

Unless otherwise stated in footnotes below, data through 1976 and descriptive notes are as shown in the 1977 edition of BUSINESS STATISTICS	1978	1979	1979	1980												1981
	Annual		Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.
<b>GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS—Continued</b>																
<b>BUSINESS INCORPORATIONS †</b>																
New incorporations (50 States and Dist. Col.):																
Unadjusted..... number..	478,019	524,565	41,167	47,016	41,569	45,007	44,479	43,436	41,420	46,151	41,865	44,923	49,023	39,691		
Seasonally adjusted..... do...			43,579	44,447	44,583	42,615	42,461	41,974	39,746	44,058	43,266	46,488	47,225	43,834		
<b>INDUSTRIAL AND COMMERCIAL FAILURES †</b>																
Failures, total..... number..	6,619	7,564	509	729	677	925	1,068	975	1,094	1,141	1,009	926	1,323			
Commercial service..... do...	773	930	68	98	68	120	143	130	143	154	126	121	211			
Construction..... do...	1,204	1,378	82	122	149	192	214	202	210	215	221	190	282			
Manufacturing and mining..... do...	1,013	1,165	69	96	99	135	143	128	139	164	160	134	147			
Retail trade..... do...	2,889	3,183	220	332	291	381	437	405	463	492	400	363	532			
Wholesale trade..... do...	740	908	70	81	70	97	131	110	119	116	102	118	151			
Liabilities (current), total..... thous. \$.	2,656,006	2,667,362	138,015	243,149	190,788	274,238	428,150	381,146	436,680	445,693	345,408	1,002,944	359,242			
Commercial service..... do...	325,681	347,749	28,946	35,191	9,407	21,973	29,986	35,129	32,913	43,610	46,133	26,842	50,288			
Construction..... do...	328,378	291,323	16,909	30,420	37,170	47,810	134,025	84,405	130,691	49,079	60,678	41,318	59,971			
Manufacturing and mining..... do...	878,727	970,178	28,821	43,763	72,131	119,010	126,688	120,038	80,461	178,373	108,231	804,390	106,539			
Retail trade..... do...	777,450	636,859	39,687	84,136	54,369	60,332	96,317	78,183	123,589	84,811	81,870	56,491	86,849			
Wholesale trade..... do...	345,770	421,253	23,652	49,639	17,711	25,113	41,134	63,391	69,026	89,820	48,496	73,903	55,595			
Failure annual rate (seasonally adjusted)																
No. per 10,000 concerns..	'23.9	'27.8	24.9	30.9	27.5	36.2	42.2	39.3	48.7	52.0	45.4	45.0	56.8			

## COMMODITY PRICES

PRICES RECEIVED AND PAID BY FARMERS																
Prices received, all farm products..... 1910-14=100..	524	'602	'597	'592	'598	'585	'563	'570	'582	617	'643	653	'652	660	'662	658
Crops #..... do.....	456	'501	'498	'496	'497	'496	'491	'505	'513	544	'568	'584	583	'609	'613	619
Commercial vegetables..... do.....	522	548	515	'500	'487	'542	'584	'581	'555	'524	'555	'576	'569	'623	'640	671
Cotton..... do.....	466	490	506	'520	'562	'547	'534	'564	'530	'632	'676	'687	636	'655	'683	657
Feed grains and hay..... do.....	320	360	'366	'374	'368	'367	'366	'381	391	423	445	458	464	478	'489	504
Food grains..... do.....	336	403	'435	431	441	431	425	434	428	443	455	458	482	499	'498	496
Fruit..... do.....	508	'534	'496	'440	'458	'467	'459	'472	'520	'463	'444	482	'510	'493	'438	430
