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Production: results for March 2025

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

	Oct-24	Nov-24	Dec-24	Jan-25	Feb-25	Mar-25
Year-on-year % change, unadjusted	1,9	-1,7	-1,2	-3,3	-3,2	-0,8
Month-on-month % change, seasonally adjusted	1,4	-1,4	-2,3	0,0	0,7	-2,2
3-month % change, seasonally adjusted ¹	0,5	0,1	-0,9	-2,0	-2,5	-2,3

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

Manufacturing production decreased by 0,8% in March 2025 compared with March 2024. The largest negative contributions were made by the petroleum, chemical products, rubber and plastic products division (-2,5% and contributing -0,5 of a percentage point) and the electrical machinery division (-12,2% and contributing -0,3 of a percentage point) – see Table 5 and Table 6.

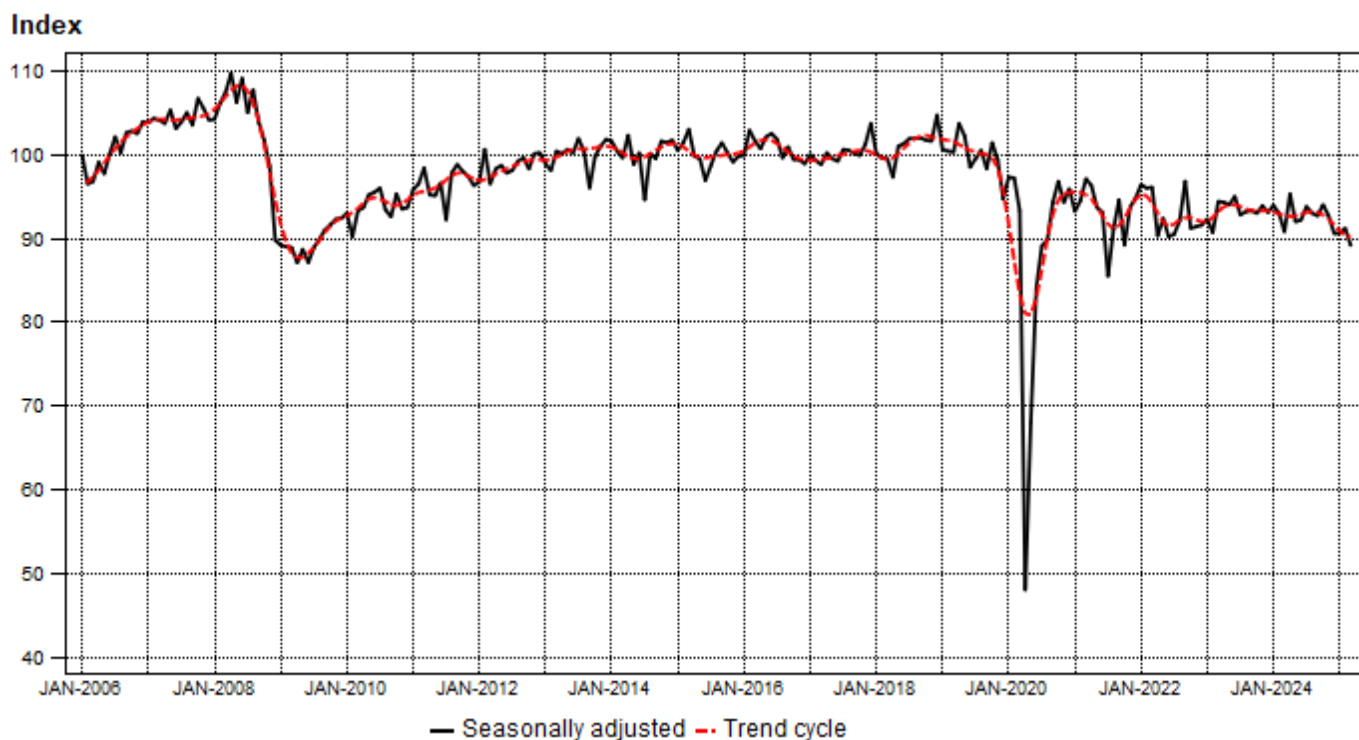
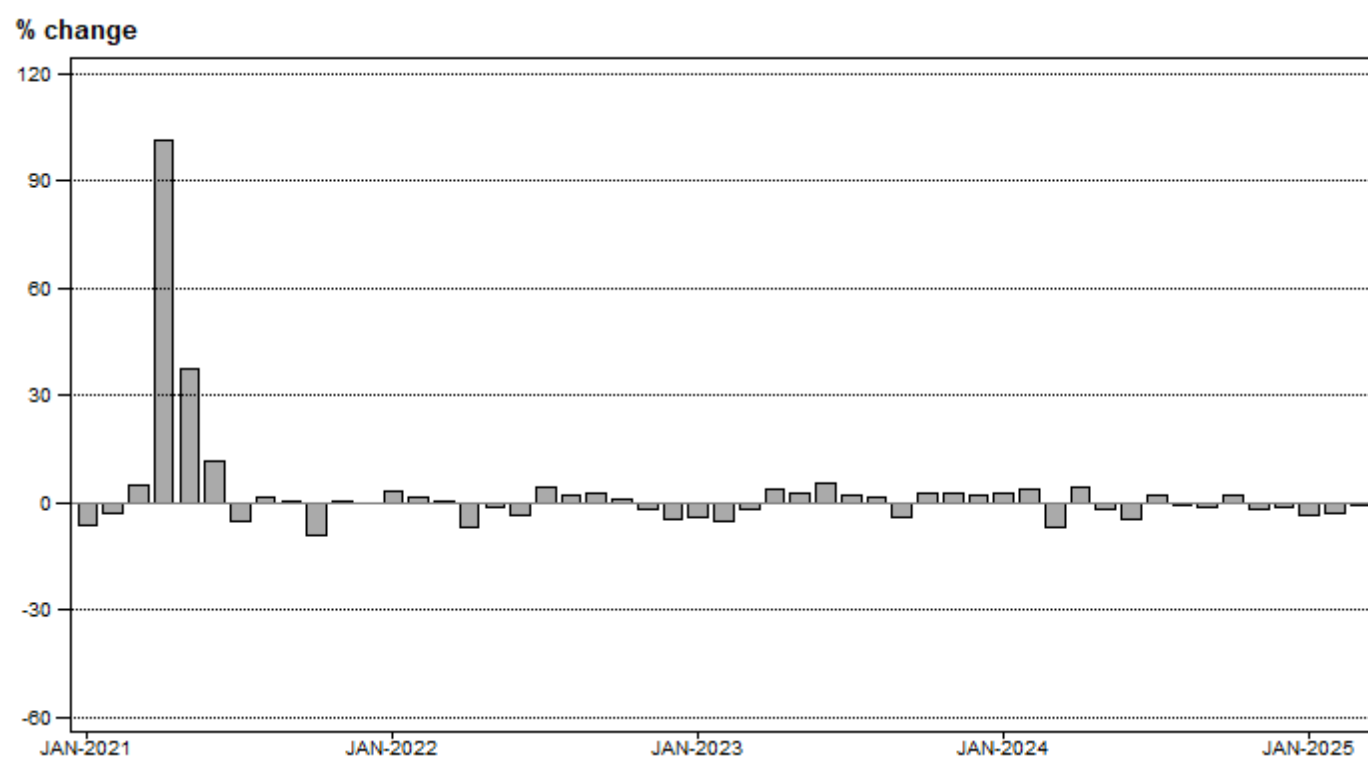
Seasonally adjusted manufacturing production decreased by 2,2% in March 2025 compared with February 2025. This followed month-on-month changes of 0,7% in February 2025 and 0,0% in January 2025 – see Table A.

