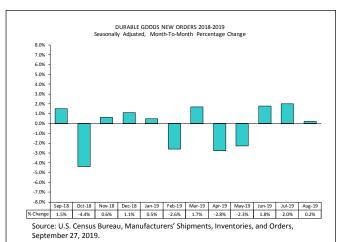
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MONTHLY ADVANCE REPORT ON MANUFACTURERS' SHIPMENTS, INVENTORIES AND ORDERS AUGUST 2019

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September 27, 2019 — The U.S. Census Bureau announces the August advance report on manufacturers' shipments, inventories and orders:





New Orders

New orders for manufactured durable goods in August increased \$0.5 billion or 0.2 percent to \$250.7 billion, the U.S. Census Bureau announced today. This increase, up three consecutive months, followed a 2.0 percent July increase. Excluding transportation, new orders increased 0.5 percent. Excluding defense, new orders decreased 0.6 percent. Fabricated metal products, up four of the last five months, led the increase, \$0.4 billion or 1.3 percent to \$34.4 billion.

Shipments

Shipments of manufactured durable goods in August, up three of the last four months, increased \$0.3 billion or 0.1 percent to \$254.2 billion. This followed a 1.2 percent July decrease. Machinery, up four of the last five months, drove the increase, \$0.5 billion or 1.6 percent to \$33.4 billion.

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Unfilled Orders

Unfilled orders for manufactured durable goods in August, up two consecutive months, increased \$0.7 billion or 0.1 percent to \$1,162.3 billion. This followed a 0.1 percent July increase. Fabricated metal products, up three consecutive months, led the increase, \$0.6 billion or 0.7 percent to \$87.2 billion.

Inventories

Inventories of manufactured durable goods in August, up thirteen of the last fourteen months, increased \$1.3 billion or 0.3 percent to \$428.6 billion. This followed a 0.4 percent July increase. Transportation equipment, also up thirteen of the last fourteen months, drove the increase, \$1.7 billion or 1.2 percent to \$143.2 billion.

Capital Goods

Nondefense new orders for capital goods in August decreased \$1.6 billion or 2.1 percent to \$74.4 billion. Shipments increased \$0.2 billion or 0.2 percent to \$74.7 billion. Unfilled orders decreased \$0.4 billion or 0.1 percent to \$693.3 billion. Inventories increased \$1.8 billion or 0.9 percent to \$192.7 billion. Defense new orders for capital goods in August increased \$1.8 billion or 15.4 percent to \$13.7 billion. Shipments increased \$0.1 billion or 0.5 percent to \$12.7 billion. Unfilled orders increased \$1.0 billion or 0.7 percent to \$157.0 billion. Inventories decreased \$0.3 billion or 1.2 percent to \$23.7 billion.

Revised July Data

Revised seasonally adjusted July figures for all manufacturing industries were: new orders, \$500.3 billion (unchanged); shipments, \$504.0 billion (unchanged); unfilled orders, \$1,161.6 billion (revised from \$1,161.5 billion) and total inventories, \$696.7 billion (revised from \$696.5 billion).

Revised and more detailed estimates, plus nondurable goods data, will be published on October 3, 2019, at 10:00 a.m. EDT. The Advance Report on durable goods for September is scheduled for release on October 24, 2019 at 8:30 a.m. EDT. View the full schedule in the Economic Briefing Room:

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EXPLANATORY NOTES

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

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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-inprocess, 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 monthto-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-to-month changes of the total operations of the reporting units in the M3 panel effectively represent the month-to-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>.