Tobacco..... do.....	1,061	1,148	1,197	1,199	1,188	1,204	1,206	1,210	1,210	1,204	1,204	1,291	1,235	1,248	1,331	1,296
Livestock and products #..... do.....	595	708	701	692	702	679	637	637	653	694	721	724	722	714	'713	696
Dairy products..... do.....	647	736	783	783	783	777	777	771	764	771	783	807	838	856	'863	863
Meat animals..... do.....	757	938	897	887	921	876	803	810	839	894	932	921	907	877	'867	846
Poultry and eggs..... do.....	242	252	262	251	230	233	219	211	218	255	271	284	279	288	'297	279
Prices paid:																
All commodities and services..... do.....	639	725	758	770	780	791	790	793	801	809	819	828	835	'847	'851	862
Production items..... do.....	628	'722	'752	'770	'778	'789	'784	'784	'791	'799	'813	'824	'830	'838	'840	852
All commodities and services, interest, taxes, and wage rates (parity index)..... 1910-14=100..	746	'850	'885	'917	'926	'937	'937	'940	'948	'956	'967	'976	'982	'990	'994	1,016
Parity ratio \$..... do.....	70	71	'67	65	65	'62	60	61	61	65	'66	67	66	67	'67	65
CONSUMER PRICES †																
(U.S. Department of Labor Indexes)																
Not Seasonally Adjusted																
ALL ITEMS, WAGE EARNERS AND CLERICAL WORKERS, REVISED (CPI-W) †..... 1967=100..	195.3	217.7	230.0	233.3	236.5	239.9	242.6	245.1	247.8	248.0	249.6	251.9	254.1	256.4	258.7	260.7
ALL ITEMS, ALL URBAN CONSUMERS (CPI-U) †..... 1967=100..	195.4	217.4	229.9	233.2	236.4	239.8	242.5	244.9	247.6	247.8	249.4	251.7	253.9	256.2	258.4	260.5
Special group indexes:																
All items less shelter..... do.....	191.3	210.8	220.6	223.4	226.6	229.6	231.7	233.4	234.9	236.4	238.5	241.0	242.1	243.6	245.2	247.6
All items less food..... do.....	191.2	213.0	226.4	229.9	233.5	237.1	239.9	242.6	245.5	245.1	246.3	248.6	250.9	253.2	255.5	257.6
All items less medical care..... do.....	194.0	216.1	228.6	231.9	235.0	238.4	241.1	243.6	246.4	246.5	248.1	250.4	252.6	254.9	257.1	259.2
Commodities..... do.....	187.1	208.4	219.4	222.4	225.2	228.0	229.9	231.4	232.8	234.1	236.7	239.0	240.7	242.5	243.8	245.4
Nondurables..... do.....	192.0	215.9	228.2	232.0	236.3	240.3	242.2	243.2	244.5	245.9	248.3	250.2	251.0	252.4	254.1	256.3
Nondurables less food..... do.....	174.3	198.7	215.2	220.5	227.3	232.6	234.6	235.5	236.3	236.6	237.8	239.3	239.6	240.5	242.0	245.3
Durables..... do.....	173.9	191.1	199.8	201.3	202.1	203.0	204.9	207.1	208.6	209.8	212.4	215.3	218.1	220.6	221.1	221.0
Commodities less food..... do.....	174.7	195.1	207.2	210.4	213.8	216.7	218.6	220.2	221.4	222.2	224.2	226.6	228.3	230.0	231.0	232.4
Services..... do.....	210.9	234.2	249.3	253.1	256.8	261.3	265.3	269.2	274.2	272.4	272.5	274.8	277.9	280.9	284.7	287.7
Services less rent..... do.....	219.4	244.9	261.6	266.1	270.2	275.4	280.0	284.4	290.0	287.6	287.4	289.8	293.2	296.4	300.7	304.2
Food #..... do.....	211.4	234.5	241.7	243.8	244.9	247.3	249.1	250.4	252.0	254.8	258.7	261.1	262.4	264.5	266.4	268.6
Food at home *..... do.....	210.2	232.9	238.7	240.6	241.3	243.6	245.3	246.5	248.0	251.5	256.3	258.9	260.0	262.1	263.9	265.6
