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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 | | | | | | | | | | | | 1979 |
|--------|------|------|------|------|------|------|-----|------|------|------|-------|------|------|------|------|
| Annual | Dec. | Dec. | Jan. | Feb. | Mar. | Apr. | May | June | July | Aug. | Sept. | Oct. | Nov. | Dec. | Jan. |

GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS—Continued

MANUFACTURERS' SALES, INVENTORIES, AND ORDERS—Continued

Inventories, end of year or month—Continued
Book value (seasonally adjusted)—Continued

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| By market category:† | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Home goods and apparel.....mil. \$ | 14,783 | 15,340 | 15,340 | 15,738 | 15,848 | 15,947 | 16,066 | 16,183 | 16,276 | 16,707 | 16,859 | 16,887 | 16,618 | *16,679 | 16,751 | ----- |
| Consumer staples.....do | 22,933 | 23,942 | 23,942 | 24,092 | 23,902 | 24,157 | 24,621 | 24,928 | 25,407 | 25,366 | 25,511 | 25,919 | 25,990 | *26,271 | 26,049 | ----- |
| Equip. and defense prod., excl. auto.....do | 39,574 | 42,836 | 42,836 | 42,971 | 43,869 | 44,645 | 45,228 | 46,155 | 46,761 | 47,339 | 47,790 | 48,255 | 48,907 | *49,229 | 50,328 | ----- |
| Automotive equipment.....do | 9,718 | 10,108 | 10,108 | 10,377 | 10,276 | 10,256 | 10,129 | 10,297 | 10,265 | 10,106 | 10,510 | 10,751 | 10,066 | *10,474 | 9,909 | ----- |
| Construction materials and supplies.....do | 14,270 | 14,935 | 14,935 | 15,203 | 15,720 | 15,853 | 16,059 | 16,091 | 16,293 | 16,299 | 16,372 | 16,503 | 16,731 | *16,828 | 17,093 | ----- |
| Other materials and supplies.....do | 68,608 | 72,553 | 72,553 | 72,596 | 72,778 | 73,002 | 73,612 | 73,085 | 74,555 | 75,350 | 75,840 | 75,748 | 76,423 | *77,106 | 77,172 | ----- |
| Supplementary series: | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Household durables.....do | 7,260 | 7,771 | 7,771 | 8,026 | 8,053 | 8,116 | 8,188 | 8,301 | 8,307 | 8,574 | 8,635 | 8,678 | 8,559 | *8,590 | 8,640 | ----- |
| Capital goods industries.....do | 43,056 | 46,677 | 46,677 | 46,966 | 47,824 | 48,772 | 49,518 | 50,512 | 51,399 | 52,112 | 52,620 | 53,007 | 53,839 | *54,390 | 55,321 | ----- |
| Nondefense.....do | 36,720 | 40,294 | 40,294 | 40,512 | 41,188 | 42,151 | 42,780 | 43,610 | 44,583 | 45,227 | 45,743 | 46,246 | 46,905 | *47,522 | 48,231 | ----- |
| Defense.....do | 6,336 | 6,383 | 6,383 | 6,454 | 6,636 | 6,621 | 6,738 | 6,863 | 6,816 | 6,885 | 6,877 | 6,761 | 6,932 | *6,968 | 7,090 | ----- |
| New orders, net (not seas. adj.), total †Δ.....do | 1,189,604 | 1,354,099 | 114,989 | 109,532 | 123,022 | 129,668 | 130,899 | 128,665 | 134,171 | 117,023 | 129,873 | 136,129 | 143,141 | *136,573 | 130,608 | ----- |
