

March 2009 compared with February 2009

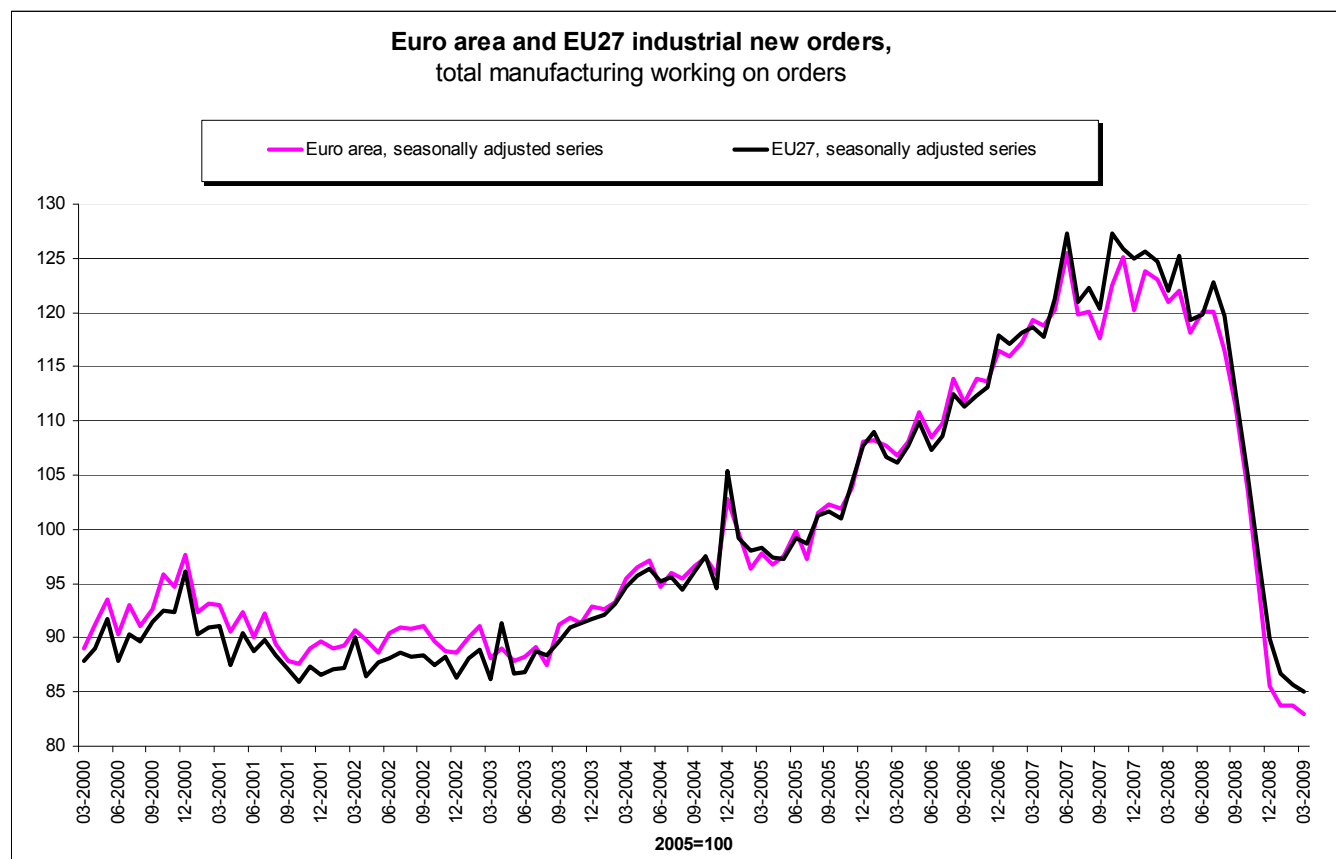
Industrial new orders down by 0.8% in euro area

Down by 0.7% in EU27

In March 2009 compared with February 2009, the **euro area**¹ (EA16) industrial new orders index² fell by 0.8%. In February³ the index remained unchanged. In the **EU27**¹ new orders declined by 0.7% in March 2009, after dropping by 1.2% in February³. Excluding ships, railway & aerospace equipment⁴, for which changes tend to be more volatile, industrial new orders decreased by 0.2% in the **euro area** and by 0.1% in the **EU27**.

