Purchasing Managers Index of Puerto Rico Manufacturing

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PUERTO RICO MANUFACTURING PMI DECREASED TO 52.9 IN AUGUST

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 52.9 in August 2026. A reading above the threshold of 50 suggests an expansion in the manufacturing sector with respect to the previous month. Supplier Deliveries and Own Inventories increased with respect to the previous month. Employment, Production, Own Inventories and Supplier 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 42%, sales 17%, supply chain logistics 17%, shortage of raw materials 8%, uncertainty 8%), utilities (high energy costs 25%, absence of basic utilities 8%) and human resources (employment 8%, absenteeism 8%, turnover 8%). The Puerto Rico Manufacturing-Purchasing Managers Index (PRM-PMI) has been at or above the threshold level in 122 of the 196 months since the survey was first undertaken.

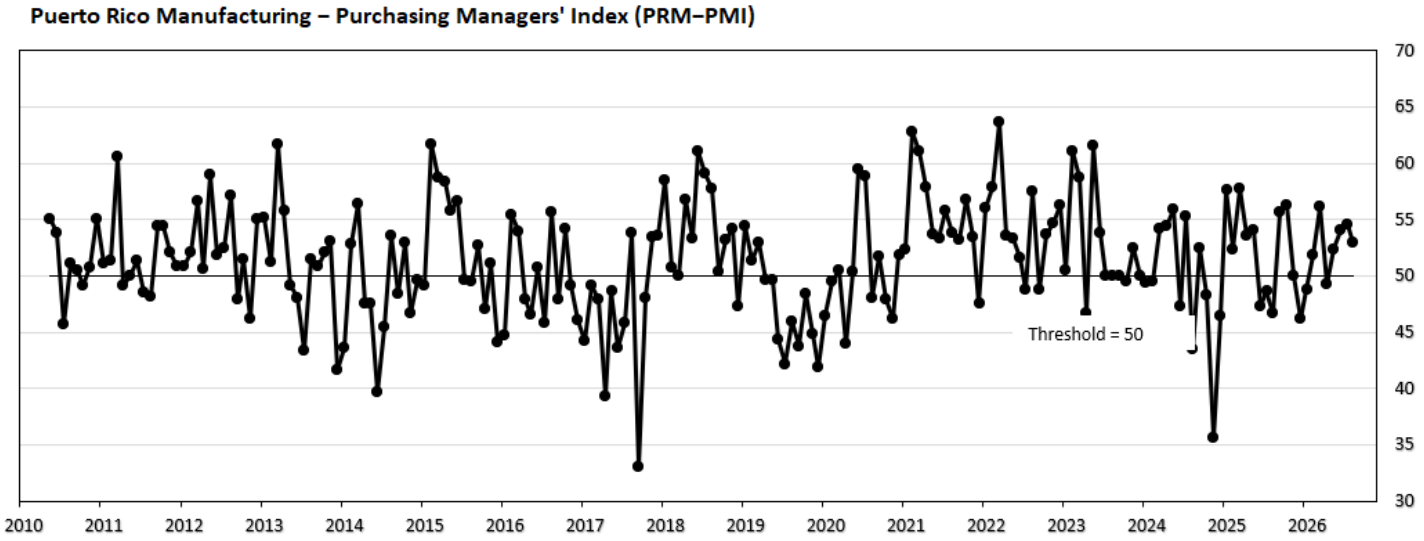


Table 1. Puerto Rico Manufacturing – Purchasing Managers' Index: August 2026

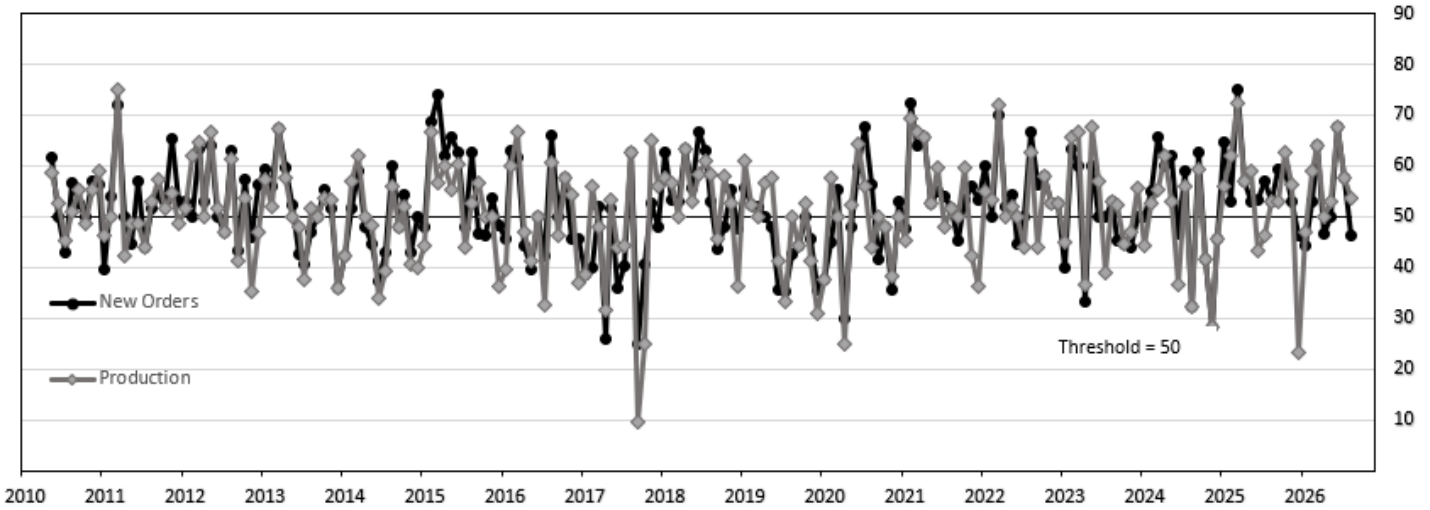
	Better	Same	Worse	Index		
New Orders	28.6	35.7	35.7	46.4	Lower	Órdenes nuevas
Production	28.6	50.0	21.4	53.6	Higher	Producción
Employment	28.6	50.0	21.4	53.6	Higher	Empleo
Own Inventories	21.4	57.1	21.4	50.0	Same	Inventarios de su empresa
Supplier Deliveries	21.4	78.6	0.0	60.7	Slower	Entregas de suplidores
Puerto Rico Manufacturing – Purchasing Managers Index				52.9	Expansion	

New Orders

In August, the New Orders PMI decreased to 46.4, after being above the threshold last month. A reading below 50 suggests that new orders at manufacturing establishments in August were lower than in July.

Production

The Production PMI decreased to 53.6 in August, staying at or above the threshold for seven consecutive months. A reading above 50 indicates that manufacturing production in August was higher than in July.

