

May 2005 compared to April 2005

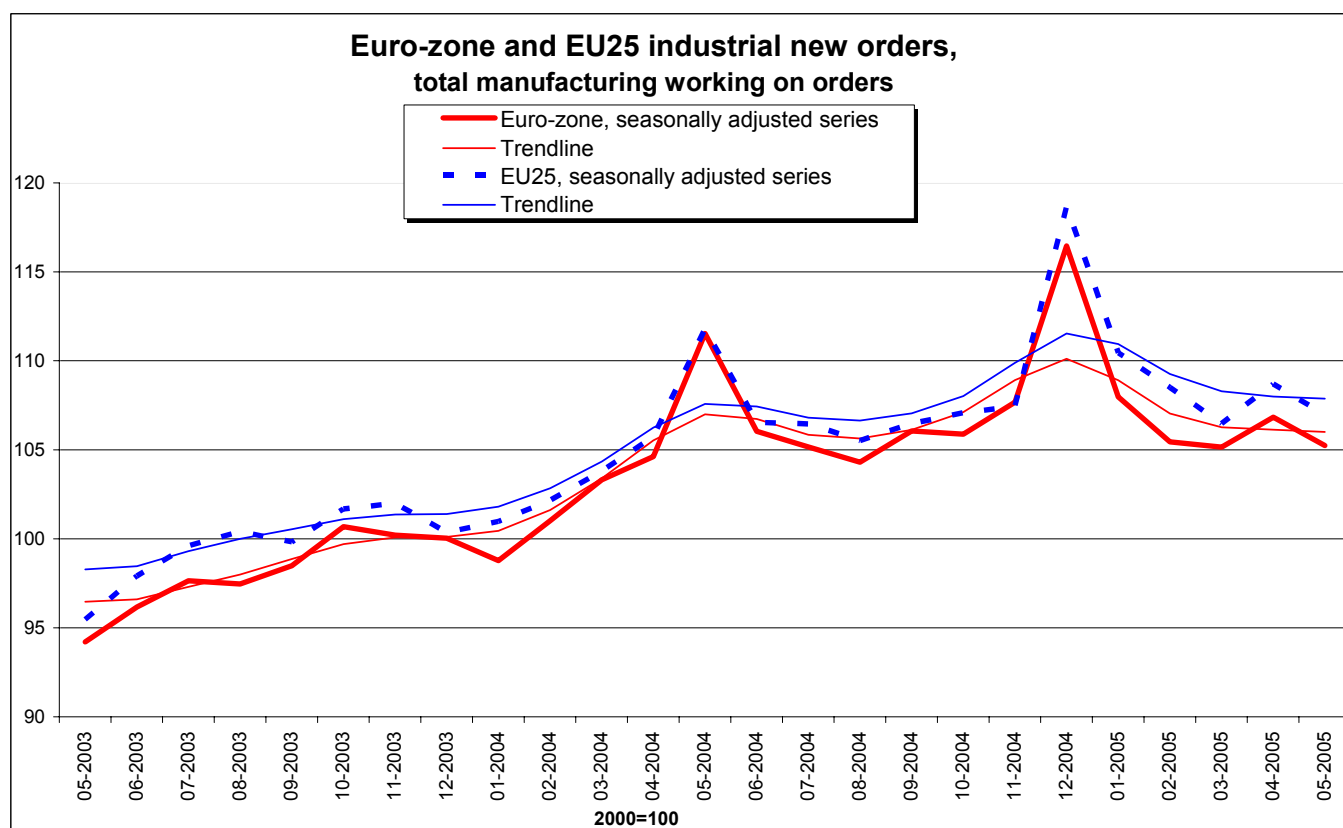
Industrial new orders down by 1.5% in euro-zone

EU25 down by 1.6%

The **euro-zone**¹ industrial new orders index² fell by 1.5% in May 2005 compared to April 2005. The index rose by 1.6% in April³ and decreased by 0.3% in March. **EU25** new orders declined by 1.6% in May 2005, after a rise of 2.1% in April³ and a fall of 1.9% in March.

In May 2005 compared to May 2004, industrial new orders dropped by 3.3% in the **euro-zone** and by 1.9% in the **EU25**.

