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| Unless otherwise stated in footnotes below, data through 1972 and descriptive notes are as shown in the 1973 edition of BUSINESS STATISTICS | 1972 | 1973 | 1973 | | | 1974 | | | | | | | | | | |
|---|----------|----------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| | Annual | | Oct. | Nov. | Dec. | Jan. | Feb. | Mar. | Apr. | May | June | July | Aug. | Sept. | Oct. | Nov. |
| GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS—Continued | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| MANUFACTURERS' SALES, INVENTORIES, AND ORDERS—Continued | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Inventories, end of year or month—Continued | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Book value (seasonally adjusted)—Continued | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| By market category: | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Home goods and apparel.....mil. \$ | 11,852 | 13,231 | 13,146 | 13,065 | 13,231 | 13,405 | 13,503 | 13,695 | 13,578 | 13,675 | 13,910 | 14,260 | 14,628 | 14,839 | 14,946 | ----- |
| Consumer staples.....do | 14,373 | 16,024 | 15,638 | 15,808 | 16,024 | 16,131 | 16,456 | 16,753 | 16,923 | 16,973 | 17,147 | 17,602 | 18,098 | 18,380 | 18,671 | ----- |
| Equip. and defense prod., excl. auto.....do | 27,251 | 31,140 | 30,302 | 30,582 | 31,140 | 31,672 | 32,238 | 32,721 | 33,142 | 33,728 | 34,237 | 34,801 | 35,717 | 36,234 | 36,983 | ----- |
| Automotive equipment.....do | 6,081 | 7,305 | 7,021 | 7,038 | 7,305 | 7,399 | 7,307 | 7,378 | 7,287 | 7,392 | 7,676 | 7,739 | 7,549 | 8,171 | 8,192 | ----- |
| Construction materials and supplies.....do | 8,931 | 10,220 | 9,764 | 10,019 | 10,220 | 10,287 | 10,441 | 10,669 | 11,055 | 11,354 | 11,685 | 12,055 | 12,453 | 12,754 | 12,699 | ----- |
| Other materials and supplies.....do | 39,231 | 42,950 | 41,353 | 41,923 | 42,950 | 43,776 | 44,886 | 45,284 | 46,453 | 47,814 | 48,886 | 50,274 | 51,282 | 52,597 | 53,592 | ----- |
| Supplementary series: | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Household durables.....do | 5,562 | 6,263 | 6,210 | 6,112 | 6,263 | 6,352 | 6,537 | 6,682 | 6,629 | 6,721 | 6,827 | 6,967 | 7,217 | 7,368 | 7,536 | ----- |
| Capital goods industries.....do | 30,771 | 35,103 | 34,200 | 34,541 | 35,103 | 35,553 | 36,205 | 36,752 | 37,263 | 38,010 | 38,567 | 39,154 | 40,189 | 40,675 | 41,415 | ----- |
| Nondefense.....do | 25,684 | 29,488 | 28,669 | 29,033 | 29,488 | 29,874 | 30,368 | 30,786 | 31,285 | 31,891 | 32,366 | 32,851 | 33,758 | 34,298 | 34,936 | ----- |
| Defense.....do | 5,087 | 5,615 | 5,631 | 5,508 | 5,615 | 5,679 | 5,837 | 5,966 | 5,978 | 6,119 | 6,201 | 6,303 | 6,431 | 6,377 | 6,479 | ----- |
| New orders, net (not seas. adj.), total ¹do | 755,061 | 886,029 | 78,661 | 78,052 | 72,686 | 74,948 | 81,480 | 83,377 | 83,152 | 84,865 | 88,834 | 81,628 | 87,306 | 89,802 | 87,931 | ----- |
