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Production: results for January 2026

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

	Aug-25	Sep-25	Oct-25	Nov-25	Dec-25	Jan-26
Year-on-year % change, unadjusted	-1,6	1,0	0,7	-2,1	-1,5	-0,7
Month-on-month % change, seasonally adjusted	0,3	0,2	1,2	-2,2	-1,3	1,5
3-month % change, seasonally adjusted ¹	1,4	0,2	0,2	0,1	-0,5	-1,7

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

Manufacturing production decreased by 0,7% in January 2026 compared with January 2025. The largest negative contributions were made by the wood and wood products, paper, publishing and printing division (-11,0% and contributing -1,3 percentage points) and the basic iron and steel, non-ferrous metal products, metal products and machinery division (-5,7% and contributing -1,2 percentage points).

The petroleum, chemical products, rubber and plastic products division was the largest positive contributor (6,7% and contributing 1,4 percentage points) – see Table 5 and Table 6.

Seasonally adjusted manufacturing production increased by 1,5% in January 2026 compared with December 2025. This followed month-on-month changes of -1,3% in December 2025 and -2,2% in November 2025 – see Table A.

Seasonally adjusted manufacturing production decreased by 1,7% in the three months ended January 2026 compared with the previous three months. Seven 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 (-3,3% and contributing -0,7 of a percentage point);
- motor vehicles, parts and accessories and other transport equipment (-6,4% and contributing -0,5 of a percentage point); and
- food and beverages (-1,7% 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 2025	Nov 2025 – Jan 2026	% change between Aug – Oct 2025 and Nov 2025 – Jan 2026	Contribution (% points) to the total % change
Food and beverages	22,19	105,1	103,3	-1,7	-0,4
Meat, fish, fruit, etc.	3,72	103,7	101,9	-1,7	-0,1
Dairy products	1,20	95,3	93,1	-2,3	0,0
Grain mill products	1,94	105,1	103,5	-1,5	0,0
Other food products	7,55	90,4	85,8	-5,1	-0,4
Beverages	7,78	121,4	122,5	0,9	0,1
Textiles, clothing, leather and footwear	3,68	89,5	89,9	0,4	0,0
Textiles	0,85	95,1	103,4	8,7	0,1
Other textile products	0,55	97,5	95,5	-2,1	0,0
Knitted, crocheted articles	0,07	82,2	74,8	-9,0	0,0
Wearing apparel	1,65	85,4	84,2	-1,4	0,0
Leather and leather products	0,26	77,8	75,3	-3,2	0,0
Footwear	0,30	93,5	89,5	-4,3	0,0
Wood and wood products, paper, publishing and printing	9,98	89,6	89,3	-0,3	0,0
Sawmilling and planing of wood	0,74	97,7	91,9	-5,9	0,0
Products of wood	0,85	117,1	120,3	2,7	0,0
Paper and paper products	5,27	86,8	85,5	-1,5	-0,1
Publishing	1,94	83,5	86,3	3,4	0,1
Printing, recorded media	1,18	87,7	87,3	-0,5	0,0
Petroleum, chemical products, rubber and plastic products	23,91	81,4	81,9	0,6	0,1
Coke, petroleum products and nuclear fuel	11,12	60,8	61,7	1,5	0,1
Basic chemicals	3,60	113,0	110,5	-2,2	-0,1
Other chemical products	6,63	92,2	91,1	-1,2	-0,1
Rubber products	0,69	74,6	88,2	18,2	0,1
Plastic products	1,87	107,0	111,9	4,6	0,1
Glass and non-metallic mineral products	3,11	99,8	100,0	0,2	0,0
Glass and glass products	0,61	104,5	101,2	-3,2	0,0
Non-metallic mineral products	2,50	98,7	99,7	1,0	0,0
Basic iron and steel, non-ferrous metal products, metal products and machinery	21,85	93,9	90,8	-3,3	-0,7
Basic iron and steel products	3,20	59,0	54,7	-7,3	-0,1
Non-ferrous metal products	4,16	91,5	85,6	-6,4	-0,3
Structural metal products	1,98	111,0	107,5	-3,2	-0,1
Other fabricated metal products	3,72	100,9	96,8	-4,1	-0,2
General purpose machinery	4,04	107,5	103,6	-3,6	-0,2
Special purpose machinery	4,01	92,5	92,7	0,2	0,0
Household appliances	0,74	112,5	119,9	6,6	0,1
Electrical machinery	2,15	108,6	106,8	-1,7	0,0
Radio, television and communication apparatus and professional equipment	1,00	98,9	94,7	-4,2	0,0
Radio, television and communication apparatus	0,19	95,7	92,6	-3,2	0,0
Professional equipment	0,81	99,6	95,1	-4,5	0,0
Motor vehicles, parts and accessories and other transport equipment	7,84	90,6	84,8	-6,4	-0,5
Motor vehicles	2,33	101,3	86,0	-15,1	-0,4
Bodies for motor vehicles, trailers and semi-trailers	0,65	93,4	92,8	-0,6	0,0
Parts and accessories	3,95	84,0	82,1	-2,3	-0,1
Other transport equipment	0,91	89,5	87,9	-1,8	0,0
Furniture and other manufacturing	4,29	91,8	88,3	-3,8	-0,2
Furniture	0,84	97,0	87,7	-9,6	-0,1
Other manufacturing groups	3,45	90,6	88,5	-2,3	-0,1
Total	100	93,0	91,4	-1,7	-1,7

Figure 1 – Volume of manufacturing production (Base: 2019=100)

