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Production: results for May 2025

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

	Dec-24	Jan-25	Feb-25	Mar-25	Apr-25	May-25
Year-on-year % change, unadjusted	-1,2	-2,8	-3,0	-0,8	-6,4	0,5
Month-on-month % change, seasonally adjusted	-2,1	0,7	0,1	-2,4	1,7	2,0
3-month % change, seasonally adjusted ¹	-0,9	-1,8	-2,1	-1,9	-1,2	-0,3

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

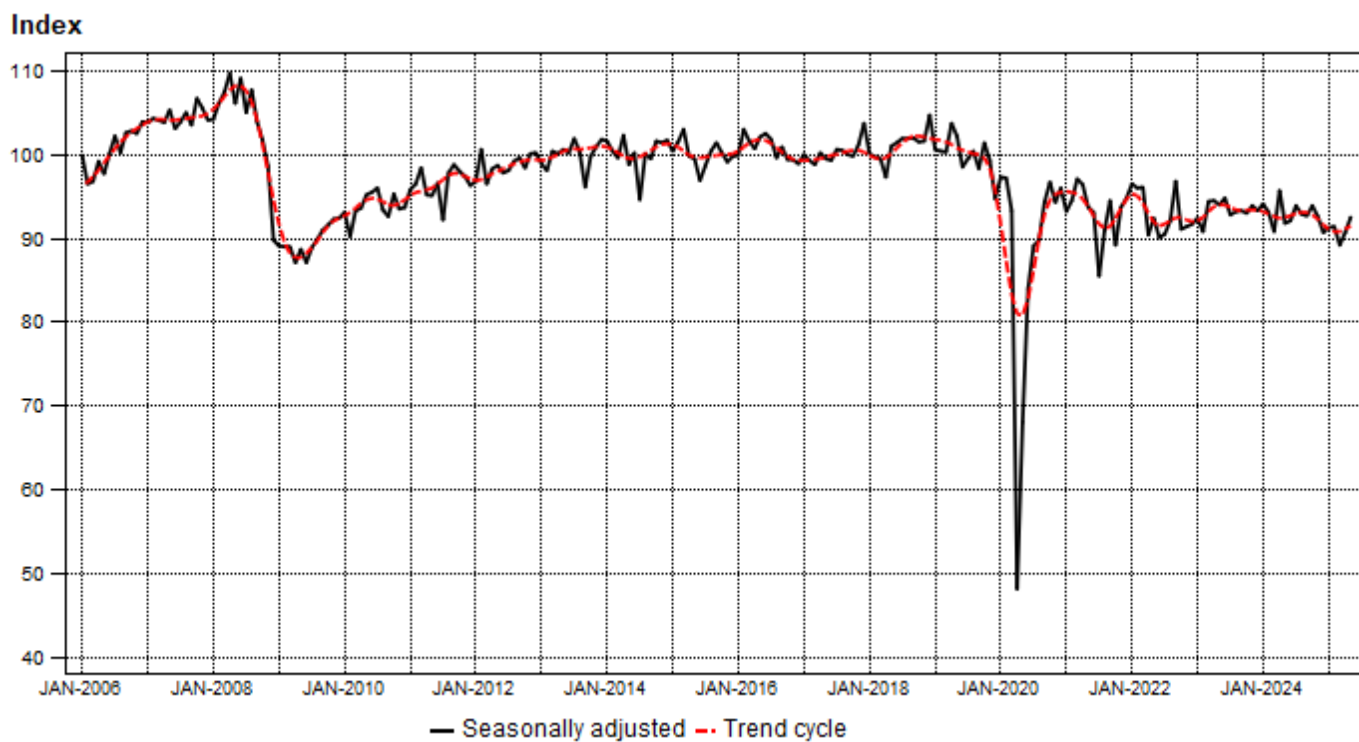
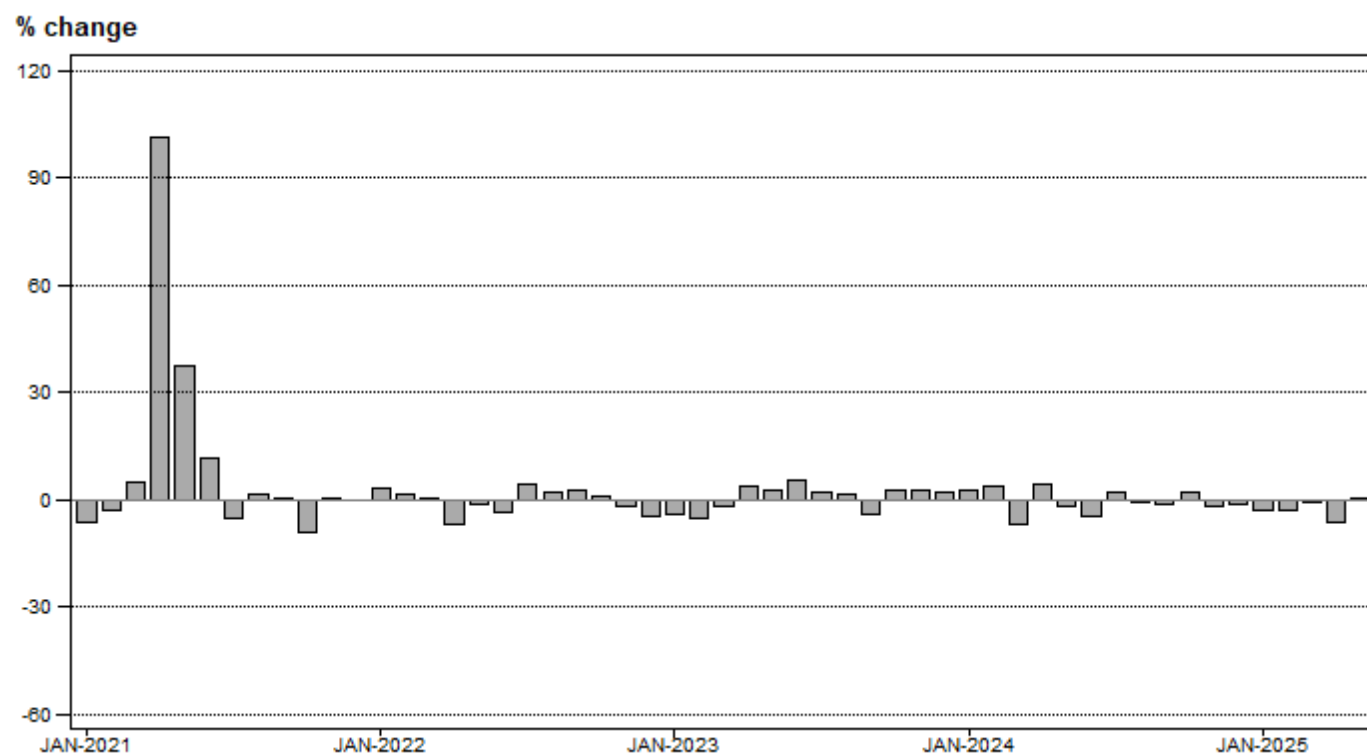
Manufacturing production increased by 0,5% in May 2025 compared with May 2024. The largest positive contribution was made by the basic iron and steel, non-ferrous metal products, metal products and machinery division (4,3% and contributing 0,9 of a percentage point), while the largest negative contribution was reported for the motor vehicles, parts and accessories and other transport equipment division (-6,7% and contributing -0,6 of a percentage point) – see Table 5 and Table 6.

