

Economic activity in the manufacturing sector contracted in August for the sixth consecutive month, following a two-month expansion preceded by 26 straight months of contraction, say the nation's supply executives in the latest ISM® *Manufacturing PMI® Report*.

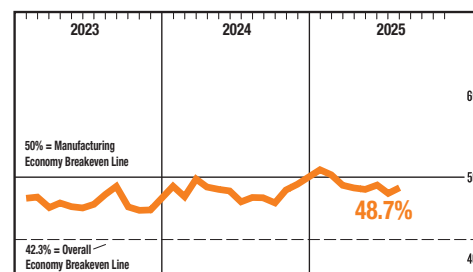
The Manufacturing PMI® registered 48.7. The overall economy continued in expansion for the 64th month after one month of contraction in April 2020. (A Manufacturing PMI® above 42.3 percent, over a period of time, generally indicates an expansion of the overall economy.) The New Orders Index indicated growth in August following a six-month period of contraction; the figure of 51.4 percent is 4.3 percentage points higher than the 47.1 percent recorded in July. The August reading of the Production Index (47.8 percent) is 3.6 percentage points lower than July's figure of 51.4 percent. The Prices Index remained in expansion (or "increasing") territory, registering 63.7 percent, down 1.1 percentage points compared to the reading of 64.8 percent reported in July. The Backlog of Orders Index registered 44.7 percent, down 2.1 percentage points compared to the 46.8 percent recorded in July. The Employment Index registered 43.8 percent, up 0.4 percentage point from July's figure of 43.4 percent.

The seven manufacturing industries reporting growth in August — listed in order — are: Textile Mills; Apparel, Leather & Allied Products; Nonmetallic Mineral Products; Food, Beverage & Tobacco Products; Petroleum & Coal Products; Miscellaneous Manufacturing†; and Primary Metals. **ISM**

†Miscellaneous Manufacturing (products such as medical equipment and supplies, jewelry, sporting goods, toys and office supplies).

MANUFACTURING PMI® at 48.7%

The U.S. manufacturing sector contracted in August for the sixth consecutive month after two months of expansion preceded by 26 months of contraction. The Manufacturing PMI® registered 48.7 percent, 0.7 percentage point higher compared to the 48 percent reported in July. Of the five subindexes that directly factor into the Manufacturing PMI®, two (New Orders and Supplier Deliveries) are in expansion territory, up from one in July. After two months in expansion territory, the Production Index lost 3.6 percentage points, putting it back in contraction.



Manufacturing at a Glance

INDEX	Aug Index	Jul Index	% Point Change	Direction	Rate of Change	Trend* (months)
Manufacturing PMI®	48.7	48.0	+0.7	Contracting	Slower	6
New Orders	51.4	47.1	+4.3	Growing	From Contracting	1
Production	47.8	51.4	-3.6	Contracting	From Growing	1
Employment	43.8	43.4	+0.4	Contracting	Slower	7
Supplier Deliveries	51.3	49.3	+2.0	Slowing	From Faster	1
Inventories	49.4	48.9	+0.5	Contracting	Slower	4
Customers' Inventories	44.6	45.7	-1.1	Too Low	Faster	11
Prices	63.7	64.8	-1.1	Increasing	Slower	11
Backlog of Orders	44.7	46.8	-2.1	Contracting	Faster	35
New Export Orders	47.6	46.1	+1.5	Contracting	Slower	6
Imports	46.0	47.6	-1.6	Contracting	Faster	5
Overall Economy				Growing	Faster	64
Manufacturing Sector				Contracting	Slower	6

*Number of months moving in current direction. ISM® *Manufacturing PMI® Report* data has been seasonally adjusted for the New Orders, Production, Employment and Inventories indexes.

Commodities Reported

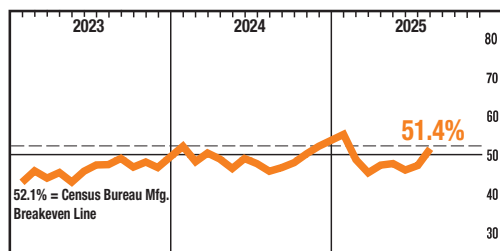
Commodities Up in Price: Aluminum (21); Brass; Copper (2); Copper Products (2); Electrical Components (7); Steel* (7); Steel — Stainless (6); and Steel Products* (6).