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Table 1. Durable Goods Manufacturers' Shipments and New Orders¹

[Estimates are shown in millions of do	llars and are based on data from the Manufacturers' Shipments, Inventories, and Orders Survey.]												
	Seasonally Monthly			Adjusted Percent Change					t Seasonally A	djusted	Year to Date		
Item	Aug 2019 ²	Jul 2019 ^r	Jun 2019	Jul - Aug ²	Jun - Jul ^r	May - Jun	Aug 2019 ²	Jul 2019 ^r	Aug 2018	2019	2018	Percent Change 2019/2018	
DURABLE GOODS													
Total: Shipments New Orders ⁴	254,216 250,670	253,868 250,216	256,832 245,231	0.1 0.2	-1.2 2.0	0.9 1.8	263,636 253,927	237,726 233,223	267,539 265,156		1,984,048 1,987,787	2.5 -0.4	
Excluding transportation: Shipments	168,263	167,374	168,611	0.5	-0.7	0.1	174,060	163,880	174,820	1,340,945	1,315,919	1.9	
New Orders ⁴ Excluding defense:	164,529	163,689	164,543	0.5	-0.5	0.7	166,482	159,382	168,649		1,303,342	0.7	
Shipments New Orders ⁴	239,480 235,151	239,185 236,511	241,960 233,415	0.1 -0.6	-1.1 1.3	1.1 3.1	249,095 239,946	224,930 223,145	253,818 249,674	1,919,914 1,869,888	1,880,643 1,879,038	2.1 -0.5	
Manufacturing with unfilled orders: Shipments New Orders	174,756 175,473	174,250 174,889	177,144 169,906	0.3 0.3	-1.6 2.9	0.4 1.6	180,360 175,223	164,299 164,138	184,753 186,759		1,380,749 1,415,318	2.0 -2.0	
Primary metals: Shipments New Orders	20,194 20,485	20,147 20,189	20,417 20,419	0.2 1.5	-1.3 -1.1	-0.6 0.2	21,147 20,848	19,695 19,805	23,152 22,589		172,075 175,224	-2.0 -3.6	
Fabricated metal products: Shipments New Orders	33,767 34,369	33,440 33,920	33,825 34,178	1.0 1.3	-1.1 -0.8	0.5 1.8	35,757 35,727	33,068 33,466	35,501 35,278		262,137 270,000	3.2 1.8	
Machinery: Shipments New Orders	33,423 32,907	32,890 32,725	33,446 33,100	1.6 0.6	-1.7 -1.1	0.5 1.7	33,625 32,641	31,569 31,631	33,401 33,539		261,380 265,037	2.1 0.0	
Computers and electronic products ⁴ : Shipments New Orders	27,802 23,622	27,902 23,691	27,955 23,691	-0.4 -0.3	-0.2 0.0	-1.2 -1.5	27,703 21,893	26,218 21,386	27,326 22,199		206,359 177,644	4.4 2.9	
