

March 2025 Taiwan Non-Manufacturing Index

NMI at 53.8%

Business Activity Index at 52.5%

New Orders Index at 54.8%

Employment Index at 53.2%

NON-MANUFACTURING AT A GLANCE

March 2025

Index	Series Index Mar	Series Index Feb	Percentage Point Change	Direction	Rate of Change	Trend (Months)	Industries							
							Acc & Food	Con & RE	Ed/Pro/ST	Fin & Ins	Inf/Com/BC	Ret	Trans & Stor	WS
Taiwan NMI	53.8	49.2	+4.6	Growing	From Contracting	1	39.8	59.7	56.9	54.6	56.3	37.1	57.6	55.3
Business Activity	52.5	45.4	+7.1	Growing	From Contracting	1	36.4	57.4	56.3	51.2	55.0	32.4	57.1	56.6
New Orders	54.8	47.0	+7.8	Growing	From Contracting	1	45.5	55.6	58.8	63.4	60.0	25.0	58.9	60.6
Employment	53.2	50.9	+2.3	Growing	Faster	25	31.8	61.1	60.0	54.9	55.0	38.2	58.9	51.9
Supplier Deliveries	54.6	53.4	+1.2	Slowing	Faster	22	45.5	64.8	52.5	48.8	55.0	52.9	55.4	51.9
Inventories	49.3	50.9	-1.6	Contracting	From Growing	1	27.3	51.9	48.8	53.7	47.5	50.0	51.8	50.0
Prices	60.4	59.2	+1.2	Increasing	Faster	111	63.6	64.8	60.0	51.2	57.5	64.7	58.9	60.4
Backlog of Orders	50.1	45.9	+4.2	Growing	From Contracting	1	36.4	53.7	53.8	51.2	45.0	44.1	48.2	52.8
New Export Orders	62.1	45.3	+16.8	Growing	From Contracting	1	62.5	90.0	50.0	50.0	50.0	50.0	60.7	55.0
Imports	52.8	48.0	+4.8	Growing	From Contracting	1	40.9	34.6	53.6	61.1	50.0	56.3	53.3	57.7
Service Charge	52.7	53.5	-0.8	Increasing	Slower	58	45.5	55.8	50.0	46.3	50.0	58.8	50.0	53.8
Inventory Sentiment	50.1	50.8	-0.7	Too High	Slower	6	54.5	46.3	46.3	46.3	52.5	52.9	50.0	54.7
Future Outlooks	48.8	51.4	-2.6	Contracting	From Growing	1	68.2	38.9	52.5	43.9	57.5	52.9	50.0	45.3

Chart 1: Time Series of Taiwan NMI

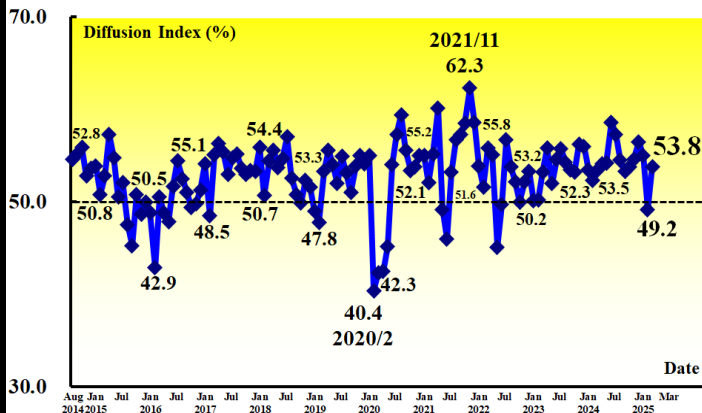
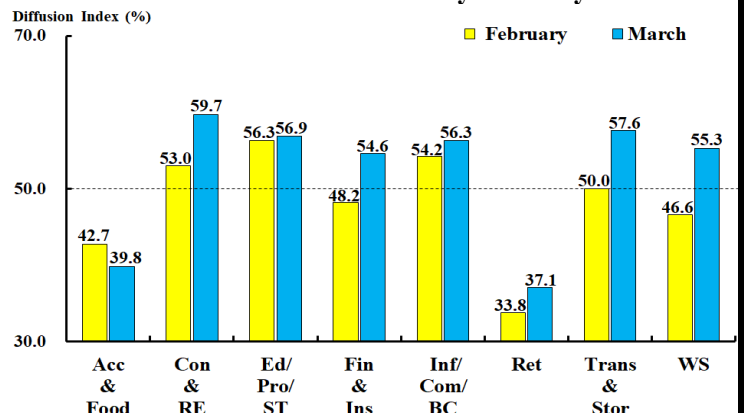


