

Unless otherwise stated in footnotes below, data through 1978 and descriptive notes are as shown in the 1977 edition of BUSINESS STATISTICS	1977	1978	1978				1979									
	Annual		Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.

GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS—Continued

BUSINESS INCORPORATIONS †																
New incorporations (50 States and Dist. Col.):																
Unadjusted..... number.....	432,172	477,827	38,732	41,022	37,661	39,701	44,745	37,759	46,674	43,486	*47,065	44,766	44,914	.....	.....	.....
Seasonally adjusted..... do.....	.....	.....	41,827	41,945	41,568	42,461	42,777	42,048	42,087	42,302	*43,741	42,634	45,049	.....	.....	.....
INDUSTRIAL AND COMMERCIAL FAILURES ‡																
Failures, total..... number.....	7,919	6,619	458	511	556	535	642	545	732	734	708	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Commercial service..... do.....	1,041	773	38	60	63	59	81	46	79	92	98	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Construction..... do.....	1,463	1,204	92	80	102	111	127	104	129	132	125	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Manufacturing and mining..... do.....	1,122	1,013	61	78	94	91	99	70	112	114	92	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Retail trade..... do.....	3,406	2,889	215	233	235	217	269	265	307	317	308	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Wholesale trade..... do.....	887	740	52	60	62	57	66	60	105	79	85	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Liabilities (current), total..... thous. \$.	3,095,317	2,356,006	127,022	175,342	178,933	196,535	182,220	177,087	187,763	242,764	200,449	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Commercial service..... do.....	358,686	325,681	8,732	10,714	12,465	13,448	23,471	6,373	14,886	72,688	25,103	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Construction..... do.....	420,220	328,378	15,263	15,223	25,101	86,734	24,653	19,382	25,790	25,556	34,710	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Manufacturing and mining..... do.....	1,221,122	878,727	46,935	45,234	46,192	30,531	71,647	53,497	64,600	72,694	60,782	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Retail trade..... do.....	482,560	477,450	28,943	86,550	39,424	45,841	36,212	72,573	49,314	42,320	49,900	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Wholesale trade..... do.....	612,729	345,770	27,149	17,621	55,751	19,981	26,237	25,262	33,173	29,506	29,954	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Failure annual rate (seasonally adjusted) No. per 10,000 concerns..	'28.4	'23.9	22.6	22.5	25.2	26.4	27.4	24.4	27.9	30.8	29.1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....

