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Production: results for September 2025

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

	Apr-25	May-25	Jun-25	Jul-25	Aug-25	Sep-25
Year-on-year % change, unadjusted	-6,7	0,2	1,8	-1,1	-1,5	0,3
Month-on-month % change, seasonally adjusted	1,3	2,4	-0,1	-0,9	0,7	-0,5
3-month % change, seasonally adjusted ¹	-1,3	-0,4	1,3	2,2	1,6	0,1

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

Manufacturing production increased by 0,3% in September 2025 compared with September 2024. The largest positive contributions were made by the motor vehicles, parts and accessories and other transport equipment division (7,6% and contributing 0,5 of a percentage point) and the food and beverages division (1,8% and contributing 0,5 of a percentage point) – see Table 5 and Table 6.

Seasonally adjusted manufacturing production decreased by 0,5% in September 2025 compared with August 2025. This followed month-on-month changes of 0,7% in August 2025 and -0,9% in July 2025 – see Table A.

Seasonally adjusted manufacturing production increased by 0,1% in the third quarter of 2025 compared with the second quarter of 2025. Four of the ten manufacturing divisions reported positive growth rates over this period. The largest positive contributions were reported for the food and beverages division (1,9% and contributing 0,5 of a percentage point) and the furniture and 'other' manufacturing division (8,4% and contributing 0,3 of a percentage point). The wood and wood products, paper, publishing and printing division was the largest negative contributor (-5,4% 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	Apr – Jun 2025	Jul – Sep 2025	% change between Apr – Jun 2025 and Jul – Sep 2025	Contribution (% points) to the total % change
Food and beverages	22,19	102,9	104,9	1,9	0,5
Meat, fish, fruit, etc.	3,72	107,3	104,5	-2,6	-0,1
Dairy products	1,20	93,0	94,3	1,4	0,0
Grain mill products	1,94	107,0	104,5	-2,3	-0,1
Other food products	7,55	89,5	93,0	3,9	0,3
Beverages	7,78	114,2	118,3	3,6	0,3
Textiles, clothing, leather and footwear	3,68	89,7	89,7	0,0	0,0
Textiles	0,85	95,6	94,9	-0,7	0,0
Other textile products	0,55	96,0	97,9	2,0	0,0
Knitted, crocheted articles	0,07	80,4	85,9	6,8	0,0
Wearing apparel	1,65	85,9	86,0	0,1	0,0
Leather and leather products	0,26	79,6	76,7	-3,6	0,0
Footwear	0,30	93,8	93,3	-0,5	0,0
Wood and wood products, paper, publishing and printing	9,98	95,9	90,7	-5,4	-0,6
Sawmilling and planing of wood	0,74	94,0	93,1	-1,0	0,0
Products of wood	0,85	113,6	112,1	-1,3	0,0
Paper and paper products	5,27	99,6	90,4	-9,2	-0,5
Publishing	1,94	80,8	82,3	1,9	0,0
Printing, recorded media	1,18	92,7	89,1	-3,9	0,0
Petroleum, chemical products, rubber and plastic products	23,91	79,4	79,2	-0,3	-0,1
Coke, petroleum products and nuclear fuel	11,12	64,5	59,5	-7,8	-0,6
Basic chemicals	3,60	97,5	106,1	8,8	0,3
Other chemical products	6,63	87,2	90,1	3,3	0,2
Rubber products	0,69	83,1	81,7	-1,7	0,0
Plastic products	1,87	104,2	105,1	0,9	0,0
Glass and non-metallic mineral products	3,11	103,2	101,0	-2,1	-0,1
Glass and glass products	0,61	104,1	104,5	0,4	0,0
Non-metallic mineral products	2,50	103,0	100,1	-2,8	-0,1
Basic iron and steel, non-ferrous metal products, metal products and machinery	21,85	93,5	93,4	-0,1	0,0
Basic iron and steel products	3,20	75,6	62,8	-16,9	-0,4
Non-ferrous metal products	4,16	93,7	92,4	-1,4	-0,1
Structural metal products	1,98	108,1	109,1	0,9	0,0
Other fabricated metal products	3,72	97,0	99,1	2,2	0,1
General purpose machinery	4,04	101,3	107,2	5,8	0,3
Special purpose machinery	4,01	88,1	89,4	1,5	0,1
Household appliances	0,74	100,3	108,8	8,5	0,1
Electrical machinery	2,15	104,6	105,6	1,0	0,0
Radio, television and communication apparatus and professional equipment	1,00	98,5	97,2	-1,3	0,0
Radio, television and communication apparatus	0,19	106,8	98,6	-7,7	0,0
Professional equipment	0,81	96,5	96,9	0,4	0,0
Motor vehicles, parts and accessories and other transport equipment	7,84	92,2	92,9	0,8	0,1
Motor vehicles	2,33	95,3	99,4	4,3	0,1
Bodies for motor vehicles, trailers and semi-trailers	0,65	88,2	95,6	8,4	0,1
Parts and accessories	3,95	91,6	89,5	-2,3	-0,1
Other transport equipment	0,91	90,2	88,8	-1,6	0,0
Furniture and other manufacturing	4,29	82,2	89,1	8,4	0,3
Furniture	0,84	96,6	97,9	1,3	0,0
Other manufacturing groups	3,45	78,8	87,0	10,4	0,3
Total	100	92,3	92,4	0,1	0,1

