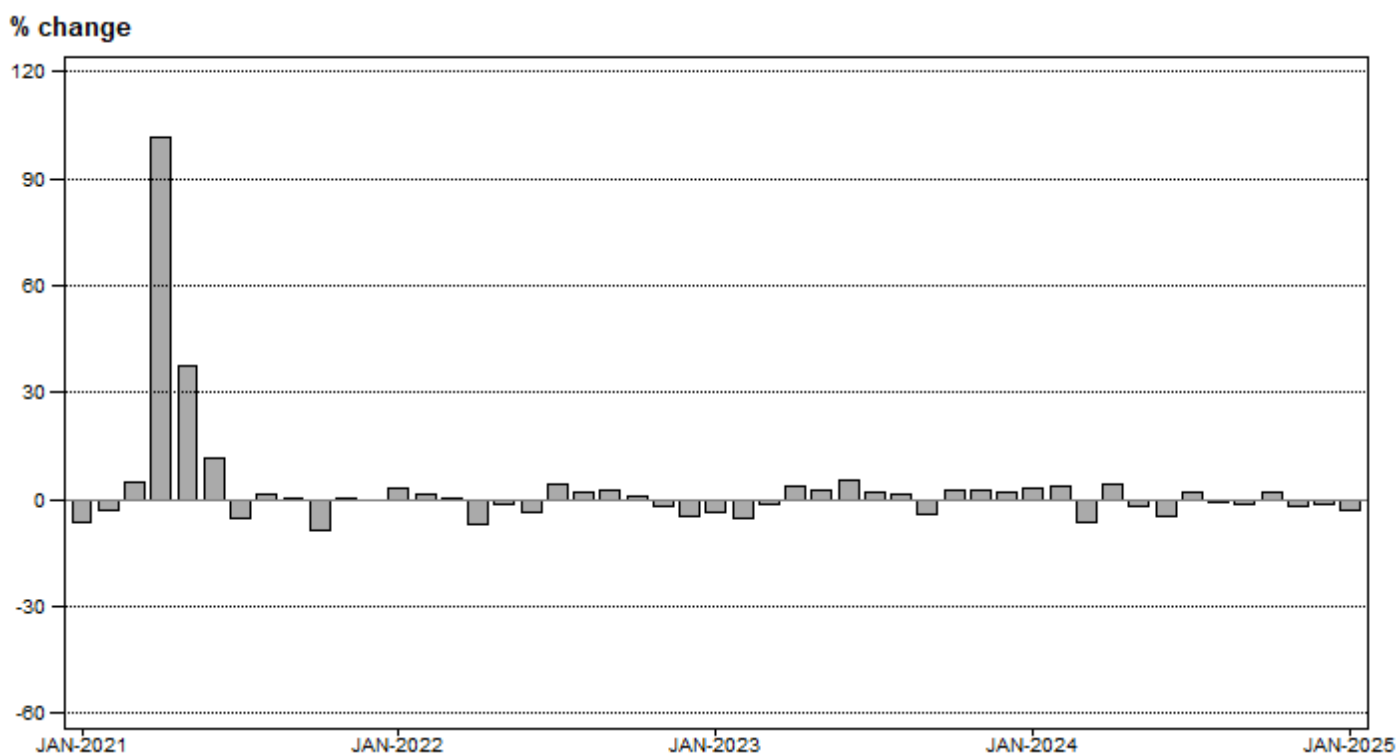
Seasonally adjusted manufacturing production increased by 0,2% in January 2025 compared with December 2024. This followed month-on-month changes of -2,2% in December 2024 and -1,2% in November 2024 – see Table A.

Seasonally adjusted manufacturing production decreased by 1,8% in the three months ended January 2025 compared with the previous three months. Eight of the ten manufacturing divisions reported negative growth rates over this period. The largest negative contributions were reported for the following divisions:

- petroleum, chemical products, rubber and plastic products (-3,6% and contributing -0,8 of a percentage point);
- basic iron and steel, non-ferrous metal products, metal products and machinery (-3,4% and contributing -0,7 of a percentage point); and
- motor vehicles, parts and accessories and other transport equipment (-4,6% 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	Aug – Oct 2024	Nov 2024 – Jan 2025	% change between Aug – Oct 2024 and Nov 2024 – Jan 2025	Contribution (% points) to the total % change
Food and beverages	22,07	103,5	103,1	-0,4	-0,1
Meat, fish, fruit, etc.	3,53	109,9	111,1	1,1	0,0
Dairy products	1,48	99,1	95,9	-3,2	-0,1
Grain mill products	2,01	100,2	100,0	-0,2	0,0
Other food products	7,61	86,3	86,5	0,2	0,0
Beverages	7,44	119,9	118,7	-1,0	-0,1
Textiles, clothing, leather and footwear	3,89	87,0	86,5	-0,6	0,0
Textiles	0,96	93,6	87,7	-6,3	-0,1
Other textile products	0,55	92,9	91,8	-1,2	0,0
Knitted, crocheted articles	0,06	87,1	79,0	-9,3	0,0
Wearing apparel	1,83	81,5	84,6	3,8	0,1
Leather and leather products	0,24	79,2	78,0	-1,5	0,0
Footwear	0,25	95,8	93,8	-2,1	0,0
Wood and wood products, paper, publishing and printing	10,29	94,8	97,7	3,1	0,3
Sawmilling and planing of wood	0,83	97,7	94,2	-3,6	0,0
Products of wood	0,93	113,6	118,6	4,4	0,0
Paper and paper products	5,18	94,7	98,8	4,3	0,2
Publishing	2,02	83,8	88,2	5,3	0,1
Printing, recorded media	1,33	97,3	95,5	-1,8	0,0
Petroleum, chemical products, rubber and plastic products	24,38	80,0	77,1	-3,6	-0,8
Coke, petroleum products and nuclear fuel	11,63	60,9	57,6	-5,4	-0,4
Basic chemicals	3,35	102,1	102,0	-0,1	0,0
Other chemical products	6,81	93,4	88,9	-4,8	-0,3
Rubber products	0,65	84,6	86,4	2,1	0,0
Plastic products	1,94	107,0	106,5	-0,5	0,0
Glass and non-metallic mineral products	3,06	101,5	105,7	4,1	0,1
Glass and glass products	0,50	101,8	101,5	-0,3	0,0
Non-metallic mineral products	2,56	101,4	106,5	5,0	0,1
Basic iron and steel, non-ferrous metal products, metal products and machinery	20,86	96,8	93,5	-3,4	-0,7
Basic iron and steel products	3,18	87,7	76,7	-12,5	-0,4
Non-ferrous metal products	3,98	91,5	89,2	-2,5	-0,1
Structural metal products	2,01	97,4	104,4	7,2	0,2
Other fabricated metal products	3,74	100,9	102,2	1,3	0,1
General purpose machinery	3,52	103,8	104,9	1,1	0,0
Special purpose machinery	3,77	97,2	85,5	-12,0	-0,5
Household appliances	0,66	109,3	100,9	-7,7	-0,1
Electrical machinery	2,09	108,5	102,7	-5,3	-0,1
Radio, television and communication apparatus and professional equipment	1,06	97,6	93,3	-4,4	0,0
Radio, television and communication apparatus	0,16	93,3	96,6	3,5	0,0
Professional equipment	0,90	98,4	92,7	-5,8	-0,1
Motor vehicles, parts and accessories and other transport equipment	8,21	89,5	85,4	-4,6	-0,4
Motor vehicles	2,39	85,6	86,8	1,4	0,0
Bodies for motor vehicles, trailers and semi-trailers	0,72	93,7	100,0	6,7	0,0
Parts and accessories	3,96	92,2	81,0	-12,1	-0,5
Other transport equipment	1,14	86,1	89,0	3,4	0,0
Furniture and other manufacturing	4,09	92,2	89,8	-2,6	-0,1
Furniture	0,70	94,0	90,1	-4,1	0,0
Other manufacturing groups	3,39	91,9	89,7	-2,4	-0,1
Total	100	93,2	91,5	-1,8	-1,8