Commodities Down in Price: Corn (2); Natural Gas (2); Plastic Resins; Soybean Meal (2); Steel*; and Steel Products*.

Commodities in Short Supply: Electrical Components (2); and Electronic Components (6).

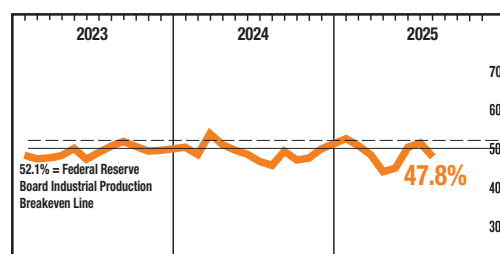
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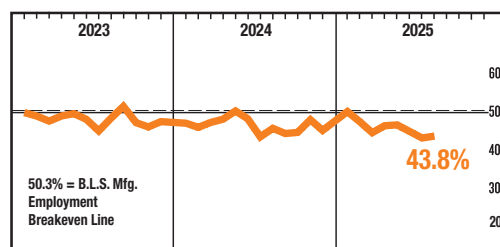
New Orders

ISM's New Orders Index registered 51.4 percent. The eight manufacturing industries that reported growth in new orders in August — in the following order — are: Apparel, Leather & Allied Products; Textile Mills; Primary Metals; Food, Beverage & Tobacco Products; Computer & Electronic Products; Nonmetallic Mineral Products; Electrical Equipment, Appliances & Components; and Miscellaneous Manufacturing[‡].



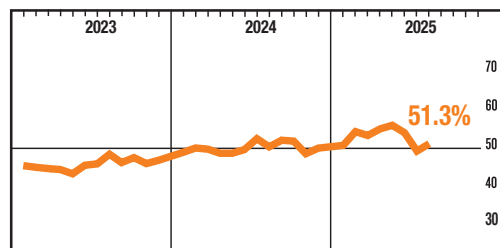
Production

The Production Index registered 47.8 percent. The six industries reporting growth in production during the month of August — in the following order — are: Nonmetallic Mineral Products; Textile Mills; Electrical Equipment, Appliances & Components; Food, Beverage & Tobacco Products; Fabricated Metal Products; and Miscellaneous Manufacturing[‡].



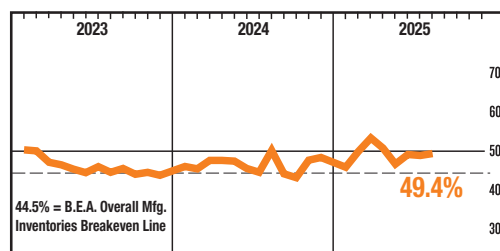
Employment

ISM's Employment Index registered 43.8 percent. Of the 18 manufacturing industries, two reported employment growth in August: Nonmetallic Mineral Products; and Plastics & Rubber Products.



Supplier Deliveries

The Supplier Deliveries Index registered 51.3 percent. The 10 manufacturing industries reporting slower supplier deliveries in August — in the following order — are: Textile Mills; Wood Products; Furniture & Related Products; Nonmetallic Mineral Products; Primary Metals; Electrical Equipment, Appliances & Components; Computer & Electronic Products; Fabricated Metal Products; Chemical Products; and Miscellaneous Manufacturing[‡].



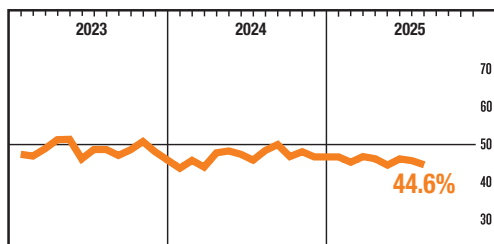
Inventories

The Inventories Index registered 49.4 percent. Of 18 manufacturing industries, the six reporting higher inventories in August — listed in order — are: Apparel, Leather & Allied Products; Textile Mills; Petroleum & Coal Products; Transportation Equipment; Food, Beverage & Tobacco Products; and Miscellaneous Manufacturing[‡].

[‡]Miscellaneous Manufacturing (products such as medical equipment and supplies, jewelry, sporting goods, toys and office supplies).