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

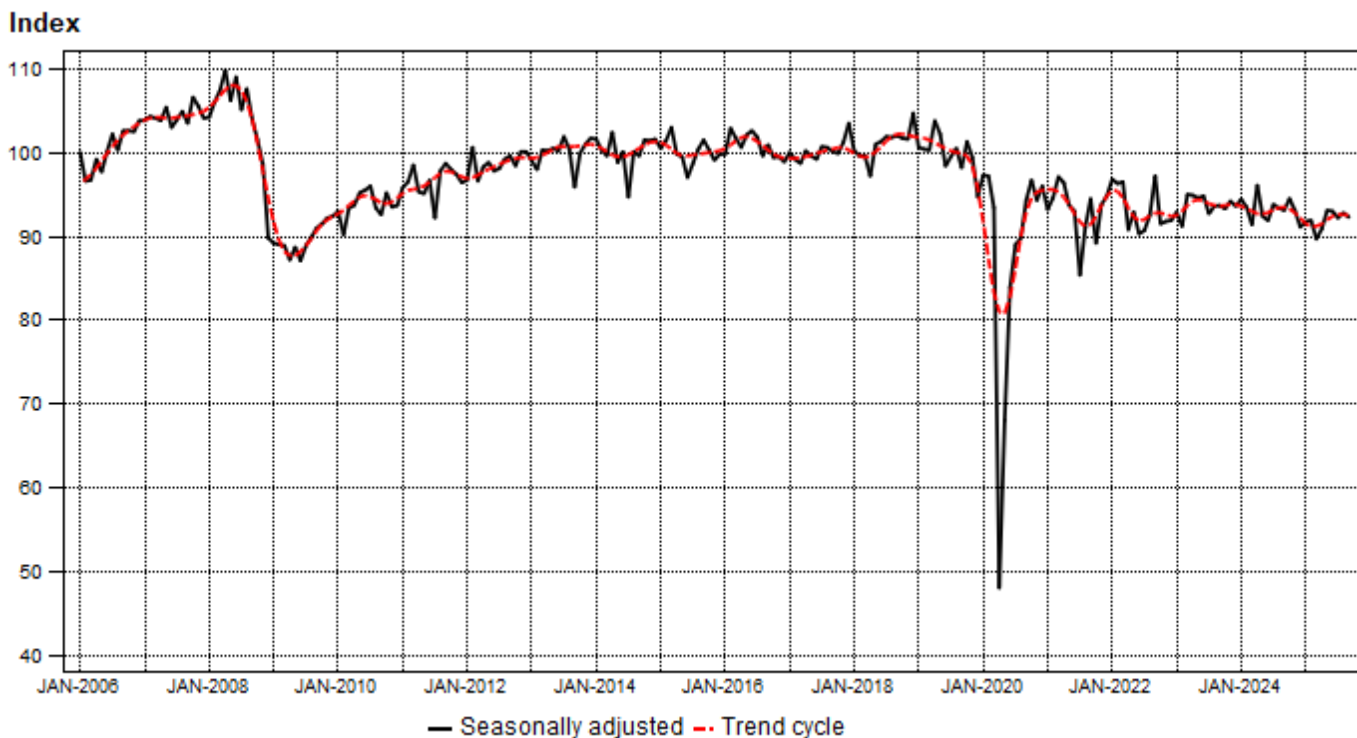
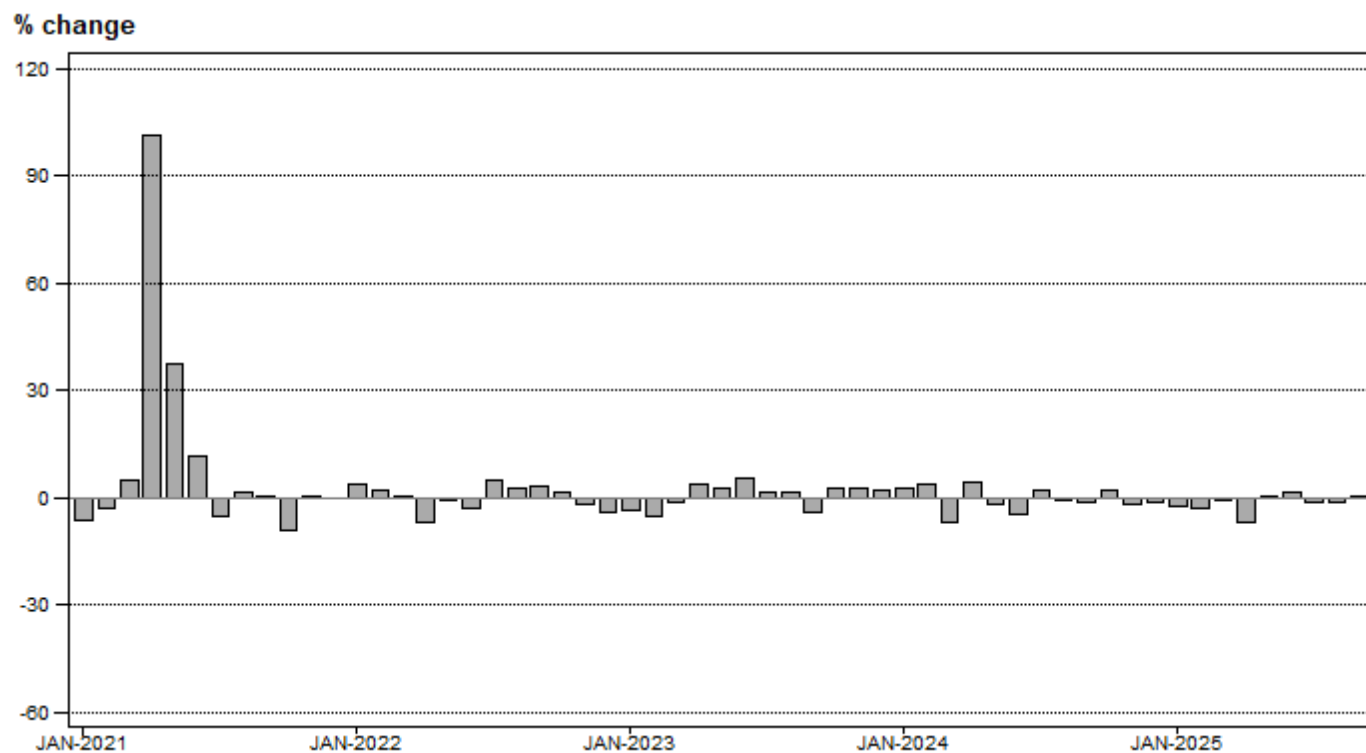


