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Production: results for October 2025

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

	May-25	Jun-25	Jul-25	Aug-25	Sep-25	Oct-25
Year-on-year % change, unadjusted	0,2	1,8	-1,1	-1,6	1,0	0,2
Month-on-month % change, seasonally adjusted	2,4	0,0	-0,8	0,4	0,3	1,0
3-month % change, seasonally adjusted ¹	-0,4	1,4	2,3	1,8	0,4	0,4

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

Manufacturing production increased by 0,2% in October 2025 compared with October 2024. Eight of the ten manufacturing divisions reported positive growth rates over this period. The largest positive contributions were made by the following divisions:

- food and beverages (1,9% and contributing 0,5 of a percentage point); and
- electrical machinery (6,5% and contributing 0,2 of a percentage point).

The two negative contributions were reported for the wood and wood products, paper, publishing and printing division (-6,9% and contributing -0,7 of a percentage point) and the glass and non-metallic mineral products division (-5,8% and contributing -0,2 of a percentage point) – see Table 5 and Table 6.

Seasonally adjusted manufacturing production increased by 1,0% in October 2025 compared with September 2025. This followed month-on-month changes of 0,3% in September 2025 and 0,4% in August 2025 – see Table A.

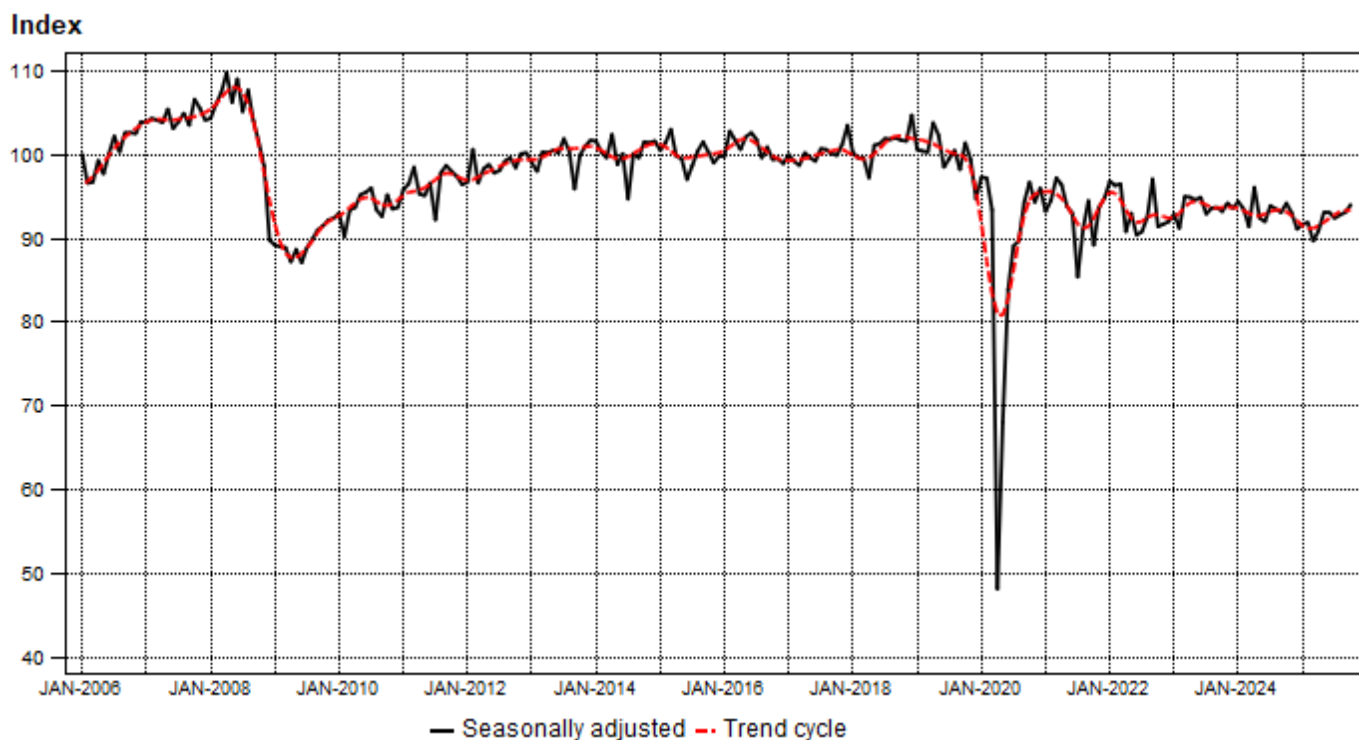
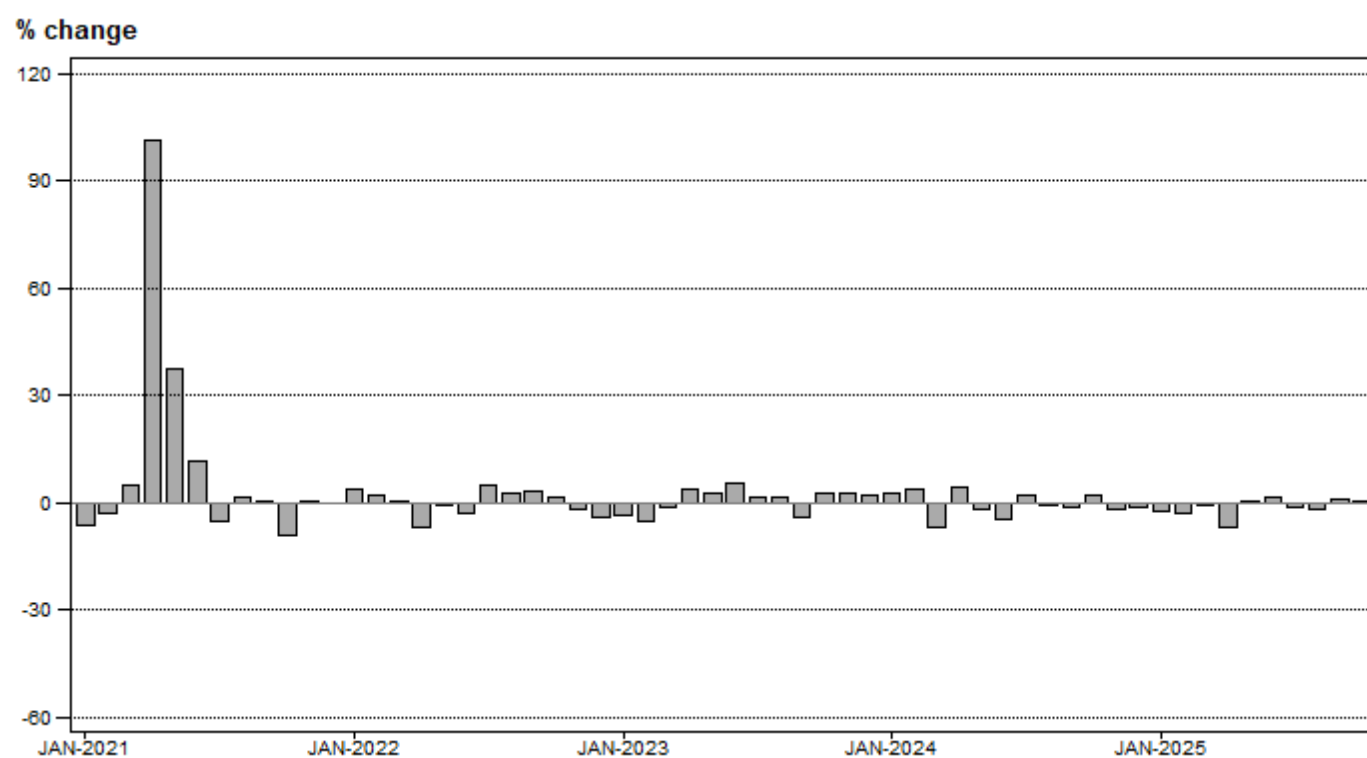
Seasonally adjusted manufacturing production increased by 0,4% in the three months ended October 2025 compared with the previous three months. Six of the ten manufacturing divisions reported positive growth rates over this period. The largest positive contributions were reported for the following divisions:

