

March 1984

## SURVEY OF CURRENT BUSINESS

S-5

Unless otherwise stated in footnotes below, data through 1982 and methodological notes are as shown in BUSINESS STATISTICS: 1982	1982	1983	1983												1984	
	Annual		Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.
<b>GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS—Continued</b>																
<b>MANUFACTURERS' SALES, INVENTORIES, AND ORDERS—Continued</b>																
Unfilled orders, end of year or month (unadjusted), total..... mil. \$.	299,731	333,109	307,683	308,490	311,178	313,705	313,139	314,420	316,018	316,747	318,473	324,937	328,379	*333,109	341,847	.....
Durable goods industries, total..... do....	290,757	322,553	298,447	299,227	301,397	303,720	303,057	304,334	305,658	306,099	307,547	314,130	317,781	*322,553	330,941	.....
Nondur. goods ind. with unfilled orders †..... do....	8,974	10,547	9,236	9,263	9,781	9,985	10,082	10,086	10,360	10,648	10,926	10,807	10,598	*10,547	10,906	.....
Unfilled orders, end of year or month (seasonally adjusted) total..... mil. \$.	300,971	334,263	305,599	305,268	306,053	309,015	310,922	315,488	318,348	320,664	323,032	328,041	332,431	*334,263	339,485	.....
By industry group:																
Durable goods industries, total #..... do....	291,764	323,463	296,374	296,049	296,407	299,270	301,053	305,374	307,963	310,024	312,048	317,185	321,453	*323,463	328,562	.....
Primary metals..... do....	20,160	26,290	20,627	22,308	22,567	22,561	23,042	23,410	23,830	24,788	25,710	26,289	27,184	*26,290	28,309	.....
Blast furnaces, steel mills..... do....	11,891	15,605	12,168	13,204	13,388	13,281	13,672	13,660	14,038	14,650	15,519	16,108	16,345	*15,605	17,285	.....
Nonferrous and other primary met..... do....	6,130	8,162	6,296	6,944	6,982	7,067	7,079	7,394	7,405	7,812	7,761	7,733	8,415	*8,162	8,342	.....
Fabricated metal products..... do....	21,531	20,295	21,403	21,052	21,255	21,003	21,012	21,090	20,967	20,982	20,834	20,565	20,528	*20,295	20,429	.....
Machinery, except electrical..... do....	55,697	58,266	54,703	53,859	53,999	54,690	55,213	55,455	54,888	55,168	56,759	58,556	58,573	*58,266	58,882	.....
Electrical machinery..... do....	60,600	70,353	60,828	61,246	61,408	61,967	63,078	63,317	65,076	66,192	66,863	68,392	69,049	*70,353	71,202	.....
Transportation equipment..... do....	120,898	133,185	126,003	124,576	123,997	125,463	124,783	127,593	128,279	128,020	126,827	128,132	130,941	*133,185	134,816	.....
Aircraft, missiles, and parts..... do....	92,669	102,429	96,483	95,883	95,873	97,112	95,954	98,181	97,612	97,203	97,060	98,455	99,817	*102,429	103,606	.....
Nondur. goods ind. with unfilled orders †..... do....	9,207	10,800	9,225	9,219	9,646	9,745	9,869	10,114	10,385	10,640	10,984	10,856	10,978	*10,800	10,923	.....
By market category:																
Home goods and apparel *..... do....	3,457	4,222	3,557	3,695	3,589	3,575	4,015	4,051	4,199	4,272	4,153	4,016	4,039	4,222	4,210	.....
Consumer staples *..... do....	815	745	793	778	759	759	775	732	691	720	739	716	760	745	736	.....
Equip. and defense prod., excl. auto *..... do....	183,026	195,145	185,729	184,266	182,729	185,457	185,639	188,209	188,212	187,894	189,477	191,853	194,432	195,145	196,637	.....
Automotive equipment *..... do....	5,282	7,688	5,472	5,330	5,234	5,512	5,573	5,800	6,166	6,765	6,578	7,050	7,335	7,688	7,981	.....
Construction materials and supplies..... do....	12,769	12,157	12,707	12,478	13,003	12,889	12,627	12,691	12,523	12,685	12,523	12,456	12,376	*12,157	12,098	.....
Other materials and supplies..... do....	95,622	114,306	97,341	98,721	100,739	100,823	102,293	104,005	106,557	108,328	109,562	111,950	113,489	*114,306	117,823	.....
Supplementary series:																
Household durables..... do....	3,032	3,701	3,095	3,189	3,159	3,156	3,572	3,575	3,726	3,809	3,655	3,548	3,550	*3,701	3,713	.....
Capital goods industries..... do....	219,633	235,555	223,367	221,843	221,290	223,562	223,780	227,053	227,281	226,847	227,872	230,732	233,452	*235,555	237,484	.....
Nondefense..... do....	122,942	123,647	122,251	120,664	118,658	119,122	119,734	120,405	119,416	119,880	121,388	124,314	124,630	*123,647	124,681	.....
Defense..... do....	96,691	111,908	101,116	101,179	102,632	104,440	104,046	106,648	107,865	106,967	106,484	106,418	108,822	*111,908	112,803	.....
<b>BUSINESS INCORPORATIONS @</b>																
New incorporations (50 States and Dist. Col.):																
Unadjusted..... number.....	566,942	.....	48,099	43,756	53,796	49,294	50,763	54,357	47,726	53,515	49,890	49,331	47,924	.....	.....	.....
Seasonally adjusted..... do....	.....	.....	49,999	48,296	48,032	48,903	50,211	50,992	48,601	52,828	50,445	50,441	51,642	.....	.....	.....
<b>INDUSTRIAL AND COMMERCIAL FAILURES @</b>																
Failures, total..... number.....	(*)	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Commercial service..... do....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Construction..... do....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Manufacturing and mining..... do....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Retail trade..... do....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Wholesale trade..... do....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Liabilities (current), total..... thous. \$.	(*)	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Commercial service..... do....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Construction..... do....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Manufacturing and mining..... do....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Retail trade..... do....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Wholesale trade..... do....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Failure annual rate (seasonally adjusted) No. per 10,000 concerns.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....

