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confirmation of conjunctural improvement

Gross figures of new orders in march 2000 show for Belgium, compared with the same month in the preceding year, an evolution of + 14,3% for the chemical industry, + 7,9% for the metal-using industry and -5,7% for the building industry. Trends of the last three months compared with the three preceding months are + 1,2% for the chemical industry, + 2,0% for the metal-using industry and - 2,1% for the building industry; for Flanders these trend changes are + 1,9% (chemical industry), + 2,2% (metal-using industry) and -2,1% (building industry), and for the Walloon region + 30,4% (chemical industry), - 1,7% (metal-using industry) and -1,6% (building industry).

Trends of almost all sectors of industry are moving upwards, slightly more in Flanders than in the Walloon region. The building industry on the other hand, is continuing its downward trend of the last few years; this seems in contradiction with the building industry's rising production.

		Jan	Feb	March	April	May	Juny	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Year
Gross indices	Chemica													
(1995=100)				132,1		114,2	125,6	85,5	116,2	132,4	149,5	144,1	125,6	122,7
Volume indices of new orders	2000		138,1											
new orders	Metal pro	oducts,	machin	ery and	equipm	ent								
	1999		94,4		108	100	119,2	96,9	92	116,6	110,3	111,1	124,3	107,0
	2000	98,3	109,3	127,7										
	Construc	ction												
	1999	55,4	59	66,2	62,3	62	72,1	42,9	69,1	67,7	66	69,8	74,9	64,0
	2000	48,3	49,5	62,4										
Trend cycle (1995=100) After elimination of seasonal and accidental variation	150 -							••••]					~	/
Chemicals and chemicals products	125 -										/	/		
Metal products, machinery and			/	~			-		_ /	1				-
equipment	100	- 7	-						7					
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Evolution of trend	Industrial branches / Main industrial groupings	Belgium	Flanders	Wallonia	Brussels
cycle	Textiles and textiles products	1	1	**	1
Last three months compared to the	Wearing apparel and fur	**	->	11	**
previous three	Pulp, paper and paper products	11	11	11	**
months	Chemicals and chemicals products	1	1	11	+
	Basic metals	11	11	->	->
<pre>** > 2.5% * 0.5% to 2.5%</pre>	Metal products, machinery and equipment	1	1	~	**
→ -0.5% to 0.5%	Fabricated metal products, except machinery and equipment	1	1	1	**
➤ -2.5% to -0.5%	Machinery and equipment	1	11	1	**
** <-2.5%	Electrical and optical equipment	->	11	**	*
	Motor vehicles, trailers and semi-trailers	1	1	->	**
(Family)	Other transport equipment	**	**	*	**
mi	Construction	×	*	~	⇒

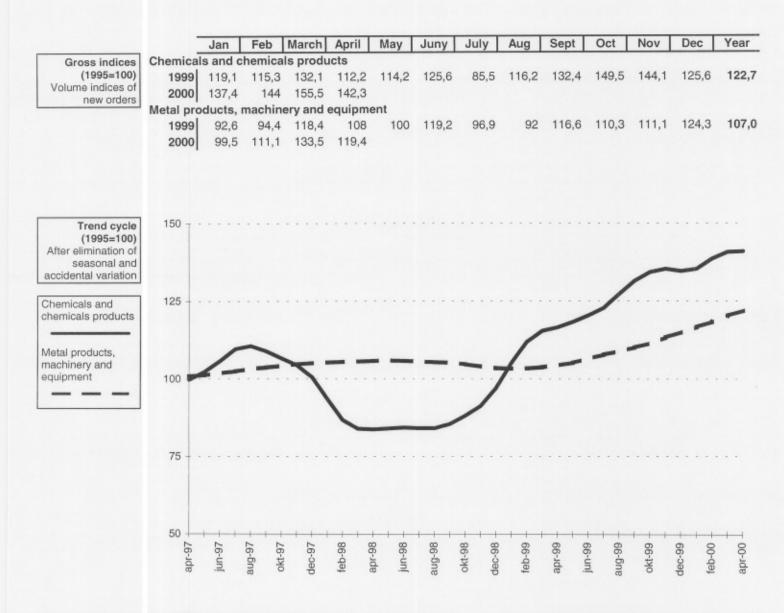
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April 2000 : rise in new orders

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Statistics Belgium Short Term Indicators phone (32)(2)5486871 fax (32)(2)5486831 web:statbel.fgov.be Gross figures of new orders in april 2000 show for Belgium, compared with the same month in the preceding year, an evolution of +26,8% for the chemical industry and +10,5% for the metal-using industry. Trends of the last three months compared with the three preceding months are +3,7% for the chemical industry and +4,5% for the metal-using industry ; for Flanders these trend changes are +3,3% (chemical industry), +3,0% (metal-using industry), and for the Walloon region +3,3% (chemical industry) and a status quo (metal-using industry).



Evolution of trend	Industrial branches / Main industrial groupings	Belgium	Flanders	Wallonia	Brussels
Last three months	Textiles and textiles products	+	+	*	->
compared to the	Wearing apparel and fur	14	->	77	**
previous three months	Pulp, paper and paper products	11	**	**	**
	Chemicals and chemicals products	11	**	77	->
<pre>> 2.5% > 0.5% to 2.5%</pre>	Basic metals	11	**	11	->
→ -0.5% to 0.5%	Metal products, machinery and equipment	11	**	⇒	**
► -2.5% to -0.5% ► < -2.5%	Fabricated metal products, except machinery and equipment	1	->	⇒	*
	Machinery and equipment	1	->	11	**
	Electrical and optical equipment	11	**	**	**
Carping State	Motor vehicles, trailers and semi-trailers	1	1	*	**
m	Other transport equipment	77	11	11	**

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Belgium - May 2000 : new orders up by 22.4% confirming upswing of economy

In May 2000, compared to May of the previous year, Belgium's gross **new orders** in industry and construction producing to order increased by 22,4%. The **trend** of the last three months, when compared with the previous three months, shows a strong increase (3,2%) for Belgium as a whole. At the regional level, there's an increase in new orders by 3,1% in Flanders; in Wallonia they expanded by 5,6%. As to the main sectors, the trend changes are 8,5% for chemical industry, 3,6% for metal products, machinery and equipment and 1,8% for construction.

The strong and persistent rise of new orders in all sectors, except textiles and textile products (-0.7%), and in all regions provides no sign yet of any downturn in the months ahead.

Jan Feb March April May Juny July Aug Sept Oct Nov Dec Year

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Gross indices	Industry prod	-											
(1995=100)	1999 98	,3 100,5	118,8	108,3	105,2	119,2	104	101,9	121,4	125,5	119,5	117,9	111,7
Volume indices of	2000 113	,7 125,3	140,3	124,2	133,6								
new orders	Construction												
	1999 75	,7 80,9	87,2	84,8	85,4	97,3	63,5	93,7	92,7	92,6	95,2	100,8	87,5
	2000 84	,6 80,3	101	81,3	89,3								
0	Industry prod	ucina to o	rder										
Seasonally	1999 103		107,5	107,8	105,7	110,2	111	113,9	115,3	116,6	120,7	123,5	111,5
adjusted indices (1995=100)	2000 121		127,5	126,9	132,7	110,2		110,0	110,0	110,0	120,1	120,0	111,5
After elimination of	Construction	,2 120,0	121,0	120,0	102,7								
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oodoonan ranaann			81,2	84	84,1	86,4	88,7	91,7	86,2	87	92,7	95,3	87,3
	2000	92 87,2	94,2	82,3	88,6								
Trend cycle (1995=100) After elimination of seasonal and accidental variation	180,0												
Industry and construction :	140,0											-	
Metal products, machinery and equipment :	120,0				~					->	i		
Chemicals and chemical products :	100,0			_			1	-	~				
Construction :	80,0					-							
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Evolution of trend	Industrial bran							Belg	ium F	landers	Wallonia	a Bru	issels
cycle	Industry and co	onstruction	producir	ng to orde	er			7.	*	77	**		**
Last three months	Industry produ							1 .	*	11	**		**
compared to the previous three	Manufacture of			producto									
months				products				1		-	*		**
	Textiles and	textiles pro	ducts					1		11	**		**
## > 2.5%	Wearing app	arel and fu	r					1 1		11	**		**
✓ 0.5% to 2.5%	Pulp, paper an							1 .	*	11	**		**
→ -0.5% to 0.5%													
► -2.5% to -0.5%	Chemicals and	chemical	products					1 .		11	**		->
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	Metal products	, machiner	y and eq	uipment				1.	*	11	**		→
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Belgium - June 2000: new orders up by 1.4%

Economic perspectives remain good

In June 2000, compared to June of the previous year, Belgium's gross **new orders** in industry and construction producing to order increased by 1,4%. The **trend** of the last three months, when compared with the previous three months, shows an increase (1,0%) for Belgium as a whole. At the regional level, there's an increase in new orders by 0,9% in Flanders; in Wallonia they expanded by 5,6%. As to the main sectors, the trend changes are 5,2% for chemical industry, -1,3% for metal products, machinery and equipment and -0,7% for construction.

The sector overview shows that sectors rising and falling are more or less in balance. The decrease of new orders in construction and in some other sectors is probably due to the summer holdidays rather than to an approaching downturn.

Gross indices														
(1000 1001)		Jan		March		May	Juny	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Year
(1995=100)	Industr													
Volume indices of	1999	98,3	100,5	118,8		105,2	119,2	104	101,9	121,4	125,5	119,5	117,9	111
new orders	2000		125,3	140,3	124	133,8	124,7							
	Constru	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·												
	1999	75,7	80,9	87,2	84,8	85,4	97,3	63,5	93,7	92,7	92,6	95,2	100,8	87
	2000	84,6	80,3	101	81,2	86,4	86,1							
Seasonally		L			L									
adjusted indices	Industr													
(1995=100)	1999	102,9	101,9	107	107,2	104,5	113,6	112	114,7	115,7	116,7	120,3	122,7	111
After elimination of	2000	119,9	124,4	125	123,8	129,4	123,4							
seasonal variation	Constru													
	1999	83	86,5	80,4	80,1	83,7	89,4	89,6	92,6	86,9	87,6	93,2	95,6	87
	2000	91,3	86,4	93,2	76,5	85,2	79,6							
Trend cycle (1995=100) After elimination of seasonal and accidental variation	160,0 150,0	1											-	
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ndustry and	140,0	1												
construction :	130,0													
Metal products, machinery and	120,0								1.			~	-	
equipment :	110,0									i	~	-		
Chemicals and	100,0	-		·				X	-					
chemical products :	90,0			·				·						
Construction :	80,0					1.1.1								
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Belgium - July 2000: new orders up by 5.2%

Economic perspectives remain good

In July 2000, compared to July of the previous year, Belgium's gross new orders in industry and construction producing to order increased by 5,2%. The trend of the last three months, when compared with the previous three months, shows a status quo (0,3%) for Belgium as a whole. At the regional level, there's a status quo in new orders in Flanders (0,1%); in Wallonia they expanded by 1,1%. As to the main sectors, the trend changes are 4,9% for chemical industry, 0,3% for metal products, machinery and equipment and 1,3% for construction.

The trend in industry and constrution shows a less strong increase. Values still indicate a favorable economic situation.

Gross indices		Jan		March		May	Juny	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Year
(1995=100)	Industry	/ produ	icing to	order										
Volume indices of	1999	98,3	100,5	118,8	108,3	105,2	119,2	104	101,9	121,4	125,5	119,5	117,9	111,
new orders	2000	113,7	125,3	140,3	124	134,4	126,5	110,7						
	Constru	ction												
	1999	75,7	80,9	87,2	84,8	85,4	97,3	63,5	93,7	92,7	92,6	95,2	100,8	87,
	2000	84,6	80,3	101	81,2	89,2	88,9	64						
Seasonally														
adjusted indices	Industry	produ	icing to	order										
(1995=100)	1999	102,9	101,9	106,9	107,1	104,2	112,9	113	115	115,9	116,8	120,4	122,6	111,
After elimination of	2000	119,8	124,1	124,7	123,3	128,9	123,3	124,6						
seasonal variation	Constru	ction										-		
	1999	83,4	87,1	81	80,7	83,8	89,6	89,2	91,9	86,3	87,1	92,8	95,3	87,
	2000	91,8	87	94	77,2	88,1	82,8	90						
Trend cycle (1995=100) After elimination of seasonal and	180,0	· · · ·												
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Evolution of trend cvcle Last three months compared to the previous three months > 2.5% 11 0.5% to 2.5% → -0.5% to 0.5%

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Belgium - August 2000 : new orders up by 12.4%

No signs of economic downturn

In August 2000, compared to August of the previous year, Belgium's gross new orders in industry and construction producing to order increased by 12,4%. The trend of the last three months, when compared with the previous three months, shows an increase (1,2%) for Belgium as a whole. At the regional level, there's an increase in new orders by 0,3% in Flanders; in Wallonia they expanded by 0,4%. As to the main sectors, the trend changes are +4,8% for chemical industry, +2,0% for metal products, machinery and equipment and -0,8% for construction. The sector overview shows a clear majority of sectors rising ; two only have fallen : clothes and construction. For the clothes sector (- 3,4%), this is the continuation of a many years' decrease of production in Belgium due to delocalizations. The fall of construction (- 0,8%), though slight, confirms the downturn of the sector since the beginning of the year which is also showing in other indicators.

Gross indices		Jan		March		May	Juny	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Year
(1995=100)	Industry	And the second second second second	a contract of the second s			105.0	110.0		101.0	101 1	105.5	112.5	117.5	
Volume indices of new orders	1999	98,3	100,5	118,8	108,3	105,2	119,2	104	101,9	121,4	125,5	119,5	117,9	111,7
new orders	2000 Constru	and the state of the	125,3	140,3	124	134,4	128,3	109,3	119,6					
	1999	75.7	80.9	87,2	84,8	85,4	97,3	63.5	93,7	92,7	92.6	95,2	100.8	87,5
	2000	84.6	80,3	101	81,2	89.2	90,3	63.8	88.4	32,1	02.0	00,2	100,0	07,0
	2000	01,0	00,0		0.,2	00,2		00,0						
Seasonally	Industry	produ	icing to	order							1			
adjusted indices (1995=100)	1999	103,3	103,5	106,4	105,8	104,7	112	115,3	113	115	117	120,1	122	111,5
After elimination of	2000	118,8	122,5	125,6	125,4	129,2	124,6	124,8	130,5					
seasonal variation	Constru	ction												
	1999	85,1	86,6	78,9	81,5	83,9	87	89	91,3	86,1	88,8	92,4	94,5	87,
	2000	92	88,4	92,4	83,4	84,8	82,2	90,6	86,1					
Trend cycle (1995=100) After elimination of seasonal and ccidental variation	180,0 160,0	ļ												
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nachinery and	120,0							.*	-			-		-
nachinery and equipment : Chemicals and chemical products :	120,0		-						-	-	-	-		
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Belgium - September 2000 : new orders up by 3.0% Economic slowdown ahead ?

In September 2000, compared to September of the previous year, Belgium's gross **new orders** in industry and construction producing to order increased by 3,0%. The **trend** of the last three months, when compared with the previous three months, shows a status quo (0,0%) for Belgium as a whole. At the regional level, there's an decrease in new orders by 1,4% in Flanders; in Wallonia they remained at the same level (+0,0%). As to the main sectors, the trend changes are +4,1% for chemical industry, -1,9% for metal products, machinery and equipment and +1,1% for construction.

The sector overview shows rising and falling sectors more or less balancing each other out ; some, like the chemical industry (+4.1%) and electrical and optical equipment (+3.7%), stand out positively. The fall of the clothes sector (-7.6%) is the continuation of a many years' decrease of production in Belgium due to delocalizations. The global evolution of industry excluding construction is quite similar in Flanders and in Wallonie (both down by 1.1%).

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Ministry of Economic Affairs Bectrical and optical equipment

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Belgium - October 2000 : new orders up by 5.8%

Trend remains positive, possible signs of slowdown

In October 2000, compared to October of the previous year, Belgium's gross **new orders** in industry and construction producing to order increased by 5,8%. The **trend** of the last three months, when compared with the previous three months, shows an increase (+1,4%) for Belgium as a whole. At the regional level, there's an decrease in new orders by 0,8% in Flanders; in Wallonia they expanded by 3,8%. As to the main sectors, the trend changes are -0,8% for chemical industry, +1,4% for metal products, machinery and equipment and +2,0% for construction.

The overview of sectors and regions no longer offers the unequivocably positive picture of some months ago. Although the general trend remains moderately positive, there are about as many sectors falling as rising. Possibly the most interesting fact is the downward turn of the chemical industry trend line; this might announce a general business trend reversal. The figures of Wallonia generally seem to be somewhat better than those of Flanders.

More business trends information !

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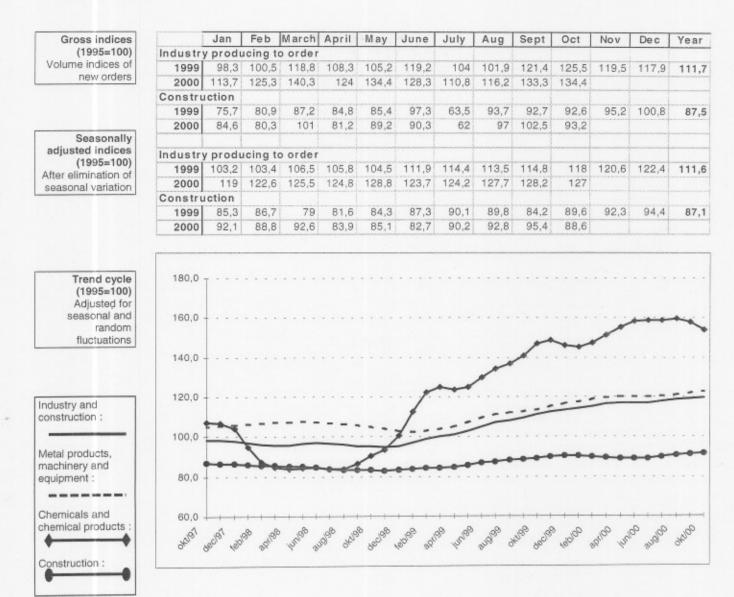
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Belgium - November 2000 : new orders up by 3,2%

No clear trend

In November 2000, compared to November of the previous year, Belgium's gross **new orders** in industry and construction producing to order increased by 3,2%. The **trend** of the last three months, when compared with the previous three months, shows an increase (+1,2%) for Belgium as a whole. At the regional level, there's an increase in new orders by 0,6% in Flanders; in Wallonia they expanded by 0,9%. As to the main sectors, the trend changes are -3,9% for chemical industry, +3,1% for metal products, machinery and equipment and -0,1% for construction.

The overview of sectors and regions offers a less positive picture than some months ago. The general trend seems to level out and of the important sectors only metal products, machinery and equipment (+ 3,1%) firmly keeps on rising. For the chemical industry (- 3,9 %) last month's decrease is confirmed. It is not yet clear whether this indicates a temporary slowdown or an imminent trend reversal.

More business trends information !

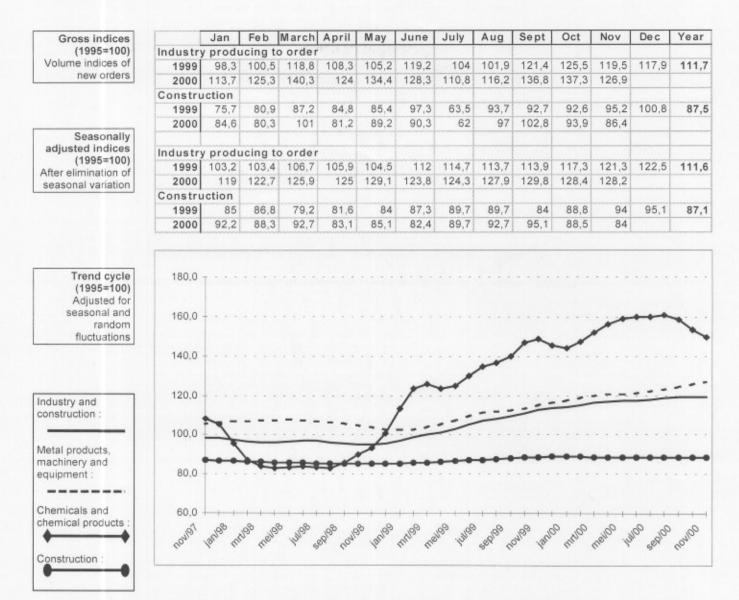
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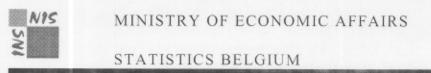
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Industrial branches	Belgium	Flanders	Wallonia	Brussels
Industry and construction producing to order	1	1	1	11
Industry producing to order	1	1	**	11
Manufacture of textiles and textile products	*	×	1	**
Textiles and textile products	->	*	11	**
Wearing apparel and fur	**	**	**	**
Pulp, paper and paper products	→	1	*	<i>→</i>
Chemicals and chemical products	**	44	+	→
Basic metals	11	11	1	→
Metal products, machinery and equipment	11	1	+	11
Fabricated metal products, except machinery and equipment	1	1	+	11
Machinery and equipment	1	1	1	**
Bectrical and optical equipment	1	11	*	1
Transport equipment	11	11	11	11
Construction	→	1	*	**





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Belgium - December 2000 : new orders down by 1.4%

Business cycle : no clear trend

In December 2000, compared to December of the previous year, Belgium's gross new orders in industry and construction producing to order fell by 1,4%.

The **trend** of the last three months, when compared with the previous three months, shows an increase (+0,9%) for Belgium as a whole. At the regional level, there's an increase in new orders by 0,9% in Flanders; in Wallonia they expanded by 2,4%. As to the main sectors, the trend changes are -1,7% for chemical industry, +0,5% for metal products, machinery and equipment and +1,1% for construction.

The overview of sectors and regions keeps on presenting a fuzzy picture of the economic situation. The general trend of industry and construction remains slightly positive, but it seems to level out. The number of sectors rising and falling is almost exactly the same. Of the most important sectors construction (+ 1.1%) and metal products, machinery and equipment (+ 0.5%) are moving slightly upward, and the chemical industry (- 1.7%) is going down slightly. It is not yet clear whether this indicates a temporary slowdown or an imminent trend reversal.

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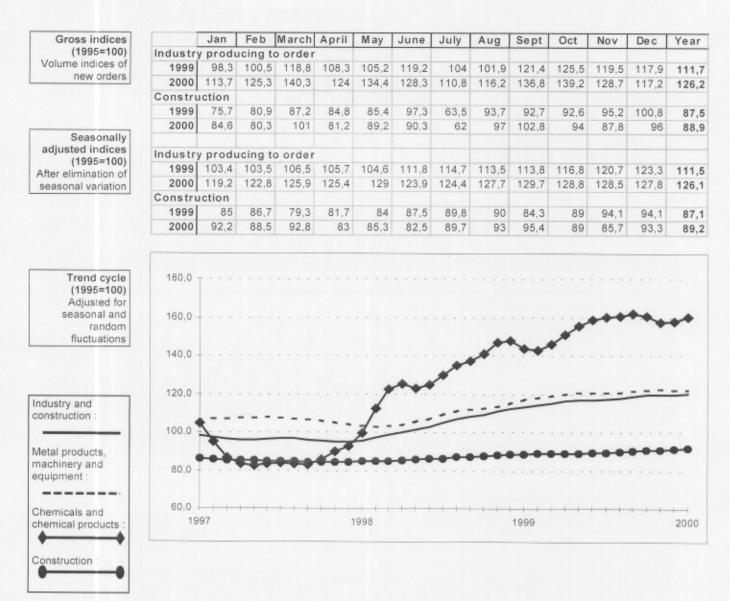
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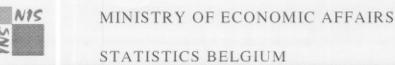
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Industrial branches	Belgium	Flanders	Wallonia	Brussels
Industry and construction producing to order	1	1	1	11
Industry producing to order	1	1	**	11
Manufacture of textiles and textile products	*	×	*	**
Textiles and textile products	1	×	→	**
Wearing apparel and fur	**	1	**	**
Pulp, paper and paper products	→	11	**	1
Chemicals and chemical products		11	1	+
Basic metals	11	11	1	+
Metal products, machinery and equipment	1	→	+	~
Fabricated metal products, except machinery and equipment	1	1	1	11
Machinery and equipment	11	1	11	**
Electrical and optical equipment	X	×	1	1
Transport equipment	1	1	1	11
Construction	1	→	11	11





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Belgium - January 2001 : new orders up by 11.8%

Business trends looking up again

In January 2001, compared to January of the previous year, Belgium's gross **new orders** in industry and construction producing to order increased by 11.8%.

The **trend** of the last three months, when compared with the previous three months, shows an increase (+1.9%) for Belgium as a whole. At the regional level, there's an increase in new orders by 2.8% in Flanders; in Wallonia they expanded by 1.8%. As to the main sectors, the trend changes are -2.5% for chemical industry, +2.9% for metal products, machinery and equipment and +0.0% (a status quo) for construction.

The new orders of January 2001 and the (upwardly revised) figures of the end of 2000 once again offer a more positive picture of the overall economic situation. At the level of sectors the situation remains unclear: the number of sectors rising and falling is almost exactly the same and among the most important sectors metal products, machinery and equipment is moving upward (+ 2.9%), construction stabilizes (+ 0.0%) and the chemical industry is going down (- 2.5%). Although it still isn't quite clear which way business trends are heading, there seem to be more positive signs than in previous months.

More business trends information !

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Evolution of trend

Last three months compared to the previous three months > 2.5%

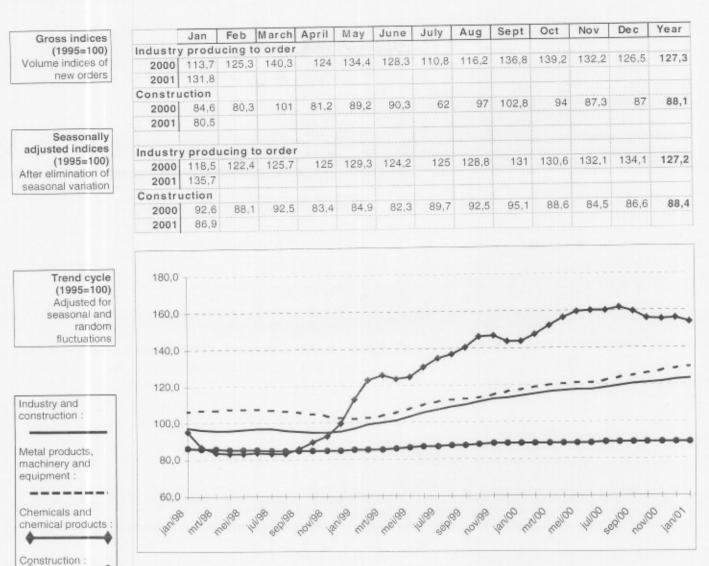
0.5% to 2.5% → -0.5% to 0.5% × -2.5% to -0.5%

< -2.5%

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cycle



Industrial branches	Belgium	Flanders	Wallonia	Brussels
Industry and construction producing to order	*	**	*	*
Industry producing to order	**	11	*	11
Manufacture of textiles and textile products	~	*	**	**
Textiles and textile products	*	->	**	*
Wearing apparel and fur	**	~~	->	**
Pulp, paper and paper products	*	*	**	*
Chemicals and chemical products	11	11	11	->
Basic metals	11	11	11	->
Metal products, machinery and equipment	11	11	11	**
Fabricated metal products, except machinery and equipment	*	**	11	11
Machinery and equipment	11	**	*	**
Bectrical and optical equipment	*	1	11	~
Transport equipment	->	1	11	11
Construction	->		*	**







Belgium - February 2001 : new orders up by 10.5%

Business trends remain positive

In February 2001, compared to February of the previous year, Belgium's gross **new orders** in industry producing to order increased by 10.5% in construction it fell by 1.5%.

The **trend** of the last three months, when compared with the previous three months, shows a strong increase (+3.0%) for Belgium as a whole. At the regional level, there's an increase in new orders by 5.0% in Flanders; in Wallonia they expanded by 4.3%. As to the main sectors, the trend changes are +0.6% for chemical industry, +4.9% for metal products, machinery and equipment and -1.0% for construction.

In spite of an expected downturn of growth, the latest data on new orders still remain very positive. New orders normally predict future production, which promises to be good for the whole of Belgium, for all three regions and for most sectors. At sector level only the clothes industry (- 3.2%) shows a clear downward trend, but that is not a new phenomenon. Perspectives seem slightly negative in construction (- 1.0%).

More business trends information !

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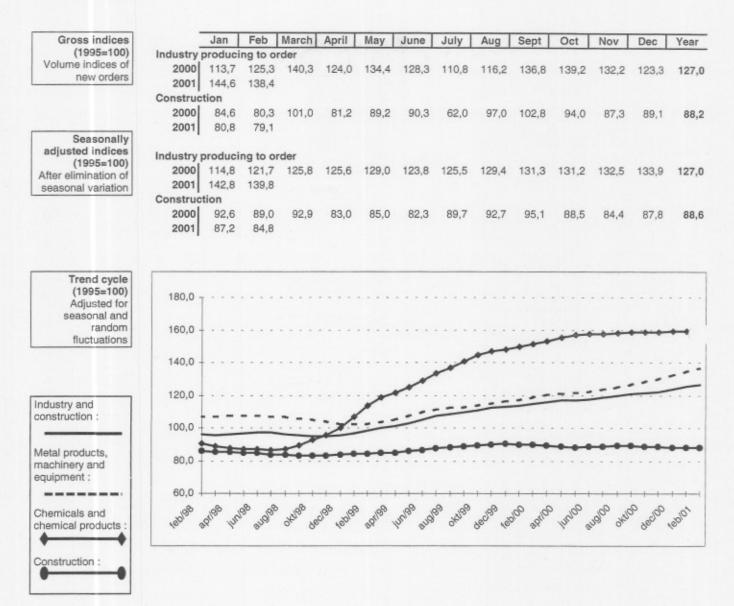
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Industrial branches	Belgium	Flanders	Wallonia	Brusse.
Industry and construction producing to order	11	22	11	11
Industry producing to order	11	11	11	11
Manufacture of textiles and textile products	->	->	1	×
Textiles and textile products	->	->	11	**
Wearing apparel and fur	**	->	->	**
Pulp, paper and paper products	->	1	*	->
Chemicals and chemical products	1	*	->	
Basic metals	**	**	*	
Metal products, machinery and equipment	11	77	1	**
Fabricated metal products, except machinery and equipment	1		*	*
Machinery and equipment	*		*	**
Bectrical and optical equipment	11	11	**	**
Transport equipment	11	11	*	
Construction	*	*	*	++

Evolution of trend cycle Last three months compared to the previous three months > 2.5% > 0.5% to 2.5% > -0.5% to 0.5% > -2.5% to -0.5%

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< -2.5%



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Statistics Belgium Press Release

Belgium - March 2001 : new orders down by 1.1%

Business trends turn negative

In March 2001, compared to March of the previous year, Belgium's gross new orders in industry producing to order fell by -1,1% in construction it fell by -16,0%.

The trend of the last three months, when compared with the previous three months, shows a decline (-0.8%) for Belgium as a whole. At the regional level, there's an increase in new orders by 1,0% in Flanders; in Wallonia they expanded by 0,8%. As to the main sectors, the trend changes are 0,9% for chemical industry, 0,9% for metal products, machinery and equipment and -2,6% for construction.

For the first time new orders show a marked fall. Apparently the slowdown announced for some time starts to show up in the indicators. Normally new orders predict future production ; so it is to be expected that production, which still rose by 5.7% in March 2001, might fall in the months to come.

The seeming contradiction between the guarterly trend comparison for Belgium (- 0.8%) and those of the regions (Flanders + 1.0%, Wallonia + 0.8%) result from the proper dynamic of each series after extensive statistical processing like trend calculations or quarterly comparisons ; especially in turnaround situations with minor rises or falls this is not abnormal. The trend figures themselves show a negative turnaround for Belgium and Wallonia, but not (yet) for Flanders.

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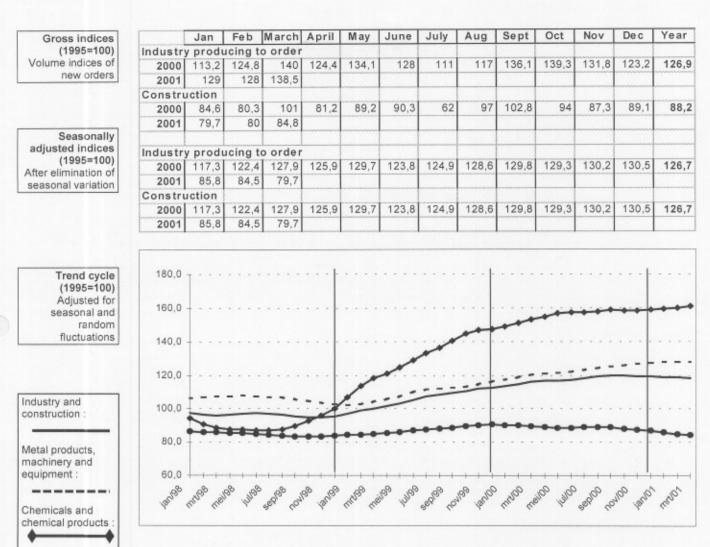
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**	< -2.5%

Construction

Industrial branches	Belgium	Flanders	Wallonia	Brussels
Industry and construction producing to order	*	1	1	11
Industry producing to order	→	→	1	11
Manufacture of textiles and textile products	→	→	**	+
Textiles and textile products	→	→	4	*
Wearing apparel and fur	**	×	×	*
Pulp, paper and paper products	→	1	1	→
Chemicals and chemical products	1	1	→	→
Basic metals	1	→	→	→
Metal products, machinery and equipment	1	→	1	**
Fabricated metal products, except machinery and equipment	1	→	1	¥
Machinery and equipment	**	*	+	×
Bectrical and optical equipment	1	11	**	11
Transport equipment	1	11	1	→
Construction	44	1	×	+



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Belgium - April 2001 : new orders + 0.1%, status quo

But downward turn of trend line is confirmed

In April 2001, compared to April of the previous year, Belgium's gross **new orders** in industry producing to order increased by 0.1% in construction it rose by 7.9%.

The **trend** of the last three months, when compared with the previous three months, shows a decline (-1.4%) for Belgium as a whole. At the regional level, there's an decrease in new orders by 0.5% in Flanders; in Wallonia they expanded by 0.9%. As to the main sectors, the trend changes are +0.7% for chemical industry, -1.4% for metal products, machinery and equipment and -0.3% for construction.

On the basis of the most recent information the downward turning point seems to have occurred already at the end of last year; this is confirmed by the downturn of the production curve shortly after. At the regional level, Flanders (- 0.5 %) is doing slightly worse than Wallonia (+ 0.9%), where the trend seems to remain positive for the time being. The chemical industry (+ 0.7%) too holds up.

