

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

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	6,290	6,359	6,318	6,036	6,350	6,523	6,520	6,935	6,732	6,817	7,093	7,137	7,568	-----
Consumer staples.....do.	2131,891	2144,333	11,666	11,919	11,978	11,805	12,204	12,225	12,125	12,609	12,738	12,821	13,047	13,475	13,398	-----
Equip. and defense prod., excl. auto.....do.	294,865	2111,981	9,012	8,895	10,501	8,819	8,856	10,050	9,585	10,043	10,381	10,415	10,233	11,394	11,275	-----
Automotive equipment.....do.	262,926	271,878	5,940	5,782	5,499	6,098	6,149	6,094	6,566	6,649	6,288	7,224	7,032	6,974	6,968	-----
Construction materials and supplies.....do.	256,867	266,861	5,355	5,470	5,544	5,534	5,666	5,790	5,661	5,724	6,083	6,048	6,302	6,480	6,292	-----
Other materials and supplies.....do.	2251,841	2289,285	23,422	23,587	23,894	23,978	25,184	25,094	25,007	25,627	25,446	26,513	27,335	28,533	28,096	-----

Supplementary series:

Household durables.....do.	229,173	235,451	2,945	3,012	2,925	2,807	3,019	3,113	3,094	3,210	3,140	3,087	3,439	3,412	3,592	-----
Capital goods industries¶.....do.	2111,015	2132,258	10,744	10,569	12,172	10,617	10,717	11,762	11,359	11,676	11,767	12,342	11,998	13,176	13,071	-----
Nondefense.....do.	288,777	2109,146	8,785	9,036	9,228	9,100	9,211	9,519	9,694	9,762	10,072	10,433	10,036	10,923	10,797	-----
Defense.....do.	222,238	223,112	1,959	1,533	2,944	1,517	1,506	2,243	1,665	1,914	1,695	1,909	1,962	2,253	2,274	-----

Unfilled orders, end of year or month (unadjusted), total.....mil. \$

Durable goods industries, total.....do.	72,478	84,611	76,396	76,071	77,619	79,189	79,815	81,518	82,225	83,015	84,611	87,288	90,076	94,001	96,737	-----
Nondur. goods ind. with unfilled orders⊕.....do.	69,415	80,665	72,837	72,476	74,028	75,585	76,234	77,901	78,504	79,115	80,665	83,181	85,744	89,474	92,019	-----
	3,063	3,946	3,559	3,595	3,591	3,604	3,581	3,617	3,721	3,900	3,946	4,107	4,332	4,527	4,718	-----

Unfilled orders, end of year or month (seasonally adjusted), total.....mil. \$

	73,004	85,226	75,506	76,103	78,608	79,241	80,299	82,180	82,906	83,947	85,226	86,768	88,691	92,595	95,084	-----
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By industry group:

Durable goods industries, total ?.....do.	69,901	81,231	71,983	72,579	75,064	75,667	76,686	78,506	79,174	80,047	81,231	82,589	84,345	88,065	90,415	-----
Primary metals.....do.	6,043	8,474	6,350	6,759	7,242	7,563	8,138	8,361	8,335	8,503	8,474	8,845	9,344	10,679	11,467	-----
Blast furnaces, steel mills.....do.	3,432	5,321	3,606	3,907	4,366	4,706	5,146	5,295	5,305	5,381	5,321	5,509	5,858	6,907	7,544	-----
Nonferrous metals.....do.	1,744	2,063	1,874	1,963	1,979	1,931	2,013	2,066	1,979	2,053	2,063	2,202	2,333	2,529	2,600	-----
Fabricated metal products.....do.	9,442	10,364	9,628	9,557	9,664	9,843	9,939	10,104	10,097	10,025	10,364	10,557	10,790	11,654	11,111	-----
Machinery, except electrical.....do.	12,632	15,522	13,156	13,258	13,586	13,749	13,936	14,184	14,477	14,969	15,522	16,033	16,468	17,186	17,655	-----
Electrical machinery.....do.	14,430	15,342	13,999	14,171	14,340	14,284	14,310	14,571	14,910	15,157	15,342	15,281	15,562	16,076	16,204	-----
Transportation equipment.....do.	21,289	25,009	22,611	22,540	23,833	23,880	24,025	24,639	24,869	24,922	25,009	25,404	25,554	26,253	26,906	-----
Aircraft, missiles, and parts.....do.	14,322	16,643	14,553	14,689	16,086	16,010	16,267	16,484	16,564	16,645	16,643	16,699	16,593	16,757	16,915	-----

Nondur. goods ind. with unfilled orders⊕.....do.

	3,103	3,995	3,523	3,524	3,544	3,574	3,613	3,674	3,732	3,900	3,995	4,179	4,346	4,530	4,669	-----
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By market category:†

Home goods, apparel, consumer staples.....do.	2,224	2,529	2,421	2,539	2,607	2,519	2,510	2,604	2,680	2,601	2,529	2,441	2,614	2,690	2,777	-----
Equip. and defense prod., incl. auto.....do.	38,395	43,752	39,374	39,199	40,785	40,761	40,671	41,728	42,169	42,785	43,752	44,383	45,066	46,675	47,698	-----
Construction materials and supplies.....do.	9,238	10,056	9,406	9,379	9,474	9,567	9,601	9,778	9,740	9,692	10,056	10,226	10,374	10,671	10,750	-----
Other materials and supplies.....do.	23,147	28,889	24,305	24,986	25,742	26,404	27,517	28,070	28,317	28,869	28,889	29,718	30,637	32,559	33,859	-----

