

Unless otherwise stated in footnotes below, data through 1970 and descriptive notes are as shown in the 1971 edition of BUSINESS STATISTICS	1970	1971	1971										1972			
	Annual		Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.
GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS—Continued																
MANUFACTURERS' SALES, INVENTORIES, AND ORDERS—Continued																
New orders, net (seas. adj.)—Continued																
By market category:																
Home goods and apparel.....mil. \$	2 61,236	2 65,422	5,316	5,531	5,516	5,682	5,365	5,360	5,361	5,275	5,369	5,817	5,689	* 5,571	5,394	-----
Consumer staples.....do	2 128,981	2 136,123	11,175	11,303	11,440	11,273	11,266	11,223	11,282	11,321	11,315	11,797	11,937	* 11,989	12,100	-----
Equip. and defense prod., excl. auto.....do	2 95,944	2 101,169	8,552	8,163	8,013	8,037	8,298	8,871	8,509	7,974	8,493	8,689	8,685	* 10,223	9,017	-----
Automotive equipment.....do	2 52,909	2 65,388	5,552	5,762	5,228	5,234	5,184	5,781	5,863	5,774	5,555	5,488	5,104	* 5,689	6,449	-----
Construction materials and supplies.....do	2 53,871	2 60,691	4,606	5,020	4,952	5,066	5,077	5,306	5,209	5,006	5,004	5,337	5,283	* 5,669	5,517	-----
Other materials and supplies.....do	2 253,447	2 263,893	21,864	21,920	21,448	21,736	21,819	21,714	21,861	21,972	21,954	22,448	22,710	* 23,855	23,851	-----
Supplementary series:																
Household durables.....do	2 25,740	2 28,913	2,199	2,421	2,433	2,483	2,338	2,401	2,457	2,379	2,398	2,672	2,589	* 2,615	2,601	1 2,818
Defense products (old series).....do	2 42,865	2 42,476	3,247	3,275	3,496	3,233	3,628	4,246	3,634	3,018	3,249	3,947	3,687	* 3,790	3,452	1 3,478
Defense products (new series).....do	2 23,455	2 23,532	2,357	1,580	1,500	1,573	1,678	2,900	2,154	1,467	1,953	2,110	2,010	* 3,124	1,780	1 1,769
Producers' capital goods industries.....do	2 69,530	2 76,685	6,617	6,219	5,677	6,193	6,237	6,146	6,551	6,425	6,806	6,565	6,835	* 8,110	7,242	1 6,978
Unfilled orders, end of year or month (unadjusted), total.....mil. \$																
Durable goods industries, total.....do	80,268	78,027	82,745	82,659	81,713	79,432	77,294	77,646	77,773	77,513	77,546	77,656	78,027	* 79,586	80,809	-----
Nondur. goods ind. with unfilled orders@.....do	77,263	74,900	79,720	79,583	78,612	76,356	74,211	74,559	74,763	74,568	74,499	74,542	74,900	* 76,379	77,399	1 77,626
Unfilled orders, end of year or month (seasonally adjusted), total.....mil. \$	80,527	78,222	82,247	82,156	81,073	79,749	77,775	77,615	77,898	77,325	77,375	77,888	78,222	* 79,868	80,508	-----
By industry group:																
Durable goods industries, total ?.....do	77,485	75,057	79,200	79,056	77,976	76,727	74,748	74,584	74,879	74,362	74,323	74,776	75,057	* 76,583	77,078	1 77,349
Primary metals.....do	6,687	5,708	7,980	8,121	7,618	6,917	6,049	5,173	5,366	5,612	5,680	5,664	5,708	* 5,927	6,022	1 6,258
Blast furnaces, steel mills.....do	3,727	3,011	4,886	4,979	4,602	4,040	3,235	2,325	2,569	2,883	2,936	2,970	3,011	* 3,148	3,250	-----
Fabricated metal products.....do	11,218	10,461	11,052	11,094	11,054	10,995	10,909	10,960	10,859	10,698	10,505	10,465	10,461	* 10,488	10,515	-----
Machinery, except electrical.....do	14,505	14,696	14,469	14,518	14,323	14,277	14,385	14,269	14,360	14,279	14,504	14,676	14,696	* 14,853	15,037	-----
Electrical machinery.....do	14,469	14,629	14,248	14,199	14,161	14,069	13,925	14,320	14,393	14,500	14,669	14,784	14,629	* 14,329	14,299	-----
Transportation equipment.....do	25,490	24,305	26,373	25,982	25,674	25,244	24,297	24,610	24,618	24,128	23,838	23,945	24,305	* 25,742	25,928	1 25,699
Aircraft, missiles, and parts.....do	19,504	17,613	19,108	18,705	18,562	18,444	17,369	17,840	17,895	17,461	17,237	17,422	17,613	* 17,944	17,681	-----
Nondur. goods ind. with unfilled orders@.....do	3,042	3,165	3,047	3,100	3,097	3,022	3,027	3,031	3,019	2,963	3,052	3,112	3,165	* 3,285	3,461	-----
By market category:																
Home goods, apparel, consumer staples.....do	1,992	2,236	1,978	2,033	2,042	2,140	2,048	2,120	2,163	2,129	2,184	2,318	2,236	* 2,282	2,258	-----
Equip. and defense prod., incl. auto.....do	43,409	43,201	44,334	44,080	43,821	43,401	42,525	43,091	43,091	42,594	42,633	42,947	43,201	* 44,375	44,829	-----
Construction materials and supplies.....do	10,737	10,098	10,560	10,639	10,572	10,522	10,430	10,580	10,456	10,274	10,132	10,114	10,098	* 10,144	10,114	-----
Other materials and supplies.....do	24,389	22,687	25,375	25,404	24,638	23,686	22,772	21,824	22,188	22,328	22,426	22,509	22,687	* 23,067	23,307	-----
Supplementary series:																
Household durables.....do	1,639	1,806	1,613	1,655	1,653	1,740	1,672	1,747	1,786	1,769	1,800	1,907	1,806	* 1,842	1,819	1 1,900
Defense products (old series).....do	26,078	24,325	25,678	25,182	25,084	24,497	23,787	24,486	24,535	24,122	23,862	24,223	24,325	* 24,547	24,397	1 24,296
Defense products (new series).....do	19,506	19,634	20,227	19,920	19,595	19,122	18,211	19,101	19,177	18,880	19,065	19,336	19,634	* 20,972	20,937	1 20,970
Producers' capital goods industries.....do	22,574	23,156	23,454	23,492	23,196	23,186	23,028	22,867	22,986	22,759	22,972	23,058	23,156	* 24,075	24,378	1 24,344
BUSINESS INCORPORATIONS ^o																
New incorporations (50 States and Dist. Col.):																
Unadjusted ^onumber.....	264,209	287,547	19,698	25,752	24,389	23,899	26,266	24,898	23,698	22,748	23,977	22,799	26,051	* 25,715	24,300	-----
Seasonally adjusted ^odo.....	-----	-----	20,923	23,220	22,770	24,168	24,691	25,073	25,142	23,278	25,050	25,828	25,529	* 24,685	24,702	-----
INDUSTRIAL AND COMMERCIAL FAILURES ^o																
Failures, total.....number.....																
Commercial service.....do	10,748	10,326	860	1,042	989	912	935	786	848	741	759	819	730	750	880	-----
Construction.....do	1,392	1,464	107	156	126	139	137	106	108	117	110	131	93	95	130	-----
Manufacturing and mining.....do	1,687	1,545	141	154	159	134	118	109	131	114	119	125	101	130	118	-----
Retail trade.....do	2,035	1,932	170	196	167	171	199	156	169	140	142	129	126	139	121	-----
Wholesale trade.....do	4,650	4,428	361	444	440	385	410	340	345	304	313	353	353	305	425	-----
Liabilities (current), total.....thous. \$	984	957	81	92	97	83	71	75	95	66	75	81	57	81	86	-----
Commercial service.....do	1,887,754	1,916,929	150,903	224,646	153,796	249,489	165,840	147,028	155,555	115,847	144,702	128,998	111,322	101,619	191,331	-----
Construction.....do	298,736	356,923	11,567	95,547	19,252	46,032	16,122	39,055	27,515	24,983	15,912	16,533	18,170	15,776	36,057	-----
Manufacturing and mining.....do	231,533	222,357	13,582	18,128	23,788	23,881	24,406	8,593	13,205	20,267	13,288	11,601	12,473	18,261	24,946	-----
Retail trade.....do	817,841	712,611	76,501	47,949	53,873	62,175	85,082	62,851	65,460	38,580	54,706	63,619	44,742	36,515	77,847	-----
Wholesale trade.....do	360,603	444,086	30,960	38,132	41,368	104,367	29,952	22,523	34,071	20,178	23,026	27,953	19,374	28,604	28,604	-----
Failure annual rate (seasonally adjusted) No. per 10,000 concerns.....	179,041	180,952	18,293	24,890	15,515	13,034	10,278	14,006	15,304	11,839	20,025	14,219	7,984	11,693	23,877	-----
	2 43.8	2 41.7	41.8	43.9	42.9	42.8	44.3	39.6	43.6	40.1	38.1	41.6	37.5	35.7	40.8	-----

