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Turnover in industry and construction up by 1.4% in December 2025

Decreases in hours worked as well as in employment

Vienna, 2026-01-29 – According to flash estimates by Statistics Austria, turnover in industry and construction increased by 1.4% in December 2025. In the same period, the index of hours worked fell by 2.7% and the index of persons employed declined by 1.4%. Worldwide road freight transport volume of Austrian enterprises declined by 2.8% in the fourth quarter of 2025.

“The volatile economic development in Austria’s industry and construction sector continues. According to flash estimates, turnover in December 2025 was 1.4% above the level of December 2024. During the same period, employment in the entire industry and construction fell by 1.4% and hours worked declined by 2.7%,” says Manuela Lenk, Director General Statistics at Statistics Austria.

Considering the industrial and the construction sector separately, the **flash estimates for December 2025** show an increase of the turnover index (nominal, unadjusted) in **industry** (+3.3%) and a decrease of the turnover index in **construction** (–8.5%) compared to the same month of the previous year. The index of hours worked decreased by 2.3% in industry and by 4.2% in construction compared to December 2024. The index of persons employed showed a decrease in industry of 1.3%, in construction it also fell by 1.7% (see table 1).

October 2025: increase in industry and construction turnover

In October 2025, a total of 82 477 enterprises in the entire industry and construction sector reported a turnover of €35.7 bn (+3.1% compared to October 2024). The number of employees slightly decreased by 1.2% to 1 005 846. In nominal terms, turnover in industry also increased by a few percentage points compared to the same month of the previous year (+3.7% to €29.4 bn). The 40 243 Austrian construction enterprises achieved a turnover of €6.4 bn in October 2025. This corresponds to a nominal increase of 0.2% compared to October 2024 (see table 2).

Increase in industry production in October 2025

Compared to October 2024, sold production in industry (sections B to E of ÖNACE 2025) increased nominally by 3.8% to €29.0 bn in October 2025. 8 out of the 10 largest divisions reported positive figures compared to previous year (see table 3). A substantial increase was observed in manufacture of machinery and equipment n.e.c (+13.2% to €2.8 bn), followed by manufacture of motor vehicles, trailers and semi-trailers (+17.8% to €1.8 bn) and by manufacture of basic metals (+8.3% to €2.2 bn). The manufacture of fabricated metal products, except machinery and equipment reported the most important production decrease (–4.5% to €1.6 bn; see table 3).

Decline in road freight transport of Austrian enterprises in Q4 2025

According to a flash estimate, Austrian enterprises transported 93.5 million tonnes of goods worldwide by road in the fourth quarter of 2025, which is a decline in transport volume by 2.8% in comparison to the fourth quarter last year (96.2 million tonnes; see table 4). Multiplied by the distance travelled worldwide,

this resulted in a transport performance of 6.5 billion tonne-kilometres (bn tkm; –0.2% compared to Q4 2024). While transport performance decreased by 1.8% to 4.7 bn tkm on Austrian territory, it increased by 4.2% to 1.8 bn tkm outside of Austria. The number of laden journeys declined by 3.2% to 6.8 million.

Slight decrease in road freight transport of Austrian enterprises in 2025

Considering the flash estimates for the third and fourth quarter, preliminary yearly results can be published. In 2025, Austrian enterprises were accountable for a total worldwide transport volume of 358.2 million tonnes, a decrease of 2.3% compared to 2024 (366.6 million tonnes). The total transport performance declined by 0.8% to 25.8 bn tkm. Within the domestic territory, it decreased by 1.0% to 18.5 bn tkm and on foreign territory, it declined by 0.4% to 7.3 bn tkm.

Table 1: Short-term business statistics indicators (preliminary and flash estimates at t+30 days; unadjusted) for December 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 September ³	118.6	2.0	116.4	2.7	132.3	–2.2
Turnover index ¹ October ⁴	112.2	–1.6	109.9	–1.0	126.4	–5.4
Turnover index ¹ November ⁵	112.2	1.4	110.8	3.3	121.0	–8.5
Index of persons employed ² September ³	101.7	–1.3	101.2	–1.4	103.0	–1.3
Index of persons employed ² October ⁴	100.9	–1.6	100.7	–1.6	101.6	–1.4
Index of persons employed ² November ⁵	98.5	–1.4	99.9	–1.3	94.2	–1.7
Index of hours worked ² September ³	110.2	–1.7	109.4	–1.4	112.5	–2.6
Index of hours worked ² October ⁴	104.6	–0.5	104.0	–0.4	106.3	–0.7
Index of hours worked ² November ⁵	83.9	–2.7	85.7	–2.3	78.3	–4.2

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 – October 2025

Structure of ÖNACE 2025 ¹	Enter- prises	Employees	Gross earnings in million Euro	Turnover in million Euro	Turnover- changes	
	End of October 2025		October 2025		nom. in % ²	wd. a. in % ³
Industry	42 234	704 378	3 653.3	29 353.7	3.7	4.1
Manufacturing	33 902	649 686	3 336.1	22 545.0	5.0	-
Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply	5 455	32 197	221.6	6 059.9	-0.5	-
Water supply; sewerage, waste management and remediation activities	2 877	22 495	95.7	748.8	1.8	-
Construction	40 243	301 468	1 306.4	6 389.8	0.2	0.8
Industry and construction in total	82 477	1 005 846	4 959.7	33 743.5	3.1	3.5

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 – October 2025

Industry	Sold production in million Euros	Sold production – changes in % ¹
	October 2025	
Industry	28 950.5	3.8
Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply	5 980.7	-0.2
Manufacture of machinery and equipment n.e.c. ²	2 828.6	13.2
Manufacture of food products	2 322.8	2.1
Manufacture of basic metals	2 167.6	8.3
Manufacture of motor vehicles, trailers and semi-trailers	1 837.8	17.8
Manufacture of fabricated metal products, except machinery and equipment	1 624.8	-4.5
Manufacture of electrical equipment	1 362.4	6.9
Manufacture of wood and of products of wood and cork, except furniture	1 093.7	9.9
Manufacture of computer, electronic and optical products	1 031.1	11.5
Manufacture of beverages	870.6	3.3

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

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	92.8	91.5	93.5	358.2
Compared to previous year in %	-0.6	-1.7	-3.8	-2.8	-2.3
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 third and fourth quarter 2025 are flash estimates.

For detailed results and further 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. Further information about [road freight transport of Austrian enterprises](#) can be found on our website.

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 reporting units.

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: Statistische Nachrichten, Heft 4, 2018 (PDF, 0.4 MB).

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