Seasonally adjusted manufacturing production increased by 2,0% in May 2025 compared with April 2025. This followed month-on-month changes of 1,7% in April 2025 and -2,4% in March 2025 – see Table A.

Seasonally adjusted manufacturing production decreased by 0,3% in the three months ended May 2025 compared with the previous three months. Four of the ten manufacturing divisions reported negative growth rates over this period. The largest negative contribution was reported for the food and beverages division (-3,0% and contributing -0,8 of a percentage point). The largest positive contribution was made by the motor vehicles, parts and accessories and other transport equipment division (7,9% and contributing 0,6 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	Dec 2024 – Feb 2025	Mar – May 2025	% change between Dec 2024 – Feb 2025 and Mar – May 2025	Contribution (% points) to the total % change
Food and beverages	22,07	103,8	100,7	-3,0	-0,8
Meat, fish, fruit, etc.	3,53	111,4	107,7	-3,3	-0,1
Dairy products	1,48	97,8	99,3	1,5	0,0
Grain mill products	2,01	102,2	105,8	3,5	0,1
Other food products	7,61	87,5	86,4	-1,3	-0,1
Beverages	7,44	118,6	111,0	-6,4	-0,6
Textiles, clothing, leather and footwear	3,89	87,2	88,1	1,0	0,0
Textiles	0,96	88,9	92,5	4,0	0,0
Other textile products	0,55	92,2	96,1	4,2	0,0
Knitted, crocheted articles	0,06	78,4	84,6	7,9	0,0
Wearing apparel	1,83	85,1	83,7	-1,6	0,0
Leather and leather products	0,24	76,8	77,7	1,2	0,0
Footwear	0,25	97,2	96,3	-0,9	0,0
Wood and wood products, paper, publishing and printing	10,29	97,2	97,0	-0,2	0,0
Sawmilling and planing of wood	0,83	94,5	95,8	1,4	0,0
Products of wood	0,93	117,7	117,3	-0,3	0,0
Paper and paper products	5,18	98,5	99,7	1,2	0,1
Publishing	2,02	83,9	79,5	-5,2	-0,1
Printing, recorded media	1,33	100,0	99,4	-0,6	0,0
Petroleum, chemical products, rubber and plastic products	24,38	76,6	77,4	1,0	0,2
Coke, petroleum products and nuclear fuel	11,63	56,0	61,7	10,2	0,7
Basic chemicals	3,35	101,0	95,0	-5,9	-0,2
Other chemical products	6,81	90,0	87,4	-2,9	-0,2
Rubber products	0,65	87,0	88,9	2,2	0,0
Plastic products	1,94	106,9	102,8	-3,8	-0,1
Glass and non-metallic mineral products	3,06	103,2	104,6	1,4	0,0
Glass and glass products	0,50	99,0	102,7	3,7	0,0
Non-metallic mineral products	2,56	104,1	104,9	0,8	0,0
Basic iron and steel, non-ferrous metal products, metal products and machinery	20,86	93,1	93,4	0,3	0,1
Basic iron and steel products	3,18	76,1	77,5	1,8	0,0
Non-ferrous metal products	3,98	89,9	93,8	4,3	0,2
Structural metal products	2,01	105,7	112,7	6,6	0,2
Other fabricated metal products	3,74	100,1	96,8	-3,3	-0,1
General purpose machinery	3,52	106,3	100,0	-5,9	-0,2
Special purpose machinery	3,77	83,1	85,3	2,6	0,1
Household appliances	0,66	103,8	101,4	-2,3	0,0
Electrical machinery	2,09	101,2	99,7	-1,5	0,0
Radio, television and communication apparatus and professional equipment	1,06	96,4	98,8	2,5	0,0
Radio, television and communication apparatus	0,16	92,2	100,0	8,5	0,0
Professional equipment	0,90	97,1	98,5	1,4	0,0
Motor vehicles, parts and accessories and other transport equipment	8,21	81,5	87,9	7,9	0,6
Motor vehicles	2,39	87,9	89,6	1,9	0,0
Bodies for motor vehicles, trailers and semi-trailers	0,72	94,6	85,8	-9,3	-0,1
Parts and accessories	3,96	72,8	86,9	19,4	0,6
Other transport equipment	1,14	90,7	89,5	-1,3	0,0
Furniture and other manufacturing	4,09	91,2	79,8	-12,5	-0,5
Furniture	0,70	92,4	94,7	2,5	0,0
Other manufacturing groups	3,39	91,0	76,7	-15,7	-0,5
Total	100	91,1	90,8	-0,3	-0,3

