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Production: results for September 2024

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

	Apr-24	May-24	Jun-24	Jul-24	Aug-24	Sep-24
Year-on-year % change, unadjusted	4,1	-2,0	-4,7	2,2	-0,8	-0,8
Month-on-month % change, seasonally adjusted	4,8	-3,4	0,2	1,7	-0,7	0,0
3-month % change, seasonally adjusted ¹	-0,7	-0,7	0,6	-0,3	0,3	0,2

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

Manufacturing production decreased by 0,8% in September 2024 compared with September 2023. The largest negative contribution was made by the motor vehicles, parts and accessories and other transport equipment division (-18,7% and contributing -1,7 percentage points).

The largest positive contributions were made by the following divisions:

- petroleum, chemical products, rubber and plastic products (3,1% and contributing 0,6 of a percentage point); and
- food and beverages (1,2% and contributing 0,3 of a percentage point) – see Table 5 and Table 6.

Seasonally adjusted manufacturing production was flat in September 2024 compared with August 2024. This followed month-on-month changes of -0,7% in August 2024 and 1,7% in July 2024 – see Table A.

Seasonally adjusted manufacturing production increased by 0,2% in the third quarter of 2024 compared with the second quarter of 2024. Three of the ten manufacturing divisions reported positive growth rates over this period. The largest positive contribution was reported for the basic iron and steel, non-ferrous metal products, metal products and machinery division (3,6% and contributing 0,8 of a percentage point). The largest negative contribution was reported for the motor vehicles, parts and accessories and other transport equipment division (-5,7% and contributing -0,5 of a percentage point) – see Table B.

Table B – Seasonally adjusted manufacturing production for the latest three months by division and major group (Base: 2019=100)

Manufacturing division and major group	Weight	Apr – Jun 2024	Jul – Sep 2024	% change between Apr – Jun 2024 and Jul – Sep 2024	Contribution (% points) to the total % change
Food and beverages	22,07	104,0	104,2	0,2	0,0
Meat, fish, fruit, etc.	3,53	108,8	108,2	-0,6	0,0
Dairy products	1,48	98,9	101,6	2,7	0,0
Grain mill products	2,01	102,1	99,9	-2,2	0,0
Other food products	7,61	88,3	89,9	1,8	0,1
Beverages	7,44	119,4	118,5	-0,8	-0,1
Textiles, clothing, leather and footwear	3,89	88,5	88,5	0,0	0,0
Textiles	0,96	93,3	92,6	-0,8	0,0
Other textile products	0,55	93,2	93,8	0,6	0,0
Knitted, crocheted articles	0,06	81,3	88,6	9,0	0,0
Wearing apparel	1,83	84,3	85,0	0,8	0,0
Leather and leather products	0,24	84,2	82,1	-2,5	0,0
Footwear	0,25	96,1	94,0	-2,2	0,0
Wood and wood products, paper, publishing and printing	10,29	96,1	94,3	-1,9	-0,2
Sawmilling and planing of wood	0,83	100,0	99,5	-0,5	0,0
Products of wood	0,93	118,7	113,7	-4,2	0,0
Paper and paper products	5,18	96,6	92,9	-3,8	-0,2
Publishing	2,02	78,2	84,3	7,8	0,1
Printing, recorded media	1,33	102,8	98,5	-4,2	-0,1
Petroleum, chemical products, rubber and plastic products	24,38	80,6	80,2	-0,5	-0,1
Coke, petroleum products and nuclear fuel	11,63	64,2	61,2	-4,7	-0,4
Basic chemicals	3,35	103,1	102,3	-0,8	0,0
Other chemical products	6,81	89,4	94,2	5,4	0,4
Rubber products	0,65	87,2	86,8	-0,5	0,0
Plastic products	1,94	106,7	105,2	-1,4	0,0
Glass and non-metallic mineral products	3,06	100,0	100,0	0,0	0,0
Glass and glass products	0,50	103,7	103,2	-0,5	0,0
Non-metallic mineral products	2,56	99,2	99,3	0,1	0,0
Basic iron and steel, non-ferrous metal products, metal products and machinery	20,86	93,6	97,0	3,6	0,8
Basic iron and steel products	3,18	78,4	92,6	18,1	0,5
Non-ferrous metal products	3,98	87,8	93,5	6,5	0,2
Structural metal products	2,01	103,7	96,7	-6,8	-0,2
Other fabricated metal products	3,74	100,8	98,7	-2,1	-0,1
General purpose machinery	3,52	100,0	104,7	4,7	0,2
Special purpose machinery	3,77	92,6	93,7	1,2	0,0
Household appliances	0,66	102,2	107,1	4,8	0,0
Electrical machinery	2,09	112,4	109,9	-2,2	-0,1
Radio, television and communication apparatus and professional equipment	1,06	103,4	95,4	-7,7	-0,1
Radio, television and communication apparatus	0,16	105,2	96,3	-8,5	0,0
Professional equipment	0,90	103,1	95,2	-7,7	-0,1
Motor vehicles, parts and accessories and other transport equipment	8,21	94,9	89,5	-5,7	-0,5
Motor vehicles	2,39	99,0	87,6	-11,5	-0,3
Bodies for motor vehicles, trailers and semi-trailers	0,72	90,7	91,4	0,8	0,0
Parts and accessories	3,96	92,4	90,8	-1,7	-0,1
Other transport equipment	1,14	97,3	87,8	-9,8	-0,1
Furniture and other manufacturing	4,09	83,4	89,7	7,6	0,3
Furniture	0,70	97,3	96,6	-0,7	0,0
Other manufacturing groups	3,39	80,5	88,3	9,7	0,3
Total	100	93,1	93,3	0,2	0,2

