

# Empire State Manufacturing Survey

Note: Survey responses were collected between June 2 and June 9.

Business activity was little changed in New York State, according to firms responding to the June 2022 *Empire State Manufacturing Survey*. The headline general business conditions index rose ten points to -1.2. New orders and shipments edged slightly higher, and unfilled orders declined for the first time in over a year. Delivery times lengthened at a slower pace than in recent months, and inventories grew significantly. Labor market indicators pointed to a solid increase in employment and a longer average workweek. The prices paid index moved higher, and the prices received index edged lower, but both remained elevated. Looking ahead, optimism about the six-month outlook remained muted.

## Activity Levels Off

After declining last month, manufacturing activity held steady in New York State,

according to the June survey. The general business conditions index climbed ten points to -1.2. Twenty-eight percent of respondents reported that conditions had improved over the month, and twenty-nine percent reported that conditions had worsened. After plunging below zero last month, the new orders and shipments indexes climbed into positive territory, pointing to a small increase in both areas. The unfilled orders index fell to -4.3, its first negative reading in over a year, indicating that unfilled orders shrank. The delivery times index fell six points to 14.5, suggesting that delivery times lengthened, though at the slowest pace in over a year. The inventories index rose nine points to 17.1, indicating that inventories expanded.

## Employment Grows Solidly

The index for number of employees increased five points to 19.0, pointing

to a solid increase in employment, and the average workweek index came in at 6.4, indicating a small increase in hours worked. The prices paid index rose five points to 78.6, several points below its recent record high, and the prices received index edged down to a still elevated 43.6, signaling ongoing substantial increases in both input prices and selling prices.

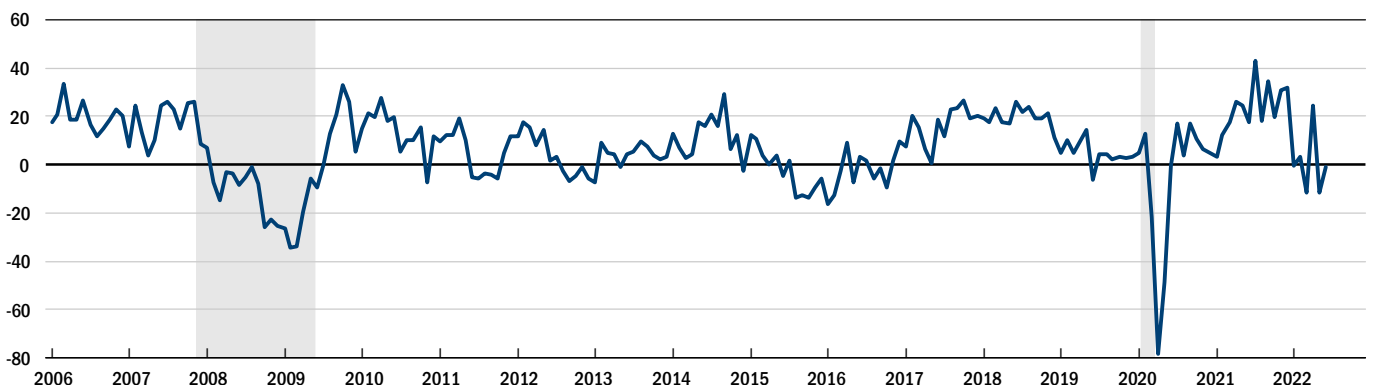
## Optimism Remains Subdued

Optimism about future conditions was subdued for a third consecutive month. The index for future business conditions fell four points to 14.0. Delivery times are expected to decline over the next six months, as are unfilled orders, while increases in prices and employment are expected to continue in the months ahead. Capital spending and technology spending plans remained firm. ■

## General Business Conditions

Seasonally Adjusted

Diffusion Index

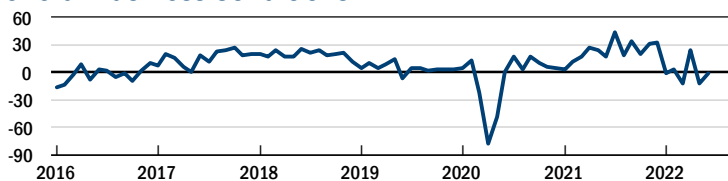


Note: The shaded areas indicate periods designated as recessions by the National Bureau of Economic Research.

