

**Table 979. Manufacturers' Shipments, Inventories, and New Orders:  
1992 to 2006**

[In billions of dollars (2,904 represents \$2,904,000,000,000), except ratio. Based on a sample survey; for methodology, see source]

Year	Shipments	Inventories (Dec. 31) <sup>1</sup>	Ratio of inventories to shipments <sup>2</sup>	New orders	Unfilled orders (Dec. 31)
1992 .....	2,904	370	1.57	(NA)	448
1993 .....	3,020	371	1.51	2,960	422
1994 .....	3,238	391	1.48	3,200	431
1995 .....	3,480	415	1.47	3,427	443
1996 .....	3,597	421	1.44	3,567	485
1997 .....	3,835	433	1.39	3,780	508
1998 .....	3,900	439	1.38	3,808	492
1999 .....	4,032	453	1.38	3,957	501
2000 .....	4,209	470	1.37	4,161	545
2001 .....	3,970	417	1.29	3,872	510
2002 .....	3,915	412	1.30	3,802	458
2003 .....	4,015	398	1.22	3,964	474
2004 .....	4,309	428	1.22	4,255	492
2005 .....	4,735	466	1.21	4,735	567
2006 .....	4,940	496	1.24	4,975	682

NA Not available. <sup>1</sup> Inventories are stated at current cost. <sup>2</sup> Ratio based on December seasonally adjusted data.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, *Current Industrial Reports, Benchmark Report for Manufacturers' Shipments, Inventories, and Orders: January 2001 through December 2006*, Series M3-3 (06) (released May 2007); see <<http://www.census.gov/indicator/www/m3-3>>. See also <<http://www.census.gov/indicator/www/m3/PastPressReleases/Prel/2006/dec06prel.pdf>>(released 02 February 2007).