

Unless otherwise stated in footnotes below, data through 1974 and descriptive notes are as shown in the 1975 edition of BUSINESS STATISTICS	1975	1976	1976					1977								
	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																
Inventories, end of year or month†—Continued																
Book value (seasonally adjusted)—Continued																
By market category: †																
Home goods and apparel.....mil. \$.	13,005	14,039	14,386	14,441	14,377	14,143	14,039	14,003	14,056	14,296	14,608	14,747	14,888	14,699	14,735	
Consumer staples.....do.	21,526	23,119	23,055	23,417	23,466	23,367	23,119	23,164	23,327	23,531	23,928	24,137	23,943	23,962	24,374	
Equip. and defense prod., excl. auto.....do.	38,429	38,842	38,555	38,688	38,875	38,943	38,842	39,044	39,231	39,393	39,638	39,855	40,267	40,701	40,773	
Automotive equipment.....do.	7,885	8,430	8,123	8,336	8,692	8,993	8,430	8,601	8,718	8,728	8,691	8,777	9,363	9,189	9,136	
Construction materials and supplies.....do.	13,323	14,161	13,418	13,704	13,884	13,983	14,161	14,615	14,663	14,560	14,523	14,536	14,290	14,465	14,515	
Other materials and supplies.....do.	61,525	67,996	65,647	66,380	67,380	67,685	67,996	68,055	68,454	68,871	69,359	70,577	71,067	71,555	71,403	
Supplementary series:																
Household durables.....do.	6,578	6,923	7,127	7,107	7,059	6,996	6,923	6,936	7,117	7,275	7,407	7,494	7,565	7,487	7,564	
Capital goods industries.....do.	42,341	43,104	42,649	42,740	42,942	43,124	43,104	43,311	43,737	43,992	44,335	44,671	45,206	45,391	45,518	
Nondefense.....do.	35,772	36,527	35,846	35,940	36,095	36,277	36,527	36,702	37,112	37,475	37,733	38,034	38,332	38,455	38,583	
Defense.....do.	6,568	6,577	6,804	6,798	6,847	6,847	6,577	6,609	6,625	6,517	36,602	6,637	6,804	6,936	6,935	
New orders, net (not seas. adj.), total † Δ.....do.	1,027,905	1,183,468	97,174	102,455	102,473	100,039	99,575	98,810	107,879	114,873	113,054	111,066	117,795	103,311	110,721	
Durable goods industries, total.....do.	505,969	609,450	49,426	52,307	52,814	51,386	52,139	51,048	55,651	60,900	59,824	58,899	63,372	53,317	57,107	61,358
Nondurable goods industries, total Δ.....do.	521,936	574,016	47,738	50,148	49,659	48,653	47,436	47,762	52,228	53,973	53,230	52,167	54,224	49,994	53,466	
New orders, net (seas. adj.), total † Δ.....do.	1,027,905	1,183,468	97,554	98,476	99,006	100,784	106,608	105,288	106,575	111,788	111,547	111,693	111,702	108,598	111,133	
By industry group:																
Durable goods industries, total †.....do.	505,969	609,450	50,380	50,068	50,754	52,235	57,040	55,037	55,133	59,160	58,652	59,176	58,378	56,031	58,270	58,620
Primary metals.....do.	71,792	90,046	7,340	7,556	7,019	7,529	7,252	7,987	7,974	8,647	7,904	9,079	7,959	8,311	8,576	8,614
Blast furnaces, steel mills.....do.	35,779	45,846	3,581	3,649	3,485	3,650	3,808	4,054	4,068	4,304	3,906	5,089	3,945	4,316	4,380	
Nonferrous and other primary met.....do.	28,209	34,956	2,946	3,153	2,790	3,080	2,629	3,040	3,031	3,438	3,102	3,062	3,077	3,057	3,235	
Fabricated metal products.....do.	66,712	79,256	6,586	6,280	6,425	6,805	7,072	6,924	6,960	7,832	7,363	7,337	7,236	6,798	7,382	
Machinery, except electrical.....do.	92,795	108,236	9,082	9,283	9,413	9,336	9,629	10,219	9,998	9,991	9,791	10,143	10,572	10,130	10,974	
Electrical machinery.....do.	61,720	74,111	6,088	5,963	6,463	6,408	7,139	6,871	6,713	6,338	6,941	7,163	6,866	6,901	6,974	
Transportation equipment.....do.	109,511	138,649	11,203	10,751	11,369	12,102	15,487	12,630	12,614	14,564	15,128	14,179	14,725	12,667	12,417	13,071
Aircraft, missiles, and parts.....do.	26,316	30,009	1,890	3,202	3,539	2,882	3,924	2,311	2,329	2,887	4,252	3,421	3,814	2,222		
Nondurable goods industries, total Δ.....do.	521,936	574,016	47,174	48,409	48,252	48,549	49,560	50,251	51,442	52,628	52,895	52,517	53,146	52,567	52,764	
Industries with unfilled orders@.....do.	113,179	127,856	10,142	10,738	11,453	11,243	11,289	11,019	11,240	11,772	11,789	11,484	11,787	11,756	11,825	
