China’s manufacturing PMI rose to 50.9 in June from 50.6 in May, indicating that the manufacturing sector recovered at a faster pace in June.

9 of the 13 sub-indices were higher than their respective levels in the previous month. For example, the new orders index rose by 0.5 pts to 51.4, while the new export orders index rebounded by 7.3 pts to 42.6 in June, indicating that new export orders have dropped at a slower pace recently. Against this backdrop, the growth of production activities has quickened: The output index increased by 0.7 pts from the previous month to 53.9 in June. Besides, the purchases of inputs index went up to 51.8 in the month, indicating an increase in purchasing activities. Also noteworthy is that the ex-factory prices index rose above the critical 50-mark, returning to the expansionary zone in June.
By size of enterprises, the PMI of ‘large enterprises’ came in at 52.1 in June, up from 51.6 in May. The PMI of ‘medium enterprises’ rose to 50.2 in June from 48.8 in May. Meanwhile, the PMI of ‘small enterprises’ dropped to 48.9 in June from 50.8 in May.

The output index came in at 53.9 in June, up from 53.2 in May. The output indices of ‘large enterprises’ and ‘medium enterprises’ stayed above the critical 50-mark, registering 55.5 and 54.3 respectively in June. Meanwhile, the output index of ‘small enterprises’ dropped to 49.2 in the month.

The new orders index rose to 51.4 in June from 50.9 in May. By size of enterprises, the new orders index of ‘large enterprises’ stayed above the critical 50-mark, registering 53.6, and the new orders index of ‘medium enterprises’ came in at 50.0 in June. Meanwhile, the new orders index of ‘small enterprises’ dropped to 47.8 in the month.

The new export orders index picked up to 42.6 in June from 35.3 in May. The new export orders indices of ‘large enterprises’, ‘medium enterprises’ and ‘small enterprises’ all stayed below the neutral level of 50, registering 43.7, 41.8 and 38.2 respectively in June.

The backlogs of orders index came in at 44.8 in June, up from 44.1 in May. The backlogs of orders indices of ‘large enterprises’, ‘medium enterprises’ and ‘small enterprises’ all remained below the critical 50-mark, registering 45.4, 44.0 and 44.4 respectively in June.

The stocks of finished goods index was 46.8 in June, down from 47.3 in May. The stocks of finished goods indices of ‘large enterprises’, ‘medium enterprises’ and ‘small enterprises’ were all in the contractionary zone, registering 46.8, 46.1 and 47.9 respectively in June.

The purchases of inputs index went up to 51.8 in June from 50.8 in May. The purchases of inputs indices of ‘large enterprises’ and ‘medium enterprises’ were in the expansionary zone, registering 52.7 and 52.0 respectively in June. Meanwhile, the purchases of inputs index of ‘small enterprises’ stayed below the neutral level of 50, registering 49.3 in the month.

The imports index went up to 47.0 in June from 45.3 in May. The imports indices of ‘large enterprises’, ‘medium enterprises’ and ‘small enterprises’ all stayed below the critical 50-mark, registering 46.9, 47.5 and 46.8 respectively in June.

The input prices index jumped to 56.8 in June from 51.6 in May. The input prices indices of ‘large enterprises’, ‘medium enterprises’ and ‘small enterprises’ all stayed above the critical 50-mark, registering 57.4, 55.8 and 56.7 respectively in June.

The ex-factory prices index came in at 52.4 in June, up from 48.7 in May. The ex-factory prices indices of ‘large enterprises’ and ‘medium enterprises’ were in the expansionary zone, registering 54.4 and 51.3 respectively in June. Meanwhile, the ex-factory prices index of ‘small enterprises’ stayed below the neutral level of 50, registering 48.8 in the month.

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1 The ex-factory prices index has been published since January 2017.
The stocks of major inputs index rose to 47.6 in June from 47.3 in May. The stocks of major inputs index of ‘large enterprises’, ‘medium enterprises’ and ‘small enterprises’ were all below the critical 50-mark, registering 47.8, 46.3 and 48.9 respectively in June.

The employment index was 49.1 in June, down from 49.4 in May. The employment indices of ‘large enterprises’, ‘medium enterprises’ and ‘small enterprises’ were all in the contractionary zone, registering 49.7, 47.7 and 49.7 respectively in June.

The suppliers’ delivery time index came in at 50.5 in June, the same as in May. 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 50.7, 50.3 and 50.2 respectively in June.

The business expectations index went down to 57.5 in June from 57.9 in May. The business expectations indices of ‘large enterprises’, ‘medium enterprises’ and ‘small enterprises’ were 59.8, 56.2 and 53.8 respectively in June.

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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.
PMI Report on China Manufacturing

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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