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 May 2025

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

	Dec-24	Jan-25	Feb-25	Mar-25	Apr-25	May-25
Year-on-year % change, unadjusted	-0,2	-1,6	-4,3	0,0	-8,3	-1,3
Month-on-month % change, seasonally adjusted	1,2	-0,2	-0,1	-0,8	-0,6	1,8
3-month % change, seasonally adjusted ¹	-0,6	-0,9	-0,2	-0,9	-0,6	-0,7

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

Seasonally adjusted manufacturing sales increased by 1,8% in May 2025 compared with April 2025. This followed month-on-month changes of -0,6% in April 2025 and -0,8% in March 2025 – see Table C.

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

Manufacturing division	Dec 2024 – Feb 2025 (R million)	Mar – May 2025 (R million)	% change between Dec 2024 – Feb 2025 and Mar – May 2025	Contribution (% points) to the total % change
Food and beverages	210 594	213 164	1,2	0,3
Textiles, clothing, leather and footwear	19 768	20 421	3,3	0,1
Wood and wood products, paper, publishing and printing	54 711	52 190	-4,6	-0,3
Petroleum, chemical products, rubber and plastic products	179 099	178 105	-0,6	-0,1
Glass and non-metallic mineral products	24 964	25 474	2,0	0,1
Basic iron and steel, non-ferrous metal products, metal products and machinery	170 933	161 889	-5,3	-1,1
Electrical machinery	20 132	19 936	-1,0	0,0
Radio, television and communication apparatus and professional equipment	7 560	7 659	1,3	0,0
Motor vehicles, parts and accessories and other transport equipment	121 840	126 576	3,9	0,6
Furniture and other manufacturing	33 416	31 297	-6,3	-0,2
Total	843 016	836 711	-0,7	-0,7

Seasonally adjusted manufacturing sales decreased by 0,7% in the three months ended May 2025 compared with the previous three months. The largest negative contribution was made by the basic iron and steel, non-ferrous metal products, metal products and machinery division (-5,3% and contributing -1,1 percentage points). The largest positive contribution was reported for the motor vehicles, parts and accessories and other transport equipment division (3,9% and contributing 0,6 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	79,8
Feb	94,9	92,4	89,5	91,0	86,2	89,4	86,7
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	85,6
May	102,0	67,2	92,3	91,2	93,6	91,7	92,2
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	-2,8	-2,8
Feb	-2,6	-3,1	1,7	-5,3	3,7	-3,0	-2,9
Mar	-6,6	5,0	0,1	-1,6	-6,7	-0,8	-2,2
Apr	-52,7	101,3	-7,1	3,8	4,1	-6,4	-3,3
May	-34,1	37,4	-1,2	2,6	-2,0	0,5	-2,5
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	96,5	92,4	94,1	91,3	1,8	0,8	0,9	0,7
Feb	96,0	90,8	93,1	91,4	-0,5	-1,7	-1,1	0,1
Mar	96,1	94,4	90,8	89,2	0,1	4,0	-2,5	-2,4
Apr	90,4	94,5	95,7	90,7	-5,9	0,1	5,4	1,7
May	92,4	94,0	91,8	92,5	2,2	-0,5	-4,1	2,0
Jun	90,1	94,8	92,1		-2,5	0,9	0,3	
Jul	90,5	92,8	93,9		0,4	-2,1	2,0	
Aug	92,1	93,2	92,9		1,8	0,4	-1,1	
Sep	96,8	93,3	92,7		5,1	0,1	-0,2	
Oct	91,1	93,0	93,9		-5,9	-0,3	1,3	
Nov	91,4	93,9	92,6		0,3	1,0	-1,4	
Dec	91,7	93,3	90,7		0,3	-0,6	-2,1	

