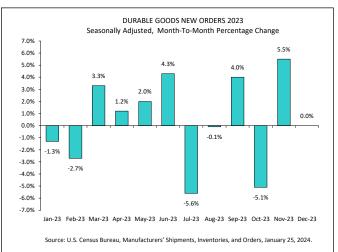
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MONTHLY ADVANCE REPORT ON DURABLE GOODS MANUFACTURERS' SHIPMENTS, INVENTORIES AND ORDERS DECEMBER 2023

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January 25, 2024 — The U.S. Census Bureau announces the December advance report on durable goods manufacturers' shipments, inventories and orders:





New Orders

New orders for manufactured durable goods in December, up three of the last four months, increased \$0.1 billion or virtually unchanged to \$295.6 billion, the U.S. Census Bureau announced today. This followed a 5.5 percent November increase. Excluding transportation, new orders increased 0.6 percent. Excluding defense, new orders increased 0.5 percent. Primary metals, also up three of the last four months, drove the increase, \$0.4 billion or 1.4 percent to \$27.1 billion.

Shipments

Shipments of manufactured durable goods in December, down three of the last four months, decreased \$0.9 billion or 0.3 percent to \$282.2 billion. This followed a 1.0 percent November increase.

Transportation equipment, also down three of the last four months, led the decrease, \$0.7 billion or 0.8 percent to \$89.5 billion.

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Unfilled Orders

Unfilled orders for manufactured durable goods in December, up twelve of the last thirteen months, increased \$18.3 billion or 1.3 percent to \$1,393.4 billion. This followed a 1.3 percent November increase. Transportation equipment, also up twelve of the last thirteen months, led the increase, \$17.3 billion or 2.0 percent to \$895.7 billion.

Inventories

Inventories of manufactured durable goods in December, up five consecutive months, increased \$2.1 billion or 0.4 percent to \$527.0 billion. This followed a 0.1 percent November increase. Transportation equipment, also up five consecutive months, led the increase, \$1.3 billion or 0.8 percent to \$167.7 billion.

Capital Goods

Nondefense new orders for capital goods in December increased \$0.6 billion or 0.6 percent to \$103.0 billion. Shipments decreased \$0.6 billion or 0.7 percent to \$82.5 billion. Unfilled orders increased \$20.5 billion or 2.5 percent to \$842.0 billion. Inventories increased \$1.6 billion or 0.7 percent to \$229.4 billion. Defense new orders for capital goods in December decreased \$1.9 billion or 14.5 percent to \$11.1 billion. Shipments decreased \$0.4 billion or 2.7 percent to \$13.8 billion. Unfilled orders decreased \$2.7 billion or 1.3 percent to \$208.1 billion. Inventories increased \$0.1 billion or 0.3 percent to \$24.6 billion.

Revised November Data

Revised seasonally adjusted November figures for all manufacturing industries were: new orders, \$593.2 billion (revised from \$592.9 billion); shipments, \$580.8 billion (revised from \$580.7 billion); unfilled orders, \$1,375.1 billion (revised from \$1,374.8 billion) and total inventories, \$856.7 billion (revised from \$857.1 billion).

Revised and more detailed estimates, plus nondurable goods data, will be published on February 2, 2024, at 10:00 a.m. EST. The Advance Report on durable goods for January is scheduled for release on February 27, 2024, at 8:30 a.m. EST. 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>.

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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.

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

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).

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

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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>.

Notice of Revisions and Changes Due to Updated Seasonal Adjustment Models

On May 14, 2024, monthly seasonally adjusted data for Manufacturers' Shipments, Inventories, and Orders will be revised for January 2012 through March 2024. There will be no accompanying press release containing revised seasonally adjusted data for January through March of 2024, 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. These results of the annual seasonal review will be used to produce seasonally adjusted data from the Manufacturers' Shipments, Inventories, and Orders Survey, beginning with the April 2024 Advance Report on Durable Goods scheduled for release on May 24, 2024, and the Full Report scheduled for release on June 4, 2024. Please call M3 staff on (301) 763-4832 with any questions.

