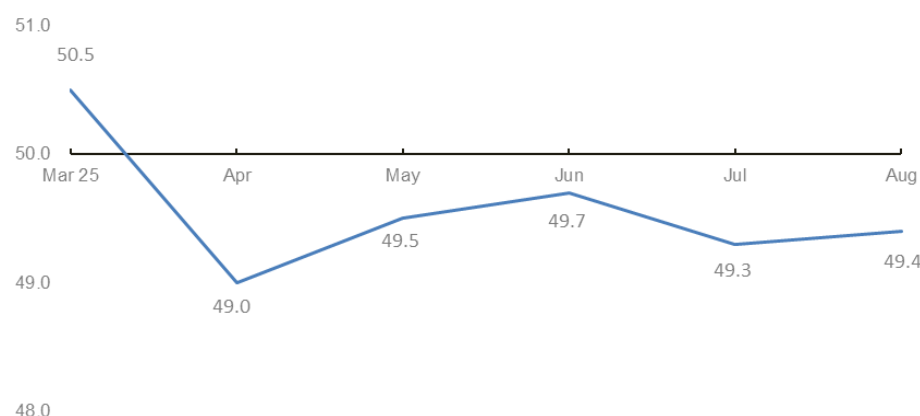


PMI Report on China Manufacturing

China's manufacturing PMI picks up to 49.4 in August, indicating a continued contraction in the manufacturing sector

China Manufacturing PMI, seasonally adjusted



China Manufacturing at a Glance – August 2025

Index	Seasonally Adjusted Index	Index Compared with the Previous Month	Direction
PMI	49.4	Higher ▲	Contracting
Output	50.8	Higher ▲	Expanding
New Orders	49.5	Higher ▲	Contracting
New Export Orders	47.2	Higher ▲	Contracting
Backlogs of Orders	45.5	Higher ▲	Contracting
Stocks of Finished Goods	46.8	Lower ▼	Contracting
Stocks of Major Inputs	48.0	Higher ▲	Contracting
Purchases of Inputs	50.4	Higher ▲	Expanding
Imports	48.0	Higher ▲	Contracting
Input Prices	53.3	Higher ▲	Rising
Ex-factory Prices	49.1	Higher ▲	Falling
Employment	47.9	Lower ▼	Contracting
Suppliers' Delivery Time	50.5	Higher ▲	Quickening
Business Expectations	53.7	Higher ▲	Optimistic

11 of the 13 sub-indices were higher than their respective levels in the previous month. For example, the new orders index rebounded by 0.1 pts to 49.5 in August, pointing to a smaller contraction in market demand, and the new export orders index edged up by 0.1 pts to 47.2, indicating that export demand reduced at a slower pace. Against this backdrop, the growth in production activities has accelerated: The output index gained 0.3 pts to 50.8 in the month. The purchase of inputs index also increased by 0.9 pts to 50.4, returning to the expansionary territory again. Also noteworthy is that ex-factory prices continued to fall despite a rise in input prices: The input prices index jumped by 1.8 pts to 53.3 in August, while the ex-factory prices index remained below the critical 50-mark at 49.1 in the month, suggesting a shrinking manufacturing margin.

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By size of enterprises, the PMI of 'large enterprises' rose to 50.8 in August from 50.3 in July. The PMI of 'medium enterprises' dropped to 48.9 in August from 49.5 in July. The PMI of 'small enterprises' went up to 46.6 in August from 46.4 in July.

The output index climbed to 50.8 in August from 50.5 in July. The output index of 'large enterprises' remained above the neutral level of 50, registering 52.6 in August.

Meanwhile, the output indices of 'medium enterprises' and 'small enterprises' stayed below 50, registering 49.9 and 47.6 respectively in the month.

The new orders index increased to 49.5 in August from 49.4 in July. The new orders index of 'large enterprises' remained in the expansionary zone, registering 51.9 in August. Meanwhile, the new orders indices of 'medium enterprises' and 'small enterprises' stayed in the contractionary zone, registering 48.8 and 44.6 respectively in the month.

The new export orders index edged up to 47.2 in August from 47.1 in July. The new export orders indices of 'large enterprises', 'medium enterprises' and 'small enterprises' all remained below the critical 50-mark, registering 47.9, 46.1 and 46.3 respectively in August.

The backlogs of orders index rose to 45.5 in August from 44.7 in July. The backlogs of orders indices of 'large enterprises', 'medium enterprises' and 'small enterprises' all remained below the neutral level of 50, registering 47.1, 44.8 and 42.5 respectively in August.

