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Production: results for July 2026

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

	Feb-26	Mar-26	Apr-26	May-26	Jun-26	Jul-26
Year-on-year % change, unadjusted	-2,2	1,4	-3,0	-4,6	-1,8	1,1
Month-on-month % change, seasonally adjusted	-1,8	1,2	-2,7	1,2	0,8	2,2
3-month % change, seasonally adjusted ¹	-1,9	-0,8	-1,2	-0,9	-1,4	1,0

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

Manufacturing production increased by 1,1% in July 2026 compared with July 2025. The largest positive contributions were made by the food and beverages division (4,1% and contributing 1,0 percentage point) and the petroleum, chemical products, rubber and plastic products division (3,2% and contributing 0,6 of a percentage point). The wood and wood products, paper, publishing and printing division (-7,3% and contributing -0,7 of a percentage point) was the largest negative contributor – see Table 5 and Table 6.

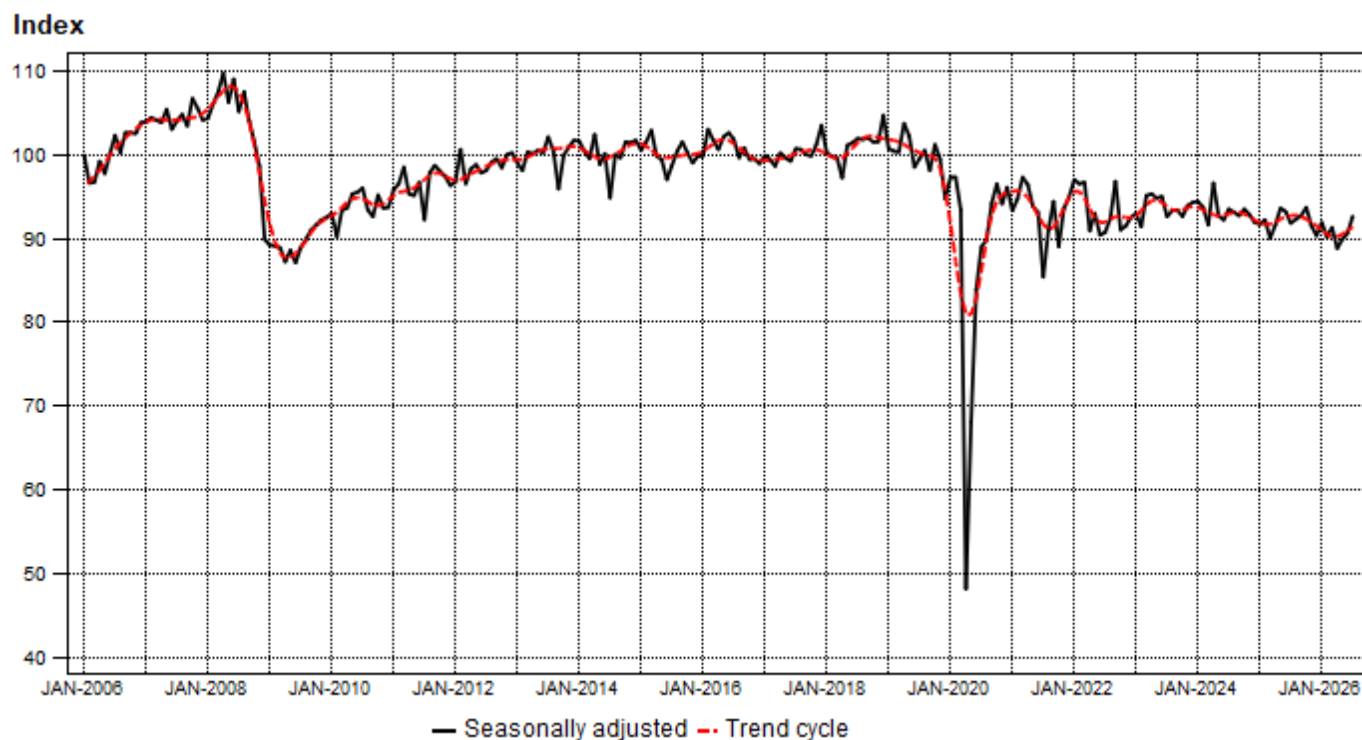
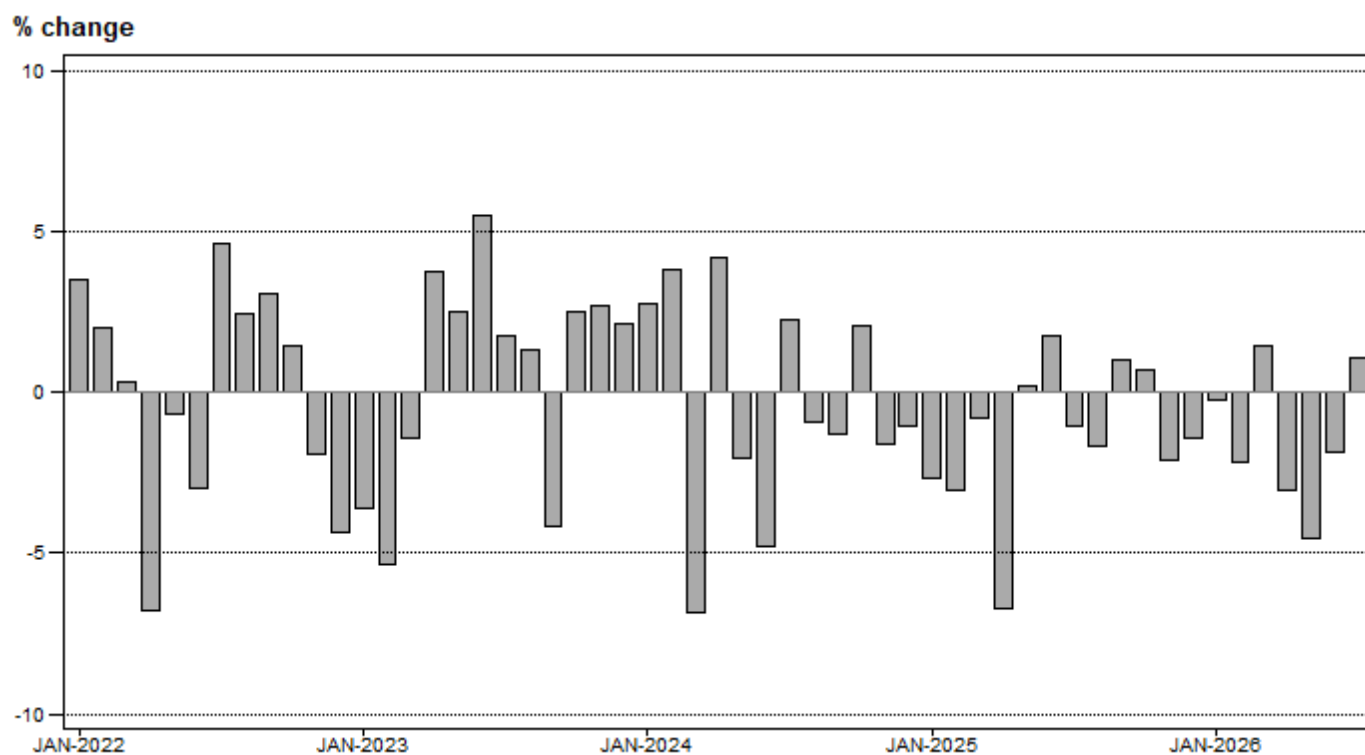
Seasonally adjusted manufacturing production increased by 2,2% in July 2026 compared with June 2026. This followed month-on-month changes of 0,8% in June 2026 and 1,2% in May 2026 – see Table A.

