

March 2011 compared with February 2011

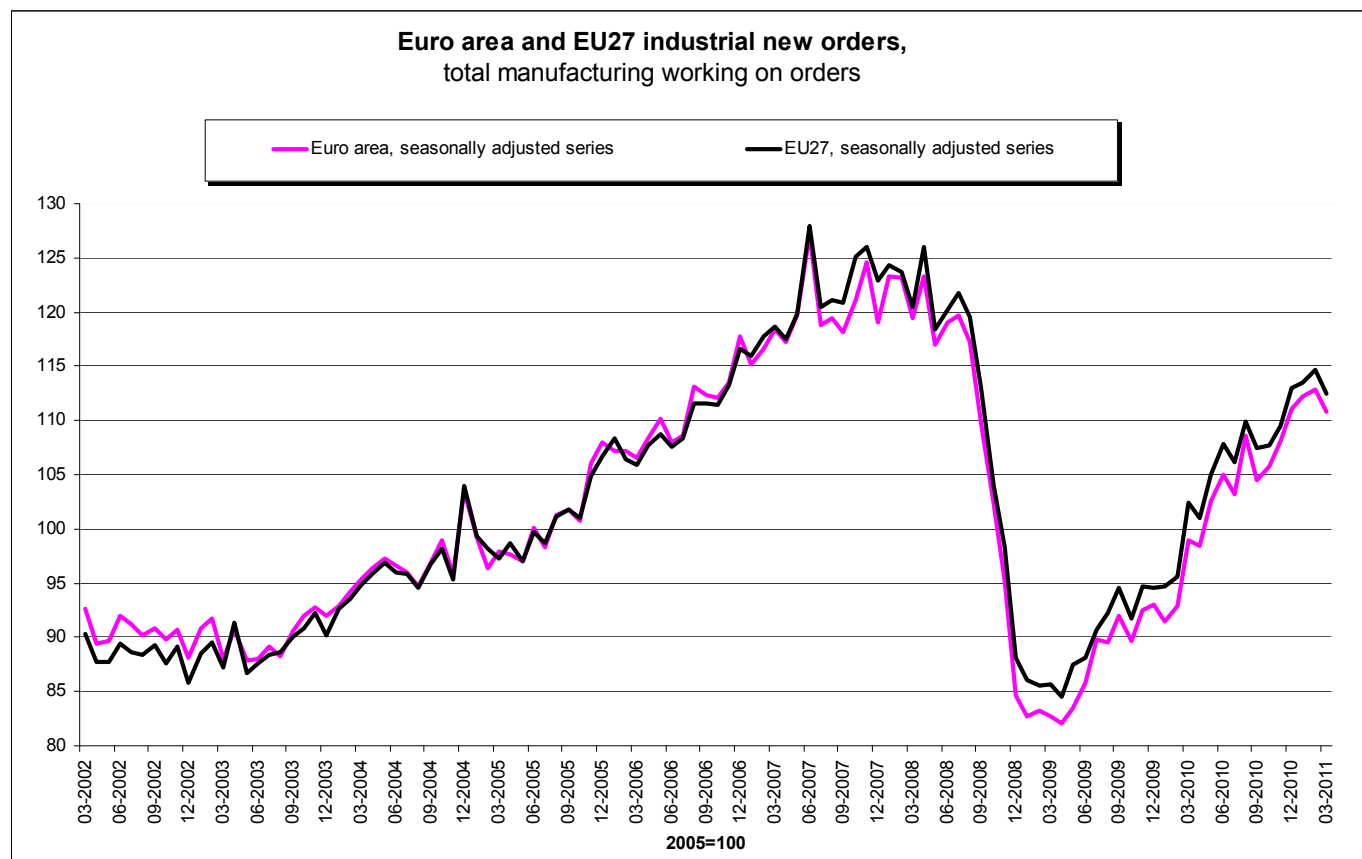
Industrial new orders down by 1.8% in euro area

Down by 1.9% in EU27

In March 2011 compared with February 2011, the **euro area**¹ (EA17) industrial new orders index² fell by 1.8%. In February³ the index grew by 0.5%. In the **EU27**¹, new orders decreased by 1.9% in March 2011, after a rise of 1.0% in February³. Excluding ships, railway & aerospace equipment⁴, for which changes tend to be more volatile, industrial new orders decreased by 1.1% in the **euro area** and by 1.2% in the **EU27**.

