

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		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. \$	14,783	15,340	15,260	15,264	15,193	15,340	15,738	15,848	15,947	16,066	16,183	16,276	16,707	*16,859	16,934	-----
Consumer staples.....do	22,933	23,942	24,626	24,503	24,393	23,942	24,092	23,902	24,157	24,621	24,928	25,407	25,366	*25,511	26,038	-----
Equip. and defense prod., excl. auto.....do	39,574	42,836	41,729	41,783	42,155	42,836	42,971	43,869	44,645	45,228	46,155	46,761	47,339	*47,790	48,075	-----
Automotive equipment.....do	9,718	10,108	10,257	10,114	10,308	10,108	10,377	10,276	10,256	10,129	10,297	10,265	10,106	*10,510	10,768	-----
Construction materials and supplies.....do	14,270	14,935	14,777	14,937	15,046	14,935	15,203	15,720	15,853	16,059	16,091	16,293	16,299	*16,372	16,476	-----
Other materials and supplies.....do	68,608	72,553	72,362	72,700	72,745	72,553	72,596	72,778	73,002	73,612	73,035	74,555	75,350	*75,840	75,780	-----
Supplementary series:																
Household durables.....do	7,260	7,771	7,814	7,808	7,758	7,771	8,026	8,053	8,116	8,188	8,301	8,307	8,574	*8,635	8,703	-----
Capital goods industries.....do	43,056	46,677	45,544	45,546	45,926	46,677	46,966	47,824	48,772	49,518	50,512	51,399	52,112	*52,620	52,809	-----
Nondefense.....do	36,720	40,294	39,231	39,389	39,663	40,294	40,512	41,188	42,151	42,780	43,610	44,583	45,227	*45,743	46,025	-----
Defense.....do	6,336	6,383	6,313	6,157	6,263	6,383	6,454	6,636	6,621	6,738	6,863	6,816	6,885	*6,877	6,784	-----
New orders, net (not seas. adj.), total †Δ.....do	1,189,604	1,354,099	117,770	122,435	116,122	114,989	109,532	123,022	129,668	130,899	128,665	134,171	117,023	*128,873	136,192	-----
Durable goods industries, total.....do	611,963	717,537	62,243	66,699	61,767	61,797	58,172	66,343	71,712	71,890	70,723	74,237	61,702	*69,713	74,624	-----
Nondurable goods industries, totalΔ.....do	577,641	636,562	55,527	55,736	54,355	53,192	51,360	56,679	57,956	59,009	57,942	59,934	55,321	*60,160	61,568	-----
New orders, net (seas. adj.), total †Δ.....do	21,189,604	21,354,099	113,680	117,331	117,024	122,128	117,899	122,544	125,801	128,175	128,450	127,580	123,279	*130,952	131,372	-----
By industry group:																
Durable goods industries, total†.....do	611,963	717,537	60,364	63,556	62,821	66,165	63,335	66,681	69,016	70,033	70,045	68,840	65,187	*71,582	72,645	177,238
Primary metals.....do	94,226	105,968	8,988	8,696	9,268	9,347	9,857	9,946	10,228	10,308	10,754	10,428	10,095	*10,876	11,233	112,002
Blast furnaces, steel mills.....do	47,396	53,394	4,665	4,359	4,766	4,609	4,938	5,302	5,376	5,331	5,845	5,451	5,151	*5,184	5,764	15,975
Nonferrous and other primary met.....do	37,377	41,360	3,358	3,376	3,501	3,746	3,940	3,611	3,850	3,957	3,811	3,954	3,850	*4,504	4,277	-----
Fabricated metal products.....do	76,997	85,609	7,124	7,509	7,635	7,447	7,597	8,019	7,826	8,778	8,023	7,736	7,524	*8,294	8,196	18,676
Machinery, except electrical.....do	103,901	122,489	10,576	10,762	10,797	11,210	10,563	11,482	11,573	11,536	11,872	11,477	11,669	*11,830	12,708	112,957
Electrical machinery.....do	75,884	88,241	7,381	7,564	8,059	8,000	8,434	8,460	8,319	8,626	8,352	8,239	7,902	*8,730	8,919	18,758
Transportation equipment.....do	143,606	178,617	14,518	17,117	15,247	17,560	14,739	16,392	18,085	17,721	18,019	17,953	15,226	*18,516	18,536	120,911
Aircraft, missiles, and parts.....do	32,279	42,420	3,328	4,519	3,283	5,240	3,675	4,162	4,221	4,943	4,832	5,677	3,298	*5,460	5,360	-----
Nondurable goods industries, totalΔ.....do	577,641	636,562	53,316	53,775	54,203	55,963	54,564	55,863	56,785	58,142	58,405	58,740	58,092	*59,370	59,075	-----
Industries with unfilled orders⊕.....do	124,527	139,673	11,730	11,770	11,932	12,289	12,002	12,047	12,412	12,880	12,971	12,934	13,070	*13,208	12,948	-----
Industries without unfilled orders†Δ.....do	453,114	496,889	41,586	42,005	42,271	43,674	42,562	43,816	44,373	45,262	45,434	45,806	45,022	*46,162	46,127	-----
By market category:†																
Home goods and apparelΔ.....do	93,444	103,442	8,736	9,146	8,908	9,325	9,007	9,222	9,160	9,735	9,422	9,398	9,177	*9,955	9,768	-----
Consumer staples.....do	227,963	244,051	20,298	20,339	20,908	21,494	20,680	21,984	22,222	22,534	22,549	22,526	22,350	*22,840	22,710	-----
