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SURVEY OF CURRENT BUSINESS

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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		Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.

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	5,531	5,516	5,682	5,365	5,360	5,361	5,275	5,369	5,817	5,689	5,571	5,489	5,802	-----
Consumer staples.....do.	2 128,981	2 136,123	11,303	11,440	11,273	11,266	11,223	11,282	11,321	11,315	11,797	11,937	11,989	12,146	12,195	-----
Equip. and defense prod., excl. auto.....do.	2 95,944	2 101,169	8,163	8,013	8,037	8,298	8,871	8,509	7,974	8,493	8,689	8,685	10,223	9,019	8,761	-----
Automotive equipment.....do.	2 52,909	2 65,388	5,762	5,228	5,234	5,184	5,781	5,863	5,774	5,355	5,488	5,104	5,689	6,415	6,158	-----
Construction materials and supplies.....do.	2 53,871	2 60,691	5,020	4,952	5,066	5,077	5,306	5,209	5,006	5,004	5,337	5,283	5,669	5,596	6,005	-----
Other materials and supplies.....do.	2 253,447	2 263,893	21,920	21,448	21,736	21,819	21,714	21,861	21,972	21,954	22,448	22,710	23,555	23,849	24,307	-----
Supplementary series:																
Household durables.....do.	2 25,740	2 28,913	2,421	2,433	2,463	2,338	2,401	2,457	2,379	2,398	2,672	2,589	2,615	2,601	2,883	1 2,900
Defense products (old series).....do.	2 42,865	2 42,476	3,275	3,496	3,233	3,628	4,246	3,634	3,018	3,249	3,947	3,687	3,790	3,452	3,482	1 3,497
Defense products (new series).....do.	2 23,455	2 23,532	1,580	1,500	1,573	1,678	2,900	2,154	1,467	1,953	2,110	2,010	3,124	1,780	1,752	1 1,882
Producers' capital goods industries.....do.	2 69,530	2 76,685	6,219	5,677	6,193	6,237	6,146	6,551	6,425	6,806	6,565	6,835	8,110	7,242	7,238	1 7,252
Unfilled orders, end of year or month (unadjusted), total.....mil. \$	80,268	78,027	82,659	81,713	79,432	77,294	77,646	77,773	77,513	77,546	77,656	78,027	79,586	80,825	81,479	-----
Durable goods industries, total.....do.	77,263	74,900	79,583	78,612	76,356	74,211	74,559	74,763	74,568	74,499	74,542	74,900	76,379	77,399	77,850	1 78,192
Nondur. goods ind. with unfilled orders@.....do.	3,005	3,127	3,076	3,101	3,076	3,083	3,087	3,010	2,945	3,047	3,114	3,127	3,207	3,426	3,514	-----
Unfilled orders, end of year or month (seasonally adjusted), total.....mil. \$	80,527	78,222	82,156	81,073	79,749	77,775	77,615	77,898	77,325	77,375	77,888	78,222	79,868	80,519	81,213	-----
By industry group:																
Durable goods industries, total @.....do.	77,485	75,087	79,056	77,976	76,727	74,748	74,584	74,879	74,362	74,323	74,776	75,057	76,583	77,078	77,573	1 77,573
Primary metals.....do.	6,687	5,708	8,121	7,618	6,917	6,049	5,173	5,366	5,612	5,680	5,664	5,708	5,927	6,022	6,243	1 6,297
Blast furnaces, steel mills.....do.	3,727	3,011	4,979	4,602	4,040	3,235	2,825	2,569	2,883	2,936	2,970	3,011	3,148	3,258	3,361	-----
Fabricated metal products.....do.	11,218	10,461	11,094	11,054	10,995	10,909	10,960	10,859	10,698	10,505	10,465	10,461	10,488	10,534	10,793	-----
Machinery, except electrical.....do.	14,505	14,696	14,518	14,323	14,277	14,385	14,269	14,360	14,279	14,504	14,676	14,696	14,853	15,052	15,190	-----
Electrical machinery.....do.	14,469	14,629	14,199	14,161	14,069	13,925	14,320	14,393	14,500	14,669	14,784	14,629	14,329	14,291	14,349	-----
Transportation equipment.....do.	25,490	24,305	25,982	25,674	25,244	24,297	24,610	24,618	24,128	23,838	23,945	24,305	25,742	25,928	25,724	1 25,756
Aircraft, missiles, and parts.....do.	19,504	17,613	18,705	18,562	18,044	17,369	17,840	17,895	17,461	17,237	17,422	17,613	17,944	17,717	17,622	-----
Nondur. goods ind. with unfilled orders@.....do.	3,042	3,165	3,100	3,097	3,022	3,027	3,031	3,019	2,963	3,052	3,112	3,165	3,285	3,441	3,535	-----
By market category:																
Home goods, apparel, consumer staples.....do.	1,992	2,236	2,033	2,042	2,140	2,048	2,120	2,163	2,129	2,184	2,318	2,236	2,282	2,269	2,429	-----
Equip. and defense prod., incl. auto.....do.	43,409	43,201	44,080	43,821	43,401	42,525	43,091	43,091	42,594	42,633	42,947	43,201	44,375	44,817	44,584	-----
Construction materials and supplies.....do.	10,737	10,098	10,639	10,572	10,522	10,430	10,580	10,456	10,274	10,132	10,114	10,098	10,144	10,130	10,454	-----
Other materials and supplies.....do.	24,389	22,687	25,404	24,638	23,686	22,772	21,824	22,188	22,328	22,426	22,509	22,687	23,067	23,303	23,746	-----
Supplementary series:																
Household durables.....do.	1,639	1,806	1,655	1,653	1,740	1,672	1,747	1,736	1,769	1,800	1,907	1,806	1,842	1,819	1,943	1 1,999
Defense products (old series).....do.	26,078	24,325	25,182	25,084	24,497	23,787	24,486	24,535	24,122	23,862	24,223	24,325	24,547	24,397	24,298	1 24,172
Defense products (new series).....do.	19,506	19,634	19,920	19,595	19,122	18,211	19,101	19,177	18,880	19,065	19,336	19,634	20,972	20,937	20,923	1 20,934
Producers' capital goods industries.....do.	22,574	23,156	23,492	23,196	23,186	23,028	22,867	22,986	22,759	22,972	23,058	23,156	24,075	24,378	24,503	1 24,733
BUSINESS INCORPORATIONS³																
New incorporations (50 States and Dist. Col.):																
Unadjusted@.....number.....	264,209	287,547	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@.....do.	-----	-----	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 FAILURES³																
Failures, total.....number.....	10,748	10,326	1,042	989	912	935	786	848	741	759	819	730	750	880	986	-----
Commercial service.....do.	1,392	1,464	156	126	130	137	108	108	117	110	131	93	95	130	116	-----
Construction.....do.	1,687	1,545	154	159	134	118	109	131	114	119	125	101	130	118	146	-----
Manufacturing and mining.....do.	2,035	1,932	196	167	171	199	156	169	140	142	129	126	139	121	194	-----
Retail trade.....do.	4,650	4,428	444	440	385	410	340	345	304	313	353	353	305	425	445	-----
Wholesale trade.....do.	984	957	92	97	83	71	75	95	66	75	81	57	81	86	85	-----
Liabilities (current), total.....thous. \$	1,887,754	1,916,929	224,646	153,796	249,480	165,840	147,028	155,555	115,847	144,702	128,998	111,322	101,619	191,331	220,662	-----
Commercial service.....do.	298,736	356,923	95,547	19,252	46,092	16,132	39,055	27,515	24,983	15,912	16,533	18,170	15,776	36,057	26,578	-----
Construction.....do.	231,533	222,357	18,128	23,788	23,881	24,406	8,593	13,205	20,267	13,288	11,601	12,473	18,261	24,046	26,815	-----
Manufacturing and mining.....do.	817,841	712,611	47,949	53,873	62,175	85,082	62,851	66,460	38,580	54,706	63,619	44,742	36,515	77,847	113,437	-----
Retail trade.....do.	360,603	444,086	38,132	41,368	104,367	29,952	22,523	34,071	20,178	40,771	28,026	27,953	19,374	28,604	42,284	-----
Wholesale trade.....do.	179,041	180,952	24,890	15,515	13,034	10,278	14,006	15,304	11,839	20,025	14,219	7,984	11,693	23,877	11,548	-----
Failure annual rate (seasonally adjusted) No. per 10,000 concerns.....	2 43.8	2 41.7	43.9	42.9	42.8	44.3	39.6	43.6	40.1	38.1	41.6	37.5	35.7	40.8	41.2	-----