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

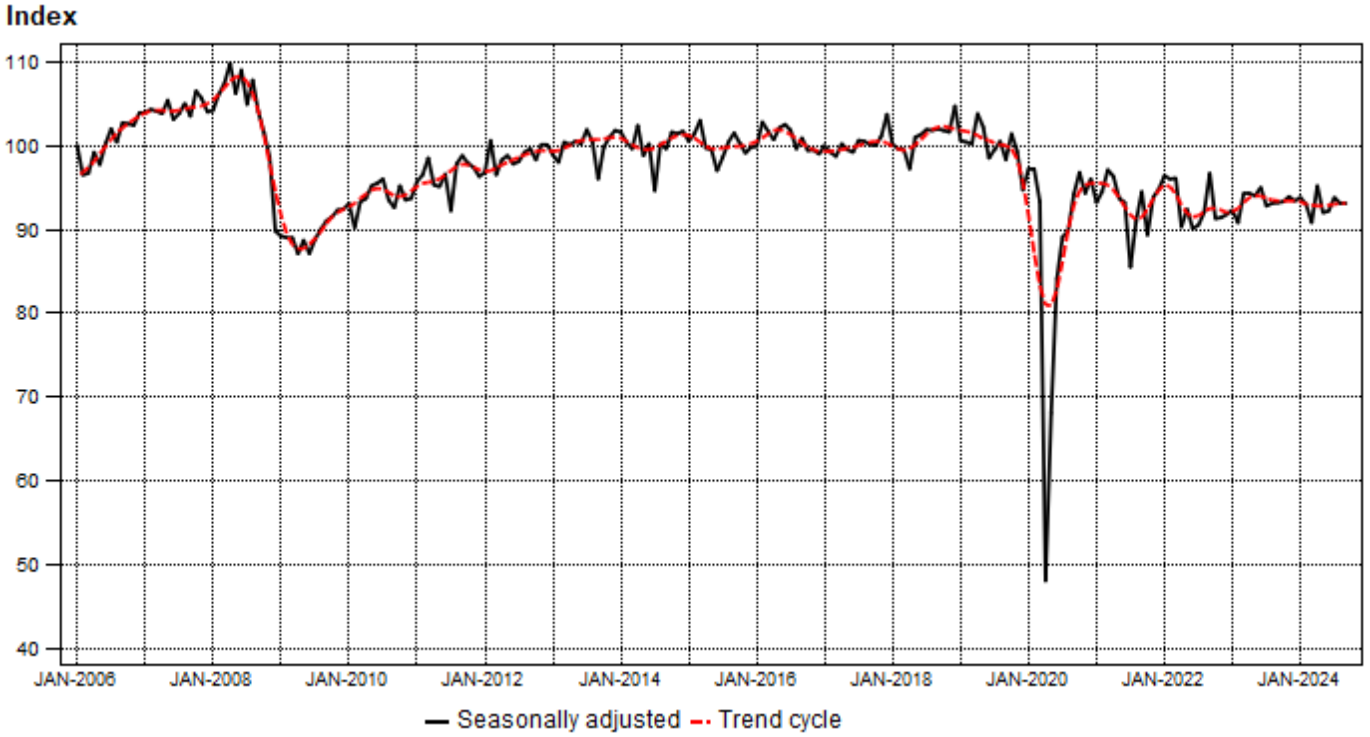
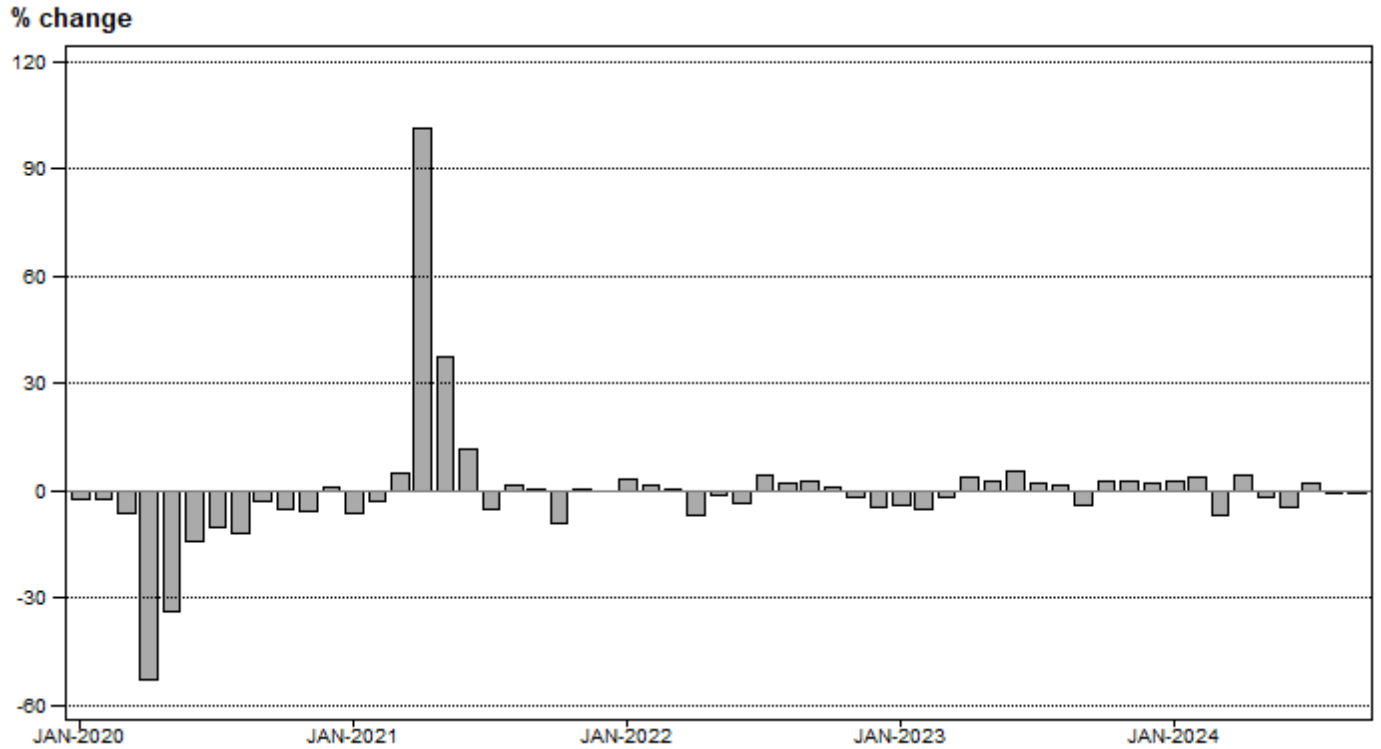


Figure 2 – Volume of manufacturing production (Base: 2019=100): year-on-year percentage change



Sales: results for September 2024

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

	Apr-24	May-24	Jun-24	Jul-24	Aug-24	Sep-24
Year-on-year % change, unadjusted	10,5	4,2	1,9	7,1	-0,5	-2,0
Month-on-month % change, seasonally adjusted	4,0	-3,0	0,6	1,8	-2,6	-1,0
3-month % change, seasonally adjusted ¹	0,0	-0,7	0,8	-0,2	0,2	-0,9

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

Seasonally adjusted manufacturing sales decreased by 1,0% in September 2024 compared with August 2024. This followed month-on-month changes of -2,6% in August 2024 and 1,8% in July 2024 – see Table C.

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

Manufacturing division	Apr – Jun 2024 (R million)	Jul – Sep 2024 (R million)	% change between Apr – Jun 2024 and Jul – Sep 2024	Contribution (% points) to the total % change
Food and beverages	204 415	209 359	2,4	0,6
Textiles, clothing, leather and footwear	19 125	18 820	-1,6	0,0
Wood and wood products, paper, publishing and printing	55 712	54 754	-1,7	-0,1
Petroleum, chemical products, rubber and plastic products	175 816	181 522	3,2	0,7
Glass and non-metallic mineral products	23 519	24 073	2,4	0,1
Basic iron and steel, non-ferrous metal products, metal products and machinery	177 990	178 984	0,6	0,1
Electrical machinery	22 929	22 194	-3,2	-0,1
Radio, television and communication apparatus and professional equipment	8 260	7 273	-11,9	-0,1
Motor vehicles, parts and accessories and other transport equipment	144 621	125 455	-13,3	-2,2
Furniture and other manufacturing	28 898	31 204	8,0	0,3
Total	861 283	853 641	-0,9	-0,9

Seasonally adjusted manufacturing sales decreased by 0,9% in the third quarter of 2024 compared with the second quarter of 2024. The largest negative contribution was made by the motor vehicles, parts and accessories and other transport equipment division (-13,3% and contributing -2,2 percentage points).

The largest positive contributions were made by the following divisions:

- petroleum, chemical products, rubber and plastic products (3,2% and contributing 0,7 of a percentage point); and
- food and beverages (2,4% and contributing 0,6 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 high-level weights for the manufacturing groups and divisions have been calculated based on national accounts value added data up to 2021. Previously, the weights were calculated from national accounts value added data up to 2020. The previous and new weights are shown in Table E below and in more detail in Table G on page 22. The high-level weights are calculated as a three-year average of value added. The high-level weights for 2020 are the average of value added for 2018, 2019 and 2020, and the high-level weights for 2021 and following years are the average for 2019, 2020 and 2021. Historically, changes in manufacturing weights have been small, and the use of a moving average provides additional stability in the weights. 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

