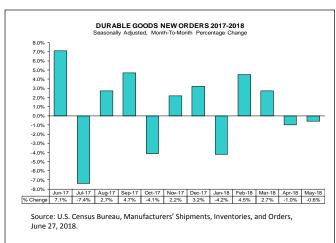
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MONTHLY ADVANCE REPORT ON MANUFACTURERS' SHIPMENTS, INVENTORIES AND ORDERS MAY 2018

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June 27, 2018 — The U.S. Census Bureau announces the May advance report on manufacturers' shipments, inventories and orders:





New Orders

New orders for manufactured durable goods in May decreased \$1.4 billion or 0.6 percent to \$248.8 billion, the U.S. Census Bureau announced today. This decrease, down two consecutive months, followed a 1.0 percent April decrease. Excluding transportation, new orders decreased 0.3 percent. Excluding defense, new orders decreased 1.5 percent. Transportation equipment, also down two consecutive months, led the decrease, \$0.9 billion or 1.0 percent to \$86.1 billion.

Shipments

Shipments of manufactured durable goods in May, down following nine consecutive monthly increases, decreased \$0.2 billion or 0.1 percent to \$246.9 billion. This followed a virtually unchanged April increase. Transportation equipment, down two consecutive months, drove the decrease, \$0.5 billion or 0.6 percent to \$82.1 billion.

Unfilled Orders

Unfilled orders for manufactured durable goods in May, up six of the last seven months, increased \$5.9 billion or 0.5 percent to \$1,160.6 billion. This followed a 0.6 percent April increase. Transportation

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equipment, also up six of the last seven months, led the increase, \$4.0 billion or 0.5 percent to \$800.3 billion.

Inventories

Inventories of manufactured durable goods in May, up eighteen of the last nineteen months, increased \$1.1 billion or 0.3 percent to \$403.0 billion. This followed a 0.3 percent April increase. Transportation equipment, up five of the last six months, led the increase \$0.5 billion or 0.4 percent to \$129.0 billion.

Capital Goods

Nondefense new orders for capital goods in May decreased \$1.6 billion or 2.0 percent to \$77.1 billion. Shipments increased \$2.3 billion or 3.0 percent to \$76.4 billion. Unfilled orders increased \$0.7 billion or 0.1 percent to \$714.5 billion. Inventories increased \$0.4 billion or 0.2 percent to \$176.6 billion. Defense new orders for capital goods in May increased \$1.7 billion or 15.1 percent to \$13.3 billion. Shipments decreased \$0.5 billion or 4.4 percent to \$11.5 billion. Unfilled orders increased \$1.8 billion or 1.2 percent to \$147.0 billion. Inventories increased \$0.1 billion or 0.5 percent to \$22.4 billion.

Revised April Data

Revised seasonally adjusted April figures for all manufacturing industries were: new orders, \$496.0 billion (revised from \$494.4 billion); shipments, \$492.9 billion (revised from \$492.8 billion); unfilled orders, \$1,154.6 billion (revised from \$1,153.1 billion) and total inventories, \$666.9 billion (unchanged).

Revised and more detailed estimates, plus nondurable goods data, will be published on July 3, 2018, at 10:00 a.m. EDT. The Advance Report on durable goods for June is scheduled for release on July 26, 2018 at 8:30 a.m. EDT. View the full schedule in the Economic Briefing Room:www.census.gov/economic-indicators/. The full text and tables of this release can be found at www.census.gov/m3.

EXPLANATORY NOTES

Figures in text are adjusted for seasonality, but not for inflation. Figures on new and unfilled orders exclude data for semiconductor manufacturing.

"Virtually unchanged" indicates that the change is less than 0.05 percent for a percent increase or decrease.

