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Turnover in industry and construction in October 2025 remained at last year's level

Decrease in hours worked as well as in employment; decreases in August 2025

Vienna, 2025-11-28 – According to flash estimates by Statistics Austria, turnover in industry and construction in October 2025 remained at the same level as in October 2024. In the same period, the hours worked index fell by 2.1% and the employment index declined by 1.4%.

“Austria’s industry and construction sector continues to stagnate at a low level. According to flash estimates, turnover in October 2025 was at the same level as in October of the previous year. During the same period, employment in the entire industry and construction fell by 1.4% and hours worked declined by 2.1%,” says Manuela Lenk, Director General Statistics at Statistics Austria.

Considering the industrial and the construction sector separately, the **flash estimates for October 2025** show an increase of the turnover index (nominal, unadjusted) in **industry** (+0.3%) and a decrease in **construction** (–1.4%) compared to the same month of the previous year. The index of hours worked decreased by 1.8% in industry and by 2.9% in construction against October 2024. The index of persons employed showed a decrease in industry of 1.4%, in construction it fell by 1.5% (see table 1).

August 2025: decrease in industry and construction turnover

In **August 2025**, a total of 82 102 enterprises in the entire industry and construction sector reported a turnover of €28.0 bn (–3.4% compared to August 2024). The number of employees slightly decreased by 1.5% to 1 003 124. In nominal terms, turnover in industry fell by a few percentage points compared to the same month of the previous year (–4.1% to €22.9 bn). The 40 104 Austrian construction enterprises achieved a turnover of €5.1 bn in August 2025. This corresponds to a nominal decrease of 0.2% compared to August 2024 (see table 2).

Decrease in industry production in August 2025

Compared to August 2024, sold production in industry (sections B to E of ÖNACE 2025) decreased nominally by 3.7% to €22.5 bn in August 2025. 7 out of the 10 largest divisions reported declines compared to previous year (see table 3). A substantial decrease was observed in electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply (–8.2% to €4.9 bn), followed by manufacture of machinery and equipment (–10.6% to €1.9 bn) and by manufacture of basic metals (–6.0% to €1.6 bn). The division manufacture of electrical equipment reported the most important production increase (+9.6% to €1.1 bn; see table 3).

For **detailed results** or more information on [short-term business 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 (preliminary and flash estimates at t+30 days; unadjusted) for October 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 August ³	93.1	-4.7	90.8	-5.5	107.2	-0.8
Turnover index ¹ September ⁴	111.1	0.2	108.8	0.3	125.5	-0.9
Turnover index ¹ October ⁵	116.3	0.0	113.6	0.3	133.4	-1.4
Index of persons employed ² August ³	101.5	-1.5	101.2	-1.4	102.5	-1.5
Index of persons employed ² September ⁴	101.7	-1.5	101.3	-1.5	102.9	-1.6
Index of persons employed ² October ⁵	101.6	-1.4	101.2	-1.4	102.8	-1.5
Index of hours worked ² August ³	89.7	-2.6	88.8	-2.7	92.6	-1.9
Index of hours worked ² September ⁴	104.3	1.3	103.3	1.2	107.5	1.8
Index of hours worked ² October ⁵	109.8	-2.1	109.0	-1.8	112.1	-2.9

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 – August 2025

Structure of ÖNACE 2025 ¹	Enterprises	Employees	Gross earnings in million Euro	Turnover in million Euro	Turnover–changes	
	End of August 2025		August 2025		nom. in % ²	wd. a. in % ³
Industry	41 998	703 473	3 120.3	22 851.0	-4.1	-1.8
Manufacturing	33 737	648 866	2 845.3	17 216.4	-3.0	-
Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply	5 380	32 061	188.6	4 972.7	-9.7	-
Water supply; sewerage, waste management and remediation activities	2 881	22 546	86.4	661.9	18.3	-
Construction	40 104	299 651	1 234.5	5 140.8	-0.2	2.6
Industry and construction in total	82 102	1 003 124	4 354.8	27 991.9	-3.4	-1.0

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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 – August 2025

Industry	Sold production in million Euros	Sold production – changes in % ¹
	August 2025	
Industry	22 542.1	-3.7
Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply	4 907.6	-8.2
Manufacture of food products	2 055.2	1.5

Industry	Sold production in million Euros	Sold production – changes in % ¹
	August 2025	
Manufacture of machinery and equipment n.e.c. ²	1 908.8	-10.6
Manufacture of basic metals	1 552.1	-6.0
Manufacture of fabricated metal products, except machinery and equipment	1 201.9	-1.3
Manufacture of motor vehicles, trailers and semi-trailers	1 130.8	-5.3
Manufacture of electrical equipment	1 092.5	9.6
Manufacture of beverages	946.9	8.3
Manufacture of computer, electronic and optical products	903.9	-1.8
Manufacture of chemical products	742.7	-2.2

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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.

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.

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