Seasonally adjusted manufacturing production decreased by 2,3% in the first quarter of 2025 compared with the fourth quarter of 2024. Seven of the ten manufacturing divisions reported negative growth rates over this period. The largest negative contributions were reported for the following divisions:

- petroleum, chemical products, rubber and plastic products (-3,9% and contributing -0,8 of a percentage point);
- food and beverages (-2,4% and contributing -0,6 of a percentage point); and
- motor vehicles, parts and accessories and other transport equipment (-7,0% and contributing -0,5 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	Oct – Dec 2024	Jan – Mar 2025	% change between Oct – Dec 2024 and Jan – Mar 2025	Contribution (% points) to the total % change
Food and beverages	22,07	104,7	102,2	-2,4	-0,6
Meat, fish, fruit, etc.	3,53	110,8	109,8	-0,9	0,0
Dairy products	1,48	96,0	99,9	4,1	0,1
Grain mill products	2,01	100,0	102,5	2,5	0,1
Other food products	7,61	87,2	89,2	2,3	0,2
Beverages	7,44	122,5	112,1	-8,5	-0,8
Textiles, clothing, leather and footwear	3,89	86,6	87,0	0,5	0,0
Textiles	0,96	93,1	89,3	-4,1	0,0
Other textile products	0,55	91,2	93,0	2,0	0,0
Knitted, crocheted articles	0,06	81,8	82,0	0,2	0,0
Wearing apparel	1,83	82,2	83,9	2,1	0,0
Leather and leather products	0,24	77,3	78,3	1,3	0,0
Footwear	0,25	93,7	97,6	4,2	0,0
Wood and wood products, paper, publishing and printing	10,29	95,2	95,9	0,7	0,1
Sawmilling and planing of wood	0,83	96,9	95,2	-1,8	0,0
Products of wood	0,93	117,8	121,5	3,1	0,0
Paper and paper products	5,18	95,3	95,9	0,6	0,0
Publishing	2,02	84,3	81,5	-3,3	-0,1
Printing, recorded media	1,33	94,6	100,4	6,1	0,1
Petroleum, chemical products, rubber and plastic products	24,38	78,9	75,8	-3,9	-0,8
Coke, petroleum products and nuclear fuel	11,63	60,2	53,8	-10,6	-0,8
Basic chemicals	3,35	103,7	100,9	-2,7	-0,1
Other chemical products	6,81	90,1	91,4	1,4	0,1
Rubber products	0,65	86,8	88,3	1,7	0,0
Plastic products	1,94	106,6	105,3	-1,2	0,0
Glass and non-metallic mineral products	3,06	103,4	102,0	-1,4	0,0
Glass and glass products	0,50	102,7	100,5	-2,1	0,0
Non-metallic mineral products	2,56	103,5	102,4	-1,1	0,0
Basic iron and steel, non-ferrous metal products, metal products and machinery	20,86	94,3	93,7	-0,6	-0,1
Basic iron and steel products	3,18	77,3	76,1	-1,6	0,0
Non-ferrous metal products	3,98	90,0	92,6	2,9	0,1
Structural metal products	2,01	104,4	107,1	2,6	0,1
Other fabricated metal products	3,74	101,9	100,2	-1,7	-0,1
General purpose machinery	3,52	105,1	100,8	-4,1	-0,2
Special purpose machinery	3,77	87,9	86,9	-1,1	0,0
Household appliances	0,66	105,9	106,4	0,5	0,0
Electrical machinery	2,09	103,6	100,0	-3,5	-0,1
Radio, television and communication apparatus and professional equipment	1,06	95,3	97,3	2,1	0,0
Radio, television and communication apparatus	0,16	94,1	89,1	-5,3	0,0
Professional equipment	0,90	95,6	98,7	3,2	0,0
Motor vehicles, parts and accessories and other transport equipment	8,21	87,4	81,3	-7,0	-0,5
Motor vehicles	2,39	86,1	84,5	-1,9	0,0
Bodies for motor vehicles, trailers and semi-trailers	0,72	100,1	87,7	-12,4	-0,1
Parts and accessories	3,96	85,9	74,7	-13,0	-0,5
Other transport equipment	1,14	86,9	93,3	7,4	0,1
Furniture and other manufacturing	4,09	91,5	88,5	-3,3	-0,1
Furniture	0,70	90,2	92,3	2,3	0,0
Other manufacturing groups	3,39	91,8	87,6	-4,6	-0,2
Total	100	92,4	90,3	-2,3	-2,3

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 March 2025

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

	Oct-24	Nov-24	Dec-24	Jan-25	Feb-25	Mar-25
Year-on-year % change, unadjusted	4,0	-2,4	-0,2	-2,1	-4,3	0,6
Month-on-month % change, seasonally adjusted	3,0	-3,0	1,2	-1,0	0,2	-0,2
3-month % change, seasonally adjusted ¹	-1,2	-1,5	-0,4	-1,0	-0,4	-1,1

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

Seasonally adjusted manufacturing sales decreased by 0,2% in March 2025 compared with February 2025. This followed month-on-month changes of 0,2% in February 2025 and -1,0% in January 2025 – see Table C.

