



# PMI posts 46.5 in October

October 2025 Key findings:

- · Solid easing of new orders and output
- · Input cost inflation slows slightly
- · Staffing levels scaled back again

### **Summary**

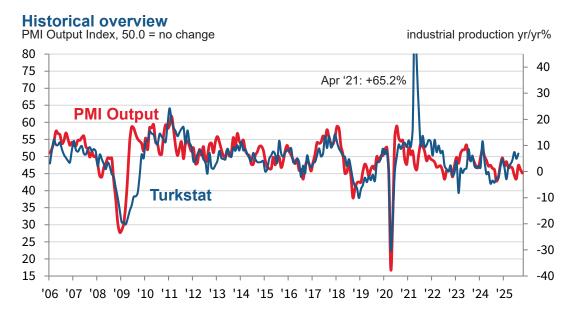
Turkish manufacturing firms continued to face challenging business conditions at the start of the final quarter of the year, resulting in further slowdowns in new orders and output. In response, firms scaled back employment and purchasing activity. Currency weakness was a key contributor to a further sharp rise in input costs, with manufacturers increasing their output prices accordingly.

The headline Istanbul Chamber of Industry Türkiye 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 headline PMI registered at 46.5 in October, down fractionally from 46.7 in September and the lowest reading in three months. As such, the index pointed to a further moderation of business conditions in the manufacturing sector.

Manufacturing output eased for the nineteenth consecutive month, and at a solid pace that was sharper than seen in September. Anecdotal evidence pointed to muted customer demand and an associated slowdown in new orders.

Indeed, new orders softened again in October, albeit at a slightly softer pace. Subdued demand was signalled in both domestic and export markets, with new business from abroad also slowing during the month.



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With new orders easing, manufacturers showed a reluctance to replace departing staff and purchase additional inputs. As a result, employment, purchasing activity and stocks of inputs all moderated.

Reduced demand for inputs meant that suppliers were able to speed up their deliveries in some cases. Lead times shortened fractionally, ending a two-month sequence of declining vendor performance.

Input costs continued to rise sharply in October as currency depreciation added to pressures on raw material prices. That said, the rate of inflation eased slightly from September. Output prices also increased at a slower pace, albeit one that was still solid nonetheless.

#### Comment

Commenting on the Istanbul Chamber of Industry Türkiye Manufacturing PMI survey data, Andrew Harker, Economics Director at S&P Global Market Intelligence, said:

"Muted demand conditions again set the scene for the Turkish manufacturing sector in October, leading to slowdowns in output, new orders, employment and purchasing. Manufacturers continued to face sharply rising input costs, again in large part due to currency weakness. These patterns have been seen throughout 2025 so far and there is little sign of an end to the challenges facing firms in the near future."



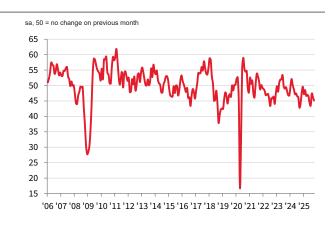




## **Output Index**

Q. Please compare your production/output this month with the situation one month ago.

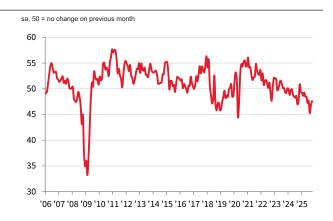
As has been the case in each month since April 2024, manufacturing production in Türkiye eased during October. Moreover, the pace of moderation was the sharpest in three months. Muted customer demand and a slowdown in new orders were the key factors behind the latest scaling back of output, according to respondents.



## **Employment Index**

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

The non-replacement of departing staff meant that employment eased again at the start of the fourth quarter of the year. Workforce numbers were scaled back for the eleventh successive month. The latest slowdown was solid but the least marked since July.



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October data were collected 9-24 October 2025.

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