

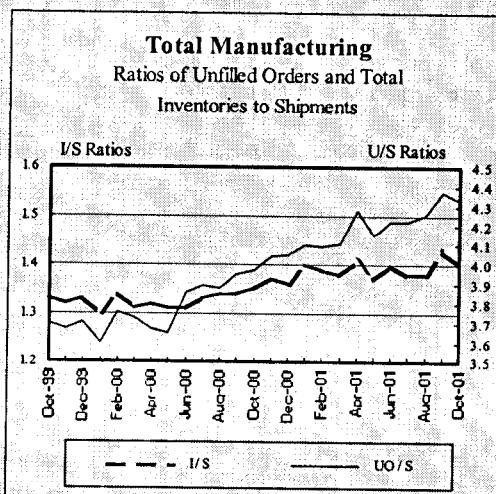
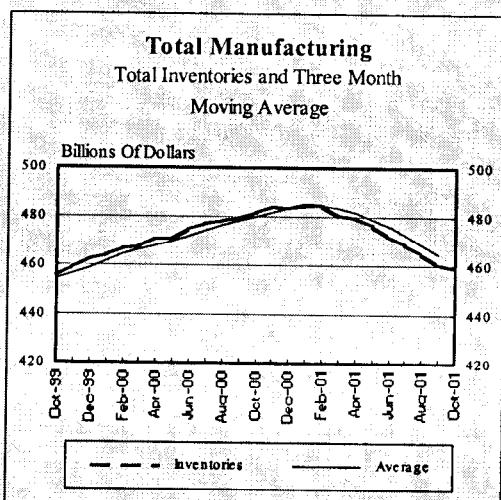
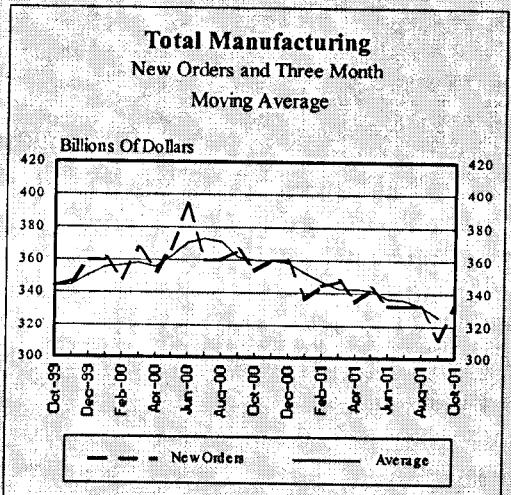
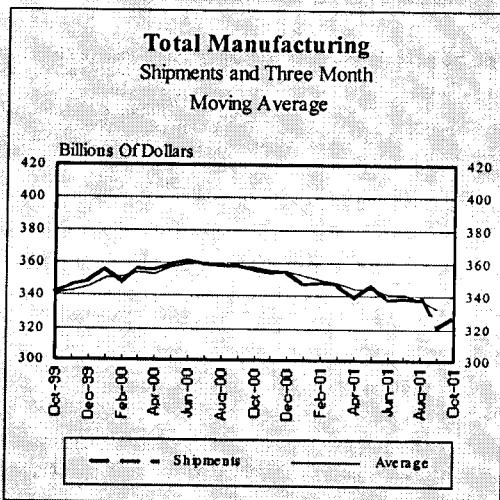
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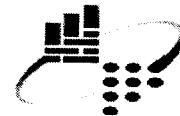
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Summary

New orders for manufactured goods in October increased \$22.2 billion or 7.1 percent to \$333.2 billion, the Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census reported today. This follows a 6.5 percent September decrease and is the first increase since May. Year to date, new orders for 2001 are 7.6 percent below the same period a year ago.

Shipments increased \$7.1 billion or 2.2 percent to \$328.7 billion, following a 4.7 percent September decrease. Year to date, shipments for 2001 are 4.9 percent below the same period a year ago.

Unfilled orders, up for the first time since December 2000, increased \$4.5 billion or 0.8 percent to \$557.1 billion, following a 1.9 percent September decrease. The unfilled orders-to-shipments ratio was 4.33, down from 4.37 in September.

Inventories, down nine consecutive months, decreased \$2.0 billion or 0.4 percent to \$458.7 billion, following a 0.9 percent September decrease. The inventories-to-shipments ratio was 1.40, down from 1.43 in September.

New Orders

New Orders for manufactured durable goods in October, up for the first time since May, increased \$20.9 billion or 12.7 percent to \$184.8 billion revised from the previously published 12.8 percent increase.

Transportation equipment, led by defense aircraft and parts, had the largest increase, \$16.8 billion or 38.9 percent to \$60.1 billion. Computers and electronic products increased \$2.9 billion or 9.9 percent to \$32.2 billion, due to nondefense communications equipment and electronic computers; this is the largest increase since May 2000. Fabricated metals increased \$0.7 billion or 3.4 percent to \$20.0 billion.

