

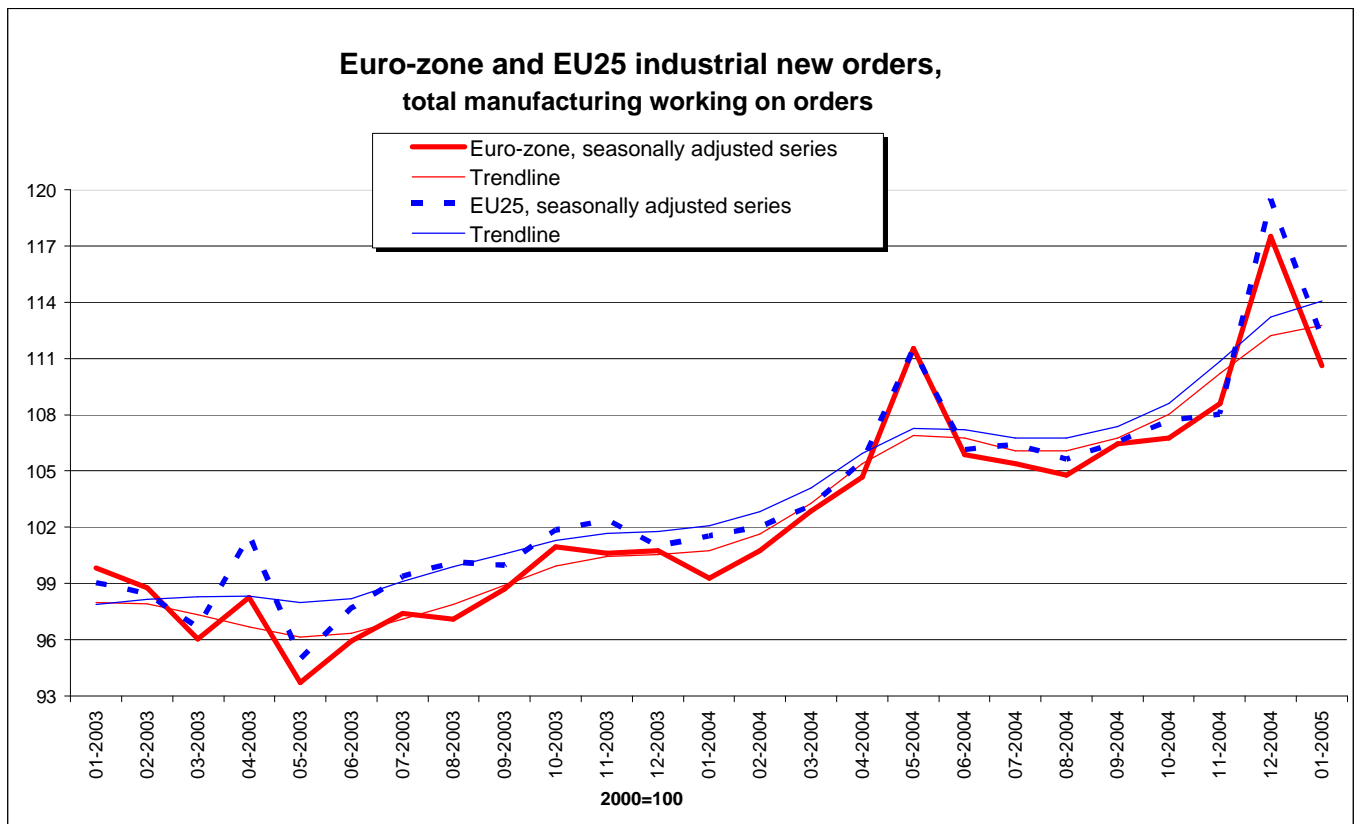
January 2005 compared to December 2004

Industrial new orders down by 5.8% in euro-zone

EU25 down by 6.2%

The **euro-zone**¹ industrial new orders index² decreased by 5.8% in January 2005 compared to December 2004, **Eurostat, the Statistical Office of the European Communities**, estimates. The index rose by 8.2% in December³ and by 1.7% in November. **EU25** new orders fell by 6.2% in January 2005, after rises of 10.6% in December³ and 0.3% in November.

In January 2005 compared to January 2004, industrial new orders increased by 8.5% in the **euro-zone** and by 7.4% in the **EU25**.



