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Monthly Survey of Manufacturing

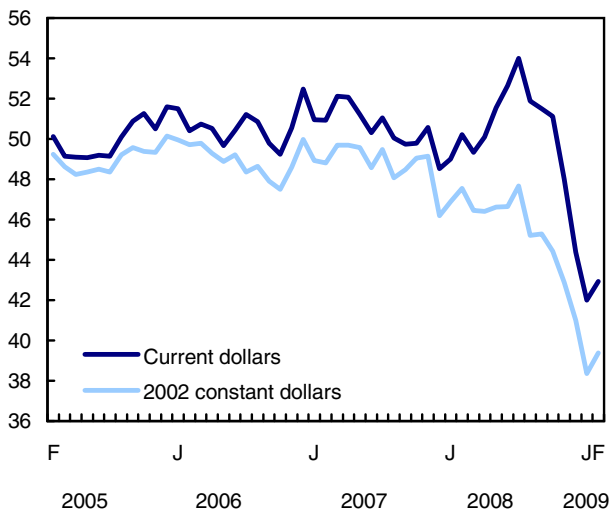
February 2009

Manufacturing sales increased 2.2% to \$42.9 billion, the first increase since July 2008. Motor vehicle and motor vehicle parts industries in Ontario were behind most of the gains in February, following widespread slowdowns and shutdowns in January. Excluding motor vehicles and parts and accessories, manufacturing sales edged down 0.2%, the seventh monthly decline in a row.

Constant dollar manufacturing sales, which are measured in 2002 prices, rose 2.6% to \$39.4 billion in February. This was the first increase in constant dollar sales since September 2008.

Manufacturing sales rise for the first time since July 2008

\$ billions



At the industry level, sales in 9 of 21 manufacturing industries increased in February, accounting for about 45% of total sales.

Motor vehicle manufacturers resume some operations

Motor vehicle and motor vehicle parts plants increased sales in February after numerous slowdowns and shutdowns in January. Motor vehicle manufacturers

Note to readers

All data in this release are seasonally adjusted and are expressed in current dollars unless otherwise specified.

Preliminary estimates are provided for the current reference month. Estimates, based on late responses, are revised for the three previous months.

Non-durable goods industries include food, beverage and tobacco products, textile mills, textile product mills, clothing, leather and allied products, paper, printing and related support activities, petroleum and coal products, chemicals, and plastics and rubber products.

Durable goods industries include wood products, non-metallic mineral products, primary metals, fabricated metal products, machinery, computer and electronic products, electrical equipment, appliances and components, transportation equipment, furniture and related products and miscellaneous manufacturing.

Production-based industries

For the aerospace industry and shipbuilding industries, the value of production is used instead of sales of goods manufactured. This value is calculated by adjusting monthly sales of goods manufactured by the monthly change in inventories of goods in process and finished products manufactured.

Unfilled orders are a stock of orders that will contribute to future sales assuming that the orders are not cancelled.

New orders are those received whether sold in the current month or not. New orders are measured as the sum of sales for the current month plus the change in unfilled orders from the previous month to the current month.

reported a 34.5% sales gain, while parts sales were up 38.5%. Despite February's increase, motor vehicle and parts sales remained approximately 40% below levels from a year earlier.

Primary metal manufacturers reported a 3.5% increase in February. Primary metal sales have fallen by one-third since October 2008, as a result of both price decreases and weakening global demand.

Petroleum and coal product sales decreased 3.3% in February following an 11.0% gain in January. Petroleum and coal product sales have fallen in seven of the previous eight months.

Chemical manufacturers reported that sales fell 2.1% in February, a sixth decrease in seven months. These losses were partially offset by gains earlier in 2008, leaving chemical product sales 9.1% lower than year-ago levels.

Ontario leads gains in February

Ontario led the way with a 7.2% increase in February following six months of decreasing sales. The main contributors to the advance were the motor vehicle (+36.2%) and motor vehicle parts (+41.7%) industries. Even with February's gain, total manufacturing sales in Ontario remained almost 20% below year-ago levels.

