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SURVEY OF CURRENT BUSINESS

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| 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 | | Sept. | Oct. | Nov. | Dec. | Jan. | Feb. | Mar. | Apr. | May | June | July | Aug. | Sept. | Oct. |
| 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 | 14,441 | 14,377 | 14,143 | 14,039 | 14,003 | 14,056 | 14,296 | 14,608 | 14,747 | 14,888 | 14,699 | 14,708 | 14,681 | |
| Consumer staples.....do | 21,526 | 23,119 | 23,417 | 23,466 | 23,367 | 23,119 | 23,164 | 23,327 | 23,531 | 23,928 | 24,137 | 23,943 | 23,962 | 24,217 | 25,061 | |
| Equip. and defense prod., excl. auto.....do | 38,429 | 38,842 | 38,688 | 38,875 | 38,943 | 38,842 | 39,044 | 39,231 | 39,393 | 39,638 | 39,855 | 40,267 | 40,701 | 40,901 | 41,271 | |
| Automotive equipment.....do | 7,885 | 8,430 | 8,336 | 8,692 | 8,993 | 8,430 | 8,601 | 8,718 | 8,728 | 8,691 | 8,777 | 9,363 | 9,189 | 9,298 | 9,166 | |
| Construction materials and supplies.....do | 13,323 | 14,161 | 13,704 | 13,884 | 13,983 | 14,161 | 14,615 | 14,663 | 14,560 | 14,523 | 14,536 | 14,290 | 14,465 | 14,462 | 14,753 | |
| Other materials and supplies.....do | 61,525 | 67,996 | 66,380 | 67,380 | 67,685 | 67,996 | 68,055 | 68,454 | 68,871 | 69,359 | 70,577 | 71,067 | 71,555 | 71,518 | 71,465 | |
| Supplementary series: | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Household durables.....do | 6,578 | 6,923 | 7,107 | 7,059 | 6,996 | 6,923 | 6,936 | 7,117 | 7,275 | 7,407 | 7,494 | 7,565 | 7,487 | 7,559 | 7,543 | |
| Capital goods industries.....do | 42,341 | 43,104 | 42,740 | 42,942 | 43,124 | 43,104 | 43,311 | 43,737 | 43,992 | 4,335 | 44,671 | 45,206 | 45,391 | 45,641 | 45,892 | |
| Nondefense.....do | 35,772 | 36,527 | 35,940 | 36,095 | 36,277 | 36,527 | 36,702 | 37,112 | 37,475 | 47,733 | 38,034 | 38,332 | 38,455 | 38,715 | 39,029 | |
| Defense.....do | 6,568 | 6,577 | 6,798 | 6,847 | 6,847 | 6,577 | 6,609 | 6,625 | 6,517 | 36,602 | 6,637 | 6,864 | 6,936 | 6,926 | 6,863 | |
| New orders, net (not seas. adj.), total † Δ.....do | 1,027,905 | 1,183,468 | 102,455 | 102,473 | 100,039 | 99,575 | 98,810 | 107,879 | 114,873 | 113,054 | 111,066 | 117,795 | 103,311 | 111,036 | 116,508 | 1 65,725 |
| Durable goods industries, total.....do | 505,969 | 608,170 | 52,307 | 52,814 | 51,386 | 52,139 | 51,048 | 55,651 | 60,900 | 59,824 | 58,899 | 63,372 | 53,317 | 57,107 | 61,529 | |
| Nondurable goods industries, total Δ.....do | 521,936 | 573,796 | 50,148 | 49,659 | 48,653 | 47,436 | 47,762 | 52,228 | 53,973 | 53,230 | 52,167 | 54,224 | 49,994 | 53,929 | 55,148 | |
| New orders, net (seas. adj.), total † Δ.....do | 1,027,905 | 1,183,468 | 98,476 | 99,006 | 100,784 | 106,608 | 105,288 | 106,575 | 111,788 | 111,547 | 111,693 | 111,702 | 108,598 | 111,494 | 111,979 | |
| By industry group: | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Durable goods industries, total †.....do | 505,969 | 609,450 | 50,068 | 50,754 | 52,235 | 57,040 | 55,037 | 55,133 | 59,160 | 58,652 | 59,176 | 58,378 | 56,031 | 58,270 | 59,048 | 1 62,255 |
| Primary metals.....do | 71,792 | 90,046 | 7,556 | 7,019 | 7,529 | 7,252 | 7,987 | 7,974 | 8,647 | 7,904 | 9,079 | 7,959 | 8,311 | 8,576 | 8,692 | 1 8,164 |
