

Purchasing Managers Index of Puerto Rico Manufacturing

July 2026



PUERTO RICO MANUFACTURING PMI INCREASED TO 54.6 IN JULY

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 54.6 in July 2026. A reading above the threshold of 50 suggests an expansion in the manufacturing sector with respect to the previous month. Employment, Supplier Deliveries and Own inventories increased with respect to the previous month. Employment, Production, New Orders and Supplier Deliveries were 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 30%, cost of materials 10%, supplier deliveries 10%, supply chain logistics 10%, lead times 10%), human resources (employment 10%, absenteeism 10%) and utilities (high energy costs 20%, unreliable utilities 10%). The Puerto Rico Manufacturing-Purchasing Managers Index (PRM-PMI) has been at or above the threshold level in 121 of the 195 months since the survey was first undertaken.

Puerto Rico Manufacturing – Purchasing Managers' Index (PRM-PMI)

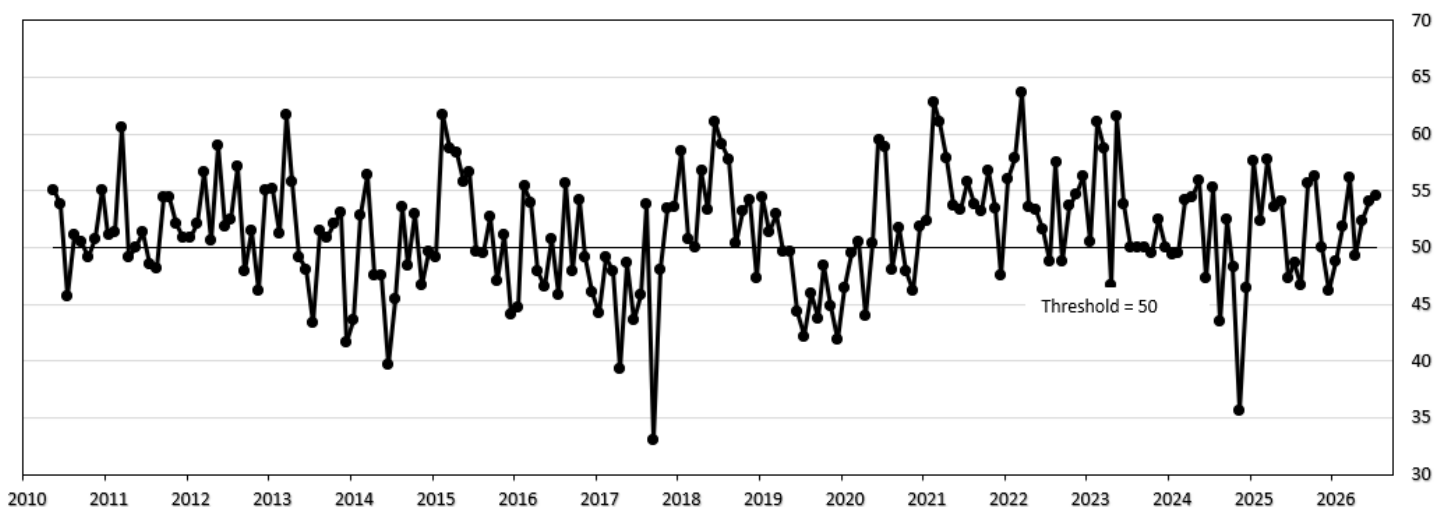


Table 1. Puerto Rico Manufacturing – Purchasing Managers' Index: July 2026

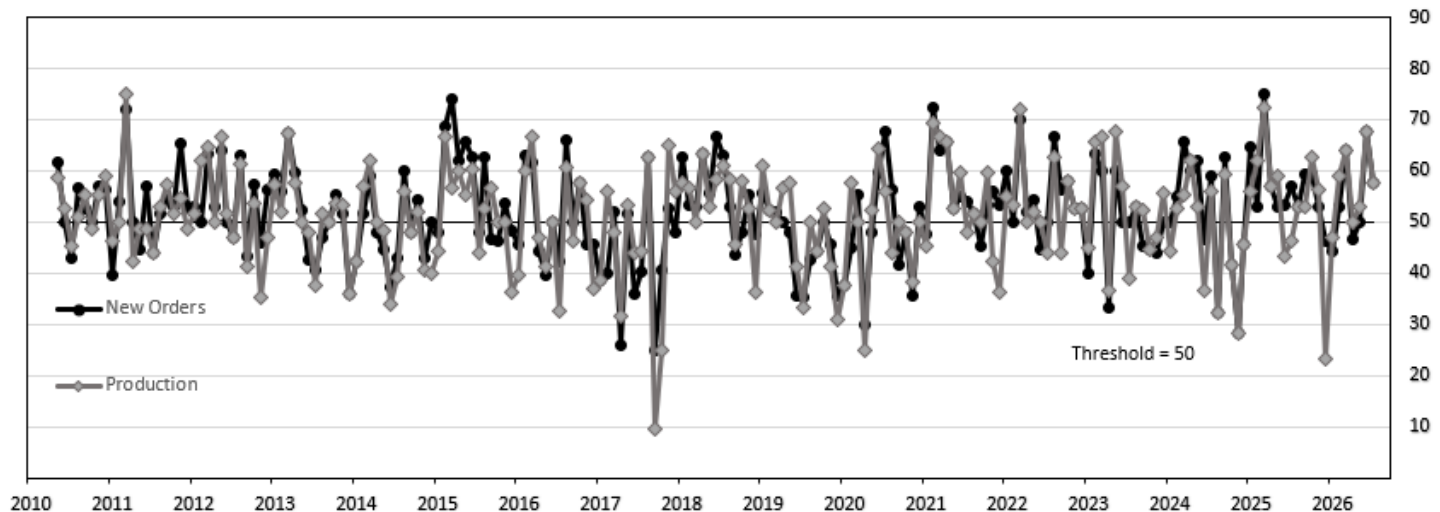
	Better	Same	Worse	Index		
New Orders	23.1	69.2	7.7	57.7	Higher	Órdenes nuevas
Production	30.8	53.8	15.4	57.7	Higher	Producción
Employment	23.1	76.9	0.0	61.5	Higher	Empleo
Own Inventories	15.4	53.8	30.8	42.3	Lower	Inventarios de su empresa
Supplier Deliveries	15.4	76.9	7.7	53.8	Slower	Entregas de suplidores
Puerto Rico Manufacturing – Purchasing Managers Index				54.6	Expansion	

New Orders

In July, the New Orders PMI decreased to 57.7, staying at or above the threshold for three consecutive months. A reading above 50 suggests that new orders at manufacturing establishments in July were higher than in June.

Production

The Production PMI decreased to 57.7 in July, staying at or above the threshold for six consecutive months. A reading above 50 indicates that manufacturing production in July was higher than in June.