Seasonally adjusted manufacturing production increased by 1,0% in the three months ended July 2026 compared with the previous three months. Six of the ten manufacturing divisions reported positive growth rates over this period. The following divisions reported the largest positive contributions:

- petroleum, chemical products, rubber and plastic products (2,3% and contributing 0,5 of a percentage point);
- basic iron and steel, non-ferrous metal products, metal products and machinery (1,9% and contributing 0,4 of a percentage point); and
- food and beverages (0,7% and contributing 0,2 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	Feb – Apr 2026	May – Jul 2026	% change between Feb – Apr 2026 and May – Jul 2026	Contribution (% points) to the total % change
Food and beverages	22,19	102,8	103,5	0,7	0,2
Meat, fish, fruit, etc.	3,72	105,2	101,9	-3,1	-0,1
Dairy products	1,20	94,4	92,3	-2,2	0,0
Grain mill products	1,94	104,4	103,2	-1,1	0,0
Other food products	7,55	85,6	90,0	5,1	0,4
Beverages	7,78	119,2	119,1	-0,1	0,0
Textiles, clothing, leather and footwear	3,68	90,1	91,5	1,6	0,1
Textiles	0,85	102,0	105,0	2,9	0,0
Other textile products	0,55	96,2	94,7	-1,6	0,0
Knitted, crocheted articles	0,07	71,4	73,4	2,8	0,0
Wearing apparel	1,65	84,0	85,7	2,0	0,0
Leather and leather products	0,26	79,8	81,5	2,1	0,0
Footwear	0,30	92,6	92,2	-0,4	0,0
Wood and wood products, paper, publishing and printing	9,98	85,6	85,3	-0,4	0,0
Sawmilling and planing of wood	0,74	104,9	96,2	-8,3	-0,1
Products of wood	0,85	125,9	123,7	-1,7	0,0
Paper and paper products	5,27	80,1	84,2	5,1	0,2
Publishing	1,94	74,1	68,5	-7,6	-0,1
Printing, recorded media	1,18	87,8	83,7	-4,7	-0,1
Petroleum, chemical products, rubber and plastic products	23,91	79,2	81,0	2,3	0,5
Coke, petroleum products and nuclear fuel	11,12	58,7	68,4	16,5	1,2
Basic chemicals	3,60	104,5	94,2	-9,9	-0,4
Other chemical products	6,63	91,2	88,0	-3,5	-0,2
Rubber products	0,69	75,4	72,3	-4,1	0,0
Plastic products	1,87	112,2	109,1	-2,8	-0,1
Glass and non-metallic mineral products	3,11	100,7	100,4	-0,3	0,0
Glass and glass products	0,61	105,8	109,5	3,5	0,0
Non-metallic mineral products	2,50	99,4	98,2	-1,2	0,0
Basic iron and steel, non-ferrous metal products, metal products and machinery	21,85	90,6	92,3	1,9	0,4
Basic iron and steel products	3,20	56,8	60,7	6,9	0,1
Non-ferrous metal products	4,16	84,6	86,3	2,0	0,1
Structural metal products	1,98	110,3	105,9	-4,0	-0,1
Other fabricated metal products	3,72	101,4	99,7	-1,7	-0,1
General purpose machinery	4,04	96,2	101,3	5,3	0,2
Special purpose machinery	4,01	91,4	96,3	5,4	0,2
Household appliances	0,74	129,5	117,5	-9,3	-0,1
Electrical machinery	2,15	107,0	107,0	0,0	0,0
Radio, television and communication apparatus and professional equipment	1,00	96,0	97,4	1,5	0,0
Radio, television and communication apparatus	0,19	94,3	96,4	2,2	0,0
Professional equipment	0,81	96,3	97,7	1,5	0,0
Motor vehicles, parts and accessories and other transport equipment	7,84	85,4	86,4	1,2	0,1
Motor vehicles	2,33	94,4	93,4	-1,1	0,0
Bodies for motor vehicles, trailers and semi-trailers	0,65	96,6	99,4	2,9	0,0
Parts and accessories	3,95	76,9	80,1	4,2	0,1
Other transport equipment	0,91	91,5	86,0	-6,0	-0,1
Furniture and other manufacturing	4,29	84,1	81,1	-3,6	-0,1
Furniture	0,84	92,5	94,6	2,3	0,0
Other manufacturing groups	3,45	82,1	77,9	-5,1	-0,2
Total	100	90,1	91,0	1,0	1,0

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

	Feb-26	Mar-26	Apr-26	May-26	Jun-26	Jul-26
Year-on-year % change, unadjusted	-0,7	3,4	4,7	-0,6	-2,3	2,5
Month-on-month % change, seasonally adjusted	-0,2	2,3	0,8	-1,5	-1,5	3,9
3-month % change, seasonally adjusted ¹	-3,2	0,4	2,1	3,2	0,7	0,0

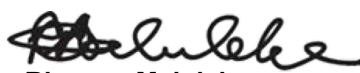
¹ Percentage change between the previous 3 months and the 3 months ending in the month indicated.