| Durable goods industries, total ²do | 411,291 | 493,171 | 43,829 | 42,980 | 39,105 | 40,566 | 44,158 | 44,736 | 44,904 | 46,504 | 49,061 | 43,928 | 46,332 | 47,429 | 45,418 | 142,932 |
| Nondurable goods industries, total.....do | 343,770 | 392,858 | 34,832 | 35,072 | 33,581 | 34,382 | 37,322 | 38,641 | 38,248 | 38,361 | 39,773 | 37,700 | 40,974 | 42,373 | 42,242 | ----- |
| New orders, net (seas. adj.), total ³do | 2755,061 | 2886,029 | 77,025 | 78,601 | 76,292 | 78,139 | 79,127 | 79,547 | 82,059 | 85,264 | 85,176 | 87,517 | 90,393 | 87,147 | 86,382 | ----- |
| By industry group: | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Durable goods industries, total ⁴do | 411,291 | 493,171 | 43,304 | 43,475 | 41,027 | 41,515 | 42,267 | 41,974 | 44,124 | 46,730 | 46,848 | 47,709 | 49,463 | 46,402 | 45,084 | 143,716 |
| Primary metals.....do | 60,143 | 78,642 | 6,868 | 6,730 | 6,597 | 5,956 | 6,624 | 6,930 | 7,510 | 9,002 | 9,293 | 8,724 | 10,010 | 8,611 | 8,378 | 7,925 |
| Blast furnaces, steel mills.....do | 29,813 | 39,913 | 3,309 | 3,109 | 3,014 | 2,037 | 2,863 | 3,037 | 3,303 | 4,653 | 4,922 | 4,655 | 5,777 | 4,414 | 4,399 | ----- |
| Nonferrous metals.....do | 21,670 | 27,436 | 2,616 | 2,582 | 2,557 | 2,899 | 2,729 | 2,764 | 2,994 | 3,142 | 3,115 | 2,780 | 2,918 | 2,960 | 2,663 | ----- |
| Fabricated metal products.....do | 48,075 | 57,881 | 5,135 | 4,997 | 5,237 | 5,144 | 5,410 | 5,165 | 5,557 | 5,694 | 5,923 | 6,119 | 5,784 | 5,871 | 5,513 | ----- |
| Machinery, except electrical.....do | 63,779 | 80,432 | 7,174 | 7,313 | 7,308 | 7,087 | 7,427 | 8,018 | 7,734 | 8,087 | 8,021 | 8,612 | 8,232 | 8,120 | 8,187 | ----- |
| Electrical machinery.....do | 57,171 | 67,473 | 5,816 | 5,788 | 5,399 | 6,269 | 6,180 | 5,751 | 6,204 | 6,548 | 5,920 | 5,615 | 5,547 | 5,149 | 5,137 | ----- |
| Transportation equipment ⁵do | 102,268 | 118,572 | 10,635 | 10,733 | 8,699 | 9,345 | 8,822 | 7,998 | 8,758 | 9,095 | 9,329 | 10,729 | 11,766 | 10,623 | 10,012 | 19,726 |
| Aircraft, missiles, and parts ⁶do | 22,506 | 24,499 | 2,423 | 2,053 | 1,788 | 2,242 | 2,817 | 1,881 | 1,795 | 2,064 | 1,896 | 1,758 | 3,509 | 2,729 | 2,232 | ----- |
| Nondurable goods industries, total.....do | 343,770 | 392,858 | 33,721 | 35,126 | 35,265 | 36,624 | 36,860 | 37,573 | 37,935 | 38,534 | 38,328 | 39,808 | 40,930 | 40,745 | 41,038 | ----- |
| Industries with unfilled orders ⁷do | 89,291 | 99,484 | 8,465 | 8,687 | 8,601 | 9,033 | 8,902 | 8,908 | 9,263 | 9,362 | 9,219 | 9,447 | 9,592 | 9,437 | 9,368 | ----- |
| Industries without unfilled orders ⁸do | 254,479 | 293,374 | 25,256 | 26,439 | 26,664 | 27,591 | 27,958 | 28,665 | 28,672 | 29,172 | 29,109 | 30,361 | 31,338 | 31,308 | 31,670 | ----- |
| By market category: | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Home goods and apparel.....do | 271,896 | 280,983 | 6,948 | 7,274 | 6,858 | 7,135 | 7,062 | 7,458 | 7,539 | 7,928 | 7,480 | 7,120 | 7,250 | 7,263 | 7,540 | ----- |