New orders for nondurable goods increased \$1.3 billion or 0.9 percent to \$148.4 billion.

Shipments

Shipments of durable goods in October, up for the first time since May, increased \$5.8 billion or 3.3 percent to \$180.2 billion, revised from the previously published 3.2 percent increase.

All durable goods subsectors increased. Transportation equipment had the largest increase, \$3.1 billion or 6.3 percent to \$51.8 billion, due to motor vehicles and parts. Machinery increased \$0.8 billion or 3.4 percent to \$23.3 billion.

Shipments of nondurable goods increased \$1.3 billion or 0.9 percent to \$148.4 billion. Increases in basic chemicals and beverage and tobacco products more than offset a decline in petroleum and coal products.

Unfilled Orders

Unfilled Orders for durable goods in October, up for the first time since December 2000, increased \$4.5 billion or 0.8 percent to \$557.1 billion, revised from the previously published 0.9 percent increase.

Transportation equipment, the only subsector to increase, was up \$8.3 billion or 3.0 percent to \$286.8 billion, due to defense aircraft and parts. Machinery, down nine of the last ten months, decreased \$1.2 billion or 2.1 percent to \$58.1 billion. Computers and electronic products, down eleven consecutive months, decreased \$0.9 billion or 0.7 percent to \$127.2 billion. Primary metals, down four consecutive months, decreased \$0.7 billion or 3.8 percent to \$17.7 billion; this is the largest decrease since October 1998.

Inventories

Inventories of durable goods in October, down nine consecutive months, decreased \$1.2 billion or 0.4 percent to \$290.7 billion.

Computers and electronic products, down eight consecutive months, had the largest decrease, \$0.7 billion or 1.4 percent to \$52.1 billion.

Inventories of nondurable goods, down nine consecutive months, decreased \$0.8 billion or 0.5 percent to \$167.9 billion.

By stage of fabrication, October finished goods decreased 1.0 percent in durables and 0.2 percent in nondurables. Work in process increased 0.1 percent in durables and decreased 2.3 percent in nondurables. Materials and supplies decreased 0.4 percent in durables and increased 0.1 percent in nondurables.

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Table 2. VALUE OF MANUFACTURERS' NEW ORDERS FOR INDUSTRY GROUPS
(Millions of Dollars)