COMMODITY PRICES

PRICES RECEIVED AND PAID BY FARMERS																
Prices received, all farm products.....1910-14=100..	280	285	284	282	282	286	288	286	287	282	287	290	295	304	310	304
Crops ?.....do.....	226	244	237	242	244	251	258	250	244	235	240	245	247	251	250	242
Commercial vegetables.....do.....	294	329	317	353	351	351	347	331	297	269	302	381	353	359	338	284
Cotton.....do.....	183	208	182	178	188	192	196	202	228	228	233	242	246	255	255	235
Feed grains and hay.....do.....	177	185	201	201	199	199	205	195	174	167	157	157	168	173	173	173
Food grains.....do.....	162	167	172	170	171	174	176	165	158	155	161	161	165	165	166	166
Fruit.....do.....	237	271	234	253	257	284	329	288	295	271	298	264	258	260	260	261
Tobacco.....do.....	604	626	614	614	614	614	614	614	623	638	640	654	665	670	663	663
Livestock and products ?.....do.....	326	321	324	317	315	316	314	317	323	323	328	329	336	349	362	357
Dairy products.....do.....	345	354	357	352	345	339	334	339	347	359	370	369	371	369	365	362
Meat animals.....do.....	405	401	403	393	393	401	401	403	409	403	412	413	421	453	481	468
Poultry and eggs.....do.....	151	132	136	134	134	129	128	130	134	132	124	127	138	130	130	138
Prices paid:																
All commodities and services.....do.....	336	352	346	348	349	351	354	353	355	355	355	357	357	360	363	363
Family living items.....do.....	366	382	376	377	377	381	383	383	386	387	387	387	389	391	395	395
Production items.....do.....	314	331	325	327	329	330	333	332	333	333	333	335	335	338	340	341
All commodities and services, interest, taxes, and wage rates (parity index).....1910-14=100..	390	410	403	405	407	410	412	410	412	412	414	415	416	420	423	423
Parity ratio \$.....do.....	72	70	70	70	69	70	70	70	70	68	69	70	71	72	73	72