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Manufacturing PMI® at 48.5%

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New Orders and Backlogs Contracting
Production and Employment Contracting
Supplier Deliveries Faster
Raw Materials Inventories Contracting; Customers' Inventories Too Low
Prices Increasing; Exports and Imports Contracting

(Tempe, Arizona) — Economic activity in the manufacturing sector contracted in June for the third consecutive month and the 19th time in the last 20 months, say the nation's supply executives in the latest Manufacturing ISM® Report On Business®.

The report was issued today by Timothy R. Fiore, CPSM, C.P.M., Chair of the Institute for Supply Management[®] (ISM[®]) Manufacturing Business Survey Committee:

"The Manufacturing PMI[®] registered 48.5 percent in June, down 0.2 percentage point from the 48.7 percent recorded in May. The overall economy continued in expansion for the 50th month after one month of contraction in April 2020. (A Manufacturing PMI[®] above 42.5 percent, over a period of time, generally indicates an expansion of the overall economy.) The New Orders Index remained in contraction territory, registering 49.3 percent, 3.9 percentage points higher than the 45.4 percent recorded in May. The June reading of the Production Index (48.5 percent) is 1.7 percentage points lower than May's figure of 50.2 percent. The Prices Index registered 52.1 percent, down 4.9 percentage points compared to the reading of 57 percent in May. The Backlog of Orders Index registered 41.7 percent, down 0.7 percentage point compared to the 42.4 percent recorded in May. The Employment Index registered 49.3 percent, down 1.8 percentage points from May's figure of 51.1 percent.

"The Supplier Deliveries Index remained in 'faster' territory, registering 49.8 percent, 0.9 percentage point higher than the 48.9 percent recorded in May. (Supplier Deliveries is the only ISM[®] Report On Business[®] index that is inversed; a reading of above 50 percent indicates slower deliveries, which is typical as the economy improves and customer demand increases.) The Inventories Index registered 45.4 percent, down 2.5 percentage points compared to May's reading of 47.9 percent.

"The New Export Orders Index reading of 48.8 percent is 1.8 percentage points lower than the 50.6 percent registered in May. The Imports Index dropped into contraction territory, registering 48.5 percent, 2.6 percentage point lower than the 51.1 percent reported in May."

Fiore continues, "U.S. manufacturing activity continued in contraction at the close of the second quarter. Demand was weak again, output declined, and inputs stayed accommodative. **Demand** slowing was reflected by the (1) New Orders Index improving to marginal contraction, (2) New Export Orders Index returning to contraction, (3) Backlog of Orders Index dropping into stronger contraction territory, and (4) Customers' Inventories Index moving into the low side of the 'just right' range, neutral for future production. **Output** (measured by the Production and Employment indexes) declined compared to May, with a combined 3.5-percentage point downward impact on the Manufacturing PMI[®] calculation. Panelists' companies reduced production levels month over month as head count reductions continued in June. **Inputs** — defined as supplier deliveries, inventories, prices and imports — continued to accommodate future demand growth. The Prices Index eased but remained in expansion (or 'increasing') territory; the index registered its second month of cooling increases.

"Demand remains subdued, as companies demonstrate an unwillingness to invest in capital and inventory due to current monetary policy and other conditions. Production execution was down compared to the previous month, likely causing revenue declines, putting pressure on profitability. Suppliers continue to have capacity, with lead times improving and shortages not as severe. Sixty-two percent of manufacturing gross domestic product (GDP) contracted in June, up from 55 percent in May. More concerning is the share of sector GDP registering a composite PMI[®] calculation at or below 45 percent — a good barometer of overall manufacturing weakness — was 14 percent in June, 10 percentage points higher than the 4 percent reported in May," says Fiore.

The eight manufacturing industries reporting growth in June — in order — are: Printing & Related Support Activities; Petroleum & Coal Products; Primary Metals; Furniture & Related Products; Paper Products; Chemical Products; Miscellaneous Manufacturing; and Nonmetallic Mineral Products. The nine industries reporting contraction in June — in the following order — are: Textile Mills; Machinery; Fabricated Metal Products; Wood Products; Transportation Equipment; Plastics & Rubber Products; Food, Beverage & Tobacco Products; Electrical Equipment, Appliances & Components; and Computer & Electronic Products.