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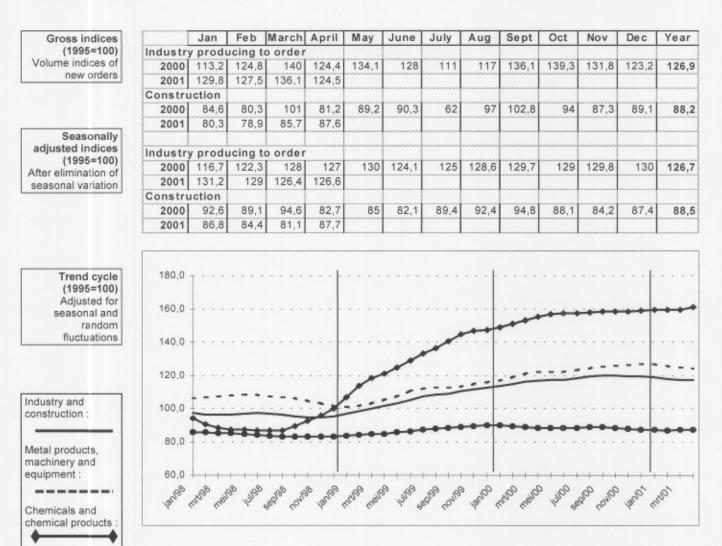
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Construction

Industrial branches	Belgium	Flanders	Wallonia	Brussels
Industry and construction producing to order	*	→	1	11
Industry producing to order	*	**	→	11
Manufacture of textiles and textile products	->	→	**	*
Textiles and textile products	→	→	**	**
Wearing apparel and fur	*	*	**	*
Pulp, paper and paper products	→	1	1	*
Chemicals and chemical products	1	*	*	→
Basic metals	->	*	1	→
Metal products, machinery and equipment	*	*	*	44
Fabricated metal products, except machinery and equipment	1	→	1	*
Machinery and equipment	44	×	+	11
Bectrical and optical equipment	*	→	**	1
Transport equipment	1	→	1	→
Construction	-	11	1	→



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Statistics Belgium Press Release

May 2001: new orders – 6.8%

Trend strongly downward

In May 2001, compared to May of the previous year, Belgium's gross **new orders** in industry producing to order fell by 6,8%; in construction it fell by 6,5%.

The **trend** of the last three months, when compared with the previous three months, shows a strong decline (-2,9%) for Belgium as a whole. At the regional level, there's an decrease in new orders by 1,7% in Flanders; in Wallonia they shrunk by 2,9%. As to the main sectors, the trend changes are -2,2% for chemical industry, -3,7% for metal products, machinery and equipment and -1,5% for construction.

The turning point of the economic cycle was situated in the fall of lastyear; the trend has been declining since. Particularly in metalworkingindustry (-3.7%) and manufacture of basic metals (-3.4%) the situation hasdeteriorated. Chemical industry also quotes considerable losses. The paperand cardboard industry (+4.2%) stands out as a positive exception.

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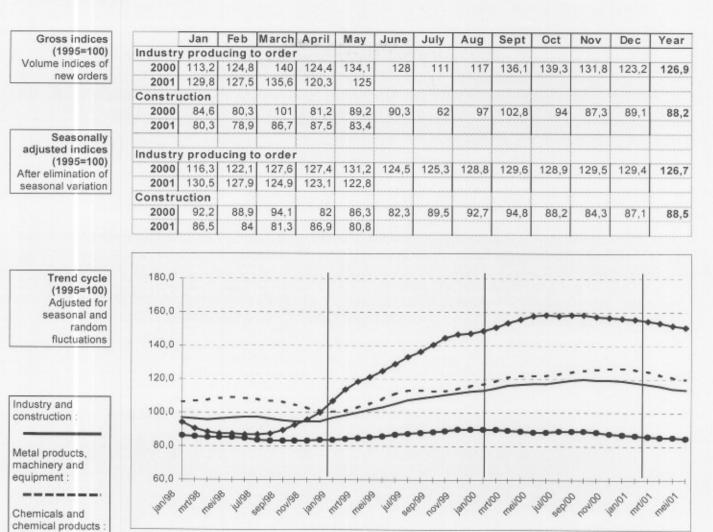
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Construction

Industrial branches	Belgium	Flanders	Wallonia	Brussels
Industry and construction producing to order	**	*	**	**
Industry producing to order	**	**	**	**
Manufacture of textiles and textile products	*	->	**	*
Textiles and textile products	->		**	*
Wearing apparel and fur	1	*	**	*
Pulp, paper and paper products	**	1	**	*
Chemicals and chemical products	*	×	**	->
Basic metals	14	**	→	+
Metal products, machinery and equipment	**	×	,	**
Fabricated metal products, except machinery and equipment	**	*	*	*
Machinery and equipment	11	**	->	*
Bectrical and optical equipment	**	*	**	*
Transport equipment	→	*	→	->
Construction	×	1	→	->



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STATISTICS BELGIUM Statistics Belgium Press Release

June 2001: new orders – 5.0%

In June 2001, compared to June of the previous year, Belgium's gross **new orders** in industry producing to order fell by 5,0% in construction it rose by 2,4%.

The **trend** of the last three months, when compared with the previous three months, shows a strong decline (-3,6%) for Belgium as a whole. At the regional level, there's an decrease in new orders by 3,8% in Flanders; in Wallonia they shrunk by 3,0%. As to the main sectors, the trend changes are -2,0% for chemical industry, +0,6% for metal products, machinery and equipment and +0,0% for construction.

Next press release : 19/09/2001

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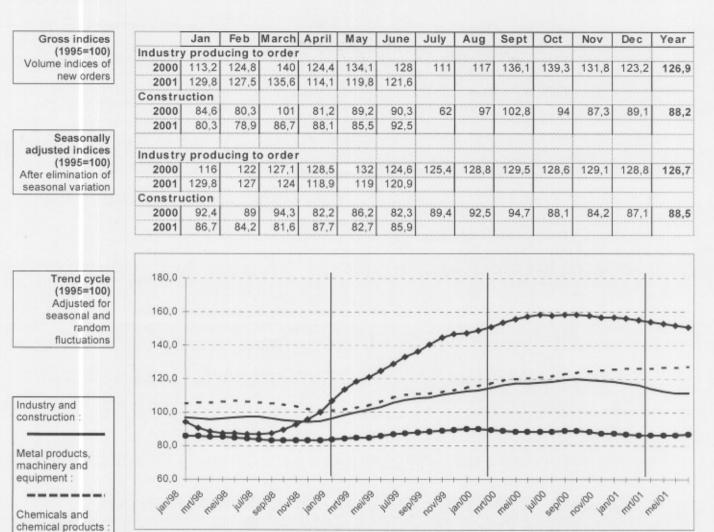
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Construction

Industrial branches	Belgium	Flanders	Wallonia	Brussels
Industry and construction producing to order	11	**	**	**
Industry producing to order	**	→	**	*
Manufacture of textiles and textile products	*	→	**	*
Textiles and textile products	->	×	×	*
Wearing apparel and fur	*	~	*	*
Pulp, paper and paper products	1	->	**	->
Chemicals and chemical products	*	*	*	→
Basic metals	*	*	*	→
Metal products, machinery and equipment	*		*	**
Fabricated metal products, except machinery and equipment	**	14	,	1
Machinery and equipment	**	14	+	11
Bectrical and optical equipment	**		**	**
Transport equipment	**	11	→	→
Construction	->	1	+	⇒



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July 2001: new orders – 2.7%

In July 2001, compared to July of the previous year, Belgium's gross **new orders** in industry producing to order fell by 2,7% in construction it fell by 29,6%.

The **trend** of the last three months, when compared with the previous three months, shows a decline (-2,3%) for Belgium as a whole. At the regional level, there's an decrease in new orders by 2,5% in Flanders; in Wallonia they shrunk by 1,6%. As to the main sectors, the trend changes are -2,6% for chemical industry, -0,7% for metal products, machinery and equipment and +2,5% for construction.

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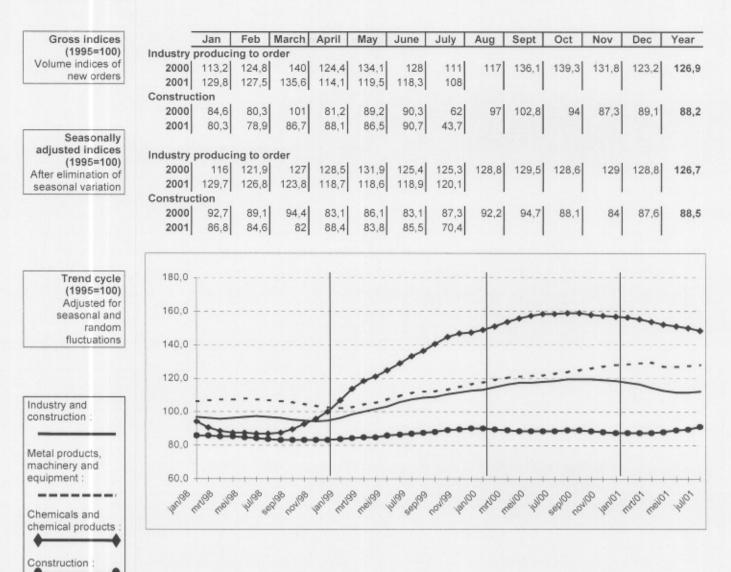
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Industrial branches	Belgium	Flanders	Wallonia	Brussels
Industry and construction producing to order	*	**	×	**
Industry producing to order	**	*	**	*
Manufacture of textiles and textile products	×	*	->	->
Textiles and textile products	->	*	⇒	*
Wearing apparel and fur	*	**	*	*
Pulp, paper and paper products	11	1	**	*
Chemicals and chemical products	**	->	*	->
Basic metals	*	*	~	->
Metal products, machinery and equipment	*	->	->	**
Fabricated metal products, except machinery and equipment	1	*	*	*
Machinery and equipment	11	**	->	*
Bectrical and optical equipment	**	**	**	**
Transport equipment	1	->	→	->
Construction	*	1	*	->



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STATISTICS BELGIUM Statistics Belgium Press Release

August 2001: new orders – 6.1%

In August 2001, compared to August of the previous year, Belgium's gross **new orders** in industry producing to order fell by 6,1% in construction it fell by 13,0%.

The **trend** of the last three months, when compared with the previous three months, shows a decline (-0,7%) for Belgium as a whole. At the regional level, there's an increase in new orders by 2,5% in Flanders; in Wallonia they shrunk by 1,5%. As to the main sectors, the trend changes are -3,6% for chemical industry, +2,0% for metal products, machinery and equipment and -0,7% for construction.

Next press release : 14/11/2001

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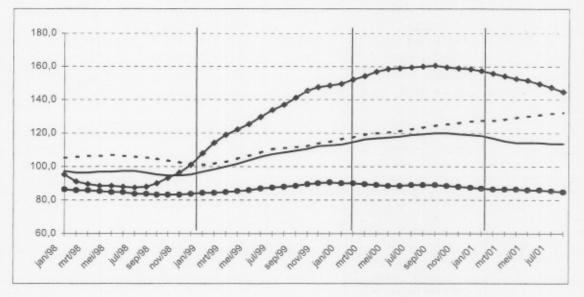
Seasonally adjusted indices (1995=100) After elimination of seasonal variation

> Trend cycle (1995=100)

Adjusted for

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	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Year
Industry	y produ	icing t	o order	1000									
2000	113,2	124,8	140	124,4	134,1	128	111	117	136,1	139,3	131,8	123.2	126,9
2001	129,8	127,5	135,6	114,1	126,7	125,2	131,3	109,9					
Constru	iction												
2000	84,6	80,3	101	81,2	89,2	90,3	62	97	102,8	94	87,3	89,1	88,2
2001	80,3	78,9	86,7	88,1	88	97,1	63,2	84,4					
Industry	produ	cing to	o order										
2000	116,3	122	127,1	129,2	128,6	125,5	125,7	128,8	129,9	128,7	128,9	130,1	126,7
2001	129,9	128	124,9	119,3	123,7	123,4	142,3	122,1					
Constru	ction												
2000	92,4	88,8	94,1	82	84,1	82,5	89,1	93,6	95,2	88,5	84,3	87,7	88,5
2001	86,5	84,6	81,6	87,3	84,6	89,1	87	81,2					



Industry and construction :	
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Industrial branches	Belgium	Flanders	Wallonia	Brussels
Industry and construction producing to order	*	*	×	**
Industry producing to order	*	11	->	**
Manufacture of textiles and textile products	*	14	*	**
Textiles and textile products	->	*	1	*
Wearing apparel and fur	**	**	*	**
Pulp, paper and paper products	**	*	→	1
Chemicals and chemical products	**	->	*	+
Basic metals	*	×	**	+
Metal products, machinery and equipment	1	->	1	**
Fabricated metal products, except machinery and equipment		*	*	*
Machinery and equipment	**	*	+	*
Bectrical and optical equipment	22	11	**	**
Transport equipment	*	**	*	->
Construction	*	11	*	->





STATISTICS BELGIUM Statistics Belgium Press Release

September 2001: new orders – 15.5%

In September 2001, compared to September of the previous year, Belgium's gross new orders in industry producing to order fell by 15.5% in construction it fell by 18.5%.

The **trend** of the last three months, when compared with the previous three months, shows a strong decline (-3.0%) for Belgium as a whole. At the regional level, there's an decrease in new orders by 1.9% in Flanders; in Wallonia they shrunk by 2.1%. As to the main sectors, the trend changes are -4.6% for chemical industry, -2.1% for metal products, machinery and equipment and -2.5% for construction.

Next press release : 19/12/2001

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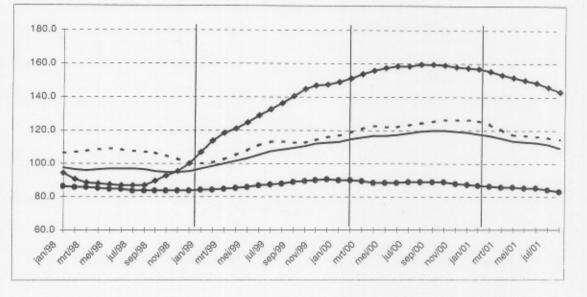
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2001	129.8	127.5	135.6	114.1	126.7	125.2	107.1	108.9	115				12010
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2000	84.6	80.3	101	81.2	89.2	90.3	62	97	102.8	94	87.3	89.1	88.2
2001	80.3	78.9	86.7	88.1	88	97.1	71.7	77.1	83.8				
Industr	y produ	cing t	o order										
2000	116.3	121.9	126.8	129	127.9	124.9	126.3	128	131.9	129.2	129.2	130.4	126.8
2001	129.8	127.7	124.4	118.5	122.6	122.1	118.8	119.6	114.3				
Constru	ction												
2000	92.5	88.9	93.8	82.3	83.6	82.5	87.3	94.8	96.2	88.6	84.2	88.2	88.6
2001	86.4	84.6	81.5	87.3	84.3	89.1	92.7	75.3	79.2				



ndustrial branches	Belgium	Flanders	Wallonia	Brussels
ndustry and construction producing to order	>>	>	>	**
ndustry producing to order	>>	>>	>	>>
Vanufacture of textiles and textile products	~~	>	>>	**
Textiles and textile products	~~	~~	>>	A
Wearing apparel and fur	~~	>	A	24
Pulp, paper and paper products	A	Y	~~	AA
Chemicals and chemical products	>>	>>	×	A
Basic metals	**	~~	**	A
Vetal products, machinery and equipment	>	>	A	**
Fabricated metal products, except machinery and equipment	A	A	AA	A
Machinery and equipment	AA	>	A	**
Bectrical and optical equipment	>	>	>>	>> .
Transport equipment	**	>>	A	А
Construction	>	A	>	A

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* -2.59	6 to -0.5%
**	< -2.5%



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STATISTICS BELGIUM Statistics Belgium Press Release

Belgium - October 2001: new orders in industry - 10.1%, in construction- 6.3%

Trend still downwards

In October 2001, compared to October of the previous year, Belgium's gross **new orders** in industry producing to order fell by 10,1% in construction it fell by 6,3%.

The **trend** of the last three months, when compared with the previous three months, shows a strong decline (-3,8%) for Belgium as a whole. At the regional level, there's an decrease in new orders by 2,5% in Flanders; in Wallonia they shrunk by 3,7%. As to the main sectors, the trend changes are -2,9% for chemical industry, -5,0% for metal products, machinery and equipment and -2,1% for construction.

As in previous months, the trend is still strongly downwards. There seems to be a general slump: transport equipment (- 8.9%) and electrical and optical equipment (- 7.4%) show the largest decrease. The only positive exception is paper and paper products (+ 4,6%). The fall in new orders seems to contradict the trend of the latest production indices, i.e. October 2001, which indicated a stabilisation of the economy.

Next press release : 16/01/2002

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machinery and equipment : -----

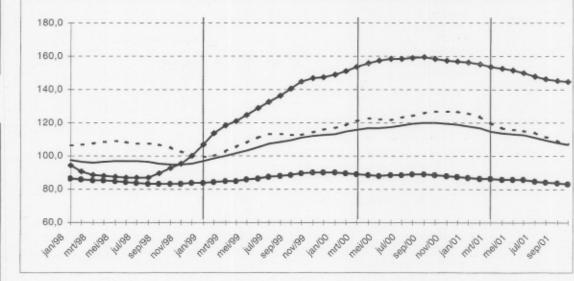
Chemicals and

Construction :

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chemical products :

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Industrial branches	Belgium	Flanders	Wallonia	Brussels
Industry and construction producing to order	11	12	11	11
Industry producing to order	**	11	**	**
Manufacture of textiles and textile products	-	->	->	**
Textiles and textile products	->	12	~	11
Wearing apparel and fur	**	12	/	**
Pulp, paper and paper products	11	11	**	*
Chemicals and chemical products	**	11	*	->
Basic metals	**	11	**	->
Metal products, machinery and equipment	~~	1	->	**
Fabricated metal products, except machinery and equipment		->	1	~
Machinery and equipment	**	1	->	**
Electrical and optical equipment	**	11	** .	**
Transport equipment	**	12	*	-+
Construction	*	1	`	+

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× -2.5	% to -0.5%
**	< -2.5%





STATISTICS BELGIUM Statistics Belgium Press Release

Belgium - November 2001: new orders industry – 12.2%, construction – 4.2%

Trend keeps on falling

In November 2001, compared to November of the previous year, Belgium's gross **new orders** in industry producing to order fell by 12.2% in construction it fell by 4.2%.

The **trend** of the last three months, when compared with the previous three months, shows a strong decline (-4.0%) for Belgium as a whole. At the regional level, there's an decrease in new orders by 2.6% in Flanders; in Wallonia they shrunk by 3.5%. As to the main sectors, the trend changes are -3.4% for chemical industry, -4.2% for metal products, machinery and equipment and -2.1% for construction.

As in previous months, the trend is still strongly downwards. The slump seems to be general: the largest decreases are to be found in machinery and equipment (- 7.4%), electrical and optical equipment (- 6.9%) and transport equipment (- 6.8%). There is only one exception: paper and paper products (+ 3,6%). There seems to be a kind of stabilisation in two sectors: textiles (- 0.2%) and fabricated metal products (- 0.3%).

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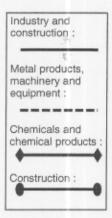
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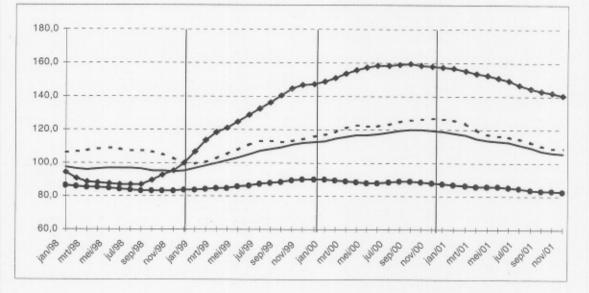
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Industry	y produ	icing t	o order										
2000	113,2	124,8	140	124,4	134,1	128	111	117	136,1	139,3	131.8	123.2	126,9
2001	129,8	127,5	135,6	114,1	126,7	125,2	107,1	107,9	115,5	123	115.7		
Constru	ction												
2000	84,6	80,3	101	81,2	89,2	90,3	62	97	102,8	94	87.3	89.1	88.2
2001	80,3	78,9	86,7	88,1	88	97,1	71,7	77,7	85,1	86,9	83,6		
Industry	/ produ	icing t	o order										
2000	116,3	121,9	126,8	128,8	128	124,7	126	128,1	131,5	130,2	129,4	130,4	126.8
2001	129,9	127,7	124,3	118,3	122,3	121,7	118,4	118,6	114	112,8	113,5		
Constru	ction												
2000	92,5	88,9	93,9	82,1	83,7	82,4	87,1	94,7	96	89,1	84.6	87.9	88.6
2001	86,5	84,6	81,5	87,2	84,3	88,9	92,8	75,8	80,1	80,4	81		



Industrial branches	Belgium	Flanders	Wallonia	Brussels
Industry and construction producing to order	**	11	11	**
Industry producing to order	~~	1 22	**	**
Manufacture of textiles and textile products		->	**	~~
Textiles and textile products	-+	1	**	11
Wearing apparel and fur	1 22	11	+	**
Pulp, paper and paper products	11	1	*	*
Chemicals and chemical products	11	11	**	+
Basic metals	11	22	**	->
Metal products, machinery and equipment	1 22	1	+	**
Fabricated metal products, except machinery and equipment		11	1	->
Machinery and equipment	**	1	->	**
Electrical and optical equipment	~~	1 1	**	**
Transport equipment		1 1	-+	+
Construction		1	->	++

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Belgium - December 2001: new orders in industry – 14.6%, in construction – 15.9%

In 2001 industry fell by 5.9%, construction by 6.4%

In December 2001, compared to December of the previous year, Belgium's gross new orders in industry producing to order fell by 14.6% in construction it fell by 15.9%.

The **trend** of the last three months, when compared with the previous three months, shows a strong decline (-4.0%) for Belgium as a whole. At the regional level, there's an decrease in new orders by 2.3% in Flanders; in Wallonia they shrunk by 1.1%. As to the main sectors, the trend changes are -4.6% for chemical industry, -3.3% for metal products, machinery and equipment and -3.2% for construction.

The very marked fall of gross figures can partly be explained by calendar effects, namely the different number of working days in 2001 compared to 2000. But the trend keeps on declining strongly, as in previous months. No sector shows positive figures, but electrical and optical equipment (- 8.4%) and chemical industry (- 4.6%) are strongly decreasing. Declines in paper and paper products (- 0.5%) and in fabricated metal products (- 0.9%) are less important.

Compared to the previous year, new orders for the whole of 2001 show a significant decrease in industry (- 5.9%) as well as in construction (- 6.4%). All sectors show negative figures except for paper and paper products (+ 3.5%).

Next press release : 13/03/2002

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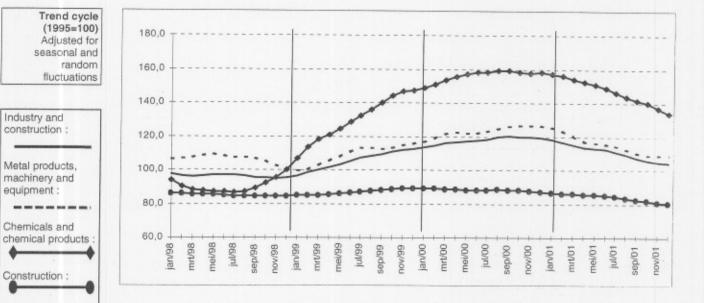
Metal products,

machinery and equipment :

Construction :

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	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Year
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2000	113,2	124,8	140	124,4	134,1	128	111	117	136,1	139.3	131,8	123.2	126.9
2001	129,8	127,5	135,6	114,1	126,7	125,2	107,1	107.9	115,5	123.9	114.7	105.2	119.4
Constru	uction											100,2	110,1
2000	84,6	80,3	101	81,2	89,2	90,3	62	97	102.8	94	87.3	89.1	88.2
2001	80,3	78,9	86,7	88,1	88	97,1	71,7	77,7	85,1	86,6	76	74,9	82,6
Industry	y produ	cing t	o order										
2000	116,3	121,9	126,8	128,8	127,9	124,7	126	128	131.5	129.9	129.6	130,4	126,8
2001	129,9	127,7	124,3	118,3	122,3	121,7	118,4	118,6	113.9	113.2	112.9	112.2	119,5
Constru	iction												110,0
2000	93	90,1	93,3	81,7	82,6	82,5	88,5	92,4	96,4	89,1	85,2	89.9	88.7
2001	86,8	83,6	80,9	86,7	83,3	89,3	94,4	73,1	80,6	79.8	73.9	75.7	82.3



Evolut	ion of trend
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Industrial branches

Industry and construction producing to order	22	*	1	11
Industry producing to order		~	1 22	1
Manufacture of textiles and textile products	~~	1 1 1	11	1 11
Textiles and textile products	~~	1 22	11	
Wearing apparel and fur	~~	1 22		11
Pulp, paper and paper products		1	->	~~
Chemicals and chemical products	11	1 22	~	
Basic metals	~~	1 22	11	->
Metal products, machinery and equipment	**	1	+	11
Fabricated metal products, except machinery and equipment		1		11
Machinery and equipment	~~	1 22	->	11
Electrical and optical equipment	~~	~~	1 11	**
Transport equipment	~~	11	→ ·	+
Construction	1	1 22	×	**

Belgium Flanders Wallonia Brussels

 → -0.5% to 0.5% × -2.5% to -0.5% ** < -2.5%



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Belgium - January 2002: new orders in industry – 7.7%, in construction + 1.4%

In January 2002, compared to January of the previous year, Belgium's gross **new orders** in industry producing to order fell by 7.7% in construction it rose by 1.4%.

The **trend** of the last three months, when compared with the previous three months, shows a decline (-1.5%) for Belgium as a whole. At the regional level, there's an increase in new orders by 0.1% in Flanders; in Wallonia they shrunk by 1.2%. As to the main sectors, the trend changes are -2.7% for chemical industry, +0.1% for metal products, machinery and equipment and -0.2% for construction.

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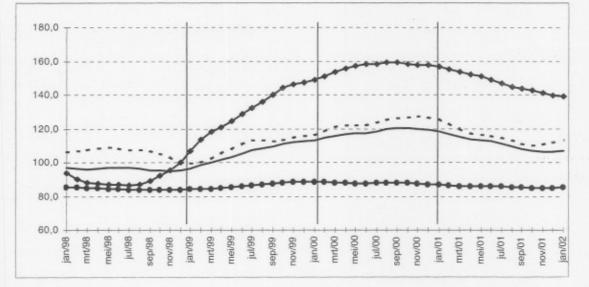
Metal products, machinery and equipment :

Chemicals and chemical products

Construction :

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Industry	y produ	icing to	o order	201	1.5						1		
2001	129,8	127,5	135,6	114,1	126,7	125,2	107,1	107,9	115,5	124,4	114,2	101,6	119,1
2002	119,8												
Constru	iction												
2001	80,3	78,9	86,7	88,1	88	97,1	71,7	77,7	85,1	87,7	79,5	76	83,1
2002	81,4												
Industry	/ produ	icing to	o order										
2001	128	127,3	124	118,1	122,1	121,7	118,4	118,8	114,4	113,9	113,3	111,4	119,3
2002	116,4												
Constru	ction												
2001	86,3	83,4	80,9	86,8	83,1	89,4	94,4	73	81	80,9	77,1	77,5	82,8
2002	87,4												



Industrial branches	Belgium	Flanders	Wallonia	Brussels
Industry and construction producing to order	~	→	*	**
Industry producing to order		->	**	1
Manufacture of textiles and textile products		1	+	**
Textiles and textile products	**	1	*	*
Wearing apparel and fur	1	11	~	**
Pulp, paper and paper products	-	1	**	->
Chemicals and chemical products	**	**	*	->
Basic metals	**	~~	**	->
Metal products, machinery and equipment	->	×	+	**
Fabricated metal products, except machinery and equipment	1	->	->	**
Machinery and equipment	~	1	->	*
Electrical and optical equipment		**	**	11
Transport equipment	->	11	,	->
Construction	->	1	*	11

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Belgium - February 2002: new orders in industry – 14.4%, in construction - 17.5%

In February 2002, compared to February of the previous year, Belgium's gross **new orders** in industry producing to order fell by 14.4% in construction it fell by 17.5%.

The **trend** of the last three months, when compared with the previous three months, shows a strong decline (-3.4%) for Belgium as a whole. At the regional level, there's an decrease in new orders by 3.0% in Flanders; in Wallonia they shrunk by 1.9%. As to the main sectors, the trend changes are -2.9% for chemical industry, -3.5% for metal products, machinery and equipment and -3.5% for construction.

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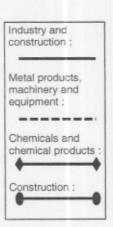
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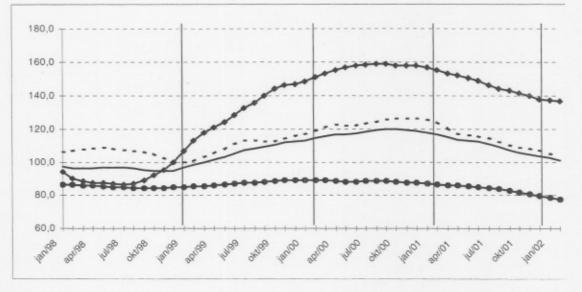
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Industry	produ	cing to	o order			10							
2001	129,8	127,5	135,6	114,1	126,7	125,2	107,1	107,9	115,5	124,4	114,2	106,3	119,5
2002	108,2	109,2			-								
Constru	ction												
2001	80,3	78,9	86,7	88,1	88	97,1	71,7	77,7	85,1	87,7	79,5	77,9	83,2
2002	79,6	65,1											
Industry	y produ	cing t	o order										
2001	130,7	127,8	124,4	118,4	122,3	121,6	118,3	118,5	113,7	113,2	112,4	112,4	119,5
2002	109,2	109,3											
Constru	oction												
2001	85,4	86	81,7	86,9	83,1	89,5	94,3	73	80,9	80,5	76,6	78,4	83,0
2002	84,7	68,8											



Industrial branches	Belgium	Flanders	Wallonia	Brussels
Industry and construction producing to order	11	11	~	11
Industry producing to order	11	14	**	11
Manufacture of textiles and textile products		×	->	""
Textiles and textile products	1 11	×	*	**
Wearing apparel and fur	11	11	->	**
Pulp, paper and paper products	->	1	11	1
Chemicals and chemical products	~~	1 1 1	11	->
Basic metals	~~	~~	**	->
Metal products, machinery and equipment	~~	1	->	"
Fabricated metal products, except machinery and equipment		×	->	~
Machinery and equipment	1 22	×	+	**
Electrical and optical equipment	~~	~~		**
Transport equipment	~~	~~	**	+
Construction	~~	× 1	**	**

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Belgium - March 2002: new orders in industry – 8.6%, in construction - 4.0%

But positive trend reversal, especially in Wallonia

In March 2002, compared to March of the previous year, Belgium's gross **new orders** in industry producing to order fell by 8.6% in construction it fell by 4.0%.

The **trend** of the last three months, when compared with the previous three months, shows a decline (-1.0%) for Belgium as a whole. At the regional level, there's an decrease in new orders by 2.5% in Flanders; in Wallonia they expanded by 3.7%. As to the main sectors, the trend changes are +2.0% for chemical industry, -3.2% for metal products, machinery and equipment and -1.2% for construction.

Most noteworthy in the latest new orders data is the positive trend reversal in March 2002. Although some caution is still in order (the three-month trend comparisons remain negative), it looks as if the low point of the business cycle is behind and production will pick up again. A similar upward turn was showing in the latest production figures. Remarkable as well is the particularly strong upturn in the chemical industry and the very marked return to growth in Wallonia, while Flanders still seems to be lagging. This is not very surprising, considering the more pronounced specialisation of Wallonia in intermediate goods, which react most sensitively to business cycle changes. Also interesting are the growth of paper and paper products (+ 4.9%) and the persisting red figures of machinery and equipment (- 7.7%) and electrical and optical equipment (- 7.0%).

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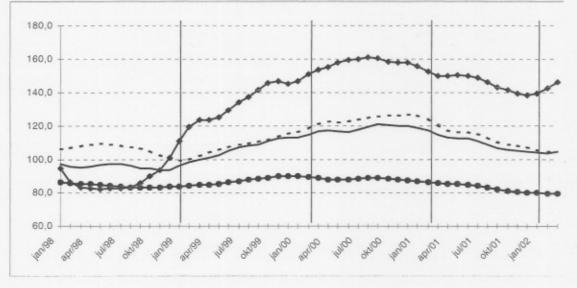
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Trend cycle (1995=100) Adjusted for seasonal and random fluctuations



	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Year
Industry	y produ	icing t	o order										
2001	129,8	127,5	135,6	114,1	126,7	125,2	107,1	107,9	115,5	124,4	114,2	106,3	119,5
2002	108,9	108,9	123,9										
Constru	iction												
2001	80,3	78,9	86,7	88,1	88	97,1	71,7	77,7	85,1	87,7	79,5	77,9	83,2
2002	76,9	65,3	83,2										
Industry	, produ	icing t	o order										
2001	130,4	128,3	123,3	119,1	121,6	121,1	118,4	118,3	114,5	114,2	113,3	113,2	119,6
2002	111,1	110,8	112,5										
Constru	ction												
2001	86,5	86,2	81,1	86,5	83,4	89	93,7	75,2	80,1	80,6	76,9	77,6	83,1
2002	83.1	72,6	79,3										



Industrial branches	Belgium	Flanders	Wallonia	Brussels
Industry and construction producing to order	*	11	11	11
Industry producing to order	~	**	"	11
Manufacture of textiles and textile products		->	11	11
Textiles and textile products		1 22	1	->
Wearing apparel and fur	1	11	"	**
Pulp, paper and paper products	11		""	1
Chemicals and chemical products	1	×	"	->
Basic metals	~~	1	**	+
Metal products, machinery and equipment	~~	11		1
Fabricated metal products, except machinery and equipment	1	->	->	*
Machinery and equipment	~~	×	->	~
Electrical and optical equipment	~~	~~	→	-
Transport equipment	1 1	1	**	
Construction		1	~	

Evolution of trend cycle Last three months compared to the previous three months > 2.5% > 0.5% to 2.5% > -0.5% to 0.5% > -2.5% to -0.5% > < -2.5%





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Statistics Belgium Press Release

Belgium - April 2002: new orders in industry + 0.3%, in construction - 16.6%

Trend keeps on falling

In April 2002, compared to April of the previous year, Belgium's gross **new orders** in industry producing to order increased by 0.3% in construction it fell by 16.6%.

The **trend** of the last three months, when compared with the previous three months, shows a decline (-1.0%) for Belgium as a whole. At the regional level, there's an decrease in new orders by 1.9% in Flanders; in Wallonia they expanded by 3.4%. As to the main sectors, the trend changes are +4.6% for chemical industry, -3.0% for metal products, machinery and equipment and -3.9% for construction.

The upward trend reversal, which already started in February, seems to continue (although the total of the last three months is still somewhat lower than the one of the three previous months). The trend in Wallonia was already clearly on the rise again, but for the first time this is now the case in Flanders too. At the sectoral level, the biggest increases can be observed in the chemical industry and in the paper and paper products sector (+ 3.6%), while electrical and optical equipment (- 7.1%), machinery and equipment (- 6.1%) and construction are falling the most.

