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INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION RELEASE FOR APRIL-JUNE 2026

An Overview

The Industrial Production Release for April– June 2026 presents the performance of industrial activities in Zanzibar during the second 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) release 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 (Q3-25 to Q2-26) by ISIC Division

ISIC R4	Description	Unit	Q3-25	Q4_25	Q1_26	Q2_26
10	Manufacture of food products	Tons	15,810	16,252	17,629	17,718
		Numbers (000)	69,796	71,890	71,926	71,962
		Tons	1,735	1,822	1,648	0
11	Manufacture of beverages	kg	68,238	50,056	50,077	48,497
14	Manufacture of wearing apparel	litres ('000')	5,847.2	5,982.3	5,955.5	5,967
21	Manufacture of pharmaceutical, medical chemical and botanic products	pcs.	1,615	1,534	1,542	1,619
32	Manufacture of jewellery, bijouterie and related articles	Kg	4,996	4,986	7,155	824
		grams	2,392	2,403	2,818	2,958

Source: Office of the Chief Government Statistician

Table 1.2: Production of the selected commodities in Quarters (Q3-25 & Q2-26) by ISIC Group

ISIC R4	Description	Unit	Q3-25	Q4_25	Q1_26	Q2_26
106	Manufacture of grain mill products, starches and starch products	tonnes	15,810	16,252	17,629	17,718
		Numbers (000)	69,796	71,890	71,926	71,962
107	Manufacture of other food products	tonnes	1,735	1,822	1,648	0
		kg	68,238	50,056	50,077	48,497
110	Manufacture of beverages	litres ('000')	5,847.2	5,982.3	5,955.5	5,967.4
141	Manufacture of wearing apparel, except fur apparel	pcs.	1,615	1,534	1,542	1,619
210	Manufacture of pharmaceutical, medical chemical and botanic products	kg	4,996	4,986	7,155	824
321	Manufacture of jewellery, bijouterie and related articles	grams	2,392	2,403	2,818	2,958

Source: *Office of the Chief Government Statistician*

Table 1.3: Changes in Production (Quantity) of the selected commodities by ISIC Group, Q2 2025 and Q1–Q2 2026

ISIC R4	Description	Unit	Q2-25	Q1-26	Q2-26	% Change from Q2-25 (y-on-y)	% Change from Q1-26 (q-on-q)
106	Manufacture of grain mill products, starches and starch products	tons	14,316.3	17,629.4	17,717.6	23.8	0.5
		Numbers (000)	67,240.8	71,925.8	71,961.8	7.0	0.0
107	Manufacture of other food products	tons	663.3	1,648.3	0.0	-100.0	-100.0
		kg	65,362.0	50,076.8	48,496.8	-25.8	-3.2
110	Manufacture of beverages	litres ('000')	6,154.9	5,955.5	5,967.4	-3.0	0.2
141	Manufacture of wearing apparel, except fur apparel	pcs.	1,583.0	1,541.6	1,618.7	2.3	5.0
210	Manufacture of pharmaceutical, medical chemical and botanic products	kg	4,884.0	7,154.7	823.9	-83.1	-88.5
321	Manufacture of jewellery, bijouterie and related articles	grams	2,338.7	2,817.6	2,958.5	26.5	5.0

Source: Office of the Chief Government Statistician

Table 1.4: Percentage share of production for selected commodities for Q1 and Q2, 2026

ISIC R4	Description	Unit	Q1_2026	Value (000)	% Share	Q2_2026	Value (000)	% Share
1061	Manufacture of grain mill products	tons	17,629.4	20,027,351.7	79.2	17,717.6	20,127,488.4	92.1
1071	Manufacture of bakery products	Numbers (000)	71,925.8	14,385.2	0.1	71,961.8	14,392.4	0.1
1072	Manufacture of sugar	tons	1,648.3	3,296,500.0	13.0	-	-	-
1074	Manufacture of macaroni, noodles, couscous and similar farinaceous products	kg	41,759.0	104,397.5	0.4	41,842.5	104,606.3	0.5
1079	Manufacture of other food products, n.e.c	kg	8,317.8	26,339.6	0.1	6,654.2	21,071.7	0.1
1104	Manufacture of beverages	litres ('000')	5,955.5	1,438,845.7	5.7	5,967.4	1,441,723.4	6.6
1410	Manufacture of wearing apparel, except fur apparel	pcs.	1,541.6	46,171.2	0.2	1,618.7	48,479.8	0.2
2110	Manufacture of pharmaceutical, medical chemical and botanic products	kg	7,154.7	321,620.9	1.3	823.9	84,069.5	0.4
3211	Manufacture of jewellery and related articles	grams	2,817.6	20,278.7	0.1	2,958.5	21,292.6	0.1
Total				25,295,890.6	100.0		21,863,124.2	100.0

Source: Office of the Chief Government Statistician

Summary Results

The total value of manufacturing production in Zanzibar decreased from TZS 25.3 billion in the first quarter of 2026 to TZS 21.9 billion in the second quarter of 2026, representing a decline of 13.6 percent. The decline in the total value of manufacturing production was primarily associated with the absence of sugar production during the quarter and the substantial reduction in the production value of pharmaceutical, medicinal chemical and botanical products.

Despite the overall decline, the manufacture of grain mill products remained the dominant manufacturing activity, accounting for 92.1 percent of the total production value in the second quarter of 2026, up from 79.2 percent in the preceding quarter. The production value from this subsector increased slightly from TZS 20.0 billion to TZS 20.1 billion during the period.

The manufacture of beverages remained the second-largest contributor to manufacturing output, accounting for 6.6 percent of total production value, equivalent to TZS 1.4 billion. Production of wearing apparel also recorded a modest increase in production value from TZS 46.2 million in the first quarter to TZS 48.5 million in the second quarter of 2026.

Conversely, the manufacture of pharmaceutical, medicinal chemical and botanical products experienced a marked decline, with production value decreasing by 73.9 percent from TZS 321.6 million in the first quarter to TZS 84.1 million in the second quarter of 2026. In addition, no sugar production was recorded during the quarter compared with TZS 3.3 billion produced in the previous quarter.

Overall, the manufacturing sector remained heavily concentrated in food-related activities, particularly grain milling, which continued to be the principal driver of industrial production in Zanzibar during the second quarter of 2026 however, the increase in grain milling's share from 79.2% to 92.1% was largely driven by declines or absence in other activities, particularly sugar and pharmaceuticals, rather than by a dramatic increase in grain-milling production itself. (**Table 1.3 and 1.4**).

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