

# News Release



Date: 5 August 2005  
No. : 165/2005  
Time of release: 11.00 hrs

**Theme:**  
**Industry and Services**

**Compiled by:**  
**Business Statistics Unit**  
e-mail: [stbs.nso@gov.mt](mailto:stbs.nso@gov.mt)  
Tel: 25997339



27 November 2005

The monthly calendar of NSO News Releases may be consulted on the Office's website at [www.nso.gov.mt](http://www.nso.gov.mt)

## Business

### Industrial new orders - May 2005

The industrial new orders indicator is compiled with the objective of showing the development of demand for goods and services (which are directly linked to these products) as an indication of future production.

The NSO has undertaken a revision of turnover weights in order to improve the quality of the monthly short-term index (and subsequently the quarter index) on industry. This will affect only the manufacturing index. The weights on total turnover has been slightly refined, whilst that on the breakdown on domestic and non-domestic turnover has been greatly modified. The new order index uses turnover weights (having total, domestic and non domestic components) and that is the weighting structure recommended by Eurostat.

### Annual Changes

In May 2005, as compared to May 2004, an overall drop of 17.9 per cent was registered in the total industrial new orders index. The domestic new orders index registered an increase of 30.1 per cent while new orders for export decreased by 17.6 per cent.

Increases were registered in, amongst others, the manufacture of chemicals and chemical products and of fabricated metal products, except machinery. On the other hand, decreases were registered among others in the manufacture of textiles and textile products and wearing apparel 2.5 and 65.3 per cent respectively.

With regard to domestic new orders, an increase in most NACE divisions was registered in the same period. This took place in the manufacture of pulp, paper and paper products and in the manufacture of other transport equipment among others. The most pronounced drop occurred in the manufacture of wearing apparel of 80.4 per cent. Increases in new orders for export were recorded, among others, in the manufacture of chemicals and chemical products and the manufacture of motor vehicles, trailers and semi-trailers. This was equivalent to 74.8 per cent and 48.5 per cent respectively. On the other hand decreases were seen in the manufacture of textiles and textile products and wearing apparel among others.

### Monthly Changes

In May 2005, as compared to the previous month, total new orders registered a drop across most NACE divisions.

With regard to indices for domestic new orders, month/month percentage decreases were recorded in most NACE divisions with the exception of the manufacture of fabricated metal products, except machinery and manufacture of electrical machinery and apparatus among others. Month/month new orders for export decreased, principally with regard to the manufacture of textile and textile products. The manufacture of fabricated metal products, except machinery increased together with other NACE divisions ■

**National Statistics Office**  
**Library & Information Unit**  
Lascaris, Valletta CMR 02, Malta  
Tel: (+356) 25997219  
Fax: (+356) 25997205  
e-mail: [nso@gov.mt](mailto:nso@gov.mt)  
<http://www.nso.gov.mt>

