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Manufacturing New Orders - October 2004

This is the first release in a monthly series of manufacturing indices to be published by the NSO. The results are compiled and published according to NACE Rev1.1 (the statistical classification of economic activities in the European Community)

The manufacturing 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 October 2004, as compared to October 2003 saw a drop in all NACE groups except in NACE 21 where an increase of 8.8% was recorded. Domestic new orders showed an increase in NACE 21 and NACE 28 of 13.7 and 28.5 per cent respectively. Other NACE groups declined in the period under review. NACE groups 24, 29, 31 and 34 shifted upwards with regard to export new orders when comparing October 2004 to October 2003. The highest drop was that recorded in NACE 35.

Monthly Changes

In October 2004, as compared to the previous month, total new orders were characterised by a 0.3 per cent increase in NACE 21 and a 0.9 increase in NACE 29. The remaining NACE groups saw a drop in orders in the month under review compared to the same month in 2003. Domestic new orders gained 19.7, 26.4 and 11.8 in NACE groups 29, 31 and 34 respectively. The strongest drop was felt in NACE 18 when considering export new orders. NACE 24, 29, 33 and 35 rose by 12.4, 67.2, 2.4 and 0.8 respectively. An average percentage drop of 40.3 was recorded across NACE groups 17, 21, 28, 32 and 34.

With regard to the indices for manufacturing domestic new orders, the indices for October over September saw a percentage increase of 19.7, 26.4 and 11.8 respectively for NACE groups 29, 31 and 24. On the other hand, drops in the indices for NACE groups 17, 18, 21, 24, 28, 32, 33 and 35 were recorded. These ranged from 0.2 per cent to 35.7 per cent.

The manufacturing export new orders for October over September showed no change for NACE group 18. By comparison, a rise was recorded in NACE groups 24, 29, 31 and 33. The most pronounced upward shift was of 67.2 per cent in NACE 29 while the lowest was of 2.4 per cent in NACE 33. Percentage drops were recorded in the indices for NACE groups 17, 21, 28, 32 and 34.

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Table 1. Indices: Manufacturing total new orders: January 2003 - October 2004

Nace	Year	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
17	2003	319.2	289.1	341.6	286.5	317.7	333.2	165.9	155.4	151.5	141.5	194.8	238.4
	2004	144.6	155.5	265.6	191.4	87.1	78.2	103.4	104.7	110.6	105.2		
18	2003	110.7	119.4	98.0	117.1	126.1	117.8	112.4	108.4	102.3	119.0	164.6	115.6
	2004	90.4	176.1	145.8	155.7	88.6	86.3	63.5	46.7	43.1	36.7		
21	2003	129.1	168.4	148.4	135.1	104.3	136.1	151.7	127.7	124.7	130.0	128.2	107.2
	2004	79.7	96.6	57.2	50.3	51.5	65.2	155.7	179.8	141.1	141.5		
24	2003	94.6	90.5	111.0	120.4	137.7	107.6	100.4	112.6	117.3	105.1	144.0	51.0
	2004	209.2	198.5	93.0	118.4	128.7	116.5	84.5	83.4	64.2	78.1		
28	2003	132.7	130.0	109.4	103.1	106.8	62.8	101.5	97.7	99.5	71.8	138.1	165.7
	2004	93.8	59.3	107.2	151.5	40.1	41.2	92.0	40.9	65.9	47.5		
29	2003	25.4	75.3	55.2	56.2	89.8	31.9	27.4	63.0	60.7	71.5	49.9	45.9
	2004	26.3	41.0	182.6	40.4	112.1	46.4	25.1	33.8	32.4	32.7		
31	2003	117.3	164.0	103.8	171.5	98.3	149.5	268.5	90.4	163.3	120.9	94.2	83.5
	2004	160.9	95.1	160.7	253.8	260.3	233.9	160.5	124.2	245.5	88.2		
32	2003	64.6	83.5	65.4	62.1	83.1	59.7	65.9	88.4	68.8	75.1	83.0	48.9
	2004	65.8	86.2	61.9	65.4	76.9	55.2	77.4	67.0	77.2	75.0		
33	2003	90.6	81.2	71.3	87.2	93.8	83.1	60.4	69.8	96.5	94.0	81.9	71.3
	2004	90.4	107.3	105.7	105.4	107.8	60.1	65.7	54.0	78.9	73.1		
34	2003	11.7	16.8	23.0	16.6	13.6	30.2	14.8	11.7	19.1	11.5	25.5	14.4
	2004	18.1	19.4	8.5	12.5	15.8	5.2	16.3	9.7	6.9	5.9		
35	2003	237.5	158.5	300.9	232.6	199.1	146.9	193.3	206.0	139.0	258.4	208.1	185.8
	2004	228.9	181.2	191.3	178.9	174.5	183.0	179.9	169.3	169.3	168.1		

