

PMI Report on China Manufacturing

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China Manufacturing PMI

中國製造業採購經理指數

The CFLP China Manufacturing Purchasing Managers' Index (PMI) provides an early indication each month of economic activities in the Chinese manufacturing sector. The CFLP and the NBS collaborate to collect data, compile and publish the index.

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PMI falls to 51.3 in January

Output, New Orders, New Export Orders, Purchases of Inputs, Imports, Expanding.

Stocks of Finished Goods, Stocks of Major Inputs, Employment, Backlogs of Orders, Contracting.

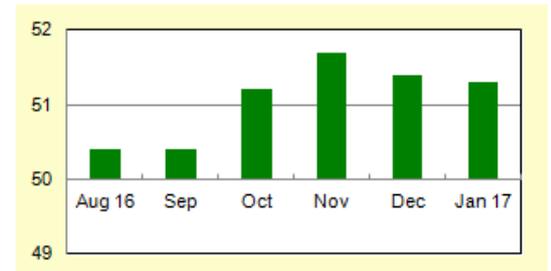
Input Prices, Ex-factory Prices, Rising.

Suppliers' Delivery, Slower.

Business Expectations, Optimistic.

China Manufacturing PMI, seasonally adjusted

16/17	PMI
Aug	50.4
Sep	50.4
Oct	51.2
Nov	51.7
Dec	51.4
Jan	51.3



China's manufacturing PMI dropped slightly to 51.3 in January from 51.4 in December. The January reading was still close to the recent peak of 51.7 in November last year, indicating the relatively fast expansion of the manufacturing sector in China.

7 of the 13 sub-indices were higher than their respective levels in the previous month, while 5 sub-indices were lower than their respective levels in the previous month. The output index fell to 53.1 in January from 53.3 in December, showing a softening in output growth. The new orders index dropped by 0.4 pts while the new export orders index gained 0.2 pts in January, indicating that the domestic demand has moderated.¹ For the first time in seven months, the input prices index posted a month-on-month drop in January, showing that the prices of production inputs have risen at a slower pace recently.

By size of enterprises, the PMI of 'large enterprises' fell to 52.7 in January from 53.2 in December. The PMI of 'medium enterprises' rose to 50.8 in January from 49.6 in December, while the PMI of 'small enterprises' went down to 46.4 in January from 47.2 in December.

The output index was 53.1 in January, down from 53.3 in December. The output index of 'large enterprises' went down to 55.1 in January from 56.1 in December; the output index of 'medium enterprises' was 53.1 in January, up from 50.8 in December; the output index of 'small enterprises' fell to 44.8 in January from 46.5 in December.

¹ The 'new orders index' covers both domestic and export orders. That is to say, the manufacturers are not asked to differentiate between domestic and export orders when filling in questionnaires.

The new orders index fell to 52.8 in January, compared to 53.2 in December. By size of enterprises, the new orders index of 'large enterprises' was 55.4 in January, down from 56.2 in December. The new orders index of 'medium enterprises' rose to 51.5 in January from 50.4 in December, while that of 'small enterprises' went down to 44.3 in January from 46.3 in December.

The new export orders index rose to 50.3 in January, compared to 50.1 in December. The new export orders index of 'large enterprises' remained above the critical 50-mark, registering 51.1 in January. Meanwhile, the new export orders indices of 'medium enterprises' and 'small enterprises' were 49.3 and 44.9 respectively in January.

The backlogs of orders index went up slightly to 46.3 in January, compared to 46.2 in December. The backlogs of orders indices of 'large enterprises', 'medium enterprises' and 'small enterprises' were all below the neutral level of 50, registering 48.1, 45.3 and 40.4 respectively in January.

The stocks of finished goods index came in at 45.0 in January, up from 44.4 in December. By size of enterprises, the stocks of finished goods indices of 'large enterprises', 'medium enterprises' and 'small enterprises' were all below the neutral level of 50, registering 45.3, 46.4 and 41.1 respectively in January.

The purchases of inputs index was 52.6 in January, up from 52.1 in December. The purchases of inputs indices of 'large enterprises' and 'medium enterprises' were in the expansionary zone, registering 55.0 and 51.1 respectively in January. Meanwhile, the purchases of inputs index of 'small enterprises' was 45.5 in January.

The imports index was 50.7 in January, up from 50.3 in December. The imports indices of 'large enterprises', 'medium enterprises' and 'small enterprises' were 51.2, 53.0 and 48.3 respectively in January.

The input prices index went down to 64.5 in January, compared to 69.6 in December. The input prices indices of 'large enterprises', 'medium enterprises' and 'small enterprises' were all above 50, registering 65.0, 64.6 and 62.4 respectively in January.

The stocks of major inputs index came in at 48.0 in January, the same as in December. The stocks of major inputs indices of 'large enterprises', 'medium enterprises' and 'small enterprises' were all below the neutral level of 50, registering 49.1, 47.6 and 44.3 respectively in January.

The ex-factory prices index was 54.7 in January, down from 58.8 in December.² The ex-factory prices indices of 'large enterprises', 'medium enterprises' and 'small enterprises' were all above the neutral level of 50, registering 54.8, 55.2 and 53.0 respectively in January.

The employment index came in at 49.2 in January, up from 48.9 in December. The employment indices of 'large enterprises', 'medium enterprises' and 'small enterprises' were all below the neutral level of 50, recording 49.6, 49.5 and 47.2 respectively in January.

The suppliers' delivery time index fell to 49.8 in January from 50.0 in December. A reading above 50 implies faster delivery; below 50, slower delivery time. The suppliers' delivery time indices of 'large enterprises', 'medium enterprises' and 'small enterprises' registered 50.1, 50.7 and 46.4 respectively in January.

The business expectations index went up from 58.2 in December to 58.5 in January, indicating that purchasing managers have been optimistic recently.³ The business expectations indices of 'large enterprises', 'medium enterprises' and 'small enterprises' were 60.5, 57.5 and 51.9 respectively in January.

² Ex-factory prices index has been published since January 2017.

³ 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.

China Manufacturing at a Glance — January 2017

Index	S. Adj Index	Index Compared with the Previous Month	Direction
PMI	51.3	Lower	Expanding
Output	53.1	Lower	Expanding
New Orders	52.8	Lower	Expanding
New Export Orders	50.3	Higher	Expanding
Backlogs of Orders	46.3	Higher	Contracting
Stocks of Finished Goods	45.0	Higher	Contracting
Purchases of Inputs	52.6	Higher	Expanding
Imports	50.7	Higher	Expanding
Input Prices	64.5	Lower	Rising
Stocks of Major Inputs	48.0	Unchanged	Contracting
Ex-factory Prices	54.7	Lower	Rising
Employment	49.2	Higher	Contracting
Suppliers' Delivery Time	49.8	Lower	Slowing
Business Expectations	58.5	Higher	Optimistic

About China Manufacturing PMI:

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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