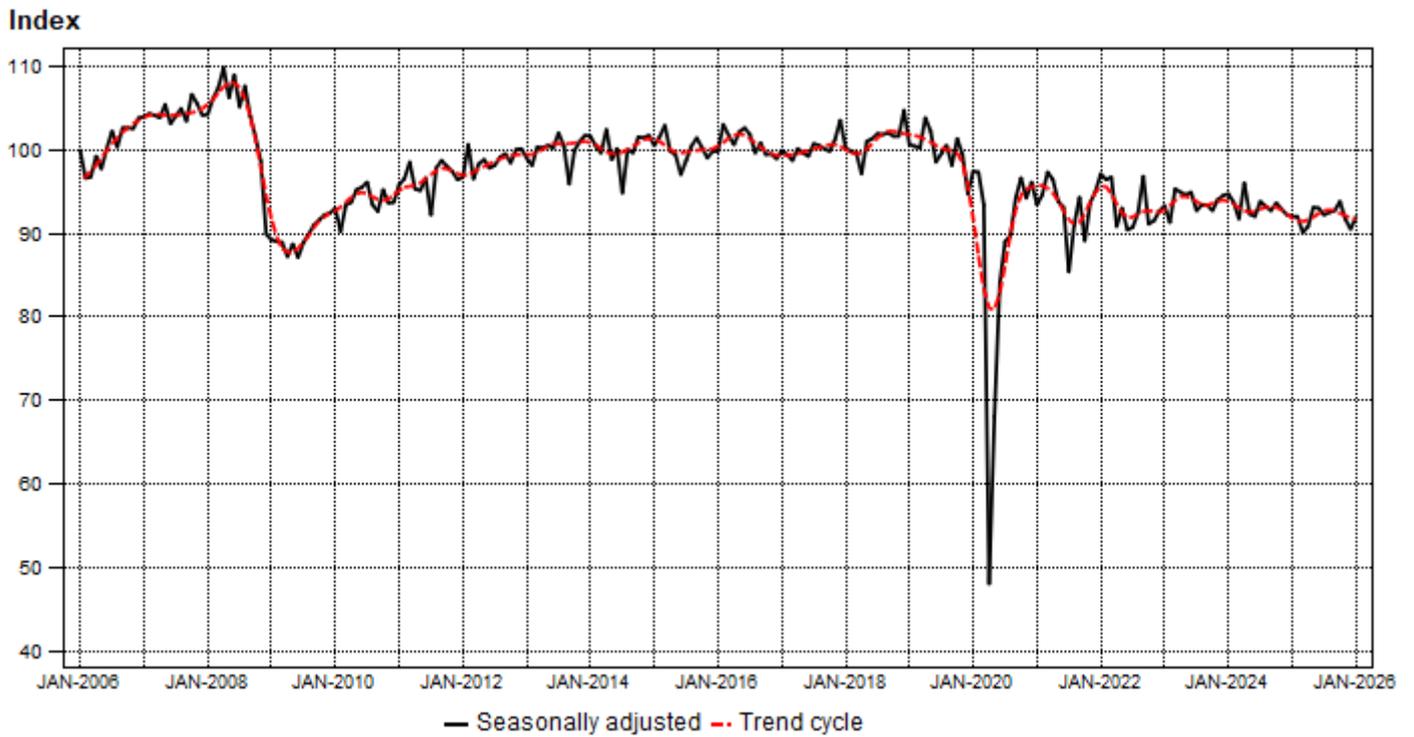
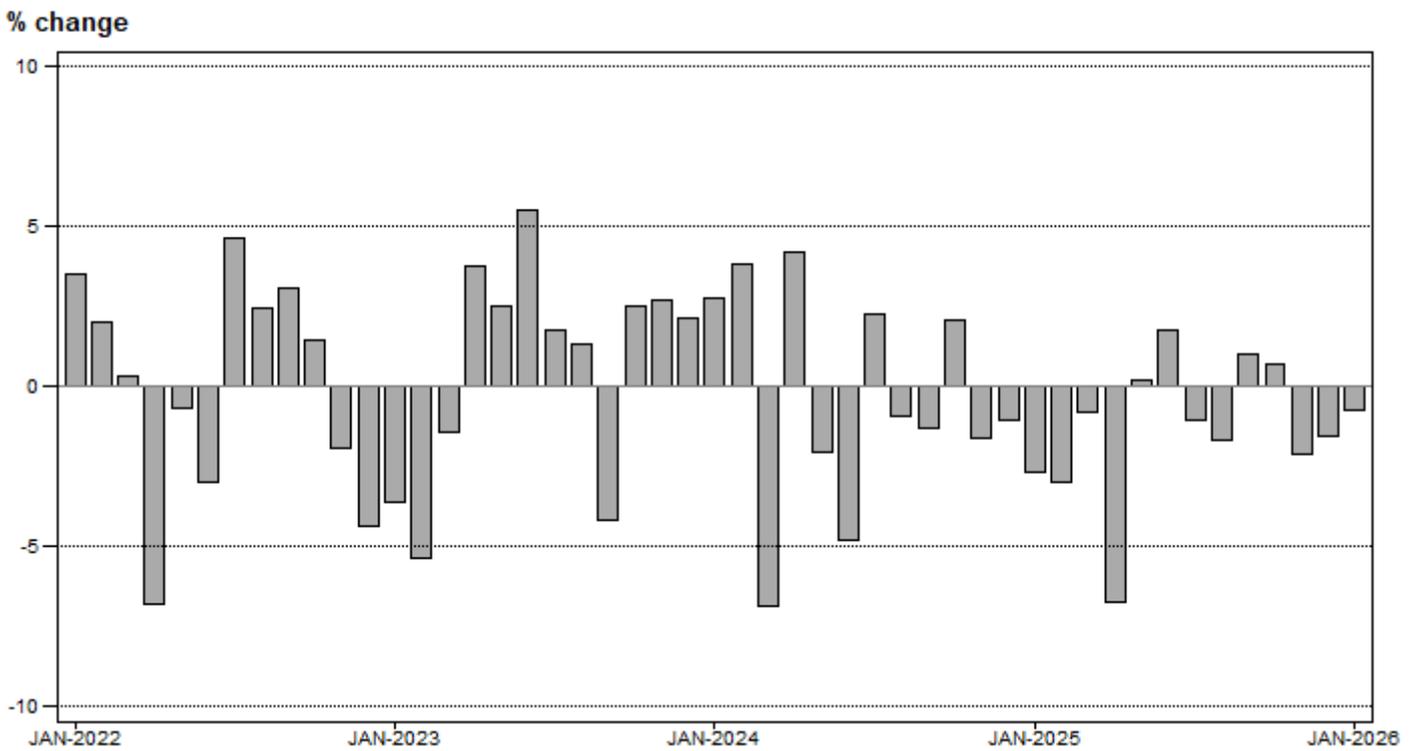


Figure 2 – Volume of manufacturing production (Base: 2019=100): year-on-year percentage change



Sales: results for January 2026**Table C – Key growth rates in manufacturing sales at current prices**

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

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

Seasonally adjusted manufacturing sales increased by 2,8% in January 2026 compared with December 2025. This followed month-on-month changes of -4,5% in December 2025 and -0,7% in November 2025 – see Table C.

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

Manufacturing division	Aug – Oct 2025 (R million)	Nov 2025 – Jan 2026 (R million)	% change between Aug – Oct 2025 and Nov 2025 – Jan 2026	Contribution (% points) to the total % change
Food and beverages	226 060	221 675	-1,9	-0,5
Textiles, clothing, leather and footwear	20 092	19 872	-1,1	0,0
Wood and wood products, paper, publishing and printing	53 843	53 206	-1,2	-0,1
Petroleum, chemical products, rubber and plastic products	187 193	184 776	-1,3	-0,3
Glass and non-metallic mineral products	25 137	25 124	-0,1	0,0
Basic iron and steel, non-ferrous metal products, metal products and machinery	174 875	172 562	-1,3	-0,3
Electrical machinery	20 328	20 928	3,0	0,1
Radio, television and communication apparatus and professional equipment	7 273	7 139	-1,8	0,0
Motor vehicles, parts and accessories and other transport equipment	132 953	111 970	-15,8	-2,4
Furniture and other manufacturing	35 337	36 941	4,5	0,2
Total	883 091	854 194	-3,3	-3,3

Seasonally adjusted manufacturing sales decreased by 3,3% in the three months ended January 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 (-15,8% and contributing -2,4 percentage points) and the food and beverages division (-1,9% and contributing -0,5 of a percentage point) – see Table D.


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Tables

Table 1 – Index of the volume of manufacturing production (Base: 2019=100)

Month	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026
Jan	85,7	80,3	83,1	80,1	82,3	80,1	79,5
Feb	92,4	89,5	91,3	86,4	89,7	87,0	
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	83,4	
Total	87,7	93,1	93,1	93,7	93,3	92,1	

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

Month	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2026 year-to-date
Jan	-6,3	3,5	-3,6	2,7	-2,7	-0,7	-0,7
Feb	-3,1	2,0	-5,4	3,8	-3,0		
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	-1,5		
Total	6,2	0,0	0,6	-0,4	-1,3		

Table 3 – Seasonally adjusted volume of manufacturing production

Month	Index (Base: 2019=100)				Month-on-month % change			
	2023	2024	2025	2026	2023	2024	2025	2026
Jan	93,3	94,7	92,0	91,9	0,8	0,2	-0,2	1,5
Feb	91,3	93,7	92,0		-2,1	-1,1	0,0	
Mar	95,3	91,7	90,1		4,4	-2,1	-2,1	
Apr	94,9	96,0	90,8		-0,4	4,7	0,8	
May	94,6	92,3	93,1		-0,3	-3,9	2,5	
Jun	94,9	92,0	93,0		0,3	-0,3	-0,1	
Jul	92,7	93,8	92,2		-2,3	2,0	-0,9	
Aug	93,4	93,2	92,5		0,8	-0,6	0,3	
Sep	93,4	92,7	92,7		0,0	-0,5	0,2	
Oct	92,7	93,6	93,8		-0,7	1,0	1,2	
Nov	94,0	92,9	91,7		1,4	-0,7	-2,2	
Dec	94,5	92,2	90,5		0,5	-0,8	-1,3	

