

Namibia Statistics
Agency

## BEVERAGES

September 2023


Chart 1: Beverage Production Composite Index, Percentage Change


- The Composite Beverage Production Index consisting of alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages for September 2023 recorded a monthly decline of 18.5 percent, compared to a growth of 49.4 percent recorded in August 2023. Moreover, on an annual basis, the index declined by 35.2 percent (Chart 1).
- The decline in the monthly index was recorded in both production indices of alcoholic beverages and non-alcoholic which decreased during the month under review.
- In September 2023, beverage production stood at 250320 hectolitres, which is a decrease from 306973 hectolitres recorded in August 2023 and 386488 hectolitres recorded in September 2022.

Chart 2: Alcoholic Beverage Production Index, Percentage Change


- The Alcoholic Beverage Production Index recorded a monthly decline of 12.4 percent in September 2023, compared to a growth of 45.0 percent recorded a month earlier. Similarly, on annual basis the index declined by 31.2 (Chart 2).
- The production of alcoholic beverages in September 2023 was 134891 hectolitres down from 154030 hectolitres recorded in August 2023, and 196189 hectolitres registered in the corresponding period of 2022.

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


- In September 2023, the Non-Alcoholic Beverage Production Index recorded monthly decline of 24.5 percent, in contrast to a growth of 54.3 percent posted in the preceding month. Moreover, the index registered a decline of 39.3 percent year-on-year (Chart 3).
- A total of 115429 hectolitres of non-alcoholic beverages were produced, down from 152943 hectolitres and 190299 hectolitres that was recorded in August 2023 and September 2022, respectively.

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


- The Beverage Export Composite Index for September 2023 recorded a growth of 122.0 percent on a monthly basis, compared to a decline of 64.3 percent recorded in the preceding month. However, the index recorded a decline of 72.0 percent on an annual basis (Chart 4).
- In September 2023, 15136 hectolitres of beverage was exported, up from 6817 hectolitres registered in August 2023 while 53993 hectolitres was exported in September 2022.
- For the same period, Namibia exported 15030 hectolitres of alcoholic beverages, of which beer accounted for 82.7 percent share (12 431 hectolitres).

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


- South Africa (81.7\%) was the top export destination for beverages, followed by Zambia (6.9\%) in second place, Democratic Republic of Congo (4.7\%) was in third place and Tanzania with a share of 4.0 percent in fourth position (Chart 5).

Chart 6: Beverage Import Composite Index, Percentage Change


- The Beverage Import Composite Index for September 2023 recorded a monthly increase of 4.8 percent lower than an increase of 8.2 percent recorded in the preceding month. However, the index declined by 34.7 percent annually (Chart 6).
- For the period under review, Namibia imported 83958 hectolitres of beverages, compared to 80095 hectolitres registered in August 2023 and 128639 hectolitres posted in September 2022.

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


- During September 2023, South Africa remained the top primary source of beverage with a share of 92.8 percent, trailed by Germany (4.2\%), United States of America(0.9\%) and United Kingdom with a share of 0.7 percent (Chart 7).

Table 1: Beverages Production Index

| Year | Month | Alcoholic Beverages production index | NonAlcoholic Beverages production index | Composite production Index |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 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 |
| 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 |

Table 1: Beverages Production Index continued...

| Year | Month | Alcoholic Beverages production index | Non- <br> Alcoholic Beverages production index | Composite production Index |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 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 |
|  | Jun | 81.3 | 100.8 | 88.2 |
|  | Jul | 62.9 | 108.0 | 78.8 |
|  | Aug | 91.2 | 166.6 | 117.8 |
|  | Sep | 79.9 | 125.7 | 96.0 |

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 | Nonalcoholic Beverage Import | Composite <br> import <br> index |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 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 |
|  | 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 |
| 2021 | Dec | 42.8 | 27.9 | 42.2 | 60.4 | 299.0 | 93.8 |

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

| Year | Month | Alcoholic <br> Beverage <br> Export | Non- <br> alcoholic <br> Beverage <br> Export | Composite export index | Alcoholic <br> Beverage Import | Nonalcoholic Beverage Import | Composite <br> import <br> index |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 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 |
|  | Jun | 23.1 | 12.4 | 22.7 | 58.4 | 243.5 | 84.3 |
|  | Jul | 20.1 | 14.6 | 19.9 | 48.6 | 260.8 | 78.3 |
|  | Aug | 7.0 | 10.9 | 7.1 | 49.5 | 301.1 | 84.7 |
|  | Sep | 16.3 | 3.0 | 15.8 | 39.2 | 393.6 | 88.8 |

## Methodology: <br> Graphical and tabular analysis

Data Sources: The data sources for volume in Hectolitres of beverage are sourced from Namibia Breweries, Coca-Cola Namibia Bottling Company, 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:

## Conversion

The beverages sectoral report is harmonised with the quarterly and annual National Accounts base year 2015.

The index of beverage production was weighted using the volume data of 2015. The index is then calculated as a ratio of the volume of a specific component in a specific month to the total volume of that component in 2015.

1 basis point $=0.01$ percent

Revision:

Data was revised based on the new dataset received from the data sources.


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

