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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		July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.
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. \$	14,783	15,340	15,319	15,358	15,260	15,264	15,193	15,340	15,738	15,848	15,947	16,066	16,183	*16,276	16,681	-----
Consumer staples.....do	22,933	23,942	24,010	24,131	24,626	24,503	24,393	23,942	24,092	23,902	24,157	24,621	24,928	*25,407	25,206	-----
Equip. and defense prod., excl. auto.....do	39,574	42,836	41,080	41,376	41,729	41,783	42,155	42,836	42,971	43,869	44,645	45,228	46,155	*46,761	47,382	-----
Automotive equipment.....do	9,718	10,108	9,988	10,173	10,257	10,114	10,308	10,108	10,377	10,276	10,256	10,129	10,297	*10,265	10,083	-----
Construction materials and supplies.....do	14,270	14,935	14,639	14,630	14,777	14,937	15,046	14,935	15,203	15,720	15,853	16,059	16,091	*16,293	16,255	-----
Other materials and supplies.....do	68,608	72,553	72,261	72,414	72,382	72,700	72,745	72,553	72,596	72,778	73,002	73,612	73,035	*74,555	75,320	-----
Supplementary series:																
Household durables.....do	7,260	7,771	7,758	7,812	7,814	7,808	7,758	7,771	8,026	8,053	8,116	8,188	8,301	*8,307	8,600	-----
Capital goods industries.....do	43,056	46,677	44,839	45,201	45,544	45,546	45,926	46,677	46,966	47,824	48,772	49,518	50,512	*51,399	52,184	-----
Nondefense.....do	36,720	40,294	38,522	38,851	39,231	39,389	39,663	40,294	40,512	41,188	42,151	42,780	*43,610	*44,583	45,204	-----
Defense.....do	6,336	6,383	6,317	6,350	6,313	6,157	6,263	6,383	6,454	6,636	6,621	6,738	*6,863	*6,816	6,980	-----
New orders, net (not seas. adj.), total †Δ.....do	1,189,604	1,354,099	103,795	111,623	117,770	122,435	116,122	114,989	109,532	*123,022	*129,668	*130,899	*128,665	*134,171	116,749	-----
Durable goods industries, total.....do	611,963	717,537	53,776	57,598	62,243	66,899	61,767	61,797	58,172	66,343	71,712	71,890	70,723	*74,237	*61,702	*68,037
Nondurable goods industries, totalΔ.....do	577,641	636,562	50,019	54,025	55,527	55,736	54,355	53,192	51,360	*56,679	*57,956	*59,009	*57,942	*59,934	55,444	-----
New orders, net (seas. adj.), total †Δ.....do	21,189,604	21,354,099	108,868	112,615	113,680	117,331	117,024	122,128	117,899	*122,544	*125,801	*128,175	*128,450	*127,580	122,684	-----
By industry group:																
Durable goods industries, total†.....do	611,963	717,537	56,367	59,269	60,364	63,556	62,821	66,165	63,335	66,681	69,016	70,033	70,045	*68,840	*65,187	*70,131
Primary metals.....do	94,226	105,968	8,638	8,918	8,988	8,896	9,268	9,347	9,857	9,946	10,228	10,308	10,754	*10,428	*10,095	*10,620
Blast furnaces, steel mills.....do	47,396	53,394	4,374	4,452	4,665	4,359	4,766	4,609	4,938	5,302	5,376	5,331	5,845	*5,451	*5,170	-----
Nonferrous and other primary met.....do	37,377	41,360	3,288	3,503	3,358	3,376	3,501	3,746	3,940	3,611	3,850	3,957	3,811	*3,954	3,815	-----
Fabricated metal products.....do	76,997	85,609	6,581	7,033	7,124	7,509	7,635	7,447	7,597	8,019	7,826	8,778	8,023	*7,736	7,439	-----
Machinery, except electrical.....do	103,901	122,489	9,720	10,469	10,576	10,762	10,797	11,210	10,563	11,482	11,573	11,536	11,872	*11,477	11,524	-----
Electrical machinery.....do	75,884	88,241	7,178	7,439	7,381	7,564	8,059	8,000	8,434	8,460	8,319	8,626	8,352	*8,239	7,837	-----
Transportation equipment.....do	143,606	178,617	13,260	13,721	14,518	17,117	15,247	17,569	14,749	16,392	18,085	17,721	18,019	*17,953	15,226	-----
Aircraft, missiles, and parts.....do	32,279	42,420	2,494	2,841	3,328	4,519	3,283	5,240	3,474	4,040	4,221	4,943	4,832	*5,677	3,235	-----
Nondurable goods industries, totalΔ.....do	577,641	636,562	52,501	53,346	53,316	53,775	54,203	55,963	54,564	*55,863	*56,785	*58,142	*58,405	*58,740	58,246	-----
Industries with unfilled orders@.....do	124,527	139,673	11,656	11,782	11,730	11,770	11,932	12,289	12,002	12,047	12,412	12,880	12,971	*12,934	13,029	-----
