

March 2026 Taiwan Manufacturing PMI

PMI at 55.4%

**New Orders and Employment Growing, Production Contracting
Supplier Deliveries Slowing;
Inventories Growing**

MANUFACTURING AT A GLANCE

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Index	Series Index Mar	Series Index Feb	Percentage Point Change	Direction	Rate of Change	Trend (Months)	Industries					
							C&M	Elec	F&T	Mt'ls	Trans	Mach
Taiwan Manufacturing PMI	55.4	58.5	-3.1	Growing	Slower	6	52.9	64.9	60.0	60.5	60.5	59.5
New Orders	52.1	63.7	-11.6	Growing	Slower	6	53.6	71.8	62.5	70.9	60.5	61.6
Production	48.3	59.8	-11.5	Contracting	From Growing	1	48.8	69.4	60.4	68.6	63.2	68.6
Employment	51.1	52.8	-1.7	Growing	Slower	5	46.4	51.9	58.3	53.5	50.0	52.3
Supplier Deliveries	66.3	59.5	+6.8	Slowing	Faster	16	64.3	69.4	60.4	58.1	63.2	60.5
Inventories	59.4	56.7	+2.7	Growing	Faster	4	51.2	62.0	58.3	51.2	65.8	54.7
Customers' Inventories	47.8	47.7	+0.1	Too Low	Slower	41	39.3	48.1	56.3	51.2	39.5	41.9
Prices	86.0	76.2	+9.8	Increasing	Faster	18	85.7	86.6	77.1	91.9	73.7	82.6
Backlog of Orders	61.4	55.0	+6.4	Growing	Faster	4	53.6	64.4	52.1	59.3	52.6	55.8
New Export Orders	64.2	52.6	+11.6	Growing	Faster	4	56.0	69.4	56.3	54.7	44.7	55.8
Imports	62.7	51.7	+11.0	Growing	Faster	4	63.1	66.2	62.5	52.3	52.6	54.7
Future Outlooks	61.0	64.1	-3.1	Growing	Slower	4	44.0	64.8	50.0	60.5	44.7	57.0
Production Materials	45	43					37	52	49	49	32	33
MRO Supplies	35	35					30	35	46	39	33	32
Capital Expenditures	68	65					59	73	64	66	82	61

Chart 1: Time Series of Taiwan Manufacturing PMI

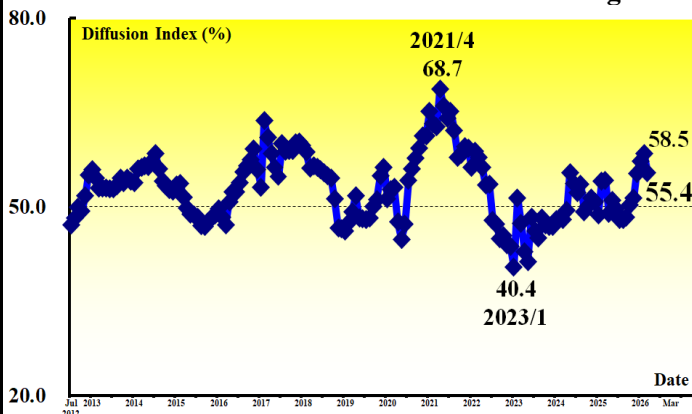
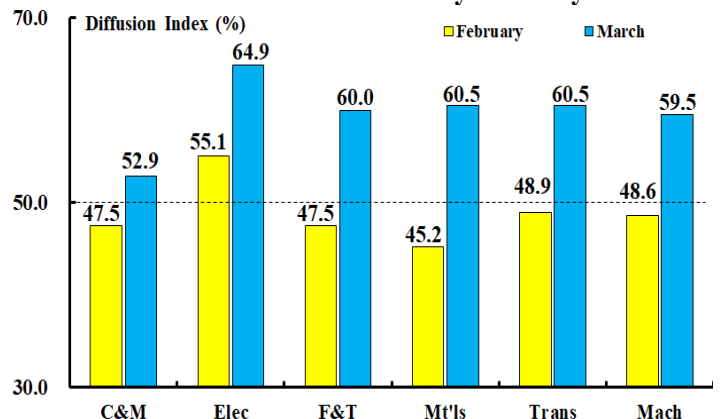


