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## Business

### Industrial New Orders - December 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 December 2004, as compared to December 2003, total new orders saw a drop in all NACE divisions except in the manufacture of chemicals, and chemical products, machinery and equipment, electrical machinery and apparatus and radio, television and communication equipment where an increase of 178.3, 76.8, 82.0 and 53.5 per cent were recorded respectively. On the other hand, drops ranged between 8.2 and 93.5

Domestic new orders showed an increase in the manufacture of motor vehicles, trailers and semi-trailers of 15.6 per cent. Other NACE divisions declined in the period under review. The highest drop being that of 100.0 in the manufacture of medical, precision and optical instruments, watches and clocks and the lowest drop being that of 25.8 in the manufacture of pulp, paper and paper products was recorded.

The manufacture of chemicals and chemical products, machinery and equipment, electrical machinery and apparatus and radio, television and communication equipment shifted upwards with regard to export new orders when comparing December 2004 to December 2003. These amounted to 542.4, 109.8, 83.7 and 54.1 respectively. The highest drop of 100 per cent was that recorded in the manufacture of pulp, paper and paper products and the lowest drop of 41.4 per cent was that recorded in the manufacture of wearing apparel.

#### Monthly Changes

In December 2004, as compared to the previous month, total new orders saw a drop in all NACE divisions except in the manufacture of textile and textiles products and the manufacture of radio, television and communication equipment. The drops ranged between 3.2 to 92.2 per cent.

With regard to the indices for manufacturing domestic new orders, the indices for December over November saw a percentage increase of 64.6 and 37.3 in the manufacture of radio, television and communication equipment and the manufacture of motor vehicles, trailers and semi-trailers respectively. On the other hand, drops in most NACE divisions were recorded. These ranged from 1.2 per cent to 45.7 per cent. The manufacture of medical, precision and optical instruments, watches and clocks and other transport equipment saw no changes.

The manufacturing export new orders for December over November saw a rise in the manufacture of textiles and textile products of 14.2 per cent. The lowest upward shift was of 4.7 per cent in the manufacture of radio, television and communication equipment. Percentage drops were recorded in the indices in NACE divisions. The highest drop being that of 92.2 per cent in the manufacture of other transport equipment and the lowest drop being that of 3.2 per cent in the manufacture of electrical machinery and apparatus. The manufacture of pulp, paper and paper products saw no change.

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Table 1. Indices: Industrial total new orders: January 2003 -December 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	155.4 102.1	151.5 107.1	141.5 106.9	194.8 89.8	238.4 99.2	<b>-58.4</b>
18	2003 2004	110.7 84.2	119.4 169.8	98.0 139.6	117.1 148.1	126.1 80.5	117.8 76.9	112.4 60.3	108.4 41.3	102.3 30.4	119.0 61.4	164.6 72.5	115.6 68.4	<b>-40.8</b>
21	2003 2004	129.1 79.7	168.4 96.6	148.4 57.2	135.1 50.3	104.3 56.8	136.1 67.5	151.7 142.1	127.7 97.3	124.7 89.9	130.0 92.2	128.2 111.8	107.2 78.8	<b>-26.5</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	112.6 120.0	117.3 119.5	105.1 175.1	144.0 164.1	51.0 142.0	<b>178.3</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 54.9	71.8 36.8	138.1 57.4	165.7 47.1	<b>-71.6</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 33.6	71.5 45.2	49.9 118.2	45.9 81.2	<b>76.8</b>
31	2003 2004	117.3 161.0	164.0 95.2	103.8 160.8	171.5 254.0	98.3 260.2	149.5 233.8	268.5 159.6	90.4 124.3	163.3 245.3	120.9 82.5	94.2 157.0	83.5 151.9	<b>82.0</b>
32	2003 2004	64.6 65.8	83.5 86.2	65.4 61.9	62.1 65.1	83.1 81.8	59.7 60.2	65.9 77.4	88.4 66.9	68.8 76.4	75.1 75.1	83.0 8.6	48.9 75.1	<b>53.5</b>
33	2003 2004	90.6 90.4	81.2 107.3	71.3 105.4	87.2 105.4	93.8 107.8	83.1 60.1	60.4 70.6	69.8 66.9	96.5 93.9	94.0 31.9	81.9 9.3	71.3 4.6	<b>-93.5</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 11.5	11.7 6.9	19.1 6.1	11.5 5.3	25.5 16.1	14.4 13.2	<b>-8.2</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	193.3 181.6	206.0 127.7	139.0 179.4	258.4 86.2	208.1 404.4	185.8 31.7	<b>-82.9</b>