Seasonally adjusted manufacturing sales increased by 3,9% in July 2026 compared with June 2026. This followed month-on-month changes of -1,5% in June 2026 and -1,5% in May 2026 – see Table C.

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

Manufacturing division	Feb – Apr 2026 (R million)	May – Jul 2026 (R million)	% change between Feb – Apr 2026 and May – Jul 2026	Contribution (% points) to the total % change
Food and beverages	224 510	223 352	-0,5	-0,1
Textiles, clothing, leather and footwear	20 050	20 998	4,7	0,1
Wood and wood products, paper, publishing and printing	52 916	53 022	0,2	0,0
Petroleum, chemical products, rubber and plastic products	184 427	190 579	3,3	0,7
Glass and non-metallic mineral products	26 241	26 268	0,1	0,0
Basic iron and steel, non-ferrous metal products, metal products and machinery	182 055	172 920	-5,0	-1,0
Electrical machinery	21 550	21 052	-2,3	-0,1
Radio, television and communication apparatus and professional equipment	7 331	7 525	2,6	0,0
Motor vehicles, parts and accessories and other transport equipment	121 183	125 905	3,9	0,5
Furniture and other manufacturing	34 021	33 008	-3,0	-0,1
Total	874 283	874 629	0,0	0,0

Seasonally adjusted manufacturing sales was flat in the three months ended July 2026 compared with the previous three months. The largest positive contributions were made by the petroleum, chemical products, rubber and plastic products division (3,3% and contributing 0,7 of a percentage point) and the motor vehicles, parts and accessories and other transport equipment division (3,9% and contributing 0,5 of a percentage point). The basic iron and steel, non-ferrous metal products, metal products and machinery division (-5,0% and contributing -1,0 percentage point) was the largest negative contributor – see Table D.


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Tables

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

Month	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026
Jan	85,7	80,3	83,1	80,1	82,3	80,1	79,9
Feb	92,4	89,5	91,3	86,4	89,7	87,0	85,1
Mar	94,5	99,2	99,5	98,1	91,4	90,7	92,0
Apr	45,3	91,2	85,0	88,2	91,9	85,7	83,1
May	67,2	92,3	91,7	94,0	92,1	92,3	88,1
Jun	84,1	93,8	91,0	96,0	91,4	93,0	91,3
Jul	91,4	86,8	90,8	92,4	94,5	93,5	94,5
Aug	92,9	94,5	96,8	98,1	97,2	95,6	
Sep	99,4	100,0	103,1	98,8	97,5	98,5	
Oct	106,8	97,3	98,7	101,2	103,3	104,0	
Nov	104,7	104,9	102,9	105,7	104,0	101,8	
Dec	87,6	87,6	83,8	85,6	84,7	83,5	
Total	87,7	93,1	93,1	93,7	93,3	92,1	

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

Month	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2026 year-to-date
Jan	-6,3	3,5	-3,6	2,7	-2,7	-0,2	-0,2
Feb	-3,1	2,0	-5,4	3,8	-3,0	-2,2	-1,3
Mar	5,0	0,3	-1,4	-6,8	-0,8	1,4	-0,2
Apr	101,3	-6,8	3,8	4,2	-6,7	-3,0	-1,0
May	37,4	-0,7	2,5	-2,0	0,2	-4,6	-1,8
Jun	11,5	-3,0	5,5	-4,8	1,8	-1,8	-1,7
Jul	-5,0	4,6	1,8	2,3	-1,1	1,1	-1,3
Aug	1,7	2,4	1,3	-0,9	-1,6		
Sep	0,6	3,1	-4,2	-1,3	1,0		
Oct	-8,9	1,4	2,5	2,1	0,7		
Nov	0,2	-1,9	2,7	-1,6	-2,1		
Dec	0,0	-4,3	2,1	-1,1	-1,4		
Total	6,2	0,0	0,6	-0,4	-1,3		

