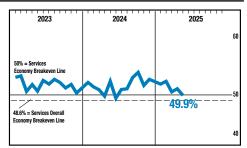
# SERVICES **PMI® at 49.9%**

In May, the Services PMI® registered 49.9 percent, a 1.7-percentage point decrease compared to the April reading of 51.6 percent. A reading above 50 percent indicates the services sector economy is generally expanding; below 50 percent indicates it is generally contracting. A Services PMI® above 48.6 percent, over time, generally indicates an expansion of the overall economy. Therefore,



the May Services PMI<sup>®</sup> indicates the overall economy is expanding for the 60th straight month.

### Services at a Glance

INDEX	May Index	Apr Index	% Point Change	Direction	Rate of Change	Trend* (months)
Services PMI®	49.9	51.6	- 1.7	Contracting	From Growing	1
Business Activity	50.0	53.7	- 3.7	Unchanged	From Growing	1
New Orders	46.4	52.3	- 5.9	Contracting	From Growing	1
Employment	50.7	49.0	+ 1.7	Growing	From Contracting	1
Supplier Deliveries	52.5	51.3	+ 1.2	Slowing	Faster	6
Inventories	49.7	53.4	- 3.7	Contracting	From Growing	1
Prices	68.7	65.1	+ 3.6	Increasing	Faster	96
Backlog of Orders	43.4	48.0	- 4.6	Contracting	Faster	3
New Export Orders	48.5	48.6	- 0.1	Contracting	Faster	3
Imports	48.2	44.3	+ 3.9	Contracting	Slower	2
Inventory Sentiment	62.9	56.1	+ 6.8	Too High	Faster	25
Overall Economy				Growing	Slower	60
Services Sector				Contracting	From Growing	1

\*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:** Aluminum; Copper Alloys; Electrical Equipment; Fasteners (2); Labor (54); Lumber\*; Office Supplies; Steel Products (5); and Valves.

Commodities Down in Price: Diesel Fuel (3); Gasoline (3); Lumber\*; and Oriented Strand Board (OSB) Panels. Commodities in Short Supply: Labor; and Transformers.

Chair of the Institute for Supply Management<sup>®</sup> Services Business Survey Committee

Economic activity in the services sector contracted in May, the first time since June 2024, say the nation's purchasing and supply executives in the latest Services ISM<sup>®</sup> Report On Business<sup>®</sup>.

The Services PMI® indicated slight contraction at 49.9 percent, below the 50-percent breakeven point for only the fourth time in 60 months since recovery from the coronavirus pandemic-induced recession began in June 2020. The Business Activity Index was "unchanged" in May, registering 50 percent, 3.7 percentage points lower than the 53.7 percent recorded in April. This is the index's first month out of expansion territory since May 2020. The New Orders Index dropped into contraction territory in May, recording a reading of 46.4 percent, a decrease of 5.9 percentage points from the April figure of 52.3 percent. The Employment Index returned to expansion after two months in contraction; the reading of 50.7 percent is 1.7 percentage points higher than the 49 percent recorded in April and is the second straight month-overmonth gain. The Supplier Deliveries Index registered 52.5 percent, 1.2 percentage points higher than the 51.3 percent recorded in April.

The 10 services industries reporting growth in May — listed in order — are: Accommodation & Food Services; Arts, Entertainment & Recreation; Public Administration; Mining; Utilities; Educational Services; Real Estate, Rental & Leasing; Information; Health Care & Social Assistance; and Professional, Scientific & Technical Services. ISM

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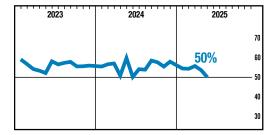
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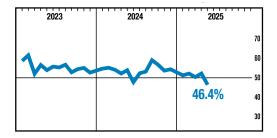
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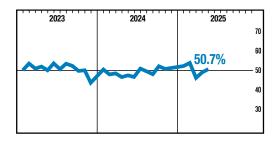
### **Business Activity**

ISM's Business Activity Index registered an "unchanged" reading of 50 percent. The 12 industries reporting an increase in business activity for the month of May (two more than in April) — listed in order — are: Mining; Accommodation & Food Services; Arts, Entertainment & Recreation; Educational Services; Transportation & Warehousing; Utilities; Public Administration; Health Care & Social Assistance; Finance & Insurance; Professional, Scientific & Technical Services; Information; and Wholesale Trade.



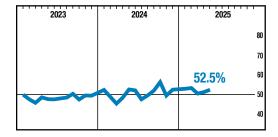
### New Orders

ISM's New Orders Index registered 46.4 percent. The six industries reporting an increase in new orders for the month of May — listed in order — are: Accommodation & Food Services; Arts, Entertainment & Recreation; Public Administration; Educational Services; Utilities; and Information.



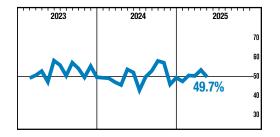
### Employment

The Employment Index registered 50.7 percent. The seven industries reporting an increase in employment in May — listed in order — are: Mining; Accommodation & Food Services; Arts, Entertainment & Recreation; Utilities; Real Estate, Rental & Leasing; Construction; and Public Administration.



### **Supplier Deliveries**

The index registered 52.5 percent. The 11 industries reporting slower deliveries in May — in the following order — are: Other Services<sup>+</sup>; Real Estate, Rental & Leasing; Wholesale Trade; Educational Services; Construction; Management of Companies & Support Services; Finance & Insurance; Public Administration; Health Care & Social Assistance; Information; and Professional, Scientific & Technical Services.