Table 1. Indices for total industrial new orders: January 2004- May 2005

	Year	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual % change
<b>Total new orders</b>														
Capital Goods	<b>2004</b>	93.5	105.6	169.3	105.5	143.5	103.5	102.9	108.7	118.8	463.4	250.6	136.1	54.5
	<b>2005</b>	230.2	426.2	170.6	171.9	221.7								
Consumer Durable Goods	<b>2004</b>	70.7	52.4	73.7	74.8	84.5	78.6	75.9	55.2	81.3	51.6	26.8	31.3	-23.7
	<b>2005</b>	43.4	84.1	84.1	65.6	64.5								
Consumer Non-Durable Goods	<b>2004</b>	202.5	218.3	174.5	173.1	153.4	129.0	110.2	82.2	82.0	198.7	110.1	131.5	-14.1
	<b>2005</b>	94.6	126.6	126.6	115.0	131.7	134.1							
Intermediate Goods	<b>2004</b>	76.0	92.5	74.4	81.8	94.0	69.8	83.2	73.0	86.7	79.7	88.8	95.3	-30.0
	<b>2005</b>	61.5	68.1	77.4	25.2	65.8								
<b>Total Industry</b>	<b>2004</b>	82.2	99.8	81.6	86.3	100.0	76.8	87.8	77.1	91.5	118.8	97.4	97.7	-17.9
	<b>2005</b>	72.0	92.3	87.8	41.1	82.1								
<b>Domestic new orders</b>														
Capital Goods	<b>2004</b>	34.5	33.2	63.2	49.6	39.7	46.4	83.0	49.8	38.0	48.3	52.7	34.5	179.1
	<b>2005</b>	34.2	87.5	115.8	121.6	110.8								
Consumer Durable Goods	<b>2004</b>	34.0	37.6	43.6	34.2	33.9	32.1	24.7	10.4	15.8	4.6	8.0	8.2	-69.3
	<b>2005</b>	10.8	9.9	13.3	11.7	10.4								
Consumer Non-Durable Goods	<b>2004</b>	313.2	524.1	318.5	404.7	387.4	231.5	236.4	148.3	170.3	293.8	207.5	203.5	-44.0
	<b>2005</b>	156.5	278.2	195.6	204.6	216.9								
Intermediate Goods	<b>2004</b>	189.0	236.8	173.9	247.9	183.8	175.1	205.2	144.9	229.1	152.0	189.0	124.4	24.4
	<b>2005</b>	183.4	172.5	204.1	101.9	228.6								
<b>Total Industry</b>	<b>2004</b>	64.6	99.1	93.7	88.8	90.8	85.6	102.3	65.4	64.4	61.4	66.6	57.9	30.1
	<b>2005</b>	61.4	83.0	102.7	448.2	118.1								
<b>Export new orders</b>														
Capital Goods	<b>2004</b>	139.8	175.8	320.6	155.8	205.9	152.8	180.0	155.0	176.6	597.0	353.6	181.6	81.9
	<b>2005</b>	409.2	857.2	267.1	711.8	374.6								
Consumer Durable Goods	<b>2004</b>	140.9	88.8	144.4	133.2	184.7	170.8	168.0	140.2	195.3	133.2	59.3	71.0	-16.6
	<b>2005</b>	95.6	171.7	203.6	154.4	154.1								
Consumer Non-Durable Goods	<b>2004</b>	146.1	136.5	124.7	131.0	105.6	101.9	91.9	72.2	68.2	153.1	89.6	106.2	21.1
	<b>2005</b>	67.5	99.1	128.9	123.2	127.9								
Intermediate Goods	<b>2004</b>	71.0	87.8	72.4	75.5	89.1	65.3	78.9	70.3	82.0	76.2	86.3	91.2	-30.2
	<b>2005</b>	58.7	64.6	74.2	63.3	62.2								
<b>Total Industry</b>	<b>2004</b>	80.9	98.0	81.2	83.3	97.5	72.9	86.6	75.7	90.2	109.3	93.3	95.7	-17.6
	<b>2005</b>	71.5	93.1	85.8	92.9	80.3								