In March 2009 compared with March 2008, industrial new orders decreased by 26.9% in the **euro area** and by 25.5% in the **EU27**. Total industry excluding ships, railway & aerospace equipment⁴ dropped by 26.6% in the **euro area** and by 24.9% in the **EU27**.

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



Monthly changes

In March 2009 compared with February 2009, new orders for intermediate goods fell by 1.6% in the **euro area** and by 1.5% in the **EU27**. Durable consumer goods decreased by 1.8% and 0.5% respectively. Capital goods dropped by 2.1% in the **euro area** and by 0.2% in the **EU27**. Non-durable consumer goods declined by 2.5% in the **euro area**, but increased by 0.2% in the **EU27**.

Among the Member States for which data are available, total manufacturing working on orders rose in eight and fell in thirteen. The highest increases were registered in **Denmark** (+44.0%), **Portugal** (+25.6%) and **Hungary** (+19.9%), and the largest decreases in **Lithuania** (-8.2%), **Slovenia** (-7.6%) and **Bulgaria** (-7.1%).

Annual changes

In March 2009 compared with March 2008, new orders for non-durable consumer goods fell by 3.8% in the **euro area** and by 0.3% in the **EU27**. Durable consumer goods declined by 17.6% and 16.7% respectively. Capital goods decreased by 29.9% in the **euro area** and by 29.0% in the **EU27**. Intermediate goods dropped by 30.2% and 28.1% respectively.

Among the Member States for which data are available, total manufacturing working on orders fell in nineteen and increased only in **Denmark** (+14.2%) and **Portugal** (+0.3%). The largest falls were registered in **Slovenia** (-43.4%), **Bulgaria** (-42.7%), **Spain** (-34.4%) and **Lithuania** (-34.2%).

1. The euro area (EA16) includes Belgium, Germany, Ireland, Greece, Spain, France, Italy, Cyprus, Luxembourg, Malta, the Netherlands, Austria, Portugal, Slovenia, Slovakia and Finland.
The EU27 includes Belgium (BE), Bulgaria (BG), the Czech Republic (CZ), Denmark (DK), Germany (DE), Estonia (EE), Ireland (IE), Greece (EL), Spain (ES), France (FR), Italy (IT), Cyprus (CY), Latvia (LV), Lithuania (LT), Luxembourg (LU), Hungary (HU), Malta (MT), the Netherlands (NL), Austria (AT), Poland (PL), Portugal (PT), Romania (RO), Slovenia (SI), Slovakia (SK), Finland (FI), Sweden (SE) and the United Kingdom (UK).
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 13, 14, 17, 20, 21, 24 to 30) and is referred to as "total manufacturing working on orders". The euro area and EU aggregates normally do not include Member States for which no data is available.
The seasonally adjusted euro area and EU 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 area and EU 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.
3. Data of previous months have been revised compared to those issued in News Release 57/2009 of 23 April 2009. The figures for February 2009 were -0.6% in the euro area and -1.4% in the EU27 for the monthly changes, and -34.5% in the euro area and -33.3% in the EU27 for the annual changes.
4. New orders for heavy transport equipment (NACE 30, which includes ships, railway and aerospace equipment) tend to be very volatile with a limited immediate impact on production. The aggregate "Manufacturing working on orders excluding heavy transport equipment" is less erratic. The share of heavy transport equipment in total manufacturing working on orders is 2.9% for the euro area and 3.0% for the EU.
5. Data for Ireland are working day adjusted figures.