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

Manufacturing division and major group	Weight	Aug-25	Sep-25	Oct-25	Nov-25	Dec-25	Jan-26
Food and beverages	22,19	104,2	113,5	113,6	112,5	113,4	88,4
Meat, fish, fruit, etc.	3,72	109,7	101,1	107,9	108,0	105,1	89,9
Dairy products	1,20	94,4	101,5	110,4	100,5	97,0	94,3
Grain mill products	1,94	107,0	103,4	114,6	108,7	99,5	92,6
Other food products	7,55	96,7	98,2	92,1	93,2	76,4	70,0
Beverages	7,78	109,6	138,8	137,4	136,2	159,3	103,6
Textiles, clothing, leather and footwear	3,68	93,2	93,7	104,5	111,0	71,8	67,7
Textiles	0,85	94,3	100,9	106,7	129,2	64,2	82,9
Other textile products	0,55	104,0	99,3	120,8	114,2	76,1	70,4
Knitted, crocheted articles	0,07	100,2	97,7	102,5	99,7	52,2	44,5
Wearing apparel	1,65	89,1	89,4	98,5	105,2	74,9	60,1
Leather and leather products	0,26	74,8	72,5	93,7	82,2	53,3	77,6
Footwear	0,30	108,0	103,8	111,3	113,5	89,2	58,4
Wood and wood products, paper, publishing and printing	9,98	97,4	98,3	98,8	100,7	87,3	81,9
Sawmilling and planing of wood	0,74	100,8	107,4	109,6	103,0	78,9	73,9
Products of wood	0,85	126,9	130,8	138,9	140,8	100,1	102,7
Paper and paper products	5,27	89,3	92,2	89,2	92,5	87,5	82,0
Publishing	1,94	104,9	98,0	103,5	97,0	88,3	80,7
Printing, recorded media	1,18	97,9	96,7	98,1	113,1	81,0	73,1
Petroleum, chemical products, rubber and plastic products	23,91	83,3	82,7	89,7	86,9	79,2	76,4
Coke, petroleum products and nuclear fuel	11,12	62,7	58,5	62,1	60,3	65,8	63,8
Basic chemicals	3,60	114,5	113,6	128,1	119,1	106,6	105,2
Other chemical products	6,63	94,8	98,5	104,0	101,9	83,4	77,7
Rubber products	0,69	83,4	69,1	78,4	85,0	64,8	65,0
Plastic products	1,87	104,9	116,5	133,9	131,0	96,7	95,0
Glass and non-metallic mineral products	3,11	104,9	105,9	111,3	110,7	83,2	92,4
Glass and glass products	0,61	114,1	107,8	116,4	118,6	89,6	98,6
Non-metallic mineral products	2,50	102,7	105,4	110,0	108,8	81,7	90,9
Basic iron and steel, non-ferrous metal products, metal products and machinery	21,85	95,7	100,0	108,0	103,1	73,0	75,1
Basic iron and steel products	3,20	57,6	60,5	65,1	54,4	47,2	51,0
Non-ferrous metal products	4,16	92,5	96,2	100,3	87,7	80,3	79,8
Structural metal products	1,98	112,2	133,1	117,8	121,1	88,3	76,1
Other fabricated metal products	3,72	105,0	103,9	119,8	111,8	67,2	80,2
General purpose machinery	4,04	114,1	118,7	121,8	118,0	83,4	79,0
Special purpose machinery	4,01	91,6	94,4	114,7	120,3	68,8	74,1
Household appliances	0,74	110,0	110,8	138,2	133,6	96,5	107,3
Electrical machinery	2,15	114,0	107,2	126,6	115,8	70,4	90,0
Radio, television and communication apparatus and professional equipment	1,00	99,2	102,1	110,1	102,3	95,9	74,5
Radio, television and communication apparatus	0,19	101,5	101,5	118,6	111,8	117,7	60,2
Professional equipment	0,81	98,7	102,2	108,1	100,1	90,9	77,8
Motor vehicles, parts and accessories and other transport equipment	7,84	100,3	95,1	104,0	104,4	45,3	70,4
Motor vehicles	2,33	113,3	108,6	125,2	101,2	38,2	77,6
Bodies for motor vehicles, trailers and semi-trailers	0,65	96,6	100,2	106,9	99,5	64,1	67,5
Parts and accessories	3,95	97,5	88,7	91,9	106,3	38,3	65,3
Other transport equipment	0,91	81,4	84,4	100,3	107,9	80,3	75,9
Furniture and other manufacturing	4,29	91,9	102,7	106,8	100,0	79,2	81,4
Furniture	0,84	99,8	111,1	114,5	107,8	84,2	67,2
Other manufacturing groups	3,45	89,9	100,6	104,9	98,1	78,0	84,9
Total	100	95,6	98,5	104,0	101,8	83,4	79,5

Table 5 – Year-on-year percentage change in the volume of manufacturing production by division and major group (Base: 2019=100)

Manufacturing division and major group	Aug-25	Sep-25	Oct-25	Nov-25	Dec-25	Jan-26
Food and beverages	-2,3	4,2	2,2	-1,3	-4,9	-1,0
Meat, fish, fruit, etc.	-1,1	-10,8	-3,5	-6,0	-13,9	-9,4
Dairy products	-3,6	-7,0	2,3	-5,7	-5,7	-1,8
Grain mill products	6,9	1,7	6,9	4,8	2,5	-2,9
Other food products	-4,0	14,7	2,2	-2,6	-4,6	-4,9
Beverages	-3,2	5,9	3,5	0,7	-2,8	6,5
Textiles, clothing, leather and footwear	3,1	3,7	2,2	5,6	-0,8	5,1
Textiles	1,9	1,8	-2,7	17,5	6,8	34,1
Other textile products	10,8	1,5	9,5	5,4	-3,8	5,7
Knitted, crocheted articles	-2,2	-3,7	-3,6	2,9	-8,9	-13,4
Wearing apparel	3,2	8,9	3,6	2,6	-3,7	-1,8
Leather and leather products	-3,0	-5,6	0,2	-8,9	8,3	-7,6
Footwear	-1,5	-3,0	-1,3	-0,7	0,1	-18,5
Wood and wood products, paper, publishing and printing	-6,3	-5,3	-5,2	-9,1	-5,0	-11,0
Sawmilling and planing of wood	-6,6	3,5	9,3	1,1	-0,3	-12,0
Products of wood	1,8	9,1	2,4	-0,8	5,5	2,6
Paper and paper products	-5,5	-9,6	-13,6	-14,3	-10,3	-15,0
Publishing	-7,3	-3,6	13,4	-3,8	5,6	-3,9
Printing, recorded media	-13,7	-6,6	-10,4	-8,3	-5,9	-13,5
Petroleum, chemical products, rubber and plastic products	1,8	0,6	1,2	3,1	7,6	6,7
Coke, petroleum products and nuclear fuel	6,5	-4,7	-5,6	0,3	2,5	22,0
Basic chemicals	9,3	11,5	14,4	5,9	12,7	11,6
Other chemical products	-4,1	0,7	2,3	3,7	10,3	-7,7
Rubber products	1,5	-23,4	-16,0	-8,7	35,8	-24,6
Plastic products	-7,3	6,8	2,7	8,4	5,1	2,5
Glass and non-metallic mineral products	0,1	0,6	-5,4	-8,4	-5,3	3,8
Glass and glass products	13,2	1,8	1,3	-1,4	-7,3	6,1
Non-metallic mineral products	-2,9	0,3	-7,0	-10,1	-4,8	3,2
Basic iron and steel, non-ferrous metal products, metal products and machinery	-5,4	-1,4	0,6	-2,7	-2,3	-5,7
Basic iron and steel products	-38,3	-35,6	-23,1	-26,2	-28,6	-34,0
Non-ferrous metal products	-2,4	5,4	-0,4	-11,7	0,6	-6,2
Structural metal products	10,4	35,0	0,9	-2,3	12,8	-2,4
Other fabricated metal products	0,8	-2,7	3,6	-6,3	-2,7	-5,8
General purpose machinery	2,7	7,2	5,4	9,5	-12,9	-1,7
Special purpose machinery	-7,6	-7,5	4,3	4,6	21,6	7,2
Household appliances	-1,1	-4,9	18,0	20,3	15,7	21,8
Electrical machinery	4,4	-7,3	6,3	2,3	-1,7	5,6
Radio, television and communication apparatus and professional equipment	0,7	4,7	2,7	-2,7	0,0	2,5
Radio, television and communication apparatus	12,0	2,1	-4,5	2,1	0,0	-4,4
Professional equipment	-1,6	5,3	4,7	-3,8	0,0	3,9
Motor vehicles, parts and accessories and other transport equipment	4,4	7,6	1,7	-6,5	-2,8	0,9
Motor vehicles	13,1	33,1	17,0	-3,0	-8,0	2,4
Bodies for motor vehicles, trailers and semi-trailers	4,8	11,3	-12,9	-0,4	-8,8	7,1
Parts and accessories	-0,7	-4,3	-6,5	-11,3	0,8	1,6
Other transport equipment	2,9	-2,4	7,8	3,8	0,5	-8,8
Furniture and other manufacturing	-1,8	5,0	1,4	-4,6	-6,7	1,4
Furniture	5,6	-1,3	10,5	-1,6	-4,9	-12,5
Other manufacturing groups	-3,6	6,8	-0,8	-5,4	-7,1	4,7
Total	-1,6	1,0	0,7	-2,1	-1,5	-0,7