| Durable goods industries, total.....do | 611,963 | 717,537 | 61,797 | 58,172 | 66,343 | 71,712 | 71,890 | 70,723 | 74,237 | 61,702 | 69,713 | 74,520 | 80,752 | *75,518 | 73,205 | 175,079 |
| Non-durable goods industries, totalΔ.....do | 577,641 | 636,562 | 53,192 | 51,360 | 56,679 | 57,956 | 59,009 | 57,942 | 59,934 | 55,321 | 60,160 | 61,609 | 62,389 | *61,055 | 58,670 | ----- |
| New orders, net (seas. adj.), total †Δ.....do | 1,189,604 | 1,354,099 | 122,128 | 117,899 | 122,544 | 125,801 | 128,175 | 128,450 | 127,580 | 123,279 | 130,952 | 131,840 | 137,162 | 137,618 | 138,562 | ----- |
| By industry group: | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Durable goods industries, total†.....do | 611,963 | 717,537 | 66,165 | 63,335 | 66,681 | 69,016 | 70,033 | 70,045 | 68,840 | 65,187 | 71,582 | 72,645 | 76,984 | 76,654 | *78,161 | 81,342 |
| Primary metals.....do | 94,226 | 105,968 | 9,347 | 9,857 | 9,946 | 10,228 | 10,308 | 10,754 | 10,428 | 10,095 | 10,876 | 11,233 | 11,722 | 11,092 | *11,806 | 13,139 |
| Blast furnaces, steel mills.....do | 47,396 | 53,394 | 4,609 | 4,938 | 5,302 | 5,376 | 5,331 | 5,845 | 5,451 | 5,151 | 5,184 | 5,764 | 5,917 | *5,527 | 5,795 | ----- |
| Nonferrous and other primary met.....do | 37,377 | 41,360 | 3,746 | 3,940 | 3,611 | 3,850 | 3,957 | 3,811 | 3,954 | 3,850 | 4,504 | 4,365 | 4,647 | *4,318 | 4,983 | ----- |
| Fabricated metal products.....do | 76,997 | 85,609 | 7,447 | 7,597 | 8,019 | 7,826 | 8,778 | 8,023 | 7,736 | 7,524 | 8,294 | 8,196 | 8,524 | *8,804 | 9,324 | ----- |
| Machinery, except electrical.....do | 103,901 | 122,489 | 11,210 | 10,563 | 11,482 | 11,573 | 11,536 | 11,872 | 11,477 | 11,669 | 11,830 | 12,708 | 13,234 | *13,099 | 12,618 | ----- |
| Electrical machinery.....do | 75,894 | 88,241 | 8,000 | 8,434 | 8,460 | 8,319 | 8,626 | 8,352 | 8,239 | 7,902 | 8,730 | 8,919 | 8,988 | *8,960 | 9,247 | ----- |
| Transportation equipment.....do | 143,606 | 178,617 | 17,569 | 14,749 | 16,392 | 18,085 | 17,721 | 18,019 | 17,953 | 15,226 | 18,516 | 18,536 | 20,553 | *20,916 | 20,116 | 21,552 |
| Aircraft, missiles, and parts.....do | 32,279 | 42,420 | 5,240 | 3,675 | 4,162 | 4,221 | 4,943 | 4,832 | 5,677 | 3,298 | 5,460 | 5,412 | 5,594 | 6,949 | 5,789 | ----- |
| Non-durable goods industries, totalΔ.....do | 577,641 | 636,562 | 55,963 | 54,564 | 55,863 | 56,785 | 58,142 | 58,405 | 58,740 | 58,092 | 59,370 | 59,195 | 60,178 | *61,964 | 61,720 | ----- |
| Industries with unfilled orders⊕.....do | 124,527 | 139,673 | 12,289 | 12,002 | 12,047 | 12,412 | 12,880 | 12,971 | 12,934 | 13,070 | 13,208 | 12,866 | 12,986 | *13,273 | 12,896 | ----- |
| Industries without unfilled orders†Δ.....do | 453,114 | 496,889 | 43,674 | 42,562 | 43,816 | 44,373 | 45,262 | 45,434 | 45,806 | 45,022 | 46,162 | 46,329 | 47,192 | *47,691 | 48,824 | ----- |
