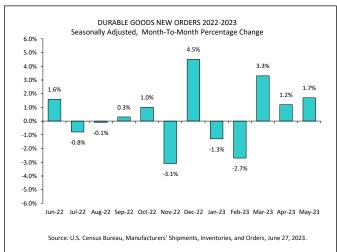
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# MONTHLY ADVANCE REPORT ON DURABLE GOODS MANUFACTURERS' SHIPMENTS, INVENTORIES AND ORDERS MAY 2023

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**June 27, 2023** — The U.S. Census Bureau announces the May advance report on durable goods manufacturers' shipments, inventories and orders:





# **New Orders**

New orders for manufactured durable goods in May, up three consecutive months, increased \$4.9 billion or 1.7 percent to \$288.2 billion, the U.S. Census Bureau announced today. This followed a 1.2 percent April increase. Excluding transportation, new orders increased 0.6 percent. Excluding defense, new orders increased 3.0 percent. Transportation equipment, also up three consecutive months, led the increase, \$3.9 billion or 3.9 percent to \$102.6 billion.

## **Shipments**

Shipments of manufactured durable goods in May, up two of the last three months, increased \$4.8 billion or 1.7 percent to \$282.7 billion. This followed a 0.6 percent April decrease. Transportation equipment, also up two of the last three months, led the increase, \$4.0 billion or 4.6 percent to \$91.8 billion.

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#### **Unfilled Orders**

Unfilled orders for manufactured durable goods in May, up five of the last six months, increased \$10.6 billion or 0.8 percent to \$1,302.0 billion. This followed a 0.8 percent April increase. Transportation equipment, also up five of the last six months, drove the increase, \$10.8 billion or 1.4 percent to \$803.9 billion.

#### **Inventories**

Inventories of manufactured durable goods in May, up five of the last six months, increased \$1.2 billion or 0.2 percent to \$522.9 billion. This followed a 1.0 percent April increase. Machinery, up thirty-one consecutive months, led the increase, \$0.5 billion or 0.5 percent to \$94.4 billion.

### **Capital Goods**

Nondefense new orders for capital goods in May increased \$5.7 billion or 6.7 percent to \$91.0 billion. Shipments increased \$2.7 billion or 3.4 percent to \$82.9 billion. Unfilled orders increased \$8.1 billion or 1.1 percent to \$748.7 billion. Inventories increased \$0.1 billion or 0.1 percent to \$225.5 billion. Defense new orders for capital goods in May decreased \$2.7 billion or 14.7 percent to \$15.9 billion. Shipments decreased \$0.2 billion or 1.2 percent to \$13.2 billion. Unfilled orders increased \$2.7 billion or 1.3 percent to \$213.6 billion. Inventories increased \$0.1 billion or 0.2 percent to \$24.2 billion.

# **Revised April Data**

Revised seasonally adjusted April figures for all manufacturing industries were: new orders, \$576.3 billion (revised from \$577.5 billion); shipments, \$571.0 billion (revised from \$572.3 billion); unfilled orders, \$1,291.4 billion (revised from \$1,291.3 billion) and total inventories, \$855.5 billion (revised from \$856.7 billion).

Revised and more detailed estimates, plus nondurable goods data, will be published on July 5, 2023, at 10:00 a.m. EDT. The Advance Report on durable goods for June is scheduled for release on July 27, 2023, at 8:30 a.m. EDT. View the full schedule in the Economic Briefing Room: <a href="www.census.gov/economic-indicators/">www.census.gov/economic-indicators/</a>. The full text and tables of this release can be found at <a href="www.census.gov/m3">www.census.gov/m3</a>.

#### **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-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 60 percent of the total value of shipments for manufacturing establishments in the 2017 Economic Census, and these companies include roughly 61 percent of the manufacturing companies with \$500 million or more in shipments in the 2017 Economic Census. The companies for which shipments data are currently reported in the M3 survey represent approximately 51 percent of the total value of shipments for manufacturing establishments in the 2017 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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#### Benchmark notice

Revised historical data from the Manufacturers' Shipments, Inventories, and Orders (M3) were issued on May 12, 2023. These revisions resulted from

- Benchmarking the M3 shipments and inventories data to the 2021 and 2020 Annual Survey of Manufactures (ASM) data;
- Incorporating the unfilled orders to shipments ratios obtained for 2021, 2020, and 2019 from the Manufacturers' Unfilled Orders (M3UFO) Survey;
- 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 2012 through March 2023 and the data not seasonally adjusted for January 2017 through March 2023. An updated Press Release contains revised monthly tables for January 2023 through March 2023.