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-25	Sep-25	Oct-25	Nov-25	Dec-25	Jan-26
Food and beverages	22,19	-0,5	1,0	0,5	-0,3	-1,5	-0,2
Meat, fish, fruit, etc.	3,72	0,0	-0,5	-0,1	-0,2	-0,7	-0,4
Dairy products	1,20	0,0	-0,1	0,0	-0,1	-0,1	0,0
Grain mill products	1,94	0,1	0,0	0,1	0,1	0,1	-0,1
Other food products	7,55	-0,3	1,0	0,1	-0,2	-0,3	-0,3
Beverages	7,78	-0,3	0,6	0,3	0,1	-0,4	0,6
Textiles, clothing, leather and footwear	3,68	0,1	0,1	0,1	0,2	0,0	0,2
Textiles	0,85	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,2	0,0	0,2
Other textile products	0,55	0,1	0,0	0,1	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	0,0	0,1	0,1	0,0	-0,1	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
Wood and wood products, paper, publishing and printing	9,98	-0,7	-0,6	-0,5	-1,0	-0,5	-1,3
Sawmilling and planing of wood	0,74	-0,1	0,0	0,1	0,0	0,0	-0,1
Products of wood	0,85	0,0	0,1	0,0	0,0	0,1	0,0
Paper and paper products	5,27	-0,3	-0,5	-0,7	-0,8	-0,6	-1,0
Publishing	1,94	-0,2	-0,1	0,2	-0,1	0,1	-0,1
Printing, recorded media	1,18	-0,2	-0,1	-0,1	-0,1	-0,1	-0,2
Petroleum, chemical products, rubber and plastic products	23,91	0,4	0,1	0,3	0,6	1,6	1,4
Coke, petroleum products and nuclear fuel	11,12	0,4	-0,3	-0,4	0,0	0,2	1,6
Basic chemicals	3,60	0,4	0,4	0,6	0,2	0,5	0,5
Other chemical products	6,63	-0,3	0,0	0,1	0,2	0,6	-0,5
Rubber products	0,69	0,0	-0,1	-0,1	-0,1	0,1	-0,2
Plastic products	1,87	-0,2	0,1	0,1	0,2	0,1	0,1
Glass and non-metallic mineral products	3,11	0,0	0,0	-0,2	-0,3	-0,2	0,1
Glass and glass products	0,61	0,1	0,0	0,0	0,0	-0,1	0,0
Non-metallic mineral products	2,50	-0,1	0,0	-0,2	-0,3	-0,1	0,1
Basic iron and steel, non-ferrous metal products, metal products and machinery	21,85	-1,2	-0,3	0,1	-0,6	-0,4	-1,2
Basic iron and steel products	3,20	-1,2	-1,1	-0,6	-0,6	-0,7	-1,1
Non-ferrous metal products	4,16	-0,1	0,2	0,0	-0,5	0,0	-0,3
Structural metal products	1,98	0,2	0,7	0,0	-0,1	0,2	0,0
Other fabricated metal products	3,72	0,0	-0,1	0,2	-0,3	-0,1	-0,2
General purpose machinery	4,04	0,1	0,3	0,2	0,4	-0,6	-0,1
Special purpose machinery	4,01	-0,3	-0,3	0,2	0,2	0,6	0,3
Household appliances	0,74	0,0	0,0	0,2	0,2	0,1	0,2
Electrical machinery	2,15	0,1	-0,2	0,2	0,1	0,0	0,1
Radio, television and communication apparatus and professional equipment	1,00	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0
Radio, television and communication apparatus	0,19	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0
Professional equipment	0,81	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0
Motor vehicles, parts and accessories and other transport equipment	7,84	0,3	0,5	0,1	-0,6	-0,1	0,1
Motor vehicles	2,33	0,3	0,6	0,4	-0,1	-0,1	0,1
Bodies for motor vehicles, trailers and semi-trailers	0,65	0,0	0,1	-0,1	0,0	0,0	0,0
Parts and accessories	3,95	0,0	-0,2	-0,2	-0,5	0,0	0,0
Other transport equipment	0,91	0,0	0,0	0,1	0,0	0,0	-0,1
Furniture and other manufacturing	4,29	-0,1	0,2	0,1	-0,2	-0,3	0,1
Furniture	0,84	0,0	0,0	0,1	0,0	0,0	-0,1
Other manufacturing groups	3,45	-0,1	0,2	0,0	-0,2	-0,2	0,2
Total	100	-1,6	1,0	0,7	-2,1	-1,5	-0,7

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-25	Oct-25	Nov-25	Dec-25	Jan-26	Month-on-month % change
Food and beverages	22,19	104,6	105,4	104,7	102,4	102,8	0,4
Meat, fish, fruit, etc.	3,72	97,4	103,9	104,1	100,6	100,9	0,3
Dairy products	1,20	95,3	94,9	93,9	91,2	94,2	3,3
Grain mill products	1,94	100,4	107,4	105,6	102,5	102,4	-0,1
Other food products	7,55	93,8	87,6	87,5	84,8	85,2	0,5
Beverages	7,78	121,1	124,4	123,2	122,1	122,1	0,0
Textiles, clothing, leather and footwear	3,68	89,5	88,7	91,9	87,4	90,5	3,5
Textiles	0,85	96,3	95,0	108,6	96,5	105,2	9,0
Other textile products	0,55	93,8	97,0	97,0	91,8	97,6	6,3
Knitted, crocheted articles	0,07	81,3	82,3	81,0	73,4	70,1	-4,5
Wearing apparel	1,65	86,5	83,3	84,9	83,1	84,6	1,8
Leather and leather products	0,26	74,7	80,4	73,2	75,0	77,6	3,5
Footwear	0,30	93,2	94,4	92,7	91,1	84,8	-6,9
Wood and wood products, paper, publishing and printing	9,98	88,9	89,6	87,6	90,3	90,0	-0,3
Sawmilling and planing of wood	0,74	98,0	102,4	99,3	94,3	82,2	-12,8
Products of wood	0,85	116,8	117,7	118,8	121,8	120,4	-1,1
Paper and paper products	5,27	85,6	85,1	83,0	85,2	88,4	3,8
Publishing	1,94	83,1	85,6	83,6	89,0	86,2	-3,1
Printing, recorded media	1,18	87,7	87,8	84,8	90,1	86,9	-3,6
Petroleum, chemical products, rubber and plastic products	23,91	80,6	81,9	81,6	83,6	80,5	-3,7
Coke, petroleum products and nuclear fuel	11,12	60,9	58,3	59,9	62,2	62,9	1,1
Basic chemicals	3,60	108,2	119,6	109,8	112,1	109,7	-2,1
Other chemical products	6,63	91,7	93,9	94,3	92,4	86,6	-6,3
Rubber products	0,69	68,0	73,9	77,6	119,3	67,7	-43,3
Plastic products	1,87	109,7	110,3	112,7	111,7	111,4	-0,3
Glass and non-metallic mineral products	3,11	100,7	98,5	95,9	98,6	105,6	7,1
Glass and glass products	0,61	102,4	104,2	102,9	94,8	105,9	11,7
Non-metallic mineral products	2,50	100,3	97,2	94,2	99,5	105,5	6,0
Basic iron and steel, non-ferrous metal products, metal products and machinery	21,85	94,4	96,6	92,0	89,3	91,0	1,9
Basic iron and steel products	3,20	59,1	61,2	57,0	55,4	51,7	-6,7
Non-ferrous metal products	4,16	95,3	89,3	85,0	85,4	86,4	1,2
Structural metal products	1,98	121,0	105,9	104,4	113,5	104,5	-7,9
Other fabricated metal products	3,72	98,4	106,0	95,9	97,1	97,4	0,3
General purpose machinery	4,04	107,6	110,3	106,4	100,2	104,1	3,9
Special purpose machinery	4,01	90,2	99,6	97,4	85,0	95,8	12,7
Household appliances	0,74	102,4	128,7	121,3	117,3	121,0	3,2
Electrical machinery	2,15	102,5	114,1	107,6	101,1	111,8	10,6
Radio, television and communication apparatus and professional equipment	1,00	99,5	98,8	93,0	95,3	95,7	0,4
Radio, television and communication apparatus	0,19	94,1	93,1	92,3	96,7	88,7	-8,3
Professional equipment	0,81	100,8	100,1	93,1	95,0	97,3	2,4
Motor vehicles, parts and accessories and other transport equipment	7,84	90,4	89,8	86,2	79,8	88,5	10,9
Motor vehicles	2,33	101,4	102,5	87,6	75,6	94,8	25,4
Bodies for motor vehicles, trailers and semi-trailers	0,65	95,3	92,5	88,9	94,9	94,7	-0,2
Parts and accessories	3,95	84,4	81,1	84,0	78,3	83,9	7,2
Other transport equipment	0,91	84,5	93,2	90,0	86,3	87,5	1,4
Furniture and other manufacturing	4,29	94,4	92,3	87,4	82,8	94,8	14,5
Furniture	0,84	95,8	97,0	90,9	86,7	85,6	-1,3
Other manufacturing groups	3,45	94,0	91,3	86,6	81,9	97,1	18,6
Total	100	92,7	93,8	91,7	90,5	91,9	1,5