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Description of the survey

This report is compiled from results of the U.S. Census Bureau's Manufacturers' Shipments, Inventories, and Orders (M3) survey, which is a voluntary survey authorized by Title 13 of the United States Code. This survey provides statistics on a calendar-month basis for manufacturers' value of shipments, new orders (net of cancellations), end-of-month order backlog (unfilled orders), end-of-month total inventory (at current cost or market value), and inventories by stage of fabrication (materials and supplies, work-in-process, and finished goods). Data published from the M3 survey are based on a panel of approximately 5,000 reporting units that represent approximately 3,100 companies and provide an indication of month-to-month change for the Manufacturing Sector. These reporting units may be divisions of diversified large companies, large homogenous companies, or single-unit manufacturers in 92 industry categories, which are combined into 65 publication levels due to the small monthly panel size. The survey methodology assumes that the month-tomonth changes of the total operations of the reporting units in the M3 panel effectively represent the monthto-month movements of all establishments that make up the category. The companies for which shipments data are currently reported or imputed in the M3 survey represent approximately 64 percent of the total value of shipments for manufacturing establishments in the 2012 Economic Census, and these companies include almost two-thirds of the manufacturing companies with \$500 million or more in shipments in the 2012 Economic Census. The companies for which shipments data are currently reported in the M3 survey represent approximately 57 percent of the total value of shipments for manufacturing establishments in the 2012 Economic Census. Statistics based on the M3 panel differ from the results that would be obtained from a complete enumeration of all manufacturing companies. The M3 panel is not based on a probability sample; therefore, the sampling errors that are normally provided with sample surveys cannot be measured. Nonsampling errors are attributable to many sources. The use of company or divisional reports to estimate the monthly change for establishments is one source of nonsampling error. The use of primarily large companies to represent the month-to-month movement of all companies is another potential source. Any corrections will be published in the full report. Corrections received after the full report will be released in the next month's advance report. Any revisions made later than two months will be reflected in the annual benchmark publication. Additional survey documentation can be found on our web site:

<www.census.gov/manufacturing/m3/how the data are collected/index.html>.

RESOURCES

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NEW TIME SERIES

Beginning with the release of June 2018 data on July 26, 2018, historical estimates of the Monthly Advance Report on Manufacturers' Shipments, Inventories and Orders will be available on a seasonally adjusted basis as well as a not seasonally adjusted basis at: https://www.census.gov/econ/currentdata/. Also, monthly data for the Advance report will be available in the Census Application Programming Interface (API).

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Benchmark notice

Revised historical data from the Manufacturers' Shipments, Inventories, and Orders (M3) Survey were issued on May 17, 2018. These revisions result from:

- benchmarking the M3 shipments and inventories data to the 2016 Annual Survey of Manufactures (ASM) and revised 2015 ASM data on a 2012 NAICS basis;
- incorporating the unfilled orders to shipments ratios obtained from the 2016/2015 Manufacturers' Unfilled Orders (M3UFO) Survey by applying these ratios to the respective ASM shipments data, as well as incorporating revised unfilled orders to shipments ratios for prior years by applying them to the respective ASM shipments data;
- adjusting the new orders data to be consistent with the benchmarked shipments and unfilled orders data;
- correcting monthly data for late receipts, reclassifications of reported data, and revisions to previously reported data;
- updating the seasonally adjusted data based on the results of benchmarking and the recent annual review of the seasonal adjustment models.

These revisions spanned the seasonally adjusted data for January 2002 through March 2018 and the data not seasonally adjusted for January 2007 through March 2018. An updated Press Release contains revised monthly tables for January 2018 through March 2018. Please call M3 staff on (301) 763-4832 with any questions.

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Table 1. Durable Goods Manufacturers' Shipments and New Orders ¹

