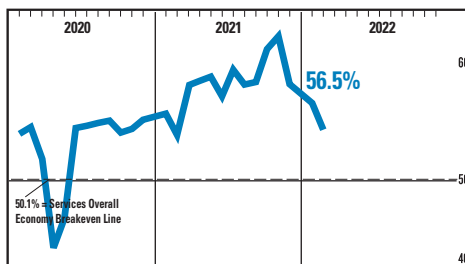


SERVICES PMI® at 56.5%

In February, the Services PMI® registered 56.5 percent, a 3.4-percentage point decrease compared to the January reading of 59.9 percent. The 12-month average is 62.6 percent, which reflects consistently strong growth in the services sector. This is the lowest Services PMI® reading since February 2021 (55.9 percent). The February reading indicates the services sector grew for the 21st consecutive month after two months of contraction and 122 months of growth before that.



Economic activity in the services sector grew in February for the 21st month in a row — with the Services PMI® registering 56.5 percent — say the nation’s purchasing and supply executives in the latest Services ISM® Report On Business®.

The Business Activity Index registered 55.1 percent, a decrease of 4.8 percentage points compared to the reading of 59.9 percent in January, and the New Orders Index figure of 56.1 percent is 5.6 percentage points lower than the January reading of 61.7 percent. The composite index indicated growth for the 21st consecutive month after a two-month contraction in April and May 2020. Although there was a pullback for most of the indexes comprising the Services PMI® in February, growth continues for the services sector, which has expanded for all but two of the last 145 months. Respondents continue to be impacted by supply chain disruptions, capacity constraints, inflation, logistical challenges and labor shortages. These conditions have affected the ability of panelists’ businesses to meet demand, leading to a cooling in business activity and economic growth.

The 14 services industries reporting growth in February — listed in order — are: Construction; Transportation & Warehousing; Educational Services; Management of Companies & Support Services; Wholesale Trade; Mining; Utilities; Health Care & Social Assistance; Finance & Insurance; Professional, Scientific & Technical Services; Public Administration; Retail Trade; Information; and Other Services*.

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Services at a Glance

INDEX	Feb Index	Jan Index	% Point Change	Direction	Rate of Change	Trend* (months)
Services PMI®	56.5	59.9	-3.4	Growing	Slower	21
Business Activity	55.1	59.9	-4.8	Growing	Slower	21
New Orders	56.1	61.7	-5.6	Growing	Slower	21
Employment	48.5	52.3	-3.8	Contracting	From Growing	1
Supplier Deliveries	66.2	65.7	+0.5	Slowing	Faster	33
Inventories	50.8	49.4	+1.4	Growing	From Contracting	1
Prices	83.1	82.3	+0.8	Increasing	Faster	57
Backlog of Orders	64.2	57.4	+6.8	Growing	Faster	14
New Export Orders	53.0	45.9	+7.1	Growing	From Contracting	1
Imports	51.7	51.1	+0.6	Growing	Faster	5
Inventory Sentiment	55.3	47.5	+7.8	Too High	From Too Low	1
Overall Economy				Growing	Slower	21
Services Sector				Growing	Slower	21

*Number of months moving in current direction. Services ISM® Report On Business® data has been seasonally adjusted for the Business Activity, New Orders, Employment and Prices indexes.

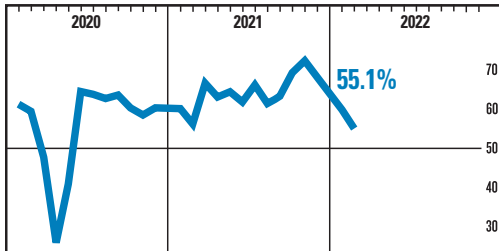


Commodities Reported

Commodities Up in Price: Adhesives; Aluminum Products (3); Chemicals; Chicken (6); Computers and Peripherals (2); Diesel Exhaust Fluid (DEF); Diesel Fuel (15); Electrical Components (13); Electronic Components (3); Exam Gloves; Food and Beverages (3); Freight (10); Fuel (14); Gasoline (15); Glassware; Hotel Rates; Janitorial Supplies; Labor (15); Labor — Construction (7); Labor — Technical (4); Labor — Temporary; Lumber (2); Logistics Services; Oriented Strand Board (OSB); Paper; Paper Products (3); Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) (3); Plastic Products (7); Polyvinyl Chloride (PVC) Products (6); Safety Products; Steel* (5); Steel Products (14); and Transportation Costs.

