

Chart 1: Beverage Production Composite Index, Percentage Change


- The Composite Production Index for beverages consisting of alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages for May 2023 recorded a decline of 5.8 percent monthly compared to a decline of 12.4 percent recorded in April 2023. Similarly, the index recorded a decrease of 7.0 percent on an annual basis (Chart 1).
- The decline in the monthly index emanated from a drop in the production of alcoholic beverages.
- A total of 266313 hectolitres of beverage was produced in May 2023, a decrease when compared to 282744 hectolitres recorded in April 2023 and 286258 hectolitres recorded in May 2022.

Chart 2: Alcoholic Beverage Production Index, Percentage Change


- The Alcoholic Beverage Production Index recorded a monthly dencrease of 14.7 percent in May 2023 compared to a marginal increase of 0.7 percent recorded a month earlier. Moreover, the index declined by 30.7 percent on an annual basis (Chart 2).
- The production of alcoholic beverages in May 2023 stood at 135180 hectolitres compared to 158544 hectolitres and 194962 hectolitres that was registered in April 2023 and the corresponding period of 2022, respectively.

Chart 3: Non-Alcoholic Beverage Production Index, Percentage Change


- The Non-Alcoholic Beverage Production Index registered a monthly increase of 5.6 percent in May 2023, compared to a decline of 24.8 percent that was registered in the preceding month. Moreover, the index recorded an increase of 43.6 percent year-on-year (Chart 3).
- The production of non-alcoholic beverages in May 2023 amounted to 131133 hectolitres compared to 124200 hectolitres and 91296 hectolitres that was recorded in April 2023 and May 2022, respectively.

Chart 4: Beverage Export Composite Index, Percentage Change ${ }^{1}$


- The Beverage Export Composite Index for May 2023 declined by 39.3 percent monthly compared to an increase of 65.9 percent recorded in the preceding month. Similarly, the index recorded a decrease of 53.1 percent on an annual basis (Chart 4).
- The monthly decrease emanated from a drop in the export of alcoholic beverages.
- A total of 23280 hectolitres of beverages were exported during the month of May 2023 compared to 38357 hectolitres and 49 640 hectolitres that were exported in April 2023 and the corresponding month of 2022, respectively.
- Namibia exported 22843 hectolitres of alcoholic beverages in May 2023, of which beer accounted for a share of 93.1 percent (21 272 hectolitres). Whereas, the export of non-alcoholic beverages amounted to 438 hectolitres for the same period.

[^0]Chart 5: Export of Beverages by Partner Country, Percentage Share


- South Africa (90.1\%) was the top export destination for beverages, followed by Zambia (4.7\%), Democratic Repulic of Congo (3.1\%) and Mozambique with a share of 0.7 percent (Chart 5 ).

Chart 6: Beverage Import Composite Index, Percentage Change


- The Beverage Import Composite Index for May 2023 registered a monthly increase of 9.5 percent compared to a decline of 12.5 percent registered a month earlier. In addition, the index registered an increase of 8.3 percent on a yearly basis (Chart 6).
- The monthly increase resulted from import of alcoholic beverages. However, the import of non-alcoholic beverages recorded a decline during the month under review.
- Namibia imported a total of 87655 hectolitres of beverages during the month of May 2023, as opposed to 80024 hectolitres recorded in April 2023 and 80951 hectolitres registered in the corresponding month of 2022.

Chart 7: Import of Beverages by Partner Country, Percentage Share I


- Chart 7 shows that South Africa was the main source of import for beverages during May 2023 accounting for 96.4 percent share, followed by Germany (1.5\%), Austria (0.8\%) and United States of America (0.6\%).

Table 1: Beverages Production Index

| Year | Month | Alcoholic Beverages production index | Non- <br> Alcoholic Beverages production index | Composite production Index |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 2019 | Jan | 106.6 | 123.6 | 112.6 |
|  | Feb | 107.2 | 127.4 | 114.3 |
|  | Mar | 118.7 | 127.5 | 121.8 |
|  | Apr | 124.8 | 156.8 | 136.1 |
|  | May | 126.3 | 113.5 | 121.8 |
|  | Jun | 121.1 | 77.1 | 105.6 |
|  | Jul | 116.3 | 92.9 | 108.1 |
|  | Aug | 117.8 | 134.8 | 123.8 |
|  | Sep | 142.0 | 141.4 | 141.8 |
|  | Oct | 137.0 | 192.8 | 156.6 |
|  | Nov | 144.7 | 177.5 | 156.3 |
|  | Dec | 152.2 | 171.9 | 159.2 |
| 2020 | Jan | 139.5 | 72.6 | 116.0 |
|  | Feb | 97.7 | 102.6 | 99.4 |
|  | Mar | 109.6 | 127.1 | 115.8 |
|  | Apr | 8.6 | 97.4 | 39.9 |
|  | May | 16.9 | 128.7 | 56.2 |
|  | Jun | 63.3 | 141.3 | 90.8 |
|  | Jul | 87.3 | 84.0 | 86.2 |
|  | Aug | 71.4 | 94.3 | 79.5 |
|  | Sep | 98.9 | 87.8 | 95.0 |
|  | Oct | 109.9 | 231.0 | 152.6 |
|  | Nov | 126.7 | 172.5 | 142.8 |
|  | Dec | 146.3 | 206.7 | 167.6 |

