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Turnover in industry and construction increased by 5.0% in September 2025

Increase in hours worked, decrease in employment

Vienna, 2025-10-29 – According to flash estimates by Statistics Austria, turnover in industry and construction increased by 5.0% in September 2025 compared to September of the previous year. In the same period, the hours worked index rose by 1.5% and the employment index declined by 1.5%. Worldwide road freight transport volume of Austrian enterprises declined by 3.8% in the third quarter of 2025.

“The development of turnover in industry and construction continues to be marked by high volatility. According to flash estimates, turnover in September 2025 was 5.0% above the level of September 2024. Employment fell by 1.5% year-on-year, while hours worked increased by 1.5%,” says Manuela Lenk, Director General Statistics at Statistics Austria.

Considering the industrial and the construction sector separately, the **flash estimates for September 2025** show an increase of the turnover index (nominal, unadjusted) in **industry** (+6.2%) and a decrease in **construction** (–1.2%) compared to the same month of the previous year. The index of hours worked increased in industry by 1.5% and in construction also by 1.5% compared to September 2024. The index of persons employed showed a decrease in industry of 1.6%, in construction it fell by 1.1% (see table 1).

July 2025: industry and construction turnover slightly increased

In **July 2025**, a total of 82 171 enterprises in the entire industry and construction sector reported a turnover of €33.3 bn (+0.3 % compared to July 2024). The number of employees however slightly decreased by 1.6% to 1 013 335. In nominal terms, turnover in industry rose by a few percentage points compared to the same month of the previous year (+0.5 % to €27.2 bn). The 40 115 Austrian construction enterprises achieved a turnover of €6.1 bn in July 2025. This corresponds to a nominal decrease of 0.7% compared to July 2024 (see table 2).

Increase in industry production in July 2025

Compared to July 2024, sold production in industry (sections B to E of ÖNACE 2025) increased nominally by 0.6% to €26.9 bn in July 2025. Three out of the ten largest divisions reported declines compared to previous year (see table 3). A substantial decrease was observed in electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply (–7.0% to €5.1 bn) followed by Manufacture of motor vehicles, trailers and semi-trailers (–14.4% to €1.4 bn). Other major divisions reported production increases, led by Manufacture of machinery and equipment (+7.8% to €2.8 bn) and Manufacture of food products (+5.7% to €2.2 bn). (see table 3).

Decline in road freight transport of Austrian enterprises in Q3 2025

According to a flash estimate, Austrian enterprises transported 91.5 million tonnes of goods worldwide by road in the third quarter of 2025, which is a decline in transport volume by 3.8% in comparison to the third quarter last year (95.2 million tonnes; see table 4). Multiplied by the distance travelled worldwide, this resulted in a transport performance of 6.4 billion tonne-kilometres (bn tkm; –3.4% compared to the third quarter of the previous year). While transport performance decreased by 4.7% to 4.6 bn tkm on Austrian territory, it remained stationary outside of Austria at 1.8 bn tkm. The number of laden journeys declined by 3.4% to 6.8 million.

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 also available. Further information about [road freight transport of Austrian enterprises](#) can be found on our website.

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

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 July ³	110.4	-0.7	108.1	-0.4	124.9	-2.7
Turnover index ¹ August ⁴	92.6	-5.2	90.7	-5.6	104.3	-3.5
Turnover index ¹ September ⁵	116.5	5.0	115.2	6.2	125.1	-1.2
Index of persons employed ² July ³	102.5	-1.4	102.2	-1.4	103.5	-1.4
Index of persons employed ² August ⁴	101.5	-1.5	101.2	-1.4	102.5	-1.5
Index of persons employed ² September ⁵	101.8	-1.5	101.2	-1.6	103.4	-1.1
Index of hours worked ² July ³	104.5	-1.9	103.3	-1.5	108.0	-3.0
Index of hours worked ² August ⁴	89.5	-2.8	88.5	-3.1	92.4	-2.1
Index of hours worked ² September ⁵	104.5	1.5	103.6	1.5	107.2	1.5

S: STATISTICS AUSTRIA. Annual average 2021 = 100.

1) Nominal; unadjusted. – 2) Unadjusted. – 3) Results after 70 days. – 4) Results after 40 days. – 5) Flash estimates after t+30 days.

