

Istanbul Chamber of Industry Türkiye PMI® Manufacturing Index

October sees PMI at 46.4

October 2022 Key findings:

- Further slowdown in new orders
- Output, employment and purchasing scaled back
- Suppliers' delivery times shorten for first time in 34 months

Summary

The latest PMI® survey data from Istanbul Chamber of Industry and S&P Global indicated a further softening of demand in the Turkish manufacturing sector amid challenging market conditions. New orders and production both slowed, while firms scaled back their purchasing activity and employment accordingly. Meanwhile, suppliers' delivery times shortened amid a lack of demand for inputs.

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.

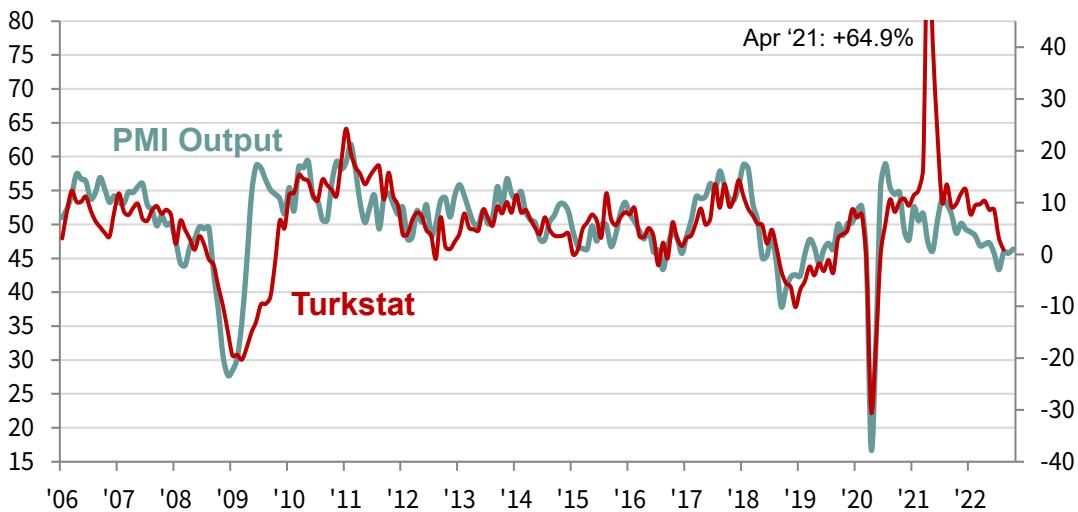
The headline PMI dipped to 46.4 in October from 46.9 in September, thereby posting below the 50.0 no-change mark for the eighth consecutive month and signalling a solid moderation in the health of the sector. In fact, the latest slowdown was the most pronounced since May 2020.

Central to the latest moderation in business conditions was a further softening of new orders, which eased for the thirteenth month running amid a lack of demand. A similarly sharp slowdown in new export orders was recorded. Demand weakness fed through to an easing in output over the month, albeit one that was the least marked since May.

Manufacturers responded to softer new orders by scaling back their purchasing activity and

Historical overview

PMI Output Index, 50.0 = no change



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employment in October. In particular, the easing of staffing levels accelerated to the fastest since May 2020.

The slowdown in input buying meant that pressure on supply chains was reduced, helping lead to a shortening of delivery times. The improvement in vendor performance was the first in 34 months and most pronounced since September 2014.

Input costs and output prices continued to increase sharply in October, although in both cases rates of inflation softened from the previous survey period. Higher input costs mainly reflected currency weakness, although there were also reports of rises in prices for energy and raw materials. In turn, charges increased as firms passed on higher input costs to customers.

Comment

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

"Subdued demand conditions kept the Turkish manufacturing sector on the back foot in October, with weakness in international demand increasingly to the fore. With requirements to satisfy new work easing, firms looked to scale back both employment and purchasing activity, the latter providing some respite for suppliers and enabling them to speed up their deliveries to the greatest extent in just over eight years, thus lessening one of the obstacles to growth in the sector."

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Output Index

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

October data pointed to an eleventh successive monthly slowdown in Turkish manufacturing production, although the pace of moderation was the least marked since May. Respondents indicated that fragile customer demand and price pressures had been behind the latest softening of output.

sa, 50 = no change on previous month



Employment Index

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

After having moderated for the first time in 28 months during September, employment slowed further during October. In fact, the pace at which staffing levels eased was the most marked since May 2020. Respondents indicated that the latest softening of workforce numbers reflected a combination of voluntary redundancies and reductions in line with slower new order inflows.

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Istanbul Chamber of Industry

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Survey responses reflect the change, if any, in the current month compared to the previous month based on data collected mid-month. For each of the indicators the 'Report' shows the percentage reporting each response, the net difference between the number of higher/better responses and lower/worse responses, and the 'diffusion' index. This index is the sum of the positive responses plus a half of those responding 'the same'.

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October data were collected 12-24 October 2022.

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