

# **BANGLADESH PURCHASING MANAGERS' INDEX (PMI)**

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## **Bangladesh September PMI recorded a faster expansion rate at 59.1 All Key Economic Sectors posted expansion readings**

The SEPTEMBER reading of the Bangladesh Purchasing Managers' Index (PMI) gained 0.8 points from the previous month to post a faster expansion rate at 59.1. This latest PMI reading was attributed to a faster expansion rate for the manufacturing index, but a slower expansion rate for the services index. The indexes of both agriculture and construction reverted to expansion readings.

The agriculture sector reverted to an expansion reading. The sector posted expansion readings for the indexes of new business, business activity, and input costs, and the indexes of employment and order backlogs posted slower contraction readings.

The manufacturing sector posted its 13<sup>th</sup> month of expansion, and at a faster rate. The sector posted expansion readings for the indexes of new orders, new exports, factory output, input purchases, finished goods, imports, input prices, and supplier deliveries. The employment index reverted to an expansion reading, and the order backlogs index posted a slower contraction.

The construction sector reverted to an expansion reading. The sector posted expansion readings for the indexes of new business, construction activity, and input costs. The order backlogs index posted a slower contraction, and the employment index reverted to an expansion reading after recording 4 months of contractions.

The services sector posted its 12<sup>th</sup> month of expansion, but at a slower rate. The sector posted expansion readings for the indexes of new business, business activity, employment, and input costs, and the order backlogs index posted a slower contraction rate.

In terms of the future business index, faster expansion rates were recorded for the indexes of manufacturing, construction, and services sectors, whereas the agriculture sector posted a slower expansion rate.

**“The latest PMI readings indicate that the overall Bangladesh economy continued to expand at a slightly faster rate in September. Agriculture and construction sectors reverted to expansion after improvements in weather condition and gradual rollout of the new fiscal year budget. Meanwhile, the service sector posted a slower expansion reading, possibly due to persistent inflation, which is still the highest in South Asia.”**

- Dr. M Masrur Reaz, Chairman and CEO, Policy Exchange Bangladesh

# Bangladesh PMI

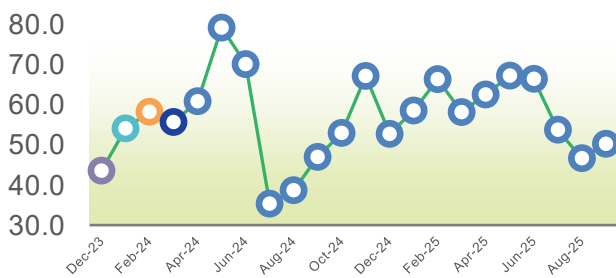
## Purchasing Managers' Index (PMI)



### Agriculture Sectors

September 50.3      August 46.7

Agriculture Sector Index



### Manufacturing Sectors

September 65.0      August 60.6

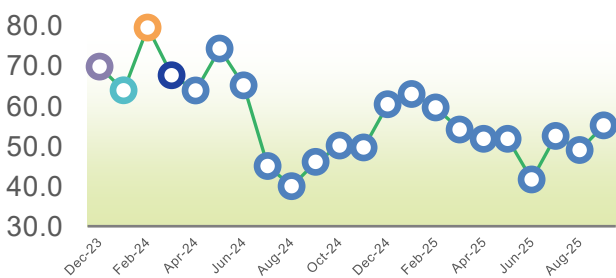
Manufacturing Sector Index



### Construction Sectors

September 55.1      August 49.0

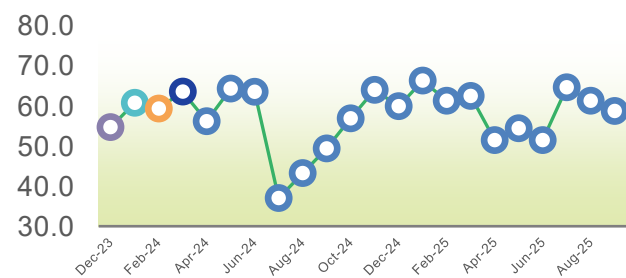
Construction Sector Index



### Services Sectors

September 58.7      August 61.3

Services Sector Index



## ABOUT BANGLADESH PMI

The Bangladesh PMI was developed in 2024 by Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce and Industry (MCCI) and Policy Exchange Bangladesh, in cooperation with the Singapore Institute of Purchasing & Materials Management (SIPMM) and supported by UK International Development.



The Purchasing Managers' Index (PMI) is a forward looking (or “leading”) economic indicator which helps understand the direction in which the economy is headed. First developed in the United States in 1948, it has since then been utilized in over 50 countries for its accuracy and reliability in capturing the pulse of key sectors and the economy. It is widely used by investors, businesses and policymakers for making key decisions.

The Bangladesh PMI was initiated by the UK Government. Covering the key economic sectors, the Bangladesh PMI is based on data compiled from monthly surveys of over 500 private sector enterprises. Survey responses reflect the change in business activity, if any, in the current month compared to the previous month. The headline numbers are derived using 'diffusion index' methodology, aggregating inputs from these companies on various indicators, weighted. The methodology was developed by Singapore Institute of Purchasing & Materials Management (SIPMM), with technical inputs from Policy Exchange.

A PMI reading above 50 indicates that the sector/ economy is generally 'expanding'. A reading of 50 indicates 'no change' compared to last month, while a reading below 50 indicates a 'contraction'.

For more information, please visit: [www.bangladeshpmi.com](http://www.bangladeshpmi.com)

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