

SURVEY OF CURRENT BUSINESS

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December 1978

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		Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.

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	15,264	15,193	15,340	15,738	15,848	15,947	16,066	16,183	16,276	16,707	16,859	*16,887	16,656
Consumer staples.....do.....	22,933	23,942	24,503	24,393	23,942	24,092	23,902	24,157	24,621	24,928	25,407	25,366	25,511	*25,919	25,877
Equip. and defense prod., excl. auto.....do.....	39,574	42,836	41,783	42,155	42,836	42,971	43,869	44,645	45,228	46,155	46,761	47,339	47,700	*48,255	49,098
Automotive equipment.....do.....	9,718	10,108	10,114	10,308	10,108	10,377	10,276	10,256	10,129	10,297	10,265	10,106	10,510	*10,751	10,047
Construction materials and supplies.....do.....	14,270	14,935	14,937	15,046	14,935	15,203	15,270	15,853	16,059	16,091	16,293	16,299	16,372	*16,503	16,786
Other materials and supplies.....do.....	68,608	72,552	72,700	72,745	72,552	72,596	72,778	73,002	73,612	73,035	74,555	75,350	75,840	*75,748	76,560

Supplementary series:

Household durables.....do.....	7,260	7,771	7,808	7,758	7,771	8,026	8,053	8,116	8,188	8,301	8,307	8,574	8,635	*8,678	8,579
Capital goods industries.....do.....	43,056	46,677	45,546	45,926	46,677	46,966	47,824	48,772	49,518	50,512	51,399	52,112	52,620	*53,007	54,054
Nondefense.....do.....	36,720	40,294	39,389	39,663	40,294	40,512	41,188	42,151	42,780	43,610	44,583	45,227	45,743	*46,246	47,095
Defense.....do.....	6,336	6,383	6,157	6,263	6,383	6,454	6,636	6,621	6,738	6,901	6,816	6,885	6,877	*6,761	6,959

New orders, net (not seas. adj.), total †Δ.....do.....	1,189,604	1,354,099	122,435	116,122	114,989	109,532	123,022	129,668	130,899	128,665	134,171	117,023	*129,873	*136,229	143,408
Durable goods industries, total.....do.....	611,963	717,537	66,699	61,767	61,797	58,172	66,343	71,712	71,890	70,723	74,237	61,702	69,713	*74,520	81,059
Nondurable goods industries, totalΔ.....do.....	577,641	636,562	55,736	54,355	53,192	51,360	56,679	57,956	59,009	57,942	59,934	55,321	60,160	*61,709	62,349

New orders, net (seas. adj.), total †Δ.....do.....

By industry group:

Durable goods industries, total†.....do.....	611,963	717,537	63,556	62,821	66,165	63,335	66,681	69,016	70,033	70,045	68,840	65,187	71,582	72,645	*77,297
Primary metals.....do.....	94,226	105,968	8,696	9,268	9,347	9,857	9,946	10,228	10,308	10,754	10,428	10,095	10,876	11,233	*11,819
Blast furnaces, steel mills.....do.....	47,396	53,394	4,359	4,766	4,609	4,938	5,302	5,376	5,331	5,845	5,451	5,151	5,184	5,764	*5,944
Nonferrous and other primary met.....do.....	37,377	41,360	3,767	3,501	3,746	3,940	3,611	3,850	3,957	3,811	3,954	3,850	4,504	*4,365	4,688

Fabricated metal products.....do.....	76,997	85,609	7,509	7,635	7,447	7,597	8,019	7,826	8,778	8,023	7,736	7,524	8,294	8,196	*8,604
Machinery, except electrical.....do.....	103,901	122,489	10,762	10,797	11,210	10,563	11,482	11,573	11,536	11,872	11,477	11,669	11,830	12,708	*13,063
Electrical machinery.....do.....	75,894	88,241	7,564	8,059	8,000	8,434	8,460	8,319	8,626	8,352	8,239	7,902	8,730	8,919	*8,969
Transportation equipment.....do.....	143,606	178,617	17,117	15,247	17,569	14,749	16,392	18,085	17,721	18,019	17,953	15,226	18,516	18,536	*20,820
Aircraft, missiles, and parts.....do.....	32,279	42,420	4,519	3,283	5,240	3,675	4,162	4,221	4,943	4,832	5,677	3,298	5,460	*5,412	5,721

Nondurable goods industries, totalΔ.....do.....	577,641	636,562	53,775	54,203	55,963	54,564	55,863	56,785	58,142	58,405	58,740	58,092	59,370	*59,195	60,146
Industries with unfilled orders⊕.....do.....	124,527	139,673	11,770	11,932	12,289	12,002	12,047	12,412	12,880	12,971	12,934	13,070	13,208	*12,866	13,019
Industries without unfilled orders†Δ.....do.....	453,114	496,889	42,005	42,271	43,674	42,562	43,816	44,373	45,262	45,434	45,806	45,022	46,162	*46,329	47,127

By market category:†

Home goods and apparelΔ.....do.....	93,444	103,442	9,146	8,908	9,325	9,007	9,222	9,160	9,735	9,422	9,398	9,177	9,955	*9,938	9,781
Consumer staples.....do.....	227,963	244,051	20,339	20,908	21,494	20,680	21,984	22,222	22,534	22,549	22,526	22,350	22,840	*22,626	23,218
Equip. and defense prod., excl. auto.....do.....	168,051	188,752	17,555	17,070	17,785	16,839	17,822	18,802	18,423	19,295	18,317	16,204	19,485	*20,281	22,014
Automotive equipment.....do.....	112,788	138,805	12,101	11,736	12,524	11,475	12,521	12,895	13,171	13,018	12,612	12,209	13,000	*13,132	13,810
Construction materials and supplies.....do.....	94,415	110,261	9,634	9,885	10,008	10,011	10,417	10,397	11,218	10,600	10,690	10,437	10,986	*10,714	11,627
Other materials and supplies.....do.....	502,943	570,788	48,556	48,517	50,992	50,088	50,673	52,325	53,094	53,556	54,037	52,902	54,668	*55,149	56,993

