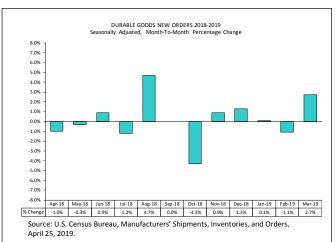
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MONTHLY ADVANCE REPORT ON MANUFACTURERS' SHIPMENTS, INVENTORIES AND ORDERS MARCH 2019

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April 25, 2019 — The U.S. Census Bureau announces the March advance report on manufacturers' shipments, inventories and orders:





New Orders

New orders for manufactured durable goods in March increased \$6.8 billion or 2.7 percent to \$258.5 billion, the U.S. Census Bureau announced today. This increase, up four of the last five months, followed a 1.1 percent February decrease. Excluding transportation, new orders increased 0.4 percent. Excluding defense, new orders increased 2.3 percent. Transportation equipment, also up four of the last five months, led the increase, \$6.1 billion or 7.0 percent to \$93.8 billion.

Shipments

Shipments of manufactured durable goods in March, up four of the last five months, increased \$0.9 billion or 0.3 percent to \$259.6 billion. This followed a 0.3 percent February increase. Transportation equipment, up following two consecutive monthly decreases, drove the increase, \$1.0 billion or 1.1 percent to \$90.7 billion.

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Unfilled Orders

Unfilled orders for manufactured durable goods in March, up two of the last three months, increased \$3.2 billion or 0.3 percent to \$1,181.9 billion. This followed a 0.2 percent February decrease. Transportation equipment, also up two of the last three months, led the increase, \$3.1 billion or 0.4 percent to \$811.9 billion.

Inventories

Inventories of manufactured durable goods in March, up twenty-six of the last twenty-seven months, increased \$1.4 billion or 0.3 percent to \$420.5 billion. This followed a 0.4 percent February increase. Machinery, up fifteen of the last sixteen months, led the increase, \$0.7 billion or 1.0 percent to \$71.6 billion.

Capital Goods

Nondefense new orders for capital goods in March increased \$4.9 billion or 6.5 percent to \$80.5 billion. Shipments increased less than \$0.1 billion or virtually unchanged to \$79.0 billion. Unfilled orders increased \$1.4 billion or 0.2 percent to \$708.2 billion. Inventories increased \$1.3 billion or 0.7 percent to \$184.9 billion. Defense new orders for capital goods in March increased \$1.0 billion or 7.4 percent to \$13.9 billion. Shipments increased \$0.1 billion or 1.0 percent to \$12.6 billion. Unfilled orders increased \$1.4 billion or 0.9 percent to \$158.1 billion. Inventories increased \$0.2 billion or 0.8 percent to \$23.1 billion.

Revised February Data

Revised seasonally adjusted February figures for all manufacturing industries were: new orders, \$498.7 billion (revised from \$497.5 billion); shipments, \$505.7 billion (revised from \$505.5 billion); unfilled orders, \$1,178.7 billion (revised from \$1,177.6 billion) and total inventories, \$688.0 billion (revised from \$687.8 billion).

Revised and more detailed estimates, plus nondurable goods data, will be published on May 2, 2019, at 10:00 a.m. EDT. The Advance Report on durable goods for April is scheduled for release on May 24, 2019 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.

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

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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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 are available on a seasonally adjusted basis as well as a not seasonally adjusted basis at: https://www.census.gov/econ/currentdata/>.

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Louis, now incorporates the Census Bureau's 13 economic indicators.

Notice of Revisions and Changes Due to Updated Seasonal Adjustment Models

On May 16, 2019, monthly seasonally adjusted data for Manufacturers' Shipments, Inventories, and Orders, based on the North American Industry Classification System, will be revised for January 2002 through March 2019. There will be no accompanying press release containing revised seasonally adjusted data for January through March of 2019, and historical data not seasonally adjusted will be unchanged. These revisions to the historical seasonally adjusted data will be based on the results of the recent annual review of the seasonal adjustment models. Based on this review, the lists of series that are seasonally adjusted and not seasonally adjusted will be updated. Three unfilled orders series and one total inventories series that have been adjusted will no longer be seasonally adjusted. Conversely, two stage of fabrication series that have not been adjusted will now be seasonally adjusted. These changes will be implemented on May 16, 2019 and will also be used to produce seasonally adjusted data from the Manufacturers' Shipments, Inventories, and Orders Survey, beginning with the April 2019 Advance Report on Durable Goods scheduled for release on May 24, 2019 and the full report scheduled for release on June 4, 2019.