Figure 2 – Volume of manufacturing production (Base: 2019=100): year-on-year percentage change



Sales: results for September 2025**Table C – Key growth rates in manufacturing sales at current prices**

	Apr-25	May-25	Jun-25	Jul-25	Aug-25	Sep-25
Year-on-year % change, unadjusted	-8,0	-1,3	2,4	-0,5	1,2	4,5
Month-on-month % change, seasonally adjusted	-0,6	1,9	1,9	-0,4	0,7	0,0
3-month % change, seasonally adjusted ¹	-0,4	-0,6	0,8	2,3	2,9	1,9

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

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

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

Manufacturing division	Apr – Jun 2025 (R million)	Jul – Sep 2025 (R million)	% change between Apr – Jun 2025 and Jul – Sep 2025	Contribution (% points) to the total % change
Food and beverages	225 917	227 645	0,8	0,2
Textiles, clothing, leather and footwear	20 082	20 331	1,2	0,0
Wood and wood products, paper, publishing and printing	54 861	54 505	-0,6	0,0
Petroleum, chemical products, rubber and plastic products	183 566	189 731	3,4	0,7
Glass and non-metallic mineral products	25 081	25 430	1,4	0,0
Basic iron and steel, non-ferrous metal products, metal products and machinery	167 414	170 631	1,9	0,4
Electrical machinery	19 732	19 822	0,5	0,0
Radio, television and communication apparatus and professional equipment	7 520	7 331	-2,5	0,0
Motor vehicles, parts and accessories and other transport equipment	131 082	134 367	2,5	0,4
Furniture and other manufacturing	32 354	34 070	5,3	0,2
Total	867 606	883 862	1,9	1,9

Seasonally adjusted manufacturing sales increased by 1,9% in the third quarter of 2025 compared with the second quarter of 2025. The largest contributions were made by the following divisions:

- petroleum, chemical products, rubber and plastic products (3,4% and contributing 0,7 of a percentage point);
- motor vehicles, parts and accessories and other transport equipment (2,5% and contributing 0,4 of a percentage point); and
- basic iron and steel, non-ferrous metal products, metal products and machinery (1,9% and contributing 0,4 of a percentage point) – see Table D.


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Note – Reweighting of manufacturing production

Introduction

Statistics South Africa (Stats SA) conducts a monthly survey of the manufacturing industry covering manufacturing enterprises. This statistical release contains monthly indices of the physical volume of manufacturing production and monthly sales of manufactured products. The results of the manufacturing production indices published today contain changes related to reweighting.

Reweighting

New single-year weights for manufacturing groups and divisions have been calculated using national accounts value added data for 2022. Previously, weights were based on a three-year moving average of value added data from 2019 to 2021. The new and previous weights are shown in Table E below and in more detail in Table G on page 22. While the previous three-year moving average weights offered stability, historical changes in manufacturing weights have been minimal. Moving to single-year weights allows for a more accurate reflection of the current economic structure, ensuring that recent shifts – such as structural changes in production – are captured promptly. The weights are updated annually.

The impact of reweighting the index of manufacturing production is illustrated in Table E, Table F and Figure 3.

Table E – Comparison of manufacturing production indices based on previous and new weights

