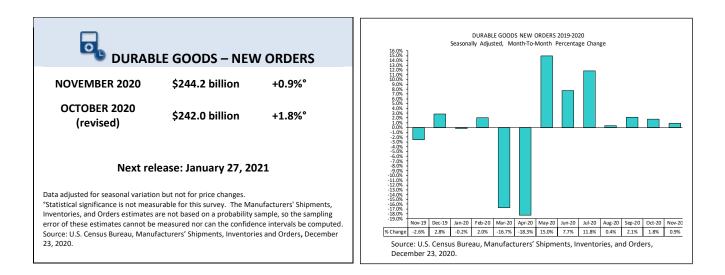
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MONTHLY ADVANCE REPORT ON DURABLE GOODS MANUFACTURERS' SHIPMENTS, INVENTORIES AND ORDERS NOVEMBER 2020

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DECEMBER 23, 2020 — The U.S. Census Bureau announces the November advance report on durable goods manufacturers' shipments, inventories and orders:



New Orders

New orders for manufactured durable goods in November increased \$2.2 billion or 0.9 percent to \$244.2 billion, the U.S. Census Bureau announced today. This increase, up seven consecutive months, followed a 1.8 percent October increase. Excluding transportation, new orders increased 0.4 percent. Excluding defense, new orders increased 0.7 percent. Transportation equipment, up six of the last seven months, led the increase, \$1.5 billion or 1.9 percent to \$78.8 billion.

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Shipments

Shipments of manufactured durable goods in November, up six of the last seven months, increased \$0.7 billion or 0.3 percent to \$250.1 billion. This followed a 1.5 percent October increase. Primary metals, up seven consecutive months, led the increase, \$0.3 billion or 1.8 percent to \$19.2 billion.

Unfilled Orders

Unfilled orders for manufactured durable goods in November, down eight of the last nine months, decreased \$0.8 billion or 0.1 percent to \$1,072.9 billion. This followed a 0.2 percent October decrease. Transportation equipment, down nine consecutive months, drove the decrease, \$3.5 billion or 0.5 percent to \$713.3 billion.

Inventories

Inventories of manufactured durable goods in November, up three consecutive months, increased \$3.9 billion or 0.9 percent to \$426.6 billion. This followed a 0.3 percent October increase. Transportation equipment, up twenty-six of the last twenty-seven months, led the increase, \$2.4 billion or 1.6 percent to \$150.7 billion.

Capital Goods

Nondefense new orders for capital goods in November increased \$0.2 billion or 0.3 percent to \$71.2 billion. Shipments decreased \$1.6 billion or 2.2 percent to \$71.8 billion. Unfilled orders decreased \$0.6 billion or 0.1 percent to \$591.2 billion. Inventories increased \$2.3 billion or 1.2 percent to \$196.1 billion. Defense new orders for capital goods in November decreased \$0.1 billion or 0.5 percent to \$12.5 billion. Shipments increased \$0.8 billion or 6.7 percent to \$13.4 billion. Unfilled orders decreased \$0.9 billion or 0.5 percent to \$178.7 billion. Inventories decreased \$0.4 billion or 1.7 percent to \$21.0 billion.

Revised October Data

Revised seasonally adjusted October figures for all manufacturing industries were: new orders, \$482.0 billion (revised from \$480.8 billion); shipments, \$489.4 billion (revised from \$488.6 billion); unfilled orders, \$1,073.7 billion (revised from \$1,073.3 billion) and total inventories, \$687.9 billion (revised from \$687.3 billion).

Revised and more detailed estimates, plus nondurable goods data, will be published on January 6, 2021, at 10:00 a.m. EST. The Advance Report on durable goods for December is scheduled for release on January 27, 2021 at 8:30 a.m. EST. View the full schedule in the Economic Briefing Room:

<<u>https://www.census.gov/economic-indicators/</u>>. The full text and tables of this release can be found at <<u>www.census.gov/m3>.</u>

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EXPLANATORY NOTES

Figures in text are adjusted for seasonality, but not for inflation. Figures on new and unfilled orders exclude data for semiconductor manufacturing.

"Virtually unchanged" indicates that the change is less than 0.05 percent for a percent increase or decrease.

