

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		July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.
GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS—Continued																
MANUFACTURERS' SALES, INVENTORIES, AND ORDERS†—Continued																
New orders, net (seas. adj.)†—Continued																
By market category:																
Home goods and apparel.....mil. \$	*65,383	*71,896	5,780	6,006	6,182	6,205	6,493	6,315	6,393	6,694	6,707	6,858	6,695	*6,778	6,736	-----
Consumer staples.....do	*133,569	*146,254	12,038	12,382	12,405	12,330	12,742	12,941	12,964	13,146	13,533	13,565	13,561	*13,738	13,989	-----
Equip. and defense prod., excl. auto.....do	*91,469	*108,318	8,508	8,989	9,690	9,363	9,810	9,864	10,205	10,100	10,724	10,903	11,097	*11,520	10,651	-----
Automotive equipment.....do	*68,773	*80,395	5,888	7,022	7,299	7,501	7,605	7,449	7,913	7,655	7,577	7,923	7,746	*7,708	8,281	-----
Construction materials and supplies.....do	*55,786	*64,323	5,271	5,453	5,589	5,439	5,565	5,909	5,895	6,118	6,190	6,017	6,423	*6,240	6,390	-----
Other materials and supplies.....do	*253,504	*290,984	24,001	24,957	25,455	25,517	25,511	26,430	26,646	27,309	28,075	28,459	29,013	*29,337	29,343	-----
Supplementary series:																
Household durables.....do	*27,200	*31,645	2,547	2,691	2,796	2,797	2,860	2,785	2,751	3,061	3,033	3,077	3,007	3,078	*3,154	12,897
Capital goods industries†.....do	*107,755	*128,461	10,077	10,533	11,530	11,062	11,124	11,815	12,037	11,830	12,461	12,571	12,768	13,590	*12,603	12,730
Nondefense.....do	*88,069	*107,790	8,954	8,899	9,727	9,625	9,699	9,991	10,277	10,105	10,572	10,619	10,919	11,415	*11,404	10,834
Defense.....do	*19,686	*20,671	1,123	1,634	1,803	1,437	1,425	1,824	1,760	1,725	1,889	1,952	1,849	2,175	*1,199	1,896
Unfilled orders, end of year or month (unadjusted), total.....mil. \$	72,731	85,314	79,254	80,005	81,932	82,667	83,175	85,314	88,077	90,788	94,583	97,044	98,772	*100,983	103,596	-----
Durable goods industries, total.....do	69,652	81,345	75,632	76,408	78,295	78,927	79,251	81,345	83,941	86,422	90,020	92,316	93,950	*96,222	98,995	101,303
Nondur. goods ind. with unfilled orders@.....do	3,079	3,969	3,622	3,597	3,637	3,740	3,924	3,969	4,136	4,366	4,563	4,728	4,822	*4,761	4,748	-----
Unfilled orders, end of year or month (seasonally adjusted), total.....mil. \$	73,282	86,020	79,339	80,462	82,579	83,483	84,216	86,020	87,635	89,412	92,499	95,354	98,602	*102,355	104,150	-----
By industry group:																
Durable goods industries, total ?.....do	70,152	81,986	75,730	76,815	78,585	79,683	80,275	81,986	83,431	85,074	88,031	90,719	93,882	*97,647	99,560	102,505
Primary metals.....do	5,657	7,964	7,056	7,570	7,799	7,874	7,974	7,964	8,209	8,572	9,438	10,623	11,954	*13,181	14,854	-----
Blast furnaces, steel mills.....do	3,216	5,008	4,408	4,807	4,964	5,037	5,064	5,008	5,076	5,317	5,992	7,000	8,025	*9,089	9,651	-----
Nonferrous metals.....do	1,571	1,861	1,729	1,790	1,842	1,791	1,848	1,861	1,999	2,106	2,219	2,305	2,506	*2,560	2,536	-----
Fabricated metal products.....do	9,943	10,926	10,264	10,386	10,596	10,612	10,580	10,926	11,111	11,297	11,523	11,650	12,024	*12,285	12,651	-----
Machinery, except electrical.....do	12,150	14,917	13,220	13,369	13,669	13,952	14,350	14,917	15,349	15,807	16,432	16,866	17,365	*17,926	18,463	-----
Electrical machinery.....do	14,511	15,748	14,746	14,728	15,194	15,424	15,639	15,748	15,983	16,338	16,850	17,166	17,566	*17,984	18,298	-----
Transportation equipment.....do	22,098	26,107	24,362	24,662	25,254	25,584	25,482	26,107	26,505	26,690	27,206	27,604	28,025	*29,126	28,932	29,571
Aircraft, missiles, and parts.....do	15,400	18,010	16,843	17,073	17,396	17,596	17,468	18,010	18,198	18,330	18,617	18,497	18,663	*19,009	18,689	-----
Nondur. goods ind. with unfilled orders@.....do	3,130	4,034	3,609	3,647	3,721	3,800	3,941	4,034	4,204	4,338	4,468	4,635	4,720	*4,708	4,729	-----
By market category:†																
Home goods, apparel, consumer staples.....do	2,083	2,432	2,370	2,367	2,456	2,515	2,466	2,432	2,355	2,493	2,562	2,663	2,668	*2,770	2,916	-----
Equip. and defense prod., incl. auto.....do	38,696	44,365	41,169	41,452	42,491	42,951	43,558	44,365	45,142	45,843	47,159	48,076	49,165	*50,683	50,744	-----
Construction materials and supplies.....do	9,433	10,270	9,691	9,768	9,968	9,923	9,908	10,270	10,450	10,589	10,836	10,915	11,258	*11,477	11,789	-----
Other materials and supplies.....do	23,070	28,953	26,109	26,875	27,664	28,094	28,284	28,953	29,688	30,487	31,942	33,700	35,511	*37,425	38,701	-----
Supplementary series:†																
Household durables.....do	1,637	1,933	1,878	1,874	1,972	2,035	1,973	1,933	1,849	1,981	2,046	2,112	2,127	*2,230	2,288	12,165
Capital goods industries†.....do	43,298	50,165	46,582	46,847	48,121	48,644	49,031	50,165	50,907	51,576	52,882	53,755	54,679	*56,308	56,773	57,857
Nondefense.....do	26,079	30,612	27,408	27,527	28,549	29,208	29,742	30,612	31,292	31,866	32,948	33,509	34,329	*35,364	36,303	37,036
Defense.....do	17,219	19,553	19,174	19,320	19,572	19,436	19,289	19,553	19,615	19,710	19,934	20,246	20,350	*20,944	20,470	20,821
BUSINESS INCORPORATIONS♂																
New incorporations (50 States and Dist. Col.):																
Unadjusted♂.....number	287,577	316,601	26,103	26,118	24,761	26,736	23,991	26,059	30,114	26,821	31,967	29,304	30,476	29,003	27,797	-----
Seasonally adjusted♂.....do	-----	-----	26,815	26,420	26,798	27,417	26,387	27,614	27,173	28,640	29,914	28,693	28,422	27,859	27,832	-----
INDUSTRIAL AND COMMERCIAL FAILURES♂																
Failures, total.....number	10,326	9,566	740	824	730	755	799	708	772	753	874	796	838	840	714	-----
Commercial service.....do	1,464	1,252	103	101	106	88	91	98	90	85	117	94	97	94	89	-----
Construction.....do	1,545	1,375	92	124	103	106	127	118	105	94	115	119	149	124	120	-----
Manufacturing and mining.....do	1,932	1,576	127	147	107	125	121	108	125	126	137	112	106	125	120	-----
Retail trade.....do	4,428	4,398	344	372	352	363	393	308	376	378	411	396	390	411	316	-----
Wholesale trade.....do	957	965	74	80	62	73	67	76	76	70	94	75	96	86	69	-----
Liabilities (current), total.....thous. \$	1,916,929	2,000,244	204,624	253,619	113,540	152,974	208,583	86,786	205,837	137,162	252,349	119,343	167,949	180,209	206,186	-----
Commercial service.....do	356,923	231,813	18,022	16,058	13,807	14,072	17,502	16,089	17,526	5,407	37,065	8,071	9,290	9,822	37,197	-----
Construction.....do	222,357	193,530	7,619	22,000	9,435	12,737	22,044	13,728	20,282	18,490	21,120	19,202	37,932	16,928	33,800	-----
Manufacturing and mining.....do	712,611	766,991	112,769	114,160	50,938	47,907	52,284	19,266	115,440	73,929	84,669	38,588	57,965	89,959	55,995	-----
Retail trade.....do	444,086	558,270	45,419	87,812	31,597	63,580	105,445	22,401	37,826	30,184	73,237	33,528	33,665	36,923	42,572	-----
Wholesale trade.....do	180,952	249,640	20,795	13,589	7,763	14,678	11,308	15,302	14,763	9,152	36,258	19,954	29,067	26,577	36,622	-----
Failure annual rate (seasonally adjusted) No. per 10,000 concerns.....	*41.7	*38.3	38.5	40.5	39.1	38.8	38.5	37.4	34.9	36.0	35.9	35.2	36.3	38.2	35.7	-----

