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New Orders Index in Industry^{1,2,3,4}
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The National Statistical Service of Greece publishes the New Orders Index in Industry, with base year 2000=100.0, for February 2008, according to provisional⁵ results, as follows:

- The New Orders Index in Industry (both domestic and non-domestic market) in February 2008, as compared to February 2007, rose by 1.1%. A year earlier, the annual rate of change was 7.5%.
- The average New Orders Index in Industry for the 12-month period March 2007 - February 2008, as compared to the 12-month period March 2006 - February 2007, fell by 0.7%. A year earlier, the corresponding average rate of change was 12.8%.

¹ The New Orders Index in Industry is a new index with base year 2000=100.0, covering the period from 2000 onwards. The compilation and publication of the new index is based on the framework of requirements of the Council Regulation (EC) No 1165/98 concerning short-term statistics (STS-R), as well as the amendment Regulation (EC) No 1158/05 of the European Parliament and Council, amending the Council Regulation (EC) No 1165/98.

² The objective of the New Orders Index is to assess the future evolution of demand for goods and services in industry as an indication of future production. An order is defined as the value of the contract linking a producer and a third party in respect of the provision by producer goods and services. The New Orders Index is also suitable to indicate whether the demand originates from the domestic or the non-domestic market.

³ The New Orders Index in Industry covers the whole country and is compiled for the activities listed in Section (manufacturing) of the NACE Rev.1 classification and specifically only for the divisions: 17,18,21,24,27,28,29,30,31,32,33,34 and 35.

⁴ The weights, taking into consideration the need to distinct new orders to domestic and non-domestic market with a further split of the non-domestic market to Eurozone and non-Eurozone market, are based on the total turnover values of the products that were disposed to the domestic and to the two zones of the non-domestic market, during the base year (2000=100,0), according to the results of the Annual Industrial Survey, the annual PRODCOM Survey, the annual Mining – Quarrying Survey and the annual External Trade Survey of the year 2000.

⁵ The data is provisional when first released and become final as soon as all gathered data become definite. More specifically, the data released for the most recent month is provisional and are published together with revised data of the previous month.

The increase of the New Orders Index in Industry by 1.1% in February 2008, as compared to February 2007, was due to the annual changes of the Main Industrial Groupings as following:

- Intermediate Goods turnover rose by 4.7%.
- Capital Goods turnover fell by 5.2%.
- Consumer Durables turnover rose by 5.6%.
- Consumer Non-Durables turnover fell by 5.8%.

In addition, the increase of the New Orders Index in Industry by 1.1% in February 2008, as compared to February 2007, was due to the annual changes of the indices of the markets as following:

- The New Orders Index in Industry for the domestic market fell by 3.7%.
- The New Orders Index in Industry for the non-domestic market rose by 8.0%.

The increase of the New Orders Index in Industry for the non-domestic market by 8.0% in February 2008, as compared to February 2007, was due to the annual changes as following:

- The New Orders Index in Industry for the Eurozone countries rose by 16.8%.
- The New Orders Index in Industry for the non-Eurozone countries remained stable.

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Table I
Annual rates of change of the New Orders Index in Industry (Total Market)
(2000 = 100,0)