The stocks of finished goods index declined to 46.8 in August from 47.4 in July. The stocks of finished goods indices of 'large enterprises', 'medium enterprises' and 'small enterprises' all stayed in the contractionary zone, registering 47.9, 46.2 and 44.9 respectively in August.

The stocks of major inputs index went up to 48.0 in August from 47.7 in July. The major inputs indices of 'large enterprises', 'medium enterprises' and 'small enterprises' all remained below the critical 50-mark, registering 49.0, 47.8 and 45.8 respectively in August.

The purchases of inputs index increased to 50.4 in August from 49.5 in July. The purchases of inputs index of 'large enterprises' remained in the expansionary zone, registering 52.1 in August. Meanwhile, the purchases of inputs indices of 'medium enterprises' and 'small enterprises' stayed in the contractionary zone, registering 49.8 and 47.0 respectively in the month.

The imports index edged up to 48.0 in August from 47.8 in July. The imports indices of 'large enterprises', 'medium enterprises' and 'small enterprises' all stayed below the neutral level of 50, registering 49.4, 46.3 and 42.8 respectively in August.

The input prices index jumped to 53.3 in August from 51.5 in July. The input prices indices of 'large enterprises', 'medium enterprises' and 'small enterprises' all remained above the critical 50-mark, registering 54.0, 52.3 and 52.9 respectively in August.

The ex-factory prices index rebounded to 49.1 in August from 48.3 in July.¹ The ex-factory prices indices of 'large enterprises', 'medium enterprises' and 'small enterprises' all remained below the neutral level of 50, registering 49.9, 48.4 and 47.8 respectively in August.

The employment index fell to 47.9 in August from 48.0 in July. The employment indices of 'large enterprises', 'medium enterprises' and 'small enterprises' all stayed in the contractionary zone, registering 48.4, 47.7 and 47.0 respectively in August.

The suppliers' delivery time index came in at 50.5 in August, up from 50.3 in July. A reading above 50 implies faster delivery; below 50, slower delivery. The suppliers' delivery time indices of 'large enterprises', 'medium enterprises' and 'small enterprises' registered 50.2, 50.3 and 51.4 respectively in August.

The business expectations index rose to 53.7 in August from 52.6 in July.² The business expectations indices of 'large enterprises', 'medium enterprises' and 'small enterprises' registered 54.8, 52.9 and 52.2 respectively in August.

¹ The ex-factory prices index has been published since January 2017.

² Since January 2017, a new method of seasonal adjustment to the business expectations index has been adopted; and accordingly, the historical readings of the index have been revised.

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China Manufacturing PMI

中國製造業採購經理指數

China Manufacturing Purchasing Managers' Index (PMI) provides an early indication each month of economic activities in the Chinese manufacturing sector. It is jointly published by China Federation of Logistics & Purchasing (CFLP) and the National Bureau of Statistics (NBS). Fung Business Intelligence is responsible for drafting and disseminating the English PMI report.

Every month questionnaires are sent to 3,000 manufacturing enterprises all over China. The data presented herein is compiled from the enterprises' responses about their purchasing activities and supply situations. CFLP makes no representation regarding the data collection procedures, nor does it disclose any data of individual enterprises. The PMI should be compared to other economic data sources when used in decision-making.

3,000 manufacturing enterprises in 31 industries from Eastern, Northeastern, Central and Western China are surveyed. The sampling of the enterprises involves the use of Probability Proportional to Size Sampling (PPS), which means the selection of enterprises surveyed is largely based on each industry's contribution to GDP, and the representation of each geographical region.

There are 13 sub-indicators in the survey: Output, New Orders, New Export Orders, Backlogs of Orders, Stocks of Finished Goods, Purchases of Inputs, Imports, Input Prices, Stocks of Major Inputs, Ex-factory Prices, Employment, Suppliers' Delivery Time and Business Expectations. An index reading above 50 indicates an overall positive change in a sub-indicator; below 50, an overall negative change.

The PMI is a composite index based on the seasonally adjusted indices for five of the sub-indicators with varying weights: New Orders—30%; Output—25%; Employment—20%; Suppliers' Delivery Time—15%; and Stocks of Major Inputs—10%. A PMI reading above 50 indicates an overall expansion in the manufacturing sector; below 50, an overall contraction.

Currently there are more than twenty countries and regions conducting the PMI survey and compilation, based on an internationally standardized methodology.

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