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	244 034
Feb	210 330	215 111	238 381	259 006	286 861	274 778	
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	321 135	
Dec	204 564	224 354	245 372	269 248	269 381	260 839	
Total	2 376 993	2 751 398	3 095 659	3 399 338	3 501 032	3 479 273	

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	-2,2	-2,2
Feb	2,3	10,8	8,7	10,8	-4,2		
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	-3,2		
Total	15,8	12,5	9,8	3,0	-0,6		

Table 10 – Seasonally adjusted manufacturing sales at current prices

Month	R million				Month-on-month % change			
	2023	2024	2025	2026	2023	2024	2025	2026
Jan	270 461	293 990	289 068	285 438	0,5	-1,4	-0,9	2,8
Feb	272 080	296 130	288 611		0,6	0,7	-0,2	
Mar	287 292	288 880	285 711		5,6	-2,4	-1,0	
Apr	285 532	301 601	283 899		-0,6	4,4	-0,6	
May	279 319	290 597	289 041		-2,2	-3,6	1,8	
Jun	275 403	289 654	294 125		-1,4	-0,3	1,8	
Jul	280 770	295 483	293 254		1,9	2,0	-0,3	
Aug	287 814	287 884	294 511		2,5	-2,6	0,4	
Sep	289 246	285 249	295 545		0,5	-0,9	0,4	
Oct	283 144	292 392	293 035		-2,1	2,5	-0,8	
Nov	291 482	283 911	290 984		2,9	-2,9	-0,7	
Dec	298 052	291 772	277 772		2,3	2,8	-4,5	

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

Manufacturing division and major group	Aug-25	Sep-25	Oct-25	Nov-25	Dec-25	Jan-26
Food and beverages	75 694	79 702	80 563	80 547	82 403	63 447
Meat, fish, fruit, etc.	22 294	22 499	23 228	23 056	22 606	18 412
Dairy products	5 903	6 240	6 866	6 509	6 317	5 725
Grain mill products	12 509	12 119	12 923	12 507	11 508	10 434
Other food products	16 824	17 053	16 571	16 605	15 612	12 525
Beverages	18 164	21 790	20 975	21 869	26 360	16 351
Textiles, clothing, leather and footwear	7 100	6 907	8 017	8 001	5 424	5 061
Textiles	790	833	965	958	524	608
Other textile products	2 158	2 024	2 527	2 373	1 559	1 561
Knitted, crocheted articles	291	281	300	288	153	135
Wearing apparel	2 399	2 402	2 691	2 883	2 059	1 712
Leather and leather products	568	550	661	616	430	572
Footwear	893	818	872	884	698	473
Wood and wood products, paper, publishing and printing	18 941	20 060	19 464	20 469	17 196	15 670
Sawmilling and planing of wood	1 294	1 416	1 472	1 393	1 025	958
Products of wood	2 573	2 874	2 884	2 922	1 991	2 203
Paper and paper products	9 981	10 849	9 935	10 660	9 896	8 605
Publishing	1 883	1 724	1 898	1 749	1 599	1 501
Printing, recorded media	3 211	3 196	3 275	3 744	2 684	2 403
Petroleum, chemical products, rubber and plastic products	64 044	66 268	67 858	68 742	57 634	54 186
Coke, petroleum products and nuclear fuel	23 106	22 365	20 871	22 202	20 795	20 079
Basic chemicals	12 095	12 465	13 337	12 857	10 807	9 655
Other chemical products	18 859	20 647	21 157	21 519	17 018	15 867
Rubber products	1 864	1 867	2 127	1 984	1 682	1 471
Plastic products	8 120	8 924	10 365	10 180	7 332	7 114
Glass and non-metallic mineral products	9 006	9 193	9 362	9 230	6 820	7 494
Glass and glass products	1 935	1 829	2 000	1 882	1 317	1 763
Non-metallic mineral products	7 072	7 365	7 362	7 348	5 503	5 731
Basic iron and steel, non-ferrous metal products, metal products and machinery	58 319	59 242	65 257	63 379	48 162	48 044
Basic iron and steel products	9 744	9 007	8 564	8 302	5 694	6 903
Non-ferrous metal products	17 515	17 594	21 311	20 083	18 634	17 750
Structural metal products	4 870	5 782	5 337	5 372	3 662	3 370
Other fabricated metal products	10 941	10 845	12 296	11 798	7 395	8 867
General purpose machinery	6 637	6 996	6 979	6 658	5 156	4 750
Special purpose machinery	7 414	7 820	9 299	9 727	6 485	5 292
Household appliances	1 197	1 197	1 470	1 439	1 136	1 112
Electrical machinery	6 937	6 957	7 799	7 556	5 315	5 713
Radio, television and communication apparatus and professional equipment	2 456	2 599	2 698	2 708	2 948	1 644
Radio, television and communication apparatus	1 249	1 350	1 394	1 432	1 757	700
Professional equipment	1 207	1 249	1 305	1 275	1 191	944
Motor vehicles, parts and accessories and other transport equipment	45 098	45 874	50 305	47 545	23 003	31 785
Motor vehicles	29 259	30 560	33 369	31 426	15 003	19 861
Bodies for motor vehicles, trailers and semi-trailers	1 195	1 264	1 258	1 275	793	906
Parts and accessories	11 941	11 250	12 353	11 267	4 542	8 502
Other transport equipment	2 703	2 800	3 324	3 578	2 665	2 516
Furniture and other manufacturing	11 054	12 865	13 298	12 958	11 936	10 988
Furniture	1 877	2 073	2 241	2 274	1 767	1 360
Other manufacturing groups	9 176	10 792	11 056	10 684	10 169	9 628
Total	298 650	309 667	324 619	321 135	260 839	244 034