| Branch code | Branch name | February 2008* | February 2007 | February 2006 | Rate of change (%) 08*/07 | Rate of change (%) 07/06 |
|-------------|---|----------------|---------------|---------------|---------------------------|--------------------------|
| | Overall Index | 137.3 | 135.8 | 126.4 | 1.1 | 7.5 |
| D | Manufacturing | 137.3 | 135.8 | 126.4 | 1.1 | 7.5 |
| 17 | Textiles | 69.1 | 79.4 | 70.8 | -13.0 | 12.1 |
| 18 | Wearing apparel | 90.4 | 93.4 | 82.7 | -3.1 | 13.0 |
| 21 | Pulp, paper and paper products | 124.1 | 117.8 | 114.0 | 5.4 | 3.3 |
| 24 | Chemicals and chemical products | 155.2 | 154.5 | 145.8 | 0.5 | 5.9 |
| 27 | Basic metals | 212.4 | 201.6 | 175.8 | 5.4 | 14.7 |
| 28 | Fabricated metal products | 122.7 | 126.3 | 145.2 | -2.9 | -13.0 |
| 29 | Machinery and equipment n. e. c. | 130.9 | 134.6 | 114.6 | -2.7 | 17.4 |
| 30 | Office machinery and computers | 1267.0 | 1751.4 | 356.3 | -27.7 | 391.6 |
| 31 | Electrical machinery and apparatus n. e. c. | 179.5 | 160.7 | 135.7 | 11.7 | 18.4 |
| 32 | Radio, television and communication equipment and apparatus | 34.9 | 38.9 | 67.2 | -10.4 | -42.1 |
| 33 | Medical, precision and optical instruments | 193.1 | 202.4 | 175.4 | -4.6 | 15.4 |
| 34 | Motor vehicles, trailers and semi-trailers | 55.2 | 38.3 | 44.9 | 44.4 | -14.8 |
| 35 | Other transport equipment | 148.4 | 158.3 | 153.6 | -6.2 | 3.1 |
| | Main Industrial Groupings | | | | | |
| 1 | Energy | | | | | |
| 2 | Intermediate goods | 167.9 | 160.4 | 143.2 | 4.7 | 12.0 |
| 3 | Capital goods | 96.7 | 102.0 | 109.9 | -5.2 | -7.2 |
| 4 | Consumer Durables | 120.5 | 114.1 | 104.9 | 5.6 | 8.7 |
| 5 | Consumer Non-Durables | 107.0 | 113.5 | 106.3 | -5.8 | 6.8 |

*Provisional data

- Note: 1. The indices are calculated with infinite decimal figures and are rounded up to one decimal figure when published.
2. Percentage changes are calculated on the basis of indices with infinite decimal figures and are rounded up to one decimal figure when published.
3. Indices are not calculated for "Energy".

Table II
Annual rates of change of the New Orders Index in Industry for the Domestic Market
(2000 = 100,0)

| Branch code | Branch name | February 2008* | February 2007 | February 2006 | Rate of change (%) 08*/07 | Rate of change (%) 07/06 |
|-------------|---|----------------|---------------|---------------|---------------------------|--------------------------|
| | Overall Index | 112.5 | 116.8 | 116.2 | -3.7 | 0.5 |
| D | Manufacturing | 112.5 | 116.8 | 116.2 | -3.7 | 0.5 |
| 17 | Textiles | 58.3 | 68.9 | 63.5 | -15.3 | 8.5 |
| 18 | Wearing apparel | 97.3 | 100.1 | 90.5 | -2.8 | 10.6 |
| 21 | Pulp, paper and paper products | 124.0 | 117.0 | 113.2 | 6.0 | 3.3 |
| 24 | Chemicals and chemical products | 126.4 | 129.6 | 128.2 | -2.4 | 1.1 |
| 27 | Basic metals | 170.4 | 181.1 | 180.1 | -6.0 | 0.6 |
| 28 | Fabricated metal products | 95.0 | 110.2 | 133.1 | -13.8 | -17.2 |
| 29 | Machinery and equipment n. e. c. | 108.2 | 101.1 | 90.2 | 7.1 | 12.1 |
| 30 | Office machinery and computers | 863.5 | 1310.2 | 197.6 | -34.1 | 563.0 |
| 31 | Electrical machinery and apparatus n. e. c. | 127.5 | 116.1 | 98.6 | 9.8 | 17.7 |
| 32 | Radio, television and communication equipment and apparatus | 21.3 | 26.4 | 42.8 | -19.1 | -38.4 |
| 33 | Medical, precision and optical instruments | 127.7 | 162.1 | 140.8 | -21.3 | 15.2 |
| 34 | Motor vehicles, trailers and semi-trailers | 45.4 | 29.9 | 41.3 | 51.6 | -27.6 |
| 35 | Other transport equipment | 144.8 | 152.0 | 150.6 | -4.7 | 0.9 |
| | Main Industrial Groupings | | | | | |
| 1 | Energy | | | | | |
| 2 | Intermediate goods | 132.7 | 135.8 | 132.5 | -2.3 | 2.5 |
| 3 | Capital goods | 75.8 | 83.1 | 94.8 | -8.8 | -12.4 |
| 4 | Consumer Durables | 120.5 | 109.7 | 95.4 | 9.8 | 15.0 |
| 5 | Consumer Non-Durables | 104.8 | 110.5 | 105.4 | -5.2 | 4.9 |