WHAT RESPONDENTS ARE SAYING

- "High volume of customer orders." [Chemical Products]
- "Customers continue to cut orders with short notice, causing a ripple effect throughout lower-tier suppliers." [Transportation Equipment]
- "Consumer demand and inventories are no longer stable at retail and food service establishments." [Food, Beverage & Tobacco Products]
- "While orders are still steady, inventory from the previous month is enough to satisfy current- and near-term commitments." [Computer & Electronic Products]
- "Customers ordering more to create buffer stocks (in case of) future shortages." [Electrical Equipment, Appliances & Components]
- "Order levels in two of our main divisions are indicating weak demand, and now we must work to reduce inventory levels." [Fabricated Metal Products]
- "Sales backlog is decreasing. We have furloughed a portion of our workforce as a result." [Machinery]
- "The level of production is lower due to decreased demand for products." [Miscellaneous Manufacturing]
- "Elevated financing costs have dampened demand for residential investment. We have reduced inventories of production components." [Wood Products]
- "Orders have increased slightly due to seasonal restocking." [Plastics & Rubber Products]

		MANUFAC	TURING AT A June 2024	GLANCE		
Index	Series Index Jun	Series Index May	Percentage Point Change	Direction	Rate of Change	Trend* (Months)
Manufacturing PMI [®]	48.5	48.7	-0.2	Contracting	Faster	3
New Orders	49.3	45.4	+3.9	Contracting	Slower	3
Production	48.5	50.2	-1.7	Contracting	From Growing	1
Employment	49.3	51.1	-1.8	Contracting	From Growing	1
Supplier Deliveries	49.8	48.9	+0.9	Faster	Slower	4
Inventories	45.4	47.9	-2.5	Contracting	Faster	17
Customers' Inventories	47.4	48.3	-0.9	Too Low	Faster	7
Prices	52.1	57.0	-4.9	Increasing	Slower	6
Backlog of Orders	41.7	42.4	-0.7	Contracting	Faster	21
New Export Orders	48.8	50.6	-1.8	Contracting	From Growing	1
Imports	48.5	51.1	-2.6	Contracting	From Growing	1
	OVERALL E	CONOMY		Growing	Slower	50
	Manufacturir	ng Sector		Contracting	Faster	3

Manufacturing ISM[®] *Report On Business*[®] data is seasonally adjusted for the New Orders, Production, Employment and Inventories indexes.

COMMODITIES REPORTED UP/DOWN IN PRICE AND IN SHORT SUPPLY

Commodities Up in Price

Aluminum (7); Aluminum Products; Copper (3); Electrical Components (2); Labor — Temporary (2); Ocean Freight (2); Plastic Resins (6); Rubber Compounds; and Titanium Dioxide.

Commodities Down in Price

Polypropylene; Solvents; Steel (2); Steel — Carbon (3); Steel — Hot Rolled (2); Steel — Scrap (2); and Steel Products.

Commodities in Short Supply

Electrical Components (45); Electronic Components (3); and Steel — Carbon.

Note: The number of consecutive months the commodity is listed is indicated after each item.

JUNE 2024 MANUFACTURING INDEX SUMMARIES

^{*}Number of months moving in current direction.

Manufacturing PMI®

The U.S. manufacturing sector contracted for the third consecutive month in June, as the Manufacturing PMI® registered 48.5 percent, down 0.2 percentage point compared to May's reading of 48.7 percent. "After breaking a 16-month streak of contraction by expanding in March, the manufacturing sector has contracted the last three months, and at a faster rate in June. None of five subindexes that directly factor into the Manufacturing PMI® were in expansion territory, down from two in May. The New Orders Index remained in contraction but moved upward in June. Of the six biggest manufacturing industries, only one (Chemical Products) registered growth in June," says Fiore. A reading above 50 percent indicates that the manufacturing sector is generally expanding; below 50 percent indicates that it is generally contracting.

A Manufacturing PMI[®] above 42.5 percent, over a period of time, generally indicates an expansion of the overall economy. Therefore, the June Manufacturing PMI[®] indicates the overall economy grew for the 50th straight month after one month of contraction (April 2020). "The past relationship between the Manufacturing PMI[®] and the overall economy indicates that the June reading (48.5 percent) corresponds to a change of plus-1.7 percent in real gross domestic product (GDP) on an annualized basis," says Fiore.