- petroleum, chemical products, rubber and plastic products (2,1% and contributing 0,4 of a percentage point); and;
- furniture and 'other' manufacturing (9,9% and contributing 0,4 of a percentage point).

The wood and wood products, paper, publishing and printing division was the largest negative contributor (-5,8% 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	May – Jul 2025	Aug – Oct 2025	% change between May – Jul 2025 and Aug – Oct 2025	Contribution (% points) to the total % change
Food and beverages	22,19	105,6	105,4	-0,2	0,0
Meat, fish, fruit, etc.	3,72	106,4	104,2	-2,1	-0,1
Dairy products	1,20	92,4	95,7	3,6	0,0
Grain mill products	1,94	107,4	105,5	-1,8	0,0
Other food products	7,55	95,0	91,3	-3,9	-0,3
Beverages	7,78	116,9	121,3	3,8	0,4
Textiles, clothing, leather and footwear	3,68	89,7	89,4	-0,3	0,0
Textiles	0,85	96,9	94,2	-2,8	0,0
Other textile products	0,55	96,8	97,5	0,7	0,0
Knitted, crocheted articles	0,07	82,7	82,6	-0,1	0,0
Wearing apparel	1,65	84,7	85,5	0,9	0,0
Leather and leather products	0,26	81,3	77,5	-4,7	0,0
Footwear	0,30	92,6	94,3	1,8	0,0
Wood and wood products, paper, publishing and printing	9,98	94,8	89,3	-5,8	-0,6
Sawmilling and planing of wood	0,74	93,2	98,1	5,3	0,0
Products of wood	0,85	111,1	116,7	5,0	0,1
Paper and paper products	5,27	97,9	86,1	-12,1	-0,7
Publishing	1,94	82,3	83,8	1,8	0,0
Printing, recorded media	1,18	90,6	87,2	-3,8	0,0
Petroleum, chemical products, rubber and plastic products	23,91	79,1	80,8	2,1	0,4
Coke, petroleum products and nuclear fuel	11,12	62,0	60,3	-2,7	-0,2
Basic chemicals	3,60	101,6	111,8	10,0	0,4
Other chemical products	6,63	87,8	91,9	4,7	0,3
Rubber products	0,69	82,7	74,8	-9,6	-0,1
Plastic products	1,87	105,3	106,0	0,7	0,0
Glass and non-metallic mineral products	3,11	102,2	100,0	-2,2	-0,1
Glass and glass products	0,61	106,3	107,1	0,8	0,0
Non-metallic mineral products	2,50	101,1	98,3	-2,8	-0,1
Basic iron and steel, non-ferrous metal products, metal products and machinery	21,85	94,2	94,7	0,5	0,1
Basic iron and steel products	3,20	74,3	60,4	-18,7	-0,5
Non-ferrous metal products	4,16	92,5	92,3	-0,2	0,0
Structural metal products	1,98	104,1	111,6	7,2	0,2
Other fabricated metal products	3,72	99,2	101,1	1,9	0,1
General purpose machinery	4,04	104,0	108,7	4,5	0,2
Special purpose machinery	4,01	90,1	92,8	3,0	0,1
Household appliances	0,74	108,0	111,9	3,6	0,0
Electrical machinery	2,15	106,1	108,7	2,5	0,1
Radio, television and communication apparatus and professional equipment	1,00	97,1	99,5	2,5	0,0
Radio, television and communication apparatus	0,19	108,4	97,1	-10,4	0,0
Professional equipment	0,81	94,5	100,1	5,9	0,0
Motor vehicles, parts and accessories and other transport equipment	7,84	91,2	93,3	2,3	0,2
Motor vehicles	2,33	96,7	102,3	5,8	0,1
Bodies for motor vehicles, trailers and semi-trailers	0,65	89,6	93,6	4,5	0,0
Parts and accessories	3,95	88,1	88,7	0,7	0,0
Other transport equipment	0,91	91,7	89,5	-2,4	0,0
Furniture and other manufacturing	4,29	83,7	92,0	9,9	0,4
Furniture	0,84	98,6	98,4	-0,2	0,0
Other manufacturing groups	3,45	80,0	90,5	13,1	0,4
Total	100	92,9	93,3	0,4	0,4

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 October 2025

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

	May-25	Jun-25	Jul-25	Aug-25	Sep-25	Oct-25
Year-on-year % change, unadjusted	-1,3	2,4	-0,5	1,2	5,1	0,5
Month-on-month % change, seasonally adjusted	1,9	1,9	-0,4	0,7	0,4	-0,8
3-month % change, seasonally adjusted ¹	-0,7	0,7	2,4	2,9	2,0	1,0

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

Seasonally adjusted manufacturing sales decreased by 0,8% in October 2025 compared with September 2025. This followed month-on-month changes of 0,4% in September 2025 and 0,7% in August 2025 – see Table C.