### **RESOURCES**

#### API

The Census Bureau's application programming interface (API) lets developers create custom apps to reach new users and makes key demographic, socio-economic and housing statistics more accessible than ever before.

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# **FRED Mobile App**



Receive the latest updates on the nation's key economic indicators by downloading the FRED App < <a href="https://fred.stlouisfed.org/fred-mobile/">https://fred.stlouisfed.org/fred-mobile/</a> for both Apple and Android devices. FRED, the signature database of the Federal Reserve Bank of St.

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

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

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	Monthly			Percent Change			Monthly			Year to Date		
Item	May 2023 <sup>2</sup>	Apr 2023 <sup>r</sup>	Mar 2023	Apr - May <sup>2</sup>	Mar - Apr <sup>r</sup>	Feb - Mar	May 2023 <sup>2</sup>	Apr 2023 <sup>r</sup>	May 2022	2023	2022	Percent Change 2023/2022
DURABLE GOODS												
Total:												
Shipments	282,665	277,892	279,659	1.7	-0.6	0.7	287,201	267,092	272,586	1,373,438	1,314,005	4.5
New Orders <sup>4</sup>	288,180	283,233	279,837	1.7	1.2	3.3	288,027	272,347	268,450	1,384,546	1,337,649	3.5
Excluding transportation:												
Shipments	190,906	190,172	190,603	0.4	-0.2	-0.1	195,375	184,466	191,868	936,865	920,984	1.7
New Orders <sup>4</sup>	185,616	184,537	185,680	0.6	-0.6	0.3	190,457	181,468	188,429	923,996	919,882	0.4
Excluding defense:												
Shipments	267,192	262,277	264,569	1.9	-0.9	0.8	272,140	252,307	258,691	1,299,507	1,245,762	4.3
New Orders <sup>4</sup>	269,930	262,193	263,507	3.0	-0.5	3.2	273,357	251,940	256,591	1,301,177	1,273,146	2.2
Manufacturing with unfilled orders:												
Shipments	195,542	192,447	194,075	1.6	-0.8	1.0	198,953	185,196	189,137	952,340	911,283	4.5
New Orders	206,161	202,920	199,496	1.6	1.7	4.6	204,104	194,880	189,466	987,873	958,552	3.1
Primary metals:												
Shipments New Orders	26,769 26,763	26,732 26,642	26,802 26,830	0.1 0.5	-0.3 -0.7	0.1 0.5	28,033 27,871	26,603 26,266	28,686 28,629	135,987 136,655	137,430 140,076	-1.0 -2.4
	20,703	20,042	20,830	0.5	-0.7	0.5	27,671	20,200	20,023	130,033	140,070	-2.4
Fabricated metal products:	25 202	25.245	25.274	0.1	0.4	0.1	26,000	24.620	20,000	175 170	175.053	0.4
Shipments New Orders	35,283 35,221	35,245 35,213	35,374 35,290	0.1 0.0	-0.4 -0.2	0.1 0.7	36,909 37,897	34,630 35,575	36,660 37,640	175,179 180,319	175,952 183,016	-0.4 -1.5
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Machinery: Shipments	37,669	37,545	37,271	0.3	0.7	-0.4	38,883	36,725	37,163	186,132	179,306	3.8
New Orders	37,618	37,261	37,160	1.0	0.3	-0.1	38,169	37,053	37,325	188,943	186,542	1.3
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Computers and electronic products <sup>4</sup> :  Shipments	29,203	29,108	29,238	0.3	-0.4	-0.6	27,373	26,418	26,972	138,130	134,041	3.1
New Orders	24,047	23,971	24,409	0.3	-1.8	1.8	22,249	22,093	22,056	114,278	111,985	2.0