Excluding Ontario, manufacturing sales across the remainder of the country slipped 1.5% in February.

Newfoundland and Labrador (+8.4%) and Saskatchewan (+3.0%) were the other provinces with notable gains in February.

Manufacturing sales in British Columbia declined 2.5% in February, with decreases continuing to mount in the wood and paper product industries. Sales in Quebec decreased 2.3% as the transportation equipment industry fell 17.6%.

Manufacturing sales, provinces and territories

	January 2009 ^r	February 2009 ^p	January to February 2009
Seasonally adjusted			
	\$ millions		% change ¹
Canada	42,007	42,937	2.2
Newfoundland and Labrador	343	372	8.4
Prince Edward Island	134	118	-12.2
Nova Scotia	753	770	2.2
New Brunswick	1,161	1,094	-5.7
Quebec	11,565	11,294	-2.3
Ontario	18,036	19,335	7.2
Manitoba	1,230	1,247	1.4
Saskatchewan	907	935	3.0
Alberta	4,998	4,965	-0.7
British Columbia	2,875	2,803	-2.5
Yukon	3	3	1.2
Northwest Territories and Nunavut	3	3	-5.4

^r revised

^p preliminary

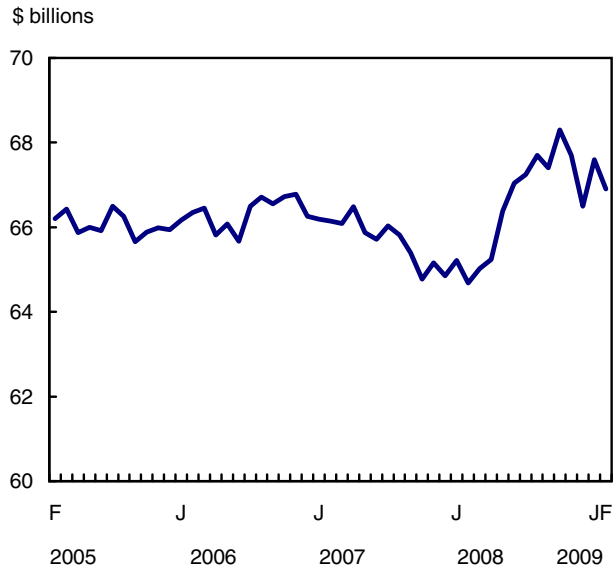
1. Percent change calculated at thousands of dollars.

Inventory decline in February

Inventory levels decreased 1.0% in February to \$66.9 billion, the third decline in four months. Both raw material inventories (-1.9%) and finished product inventories (-1.4%) fell during the month. These decreases were partially offset by a 1.4% increase in goods in process inventories, which rose for the fourth time in five months.

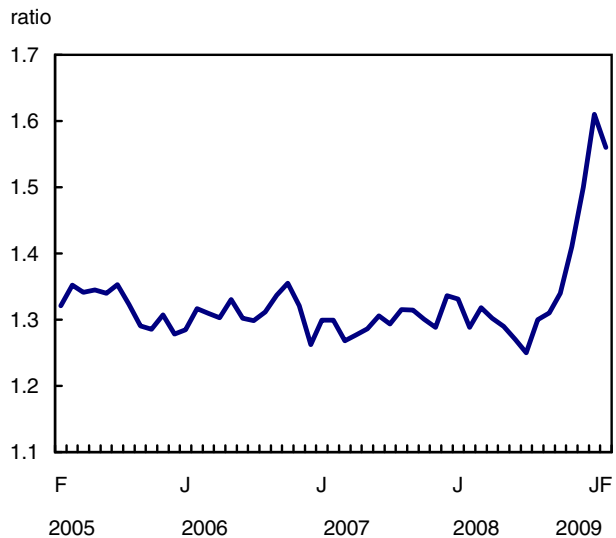
The decrease in inventories was widespread, with 19 of 21 industries reporting a drop.

