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# Advance Report on Durable Goods Manufacturers' Shipments, Inventories and Orders June 2009 

## New Orders

New orders for manufactured durable goods in June decreased $\$ 4.1$ billion or 2.5 percent to $\$ 158.6$ billion, the U.S. Census Bureau announced today. This decrease followed two consecutive monthly increases including a 1.3 percent May increase. Excluding transportation, new orders increased 1.1 percent. Excluding defense, new orders decreased 0.7 percent.

Transportation equipment, down following two consecutive monthly increases, had the largest decrease, $\$ 5.3$ billion or 12.8 percent to $\$ 36.5$ billion.

## Shipments

Shipments of manufactured durable goods in June, down eleven consecutive months, decreased $\$ 0.3$ billion or 0.2 percent to $\$ 168.3$ billion. This was the longest streak of consecutive monthly decreases since the series was first published on a NAICS basis in 1992 and followed a 2.6 percent May decrease.

Computers and electronic products, down five of the last six months, had the largest decrease, $\$ 0.4$ billion or 1.6 percent to $\$ 27.4$ billion.

## Unfilled Orders

Unfilled orders for manufactured durable goods in June, down nine consecutive months, decreased \$6.6 billion or 0.9 percent to $\$ 740.1$ billion. This followed a 0.3 percent May decrease.

Transportation equipment, down nine consecutive months, had the largest decrease, $\$ 5.9$ billion or 1.3 percent to $\$ 433.3$ billion.

## Inventories

Inventories of manufactured durable goods in June, down six consecutive months, decreased $\$ 3.0$ billion or 0.9 percent to $\$ 318.8$ billion. This followed a 1.1 percent May decrease.

Computers and electronic products, down six consecutive months, had the largest decrease, \$0.8 billion or 1.7 percent to $\$ 44.8$ billion.

## Capital Goods

Nondefense new orders for capital goods in June decreased $\$ 1.8$ billion or 3.4 percent to $\$ 51.3$ billion. Shipments decreased $\$ 0.1$ billion or 0.1 percent to $\$ 55.8$ billion. Unfilled orders decreased $\$ 4.5$ billion or 1.1 percent to $\$ 424.8$ billion. Inventories decreased $\$ 0.7$ billion or 0.5 percent to $\$ 140.6$ billion.

Defense new orders for capital goods in June decreased $\$ 3.4$ billion or 28.3 percent to $\$ 8.6$ billion. Shipments increased $\$ 0.4$ billion or 4.3 percent to $\$ 10.8$ billion. Unfilled orders decreased $\$ 2.2$ billion or 1.5 percent to $\$ 142.2$ billion. Inventories decreased $\$ 0.1$ billion or 0.4 percent to $\$ 20.2$ billion.

## Revised May Data

Revised seasonally adjusted May figures for all manufacturing industries were: new orders, \$346.9 billion (revised from $\$ 347.9$ billion); shipments, $\$ 352.9$ billion (revised from $\$ 353.3$ billion); unfilled orders, $\$ 746.7$ billion (revised from $\$ 747.3$ billion); and total inventories, $\$ 512.8$ billion (revised from $\$ 513.3$ billion).

Figures in text are in seasonally adjusted current dollars. Figures on new and unfilled orders exclude data for semiconductor manufacturing. For data, call (301) 763-4673 or go to [http://www.census.gov/m3](http://www.census.gov/m3).

Revised and more detailed estimates, plus nondurable goods data, will be published on August 5, 2009, at 10:00 a.m. EDT. The advance report on durable goods for July is scheduled for release on August 26, 2009, at 8:30 a.m. EDT. See back page for survey description.

Table 1. Durable Goods Manufacturers' Shipments and New Orders [Millions of Dollars]


## NA Not Available ${ }^{r}$ Revised

 adjusted for trading-day or calendar-month variations.






 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.
${ }^{4}$ Data on new and unfilled orders are not available for the semiconductor industry. Estimates and percent changes for new orders and unfilled orders exclude semiconductor industry data. Inventories for semiconductor industry data are included in computers and electronic products and total durable goods industries, but are not shown separately.