Industry	Seasonally Adjusted						Not Seasonally Adjusted ¹					Percent Change Oct. 01/00	Year to date		
	Monthly		Percent Change			Monthly			Oct. 2000						
	Oct. 2001 ^p	Sept. 2001 ^r	Aug. 2001	Sept. - Oct.	Aug. - Sept.	July - Aug.	Oct. 2001 ^p	Sept. 2001 ^r	Aug. 2001						
All manufacturing industries.....	333,189	310,982	332,439	+7.1	-6.5	-0.1	338,877	330,044	335,619	362,791	-6.6	3,342,775	3,637,250		
Excluding transportation.....	273,094	267,708	280,760	+2.0	-4.6	+0.3	278,703	281,952	283,471	308,924	-9.8	2,826,981	3,049,223		
Excluding defense.....	313,732	303,758	325,851	+3.3	-6.8	+0.2	320,726	322,881	331,193	356,707	-10.1	3,265,077	3,550,000		
Durable goods industries.....	184,750	163,879	180,539	+12.7	-9.2	-0.6	186,055	177,899	178,535	204,126	-8.9	1,823,411	2,095,600		
Primary metals.....	10,834	11,094	11,774	-2.3	-5.8	-1.2	10,756	10,793	11,869	12,838	-16.2	118,923	137,187		
Iron and steel mills.....	4,570	4,967	4,990	-8.0	-0.5	-3.0	4,472	4,704	4,992	5,324	-16.0	51,038	60,203		
Aluminum and nonferrous metals.....	5,051	4,912	5,431	+2.8	-9.6	-1.4	4,992	4,905	5,433	6,073	-17.8	54,970	62,642		
Ferrous metal foundries.....	1,213	1,215	1,353	-0.2	-10.2	+6.1	1,292	1,184	1,444	1,441	-10.3	12,915	14,342		
Fabricated metal products.....	19,955	19,302	20,185	+3.4	-4.4	-1.1	20,289	19,374	21,236	21,729	-6.6	203,316	219,552		
Machinery.....	22,056	22,256	24,034	-0.9	-7.4	+1.8	21,455	23,635	22,991	24,762	-13.4	238,383	257,410		
Construction machinery.....	1,515	1,525	1,761	-0.7	-13.4	+2.0	1,401	1,381	1,585	1,539	-9.0	16,214	17,030		
Mining, oil field, and gas field machinery.....	1,015	1,201	1,150	-15.5	+4.4	+5.9	978	1,272	1,096	879	+11.3	10,897	8,161		
Industrial machinery.....	3,119	2,849	3,170	+9.5	-10.1	+3.6	3,372	2,811	2,825	5,073	-33.5	34,244	45,085		
Photographic equipment.....	1,093	1,203	1,459	-9.1	-17.5	-3.8	1,156	1,373	1,397	1,182	-2.2	13,086	12,051		
Ventilation, heating, air-conditioning, and refrigeration equipment.....	2,517	2,425	2,816	+3.8	-13.9	-0.8	2,359	2,447	2,890	2,639	-10.6	27,163	28,655		
Metalworking machinery.....	2,080	1,891	2,018	+10.0	-6.3	-6.2	2,224	2,236	1,889	2,599	-14.4	21,664	24,886		
Turbines, generators, and other power transmission equipment.....	2,386	2,810	3,081	-15.1	-8.8	+11.6	1,957	3,693	3,073	2,898	-32.5	29,512	33,451		
Material handling equipment.....	1,522	1,659	1,687	-8.3	-1.7	+9.2	1,485	1,711	1,531	1,693	-12.3	16,900	18,467		
Computers and electronic products.....	32,219	29,305	32,010	+9.9	-8.5	+0.2	31,923	35,295	28,235	46,433	-31.2	341,786	462,254		
Electronic computers.....	5,633	4,284	4,922	+31.5	-13.0	-14.1	5,518	4,612	4,421	8,463	-34.8	60,952	78,987		
Nondefense communications equipment.....	5,448	3,448	5,724	+58.0	-39.8	-0.3	5,258	5,463	3,831	9,098	-42.2	57,732	97,031		
Defense communications equipment.....	194	197	198	-1.5	-0.5	-32.2	216	297	158	321	-32.7	2,619	2,752		
Semiconductors.....	5,491	6,630	5,662	-17.2	+17.1	+20.7	6,431	7,322	5,296	10,241	-37.2	62,952	93,080		
Electronic components.....	3,716	3,323	3,569	+11.8	-6.9	-3.4	3,778	3,835	3,729	5,400	-30.0	39,925	64,380		
Nondefense search and navigation equipment.....	619	621	714	-0.3	-13.0	-5.1	564	678	629	848	-33.5	6,566	7,789		
Defense search and navigation equipment.....	1,674	1,805	1,749	-7.3	+3.2	-1.8	1,285	1,818	1,263	1,293	-0.6	15,737	17,404		
Electromedical, measuring, and control instruments.....	5,048	4,769	5,223	+5.9	-8.7	+3.8	4,735	5,508	4,935	6,047	-21.7	51,567	51,449		
Electrical equipment, appliances, and components.....	9,712	9,334	10,413	+4.0	-10.4	-2.2	9,632	10,129	10,185	11,293	-14.7	104,712	112,696		
Electric lighting equipment.....	1,201	958	1,236	+25.4	-22.5	+4.9	1,166	999	1,237	1,161	+0.4	11,627	11,794		
Household appliances.....	2,017	1,934	2,211	+4.3	-12.5	+3.4	1,903	2,040	2,267	1,895	+0.4	19,938	19,615		
Electrical equipment.....	2,890	3,094	3,012	-6.6	+2.7	-1.6	2,831	3,388	2,951	3,142	-9.9	31,403	33,922		
Transportation equipment.....	60,095	43,274	51,679	+38.9	-16.3	-2.1	60,174	48,092	52,148	53,867	+11.7	515,794	588,027		
Motor vehicle bodies, parts, and trailers.....	15,771	15,077	16,407	+4.6	-8.1	-1.9	17,063	15,521	17,435	18,791	-9.2	164,713	185,632		
Nondefense aircraft and parts.....	5,404	3,619	7,081	+49.3	-48.9	-4.7	2,630	6,032	7,005	4,488	-41.4	70,036	83,552		
Defense aircraft and parts.....	15,268	2,586	1,862	490.4	+38.9	-21.6	14,440	2,606	1,174	1,827	690.4	35,276	30,519		
Ships and boats.....	795	1,504	1,942	-47.1	-22.6	+3.1	868	1,596	1,318	1,774	-51.1	18,577	18,543		
Furniture and related products.....	5,578	5,394	5,874	+3.4	-8.2	-2.2	5,808	5,749	6,163	6,675	-13.0	59,502	65,641		

^p Preliminary^r Revised¹ Shipments and new orders are the totals for the period and are adjusted for trading-day and calendar-month variations.

(n) When new orders for a prior month are negative because of cancellations, the percentage change calculation is algebraically negative, even though there is a net dollar increase from the prior month to the current month.

