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INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION RELEASE FOR JANUARY- MARCH 2026

An Overview

The Industrial Production Release for January–March 2026 presents the performance of industrial activities in Zanzibar during the first quarter of 2026. The release provides results from the Industrial Production Survey, which measures the level of output generated by manufacturing activities over a specified period. It contains information on the quantity and value of selected commodities produced by manufacturing establishments, thereby providing insights into trends in industrial production and the overall performance of the manufacturing sector.

The release serves as a short-term economic indicator that enables policymakers, planners, researchers, and other stakeholders to monitor industrial sector performance, assess economic conditions, and make informed decisions based on recent developments in industrial production.

Scope, Coverage and Classification

The survey is conducted in accordance with the International Standard Industrial Classification of All Economic Activities (ISIC, Rev 4), to ensure consistency and facilitate international comparability of industrial statistics. ISIC provides a comprehensive framework for classifying economic activities, where the term “industry” broadly refers to any economic activity within the economy. The survey focuses exclusively on the manufacturing sector and covers manufacturing establishments that contribute substantially to the sector’s output, based on the production of selected commodities.

According to the results of the 2008 and 2012 Census of Industrial Production, the establishments covered by the survey account for more than 85 percent of the total gross

output of the manufacturing sector. Consequently, the production data collected from these establishments can be regarded as a reliable indicator of overall manufacturing sector performance.

To improve the coverage and representativeness of the survey, a number of small-scale establishments with relatively high levels of output were also included. These establishments constituted less than 10 percent of the total number of establishments covered by the survey.

Methodology

This Quarterly Survey of Industrial Production (QSIP) report focuses on selected industrial commodities produced within the manufacturing sector. Due to the structure and characteristics of manufacturing activities in Zanzibar, the survey covers a limited number of key products that are considered representative of industrial production. Data are collected on a quarterly basis, capturing information on the quantity and value of selected commodities produced during each month of the reference quarter.

The survey is conducted regularly to monitor trends in industrial production and provide timely indicators of manufacturing sector performance. The findings are compiled and disseminated through quarterly reports, which are generally released within six weeks following the end of the reference quarter.

Table 1.1: Production of the selected commodities (Q2-25 to Q1-26) by ISIC Division

ISIC R4	Description	Unit	Q2_25	Q3-25	Q4_25	Q1_26
10	Manufacture of food products	Tons	14,316	15,810	16,252	17,629
		Numbers (000)	67,241	69,796	71,890	71,926
		Tons	663	1,735	1,822	1,648
		Kg	65,362	68,238	50,056	50,077
11	Manufacture of beverages	Litres ('000')	6,154.9	5,847.2	5,982.3	5,955.5
13	Manufacture of finishing of textiles	Metres ('000')	326	0	0	0
14	Manufacture of wearing apparel	Pcs.	1,583	1,615	1,534	1,542
21	Manufacture of pharmaceutical, medical chemical and botanic products	Kg	4,884	4,996	4,986	7,155
32	Manufacture of jewellery, bijouterie and related articles	Grams	2,339	2,392	2,403	2,818

Source: Office of the Chief Government Statistician

Table 1.2: Production of the selected commodities in Quarters (Q2-25 & Q1-26) by ISIC Group

ISIC R4	Description	Unit	Q2_25	Q3-25	Q4_25	Q1_26
106	Manufacture of grain mill products, starches and starch products	Tons	14,316	15,810	16,252	17,629
		Numbers (000)	67,241	69,796	71,890	71,926
107	Manufacture of other food products	Tons	663	1,735	1,822	1,648
		Kg	65,362	68,238	50,056	50,077
110	Manufacture of beverages	Litres ('000')	6,154.9	5,847.2	5,982.3	5,955.5
131	Manufacture of finishing of textiles	Meter ("000")	326	0	0	0
141	Manufacture of wearing apparel, except fur apparel	Pcs.	1,583	1,615	1,534	1,542
210	Manufacture of pharmaceutical, medical chemical and botanic products	Kg	4,884	4,996	4,986	7,155
321	Manufacture of jewellery, bijouterie and related articles	Grams	2,339	2,392	2,403	2,818

Table 1.3: Changes in Production (Quantity) of the selected commodities by ISIC Group, 2025 – 2026

