

March 2000 : rise in new orders 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).

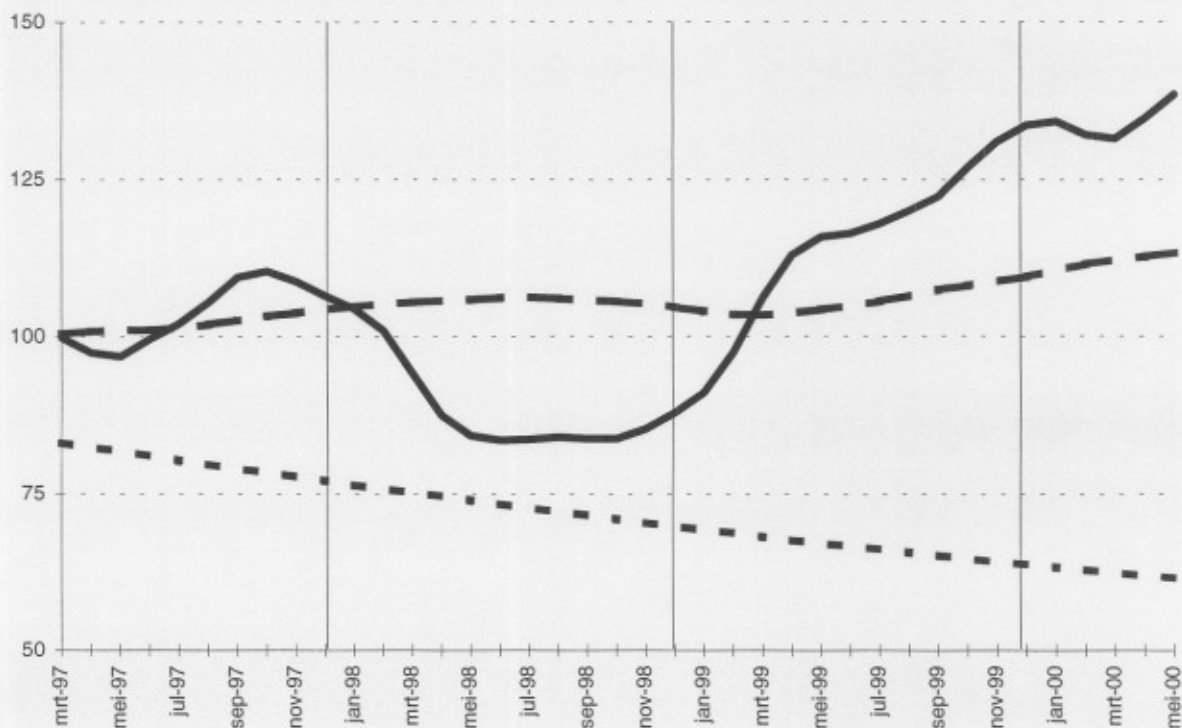
Trends of almost all sectors of industry are moving upwards, slightly more in Flanders than in the Walloon region. The building industry on the other hand, is continuing its downward trend of the last few years; this seems in contradiction with the building industry's rising production.

	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	Juny	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Year
Chemicals and chemicals products													
1999	119,1	115,3	132,1	112,2	114,2	125,6	85,5	116,2	132,4	149,5	144,1	125,6	122,7
2000	126,2	138,1	151										
Metal products, machinery and equipment													
1999	92,6	94,4	118,4	108	100	119,2	96,9	92	116,6	110,3	111,1	124,3	107,0
2000	98,3	109,3	127,7										
Construction													
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										

Gross indices
(1995=100)
Volume indices of
new orders

Trend cycle
(1995=100)
After elimination of
seasonal and
accidental variation

Chemicals and
chemicals products
—
Metal products,
machinery and
equipment
- - -
Construction
- - - - -



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

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Industrial branches / Main industrial groupings	Belgium	Flanders	Wallonia	Brussels
Textiles and textiles products	↗	↗	↘	↗
Wearing apparel and fur	↘	→	↘	↘
Pulp, paper and paper products	↗	↗	↗	↗
Chemicals and chemicals products	↗	↗	↗	→
Basic metals	↗	↗	→	→
Metal products, machinery and equipment	↗	↗	↘	↗
Fabricated metal products, except machinery and equipment	↗	↗	↗	↘
Machinery and equipment	↗	↗	↗	↘
Electrical and optical equipment	→	↗	↘	↗
Motor vehicles, trailers and semi-trailers	↗	↗	→	↘
Other transport equipment	↘	↘	↘	↘
Construction	↘	↘	↘	→



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April 2000 : rise in new orders confirmation of conjunctural improvement

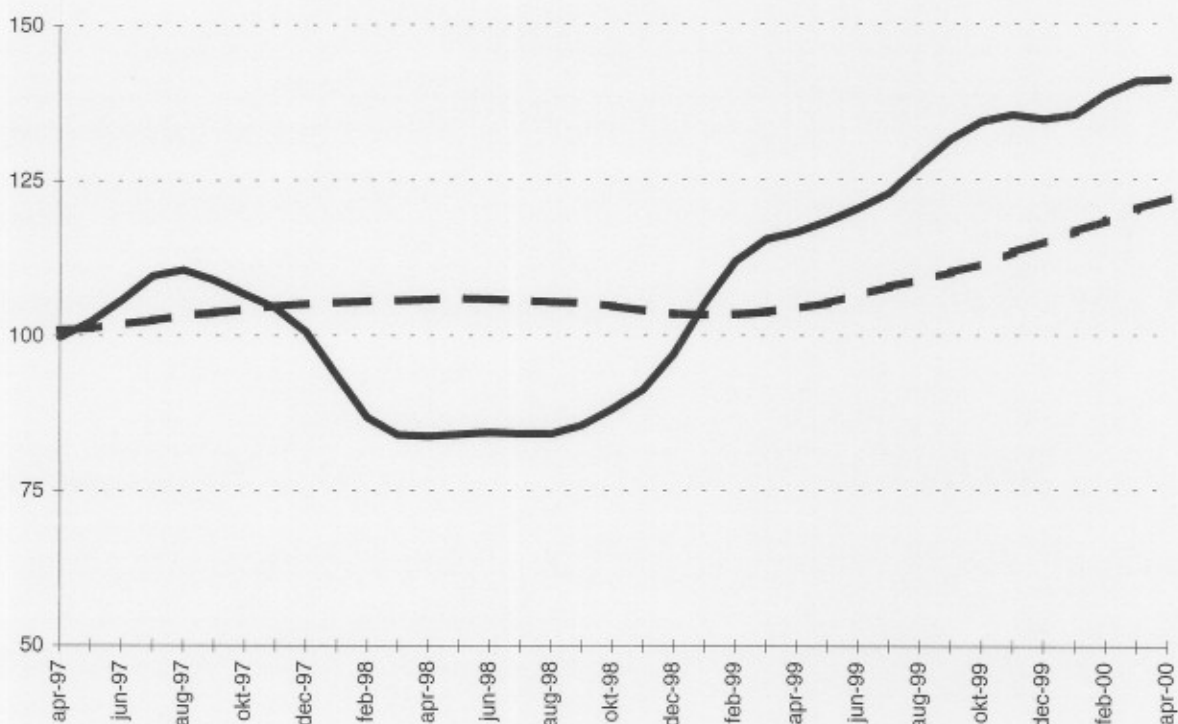
Gross figures of new orders in april 2000 show for Belgium, compared with the same month in the preceding year, an evolution of +26,8% for the chemical industry and +10,5% for the metal-using industry. Trends of the last three months compared with the three preceding months are +3,7% for the chemical 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).

Gross indices
(1995=100)
Volume indices of
new orders

	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Year
Chemicals and chemicals products													
1999	119,1	115,3	132,1	112,2	114,2	125,6	85,5	116,2	132,4	149,5	144,1	125,6	122,7
2000	137,4	144	155,5	142,3									
Metal products, machinery and equipment													
1999	92,6	94,4	118,4	108	100	119,2	96,9	92	116,6	110,3	111,1	124,3	107,0
2000	99,5	111,1	133,5	119,4									

Trend cycle
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Wearing apparel and fur	↘	→	↗	↘
Pulp, paper and paper products	↗	↗	↗	↗
Chemicals and chemicals products	↗	↗	↗	→
Basic metals	↗	↗	↗	→
Metal products, machinery and equipment	↗	↗	→	↗
Fabricated metal products, except machinery and equipment	↗	→	→	↘
Machinery and equipment	↗	→	↗	↘
Electrical and optical equipment	↗	↗	↘	↗
Motor vehicles, trailers and semi-trailers	↗	↗	↗	↗
Other transport equipment	↗	↗	↗	↗



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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.

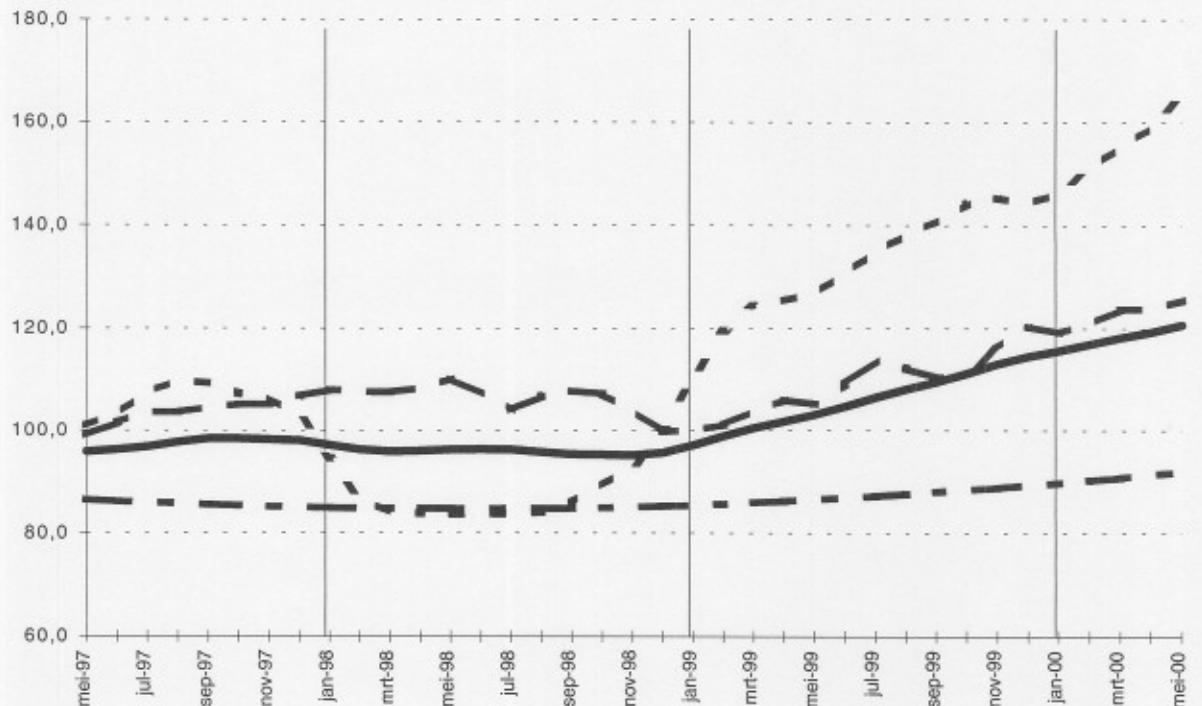
The strong and persistent rise of new orders in all sectors, except textiles and textile products (-0.7%), and in all regions provides no sign yet of any downturn in the months ahead.

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Gross indices (1995=100)													
Volume indices of new orders													
Industry producing to order													
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
2000	113,7	125,3	140,3	124,2	133,6								
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								

	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Year
Seasonally adjusted indices (1995=100)													
After elimination of seasonal variation													
Industry producing to order													
1999	103,2	102,3	107,5	107,8	105,7	110,2	111	113,9	115,3	116,6	120,7	123,5	111,5
2000	121,2	126,3	127,5	126,9	132,7								
Construction													
1999	83,6	87,2	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

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



Evolution of trend cycle
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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 textiles products	↗	↗	↘	↗
Wearing apparel and fur	↗	↗	↗	↘
Pulp, paper and paper products	↗	↗	↗	↗
Chemicals and chemical products	↗	↗	↗	→
Basic metals	↗	→	↗	→
Metal products, machinery and equipment	↗	↗	↗	→
Fabricated metal products, except machinery and equipment	↗	↗	↗	→
Machinery and equipment	↗	↗	↗	↘
Electrical and optical equipment	↗	↗	↘	↗
Transport equipment	↗	↗	↗	↘
Construction	↗	↗	↗	↘



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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.

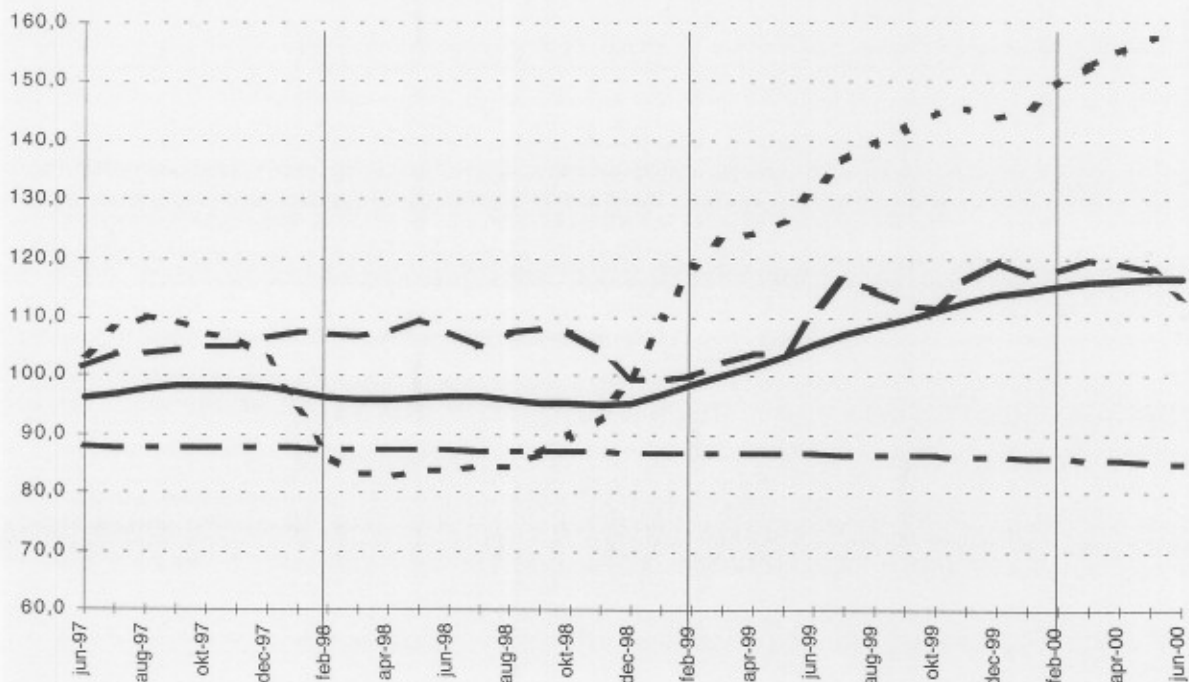
The sector overview shows that sectors rising and falling are more or less in balance. The decrease of new orders in construction and in some other sectors is probably due to the summer holidays rather than to an approaching downturn.

Gross indices (1995=100)
Volume indices of new orders

	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	Juny	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Year
Industry producing to order													
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
2000	113,7	125,3	140,3	124	133,8	124,7							
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	81,2	86,4	86,1							
Seasonally adjusted indices (1995=100)													
After elimination of seasonal variation													
Industry producing to order													
1999	102,9	101,9	107	107,2	104,5	113,6	112	114,7	115,7	116,7	120,3	122,7	111,6
2000	119,9	124,4	125	123,8	129,4	123,4							
Construction													
1999	83	86,5	80,4	80,1	83,7	89,4	89,6	92,6	86,9	87,6	93,2	95,6	87,4
2000	91,3	86,4	93,2	76,5	85,2	79,6							

Trend cycle (1995=100)
After elimination of seasonal and accidental variation

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



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

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Industry and construction producing to order	↗	↗	↗↗	↗↗
Industry producing to order	↗	↗↗	↗↗	↗↗
Manufacture of textiles and textile products	↘	↗	→	↘↘
Textiles and textiles products	↗	↗↗	↗	↗↗
Wearing apparel and fur	↘↘	↘	↘↘	↘↘
Pulp, paper and paper products	↗↗	↗↗	↗	↗↗
Chemicals and chemical products	↗↗	↗↗	↘↘	→
Basic metals	↘↘	↘↘	↗↗	→
Metal products, machinery and equipment	↘	→	↘	↘
Fabricated metal products, except machinery and equipment	↗	↗	↗	↘
Machinery and equipment	→	↘	↗	↘↘
Electrical and optical equipment	↗↗	↗↗	↘↘	↗↗
Transport equipment	↘	↘	↗↗	↘↘
Construction	↘	→	↗	↘↘



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Belgium - July 2000: new orders up by 5.2%

Economic perspectives remain good

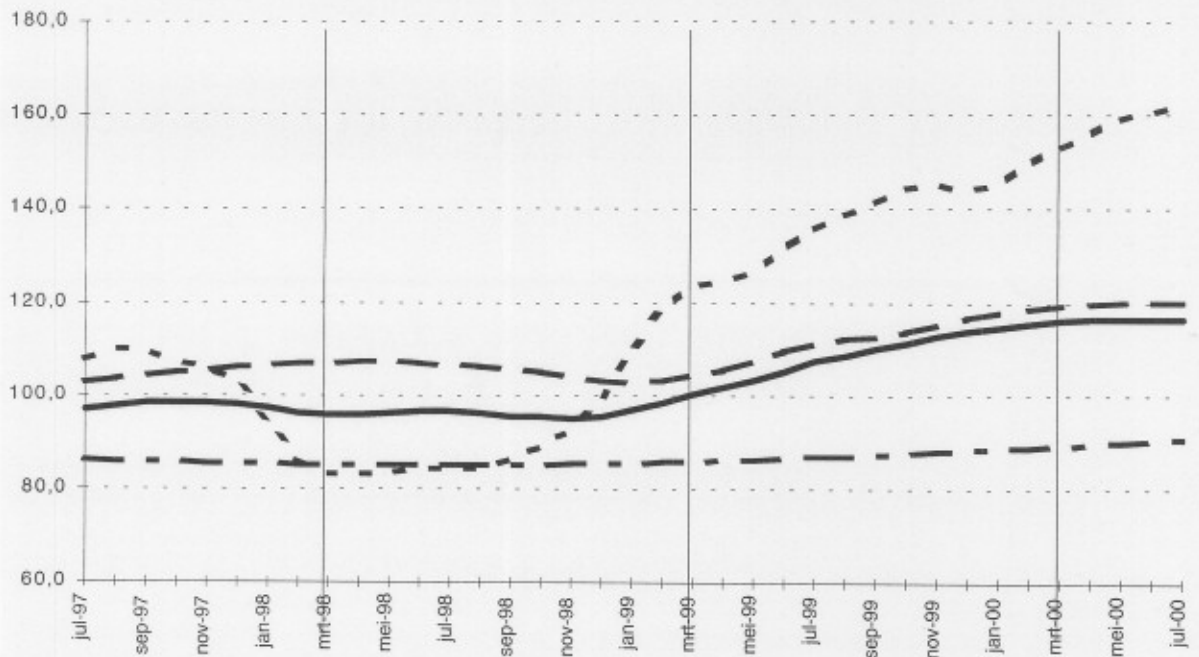
In July 2000, compared to July of the previous year, Belgium's gross **new orders** in industry and construction producing to order increased by 5,2%. The **trend** of the last three months, when compared with the previous three months, shows a status quo (0,3%) for Belgium as a whole. At the regional 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 construction shows a less strong increase. Values still indicate a favorable economic situation.

Gross indices (1995=100)
Volume indices of new orders

	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	Juny	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Year
Industry producing to order													
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
2000	113,7	125,3	140,3	124	134,4	126,5	110,7						
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	81,2	89,2	88,9	64						
Seasonally adjusted indices (1995=100) After elimination of seasonal variation													
Industry producing to order													
1999	102,9	101,9	106,9	107,1	104,2	112,9	113	115	115,9	116,8	120,4	122,6	111,6
2000	119,8	124,1	124,7	123,3	128,9	123,3	124,6						
Construction													
1999	83,4	87,1	81	80,7	83,8	89,6	89,2	91,9	86,3	87,1	92,8	95,3	87,4
2000	91,8	87	94	77,2	88,1	82,8	90						

Trend cycle (1995=100)
After elimination of seasonal and accidental variation



Industry and construction :

- Metal products, machinery and equipment :
- - - Chemicals and chemical products :
- . - . Construction :

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

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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 textiles products	→	↗	↘↘	↘↘
Wearing apparel and fur	↘↘	↘	↘↘	↘↘
Pulp, paper and paper products	↗	↗↗	↘	↗↗
Chemicals and chemical products	↗↗	↗↗	→	→
Basic metals	↘	↘↘	↗↗	→
Metal products, machinery and equipment	→	↗	↗	↗↗
Fabricated metal products, except machinery and equipment	↗	↗	→	↗
Machinery and equipment	↗↗	↗	↗↗	↘↘
Electrical and optical equipment	↗↗	↗↗	↘↘	↗↗
Transport equipment	↘↘	↗	↗↗	↘↘
Construction	↗	↗	→	↘





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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.

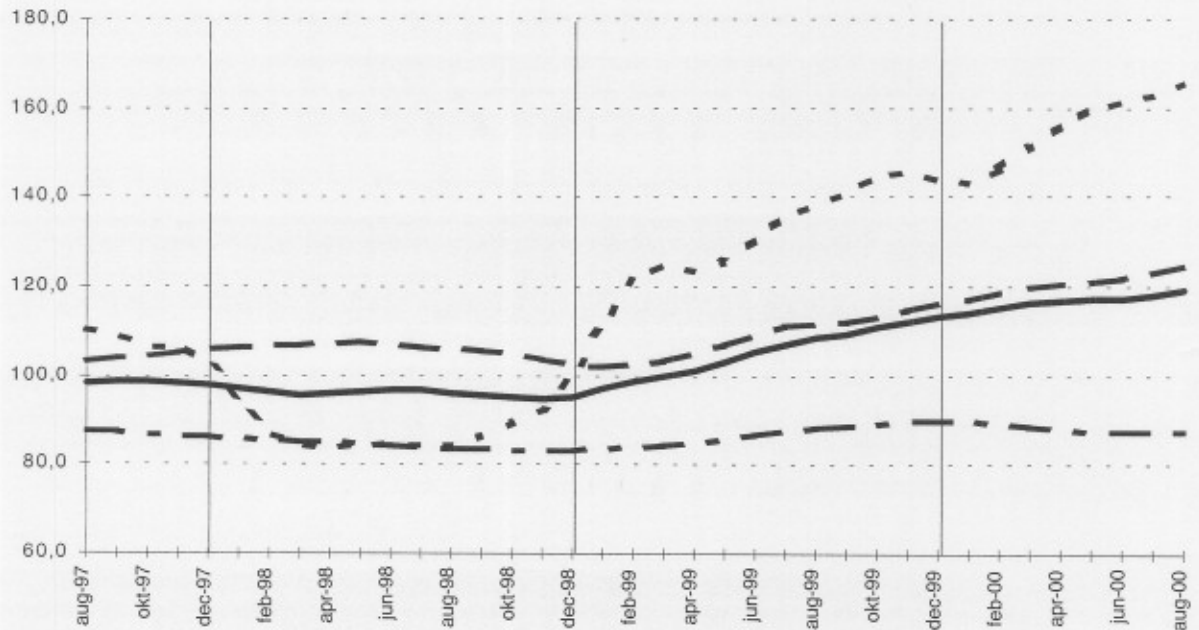
Gross indices (1995=100)

Volume indices of new orders

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2000	113,7	125,3	140,3	124	134,4	128,3	109,3	119,6					
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	81,2	89,2	90,3	63,8	88,4					
Seasonally adjusted indices (1995=100)													
After elimination of seasonal variation													
Industry producing to order													
1999	103,3	103,5	106,4	105,8	104,7	112	115,3	113	115	117	120,1	122	111,5
2000	118,8	122,5	125,6	125,4	129,2	124,6	124,8	130,5					
Construction													
1999	85,1	86,6	78,9	81,5	83,9	87	89	91,3	86,1	88,8	92,4	94,5	87,1
2000	92	88,4	92,4	83,4	84,8	82,2	90,6	86,1					

Trend cycle (1995=100)

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Industry and construction :

Metal products, machinery and equipment :

Chemicals and chemical products :

Construction :

Evolution of trend cycle

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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	→	↗	↘	↗
Chemicals and chemical products	↗	↗	→	→
Basic metals	↗	↗	→	→
Metal products, machinery and equipment	↗	→	↗	↗
Fabricated metal products, except machinery and equipment	↗	↗	→	→
Machinery and equipment	↗	↘	↗	↘
Electrical and optical equipment	↗	↗	↗	↘
Transport equipment	↗	↘	↗	↗
Construction	↘	→	→	↗



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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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2000	113,7	125,3	140,3	124	134,4	128,3	110,8	115,2	124,5				
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	81,2	89,2	90,3	62	87,6	97,1				
Industry producing to order													
1999	103,3	103,4	106,3	105,6	104,4	111,5	114,1	113,3	116,8	117,6	120,7	122,3	111,6
2000	118,9	122,4	125,2	124,6	128,1	123,1	123,5	126,4	123,6				
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1999	85,2	86,6	79	81,5	84	87,1	89,7	91,8	85,3	88,5	92,2	94,3	87,1
2000	92	88,5	92,5	83,3	84,9	82,3	89,6	85,9	91,1				

Seasonally adjusted indices
(1995=100)
After elimination of
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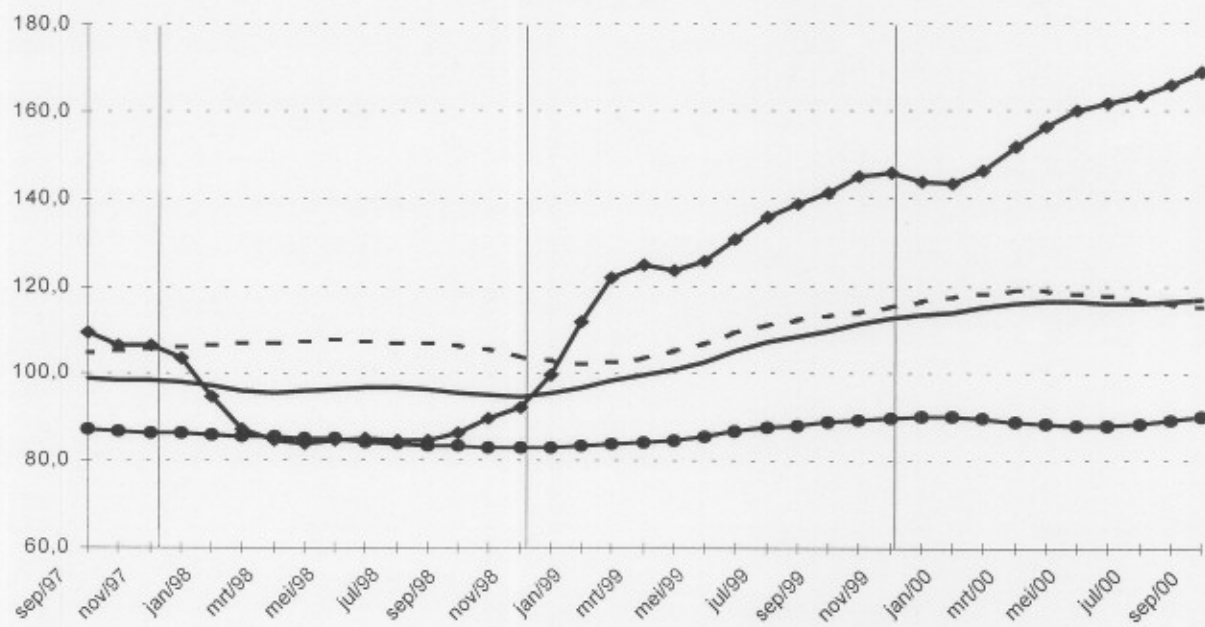
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Industry and construction producing to order	→	↘	→	↗↗
Industry producing to order	→	↘	↘	↗↗
Manufacture of textiles and textile products	↘	↗	↘↘	↘↘
Textiles and textile products	↗	↗	↘↘	→
Wearing apparel and fur	↘↘	↘	↘	↗
Pulp, paper and paper products	↗	↗	→	↗
Chemicals and chemical products	↗↗	↗↗	→	→
Basic metals	↗	→	↘	→
Metal products, machinery and equipment	↘	↘↘	↗	→
Fabricated metal products, except machinery and equipment	↗	↗	↗	↘↘
Machinery and equipment	↘	↘	↗↗	↘↘
Electrical and optical equipment	↗↗	↗↗	↘↘	↘↘
Transport equipment	↘	→	↗↗	↗↗
Construction	↗	↗	↗	↗↗

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 unequivocally 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.

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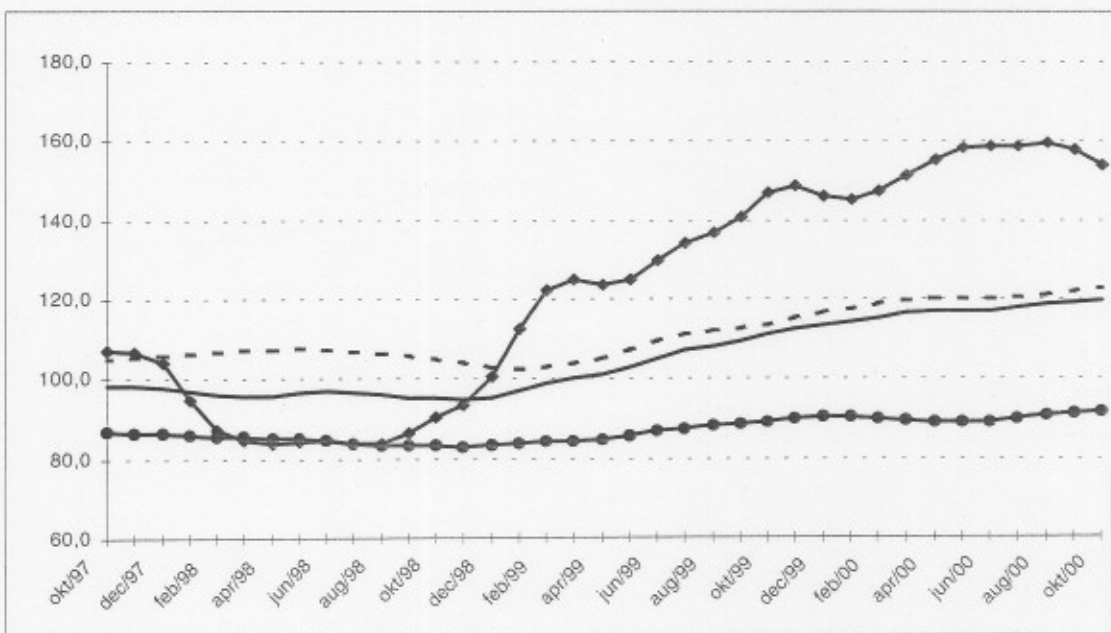
New orders

Gross indices (1995=100)
Volume indices of new orders

	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Year
Industry producing to order													
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
2000	113,7	125,3	140,3	124	134,4	128,3	110,8	116,2	133,3	134,4			
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	81,2	89,2	90,3	62	97	102,5	93,2			
Industry producing to order													
1999	103,2	103,4	106,5	105,8	104,5	111,9	114,4	113,5	114,8	118	120,6	122,4	111,6
2000	119	122,6	125,5	124,8	128,8	123,7	124,2	127,7	128,2	127			
Construction													
1999	85,3	86,7	79	81,6	84,3	87,3	90,1	89,8	84,2	89,6	92,3	94,4	87,1
2000	92,1	88,8	92,6	83,9	85,1	82,7	90,2	92,8	95,4	88,6			

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

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



Industry and construction :
Metal products, machinery and equipment :
Chemicals and chemical products :
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%
↘↘ < -2.5%

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	↘	↗	↘↘	↘
Chemicals and chemical products	↘	↗↗	↗	→
Basic metals	↗↗	↗	↗↗	→
Metal products, machinery and equipment	↗	↘	↗↗	↗↗
Fabricated metal products, except machinery and equipment	↗	↗	↗	↗↗
Machinery and equipment	↗	↗↗	↗	↘↘
Electrical and optical equipment	↗↗	↗↗	↘↘	↘
Transport equipment	↗	↘↘	↗↗	↗↗
Construction	↗	↗	↗	→

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.

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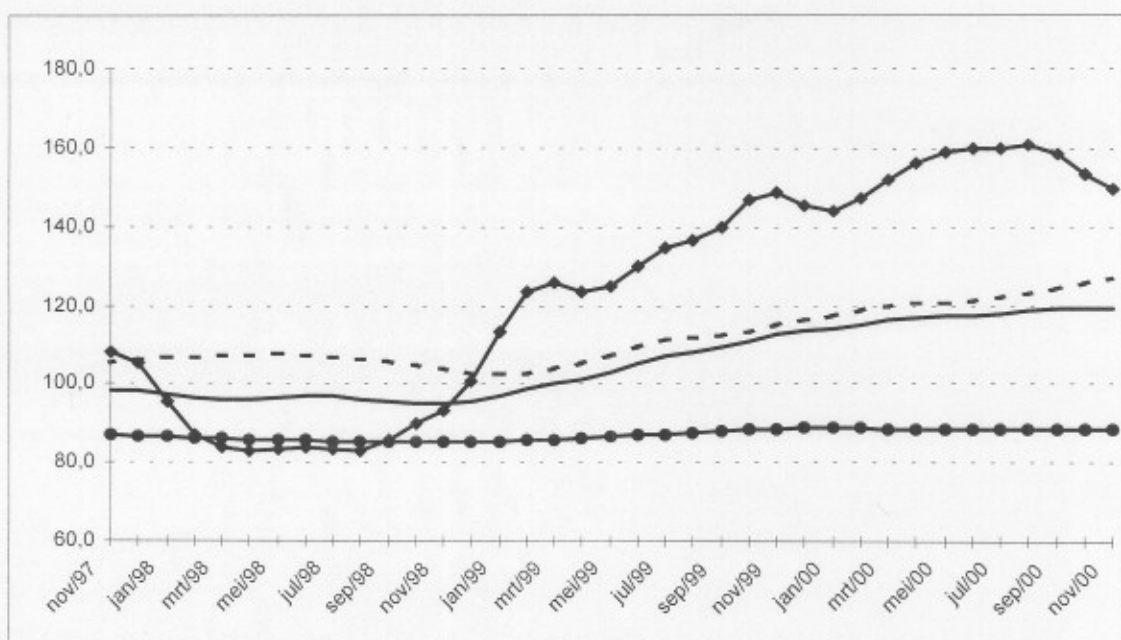
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Construction													
1999	75,7	80,9	87,2	84,8	85,4	97,3	63,5	93,7	92,7	92,6	95,2	100,8	87,5
2000	84,6	80,3	101	81,2	89,2	90,3	62	97	102,8	93,9	86,4		
Industry producing to order													
1999	103,2	103,4	106,7	105,9	104,5	112	114,7	113,7	113,9	117,3	121,3	122,5	111,6
2000	119	122,7	125,9	125	129,1	123,8	124,3	127,9	129,8	128,4	128,2		
Construction													
1999	85	86,8	79,2	81,6	84	87,3	89,7	89,7	84	88,8	94	95,1	87,1
2000	92,2	88,3	92,7	83,1	85,1	82,4	89,7	92,7	95,1	88,5	84		

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

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

Industry and construction :
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Metal products, machinery and equipment :
- - -
Chemicals and chemical products :
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Construction :
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Evolution of trend cycle
Last three months compared to the previous three months

// > 2.5%
 / 0.5% to 2.5%
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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	→	/	\	→
Chemicals and chemical products	\ \	\ \	→	→
Basic metals	//	//	/	→
Metal products, machinery and equipment	//	/	→	//
Fabricated metal products, except machinery and equipment	/	/	→	//
Machinery and equipment	/	/	/	\ \
Electrical and optical equipment	/	//	\	/
Transport equipment	//	//	//	//
Construction	→	/	\	\ \

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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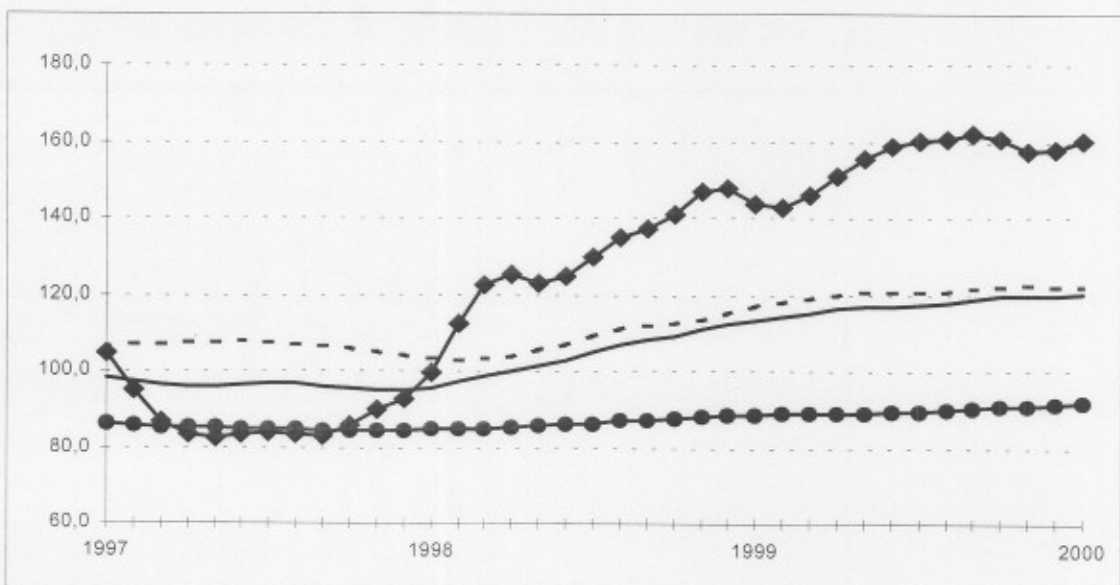
New orders

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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	81,2	89,2	90,3	62	97	102,8	94	87,8	96	88,9
Industry producing to order													
1999	103,4	103,5	106,5	105,7	104,6	111,8	114,7	113,5	113,8	116,8	120,7	123,3	111,5
2000	119,2	122,8	125,9	125,4	129	123,9	124,4	127,7	129,7	128,8	128,5	127,8	126,1
Construction													
1999	85	86,7	79,3	81,7	84	87,5	89,8	90	84,3	89	94,1	94,1	87,1
2000	92,2	88,5	92,8	83	85,3	82,5	89,7	93	95,4	89	85,7	93,3	89,2

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

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



Industry and
construction :
—◆—
Metal products,
machinery and
equipment :
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Chemicals and
chemical products :
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Construction :
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Evolution of trend
cycle
Last three months
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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	→	↗↗	↘↘	↗
Chemicals and chemical products	↘	↗↗	↗	→
Basic metals	↗↗	↗↗	↗	→
Metal products, machinery and equipment	↗	→	→	↘
Fabricated metal products, except machinery and equipment	↗	↗	↗	↗↗
Machinery and equipment	↗↗	↗	↗↗	↘↘
Electrical and optical equipment	↘	↘	↗	↗
Transport equipment	↗	↗	↗	↗↗
Construction	↗	→	↗↗	↗↗

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.

