

Unless otherwise stated in footnotes below, data through 1970 and descriptive notes are as shown in the 1971 edition of BUSINESS STATISTICS	1971	1972	1972												1973	
	Annual		Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.
GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS—Continued																
MANUFACTURERS' SALES, INVENTORIES, AND ORDERS†—Continued																
New orders, net (seas. adj.)†—Continued																
By market category:																
Home goods and apparel.....mil. \$..	267,288	276,074	6,006	5,939	6,138	6,290	6,359	6,318	6,036	6,350	6,523	6,520	6,935	6,732	6,881	
Consumer staples.....do.....	2131,891	2144,333	11,618	11,665	11,765	11,666	11,919	11,978	11,805	12,204	12,225	12,125	12,609	12,738	12,508	
Equip. and defense prod., excl. auto.....do.....	294,865	2111,981	9,083	8,446	8,522	9,012	8,895	10,501	8,819	8,856	10,050	9,685	10,043	10,381	10,693	
Automotive equipment.....do.....	262,926	271,878	5,513	5,820	5,637	5,940	5,782	5,499	6,098	6,149	6,094	6,556	6,649	6,288	7,404	
Construction materials and supplies.....do.....	256,867	266,861	5,192	5,318	5,497	5,355	5,470	5,544	5,534	5,666	5,790	5,661	5,724	6,083	6,121	
Other materials and supplies.....do.....	2251,841	2289,285	22,459	22,604	23,538	23,422	23,587	23,894	23,978	25,184	25,094	25,007	25,627	25,446	26,413	
Supplementary series:																
Household durables.....do.....	229,173	235,451	2,692	2,670	2,829	2,945	3,012	2,925	2,807	3,019	3,113	3,094	3,210	3,140	3,087	3,361
Capital goods industries¶.....do.....	2111,015	2132,258	10,745	9,969	10,344	10,744	10,569	12,172	10,617	10,717	11,762	11,359	11,676	11,767	12,342	12,088
Nondefense.....do.....	288,777	2109,146	8,166	8,196	8,528	8,785	9,036	9,228	9,100	9,211	9,519	9,694	9,762	10,072	10,433	10,041
Defense.....do.....	222,238	223,112	2,579	1,773	1,816	1,959	1,533	2,944	1,517	1,506	2,243	1,665	1,914	1,695	1,909	2,047
Unfilled orders, end of year or month (unadjusted), total.....mil. \$..																
Durable goods industries, total.....do.....	72,478	84,611	74,066	75,235	75,914	76,396	76,071	77,619	79,189	79,815	81,518	82,225	83,015	84,611	87,125	
Nondur. goods ind. with unfilled orders@.....do.....	69,415	80,665	70,923	71,880	72,433	72,837	72,476	74,028	75,585	76,234	77,901	78,504	79,115	80,665	83,181	85,344
	3,063	3,946	3,143	3,355	3,481	3,559	3,595	3,591	3,604	3,581	3,617	3,721	3,900	3,946	4,076	
Unfilled orders, end of year or month (seasonally adjusted), total.....mil. \$..																
By industry group:	73,004	85,226	73,686	74,279	75,039	75,506	76,103	78,608	79,241	80,299	82,180	82,906	83,947	85,226	86,615	
Durable goods industries, total ?.....do.....	69,901	81,231	70,490	70,915	71,558	71,983	72,579	75,064	75,667	76,686	78,506	79,174	80,047	81,231	82,589	83,943
Primary metals.....do.....	6,043	8,474	5,983	6,073	6,363	6,350	6,759	7,242	7,563	8,138	8,361	8,335	8,503	8,474	8,845	9,326
Blast furnaces, steel mills.....do.....	3,432	5,321	3,407	3,493	3,660	3,606	3,907	4,366	4,706	5,146	5,295	5,305	5,381	5,321	5,418	
Nonferrous metals.....do.....	1,744	2,063	1,731	1,715	1,837	1,874	1,963	1,979	1,931	2,013	2,066	1,979	2,053	2,063	2,219	
Fabricated metal products.....do.....	9,442	10,364	9,462	9,591	9,674	9,628	9,557	9,664	9,843	9,939	10,104	10,097	10,025	10,364	10,545	
Machinery, except electrical.....do.....	12,632	15,522	12,742	12,805	13,051	13,156	13,258	13,586	13,749	13,936	14,184	14,477	14,969	15,522	15,975	
Electrical machinery.....do.....	14,430	15,342	13,975	13,949	13,948	13,999	14,171	14,340	14,284	14,310	14,571	14,910	15,157	15,342	15,256	
Transportation equipment.....do.....	21,289	25,009	22,274	22,394	22,369	22,611	22,540	23,833	23,880	24,025	24,639	24,869	24,922	25,009	25,404	25,472
Aircraft, missiles, and parts.....do.....	14,322	16,643	14,417	14,159	14,311	14,553	14,689	16,086	16,010	16,267	16,484	16,564	16,645	16,643	16,728	
Nondur. goods ind. with unfilled orders@.....do.....	3,103	3,995	3,196	3,364	3,481	3,523	3,524	3,544	3,574	3,613	3,674	3,732	3,900	3,995	4,146	
By market category:†																
Home goods, apparel, consumer staples.....do.....	2,224	2,529	2,267	2,274	2,358	2,421	2,539	2,607	2,519	2,510	2,604	2,680	2,601	2,529	2,525	
Equip. and defense prod., incl. auto.....do.....	38,395	43,752	39,016	39,348	39,203	39,374	39,199	40,785	40,751	40,671	41,728	42,169	42,785	43,752	44,378	
Construction materials and supplies.....do.....	9,238	10,056	9,247	9,313	9,440	9,406	9,379	9,474	9,567	9,601	9,778	9,740	9,692	10,056	10,193	
Other materials and supplies.....do.....	23,147	28,889	23,156	23,344	24,038	24,305	24,986	25,742	26,404	27,517	28,070	28,317	28,869	28,859	29,519	
Supplementary series:†																
Household durables.....do.....	1,810	2,064	1,848	1,844	1,915	1,977	2,077	2,162	2,064	2,049	2,161	2,238	2,139	2,064	1,964	1,217
Capital goods industries¶.....do.....	43,483	49,948	44,079	44,102	44,308	44,733	44,853	46,637	46,779	46,929	48,065	48,522	49,191	49,948	50,559	51,040
Nondefense.....do.....	25,385	29,814	25,153	25,167	25,291	25,602	25,842	26,322	26,747	27,084	27,792	28,444	29,000	29,814	30,528	30,842
Defense.....do.....	18,098	20,134	18,926	18,935	19,017	19,231	19,011	20,315	20,032	19,845	20,273	20,078	20,191	20,134	20,031	20,198
BUSINESS INCORPORATIONS♂																
New incorporations (50 States and Dist. Col.):																
Unadjusted○.....number.....	287,577	316,601	25,715	24,340	30,003	26,414	28,030	28,331	26,103	26,118	24,761	26,736	23,991	26,059		
Seasonally adjusted○.....do.....		24,871	25,055	26,862	26,681	26,243	26,303	26,815	26,420	26,798	27,417	26,387	27,614			
INDUSTRIAL AND COMMERCIAL FAILURES♂																
Failures, total.....number.....	10,326	9,566	750	880	986	808	856	730	740	824	730	755	799	708	772	
Commercial service.....do.....	1,464	1,252	95	130	116	121	115	88	103	101	106	88	91	98	90	
Construction.....do.....	1,545	1,375	130	118	146	102	128	81	92	124	103	106	127	118	105	
Manufacturing and mining.....do.....	1,932	1,576	139	121	194	134	127	126	127	147	107	125	121	108	125	
Retail trade.....do.....	4,428	4,398	305	425	445	355	398	338	344	372	352	363	393	308	376	
Wholesale trade.....do.....	957	965	81	86	85	96	88	97	74	80	62	73	67	76	76	
Liabilities (current), total.....thous. \$..																
Commercial service.....do.....	1,916,929	2,000,244	101,619	191,331	220,662	148,467	190,139	127,900	204,624	253,619	113,540	152,974	208,583	86,786	205,837	
Construction.....do.....	356,923	231,813	15,776	36,057	26,578	14,142	29,482	14,228	18,022	16,058	13,807	14,072	17,502	16,089	17,526	
Manufacturing and mining.....do.....	222,357	193,530	18,261	24,946	26,815	8,518	16,980	10,447	7,619	22,000	9,435	12,737	22,044	13,728	20,282	
Retail trade.....do.....	712,611	766,991	36,515	77,847	113,437	60,566	32,323	48,979	112,769	114,160	50,938	47,907	52,284	19,266	115,440	
Wholesale trade.....do.....	444,086	558,270	19,374	28,604	42,284	48,570	35,848	27,036	45,419	87,812	31,597	63,880	105,445	22,401	37,826	
Failure annual rate (seasonally adjusted) No. per 10,000 concerns.....do.....	41.7	38.3	35.7	40.8	41.2	36.5	38.2	34.2	38.5	40.5	39.1	38.8	38.5	37.4	34.9	