### Inventories

The Inventories Index registered 49.7 percent. The seven industries reporting an increase in inventories in May — in the following order — are: Accommodation & Food Services; Mining; Retail Trade; Professional, Scientific & Technical Services; Health Care & Social Assistance; Management of Companies & Support Services; and Transportation & Warehousing.

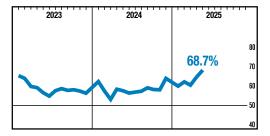
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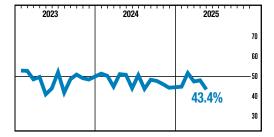
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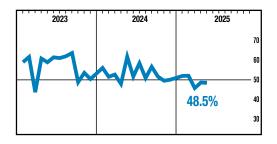
### Prices

The Prices Index registered 68.7 percent. Sixteen of the 18 services industries reported an increase in prices paid during the month of May, in the following order: Construction; Retail Trade; Wholesale Trade; Other Services<sup>4</sup>; Real Estate, Rental & Leasing; Educational Services; Information; Transportation & Warehousing; Utilities; Accommodation & Food Services; Health Care & Social Assistance; Public Administration; Professional, Scientific & Technical Services; Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing & Hunting; Finance & Insurance; and Management of Companies & Support Services.



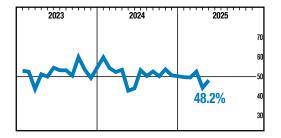
### **Backlog of Orders**

The ISM Services Backlog of Orders Index registered 43.4 percent. The five industries reporting an increase in order backlogs in May are: Finance & Insurance; Information; Utilities; Construction; and Educational Services.



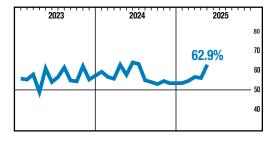
### New Export Orders

The New Export Orders Index registered 48.5 percent. The three industries reporting an increase in new export orders in May are: Accommodation & Food Services; Utilities; and Information.



### Imports

The Imports Index contracted for the fourth time in the last five months, registering 48.2 percent. The two industries reporting an increase in imports for the month of May are: Accommodation & Food Services; and Wholesale Trade.



### Inventory Sentiment

The ISM Services Inventory Sentiment Index registered 62.9 percent. The 10 industries reporting sentiment that their inventories were too high in May — listed in order — are: Real Estate, Rental & Leasing; Mining; Utilities; Construction; Retail Trade; Wholesale Trade; Educational Services; Public Administration; Health Care & Social Assistance; and Information.

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### About This Report

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The data presented herein is obtained from a survey of manufacturing and services 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 Panel 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 2023 GDP estimate and the GDP estimates for first, second, and third quarter 2024, as released on December 19, 2024), the six largest manufacturing industries are: Chemical Products; Transportation Equipment; Computer & Electronic Products; Food, Beverage & Tobacco Products; Machinery; and Petroleum & Coal Products.

The Services ISM® Report On Business® (formerly the Non-Manufacturing ISM® Report On Business®) is based on data compiled from purchasing and supply executives nationwide. Membership of the Services Business Survey Panel (formerly Non-Manufacturing Business Survey Panel) is diversified by NAICS, based on each industry's contribution to gross domestic product (GDP). The Services Business Survey Panel responses are divided into the following NAICS code categories; Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing & Hunting; Mining; Utilities; Construction; Wholesale Trade; Retail Trade; Transportation & Warehousing; Information; Finance & Insurance; Real Estate, Rental & Leasing: Professional, Scientific & Technical Services; Management of Companies & Support Services; Educational Services; Health Care & Social Assistance; Arts, Entertainment & Recreation: Accommodation & Food Services: Public Administration: and Other Services (services such as Equipment & Machinery Repairing; Promoting or Administering Religious Activities; Grantmaking; Advocacy; and Providing Dry-Cleaning & Laundry Services, Personal Care Services, Death Care Services, Pet Care Services, Photofinishing Services, Temporary Parking Services, and Dating Services). The data are weighted based on each industry's contribution to GDP. According to BEA estimates (the average of the fourth quarter 2023 GDP estimate and the GDP estimates for first, second, and third guarter 2024, as released on December 19, 2024), the six largest services sectors are: Real Estate, Rental & Leasing: Public Administration; Professional, Scientific, & Technical Services; Health Care & Social Assistance: Information: and Finance & Insurance.

Survey responses reflect the change, if any, in the current month compared to the previous month. 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 (for Manufacturing: New Orders, Production, Employment, and Inventories) (for Services: Business Activity, New Orders, Employment and Prices) 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. The remaining indexes have not indicated significant seasonality. 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). The Services PMI® is a composite index based on the diffusion indexes for four of the indicators with equal weights: Business Activity (seasonally adjusted), New Orders (seasonally adjusted), Employment (seasonally adjusted) and Supplier Deliveries.

Diffusion indexes have the properties of leading indicators and are convenient summary measures showing the prevailing direction of change and the scope of change.

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The distance from 50 percent or 42.3 percent is indicative of the extent of the expansion or decline. A Services PMI® reading above 50 percent indicates that the services economy is generally expanding; below 50 percent indicates that it is generally declining. A Services PMI® above 48.6 percent, over time, indicates that the overall economy, or gross domestic product (GDP), is generally expanding; below 48.6 percent, it is generally declining. The distance from 50 percent is indicative of the strength of the expansion or decline. With some of the indicators within the Manufacturing ISM® *Report On Business*®, ISM® has indicated the departure point between expansion and decline of comparable government series, as determined by regression analysis.

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