



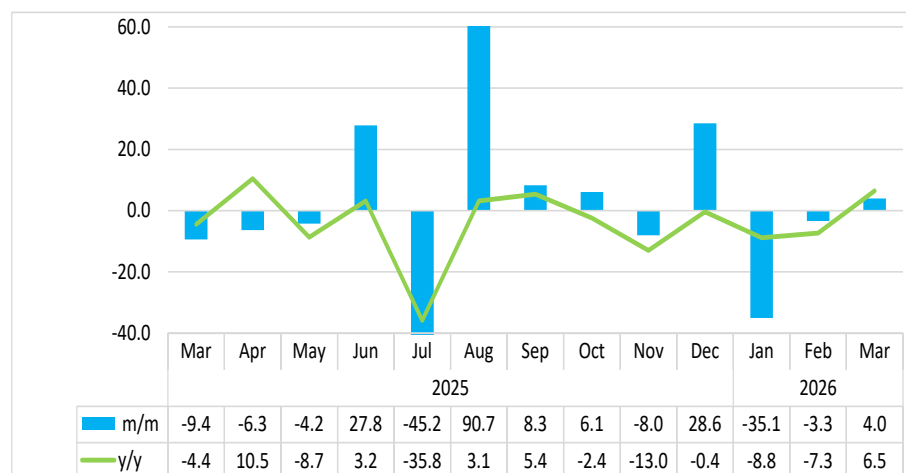
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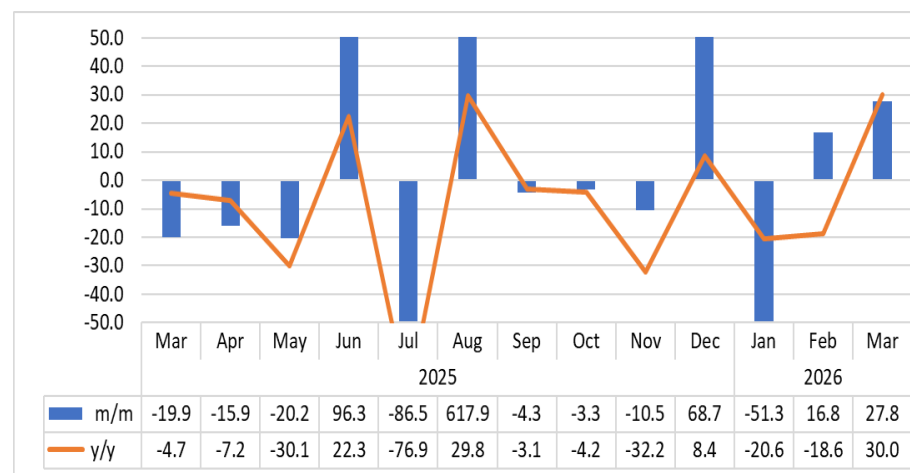
Chart 1: Beverage Production Composite Index, Percentage Change¹



- The **Beverage Production Composite Index**, which covers both alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages, recorded a monthly rebound of 4.0 percent in March 2026, following a 3.3 percent decline in February 2026. On a year-on-year basis, the index rose by 6.5 percent (Chart 1).
- The month-on-month increase was supported by a significant rise in non-alcoholic beverage production, which grew by 27.8 percent during the review period.
- In volume terms, total beverage production stood at 313 770 hectolitres in March 2026, increasing from 301 646 hectolitres produced a month earlier and surpassing the 294 705 hectolitres recorded in March 2025.

¹ Chart 1 is limited to -40 and 60 percent for better readability.

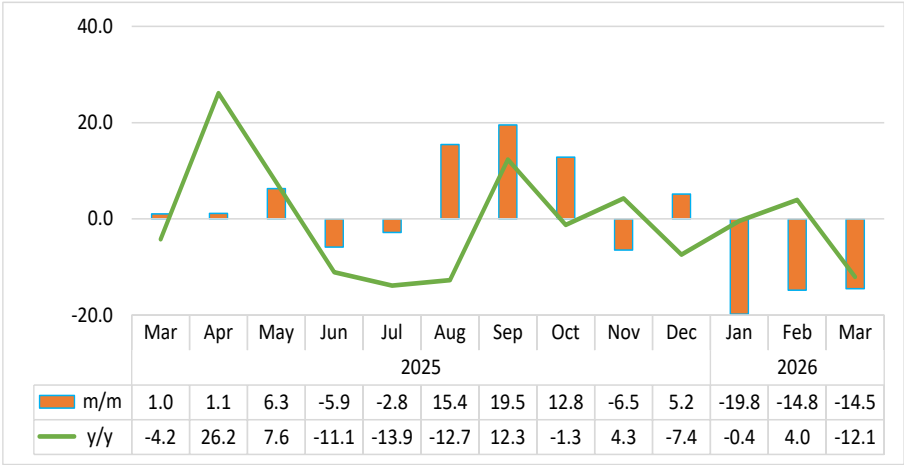
Chart 2: Non-Alcoholic Beverage Production Index, Percentage Change²



