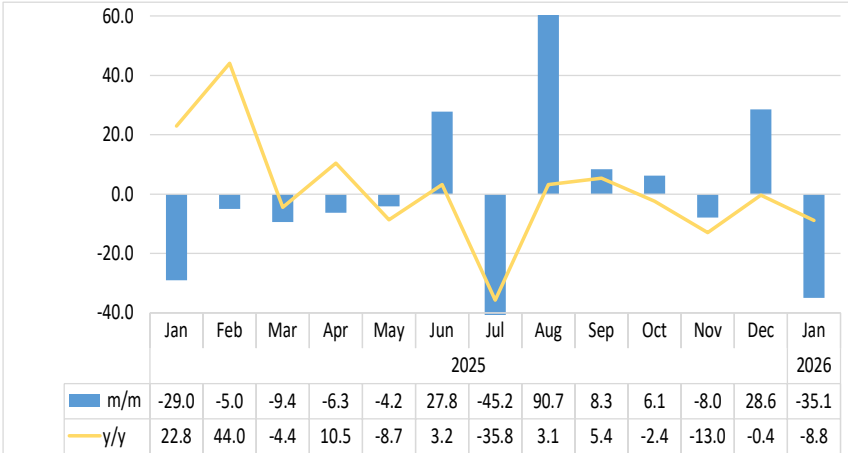


# BEVERAGES

## January 2026



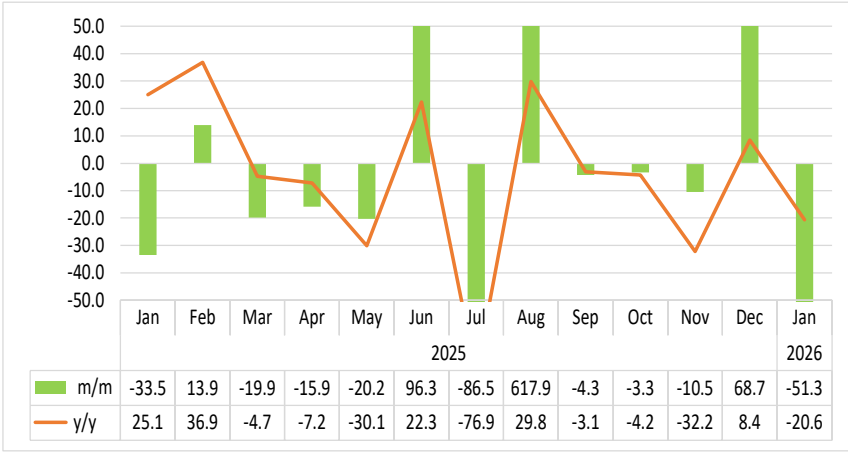
**Chart 1: Beverage Production Composite Index, Percentage Change<sup>1</sup>**



- The **Beverage Production Composite Index**, covering both alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages, contracted by 35.1 percent in January 2026, reversing 28.6 percent increase recorded in December 2025. On a year-on-year basis, the index also declined by 8.8 percent (Chart 1).
- The month-on-month decrease was mainly attributed to reduced output of both non-alcoholic and alcoholic beverages, which fell by 51.3 and 19.8 percent, respectively.
- In terms of volume, total beverage production stood at 312 101 hectolitres in January 2026, down from 480 601 hectolitres produced in December 2025, and lower than 342 374 hectoliters recorded in January 2025.

<sup>1</sup> Chart 1 is limited to -40 and 60 percent for better readability.

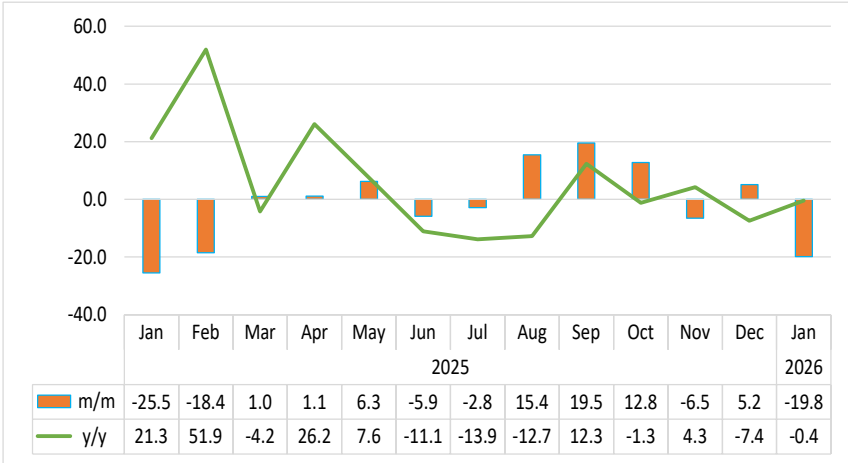
**Chart 2: Non-Alcoholic Beverage Production Index, Percentage Change<sup>2</sup>**



