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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	1977	1978	1978												1979	
	Annual		Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.
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. \$..	15,340	16,874	15,738	15,848	15,947	16,066	16,183	16,276	16,707	16,859	16,887	16,618	16,679	16,874	17,440	
Consumer staples.....do.....	23,942	26,429	24,092	23,902	24,157	24,621	24,928	25,407	25,366	25,511	25,919	25,990	26,271	26,429	26,551	
Equip. and defense prod., excl. auto.....do.....	42,836	50,355	42,971	43,869	44,645	45,228	46,155	46,761	47,339	47,790	48,255	48,907	49,229	50,355	51,190	
Automotive equipment.....do.....	10,108	9,983	10,377	10,276	10,256	10,129	10,297	10,265	10,106	10,510	10,751	10,066	10,474	9,983	10,787	
Construction materials and supplies.....do.....	14,935	16,963	15,203	15,720	15,853	16,059	16,091	16,293	16,299	16,372	16,503	16,731	16,828	16,963	17,171	
Other materials and supplies.....do.....	72,553	77,198	72,596	72,778	73,002	73,612	73,035	74,555	75,350	75,840	75,748	76,423	77,106	77,198	78,085	
Supplementary series:																
Household durables.....do.....	7,771	8,595	8,026	8,053	8,116	8,188	8,301	8,307	8,574	8,635	8,678	8,559	8,590	8,595	8,889	
Capital goods industries.....do.....	46,677	55,326	46,966	47,824	48,772	49,518	50,512	51,399	52,112	52,620	53,007	53,839	54,390	55,326	56,353	
Nondefense.....do.....	40,294	48,155	40,512	41,188	42,151	42,780	43,610	44,583	45,227	45,743	46,246	46,905	47,422	48,155	49,005	
Defense.....do.....	6,383	7,171	6,454	6,636	6,621	6,738	6,863	6,816	6,885	6,877	6,761	6,932	6,968	7,171	7,348	
New orders, net (not seas. adj.), total †Δ.....do.....	1,354,099	1,551,160	109,532	123,022	129,668	130,899	128,665	134,171	117,023	129,873	136,129	143,141	136,573	130,608	133,118	
Durable goods industries, total.....do.....	717,537	848,932	58,172	66,343	71,712	71,890	70,723	74,237	61,702	69,713	74,520	80,752	75,518	73,650	74,983	
Nondurable goods industries, totalΔ.....do.....	636,562	702,228	51,360	56,679	57,956	59,009	57,942	59,934	55,321	60,160	61,609	62,389	61,055	58,746	58,135	
New orders, net (seas. adj.), total †Δ.....do.....	1,354,099	1,551,160	117,899	122,544	125,801	128,175	128,450	127,580	123,279	130,952	131,840	137,185	137,662	140,356	143,042	
By industry group:																
Durable goods industries, total†.....do.....	717,537	848,932	63,335	66,681	69,016	70,033	70,045	68,840	65,187	71,582	72,645	76,984	76,654	78,623	81,344	
Primary metals.....do.....	105,968	128,002	9,857	9,946	10,228	10,308	10,754	10,428	10,095	10,876	11,233	11,722	11,092	11,806	13,973	
Blast furnaces, steel mills.....do.....	53,394	65,307	4,938	5,302	5,376	5,331	5,845	5,451	5,151	5,184	5,784	5,917	5,527	5,709	7,572	
Nonferrous and other primary met.....do.....	41,360	49,653	3,940	3,611	3,850	3,957	3,811	3,954	3,850	4,504	4,365	4,647	4,318	4,827	5,172	
Fabricated metal products.....do.....	85,609	98,913	7,597	8,019	7,826	8,778	8,023	7,736	7,524	8,294	8,196	8,524	8,804	9,527	9,344	
Machinery, except electrical.....do.....	122,489	144,166	10,563	11,482	11,573	11,536	11,872	11,477	11,669	11,830	12,708	13,234	13,099	13,273	13,401	
Electrical machinery.....do.....	88,241	103,216	8,434	8,460	8,319	8,626	8,352	8,239	7,902	8,730	8,919	8,988	8,960	9,285	9,682	
Transportation equipment.....do.....	178,617	216,473	14,749	16,392	18,085	17,721	18,019	17,953	15,226	18,516	18,536	20,553	20,916	20,167	20,860	
Aircraft, missiles, and parts.....do.....	42,420	60,110	3,675	4,162	4,221	4,943	4,832	5,677	3,298	5,460	5,412	5,594	6,949	5,928	5,649	
Nondurable goods industries, totalΔ.....do.....	636,562	702,228	54,564	55,863	56,785	58,142	58,405	58,740	58,092	59,370	59,195	60,201	61,008	61,733	61,698	
Industries with unfilled orders⊕.....do.....	139,673	153,795	12,002	12,047	12,412	12,880	12,971	12,994	13,070	13,208	12,866	12,986	13,273	13,184	13,036	
