Fuel minerals output below a year earlier for twelve months in a row

In this report: what MoSPI's own figures show; fuel minerals, month by month; mining and the industries that produced less; how the figures were made.

Fuel minerals output was below its level of a year earlier in all twelve months from September 2025 to August 2026, and in August 2026 it was 5.7 per cent lower, on the quick estimate of the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI). No run this long appears in the 29 months, April 2024 to August 2026, for which MoSPI's 2022-23 series prints the index of the same month a year earlier.

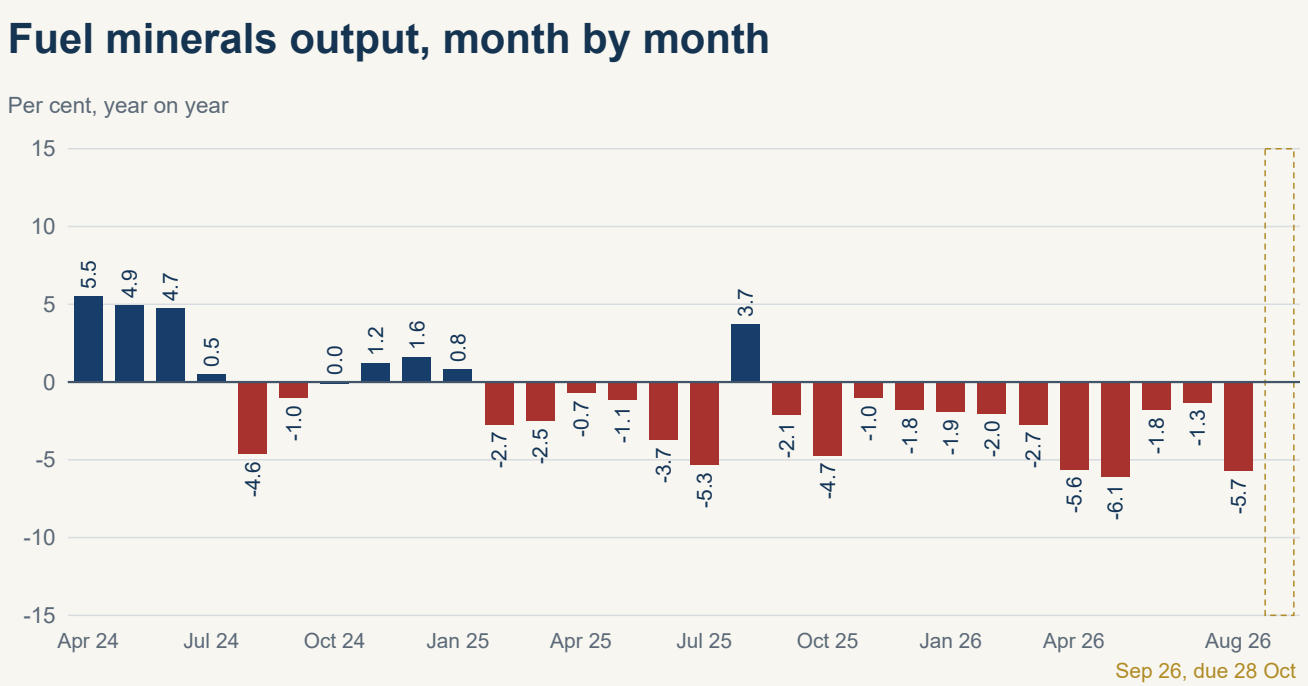
The fuel minerals index for August 2026 was 93.3, which is the lowest of the four Augusts since the series began in April 2023. Every figure here comes from MoSPI's Index of Industrial Production.

Mining output as a whole fell 5.6 per cent in August 2026 from August 2025, as the quick estimate shows, and that is the steepest fall in the same 29 months.

Sources: Read on 22 October 2026. MoSPI release for August 2026, 28 September 2026. MoSPI workbook, 2022-23 series, 28 September 2026.

Fuel minerals output, month by month

Measured against the same month a year earlier, as MoSPI does, fuel minerals output fell in every month from September 2025 to August 2026. The falls were 2.1, 4.7, 1.0, 1.8, 1.9, 2.0, 2.7, 5.6, 6.1, 1.8, 1.3 and 5.7 per cent, in that order.