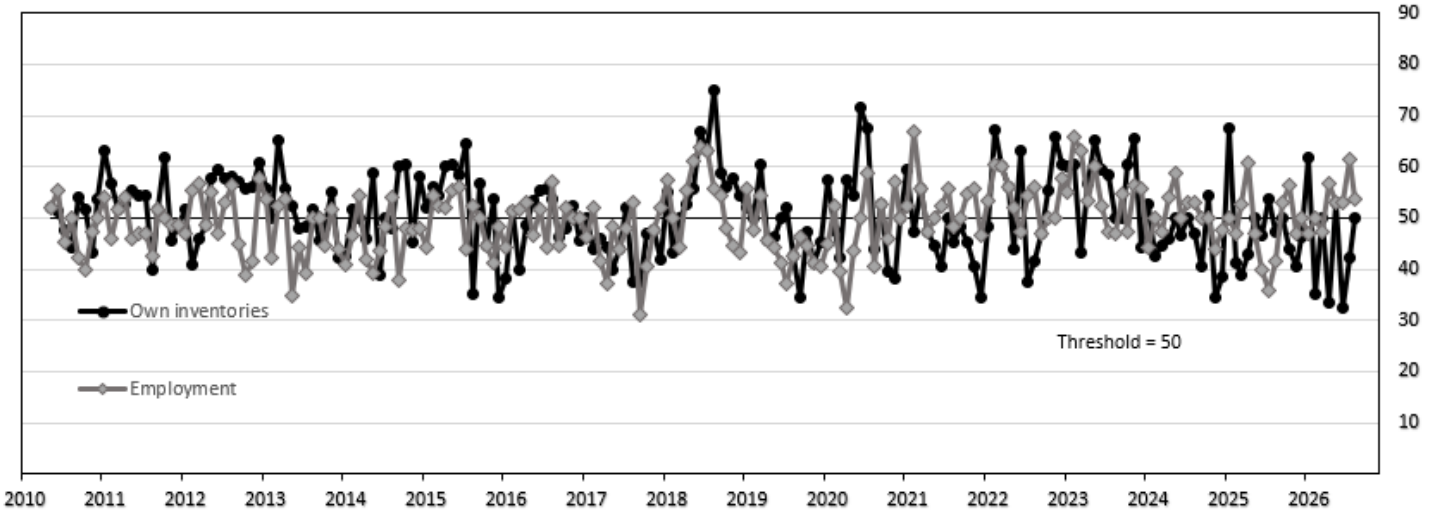


Employment

In August, the Employment PMI decreased to 53.6, staying above the threshold for five consecutive months. A reading above 50 suggests that manufacturing employment in August was higher than in July.

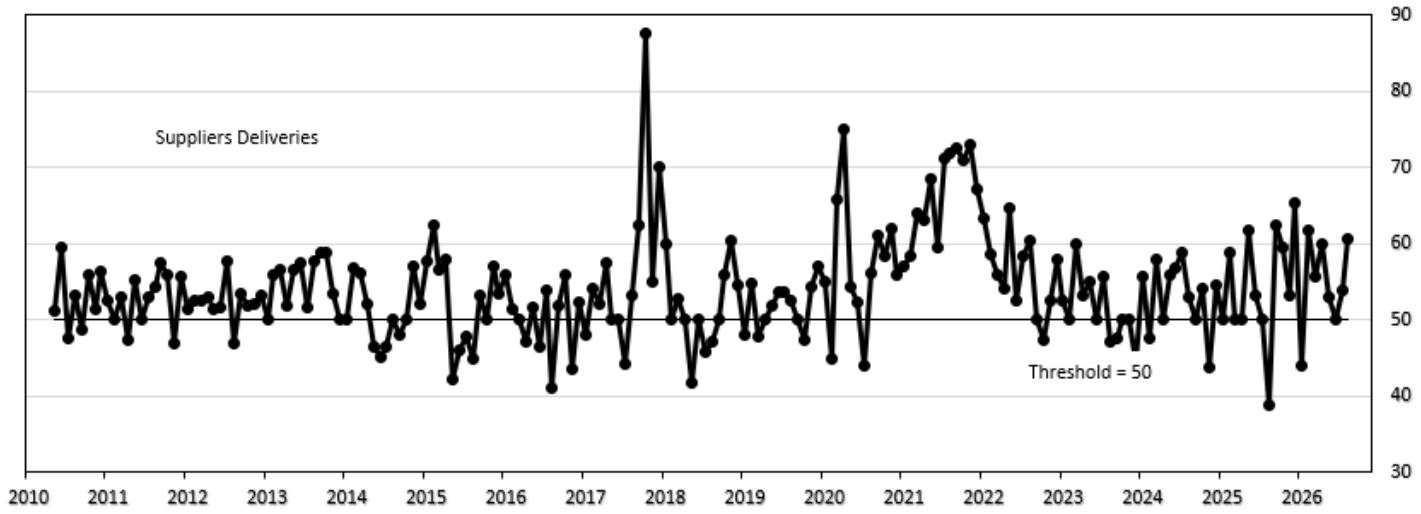
Own Inventories

In August, the Own Inventories PMI increased to 50.0, after being below the last month. A reading at 50 indicates that inventories in manufacturing establishments in August were the same as in July.



Supplier Deliveries

The Supplier Deliveries PMI increased to 60.7 in August, staying at or above the threshold for seven consecutive months. A reading above 50 suggests that the speed of supplier deliveries in August was lower than in July.



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