Description of the survey

This report is compiled from results of the U.S. Census Bureau's Manufacturers' Shipments, Inventories, and Orders (M3) survey, which is a voluntary survey authorized by Title 13 of the United States Code. This survey provides statistics on a calendar-month basis for manufacturers' value of shipments, new orders (net of cancellations), end-of-month order backlog (unfilled orders), end-ofmonth total inventory (at current cost or market value), and inventories by stage of fabrication (materials and supplies, work-in-process, and finished goods). Data published from the M3 survey are based on a panel of approximately 5,000 reporting units that represent approximately 3,100 companies and provide an indication of month-to-month change for the Manufacturing Sector. These reporting units may be divisions of diversified large companies, large homogenous companies, or single-unit manufacturers in 92 industry categories, which are combined into 65 publication levels due to the small monthly panel size. The survey methodology assumes that the month-to-month changes of the total operations of the reporting units in the M3 panel effectively represent the month-tomonth movements of all establishments that make up the category. The companies for which shipments data are currently reported or imputed in the M3 survey represent approximately 60 percent of the total value of shipments for manufacturing establishments in the 2017 Economic Census, and these companies include roughly 61 percent of the manufacturing companies with \$500 million or more in shipments in the 2017 Economic Census. The companies for which shipments data are currently reported in the M3 survey represent approximately 51 percent of the total value of shipments for manufacturing establishments in the 2017 Economic Census. Statistics based on the M3 panel differ from the results that would be obtained from a complete enumeration of all manufacturing companies. The M3 panel is not based on a probability sample; therefore, the sampling errors that are normally provided with sample surveys cannot be measured. Nonsampling errors are attributable to many sources. The use of company or divisional reports to estimate the monthly change for establishments is one source of nonsampling error. The use of primarily large companies to represent the month-to-month movement of all companies is another potential source. Any corrections will be published in the full report. Corrections received after the full report will be

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released in the next month's advance report. Any revisions made later than two months will be reflected in the annual benchmark publication. Additional survey documentation can be found on our web site: www.census.gov/manufacturing/m3/how the data are collected/index.html>.

Survey month	Advance Report	Full Report
	(8:30 a.m. release time)	(10:00 a.m. release time)
Nov-20	Thu 12/23/2020*	Wed 1/6/2021
Dec-20	Wed 1/27/2021	Thu 2/4/2021
Jan-21	Thu 2/25/2021	Thu 3/4/2021
Feb-21	Wed 3/24/2021	Mon 4/5/2021
Mar-21	Mon 4/26/2021	Tue 5/4/2021
Apr-21	Thu 5/27/2021	Fri 6/4/2021
May-21	Thu 6/24/2021	Fri 7/2/2021
Jun-21	Tue 7/27/2021	Tue 8/3/2021
Jul-21	Wed 8/25/2021	Thu 9/2/2021
Aug-21	Mon 9/27/2021	Mon 10/4/2021
Sep-21	Wed 10/27/2021	Wed 11/3/2021
Oct-21	Wed 11/24/2021	Fri 12/3/2021
Nov-21	Thu 12/23/2021	Not available at this time

2021 Release Dates for the M3 Survey

*Due to the executive order issued by President Trump closing the Federal Government on December 24, 2020, the U.S. Census Bureau will release the Monthly Advance Report on Durable Goods Manufacturers' Shipments, Inventories and Orders on Wednesday, December 23, 2020 at 8:30 a.m. EST. Data will be disseminated using standard economic indicators release procedures. The original release date was scheduled for Thursday, December 24 at 8:30 a.m. EST.

https://www.whitehouse.gov/wp-content/uploads/2020/09/pfei_schedule_release_dates_2021.pdf

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FRED Mobile App

FRED Android devices. FRED, the signature database of the Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis, now incorporates the Census Bureau's 13 economic indicators.

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Table 1. Durable Goods Manufacturers' Shipments and New Orders ¹