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 January 2025

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

	Aug-24	Sep-24	Oct-24	Nov-24	Dec-24	Jan-25
Year-on-year % change, unadjusted	-0,6	-2,2	4,0	-2,6	-0,4	-1,9
Month-on-month % change, seasonally adjusted	-2,7	-1,0	3,1	-3,0	1,1	-0,8
3-month % change, seasonally adjusted ¹	0,1	-1,0	-1,1	-1,3	-0,2	-0,9

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

Seasonally adjusted manufacturing sales decreased by 0,8% in January 2025 compared with December 2024. This followed month-on-month changes of 1,1% in December 2024 and -3,0% in November 2024 – see Table C.

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

Manufacturing division	Aug – Oct 2024 (R million)	Nov 2024 – Jan 2025 (R million)	% change between Aug – Oct 2024 and Nov 2024 – Jan 2025	Contribution (% points) to the total % change
Food and beverages	208 536	208 860	0,2	0,0
Textiles, clothing, leather and footwear	18 916	19 347	2,3	0,1
Wood and wood products, paper, publishing and printing	54 706	54 241	-0,8	-0,1
Petroleum, chemical products, rubber and plastic products	177 304	178 809	0,8	0,2
Glass and non-metallic mineral products	24 337	25 596	5,2	0,1
Basic iron and steel, non-ferrous metal products, metal products and machinery	177 764	171 862	-3,3	-0,7
Electrical machinery	22 214	20 459	-7,9	-0,2
Radio, television and communication apparatus and professional equipment	7 572	7 606	0,4	0,0
Motor vehicles, parts and accessories and other transport equipment	126 919	123 024	-3,1	-0,5
Furniture and other manufacturing	31 868	32 587	2,3	0,1
Total	850 133	842 389	-0,9	-0,9

Seasonally adjusted manufacturing sales decreased by 0,9% in the three months ended January 2025 compared with the previous three months. The largest negative contributions were made by the basic iron and steel, non-ferrous metal products, metal products and machinery division (-3,3% and contributing -0,7 of a percentage point) and the motor vehicles, parts and accessories and other transport equipment division (-3,1% 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	83,0	79,8	82,1	79,4
Feb	94,9	92,4	89,5	91,0	86,2	89,4	
Mar	101,2	94,5	99,2	99,3	97,7	91,2	
Apr	95,8	45,3	91,2	84,7	87,9	91,5	
May	102,0	67,2	92,3	91,2	93,6	91,7	
Jun	97,8	84,1	93,8	90,5	95,6	91,1	
Jul	101,8	91,4	86,8	90,4	92,2	94,2	
Aug	105,2	92,9	94,5	96,4	97,7	96,8	
Sep	102,6	99,4	100,0	102,7	98,3	97,0	
Oct	112,7	106,8	97,3	98,4	101,0	102,9	
Nov	111,0	104,7	104,9	102,7	105,5	103,5	
Dec	86,8	87,6	87,6	83,4	85,2	84,2	
Total	100,0	87,7	93,1	92,8	93,4	93,0	

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

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

Table 3 – Seasonally adjusted volume of manufacturing production

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

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

Manufacturing division and major group	Weight	Aug-24	Sep-24	Oct-24	Nov-24	Dec-24	Jan-25
Food and beverages	22,07	106,3	108,4	110,7	113,6	118,4	87,8
Meat, fish, fruit, etc.	3,53	110,9	113,3	111,8	114,9	122,0	99,7
Dairy products	1,48	97,9	109,1	107,9	106,6	102,3	95,7
Grain mill products	2,01	100,1	101,7	107,2	103,7	96,9	95,5
Other food products	7,61	100,7	85,6	90,1	95,7	80,8	73,5
Beverages	7,44	113,2	131,1	132,8	135,2	164,1	93,1
Textiles, clothing, leather and footwear	3,89	90,1	90,1	102,1	104,6	71,2	64,6
Textiles	0,96	92,5	99,1	109,7	110,0	60,0	62,3
Other textile products	0,55	93,9	97,8	110,3	108,3	79,5	69,7
Knitted, crocheted articles	0,06	102,5	101,5	106,3	95,4	59,8	52,4
Wearing apparel	1,83	86,3	82,1	95,1	101,6	75,6	61,5
Leather and leather products	0,24	77,1	76,8	93,5	89,9	49,3	82,6
Footwear	0,25	109,6	107,0	112,8	114,3	89,1	70,6
Wood and wood products, paper, publishing and printing	10,29	104,4	103,9	104,4	111,2	92,1	92,2
Sawmilling and planing of wood	0,83	107,9	103,8	100,3	102,4	81,6	84,3
Products of wood	0,93	124,6	119,9	135,6	142,0	94,9	102,3
Paper and paper products	5,18	94,5	102,0	103,2	108,1	98,2	96,8
Publishing	2,02	113,1	101,7	91,3	100,8	83,6	84,1
Printing, recorded media	1,33	113,4	103,5	109,5	123,4	86,1	84,5
Petroleum, chemical products, rubber and plastic products	24,38	81,3	81,7	88,1	83,5	73,2	70,6
Coke, petroleum products and nuclear fuel	11,63	58,9	61,4	65,8	60,1	64,2	52,4
Basic chemicals	3,35	104,8	101,9	112,0	112,5	94,3	94,0
Other chemical products	6,81	98,9	97,8	101,7	97,7	75,3	82,3
Rubber products	0,65	82,2	90,2	93,3	93,7	46,6	85,6
Plastic products	1,94	113,1	109,1	130,4	120,9	92,1	92,9
Glass and non-metallic mineral products	3,06	105,0	105,2	117,7	120,6	88,3	92,5
Glass and glass products	0,50	100,8	105,9	114,9	120,3	99,8	95,8
Non-metallic mineral products	2,56	105,8	105,1	118,3	120,6	86,1	91,9
Basic iron and steel, non-ferrous metal products, metal products and machinery	20,86	101,0	101,2	107,2	106,0	74,3	79,4
Basic iron and steel products	3,18	93,3	93,9	84,7	73,7	66,1	77,3
Non-ferrous metal products	3,98	94,8	91,3	100,7	99,3	79,8	84,9
Structural metal products	2,01	101,6	98,6	116,8	123,9	78,3	78,0
Other fabricated metal products	3,74	104,2	106,8	115,6	119,3	69,1	85,1
General purpose machinery	3,52	111,1	110,7	115,6	107,9	95,8	78,9
Special purpose machinery	3,77	99,1	102,0	110,0	115,0	56,6	69,4
Household appliances	0,66	111,2	116,5	117,1	111,1	83,4	88,1
Electrical machinery	2,09	108,5	115,7	119,6	111,5	72,0	83,1
Radio, television and communication apparatus and professional equipment	1,06	98,8	97,4	106,3	104,9	94,3	72,9
Radio, television and communication apparatus	0,16	90,6	99,4	124,2	111,1	118,5	73,4
Professional equipment	0,90	100,3	97,1	103,2	103,8	90,1	72,8
Motor vehicles, parts and accessories and other transport equipment	8,21	95,6	88,4	102,2	111,7	48,0	70,6
Motor vehicles	2,39	100,2	81,6	107,0	104,3	41,5	75,8
Bodies for motor vehicles, trailers and semi-trailers	0,72	92,2	90,0	122,7	104,3	74,0	68,1
Parts and accessories	3,96	98,2	92,7	98,3	119,8	38,0	64,3
Other transport equipment	1,14	79,1	86,5	93,0	103,9	79,9	83,2
Furniture and other manufacturing	4,09	93,1	97,0	105,0	102,2	81,6	77,1
Furniture	0,70	94,5	112,6	103,6	109,6	88,3	73,3
Other manufacturing groups	3,39	92,9	93,7	105,3	100,7	80,2	77,9
Total	100	96,8	97,0	102,9	103,5	84,2	79,4