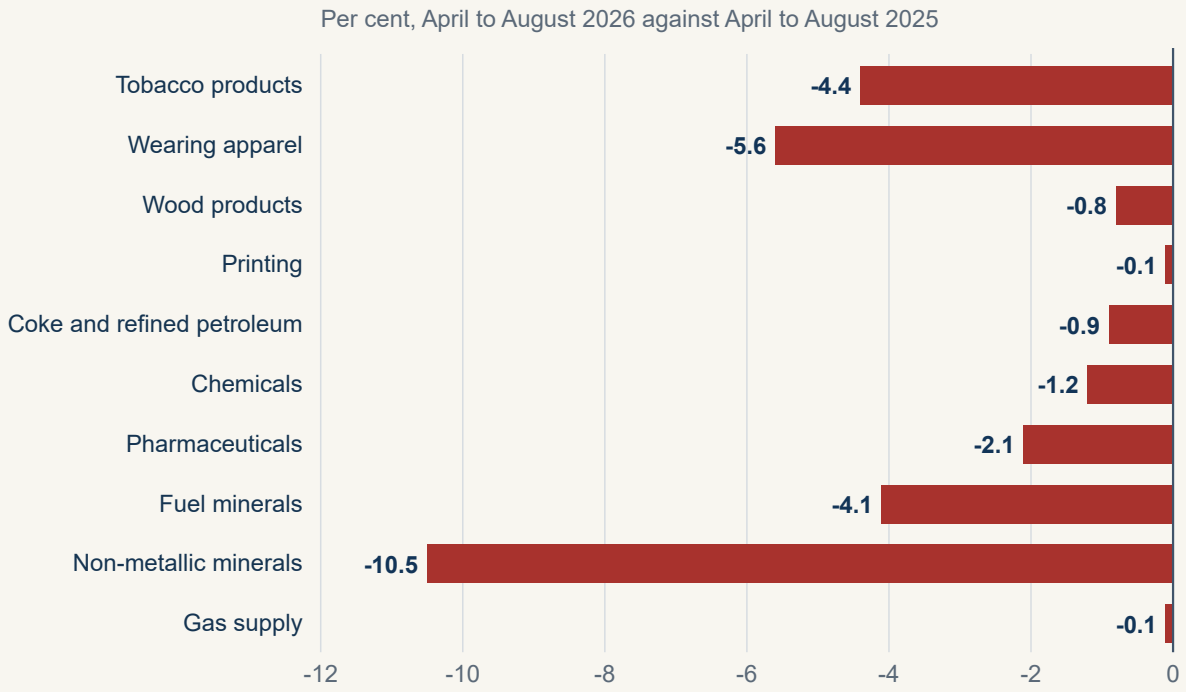
Each bar is the rate at which fuel minerals output grew or fell, which MoSPI measures against the same month a year earlier. A red bar is a fall. The last 12 bars are falls in a row, and the dotted box marks September 2026, which MoSPI has not yet released.

The fuel minerals index stood at 93.3 in August 2026. It was 98.9 in August 2025, 95.4 in August 2024 and 100.0 in August 2023.

Sources: Read on 22 October 2026. MoSPI workbook, 2022-23 series, 28 September 2026.

Industries that produced less than a year earlier

When MoSPI's figures for April to August 2026 are set against the same months of 2025, they show that seven of the 23 manufacturing industry groups produced less. The seven were tobacco products, wearing apparel, wood products, printing, coke and refined petroleum products, chemical products, and pharmaceuticals.



Each bar shows how far an industry's output in April to August 2026 fell below the level that it reached in the same months a year earlier. Only the industries whose output fell are shown.

In mining, fuel minerals and non-metallic minerals produced less over the same months, and so did gas supply.

Wearing apparel output has been lower than a year earlier in each of the eight months since January 2026, a run that reaches August 2026.

Sources: Read on 22 October 2026. MoSPI release for August 2026, 28 September 2026. MoSPI workbook, 2022-23 series, 28 September 2026.

How the figures were made

Every figure on output in this brief comes from the All India Index of Industrial Production (IIP), which the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI) publishes. MoSPI measures the output of mining, manufacturing, electricity and gas supply, and water supply and waste management each month, and it publishes an index for each part, where the year 2022-23 is set to 100.

A growth rate here is MoSPI's own, which compares a month's index with the same month a year earlier. Where a figure covers April to a month, it compares the average of those months with the same months a year earlier.

MoSPI moved the index to the base year 2022-23 on 1 June 2026, and it replaced that first series on 29 June 2026. Every figure here is on the series in use since 29 June, except the first release's figures, which are named as such. Its workbook prints the index from April 2023, so a month can be set against the same month a year earlier only from April 2024. MoSPI set every month of the base year 2022-23 to 100, so the growth rate that the workbook prints for a month of 2023-24 is that month's index less 100. The older series, on the base 2011-12, ran to March 2026, and this brief reads it on its own and never joins the two.

MoSPI replaced its new series four weeks after launching it. Its first figure for the general index's growth in 2024-25 was 6.4 per cent, and the replacement prints 5.7 per cent.

MoSPI's own figures show that fuel minerals output was lower than a year earlier in every month from September 2025 to August 2026, and that in August 2026, which is the latest quick estimate, it was 5.7 per cent lower.

Sources: Read on 22 October 2026. MoSPI release for August 2026, 28 September 2026. MoSPI workbook, 2022-23 series, 28 September 2026. MoSPI first release, 1 June 2026. MoSPI release for May 2026, 29 June 2026.