Table 3 – Seasonally adjusted volume of manufacturing production

Month	Index (Base: 2019=100)				Month-on-month % change			
	2023	2024	2025	2026	2023	2024	2025	2026
Jan	93,0	94,4	91,7	91,9	0,5	0,1	-0,2	1,8
Feb	91,4	93,7	92,2	90,2	-1,7	-0,7	0,5	-1,8
Mar	95,1	91,6	90,0	91,3	4,0	-2,2	-2,4	1,2
Apr	95,3	96,6	91,6	88,8	0,2	5,5	1,8	-2,7
May	94,8	92,7	93,6	89,9	-0,5	-4,0	2,2	1,2
Jun	95,0	92,2	93,2	90,6	0,2	-0,5	-0,4	0,8
Jul	92,6	93,5	91,8	92,6	-2,5	1,4	-1,5	2,2
Aug	93,3	93,1	92,3		0,8	-0,4	0,5	
Sep	93,4	92,7	92,7		0,1	-0,4	0,4	
Oct	92,6	93,5	93,7		-0,9	0,9	1,1	
Nov	93,9	92,8	91,5		1,4	-0,7	-2,3	
Dec	94,3	91,9	90,3		0,4	-1,0	-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	Feb-26	Mar-26	Apr-26	May-26	Jun-26	Jul-26
Food and beverages	22,19	93,1	105,5	93,1	97,3	99,5	108,9
Meat, fish, fruit, etc.	3,72	102,0	113,3	95,9	101,8	100,3	102,8
Dairy products	1,20	87,9	96,0	85,9	84,2	84,7	89,8
Grain mill products	1,94	94,3	113,7	97,5	102,6	105,2	108,8
Other food products	7,55	75,2	81,8	78,0	93,4	98,4	106,0
Beverages	7,78	106,6	124,2	106,5	99,7	101,1	117,5
Textiles, clothing, leather and footwear	3,68	83,2	90,4	88,9	90,6	90,6	99,9
Textiles	0,85	100,7	111,3	92,5	101,5	115,2	118,1
Other textile products	0,55	90,3	99,2	99,6	91,4	91,8	100,2
Knitted, crocheted articles	0,07	61,3	65,6	57,5	78,3	69,6	84,0
Wearing apparel	1,65	76,7	80,8	85,1	85,8	80,6	93,1
Leather and leather products	0,26	71,7	73,6	88,3	90,2	74,0	93,0
Footwear	0,30	72,0	87,9	88,1	87,7	93,2	94,8
Wood and wood products, paper, publishing and printing	9,98	79,7	82,5	75,7	77,1	85,5	85,2
Sawmilling and planing of wood	0,74	103,2	108,8	94,3	94,9	99,9	104,7
Products of wood	0,85	113,2	131,1	114,4	126,1	128,7	114,7
Paper and paper products	5,27	76,4	78,5	75,0	75,0	86,0	84,3
Publishing	1,94	67,6	59,5	52,2	54,1	62,1	69,2
Printing, recorded media	1,18	75,7	86,2	77,8	77,4	81,2	81,9
Petroleum, chemical products, rubber and plastic products	23,91	75,3	79,5	75,2	79,4	81,9	79,9
Coke, petroleum products and nuclear fuel	11,12	56,6	56,7	59,5	69,8	67,8	65,6
Basic chemicals	3,60	97,7	107,9	91,3	86,2	97,5	90,7
Other chemical products	6,63	87,2	90,7	84,1	85,6	92,4	88,7
Rubber products	0,69	78,4	93,0	71,2	68,6	69,6	85,7
Plastic products	1,87	100,1	115,3	106,9	105,5	102,4	111,2
Glass and non-metallic mineral products	3,11	96,6	97,3	93,7	101,4	100,2	106,6
Glass and glass products	0,61	96,6	100,4	95,8	107,2	105,0	113,9
Non-metallic mineral products	2,50	96,6	96,5	93,2	100,0	99,0	104,8
Basic iron and steel, non-ferrous metal products, metal products and machinery	21,85	86,4	95,4	84,0	91,8	94,9	96,9
Basic iron and steel products	3,20	52,8	59,9	60,3	62,6	61,6	61,8
Non-ferrous metal products	4,16	80,2	88,3	78,7	85,8	87,1	88,7
Structural metal products	1,98	112,3	129,7	99,7	103,6	102,4	112,4
Other fabricated metal products	3,72	97,7	109,1	97,2	105,9	96,7	104,5
General purpose machinery	4,04	83,4	98,9	83,8	96,8	112,0	114,2
Special purpose machinery	4,01	92,3	90,2	80,2	93,8	103,0	96,6
Household appliances	0,74	125,2	138,3	129,7	112,3	117,6	123,5
Electrical machinery	2,15	105,9	116,4	100,5	115,6	111,3	117,1
Radio, television and communication apparatus and professional equipment	1,00	95,2	103,4	91,6	97,3	101,4	88,5
Radio, television and communication apparatus	0,19	74,4	94,6	79,1	87,6	105,1	89,9
Professional equipment	0,81	100,0	105,5	94,5	99,6	100,5	88,2
Motor vehicles, parts and accessories and other transport equipment	7,84	84,1	93,2	79,6	86,1	89,7	95,2
Motor vehicles	2,33	95,2	106,0	81,0	88,7	98,5	105,4
Bodies for motor vehicles, trailers and semi-trailers	0,65	81,0	113,9	103,8	98,1	104,9	111,7
Parts and accessories	3,95	75,7	76,2	73,5	83,9	83,5	90,3
Other transport equipment	0,91	94,0	119,8	85,7	80,5	83,6	78,2
Furniture and other manufacturing	4,29	86,1	76,9	70,6	72,6	80,0	85,2
Furniture	0,84	80,8	85,1	80,9	92,1	95,1	102,7
Other manufacturing groups	3,45	87,4	74,9	68,1	67,9	76,3	81,0
Total	100	85,1	92,0	83,1	88,1	91,3	94,5

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	Feb-26	Mar-26	Apr-26	May-26	Jun-26	Jul-26
Food and beverages	-2,2	4,2	0,3	-5,9	-3,7	4,1
Meat, fish, fruit, etc.	-3,8	3,6	-6,0	-6,8	-3,2	-2,6
Dairy products	-1,3	-10,1	-3,4	-4,3	2,4	3,3
Grain mill products	-3,2	5,5	-5,4	-6,6	-1,7	-2,8
Other food products	-3,3	-2,3	-1,4	-3,6	-5,5	0,3
Beverages	-0,6	11,2	6,7	-7,5	-3,4	13,1
Textiles, clothing, leather and footwear	-2,1	2,7	5,8	0,1	1,7	6,2
Textiles	5,1	14,0	7,9	-3,2	11,7	17,9
Other textile products	-4,1	4,0	9,0	-5,6	1,9	1,6
Knitted, crocheted articles	-7,5	-26,4	-15,7	0,0	-13,6	-13,3
Wearing apparel	-3,0	-0,2	2,7	2,0	-2,9	5,2
Leather and leather products	-9,9	-6,1	26,3	15,6	-10,2	1,0
Footwear	-8,6	-6,0	0,2	0,0	5,4	-6,2
Wood and wood products, paper, publishing and printing	-9,8	-7,5	-10,1	-12,8	-9,1	-7,3
Sawmilling and planing of wood	5,0	25,1	5,5	-2,1	5,7	6,1
Products of wood	-1,4	5,8	16,4	16,3	18,1	6,7
Paper and paper products	-15,7	-14,4	-16,2	-18,7	-13,7	-8,3
Publishing	-2,0	-6,0	-15,7	-20,4	-18,0	-18,1
Printing, recorded media	-11,0	-11,1	-6,6	-8,2	-8,5	-7,2
Petroleum, chemical products, rubber and plastic products	2,9	3,1	1,1	2,3	0,6	3,2
Coke, petroleum products and nuclear fuel	10,5	-5,8	-4,8	11,7	7,8	22,2
Basic chemicals	4,5	14,8	3,8	-9,0	-13,5	-12,3
Other chemical products	-2,8	4,7	6,5	-2,8	2,6	-2,3
Rubber products	-14,5	-11,5	-25,1	-6,3	-8,3	-20,9
Plastic products	0,7	14,2	12,4	6,1	-0,4	2,2
Glass and non-metallic mineral products	5,6	-5,4	-3,3	-8,1	0,8	2,6
Glass and glass products	3,2	-1,1	4,8	0,9	5,4	7,5
Non-metallic mineral products	6,2	-6,4	-5,1	-10,2	-0,3	1,4
Basic iron and steel, non-ferrous metal products, metal products and machinery	-4,5	0,8	-6,0	-5,8	-0,1	0,7
Basic iron and steel products	-28,0	-24,3	-21,8	-25,4	-12,6	-12,2
Non-ferrous metal products	-9,8	-7,3	-13,9	-11,2	-7,1	2,1
Structural metal products	4,4	12,4	-10,7	-10,9	8,2	11,0
Other fabricated metal products	1,3	5,3	10,1	5,1	-2,3	-0,8
General purpose machinery	-9,4	-0,4	-9,9	-4,2	-2,0	-1,1
Special purpose machinery	6,1	12,2	-2,7	1,3	13,3	6,3
Household appliances	16,5	27,0	36,8	10,1	12,8	-1,2
Electrical machinery	6,6	11,5	-3,8	1,0	4,0	-0,1
Radio, television and communication apparatus and professional equipment	-3,4	-3,5	0,9	-4,7	3,5	4,0
Radio, television and communication apparatus	-5,3	2,8	0,4	-19,5	-5,1	1,1
Professional equipment	-3,0	-4,6	1,0	-0,9	5,8	4,8
Motor vehicles, parts and accessories and other transport equipment	-3,1	2,0	-11,2	-3,8	-5,4	-2,9
Motor vehicles	-1,6	5,5	3,2	-1,1	-5,4	-0,5
Bodies for motor vehicles, trailers and semi-trailers	-4,7	13,6	10,9	9,1	17,9	3,7
Parts and accessories	-4,9	-3,3	-24,8	-8,4	-8,0	-3,8
Other transport equipment	0,0	2,6	7,1	1,3	-9,3	-11,5
Furniture and other manufacturing	-5,7	0,3	-3,6	-9,0	1,8	-6,0
Furniture	2,8	-0,6	-2,9	-7,2	-3,6	3,8
Other manufacturing groups	-7,4	0,5	-3,7	-9,7	3,5	-8,6
Total	-2,2	1,4	-3,0	-4,6	-1,8	1,1