Table 1: Beverages Production Index continued...

| Year | Month | Alcoholic Beverages production index | Non- <br> Alcoholic Beverages production index | Composite production Index |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 2021 | Jan | 100.7 | 114.4 | 105.5 |
|  | Feb | 86.2 | 68.6 | 80.0 |
|  | Mar | 109.2 | 153.2 | 124.7 |
|  | Apr | 104.5 | 88.4 | 98.8 |
|  | May | 91.4 | 43.6 | 74.6 |
|  | Jun | 98.5 | 71.9 | 89.1 |
|  | Jul | 71.4 | 44.9 | 62.0 |
|  | Aug | 104.8 | 122.4 | 111.0 |
|  | Sep | 119.9 | 153.8 | 131.8 |
|  | Oct | 128.2 | 147.8 | 135.1 |
|  | Nov | 133.9 | 178.6 | 149.6 |
|  | Dec | 114.3 | 168.1 | 133.3 |
| 2022 | Jan | 124.6 | 98.9 | 115.6 |
|  | Feb | 72.4 | 146.4 | 98.5 |
|  | Mar | 134.9 | 160.0 | 143.8 |
|  | Apr | 90.1 | 102.7 | 94.5 |
|  | May | 115.4 | 99.4 | 109.8 |
|  | Jun | 128.1 | 116.5 | 124.0 |
|  | Jul | 116.8 | 123.1 | 119.0 |
|  | Aug | 119.4 | 69.3 | 101.7 |
|  | Sep | 116.2 | 207.3 | 148.3 |
|  | Oct | 134.7 | 127.5 | 132.1 |
|  | Nov | 122.4 | 133.0 | 126.1 |
|  | Dec | 126.3 | 215.1 | 157.6 |
| 2023 | Jan | 84.0 | 125.1 | 98.5 |
|  | Feb | 82.2 | 100.6 | 88.6 |
|  | Mar | 93.2 | 179.9 | 123.8 |
|  | Apr | 93.9 | 135.3 | 108.5 |
|  | May | 80.0 | 142.8 | 102.2 |

Table 2: Index for Export and import of Beverages

| Year | Month | Alcoholic <br> Beverage <br> Export | Non- <br> alcoholic <br> Beverage <br> Export | Composite export index | Alcoholic <br> Beverage <br> Import | Non- <br> alcoholic <br> Beverage <br> Import | Composite <br> import <br> index |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 2019 | Jan | 52.6 | 296.5 | 61.8 | 621.1 | 599.9 | 618.2 |
|  | Feb | 64.6 | 137.1 | 67.3 | 59.8 | 776.4 | 160.0 |
|  | Mar | 57.4 | 77.4 | 58.2 | 47.7 | 684.0 | 136.7 |
|  | Apr | 61.3 | 239.8 | 68.0 | 43.6 | 457.6 | 101.5 |
|  | May | 72.2 | 642.3 | 93.7 | 51.3 | 595.9 | 127.5 |
|  | Jun | 96.0 | 59.0 | 94.6 | 97.6 | 637.7 | 173.1 |
|  | Jul | 58.5 | 171.0 | 62.8 | 108.4 | 361.6 | 143.9 |
|  | Aug | 66.9 | 59.5 | 66.6 | 359.2 | 877.1 | 431.7 |
|  | Sep | 71.6 | 103.3 | 72.8 | 52.7 | 593.3 | 128.3 |
|  | Oct | 81.5 | 226.0 | 86.9 | 58.5 | 526.7 | 124.0 |
|  | Nov | 76.6 | 259.3 | 83.5 | 82.4 | 913.3 | 198.6 |
|  | Dec | 75.0 | 269.4 | 82.3 | 212.4 | 754.9 | 288.3 |
| 2020 | Jan | 102.5 | 124.0 | 103.3 | 43.4 | 294.3 | 78.5 |
|  | Feb | 56.9 | 101.5 | 58.5 | 40.6 | 440.0 | 96.5 |
|  | Mar | 36.3 | 77.7 | 37.8 | 136.0 | 309.6 | 160.3 |
|  | Apr | 0.0 | 24.2 | 0.9 | 2.1 | 284.9 | 41.7 |
|  | May | 1.5 | 28.3 | 2.5 | 2.3 | 188.4 | 28.4 |
|  | Jun | 19.2 | 44.4 | 20.1 | 45.8 | 236.8 | 72.5 |
|  | Jul | 10.9 | 50.0 | 12.3 | 46.7 | 143.8 | 60.3 |
|  | Aug | 8.9 | 91.0 | 12.0 | 75.1 | 267.0 | 101.9 |
|  | Sep | 21.2 | 85.1 | 23.6 | 51.0 | 303.3 | 86.3 |
|  | Oct | 26.9 | 94.4 | 29.4 | 68.3 | 506.3 | 129.6 |
|  | Nov | 47.4 | 80.9 | 48.7 | 83.1 | 443.7 | 133.5 |
|  | Dec | 55.7 | 50.5 | 55.5 | 75.7 | 479.3 | 132.2 |