RESOURCES

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

[Estimates are shown in millions of do	ollars and are based on data from the Manufacturers' Shipments, Inventories, ar Seasonally Adjusted											
	Monthly			Percent Change			Not Seasonally Adjusted Monthly				Year to Date	
ltem	Dec 2023 ²	Nov 2023 ^r	Oct 2023	Nov - Dec ²	Oct - Nov ^r	Sep - Oct	Dec 2023 ²	Nov 2023 ^r	Dec 2022	2023	2022	Percent Change 2023/2022
DURABLE GOODS												
Total: Shipments New Orders ⁴	282,191	283,097	280,310	-0.3	1.0	-0.8	276,183	275,713	278,069	3,373,276	3,271,444	3.1
	295,559	295,500	280,217	0.0	5.5	-5.1	300,747	286,578	290,149	3,435,938	3,289,953	4.4
Excluding transportation: Shipments New Orders ⁴	192,686	192,843	192,055	-0.1	0.4	-0.2	185,851	185,596	185,869	2,296,112	2,267,908	1.2
	188,729	187,652	186,720	0.6	0.5	-0.3	181,632	177,729	179,585	2,233,132	2,215,735	0.8
Excluding defense: Shipments	266,156	266,654	263,946	-0.2 0.5	1.0	-1.1	258,705	258,026	260,936	3,184,558	3,096,951 3,108,475	2.8
New Orders ⁴	281,888	280,526	262,525	0.5	6.9	-6.4	281,727	270,441	267,115	3,240,304	3,108,475	4.2
Manufacturing with unfilled orders: Shipments New Orders	196,955	197,710	196,479	-0.4	0.6	-0.1	194,481	191,568	193,532	2,342,251	2,260,601	3.6
	215,250	215,058	201,349	0.1	6.8	-6.1	223,656	208,019	210,651	2,465,467	2,341,543	5.3
Primary metals: Shipments New Orders	26,756	26,712	26,370	0.2	1.3	-0.3	23,774	24,931	24,026	319,675	323,846	-1.3
	27,078	26,714	26,463	1.4	0.9	-0.6	24,810	25,205	24,642	320,260	323,597	-1.0
Fabricated metal products: Shipments New Orders	36,471	36,341	36,026	0.4	0.9	-0.3	33,411	34,978	32,703	428,365	426,790	0.4
	36,691	36,377	36,386	0.9	0.0	0.1	32,554	33,897	31,518	428,657	426,749	0.4
Machinery: Shipments New Orders	37,605	37,899	38,105	-0.8	-0.5	0.0	37,085	35,229	37,558	452,354	440,059	2.8
	37,506	37,422	37,430	0.2	0.0	-0.9	36,267	34,374	36,653	448,374	446,755	0.4
Computers and electronic products ⁴ : Shipments New Orders	29,707	29,792	29,632	-0.3	0.5	0.1	32,881	30,441	32,473	352,729	346,248	1.9
	24,965	24,869	24,759	0.4	0.4	0.1	29,654	24,388	28,564	292,981	285,547	2.6
Computers and related products: Shipments New Orders	2,059	2,098	2,053	-1.9	2.2	0.3	2,434	2,028	2,285	24,228	20,966	15.6