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

Manufacturing division	Oct – Dec 2024 (R million)	Jan – Mar 2025 (R million)	% change between Oct – Dec 2024 and Jan – Mar 2025	Contribution (% points) to the total % change
Food and beverages	210 591	209 311	-0,6	-0,1
Textiles, clothing, leather and footwear	19 111	19 974	4,5	0,1
Wood and wood products, paper, publishing and printing	52 322	54 276	3,7	0,2
Petroleum, chemical products, rubber and plastic products	177 598	178 301	0,4	0,1
Glass and non-metallic mineral products	25 140	24 848	-1,2	0,0
Basic iron and steel, non-ferrous metal products, metal products and machinery	174 006	167 279	-3,9	-0,8
Electrical machinery	21 124	19 889	-5,8	-0,1
Radio, television and communication apparatus and professional equipment	7 661	7 427	-3,1	0,0
Motor vehicles, parts and accessories and other transport equipment	129 534	125 448	-3,2	-0,5
Furniture and other manufacturing	32 211	32 851	2,0	0,1
Total	849 298	839 606	-1,1	-1,1

Seasonally adjusted manufacturing sales decreased by 1,1% in the first quarter of 2025 compared with the fourth quarter of 2024. The largest negative contributions were made by the basic iron and steel, non-ferrous metal products, metal products and machinery division (-3,9% and contributing -0,8 of a percentage point) and the motor vehicles, parts and accessories and other transport equipment division (-3,2% and contributing -0,5 of a percentage point) – see Table D.


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Tables

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

Month	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Jan	88,0	85,7	80,3	83,0	79,8	82,1	79,4
Feb	94,9	92,4	89,5	91,0	86,2	89,4	86,5
Mar	101,2	94,5	99,2	99,3	97,7	91,2	90,5
Apr	95,8	45,3	91,2	84,7	87,9	91,5	
May	102,0	67,2	92,3	91,2	93,6	91,7	
Jun	97,8	84,1	93,8	90,5	95,6	91,1	
Jul	101,8	91,4	86,8	90,4	92,2	94,2	
Aug	105,2	92,9	94,5	96,4	97,7	96,8	
Sep	102,6	99,4	100,0	102,7	98,3	97,0	
Oct	112,7	106,8	97,3	98,4	101,0	102,9	
Nov	111,0	104,7	104,9	102,7	105,5	103,7	
Dec	86,8	87,6	87,6	83,4	85,2	84,2	
Total	100,0	87,7	93,1	92,8	93,4	93,0	

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

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

Table 3 – Seasonally adjusted volume of manufacturing production

Month	Index (Base: 2019=100)				Month-on-month % change			
	2022	2023	2024	2025	2022	2023	2024	2025
Jan	96,4	92,3	93,9	90,6	1,7	0,8	0,9	0,0
Feb	96,0	90,7	93,0	91,2	-0,4	-1,7	-1,0	0,7
Mar	96,1	94,4	90,8	89,2	0,1	4,1	-2,4	-2,2
Apr	90,3	94,3	95,3		-6,0	-0,1	5,0	
May	92,4	94,0	92,0		2,3	-0,3	-3,5	
Jun	90,2	95,0	92,2		-2,4	1,1	0,2	
Jul	90,5	92,8	93,8		0,3	-2,3	1,7	
Aug	92,1	93,2	93,0		1,8	0,4	-0,9	
Sep	96,8	93,3	92,7		5,1	0,1	-0,3	
Oct	91,2	93,0	94,0		-5,8	-0,3	1,4	
Nov	91,4	93,9	92,7		0,2	1,0	-1,4	
Dec	91,6	93,1	90,6		0,2	-0,9	-2,3	

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

Manufacturing division and major group	Weight	Oct-24	Nov-24	Dec-24	Jan-25	Feb-25	Mar-25
Food and beverages	22,07	110,7	113,6	118,1	87,7	95,1	103,2
Meat, fish, fruit, etc.	3,53	111,8	114,9	122,0	98,6	105,9	113,6
Dairy products	1,48	107,9	106,6	102,9	96,0	89,1	102,0
Grain mill products	2,01	107,2	103,7	97,1	95,4	98,7	103,9
Other food products	7,61	90,1	95,7	80,1	73,8	79,0	89,3
Beverages	7,44	132,8	135,2	163,9	93,1	106,8	112,4
Textiles, clothing, leather and footwear	3,89	102,1	105,1	72,2	63,9	84,9	89,2
Textiles	0,96	109,7	110,0	60,1	61,8	94,7	102,6
Other textile products	0,55	110,3	108,4	79,1	66,2	94,4	97,1
Knitted, crocheted articles	0,06	106,3	96,9	57,3	51,4	66,3	89,5
Wearing apparel	1,83	95,1	102,5	77,8	61,2	79,5	81,0
Leather and leather products	0,24	93,5	90,2	49,2	84,0	79,1	77,8
Footwear	0,25	112,8	114,3	89,1	70,6	75,8	91,7
Wood and wood products, paper, publishing and printing	10,29	104,4	111,1	91,6	91,9	87,8	90,1
Sawmilling and planing of wood	0,83	100,3	101,9	79,1	84,0	98,3	86,3
Products of wood	0,93	135,6	142,0	94,9	100,1	114,7	122,8
Paper and paper products	5,18	103,2	107,9	97,6	96,6	90,0	93,4
Publishing	2,02	91,3	100,8	83,6	84,0	69,0	65,3
Printing, recorded media	1,33	109,5	123,4	86,1	84,5	82,6	94,3
Petroleum, chemical products, rubber and plastic products	24,38	88,1	83,7	73,3	70,8	72,9	76,5
Coke, petroleum products and nuclear fuel	11,63	65,8	60,1	64,2	52,3	51,2	60,2
Basic chemicals	3,35	112,0	112,5	94,6	94,3	93,5	94,1
Other chemical products	6,81	101,7	98,3	75,6	83,2	90,3	86,4
Rubber products	0,65	93,3	93,1	47,7	86,2	91,7	105,1
Plastic products	1,94	130,4	120,9	92,0	92,7	99,5	99,9
Glass and non-metallic mineral products	3,06	117,7	120,9	87,6	88,9	91,4	103,8
Glass and glass products	0,50	114,9	120,3	96,7	92,9	93,6	101,5
Non-metallic mineral products	2,56	118,3	121,0	85,8	88,1	91,0	104,2
Basic iron and steel, non-ferrous metal products, metal products and machinery	20,86	107,2	106,0	74,3	79,3	90,5	94,4
Basic iron and steel products	3,18	84,7	73,7	66,1	77,3	73,3	79,2
Non-ferrous metal products	3,98	100,7	99,3	79,8	85,1	88,9	95,0
Structural metal products	2,01	116,8	123,9	78,3	78,0	107,6	116,0
Other fabricated metal products	3,74	115,6	119,3	69,1	85,1	96,4	104,1
General purpose machinery	3,52	115,6	107,8	95,8	78,2	91,8	96,8
Special purpose machinery	3,77	110,0	115,0	56,6	69,3	87,6	80,6
Household appliances	0,66	117,1	111,1	83,4	88,1	107,5	109,4
Electrical machinery	2,09	119,6	113,0	70,9	83,1	97,4	101,1
Radio, television and communication apparatus and professional equipment	1,06	106,3	104,9	94,9	73,1	99,4	108,3
Radio, television and communication apparatus	0,16	124,2	109,5	117,7	63,0	78,6	89,7
Professional equipment	0,90	103,2	104,1	90,9	74,9	103,1	111,6
Motor vehicles, parts and accessories and other transport equipment	8,21	102,2	111,3	47,7	70,2	84,6	87,2
Motor vehicles	2,39	107,0	104,3	41,5	75,8	89,1	85,5
Bodies for motor vehicles, trailers and semi-trailers	0,72	122,7	99,9	70,3	63,0	82,5	91,7
Parts and accessories	3,96	98,3	119,8	38,0	64,3	79,6	78,8
Other transport equipment	1,14	93,0	103,9	79,9	83,2	94,0	116,9
Furniture and other manufacturing	4,09	105,0	104,3	84,3	80,1	91,3	74,5
Furniture	0,70	103,6	109,6	88,5	76,8	78,9	86,4
Other manufacturing groups	3,39	105,3	103,2	83,5	80,7	94,0	72,0
Total	100	102,9	103,7	84,2	79,4	86,5	90,5