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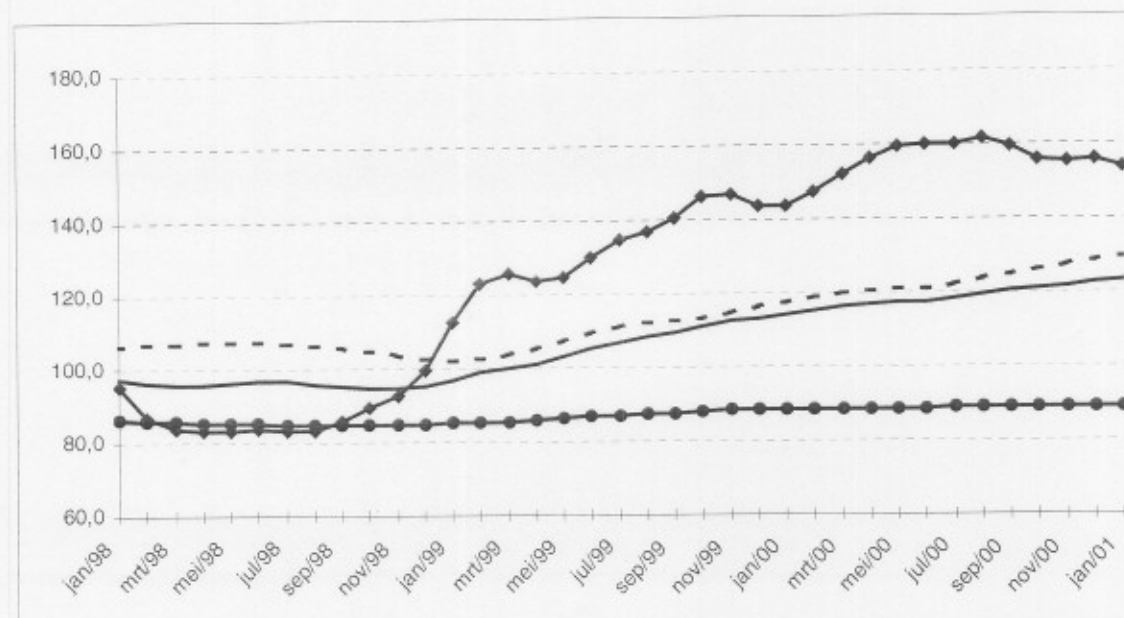
New orders

Gross indices (1995=100)
Volume indices of new orders

	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Year
Industry producing to order													
2000	113,7	125,3	140,3	124	134,4	128,3	110,8	116,2	136,8	139,2	132,2	126,5	127,3
2001	131,8												
Construction													
2000	84,6	80,3	101	81,2	89,2	90,3	62	97	102,8	94	87,3	87	88,1
2001	80,5												
Industry producing to order													
2000	118,5	122,4	125,7	125	129,3	124,2	125	128,8	131	130,6	132,1	134,1	127,2
2001	135,7												
Construction													
2000	92,6	88,1	92,5	83,4	84,9	82,3	89,7	92,5	95,1	88,6	84,5	86,6	88,4
2001	86,9												

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

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



Industry and construction :
—●—
Metal products, machinery and equipment :
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Chemicals and chemical products :
◆◆◆◆◆
Construction :
■ ■ ■ ■ ■

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

↗↗ > 2.5%
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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	↘	↗	↘↘	↗
Chemicals and chemical products	↘↘	↗↗	↗↗	→
Basic metals	↗↗	↗↗	↗↗	→
Metal products, machinery and equipment	↗↗	↗↗	↗↗	↘↘
Fabricated metal products, except machinery and equipment	↗	↗↗	↗↗	↗↗
Machinery and equipment	↗↗	↗↗	↗	↘↘
Electrical and optical equipment	↗	↗	↗↗	↘
Transport equipment	→	↗	↗↗	↗↗
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%).

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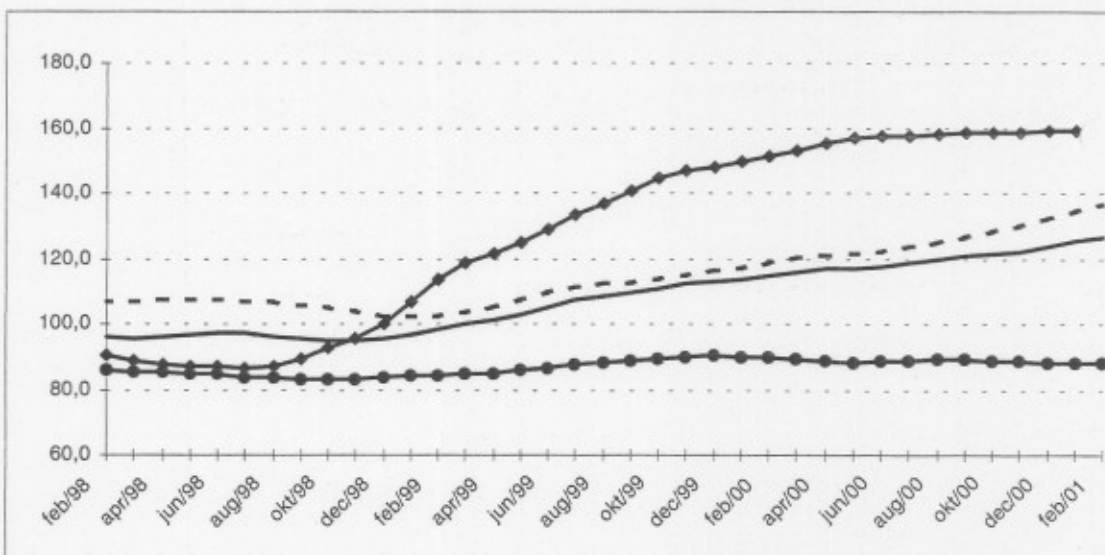
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Industry producing to order													
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2001	144,6	138,4											
Construction													
2000	84,6	80,3	101,0	81,2	89,2	90,3	62,0	97,0	102,8	94,0	87,3	89,1	88,2
2001	80,8	79,1											

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

	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Year
Industry producing to order													
2000	114,8	121,7	125,8	125,6	129,0	123,8	125,5	129,4	131,3	131,2	132,5	133,9	127,0
2001	142,8	139,8											
Construction													
2000	92,6	89,0	92,9	83,0	85,0	82,3	89,7	92,7	95,1	88,5	84,4	87,8	88,6
2001	87,2	84,8											

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



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

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

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Industrial branches	Belgium	Flanders	Wallonia	Brusse...
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	→	/	\	→
Chemicals and chemical products	/	\	→	
Basic metals	//	//	\	
Metal products, machinery and equipment	//	//	/	\\
Fabricated metal products, except machinery and equipment	/	/	/	\
Machinery and equipment	/	→	/	\\
Electrical and optical equipment	//	//	\\	//
Transport equipment	//	//	/	
Construction	\	/	\	→

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 quarterly 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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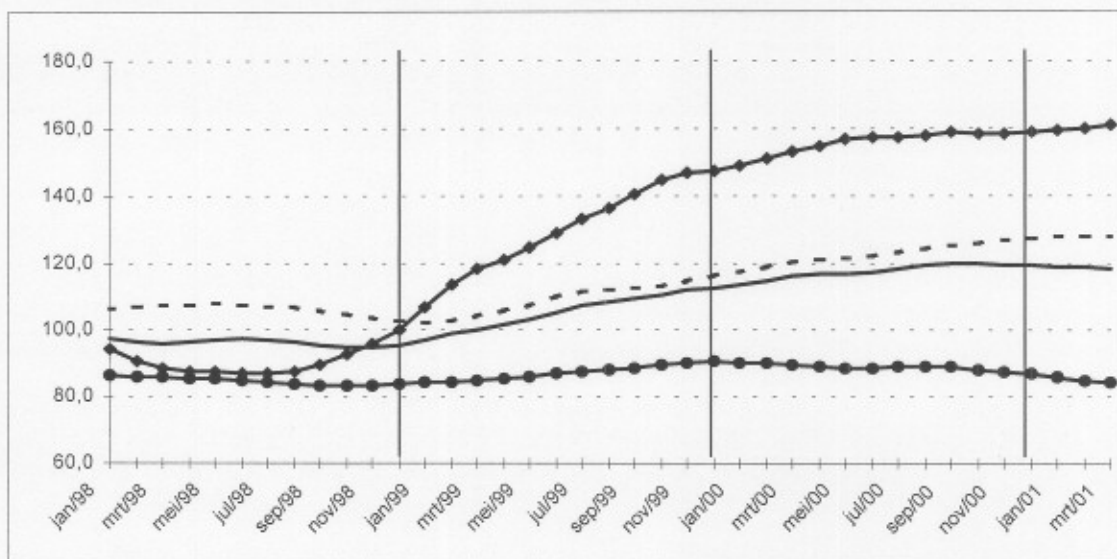
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Volume indices of
new orders

	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Year
Industry producing to 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	128	138,5										
Construction													
2000	84,6	80,3	101	81,2	89,2	90,3	62	97	102,8	94	87,3	89,1	88,2
2001	79,7	80	84,8										
Industry producing to order													
2000	117,3	122,4	127,9	125,9	129,7	123,8	124,9	128,6	129,8	129,3	130,2	130,5	126,7
2001	85,8	84,5	79,7										
Construction													
2000	117,3	122,4	127,9	125,9	129,7	123,8	124,9	128,6	129,8	129,3	130,2	130,5	126,7
2001	85,8	84,5	79,7										

Seasonally
adjusted indices
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After elimination
of seasonal variation

Trend cycle
(1995=100)
Adjusted for
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Industry and
construction :

Metal products,
machinery and
equipment :

Chemicals and
chemical products :

Construction :

Evolution of trend
cycle
Last three months
compared to the
previous three
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↗↗ > 2.5%
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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	→	↗	↗	→
Chemicals and chemical products	↗	↘	→	→
Basic metals	↗	→	→	→
Metal products, machinery and equipment	↗	→	↗	↘↘
Fabricated metal products, except machinery and equipment	↗	→	↗	↘
Machinery and equipment	↘↘	↘	→	↘
Electrical and optical equipment	↗	↗↗	↘↘	↗↗
Transport equipment	↗	↗↗	↗	→
Construction	↘↘	↗	↘	→

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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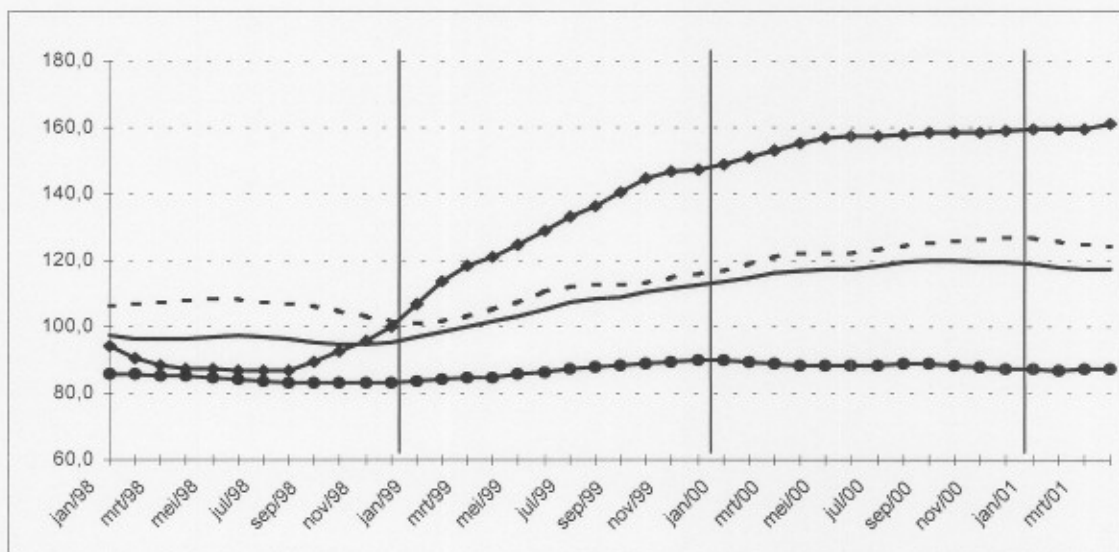
New orders

Gross indices (1995=100)
Volume indices of new orders

	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Year
Industry producing to 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	136,1	124,5									
Construction													
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	85,7	87,6									
Industry producing to order (Seasonally adjusted)													
2000	116,7	122,3	128	127	130	124,1	125	128,6	129,7	129	129,8	130	126,7
2001	131,2	129	126,4	126,6									
Construction (Seasonally adjusted)													
2000	92,6	89,1	94,6	82,7	85	82,1	89,4	92,4	94,8	88,1	84,2	87,4	88,5
2001	86,8	84,4	81,1	87,7									

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

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



Industry and construction :
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Metal products, machinery and equipment :
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Chemicals and chemical products :
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Construction :
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Evolution of trend cycle
Last three months compared to the previous three months

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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	→	↗	↗	↘
Chemicals and chemical products	↗	↘	↘	→
Basic metals	→	↘	↗	→
Metal products, machinery and equipment	↘	↘	↗	↘↘
Fabricated metal products, except machinery and equipment	↗	→	↗	↘
Machinery and equipment	↘↘	↘	→	↗↗
Electrical and optical equipment	↘	→	↘↘	↗
Transport equipment	↗	→	↗	→
Construction	→	↗↗	↗	→

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 last year; the trend has been declining since. Particularly in metalworking industry (-3.7%) and manufacture of basic metals (-3.4%) the situation has deteriorated. Chemical industry also quotes considerable losses. The paper and cardboard industry (+4.2%) stands out as a positive exception.

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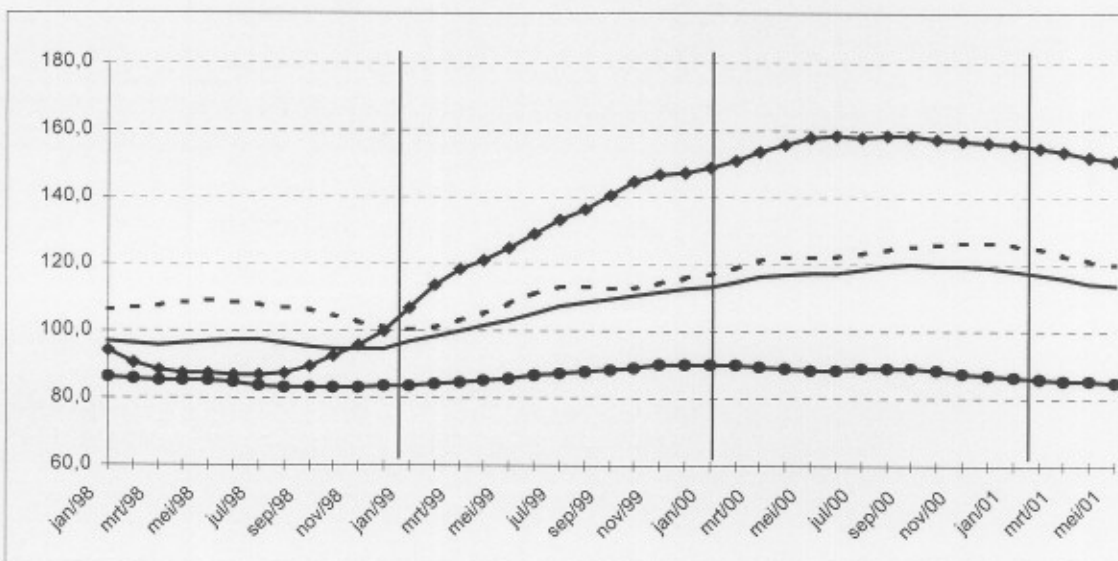
New orders

Gross indices (1995=100)
Volume indices of new orders

	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Year
Industry producing to 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	120,3	125								
Construction													
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	87,5	83,4								
Industry producing to order													
2000	116,3	122,1	127,6	127,4	131,2	124,5	125,3	128,8	129,6	128,9	129,5	129,4	126,7
2001	130,5	127,9	124,9	123,1	122,8								
Construction													
2000	92,2	88,9	94,1	82	86,3	82,3	89,5	92,7	94,8	88,2	84,3	87,1	88,5
2001	86,5	84	81,3	86,9	80,8								

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

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



Industry and construction :

Metal products, machinery and equipment :

Chemicals and chemical products :

Construction :

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

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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	↗↗	↗	↗↗	↘
Chemicals and chemical products	↘	↘	↘↘	→
Basic metals	↘↘	↘↘	→	→
Metal products, machinery and equipment	↘↘	↘	↘	↘↘
Fabricated metal products, except machinery and equipment	↘↘	↘	↘	↘
Machinery and equipment	↘↘	↘↘	→	↘
Electrical and optical equipment	↘↘	↘	↘↘	↘
Transport equipment	→	↘	→	→
Construction	↘	↘	→	→

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.

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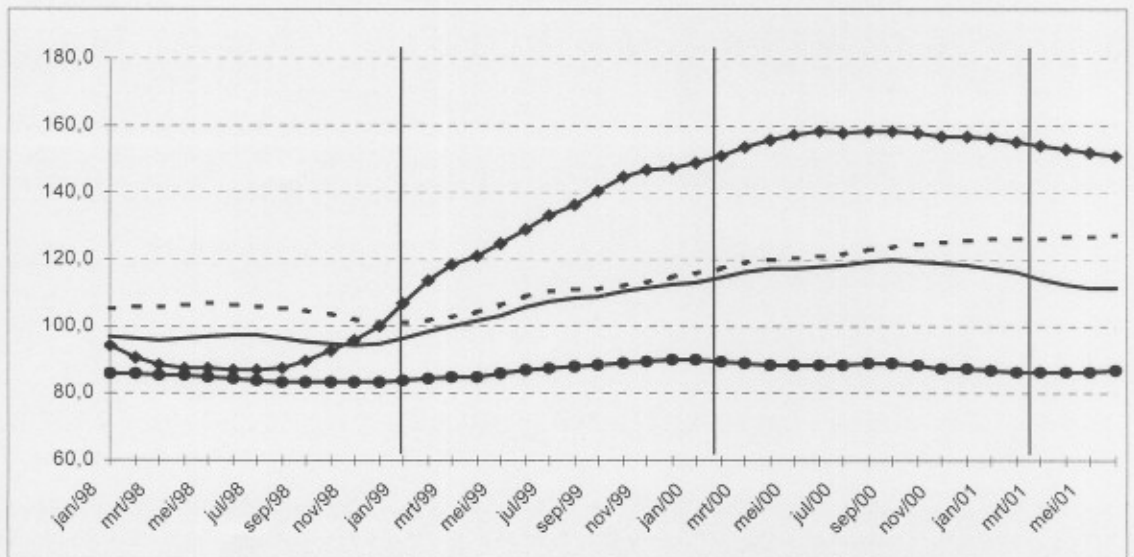
New orders

Gross indices (1995=100)
Volume indices of new orders

	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Year
Industry producing to 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	119,8	121,6							
Construction													
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	85,5	92,5							
Industry producing to order (Seasonally adjusted)													
2000	116	122	127,1	128,5	132	124,6	125,4	128,8	129,5	128,6	129,1	128,8	126,7
2001	129,8	127	124	118,9	119	120,9							
Construction (Seasonally adjusted)													
2000	92,4	89	94,3	82,2	86,2	82,3	89,4	92,5	94,7	88,1	84,2	87,1	88,5
2001	86,7	84,2	81,6	87,7	82,7	85,9							

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

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



Industry and construction :
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Metal products, machinery and equipment :
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Chemicals and chemical products :
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Construction :
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Evolution of trend cycle
Last three months compared to the previous three months

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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	↘	→	↗↗	→
Chemicals and chemical products	↘	↘	↘	→
Basic metals	↘	↘	↘	→
Metal products, machinery and equipment	↘	→	↘	↘↘
Fabricated metal products, except machinery and equipment	↘↘	↘↘	↘	↘
Machinery and equipment	↘↘	↘↘	→	↗↗
Electrical and optical equipment	↘↘	→	↘↘	↘↘
Transport equipment	↗↗	↗↗	→	→
Construction	→	↘	→	→

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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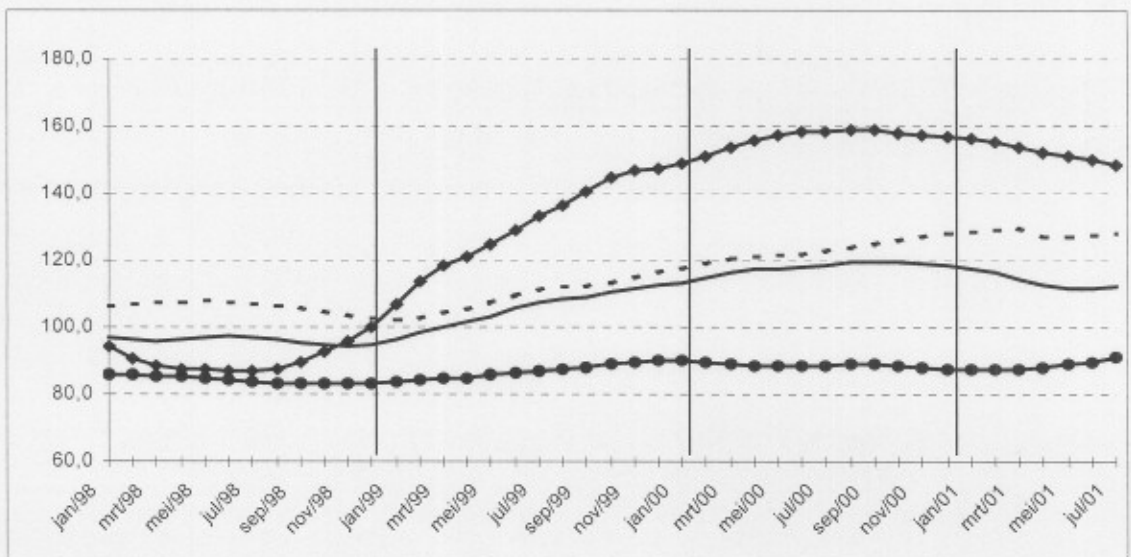
Gross indices (1995=100)
Volume indices of new orders

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Industry producing to order													
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2001	129,8	127,5	135,6	114,1	119,5	118,3	108						
Construction													
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	86,5	90,7	43,7						

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

	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Year
Industry producing to order													
2000	116	121,9	127	128,5	131,9	125,4	125,3	128,8	129,5	128,6	129	128,8	126,7
2001	129,7	126,8	123,8	118,7	118,6	118,9	120,1						
Construction													
2000	92,7	89,1	94,4	83,1	86,1	83,1	87,3	92,2	94,7	88,1	84	87,6	88,5
2001	86,8	84,6	82	88,4	83,8	85,5	70,4						

Trend cycle (1995=100)
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Construction :

Evolution of trend cycle
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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	↗↗	↘	↗↗	↘
Chemicals and chemical products	↘↘	→	↘	→
Basic metals	↘	↘	↘	→
Metal products, machinery and equipment	↘	→	→	↘↘
Fabricated metal products, except machinery and equipment	↘	↘	↘	↘
Machinery and equipment	↗↗	↗↗	→	↘
Electrical and optical equipment	↘↘	↘↘	↘↘	↘↘
Transport equipment	↘	→	→	→
Construction	↘	↘	↘	→

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 shrank 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.

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Industry producing to 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	131,3	109,9					
Construction													
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 producing to 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					
Construction													
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					

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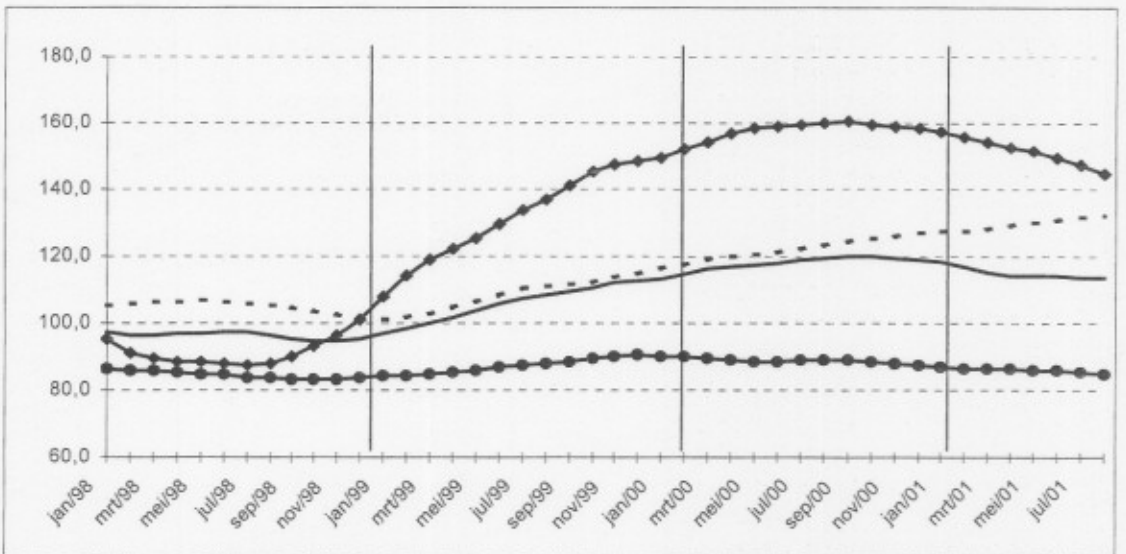
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Industry producing to order	↘	↗↗	→	↘↘
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Textiles and textile products	→	↘	↗	↘
Wearing apparel and fur	↘↘	↘↘	↘	↘↘
Pulp, paper and paper products	↗↗	↗	→	↗
Chemicals and chemical products	↘↘	→	↘	→
Basic metals	↘	↘	↘↘	→
Metal products, machinery and equipment	↗	→	↗	↘↘
Fabricated metal products, except machinery and equipment	↗	↗	↗	↗
Machinery and equipment	↗↗	↘	→	↗
Electrical and optical equipment	↗↗	↗↗	↘↘	↘↘
Transport equipment	↘	↘↘	↗	→
Construction	↘	↗↗	↘	→

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.

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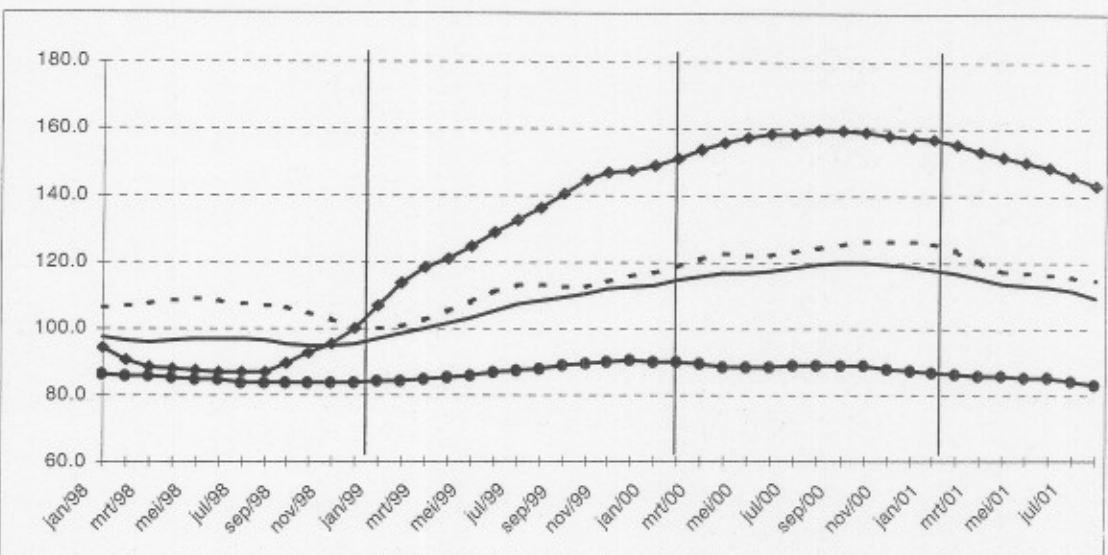
New orders

Gross indices (1995=100)
Volume indices of new orders

	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Year
Industry producing to 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	108.9	115				
Construction													
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				
Industry producing to order (Seasonally adjusted)													
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				
Construction (Seasonally adjusted)													
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				

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



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

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

↗ > 2.5%
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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	↘	↘	↗	↘
Chemicals and chemical products	↗	↗	↗	↗
Basic metals	↗	↗	↗	↗
Metal products, machinery and equipment	↗	↗	↘	↗
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Machinery and equipment	↘	↗	↗	↗
Electrical and optical equipment	↗	↗	↗	↗
Transport equipment	↗	↗	↗	↗
Construction	↗	↗	↗	↗

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.

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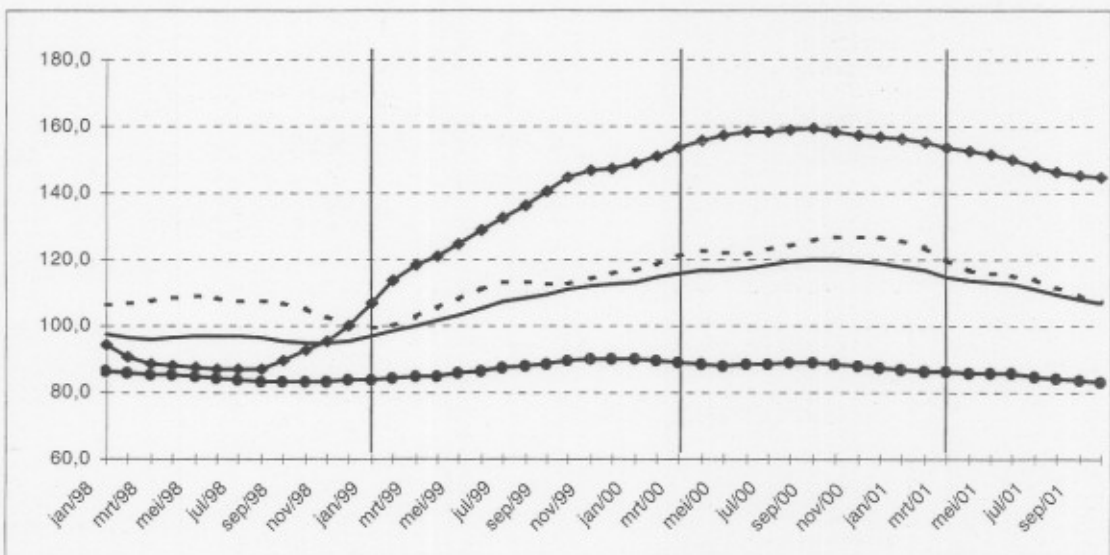
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2001	129,8	127,5	135,6	114,1	126,7	125,2	107,1	107,9	114	125,2			
Construction													
2000	84,6	80,3	101	81,2	89,2	90,3	62	97	102,8	94	87,3	89,1	88,2
2001	80,3	78,9	86,7	88,1	88	97,1	71,7	77,7	85,4	88,1			
Industry producing to order													
2000	116,3	121,9	126,8	128,9	127,9	124,7	126,1	128,1	132	129,6	129,4	130,4	126,8
2001	129,8	127,7	124,3	118,4	122,3	121,8	118,4	118,7	113,3	114			
Construction													
2000	92,5	88,9	93,9	82,2	83,7	82,5	87,2	94,8	96	88,9	84,2	88	88,6
2001	86,4	84,6	81,5	87,3	84,3	89,1	92,9	75,9	80,5	81,4			






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

Industry and construction :

 Metal products, machinery and equipment :

 Chemicals and chemical products :

 Construction :




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

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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	↗	↗	↘	↘
Chemicals and chemical products	↗	↗	↗	↗
Basic metals	↗	↗	↗	→
Metal products, machinery and equipment	↗	↘	→	↘
Fabricated metal products, except machinery and equipment	→	→	↘	↘
Machinery and equipment	↗	↗	→	↗
Electrical and optical equipment	↗	↗	↗	↗
Transport equipment	↗	↗	↗	→
Construction	↘	↘	↘	→

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 shrank 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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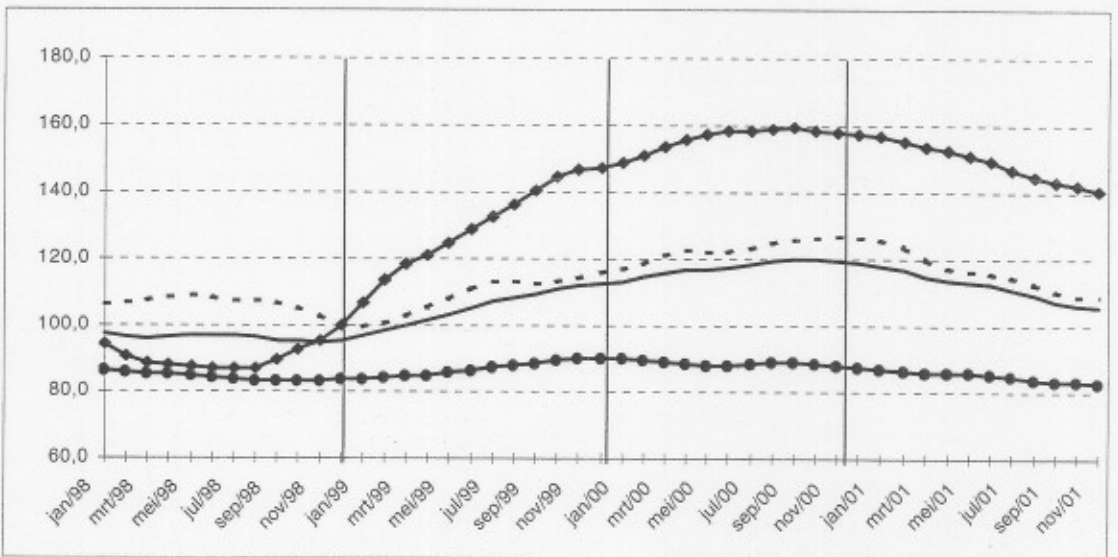
New orders

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Industry producing to 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		
Construction													
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 producing to order													
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Construction													
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		

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

Trend cycle (1995=100)
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Evolution of trend cycle
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Industry producing to order	↗ ↗	↗ ↗	↗ ↗	↗ ↗
Manufacture of textiles and textile products	↘ ↘	↘ ↘	↘ ↘	↘ ↘
Textiles and textile products	→	↘ ↘	↘ ↘	↘ ↘
Wearing apparel and fur	↘ ↘	↘ ↘	→	↘ ↘
Pulp, paper and paper products	↘ ↘	↘ ↘	↘ ↘	↘ ↘
Chemicals and chemical products	↘ ↘	↘ ↘	↘ ↘	↘ ↘
Basic metals	↘ ↘	↘ ↘	↘ ↘	↘ ↘
Metal products, machinery and equipment	↘ ↘	↘ ↘	→	↘ ↘
Fabricated metal products, except machinery and equipment	→	↘ ↘	↘ ↘	→
Machinery and equipment	↘ ↘	↘ ↘	→	↘ ↘
Electrical and optical equipment	↘ ↘	↘ ↘	↘ ↘	↘ ↘
Transport equipment	↘ ↘	↘ ↘	→	→
Construction	↘ ↘	↘ ↘	→	→

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%).