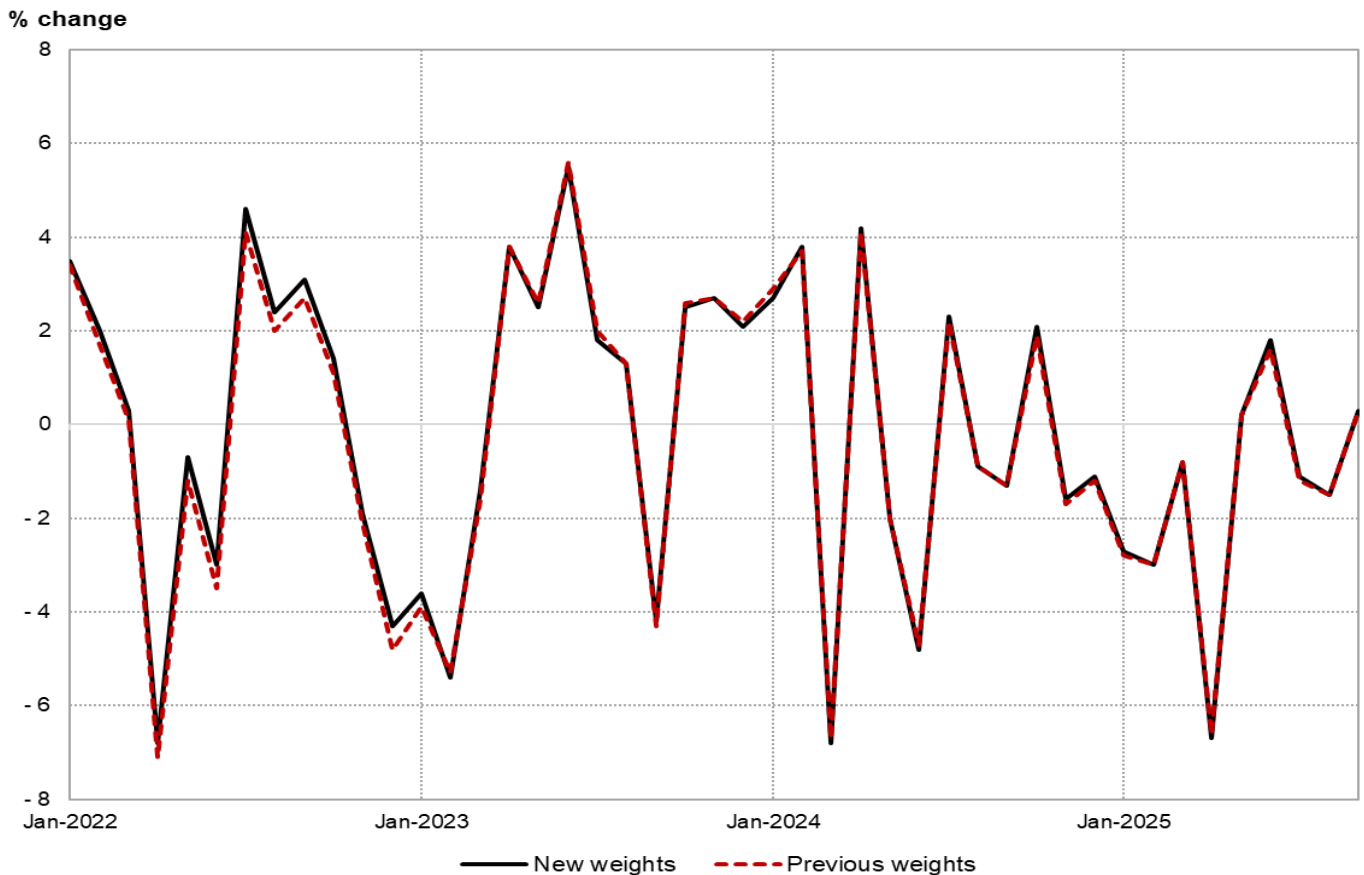
Manufacturing division	Previous weights based on value added for 2019 – 2021	New weights based on value added for 2022	Year-to-date % change for 2025 ¹		Difference in results (% points)
			Previous weights	New weights	
Food and beverages	22,07	22,19	-0,5	-0,5	0,0
Textiles, clothing, leather and footwear	3,89	3,68	-0,2	-0,2	0,0
Wood and wood products, paper, publishing and printing	10,29	9,98	-1,9	-1,8	0,1
Petroleum, chemical products, rubber and plastic products	24,38	23,91	-2,5	-2,5	0,0
Glass and non-metallic mineral products	3,06	3,11	0,3	0,4	0,1
Basic iron and steel, non-ferrous metal products, metal products and machinery	20,86	21,85	-1,5	-1,3	0,2
Electrical machinery	2,09	2,15	-5,9	-5,4	0,5
Radio, television and communication apparatus and professional equipment	1,06	1,00	-2,0	-1,7	0,3
Motor vehicles, parts and accessories and other transport equipment	8,21	7,84	-2,5	-2,5	0,0
Furniture and other manufacturing	4,09	4,29	0,1	0,1	0,0
Total manufacturing	100	100	-1,5	-1,5	0,0

¹ Up to September 2025.

Table F – Annual percentage change in manufacturing production indices based on previous and new weights

Manufacturing division	Previous weights			New weights		
	2022	2023	2024	2022	2023	2024
Food and beverages	0,2	-0,1	3,7	0,5	-0,2	3,8
Textiles, clothing, leather and footwear	0,4	-2,6	-3,0	0,3	-2,5	-3,0
Wood and wood products, paper, publishing and printing	-2,7	1,4	1,8	-2,7	1,4	1,7
Petroleum, chemical products, rubber and plastic products	-2,6	0,4	2,4	-1,9	0,3	2,4
Glass and non-metallic mineral products	0,9	-1,5	0,4	1,0	-1,5	0,4
Basic iron and steel, non-ferrous metal products, metal products and machinery	-0,1	1,6	-2,8	0,1	1,6	-2,9
Electrical machinery	3,8	7,1	1,0	4,5	7,0	1,0
Radio, television and communication apparatus and professional equipment	8,2	-3,3	0,3	7,5	-2,8	0,5
Motor vehicles, parts and accessories and other transport equipment	2,0	2,1	-13,3	2,1	2,3	-13,5
Furniture and other manufacturing	2,0	-1,9	-2,0	2,2	-1,5	-2,0
Total manufacturing	-0,3	0,6	-0,4	0,0	0,6	-0,4

Figure 3 – Comparison of the total manufacturing production growth rate based on previous and new weights: year-on-year percentage change