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	Aug-24	Sep-24	Oct-24	Nov-24	Dec-24	Jan-25
Food and beverages	7,6	1,8	7,4	2,9	6,1	-3,2
Meat, fish, fruit, etc.	1,0	2,2	2,4	2,6	13,5	1,2
Dairy products	2,1	7,7	-2,3	0,3	2,0	-1,9
Grain mill products	-3,8	-3,3	0,7	-0,5	0,4	-5,4
Other food products	8,3	-7,0	-0,3	-7,1	-2,1	-5,9
Beverages	14,7	8,7	20,0	12,9	9,7	-2,7
Textiles, clothing, leather and footwear	-2,7	-5,5	-5,6	-6,3	-5,2	-8,8
Textiles	-13,1	-6,6	-6,6	-12,3	-18,5	-29,0
Other textile products	11,8	-2,8	4,1	-1,6	0,4	20,4
Knitted, crocheted articles	-8,5	-1,2	7,7	-10,3	-4,6	-12,5
Wearing apparel	0,3	-6,2	-10,3	-3,8	0,5	-6,3
Leather and leather products	-0,8	-8,4	2,7	-9,3	-7,0	-1,0
Footwear	-6,1	-0,9	2,1	-4,4	-7,6	13,3
Wood and wood products, paper, publishing and printing	-0,3	-2,4	-0,2	-3,1	-1,3	5,6
Sawmilling and planing of wood	-3,0	6,5	2,8	3,7	-4,6	-12,6
Products of wood	-2,9	-9,8	-2,0	3,5	-6,2	5,8
Paper and paper products	-2,1	-4,6	0,2	-7,4	-7,6	6,0
Publishing	-0,8	5,4	-6,4	5,7	21,2	12,9
Printing, recorded media	11,1	-3,8	7,0	-5,4	9,3	6,6
Petroleum, chemical products, rubber and plastic products	1,1	1,9	4,8	1,1	0,3	-9,1
Coke, petroleum products and nuclear fuel	0,5	9,8	-2,4	-3,2	0,3	-19,0
Basic chemicals	-1,2	-7,5	9,5	-0,1	-0,8	-6,6
Other chemical products	5,2	-0,8	11,3	7,6	-1,3	-2,3
Rubber products	-19,6	-3,5	-6,6	-6,7	-9,0	-9,1
Plastic products	1,4	4,1	7,4	2,0	9,5	5,4
Glass and non-metallic mineral products	-0,9	-2,1	1,1	0,4	-4,4	1,2
Glass and glass products	5,3	-4,0	3,6	7,4	-14,9	-9,6
Non-metallic mineral products	-2,0	-1,7	0,7	-0,9	-1,6	3,7
Basic iron and steel, non-ferrous metal products, metal products and machinery	-5,2	-0,4	2,8	-2,0	-5,1	0,0
Basic iron and steel products	14,5	17,8	-3,2	-8,0	-9,5	-12,9
Non-ferrous metal products	0,9	3,3	2,4	3,4	-2,1	3,8
Structural metal products	-14,2	-10,9	1,9	2,3	-0,8	1,4
Other fabricated metal products	-8,1	2,3	4,1	-0,7	0,3	3,4
General purpose machinery	-4,8	-4,6	10,5	-3,0	18,7	8,4
Special purpose machinery	-15,9	-8,0	-2,7	-6,7	-33,3	-5,4
Household appliances	2,4	1,9	14,8	3,3	-2,7	7,3
Electrical machinery	-5,7	5,7	4,5	-7,1	-1,6	-5,9
Radio, television and communication apparatus and professional equipment	4,8	2,2	-0,2	-2,6	-2,0	-9,6
Radio, television and communication apparatus	-3,8	-3,9	6,2	-7,7	10,2	4,7
Professional equipment	6,4	3,4	-1,4	-1,6	-4,4	-11,8
Motor vehicles, parts and accessories and other transport equipment	-16,5	-18,9	-16,6	-14,3	-20,1	-10,1
Motor vehicles	-13,5	-28,0	-17,3	-19,8	-27,7	-8,0
Bodies for motor vehicles, trailers and semi-trailers	-22,7	-23,3	-4,3	-15,6	0,8	-14,0
Parts and accessories	-19,2	-14,6	-20,9	-12,0	-23,4	-13,5
Other transport equipment	-6,3	-10,1	-5,8	-9,3	-14,5	-1,3
Furniture and other manufacturing	4,4	1,9	9,6	-1,3	-6,3	7,7
Furniture	0,0	4,4	-5,3	-4,9	-6,2	-3,6
Other manufacturing groups	5,4	1,3	13,2	-0,3	-6,4	10,2
Total	-0,9	-1,3	1,9	-1,9	-1,2	-3,3