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

Manufacturing division	May – Jul 2025 (R million)	Aug – Oct 2025 (R million)	% change between May – Jul 2025 and Aug – Oct 2025	Contribution (% points) to the total % change
Food and beverages	229 849	227 137	-1,2	-0,3
Textiles, clothing, leather and footwear	20 255	20 125	-0,6	0,0
Wood and wood products, paper, publishing and printing	55 231	53 691	-2,8	-0,2
Petroleum, chemical products, rubber and plastic products	186 714	187 067	0,2	0,0
Glass and non-metallic mineral products	25 018	25 147	0,5	0,0
Basic iron and steel, non-ferrous metal products, metal products and machinery	166 625	175 539	5,3	1,0
Electrical machinery	19 961	20 279	1,6	0,0
Radio, television and communication apparatus and professional equipment	7 471	7 316	-2,1	0,0
Motor vehicles, parts and accessories and other transport equipment	133 443	134 577	0,8	0,1
Furniture and other manufacturing	32 540	35 201	8,2	0,3
Total	877 110	886 078	1,0	1,0

Seasonally adjusted manufacturing sales increased by 1,0% in the three months ended October 2025 compared with the previous three months. The largest positive contributions were made by the basic iron and steel, non-ferrous metal products, metal products and machinery division (5,3% and contributing 1,0 percentage point) and the furniture and 'other' manufacturing division (8,2% and contributing 0,3 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	83,1	80,1	82,3	80,1
Feb	94,9	92,4	89,5	91,3	86,4	89,7	87,0
Mar	101,2	94,5	99,2	99,5	98,1	91,4	90,7
Apr	95,8	45,3	91,2	85,0	88,2	91,9	85,7
May	102,0	67,2	92,3	91,7	94,0	92,1	92,3
Jun	97,8	84,1	93,8	91,0	96,0	91,4	93,0
Jul	101,8	91,4	86,8	90,8	92,4	94,5	93,5
Aug	105,2	92,9	94,5	96,8	98,1	97,2	95,6
Sep	102,6	99,4	100,0	103,1	98,8	97,5	98,5
Oct	112,7	106,8	97,3	98,7	101,2	103,3	103,5
Nov	111,0	104,7	104,9	102,9	105,7	104,0	
Dec	86,8	87,6	87,6	83,8	85,6	84,7	
Total	100,0	87,7	93,1	93,1	93,7	93,3	

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	3,5	-3,6	2,7	-2,7	-2,7
Feb	-2,6	-3,1	2,0	-5,4	3,8	-3,0	-2,8
Mar	-6,6	5,0	0,3	-1,4	-6,8	-0,8	-2,2
Apr	-52,7	101,3	-6,8	3,8	4,2	-6,7	-3,3
May	-34,1	37,4	-0,7	2,5	-2,0	0,2	-2,6
Jun	-14,0	11,5	-3,0	5,5	-4,8	1,8	-1,9
Jul	-10,2	-5,0	4,6	1,8	2,3	-1,1	-1,8
Aug	-11,7	1,7	2,4	1,3	-0,9	-1,6	-1,8
Sep	-3,1	0,6	3,1	-4,2	-1,3	1,0	-1,4
Oct	-5,2	-8,9	1,4	2,5	2,1	0,2	-1,2
Nov	-5,7	0,2	-1,9	2,7	-1,6		
Dec	0,9	0,0	-4,3	2,1	-1,1		
Total	-12,3	6,2	0,0	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	96,8	92,9	94,4	91,7	2,1	1,0	0,9	0,7
Feb	96,3	91,2	93,5	91,9	-0,5	-1,8	-1,0	0,2
Mar	96,5	95,0	91,4	89,7	0,2	4,2	-2,2	-2,4
Apr	90,8	94,9	96,1	90,9	-5,9	-0,1	5,1	1,3
May	93,0	94,6	92,4	93,1	2,4	-0,3	-3,9	2,4
Jun	90,4	94,9	92,0	93,1	-2,8	0,3	-0,4	0,0
Jul	90,8	92,9	93,9	92,4	0,4	-2,1	2,1	-0,8
Aug	92,5	93,6	93,5	92,8	1,9	0,8	-0,4	0,4
Sep	97,1	93,7	93,1	93,1	5,0	0,1	-0,4	0,3
Oct	91,4	93,2	94,2	94,0	-5,9	-0,5	1,2	1,0
Nov	91,7	94,2	93,0		0,3	1,1	-1,3	
Dec	92,0	93,6	91,1		0,3	-0,6	-2,0	

