

PUERTO RICO MANUFACTURING PMI DECREASED TO 46.2 IN DECEMBER

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 decreased to 46.2 in December 2025. A reading below the threshold of 50 suggests a contraction in the manufacturing sector with respect to the previous month. Employment, Own inventories and Suppliers deliveries increased with respect to the previous month. Employment and Suppliers deliveries 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 (costs 43%, shortage of raw materials 14%, suppliers deliveries 14%, supply chain logistics 14%, sales 14%), human resources (absenteeism 29%), and utilities (unreliable utilities 14%). The Puerto Rico Manufacturing-Purchasing Managers Index (PRM-PMI) has been at or above the threshold level in 116 of the 187 months since the survey was first undertaken.

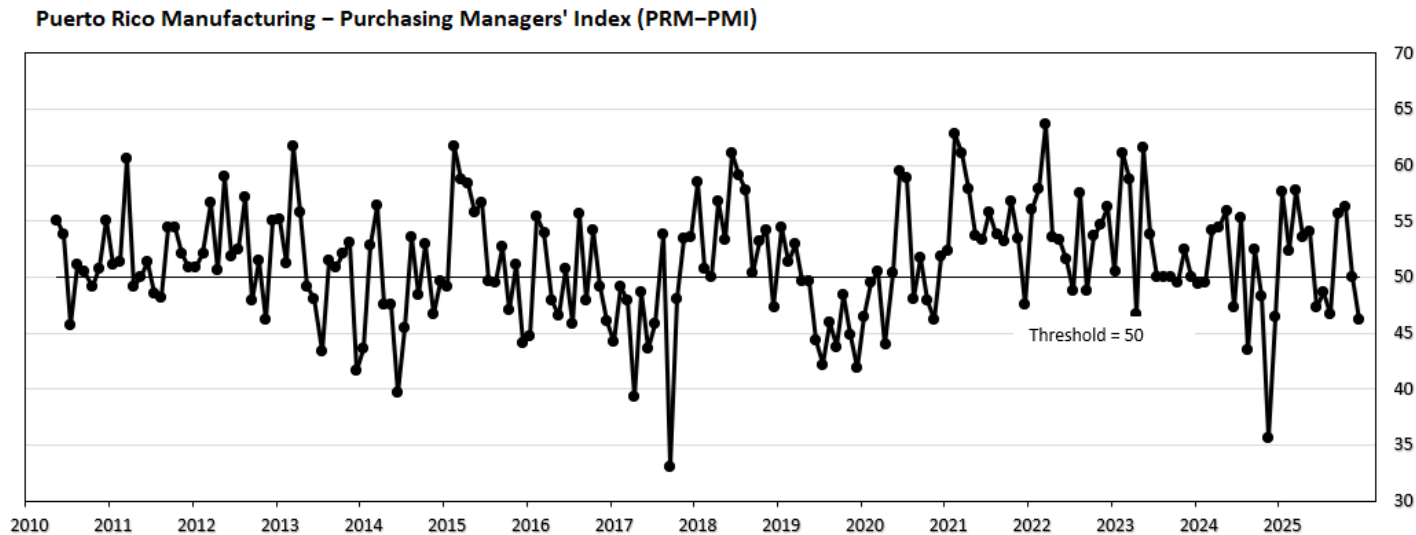


