



Istanbul Chamber of Industry Istanbul PMI™ Manufacturing Index

Istanbul PMI rises to 48.7

August 2016

Key findings:

- Headline PMI rises from 48.0 in July to 48.7
- Output falls at slower rate than in July
- Employment increases slightly

Summary

The Istanbul Manufacturing PMI™, which tracks operating conditions at manufacturers based in Turkey's largest city, remained below the no-change threshold of 50.0 in August. That said, the index rose since July, indicating a slower overall contraction as output fell at a much weaker pace and employment rose slightly.

The headline Istanbul Chamber of Industry Istanbul Manufacturing PMI is a composite single-figure indicator of manufacturing performance. It is derived from indicators for new orders, output, employment, suppliers' delivery times and stocks of purchases. Any figure greater than 50.0 indicates overall improvement of the sector.

The PMI registered below the no-change mark of

50.0 in August, and rose to 48.7 from July's 48.0. The index has averaged 49.3 since the start of 2016, compared with an average of 48.4 for 2015.

New business fell moderately in August, mainly reflecting a robust drop in export contracts as global market conditions remained challenging. New export orders fell at the fastest rate since May 2015.

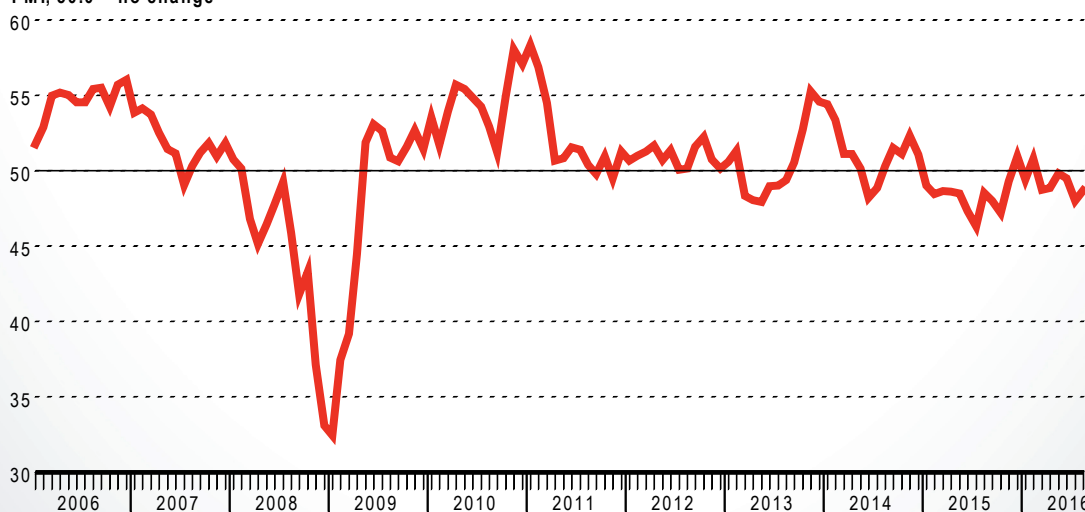
The sub-index measuring the change in manufacturing output remained below 50.0 in August. That said, the rate of decline signalled slowed noticeably from that registered in July.

Manufacturing employment in Istanbul rose in August, the third increase in the past four months. Meanwhile, goods producers continued to work through their outstanding orders at a robust pace, and remained

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Historical overview

PMI, 50.0 = no change



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cautious with regards to their purchasing activity and stock levels. Suppliers' delivery times improved as a result.

Input prices rose in August. The rate of inflation accelerated to the fastest since January, but remained below the long-run survey average. Meanwhile, output prices declined for the second month running, following increases in both May and June.

Comment

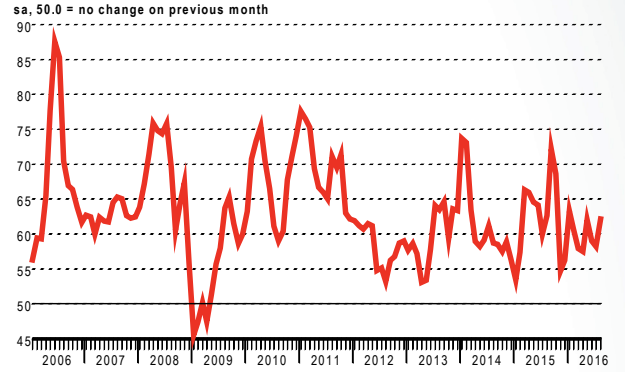
Commenting on the Istanbul Chamber of Industry Istanbul Manufacturing PMI survey data, Trevor Balchin, Senior Economist at IHS Markit, said:

"Istanbul's manufacturing headline PMI remained below 50.0 in August. That said, the headline figure improved since July, the first month-on-month rise in the index since May. This mainly reflected a much slower fall in output compared with July and a rise in employment."

Input Prices Index

Q. Please compare the average price of your purchases (volume weighted) this month with the situation one month ago.

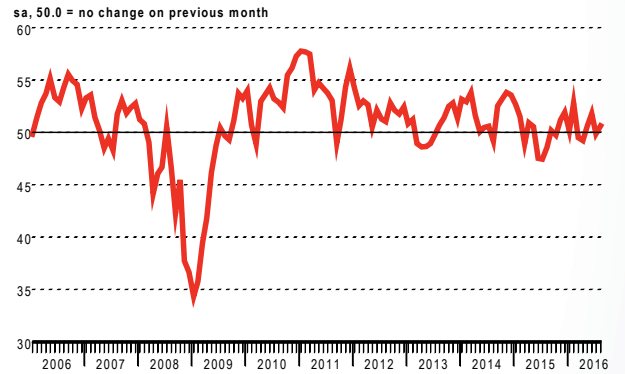
Average input prices paid by manufacturers in Istanbul continued to rise in August. The rate of inflation strengthened to a seven-month high, but remained below the long-run series average. Goods producers mainly linked higher purchase prices to the weak lira exchange rate.



Employment Index

Q. Please compare the level of employment at your unit this month with the situation one month ago.

The seasonally adjusted Employment Index registered above the no-change mark of 50.0 in August, signalling growth of manufacturing jobs in Istanbul for the third time in four months.



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Generating and conducting economic researches together with gathering data, ICI holds the widest knowledge on Istanbul industry whilst giving direction to Turkish industrialists and providing intense contribution for shaping economic and industrial policies.

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