| By market category:† | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Home goods and apparelΔ.....do | 93,444 | 103,442 | 9,325 | 9,007 | 9,222 | 9,160 | 9,735 | 9,422 | 9,398 | 9,177 | 9,955 | 9,938 | 9,808 | *9,797 | 10,083 | ----- |
| Consumer staples.....do | 227,963 | 244,051 | 21,494 | 20,680 | 21,984 | 22,222 | 22,534 | 22,549 | 22,526 | 22,350 | 22,840 | 22,626 | 23,188 | *23,402 | 23,772 | ----- |
| Equip. and defense prod., excl. auto.....do | 158,051 | 186,752 | 17,785 | 16,839 | 17,822 | 18,802 | 18,423 | 19,295 | 18,317 | 16,204 | 19,485 | 20,281 | 21,709 | *21,165 | 20,555 | ----- |
| Automotive equipment.....do | 112,788 | 138,805 | 12,524 | 11,475 | 12,521 | 12,895 | 13,171 | 13,018 | 12,612 | 12,209 | 13,000 | 13,132 | 13,947 | *14,261 | 13,684 | ----- |
| Construction materials and supplies.....do | 94,415 | 110,261 | 10,008 | 10,011 | 10,417 | 10,397 | 11,218 | 10,600 | 10,690 | 10,437 | 10,986 | 10,714 | 11,640 | *11,551 | 12,331 | ----- |
| Other materials and supplies.....do | 502,943 | 570,788 | 50,992 | 50,088 | 50,673 | 52,325 | 53,094 | 53,556 | 54,037 | 52,902 | 54,686 | 55,149 | 56,870 | *57,442 | 58,137 | ----- |
| Supplementary series: | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Household durables.....do | 40,462 | 45,733 | 4,253 | 3,994 | 3,998 | 4,262 | 4,513 | 4,150 | 4,263 | 4,039 | 4,563 | 4,456 | 4,295 | *4,320 | 4,446 | 14,389 |
| Capital goods industries.....do | 179,736 | 216,849 | 21,384 | 19,382 | 20,538 | 21,992 | 21,440 | 22,202 | 21,592 | 19,355 | 22,701 | 23,607 | 25,455 | *25,234 | 25,817 | 125,817 |
| Nondefense.....do | 150,011 | 182,413 | 16,988 | 16,511 | 17,882 | 17,507 | 17,409 | 18,124 | 18,155 | 17,074 | 19,344 | 20,149 | 22,219 | *20,575 | 20,379 | 122,988 |
| Defense.....do | 29,725 | 34,436 | 4,396 | 2,871 | 2,656 | 4,485 | 4,081 | 4,078 | 3,437 | 2,281 | 3,357 | 3,518 | 3,236 | *4,659 | 4,250 | 12,829 |
| Unfilled orders, end of year or month (unadjusted), total†.....mil. \$ | 174,001 | 193,029 | 193,029 | 197,123 | 200,807 | 205,248 | 209,132 | 212,654 | 215,098 | 217,738 | 221,444 | 224,149 | 231,261 | *235,753 | 239,950 | ----- |
| Durable goods industries, total.....do | 166,137 | 184,482 | 184,482 | 188,227 | 191,804 | 196,039 | 199,549 | 202,915 | 205,310 | 207,714 | 211,434 | 214,067 | 221,233 | *225,619 | 229,874 | 237,494 |
| Non-dur. goods ind. with unfilled orders⊕.....do | 7,864 | 8,547 | 8,547 | 8,896 | 9,003 | 9,209 | 9,583 | 9,739 | 9,788 | 10,024 | 10,010 | 10,082 | 10,128 | *10,134 | 10,105 | ----- |
| Unfilled orders, end of year or month (seasonally adjusted) total†.....mil. \$ | 174,553 | 193,659 | 193,659 | 197,235 | 200,798 | 205,500 | 209,133 | 214,010 | 216,754 | 216,922 | 219,999 | 223,921 | 230,464 | *235,704 | 240,496 | ----- |