Item		Monthly	Jeasondily	Adjusted Percent Change			Not Seasonally A Monthly			Year to Date		
	Nov 2020 ²	Oct 2020 ^r	Sep 2020	Oct - Nov ²	Sep - Oct ^r	Aug - Sep	Nov 2020 ²	Oct 2020 ^r	Nov 2019	2020	2019	Percent Change 2020/2019
DURABLE GOODS												
Total:												
Shipments	250,096	249,374	245,600	0.3	1.5	0.5	240,295	257,015	235,741	2,578,392	2,740,674	-5.9
New Orders ⁴	244,161	242,003	237,786	0.9	1.8	2.1	232,563	245,226	224,605	2,443,564	2,656,809	-8.0
Excluding transportation:												
Shipments New Orders ⁴	167,777 165,322	167,296 164,666	163,767 161,578	0.3 0.4	2.2 1.9	0.6 1.5	160,688 156,740	171,356 166,827	154,530 148,431	1,768,659 1,723,299	1,791,291 1,739,625	-1.3 -0.9
Excluding defense:	100,022	101,000	101,070	0.1	1.5	1.5	130,710	100,027	110,101	1,720,235	1,700,020	0.5
Shipments	234,963	234,922	231,809	0.0	1.3	0.6	224,536	242,600	221,115	2,424,491	2,587,984	-6.3
New Orders ⁴	230,123	228,493	226,716	0.7	0.8	3.8	218,178	233,737	214,341	2,292,969	2,505,705	-8.5
Manufacturing with unfilled orders:												
Shipments	167,928 167,108		163,756	-0.3	2.9 3.1	0.2	160,770		163,258		1,901,520 1,871,016	
New Orders	167,108	166,254	161,227	0.5	3.1	2.6	158,899	164,899	157,688	1,703,975	1,871,916	-9.0
Primary metals: Shipments	19,183	18,850	18,360	1.8	2.7	0.1	17,801	18,965	17,729	203,979	221,231	-7.8
New Orders	19,672	19,600	19,362	0.4	1.2	4.5	18,660	19,510		204,877	221,272	-7.4
Fabricated metal products:												
Shipments New Orders	31,041 31,794	30,925 32,044	30,136 31,137	0.4 -0.8	2.6 2.9	0.3 2.3	29,431 29,777	32,004 32,377	30,173 29,155	333,340 335,937	351,170 351,329	-5.1 -4.4
	51,794	52,044	51,157	-0.8	2.9	2.5	29,777	52,577	29,155	555,557	551,529	-4.4
Machinery: Shipments	31,650	31,513	31,034	0.4	1.5	-0.4	29,152	31,883	29,162	336,071	352,599	-4.7
New Orders	32,179	31,882	31,782	0.9	0.3	0.7	29,592	32,040	29,349		351,567	-3.4
Computers and electronic products ⁴ :												
Shipments	30,786	31,115	30,408	-1.1	2.3	1.6	31,376	31,023	28,706	321,292	308,712	4.1
New Orders	26,351	26,245	25,196	0.4	4.2	1.3	25,645	25,407	22,494	266,719	256,139	4.1
Computers and related products:												
Shipments New Orders	1,930 1,963	1,911 1,911	1,807 1,828	1.0 2.7	5.8 4.5	-3.6 -1.6	1,969 2,002	1,825 1,825	1,763 1,797	19,601 19,482	18,144 18,160	8.0 7.3
	1,505	1,511	1,020	2.7		1.0	2,002	1,023	1,757	10,402	10,100	7.5
Communications equipment: Shipments	4,446	4,671	4,248	-4.8	10.0	2.3	4,123	4,066	3,291	42,657	38,031	12.2
New Orders	4,852	4,735	4,268	2.5	10.9	1.7	4,441	4,189	3,214	43,003	38,049	13.0
Electrical equipment, appliances,												
and components:	10.905	11 020	10 550	1 1		0.4	10 5 69	11 220	10 594	117,516	120 211	-2.2
Shipments New Orders	10,895 11,105	11,020 11,022	10,559 10,784	-1.1 0.8	4.4 2.2	-0.4 -0.8	10,568 10,705	11,329 11,304	10,584 10,575	,	120,211 121,370	
Transportation equipment:												
Shipments	82,319 78,820		81,833	0.3	0.3	0.4	79,607	85,659	81,211	809,733	949,383	-14.7
New Orders	78,839	77,337	76,208	1.9	1.5	3.3	75,823	78,399	76,174	720,265	917,184	-21.5
Motor vehicles and parts: Shipments	61,896	60,485	62,052	2.3	-2.5	1.2	59,126	64,600	56,069	581,624	665,618	-12.6
New Orders	62,051	60,573	62,106	2.4	-2.5	1.1	59,618	64,074	56,449		663,542	-12.3
Nondefense aircraft and parts ⁵ :												
Shipments	4,276	6,275	5,107	-31.9	22.9	-3.1	4,257	5,670	9,598	63,374	120,488	-47.4
New Orders	2,291	2,356	1,902	-2.8	23.9	(NA)	1,431	1,611	7,506	-23,731	93,801	-125.3
Defense aircraft and parts:	4 225	4 220	2 742	0.4	12.0	٥٢	1 277	1 161	4 422	44 705	E0 46E	11 /
Shipments New Orders	4,235 3,266	4,220 2,824	3,742 1,649	0.4 15.7	12.8 71.3	-8.6 -58.6	4,377 3,819	4,164 1,994	4,423 2,553	44,705 38,097	50,465 51,470	-11.4 -26.0
All other durable goods:							-					
Shipments	44,222	43,873	43,270	0.8	1.4	1.1	42,360	46,152	38,176	456,461	437,368	4.4
New Orders	44,221	43,873	43,317	0.8	1.3	1.0	42,361	46,189	38,187	457,132	437,948	4.4
Capital goods ³ :												
Shipments	85,191	85,925	82,758	-0.9	3.8	0.5	82,672	85,608	81,418	891,292	934,759	
New Orders	83,751	83,631	80,998	0.1	3.3	5.7	79,871	81,304	73,713	816,773	905,130	-9.8
Nondefense capital goods: Shipments	71,804	73,384	70,628	-2.2	3.9	0.7	68,584	73,019	68,488	756,228	801,869	-5.7
New Orders	71,804 71,236	73,384 71,056	70,628 70,641	-2.2	3.9 0.6	0.7 11.5	68,584 66,971	73,019 70,496	68,488 64,403	679,562	801,869 774,012	-5.7 -12.2
Excluding aircraft:	,	,	,				,	,	,	.,	,	
Shipments	69,888	69,577	67,814	0.4	2.6	0.8	66,666	69,731	62,524	721,738	723,937	-0.3
New Orders	70,901	70,630	69,507	0.4	1.6	1.9	67,306	70,477	62,691	729,906	723,956	0.8
Defense capital goods:												
Shipments	13,387	12,541	12,130	6.7	3.4	-0.3	14,088				132,890	
New Orders	12,515	12,575	10,357	-0.5	21.4	-21.9	12,900	10,808	9,310	137,211	131,118	4.6