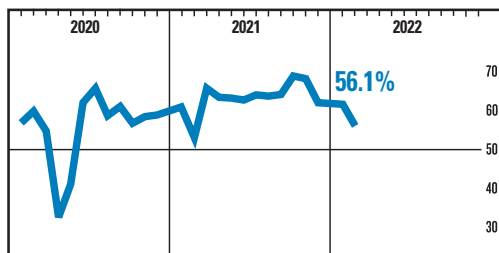
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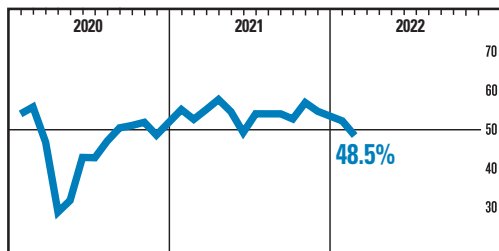
Business Activity

ISM's Business Activity Index registered 55.1 percent. The 13 industries reporting an increase in business activity for the month of February — listed in order — are: Management of Companies & Support Services; Educational Services; Transportation & Warehousing; Mining; Wholesale Trade; Finance & Insurance; Construction; Public Administration; Utilities; Professional, Scientific & Technical Services; Other Services^{††}; Retail Trade; and Health Care & Social Assistance.



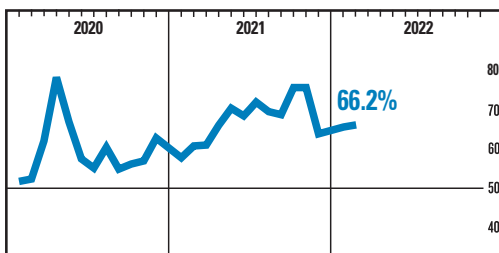
New Orders

ISM's New Orders Index registered 56.1 percent. Eleven industries reported growth of new orders in February, in the following order: Management of Companies & Support Services; Construction; Educational Services; Utilities; Mining; Transportation & Warehousing; Finance & Insurance; Public Administration; Wholesale Trade; Professional, Scientific & Technical Services; and Retail Trade.



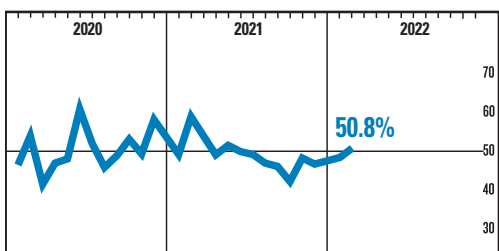
Employment

ISM's Services Employment Index registered 48.5 percent. The seven industries reporting an increase in employment in February — listed in order — are: Transportation & Warehousing; Construction; Arts, Entertainment & Recreation; Wholesale Trade; Health Care & Social Assistance; Professional, Scientific & Technical Services; and Educational Services.



Supplier Deliveries

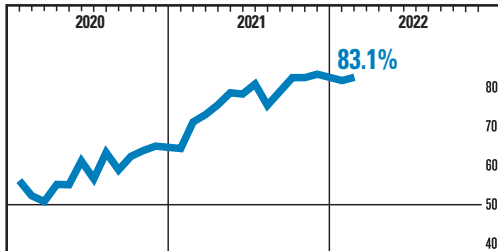
The Supplier Deliveries Index registered 66.2 percent. The 16 industries reporting slower deliveries in February — listed in order — are: Real Estate, Rental & Leasing; Information; Health Care & Social Assistance; Construction; Accommodation & Food Services; Transportation & Warehousing; Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing & Hunting; Retail Trade; Utilities; Public Administration; Educational Services; Wholesale Trade; Finance & Insurance; Management of Companies & Support Services; Other Services^{††}; and Professional, Scientific & Technical Services.



