

## Italian textile machinery orders drop 36% in Q4

### INSIGHTS

- *Italian textile machinery orders fell sharply in Q4 2025, declining 36 per cent year on year amid persistent global weakness.*
- *Domestic orders plunged 50 per cent, while foreign markets dropped 34 per cent.*
- *Full-year 2025 intake slid 22 per cent, with backlog covering 2.9 months of production.*
- *Exports to India rose 46.7 per cent, offering optimism as companies anticipate stabilisation in early 2026.*

In the fourth quarter of 2025, orders for Italian textile machinery manufacturers decreased by 36% compared to the same period in 2024, reflecting a still challenging global market environment. The downturn affected both the domestic market (-50%) and foreign markets (-34%).

Compared to the previous quarter (July–September 2025), total orders were down 25%. The orders index for October–December 2025 stood at 31.5 points (base year 2021=100). The index reached 28.4 points in the domestic market and 31.9 points abroad.

Overall, in 2025 order intake declined by 22% compared to the previous year (-28% domestically and -21% in foreign markets). At the end of 2025, the order backlog ensured approximately 2.9 months of production.

From a sector perspective, the spinning sector is showing signs of greater dynamism. Forecasts for the first quarter of 2026 still indicate caution, although a number of companies expect stability or improvement compared to the previous quarter.

Marco Salvadè, president of ACIMIT, commented: “the environment remains challenging for our manufacturers, but data relating to Italian exports for the first ten months of 2025 also show encouraging signs . In particular, the 46.7% growth recorded in India, now our leading destination market, confirms that Italian technology continues to be highly valued in high-potential countries. Innovation, quality and a strong presence in strategic markets will be the foundations of the sector’s recovery”.