In March 2011 compared with March 2010, industrial new orders grew by 14.1% in the **euro area** and by 11.3% in the **EU27**. Total industry excluding ships, railway & aerospace equipment⁴ rose by 15.2% and 13.3% respectively.

These estimates are released by **Eurostat, the statistical office of the European Union**.



Monthly comparison

In March 2011 compared with February 2011, new orders for durable consumer goods dropped by 6.8% in the **euro area** and by 4.0% in the **EU27**. Capital goods fell by 4.6% and 4.5% respectively. Non-durable consumer goods decreased by 3.5% in the **euro area** and by 2.1% in the **EU27**. Intermediate goods rose by 0.6% and 0.7% respectively.

Among the Member States for which data are available, total manufacturing working on orders fell in thirteen and rose in nine. The largest decreases were registered in **Denmark** (-22.3%), **Ireland** (-13.0%), **Portugal** (-8.4%) and **Slovakia** (-8.1%), and the highest increases in **Finland** (+5.5%), **Italy** (+4.5%) and **Estonia** (+3.9%).

Annual comparison

In March 2011 compared with March 2010, new orders for intermediate goods rose by 19.2% in the **euro area** and by 16.8% in the **EU27**. Capital goods increased by 14.5% and 11.6% respectively. Non-durable consumer goods fell by 0.5% in the **euro area** and by 2.9% in the **EU27**. Durable consumer goods decreased by 2.6% and 3.9% respectively.

Among the Member States for which data are available, total manufacturing working on orders rose in nineteen and fell in three. The highest increases were registered in **Estonia** (+59.6%), **Bulgaria** (+37.3%), **Lithuania** (+37.2%) and **Latvia** (+34.1%), and the decreases in **Greece** (-9.3%), the **United Kingdom** (-8.1%) and **Ireland** (-6.6%).

1. The euro area (EA17) includes Belgium, Germany, Estonia, 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.
The weights of the Member States in the EU and euro area aggregates can be found at:
http://circa.europa.eu/Public/irc/dsis/ebt/library?l=/sts_weights_public&vm=detailed&sb=Title
See file: EU_EA17_NEWS_RELEASE_WEIGHTINGS_2005_nace2
3. Data of previous months have been revised compared with those issued in News Release 61/2011 of 27 April 2011. The monthly growth rates for February 2011 have been revised from +0.9% to +0.5% for the euro area and from +1.2% to +1.0% for the EU27. The annual growth rates have been revised from +21.3% to +21.5% for the euro area and from +19.8% to +20.0% for the EU27.
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 can be found in the document referred to in note no. 2.
5. Data for Ireland is working day adjusted.

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Industrial new orders
% change compared with previous month

	Oct-10	Nov-10	Dec-10	Jan-11	Feb-11	Mar-11
EA17						
Total manufacturing working on orders	1.2	2.2	2.7	1.1	0.5	-1.8
Intermediate goods	1.1	1.3	1.4	4.6	0.4	0.6
Capital goods	1.3	2.1	5.2	-2.3	2.9	-4.6
Durable consumer goods	5.1	-1.3	-2.3	3.7	1.8	-6.8
Non-durable consumer goods	1.6	-1.5	2.5	-1.2	0.3	-3.5
Total excl. heavy transport equipment ⁴	0.6	2.4	1.8	2.6	0.4	-1.1
EU27						
Total manufacturing working on orders	0.3	1.6	3.3	0.4	1.0	-1.9
Intermediate goods	0.8	1.1	1.2	4.2	0.2	0.7
Capital goods	0.8	1.4	7.1	-3.8	3.5	-4.5
Durable consumer goods	3.9	-0.6	-2.3	2.8	-1.2	-4.0
Non-durable consumer goods	1.0	-0.9	0.3	0.4	-1.1	-2.1
Total excl. heavy transport equipment ⁴	0.5	1.8	1.7	2.6	0.2	-1.2