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3. Indices are not calculated for "Energy".

Table III**Annual rates of change of the New Orders Index in Industry for the Non - Domestic Market***(2000 = 100,0)*

| Branch code | Branch name | February 2008* | February 2007 | February 2006 | Rate of change (%) 08*/07 | Rate of change (%) 07/06 |
|-------------|---|----------------|---------------|---------------|---------------------------|--------------------------|
| | Overall Index | 193.0 | 178.7 | 149.1 | 8.0 | 19.8 |
| D | Manufacturing | 193.0 | 178.7 | 149.1 | 8.0 | 19.8 |
| 17 | Textiles | 82.2 | 93.1 | 81.4 | -11.6 | 14.3 |
| 18 | Wearing apparel | 84.7 | 85.5 | 75.0 | -0.9 | 14.1 |
| 21 | Pulp, paper and paper products | 115.1 | 115.6 | 114.5 | -0.4 | 1.0 |
| 24 | Chemicals and chemical products | 272.3 | 255.3 | 220.9 | 6.7 | 15.5 |
| 27 | Basic metals | 262.9 | 225.5 | 167.1 | 16.6 | 34.9 |
| 28 | Fabricated metal products | 246.4 | 192.2 | 192.6 | 28.2 | -0.2 |
| 29 | Machinery and equipment n. e. c. | 198.8 | 234.1 | 194.9 | -15.1 | 20.1 |
| 30 | Office machinery and computers | 5286.9 | 6321.0 | 1790.9 | -16.4 | 253.0 |
| 31 | Electrical machinery and apparatus n. e. c. | 280.6 | 247.7 | 210.2 | 13.3 | 17.8 |
| 32 | Radio, television and communication equipment and apparatus | 68.0 | 69.7 | 127.0 | -2.4 | -45.1 |
| 33 | Medical, precision and optical instruments | 254.4 | 237.5 | 203.7 | 7.1 | 16.6 |
| 34 | Motor vehicles, trailers and semi-trailers | 395.9 | 329.8 | 177.0 | 20.0 | 86.4 |
| 35 | Other transport equipment | 186.1 | 295.1 | 147.3 | -37.0 | 100.4 |
| | Main Industrial Groupings | | | | | |
| 1 | Energy | | | | | |
| 2 | Intermediate goods | 230.4 | 204.6 | 162.4 | 12.6 | 25.9 |
| 3 | Capital goods | 214.8 | 205.3 | 184.1 | 4.6 | 11.5 |
| 4 | Consumer Durables | 119.7 | 129.9 | 143.5 | -7.9 | -9.4 |
| 5 | Consumer Non-Durables | 106.8 | 113.6 | 103.5 | -5.9 | 9.7 |

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3. Indices are not calculated for "Energy".

Table IV**Annual rates of change of the New Orders Index in Industry for the Eurozone Countries***(2000 = 100,0)*

| Codes | Non – Domestic Market Eurozone Countries | February 2008* | February 2007 | February 2006 | Rate of change (%) 08*/07 | Rate of change (%) 07/06 |
|-------|---|-------------------|------------------|------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| | Overall Index | 160.5 | 137.4 | 115.8 | 16.8 | 18.7 |
| D | Manufacturing | 160.5 | 137.4 | 115.8 | 16.8 | 18.7 |
| | Main Industrial Groupings | | | | | |
| 1 | Energy | | | | | |
| 2 | Intermediate goods | 189.5 | 149.0 | 116.2 | 27.1 | 28.3 |
| 3 | Capital goods | 219.3 | 192.7 | 159.8 | 13.8 | 20.6 |
| 4 | Consumer Durables | 113.1 | 119.4 | 168.5 | -5.3 | -29.1 |
| 5 | Consumer Non-Durables | 97.9 | 105.4 | 99.1 | -7.1 | 6.4 |