COMMODITY PRICES

PRICES RECEIVED AND PAID BY FARMERS																
Prices received, all farm products.....1910-14=100.....	285	319	303	310	304	303	313	317	323	325	326	328	331	348	365	379
Crops?.....do.....	243	261	251	248	243	253	261	263	262	268	264	263	272	287	295	299
Commercial vegetables.....do.....	323	329	356	320	290	327	342	319	328	334	341	295	360	337	402	395
Cotton.....do.....	209	245	255	255	235	264	272	270	261	261	206	216	229	216	187	199
Feed grains and hay.....do.....	185	183	173	173	173	174	180	180	178	178	187	187	191	221	223	216
Food grains.....do.....	167	192	165	166	166	168	170	166	164	183	207	227	239	283	283	243
Fruit.....do.....	265	280	255	259	263	260	275	310	278	292	309	321	273	263	282	301
Tobacco.....do.....	619	685	671	664	665	666	666	665	676	715	718	701	705	704	707	704
Livestock and products?.....do.....	321	369	349	363	357	346	357	364	376	374	380	393	381	401	424	447
Dairy products.....do.....	354	365	369	365	362	352	345	342	348	357	373	381	388	394	391	392
Meat animals.....do.....	402	492	453	481	468	459	485	498	515	507	504	512	496	524	560	612
Poultry and eggs.....do.....	133	136	130	130	138	122	123	125	136	132	145	136	150	168	192	179
Prices paid:																
All commodities and services.....do.....	352	371	360	363	364	365	366	369	372	372	376	377	381	386	394	401
Family living items.....do.....	382	401	391	395	395	396	398	400	403	403	406	404	408	410	414	421
Production items.....do.....	331	350	338	340	341	343	344	348	349	349	356	358	361	369	379	386
All commodities and services, interest, taxes, and wage rates (parity index).....1910-14=100.....	410	433	420	423	423	428	428	432	433	433	438	440	444	449	458	465
Parity ratio \$.....do.....	70	74	72	73	72	71	73	73	75	75	74	75	75	78	80	82