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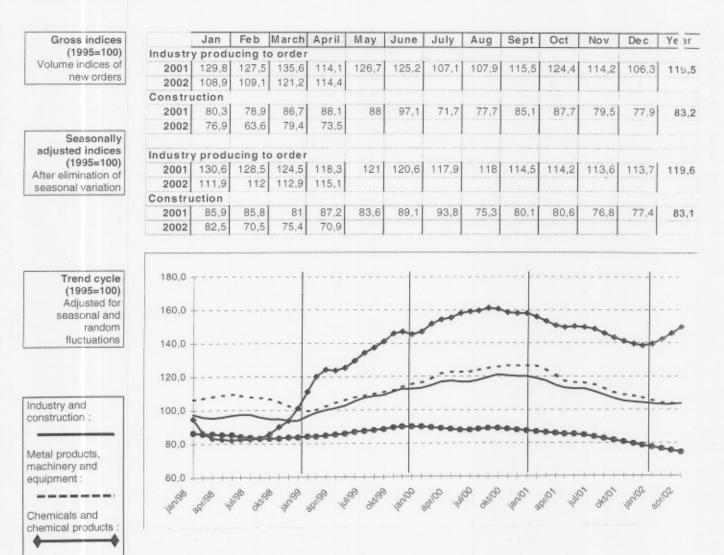
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Industrial branches	Belgium	Flanders	Wallonia	Brussels
Industry and construction producing to order	×	*	11	11
	->	1 22	/	22
Industry producing to order		× 1	/	~~
Manufacture of textiles and textile products	1 .	~~		1
Textiles and textile products Wearing apparel and fur	**	~	1	~~
	11	1	11	-
Pulp, paper and paper products	11	1	11	-+
Chemicals and chemical products	/ /	11	~~	-+
Basic metals			-+	1
Metal products, machinery and equipment	1		-+	->
Fabricated metal products, except machinery and equipment	1	1 *	-+	~~
Machinery and equipment		1 22		
Electrical and optical equipment		1	**	
Transport equipment Construction	1 **	1 22	*	-

Evolutio	n of trend
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Construction :

/ 0.5	5% to 2.5%
→ -0.5	5% to 0.5%
× -2.5	% to -0.5%
**	< -2.5%



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STATISTICS BELGIUM



Statistics Belgium Press Release

Belgium - May 2002: new orders in industry - 8.8%, in construction - 3.3%

Trend keeps on rising slightly

In May 2002, compared to May of the previous year, Belgium's gross new orders in industry producing to order fell by 8.8% in construction it fell by 3.3%.

The **trend** of the last three months, when compared with the previous three months, shows an increase (+0.8%) for Belgium as a whole. At the regional level, there's an increase in new orders by 0.1% in Flanders; in Wallonia they expanded by 0.2%. As to the main sectors, the trend changes are +4.8% for chemical industry, -1.5% for metal products, machinery and equipment and -1.0% for construction.

For new orders in industry and construction, the trend is now also upward in Flanders, but with some delay. In Wallonia the trend reversal occurred earlier but seems to slow down slightly, even if it is too soon to draw any conclusions. In any case, the strong rise in chemicals cannot be denied. The strong decline of gross figures is probably due to an extra holiday in May.

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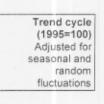
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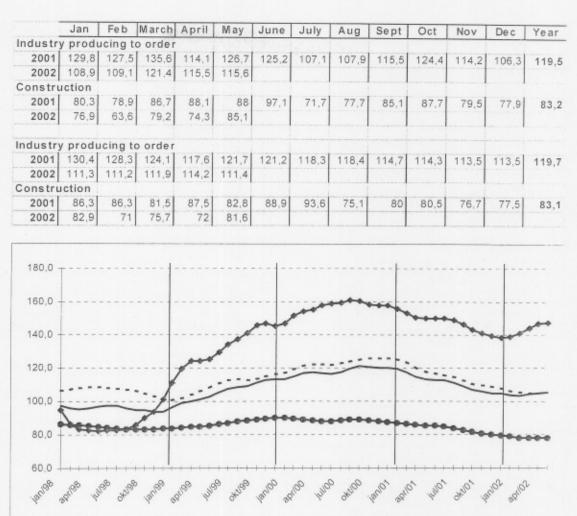
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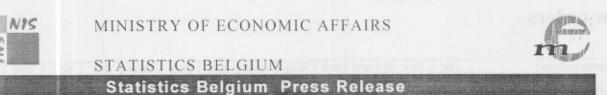






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d textile products		1
oparel and fur		11
and paper products	11	11
nd chemical products	/	-+
	11	->
ts, machinery and equipment	*	1
metal products, except machinery and equipment	*	*
and equipment	~~	~~
ind optical equipment	11	-+
equipment	1 22	
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Evolution of trend



Belgium - June 2002: new orders industry – 7.8%, construction – 11.2%

Recovery does not last

In June 2002, compared to June of the previous year, Belgium's gross **new orders** in industry producing to order fell by 7.8% in construction it fell by 11.2%.

The **trend** of the last three months, when compared with the previous three months, shows a status quo (0.5%) for Belgium as a whole. At the regional level, there's an increase in new orders by 0.5% in Flanders; in Wallonia they shrunk by 5.2%. As to the main sectors, the trend changes are +3.9% for chemical industry, -2.3% for metal products, machinery and equipment and -1.0% for construction.

The recovery of the economy announced by new orders in industry in March and April seems to have come to a standstill. In Wallonia we even see a clear downturn. In Flanders, where the conjuncture cycle is a bit delayed, new orders seem to stagnate. Chemical industry is still prospering but its growth is exclusively due to the boost of new orders in Flanders. Some positive results are also to be found in the transport equipment sector (+2.1%) and the textiles sector (+1.5%). Figures are heavily negative in the electrical and electronic equipment sector (-6.7%) and in fabricated metal products.

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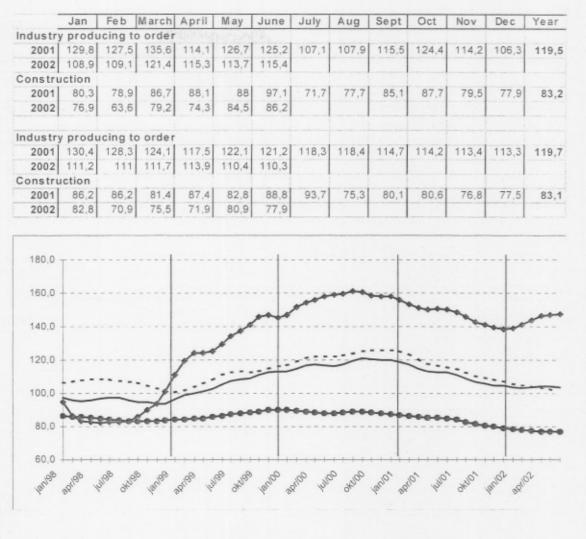
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Industrial branches	Belgium	Flanders	Wallonia	Brussels
Industry and construction producing to order	->	->	11	1
Industry producing to order	-+	->	**	11
Manufacture of textiles and textile products	-+	1	11	11
Textiles and textile products	1		11	/
Wearing apparel and fur		1	**	"
Pulp, paper and paper products		1	11	*
Chemicals and chemical products	11	11	/	->
Basic metals	-+	1	~~	→
Metal products, machinery and equipment	~	11	**	1
Fabricated metal products, except machinery and equipment		×	**	-
Machinery and equipment	-+	×	**	**
Electrical and optical equipment	**	11	**	"
Transport equipment	-	×		**
Construction	~	×	**	/

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Belgium - July 2002: new orders industry – 0.1%, construction – 17.9%

General trend stagnating

In July 2002, compared to July of the previous year, Belgium's gross **new orders** in industry producing to order fell by 0.1% in construction it fell by 17.9%.

The **trend** of the last three months, when compared with the previous three months, shows a status quo (+0.0%) for Belgium as a whole. At the regional level, there's an increase in new orders by 0.1% in Flanders; in Wallonia they shrunk by 3.6%. As to the main sectors, the trend changes are +4.3% for chemical industry, -0.7% for metal products, machinery and equipment and -0.8% for construction.

The evolution of the index of new orders is for the time being unclear. The downward trend has for several months come to a standstill but there is no definitive sign of recovery. Only the chemical industry seems on the right track. The trend in construction is still slightly downward but seems to evolve towards stagnation. The very negative figures of this sector in the year-to-year comparison are certainly due to the different timing of construction industry holydays.

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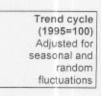
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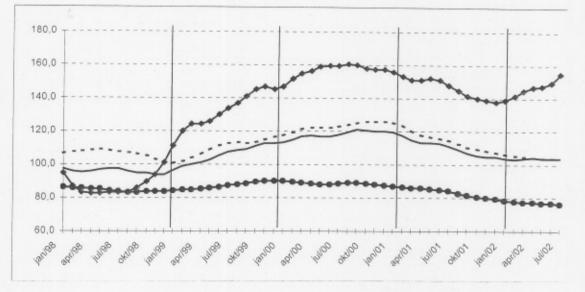
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2001	129,8	127,5	135,6	114,1	126,7	125,2	107.1	107,9	115,5	124.4	114.2	106.3	119.5
2002	108,9	109,1	121,4	115,3	112,7	112.6	107				3, 711	100,5	119,5
Constru	uction												
2001	80,3	78,9	86,7	88,1	88	97.1	71.7	77,7	85.1	87.7	79.5	77.9	83,2
2002	76,9	63,6	79,2	74,3	85,97	83,31	58,87				. 0,0	11,0	00,
Industry	y produ	icing to	o order										
2001	130,4	128,4	124,3	117,8	122,7	122.5	117.3	117,7	114.1	113.7	113,1	113.3	119,6
2002	111,3	111,4	112,4	114.8	111,4	110.8					110,1	115,5	115,0
Constru	ction												
2001	86,17	86,21	81,39	87,52	82,53	89.3	93,26	75,27	80.29	80.67	76.85	77.77	83,1
2002	82,76	70,92	75,66	71.96	82.26	75.51	78.66				10,00		00,1



Industrial branches	Belgium	Flanders	Wallonia	Brussels
Industry and construction producing to order	->	->	11	11
Industry producing to order	→	+	**	1
Manufacture of textiles and textile products	->	->	11	1
Textiles and textile products	1	×	11	-+
Wearing apparel and fur	*	*	1	1
Pulp, paper and paper products	~~	->	*	1
Chemicals and chemical products	11	11	-+	->
Basic metals	1	1	~	+
Metal products, machinery and equipment	~	1	*	**
Fabricated metal products, except machinery and equipment	~	+	**	-+
Machinery and equipment	~	×	**	11
Electrical and optical equipment	~~	11	**	11
Transport equipment	1	1	**	"
Construction	*		+	*

Evolutio	on of trend cycle
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Statistics Belgium Press Release

Belgium - August 2002: new orders industry – 8.3%, construction + 2.0%

Trend evolution uncertain

In August 2002, compared to August of the previous year, Belgium's gross **new orders** in industry producing to order fell by 8.3% in construction it rose by 2.0%.

The **trend** of the last three months, when compared with the previous three months, shows a status quo (-0.4%) for Belgium as a whole. At the regional level, there's an increase in new orders by 0.1% in Flanders; in Wallonia they shrunk by 1.7%. As to the main sectors, the trend changes are +1.8% for chemical industry, -1.6% for metal products, machinery and equipment and +1.6% for construction.

The index of new industrial orders does not yet show an upward trend; the overall trend is stagnating for several months now. The rise in chemicals did not keep up in August. In the construction sector however the downward trend that lasted for almost two years has taken an upward turn in the last months. Basic metals and fabricated metal products also show signals announcing an end to the downward trend.

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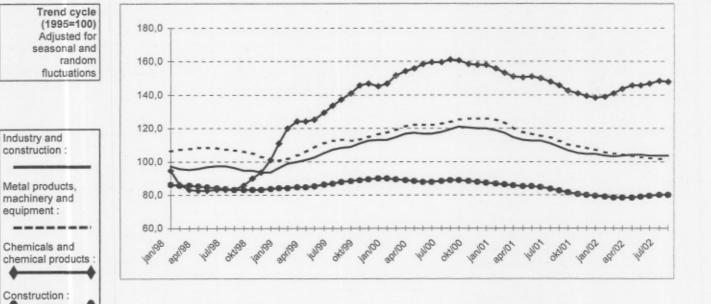
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Constru	iction												
2001	80,3	78,9	86,7	88,1	88	97,1	71,7	77,7	85,1	87,7	79,5	77,9	83,2
2002	76,9	63,6	79,2	74,3	85,97	87,55	60,94	79,24					
Industr	y produ	icing t	o order										
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2002	111,1	111,1	111,9	114,2	110,5	109,9	110,7	110,3					
Constru	ction												
2001	86,43	86,45	81,58	87,7	82,76	88,94	93,29	75,29	80,06	80,47	76,68	77,61	83,1
2002	83,02	71,17	75,84	72,16	82,48	79,39	80,77	78,58					



Industrial branches	Belgium	Flanders	Wallonia	Brussels
Industry and construction producing to order	->	->	*	*
Industry producing to order	*		*	*
Manufacture of textiles and textile products	->	1	1	**
Textiles and textile products	1	->	⇒	*
Wearing apparel and fur		11	11	**
Pulp, paper and paper products	**	1	1	->
Chemicals and chemical products	1	11	1	->
Basic metals	1 1	1	⇒	+
Metal products, machinery and equipment	*	1		~
Fabricated metal products, except machinery and equipment	*	1	**	->
Machinery and equipment	**	×	**	*
Electrical and optical equipment	**	**	->	11
Transport equipment	1	*	*	**
Construction	1	1	->	*

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Belgium - September 2002: new orders industry + 0.7%, construction - 8.0%

In September 2002, compared to September of the previous year, Belgium's gross new orders in industry producing to order increased by 0.7% in construction it fell by 8.0%.

The **trend** of the last three months, when compared with the previous three months, shows a decline (-1.3%) for Belgium as a whole. At the regional level, there's an decrease in new orders by 0.7% in Flanders; in Wallonia they shrunk by 0.2%. As to the main sectors, the trend changes are +1.4% for chemical industry, -1.4% for metal products, machinery and equipment and -0.9% for construction.

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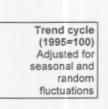
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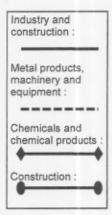
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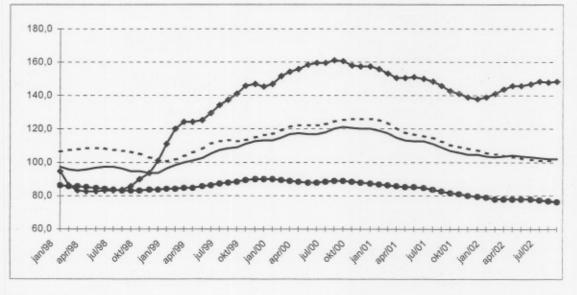
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	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Year
Industr	y produ	icing t	o order		1911	1.2							
2001	129,8	127,5	135,6	114,1	126,7	125,2	107,1	107,9	115,5	124,4	114,2	106,3	119,5
2002	108,9	109,1	121,4	115,3	112,7	112,9	101,5	96,01	116,3				
Constru	ction												
2001	80,3	78,9	86,7	88,1	88	97,1	71,7	77,7	85,1	87,7	79,5	77,9	83,2
2002	76,9	63,6	79,2	74,3	85,97	87,55	60,11	78,41	78,32				
Industry	y produ	icing t	o order										
2001	130,3	128,3	124,1	117,6	122,5	122,1	118,4	119	113,9	113,5	112,8	112,9	119,6
2002	110,8	110,9	111,8	114,2	110,7	110,2	110,8	109,8	111,5				
Constru	ction												
2001	86,27	86,3	81,45	87,58	82,58	88,75	93,13	75,07	80,91	80,64	76,82	77,75	83,1
2002	82,86	71,01	75,72	72,01	82,31	79,19	79,76	77,55	72,37				



Industrial branches	Belgium	Flanders	Wallonia	Brussel
Industry and construction producing to order		×	+	+
Industry producing to order	*	->	+	*
Manufacture of textiles and textile products	1	→	1	1
Textiles and textile products	->		1	1
Wearing apparel and fur	~~	11	**	1
Pulp, paper and paper products	/ /	1	1	*
Chemicals and chemical products	-	11	1	
Basic metals	**	11	**	
Metal products, machinery and equipment	× 1	1	*	*
Fabricated metal products, except machinery and equipment	× 1	×	**	
Machinery and equipment	→	×	1	**
Electrical and optical equipment	1 22	1 22	1	11
Transport equipment	~	×	**	11
Construction	1	→	~	*

Evolutio	on of trend cycle
Last the	ree months
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**	< -2.5%



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STATISTICS BELGIUM Statistics Belgium Press Release



Belgium - October 2002: new orders industry - 5.1%, construction - 5.5%

In October 2002, compared to October of the previous year, Belgium's gross **new orders** in industry producing to order fell by 5.1% in construction it fell by 5.5%.

The **trend** of the last three months, when compared with the previous three months, shows a decline (-1.7%) for Belgium as a whole. At the regional level, there's an decrease in new orders by 1.5% in Flanders; in Wallonia they expanded by 1.6%. As to the main sectors, the trend changes are +0.7% for chemical industry, -1.5% for metal products, machinery and equipment and -1.0% for construction.

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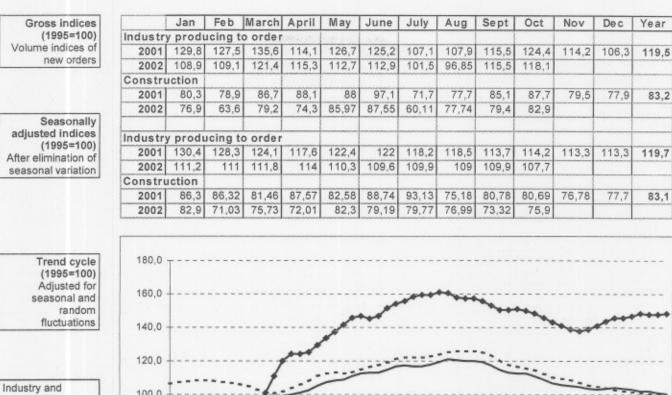
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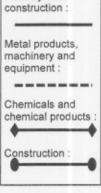
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Industrial branches	Belgium	Flanders	Wallonia	Brussel
Industry and construction producing to order	1	*	1	->
Industry producing to order	1	*	*	1
Manufacture of textiles and textile products	1	1	1	->
Textiles and textile products	⇒	⇒	1	**
Wearing apparel and fur	**	11	**	->
Pulp, paper and paper products		×	11	
Chemicals and chemical products	*	1	->	
Basic metals	**	1 22	**	
Metal products, machinery and equipment	*	×	~	1
Fabricated metal products, except machinery and equipment	*	×	. **	->
Machinery and equipment	*	×	**	*
Electrical and optical equipment	->	×	11	**
Transport equipment	**	11	**	"
Construction	× 1	1	11	**

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Belgium - November 2002: new orders industry - 6.5%, construction + 15.9%

Trend seems rising again

In November 2002, compared to November of the previous year, Belgium's gross **new orders** in industry producing to order fell by 6.5% in construction it rose by 15.9%.

The **trend** of the last three months, when compared with the previous three months, shows an increase (+0.8%) for Belgium as a whole. At the regional level, there's an increase in new orders by 0.4% in Flanders; in Wallonia they expanded by 3.8%. As to the main sectors, the trend changes are -1.4% for chemical industry, -0.2% for metal products, machinery and equipment and +3.0% for construction.

For the first time since long, the quarterly trend comparison shows positive figures. Even though the situation seems different among sectors, this could be the first sign of a positive trend reversal, especially since the improvement is also apparent in recent production indices in Belgium and the adjacent countries.

Next press release : 19/02/2003

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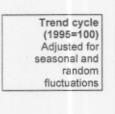
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Evolution of trend

Last three months compared to the previous three months

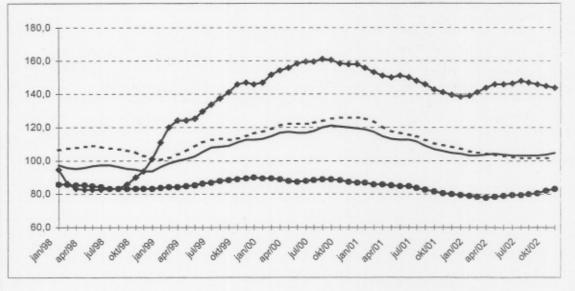
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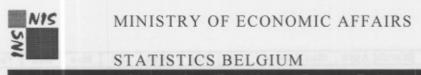
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	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Year
Industr	y produ	icing t	o order	and the									
2001	129,8	127,5	135,6	114,1	126,7	125,2	107,1	107,9	115,5	124,4	114,2	106,3	119,5
2002	108,9	109,1	121,4	115,3	112,7	112,9	101,5	96,85	115,5	122,7	106,7		
Constru	uction												
2001	80,3	78,9	86,7	88,1	88	97,1	71,7	77,7	85,1	87,7	79,5	77,9	83,2
2002	76,9	63,6	79,2	74,3	85,97	87,55	60,11	77,74	79,32	82,98	92,12		-
Industr	y produ	icing t	o order										
2001	130,3	128,3	124,1	117,6	122,5	122,1	118,4	118,7	114,1	113,4	112,9	113	119,6
2002	110,9	110,9	111,8	114,2	110,7	110,1	110,6	110	111	110,7	109,9		
Constru	uction												
2001	86,58	86,43	81,58	87,46	82,88	88,73	93,44	75,62	80,88	81,35	75,36	77,1	83,1
2002	83,17	71,14	75,62	72,14	82,38	79,17	80,31	77,2	73,58	76,64	91,03		



Industrial branches	Belgium	Flanders	Wallonia	Brussels
Industry and construction producing to order	1	->	**	*
Industry producing to order	->	→	*	->
Manufacture of textiles and textile products		1	*	**
Textiles and textile products	1	->		*
Wearing apparel and fur	11	11	**	**
Pulp, paper and paper products	1	×	11	*
Chemicals and chemical products		->	+	
Basic metals	~~	22	**	
Metal products, machinery and equipment	->	->	*	"
Fabricated metal products, except machinery and equipment	1	->	**	->
Machinery and equipment	1	->	~~	~
Electrical and optical equipment	->	->	1	**
Transport equipment	1	×	**	11
Construction	11	1	11	**





Statistics Belgium Press Release

Belgium - December 2002: new orders industry - 8.8%, construction + 7.9%

In December 2002, compared to December of the previous year, Belgium's gross **new orders** in industry producing to order fell by 8.8% in construction it rose by 7.9%.

The **trend** of the last three months, when compared with the previous three months, shows a status quo (-0.3%) for Belgium as a whole. At the regional level, there's an decrease in new orders by 0.3% in Flanders; in Wallonia they expanded by 1.9%. As to the main sectors, the trend changes are -0.5% for chemical industry, -2.5% for metal products, machinery and equipment and +2.7% for construction.

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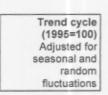
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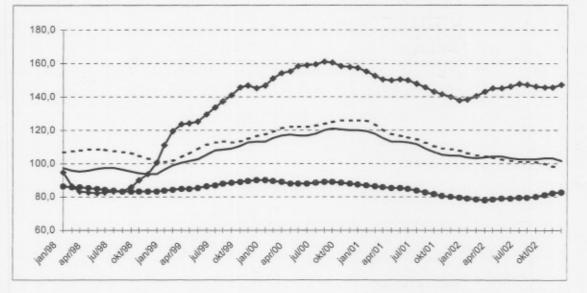
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Seasonally adjusted indices (1995=100) After elimination of seasonal variation





	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Year
Industry	y produ	icing t	o order			-							
2001	129,8	127,5	135,6	114,1	126,7	125,2	107,1	107,9	115,5	124,4	114,2	106,3	119,5
2002	108,9	109,1	121,4	115,3	112,7	112,9	101,5	96,85	115,5	123,8	108,6	96,98	110,3
Constru	ction												
2001	80,3	78,9	86,7	88,1	88	97,1	71,7	77,7	85,1	87,7	79,5	77,9	83,2
2002	76,9	63,6	79,2	74,3	85,97	87,55	60,11	77,74	79,32	83,39	91,87	84,06	78,7
Industry	y produ	icing t	o order										
2001	130,7	128,6	124,4	117,8	122,6	122,1	118,4	118,6	113,7	112,8	111,9	114,4	119,7
2002	112	111,9	112,5	114,7	110,8	110	110,2	109	109,6	109,3	108,3	103,7	110,2
Constru	iction												
2001	86,49	86,4	81,59	87,51	82,94	88,8	93,5	75,66	80,89	81,24	75,28	77,28	83,1
2002	83,08	71,11	75,64	72,18	82,44	79,24	80,37	77,24	73,59	76,94	90,71	81,91	78,7



Industrial branches	Belgium	Flanders	Wallonia	Brussels
Industry and construction producing to order	->		1	*
Industry producing to order		1	~	*
Manufacture of textiles and textile products		1 11	~	**
Textiles and textile products	1	×	*	**
Wearing apparel and fur		→	11	*
Pulp, paper and paper products	1		11	**
Chemicals and chemical products	1 .	1	1	
Basic metals	**	×	~	
Metal products, machinery and equipment	1	11	**	1
Fabricated metal products, except machinery and equipment	1	1	**	1
Machinery and equipment	1	→	**	*
Electrical and optical equipment	→		**	**
Transport equipment	*	22	**	11
Construction	11	1 1	11	->

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IIS Press Release

Belgium - January 2003: new orders industry + 4.8%, construction - 4.1%

In January 2003, compared to January of the previous year, Belgium's gross **new orders** in industry producing to order increased by 4.8% in construction it fell by 4.1%.

The **trend** of the last three months, when compared with the previous three months, shows an increase (+1.1%) for Belgium as a whole. At the regional level, there's an increase in new orders by 1.1% in Flanders; in Wallonia they expanded by 1.2%. As to the main sectors, the trend changes are +0.7% for chemical industry, +0.4% for metal products, machinery and equipment and +0.9% for construction.

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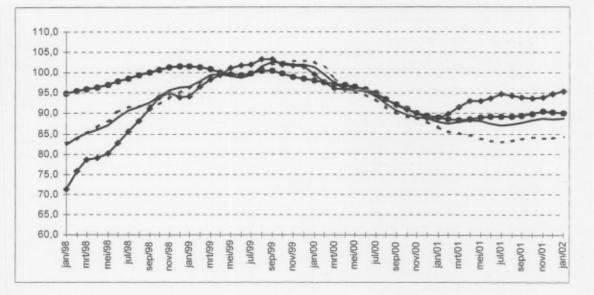
Seasonally adjusted indices (2000=100) After elimination of seasonal variation

> Trend cycle (2000=100)

Adjusted for seasonal and

random fluctuations

	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Year
Industr	y produ	icing t	o order										
2002	85,81	85,97	95,66	90,85	88,81	88,94	79,96	76,31	90,97	97,56	85,96	78,52	87,1
2003	89,97												
Constru	uction												
2002	87,16	72,08	89,76	84,21	97,43	99,23	68,13	88,11	89,9	94,51	105,2	94,61	89,2
2003	83,55												
Industr	y produ	icing t	o order									-	
2002	86,51	86,8	87,64	89,56	87,02	86,77	87,31	87,14	88,13	88,54	88,82	86,16	87,5
2003	90,08												
Constru	uction												
2002	92,61	81,14	86,91	83,61	94,67	89,64	90,02	87,89	83,24	86,99	102,9	91,41	89,3
2003	89,01												
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Industrial branches	Belgium	Flanders	Wallonia	Brussels
Industry and construction producing to order	1	1	1	->
Industry producing to order	->	→	->	11
Manufacture of textiles and textile products	*	**	*	11
Textiles and textile products	1 22	1	~	""
Wearing apparel and fur	1	1	1	11
Pulp, paper and paper products	11	11	11	**
Chemicals and chemical products	1	11	1	
Basic metals	1	×		
Metal products, machinery and equipment	->	1	*	11
Fabricated metal products, except machinery and equipment	->	1	**	->
Machinery and equipment	11	11	**	**
Electrical and optical equipment	->	1	**	**
Transport equipment	1			**
Construction	1	1	*	*

Evolution of trend cycle Last three months compared to the previous three months > 2.5% > 0.5% to 2.5% > -0.5% to 0.5% > -2.5% to -0.5% > < -2.5% FOD Economie, KMO, Middenstand en Energie

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Belgium - February 2003: new orders industry - 3.8%, construction + 10.3%

Possibly again a negative trend reversal

In February 2003, compared to February of the previous year, Belgium's gross **new orders** in industry producing to order fell by 3.8% in construction it rose by 10.3%.

The **trend** of the last three months, when compared with the previous three months, shows a decline (-0.9%) for Belgium as a whole. At the regional level, there's an decrease in new orders by 0.2% in Flanders; in Wallonia they shrunk by 1.9%. As to the main sectors, the trend changes are +0.6% for chemical industry, -1.5% for metal products, machinery and equipment and +1.4% for construction.

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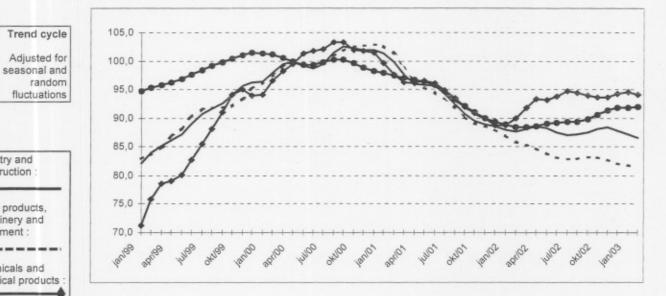
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Industr	y produ	icing t	o order	Sector Sec	131.121	2-							
2002	85,81	85,97	95,66	90,85	88,81	88,94	79,96	76,31	90,97	97,56	85,96	79,24	87,2
2003	87,14	82,69											
Constru	iction												
2002	87,16	72,08	89,76	84,21	97,43	99,23	68,13	88,11	89,9	94,51	105,2	94,42	89,2
2003	88,61	79,47											
Industr	y produ	icing t	o order										
2002	86,53	87,77	88,42	90,15	87,46	86,97	87,24	86,81	87,46	87,51	87,4	84,61	87,4
2003	86,9	84,79								-			
Constru	ction												
2002	92,16	81,88	87,04	83,53	94,61	89,6	89,8	87,86	83,21	86,92	103,1	91,43	89,3
2003	93,6	89,27											



Industrial branches	Belgium	Flanders	Wallonia	Brussels
Industry and construction producing to order		->	*	1
Industry producing to order			**	11
Manufacture of textiles and textile products	**	11	**	~~
Textiles and textile products	1	1	**	**
Wearing apparel and fur	**	**	"	**
Pulp, paper and paper products	· ·	×	**	**
Chemicals and chemical products	1		~	
Basic metals	->	*	**	
Metal products, machinery and equipment	× 1	1	**	11
Fabricated metal products, except machinery and equipment	× 1	×	*	->
Machinery and equipment	1 11	->	**	->
Electrical and optical equipment		×	**	**
Transport equipment	× .	×	*	**
Construction	1	11	~	1

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IIS Press Release

Belgium – March 2003: new orders industry – 6.2%, construction + 13.0%

Rather positive signs

In March 2003, compared to March of the previous year, Belgium's gross **new orders** in industry producing to order fell by 6.2% in construction it rose by 13.0%.

The **trend** of the last three months, when compared with the previous three months, shows a decline (-1.4%) for Belgium as a whole. At the regional level, there's an increase in new orders by 0.2% in Flanders; in Wallonia they shrunk by 2.2%. As to the main sectors, the trend changes are -0.3% for chemical industry, -2.8% for metal products, machinery and equipment and +1.9% for construction.

The trend of new orders shows an evolution that is nearly identical to the one seen in industrial production. The most auspicious observation is the upturn of the most cyclically sensitive sector, the chemical industry, of the most cyclically sensitive region, Flanders. For most other sectors, however, no trend reversal is obvious yet.

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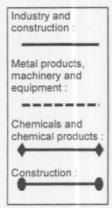
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Gross indices		Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Year
(2000=100)	Industry	y produ	icing t	o order										
Volume indices of	2002	85,81	85,97	95,66	90,85	88,81	88,94	79,96	76,31	90,97	97,56	85,96	79,24	87,2
new orders	2003	87,51	84,24	89,75										
	Constru	iction												
	2002	87,16	72,08	89,76	84,21	97,43	99,23	68,13	88,11	89,9	94,51	105,2	94,42	89,2
	2003	89,94	78,41	101,5		ing series in the second								
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adjusted indices	Industr	y produ	ucing t	o order										
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After elimination of seasonal variation	2003	87,62	85,71	83,62										
seasonal variation	Constru	states of the state of the state												
	2002	92,3	82,46	86,14	83,55	94,54	89,48	89,95	87,79	83,22	87,09	103,1	91,59	89,3
	2003	95,07	88.8	97,85										
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Industrial branches	Belgium	Flanders	Wallonia	Brussels
Industry and construction producing to order	*	->	*	*
Industry producing to order		× 1	->	*
Manufacture of textiles and textile products	**	1 11	**	**
Textiles and textile products	**	1	**	**
Wearing apparel and fur		1 1	"	**
Pulp, paper and paper products	-		**	*
Chemicals and chemical products	->	1	**	
Basic metals	1	1	11	
Metal products, machinery and equipment	~~	×	**	**
Fabricated metal products, except machinery and equipment	1	1	**	*
Machinery and equipment	1 22	1	**	*
Electrical and optical equipment		→	*	**
Transport equipment		1	1	**
Construction	1	11	**	*

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IIS Press Release

Belgium – April 2003: new orders industry – 5.5%, construction + 3.2%

In April 2003, compared to April of the previous year, Belgium's gross **new orders** in industry producing to order fell by 5.5% in construction it rose by 3.2%.

The **trend** of the last three months, when compared with the previous three months, shows a decline (-2.0%) for Belgium as a whole. At the regional level, there's an decrease in new orders by 0.8% in Flanders; in Wallonia they shrunk by 2.1%. As to the main sectors, the trend changes are -1.1% for chemical industry, -2.2% for metal products, machinery and equipment and -0.6% for construction.

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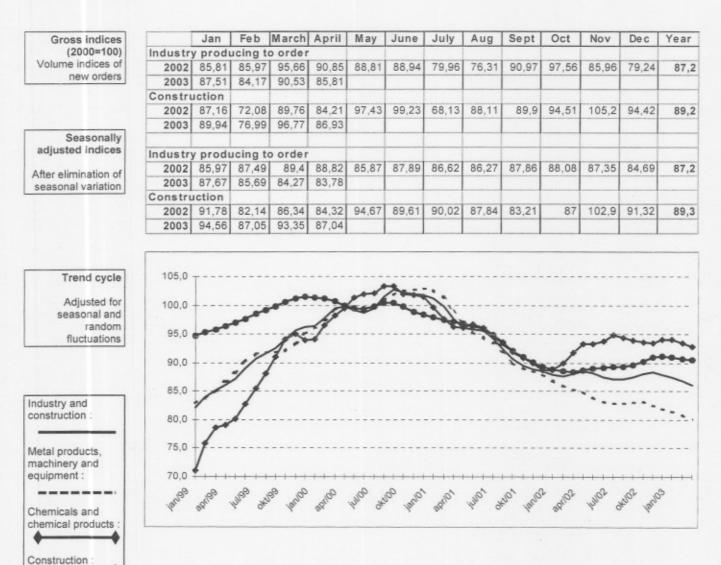
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Industry and construction producing to order	*	×	*	*
Industry producing to order	*	1	→	**
Manufacture of textiles and textile products		1	**	**
Textiles and textile products	~~	**	**	**
Wearing apparel and fur	→	**	11	**
Pulp, paper and paper products		→	**	*
Chemicals and chemical products	1	→	**	
Basic metals	1	1	11	
Metal products, machinery and equipment		11	12	**
Fabricated metal products, except machinery and equipment	1 .	×	*	*
Machinery and equipment	1 22	1	**	*
Electrical and optical equipment	->		*	**
Transport equipment	11	1 22	11	1
Construction	1	→	**	11

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Belgium – May 2003: new orders industry – 3.1%, construction - 7.1%

In May 2003, compared to the previous month, Belgium's gross **new orders** in industry producing to order fell by 3.1% in construction it fell by 7.1%.

