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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		Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.
GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS—Continued																
MANUFACTURERS' SALES, INVENTORIES, AND ORDERS ¹ —Continued																
Inventories, end of year or month ² —Continued																
Book value (seasonally adjusted)—Continued																
By market category: ³																
Home goods and apparel.....mil. \$	14,783	15,340	14,974	15,148	15,295	15,253	15,319	15,358	15,260	15,264	15,193	15,340	15,738	15,848	15,995	
Consumer staples.....do	22,933	23,942	23,520	23,755	23,988	24,137	24,010	24,131	24,626	24,503	24,393	23,942	24,092	23,902	24,181	
Equip. and defense prod., excl. auto.....do	39,574	42,836	40,095	40,326	40,676	40,693	41,080	41,376	41,729	41,783	42,155	42,836	42,971	43,869	44,554	
Automotive equipment.....do	9,718	10,108	9,794	9,773	9,910	10,098	9,988	10,173	10,257	10,114	10,308	10,108	10,377	10,276	10,383	
Construction materials and supplies.....do	14,270	14,935	14,594	14,653	14,635	14,535	14,639	14,630	14,777	14,937	15,046	14,935	15,203	15,720	15,734	
Other materials and supplies.....do	68,608	72,553	69,759	70,360	71,212	71,752	72,261	72,414	72,862	72,700	72,745	72,553	72,596	72,778	72,929	
Supplementary series:																
Household durables.....do	7,260	7,771	7,539	7,657	7,761	7,747	7,758	7,812	7,814	7,808	7,758	7,771	8,026	8,053	8,125	
Capital goods industries.....do	43,056	46,677	43,926	44,171	44,546	44,665	44,839	45,201	45,544	45,546	45,926	46,677	46,966	47,824	48,700	
Nondefense.....do	36,720	40,294	37,675	37,945	38,303	38,348	38,522	38,851	39,231	39,389	39,663	40,294	40,512	41,188	42,043	
Defense.....do	6,336	6,383	6,251	6,226	6,243	6,317	6,317	6,350	6,313	6,157	6,263	6,383	6,454	6,636	6,657	
New orders, net (not seas. adj.), total ⁴ Δ.....do	1,189,604	1,354,099	1,115,852	1,113,576	1,111,445	1,118,079	1,103,795	1,111,623	1,117,770	1,122,435	1,116,122	1,114,989	1,109,738	1,123,292	1,120,765	
Durable goods industries, total.....do	611,963	717,537	61,808	60,407	59,555	63,955	53,776	57,598	62,243	66,699	61,767	61,797	58,378	66,462	71,693	
Non-durable goods industries, totalΔ.....do	577,641	636,562	54,044	53,169	51,890	54,124	50,019	54,025	55,527	55,736	54,355	53,192	51,360	56,830	58,072	
New orders, net (seas. adj.), total ⁴ Δ.....do	1,189,604	1,354,099	1,112,190	1,111,269	1,111,102	1,112,141	1,108,868	1,112,615	1,113,680	1,117,331	1,117,024	1,122,128	1,118,100	1,122,815	1,125,895	
By industry group:																
Durable goods industries, total ⁵do	611,963	717,537	59,294	58,800	58,835	59,111	56,367	59,269	60,364	63,556	62,821	66,165	63,536	66,803	69,008	
Primary metals.....do	94,226	105,968	8,970	8,661	8,889	8,330	8,638	8,918	8,988	8,696	9,268	9,347	9,857	9,946	10,127	
Blast furnaces, steel mills.....do	47,396	53,394	4,539	4,356	4,650	4,103	4,374	4,452	4,665	4,359	4,766	4,600	4,938	5,302	5,365	
Nonferrous and other primary met.....do	37,377	41,360	3,551	3,422	3,301	3,304	3,288	3,503	3,358	3,376	3,501	3,746	3,940	3,611	3,753	
Fabricated metal products.....do	76,997	85,609	7,502	7,125	7,086	6,969	6,581	7,033	7,124	7,509	7,635	7,447	7,597	8,019	7,880	
Machinery, except electrical.....do	103,901	122,489	9,862	9,712	9,842	10,085	9,720	10,469	10,576	10,762	10,797	11,210	10,563	11,482	11,534	
Electrical machinery.....do	75,884	88,241	6,716	7,161	7,389	7,186	7,178	7,439	7,381	7,564	8,059	8,000	8,434	8,460	8,187	
Transportation equipment.....do	143,606	178,617	14,809	15,115	14,552	15,563	13,260	13,721	14,518	17,117	15,247	17,569	14,950	16,514	18,251	
Aircraft, missiles, and parts.....do	32,279	42,420	2,865	4,189	3,402	4,398	2,494	2,841	3,328	4,519	3,283	5,240	3,675	4,162	4,277	
Non-durable goods industries, totalΔ.....do	577,641	636,562	52,896	52,469	52,267	53,030	52,501	53,346	53,316	53,775	54,203	55,963	54,564	56,012	56,887	
