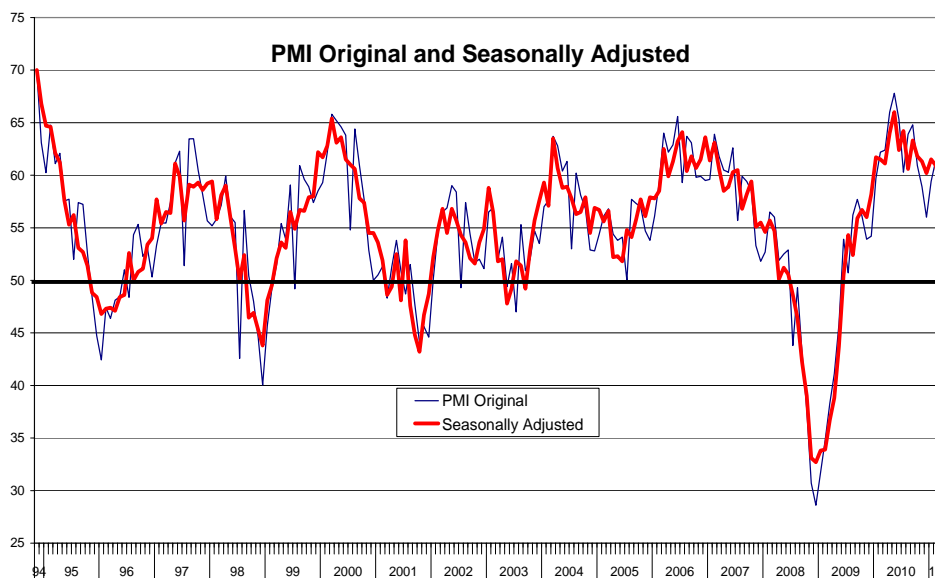


Purchasing Managers Index

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PMI falls to 58.6 in March 2011 – after last year’s rebound, industrial activity is increasing more slowly

- The PMI total dropped from 60.9 in February to 58.6 in March. Business conditions in industry are still strong, but activity in the first quarter this year has increased more slowly than during any quarter last year.
- All component indices contributed negatively to the outcome. Production was responsible for the largest negative contribution, followed by employment and new orders. Even though the PMI total fell, the component indices above the 50 mark indicate that production, new orders, employment, delivery times and inventories are increasing, though not as strongly as in the rebound year 2010.
- At the same time companies have further ratcheted up their production plans, albeit marginally as the index rose from 71.0 to 71.6. Good confidence suggests more new hires in industry in the months ahead.
- The index for commodities and intermediate goods prices fell from 77.1 in February till 73.8 in March. Swedish industry still faces rising prices, primarily a consequence of higher international commodities prices.



PMI		
(Purchasing Managers' Index)		
Seasonally Adjusted		
2011	mar	58,6
	feb	60,9
	jan	61,5
2010	dec	60,2
	nov	61,3
	okt	61,8
	sep	63,3
	aug	60,6
	jul	64,2
	jun	62,4
	maj	66,0
	apr	64,0
	mar	61,1

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Silf/Swedbanks' Purchasing Managers' Index. seasonally adjusted