Monthly changes

In January 2005, as compared to the previous month, machinery and equipment grew by 2.5% in the **euro-zone** and by 1.9% in the **EU25**. Manufacturing of basic metals and fabricated metal products rose by 2.0% and 1.9% respectively. Chemicals and chemical products increased by 1.5% in the **euro-zone** and by 1.7% in the **EU25**. Textiles and textile products fell by 0.6% in the **EU25**. Manufacturing of electrical and electronic equipment decreased by 1.7% in the **euro-zone** and by 1.2% in the **EU25**. Transport equipment⁴ declined by 19.6% and 24.5% respectively.

In January 2005, and among the Member States for which data are available, total manufacturing working on orders rose in three Member States and fell in ten. The increases were registered in **Latvia** (+9.5%), **Slovakia** (+8.3%) and **Belgium** (+1.9%). The largest decreases were observed in **France**⁴ (-27.3%), the **Czech Republic** (-7.6%), **Lithuania** (-7.2%) and **Germany** (-3.1%).

Annual changes

In January 2005, as compared to January 2004, basic metals and fabricated metal products increased by 13.1% in the **euro-zone** and by 13.0% in the **EU25**. Manufacturing of chemicals and chemical products rose by 11.7% and 9.9% respectively. Machinery and equipment increased by 10.8% in the **euro-zone** and by 7.7% in the **EU25**. Transport equipment gained 9.2% and 10.9% respectively. Manufacturing of electrical and electronic equipment rose by 2.6% in the **euro-zone** and by 3.8% in the **EU25**. Manufacturing of textiles and textile products decreased by 7.4% in the **EU25**.

In January 2005, and among the Member States for which data are available, total manufacturing working on orders rose in twelve Member States and fell in two. The largest rises were recorded in **Latvia** (+49.4%), **Slovakia** (+16.7%), **Lithuania** (+16.2%), **Estonia** (+13.7%), **Belgium** (+9.2%) and **Germany** (+7.9%). Decreases were observed in **Poland** (-20.7%) and **Portugal** (-4.0%).

1. Euro-zone: Belgium, Germany, Greece, Spain, France, Ireland, Italy, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, Austria, Portugal and Finland.
2. The new orders index measures the value of future deliveries of products and services (which are directly linked to these products) to be provided by a producer to a third party on the domestic and non-domestic market. The total manufacturing aggregate includes only those NACE levels required by the STS Regulation to be supplied by the Member States (NACE 17, 18, 21, 24, 27-35) and is referred to as "total manufacturing working on orders".
The euro-zone, EU25 and EU15 aggregates do not include Member States for which no data is available. These aggregates are only calculated if the Member States included account for 60% or more of the total weight of the euro-zone, EU25 or EU15. For methodology and for the currently used weights, see News Release 135/2003 of 26 November 2003.
3. Data of previous months have been revised compared to those issued in the News Release 25/2005 of 23 February 2005. The figures for December 2004 were +8.8% in the euro-zone and +11.0% in the EU25 for the monthly changes, and +17.0% in the euro-zone and +18.9% in the EU25 for the annual changes.
4. This strong decrease in January 2005 is partly due to significant new orders registered in the French aerospace industry in November and December 2004.
5. The seasonally adjusted euro-zone, EU25 and EU15 series are calculated by aggregating the unadjusted series from individual Member States and performing an adjustment for seasonal effects on these series. Therefore the seasonally adjusted figures for the European aggregates are based directly on the unadjusted series coming from the Member States and **not on an aggregation of the seasonally adjusted indices from the Member States**. The euro-zone, EU25 and EU15 seasonally adjusted growth rates might differ from the weighted growth rates of the individual Member States. This procedure also implies that the aggregation of the overall figures is not based on the published details.
6. Data series for Estonia are only available since 2003 and are therefore still too short for seasonal adjustment.
7. Data for Spain, Finland and the United Kingdom are included in the European aggregates. They are not published at the national level and are therefore still confidential.

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Industrial new orders⁵
% change compared with previous month

Euro-zone	Aug 04	Sep 04	Oct 04	Nov 04	Dec 04	Jan 05
Total manufacturing working on orders	-0.6	1.6	0.3	1.7	8.2	-5.8
textiles and textile products	-5.3	1.2	-1.6	1.2	1.3	:
chemicals and chemical products	3.2	0.8	0.9	-1.6	2.1	1.5
basic metals and fabricated metal products	1.9	0.1	0.3	0.0	1.6	2.0
machinery and equipment	-1.9	-1.6	1.6	-1.5	4.3	2.5
electrical and electronic equipment	0.1	-2.1	1.0	0.5	2.7	-1.7
transport equipment	-3.6	9.0	-2.2	8.3	19.7	-19.6
EU25						
Total manufacturing working on orders	-0.7	0.9	1.1	0.3	10.6	-6.2
textiles and textile products	-4.3	1.1	-1.7	0.1	1.7	-0.6
chemicals and chemical products	2.3	0.9	0.6	-1.4	2.3	1.7
basic metals and fabricated metal products	2.4	-1.0	1.2	-1.1	3.9	1.9
machinery and equipment	-0.6	-0.6	0.0	-2.0	5.1	1.9
electrical and electronic equipment	-0.4	-2.4	2.6	-1.3	3.5	-1.2
transport equipment	-2.6	8.8	-0.9	4.6	37.2	-24.5