Table 2. Durable Goods Manufacturers' Unfilled Orders and Total Inventories [Millions of Dollars]

| Item | Seasonally Adjusted |  |  |  |  |  | Not Seasonally Adjusted ${ }^{1}$ |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Monthly |  |  | Percent Change |  |  | Monthly |  |  | $\begin{gathered} \hline \text { Percent } \\ \text { Change } \\ 2009 / \\ 2008 \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ |
|  | $\begin{gathered} \text { Jun } \\ 2009^{2} \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { May } \\ 2009^{\text {r }} \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Apr } \\ 2009 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { May - } \\ & \text { Jun²}^{2} \end{aligned}$ | Apr May ${ }^{\text {r }}$ | Mar Apr | $\begin{gathered} \text { Jun } \\ 2009^{2} \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { May } \\ 2009{ }^{\text {r }} \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Jun } \\ & 2008 \end{aligned}$ |  |
| DURABLE GOODS |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Total: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Unfilled Orders ${ }^{4}$. | 740,140 | 746,712 | 749,081 | -0.9 | -0.3 | -1.1 | 740,757 | 751,059 | 819,678 | -9.6 |
| Total Inventories. | 318,802 | 321,766 | 325,404 | -0.9 | -1.1 | -1.2 | 314,817 | 322,943 | 330,660 | -4.8 |
| Excluding transportation: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Unfilled Orders ${ }^{4}$. | 306,845 | 307,508 | 309,651 | -0.2 | -0.7 | -1.4 | 308,073 | 311,277 | 358,673 | -14.1 |
| Total Inventories............................ | 225,383 | 228,532 | 231,949 | -1.4 | -1.5 | -1.8 | 222,425 | 229,050 | 244,121 | -8.9 |
| Excluding defense: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Unfilled Orders ${ }^{4}$. | 581,822 | 586,314 | 590,225 | -0.8 | -0.7 | -1.6 | 582,090 | 589,680 | 663,841 | -12.3 |
| Total Inventories..................... | 292,671 | 295,519 | 299,143 | -1.0 | -1.2 | -1.4 | 288,688 | 296,538 | 306,075 | -5.7 |
| Manufacturing with unfilled orders: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Unfilled Orders ${ }^{4}$... | 740,140 | 746,712 | 749,081 | -0.9 | -0.3 | -1.1 | 740,757 | 751,059 | 819,678 | -9.6 |
| Total Inventories..................... | 256,301 | 258,960 | 261,835 | -1.0 | -1.1 | -1.2 | 253,338 | 260,103 | 265,041 | -4.4 |
| Primary metals: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Unfilled Orders.. | 14,199 | 13,536 | 13,960 | 4.9 | -3.0 | -5.5 | 14,520 | 13,878 | 29,826 | -51.3 |
| Total Inventories..................... | 26,347 | 27,073 | 27,958 | -2.7 | -3.2 | -3.6 | 26,108 | 26,889 | 33,543 | -22.2 |
| Fabricated metal products: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Unfilled Orders...................... | 49,885 | 50,790 | 51,571 | -1.8 | -1.5 | -1.5 | 50,908 | 52,344 | 63,911 | -20.3 |
| Total Inventories..................... | 38,992 | 39,665 | 40,410 | -1.7 | -1.8 | -2.4 | 38,662 | 39,515 | 43,445 | -11.0 |
| Machinery: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Unfilled Orders Total Inventories. | 87,657 51,383 | 87,633 51,684 | 88,463 52,349 | 0.0 -0.6 | -0.9 -1.3 | -2.3 -1.5 | 87,134 50,557 | 88,268 51,917 | 101,339 53,300 | -14.0 -5.1 |
| Computers and electronic products: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Unfilled Orders ${ }^{4}$.. | 123,742 | 123,824 | 123,303 | -0.1 | 0.4 | -0.2 | 123,729 | 124,477 | 124,422 | -0.6 |
| Total Inventories..................... | 44,787 | 45,576 | 45,970 | -1.7 | -0.9 | -0.7 | 43,742 | 45,954 | 45,427 | -3.7 |
| Computers and related products: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Total Inventories......................... | 4,343 | 4,406 | 4,599 | -1.4 | -4.2 | -2.0 | 4,160 | 4,568 | 4,887 | -14.9 |
| Communications equipment: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Unfilled Orders...................... | 37,323 | 37,666 | 37,283 | -0.9 | 1.0 | 0.8 | 37,450 | 38,188 | 37,358 | 0.2 |
| Total Inventories..................... | 9,867 | 10,474 | 10,327 | -5.8 | 1.4 | 0.3 | 9,441 | 10,588 | 9,275 | 1.8 |
| Semiconductors: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Total Inventories ${ }^{4}$. | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) |
| Electrical equipment, appliances, and components: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Unfilled Orders................. | 20,072 | 20,333 | 20,693 | -1.3 | -1.7 | -2.4 | 20,159 | 20,643 | 25,659 | -21.4 |
| Total Inventories..................... | 12,970 | 13,194 | 13,390 | -1.7 | -1.5 | -2.2 | 12,857 | 13,369 | 15,177 | -15.3 |
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|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Total Inventories..................... | 93,419 | 93,234 | 93,455 | 0.2 | -0.2 | 0.3 | 92,392 | 93,893 | 86,539 | 6.8 |
| Motor vehicles and parts: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Unfilled Orders...................... | 14,616 | 14,724 | 14,853 | -0.7 | -0.9 | -1.6 | 14,382 | 14,711 | 17,251 | -16.6 |
| Total Inventories.................... | 18,909 | 18,951 | 19,315 | -0.2 | -1.9 | -2.4 | 18,626 | 18,968 | 23,369 | -20.3 |
| Nondefense Aircraft and parts: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Total Inventories.......................... | 47,617 | 47,122 | 47,038 | 1.1 | 0.2 | 0.8 | 47,005 | 47,537 | 37,431 | 25.6 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Total Inventories.......................... | 15,525 | 15,482 | 15,543 | 0.3 | -0.4 | 2.2 | 15,602 | 15,591 | 14,594 | 6.9 |
| All other durable goods: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Unfilled Orders...................... | 11,290 | 11,392 | 11,661 | -0.9 | $-2.3$ | -0.6 | 11,623 | 11,667 | 13,516 | -14.0 |
| Total Inventories.................... | 50,904 | 51,340 | 51,872 | -0.8 | -1.0 | -1.5 | 50,499 | 51,406 | 53,229 | -5.1 |
| Capital goods: ${ }^{3}$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Unfilled Orders. | 566,969 | 573,697 | 574,815 | -1.2 | -0.2 | -1.2 | 566,953 | 576,123 | 614,154 | -7.7 |
| Total Inventories..................... | 160,743 | 161,493 | 162,614 | -0.5 | -0.7 | -0.3 | 158,418 | 162,546 | 154,172 | 2.8 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Unfilled Orders...................... | 424,756 | 429,270 | 432,025 | -1.1 | -0.6 | -1.8 | 424,494 | 430,859 | 474,357 | -10.5 |
| Total Inventories | 140,584 | 141,246 | 142,341 | -0.5 | -0.8 | -0.5 | 138,338 | 142,250 | 134,987 | 2.5 |
| Excluding aircraft: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Unfilled Orders.................. | 176,092 | 177,092 | 178,748 | -0.6 | -0.9 | -2.2 | 176,457 | 179,109 | 202,876 | -13.0 |
| Total Inventories................. | 102,502 | 103,670 | 104,797 | -1.1 | -1.1 | -1.2 | 100,760 | 104,427 | 105,867 | -4.8 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Unfilled Orders...................... | 142,213 | 144,427 | 142,790 | -1.5 | 1.1 | 0.7 | 142,459 | 145,264 | 139,797 | 1.9 |
| Total Inventories..................... | 20,159 | 20,247 | 20,273 | -0.4 | -0.1 | 1.0 | 20,080 | 20,296 | 19,185 | 4.7 |