THE LAST 12 MONTHS

Month	Manufacturing PMI®	Month	Manufacturing PMI®					
Jun 2024	48.5	Dec 2023	47.1					
May 2024	48.7	Nov 2023	46.6					
Apr 2024	49.2	Oct 2023	46.9					
Mar 2024	50.3	Sep 2023	48.6					
Feb 2024	47.8	Aug 2023	47.6					
Jan 2024	49.1	Jul 2023	46.5					
Average for 12 months – 48.1 High – 50.3 Low – 46.5								

New Orders

ISM[®]'s New Orders Index contracted in June for the third month, registering 49.3 percent, an increase of 3.9 percentage points compared to May's figure of 45.4 percent. The New Orders Index hasn't indicated consistent growth since a 24-month streak of expansion ended in May 2022. "Of the six largest manufacturing sectors, two (Computer & Electronic Products; and Chemical Products) reported increased new orders. Panelists' comments noted a continued level of uncertainty and cautiousness as new order levels and customer inventory accounts continue to underperform," says Fiore. A New Orders Index above 52.3 percent, over time, is generally consistent with an increase in the Census Bureau's series on manufacturing orders (in constant 2000 dollars).

The six manufacturing industries that reported growth in new orders in June, in order, are: Primary Metals; Petroleum & Coal Products; Furniture & Related Products; Computer & Electronic Products; Chemical Products; and Miscellaneous Manufacturing. The six industries reporting a decline in new orders in June — in the following order — are: Fabricated Metal Products; Textile Mills; Machinery; Transportation Equipment; Electrical Equipment, Appliances & Components; and Food, Beverage & Tobacco Products. Six industries reported no change in new orders in June as compared to May.

New Orders	%Higher	%Same	%Lower Net		Index
Jun 2024	20.3	59.1	20.6	-0.3	49.3
May 2024	19.0	57.4	23.6	-4.6	45.4
Apr 2024	19.9	63.2	16.9	+3.0	49.1
Mar 2024	26.1	57.7	16.2	+9.9	51.4

Production

The Production Index fell into contraction territory in June, registering 48.5 percent, 1.7 percentage points lower than the May reading of 50.2 percent. Of the six largest manufacturing sectors, only one (Chemical Products) reported increased production. "Panelists' companies marginally reduced output levels compared to May. New order rates remain weak and backlog levels continue to decline, as production output enters contraction territory and companies are hesitant to invest in intermediate goods and finished goods inventory due to economic uncertainty," says Fiore. An index above 52.2 percent, over time, is generally consistent with an increase in the Federal Reserve Board's Industrial Production figures.

The eight industries reporting growth in production during the month of June, in order, are: Printing & Related Support Activities; Petroleum & Coal Products; Paper Products; Primary Metals; Furniture & Related Products; Plastics & Rubber Products; Chemical Products; and Miscellaneous Manufacturing. The six industries reporting a decrease in production in June, in order, are: Textile Mills; Fabricated Metal Products; Machinery; Transportation Equipment; Electrical Equipment, Appliances & Components; and Food, Beverage & Tobacco Products.

Production	%Higher	%Same	%Lower	%Lower Net	
Jun 2024	22.8	56.9	5.9 20.3		48.5
May 2024	19.8	62.6	17.6	+2.2	50.2
Apr 2024	22.1	62.6	15.3	+6.8	51.3
Mar 2024	25.3	61.7	13.0	+12.3	54.6

Employment

ISM[®]'s Employment Index registered 49.3 percent in June, 1.8 percentage points lower than the May reading of 51.1 percent. "The index indicated employment contracted after an expansion in May which broke a seven-month streak of contraction. Of the six big manufacturing sectors, only one (Fabricated Metal Products) expanded employment in June. Many Business Survey Committee respondents' companies are continuing to reduce head counts through layoffs, attrition and hiring freezes. Panelists' comments in June indicated a marginal decline in staff reductions compared to May, supported by the approximately 1.3-to-1 ratio of hiring versus head-count reduction comments," says Fiore. An Employment Index above 50.3 percent, over time, is generally consistent with an increase in the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) data on manufacturing employment.