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

Manufacturing division and major group	Weight	Dec-24	Jan-25	Feb-25	Mar-25	Apr-25	May-25
Food and beverages	22,07	118,1	89,2	94,8	101,1	91,5	103,2
Meat, fish, fruit, etc.	3,53	122,0	99,2	106,0	109,4	102,0	107,7
Dairy products	1,48	102,9	96,0	89,1	106,8	88,4	91,2
Grain mill products	2,01	97,1	95,4	97,4	108,0	103,6	105,9
Other food products	7,61	80,1	73,6	77,8	84,0	77,4	98,8
Beverages	7,44	163,9	97,3	107,2	111,6	98,4	107,1
Textiles, clothing, leather and footwear	3,89	72,2	64,0	85,2	87,9	82,6	90,1
Textiles	0,96	60,1	61,8	95,8	97,6	83,6	106,4
Other textile products	0,55	79,1	66,6	94,2	95,6	91,5	96,3
Knitted, crocheted articles	0,06	57,3	51,4	66,3	89,5	72,1	84,6
Wearing apparel	1,83	77,8	61,2	79,1	81,0	80,7	81,6
Leather and leather products	0,24	49,2	84,0	79,6	78,4	69,8	80,0
Footwear	0,25	89,1	71,7	78,8	93,5	87,8	87,3
Wood and wood products, paper, publishing and printing	10,29	91,6	91,8	88,4	89,3	86,9	89,5
Sawmilling and planing of wood	0,83	79,1	84,0	98,3	87,2	88,4	95,2
Products of wood	0,93	94,9	100,1	114,8	123,5	98,0	105,1
Paper and paper products	5,18	97,6	96,5	90,6	91,7	96,5	92,0
Publishing	2,02	83,6	84,0	69,0	63,1	58,4	72,8
Printing, recorded media	1,33	86,1	84,5	85,1	97,4	84,1	90,4
Petroleum, chemical products, rubber and plastic products	24,38	73,3	71,1	72,7	76,7	74,6	77,7
Coke, petroleum products and nuclear fuel	11,63	64,2	52,3	51,2	60,2	62,5	62,5
Basic chemicals	3,35	94,6	94,3	93,5	94,0	89,1	96,9
Other chemical products	6,81	75,6	84,2	89,7	86,6	80,3	88,5
Rubber products	0,65	47,7	86,2	91,7	105,1	95,7	72,8
Plastic products	1,94	92,0	92,7	99,4	101,0	94,8	99,6
Glass and non-metallic mineral products	3,06	87,6	88,9	91,4	104,0	97,4	111,4
Glass and glass products	0,50	96,7	92,9	93,6	101,5	91,0	103,7
Non-metallic mineral products	2,56	85,8	88,1	91,0	104,5	98,7	112,9
Basic iron and steel, non-ferrous metal products, metal products and machinery	20,86	74,3	79,6	90,5	94,7	90,0	98,5
Basic iron and steel products	3,18	66,1	77,3	73,3	79,2	77,0	83,7
Non-ferrous metal products	3,98	79,8	85,1	88,9	95,3	91,4	97,0
Structural metal products	2,01	78,3	78,0	107,6	115,4	112,0	116,0
Other fabricated metal products	3,74	69,1	85,1	96,4	103,6	88,3	100,3
General purpose machinery	3,52	95,8	80,4	92,1	99,3	93,9	106,3
Special purpose machinery	3,77	56,6	69,1	87,0	80,4	84,5	93,5
Household appliances	0,66	83,4	88,1	107,5	108,9	96,6	100,9
Electrical machinery	2,09	70,9	83,2	97,9	100,7	102,1	109,3
Radio, television and communication apparatus and professional equipment	1,06	94,9	73,1	99,4	107,7	91,5	100,6
Radio, television and communication apparatus	0,16	117,7	63,0	78,6	88,6	83,2	101,3
Professional equipment	0,90	90,9	74,9	103,1	111,1	93,0	100,5
Motor vehicles, parts and accessories and other transport equipment	8,21	47,7	70,2	87,1	92,2	88,8	88,5
Motor vehicles	2,39	41,5	75,8	96,7	100,5	78,5	89,7
Bodies for motor vehicles, trailers and semi-trailers	0,72	70,3	63,0	85,0	99,4	85,3	81,5
Parts and accessories	3,96	38,0	64,3	79,6	78,8	97,8	91,6
Other transport equipment	1,14	79,9	83,2	94,0	116,8	81,1	79,5
Furniture and other manufacturing	4,09	84,3	80,1	91,3	75,9	71,1	77,3
Furniture	0,70	88,5	76,8	78,6	85,6	84,7	97,4
Other manufacturing groups	3,39	83,5	80,7	94,0	73,9	68,3	73,1
Total	100	84,2	79,8	86,7	90,5	85,6	92,2