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Table 1. Durable Goods Manufacturers' Shipments and New Orders¹

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

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ltem	Monthly			Percent Change			Monthly			Year to Date		
	Mar 2019 ²	Feb 2019 ^r	Jan 2019	Feb - Mar ²	Jan - Feb ^r	Dec - Jan	Mar 2019 ²	Feb 2019 ^r	Mar 2018	2019	2018	Percent Change 2019/2018
DURABLE GOODS												
Total:												
Shipments	259,571	258,698	258,030	0.3	0.3	-0.5	273,882	242,117	266,715	749,378	716,258	4.6
New Orders ⁴	258,524	251,757	254,662	2.7	-1.1	0.1	280,662	235,349	278,300	747,458	725,458	3.0
Excluding transportation:												
Shipments	168,866	168,998	167,941	-0.1	0.6	0.0	175,025	156,366	171,687	485,262	469,901	3.3
New Orders ⁴	164,739	164,119	164,380	0.4	-0.2	-0.1	174,193	155,378	172,531	483,115	471,880	2.4
Excluding defense:												
Shipments	245,053	244,272	242,941	0.3	0.5	-0.8	257,464	228,392	252,341	706,834	678,610	4.2
New Orders ⁴	242,009	236,609	240,816	2.3	-1.7	0.4	259,050	223,339	261,794	703,457	687,251	2.4
Manufacturing with unfilled orders:												
Shipments	180,127	179,880	179,827	0.1	0.0	-0.3	190,974	167,279	186,953	519,980	497,699	4.5
New Orders	183,326	177,330	180,543	3.4	-1.8	0.5	201,337	164,556	201,910	530,483	518,617	2.3
Primary metals:												
Shipments	21,382	21,423	21,261	-0.2	0.8	-1.3	22,275	20,486	22,103	63,735	61,254	4.1
New Orders	21,476	21,522	21,382	-0.2	0.7	-1.8	22,769	21,319	22,966	65,345	63,633	2.7
Fabricated metal products:	24454	24.020	22.757				24.550	24.050	22.070	00.405	02.052	
Shipments New Orders	34,164 33,800	34,030 33,892	33,757 34,221	0.4 -0.3	0.8 -1.0	0.0 -0.5	34,668 35,310	31,868 32,752	32,970 34,818	98,135 101,227	92,852 97,484	5.7 3.8
	33,000	33,032	51,221	0.5	1.0	0.5	33,310	32,732	31,010	101,227	37,101	5.0
Machinery:	22.220	22.454	22.240	0.5	0.4	1.1	25.005	24 774	25 647	07.520	04.046	2.0
Shipments New Orders	33,238 33,156	33,454 33,057	33,319 33,298	-0.6 0.3	-0.7	1.1 2.1	35,985 35,720	31,771 32,279	35,617 35,436	97,630 99,585	94,846 98,025	2.9 1.6
	33,130	33,037	33,230	0.5	0.7	2.12	33,720	32,273	33,130	33,303	30,023	1.0
Computers and electronic products 4: Shipments	27,741	27,956	27,704	-0.8	0.9	-0.1	29,175	24,746	28,053	78,574	74,842	5.0
New Orders	24,168	23,652	23,592	2.2	0.3	-0.1	27,132	21,100	25,805		65,234	5.0
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Computers and related products:	1.742	4.040	4 704	F 2	2.4		1.004	1 264	1.001	4.675	4.505	4.5
Shipments New Orders	1,742 1,750	1,840 1,832	1,784 1,824	-5.3 -4.5	3.1 0.4	1.1 3.2	1,904 1,912	1,364 1,356	1,861 1,951	4,675 4,715	4,605 4,723	1.5 -0.2
