



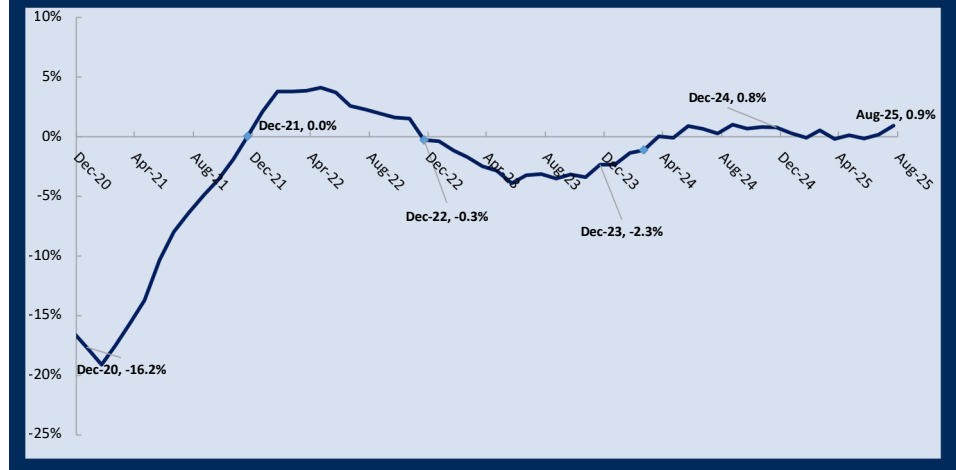
Monthly Economic Activity Index

August 2025

Introduction

The Monthly Economic Activity Index (MEAI) is a short-term indicator to measure movements of economic activity in Suriname. It is an important tool for policy makers, researchers, analysts, but also for the private sector and other stakeholders. For example, the MEAI can be supportive for businesses when considering important investment decisions.

Graph 1: MEAI 12-months growth:
December 2020 - August 2025



Source: Centrale Bank van Suriname

Analysis¹

Economic activity improved from 0.2% in July 2025² to 0.9% in August 2025, mainly driven by construction (Graph 1 and Table 1).

The sectors that contributed the most to the 0.9% growth are explained in more detail below:

- *Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles* contributed 2.4 percentage point, primarily driven by a 25% increase in the sales of building materials.
- *Construction* recorded an impact of 0.5 percentage point, as the import of construction materials increased by 10%.

The growth in these sectors was partially offset by a contraction in *Manufacturing*, which contributed 1.9 percentage point. This decline was mainly due to a decrease of approximately 27% in the gold production, driven by lower mill throughput and a reduced ore grade in large-scale gold mining, as well as decreased exports from small-scale mining, likely related to suspected smuggling.

¹ The growth rates, unless otherwise indicated, are based on the 12-month moving average: September 2024 until August 2025 compared to September 2023 until August 2024.

² The growth estimate for July 2025 was revised from 0.4% to 0.2% due to data updates, as explained in 'Revisions & Data Issues'.

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Revisions & Data Issues

The MEAI growth rates have been updated from September 2023 onwards, mainly because of:

- *Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles*, due to data updates from several companies.
- *Financial and insurance activities* due to data updates from insurance companies and pension funds.
- *Agriculture, forestry and fishing* since estimates were replaced by actual data following the release of the annual statistics of 2024 from the Ministry of Agriculture, Animal Husbandry and Fisheries.

The MEAI team continues its efforts to collect data from respondents with a significant delay in reporting with the aim of improving the quality of the index.

Brief explanation methodology

The MEAI uses survey data and administrative records. The first consists of data derived from an establishment survey conducted among approximately 200 companies, which includes 'key players'. The administrative records consist of data from Customs (Asycuda), the Central Bank of Suriname, the General Bureau of Statistics (GBS), financial reports and production data of selected companies. The MEAI is a fixed-based index that uses the structure of the economy in 2015 as a base year. Subsequently, the Laspeyres formula is applied to generate an index for each activity. Weights by industry derived from the nominal value added as published by the GBS, are used to generate the total index for the economy. The growth rates are based on the 12-month moving average approach.

Importance of timely reporting

Since validating and analyzing the data are time-consuming, it is of utmost importance that data are reported timely, which means no later than three weeks after the closing of the reference month. This enables the short-term indicator to be disseminated within 45 days, in line with international best practices. If the reported data are received with a large delay, the short-term indicator of economic activity for Suriname cannot be compiled and published in a timely manner.

