



Russian Manufacturing PMI

About the Index

The Russian Manufacturing PMI is a monthly publication produced by VTB Capital Research in association with Markit Economics, a reputable British company specializing in PMI publications on a global scale, featuring original research data from a survey of 300 Russian purchasing managers. The data is calculated from September 1997. The index is released on a monthly basis on the first working day at 8am Moscow time.

Notes on Data and Survey Methodology

The Russian Manufacturing PMI Report is based on data compiled from monthly replies to questionnaires sent to purchasing executives in 300 industrial companies. The panel is stratified geographically and by Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) group, based on the regional, and industry contribution to GDP.

Survey responses reflect the change, if any, in the current month compared to the previous month based on data collected mid-month. For each of the indicators the 'Report' shows the percentage reporting each response, the net difference between the number of higher/better responses and lower/worse responses, and the 'diffusion' index. This index is the sum of the positive responses plus a half of those responding 'the same'.

Diffusion indexes have the properties of leading indicators and are convenient summary measures showing the prevailing direction of change. An index reading above 50.0 indicates an overall increase in that variable, below 50.0 an overall decrease. All indexes are seasonally adjusted using a combination of the Williamson Method (based on panel responses on seasonal influences), careful analysis of X-11 and observation of historical levels of adjustment factors.

The Russian Purchasing Managers' Index (PMI) is a composite index based on five of the individual indexes with the following weights derived by the National Association of Purchasing Management in its survey in the US: New Orders - 0.3, Output - 0.25, Employment - 0.2, Suppliers' Delivery Times - 0.15, Stock of Items Purchased - 0.1, with the Delivery Times index inverted so that it moves in a comparable direction.

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