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	95,7
Sep	102,6	99,4	100,0	103,1	98,8	97,5	97,8
Oct	112,7	106,8	97,3	98,7	101,2	103,3	
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	-1,5	-1,6
Sep	-3,1	0,6	3,1	-4,2	-1,3	0,3	-1,5
Oct	-5,2	-8,9	1,4	2,5	2,1		
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	91,8	2,1	1,1	0,9	0,8
Feb	96,3	91,2	93,5	91,9	-0,5	-1,8	-1,0	0,1
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	92,9	94,6	92,4	93,1	2,3	-0,3	-3,9	2,4
Jun	90,3	94,8	91,9	93,0	-2,8	0,2	-0,5	-0,1
Jul	90,7	92,7	93,8	92,2	0,4	-2,2	2,1	-0,9
Aug	92,5	93,6	93,4	92,8	2,0	1,0	-0,4	0,7
Sep	97,2	93,7	93,1	92,3	5,1	0,1	-0,3	-0,5
Oct	91,5	93,3	94,5		-5,9	-0,4	1,5	
Nov	91,8	94,2	93,1		0,3	1,0	-1,5	
Dec	91,9	93,6	91,1		0,1	-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	Apr-25	May-25	Jun-25	Jul-25	Aug-25	Sep-25
Food and beverages	22,19	92,8	103,4	103,3	104,8	104,3	110,9
Meat, fish, fruit, etc.	3,72	102,0	109,2	103,6	105,5	109,7	101,2
Dairy products	1,20	88,9	88,0	82,7	86,8	94,5	101,5
Grain mill products	1,94	103,1	109,9	107,0	111,6	106,2	101,9
Other food products	7,55	79,1	96,9	104,1	105,7	97,6	93,7
Beverages	7,78	99,8	107,8	104,7	104,6	109,4	135,9
Textiles, clothing, leather and footwear	3,68	84,0	90,5	89,1	94,4	92,5	93,5
Textiles	0,85	85,7	104,9	103,1	100,2	94,3	100,9
Other textile products	0,55	91,4	96,8	90,1	98,6	104,0	99,2
Knitted, crocheted articles	0,07	68,2	78,3	80,6	98,8	99,5	104,1
Wearing apparel	1,65	82,9	84,1	83,0	89,0	88,2	88,8
Leather and leather products	0,26	69,9	78,0	82,4	92,1	70,8	73,1
Footwear	0,30	87,9	87,7	88,4	101,1	108,0	103,8
Wood and wood products, paper, publishing and printing	9,98	84,2	88,4	94,1	91,6	97,5	98,3
Sawmilling and planing of wood	0,74	89,4	96,9	94,5	98,7	100,3	106,6
Products of wood	0,85	98,3	108,4	109,0	107,5	126,9	129,5
Paper and paper products	5,27	89,5	92,3	99,6	91,6	89,0	92,5
Publishing	1,94	61,9	68,0	75,7	83,8	105,1	98,1
Printing, recorded media	1,18	83,3	84,3	88,7	88,3	100,0	96,5
Petroleum, chemical products, rubber and plastic products	23,91	74,4	77,6	81,4	77,4	83,4	82,2
Coke, petroleum products and nuclear fuel	11,12	62,5	62,5	62,9	53,7	62,7	58,5
Basic chemicals	3,60	88,0	94,7	112,7	103,4	114,9	110,2
Other chemical products	6,63	79,0	88,1	90,1	90,9	94,9	98,6
Rubber products	0,69	95,0	73,2	75,9	108,9	83,5	66,9
Plastic products	1,87	95,1	99,4	102,8	108,8	104,9	116,3
Glass and non-metallic mineral products	3,11	96,9	110,3	99,4	103,8	104,6	104,1
Glass and glass products	0,61	91,4	106,2	99,6	106,0	114,1	99,7
Non-metallic mineral products	2,50	98,2	111,3	99,3	103,3	102,3	105,2
Basic iron and steel, non-ferrous metal products, metal products and machinery	21,85	89,4	97,5	95,0	96,2	95,9	100,2
Basic iron and steel products	3,20	77,1	83,9	70,5	70,4	57,6	60,5
Non-ferrous metal products	4,16	91,4	96,6	93,8	86,9	92,5	96,2
Structural metal products	1,98	111,7	116,3	94,6	101,3	112,2	133,1
Other fabricated metal products	3,72	88,3	100,8	99,0	105,3	105,0	103,9
General purpose machinery	4,04	93,0	101,0	114,3	115,5	114,7	119,2
Special purpose machinery	4,01	82,4	92,6	90,9	90,9	91,7	95,0
Household appliances	0,74	94,8	102,0	104,3	125,0	110,0	110,8
Electrical machinery	2,15	104,5	114,5	107,0	117,2	111,6	107,2
Radio, television and communication apparatus and professional equipment	1,00	90,8	102,1	98,0	85,1	95,2	105,3
Radio, television and communication apparatus	0,19	78,8	108,8	110,7	88,9	99,3	103,2
Professional equipment	0,81	93,6	100,5	95,0	84,2	94,2	105,8
Motor vehicles, parts and accessories and other transport equipment	7,84	89,6	89,5	94,8	97,7	100,4	95,1
Motor vehicles	2,33	78,5	89,7	104,1	105,9	113,3	108,6
Bodies for motor vehicles, trailers and semi-trailers	0,65	93,6	89,9	89,0	107,9	98,2	100,1
Parts and accessories	3,95	97,8	91,6	90,8	93,9	97,5	88,7
Other transport equipment	0,91	80,0	79,5	92,2	86,1	81,4	84,5
Furniture and other manufacturing	4,29	73,2	79,8	78,6	90,5	94,3	100,2
Furniture	0,84	83,3	99,2	98,7	98,4	99,4	111,2
Other manufacturing groups	3,45	70,7	75,2	73,7	88,6	93,1	97,6
Total	100	85,7	92,3	93,0	93,5	95,7	97,8