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Computers and related products:  Shipments	2,038	2,057	1,997	-0.9	3.0	3.6	1,840	1,805	1,537	9,046	7,376	22.6
New Orders	2,003	2,051	2,014	-2.3	1.8	4.8	1,805	1,799	1,531	9,037	7,352	22.9
Communications equipment:												
Shipments	2,980	3,040	3,087	-2.0	-1.5	-2.2	2,709	2,658	2,837	14,064	14,009	0.4
New Orders	2,863	2,910	2,980	-1.6	-2.3	-3.8	2,403	2,504	2,794	13,571	14,351	-5.4
Electrical equipment, appliances,												
and components:												
Shipments	14,008	13,902	14,067	0.8	-1.2	0.9	14,251	13,352	13,134	68,191	62,473	9.2
New Orders	14,049	13,820	14,226	1.7	-2.9	0.4	14,304	13,500	13,363	69,757	65,652	6.3
Transportation equipment: Shipments	91,759	87,720	89,056	4.6	-1.5	2.6	91,826	82,626	80,718	436,573	393,021	11.1
New Orders	102,564	98,696	94,157	3.9	4.8	9.8	97,570	90,879	80,021	460,550	417,767	10.2
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Motor vehicles and parts: Shipments	62,738	61,283	61,254	2.4	0.0	0.2	63,870	58,344	58,112	307,491	283,957	8.3
New Orders	62,668	61,337	61,349	2.2	0.0	-0.2	63,150	58,058	57,586	307,866	284,576	8.2
Nondefense aircraft and parts:												
Shipments	13,554	10,691	12,512	26.8	-14.6	22.6	12,586	9,323	8,352	53,827	40,245	33.7
New Orders	21,775	16,440	16,776	32.5	-2.0	96.0	19,294	12,482	9,915	69,115	67,817	1.9
Defense aircraft and parts:												
Shipments	4,836	4,922	4,666	-1.7	5.5	-0.3	4,721	4,473	4,348	22,619	21,244	6.5
New Orders	4,978	7,711	5,836	-35.4	32.1	26.9	3,886	7,415	3,468	26,508	17,970	47.5
All other durable goods:												
Shipments	47,974	47,640	47,851	0.7	-0.4	-0.3	49,926	46,738	49,253	233,246	231,782	0.6
New Orders	47,918	47,630	47,765	0.6	-0.3	-0.5	49,967	46,981	49,416	234,044	232,611	0.6
Capital goods <sup>3</sup> :												
Shipments	96,078	93,520	94,479	2.7	-1.0	2.1	94,782	88,475	87,282	456,203	425,020	7.3
New Orders	106,929	103,992	99,006	2.8	5.0	9.4	100,914	98,011	87,620	484,384	461,066	5.1
Nondefense capital goods:												
Shipments	82,903	80,184	81,589	3.4	-1.7	2.6	81,920	75,726	75,364	392,658	366,122	7.2
New Orders	91,027	85,342	85,285	6.7	0.1	9.8	87,972	79,609	77,359	412,266	404,916	1.8
Excluding aircraft:												
Shipments	73,920	73,795	73,479	0.2	0.4	-0.2	73,669	70,384	70,573	360,230	343,940	4.7
New Orders	73,959	73,462	73,034	0.7	0.6	-0.6	72,958	70,988	70,942	364,612	354,930	2.7
Defense capital goods:	,	, - ]	,				,	,	·			Ī
Shipments	13,175	13,336	12,890	-1.2	3.5	-0.7	12,862	12,749	11,918	63,545	58,898	7.9
New Orders	15,902	18,650	13,721	-14.7	35.9	6.9	12,942	18,402	10,261	72,118	56,150	28.4
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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; unding, alundry, and other machinery; photographic equipment, or the power transmission equipment; pumps and compressors; material handling equipment; all other machinery; betroics 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 boats, and search and navigation equipment.