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

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

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

Manufacturing division and major group	Weight	Sep-24	Oct-24	Nov-24	Dec-24	Jan-25	Month-on-month % change
Food and beverages	22,07	102,9	102,3	104,0	107,0	98,4	-8,0
Meat, fish, fruit, etc.	3,53	111,0	107,8	108,4	116,1	108,8	-6,3
Dairy products	1,48	105,1	93,3	95,6	97,4	94,6	-2,9
Grain mill products	2,01	100,0	100,8	98,8	99,7	101,6	1,9
Other food products	7,61	83,3	84,2	87,5	88,2	83,8	-5,0
Beverages	7,44	119,4	120,4	121,9	125,7	108,5	-13,7
Textiles, clothing, leather and footwear	3,89	86,4	86,6	85,8	86,0	87,6	1,9
Textiles	0,96	94,0	95,9	92,4	88,0	82,6	-6,1
Other textile products	0,55	92,4	92,8	86,8	94,0	94,5	0,5
Knitted, crocheted articles	0,06	86,1	87,9	80,7	79,4	77,0	-3,0
Wearing apparel	1,83	80,7	78,9	82,2	84,0	87,6	4,3
Leather and leather products	0,24	75,7	82,5	78,6	71,1	84,2	18,4
Footwear	0,25	96,7	96,8	92,5	91,3	97,6	6,9
Wood and wood products, paper, publishing and printing	10,29	93,1	95,8	95,4	96,0	101,8	6,0
Sawmilling and planing of wood	0,83	100,2	96,4	96,8	97,1	88,7	-8,7
Products of wood	0,93	109,3	115,5	119,7	117,4	118,6	1,0
Paper and paper products	5,18	92,6	97,8	95,2	95,2	106,1	11,4
Publishing	2,02	84,1	80,6	88,0	87,6	88,9	1,5
Printing, recorded media	1,33	93,5	97,2	89,6	96,3	100,7	4,6
Petroleum, chemical products, rubber and plastic products	24,38	81,0	80,2	77,7	78,6	75,1	-4,5
Coke, petroleum products and nuclear fuel	11,63	63,7	60,0	58,3	62,1	52,4	-15,6
Basic chemicals	3,35	100,4	105,6	103,2	102,8	100,1	-2,6
Other chemical products	6,81	93,6	93,4	90,4	85,4	91,0	6,6
Rubber products	0,65	86,6	85,5	86,5	86,4	86,4	0,0
Plastic products	1,94	104,9	109,4	102,5	108,9	108,2	-0,6
Glass and non-metallic mineral products	3,06	100,1	103,7	104,5	104,5	108,0	3,3
Glass and glass products	0,50	101,0	105,2	104,0	100,9	99,6	-1,3
Non-metallic mineral products	2,56	100,0	103,4	104,6	105,2	109,7	4,3
Basic iron and steel, non-ferrous metal products, metal products and machinery	20,86	96,6	98,3	95,5	89,8	95,1	5,9
Basic iron and steel products	3,18	90,9	80,4	76,0	77,1	77,1	0,0
Non-ferrous metal products	3,98	92,3	90,8	93,2	85,7	88,7	3,5
Structural metal products	2,01	91,7	104,6	105,0	102,4	105,9	3,4
Other fabricated metal products	3,74	100,8	104,3	101,8	100,3	104,4	4,1
General purpose machinery	3,52	101,4	107,9	98,5	110,6	105,7	-4,4
Special purpose machinery	3,77	98,0	100,3	98,8	66,2	91,6	38,4
Household appliances	0,66	107,6	114,3	102,5	100,5	99,8	-0,7
Electrical machinery	2,09	110,5	110,3	101,9	100,5	105,6	5,1
Radio, television and communication apparatus and professional equipment	1,06	96,7	97,1	93,3	94,0	92,6	-1,5
Radio, television and communication apparatus	0,16	91,5	97,5	89,7	99,9	100,2	0,3
Professional equipment	0,90	97,6	97,0	93,9	92,9	91,3	-1,7
Motor vehicles, parts and accessories and other transport equipment	8,21	86,1	92,9	95,2	76,2	84,9	11,4
Motor vehicles	2,39	76,2	92,3	88,1	79,5	92,8	16,7
Bodies for motor vehicles, trailers and semi-trailers	0,72	86,1	106,6	91,0	112,7	96,4	-14,5
Parts and accessories	3,96	93,2	92,2	102,7	65,3	74,9	14,7
Other transport equipment	1,14	82,3	88,0	86,8	84,1	96,1	14,3
Furniture and other manufacturing	4,09	90,2	96,2	89,3	86,4	93,7	8,4
Furniture	0,70	97,7	90,8	89,2	89,9	91,1	1,3
Other manufacturing groups	3,39	88,7	97,3	89,2	85,6	94,2	10,0
Total	100	92,7	93,9	92,8	90,8	91,0	0,2

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

Month	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Jan	185 680	184 898	182 428	205 810	226 014	247 707	243 029
Feb	200 377	205 406	209 620	232 629	253 396	280 477	
Mar	218 859	205 629	241 918	263 164	295 678	284 961	
Apr	207 717	100 499	219 725	227 055	257 117	284 162	
May	217 911	148 771	225 788	252 702	274 523	286 157	
Jun	218 035	180 943	232 195	254 401	277 315	282 494	
Jul	222 024	195 607	201 393	248 918	272 077	291 246	
Aug	231 090	201 524	222 784	260 611	290 309	288 637	
Sep	222 496	216 599	234 472	277 238	294 419	288 028	
Oct	242 243	237 315	232 350	269 096	302 549	314 750	
Nov	239 739	241 032	260 653	290 708	319 726	311 569	
Dec	191 778	199 230	219 129	239 465	263 383	262 428	
Total	2 597 949	2 317 453	2 682 455	3 021 797	3 326 506	3 422 616	

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	-0,4	-1,3	12,8	9,8	9,6	-1,9	-1,9
Feb	2,5	2,1	11,0	8,9	10,7		
Mar	-6,0	17,6	8,8	12,4	-3,6		
Apr	-51,6	118,6	3,3	13,2	10,5		
May	-31,7	51,8	11,9	8,6	4,2		
Jun	-17,0	28,3	9,6	9,0	1,9		
Jul	-11,9	3,0	23,6	9,3	7,0		
Aug	-12,8	10,5	17,0	11,4	-0,6		
Sep	-2,7	8,3	18,2	6,2	-2,2		
Oct	-2,0	-2,1	15,8	12,4	4,0		
Nov	0,5	8,1	11,5	10,0	-2,6		
Dec	3,9	10,0	9,3	10,0	-0,4		
Total	-10,8	15,8	12,7	10,1	2,9		

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	243 146	263 517	286 029	280 267	3,6	0,6	-1,3	-0,8
Feb	244 629	265 200	287 968		0,6	0,6	0,7	
Mar	251 065	280 405	281 716		2,6	5,7	-2,2	
Apr	240 912	276 869	291 849		-4,0	-1,3	3,6	
May	252 313	272 302	283 415		4,7	-1,6	-2,9	
Jun	250 310	271 194	285 513		-0,8	-0,4	0,7	
Jul	250 915	275 941	290 260		0,2	1,8	1,7	
Aug	253 472	282 497	282 333		1,0	2,4	-2,7	
Sep	263 930	283 600	279 611		4,1	0,4	-1,0	
Oct	251 444	279 403	288 189		-4,7	-1,5	3,1	
Nov	259 331	286 753	279 471		3,1	2,6	-3,0	
Dec	261 890	289 923	282 651		1,0	1,1	1,1	