COMMODITY PRICES

PRICES RECEIVED AND PAID BY FARMERS																
Prices received, all farm products..... 1910-14=100..	457	525	542	544	541	556	579	602	615	609	615	610	611	592	*602	589
Crops #..... do.....	432	458	461	454	454	461	470	485	482	476	496	524	539	528	*507	500
Commercial vegetables..... do.....	498	535	480	468	482	542	638	700	621	541	526	526	500	504	*484	512
Cotton..... do.....	511	465	475	503	516	490	473	458	443	451	469	497	514	500	*480	479
Feed grains and hay..... do.....	316	320	302	302	309	319	322	330	334	339	362	380	394	383	*383	372
Food grains..... do.....	275	336	336	343	349	347	346	344	344	350	370	423	442	432	*444	449
Fruit..... do.....	370	516	634	560	483	471	482	519	521	500	545	579	623	630	*495	520
Tobacco..... do.....	972	1,061	1,147	1,110	1,116	1,143	1,134	1,124	1,120	1,135	1,141	1,141	1,105	1,155	1,186	1,143
Livestock and products #..... do.....	481	595	625	639	632	656	693	726	754	749	740	700	687	658	*702	681
Dairy products..... do.....	594	647	667	691	709	722	728	728	722	709	704	704	709	734	*759	771
Meat animals..... do.....	564	757	805	828	800	835	904	964	1,018	1,019	1,007	937	916	857	929	891
Poultry and eggs..... do.....	228	242	247	238	250	261	264	269	276	265	261	246	237	226	232	219
Prices paid:																
All commodities and services..... do.....	591	638	650	655	658	664	676	688	706	714	719	722	731	*729	740	747
Family living items..... do.....	573	616	628	632	638	641	644	650	657	664	671	679	687	694	702	709
Production items..... do.....	579	626	638	643	645	652	668	683	704	713	717	718	726	721	733	740
All commodities and services, interest, taxes, and wage rates (parity index)..... 1910-14=100..	687	744	757	761	764	770	796	808	826	837	842	845	853	852	862	870
Parity ratio \$..... do.....	66	71	72	71	71	72	73	75	74	73	73	72	72	69	70	68
CONSUMER PRICES † (U.S. Department of Labor Indexes)																
Not Seasonally Adjusted																
ALL ITEMS, WAGE EARNERS AND CLERICAL WORKERS, REVISED (CPI-W) †..... 1967=100..	181.5	195.3	199.1	200.7	201.8	202.9	204.7	207.1	209.3	211.8	214.3	216.9	219.4	221.5	223.7	.....
ALL ITEMS, ALL URBAN CONSUMERS (CPI-U) †..... 1967=100..	181.5	195.4	199.3	200.9	202.0	202.9	204.7	207.1	209.1	211.5	214.1	216.6	218.9	221.1	223.4	.....
Special group indexes:																
All items less shelter..... do.....	179.1	191.3	194.5	195.8	196.7	197.8	199.5	201.6	203.7	206.0	208.4	210.7	212.7	214.2	216.1	.....
All items less food..... do.....	178.4	191.2	195.1	196.7	197.8	198.6	199.8	201.8	203.8	206.3	208.9	211.8	214.2	216.9	219.6	.....
All items less medical care..... do.....	180.3	194.0	197.9	199.4	200.5	201.5	203.2	205.5	207.6	210.1	212.7	215.2	217.6	219.7	222.1	.....
Commodities..... do.....	174.7	187.1	190.5	191.8	192.9	194.2	195.8	198.3	200.5	203.3	205.8	208.4	210.5	212.2	214.1	.....
Nondurables..... do.....	178.9	192.0	195.4	196.6	197.5	198.8	201.0	204.0	206.9	209.9	212.8	215.7	218.3	220.4	223.1	.....
Nondurables less food..... do.....	166.5	174.3	177.1	178.1	179.1	180.0	180.3	182.2	185.7	189.6	193.2	197.6	201.1	205.4	209.6	.....
Durables..... do.....	163.2	173.9	177.2	178.8	180.0	181.2	182.0	183.6	184.9	187.2	189.2	191.1	192.6	193.6	194.5	.....
Commodities less food..... do.....	165.1	174.7	177.8	179.1	180.3	181.3	181.9	183.7	185.9	188.9	191.6	194.7	197.0	199.5	201.8	.....
Services..... do.....	194.3	210.9	215.6	217.6	218.6	219.2	221.1	223.3	225.1	227.0	229.5	232.1	234.7	237.6	240.7	.....
Services less rent..... do.....	201.6	219.4	224.6	226.7	227.8	228.2	230.4	232.9	235.0	237.1	239.8	242.6	245.6	248.8	252.1	.....