| Blast furnaces, steel mills.....do | 35,779 | 45,846 | 3,649 | 3,485 | 3,650 | 3,808 | 4,054 | 4,068 | 4,304 | 3,906 | 5,089 | 3,945 | 4,316 | 4,382 | 4,526 | |
| Nonferrous and other primary met.....do | 28,209 | 34,956 | 3,153 | 2,790 | 3,080 | 2,629 | 3,040 | 3,031 | 3,438 | 3,102 | 3,062 | 3,077 | 3,057 | 3,234 | 3,098 | |
| Fabricated metal products.....do | 66,712 | 79,256 | 6,280 | 6,425 | 6,805 | 7,072 | 6,924 | 6,960 | 7,832 | 7,363 | 7,337 | 7,236 | 6,798 | 7,346 | 7,252 | |
| Machinery, except electrical.....do | 92,795 | 108,236 | 9,283 | 9,413 | 9,336 | 9,629 | 10,219 | 9,998 | 9,991 | 9,791 | 10,143 | 10,572 | 10,130 | 10,807 | 10,806 | |
| Electrical machinery.....do | 61,720 | 74,111 | 5,963 | 6,463 | 6,408 | 6,871 | 6,713 | 6,338 | 6,941 | 7,163 | 7,163 | 6,866 | 6,901 | 6,973 | 7,036 | |
| Transportation equipment.....do | 109,511 | 138,649 | 10,751 | 11,369 | 12,102 | 15,487 | 12,630 | 12,614 | 14,564 | 15,128 | 14,179 | 14,725 | 12,667 | 12,417 | 13,145 | 1 16,014 |
| Aircraft, missiles, and parts.....do | 26,316 | 30,009 | 3,202 | 3,539 | 2,882 | 3,924 | 2,311 | 2,329 | 2,887 | 4,252 | 3,421 | 3,814 | 2,123 | 2,183 | 2,524 | |
| Nondurable goods industries, total Δ.....do | 521,936 | 574,016 | 48,409 | 48,252 | 48,549 | 49,560 | 50,251 | 51,442 | 52,628 | 52,895 | 52,517 | 53,146 | 52,567 | 53,224 | 53,205 | |
| Industries with unfilled orders⊕.....do | 113,179 | 127,856 | 10,738 | 11,453 | 11,243 | 11,289 | 11,019 | 11,240 | 11,772 | 11,789 | 11,484 | 11,787 | 11,756 | 11,922 | 11,996 | |
| Industries without unfilled orders † Δ.....do | 408,757 | 446,160 | 37,671 | 36,799 | 37,306 | 38,271 | 39,232 | 40,202 | 40,856 | 41,106 | 41,033 | 41,359 | 40,811 | 41,302 | 41,209 | |
| By market category: † | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Home goods and apparel Δ.....do | 2 83,408 | 2 93,224 | 7,680 | 7,888 | 7,945 | 7,981 | 8,171 | 8,413 | 8,273 | 8,377 | 8,588 | 8,549 | 8,796 | 9,161 | 8,997 | |
| Consumer staples.....do | 2 210,267 | 2 217,424 | 18,316 | 18,277 | 18,274 | 18,310 | 18,624 | 19,008 | 19,316 | 19,316 | 19,514 | 19,108 | 19,301 | 19,660 | 19,279 | |
| Equip. and defense prod., excl. auto.....do | 2 141,257 | 2 163,818 | 14,029 | 15,062 | 13,997 | 15,929 | 13,994 | 14,323 | 14,478 | 16,169 | 15,948 | 15,799 | 14,484 | 14,332 | 15,160 | |
| Automotive equipment.....do | 2 84,741 | 2 110,631 | 7,991 | 8,036 | 9,628 | 11,800 | 10,482 | 10,717 | 12,413 | 11,627 | 11,074 | 11,542 | 11,022 | 11,076 | 11,080 | |
| Construction materials and supplies.....do | 2 81,372 | 2 99,180 | 8,208 | 8,435 | 8,721 | 9,075 | 8,733 | 9,227 | 9,706 | 9,545 | 9,564 | 9,683 | 9,418 | 10,129 | 9,930 | |
| Other materials and supplies.....do | 2 426,941 | 2 498,255 | 42,252 | 41,288 | 42,319 | 43,505 | 45,284 | 44,884 | 47,570 | 46,315 | 47,487 | 46,440 | 45,770 | 47,136 | 47,533 | |
| Supplementary series: | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Household durables.....do | 2 35,509 | 2 38,599 | 3,191 | 3,379 | 3,284 | 3,314 | 3,351 | 3,510 | 3,425 | 3,443 | 3,493 | 3,587 | 3,589 | 3,931 | 3,773 | 1 4,033 |
| Capital goods industries.....do | 2 155,968 | 2 183,614 | 15,621 | 16,964 | 15,875 | 17,885 | 16,570 | 16,136 | 16,775 | 18,276 | 18,293 | 17,717 | 16,341 | 16,676 | 17,819 | 1 20,677 |