Total manufacturing working on orders	Oct-10	Nov-10	Dec-10	Jan-11	Feb-11	Mar-11
EA17	1.2	2.2	2.7	1.1	0.5	-1.8
EU27	0.3	1.6	3.3	0.4	1.0	-1.9
Belgium	-3.1	5.9	2.6	13.9	-8.6	:
Bulgaria	-1.5	3.2	-5.7	12.3	8.6	3.2
Czech Republic	-1.0	2.5	-0.1	4.2	-2.1	1.5
Denmark	1.7	1.6	6.6	11.7	12.0	-22.3
Germany	1.4	5.5	-3.0	3.7	2.6	-3.4
Estonia	-1.1	2.4	58.5	-34.0	2.0	3.9
Ireland	-0.1	1.5	-2.4	1.8	-1.1	-13.0
Greece	5.4	0.9	0.7	0.4	-1.4	-4.0
Spain	0.1	1.5	-0.3	3.1	-0.8	0.3
France	2.7	3.2	5.3	-4.4	1.0	-0.7
Italy	-1.3	-1.7	9.2	-1.4	0.5	4.5
Cyprus	c	c	c	c	c	:
Latvia	14.3	-3.2	3.0	11.9	-0.8	-6.4
Lithuania	16.0	2.5	3.5	2.0	-2.7	-0.4
Luxembourg	-3.1	2.1	1.4	9.2	-5.0	:
Hungary	-5.3	13.0	-17.4	6.9	11.0	-1.0
Malta	6.9	-0.1	0.5	12.2	-7.4	:
Netherlands	0.6	-1.8	10.5	-4.0	1.7	0.3
Austria	2.8	8.3	3.0	-0.6	4.0	:
Poland	1.2	-1.7	4.9	-1.8	1.4	3.1
Portugal	-3.4	28.7	-14.7	-1.1	6.2	-8.4
Romania	-2.9	3.2	5.6	4.4	-4.8	-1.9
Slovenia	3.4	6.3	1.8	1.9	4.3	-2.3
Slovakia	5.4	0.8	8.2	-3.7	5.8	-8.1
Finland	0.1	3.2	14.1	-7.6	-3.3	5.5
Sweden	4.6	-1.8	3.4	-4.0	2.7	2.4
United Kingdom	0.5	2.1	3.7	-5.1	1.4	-2.5

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

	Oct-10	Nov-10	Dec-10	Jan-11	Feb-11	Mar-11
EA17						
Total manufacturing working on orders	14.8	20.1	19.3	22.7	21.5	14.1
Intermediate goods	16.0	23.0	24.6	25.7	22.9	19.2
Capital goods	17.6	21.9	19.1	23.8	25.3	14.5
Durable consumer goods	2.7	5.3	2.8	8.3	9.1	-2.6
Non-durable consumer goods	4.1	6.1	7.7	6.1	7.8	-0.5
Total excl. heavy transport equipment ⁴	14.0	19.5	19.7	24.3	21.0	15.2
EU27						
Total manufacturing working on orders	14.0	18.9	19.6	19.9	20.0	11.3
Intermediate goods	15.3	22.5	23.4	23.7	20.9	16.8
Capital goods	16.4	20.1	20.8	20.2	24.0	11.6
Durable consumer goods	6.8	9.1	3.4	7.2	3.1	-3.9
Non-durable consumer goods	2.9	2.9	4.2	4.5	6.4	-2.9
Total excl. heavy transport equipment ⁴	14.0	19.0	19.2	22.5	19.6	13.3