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

Manufacturing division and major group	Aug-24	Sep-24	Oct-24	Nov-24	Dec-24	Jan-25
Food and beverages	70 307	71 720	74 743	76 371	80 057	60 549
Meat, fish, fruit, etc.	20 429	20 938	22 054	22 433	24 428	18 556
Dairy products	6 078	6 271	6 751	6 620	6 104	6 103
Grain mill products	11 351	11 295	11 987	11 849	11 224	10 551
Other food products	15 664	14 163	14 460	15 602	13 180	12 008
Beverages	16 784	19 053	19 491	19 867	25 121	13 331
Textiles, clothing, leather and footwear	6 590	6 499	7 585	7 706	5 488	4 962
Textiles	844	826	962	977	572	634
Other textile products	1 987	2 046	2 372	2 339	1 747	1 518
Knitted, crocheted articles	291	295	303	282	175	151
Wearing apparel	2 163	2 050	2 397	2 585	1 924	1 600
Leather and leather products	514	518	645	636	360	530
Footwear	791	764	906	887	710	528
Wood and wood products, paper, publishing and printing	19 470	20 837	19 340	20 684	16 599	17 389
Sawmilling and planing of wood	1 657	1 612	1 615	1 552	1 208	1 183
Products of wood	2 465	2 452	2 846	2 896	1 946	2 087
Paper and paper products	9 696	11 652	9 869	10 617	9 069	9 992
Publishing	2 167	1 945	1 701	1 838	1 625	1 575
Printing, recorded media	3 485	3 176	3 309	3 780	2 751	2 553
Petroleum, chemical products, rubber and plastic products	61 870	58 501	66 418	63 672	55 242	55 188
Coke, petroleum products and nuclear fuel	22 014	19 804	23 662	22 874	21 804	21 358
Basic chemicals	11 306	10 799	12 226	11 832	10 264	10 666
Other chemical products	17 774	17 327	17 847	17 190	14 370	14 466
Rubber products	1 911	1 809	2 019	2 065	1 429	1 665
Plastic products	8 866	8 762	10 665	9 712	7 375	7 033
Glass and non-metallic mineral products	8 292	8 514	9 828	9 915	7 113	7 125
Glass and glass products	1 545	1 788	2 146	2 174	1 624	1 446
Non-metallic mineral products	6 748	6 726	7 683	7 741	5 489	5 678
Basic iron and steel, non-ferrous metal products, metal products and machinery	58 821	60 403	64 980	62 050	48 109	48 243
Basic iron and steel products	12 548	12 270	12 466	11 815	7 429	10 885
Non-ferrous metal products	15 423	16 381	18 505	15 431	18 057	14 165
Structural metal products	4 230	4 109	4 807	5 120	3 490	3 407
Other fabricated metal products	10 325	10 063	11 794	11 565	7 070	8 180
General purpose machinery	6 637	6 733	6 732	6 273	5 879	4 535
Special purpose machinery	8 298	9 392	9 182	10 427	5 077	5 842
Household appliances	1 360	1 454	1 493	1 418	1 108	1 229
Electrical machinery	7 338	7 748	8 435	7 697	5 277	5 478
Radio, television and communication apparatus and professional equipment	2 472	2 558	3 122	2 890	2 947	1 918
Radio, television and communication apparatus	1 231	1 330	1 762	1 522	1 776	972
Professional equipment	1 241	1 228	1 360	1 368	1 171	945
Motor vehicles, parts and accessories and other transport equipment	42 959	40 415	48 384	49 141	31 175	32 908
Motor vehicles	29 206	27 177	33 002	33 107	22 371	20 995
Bodies for motor vehicles, trailers and semi-trailers	1 205	1 250	1 335	1 363	968	865
Parts and accessories	9 432	8 590	10 419	10 619	4 715	7 779
Other transport equipment	3 115	3 398	3 628	4 052	3 121	3 269
Furniture and other manufacturing	10 517	10 833	11 912	11 444	10 420	9 270
Furniture	1 732	1 814	1 854	1 908	1 619	1 323
Other manufacturing groups	8 786	9 019	10 058	9 536	8 801	7 947
Total	288 637	288 028	314 750	311 569	262 428	243 029

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

Manufacturing division and major group	Aug-24	Sep-24	Oct-24	Nov-24	Dec-24	Jan-25
Food and beverages	8,9	6,9	7,7	4,0	10,1	1,0
Meat, fish, fruit, etc.	1,9	2,3	3,1	1,7	15,8	6,7
Dairy products	0,2	2,5	1,6	1,4	2,8	2,1
Grain mill products	-1,0	-0,4	3,5	2,9	6,0	-2,9
Other food products	18,4	15,8	2,1	-3,0	2,5	-1,3
Beverages	21,9	12,5	24,9	15,5	13,0	-1,4
Textiles, clothing, leather and footwear	3,5	-3,0	3,1	-0,7	3,8	3,4
Textiles	-16,3	-18,8	-11,6	-13,4	-16,9	-20,8
Other textile products	18,4	-0,2	11,3	5,2	11,1	20,0
Knitted, crocheted articles	-3,0	8,5	13,5	-2,4	-1,1	-9,0
Wearing apparel	6,9	0,2	-3,5	-2,0	6,7	1,3
Leather and leather products	0,8	-4,6	8,0	1,8	1,4	0,6
Footwear	-6,8	-1,0	14,8	3,5	2,7	13,8
Wood and wood products, paper, publishing and printing	2,3	4,9	-1,4	-7,0	-9,3	10,7
Sawmilling and planing of wood	-3,2	-2,2	10,0	-1,8	-8,7	-7,7
Products of wood	-1,9	-6,4	7,0	8,7	-0,9	7,5
Paper and paper products	0,8	9,0	-4,7	-13,0	-19,5	14,5
Publishing	1,3	8,4	-6,9	2,1	31,8	8,0
Printing, recorded media	14,5	2,1	0,3	-5,1	9,1	10,7
Petroleum, chemical products, rubber and plastic products	0,5	-8,0	10,6	1,4	4,4	6,9
Coke, petroleum products and nuclear fuel	-2,6	-13,0	-1,7	-1,3	-7,0	7,4
Basic chemicals	-6,0	-12,3	30,7	0,8	21,0	8,8
Other chemical products	8,7	-7,8	18,5	7,2	7,4	5,8
Rubber products	-13,7	-6,0	-1,6	-8,4	15,8	0,2
Plastic products	6,2	12,1	11,8	0,9	15,6	6,7
Glass and non-metallic mineral products	0,5	5,8	9,7	2,9	0,0	1,4
Glass and glass products	4,5	21,4	22,2	14,2	-12,7	4,9
Non-metallic mineral products	-0,3	2,3	6,7	0,2	4,5	0,5
Basic iron and steel, non-ferrous metal products, metal products and machinery	-5,1	1,3	5,3	-3,2	-6,1	-4,2
Basic iron and steel products	-11,5	0,5	-8,6	-10,9	-41,8	-11,6
Non-ferrous metal products	12,2	7,8	18,8	-3,3	18,9	-12,5
Structural metal products	-10,4	-3,4	2,3	3,3	3,6	3,9
Other fabricated metal products	-5,2	4,2	10,8	0,3	5,6	4,7
General purpose machinery	-0,8	1,3	12,3	-1,5	24,7	10,2
Special purpose machinery	-20,1	-8,7	-7,8	-3,4	-32,2	4,7
Household appliances	2,3	6,2	22,6	11,7	6,9	16,3
Electrical machinery	1,4	2,5	10,4	-10,5	-7,2	-5,4
Radio, television and communication apparatus and professional equipment	4,7	-1,0	8,6	-2,4	2,8	2,6
Radio, television and communication apparatus	0,7	-4,4	11,9	-6,2	4,2	15,6
Professional equipment	9,1	2,9	4,8	2,2	0,6	-8,2
Motor vehicles, parts and accessories and other transport equipment	-12,5	-17,8	-10,9	-13,6	-16,3	-23,4
Motor vehicles	1,0	-9,3	-2,1	-5,4	-2,6	-20,1
Bodies for motor vehicles, trailers and semi-trailers	-22,0	-17,7	-13,8	-17,9	-13,8	-10,8
Parts and accessories	-38,7	-38,5	-31,3	-32,6	-50,6	-37,5
Other transport equipment	-3,5	-9,1	-6,5	-9,4	-14,0	-0,2
Furniture and other manufacturing	6,2	6,3	12,1	1,0	4,4	21,3
Furniture	5,4	-0,5	-0,4	-1,7	2,3	4,5
Other manufacturing groups	6,4	7,7	14,8	1,6	4,8	24,6
Total	-0,6	-2,2	4,0	-2,6	-0,4	-1,9