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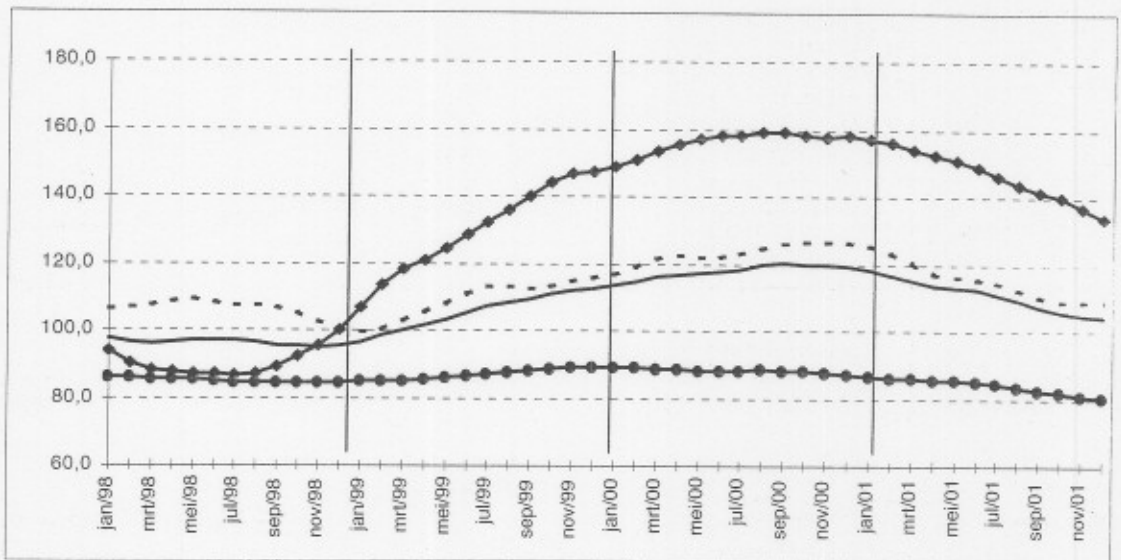
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2001	129,8	127,5	135,6	114,1	126,7	125,2	107,1	107,9	115,5	123,9	114,7	105,2	119,4
Construction													
2000	84,6	80,3	101	81,2	89,2	90,3	62	97	102,8	94	87,3	89,1	88,2
2001	80,3	78,9	86,7	88,1	88	97,1	71,7	77,7	85,1	86,6	76	74,9	82,6
Industry producing to 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
Construction													
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

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

Trend cycle (1995=100)
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Industry and construction :
—
Metal products, machinery and equipment :
- - -
Chemicals and chemical products :
◄ — ►
Construction :
● — ●



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

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Industry producing to order	↗	↘	↘	↘
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Textiles and textile products	↗	↘	↘	↘
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Pulp, paper and paper products	→	↘	→	↘
Chemicals and chemical products	↗	↘	↘	→
Basic metals	↗	↘	↘	→
Metal products, machinery and equipment	↗	↘	↘	↘
Fabricated metal products, except machinery and equipment	↗	↘	↘	↘
Machinery and equipment	↗	↘	↘	↘
Electrical and optical equipment	↗	↘	↘	↘
Transport equipment	↗	↘	↘	↘
Construction	↗	↘	↘	↘

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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2002	119,8												
Construction													
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 producing to 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												
Construction													
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												

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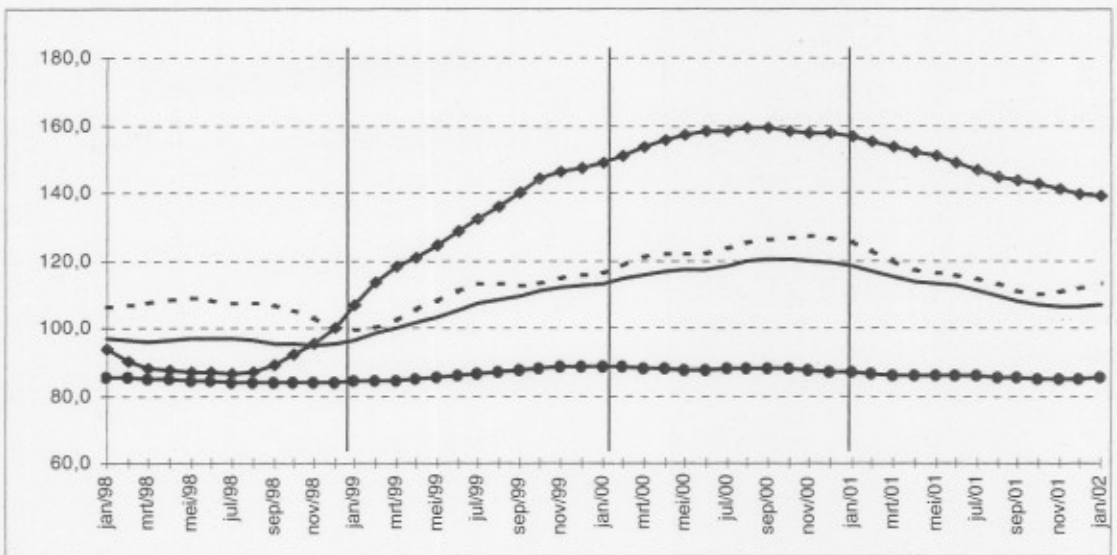
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Textiles and textile products	↗	↗	↘	↘
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Pulp, paper and paper products	↗	↘	↘	→
Chemicals and chemical products	↗	↗	↘	→
Basic metals	↗	↗	↘	→
Metal products, machinery and equipment	→	↗	→	↗
Fabricated metal products, except machinery and equipment	↗	→	→	↗
Machinery and equipment	↗	↗	↘	↗
Electrical and optical equipment	↗	↗	↘	↗
Transport equipment	→	↘	↘	→
Construction	→	↘	↘	↘

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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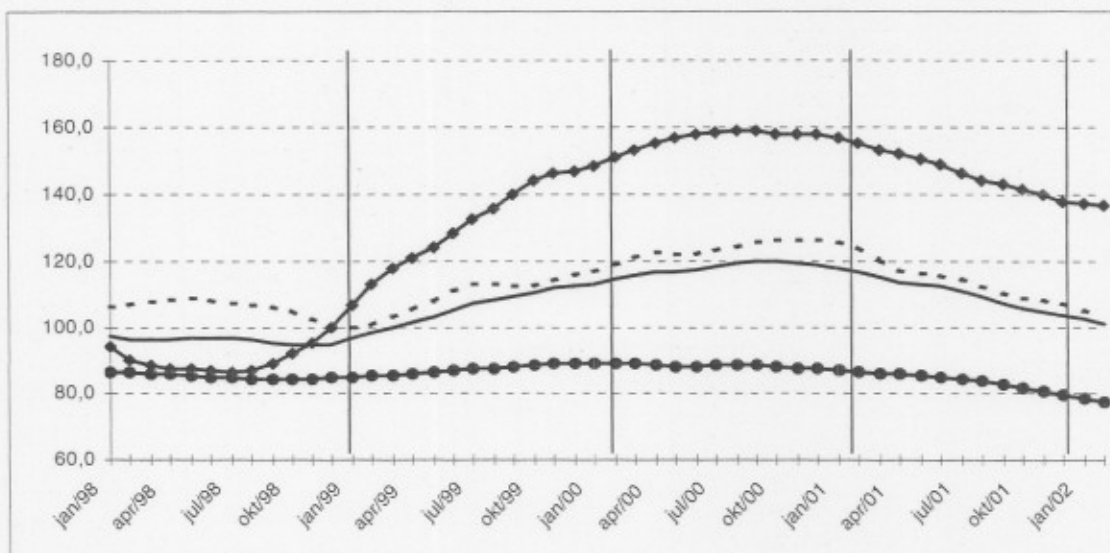
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2002	108,2	109,2											
Construction													
2001	80,3	78,9	86,7	88,1	88	97,1	71,7	77,7	85,1	87,7	79,5	77,9	83,2
2002	79,6	65,1											
Industry producing to order													
2001	130,7	127,8	124,4	118,4	122,3	121,6	118,3	118,5	113,7	113,2	112,4	112,4	119,5
2002	109,2	109,3											
Construction													
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											

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

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

Industry and construction :

- Metal products, machinery and equipment :
- - - - - Chemicals and chemical products :
- ◀ — ▶ 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%
- ↘ < -2.5%

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	→	↘	↗	↘
Chemicals and chemical products	↘	↘	↘	→
Basic metals	↘	↘	↘	→
Metal products, machinery and equipment	↘	↘	→	↗
Fabricated metal products, except machinery and equipment	↘	↘	→	↘
Machinery and equipment	↘	↘	→	↘
Electrical and optical equipment	↘	↘	↘	↘
Transport equipment	↘	↘	↘	→
Construction	↘	↘	↘	↘

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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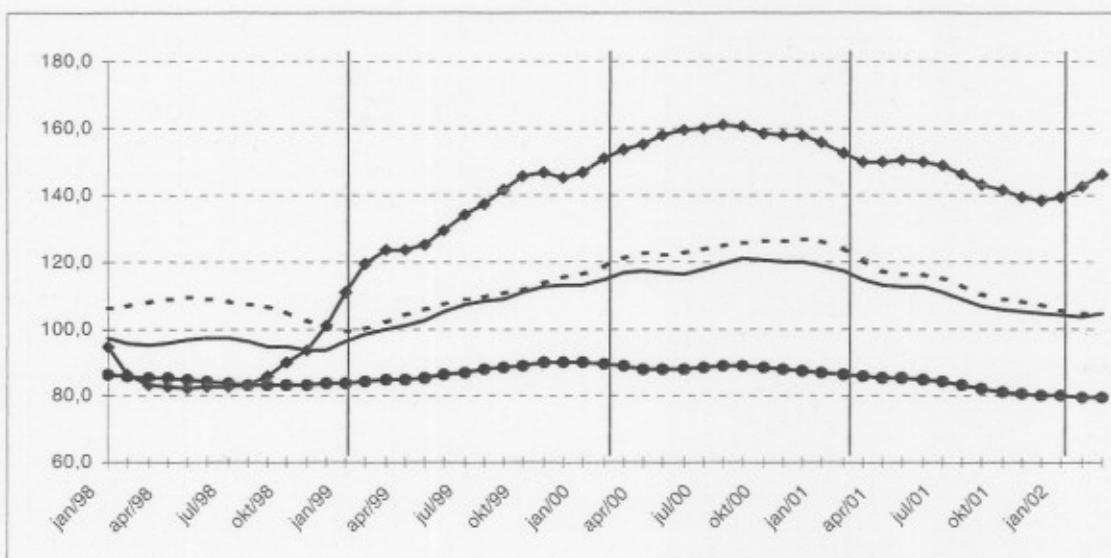
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New orders

Gross indices (1995=100)
Volume indices of new orders

	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Year
Industry producing to 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										
Construction													
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										
Seasonally adjusted indices (1995=100) After elimination of seasonal variation													
Industry producing to 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										
Construction													
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										

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



Industry and construction :
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Metal products, machinery and equipment :
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Chemicals and chemical products :
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Construction :
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Evolution of trend cycle
Last three months compared to the previous three months

↗ ↗ > 2.5%
 ↗ ↘ 0.5% to 2.5%
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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	↗	↗	↗	↗
Chemicals and chemical products	↘	↘	↗	→
Basic metals	↘	↘	↘	→
Metal products, machinery and equipment	↘	↘	→	↗
Fabricated metal products, except machinery and equipment	↘	→	→	↘
Machinery and equipment	↘	↘	→	↘
Electrical and optical equipment	↘	↘	→	↗
Transport equipment	↘	↘	↘	→
Construction	↘	↘	↘	↗

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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New orders

Gross indices (1995=100)
Volume indices of new orders

	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Year
Industry producing to 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	121,2	114,4									
Construction													
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	79,4	73,5									

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

	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Year
Industry producing to order													
2001	130,6	128,5	124,5	118,3	121	120,6	117,9	118	114,5	114,2	113,6	113,7	119,6
2002	111,9	112	112,9	115,1									
Construction													
2001	85,9	85,8	81	87,2	83,6	89,1	93,8	75,3	80,1	80,6	76,8	77,4	83,1
2002	82,5	70,5	75,4	70,9									

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



Industry and construction :
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Metal products, machinery and equipment :
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Chemicals and chemical products :
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Construction :
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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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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	↘↘	↘	↘↘	→
Chemicals and chemical products	↘	↘↘	↘	→
Basic metals	↘	↘↘	→	↘
Metal products, machinery and equipment	↘	↘	→	→
Fabricated metal products, except machinery and equipment	↘↘	↘	→	↘↘
Machinery and equipment	↘↘	↘	→	↘
Electrical and optical equipment	↘	↘	↘↘	↘↘
Transport equipment	↘↘	↘↘	↘	↘
Construction	↘↘	↘↘	↘	↘

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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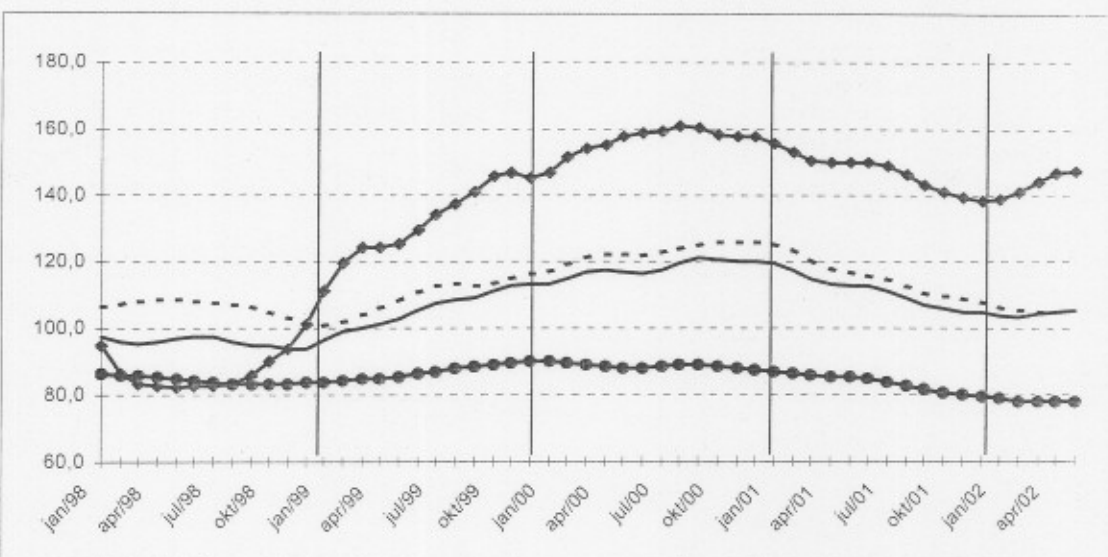
Gross indices (1995=100)
Volume indices of new orders

	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Year
Industry producing to order													
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2002	108,9	109,1	121,4	115,5	115,6								
Construction													
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	85,1								

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

	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Year
Industry producing to order													
2001	130,4	128,3	124,1	117,6	121,7	121,2	118,3	118,4	114,7	114,3	113,5	113,5	119,7
2002	111,3	111,2	111,9	114,2	111,4								
Construction													
2001	86,3	86,3	81,5	87,5	82,8	88,9	93,6	75,1	80	80,5	76,7	77,5	83,1
2002	82,9	71	75,7	72	81,6								

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



Industry and construction :
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Metal products, machinery and equipment :
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Chemicals and chemical products :
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Construction :
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Evolution of trend cycle
Last three months compared to the previous three months

// > 2.5%
 / 0.5% to 2.5%
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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	\	/	//	\
Chemicals and chemical products	//	//	/	→
Basic metals	→	→	//	→
Metal products, machinery and equipment	\	\	\	/
Fabricated metal products, except machinery and equipment	\	\	\	\
Machinery and equipment	//	/	//	//
Electrical and optical equipment	\	\	//	→
Transport equipment	\	\	//	//
Construction	\	\	//	//

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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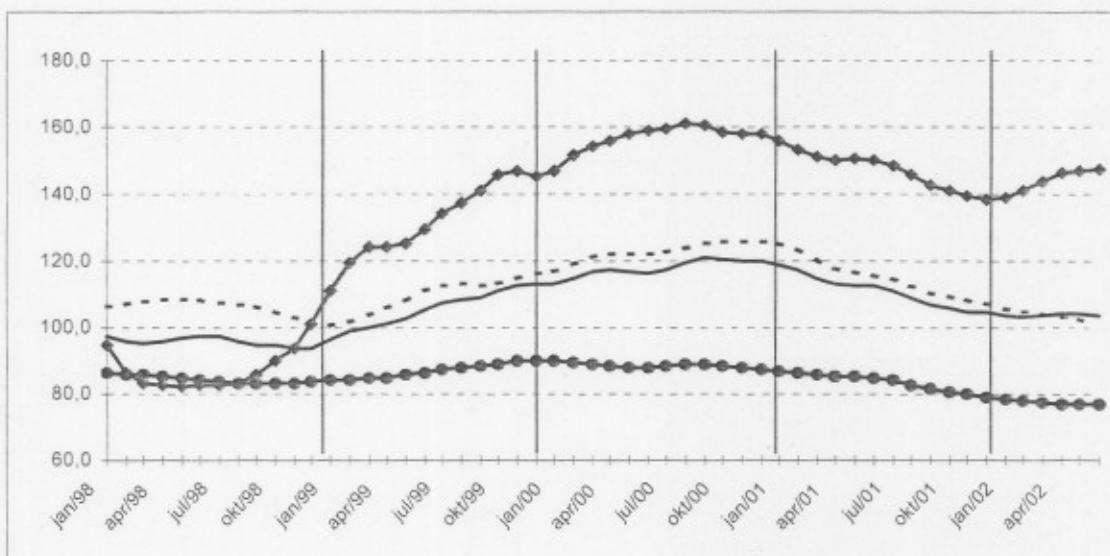
Gross indices (1995=100)
Volume indices of new orders

	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Year
Industry producing to order													
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2002	108,9	109,1	121,4	115,3	113,7	115,4							
Construction													
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	84,5	86,2							

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

	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Year
Industry producing to order													
2001	130,4	128,3	124,1	117,5	122,1	121,2	118,3	118,4	114,7	114,2	113,4	113,3	119,7
2002	111,2	111	111,7	113,9	110,4	110,3							
Construction													
2001	86,2	86,2	81,4	87,4	82,8	88,8	93,7	75,3	80,1	80,6	76,8	77,5	83,1
2002	82,8	70,9	75,5	71,9	80,9	77,9							

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



Industry and construction :
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Metal products, machinery and equipment :
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Chemicals and chemical products :
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Construction :
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Evolution of trend cycle
Last three months compared to the previous three months

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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	↘	↗	↘	↗
Chemicals and chemical products	↗	↗	↘	→
Basic metals	→	↗	↘	→
Metal products, machinery and equipment	↘	↘	↘	↗
Fabricated metal products, except machinery and equipment	↘	↘	↘	→
Machinery and equipment	→	↘	↘	↘
Electrical and optical equipment	↘	↘	↘	↘
Transport equipment	↗	↘	↘	↘
Construction	↘	↘	↘	↗

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 holidays.

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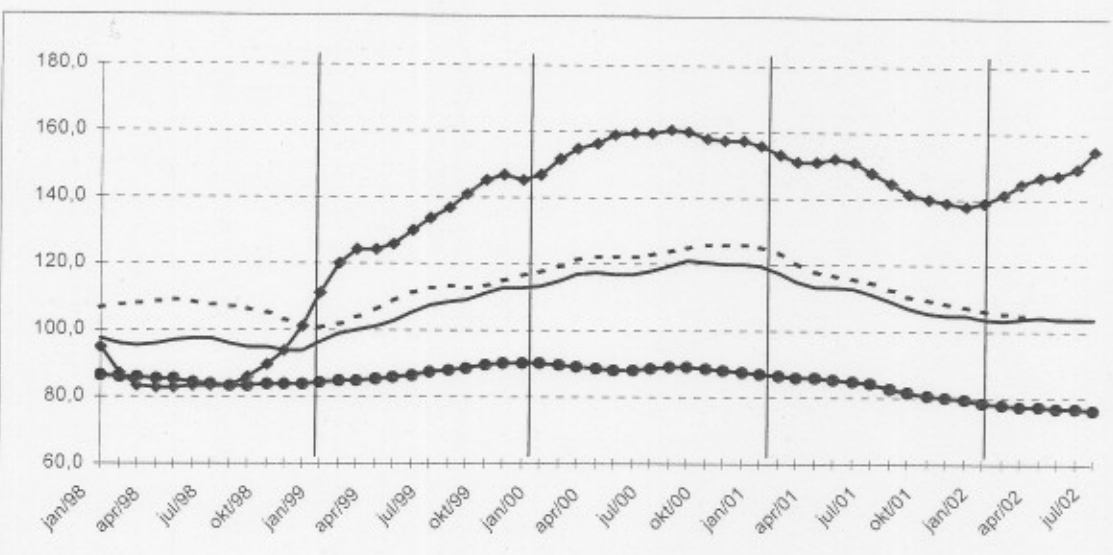
New orders

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2002	108,9	109,1	121,4	115,3	112,7	112,6	107						
Construction													
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						
Industry producing to 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	113,5						
Construction													
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						

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

Trend cycle
(1995=100)
Adjusted for
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Industry and
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Metal products,
machinery and
equipment :

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Chemicals and
chemical products :

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Construction :

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Evolution of trend
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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	▼▼	▼	▼	▼
Chemicals and chemical products	▲▲	▲▲	→	→
Basic metals	▼	▼	▼	→
Metal products, machinery and equipment	▼	▼	▼	▼▼
Fabricated metal products, except machinery and equipment	▼	→	▼▼	→
Machinery and equipment	▼	▼	▼▼	▼▼
Electrical and optical equipment	▼▼	▼▼	▼▼	▼▼
Transport equipment	▼	▼	▼	▼▼
Construction	▼	→	→	▼

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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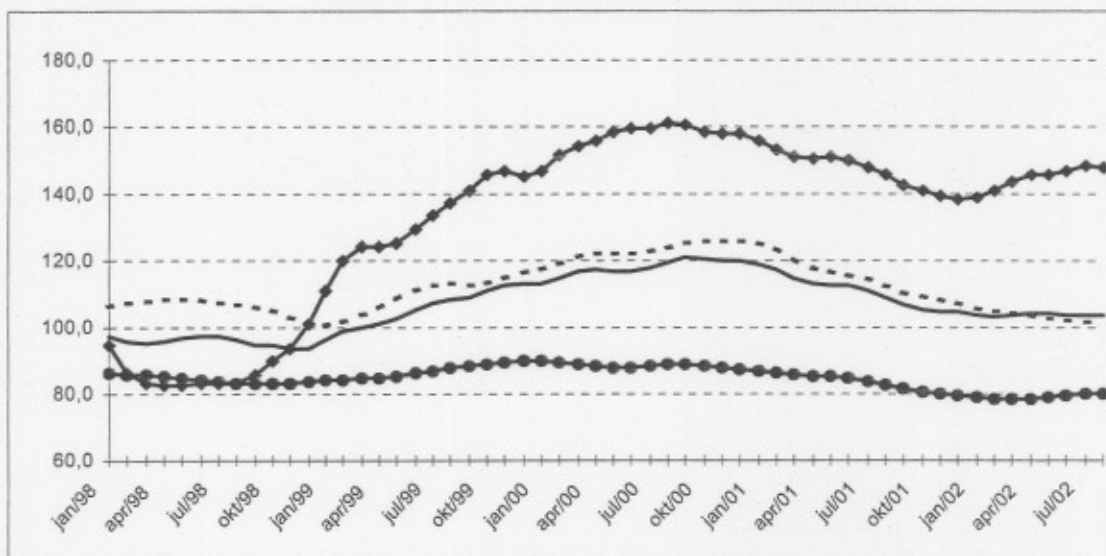
New orders

Gross indices (1995=100)
Volume indices of new orders

	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Year
Industry producing to order													
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2002	108,9	109,1	121,4	115,3	112,7	112,9	102,7	98,99					
Construction													
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					
Industry producing to order													
2001	130,4	128,3	124,2	117,6	122,4	122	118	118	114,4	114	113,2	113,2	119,7
2002	111,1	111,1	111,9	114,2	110,5	109,9	110,7	110,3					
Construction													
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					

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

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



Industry and construction :
—●—

Metal products, machinery and equipment :
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Chemicals and chemical products :
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Construction :
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Evolution of trend cycle
Last three months compared to the previous three months

↗ > 2.5%

↘ 0.5% to 2.5%

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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	↘	↘	↘	↗
Chemicals and chemical products	↘	↘	↘	↗
Basic metals	↘	↘	↗	↗
Metal products, machinery and equipment	↘	↘	↘	↗
Fabricated metal products, except machinery and equipment	↘	↘	↘	↗
Machinery and equipment	↘	↘	↘	↗
Electrical and optical equipment	↘	↘	↗	↘
Transport equipment	↘	↘	↘	↘
Construction	↘	↘	↗	↘

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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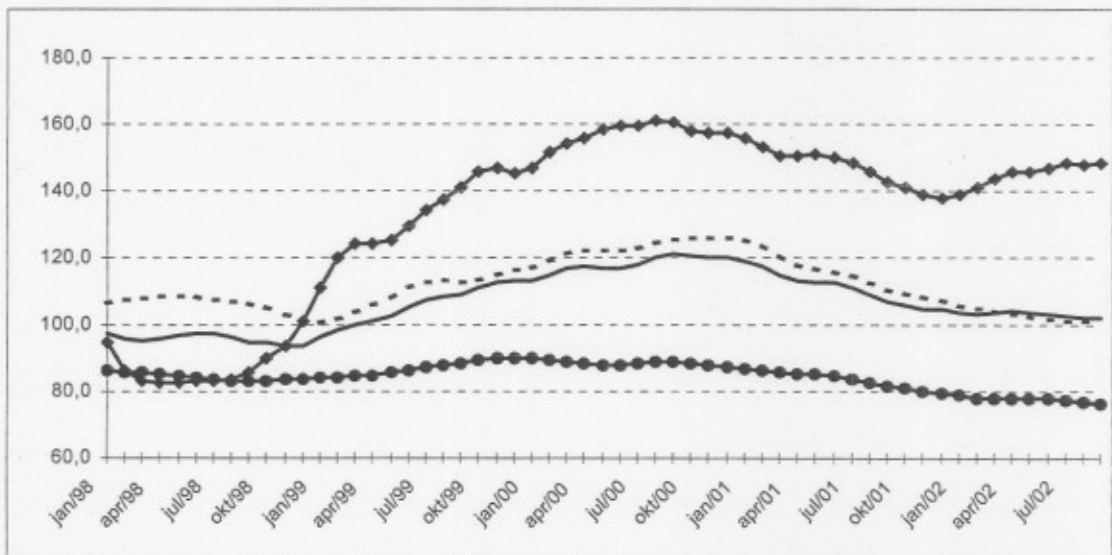
New orders

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2002	108,9	109,1	121,4	115,3	112,7	112,9	101,5	96,01	116,3				
Construction													
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 producing to 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				
Construction													
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				

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Industry producing to order	↘	→	→	↘
Manufacture of textiles and textile products	↘	→	↘	↘
Textiles and textile products	→	→	↘	↘
Wearing apparel and fur	↘ ↘	↘ ↘	↘ ↘	↘
Pulp, paper and paper products	↘	↘	↘	↘
Chemicals and chemical products	↘	↘ ↘	↘	
Basic metals	↘ ↘	↘ ↘	↘ ↘	
Metal products, machinery and equipment	↘	↘	↘	↘
Fabricated metal products, except machinery and equipment	↘	↘	↘ ↘	↘
Machinery and equipment	→	↘	↘	↘ ↘
Electrical and optical equipment	↘ ↘	↘ ↘	↘	↘ ↘
Transport equipment	↘	↘	↘ ↘	↘ ↘
Construction	↘	→	↘	↘

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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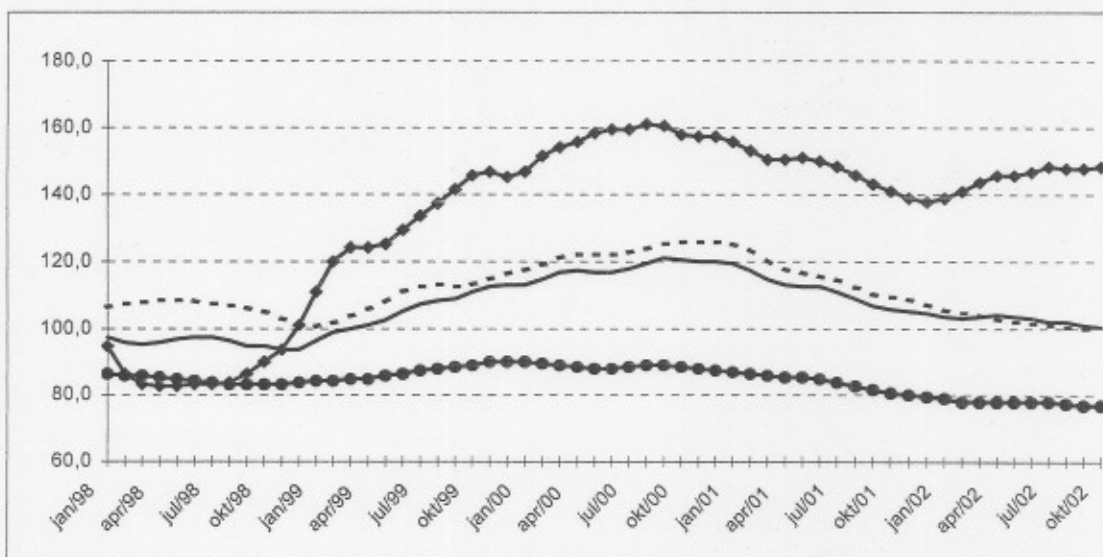
New orders

Gross indices (1995=100)
Volume indices of new orders

	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Year
Industry producing to 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	118,1			
Construction													
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	79,4	82,9			
Industry producing to order													
2001	130,4	128,3	124,1	117,6	122,4	122	118,2	118,5	113,7	114,2	113,3	113,3	119,7
2002	111,2	111	111,8	114	110,3	109,6	109,9	109	109,9	107,7			
Construction													
2001	86,3	86,32	81,46	87,57	82,58	88,74	93,13	75,18	80,78	80,69	76,78	77,7	83,1
2002	82,9	71,03	75,73	72,01	82,3	79,19	79,77	76,99	73,32	75,9			

Seasonally adjusted indices (1995=100)
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Industry and construction :
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Chemicals and chemical products :
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Construction :
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Evolution of trend cycle
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Industry producing to order	↘	↘	↗	↗
Manufacture of textiles and textile products	↘	↘	↗	→
Textiles and textile products	→	→	↗	↘↘
Wearing apparel and fur	↘↘	↗↗	↗↗	→
Pulp, paper and paper products	↘	↘	↗↗	↗
Chemicals and chemical products	↗	↗	→	
Basic metals	↘↘	↘↘	↘↘	
Metal products, machinery and equipment	↘	↘	↘	↗
Fabricated metal products, except machinery and equipment	↘	↘	↘↘	→
Machinery and equipment	↘	↘	↘↘	↘
Electrical and optical equipment	→	↘	↗↘	↘↘
Transport equipment	↘↘	↘↘	↘↘	↘↘
Construction	↘	↘	↗↗	↘↘

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.