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

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	Mar-26	Apr-26	May-26	Jun-26	Jul-26	Month-on-month % change
Food and beverages	22,19	104,7	101,0	100,6	100,9	109,0	8,0
Meat, fish, fruit, etc.	3,72	108,6	102,4	101,6	101,3	102,9	1,6
Dairy products	1,20	95,1	91,7	91,3	92,5	93,1	0,6
Grain mill products	1,94	109,5	101,9	102,4	102,7	104,5	1,8
Other food products	7,55	86,5	82,9	90,2	88,8	91,1	2,6
Beverages	7,78	120,7	119,2	111,1	113,4	132,9	17,2
Textiles, clothing, leather and footwear	3,68	90,2	92,8	89,7	91,4	93,4	2,2
Textiles	0,85	103,1	100,7	95,0	108,5	111,4	2,7
Other textile products	0,55	99,3	100,5	92,6	96,2	95,4	-0,8
Knitted, crocheted articles	0,07	70,4	69,2	75,9	71,2	73,0	2,5
Wearing apparel	1,65	83,5	86,9	86,4	83,4	87,3	4,7
Leather and leather products	0,26	75,3	92,5	87,8	76,7	79,9	4,2
Footwear	0,30	91,4	94,5	92,2	95,1	89,2	-6,2
Wood and wood products, paper, publishing and printing	9,98	84,7	85,8	84,6	85,7	85,7	0,0
Sawmilling and planing of wood	0,74	113,4	99,8	96,4	95,3	96,8	1,6
Products of wood	0,85	130,3	124,7	128,7	129,3	113,0	-12,6
Paper and paper products	5,27	76,4	83,0	82,2	83,9	86,4	3,0
Publishing	1,94	74,5	69,9	67,1	69,5	69,0	-0,7
Printing, recorded media	1,18	87,6	87,4	84,7	83,2	83,1	-0,1
Petroleum, chemical products, rubber and plastic products	23,91	79,1	78,9	82,4	80,9	79,7	-1,5
Coke, petroleum products and nuclear fuel	11,12	55,1	59,6	72,1	67,0	66,0	-1,5
Basic chemicals	3,60	111,0	97,2	92,2	96,2	94,2	-2,1
Other chemical products	6,63	91,2	92,3	87,4	89,3	87,4	-2,1
Rubber products	0,69	82,3	71,0	71,7	71,3	73,9	3,6
Plastic products	1,87	116,9	114,0	111,0	108,1	108,3	0,2
Glass and non-metallic mineral products	3,11	99,0	100,1	97,0	101,2	103,1	1,9
Glass and glass products	0,61	104,7	106,7	107,9	109,2	111,4	2,0
Non-metallic mineral products	2,50	97,6	98,5	94,3	99,2	101,1	1,9
Basic iron and steel, non-ferrous metal products, metal products and machinery	21,85	92,8	88,4	90,4	92,6	93,9	1,4
Basic iron and steel products	3,20	56,5	58,2	60,0	61,3	60,7	-1,0
Non-ferrous metal products	4,16	86,8	81,5	84,5	86,0	88,4	2,8
Structural metal products	1,98	120,1	101,7	102,5	105,0	110,3	5,0
Other fabricated metal products	3,72	102,5	102,8	102,3	97,4	99,4	2,1
General purpose machinery	4,04	100,4	93,2	97,5	102,6	103,7	1,1
Special purpose machinery	4,01	91,2	86,7	92,4	98,8	97,8	-1,0
Household appliances	0,74	130,6	132,8	112,8	118,8	120,9	1,8
Electrical machinery	2,15	110,4	102,2	107,0	106,8	107,3	0,5
Radio, television and communication apparatus and professional equipment	1,00	94,9	97,2	96,0	99,2	97,0	-2,2
Radio, television and communication apparatus	0,19	97,6	95,1	93,9	98,0	97,4	-0,6
Professional equipment	0,81	94,2	97,7	96,6	99,5	96,9	-2,6
Motor vehicles, parts and accessories and other transport equipment	7,84	89,1	82,4	85,7	86,4	87,0	0,7
Motor vehicles	2,33	100,0	91,3	90,4	94,8	95,0	0,2
Bodies for motor vehicles, trailers and semi-trailers	0,65	103,1	100,4	97,2	101,8	99,1	-2,7
Parts and accessories	3,95	79,8	71,9	80,2	79,1	81,1	2,5
Other transport equipment	0,91	91,7	92,6	89,1	85,3	83,7	-1,9
Furniture and other manufacturing	4,29	86,9	80,5	79,3	82,1	81,9	-0,2
Furniture	0,84	92,5	91,2	92,8	92,6	98,3	6,2
Other manufacturing groups	3,45	85,5	77,9	76,0	79,6	78,0	-2,0
Total	100	91,3	88,8	89,9	90,6	92,6	2,2

