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Turnover in industry and construction down by 3.9% in January 2025

Decrease in persons employed as well as in hours worked

Vienna, 2025-02-28 – In January 2025, turnover in industry and construction fell by 3.9% compared to January of the previous year, according to flash estimates by Statistics Austria. The index of hours worked decreased by 3.8%, while the index of persons employed decreased by 1.4%.

“Austria has been in a deep industrial recession for almost two years. At the beginning of 2025, turnover in industry and construction continued to decline. According to a flash estimate, the sector as a whole generated 3.9% less turnover in January than a year earlier. Industrial turnover this January was 4.2% lower than in January 2024, while there was only a small decline of 0.4% in construction. Employment fell by 1.4% in the industry and construction sector, hours worked by 3.8%”, says Statistics Austria Director General Tobias Thomas.

Considering the industrial and the construction sector separately, the flash estimates for **January 2025** showed a decrease of the turnover index in industry (–4.2%) as well as in construction (–0.4%) compared to the same month of the previous year. The index of hours worked decreased in industry (–4.0%), as well as in construction (–3.4%) compared to January 2024. The index of persons employed showed a decrease in industry (–1.7%) as well as in construction (–0.4%; see table 1).

Decrease in industry and construction turnover in November 2024

In **November 2024**, a total of 82 212 enterprises in the entire industry and construction sector reported a turnover of €34.0 bn (–7.9% compared to November 2023). At the same time, the number of employees decreased by 1.8% to 1 018 260. In nominal terms, turnover in industry was also down compared to the same month of the previous year (–9.2% to €27.6 bn). The 42 492 Austrian construction enterprises achieved a turnover of €6.5 bn in November 2024. This corresponds to a nominal decrease of 2.1% compared to November 2023 (see table 2).

Decrease in industry production in November 2024

Compared to November 2023, sold production in industry (sections B to E of ÖNACE 2008) decreased nominally by 9.3% to €27.1 bn in November 2024. The majority of the ten largest divisions reported declines compared to previous year (see table 3). A substantial drop was observed in electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply (–21.4% to €6.2 bn), where part of the development is influenced by falling energy prices. Other major divisions also reported a down-swing, led by manufacture of machinery and equipment not elsewhere classified (–13.0% to €2.5 bn), manufacture of fabricated metal products, except machinery and equipment (–7.2% to €1.6 bn), manufacture of electrical equipment (–7.3% to €1.2 bn) and manufacture of computer, electronic and optical products (–7.2% to €0.9 bn). Out of the ten largest divisions, increases in turnover were reported for manufacture of beverages (+4.3% to €0.9 bn), manufacture of motor vehicles, trailers and semi-trailers (+1.5% to €1.8 bn) and manufacture of wood and of products of wood and cork, except furniture (+0.8% to €0.9 bn; see table 3).

For **detailed results** or more information on [short-term statistics](#) in Austria and on our [flash-estimates](#) in industry and construction please refer to our website. The [Economic monitor](#) of Statistics Austria provides an overview of the economic development in Austria with about 80 business indicators. Additionally, a more detailed presentation and description of the most important [nominal short-term statistics data](#) is available.

Table 1: Short-term business statistics indicators (final, preliminary and flash estimates at t+30 days for January 2025); turnover index, index of persons employed and index of hours worked in industry and construction (base year 2021); ÖNACE 2008

2024/2025	Total (B–F)	Compared to the same month of the previous year	Industry (B–E)	Compared to the same month of the previous year	Construction (F)	Compared to the same month of the previous year
Turnover index ¹						
November ²	112.4	-9.1	110.3	-9.7	125.9	-5.8
December ³	105.5	-9.1	102.7	-9.8	123.2	-4.7
January ⁴	98.9	-3.9	103.9	-4.2	67.4	-0.4
Index of persons employed ¹						
November ²	99.6	-3.6	100.3	-2.9	97.6	-5.4
December ³	100.1	-0.1	101.4	-0.9	96.1	2.6
January ⁴	98.2	-1.4	101.2	-1.7	88.8	-0.4
Index of hours worked ¹						
November ²	102.8	-3.8	102.0	-4.5	105.2	-2.1
December ³	86.9	2.1	88.2	0.9	83.0	6.0
January ⁴	91.0	-3.8	96.9	-4.0	73.5	-3.4

S: STATISTICS AUSTRIA. – Annual average 2021 = 100.

