Table 3. Value of Manufacturers' Unfilled Orders for Industry Groups¹

Industry	Seasonally Adjusted						Not Seasonally Adjusted				
	Monthly			Percent Change			Monthly				% Change
	Mar. 2024 ^p	Feb. 2024 ^r	Jan. 2024	Feb Mar.	Jan Feb.	Dec Jan.	Mar. 2024 ^p	Feb. 2024 ^r	Jan. 2024	Mar. 2023	March 2024/ 2023
All manufacturing industries ²	1,397,359	1,391,272	1,392,764	0.4	-0.1	0.0	1,405,112	1,393,996	1,393,809	1,290,994	8.8
Excluding transportation ²	494,180	494,683	495,317	-0.1	-0.1	-0.3	498,370	495,726	493,269	503,102	-0.9
Excluding defense ²	1,160,657	1,153,450	1,152,386	0.6	0.1	0.0	1,166,524	1,156,535	1,153,350	-	10.9
Durable goods industries ²	1,397,359	1,391,272	1,392,764	0.4	-0.1	0.0	1,405,112	1,393,996	1,393,809	1,290,994	8.8
Primary metals	38,645	38 <i>,</i> 569	38,601	0.2	-0.1	-0.1	39,764	39,473	38,744	38,933	2.1
Iron and steel mills	23,526	23,569	23,487	-0.2	0.3	-0.4	24,161	24,029	23,389	23,203	4.1
Aluminum and nonferrous metals	10,060	10,050	10,200	0.1	-1.5	1.3	10,483	10,431	10,346	11,106	-5.6
Ferrous metal foundries	5 <i>,</i> 059	4,950	4,914	2.2	0.7	-1.2	5,120	5,013	5,009	4,624	10.7
Fabricated metal products	129,149	129,315	129,542	-0.1	-0.2	-0.3	129,587	128,107	127,452	129,631	0.0
Machinery	134,819	135,249	135,445	-0.3	-0.1	-0.8	135,869	136,373	135,645	141,554	-4.0
Construction machinery	9,393	9,521	9,752	-1.3	-2.4	-3.3	9,785	9,982	10,072	11,299	-13.4
Mining, oil field, and											
gas field machinery	4,790	4,862	4,639	-1.5	4.8	-0.2	4,790	4,862	4,639	5,294	-9.5
Industrial machinery	10,359	10,490	10,738	-1.2	-2.3	-5.0	10,418	10,566	10,847	12,601	-17.3
Photographic equipment	3,459	3,496	3,553	-1.1	-1.6	-1.9	3,492	3,560	3,500	4,126	-15.4
Ventilation, heating, air-conditioning,											
and refrigeration equipment	13,811	13,892	13,828	-0.6	0.5	-0.6	14,165	14,106	13,723	14,037	0.9
Metalworking machinery	9,320	9,235	9,115	0.9	1.3	0.1	9,393	9,334	9,132	9,992	-6.0
Turbines, generators, and other											
power transmission equipment	33,518	33,423	33,187	0.3	0.7	0.6	33,518	33,423	33,187	31,896	5.1
Material handling equipment	19,012	18,968	18,976	0.2	0.0	-0.2	19,076	19,137	19,131	19,509	-2.2
Computers and electronic products ²	135,104	135,083	135,226	0.0	-0.1	0.2	136,311	135,307	135,386	135,658	0.5
Computers	1,312	1,314	1,278	-0.2	2.8	0.5	1,312	1,314	1,278	1,315	-0.2
Nondefense communications							,		,	,	
equipment	17,163	17,360	17,544	-1.1	-1.0	-0.2	17,535	17,754	17,728	17,519	0.1
Defense communications equipment	235	239	242	-1.7	-1.2	0.4	239	247	249	241	-0.8
Electronic components	16,239	16,216	16,257	0.1	-0.3	-0.4	16,305	16,377	16,440	17,139	-4.9
Nondefense search and navigation											
equipment	32,061	32,037	31,975	0.1	0.2	0.2	32,069	31,994	31,926	30,811	4.1
Defense search and navigation											
equipment	36,066	35,774	35,737	0.8	0.1	0.7	36,463	35,366	35,523	36,297	0.5
Electromedical, measuring,											
and control instruments	32,028	32,143	32,193	-0.4	-0.2	-0.1	32,388	32,255	32,242	32,336	0.2
Electrical equipment, appliances,											
and components	43,776	43,835	43,863	-0.1	-0.1	0.1	43,978	43,864	43,698	43,780	0.5
Electric lighting equipment	3,829	3,773	3,776	1.5	-0.1	1.2	3,871	3,765	3,771	3,802	1.8
Household appliances	5,788	5,773	5,579	0.3	3.5	3.1	5,809	5,727	5,697	4,749	22.3
Electrical equipment	21,848	21,930	22,040	-0.4	-0.5	-0.4	21,896	21,923	21,897	22,486	-2.6
Transportation equipment	903,179	896,589	897,447	0.7	-0.1	0.1	906,742	898,270	900,540	787,892	15.1
Motor vehicle bodies, parts,											
and trailers	34,747	34,611	34,707	0.4	-0.3	-0.6	35,948	36,014	35,407	36,322	-1.0
Nondefense aircraft and parts	657,053	649,423	647,450	1.2	0.3	0.4	657,873	649,569	649,506	536,136	22.7
Defense aircraft and parts	70,831	71,072	71,500	-0.3	-0.6	-1.0	71,525	71,285	72,243	69,084	3.5
Ships and boats	52,814	53,230	54,866	-0.8	-3.0	-0.6	54,215	53,938	54,361	57,221	-5.3
Furniture and related products	10,721	10,661	10,659	0.6	0.0	-1.2	10,895	10,631	10,363	11,419	-4.6

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

^p Preliminary

^r Revised data due to late receipts and concurrent seasonal adjustment.

¹ Estimates of shipments and new orders are for the duration of the period, while estimates of unfilled orders and total inventories are for the end of the period. Not seasonally adjusted estimates of shipments and new orders include adjusted data for non-calendar reporters. Seasonally adjusted estimates include concurrent adjustments for holiday and trading-day differences, where appropriate, as well as seasonal variation, based on the results of the latest annual review of the model parameters. Estimates are not adjusted for price changes.

² Data on unfilled orders are not available for the semiconductor industry. Estimates and percent changes for unfilled orders exclude semiconductor industry data.

Note: Estimates of manufacturers' shipments, inventories and orders are subject to survey error and revision. One major component of survey error is nonsampling error, which includes errors of coverage, response, and nonreporting. Since the survey panel is not a probability sample, estimates of sampling error cannot be calculated. For further details on survey design, methodology, and data limitations see http://www.census.gov/manufacturing/m3/.

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