Total manufacturing working on orders	Oct-10	Nov-10	Dec-10	Jan-11	Feb-11	Mar-11
EA17	14.8	20.1	19.3	22.7	21.5	14.1
EU27	14.0	18.9	19.6	19.9	20.0	11.3
Belgium	9.1	20.3	22.7	43.0	23.6	:
Bulgaria	18.0	26.7	17.0	28.1	32.8	37.3
Czech Republic	14.4	15.9	12.7	17.8	12.5	9.7
Denmark	-3.9	2.1	2.4	29.4	48.9	0.5
Germany	18.8	26.0	26.9	25.0	26.4	13.0
Estonia	64.3	53.5	138.9	74.4	66.8	59.6
Ireland⁵	22.1	27.1	22.1	9.7	13.1	-6.6
Greece	15.0	6.3	-3.2	15.7	21.6	-9.3
Spain	2.9	11.0	6.1	12.2	8.4	10.1
France	11.8	19.0	5.3	18.9	19.4	10.6
Italy	13.0	9.4	17.5	19.0	17.5	22.2
Cyprus	c	c	c	c	c	:
Latvia	47.0	46.4	39.6	75.9	56.1	34.1
Lithuania	51.0	57.7	50.1	43.6	35.9	37.2
Luxembourg	31.3	27.6	44.6	36.6	28.9	:
Hungary	5.3	32.9	12.2	25.2	28.1	21.6
Malta	16.4	18.3	10.5	21.1	14.3	:
Netherlands	20.0	17.5	25.9	27.8	24.6	18.4
Austria	16.4	20.3	22.2	29.5	24.1	:
Poland	15.6	8.5	23.4	10.0	12.9	6.7
Portugal	6.9	53.0	21.2	21.4	23.6	9.0
Romania	14.0	28.3	42.3	41.3	25.0	14.5
Slovenia	8.2	13.6	17.9	27.4	25.5	13.5
Slovakia	20.8	21.0	33.2	29.1	22.9	12.0
Finland	22.0	21.7	44.7	31.7	21.3	24.6
Sweden	21.5	19.5	21.1	13.9	18.2	9.6
United Kingdom	6.9	11.1	22.1	-0.4	7.1	-8.1