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. Further details on survey design, methodology, and data limitations are contained in our most recent annual benchmark publication, Current Industrial Reports: M3-1(00), "Manufacturers' Shipments, Inventories, and Orders: 1992-2000."

Table 3. VALUE OF MANUFACTURERS' UNFILLED ORDERS FOR INDUSTRY GROUPS
(Millions of Dollars)

Industry	Seasonally Adjusted						Not Seasonally Adjusted				Percent Change Oct. 01/00	
	Monthly			Percent Change			Monthly					
	Oct. 2001 ^p	Sept. 2001 ^r	Aug. 2001	Sept. - Oct.	Aug. - Sept.	July - Aug.	Oct. 2001 ^p	Sept. 2001 ^r	Aug. 2001	Oct. 2000		
All manufacturing industries.....	557,104	552,581	563,172	+0.8	-1.9	-0.9	548,443	546,540	557,559	582,188	-5.8	
Excluding transportation.....	270,270	274,028	279,157	-1.4	-1.8	-1.0	267,671	271,453	277,473	315,330	-15.1	
Excluding defense.....	404,116	411,812	421,981	-1.9	-2.4	-1.0	400,143	409,172	418,923	445,093	-10.1	
Durable goods industries.....	557,104	552,581	563,172	+0.8	-1.9	-0.9	548,443	546,540	557,559	582,188	-5.8	
Primary metals.....	17,726	18,419	18,634	-3.8	-1.2	-0.9	16,742	17,893	18,543	18,924	-11.5	
Iron and steel mills.....	8,501	8,931	8,924	-4.8	+0.1	-1.4	7,898	8,638	8,826	9,213	-14.3	
Aluminum and nonferrous metals.....	6,941	7,191	7,397	-3.5	-2.8	-1.5	6,636	7,029	7,416	7,641	-13.2	
Ferrous metal foundries.....	2,284	2,297	2,313	-0.6	-0.7	+2.5	2,208	2,226	2,301	2,070	+6.7	
Fabricated metal products.....	40,704	41,027	41,619	-0.8	-1.4	-0.9	40,041	41,004	42,034	42,895	-6.7	
Machinery.....	58,083	59,320	59,585	-2.1	-0.4	-1.1	57,603	58,978	59,100	64,472	-10.7	
Construction machinery.....	2,167	2,272	2,323	-4.6	-2.2	+3.5	1,961	2,026	2,146	2,559	-23.4	
Mining, oil field, and gas field machinery.....	1,742	1,797	1,662	-3.1	+8.1	+3.5	1,738	1,812	1,645	1,440	+20.7	
Industrial machinery.....	9,780	9,845	10,198	-0.7	-3.5	-1.9	9,794	9,597	10,263	14,201	-31.0	
Photographic equipment.....	819	824	853	-0.6	-3.4	-0.8	825	822	866	732	+12.7	
Ventilation, heating, air-conditioning, and refrigeration equipment.....	4,573	4,599	4,798	-0.6	-4.1	+1.0	4,352	4,548	4,813	4,848	-10.2	
Metalworking machinery.....	4,231	4,383	4,654	-3.5	-5.8	-4.1	4,199	4,355	4,682	5,850	-28.2	
Turbines, generators, and other power transmission equipment.....	19,629	20,474	19,962	-4.1	+2.6	-2.1	19,759	20,797	19,777	18,325	+7.8	
Material handling equipment.....	6,099	6,093	6,040	+0.1	+0.9	+1.3	5,919	5,958	5,863	6,077	-2.6	
Computers and electronic products.....	127,199	128,078	131,674	-0.7	-2.7	-0.9	126,533	126,688	130,023	156,029	-18.9	
Electronic computers.....	9,551	9,205	10,112	+3.8	-9.0	+0.6	9,537	9,246	10,374	10,152	-6.1	
Nondefense communications equipment.....	38,986	39,238	41,631	-0.6	-5.7	-1.3	38,497	38,524	40,080	46,855	-17.8	
Defense communications equipment.....	2,331	2,423	2,506	-3.8	-3.3	-4.2	2,339	2,389	2,406	2,416	-3.2	
Semiconductors.....	14,758	15,469	15,152	-4.6	+2.1	-2.3	15,733	15,534	15,313	29,829	-47.3	
Electronic components.....	15,898	16,008	16,189	-0.7	-1.1	-3.0	15,980	16,130	16,365	20,928	-23.6	
Nondefense search and navigation equipment.....	4,342	4,444	4,530	-2.3	-1.9	-0.6	4,261	4,370	4,492	5,400	-21.1	
Defense search and navigation equipment.....	29,765	29,810	29,744	-0.2	+0.2	0.0	28,753	29,169	29,195	28,935	-0.6	
Electromedical, measuring, and control instruments.....	11,568	11,481	11,810	+0.8	-2.8	+1.9	11,433	11,326	11,798	11,514	-0.7	
Electrical equipment, appliances, and components.....	16,474	16,865	17,329	-2.3	-2.7	-1.4	16,287	16,471	17,227	19,211	-15.2	
Electric lighting equipment.....	1,577	1,606	1,684	-1.8	-4.6	+2.7	1,558	1,568	1,750	1,513	+3.0	
Household appliances.....	1,132	1,194	1,251	-5.2	-4.6	+2.0	970	1,086	1,136	890	+9.0	
Electrical equipment.....	9,815	9,987	9,929	-1.7	+0.6	+0.1	9,826	9,783	9,898	9,701	+1.3	
Transportation equipment.....	286,834	278,553	284,015	+3.0	-1.9	-0.8	280,772	275,087	280,086	266,858	+5.2	
Motor vehicle bodies, parts, and trailers.....	11,950	12,369	12,594	-3.4	-1.8	-1.4	11,455	11,890	12,228	13,118	-12.7	
Nondefense aircraft and parts.....	141,540	144,333	149,015	-1.9	-3.1	-0.6	139,980	144,421	147,479	135,588	+3.2	
Defense aircraft and parts.....	57,765	44,879	45,178	+28.7	-0.7	-1.9	56,120	44,051	44,700	44,024	+27.5	
Ships and boats.....	21,635	22,672	22,840	-4.6	-0.7	+0.9	20,868	21,883	22,155	19,196	+8.7	
Furniture and related products.....	6,251	6,455	6,608	-3.2	-2.3	-2.4	6,457	6,644	6,810	7,918	-18.5	

