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## Business Statistics

### Industrial New Orders - November 2004

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

#### Annual Changes

In November 2004, as compared to November 2003, total new orders saw a drop in most NACE divisions except for NACE 21,29 and 31 where an increase of 9.5, 144.9 and 66.7 per cent were recorded respectively. On the other hand, drops ranged between 9.3 and 62.0.

Domestic new orders showed an increase in NACE divisions 21 and 34 of 10.9 and 105.9 respectively. Other NACE divisions declined in the period under review. The highest drop being that of 88.7 in NACE divisions 35 and the lowest drop being that of 0.3 in NACE division 18.

NACE divisions 29, 31 and 35 shifted upwards with regard to export new orders when comparing November 2004 to November 2003. These amounted to 181.8,67.6 and 112.8 respectively. The highest drop of 100 per cent was that recorded in NACE 21 and the lowest drop of 9.0 per cent was that recorded in NACE division 32.

#### Monthly Changes

In November 2004, as compared to the previous month, total new orders saw an increase in most NACE divisions except for NACE 17, 24, 33 and 35. The drops ranged between 0.7 to 22.3 per cent.

With regard to the indices for manufacturing domestic new orders, the indices for November over October saw a percentage increase of 49.3, 2.5, 8.2 and 90.1 in NACE divisions 18, 28, 29 and 34 respectively. On the other hand, drops in the indices for NACE divisions 17, 21, 24, 31, and 32 were recorded. These ranged from 0.2 per cent to 50.6 per cent. NACE divisions 33 and 35 saw no changes.

The manufacturing export new orders for November over October saw a rise in NACE divisions 28, 29, 32 and 34. The most pronounced upward shift was of 351.1 per cent in NACE 29 while the lowest was of 0.5 per cent in NACE 32. Percentage drops were recorded in the indices for NACE divisions 17, 18, 21, 24, 28, 31, 33 and 35. The highest drop being that of 100 per cent and the lowest drop being that of 0.8 per cent in NACE division 21 and 35 respectively.

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Table 1. Indices: Industrial total new orders: January 2003 - November 2004

Nace	Year	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual % change
17	2003 2004	319.2 144.6	289.1 155.5	341.6 265.6	286.5 191.4	317.7 87.1	333.2 78.2	165.9 103.4	155.4 104.7	151.5 110.6	141.5 105.2	194.8 97.6	238.4	<b>-49.9</b>
18	2003 2004	110.7 90.4	119.4 176.1	98.0 145.8	117.1 155.7	126.1 88.6	117.8 86.3	112.4 63.5	108.4 46.7	102.3 43.1	119.0 44.9	164.6 56.3	115.6	<b>-65.8</b>
21	2003 2004	129.1 79.7	168.4 96.6	148.4 57.2	135.1 50.3	104.3 51.5	136.1 65.2	151.7 155.7	127.7 179.8	124.7 141.1	130.0 141.5	128.2 140.4	107.2	<b>9.5</b>
24	2003 2004	94.6 209.2	90.5 198.5	111.0 93.0	120.4 118.4	137.7 128.7	107.6 116.5	100.4 84.5	112.6 83.4	117.3 64.2	105.1 78.1	144.0 60.7	51.0	<b>-57.8</b>
28	2003 2004	132.7 93.8	130.0 59.3	109.4 107.2	103.1 151.5	106.8 40.1	62.8 41.2	101.5 92.0	97.7 40.9	99.5 65.9	71.8 47.9	138.1 52.5	165.7	<b>-62.0</b>
29	2003 2004	25.4 26.3	75.3 41.0	55.2 182.6	56.2 40.4	89.8 112.1	31.9 46.4	27.4 25.1	63.0 33.8	60.7 32.4	71.5 32.7	49.9 122.2	45.9	<b>144.9</b>
31	2003 2004	117.3 160.9	164.0 95.1	103.8 160.7	171.5 253.8	98.3 260.3	149.5 233.9	268.5 160.5	90.4 124.2	163.3 245.5	120.9 82.5	94.2 157.0	83.5	<b>66.7</b>
32	2003 2004	64.6 65.8	83.5 86.2	65.4 61.9	62.1 65.4	83.1 76.9	59.7 55.2	65.9 77.4	88.4 67.0	68.8 77.2	75.1 75.0	83.0 75.3	48.9	<b>-9.3</b>
33	2003 2004	90.6 90.4	81.2 107.3	71.3 105.7	87.2 105.4	93.8 107.8	83.1 60.1	60.4 65.7	69.8 54.0	96.5 78.9	94.0 78.9	81.9 65.5	71.3	<b>-20.0</b>
34	2003 2004	11.7 18.1	16.8 19.4	23.0 8.5	16.6 12.5	13.6 15.8	30.2 5.2	14.8 16.3	11.7 9.7	19.1 6.9	11.5 5.9	25.5 17.8	14.4	<b>-30.2</b>
35	2003 2004	237.5 228.9	158.5 181.2	300.9 191.3	232.6 178.9	199.1 174.5	146.9 183.0	193.3 179.9	206.0 169.3	139.0 169.3	258.4 170.0	208.1 168.8	185.8	<b>-18.9</b>

