

**Table 982. Manufacturers' Shipments, Inventories, and New Orders:
1995 to 2008**

[In billions of dollars (3,480 represents \$3,480,000,000,000), except ratio. Based on a sample survey; for methodology, see source]

Year	Shipments	Inventories (Dec. 31) ¹	Ratio of inventories to shipments ²	New orders	Unfilled orders (Dec. 31)
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	3,873	510
2002	3,915	412	1.30	3,802	458
2003	4,015	398	1.22	3,964	474
2004	4,309	429	1.23	4,255	493
2005	4,742	460	1.20	4,745	570
2006	5,020	497	1.22	5,038	658
2007	5,081	516	1.25	5,131	772
2008	5,183	528	1.25	5,152	799

¹ Inventories are stated at current cost. ² Ratio based on December seasonally adjusted data.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, *Current Industrial Reports, Benchmark Report for Manufacturers' Shipments, Inventories, and Orders: January 2004 through December 2007*, Series M3-3 (07) (released May 2009); U.S. Census Bureau, "Full Report on Manufacturers' Shipments, Inventories and Orders: February 2008–January 2009." See also <<http://www.census.gov/indicator/www/m3/>>.