Inventories

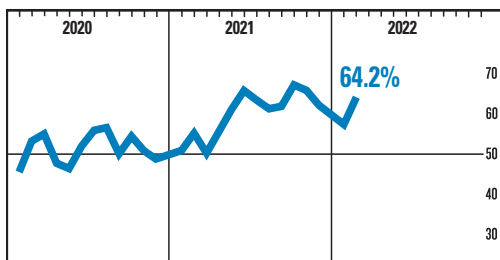
The Inventories Index grew in February, registering 50.8 percent. The nine industries reporting an increase in inventories in February — listed in order — are: Management of Companies & Support Services; Educational Services; Transportation & Warehousing; Wholesale Trade; Finance & Insurance; Utilities; Health Care & Social Assistance; Information; and Public Administration.

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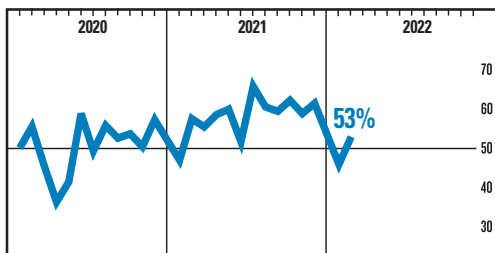
Prices

Prices paid by services organizations for materials and services increased in February for the 57th consecutive month, with the index registering 83.1 percent. All 18 services industries reported an increase in prices paid during the month of February, in the following order: Construction; Wholesale Trade; Management of Companies & Support Services; Educational Services; Utilities; Public Administration; Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing & Hunting; Arts, Entertainment & Recreation; Mining; Transportation & Warehousing; Information; Finance & Insurance; Real Estate, Rental & Leasing; Other Services[†]; Professional, Scientific & Technical Services; Health Care & Social Assistance; Accommodation & Food Services; and Retail Trade.



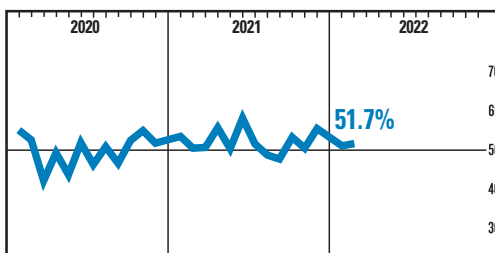
Backlog of Orders

The ISM Services Backlog of Orders Index registered 64.2 percent. The 13 industries reporting an increase in order backlogs in February — listed in order — are: Accommodation & Food Services; Construction; Real Estate, Rental & Leasing; Transportation & Warehousing; Retail Trade; Health Care & Social Assistance; Management of Companies & Support Services; Utilities; Public Administration; Finance & Insurance; Wholesale Trade; Professional, Scientific & Technical Services; and Information.



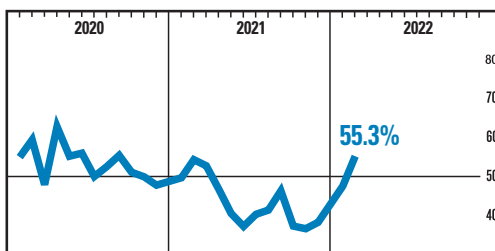
New Export Orders

The New Export Orders Index registered 53 percent. The seven industries reporting an increase in new export orders in February — listed in order — are: Utilities; Transportation & Warehousing; Retail Trade; Educational Services; Finance & Insurance; Wholesale Trade; and Professional, Scientific & Technical Services.



Imports

The Imports Index grew in February for the fifth consecutive month, registering 51.7 percent. The six industries reporting an increase in imports for the month of February — listed in order — are: Retail Trade; Wholesale Trade; Utilities; Finance & Insurance; Transportation & Warehousing; and Health Care & Social Assistance.



Inventory Sentiment

The ISM Services Inventory Sentiment Index expanded in February after 10 straight months in contraction, registering 55.3 percent. The five industries reporting sentiment that their inventories were too high in February are: Arts, Entertainment & Recreation; Real Estate, Rental & Leasing; Mining; Information; and Health Care & Social Assistance.

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