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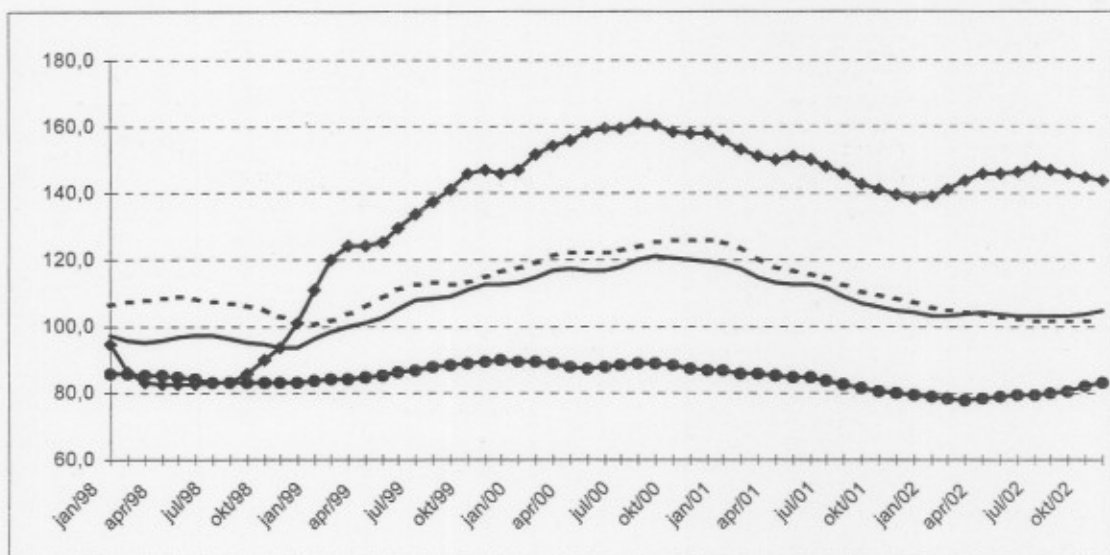
New orders

Gross indices
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Volume indices of
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Industry producing to order													
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2002	108,9	109,1	121,4	115,3	112,7	112,9	101,5	96,85	115,5	122,7	106,7		
Construction													
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		
Industry producing to 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		
Construction													
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		

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Industry producing to order	→	→	↗	→
Manufacture of textiles and textile products	↘	↘	↘	↘
Textiles and textile products	↘	→	→	↗
Wearing apparel and fur	↗	↗	↗	↘
Pulp, paper and paper products	↗	↘	↗	↘
Chemicals and chemical products	↘	→	→	
Basic metals	↘	↘	↘	
Metal products, machinery and equipment	→	→	↘	↗
Fabricated metal products, except machinery and equipment	↘	→	↘	→
Machinery and equipment	↗	→	↘	↘
Electrical and optical equipment	→	→	↗	↘
Transport equipment	↗	↘	↘	↗
Construction	↗	↗	↗	↘

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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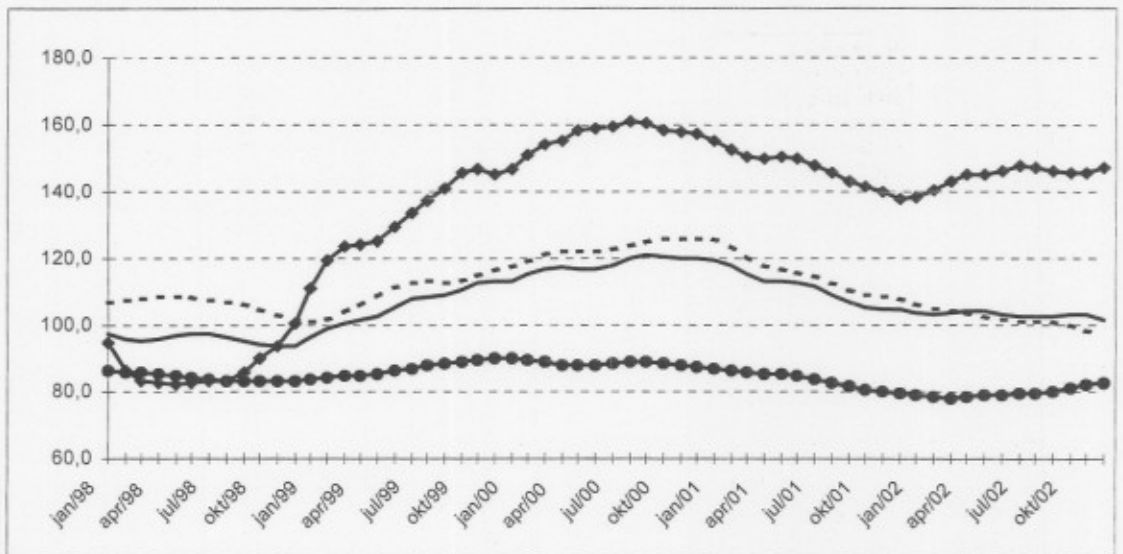
New orders

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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
Construction													
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 producing to order (Seasonally adjusted)													
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
Construction (Seasonally adjusted)													
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

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Machinery and equipment	↘	↘	↘	↘
Electrical and optical equipment	↘	↘	↘	↘
Transport equipment	↘	↘	↘	↘
Construction	↗	↗	↗	↘

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**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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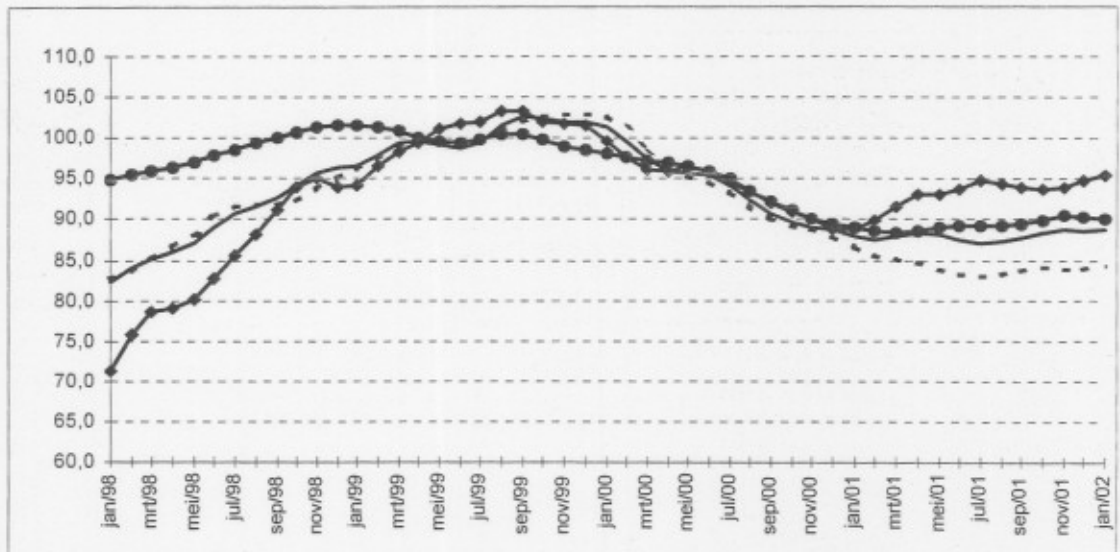
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Volume indices of
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	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Year
Industry producing to order													
2002	85,81	85,97	95,66	90,85	88,81	88,94	79,96	76,31	90,97	97,56	85,96	78,52	87,1
2003	89,97												
Construction													
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												
Industry producing to 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												
Construction													
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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(2000=100)
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Industry and
construction :
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Metal products,
machinery and
equipment :
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Chemicals and
chemical products :
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Construction :
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Evolution of trend
cycle
Last three months
compared to the
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↗ ↘ > 2.5%
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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	↗	↗	↗	↘
Chemicals and chemical products	↘	↗	↗	↘
Basic metals	↘	↘	↗	↘
Metal products, machinery and equipment	→	↗	↘	↗
Fabricated metal products, except machinery and equipment	→	↗	↘	→
Machinery and equipment	↗	↗	↘	↘
Electrical and optical equipment	→	↗	↘	↘
Transport equipment	→	↗	↘	↘
Construction	↘	↗	↘	↘

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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New orders

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	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Year
Industry producing to order													
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											
Construction													
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											
Industry producing to 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											
Construction													
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											

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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	↘	↘	↘	↘
Chemicals and chemical products	↘	↘	↘	↘
Basic metals	→	↘	↘	↘
Metal products, machinery and equipment	↘	↘	↘	↗
Fabricated metal products, except machinery and equipment	↘	↘	↘	→
Machinery and equipment	↘	→	↘	→
Electrical and optical equipment	↘	↘	↘	↘
Transport equipment	↘	↘	↘	↘
Construction	↗	↗	↘	↗

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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	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Year
Industry producing to order													
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	87,51	84,24	89,75										
Construction													
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										
Industry producing to order													
2002	85,92	87,44	89,53	88,77	85,85	87,92	86,61	86,28	87,87	88,05	87,36	84,67	87,2
2003	87,62	85,71	83,62										
Construction													
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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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	↘	↗	↘ ↘	↘
Chemicals and chemical products	↗	↘	↘ ↘	↘
Basic metals	↘	↘	↘ ↘	↘
Metal products, machinery and equipment	↘ ↘	↘	↘ ↘	↘ ↘
Fabricated metal products, except machinery and equipment	↘	↘	↘ ↘	↘
Machinery and equipment	↘ ↘	↘	↘ ↘	↘ ↘
Electrical and optical equipment	↘	↗	↘	↘ ↘
Transport equipment	↘	↘	↘	↘ ↘
Construction	↘	↘ ↘	↘ ↘	↘

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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New orders

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	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Year
Industry producing to order													
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	87,51	84,17	90,53	85,81									
Construction													
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	76,99	96,77	86,93									
Industry producing to order													
2002	85,97	87,49	89,4	88,82	85,87	87,89	86,62	86,27	87,86	88,08	87,35	84,69	87,2
2003	87,67	85,69	84,27	83,78									
Construction													
2002	91,78	82,14	86,34	84,32	94,67	89,61	90,02	87,84	83,21	87	102,9	91,32	89,3
2003	94,56	87,05	93,35	87,04									

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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	↘	→	↘↘	↘
Chemicals and chemical products	↘	→	↘↘	
Basic metals	↘	↘	↘↘	
Metal products, machinery and equipment	↘	↘↘	↘↘	↘↘
Fabricated metal products, except machinery and equipment	↘	↘	↘	↘
Machinery and equipment	↘↘	↘	↘↘	↘
Electrical and optical equipment	→	→	↘	↘↘
Transport equipment	↘↘	↘↘	↘↘	↘
Construction	↘	→	↘↘	↘↘

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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 shrank 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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Industry producing to order													
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	87,51	84,17	91,29	87,1	82,97								
Construction													
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	76,99	97,92	86,57	81,6								
Industry producing to order													
2002	85,95	87,47	89,24	88,47	86,08	88,01	86,7	86,33	87,91	88,1	87,37	84,69	87,2
2003	87,65	85,67	84,87	84,72	82,06								
Construction													
2002	91,23	81,53	85,55	83,72	95,84	89,85	90,31	88,12	83,46	87,19	103	91,3	89,3
2003	94	86,45	93,7	86,09	80,01								

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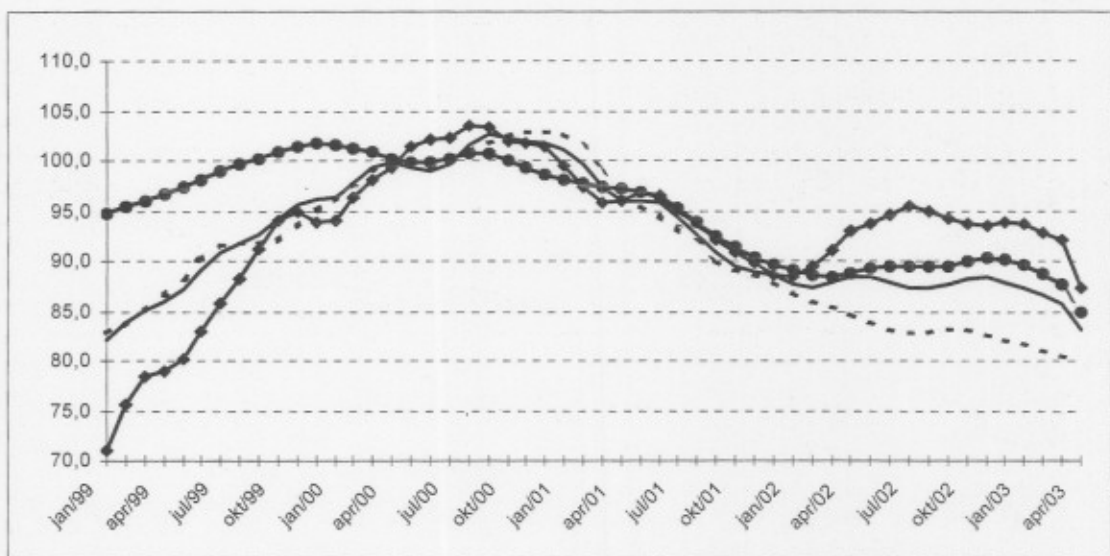
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Industry producing to order	↗ ↗	↘ ↘	↘ ↘	↘ ↘
Manufacture of textiles and textile products	↗ ↗	↘ ↘	↘ ↘	↘ ↘
Textiles and textile products	↗ ↗	↘ ↘	↘ ↘	↘ ↘
Wearing apparel and fur	↘ ↘	↘ ↘	↘ ↘	↘ ↘
Pulp, paper and paper products	↘ ↘	↘ ↘	↘ ↘	↘ ↘
Chemicals and chemical products	↗ ↗	↘ ↘	↘ ↘	↘ ↘
Basic metals	↘ ↘	↘ ↘	↘ ↘	↘ ↘
Metal products, machinery and equipment	↘ ↘	↘ ↘	↘ ↘	↘ ↘
Fabricated metal products, except machinery and equipment	→	→	→	↘ ↘
Machinery and equipment	↗ ↗	↘ ↘	↘ ↘	↘ ↘
Electrical and optical equipment	↗ ↗	↘ ↘	↘ ↘	↘ ↘
Transport equipment	↘ ↘	↘ ↘	↘ ↘	↘ ↘
Construction	↘ ↘	↘ ↘	→	↘ ↘

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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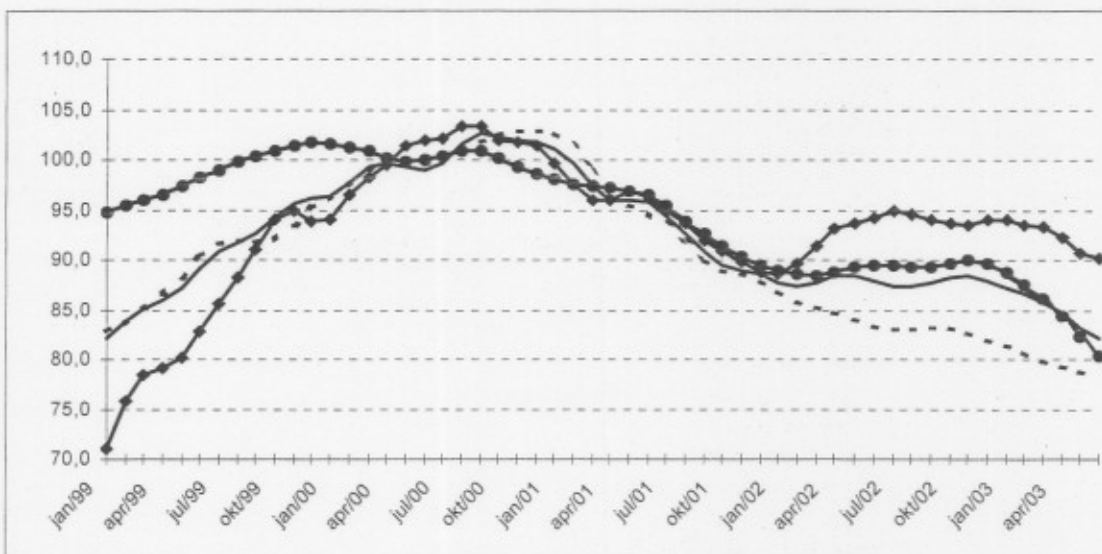
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Industry producing to order													
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2003	87,51	84,17	91,29	87,12	83,35	86,41							
Construction													
2002	87,16	72,08	89,76	84,21	97,43	99,23	68,13	88,11	89,9	94,51	105,2	94,42	89,2
2003	89,94	76,99	97,92	87,01	81,16	80,72							
Industry producing to order													
2002	85,99	87,52	89,3	88,56	86,11	87,89	86,63	86,29	87,87	88,08	87,37	84,7	87,2
2003	87,69	85,72	84,93	84,83	82,47	83,54							
Construction													
2002	90,92	81,23	85,36	83,22	95,52	91,54	90,24	88,26	83,51	87,06	103,1	91,18	89,3
2003	93,7	86,14	93,51	86,02	79,25	73,04							

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Industry producing to order	↘	↘	→	↘
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Textiles and textile products	↘	↘	↘	↘
Wearing apparel and fur	→	↘	↘	↘
Pulp, paper and paper products	↘	↘	↘	↘
Chemicals and chemical products	↘	↘	↘	↘
Basic metals	↘	→	↘	↘
Metal products, machinery and equipment	↘	↘	↘	↘
Fabricated metal products, except machinery and equipment	→	→	↘	↘
Machinery and equipment	↘	→	↘	↘
Electrical and optical equipment	↘	↘	↘	↘
Transport equipment	↘	↘	↘	↘
Construction	↘	↘	↘	↘

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**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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New orders

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

	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Year
Industry producing to order													
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	87.17
2003	87.51	84.17	91.29	87.12	82.33	88.11	77.95						
Construction													
2002	87.16	72.08	89.76	84.21	97.43	99.23	68.13	88.11	80.90	94.51	105.17	94.42	89.18
2003	89.94	76.99	97.92	87.01	84.53	83.47	77.61						
Industry producing to order													
2002	86.02	87.57	89.35	88.63	86.39	87.72	86.54	86.20	87.81	88.04	87.34	84.70	87.19
2003	87.72	85.76	84.98	80.90	81.72	85.08	84.53						
Construction													
2002	91.58	82.03	86.28	84.02	95.97	92.31	87.68	87.81	83.04	86.54	102.95	90.10	89.28
2003	94.35	86.94	94.43	86.82	83.07	76.57	99.02						

**Seasonally
adjusted indices**
After elimination of
seasonal variation

Trend cycle
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**Industry and
construction :**
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chemical products :**
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Construction :
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**Evolution of trend
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Last three months
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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	↗	↗	↗	↗
Chemicals and chemical products	↘	↘	↘	↘
Basic metals	↗	↗	↗	↗
Metal products, machinery and equipment	↗	↗	↗	↗
Fabricated metal products, except machinery and equipment	↗	↗	↗	↗
Machinery and equipment	↘	↘	↘	↘
Electrical and optical equipment	↘	↘	↘	↘
Transport equipment	↗	↗	↗	↗
Construction	↘	↘	↘	↗

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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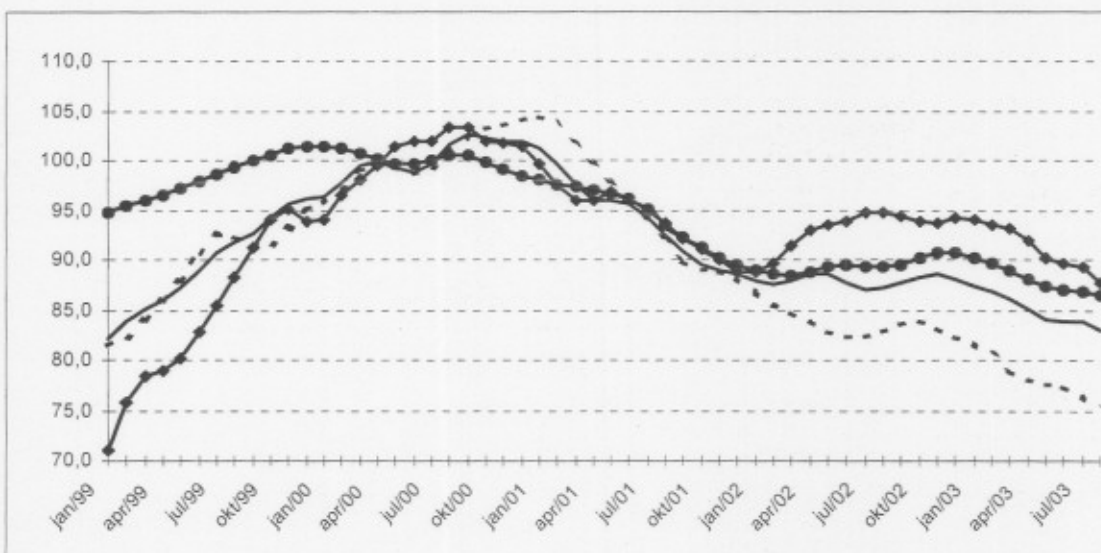
New orders

Gross indices
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Industry producing to order													
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	87,51	84,17	91,29	87,12	82,33	86,81	76,24	68,01					
Construction													
2002	87,16	72,08	89,76	84,21	97,43	99,23	68,13	88,11	89,90	94,51	105,17	94,42	89,2
2003	89,94	76,99	97,92	87,01	84,53	84,71	79,56	80,01					
Industry producing to order													
2002	85,94	87,48	89,28	88,43	86,11	87,71	86,43	86,55	88,02	88,15	87,47	84,74	87,2
2003	87,64	85,68	84,91	84,70	81,50	83,71	82,71	80,11					
Construction													
2002	91,22	81,83	86,28	83,76	95,80	91,94	86,80	88,90	83,38	86,71	103,44	91,36	89,3
2003	93,99	86,75	94,43	86,57	82,91	77,44	100,25	82,84					

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Industry producing to order	↘	↘	↘	↘
Manufacture of textiles and textile products	→	↘	↘	↘
Textiles and textile products	↘↘	↘	→	↘↘
Wearing apparel and fur	↘	↘↘	↘↘	↘↘
Pulp, paper and paper products	→	→	→	→
Chemicals and chemical products	↘↘	↘↘	↘↘	↘↘
Basic metals	→	→	↘↘	↘↘
Metal products, machinery and equipment	↘	↘	→	↘↘
Fabricated metal products, except machinery and equipment	↘	↘	↘↘	↘↘
Machinery and equipment	↘	↘	↘↘	↘↘
Electrical and optical equipment	↘↘	↘↘	↘↘	↘↘
Transport equipment	↘↘	↘	↘↘	↘↘
Construction	↘	↘↘	↘	↘↘

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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New orders

Gross indices
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Volume indices of
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Industry producing to order													
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	87,51	84,17	91,29	87,12	82,33	86,81	76,56	69,30	88,78				
Construction													
2002	87,16	72,08	89,76	84,21	97,43	99,23	68,13	88,11	89,90	94,51	105,17	94,42	89,2
2003	89,94	76,99	97,92	87,01	84,53	84,71	73,44	74,77	76,46				
Industry producing to order													
2002	85,90	87,49	89,34	88,51	86,23	87,91	86,59	86,62	87,74	87,96	87,35	84,65	87,2
2003	87,60	85,69	84,97	84,78	81,63	83,90	83,19	81,49	83,66				
Construction													
2002	91,14	81,47	85,62	83,44	95,20	91,15	87,42	88,78	85,24	87,15	103,23	91,33	89,3
2003	93,91	86,38	93,77	86,24	82,30	76,64	94,48	77,21	70,05				

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Textiles and textile products	↘↘	↘↘	↘↘	↘↘
Wearing apparel and fur	↗↗	↗	↗↘	↗
Pulp, paper and paper products	↗	↗	↘↘	↗
Chemicals and chemical products	↗	↘	↗	
Basic metals	↘	↗	↘↘	
Metal products, machinery and equipment	↘	↗	↘↘	↗
Fabricated metal products, except machinery and equipment	↘	↘	↘	↗
Machinery and equipment	↘↘	↗	↘↘	↘↘
Electrical and optical equipment	↘↘	↘	↘↘	↘↘
Transport equipment	↘↘	↗	↗	
Construction	↘↘	↘↘	↘	↘↘

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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New orders

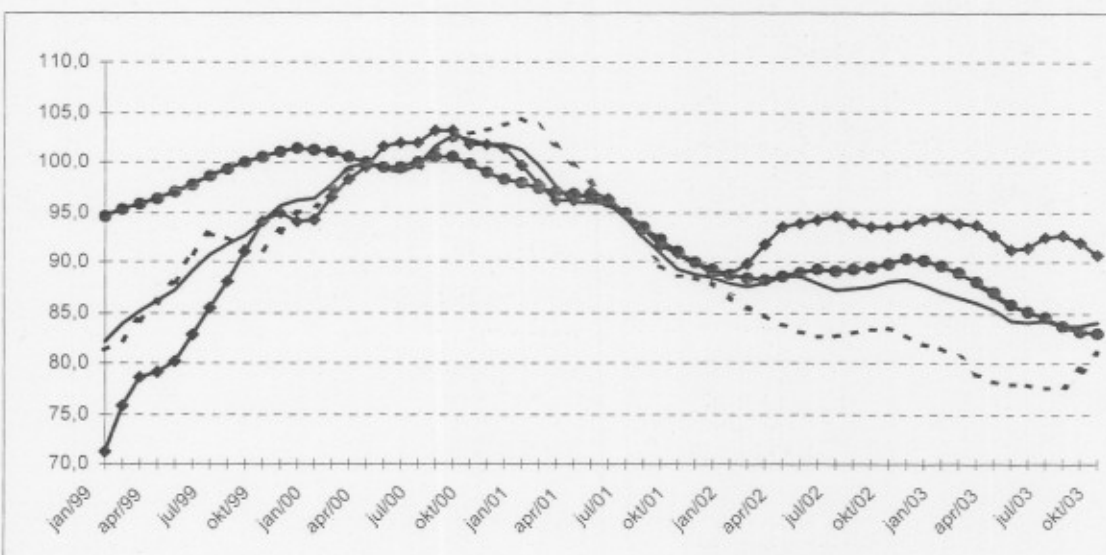
Gross indices
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Volume indices of
new orders

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Industry producing to order													
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	86,85	83,92	91,02	87,09	82,56	87,26	76,24	69,69	90,04	94,57			
Construction													
2002	87,16	72,08	89,76	84,21	97,43	99,23	68,13	88,11	89,90	94,51	105,17	94,42	89,2
2003	89,94	76,99	97,92	87,01	84,53	84,71	73,44	78,94	78,68	95,53			

Seasonally
adjusted indices
After elimination of
seasonal variation

	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Year
Industry producing to order													
2002	85,98	87,51	89,38	88,54	86,24	87,89	86,74	86,67	87,67	87,83	87,25	84,58	87,2
2003	87,02	85,46	84,74	84,78	81,86	84,34	83,02	81,92	84,86	84,84			
Construction													
2002	91,35	81,67	85,81	83,62	95,42	91,43	87,76	88,55	85,47	86,02	102,97	91,11	89,3
2003	94,12	86,58	93,96	86,42	82,53	76,92	94,84	81,16	72,49	87,03			

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Industry producing to order	↘	↘	↖	↗
Manufacture of textiles and textile products	↖	↖	↖	↗
Textiles and textile products	↖	↖	↖	↖
Wearing apparel and fur	↗	↖	↗	↗
Pulp, paper and paper products	↗	↗	↖	↗
Chemicals and chemical products	→	↖	↗	
Basic metals	→	→	↗	
Metal products, machinery and equipment	↗	↗	↖	↗
Fabricated metal products, except machinery and equipment	↖	↖	↖	↗
Machinery and equipment	↖	↖	↖	↖
Electrical and optical equipment	↖	↖	↖	↖
Transport equipment	↗	↗	↖	
Construction	↖	↖	↖	↖

**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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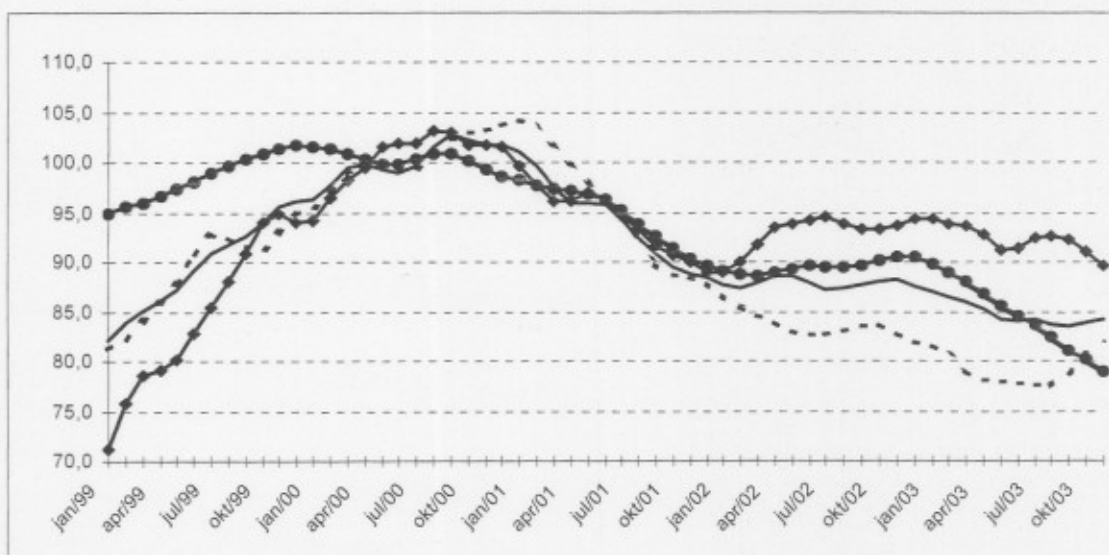
New orders

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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	86,85	83,92	91,02	87,09	82,56	87,26	76,24	69,69	90,04	93,22	85,54		
Construction													
2002	87,16	72,08	89,76	84,21	97,43	99,23	68,13	88,11	89,90	94,51	105,17	94,42	89,2
2003	89,94	76,99	97,92	87,01	84,53	84,71	73,44	78,94	80,18	93,31	82,40		
Industry producing to order													
2002	85,96	87,42	89,21	88,53	86,31	87,78	86,88	86,79	87,82	88,36	86,85	84,42	87,2
2003	87,00	85,37	84,57	84,77	81,83	84,33	83,16	81,95	85,11	84,03	88,20		
Construction													
2002	91,06	81,54	85,82	83,65	95,52	91,54	87,78	88,56	85,13	86,13	103,05	91,42	89,3
2003	93,84	86,46	93,98	86,46	82,62	77,03	94,89	81,21	73,61	84,93	80,27		

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Wearing apparel and fur	↗	↘	↘	↘
Pulp, paper and paper products	↗	↗	↗	↗
Chemicals and chemical products	↘	→	↘	↘
Basic metals	↗	↘	↗	↗
Metal products, machinery and equipment	↗	↗	↘	↗
Fabricated metal products, except machinery and equipment	↘	↘	↘	↘
Machinery and equipment	↘	↘	↘	↘
Electrical and optical equipment	↗	↘	↘	↘
Transport equipment	↗	↗	↘	↘
Construction	↘	↘	↘	↘

**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.

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Construction													
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2003	89,94	76,99	97,92	87,01	84,53	84,71	73,44	78,94	80,18	97,92	85,42	87,63	85,4

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adjusted indices
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Industry producing to order													
2002	85,90	87,38	89,18	88,46	86,23	87,76	86,81	86,76	87,80	88,44	86,98	84,34	87,2
2003	86,94	85,33	84,54	84,70	81,78	84,28	83,10	81,94	85,07	83,54	87,73	88,25	84,8
Construction													
2002	91,22	81,65	85,89	83,68	95,55	91,60	87,85	88,71	85,36	85,68	103,00	91,13	89,3
2003	93,99	86,56	94,05	86,48	82,65	77,09	94,97	81,37	73,83	89,08	83,24	82,51	85,5

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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	//	/	//	/
Chemicals and chemical products	//	/	//	
Basic metals	/	/	//	
Metal products, machinery and equipment	/	\	\	//
Fabricated metal products, except machinery and equipment	\	\	\	/
Machinery and equipment	\	→	\	\
Electrical and optical equipment	/	\	//	\
Transport equipment	/	→	\	
Construction	\	→	/	\

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.

Next press release : 15/04/2004

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

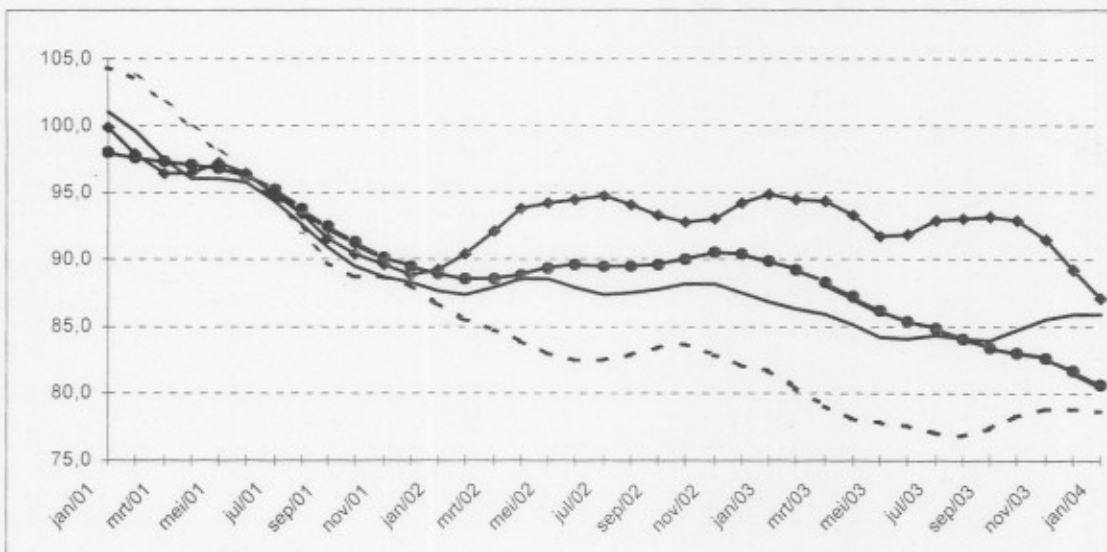
New orders

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

	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	84,20	84,7
2004	86,33												
Construction													
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 producing to 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												
Construction													
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												

Seasonally
adjusted indices
After elimination of
seasonal variation

Trend cycle
Adjusted for
seasonal and
random
fluctuations



Industry and
construction :
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Metal products,
machinery and
equipment :
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Chemicals and
chemical products :
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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%
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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	↗	↘	↗	↘
Chemicals and chemical products	↘	↘	↘	↘
Basic metals	↗	↘	↗	↗
Metal products, machinery and equipment	↗	↘	↘	↗
Fabricated metal products, except machinery and equipment	→	→	↘	↗
Machinery and equipment	↗	↘	↘	↘
Electrical and optical equipment	→	↘	→	↘
Transport equipment	↗	→	↘	↘
Construction	↘	↘	↘	↘

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.

Next press release : 20/05/2004

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New orders

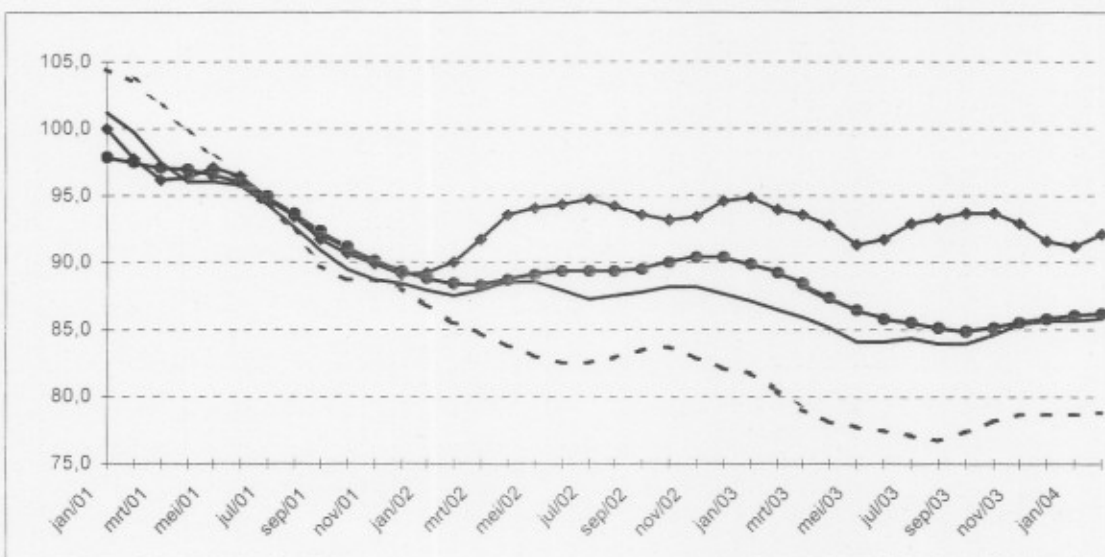
Gross indices
(2000=100)
Volume indices of
new orders

	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											

Seasonally
adjusted indices
After elimination of
seasonal variation

	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Year
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													
2003	94,23	86,71	93,96	86,52	82,64	77,08	95,07	81,39	74,10	89,44	85,93	85,61	86,1
2004	85,57	89,54											

Trend cycle
Adjusted for
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fluctuations



Industry and
construction :
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Metal products,
machinery and
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chemical products :
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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	→	↗	→	↘
Chemicals and chemical products	↘	→	↘↘	
Basic metals	↗↗	↗↗	↗↗	
Metal products, machinery and equipment	↗	↘	→	→
Fabricated metal products, except machinery and equipment	→	→	↗↗	↗
Machinery and equipment	↗↗	→	↗↗	↘↘
Electrical and optical equipment	↘↘	↘↘	↘↘	↘↘
Transport equipment	↗	↘	↘	
Construction	↗	→	→	↗↗

IIS Press Release

**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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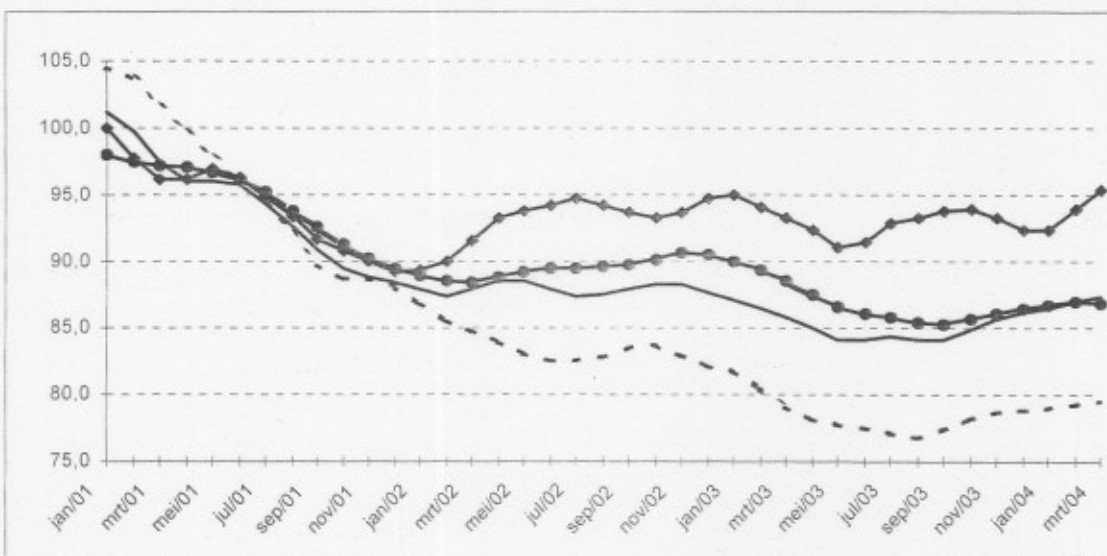
New orders

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

	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	82,57	87,07	98,00										
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	80,82	88,46	96,10										
Industry producing to 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										
Construction													
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										

**Seasonally
adjusted indices**
After elimination of
seasonal variation

Trend cycle
Adjusted for
seasonal and
random
fluctuations



**Industry and
construction :**
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**Metal products,
machinery and
equipment :**
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**Chemicals and
chemical products :**
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Construction :
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**Evolution of trend
cycle**
Last three months
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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	↗↗	↗↗	↗↗	↘↘
Chemicals and chemical products	↗	↗	↘↘	
Basic metals	↗↗	↘	↗↗	
Metal products, machinery and equipment	↗	↘	→	↘↘
Fabricated metal products, except machinery and equipment	→	↗	↗	→
Machinery and equipment	↗↗	→	↗↗	↘
Electrical and optical equipment	↘	↘	↘↘	↘↘
Transport equipment	↗	↘	↘↘	
Construction	↗	→	↘	↗↗

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.