These estimates are released by Eurostat, the Statistical Office of the European Communities.



Monthly changes

In May 2005 compared to April 2005, chemicals and chemical products grew by 0.3% in the **euro-zone**, but declined by 0.2% in the **EU25**. Electrical and electronic equipment also rose by 0.3% in the **euro-zone**, but dropped by 2.0% in the **EU25**. Manufacturing of textiles and textile products decreased by 0.7% and 1.8% respectively. Basic metals and fabricated metal products fell by 1.9% in the **euro-zone** and by 2.1% in the **EU25**. Manufacturing of machinery and equipment declined by 2.5% and 1.5% respectively. Transport equipment decreased by 3.2% in the **euro-zone** and by 3.1% in the **EU25**.

In May 2005, and among the Member States for which data are available, total manufacturing working on orders rose in eight Member States and fell in nine. The highest increases were registered in **Malta** (+40.6%), **Latvia** (+14.4%), **France** (+11.3%) and **Denmark** (+3.6%). The largest decreases were recorded in **Hungary** (-27.1%), the **Netherlands** (-5.2%), the **Czech Republic** (-4.3%) and **Belgium** (-4.1%).

Annual changes

In May 2005 compared to May 2004, chemicals and chemical products increased by 5.8% in the **euro-zone** and by 4.7% in the **EU25**. Manufacturing of basic metals and fabricated metal products rose by 4.8% and 4.9% respectively. Machinery and equipment gained 4.4% in the **euro-zone** and 4.9% in the **EU25**. Manufacturing of electrical and electronic equipment grew by 2.4% and 3.8% respectively. Textiles and textile products fell by 0.5% in the **euro-zone** and by 3.3% in the **EU25**. Transport equipment declined by 19.5% and 15.0% respectively.

In May 2005, and among the Member States for which data are available, total manufacturing working on orders rose in eleven Member States and fell in six. The highest rises were recorded in **Latvia** (+48.0%), **Denmark** (+25.9%), **Estonia** (+23.8%), **Hungary** (+16.9%) and **Sweden** (+11.5%). The largest decreases were registered in **France** (-22.0%), **Malta** (-17.9%), **Poland** (-7.4%) and **Ireland** (-6.0%).

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 and EU25 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 or EU25. 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 83/2005 of 22 June 2005. The figures for April 2005 were +1.5% in the euro-zone and +2.1% in the EU25 for the monthly changes, and +1.6% in the euro-zone and +2.3% in the EU25 for the annual changes.
4. The seasonally adjusted euro-zone and EU25 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 and EU25 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.
5. 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.
6. Data for Ireland are working day adjusted figures.

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Industrial new orders⁴
% change compared with previous month

Euro-zone	Dec 04	Jan 05	Feb 05	Mar 05	Apr 05	May 05
Total manufacturing working on orders	8.2	-7.3	-2.3	-0.3	1.6	-1.5
textiles and textile products	1.3	-0.4	-2.0	-4.2	4.8	-0.7
chemicals and chemical products	0.9	1.5	-1.6	-0.7	0.3	0.3
basic metals and fabricated metal products	1.9	0.4	-2.4	-1.6	3.5	-1.9
machinery and equipment	4.1	-0.1	0.3	-4.3	7.5	-2.5
electrical and electronic equipment	3.1	-1.1	-0.4	0.5	-3.0	0.3
transport equipment	19.8	-21.3	-4.0	2.8	-1.6	-3.2
EU25						
Total manufacturing working on orders	10.4	-6.9	-1.7	-1.9	2.1	-1.6
textiles and textile products	1.7	-1.0	-2.4	-2.0	3.9	-1.8
chemicals and chemical products	1.3	1.8	-2.0	-1.1	-0.1	-0.2
basic metals and fabricated metal products	4.0	0.8	-3.2	-2.1	3.6	-2.1
machinery and equipment	4.7	-0.1	-1.0	1.2	2.6	-1.5
electrical and electronic equipment	3.7	0.8	-2.1	-1.8	2.5	-2.0
transport equipment	38.3	-25.8	1.2	-6.8	2.1	-3.1