		PMI	Components of PMI					Other indices			Forecast		
		Total Index	New orders	Production	Employment	Delivery times	Inventories	Export orders	Domestic orders	Back-log of orders	Prices	Import	Planned Production
2008	Jan	54.6	53.6	55.2	55.4	58.2	50.5	54.2	54.5	51.5	65.6	55.7	67.8
	Feb	55.7	56.9	60.2	52.5	55.6	52.6	56.1	57.9	57.9	67.5	59.2	64.4
	Mar	54.7	56.5	56.8	51.9	57.0	53.5	56.9	51.6	51.5	70.4	56.5	63.9
	Apr	50.1	47.1	54.0	48.0	52.0	48.9	46.4	49.7	47.1	69.6	52.1	61.9
	May	51.2	51.3	53.4	48.6	51.1	49.0	50.9	50.7	52.0	74.3	56.2	59.9
	Jun	50.6	50.3	53.9	47.8	51.8	52.2	52.5	46.7	49.0	75.6	56.2	64.7
	Jul	48.6	46.0	53.6	45.5	50.4	53.1	46.6	44.6	42.7	76.8	58.5	58.7
	Aug	46.4	42.7	47.8	44.2	51.0	49.1	44.0	43.3	43.0	70.2	51.2	49.5
	Sep	42.3	38.7	41.3	42.6	42.5	45.4	40.9	38.0	39.7	55.1	48.7	47.4
	Oct	39.0	34.8	39.1	39.8	35.9	45.7	37.0	35.4	36.0	38.2	44.5	39.5
	Nov	33.1	26.0	31.0	36.5	31.0	43.6	29.4	25.8	28.1	29.4	37.5	31.8
	Dec	32.7	26.1	31.0	33.5	28.6	38.9	26.3	23.3	25.7	27.9	32.3	26.3
2009	Jan	33.8	29.0	33.3	32.1	30.3	41.8	34.2	27.9	25.9	29.1	35.5	32.9
	Feb	33.9	28.8	34.0	31.0	28.4	36.6	29.7	30.5	29.7	30.4	33.5	35.8
	Mar	36.7	35.1	38.8	31.1	28.0	39.6	39.7	35.5	30.8	27.7	38.5	38.2
	Apr	38.8	41.5	39.4	28.3	29.6	35.9	45.3	37.7	39.7	30.6	38.8	42.4
	May	43.7	46.4	47.4	31.1	34.2	33.5	47.5	44.1	42.8	32.7	41.0	47.3
	Jun	50.5	54.7	55.8	36.0	42.4	34.0	54.4	49.2	47.4	43.3	47.3	55.2
	Jul	54.3	60.5	61.0	40.3	44.4	38.4	56.4	58.1	54.1	46.9	51.0	59.1
	Aug	52.4	57.8	56.1	40.6	46.4	40.4	61.1	50.1	54.3	52.6	50.7	61.7
	Sep	55.9	59.2	60.5	45.0	53.7	40.6	61.1	55.0	54.0	54.5	55.7	63.3
	Oct	56.7	60.8	61.7	43.8	56.2	41.6	60.7	55.8	58.9	56.7	55.8	62.2
	Nov	56.0	57.9	59.0	48.7	55.0	41.3	59.7	53.6	53.6	59.8	57.0	62.2
	Dec	58.2	63.7	59.7	49.5	56.3	42.7	58.1	66.3	56.6	57.3	59.0	67.4
2010	Jan	61.7	66.8	70.2	49.6	61.5	48.3	62.3	64.8	62.6	61.2	61.3	69.5
	Feb	61.5	67.5	65.3	55.0	61.4	53.6	62.7	63.6	64.2	61.3	59.7	68.1
	Mar	61.1	63.8	63.7	54.9	67.0	50.2	62.3	58.9	60.6	65.7	62.3	69.6
	Apr	64.0	68.1	66.3	56.6	68.3	46.0	64.6	63.2	62.5	75.6	60.3	77.5
	May	66.0	68.8	71.0	60.1	71.5	50.7	62.6	64.1	64.3	71.0	59.9	73.0
	Jun	62.4	61.1	66.8	60.3	69.2	50.4	57.4	60.1	60.9	71.1	59.5	73.1
	Jul	64.2	67.3	72.2	56.3	66.4	51.4	61.4	63.2	63.4	70.9	60.9	72.0
	Aug	60.6	61.8	61.9	60.5	64.5	52.0	57.4	58.7	59.7	68.5	56.1	72.4
	Sep	63.3	65.8	67.4	60.3	66.3	52.9	61.4	62.9	62.2	71.1	58.6	70.8
	Oct	61.8	63.0	63.5	59.0	66.8	47.9	61.6	58.2	61.7	66.4	59.3	72.4
	Nov	61.3	60.4	64.2	60.2	67.2	50.2	58.9	56.3	58.2	70.8	61.4	72.5
	Dec	60.2	63.6	62.8	57.1	64.5	55.5	60.5	63.6	59.5	71.9	59.7	74.0
2011	Jan	61.5	64.2	64.9	57.7	64.6	51.9	61.9	62.1	60.2	77.1	58.6	70.9
	Feb	60.9	59.5	65.0	61.1	67.2	54.4	58.8	56.3	58.0	77.1	60.2	71.0
	Mar	58,6	56,1	61,4	58,3	66,0	52,0	54,7	54,0	54,3	73,8	58,9	71,6