Table 2. Indices: Industrial domestic new orders: January 2003 - December 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 32.0	199.6 18.8	201.0 21.4	279.3 36.0	254.7 38.8	167.1 34.2	<b>-79.5</b>
18	2003 2004	173.9 81.4	175.8 892.1	182.3 664.9	496.4 742.4	162.7 277.0	166.7 225.3	138.7 161.3	120.3 138.3	388.4 140.7	198.2 167.3	267.6 258.1	426.8 255.0	<b>-40.2</b>
21	2003 2004	78.8 50.7	103.3 61.5	93.2 35.4	83.9 32.0	64.4 36.1	85.4 42.9	92.9 87.0	80.2 60.3	78.4 57.2	78.8 58.4	80.6 71.2	67.6 50.2	<b>-25.8</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 93.3	88.3 89.5	130.4 117.0	153.3 103.1	121.0 56.0	<b>-53.7</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 35.5	36.5 35.6	91.3 40.8	108.8 30.8	<b>-71.7</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 23.1	43.1 32.4	39.2 36.3	45.4 32.0	<b>-29.5</b>
31	2003 2004	409.0 272.6	466.6 110.8	527.8 211.0	587.1 331.6	332.0 258.2	309.2 231.7	328.4 309.9	799.0 77.3	298.2 319.1	936.3 340.0	269.4 168.0	315.0 125.1	<b>-60.3</b>
32	2003 2004	60.4 44.9	97.3 43.3	101.6 19.2	80.4 12.4	104.4 10.0	41.6 11.3	68.5 18.8	82.9 23.5	77.8 15.7	87.9 15.4	75.1 8.2	63.6 13.5	<b>-78.8</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	221.4 304.6	617.2 279.7	1493.2 33.1	1739.6 0.0	1251.4 0.0	1230.6 0.0	<b>-100.0</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 17.0	21.1 17.7	30.5 12.8	21.7 14.6	14.9 27.5	26.2 30.3	<b>15.6</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 13.1	108.1 11.2	50.3 9.0	139.8 0.7	102.1 0.7	99.2 0.7	<b>-99.3</b>

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

Nace	Year	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual % change
17	2003 2004	284.3 180.8	251.3 190.1	320.8 340.3	251.6 232.2	290.9 118.0	313.8 100.5	164.2 139.5	136.6 144.3	130.0 150.5	162.5 143.2	169.1 116.1	277.2 132.6	<b>-52.2</b>
18	2003 2004	107.3 84.5	110.7 59.2	85.1 59.2	59.0 57.8	120.3 50.4	110.2 54.1	108.3 44.8	106.4 26.5	59.5 13.5	106.8 45.2	148.7 44.1	68.0 39.8	<b>-41.4</b>
21	2003 2004	82.1 0.0	96.4 0.0	30.7 23.9	51.9 0.0	48.1 0.0	30.0 0.0	88.8 78.8	24.9 40.3	24.1 0.0	96.3 6.1	24.1 0.0	14.4 0.0	<b>-100.0</b>
24	2003 2004	94.0 230.0	93.9 205.1	114.1 144.7	123.7 122.5	140.6 133.3	102.5 55.7	100.9 71.7	119.2 120.6	118.9 121.1	89.9 182.1	131.3 172.6	25.0 160.3	<b>542.4</b>
28	2003 2004	229.4 336.6	239.9 158.2	164.4 211.2	110.9 584.5	213.0 25.0	74.0 27.1	192.4 9.7	201.3 13.1	209.7 116.5	205.9 16.5	284.9 103.2	345.9 99.2	<b>-71.3</b>
29	2003 2004	16.1 16.6	64.1 23.2	47.4 172.7	45.9 33.2	72.4 110.3	26.2 29.6	12.8 16.0	47.2 24.4	3.4 29.8	64.8 36.6	42.9 115.9	37.1 77.8	<b>109.8</b>
31	2003 2004	117.1 158.8	166.3 95.7	102.5 161.6	171.2 255.3	98.2 261.7	149.9 235.2	269.8 160.1	88.8 125.2	163.8 246.5	119.2 82.2	94.2 157.9	83.2 152.9	<b>83.7</b>
32	2003 2004	64.6 65.9	83.5 86.4	65.3 62.1	62.1 65.4	83.1 82.1	59.8 60.4	65.9 77.7	88.4 67.1	68.8 76.7	75.0 75.4	83.1 71.9	48.9 75.3	<b>54.1</b>
33	2003 2004	90.3 86.5	80.8 101.8	70.9 98.9	86.9 81.0	93.5 102.5	82.8 53.5	59.8 69.6	67.8 66.0	90.3 94.3	86.7 32.1	76.7 9.3	66.1 4.6	<b>-93.0</b>
34	2003 2004	10.9 11.7	37.9 43.5	41.2 6.9	10.8 11.4	12.2 29.5	52.9 2.6	19.9 16.5	16.6 1.2	26.1 4.4	16.5 0.0	62.3 18.7	16.1 6.7	<b>-58.3</b>
35	2003 2004	74.8 251.7	110.4 218.6	128.1 201.5	98.7 211.7	134.3 209.4	93.4 220.3	124.9 220.5	100.3 154.5	29.9 218.9	133.3 106.2	96.4 499.3	91.1 38.9	<b>-57.3</b>