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Industrial new orders
% change compared with previous month

	Oct-08	Nov-08	Dec-08	Jan-09	Feb-09	Mar-09
EA16						
Total manufacturing working on orders	-7.1	-8.6	-9.7	-2.0	0.0	-0.8
Intermediate goods	-4.8	-13.9	-7.4	-2.8	-2.9	-1.6
Capital goods	-9.8	-10.1	-7.8	-2.8	3.4	-2.1
Durable consumer goods	-2.7	-5.3	-7.3	-0.8	0.2	-1.8
Non-durable consumer goods	-1.6	-0.2	-2.0	-3.2	1.4	-2.5
Total excl. heavy transport equipment ⁴	-6.8	-8.4	-9.9	-2.7	-1.0	-0.2
EU27						
Total manufacturing working on orders	-6.9	-7.4	-7.6	-3.5	-1.2	-0.7
Intermediate goods	-4.7	-11.4	-8.0	-2.9	-2.1	-1.5
Capital goods	-6.3	-6.7	-6.7	-4.4	-2.7	-0.2
Durable consumer goods	-3.4	-4.5	-6.5	-0.8	-1.5	-0.5
Non-durable consumer goods	-0.6	-0.9	-0.6	-2.0	0.7	0.2
Total excl. heavy transport equipment ⁴	-6.4	-7.8	-8.5	-4.4	-0.5	-0.1

Total manufacturing working on orders	Oct-08	Nov-08	Dec-08	Jan-09	Feb-09	Mar-09
EA16	-7.1	-8.6	-9.7	-2.0	0.0	-0.8
EU27	-6.9	-7.4	-7.6	-3.5	-1.2	-0.7
Belgium	-5.4	-7.0	-5.5	-10.2	-2.2	:
Bulgaria	-8.9	-9.8	-3.7	0.0	-15.4	-7.1
Czech Republic	-9.9	-6.1	-1.9	0.8	1.9	-0.3
Denmark	1.7	-12.3	-6.5	5.9	-3.7	44.0
Germany	-7.2	-7.5	-8.0	-8.0	-3.3	3.3
Estonia	-10.5	-7.4	-10.7	-3.4	-4.2	-2.1
Ireland	3.4	-2.5	-7.9	c	c	:
Greece	-2.3	-6.6	-0.7	-16.1	0.6	-0.7
Spain	-5.1	-6.1	-2.4	-6.7	-4.4	-6.8
France	-13.7	-4.0	-2.0	-1.1	1.0	-1.2
Italy	-6.6	-6.9	-7.7	-3.0	2.6	-3.2
Cyprus	c	c	c	c	c	:
Latvia	-6.3	-0.2	-5.2	2.8	-33.0	17.2
Lithuania	-10.7	-7.6	-9.7	-10.1	6.0	-8.2
Luxembourg	-11.3	-0.1	-9.3	-6.4	-2.2	:
Hungary	-1.7	-18.3	-15.2	13.2	-10.3	19.9
Malta	:	:	:	:	:	:
Netherlands	-7.6	-10.1	-13.4	1.5	-3.1	-1.7
Austria	-0.6	-9.6	-15.2	1.0	-2.2	-2.4
Poland	-3.8	-1.6	-3.5	-2.6	-3.2	2.9
Portugal	-5.8	1.6	-8.4	-13.2	-3.8	25.6
Romania	-4.7	-5.0	-6.5	-14.7	9.0	-3.7
Slovenia	-5.8	-5.5	-2.8	-5.9	-2.6	-7.6
Slovakia	-7.1	-5.1	-10.3	-6.0	0.4	2.5
Finland	c	c	c	c	c	c
Sweden	-5.7	-4.1	-9.3	-3.5	-2.1	3.2
United Kingdom	-5.2	-1.2	-2.5	-3.5	-4.7	-1.8

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

	Oct-08	Nov-08	Dec-08	Jan-09	Feb-09	Mar-09
EA16						
Total manufacturing working on orders	-15.2	-27.3	-24.6	-34.4	-34.2	-26.9
Intermediate goods	-8.8	-23.2	-23.5	-34.8	-36.7	-30.2
Capital goods	-23.2	-35.3	-30.6	-39.3	-38.0	-29.9
Durable consumer goods	-17.2	-12.7	-16.2	-25.4	-23.0	-17.6
Non-durable consumer goods	-1.2	-7.5	0.0	-12.7	-11.4	-3.8
Total excl. heavy transport equipment ⁴	-14.1	-24.2	-24.3	-34.3	-33.7	-26.6
EU27						
Total manufacturing working on orders	-17.5	-26.5	-24.4	-32.7	-33.2	-25.5
Intermediate goods	-8.8	-22.6	-22.4	-33.1	-34.7	-28.1
Capital goods	-26.3	-33.4	-30.4	-37.0	-37.4	-29.0
Durable consumer goods	-14.4	-13.8	-14.7	-25.5	-24.4	-16.7
Non-durable consumer goods	-1.1	-8.0	1.6	-10.5	-7.5	-0.3
Total excl. heavy transport equipment ⁴	-13.5	-23.6	-23.0	-33.1	-32.1	-24.9