Seasonally adjusted

Total manufacturing working on orders	Dec 04	Jan 05	Feb 05	Mar 05	Apr 05	May 05
Euro-zone	8.2	-7.3	-2.3	-0.3	1.6	-1.5
EU25	10.4	-6.9	-1.7	-1.9	2.1	-1.6
Belgium	1.9	2.3	-3.5	0.0	2.4	-4.1
Czech Republic	-3.2	-0.3	-3.0	-2.2	11.2	-4.3
Denmark	5.3	0.0	-3.2	5.7	5.3	3.6
Germany	8.6	-3.4	-2.1	1.6	-2.6	2.3
Estonia	3.7	-3.9	3.0	3.7	-1.7	3.5
Greece	:	:	:	:	:	:
Spain⁵	c	c	c	c	c	c
France	15.4	-27.9	-0.5	4.3	-5.2	11.3
Ireland	-4.5	3.6	-3.6	-1.7	1.1	-3.9
Italy	6.5	-4.9	-0.1	-4.1	3.5	1.2
Cyprus	:	:	:	:	:	:
Latvia	9.5	8.7	-14.0	2.3	6.2	14.4
Lithuania	10.9	-6.6	-3.4	1.6	4.3	-0.6
Luxembourg	-5.3	-6.3	-6.1	-2.2	2.8	:
Hungary	-0.6	-0.1	-1.6	-0.6	52.9	-27.1
Malta	32.9	-29.6	-2.0	18.1	-43.8	40.6
Netherlands	3.9	3.0	2.5	-5.5	6.1	-5.2
Austria	3.2	-4.9	9.4	-5.2	4.0	:
Poland	4.8	-1.0	8.7	-10.9	1.6	-3.1
Portugal	4.0	-0.5	1.3	11.6	-8.3	-4.0
Slovenia	:	:	:	:	:	:
Slovakia	-1.5	8.4	1.6	-9.0	10.8	-1.8
Finland⁵	c	c	c	c	c	c
Sweden	4.7	-3.4	0.3	-3.7	5.2	3.3
United Kingdom⁵	c	c	c	c	c	c

Seasonally adjusted

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

Euro-zone	Dec 04	Jan 05	Feb 05	Mar 05	Apr 05	May 05
Total manufacturing working on orders	17.0	6.7	3.3	-0.4	1.7	-3.3
textiles and textile products	2.1	-7.8	-6.5	-14.2	-5.3	-0.5
chemicals and chemical products	7.0	10.3	8.9	1.7	5.7	5.8
basic metals and fabricated metal products	15.5	11.5	6.5	-1.1	4.5	4.8
machinery and equipment	6.0	7.3	5.4	-5.2	2.5	4.4
electrical and electronic equipment	2.0	4.2	5.2	2.6	-3.0	2.4
transport equipment	48.5	7.6	-1.3	4.0	-0.5	-19.5
EU25						
Total manufacturing working on orders	18.9	6.7	5.2	0.4	2.2	-1.9
textiles and textile products	-0.6	-8.6	-7.4	-13.5	-4.8	-3.3
chemicals and chemical products	6.7	9.2	8.4	1.4	4.3	4.7
basic metals and fabricated metal products	17.2	12.2	6.8	0.4	5.3	4.9
machinery and equipment	6.2	5.3	4.3	-1.7	4.8	4.9
electrical and electronic equipment	4.5	7.5	5.4	2.2	1.2	3.8
transport equipment	68.9	10.5	13.3	5.6	-1.7	-15.0