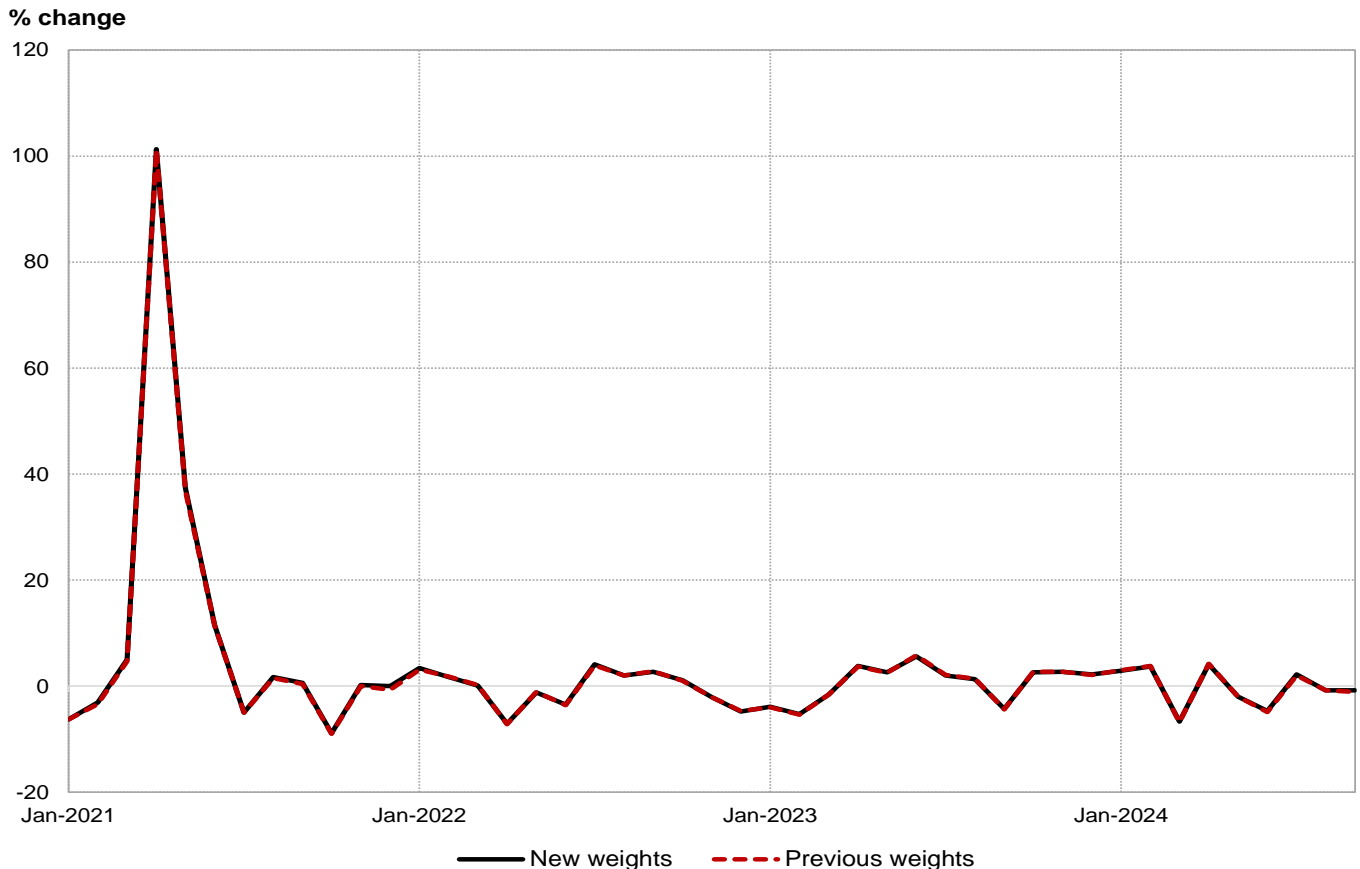
Manufacturing division	Previous weights based on value added for 2018 – 2020	New weights based on value added for 2019 – 2021	Year to date annual % change for 2024 ¹		Difference in results (% points)
			Previous weights	New weights	
Food and beverages	21,44	22,07	2,8	3,0	0,2
Textiles, clothing, leather and footwear	4,07	3,89	-2,1	-2,1	0,0
Wood and wood products, paper, publishing and printing	10,48	10,29	3,2	3,2	0,0
Petroleum, chemical products, rubber and plastic products	24,86	24,38	2,7	2,7	0,0
Glass and non-metallic mineral products	3,10	3,06	1,0	1,0	0,0
Basic iron and steel, non-ferrous metal products, metal products and machinery	19,96	20,86	-3,3	-3,2	0,1
Electrical machinery	2,14	2,09	2,9	1,9	-1,0
Radio, television and communication apparatus and professional equipment	1,06	1,06	0,7	0,8	0,1
Motor vehicles, parts and accessories and other transport equipment	8,72	8,21	-11,9	-12,2	-0,3
Furniture and other manufacturing	4,17	4,09	-3,2	-3,2	0,0
Total manufacturing	100	100	-0,4	-0,4	0,0

¹ Up to September 2024.

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

Manufacturing division	Previous weights			New weights		
	2021	2022	2023	2021	2022	2023
Food and beverages	6,3	0,0	-0,1	6,4	0,2	-0,1
Textiles, clothing, leather and footwear	13,2	0,2	-2,6	12,8	0,4	-2,6
Wood and wood products, paper, publishing and printing	9,8	-2,8	1,4	9,8	-2,7	1,4
Petroleum, chemical products, rubber and plastic products	-10,8	-2,6	0,5	-10,7	-2,6	0,4
Glass and non-metallic mineral products	19,8	0,9	-1,6	19,8	0,9	-1,5
Basic iron and steel, non-ferrous metal products, metal products and machinery	9,7	0,0	1,7	9,6	-0,1	1,6
Electrical machinery	13,7	2,8	6,1	13,8	3,8	7,1
Radio, television and communication apparatus and professional equipment	0,8	9,3	-4,0	0,5	8,2	-3,3
Motor vehicles, parts and accessories and other transport equipment	33,6	2,2	2,2	34,2	2,0	2,1
Furniture and other manufacturing	12,2	2,0	-2,2	13,3	2,0	-1,9
Total manufacturing	5,9	-0,3	0,6	6,2	-0,3	0,6

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	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Jan	87,1	88,0	85,7	80,3	83,0	79,8	82,1
Feb	94,5	94,9	92,4	89,5	91,0	86,2	89,4
Mar	98,9	101,2	94,5	99,2	99,3	97,7	91,2
Apr	91,9	95,8	45,3	91,2	84,7	87,9	91,5
May	101,8	102,0	67,2	92,3	91,2	93,6	91,7
Jun	101,9	97,8	84,1	93,8	90,5	95,6	91,1
Jul	103,2	101,8	91,4	86,8	90,4	92,2	94,2
Aug	106,6	105,2	92,9	94,5	96,4	97,7	96,9
Sep	104,9	102,6	99,4	100,0	102,7	98,3	97,5
Oct	113,4	112,7	106,8	97,3	98,4	101,0	
Nov	115,3	111,0	104,7	104,9	102,7	105,5	
Dec	93,7	86,8	87,6	87,6	83,4	85,2	
Total	101,1	100,0	87,7	93,1	92,8	93,4	

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

Month	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2024 year-to-date
Jan	1,0	-2,6	-6,3	3,4	-3,9	2,9	2,9
Feb	0,4	-2,6	-3,1	1,7	-5,3	3,7	3,4
Mar	2,3	-6,6	5,0	0,1	-1,6	-6,7	-0,3
Apr	4,2	-52,7	101,3	-7,1	3,8	4,1	0,8
May	0,2	-34,1	37,4	-1,2	2,6	-2,0	0,2
Jun	-4,0	-14,0	11,5	-3,5	5,6	-4,7	-0,7
Jul	-1,4	-10,2	-5,0	4,1	2,0	2,2	-0,2
Aug	-1,3	-11,7	1,7	2,0	1,3	-0,8	-0,3
Sep	-2,2	-3,1	0,6	2,7	-4,3	-0,8	-0,4
Oct	-0,6	-5,2	-8,9	1,1	2,6		
Nov	-3,7	-5,7	0,2	-2,1	2,7		
Dec	-7,4	0,9	0,0	-4,8	2,2		
Total	-1,1	-12,3	6,2	-0,3	0,6		