Food #..... do.....	192.2	211.4	215.6	216.8	217.8	219.4	223.9	228.2	230.4	232.3	234.3	235.4	236.9	238.3	239.7	.....
Food at home *..... do.....	190.2	210.2	214.1	215.4	216.1	217.9	223.1	228.0	229.9	231.7	233.4	234.2	235.5	236.9	238.4	.....
Housing..... do.....	186.5	*202.8	207.5	209.5	210.6	211.5	213.1	215.6	217.6	219.8	222.4	225.5	228.4	231.5	234.6	.....
Shelter #..... do.....	191.1	210.4	216.2	218.6	220.1	221.0	222.8	225.9	228.0	230.7	233.5	236.7	240.1	243.9	247.4	.....
Rent..... do.....	153.5	*164.0	166.4	167.4	168.5	169.5	170.3	171.0	171.3	172.0	173.8	174.7	175.9	177.5	179.0	.....
Homeownership..... do.....	204.9	227.2	234.2	237.0	238.8	239.5	241.6	245.6	248.2	251.7	254.9	258.8	263.0	267.6	271.9	.....
Fuel and utilities #..... do.....	202.2	*216.0	218.8	220.1	218.5	219.9	221.5	223.3	225.9	227.5	232.2	239.0	243.5	247.2	251.2	.....
Fuel oil and coal..... do.....	283.4	*298.3	295.7	300.1	306.1	311.8	316.4	326.1	339.5	349.8	364.3	391.2	412.9	438.6	461.6	.....
Gas (piped) and electricity..... do.....	213.4	232.6	237.9	240.0	234.9	236.2	239.5	241.2	244.0	245.3	251.6	259.9	264.5	266.5	270.1	.....
Household furnishings and operation..... do.....	167.5	*177.7	180.5	181.9	183.0	184.0	184.8	186.0	187.4	188.6	189.2	190.1	190.4	191.2	192.2	.....
Apparel and upkeep..... do.....	154.2	159.6	161.9	163.3	164.1	163.2	160.7	161.4	164.3	165.4	166.1	165.7	164.3	166.3	169.8	.....
Transportation..... do.....	177.2	185.5	188.7	189.7	191.4	192.6	193.9	195.6	198.1	202.9	207.7	212.6	216.6	219.6	221.4	.....
Private..... do.....	176.6	185.0	188.3	189.4	191.1	192.5	193.8	195.5	198.1	203.2	208.1	213.3	217.4	220.4	222.0	.....
New cars..... do.....	142.9	153.8	153.5	155.5	158.5	159.8	161.2	162.3	162.7	164.3	165.8	166.3	166.7	166.6	166.1	.....
Used cars..... do.....	182.8	186.5	195.9	195.4	194.7	194.0	193.6	193.4	195.4	200.0	205.4	208.9	209.2	207.0	202.9	.....
Public..... do.....	182.4	187.8	188.2	189.3	189.7	189.1	190.0	190.7	191.5	192.6	193.3	194.0	197.1	200.8	205.2	.....
Medical care..... do.....	202.4	219.4	222.6	224.7	227.0	227.8	230.7	232.6	233.9	235.1	236.3	237.7	239.9	241.8	243.7	.....
Seasonally Adjusted †																
All items, percent change from previous month..... 1967=100..	.....	.....	0.9	0.8	0.6	0.6	0.9	1.2	1.0	1.1	1.1	1.0	1.0	1.1	1.1	.....
Commodities..... do.....	.....	.....	190.2	191.7	193.0	194.6	196.7	199.1	201.3	203.8	205.7	207.7	209.5	211.4	213.8	.....
Commodities less food..... do.....	.....	.....	177.2	178.5	179.8	181.3	182.9	184.8	186.9	189.4	191.4	193.9	196.3	198.9	201.3	.....
Food..... do.....	.....	.....	216.0	217.9	219.2	221.3	224.5	228.1	230.5	232.7	234.3	234.7	235.0	235.0	237.1	.....
Food at home..... do.....	.....	.....	214.5	216.5	217.8	220.1	223.7	227.7	230.0	232.4	233.5	233.2	233.0	232.3	234.8	.....
Fuels and utilities..... do.....	.....	.....	219.6	221.0	218.9	220.0	220.9	222.6	225.1	227.2	232.1	239.1	243.7	248.1	252.2	.....
Fuel oil and coal..... do.....	.....	.....	300.3	303.2	306.8	310.3	312.3	320.3	335.5	348.1	364.7	393.6	416.2	443.9	468.6	.....
Apparel and upkeep..... do.....	.....	.....	160.9	161.7	161.9	161.8	162.2	162.7	165.2	166.0	166.0	165.8	165.6	166.8	168.9	.....
Transportation..... do.....	.....	.....	188.2	189.0	191.2	193.2	195.4	197.5	199.9	203.8	207.5	211.1	214.8	218.1	220.7	.....
Private..... do.....	.....	.....	187.9	188.8	191.1	193.2	195.4	197.5	200.0	204.0	207.9	211.8	215.4	218.7	221.3	.....
New cars..... do.....	.....	.....	156.9	155.3	157.0	157.3	159.1	161.0	162.1	164.3	166.1	167.0	168.4	169.1	169.8	.....
Services..... do.....	.....	.....	215.7	217.6	218.7	219.5	220.7	223.1	225.1	227.2	230.1	232.5	235.0	237.8	240.4	.....