	2,062	2,092	2,045	-1.4	2.3	0.0	2,437	2,022	2,281	24,217	20,922	15.7
Communications equipment: Shipments New Orders	3,014	3,032	3,031	-0.6	0.0	-0.7	3,987	2,842	4,182	36,456	37,148	-1.9
	3,393	3,225	3,084	5.2	4.6	-2.5	4,753	3,118	4,413	36,789	37,096	-0.8
Electrical equipment, appliances, and components: Shipments New Orders	14,196	14,146	14,167	0.4	-0.1	-0.8	13,732	13,623	13,378	168,859	157,148	7.5
	14,425	14,173	13,909	1.8	1.9	-2.3	13,697	13,243	12,980	169,559	160,086	5.9
Transportation equipment: Shipments New Orders	89,505	90,254	88,255	-0.8	2.3	-2.3	90,332	90,117	92,200	1,077,164	1,003,536	7.3
	106,830	107,848	93,497	-0.9	15.3	-13.4	119,115	108,849	110,564	1,202,806	1,074,218	12.0
Motor vehicles and parts: Shipments New Orders	61,253	61,132	59,134	0.2	3.4	-4.0	57,188	60,431	59,227	738,270	708,630	4.2
	61,150	60,918	59,148	0.4	3.0	-4.2	57,948	60,791	60,025	738,569	707,666	4.4
Nondefense aircraft and parts: Shipments New Orders	13,199	13,906	13,409	-5.1	3.7	-0.8	17,017	13,763	15,779	154,127	118,350	30.2
	33,211	33,066	17,960	0.4	84.1	-43.9	44,140	33,124	28,104	274,521	182,503	50.4
Defense aircraft and parts: Shipments New Orders	4,850	4,899	4,922	-1.0	-0.5	8.3	5,089	5,259	5,194	57,250	54,686	4.7
	4,172	4,296	4,968	-2.9	-13.5	1.2	5,888	5,106	6,834	62,678	56,180	11.6
All other durable goods: Shipments New Orders	47,951	47,953	47,755	0.0	0.4	0.0	44,968	46,394	45,731	574,130	573,817	0.1
	48,064	48,097	47,773	-0.1	0.7	0.3	44,650	46,622	45,228	573,301	573,001	0.1
Capital goods ³ : Shipments New Orders	96,293	97,282	96,867	-1.0	0.4	0.2	104,621	94,841	103,756	1,147,795	1,082,026	6.1
	114,144	115,432	102,133	-1.1	13.0	-10.1	130,937	112,040	119,268	1,267,158	1,156,883	9.5
Nondefense capital goods: Shipments New Orders	82,497	83,106	82,881	-0.7	0.3	-0.2	89,311	79,541	88,851	985,956	932,445	5.7
	103,044	102,454	86,621	0.6	18.3	-14.2	115,440	98,300	99,389	1,101,913	1,005,384	9.6
Excluding aircraft: Shipments New Orders	74,160	74,118	74,282	0.1	-0.2	0.0	77,081	70,685	77,167	886,662	860,039	3.1
	74,332	74,105	73,396	0.3	1.0	-0.6	76,428	69,997	75,544	882,724	868,041	1.7
Defense capital goods: Shipments New Orders	13,796	14,176	13,986	-2.7	1.4	2.6	15,310	15,300	14,905	161,839	149,581	8.2
	11,100	12,978	15,512	-14.5	-16.3	23.5	15,497	13,740	19,879	165,245	151,499	9.1