Table 3 – Seasonally adjusted volume of manufacturing production

Month	Index (Base: 2019=100)				Month-on-month % change			
	2021	2022	2023	2024	2021	2022	2023	2024
Jan	93,2	96,4	92,3	93,8	-2,9	1,7	0,5	0,4
Feb	94,5	96,0	90,8	93,0	1,4	-0,4	-1,6	-0,9
Mar	97,1	96,1	94,3	90,8	2,8	0,1	3,9	-2,4
Apr	96,3	90,3	94,3	95,2	-0,8	-6,0	0,0	4,8
May	93,7	92,4	94,0	92,0	-2,7	2,3	-0,3	-3,4
Jun	93,2	90,1	95,0	92,2	-0,5	-2,5	1,1	0,2
Jul	85,5	90,5	92,8	93,8	-8,3	0,4	-2,3	1,7
Aug	91,0	92,0	93,1	93,1	6,4	1,7	0,3	-0,7
Sep	94,5	96,7	93,2	93,1	3,8	5,1	0,1	0,0
Oct	89,3	91,3	93,3		-5,5	-5,6	0,1	
Nov	93,8	91,4	93,9		5,0	0,1	0,6	
Dec	94,8	91,8	93,4		1,1	0,4	-0,5	

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

Manufacturing division and major group	Weight	Apr-24	May-24	Jun-24	Jul-24	Aug-24	Sep-24
Food and beverages	22,07	99,7	103,4	98,5	101,4	106,6	107,8
Meat, fish, fruit, etc.	3,53	103,5	113,8	104,4	100,3	110,8	114,7
Dairy products	1,48	92,6	93,8	89,1	95,0	98,3	109,6
Grain mill products	2,01	102,2	102,6	101,4	104,4	100,1	100,4
Other food products	7,61	87,8	93,5	91,1	98,7	101,8	86,1
Beverages	7,44	110,7	110,6	104,3	105,0	112,8	128,5
Textiles, clothing, leather and footwear	3,89	86,3	88,6	86,9	96,3	89,2	90,6
Textiles	0,96	97,4	97,8	94,3	96,8	92,5	99,1
Other textile products	0,55	92,9	95,9	85,8	94,6	93,8	98,1
Knitted, crocheted articles	0,06	70,2	82,6	85,2	93,8	103,2	105,9
Wearing apparel	1,83	78,9	82,4	84,1	95,8	84,8	83,1
Leather and leather products	0,24	82,6	81,0	78,7	97,7	75,6	76,1
Footwear	0,25	91,3	91,7	89,8	100,7	109,1	106,2
Wood and wood products, paper, publishing and printing	10,29	87,4	86,8	93,8	93,4	104,3	105,0
Sawmilling and planing of wood	0,83	99,3	99,3	101,3	109,6	108,2	105,9
Products of wood	0,93	117,1	108,2	112,6	120,3	124,8	121,7
Paper and paper products	5,18	90,0	86,0	96,2	89,5	94,3	102,6
Publishing	2,02	59,0	70,5	71,8	81,4	112,8	102,8
Printing, recorded media	1,33	92,1	91,9	100,1	98,1	113,7	105,5
Petroleum, chemical products, rubber and plastic products	24,38	78,3	78,2	79,5	79,5	81,6	82,7
Coke, petroleum products and nuclear fuel	11,63	62,9	57,1	61,5	57,8	58,9	61,4
Basic chemicals	3,35	102,8	105,8	104,4	105,9	106,7	102,3
Other chemical products	6,81	84,2	91,7	92,7	93,2	98,9	100,8
Rubber products	0,65	92,6	86,4	86,5	98,3	82,2	93,7
Plastic products	1,94	102,4	106,5	96,1	110,1	113,0	109,0
Glass and non-metallic mineral products	3,06	95,5	106,9	96,2	101,3	104,9	106,1
Glass and glass products	0,50	92,6	96,6	107,9	104,6	100,6	110,0
Non-metallic mineral products	2,56	96,1	108,9	93,9	100,7	105,8	105,3
Basic iron and steel, non-ferrous metal products, metal products and machinery	20,86	96,3	94,4	93,3	98,9	101,0	101,6
Basic iron and steel products	3,18	75,5	75,2	84,4	88,5	93,3	93,5
Non-ferrous metal products	3,98	84,4	93,0	86,2	94,3	94,8	91,3
Structural metal products	2,01	107,7	105,1	96,6	108,4	101,6	98,5
Other fabricated metal products	3,74	106,7	99,2	94,1	102,1	104,2	107,5
General purpose machinery	3,52	106,0	99,3	103,0	115,2	111,1	111,7
Special purpose machinery	3,77	100,1	95,2	94,2	87,2	99,6	103,1
Household appliances	0,66	100,5	103,9	106,4	108,2	111,2	116,9
Electrical machinery	2,09	119,0	118,0	110,0	117,3	109,2	115,8
Radio, television and communication apparatus and professional equipment	1,06	104,2	99,9	97,9	87,6	98,7	96,9
Radio, television and communication apparatus	0,16	94,2	91,1	97,8	90,1	91,8	100,4
Professional equipment	0,90	106,0	101,5	97,9	87,2	99,9	96,3
Motor vehicles, parts and accessories and other transport equipment	8,21	99,8	94,9	93,8	99,0	95,6	88,6
Motor vehicles	2,39	94,5	106,3	95,7	106,4	100,2	81,6
Bodies for motor vehicles, trailers and semi-trailers	0,72	103,9	95,5	86,8	106,8	92,2	90,7
Parts and accessories	3,96	103,6	90,8	95,2	97,1	98,2	92,7
Other transport equipment	1,14	95,4	85,2	89,2	85,3	79,4	87,7
Furniture and other manufacturing	4,09	80,8	77,9	84,6	93,2	94,4	98,2
Furniture	0,70	89,9	93,5	97,2	94,6	93,5	112,6
Other manufacturing groups	3,39	78,9	74,7	82,0	92,9	94,5	95,3
Total	100	91,5	91,7	91,1	94,2	96,9	97,5

