

Istanbul Chamber of Industry Türkiye PMI® Manufacturing Index PMI unchanged at 47.3 in April

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- · Sustained, but slower moderations in output and new orders
- · Input cost inflation at one-year high
- Most marked improvement in vendor performance since December 2022

Summary

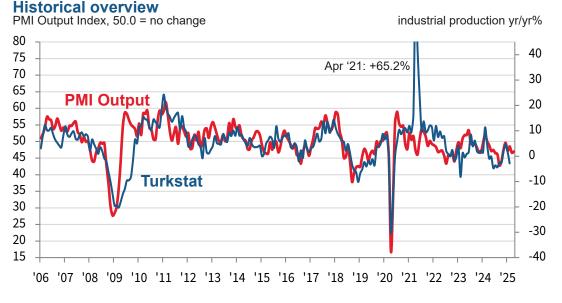
The Turkish manufacturing sector continued to face challenges in April, although there were some signs of improvement as rates of moderation in output, new orders and exports all eased. Firms again scaled back employment and purchasing activity, while muted demand conditions contributed to the most pronounced quickening of vendor lead times since the end of 2022. Meanwhile, inflationary pressures strengthened.

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 was unchanged at 47.3 in April, signalling a further solid moderation of the health of the sector. Business conditions have eased in 13 consecutive months.

The latest data were collected between the 9th and the morning of 23rd April, and so the survey had closed prior to the earthquake on the 23rd.

In line with the headline PMI, output eased for the thirteenth consecutive month in April, with firms reporting challenging international market conditions and subdued demand. Although solid, the latest moderation was less pronounced than that seen in March.

Similarly, both total new orders and new business from abroad eased to lesser extents at the start of



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the second quarter. Demand conditions remained muted both domestically and internationally, however.

With new orders slowing, manufacturers scaled back employment and purchasing activity, extending the current periods of moderation to five and 12 months respectively. Inventories were also reduced.

With demand for inputs muted, manufacturers reported that suppliers quickened their deliveries in April, the second month running in which this has been the case. Moreover, the latest improvement in vendor performance was the most pronounced since December 2022.

Meanwhile, the rate of input cost inflation quickened to the fastest for a year amid currency weakness and higher costs for raw materials. These factors also led to a further rise in selling prices. Here too, the pace of inflation accelerated, reaching the fastest for seven months.

Comment

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

"An uncertain international economic environment added to the challenges facing Turkish manufacturers in April. As such, further moderations in new orders, output and exports were recorded by the latest PMI survey. That said, there were some signs of improvement, raising hopes that the sector could potentially move closer to growth territory in the months ahead."



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Output Index

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

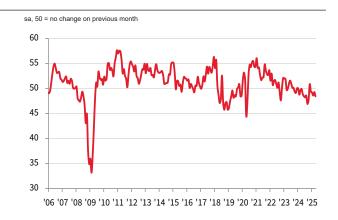
Challenging international market conditions and a subdued demand environment meant that Turkish manufacturers scaled back their production again during April. Output has now softened in each of the past 13 months. The latest moderation was solid but slightly softer than that seen in March.



Employment Index

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

A lack of new orders and difficulties keeping hold of staff meant that employment moderated again in April. Staffing levels have now eased in five consecutive months. Although modest, the latest scaling back of workforce numbers was the most marked since October last year.



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April data were collected 09-23 April 2025.

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