Silf/Swedbanks' Purchasing Managers' Index

		PMI	Components of PMI					Other indices				Forecast	
		Total Index	New-orders	Production	Employment	Delivery times	Inventories	Export orders	Domestic orders	Back-log of orders	Prices	Import	Planned Production
2008	Jan	52.7	52.3	52.6	52.9	54.4	48.9	53.8	52.0	50.6	64.6	54.7	68.9
	Feb	56.5	59.9	61.4	51.5	53.6	51.5	59.5	59.2	60.5	67.5	59.7	66.5
	Mar	56.0	59.4	59.6	51.2	56.5	54.4	59.3	52.9	54.4	71.3	58.3	65.8
	Apr	51.9	49.4	57.2	49.4	52.7	50.0	47.9	51.5	49.1	73.0	53.7	63.6
	May	52.5	52.7	55.3	50.3	52.7	51.0	51.9	52.0	54.0	77.5	57.9	59.7
	Jun	52.9	53.4	57.4	50.3	53.7	55.5	55.0	49.7	50.7	76.0	58.0	62.5
	Jul	43.8	39.6	42.1	45.6	51.8	54.9	42.5	38.6	40.9	75.0	53.1	57.4
	Aug	49.3	46.7	53.6	44.7	52.7	49.7	46.2	47.7	47.7	69.9	53.4	51.0
	Sep	43.2	38.5	43.4	43.4	44.0	44.7	40.1	39.3	38.8	55.6	49.7	45.8
	Oct	37.7	31.9	37.8	38.9	35.7	44.0	33.8	33.6	31.3	36.6	42.5	36.0
	Nov	30.7	21.8	27.9	35.2	28.8	41.1	25.7	22.9	22.9	25.3	35.3	28.8
	Dec	28.6	20.2	24.8	30.6	24.6	35.1	21.5	17.9	19.9	22.9	28.9	24.3
2009	Jan	31.7	27.6	30.5	29.4	26.3	40.1	34.0	25.2	24.7	26.9	34.0	33.9
	Feb	34.8	32.0	35.3	29.9	26.3	35.2	33.1	32.1	32.5	29.7	33.7	38.2
	Mar	38.3	38.7	42.1	30.5	27.5	40.5	42.8	37.5	34.2	28.2	40.6	40.7
	Apr	41.1	44.8	43.2	29.7	30.6	36.8	47.8	40.4	42.6	34.1	40.6	45.1
	May	45.8	49.0	50.3	33.1	36.5	35.3	49.6	46.6	45.9	36.5	43.2	48.3
	Jun	53.9	59.4	60.8	39.1	45.5	37.3	58.3	53.5	50.3	45.1	50.0	54.6
	Jul	50.7	55.7	51.3	40.8	46.9	40.7	53.5	53.6	53.1	47.4	47.3	59.2
	Aug	56.2	62.9	62.9	41.9	49.3	41.5	64.6	55.3	60.2	54.5	53.9	64.7
	Sep	57.7	59.9	63.6	46.7	56.6	40.4	61.2	57.1	54.0	57.0	57.8	62.9
	Oct	56.1	58.6	61.1	43.6	57.2	40.4	58.1	54.7	55.0	56.8	54.7	59.6
	Nov	53.9	53.8	56.1	48.1	53.5	39.3	56.1	50.8	48.5	56.9	55.4	59.5
	Dec	54.2	57.9	53.5	47.2	52.8	39.3	61.6	52.8	50.8	52.8	56.0	65.7
2010	Jan	59.7	65.4	67.7	47.2	57.9	49.2	61.7	62.3	61.5	59.4	60.1	70.6
	Feb	62.2	70.4	66.3	54.3	59.4	52.9	65.5	65.0	66.9	60.6	59.8	70.2
	Mar	62.4	66.7	66.4	54.5	66.6	51.4	64.8	60.3	63.4	66.1	64.2	71.6
	Apr	66.0	70.9	69.6	58.0	69.2	46.8	66.6	65.4	64.9	79.3	61.7	79.9
	May	67.8	70.8	73.6	62.1	73.6	52.5	64.0	66.1	66.9	74.4	61.6	73.4
	Jun	65.3	64.9	71.2	63.2	71.8	53.6	60.4	63.7	63.2	72.5	61.6	72.0
	Jul	60.3	62.1	62.4	56.3	68.2	53.6	58.0	58.4	62.1	70.8	56.8	71.6
	Aug	63.9	66.3	68.0	61.5	66.7	53.0	60.4	63.4	65.1	69.7	58.7	75.0
	Sep	64.8	66.2	70.2	61.7	68.7	52.6	61.4	64.9	61.9	73.2	60.3	70.0
	Oct	60.9	60.5	62.5	58.4	67.3	46.3	58.9	56.6	57.6	65.8	57.9	69.5
	Nov	58.9	55.9	61.0	59.4	65.3	47.9	55.2	53.1	52.8	67.6	59.7	69.6
	Dec	56.0	57.6	56.2	54.3	60.5	52.1	55.9	58.3	53.4	67.2	56.6	72.2
2011	Jan	59.4	62.7	62.3	54.9	60.6	50.7	61.5	59.6	59.0	75.3	57.3	71.7
	Feb	61.5	62.2	65.9	60.3	65.0	53.7	61.6	57.4	60.5	76.4	60.3	72.8
	Mar	59,6	58,6	63,9	57,6	65,4	53,1	56,9	55,1	56,8	74,0	60,8	73,4