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New orders

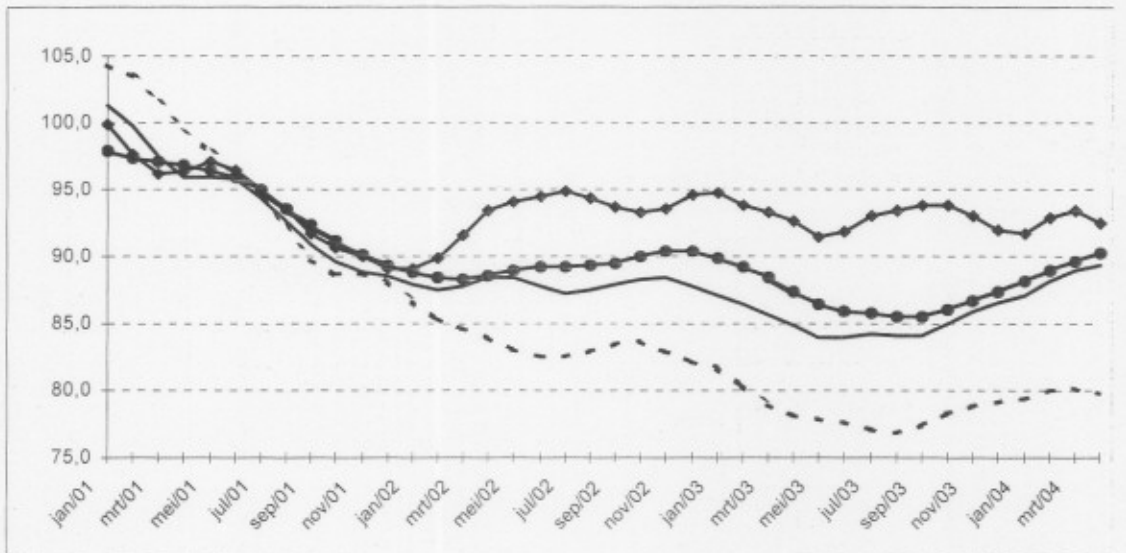
Gross indices (2000=100)
Volume indices of new orders

	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	82,57	89,11	101,01	89,66									
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	80,82	87,69	93,18	96,70									

Seasonally adjusted indices
After elimination of seasonal variation

	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Year
Industry producing to 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									
Construction													
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									

Trend cycle
Adjusted for seasonal and random fluctuations



Industry and construction :
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Metal products, machinery and equipment :
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Chemicals and chemical products :
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Construction :
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Evolution of trend cycle
Last three months compared to the previous three months

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Industrial branches	Belgium	Flanders	Wallonia	Brussels
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Industry producing to order	↗	↗	↘	↘
Manufacture of textiles and textile products	→	→	↘↘	↗↗
Textiles and textile products	↘	→	↘	↘↘
Wearing apparel and fur	↗	↗↗	↘	↗↗
Pulp, paper and paper products	↗	↗	↗↗	↘
Chemicals and chemical products	↗	→	↘	
Basic metals	↗↗	↗↗	↗↗	
Metal products, machinery and equipment	↗	↗	↘	↘↘
Fabricated metal products, except machinery and equipment	↗	↗	↗	→
Machinery and equipment	↗	↗	↗↗	↗
Electrical and optical equipment	↘	→	↘↘	↘↘
Transport equipment	↘	→	↘↘	
Construction	↗↗	↗↗	→	↗↗

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.

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New orders

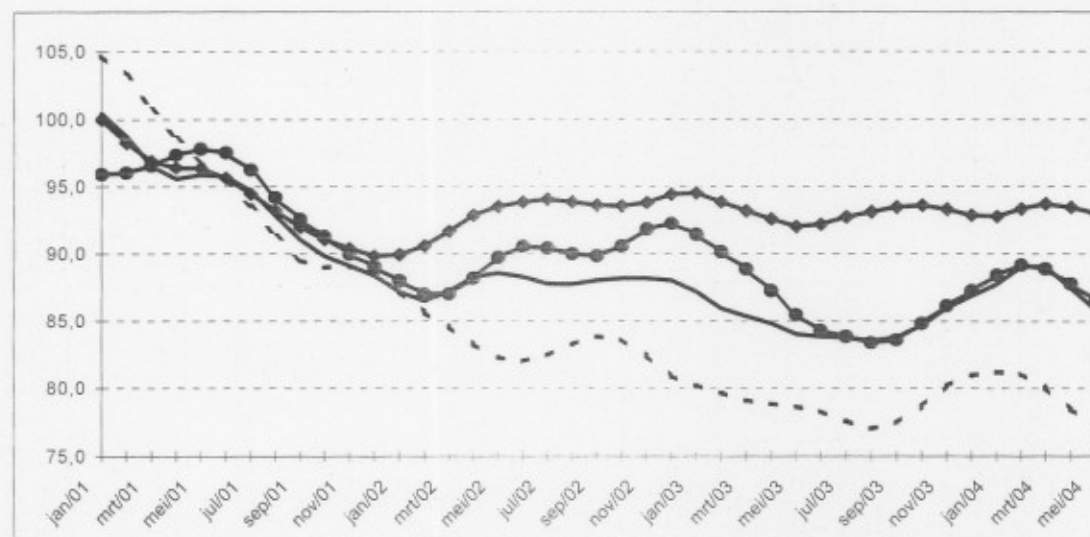
Gross indices
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Volume indices of
new orders

	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Year
Industry producing 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	89,7	82,6								
Construction													
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	84,3								

**Seasonally
adjusted indices**
After elimination of
seasonal variation

	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Year
Industry producing to order													
2003	87,4	85,4	84,5	85,7	81,4	85,7	83,3	81,6	85,2	83,1	86,1	87,8	84,8
2004	84,6	87,8	89,2	87,4	84,6								
Construction													
2003	95,5	85,0	95,0	84,6	86,7	76,6	89,0	80,3	76,4	88,7	84,9	88,5	85,9
2004	86,5	97,1	88,4	91,1	81,8								

Trend cycle
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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	↗	→	↗	↗
Chemicals and chemical products	→	↗	↘	↘
Basic metals	↗	↗	↗	
Metal products, machinery and equipment	↘	↘	↘	↗
Fabricated metal products, except machinery and equipment	↘	↗	↘	↗
Machinery and equipment	↗	↘	↘	↘
Electrical and optical equipment	↘	↘	→	↘
Transport equipment	↘	↘	↘	↗
Construction	↘	→	↗	↗

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.

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New orders

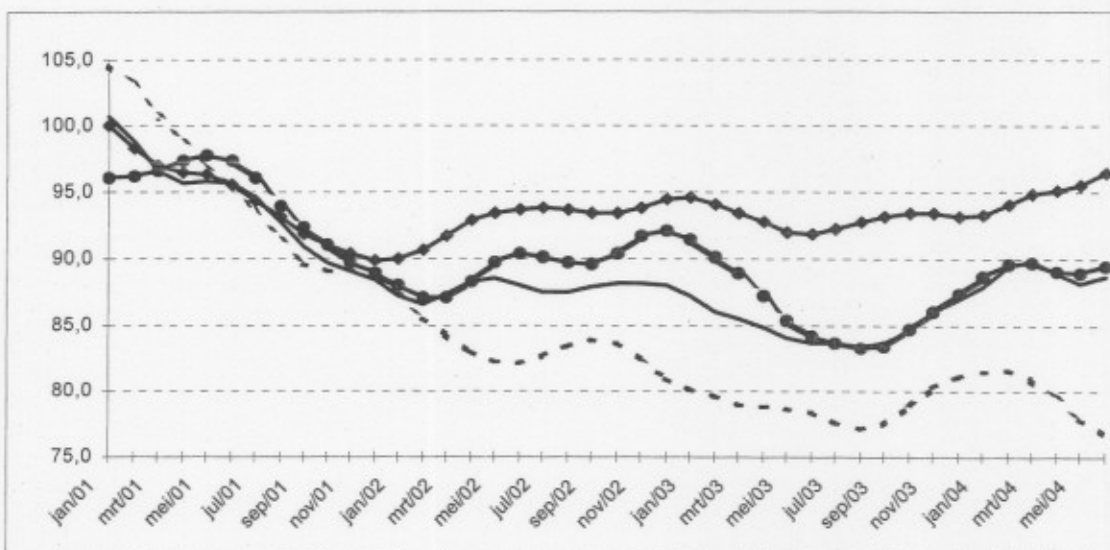
Gross indices
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	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Year
Industry producing to order													
2003	86,8	83,9	91,0	87,0	82,5	87,2	76,2	69,6	90,0	92,6	85,0	84,2	84,7
2004	83,1	88,5	100,0	92,2	83,6	94,8							
Construction													
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 producing to 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							
Construction													
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							

**Seasonally
adjusted indices**
After elimination of
seasonal variation

Trend cycle
Adjusted for
seasonal and
random
fluctuations

**Industry and
construction :**
—
**Metal products,
machinery and
equipment :**
- - - - -
**Chemicals and
chemical products :**
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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%
 \ \ < -2.5%

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	→	→	/	→
Chemicals and chemical products	/	/ /	/	/
Basic metals	/ /	/ /	/	/
Metal products, machinery and equipment	/ /	/ /	/ /	/ /
Fabricated metal products, except machinery and equipment	/	/	/	→
Machinery and equipment	/	/	/	/
Electrical and optical equipment	/	/	→	/
Transport equipment	/	/	/	/
Construction	→	/	→	/ /

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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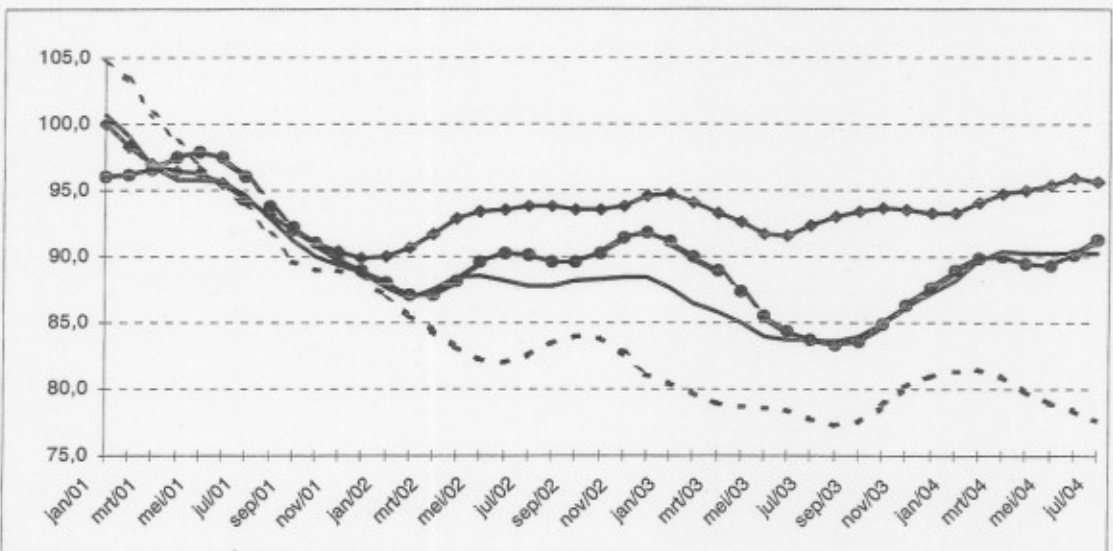
New orders

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

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

Seasonally adjusted indices
After elimination of seasonal variation

Trend cycle
Adjusted for seasonal and random fluctuations



Industry and construction :
Metal products, machinery and equipment :
Chemicals and chemical products :
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%
 \\ < -2.5%

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	→	→	//	//
Chemicals and chemical products	/	/	→	
Basic metals	//	//	→	
Metal products, machinery and equipment	//	→	→	//
Fabricated metal products, except machinery and equipment	/	/	→	→
Machinery and equipment	/	/	→	→
Electrical and optical equipment	→	→	//	→
Transport equipment	→	→	//	→
Construction	/	→	//	//

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.

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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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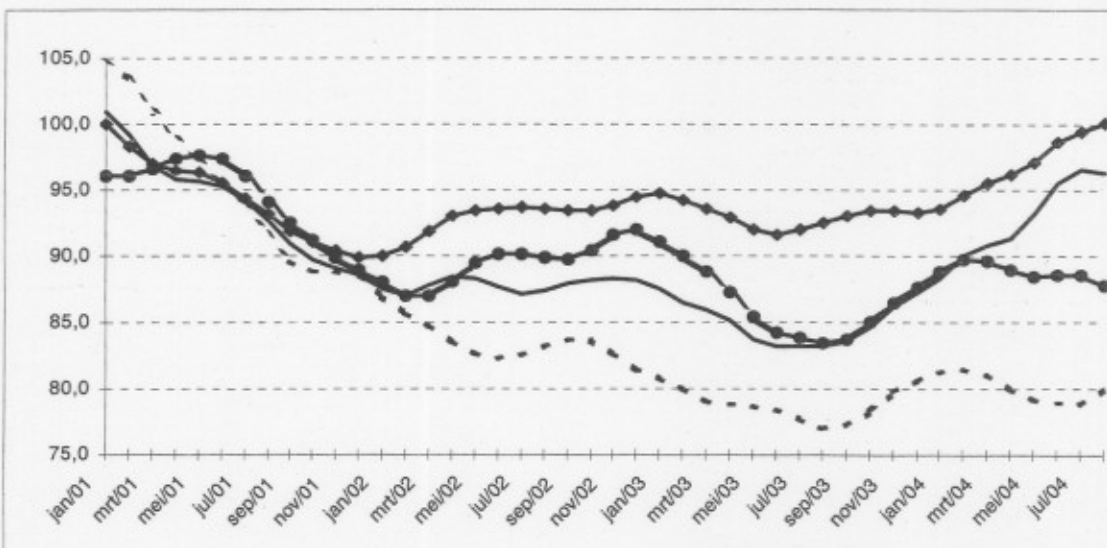
New orders

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

	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Year
Industry producing 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	106,7	91,5	86,6					
Construction													
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 producing to order													
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					
Construction													
2003	94,8	85,0	95,0	85,2	86,6	76,5	88,3	81,2	76,1	88,7	85,6	89,1	86,0
2004	86,4	97,7	88,8	90,9	82,3	90,1	94,7	82,8					

Seasonally adjusted indices
After elimination of seasonal variation

Trend cycle
Adjusted for seasonal and random fluctuations



Industry and construction :
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Metal products, machinery and equipment :
- - -◆-

Chemicals and chemical products :
—■—

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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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	↘	→	↘	↘
Chemicals and chemical products	↗ ↗	↗ ↗	↗ ↗	
Basic metals	↗ ↗	↗ ↗	↗ ↗	
Metal products, machinery and equipment	↘	↘	↘	↘
Fabricated metal products, except machinery and equipment	↘	↘	↘ ↘	↗
Machinery and equipment	↗	↗ ↗	→	↗ ↗
Electrical and optical equipment	↘ ↘	↘ ↘	↗	→
Transport equipment	↗ ↗	↗	↘	
Construction	↘	→	↘	↘

Press Release

Short Term Indicators

Thursday November, 18th 2004

Belgium – September 2004*: new orders industry + 9,0%, construction - 1,9%

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 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.

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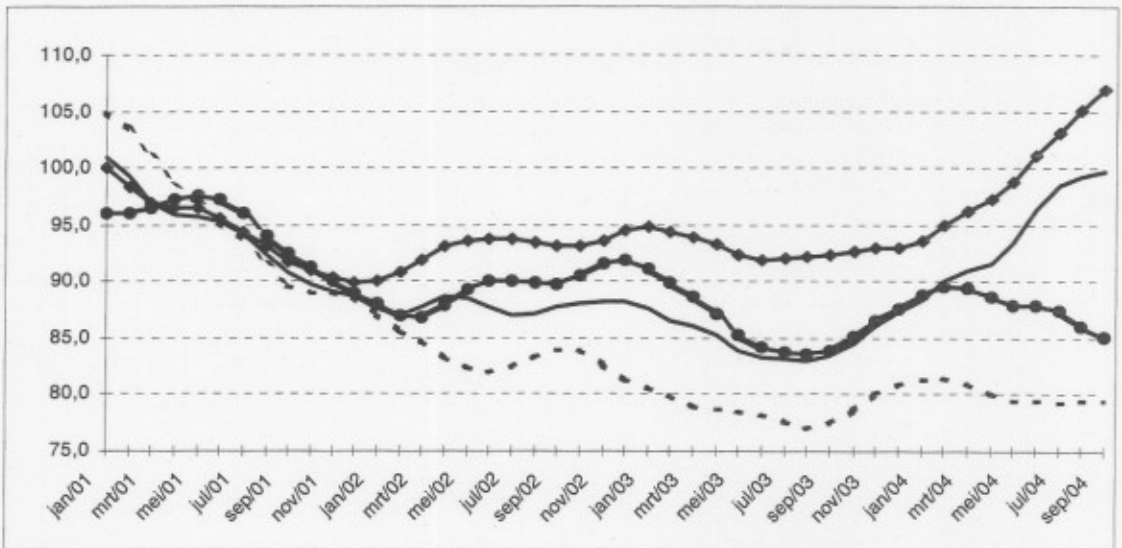
New orders

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

	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Year
Industry producing 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	106,7	93,6	92,9	109,2				
Construction													
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 producing to 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				
Construction													
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				

Seasonally adjusted indices
After elimination of seasonal variation

Trend cycle
Adjusted for seasonal and random fluctuations



Industry and construction :
—●—

Metal products, machinery and equipment :
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Chemicals and chemical products :
—◆—

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%

↘ < -2.5%

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	↘	→	↘	↘
Chemicals and chemical products	↗	↗	↗	↗
Basic metals	↗	↗	↗	↗
Metal products, machinery and equipment	↗	↗	↗	↗
Fabricated metal products, except machinery and equipment	↗	↗	↗	↗
Machinery and equipment	↗	↗	↗	↗
Electrical and optical equipment	↘	↘	→	↘
Transport equipment	↗	↗	↗	↗
Construction	↘	→	→	↗

Press Release

Short Term Indicators

Thursday December, 16th 2004

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

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 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.

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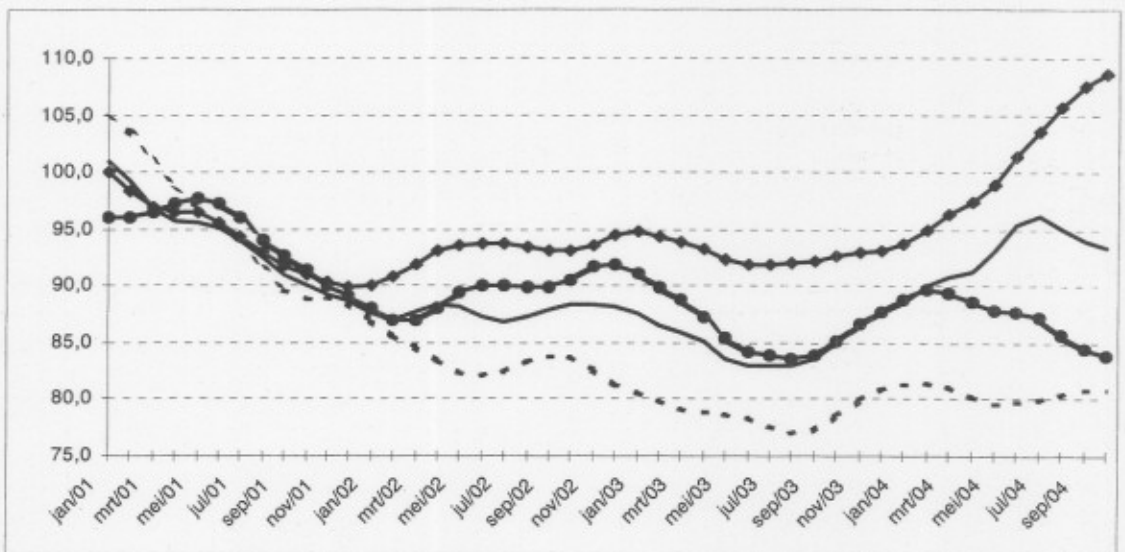
New orders

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

	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Year
Industry producing 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	106,7	93,6	84,9	103,5	99,1			
Construction													
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	91,0	88,0			
Industry producing to order													
2003	87,7	85,9	85,2	86,3	80,9	84,6	82,2	81,1	84,8	83,6	86,7	88,5	84,8
2004	85,3	89,0	90,1	90,3	93,4	98,6	100,0	97,1	96,8	93,9			
Construction													
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			

Seasonally adjusted indices
After elimination of seasonal variation

Trend cycle
Adjusted for seasonal and random fluctuations



Industry and construction :
Metal products, machinery and equipment :
Chemicals and chemical products :
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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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	→	↗	↘	↗
Chemicals and chemical products	↗	↗	↗	
Basic metals	↘	↗	↘	
Metal products, machinery and equipment	↗	↗	↘	↘
Fabricated metal products, except machinery and equipment	↘	↘	↘	↘
Machinery and equipment	→	↘	↘	↘
Electrical and optical equipment	↘	↘	↗	↗
Transport equipment	↗	↗	↗	
Construction	↘	→	↘	↘

Press Release

Short Term Indicators

Thursday January, 20th 2005

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

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 2,3%; in construction it fell by 5,3%.

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 an decrease in new orders by 1,4% in Flanders; in Wallonia they expanded by 0,6%**.

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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New orders

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

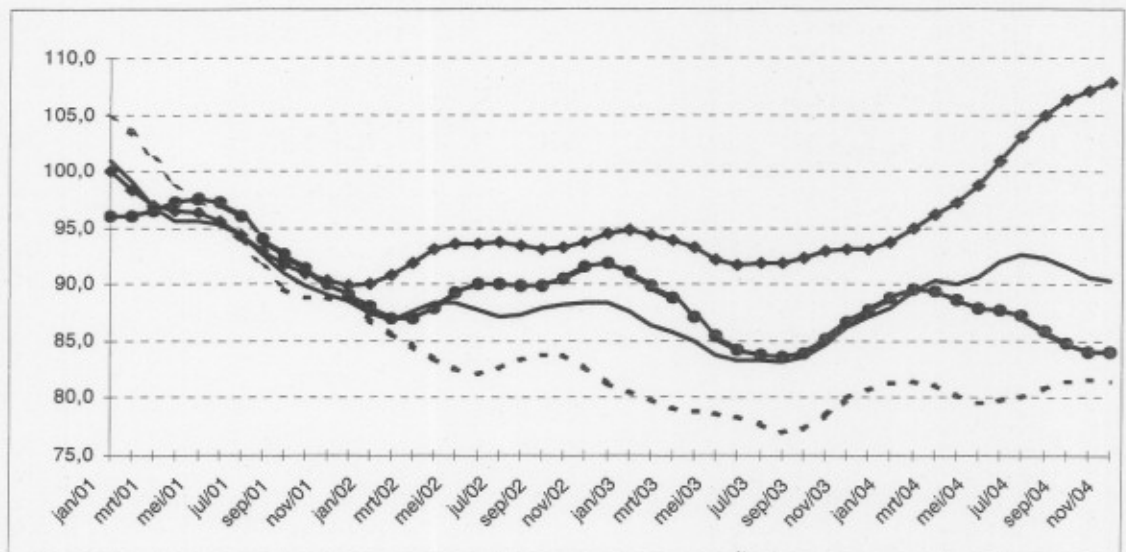
	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Year
Industry producing to order^a													
2003	86,8	83,9	91,0	87,0	82,5	87,2	76,2	69,6	90,0	92,6	85,0	84,2	84,7
2004	81,8	87,7	100,2	92,8	86,3	102,8	85,6	83,2	100,6	96,4	90,1		
Construction													
2003	89,9	76,9	97,9	87,0	84,5	84,7	73,4	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 producing to order													
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		
Construction													
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		

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

Seasonally adjusted indices
After elimination of seasonal variation

Trend cycle
Adjusted for seasonal and random fluctuations

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



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

- ↗ ↗ > 2.5%
- ↗ ↘ 0.5% to 2.5%
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- ↘ ↘ -2.5% to -0.5%
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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	↔	↗	↘	↔
Chemicals and chemical products	↗ ↗	↗ ↗	↗ ↗	
Basic metals	↘ ↘	↘ ↘	↘ ↘	
Metal products, machinery and equipment	↗	↗	↗	↗
Fabricated metal products, except machinery and equipment	↘	↘	↘	↘
Machinery and equipment	↘	↘	↘	↘
Electrical and optical equipment	↘	↘	↘	↘
Transport equipment	↗	↘	↗	
Construction	↘ ↘	↗	↘	↘ ↘

Press Release

Short Term Indicators

Thursday February, 17th 2005

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

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 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.

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New orders

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

Seasonally adjusted indices
After elimination of seasonal variation

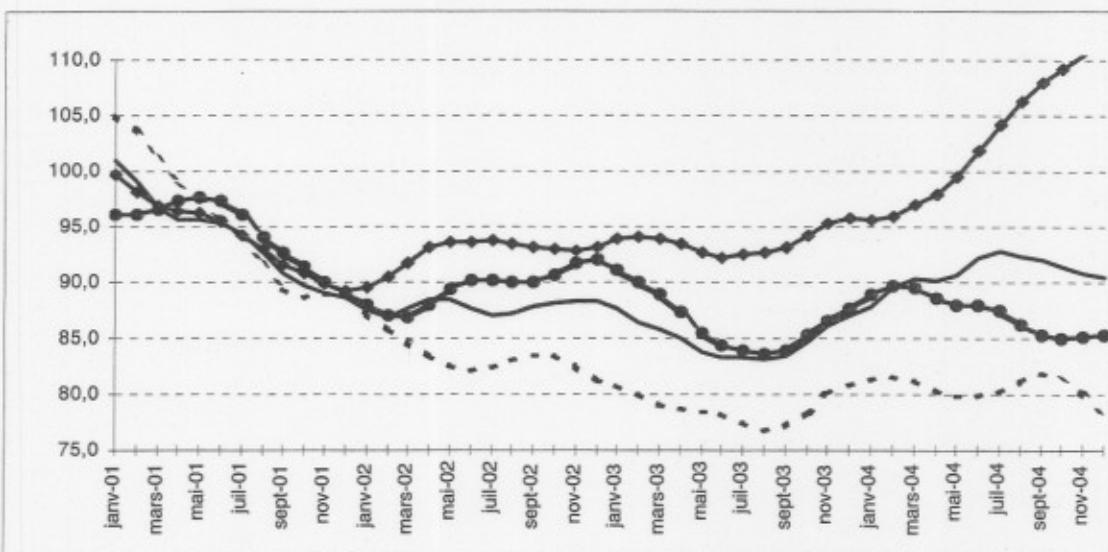
Trend cycle
Adjusted for seasonal and random fluctuations

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

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

↗ > 2.5%
↘ 0.5% to 2.5%
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	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Year
Industry producing 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	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
Construction													
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 producing to 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
Construction													
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	Brussels
Industry and construction producing to order	↗	↗	↗	↗
Industry producing to order	↗	↗	↗	↗
Manufacture of textiles and textile products	↗	↗	↗	↗
Textiles and textile products	↗	↗	↗	↗
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Chemicals and chemical products	↗	↗	↗	↗
Basic metals	↗	↗	↗	↗
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Machinery and equipment	↗	↗	↗	↗
Electrical and optical equipment	↗	↗	↗	↗
Transport equipment	↗	↗	↗	↗
Construction	↗	↗	↗	↗

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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New orders

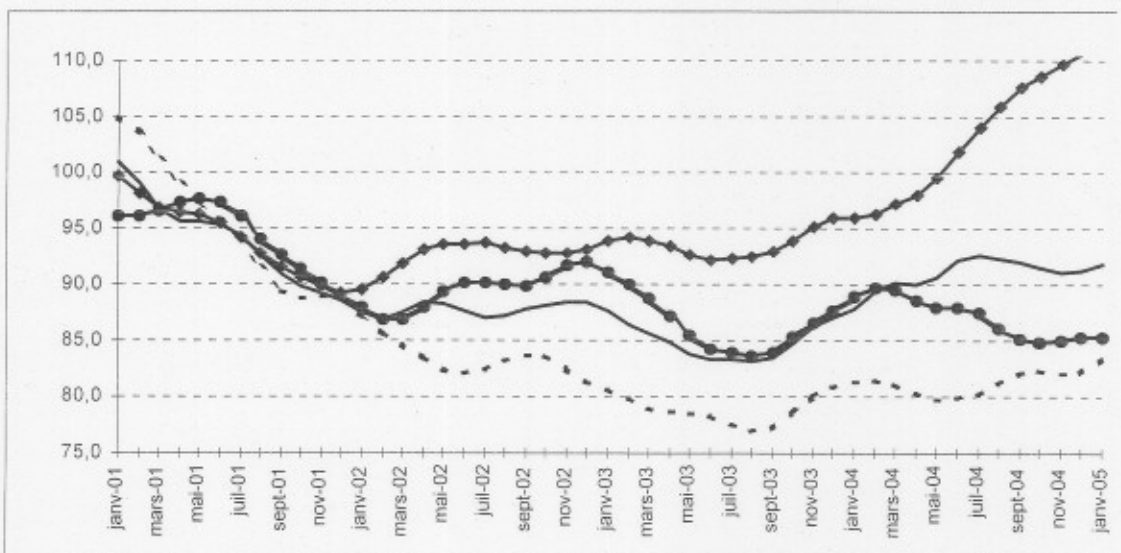
Gross indices (2000=100)
Volume indices of new orders

	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Year
Industry producing to order													
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2005	89,7												
Construction													
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 producing to 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												
Construction													
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												

Seasonally adjusted indices
After elimination of seasonal variation

Trend cycle
Adjusted for seasonal and random fluctuations

Industry and construction :
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Evolution of trend cycle
Last three months compared to the previous three months

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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	↘	↘	↘	↘
Chemicals and chemical products	↘	↘	↘	↘
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Machinery and equipment	↘	↘	↘	↘
Electrical and optical equipment	↘	↘	↘	↘
Transport equipment	↘	↘	↘	↘
Construction	↘	↘	↘	↘

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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.

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New orders

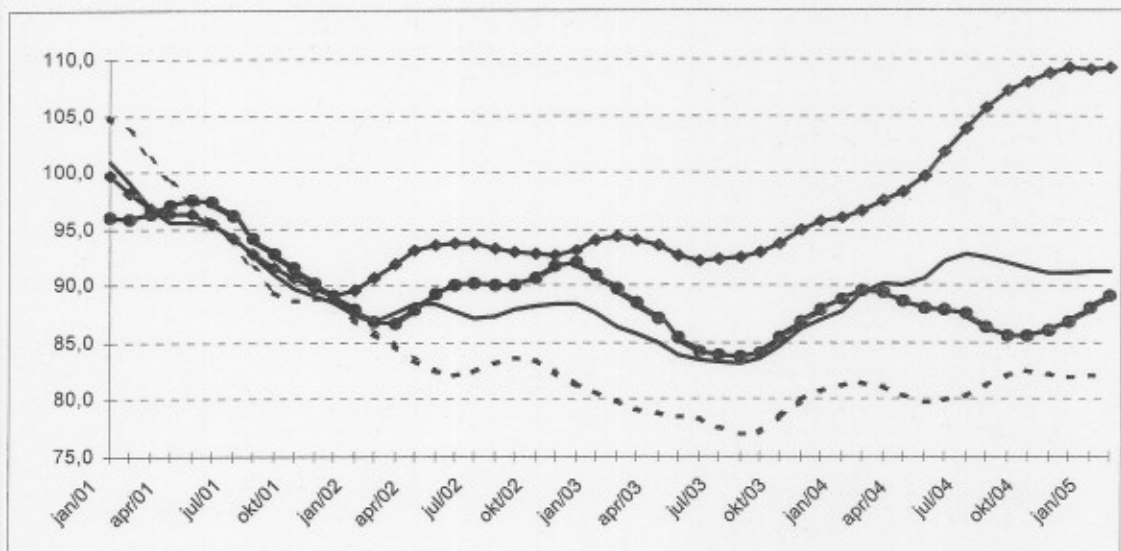
Gross indices (2000=100)
Volume indices of new orders

	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Year
Industry producing to 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	88,4	89,9											
Construction													
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	78,4	88,1											
Industry producing to order (Seasonally adjusted)													
2004	84,0	88,1	89,9	90,7	88,7	95,2	93,1	95,0	94,0	92,8	92,5	92,2	91,3
2005	92,8	92,1											
Construction (Seasonally adjusted)													
2004	86,5	96,8	88,5	90,7	82,4	89,9	94,0	81,5	84,4	83,4	84,8	86,0	87,4
2005	86,2	95,1											

Seasonally adjusted indices
After elimination of seasonal variation

Trend cycle

Adjusted for seasonal and random fluctuations



Industry and construction :

Metal products, machinery and equipment :

Chemicals and chemical products :

Construction :

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

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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	↘↘	↘	↘↘	↗
Chemicals and chemical products	↗	↗	↘↘	
Basic metals	↗↗	↘	↘↘	
Metal products, machinery and equipment	→	→	→	↘
Fabricated metal products, except machinery and equipment	→	→	↘	→
Machinery and equipment	↘	→	↘	↘
Electrical and optical equipment	↗	↗	↗↗	↗
Transport equipment	→	→	↘↘	
Construction	↗↗	↘	↗	↗↗



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.