Table 2. Total industrial new orders: Indices for January 2004- May 2005

Nace	Year	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual % change
17	<b>2004</b> <b>2005</b>	144.6 95.0	155.5 104.9	265.6 95.2	191.4 91.8	87.1 84.9	78.2	103.4	102.1	107.1	229.2	89.8	99.2	<b>-2.5</b>
18	<b>2004</b> <b>2005</b>	84.2 83.3	169.8 71.1	139.6 80.4	148.1 77.0	208.8 72.5	167.2	112.3	41.3	52.6	72.6	73.4	83.4	<b>-65.3</b>
21	<b>2004</b> <b>2005</b>	79.7 53.6	96.6 98.0	57.2 109.8	50.3 104.1	56.8 103.7	68.1	142.1	107.7	104.4	103.0	107.7	103.0	<b>82.6</b>
24	<b>2004</b> <b>2005</b>	209.2 104.0	198.5 136.1	93.0 197.1	117.7 190.1	121.3 185.3	112.2	88.0	111.1	115.8	126.7	125.4	93.5	<b>52.8</b>
28	<b>2004</b> <b>2005</b>	94.0 132.9	59.4 164.1	107.3 179.1	151.4 180.3	39.9 195.9	41.0	90.3	40.4	54.1	39.4	57.2	136.2	<b>391.0</b>
29	<b>2004</b> <b>2005</b>	24.5 36.4	39.7 23.9	186.3 48.3	37.1 24.8	112.8 115.4	46.1	24.3	32.5	29.2	41.9	138.4	99.5	<b>2.3</b>
31	<b>2004</b> <b>2005</b>	159.8 180.9	94.6 361.0	160.3 165.1	253.2 361.3	259.0 240.9	232.8	160.1	122.6	243.4	81.4	158.7	474.9	<b>-7.0</b>
32	<b>2004</b> <b>2005</b>	66.0 48.1	86.8 49.9	62.3 67.9	65.7 66.0	82.3 55.1	60.5	77.5	67.1	76.7	81.9	74.7	73.8	<b>-33.0</b>
33	<b>2004</b> <b>2005</b>	80.6 77.9	96.5 91.6	94.9 79.4	95.3 106.7	97.3 118.0	57.9	73.3	71.2	86.1	74.2	69.0	50.6	<b>21.3</b>
34	<b>2004</b> <b>2005</b>	18.1 8.6	19.4 22.7	8.5 17.1	12.5 18.8	15.8 17.1	5.2	11.5	6.9	11.3	5.3	20.3	13.7	<b>8.2</b>
35	<b>2004</b> <b>2005</b>	111.3 284.5	131.8 351.2	141.3 271.5	181.5 230.9	109.9 268.1	178.2	67.6	139.1	185.5	101.9	409.9	49.4	<b>143.9</b>

**Table 3. Domestic industrial new orders: Indices for January 2004- May 2005**

<b>Nace</b>	<b>Year</b>	<b>Jan</b>	<b>Feb</b>	<b>Mar</b>	<b>Apr</b>	<b>May</b>	<b>June</b>	<b>July</b>	<b>Aug</b>	<b>Sep</b>	<b>Oct</b>	<b>Nov</b>	<b>Dec</b>	<b>Annual % change</b>
17	<b>2004</b> <b>2005</b>	29.4 25.0	36.1 41.9	53.3 31.4	45.8 20.2	37.8 60.1	36.1	29.2	19.4	22.1	37.1	40.0	35.2	<b>59.0</b>
18	<b>2004</b> <b>2005</b>	89.9 117.7	368.4 95.0	277.5 114.6	313.8 101.5	516.4 101.0	368.2	221.5	64.5	69.8	78.1	95.5	134.6	<b>-80.4</b>
21	<b>2004</b> <b>2005</b>	48.8 33.0	59.1 59.9	34.2 67.1	30.9 63.7	34.8 63.4	41.8	83.9	65.1	62.7	63.1	65.8	62.2	<b>82.2</b>
24	<b>2004</b> <b>2005</b>	113.1 78.7	148.4 81.5	111.9 105.1	118.8 96.0	108.4 91.6	102.2	140.3	89.3	113.8	90.1	79.9	64.1	<b>-15.5</b>
28	<b>2004</b> <b>2005</b>	34.3 95.4	57.8 136.5	72.7 130.9	38.8 184.9	57.8 193.3	58.6	130.9	58.9	49.6	54.5	60.0	52.4	<b>234.4</b>
29	<b>2004</b> <b>2005</b>	32.3 23.2	60.1 26.1	61.0 64.1	37.6 47.4	36.2 51.5	69.5	43.9	49.5	26.6	32.4	25.0	17.1	<b>42.3</b>
31	<b>2004</b> <b>2005</b>	343.0 296.8	201.8 180.1	420.8 384.9	737.7 436.0	610.8 440.7	551.4	660.4	434.3	464.8	178.9	272.8	631.6	<b>-27.8</b>
32	<b>2004</b> <b>2005</b>	54.5 92.8	49.1 80.2	20.1 347.4	50.3 264.5	40.8 110.4	106.5	75.9	94.5	63.7	81.6	93.6	92.7	<b>170.6</b>
33	<b>2004</b> <b>2005</b>	80.1 0.0	99.8 128.3	95.4 158.9	97.6 233.6	76.8 489.3	122.1	97.6	155.6	223.3	109.7	201.6	175.0	<b>537.1</b>
34	<b>2004</b> <b>2005</b>	36.1 11.6	14.9 25.3	18.3 23.2	23.0 19.0	17.2 15.1	11.9	19.7	20.5	11.9	13.4	22.7	25.1	<b>-12.2</b>
35	<b>2004</b> <b>2005</b>	46.1 55.9	10.1 3.1	54.0 245.6	115.6 172.9	45.4 203.9	117.9	136.5	84.7	97.1	119.4	126.3	128.0	<b>349.1</b>