^p Preliminary^r Revised

See note at end of Table 2 relating to survey error and revision.

Table 7. RATIOS OF MANUFACTURERS' INVENTORIES TO SHIPMENTS AND UNFILLED ORDERS TO SHIPMENTS, BY INDUSTRY GROUP
(Based on Seasonally Adjusted data)

Industry	Inventory/Shipments ratio				Unfilled Orders/Shipments ratio ¹			
	Oct 2001 ^p	Sep 2001 ^r	Aug 2001	Jul 2001	Oct 2001 ^p	Sep 2001 ^r	Aug 2001	Jul 2001
All manufacturing industries.....	1.40	1.43	1.38	1.38	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Durable goods industries.....	1.61	1.67	1.59	1.59	4.33	4.37	4.26	4.22
Wood products.....	1.31	1.35	1.38	1.38	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Nonmetallic mineral products.....	1.30	1.38	1.28	1.31	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Primary metals.....	1.75	1.80	1.72	1.72	1.54	1.63	1.56	1.55
Fabricated metal products.....	1.66	1.70	1.65	1.67	2.11	2.17	2.13	2.17
Machinery.....	2.14	2.22	2.04	2.06	2.73	2.90	2.64	2.68
Computers and electronic products.....	1.57	1.61	1.66	1.60	4.43	4.47	4.54	4.27
Electrical equipment, appliances, and components.....	1.49	1.53	1.42	1.45	1.72	1.82	1.71	1.77
Transportation equipment.....	1.44	1.52	1.38	1.37	8.96	8.80	8.75	8.70
Furniture and related products.....	1.39	1.47	1.36	1.40	1.22	1.32	1.23	1.26
Miscellaneous products.....	1.87	1.90	1.84	1.88	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Nondurable goods industries.....	1.13	1.15	1.12	1.13	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Food products.....	0.77	0.77	0.77	0.78	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Beverage and tobacco products.....	1.35	1.46	1.38	1.42	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Textiles.....	1.68	1.71	1.68	1.69	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Textile products.....	1.60	1.60	1.61	1.62	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Apparel.....	1.86	1.93	1.91	1.98	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Leather and allied products.....	2.14	2.13	2.10	2.11	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Paper products.....	1.20	1.23	1.19	1.19	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Printing.....	0.75	0.78	0.76	0.78	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Petroleum and coal products.....	0.73	0.71	0.70	0.72	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Basic chemicals.....	1.47	1.50	1.43	1.44	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Plastics and rubber products.....	1.19	1.21	1.18	1.16	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)

^p Preliminary ^r Revised

(X) Not Applicable

¹ Excludes the following industries with no unfilled orders: Wood products; nonmetallic mineral products; medical equipment and supplies; office supplies; other miscellaneous manufacturing; cutlery and handtools; farm and garden machinery; computer storage and peripheral devices; audio and video equipment; manufacturing and reproducing magnetic and optical media; batteries; automobiles; light trucks and utility vehicles; heavy duty trucks; and miscellaneous furniture.