# Current Indicators

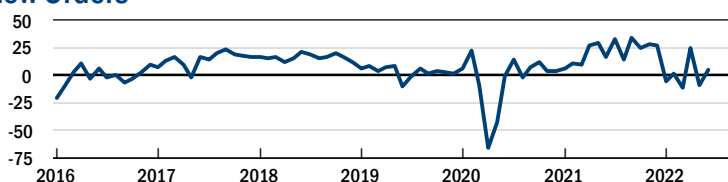
Change from Preceding Month

## General Business Conditions



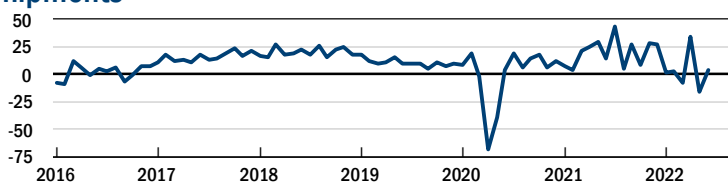
	Percent Reporting		Index
	Higher	Lower	
May	19.9	31.5	-11.6
Jun	27.6	28.8	-1.2
Change			10.4

## New Orders



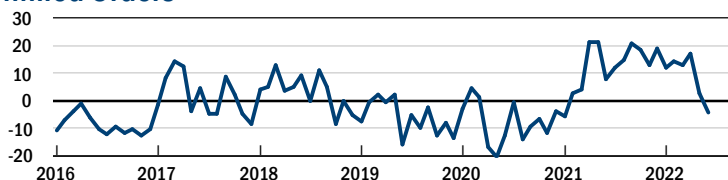
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May	24.9	33.7	-8.8
Jun	34.6	29.3	5.3
Change			14.1

## Shipments



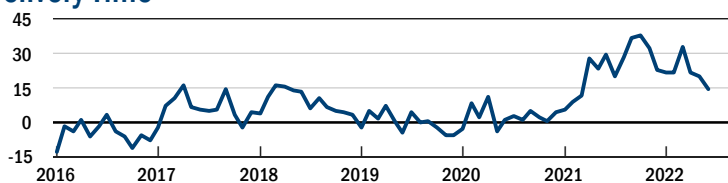
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May	22.0	37.4	-15.4
Jun	30.7	26.7	4.0
Change			19.4

## Unfilled Orders



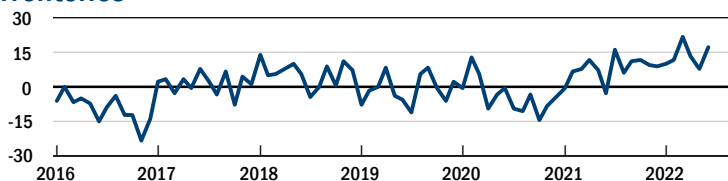
	Percent Reporting		Index
	Higher	Lower	
May	20.2	17.5	2.6
Jun	22.2	26.5	-4.3
Change			-6.9

## Delivery Time



	Percent Reporting		Index
	Higher	Lower	
May	28.9	8.8	20.2
Jun	26.5	12.0	14.5
Change			-5.7

## Inventories

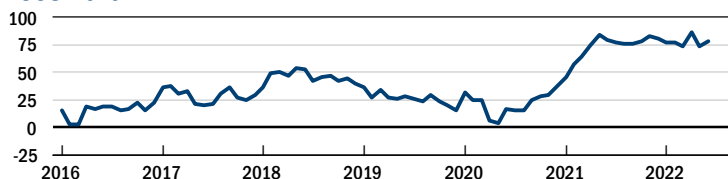


	Percent Reporting		Index
	Higher	Lower	
May	27.2	19.3	7.9
Jun	31.6	14.5	17.1
Change			9.2

# Current Indicators, *continued*

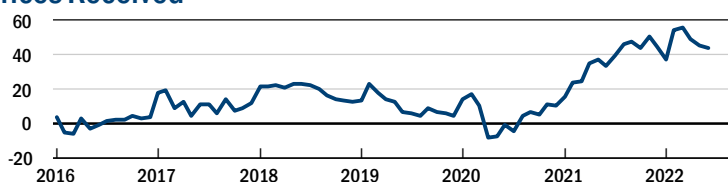
Change from Preceding Month

## Prices Paid



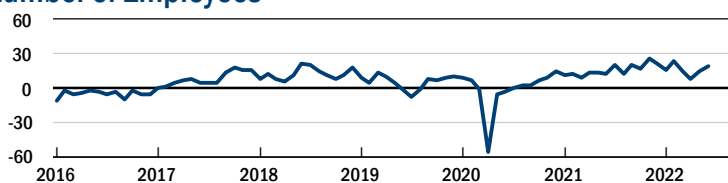
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May	76.3	2.6	73.7
Jun	81.2	2.6	78.6
Change			4.9