Supplementary series:															
Household durables.....do.....	40,462	45,733	4,138	3,998	4,253	3,994	3,998	4,262	4,513	4,150	4,263	4,039	4,563	*4,456	*4,320
Capital goods industries.....do.....	179,736	216,849	20,556	19,511	21,384	19,382	20,538	21,992	21,592	22,202	21,592	19,355	22,701	*23,667	*25,700
Nondefense.....do.....	150,011	182,413	16,097	16,090	16,988	16,511	17,882	17,507	17,409	18,124	18,155	17,074	19,344	*20,149	*22,236
Defense.....do.....	29,725	34,436	4,459	3,421	4,396	2,871	2,656	4,485	4,031	4,078	3,437	2,281	3,357	*3,518	*3,464

Unfilled orders, end of year or month (unadjusted), total.....mil. \$..	174,001	193,029	187,464	189,398	193,029	197,123	200,807	205,248	209,132	212,654	215,098	217,738	221,444	*224,149	231,735
Durable goods industries, total.....do.....	166,137	184,482	178,963	180,896	184,482	188,227	191,804	196,039	199,549	202,915	205,310	207,714	211,434	*214,067	221,624
Nondur. goods ind. with unfilled orders⊕.....do.....	7,864	8,547	8,501	8,502	8,547	8,896	9,003	9,209	9,583	9,739	9,788	10,024	10,010	*10,082	10,111

Unfilled orders, end of year or month (seasonally adjusted) total.....mil. \$..	174,553	193,659	186,787	189,469	193,659	197,235	200,798	205,500	209,133	214,010	216,754	216,922	219,999	*223,921	230,933
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By industry group:

Durable goods industries, total Δ.....do.....	166,440	184,834	178,206	180,799	184,834	188,194	191,798	196,359	199,895	204,516	207,067	207,026	209,922	213,650	*220,727
Primary metals.....do.....	15,853	18,513	17,858	18,332	18,513	19,594	19,948	20,869	21,349	22,476	23,043	23,232	23,760	24,753	*25,715
Blast furnaces, steel mills.....do.....	9,982	11,852	11,500	11,882	11,852	12,627	12,996	13,686	14,052	14,955	15,344	15,464	15,583	16,193	*16,618
Nonferrous and other primary met.....do.....	4,850	5,350	5,095	5,156	5,350	5,613	5,526	5,696	5,819	5,990	6,158	6,184	6,421	*6,750	7,185

Fabricated metal products.....do.....	22,890	23,203	22,836	23,175	23,203	23,797	24,233	24,213	24,976	25,118	24,956	24,941	24,993	24,990	*25,416
Machinery, except electrical.....do.....	43,707	47,221	46,274	46,681	47,221	47,732	48,434	49,044	49,219	50,001	50,055	50,268	50,266	50,912	*51,581
Electrical machinery.....do.....	23,320	25,833	24,916	25,473	25,833	26,436	27,186	27,526	28,031	28,455	28,529	28,358	28,594	29,006	*29,360
Transportation equipment.....do.....	52,724	60,527	57,144	57,864	60,527	60,856	62,072	64,480	65,915	67,963	70,029	69,745	71,938	73,733	*78,064
Aircraft, missiles, and parts.....do.....	34,502	41,275	38,650	39,004	41,275	41,598	42,502	43,396	44,998	46,608	48,756	48,751	50,650	51,964	*54,363

Nondur. goods ind. with unfilled orders⊕.....do.....	8,113	8,825	8,581	8,670	8,825	9,041	9,000	9,141	9,238	9,494	9,687	9,896	10,077	*10,271	10,206
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By market category:†

Home goods, apparel, consumer staples.....do.....	3,285	4,091	4,111	4,060	4,091	4,219	4,309	4,285	4,457	4,483	4,329	4,266	4,396	*4,482	4,248
Equip. and defense prod., incl. auto.....do.....	100,355	110,488	106,506	108,077	110,488	112,156	114,527	117,326	119,221	122,306	123,708	122,938	124,857	*127,137	131,546
Construction materials and supplies.....do.....	17,881	18,765	18,289	18,675	18,765	19,249	19,731	19,852	20,417	20,366	20,269	20,102	19,888	*19,733	19,820
Other materials and supplies.....do.....	53,032	60,315	57,881	58,657	60,315	61,611	62,231	64,037	65,038	66,855	68,448	69,616	70,858	*72,569	75,319

Supplementary series:															
Household durables.....do.....	2,617	3,389	3,332	3,320	3,389	3,472	3,520	3,486	3,625	3,644	3,546	3,431	3,546	*3,649	*3,428
Capital goods industries.....do.....	109,386	120,899	116,072	117,723	120,899	122,307	124,388	127,402	129,310	132,453	134,393	134,172	136,464	*138,841	*143,741
Nondefense.....do.....	77,284	85,893	83,514	84,430	85,893	87,107	89,301	90,712	91,528	93,395	94,768	95,021	96,767	*98,560	*102,732
Defense.....do.....	32,102	35,006	32,558	32,293	35,006	35,200	35,087	36,690	37,782	39,058	39,625	39,151	39,697	*40,281	*41,009

Unfilled orders, end of year or month (seasonally adjusted) total.....mil. \$..	174,553	193,659	186,787	189,469	193,659	197,235	200,798	205,500	209,133	214,010	216,754	216,922	219,999	*223,921	230,933
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