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

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

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	May-25	Jun-25	Jul-25	Aug-25	Sep-25	Oct-25
Food and beverages	-0,3	4,7	2,8	-2,3	4,2	1,9
Meat, fish, fruit, etc.	-4,0	-0,8	5,2	-1,1	-10,8	-3,8
Dairy products	-6,2	-7,2	-9,4	-3,6	-7,0	2,1
Grain mill products	7,1	5,5	7,0	6,8	1,6	6,9
Other food products	3,6	14,3	6,7	-4,0	15,0	2,3
Beverages	-2,5	0,4	-1,4	-3,2	5,7	2,9
Textiles, clothing, leather and footwear	2,1	2,6	-2,4	3,0	3,4	2,2
Textiles	7,3	9,3	3,5	1,9	1,8	-2,7
Other textile products	0,9	5,0	4,0	10,8	1,5	9,5
Knitted, crocheted articles	-5,2	-5,4	1,4	-2,2	-3,7	-4,4
Wearing apparel	2,1	-1,3	-7,5	3,0	8,6	3,5
Leather and leather products	-3,7	4,7	-5,7	-3,8	-6,0	-0,2
Footwear	-4,4	-1,6	0,4	-1,5	-3,0	-0,4
Wood and wood products, paper, publishing and printing	2,1	0,4	-1,1	-6,4	-5,3	-6,9
Sawmilling and planing of wood	-2,4	-6,7	-9,9	-6,9	2,9	9,3
Products of wood	0,2	-3,2	-10,6	1,8	9,0	2,0
Paper and paper products	7,3	3,5	2,9	-5,6	-9,4	-16,0
Publishing	-3,5	5,4	3,8	-7,3	-3,6	13,4
Printing, recorded media	-8,3	-11,4	-9,7	-13,7	-6,6	-13,3
Petroleum, chemical products, rubber and plastic products	-1,4	1,8	-3,4	2,0	0,4	0,3
Coke, petroleum products and nuclear fuel	9,5	2,3	-7,1	6,5	-4,7	-5,6
Basic chemicals	-10,5	8,0	-2,1	9,6	10,3	11,8
Other chemical products	-3,9	-2,8	-2,6	-4,1	0,6	1,5
Rubber products	-15,3	-12,3	10,3	1,5	-23,4	-16,0
Plastic products	-6,7	7,0	-1,2	-7,3	6,8	0,6
Glass and non-metallic mineral products	3,6	2,9	2,4	0,1	0,6	-5,8
Glass and glass products	9,9	-7,7	1,3	13,2	1,8	2,0
Non-metallic mineral products	2,2	5,8	2,7	-2,9	0,3	-7,7
Basic iron and steel, non-ferrous metal products, metal products and machinery	3,2	1,6	-3,0	-5,3	-1,4	0,5
Basic iron and steel products	11,6	-16,5	-20,5	-38,3	-35,6	-23,1
Non-ferrous metal products	3,9	8,8	-7,8	-2,4	5,4	-0,4
Structural metal products	10,7	-2,1	-6,5	10,4	35,0	0,8
Other fabricated metal products	1,6	5,2	2,8	0,8	-2,7	3,6
General purpose machinery	1,7	11,0	-0,2	3,2	7,6	4,9
Special purpose machinery	-2,7	-3,5	4,1	-7,6	-7,5	4,6
Household appliances	-1,8	-2,0	15,5	-1,1	-4,9	17,8
Electrical machinery	-3,5	-3,5	-0,3	4,4	-7,3	6,5
Radio, television and communication apparatus and professional equipment	2,6	0,1	-3,6	0,7	4,7	3,4
Radio, television and communication apparatus	19,4	13,2	-2,4	12,0	2,1	-2,1
Professional equipment	-1,0	-3,0	-3,9	-1,6	5,3	4,9
Motor vehicles, parts and accessories and other transport equipment	-6,0	0,9	-1,3	4,4	7,6	1,6
Motor vehicles	-15,6	8,8	-0,5	13,1	33,1	17,0
Bodies for motor vehicles, trailers and semi-trailers	-5,9	2,5	0,8	4,8	11,2	-12,7
Parts and accessories	0,9	-4,6	-3,3	-0,7	-4,3	-6,5
Other transport equipment	-6,7	3,4	3,6	2,9	-2,4	6,5
Furniture and other manufacturing	1,4	-7,9	-1,8	-1,8	5,0	0,8
Furniture	6,1	1,5	4,5	5,6	-1,3	10,3
Other manufacturing groups	0,0	-10,4	-3,4	-3,6	6,8	-1,5
Total	0,2	1,8	-1,1	-1,6	1,0	0,2