Inventory levels decrease in February



The inventory-to-sales ratio decreased for the first time since July 2008, decreasing to 1.56 in February. The inventory-to-sales ratio rose from 1.25 in July 2008 to a 17-year high of 1.61 in January. Over the past three years, the inventory-to-sales ratio has averaged around 1.33.

The inventory-to-sales ratio falls for the first time since July 2008



Unfilled orders flat while new orders gain

The backlog of unfilled orders held steady at \$67.1 billion in February (+0.1%) after decreasing the previous two months.

Aerospace manufacturers reported a 1.4% gain in unfilled orders during the month, after falling 4.8% in January.

Excluding the aerospace products and parts industry, unfilled orders fell 1.5% in February. Unfilled orders excluding aerospace have not increased since August 2008.

The gain in the aerospace industry was offset by a 4.7% decrease in unfilled orders by machinery manufacturers and a 3.4% decline for computer and electronic product manufacturers.

New orders gained 8.6% to \$43.0 billion in February, rising from a 10-year low of \$39.6 billion in January.

Available on CANSIM: tables 304-0014, 304-0015 and 377-0008.

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Data from the March Monthly Survey of Manufacturing will be released on May 15.

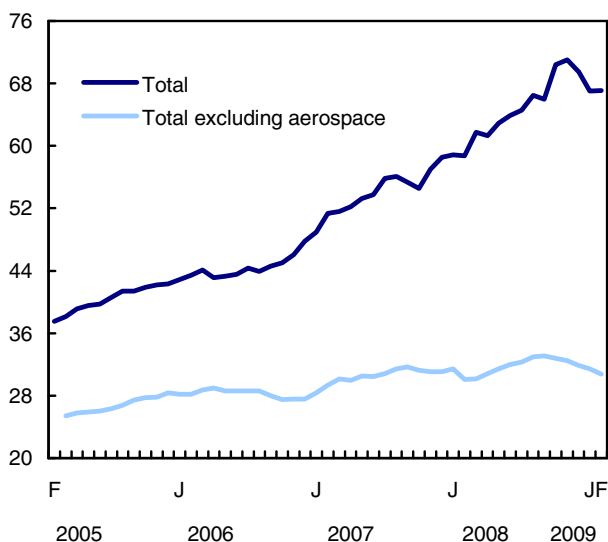
For a more detailed synopsis of the trends and indicators that affected manufacturers in 2008, the "Annual review of manufacturing" will soon be released in *Analysis in Brief* (11-621-MWE, free).

For more information, or to order data, contact the dissemination officer (toll-free 1-866-873-8789; 613-951-9497; fax: 613-951-3877; manufact@statcan.gc.ca). To enquire about the concepts, methods or data quality of the release, contact Elton Cryderman (613-951-4317, elton.cryderman@statcan.gc.ca), Manufacturing and Energy Division.

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Unfilled orders flat in February

\$ billions



Sales, inventories and orders in all manufacturing industries

	Sales		Inventories		Unfilled orders		New orders		Inventory-to-sales ratio
	Seasonally adjusted								
	\$ millions	% change	\$ millions	% change	\$ millions	% change	\$ millions	% change	
February 2008	50,211	2.5	64,679	-0.8	58,733	-0.2	50,088	1.5	1.29
March 2008	49,326	-1.8	65,026	0.5	61,753	5.1	52,346	4.5	1.32
April 2008	50,102	1.6	65,240	0.3	61,306	-0.7	49,655	-5.1	1.30
May 2008	51,509	2.8	66,389	1.8	62,866	2.5	53,069	6.9	1.29
June 2008	52,646	2.2	67,046	1.0	63,903	1.6	53,683	1.2	1.27
July 2008	53,998	2.6	67,243	0.3	64,564	1.0	54,660	1.8	1.25
August 2008	51,873	-3.9	67,682	0.7	66,493	3.0	53,802	-1.6	1.30
September 2008	51,495	-0.7	67,433	-0.4	65,965	-0.8	51,040	-5.1	1.31
October 2008	51,114	-0.7	68,330	1.3	70,438	6.8	55,597	8.9	1.34
November 2008	47,991	-6.1	67,704	-0.9	71,033	0.8	48,668	-12.5	1.41
December 2008	44,369	-7.5	66,546	-1.7	69,468	-2.2	42,804	-12.0	1.50
January 2009	42,007	-5.3	67,567	1.5	67,038	-3.5	39,577	-7.5	1.61
February 2009	42,937	2.2	66,917	-1.0	67,085	0.1	42,984	8.6	1.56