Table 8. REVISIONS TO PREVIOUSLY PUBLISHED MONTHLY PERCENT CHANGES
(Based on Seasonally Adjusted data)

Industry	Shipments			New Orders			Unfilled Orders			Inventories		
	Oct ¹ 2001	Oct ² 1996- 2000	Oct 2000- Sep 2001									
All manufacturing industries.....	(X)	(NA)	(NA)									
Durable goods industries.....	0.1	(NA)	(NA)	-0.1	(NA)	(NA)	-0.1	(NA)	(NA)	0.0	(NA)	(NA)
Wood products.....	(X)	(NA)	(NA)									
Nonmetallic mineral products.....	(X)	(NA)	(NA)									
Primary metals.....	0.2	(NA)	(NA)	0.3	(NA)	(NA)	0.0	(NA)	(NA)	-0.1	(NA)	(NA)
Fabricated metal products.....	0.2	(NA)	(NA)	0.3	(NA)	(NA)	-0.1	(NA)	(NA)	-0.1	(NA)	(NA)
Machinery.....	0.2	(NA)	(NA)	-0.6	(NA)	(NA)	-0.3	(NA)	(NA)	0.0	(NA)	(NA)
Computers and electronic products.....	-0.1	(NA)	(NA)	-0.4	(NA)	(NA)	0.0	(NA)	(NA)	0.0	(NA)	(NA)
Electrical equipment, appliances, and components.....	0.8	(NA)	(NA)	0.2	(NA)	(NA)	-0.3	(NA)	(NA)	0.0	(NA)	(NA)
Transportation equipment.....	0.0	(NA)	(NA)	0.1	(NA)	(NA)	0.0	(NA)	(NA)	0.0	(NA)	(NA)
Furniture and related products.....	(X)	(NA)	(NA)									
Miscellaneous products.....	(X)	(NA)	(NA)									
Nondurable goods industries.....	(X)	(NA)	(NA)									
Food products.....	(X)	(NA)	(NA)									
Beverage and tobacco products.....	(X)	(NA)	(NA)									
Textiles.....	(X)	(NA)	(NA)									
Textile products.....	(X)	(NA)	(NA)									
Apparel.....	(X)	(NA)	(NA)									
Leather and allied products.....	(X)	(NA)	(NA)									
Paper products.....	(X)	(NA)	(NA)									
Printing.....	(X)	(NA)	(NA)									
Petroleum and coal products.....	(X)	(NA)	(NA)									
Basic chemicals.....	(X)	(NA)	(NA)									
Plastics and rubber products.....	(X)	(NA)	(NA)									

(X) Not Applicable

(NA) Not Available

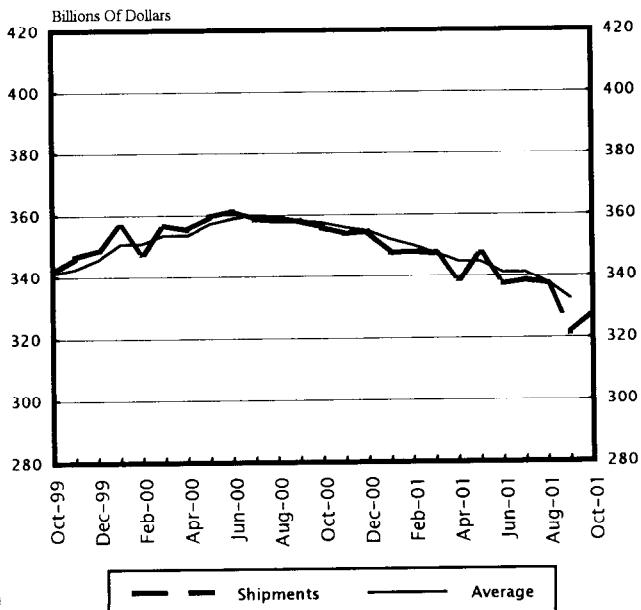
NOTE: The five year and the twelve month revisions are the differences between the month-to-month percent changes of the preliminary and final estimates. The monthly averages are the simple averages of the absolute values of the differences for the months specified. The advance to final percent change revisions for the durable goods industries are shown in the advance report for the month.

¹ The current month revisions are the difference between the advance percent change and the percent change as shown in this publication.

