

PUERTO RICO MANUFACTURING PMI INCREASED TO 57.8 IN MARCH

The Purchasing Managers Index (PMI) for Puerto Rico’s manufacturing sector is a collaborative effort between the Puerto Rico Manufacturers Association and the Puerto Rico Institute of Statistics. The Purchasing Managers Index (PMI) for Puerto Rico’s manufacturing sector increased to 57.8 in March 2025. A reading above the threshold of 50 suggests an expansion in the manufacturing sector with respect to the previous month. New Orders, Production, and Employment increased with respect to the previous month. Employment, Production, New Orders and Suppliers Delivery were at or above the threshold level of 50. In a supplemental survey of manufacturing establishments, the biggest challenges faced by companies during the past month were: operations (supply chain logistics 15%, sales 8%, costs 8%, own inventories 8%, cost of materials 8%), utilities (unreliable utilities 31%), and human resources (employment 15%, absenteeism 8%). The Puerto Rico Manufacturing-Purchasing Managers Index (PRM-PMI) has been at or above the threshold level in 111 of the 178 months since the survey was first undertaken.

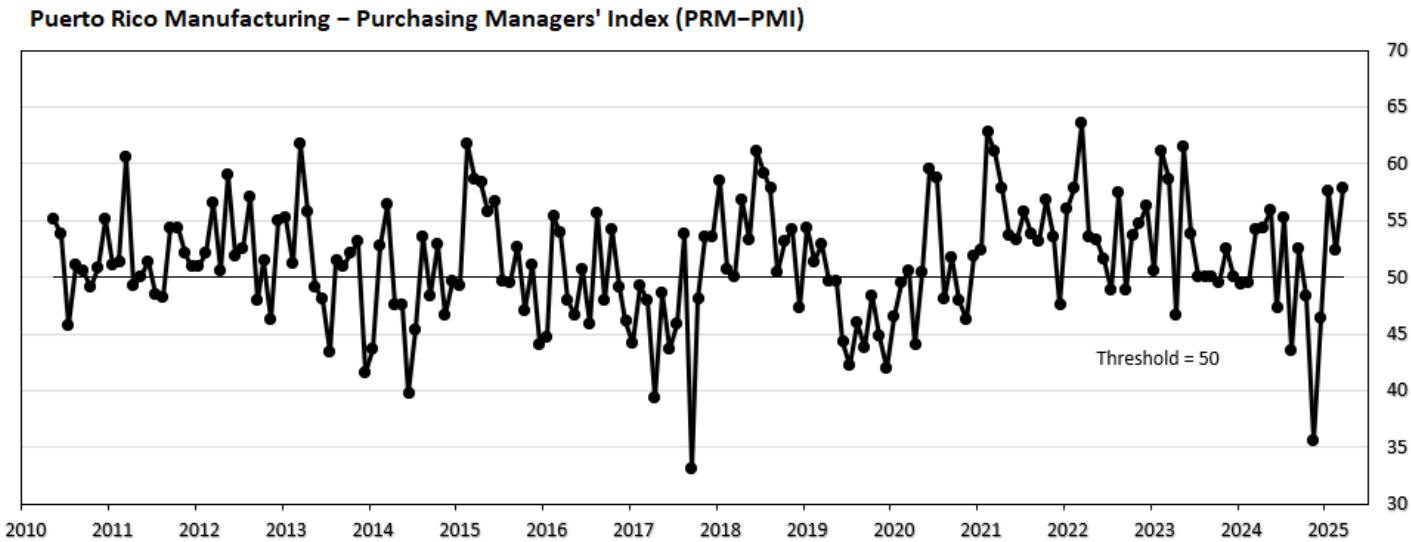