Table 2: Index for Export and import of Beverages continued...

| Year | Month | Alcoholic Beverage Export | Non- <br> alcoholic <br> Beverage <br> Export | Composite export index | Alcoholic <br> Beverage <br> Import | Nonalcoholic Beverage Import | Composite import index |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 2021 | Jan | 26.7 | 78.9 | 28.7 | 63.5 | 278.0 | 93.5 |
|  | Feb | 63.3 | 114.6 | 65.2 | 35.7 | 319.2 | 75.4 |
|  | Mar | 60.1 | 31.9 | 59.0 | 45.8 | 313.4 | 83.2 |
|  | Apr | 64.7 | 22.2 | 63.1 | 42.3 | 477.3 | 103.2 |
|  | May | 29.8 | 5.1 | 28.8 | 47.7 | 906.5 | 167.8 |
|  | Jun | 48.9 | 31.0 | 48.2 | 56.7 | 619.6 | 135.4 |
|  | Jul | 11.8 | 12.8 | 11.8 | 49.1 | 174.7 | 66.7 |
|  | Aug | 55.4 | 23.0 | 54.2 | 59.0 | 239.8 | 84.3 |
|  | Sep | 75.6 | 21.0 | 73.5 | 63.5 | 352.4 | 103.9 |
|  | Oct | 60.7 | 39.3 | 59.9 | 71.4 | 464.5 | 126.4 |
|  | Nov | 49.6 | 28.1 | 48.8 | 69.6 | 577.4 | 140.6 |
|  | Dec | 42.8 | 27.9 | 42.2 | 60.4 | 299.0 | 93.8 |
| 2022 | Jan | 85.5 | 18.0 | 83.0 | 360.6 | 399.3 | 366.0 |
|  | Feb | 67.1 | 13.2 | 65.0 | 47.4 | 298.9 | 82.6 |
|  | Mar | 52.6 | 6.7 | 50.9 | 46.9 | 468.3 | 105.9 |
|  | Apr | 23.3 | 1.3 | 22.5 | 52.5 | 419.7 | 103.9 |
|  | May | 53.7 | 2.3 | 51.8 | 53.3 | 284.5 | 85.6 |
|  | Jun | 102.5 | 4.7 | 98.9 | 59.0 | 348.8 | 99.5 |
|  | Jul | 92.5 | 6.8 | 89.3 | 69.9 | 276.5 | 98.8 |
|  | Aug | 75.4 | 7.9 | 72.8 | 63.2 | 495.4 | 123.6 |
|  | Sep | 58.3 | 4.6 | 56.3 | 87.5 | 434.7 | 136.0 |
|  | Oct | 74.4 | 96.1 | 75.2 | 85.3 | 607.5 | 158.3 |
|  | Nov | 49.0 | 38.9 | 48.6 | 77.5 | 618.5 | 153.2 |
|  | Dec | 59.3 | 13.1 | 57.6 | 68.5 | 590.8 | 141.6 |
| 2023 | Jan | 34.3 | 11.6 | 33.5 | 57.2 | 287.0 | 89.3 |
|  | Feb | 31.4 | 14.3 | 30.7 | 70.8 | 309.3 | 104.1 |
|  | Mar | 22.2 | 73.0 | 24.1 | 51.8 | 373.1 | 96.8 |
|  | Apr | 41.2 | 9.3 | 40.0 | 51.6 | 287.5 | 84.6 |
|  | May | 24.8 | 12.1 | 24.3 | 69.4 | 235.8 | 92.7 |

Methodology: $\quad$ Graphical and tabular analysis

Data Sources: $\quad$| The data sources for volume in Hectolitres of beverage are sourced from Namibia Breweries, Coca-Cola Namibia Bottling Company, |
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| ABInBev Namibia (SAB Miller Namibia at Okahandja) and Trade data from NamRa. This is data on the production of alcoholic beverages |
| (beer production) and non-alcoholic beverages (soft drinks). Alcoholic beverage production is the total of alcoholic beverages produced |
| by Namibia Breweries and ABInBev Namibia. Whereas non-alcoholic beverage production data was a sum of soft drinks produced by |
| Namibia Breweries and Namibia Beverages. The unit of measure is Hectolitre (hl). |

Base year:

Index calculations: $\quad$| The beverages sectoral report is harmonised with the quarterly and annual National Accounts base year 2015. |
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| a specific component in a specific month to the total volume of that component in 2015. |

Conversion:


[^0]:    ${ }^{1}$ Chart 4 is limited for better readability.

