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Services activity hits a 15-year high as new orders surge

HSBC's India Services PMI jumped to 62.9 in August, with demand at home and abroad driving the fastest growth in new business since 2010.

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Services activity holds near 60 as new orders stay strong

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1. The HSBC India Services PMI rose to 62.9 in August 2025 from 60.5 in July.
2. It is the highest reading in 15 years; any figure above 50 means growth.
3. New orders grew at the fastest pace in over 15 years.
4. The composite PMI, covering factories and services, rose to 63.2, a 17-year high.

Activity in India's services sector grew at its fastest pace in 15 years in August 2025, a closely watched business survey showed on Wednesday.

The numbers

The HSBC India Services PMI, compiled by S&P Global, rose to 62.9 in August from 60.5 in July. A reading above 50 indicates expansion, and the August figure was the highest in 15 years. It was, however, a little below the earlier flash estimate.

New orders, a sign of future business, grew at the strongest rate in more than 15 years, marking the 49th consecutive month of growth. Companies said demand was buoyant and they were winning more new business.

Demand from abroad

Export orders also rose, with firms reporting strong demand from clients in Asia, Europe, the Middle East and the United States.

> *Services, India's biggest economic engine, are firing on strong demand both at home and abroad.*

The whole economy

The composite PMI, which combines manufacturing and services, rose to 63.2 from 61.1, showing the sharpest expansion in private sector activity in over 17 years.

Services, which include everything from IT and finance to hotels and transport, make up more than half of India's economy, so strong growth in the sector is a positive sign for overall growth and jobs.