

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

1971	1972	1972					1973								
Annual		Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.

GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS—Continued

MANUFACTURERS' SALES, INVENTORIES, AND ORDERS†—Continued																
New orders, net (seas. adj.)†—Continued																
By market category:																
Home goods and apparel.....mil. \$	265,383	271,896	6,006	6,182	6,205	6,493	6,315	6,393	6,694	6,707	6,858	6,695	6,778	6,642	6,571	-----
Consumer staples.....do	2133,569	2146,254	12,382	12,405	12,330	12,742	12,941	12,964	13,146	13,533	13,565	13,561	13,738	13,846	14,291	-----
Equip. and defense prod., excl. auto.....do	291,469	2108,318	8,989	9,690	9,363	9,810	9,864	10,205	10,100	10,724	10,903	11,097	11,520	10,753	10,910	-----
Automotive equipment.....do	268,773	280,395	7,022	7,299	7,501	7,605	7,449	7,913	7,655	7,577	7,523	7,746	7,708	8,322	7,861	-----
Construction materials and supplies.....do	255,786	264,323	5,453	5,589	5,439	5,565	5,909	5,895	6,118	6,190	6,017	6,423	6,240	6,406	6,326	-----
Other materials and supplies.....do	2253,504	2290,984	24,957	25,455	25,517	25,511	26,430	26,646	27,309	28,075	28,459	29,013	29,377	29,176	29,597	-----
Supplementary series:																
Household durables.....do	227,200	231,645	2,691	2,796	2,797	2,860	2,785	2,751	3,061	3,033	3,077	3,007	3,078	3,154	2,996	13,050
Capital goods industries%.....do	2107,755	2128,461	10,533	11,530	11,062	11,124	11,815	12,037	11,830	12,461	12,571	12,768	13,590	12,603	12,887	12,433
Nondefense.....do	288,069	2107,790	8,899	9,727	9,625	9,699	9,991	10,277	10,105	10,572	10,619	10,919	11,415	11,404	11,032	10,882
Defense.....do	219,686	220,671	1,634	1,803	1,437	1,425	1,824	1,760	1,725	1,889	1,952	1,849	2,175	1,199	1,855	1,151
Unfilled orders, end of year or month (unadjusted), total†.....mil. \$																
Durable goods industries, total.....do	69,652	81,345	76,408	78,295	78,927	79,251	81,345	83,941	86,422	90,020	92,316	93,950	96,222	98,995	101,441	102,855
Nondur. goods ind. with unfilled orders@.....do	3,079	3,969	3,597	3,637	3,740	3,924	3,969	4,136	4,366	4,563	4,728	4,822	4,761	4,704	4,628	-----
Unfilled orders, end of year or month (seasonally adjusted), total.....mil. \$																
By industry group:	73,282	86,020	80,462	82,579	83,483	84,216	86,020	87,635	89,412	92,499	95,354	98,602	102,355	104,246	107,294	-----
Durable goods industries, total %																
Primary metals.....do	5,657	7,964	7,750	7,799	7,794	7,974	7,964	8,209	8,572	9,438	10,623	11,954	13,181	13,815	14,798	14,796
Blast furnaces, steel mills.....do	3,216	5,008	4,807	4,964	5,037	5,064	5,008	5,076	5,317	5,992	7,000	8,025	9,089	9,558	10,530	-----
Nonferrous metals.....do	1,571	1,861	1,790	1,842	1,791	1,848	1,861	1,999	2,106	2,199	2,305	2,506	2,560	2,534	2,546	-----
Fabricated metal products.....do	9,943	10,926	10,386	10,596	10,612	10,580	10,926	11,111	11,297	11,523	11,650	12,024	12,285	12,686	13,191	-----
Machinery, except electrical.....do	12,150	14,917	13,369	13,669	13,952	14,350	14,917	15,349	15,807	16,432	16,866	17,365	17,926	18,587	19,100	-----
Electrical machinery.....do	14,511	15,748	14,728	15,194	15,424	15,639	15,748	15,983	16,338	16,850	17,166	17,566	17,984	18,256	18,622	-----
Transportation equipment.....do	22,098	26,107	24,662	25,254	25,584	25,482	26,107	26,505	26,690	27,206	27,604	28,025	29,126	28,932	29,598	29,637
Aircraft, missiles, and parts.....do	15,400	18,010	17,073	17,396	17,596	17,468	18,010	18,198	18,330	18,617	18,497	18,663	19,009	18,748	18,985	-----
Nondur. goods ind. with unfilled orders@.....do	3,130	4,034	3,647	3,721	3,800	3,941	4,034	4,204	4,338	4,468	4,635	4,720	4,708	4,686	4,687	-----
By market category:†																
Home goods, apparel, consumer staples.....do	2,083	2,432	2,367	2,456	2,515	2,466	2,432	2,355	2,493	2,562	2,663	2,668	2,770	2,877	2,754	-----
Equip. and defense prod., incl. auto.....do	38,696	44,365	41,452	42,491	42,951	43,558	44,365	45,142	45,843	47,159	48,076	49,165	50,683	50,932	52,184	-----
Construction materials and supplies.....do	9,433	10,270	9,768	9,968	9,923	9,908	10,270	10,450	10,589	10,836	10,915	11,258	11,477	11,785	12,264	-----
Other materials and supplies.....do	23,070	28,953	26,875	27,664	28,094	28,284	28,953	29,688	30,487	31,942	33,700	35,511	37,425	38,652	40,092	-----
Supplementary series:†																
Household durables.....do	1,637	1,933	1,874	1,972	2,035	1,973	1,933	1,849	1,981	2,046	2,112	2,127	2,230	2,288	2,201	12,261
Capital goods industries%.....do	43,298	50,165	46,847	48,121	48,644	49,031	50,165	50,907	51,576	52,882	53,755	54,679	56,308	56,773	57,974	58,619
Nondefense.....do	26,079	30,612	27,527	28,549	29,208	29,742	30,612	31,292	31,866	32,948	33,509	34,329	35,364	36,303	37,202	37,896
Defense.....do	17,219	19,553	19,320	19,572	19,436	19,289	19,553	19,615	19,710	19,934	20,246	20,350	20,944	20,470	20,772	20,723
BUSINESS INCORPORATIONS‡																
New incorporations (50 States and Dist. Col.):																
Unadjusted@.....number	287,577	316,601	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	-----	-----	26,420	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																
Commercial service.....do	10,326	9,566	824	730	755	799	708	772	753	874	796	838	840	714	837	-----
Construction.....do	1,464	1,252	101	106	88	91	98	90	85	117	94	97	94	89	114	-----
Manufacturing and mining.....do	1,545	1,375	124	103	106	127	118	105	94	115	119	149	124	120	112	-----
Retail trade.....do	1,932	1,576	147	107	125	121	108	125	126	137	112	106	125	120	130	-----
Wholesale trade.....do	4,428	4,398	372	352	363	393	308	376	378	411	396	390	411	316	396	-----
Liabilities (current), total.....thous. \$	1,916,929	2,000,244	253,619	113,540	152,974	208,583	86,786	205,837	137,162	252,319	119,343	167,949	180,209	206,186	190,147	-----
Commercial service.....do	356,923	231,813	16,058	13,807	14,072	17,802	16,089	17,526	5,407	37,035	8,071	9,290	9,822	37,197	17,188	-----
Construction.....do	222,357	193,530	22,000	9,435	12,737	22,044	13,728	20,282	18,490	21,120	19,202	37,932	16,928	33,800	21,225	-----
Manufacturing and mining.....do	712,611	766,991	114,160	50,938	47,907	52,284	19,266	115,440	73,929	84,669	38,588	57,935	89,959	55,995	55,207	-----
Retail trade.....do	444,086	558,270	87,812	31,597	63,580	105,445	22,401	37,826	30,184	73,327	33,528	33,665	36,923	42,572	68,438	-----
Wholesale trade.....do	180,952	249,640	13,589	7,763	14,678	11,308	15,302	14,763	9,152	36,258	19,954	29,067	26,677	36,622	28,089	-----
Failure annual rate (seasonally adjusted)																
No. per 10,000 concerns.....do	241.7	238.3	40.5	39.1	38.8	38.5	37.4	34.9	36.0	35.9	35.2	36.3	38.2	35.7	39.1	-----