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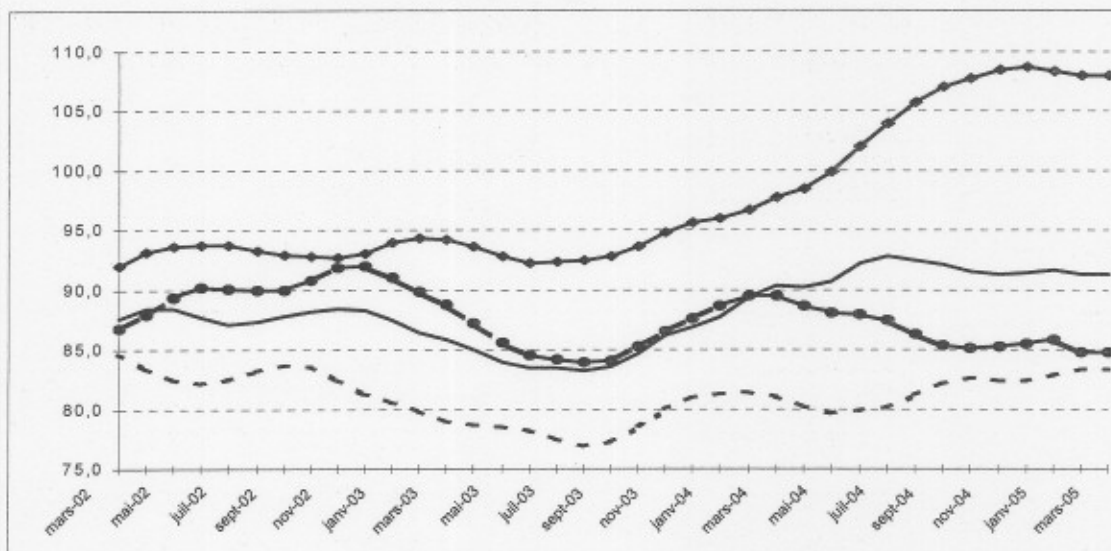
New orders

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

	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Year
Industry producing to 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	90,5	102,9										
Construction													
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	84,9	92,5										
Industry producing to order													
2004	83,9	88,0	89,8	90,7	88,7	95,2	93,1	95,0	94,1	92,8	92,6	92,3	91,4
2005	94,5	92,8	93,9										
Construction													
2004	85,9	96,8	89,0	90,8	82,6	89,8	94,0	81,4	84,4	83,3	84,7	85,6	87,4
2005	85,7	91,9	81,2										

**Seasonally
adjusted indices**
After elimination of
seasonal variation

Trend cycle
Adjusted for
seasonal and
random
fluctuations



**Industry and
construction :**
—●—

**Metal products,
machinery and
equipment :**
- - -

**Chemicals and
chemical products :**
—◆—

Construction :
—■—

**Evolution of trend
cycle**
Last three months
compared to the
previous three
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Industry producing to order	↗	→	↗	→
Manufacture of textiles and textile products	↘	↘	↘	↘↘
Textiles and textile products	↘↘	↘	↘↘	↗
Wearing apparel and fur	↗	↗	↗↗	↘↘
Pulp, paper and paper products	↘↘	↘	↘↘	→
Chemicals and chemical products	→	→	↘↘	
Basic metals	↗↗	↗↗	↗	
Metal products, machinery and equipment	↗	↗	→	↗↗
Fabricated metal products, except machinery and equipment	→	→	↘	↘
Machinery and equipment	↘	↘	↘↘	↘↘
Electrical and optical equipment	↗	↘	↗↗	↗↗
Transport equipment	↗↗	↗	↗↗	
Construction	→	→	↘	↘↘

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

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 quo (+ 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.

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2005	90,3	90,7	100,7	92,7									
Construction													
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	91,2	82,1									
Industry producing to order (Seasonally adjusted)													
2004	83,8	87,9	89,9	90,9	88,7	95,3	93,3	95,1	94,1	92,8	92,5	92,2	91,4
2005	94,2	92,6	91,8	90,3									
Construction (Seasonally adjusted)													
2004	85,9	96,9	89,2	90,7	82,6	89,7	94,0	81,4	84,4	83,3	84,8	85,6	87,4
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Seasonally adjusted indices
After elimination of seasonal variation

Trend cycle

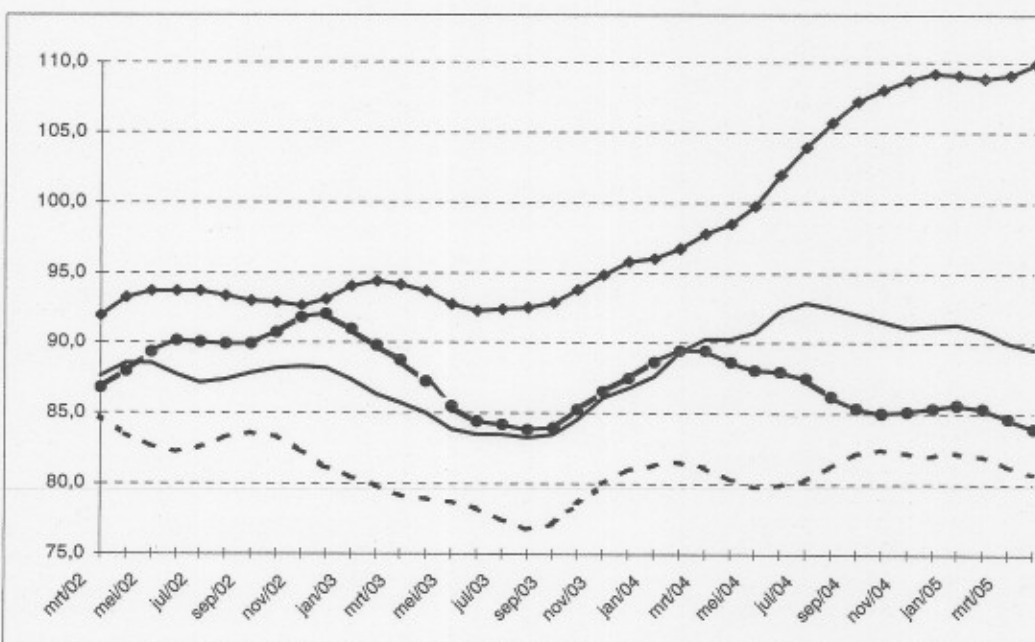
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Evolution of trend cycle

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Pulp, paper and paper products	↘↘	↘↘	↘↘	↘
Chemicals and chemical products	→	→	↘	
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Metal products, machinery and equipment	↘	↘	→	↗↗
Fabricated metal products, except machinery and equipment	→	↗	↗	→
Machinery and equipment	→	↘	↘	↘↘
Electrical and optical equipment	↘↘	↘↘	↘	↘
Transport equipment	↗	↘	↗↗	
Construction	↘	↘	↗	↘↘

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

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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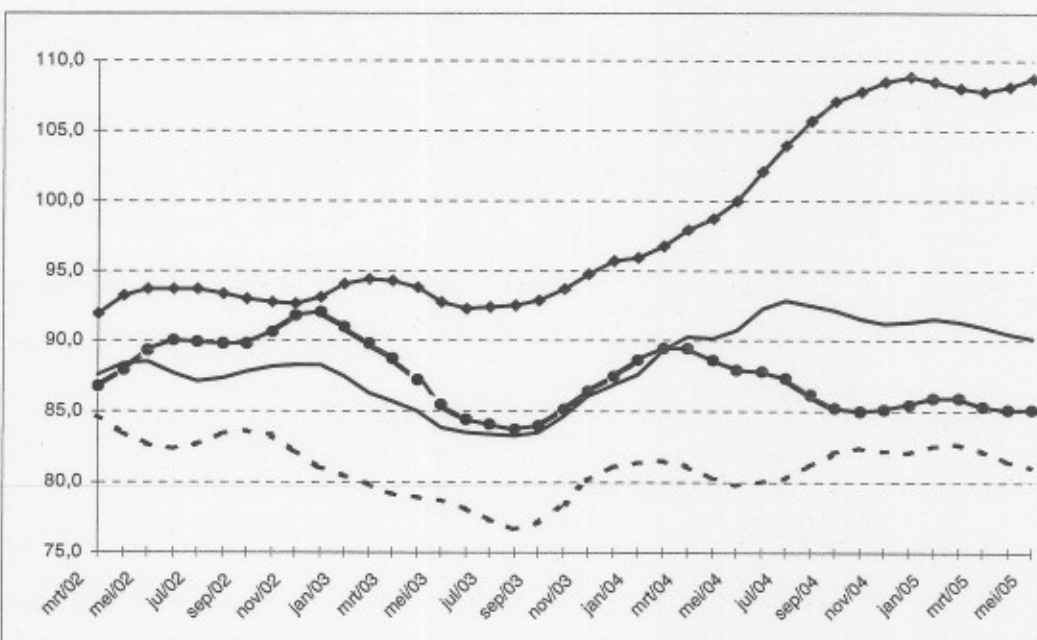
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After elimination of
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Trend cycle
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**Evolution of trend
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Chemicals and chemical products	→	↗	↘↘	
Basic metals	↗↗	↘	↗↗	
Metal products, machinery and equipment	↘	↘	→	↗
Fabricated metal products, except machinery and equipment	↘	→	↘	→
Machinery and equipment	→	↘	↗	↘
Electrical and optical equipment	↘↘	↘↘	↘	↘
Transport equipment	→	↗	↗↗	
Construction	↘	→	→	↘↘

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

Thursday August , 11th 2005

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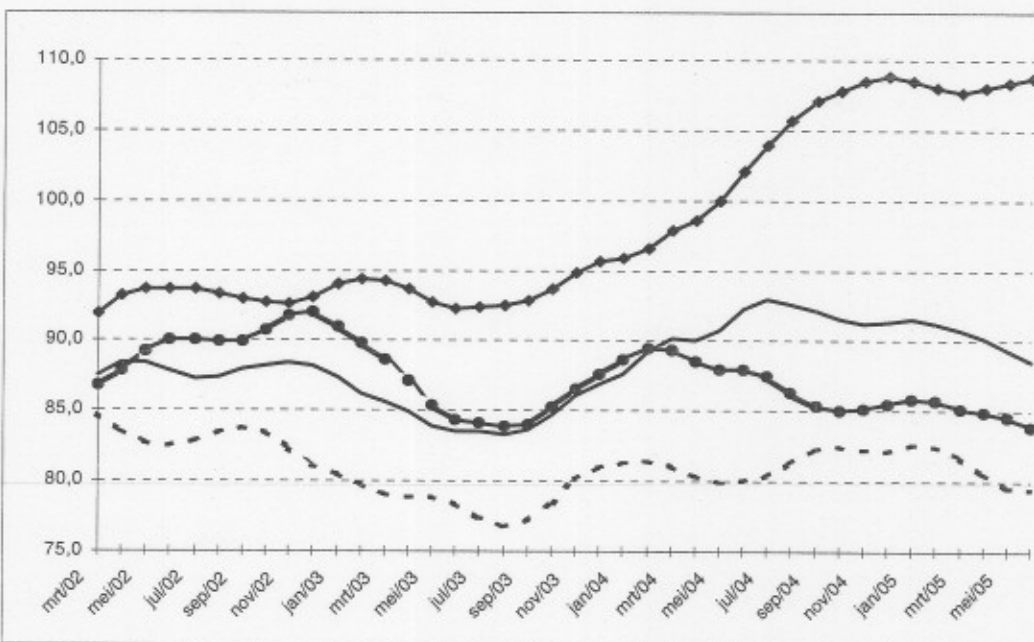
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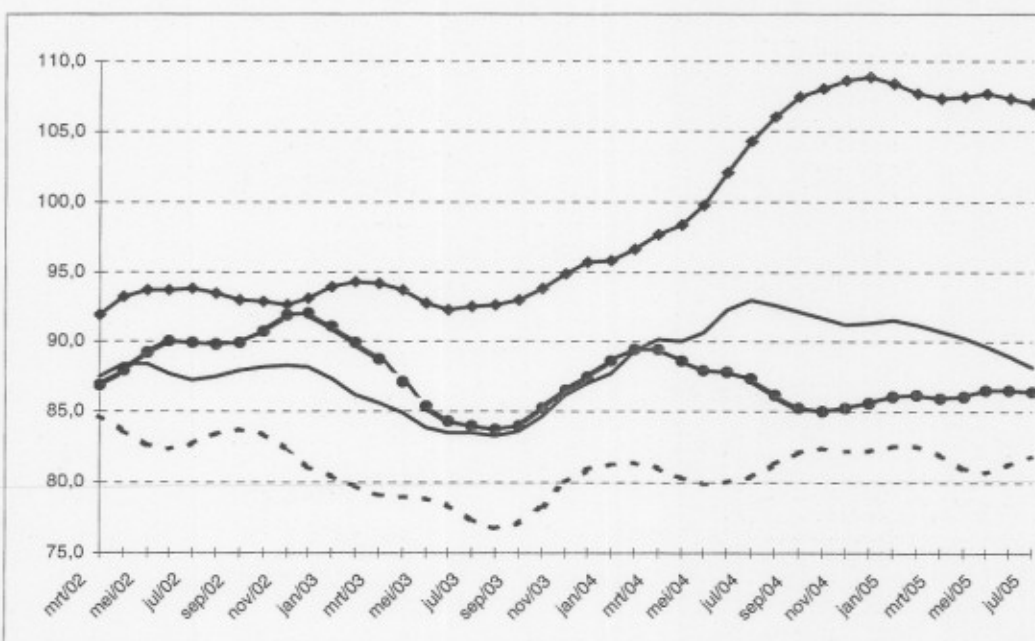
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Industry producing to order (Seasonally adjusted)													
2004	83,9	87,9	89,5	90,6	88,9	95,2	93,5	95,3	94,1	93,1	92,8	92,2	91,4
2005	94,2	92,6	93,3	91,3	89,7	89,7	87,1						
Construction (Seasonally adjusted)													
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Seasonally adjusted indices
After elimination of seasonal variation

Trend cycle
Adjusted for seasonal and random fluctuations



Industry and construction :
—●—

Metal products, machinery and equipment :
- - -

Chemicals and chemical products :
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Construction :
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Evolution of trend cycle
Last three months compared to the previous three months

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Textiles and textile products	→	→	↗	↘↘
Wearing apparel and fur	↗	↗↗	↗↗	↘↘
Pulp, paper and paper products	→	→	↗	↘↘
Chemicals and chemical products	→	↗	↘↘	
Basic metals	↘↘	↘	↘	
Metal products, machinery and equipment	↘	↘	↗	↘↘
Fabricated metal products, except machinery and equipment	↘	→	↘↘	→
Machinery and equipment	↗	↗	↗↗	↗↗
Electrical and optical equipment	↘↘	↘	↗↗	↘↘
Transport equipment	↘↘	↘	↗↗	
Construction	↗	↗	→	↘↘

FÖD WIRTSCHAFT, KMU, MITTELSTAND UND ENERGIE PRESSEMITTEILUNG

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% rückläufig**.

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 Pressemitteilung : 17/11/2005

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Mehr Konjunkturinformationen !

⇒ viersprachige Konjunkturportalseite :

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⇒ 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

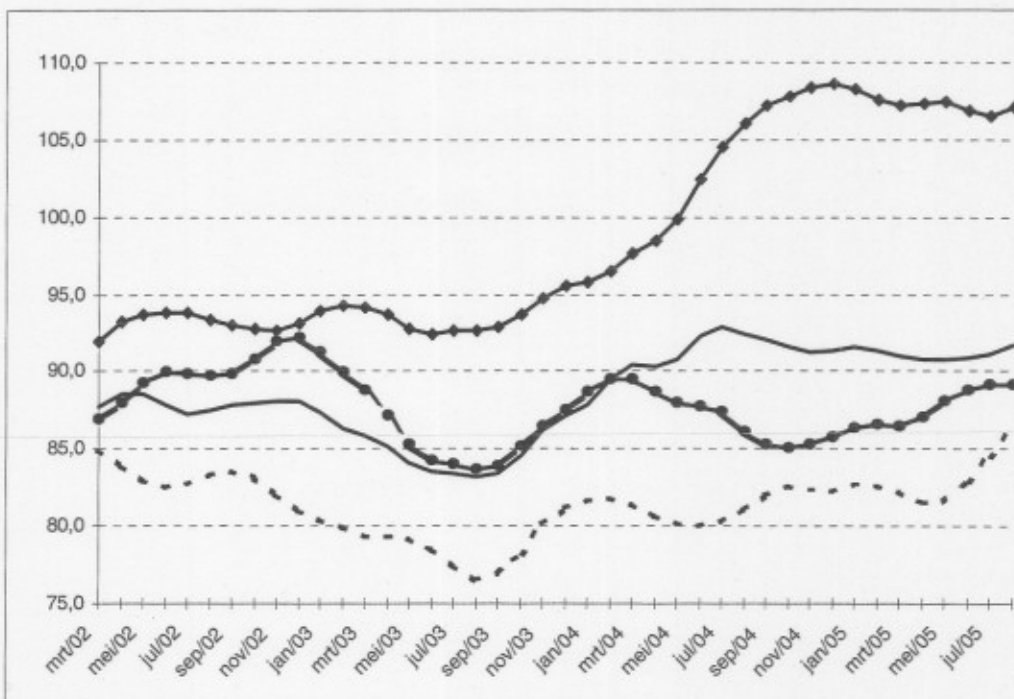
Bruttoindizes (2000=100)
Volumenindizes der Auftragseingänge

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Aufgrund Aufträgen produzierende Industrie und Baugewerbe													
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2005	90,3	90,7	103,0	94,1	87,0	100,4	76,5	84,8					
Baugewerbe													
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
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Aufgrund Aufträgen produzierende Industrie und Baugewerbe													
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Saisonbereinigte Indizes
Nach Bereinigung von Saison- und Saisoneffekten

Trend
Nach Bereinigung von Saison- und irregulären Effekten

Industrie und Baugewerbe : —
Metallverarbeitende Industrie : - - -
Chemische Industrie : ◆◆◆
Baugewerbe : ●●●



Entwicklung des Trends
Drei letzte Monate gegenüber den vorhergehenden drei Monaten

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Tätigkeitsbranchen	Belgien	Flandern	Wallonien	Brüssel
Aufgrund Aufträgen produzierende Industrie und Baugewerbe	→	↗	↘	↘↘
Aufgrund Aufträgen produzierende Industrie	→	→	↘	↘↘
Textil- und Bekleidungsindustrie	↗	↗	↘	↘↘
Textilgewerbe	↗	↗	↘	↘↘
Bekleidungsindustrie	↘	↗	↗↗	↘↘
Papiergewerbe	↗	↗	→	↘
Chemische Industrie	→	→	↘↘	
Metallerzeugung und -bearbeitung	↘↘	↘↘	↗	
Metallverarbeitende Industrie	↗↗	↗↗	↗↗	↘↘
Metallerzeugnisse	→	↘	↗↗	↘
Maschinenbau	↗	↗↗	↗↗	↗↗
Elektrotechnik usw.	→	→	↗↗	→
Fahrzeugbau	→	↘	↗↗	
Baugewerbe	↗	↗↗	↘	↘

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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%**.

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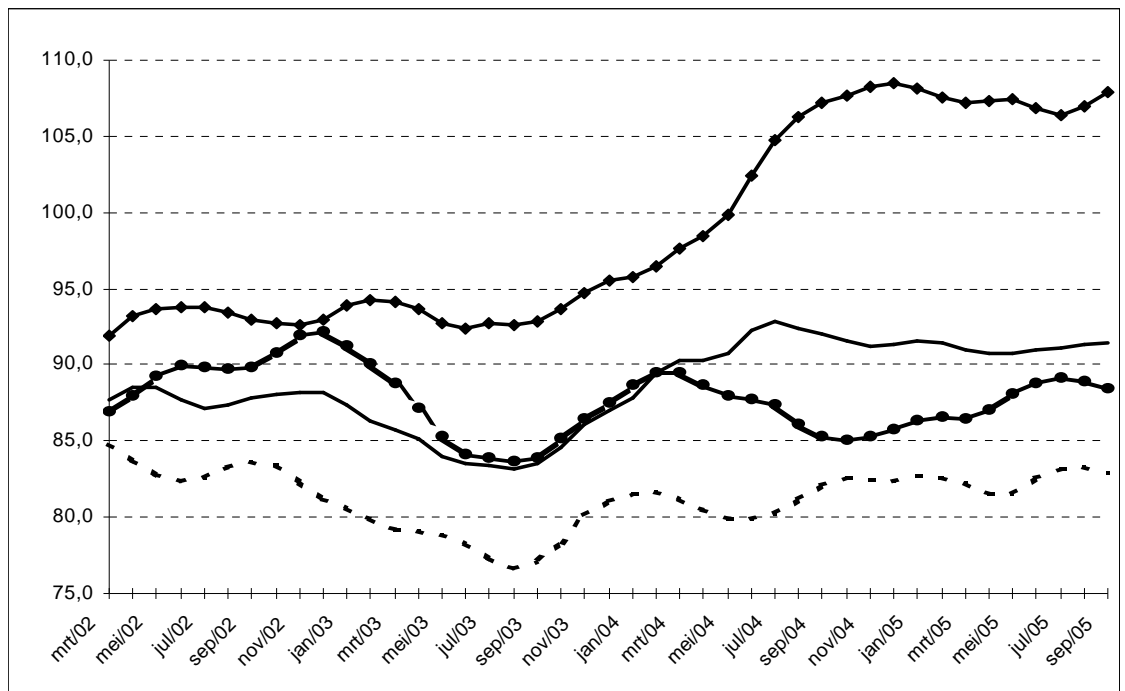
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2005	85,9	91,7	80,7	85,6	90,1	89,6	91,3	90,1	86,4				

Seasonally adjusted indices
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Trend cycle
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Transport equipment	↗	→	↘	
Construction	↗	↗	↗	↗

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Thursday December, 15th 2005

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

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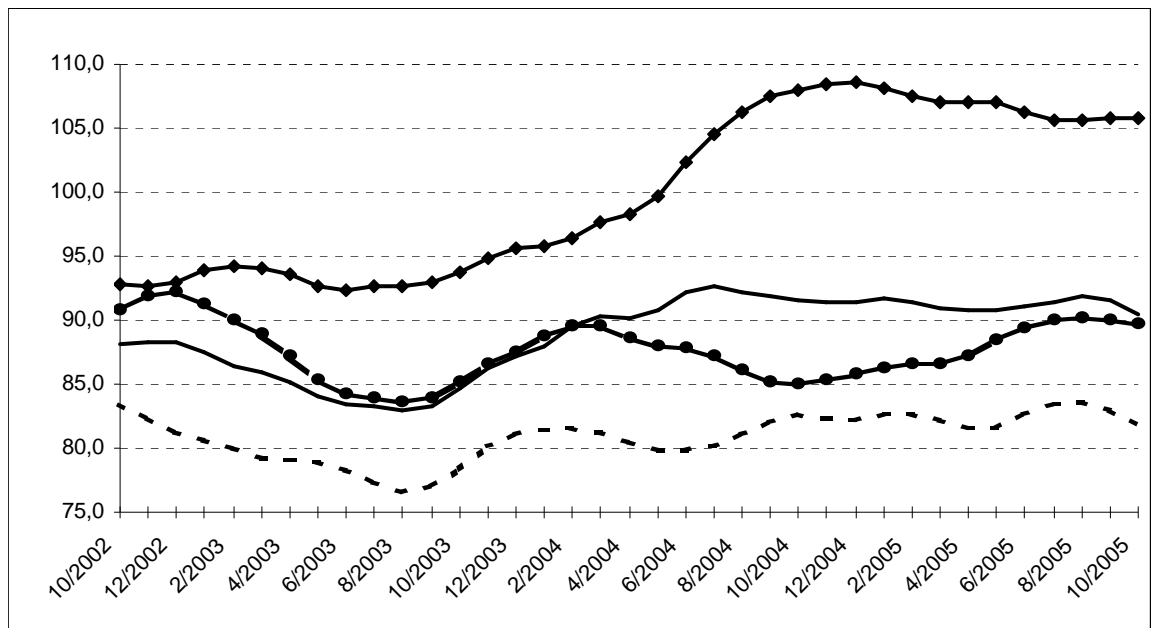
New orders

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

	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Year
Industry producing to 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			
Construction													
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			
Industry producing to 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			
Construction													
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			

Seasonally adjusted indices
After elimination of seasonal variation

Trend cycle
Adjusted for seasonal and random fluctuations



Industry and construction :
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Metal products, machinery and equipment :
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Chemicals and chemical products :
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Construction :
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Evolution of trend cycle
Last three months compared to the previous three months

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↗ 0.5% to 2.5%
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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	↘	↘	↘	↘
Chemicals and chemical products	↘	→	↘	
Basic metals	↗↗	→	↗↗	
Metal products, machinery and equipment	→	↗	↘	→
Fabricated metal products, except machinery and equipment	↘↘	↘↘	↘↘	↘
Machinery and equipment	↗	↗↗	↗↗	↗
Electrical and optical equipment	↘	→	↘↘	→
Transport equipment	↗↗	→	↘↘	
Construction	↗	↗	↗	→



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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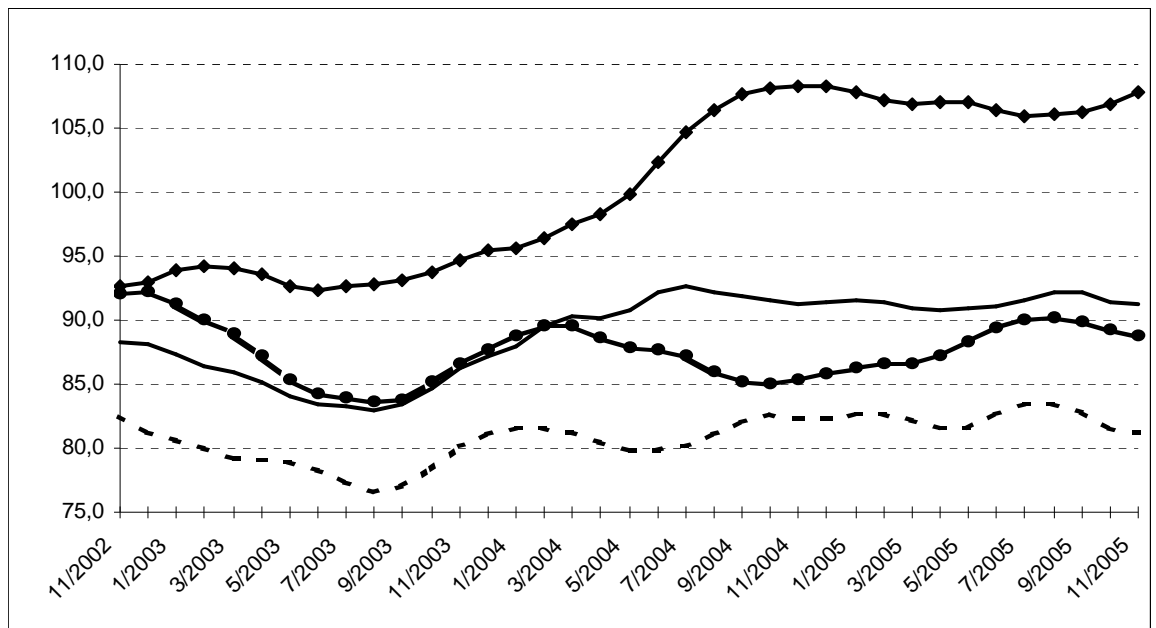
New orders

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

	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Year
Industry producing to 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		
Construction													
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		
Industry producing to 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		
Construction													
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		

Seasonally adjusted indices
After elimination of seasonal variation

Trend cycle
Adjusted for seasonal and random fluctuations



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

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

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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	↘↘	↘↘	→	↗
Chemicals and chemical products	↗	→	↗↗	
Basic metals	↗↗	↗↗	↗↗	
Metal products, machinery and equipment	↘	↘↘	↗	↗
Fabricated metal products, except machinery and equipment	↘	→	↘	↗
Machinery and equipment	↗↗	↗↗	↗↗	↗
Electrical and optical equipment	→	↘	↘	↗↗
Transport equipment	↘	↘	↗↗	
Construction	↘	→	→	↗



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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New orders

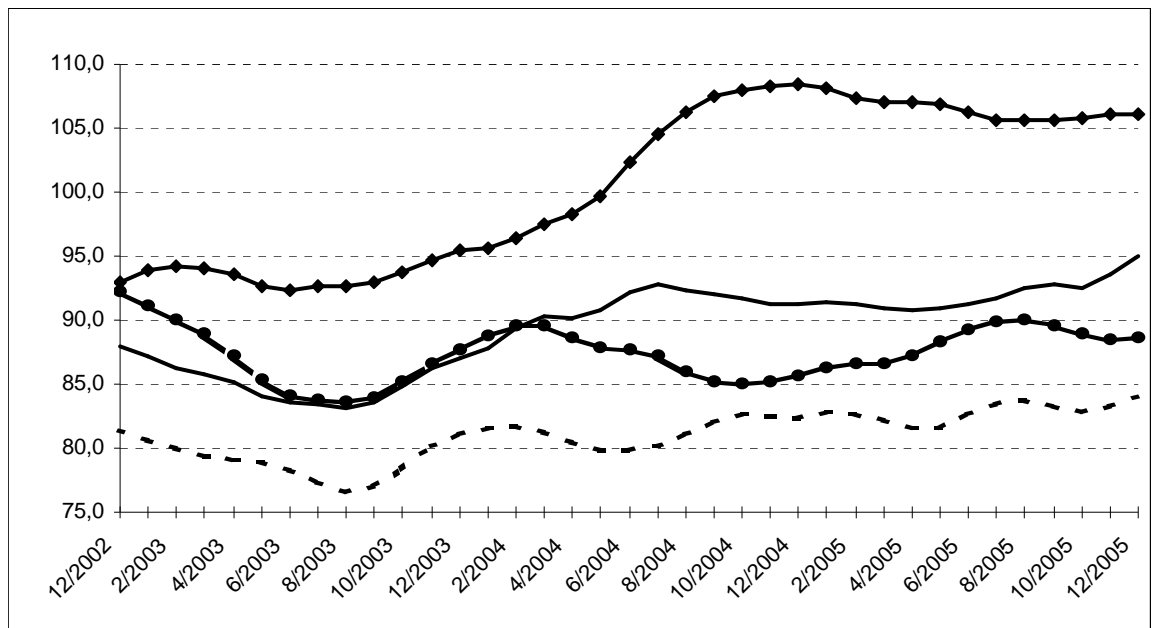
Gross indices (2000=100)
Volume indices of new orders

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Industry producing to order													
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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
Construction													
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
Industry producing to 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
Construction													
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

Seasonally adjusted indices
After elimination of seasonal variation

Trend cycle

Adjusted for seasonal and random fluctuations



Industry and construction :
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Metal products, machinery and equipment :
—◆—

Chemicals and chemical products :
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Construction :
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Evolution of trend cycle

Last three months compared to the previous three months

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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	↘↘	↘↘	↗	↘↘
Chemicals and chemical products	→	→	↗↗	
Basic metals	↗↗	↗↗	↗↗	
Metal products, machinery and equipment	→	↘↘	→	↗
Fabricated metal products, except machinery and equipment	→	→	↘	→
Machinery and equipment	↗	↗↗	↗	↗↗
Electrical and optical equipment	↗	↘	↗↗	→
Transport equipment	↗↗	↘	↘↘	
Construction	↘	→	→	↘↘



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**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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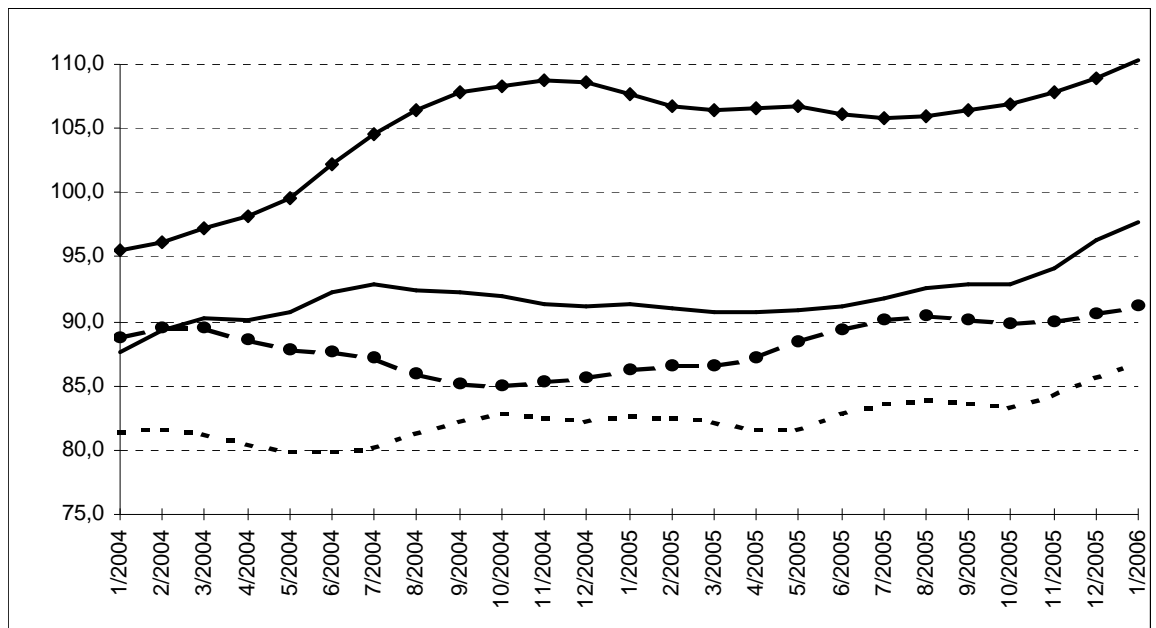
New orders

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

	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Year
Industry producing 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	96,0	93,0
2006	97,1												
Construction													
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												
Industry producing to 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												
Construction													
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												

Seasonally adjusted indices
After elimination of seasonal variation

Trend cycle
Adjusted for seasonal and random fluctuations



Industry and construction :
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Metal products, machinery and equipment :
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Chemicals and chemical products :
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Construction :
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Evolution of trend cycle
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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	↘	↘	↗	↘↘
Chemicals and chemical products	↗	↗	↗↗	
Basic metals	↗↗	↗↗	↗↗	
Metal products, machinery and equipment	↗	↗	↘	↘↘
Fabricated metal products, except machinery and equipment	↗↗	↗↗	↘	→
Machinery and equipment	↗	↗	→	↘
Electrical and optical equipment	↗↗	↗↗	↗	↘
Transport equipment	↗	↗	↘↘	
Construction	→	↗	→	↘↘



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DIRECTORATE-GENERAL STATISTICS BELGIUM
PRESS RELEASE

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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New orders

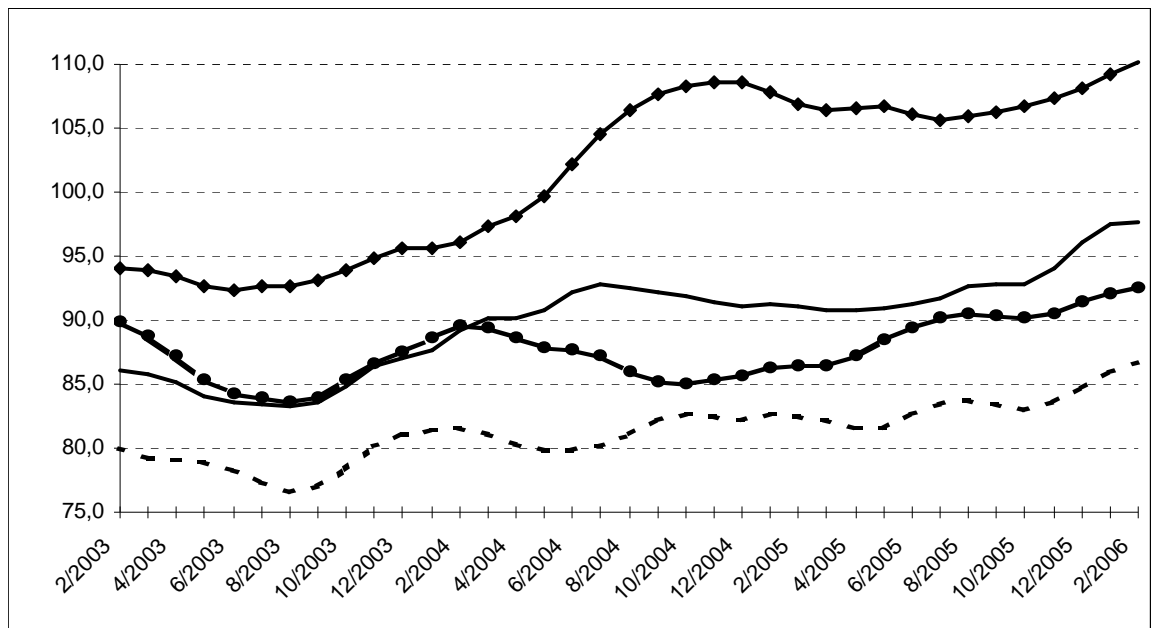
**Gross indices
(2000=100)**
Volume indices of
new orders