Table 1. Puerto Rico Manufacturing – Purchasing Managers' Index: March 2025

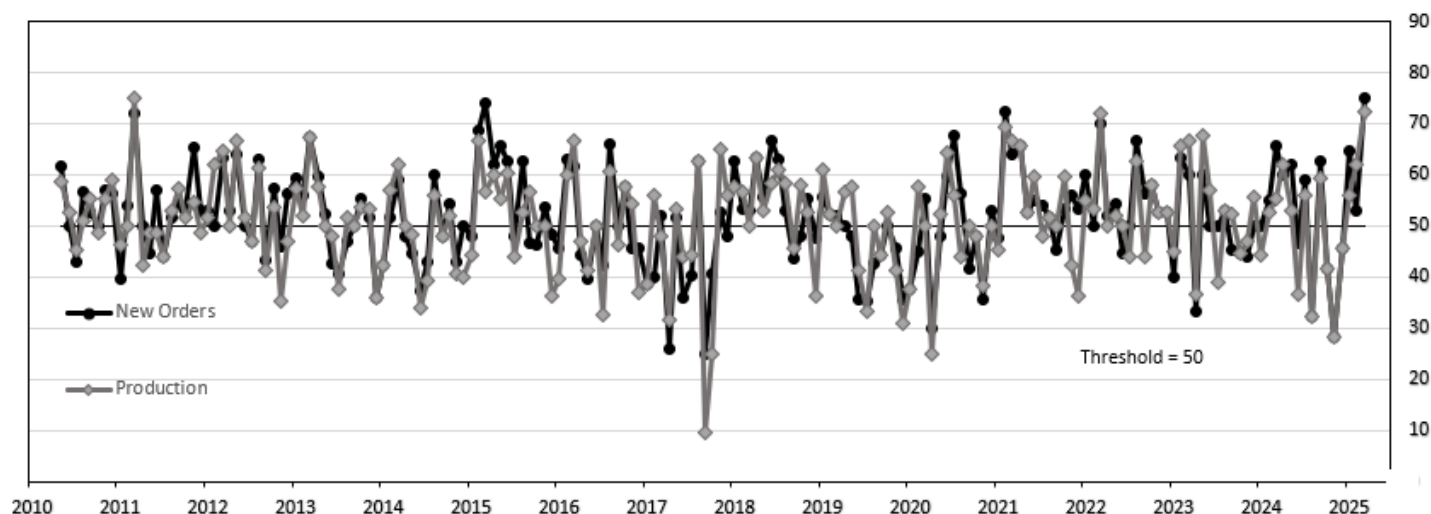
	Better	Same	Worse	Index		
New Orders	55.6	38.9	5.6	75.0	Higher	Órdenes nuevas
Production	55.6	33.3	11.1	72.2	Higher	Producción
Employment	16.7	72.2	11.1	52.8	Higher	Empleo
Own Inventories	11.1	55.6	33.3	38.9	Lower	Inventarios de su empresa
Supplier Deliveries	11.1	77.8	11.1	50.0	Same	Entregas de suplidores
Puerto Rico Manufacturing – Purchasing Managers Index				57.8	Expansion	

New Orders

In March, the New Orders PMI increased to 75.0, staying above the threshold for three consecutive months. A reading above 50 suggests that new orders at manufacturing establishments in March were higher than in February.

Production

The Production PMI increased to 72.2 in March, staying above the threshold for three consecutive months. A reading above 50 indicates that manufacturing production in March was higher than in February.

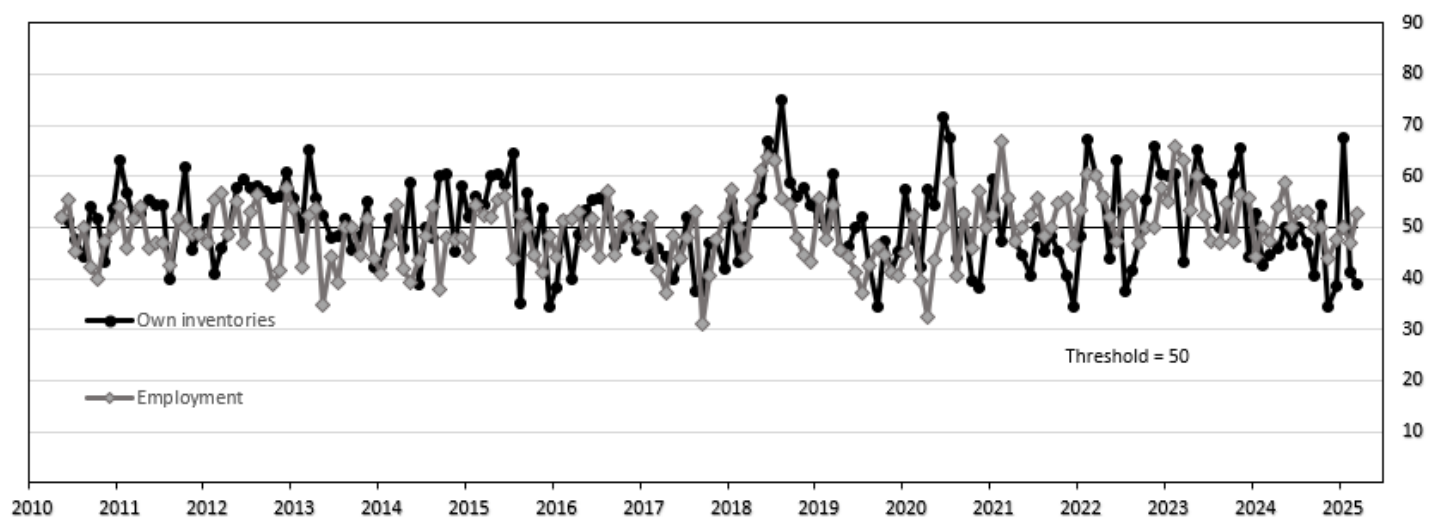


Employment

In March, the Employment PMI increased to 52.8, after being below threshold last month. A reading above 50 suggests that manufacturing employment in March was higher than in February.