Computers and related products: Shipments New Orders	1,696 1,681	1,690 1,680	1,735 1,701	0.4 0.1	-2.6 -1.2	-3.0 -3.1	1,621 1,606	1,542 1,532	1,876 1,898		13,793 13,970	-4.1 -5.8	
Communications equipment: Shipments New Orders	3,904 3,688	3,910 3,837	3,903 3,840	-0.2 -3.9	0.2 -0.1	1.8 3.7	3,557 3,223	3,431 3,189	3,251 3,217	29,225 28,312	26,328 27,322	11.0 3.6	
Electrical equipment, appliances, and components: Shipments New Orders	11,780 11,828	11,799 11,979	11,820 11,963	-0.2 -1.3	-0.2 0.1	1.1 0.7	12,389 12,333	11,462 11,543	12,101 12,107	92,736 93,883	89,343 90,128	3.8 4.2	
Transportation equipment: Shipments	85,953 86,141	86,494 86,527	88,221 80,688	-0.6 -0.4	-2.0 7.2	2.4	89,576 87,445	73,846 73,841	92,719 96,507		668,129 684,445	3.7 -2.4	
Motor vehicles and parts: Shipments New Orders	62,086 61,894	62,600 62,405	62,404 62,321	-0.8 -0.8	0.3 0.1	2.7 2.7	66,163 66,279	53,377 52,875	65,870 66,431	493,165 492,345	464,901 465,045	6.1 5.9	
Nondefense aircraft and parts: Shipments New Orders	9,202 9,066	9,375 10,936	11,068 7,183	-1.8 -17.1	-15.3 52.2	5.3 101.4	8,717 7,035	8,132 11,421	12,845 14,248		99,415 109,255	-13.0 -37.3	
Defense aircraft and parts: Shipments New Orders	4,378 4,555	4,544 3,496	4,570 2,628	-3.7 30 3	-0.6 33.0	-2.8 -38.0	4,368 3,432	3,904 2,544	4,677 3,910		34,310 34,067		
All other durable goods: Shipments	41,297	41,196	41,148	0.2	0.1	0.6	43,439	41,868	43,339	326,766	324,625	0.7	
New Orders Capital goods ³ : Shipments	41,318 87,385	41,185 87,169	41,192 89,636	0.3	-2.8	0.6	43,040 87,005	41,551 81,440	42,937 89,774		325,309 690,137	0.6	
New Orders Nondefense capital goods:	88,054	87,839	82,553	0.2	6.4	1.1	83,401	82,242	91,760		706,862	-3.6	
Shipments New Orders Excluding aircraft:	74,728 74,359	74,569 75,974	76,735 72,246	0.2 -2.1	-2.8 5.2	0.9 5.0	74,563 70,850	70,456 73,486	78,154 78,289		601,924 614,900	0.1 -4.9	
Shipments	69,789 69,296	69,490 69,415	69,913 69,431	0.4 -0.2	-0.6 0.0	0.0 0.9	69,874 67,756	66,247 65,662	69,228 68,898		535,498 541,972	2.8 1.1	
Defense capital goods: Shipments New Orders	12,657 13,695	12,600 11,865	12,901 10,307	0.5 15.4	-2.3 15.1	-1.0 -20.1	12,442 12,551	10,984 8,756	11,620 13,471		88,213 91,962	11.8 5.1	