| By industry group: | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Durable goods industries, total †.....do | 166,440 | 184,834 | 184,834 | 188,194 | 191,798 | 196,359 | 199,895 | 204,516 | 207,067 | 207,026 | 209,922 | 213,650 | 220,341 | *225,361 | 230,106 | 237,139 |
| Primary metals.....do | 15,853 | 18,513 | 18,513 | 19,594 | 19,948 | 20,866 | 21,340 | 22,476 | 23,043 | 23,232 | 23,760 | 24,753 | 25,612 | *25,834 | 26,216 | 128,529 |
| Blast furnaces, steel mills.....do | 9,962 | 11,852 | 11,852 | 12,627 | 12,996 | 13,689 | 14,052 | 14,955 | 15,344 | 15,464 | 15,883 | 16,193 | 16,576 | *16,829 | 16,701 | ----- |
| Nonferrous and other primary met.....do | 4,850 | 5,350 | 5,350 | 5,613 | 5,526 | 5,696 | 5,819 | 5,990 | 6,158 | 6,148 | 6,421 | 6,750 | 7,143 | *7,441 | 7,589 | ----- |
| Fabricated metal products.....do | 22,890 | 23,203 | 23,203 | 23,797 | 24,233 | 24,213 | 24,976 | 25,118 | 24,956 | 24,941 | 24,993 | 24,990 | 25,361 | *25,526 | 25,943 | ----- |
| Machinery, except electrical.....do | 43,707 | 47,221 | 47,221 | 47,732 | 48,434 | 49,044 | 49,210 | 50,001 | 50,055 | 50,268 | 50,266 | 50,912 | 51,776 | *52,558 | 52,609 | ----- |
| Electrical machinery.....do | 23,520 | 25,833 | 25,833 | 26,436 | 27,186 | 27,526 | 28,031 | 28,455 | 28,529 | 28,358 | 28,594 | 29,006 | 29,466 | *29,910 | 30,512 | ----- |
| Transportation equipment.....do | 52,724 | 60,527 | 60,527 | 60,856 | 62,072 | 64,480 | 65,915 | 67,963 | 70,029 | 69,745 | 71,938 | 73,733 | 77,612 | *81,052 | 83,994 | 186,677 |
| Aircraft, missiles, and parts.....do | 34,502 | 41,275 | 41,275 | 41,598 | 42,502 | 43,396 | 44,998 | 46,608 | 48,756 | 48,751 | 50,650 | 51,964 | 54,210 | *57,397 | 59,554 | ----- |
| Non-dur. goods ind. with unfilled orders⊕.....do | 8,113 | 8,825 | 8,825 | 9,041 | 9,000 | 9,141 | 9,238 | 9,494 | 9,687 | 9,896 | 10,077 | 10,271 | 10,123 | *10,343 | 10,415 | ----- |
| By market category:† | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Home goods, apparel, consumer staples.....do | 3,285 | 4,091 | 4,091 | 4,219 | 4,309 | 4,285 | 4,457 | 4,483 | 4,329 | 4,266 | 4,396 | 4,482 | 4,270 | *4,098 | 4,199 | ----- |
| Equip. and defense prod., incl. auto.....do | 100,355 | 110,488 | 110,488 | 112,156 | 114,527 | 117,326 | 119,221 | 122,300 | 123,708 | 122,938 | 124,857 | 127,137 | 131,291 | *134,544 | 137,342 | ----- |
| Construction materials and supplies.....do | 17,881 | 18,765 | 18,765 | 19,249 | 19,731 | 19,852 | 20,417 | 20,866 | 20,269 | 20,102 | 19,888 | 19,539 | 19,800 | *19,621 | 19,871 | ----- |
| Other materials and supplies.....do | 53,032 | 60,315 | 60,315 | 61,611 | 62,231 | 64,037 | 65,038 | 66,855 | 68,448 | 69,616 | 70,858 | 72,763 | 75,103 | *77,441 | 79,084 | ----- |
| Supplementary series: | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Household durables.....do | 2,617 | 3,389 | 3,389 | 3,472 | 3,520 | 3,486 | 3,625 | | | | | | | | | |