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	Oct-24	Nov-24	Dec-24	Jan-25	Feb-25	Mar-25
Food and beverages	7,4	2,9	5,8	-3,3	-0,2	-0,4
Meat, fish, fruit, etc.	2,4	2,6	13,5	0,1	-4,1	5,0
Dairy products	-2,3	0,3	2,6	-1,6	-3,2	7,4
Grain mill products	0,7	-0,5	0,6	-5,5	1,4	5,4
Other food products	-0,3	-7,1	-2,9	-5,5	0,4	-3,7
Beverages	20,0	12,9	9,6	-2,7	1,6	-2,7
Textiles, clothing, leather and footwear	-5,6	-5,8	-3,9	-9,7	-1,4	1,8
Textiles	-6,6	-12,3	-18,3	-29,6	8,1	-3,3
Other textile products	4,1	-1,5	-0,1	14,3	1,9	18,8
Knitted, crocheted articles	7,7	-8,9	-8,6	-14,2	-3,8	17,3
Wearing apparel	-10,3	-2,9	3,5	-6,7	-6,4	-0,1
Leather and leather products	2,7	-9,0	-7,2	0,7	-16,6	1,6
Footwear	2,1	-4,4	-7,6	13,3	7,1	1,7
Wood and wood products, paper, publishing and printing	-0,2	-3,1	-1,8	5,3	-3,2	-2,1
Sawmilling and planing of wood	2,8	3,2	-7,5	-12,9	-1,5	1,8
Products of wood	-2,0	3,5	-6,2	3,5	12,1	12,6
Paper and paper products	0,2	-7,5	-8,2	5,8	-9,3	-9,4
Publishing	-6,4	5,7	21,2	12,8	0,4	5,3
Printing, recorded media	7,0	-5,4	9,3	6,6	7,4	8,9
Petroleum, chemical products, rubber and plastic products	4,8	1,3	0,4	-8,9	-5,4	-2,5
Coke, petroleum products and nuclear fuel	-2,4	-3,2	0,3	-19,2	-17,2	-9,3
Basic chemicals	9,5	-0,1	-0,5	-6,3	-0,4	-2,0
Other chemical products	11,3	8,3	-0,9	-1,2	6,2	3,6
Rubber products	-6,6	-7,3	-6,8	-8,5	-8,8	15,6
Plastic products	7,4	2,0	9,4	5,2	-4,8	0,1
Glass and non-metallic mineral products	1,1	0,7	-5,2	-2,7	-7,0	4,4
Glass and glass products	3,6	7,4	-17,6	-12,4	-5,0	12,3
Non-metallic mineral products	0,7	-0,6	-1,9	-0,6	-7,4	3,0
Basic iron and steel, non-ferrous metal products, metal products and machinery	2,8	-2,0	-5,1	-0,1	-0,4	0,7
Basic iron and steel products	-3,2	-8,0	-9,5	-12,9	-6,9	-12,0
Non-ferrous metal products	2,4	3,4	-2,1	4,0	9,6	7,1
Structural metal products	1,9	2,3	-0,8	1,4	-2,4	8,3
Other fabricated metal products	4,1	-0,7	0,3	3,4	-8,1	10,2
General purpose machinery	10,5	-3,1	18,7	7,4	3,8	-1,2
Special purpose machinery	-2,7	-6,7	-33,3	-5,6	-1,0	-9,8
Household appliances	14,8	3,3	-2,7	7,3	11,7	12,2
Electrical machinery	4,5	-5,8	-3,1	-5,9	-9,0	-12,2
Radio, television and communication apparatus and professional equipment	-0,2	-2,6	-1,4	-9,3	1,9	0,1
Radio, television and communication apparatus	6,2	-9,1	9,5	-10,1	1,2	2,3
Professional equipment	-1,4	-1,3	-3,5	-9,2	2,1	-0,2
Motor vehicles, parts and accessories and other transport equipment	-16,6	-14,6	-20,6	-10,6	-14,5	0,5
Motor vehicles	-17,3	-19,8	-27,7	-8,0	-16,3	6,5
Bodies for motor vehicles, trailers and semi-trailers	-4,3	-19,2	-4,2	-20,5	-26,9	-5,3
Parts and accessories	-20,9	-12,0	-23,4	-13,5	-13,3	-0,4
Other transport equipment	-5,8	-9,3	-14,5	-1,3	-5,0	-3,2
Furniture and other manufacturing	9,6	0,8	-3,2	11,9	4,5	0,0
Furniture	-5,3	-4,9	-6,0	1,1	-2,5	1,8
Other manufacturing groups	13,2	2,2	-2,6	14,1	6,0	-0,4
Total	1,9	-1,7	-1,2	-3,3	-3,2	-0,8