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	May-25	Jun-25	Jul-25	Aug-25	Sep-25	Oct-25
Food and beverages	22,19	-0,1	1,1	0,7	-0,5	1,0	0,5
Meat, fish, fruit, etc.	3,72	-0,2	0,0	0,2	0,0	-0,5	-0,2
Dairy products	1,20	-0,1	-0,1	-0,1	0,0	-0,1	0,0
Grain mill products	1,94	0,2	0,1	0,1	0,1	0,0	0,1
Other food products	7,55	0,3	1,1	0,5	-0,3	1,0	0,2
Beverages	7,78	-0,2	0,0	-0,1	-0,3	0,6	0,3
Textiles, clothing, leather and footwear	3,68	0,1	0,1	-0,1	0,1	0,1	0,1
Textiles	0,85	0,1	0,1	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0
Other textile products	0,55	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,1	0,0	0,1
Knitted, crocheted articles	0,07	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0
Wearing apparel	1,65	0,0	0,0	-0,1	0,0	0,1	0,1
Leather and leather products	0,26	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0
Footwear	0,30	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0
Wood and wood products, paper, publishing and printing	9,98	0,2	0,0	-0,1	-0,7	-0,6	-0,7
Sawmilling and planing of wood	0,74	0,0	-0,1	-0,1	-0,1	0,0	0,1
Products of wood	0,85	0,0	0,0	-0,1	0,0	0,1	0,0
Paper and paper products	5,27	0,4	0,2	0,1	-0,3	-0,5	-0,8
Publishing	1,94	-0,1	0,1	0,1	-0,2	-0,1	0,2
Printing, recorded media	1,18	-0,1	-0,1	-0,1	-0,2	-0,1	-0,2
Petroleum, chemical products, rubber and plastic products	23,91	-0,3	0,4	-0,7	0,4	0,1	0,1
Coke, petroleum products and nuclear fuel	11,12	0,7	0,2	-0,5	0,4	-0,3	-0,4
Basic chemicals	3,60	-0,4	0,3	-0,1	0,4	0,4	0,5
Other chemical products	6,63	-0,3	-0,2	-0,2	-0,3	0,0	0,1
Rubber products	0,69	-0,1	-0,1	0,1	0,0	-0,1	-0,1
Plastic products	1,87	-0,1	0,1	0,0	-0,2	0,1	0,0
Glass and non-metallic mineral products	3,11	0,1	0,1	0,1	0,0	0,0	-0,2
Glass and glass products	0,61	0,1	-0,1	0,0	0,1	0,0	0,0
Non-metallic mineral products	2,50	0,1	0,1	0,1	-0,1	0,0	-0,2
Basic iron and steel, non-ferrous metal products, metal products and machinery	21,85	0,7	0,4	-0,7	-1,2	-0,3	0,1
Basic iron and steel products	3,20	0,3	-0,5	-0,6	-1,2	-1,1	-0,6
Non-ferrous metal products	4,16	0,2	0,3	-0,3	-0,1	0,2	0,0
Structural metal products	1,98	0,2	0,0	-0,1	0,2	0,7	0,0
Other fabricated metal products	3,72	0,1	0,2	0,1	0,0	-0,1	0,2
General purpose machinery	4,04	0,1	0,5	0,0	0,1	0,3	0,2
Special purpose machinery	4,01	-0,1	-0,1	0,2	-0,3	-0,3	0,2
Household appliances	0,74	0,0	0,0	0,1	0,0	0,0	0,1
Electrical machinery	2,15	-0,1	-0,1	0,0	0,1	-0,2	0,2
Radio, television and communication apparatus and professional equipment	1,00	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0
Radio, television and communication apparatus	0,19	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0
Professional equipment	0,81	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0
Motor vehicles, parts and accessories and other transport equipment	7,84	-0,5	0,1	-0,1	0,3	0,5	0,1
Motor vehicles	2,33	-0,4	0,2	0,0	0,3	0,6	0,4
Bodies for motor vehicles, trailers and semi-trailers	0,65	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,1	-0,1
Parts and accessories	3,95	0,0	-0,2	-0,1	0,0	-0,2	-0,2
Other transport equipment	0,91	-0,1	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,1
Furniture and other manufacturing	4,29	0,1	-0,3	-0,1	-0,1	0,2	0,0
Furniture	0,84	0,1	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,1
Other manufacturing groups	3,45	0,0	-0,3	-0,1	-0,1	0,2	-0,1
Total	100	0,2	1,8	-1,1	-1,6	1,0	0,2

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	Jun-25	Jul-25	Aug-25	Sep-25	Oct-25	Month-on-month % change
Food and beverages	22,19	105,8	105,8	105,5	105,1	105,7	0,6
Meat, fish, fruit, etc.	3,72	105,8	106,0	110,5	97,7	104,5	7,0
Dairy products	1,20	91,8	91,5	95,9	95,6	95,5	-0,1
Grain mill products	1,94	106,0	108,1	108,0	100,6	108,0	7,4
Other food products	7,55	95,2	95,2	90,4	95,0	88,4	-6,9
Beverages	7,78	118,1	117,5	118,6	121,1	124,1	2,5
Textiles, clothing, leather and footwear	3,68	89,9	89,5	90,2	89,4	88,5	-1,0
Textiles	0,85	97,7	96,0	93,5	95,4	93,7	-1,8
Other textile products	0,55	94,9	98,8	101,7	93,8	96,9	3,3
Knitted, crocheted articles	0,07	82,2	86,8	83,3	81,8	82,7	1,1
Wearing apparel	1,65	85,2	83,9	86,4	86,8	83,3	-4,0
Leather and leather products	0,26	82,9	80,9	78,1	74,6	79,9	7,1
Footwear	0,30	91,8	93,6	93,3	93,7	95,8	2,2
Wood and wood products, paper, publishing and printing	9,98	94,5	93,0	90,4	89,0	88,5	-0,6
Sawmilling and planing of wood	0,74	92,6	90,8	93,3	98,3	102,8	4,6
Products of wood	0,85	113,7	104,7	116,7	116,7	116,7	0,0
Paper and paper products	5,27	97,4	95,4	89,4	85,6	83,4	-2,6
Publishing	1,94	81,4	84,7	82,4	83,3	85,8	3,0
Printing, recorded media	1,18	90,4	89,2	87,7	87,8	86,2	-1,8
Petroleum, chemical products, rubber and plastic products	23,91	81,5	76,4	81,4	80,1	81,0	1,1
Coke, petroleum products and nuclear fuel	11,12	64,2	54,5	62,8	60,4	57,7	-4,5
Basic chemicals	3,60	109,9	102,2	111,0	107,0	117,4	9,7
Other chemical products	6,63	88,4	88,8	90,8	91,4	93,4	2,2
Rubber products	0,69	75,6	95,8	81,9	68,3	74,3	8,8
Plastic products	1,87	107,7	105,7	101,1	109,0	107,9	-1,0
Glass and non-metallic mineral products	3,11	100,7	102,1	100,9	100,8	98,3	-2,5
Glass and glass products	0,61	104,7	106,7	110,9	104,0	106,5	2,4
Non-metallic mineral products	2,50	99,7	100,9	98,5	100,1	96,4	-3,7
Basic iron and steel, non-ferrous metal products, metal products and machinery	21,85	92,9	95,0	91,3	95,2	97,5	2,4
Basic iron and steel products	3,20	71,6	70,2	57,4	60,8	63,1	3,8
Non-ferrous metal products	4,16	94,3	90,2	90,6	95,8	90,4	-5,6
Structural metal products	1,98	95,4	103,1	106,3	121,8	106,6	-12,5
Other fabricated metal products	3,72	98,3	100,6	98,9	99,1	105,2	6,2
General purpose machinery	4,04	105,3	108,1	105,8	108,9	111,4	2,3
Special purpose machinery	4,01	87,8	92,6	87,4	90,0	101,0	12,2
Household appliances	0,74	102,8	120,6	105,9	102,2	127,6	24,9
Electrical machinery	2,15	104,0	108,7	109,3	102,0	114,8	12,5
Radio, television and communication apparatus and professional equipment	1,00	97,4	92,6	98,7	100,1	99,8	-0,3
Radio, television and communication apparatus	0,19	108,3	99,4	100,8	94,9	95,5	0,6
Professional equipment	0,81	94,9	91,1	98,2	101,3	100,8	-0,5
Motor vehicles, parts and accessories and other transport equipment	7,84	92,5	92,1	93,7	92,9	93,2	0,3
Motor vehicles	2,33	102,8	97,3	101,1	101,8	104,1	2,3
Bodies for motor vehicles, trailers and semi-trailers	0,65	84,3	96,5	92,4	95,4	93,1	-2,4
Parts and accessories	3,95	87,6	88,0	90,3	89,0	86,8	-2,5
Other transport equipment	0,91	93,8	93,0	91,0	84,9	92,7	9,2
Furniture and other manufacturing	4,29	80,5	86,5	88,9	94,6	92,6	-2,1
Furniture	0,84	96,9	99,3	99,3	96,9	99,0	2,2
Other manufacturing groups	3,45	76,6	83,3	86,4	94,0	91,1	-3,1
Total	100	93,1	92,4	92,8	93,1	94,0	1,0