| Nondefense.....do | 2 130,782 | 2 153,845 | 13,468 | 14,124 | 12,734 | 13,835 | 14,621 | 14,249 | 14,561 | 14,679 | 15,000 | 15,535 | 14,409 | 14,673 | 16,189 | 1 16,359 |
| Defense.....do | 2 25,185 | 2 29,338 | 2,153 | 2,840 | 3,141 | 4,050 | 1,949 | 1,887 | 2,214 | 3,597 | 3,293 | 2,182 | 1,932 | 1,998 | 1,630 | 1 4,318 |
| Unfilled orders, end of year or month (unadjusted), total †.....mil. \$ | 170,243 | 174,222 | 171,440 | 172,731 | 172,646 | 174,222 | 176,648 | 177,780 | 178,453 | 180,255 | 180,563 | 181,521 | 182,632 | 183,774 | 183,855 | |
| Durable goods industries, total.....do | 162,726 | 166,408 | 163,851 | 164,998 | 165,040 | 166,403 | 168,599 | 169,532 | 169,884 | 171,526 | 172,024 | 173,045 | 173,984 | 175,322 | 175,617 | 1 179,013 |
| Nondur. goods ind. with unfilled orders⊕.....do | 7,517 | 7,814 | 7,588 | 7,733 | 7,606 | 7,814 | 8,049 | 8,248 | 8,569 | 8,729 | 8,539 | 8,476 | 8,648 | 8,452 | 8,403 | |
| Unfilled orders, end of year or month (seasonally adjusted) total †.....mil. \$ | 171,438 | 175,453 | 170,503 | 172,468 | 173,333 | 175,463 | 177,179 | 177,623 | 178,167 | 180,065 | 182,301 | 183,150 | 182,541 | 182,646 | 183,046 | |
| By industry group: | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Durable goods industries, total †.....do | 163,582 | 167,261 | 162,795 | 164,522 | 165,519 | 167,261 | 168,962 | 169,304 | 169,704 | 171,587 | 174,047 | 174,859 | 174,072 | 174,245 | 174,682 | 1 177,974 |
| Primary metals.....do | 14,742 | 16,004 | 16,140 | 15,804 | 16,004 | 16,004 | 16,658 | 17,041 | 17,122 | 16,890 | 17,673 | 17,205 | 17,342 | 17,634 | 17,887 | 1 17,841 |
| Blast furnaces, steel mills.....do | 9,287 | 9,993 | 10,028 | 9,832 | 9,768 | 9,993 | 10,580 | 10,939 | 10,977 | 10,851 | 11,696 | 11,171 | 11,239 | 11,347 | 11,493 | |
| Nonferrous and other primary met.....do | 4,091 | 4,980 | 5,019 | 4,982 | 5,261 | 4,980 | 5,000 | 5,012 | 5,063 | 4,914 | 4,807 | 4,834 | 4,889 | 5,040 | 5,063 | |
| Fabricated metal products.....do | 23,690 | 23,302 | 22,881 | 22,997 | 23,192 | 23,302 | 23,464 | 23,374 | 23,501 | 23,494 | 23,577 | 23,353 | 23,179 | 23,222 | 22,994 | |
| Machinery, except electrical.....do | 45,472 | 43,808 | 43,886 | 43,914 | 43,843 | 43,808 | 44,279 | 44,419 | 44,361 | 44,133 | 44,215 | 44,894 | 44,988 | 45,420 | 45,490 | |
| Electrical machinery.....do | 21,239 | 23,251 | 22,246 | 22,678 | 22,812 | 23,251 | 23,774 | 23,741 | 23,437 | 23,772 | 24,383 | 24,497 | 24,500 | 24,556 | 24,660 | |
| Transportation equipment.....do | 50,236 | 52,753 | 49,690 | 50,958 | 51,445 | 52,753 | 52,744 | 52,534 | 52,729 | 54,517 | 55,371 | 56,234 | 55,351 | 54,575 | 54,114 | 1 56,518 |
| Aircraft, missiles, and parts.....do | 33,106 | 34,746 | 31,877 | 32,982 | 33,553 | 34,746 | 34,793 | 34,537 | 34,692 | 36,387 | 36,941 | 38,022 | 37,425 | 36,928 | 36,641 | |
| Nondur. goods ind. with unfilled orders⊕.....do | 7,856 | 8,192 | 7,708 | 7,946 | 7,814 | 8,192 | 8,217 | 8,229 | 8,463 | 8,478 | 8,254 | 8,291 | 8,469 | 8,401 | 8,530 | |
| By market category: † | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Home goods, appare, consumer staples.....do | 3,209 | 3,302 | 3,174 | 3,324 | 3,303 | 3,302 | 3, | | | | | | | | | |