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Industry producing 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	98,8	97,0											
Construction													
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	85,1	86,8											
Industry producing to order													
2005	93,4	92,6	93,0	91,6	89,9	91,9	90,2	93,5	94,7	90,5	96,4	97,0	92,9
2006	102,1	99,0											
Construction													
2005	85,8	91,4	80,4	85,7	90,1	89,9	91,6	92,1	91,7	87,2	87,6	93,7	88,9
2006	92,4	93,9											

**Seasonally
adjusted indices**
After elimination of
seasonal variation

Trend cycle

Adjusted for
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Industry and
construction :

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Chemicals and
chemical products :

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Construction :

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**Evolution of trend
cycle**
Last three months
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Industry producing to order	↗↗	↗↗	↗	↗↗
Manufacture of textiles and textile products	↘	↗	↗↗	↘↘
Textiles and textile products	↗	↗	↗	↘↘
Wearing apparel and fur	↗↗	↗	↗↗	↘↘
Pulp, paper and paper products	↘	↘	↘	↘↘
Chemicals and chemical products	↗	↗	↗↗	
Basic metals	↗↗	↗	↗↗	
Metal products, machinery and equipment	↗↗	↗↗	↘	↘
Fabricated metal products, except machinery and equipment	↗↗	↗↗	↘	↘
Machinery and equipment	↗	↗	→	↘↘
Electrical and optical equipment	↗↗	↗↗	↗↗	→
Transport equipment	↗	↗	↘↘	
Construction	↗	↗	↗	↘↘

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DIRECTORATE-GENERAL STATISTICS BELGIUM
PRESS RELEASE

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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New orders

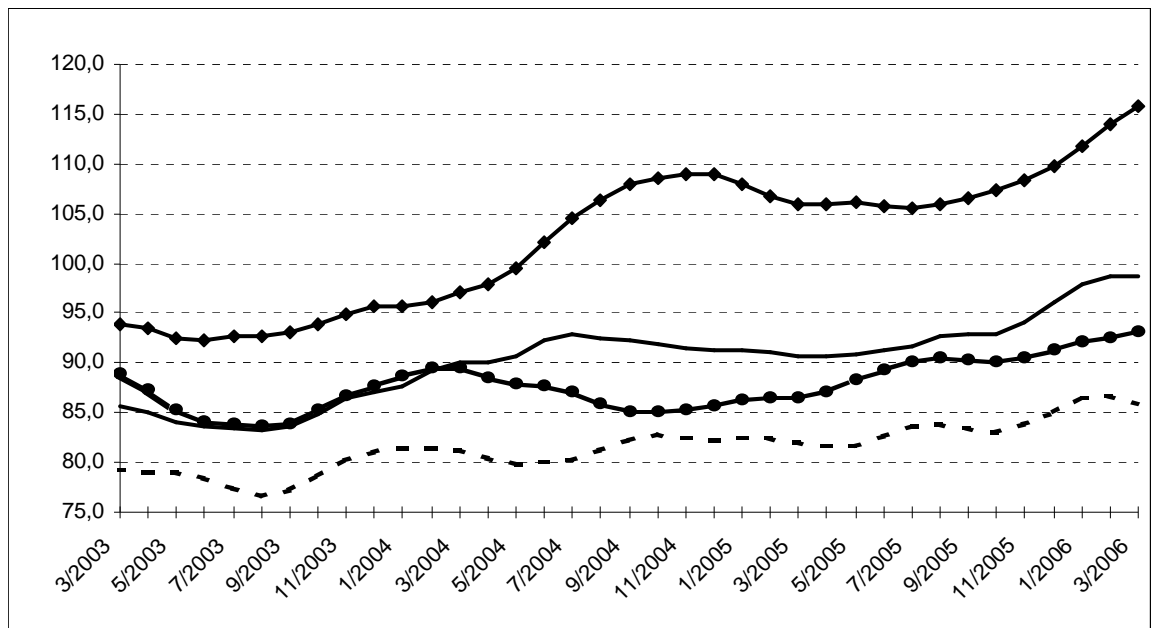
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Industry producing to order													
2005	90,3	90,7	103,0	94,1	87,0	100,4	77,7	83,8	101,5	94,7	97,5	94,5	92,9
2006	97,2	102,4	110,4										
Construction													
2005	78,6	84,3	91,5	82,5	91,8	99,4	67,6	95,4	98,6	89,2	89,1	99,0	88,9
2006	84,6	85,6	101,0										
Industry producing to 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										
Construction													
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										

Seasonally adjusted indices
After elimination of seasonal variation

Trend cycle

Adjusted for seasonal and random fluctuations



Industry and construction :
Metal products, machinery and equipment :
Chemicals and chemical products :
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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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	↘	↗	→	↘↘
Chemicals and chemical products	↗↗	↗↗	↗↗	
Basic metals	↗↗	↗	↗↗	
Metal products, machinery and equipment	↗↗	↗↗	↘↘	→
Fabricated metal products, except machinery and equipment	↗	↗	↗	↗
Machinery and equipment	↗	↗	→	↗
Electrical and optical equipment	→	↗	→	→
Transport equipment	↗↗	↗	↘↘	
Construction	↗	↗	↗↗	↘↘



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DIRECTORATE-GENERAL STATISTICS BELGIUM
PRESS RELEASE

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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**(% increase of the last three months, till April 2006 inclusive, compared to the preceding trimester, seasonally-adjusted values).*

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New orders

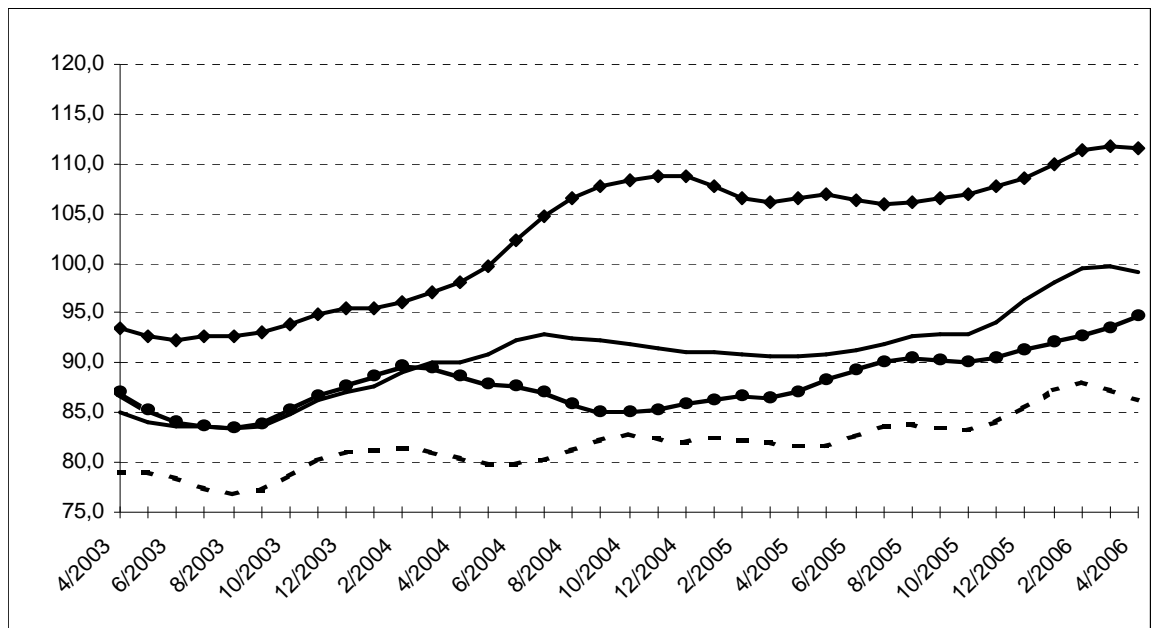
Gross indices (2000=100)
Volume indices of new orders





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

Seasonally adjusted indices
After elimination of seasonal variation

Trend cycle

Adjusted for seasonal and random fluctuations



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Industry producing to order	↗↗	↗	↗↗	↗↗
Manufacture of textiles and textile products	→	→	↗↗	↘↘
Textiles and textile products	→	→	↗↗	↘
Wearing apparel and fur	↗↗	↗	↗↗	↘↘
Pulp, paper and paper products	→	↗	↘↘	↘↘
Chemicals and chemical products	↗↗	↗	↗↗	
Basic metals	↗↗	↗	↗↗	
Metal products, machinery and equipment	↗	↗↗	↘	↘↘
Fabricated metal products, except machinery and equipment	↗	↗	→	→
Machinery and equipment	↗↗	↗	↘	↗
Electrical and optical equipment	↗	↗	↗	↘
Transport equipment	↗	↗	↘↘	
Construction	↗↗	↗	↗↗	↗↗



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DIRECTORATE-GENERAL STATISTICS BELGIUM
PRESS RELEASE**

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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New orders

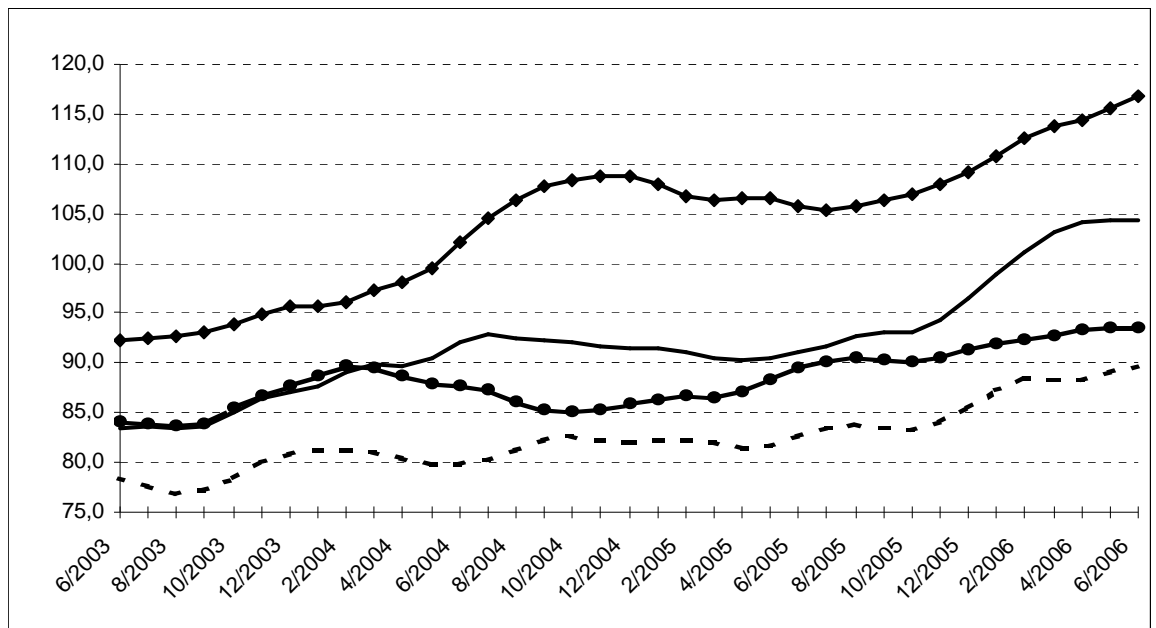
Gross indices (2000=100)
Volume indices of new orders

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

Seasonally adjusted indices
After elimination of seasonal variation

Trend cycle

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Textiles and textile products	↗	↗	→	→
Wearing apparel and fur	↗↗	↗↗	↗↗	↗
Pulp, paper and paper products	↘	→	↘	↘↘
Chemicals and chemical products	↗↗	↗	↗	
Basic metals	↗↗	↗↗	↗↗	
Metal products, machinery and equipment	↗	↗	↗↗	↘
Fabricated metal products, except machinery and equipment	↗	↗	→	→
Machinery and equipment	↗	↘	↗	↗↗
Electrical and optical equipment	↗	↘↘	↗	↘
Transport equipment	↗	↗↗	↘↘	
Construction	↗	↗	→	↗



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

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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New orders

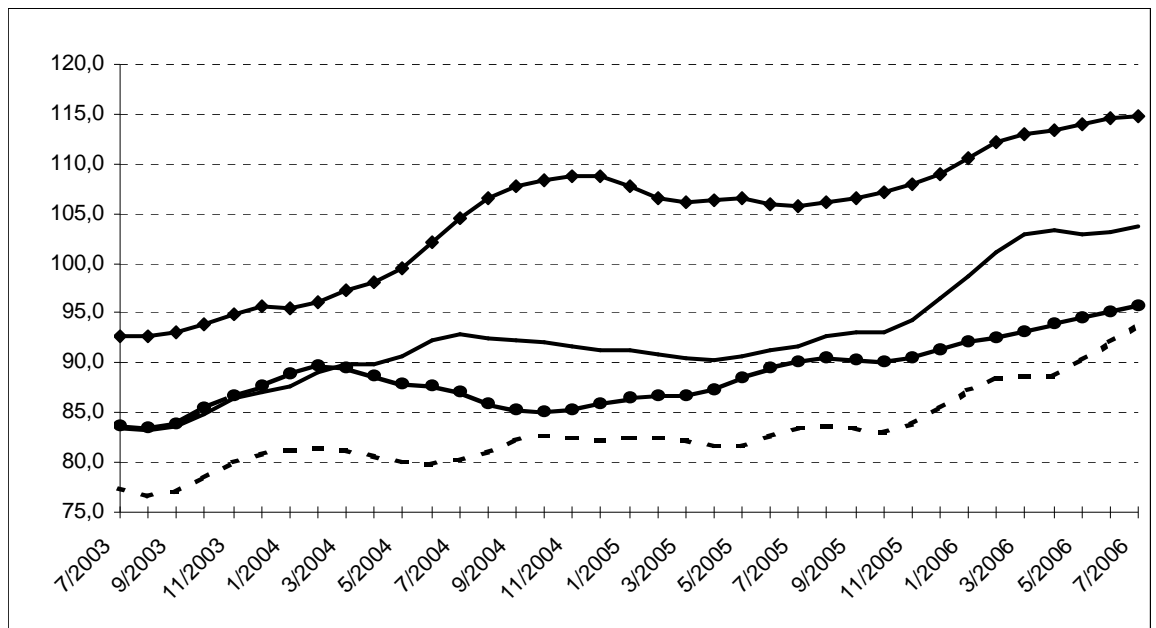
Gross indices (2000=100)
Volume indices of new orders

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Industry producing 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	105,5	110,5	94,3						
Construction													
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						
Industry producing to 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						
Construction													
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						

Seasonally adjusted indices
After elimination of seasonal variation

Trend cycle

Adjusted for seasonal and random fluctuations



Industry and construction :
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Chemicals and chemical products :
Construction :

Evolution of trend cycle

Last three months compared to the previous three months

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Industry producing to order	↗	↗↗	↗↗	↘
Manufacture of textiles and textile products	↗	↗	↗↗	↘↘
Textiles and textile products	↗	↗	↗	↘
Wearing apparel and fur	↗↗	↗	↗↗	↘↘
Pulp, paper and paper products	↘	→	→	↘↘
Chemicals and chemical products	↗	↗	↘↘	
Basic metals	↗↗	↗↗	↘↘	
Metal products, machinery and equipment	↗↗	↗↗	↗	→
Fabricated metal products, except machinery and equipment	↗	↗	↗	↗
Machinery and equipment	↗↗	↗	↗↗	↗↗
Electrical and optical equipment	↗↗	→	↗↗	↘
Transport equipment	↗↗	↗↗	↗↗	
Construction	↗	↗	↗	↘



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**DIRECTORATE-GENERAL STATISTICS BELGIUM
PRESS RELEASE**

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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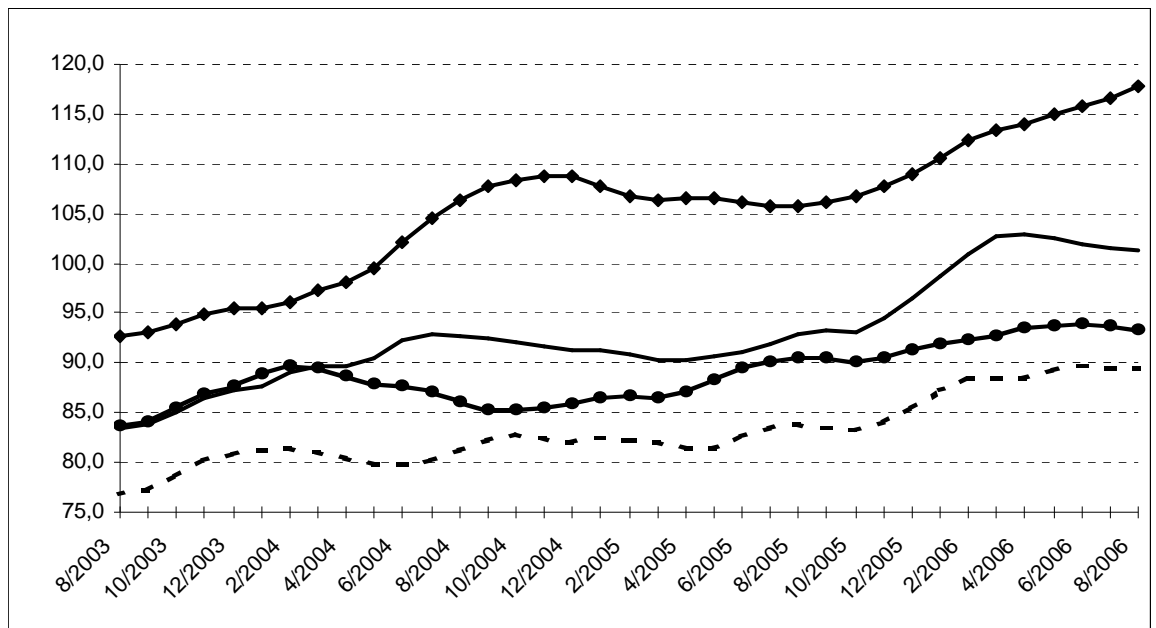
New orders

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Volume indices of new orders

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Industry producing to order													
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2006	97,2	102,4	121,9	102,6	105,5	110,6	91,0	95,3					
Construction													
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					
Industry producing to 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					
Construction													
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					

Seasonally adjusted indices
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Evolution of trend cycle
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Textiles and textile products	↗↗	↗	→	↘↘
Wearing apparel and fur	↗	↗	↗↗	↘↘
Pulp, paper and paper products	↘	↘	→	↘↘
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Basic metals	↗↗	↗↗	↘↘	
Metal products, machinery and equipment	↗	→	↗	→
Fabricated metal products, except machinery and equipment	↗	↗	↗	↗
Machinery and equipment	↗	↗	↗↗	↘↘
Electrical and optical equipment	↗	↘	↗↗	↗↗
Transport equipment	↗	↗	↗	
Construction	→	↗	↗	↘

**DIRECTORATE-GENERAL STATISTICS BELGIUM
PRESS RELEASE**

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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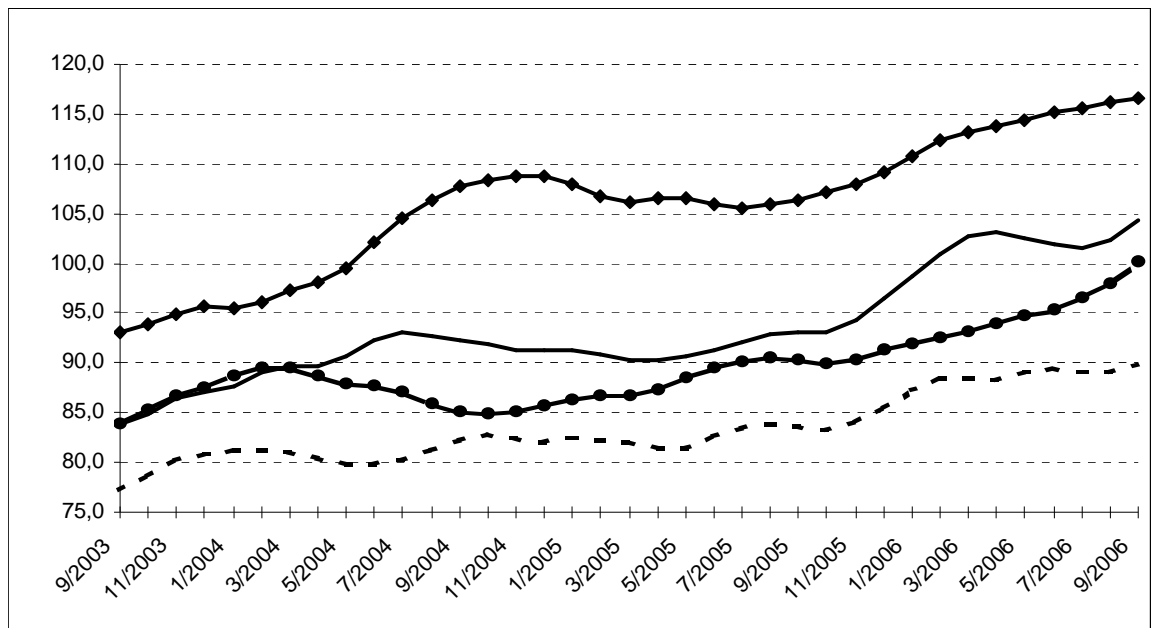
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2005	78,6	84,3	91,5	82,5	91,8	99,4	67,6	95,4	98,6	89,2	89,1	99,0	88,9
2006	84,6	86,3	96,0	97,5	95,1	107,6	70,4	90,4	114,5				
Industry producing to order													
2005	93,9	92,0	92,3	91,1	89,8	92,0	90,2	93,9	94,7	90,8	96,7	97,2	92,9
2006	101,1	103,9	106,7	105,3	104,4	103,2	103,2	102,8	105,3				
Construction													
2005	86,2	91,6	81,1	85,1	90,1	90,6	91,0	93,1	90,6	86,7	88,0	93,5	89,0
2006	91,8	93,6	89,0	98,5	92,1	95,1	96,4	90,9	108,0				

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 0.5% to 2.5%
 -0.5% to 0.5%
 -2.5% to -0.5%
 < -2.5%

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	↘	↘	↘	↘↘
Chemicals and chemical products	↗	↗	↘	
Basic metals	↗↗	↗↗	↘↘	
Metal products, machinery and equipment	→	→	↗↗	↘↘
Fabricated metal products, except machinery and equipment	↗	↗	↘	↗
Machinery and equipment	↗	↘	↗↗	↘
Electrical and optical equipment	↘	↘	↗↗	↘
Transport equipment	↗	↗	↗↗	
Construction	↗↗	↗	↗	↗↗

**DIRECTORATE-GENERAL STATISTICS BELGIUM
PRESS RELEASE**

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.

Next press release : **11/1/2007**

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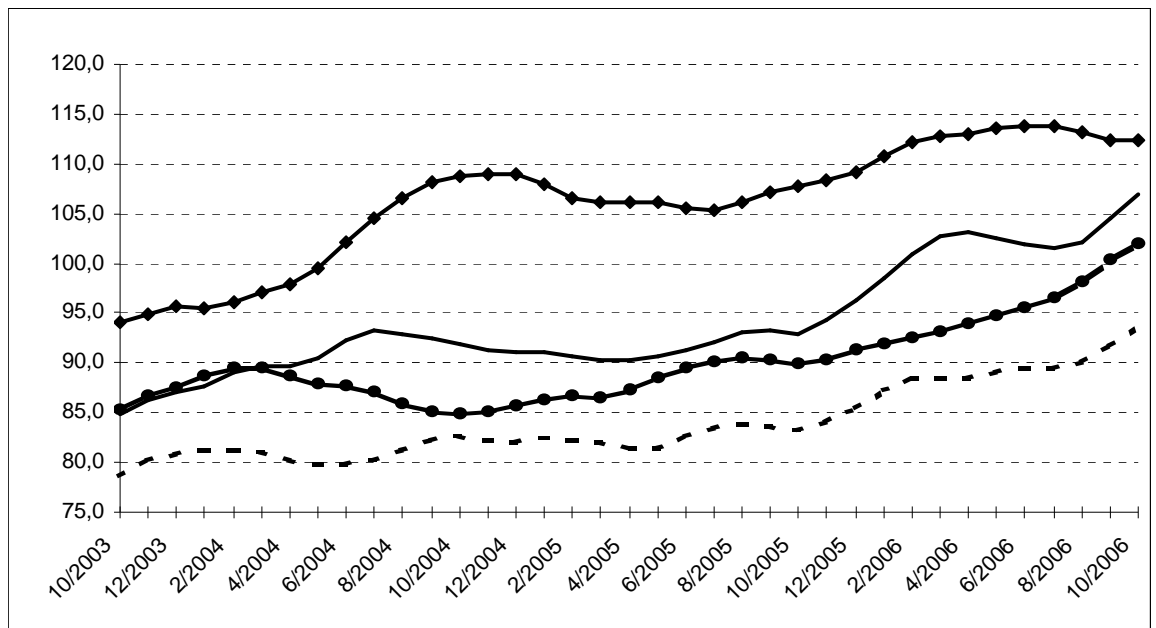
New orders

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

	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Year
Industry producing 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	105,5	110,6	89,8	93,2	108,2	113,9			
Construction													
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	70,4	91,2	112,2	108,3			
Industry producing to order													
2005	93,8	92,0	92,2	91,2	89,7	92,0	90,4	94,0	95,2	90,5	96,5	97,2	92,9
2006	101,0	103,8	106,7	105,3	104,4	103,2	103,1	102,8	103,1	108,4			
Construction													
2005	86,0	91,6	81,1	85,2	90,0	90,6	91,2	93,0	90,9	86,5	88,0	93,6	89,0
2006	91,7	93,6	89,1	98,5	92,1	95,1	96,4	91,7	106,1	103,7			

Seasonally adjusted indices
After elimination of seasonal variation

Trend cycle
Adjusted for seasonal and random fluctuations



Industry and construction :
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Chemicals and chemical products :
Construction :

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

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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	↘	↘	↗	↘
Chemicals and chemical products	↘	↗	↗↗	
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Metal products, machinery and equipment	↗↗	↗↗	↗↗	↘↘
Fabricated metal products, except machinery and equipment	↗	→	↗↗	↗
Machinery and equipment	↗	↗↗	↗↗	↗↗
Electrical and optical equipment	↘	↗	↗↗	↗
Transport equipment	↗↗	↗↗	↗↗	
Construction	↗↗	↗	↗	↗↗

**DIRECTORATE-GENERAL STATISTICS BELGIUM
PRESS RELEASE**

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.

Next press release : **8/2/2007**

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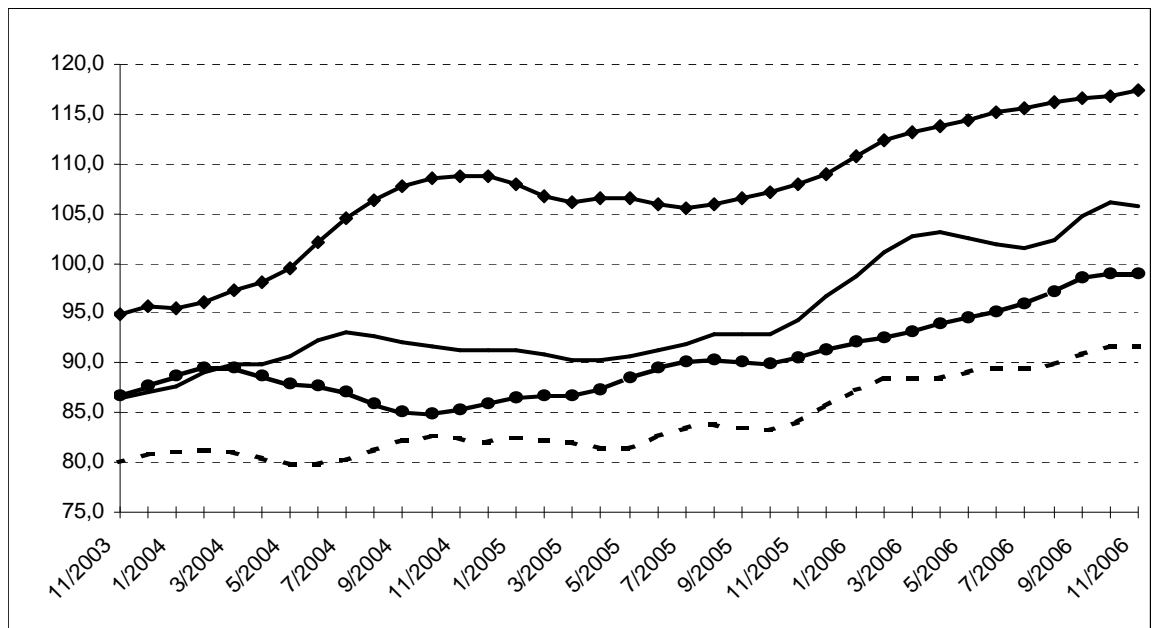
New orders

Gross indices (2000=100)
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	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Year
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2006	91,8	93,6	89,1	98,4	92,0	95,1	96,1	91,5	105,8	101,3	96,0		

Seasonally adjusted indices
After elimination of seasonal variation

Trend cycle
Adjusted for seasonal and random fluctuations



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Evolution of trend cycle
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Manufacture of textiles and textile products	→	↗	↗	↘↘
Textiles and textile products	→	↗	↘↘	↘↘
Wearing apparel and fur	↗↗	↗	↗↗	↘↘
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Metal products, machinery and equipment	↗	↗↗	↗	↘↘
Fabricated metal products, except machinery and equipment	↗	↗	→	↗
Machinery and equipment	→	↗	↗	→
Electrical and optical equipment	↘↘	↗	↗	→
Transport equipment	↗↗	↗↗	↗↗	
Construction	↗↗	↗↗	↗	↘

**DIRECTORATE-GENERAL STATISTICS BELGIUM
PRESS RELEASE**

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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New orders

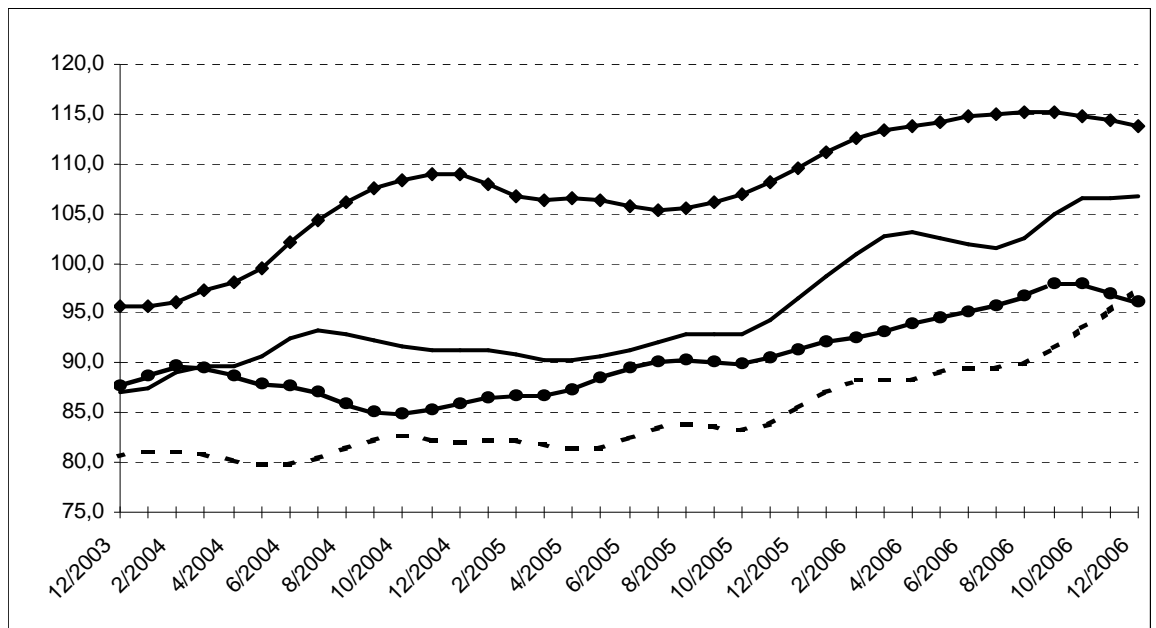
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Construction													
2005	86,1	91,6	81,4	84,9	90,1	90,3	91,0	92,9	90,7	86,1	88,1	94,1	88,9
2006	91,7	93,6	89,1	98,6	92,0	95,2	96,0	91,4	105,8	101,5	95,2	93,5	95,3

Seasonally adjusted indices
After elimination of seasonal variation

Trend cycle

Adjusted for seasonal and random fluctuations



Industry and construction :
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Chemicals and chemical products :
Construction :

Evolution of trend cycle

Last three months compared to the previous three months

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Wearing apparel and fur	↗	→	↗↗	↘↘
Pulp, paper and paper products	↗↗	↗↗	↗↗	↘
Chemicals and chemical products	↘	↗	→	
Basic metals	↗↗	↗↗	↗↗	
Metal products, machinery and equipment	↗↗	↗↗	↗↗	↘↘
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Machinery and equipment	↗↗	↗↗	↗	↘↘
Electrical and optical equipment	↘	↘	↗	↘
Transport equipment	↗↗	↗↗	↗↗	
Construction	→	↗	↗	↘↘



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DIRECTORATE-GENERAL STATISTICS BELGIUM PRESS RELEASE

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.

Next press release : **12/4/2007**

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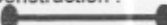
New orders

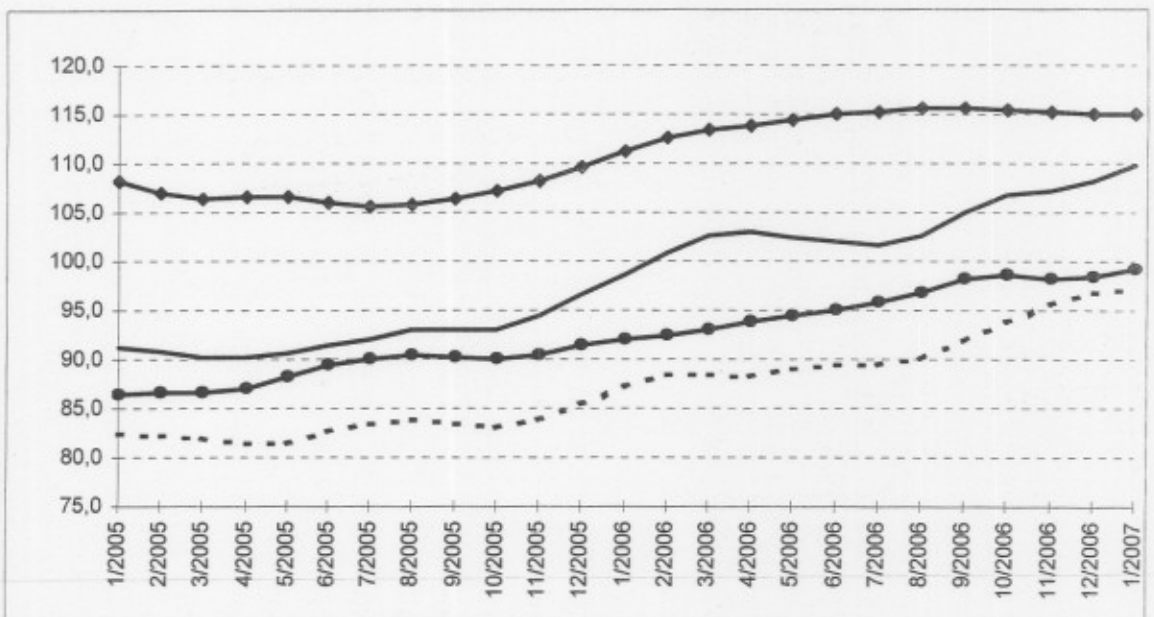
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2007	112,4												
Construction													
2006	84,6	86,3	96,0	97,5	95,1	107,6	70,4	91,2	112,2	106,3	99,5	99,3	95,5
2007	100,6												
Industry producing to order													
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2007	113,4												
Construction													
2006	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
2007	102,7												






Seasonally adjusted indices
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Trend cycle
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Industry and construction :
 Industry and construction
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 Construction



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

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Textiles and textile products	→	→	↘	↘↘
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Chemicals and chemical products	→	→	→	
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Machinery and equipment	↗	↗↗	↘	↘↘
Electrical and optical equipment	↗	→	↗↗	→
Transport equipment	↗↗	↗↗	↗↗	
Construction	↗	↗	↗	→

**DIRECTORATE-GENERAL STATISTICS BELGIUM
PRESS RELEASE**

Thursday April, 12th 2007

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

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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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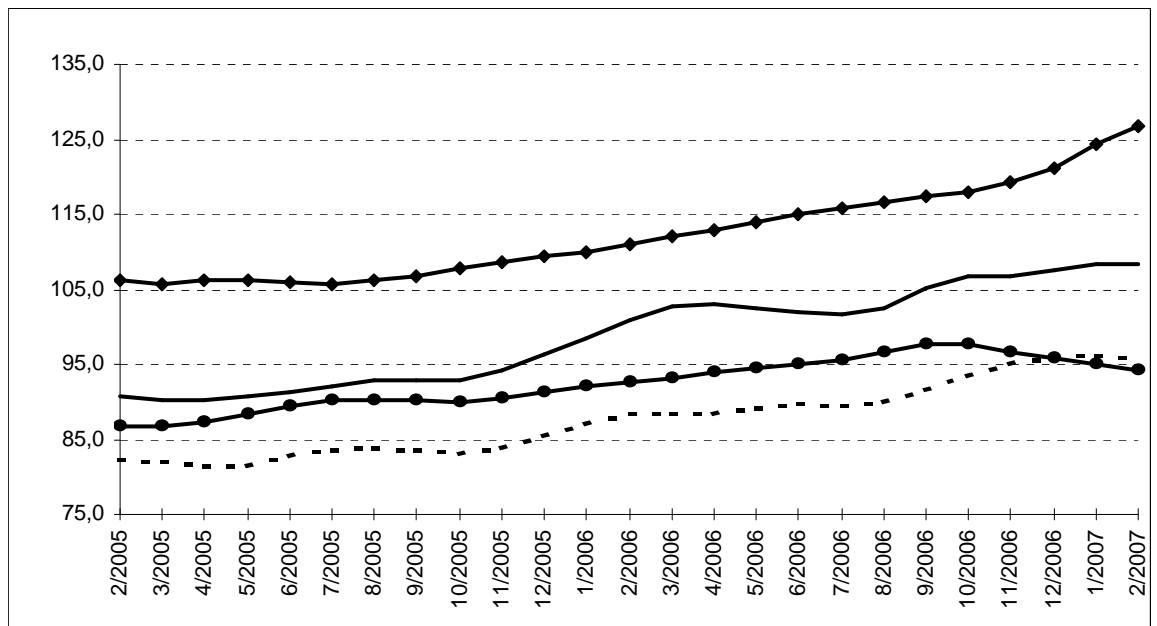
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Industry producing to order													
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2007	114,1	112,9											
Construction													
2006	91,1	94,1	89,1	98,6	91,9	95,2	96,1	91,5	105,8	101,5	94,8	92,9	95,2
2007	99,7	90,3											

Seasonally adjusted indices
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Industry and construction :
—◆—

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Chemicals and chemical products :
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Construction :
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Evolution of trend cycle

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Textiles and textile products	→	→	↗	↘↘
Wearing apparel and fur	↗	↗	↘↘	↗↗
Pulp, paper and paper products	↗↗	↗	↗↗	↘↘
Chemicals and chemical products	↗↗	→	↘↘	
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Machinery and equipment	↗	↗	↗	→
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Transport equipment	↗	↗↗	↗	
Construction	↘	→	↗	↘↘

**DIRECTORATE-GENERAL STATISTICS BELGIUM
PRESS RELEASE**

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.