Seasonally adjusted : Data not available

Total manufacturing working on orders	Aug 04	Sep 04	Oct 04	Nov 04	Dec 04	Jan 05
Euro-zone	-0.6	1.6	0.3	1.7	8.2	-5.8
EU25	-0.7	0.9	1.1	0.3	10.6	-6.2
EU15	-1.4	1.7	0.6	0.7	10.8	-6.2
Belgium	-1.1	-0.8	-0.3	-2.3	2.1	1.9
Czech Republic	3.9	-10.1	7.9	-0.1	-2.6	-7.6
Denmark	-3.9	3.9	0.7	-3.7	5.0	-0.7
Germany	-1.3	0.8	1.3	-2.8	9.2	-3.1
Estonia⁶	:	:	:	:	:	:
Greece	:	:	:	:	:	:
Spain⁷	c	c	c	c	c	c
France	-0.2	4.2	-3.7	21.6	13.9	-27.3
Ireland	:	:	:	:	:	:
Italy	-0.2	0.8	0.5	0.8	5.2	:
Cyprus	:	:	:	:	:	:
Latvia	1.0	-6.0	17.6	-3.9	10.1	9.5
Lithuania	-0.5	7.8	-1.1	-1.3	10.5	-7.2
Luxembourg	-4.5	7.8	-3.2	4.8	-4.2	:
Hungary	9.8	-14.7	21.0	-12.9	5.3	-2.0
Malta	-27.8	28.4	-9.1	-52.9	155.4	:
Netherlands	0.1	-2.2	-1.2	-4.4	4.4	-0.5
Austria	-3.0	-1.8	2.8	-1.4	1.3	:
Poland	0.0	1.7	-1.7	-3.3	9.3	-2.2
Portugal	1.0	-6.3	-9.4	5.5	1.4	-2.9
Slovenia	:	:	:	:	:	:
Slovakia	2.6	6.4	-1.4	-5.1	-1.1	8.3
Finland⁷	c	c	c	c	c	c
Sweden	-5.9	0.0	5.0	-2.1	4.6	-2.5
United Kingdom⁷	c	c	c	c	c	c

Seasonally adjusted : Data not available c Confidential

Industrial new orders
% change compared with same month of previous year

Euro-zone	Aug 04	Sep 04	Oct 04	Nov 04	Dec 04	Jan 05
Total manufacturing working on orders	10.4	7.7	0.4	13.4	17.1	8.5
textiles and textile products	-4.1	-1.5	-8.4	2.2	2.7	:
chemicals and chemical products	12.7	11.7	6.2	13.2	8.1	11.7
basic metals and fabricated metal products	23.3	15.9	7.1	18.2	15.0	13.1
machinery and equipment	15.6	5.2	-2.4	1.7	6.3	10.8
electrical and electronic equipment	6.7	-1.3	-3.7	6.1	1.7	2.6
transport equipment	6.5	11.6	-0.5	27.4	49.0	9.2
EU25						
Total manufacturing working on orders	8.2	6.4	0.1	11.1	18.8	7.4
textiles and textile products	-5.1	-3.3	-10.5	-1.1	-0.2	-7.4
chemicals and chemical products	11.8	11.0	4.6	12.2	7.5	9.9
basic metals and fabricated metal products	21.7	16.1	8.0	18.1	16.8	13.0
machinery and equipment	11.5	6.3	-2.1	0.6	6.3	7.7
electrical and electronic equipment	8.6	1.4	-0.2	7.5	4.2	3.8
transport equipment	-3.6	6.8	-4.4	16.9	69.3	10.9