Chart 2: Performance by Industry



Summary

- The Manufacturing sector expanded for the sixth consecutive month. The seasonally adjusted Taiwan Manufacturing PMI decreased 3.1 percentage points to 55.4 percent, down from the fastest expansion rate of 58.5 percent since March 2022.
- Due to the low base effect in February, most unadjusted sectoral New Orders Indexes remained in expansion. However, the seasonally adjusted Manufacturing New Orders Index decreased by 11.6 percentage points to 52.1 percent.
- Geopolitical factors led to abnormal increases in certain raw material prices and longer supplier delivery times. The seasonally adjusted Production Index turned to contraction following five months of growth and decreased 11.5 percentage points to 48.3 percent.
- Manufacturers' employment grew for five consecutive months as the Employment Index decreased 1.7 percentage points to 51.1 percent.
- The Supplier Deliveries Index increased 6.8 percentage points to 66.3 percent, the highest reading since May 2022.
- The Inventories Index went up 2.7 percentage points to 59.4 percent, indicating growth for four consecutive months and registering the fastest growth rate since May 2022.
- Manufacturers reported that customers' inventories remained too low for forty-one consecutive months, while the Customers' Inventories Index slightly increased 0.1 percentage point to 47.8 percent.
- Cost pressures in the manufacturing sector increased notably. The Prices Index increased 9.8 percentage points to 86.0 percent and registered the highest reading since April 2022.
- The seasonally unadjusted Backlog of Orders Index grew for four consecutive months and went up 6.4 percentage points to 61.4 percent, registering the fastest growth rate since August 2021.
- The Future Outlook Index grew for the fourth consecutive month and decreased 3.1 percentage points from the fastest growth rate of 64.1 percent since March 2022.
- All six manufacturing industry categories reported growth in the following order: Electronic & Optical (64.9%), Basic Materials (60.5%), Transportation Equipment (60.5%), Foods & Textiles (60.0%), Electrical & Machinery Equipment (59.5%) and Chemical, Biological & Medical (52.9%) in March.

About this Report

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Data and Method of Presentation

The Survey is based on data compiled from monthly replies to questionnaires sent to manufacturing purchasing and supply executives in about 300 manufacturing companies. The panel has been carefully selected to accurately replicate the actual structure of the manufacturing economy, based on each industry's contribution to gross domestic product (GDP). The diffusion index includes the percent of positive responses plus one-half of those responding the same (considered positive). A PMI reading above 50 percent indicates that the manufacturing economy is generally expanding; below 50 percent indicates that it is generally decline. Responses to Buying Policy reflect the percent reporting the current month's lead time, the approximate weighted number of days ahead for which commitments are made for Production Materials; Capital Expenditures; and Maintenance, Repair and Operating (MRO) Supplies, expressed as hand-to-mouth (five days), 30 days, 60 days, 90 days, six months (180 days), a year or more (360 days), and the weighted average number of days.

We re-categorize the manufacturing subsectors listed in the Standard Industrial Classification System of the Republic of China (Rev.9, 2011) into six broad categories. **The Chemical, Biological & Medical industry (C&M)** which includes Manufacture of Chemical Material, Manufacture of Chemical Products, Manufacture of Pharmaceuticals and Medicinal Chemical Products and Manufacture of Medical Instruments and Supplies. **The Electronic & Optical industry (Elec)** which comprises Manufacture of Electronic Parts and Components and Manufacture of Computers Electronic and Optical Products. **The Foods & Textiles industry (F&T)** which comprises Manufacture of Food Products, Manufacture of Beverages, Manufacture of Tobacco Products, Manufacture of Textiles, Manufacture of Wearing Apparel and Clothing Accessories, Manufacture of Leather, Fur and Related Products. **The Basic Materials industry (Mt'ls)** which includes Manufacture of Wood and of Products of Wood and Bamboo, Manufacture of Pulp, Paper and Paperboard, Printing and Service Activities Related to Printing, Manufacture of Rubber Products, Manufacture of Plastics Products, Manufacture of Other Non-metallic Mineral Products, Manufacture of Basic Metals and Manufacture of Fabricated Metal Products. **The Transportation Equipment industry (Trans)** which comprises Manufacture of Motor Vehicles and Parts and Manufacture of Other Transport Equipment and Parts. The last category is **Electrical & Machinery Equipment industry (Mach)** which includes Manufacture of Electrical Equipment and Manufacture of Machinery and Equipment.

Starting from each release of the Month of April 2018, the index numbers for Manufacturing PMI, New Orders, Production and Employment are seasonally adjusted to remove those seasonal components and calendar effects such as trading day, leap year and other moving holiday effects. Averaging the seasonally adjusted component series (the New Orders, Production, and Employment indexes) and the seasonally unadjusted components (Supplier Delivers and Inventories indexes) will give rise to the indirect seasonally adjusted Manufacturing PMI. As the direct seasonally adjusted PMI is more stable than the indirect seasonally adjusted PMI, CIER assumes the difference between these two indexes to three seasonally adjusted component series using the variance of each irregular component as weights. Therefore, the equality of seasonally adjusted PMI and its component series is maintained. The diffusion indexes other than the PMI component series and the industrial data are raw data and not seasonally adjusted.

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