Industries with unfilled orders ⁶do	124,527	139,673	11,564	11,490	11,372	11,696	11,656	11,782	11,730	11,770	11,932	12,289	12,002	12,047	12,433	
Industries without unfilled orders ⁶ Δ.....do	453,114	496,889	41,332	40,979	40,895	41,334	40,845	41,564	41,586	42,005	42,271	43,674	42,562	43,965	44,454	
By market category: ⁷																
Home goods and apparelΔ.....do	2 93,444	2 103,442	8,196	8,277	8,325	8,500	8,496	8,953	8,736	9,146	8,908	9,325	9,007	9,222	9,174	
Consumer staples.....do	2 227,963	2 244,051	20,519	20,289	19,899	20,307	19,727	20,503	20,298	20,339	20,908	21,494	20,680	21,984	22,219	
Equip. and defense prod., excl. auto.....do	2 118,051	2 186,752	14,825	15,655	15,483	15,929	14,049	14,538	15,436	17,555	17,070	17,785	16,839	17,944	18,691	
Automotive equipment.....do	2 112,788	2 138,805	11,944	11,427	11,288	11,606	11,262	11,494	11,536	12,101	11,736	12,524	11,475	12,521	13,011	
Construction materials and supplies.....do	2 94,415	2 110,261	9,153	8,901	9,029	9,056	8,791	9,342	9,406	9,634	9,885	10,008	10,011	10,417	10,433	
Other materials and supplies.....do	2 502,943	2 570,788	47,553	46,720	47,078	46,743	46,543	47,785	48,268	48,516	48,517	50,992	50,088	50,727	52,367	
Supplementary series:																
Household durables.....do	2 40,462	2 45,733	3,551	3,575	3,577	3,723	3,695	4,070	3,820	4,138	3,998	4,253	3,994	3,998	4,207	
Capital goods industries.....do	2 179,736	2 216,849	17,141	17,966	17,781	18,080	16,000	17,035	18,234	20,556	19,511	21,384	19,583	20,660	21,931	
Nondefense.....do	2 150,011	2 182,413	14,611	14,687	14,893	15,490	13,936	14,527	16,124	16,097	16,090	16,988	16,511	17,882	17,478	
Defense.....do	2 29,725	2 34,436	2,538	3,279	2,888	2,590	2,064	2,508	2,110	4,459	3,421	4,396	3,072	2,778	4,453	
Unfilled orders, end of year or month (unadjusted), total ⁸mil. \$																
Durable goods industries, total.....do	174,001	193,029	178,303	180,252	180,605	181,550	182,667	183,813	183,975	187,464	189,398	193,029	197,329	201,132	205,691	
Non-dur. goods ind. with unfilled orders ⁶do	7,864	8,547	8,622	8,804	8,611	8,544	8,716	8,517	8,424	8,501	8,502	8,547	8,896	9,003	9,267	
Unfilled orders, end of year or month (seasonally adjusted) total ⁸mil. \$																
By industry group:	174,533	193,659	178,469	180,217	181,678	182,816	181,857	182,453	183,547	186,787	189,469	193,659	197,436	201,121	205,929	
Durable goods industries, total ⁹do	166,440	184,834	169,938	171,739	173,301	174,363	173,267	173,887	174,966	178,206	180,799	184,834	188,305	192,121	196,732	
Primary metals.....do	15,853	18,513	17,322	17,296	17,520	17,014	17,145	17,501	17,852	17,858	18,332	18,513	19,594	19,948	20,845	
Blast furnaces, steel mills.....do	9,962	11,852	11,158	11,219	11,502	11,002	11,081	11,234	11,524	11,500	11,882	11,852	12,627	12,996	13,679	
Nonferrous and other primary met.....do	4,850	5,350	5,067	4,952	4,854	4,829	4,853	5,025	5,073	5,095	5,156	5,350	5,613	5,526	5,687	
Fabricated metal products.....do	22,890	23,203	23,051	23,085	23,206	23,047	22,890	22,849	22,733	22,836	23,175	23,203	23,797	24,233	24,356	
Machinery, except electrical.....do	43,707	47,221	44,536	44,491	44,587	45,135	45,044	45,358	45,792	46,274	46,681	47,221	47,732	48,434	48,999	
Electrical machinery.....do	23,520	25,833	23,505	23,769	24,306	24,420	24,306	24,585	24,723	24,916	25,473	25,833	26,436	27,186	27,455	
Transportation equipment.....do	52,724	60,527	53,083	54,506	55,000	56,218	55,257	54,908	54,923	57,144	57,864	60,527	61,057	62,535	64,825	
Aircraft, missiles, and parts.....do	34,502	41,275	34,558	36,025	36,301	37,677	37,177	37,078	37,278	38,650	39,004	41,275	41,799	42,825	43,760	
Non-dur. goods ind. with unfilled orders ⁶do	8,113	8,825	8,531	8,478	8,377	8,453	8,590	8,566	8,581	8,581	8,670	8,825	9,041	9,000	9,197	
By market category: ⁷																
Home goods, apparel, consumer staples.....do	3,285	4,091	3,381	3,462	3,545	3,498	3,602	3,907	3,889	4,111	4,060	4,091	4,219	4,309	4,289	
Equip. and defense prod., incl. auto.....do	100,355	110,4														