## COMMODITY PRICES

<b>PRICES RECEIVED AND PAID BY FARMERS †</b>																
Prices received, all farm products..... 1910-14=100.....	609	616	585	605	612	622	624	612	601	635	621	614	615	641	*660	650
Crops #..... do....	524	555	491	510	526	549	559	548	545	601	583	579	579	593	*599	586
Commercial vegetables..... do....	630	654	526	624	705	749	701	698	582	595	619	670	657	722	*815	870
Cotton..... do....	469	534	481	487	525	510	537	528	566	566	533	540	564	568	*529	542
Feed grains and hay..... do....	378	453	375	400	416	447	466	460	464	490	490	476	476	476	479	466
Food grains..... do....	401	407	404	405	412	423	423	396	380	410	414	412	405	397	*399	384
Fruit..... do....	649	474	499	485	452	464	476	475	441	597	394	433	443	527	*479	471
Tobacco..... do....	1,489	1,513	1,530	1,521	1,517	1,517	1,526	1,521	1,521	1,465	1,570	1,521	1,478	1,465	1,469	1,457
Livestock and products #..... do....	696	678	682	705	703	698	691	679	659	669	660	649	651	689	*724	716
Dairy products..... do....	831	829	844	844	832	826	813	807	807	813	826	844	850	844	*832	826
Meat animals..... do....	876	830	857	893	895	891	874	848	806	813	781	758	742	804	*853	846
Poultry and eggs..... do....	252	269	231	244	242	236	252	257	262	278	294	283	312	335	373	364
Prices paid:																
Production items..... do....	865	884	867	873	878	885	888	887	881	886	889	885	891	895	*901	903
All commodities and services, interest, taxes, and wage rates (parity index)..... 1910-14=100.....	1,076	1,105	1,088	1,093	1,096	1,102	1,106	1,107	1,104	1,108	1,112	1,110	1,116	1,119	1,128	1,132
Parity ratio \$..... do....	57	56	54	55	56	56	56	55	54	57	56	55	55	57	*59	57
<b>CONSUMER PRICES (U.S. Department of Labor Indexes)</b>																
<b>Not Seasonally Adjusted</b>																
ALL ITEMS, WAGE EARNERS AND CLERICAL WORKERS, REVISED (CPI-W)..... 1967=100.....	288.6	297.4	292.1	292.3	293.0	294.9	296.3	297.2	298.2	299.5	300.8	301.3	301.4	301.5	302.7	303.3
ALL ITEMS, ALL URBAN CONSUMERS (CPI-U) ◊..... 1967=100.....	289.1	298.4	293.1	293.2	293.4	295.5	297.1	298.1	299.3	300.3	301.8	302.6	303.1	303.5	305.2	306.6
Special group indexes:																
All items less shelter..... do....	273.3	283.5	278.5	278.5	278.7	280.8	282.4	283.4	284.5	285.4	286.8	287.5	287.8	288.1	289.8	291.4
All items less food ◊..... do....	288.4	298.3	292.6	292.6	292.4	294.7	296.5	297.8	299.3	300.5	302.3	303.2	303.9	304.0	304.8	305.9
All items less medical care ◊..... do....	286.8	295.1	290.0	290.0	290.1	292.3	293.9	294.9	296.0	297.0	298.5	299.3	299.7	300.0	301.6	302.9

See footnotes at end of tables.