Industries without unfilled orders † Δ.....do.	408,757	446,160	37,031	37,671	36,799	37,306	38,271	39,232	40,202	40,856	41,106	41,033	41,359	40,811	40,939	
By market category: †																
Home goods and apparel Δ.....do.	83,408	93,224	7,731	7,680	7,888	7,945	7,981	8,171	8,413	8,273	8,377	8,588	8,549	8,796	9,095	
Consumer staples.....do.	210,267	217,424	17,840	18,316	18,277	18,274	18,310	18,624	19,008	19,316	19,514	19,032	19,531	19,108	19,436	
Equip. and defense prod., excl. auto.....do.	141,257	163,818	12,940	14,029	15,082	13,897	15,929	13,994	14,323	14,478	16,169	15,948	15,799	14,484	14,471	
Automotive equipment.....do.	84,741	110,631	9,487	7,991	8,036	9,628	11,800	10,482	10,172	12,413	11,627	11,074	11,542	11,022	11,094	
Construction materials and supplies.....do.	81,372	99,180	8,417	8,208	8,435	8,721	9,075	8,733	9,227	9,706	9,545	9,564	9,683	9,418	10,004	
Other materials and supplies.....do.	426,941	498,255	41,138	42,252	41,288	42,319	43,505	45,284	44,884	47,570	46,315	47,487	46,440	45,770	47,033	
Supplementary series:																
Household durables.....do.	35,509	38,599	3,194	3,191	3,379	3,284	3,314	3,351	3,510	3,425	3,443	3,493	3,587	3,589	3,931	3,724
Capital goods industries.....do.	155,968	183,614	14,609	15,621	16,964	15,875	17,885	16,570	16,136	16,775	18,276	18,293	17,717	16,341	16,676	17,486
Nondefense.....do.	130,782	154,114	12,690	13,468	14,124	12,734	13,835	14,621	14,249	14,561	14,679	15,000	15,535	14,409	14,638	15,597
Defense.....do.	25,185	29,499	1,919	2,153	2,840	3,141	4,050	1,949	1,887	2,214	3,597	3,293	2,182	1,932	1,998	1,889
Unfilled orders, end of year or month (unadjusted), total †.....mil. \$.	170,243	174,222	172,229	171,440	172,731	172,646	174,222	176,648	177,780	178,453	180,255	180,563	181,521	182,632	183,838	175,544
Durable goods industries, total.....do.	162,726	166,408	164,567	163,851	164,998	165,040	166,408	168,599	169,532	169,884	171,526	172,024	173,045	173,984	175,322	
Nondur. goods ind. with unfilled orders@.....do.	7,517	7,814	7,661	7,588	7,733	7,606	7,814	8,049	8,248	8,569	8,729	8,539	8,476	8,648	8,581	
Unfilled orders, end of year or month (seasonally adjusted) total †.....mil. \$.	171,438	175,453	170,414	170,503	172,468	173,333	175,453	177,179	177,623	178,167	180,065	182,301	183,150	182,541	182,716	
By industry group:																
Durable goods industries, total †.....do.	163,582	167,261	162,787	162,795	164,522	165,519	167,261	168,962	169,394	169,704	171,587	174,047	174,859	174,072	174,245	174,602
Primary metals.....do.	14,742	16,004	16,330	16,140	15,804	16,051	16,064	16,658	17,041	17,122	16,890	17,073	17,205	17,342	17,634	17,819
Blast furnaces, steel mills.....do.	9,287	9,993	10,323	10,028	9,832	9,768	9,993	10,580	10,939	10,977	10,851	11,096	11,171	11,239	11,354	
Nonferrous and other primary met.....do.	4,091	4,980	4,496	5,019	4,932	5,261	4,980	5,000	5,012	5,063	4,914	4,807	4,834	4,880	5,042	
Fabricated metal products.....do.	23,690	23,302	23,086	22,881	22,997	23,192	23,302	23,464	23,374	23,501	23,494	23,577	23,353	23,179	23,247	
Machinery, except electrical.....do.	45,472	43,808	43,981	43,886	43,914	43,843	43,808	44,279	44,419	44,361	44,133	44,215	44,894	44,988	45,421	
Electrical machinery.....do.	21,239	23,251	22,385	22,246	22,678	22,812	23,251	23,575	23,741	23,437	23,772	24,383	24,497	24,500	24,586	
Transportation equipment.....do.	50,236	52,753	49,056	49,690	50,958	51,445	52,753	52,744	52,534	52,729	54,517	55,371	56,234	55,351	54,973	54,238
Aircraft, missiles, and parts.....do.	33,106	34,746	30,842	31,877	32,982	33,553	34,746	34,793	34,537	34,692	36,387	36,941	38,022	37,425	36,935	
Nondur. goods ind. with unfilled orders@.....do.	7,856	8,192	7,627	7,708	7,946	7,814	8,192	8,217	8,229	8,463	8,478	8,254	8,291	8,469	8,334	
By market category: †																
Home goods, apparel, consumer staples.....do.	3,209	3,302	3,351	3,174	3,324	3,303	3,302	3,366	3,501	3,370	3,445	3,507	3,498	3,622	3,866</	