- The **Non-Alcoholic Beverage Production Index** recorded a month-on-month increase of 27.8 percent in March 2026, up from 16.8 percent growth observed in February 2026. On a year-on-year basis, the index also expanded by 30.0 percent (Chart 2).
- In terms of volume, non-alcoholic beverage production reached 168 808 hectolitres in March 2026, rising from 132 042 and 129 857 hectolitres produced in February 2026 and in the same month of 2025, respectively.

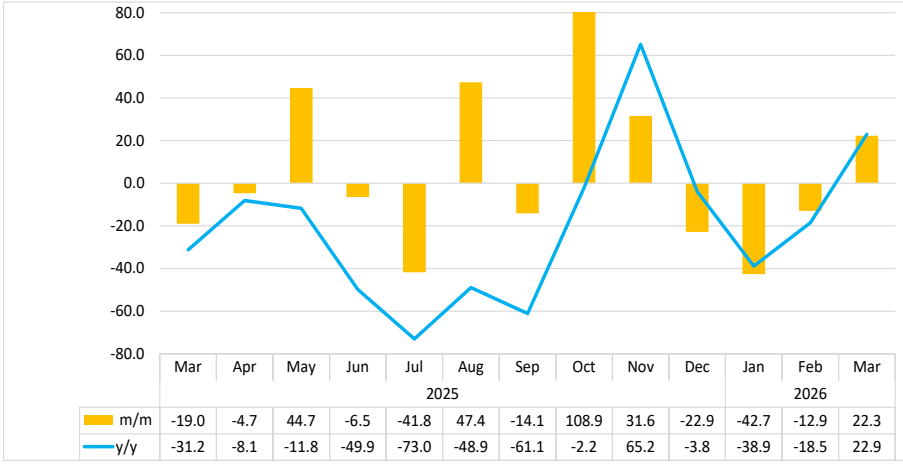
² Chart 2 is limited to -50 and 50 percent for better readability.

Chart 3: Alcoholic Beverage Production Index, Percentage Change



- **Alcoholic Beverage Production Index** declined by 14.5 percent in March 2026, following a 14.8 percent decrease recorded in February 2026. On a year-on-year basis, the index also fell by 12.1 percent (Chart 3).
- During the period under review, total alcoholic beverage production stood at 144 962 hectolitres, down from 169 604 hectolitres recorded in February 2026 and below 164 848 hectolitres produced in the corresponding month of 2025.

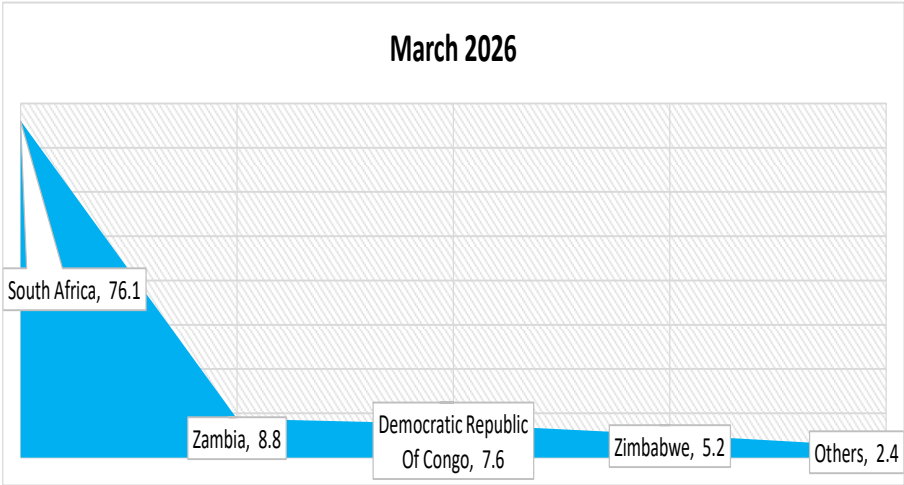
Chart 4: Beverage Export Composite Index, Percentage Change³



- The **Beverage Export Composite Index** recorded a month-on-month increase of 22.3 percent in March 2026, reversing a 12.9 percent decline posted in February 2026. On a year-on-year basis, the index also grew by 22.9 percent (Chart 4).
- During the period under review, total beverage exports amounted to 28 906 hectolitres, rising from 23 642 hectolitres recorded in the previous month and exceeding 23 512 hectolitres exported in March 2025.
- Of the total volume of alcoholic beverages exported (28 799 hectolitres), beer m/m accounted for the largest share of alcoholic beverages exported with 87.1 percent (25 083 hectolitres).