Supplementary series:†

Household durables.....do.	1,810	2,064	1,977	2,077	2,162	2,064	2,049	2,161	2,238	2,139	2,061	1,964	2,132	2,197	2,263	-----
Capital goods industries¶.....do.	43,483	49,948	44,733	44,853	46,637	46,779	46,929	48,065	48,522	49,191	49,948	50,559	51,104	52,667	53,751	-----
Nondefense.....do.	25,385	29,814	25,502	25,842	26,322	26,747	27,084	27,792	28,444	29,000	29,814	30,528	31,007	32,222	32,942	-----
Defense.....do.	18,098	20,134	19,231	19,011	20,315	20,032	19,845	20,273	20,078	20,191	20,134	20,031	20,097	20,445	20,809	-----

BUSINESS INCORPORATIONS⊙

New incorporations (50 States and Dist. Col.):

Unadjusted⊙.....number	287,577	316,601	26,414	28,030	28,331	26,103	26,118	24,761	26,736	23,991	26,059	30,114	26,821	31,910	-----
Seasonally adjusted⊙.....do.			26,681	26,243	26,303	26,815	26,420	26,798	27,417	26,387	27,614	27,173	28,640	29,861	-----

INDUSTRIAL AND COMMERCIAL FAILURES⊙

Failures, total.....number	10,326	9,566	808	856	730	740	824	730	755	799	708	772	753	874	796	-----
Commercial service.....do.	1,464	1,252	121	115	88	103	101	106	88	91	98	90	85	117	94	-----
Construction.....do.	1,545	1,375	102	128	81	92	124	103	106	127	118	105	94	115	119	-----
Manufacturing and mining.....do.	1,932	1,576	134	127	126	127	147	107	125	121	108	125	126	137	112	-----
Retail trade.....do.	4,428	4,398	355	398	338	344	372	352	363	393	308	376	378	411	396	-----
Wholesale trade.....do.	957	965	96	88	97	74	80	62	73	67	76	70	70	94	75	-----

Liabilities (current), total.....thous. \$

Commercial service.....do.	1,916,929	2,000,244	148,467	190,139	127,900	204,624	253,619	113,540	152,974	208,583	86,786	205,837	137,162	252,349	119,343	-----
Construction.....do.	356,923	231,813	14,733	14,228	14,228	18,022	16,058	13,807	14,072	17,502	16,089	17,526	15,407	37,065	8,071	-----
Manufacturing and mining.....do.	222,357	193,530	8,518	16,980	10,447	7,619	22,000	9,435	12,737	22,044	13,728	20,282	18,490	21,120	19,202	-----
Retail trade.....do.	712,611	766,991	60,566	32,323	48,979	112,769	114,160	50,938	47,907	52,284	19,266	115,440	73,929	84,669	38,588	-----
Wholesale trade.....do.	444,086	558,270	48,870	35,848	27,036	45,419	87,812	31,597	63,580	105,445	22,401	37,826	30,184	73,237	33,528	-----
	180,952	249,640	16,371	75,506	27,210	20,795	13,589	7,763	14,678	11,308	15,302	14,763	9,152	36,258	19,954	-----

Failure annual rate (seasonally adjusted)

No. per 10,000 concerns.....	241.7	238.3	36.5	38.2	34.2	38.5	40.5	39.1	38.8	38.5	37.4	34.9	36.0	35.9	35.2	-----
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COMMODITY PRICES

PRICES RECEIVED AND PAID BY FARMERS

Prices received, all farm products.....1910-14=100..	285	320	304	313	318	323	324	328	329	332	349	365	379	405	400	413
Crops ?.....do.	242	261	253	258	261	259	265	264	264	272	287	295	299	316	324	348
Commercial vegetables.....do.	322	327	337	321	316	308	322	332	330	354	336	402	395	411	463	434
Cotton.....do.	206	243	260	268	264	258	258	266	216	229	216	187	199	222	229	255
Feed grains and hay.....do.	185	183	174	180	180	178	178	187	188	192	221	223	216	218	220	243
Food grains.....do.	167	192	168	170	166	164	163	209	228	239	283	283	243	251	262	262
Fruit.....do.	261	280	259	275	303	276	293	314	325	277	265	282	301	331	316	316
Tobacco.....do.	619	685	666	666	665	677	717	717	702	704	704	707	704	704	707	707
Livestock and products ?.....do.	321	371	348	359	366	377	375	383	385	383	402	424	447	481	466	469
Dairy products.....do.	354	366	353	349	345	350	361	373	383	391	391	391	392	388	381	378
Meat animals.....do.	402	494	462	487	502	515	508	512	513	497	527	560	612	669	638	650
Poultry and eggs.....do.	133	137	123	123	126	136	133	145	136	151	168	192	179	204	211	204
Prices paid:																
All commodities and services.....do.	352	371	365	366	369	372	372	376	377	381	386	394	401	409	413	421
Family living items.....do.	382	401	396	398	400	403	403	406	404	408	410	414	421	426	433	438
Production items.....do.	331	350	342	344	348	349	349	356	358	361	369	379	386	396	399	409
All commodities and services, interest, taxes, and wage rates (parity index).....1910-14=100..	410	433	427	428	431	433	433	437	440	443	449	458	465	473	480	488
Parity ratio \$.....do.	69	74	71	73	74	75	75	75	75	75	78	80	82	86	83	88