

Absa Purchasing Managers' Index: November 2020

The Purchasing Managers' Index (PMI) is a reliable monthly gauge of manufacturing activity and an early indicator of underlying economic activity in South Africa. The index is based on surveyed responses to a number of questions, including new sales orders, employment and purchasing prices. **#AbsaPMI**

The Absa Purchasing Managers' Index (PMI) declined to 52.6 index points in November from the solid 60.9 points recorded in October. While still signalling an improvement in business conditions, the drop suggests that the manufacturing sector's recovery is starting to lose momentum.



Business activity

Encouragingly, both business activity and inventories still signalled expansion. Even so, the fact that both indices fell by about 10 points suggests that the pace of the recovery has slowed significantly



Supplier Performance



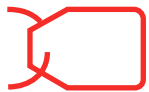
Oct	64.4
Nov	62.9



Expected Business Conditions



Oct	56.7
Nov	52.7



Purchasing prices



Oct	82.1
Nov	72.5



Purchasing commitments



Oct	65.4
Nov	55.6



Employment



Oct	49.1
Nov	47.2



Backlog of sales orders



Oct	54.6
Nov	45.1



Inventories



Oct	61.1
Nov	51.8



New sales orders



Oct	67.0
Nov	49.0