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	Apr-24	May-24	Jun-24	Jul-24	Aug-24	Sep-24
Food and beverages	4,1	5,4	-3,2	11,8	7,9	1,2
Meat, fish, fruit, etc.	8,0	4,2	-5,5	-4,8	0,9	3,4
Dairy products	-3,8	-8,5	-7,8	9,7	2,5	8,2
Grain mill products	9,8	-6,0	-2,1	0,2	-3,8	-4,6
Other food products	-8,0	8,7	-13,6	17,4	9,5	-6,4
Beverages	14,2	9,2	10,4	19,7	14,3	6,6
Textiles, clothing, leather and footwear	2,1	-4,7	-6,2	1,2	-3,7	-4,9
Textiles	7,0	-14,4	-17,5	-8,8	-13,1	-6,6
Other textile products	8,5	13,5	-5,9	7,6	11,7	-2,5
Knitted, crocheted articles	-12,8	-6,3	6,2	3,0	-7,9	3,1
Wearing apparel	-3,5	-3,2	2,2	6,1	-1,4	-5,0
Leather and leather products	14,6	0,0	-3,2	8,3	-2,7	-9,2
Footwear	2,2	-8,1	-12,1	-9,6	-6,5	-1,7
Wood and wood products, paper, publishing and printing	9,5	4,2	2,0	-1,5	-0,4	-1,4
Sawmilling and planing of wood	15,3	5,8	-2,5	4,2	-2,7	8,6
Products of wood	23,5	3,4	10,6	0,2	-2,7	-8,5
Paper and paper products	8,7	4,5	2,3	-4,0	-2,3	-4,0
Publishing	-5,3	-2,2	-10,4	-3,6	-1,1	6,5
Printing, recorded media	15,0	11,1	14,1	5,5	11,4	-2,0
Petroleum, chemical products, rubber and plastic products	2,1	2,1	2,2	1,5	1,5	3,1
Coke, petroleum products and nuclear fuel	-2,6	6,1	10,0	-7,2	0,5	9,8
Basic chemicals	5,1	3,7	0,5	11,9	0,6	-7,2
Other chemical products	2,7	-3,4	-1,7	6,0	5,2	2,2
Rubber products	3,9	0,8	-11,3	-4,9	-19,6	0,2
Plastic products	14,4	4,1	-2,7	5,9	1,3	4,0
Glass and non-metallic mineral products	4,6	-3,2	-3,2	-3,2	-1,0	-1,3
Glass and glass products	-3,9	-7,1	8,0	5,0	5,1	-0,3
Non-metallic mineral products	6,4	-2,5	-5,4	-4,7	-2,0	-1,5
Basic iron and steel, non-ferrous metal products, metal products and machinery	3,1	-8,9	-10,2	4,5	-5,2	0,0
Basic iron and steel products	-17,8	-8,6	8,5	15,8	14,5	17,3
Non-ferrous metal products	1,7	-1,4	-6,6	13,9	0,9	3,3
Structural metal products	11,5	6,7	-4,5	7,1	-14,2	-11,0
Other fabricated metal products	19,2	-11,9	-16,7	-6,0	-8,1	3,0
General purpose machinery	3,0	-16,9	-14,4	14,9	-4,8	-3,7
Special purpose machinery	1,9	-13,1	-17,9	-10,1	-15,5	-7,0
Household appliances	1,2	-3,2	-2,0	-0,2	2,4	2,3
Electrical machinery	13,5	-1,3	-4,8	1,6	-5,1	5,8
Radio, television and communication apparatus and professional equipment	12,9	-1,2	-1,2	-12,1	4,7	1,7
Radio, television and communication apparatus	19,1	13,3	12,5	14,6	-2,5	-2,9
Professional equipment	12,1	-3,1	-3,4	-15,7	5,9	2,6
Motor vehicles, parts and accessories and other transport equipment	6,9	-12,0	-15,4	-12,2	-16,5	-18,7
Motor vehicles	12,4	3,6	-8,6	-8,0	-13,5	-28,0
Bodies for motor vehicles, trailers and semi-trailers	11,4	-19,5	-30,9	-6,4	-22,7	-22,7
Parts and accessories	-0,1	-21,4	-19,3	-19,4	-19,2	-14,6
Other transport equipment	23,4	-0,4	-1,1	7,4	-5,9	-8,8
Furniture and other manufacturing	-3,5	-12,6	-9,2	-3,4	5,8	3,2
Furniture	9,6	3,4	4,2	5,5	-1,1	4,4
Other manufacturing groups	-6,1	-15,9	-12,1	-5,1	7,3	3,0
Total	4,1	-2,0	-4,7	2,2	-0,8	-0,8

Table 6 – Contribution of each division and major group to the year-on-year percentage change in the volume of manufacturing production (percentage points)

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

Table 7 – Seasonally adjusted index of the volume of manufacturing production by division and major group (Base: 2019=100)

Manufacturing division and major group	Weight	May-24	Jun-24	Jul-24	Aug-24	Sep-24	Month-on-month % change
Food and beverages	22,07	103,7	103,7	104,8	105,3	102,4	-2,8
Meat, fish, fruit, etc.	3,53	110,6	107,8	101,1	111,2	112,4	1,1
Dairy products	1,48	99,1	100,4	99,5	100,1	105,1	5,0
Grain mill products	2,01	100,2	102,5	100,5	99,8	99,3	-0,5
Other food products	7,61	89,6	88,0	94,3	92,0	83,4	-9,3
Beverages	7,44	116,7	118,8	119,5	118,5	117,4	-0,9
Textiles, clothing, leather and footwear	3,89	88,0	88,3	91,3	87,4	86,9	-0,6
Textiles	0,96	91,5	90,3	92,9	90,8	94,0	3,5
Other textile products	0,55	95,5	91,5	95,6	93,3	92,4	-1,0
Knitted, crocheted articles	0,06	80,8	86,2	89,5	87,4	89,0	1,8
Wearing apparel	1,83	83,5	87,0	88,9	84,2	81,8	-2,9
Leather and leather products	0,24	83,6	80,7	92,0	78,9	75,3	-4,6
Footwear	0,25	96,5	90,9	92,3	93,5	96,1	2,8
Wood and wood products, paper, publishing and printing	10,29	95,4	94,8	94,6	95,2	93,2	-2,1
Sawmilling and planing of wood	0,83	97,7	99,7	98,6	97,4	102,4	5,1
Products of wood	0,93	114,2	115,7	115,2	115,5	110,3	-4,5
Paper and paper products	5,18	96,0	94,7	93,7	93,0	92,0	-1,1
Publishing	2,02	80,9	78,5	83,0	86,2	83,6	-3,0
Printing, recorded media	1,33	100,7	102,5	98,9	101,8	94,9	-6,8
Petroleum, chemical products, rubber and plastic products	24,38	79,6	81,5	79,1	79,4	82,2	3,5
Coke, petroleum products and nuclear fuel	11,63	63,0	65,7	58,9	59,9	64,7	8,0
Basic chemicals	3,35	103,2	102,4	104,5	101,6	100,8	-0,8
Other chemical products	6,81	87,2	91,8	92,5	94,1	96,0	2,0
Rubber products	0,65	88,1	83,8	90,0	81,4	89,1	9,5
Plastic products	1,94	107,8	103,5	105,6	106,2	103,8	-2,3
Glass and non-metallic mineral products	3,06	100,8	97,1	99,9	100,1	99,9	-0,2
Glass and glass products	0,50	97,5	113,1	106,3	99,4	103,9	4,5
Non-metallic mineral products	2,56	101,4	94,0	98,6	100,2	99,1	-1,1
Basic iron and steel, non-ferrous metal products, metal products and machinery	20,86	91,4	91,5	98,4	95,7	96,9	1,3
Basic iron and steel products	3,18	74,4	88,4	91,6	93,7	92,6	-1,2
Non-ferrous metal products	3,98	88,4	88,1	96,6	91,6	92,4	0,9
Structural metal products	2,01	105,6	93,3	104,7	94,1	91,3	-3,0
Other fabricated metal products	3,74	97,2	92,9	98,3	97,1	100,8	3,8
General purpose machinery	3,52	93,0	95,6	110,7	101,8	101,6	-0,2
Special purpose machinery	3,77	92,8	89,5	89,9	93,3	98,0	5,0
Household appliances	0,66	100,0	103,8	106,2	106,7	108,5	1,7
Electrical machinery	2,09	110,3	107,8	112,1	105,9	111,6	5,4
Radio, television and communication apparatus and professional equipment	1,06	100,1	97,6	90,1	99,3	96,7	-2,6
Radio, television and communication apparatus	0,16	102,9	102,1	104,4	92,1	92,4	0,3
Professional equipment	0,90	99,6	96,8	87,6	100,6	97,5	-3,1
Motor vehicles, parts and accessories and other transport equipment	8,21	93,5	91,4	93,2	89,0	86,4	-2,9
Motor vehicles	2,39	103,5	96,2	97,0	87,6	78,3	-10,6
Bodies for motor vehicles, trailers and semi-trailers	0,72	91,5	77,0	100,7	87,7	85,7	-2,3
Parts and accessories	3,96	88,0	90,7	89,8	90,4	92,2	2,0
Other transport equipment	1,14	93,4	92,5	92,3	87,8	83,4	-5,0
Furniture and other manufacturing	4,09	79,9	84,1	87,2	91,0	91,0	0,0
Furniture	0,70	94,9	98,0	96,4	94,0	99,4	5,7
Other manufacturing groups	3,39	76,8	81,2	85,3	90,4	89,2	-1,3
Total	100	92,0	92,2	93,8	93,1	93,1	0,0