Table 4. Export industrial new orders: Indices for January 2004- May 2005

Nace	Year	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual % change
17	<b>2004</b> <b>2005</b>	247.5 125.6	260.2 132.9	440.2 123.3	317.8 122.9	117.1 97.1	97.3	138.4	139.6	145.7	392.5	112.4	128.3	<b>-17.1</b>
18	<b>2004</b> <b>2005</b>	79.5 55.8	131.1 53.9	95.0 54.4	90.0 54.9	117.4 49.8	147.3	138.1	26.3	39.5	56.4	55.7	48.7	<b>-57.6</b>
21	<b>2004</b> <b>2005</b>	0.0 0.0	0.0 0.0	156.2 0.0	0.0 0.0	0.0 0.0	0.0	530.0	173.4	205.5	0.0	0.0	205.5	<b>0.0</b>
24	<b>2004</b> <b>2005</b>	220.5 111.1	197.6 142.4	137.3 210.3	105.9 204.6	114.4 200.0	52.8	64.0	106.4	106.4	126.3	129.4	96.6	<b>74.8</b>
28	<b>2004</b> <b>2005</b>	355.9 277.7	150.1 230.9	222.9 305.9	207.3 212.5	26.7 337.5	30.6	26.7	14.2	94.5	17.9	80.1	8.6	<b>1164.0</b>
29	<b>2004</b> <b>2005</b>	13.5 33.1	21.0 16.4	203.5 44.5	20.7 17.9	121.2 132.6	20.2	12.9	20.5	24.4	30.5	164.9	115.2	<b>9.4</b>
31	<b>2004</b> <b>2005</b>	158.5 183.3	95.5 368.1	162.0 165.6	254.0 366.7	261.2 243.5	234.7	159.8	125.0	246.1	82.1	160.3	481.0	<b>-6.8</b>
32	<b>2004</b> <b>2005</b>	66.2 48.0	87.0 49.9	62.6 67.9	65.7 49.7	82.3 55.1	60.5	77.5	67.0	76.6	81.9	74.6	73.7	<b>-33.0</b>
33	<b>2004</b> <b>2005</b>	75.3 77.8	89.0 89.7	85.7 79.4	71.0 105.3	90.0 117.6	48.7	73.5	71.1	87.3	74.5	68.6	50.2	<b>30.7</b>
34	<b>2004</b> <b>2005</b>	12.4 15.4	47.6 47.5	7.4 30.7	11.6 49.6	33.4 49.6	3.0	16.3	1.2	23.2	0.0	42.6	16.3	<b>48.5</b>
35	<b>2004</b> <b>2005</b>	126.9 1011.3	158.6 416.3	161.9 288.6	198.9 2177.9	125.2 289.8	194.7	227.1	153.2	207.3	101.9	474.4	36.6	<b>131.5</b>