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

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

Manufacturing division and major group	Sep-24	Oct-24	Nov-24	Dec-24	Jan-25	Month-on-month % change
Food and beverages	69 758	68 631	69 427	72 317	67 116	-7,2
Meat, fish, fruit, etc.	20 423	20 456	20 589	22 184	21 132	-4,7
Dairy products	6 164	5 973	6 037	5 991	6 136	2,4
Grain mill products	11 358	11 271	11 279	11 359	11 290	-0,6
Other food products	14 293	13 090	13 570	14 015	13 391	-4,5
Beverages	17 519	17 840	17 952	18 767	15 168	-19,2
Textiles, clothing, leather and footwear	6 226	6 409	6 176	6 443	6 728	4,4
Textiles	792	814	822	787	778	-1,1
Other textile products	1 965	1 990	1 843	2 116	2 041	-3,5
Knitted, crocheted articles	251	255	236	229	225	-1,7
Wearing apparel	2 015	2 015	2 020	2 103	2 386	13,5
Leather and leather products	499	565	551	496	562	13,3
Footwear	704	768	706	711	736	3,5
Wood and wood products, paper, publishing and printing	18 230	18 077	17 625	17 310	19 306	11,5
Sawmilling and planing of wood	1 535	1 538	1 447	1 442	1 359	-5,8
Products of wood	2 275	2 430	2 442	2 497	2 430	-2,7
Paper and paper products	9 901	9 755	9 412	8 602	10 738	24,8
Publishing	1 593	1 450	1 571	1 716	1 639	-4,5
Printing, recorded media	2 926	2 904	2 754	3 053	3 141	2,9
Petroleum, chemical products, rubber and plastic products	57 301	60 193	58 566	59 553	60 690	1,9
Coke, petroleum products and nuclear fuel	20 373	21 892	22 172	21 675	22 789	5,1
Basic chemicals	10 430	10 910	10 323	11 337	11 348	0,1
Other chemical products	16 458	16 654	16 101	15 855	16 054	1,3
Rubber products	1 783	1 884	1 835	1 869	1 943	4,0
Plastic products	8 256	8 853	8 134	8 817	8 557	-2,9
Glass and non-metallic mineral products	8 130	8 334	8 438	8 556	8 602	0,5
Glass and glass products	1 701	1 784	1 742	1 672	1 675	0,2
Non-metallic mineral products	6 430	6 550	6 696	6 884	6 927	0,6
Basic iron and steel, non-ferrous metal products, metal products and machinery	58 750	61 026	56 885	56 796	58 181	2,4
Basic iron and steel products	12 421	12 201	11 628	9 231	11 591	25,6
Non-ferrous metal products	16 811	17 858	14 707	19 335	15 568	-19,5
Structural metal products	3 933	4 390	4 387	4 438	4 576	3,1
Other fabricated metal products	9 646	10 343	10 031	9 989	10 208	2,2
General purpose machinery	6 062	6 341	5 803	6 845	6 158	-10,0
Special purpose machinery	8 516	8 442	8 984	5 646	8 676	53,7
Household appliances	1 360	1 451	1 344	1 313	1 403	6,9
Electrical machinery	7 359	7 702	6 945	6 594	6 920	4,9
Radio, television and communication apparatus and professional equipment	2 421	2 661	2 477	2 564	2 565	0,0
Radio, television and communication apparatus	1 216	1 413	1 257	1 356	1 373	1,3
Professional equipment	1 205	1 247	1 220	1 208	1 191	-1,4
Motor vehicles, parts and accessories and other transport equipment	40 986	44 144	42 556	42 061	38 407	-8,7
Motor vehicles	27 897	29 697	28 734	30 551	25 070	-17,9
Bodies for motor vehicles, trailers and semi-trailers	1 169	1 193	1 169	1 271	1 245	-2,0
Parts and accessories	8 716	9 831	9 271	6 941	8 296	19,5
Other transport equipment	3 203	3 423	3 382	3 298	3 797	15,1
Furniture and other manufacturing	10 451	11 013	10 376	10 459	11 752	12,4
Furniture	1 602	1 617	1 585	1 656	1 712	3,4
Other manufacturing groups	8 848	9 396	8 791	8 802	10 040	14,1
Total	279 611	288 189	279 471	282 651	280 267	-0,8

Analysis of revisions

Introduction

Preliminary monthly indices for manufacturing production are published approximately six weeks after the reference month, e.g. preliminary manufacturing production for April are published around the second week of June. The preliminary values are revised the following month, using additional information received from respondents. This and other reasons for revising manufacturing production from time to time are shown in the explanatory notes (see note 10 on page 20).

Analysis

Revisions may be analysed in terms of several dimensions, namely production indices, rand values and/or growth rates (e.g. month-on-month percentage changes, year-on-year percentage changes); current prices and/or constant prices; seasonally adjusted and/or unadjusted data; totals and/or components; preliminary estimate compared with first revision and/or latest available revision; and various combinations of these options.

This analysis is confined to the following:

- Total manufacturing production, year-on-year growth rate, unadjusted.
- Preliminary growth rates are compared with the latest available revised growth rates, where the preliminary growth rate refers to the first year-on-year growth rate published for the month in question.
- Time period: January 2012 to December 2024.

Figure 3 shows the preliminary and revised growth rates (line chart, left vertical axis) and the difference between them (bar chart, right vertical axis, where difference = revised - preliminary).

Table 15 provides key results relating to revisions.

Figure 3 – Manufacturing production year-on-year growth rates: preliminary and revised