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

	03/10	04/10	05/10	06/10	07/10	08/10	09/10	10/10	11/10	12/10	01/11	02/11	03/11
EA17	98.9	98.4	102.5	105.0	103.2	108.6	104.5	105.8	108.1	111.0	112.2	112.8	110.9
EU27	102.5	101.0	105.0	107.8	106.2	109.9	107.4	107.7	109.5	113.0	113.5	114.7	112.5
BE	102.9	97.4	103.8	105.1	101.4	108.7	110.2	106.8	113.2	116.1	132.3	120.9	:
BG	121.5	131.8	130.0	134.0	134.0	135.8	138.2	136.1	140.4	132.3	148.6	161.4	166.5
CZ	121.7	119.5	128.3	124.7	121.6	129.3	127.9	126.6	129.7	129.6	135.1	132.2	134.2
DK	103.0	93.1	106.0	132.3	103.7	128.1	92.9	94.5	96.0	102.3	114.3	128.0	99.4
DE	103.4	107.2	107.9	112.8	110.0	114.1	110.9	112.4	118.6	115.1	119.4	122.5	118.3
EE	138.4	143.6	159.7	186.0	175.8	175.6	196.5	194.4	199.0	315.4	208.2	212.3	220.7
IE	89.0	91.7	93.6	92.7	97.6	94.3	96.0	95.9	97.3	95.0	96.7	95.6	83.2
EL	86.3	85.4	83.7	86.1	86.0	90.5	85.7	90.3	91.1	91.8	92.1	90.8	87.2
ES	89.2	86.9	91.5	91.2	90.1	92.2	91.8	91.9	93.3	93.1	96.0	95.2	95.5
FR	88.5	85.7	86.4	89.2	92.0	92.6	91.7	94.2	97.2	102.4	97.9	98.9	98.2
IT	96.9	103.1	107.9	102.3	100.3	111.1	106.7	105.4	103.6	113.1	111.5	112.1	117.1
CY	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	:
LV	258.8	283.9	291.7	294.8	312.0	295.5	295.7	337.8	327.1	336.8	376.9	373.9	350.0
LT	113.9	122.5	123.4	123.6	131.9	136.0	128.6	149.2	153.0	158.4	161.5	157.1	156.5
LU	121.0	120.5	109.3	100.3	110.4	113.5	123.2	119.4	121.9	123.6	135.0	128.2	:
HU	94.8	105.0	109.5	110.1	111.7	104.3	110.9	105.0	118.7	98.1	104.9	116.4	115.2
MT	91.2	106.5	100.3	96.8	105.3	99.5	95.9	102.5	102.4	102.9	115.5	106.9	:
NL	107.6	113.7	110.0	115.7	116.3	113.5	118.7	119.4	117.2	129.5	124.3	126.4	126.8
AT	109.1	106.5	108.4	116.1	111.9	114.9	109.2	112.3	121.6	125.3	124.5	129.4	:
PL	178.3	176.2	174.9	178.8	181.7	179.2	184.7	187.0	183.7	192.7	189.2	191.8	197.8
PT	104.1	104.7	100.6	107.7	102.0	112.1	111.8	108.0	139.0	118.6	117.2	124.5	114.0
RO	168.4	166.0	169.4	179.1	175.2	178.7	181.8	176.5	182.1	192.3	200.6	191.0	187.3
SI	72.7	73.4	72.9	76.2	72.9	71.6	70.8	73.2	77.8	79.2	80.7	84.2	82.2
SK	153.5	151.4	156.7	155.0	151.4	155.1	156.2	164.6	166.0	179.5	173.0	183.1	168.2
FI	83.2	88.1	92.0	97.8	93.3	88.4	93.4	93.5	96.5	110.1	101.7	98.3	103.7
SE	96.7	96.0	99.0	99.0	104.3	96.5	101.2	105.8	104.0	107.5	103.2	106.0	108.5
UK	109.9	106.6	104.4	107.7	108.9	106.0	104.5	105.0	107.2	111.2	105.5	107.0	104.4

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

	03/10	04/10	05/10	06/10	07/10	08/10	09/10	10/10	11/10	12/10	01/11	02/11	03/11
EA17	99.3	99.3	102.4	104.0	103.9	108.3	105.2	105.8	108.4	110.3	113.2	113.6	112.3
EU27	102.0	101.8	105.3	107.1	106.8	110.3	107.6	108.0	110.0	111.8	114.7	115.0	113.6

Industrial new orders indices for total manufacturing working on orders

Gross data (Base year 2005)