The **trend** of the last three months, when compared with the previous three months, shows a strong decline (-3.1%) for Belgium as a whole. At the regional level, there's an decrease in new orders by 2.0% in Flanders; in Wallonia they shrunk by 1.3%. As to the main sectors, the trend changes are -3.8% for chemical industry, -1.7% for metal products, machinery and equipment and -3.6% for construction.

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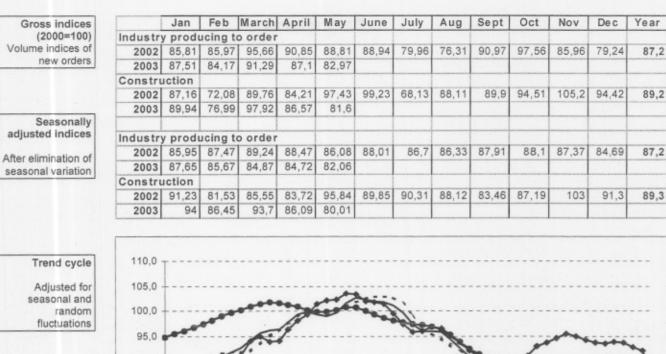
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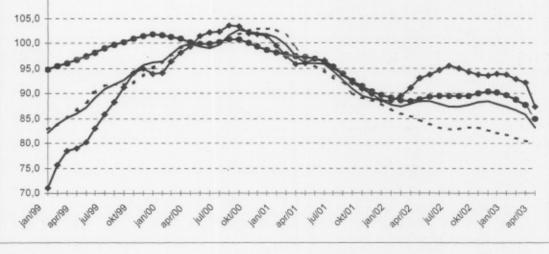
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Industrial branches	Belgium	Flanders	Wallonia	Brussels
Industry and construction producing to order	**	*	*	**
Industry producing to order	~~	1	*	**
Manufacture of textiles and textile products		11	~	~
Textiles and textile products	**	22	**	**
Wearing apparel and fur		1 11	"	"
Pulp, paper and paper products		×	*	"
Chemicals and chemical products	~~	1 22	11	
Basic metals		×	**	
Metal products, machinery and equipment		×	1	**
Fabricated metal products, except machinery and equipment	->	->	*	*
Machinery and equipment	11	1	**	11
Electrical and optical equipment	11	11	**	**
Transport equipment		11	11	
Construction	11	1	->	**

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IIS Press Release

Belgium – June 2003: new orders industry + 1.3%, construction - 7.8%

In June 2003, compared to the previous month, Belgium's gross **new orders** in industry producing to order increased by 1,3% in construction it fell by 7,8%.

The **trend** of the last three months, when compared with the previous three months, shows a strong decline (-3,7%) for Belgium as a whole. At the regional level, there's an decrease in new orders by 3,1% in Flanders; in Wallonia they shrunk by 0,1%. As to the main sectors, the trend changes are -2,7% for chemical industry, -2,3% for metal products, machinery and equipment and -5,9% for construction.

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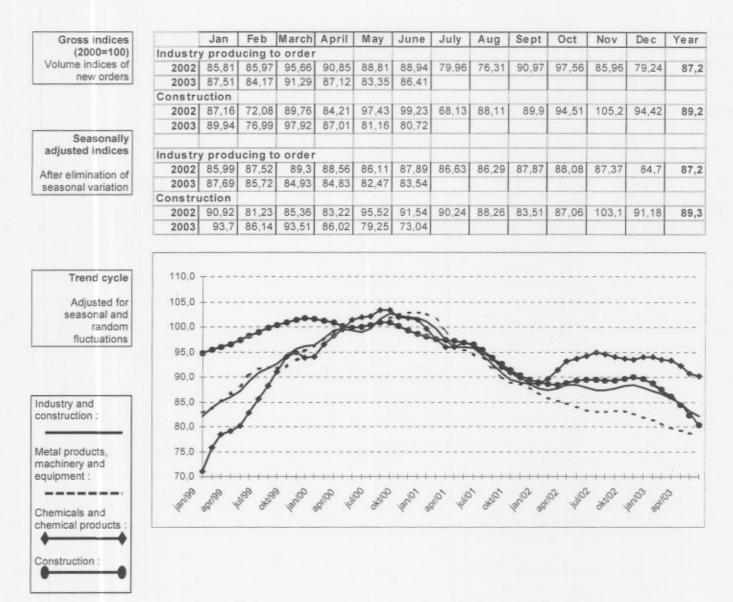
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Industrial branches	Belgium	Flanders	Wallonia	Brussels
Industry and construction producing to order	11	11	→	22
Industry producing to order	× 1	1	+	**
Manufacture of textiles and textile products	1	1	11	1
Textiles and textile products		1	,	**
Wearing apparel and fur	->	**	"	,
Pulp, paper and paper products		×	1	~
Chemicals and chemical products	**	11	*	
Basic metals	~	->	**	
Metal products, machinery and equipment		1 22	1	~~
Fabricated metal products, except machinery and equipment	->		1	1
Machinery and equipment	1		**	11
Electrical and optical equipment	1	1	1	**
Transport equipment	**	×	"	"
Construction	11	1 11	1	**

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IIS Press Release

Belgium – July 2003: new orders industry – 0.6%, construction + 29.3%

In July 2003, compared to the previous month, Belgium's gross **new orders** in industry producing to order fell by 0,6% in construction it rose by 29.3%.

The **trend** of the last three months, when compared with the previous three months, shows a decline (-1.0%) for Belgium as a whole. At the regional level, there's an decrease in new orders by 1.8% in Flanders; in Wallonia they expanded by 0.1%. As to the main sectors, the trend changes are -2.1% for chemical industry, -0.4% for metal products, machinery and equipment and -0.5% for construction.

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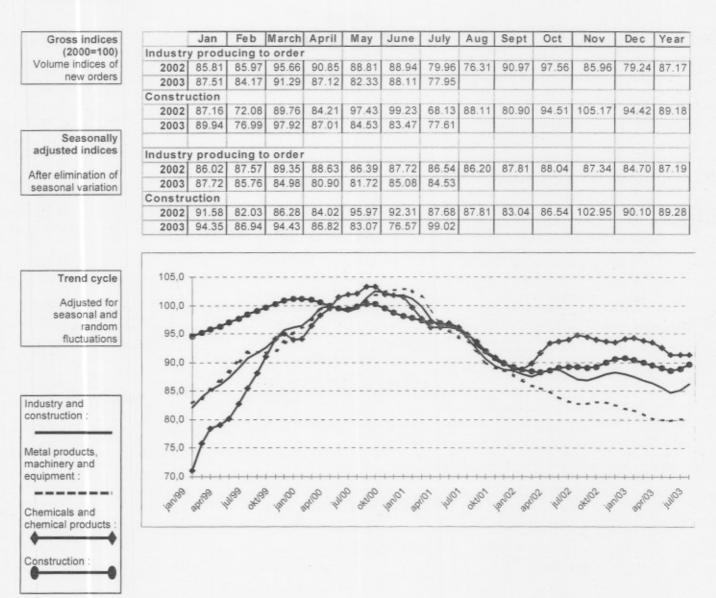
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Industrial branches	Belgium	Flanders	Wallonia	Brussels
Industry and construction producing to order		*	->	1
Industry producing to order	~	× 1	-	1
Manufacture of textiles and textile products	-+	->	~	*
Textiles and textile products		1	~	
Wearing apparel and fur	/ /	11	"	*
Pulp, paper and paper products	-+		11	1
Chemicals and chemical products	× 1	**	*	
Basic metals	-+		11	
Metal products, machinery and equipment	->	->	->	11
Fabricated metal products, except machinery and equipment	1	->	1	,
Machinery and equipment	1	1	**	11
Electrical and optical equipment		×	11	~~
Transport equipment	->	→	11	
Construction	~	×	*	11

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IIS Press Release

Belgium – August 2003: new orders industry – 3.1%, construction – 17.4%

In August 2003, compared to the previous month, Belgium's gross **new orders** in industry producing to order fell by 3.1% in construction it fell by 17.4%.

The **trend** of the last three months, when compared with the previous three months, shows a decline (-1.8%) for Belgium as a whole. At the regional level, there's a decrease in new orders by 2.0% in Flanders; in Wallonia they shrunk by 0.5%. As to the main sectors, the trend changes are -3.2% for chemical industry, -2.3% for metal products, machinery and equipment and -1.6% for construction.

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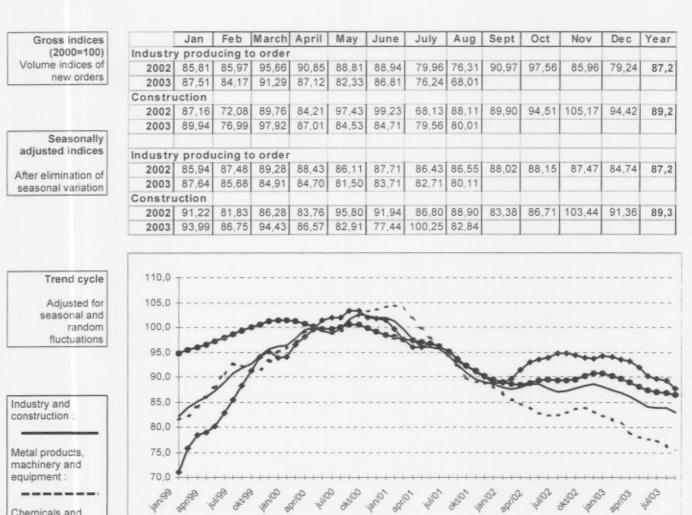
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Industry and construction producing to order	*	*	+	->
Industry producing to order		1	~	1
Manufacture of textiles and textile products	→	1	1	**
Textiles and textile products		×	->	**
Wearing apparel and fur	-	11	**	**
Pulp, paper and paper products	->		->	->
Chemicals and chemical products	~~	12	**	
Basic metals	-+		11	
Metal products, machinery and equipment	1	×	->	11
Fabricated metal products, except machinery and equipment	×	×	**	
Machinery and equipment	1	1	**	"
Electrical and optical equipment		11	11	**
Transport equipment	~~	×	11	
Construction		1 11		**

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Construction :

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IIS Press Release

Belgium – September 2003: new orders industry + 2.7%, construction – 9.3%

In September 2003, compared to the previous month, Belgium's seasonally adjusted new orders in industry producing to order increased by 2.7% in construction it fell by 9.3%.

The **trend** of the last three months, when compared with the previous three months, shows a decline (-2.1%) for Belgium as a whole. At the regional level, there's an decrease in new orders by 1.0% in Flanders; in Wallonia they shrunk by 1.6%. As to the main sectors, the trend changes are +1.1% for chemical industry, -1.8% for metal products, machinery and equipment and -5.3% for construction.

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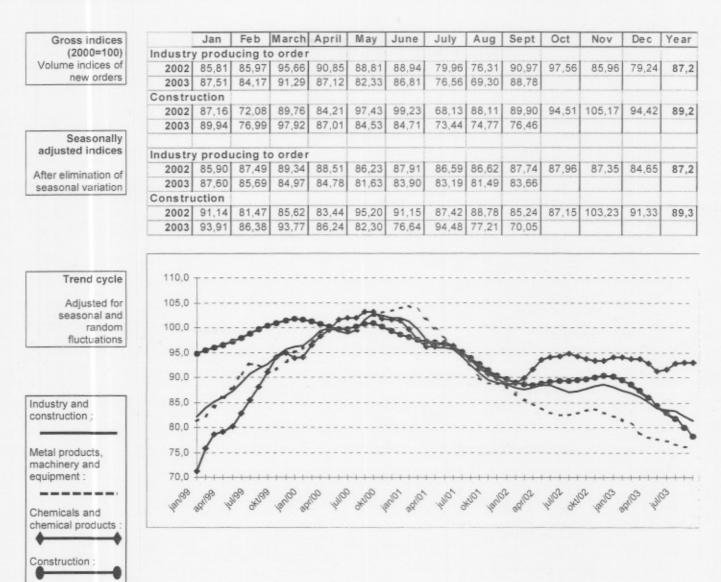
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Industry and construction producing to order			*	*
Industry producing to order		1	*	~
Manufacture of textiles and textile products	-+	1	1	1
Textiles and textile products	1 22	1 22	1	**
Wearing apparel and fur	11	1	11	-
Pulp, paper and paper products		1	**	->
Chemicals and chemical products	1 '	×	1	
Basic metals		->	11	
Metal products, machinery and equipment		1	**	->
Fabricated metal products, except machinery and equipment		1	~	+
Machinery and equipment		->	**	*
Electrical and optical equipment		11	11	**
Transport equipment	**	1	->	
Construction	~~	11	~	**

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IIS Press Release

Belgium – October 2003: new orders industry + 0,0%, construction + 20,1%

Finally growing again ?

In October 2003, compared to the previous month, Belgium's seasonally adjusted **new orders** in industry producing to order stayed stable (+0,0%) in construction it rose by 20,1%.

The **trend** of the last three months, when compared with the previous three months, shows a status quo (-0,4%) for Belgium as a whole. At the regional level, there's an increase in new orders by 0,7% in Flanders; in Wallonia they shrunk by 2,9%. As to the main sectors, the trend changes are +0,1% for chemical industry, +1,9% for metal products, machinery and equipment and -2,2% for construction.

The marked increase of the deseasonalised figures of new orders in construction needs to be put in perspective: although new orders increase by 20.1% compared to the rather low figures of the previous month, the year to year rise only amounts to 1.2%.

Latest data show a stabilisation and maybe even an economic upturn starting around the middle of 2003. It seems largely due to metal products, machinery and equipment. This evolution is in line with other advanced indicators also suggesting the economy may have started recovering.

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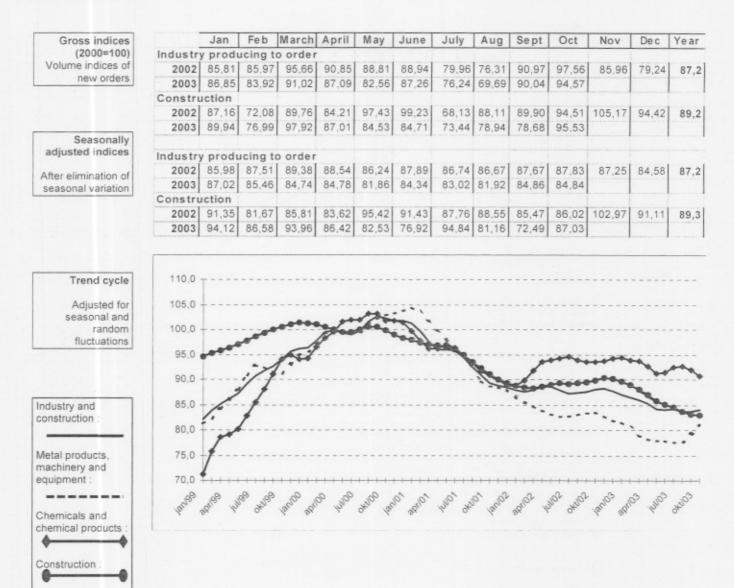
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Industry and construction producing to order	-+	1	11	11
Industry producing to order	1	11	*	*
Manufacture of textiles and textile products	*	14	11	*
Textiles and textile products	11	11	**	11
Wearing apparel and fur	/ /	11	1	11
Pulp, paper and paper products	/ /	1	×	11
Chemicals and chemical products	->	× 1	1	
Basic metals	->		1	
Metal products, machinery and equipment	1	1	**	"
Fabricated metal products, except machinery and equipment		~	~	*
Machinery and equipment	~~	× 1	**	**
Electrical and optical equipment		×	11	**
Transport equipment	11		~	
Construction	1	×	~	**

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IIS Press Release

Belgium – November 2003*: new orders industry + 3,2%, construction - 5,7%

Belgium's seasonally adjusted **new orders** in industry producing to order increased by 3,2%; in construction it fell by 5,7%.

The **trend** of the last three months, when compared with the previous three months, shows a status quo (-0,1%) for Belgium as a whole. At the regional level, there's an increase in new orders by 0,5% in Flanders; in Wallonia they shrunk by 2,7%. As to the main sectors, the trend changes are -1,3% for chemical industry, +3,7% for metal products, machinery and equipment and -4,2% for construction.

The trend of new orders in industry seems to have turned upward. In addition, a growing number of sectors show an increase: basic metals (+ 1.2%), pulp, paper and paper products (+ 1.6%) and metal products, machinery and equipment (+ 3.7%). In construction, on the other hand, the trend is still falling.

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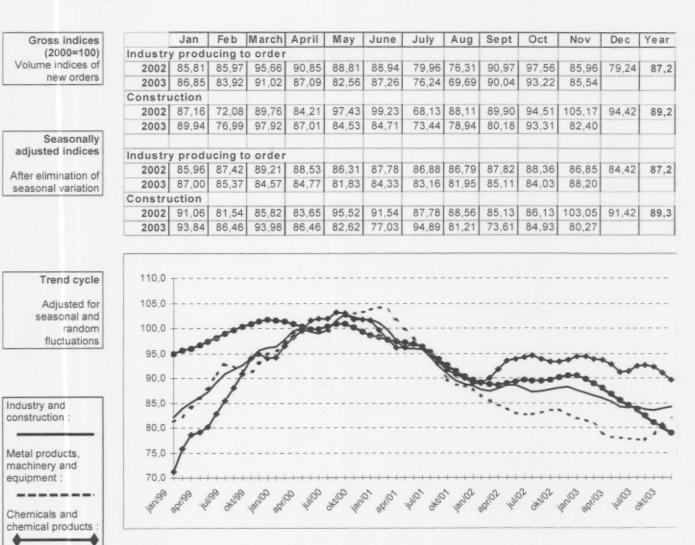
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*(% increase of the last three months, till November 2003 inclusive, compared to the preceding trimester, seasonally-adjusted values)

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Industrial branches	Belgium	Flanders	Wallonia	Brussels
Industry and construction producing to order	->	1	11	**
Industry producing to order	11	11		11
Manufacture of textiles and textile products	*	1 2 2	**	->
Textiles and textile products	→	×	**	**
Wearing apparel and fur	1	1 2 2	"	1
Pulp, paper and paper products	1	1	1	1
Chemicals and chemical products	1	-+	~	
Basic metals	1	×	11	
Metal products, machinery and equipment	11	11	~	"
Fabricated metal products, except machinery and equipment		1	11	-+
Machinery and equipment	~		~	**
Electrical and optical equipment	1	1	11	*
Transport equipment	11	11	**	
Construction	**	11	**	*

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Construction :

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IIS Press Release

Belgium – December 2003*: new orders industry + 3.8%, construction + 1.9%

Economy growing again

The deseasonalized index of Belgium's new orders in industry producing to order of the last three months compared with the three preceding months has increased by 3.8%; in construction it rose by 1.9%.

The **trend** of the last three months, when compared with the previous three months, shows an increase (+1.5%) for Belgium as a whole. At the regional level, there's an increase in new orders by 0.3% in Flanders; in Wallonia they expanded by 5.6%. As to the main sectors, the trend changes are +4.5% for chemical industry, +1.3% for metal products, machinery and equipment and -1.8% for construction.

The trend of new orders in industry seems to have turned upward. In addition, a growing number of sectors show an increase: chemical industry (+4.5%), basic metals (+ 2.2%), pulp, paper and paper products (+ 2.8%) and metal products, machinery and equipment (+ 1.3%). In construction, on the other hand, the trend is still falling.

Next press release : 18/03/2004

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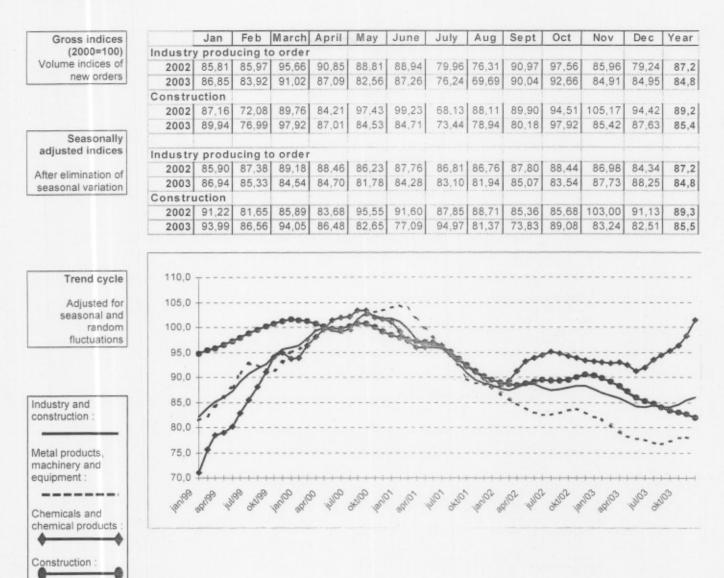
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*(% increase of the last three months, till December 2003 inclusive, compared to the preceding trimester, seasonally-adjusted values)

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Industrial branches	Belgium	Flanders	Wallonia	Brussels
Industry and construction producing to order	1	->	11	11
Industry producing to order	11	1	11	1
Manufacture of textiles and textile products		11	**	11
Textiles and textile products	->	1	**	**
Wearing apparel and fur	/	~~	"	**
Pulp, paper and paper products	11	1	11	1
Chemicals and chemical products	11	1	11	
Basic metals	1	1	11	
Metal products, machinery and equipment	1	1	**	11
Fabricated metal products, except machinery and equipment		1	~	,
Machinery and equipment		->	**	**
Electrical and optical equipment	1	×	11	~
Transport equipment	1	->	~~	
Construction	~	->	1	**

Evolutio	on of trend
	cycle
Last thr	ree months
comp	ared to the
pre	vious three
	months
"	> 2.5%
× 0.5	5% to 2.5%
→ -0.5	5% to 0.5%
* -2.5	% to -0.5%
**	< -2.5%

STATISTIEK EN ECONOMISCHE INFORMATIE

IIS Press Release

Belgium – January 2004*: new orders industry + 5.2%, construction + 1.8%

Economy growing again

The deseasonalized index of Belgium's new orders in industry producing to order of the last three months compared with the three preceding months has increased by 5.2%; in construction it rose by 1.8%.

The **trend** of the last three months, when compared with the previous three months, shows an increase (+1.8%) for Belgium as a whole. At the regional level, there's an increase in new orders by 0.1% in Flanders; in Wallonia they expanded by 4.8%. As to the main sectors, the trend changes are -4.1% for chemical industry, +1.6% for metal products, machinery and equipment and -2.3% for construction.

The trend of new orders in industry seems to have turned upward. In addition, a growing number of sectors show an increase: basic metals (+ 1.5%), pulp, paper and paper products (+ 3.2%) and metal products, machinery and equipment (+ 1.6%). In construction, on the other hand, the trend is still falling.

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Gross indices (2000=100) Volume indices of new orders

Seasonally adjusted indices

Trend cycle

Adjusted for seasonal and

Industry and

construction :

Metal products, machinery and equipment :

Construction :

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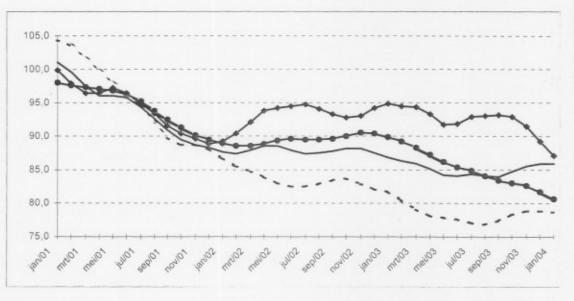
Chemicals and chemical products

å

random fluctuations

After elimination of seasonal variation

	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Year
Industry	produ	icing t	o order						-				
2003	86,85	83,92	91,02	87,09	82,56	87,26	76,24	69,69	90,04	92,66	85,03	84,20	84,7
2004	86,33												
Constru	iction											-	
2003	89,94	76,99	97,92	87,01	84,53	84,71	73,44	78,94	80,18	97,92	88,26	89,76	85,8
2004	72,84												
Industry	produ	icing t	o order										
2003	86,91	85,31	84,52	84,72	81,79	84,29	83,12	81,93	85,09	83,54	87,77	87,60	84,7
2004	88,17												
Constru	ction												
2003	94,21	86,56	94,07	86,55	82,74	77,19	95,07	81,46	73,92	89,14	85,63	84,27	85,9
2004	78,94												



Industrial branches	Belgium	Flanders	Wallonia	Brussels
Industry and construction producing to order	1	->	11	11
Industry producing to order	11	1	11	,
Manufacture of textiles and textile products	1	1	**	~~
Textiles and textile products		->	**	**
Wearing apparel and fur		**	**	**
Pulp, paper and paper products	11	1	11	*
Chemicals and chemical products			**	
Basic metals	1	1	11	
Metal products, machinery and equipment	1	×	~	11
Fabricated metal products, except machinery and equipment	->		~	1
Machinery and equipment	11	11	/	**
Electrical and optical equipment	-+	×	->	~
Transport equipment		->	**	
Construction	× 1	×	1	**

Evolutio	n of trend
	cycle
Last thr	ee months
compa	ared to the
prev	ious three
	months
"	> 2.5%
/ 0.5	% to 2.5%
⇒ -0.5	% to 0.5%
× -2.5%	% to -0.5%
**	< -2.5%

STATISTIEK EN ECONOMISCHE INFORMATIE Conjunctuur

IIS Press Release

Belgium – February 2004*: new orders industry + 0,4%, construction + 4,5%

Economy growing again

The deseasonalized index of Belgium's new orders in industry producing to order of the last three months compared with the three preceding months has increased by 0,4%; in construction it rose by 4,5%.

The **trend** of the last three months, when compared with the previous three months, shows an increase (+1,2%) for Belgium as a whole. At the regional level, there's an increase in new orders by 0,1% in Flanders; in Wallonia they expanded by 12,6%. As to the main sectors, the trend changes are -1,9% for chemical industry, +0,8% for metal products, machinery and equipment and +0,9% for construction.

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Gross indices (2000=100) Volume indices of new orders

Seasonally adjusted indices

Trend cycle

Adjusted for

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Industry and

construction :

Metal products, machinery and

Chemicals and chemical products

Construction :

equipment :

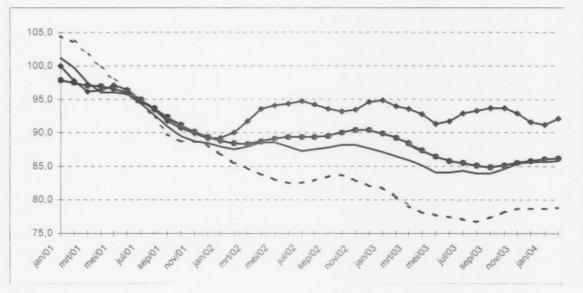
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After elimination of

seasonal variation

Jan Feb March April May June July Aug Sept Oct Nov Dec Year Industry producing to order 2003 86,85 83,92 91,02 87,09 82,56 87,26 76,24 69,69 90,04 92,66 85,03 84,29 84,7 2004 81,74 85,53 Construction 2003 89,94 76,99 97,92 87,01 84,53 84,71 73,44 78,94 80,18 97,92 88,26 90,65 85,9 2004 79,54 81,77
 Industry producing to order

 2003
 87,33
 85,53
 84,68
 84,81
 81,85
 84,32
 83.08 81.88 84.96 83.36 87,59 87,39 84,7 2004 84,02 85,50 Construction 93,96 86,52 82,64 77,08 95,07 81,39 74,10 89,44 2003 94,23 86,71 85,93 85,61 86,1 2004 85,57 89,54



Industrial branches	Belgium	Flanders	Wallonia	Brussels
Industry and construction producing to order	1	->	11	11
Industry producing to order	1	1	~	1
Manufacture of textiles and textile products		->	**	**
Textiles and textile products		~	~~	~~
Wearing apparel and fur	1	1	11	~~
Pulp, paper and paper products	-+	1	+	*
Chemicals and chemical products	~	+	~~	
Basic metals	11	11	11	
Metal products, machinery and equipment	1	×	->	->
Fabricated metal products, except machinery and equipment	->		11	1
Machinery and equipment	11		11	**
Electrical and optical equipment	~~	11	**	**
Transport equipment	1	1	**	
Construction	1	->	->	11

cycle Last three months compared to the previous three months → 2.5% → 0.5% to 2.5% → -0.5% to 0.5%
compared to the previous three months > 2.5% • 0.5% to 2.5%
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0.5% to 2.5%
→ -0.5% to 0.5%
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** <-2.5%

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Belgium – March 2004*: new orders industry + 0.,5%, construction + 2.6%

Economy growing again

The deseasonalized index of Belgium's new orders in industry producing to order of the last three months compared with the three preceding months has increased by 0.5%; in construction it rose by 2.6%.

The **trend** of the last three months, when compared with the previous three months, shows an increase (+1.6%) for Belgium as a whole. At the regional level, there's an increase in new orders by 3.0% in Flanders; in Wallonia they shrunk by 1.9%. As to the main sectors, the trend changes are +0.7% for chemical industry, +0.8% for metal products, machinery and equipment and +0.9% for construction.

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Gross indices (2000=100) Volume indices of new orders

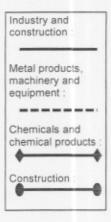
Seasonally adjusted indices After elimination of

seasonal variation

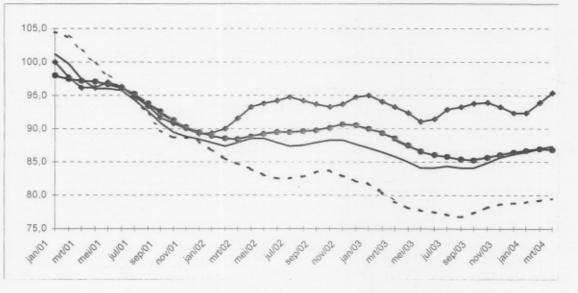
Trend cycle

Adjusted for seasonal and random

fluctuations



	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Year
Industry	produ	icing t	o order	10.20	1								
2003	86,85	83,92	91,02	87,09	82,56	87,26	76,24	69,69	90,04	92,66	85,03	84,29	84,7
2004	82,57	87,07	98,00										
Constru	iction												
2003	89,94	76,99	97,92	87,01	84,53	84,71	73,44	78,94	80,18	97,92	88,26	90,65	85,9
2004	80,82	88,46	96,10										
Industry	produ	icing t	o order										
2003	87,39	85,52	84,55	84,71	81,77	84,26	83,04	81,88	84,98	83,42	87,70	87,54	84,7
2004	84,92	87,07	87,91										
Constru	ction												
2003	94,05	86,53	93,60	86,54	82,70	77,18	95,24	81,54	74,32	89,67	86,11	85,83	86,1
2004	86,64	93,33	88,36										



Industrial branches	Belgium	Flanders	Wallonia	Brussels
Industry and construction producing to order	1	11	*	/
Industry producing to order	1	11	~	~
Manufacture of textiles and textile products	-+	1	~	**
Textiles and textile products	1	1	**	**
Wearing apparel and fur	1	11	""	**
Pulp, paper and paper products	11	11	11	**
Chemicals and chemical products	1	1	**	
Basic metals	11	~	"	
Metal products, machinery and equipment	1	×	+	**
Fabricated metal products, except machinery and equipment	->	1	1	->
Machinery and equipment	11		""	~
Electrical and optical equipment		*	**	**
Transport equipment	1	×	11	
Construction	1		*	11

Evolutio	n of trend
	cycle
Last thre	ee months
compa	ared to the
prev	ious three
	months
	> 2.5%
× 0.5	% to 2.5%
-> -0.5	% to 0.5%

→ -0.5% to 2.5%
 → -0.5% to 0.5%
 → -2.5% to -0.5%

Statistick en Economische Informatie

Belgium – April 2004*: new orders industry + 2.4%, construction + 6.3%

Economy growing again

The deseasonalized index of Belgium's **new orders** in industry producing to order of the last three months compared with the three preceding months has increased by 2.4%; in construction it rose by 6.3%.

The **trend** of the last three months, when compared with the previous three months, shows a strong increase (+2.7%) for Belgium as a whole. At the regional level, there's an increase in new orders by 4.0% in Flanders; in Wallonia they shrunk by 1.5%**.

As to the main sectors, the trend changes are +0.7% for chemical industry, +1.1% for metal products, machinery and equipment and +2.5% for construction.

Next press release : 15/07/2004

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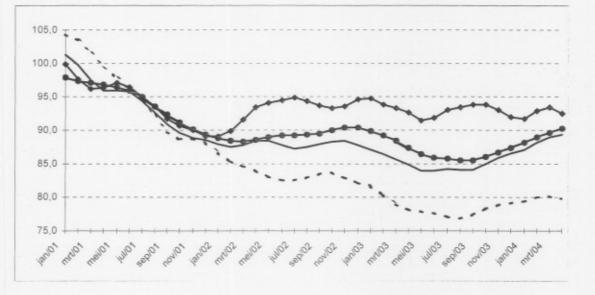
Seasonally adjusted indices

After elimination of seasonal variation

	Trend cycle
	Adjusted for
5	seasonal and
	random
	fluctuations



	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Year
Industr	y produ	icing to	o order										
2003	86,85	83,92	91,02	87,09	82,56	87,26	76,24	69,69	90,04	92,66	85,03	84,29	84,7
2004	82,57	89,11	101,01	89,66									
Constru	ction												
2003	89,94	76,99	97,92	87,01	84,53	84,71	73,44	78,94	80,18	97,92	88,26	90,65	85,9
2004	80,82	87,69	93,18	96,70									
Industry	y produ	icing to	o order										
2003	87,41	85,38	84,17	84,88	81,82	84,32	83,08	81,95	85,02	83,46	87,78	87,57	84,7
2004	84,96	88,56	90,51	87,45									
Constru	iction												
2003	94,46	86,82	94,48	85,62	82,57	77,01	95,06	81,37	74,18	89,57	86,09	85,88	86,1
2004	87,06	93,71	86,32	95,30									



Industrial branches	Belgium	Flanders	Wallonia	Brussels
Industry and construction producing to order	11	11	*	*
Industry producing to order	1	11	*	× .
Manufacture of textiles and textile products	->	→	**	11
Textiles and textile products	-	→	~	**
Wearing apparel and fur	1	11	1	""
Pulp, paper and paper products	1	1	"	*
Chemicals and chemical products	1	->	*	
Basic metals	11	11	11	
Metal products, machinery and equipment	1	1	`	**
Fabricated metal products, except machinery and equipment	1 1	1		->
Machinery and equipment	1	1	11	*
Electrical and optical equipment	-	→	**	**
Transport equipment	1	→	11	
Construction	11	11	+	11

	n of trend
	cycle
Last thre	ee months
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	months
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× 0.5	% to 2.5%
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**	< -2.5%

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Press Release Short Term Indicators

Thursday July, 15th 2004

Belgium – May 2004*: new orders industry + 0,4%, construction - 4,0%

The deseasonalized index of Belgium's new orders in industry producing to order of the last three months compared with the three preceding months has increased by 0,4%; in construction it fell by 4,0%.