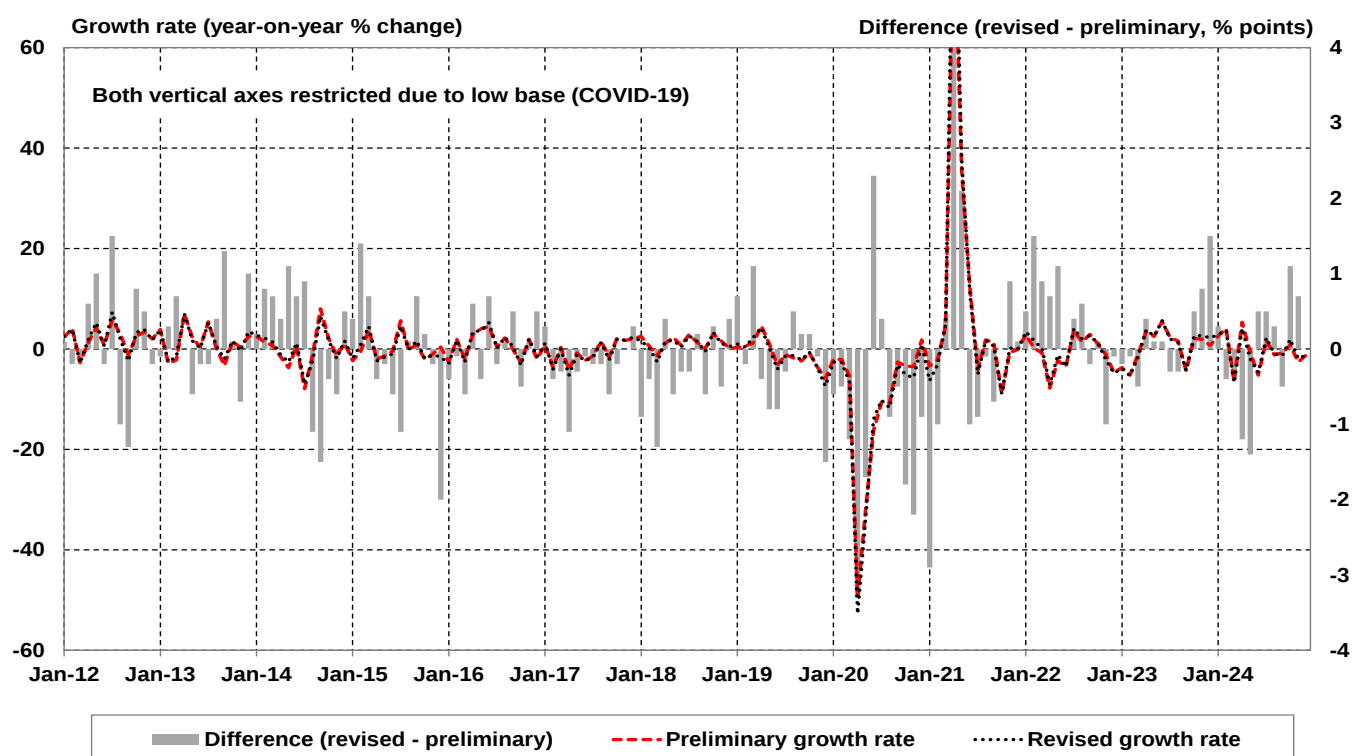


Table 15 – Manufacturing production year-on-year growth rates: preliminary and revised

Description	Value / outcome	Comment
Average year-on-year growth rate over the whole period	Preliminary: 0,20% Revised: 0,21%	The average of revised growth rates is slightly higher than the average of preliminary growth rates
Mean revision	0,01 of a percentage point	This is the average of the revisions
Mean absolute revision	0,71 of a percentage point	Average of the revisions, but based on the absolute value of each revision (positives and negatives do not cancel each other)
Largest upward revision	13,4 percentage points	Preliminary 87,9% was revised up to 101,3% (April 2021; affected by COVID-19)
Largest downward revision	-3,3 percentage points	Preliminary -49,4% was revised down to -52,7% (April 2020; affected by COVID-19)
Range for all revisions	-3,3 to 13,4 percentage points	
Range within which 90% of the revisions lie	-1,5 to 1,3 percentage points	This may be regarded as the normal range for revisions, with revisions outside this range being outliers
Number of upward revisions	70 (or 44,9% of the total observations)	
Number of downward revisions	80 (or 51,3% of the total observations)	
Number of zero revisions	6 (or 3,8% of the total observations)	
Is the mean revision (0,01) significantly different from zero?	No	This indicates that there is no bias in the preliminary estimate – see Note 1 below
Standard deviation of the revisions	1,36 percentage points	Standard deviation is a measure of dispersion about the mean – see the row below
Percentage of revisions that lie within one standard deviation of the mean	89,7%	This is the percentage of revisions that lie between -1,35 and 1,38 percentage points; the higher the percentage, the lower is the dispersion about the mean – see Figure 4

Note 1: Is the mean revision significantly different from zero?

The formula for the test statistic is as follows:

$$\text{test statistic} = \frac{\bar{R}}{\sqrt{\left(\frac{1}{n(n-1)}\right) \left(\sum_{t=1}^n \hat{\epsilon}_t^2 + \frac{3}{4} \sum_{t=2}^n \hat{\epsilon}_t \hat{\epsilon}_{t-1} + \frac{2}{3} \sum_{t=3}^n \hat{\epsilon}_t \hat{\epsilon}_{t-2}\right)}}$$

where

n = number of observations

$\bar{R}$ = mean revision

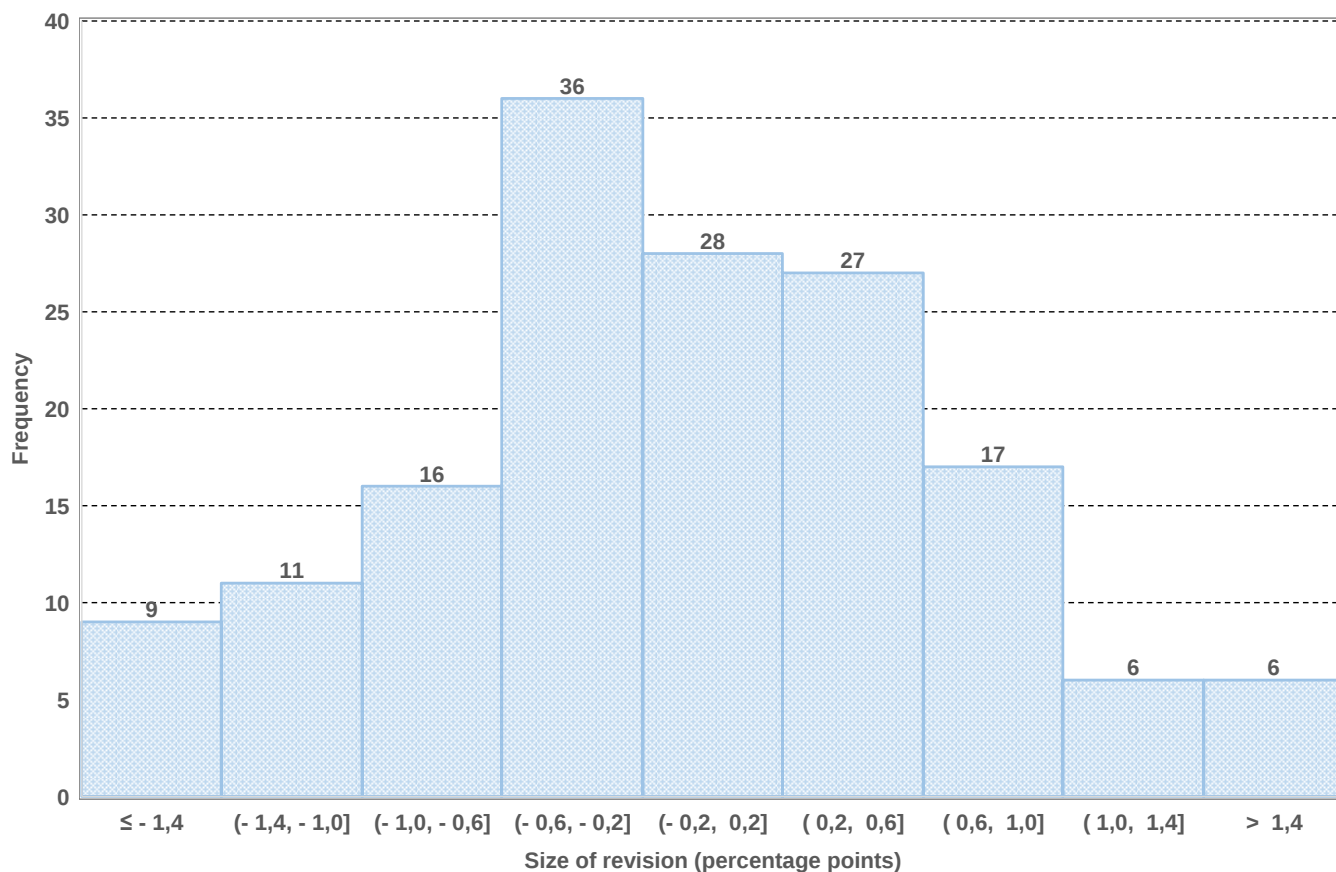
$\hat{\epsilon}_t = R_t - \bar{R}$, with R_t = revision in period t

Note that if the test statistic shows that the mean revision (MR) is significantly different from zero, then there is bias in the preliminary estimates. Bias in a series suggests there is scope to enhance the compilation of that series in an attempt to remove or minimise the bias. $MR > 0$ (statistically significant) implies under-estimation of the preliminary estimates. $MR < 0$ (statistically significant) implies over-estimation of the preliminary estimates.