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

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

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	Jan-25	Feb-25	Mar-25	Apr-25	May-25	Month-on-month % change
Food and beverages	22,07	99,8	104,0	101,9	96,3	104,0	8,0
Meat, fish, fruit, etc.	3,53	108,1	110,1	107,6	108,6	106,9	-1,6
Dairy products	1,48	95,2	100,1	108,3	92,7	96,9	4,5
Grain mill products	2,01	102,5	103,6	104,9	107,7	104,7	-2,8
Other food products	7,61	84,5	89,8	88,2	76,5	94,6	23,7
Beverages	7,44	111,6	116,7	111,1	108,4	113,5	4,7
Textiles, clothing, leather and footwear	3,89	86,8	87,9	86,8	88,4	89,0	0,7
Textiles	0,96	80,9	96,6	89,7	90,0	97,7	8,6
Other textile products	0,55	92,0	91,2	96,3	96,2	95,7	-0,5
Knitted, crocheted articles	0,06	77,9	80,1	87,5	82,9	83,5	0,7
Wearing apparel	1,83	87,2	82,6	82,2	85,7	83,1	-3,0
Leather and leather products	0,24	84,9	74,9	76,5	75,9	80,8	6,5
Footwear	0,25	99,5	100,5	98,1	98,0	92,8	-5,3
Wood and wood products, paper, publishing and printing	10,29	101,2	95,1	91,7	100,5	98,7	-1,8
Sawmilling and planing of wood	0,83	87,7	98,6	99,0	93,2	95,2	2,1
Products of wood	0,93	117,0	119,2	125,5	113,6	112,7	-0,8
Paper and paper products	5,18	106,0	95,1	87,8	108,8	102,6	-5,7
Publishing	2,02	87,1	78,7	76,3	78,5	83,7	6,6
Printing, recorded media	1,33	101,2	101,1	102,1	97,4	98,6	1,2
Petroleum, chemical products, rubber and plastic products	24,38	75,3	76,2	76,2	77,2	78,8	2,1
Coke, petroleum products and nuclear fuel	11,63	52,5	53,8	57,2	61,6	66,2	7,5
Basic chemicals	3,35	99,1	101,9	98,7	91,1	95,2	4,5
Other chemical products	6,81	92,5	92,6	88,3	87,9	85,9	-2,3
Rubber products	0,65	87,2	85,7	91,6	98,8	76,2	-22,9
Plastic products	1,94	107,3	105,0	103,9	102,5	101,9	-0,6
Glass and non-metallic mineral products	3,06	104,5	102,0	102,9	106,0	104,8	-1,1
Glass and glass products	0,50	97,6	100,7	103,5	99,9	104,8	4,9
Non-metallic mineral products	2,56	105,8	102,3	102,7	107,2	104,8	-2,2
Basic iron and steel, non-ferrous metal products, metal products and machinery	20,86	95,0	94,8	91,9	93,3	95,1	1,9
Basic iron and steel products	3,18	75,8	76,5	74,6	76,5	81,5	6,5
Non-ferrous metal products	3,98	89,7	94,2	94,2	93,5	93,7	0,2
Structural metal products	2,01	106,8	107,1	109,7	113,8	114,7	0,8
Other fabricated metal products	3,74	103,6	97,1	98,2	94,7	97,6	3,1
General purpose machinery	3,52	106,4	102,3	99,7	100,0	100,3	0,3
Special purpose machinery	3,77	90,1	92,5	78,6	87,6	89,7	2,4
Household appliances	0,66	100,5	110,3	105,3	99,9	99,1	-0,8
Electrical machinery	2,09	105,7	99,2	96,8	101,6	100,8	-0,8
Radio, television and communication apparatus and professional equipment	1,06	93,9	100,3	98,4	97,8	100,1	2,4
Radio, television and communication apparatus	0,16	89,4	89,0	94,3	94,7	111,1	17,3
Professional equipment	0,90	94,7	102,3	99,1	98,3	98,2	-0,1
Motor vehicles, parts and accessories and other transport equipment	8,21	84,4	84,5	81,4	94,2	88,2	-6,4
Motor vehicles	2,39	93,0	91,6	88,5	92,7	87,6	-5,5
Bodies for motor vehicles, trailers and semi-trailers	0,72	89,4	87,5	91,2	85,6	80,6	-5,8
Parts and accessories	3,96	74,9	77,8	72,5	98,1	90,0	-8,3
Other transport equipment	1,14	96,2	91,5	91,0	89,7	87,8	-2,1
Furniture and other manufacturing	4,09	96,6	89,5	79,7	79,4	80,2	1,0
Furniture	0,70	94,4	92,0	92,0	93,9	98,2	4,6
Other manufacturing groups	3,39	97,1	89,0	77,2	76,4	76,4	0,0
Total	100	91,3	91,4	89,2	90,7	92,5	2,0