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

Month	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Jan	169 412	185 680	184 898	182 428	205 810	226 014	247 707
Feb	189 083	200 377	205 406	209 620	232 629	253 396	280 477
Mar	201 438	218 859	205 629	241 918	263 164	295 678	284 961
Apr	180 741	207 717	100 499	219 725	227 055	257 117	284 162
May	209 991	217 911	148 771	225 788	252 702	274 523	286 157
Jun	209 659	218 035	180 943	232 195	254 401	277 315	282 494
Jul	212 683	222 024	195 607	201 393	248 918	272 077	291 278
Aug	220 418	231 090	201 524	222 784	260 611	290 309	288 947
Sep	223 624	222 496	216 599	234 472	277 238	294 419	288 585
Oct	241 670	242 243	237 315	232 350	269 096	302 549	
Nov	245 860	239 739	241 032	260 653	290 708	319 726	
Dec	198 015	191 778	199 230	219 129	239 465	263 383	
Total	2 502 594	2 597 949	2 317 453	2 682 455	3 021 797	3 326 506	

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

Month	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2024 year-to-date
Jan	9,6	-0,4	-1,3	12,8	9,8	9,6	9,6
Feb	6,0	2,5	2,1	11,0	8,9	10,7	10,2
Mar	8,6	-6,0	17,6	8,8	12,4	-3,6	4,9
Apr	14,9	-51,6	118,6	3,3	13,2	10,5	6,3
May	3,8	-31,7	51,8	11,9	8,6	4,2	5,9
Jun	4,0	-17,0	28,3	9,6	9,0	1,9	5,2
Jul	4,4	-11,9	3,0	23,6	9,3	7,1	5,4
Aug	4,8	-12,8	10,5	17,0	11,4	-0,5	4,6
Sep	-0,5	-2,7	8,3	18,2	6,2	-2,0	3,8
Oct	0,2	-2,0	-2,1	15,8	12,4		
Nov	-2,5	0,5	8,1	11,5	10,0		
Dec	-3,1	3,9	10,0	9,3	10,0		
Total	3,8	-10,8	15,8	12,7	10,1		

Table 10 – Seasonally adjusted manufacturing sales at current prices

Month	R million				Month-on-month % change			
	2021	2022	2023	2024	2021	2022	2023	2024
Jan	214 762	242 888	263 185	285 380	-0,3	3,6	0,5	-1,7
Feb	220 221	244 436	265 019	287 810	2,5	0,6	0,7	0,9
Mar	232 613	250 710	279 673	281 119	5,6	2,6	5,5	-2,3
Apr	231 612	241 246	277 453	292 405	-0,4	-3,8	-0,8	4,0
May	228 587	252 578	272 575	283 534	-1,3	4,7	-1,8	-3,0
Jun	227 687	250 275	271 089	285 344	-0,4	-0,9	-0,5	0,6
Jul	200 927	251 046	276 156	290 543	-11,8	0,3	1,9	1,8
Aug	219 097	253 950	282 956	283 018	9,0	1,2	2,5	-2,6
Sep	224 788	264 128	283 505	280 080	2,6	4,0	0,2	-1,0
Oct	215 310	252 088	280 940		-4,2	-4,6	-0,9	
Nov	231 510	258 294	285 546		7,5	2,5	1,6	
Dec	234 510	261 900	290 198		1,3	1,4	1,6	

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

Manufacturing division and major group	Apr-24	May-24	Jun-24	Jul-24	Aug-24	Sep-24
Food and beverages	63 810	67 932	64 894	67 210	70 316	71 299
Meat, fish, fruit, etc.	18 724	20 543	19 283	19 867	20 411	21 070
Dairy products	5 881	5 910	5 664	6 093	6 102	6 290
Grain mill products	11 367	11 414	11 354	11 813	11 349	11 160
Other food products	12 435	13 951	13 306	14 045	15 737	14 132
Beverages	15 403	16 115	15 286	15 393	16 717	18 646
Textiles, clothing, leather and footwear	6 201	6 381	6 137	6 582	6 539	6 529
Textiles	863	834	863	807	844	826
Other textile products	1 905	2 056	1 834	1 996	1 990	2 056
Knitted, crocheted articles	191	242	233	257	292	302
Wearing apparel	2 018	2 026	2 026	2 134	2 117	2 076
Leather and leather products	557	569	531	659	505	513
Footwear	667	653	651	728	792	756
Wood and wood products, paper, publishing and printing	16 550	16 790	18 487	17 186	19 467	21 114
Sawmilling and planing of wood	1 456	1 519	1 505	1 648	1 663	1 632
Products of wood	2 532	2 201	2 351	2 336	2 468	2 488
Paper and paper products	8 440	8 829	10 306	8 533	9 675	11 765
Publishing	1 133	1 348	1 346	1 548	2 167	2 023
Printing, recorded media	2 989	2 894	2 978	3 122	3 494	3 206
Petroleum, chemical products, rubber and plastic products	58 087	57 593	60 170	61 051	62 007	58 966
Coke, petroleum products and nuclear fuel	22 515	20 960	21 697	22 124	22 014	19 804
Basic chemicals	10 940	10 439	12 265	11 461	11 450	10 763
Other chemical products	14 680	15 974	16 480	16 619	17 774	17 828
Rubber products	1 977	1 841	1 847	2 030	1 911	1 814
Plastic products	7 975	8 378	7 882	8 817	8 858	8 757
Glass and non-metallic mineral products	7 645	7 995	7 673	8 542	8 287	8 642
Glass and glass products	1 392	1 423	1 650	1 610	1 542	1 900
Non-metallic mineral products	6 253	6 573	6 023	6 932	6 745	6 742
Basic iron and steel, non-ferrous metal products, metal products and machinery	61 682	63 834	58 322	63 320	58 845	60 379
Basic iron and steel products	12 390	14 655	12 251	13 561	12 548	12 286
Non-ferrous metal products	17 905	19 015	16 987	17 790	15 428	16 379
Structural metal products	4 436	4 412	4 091	4 654	4 230	4 103
Other fabricated metal products	10 337	9 862	9 173	10 441	10 306	10 070
General purpose machinery	6 399	6 041	6 032	6 961	6 634	6 730
Special purpose machinery	8 972	8 569	8 465	8 454	8 340	9 351
Household appliances	1 243	1 280	1 323	1 459	1 360	1 459
Electrical machinery	7 936	7 881	7 243	7 876	7 327	7 800
Radio, television and communication apparatus and professional equipment	2 392	2 563	2 660	2 161	2 483	2 527
Radio, television and communication apparatus	1 042	1 303	1 416	1 100	1 247	1 326
Professional equipment	1 350	1 260	1 244	1 061	1 236	1 201
Motor vehicles, parts and accessories and other transport equipment	49 871	45 836	47 539	46 889	42 967	40 313
Motor vehicles	34 272	30 309	33 168	32 075	29 206	27 163
Bodies for motor vehicles, trailers and semi-trailers	1 385	1 248	1 162	1 329	1 205	1 173
Parts and accessories	10 432	10 896	9 676	10 116	9 426	8 533
Other transport equipment	3 783	3 383	3 533	3 369	3 129	3 444
Furniture and other manufacturing	9 988	9 352	9 368	10 460	10 709	11 016
Furniture	1 562	1 608	1 675	1 647	1 732	1 814
Other manufacturing groups	8 427	7 744	7 693	8 812	8 977	9 202
Total	284 162	286 157	282 494	291 278	288 947	288 585