- The **Non-Alcoholic Beverage Production Index** declined by 51.3 percent on a month-on-month basis in January 2026, reversing 68.7 percent increase recorded in December 2025. Year-on-year, the index also contracted by 20.6 percent (Chart 2).
- In absolute terms, non-alcoholic beverage output amounted to 113 012 hectolitres in January 2026, down from 232 244 hectolitres recorded in December 2025 and below 142 410 hectoliters posted in the corresponding month of 2025.

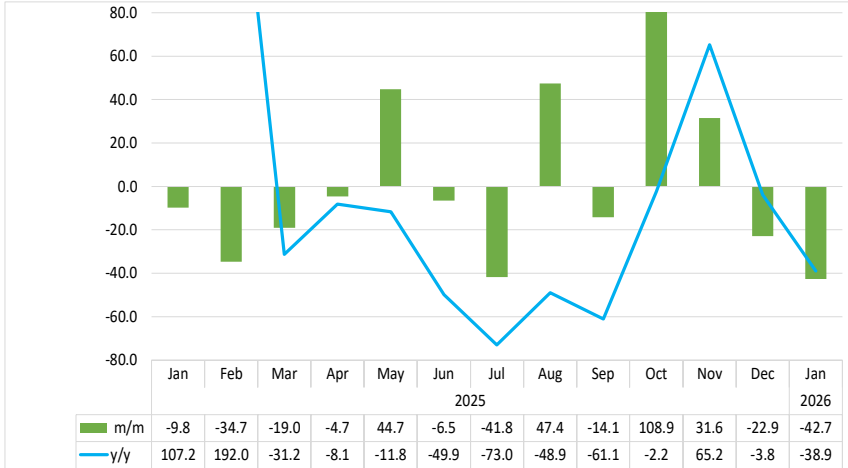
<sup>2</sup> Chart 2 is limited to -50 and 50 percent for better readability.

**Chart 3: Alcoholic Beverage Production Index, Percentage Change**



- **Alcoholic Beverage Production Index** decreased by 19.8 percent in January 2026, reversing 5.2 percent growth recorded in December 2025. On a year-on-year basis, the index also registered a decline of 0.4 percent (Chart 3).
- During the period under review, total alcoholic beverage production stood at 199 089 hectolitres, down from 248 357 hectolitres recorded in December 2025 and marginally lower than 199 964 hectolitres produced in the same month of 2025.

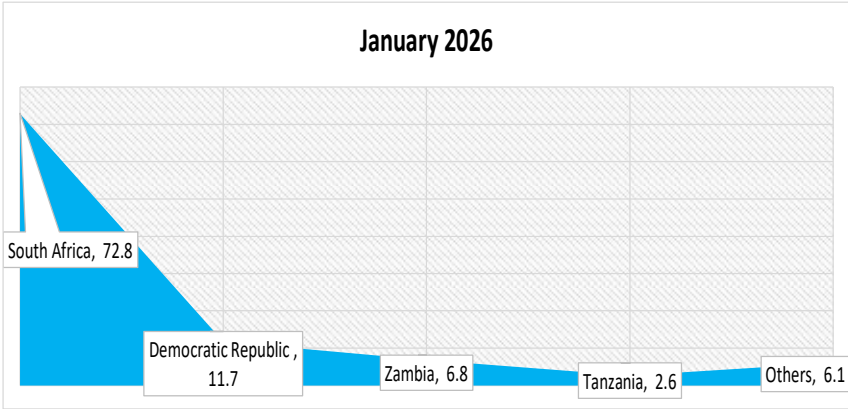
**Chart 4: Beverage Export Composite Index, Percentage Change<sup>3</sup>**



- The **Beverage Export Composite Index** declined by 42.7 percent on a month-on-month basis in January 2026, following a 22.9 percent decrease recorded in December 2025. On a year-on-year basis, the index also fell by 38.9 percent (Chart 4).
- During the period under review, total beverage exports amounted to 27 153 hectolitres, down from 47 366 hectolitres in the preceding month and lower than 44 422 hectoliters exported in January 2025.
- Of the total exported volume, alcoholic beverages contributed 26 762 hectolitres, with beer accounting for the largest share of 70.6 percent (18 891 hectolitres).

