



December sees PMI rise to 49.1

December 2024 Key findings:

- · Softest moderation in production in nine months
- · Rates of slowdown in new orders and purchasing also ease
- · Slowest pace of output price inflation in more than five years

Summary

The Turkish manufacturing sector neared stabilisation in December as rates of moderation in output, new orders, purchasing and inventories all softened over the course of the month. Less positive was a renewed scaling back of employment, following a rise in November. Meanwhile, input costs increased markedly, but the rate of output price inflation eased to the weakest in just over five years.

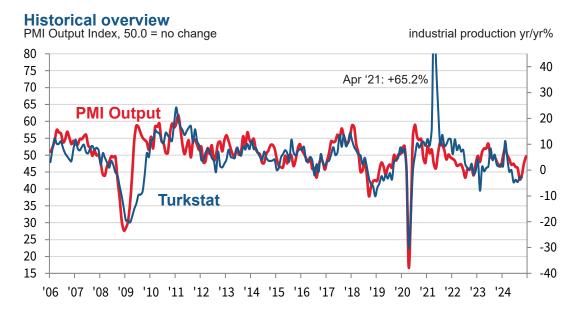
The headline Istanbul Chamber of Industry Türkiye Manufacturing PMI® is a composite single-figure indicator of manufacturing performance. It is derived from indicators for new orders, output, employment, suppliers' delivery times and stocks of purchases. Any figure greater than 50.0 indicates overall improvement of the sector.

The headline PMI rose to 49.1 in December from 48.3 in November, pointing to only a slight moderation in the health of the manufacturing sector and one that was the least pronounced in eight months.

The move towards stabilisation in overall business conditions in the sector was consistent with the picture across a range of variables in the latest survey.

Production was scaled back only marginally and to the least extent in the current nine-month sequence of slower output, amid some signs of demand improving.

New orders continued to moderate overall, however, as demand remained subdued. Although still solid, the latest easing of new business was the least



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marked since last April. Similarly, new export orders also moderated to a lesser extent at the end of the year.

With new order inflows remaining muted, manufacturers scaled back their purchasing activity, inventory holdings and employment, the last of which easing following a rise in November. In all cases, however, rates of slowdown were only marginal.

Input costs increased at a marked pace in December, linked to higher raw material prices and weakness of the lira against the US dollar. The pace of inflation was a three-month high but much weaker than the average for 2024 as a whole.

Meanwhile, the pace of output price inflation was only slight, having eased to the weakest in just over five years. While some firms increased charges in response to higher raw material costs, others offered discounts to customers as part of efforts to secure sales.

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 final set of PMI data for Türkiye in 2024 provided plenty of hope for the sector in 2025. While business conditions continued to moderate, the latest slowdown was only marginal as signs of improvement were seen in a range of variables across the survey. If this momentum can be built on at the start of 2025, we could see the sector return to growth.

"The prospects for the sector should be helped by a much more benign inflationary environment than has been the case in recent years. Output prices rose only slightly in December, and to the least extent in just over five years."







Output Index

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

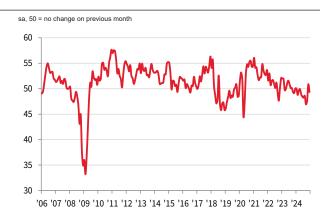
Turkish manufacturing production neared stabilisation in the final month of 2024, moderating only fractionally and to the least extent in the current nine-month period of slowing output. Although some firms scaled back production in response to subdued new order inflows, others reported that signs of improvement in demand had encouraged them to increase output.



Employment Index

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

After having risen for the first time in almost a year in the previous month, employment was scaled back marginally in December. While some firms increased staffing levels in order to support production, this was outweighed by those that reduced workforce numbers in response to muted demand.



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December data were collected 05-16 December 2024.

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