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

Manufacturing division and major group	Apr-24	May-24	Jun-24	Jul-24	Aug-24	Sep-24
Food and beverages	-2,2	1,0	5,8	10,5	8,9	6,3
Meat, fish, fruit, etc.	8,9	4,2	-2,6	1,7	1,8	3,0
Dairy products	-0,2	-6,6	-3,8	6,6	0,6	2,8
Grain mill products	1,1	-6,5	-4,6	2,5	-1,0	-1,6
Other food products	-28,5	-8,0	25,5	19,7	19,0	15,5
Beverages	13,8	16,7	16,6	25,1	21,4	10,1
Textiles, clothing, leather and footwear	10,1	4,0	0,7	4,2	2,7	-2,6
Textiles	5,0	-20,0	-11,9	-12,3	-16,3	-18,8
Other textile products	20,0	23,3	5,1	19,0	18,6	0,3
Knitted, crocheted articles	-9,5	1,7	7,9	2,0	-2,7	11,0
Wearing apparel	5,3	1,4	5,0	-0,3	4,6	1,5
Leather and leather products	24,1	13,3	2,7	23,4	-1,0	-5,5
Footwear	3,1	-4,8	-7,9	-8,0	-6,7	-2,1
Wood and wood products, paper, publishing and printing	14,2	1,7	3,8	-4,3	2,3	6,3
Sawmilling and planing of wood	1,8	-1,0	-3,7	3,5	-2,8	-1,0
Products of wood	26,3	-7,1	5,8	-6,1	-1,8	-5,1
Paper and paper products	11,9	0,8	4,1	-11,8	0,5	10,0
Publishing	-2,5	0,6	-10,4	-1,1	1,3	12,7
Printing, recorded media	27,1	15,7	13,8	18,1	14,8	3,1
Petroleum, chemical products, rubber and plastic products	9,7	9,0	6,9	17,4	0,8	-7,3
Coke, petroleum products and nuclear fuel	11,1	30,6	8,3	26,1	-2,6	-13,0
Basic chemicals	8,3	-1,3	14,6	25,8	-4,8	-12,6
Other chemical products	4,4	-2,4	2,5	9,3	8,7	-5,2
Rubber products	10,3	-6,4	-5,7	-4,5	-13,7	-5,8
Plastic products	18,4	6,1	4,6	9,7	6,1	12,1
Glass and non-metallic mineral products	8,2	1,4	1,8	8,6	0,5	7,4
Glass and glass products	3,7	2,7	19,5	21,2	4,3	29,0
Non-metallic mineral products	9,2	1,2	-2,1	6,0	-0,4	2,5
Basic iron and steel, non-ferrous metal products, metal products and machinery	12,1	2,8	-7,4	9,0	-5,0	1,3
Basic iron and steel products	-12,2	12,4	-17,7	0,7	-11,5	0,6
Non-ferrous metal products	22,5	11,2	10,8	27,7	12,2	7,8
Structural metal products	17,3	7,5	0,7	13,4	-10,4	-3,5
Other fabricated metal products	23,9	-8,2	-16,0	2,9	-5,4	4,3
General purpose machinery	11,9	-8,5	-10,3	22,0	-0,9	1,3
Special purpose machinery	23,9	-6,9	-12,9	-10,8	-19,7	-9,1
Household appliances	1,8	-2,0	0,3	13,1	2,3	6,6
Electrical machinery	20,6	1,4	-6,0	-1,2	1,2	3,2
Radio, television and communication apparatus and professional equipment	12,1	13,0	16,5	-0,4	5,2	-2,2
Radio, television and communication apparatus	2,4	35,6	41,7	1,3	2,0	-4,7
Professional equipment	21,2	-3,6	-3,2	-2,1	8,6	0,7
Motor vehicles, parts and accessories and other transport equipment	30,0	9,5	4,9	-3,3	-12,5	-18,0
Motor vehicles	44,8	27,8	22,1	6,2	1,0	-9,3
Bodies for motor vehicles, trailers and semi-trailers	20,9	-18,8	-26,8	-6,4	-22,0	-22,8
Parts and accessories	-1,3	-18,5	-26,3	-27,1	-38,8	-38,9
Other transport equipment	27,3	4,3	3,5	11,9	-3,1	-7,9
Furniture and other manufacturing	4,1	-5,6	-6,3	1,2	8,2	8,1
Furniture	7,1	5,8	6,9	7,5	5,4	-0,5
Other manufacturing groups	3,6	-7,7	-8,8	0,0	8,7	9,9
Total	10,5	4,2	1,9	7,1	-0,5	-2,0

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

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

Manufacturing division and major group	May-24	Jun-24	Jul-24	Aug-24	Sep-24	Month-on-month % change
Food and beverages	69 048	69 053	69 342	70 293	69 724	-0,8
Meat, fish, fruit, etc.	20 266	19 955	19 839	20 384	20 521	0,7
Dairy products	6 144	6 256	6 230	6 140	6 221	1,3
Grain mill products	11 145	11 413	11 319	11 408	11 288	-1,1
Other food products	14 177	13 799	14 109	14 307	14 449	1,0
Beverages	17 316	17 631	17 845	18 055	17 245	-4,5
Textiles, clothing, leather and footwear	6 321	6 423	6 382	6 226	6 212	-0,2
Textiles	769	880	801	816	793	-2,8
Other textile products	1 987	1 968	2 016	1 957	1 976	1,0
Knitted, crocheted articles	228	240	245	244	257	5,3
Wearing apparel	2 085	2 113	2 044	2 010	2 006	-0,2
Leather and leather products	560	541	608	526	494	-6,1
Footwear	693	682	669	672	686	2,1
Wood and wood products, paper, publishing and printing	18 328	18 495	17 816	18 453	18 485	0,2
Sawmilling and planing of wood	1 505	1 525	1 486	1 491	1 564	4,9
Products of wood	2 307	2 341	2 218	2 274	2 259	-0,7
Paper and paper products	9 781	9 982	9 318	9 849	10 095	2,5
Publishing	1 592	1 526	1 650	1 673	1 644	-1,7
Printing, recorded media	3 143	3 121	3 143	3 165	2 924	-7,6
Petroleum, chemical products, rubber and plastic products	56 457	59 736	63 637	60 419	57 466	-4,9
Coke, petroleum products and nuclear fuel	20 597	20 583	25 093	21 688	20 268	-6,5
Basic chemicals	10 149	12 632	11 509	11 147	10 223	-8,3
Other chemical products	15 476	16 356	16 687	17 376	16 981	-2,3
Rubber products	1 858	1 793	1 938	1 822	1 783	-2,1
Plastic products	8 377	8 372	8 411	8 386	8 211	-2,1
Glass and non-metallic mineral products	7 685	7 886	8 089	7 841	8 143	3,9
Glass and glass products	1 513	1 694	1 713	1 489	1 749	17,5
Non-metallic mineral products	6 172	6 192	6 376	6 352	6 394	0,7
Basic iron and steel, non-ferrous metal products, metal products and machinery	59 807	55 670	62 164	58 005	58 815	1,4
Basic iron and steel products	13 804	10 988	13 569	12 447	12 562	0,9
Non-ferrous metal products	17 238	16 513	18 138	16 663	16 877	1,3
Structural metal products	4 343	3 841	4 584	3 940	3 886	-1,4
Other fabricated metal products	9 373	9 128	9 759	9 586	9 556	-0,3
General purpose machinery	5 695	5 632	6 699	6 075	6 074	0,0
Special purpose machinery	8 113	8 299	7 983	7 974	8 499	6,6
Household appliances	1 241	1 269	1 432	1 320	1 361	3,1
Electrical machinery	7 453	7 274	7 555	7 181	7 458	3,9
Radio, television and communication apparatus and professional equipment	2 759	2 775	2 389	2 491	2 393	-3,9
Radio, television and communication apparatus	1 550	1 578	1 235	1 249	1 209	-3,2
Professional equipment	1 209	1 197	1 154	1 241	1 184	-4,6
Motor vehicles, parts and accessories and other transport equipment	46 238	48 543	43 020	41 598	40 837	-1,8
Motor vehicles	30 787	33 987	28 151	27 971	27 776	-0,7
Bodies for motor vehicles, trailers and semi-trailers	1 195	1 047	1 242	1 132	1 102	-2,7
Parts and accessories	10 565	9 853	9 952	9 031	8 709	-3,6
Other transport equipment	3 691	3 656	3 676	3 464	3 250	-6,2
Furniture and other manufacturing	9 439	9 489	10 147	10 510	10 547	0,4
Furniture	1 631	1 666	1 656	1 658	1 600	-3,5
Other manufacturing groups	7 808	7 823	8 492	8 852	8 947	1,1
Total	283 534	285 344	290 543	283 018	280 080	-1,0

