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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	1976	1977	1977											1978		
	Annual		Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.
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. \$.	14,039	14,558	14,056	14,296	14,608	14,747	14,888	14,699	14,708	14,614	14,566	14,479	14,558	*14,948	15,103	
Consumer staples.....do.	23,119	24,085	23,327	23,531	23,928	24,137	23,943	23,962	24,217	24,911	24,914	24,700	24,085	*24,319	24,293	
Equip. and defense prod., excl. auto.....do.	38,842	41,964	39,231	39,393	39,638	39,855	40,267	40,701	40,901	41,250	41,139	41,536	41,964	*42,032	43,134	
Automotive equip. ent.....do.	8,430	9,392	8,718	8,728	8,691	8,777	9,363	9,189	9,298	9,278	9,315	9,523	9,392	*9,631	9,540	
Construction materials and supplies.....do.	14,161	14,887	14,663	14,560	14,523	14,536	14,290	14,465	14,462	14,677	14,861	14,951	14,887	*15,209	15,583	
Other materials and supplies.....do.	67,996	72,834	68,454	68,871	69,359	70,577	71,067	71,555	71,518	71,434	71,994	71,973	72,834	*71,795	71,878	
Supplementary series:																
Household durables.....do.	6,923	7,403	7,117	7,275	7,407	7,494	7,565	7,487	7,559	7,517	7,488	7,445	7,403	*7,625	7,774	
Capital goods industries.....do.	43,104	46,670	43,737	43,992	44,335	44,671	45,206	45,391	45,641	45,897	45,730	46,092	46,670	*46,701	47,780	
Nondefense.....do.	36,527	40,020	37,112	37,475	37,733	38,034	38,332	38,455	38,715	39,043	39,134	39,461	40,020	*40,045	40,801	
Defense.....do.	6,577	6,650	6,625	6,517	6,602	6,637	6,864	6,936	6,926	6,854	6,596	6,631	6,650	*6,656	6,979	
New orders, net (not seas. adj.), total †Δ.....do.	1,183,468	1,346,031	107,879	114,873	113,054	111,066	117,795	103,311	111,036	117,055	121,661	115,378	114,312	*108,991	121,787	
Durable goods industries, total.....do.	608,170	710,307	55,651	60,900	59,824	58,899	63,372	53,317	57,107	61,713	66,022	61,156	61,298	*57,763	*65,371	
Nondurable goods industries, totalΔ.....do.	573,796	635,724	52,228	53,973	53,230	52,167	54,224	49,994	53,929	55,342	55,639	54,222	53,014	*51,228	56,416	
New orders, net (seas. adj.), total †Δ.....do.	*1,183,468	*1,346,031	106,575	111,788	111,547	111,693	111,702	108,598	111,494	112,441	116,543	116,068	121,566	*116,272	120,703	
By industry group:																
Durable goods industries, total†.....do.	609,450	710,307	55,133	59,160	58,652	59,176	58,378	56,031	58,270	58,048	62,503	61,984	66,162	62,256	*65,059	
Primary metals.....do.	90,046	101,072	7,974	8,647	7,904	9,079	7,959	8,311	8,576	8,692	8,094	8,901	8,948	*9,095	*9,095	
Blast furnaces, steel mills.....do.	45,846	51,820	4,068	4,304	3,906	5,089	3,945	4,316	4,382	4,513	4,140	4,747	4,356	*4,957	4,852	
Nonferrous and other primary met.....do.	34,956	38,019	3,031	3,438	3,102	3,062	3,077	3,067	3,234	3,208	3,010	3,155	3,605	*3,256	3,178	
Fabricated metal products.....do.	79,256	88,419	6,960	7,832	7,363	7,337	7,236	6,798	7,346	7,204	7,759	8,051	7,609	*7,810	8,212	
Machinery, except electrical.....do.	108,236	125,915	9,998	9,991	9,791	10,143	10,572	10,130	10,897	10,823	11,162	10,717	11,650	*10,561	11,307	
Electrical machinery.....do.	74,111	84,478	6,713	6,338	6,941	7,163	6,866	6,901	6,973	7,076	7,112	7,762	7,768	*8,448	8,318	
Transportation equipment.....do.	138,649	169,852	12,614	14,564	15,128	14,179	14,725	12,667	12,417	13,145	16,141	14,413	17,229	*14,026	*15,539	
Aircraft, missiles, and parts.....do.	30,009	39,084	2,329	2,887	4,252	3,421	3,814	2,123	2,183	2,682	4,251	3,284	5,547	*3,247	3,913	
Nondurable goods industries, totalΔ.....do.	574,016	635,724	51,442	52,628	52,895	52,517	53,146	52,567	53,224	53,393	54,040	54,084	55,404	*54,016	55,644	
Industries with unfilled orders@.....do.	127,856	141,216	11,240	11,772	11,789	11,484	11,787	11,756	11,922	11,985	12,038	11,944	12,480	*12,050	12,069	