Next press release : **7/6/2007**

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

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New orders

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

	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Year
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	113,6	124,8										
Construction													
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													
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										

Seasonally adjusted indices
After elimination of seasonal variation

Trend cycle

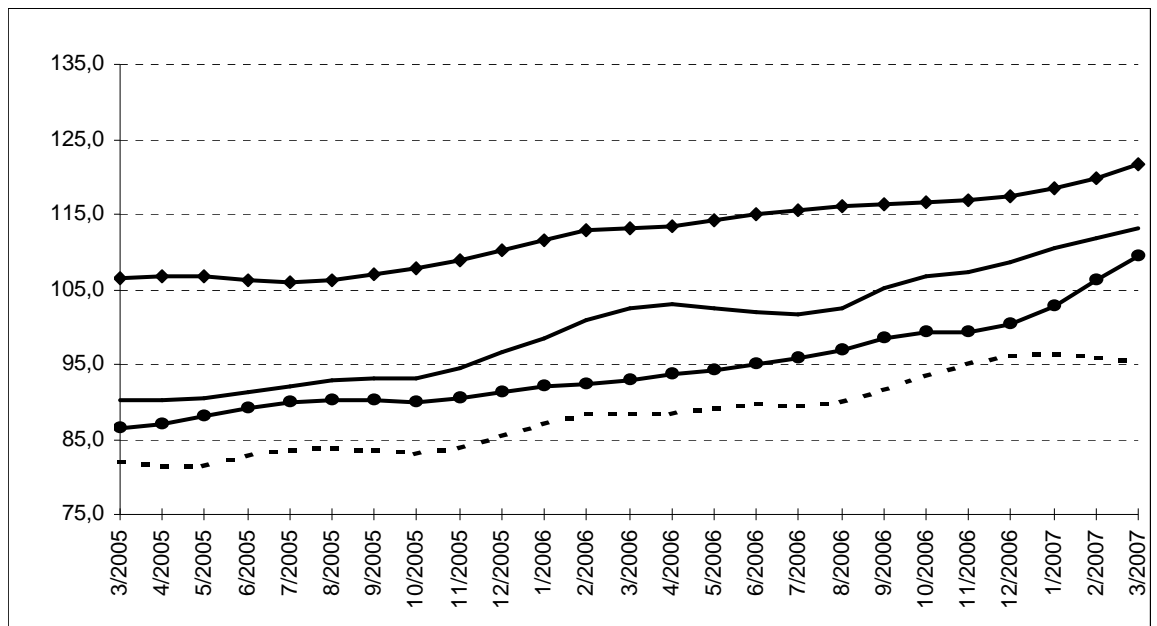
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Industry and construction :

Metal products, machinery and equipment :

Chemicals and chemical products :

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%
↘↘ < -2.5%

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	↗	↗	↘↘	↘
Chemicals and chemical products	↗↗	↗	↘↘	
Basic metals	↗↗	↗↗	↗↗	
Metal products, machinery and equipment	↗	↗↗	↗↗	↘↘
Fabricated metal products, except machinery and equipment	↗↗	↗↗	↗↗	↗↗
Machinery and equipment	↗	↗	↗↗	↗↗
Electrical and optical equipment	↗↗	↘	↘	→
Transport equipment	↘	↗↗	→	
Construction	↗↗	↗↗	↗↗	↗↗

**DIRECTORATE-GENERAL STATISTICS BELGIUM
PRESS RELEASE**

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.

Next press release : **5/7/2007**

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

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New orders

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

	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Year
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									
Construction													
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									
Industry producing 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	114,8	115,4	112,7	112,9									
Construction													
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									

Seasonally adjusted indices
After elimination of seasonal variation

Trend cycle

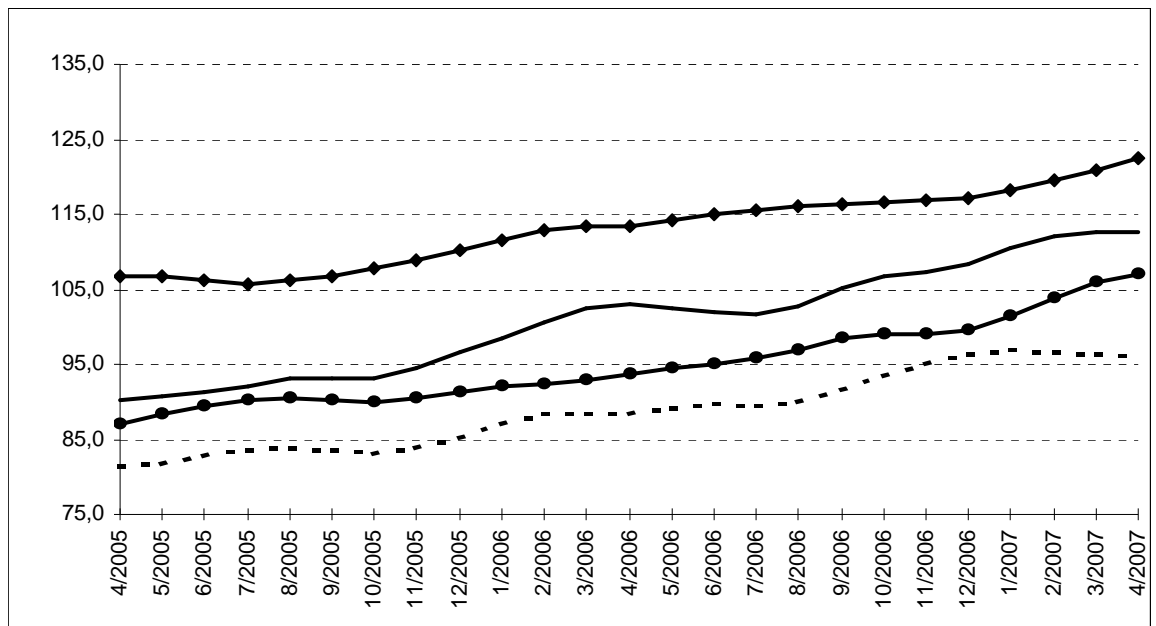
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Metal products, machinery and equipment :

Chemicals and chemical products :

Construction :



Evolution of trend cycle

Last three months compared to the previous three months

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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	↗	↗	↘↘	↘↘
Chemicals and chemical products	↗↗	↗	↘↘	
Basic metals	↗↗	↗↗	↗↗	
Metal products, machinery and equipment	→	→	↗↗	↘↘
Fabricated metal products, except machinery and equipment	↗↗	↗↗	↗↗	↗↗
Machinery and equipment	→	→	→	↗↗
Electrical and optical equipment	↗↗	→	↗↗	→
Transport equipment	↘↘	↗	↘↘	
Construction	↗↗	↗↗	↗	↗↗

**DIRECTORATE-GENERAL STATISTICS BELGIUM
PRESS RELEASE**

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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New orders

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

	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Year
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	111,8	115,6								
Construction													
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	102,2	127,5								
Industry producing 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								
Construction													
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								

Seasonally adjusted indices
After elimination of seasonal variation

Trend cycle

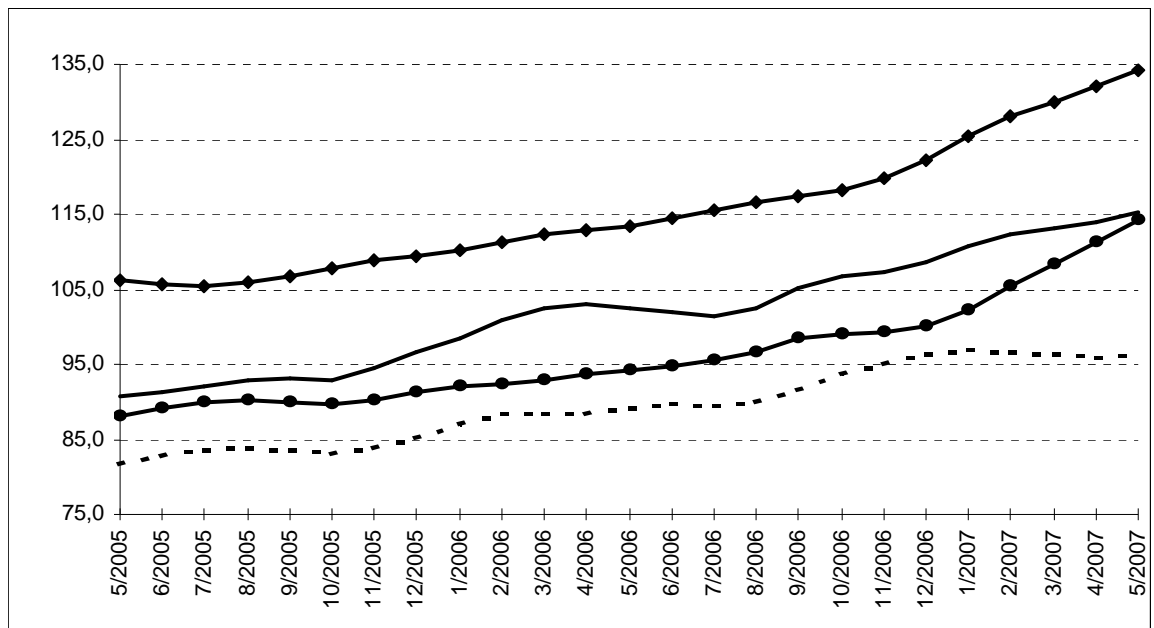
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Industry and construction :

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Chemicals and chemical products :

Construction :



Evolution of trend cycle

Last three months compared to the previous three months

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Industry producing to order	↗	↗	↗	↗↗
Manufacture of textiles and textile products	↘	↗	↗	↘↘
Textiles and textile products	↗↗	↗	→	→
Wearing apparel and fur	↗	↘↘	↘↘	↗
Pulp, paper and paper products	↘	↗	↘↘	↘
Chemicals and chemical products	↗↗	↗	↘	
Basic metals	↗↗	↗↗	↗↗	
Metal products, machinery and equipment	↘	↘	↗↗	↗↗
Fabricated metal products, except machinery and equipment	↗↗	↗	↗↗	↗↗
Machinery and equipment	↘	↘	↘	↗↗
Electrical and optical equipment	↗	↘	↘↘	→
Transport equipment	↘↘	↗	↘↘	
Construction	↗↗	↗↗	↗↗	↗↗

**DIRECTORATE-GENERAL STATISTICS BELGIUM
PRESS RELEASE**

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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New orders

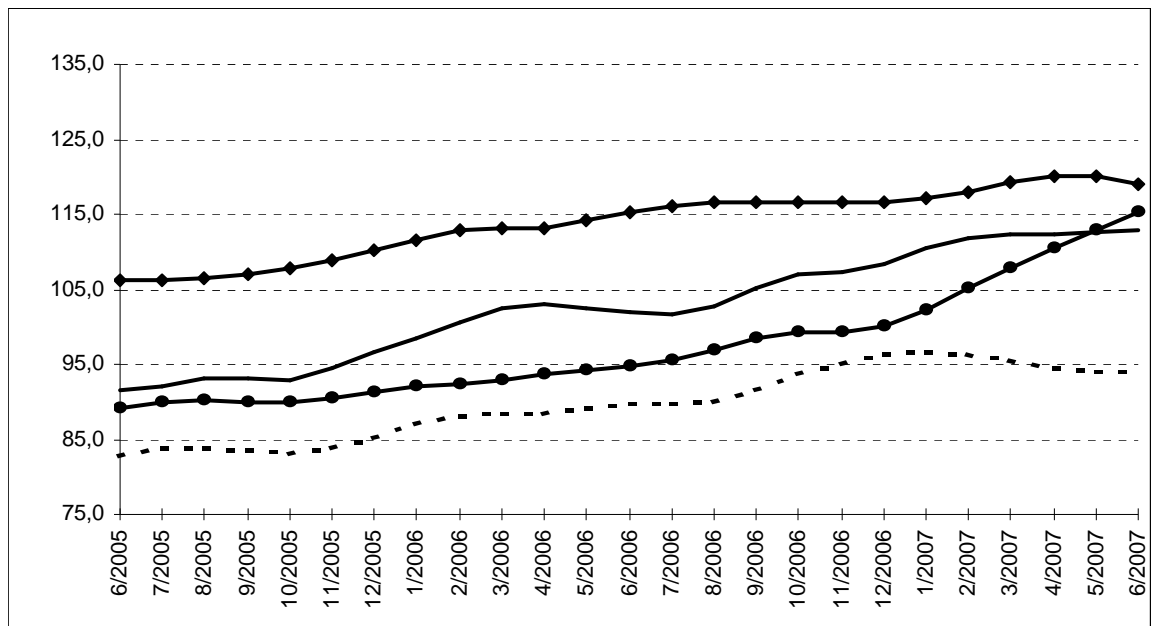
Gross indices (2000=100)
Volume indices of new orders

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Industry producing to order													
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2007	114,4	114,7	127,4	110,2	114,4	115,7							
Construction													
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	121,3	127,5							
Industry producing to order													
2006	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
2007	114,6	115,2	112,5	111,9	112,7	108,7							
Construction													
2006	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
2007	101,3	103,9	112,9	105,1	116,9	118,3							







Seasonally adjusted indices
After elimination of seasonal variation

Trend cycle
Adjusted for seasonal and random fluctuations

Industry and construction :

 Metal products, machinery and equipment :

 Chemicals and chemical products :

 Construction :




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

  > 2.5%
 0.5% to 2.5%
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Industrial branches	Belgium	Flanders	Wallonia	Brussels
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Industry producing to order	↘	→	↗↗	↗↗
Manufacture of textiles and textile products	→	↗	→	↘
Textiles and textile products	↗	↗	↘	↘
Wearing apparel and fur	↗	→	↘↘	↘
Pulp, paper and paper products	→	↗	↘	↘
Chemicals and chemical products	↗	→	↗↗	
Basic metals	↗↗	↗↗	↗↗	
Metal products, machinery and equipment	↘	↘	↗	↗↗
Fabricated metal products, except machinery and equipment	↗↗	→	↗↗	↗
Machinery and equipment	→	↗	↘↘	↗↗
Electrical and optical equipment	↘↘	↘↘	↘	↘↘
Transport equipment	↘	↗	↘	
Construction	↗↗	↗↗	↗↗	↗↗

**DIRECTORATE-GENERAL STATISTICS BELGIUM
PRESS RELEASE**

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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New orders

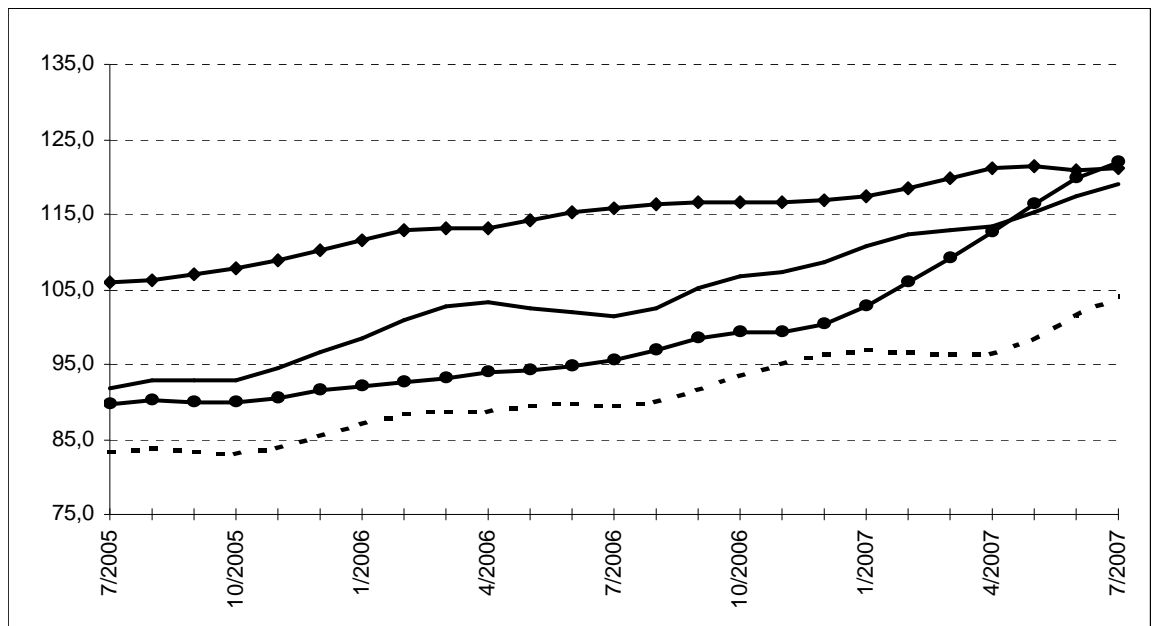
**Gross indices
(2000=100)**
Volume indices of
new orders

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Construction													
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						
Industry producing to 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						
Construction													
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						

**Seasonally
adjusted indices**
After elimination of
seasonal variation

Trend cycle

Adjusted for
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Industry and
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**Evolution of trend
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Industry producing to order	↗	↗↗	↗↗	↗
Manufacture of textiles and textile products	↗	↗	↗	↗↗
Textiles and textile products	↗	↗	↗	→
Wearing apparel and fur	↗	↘	↘↘	↗↗
Pulp, paper and paper products	→	↗	→	↘
Chemicals and chemical products	↗	↗	↗↗	
Basic metals	↗↗	↗↗	↗↗	
Metal products, machinery and equipment	↗↗	↗↗	↗↗	↗↗
Fabricated metal products, except machinery and equipment	↗↗	↗	↗↗	↗
Machinery and equipment	↗	↗↗	↘	↗↗
Electrical and optical equipment	→	↘↘	↗	↗
Transport equipment	↗↗	↗↗	↘	
Construction	↗↗	↗↗	↗↗	↗↗

**DIRECTORATE-GENERAL STATISTICS BELGIUM
PRESS RELEASE**

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.

Next press release : **13/11/2007**

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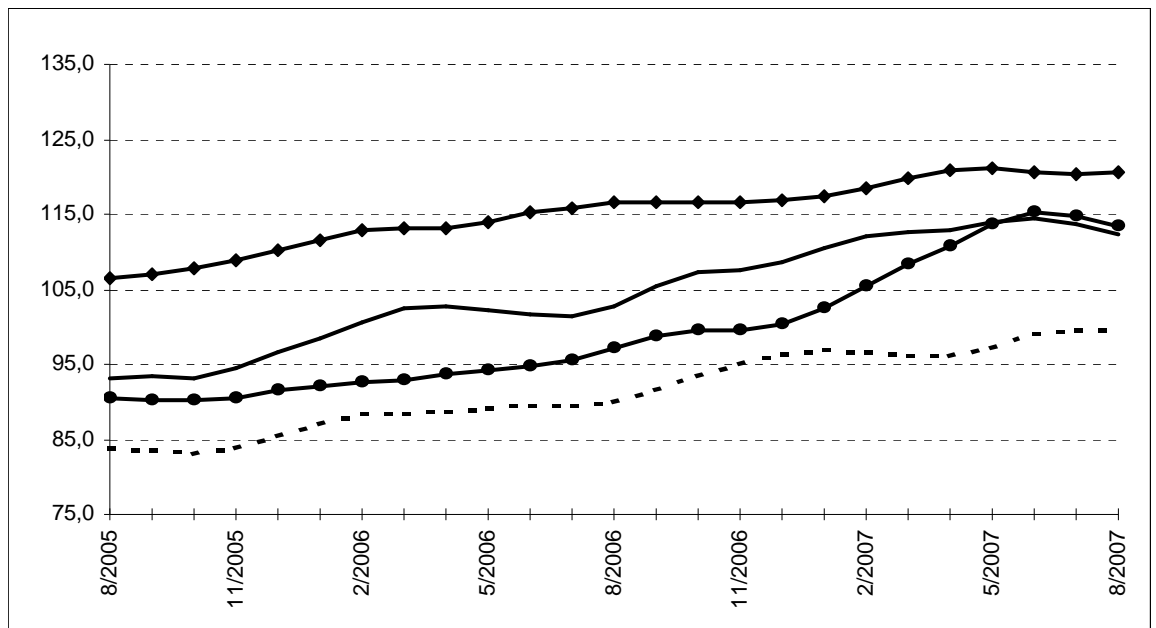
New orders

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2007	114,4	114,7	127,4	110,2	115,2	119,4	102,9	100,9					
Construction													
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	98,0	103,1					
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2006	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
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Construction													
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2007	101,3	103,9	113,3	104,8	119,0	125,1	118,8	104,1					

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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	↗	↗	↗	↘
Chemicals and chemical products	→	↗	↗↗	
Basic metals	↘↘	↘↘	↗↗	
Metal products, machinery and equipment	↗↗	↗↗	↗↗	→
Fabricated metal products, except machinery and equipment	↗	→	↘	↗
Machinery and equipment	↗	↗↗	→	↘
Electrical and optical equipment	↘	↘	↗↗	↘
Transport equipment	↗↗	↗↗	↗↗	
Construction	↗↗	↗↗	↗	↗↗

**DIRECTORATE-GENERAL STATISTICS BELGIUM
PRESS RELEASE**

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.

Next press release : **13/12/2007**

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New orders

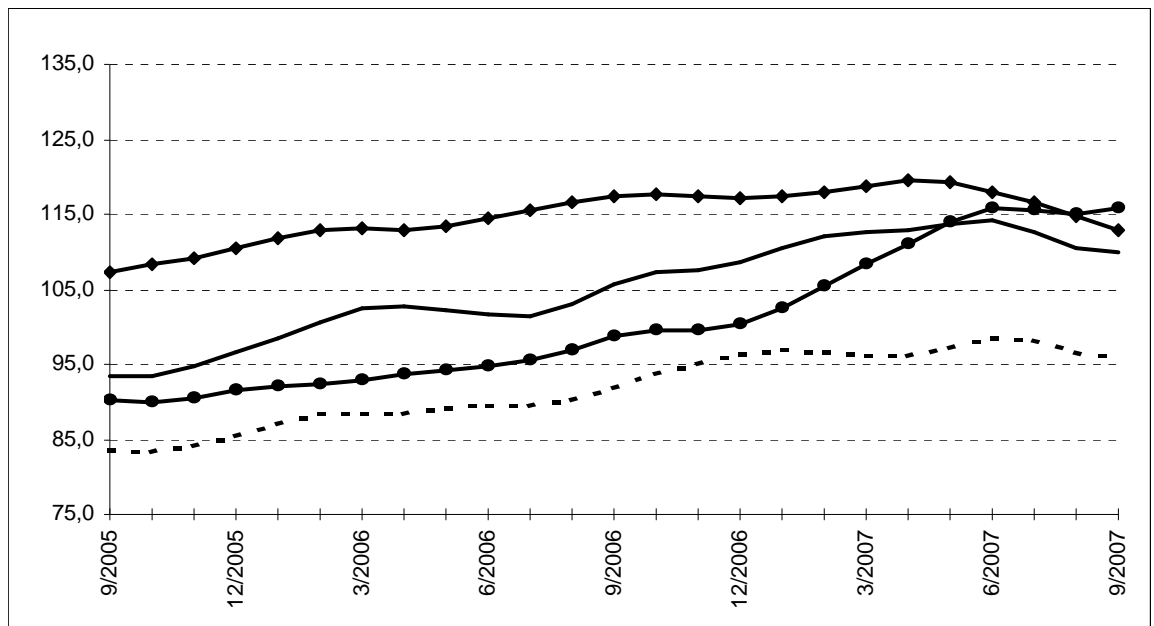
Gross indices (2000=100)
Volume indices of new orders

	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Year
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	97,4	108,0				
Construction													
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				
Industry producing to 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
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Construction													
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				







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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	→	↗	↗	↘
Chemicals and chemical products	↘↘	↘	↘↘	
Basic metals	↘↘	↘↘	↗↗	
Metal products, machinery and equipment	→	→	↗	↘↘
Fabricated metal products, except machinery and equipment	→	↘	↗	↗
Machinery and equipment	→	↗	↘	↘↘
Electrical and optical equipment	→	→	↗↗	↘
Transport equipment	↗↗	→	↗↗	
Construction	↗	↗↗	↗	↗

**DIRECTORATE-GENERAL STATISTICS BELGIUM
PRESS RELEASE**

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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New orders

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

	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Year
Industry producing to order													
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Construction													
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
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2006	100,5	103,2	106,6	105,1	104,2	103,3	102,9	103,1	106,1	109,9	107,4	112,8	105,4
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Construction													
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**Seasonally
adjusted indices**
After elimination of
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Trend cycle

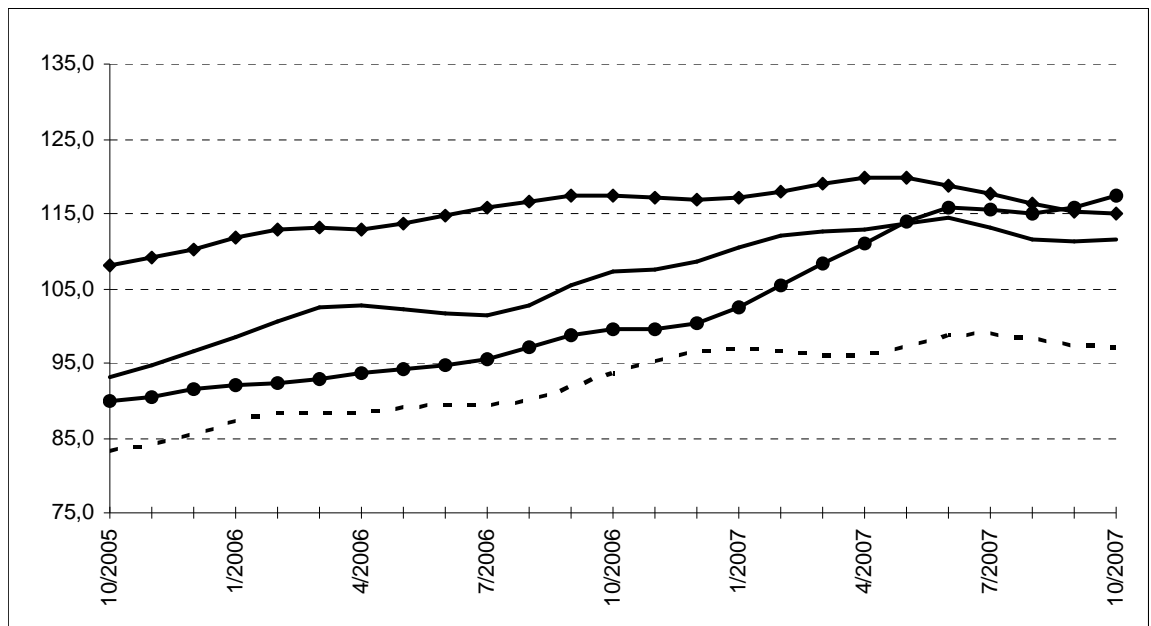
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Industry producing to order	↘	→	↘	↘↘
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Textiles and textile products	↘	→	→	↘↘
Wearing apparel and fur	↗↗	↘	↘↘	↘↘
Pulp, paper and paper products	→	→	↗	↘↘
Chemicals and chemical products	↘↘	↘	↘↘	
Basic metals	↘	↘	↗↗	
Metal products, machinery and equipment	↘	↗	↘↘	↘↘
Fabricated metal products, except machinery and equipment	→	↘	↘↘	↗
Machinery and equipment	↗	↗↗	↘	↘↘
Electrical and optical equipment	↗	↗	↗	↘↘
Transport equipment	→	↗	↗↗	
Construction	↗	↗	↗	→

**DIRECTORATE-GENERAL STATISTICS BELGIUM
PRESS RELEASE**

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.

Next press release : **5/3/2008**

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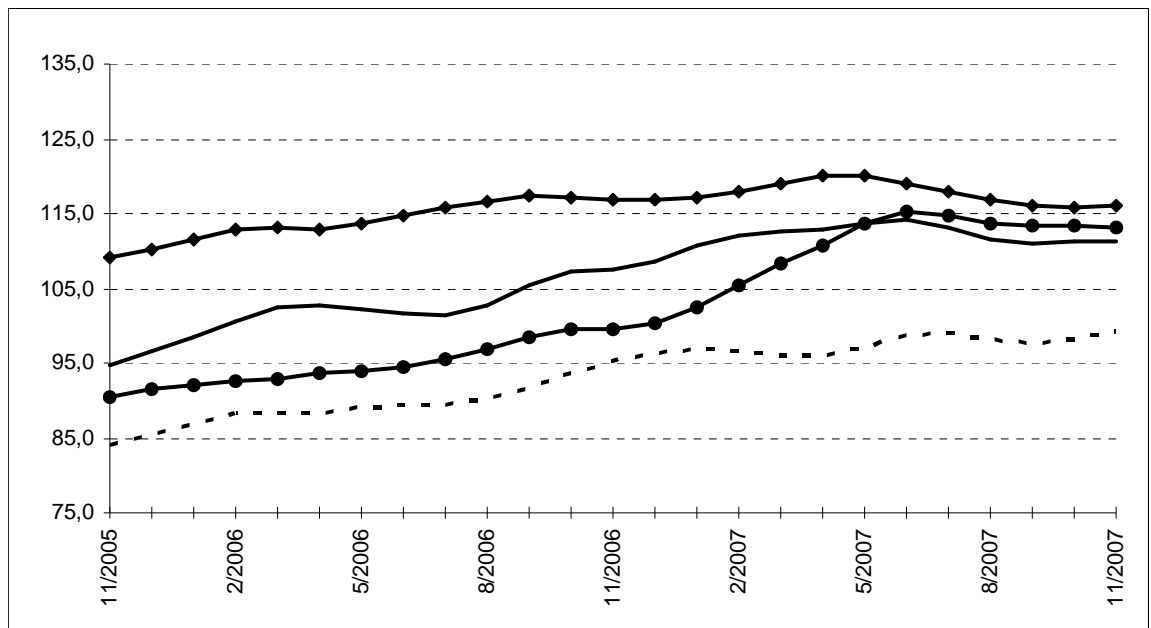
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Chemicals and chemical products	↘	↘	↘↘	↘↘
Basic metals	↗	↗↗	↗↗	
Metal products, machinery and equipment	→	↗	→	↘↘
Fabricated metal products, except machinery and equipment	↗	↗	↗↗	↗
Machinery and equipment	↗	↗↗	↘	↘
Electrical and optical equipment	↗	↗	↗	↘↘
Transport equipment	↘↘	→	↗↗	
Construction	↘	↗	↗	↘

**DIRECTORATE-GENERAL STATISTICS BELGIUM
PRESS RELEASE**

Friday February, 29th 2008

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

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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%**.

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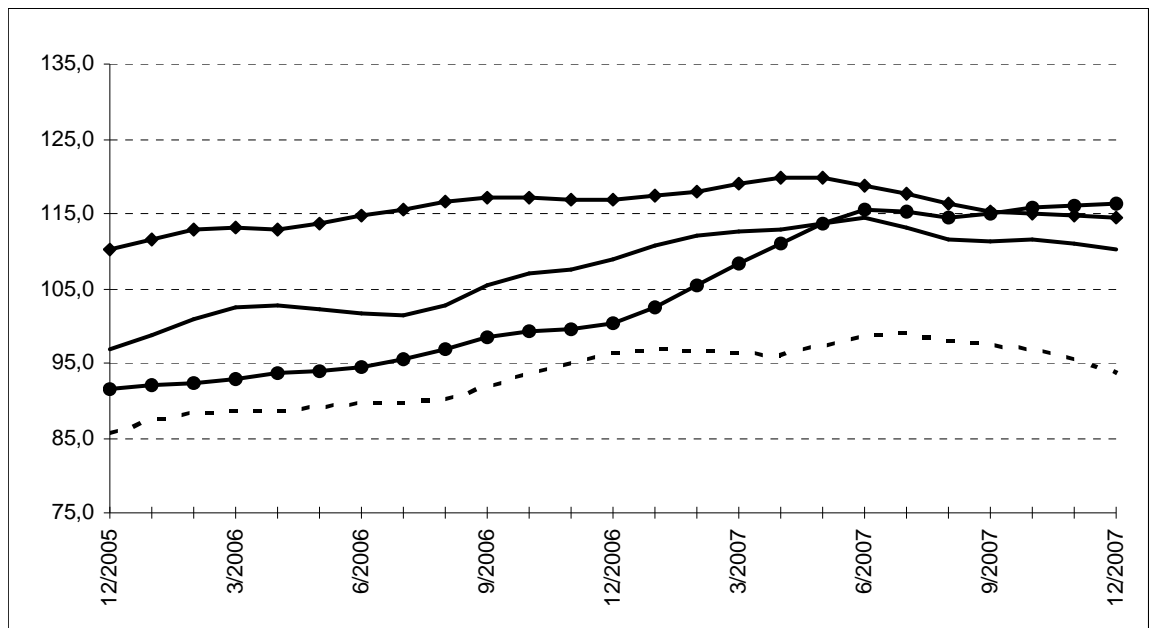
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Industry producing to order													
2006	100,5	103,2	106,6	105,2	104,1	103,3	103,1	103,2	106,3	109,8	107,1	113,0	105,4
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Fabricated metal products, except machinery and equipment	↗	↗	↗	↗
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Electrical and optical equipment	↘↘	↘↘	↘	↘↘
Transport equipment	↘↘	↘↘	↗↗	
Construction	↗	↗↗	→	↘↘