## Prices Received



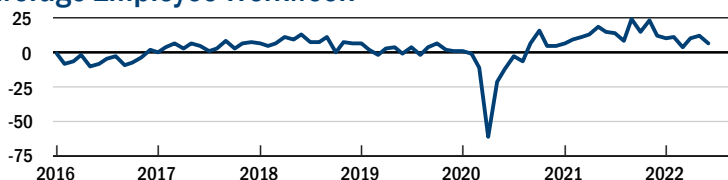
	Percent Reporting		Index
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May	51.8	6.1	45.6
Jun	46.2	2.6	43.6
Change			-2.0

## Number of Employees



	Percent Reporting		Index
	Higher	Lower	
May	20.9	6.8	14.0
Jun	24.5	5.5	19.0
Change			5.0

## Average Employee Workweek



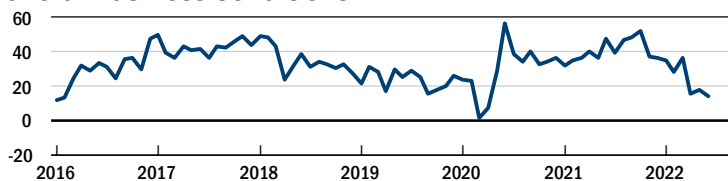
	Percent Reporting		Index
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May	20.2	8.3	11.9
Jun	14.4	8.0	6.4
Change			-5.5

Note: Data are seasonally adjusted.

# Forward-Looking Indicators

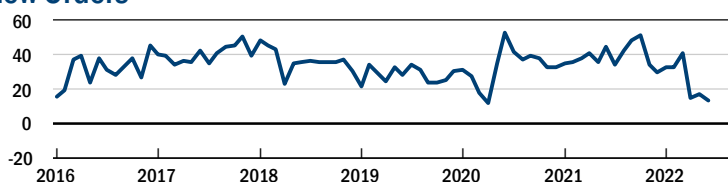
Expectations Six Months Ahead

## General Business Conditions



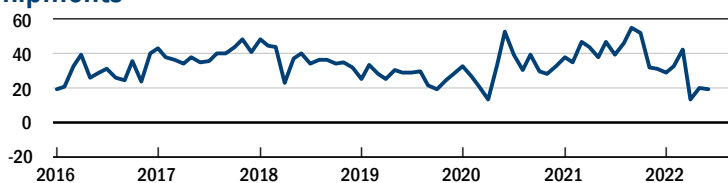
	Percent Reporting		Index
	Higher	Lower	
May	37.6	19.5	18.0
Jun	40.3	26.2	14.0
Change			-4.0

## New Orders



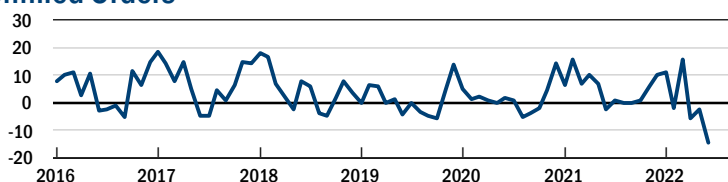
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May	36.0	18.7	17.3
Jun	38.8	25.3	13.5
Change			-3.8

## Shipments



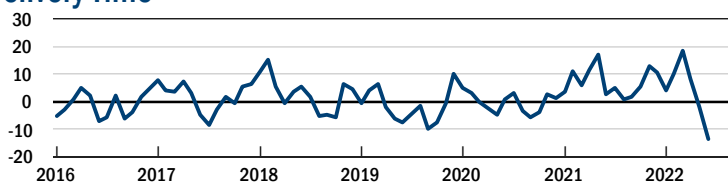
	Percent Reporting		Index
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May	36.1	16.4	19.7
Jun	41.6	22.2	19.4
Change			-0.3