Equip. and defense prod., excl. auto.....do	158,051	186,752	15,436	17,555	17,070	17,785	16,839	17,822	18,802	18,423	19,295	18,317	16,204	*19,485	20,291	-----
Automotive equipment.....do	112,788	138,805	11,536	12,101	11,736	12,524	11,475	12,521	12,895	13,171	13,018	12,612	12,209	*13,000	13,117	-----
Construction materials and supplies.....do	94,415	110,261	9,406	9,634	9,885	10,008	10,011	10,417	10,397	11,218	10,600	10,600	10,437	*10,986	10,563	-----
Other materials and supplies.....do	502,943	570,788	48,268	48,556	48,517	50,992	50,088	50,673	52,325	53,094	53,556	54,037	52,902	*54,686	54,923	-----
Supplementary series:																
Household durables.....do	40,462	45,733	3,820	4,138	3,998	4,253	3,994	3,998	4,262	4,513	4,150	4,263	4,039	*4,563	4,456	14,158
Capital goods industries.....do	179,736	216,849	18,234	20,556	19,511	21,384	19,382	20,538	21,992	21,440	22,202	21,592	19,355	*22,701	23,667	25,696
Nondefense.....do	150,011	182,413	16,124	16,097	16,090	16,988	16,511	17,882	17,507	17,409	18,124	18,155	17,074	*19,344	20,149	22,178
Defense.....do	29,725	34,436	2,110	4,459	3,421	4,396	2,871	2,656	4,485	4,031	4,078	3,437	2,281	*3,357	3,518	13,518
Unfilled orders, end of year or month (unadjusted), total.....mil. \$	174,001	193,029	183,975	187,464	189,398	193,029	197,123	200,807	205,248	209,132	212,654	215,008	217,738	*221,444	223,768	-----
Durable goods industries, total.....do	166,137	184,482	175,551	178,963	180,996	184,482	188,227	191,804	196,039	199,549	202,915	205,310	207,714	*211,434	213,071	-----
Nondur. goods ind. with unfilled orders⊕.....do	7,864	8,547	8,424	8,501	8,502	8,547	8,896	9,003	9,209	9,583	9,739	9,788	10,024	*10,010	9,988	-----
Unfilled orders, end of year or month (seasonally adjusted) total†.....mil. \$	174,553	193,659	183,547	186,787	189,469	193,659	197,235	200,798	205,500	209,133	214,010	216,754	216,922	*219,999	223,532	-----
By industry group:																
Durable goods industries, total †.....do	166,440	184,834	174,966	178,206	180,799	184,834	188,194	191,798	196,359	199,895	204,516	207,067	207,026	*209,922	213,650	220,417
Primary metals.....do	15,853	18,513	17,852	17,858	18,332	18,513	19,594	19,948	20,866	21,349	22,476	23,043	23,232	*23,760	24,753	25,847
Blast furnaces, steel mills.....do	9,962	11,852	11,524	11,500	11,882	11,852	12,627	12,996	13,689	14,052	14,955	15,464	15,464	*15,583	16,193	16,672
Nonferrous and other primary met.....do	4,850	5,350	5,073	5,095	5,156	5,350	5,613	5,326	5,696	5,819	5,990	6,158	6,184	*6,421	6,702	-----
Fabricated metal products.....do	22,890	23,203	22,733	22,836	23,175	23,203	23,797	24,233	24,213	24,376	25,118	24,956	24,941	*24,993	24,990	25,480
Machinery, except electrical.....do	43,707	47,221	45,792	46,274	46,681	47,221	47,732	48,434	49,044	49,219	50,001	50,055	50,268	*50,266	50,912	51,361
Electrical machinery.....do	23,520	25,833	24,723	24,916	25,473	25,833	26,436	27,186	27,526	28,031	28,455	28,529	28,358	*28,594	29,006	29,168
Transportation equipment.....do	52,724	60,527	54,923	57,144	57,864	60,527	60,856	62,072	64,480	65,915	67,963	70,029	69,745	*71,938	73,733	77,773
Aircraft, missiles, and parts.....do	34,502	41,275	37,778	38,650	39,004	41,275	41,598	42,502	43,396	44,998	46,008	48,756	48,751	*50,650	51,897	-----
Nondur. goods ind. with unfilled orders⊕.....do	8,113	8,825	8,581	8,581	8,670	8,825	9,041	9,000	9,141	9,238	9,494	9,687	9,896	*10,077	10,181	-----
By market category:†																
Home goods, apparel, consumer staples.....do	3,285	4,091	3,889	4,111	4,060	4,091	4,219	4,309	4,285	4,457	4,483	4,329	4,266	*4,396	4,523	-----
Equip. and defense prod., incl. auto.....do	100,355	110,488	104,248	106,506	108,077	110,488	112,156	114,527	117,326	119,221	122,306	123,708	122,938	*124,857	127,170	-----
Construction materials and supplies.....do	17,881	18,765	18,224	18,289	18,675	18,765	19,249	19,731	19,852	20,417	20,366	20,269	20,102	*19,888	19,449	-----
Other materials and supplies.....do	53,032	60,315	57,186	57,881	58,657	60,315	61,611	62,231	64,037	65,038	66,855	68,448	69,616	*70,858	72,390	-----
Supplementary series:																
Household durables.....do	2,617	3,389	3,135	3,332	3,320	3,389	3,472	3,520	3,486	3,625	3,644	3,546	3,431	*3,546	3,649	13,331