| Consumer staples.....do | 146,254 | 166,960 | 14,488 | 14,911 | 14,749 | 15,283 | 15,159 | 15,215 | 15,027 | 15,147 | 14,902 | 15,620 | 16,101 | 16,501 | 16,501 | ----- |
| Equip. and defense prod., excl. auto.....do | 101,209 | 121,984 | 10,470 | 11,413 | 10,702 | 11,286 | 11,078 | 10,974 | 11,530 | 11,926 | 11,863 | 12,126 | 13,066 | 12,025 | 11,409 | ----- |
| Automotive equipment.....do | 80,395 | 93,479 | 8,307 | 8,018 | 6,887 | 6,882 | 6,429 | 6,374 | 6,969 | 7,221 | 7,299 | 8,297 | 8,507 | 8,230 | 8,279 | ----- |
| Construction materials and supplies.....do | 64,323 | 76,200 | 6,630 | 6,558 | 6,897 | 6,539 | 6,779 | 6,577 | 6,998 | 7,087 | 7,054 | 7,077 | 6,960 | 6,952 | 6,585 | ----- |
| Other materials and supplies.....do | 290,984 | 346,423 | 30,182 | 30,427 | 30,199 | 31,014 | 32,620 | 32,899 | 33,996 | 35,955 | 36,578 | 37,277 | 38,509 | 36,952 | 36,068 | ----- |
| Supplementary series: | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Household durables.....do | 31,645 | 36,761 | 3,220 | 3,358 | 3,015 | 3,168 | 3,153 | 3,375 | 3,336 | 3,574 | 3,247 | 3,184 | 3,133 | 3,128 | 3,131 | ----- |
| Capital goods industries ⁹do | 121,352 | 144,072 | 12,755 | 13,284 | 12,393 | 13,188 | 13,479 | 12,762 | 13,452 | 13,883 | 13,763 | 14,177 | 15,034 | 13,510 | 12,784 | ----- |
| Nondefense ¹⁰do | 101,842 | 123,723 | 10,928 | 11,160 | 10,943 | 11,003 | 11,415 | 11,300 | 11,925 | 11,804 | 12,011 | 12,800 | 11,805 | 11,383 | 11,075 | ----- |
| Defense ¹¹do | 19,510 | 20,349 | 1,827 | 2,124 | 1,450 | 2,183 | 2,064 | 1,462 | 1,527 | 2,079 | 1,752 | 1,377 | 3,229 | 1,678 | 1,401 | ----- |
| Unfilled orders, end of year or month (unadjusted), total ¹²mil. \$ | 84,197 | 113,452 | 108,861 | 111,401 | 113,452 | 117,149 | 120,559 | 122,546 | 124,875 | 127,350 | 129,656 | 133,800 | 137,762 | 138,614 | 136,791 | ----- |
| Durable goods industries, total ¹³do | 80,228 | 108,715 | 104,221 | 106,722 | 108,715 | 112,191 | 115,522 | 117,429 | 119,632 | 122,137 | 124,536 | 128,786 | 132,837 | 133,935 | 132,191 | 131,185 |
| Nondur. goods ind. with unfilled orders ¹⁴do | 3,969 | 4,737 | 4,640 | 4,679 | 4,737 | 4,958 | 5,037 | 5,117 | 5,243 | 5,213 | 5,120 | 5,014 | 4,925 | 4,679 | 4,466 | ----- |
| Unfilled orders, end of year or month (seasonally adjusted), total ¹⁵mil. \$ | 84,948 | 114,694 | 110,586 | 113,015 | 114,694 | 116,445 | 118,599 | 119,955 | 122,961 | 127,114 | 131,129 | 134,623 | 139,256 | 140,467 | 138,894 | ----- |
| By industry group: | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Durable goods industries, total ¹⁶do | 80,914 | 109,862 | 105,874 | 108,297 | 109,862 | 111,384 | 113,584 | 114,927 | 117,817 | 122,016 | 126,082 | 129,667 | 134,305 | 135,695 | 134,224 | 133,143 |