Industries without unfilled orders†Δ.....do.....	496,889	548,433	42,562	43,816	44,373	45,262	45,434	45,806	45,022	46,162	46,329	47,215	47,735	48,549	48,662	
By market category:†																
Home goods and apparelΔ.....do.....	103,442	114,499	9,007	9,222	9,160	9,735	9,422	9,398	9,177	9,955	9,938	9,808	9,797	9,704	10,151	
Consumer staples.....do.....	244,051	270,832	20,680	21,984	22,222	22,534	22,549	22,526	22,350	22,840	22,626	23,211	23,446	23,933	23,812	
Equip. and defense prod., excl. auto.....do.....	186,752	229,717	16,839	17,822	18,802	18,423	19,295	18,317	16,204	19,485	20,281	21,709	21,165	20,555	20,814	
Automotive equipment.....do.....	138,805	155,810	11,475	12,521	12,895	13,171	13,018	12,612	12,209	13,000	13,132	13,947	14,261	14,281	15,171	
Construction materials and supplies.....do.....	110,261	131,327	10,011	10,417	10,397	11,218	10,610	10,690	10,437	10,986	10,714	11,640	11,551	12,428	11,636	
Other materials and supplies.....do.....	570,788	648,975	50,088	50,673	52,325	53,094	53,556	54,037	52,902	54,686	55,149	56,870	57,442	58,608	61,458	
Supplementary series:																
Household durables.....do.....	45,733	51,408	3,994	3,998	4,262	4,513	4,150	4,263	4,039	4,563	4,456	4,295	4,320	4,446	4,617	
Capital goods industries.....do.....	216,849	268,762	19,382	20,538	21,992	21,440	22,202	21,592	19,355	22,701	23,667	25,455	25,234	24,629	25,061	
Nondefense.....do.....	182,413	225,770	16,511	17,882	17,507	17,409	18,124	18,155	17,074	19,344	20,149	22,219	20,575	20,790	22,332	
Defense.....do.....	34,436	42,992	2,871	2,656	4,485	4,031	4,078	3,437	2,281	3,357	3,518	3,236	4,659	4,301	2,729	
Unfilled orders, end of year or month (unadjusted), total.....mil. \$.....																
Durable goods industries, total.....do.....	184,482	230,324	188,227	191,804	196,039	199,549	202,915	205,310	207,714	211,434	214,067	221,233	225,619	230,324	238,583	
Nondur. goods ind. with unfilled orders⊕.....do.....	8,547	10,159	8,896	9,003	9,209	9,583	9,739	9,788	10,024	10,010	10,082	10,128	10,134	10,159	10,023	
Unfilled orders, end of year or month (seasonally adjusted) total.....mil. \$.....																
By industry group:	193,659	240,483	197,235	200,798	205,500	209,133	214,010	216,754	216,922	219,999	223,921	230,464	235,704	241,025	248,464	
Durable goods industries, total †.....do.....	184,834	230,554	188,194	191,798	196,359	199,895	204,516	207,067	207,026	209,922	213,650	220,341	225,361	230,554	238,289	
Primary metals.....do.....	18,513	26,216	19,594	19,948	20,866	21,349	22,476	23,043	23,232	23,760	24,753	25,612	25,834	26,216	29,288	
Blast furnaces, steel mills.....do.....	11,852	16,662	12,627	12,996	13,689	14,052	14,955	15,344	15,464	15,583	16,193	16,576	16,829	16,662	19,118	
Nonferrous and other primary met.....do.....	5,350	7,450	5,613	5,526	5,696	5,819	5,990	6,158	6,184	6,421	6,750	7,143	6,997	7,450	7,968	
Fabricated metal products.....do.....	23,203	26,005	23,797	24,233	24,213	24,976	25,118	24,956	24,941	24,993	24,990	25,361	25,526	26,005	26,671	
Machinery, except electrical.....do.....	47,221	53,039	47,732	48,434	49,044	49,219	50,055	50,268	50,268	50,912	51,776	52,558	53,039	53,039	54,134	
Electrical machinery.....do.....	25,833	30,413	26,436	27,136	27,526	28,031	28,455	28,529	28,358	28,594	29,006	29,466	29,910	30,413	31,181	
Transportation equipment.....do.....	60,527	83,994	60,856	62,072	64,480	65,915	67,963	70,029	69,745	71,938	73,733	77,612	81,052	83,994	85,807	
Aircraft, missiles, and parts.....do.....	41,275	59,613	41,598	42,502	43,396	44,998	46,608	48,756	48,751	50,650	51,964	54,210	57,397	59,613	60,980	
Nondur. goods ind. with unfilled orders⊕.....do.....	8,825	10,471	9,041	9,000	9,141	9,238	9,494	9,687	9,896	10,077	10,271	10,123	10,343	10,471	10,175	
By market category:†																
Home goods, apparel, consumer staples.....do.....	4,091	4,025	4,219	4,309	4,285	4,457	4,483	4,320	4,266	4,396	4,482	4,270	4,098	4,025	4,260	
Equip. and defense prod., incl. auto.....do.....	110,488	137,784	112,156	114,527												