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Table 1: MEAI per industry: September 2023- August 2025 (base year 2015=100)

Period	Industry												MEAI	Growth in % ³⁾
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12		
Sep-23	89.4	90.0	82.5	100.3	123.0	59.5	99.9	75.0	91.5	47.8	63.7	118.0	84.1	-3.5%
Oct-23	77.7	99.0	99.6	107.6	127.4	91.8	98.7	68.2	93.0	47.8	66.5	116.6	89.1	-3.2%
Nov-23	91.9	91.4	94.0	104.2	123.5	93.5	97.2	68.2	94.6	45.5	63.2	116.9	89.3	-3.4%
Dec-23	65.8	99.4	100.4	100.7	127.3	69.2	90.4	81.0	114.2	49.0	68.9	115.8	84.9	-2.3%
Jan-24	68.7	91.0	84.3	101.6	124.7	71.3	107.9	76.1	96.6	44.2	94.7	115.6	86.4	-2.3%
Feb-24	66.3	87.1	74.1	96.1	116.5	59.7	92.6	69.8	94.4	40.1	66.0	115.7	77.3	-1.4%
Mar-24	79.6	103.7	74.8	99.4	125.7	47.6	91.5	77.4	99.8	43.7	64.3	115.0	79.2	-1.1%
Apr-24	76.2	98.8	85.1	103.1	120.5	65.4	90.2	77.5	93.3	42.5	63.6	114.8	81.4	0.0%
May-24	78.7	98.1	81.6	103.7	127.0	60.9	93.2	72.8	96.3	44.5	57.8	112.7	80.9	-0.1%
Jun-24	73.4	90.8	82.0	98.6	118.1	58.9	86.1	71.7	100.8	42.7	70.9	114.3	78.9	0.9%
Jul-24	71.5	88.5	83.9	104.1	123.8	66.7	94.9	92.8	96.3	43.3	62.3	114.0	82.1	0.7%
Aug-24	84.1	90.2	83.4	106.7	126.0	52.9	93.3	89.0	108.8	46.0	61.3	113.5	82.4	0.3%
Sep-24	74.0	95.9	92.1	106.6	120.6	62.1	116.0	80.5	96.1	43.5	61.5	113.2	87.3	1.0%
Oct-24	86.0	91.6	90.9	106.9	128.2	73.5	99.1	75.1	93.3	45.3	65.1	112.9	86.2	0.7%
Nov-24	106.3	87.4	92.0	104.8	127.8	71.8	98.3	69.5	98.1	46.2	79.1	118.5	89.6	0.8%
Dec-24	76.1	89.7	83.2	103.0	131.9	61.2	93.7	85.5	119.6	48.6	97.5	114.8	85.0	0.8%
Jan-25	70.6	81.3	61.5	96.3	132.9	78.4	100.9	78.3	102.3	47.2	102.9	114.4	83.1	0.3%
Feb-25	69.8	70.9	60.9	92.2	122.8	78.2	96.0	64.7	94.6	43.5	70.3	114.2	78.0	-0.1%
Mar-25	71.0	83.9	73.2	98.9	136.4	70.1	106.2	70.9	105.4	48.3	56.5	114.1	82.5	0.5%
Apr-25	62.9	70.7	66.3	100.0	131.1	61.0	104.9	80.4	104.2	47.5	63.0	113.9	79.1	-0.2%
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Aug-25	70.2	81.8	73.4	105.8	133.1	67.6	112.5	99.0	123.8	53.2	68.4	113.6	86.8	0.9%
Memo item: 12- month average index														
Period	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	MEAI	MEAI Growth
Sep 2023 - Aug 2024	76.9	94.0	85.5	102.2	123.6	66.4	94.6	76.6	98.3	44.7	66.9	115.3	83.0	
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Source: Centrale Bank van Suriname.

Note :³⁾ Average of the last twelve months compared to the average of the previous twelve months.

* Revised figure due to data update since September 2023.

Legend: Industries

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| 1. Agriculture, forestry and fishing | 5. Water supply, sewerage, waste management and remediation activities | 9. Accommodation and food service activities |
| 2. Mining and quarrying | 6. Construction | 10. Information and communication |
| 3. Manufacturing | 7. Wholesale and retail trade, repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles | 11. Financial and insurance activities |
| 4. Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply | 8. Transportation and storage | 12. Government |