| Primary metals.....do | 7,964 | 14,844 | 14,996 | 14,934 | 14,844 | 14,033 | 13,773 | 13,645 | 14,106 | 15,688 | 17,316 | 17,904 | 19,438 | 19,636 | 18,993 | 18,275 |
| Blast furnaces, steel mills.....do | 5,008 | 9,884 | 10,309 | 10,051 | 9,884 | 8,701 | 8,403 | 8,019 | 8,114 | 9,302 | 10,624 | 11,178 | 12,535 | 12,501 | 11,911 | ----- |
| Nonferrous metals.....do | 1,861 | 2,787 | 2,730 | 2,816 | 2,787 | 3,106 | 3,058 | 3,136 | 3,298 | 3,586 | 3,725 | 3,515 | 3,541 | 3,694 | 3,554 | ----- |
| Fabricated metal products.....do | 10,926 | 15,122 | 14,329 | 14,614 | 15,122 | 15,486 | 16,073 | 16,401 | 17,079 | 17,560 | 18,411 | 19,244 | 19,669 | 20,264 | 20,245 | ----- |
| Machinery, except electrical.....do | 14,917 | 22,002 | 20,621 | 21,321 | 22,002 | 22,438 | 23,156 | 24,207 | 25,057 | 26,137 | 26,882 | 28,261 | 29,169 | 29,933 | 30,225 | ----- |
| Electrical machinery.....do | 15,748 | 19,718 | 19,300 | 19,706 | 19,718 | 20,459 | 21,018 | 21,140 | 21,617 | 22,218 | 22,453 | 22,489 | 22,489 | 21,993 | 21,637 | ----- |
| Transportation equipment ¹⁷do | 25,035 | 30,355 | 29,126 | 30,076 | 30,355 | 31,407 | 31,608 | 31,430 | 31,490 | 31,730 | 32,082 | 32,764 | 34,421 | 34,721 | 34,234 | 134,343 |
| Aircraft, missiles, and parts ¹⁸do | 16,938 | 18,397 | 18,337 | 18,456 | 18,397 | 18,626 | 18,941 | 18,848 | 18,555 | 18,603 | 18,349 | 18,220 | 19,875 | 20,422 | 20,585 | ----- |
| Nondur. goods ind. with unfilled orders ¹⁹do | 4,034 | 4,832 | 4,712 | 4,718 | 4,832 | 5,061 | 5,015 | 5,028 | 5,144 | 5,098 | 5,047 | 4,956 | 4,951 | 4,772 | 4,535 | ----- |
| By market category: | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Home goods, apparel, consumer staples.....do | 2,432 | 2,881 | 2,885 | 2,978 | 2,881 | 2,949 | 2,852 | 2,906 | 2,961 | 3,004 | 2,970 | 2,958 | 2,878 | 2,722 | 2,687 | ----- |
| Equip. and defense prod., incl. auto. ²⁰do | 43,293 | 55,295 | 52,724 | 54,327 | 55,295 | 56,663 | 57,631 | 58,342 | 59,663 | 61,328 | 62,630 | 64,179 | 66,747 | 67,712 | 67,285 | ----- |
| Construction materials and supplies.....do | 10,270 | 14,165 | 13,323 | 13,581 | 14,165 | 14,512 | 14,917 | 15,164 | 15,726 | 16,182 | 16,699 | 17,282 | 17,650 | 18,101 | 18,041 | ----- |
| Other materials and supplies.....do | 28,953 | 42,353 | 41,654 | 42,129 | 42,353 | 42,321 | 43,199 | 43,543 | 44,611 | 46,600 | 48,830 | 50,204 | 51,981 | 51,982 | 50,881 | ----- |
| Supplementary series: | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Household durables.....do | 1,933 | 2,254 | 2,281 | 2,379 | 2,254 | 2,289 | 2,208 | 2,249 | 2,300 | 2,371 | 2,337 | 2,328 | 2,261 | 2,100 | 2,052 | 1,963 |
| Capital goods industries ²¹do | 49,093 | 61,580 | 58,854 | 60,659 | 61,580 | 63,048 | 64,661 | 65,406 | 66,716 | 68,402 | 69,535 | 71,607 | 74,439 | 75,302 | 75,128 | 75,491 |
| Nondefense ²²do | 30,023 | 40,840 | 38,639 | 39,862 | 40,840 | 41,676 | 42,834 | 43,728 | 45,094 | 46,295 | 47,274 | 49,399 | 50,498 | 51,323 | 51,413 | 51,05 |