## Unfilled Orders



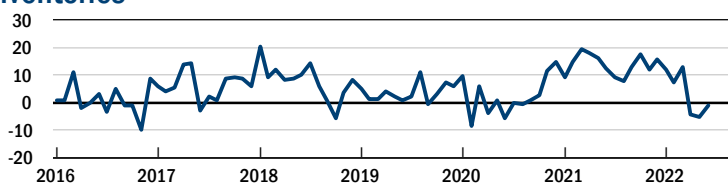
	Percent Reporting		Index
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May	19.3	21.9	-2.6
Jun	15.4	29.9	-14.5
Change			-11.9

## Delivery Time



	Percent Reporting		Index
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May	21.9	23.7	-1.8
Jun	15.4	29.1	-13.7
Change			-11.9

## Inventories

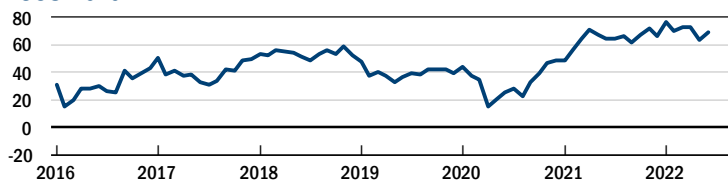


	Percent Reporting		Index
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May	23.7	28.9	-5.3
Jun	26.5	27.4	-0.9
Change			4.4

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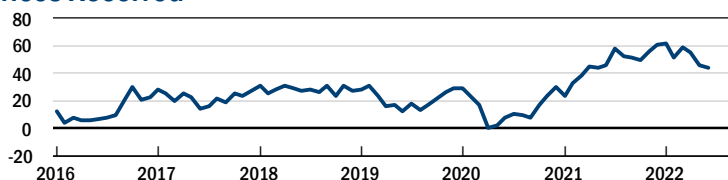
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## Prices Paid



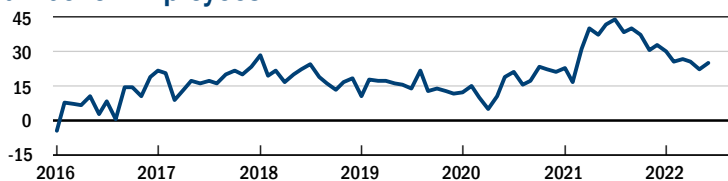
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May	66.7	3.5	63.2
Jun	72.6	3.4	69.2
Change			6.0

## Prices Received



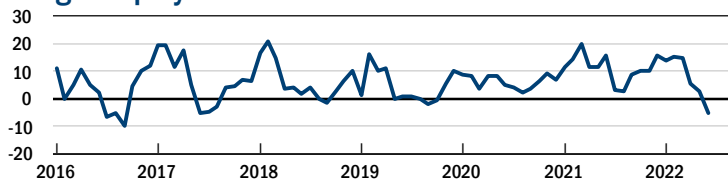
	Percent Reporting		Index
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May	50.0	4.4	45.6
Jun	50.4	6.8	43.6
Change			-2.0

## Number of Employees



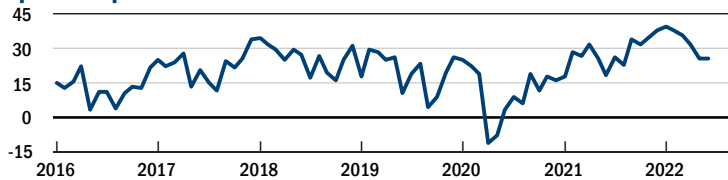
	Percent Reporting		Index
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May	31.6	9.4	22.2
Jun	35.6	10.4	25.2
Change			3.0

## Average Employee Workweek



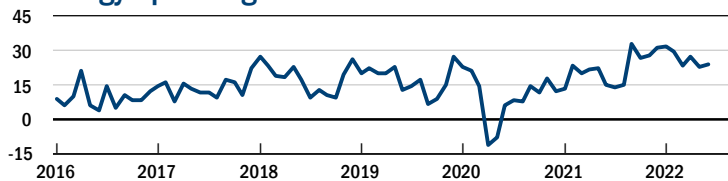
	Percent Reporting		Index
	Higher	Lower	
May	12.3	9.6	2.6
Jun	11.1	16.2	-5.1
Change			-7.7

## Capital Expenditures



	Percent Reporting		Index
	Higher	Lower	
May	34.2	8.8	25.4
Jun	35.9	10.3	25.6
Change			0.2

## Technology Spending



	Percent Reporting		Index
	Higher	Lower	
May	27.2	4.4	22.8
Jun	29.9	6.0	23.9
Change			1.1

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