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Table 2. Durable Goods Manufacturers' Unfilled Orders and Total Inventories¹

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

[Estimates are shown in millions of dollars	s and are based	on data from		rs Survey.] Not Seasonally Adjusted						
		Monthly	Seasonally Adjusted Percent Change			9		Percent		
ltem	Aug 2019 ²	Jul 2019 ^r	Jun 2019	Jul - Aug ²	Jun - Jul ^r	May - Jun	Aug 2019 ²	Jul 2019 ^r	Aug 2018	Change 2019/ 2018
DURABLE GOODS										
Total:										
Unfilled Orders ⁴	1,162,330	1,161,613	1,160,974	0.1	0.1	-0.6	1,159,251	1,164,388	1,170,981	-1.0
Total Inventories	428,551	427,274	425,643	0.3	0.4	0.3	432,361	430,625	410,921	5.2
Excluding transportation: Unfilled Orders ⁴ Total Inventories	368,827	368,298	367,692	0.1	0.2	0.1	367,611	370,617	364,826	0.8
	285,354	285,761	285,947	-0.1	-0.1	0.0	287,686	287,797	281,205	2.3
Excluding defense:										
Unfilled Orders 4	964,426	964,492	962,875	0.0	0.2	-0.4	962,216	966,793	985,456	-2.4
Total Inventories	400,458	398,881	397,568	0.4	0.3	0.2	404,199	402,127	383,989	5.3
Manufacturing with unfilled orders: Unfilled Orders Total Inventories	1,162,330	1,161,613	1,160,974	0.1	0.1	-0.6	1,159,251	1,164,388	1,170,981	-1.0
	349,501	348,282	347,113	0.4	0.3	0.3	352,972	351,372	334,438	5.5
Primary metals: Unfilled Orders Total Inventories	31,542	31,251	31,209	0.9	0.1	0.0	31,443	31,742	31,027	1.3
	35,158	35,514	35,775	-1.0	-0.7	-1.1	35,509	35,901	36,048	-1.5
Fabricated metal products: Unfilled Orders Total Inventories	87,214	86,612	86,132	0.7	0.6	0.4	87,719	87,749	85,237	2.9
	54,563	54,515	54,639	0.1	-0.2	0.1	54,740	55,037	53,959	1.4
Machinery: Unfilled Orders Total Inventories	102,352	102,868	103,033	-0.5	-0.2	-0.3	102,086	103,070	104,994	-2.8
	72,359	72,407	72,129	-0.1	0.4	0.4	73,019	72,640	69,819	4.6
Computers and electronic products ⁴ : Unfilled Orders Total Inventories	118,464	118,381	118,301	0.1	0.1	0.1	117,229	118,467	114,585	2.3
	43,247	43,288	43,415	-0.1	-0.3	0.0	43,875	43,741	43,761	0.3
Computers and related products: Unfilled Orders Total Inventories	2,122	2,137	2,147	-0.7	-0.5	-1.6	2,122	2,137	2,055	3.3
	3,794	3,802	3,806	-0.2	-0.1	1.3	3,920	3,922	3,820	2.6
Communications equipment: Unfilled Orders Total Inventories	25,394	25,610	25,683	-0.8	-0.3	-0.2	25,180	25,514	26,053	-3.4
	5,589	5,577	5,555	0.2	0.4	0.3	5,714	5,575	5,479	4.3
Electrical equipment, appliances, and components: Unfilled Orders Total Inventories	20,055 20,308	20,007 20,351	19,827 20,307	0.2 -0.2	0.9 0.2	0.7 0.1	20,102 20,619	20,158 20,726	19,817 19,257	1.4 7.1
Transportation equipment: Unfilled Orders Total Inventories	793,503	793,315	793,282	0.0	0.0	-0.9	791,640	793,771	806,155	-1.8
	143,197	141,513	139,696	1.2	1.3	0.9	144,675	142,828	129,716	11.5
Motor vehicles and parts: Unfilled Orders Total Inventories	26,575	26,767	26,962	-0.7	-0.7	-0.3	26,372	26,256	26,651	-1.0
	38,849	38,610	38,382	0.6	0.6	0.1	39,240	39,327	36,979	6.1
Nondefense Aircraft and parts: Unfilled Orders Total Inventories	581,212	581,348	579,787	0.0	0.3	-0.7	580,197	581,879	602,950	-3.8
	75,065	73,346	72,120	2.3	1.7	1.4	75,843	73,654	65,063	16.6
Defense Aircraft and parts: Unfilled Orders Total Inventories	79,979	79,802	80,850	0.2	-1.3	-2.3	79,782	80,718	72,251	10.4
	13,395	13,399	13,357	0.0	0.3	0.7	13,437	13,403	12,924	4.0
All other durable goods: Unfilled Orders Total Inventories	9,200	9,179	9,190	0.2	-0.1	0.5	9,032	9,431	9,166	-1.5
	59,719	59,686	59,682	0.1	0.0	-0.1	59,924	59,752	58,361	2.7
Capital goods ³ : Unfilled Orders Total Inventories	850,231	849,562	848,892	0.1	0.1	-0.8	847,377	850,981	865,818	-2.1
	216,366	214,898	212,848	0.7	1.0	0.6	219,062	216,392	202,212	8.3
Nondefense capital goods: Unfilled Orders Total Inventories	693,260	693,629	692,224	-0.1	0.2	-0.6	691,627	695,340	715,788	-3.4
	192,658	190,891	189,154	0.9	0.9	0.6	195,327	192,284	179,680	8.7
Excluding aircraft: Unfilled Orders Total Inventories	218,000	218,493	218,568	-0.2	0.0	-0.2	217,064	219,182	220,964	-1.8
	129,940	130,017	129,528	-0.1	0.4	0.2	131,706	131,161	126,524	4.1
Defense capital goods: Unfilled Orders Total Inventories	156,971	155,933	156,668	0.7	-0.5	-1.6	155,750	155,641	150,030	3.8
	23,708	24,007	23,694	-1.2	1.3	0.9	23,735	24,108	22,532	5.3

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