<sup>4</sup> 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

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Table 2. Durable Goods Manufacturers' Unfilled Orders and Total Inventories <sup>1</sup>

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

Total Interior   Process   Process	[Estimates are shown in millions of dollar	rs and are base	ed on data fro		ders Survey.]  Not Seasonally Adjusted						
DURABLE GODDS			Monthly	Seasonally Adjusted  Percent Change					Percent		
Total inventories	ltem		Apr		Apr -	Mar -	Feb -	-	Apr		2023/
Limited Orders*	DURABLE GOODS										
Total Inventories	Total:										
Computers and electronic products*   498,163   498,155   298,752   357,603   37,805   30   0.0   0.1   503,940   505,533   505,647   2.7											
Unified Orders		522,946	521,720	516,694	0.2	1.0	-1.0	527,130	524,743	516,038	2.1
Total Inventiories		400 460		***					504 500		
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Unified Criders*   1,086,120   1,096,213   1,0145,270   0.7   0.5   0.4   1,061,663   1,066,121   1,012,620   4.8    Manufacturing with unfilled orders: Unified Orders:   1,002,035   1,291,415   1,280,913   0.8   0.8   0.4   1,205,823   1,200,678   1,226,623   5.6    Total inventories   402,572   241,766   416,897   0.2   1.2   0.1   426,024   424,460   416,599   2.3    Primary metals:   3,721   3,722   3,723   3,723   3,721   3,721   3,722   3,723			,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,	,,,,,,				,	,	,	
Unfilled Orders	Unfilled Orders <sup>4</sup>						-				
Unfilled Orders	Manufacturing with unfilled orders:										
Primary metals: Unfilled Orders.   37,721   37,727   46,670   46,589   0.5   0.2   0.5   0.2   0.5   47,444   47,187   48,719   2.6	_	1,302,035	1,291,416	1,280,943	0.8	0.8	0.4	1,305,829	1,300,678	1,236,623	5.6
Unfilled Orders	Total Inventories	422,572	421,786	416,897	0.2	1.2	-1.1	426,024	424,460	416,599	2.3
Total Inventories		27 721	27 727	27 917	0.0	-0.2	0.1	26 131	28 506	40.661	-5.5
Unfilled Orders											
Total Inventories	Fabricated metal products:										
Machinery: Unfilled Orders											
Unfilled Orders		64,729	04,578	04,074	0.2	-0.1	-0.1	05,517	05,154	05,703	-0.3
Total Inventories		140.014	140.065	140.349	0.0	-0.2	-0.1	141.168	141.882	138.897	1.6
Unfilled Orders			93,925	93,761	0.5	0.2	0.2				
Total Inventories	Computers and electronic products <sup>4</sup> :										
Computers and related products: Unfilled Orders											
Unfilled Orders.   1,274   1,309   3,514   3,701   3,667   2,24   0,9   1,6   3,711   3,615   3,860   3,39		55,046	55,061	55,215	0.0	-0.3	-0.3	55,568	55,327	54,693	1.6
Total Inventories		1.274	1.309	1.315	-2.7	-0.5	1.3	1.274	1.309	1.303	-2.2
Unfilled Orders											
Electrical equipment, appliances, and components:   Unfilled Orders	Unfilled Orders										
And components:		-,	2,555	-,	•			-,	5,==5	5,55	
Total Inventories											
Transportation equipment: Unfilled Orders											
Unfilled Orders		26,205	26,083	26,091	0.5	0.0	0.8	26,710	26,488	25,276	5.7
Total Inventories		803.872	793.067	782.091	1.4	1.4	0.7	801.889	796.145	731.976	9.6
Unfilled Orders	Total Inventories	164,266	164,092	159,088	0.1	3.1	-3.0	165,044	164,594	163,368	1.0
Total Inventories											
Unfilled Orders											
Unfilled Orders	Nondefense Aircraft and parts:	·							,	,	
Defense Aircraft and parts: Unfilled Orders	Unfilled Orders	,									
Unfilled Orders	Total Inventories	77,548	77,758	73,226	-0.3	6.2	-5.8	77,782	77,804	78,504	-0.9
Total Inventories		70 971	70 820	68 040	0.2	11	1 7	71 101	72 026	62 524	12.0
Unfilled Orders											
Total Inventories	All other durable goods:										
Capital goods 3:  Unfilled Orders											
Unfilled Orders		71,404	/1,311	/1,2/0	0.1	0.0	-0.2	/1,0/1	/1,00/	70,021	1.5
Total Inventories		962 242	951 391	940 919	11	11	0.5	962 067	955 935	895 075	7.5
Unfilled Orders											
Total Inventories	Nondefense capital goods:										
Excluding aircraft:         Unfilled Orders											
Unfilled Orders		223,314	223,308	220,000	0.1	2.1	-1.8	227,180	223,739	210,024	3.9
Defense capital goods:         Unfilled Orders	Unfilled Orders										0.5
Unfilled Orders	Total Inventories	161,724	161,312	161,191	0.3	0.1	0.3	163,419	161,818		6.3
		242.501	240.02=	205 522	4.0			242.045	242 725	200 575	

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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; electromedical, 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 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 for not infligled orders exclude semiconductor industry data.

The Census Bureau has reviewed this data product to ensure appropriate access, use, and disclosure avoidance protection of the confidential source data (Project No. P-6000307, Disclosure Review Board (DRB) approval number: CBDRB-FY23-0265).

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