ISIC R4	Description	Unit	Q1-25	Q4-25	Q1-26	% Change from January-25 (y-to-y)	% Change from December-25 (q-to-q)
106	Manufacture of grain mill products, starches and starch products	Tons	16,902.0	16,252.0	17,629.4	4.3	8.5
107	Manufacture of other food products	Numbers (000)	64,967.0	71,889.9	71,925.8	10.7	0.0
		Tons	886.2	1,821.8	1,648.3	86.0	-9.5
		Kg	29,000.0	50,055.9	50,076.8	72.7	0.0
110	Manufacture of beverages	Litres ('000')	5,952.5	5,982.3	5,955.5	0.1	-0.4
131	Manufacture of finishing of textiles	Meter ("000")	316.0	-	-	0.0	0.0
141	Manufacture of wearing apparel, except fur apparel	Pcs.	1,530.0	1,533.9	1,541.6	0.8	0.5
210	Manufacture of pharmaceutical, medical chemical and botanic products	Kg	4,788.7	4,986.2	7,154.7	49.4	43.5
321	Manufacture of jewellery, bijouterie and related articles	Grams	2,114.8	2,402.5	2,817.6	33.2	17.3

Source: Office of the Chief Government Statistician

Table 1.4: Percentage share of production for selected commodities for third and fourth quarter, 2025

ISIC R4	Description	Unit	Q4_2025	Value(000)	% Share	Q1_2026	Value(000)	% Share
1061	Manufacture of grain mill products	Tons	16,252.0	18,462,566.3	76.75	17,629.4	20,027,351.7	79.14
1071	Manufacture of bakery products	Numbers (000)	71,889.9	14,378.0	0.06	71,925.8	14,385.2	0.06
1072	Manufacture of sugar	Tons	1,821.8	3,643,500.0	15.15	1,648.3	3,296,500.0	13.03
1074	Manufacture of macaroni, noodles, couscous and similar farinaceous products	Kg	41,738.2	104,345.4	0.43	41,759.0	104,397.5	0.41
1079	Manufacture of other food product s n.e.c	Kg	8,317.8	26,339.6	0.11	8,317.8	26,339.6	0.10
1104	Manufacture of beverages	Litres ('000')	5,982.3	1,559,421.3	6.48	5,955.5	1,438,845.7	5.69
1313	Manufacture of finishing of textiles	Meter ("000")	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	-	-
1410	Manufacture of wearing apparel, except fur apparel	Pcs.	1,533.9	45,941.5	0.19	1,541.6	46,171.2	0.18
2110	Manufacture of pharmaceutical, medical chemical and botanic products	Kg	4,986.2	177,503.0	0.74	7,154.7	321,620.9	1.27
3211	Manufacture of jewellery and related articles	Grams	2,402.5	21,265.5	0.09	2,817.6	29,592.6	0.12
	Total			**24,055,260.6**	**100.00**		**25,305,204.5**	**100.00**

Source: Office of the Chief Government Statistician

Summary Results

The manufacturing sector in Zanzibar recorded a positive performance during the first quarter of 2026, with the total value of production increasing by 5.2 percent, from TZS 24.1 billion in Q4 2025 to TZS 25.3 billion in Q1 2026. This growth was largely driven by the manufacture of grain mill products, whose production value rose by 8.5 percent to reach TZS 20.0 billion. Consequently, the activity strengthened its dominance within the manufacturing sector, accounting for 79.1 percent of total production value compared to 76.8 percent in the previous quarter. The increase suggests higher demand for staple food products and improved production levels among grain milling establishments. Food manufacturing activities continued to drive overall production growth. Output of Manufacture of grain mill products, starches and starch products increased by 8.5. percent year-on-year, reaching 16,252.0 tons in the quarter ending December 2025. However, production decreased by 4.3 percent compared to the third quarter of 2025.

Despite overall sector growth, performance across activities was mixed. The value of sugar production declined by 9.5 percent, falling from TZS 3.64 billion to TZS 3.30 billion, while the contribution of beverage manufacturing decreased by 7.7 percent from TZS 1.56 billion to TZS 1.44 billion. Together, these declines reduced their combined share of total manufacturing value from 21.6 percent to 18.7 percent. In contrast, the pharmaceutical, medical chemical and botanical products industry recorded the highest growth rate among all activities, with production value increasing by 81.2 percent, from TZS 177.5 million to TZS 321.6 million, reflecting expanding production capacity and demand for health-related products.

Conversely, the Manufacture of pharmaceutical, medical chemical and botanic products increased by 43.5 percent year-on-year and by 49.4 percent quarter-on-quarter, indicating continued contraction in the sub-sector. Similarly, Manufacture jewellery and related articles rose by 17.3 percent compared to the corresponding quarter of 2025, No production was recorded under Manufacture of finishing of textiles during the fourth quarter of 2025 and first quarter of 2026. **(Table 1.3 and 1.4).**

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