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ltem	Monthly			Percent Change			Monthly			Year to Date		
	May 2018 ²	Apr 2018 ^r	Mar 2018	Apr - May ²	Mar - Apr ^r	Feb - Mar	May 2018 ²	Apr 2018 ^r	May 2017	2018	2017	Percent Change 2018/2017
DURABLE GOODS												
Total:												
Shipments	246,886	247,100	247,016	-0.1	0.0	0.8	254,171	244,141	240,593	1,214,570	1,134,937	7.0
New Orders ⁴	248,755	250,169	252,760	-0.6	-1.0	2.7	252,381	245,376	229,437	1,223,215	1,113,124	9.9
Excluding transportation:												
Shipments	164,777	164,501	162,374	0.2	1.3	-0.1	169,234	163,164	157,734	802,299	743,494	7.9
New Orders ⁴	162,627	163,137	160,063	-0.3	1.9	0.5	167,168	163,553	155,056	802,601	742,058	8.2
Excluding defense:	000 000	000.044	004.404	0.4	0.5		044.007	004.000	000 000	4 454 070	4 077 000	
Shipments New Orders ⁴	233,362 233,266	233,214 236,792	234,494 240,341	0.1 -1.5	-0.5 -1.5	1.1 4.3	241,037 239,065	231,623 233,769	228,808 221,277	1,151,270 1,160,085	1,077,298 1,061,775	6.9 9.3
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Manufacturing with unfilled orders: Shipments	173,581	171,706	172,312	1.1	-0.4	1.1	179,240	167,602	167,154	844,541	784,716	7.6
New Orders	179,519	178,561	181,891	0.5	-1.8	3.6	180,829	172,466	159,152	871,912	782,050	11.5
Primary metals:		·	•					-		•		
Shipments	21,165	21,292	20,792	-0.6	2.4	2.8	22,433	21,728	19,608	105,415	92,370	14.1
New Orders	21,835	21,921	21,415	-0.4	2.4	4.7	22,448	22,374	19,214	108,455	93,680	15.8
Fabricated metal products:												
Shipments	32,783	32,653	31,937	0.4	2.2	-0.1	34,305	32,685	31,368	159,842	144,343	10.7
New Orders	33,442	33,848	32,775	-1.2	3.3	1.3	35,564	34,649	32,252	167,697	149,945	11.8
Machinery:												
Shipments New Orders	32,260 32,536	32,227 32,447	32,079 31,903	0.1 0.3	0.5 1.7	-1.4 -3.1	33,539 33,255	32,591 33,111	31,959 32,134	160,976 164,391	148,997 154,268	8.0 6.6
	32,330	32,447	31,903	0.5	1.7	-3.1	33,233	33,111	32,134	104,331	134,200	0.0
Computers and electronic products ⁴ : Shipments	26,610	26,476	26,071	0.5	1.6	-0.8	25,113	24,353	23,483	124,308	117,515	5.8
New Orders	22,933	22,951	22,513	-0.1	1.0	1.5	22,029	21,150	19,946	108,413	100,937	7.4
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Computers and related products: Shipments	1,800	1,818	1,631	-1.0	11.5	-5.8	1,618	1,595	1,814	7,818	9,048	-13.6
New Orders	1,802	1,822	1,721	-1.1	5.9	-1.8	1,620	1,599	1,810	7,942	9,126	-13.0
Communications equipment:												
Shipments	3,415	3,482	3,380	-1.9	3.0	1.8	3,183	3,113	2,953	15,636	14,077	11.1
New Orders	3,688	3,489	3,357	5.7	3.9	0.5	3,288	3,242	2,822	16,693	15,635	6.8
Electrical equipment, appliances,												
and components:												
Shipments New Orders	11,339 11,335	11,380 11,511	11,179 11,279	-0.4 -1.5	1.8 2.1	0.9 2.5	11,581 11,586	11,132 11,282	10,848 10,910	54,547 55,379	51,508 52,726	5.9 5.0
Transportation equipment:	, , , , , ,		,				,	,	-,-	,-		
Shipments	82,109	82,599	84,642	-0.6	-2.4	2.5	84,937	80,977	82,859	412,271	391,443	5.3
New Orders	86,128	87,032	92,697	-1.0	-6.1	6.9	85,213	81,823	74,381	420,614	371,066	13.4
Motor vehicles and parts:												
Shipments	55,418	57,956	57,087	-4.4	1.5	0.5	57,570	58,859	57,200	288,144	272,362	5.8
New Orders	55,555	58,001	57,340	-4.2	1.2	0.6	57,807	58,426	57,390	288,899	273,616	5.6
Nondefense aircraft and parts:												
Shipments New Orders	13,342 14,807	10,885 15,928	14,927 22,845	22.6 -7.0	-27.1 -30.3	16.5 60.8	13,848 12,999	9,182 11,526	13,049 8,260	60,515 68,239	59,543 44,798	1.6 52.3
	14,007	15,525	22,045	-7.0	-30.3	00.0	12,333	11,520	0,200	00,233	44,730	32.3
Defense aircraft and parts:	4,567	4,412	4,180	3.5	5.6	-8.4	4,539	3,653	4,310	20,594	19,839	3.8
Shipments New Orders	4,863	4,017	3,581	21.1	12.2	-7.7	4,404		3,274	17,897	22,022	
All other durable goods:	,		.,				,		-,	,	**	
Shipments	40,620	40,473	40,316	0.4	0.4	-0.2	42,263	40,675	40,468	197,211	188,761	4.5
New Orders	40,546	40,459	40,178	0.2	0.7	-0.5	42,286	40,987	40,600	198,266	190,502	4.1
Capital goods ³ :												
Shipments	87,972	86,257	88,306	2.0	-2.3	2.1	88,524	82,093	82,303	421,684	389,397	8.3
New Orders	90,459	90,285	94,837	0.2	-4.8	4.2	86,886	84,398	74,229	434,063	378,376	14.7
Nondefense capital goods:												
Shipments	76,441	74,191	77,654	3.0	-4.5	2.7	77,288	70,983	72,468	367,481	341,314	7.7
New Orders	77,147	78,722	84,205	-2.0	-6.5	8.7	75,570	74,359	67,837	379,718	338,310	12.2
Excluding aircraft:												
Shipments	67,311	67,408	66,728	-0.1	1.0	-0.7	67,566	65,581	63,721	327,713	303,517	8.0
New Orders	67,865	67,976	66,478	-0.2	2.3	-1.0	67,867	66,749	63,649	334,175	312,799	6.8
Defense capital goods:												
Shipments	11,531	12,066	10,652	-4.4	13.3	-2.1	11,236		9,835	54,203	48,083	12.7
New Orders	13,312	11,563	10,632	15.1	8.8	-21.2	11,316	10,039	6,392	54,345	40,066	35.6