COMMODITY PRICES

PRICES RECEIVED AND PAID BY FARMERS																
Prices received, all farm products.....1910-14=100...	285	320	323	324	328	329	332	349	365	379	405	400	413	437	438	527
Crops?.....do.....	242	261	259	265	264	264	272	287	295	299	316	324	348	385	371	440
Commercial vegetables.....do.....	322	327	308	322	332	300	354	336	402	395	411	463	434	444	430	360
Cotton.....do.....	206	243	258	258	206	216	229	216	187	199	222	229	255	249	257	310
Feed grains and hay.....do.....	185	183	178	178	187	188	192	221	223	216	218	220	243	281	288	363
Food grains.....do.....	167	192	164	183	209	228	239	283	283	243	251	262	262	291	294	506
Fruit.....do.....	261	280	276	293	314	325	277	265	282	301	331	316	316	345	335	322
Tobacco.....do.....	619	685	677	717	717	702	704	704	707	704	704	707	707	706	703	709
Livestock and products?.....do.....	321	371	377	375	383	385	383	402	424	447	481	466	469	480	495	602
Dairy products.....do.....	354	366	350	361	373	383	391	391	391	392	388	381	378	378	386	411
Meat animals.....do.....	402	494	515	508	512	513	497	527	560	612	669	638	650	664	687	849
Poultry and eggs.....do.....	133	137	136	133	145	136	151	168	192	179	204	211	204	221	228	310
Prices paid:																
All commodities and services.....do.....	352	371	372	372	376	377	381	386	394	401	409	413	421	434	433	451
Family living items.....do.....	382	401	403	403	406	404	408	410	414	421	426	433	438	443	443	453
Production items.....do.....	331	350	349	349	356	358	361	369	379	386	396	399	409	428	426	451
All commodities and services, interest, taxes, and wage rates (parity index).....1910-14=100...	410	432	433	433	437	440	443	449	458	465	473	480	488	500	499	516
Parity ratio \$.....do.....	69	74	75	75	75	75	75	78	80	82	86	83	85	87	88	102