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

Month	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Jan	190 002	188 904	187 321	211 089	231 718	253 650	249 626
Feb	204 724	210 330	215 111	238 381	259 006	286 861	274 778
Mar	223 429	210 477	248 468	269 658	302 213	291 315	291 434
Apr	212 298	104 263	225 547	232 822	263 028	290 216	267 085
May	222 771	153 176	231 852	258 900	280 985	292 763	289 049
Jun	222 806	185 789	238 443	260 671	283 175	288 974	295 978
Jul	226 993	200 480	206 482	255 030	277 945	297 763	296 413
Aug	236 382	206 571	228 601	266 928	296 255	295 260	298 700
Sep	227 590	221 995	240 283	283 884	300 624	294 593	309 604
Oct	247 804	243 349	238 083	275 181	308 749	321 680	323 319
Nov	245 147	247 095	266 853	297 743	326 392	318 576	
Dec	195 953	204 564	224 354	245 372	269 248	269 381	
Total	2 655 899	2 376 993	2 751 398	3 095 659	3 399 338	3 501 032	

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	-0,6	-0,8	12,7	9,8	9,5	-1,6	-1,6
Feb	2,7	2,3	10,8	8,7	10,8	-4,2	-3,0
Mar	-5,8	18,0	8,5	12,1	-3,6	0,0	-1,9
Apr	-50,9	116,3	3,2	13,0	10,3	-8,0	-3,5
May	-31,2	51,4	11,7	8,5	4,2	-1,3	-3,0
Jun	-16,6	28,3	9,3	8,6	2,0	2,4	-2,1
Jul	-11,7	3,0	23,5	9,0	7,1	-0,5	-1,9
Aug	-12,6	10,7	16,8	11,0	-0,3	1,2	-1,5
Sep	-2,5	8,2	18,1	5,9	-2,0	5,1	-0,7
Oct	-1,8	-2,2	15,6	12,2	4,2	0,5	-0,6
Nov	0,8	8,0	11,6	9,6	-2,4		
Dec	4,4	9,7	9,4	9,7	0,0		
Total	-10,5	15,8	12,5	9,8	3,0		

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	249 139	270 064	292 891	287 989	4,0	1,0	-0,7	-0,1
Feb	250 934	271 596	295 409	287 722	0,7	0,6	0,9	-0,1
Mar	257 725	287 192	288 938	285 493	2,7	5,7	-2,2	-0,8
Apr	248 155	285 482	301 215	283 691	-3,7	-0,6	4,2	-0,6
May	258 671	279 093	290 627	289 135	4,2	-2,2	-3,5	1,9
Jun	256 007	275 740	290 183	294 629	-1,0	-1,2	-0,2	1,9
Jul	256 460	280 573	295 136	293 346	0,2	1,8	1,7	-0,4
Aug	259 829	288 351	288 427	295 297	1,3	2,8	-2,3	0,7
Sep	270 989	290 058	286 377	296 577	4,3	0,6	-0,7	0,4
Oct	256 779	285 031	294 550	294 204	-5,2	-1,7	2,9	-0,8
Nov	265 298	292 245	284 970		3,3	2,5	-3,3	
Dec	267 292	295 092	288 361		0,8	1,0	1,2	