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The Capital Goods Industries include Nondefense: small arms and ordnance; farm machinery and equipment; construction machinery; mining, oil, and gas field machinery; industrial machinery; vending, laundry, and other machinery; photographic equipment; metalworking machinery; turbines and generators; other power transmission equipment; pumps and compressors; material handling equipment; all other machinery; electronic computers; computer storage devices; other computer peripheral equipment; communications equipment; electronic and control instruments; electrical equipment; other electrical equipment, appliances, and components; heavy duty trucks; aircraft; railroad rolling stock; ships and boats; office and institutional furniture; and medical equipment and supplies. Defense Capital Goods include: small arms and ordnance, communications equipment, aircraft; missiles, space vehicles, and parts, ships and boats, and search and navigation equipment.

*Estimates and percent changes of shipments and inventories for the semiconductor industry are included in computers and electronic products, and all other applicable aggregate totals. Estimates and percent changes of shipments and inventories for the semiconductor industry data.

Table 2. Durable Goods Manufacturers' Unfilled Orders and Total Inventories 1

[Estimates are shown in millions of dollars and are based on data from the Manufacturers' Shipments, Inventories, and Orders Survey.]

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		Monthly	Jeasonan		ercent Chan	ge		Percent		
ltem	May 2018 ²	Apr 2018 ^r	Mar 2018	Apr - May ²	Mar - Apr ^r	Feb - Mar	May 2018 ²	Apr 2018 ^r	May 2017	2018/ 2017
DURABLE GOODS										
Total:										
Unfilled Orders ⁴ Total Inventories	1,160,562 402,977	1,154,624 401,861	1,147,769 400,538	0.5 0.3	0.6 0.3	0.8 0.2	1,163,783 406,321	1,162,194 404,137	1,112,001 386,991	4.7 5.0
Excluding transportation:										
Unfilled Orders ⁴ Total Inventories	360,213 273,995	358,294 273,398	355,872 272,421	0.5 0.2	0.7 0.4	0.4 0.5	365,601 276,184	364,288 274,765	347,395 261,393	5.2 5.7
Excluding defense:										
Unfilled Orders ⁴ Total Inventories	980,096 376,284	976,123 375,212	968,759 373,588	0.4 0.3	0.8 0.4	1.0 0.2	983,772 379,400	982,365 377,430	935,328 360,418	5.2 5.3
Manufacturing with unfilled orders:										
Unfilled Orders	1,160,562 327,761	1,154,624 327,025	1,147,769 325,827	0.5 0.2	0.6 0.4	0.8 0.2	1,163,783 330,705	1,162,194 328,962	1,112,001 314,906	4.7 5.0
Primary metals: Unfilled Orders Total Inventories	30,454 34,690	29,784 34,346	29,155 34,056	2.2 1.0	2.2 0.9	2.2 1.0	30,918 34,660	30,903 34,256	27,185 31,832	13.7 8.9
Fabricated metal products:										
Unfilled Orders	83,256 52,158	82,597 52,050	81,402 51,592	0.8 0.2	1.5 0.9	1.0 0.7	85,229 52,591	83,970 52,493	77,299 48,680	10.3 8.0
