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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		Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.
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	15,848	15,947	16,066	16,183	16,276	16,707	16,859	16,887	16,618	16,679	16,874	*17,274	26,537	-----
Consumer staples.....do.....	23,942	26,429	23,902	24,157	24,621	24,928	25,407	25,366	25,511	25,919	25,990	26,271	26,429	*26,537	26,638	-----
Equip. and defense prod., excl. auto.....do.....	42,836	50,355	43,869	44,645	45,228	46,155	46,761	47,339	47,790	48,255	48,907	49,229	50,355	*51,186	52,070	-----
Automotive equipment.....do.....	10,108	9,983	10,276	10,256	10,129	10,297	10,265	10,106	10,510	10,751	10,066	10,474	9,983	*10,738	11,211	-----
Construction materials and supplies.....do.....	14,935	16,963	15,720	15,853	16,059	16,091	16,293	16,299	16,372	16,503	16,731	16,828	16,963	*17,290	17,768	-----
Other materials and supplies.....do.....	72,553	77,198	72,778	73,002	73,612	73,035	74,555	75,350	75,840	75,748	76,423	77,106	77,198	*77,637	78,325	-----
Supplementary series:																
Household durables.....do.....	7,771	8,595	8,053	8,116	8,188	8,301	8,307	8,574	8,635	8,678	8,559	8,590	8,595	*8,800	8,674	-----
Capital goods industries.....do.....	46,677	55,326	47,824	48,772	49,518	50,512	51,399	52,112	52,620	53,007	53,839	54,390	55,326	*56,419	57,390	-----
Nondefense.....do.....	40,294	48,155	41,188	42,151	42,780	43,610	44,583	45,227	45,743	46,246	46,905	47,422	48,155	*49,017	49,869	-----
Defense.....do.....	6,383	7,171	6,636	6,621	6,738	6,863	6,816	6,885	6,877	6,761	6,932	6,968	7,171	*7,402	7,521	-----
New orders, net (not seas. adj.), total †Δ.....do.....	1,354,099	1,551,160	123,022	129,668	130,899	128,665	134,171	117,023	129,873	136,129	143,141	*136,618	*132,396	*132,600	145,067	-----
Durable goods industries, total.....do.....	717,537	848,932	66,343	71,712	71,890	70,723	74,237	61,702	69,713	74,520	80,752	75,518	73,650	*74,457	*81,730	183,332
Nondurable goods industries, totalΔ.....do.....	636,562	702,228	56,679	57,956	59,009	57,942	59,934	55,321	60,160	61,609	62,389	61,055	58,746	*58,208	63,718	-----
New orders, net (seas. adj.), total †Δ.....do.....	*1,354,099	1,551,160	122,544	125,801	128,175	128,450	127,580	123,279	130,952	131,840	137,185	137,662	140,356	*142,461	144,482	-----
By industry group:																
Durable goods industries, total†.....do.....	717,537	848,932	66,681	69,016	70,033	70,045	68,840	65,187	71,582	72,645	76,984	76,654	78,623	*80,732	*82,007	179,962
Primary metals.....do.....	105,968	128,002	9,946	10,228	10,308	10,754	10,428	10,095	10,876	11,233	11,722	11,092	11,806	*14,991	*13,042	12,569
Blast furnaces, steel mills.....do.....	53,394	65,307	5,302	5,376	5,331	5,845	5,451	5,151	5,184	5,764	5,917	5,527	5,709	*7,583	6,946	-----
Nonferrous and other primary met.....do.....	41,360	49,653	3,611	3,850	3,957	3,811	3,954	3,850	4,504	4,365	4,617	4,318	4,827	*5,212	4,712	-----
Fabricated metal products.....do.....	85,609	98,913	8,019	7,826	8,778	8,023	7,736	7,524	8,294	8,196	8,524	8,804	9,527	*9,447	9,117	-----
Machinery, except electrical.....do.....	122,489	144,166	11,482	11,573	11,536	11,872	11,477	11,669	11,830	12,708	13,234	13,099	13,273	*13,458	13,457	-----
Electrical machinery.....do.....	88,241	103,216	8,460	8,319	8,626	8,352	8,239	7,902	8,730	8,919	8,988	8,960	9,285	*9,740	10,114	-----
Transportation equipment.....do.....	178,617	216,473	16,392	18,085	17,721	18,019	17,953	15,226	18,516	18,536	20,553	20,916	20,167	*20,121	*22,340	120,343
Aircraft, missiles, and parts.....do.....	42,420	60,110	4,162	4,221	4,943	4,832	5,298	5,460	5,412	5,460	5,928	5,928	5,928	*5,389	7,813	-----
Nondurable goods industries, totalΔ.....do.....	636,562	702,228	55,863	56,785	58,142	58,405	58,740	58,092	59,370	59,195	60,201	61,008	61,733	*61,794	62,847	-----
Industries with unfilled orders⊕.....do.....	139,673	153,795	12,047	12,412	12,880	12,971	12,934	13,070	13,208	12,866	12,986	13,273	13,184	*13,078	13,731	-----