Table 2: Enterprises' results – July 2025

Structure of ÖNACE 2025 ¹	Enterprises	Employees	Gross earnings in million Euro	Turnover in million Euro	Turnover-changes	
	End of July 2025		July 2025		nom. in % ²	wd. a. in % ³
Industry	42 056	710 841	3 187.4	27 187.9	0.5	0.0
Manufacturing	33 771	655 806	2 913.9	21 373.8	2.2	–
Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply	5 401	32 272	183.1	5 052.0	-6.4	–
Water supply; sewerage, waste management and remediation activities	2 884	22 763	90.4	762.1	3.1	–
Construction	40 115	302 494	1 283.5	6 111.4	-0.7	-0.7
Industry and construction in total	82 171	1 013 335	4 470.9	33 299.3	0.3	-0.1

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 – July 2025

Industry	Sold production in million Euros	Sold production – changes in % ¹
	July 2025	
Industry	26 908.4	0.6
Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply	5 058.7	-7.0
Manufacture of machinery and equipment n.e.c. ²	2 728.3	7.8
Manufacture of food products	2 205.6	5.7
Manufacture of basic metals	1 951.2	-1.0
Manufacture of fabricated metal products, except machinery and equipment	1 559.1	2.3
Manufacture of motor vehicles, trailers and semi-trailers	1 382.5	-14.4
Manufacture of electrical equipment	1 288.0	10.2
Manufacture of basic pharmaceutical products and pharmaceutical preparations	1 067.4	104.8 ³
Manufacture of wood and of products of wood and cork, except furniture; manufacture of articles of straw and plaiting materials	1 025.4	6.5
Manufacture of computer, electronic and optical products	1 001.2	1.8

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1) Nominal changes compared to the same period of the previous year. – 2) N.e.c.: not elsewhere classified. – 3) The high increase in Manufacture of basic pharmaceutical products and pharmaceutical preparations is due to a unique special effect.

Table 4: Quarterly results of worldwide road freight transport volume (in million tonnes) of Austrian enterprises 2021 to 2025

Reporting year	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	total
2025¹	80.4	93.2	91.5	-	.
Compared to previous year in %	-0.6	-1.3	-3.8	-	.
2024	80.9	94.4	95.2	96.2	366.6
Compared to previous year in %	-4.8	-3.9	-3.1	7.9	-1.1
2023	85.0	98.2	98.3	89.1	370.6
Compared to previous year in %	-4.4	-6.0	-4.0	-5.8	-5.1
2022	89.0	104.5	102.3	94.6	390.4
Compared to previous year in %	1.0	-2.1	-8.9	-1.8	-3.2
2021	88.1	106.8	112.3	96.3	403.5
Compared to previous year in %	16.7	20.1	3.5	-6.1	7.4

S: STATISTICS AUSTRIA. Road freight transport statistics.

1) Values for the second and third quarter 2025 are flash estimates.

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.

The **working-day adjustment** is used to compensate for annual differences in the number of working days and thus enable meaningful year-on-year comparisons.

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 2025 – sections B to E) and also contains commercial enterprises. Thus, this term is not identical with the term industry according to the classification system of the Austrian Federal Economic Chamber.

Quality of the flash estimates: An essential aspect for the quality of the estimates is the automatic outlier detection and correction procedure. 30 days after the end of the reference period, about 60 % of all reports have been received. However, some of these reports still have quality deficiencies as plausibility checks have not yet been carried out at this point.

Road freight transport:

The national survey of road freight transport includes worldwide transport services performed by road freight vehicles registered in Austria (lorries with two or more tonnes load capacity or road tractors). Data is collected using a vehicle- and time-related sample survey. Sampled vehicles are allocated to one week per owner such that owners have to report at most one week per quarter.

Transport volume: Weight of goods transported in tonnes.

Transport performance: Product of transport volume and kilometres driven.

Flash estimates for transport volume and transport performance in worldwide road freight transport of Austrian enterprises are published on our website one month after the end of the reference quarter. Detailed results are released five months after the end of the reference quarter. More information about road freight transport flash estimates can be found in the article [Erhebung zum Straßengüterverkehr – Neuer Stichprobenplan und Entwicklung von Schnellschätzern](#) (available in German only) by Karner, T., Weninger, B., Schuster, S. und Fleck, S. in Statistischen Nachrichten. Heft 4. 2018 (PDF. 0.4 MB).

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