Total manufacturing working on orders	Oct-08	Nov-08	Dec-08	Jan-09	Feb-09	Mar-09
EA16	-15.2	-27.3	-24.6	-34.4	-34.2	-26.9
EU27	-17.5	-26.5	-24.4	-32.7	-33.2	-25.5
Belgium	-6.0	-18.4	-16.8	-31.9	-31.7	:
Bulgaria	-8.3	-14.2	-13.6	-23.7	-39.0	-42.7
Czech Republic	-21.4	-30.0	-24.6	-26.5	-24.7	-16.5
Denmark	-14.2	-32.0	-24.3	-23.9	-39.1	14.2
Germany	-17.4	-28.5	-28.0	-37.9	-39.2	-28.3
Estonia	-6.6	-16.4	-21.3	-30.8	-35.2	-30.2
Ireland⁵	-0.3	4.3	-8.2	c	c	:
Greece	-7.3	-14.5	-10.3	-33.4	-31.9	-27.6
Spain	-16.8	-29.6	-29.5	-36.4	-36.9	-34.4
France	-16.7	-30.0	-21.0	-30.9	-24.0	-20.1
Italy	-13.8	-28.8	-20.3	-33.9	-32.7	-26.8
Cyprus	c	c	c	c	c	:
Latvia	12.9	3.5	-6.9	-12.9	-34.3	-15.0
Lithuania	-5.9	-16.1	-23.9	-36.4	-30.9	-34.2
Luxembourg	-17.9	-8.9	-26.8	-40.4	-45.4	:
Hungary	-10.4	-23.6	-36.5	-27.8	-35.0	-15.2
Malta	:	:	:	:	:	:
Netherlands	-11.0	-22.7	-30.4	-33.7	-38.8	-26.3
Austria	-10.3	-19.7	-29.0	-33.8	-34.4	-31.8
Poland	-9.6	-12.9	-18.1	-19.2	-17.0	-14.1
Portugal	-0.4	-7.3	-0.2	-28.3	-35.4	0.3
Romania	18.6	1.1	-0.3	-34.0	-15.4	-15.6
Slovenia	-29.2	-40.7	-35.2	-40.3	-29.5	-43.4
Slovakia	-13.9	-16.7	-32.0	-38.4	-38.2	-29.1
Finland	c	c	c	c	c	c
Sweden	-15.9	-27.2	-25.0	-35.2	-33.8	-21.0
United Kingdom	-39.8	-26.1	-25.0	-24.3	-30.1	-27.1

Gross data
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Industrial new orders indices for total manufacturing working on orders
Seasonally adjusted
(Base year 2005)

