Teknikföretagen

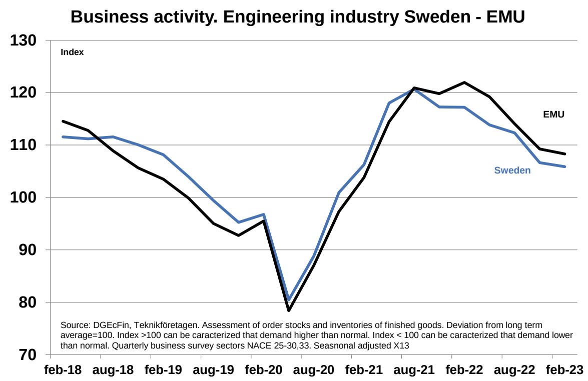
Summary of Teknikföretagen business survey

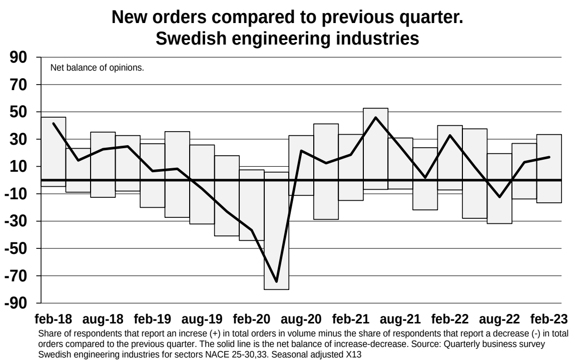
Index of the business situation of the engineering industry in Sweden decreases slightly during the first quarter. It is the sixth quarter in a row that the index has declined. Overall, however, order inflow is increasing to a somewhat higher extent than the previous quarter. The percentage of companies with full capacity utilization shows a slight decrease overall. The shortage of labour is higher than normal but shows no change compared to the last quarter of last year.

The index of the engineering industry's overall assessment of the business situation is again declining from a higher level than normal, which is also the case of the engineering industry in the euro area. Demand of the engineering industry's products is cyclical and it continues to decline after the upswing that started in the second half of 2020. However, the inflow of orders is increasing somewhat overall. The contribution comes mainly from the machinery and transport equipment industry as well as manufacturers of and suppliers to electrical machines/electrical equipment including energy technology. Increased inflow of orders from the export market is also the case of suppliers to the building and construction sector as well as suppliers to the automotive industry. On the other hand, suppliers to the construction sector show a small decline in orders from Sweden, which naturally follows very weak economic signals from the construction sector in Sweden.

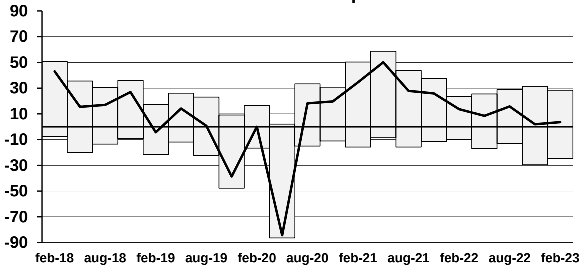
Index of the size of the order stock of the machinery industry is above the historical average but again slightly down compared to the previous quarter. This is also the case of the metal goods industry whereas the size of the order stock in transport equipment is a bit higher and well above normal. The index of the size of the order stock in electrical engineering and suppliers to that sector is very high.

The shortage of skilled workers and the shortage of engineers/technicians remains at the same level as the previous quarter, but with variations within sub-sectors and groups of suppliers. Overall 39 percent of the companies report shortage of labour, a number well above average of 20 percent. The proportion of companies with full capacity utilization shows a slight decrease overall from 51 to 50 percent, but also here with variations within sub-sectors.



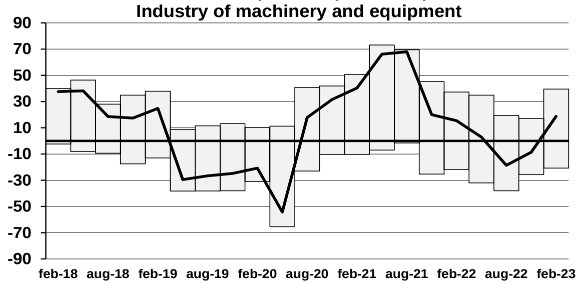


New orders compared to previous quarter.
Fabricated metal products



Share of respondents that report an increse (+) in total orders in volume minus the share of respondents that report a decrease (-) in total orders compared to the previous quarter. The solid line is the net balance of increase-decrease. Source: Quarterly business survey Swedish engineering industries for sector NACE 25. Seasonal adjusted X13

New orders compared to previous quarter.
Industry of machinery and equipment



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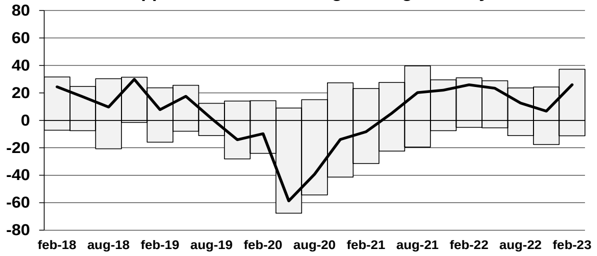
New orders compared to previous quarter.
Suppliers to electrical engineering industry



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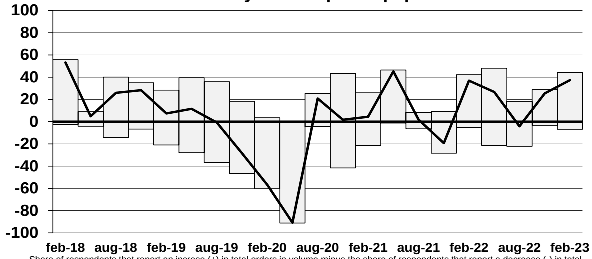
New orders compared to previous quarter.
Industry of transport equipment



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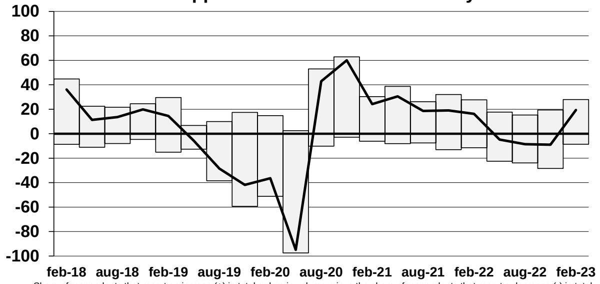
New orders compared to previous quarter.
Suppliers to the motor car industry



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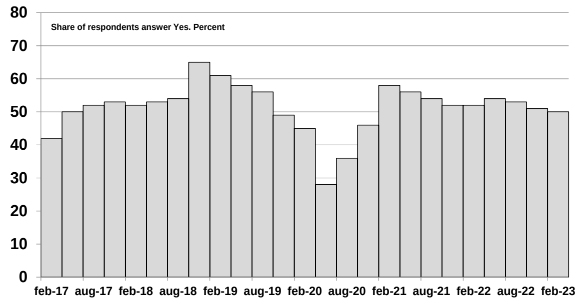
Full capacity utilisation. Engineering industry Sweden



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