Gross data : Data not available

Total manufacturing working on orders	Aug 04	Sep 04	Oct 04	Nov 04	Dec 04	Jan 05
Euro-zone	10.4	7.7	0.4	13.4	17.1	8.5
EU25	8.2	6.4	0.1	11.1	18.8	7.4
EU15	7.1	6.2	-0.8	11.1	19.0	8.2
Belgium	19.4	11.6	5.8	8.7	6.4	9.2
Czech Republic	31.4	1.7	21.7	23.0	19.3	3.4
Denmark	1.8	-3.3	-6.0	-4.6	14.7	1.5
Germany	11.2	6.3	3.3	8.0	16.3	7.9
Estonia	14.9	4.1	1.1	7.7	5.4	13.7
Greece	:	:	:	:	:	:
Spain⁷	c	c	c	c	c	c
France	6.2	10.7	-3.5	30.9	39.7	2.6
Ireland	:	:	:	:	:	:
Italy	9.5	5.5	0.1	9.5	8.2	:
Cyprus	:	:	:	:	:	:
Latvia	3.4	-6.8	24.5	24.5	21.1	49.4
Lithuania	11.0	22.6	14.0	11.9	30.2	16.2
Luxembourg	28.3	20.8	12.8	22.9	10.3	:
Hungary	33.5	-6.3	22.0	7.4	0.5	7.1
Malta	-24.9	4.1	-10.6	-63.3	23.0	:
Netherlands	14.9	8.5	0.6	7.0	6.4	4.7
Austria	14.5	13.6	4.9	14.1	15.7	:
Poland	29.1	33.1	20.8	8.7	23.5	-20.7
Portugal	13.3	0.5	-16.8	-8.5	6.5	-4.0
Slovenia	:	:	:	:	:	:
Slovakia	0.0	10.6	8.5	-3.0	-2.1	16.7
Finland⁷	c	c	c	c	c	c
Sweden	6.2	2.3	3.1	16.7	15.3	3.2
United Kingdom⁷	c	c	c	c	c	c

Gross data : Data not available

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Industrial new orders indices for total manufacturing working on orders
Seasonally adjusted
(Base year 2000)

	01/04	02/04	03/04	04/04	05/04	06/04	07/04	08/04	09/04	10/04	11/04	12/04	01/05
Euro-zone	99.3	100.7	102.9	104.7	111.5	105.9	105.4	104.8	106.4	106.7	108.6	117.5	110.6
EU25	101.5	102.0	103.2	105.5	111.5	106.1	106.4	105.6	106.6	107.7	108.0	119.5	112.1
EU15	99.5	100.3	101.7	103.7	109.6	104.5	104.7	103.2	104.9	105.6	106.4	117.9	110.6
BE	84.9	89.8	89.1	90.8	89.9	95.1	95.7	94.7	93.9	93.6	91.4	93.3	95.1
CZ	164.4	179.0	179.8	191.6	202.9	187.6	194.9	202.5	182.1	196.5	196.2	191.2	176.6
DK	98.5	105.1	104.8	109.0	105.1	102.6	105.4	101.3	105.2	106.0	102.1	107.2	106.5
DE	102.9	102.8	103.2	105.5	107.4	104.1	107.1	105.7	106.5	107.9	104.9	114.6	111.0
EE⁶	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
EL	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
ES⁷	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c
FR	101.9	101.9	106.2	106.7	145.8	110.5	105.2	105.0	109.4	105.3	128.0	145.8	106.0
IE	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
IT	94.7	99.5	99.0	98.8	99.0	97.1	99.6	99.4	100.2	100.7	101.5	106.8	:
CY	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
LV	177.4	186.4	216.7	192.3	199.5	199.9	208.9	211.0	198.4	233.3	224.3	247.0	270.4
LT	149.7	156.4	160.6	168.2	166.6	162.7	162.9	162.2	174.8	172.9	170.5	188.4	174.9
LU	95.8	106.6	105.5	103.6	109.7	110.3	110.1	105.1	113.4	109.8	115.1	110.2	:
HU	131.1	144.6	130.8	139.9	148.3	133.1	141.8	155.7	132.9	160.7	140.0	147.4	144.5
MT	81.0	86.3	84.5	85.0	78.4	82.5	88.1	63.5	81.6	74.2	34.9	89.3	:
NL	89.3	96.5	96.6	96.7	97.6	99.3	100.1	100.3	98.1	96.8	92.6	96.7	96.2
AT	100.4	112.0	115.3	115.5	116.0	129.6	121.7	118.0	115.9	119.1	117.5	119.0	:
PL	176.9	128.2	131.0	127.2	129.8	135.7	136.9	136.9	139.2	136.9	132.4	144.7	141.6
PT	109.6	107.2	123.0	117.0	127.7	114.7	122.1	123.3	115.5	104.7	110.5	112.0	108.8
SI	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
SK	191.7	188.4	193.4	197.0	207.6	201.4	200.4	205.7	218.9	215.9	204.9	202.8	219.6
FI⁷	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c
SE	99.1	104.7	103.7	101.9	101.3	102.9	107.7	101.3	101.2	106.3	104.2	108.9	106.2
UK⁷	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c