The trend of the last three months, when compared with the previous three months, shows a status quo (-0,5%) for Belgium as a whole. At the regional level, there's an increase in new orders by 3,0% in Flanders; in Wallonia they shrunk by 2,7%**.

As to the main sectors, the trend changes are +0,4% for chemical industry, -3,0% for metal products, machinery and equipment and -0,6% for construction.

Next press release : 19/08/2004

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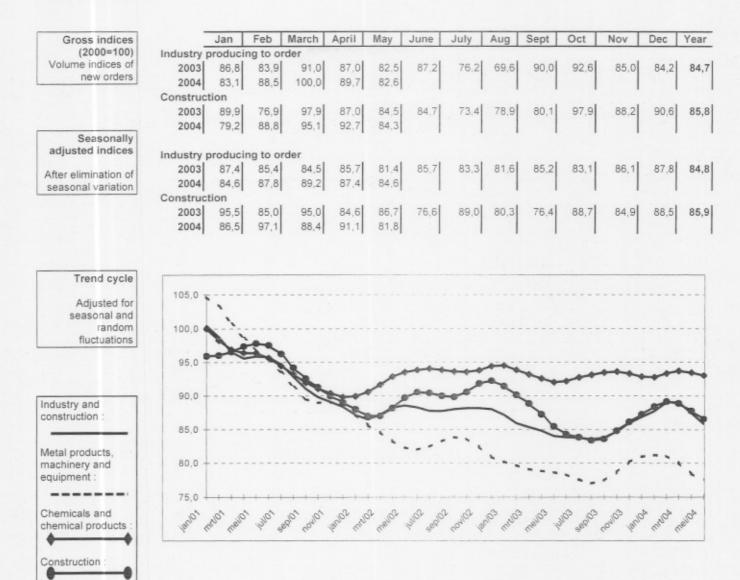
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Evolution of trend	Industrial branches	Belgium	Flanders	Wallonia	Brussels
cycle	Industry and construction producing to order	-+	11	"	11
Last three months	Industry producing to order	-+	11		
compared to the	Manufacture of textiles and textile products	~		~ ~	11
previous three	Textiles and textile products	~	×	*	12
months	Wearing apparel and fur	1	1	**	11
** >2.5%	Pulp, paper and paper products	1		11	1
 0.5% to 2.5% 	Chemicals and chemical products	-+	1	**	
→ -0.5% to 0.5%	Basic metals	11	11	11	
► -2.5% to -0.5%	Metal products, machinery and equipment	~ ~		**	1
×× <-2.5%	Fabricated metal products, except machinery and equipment	1	1	`	
	Machinery and equipment	1		**	**
	Electrical and optical equipment	~	1		*
	Transport equipment		×	~~	
	Construction			1	11

	cycle
Last thr	ee months
compa	ared to the
prev	vious three
	months
1.00	
"	> 2.5%
/ 0.5	% to 2.5%
+ -0.5	% to 0.5%
× -2.5°	% to -0.5%
**	< -2.5%

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Press Release Short Term Indicators

Thursday August, 18th 2004

Belgium – June 2004*: new orders industry + 0.7%, construction – 3.0%

The deseasonalized index of Belgium's **new orders** in industry producing to order of the last three months compared with the three preceding months has increased by 0.7%; in construction it fell by 3.0%.

The **trend** of the last three months, when compared with the previous three months, shows a decline (-0.5%) for Belgium as a whole. At the regional level, there's an increase in new orders by 3.0% in Flanders; in Wallonia they shrunk by 6.7%**.

As to the main sectors, the trend changes are +1.7% for chemical industry, -3.9% for metal products, machinery and equipment and -0.2% for construction.

Next press release : 16/09/2004

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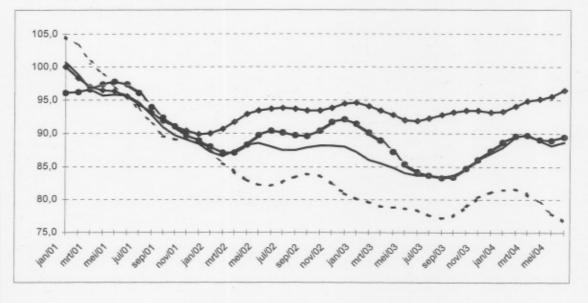
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Gross indices (2000=100) Volume indices of new orders

Seasonally adjusted indices

After elimination of seasonal variation

	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Year
Industry	produ	icing to	o order										
2003	86,8	83,9	91,0	87,0	82,5	87,2	76,2	69,6	90,0	92,6	85,0	84,2	84,7
2004	83,1	88,5	100,0	92,2	83,6	94,8							
Constru	ction												
2003	89,9	76,9	97,9	87,0	84,5	84,7	73,4	78,9	80,1	97,9	88,2	90,6	85,8
2004	79,2	88,8	95,1	92,7	83,7	100,5							
Industry	produ	icing to	o order										
2003	87,4	85,5	84,7	85,6	81,4	85,5	83,3	81,6	85,1	83,0	86,2	88,0	84,8
2004	84,7	88,2	89,5	89,6	85,9	88,7							
Constru	ction												-
2003	95,8	85,2	95,2	84,8	87,0	76,3	89,0	80,1	76,0	88,5	84,9	88,3	85,9
2004	86,7	97,5	88,5	91,4	81,9	91,2							



Industrial branches	Belgium	Flanders	Wallonia	Brussel
Industry and construction producing to order	1	11	**	11
Industry producing to order	1	11	**	**
Manufacture of textiles and textile products	->	1	**	**
Textiles and textile products	->	→	*	**
Wearing apparel and fur	1	1	**	~
Pulp, paper and paper products	->	-+	11	->
Chemicals and chemical products	1	11	**	
Basic metals	11	11	*	
Metal products, machinery and equipment	11	1 2 2	**	**
Fabricated metal products, except machinery and equipment	1	1	**	+
Machinery and equipment		×	**	**
Electrical and optical equipment	~	×	+	*
Transport equipment	~	×	**	
Construction	-	-	+	11

Adjusted for seasonal and random fluctuations

Trend cycle



Evolutio	n of trend
	cycle
Last three	ee months
compa	ared to the
prev	ious three
	months
"	> 2.5%

11		>	2.5%
	0.5%	to	2.5%
-	-0.5%	to	0.5%
* -	2.5%	to -	0.5%
**		< .	2.5%

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FEDERALE OVERHEIDSDIENST ECONOMIE, K.M.O., MIDDENSTAND & ENERGIE Press Release Short Term Indicators

Statistick en Economische Infirmatie Thursday September, 16th 2004

Belgium – July 2004*: new orders industry + 6,6%, construction - 3,8%

The deseasonalized index of Belgium's **new orders** in industry producing to order of the last three months compared with the three preceding months has increased by 6,6%; in construction it fell by 3,8%.

The **trend** of the last three months, when compared with the previous three months, shows a status quo (+0,2%) for Belgium as a whole. At the regional level, there's an increase in new orders by 2,9% in Flanders; in Wallonia they expanded by $5,3\%^{**}$.

As to the main sectors, the trend changes are +1,1% for chemical industry, -3,0% for metal products, machinery and equipment and +0,5% for construction.

Next press release : 14/10/2004

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Gross indices (2000=100) Volume indices of

Seasonally adjusted indices

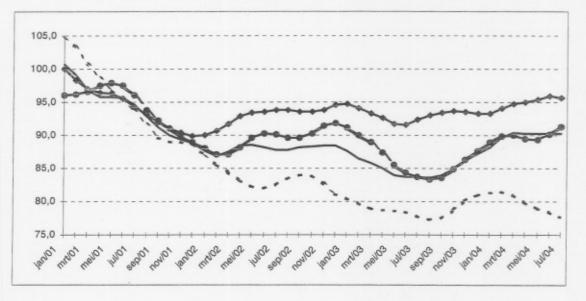
After elimination of seasonal variation

> Trend cycle Adjusted for

seasonal and random fluctuations

Industry	produ	cing to	order									-	
2003	86,8	83,9	91,0	87,0	82,5	87,2	76,2	69,6	90,0	92,6	85,0	84,2	84,7
2004	83,1	88,5	100,0	92,2	91,6	112,1	80,3						
Constru	ction												
2003	89,9	76,9	97,9	87,0	84,5	84,7	73,4	78,9	80,1	97,9	88,2	90,6	85,8
2004	79,2	88,8	95,1	92,7	83,7	98,0	72,2						
Industry	produ	cing to	order										
2003	87,9	85,6	84,9	85,6	80,8	85,1	83,1	81,5	85,4	83,1	85,9	88,0	84,7
2004	85,0	88,1	89,7	89,9	92,0	105,0	88,4						
Constru	ction												
2003	95,0	85,2	95,1	85,2	87,0	76,8	88,4	80,1	75,9	88,7	85,5	89,0	86,0
2004	86,5	97,7	88,9	91,2	82,2	89,5	95,4						

Jan Feb March April May June July Aug Sept Oct Nov Dec Year



Industry and construction :
Metal products, machinery and equipment :
Chemicals and chemical products :
Construction :

Industrial branches	Belgium	Flanders	Wallonia	Brussels
Industry and construction producing to order	⇒	11	**	*
Industry producing to order	-	11	->	**
Manufacture of textiles and textile products	->	→	**	**
Textiles and textile products	->	->	-	**
Wearing apparel and fur	→	1	**	**
Pulp, paper and paper products			**	**
Chemicals and chemical products	1	1	*	
Basic metals	**	11	*	
Metal products, machinery and equipment	**	×	1	**
Fabricated metal products, except machinery and equipment	1	1		->
Machinery and equipment	1	1	*	~
Electrical and optical equipment	->	→	11	*
Transport equipment	1		**	
Construction	1	~	**	11

Evolution of trend cycle Last three months compared to the previous three months > 2.5% → -0.5% to 0.5%
 → -2.5% to -0.5% < -2.5% **

new orders

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FEDERALE OVERHEIDSDIENST ECONOMIE, K.M.O., MIDDENSTAND & ENERGIE Press Release Short Term Indicators

Statistick en Economische Informatie Thursday October, 14th 2004

Belgium – August 2004*: new orders industry + 8,5%, construction + 2,1%

The deseasonalized index of Belgium's **new orders** in industry producing to order of the last three months compared with the three preceding months has increased by 8,5%; in construction it rose by 2,1%.

The **trend** of the last three months, when compared with the previous three months, shows a strong increase (+4,8%) for Belgium as a whole. At the regional level, there's an increase in new orders by 2,3% in Flanders; in Wallonia they expanded by 5,5%**.

As to the main sectors, the trend changes are +3,2% for chemical industry, -1,1% for metal products, machinery and equipment and -0,8% for construction.

Next press release : 18/11/2004

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*(% increase of the last three months, till August 2004 inclusive, compared to the preceding trimester, seasonally-adjusted values).

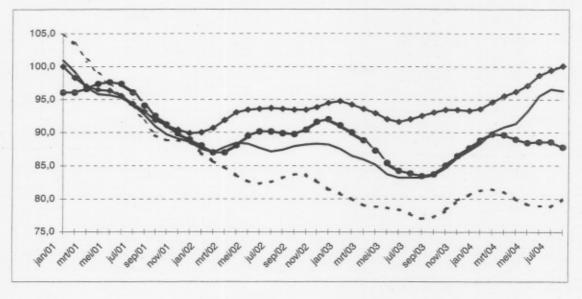
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Gross indices (2000=100) Volume indices of new orders

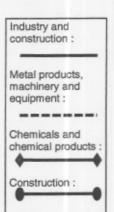
Seasonally adjusted indices After elimination of seasonal variation

	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Year
Industry	produ	cing to	o order										
2003	86,8	83,9	91,0	87,0	82,5	87,2	76,2	69,6	90,0	92,6	85,0	84,2	84,7
2004	83,1	88,5	100,0	92,2	91,6	106,7	91,5	86,6					
Constru	ction												
2003	89,9	76,9	97,9	87,0	84,5	84,7	73,4	78,9	80,1	97,9	88,2	90,6	85,8
2004	79,2	88,8	95,1	92,7	83,7	99,0	72,1	80,7					
Industry	/ produ	cing to	oorder										
2003	87,9	85,9	85,2	86,3	81,1	84,7	82,7	81,2	84,9	83,0	86,2	88,1	84,8
2004	85,2	88,7	90,1	90,5	93,4	98,9	99,0	99,2					
Constru	ction												
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2004	86,4	97,7	88,8	90,9	82,3	90,1	94,7	82.8					



Industrial branches	Belgium	Flanders	Wallonia	Brussels
Industry and construction producing to order	11	*	**	*
Industry producing to order	11	11	**	*
Manufacture of textiles and textile products	-	×	->	11
Textiles and textile products		⇒	->	**
Wearing apparel and fur	11	1	"	"
Pulp, paper and paper products			~	*
Chemicals and chemical products	11	11	**	
Basic metals	11	11	11	
Metal products, machinery and equipment		×	*	*
Fabricated metal products, except machinery and equipment	-	×	**	1
Machinery and equipment	1	11	-+	""
Electrical and optical equipment	~~	1 22	1	->
Transport equipment	11	1	*	
Construction	-		*	×

Trend cycle Adjusted for seasonal and random fluctuations



Evolution	n of trend
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Last thre	ee months
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**		< -	-2.5%

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The deseasonalized index of Belgium's **new orders** in industry producing to order of the last three months compared with the three preceding months has increased by 9,0%; in construction it fell by 1,9%.

The **trend** of the last three months, when compared with the previous three months, shows a strong increase (+5,7%) for Belgium as a whole. At the regional level, there's an increase in new orders by 3,4% in Flanders; in Wallonia they expanded by 6,8%**.

As to the main sectors, the trend changes are +6,1% for chemical industry, -0,3% for metal products, machinery and equipment and -2,2% for construction.

Next press release : 16/12/2004

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Industry and construction :

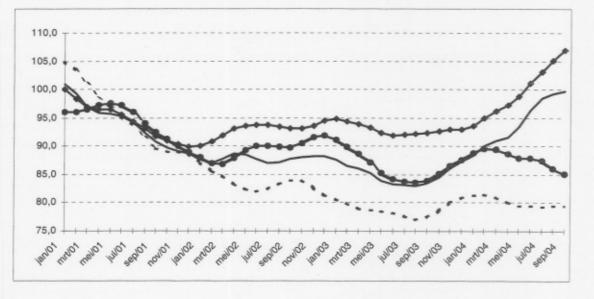
Metal products, machinery and equipment :

____ Chemicals and chemical products

Construction :

fluctuations

	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Year
Industry	produ	cing to	o order										
2003	86,8	83,9	91,0	87,0	82,5	87,2	76,2	69,6	90,0	92,6	85,0	84,2	84,7
2004	83,1	88,5	100,0	92,2	91,6	106,7	93,6	92,9	109,2				
Constru	ction				he results to the result of								
2003	89,9	76,9	97,9	87,0	84,5	84,7	73,4	78,9	80,1	97,9	88,2	90,6	85,8
2004	79,2	88,8	95,1	92,7	83,7	99,0	71,7	79,5	88,9				
Industry	produ	cing to	o order										
2003	88,0	86,0	85,3	86,4	81,3	84,9	82,6	80,5	84,9	83,0	86,3	88,1	84,8
2004	85,2	88,8	90,2	90,7	93,5	99,2	101,2	105,4	102,3				
Constru	ction				-								
2003	94,7	85,0	94,9	85,1	86,3	76,3	88,3	81,2	76,6	88,9	85,8	89,1	86,0
2004	86,3	97,7	88,7	90,8	82,1	89,9	94,0	81,4	82,4				



Industrial branches	Belgium	Flanders	Wallonia	Brussel
Industry and construction producing to order	**	11	11	1
Industry producing to order	11	1	11	*
Manufacture of textiles and textile products	× 1	→	*	*
Textiles and textile products	-	→	**	**
Wearing apparel and fur	11	11	11	,
Pulp, paper and paper products		→	**	
Chemicals and chemical products	15-	11	11	
Basic metals	R	11	11	
Metal products, machinery and equipment	->	→	+	**
Fabricated metal products, except machinery and equipment	-	1	**	11
Machinery and equipment	→	1	1	**
Electrical and optical equipment		11		,
Transport equipment	1	1	11	
Construction	*	⇒	-+	**

Evolution of trend cycle Last three months compared to the previous three months > 2.5% 11 0.5% to 2.5%

→ -0.5% to 0.5% ▲ -2.5% to -0.5%
 ▲ < -2.5% **

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FEDERALE OVERHEIDSDIENST ECONOMIE, K.M.O., MIDDENSTAND & ENERGIE Press Release Short Term Indicators

Thursday December, 16th 2004

Belgium – October 2004*: new orders industry - 1,5%, construction - 6,8%

Statistick en Economische Informatie

The deseasonalized index of Belgium's **new orders** in industry producing to order of the last three months compared with the three preceding months has fell by 1,5%; in construction it fell by 6,8%.

The **trend** of the last three months, when compared with the previous three months, shows a decline (-0,8%) for Belgium as a whole. At the regional level, there's an increase in new orders by 1,1% in Flanders; in Wallonia they expanded by 1,2%**.

As to the main sectors, the trend changes are +5,9% for chemical industry, +1,2% for metal products, machinery and equipment and -3,3% for construction.

Next press release : 20/1/2005

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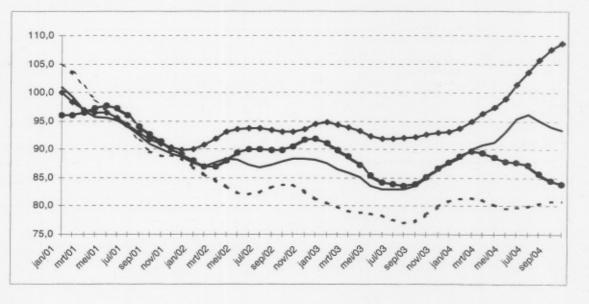
Trend cycle

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	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Year
Industry	produ	icing to	o order		1								
2003	86,8	83,9	91,0	87,0	82,5	87,2	76,2	69,6	90,0	92,6	85,0	84,2	84,7
2004	83,1	88,5	100,0	92,2	91,6	106,7	93,6	84,9	103,5	99,1			
Constru	ction												
2003	89,9	76,9	97,9	87,0	84,5	84,7	73,4	78,9	80,1	97,9	88,2	90,6	85,8
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Industry	/ produ	icing to	order										
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2004	85,3	89,0	90,1	90,3	93,4	98,6	100,0	97,1	96,8	93,9			
Constru	ction											-	
2003	94,6	85,0	95,0	85,1	86,4	76,4	88,2	81,2	76,2	89,0	85,8	89,2	86,0
2004	86,3	97,7	88,7	90,8	82,2	89,9	94,1	81,2	84,0	82,9			



Industrial branches	Belgium	Flanders	Wallonia	Brussels
Industry and construction producing to order	*	1	1	*
Industry producing to order		1	~	11
Manufacture of textiles and textile products			*	**
Textiles and textile products	-	×	~	**
Wearing apparel and fur	1 1	11	11	**
Pulp, paper and paper products	-+	1	~	
Chemicals and chemical products	11	11	11	
Basic metals		11	*	
Metal products, machinery and equipment	1	1	1	**
Fabricated metal products, except machinery and equipment	-	×	**	
Machinery and equipment	→	×	~	**
Electrical and optical equipment		1 1 1	11	
Transport equipment	11	1	11	
Construction	~~		~	**

Evoluti	on of trend
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Metal products, machinery and equipment :

Industry and construction :

Chemicals and chemical products : Construction : SB Statistics Belgium

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Statistick en Economische Informatie Thursday January, 20th 2005

Belgium – November 2004*: new orders industry - 2,3%, construction -5,3%

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As to the main sectors, the trend changes are +3,9% for chemical industry, +1,6% for metal products, machinery and equipment and -3,0% for construction.

Next press release : 17/2/2005

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Industry and

construction :

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Construction :

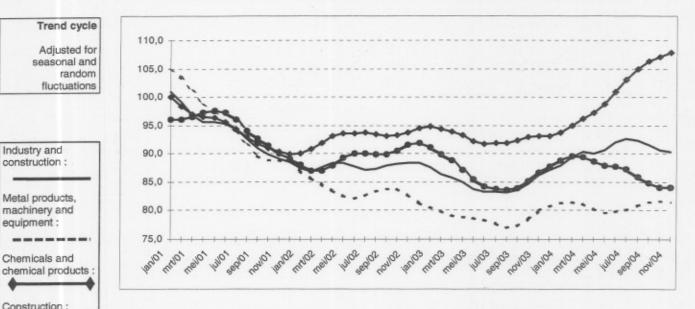
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equipment :

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	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Year
Industry	produci	ng to o	rder *									-	
2003	86,8	83,9	91,0	87,0	82,5	87,2	76,2	69,6	90,0	92,6	85,0	84,2	84,7
2004	81,8	87,7	100,2	92,8	86,3	102,8	85,6	83,2	100,6	96,4	90,1		
Construc	tion												
2003	89,9	76,9	97,9	87,0	84,5	84,7	73,4	78,9	80,1	97,9	88,2	90,6	85,8
2004	79,2	88,8	95,1	92,7	83,7	99,0	71,7	79,2	91,1	87,0	89,2		
Industry	produci	ng to o	rder										
2003	88,0	85,8	85,0	85,8	81,4	84,8	83,0	81,0	84,6	83,2	86,5	88,0	84,8
2004	84,1	88,0	89,8	90,6	88,6	95,0	93,0	94,9	93,8	91,3	91,3		
Construc	tion												
2003	94,7	85,0	95,0	85,0	86,4	76,4	88,2	81,2	76,2	89,2	85,7	89,1	86,0
2004	86,3	97,8	88,7	90,8	82,2	89,8	94,1	81,1	84,1	82,2	84,8		

The index values were modified in accordance with a rectification to the calculus program



Industrial branches	Belgium	Flanders	Wallonia	Brussels
Industry and construction producing to order	*	*	1	
Industry producing to order	× 1	×	*	
Manufacture of textiles and textile products	1	×	**	**
Textiles and textile products		×	**	**
Wearing apparel and fur	1	-	**	**
Pulp, paper and paper products		1	*	->
Chemicals and chemical products	11	11	11	
Basic metals		11	**	
Metal products, machinery and equipment	1		-	**
Fabricated metal products, except machinery and equipment		×	*	,
Machinery and equipment	× 1	×	**	**
Electrical and optical equipment	× 1	1 22	11	*
Transport equipment	1	×	11	
Construction		1	*	**

Evolution	of trend
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Last thre	e months
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-	-0.5% to 0.5%
*	-2.5% to -0.5%
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FEDERALE OVERHEIDSDIENST ECONOMIE, K.M.O., MIDDENSTAND & ENERGIE Press Release Short Term Indicators

Thursday February, 17th 2005

Belgium – December 2004*: new orders industry -2,3%, construction -1,8%

Statistick en Economische Informatie

The deseasonalized index of Belgium's **new orders** in industry producing to order of the last three months compared with the three preceding months has fell by 2,3%; in construction it fell by 1,8%.

The **trend** of the last three months, when compared with the previous three months, shows a decline (-1,7%) for Belgium as a whole. At the regional level, there's a decrease in new orders by 1,1% in Flanders; in Wallonia there's a status quo $(+0,2\%)^{**}$.

As to the main sectors, the trend changes are +4,2% for chemical industry, -1,4% for metal products, machinery and equipment and -1,4% for construction.

Next press release : 17/3/2005

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Gross indices (2000=100) Volume indices of new orders

Seasonally adjusted indices

After elimination of seasonal variation

> Trend cycle Adjusted for

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Industry and construction :

Metal products, machinery and

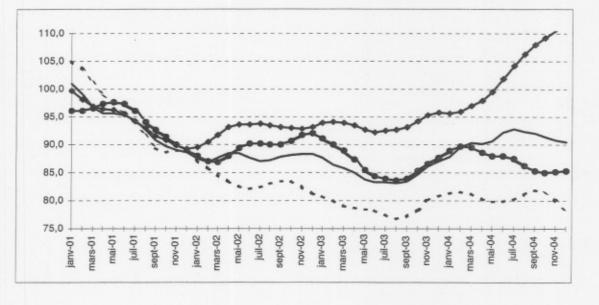
Chemicals and chemical products

equipment :

Construction :

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	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Year
Industry	produ	icing to	o order										
2003	86,8	83,9	91,0	87,0	82,5	87,2	76,2	69,6	90,0	92,6	85,0	84,2	84,7
2004	81,8	87,7	100,2	92,8	86,3	102,8	85,6	83,2	100,6	98,2	91,4	88,9	91,6
Constru	ction												
2003	89,9	76,9	97,9	87,0	84,5	84,7	73,4	78,9	80,1	97,9	88,2	90,6	85,8
2004	79,2	88,8	95,1	92,7	83,7	99,0	71,7	79,2	91,1	88,0	88,5	96,3	87,8
Industry	/ produ	cing to	o order										
2003	88,2	85,9	85,1	85,9	81,4	84,9	83,1	80,9	84,7	83,1	86,4	88,2	84,8
2004	84,1	88,2	89,9	90,7	88,8	95,2	93,0	95,0	94,0	92,7	92,3	90,7	91,2
Constru	ction												
2003	94,5	85,0	95,1	85,2	86,6	76,4	88,3	81,5	76,4	89,1	85,7	88,9	86,1
2004	86,5	97,7	88,7	90,7	82,2	89,9	94,2	81,3	84,2	83,3	84,5	87,3	87,5



Industrial branches	Belgium	Flanders	Wallonia	Brussel
Industry and construction producing to order	*	*	->	**
Industry producing to order	-	1	->	**
Manufacture of textiles and textile products	**	1	**	**
Textiles and textile products	-	×	**	**
Wearing apparel and fur	1 .	×	**	**
Pulp, paper and paper products	× 1	×	**	
Chemicals and chemical products	11	11	**	
Basic metals	**	11	1	
Metal products, machinery and equipment		×	**	**
Fabricated metal products, except machinery and equipment	1	->	*	1
Machinery and equipment	1 .		**	,
Electrical and optical equipment	1 22	×	×	**
Transport equipment		×	11	
Construction		1	**	**

Evolution	n of trend
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* .	2.5%	to	-0.	5%	5
**		<	-2.	5%	5

Press Release

FOD ECONOMIE - Statistics Belgium

Thursday March, 17th 2005

Belgium – January 2005* : New orders Industry : -1,4% ; construction : +3,2%

The deseasonalized index of Belgium's **new orders** in industry producing to order of the last three months compared with the three preceding months has fell by 1,4%; in construction it rose by 3,2%.

The **trend** of the last three months, when compared with the previous three months, shows a decline (-0,6%) for Belgium as a whole. At the regional level, there's an decrease in new orders by 0,7% in Flanders; in Wallonia they expanded by 1,4%**.

As to the main sectors, the trend changes are +3,0% for chemical industry, +0,9% for metal products, machinery and equipment and -0,3% for construction.

Next press release : 14/4/2005

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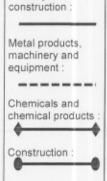
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Gross indices (2000=100) Volume indices of new orders

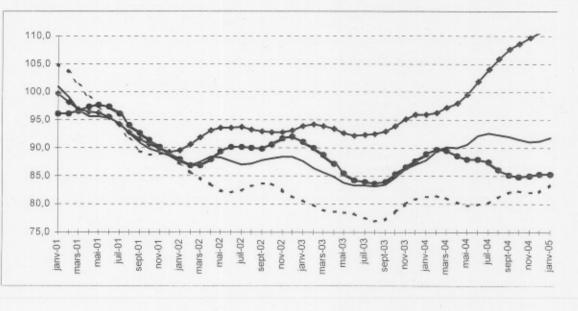
Seasonally adjusted indices

After elimination of seasonal variation





	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Year
Industry	produ	icing to	o order										
2004	81,8	87,7	100,2	92,8	86,3	102,8	85,6	83,2	100,6	98,2	91,4	89,3	91,7
2005	89,7												
Constru	ction												
2004	79,2	88,8	95,1	92,7	83,7	99,0	71,7	79.2	91,1	88,0	88,6	94,0	87,6
2005	79,4												
Industry	produ	cing to	o order										
2004	84,0	88,1	89,8	90,7	88,7	95,1	93,0	95,0	94,1	92.8	92,5	91,4	91.3
2005	94,1												
Constru	ction										1		
2004	86,3	97,7	88,7	90,8	82,2	89,9	94,2	81,2	84,2	83,2	84,5	85,6	87,4
2005	86,4												



Industrial branches	Belgium	Flanders	Wallonia	Brussels
Industry and construction producing to order	*	×	7	+
Industry producing to order	~	×	-	1
Manufacture of textiles and textile products		×	*	**
Textiles and textile products		×	**	>>
Wearing apparel and fur	1		**	**
Pulp, paper and paper products		1 2 2	**	
Chemicals and chemical products	11	11	**	
Basic metals	11	×	1	
Metal products, machinery and equipment	1	->	1	**
Fabricated metal products, except machinery and equipment	->	*	11	-
Machinery and equipment	->	1	**	**
Electrical and optical equipment	1	×	11	**
Transport equipment	1	-+	11	
Construction	-+	1	**	**

Evol	ution of trend
	cycle
Las	t three months
CC	mpared to the
	previous three
	months
""	> 2.5%
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→ -0.5% to 0.5% > -2.5% to -0.5% > < -2.5%

FOD ECONOMIE, K.M.O., MIDDENSTAND EN ENERGIE PRESS RELEASE

Thursday april, 14th 2005

Belgium – February 2005* : New orders Industry : -0,8% ; construction : +5,8%

The deseasonalized index of Belgium's **new orders** in industry producing to order of the last three months compared with the three preceding months has fell by 0,8%; in construction it rose by 5,8%.

The **trend** of the last three months, when compared with the previous three months, shows a status quo (-0,4%) for Belgium as a whole. At the regional level, there's an decrease in new orders by 1,8% in Flanders; in Wallonia they expanded by 1,1%**.

As to the main sectors, the trend changes are +1,1% for chemical industry, -0,3% for metal products, machinery and equipment and +2,7% for construction.

Next press release : 19/5/2005

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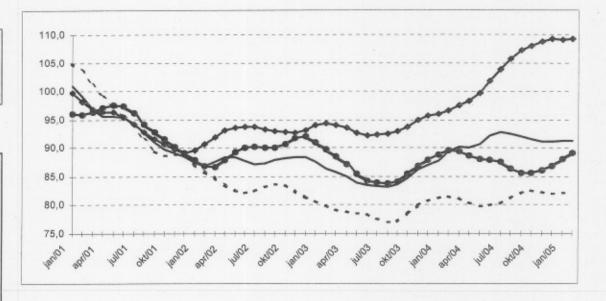
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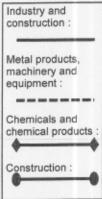
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Industrial branches	Belgium	Flanders	Wallonia	Brussels
Industry and construction producing to order	→	К	7	77
Industry producing to order	К	Ы	\rightarrow	7
Manufacture of textiles and textile products	К	К	RK	RR
Textiles and textile products	RR	K	RK	Ы
Wearing apparel and fur	Ы	\rightarrow	RR	RK
Pulp, paper and paper products	RR	К	RR	7
Chemicals and chemical products	7	7	RK	
Basic metals	77	К	RK	
Metal products, machinery and equipment	\rightarrow	\rightarrow	\rightarrow	Ы
Fabricated metal products, except machinery and equipment	→	\rightarrow	К	\rightarrow
Machinery and equipment	К	\rightarrow	К	К
Electrical and optical equipment	7	7	77	7
Transport equipment	\rightarrow	\rightarrow	RK	
Construction	77	К	7	הה

Trend cycle Adjusted for seasonal and random fluctuations



Evolution of trend cycle Last three months compared to the previous three months 717 > 2.5% 7 0.5% to 2.5%

→ -0.5% to 0.5% → -2.5% to -0.5% → -2.5%

PRESS RELEASE

Thursday May, 19th 2005

Belgium – March 2005* : New orders Industry : +1,3% ; construction : +2,0%

The deseasonalized index of Belgium's **new orders** in industry producing to order of the last three months compared with the three preceding months has increased by 1,3%; in construction it rose by 2,0%.

The **trend** of the last three months, when compared with the previous three months, shows a status quo (+0,1%) for Belgium as a whole. At the regional level, there's an decrease in new orders by 1,2% in Flanders; in Wallonia they expanded by 1,7%**.

As to the main sectors, the trend changes are -0,2% for chemical industry, +0,8% for metal products, machinery and equipment and +0,1% for construction.

Next press release : 16/6/2005

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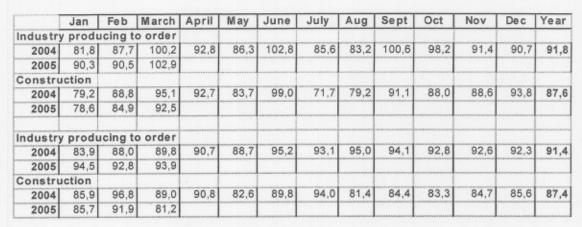
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Seasonally adjusted indices

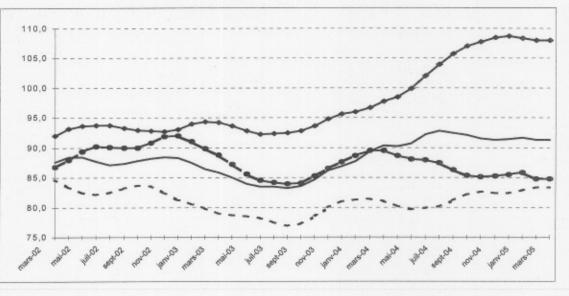
After elimination of seasonal variation





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Industrial branches	Belgium	Flanders	Wallonia	Brussels
Industry and construction producing to order	→	К	7	7
Industry producing to order	7	\rightarrow	7	\rightarrow
Manufacture of textiles and textile products	R	К	Ы	הר
Textiles and textile products	RR	R	RR	7
Wearing apparel and fur	7	7	77	. 77
Pulp, paper and paper products	22	К	RK	\rightarrow
Chemicals and chemical products	→	\rightarrow	RK	
Basic metals	77	77	7	
Metal products, machinery and equipment	7	7	\rightarrow	77
Fabricated metal products, except machinery and equipment	→	\rightarrow	К	К
Machinery and equipment	К	К	RR	RK
Electrical and optical equipment	7	К	77	77
Transport equipment	77	7	77	
Construction	\rightarrow	\rightarrow	К	RK

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Evolution of trend

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FEDERALE OVERHEIDSDIENST ECONOMIE, K.M.O., MIDDENSTAND & ENERGIE

Thursday June, 16th 2005

Belgium – April 2005* : New orders Industry : -1,5% ; construction : +0,1%

The deseasonalized index of Belgium's **new orders** in industry producing to order of the last three months compared with the three preceding months has fell by 1,5%; in construction there's a status guo (+ 0,1%).

The **trend** of the last three months, when compared with the previous three months, shows a decline (-1,2%) for Belgium as a whole. At the regional level, there's an decrease in new orders by 2,1% in Flanders; in Wallonia they expanded by 0,8%**.

As to the main sectors, the trend changes are +0,3% for chemical industry, -1,0% for metal products, machinery and equipment and -0,8% for construction.