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

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	Nov-24	Dec-24	Jan-25	Feb-25	Mar-25	Month-on-month % change
Food and beverages	22,07	104,0	107,3	98,1	104,8	103,6	-1,1
Meat, fish, fruit, etc.	3,53	108,5	116,2	108,1	110,6	110,7	0,1
Dairy products	1,48	95,9	98,3	95,5	100,8	103,3	2,5
Grain mill products	2,01	99,0	100,0	102,0	103,8	101,6	-2,1
Other food products	7,61	88,2	88,4	84,9	90,9	91,9	1,1
Beverages	7,44	120,8	126,1	106,3	117,2	112,8	-3,8
Textiles, clothing, leather and footwear	3,89	86,3	86,8	86,5	87,2	87,3	0,1
Textiles	0,96	93,3	89,3	80,8	94,7	92,5	-2,3
Other textile products	0,55	87,4	93,4	91,6	90,8	96,6	6,4
Knitted, crocheted articles	0,06	81,0	77,2	77,3	80,1	88,7	10,7
Wearing apparel	1,83	82,6	85,2	87,1	82,7	82,0	-0,8
Leather and leather products	0,24	78,3	71,0	84,6	74,4	75,8	1,9
Footwear	0,25	92,8	91,3	98,1	97,9	96,7	-1,2
Wood and wood products, paper, publishing and printing	10,29	94,9	95,1	101,1	94,2	92,3	-2,0
Sawmilling and planing of wood	0,83	96,8	97,3	87,8	99,0	98,9	-0,1
Products of wood	0,93	119,9	117,9	118,7	120,6	125,2	3,8
Paper and paper products	5,18	94,6	94,0	105,5	93,6	88,6	-5,3
Publishing	2,02	87,2	85,8	87,2	78,7	78,5	-0,3
Printing, recorded media	1,33	89,7	96,7	100,9	99,2	101,1	1,9
Petroleum, chemical products, rubber and plastic products	24,38	78,1	78,3	75,0	76,4	75,9	-0,7
Coke, petroleum products and nuclear fuel	11,63	58,7	61,5	51,8	53,2	56,3	5,8
Basic chemicals	3,35	103,0	102,7	99,8	103,4	99,4	-3,9
Other chemical products	6,81	91,3	85,3	92,0	93,5	88,6	-5,2
Rubber products	0,65	86,4	88,2	87,3	85,9	91,7	6,8
Plastic products	1,94	102,3	108,4	107,4	105,3	103,3	-1,9
Glass and non-metallic mineral products	3,06	104,0	103,0	104,1	100,2	101,8	1,6
Glass and glass products	0,50	103,9	98,9	97,7	100,7	103,1	2,4
Non-metallic mineral products	2,56	104,0	103,8	105,4	100,2	101,5	1,3
Basic iron and steel, non-ferrous metal products, metal products and machinery	20,86	95,2	89,6	94,6	94,8	91,6	-3,4
Basic iron and steel products	3,18	75,5	76,4	76,2	76,9	75,1	-2,3
Non-ferrous metal products	3,98	93,2	85,9	89,7	94,1	94,0	-0,1
Structural metal products	2,01	105,4	102,7	106,2	106,3	108,7	2,3
Other fabricated metal products	3,74	101,7	99,9	103,9	97,6	99,2	1,6
General purpose machinery	3,52	98,3	109,7	103,7	101,4	97,2	-4,1
Special purpose machinery	3,77	97,8	66,5	90,0	92,6	78,2	-15,6
Household appliances	0,66	103,0	101,0	101,9	110,0	107,4	-2,4
Electrical machinery	2,09	102,4	98,4	105,3	98,4	96,4	-2,0
Radio, television and communication apparatus and professional equipment	1,06	93,7	94,9	93,8	100,0	98,1	-1,9
Radio, television and communication apparatus	0,16	87,8	97,9	88,9	87,4	91,1	4,2
Professional equipment	0,90	94,8	94,4	94,6	102,2	99,3	-2,8
Motor vehicles, parts and accessories and other transport equipment	8,21	94,2	75,4	83,3	82,0	78,6	-4,1
Motor vehicles	2,39	87,4	78,7	91,5	84,7	77,4	-8,6
Bodies for motor vehicles, trailers and semi-trailers	0,72	87,0	107,1	88,8	86,0	88,4	2,8
Parts and accessories	3,96	101,5	65,0	73,7	76,7	73,6	-4,0
Other transport equipment	1,14	87,8	84,3	95,6	92,2	92,1	-0,1
Furniture and other manufacturing	4,09	90,3	88,1	97,4	90,0	78,0	-13,3
Furniture	0,70	89,3	90,4	94,0	91,4	91,4	0,0
Other manufacturing groups	3,39	90,5	87,6	98,1	89,6	75,1	-16,2
Total	100	92,7	90,6	90,6	91,2	89,2	-2,2

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

Month	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Jan	185 680	184 898	182 428	205 810	226 014	247 707	242 565
Feb	200 377	205 406	209 620	232 629	253 396	280 477	268 363
Mar	218 859	205 629	241 918	263 164	295 678	284 961	286 808
Apr	207 717	100 499	219 725	227 055	257 117	284 162	
May	217 911	148 771	225 788	252 702	274 523	286 157	
Jun	218 035	180 943	232 195	254 401	277 315	282 494	
Jul	222 024	195 607	201 393	248 918	272 077	291 246	
Aug	231 090	201 524	222 784	260 611	290 309	288 637	
Sep	222 496	216 599	234 472	277 238	294 419	288 028	
Oct	242 243	237 315	232 350	269 096	302 549	314 750	
Nov	239 739	241 032	260 653	290 708	319 726	311 905	
Dec	191 778	199 230	219 129	239 465	263 383	262 786	
Total	2 597 949	2 317 453	2 682 455	3 021 797	3 326 506	3 423 310	

