

SURVEY OF CURRENT BUSINESS

December 1984

Units	Annual		1983			1984										
	1982	1983	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.
GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS—Continued																
MANUFACTURERS' SALES, INVENTORIES, AND ORDERS ++—Continued																
Unfilled orders, end of period (unadjusted), total.....mil. \$..	294,147	327,947	319,340	323,191	327,947	336,515	344,503	354,789	356,717	358,317	355,590	357,473	356,071	354,460	351,032	
Durable goods industries, total.....do	285,266	317,423	308,608	312,642	317,423	325,614	333,278	343,641	345,592	347,289	344,731	346,493	345,519	344,063	341,018	
Nondurable goods industries with unfilled orders †.....do	8,881	10,524	10,732	10,549	10,524	10,901	11,225	11,148	11,125	11,028	10,859	10,980	10,552	10,397	10,014	
Unfilled orders, end of period (seasonally adjusted) total.....mil. \$..	296,147	330,122	322,369	328,099	330,122	334,385	340,725	348,717	351,099	355,398	355,625	358,990	359,564	359,232	354,263	
By industry group:																
Durable goods industries, total #.....do	287,014	319,303	311,530	317,209	319,303	323,457	329,512	337,702	340,320	344,681	344,765	348,065	349,048	348,782	344,136	
Primary metals.....do	15,145	20,817	19,989	20,971	20,817	21,656	22,127	22,213	22,899	22,210	20,877	20,696	20,333	20,038	19,466	
Blast furnaces, steel mills.....do	6,843	10,094	9,696	10,053	10,094	10,607	10,816	11,053	11,116	10,442	9,413	9,076	8,942	8,484	8,336	
Nonferrous and other primary metals.....do	6,155	8,195	7,848	8,460	8,195	8,392	8,533	8,275	8,765	8,706	8,269	8,298	8,120	7,870	7,956	
Fabricated metal products.....do	21,646	20,534	20,674	20,644	20,534	20,616	20,942	20,896	20,854	21,208	21,146	20,709	21,187	21,629	21,822	
Machinery, except electrical.....do	55,759	58,363	58,189	58,392	58,363	59,195	59,930	61,205	61,309	62,400	63,095	63,949	64,191	63,821	62,769	
Electrical machinery.....do	60,333	69,996	68,371	69,206	69,996	71,325	73,254	75,020	75,129	77,662	78,214	79,254	80,239	81,300	80,664	
Transportation equipment.....do	121,203	134,467	129,153	132,831	134,467	135,174	137,621	142,845	144,527	145,107	145,534	147,224	146,824	145,599	143,135	
Aircraft, missiles, and parts.....do	93,037	103,890	99,487	101,605	103,890	104,419	105,846	111,450	113,463	113,849	114,309	116,329	116,810	116,774	115,108	
Nondurable goods industries with unfilled orders †.....do	9,133	10,819	10,839	10,890	10,819	10,928	11,213	11,015	10,779	10,767	10,860	10,925	10,516	10,450	10,127	
By market category:																
Home goods and apparel *.....do	3,477	4,234	4,061	4,088	4,234	4,537	4,909	4,589	4,499	4,733	4,590	4,631	4,650	4,656	4,385	
Consumer staples *.....do	799	728	722	747	728	711	735	672	663	682	670	646	679	675	713	
Equip. and defense prod., excl. auto *.....do	183,056	196,656	192,781	196,509	196,656	198,240	202,168	208,444	208,951	212,164	213,950	215,960	218,093	218,346	216,883	
Automotive equipment *.....do	5,246	7,618	7,012	7,333	7,618	7,842	8,039	7,913	8,121	8,010	7,888	7,863	7,540	7,077	6,648	
Construction materials and supplies.....do	12,866	12,276	12,450	12,371	12,276	12,254	12,385	12,489	12,471	12,570	12,561	12,403	12,660	12,661	12,936	
Other materials and supplies.....do	90,703	108,610	105,343	107,051	108,610	110,801	112,489	114,277	116,394	117,239	115,966	117,487	115,942	115,817	112,698	
Supplementary series:																
Household durables.....do	3,057	3,715	3,592	3,590	3,715	4,026	4,346	4,012	3,911	4,154	4,043	4,069	4,115	4,152	3,962	
Capital goods industries.....do	219,762	236,703	231,474	235,333	236,703	238,591	242,889	250,319	251,670	254,663	256,817	259,820	261,729	262,274	259,391	
Nondefense.....do	123,108	123,942	123,952	124,494	123,942	124,941	127,802	129,425	130,512	133,575	134,717	136,501	136,955	137,051	135,863	
Defense.....do	96,654	112,761	107,522	110,839	112,761	113,650	115,087	120,894	121,158	121,088	122,100	123,319	124,774	125,223	123,528	
BUSINESS INCORPORATIONS @																
New incorporations (50 States and Dist. Col.): Unadjusted.....number..	566,942	600,400	49,331	47,924	51,969	52,885	51,501	57,003	54,257	54,338						
Seasonally adjusted.....do			50,441	51,642	51,557	53,044	53,591	53,424	53,933	51,166						
INDUSTRIAL AND COMMERCIAL FAILURES @																
Failures, total.....number..	24,908															
Commercial service.....do	3,840															
Construction.....do	4,872															
Manufacturing and mining.....do	3,683															
Retail trade.....do	9,730															
Wholesale trade.....do	2,783															
Liabilities (current), total.....thous. \$..	(2)															
Commercial service.....do	1,449,594															
Construction.....do	1,374,319															
Manufacturing and mining.....do	5,509,902															
Retail trade.....do	4,479,445															
Wholesale trade.....do	2,797,532															
Failure annual rate (seasonally adjusted) No. per 10,000 concerns..	188.4															