Next press release : 7/7/2005

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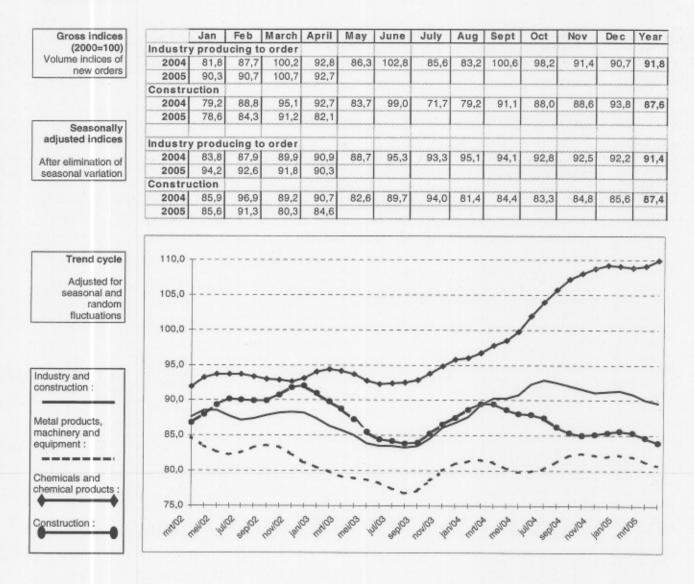
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Evolution of trend
cycle
Last three months
compared to the
previous three
months
777 > 2.5%
7 0.5% to 2.5%
→ -0.5% to 0.5%
≥ -2.5% to -0.5%
NN <-2.5%

Industrial branches	Belgium	Flanders	Wallonia	Brussels
Industry and construction producing to order	К	И	71	7
Industry producing to order	K	И	К	7
Manufacture of textiles and textile products	>	K	RK	RK
Textiles and textile products	RR	И	RK	К
Wearing apparel and fur	77	77	RF	RK
Pulp, paper and paper products	22	RR	RK	К
Chemicals and chemical products	>	\rightarrow	K	
Basic metals	7	7	7	
Metal products, machinery and equipment	К	И	>	77
Fabricated metal products, except machinery and equipment	>	7	7	+
Machinery and equipment	>	L L	N.	RK
Electrical and optical equipment	RK	22	Ы	К
Transport equipment	7	И	77	
Construction	И	И	7	NN

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FEDERALE OVERHEIDSDIENST ECONOMIE, K.M.O., MIDDENSTAND & ENERGIE

Thursday July, 7th 2005

Belgium – May 2005* : New orders Industry : -1,3% ; construction : -4,3%

The deseasonalized index of Belgium's **new orders** in industry producing to order of the last three months compared with the three preceding months has fell by 1,3%; in construction it fell by 4,3%.

The **trend** of the last three months, when compared with the previous three months, shows a decline (-1,0%) for Belgium as a whole. At the regional level, there's an decrease in new orders by 1,1% in Flanders; in Wallonia there's a status quo $(+0,1\%)^{**}$.

As to the main sectors, the trend changes are -0,2% for chemical industry, -1,1% for metal products, machinery and equipment and -0,6% for construction.

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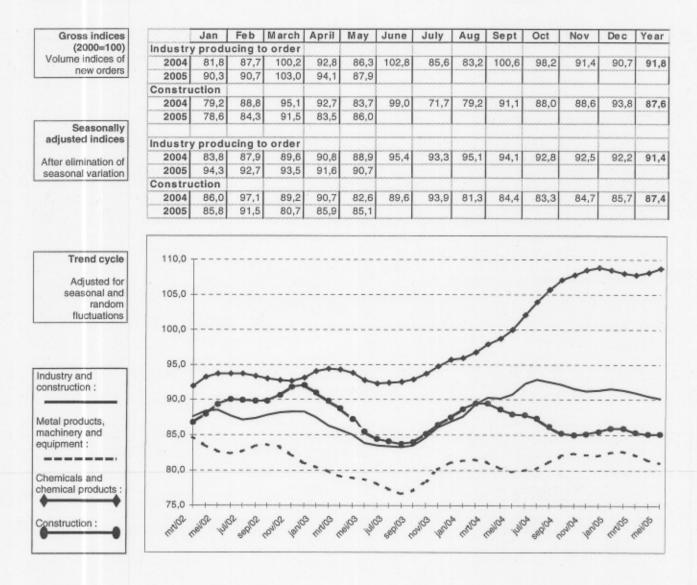
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Evolution	of trend
	cycle
Last three	months
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	months
77	> 2.5%
7 0.5%	to 2.5%
→ -0.5%	to 0.5%
N -2.5% t	0 -0.5%
NN	< -2.5%

Industrial branches	Belgium	Flanders	Wallonia	Brussels
Industry and construction producing to order	К	К	\rightarrow	И
Industry producing to order	L N	И	К	К
Manufacture of textiles and textile products	>	\rightarrow	RK	RK
Textiles and textile products	И	R	RK	RF
Wearing apparel and fur	7	77	>	RR
Pulp, paper and paper products	RK	К	RK	Ы
Chemicals and chemical products	>	7	RK	
Basic metals	77	И	77	
Metal products, machinery and equipment	И	1	>	7
Fabricated metal products, except machinery and equipment	K	\rightarrow	K	\rightarrow
Machinery and equipment	>	L L	7	Ы
Electrical and optical equipment	RF	22	И	N
Transport equipment	>	7	77	
Construction	К	\rightarrow	÷	RK



FEDERALE OVERHEIDSDIENST ECONOMIE, K.M.O., MIDDENSTAND & ENERGIE

Thursday August , 11th 2005

Belgium – June 2005* : New orders Industry : -3,5% ; construction : -0,8%

The deseasonalized index of Belgium's **new orders** in industry producing to order of the last three months compared with the three preceding months has fell by 3,5%; in construction it fell by 0,8%.

The **trend** of the last three months, when compared with the previous three months, shows a decline (-2,0%) for Belgium as a whole. At the regional level, there's an decrease in new orders by 1,3% in Flanders; in Wallonia there's a status quo (- 0,2%)**.

As to the main sectors, the trend changes are +0,3% for chemical industry, -3,0% for metal products, machinery and equipment and -1,4% for construction.

Next press release : 15/9/2005

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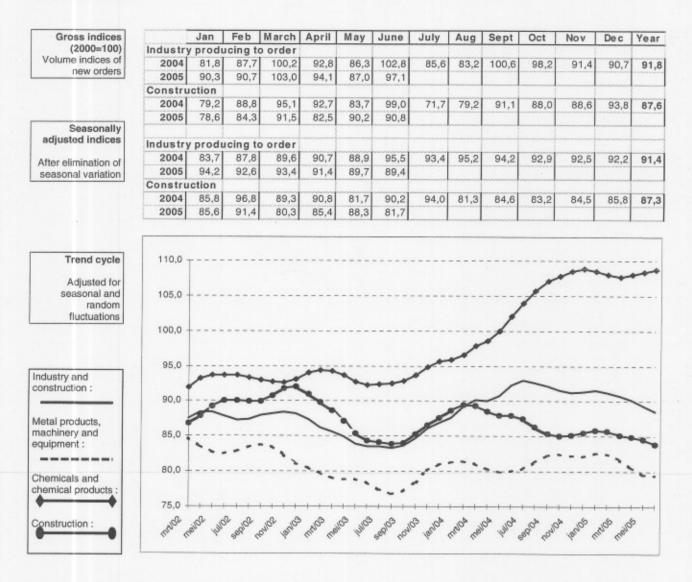
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Industrial bra	ee months	Last thr
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Industrial branches	Belgium	Flanders	Wallonia	Brussels
Industry and construction producing to order	К	И	>	RK
Industry producing to order	22	И	K	RK
Manufacture of textiles and textile products	>	7	RK	RK
Textiles and textile products	>		RK	RK
Wearing apparel and fur	7	7	77	RK
Pulp, paper and paper products	>	K	7	K
Chemicals and chemical products	>	7	RK	
Basic metals	RK	RK	7	
Metal products, machinery and equipment	RR	RF	77	И
Fabricated metal products, except machinery and equipment	K	7	RK	+
Machinery and equipment	7	\rightarrow	77	K
Electrical and optical equipment	К	RK	77	NN
Transport equipment	RK	RK	77	
Construction	K	7	>	RK

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Thursday September, 15th 2005

Belgium – July 2005* : New orders Industry : -3,9% ; construction : +2,2%

The deseasonalized index of Belgium's **new orders** in industry producing to order of the last three months compared with the three preceding months has fell by 3,9%; in construction it rose by 2,2%.

The **trend** of the last three months, when compared with the previous three months, shows a decline (-2,0%) for Belgium as a whole. At the regional level, there's an decrease in new orders by 0,6% in Flanders; in Wallonia they shrunk by 2,3%**.

As to the main sectors, the trend changes are -0,2% for chemical industry, -0,8% for metal products, machinery and equipment and +0,5% for construction.

Next press release : 13/10/2005

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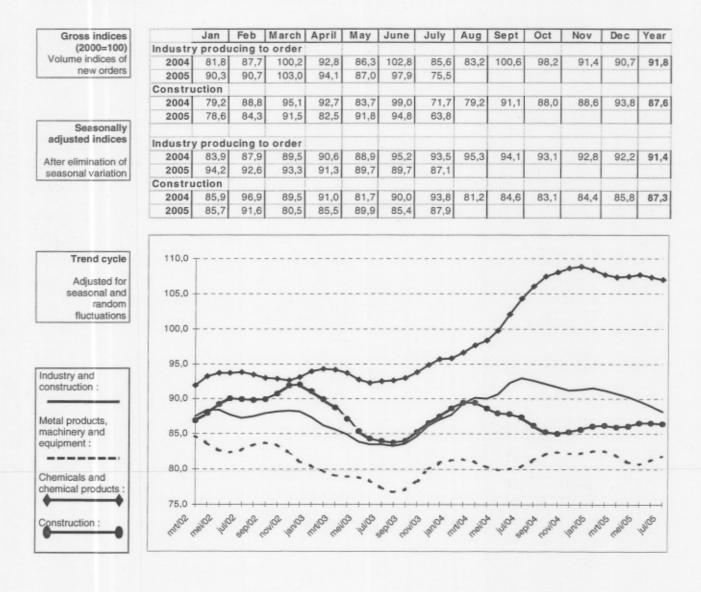
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Last three months	Industrial branches	Belgium	Flanders	Wallonia	Brussels
compared to the	Industry and construction producing to order	К	И	И	RK
previous three	Industry producing to order	ЯЛ	R	RF	RK
months	Manufacture of textiles and textile products	7	\rightarrow	Ы	RK
777 > 2.5%	Textiles and textile products	→	\rightarrow	7	RK
7 0.5% to 2.5%	Wearing apparel and fur	7	77	77	RK
→ -0.5% to 0.5%	Pulp, paper and paper products	>	\rightarrow	7	RK
ע -2.5% to -0.5% <-2.5%	Chemicals and chemical products	>	7	RK	
33 2.5.0 %	Basic metals	КК	И	К	
	Metal products, machinery and equipment	К	И	7	RK
	Fabricated metal products, except machinery and equipment	И	\rightarrow	RR	\rightarrow
	Machinery and equipment	7	7	77	77
	Electrical and optical equipment	RK	К	77	RF
	Transport equipment	RR	К	77	
	Construction	7	7	>	NN

FÖD WIRTSCHAFT, KMU, MITTELSTAND UND ENERGIE PRESSEMITTEILUNG

FEDERALE OVERHEIDSDIENST ECONOMIE, K.M.O., MIDDENSTAND & ENERGIE

Donnerstag 13 Oktober 2005

Belgien – August 2005* : Auftragseingänge Industrie : +0,1% ; Baugewerbe : +4,6%

Der saisonbereinigte Index der Auftragseingänge des aufgrund Aufträgen produzierenden Industrie in Belgien der letzten drei Monate ist im Vergleich zu den drei vorhergehenden Monaten gleich geblieben (+0,1%); im Baugewerbe nahm sie um 4,6% zu.

Der Trend der drei letzten Monaten gegenüber den drei vorhergehenden Monaten zeigt für Belgien insgesamt ein Status quo (+0,5%). Auf regionaler Ebene sind die Auftragseingänge in Flandern um 2,2% ansteigend und in Wallonien um 1,7% rücklaüfig**.

Bezüglich der wichtigsten Sektoren, gibt es Trendveränderungen um -0,5% für Chemie, um +3,4% für Metallverarbeitende Industrie und um +2,1% für Baugewerbe.

Nächste Pressemitteillung : 17/11/2005

Quellenangabe ist verpflichtet: FOD Wirtschaft – Generaldirektion Statistik Belgien

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Mehr Konjunkturinformationen !

⇒ viersprachige Konjunkturportalseite :

http://statbel.fgov.be/indicators

⇒ Alle methodologischen Auskünfte zu den Zahlen sind bei die Einheit Konjunktur erhältlich.

- Auftragseingängedaten sind auch weiter aufgeschlüsselt (nach Subsektoren, Regionen) oder verarbeitet (z.B. saisonbereinigt) erhältlich, einmalig auf Bestellung bzw. monatlich im Abonnement.
- Wir verfügen nicht nur über Auftragseingänge, sondern auch über viele andere Konjunkturdaten: Indizes der geleisteten Arbeitsstunden, Produktion, Lohnsumme, Arbeitnehmer, ...
- *(prozentuale Zunahme der letzten drei Monate, bis einschließlich August 2005, dem vergangenen Dreimonatszeitraum gegenüber, saisonbereinigte Wert)
- ** Die Programme zur Saisonbereinigung und Trendberechnung betrachten jede Serie an sich; somit kann die Summierung von Teilergebnissen (je Region oder Produkttyp) von den Gesamtzahlen abweichen.

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Auftragseingänge

Bruttoindizes (2000=100) Volumenindizes der Auftragseingänge

Saisonbereinigte Indizes

Nach Bereinigung von Saisoneffekten

	Jan	Feb	März	April	Mai	Juni	Juli	Aug	Sept	Okt	Nov	Dez	Jahr
Aufgrur	nd Auft	rägen	produzi	erende	Indus	trie und	d Bauge	werbe					1.00
2004	81,8	87,7	100,2	92,8	86,3	102,8	85,6	83,2	100,6	98,2	91,4	90,7	91,8
2005	90,3	90,7	103,0	94,1	87,0	100,4	76,5	84,8					
Baugew	erbe												
2004	79,2	88,8	95,1	92,7	83,7	99,0	71,7	79,2	91,1	88,0	88,6	93,8	87,6
2005	78,6	84,3	91,5	82,5	91,8	99,4	67,0	90,4					
Aufgrur	nd Auft	rägen j	produzi	erende	Indus	trie und	Bauge	werbe					
2004	84,1	88,1	89,7	90,7	89,3	95,2	93,7	94,8	93,7	93,1	92,8	92,1	91,4
2005	94,4	92,7	93,2	91,7	90,0	91,8	89,0	94,3					
Baugew	erbe												
2004	86,0	97,0	89,5	91,2	81,9	89,5	93,7	81,3	84,5	83,0	84,5	85,8	87,3
2005	85,8	91,7	80,9	85,5	90,2	89,6	91,0	87,9					



Nach Bereinigung von Saison- und irregulären Effekten



Baugewerbe	-
Entwicklu	
	Trends
Drei letzte gegenü	Trends Monate ber den
Drei letzte gegenül vorherge	Trends Monate ber den

 777
 > 2.5%

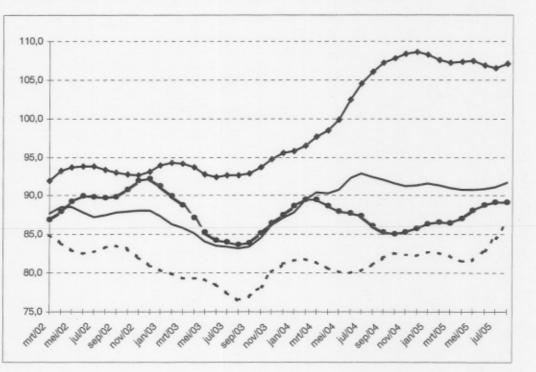
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 -0.5% bis 0.5%

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 2.5% bis -0.5%

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 2.5% bis -0.5%

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 < -2.5%</td>



Tätigkeitsbranchen	Belgien	Flandern	Wallonien	Brüssel
Aufgrund Aufträgen produzierende Industrie und Baugewerbe	>	71	К	RR
Aufgrund Aufträgen produzierende Industrie	>	\rightarrow	К	RK
Textil- und Bekleidungsgewerbe	7	7	И	RK
Textilgewerbe	7	7	И	RK
Bekleidungsgewerbe	К	7	77	RK
Papiergewerbe	7	7	\rightarrow	И
Chemische Industrie	>	\rightarrow	אמ	
Metallerzeugung und -bearbeitung	RF	RK	7	
Metallverarbeitende Industrie	77	77	77	RF
Metallerzeugnissen	\rightarrow	К	77	К
Maschinenbau	7	77	77	77
Elektrotechnik usw.	>	\rightarrow	77	\rightarrow
Fahrzeugbau	>	К	77	
Baugewerbe	7	77	К	К



FPS ECONOMY, SMEs, SELF-EMPLOYED AND ENERGY PRESS RELEASE

Thursday November, 10th 2005

Belgium – September 2005* : New orders Industry : +0,4% ; construction : +0,9%

The deseasonalized index of Belgium's **new orders** in industry producing to order of the last three months compared with the three preceding months remained constant (+0,4%); in construction it rose by 0,9%.

The **trend** of the last three months, when compared with the previous three months, shows an increase (+0,5%) for Belgium as a whole. At the regional level, there's an increase in new orders by 2,3% in Flanders; in Wallonia they shrunk by 1,9%^{**}.

As to the main sectors, the trend changes are -0,1% for chemical industry, +1,5% for metal products, machinery and equipment and +1,0% for construction.

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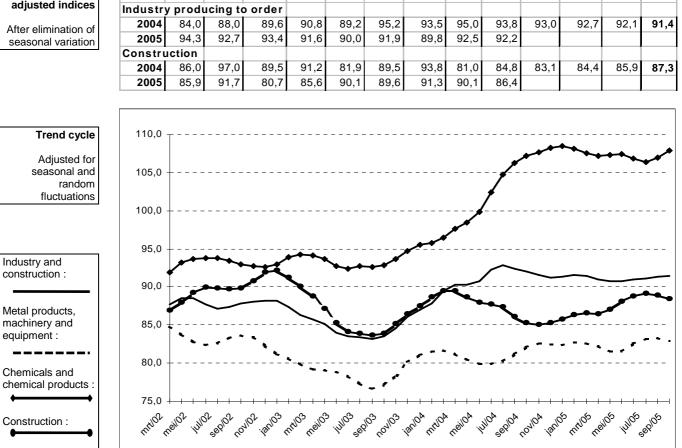
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Gross indices (2000=100) Volume indices of new orders

Seasonally adjusted indices

After elimination of



June

102,8

100,4

99,0

99,4

July

85,6

77,7

71,7

67,6

Aug

83,2

83,0

79,2

93,1

Sept

100,6

98,8

91,1

92,3

Oct

98,2

88,0

Nov

91,4

88,6

Dec

90,7

93,8

Year

91,8

87,6

May

86,3

87,0

83,7

91,8

92,8

94,1

92,7

82,5

Feb March April

100,2

103,0

95,1

91,5

Jan

81,8

90,3

79,2

78,6

2004

2005

2004

2005

Construction

Industry producing to order

87,7

90,7

88,8

84,3

Evolution of trend
cycle
Last three months
compared to the
previous three

months > 2.5% 77 **7** 0.5% to 2.5%

→ -0.5% to 0.5% **∠ -**2.5% to -0.5% < -2.5% NN

Industrial branches	Belgium	Flanders	Wallonia	Brussels
Industry and construction producing to order	7	7	Ы	R
Industry producing to order	\rightarrow	7	רר	К
Manufacture of textiles and textile products	\rightarrow	\rightarrow	אא	R
Textiles and textile products	Ы	Ы	אא	בר
Wearing apparel and fur	77	77	רר	\rightarrow
Pulp, paper and paper products	7	7	Ы	בר
Chemicals and chemical products	\rightarrow	7	RГ	
Basic metals	בר	Ы	\rightarrow	
Metal products, machinery and equipment	7	77	\rightarrow	בר
Fabricated metal products, except machinery and equipment	Ы	Ы	RГ	\rightarrow
Machinery and equipment	7	77	7	7
Electrical and optical equipment	Ы	Ы	7	Ы
Transport equipment	7	\rightarrow	Ы	
Construction	7	7	7	7



FPS ECONOMY, SMEs, SELF-EMPLOYED AND ENERGY PRESS RELEASE

Thursday December, 15th 2005

Belgium – October 2005* : New orders Industry : +1,5% ; construction : -0,4%

The deseasonalized index of Belgium's **new orders** in industry producing to order of the last three months compared with the three preceding months has increased by 1,5%; in construction there's a status quo (-0,4%).

The **trend** of the last three months, when compared with the previous three months, shows a status quo (+0,3%) for Belgium as a whole. At the regional level, there's an increase in new orders by 1,2% in Flanders; in Wallonia they shrunk by $0,8\%^{**}$.

As to the main sectors, the trend changes are -0.5% for chemical industry, +0.3% for metal products, machinery and equipment and +0.8% for construction.

Next press release : 12/1/2006

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Gross indices (2000=100) Volume indices of

new orders

Seasonally adjusted indices

After elimination of seasonal variation

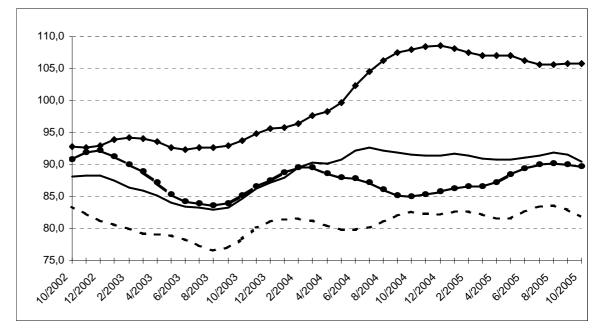


Metal products, machinery and equipment :

Chemicals and chemical products

Construction :

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Industr	y prodi	icing to	o order										
2004	81,8	87,7	100,2	92,8	86,3	102,8	85,6	83,2	100,6	98,2	91,4	90,7	91,8
2005	90,3	90,7	103,0	94,1	87,0	100,4	77,7	83,8	100,6	94,0			
Constru	uction												
2004	79,2	88,8	95,1	92,7	83,7	99,0	71,7	79,2	91,1	88,0	88,6	93,8	87,6
2005	78,6	84,3	91,5	82,5	91,8	99,4	67,6	95,4	97,3	90,0			
Industr	y prodi	icing to	o order										
2004	84,1	88,1	89,7	90,7	89,2	95,2	93,4	94,8	93,4	93,4	92,8	92,0	91,4
2005	94,4	92,7	93,2	91,7	90,0	91,8	89,8	93,1	93,4	89,2			
Constru	uction												
2004	86,1	97,1	89,6	91,1	82,0	89,6	93,7	80,8	84,3	83,4	84,4	85,7	87,3
2005	86,0	91,7	80,5	85,8	90,2	89,7	91,6	92,1	90,7	87,6			



Industrial branches	Belgium	Flanders	Wallonia	Brussels
Industry and construction producing to order	\rightarrow	7	Ы	7
ndustry producing to order	\rightarrow	7	RК	7
Nanufacture of textiles and textile products	Ы	Ы	RК	ИИ
Textiles and textile products	ИИ	RК	RК	Ы
Wearing apparel and fur	7	7	רב	רר
Pulp, paper and paper products	Ы	Ы	К	Ы
Chemicals and chemical products	Ы	\rightarrow	К	
Basic metals	77	\rightarrow	77	
letal products, machinery and equipment	\rightarrow	7	Ы	\rightarrow
Fabricated metal products, except machinery and equipment	ИИ	RК	RК	Ы
Machinery and equipment	7	77	77	7
Electrical and optical equipment	Ы	\rightarrow	RК	\rightarrow
Transport equipment	77	\rightarrow	RК	
Construction	7	7	7	\rightarrow

Evolution of trend cycle Last three months compared to the previous three months 77 > 2.5% 7 0.5% to 2.5% → -0.5% to 0.5%

~	0.5% 10 2.5%
→	-0.5% to 0.5%
Ы	-2.5% to -0.5%
22	< -2.5%



FPS ECONOMY, SMEs, SELF-EMPLOYED AND ENERGY PRESS RELEASE

Thursday January, 12th 2006

Belgium – November 2005* : New orders Industry : +0,7% ; construction : -2,5%

The deseasonalized index of Belgium's **new orders** in industry producing to order of the last three months compared with the three preceding months has increased by 0,7%; in construction it fell by 2,5%.

The **trend** of the last three months, when compared with the previous three months, shows a status quo (+0,0%) for Belgium as a whole. At the regional level, there's a decrease in new orders by 1,4% in Flanders; in Wallonia they expanded by 1,9%**.

As to the main sectors, the trend changes are +0,9% for chemical industry, -1,6% for metal products, machinery and equipment and -0,6% for construction.

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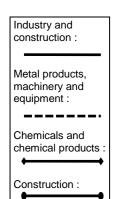
new orders

Seasonally adjusted indices

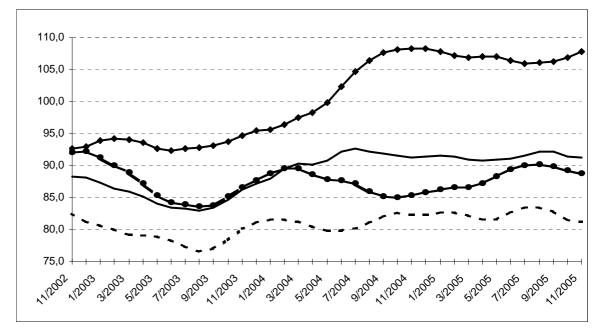
After elimination of seasonal variation



Adjusted for seasonal and random fluctuations



	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Year
Industr	y prodi	icing to	o order										
2004	81,8	87,7	100,2	92,8	86,3	102,8	85,6	83,2	100,6	98,2	91,4	90,7	91,8
2005	90,3	90,7	103,0	94,1	87,0	100,4	77,7	83,8	101,5	94,1	94,4		
Constru	uction												
2004	79,2	88,8	95,1	92,7	83,7	99,0	71,7	79,2	91,1	88,0	88,6	93,8	87,6
2005	78,6	84,3	91,5	82,5	91,8	99,4	67,6	95,4	98,6	89,9	89,6		
Industr	y prodi	ucing to	o order										
2004	84,1	88,0	89,6	90,7	89,2	95,2	93,5	94,9	93,4	93,6	92,6	91,9	91,4
2005	94,4	92,7	93,2	91,7	90,0	91,8	90,0	93,2	94,2	89,5	93,1		
Constru	uction												
2004	86,0	97,1	89,7	91,0	81,9	89,6	93,5	80,7	84,1	83,3	84,6	85,6	87,3
2005	85,9	91,7	80,5	85,8	90,1	89,8	91,5	92,1	91,7	87,5	87,3		



Evolution of trend	Industrial branches	Belgium	Flanders	Wallonia	Brussels
cycle	Industry and construction producing to order	\rightarrow	Ы	7	7
Last three months	Industry producing to order	7	\rightarrow	\rightarrow	7
compared to the	Manufacture of textiles and textile products	\rightarrow	\rightarrow	ממ	ИИ
previous three months	Textiles and textile products	Ы	Ы	ממ	ИИ
monuns	Wearing apparel and fur	77	7	ИИ	אא
77 > 2.5%	Pulp, paper and paper products	רר	רר	\rightarrow	7
7 0.5% to 2.5%	Chemicals and chemical products	7	\rightarrow	77	
 → -0.5% to 0.5% ▶ -2.5% to -0.5% 	Basic metals	77	77	77	
שב-2.5% ווס -0.5% אש < -2.5%	Metal products, machinery and equipment	Ы	אא	7	7
	Fabricated metal products, except machinery and equipment	Ы	\rightarrow	Ы	7
	Machinery and equipment	77	77	77	7
	Electrical and optical equipment	\rightarrow	Ы	Ы	77
	Transport equipment	Ы	Ы	77	
	Construction	Ы	\rightarrow	\rightarrow	7



FPS ECONOMY, SMEs, SELF-EMPLOYED AND ENERGY DIRECTORATE-GENERAL STATISTICS BELGIUM PRESS RELEASE

Tuesday February, 14th 2006

Belgium – December 2005* : New orders Industry : +2,3% ; construction : -4,7%

The deseasonalized index of Belgium's **new orders** in industry producing to order of the last three months compared with the three preceding months has increased by 2,3%; in construction it fell by 4,7%.

The **trend** of the last three months, when compared with the previous three months, shows an increase (+1,5%) for Belgium as a whole. At the regional level, there's a decrease in new orders by 1,2% in Flanders; in Wallonia they expanded by 2,9%**.

As to the main sectors, the trend changes are +0,4% for chemical industry, -0,1% for metal products, machinery and equipment and -1,3% for construction.

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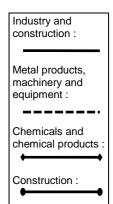
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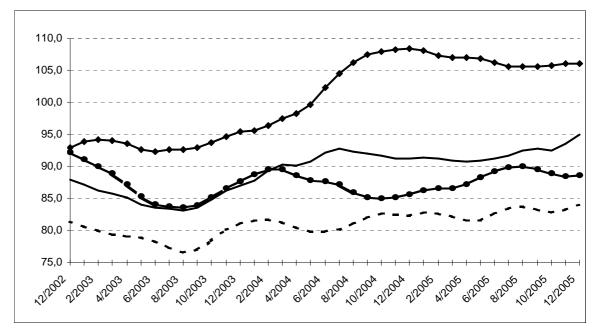
After elimination of seasonal variation



random fluctuations



	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Year
Industr	y prodi	icing to	o order										
2004	81,8	87,7	100,2	92,8	86,3	102,8	85,6	83,2	100,6	98,2	91,4	90,7	91,8
2005	90,3	90,7	103,0	94,1	87,0	100,4	77,7	83,8	101,5	94,7	97,5	96,1	93,0
Constru	uction												
2004	79,2	88,8	95,1	92,7	83,7	99,0	71,7	79,2	91,1	88,0	88,6	93,8	87,6
2005	78,6	84,3	91,5	82,5	91,8	99,4	67,6	95,4	98,6	89,2	87,6	94,4	88,4
Industr	y prodi	icing to	o order										
2004	83,9	88,0	89,6	90,6	89,3	95,2	93,5	95,2	93,7	93,9	92,6	91,6	91,4
2005	94,3	92,5	93,1	91,6	90,1	91,8	90,2	93,5	94,5	90,4	96,1	97,9	93,0
Constru	uction												
2004	85,9	97,1	89,7	90,9	81,8	89,6	93,3	80,7	84,1	83,3	84,8	85,4	87,2
2005	86,0	91,7	80,5	85,7	90,1	89,8	91,5	92,0	91,6	86,9	85,8	89,5	88,4



Evolution of trend	Industrial branches	Belgium	Flanders	Wallonia	Brussels
cycle	Industry and construction producing to order	7	К	77	7
Last three months	Industry producing to order	77	7	77	Ы
compared to the	Manufacture of textiles and textile products	\rightarrow	\rightarrow	Ы	אמ
previous three months	Textiles and textile products	7	7	Ы	אא
monuns	Wearing apparel and fur	77	7	7	אא
77 > 2.5%	Pulp, paper and paper products	ИИ	הה	7	ИИ
7 0.5% to 2.5%	Chemicals and chemical products	\rightarrow	\rightarrow	77	
 → -0.5% to 0.5% ▶ -2.5% to -0.5% 	Basic metals	77	77	77	
שע < -2.5%	Metal products, machinery and equipment	\rightarrow	ИИ	\rightarrow	7
	Fabricated metal products, except machinery and equipment	\rightarrow	\rightarrow	Ы	\rightarrow
	Machinery and equipment	7	77	7	77
	Electrical and optical equipment	7	Ы	77	\rightarrow
	Transport equipment	77	Ы	RК	
	Construction	Ы	\rightarrow	\rightarrow	הר



FPS ECONOMY, SMEs, SELF-EMPLOYED AND ENERGY DIRECTORATE-GENERAL STATISTICS BELGIUM PRESS RELEASE

Friday March, 10th 2006

Belgium – January 2006* : New orders Industry : +6,0% ; construction : +0,2%

The deseasonalized index of Belgium's **new orders** in industry producing to order of the last three months compared with the three preceding months has increased by 6,0%; in construction there's a status quo (+0,2%).

The **trend** of the last three months, when compared with the previous three months, shows a strong increase (+3,5%) for Belgium as a whole. At the regional level, there's an increase in new orders by 2,5% in Flanders; in Wallonia they expanded by $3,4\%^{**}$.

As to the main sectors, the trend changes are +2,4% for chemical industry, +2,3% for metal products, machinery and equipment and +0,5% for construction.

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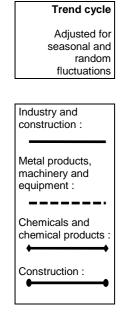
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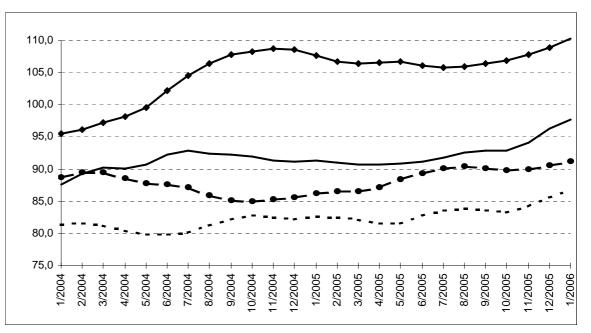
new orders

Seasonally adjusted indices

After elimination of seasonal variation



	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Year
Industr	y prodi	icing to	o order										
2005	90,3	90,7	103,0	94,1	87,0	100,4	77,7	83,8	101,5	94,7	97,5	96,0	93,0
2006	97,1												
Constru	uction												
2005	78,6	84,3	91,5	82,5	91,8	99,4	67,6	95,4	98,6	89,2	89,1	96,6	88,7
2006	85,2												
Industr	y prodi	icing to	o order										
2005	93,8	92,4	93,0	91,5	90,0	91,9	90,2	93,5	94,6	90,6	96,4	98,2	93,0
2006	100,8												
Constru	uction												
2005	85,7	91,7	80,4	85,7	90,0	89,9	91,6	92,1	91,7	87,0	87,4	91,6	88,7
2006	92,3												



Evolution of trend	Industrial branches	Belgium	Flanders	Wallonia	Brussels
cycle	Industry and construction producing to order	77	77	77	אא
Last three months	Industry producing to order	77	77	77	הר
compared to the	Manufacture of textiles and textile products	\rightarrow	7	Ы	אא
previous three months	Textiles and textile products	7	7	Ы	אא
monuns	Wearing apparel and fur	7	7	RК	אא
77 > 2.5%	Pulp, paper and paper products	Ы	Ы	7	רר
7 0.5% to 2.5%	Chemicals and chemical products	7	7	77	
 → -0.5% to 0.5% → -2.5% to -0.5% 	Basic metals	77	77	77	
אני -2.5% <-2.5%	Metal products, machinery and equipment	7	7	Ы	אא
	Fabricated metal products, except machinery and equipment	77	77	Ы	\rightarrow
	Machinery and equipment	7	7	\rightarrow	Ы
	Electrical and optical equipment	77	77	7	Ы
	Transport equipment	7	7	אא	
	Construction	\rightarrow	7	\rightarrow	הר



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Thursday April, 13th 2006

Belgium – February 2006* : New orders Industry : +5,9% ; construction : +5,0%

The deseasonalized index of Belgium's **new orders** in industry producing to order of the last three months compared with the three preceding months has increased by 5,9%; in construction it rose by 5,0%.