Industries without unfilled orders†Δ.....do.	446,160	494,375	40,202	40,856	41,106	41,033	41,359	40,811	41,302	41,408	42,002	42,140	42,924	*41,966	43,575	
By market category:†																
Home goods and apparelΔ.....do.	*93,224	*105,606	8,413	8,273	8,377	8,588	8,549	8,796	9,161	9,025	9,481	9,223	9,556	*9,348	9,448	
Consumer staples.....do.	*217,424	*232,791	19,008	19,316	19,514	19,032	19,531	19,108	19,660	19,432	19,536	19,885	20,050	*19,600	20,718	
Equip. and defense prod., excl. auto.....do.	*163,818	*188,450	14,323	14,478	16,169	15,948	15,799	14,484	14,332	15,242	17,899	17,309	18,738	*16,726	17,985	
Automotive equipment.....do.	*110,631	*136,624	10,717	12,413	11,627	11,074	11,542	11,022	11,076	11,016	11,443	11,152	11,963	*11,076	11,903	
Construction materials and supplies.....do.	*99,180	*117,815	9,227	9,706	9,545	9,564	9,683	9,418	10,129	9,883	10,300	10,732	10,774	*10,576	11,070	
Other materials and supplies.....do.	*498,255	*564,745	44,884	47,570	46,315	47,487	46,440	45,770	47,136	47,843	47,894	47,767	50,485	*48,946	49,579	
Supplementary series:																
Household durables.....do.	*38,599	*44,359	3,510	3,425	3,443	3,493	3,587	3,589	3,931	3,773	4,066	3,944	4,159	*4,047	*4,086	
Capital goods industries.....do.	*183,614	*216,668	16,136	16,775	18,276	18,293	17,717	16,341	16,676	17,819	20,770	19,453	22,210	*19,355	20,483	
Nondefense.....do.	*154,114	*183,250	14,249	14,561	14,679	15,000	15,535	14,409	14,678	16,189	16,502	15,883	17,366	*16,428	17,578	
Defense.....do.	*29,499	*33,418	1,887	2,214	3,597	3,293	2,182	1,932	1,998	1,630	4,268	3,570	4,844	*2,927	2,905	
Unfilled orders, end of year or month (unadjusted), total.....mil. \$.	174,222	192,902	177,780	178,453	180,255	180,563	181,521	182,632	183,774	183,974	187,386	189,282	192,902	*197,166	200,876	
Durable goods industries, total.....do.	166,408	184,418	169,532	169,884	171,526	172,024	173,045	173,984	175,322	175,617	178,950	180,840	184,418	*188,337	191,978	
Nondur. goods ind. with unfilled orders@.....do.	7,814	8,484	8,248	8,569	8,729	8,539	8,476	8,648	8,452	8,357	8,436	8,442	8,484	*8,898	8,817	
Unfilled orders, end of year or month (seasonally adjusted) total.....mil. \$.	175,453	194,056	177,623	178,167	180,065	182,301	183,150	182,541	182,646	183,166	186,590	189,416	194,056	*197,568	200,845	
By industry group:																
Durable goods industries, total?.....do.	167,261	185,239	169,394	169,704	171,587	174,047	174,859	174,072	174,245	174,682	177,923	180,750	185,239	*188,601	*191,961	
Primary metals.....do.	16,004	18,660	17,041	17,122	16,890	17,673	17,205	17,342	17,634	17,887	17,733	18,312	18,660	*19,560	*19,807	
Blast furnaces, steel mills.....do.	9,993	11,873	10,939	10,977	10,851	11,696	11,171	11,239	11,347	11,489	11,385	11,837	11,873	*12,709	13,025	
Nonferrous and other primary met.....do.	4,980	5,488	5,012	5,063	4,914	4,807	4,834	4,880	5,040	5,129	5,090	5,193	5,488	*5,437	5,340	
Fabricated metal products.....do.	23,302	23,765	23,374	23,501	23,494	23,577	23,353	23,179	23,222	22,995	23,152	23,711	23,765	*24,355	24,725	
Machinery, except electrical.....do.	43,808	47,199	44,419	44,361	44,133	44,215	44,894	44,988	45,420	45,909	46,462	46,605	47,199	*47,612	48,154	
Electrical machinery.....do.	23,251	25,632	23,741	23,437	23,772	24,383	24,497	24,500	24,556	24,679	24,740	25,276	25,632	*26,459	27,193	
Transportation equipment.....do.	52,753	60,202	52,534	52,729	54,517	55,371	56,234	55,351	54,575	54,114	56,431	57,327	60,202	*60,684	*62,036	
Aircraft, missiles, and parts.....do.	34,746	41,573	34,537	34,692	36,387	36,941	38,022	37,425	36,928	36,839	38,199	38,872	41,573	*41,958	42,977	
Nondur. goods ind. with unfilled orders@.....do.	8,192	8,817	8,229	8,463	8,478	8,254	8,291	8,469	8,401	8,484	8,667	8,666	8,817	*9,931	10,046	
By market category:†																
Home goods, apparel, consumer staples.....do.	3,302	4,111	3,501	3,370	3,445	3,507	3									