In this case the test statistic is 0,12, which has an absolute value below the critical value of 1,98, indicating that the MR is not significantly different from zero at a 5% significance level. Accordingly, no bias is detected in the preliminary estimates.

Figure 4 shows the revisions in terms of a histogram. There were 36 revisions between -0,6 and -0,2 ($-0,6 < \text{revision} \leq -0,2$), 28 revisions between -0,2 and 0,2 ($-0,2 < \text{revision} \leq 0,2$) and 27 revisions between 0,2 and 0,6 ($0,2 < \text{revision} \leq 0,6$). Around 79,5% of revisions lie between -1,0 and 1,0 percentage point.

Figure 4 – Manufacturing production year-on-year growth rates: histogram of revisions



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 76,1% for January 2025. The revised collection rate for December 2024 was 78,4%.
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
Jan-25	Additional information from respondents	Oct-24 - Dec-24
Feb-25	Additional information from respondents	Nov-24 - Jan-25
Mar-25	Additional information from respondents	Dec-24 - Feb-25
Apr-25	Additional information from respondents	Jan-25 - Mar-25
May-25	Additional information from respondents	Feb-25 - Apr-25
Jun-25	Additional information from respondents	Mar-25 - May-25
Jul-25	Additional information from respondents New sample	Jan-25 - Jun-25
Aug-25	Additional information from respondents	May-25 - Jul-25
Sep-25	Additional information from respondents New weights for manufacturing production	Jan-22 - Aug-25
Oct-25	Additional information from respondents	Jul-25 - Sep-25
Nov-25	Additional information from respondents	Aug-25 - Oct-25
Dec-25	Additional information from respondents	Sep-25 - Nov-25
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 3 046 enterprises from a population of 25 829 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 2024 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	4 050 394	25 000 000
Small	3	25 000 001	65 000 000
Medium	2	65 000 001	255 000 000
Large	1	255 000 001	

Sample weighting

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

Index of the volume of manufacturing production

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

Calculation of production index

- 6** The calculation of the monthly production indices is based on the value of sales of products and articles manufactured and change in monthly value of stocks of manufactured products, after the effect of price changes has been eliminated through deflation using appropriate indices of the producer price index (PPI). For 38 of the 44 major groups in manufacturing, the value of production is calculated from the value of sales and stocks of manufactured products obtained from the monthly survey of manufacturing enterprises.
- 7** More direct indicators are used for the value of production of the following major groups:
- tobacco;
 - coke and refined petroleum products;
 - basic iron and steel products;
 - basic precious and non-ferrous metal products;
 - motor vehicles; and
 - parts and accessories for motor vehicles.

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

Index weighting

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

Period	Source
1998 to 2000	1996 Census of manufacturing
2001 to 2004	2001 LSS
2005 to 2009	2005 LSS
2010 to 2025	National accounts

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

Table E – Weights by division and major group

Manufacturing division and major group	Weights used for manufacturing indices by period			
	2018 (based on value added for 2016 – 2018)	2019 (based on value added for 2017 – 2019)	2020 (based on value added for 2018 – 2020)	2021 – 2025 (based on value added for 2019 – 2021)
Food and beverages	20,18	20,75	21,44	22,07
Meat, fish, fruit, etc.	2,95	3,27	3,42	3,53
Dairy products	1,34	1,39	1,47	1,48
Grain mill products	1,69	1,68	1,85	2,01
Other food products	7,76	7,75	7,81	7,61
Beverages	6,44	6,66	6,89	7,44
Textiles, clothing, leather and footwear	4,38	4,26	4,07	3,89
Textiles	1,10	1,08	1,04	0,96
Other textile products	0,65	0,61	0,58	0,55
Knitted, crocheted articles	0,06	0,06	0,06	0,06
Wearing apparel	2,04	1,98	1,88	1,83
Leather and leather products	0,28	0,27	0,26	0,24
Footwear	0,25	0,25	0,25	0,25
Wood and wood products, paper, publishing and printing	10,77	10,63	10,48	10,29
Sawmilling and planing of wood	0,93	0,87	0,86	0,83
Products of wood	0,87	0,88	0,90	0,93
Paper and paper products	5,39	5,34	5,26	5,18
Publishing	2,24	2,18	2,10	2,02
Printing, recorded media	1,34	1,35	1,36	1,33
Petroleum, chemical products, rubber and plastic	25,38	24,95	24,86	24,38
Coke, petroleum products and nuclear fuel	12,02	11,85	11,92	11,63
Basic chemicals	3,69	3,50	3,39	3,35
Other chemical products	6,54	6,64	6,82	6,81
Rubber products	0,84	0,76	0,68	0,65
Plastic products	2,29	2,20	2,05	1,94
Glass and non-metallic mineral products	3,42	3,24	3,10	3,06
Glass and glass products	0,51	0,49	0,48	0,50
Non-metallic mineral products	2,91	2,75	2,62	2,56
Basic iron and steel, non-ferrous metal products, metal products and machinery	19,47	19,73	19,96	20,86
Basic iron and steel products	2,82	2,92	2,92	3,18
Non-ferrous metal products (including precious metals)	3,26	3,32	3,54	3,98
Structural metal products	1,98	1,99	2,01	2,01
Other fabricated metal products	3,35	3,53	3,65	3,74
General purpose machinery	3,46	3,42	3,45	3,52
Special purpose machinery	3,87	3,85	3,73	3,77
Household appliances	0,73	0,70	0,66	0,66
Electrical machinery	2,31	2,21	2,14	2,09
Radio, television and communication apparatus and professional equipment	1,21	1,07	1,06	1,06
Radio, television and communication apparatus	0,13	0,04	0,08	0,16
Professional equipment	1,08	1,03	0,98	0,90
Motor vehicles, parts and accessories and other transport equipment	8,66	8,89	8,72	8,21
Motor vehicles	2,65	2,78	2,62	2,39
Bodies for motor vehicles, trailers and semi-trailers	0,71	0,73	0,75	0,72
Parts and accessories	3,93	3,97	4,03	3,96
Other transport equipment	1,37	1,40	1,32	1,14
Furniture and other manufacturing	4,21	4,27	4,17	4,09
Furniture	0,86	0,78	0,69	0,70
Other manufacturing groups	3,35	3,49	3,48	3,39
Total	100	100	100	100

Seasonal adjustment 10 Seasonally adjusted estimates are generated each month, using the X-12 Seasonal Adjustment Program developed by the United States Census Bureau. Seasonal adjustment is a means of removing the estimated effects of normal seasonal variation from the series so that the effects of other influences on the series can be more clearly recognised. Seasonal adjustment does not aim to remove irregular or non-seasonal influences, which may be present in any particular month. Influences that are volatile or unsystematic can still make it difficult to interpret the movement of the series even after adjustment for seasonal variations. This means the month-to-month movements of seasonally adjusted estimates may not be reliable indicators of trend behaviour. The X-12-ARIMA procedure for manufacturing production and sales is described in more detail on the Stats SA website:
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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 – January 2025

	Lower limit (R million)	Estimate (R million)	Upper limit (R million)	Relative standard error (RSE) %
Total sales	239 441	243 029	246 618	0,8

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
	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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