[Estimates are shown in millions of dollars and are based on data from the Manufacturers' Shipments, Inventories, and Orders Survey.]

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² Based on advance sample. Estimates of manufacturers' shipments, inventories, and orders are subject to survey error and revision. One major component of survey error is nonsampling error, which includes errors of coverage, response and nonreporting. Since the survey panel is not a probability sample, estimates of sampling error cannot be calculated. For further details on survey design, methodology, and data limitations, see http://www.census.gov/manufacturing/m3.

³ The Capital Goods Industries include Nondefense : small arms and ordnance; farm machinery and equipment; construction machinery; mining, oil, and gas field machinery; industrial machinery; vending, laundry, and other machinery; photographic equipment; metalworking machinery; turbines and generators; other power transmission equipment; pumps and compressors; material handling equipment; all other machinery; electronic computers; computer storage devices; other computer peripheral equipment; communications equipment; search and navigation equipment; electromedical, measuring, and control instruments; electrical equipment; other electrical equipment, appliances, and components; heavy duty trucks; aircraft; railroad rolling stock; ships and boats; office and institutional furniture; and medical equipment and supplies. Defense Capital Goods include : small arms and ordnance, communications equipment, aircraft; missiles, space vehicles, and parts, ships and boats, and search and navigation equipment.

⁴ Estimates and percent changes of shipments and inventories for the semiconductor industry are included in computers and electronic products, and all other applicable aggregate totals. Estimates and percent changes for new orders and unfilled

orders exclude semiconductor industry data.

⁵ (NA) - New Orders month-to-month percent change is not provided for Nondefense aircraft and parts because the denominator has a negative value.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Manufacturers' Shipments, Inventories, and Orders (M3) Survey, November Advance Report, December 23, 2020. Information on data sources and methodology can be found on our website at <www.census.gov/manufacturing/m3/how_the_data_are_collected/index.html>.