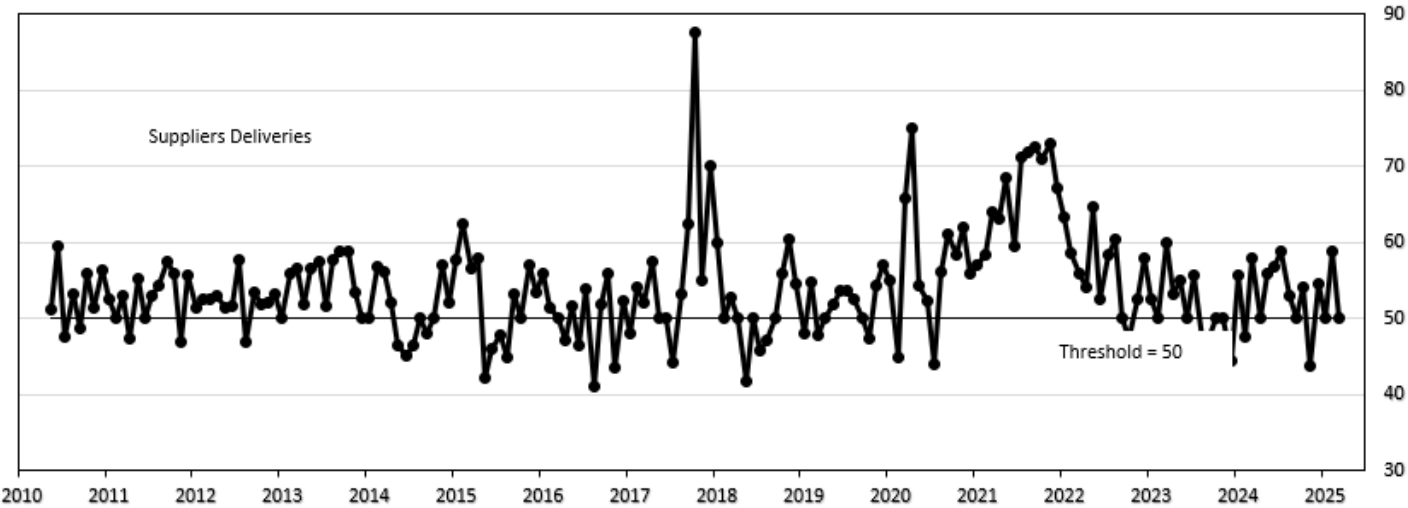
Own Inventories

In March, the Own Inventories PMI decreased to 38.9, staying below the threshold for two consecutive months. A reading below 50 indicates that inventories in manufacturing establishments in March were lower than in February.



Supplier Deliveries

The Supplier Deliveries PMI decreased to 50.0 in March, staying at or above the threshold for four consecutive months. A reading at 50 suggests that the speed of supplier deliveries in March was the same as in February.



Methodological note

The Puerto Rico Manufacturing-Purchasing Managers Index (PRM-PMI) is the result of a collaborative project between the Puerto Rico Manufacturers Association and the Puerto Rico Institute of Statistics. The PRM-PMI measures short-term business conditions in Puerto Rico's manufacturing sector and provides a broad-based metric for the productive side of Puerto Rico's economy. The methodology is similar to PMI surveys conducted elsewhere. The survey questionnaire is available at <https://estadisticas.pr/encuestas/puerto-rico-manufacturing>. The participants include manufacturing establishments with 50 or more employees with membership in the Puerto Rico Manufacturers Association. Currently, results are presented on a Non-Seasonally Adjusted (NSA) basis. The Puerto Rico Institute of Statistics conducted tests to assess the need for seasonal adjustment, and at present, the series does not require it.

The PRM-PMI is calculated as the simple average of 5 sub-indexes, representing different business conditions in manufacturing establishments: New Orders PMI, Production PMI, Employment PMI, Supplier Deliveries PMI, Own Inventories PMI. The sub-indexes are computed using a diffusion index methodology. Specifically, for any given month with respect to the previous month, participants are asked to answer whether the business condition of the establishment: (1) improved, (2) remained the same, or (3) deteriorated. Diffusion indexes are calculated as the percentage of responses that indicate the business condition improved plus half of the percentage of responses that indicate the business condition remained the same. Responses that indicate the business condition deteriorated are not taken into account in calculating diffusion indexes. The survey also includes questions on other business conditions. The diffusion indexes that correspond to these questions are currently under evaluation.

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Publication calendar

The monthly PRM-PMI is reported on the first business day of the month. In specific, the table below shows the expected publication dates of the PRM-PMI report during calendar year 2025:

Reference month	Publication date
Nov-24	January 3, 2025
Dec-24	February 3, 2025
Jan-25	March 3, 2025
Feb-25	April 1, 2025
Mar-25	May 1, 2025
Apr-25	June 2, 2025

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May-25	July 1, 2025
Jun-25	August 1, 2025
Jul-25	September 2, 2025
Aug-25	October 1, 2025
Sep-25	November 3, 2025
Oct-25	December 1, 2025