Industries without unfilled orders†Δ.....do	453,114	496,889	40,845	41,564	41,586	42,005	42,271	43,674	42,562	*43,816	*44,373	*45,262	*45,434	*45,806	45,217	-----
By market category:†																
Home goods and apparelΔ.....do	93,444	103,442	8,496	8,953	8,736	9,146	8,908	9,325	9,007	9,222	9,160	9,735	9,422	*9,398	9,034	-----
Consumer staples.....do	227,963	244,051	19,727	20,503	20,293	20,339	20,908	21,494	20,680	21,984	22,222	22,534	22,549	*22,526	22,474	-----
Equip. and defense prod., excl. auto.....do	158,051	186,752	14,049	14,538	15,436	17,555	17,070	17,785	16,839	17,822	18,802	18,423	19,295	*18,317	15,945	-----
Automotive equipment.....do	112,788	138,805	11,262	11,494	11,536	12,101	11,736	12,524	11,475	12,521	12,895	13,171	13,018	*12,612	11,976	-----
Construction materials and supplies.....do	94,415	110,261	8,791	9,342	9,406	9,634	9,885	10,008	10,011	10,417	10,397	11,218	10,600	*10,690	10,446	-----
Other materials and supplies.....do	502,943	570,788	46,543	47,785	48,268	48,556	48,517	50,992	50,088	*50,673	*52,325	*53,094	*53,556	*54,037	52,809	-----
Supplementary series:																
Household durables.....do	40,462	45,733	3,695	4,070	3,820	4,138	3,998	4,253	3,994	3,998	4,262	4,513	4,150	*4,263	3,867	-----
Capital goods industries.....do	179,736	216,849	16,030	17,035	18,234	20,556	19,511	21,384	19,382	20,538	21,992	21,440	22,202	*21,592	19,037	-----
Nondefense.....do	150,011	182,413	13,936	14,527	16,124	16,097	16,090	16,988	16,511	17,882	17,507	17,409	18,124	*18,155	16,705	-----
Defense.....do	29,725	34,436	2,064	2,508	2,110	4,459	3,421	4,396	2,871	2,656	4,485	4,031	4,078	*3,437	2,332	-----
Unfilled orders, end of year or month (unadjusted), total.....mil. \$	174,001	193,029	182,667	183,813	183,975	187,464	189,398	193,029	197,123	200,807	205,248	209,132	212,654	*215,098	217,197	-----
Durable goods industries, total.....do	166,137	184,482	173,951	175,296	175,551	178,963	180,896	184,482	188,227	191,804	196,039	199,549	202,915	*205,310	*207,714	*210,886
Nondur. goods ind. with unfilled orders@.....do	7,864	8,547	8,716	8,517	8,424	8,501	8,502	8,547	8,896	9,003	9,209	9,583	9,739	*9,788	9,868	-----
Unfilled orders, end of year or month (seasonally adjusted) total.....mil. \$	174,553	193,659	181,857	182,453	183,547	186,787	189,469	193,659	197,235	200,798	205,500	209,133	214,010	*216,754	216,400	-----
By industry group:																
Durable goods industries, total †.....do	166,440	184,834	173,267	173,887	174,966	178,206	180,799	184,834	188,194	191,798	196,359	199,895	204,516	*207,067	*207,026	*209,393
Primary metals.....do	15,853	18,513	17,145	17,501	17,852	17,858	18,332	18,513	19,594	19,948	20,866	21,349	22,476	*23,043	*23,232	*23,625
Blast furnaces, steel mills.....do	9,962	11,852	11,081	11,234	11,524	11,500	11,882	11,852	12,627	12,996	13,689	14,052	14,955	*15,344	15,456	-----
Nonferrous and other primary met.....do	4,850	5,350	4,853	5,025	5,073	5,095	5,156	5,350	5,613	5,526	5,696	5,819	5,990	*6,158	6,165	-----
Fabricated metal products.....do	22,890	23,203	22,890	22,849	22,733	22,836	23,175	23,203	23,797	24,233	24,213	24,976	25,118	*24,956	24,870	-----
Machinery, except electrical.....do	43,707	47,221	45,044	45,358	45,792	46,274	46,681	47,221	47,732	48,434	49,044	49,219	50,001	*50,055	50,046	-----
Electrical machinery.....do	23,520	25,833	24,396	24,585	24,723	24,916	25,473	25,833	26,436	27,186	27,526	28,031	28,455	*28,529	28,437	-----
Transportation equipment.....do	52,724	60,527	55,257	54,908	54,923	57,144	57,864	60,527	60,856	62,072	64,480	65,915	67,963	*70,029	69,745	-----
Aircraft, missiles, and parts.....do	34,502	41,275	37,177	37,078	37,278	38,650	39,004	41,275	41,598	42,502	43,396	44,998	46,008	*48,756	48,734	-----
Nondur. goods ind. with unfilled orders@.....do	8,113	8,825	8,590	8,566	8,581	8,581	8,670	8,825	9,041	9,000	9,141	9,238	9,494	*9,687	9,742	-----
By market category:†																