Table 2. Indices: Industrial domestic new orders: January 2003 - November 2004

Nace	Year	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual % change
17	2003 2004	402.4 73.2	377.0 89.9	396.7 121.3	368.6 114.1	384.2 41.4	385.0 35.0	175.4 11.9	199.6 17.7	201.0 21.4	279.3 21.2	254.7 20.3	167.1	<b>-92.0</b>
18	2003 2004	173.9 83.7	175.8 894.8	182.3 667.2	496.4 746.4	162.7 282.2	166.7 228.8	138.7 125.1	120.3 142.9	388.4 137.1	198.2 178.6	267.6 266.7	426.8	<b>-0.3</b>
21	2003 2004	78.8 50.7	103.3 61.5	93.2 35.4	83.9 32.0	64.4 32.8	85.4 41.5	92.9 94.7	80.2 111.2	78.4 89.8	78.8 89.6	80.6 89.4	67.6	<b>10.9</b>
24	2003 2004	76.9 101.7	61.3 136.8	78.6 100.9	85.2 81.2	100.1 91.0	101.1 90.1	78.1 108.7	68.8 110.5	88.3 113.2	130.4 108.1	153.3 98.0	121.0	<b>-36.1</b>
28	2003 2004	96.2 35.0	91.3 57.3	83.9 72.8	87.5 48.7	72.1 36.9	52.1 38.2	70.3 95.0	64.7 40.5	64.9 47.2	36.5 47.3	91.3 48.5	108.8	<b>-46.9</b>
29	2003 2004	41.4 44.2	61.4 79.8	43.3 81.0	53.6 37.9	89.3 32.7	29.8 76.8	64.0 41.8	76.7 44.8	46.3 25.4	43.1 30.4	39.2 32.9	45.4	<b>-16.1</b>
31	2003 2004	409.0 120.2	466.6 48.9	527.8 93.1	587.1 146.2	332.0 159.6	309.2 148.2	328.4 283.0	799.0 184.9	298.2 204.2	936.3 340.0	269.4 168.0	315.0	<b>-37.6</b>
32	2003 2004	60.4 44.9	97.3 43.3	101.6 19.2	80.4 12.4	104.4 17.6	41.6 25.3	68.5 18.8	82.9 26.2	77.8 15.9	87.9 16.4	75.1 15.8	63.6	<b>-79.0</b>
33	2003 2004	182.6 982.1	177.0 1346.9	183.4 1585.8	191.3 1601.5	191.0 1301.1	173.7 1538.6	221.4 324.5	617.2 266.6	1493.2 296.4	1739.6 249.0	1251.4 249.0	1230.6	<b>-80.1</b>
34	2003 2004	22.5 39.3	12.7 14.8	22.0 17.2	34.9 24.1	22.9 17.2	36.0 11.9	23.3 23.9	21.1 25.0	30.5 14.4	21.7 16.1	14.9 30.6	26.2	<b>105.9</b>
35	2003 2004	238.3 106.3	428.4 17.9	269.2 119.3	315.8 31.9	394.9 20.9	461.2 20.0	238.3 5.9	108.1 0.0	50.3 5.2	139.8 11.5	102.1 11.5	99.2	<b>-88.7</b>