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 70,8% for September 2024. The revised collection rate for August 2024 was 74,0%.
- 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-24	Additional information from respondents New weights for manufacturing production	Jan-21 - Aug-24
Oct-24	Additional information from respondents	Jul-24 - Sep-24
Nov-24	Additional information from respondents	Aug-24 - Oct-24
Dec-24	Additional information from respondents	Sep-24 - Nov-24
Jan-25	Additional information from respondents	Oct-24 - Dec-24
Feb-25	Additional information from respondents	Nov-24 - Jan-25
Mar-25	Additional information from respondents	Dec-24 - Feb-25
Apr-25	Additional information from respondents	Jan-25 - Mar-25
May-25	Additional information from respondents	Feb-25 - Apr-25
Jun-25	Additional information from respondents	Mar-25 - May-25
Jul-25	Additional information from respondents New sample	Jan-98 - Jun-25
Aug-25	Additional information from respondents	May-25 - Jul-25
New base year in 2027/28 - periodic, approximately four- to five-year intervals		

Related publications

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

Rounding-off of figures

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

Historical data

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

Past publications

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

Technical notes

Survey methodology and design

1 The survey is conducted monthly. Questionnaires are sent to a sample of 3 046 enterprises from a population of 25 829 manufacturing enterprises. Completed questionnaires are required to be returned to Stats SA within 10 days after the end of the reference month. Fax and telephone reminders are used to follow up on non-respondents.

2 A stratified random sample was drawn at the Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) three-digit level in April 2024 from Stats SA’s statistical business register (SBR). Strata were formed using a combination of the SIC and the measure of size classes for enterprises (see point 3 on the following page).

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

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

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

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

Measure of size classes (Rand)

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

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

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

- Calculation of production index** 6 The calculation of the monthly production indices is based on the value of sales of products and articles manufactured and change in monthly value of stocks of manufactured products, after the effect of price changes has been eliminated through deflation using appropriate indices of the producer price index (PPI). For 38 of the 44 major groups in manufacturing, the value of production is calculated from the value of sales and stocks of manufactured products obtained from the monthly survey of manufacturing enterprises.

- 7 More direct indicators are used for the value of production of the following major groups:
- tobacco;
 - coke and refined petroleum products;
 - basic iron and steel products;
 - basic precious and non-ferrous metal products;
 - motor vehicles; and
 - parts and accessories for motor vehicles.

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

Index weighting

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

Period	Source
1998 to 2000	1996 Census of manufacturing
2001 to 2004	2001 LSS
2005 to 2009	2005 LSS
2010 to 2024	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			
	2018 (based on value added for 2016 – 2018)	2019 (based on value added for 2017 – 2019)	2020 (based on value added for 2018 – 2020)	2021 – 2024 (based on value added for 2019 – 2021)
Food and beverages	20,18	20,75	21,44	22,07
Meat, fish, fruit, etc.	2,95	3,27	3,42	3,53
Dairy products	1,34	1,39	1,47	1,48
Grain mill products	1,69	1,68	1,85	2,01
Other food products	7,76	7,75	7,81	7,61
Beverages	6,44	6,66	6,89	7,44
Textiles, clothing, leather and footwear	4,38	4,26	4,07	3,89
Textiles	1,10	1,08	1,04	0,96
Other textile products	0,65	0,61	0,58	0,55
Knitted, crocheted articles	0,06	0,06	0,06	0,06
Wearing apparel	2,04	1,98	1,88	1,83
Leather and leather products	0,28	0,27	0,26	0,24
Footwear	0,25	0,25	0,25	0,25
Wood and wood products, paper, publishing and printing	10,77	10,63	10,48	10,29
Sawmilling and planing of wood	0,93	0,87	0,86	0,83
Products of wood	0,87	0,88	0,90	0,93
Paper and paper products	5,39	5,34	5,26	5,18
Publishing	2,24	2,18	2,10	2,02
Printing, recorded media	1,34	1,35	1,36	1,33
Petroleum, chemical products, rubber and plastic	25,38	24,95	24,86	24,38
Coke, petroleum products and nuclear fuel	12,02	11,85	11,92	11,63
Basic chemicals	3,69	3,50	3,39	3,35
Other chemical products	6,54	6,64	6,82	6,81
Rubber products	0,84	0,76	0,68	0,65
Plastic products	2,29	2,20	2,05	1,94
Glass and non-metallic mineral products	3,42	3,24	3,10	3,06
Glass and glass products	0,51	0,49	0,48	0,50
Non-metallic mineral products	2,91	2,75	2,62	2,56
Basic iron and steel, non-ferrous metal products, metal products and machinery	19,47	19,73	19,96	20,86
Basic iron and steel products	2,82	2,92	2,92	3,18
Non-ferrous metal products (including precious metals)	3,26	3,32	3,54	3,98
Structural metal products	1,98	1,99	2,01	2,01
Other fabricated metal products	3,35	3,53	3,65	3,74
General purpose machinery	3,46	3,42	3,45	3,52
Special purpose machinery	3,87	3,85	3,73	3,77
Household appliances	0,73	0,70	0,66	0,66
Electrical machinery	2,31	2,21	2,14	2,09
Radio, television and communication apparatus and professional equipment	1,21	1,07	1,06	1,06
Radio, television and communication apparatus	0,13	0,04	0,08	0,16
Professional equipment	1,08	1,03	0,98	0,90
Motor vehicles, parts and accessories and other transport equipment	8,66	8,89	8,72	8,21
Motor vehicles	2,65	2,78	2,62	2,39
Bodies for motor vehicles, trailers and semi-trailers	0,71	0,73	0,75	0,72
Parts and accessories	3,93	3,97	4,03	3,96
Other transport equipment	1,37	1,40	1,32	1,14
Furniture and other manufacturing	4,21	4,27	4,17	4,09
Furniture	0,86	0,78	0,69	0,70
Other manufacturing groups	3,35	3,49	3,48	3,39
Total	100	100	100	100

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

[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 2024

	Lower limit (R million)	Estimate (R million)	Upper limit (R million)	Relative standard error (RSE) %
Total sales	284 159	288 585	293 011	0,8

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

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Industry

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Sales

Sales are the total value of sales and transfers-out of all own manufactured products/articles and the amounts received for installation, erection or assembly or other services rendered.

Symbols and abbreviations

GDP	Gross domestic product
IMF	International Monetary Fund
ISIC	International Standard Industrial Classification
LSS	Large sample survey
NA	National accounts
PPI	Producer price index
SARS	South African Revenue Service
SBR	Statistical business register
SDDS	Special Data Dissemination Standard
SIC	Standard Industrial Classification of All Economic Activities
Stats SA	Statistics South Africa
VAT	Value-added tax
*	Revised figures

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