*Provisional data

Table V**Annual rates of change of the New Orders Index in Industry for the Non - Eurozone Countries***(2000 = 100,0)*

| Codes | Non – Domestic Market Non - Eurozone Countries | February 2008* | February 2007 | February 2006 | Rate of change (%) 08*/07 | Rate of change (%) 07/06 |
|-------|---|-------------------|------------------|------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| | Overall Index | 247.0 | 247.1 | 202.6 | 0.0 | 22.0 |
| D | Manufacturing | 247.0 | 247.1 | 202.6 | 0.0 | 22.0 |
| | Main Industrial Groupings | | | | | |
| 1 | Energy | | | | | |
| 2 | Intermediate goods | 297.7 | 291.8 | 234.4 | 2.0 | 24.5 |
| 3 | Capital goods | 223.9 | 234.1 | 207.2 | -4.4 | 13.0 |
| 4 | Consumer Durables | 117.1 | 128.0 | 60.5 | -8.5 | 111.4 |
| 5 | Consumer Non-Durables | 127.2 | 133.4 | 110.8 | -4.7 | 20.4 |

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3. Indices are not calculated for "Energy".

Table VI
Evolution of the New Orders Index in Industry (Total Market)
(2000 = 100,0)

| Year-month | Overall Index (Total Market) | | New Orders Index in Industry for the Domestic Market | | New Orders Index in Industry for the Non - Domestic Market | |
|------------|------------------------------|---------------------------|--|---------------------------|--|---------------------------|
| | Index | Annual rate of change (%) | Index | Annual rate of change (%) | Index | Annual rate of change (%) |
| 2007 II | 135.8 | 7.5 | 116.8 | 0.5 | 178.7 | 19.8 |
| III | 159.6 | 10.6 | 134.9 | 3.1 | 213.8 | 22.3 |
| IV | 127.6 | 0.6 | 112.9 | -3.9 | 160.9 | 9.2 |
| V | 143.9 | -5.0 | 126.9 | -4.7 | 182.4 | -5.7 |
| VI | 138.9 | -8.8 | 122.5 | -7.0 | 175.4 | -11.5 |
| VII | 145.9 | -0.4 | 131.2 | 5.6 | 177.7 | -8.4 |
| VIII | 99.2 | 2.5 | 87.1 | 2.4 | 126.8 | 2.9 |
| IX | 147.7 | -3.4 | 129.1 | 2.2 | 188.1 | -10.9 |
| X | 145.4 | -0.4 | 127.2 | 0.5 | 187.1 | -1.0 |
| XI | 140.4 | 1.8 | 123.3 | 0.1 | 178.3 | 4.3 |
| XII | 118.7 | 1.2 | 108.1 | 0.4 | 141.8 | 2.2 |
| 2008 I | 122.3 | -6.3 | 110.3 | -0.1 | 147.3 | -16.4 |
| *II | 137.3 | 1.1 | 112.5 | -3.7 | 193.0 | 8.0 |