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

Month	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2025 year-to-date
Jan	-0,4	-1,3	12,8	9,8	9,6	-2,1	-2,1
Feb	2,5	2,1	11,0	8,9	10,7	-4,3	-3,3
Mar	-6,0	17,6	8,8	12,4	-3,6	0,6	-1,9
Apr	-51,6	118,6	3,3	13,2	10,5		
May	-31,7	51,8	11,9	8,6	4,2		
Jun	-17,0	28,3	9,6	9,0	1,9		
Jul	-11,9	3,0	23,6	9,3	7,0		
Aug	-12,8	10,5	17,0	11,4	-0,6		
Sep	-2,7	8,3	18,2	6,2	-2,2		
Oct	-2,0	-2,1	15,8	12,4	4,0		
Nov	0,5	8,1	11,5	10,0	-2,4		
Dec	3,9	10,0	9,3	10,0	-0,2		
Total	-10,8	15,8	12,7	10,1	2,9		

Table 10 – Seasonally adjusted manufacturing sales at current prices

Month	R million				Month-on-month % change			
	2022	2023	2024	2025	2022	2023	2024	2025
Jan	243 160	263 658	286 106	279 756	3,8	0,8	-1,1	-1,0
Feb	244 525	265 199	288 233	280 242	0,6	0,6	0,7	0,2
Mar	250 775	279 864	281 223	279 608	2,6	5,5	-2,4	-0,2
Apr	241 574	277 884	293 108		-3,7	-0,7	4,2	
May	252 497	272 498	283 659		4,5	-1,9	-3,2	
Jun	250 536	271 431	285 718		-0,8	-0,4	0,7	
Jul	251 131	276 169	290 455		0,2	1,7	1,7	
Aug	253 771	282 845	282 640		1,1	2,4	-2,7	
Sep	263 843	283 345	279 362		4,0	0,2	-1,2	
Oct	251 056	279 047	287 764		-4,8	-1,5	3,0	
Nov	258 806	286 240	279 089		3,1	2,6	-3,0	
Dec	261 482	289 432	282 445		1,0	1,1	1,2	

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

Manufacturing division and major group	Oct-24	Nov-24	Dec-24	Jan-25	Feb-25	Mar-25
Food and beverages	74 743	76 368	79 971	60 443	64 542	71 584
Meat, fish, fruit, etc.	22 054	22 433	24 428	18 361	19 389	21 174
Dairy products	6 751	6 620	6 140	6 123	5 683	6 688
Grain mill products	11 987	11 847	11 218	10 561	10 815	12 274
Other food products	14 460	15 602	13 075	12 060	12 927	14 661
Beverages	19 491	19 867	25 109	13 338	15 728	16 787
Textiles, clothing, leather and footwear	7 585	7 724	5 533	4 923	6 342	6 647
Textiles	962	977	573	638	846	882
Other textile products	2 372	2 340	1 739	1 495	2 107	2 169
Knitted, crocheted articles	303	282	168	147	201	260
Wearing apparel	2 397	2 603	1 984	1 586	2 014	2 078
Leather and leather products	645	635	360	525	584	550
Footwear	906	887	710	532	590	708
Wood and wood products, paper, publishing and printing	19 340	20 656	16 509	17 269	16 547	17 176
Sawmilling and planing of wood	1 615	1 545	1 170	1 173	1 365	1 279
Products of wood	2 846	2 896	1 946	2 042	2 335	2 528
Paper and paper products	9 869	10 597	9 017	9 934	9 083	9 245
Publishing	1 701	1 838	1 626	1 566	1 256	1 250
Printing, recorded media	3 309	3 780	2 751	2 553	2 508	2 875
Petroleum, chemical products, rubber and plastic products	66 418	63 766	55 524	55 322	55 913	58 427
Coke, petroleum products and nuclear fuel	23 662	22 874	21 804	21 360	19 423	23 186
Basic chemicals	12 226	11 828	10 306	10 688	10 825	10 041
Other chemical products	17 847	17 303	14 596	14 557	16 002	15 421
Rubber products	2 019	2 053	1 453	1 688	1 882	2 034
Plastic products	10 665	9 708	7 366	7 028	7 782	7 746
Glass and non-metallic mineral products	9 828	9 903	7 058	6 834	7 477	8 165
Glass and glass products	2 146	2 174	1 573	1 377	1 505	1 594
Non-metallic mineral products	7 683	7 729	5 485	5 457	5 972	6 571
Basic iron and steel, non-ferrous metal products, metal products and machinery	64 980	62 050	48 103	48 202	53 354	56 179
Basic iron and steel products	12 466	11 815	7 429	10 892	9 604	9 550
Non-ferrous metal products	18 505	15 431	18 057	14 165	15 686	17 291
Structural metal products	4 807	5 120	3 490	3 405	4 471	5 001
Other fabricated metal products	11 794	11 565	7 070	8 177	9 440	10 051
General purpose machinery	6 732	6 273	5 873	4 495	5 638	5 776
Special purpose machinery	9 182	10 427	5 077	5 838	7 212	7 232
Household appliances	1 493	1 418	1 108	1 229	1 303	1 278
Electrical machinery	8 435	7 697	5 252	5 478	6 318	6 692
Radio, television and communication apparatus and professional equipment	3 122	2 935	2 935	1 812	2 350	2 624
Radio, television and communication apparatus	1 762	1 563	1 746	843	1 032	1 205
Professional equipment	1 360	1 372	1 189	969	1 318	1 419
Motor vehicles, parts and accessories and other transport equipment	48 384	49 072	31 094	32 742	45 019	49 220
Motor vehicles	33 002	33 107	22 374	21 013	30 914	33 252
Bodies for motor vehicles, trailers and semi-trailers	1 335	1 306	919	734	1 079	1 211
Parts and accessories	10 419	10 608	4 681	7 725	9 322	10 120
Other transport equipment	3 628	4 052	3 121	3 269	3 704	4 636
Furniture and other manufacturing	11 912	11 734	10 807	9 541	10 502	10 094
Furniture	1 854	1 908	1 623	1 255	1 453	1 684
Other manufacturing groups	10 058	9 826	9 184	8 286	9 048	8 410
Total	314 750	311 905	262 786	242 565	268 363	286 808