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

Manufacturing division and major group	Aug-25	Sep-25	Oct-25	Nov-25	Dec-25	Jan-26
Food and beverages	3,4	6,8	3,6	1,4	-0,8	-0,9
Meat, fish, fruit, etc.	6,3	4,7	2,6	0,2	-9,8	-2,4
Dairy products	-3,4	-1,0	1,1	-2,2	2,3	-7,0
Grain mill products	4,1	1,4	1,9	-0,3	-3,1	-6,6
Other food products	-0,3	11,7	6,3	-1,3	10,8	-3,3
Beverages	5,2	11,2	4,6	7,0	2,0	9,8
Textiles, clothing, leather and footwear	9,5	8,2	7,5	5,2	-0,6	4,0
Textiles	-0,9	6,8	6,3	3,9	-3,1	1,0
Other textile products	18,9	8,3	16,6	11,0	-1,8	13,6
Knitted, crocheted articles	1,4	-3,1	0,7	4,0	-7,3	-6,3
Wearing apparel	6,4	12,4	7,8	6,3	-0,4	3,6
Leather and leather products	7,4	3,0	-0,5	-5,8	15,9	5,9
Footwear	10,9	5,3	-5,4	-2,0	-3,3	-14,2
Wood and wood products, paper, publishing and printing	-6,5	-8,1	-3,6	-5,3	-0,5	-13,5
Sawmilling and planing of wood	-7,0	4,7	8,6	7,4	4,4	-2,7
Products of wood	-1,6	10,5	-4,5	-4,9	-3,5	1,7
Paper and paper products	-5,8	-14,8	-7,9	-8,0	0,4	-20,7
Publishing	-7,1	-5,3	19,2	1,7	5,1	2,5
Printing, recorded media	-11,4	-3,3	-4,9	-4,8	-6,3	-9,6
Petroleum, chemical products, rubber and plastic products	1,1	10,4	0,0	5,5	1,8	-4,0
Coke, petroleum products and nuclear fuel	8,5	16,8	-8,8	0,4	-1,4	-2,8
Basic chemicals	8,0	16,6	10,2	9,8	5,9	-8,8
Other chemical products	-5,8	5,8	5,3	10,5	3,6	-3,4
Rubber products	-2,2	3,4	5,7	-3,1	16,1	-12,6
Plastic products	-9,3	0,9	-3,7	3,9	-1,4	0,3
Glass and non-metallic mineral products	9,7	9,1	-3,8	-5,8	-2,4	10,8
Glass and glass products	27,6	4,2	-5,1	-11,9	-14,8	30,4
Non-metallic mineral products	5,6	10,4	-3,4	-4,2	1,1	5,9
Basic iron and steel, non-ferrous metal products, metal products and machinery	-3,3	-4,2	-2,3	-0,1	-3,5	-3,4
Basic iron and steel products	-23,8	-27,9	-32,6	-31,0	-24,8	-37,7
Non-ferrous metal products	2,9	-2,7	4,3	17,9	-6,5	13,5
Structural metal products	11,4	36,1	7,4	1,5	1,5	-4,3
Other fabricated metal products	0,4	2,1	-1,2	-3,3	-0,9	2,8
General purpose machinery	3,0	7,0	6,7	9,3	-9,6	6,4
Special purpose machinery	-1,6	-8,3	11,5	2,7	40,6	0,1
Household appliances	-3,9	-10,2	7,5	10,7	11,9	-1,2
Electrical machinery	3,0	-2,0	1,1	7,1	9,7	11,5
Radio, television and communication apparatus and professional equipment	4,8	7,4	-8,4	-2,4	6,7	-4,5
Radio, television and communication apparatus	10,8	10,9	-13,6	0,1	9,9	-9,2
Professional equipment	-0,8	3,7	-2,1	-5,2	2,1	-0,6
Motor vehicles, parts and accessories and other transport equipment	3,9	12,6	2,9	-3,9	-26,4	-3,3
Motor vehicles	-2,8	9,1	-1,9	-7,9	-34,9	-8,2
Bodies for motor vehicles, trailers and semi-trailers	3,7	5,8	-1,4	2,2	-9,7	29,2
Parts and accessories	24,6	28,9	16,7	4,5	-4,5	8,3
Other transport equipment	5,1	-0,2	10,9	6,9	3,4	-6,8
Furniture and other manufacturing	1,3	14,6	7,6	6,5	6,4	10,8
Furniture	8,5	14,4	21,0	19,3	9,0	8,5
Other manufacturing groups	0,0	14,6	5,2	4,1	6,0	11,2
Total	1,1	5,1	0,9	0,8	-3,2	-2,2

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

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

Manufacturing division and major group	Sep-25	Oct-25	Nov-25	Dec-25	Jan-26	Month-on-month % change
Food and beverages	75 498	74 651	74 386	74 272	73 017	-1,7
Meat, fish, fruit, etc.	21 575	21 643	21 535	20 529	21 376	4,1
Dairy products	6 004	6 057	6 113	6 052	5 875	-2,9
Grain mill products	11 918	12 253	12 104	11 655	11 551	-0,9
Other food products	16 748	15 411	14 899	16 681	14 750	-11,6
Beverages	19 253	19 286	19 735	19 356	19 463	0,6
Textiles, clothing, leather and footwear	6 609	6 672	6 682	6 426	6 764	5,3
Textiles	792	806	837	725	773	6,6
Other textile products	1 922	2 016	2 044	1 945	2 105	8,2
Knitted, crocheted articles	236	243	236	213	216	1,4
Wearing apparel	2 356	2 289	2 290	2 262	2 378	5,1
Leather and leather products	561	579	551	577	601	4,2
Footwear	743	739	724	704	692	-1,7
Wood and wood products, paper, publishing and printing	17 914	17 972	17 622	17 816	17 768	-0,3
Sawmilling and planing of wood	1 261	1 347	1 349	1 215	1 121	-7,7
Products of wood	2 577	2 488	2 554	2 559	2 619	2,3
Paper and paper products	9 677	9 676	9 410	9 507	9 565	0,6
Publishing	1 463	1 563	1 504	1 594	1 536	-3,6
Printing, recorded media	2 936	2 897	2 805	2 941	2 927	-0,5
Petroleum, chemical products, rubber and plastic products	63 516	60 938	62 893	61 443	60 440	-1,6
Coke, petroleum products and nuclear fuel	22 740	19 973	21 468	20 874	21 354	2,3
Basic chemicals	11 735	11 638	11 509	11 419	10 700	-6,3
Other chemical products	18 867	18 961	19 463	18 401	18 032	-2,0
Rubber products	1 860	1 950	1 814	2 162	1 690	-21,8
Plastic products	8 314	8 416	8 639	8 587	8 664	0,9
Glass and non-metallic mineral products	8 509	8 015	8 044	8 074	9 006	11,5
Glass and glass products	1 697	1 622	1 507	1 414	2 069	46,3
Non-metallic mineral products	6 812	6 393	6 537	6 660	6 937	4,2
Basic iron and steel, non-ferrous metal products, metal products and machinery	57 396	59 642	57 897	56 737	57 928	2,1
Basic iron and steel products	9 038	8 366	8 153	7 450	7 595	1,9
Non-ferrous metal products	18 085	19 837	19 107	19 490	19 565	0,4
Structural metal products	5 468	4 795	4 630	4 665	4 542	-2,6
Other fabricated metal products	10 294	10 669	10 496	10 302	10 929	6,1
General purpose machinery	6 271	6 445	6 179	6 164	6 405	3,9
Special purpose machinery	7 114	8 174	8 003	7 340	7 613	3,7
Household appliances	1 125	1 356	1 328	1 326	1 279	-3,5
Electrical machinery	6 591	6 974	6 997	6 744	7 187	6,6
Radio, television and communication apparatus and professional equipment	2 462	2 345	2 339	2 509	2 291	-8,7
Radio, television and communication apparatus	1 241	1 148	1 179	1 289	1 103	-14,4
Professional equipment	1 221	1 197	1 160	1 220	1 188	-2,6
Motor vehicles, parts and accessories and other transport equipment	44 747	43 841	42 488	31 874	37 608	18,0
Motor vehicles	29 684	28 675	28 359	21 027	23 832	13,3
Bodies for motor vehicles, trailers and semi-trailers	1 168	1 115	1 109	1 048	1 356	29,4
Parts and accessories	11 108	10 964	10 027	6 916	9 492	37,2
Other transport equipment	2 788	3 087	2 993	2 882	2 928	1,6
Furniture and other manufacturing	12 302	11 986	11 635	11 877	13 429	13,1
Furniture	1 841	1 917	1 890	1 828	1 842	0,8
Other manufacturing groups	10 462	10 069	9 745	10 049	11 587	15,3
Total	295 545	293 035	290 984	277 772	285 438	2,8

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 2025.