	03/08	04/08	05/08	06/08	07/08	08/08	09/08	10/08	11/08	12/08	01/09	02/09	03/09
EA16	120.9	122.1	118.1	120.0	120.1	116.5	111.5	103.6	94.6	85.5	83.7	83.7	83.0
EU27	122.0	125.2	119.4	119.8	122.8	119.7	112.8	105.1	97.3	89.9	86.7	85.7	85.1
BE	111.6	118.1	117.3	124.8	121.1	117.6	116.6	110.3	102.6	97.0	87.1	85.2	:
BG	159.4	161.8	152.4	150.2	152.9	135.4	148.4	135.1	121.9	117.3	117.4	99.3	92.3
CZ	132.7	135.1	134.2	130.0	131.7	127.2	126.5	113.9	106.9	104.9	105.8	107.8	107.4
DK	129.0	145.3	139.2	110.3	106.5	112.2	105.1	106.9	93.7	87.6	92.8	89.4	128.7
DE	124.3	125.4	123.4	120.4	118.6	121.7	112.2	104.1	96.3	88.6	81.5	78.8	81.4
EE	155.5	166.5	156.9	150.8	164.3	152.8	157.7	141.2	130.7	116.7	112.6	107.9	105.6
IE	114.2	105.7	109.8	104.4	106.5	108.6	108.6	112.3	109.6	100.9	c	c	:
EL	114.1	125.1	122.8	122.6	122.5	109.3	110.1	107.6	100.4	99.7	83.6	84.1	83.6
ES	119.5	117.6	112.4	110.6	110.7	104.8	102.5	97.3	91.4	89.2	83.2	79.6	74.1
FR	110.8	112.6	108.0	109.0	108.2	105.1	103.8	89.6	86.0	84.3	83.4	84.2	83.2
IT	124.3	125.6	121.5	120.7	126.6	118.6	113.9	106.4	99.1	91.5	88.7	91.0	88.1
CY	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	:
LV	262.4	277.2	265.7	273.4	262.8	276.4	292.0	273.8	273.2	258.9	266.2	178.3	208.9
LT	163.7	181.3	172.5	176.7	169.3	173.4	163.9	146.3	135.2	122.1	109.8	116.3	106.8
LU	129.8	122.7	120.6	130.5	126.0	125.1	110.2	97.7	97.6	88.5	82.8	81.0	:
HU	112.3	117.3	109.6	118.0	120.6	110.9	114.7	112.8	92.2	78.2	88.5	79.4	95.2
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NL	125.0	126.2	120.7	124.6	124.2	121.0	122.5	113.2	101.7	88.1	89.4	86.6	85.2
AT	122.3	128.7	120.1	122.5	127.0	123.5	111.8	111.1	100.5	85.2	86.0	84.0	82.0
PL	197.9	201.1	197.3	200.9	191.4	192.5	192.9	185.7	182.7	176.2	171.7	166.1	170.9
PT	124.8	134.9	123.7	135.0	141.7	134.4	129.4	121.9	123.8	113.4	98.4	94.7	118.9
RO	168.2	168.8	169.1	172.0	170.9	166.7	173.0	164.9	156.7	146.5	124.9	136.2	131.2
SI	111.9	108.7	104.4	101.7	99.0	94.8	92.4	87.0	82.2	79.9	75.2	73.3	67.7
SK	175.6	176.6	163.3	163.0	162.5	152.4	154.6	143.6	136.3	122.3	114.9	115.4	118.3
FI	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c
SE	110.8	120.6	116.6	116.1	112.0	107.0	104.7	98.7	94.6	85.8	82.8	81.1	83.7
UK	116.1	144.9	107.5	107.1	138.9	106.7	105.1	99.7	98.5	96.0	92.6	88.3	86.7

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Industrial new orders indices for total manufacturing working on orders excluding NACE 30⁴
Seasonally adjusted
(Base year 2005)

	03/08	04/08	05/08	06/08	07/08	08/08	09/08	10/08	11/08	12/08	01/09	02/09	03/09
EA16	120.4	121.8	118.2	121.5	117.3	116.9	111.8	104.2	95.4	86.0	83.7	82.8	82.7
EU27	120.6	123.3	119.2	121.4	118.4	119.4	112.8	105.6	97.4	89.1	85.2	84.7	84.6

Industrial new orders indices for total manufacturing working on orders

Gross data
(Base year 2005)