1) Unadjusted. – 2) Results after 70 days. – 3) Results after 40 days. – 4) Flash-estimates after t+30 days.

Table 2: Enterprises' results – November 2024

Structure of ÖNACE 2008 ¹	Enterprises	Employees	Gross earnings in m. euro	Turnover in m. euro	Turnover-changes	
	End of November 2024		November 2024		nom. in % ²	wd. a. in % ³
Industry	39 720	715 487	4 954.4	27 564.3	-9.2	-7.0
Manufacturing	31 765	661 520	4 546.0	20 858.7	-5.2	-
Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply	5 104	30 872	272.7	6 322.9	-20.9	-
Water supply; sewerage, waste management and remediation activities	2 851	23 095	135.7	645.6	-0.1	-
Construction	42 492	302 773	1 950.1	6 456.9	-2.1	0.5
Industry and construction in total	82 212	1 018 260	6 904.4	34 021.2	-7.9	-5.6

S: STATISTICS AUSTRIA.

1) Rounding differences not compensated. – 2) Nominal changes compared to the same period of the previous year. – 3) Working-day adjusted changes compared to the same period of the previous year.

Table 3: Branches of industry – value of sold production sold – November 2024

Industry	Sold production in million euro	Sold production – changes in % ¹
	November 2024	
Industry	27 117.3	-9.3
Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply	6 186.7	-21.4
Manufacture of machinery and equipment n.e.c. ²	2 491.7	-13.0
Manufacture of food products	2 075.7	-0.3
Manufacture of basic metals	1 865.4	-0.5
Manufacture of motor vehicles, trailers and semi-trailers	1 797.6	1.5
Manufacture of fabricated metal products, except machinery and equipment	1 586.0	-7.2
Manufacture of electrical equipment	1 206.6	-7.3
Manufacture of computer, electronic and optical products	898.2	-7.2
Manufacture of wood and of products of wood and cork, except furniture	897.4	0.8
Manufacture of beverages	826.3	4.3

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1) Nominal changes compared to the same period of the previous year. – 2) n.e.c.: Not elsewhere classified.

Information on methodology, definitions: The main results presented here are based on the one hand on the primary statistical data of the short-term statistics survey in industry and construction and on the other hand on a model-based approach to data supplementation. The latter tries to integrate the characteristic relationships of the monthly business survey and to make efficient use of the information from the various administrative sources. In that way, the structure of the **population (thus 100%)** of the short-term statistics in industry and construction can be presented at activity level as a combination of primary data, secondary data and model-based calculation. Detailed methodological descriptions can be found on our website under [Further documentation](#) (available in German only).

The **enterprise** results are based on all single- and multiple-operational enterprises that can be classified in industry and construction. Data of so-called **establishments** show the results of those establishments whose main area of activity is in industry and construction; irrespective of the economic focus of the enterprises above the establishments.

Flash estimates of economic activity: Flash estimates are based on reported data already available 30 days after the end of the reference month as well as on historical movements and correlations of individual variables. Furthermore, the correlation of data from early reporting units and late reporting units is considered. The model assumes that missing reports show a similar development as the data of the reports already received from the companies.

The term industry in this context corresponds to manufacturing excluding construction (ÖNACE 2008 – sections B to E) and also includes commercial enterprises. Thus, this term is not identical with the term industry according to the classification system of the Austrian Federal Economic Chamber.

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