*Provisional data

Table VII
Evolution of the New Orders Index in Industry for the Non – Domestic Market
(2000 = 100,0)

| Year-month | Overall Index (Non – Domestic Market) | | New Orders Index in Industry for Eurozone Countries | | New Orders Index in Industry for Non - Eurozone Countries | |
|------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------------|---|---------------------------|---|---------------------------|
| | Index | Annual rate of change (%) | Index | Annual rate of change (%) | Index | Annual rate of change (%) |
| 2007 II | 178.7 | 19.8 | 137.4 | 18.7 | 247.1 | 22.0 |
| III | 213.8 | 22.3 | 180.9 | 23.0 | 278.4 | 24.2 |
| IV | 160.9 | 9.2 | 124.9 | 5.8 | 216.4 | 11.0 |
| V | 182.4 | -5.7 | 142.6 | 1.3 | 253.3 | -9.3 |
| VI | 175.4 | -11.5 | 134.2 | -4.5 | 240.6 | -18.2 |
| VII | 177.7 | -8.4 | 144.1 | 3.6 | 227.3 | -21.2 |
| VIII | 126.8 | 2.9 | 86.6 | 5.6 | 191.6 | 1.3 |
| IX | 188.1 | -10.9 | 136.6 | 10.3 | 271.5 | -22.8 |
| X | 187.1 | -1.0 | 154.3 | 28.8 | 241.4 | -19.8 |
| XI | 178.3 | 4.3 | 134.2 | 6.2 | 245.3 | 3.1 |
| XII | 141.8 | 2.2 | 103.8 | 2.1 | 194.2 | -1.5 |
| 2008 I | 147.3 | -16.4 | 131.7 | -0.8 | 165.4 | -32.1 |
| *II | 193.0 | 8.0 | 160.5 | 16.8 | 247.0 | 0.0 |

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Table VIII
Average indices and rates of change (%) of the 12-month periods
of New Orders Index in Industry (Total Market)
(2000 = 100,0)

| Branch code | Branch name | Average Indices of 12-month periods | | | Rate of change (%) 2008*/2007 | Rate of change (%) 2007/2006 |
|-------------|---|-------------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| | | Mar.2007- Feb.2008* | Mar.2006- Feb.2007 | Mar.2005- Feb.2006 | | |
| | Overall Index | 135.6 | 136.6 | 121.1 | -0.7 | 12.8 |
| D | Manufacturing | 135.6 | 136.6 | 121.1 | -0.7 | 12.8 |
| 17 | Textiles | 71.8 | 75.2 | 76.4 | -4.5 | -1.5 |
| 18 | Wearing apparel | 89.5 | 86.2 | 88.7 | 3.8 | -2.8 |
| 21 | Pulp, paper and paper products | 125.9 | 115.5 | 108.9 | 9.0 | 6.1 |
| 24 | Chemicals and chemical products | 152.4 | 147.2 | 142.0 | 3.5 | 3.6 |
| 27 | Basic metals | 194.6 | 206.5 | 156.1 | -5.8 | 32.3 |
| 28 | Fabricated metal products | 141.3 | 146.8 | 138.5 | -3.8 | 6.0 |
| 29 | Machinery and equipment n. e. c. | 129.5 | 129.1 | 115.2 | 0.3 | 12.1 |
| 30 | Office machinery and computers | 968.4 | 453.9 | 100.3 | 113.4 | 352.6 |
| 31 | Electrical machinery and apparatus n. e. c. | 169.7 | 158.8 | 124.2 | 6.9 | 27.8 |
| 32 | Radio, television and communication equipment and apparatus | 51.2 | 68.8 | 60.2 | -25.5 | 14.2 |
| 33 | Medical, precision and optical instruments | 186.3 | 193.6 | 160.1 | -3.8 | 21.0 |
| 34 | Motor vehicles, trailers and semi-trailers | 58.4 | 77.5 | 76.5 | -24.7 | 1.3 |
| 35 | Other transport equipment | 164.5 | 109.0 | 144.8 | 51.0 | -24.7 |
| | Main Industrial Groupings | | | | | |
| 1 | Energy | | | | | |
| 2 | Intermediate goods | 157.7 | 158.9 | 131.9 | -0.8 | 20.5 |
| 3 | Capital goods | 110.6 | 115.7 | 107.8 | -4.4 | 7.3 |
| 4 | Consumer Durables | 106.1 | 103.1 | 97.7 | 2.9 | 5.5 |
| 5 | Consumer Non-Durables | 112.3 | 110.0 | 111.8 | 2.2 | -1.6 |

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