COMMODITY PRICES

PRICES RECEIVED AND PAID BY FARMERS †																
Prices received, all farm products.....1910-14=100..	609	614	613	616	639	660	658	663	665	659	658	657	655	634	632	626
Crops #.....do	525	551	577	579	590	599	592	601	605	621	627	615	623	589	596	567
Commercial vegetables.....do	631	650	665	654	713	815	843	771	677	608	589	603	707	640	690	548
Cotton.....do	469	534	541	564	568	529	555	595	575	622	587	576	567	545	545	557
Feed grains and hay.....do	378	453	476	476	476	479	473	483	498	505	500	482	460	434	409	403
Food grains.....do	401	407	412	405	398	399	391	399	412	413	392	375	390	390	390	390
Fruit.....do	648	464	426	432	494	479	473	481	497	595	751	767	912	906	1,066	902
Tobacco.....do	1,501	1,429	1,517	1,557	1,532	1,469	1,457	1,448	1,444	1,444	1,444	1,444	1,521	1,635	1,605	1,635
Livestock and products #.....do	696	679	649	653	689	724	726	727	725	699	689	699	687	680	667	686
Dairy products.....do	831	830	844	850	838	832	820	807	801	795	783	789	801	832	856	863
Meat animals.....do	876	831	758	742	807	853	869	890	881	863	860	873	855	826	799	820
Poultry and eggs.....do	252	269	284	317	335	373	364	339	353	303	286	294	273	280	267	289
Prices paid:																
Production items.....do	865	884	885	891	895	901	903	910	912	909	907	901	897	892	886	886
All commodities and services, interest, taxes, and wage rates (parity index).....1910-14=100..	1,076	1,105	1,110	1,116	1,119	1,128	1,132	1,138	1,141	1,140	1,139	1,136	1,134	1,132	1,129	1,130
Parity ratio \$.....do	57	56	55	55	57	59	58	58	58	58	58	58	58	56	56	55
CONSUMER PRICES (U.S. Department of Labor Indexes)																
Not Seasonally Adjusted																
ALL ITEMS, WAGE EARNERS AND CLERICAL WORKERS, REVISED (CPI-W).....1967=100..																
288.6	297.4	301.3	301.4	301.5	302.7	303.3	303.3	304.1	305.4	306.2	307.5	310.3	312.1	312.2	311.9	
ALL ITEMS, ALL URBAN CONSUMERS (CPI-U) ◊.....1967=100..																
289.1	298.4	302.6	303.1	303.5	305.2	306.6	307.3	308.8	309.7	310.7	311.7	313.0	314.5	315.3	315.3	
Special group indexes:																
All items less shelter.....do	273.3	283.5	287.5	287.8	288.1	289.8	291.4	291.9	293.2	294.0	294.9	295.6	296.7	298.1	298.7	298.6
All items less food ◊.....do	288.4	298.3	303.2	303.9	304.0	304.8	305.9	306.8	308.6	310.0	311.0	312.0	313.2	315.2	316.1	316.2
All items less medical care ◊.....do	286.8	295.1	299.3	299.7	300.0	301.6	302.9	303.6	305.1	306.0	306.9	307.9	309.2	310.7	311.4	311.3

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