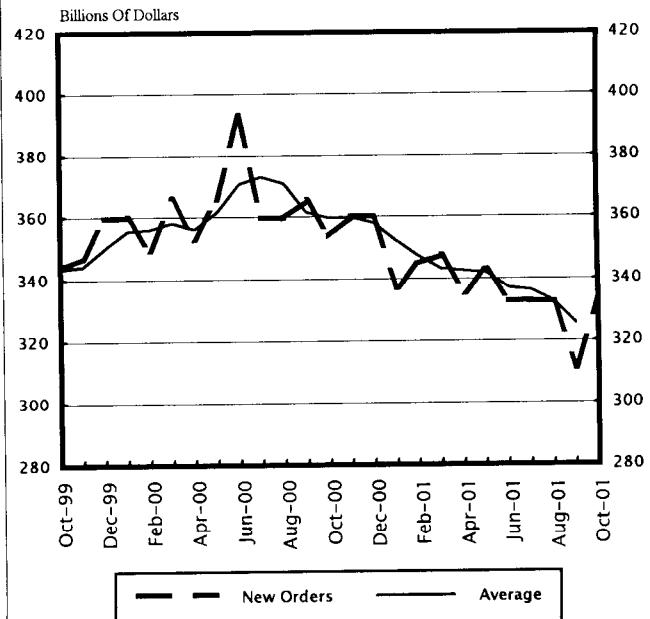
² Average revisions of the current month for the past five years.

See note at end of Table 2 relating to survey error and revision. In Table 8, the second column for each item represents the average revisions of the current month for the past five years.

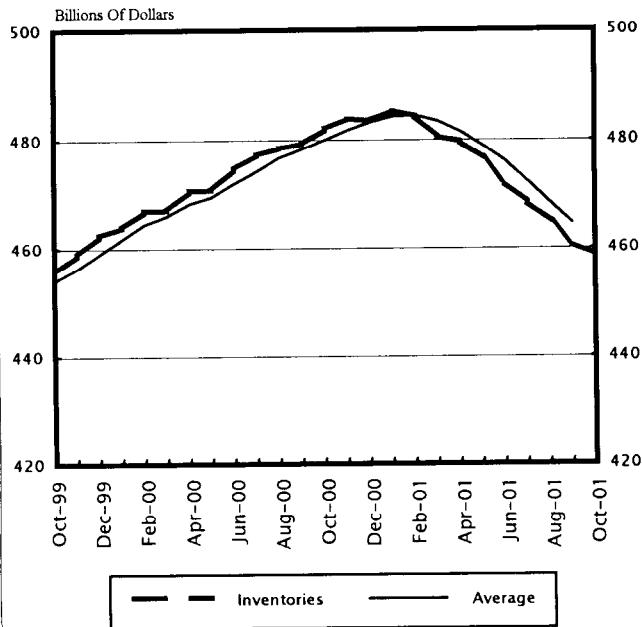
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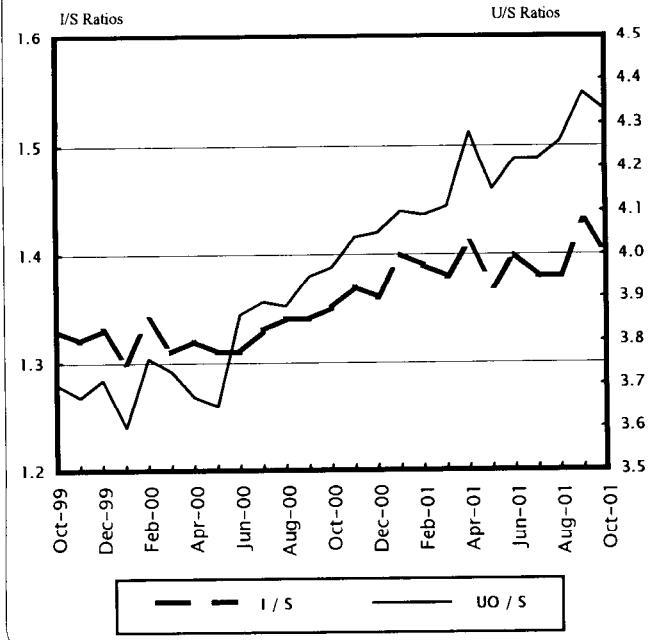
Total Manufacturing
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Total Manufacturing
Total Inventories and Three Month
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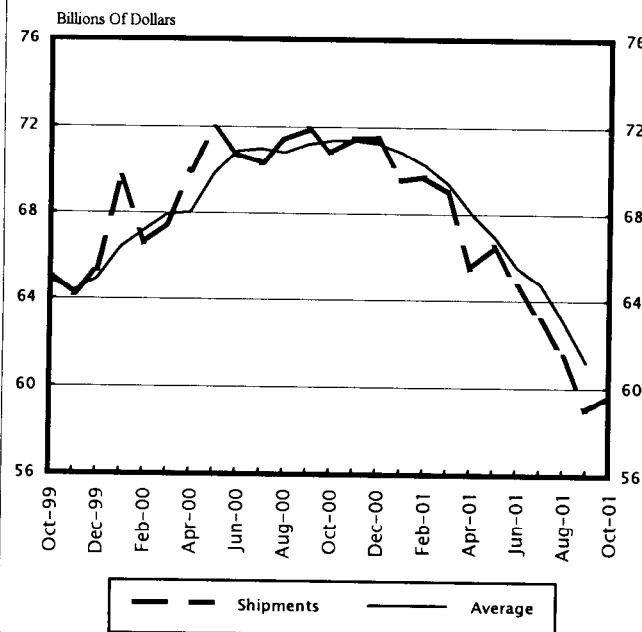


