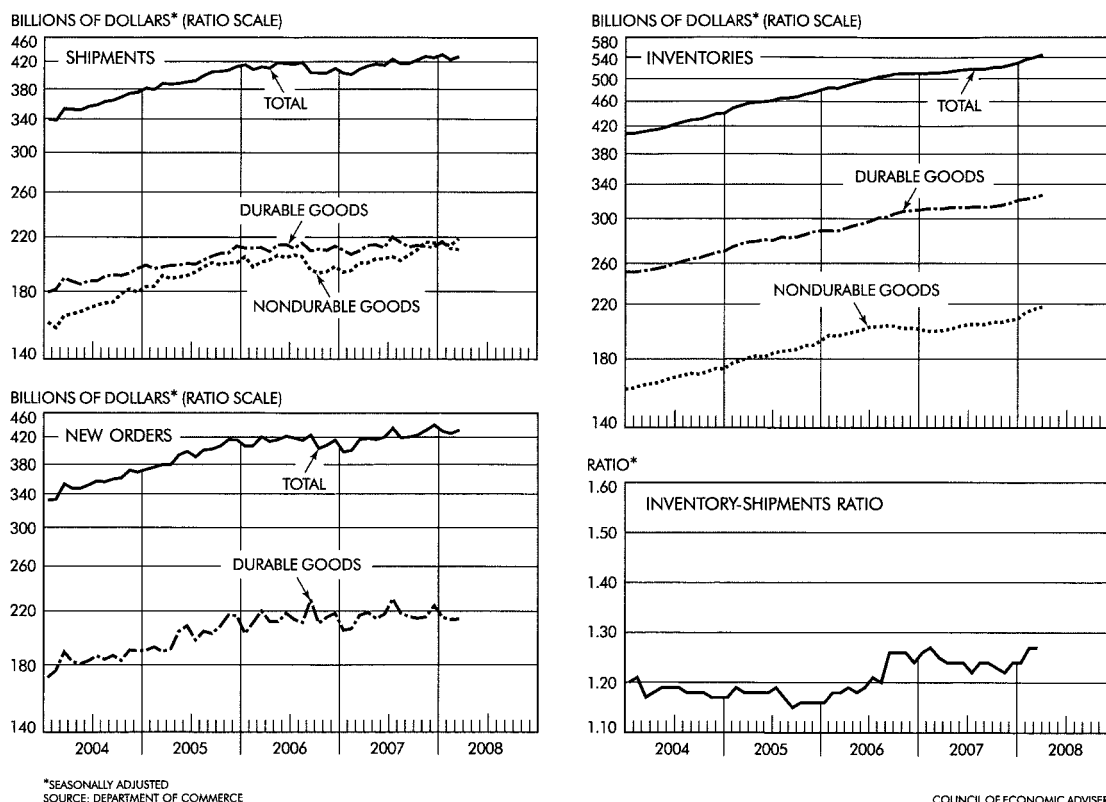


MANUFACTURERS' SHIPMENTS, INVENTORIES, AND ORDERS

In March, manufacturers' shipments, inventories, new and unfilled orders rose.



Period	Manufacturers' shipments ¹			Manufacturers' inventories ²			Manufacturers' new orders ¹			Manufacturers' unfilled orders ²	Manufacturers' inventory—shipments ratio ³
	Total	Durable goods	Nondurable goods	Total	Durable goods	Nondurable goods	Total	Durable goods			
								Total	Capital goods industries, nondefense		
Millions of dollars, seasonally adjusted, except as noted											
1998	324,984	185,966	139,019	449,083	290,715	158,368	317,345	178,327	62,133	496,092	1.38
1999	335,991	193,895	142,096	463,563	296,508	167,055	329,770	187,674	64,392	505,589	1.35
2000	350,715	197,807	152,908	481,633	306,743	174,890	346,789	193,881	69,278	549,513	1.35
2001	330,875	181,201	149,674	428,108	267,902	160,206	322,708	173,033	58,204	513,802	1.38
2002	326,227	176,968	149,259	423,082	260,661	162,421	316,811	167,553	51,817	461,585	1.29
2003	334,616	178,549	156,067	408,226	247,061	161,165	330,369	174,302	52,891	477,029	1.24
2004	359,081	188,722	170,359	439,821	266,264	173,557	354,599	184,240	56,079	495,630	1.18
2005	394,615	201,695	192,920	479,106	286,775	192,331	394,580	201,660	65,625	570,020	1.17
2006	411,663	211,492	200,170	509,902	309,481	200,421	414,562	214,391	72,429	684,047	1.21
2007	416,234	212,223	204,011	528,722	320,351	208,371	420,324	216,312	75,002	808,034	1.24
2007: Mar	409,337	209,287	200,050	511,098	311,315	199,783	416,759	216,709	78,375	706,081	1.25
Apr	413,544	213,525	200,019	513,302	312,426	200,876	418,997	218,978	78,128	719,366	1.24
May	417,004	213,967	203,037	515,362	312,653	202,709	416,866	213,829	72,788	725,644	1.24
June	415,010	211,616	203,394	516,507	312,622	203,885	420,992	217,598	77,389	737,085	1.24
July	424,692	220,095	204,597	517,103	312,895	204,208	435,099	230,502	81,119	754,340	1.22
Aug	417,633	215,919	201,714	516,627	312,577	204,050	420,076	218,362	71,417	763,051	1.24
Sept	417,993	212,135	205,858	519,659	313,607	206,052	421,206	215,348	74,935	771,803	1.24
Oct	423,124	213,235	209,889	520,492	314,834	205,658	424,145	214,256	73,022	779,374	1.23
Nov	428,709	212,462	216,247	524,145	316,961	207,184	431,489	215,242	76,959	788,661	1.22
Dec	427,095	211,747	215,348	528,722	320,351	208,371	440,035	224,687	81,127	808,034	1.24
2008: Jan	431,930	216,582	215,348	535,528	322,085	213,443	430,072	214,724	74,878	814,895	1.24
Feb ^r	423,834	210,866	212,968	539,267	323,492	215,775	426,408	213,440	75,153	823,405	1.27
Mar ^p	428,689	210,096	218,593	544,287	326,632	217,655	432,314	213,721	75,583	832,292	1.27

¹ Annual data are averages of monthly not seasonally adjusted figures; monthly data are seasonally adjusted totals for month. Shipments are the same as sales.

² Seasonally adjusted, end of period.

³ Annual data are averages of seasonally adjusted monthly ratios.

NOTE.—Manufacturers' nondurable new orders (not shown) are the same as nondurable shipments. Also, there are no unfilled nondurable orders; data shown for total unfilled orders are durable unfilled orders.

Total and durable shipments and inventories include data on semiconductors; new and unfilled orders do not.

Source: Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census.