



# PMI posts 47.2 in November

November 2023 Key findings:

- Production scaled back to largest extent in a year
- Further slowdowns in employment and purchasing
- · Cost inflation eases, but remains marked

### **Summary**

The slowdown in the Turkish manufacturing sector became more entrenched in November, according to latest PMI® data. Output, new orders, purchasing and employment all moderated to larger extents than in October. Meanwhile, currency weakness again caused increases in input costs and output prices.

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.

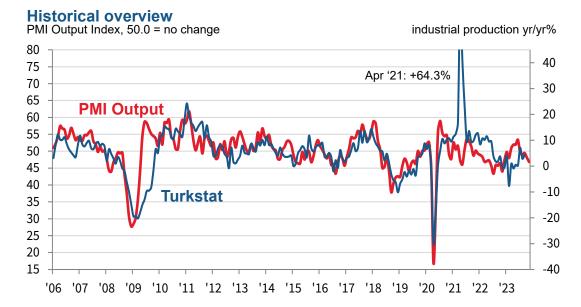
The headline PMI dropped to 47.2 in November from

48.4 in October, below the 50.0 no-change mark for the fifth consecutive month and pointing to a solid moderation in business conditions. In fact, the latest slowdown was the most marked for a year.

Subdued market conditions both at home and abroad meant that new orders eased again midway through the final quarter of the year, and to the greatest extent since November 2022.

Production was also scaled back to the largest degree for a year as manufacturers responded to demand weakness. Conflicts around the world and difficulties securing raw materials also contributed to the moderation of production, according to respondents.

Reduced output requirements meant that



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manufacturers scaled back their staffing levels for the second successive month, with resignations and retirements also contributing to the modest easing of employment. The latest slowdown was the most marked since October 2022.

Purchasing activity and inventories of both inputs and finished goods were also lowered during the course of the month.

The rate of input cost inflation eased to a sixmonth low in November, but remained marked amid widespread reports that currency weakness had pushed up prices for materials. Manufacturers subsequently increased their own selling prices, with the rate of charge inflation unchanged from that seen in the previous survey period.

#### Comment

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

"The latest Türkiye manufacturing PMI data makes for concerning reading as it shows the slowdown in the sector gathering momentum as the year draws to a close. Widespread demand weakness, both at home and abroad, is making it increasingly difficult for firms to secure new business and leading to the scaling back of output, employment and purchasing."







## **Output Index**

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

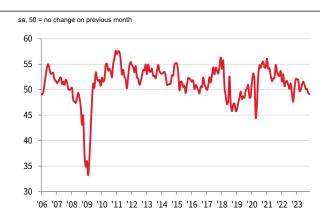
Turkish manufacturers recorded a fifth successive monthly slowdown in output during November. The latest moderation was solid and the most marked for a year. Weak demand was a key factor leading production to soften, according to respondents, while conflicts around the world and difficulties sourcing raw materials were also mentioned.



## **Employment Index**

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

November data pointed to a second successive monthly moderation of employment in the Turkish manufacturing sector. Although slight, the latest slowdown was the most marked in just over a year. Panellists reported that reduced workforce numbers reflected a combination of insufficient workloads, resignations and retirements.



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November data were collected 09-23 November 2023.

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