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

Month	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026
Jan	188 904	187 321	211 089	231 718	253 650	249 626	244 887
Feb	210 330	215 111	238 381	259 006	286 861	274 778	272 727
Mar	210 477	248 468	269 658	302 213	291 315	291 434	301 308
Apr	104 263	225 547	232 822	263 028	290 216	267 085	279 727
May	153 176	231 852	258 900	280 985	292 763	289 049	287 190
Jun	185 789	238 443	260 671	283 175	288 974	295 978	289 203
Jul	200 480	206 482	255 030	277 945	297 763	296 413	303 911
Aug	206 571	228 601	266 928	296 255	295 260	298 650	
Sep	221 995	240 283	283 884	300 624	294 593	309 667	
Oct	243 349	238 083	275 181	308 749	321 680	324 619	
Nov	247 095	266 853	297 743	326 392	318 576	321 048	
Dec	204 564	224 354	245 372	269 248	269 381	261 002	
Total	2 376 993	2 751 398	3 095 659	3 399 338	3 501 032	3 479 349	

Table 9 – Year-on-year percentage change in manufacturing sales at current prices

Month	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2026 year-to-date
Jan	-0,8	12,7	9,8	9,5	-1,6	-1,9	-1,9
Feb	2,3	10,8	8,7	10,8	-4,2	-0,7	-1,3
Mar	18,0	8,5	12,1	-3,6	0,0	3,4	0,4
Apr	116,3	3,2	13,0	10,3	-8,0	4,7	1,5
May	51,4	11,7	8,5	4,2	-1,3	-0,6	1,0
Jun	28,3	9,3	8,6	2,0	2,4	-2,3	0,4
Jul	3,0	23,5	9,0	7,1	-0,5	2,5	0,7
Aug	10,7	16,8	11,0	-0,3	1,1		
Sep	8,2	18,1	5,9	-2,0	5,1		
Oct	-2,2	15,6	12,2	4,2	0,9		
Nov	8,0	11,6	9,6	-2,4	0,8		
Dec	9,7	9,4	9,7	0,0	-3,1		
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	270 951	294 881	289 471	286 908	0,6	-1,2	-0,9	3,1
Feb	272 035	296 123	288 344	286 281	0,4	0,4	-0,4	-0,2
Mar	287 150	288 782	285 756	292 853	5,6	-2,5	-0,9	2,3
Apr	284 453	300 555	282 511	295 149	-0,9	4,1	-1,1	0,8
May	279 693	290 596	289 383	290 743	-1,7	-3,3	2,4	-1,5
Jun	276 458	291 351	296 326	286 365	-1,2	0,3	2,4	-1,5
Jul	279 637	293 988	291 180	297 521	1,1	0,9	-1,7	3,9
Aug	287 866	288 112	294 516		2,9	-2,0	1,1	
Sep	289 331	284 989	295 565		0,5	-1,1	0,4	
Oct	283 212	292 354	292 822		-2,1	2,6	-0,9	
Nov	291 621	284 456	291 270		3,0	-2,7	-0,5	
Dec	298 336	292 168	278 362		2,3	2,7	-4,4	

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

Manufacturing division and major group	Feb-26	Mar-26	Apr-26	May-26	Jun-26	Jul-26
Food and beverages	67 412	76 947	71 596	70 168	70 640	76 655
Meat, fish, fruit, etc.	19 921	22 614	20 601	20 712	20 119	21 549
Dairy products	5 713	6 468	5 782	5 665	5 710	6 104
Grain mill products	10 378	12 006	10 914	11 380	11 096	11 810
Other food products	13 428	15 993	17 767	16 030	16 541	18 120
Beverages	17 972	19 866	16 532	16 381	17 174	19 072
Textiles, clothing, leather and footwear	6 056	6 582	6 681	6 915	6 781	7 711
Textiles	733	788	750	781	808	913
Other textile products	1 966	2 153	2 171	2 192	2 305	2 532
Knitted, crocheted articles	180	188	169	220	217	245
Wearing apparel	2 099	2 210	2 265	2 324	2 169	2 537
Leather and leather products	530	558	650	725	567	755
Footwear	547	685	677	673	715	728
Wood and wood products, paper, publishing and printing	16 163	16 907	15 772	16 341	17 853	17 718
Sawmilling and planing of wood	1 334	1 460	1 244	1 233	1 322	1 356
Products of wood	2 474	2 653	2 407	2 576	2 465	2 505
Paper and paper products	8 637	8 988	8 535	8 871	10 128	9 700
Publishing	1 223	1 075	964	1 030	1 170	1 264
Printing, recorded media	2 496	2 731	2 623	2 632	2 769	2 892
Petroleum, chemical products, rubber and plastic products	55 050	62 571	59 399	65 752	63 533	62 952
Coke, petroleum products and nuclear fuel	18 419	20 736	20 926	26 084	22 536	22 755
Basic chemicals	9 418	11 585	11 274	11 294	11 293	10 343
Other chemical products	17 690	18 920	16 899	17 567	19 258	18 545
Rubber products	1 720	2 065	1 651	1 638	1 700	2 044
Plastic products	7 802	9 264	8 649	9 169	8 746	9 264
Glass and non-metallic mineral products	8 042	8 778	8 101	8 722	8 557	9 359
Glass and glass products	1 486	1 560	1 569	1 664	1 748	1 898
Non-metallic mineral products	6 556	7 219	6 532	7 058	6 809	7 461
Basic iron and steel, non-ferrous metal products, metal products and machinery	58 971	62 882	60 107	59 699	59 391	58 671
Basic iron and steel products	7 213	7 723	7 749	8 484	8 192	7 888
Non-ferrous metal products	22 316	22 452	23 948	19 799	19 145	18 115
Structural metal products	5 088	6 283	4 526	4 885	4 663	5 049
Other fabricated metal products	10 385	11 700	10 925	11 683	11 280	11 569
General purpose machinery	5 010	5 526	4 811	5 606	6 397	6 612
Special purpose machinery	7 761	7 814	6 871	8 023	8 523	8 192
Household appliances	1 199	1 384	1 278	1 219	1 191	1 247
Electrical machinery	6 994	8 016	6 442	7 166	7 364	7 766
Radio, television and communication apparatus and professional equipment	2 169	2 618	2 146	2 450	2 716	2 229
Radio, television and communication apparatus	901	1 239	892	1 142	1 386	1 076
Professional equipment	1 268	1 379	1 254	1 309	1 331	1 152
Motor vehicles, parts and accessories and other transport equipment	40 248	45 127	38 673	39 538	42 198	49 423
Motor vehicles	26 179	28 787	25 714	25 977	27 352	33 218
Bodies for motor vehicles, trailers and semi-trailers	1 032	1 462	1 329	1 269	1 292	1 401
Parts and accessories	9 922	10 866	8 675	9 445	10 596	12 068
Other transport equipment	3 115	4 013	2 955	2 848	2 957	2 736
Furniture and other manufacturing	11 623	10 880	10 810	10 440	10 169	11 428
Furniture	1 654	1 737	1 708	1 967	1 887	2 015
Other manufacturing groups	9 969	9 143	9 102	8 473	8 282	9 413
Total	272 727	301 308	279 727	287 190	289 203	303 911