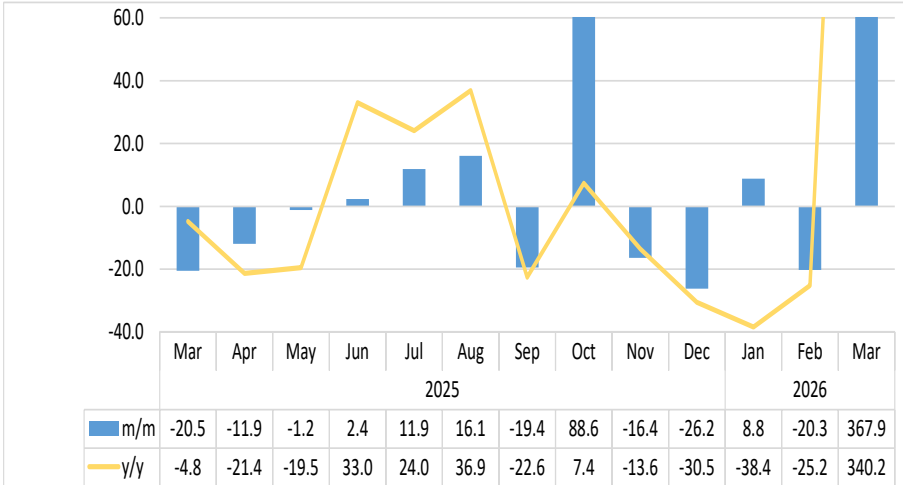
³ Chart 4 is limited to 80 percent for better readability.

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



- Throughout the period under review, South Africa remained Namibia’s leading export market destination for beverages, accounting for 76.1 percent of total exports. It was followed by Zambia with 8.8 percent share, while the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) and Zimbabwe ranked third and fourth, contributing 7.6 and 5.2 percent, respectively.

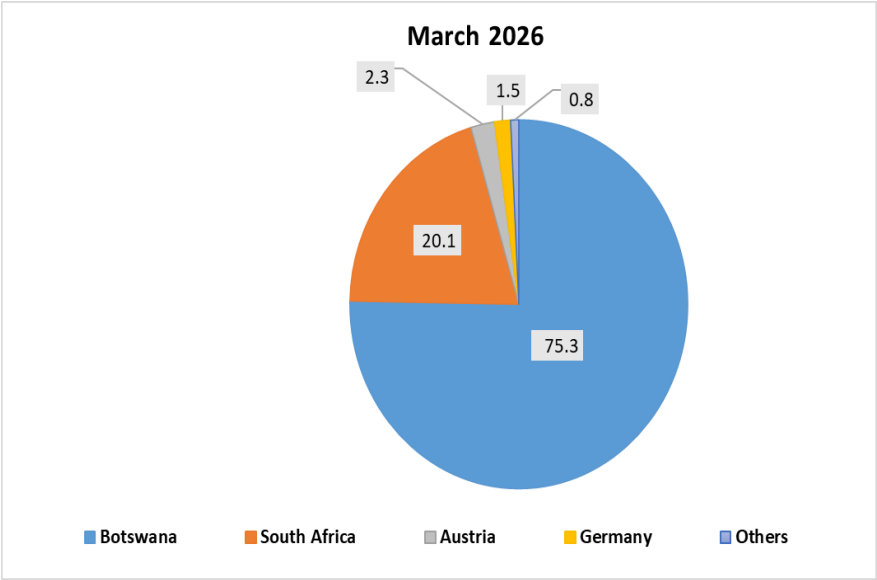
Chart 6: Beverage Import Composite Index, Percentage Change⁴



- The **Beverage Import Composite Index** surged by 367.9 percent on a month-on-month basis in March 2026, reversing 20.3 percent decline recorded in February 2026. On a yearly basis, the index also increased significantly by 340.2 percent (Chart 6).
- Namibia’s beverage imports amounted to 460 302 hectolitres in March 2026, up from 98 379 hectolitres recorded in February 2026 and exceeding 104 559 hectolitres imported in March 2025.

⁴ Chart 6 is limited to 60 percent for better readability.

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



- In March 2026, Botswana became Namibia’s leading source of beverage imports, accounting for 75.3 percent of the total import volume of beverages. South Africa ranked second with 20.1 percent share, while Austria and Germany recorded the lowest contributions of 2.3 and 1.5 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
	Feb	100.4	143.8	115.7
	Mar	85.8	183.9	120.4

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
	Feb	23.2	63.1	24.7	42.2	484.2	104.0
	Mar	31.2	3.0	30.2	472.9	572.0	486.8

- 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.