Total Manufacturing
Ratios of Unfilled Orders and Total
Inventories to Shipments

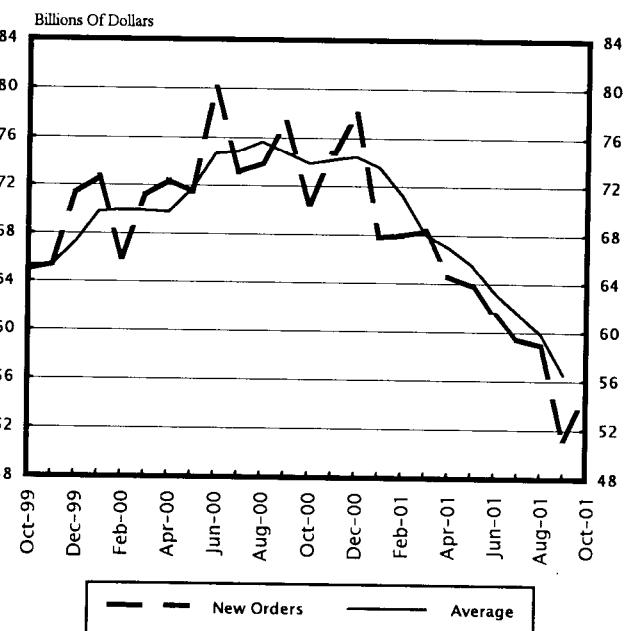


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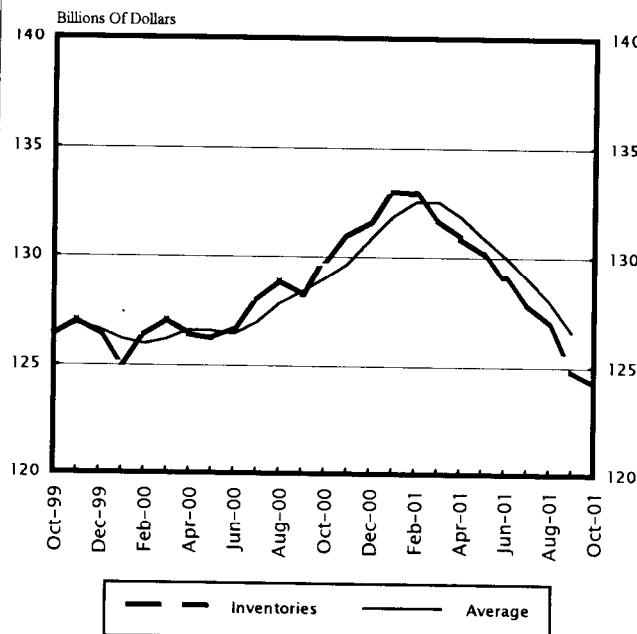
**Nondefense Capital Goods
Shipments and Three Month
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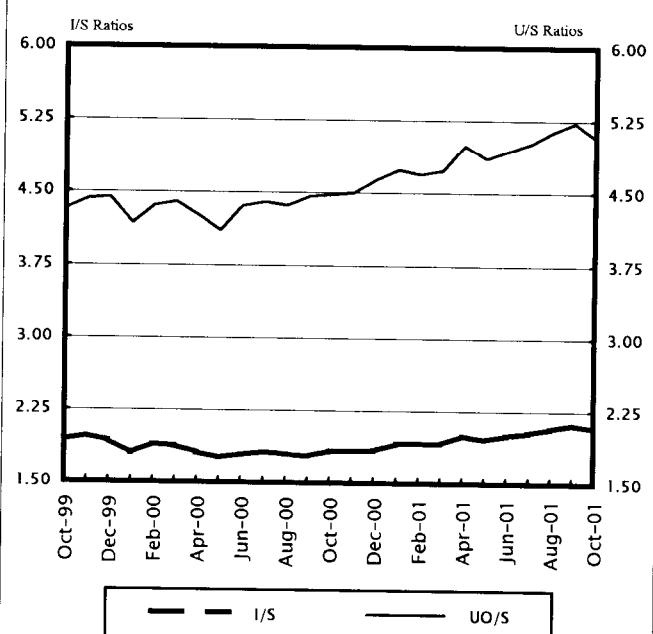
**Nondefense Capital Goods
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**Nondefense Capital Goods
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**Nondefense Capital Goods
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