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

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

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	May-25	Jun-25	Jul-25	Aug-25	Sep-25	Month-on-month % change
Food and beverages	22,19	104,9	105,8	105,8	105,3	103,5	-1,7
Meat, fish, fruit, etc.	3,72	107,6	106,0	106,2	109,8	97,5	-11,2
Dairy products	1,20	93,8	91,8	91,3	96,0	95,6	-0,4
Grain mill products	1,94	107,8	105,8	107,4	107,0	99,1	-7,4
Other food products	7,55	94,5	95,4	95,2	90,9	92,8	2,1
Beverages	7,78	114,8	117,9	117,7	118,2	119,1	0,8
Textiles, clothing, leather and footwear	3,68	89,8	89,9	89,7	89,9	89,6	-0,3
Textiles	0,85	97,1	97,7	95,9	93,4	95,4	2,1
Other textile products	0,55	96,8	94,9	98,7	101,6	93,5	-8,0
Knitted, crocheted articles	0,07	79,1	82,5	88,2	83,8	85,7	2,3
Wearing apparel	1,65	85,2	85,4	84,4	86,3	87,3	1,2
Leather and leather products	0,26	79,9	82,6	80,4	75,2	74,4	-1,1
Footwear	0,30	92,5	91,7	93,4	93,1	93,4	0,3
Wood and wood products, paper, publishing and printing	9,98	96,8	94,5	92,8	90,4	88,9	-1,7
Sawmilling and planing of wood	0,74	96,0	92,4	90,3	92,6	96,5	4,2
Products of wood	0,85	114,8	113,7	104,5	116,3	115,6	-0,6
Paper and paper products	5,27	101,1	97,6	95,4	89,6	86,2	-3,8
Publishing	1,94	80,4	80,9	83,6	81,1	82,1	1,2
Printing, recorded media	1,18	92,3	90,6	89,4	89,3	88,7	-0,7
Petroleum, chemical products, rubber and plastic products	23,91	79,3	81,6	76,2	81,9	79,5	-2,9
Coke, petroleum products and nuclear fuel	11,12	67,5	64,4	54,7	63,1	60,7	-3,8
Basic chemicals	3,60	92,1	110,4	100,7	113,5	104,1	-8,3
Other chemical products	6,63	86,1	88,3	88,7	90,6	90,9	0,3
Rubber products	0,69	76,5	75,4	96,5	82,4	66,2	-19,7
Plastic products	1,87	102,2	107,5	105,4	101,6	108,4	6,7
Glass and non-metallic mineral products	3,11	103,8	100,8	102,2	101,2	99,5	-1,7
Glass and glass products	0,61	107,2	104,3	106,3	111,5	95,7	-14,2
Non-metallic mineral products	2,50	103,0	100,0	101,2	98,7	100,4	1,7
Basic iron and steel, non-ferrous metal products, metal products and machinery	21,85	95,1	92,6	94,5	91,1	94,7	4,0
Basic iron and steel products	3,20	81,4	71,8	70,4	57,3	60,7	5,9
Non-ferrous metal products	4,16	93,2	94,4	90,3	90,8	96,1	5,8
Structural metal products	1,98	116,8	92,6	99,7	108,0	119,5	10,6
Other fabricated metal products	3,72	98,3	98,0	100,3	98,5	98,5	0,0
General purpose machinery	4,04	98,6	105,3	107,8	105,3	108,4	2,9
Special purpose machinery	4,01	89,7	87,5	92,2	86,7	89,2	2,9
Household appliances	0,74	100,1	101,9	119,7	104,5	102,3	-2,1
Electrical machinery	2,15	106,0	103,6	108,1	107,1	101,6	-5,1
Radio, television and communication apparatus and professional equipment	1,00	101,1	97,1	92,9	95,6	103,2	7,9
Radio, television and communication apparatus	0,19	117,5	108,4	99,8	99,6	96,3	-3,3
Professional equipment	0,81	97,3	94,5	91,3	94,6	104,8	10,8
Motor vehicles, parts and accessories and other transport equipment	7,84	89,0	92,5	91,9	93,8	92,9	-1,0
Motor vehicles	2,33	89,7	102,3	96,9	100,6	100,8	0,2
Bodies for motor vehicles, trailers and semi-trailers	0,65	88,0	84,5	97,0	93,9	95,9	2,1
Parts and accessories	3,95	89,0	87,8	88,3	90,6	89,5	-1,2
Other transport equipment	0,91	87,9	93,4	90,9	90,4	85,2	-5,8
Furniture and other manufacturing	4,29	83,8	80,4	86,1	90,1	91,2	1,2
Furniture	0,84	99,7	96,8	98,9	98,8	96,1	-2,7
Other manufacturing groups	3,45	80,0	76,4	83,0	88,0	89,9	2,2
Total	100	93,1	93,0	92,2	92,8	92,3	-0,5