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

Manufacturing division and major group	Oct-24	Nov-24	Dec-24	Jan-25	Feb-25	Mar-25
Food and beverages	7,7	4,0	10,0	0,9	-0,9	0,4
Meat, fish, fruit, etc.	3,1	1,7	15,8	5,6	-0,5	10,2
Dairy products	1,6	1,4	3,4	2,5	-2,3	10,1
Grain mill products	3,5	2,9	5,9	-2,9	3,8	14,4
Other food products	2,1	-3,0	1,7	-0,9	-6,6	-21,6
Beverages	24,9	15,5	12,9	-1,4	1,1	1,2
Textiles, clothing, leather and footwear	3,1	-0,5	4,6	2,5	3,0	11,3
Textiles	-11,6	-13,4	-16,7	-20,3	0,2	-0,1
Other textile products	11,3	5,2	10,6	18,2	6,0	19,7
Knitted, crocheted articles	13,5	-2,4	-5,1	-11,4	8,6	42,9
Wearing apparel	-3,5	-1,3	10,0	0,4	-1,6	6,9
Leather and leather products	8,0	1,6	1,4	-0,4	1,9	6,4
Footwear	14,8	3,5	2,7	14,7	13,2	12,0
Wood and wood products, paper, publishing and printing	-1,4	-7,1	-9,8	9,9	-3,6	-4,7
Sawmilling and planing of wood	10,0	-2,3	-11,6	-8,4	-4,1	-11,7
Products of wood	7,0	8,7	-0,9	5,2	14,4	12,7
Paper and paper products	-4,7	-13,2	-19,9	13,9	-8,8	-12,1
Publishing	-6,9	2,1	31,9	7,3	-5,8	5,8
Printing, recorded media	0,3	-5,1	9,1	10,7	4,4	8,9
Petroleum, chemical products, rubber and plastic products	10,6	1,5	4,9	7,2	-2,5	3,5
Coke, petroleum products and nuclear fuel	-1,7	-1,3	-7,0	7,4	-12,4	2,4
Basic chemicals	30,7	0,8	21,5	9,0	3,3	6,4
Other chemical products	18,5	7,9	9,1	6,5	8,5	5,1
Rubber products	-1,6	-9,0	17,7	1,6	-0,8	6,6
Plastic products	11,8	0,8	15,4	6,6	-3,2	-1,0
Glass and non-metallic mineral products	9,7	2,8	-0,8	-2,7	-4,8	11,4
Glass and glass products	22,2	14,2	-15,4	-0,1	1,7	21,0
Non-metallic mineral products	6,7	0,0	4,5	-3,4	-6,3	9,2
Basic iron and steel, non-ferrous metal products, metal products and machinery	5,3	-3,2	-6,1	-4,3	-7,1	-5,0
Basic iron and steel products	-8,6	-10,9	-41,8	-11,5	-24,4	-32,7
Non-ferrous metal products	18,8	-3,3	18,9	-12,5	-3,8	8,3
Structural metal products	2,3	3,3	3,6	3,9	-3,6	11,0
Other fabricated metal products	10,8	0,3	5,6	4,6	-6,1	7,1
General purpose machinery	12,3	-1,5	24,5	9,3	7,8	-1,7
Special purpose machinery	-7,8	-3,4	-32,2	4,6	-1,4	-9,9
Household appliances	22,6	11,7	6,9	16,3	9,7	5,9
Electrical machinery	10,4	-10,5	-7,6	-5,4	-8,8	-13,0
Radio, television and communication apparatus and professional equipment	8,6	-0,9	2,3	-3,1	4,1	2,7
Radio, television and communication apparatus	11,9	-3,7	2,5	0,2	2,2	4,8
Professional equipment	4,8	2,5	2,1	-5,8	5,6	1,0
Motor vehicles, parts and accessories and other transport equipment	-10,9	-13,7	-16,5	-23,8	-11,0	4,3
Motor vehicles	-2,1	-5,4	-2,6	-20,0	-1,8	13,2
Bodies for motor vehicles, trailers and semi-trailers	-13,8	-21,4	-18,2	-24,3	-14,5	-4,4
Parts and accessories	-31,3	-32,6	-50,9	-38,0	-33,2	-14,0
Other transport equipment	-6,5	-9,4	-14,0	-0,2	-4,1	-2,8
Furniture and other manufacturing	12,1	3,6	8,2	24,8	9,0	9,2
Furniture	-0,4	-1,7	2,5	-0,9	2,0	16,5
Other manufacturing groups	14,8	4,7	9,3	29,9	10,2	7,8
Total	4,0	-2,4	-0,2	-2,1	-4,3	0,6

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

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

Manufacturing division and major group	Nov-24	Dec-24	Jan-25	Feb-25	Mar-25	Month-on-month % change
Food and beverages	69 475	72 324	67 266	69 296	72 749	5,0
Meat, fish, fruit, etc.	20 574	22 150	20 946	21 127	21 416	1,4
Dairy products	6 060	6 049	6 198	6 328	6 510	2,9
Grain mill products	11 321	11 429	11 418	11 760	12 085	2,8
Other food products	13 571	13 967	13 501	13 814	15 736	13,9
Beverages	17 949	18 728	15 204	16 268	17 003	4,5
Textiles, clothing, leather and footwear	6 226	6 461	6 658	6 579	6 737	2,4
Textiles	829	799	788	859	849	-1,2
Other textile products	1 873	2 091	2 047	2 021	2 183	8,0
Knitted, crocheted articles	237	224	215	244	247	1,2
Wearing apparel	2 028	2 133	2 302	2 118	2 133	0,7
Leather and leather products	552	500	559	578	543	-6,1
Footwear	708	715	748	759	782	3,0
Wood and wood products, paper, publishing and printing	17 304	17 161	19 698	17 520	17 058	-2,6
Sawmilling and planing of wood	1 437	1 404	1 340	1 413	1 314	-7,0
Products of wood	2 446	2 502	2 449	2 473	2 599	5,1
Paper and paper products	9 115	8 478	11 173	9 276	8 592	-7,4
Publishing	1 554	1 733	1 603	1 376	1 520	10,5
Printing, recorded media	2 752	3 045	3 132	2 982	3 035	1,8
Petroleum, chemical products, rubber and plastic products	58 264	59 530	60 611	59 284	58 406	-1,5
Coke, petroleum products and nuclear fuel	22 146	21 635	22 684	20 558	22 143	7,7
Basic chemicals	10 323	11 329	11 340	11 527	10 704	-7,1
Other chemical products	15 843	15 864	16 165	17 118	15 671	-8,5
Rubber products	1 830	1 883	1 957	1 869	1 842	-1,4
Plastic products	8 120	8 820	8 466	8 213	8 046	-2,0
Glass and non-metallic mineral products	8 390	8 444	8 321	8 168	8 359	2,3
Glass and glass products	1 736	1 631	1 609	1 610	1 680	4,3
Non-metallic mineral products	6 654	6 814	6 713	6 559	6 679	1,8
Basic iron and steel, non-ferrous metal products, metal products and machinery	56 518	56 694	57 517	56 591	53 171	-6,0
Basic iron and steel products	11 468	9 196	11 555	10 273	8 801	-14,3
Non-ferrous metal products	14 671	19 304	15 636	16 632	16 083	-3,3
Structural metal products	4 387	4 437	4 574	4 461	4 444	-0,4
Other fabricated metal products	10 003	9 941	10 137	9 786	9 924	1,4
General purpose machinery	5 780	6 886	6 064	6 134	5 748	-6,3
Special purpose machinery	8 873	5 622	8 168	7 968	6 953	-12,7
Household appliances	1 335	1 309	1 383	1 338	1 219	-8,9
Electrical machinery	6 909	6 549	6 890	6 577	6 422	-2,4
Radio, television and communication apparatus and professional equipment	2 469	2 548	2 453	2 497	2 477	-0,8
Radio, television and communication apparatus	1 238	1 311	1 219	1 153	1 210	4,9
Professional equipment	1 230	1 237	1 233	1 345	1 267	-5,8
Motor vehicles, parts and accessories and other transport equipment	43 004	42 025	38 324	42 930	44 194	2,9
Motor vehicles	29 192	30 586	25 106	29 693	30 473	2,6
Bodies for motor vehicles, trailers and semi-trailers	1 118	1 205	1 088	1 160	1 147	-1,1
Parts and accessories	9 277	6 923	8 337	8 430	8 918	5,8
Other transport equipment	3 415	3 310	3 793	3 646	3 657	0,3
Furniture and other manufacturing	10 530	10 708	12 017	10 800	10 034	-7,1
Furniture	1 585	1 661	1 671	1 664	1 705	2,5
Other manufacturing groups	8 945	9 047	10 346	9 136	8 329	-8,8
Total	279 089	282 445	279 756	280 242	279 608	-0,2