**Table 5. Total industrial new orders**  
% change compared with previous month

NACE	2004		2005				
	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May
17	-60.8	10.5	-4.2	10.4	-9.2	-3.6	-7.5
18	1.1	13.6	-0.1	-14.6	13.1	-4.2	-5.8
21	4.6	-4.4	-48.0	82.8	12.0	-5.2	-0.4
24	-1.0	-25.4	11.2	30.9	44.8	-3.6	-2.5
28	45.2	138.1	-2.4	23.5	9.1	0.7	8.7
29	230.3	-28.1	-63.4	-34.3	102.1	-48.7	365.3
31	95.0	199.2	-61.9	99.6	-54.3	118.8	-33.3
32	-8.8	-1.2	-34.8	3.7	36.1	-2.8	-16.5
33	-7.0	-26.7	54.0	17.6	-13.3	34.4	10.6
34	283.0	-32.5	-37.2	164.0	-24.7	9.9	-9.0
35	302.3	-87.9	475.9	23.4	-22.7	-15.0	16.1

Not seasonally adjusted

**Table 6. Domestic industrial new orders**  
% change compared with previous month

NACE	2004		2005				
	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May
17	-7.8	12.0	29.0	-67.6	25.1	35.7	-197.5
18	22.3	40.9	-12.6	-19.3	20.6	-11.4	-0.5
21	4.3	-5.5	-46.9	81.5	12.0	-5.1	-0.5
24	-11.3	-19.8	22.8	3.6	29.0	-8.7	-4.6
28	10.1	-12.7	82.1	43.1	-4.1	41.3	4.5
29	-22.8	-31.6	35.7	12.5	145.6	-26.1	8.6
31	52.5	131.5	-53.0	-39.3	113.7	13.3	1.1
32	14.7	-1.0	0.1	-13.6	333.2	-23.9	-58.3
33	83.8	-13.2	-100.0	0.0	23.9	47.0	109.5
34	69.4	10.6	-53.8	118.1	-8.3	-18.1	-20.5
35	5.8	1.3	-56.3	-94.5	7822.6	-29.6	17.9

Not seasonally adjusted

**Table 7. Export industrial new orders**  
% change compared with previous month

NACE	2004		2005				
	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May
17	-71.4	14.1	-2.1	5.8	-7.2	-0.3	-21.0
18	-1.2	-12.6	14.6	-3.4	0.9	0.9	-9.3
21	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
24	2.5	-25.3	15.0	28.2	47.7	-2.7	-2.2
28	347.5	-89.3	3129.1	-16.9	32.5	-30.5	58.8
29	440.7	-30.1	-71.3	-50.5	171.3	-59.8	640.8
31	95.2	200.1	-61.9	100.8	-55.0	121.4	-33.6
32	-8.9	-1.2	-34.9	4.0	36.1	-26.8	10.9
33	-7.9	-26.8	55.0	15.3	-11.5	32.6	11.7
34	0.0	-61.7	-5.5	208.4	-35.4	61.6	0.0
35	365.6	-92.3	2663.1	-58.8	-30.7	654.6	-86.7

Not seasonally adjusted

## **Methodological Notes**

The new orders index shall cover the NACE divisions:

- 17 Manufacture of textiles and textile products
- 18 Manufacture of wearing apparel
- 21 Manufacture of pulp, paper and paper products
- 24 Manufacture of chemicals and chemical products
- 28 Manufacture of fabricated metal products, except machinery
- 29 Manufacture of machinery and equipment
- 31 Manufacture of electrical machinery and apparatus
- 32 Manufacture of radio, television and communication equipment
- 33 Manufacture of medical, precision and optical instruments, watches and clocks
- 34 Manufacture of motor vehicles, trailers and semi-trailers
- 35 Manufacture of other transport equipment

## **Main Industrial Groupings**

The Objective of MIGS (Main Industrial Groupings) is to provide an activity breakdown of industry which is an intermediate level between the sections and sub-sections.

There are 5 MIGS. These regroup all of the activities between Section C and E and cover economic activities from quarrying, all manufacturing sectors and the water & energy sectors. These are:

- Intermediate goods;
- capital goods;
- consumer durables;
- non-durable consumer goods;
- energy.

This data set is considered provisional as the methodology of the data collection and the index calculation is still being developed. Furthermore, efforts to increase the response rate are likely to lead to revisions of the index.