Chart 2: Performance by Industry



Summary

- The non-manufacturing sector turned to growth following only one month of contraction, as the seasonally unadjusted Taiwan NMI increased 4.6 percentage points to 53.8 percent in March 2025.
- Both non-manufacturers' business activity and new orders turned to growth in March, partially caused by more working days comparing to the previous month. The Business Activity and New Orders Indexes registered 52.5 and 54.8 percent in March, increasing 7.1 and 7.8 percentage points, respectively.
- The Inventories Index turned to contraction following eleven consecutive months of growing and fell 1.6 percentage points to 49.3 percent.
- Non-manufacturers continued to experience upward pressures on their purchasing costs. The Prices Index increased 1.2 percentage points to 60.4 percent.
- Non-manufacturers' backlogs turned to growth following one month of contraction as the Backlog of Orders Index went up 4.8 percentage points to 52.8 percent.
- Non-manufacturers continued to charge higher service prices for fifty-eight consecutive months as the Service Charge Index inched down 0.8 percentage point to 52.7 percent.
- The Future Outlooks Index returned to contraction following only one month of growing and decreased 2.6 percentage points to 48.8 percent.
- Six of the eight non-manufacturing industries categories reported growing in March 2025 in the following order: Con & RE (59.7%), Trans & Stor (57.6%), Ed/Pro/ST (56.9%), Inf/Com/BC (56.3%), WS (55.3%) and Fin & Ins (54.6%). While Ret (37.1%) and Acc & Food (39.8%) reported contraction in March 2025.

About this Report

This report is jointly issued by the National Development Council (NDC) – a cabinet-level ministry, the Chung-Hua Institution for Economic Research (CIER), and the Supply Management Institute, Taiwan (SMIT). CIER makes no representation, other than that stated within this release, regarding the individual company data collection procedures.

Data and Method of Presentation

The Survey is based on data compiled from monthly replies to questionnaires sent to non-manufacturing executives in about 300 representative non-manufacturing companies. The panel has been carefully selected to accurately replicate the actual structure of the non-manufacturing economy, based on each industry's contribution to gross domestic product (GDP). The diffusion index includes the percent of positive responses plus one-half of those responding the same (considered positive). The NMI (Non-Manufacturing Index) is a composite index based on the diffusion indexes for four of the indicators with equal weights: Business Activity, New Orders, Employment and Supplier Deliveries. Diffusion indexes have the properties of leading indicators and are convenient summary measures showing the prevailing direction of change and the scope of change. An index reading above 50 percent indicates that the non-manufacturing economy in that index is generally expanding; below 50 percent indicates that it is generally declining. Supplier Deliveries is an exception. A Supplier Deliveries Index above 50 percent indicates slower deliveries and below 50 percent indicates faster deliveries. Survey responses reflect the change, if any, in the current month compared to the previous month. For each of the indicators measured, this report shows the percentage reporting each response, and the diffusion index. Responses represent raw data and are never changed.

We re-categorize the non-manufacturing subsectors listed in the Standard Industrial Classification System of the Republic of China (Rev.9, 2011) into nine broad categories. **The Accommodation & Food Service industry (Acc & Food)** which includes Accommodation and Food and Beverage Service Activities; **The Construction and Real Estate industry (Con & RE)** which comprises Construction of Buildings, Civil Engineering, Specialized Construction Activities, Real Estate Development Activities, Real Estate Operation Activities and Related Activities; **The Education, Professional, Scientific & Technical Activities (Ed/Pro/ST)** which includes Education, Legal and Accounting Activities, Activities of Head Offices and Management Consultancy Activities, Architecture and Engineering Activities, Technical Testing and Analysis, Scientific Research and Development, Advertising and Market Research, Specialized Design Activities and Veterinary Activities and Other Professional, Scientific and Technical Activities; **The Financial & Insurance Industry (Fin & Ins)** which comprises Financial Intermediation, Insurance, Securities, Futures and Other Financing; **The Information, Communication and Broadcasting industry (Inf/Com/BC)** which comprises Publishing Activities, Motion Picture, Video and Television Programme Production, Sound Recording and Music Publishing Activities, Programming and Broadcasting Activities, Telecommunications, Computer Systems Design Services and Information Service Activities; **The Transportation and Storage (Trans & Stor)** which includes Land Transportation, Water Transportation, Air Transport, Support Activities for Transportation, Warehousing and Storage and Postal and Courier Activities; **Other Industries (Others):** Electricity and Gas Supply, Water Supply and Remediation Activities, Human Health and Social Work Activities and Support Service Activities; **The Wholesale Trade industry (WS)** and **The Retail Trade industry (Ret)**. These industries together account for an estimated 82% of Taiwan non-manufacturing sector output. CIER provides industrial diffusion indexes for each industrial category except Other Industries category.

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