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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.

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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.]

[Estimates are shown in millions of dollar	rs and are base	d on data from	the Manufac Seasonall	Prs Survey.] Not Seasonally Adjusted						
		Monthly	Percent Change					Percent		
Item	Dec 2023 ²	Nov 2023 ^r	Oct 2023	Nov - Dec ²	Oct - Nov ^r	Sep - Oct	Dec 2023 ²	Nov 2023 ^r	Dec 2022	Change 2023/ 2022
DURABLE GOODS										
Total:										
Unfilled Orders ⁴ Total Inventories	1,393,373 527,047	1,375,078 524,969	1,357,730 524,397	1.3 0.4	1.3 0.1	0.4 0.2	1,393,512 514,724	1,364,337 523,517	1,270,296 507,960	9.7 1.3
Excluding transportation:	407.550	40.5.500	405.004	0.0			400.050	400 566	400.004	
Unfilled Orders ⁴ Total Inventories	497,658 359,384	496,688 358,639	496,934 358,565	0.2 0.2	0.0 0.0	-0.1 0.0	489,958 352,394	489,566 357,011	492,384 350,879	-0.5 0.4
Excluding defense:										
Unfilled Orders ⁴ Total Inventories	1,152,838 497,181	1,132,179 495,218	1,113,362 494,964	1.8 0.4	1.7 0.1	0.3 0.2	1,151,868 485,121	1,124,235 493,729	1,035,568 479,900	11.2 1.1
Manufacturing with unfilled orders:										
Unfilled Orders Total Inventories	1,393,373 426,542	1,375,078 424,975	1,357,730 424,206	1.3 0.4	1.3 0.2	0.4 0.2	1,393,512 417,506	1,364,337 423,425	1,270,296 411,281	9.7 1.5
Primary metals: Unfilled Orders Total Inventories	38,769 45,582	38,447 45,751	38,445 46,048	0.8 -0.4	0.0 -0.6	0.2 -0.5	38,351 45,138	37,315 45,173	37,766 46,468	1.5 -2.9
Fabricated metal products:										
Unfilled Orders Total Inventories	130,063 64,805	129,843 64,779	129,807 64,695	0.2 0.0	0.0 0.1	0.3 0.0	126,716 63,695	127,573 63,934	126,424 63,821	0.2 -0.2
Machinery:	425.000	427.000	407.405	0.4		0.5	404077	405 405	400.057	
Unfilled Orders Total Inventories	136,909 95,547	137,008 94,971	137,485 94,877	-0.1 0.6	-0.3 0.1	-0.5 -0.1	134,377 93,270	135,195 95,180	138,357 90,742	-2.9 2.8
Computers and electronic products ⁴ : Unfilled Orders	135,146	134,961	134,939	0.1	0.0	0.1	135,196	133,812	134,390	0.6
Total Inventories	55,640	55,441	55,295	0.4	0.3	0.3	54,460	55,803	54,320	0.3
Computers and related products: Unfilled Orders Total Inventories	1,272 3,572	1,269 3,479	1,275 3,449	0.2 2.7	-0.5 0.9	-0.6 -2.0	1,272 3,458	1,269 3,534	1,283 3,601	-0.9 -4.0
Communications equipment:	3,5.	5,	2,				5,.55	5,55	5,552	
Unfilled Orders Total Inventories	17,935 4,989	17,556 5,016	17,363 5,034	2.2 -0.5	1.1 -0.4	0.3 0.0	18,126 4,766	17,360 5,128	17,793 4,813	1.9 -1.0
Electrical equipment, appliances,										
and components: Unfilled Orders	43,959	43,730	43,703	0.5	0.1	-0.6	43,115	43,150	42,415	1.7
Total Inventories	26,583	26,485	26,396	0.4	0.3	0.2	25,631	26,006	25,029	2.4
Transportation equipment: Unfilled Orders	895,715	878,390	860,796	2.0	2.0	0.6	903,554	874,771	777,912	16.2
Total Inventories Motor vehicles and parts:	167,663	166,330	165,832	0.8	0.3	0.6	162,330	166,506	157,081	3.3
Unfilled Orders Total Inventories	35,035 54,367	35,138 54,265	35,352 54,592	-0.3 0.2	-0.6 -0.6	0.0 0.9	35,240 51,445	34,480 54,131	34,941 50,400	0.9 2.1
Nondefense Aircraft and parts:										
Unfilled Orders Total Inventories	644,664 79,881	624,652 78,947	605,492 78,327	3.2 1.2	3.2 0.8	0.8 0.7	651,109 78,009	623,986 79,166	530,715 75,538	22.7 3.3
Defense Aircraft and parts: Unfilled Orders	72.146	72 024	73,427	-0.9	-0.8	0.1	72 720	71 021	67,302	8.1
Total Inventories	72,146 13,982	72,824 13,925	14,068	0.4	-1.0	0.1 -0.3	72,730 13,878	71,931 13,957	13,685	1.4
All other durable goods:										
Unfilled Orders Total Inventories	12,812 71,227	12,699 71,212	12,555 71,254	0.9 0.0	1.1 -0.1	0.1 -0.1	12,203 70,200	12,521 70,915	13,032 70,499	-6.4 -0.4
Capital goods ³ : Unfilled Orders	1,050,141	1,032,290	1,014,140	1.7	1.8	0.5	1,053,249	1,026,933	933,886	12.8
Total Inventories	254,057	252,353	251,182	0.7	0.5	0.1	248,121	253,306	241,061	2.9
Nondefense capital goods:										
Unfilled Orders Total Inventories	841,999 229,438	821,452 227,818	802,104 226,966	2.5 0.7	2.4 0.4	0.5 0.2	844,601 223,661	818,472 228,766	728,644 217,983	15.9 2.6
Excluding aircraft:										
Unfilled Orders Total Inventories	270,278 163,721	270,106 162,819	270,119 162,666	0.1 0.6	0.0 0.1	-0.3 -0.1	266,742 159,856	267,395 163,306	270,680 156,005	-1.5 2.5
Defense capital goods:		,,,,,,,,	.,,,,,,,,	1.0			,,,,,,,	,	- ,,,,,,,,,	
Unfilled Orders Total Inventories	208,142 24,619	210,838 24,535	212,036 24,216	-1.3 0.3	-0.6 1.3	0.7 0.0	208,648 24,460	208,461 24,540	205,242 23,078	1.7 6.0
	24,013	24,555	27,210	0.5	1.3	5.0	24,400	24,540	23,078	

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