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	296 168
Aug	236 382	206 571	228 601	266 928	296 255	295 260	298 732
Sep	227 590	221 995	240 283	283 884	300 624	294 593	307 751
Oct	247 804	243 349	238 083	275 181	308 749	321 680	
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	4,5	-0,8
Oct	-1,8	-2,2	15,6	12,2	4,2		
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	249 058	269 983	292 718	287 716	4,0	1,0	-0,8	-0,2
Feb	250 989	271 681	295 507	287 819	0,8	0,6	1,0	0,0
Mar	257 701	287 110	288 909	285 473	2,7	5,7	-2,2	-0,8
Apr	248 235	285 611	301 393	283 815	-3,7	-0,5	4,3	-0,6
May	258 725	279 120	290 606	289 189	4,2	-2,3	-3,6	1,9
Jun	255 990	275 723	290 165	294 602	-1,1	-1,2	-0,2	1,9
Jul	256 439	280 640	295 283	293 311	0,2	1,8	1,8	-0,4
Aug	259 801	288 397	288 468	295 341	1,3	2,8	-2,3	0,7
Sep	271 032	290 218	286 612	295 210	4,3	0,6	-0,6	0,0
Oct	256 707	284 799	294 256		-5,3	-1,9	2,7	
Nov	265 282	292 133	284 877		3,3	2,6	-3,2	
Dec	267 282	294 963	288 244		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	Apr-25	May-25	Jun-25	Jul-25	Aug-25	Sep-25
Food and beverages	68 880	74 732	74 149	75 248	75 599	78 740
Meat, fish, fruit, etc.	21 141	22 406	21 975	23 122	22 300	22 535
Dairy products	5 981	5 648	5 287	5 754	5 906	6 240
Grain mill products	12 498	13 167	12 692	13 000	12 408	11 973
Other food products	14 085	16 663	16 939	17 545	16 786	16 658
Beverages	15 176	16 847	17 257	15 827	18 200	21 334
Textiles, clothing, leather and footwear	6 392	6 690	6 506	7 175	7 048	6 910
Textiles	816	906	816	983	790	833
Other textile products	1 880	2 020	1 850	2 003	2 158	2 023
Knitted, crocheted articles	202	223	228	278	291	299
Wearing apparel	2 256	2 276	2 225	2 398	2 373	2 386
Leather and leather products	533	571	691	687	542	551
Footwear	704	693	698	826	893	818
Wood and wood products, paper, publishing and printing	15 495	17 123	19 234	17 717	18 968	20 106
Sawmilling and planing of wood	1 149	1 195	1 168	1 249	1 288	1 409
Products of wood	2 029	2 403	2 304	2 293	2 573	2 857
Paper and paper products	8 587	9 694	11 682	9 841	9 948	10 927
Publishing	1 070	1 159	1 320	1 472	1 885	1 726
Printing, recorded media	2 659	2 672	2 760	2 863	3 275	3 188
Petroleum, chemical products, rubber and plastic products	56 014	61 667	63 100	62 912	64 089	65 763
Coke, petroleum products and nuclear fuel	20 594	23 867	23 209	23 144	23 106	22 365
Basic chemicals	9 796	10 448	10 767	10 850	12 135	12 044
Other chemical products	16 106	17 622	19 095	18 413	18 865	20 583
Rubber products	1 807	1 762	1 908	1 901	1 863	1 850
Plastic products	7 711	7 967	8 122	8 604	8 120	8 922
Glass and non-metallic mineral products	7 720	8 695	8 012	8 742	8 986	9 056
Glass and glass products	1 348	1 545	1 521	1 627	1 935	1 698
Non-metallic mineral products	6 371	7 150	6 491	7 115	7 051	7 358
Basic iron and steel, non-ferrous metal products, metal products and machinery	54 380	58 261	58 127	56 504	58 376	59 360
Basic iron and steel products	9 192	11 026	10 908	9 292	9 744	8 997
Non-ferrous metal products	17 678	17 319	17 075	16 668	17 531	17 595
Structural metal products	4 732	5 035	4 193	4 487	4 870	5 782
Other fabricated metal products	9 760	10 194	10 273	10 882	10 941	10 851
General purpose machinery	5 500	5 830	6 895	6 685	6 667	7 064
Special purpose machinery	6 428	7 683	7 529	7 072	7 426	7 875
Household appliances	1 091	1 175	1 253	1 419	1 197	1 197
Electrical machinery	6 282	6 997	6 971	7 027	6 797	6 957
Radio, television and communication apparatus and professional equipment	2 100	2 536	2 647	2 089	2 364	2 679
Radio, television and communication apparatus	959	1 327	1 423	1 056	1 218	1 378
Professional equipment	1 141	1 209	1 224	1 033	1 146	1 301
Motor vehicles, parts and accessories and other transport equipment	39 420	41 611	46 972	47 598	45 046	45 711
Motor vehicles	26 386	27 348	32 112	31 848	29 121	30 357
Bodies for motor vehicles, trailers and semi-trailers	1 166	1 051	1 103	1 372	1 214	1 262
Parts and accessories	9 235	10 603	10 724	11 527	12 007	11 288
Other transport equipment	2 632	2 608	3 034	2 851	2 704	2 804
Furniture and other manufacturing	10 403	10 738	10 259	11 156	11 458	12 469
Furniture	1 610	1 755	1 885	1 850	1 871	2 076
Other manufacturing groups	8 793	8 982	8 374	9 306	9 588	10 394
Total	267 085	289 049	295 978	296 168	298 732	307 751