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Communications equipment: Shipments	3,821	3,811	3,815	0.3	-0.1	1.5	4,336	3,161	3,933	10,503	9,340	12.5
New Orders	3,897	3,576	3,644	9.0	-1.9	2.7	4,521	3,308	4,053	10,742	10,163	5.7
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Electrical equipment, appliances, and components:												
Shipments	11,553	11,525	11,456	0.2	0.6	0.0	11,995	10,549	11,812	32,862	31,834	3.2
New Orders	11,489	11,482	11,355	0.1	1.1	1.1	12,049	10,767	12,023	33,491	32,511	3.0
Transportation equipment:												
Shipments	90,705	89,700	90,089	1.1	-0.4	-1.4	98,857	85,751	95,028		246,357	7.2 4.2
New Orders	93,785	87,638	90,282	7.0	-2.9	0.4	106,469	79,971	105,769	264,343	253,578	4.2
Motor vehicles and parts:	52.004	54.500	64.500	2.4	0.0			54.242	52.022	405 500	474 745	
Shipments New Orders	62,994 63,112	61,692 61,822	61,527 61,842	2.1 2.1	0.3 0.0	-1.0 -0.5	67,451 67,668	61,242 62,135	63,033 63,302	185,589 186,964	171,715 172,666	8.1 8.3
	03,112	01,022	01,012	2.12	0.0	0.5	07,000	02,133	05,502	100,301	172,000	0.5
Nondefense aircraft and parts: Shipments	13,591	13,646	13,362	-0.4	2.1	-10.7	15,483	11,134	17,397	36,882	37,485	-1.6
New Orders	14,457	11,023	14,781	31.2	-25.4	9.2	18,276	6,334	26,361	35,287	43,714	-19.3
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Defense aircraft and parts: Shipments	4,473	4,611	5,193	-3.0	-11.2	10.2	5,226	4,021	5,035	13,234	12,402	6.7
New Orders	5,559	4,723	4,502	17.7	4.9	1.5	6,746		4,746		10,075	37.6
All other durable goods:												
Shipments	40,788	40,610	40,444	0.4	0.4	0.0	40,927	36,946	41,132	114,326	114,273	0.0
New Orders	40,650	40,514	40,532	0.3	0.0	0.2	41,213	37,161	41,483		114,993	0.0
Capital goods ³ :												
Shipments	91,580	91,431	91,417	0.2	0.0	-0.9	99,447	83,361	97,981	261,493	251,067	4.2
New Orders	94,397	88,561	92,114	6.6	-3.9	1.0	108,182	77,812	108,637	265,965	262,779	1.2
Nondefense capital goods:												
Shipments	79,027	79,008	78,471	0.0	0.7	-1.5	85,345	71,372	85,881	224,763	219,210	2.5
New Orders	80,468	75,591	79,541	6.5	-5.0	1.5	89,473	67,587	94,171		229,789	-1.2
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Excluding aircraft: Shipments	69,631	69,761	69,591	-0.2	0.2	1.0	74,774	64,411	73,191	201,280	194,566	3.5
Shipments	69,631	69,053	68,9591	1.3	0.2	1.0 0.9	74,774 75,965	65,624	73,191		194,566	2.8
	05,579	05,005	00,539	1.3	0.1	0.9	13,303	03,024	13,393	203,224	155,339	2.0
Defense capital goods:	43.553	43 433	43.046	4.0	4.0	3.0	44403	44.000	43.400	36 730	24.053	45.2
Shipments New Orders	12,553 13,929	12,423 12,970	12,946 12,573	1.0 7.4	-4.0 3.2	3.0 -1.8	14,102 18,709	11,989 10,225	12,100 14,466		31,857 32,990	15.3 18.0
	15,525	12,5.0	12,575	,.4	5.2	2.0	10,703	10,223	1.,.00	30,317	32,330	10.0