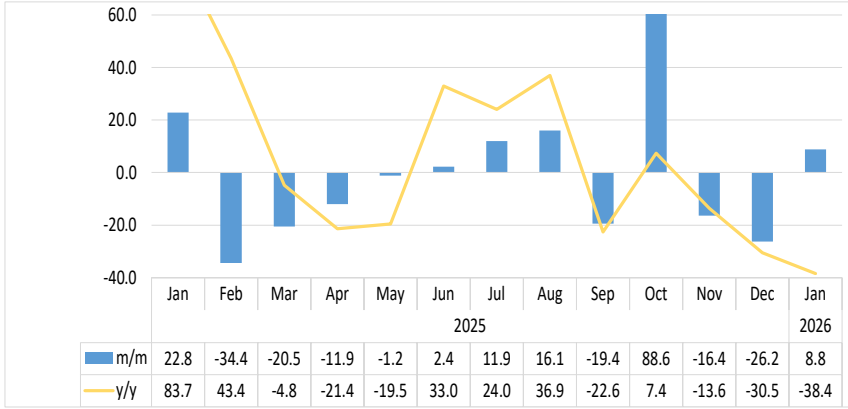
<sup>3</sup> Chart 4 is limited to 80 percent for better readability.

**Chart 5: Export of Beverage by Partner Country, Percentage Share**



- During the period under review, South Africa remained Namibia’s leading export destination for beverages, accounting for 72.8 percent of total beverage exports. The Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) ranked second with 11.7 percent share, followed by Zambia and Tanzania in third and fourth positions, contributing 6.8 and 2.6 percent, respectively.

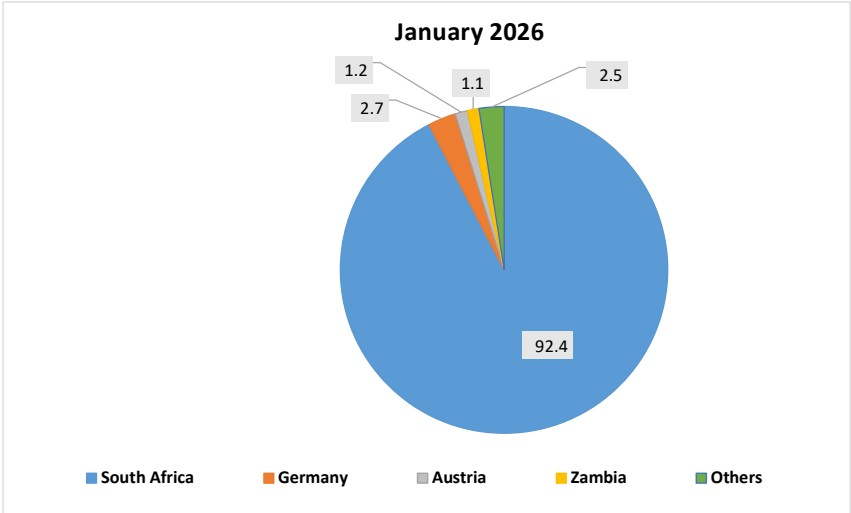
**Chart 6: Beverage Import Composite Index, Percentage Change<sup>4</sup>**



- The **Beverage Import Composite Index** rebounded on a month-on-month basis, recording an increase of 8.8 percent in January 2026, following a 26.2 percent contraction in December 2025. However, on a year-on-year basis, the index declined by 38.4 percent (Chart 6).
- Namibia imported 123 368 hectolitres of beverages in January 2026, reflecting an increase from the 113 389 hectolitres recorded in December 2025, but a decline compared to 200 394 hectolitres imported in January 2025.

<sup>4</sup> Chart 6 is limited to 60 percent for better readability.

**Chart 7: Import of Beverage by Partner Country, Percentage Share**



- During January 2026, South Africa remained Namibia’s principal supplier of beverage imports, accounting for 92.4 percent of the total volume of beverage imported. Germany followed with a 2.7 percent share, while Austria and Zambia recorded lowest contributions of 1.2 and 1.1 percent, respectively (Chart 7).