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

Month	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Jan	185 680	184 898	182 428	205 810	226 014	247 707	243 766
Feb	200 377	205 406	209 620	232 629	253 396	280 477	268 375
Mar	218 859	205 629	241 918	263 164	295 678	284 961	284 925
Apr	207 717	100 499	219 725	227 055	257 117	284 162	260 588
May	217 911	148 771	225 788	252 702	274 523	286 157	282 362
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	-1,6	-1,6
Feb	2,5	2,1	11,0	8,9	10,7	-4,3	-3,0
Mar	-6,0	17,6	8,8	12,4	-3,6	0,0	-2,0
Apr	-51,6	118,6	3,3	13,2	10,5	-8,3	-3,6
May	-31,7	51,8	11,9	8,6	4,2	-1,3	-3,1
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	242 872	263 374	285 791	280 887	3,7	0,9	-1,1	-0,2
Feb	244 677	265 390	288 468	280 561	0,7	0,8	0,9	-0,1
Mar	251 132	280 380	281 791	278 288	2,6	5,6	-2,3	-0,8
Apr	242 163	279 069	294 885	276 656	-3,6	-0,5	4,6	-0,6
May	252 508	272 460	283 525	281 767	4,3	-2,4	-3,9	1,8
Jun	250 643	271 474	285 962		-0,7	-0,4	0,9	
Jul	251 247	276 128	290 599		0,2	1,7	1,6	
Aug	253 768	282 853	282 484		1,0	2,4	-2,8	
Sep	263 795	283 220	279 116		4,0	0,1	-1,2	
Oct	250 599	278 563	287 229		-5,0	-1,6	2,9	
Nov	258 541	285 614	278 337		3,2	2,5	-3,1	
Dec	261 108	288 860	281 568		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	Dec-24	Jan-25	Feb-25	Mar-25	Apr-25	May-25
Food and beverages	79 971	61 554	65 030	69 575	66 053	71 331
Meat, fish, fruit, etc.	24 428	18 375	19 400	20 453	20 716	21 700
Dairy products	6 140	6 123	5 679	6 607	5 958	5 692
Grain mill products	11 218	10 558	10 736	12 512	11 871	11 934
Other food products	13 075	12 017	12 731	13 791	12 715	15 630
Beverages	25 109	14 480	16 485	16 212	14 793	16 376
Textiles, clothing, leather and footwear	5 533	4 942	6 384	6 605	6 481	6 822
Textiles	573	638	867	853	870	956
Other textile products	1 739	1 504	2 103	2 140	2 062	2 206
Knitted, crocheted articles	168	147	201	260	218	249
Wearing apparel	1 984	1 586	2 014	2 078	2 142	2 157
Leather and leather products	360	525	588	554	506	569
Footwear	710	542	611	720	684	684
Wood and wood products, paper, publishing and printing	16 509	17 260	16 667	17 084	14 764	16 325
Sawmilling and planing of wood	1 170	1 173	1 365	1 292	1 369	1 404
Products of wood	1 946	2 042	2 338	2 541	1 890	2 215
Paper and paper products	9 017	9 926	9 124	9 082	7 765	8 678
Publishing	1 626	1 566	1 256	1 200	1 077	1 333
Printing, recorded media	2 751	2 553	2 584	2 970	2 664	2 696
Petroleum, chemical products, rubber and plastic products	55 524	55 353	55 901	59 919	54 848	60 792
Coke, petroleum products and nuclear fuel	21 804	21 360	19 423	24 283	20 852	24 890
Basic chemicals	10 306	10 688	10 829	10 025	10 011	10 457
Other chemical products	14 596	14 588	16 007	15 723	14 552	15 763
Rubber products	1 453	1 688	1 882	2 034	1 815	1 776
Plastic products	7 366	7 028	7 761	7 855	7 618	7 905
Glass and non-metallic mineral products	7 058	6 834	7 477	8 206	7 761	8 838
Glass and glass products	1 573	1 377	1 505	1 594	1 365	1 519
Non-metallic mineral products	5 485	5 457	5 972	6 612	6 396	7 319
Basic iron and steel, non-ferrous metal products, metal products and machinery	48 103	48 274	53 292	56 152	52 899	56 844
Basic iron and steel products	7 429	10 879	9 584	9 543	9 024	10 815
Non-ferrous metal products	18 057	14 165	15 686	17 279	16 056	15 622
Structural metal products	3 490	3 405	4 471	4 964	4 582	4 861
Other fabricated metal products	7 070	8 177	9 440	9 997	9 162	9 598
General purpose machinery	5 873	4 599	5 644	5 853	5 747	6 101
Special purpose machinery	5 077	5 820	7 164	7 221	7 115	8 538
Household appliances	1 108	1 229	1 303	1 294	1 213	1 308
Electrical machinery	5 252	5 483	6 352	6 617	6 629	7 252
Radio, television and communication apparatus and professional equipment	2 935	1 812	2 350	2 602	2 254	2 581
Radio, television and communication apparatus	1 746	843	1 032	1 193	1 098	1 349
Professional equipment	1 189	969	1 318	1 409	1 156	1 232
Motor vehicles, parts and accessories and other transport equipment	31 094	32 713	44 421	47 853	39 069	41 028
Motor vehicles	22 374	20 985	30 235	31 683	25 643	26 492
Bodies for motor vehicles, trailers and semi-trailers	919	734	1 093	1 313	1 111	968
Parts and accessories	4 681	7 725	9 388	10 226	9 083	10 408
Other transport equipment	3 121	3 269	3 704	4 631	3 231	3 160
Furniture and other manufacturing	10 807	9 541	10 500	10 313	9 829	10 550
Furniture	1 623	1 255	1 452	1 668	1 644	1 810
Other manufacturing groups	9 184	8 286	9 048	8 645	8 185	8 740
Total	262 786	243 766	268 375	284 925	260 588	282 362