	03/06	03/07	03/08	04/08	05/08	06/08	07/08	08/08	09/08	10/08	11/08	12/08	01/09	02/09	03/09
EA16	122.3	132.2	125.4	127.0	116.6	123.8	124.5	90.5	117.0	108.7	92.9	85.9	82.2	83.7	91.7
EU27	120.3	131.1	126.0	129.3	117.5	124.9	124.9	94.9	118.7	110.2	95.4	90.0	85.7	85.1	93.9
BE	134.2	139.1	123.9	125.0	120.2	137.7	116.3	102.7	128.8	121.1	98.2	95.2	83.3	82.6	:
BG	121.8	141.3	163.7	154.9	150.7	154.5	160.7	131.4	150.6	143.3	123.7	118.3	106.6	93.4	93.8
CZ	126.0	136.1	135.7	138.7	139.3	135.9	125.1	116.8	133.9	124.6	100.1	88.0	109.5	102.8	113.2
DK	115.9	117.1	120.8	155.1	138.9	118.3	96.9	103.4	105.5	115.1	92.3	87.0	89.4	85.2	137.9
DE	120.2	132.3	125.2	132.2	119.7	124.0	121.3	106.9	116.0	107.0	95.7	85.0	79.8	78.6	89.8
EE	120.2	143.9	151.9	174.2	163.2	154.0	159.7	150.3	177.5	159.2	126.5	108.7	98.3	97.1	106.1
IE⁵	112.2	123.6	126.7	101.0	109.1	112.4	95.5	101.2	107.6	114.5	111.8	103.8	c	c	:
EL	120.6	137.9	120.9	128.2	135.2	135.5	137.3	80.5	118.9	114.5	102.8	89.1	70.1	79.9	87.5
ES	121.3	130.7	129.3	129.2	118.6	114.1	127.4	70.6	110.1	104.3	85.2	77.6	77.3	76.8	84.8
FR	118.5	120.4	112.9	119.8	100.1	116.9	111.5	70.8	106.1	101.3	84.3	82.2	84.7	87.5	90.2
IT	122.6	141.5	135.2	123.9	121.6	129.2	148.6	67.7	124.1	112.1	93.1	91.6	82.0	93.8	98.9
CY	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	:
LV	157.2	237.5	270.6	322.8	280.1	263.6	231.9	292.4	338.1	307.4	261.8	207.6	235.2	171.1	229.9
LT	123.3	152.6	167.7	186.6	175.2	175.9	165.7	168.3	177.3	159.0	130.4	116.8	103.1	108.3	110.4
LU	142.7	167.1	143.3	133.5	120.9	155.9	137.1	116.3	118.5	96.7	84.9	73.4	79.0	77.1	:
HU	117.9	122.4	117.7	108.2	102.8	119.3	107.2	95.7	117.3	118.6	101.5	81.2	102.8	75.7	99.8
MT	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
NL	131.7	141.2	127.6	128.1	119.4	128.9	122.9	112.1	129.0	117.1	97.9	88.1	86.5	82.5	94.1
AT	119.9	136.1	127.8	128.5	116.0	124.5	129.2	106.7	125.0	118.2	96.3	83.0	84.1	79.6	87.2
PL	115.2	189.0	184.3	193.8	189.2	201.3	188.9	197.0	206.6	197.6	185.2	171.4	151.9	143.9	158.4
PT	126.1	143.1	141.2	142.6	132.0	136.5	153.4	92.0	140.9	130.9	116.9	109.9	92.6	87.9	141.6
RO	112.6	144.2	154.8	164.4	164.0	168.6	167.1	142.7	187.1	183.2	150.6	146.4	126.0	125.4	130.6
SI	111.0	127.2	117.0	111.6	112.5	106.0	96.6	95.4	111.0	87.1	65.1	65.8	72.6	77.8	66.2
SK	125.4	158.3	178.0	185.3	168.9	166.6	162.2	135.0	175.2	161.6	142.4	102.8	102.9	109.2	126.1
FI	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c
SE	128.3	134.7	119.8	123.1	119.9	123.6	90.2	96.6	110.7	105.0	90.8	84.8	82.3	81.3	94.7
UK	101.6	107.7	116.8	132.0	100.3	113.3	128.3	100.3	110.3	95.3	92.3	107.5	92.1	80.7	85.2

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Industrial new orders indices for total manufacturing working on orders excluding NACE 30⁴

Gross data
(Base year 2005)

	03/06	03/07	03/08	04/08	05/08	06/08	07/08	08/08	09/08	10/08	11/08	12/08	01/09	02/09	03/09
EA16	122.4	134.2	125.1	127.8	117.0	125.2	121.8	90.8	117.6	109.8	93.3	84.2	82.4	83.3	91.8
EU27	121.0	133.4	125.0	128.1	118.3	126.0	120.5	94.8	119.3	111.3	95.2	86.9	84.5	85.1	93.9