Of 18 manufacturing industries, the five industries reporting employment growth in June are: Printing & Related Support Activities; Nonmetallic Mineral Products; Wood Products; Fabricated Metal Products; and Miscellaneous Manufacturing. The six industries reporting a decrease in employment in June, in the following order, are: Textile Mills; Chemical Products; Primary Metals; Plastics & Rubber Products; Electrical Equipment, Appliances & Components; and Machinery. Seven industries reported no change in employment in June as compared to May.

Employment	%Higher	%Same	%Lower	%Lower Net	
Jun 2024	16.8	66.1	17.1	-0.3	49.3

May 2024	17.1	69.0	13.9	+3.2	51.1
Apr 2024	16.3	67.9	15.8	+0.5	48.6
Mar 2024	14.1	67.8	18.1	-4.0	47.4

Supplier Deliveries[†]

Delivery performance of suppliers to manufacturing organizations was faster in June, with the Supplier Deliveries Index registering 49.8 percent, a 0.9-percentage point gain compared to the reading of 48.9 percent reported in May. This is the fourth consecutive month of faster deliveries after one month of slower performance preceded by 16 straight months in "faster" territory. After a reading of 52.4 percent in September 2022, the index went into contraction territory in October and remained there until February. Of the six big industries, two (Chemical Products; and Machinery) reported slower supplier deliveries in June. "On a consistent basis in 2024, suppliers have supported customers adequately by delivering faster, making more reliable promises and slowly reducing lead times. Panelists continue to predict faster supplier deliveries for the rest of the year," says Fiore. A reading below 50 percent indicates faster deliveries, while a reading above 50 percent indicates slower deliveries.

The four manufacturing industries reporting slower supplier deliveries in June are: Petroleum & Coal Products; Miscellaneous Manufacturing; Chemical Products; and Machinery. The eight industries reporting faster supplier deliveries in June — in the following order — are: Wood Products; Paper Products; Electrical Equipment, Appliances & Components; Fabricated Metal Products; Primary Metals; Plastics & Rubber Products; Computer & Electronic Products; and Transportation Equipment. Six industries reported no change in supplier deliveries in June as compared to May.

Supplier Deliveries	%Slower	%Same	%Faster	Net	Index
Jun 2024	8.8	82.0	9.2	-0.4	49.8
May 2024	6.2	85.3	8.5	-2.3	48.9
Apr 2024	8.1	81.6	10.3	-2.2	48.9
Mar 2024	9.0	81.7	9.3	-0.3	49.9

Inventories

The Inventories Index registered 45.4 percent in June, down 2.5 percentage points compared to the reading of 47.9 percent reported in May. "Manufacturing inventories contracted at a faster rate compared to the previous month. None of the six big industries reported increased manufacturing inventories in June. Demand uncertainty is causing panelists' companies to reduce investment in inventory and remain reliant on suppliers to carry 'on-demand' inventory," says Fiore. An Inventories Index greater than 44.4 percent, over time, is generally consistent with expansion in the Bureau of Economic Analysis (BEA) figures on overall manufacturing inventories (in chained 2000 dollars).

Of 18 manufacturing industries, four reported higher inventories in June: Petroleum & Coal Products; Textile Mills; Electrical Equipment, Appliances & Components; and Primary Metals. The 10 industries reporting lower inventories in June — in the following order — are: Wood Products; Plastics & Rubber Products; Machinery; Miscellaneous Manufacturing; Nonmetallic Mineral Products; Furniture & Related Products; Computer & Electronic Products; Transportation Equipment; Food, Beverage & Tobacco Products; and Chemical Products.

Inventories	%Higher	%Same	%Lower Net		Index	
Jun 2024	11.3	67.9	20.8	-9.5	45.4	
May 2024	14.4	66.4	19.2	-4.8	47.9	

Apr 2024	13.1	67.7	19.2	-6.1	48.2
Mar 2024	16.0	66.2	17.8	-1.8	48.2

Customers' Inventories[†]

ISM®'s Customers' Inventories Index registered 47.4 percent in June, down 0.9 percentage point compared to the 48.3 percent reported in May. "Customers' inventory levels decreased at a faster rate in June, with the index moving downward in 'about right' territory. Panelists report their companies' customers have decreased amounts of their products in inventory compared to the previous month, which is considered neutral for future new orders and production," says Fiore.