Table 2. Indices: Manufacturing domestic new orders: January 2003 - October 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	167.1	-92.4
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 88.1	267.6	426.8	-55.4
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	67.6	13.7
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	121.0	-17.1
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 46.9	91.3	108.8	28.5
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	45.4	-29.5
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	936.3 258.2	269.4	315.0	-72.4
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 14.6	75.1	63.6	-83.4
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	1739.6 265.3	1251.4	1230.6	-84.7
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	26.2	-25.8
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 3.5	102.1	99.2	-97.4

Table 3. Indices: Manufacturing export new orders: January 2003 - October 2004

Nace	Year	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual % change
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	162.5 120.7	169.1	277.2	-25.7
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 41.9	148.7	68.0	-60.8
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 0.0	24.1	14.4	-96.3
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	89.9 192.5	131.3	25.0	114.1
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	205.9 127.9	284.9	345.9	-39.9
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	64.8 166.6	42.9	37.1	157.1
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	119.2 254.2	94.2	83.2	113.3
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 62.1	83.1	48.9	-17.2
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 86.2	76.7	66.1	-0.6
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 33.8	62.3	16.1	104.8
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 99.3	96.4	91.1	-25.5

Table 4. Manufacturing total new orders

% change compared with previous month

Nace	May	June	July	Aug	Sep	Oct
17	-54.5	-10.2	32.2	1.0	5.6	-4.9
18	-43.1	-2.6	-26.4	-26.5	-7.7	-14.8
21	2.4	26.6	138.8	15.5	-21.5	0.3
24	8.7	8.7	-27.5	-1.3	-23.0	21.7
28	-73.5	2.7	123.3	-55.5	61.1	-27.9
29	177.5	-58.6	-45.9	34.7	-4.1	0.9
31	2.6	-10.1	-31.4	-22.6	97.7	-64.1
32	17.6	-28.2	40.2	-13.4	15.2	-2.8
33	2.3	-44.2	9.3	-17.8	46.1	-7.4
34	26.4	-67.1	213.5	-40.5	-28.9	-14.5
35	-2.5	4.9	-1.7	-5.9	0.0	-0.7

Not seasonally adjusted

Table 5. Manufacturing domestic new orders

% change compared with previous month

Nace	May	June	July	Aug	Sep	Oct
17	-63.7	-15.5	-66.0	48.7	20.9	-0.9
18	-63.1	-18.9	-45.3	14.2	-4.1	-35.7
21	2.5	26.5	128.1	17.4	-19.2	-0.2
24	12.1	-0.9	20.6	1.7	2.4	-4.5
28	-24.2	3.5	148.7	-57.4	16.5	-0.6
29	-13.7	134.9	-45.6	7.2	-43.3	19.7
31	9.2	-7.1	-7.1	-34.7	10.4	26.4
32	41.9	43.8	-25.7	39.4	-39.3	-8.2
33	-18.8	18.3	-78.9	-18.0	11.2	-10.5
34	-28.6	-30.8	100.8	4.6	-42.4	11.8
35	-34.5	-4.3	-2.8	-100.0	5.2	-32.7

Not seasonally adjusted

Table 6. Manufacturing export new orders

% change compared with previous month

Nace	May	June	July	Aug	Sep	Oct
17	-15.8	-7.3	99.6	-41.7	82.8	-30.4
18	-43.4	0.5	28.5	-28.8	18.7	0.0
21	100.0	-100.0	100.0	-100.0	-100.0	-100.0
24	-37.1	16.0	3.2	-49.2	96.1	12.4
28	35.4	21.3	-75.9	122.8	27.2	-13.5
29	-1.0	8.2	2.5	-13.9	-22.6	67.2
31	-7.3	-7.3	16.2	-35.8	44.5	37.6
32	5.2	25.4	-26.2	7.2	35.1	-28.6
33	-8.1	8.7	-28.4	-46.3	117.0	2.4
34	25.6	-23.2	39.7	50.3	2.4	-29.1
35	-14.5	63.7	15.9	-64.0	126.9	0.8

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.