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

Manufacturing division and major group	Feb-26	Mar-26	Apr-26	May-26	Jun-26	Jul-26
Food and beverages	-0,4	6,3	3,9	-6,1	-4,7	1,8
Meat, fish, fruit, etc.	0,1	7,7	-2,6	-7,6	-8,4	-6,8
Dairy products	0,1	-2,6	-3,3	0,3	8,0	6,0
Grain mill products	-8,7	-9,2	-12,7	-13,6	-12,6	-9,5
Other food products	-2,1	8,0	26,1	-3,8	-2,3	3,3
Beverages	6,0	19,0	8,9	-2,8	-0,5	20,6
Textiles, clothing, leather and footwear	-3,3	1,7	4,5	3,4	4,2	7,4
Textiles	-10,4	-2,2	-8,1	-13,8	-1,0	-7,1
Other textile products	2,3	10,4	15,5	8,5	24,6	26,4
Knitted, crocheted articles	-9,1	-24,2	-16,3	-1,3	-4,8	-8,9
Wearing apparel	0,0	2,0	0,4	2,1	-2,5	5,1
Leather and leather products	-12,4	-2,1	22,0	27,0	-17,9	9,9
Footwear	-12,1	-6,4	-3,8	-2,9	2,4	-11,9
Wood and wood products, paper, publishing and printing	-7,5	-5,3	1,8	-4,6	-7,2	-0,3
Sawmilling and planing of wood	16,4	34,9	8,3	3,2	13,2	8,6
Products of wood	-0,3	-1,4	18,6	7,2	7,0	9,2
Paper and paper products	-13,4	-9,5	-0,6	-8,5	-13,3	-1,9
Publishing	4,0	-4,6	-9,9	-11,1	-11,4	-14,1
Printing, recorded media	-7,1	-9,7	-1,4	-1,5	0,3	0,8
Petroleum, chemical products, rubber and plastic products	-3,8	2,5	6,0	6,6	0,7	0,1
Coke, petroleum products and nuclear fuel	-1,9	-11,7	1,6	9,3	-2,9	-1,7
Basic chemicals	-12,2	16,7	15,1	8,1	4,9	-4,7
Other chemical products	-1,8	6,9	4,9	-0,3	0,9	0,8
Rubber products	-8,4	1,8	-8,6	-7,0	-10,9	7,1
Plastic products	-0,4	16,8	12,2	15,1	7,7	7,7
Glass and non-metallic mineral products	8,6	8,2	4,9	0,3	6,8	6,9
Glass and glass products	0,5	-0,3	16,4	7,7	14,9	16,7
Non-metallic mineral products	10,6	10,3	2,5	-1,3	4,9	4,7
Basic iron and steel, non-ferrous metal products, metal products and machinery	7,5	8,6	10,5	2,5	2,2	3,8
Basic iron and steel products	-26,1	-20,6	-15,7	-23,1	-24,9	-15,1
Non-ferrous metal products	28,9	17,7	35,5	14,3	12,1	8,7
Structural metal products	10,1	22,4	-4,4	-3,0	11,2	12,5
Other fabricated metal products	4,2	10,9	11,9	14,6	9,8	6,3
General purpose machinery	-8,6	-2,8	-12,5	-3,8	-7,2	-1,1
Special purpose machinery	19,3	19,2	6,9	4,4	13,2	15,8
Household appliances	0,5	16,7	17,1	3,7	-4,9	-12,1
Electrical machinery	17,5	25,9	2,5	2,4	5,6	10,5
Radio, television and communication apparatus and professional equipment	-3,0	5,9	2,2	-3,4	2,6	6,7
Radio, television and communication apparatus	-4,7	13,0	-7,0	-13,9	-2,6	1,9
Professional equipment	-1,9	0,3	9,9	8,3	8,7	11,5
Motor vehicles, parts and accessories and other transport equipment	-10,2	-6,2	-1,9	-5,0	-10,2	3,5
Motor vehicles	-16,0	-11,8	-2,5	-5,0	-14,8	4,2
Bodies for motor vehicles, trailers and semi-trailers	-1,2	15,8	14,0	20,7	17,1	2,1
Parts and accessories	4,0	4,6	-6,1	-10,9	-1,2	4,5
Other transport equipment	1,8	4,9	12,3	9,2	-2,5	-6,5
Furniture and other manufacturing	6,6	1,8	3,9	-2,8	-0,9	2,4
Furniture	14,1	4,3	6,1	12,1	0,1	8,4
Other manufacturing groups	5,5	1,3	3,5	-5,7	-1,1	1,1
Total	-0,7	3,4	4,7	-0,6	-2,3	2,5