**Table 3. Indices: Industrial export new orders: January 2003 - November 2004**

<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	2003 2004	284.3 89.6	251.3 65.0	320.8 109.7	251.6 104.4	290.9 87.9	313.8 81.5	164.2 162.7	136.6 94.9	130.0 173.5	162.5 147.8	169.1 136.8	277.2	<b>-19.1</b>
18	2003 2004	107.3 62.5	110.7 67.3	85.1 85.5	59.0 67.9	120.3 38.4	110.2 38.6	108.3 49.6	106.4 35.3	59.5 41.9	106.8 24.5	148.7 24.1	68.0	<b>-83.8</b>
21	2003 2004	82.1 0.0	96.4 13.5	30.7 4.1	51.9 0.0	48.1 17.3	30.0 0.0	88.8 22.4	24.9 0.0	24.1 0.0	96.3 10.6	24.1 0.0	14.4	<b>-100.0</b>
24	2003 2004	94.0 126.7	93.9 143.9	114.1 188.8	123.7 228.1	140.6 143.4	102.5 166.4	100.9 171.7	119.2 87.3	118.9 171.2	89.9 63.1	131.3 50.3	25.0	<b>-61.7</b>
28	2003 2004	229.4 116.3	239.9 164.1	164.4 101.6	110.9 159.8	213.0 216.3	74.0 262.4	192.4 52.2	201.3 116.3	209.7 147.9	205.9 16.5	284.9 37.2	345.9	<b>-86.9</b>
29	2003 2004	16.1 127.2	64.1 104.6	47.4 140.1	45.9 135.9	72.4 134.5	26.2 145.5	12.8 149.1	47.2 128.3	3.4 99.3	64.8 26.8	42.9 120.9	37.1	<b>181.8</b>
31	2003 2004	117.1 124.8	166.3 134.0	102.5 223.4	171.2 86.5	98.2 184.8	149.9 171.3	269.8 199.0	88.8 127.8	163.8 184.7	119.2 231.1	94.2 157.9	83.2	<b>67.6</b>
32	2003 2004	64.6 48.9	83.5 64.6	65.3 87.8	62.1 61.7	83.1 64.9	59.8 81.4	65.9 60.1	88.4 64.4	68.8 87.0	75.0 75.2	83.1 75.6	48.9	<b>-9.0</b>
33	2003 2004	90.3 90.6	80.8 86.4	70.9 99.3	86.9 101.1	93.5 92.9	82.8 101.0	59.8 72.3	67.8 38.8	90.3 84.2	86.7 78.3	76.7 64.8	66.1	<b>-15.5</b>
34	2003 2004	10.9 19.8	37.9 46.9	41.2 35.3	10.8 22.7	12.2 28.5	52.9 21.9	19.9 30.6	16.6 46.6	26.1 47.7	16.5 0.0	62.3 20.7	16.1	<b>-66.8</b>
35	2003 2004	74.8 61.4	110.4 88.5	128.1 352.9	98.7 74.4	134.3 63.6	93.4 104.1	124.9 120.6	100.3 43.4	29.9 98.5	133.3 206.7	96.4 205.1	91.1	<b>112.8</b>

**Table 4. Industrial total new orders**  
% change compared with previous month

Nace	May	June	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov
17	-54.5	-10.2	32.2	1.0	5.6	-4.9	-7.2
18	-43.1	-2.6	-26.4	-26.5	-7.7	4.2	25.4
21	2.4	26.6	138.8	15.5	-21.5	0.3	-0.8
24	8.7	8.7	-27.5	-1.3	-23.0	21.7	-22.3
28	-73.5	2.7	123.3	-55.5	61.1	-27.3	9.6
29	177.5	-58.6	-45.9	34.7	-4.1	0.9	273.7
31	2.6	-10.1	-31.4	-22.6	97.7	-66.4	90.3
32	17.6	-28.2	40.2	-13.4	15.2	-2.8	0.4
33	2.3	-44.2	9.3	-17.8	46.1	0.0	-16.9
34	26.4	-67.1	213.5	-40.5	-28.9	-14.5	201.7
35	-2.5	4.9	-1.7	-5.9	0.0	0.4	-0.7

Not seasonally adjusted

**Table 5. Industrial domestic new orders**  
% change compared with previous month

Nace	May	June	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov
17	-63.7	-15.5	-66.0	48.7	20.9	-0.9	-4.2
18	-63.1	-18.9	-45.3	14.2	-4.1	30.3	49.3
21	2.5	26.5	128.1	17.4	-19.2	-0.2	-0.2
24	12.1	-0.9	20.6	1.7	2.4	-4.5	-9.3
28	-24.2	3.5	148.7	-57.4	16.5	0.2	2.5
29	-13.7	134.9	-45.6	7.2	-43.3	19.7	8.2
31	9.2	-7.1	-7.1	-34.7	10.4	66.5	-50.6
32	41.9	43.8	-25.7	39.4	-39.3	3.1	-3.7
33	-18.8	18.3	-78.9	-18.0	11.2	-15.9	0.0
34	-28.6	-30.8	100.8	4.6	-42.4	11.8	90.1
35	-34.5	-4.3	-2.8	-100.0	5.2	121.2	0.0

Not seasonally adjusted

**Table 6. Industrial export new orders**  
% change compared with previous month

Nace	May	June	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov
17	-15.8	-7.3	99.6	-41.7	82.8	-14.8	-7.4
18	-43.4	0.5	28.5	-28.8	18.7	-41.5	-1.6
21	100.0	-100.0	100.0	-100.0	-100.0	-100.0	-100.0
24	-37.1	16.0	3.2	-49.2	96.1	-63.1	-20.3
28	35.4	21.3	-75.9	122.8	27.2	-88.8	125.5
29	-1.0	8.2	2.5	-13.9	-22.6	-73.0	351.1
31	-7.3	-7.3	16.2	-35.8	44.5	295.8	-78.4
32	5.2	25.4	-26.2	7.2	35.1	-13.5	0.5
33	-8.1	8.7	-28.4	-46.3	117.0	-7.0	-17.2
34	25.6	-23.2	39.7	50.3	2.4	-100.0	100.0
35	-14.5	63.7	15.9	-64.0	126.9	109.8	-0.8

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

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.