	03/08	03/09	03/10	04/10	05/10	06/10	07/10	08/10	09/10	10/10	11/10	12/10	01/11	02/11	03/11
EA17	124.9	92.1	111.1	99.3	98.8	111.8	103.8	85.3	110.6	105.5	110.4	111.5	107.8	112.9	126.8
EU27	125.4	94.3	114.4	101.6	100.9	115.0	105.3	89.4	112.7	107.4	111.9	114.7	109.3	113.6	127.4
BE	124.7	93.2	116.0	97.7	100.0	116.3	91.2	96.1	124.6	110.1	114.5	113.4	126.9	117.6	:
BG	163.7	105.4	127.9	132.2	129.3	139.7	140.8	132.4	139.4	142.2	139.2	127.4	132.5	153.3	175.6
CZ	137.7	112.3	131.5	120.0	130.9	134.8	108.4	122.6	133.5	128.8	132.7	116.5	138.2	127.6	144.2
DK	120.8	129.4	108.3	91.1	102.0	140.8	90.5	117.3	95.6	93.9	98.4	98.9	110.5	118.1	108.8
DE	125.2	90.1	117.5	106.2	104.0	118.7	109.7	104.4	115.0	111.3	122.3	115.2	116.1	122.5	132.8
EE	157.9	120.9	144.0	144.8	161.4	191.3	160.5	175.7	213.6	204.9	210.6	295.8	184.0	192.5	229.8
IE⁵	123.9	124.9	101.6	93.0	92.9	99.7	88.2	85.8	95.2	96.2	93.7	88.9	100.2	98.5	94.9
EL	120.5	84.3	98.4	87.6	86.3	94.4	91.4	72.1	84.8	97.1	96.0	81.5	82.3	90.0	89.3
ES	129.3	84.8	99.1	89.0	93.2	95.7	95.3	63.8	95.9	93.4	95.0	89.9	94.8	93.8	109.1
FR	112.8	89.9	102.1	86.5	82.1	100.0	93.1	66.2	98.0	96.3	95.7	103.2	98.6	99.2	112.9
IT	134.6	97.7	112.4	100.8	105.1	114.3	112.3	64.5	116.3	104.9	102.0	117.3	99.1	114.9	137.4
CY	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	:
LV	270.6	229.9	307.6	345.8	326.3	312.5	291.3	278.2	306.9	370.2	333.8	326.6	395.4	372.4	412.5
LT	167.7	108.7	120.1	128.0	122.7	123.1	127.2	133.0	132.4	155.2	154.2	155.8	153.6	149.9	164.8
LU	143.3	80.7	149.1	139.6	108.7	98.8	114.1	94.0	130.3	112.8	116.5	100.2	144.6	122.9	:
HU	117.7	99.2	99.5	96.6	102.2	113.1	100.7	89.3	115.1	112.1	133.0	98.2	118.8	110.7	121.0
MT	92.1	85.8	93.2	101.6	94.3	103.2	105.4	91.5	105.5	106.8	99.9	113.1	103.3	96.2	:
NL	127.6	93.2	116.2	113.2	106.6	122.4	112.9	106.2	124.8	118.7	118.6	131.6	118.7	121.7	137.6
AT	127.8	90.4	120.2	107.6	102.1	122.1	110.8	102.1	120.3	110.3	124.9	124.5	116.2	123.1	:
PL	184.3	158.4	195.8	184.3	175.9	174.2	184.8	161.7	187.3	182.1	175.7	184.3	177.5	181.0	208.9
PT	135.1	143.1	115.1	104.8	104.3	109.2	104.4	80.2	117.2	111.8	148.4	109.7	114.2	124.1	125.5
RO	154.8	130.6	169.1	158.1	165.5	191.1	166.9	155.7	197.4	184.3	180.2	183.1	207.2	174.6	193.6
SI	88.9	59.7	76.5	73.6	76.1	78.8	68.7	65.8	76.8	75.6	74.2	70.5	80.5	85.2	86.8
SK	178.0	125.8	163.6	153.0	157.2	157.6	143.5	144.9	169.3	178.3	175.2	162.4	161.8	173.1	183.3
FI	110.7	74.7	91.7	83.8	95.8	107.3	78.3	82.8	99.4	93.0	104.2	118.4	96.5	92.4	114.3
SE	119.4	96.8	113.1	97.7	97.5	109.6	84.1	86.5	107.6	106.2	106.1	109.5	97.5	104.8	124.0
UK	115.1	87.5	121.2	98.3	93.1	119.9	105.4	95.4	108.1	98.6	102.2	127.9	97.9	99.6	111.5

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

Gross data (Base year 2005)

	03/08	03/09	03/10	04/10	05/10	06/10	07/10	08/10	09/10	10/10	11/10	12/10	01/11	02/11	03/11
EA17	124.8	92.0	111.5	101.0	99.3	110.7	104.9	85.5	111.3	106.2	110.2	108.3	109.2	114.3	128.5
EU27	124.8	94.1	114.0	103.5	101.9	114.3	105.9	89.9	113.3	108.5	112.2	109.5	111.1	114.9	129.2