Table 2. Durable Goods Manufacturers' Unfilled Orders and Total Inventories ¹

Item		Monthly	Seasonally	-	ercent Change	9	Not Seasonally Adjusted Monthly			Percent
	Nov 2020 ²	Oct 2020 ^r	Sep 2020	Oct - Nov ²	Sep - Oct ^r	Aug - Sep	Nov 2020 ²	Oct 2020 ^r	Nov 2019	Change 2020/ 2019
DURABLE GOODS										
Total: Unfilled Orders ⁴ Total Inventories	1,072,883 426,615	1,073,703 422,744	1,075,902 421,434	-0.1 0.9	-0.2 0.3	-0.2 0.3	1,062,779 426,538		1,134,656 421,861	-6.3 1.1
Excluding transportation: Unfilled Orders ⁴ Total Inventories	359,560 275,921	356,900 274,486	354,358 273,934		0.7 0.2	0.9 0.2	355,230 275,337		346,609 281,514	2.5 -2.2
Excluding defense: Unfilled Orders ⁴ Total Inventories	856,079 401,379	855,804 397,141	857,061 395,708	0.0	-0.1 0.4	0.0 0.2	, 849,237 401,299	849,734	929,735 396,407	-8.7 1.2
Manufacturing with unfilled orders: Unfilled Orders Total Inventories	1,072,883 347,824	1,073,703 345,014	1,075,902 344,582		-0.2 0.1	-0.2 0.4	1,062,779 347,650	1,064,650	1,134,656 342,718	-6.3 1.4
Primary metals: Unfilled Orders Total Inventories	33,071 33,797	32,582 33,655	31,832 33,544		2.4 0.3	3.3 1.3	32,357 33,606	31,498 33,253	30,977 35,343	4.5 -4.9
Fabricated metal products: Unfilled Orders Total Inventories	76,276 51,778	75,523 51,250	74,404 51,023		1.5 0.4	1.4 -0.3	75,047 51,128	74,701 50,882	73,075 52,695	2.7 -3.0
Machinery: Unfilled Orders Total Inventories	99,307 69,313	98,778 68,884	98,409 68,916	0.5 0.6	0.4 0.0	0.8 0.0	98,267 69,893	97,827 68,609	96,030 72,261	2.3 -3.3
Computers and electronic products⁴: Unfilled Orders Total Inventories	119,686 43,530	119,006 43,555	118,704 43,518		0.3 0.1	0.1 -0.2	118,634 43,714	•	117,311 44,246	1.1 -1.2
Computers and related products: Unfilled Orders Total Inventories	1,889 3,911	1,856 3,865	1,856 3,850		0.0 0.4	1.1 -0.4	1,889 3,996	1,856 3,886	2,007 3,948	-5.9 1.2
Communications equipment: Unfilled Orders Total Inventories	26,099 5,257	25,693 5,290	25,629 5,325		0.2 -0.7	0.1 1.2	25,935 5,357	25,617 5,350	25,456 5,237	1.9 2.3
Electrical equipment, appliances, and components: Unfilled Orders Total Inventories	22,564 19,865	22,354 19,674	22,352 19,755	0.9 1.0	0.0 -0.4	1.0 0.3	22,291 19,530	22,154 19,577	20,965 19,563	6.3 -0.2
Transportation equipment: Unfilled Orders Total Inventories	713,323 150,694	716,803 148,258	721,544 147,500	-0.5 1.6	-0.7 0.5	-0.8 0.4	707,549 151,201	711,333 149,517	788,047 140,347	-10.2 7.7
Motor vehicles and parts: Unfilled Orders Total Inventories	21,460 40,250	21,305 39,159	21,217 38,678	0.7 2.8	0.4 1.2	0.3 -0.9	20,818 40,249		19,827 40,041	5.0 0.5
Nondefense Aircraft and parts: Unfilled Orders Total Inventories	475,370 80,802	477,355 79,311	481,274 79,070	-0.4 1.9	-0.8 0.3	-0.7 0.9	472,869 81,243		563,617 71,256	-16.1 14.0
Defense Aircraft and parts: Unfilled Orders Total Inventories	79,504 12,359	80,473 12,446	81,869 12,436	-1.2 -0.7	-1.7 0.1	-2.5 0.0	78,429 12,397	78,987 12,458	81,183 12,119	-3.4 2.3
All other durable goods: Unfilled Orders Total Inventories	8,656 57,638	8,657 57,468	8,657 57,178	0.0 0.3	0.0 0.5	0.5 0.3	8,634 57,466		8,251 57,406	4.6 0.1
Capital goods ³ : Unfilled Orders Total Inventories	769,807 217,104	771,247 215,144	773,541 215,026	-0.2 0.9	-0.3 0.1	-0.2 0.3	763,754 218,306		836,389 209,642	-8.7 4.1
Nondefense capital goods: Unfilled Orders Total Inventories	591,152 196,070	591,720 193,738	594,048 193,515	-0.1 1.2	-0.4 0.1	0.0 0.3	587,998 197,307		672,441 188,407	-12.6 4.7
Excluding aircraft: Unfilled Orders Total Inventories	222,075 127,769	221,062 127,015	220,009 127,130		0.5 -0.1	0.8 -0.2	220,302 128,564	219,662 127,044	213,434 129,005	3.2 -0.3
Defense capital goods: Unfilled Orders Total Inventories	178,655 21,034	179,527 21,406	179,493 21,511	-0.5 -1.7	0.0 -0.5	-1.0 1.2	175,756 20,999		163,948 21,235	7.2 -1.1

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