Table 1: Beverage Production Index

Year	Month	Alcoholic Beverages production index	Non-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
	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
	Oct	88.0	137.1	105.3
	Nov	114.3	152.5	127.7
	Dec	98.0	202.3	134.7

Table 1: Beverage Production Index continued...

Year	Month	Alcoholic Beverages production index	Non-Alcoholic Beverages production index	Composite production Index
2024	Jan	97.6	124.0	106.9
	Feb	63.6	129.0	86.7
	Mar	101.9	148.4	118.3
	Apr	78.3	128.2	95.9
	May	97.6	135.9	111.1
	Jun	111.2	152.3	125.6
	Jul	111.5	109.3	110.7
	Aug	127.1	139.4	131.4
	Sep	118.0	178.6	139.3
	Oct	151.4	174.8	159.7
	Nov	134.1	221.2	164.8
	Dec	158.9	233.3	185.1
2025	Jan	118.4	155.1	131.3
	Feb	96.6	176.6	124.8
	Mar	97.6	141.4	113.0
	Apr	98.7	119.0	105.9
	May	105.0	94.9	101.4
	Jun	98.8	186.3	129.6
	Jul	96.0	25.2	71.1
	Aug	110.9	181.0	135.6
	Sep	132.5	173.1	146.8
	Oct	149.5	167.5	155.9
	Nov	139.8	149.9	143.4
	Dec	147.1	253.0	184.4
2026	Jan	117.9	123.1	119.7

**Table 2: Index for Export and import of Beverage**

Year	Month	Alcoholic Beverage Export	Non-alcoholic Beverage Export	Composite export index	Alcoholic Beverage Import	Non-alcoholic 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
	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
	Oct	28.3	7.5	27.5	76.4	420.3	124.5
	Nov	34.7	6.7	33.7	80.9	473.0	135.8
	Dec	43.0	13.8	41.9	102.9	549.3	165.3

**Table 2: Index for Export and import of Beverage continued...**

Year	Month	Alcoholic Beverage Export	Non-alcoholic Beverage Export	Composite export index	Alcoholic Beverage Import	Non-alcoholic Beverage Import	Composite import index
2024	Jan	23.2	1.7	22.4	72.9	376.9	115.4
	Feb	10.2	15.4	10.4	61.3	316.7	97.0
	Mar	36.8	6.1	35.7	68.6	408.7	116.2
	Apr	26.2	7.1	25.5	60.2	515.1	123.8
	May	39.6	6.4	38.3	52.0	534.8	119.5
	Jun	65.6	0.4	63.1	37.6	298.4	74.1
	Jul	70.9	1.0	68.3	56.0	290.7	88.8
	Aug	55.0	6.7	53.1	51.1	353.8	93.4
	Sep	62.3	1.3	60.0	74.8	491.5	133.1
	Oct	51.3	10.5	49.8	85.1	770.8	181.0
	Nov	40.0	7.6	38.8	103.3	709.4	188.1
	Dec	53.3	2.5	51.4	89.3	684.7	172.6
2025	Jan	47.6	14.0	46.3	61.7	1135.7	211.9
	Feb	31.4	2.1	30.3	64.1	600.3	139.1
	Mar	25.4	2.8	24.5	49.6	485.6	110.6
	Apr	23.7	14.4	23.4	49.4	392.4	97.4
	May	34.7	10.7	33.8	36.8	461.6	96.2
	Jun	32.5	9.1	31.6	56.0	359.9	98.5
	Jul	18.9	6.0	18.4	66.1	381.4	110.2
	Aug	28.1	2.6	27.1	67.4	499.6	127.9
	Sep	23.4	21.0	23.3	62.7	351.3	103.0
	Oct	50.1	12.5	48.7	76.6	918.1	194.3
	Nov	66.4	4.9	64.1	76.7	689.8	162.5
	Dec	40.4	279.9	49.4	64.2	462.5	119.9
2026	Jan	29.0	10.8	28.3	92.0	366.9	130.5

- Methodology:** Products are classified according to the Harmonized System (HS) nomenclature classification (Manufacture of Beverages) and using 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 beverage (beer production) and non-alcoholic beverage (soft drinks). Alcoholic beverage production is the total of alcoholic beverage 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 Beverage. The unit of measure is Hectolitre (hl).
- Base year:** The beverage sectoral report is harmonised with the quarterly and annual National Accounts base year 2015.
- Index calculations:** 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.
- Conversion:** 1 basis point = 0.01 percent
- Revision:** Data was revised based on the new dataset received from the data sources.