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

Manufacturing division and major group	May-25	Jun-25	Jul-25	Aug-25	Sep-25	Oct-25
Food and beverages	74 732	74 149	75 278	75 691	79 638	80 424
Meat, fish, fruit, etc.	22 406	21 975	23 122	22 295	22 499	23 179
Dairy products	5 648	5 287	5 757	5 902	6 239	6 860
Grain mill products	13 167	12 692	13 043	12 508	12 107	12 932
Other food products	16 663	16 939	17 545	16 822	17 037	16 596
Beverages	16 847	17 257	15 811	18 164	21 755	20 857
Textiles, clothing, leather and footwear	6 690	6 506	7 182	7 094	6 900	8 012
Textiles	906	816	983	790	833	965
Other textile products	2 020	1 850	2 003	2 158	2 024	2 527
Knitted, crocheted articles	223	228	269	291	281	292
Wearing apparel	2 276	2 225	2 414	2 396	2 398	2 689
Leather and leather products	571	691	687	565	546	658
Footwear	693	698	826	893	818	881
Wood and wood products, paper, publishing and printing	17 123	19 234	17 772	18 925	20 080	19 122
Sawmilling and planing of wood	1 195	1 168	1 249	1 290	1 409	1 474
Products of wood	2 403	2 304	2 293	2 573	2 881	2 866
Paper and paper products	9 694	11 682	9 889	9 969	10 870	9 638
Publishing	1 159	1 320	1 472	1 883	1 724	1 898
Printing, recorded media	2 672	2 760	2 869	3 211	3 196	3 246
Petroleum, chemical products, rubber and plastic products	61 667	63 100	62 909	64 090	66 211	67 311
Coke, petroleum products and nuclear fuel	23 867	23 209	23 144	23 106	22 365	20 890
Basic chemicals	10 448	10 767	10 850	12 138	12 419	13 078
Other chemical products	17 622	19 095	18 402	18 863	20 636	21 054
Rubber products	1 762	1 908	1 908	1 864	1 867	2 127
Plastic products	7 967	8 122	8 604	8 120	8 924	10 162
Glass and non-metallic mineral products	8 695	8 012	8 754	9 006	9 193	9 307
Glass and glass products	1 545	1 521	1 627	1 935	1 829	2 013
Non-metallic mineral products	7 150	6 491	7 126	7 072	7 365	7 294
Basic iron and steel, non-ferrous metal products, metal products and machinery	58 261	58 127	56 504	58 348	59 295	65 209
Basic iron and steel products	11 026	10 908	9 292	9 744	9 007	8 564
Non-ferrous metal products	17 319	17 075	16 668	17 515	17 594	21 177
Structural metal products	5 035	4 193	4 487	4 870	5 782	5 331
Other fabricated metal products	10 194	10 273	10 882	10 941	10 845	12 300
General purpose machinery	5 830	6 895	6 685	6 667	7 049	7 017
Special purpose machinery	7 683	7 529	7 072	7 414	7 820	9 351
Household appliances	1 175	1 253	1 419	1 197	1 197	1 469
Electrical machinery	6 997	6 971	7 027	6 937	6 957	7 804
Radio, television and communication apparatus and professional equipment	2 536	2 647	2 089	2 456	2 599	2 732
Radio, television and communication apparatus	1 327	1 423	1 056	1 249	1 350	1 424
Professional equipment	1 209	1 224	1 033	1 207	1 249	1 308
Motor vehicles, parts and accessories and other transport equipment	41 611	46 972	47 734	45 098	45 866	50 204
Motor vehicles	27 348	32 112	31 887	29 259	30 560	33 329
Bodies for motor vehicles, trailers and semi-trailers	1 051	1 103	1 372	1 195	1 263	1 261
Parts and accessories	10 603	10 724	11 549	11 941	11 244	12 332
Other transport equipment	2 608	3 034	2 926	2 703	2 800	3 283
Furniture and other manufacturing	10 738	10 259	11 165	11 054	12 865	13 194
Furniture	1 755	1 885	1 859	1 877	2 073	2 239
Other manufacturing groups	8 982	8 374	9 306	9 176	10 792	10 955
Total	289 049	295 978	296 413	298 700	309 604	323 319

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

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

Table 13 – Contribution of each division and major group to the year-on-year percentage change in manufacturing sales at current prices (percentage points)

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

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

Manufacturing division and major group	Jun-25	Jul-25	Aug-25	Sep-25	Oct-25	Month-on-month % change
Food and beverages	77 451	76 327	76 256	75 815	75 066	-1,0
Meat, fish, fruit, etc.	22 384	22 780	22 481	21 697	21 762	0,3
Dairy products	5 755	5 924	6 050	6 014	6 072	1,0
Grain mill products	12 493	12 508	12 654	11 932	12 316	3,2
Other food products	17 141	16 794	15 363	16 835	15 608	-7,3
Beverages	19 679	18 321	19 706	19 337	19 308	-0,1
Textiles, clothing, leather and footwear	6 714	6 897	6 821	6 630	6 674	0,7
Textiles	816	982	784	791	810	2,4
Other textile products	1 951	2 027	2 152	1 943	2 009	3,4
Knitted, crocheted articles	236	248	244	241	247	2,5
Wearing apparel	2 299	2 298	2 300	2 352	2 285	-2,8
Leather and leather products	679	600	588	559	575	2,9
Footwear	733	742	753	743	748	0,7
Wood and wood products, paper, publishing and printing	18 621	18 390	17 966	17 972	17 753	-1,2
Sawmilling and planing of wood	1 172	1 165	1 193	1 262	1 331	5,5
Products of wood	2 298	2 249	2 448	2 575	2 475	-3,9
Paper and paper products	10 784	10 570	9 995	9 738	9 506	-2,4
Publishing	1 472	1 503	1 435	1 454	1 552	6,7
Printing, recorded media	2 896	2 903	2 894	2 943	2 889	-1,8
Petroleum, chemical products, rubber and plastic products	62 325	62 834	62 801	63 483	60 783	-4,3
Coke, petroleum products and nuclear fuel	22 448	23 703	22 436	22 645	19 840	-12,4
Basic chemicals	11 008	10 859	11 838	11 713	11 520	-1,6
Other chemical products	18 619	18 190	18 695	18 999	19 218	1,2
Rubber products	1 867	1 811	1 812	1 863	1 954	4,9
Plastic products	8 384	8 271	8 021	8 263	8 251	-0,1
Glass and non-metallic mineral products	8 274	8 281	8 583	8 513	8 051	-5,4
Glass and glass products	1 620	1 703	1 808	1 728	1 700	-1,6
Non-metallic mineral products	6 654	6 578	6 775	6 785	6 351	-6,4
Basic iron and steel, non-ferrous metal products, metal products and machinery	55 652	55 675	57 960	57 648	59 931	4,0
Basic iron and steel products	9 703	9 174	9 456	9 149	8 537	-6,7
Non-ferrous metal products	17 082	17 246	18 753	18 093	19 767	9,3
Structural metal products	4 175	4 579	4 661	5 535	4 841	-12,5
Other fabricated metal products	10 095	10 125	10 514	10 312	10 691	3,7
General purpose machinery	6 264	6 248	6 126	6 334	6 500	2,6
Special purpose machinery	7 125	6 979	7 270	7 102	8 243	16,1
Household appliances	1 210	1 323	1 180	1 123	1 352	20,4
Electrical machinery	6 762	6 671	6 714	6 596	6 969	5,7
Radio, television and communication apparatus and professional equipment	2 533	2 373	2 471	2 470	2 375	-3,8
Radio, television and communication apparatus	1 351	1 219	1 262	1 245	1 170	-6,0
Professional equipment	1 182	1 154	1 209	1 225	1 205	-1,6
Motor vehicles, parts and accessories and other transport equipment	45 656	44 892	44 701	45 167	44 709	-1,0
Motor vehicles	30 691	29 435	29 296	29 929	29 129	-2,7
Bodies for motor vehicles, trailers and semi-trailers	1 039	1 270	1 135	1 172	1 121	-4,4
Parts and accessories	10 850	11 113	11 259	11 268	11 388	1,1
Other transport equipment	3 076	3 075	3 011	2 799	3 071	9,7
Furniture and other manufacturing	10 640	11 005	11 025	12 283	11 893	-3,2
Furniture	1 841	1 854	1 808	1 845	1 921	4,1
Other manufacturing groups	8 799	9 151	9 217	10 438	9 972	-4,5
Total	294 629	293 346	295 297	296 577	294 204	-0,8