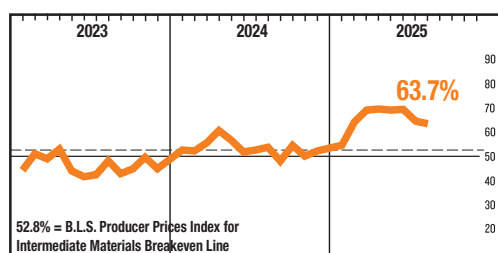
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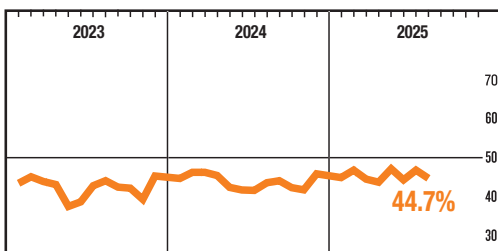
Customers' Inventories

ISM's Customers' Inventories Index registered 44.6 percent. The two industries reporting customers' inventories as too high in August are: Computer & Electronic Products; and Furniture & Related Products.



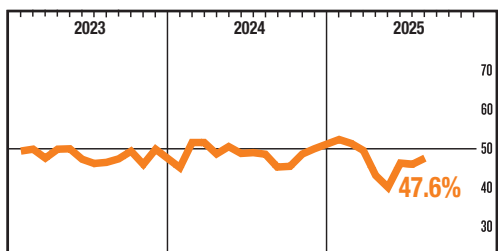
Prices

The ISM Prices Index registered 63.7 percent. In August, the 15 industries that reported paying increased prices for raw materials, in order, are: Textile Mills; Wood Products; Primary Metals; Electrical Equipment, Appliances & Components; Nonmetallic Mineral Products; Miscellaneous Manufacturing[‡]; Machinery; Paper Products; Food, Beverage & Tobacco Products; Computer & Electronic Products; Petroleum & Coal Products; Transportation Equipment; Furniture & Related Products; Fabricated Metal Products; and Chemical Products.



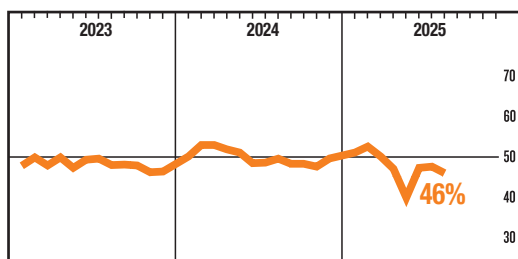
Backlog of Orders

ISM's Backlog of Orders Index registered 44.7 percent. Of the 18 manufacturing industries, the two that reported growth in order backlogs in August are: Textile Mills; and Primary Metals.



New Export Orders

ISM's New Export Orders Index registered 47.6 percent. Of the 18 manufacturing industries, three industries reported growth in new export orders in August: Nonmetallic Mineral Products; Electrical Equipment, Appliances & Components; and Machinery.



Imports

ISM's Imports Index registered 46 percent. The four industries reporting an increase in import volumes in August are: Apparel, Leather & Allied Products; Nonmetallic Mineral Products; Plastics & Rubber Products; and Miscellaneous Manufacturing[‡].

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The data presented herein is obtained from a survey of manufacturing and services supply executives based on information they have collected within their respective organizations. ISM® makes no representation, other than that stated within this release, regarding the individual company data collection procedures. The data should be compared to all other economic data sources when used in decision-making.

Data and Method of Presentation

The **ISM® Manufacturing PMI® Report** is based on data compiled from purchasing and supply executives nationwide. The composition of the Manufacturing Business Survey Panel is stratified according to the North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) and each of the following NAICS-based industries' contribution to gross domestic product (GDP): Food, Beverage & Tobacco Products; Textile Mills; Apparel, Leather & Allied Products; Wood Products; Paper Products; Printing & Related Support Activities; Petroleum & Coal Products; Chemical Products; Plastics & Rubber Products; Nonmetallic Mineral Products; Primary Metals; Fabricated Metal Products; Machinery; Computer & Electronic Products; Electrical Equipment, Appliances & Components; Transportation Equipment; Furniture & Related Products; and Miscellaneous Manufacturing (products such as medical equipment and supplies, jewelry, sporting goods, toys and office supplies). The data are weighted based on each industry's contribution to GDP. According to U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis (BEA) estimates (the average of the fourth quarter 2023 GDP estimate and the GDP estimates for first, second, and third quarter 2024, as released on December 19, 2024), the six largest manufacturing industries are: Chemical Products; Transportation Equipment; Computer & Electronic Products; Food, Beverage & Tobacco Products; Machinery; and Petroleum & Coal Products.