Gross data

Total manufacturing working on orders	Dec 04	Jan 05	Feb 05	Mar 05	Apr 05	May 05
Euro-zone	17.0	6.7	3.3	-0.4	1.7	-3.3
EU25	18.9	6.7	5.2	0.4	2.2	-1.9
Belgium	6.4	10.2	3.4	2.3	1.8	1.5
Czech Republic	20.7	20.7	5.6	-0.3	5.7	-1.5
Denmark	14.8	2.4	-1.1	-0.7	13.5	25.9
Germany	16.3	7.6	4.4	-1.1	4.5	2.4
Estonia	15.1	15.6	18.9	22.1	17.4	23.8
Greece	:	:	:	:	:	:
Spain⁵	c	c	c	c	c	c
France	39.3	3.3	0.3	1.6	-3.7	-22.0
Ireland⁶	1.0	5.9	2.4	-7.1	-3.0	-6.0
Italy	10.8	4.2	4.3	-2.7	-0.1	7.0
Cyprus	:	30.8	7.4	-7.9	13.5	:
Latvia	21.1	49.4	20.6	4.9	24.2	48.0
Lithuania	30.2	18.1	5.9	5.7	7.8	7.5
Luxembourg	9.8	6.0	-10.9	-12.4	-7.5	:
Hungary	1.3	3.3	-1.7	2.0	57.1	16.9
Malta	51.2	-12.4	-7.5	7.6	-52.4	-17.9
Netherlands	5.1	8.0	7.4	-1.5	2.5	1.1
Austria	18.2	9.8	12.5	3.1	5.1	:
Poland	23.5	-20.7	53.3	1.6	4.5	-7.4
Portugal	6.2	-1.8	9.4	15.3	1.1	-5.1
Slovenia	:	:	:	:	:	:
Slovakia	-2.1	16.7	20.7	-2.6	15.7	6.4
Finland⁵	c	c	c	c	c	c
Sweden	15.7	2.2	4.5	-6.0	3.1	11.5
United Kingdom⁵	c	c	c	c	c	c

Gross data

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

	05/04	06/04	07/04	08/04	09/04	10/04	11/04	12/04	01/05	02/05	03/05	04/05	05/05
Euro-zone	111.5	106.0	105.2	104.3	106.1	105.9	107.7	116.5	108.0	105.5	105.1	106.8	105.2
EU25	111.8	106.5	106.5	105.5	106.5	107.1	107.4	118.6	110.4	108.5	106.5	108.7	107.0
BE	90.5	95.4	95.9	94.8	93.9	93.4	91.2	93.0	95.1	91.7	91.7	93.9	90.0
CZ	201.7	188.8	195.6	205.4	185.3	195.2	200.2	193.8	193.1	187.4	183.3	203.9	195.2
DK	102.9	102.5	105.4	101.3	105.6	106.2	102.5	108.0	108.0	104.5	110.5	116.3	120.6
DE	107.5	104.2	107.3	105.8	106.6	108.1	104.9	113.9	110.0	107.7	109.4	106.6	109.0
EE	166.0	176.0	182.8	185.6	186.0	181.5	188.9	196.0	188.4	194.1	201.4	198.0	204.8
EL	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
ES⁵	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c
FR	144.5	110.3	104.5	104.3	109.0	103.8	125.6	145.0	104.6	104.1	108.6	102.9	114.5
IE	104.5	111.1	108.3	97.0	107.9	105.0	108.2	103.3	107.1	103.3	101.6	102.7	98.7
IT	98.5	97.2	98.8	98.7	99.9	99.6	100.5	107.0	101.8	101.6	97.5	100.9	102.1
CY	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
LV	195.7	200.3	207.9	210.0	198.0	230.9	223.1	244.4	265.7	228.6	233.8	248.2	284.0
LT	166.4	162.5	162.8	161.7	174.7	172.6	169.7	188.2	175.7	169.7	172.5	179.8	178.7
LU	110.3	110.2	110.2	104.3	113.1	109.5	114.9	108.8	102.0	95.8	93.7	96.3	:
HU	139.9	137.0	142.5	149.8	145.5	149.6	147.6	146.7	146.6	144.3	143.5	219.4	159.9
MT	88.7	91.2	98.4	73.0	92.9	110.1	82.6	109.7	77.3	75.7	89.4	50.3	70.7
NL	97.9	99.5	100.4	100.5	98.1	96.6	92.2	95.8	98.7	101.2	95.6	101.5	96.2
AT	115.9	129.1	121.5	118.0	115.9	118.9	117.3	121.1	115.2	126.0	119.4	124.2	:
PL	134.0	137.3	138.0	137.9	140.6	138.6	135.2	141.8	140.3	152.5	135.9	138.2	133.8
PT	124.1	114.0	119.4	119.9	114.5	106.4	110.1	114.6	114.0	115.5	128.9	118.2	113.4
SI	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
SK	207.0	201.8	200.2	206.3	220.3	215.7	204.7	201.7	218.6	222.1	202.1	224.0	219.9
FI⁵	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c
SE	100.3	102.9	107.6	101.0	101.1	106.1	104.0	108.9	105.2	105.5	101.6	106.9	110.4
UK⁵	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)