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 72,0% for March 2025. The revised collection rate for February 2025 was 78,1%.
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
Mar-25	Additional information from respondents	Dec-24 - Feb-25
Apr-25	Additional information from respondents	Jan-25 - Mar-25
May-25	Additional information from respondents	Feb-25 - Apr-25
Jun-25	Additional information from respondents	Mar-25 - May-25
Jul-25	Additional information from respondents New sample	Jan-98 - Jun-25
Aug-25	Additional information from respondents	May-25 - Jul-25
Sep-25	Additional information from respondents New weights for manufacturing production	Jan-22 - Aug-25
Oct-25	Additional information from respondents	Jul-25 - Sep-25
Nov-25	Additional information from respondents	Aug-25 - Oct-25
Dec-25	Additional information from respondents	Sep-25 - Nov-25
Jan-26	Additional information from respondents	Oct-25 - Dec-25
Feb-26	Additional information from respondents	Nov-25 - Jan-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 3 046 enterprises from a population of 25 829 manufacturing enterprises. Completed questionnaires are required to be returned to Stats SA within 10 days after the end of the reference month. Email and telephone reminders are used to follow up on non-respondents.
- 2** A stratified random sample was drawn at the Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) three-digit level in April 2024 from Stats SA's statistical business register (SBR). Strata were formed using a combination of the SIC and the measure of size classes for enterprises (see point 3 on the following page).

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

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

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

Class limits

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

Measure of size classes (Rand)

Enterprise size	Size group	Lower limit	Upper limit
Very small	4	4 050 394	25 000 000
Small	3	25 000 001	65 000 000
Medium	2	65 000 001	255 000 000
Large	1	255 000 001	

Sample weighting

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

Index of the volume of manufacturing production

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

Calculation of production index

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

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

Index weighting

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

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

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

Table E – Weights by division and major group

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

Seasonal adjustment 10 Seasonally adjusted estimates are generated each month, using the X-12 Seasonal Adjustment Program developed by the United States Census Bureau. Seasonal adjustment is a means of removing the estimated effects of normal seasonal variation from the series so that the effects of other influences on the series can be more clearly recognised. Seasonal adjustment does not aim to remove irregular or non-seasonal influences, which may be present in any particular month. Influences that are volatile or unsystematic can still make it difficult to interpret the movement of the series even after adjustment for seasonal variations. This means the month-to-month movements of seasonally adjusted estimates may not be reliable indicators of trend behaviour. The X-12-ARIMA procedure for manufacturing production and sales is described in more detail on the Stats SA website:
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Trend cycle 11 The trend is the long-term pattern or movement of a time series. The X-12 Seasonal Adjustment Programme is used for smoothing seasonally adjusted estimates to estimates of the underlying trend.

Reliability of estimates 12 Data presented in this publication are based on information obtained from a sample and are, therefore, subject to sampling variability; that is, they may differ from the figures that would have been produced if the data had been obtained from all enterprises in the manufacturing industry in South Africa. Estimates are subject to sampling and non-sampling errors.

13 Inaccuracies may occur because of imperfections in reporting by enterprises and errors made in the collection and processing of the data. Inaccuracies of this kind are referred to as non-sampling errors. Every effort is made to minimise non-sampling errors by careful design of questionnaires, testing them in pilot studies, editing reported data and implementing efficient operating procedures. Fluctuations may occur in consecutive months as a result of seasonal and economic factors.

Relative standard error 14 One measure of the likely difference is given by the standard error (SE), which indicates the extent to which an estimate might have varied by chance because only a sample of enterprises was used. The relative standard error (RSE) provides an immediate indication of the percentage errors likely to have occurred due to sampling, and thus avoids the need to refer to the size of the estimate.

Estimates of total industry sales within 95% confidence limits – March 2025

	Lower limit (R million)	Estimate (R million)	Upper limit (R million)	Relative standard error (RSE) %
Total sales	282 598	286 808	291 018	0,7

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

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

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

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

Glossary

Enterprise	The enterprise is a legal entity or a combination of legal units that includes and directly controls all functions necessary to carry out its production activities.	
Industry	An industry is made up of enterprises engaged in the same or similar kinds of economic activity. Industries are defined in the <i>System of National Accounts</i> (SNA) in the same way as in the <i>Standard Industrial Classification of All Economic Activities</i> (SIC), Fifth Edition, Report No. 09-90-02 of January 1993.	
Sales	Sales are the total value of sales and transfers-out of all own manufactured products/articles and the amounts received for installation, erection or assembly or other services rendered.	
Symbols and abbreviations	GDP	Gross domestic product
	IMF	International Monetary Fund
	ISIC	International Standard Industrial Classification
	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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