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

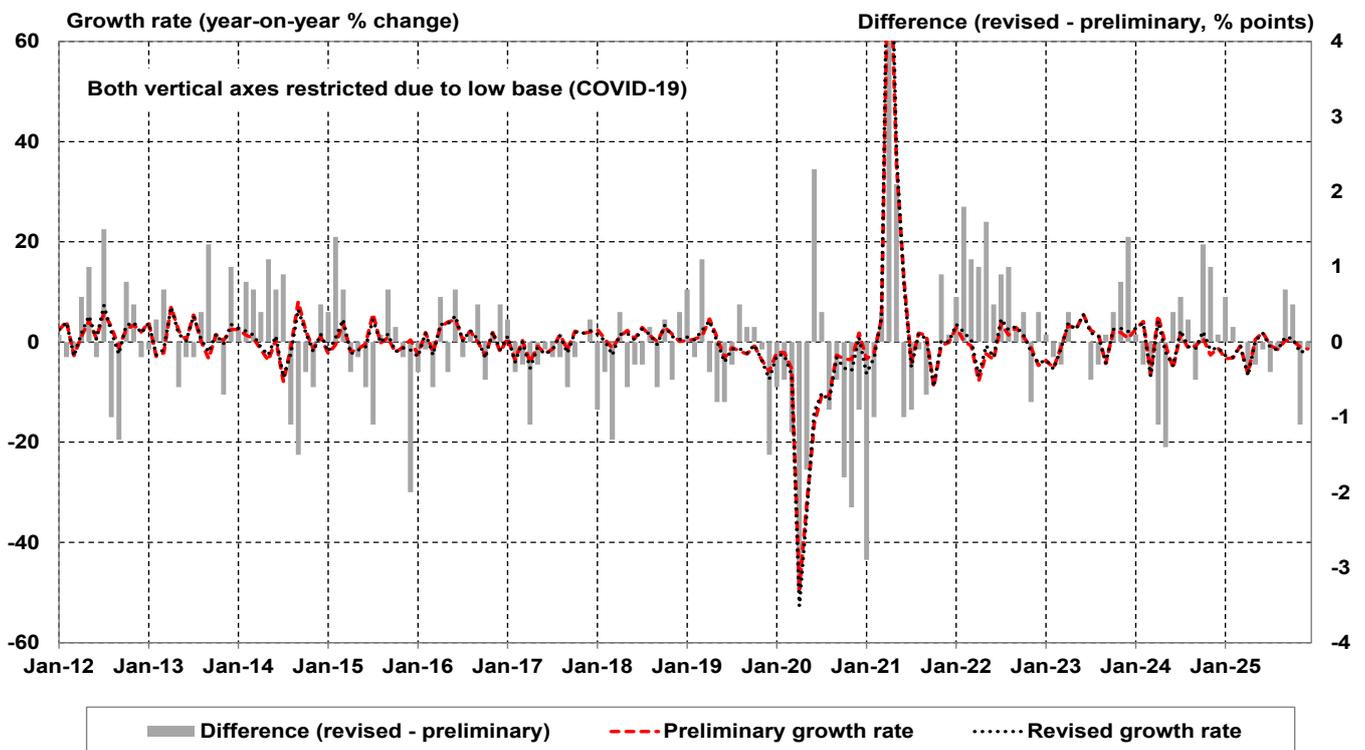


Table 15 – Manufacturing production year-on-year growth rates: preliminary and revised

Description	Value / outcome	Comment
Average year-on-year growth rate over the whole period	Preliminary: 0,09% Revised: 0,13%	The average of revised growth rates is higher than the average of preliminary growth rates
Mean revision	0,04 of a percentage point	This is the average of the revisions
Mean absolute revision	0,70 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 1,4 percentage points	This may be regarded as the normal range for revisions, with revisions outside this range being outliers
Number of upward revisions	78 (or 46,4% of the total observations)	
Number of downward revisions	84 (or 50,0% of the total observations)	
Number of zero revisions	6 (or 3,6% of the total observations)	
Is the mean revision (0,04) 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	1,33 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	88,7%	This is the percentage of revisions that lie between -1,29 and 1,37 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:

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

where

n = number of observations

\bar{R} = mean revision

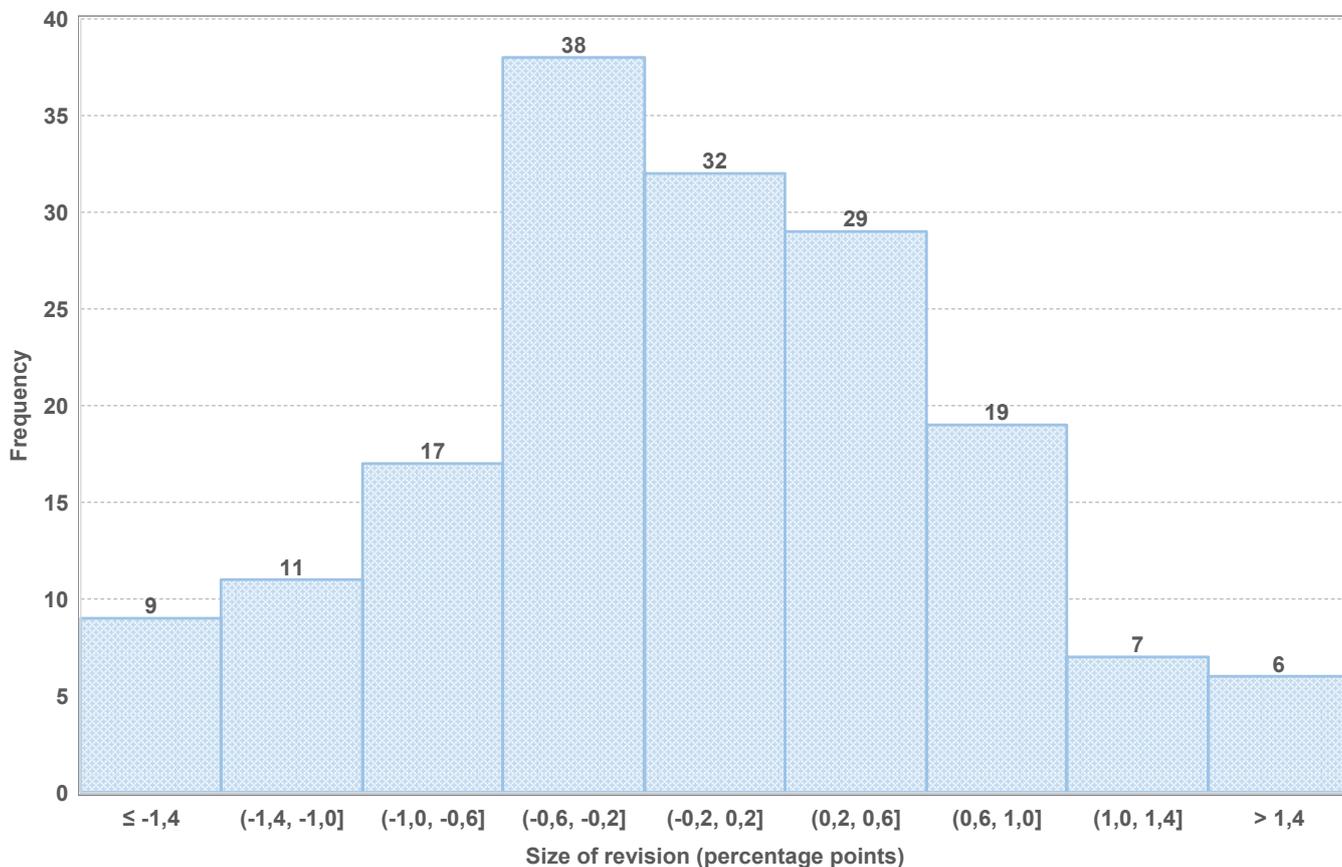
$\hat{\epsilon}_t = R_t - \bar{R}$, with R_t = revision in period t

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 0,34, which has an absolute value below the critical value of 1,97, 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 38 revisions between -0,6 and -0,2 ($-0,6 < \text{revision} \leq -0,2$); 32 revisions between -0,2 and 0,2 ($-0,2 < \text{revision} \leq 0,2$); and 29 revisions between 0,2 and 0,6 ($0,2 < \text{revision} \leq 0,6$). Around 80,4% 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 *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 71,5% for January 2026. The revised collection rate for December 2025 was 75,1%.
- Statistical unit**
- 9 The statistical unit for which information is compiled and published is an enterprise, defined as a legal unit or a combination of legal units that includes and directly controls all functions necessary to carry out its production activities. The statistical units are derived from and linked to the South African Revenue Service (SARS) administrative data.

Revised figures

- 10** Revised figures are mainly due to late submission of data to Stats SA, or respondents reporting revisions or corrections to their figures. The reasons for routine revisions are outlined in the following schedule. Any unscheduled revisions will be promptly indicated in relevant tables to maintain transparency and accuracy. It is important to note that seasonally adjusted figures are revised monthly.