See footnotes at end of Table 1

## Survey Description

This report is compiled from results of the U.S. Census Bureau's Manufacturers' Shipments, Inventories, and Orders (M3) survey. This survey provides statistics on 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-in-process, and finished goods). The M3 includes approximately 4,300 reporting units. Units may be divisions of diversified large companies, large homogenous companies, or single-unit manufacturers in 89 industry categories. Due to the small monthly sample, these 89 categories have been combined into 59 publication levels. The survey methodology assumes that the month-tomonth changes of the total operations of those companies in the monthly survey effectively represent the month-tomonth movements of all establishments that make up the category. The current coverage levels in the survey show that reported data in the monthly survey represent approximately 61 percent of the shipments estimates at the total manufacturing level. Data published represent manufacturing in a calendar month. The data collection is based on a voluntary survey authorized by Title 13 of the United States Code.

The data presented in this release are based on data obtained from a panel of 4,300 reporting units and provide an indication of the activity within the manufacturing sector. The results differ from what would be obtained from a complete enumeration of all manufacturing companies. In addition, a different panel of 4,300 companies would yield different results. The M3 panel is comprised of companies with $\$ 500$ million or more in shipments and a limited number of smaller companies. From a statistical perspective, the panel is not 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-tomonth 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: http://www.census.gov/m3.