Manufacturing industries except motor vehicle, parts and accessories

	Sales		Inventories		Unfilled orders		New orders	
	Seasonally adjusted							
	\$ millions	% change	\$ millions	% change	\$ millions	% change	\$ millions	% change
February 2008	43,889	1.4	62,055	-0.8	57,955	-0.4	43,682	0.1
March 2008	43,496	-0.9	62,425	0.6	60,896	5.1	46,437	6.3
April 2008	44,288	1.8	62,669	0.4	60,325	-0.9	43,717	-5.9
May 2008	45,625	3.0	63,753	1.7	61,763	2.4	47,062	7.7
June 2008	46,579	2.1	64,529	1.2	62,769	1.6	47,586	1.1
July 2008	47,763	2.5	64,644	0.2	63,459	1.1	48,453	1.8
August 2008	46,100	-3.5	65,190	0.8	65,468	3.2	48,109	-0.7
September 2008	45,806	-0.6	65,077	-0.2	65,062	-0.6	45,474	-5.5
October 2008	45,662	-0.3	65,821	1.1	69,775	7.2	50,384	10.8
November 2008	42,496	-6.9	65,216	-0.9	70,389	0.9	43,192	-14.3
December 2008	39,659	-6.7	64,291	-1.4	68,918	-2.1	38,188	-11.6
January 2009	39,229	-1.1	64,919	1.0	66,562	-3.4	36,873	-3.4
February 2009	39,159	-0.2	64,549	-0.6	66,618	0.1	39,215	6.4

Construction Union Wage Rate Index

March 2009

The Construction Union Wage Rate Index (including supplements) for Canada remained unchanged in March compared with the February level of 146.5 (1992=100). The composite index increased 2.1% compared with March 2008.

Note: Union wage rates are published for 16 trades in 20 metropolitan areas for both the basic rates and rates including selected supplementary payments. Indexes on a 1992=100 time base are calculated for the same metropolitan areas and are published for those where a majority of trades are covered by current collective agreements.

Available on CANSIM: tables 327-0003 and 327-0004.

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The fourth quarter 2008 issue of *Capital Expenditure Price Statistics* (62-007-XWE, free) will soon be available.

For more information, or to enquire about the concepts, methods, and data quality for this release, contact Client Services (613-951-9606; fax: 613-951-2848; prices-prix@statcan.gc.ca) or Louise Chainé (613-951-3393), Producer Prices Division. ■

Domestic travel

Second quarter 2008 (preliminary)

Preliminary data on domestic travel from the Travel Survey of Residents of Canada for the second quarter of 2008 are now available.

Definitions, data sources and methods: survey number 3810.

For more information or to obtain data, contact Client Services (613-951-9169; toll-free 1-800-307-3382; fax: 613-951-2909; cult.tourstats@statcan.gc.ca). To enquire about the concepts, questionnaires, methods or data quality of this release, contact Marinka Ménard (613-951-9602; fax: 613-951-2909; marinka.menard@statcan.gc.ca), Culture Tourism, and the Centre for Education Statistics. ■

Steel wire and specified wire products

February 2009

Data on steel wire and specified wire products production are now available for February.

Available on CANSIM: table 303-0047.

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The February 2009 issue of *Steel, Tubular Products and Steel Wire* (41-019-XWE, free) will soon be available.

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