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 70,2% for October 2025. The revised collection rate for September 2025 was 73,8%.
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
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
May-26	Additional information from respondents	Feb-26 - Apr-26
Jun-26	Additional information from respondents	Mar-26 - May-26
Jul-26	Additional information from respondents New sample	Jan-98 - Jun-26
Aug-26	Additional information from respondents	May-26 - Jul-26
Sep-26	Additional information from respondents	Jun-26 - Aug-26
New base year in 2027/28 - periodic, approximately four- to five-year intervals		

Related publications

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

Rounding-off of figures

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

Historical data

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

Past publications

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

Technical notes**Survey methodology and design**

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

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

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

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

Class limits

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

Measure of size classes (Rand)

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

Sample weighting

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

Index of the volume of manufacturing production

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

Calculation of production index

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

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

Index weighting

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

Period	Source
1998 to 2000	1996 Census of manufacturing
2001 to 2004	2001 LSS
2005 to 2009	2005 LSS
2010 to 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			
	2019 (based on value added for 2017 – 2019)	2020 (based on value added for 2018 – 2020)	2021 (based on value added for 2019 – 2021)	2022 – 2025 (based on value added for 2022)
Food and beverages	20,75	21,44	22,07	22,19
Meat, fish, fruit, etc.	3,27	3,42	3,53	3,72
Dairy products	1,39	1,47	1,48	1,20
Grain mill products	1,68	1,85	2,01	1,94
Other food products	7,75	7,81	7,61	7,55
Beverages	6,66	6,89	7,44	7,78
Textiles, clothing, leather and footwear	4,26	4,07	3,89	3,68
Textiles	1,08	1,04	0,96	0,85
Other textile products	0,61	0,58	0,55	0,55
Knitted, crocheted articles	0,06	0,06	0,06	0,07
Wearing apparel	1,98	1,88	1,83	1,65
Leather and leather products	0,27	0,26	0,24	0,26
Footwear	0,25	0,25	0,25	0,30
Wood and wood products, paper, publishing and printing	10,63	10,48	10,29	9,98
Sawmilling and planing of wood	0,87	0,86	0,83	0,74
Products of wood	0,88	0,90	0,93	0,85
Paper and paper products	5,34	5,26	5,18	5,27
Publishing	2,18	2,10	2,02	1,94
Printing, recorded media	1,35	1,36	1,33	1,18
Petroleum, chemical products, rubber and plastic products	24,95	24,86	24,38	23,91
Coke, petroleum products and nuclear fuel	11,85	11,92	11,63	11,12
Basic chemicals	3,50	3,39	3,35	3,60
Other chemical products	6,64	6,82	6,81	6,63
Rubber products	0,76	0,68	0,65	0,69
Plastic products	2,20	2,05	1,94	1,87
Glass and non-metallic mineral products	3,24	3,10	3,06	3,11
Glass and glass products	0,49	0,48	0,50	0,61
Non-metallic mineral products	2,75	2,62	2,56	2,50
Basic iron and steel, non-ferrous metal products, metal products and machinery	19,73	19,96	20,86	21,85
Basic iron and steel products	2,92	2,92	3,18	3,20
Non-ferrous metal products (including precious metals)	3,32	3,54	3,98	4,16
Structural metal products	1,99	2,01	2,01	1,98
Other fabricated metal products	3,53	3,65	3,74	3,72
General purpose machinery	3,42	3,45	3,52	4,04
Special purpose machinery	3,85	3,73	3,77	4,01
Household appliances	0,70	0,66	0,66	0,74
Electrical machinery	2,21	2,14	2,09	2,15
Radio, television and communication apparatus and professional equipment	1,07	1,06	1,06	1,00
Radio, television and communication apparatus	0,04	0,08	0,16	0,19
Professional equipment	1,03	0,98	0,90	0,81
Motor vehicles, parts and accessories and other transport equipment	8,89	8,72	8,21	7,84
Motor vehicles	2,78	2,62	2,39	2,33
Bodies for motor vehicles, trailers and semi-trailers	0,73	0,75	0,72	0,65
Parts and accessories	3,97	4,03	3,96	3,95
Other transport equipment	1,40	1,32	1,14	0,91
Furniture and other manufacturing	4,27	4,17	4,09	4,29
Furniture	0,78	0,69	0,70	0,84
Other manufacturing groups	3,49	3,48	3,39	3,45
Total	100	100	100	100

Seasonal adjustment 10 Seasonally adjusted estimates are generated each month, using the X-12 Seasonal Adjustment Program developed by the United States Census Bureau. Seasonal adjustment is a means of removing the estimated effects of normal seasonal variation from the series so that the effects of other influences on the series can be more clearly recognised. Seasonal adjustment does not aim to remove irregular or non-seasonal influences, which may be present in any particular month. Influences that are volatile or unsystematic can still make it difficult to interpret the movement of the series even after adjustment for seasonal variations. This means the month-to-month movements of seasonally adjusted estimates may not be reliable indicators of trend behaviour. The X-12-ARIMA procedure for manufacturing production and sales is described in more detail on the Stats SA website:
[Click to download Manufacturing seasonal adjustment February 2022.](#)

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 – October 2025

	Lower limit (R million)	Estimate (R million)	Upper limit (R million)	Relative standard error (RSE) %
Total sales	319 357	323 319	327 281	0,6

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

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

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

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

Glossary

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

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