Silf / Swedbank's Purchasing Managers' Index (PMI) – goals and methodology

<i>History</i>	Silf (previously I&L) and Swedbank AB, publ, (formerly Sparbanken Sverige) made the first joint – internal – calculation of the “Purchasing Managers' Index” for the five component indices in December 1994. Exactly one year later the index figures were published for the first time. The model for what was then known as the ICI (now the PMI, Purchasing Managers' Index) was the NAPM index – one of the USA's most important and most well known economic indicators. The NAPM index has existed since 1931 and was subsequently renamed PMI (or ISM index).										
<i>Participants</i>	About 200 purchasing managers in the manufacturing industry.										
<i>Publication</i>	First business day of every month, 8:30 a.m.										
<i>Survey period</i>	Comparison with the previous month.										
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<i>Other ratios (not included in PMI)</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> New export orders New domestic orders Order Backlogs Suppliers' commodity and intermediate goods prices Imports Production plans for the next six months 										
<i>Goals</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Quick economic indicator Simple statistics and ease of interpretation Statistics with relatively short publication intervals Constant contact with well-informed professional group 										
<i>Calculation</i>	Same as for calculating a diffusion index. Positive changes are noted in percent for the five component indexes. The percentage of unchanged replies, multiplied by 0.5, is added to this figure. Then the different component indices are weighted as described above to calculate the total index. The Purchasing Managers' Index does not indicate activity levels but rather monthly changes in industrial activity. The seasonally adjusted figures are shown first.										
<i>”Break even”</i>	The dividing line between growth and contraction in the industrial economy has – in line with American practice – been set at 50. However, this figure should not be interpreted as a precise boundary or “neutral growth zone.” A PMI index level of 49.7 or 50.3 would not indicate a particularly different economic situation.										

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