

Overview

Bank Al-Maghrib's business survey for August¹ shows a decline in economic activity. Specifically, production is reported to have fallen, while sales are reported to have stagnated. Under these conditions, the capacity utilization rate is reported to have fallen to 80 percent from 81 percent the previous month.

Production reportedly declined across all sectors except for the "agri-food" sector, where it reportedly increased.

Sales, meanwhile, reportedly remained flat, reflecting an increase in the "agri-food" and "chemicals and para-chemicals" sectors, stagnation in the "mechanical engineering and metallurgy" sector, and a decline in the "textiles and leather" sector.

On the other hand, orders reportedly declined, reflecting a drop across all sectors except for the "agrifood" sector, where they reportedly increased. As for order backlogs, they reportedly remained below normal levels across all sectors except for the "mechanical engineering and metallurgy" sector, where they reportedly remained at normal levels.

For the next three months, manufacturers anticipate an improvement in business activity, with an increase in production and sales across all sectors except for the "agrifood" sector, where they expect sales to remain flat. However, more than one in four companies report uncertainty regarding future trends in production and sales.

¹ The survey was conducted from September 1 to 30, 2026, with a response rate of 62%.