The **ISM® Services PMI® Report** (formerly the Non-Manufacturing ISM® *Report On Business*®) is based on data compiled from purchasing and supply executives nationwide. Membership of the Services Business Survey Panel (formerly Non-Manufacturing Business Survey Panel) is diversified by North American Industry Classification System (NAICS), based on each industry's contribution to gross domestic product (GDP). The Services Business Survey Panel responses are divided into the following NAICS code categories: Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing & Hunting; Mining; Utilities; Construction; Wholesale Trade; Retail Trade; Transportation & Warehousing; Information; Finance & Insurance; Real Estate, Rental & Leasing; Professional, Scientific & Technical Services; Management of Companies & Support Services; Educational Services; Health Care & Social Assistance; Arts, Entertainment & Recreation; Accommodation & Food Services; Public Administration; and Other Services (services such as Equipment & Machinery Repairing; Promoting or Administering Religious Activities; Grantmaking; Advocacy; and Providing Dry-Cleaning & Laundry Services, Personal Care Services, Death Care Services, Pet Care Services, Photofinishing Services, Temporary Parking Services, and Dating Services). The data are weighted based on each industry's contribution to GDP. According to U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis (BEA) estimates (the average of the fourth quarter 2023 GDP estimate and the GDP estimates for first, second, and third quarter 2024, as released on December 19, 2024), the six largest services sectors are: Real Estate, Rental & Leasing; Public Administration; Professional, Scientific, & Technical Services; Health Care & Social Assistance; Information; and Finance & Insurance.

Survey responses reflect the change, if any, in the current month compared to the previous month. Responses are raw data and are never changed. The diffusion index includes the percent of positive responses plus one-half of those responding the same (considered positive).

The resulting single index number for those meeting the criteria for seasonal adjustments (for Manufacturing: New Orders, Production, Employment, and Inventories) (for Services: Business Activity, New Orders, Employment and Prices) is then seasonally adjusted to allow for the effects of repetitive intra-year variations resulting primarily from normal differences in weather conditions, various institutional arrangements, and differences attributable to non-moveable holidays. The remaining indexes have not indicated significant seasonality. All seasonal adjustment factors are subject annually to relatively minor changes when conditions warrant them.

The Manufacturing PMI® is a composite index based on the diffusion indexes of five of the indexes with equal weights: New Orders (seasonally adjusted), Production (seasonally adjusted), Employment (seasonally adjusted), Supplier Deliveries, and Inventories (seasonally adjusted). The Services PMI® is a composite index based on the diffusion indexes for four of the indicators with equal weights: Business Activity (seasonally adjusted), New Orders (seasonally adjusted), Employment (seasonally adjusted) and Supplier Deliveries.

Diffusion indexes have the properties of leading indicators and are convenient summary measures showing the prevailing direction of change and the scope of change.

A Manufacturing PMI® reading above 50 percent indicates that the manufacturing economy is generally expanding; below 50 percent indicates that it is generally declining. A Manufacturing PMI® above 42.3 percent, over a period of time, indicates that the overall economy, or gross

domestic product (GDP), is generally expanding; below 42.3 percent, it is generally declining. The distance from 50 percent or 42.3 percent is indicative of the extent of the expansion or decline. A Services PMI® reading above 50 percent indicates that the services economy is generally expanding; below 50 percent indicates that it is generally declining. A Services PMI® above 48.6 percent, over time, indicates that the overall economy, or gross domestic product (GDP), is generally expanding; below 48.6 percent, it is generally declining. The distance from 50 percent or 48.6 percent is indicative of the strength of the expansion or decline. With some of the indicators within the ISM® Manufacturing PMI® Report, ISM® has indicated the departure point between expansion and decline of comparable government series, as determined by regression analysis.

The ISM® PMI® Report surveys are sent out to Manufacturing and Services Business Survey Panel respondents the first part of each month. Respondents are asked to report on information for the current month for U.S. operations only. ISM® receives survey responses throughout most of any given month, with the majority of respondents generally waiting until late in the month to submit responses to give the most accurate picture of current business activity.

The industries reporting growth, as indicated in the monthly reports, are listed in the order of most growth to least growth. For the industries reporting contraction or decreases, those are listed in the order of the highest level of contraction/decrease to the least level of contraction/decrease.

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