The **trend** of the last three months, when compared with the previous three months, shows a strong increase (+4,1%) for Belgium as a whole. At the regional level, there's an increase in new orders by 3,7% in Flanders; in Wallonia they expanded by 1,6%**.

As to the main sectors, the trend changes are +2,3% for chemical industry, +3,0% for metal products, machinery and equipment and +1,8% for construction.

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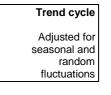
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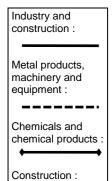
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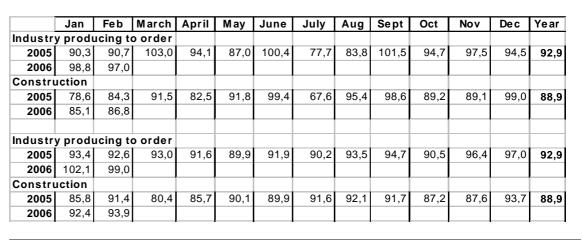
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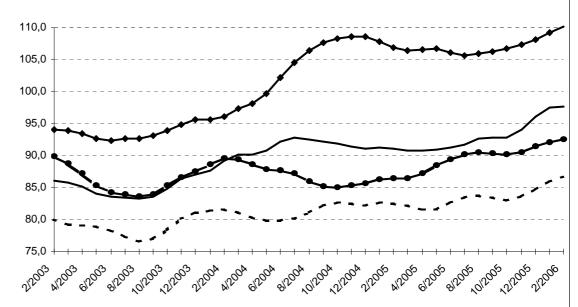
Seasonally adjusted indices

After elimination of seasonal variation









Evolution of trend	Industrial branches	Belgium	Flanders	Wallonia	Brussels
cycle	Industry and construction producing to order	77	77	7	7
Last three months	Industry producing to order	77	77	7	77
compared to the	Manufacture of textiles and textile products	Ы	7	77	רב
previous three months	Textiles and textile products	7	7	7	רב
monuis	Wearing apparel and fur	77	7	77	אא
77 > 2.5%	Pulp, paper and paper products	Ы	Ы	Ы	עע
7 0.5% to 2.5%	Chemicals and chemical products	7	7	77	
 → -0.5% to 0.5% → -2.5% to -0.5% 	Basic metals	77	7	77	
אני -2.5% <-2.5%	Metal products, machinery and equipment	77	77	Ы	Ы
	Fabricated metal products, except machinery and equipment	77	77	Ы	Ы
	Machinery and equipment	7	7	\rightarrow	רב
	Electrical and optical equipment	77	77	77	\rightarrow
	Transport equipment	7	7	ИИ	
	Construction	7	7	7	ИИ



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Thursday May, 11th 2006

Belgium – March 2006* : New orders Industry : +6,4% ; construction : +3,6%

The deseasonalized index of Belgium's **new orders** in industry producing to order of the last three months compared with the three preceding months has increased by 6,4%; in construction it rose by 3,6%.

The **trend** of the last three months, when compared with the previous three months, shows a strong increase (+4,4%) for Belgium as a whole. At the regional level, there's an increase in new orders by 4,5% in Flanders; in Wallonia they expanded by $3,6\%^{**}$.

As to the main sectors, the trend changes are +4,9% for chemical industry, +2,7% for metal products, machinery and equipment and +2,2% for construction.

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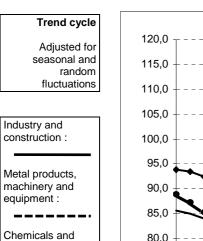
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Gross indices (2000=100) Volume indices of

new orders

Seasonally adjusted indices

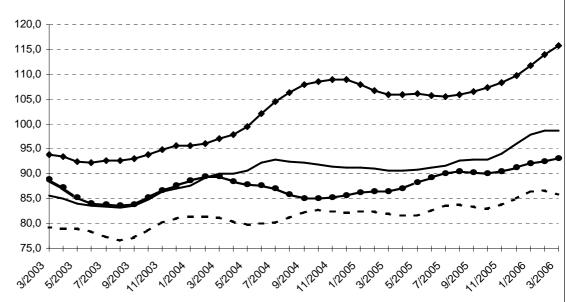
After elimination of seasonal variation



chemical products

Construction :

	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Year
Industr	y produ	ucing to	o order										
2005	90,3	90,7	103,0	94,1	87,0	100,4	77,7	83,8	101,5	94,7	97,5	94,5	92,9
2006	97,2	102,4	110,4										
Constru	iction												
2005	78,6	84,3	91,5	82,5	91,8	99,4	67,6	95,4	98,6	89,2	89,1	99,0	88,9
2006	84,6	85,6	101,0										
Industr	y prodi	ucing to	o order										
2005	93,7	91,6	93,2	91,7	90,0	92,0	90,2	93,5	94,7	90,5	96,3	96,9	92,9
2006	100,7	103,3	97,9										
Constru	uction												
2005	86,0	91,6	80,4	85,7	90,1	89,8	91,6	92,1	91,6	87,1	87,5	93,6	88,9
2006	92,0	92,9	93,0										



Evolution of trend	Industrial branches	Belgium	Flanders	Wallonia	Brussels
cycle	Industry and construction producing to order	77	77	77	77
Last three months	Industry producing to order	77	77	77	77
compared to the	Manufacture of textiles and textile products	Ы	7	77	רר
previous three months	Textiles and textile products	7	\rightarrow	7	רר
monuis	Wearing apparel and fur	77	77	77	אר
77 > 2.5%	Pulp, paper and paper products	Ы	7	\rightarrow	רב
7 0.5% to 2.5%	Chemicals and chemical products	77	77	77	
 → -0.5% to 0.5% → -2.5% to -0.5% 	Basic metals	77	7	77	
ב.5% ווס -0.5% בעצ < -2.5%	Metal products, machinery and equipment	77	77	ИИ	\rightarrow
	Fabricated metal products, except machinery and equipment	7	7	7	7
	Machinery and equipment	7	7	\rightarrow	7
	Electrical and optical equipment	\rightarrow	7	\rightarrow	\rightarrow
	Transport equipment	77	7	ИИ	
	Construction	7	7	77	הת



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Thursday June, 8th 2006

Belgium – April 2006* : New orders Industry : +3,2% ; construction : +3,0%

The deseasonalized index of Belgium's **new orders** in industry producing to order of the last three months compared with the three preceding months has increased by 3,2%; in construction it rose by 3,0%.

The **trend** of the last three months, when compared with the previous three months, shows a strong increase (+3,4%) for Belgium as a whole. At the regional level, there's an increase in new orders by 3,1% in Flanders; in Wallonia they expanded by 2,9%**.

As to the main sectors, the trend changes are +2,6% for chemical industry, +1,9% for metal products, machinery and equipment and +2,6% for construction.

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Gross indices (2000=100) Volume indices of

new orders

Seasonally adjusted indices

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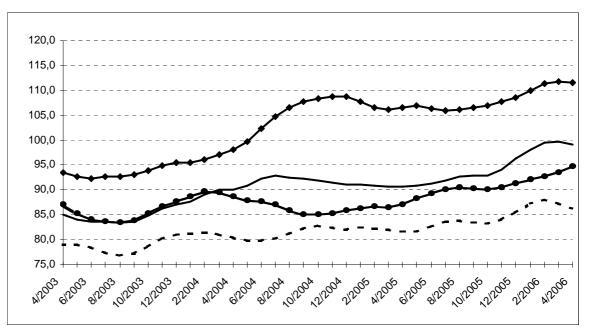


Metal products, machinery and equipment :

Chemicals and chemical products

Construction :

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Industr	y produ	icing to	order										
2005	90,3	90,7	103,0	94,1	87,0	100,4	77,7	83,8	101,5	94,7	97,5	94,5	92,9
2006	97,2	102,4	116,6	94,1									
Constru	uction												
2005	78,6	84,3	91,5	82,5	91,8	99,4	67,6	95,4	98,6	89,2	89,1	99,0	88,9
2006	84,6	86,3	96,1	97,6									
Industr	y prodı	icing to	order										
2005	93,6	91,7	92,7	91,9	90,2	91,9	90,3	93,6	94,7	90,7	96,4	96,9	92,9
2006	100,8	103,4	102,4	97,6									
Constru	uction												
2005	86,1	91,6	80,9	85,3	89,8	90,0	91,3	92,0	91,8	86,9	87,5	93,8	88,9
2006	92,0	93,7	89,0	98,7									



Evolution of trend	Industrial branches	Belgium	Flanders	Wallonia	Brussels
cycle	Industry and construction producing to order	77	77	77	77
Last three months	Industry producing to order	77	7	77	77
compared to the	Manufacture of textiles and textile products	\rightarrow	\rightarrow	77	ИИ
previous three months	Textiles and textile products	\rightarrow	\rightarrow	77	Ы
monuns	Wearing apparel and fur	77	7	77	ИИ
77 > 2.5%	Pulp, paper and paper products	\rightarrow	7	רר	אא
7 0.5% to 2.5%	Chemicals and chemical products	77	7	77	
 → -0.5% to 0.5% → -2.5% to -0.5% 	Basic metals	77	7	77	
אצ < -2.5%	Metal products, machinery and equipment	7	77	Ы	בר
	Fabricated metal products, except machinery and equipment	7	7	\rightarrow	\rightarrow
	Machinery and equipment	77	7	Ы	7
	Electrical and optical equipment	7	7	7	Ы
	Transport equipment	7	7	רר	
	Construction	77	7	77	77

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previo	ous three
	months
77	> 2.5%
⊅ 0.5%	to 2.5%
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2.5% لا	to -0.5%
מא	< -2.5%



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Thursday Augustus, 10th 2006

Belgium – June 2006* : New orders Industry : +2,3% ; construction : +3,6%

The deseasonalized index of Belgium's **new orders** in industry producing to order of the last three months compared with the three preceding months has increased by 2,3%; in construction it rose by 3,6%.

The **trend** of the last three months, when compared with the previous three months, shows a strong increase (+3,2%) for Belgium as a whole. At the regional level, there's an increase in new orders by 0,9% in Flanders; in Wallonia they expanded by $1,9\%^{**}$.

As to the main sectors, the trend changes are +2,9% for chemical industry, +1,1% for metal products, machinery and equipment and +1,3% for construction.

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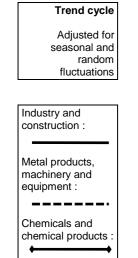
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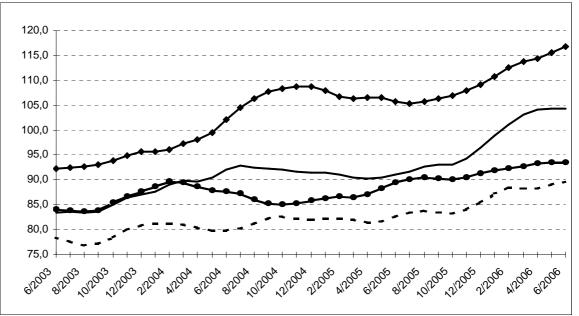
Seasonally adjusted indices

After elimination of seasonal variation



Construction :

	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Year
Industr	y produ	icing to	order										
2005	90,3	90,7	103,0	94,1	87,0	100,4	77,7	83,8	101,5	94,7	97,5	94,5	92,9
2006	97,2	102,4	121,9	102,6	110,9	111,7							
Constru	uction												
2005	78,6	84,3	91,5	82,5	91,8	99,4	67,6	95,4	98,6	89,2	89,1	99,0	88,9
2006	84,6	86,3	96,0	97,5	95,2	106,3							
Industry producing to order													
2005	94,0	92,2	92,6	91,2	89,5	92,0	90,1	93,5	94,8	90,8	96,5	97,3	92,9
2006	101,3	104,0	106,8	105,7	109,0	104,5							
Constru	iction												
2005	86,0	91,5	80,8	85,2	90,0	90,1	91,4	92,2	91,8	86,9	87,5	93,7	88,9
2006	91,8	93,5	88,7	98,4	92,1	93,6							



Evolution of trend	Industrial branches	Belgium	Flanders	Wallonia	Brussels
cycle	Industry and construction producing to order	77	7	7	\rightarrow
Last three months	Industry producing to order	77	77	7	בר
compared to the	Manufacture of textiles and textile products	7	7	77	77
previous three months	Textiles and textile products	7	7	\rightarrow	\rightarrow
	Wearing apparel and fur	77	77	77	7
77 > 2.5%	Pulp, paper and paper products	К	\rightarrow	К	ИИ
7 0.5% to 2.5%	Chemicals and chemical products	77	7	7	
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שב-2.5% גט -0.5%	Metal products, machinery and equipment	7	7	77	Ы
	Fabricated metal products, except machinery and equipment	7	7	\rightarrow	\rightarrow
	Machinery and equipment	7	Ы	7	77
	Electrical and optical equipment	7	RК	7	Ы
	Transport equipment	7	77	אא	
	Construction	7	7	\rightarrow	7



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Wednesday September, 13th 2006

Belgium – July 2006* : New orders Industry : -0,2% ; construction : +1,5%

The deseasonalized index of Belgium's **new orders** in industry producing to order of the last three months compared with the three preceding months has fallen by 0,2%; in construction it rose by 1,5%.

The **trend** of the last three months, when compared with the previous three months, shows an increase (+0,8%) for Belgium as a whole. At the regional level, there's an increase in new orders by 1,8% in Flanders; in Wallonia they expanded by 2,8%^{**}.

As to the main sectors, the trend changes are +1,4% for chemical industry, +3,9% for metal products, machinery and equipment and +2,1% for construction.

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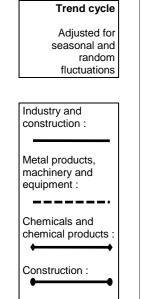
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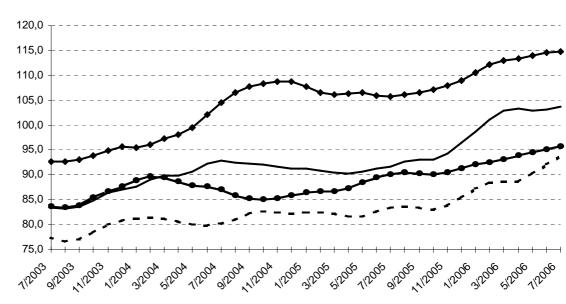
new orders

Seasonally adjusted indices

After elimination of seasonal variation



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Industr	y produ	ucing to	o order										
2005	90,3	90,7	103,0	94,1	87,0	100,4	77,7	83,8	101,5	94,7	97,5	94,5	92,9
2006	97,2	102,4	121,9	102,6	105,5	110,5	94,3						
Constru	uction												
2005	78,6	84,3	91,5	82,5	91,8	99,4	67,6	95,4	98,6	89,2	89,1	99,0	88,9
2006	84,6	86,3	96,0	97,5	95,1	109,4	71,1						
Industr	y prodi	ucing to	o order										
2005	94,0	92,1	92,5	91,2	90,1	92,1	90,0	93,6	94,8	90,6	96,2	97,2	92,9
2006	101,2	104,0	106,9	105,5	104,7	103,6	107,5						
Constru	iction												
2005	86,0	91,6	80,9	85,3	90,2	89,8	91,4	92,2	91,8	86,9	87,4	93,7	88,9
2006	91,9	93,6	88,8	98,5	92,1	96,5	96,5						



Evolution of trend	Industrial branches	Belgium	Flanders	Wallonia	Brussels
cycle	Industry and construction producing to order	7	7	77	7
Last three months	Industry producing to order	7	77	77	Ы
compared to the	Manufacture of textiles and textile products	7	7	77	אר
previous three months	Textiles and textile products	7	7	7	Ы
monuis	Wearing apparel and fur	77	7	77	אר
77 > 2.5%	Pulp, paper and paper products	Ы	\rightarrow	\rightarrow	אא
7 0.5% to 2.5%	Chemicals and chemical products	7	7	ממ	
 → -0.5% to 0.5% ▶ -2.5% to -0.5% 	Basic metals	77	77	ИИ	
שע < -2.5%	Metal products, machinery and equipment	77	77	7	\rightarrow
	Fabricated metal products, except machinery and equipment	7	7	7	7
	Machinery and equipment	77	7	77	77
	Electrical and optical equipment	77	\rightarrow	77	Ы
	Transport equipment	77	77	77	
	Construction	7	7	7	Ы



Thursday October, 20th 2006

Belgium – August 2006* : New orders Industry : -1,4% ; construction : +1,2%

The deseasonalized index of Belgium's **new orders** in industry producing to order of the last three months compared with the three preceding months has fell by 1,4%; in construction it rose by 1,2%.

The **trend** of the last three months, when compared with the previous three months, shows a decline (-1,1%) for Belgium as a whole. At the regional level, there's an increase in new orders by 0,6% in Flanders; in Wallonia they expanded by 0,5%**.

As to the main sectors, the trend changes are +2,3% for chemical industry, +1,0% for metal products, machinery and equipment and +0,4% for construction.

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*(% increase of the last three months, till August 2006 inclusive, compared to the preceding trimester, seasonally-adjusted values). ** Software for seasonal adjustment and trend calculations considers every series as such; this is why sums of partial results (by region or product type) can differ from total results.

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Gross indices (2000=100) Volume indices of

new orders

Seasonally adjusted indices

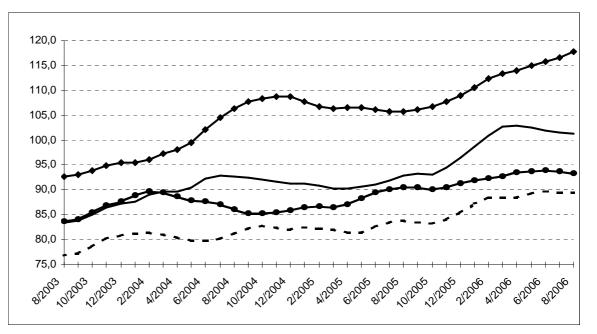
After elimination of seasonal variation



Chemicals and chemical products

Construction :

	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Year
Industr	y prodi	ucing to	o order										
2005	90,3	90,7	103,0	94,1	87,0	100,4	77,7	83,8	101,5	94,7	97,5	94,5	92,9
2006	97,2	102,4	121,9	102,6	105,5	110,6	91,0	95,3					
Constru	uction												
2005	78,6	84,3	91,5	82,5	91,8	99,4	67,6	95,4	98,6	89,2	89,1	99,0	88,9
2006	84,6	86,3	96,0	97,5	95,1	107,6	71,5	91,5					
Industr	y prodi	ucing to	o order										
2005	93,9	92,0	92,4	91,2	89,9	92,0	90,2	93,7	94,8	90,7	96,5	97,2	92,9
2006	101,2	103,9	106,7	105,4	104,5	103,3	104,3	104,5					
Constru	uction												
2005	86,0	91,5	80,8	85,3	90,0	89,9	91,2	92,5	92,0	86,9	87,4	93,8	88,9
2006	91,7	93,5	88,9	98,3	91,9	94,9	96,4	91,1					



Evolution of trend	Industrial branches	Belgium	Flanders	Wallonia	Brussels
cycle	Industry and construction producing to order	К	7	7	К
Last three months	Industry producing to order	\rightarrow	7	7	רר
compared to the	Manufacture of textiles and textile products	7	7	77	רב
previous three months	Textiles and textile products	77	7	\rightarrow	רב
monuns	Wearing apparel and fur	7	7	77	אר
77 > 2.5%	Pulp, paper and paper products	Ы	Ы	\rightarrow	אא
7 0.5% to 2.5%	Chemicals and chemical products	7	7	ИИ	
 → -0.5% to 0.5% → -2.5% to -0.5% 	Basic metals	77	77	RГ	
ב-2.5% גע -2.5%	Metal products, machinery and equipment	7	\rightarrow	7	\rightarrow
	Fabricated metal products, except machinery and equipment	7	7	7	7
	Machinery and equipment	7	7	77	רר
	Electrical and optical equipment	7	Ы	77	77
	Transport equipment	7	7	7	
	Construction	\rightarrow	7	7	Ы



Friday November, 17th 2006

Belgium – September 2006* : New orders Industry : -0,5% ; construction : +3,4%

The deseasonalized index of Belgium's **new orders** in industry producing to order of the last three months compared with the three preceding months has fell by 0,5%; in construction it rose by 3,4%.

The **trend** of the last three months, when compared with the previous three months, shows a slight increase (+0,3%) for Belgium as a whole. At the regional level, there's an increase in new orders by 0,8% in Flanders; in Wallonia they expanded by 2,7%**.

As to the main sectors, the trend changes are +1,5% for chemical industry, +0,5% for metal products, machinery and equipment and +3,7% for construction.

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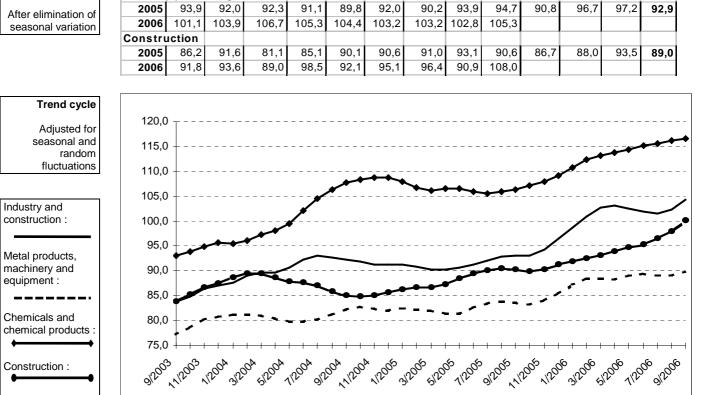
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Gross indices (2000=100) Volume indices of

new orders

Seasonally adjusted indices

After elimination of seasonal variation



Feb March April

103,0

121,9

91,5

96,0

94,1

102,6

82,5

97,5

May

87,0

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91,8

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June

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Nov

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Dec

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Year

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88,9

Jan

90,3

97,2

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84,6

Industry producing to order

2005

2006

2005

2006

Construction

Industry producing to order

90,7

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Evolutio	n of trend
	cycle
Last thr	ee months
compa	ared to the
prev	ious three
	months
→ -0.5	> 2.5% % to 2.5% % to 0.5% % to -0.5% < -2.5%

Industrial branches	Belgium	Flanders	Wallonia	Brussels
Industry and construction producing to order	\rightarrow	7	77	7
Industry producing to order	\rightarrow	7	7	Ы
Manufacture of textiles and textile products	77	7	77	בר
Textiles and textile products	7	7	Ы	בר
Wearing apparel and fur	77	7	77	אר
Pulp, paper and paper products	Ы	Ы	Ы	ИИ
Chemicals and chemical products	7	7	Ы	
Basic metals	77	77	RГ	
Metal products, machinery and equipment	\rightarrow	\rightarrow	77	בר
Fabricated metal products, except machinery and equipment	7	7	Ы	7
Machinery and equipment	7	Ы	77	Ы
Electrical and optical equipment	Ы	Ы	77	Ы
Transport equipment	7	7	77	
Construction	77	7	7	77



Thursday December, 21th 2006

Belgium – October 2006* : New orders Industry : +1,1% ; construction : +6,4%

The deseasonalized index of Belgium's **new orders** in industry producing to order of the last three months compared with the three preceding months has increased by 1,1%; in construction it rose by 6,4%.

The **trend** of the last three months, when compared with the previous three months, shows an increase (+2,5%) for Belgium as a whole. At the regional level, there's an increase in new orders by 2,5% in Flanders; in Wallonia they expanded by $3,9\%^{**}$.

As to the main sectors, the trend changes are -1,0% for chemical industry, +2,7% for metal products, machinery and equipment and +4,8% for construction.

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Gross indices (2000=100) Volume indices of

Jan

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Industry producing to order

2005

2006

2006

Construction 2005

Industry producing to order

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102,4

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Nov

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Dec

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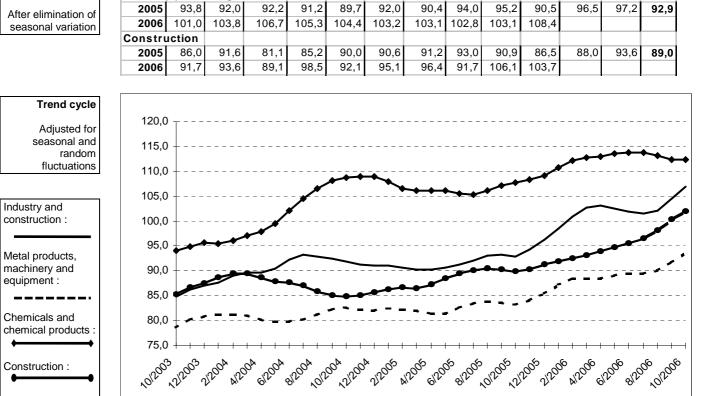
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new orders

Seasonally adjusted indices

After elimination of seasonal variation



Evolution of trend	Industrial branches	Belgium	Flanders	Wallonia	Brussels
cycle	Industry and construction producing to order	7	7	77	7
Last three months	Industry producing to order	7	7	7	רב
compared to the	Manufacture of textiles and textile products	7	7	77	רב
previous three months	Textiles and textile products	7	7	RК	רב
monuns	Wearing apparel and fur	77	7	77	אא
77 > 2.5%	Pulp, paper and paper products	Ы	Ы	7	Ы
7 0.5% to 2.5%	Chemicals and chemical products	Ы	7	77	
 → -0.5% to 0.5% ▶ -2.5% to -0.5% 	Basic metals	77	77	77	
שב-2.5% וט -0.5% < -2.5%	Metal products, machinery and equipment	77	77	77	רב
	Fabricated metal products, except machinery and equipment	7	\rightarrow	77	7
	Machinery and equipment	7	77	77	77
	Electrical and optical equipment	К	7	77	7
	Transport equipment	77	77	77	
	Construction	77	7	7	77



Thursday January, 11th 2007

Belgium – November 2006* : New orders Industry : +3,5% ; construction : +7,2%

The deseasonalized index of Belgium's **new orders** in industry producing to order of the last three months compared with the three preceding months has increased by 3,5%; in construction it rose by 7,2%.

The **trend** of the last three months, when compared with the previous three months, shows a strong increase (+3,5%) for Belgium as a whole. At the regional level, there's an increase in new orders by 4,4% in Flanders; in Wallonia they expanded by $3,7\%^{**}$.

As to the main sectors, the trend changes are +1,1% for chemical industry, +2,1% for metal products, machinery and equipment and +2,9% for construction.

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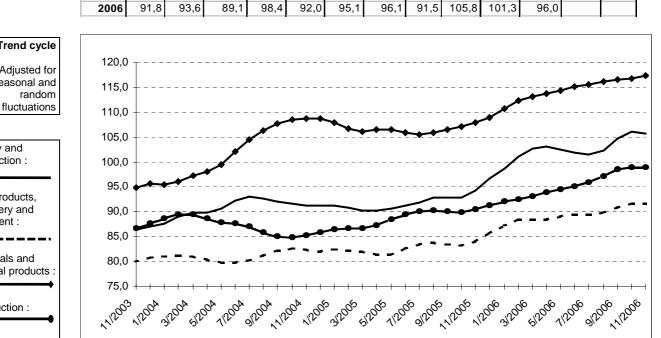
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Gross indices (2000=100)

Seasonally adjusted indices

After elimination of



Evolution of trend	
cycle	
Last three months	
compared to the	
previous three	
months	
77 > 2.5%	
7 0.5% to 2.5%	
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Industrial branches	Belgium	Flanders	Wallonia	Brussels
Industry and construction producing to order	77	77	77	תת
Industry producing to order	7	77	7	הר
Manufacture of textiles and textile products	\rightarrow	7	7	הר
Textiles and textile products	\rightarrow	7	RГ	הר
Wearing apparel and fur	77	7	77	אא
Pulp, paper and paper products	Ы	Ы	7	\rightarrow
Chemicals and chemical products	7	7	77	
Basic metals	77	77	77	
Metal products, machinery and equipment	7	77	7	הר
Fabricated metal products, except machinery and equipment	7	7	\rightarrow	7
Machinery and equipment	\rightarrow	7	7	\rightarrow
Electrical and optical equipment	RГ	7	7	\rightarrow
Transport equipment	77	77	77	
Construction	77	77	7	Ы

Industry producing to order Volume indices of 2005 new orders 2006 Construction

Feb March April

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Industry producing to order

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seasonal variation

Trend cycle Adjusted for seasonal and random



machinery and equipment :

Chemicals and chemical products

Construction :



Thursday February, 8th 2007

Belgium – December 2006* : New orders Industry : +5,4% ; construction : -1,0%

The deseasonalized index of Belgium's **new orders** in industry producing to order of the last three months compared with the three preceding months has increased by 5,4%; in construction it fell by 1,0%.

The **trend** of the last three months, when compared with the previous three months, shows a strong increase (+3,5%) for Belgium as a whole. At the regional level, there's an increase in new orders by 4,5\% in Flanders; in Wallonia they expanded by 2,4%^{**}.

As to the main sectors, the trend changes are -0,7% for chemical industry, +5,7% for metal products, machinery and equipment and +0,2% for construction.

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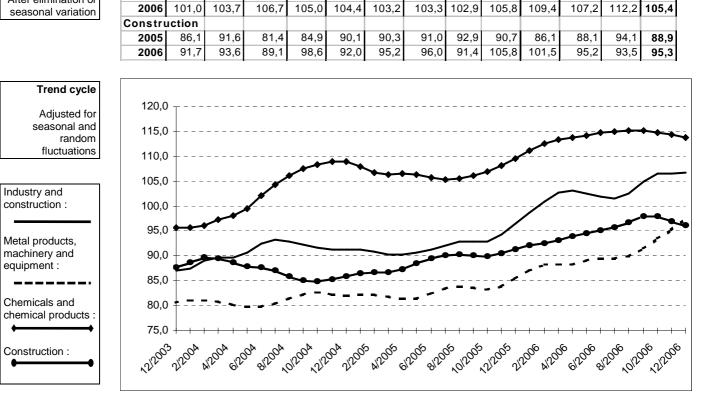
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new orders

Seasonally adjusted indices

After elimination of seasonal variation



Industrial branches	Belgium	Flanders	Wallonia	Brussels
Industry and construction producing to order	77	77	7	הת
Industry producing to order	77	77	\rightarrow	הר
Manufacture of textiles and textile products	Ы	Ы	77	רר
Textiles and textile products	Ы	\rightarrow	\rightarrow	רר
Wearing apparel and fur	7	\rightarrow	77	בר
Pulp, paper and paper products	77	77	77	Ы
Chemicals and chemical products	Ы	7	\rightarrow	
Basic metals	77	77	77	
Metal products, machinery and equipment	77	77	77	רר
Fabricated metal products, except machinery and equipment	77	7	77	77
Machinery and equipment	77	77	7	רר
Electrical and optical equipment	Ы	Ы	7	Ы
Transport equipment	77	77	77	
Construction	\rightarrow	7	7	ИИ

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Thursday March, 8th 2007

Belgium – January 2007* : New orders Industry : +4,9% ; construction : -2,6%

The deseasonalized index of Belgium's **new orders** in industry producing to order of the last three months compared with the three preceding months has increased by 4,9%; in construction it fell by 2,6%.

The **trend** of the last three months, when compared with the previous three months, shows a strong increase (+3,4%) for Belgium as a whole. At the regional level, there's an increase in new orders by 2,3% in Flanders; in Wallonia they expanded by 1,7%**.

As to the main sectors, the trend changes are -0,4% for chemical industry, +5,1% for metal products, machinery and equipment and +0,7% for construction.

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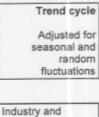
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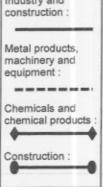
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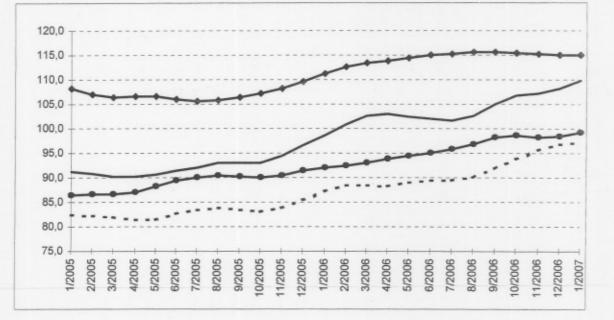
Seasonally adjusted indices

After elimination of seasonal variation





Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Year
produ	icing t	o order										
97,2	102,4	121,9	102,6	105,5	110,6	89,8	93,2	111,7	114,8	109,0	104,3	105,2
112,4												
ction												
84,6	86,3	96,0	97,5	95,1	107,6	70,4	91,2	112,2	106,3	99,5	99,3	95,5
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100,9	103,7	106,6	105,0	104,3	103,3	103,3	102,9	105,9	109,5	107,3	113,1	105,5
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91,3	93,6	89,0	98,6	91,8	95,3	96,0	91,4	105,9	101,7	95,1	93,5	95,2
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Industrial branches	Belgium	Flanders	Wallonia	Brussel
Industry and construction producing to order	77	7	7	RK
Industry producing to order	77	77	\rightarrow	RK
Manufacture of textiles and textile products	К	К	RR	ИИ
Textiles and textile products	→	\rightarrow	К	RF
Wearing apparel and fur	7	7	RK	RF
Pulp, paper and paper products	7	77	Ы	Ы
Chemicals and chemical products	>	\rightarrow	\rightarrow	
Basic metals	77	77	77	
Metal products, machinery and equipment	77	77	>	RK
Fabricated metal products, except machinery and equipment	77	77	RR	7
Machinery and equipment	7	77	К	RK
Electrical and optical equipment	7	\rightarrow	77	\rightarrow
Transport equipment	77	77	77	
Construction	7	7	7	\rightarrow

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Thursday April, 12th 2007

Belgium – February 2007* : New orders Industry : +5,3% ; construction : -6,4%

The deseasonalized index of Belgium's **new orders** in industry producing to order of the last three months compared with the three preceding months has increased by 5,3%; in construction it fell by 6,4%.

The **trend** of the last three months, when compared with the previous three months, shows an increase (+1,8%) for Belgium as a whole. At the regional level, there's an increase in new orders by 1,4% in Flanders; in Wallonia they expanded by $1,7\%^{**}$.

As to the main sectors, the trend changes are +5,0% for chemical industry, +2,7% for metal products, machinery and equipment and -2,4% for construction.