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

Manufacturing division and major group	Dec-24	Jan-25	Feb-25	Mar-25	Apr-25	May-25
Food and beverages	10,0	2,7	-0,1	-2,5	3,5	5,0
Meat, fish, fruit, etc.	15,8	5,7	-0,4	6,4	10,6	5,6
Dairy products	3,4	2,5	-2,4	8,7	1,3	-3,7
Grain mill products	5,9	-2,9	3,0	16,6	4,4	4,6
Other food products	1,7	-1,3	-8,0	-26,3	2,3	12,0
Beverages	12,9	7,1	6,0	-2,3	-4,0	1,6
Textiles, clothing, leather and footwear	4,6	2,9	3,7	10,6	4,5	6,9
Textiles	-16,7	-20,3	2,7	-3,4	0,8	14,6
Other textile products	10,6	18,9	5,8	18,1	8,2	7,3
Knitted, crocheted articles	-5,1	-11,4	8,6	42,9	14,1	2,9
Wearing apparel	10,0	0,4	-1,6	6,9	6,1	6,5
Leather and leather products	1,4	-0,4	2,6	7,2	-9,2	0,0
Footwear	2,7	16,8	17,3	13,9	2,5	4,7
Wood and wood products, paper, publishing and printing	-9,8	9,9	-2,9	-5,2	-10,8	-2,8
Sawmilling and planing of wood	-11,6	-8,4	-4,1	-10,8	-6,0	-7,6
Products of wood	-0,9	5,2	14,6	13,3	-25,4	0,6
Paper and paper products	-19,9	13,8	-8,4	-13,6	-8,0	-1,7
Publishing	31,9	7,3	-5,8	1,6	-4,9	-1,1
Printing, recorded media	9,1	10,7	7,6	12,5	-10,9	-6,8
Petroleum, chemical products, rubber and plastic products	4,9	7,2	-2,5	6,1	-5,6	5,6
Coke, petroleum products and nuclear fuel	-7,0	7,4	-12,4	7,3	-7,4	18,8
Basic chemicals	21,5	9,0	3,3	6,3	-8,5	0,2
Other chemical products	9,1	6,7	8,5	7,1	-0,9	-1,3
Rubber products	17,7	1,6	-0,8	6,6	-8,2	-3,5
Plastic products	15,4	6,6	-3,4	0,4	-4,5	-5,6
Glass and non-metallic mineral products	-0,8	-2,7	-4,8	11,9	1,5	10,5
Glass and glass products	-15,4	-0,1	1,7	21,0	-1,9	6,7
Non-metallic mineral products	4,5	-3,4	-6,3	9,9	2,3	11,3
Basic iron and steel, non-ferrous metal products, metal products and machinery	-6,1	-4,1	-7,2	-5,1	-14,2	-11,0
Basic iron and steel products	-41,8	-11,6	-24,6	-32,7	-27,2	-26,2
Non-ferrous metal products	18,9	-12,5	-3,8	8,2	-10,3	-17,8
Structural metal products	3,6	3,9	-3,6	10,2	3,3	10,2
Other fabricated metal products	5,6	4,6	-6,1	6,5	-11,4	-2,7
General purpose machinery	24,5	11,8	7,9	-0,4	-10,2	1,0
Special purpose machinery	-32,2	4,3	-2,1	-10,0	-20,7	-0,4
Household appliances	6,9	16,3	9,7	7,2	-2,4	2,2
Electrical machinery	-7,6	-5,3	-8,3	-13,9	-16,5	-8,0
Radio, television and communication apparatus and professional equipment	2,3	-3,1	4,1	1,8	-5,8	0,7
Radio, television and communication apparatus	2,5	0,2	2,2	3,7	5,4	3,5
Professional equipment	2,1	-5,8	5,6	0,3	-14,4	-2,2
Motor vehicles, parts and accessories and other transport equipment	-16,5	-23,9	-12,2	1,4	-21,7	-10,5
Motor vehicles	-2,6	-20,1	-4,0	7,8	-25,2	-12,6
Bodies for motor vehicles, trailers and semi-trailers	-18,2	-24,3	-13,4	3,6	-19,8	-22,4
Parts and accessories	-50,9	-38,0	-32,8	-13,1	-12,9	-4,5
Other transport equipment	-14,0	-0,2	-4,1	-2,9	-14,6	-6,6
Furniture and other manufacturing	8,2	24,8	9,0	11,6	-1,6	12,8
Furniture	2,5	-0,9	2,0	15,4	5,2	12,6
Other manufacturing groups	9,3	29,9	10,2	10,8	-2,9	12,9
Total	-0,2	-1,6	-4,3	0,0	-8,3	-1,3