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

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

Manufacturing division and major group	Mar-26	Apr-26	May-26	Jun-26	Jul-26	Month-on-month % change
Food and beverages	76 425	75 322	73 081	72 664	77 607	6,8
Meat, fish, fruit, etc.	22 553	21 766	21 042	20 115	21 258	5,7
Dairy products	6 158	5 997	6 107	6 091	6 229	2,3
Grain mill products	11 473	11 156	11 244	10 792	11 318	4,9
Other food products	16 782	17 670	16 196	16 515	16 983	2,8
Beverages	19 459	18 732	18 492	19 152	21 820	13,9
Textiles, clothing, leather and footwear	6 746	6 901	6 905	6 937	7 156	3,2
Textiles	767	774	752	798	850	6,5
Other textile products	2 153	2 236	2 177	2 349	2 376	1,1
Knitted, crocheted articles	199	201	212	220	219	-0,5
Wearing apparel	2 321	2 304	2 339	2 266	2 381	5,1
Leather and leather products	589	661	710	585	645	10,3
Footwear	717	725	715	719	685	-4,7
Wood and wood products, paper, publishing and printing	17 362	18 181	17 577	17 380	18 065	3,9
Sawmilling and planing of wood	1 478	1 302	1 256	1 279	1 273	-0,5
Products of wood	2 620	2 613	2 578	2 471	2 476	0,2
Paper and paper products	9 056	10 001	9 543	9 389	10 102	7,6
Publishing	1 367	1 320	1 278	1 315	1 295	-1,5
Printing, recorded media	2 841	2 946	2 922	2 925	2 919	-0,2
Petroleum, chemical products, rubber and plastic products	62 475	62 855	65 479	62 506	62 594	0,1
Coke, petroleum products and nuclear fuel	20 342	21 455	24 344	22 156	22 733	2,6
Basic chemicals	11 871	11 810	11 667	11 295	10 590	-6,2
Other chemical products	18 876	18 719	18 228	18 458	18 419	-0,2
Rubber products	1 938	1 692	1 691	1 692	1 898	12,2
Plastic products	9 448	9 179	9 549	8 904	8 953	0,6
Glass and non-metallic mineral products	8 770	8 761	8 698	8 713	8 857	1,7
Glass and glass products	1 654	1 793	1 785	1 850	1 917	3,6
Non-metallic mineral products	7 116	6 968	6 913	6 863	6 940	1,1
Basic iron and steel, non-ferrous metal products, metal products and machinery	59 337	61 414	57 684	57 415	57 821	0,7
Basic iron and steel products	7 326	7 994	7 632	7 361	7 695	4,5
Non-ferrous metal products	20 522	23 108	19 023	19 378	18 984	-2,0
Structural metal products	5 684	4 662	4 718	4 815	5 087	5,6
Other fabricated metal products	11 146	11 281	11 571	10 960	10 894	-0,6
General purpose machinery	5 651	5 328	5 614	5 729	5 929	3,5
Special purpose machinery	7 700	7 698	7 893	7 988	8 033	0,6
Household appliances	1 307	1 344	1 233	1 185	1 200	1,3
Electrical machinery	7 571	6 715	6 829	7 044	7 179	1,9
Radio, television and communication apparatus and professional equipment	2 504	2 434	2 453	2 533	2 539	0,2
Radio, television and communication apparatus	1 278	1 139	1 180	1 245	1 239	-0,5
Professional equipment	1 226	1 295	1 273	1 288	1 300	0,9
Motor vehicles, parts and accessories and other transport equipment	40 451	41 456	41 143	40 317	44 445	10,2
Motor vehicles	25 699	27 464	27 456	25 482	28 948	13,6
Bodies for motor vehicles, trailers and semi-trailers	1 381	1 275	1 265	1 260	1 289	2,3
Parts and accessories	10 292	9 543	9 304	10 580	11 286	6,7
Other transport equipment	3 079	3 174	3 118	2 995	2 922	-2,4
Furniture and other manufacturing	11 213	11 110	10 893	10 858	11 257	3,7
Furniture	1 858	1 851	1 978	1 864	1 974	5,9
Other manufacturing groups	9 355	9 259	8 915	8 993	9 283	3,2
Total	292 853	295 149	290 743	286 365	297 521	3,9

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 76,2% for July 2026. The revised collection rate for June 2026 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
Jul-26	Additional information from respondents	Apr-26 - Jun-26
Aug-26	Additional information from respondents	May-26 - Jul-26
Sep-26	Additional information from respondents	Jun-26 - Aug-26
Oct-26	Additional information from respondents	Jul-26 - Sep-26
Nov-26	Additional information from respondents	Aug-26 - Oct-26
Dec-26	Additional information from respondents	Sep-26 - Nov-26
Jan-27	Additional information from respondents New weights for manufacturing production New base year for manufacturing production	Jan-98 - Dec-26
Feb-27	Additional information from respondents	Nov-26 - Jan-27
Mar-27	Additional information from respondents	Dec-26 - Feb-27
Apr-27	Additional information from respondents	Jan-27 - Mar-27
May-27	Additional information from respondents	Feb-27 - Apr-27
Jun-27	Additional information from respondents	Mar-27 - May-27
New base year in 2026/27 - periodic, approximately four- to five-year intervals		

Related publications

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

Rounding-off of figures

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

Historical data

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

Past publications

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

Technical notes**Survey methodology and design**

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

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

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

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

Class limits

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

Measure of size classes (Rand)

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

Sample weighting

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

Index of the volume of manufacturing production

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

Calculation of production index

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

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

Index weighting

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

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

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

Table E – Weights by division and major group

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

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

	Lower limit (R million)	Estimate (R million)	Upper limit (R million)	Relative standard error (RSE) %
Total sales	300 069	303 911	307 753	0,6

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

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

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

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

Glossary

Enterprise	The enterprise is a legal entity or a combination of legal units that includes and directly controls all functions necessary to carry out its production activities.	
Industry	An industry is made up of enterprises engaged in the same or similar kinds of economic activity. Industries are defined in the <i>System of National Accounts</i> (SNA) in the same way as in the <i>Standard Industrial Classification of All Economic Activities</i> (SIC), Fifth Edition, Report No. 09-90-02 of January 1993.	
Sales	Sales are the total value of sales and transfers-out of all own manufactured products/articles and the amounts received for installation, erection or assembly or other services rendered.	
Symbols and abbreviations	GDP	Gross domestic product
	IMF	International Monetary Fund
	ISIC	International Standard Industrial Classification of All Economic Activities
	LSS	Large sample survey
	NA	National accounts
	PPI	Producer price index
	SARS	South African Revenue Service
	SBR	Statistical business register
	SDDS	Special Data Dissemination Standard
	SIC	Standard Industrial Classification of All Economic Activities
	Stats SA	Statistics South Africa
	VAT	Value-added tax
	*	Revised figures

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