Housing..... do.....	*202.8	227.6	243.6	247.3	250.5	254.5	257.9	261.7	266.7	265.1	265.8	267.7	271.1	273.8	276.9	279.1
Shelter #..... do.....	210.4	239.7	259.4	264.0	267.2	271.6	276.0	280.2	286.3	282.9	283.3	285.3	290.4	294.7	298.5	300.1
Rent..... do.....	*164.0	176.0	182.9	184.1	185.6	186.6	187.0	188.9	191.1	192.1	193.2	195.1	197.1	198.3	199.6	200.9
Homeownership..... do.....	227.2	262.4	286.9	292.5	296.3	302.0	307.7	312.9	320.4	315.4	315.4	317.6	323.8	329.4	334.2	335.8
Fuel and utilities #..... do.....	*216.0	239.3	255.1	258.6	263.8	268.0	270.5	275.9	282.2	285.5	286.8	288.2	287.6	288.7	289.9	296.7
Fuel oil and coal..... do.....	*298.3	403.1	488.0	514.0	539.1	553.4	556.4	556.0	558.7	560.4	561.5	561.5	558.7	567.0	585.3	625.9
Gas (piped) and electricity..... do.....	232.6	257.8	270.8	273.0	278.8	284.0	288.0	298.2	308.8	314.3	316.1	318.4	317.1	310.5	313.9	318.5
Household furnishings and operation..... do.....	*177.7	190.3	195.8	196.9	199.0	201.3	203.0	204.2	205.5	206.2	207.2	209.2	210.1	211.0	211.6	212.6
Apparel and upkeep..... do.....	159.6	166.6	172.2	171.0	171.9	176.0	177.3	177.5	177.2	176.2	178.6	182.2	183.9	184.8	183.9	181.1
Transportation..... do.....	185.5	212.0	227.7	233.5	239.6	243.7	246.8	249.0	249.7	251.0	252.7	254.7	256.1	259.0	261.1	264.7
Private..... do.....	185.0	212.3	227.5	233.5	239.8	244.0	247.0	249.2	249.7	250.5	251.6	253.2	254.5	257.4	259.4	262.9
New cars..... do.....	153.8	166.0	171.7	173.9	175.3	175.0	177.0	178.9	178.5	179.2	181.1	181.7	181.9	184.3	184.5	185.3
Used cars..... do.....	186.5	201.0	198.2	197.2	195.3	195.2	196.7	199.3	200.7	203.4	206.4	214.6	222.7	230.8	234.4	234.0
Public..... do.....	187.8	200.3	223.0	226.8	229.5	232.1	235.9	239.5	242.2	250.5	261.5	271.0	273.6	277.0	280.1	284.0
Medical care..... do.....	219.4	239.7	250.7	253.9	257.9	260.2	262.0	263.4	264.7	266.6	268.4	270.6	272.8	274.5	275.8	279.5
Seasonally Adjusted †																
All items, percent change from previous month.....			1.2	1.4	1.4	1.4	0.9	0.9	1.0	'0.1	'0.8	1.0	'1.0	'1.1	1.0	0.7
Commodities..... 1967=100..			220.4	223.5	226.1	228.8	230.0	230.8	231.6	233.0	236.8	238.7	'241.1	'243.5	245.2	246.6
Commodities less food..... do.....			207.3	211.5	215.2	217.9	219.0	219.8	220.4	221.4	223.5	226.0	'228.0	'230.0	231.3	233.6
Food..... do.....			244.8	244.8	244.7	247.1	248.4	249.2	250.5	252.9	257.5	261.6	'264.4	'267.6	270.2	269.8
Food at home..... do.....			242.3	241.8	240.9	243.5	244.5	245.1	246.0	248.9	254.7	259.6	'262.2	'265.6	268.0	266.9
Apparel and upkeep..... do.....			170.8	172.4	173.5	177.0	177.5	177.2	177.2	177.9	179.0	181.3	'182.1	'182.8	182.8	182.5
Transportation..... do.....			228.3	235.3	242.0	246.2	247.6	248.3	247.7	248.6	250.8	'256.6	'259.9	262.4	267.0	266.0
Private..... do.....			228.3	235.4	242.3	246.5	247.9	248.4	247.5	248.0	249.7	252.4	'255.1	'258.4	260.9	265.3
New cars..... do.....			169.5	171.8	173.9	174.5	177.0	178.7	178.9	180.5	183.5	185.4	'183.3	'183.5	183.3	183.5
Services..... do.....			249.5	252.9	256.8	261.6	265.6	269.8	274.7	272.5	272.3	274.3	'277.9	'281.5	285.5	288.0