The seven industries reporting customers' inventories as too high in June, in order, are: Apparel, Leather & Allied Products; Textile Mills; Plastics & Rubber Products; Wood Products; Fabricated Metal Products; Transportation Equipment; and Computer & Electronic Products. The seven industries reporting customers' inventories as too low in June, in order, are: Nonmetallic Mineral Products; Paper Products; Furniture & Related Products; Food, Beverage & Tobacco Products; Chemical Products; Primary Metals; and Machinery.

Customers' Inventories	% Reporting	%Too High	%About Right	%Too Low	Net	Index
Jun 2024	78	13.6	67.5	18.9	-5.3	47.4
May 2024	75	14.8	66.9	18.3	-3.5	48.3
Apr 2024	76	15.6	64.3	20.1	-4.5	47.8
Mar 2024	75	8.9	70.2	20.9	-12.0	44.0

Prices[†]

The ISM® Prices Index registered 52.1 percent, 4.9 percentage points lower compared to the May reading of 57 percent, indicating raw materials prices increased in June for the sixth month after eight consecutive months of decreases. Of the six largest manufacturing industries, three — Computer & Electronic Products; Food, Beverage & Tobacco Products; and Chemical Products — reported price increases in June. "The Prices Index indicated expansion in June, but at slower rate compared to the previous month. Commodity prices continue to be volatile, especially fuel, natural gas, aluminum and plastics. Steel prices are approaching long-term historical lows. Twenty percent of companies reported higher prices in June, compared to 26 percent in May, a clear improvement," says Fiore. A Prices Index above 52.8 percent, over time, is generally consistent with an increase in the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) Producer Price Index for Intermediate Materials.

In June, the eight industries that reported paying increased prices for raw materials, in order, are: Wood Products; Electrical Equipment, Appliances & Components; Textile Mills; Paper Products; Computer & Electronic Products; Food, Beverage & Tobacco Products; Miscellaneous Manufacturing; and Chemical Products. The three industries reporting paying decreased prices for raw materials in June are: Petroleum & Coal Products; Fabricated Metal Products; and Transportation Equipment. Seven industries reported no change in prices in June as compared to May.

Prices	%Higher %Same		%Lower	Net	Index
Jun 2024	20.2	63.8	16.0	+4.2	52.1
May 2024	25.5	63.0	11.5	+14.0	57.0
Apr 2024	30.8	60.1	9.1	+21.7	60.9
Mar 2024	23.6	64.4	12.0	+11.6	55.8

Backlog of Orders[†]

ISM[®]'s Backlog of Orders Index registered 41.7 percent, down 0.7 percentage point from the 42.4 percent reported in May, indicating order backlogs contracted for the 21st consecutive month after a 27-month period of expansion. The index recorded its lowest rate since November 2023, when it registered 39.3 percent. None of the six largest manufacturing industries reported expanded order backlogs in June. "The index remained in contraction in June, as new order rates were insufficient to allow backlogs to grow," says Fiore.

Of the 18 manufacturing industries, the only one that reported growth in order backlogs in June is Primary Metals. The 14 industries reporting lower backlogs in June — in the following order — are: Electrical Equipment, Appliances & Components; Wood Products; Machinery; Nonmetallic Mineral Products; Textile Mills; Petroleum & Coal Products; Fabricated Metal Products; Paper Products; Food, Beverage & Tobacco Products; Computer & Electronic Products; Plastics & Rubber Products; Transportation Equipment; Chemical Products; and Miscellaneous Manufacturing.

Backlog of Orders	% Reporting	%Higher	%Same	%Lower	Net	Index
Jun 2024	90	10.7	61.9	27.4	-16.7	41.7
May 2024	91	12.3	60.1	27.6	-15.3	42.4
Apr 2024	90	12.2	66.4	21.4	-9.2	45.4
Mar 2024	92	14.8	62.9	22.3	-7.5	46.3

New Export Orders[†]

ISM[®]'s New Export Orders Index registered 48.8 percent in June, down 1.8 percentage points from May's reading of 50.6 percent. "The New Export Orders Index reading indicates that export orders contracted in June after expanding in May and contracting in April, with two straight months of expansion before that. New export levels remain sluggish as international trading partners continue to struggle with slow moving economies," says Fiore.

