

HIGHLIGHTS

Manufacturing PMI:

- India's Manufacturing PMI rose to 55.0 in May 2026, a three-month high, from 54.7 in April, and was revised higher from the flash estimate of 54.3.

Production & Demand:

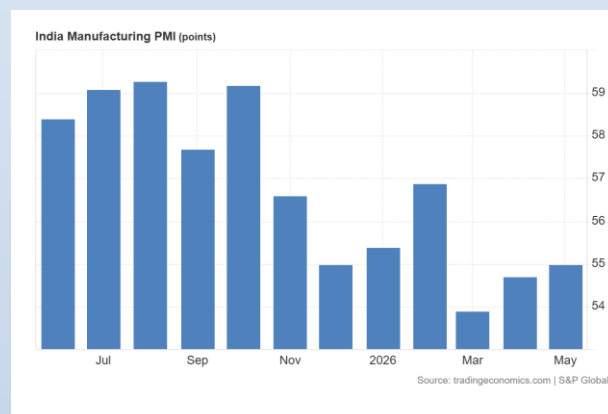
- Hiring was a major silver lining, with job creation reaching a **10-month high**.

Employment:

- Employment continued to increase**, although the pace of hiring was slower than in the previous month.

Inflation:

- Input costs increased sharply due to higher energy, fuel, material, and transportation expenses linked to geopolitical tensions, while output price inflation remained relatively moderate as firms absorbed part of these higher costs.



Pollyanna De Lima commented on India's **May 2026** manufacturing PMI in the HSBC Flash India PMI release, saying manufacturing activity eased marginally and the Manufacturing PMI fell to 54.3 from 54.7 in April.

Note:

1. PMI stands for Purchasing Managers' Index.
2. PMI is one of the closely watched indicators of business activity across the world.
3. The magic number is 50. A reading of 50 or higher generally indicates that the industry is expanding.
4. Share of the manufacturing sector in GDP in India is nearly 17%.
5. The PMI is prepared by IHS Market.
6. PMI was first prepared by ISM USA in 1948.

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Services PMI:

- India Services PMI was revised higher to 59.8 in May 2026, up from the preliminary estimate of 58.9 and the final reading of 58.8 in April.

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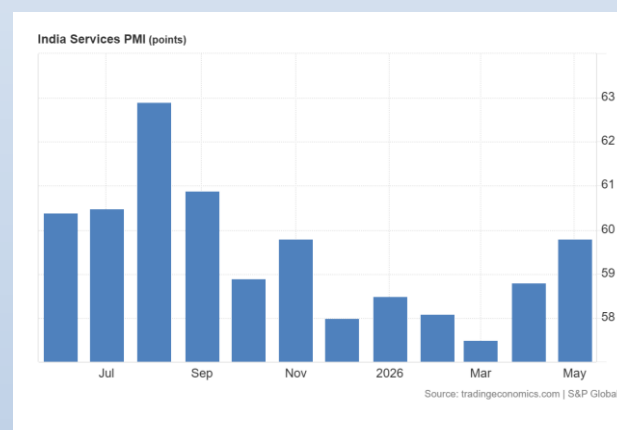
- Output continued to expand**, supported by healthy demand conditions, new client acquisitions, and stronger business inflows.

Employment:

- Employment growth remained solid**, with job creation recording its **second-fastest pace in nearly a year**.

Inflation:

- Input and output price inflation accelerated to four-month highs**, driven by higher costs for food, fuel, gas, labour, and materials.



Source - S&P Global India Services PMI®

“India’s services PMI signalled an expansion in business activity in May, supported by a continued rise in new business. External demand for India-provided services also grew at a faster pace, rebounding after a sharp decline in April. Input cost inflation eased, which in turn reduced pressure on selling prices,” said Pranjul Bhandari, chief India economist at HSBC.

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- Share of the Service sector in GDP in India is nearly 50%.
- The PMI is prepared by IHS Markit.
- PMI was first prepared by ISM USA in 1948.