

Monthly Survey of Manufacturing: Advance indicator, March 2026

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Statistics Canada is providing an advance estimate of sales in the manufacturing sector. Advance results indicate that total manufacturing sales increased 3.5% in March. The largest increases were in the petroleum and coal product subsector and the transportation equipment subsector.

This estimate was calculated based on a weighted response rate of 67.1%. The average final response rate for the survey over the previous 12 months has been 92.5%. As Statistics Canada continues to collect data for the March reference month, this advance indicator is subject to a higher revision rate than our regular monthly release.

Note to readers

The percentage change is calculated using seasonally adjusted data in current dollars.

This advance estimate is a special product published to provide Canadians with timely information on the manufacturing sector. The official estimate of manufacturing sales for the month of March, which will be based on a more complete set of survey and administrative data, is scheduled for release on May 15, 2026.

*The "Behind the data" webpage provides simple explanations of concepts found in Statistics Canada's *The Daily*.*

The article "Advance indicators—Frequently asked questions" provides nontechnical answers to questions related to the production, use and interpretation of advance indicators.

Definitions, data sources and methods: survey number [2101](#).

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