Table 1. Puerto Rico Manufacturing – Purchasing Managers' Index: December 2025

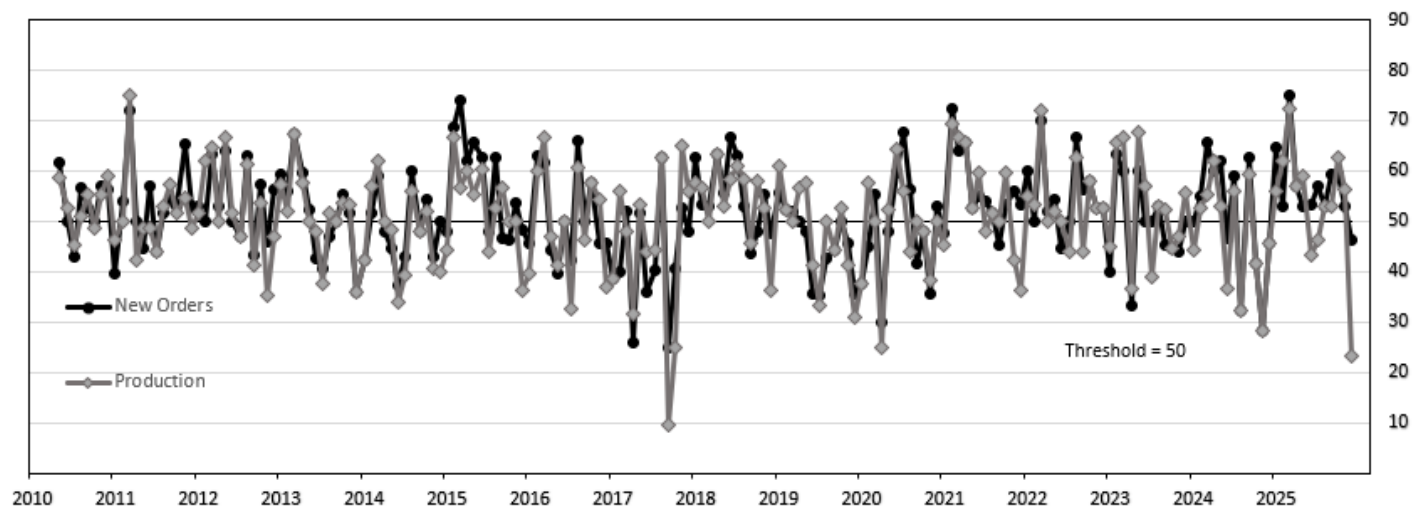
	Better	Same	Worse	Index		
New Orders	23.1	46.2	30.8	46.2	Lower	Órdenes nuevas
Production	7.7	30.8	61.5	23.1	Lower	Producción
Employment	15.4	69.2	15.4	50.0	Same	Empleo
Own Inventories	15.4	61.5	23.1	46.2	Lower	Inventarios de su empresa
Supplier Deliveries	30.8	69.2	0.0	65.4	Slower	Entregas de suplidores
Puerto Rico Manufacturing – Purchasing Managers Index				46.2	Contraction	

New Orders

In December, the New Orders PMI decreased to 46.2, after being above the threshold last month. A reading below 50 suggests that new orders at manufacturing establishments in December were lower than in November.

Production

The Production PMI decreased to 23.1 in December, after being above the threshold last month. A reading below 50 indicates that manufacturing production in December was lower than in November.