Industries without unfilled orders†Δ.....do.....	496,889	548,433	43,816	44,373	45,262	45,434	45,806	45,022	46,162	46,329	47,215	47,735	48,549	*48,716	49,116	-----
By market category:†																
Home goods and apparelΔ.....do.....	103,442	114,499	9,222	9,160	9,735	9,422	9,398	9,177	9,955	9,938	9,808	9,797	9,704	*10,086	10,028	-----
Consumer staples.....do.....	244,051	270,832	21,984	22,222	22,534	22,549	22,526	22,350	22,840	22,626	23,211	23,446	23,933	*23,653	24,165	-----
Equip. and defense prod., excl. auto.....do.....	186,752	229,717	17,822	18,802	18,423	19,295	18,317	16,204	19,485	20,281	21,709	21,165	20,555	*20,680	23,379	-----
Automotive equipment.....do.....	138,805	155,810	12,521	12,895	13,171	13,018	12,612	12,209	13,000	13,132	13,947	14,261	14,281	*14,823	14,477	-----
Construction materials and supplies.....do.....	110,261	131,327	10,417	10,397	11,218	10,600	10,690	10,437	10,986	10,714	11,640	11,551	12,428	*11,684	11,670	-----
Other materials and supplies.....do.....	570,788	648,975	50,673	52,325	53,094	53,556	54,037	52,902	54,686	55,149	56,870	57,442	58,608	*61,466	60,763	-----
Supplementary series:																
Household durables.....do.....	45,733	51,406	3,998	4,262	4,513	4,150	4,263	4,039	4,563	4,456	4,295	4,320	4,446	*4,593	*4,651	14,540
Capital goods industries.....do.....	216,849	268,762	20,538	21,992	21,440	22,202	21,592	19,355	22,701	23,667	25,455	25,234	24,629	*24,820	*27,288	25,594
Nondefense.....do.....	182,413	225,770	17,882	17,507	17,409	18,124	18,155	17,074	19,344	20,149	22,219	20,575	20,790	*22,058	*23,270	22,271
Defense.....do.....	34,436	42,992	2,656	4,485	4,031	4,078	3,437	2,281	3,357	3,518	3,236	4,659	4,301	*2,729	*4,018	13,323
Unfilled orders, end of year or month (unadjusted), total†.....mil. \$.....	193,029	240,483	200,807	205,248	209,132	212,654	215,098	217,738	221,444	224,149	231,261	235,753	240,483	*248,396	256,680	-----
Durable goods industries, total.....do.....	184,482	230,324	191,804	196,039	199,549	202,915	205,310	207,714	211,434	214,067	221,333	225,619	230,324	*238,332	*246,051	248,820
Nondur. goods ind. with unfilled orders⊕.....do.....	8,547	10,159	9,003	9,209	9,583	9,739	9,788	10,024	10,010	10,082	10,128	10,134	10,159	*10,075	10,609	-----
Unfilled orders, end of year or month (seasonally adjusted) total†.....mil. \$.....	193,659	240,483	200,798	205,500	209,133	214,010	216,754	216,922	219,999	223,921	230,464	235,704	241,025	*248,257	256,449	-----
By industry group:																
Durable goods industries, total †.....do.....	184,834	230,554	191,798	196,359	199,895	204,516	207,067	207,026	209,922	213,650	220,341	225,361	230,554	*238,036	*245,812	249,080
Primary metals.....do.....	18,513	26,216	19,948	20,866	21,349	22,476	23,043	23,232	23,760	24,753	25,612	25,834	26,216	*29,465	*30,758	31,223
Blast furnaces, steel mills.....do.....	11,852	16,662	12,996	13,689	14,052	14,955	15,344	15,464	15,583	16,193	16,576	16,829	16,662	*19,125	20,356	-----
Nonferrous and other primary met.....do.....	5,350	7,450	5,526	5,696	5,819	5,990	6,158	6,184	6,421	6,750	7,143	6,997	7,450	*8,008	7,946	-----
Fabricated metal products.....do.....	23,203	26,005	24,233	24,213	24,976	25,118	24,956	24,941	24,993	24,990	25,361	25,526	26,005	*26,698	27,000	-----
Machinery, except electrical.....do.....	47,221	53,039	48,434	49,044	49,219	50,001	50,055	50,268	50,266	50,912	51,776	52,558	53,039	*54,167	54,675	-----
Electrical machinery.....do.....	25,833	30,413	27,186	27,526	28,031	28,455	28,529	28,358	28,594	29,006	29,466	29,910	30,413	*31,232	32,344	-----
Transportation equipment.....do.....	60,527	83,994	62,072	64,480	65,915	67,963	70,029	69,745	71,938	73,733	77,612	81,052	83,994	*85,471	*90,059	191,741
Aircraft, missiles, and parts.....do.....	41,275	59,613	42,502	43,396	44,998	46,608	48,756	48,751	50,650	51,964	54,210	57,397	59,613	*60,788	65,153	-----
Nondur. goods ind. with unfilled orders⊕.....do.....	8,825	10,471	9,000	9,141	9,238	9,494										