COMMODITY PRICES

PRICES RECEIVED AND PAID BY FARMERS																
Prices received, all farm products.....1910-14=100..	285	320	324	328	329	332	349	365	379	405	400	413	437	438	527	486
Crops ?.....do.....	242	261	265	264	264	272	287	295	299	316	324	348	385	371	440	414
Commercial vegetables.....do.....	322	327	322	332	300	354	336	402	395	411	463	434	444	430	360	325
Cotton.....do.....	206	243	258	206	216	229	216	187	199	222	229	255	249	257	310	377
Feed grains and hay.....do.....	185	183	178	187	188	192	221	223	216	218	220	243	281	288	363	325
Food grains.....do.....	167	192	183	209	228	239	283	283	243	251	262	262	291	294	506	528
Fruit.....do.....	261	280	293	314	325	277	265	282	301	331	316	316	345	335	322	325
Tobacco.....do.....	619	685	717	717	702	704	704	707	704	704	707	707	706	703	709	729
Livestock and products ?.....do.....	321	371	375	383	385	383	402	424	447	481	466	469	480	495	602	548
Dairy products.....do.....	354	366	361	373	383	391	391	391	392	388	381	378	378	386	411	456
Meat animals.....do.....	402	494	508	512	513	497	527	560	612	669	638	650	664	687	843	731
Poultry and eggs.....do.....	133	137	133	145	136	151	168	192	179	204	211	204	221	228	310	282
Prices paid:																
All commodities and services.....do.....	352	371	372	376	377	381	386	394	401	409	413	421	434	433	451	447
Family living items.....do.....	382	401	403	405	404	408	410	414	421	426	433	438	443	443	463	456
Production items.....do.....	331	350	349	355	358	361	369	379	386	396	399	409	428	426	451	441
All commodities and services, interest, taxes, and wage rates (parity index).....1910-14=100..	410	432	433	437	440	443	449	458	465	473	480	488	500	499	516	512
Parity ratio \$.....do.....	69	74	75	75	75	75	78	80	82	86	83	85	87	88	102	95