	05/02	05/03	05/04	06/04	07/04	08/04	09/04	10/04	11/04	12/04	01/05	02/05	03/05	04/05	05/05
Euro-zone	98.8	94.0	108.8	112.3	104.9	81.0	112.3	106.5	109.4	121.8	103.5	104.4	115.9	105.5	105.2
EU25	99.1	94.9	108.5	112.7	104.2	85.0	112.4	107.2	109.6	123.5	105.9	107.2	117.2	107.9	106.5
BE	88.7	82.3	86.5	102.5	87.2	84.5	100.6	98.0	91.7	89.6	90.5	91.1	102.2	94.5	87.8
CZ	137.0	138.7	198.2	194.6	171.1	183.7	198.6	195.1	206.0	185.5	201.6	187.7	200.4	204.2	195.2
DK	113.1	102.2	99.5	113.1	92.5	97.5	111.0	104.8	107.5	106.9	100.6	97.9	118.8	116.5	125.4
DE	97.8	94.1	102.8	109.9	105.9	97.0	111.4	107.3	108.3	116.1	106.5	106.1	116.6	110.1	105.3
EE	:	148.8	170.3	172.6	170.5	187.2	205.5	198.4	200.5	189.9	163.4	172.4	213.0	195.0	210.9
EL	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
ES⁵	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c
FR	98.1	91.5	139.1	122.0	104.6	71.9	118.8	111.6	123.6	150.3	103.9	100.6	118.4	103.5	108.5
IE⁶	107.6	104.0	100.1	117.6	97.2	83.7	108.3	104.9	105.9	107.3	93.7	99.9	107.6	100.6	94.1
IT	101.1	92.5	95.4	106.9	104.5	52.5	107.8	100.5	100.1	122.6	93.3	106.1	115.5	95.7	102.0
CY	:	:	127.2	138.0	130.1	75.5	162.7	118.1	120.1	117.6	118.8	132.4	137.0	149.1	:
LV	173.4	223.5	213.4	210.2	204.8	210.5	210.1	223.1	211.9	279.8	245.4	203.8	219.0	244.6	315.8
LT	127.3	131.3	168.8	157.2	151.0	150.0	183.6	185.9	168.4	183.7	175.2	164.2	185.1	182.9	181.5
LU	93.3	96.1	110.9	111.6	109.2	87.6	113.1	114.1	116.1	98.7	107.0	100.3	101.5	97.6	:
HU	85.6	110.1	129.9	135.5	128.0	148.3	144.1	157.9	151.1	158.1	158.7	142.2	143.8	213.7	151.8
MT	99.4	98.1	100.0	76.8	87.8	77.1	91.5	118.8	97.4	97.7	72.0	92.3	87.8	41.1	82.1
NL	97.7	88.4	95.3	105.9	95.2	90.4	101.9	96.0	95.7	98.4	95.6	97.8	105.1	97.9	96.3
AT	96.4	97.0	108.5	132.3	118.4	101.6	125.7	117.9	118.3	124.9	117.5	120.5	132.2	120.9	:
PL	91.9	99.7	131.3	135.3	127.8	135.6	141.3	144.6	129.4	143.5	137.5	198.5	137.2	135.3	121.6
PT	113.0	115.0	123.8	116.3	118.6	83.9	121.6	110.2	111.1	114.7	115.5	112.6	151.9	118.4	117.4
SI	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
SK	144.7	179.1	204.9	214.5	190.3	184.1	241.7	228.8	215.7	193.9	215.4	211.1	207.6	213.4	218.0
FI⁵	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c
SE	101.4	94.9	97.6	113.5	78.2	89.9	110.2	103.1	106.4	112.5	98.4	108.8	119.4	108.3	108.9
UK⁵	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c

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