The four industries reporting growth in new export orders in June are: Nonmetallic Mineral Products; Paper Products; Chemical Products; and Miscellaneous Manufacturing. The eight industries reporting a decrease in new export orders in June — in the following order — are: Fabricated Metal Products; Transportation Equipment; Primary Metals; Plastics & Rubber Products; Machinery; Food, Beverage & Tobacco Products; Electrical Equipment, Appliances & Components; and Computer & Electronic Products.

New Export Orders	% Reporting	%Higher	%Same	%Lower	Net	Index
Jun 2024	73	10.3	76.9	12.8	-2.5	48.8
May 2024	72	10.0	81.1	8.9	+1.1	50.6
Apr 2024	74	9.7	78.0	12.3	-2.6	48.7
Mar 2024	76	12.2	78.8	9.0	+3.2	51.6

Imports[†]

ISM[®]'s Imports Index cooled in June with a reading of 48.5 percent, a decrease of 2.6 percentage points compared to May's figure of 51.1 percent. "Imports contracted after five consecutive months of expansion preceded by 14 consecutive months of contraction. Respondents' companies continue to limit investment in inventory, as future growth prospects remain cloudy. Ocean freight costs continue to rise and access to

equipment remains restricted as a result of extended transit times, reducing available container and ship availability," says Fiore.

The five industries reporting an increase in import volumes in June are: Primary Metals; Plastics & Rubber Products; Food, Beverage & Tobacco Products; Miscellaneous Manufacturing; and Chemical Products. The six industries that reported lower volumes of imports in June, in order, are: Wood Products; Nonmetallic Mineral Products; Transportation Equipment; Machinery; Computer & Electronic Products; and Fabricated Metal Products. Seven industries reported no change in imports in June as compared to May.

Imports	% Reporting	%Higher	%Same	%Lower	Net	Index
Jun 2024	83	8.7	79.6	11.7	-3.0	48.5
May 2024	85	14.8	72.6	12.6	+2.2	51.1
Apr 2024	85	11.6	80.6	7.8	+3.8	51.9
Mar 2024	84	12.5	80.9	6.6	+5.9	53.0

[†]The Supplier Deliveries, Customers' Inventories, Prices, Backlog of Orders, New Export Orders, and Imports indexes do not meet the accepted criteria for seasonal adjustments.

Buying Policy

The average commitment lead time for Capital Expenditures in June was 179 days, an increase of seven days compared to May. Average lead time in June for Production Materials was 80 days, the same as in May. Average lead time for Maintenance, Repair and Operating (MRO) Supplies was 43 days, a decrease of one day compared to May.

Percent Reporting									
Capital Expenditures	Hand-to- Mouth	30 Days	60 Days	90 Days	6 Months	1 Year+	Average Days		
Jun 2024	14	3	11	14	28	30	179		
May 2024	15	3	9	15	32	26	172		
Apr 2024	17	4	8	13	32	26	170		
Mar 2024	14	5	9	13	31	28	176		

Percent Reporting									
Production Materials	Hand-to- Mouth	30 Days	60 Days	90 Days	6 Months	1 Year+	Average Days		
Jun 2024	8	24	27	28	9	4	80		
May 2024	6	26	31	23	10	4	80		
Apr 2024	7	23	29	30	7	4	79		
Mar 2024	8	22	31	28	7	4	78		

Percent Reporting									
MRO Supplies	Hand-to- Mouth	30 Days	60 Days	90 Days	6 Months	1 Year+	Average Days		
Jun 2024	29	36	16	14	5	0	43		
May 2024	29	38	15	13	4	1	44		
Apr 2024	29	37	17	12	4	1	44		

Mar 2024	25	40	18	12	5	0	44

About This Report

DO NOT CONFUSE THIS NATIONAL REPORT with the various regional purchasing reports released across the country. The national report's information reflects the entire U.S., while the regional reports contain primarily regional data from their local vicinities. Also, the information in the regional reports is not used in calculating the results of the national report. The information compiled in this report is for the month of June 2024.

The data presented herein is obtained from a survey of manufacturing supply executives based on information they have collected within their respective organizations. ISM® makes no representation, other than that stated within this release, regarding the individual company data collection procedures. The data should be compared to all other economic data sources when used in decision-making.