COMMODITY PRICES

PRICES RECEIVED AND PAID BY FARMERS																
Prices received, all farm products.....1910-14=100..	280	285	282	282	286	288	286	287	282	287	290	295	304	310	304	304
Crops ?.....do.....	226	244	242	244	251	258	250	244	235	240	245	247	251	250	242	254
Commercial vegetables.....do.....	294	329	353	351	351	347	331	297	269	302	381	353	359	338	284	331
Cotton.....do.....	183	208	178	188	192	196	202	228	228	233	242	246	255	255	235	264
Feed grains and hay.....do.....	177	185	201	199	199	205	195	174	167	157	157	168	173	173	173	174
Food grains.....do.....	162	167	170	171	174	176	165	158	155	161	161	165	165	166	166	168
Fruit.....do.....	237	271	253	257	284	329	288	295	271	298	284	258	260	260	261	264
Tobacco.....do.....	604	626	614	614	614	614	614	623	638	640	654	665	670	663	663	663
Livestock and products ?.....do.....	326	321	317	315	316	314	317	323	323	328	329	336	349	362	357	347
Dairy products.....do.....	345	354	352	345	339	334	339	347	359	370	369	371	369	365	362	354
Meat animals.....do.....	405	401	393	393	401	401	403	409	403	412	413	421	453	481	468	459
Poultry and eggs.....do.....	151	132	134	134	129	128	130	134	132	124	127	138	130	130	138	122
Prices paid:																
All commodities and services.....do.....	336	352	348	349	351	354	353	355	355	355	357	357	360	363	364	365
Family living items.....do.....	366	382	377	377	381	383	383	386	387	387	387	389	391	395	395	396
Production items.....do.....	314	331	327	329	330	333	332	333	333	333	335	335	338	340	341	342
All commodities and services, interest, taxes, and wage rates (parity index).....1910-14=100..	390	410	405	407	410	412	410	412	412	414	415	416	420	423	423	427
Parity ratio \$.....do.....	72	70	70	69	70	70	70	70	68	69	70	71	72	73	72	71