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

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

Manufacturing division and major group	Jan-25	Feb-25	Mar-25	Apr-25	May-25	Month-on-month % change
Food and beverages	68 771	69 887	71 151	69 269	72 744	5,0
Meat, fish, fruit, etc.	20 907	21 136	20 956	21 873	21 692	-0,8
Dairy products	6 159	6 238	6 472	6 154	6 006	-2,4
Grain mill products	11 395	11 678	12 314	11 991	11 825	-1,4
Other food products	13 443	13 616	14 710	12 991	15 693	20,8
Beverages	16 867	17 218	16 699	16 260	17 527	7,8
Textiles, clothing, leather and footwear	6 692	6 604	6 785	6 851	6 785	-1,0
Textiles	789	883	840	894	891	-0,3
Other textile products	2 051	2 013	2 228	2 156	2 153	-0,1
Knitted, crocheted articles	225	230	244	247	237	-4,0
Wearing apparel	2 312	2 128	2 146	2 236	2 198	-1,7
Leather and leather products	560	583	550	565	566	0,2
Footwear	754	767	777	753	740	-1,7
Wood and wood products, paper, publishing and printing	19 522	17 918	17 335	17 316	17 539	1,3
Sawmilling and planing of wood	1 347	1 420	1 335	1 442	1 394	-3,3
Products of wood	2 445	2 489	2 607	2 072	2 262	9,2
Paper and paper products	11 002	9 593	8 848	9 308	9 402	1,0
Publishing	1 594	1 386	1 470	1 456	1 533	5,3
Printing, recorded media	3 134	3 030	3 075	3 038	2 948	-3,0
Petroleum, chemical products, rubber and plastic products	60 459	59 289	59 379	58 144	60 582	4,2
Coke, petroleum products and nuclear fuel	22 661	20 631	23 028	21 669	24 427	12,7
Basic chemicals	11 285	11 468	10 612	10 429	10 741	3,0
Other chemical products	16 099	17 101	15 781	15 862	15 523	-2,1
Rubber products	1 953	1 867	1 844	1 921	1 812	-5,7
Plastic products	8 461	8 222	8 114	8 263	8 079	-2,2
Glass and non-metallic mineral products	8 329	8 200	8 434	8 417	8 623	2,4
Glass and glass products	1 601	1 602	1 663	1 561	1 631	4,5
Non-metallic mineral products	6 728	6 598	6 771	6 856	6 992	2,0
Basic iron and steel, non-ferrous metal products, metal products and machinery	57 661	56 571	53 089	55 160	53 640	-2,8
Basic iron and steel products	11 667	10 293	8 825	9 486	9 995	5,4
Non-ferrous metal products	15 576	16 583	15 928	15 908	14 242	-10,5
Structural metal products	4 596	4 503	4 484	4 851	4 750	-2,1
Other fabricated metal products	10 108	9 711	9 826	9 718	9 344	-3,8
General purpose machinery	6 164	6 135	5 790	6 023	5 842	-3,0
Special purpose machinery	8 174	8 015	6 997	7 895	8 183	3,6
Household appliances	1 376	1 331	1 240	1 280	1 285	0,4
Electrical machinery	6 927	6 626	6 398	6 784	6 754	-0,4
Radio, television and communication apparatus and professional equipment	2 460	2 544	2 482	2 559	2 618	2,3
Radio, television and communication apparatus	1 235	1 185	1 233	1 329	1 421	6,9
Professional equipment	1 225	1 359	1 249	1 230	1 197	-2,7
Motor vehicles, parts and accessories and other transport equipment	38 044	42 178	42 913	41 838	41 825	0,0
Motor vehicles	24 751	28 786	28 914	27 067	27 367	1,1
Bodies for motor vehicles, trailers and semi-trailers	1 093	1 177	1 203	1 154	949	-17,8
Parts and accessories	8 395	8 596	9 195	10 051	10 027	-0,2
Other transport equipment	3 805	3 620	3 601	3 567	3 482	-2,4
Furniture and other manufacturing	12 023	10 745	10 322	10 318	10 657	3,3
Furniture	1 682	1 675	1 733	1 782	1 809	1,5
Other manufacturing groups	10 341	9 069	8 589	8 535	8 848	3,7
Total	280 887	280 561	278 288	276 656	281 767	1,8

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 72,9% for May 2025. The revised collection rate for April 2025 was 78,2%.
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
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-24 - 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
Mar-26	Additional information from respondents	Dec-25 - Feb-26
Apr-26	Additional information from respondents	Jan-26 - Mar-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 – May 2025

	Lower limit (R million)	Estimate (R million)	Upper limit (R million)	Relative standard error (RSE) %
Total sales	278 386	282 362	286 338	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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