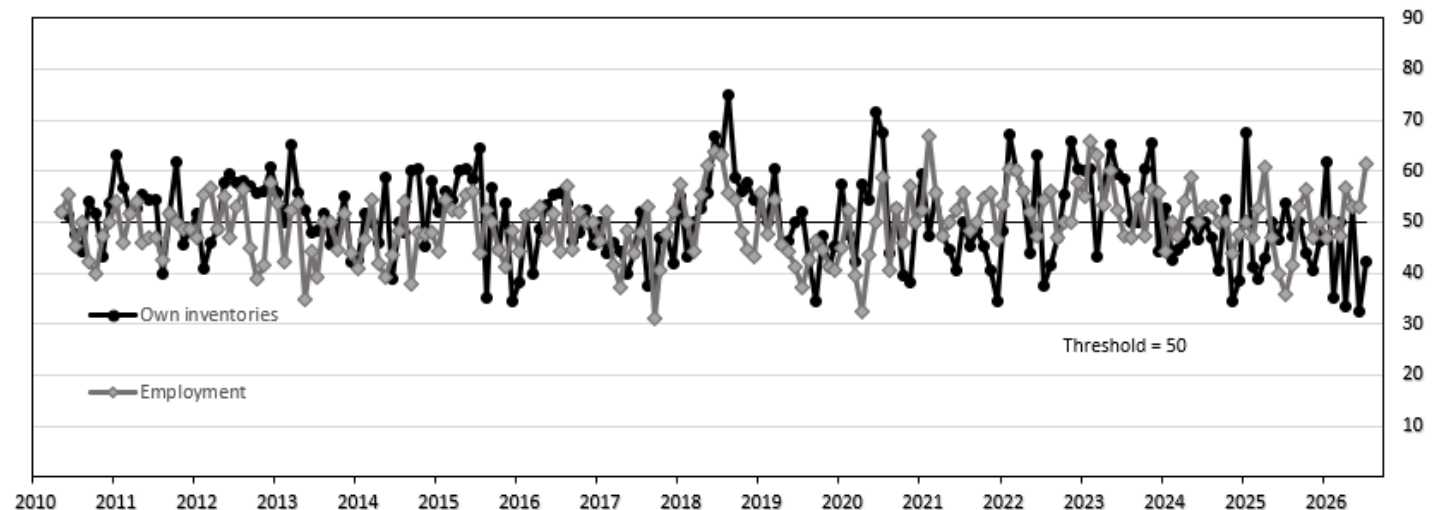


Employment

In July, the Employment PMI increased to 61.5, staying above the threshold for four consecutive months. A reading above 50 suggests that manufacturing employment in July was higher than in June.

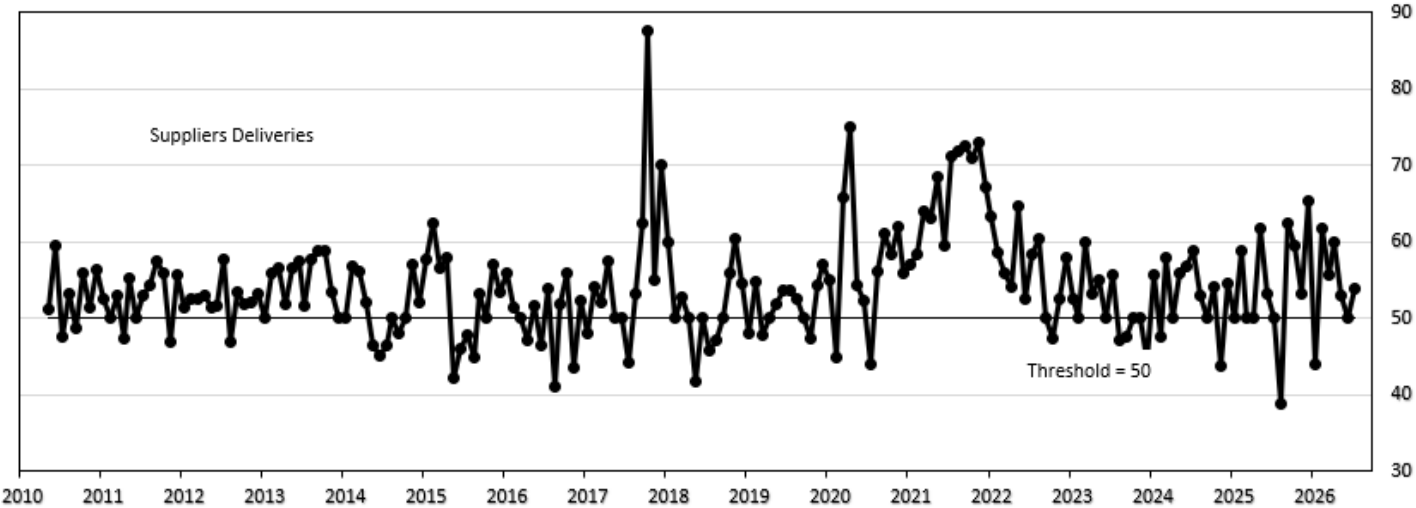
Own Inventories

In July, the Own Inventories PMI increased to 42.3, staying below the threshold for two consecutive months. A reading below 50 indicates that inventories in manufacturing establishments in July were lower than in June.



Supplier Deliveries

The Supplier Deliveries PMI increased to 53.8 in July, staying at or above the threshold for six consecutive months. A reading above 50 suggests that the speed of supplier deliveries in July was lower than in June.



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. 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