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

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

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

Table 14 – Seasonally adjusted 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	Month-on-month % change
Food and beverages	76 125	77 494	76 409	76 143	75 093	-1,4
Meat, fish, fruit, etc.	22 358	22 429	22 847	22 550	21 557	-4,4
Dairy products	5 953	5 757	5 923	6 052	6 011	-0,7
Grain mill products	12 820	12 462	12 447	12 537	11 780	-6,0
Other food products	16 703	17 178	16 866	15 287	16 659	9,0
Beverages	18 291	19 668	18 325	19 717	19 086	-3,2
Textiles, clothing, leather and footwear	6 644	6 716	6 895	6 798	6 638	-2,4
Textiles	833	816	982	782	788	0,8
Other textile products	1 959	1 951	2 027	2 154	1 944	-9,7
Knitted, crocheted articles	215	236	252	242	248	2,5
Wearing apparel	2 312	2 299	2 289	2 289	2 346	2,5
Leather and leather products	576	678	598	572	560	-2,1
Footwear	749	736	748	759	751	-1,1
Wood and wood products, paper, publishing and printing	18 216	18 622	18 407	18 014	18 084	0,4
Sawmilling and planing of wood	1 182	1 166	1 156	1 179	1 245	5,6
Products of wood	2 369	2 296	2 260	2 454	2 571	4,8
Paper and paper products	10 374	10 795	10 595	10 021	9 878	-1,4
Publishing	1 375	1 461	1 488	1 419	1 433	1,0
Printing, recorded media	2 916	2 904	2 908	2 942	2 956	0,5
Petroleum, chemical products, rubber and plastic products	61 616	62 462	63 062	63 055	63 614	0,9
Coke, petroleum products and nuclear fuel	23 496	22 620	23 976	22 815	23 174	1,6
Basic chemicals	10 723	10 999	10 855	11 824	11 444	-3,2
Other chemical products	17 467	18 601	18 168	18 603	18 911	1,7
Rubber products	1 790	1 861	1 800	1 801	1 840	2,2
Plastic products	8 140	8 380	8 263	8 011	8 244	2,9
Glass and non-metallic mineral products	8 472	8 290	8 309	8 630	8 491	-1,6
Glass and glass products	1 653	1 612	1 703	1 819	1 641	-9,8
Non-metallic mineral products	6 819	6 678	6 606	6 811	6 850	0,6
Basic iron and steel, non-ferrous metal products, metal products and machinery	55 262	55 570	55 500	57 750	57 381	-0,6
Basic iron and steel products	10 088	9 726	9 213	9 506	9 200	-3,2
Non-ferrous metal products	16 192	17 002	17 140	18 623	17 953	-3,6
Structural metal products	4 862	4 177	4 585	4 674	5 554	18,8
Other fabricated metal products	9 910	10 092	10 100	10 478	10 237	-2,3
General purpose machinery	5 687	6 268	6 219	6 104	6 308	3,3
Special purpose machinery	7 362	7 106	6 927	7 200	6 999	-2,8
Household appliances	1 162	1 199	1 316	1 165	1 130	-3,0
Electrical machinery	6 510	6 742	6 641	6 639	6 542	-1,5
Radio, television and communication apparatus and professional equipment	2 575	2 540	2 382	2 418	2 531	4,7
Radio, television and communication apparatus	1 404	1 357	1 229	1 252	1 274	1,8
Professional equipment	1 170	1 182	1 153	1 166	1 257	7,8
Motor vehicles, parts and accessories and other transport equipment	42 859	45 528	44 732	44 602	45 033	1,0
Motor vehicles	28 649	30 611	29 384	29 181	29 790	2,1
Bodies for motor vehicles, trailers and semi-trailers	1 027	1 018	1 267	1 160	1 183	2,0
Parts and accessories	10 311	10 836	11 075	11 266	11 238	-0,2
Other transport equipment	2 872	3 063	3 006	2 996	2 823	-5,8
Furniture and other manufacturing	10 910	10 639	10 974	11 293	11 803	4,5
Furniture	1 783	1 836	1 840	1 795	1 833	2,1
Other manufacturing groups	9 127	8 803	9 134	9 498	9 971	5,0
Total	289 189	294 602	293 311	295 341	295 210	0,0

Explanatory notes

- Introduction**
- 1 Statistics South Africa (Stats SA) conducts a monthly survey of the manufacturing industry, covering manufacturing enterprises. This statistical release contains the results of a sample drawn from the statistical business register (SBR), with enhanced coverage of South African businesses (see point 3). The release contains monthly indices of the volume of manufacturing production and monthly value of sales of manufactured products by division and major group.
 - 2 In accordance with international practice, the indices are usually re-based every five years to a new base year. The current base period of the index is 2019. Both estimated and seasonally adjusted figures are presented.
 - 3 Stats SA is continuously updating its SBR, based on units registered for value-added tax (VAT) and income tax (IT) obtained from the South African Revenue Service (SARS).
- Purpose of the survey**
- 4 The results of the monthly manufacturing production and sales survey are used to calculate the volume of manufacturing production indices in order to estimate the gross domestic product (GDP) and its components, which in turn are used to develop and monitor government policy. These indices provide an indicator of the real level of manufacturing activity in the economy.
- Special Data Dissemination Standard of the IMF**
- 5 The data in this statistical release adhere to the Special Data Dissemination Standard (SDDS) of the International Monetary Fund (IMF), which sets out standards on coverage, periodicity and timeliness of data, access by the public, integrity, and quality of the disseminated data.
- Scope of the survey**
- 6 This survey covers manufacturing enterprises, i.e. those conducting activities in:
 - the manufacturing, processing, making or packing of products;
 - the slaughtering of animals, including poultry; and
 - installation, assembly, completion, repair and related work.
- Classification**
- 7 The 1993 edition of the *Standard Industrial Classification of All Economic Activities* (SIC), Fifth Edition, Report No. 09-90-02, was used to classify the statistical units in the survey. The SIC is based on the 1990 *International Standard Industrial Classification of All Economic Activities* (ISIC) with suitable adaptations for local conditions. Each enterprise is classified to an industry which reflects its predominant activity. Statistics in this publication are presented at SIC division (two-digit) and major group (three-digit) level.
- Collection rate**
- 8 The preliminary collection rate for the survey on manufacturing production and sales was 70,9% for September 2025. The revised collection rate for August 2025 was 73,6%.
- 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
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
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
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 G – 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 – September 2025

	Lower limit (R million)	Estimate (R million)	Upper limit (R million)	Relative standard error (RSE) %
Total sales	303 956	307 751	311 546	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 (SNA)</i> in the same way as in the <i>Standard Industrial Classification of All Economic Activities (SIC)</i> , Fifth Edition, Report No. 09-90-02 of January 1993.	
Sales	Sales are the total value of sales and transfers-out of all own manufactured products/articles and the amounts received for installation, erection or assembly or other services rendered.	
Symbols and abbreviations	GDP	Gross domestic product
	IMF	International Monetary Fund
	ISIC	International Standard Industrial Classification of All Economic Activities
	LSS	Large sample survey
	NA	National accounts
	PPI	Producer price index
	SARS	South African Revenue Service
	SBR	Statistical business register
	SDDS	Special Data Dissemination Standard
	SIC	Standard Industrial Classification of All Economic Activities
	Stats SA	Statistics South Africa
	VAT	Value-added tax
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