Data and Method of Presentation

The Manufacturing ISM® Report On Business® is based on data compiled from purchasing and supply executives nationwide. The composition of the Manufacturing Business Survey Committee is stratified according to the North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) and each of the following NAICS-based industries' contribution to gross domestic product (GDP): Food, Beverage & Tobacco Products; Textile Mills; Apparel, Leather & Allied Products; Wood Products; Paper Products; Printing & Related Support Activities; Petroleum & Coal Products; Chemical Products; Plastics & Rubber Products; Nonmetallic Mineral Products; Primary Metals; Fabricated Metal Products; Machinery; Computer & Electronic Products; Electrical Equipment, Appliances & Components; Transportation Equipment; Furniture & Related Products; and Miscellaneous Manufacturing (products such as medical equipment and supplies, jewelry, sporting goods, toys and office supplies). The data are weighted based on each industry's contribution to GDP. According to BEA estimates (the average of the fourth quarter 2022 GDP estimate and the GDP estimates for first, second, and third quarter 2023, as released on December 21, 2023), the six largest manufacturing industries are: Chemical Products; Transportation Equipment; Food, Beverage & Tobacco Products; Computer & Electronic Products; Machinery; and Fabricated Metal Products.

Survey responses reflect the change, if any, in the current month compared to the previous month. For each of the indicators measured (New Orders, Backlog of Orders, New Export Orders, Imports, Production, Supplier Deliveries, Inventories, Customers' Inventories, Employment and Prices), this report shows the percentage reporting each response, the net difference between the number of responses in the positive economic direction (higher, better and slower for Supplier Deliveries) and the negative economic direction (lower, worse and faster for Supplier Deliveries), and the diffusion index. Responses are raw data and are never changed. The diffusion index includes the percent of positive responses plus one-half of those responding the same (considered positive).

The resulting single index number for those meeting the criteria for seasonal adjustments (Manufacturing PMI®, New Orders, Production, Employment and Inventories) is then seasonally adjusted to allow for the effects of repetitive intra-year variations resulting primarily from normal differences in weather conditions, various institutional arrangements, and differences attributable to non-moveable holidays. All seasonal adjustment factors are subject annually to relatively minor changes when conditions warrant them. The Manufacturing PMI® is a composite index based on the diffusion indexes of five of the indexes with equal weights: New Orders (seasonally adjusted), Production (seasonally adjusted), Employment (seasonally adjusted), Supplier Deliveries, and Inventories (seasonally adjusted).

Diffusion indexes have the properties of leading indicators and are convenient summary measures showing the prevailing direction of change and the scope of change. A Manufacturing PMI[®] reading above 50 percent indicates that the manufacturing economy is generally expanding; below 50 percent indicates that it is generally declining. A Manufacturing PMI[®] above 42.5 percent, over a period of time, indicates that the overall economy, or gross domestic product (GDP), is generally expanding; below 42.5 percent, it is generally declining. The distance from 50 percent or 42.5 percent is indicative of the extent

of the expansion or decline. With some of the indicators within this report, ISM® has indicated the departure point between expansion and decline of comparable government series, as determined by regression analysis. The **Manufacturing ISM®** *Report On Business®* survey is sent out to Manufacturing Business Survey Committee respondents the first part of each month. Respondents are asked to report on information for the current month for U.S. operations only. ISM® receives survey responses throughout most of any given month, with the majority of respondents generally waiting until late in the month to submit responses to give the most accurate picture of current business activity. ISM® then compiles the report for release on the first business day of the following month.

The industries reporting growth, as indicated in the **Manufacturing ISM**[®] **Report On Business**[®] monthly report, are listed in the order of most growth to least growth. For the industries reporting contraction or decreases, those are listed in the order of the highest level of contraction/decrease to the least level of contraction/decrease.

Responses to Buying Policy reflect the percent reporting the current month's lead time, the approximate weighted number of days ahead for which commitments are made for Capital Expenditures; Production Materials; and Maintenance, Repair and Operating (MRO) Supplies, expressed as hand-to-mouth (five days), 30 days, 60 days, 90 days, six months (180 days), a year or more (360 days), and the weighted average number of days. These responses are raw data, never revised, and not seasonally adjusted.

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