Statistical release	Reason for revision	Period subject to revision
Jan-26	Additional information from respondents	Oct-25 - Dec-25
Feb-26	Additional information from respondents	Nov-25 - Jan-26
Mar-26	Additional information from respondents	Dec-25 - Feb-26
Apr-26	Additional information from respondents	Jan-26 - Mar-26
May-26	Additional information from respondents	Feb-26 - Apr-26
Jun-26	Additional information from respondents	Mar-26 - May-26
Jul-26	Additional information from respondents	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
New base year in 2027/28 - periodic, approximately four- to five-year intervals		

Related publications

- 11** Users may also wish to refer to *Stats in Brief* available from Stats SA.

Rounding-off of figures

- 12** Where necessary, the figures in the tables have been rounded off to the nearest digit shown. There may, therefore, be slight discrepancies between the sums of the constituent items and the totals shown.

Historical data

- 13** Historical manufacturing data are available on the Stats SA webpage. Click on the following link ([Time series data](#)) to access the data electronically.

Past publications

- 14** Past manufacturing releases are available on the Stats SA webpage. Click on the following link ([Past publications](#)) to access the releases electronically.

Technical notes

Survey methodology and design

- 1** The survey is conducted monthly. Questionnaires are sent to a sample of 3 011 enterprises from a population of 27 305 manufacturing enterprises. Completed questionnaires are required to be returned to Stats SA within 10 days after the end of the reference month. Email and telephone reminders are used to follow up on non-respondents.
- 2** A stratified random sample was drawn at the Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) three-digit level in April 2025 from Stats SA's statistical business register (SBR). Strata were formed using a combination of the SIC and the measure of size classes for enterprises (see point 3 on the following page).

The Neyman optimal allocation formula used to allocate samples to each stratum is given by a formula below:

$$n_h = \frac{N_h S_h}{\sum N_h S_h}$$

N_h and S_h are the stratum population size and the stratum variance respectively.

- Class limits** **3** Each manufacturing major group is divided into four size groups. All large enterprises (size group one) are completely enumerated. Simple random sampling is applied to medium (size group two) and to small (size groups three and four) enterprises. The total value of sales of manufactured products of large enterprises (size group one) in a major group is added to the weighted totals of size groups two, three and four of that major group to reflect the total value of sales of the major group.

Measure of size classes (Rand)

Enterprise size	Size group	Lower limit	Upper limit
Very small	4	3 984 745	27 500 000
Small	3	27 500 001	71 500 000
Medium	2	71 500 001	280 500 000
Large	1	280 500 001	

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

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

- Calculation of production index** **6** The calculation of the monthly production indices is based on the value of sales of products and articles manufactured and change in monthly value of stocks of manufactured products, after the effect of price changes has been eliminated through deflation using appropriate indices of the producer price index (PPI). For 38 of the 44 major groups in manufacturing, the value of production is calculated from the value of sales and stocks of manufactured products obtained from the monthly survey of manufacturing enterprises.

- 7** More direct indicators are used for the value of production of the following major groups:
- tobacco;
 - coke and refined petroleum products;
 - basic iron and steel products;
 - basic precious and non-ferrous metal products;
 - motor vehicles; and
 - parts and accessories for motor vehicles.

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

Index weighting

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

Period	Source
1998 to 2000	1996 Census of manufacturing
2001 to 2004	2001 LSS
2005 to 2009	2005 LSS
2010 to 2026	National accounts

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

Table E – Weights by division and major group

Manufacturing division and major group	Weights used for manufacturing indices by period			
	2019 (based on value added for 2017 – 2019)	2020 (based on value added for 2018 – 2020)	2021 (based on value added for 2019 – 2021)	2022 – 2026 (based on value added for 2022)
Food and beverages	20,75	21,44	22,07	22,19
Meat, fish, fruit, etc.	3,27	3,42	3,53	3,72
Dairy products	1,39	1,47	1,48	1,20
Grain mill products	1,68	1,85	2,01	1,94
Other food products	7,75	7,81	7,61	7,55
Beverages	6,66	6,89	7,44	7,78
Textiles, clothing, leather and footwear	4,26	4,07	3,89	3,68
Textiles	1,08	1,04	0,96	0,85
Other textile products	0,61	0,58	0,55	0,55
Knitted, crocheted articles	0,06	0,06	0,06	0,07
Wearing apparel	1,98	1,88	1,83	1,65
Leather and leather products	0,27	0,26	0,24	0,26
Footwear	0,25	0,25	0,25	0,30
Wood and wood products, paper, publishing and printing	10,63	10,48	10,29	9,98
Sawmilling and planing of wood	0,87	0,86	0,83	0,74
Products of wood	0,88	0,90	0,93	0,85
Paper and paper products	5,34	5,26	5,18	5,27
Publishing	2,18	2,10	2,02	1,94
Printing, recorded media	1,35	1,36	1,33	1,18
Petroleum, chemical products, rubber and plastic products	24,95	24,86	24,38	23,91
Coke, petroleum products and nuclear fuel	11,85	11,92	11,63	11,12
Basic chemicals	3,50	3,39	3,35	3,60
Other chemical products	6,64	6,82	6,81	6,63
Rubber products	0,76	0,68	0,65	0,69
Plastic products	2,20	2,05	1,94	1,87
Glass and non-metallic mineral products	3,24	3,10	3,06	3,11
Glass and glass products	0,49	0,48	0,50	0,61
Non-metallic mineral products	2,75	2,62	2,56	2,50
Basic iron and steel, non-ferrous metal products, metal products and machinery	19,73	19,96	20,86	21,85
Basic iron and steel products	2,92	2,92	3,18	3,20
Non-ferrous metal products (including precious metals)	3,32	3,54	3,98	4,16
Structural metal products	1,99	2,01	2,01	1,98
Other fabricated metal products	3,53	3,65	3,74	3,72
General purpose machinery	3,42	3,45	3,52	4,04
Special purpose machinery	3,85	3,73	3,77	4,01
Household appliances	0,70	0,66	0,66	0,74
Electrical machinery	2,21	2,14	2,09	2,15
Radio, television and communication apparatus and professional equipment	1,07	1,06	1,06	1,00
Radio, television and communication apparatus	0,04	0,08	0,16	0,19
Professional equipment	1,03	0,98	0,90	0,81
Motor vehicles, parts and accessories and other transport equipment	8,89	8,72	8,21	7,84
Motor vehicles	2,78	2,62	2,39	2,33
Bodies for motor vehicles, trailers and semi-trailers	0,73	0,75	0,72	0,65
Parts and accessories	3,97	4,03	3,96	3,95
Other transport equipment	1,40	1,32	1,14	0,91
Furniture and other manufacturing	4,27	4,17	4,09	4,29
Furniture	0,78	0,69	0,70	0,84
Other manufacturing groups	3,49	3,48	3,39	3,45
Total	100	100	100	100

Seasonal adjustment 10 Seasonally adjusted estimates are generated each month, using the X-12 Seasonal Adjustment Program developed by the United States Census Bureau. Seasonal adjustment is a means of removing the estimated effects of normal seasonal variation from the series so that the effects of other influences on the series can be more clearly recognised. Seasonal adjustment does not aim to remove irregular or non-seasonal influences, which may be present in any particular month. Influences that are volatile or unsystematic can still make it difficult to interpret the movement of the series even after adjustment for seasonal variations. This means the month-to-month movements of seasonally adjusted estimates may not be reliable indicators of trend behaviour. The X-12-ARIMA procedure for manufacturing production and sales is described in more detail on the Stats SA website:
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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 2026

	Lower limit (R million)	Estimate (R million)	Upper limit (R million)	Relative standard error (RSE) %
Total sales	240 712	244 034	247 356	0,7

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

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

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

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

Glossary

Enterprise	The enterprise is a legal entity or a combination of legal units that includes and directly controls all functions necessary to carry out its production activities.	
Industry	An industry is made up of enterprises engaged in the same or similar kinds of economic activity. Industries are defined in the <i>System of National Accounts (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.	
Sales	Sales are the total value of sales and transfers-out of all own manufactured products/articles and the amounts received for installation, erection or assembly or other services rendered.	
Symbols and abbreviations	GDP	Gross domestic product
	IMF	International Monetary Fund
	ISIC	International Standard Industrial Classification of All Economic Activities
	LSS	Large sample survey
	NA	National accounts
	PPI	Producer price index
	SARS	South African Revenue Service
	SBR	Statistical business register
	SDDS	Special Data Dissemination Standard
	SIC	Standard Industrial Classification of All Economic Activities
	Stats SA	Statistics South Africa
	VAT	Value-added tax
	*	Revised figures

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