New orders in manufacturing grew by 18.9 per cent year-on-year in February

According to Statistics Finland, the value of new orders in manufacturing was 18.9 per cent higher in February 2021 than twelve months earlier. During January to February, orders increased by 5.4 per cent year-on-year.

In February, enterprises in all manufacturing industries received more orders than twelve months ago. Orders grew most in the manufacture of paper and paper board products, by 22.4 per cent. In the metal industry, orders increased by 20.2 per cent year-on-year, and in the chemical industry by 6.6 per cent.

When interpreting these statistics, it should be borne in mind that they typically show strong fluctuations by month. Even new orders of substantial value are not examined over extended time periods but for the statistical reference month only.
The index of new orders in manufacturing describes development in the value of new orders received by enterprises for commodities and services that are meant to be produced by establishments located in Finland. These statistics are based on non-probability sampling, in which the basic observation unit is an enterprise or a kind-of-activity unit. The sample comprises monthly 400 to 450 enterprises or their kind-of-activity units. Index point figures and annual change percentages are published monthly for four industry categories. The time series start from January 2005 and their base year is 2015 (2015=100). The index figures may become slightly revised as new data accumulate and enterprises report changes to their data. Due to suplementations, the latest 12 months are revised in the releases. A detailed description of the statistics and the calculation method are included in the quality description on the home page of the statistics.
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¹) Year-on-year change compares the value for an examined time period to the value for the corresponding time period twelve months back
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