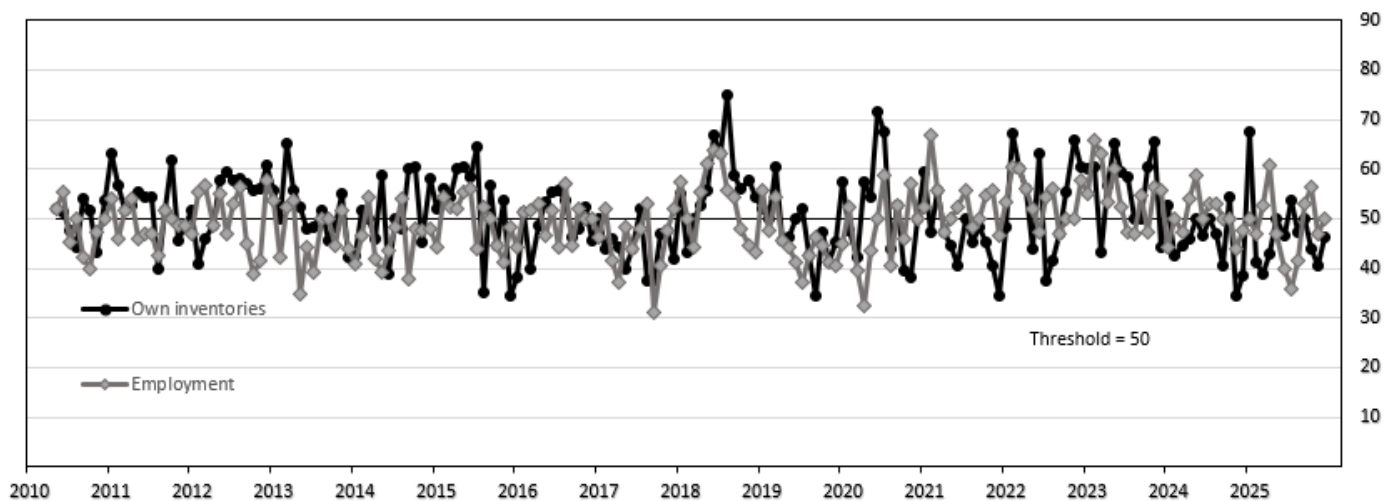


Employment

In December, the Employment PMI increased to 50.0, after being below the threshold last month. A reading at 50 suggests that manufacturing employment in December was the same as in November.

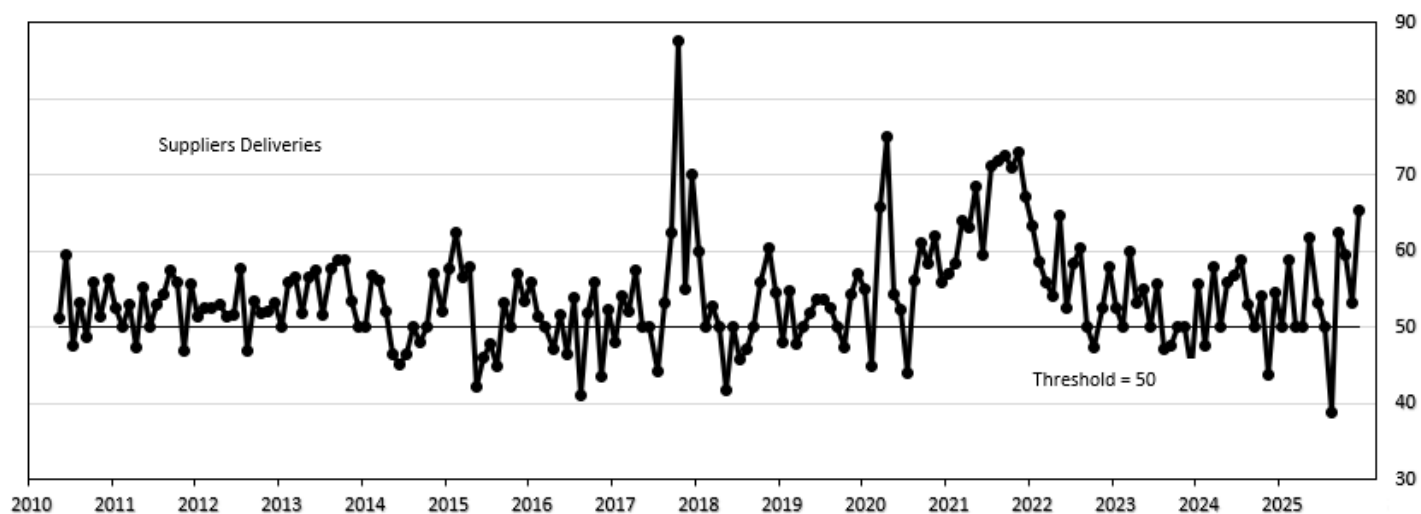
Own Inventories

In December, the Own Inventories PMI increased to 46.2, staying below the threshold for three consecutive months. A reading below 50 indicates that inventories in manufacturing establishments in December were lower than in November.



Supplier Deliveries

The Supplier Deliveries PMI increased to 65.4 in December, staying above the threshold for four consecutive months. A reading above 50 suggests that the speed of supplier deliveries in December was lower than in November.



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 <https://www.estadisticas.pr.gov/encuestas/puerto-rico-manufacturing---purchasing-managers-index-prm-pmi>. 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 2026:

Reference month	Publication date
Jan-26	March 3, 2026
Feb-26	April 1, 2026
Mar-26	May 1, 2026
Apr-26	June 1, 2026
May-26	July 1, 2026
Jun-26	August 3, 2026
Jul-26	September 1, 2026
Aug-26	October 1, 2026
Sep-26	November 2, 2026
Oct-26	December 1, 2026