Machinery: Unfilled Orders Total Inventories	103,955 67,719	103,679 67,771	103,459 67,751	0.3 -0.1	0.2 0.0	-0.2 0.7	104,752 68,236	105,036 68,099	101,178 65,201	3.5 4.7
Computers and electronic products ⁴ :		,	,	***			****	,	**,=*	
Unfilled Orders	114,224 43,254	113,832 43,288	113,571 43,211	0.3 -0.1	0.2 0.2	0.2 -0.1	115,301 44,010	115,006 43,619	112,053 42,467	2.9 3.6
Computers and related products:										
Unfilled Orders Total Inventories	2,002 3,675	2,000 3,653	1,996 3,676	0.1 0.6	0.2 -0.6		2,002 3,776	2,000 3,610	1,657 3,798	20.8 -0.6
Communications equipment: Unfilled Orders Total Inventories	25,809 5,445	25,536 5,396	25,529 5,271	1.1 0.9	0.0 2.4	-0.1 -0.5	26,116 5,559	26,011 5,369	23,958 5,391	9.0 3.1
Electrical equipment, appliances,										
and components: Unfilled Orders Total Inventories	19,363 18,547	19,367 18,447	19,236 18,400	0.0 0.5	0.7 0.3	0.5 0.3	19,864 18,890	19,859 18,689	19,866 17,638	0.0 7.1
	10,047	10,441	10,400	0.0	0.0	0.0	10,000	10,000	17,000	7
Transportation equipment: Unfilled Orders Total Inventories	800,349 128,982	796,330 128,463	791,897 128,117	0.5 0.4	0.6 0.3	1.0 -0.5	798,182 130,137	797,906 129,372	764,606 125,598	4.4 3.6
Motor vehicles and parts:										
Unfilled Orders	26,836 35,989	26,699 35,651	26,654 35,671	0.5 0.9	0.2 -0.1	1.0 0.4	27,262 36,022	27,025 35,607	25,736 33,388	5.9 7.9
Nondefense Aircraft and parts: Unfilled Orders Total Inventories	602,863 65,597	601,398 65,548	596,355 64,913	0.2 0.1	0.8 1.0	1.3 -1.2	600,834 66,669	601,683 66,556	572,967 64,999	4.9 2.6
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Defense Aircraft and parts: Unfilled Orders Total Inventories	69,551 12,784	69,255 12,724	69,650 12,910	0.4 0.5	-0.6 -1.4	-0.9 0.1	69,797 12,882	69,932 12,748	73,979 12,654	-5.7 1.8
All other durable goods: Unfilled Orders	8,961	9,035	9,049	-0.8	-0.2	-1.5	9,537	9,514	9,814	-2.8
Total Inventories	57,627	57,496	57,411	0.2	0.1	0.3	57,797	57,609	55,575	4.0
Capital goods ³ : Unfilled Orders Total Inventories	861,499 198,938	859,012 198,473	854,984 197,966	0.3 0.2	0.5 0.3	0.8 -0.1	861,472 201,291	863,110 199,643	827,693 193,492	4.1 4.0
Nondefense capital goods:										
Unfilled Orders	714,506 176,577	713,800 176,219	709,269 175,394	0.1 0.2	0.6 0.5	0.9 -0.1	715,049 178,800	716,767 177,355	687,268 171,633	4.0 4.2
Excluding aircraft: Unfilled Orders Total Inventories	218,403 122,831	217,849 122,649	217,281 122,438	0.3 0.1	0.3 0.2	-0.1 0.4	220,952 124,022	220,651 122,939	216,866 118,886	1.9 4.3
Defense capital goods:	.22,001	2,0-40	,-30	0.1	0.2	0.4	,022	,000	. 10,000	4.5
Unfilled Orders	146,993 22,361	145,212 22,254	145,715 22,572	1.2 0.5		0.0 0.1	146,423 22,491	146,343 22,288	140,425 21,859	4.3 2.9

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⁴ Estimates and percent changes of shipments and inventories for the semiconductor industry are included in computers and electronic products, and all other applicable aggregate totals Estimates and percent changes for new orders and unfilled orders exclude semiconductor industry data.