

## August 2025 Taiwan Non-Manufacturing Index

NMI at 50.7%

Business Activity Index at 48.3%

New Orders Index at 47.0%

Employment Index at 53.7%

### NON-MANUFACTURING AT A GLANCE

August 2025

Unit : %							Industries							
Index	Series Index Aug	Series Index Jul	Percentage Point Change	Direction	Rate of Change	Trend (Months)	Acc & Food	Con & RE	Ed/ Pro/ ST	Fin & Ins	Inf/ Com/ BC	Ret	Trans & Stor	WS
Taiwan NMI	50.7	52.8	-2.1	Growing	Slower	6	61.4	49.2	55.9	55.1	52.8	42.9	50.0	45.2
Business Activity	48.3	52.7	-4.4	Contracting	From Growing	1	72.7	37.9	56.6	47.4	52.3	47.7	55.0	42.7
New Orders	47.0	51.2	-4.2	Contracting	From Growing	1	59.1	43.9	59.2	59.0	52.3	28.6	43.3	34.9
Employment	53.7	52.8	+0.9	Growing	Faster	30	63.6	54.5	59.2	59.0	56.8	50.0	50.0	49.0
Supplier Deliveries	53.7	54.5	-0.8	Slowing	Slower	27	50.0	60.6	48.7	55.1	50.0	45.5	51.7	54.2
Inventories	53.4	52.4	+1.0	Growing	Faster	5	59.1	57.6	48.7	51.3	56.8	52.3	53.3	47.9
Prices	64.4	61.1	+3.3	Increasing	Faster	116	81.8	63.6	64.5	53.8	61.4	70.5	61.7	64.6
Backlog of Orders	43.5	45.2	-1.7	Contracting	Faster	5	27.3	43.9	56.6	44.9	52.3	31.8	43.3	41.7
New Export Orders	45.2	49.7	-4.5	Contracting	Faster	2	50.0	50.0	46.7	42.3	27.8	50.0	43.8	39.2
Imports	49.5	48.2	+1.3	Contracting	Slower	2	50.0	42.1	50.0	50.0	36.4	42.9	52.9	44.4
Service Charge	54.0	54.0	+0.0	Increasing	Same	63	50.0	53.1	52.8	61.5	54.5	47.7	45.0	58.3
Inventory Sentiment	51.0	51.4	-0.4	Too High	Slower	11	50.0	48.5	47.4	48.7	52.3	59.1	41.7	56.3
Future Outlooks	38.9	40.6	-1.7	Contracting	Faster	6	59.1	36.4	55.3	38.5	43.2	25.0	35.0	28.1

Chart 1: Time Series of Taiwan NMI

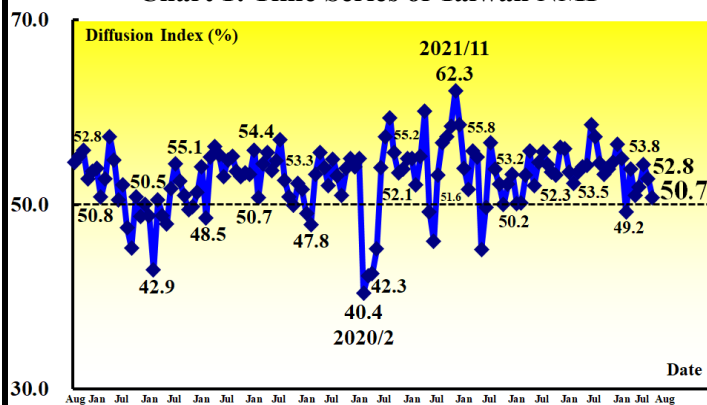
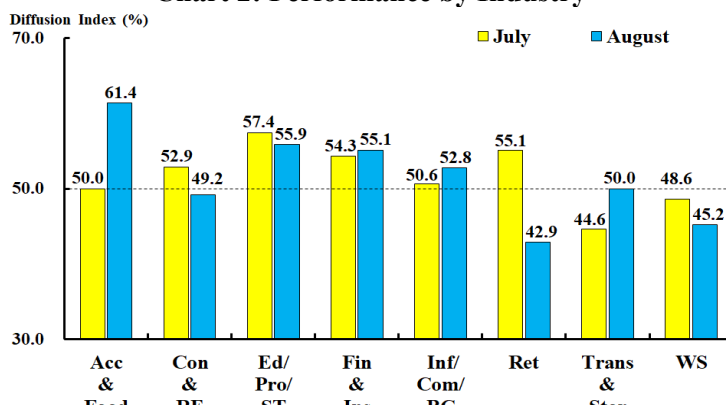


Chart 2: Performance by Industry



### Summary

- The non-manufacturing sector expanded for six consecutive months while the seasonally unadjusted Taiwan NMI went down 2.1 percentage points to 50.7 percent in August and registered the slowest growth rate since March 2023.
- Both the Business Activity and New Orders Index turned to contraction during August and fell 4.4 and 4.2 percentage points to 48.3 and 47.0 percent, respectively.
- The Inventories Index remained in growth territory for the fifth consecutive month, increasing 1.0 percentage point to 53.4 percent.
- Non-manufacturers continued to experience upward pressures on their purchasing costs as the Prices Index increased 3.3 percentage points to 64.4 percent and remained above 60.0 percent for the sixth consecutive month.
- The Backlog of Orders Index decreased 1.7 percentage points to 43.5 percent, indicating that non-manufacturers' backlogs contracted for five consecutive months and recorded the fastest contraction rate since November 2022.
- Non-manufacturers continued to charge higher service prices for sixty-three consecutive months as the Service Charge Index registered 54.0 percent in August.
- Non-manufacturers believe their inventories are still high for the eleventh consecutive month. The Inventories Sentiment Index inched down 0.4 percentage point to 51.0 percent.
- The Future Outlooks Index contracted for six months and decreased 1.7 percentage points to 38.9 percent, marking the longest period of contraction since June 2023.
- Four of the eight non-manufacturing industries categories reported growing in the following order: Acc & Food (61.4%), Ed/Pro/ST (55.9%), Fin & Ins (55.1%) and Inf/Com/BC (52.8%). While Ret (42.9%), WS (45.2%) and Con & RE (49.2%) reported contracting in August 2025. Only Trans & Stor (50.0%) industry reported unchanged from July.

## 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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