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EU25: Belgium (BE), the Czech Republic (CZ), Denmark (DK), Germany (DE), Estonia (EE), Greece (EL), Spain (ES), France (FR), Ireland (IE), Italy (IT), Cyprus (CY), Latvia (LV), Lithuania (LT), Luxembourg (LU), Hungary (HU), Malta (MT), the Netherlands (NL), Austria (AT), Poland (PL), Portugal (PT), Slovenia (SI), Slovakia (SK), Finland (FI), Sweden (SE) and the United Kingdom (UK).

Industrial new orders indices for total manufacturing working on orders

Gross data
(Base year 2000)

	01/02	01/03	01/04	02/04	03/04	04/04	05/04	06/04	07/04	08/04	09/04	10/04	11/04	12/04	01/05
Euro-zone	98.5	100.6	97.3	101.3	116.4	104.1	109.3	112.3	105.4	81.1	112.6	106.9	109.9	121.6	105.7
EU25	98.1	99.7	99.5	102.1	116.8	105.6	108.7	112.5	104.4	84.9	112.4	107.5	109.8	123.3	106.9
EU15	97.4	98.9	97.1	100.3	115.3	103.9	107.0	110.9	103.0	82.5	110.6	105.3	108.0	121.9	105.0
BE	86.0	87.4	82.1	88.1	99.9	92.8	86.5	102.5	87.2	84.5	100.6	98.0	91.7	89.6	89.6
CZ	162.5	163.1	167.0	177.7	200.9	193.1	197.8	194.5	171.1	183.4	198.3	194.6	205.5	183.4	172.6
DK	109.8	104.2	98.3	98.9	119.7	102.6	99.5	113.1	92.5	97.5	111.0	104.8	107.5	106.8	99.7
DE	98.0	100.5	99.0	101.6	117.9	105.4	102.8	109.9	105.9	97.0	111.4	107.3	108.3	116.1	106.8
EE	:	123.5	131.5	133.9	160.8	154.0	158.1	158.8	154.9	172.3	186.4	181.2	183.6	174.2	149.5
EL	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
ES⁷	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c
FR	101.9	104.9	100.7	100.5	116.7	108.1	139.8	122.8	105.3	72.2	119.1	112.5	124.4	150.9	103.3
IE	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
IT	97.1	95.8	90.6	102.1	118.7	96.7	96.1	106.5	105.0	53.2	108.3	101.6	101.0	118.9	:
CY	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
LV	146.9	152.8	164.2	169.0	208.8	196.9	213.4	210.2	204.8	210.5	210.1	223.1	211.9	279.8	245.4
LT	117.1	132.6	148.4	155.1	175.2	169.7	168.8	157.2	151.0	150.0	183.6	185.9	168.4	183.7	172.5
LU	93.8	105.8	100.6	112.6	115.4	105.5	110.7	111.6	109.1	87.8	113.2	113.9	115.5	99.2	:
HU	126.2	126.4	151.7	149.6	140.0	135.5	131.3	131.3	124.6	140.1	137.3	157.9	147.8	160.3	162.4
MT	69.8	78.5	80.2	98.2	78.4	83.0	90.6	70.6	81.7	70.3	82.4	76.8	34.9	76.1	:
NL	99.2	93.2	88.5	91.1	106.7	95.5	95.3	105.9	95.2	90.4	101.9	96.0	95.9	99.6	92.6
AT	105.3	107.7	107.0	107.1	128.2	115.0	108.5	132.3	118.4	101.6	125.7	117.9	118.3	122.3	:
PL	81.9	91.5	173.3	129.5	135.1	129.5	131.3	135.3	127.8	135.6	141.3	144.6	129.4	143.5	137.5
PT	117.8	141.6	114.2	104.6	135.7	120.1	126.5	117.2	120.2	86.4	124.1	110.8	111.9	115.0	109.6
SI	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
SK	156.3	171.4	184.6	174.8	213.1	184.3	204.9	214.5	190.3	184.1	241.7	228.8	215.7	193.9	215.4
FI⁷	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c
SE	92.3	98.9	96.2	104.1	126.9	105.0	97.6	113.5	78.2	89.9	110.3	103.0	106.0	112.0	99.3
UK⁷	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c

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