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

Nace	June	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
17	-10.2	32.2	-1.3	4.9	-0.2	-15.9	10.5
18	-44.7	-21.6	-31.5	-26.4	101.9	18.1	-5.7
21	18.8	110.5	-31.5	-7.6	2.6	21.3	-29.5
24	-9.5	-27.5	42.0	-0.4	46.5	-6.3	-13.5
28	2.7	123.3	-55.5	34.2	-32.9	55.9	-17.9
29	-58.6	-45.9	34.7	-0.6	34.5	161.5	-31.3
31	-10.1	-31.7	-22.1	97.3	-66.4	90.3	-3.2
32	-26.4	28.6	-13.6	14.2	-1.7	-88.5	773.3
33	-44.2	17.5	-5.3	40.4	-66.0	-70.8	-50.5
34	-67.1	121.2	-40.0	-11.6	-13.1	203.8	-18.0
35	4.9	-0.8	-29.7	40.5	-51.9	369.1	-92.2

Not seasonally adjusted

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

Nace	June	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
17	-0.4	-8.6	-41.3	13.8	68.2	7.8	-11.9
18	-18.7	-28.4	-14.3	1.7	18.9	54.3	-1.2
21	18.8	102.8	-30.7	-5.1	2.1	21.9	-29.5
24	-0.9	20.6	-14.2	-4.1	30.7	-11.9	-45.7
28	3.0	148.7	-57.4	-12.3	0.3	14.6	-24.5
29	134.9	-45.6	7.2	-48.4	40.3	12.1	-11.9
31	-10.3	33.8	-75.1	312.8	6.5	-50.6	-25.5
32	13.0	66.4	25.0	-7.8	-1.9	-46.8	64.6
33	18.3	-80.2	-8.2	-88.2	-100.0	0.0	0.0
34	-30.8	42.9	4.2	-27.7	14.1	88.3	37.3
35	-4.3	-34.5	-14.5	-19.6	-92.2	0.0	0.0

Not seasonally adjusted

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

Nace	June	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
17	-14.8	38.8	3.4	4.3	-4.8	-18.9	14.2
18	7.3	-17.2	-40.8	-49.1	234.8	-2.4	-9.8
21	0.0	0.0	-48.9	-100.0	0.0	-100.0	0.0
24	-58.2	28.7	68.2	0.4	50.4	-5.2	-7.1
28	8.4	-64.2	35.1	789.3	-85.8	525.5	-3.9
29	-73.2	-45.9	52.5	22.1	22.8	216.7	-32.9
31	-10.1	-32.0	-21.8	96.9	-66.7	92.1	-3.2
32	-26.4	28.6	-13.6	14.3	-1.7	-4.6	4.7
33	-47.8	30.1	-5.2	42.9	-65.9	-71.0	-50.5
34	-91.2	534.6	-92.7	266.7	-100.0	0.0	-64.2
35	5.2	0.1	-29.9	41.7	-51.5	370.2	-92.2

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.