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Gross indices (2000=100)

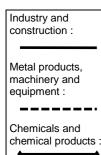
Volume indices of new orders

Seasonally adjusted indices

After elimination of seasonal variation

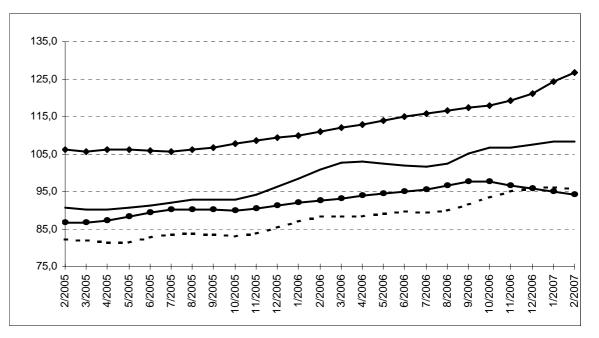


Adjusted for seasonal and random fluctuations



Construction :

	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Year
Industr	Industry producing to order												
2006	97,2	102,4	121,9	102,6	105,5	110,6	89,8	93,2	111,7	114,8	109,0	103,9	105,2
2007	113,4	111,5											
Constru	uction												
2006	84,6	86,3	96,0	97,5	95,1	107,6	70,4	91,2	112,2	106,3	99,5	99,2	95,5
2007	97,8	82,5											
Industry producing to order													
2006	100,7	103,8	106,6	105,1	104,3	103,3	103,3	103,0	105,9	109,5	107,3	112,8	105,5
2007	114,1	112,9											
Constru	uction												
2006	91,1	94,1	89,1	98,6	91,9	95,2	96,1	91,5	105,8	101,5	94,8	92,9	95,2
2007	99,7	90,3											



Evolution of trend	Industrial branches	Belgium	Flanders	Wallonia	Brussels
cycle	Industry and construction producing to order	7	7	7	הר
Last three months	Industry producing to order	77	7	\rightarrow	77
compared to the	Manufacture of textiles and textile products	\rightarrow	\rightarrow	בר	77
previous three months	Textiles and textile products	\rightarrow	\rightarrow	7	בר
monuns	Wearing apparel and fur	7	7	הה	77
77 > 2.5%	Pulp, paper and paper products	77	7	77	בר
7 0.5% to 2.5%	Chemicals and chemical products	77	\rightarrow	בר	
 → -0.5% to 0.5% → -2.5% to -0.5% 	Basic metals	77	77	77	
שש < -2.5%	Metal products, machinery and equipment	77	77	7	בר
	Fabricated metal products, except machinery and equipment	77	77	7	7
	Machinery and equipment	7	7	7	\rightarrow
	Electrical and optical equipment	7	Ы	7	Ы
	Transport equipment	7	77	7	
	Construction	Ы	\rightarrow	7	הר



Wednesday May, 16th 2007

Belgium – March 2007* : New orders Industry : +3,2% ; construction : +10,9%

The deseasonalized index of Belgium's **new orders** in industry producing to order of the last three months compared with the three preceding months has increased by 3,2%; in construction it rose by 10,9%.

The **trend** of the last three months, when compared with the previous three months, shows a strong increase (+4,0%) for Belgium as a whole. At the regional level, there's an increase in new orders by 2,7% in Flanders; in Wallonia they expanded by $3,1\%^{**}$.

As to the main sectors, the trend changes are +2,6% for chemical industry, +1,0% for metal products, machinery and equipment and +6,5% for construction.

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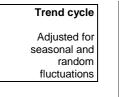
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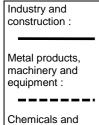
Gross indices (2000=100)

Volume indices of new orders

Seasonally adjusted indices

After elimination of seasonal variation

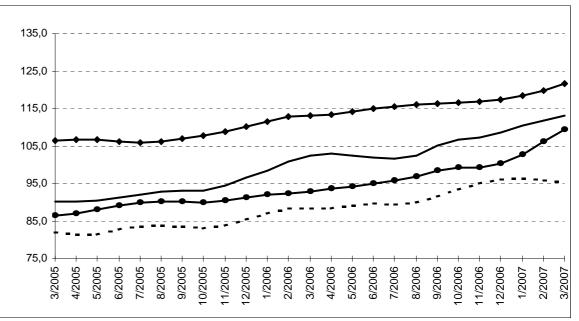




chemical products

Construction :

	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Year
Industr	y produ	ucing to	oorder										
2006	97,2	102,4	121,9	102,6	105,5	110,6	89,8	93,2	111,7	114,8	109,0	103,9	105,2
2007	114,4	113,6	124,8										
Constru	uction												
2006	84,6	86,3	96,0	97,5	95,1	107,6	70,4	91,2	112,2	106,3	99,5	99,2	95,5
2007	98,0	96,3	125,3										
Industry producing to order		o order											
2006	100,4	103,2	107,0	105,2	104,4	103,4	103,4	103,0	106,0	109,5	107,3	112,7	105,4
2007	114,7	114,5	110,7										
Construction													
2006	92,2	93,8	87,9	98,5	91,8	95,1	95,8	91,2	105,7	102,0	95,2	94,1	95,3
2007	101,5	103,7	118,0										



Evolution of trend	Industrial branches	Belgium	Flanders	Wallonia	Brussels
cycle	Industry and construction producing to order	77	77	77	77
Last three months	Industry producing to order	77	7	7	77
compared to the	Manufacture of textiles and textile products	\rightarrow	7	7	\rightarrow
previous three months	Textiles and textile products	7	\rightarrow	77	Ы
monuis	Wearing apparel and fur	7	77	ИИ	77
77 > 2.5%	Pulp, paper and paper products	7	7	רר	Ы
7 0.5% to 2.5%	Chemicals and chemical products	77	7	אא	
 → -0.5% to 0.5% → -2.5% to -0.5% 	Basic metals	77	77	77	
שב-2.5% וט יוס.5% אש < -2.5%	Metal products, machinery and equipment	7	77	77	בר
	Fabricated metal products, except machinery and equipment	77	77	77	77
	Machinery and equipment	7	7	77	77
	Electrical and optical equipment	77	Ы	Ы	\rightarrow
	Transport equipment	Ы	77	\rightarrow	
	Construction	77	77	77	77



Thursday June, 7th 2007

Belgium – April 2007* : New orders Industry : +1,8% ; construction : +11,3%

The deseasonalized index of Belgium's **new orders** in industry producing to order of the last three months compared with the three preceding months has increased by 1,8%; in construction it rose by 11,3%.

The **trend** of the last three months, when compared with the previous three months, shows a strong increase (+3,4%) for Belgium as a whole. At the regional level, there's an increase in new orders by 2,1% in Flanders; in Wallonia they expanded by $3,0\%^{**}$.

As to the main sectors, the trend changes are +3,1% for chemical industry, +0,2% for metal products, machinery and equipment and +5,5% for construction.

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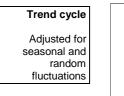
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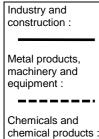
Gross indices (2000=100)

Volume indices of new orders

Seasonally adjusted indices

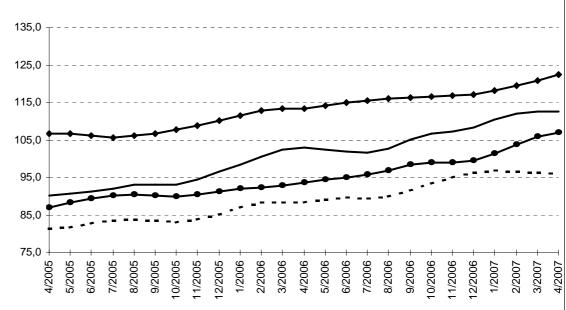
After elimination of seasonal variation





Construction :

	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Year
Industr	Industry producing to order												
2006	97,2	102,4	121,9	102,6	105,5	110,6	89,8	93,2	111,7	114,8	109,0	103,9	105,2
2007	114,4	114,7	127,3	110,9									
Constru	uction												
2006	84,6	86,3	96,0	97,5	95,1	107,6	70,4	91,2	112,2	106,3	99,5	99,2	95,5
2007	98,0	96,6	119,3	105,4									
Industr	y prodi	icing to	o order										
2006	100,5	103,2	106,8	105,2	104,4	103,4	103,4	103,0	106,0	109,5	107,3	112,8	105,4
2007	114,8	115,4	112,7	112,9									
Constru	uction												
2006	91,9	93,5	88,1	98,5	91,9	95,2	95,9	91,4	105,8	101,9	95,2	94,0	95,3
2007	101,0	103,7	112,3	107,2									



Evolution of trend	Industrial branches	Belgium	Flanders	Wallonia	Brussels
cycle	Industry and construction producing to order	77	7	77	77
Last three months	Industry producing to order	7	7	7	77
compared to the	Manufacture of textiles and textile products	Ы	7	7	בר
previous three months	Textiles and textile products	7	7	77	ИИ
monuns	Wearing apparel and fur	7	7	ИИ	77
77 > 2.5%	Pulp, paper and paper products	7	7	ממ	ИИ
7 0.5% to 2.5%	Chemicals and chemical products	77	7	ממ	
 → -0.5% to 0.5% → -2.5% to -0.5% 	Basic metals	77	77	77	
גיי אנא <u>-2.5%</u> אש <-2.5%	Metal products, machinery and equipment	\rightarrow	\rightarrow	77	רר
	Fabricated metal products, except machinery and equipment	77	77	77	77
	Machinery and equipment	\rightarrow	\rightarrow	\rightarrow	77
	Electrical and optical equipment	77	\rightarrow	77	\rightarrow
	Transport equipment	בר	7	ИИ	
	Construction	77	77	7	77



Thursday July, 5th 2007

Belgium – May 2007* : New orders Industry : -0,7% ; construction : +13,8%

The deseasonalized index of Belgium's **new orders** in industry producing to order of the last three months compared with the three preceding months has fell by 0,7%; in construction it rose by 13,8%.

The **trend** of the last three months, when compared with the previous three months, shows a strong increase (+3,3%) for Belgium as a whole. At the regional level, there's an increase in new orders by 2,7% in Flanders; in Wallonia they expanded by 2,9%**.

As to the main sectors, the trend changes are +5,4% for chemical industry, -0,6% for metal products, machinery and equipment and +8,4% for construction.

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Volume indices of new orders

Seasonally adjusted indices

After elimination of seasonal variation

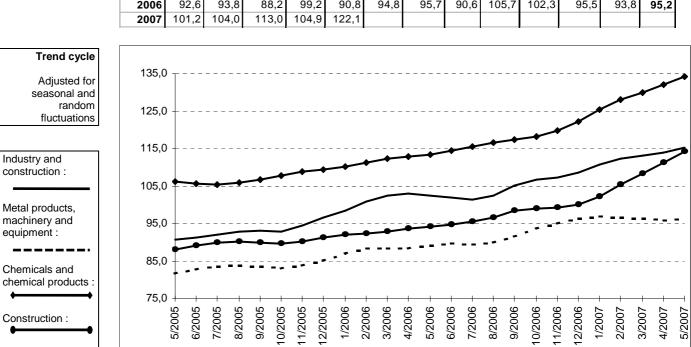
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Industrial branches	Belgium	Flanders	Wallonia	Brussels
Industry and construction producing to order	77	77	77	77
Industry producing to order	7	7	7	77
Manufacture of textiles and textile products	Ы	7	7	בר
Textiles and textile products	77	7	\rightarrow	\rightarrow
Wearing apparel and fur	7	רר	רר	7
Pulp, paper and paper products	Ы	7	ИИ	Ы
Chemicals and chemical products	77	7	Ы	
Basic metals	77	77	77	
Metal products, machinery and equipment	Ы	Ы	77	77
Fabricated metal products, except machinery and equipment	77	7	77	77
Machinery and equipment	Ы	Ы	Ы	77
Electrical and optical equipment	7	Ы	RГ	\rightarrow
Transport equipment	КК	7	ИИ	
Construction	77	77	77	77

Industr	y produ	ucing to	order										
2006	97,2	102,4	121,9	102,6	105,5	110,6	89,8	93,2	111,7	114,8	109,0	103,9	105,2
2007	114,4	114,7	127,4	111,8	115,6								
Constru	uction												
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2007	98,0	96,6	119,8	102,2	127,5								
Industr	y prodi	ucing to	order										
2006	100,5	103,2	106,8	105,2	104,4	103,4	103,4	103,0	106,0	109,5	107,3	112,8	105,4
2007	114,9	115,5	112,8	113,7	114,3								
Constru	uction												
2006	92,6	93,8	88,2	99,2	90,8	94,8	95,7	90,6	105,7	102,3	95,5	93,8	95,2
2007	101,2	104,0	113.0	104,9	122,1								

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Tuesday Augustus, 7th 2007

Belgium – June 2007* : New orders Industry : -2,6% ; construction : +7,0%

The deseasonalized index of Belgium's **new orders** in industry producing to order of the last three months compared with the three preceding months has fell by 2,6%; in construction it rose by 7,0%.

The **trend** of the last three months, when compared with the previous three months, shows an increase (+0,9%) for Belgium as a whole. At the regional level, there's an increase in new orders by 1,1% in Flanders; in Wallonia they expanded by $3,6\%^{**}$.

As to the main sectors, the trend changes are +1,4% for chemical industry, -2,1% for metal products, machinery and equipment and +7,4% for construction.

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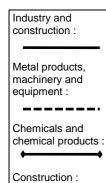
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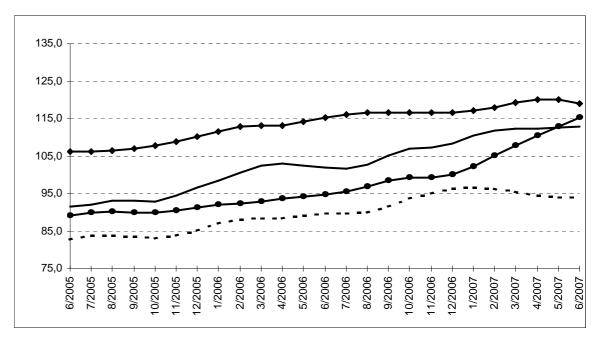


Adjusted for seasonal and random

fluctuations



Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Year
Industry producing to order												
97,2	102,4	121,9	102,6	105,5	110,6	89,8	93,2	111,7	114,8	109,0	103,9	105,2
114,4	114,7	127,4	110,2	114,4	115,7							
iction												
84,6	86,3	96,0	97,5	95,1	107,6	70,4	91,2	112,2	106,3	99,5	99,2	95,5
98,0	96,6	119,8	102,5	121,3	127,5							
y produ	icing to	order										
100,4	103,0	106,5	105,0	104,2	103,8	103,5	103,1	106,1	109,6	107,3	112,6	105,4
114,6	115,2	112,5	111,9	112,7	108,7							
iction												
92,4	93,7	88,3	99,3	91,3	94,7	95,8	90,9	105,6	102,2	95,4	94,1	95,3
101,3	103,9	112,9	105,1	116,9	118,3							
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Evolution of trend	Industrial branches	Belgium	Flanders	Wallonia	Brussels
cycle	Industry and construction producing to order	7	7	77	77
Last three months	Industry producing to order	Ы	\rightarrow	77	77
compared to the	Manufacture of textiles and textile products	\rightarrow	7	\rightarrow	Ы
previous three months	Textiles and textile products	7	7	Ы	Ы
monuis	Wearing apparel and fur	7	\rightarrow	אא	Ы
77 > 2.5%	Pulp, paper and paper products	\rightarrow	7	К	Ы
7 0.5% to 2.5%	Chemicals and chemical products	7	\rightarrow	77	
 → -0.5% to 0.5% → -2.5% to -0.5% 	Basic metals	77	77	77	
2.0% ופי ס.0% (פי ס.0%) אוע <-2.5%	Metal products, machinery and equipment	Ч	Ы	7	77
	Fabricated metal products, except machinery and equipment	77	\rightarrow	77	7
	Machinery and equipment	\rightarrow	7	RГ	77
	Electrical and optical equipment	בר	RК	Ы	בת
	Transport equipment	Ч	7	К	
	Construction	77	77	77	77



Wednesday September, 12th 2007

Belgium – July 2007* : New orders Industry : +2,2% ; construction : +14,4%

The deseasonalized index of Belgium's **new orders** in industry producing to order of the last three months compared with the three preceding months has increased by 2,2%; in construction it rose by 14,4%.

The **trend** of the last three months, when compared with the previous three months, shows a strong increase (+3,8%) for Belgium as a whole. At the regional level, there's an increase in new orders by 3,4% in Flanders; in Wallonia they expanded by $5,0\%^{**}$.

As to the main sectors, the trend changes are +1,1% for chemical industry, +5,0% for metal products, machinery and equipment and +9,4% for construction.

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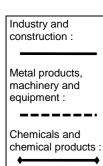
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Volume indices of new orders

Seasonally adjusted indices

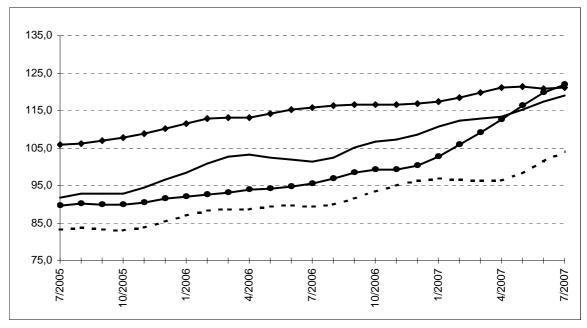
After elimination of seasonal variation





Construction :

	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Year
Industr	Industry producing to order												
2006	97,2	102,4	121,9	102,6	105,5	110,6	89,8	93,2	111,7	114,8	109,0	103,9	105,2
2007	114,4	114,7	127,4	110,2	115,2	121,9	107,1						
Constru	uction												
2006	84,6	86,3	96,0	97,5	95,1	107,6	70,4	91,2	112,2	106,3	99,5	99,2	95,5
2007	98,0	96,6	119,8	102,5	123,8	136,2	101,7						
Industr	Industry producing to order		o order										
2006	100,4	103,3	106,8	105,5	104,6	103,6	103,2	102,9	105,9	109,3	107,0	112,8	105,4
2007	114,8	115,5	113,0	112,4	114,2	114,4	120,0						
Constru	uction												
2006	92,4	93,9	88,5	99,7	91,3	94,2	95,7	90,9	105,5	102,0	95,3	94,4	95,3
2007	101,5	104,1	113,2	105,3	119,6	126,5	123,0						



Evolution of trend	Industrial branches	Belgium	Flanders	Wallonia	Brussels
cycle	Industry and construction producing to order	77	77	77	77
Last three months	Industry producing to order	7	77	77	7
compared to the	Manufacture of textiles and textile products	7	7	7	77
previous three months	Textiles and textile products	7	7	7	\rightarrow
monuns	Wearing apparel and fur	7	Ы	RГ	77
77 > 2.5%	Pulp, paper and paper products	\rightarrow	7	\rightarrow	Ы
7 0.5% to 2.5%	Chemicals and chemical products	7	7	77	
 → -0.5% to 0.5% → -2.5% to -0.5% 	Basic metals	77	77	77	
שע < -2.5%	Metal products, machinery and equipment	77	77	77	77
	Fabricated metal products, except machinery and equipment	77	7	77	7
	Machinery and equipment	7	77	Ы	77
	Electrical and optical equipment	\rightarrow	ИИ	7	7
	Transport equipment	77	77	Ы	
	Construction	77	77	77	77



Thursday October, 18th 2007

Belgium – August 2007* : New orders Industry : +0,6% ; construction : +3,2%

The deseasonalized index of Belgium's **new orders** in industry producing to order of the last three months compared with the three preceding months has increased by 0,6%; in construction it rose by 3,2%.

The **trend** of the last three months, when compared with the previous three months, shows a slight increase (+0,3%) for Belgium as a whole. At the regional level, there's an increase in new orders by 0,4% in Flanders; in Wallonia they expanded by $3,0\%^{**}$.

As to the main sectors, the trend changes are -0,1% for chemical industry, +3,1% for metal products, machinery and equipment and +3,2% for construction.

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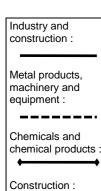
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Seasonally adjusted indices

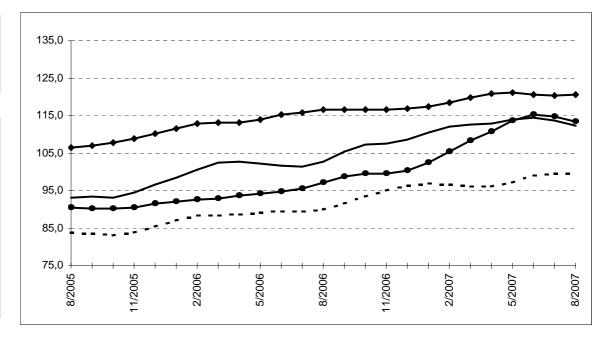
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Adjusted for seasonal and random fluctuations



Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Year
Industry producing to order												
97,2	102,4	121,9	102,6	105,5	110,6	89,8	93,2	111,7	114,8	109,0	103,9	105,2
114,4	114,7	127,4	110,2	115,2	119,4	102,9	100,9					
ction												
84,6	86,3	96,0	97,5	95,1	107,6	70,4	91,2	112,2	106,3	99,5	99,2	95,5
98,0	96,6	119,8	102,5	123,8	135,0	98,0	103,1					
/ prodi	icing to	o order										
100,4	103,2	106,6	105,2	104,3	103,6	103,2	103,2	106,1	109,5	107,2	112,8	105,4
114,7	115,4	112,8	112,1	113,7	112,0	115,5	113,0					
Construction												
92,3	93,7	88,1	99,3	90,8	94,1	95,2	92,0	105,9	102,3	95,9	94,5	95,4
101,3	103,9	113,3	104,8	119,0	125,1	118,8	104,1					
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Evolution of trend	Industrial branches	Belgium	Flanders	Wallonia	Brussels
cycle	Industry and construction producing to order	\rightarrow	\rightarrow	77	אא
Last three months	Industry producing to order	7	7	77	רב
compared to the	Manufacture of textiles and textile products	\rightarrow	Ы	7	77
previous three months	Textiles and textile products	\rightarrow	\rightarrow	77	Ы
monuis	Wearing apparel and fur	\rightarrow	Ы	ИИ	77
77 > 2.5%	Pulp, paper and paper products	7	7	7	Ы
7 0.5% to 2.5%	Chemicals and chemical products	\rightarrow	7	77	
 → -0.5% to 0.5% → -2.5% to -0.5% 	Basic metals	בר	RК	77	
שע < -2.5%	Metal products, machinery and equipment	77	77	77	\rightarrow
33 < -2.370	Fabricated metal products, except machinery and equipment	7	\rightarrow	Ы	7
	Machinery and equipment	7	77	\rightarrow	Ы
	Electrical and optical equipment	Ы	Ы	77	Ы
	Transport equipment	77	77	77	
	Construction	77	77	7	77



Tuesday November, 13th 2007

Belgium – September 2007* : New orders Industry : -1,7% ; construction : -2,1%

The deseasonalized index of Belgium's **new orders** in industry producing to order of the last three months compared with the three preceding months has fell by 1,7%; in construction it fell by 2,1%.

The **trend** of the last three months, when compared with the previous three months, shows a decline (-2,2%) for Belgium as a whole. At the regional level, there's a decrease in new orders by 1,6% in Flanders; in Wallonia they expanded by 1,0%^{**}.

As to the main sectors, the trend changes are -3,5% for chemical industry, -0,2% for metal products, machinery and equipment and +1,6% for construction.

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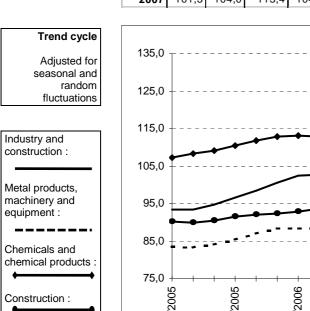
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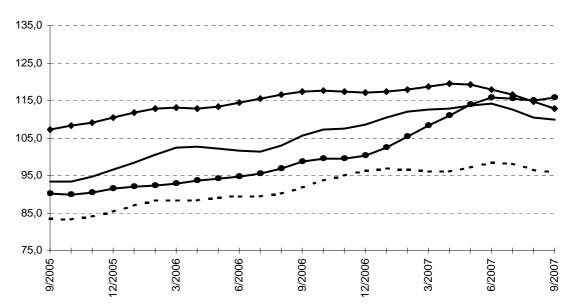
Gross indices (2000=100) Volume indices of new orders

Seasonally adjusted indices

After elimination of seasonal variation



	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Year
Industr	y produ	ucing to	o order										
2006	97,2	102,4	121,9	102,6	105,5	110,6	89,8	93,2	111,7	114,8	109,0	103,9	105,2
2007	114,4	114,7	127,4	110,2	115,2	119,4	103,1	97,4	108,0				
Constru	uction												
2006	84,6	86,3	96,0	97,5	95,1	107,6	70,4	91,2	112,2	106,3	99,5	99,2	95,5
2007	98,0	96,6	119,8	102,5	123,8	135,0	97,7	101,9	124,2				
Industr	y prodi	ucing to	o order										
2006	100,4	103,2	106,5	105,2	104,0	103,3	103,0	103,3	106,6	109,7	107,3	113,0	105,5
2007	114,8	115,4	112,8	111,9	113,5	111,7	115,0	109,1	107,4				
Constru	uction												
2006	92,4	93,8	88,3	99,1	90,9	94,3	95,1	92,3	105,5	102,2	96,1	94,3	95,3
2007	101,3	104,0	113,4	104,8	119,0	125,2	118,8	103,4	119,4				



Evolution of trend	Industrial branches	Belgium	Flanders	Wallonia	Brussels
cycle	Industry and construction producing to order	К	Ы	7	אמ
Last three months	Industry producing to order	Ы	\rightarrow	\rightarrow	Ы
compared to the	Manufacture of textiles and textile products	\rightarrow	\rightarrow	רר	רב
previous three months	Textiles and textile products	\rightarrow	\rightarrow	7	Ы
monuns	Wearing apparel and fur	77	К К К К Ч + + + × + + + + + × + + + + + + × +	בר	
77 > 2.5%	Pulp, paper and paper products	\rightarrow	7	7	Ы
7 0.5% to 2.5%	Chemicals and chemical products	ИИ	Ы	אא	
 → -0.5% to 0.5% → -2.5% to -0.5% 	Basic metals	ИИ	RК	77	
שב-2.5% וט -0.5% אש < -2.5%	Metal products, machinery and equipment	\rightarrow	\rightarrow	7	ИИ
	Fabricated metal products, except machinery and equipment	\rightarrow	Ы	7	7
	Machinery and equipment	\rightarrow	7	Ы	ИИ
	Electrical and optical equipment	\rightarrow	\rightarrow	77	Ы
	Transport equipment	77	\rightarrow	77	
	Construction	7	77	7	7



Tuesday December, 11th 2007

Belgium – October 2007* : New orders Industry : -3,6% ; construction : -6,4%

The deseasonalized index of Belgium's **new orders** in industry producing to order of the last three months compared with the three preceding months has fell by 3,6%; in construction it fell by 6,4%.

The **trend** of the last three months, when compared with the previous three months, shows a decline (-2,0%) for Belgium as a whole. At the regional level, there's a decrease in new orders by 0,9% in Flanders; in Wallonia they expanded by $1,2\%^{**}$.

As to the main sectors, the trend changes are -2,7% for chemical industry, -0,8% for metal products, machinery and equipment and +0,9% for construction.

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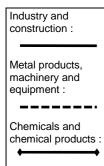
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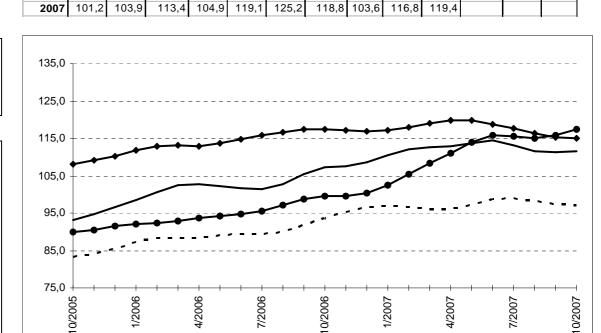
Trend cy	cle
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Adjusted for seasonal and random

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Construction :



Feb March April

121,9

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102,6

110,2

97,5

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111,9

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May

105,5

115,2

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June

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119,4

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135,0

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July

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Aug

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Jan

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92,4

Industry producing to order

2006

2007

2007 114,4

2006 100,5 **2007** 114,9

Construction 2006

Construction 2006

Industry producing to order

102,4

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103,2

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Evolution of trend	Industrial branches	Belgium	Flanders	Wallonia	Brussels
cycle	Industry and construction producing to order	Ы	К	7	הת
Last three months	Industry producing to order	Ы	\rightarrow	Ы	ИИ
compared to the	Manufacture of textiles and textile products	\rightarrow	\rightarrow	Ы	ИИ
previous three months	Textiles and textile products	Ы	\rightarrow	\rightarrow	ИИ
monuns	Wearing apparel and fur	77	Ы	רר	ИИ
77 > 2.5%	Pulp, paper and paper products	\rightarrow	\rightarrow	7	ИИ
7 0.5% to 2.5%	Chemicals and chemical products	ИИ	Ы	ИИ	
→ -0.5% to 0.5% → -2.5% to -0.5%	Basic metals	Ы	Ы	77	
שע < -2.5%	Metal products, machinery and equipment	Ы	7	רר	ИИ
	Fabricated metal products, except machinery and equipment	\rightarrow	Ы	רר	7
	Machinery and equipment	7	77	Ы	ИИ
	Electrical and optical equipment	7	7	7	ИИ
	Transport equipment	\rightarrow	7	77	
	Construction	7	7	7	\rightarrow



Friday February, 1th 2008

Belgium – November 2007* : New orders Industry : -2,7% ; construction : -1,7%

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The **trend** of the last three months, when compared with the previous three months, shows a decline (-1,6%) for Belgium as a whole. At the regional level, there's a decrease in new orders by 0,4% in Flanders; in Wallonia they expanded by $1,6\%^{**}$.

As to the main sectors, the trend changes are -1,7% for chemical industry, -0,1% for metal products, machinery and equipment and -1,0% for construction.

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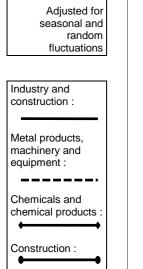
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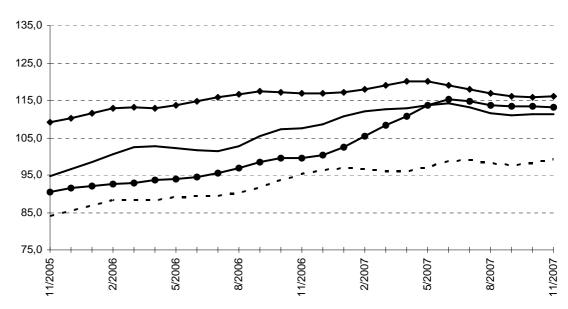
Seasonally adjusted indices

After elimination of seasonal variation



Trend cycle

	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Year
				Артп	way	June	July	Aug	Sept	001	NOV	Dec	real
Industry producing to order													
2006	97,2	102,4	121,9	102,6	105,5	110,6	89,8	93,2	111,7	114,8	109,0	103,9	105,2
2007	114,4	114,7	127,4	110,2	115,2	119,4	103,1	98,9	110,8	117,9	111,0		
Constru	uction												
2006	84,6	86,3	96,0	97,5	95,1	107,6	70,4	91,2	112,2	106,3	99,5	99,2	95,5
2007	98,0	96,6	119,8	102,5	123,8	135,0	97,7	102,2	121,4	122,5	110,5		
Industr	y prodi	ucing to	o order										
2006	100,5	103,2	106,5	105,2	104,1	103,3	103,0	103,2	106,3	109,9	107,2	112,9	105,4
2007	114,8	115,4	112,8	111,9	113,5	111,7	115,2	110,7	109,8	108,4	110,4		
Construction													
2006	92,3	93,8	88,3	99,1	90,8	94,1	94,8	92,0	105,6	101,9	96,6	94,5	95,3
2007	101,3	104,0	113,4	104,8	119,0	125,2	118,6	103,4	116,6	116,1	108,4		



Evolution of trend	In
cycle	In
Last three months	In
compared to the previous three	М
months	
 1 > 2.5% 1 0.5% to 2.5% → -0.5% to 0.5% → -2.5% to -0.5% 1 -2.5% 	Pi Cl Ba M

Industrial branches	Belgium	Flanders	Wallonia	Brussels
Industry and construction producing to order	Ы	\rightarrow	7	7
Industry producing to order	Ы	\rightarrow	Ы	RГ
Manufacture of textiles and textile products	Ы	Ы	7	RГ
Textiles and textile products	Ы	\rightarrow	Ы	RГ
Wearing apparel and fur	77	עע	7	רר
Pulp, paper and paper products	Ы	Ы	К	ИИ
Chemicals and chemical products	Ы	Ы	RГ	
Basic metals	7	77	77	
Metal products, machinery and equipment	\rightarrow	7	\rightarrow	ЫN
Fabricated metal products, except machinery and equipment	7	7	77	7
Machinery and equipment	7	77	Ы	Ы
Electrical and optical equipment	7	7	7	ЫN
Transport equipment	ИИ	\rightarrow	77	
Construction	Ы	7	7	Ы



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Belgium – December 2007* : New orders Industry : -2,8% ; construction : +2,7%

The deseasonalized index of Belgium's **new orders** in industry producing to order of the last three months compared with the three preceding months has fell by 2,8%; in construction it rose by 2,7%.

The **trend** of the last three months, when compared with the previous three months, shows a decline (-0,9%) for Belgium as a whole. At the regional level, there's an increase in new orders by 0,4% in Flanders; in Wallonia they expanded by $0,1\%^{**}$.

As to the main sectors, the trend changes are -1,5% for chemical industry, -2,7% for metal products, machinery and equipment and +1,0% for construction.

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More business trends information !

⇒ To obtain an overview of Belgian and European business trends, please refer to the <u>short-term indicators portal site</u> on the internet (also in English):

http://statbel.fgov.be/indicators

 \Rightarrow All <u>methodological explanations</u> of figures can be obtained from the Short-term Indicators Unit.

- ⇒ It is also possible to receive data on the new orders which are <u>broken down</u> (into subsectors, regions) or <u>further</u> <u>processed</u> (e.g. seasonally adjusted), on a once-only or monthly (subscription) basis.
- ⇒ Besides indices of new orders, we also have <u>many other short-term data</u> : indices of hours worked, production indices, wages and salaries, employees, …

^{*(%} increase of the last three months, till December 2007 inclusive, compared to the preceding trimester, seasonally-adjusted values).

^{**} Software for seasonal adjustment and trend calculations considers every series as such; this is why sums of partial results (by region or product type) can differ from total results.

Gross indices (2000=100) Volume indices of new orders

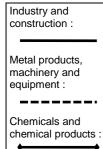
Seasonally adjusted indices

After elimination of seasonal variation

Trend c	ycle
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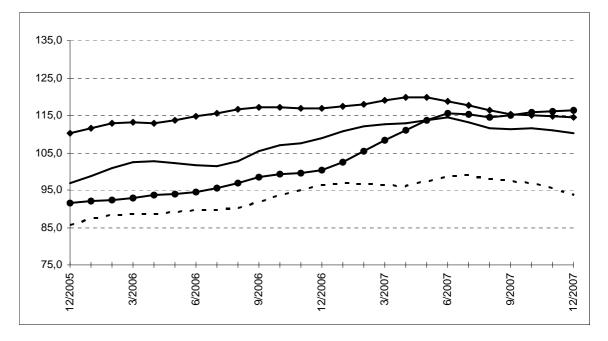
Adjusted for seasonal and random

fluctuations



Construction :

	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Year
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Last three months compared to the previous three months	Industry producing to order	Ы	Ы	RГ	בר
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	Textiles and textile products	RГ	\rightarrow	Ы	ZИ
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	Chemicals and chemical products	Ы	Ы	Ы	
	Basic metals	77	77	77	
	Metal products, machinery and equipment	RГ	Ы	Ы	Ы
	Fabricated metal products, except machinery and equipment	7	7	7	7
	Machinery and equipment	7	77	רר	7
Electrical and optical equipment		בר	בר	Ы	בר
Transport equipment		רר	רר	77	
Construction		7	77	\rightarrow	NЛ