Revised data due to late receipts and concurrent seasonal adjustment.

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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; search and navigation equipment; electronedical, measuring, 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

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.

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.]

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	Monthly	ocusorium	Percent Change				Percent		
Mar 2019 ²	Feb 2019 ^r	Jan 2019	Feb - Mar ²	Jan - Feb ^r	Dec - Jan	Mar 2019 ²	Feb 2019 ^r	Mar 2018	Change 2019/ 2018
1,181,868 420,512	1,178,669 419,149	1,181,219 417,593	0.3 0.3	-0.2 0.4	0.1 0.5	1,190,137 419,518	1,179,774 422,421	1,157,330 399,879	2.8 4.9
286,245	285,053	370,314 284,866	0.0	-0.1 0.1	0.1	3/3,333 285,751	287,012	360,270 271,757	3.6 5.1
981,722 393,056	980,520 391,873	983,792 390,287	0.1 0.3	-0.3 0.4	0.2 0.5	988,365 392,018	983,196 395,070	976,590 372,952	1.2 5.1
1,181,868 342,768	1,178,669 341,317	1,181,219 340,125	0.3 0.4	-0.2 0.4	0.1 0.5	1,190,137 341,597	1,179,774 343,104	1,157,330 324,901	2.8 5.1
31 905	31 811	31 712	0.3	0.3	0.4	32 713	32 219	30 257	8.1
36,405	36,631	36,676	-0.6	-0.1	0.3	36,149	36,716	33,839	6.8
86.092	86.456	86 594	-0.4	-0.2	0.5	86 656	86.014	82 006	5.7
54,889	54,781	54,769	0.2	0.0	0.2	54,935	54,946	51,711	6.2
105,093 71,631	105,175 70,950	105,572 70,910	-0.1 1.0	-0.4 0.1	0.0 0.5	105,755 71,622	106,020 71,458	104,516 67,599	1.2 6.0
118,370 43,638	117,697 43,301	117,610 43,298	0.6 0.8	0.1 0.0	0.0 0.0	119,364 43,112	117,824 43,622	114,580 42,643	4.2 1.1
2,235 3,901	2,227 3,840	2,235 3,703	0.4 1.6	-0.4 3.7	1.8 -1.8	2,235 3,734	2,227 3,978	1,996 3,496	12.0 6.8
26,069 5,548	25,993 5,470	26,228 5,476	0.3 1.4	-0.9 -0.1	-0.6 1.7	26,332 5,458	26,147 5,547	25,882 5,175	1.7 5.5
40.276	40.240	40.202	0.2	0.2	0.5	40.504	40.520	40.700	0.6
20,097	20,027	19,383	-0.3 0.3	0.9	-0.5 0.9	20,196	20,261	18,414	-0.6 9.7
811,923 134,267	808,843 134,096	810,905 132,727	0.4 0.1	-0.3 1.0	0.0 1.0	816,804 133,767	809,192 135,409	797,060 128,122	2.5 4.4
27,613 37,728	27,495 37,943	27,365 37,470	0.4 -0.6	0.5 1.3	1.2 1.5	28,567 37,556	28,350 38,414	27,458 35,633	4.0 5.4
502.074	F02 000	FOF (24)		0.4	0.0	F0C F03	E03 600	500 220	0.5
68,108	67,878	67,013	0.1	-0.4 1.3	0.2	67,827	68,691	65,098	-0.5 4.2
02.200	01 204	01 102	1.2	0.1	0.0	02.022	01 202	70.167	10.0
13,173	13,317	13,321	-1.1	0.0	3.1	13,134	13,356	12,818	18.0 2.5
0.200	0.247	0.443	4.5	4.0	0.0	0.264	0.075	0.202	0.6
9,209 59,585	9,347 59,363	9,443 59,367	-1.5 0.4	-1.0 0.0	0.9	9,261 59,737	60,009	9,202 57,551	0.6 3.8
866,211 207,960	863,394 206,517	866,264 206,027	0.3 0.7	-0.3 0.2	0.1 0.7	871,669 207,189	862,934 207,636	860,805 197,538	1.3 4.9
708,157 184,851	706,716 183,583	710,133 183,082	0.2 0.7	-0.5 0.3	0.2 0.6	711,705 183,997	707,577 184,666	713,391 174,897	-0.2 5.2
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221,711 129,050	221,363 128,102	222,071 128,035	0.2 0.7	-0.3 0.1	-0.3 0.5	223,289 128,324	222,098 128,634	219,483 121,540	1.7 5.6
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158,054 23,109	156,678 22,934	156,131 22,945	0.9 0.8	0.4	-0.2 1.3	159,964 23,192	155,357 22,970	147,414 22,641	8.5 2.4
	Mar 2019 2 1,181,868 420,512 369,945 286,245 981,722 393,056 1,181,868 342,768 31,905 36,405 105,093 71,631 118,370 43,638 2,235 3,901 26,069 5,548 19,276 20,097 811,923 134,267 27,613 37,728 593,874 68,108 82,390 13,173 9,209 59,585 866,211 207,960 708,157 184,851 221,711 129,050	Monthly Mar Feb 2019 1,181,868	Nonthly	Nonthly Feb Jan Feb Feb 2019 Nar 2019 N	Nonthly Percent Change Mar 2 Feb Jan Jan	Nonthly	Mar		Note Note Note Note Note Note Note Note Note Note Note Note Note Note Note Note N

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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.