

May 1985

SURVEY OF CURRENT BUSINESS

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Units	Annual		1984											1985			
	1983	1984	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	
GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS—Continued																	
MANUFACTURERS' SALES, INVENTORIES, AND ORDERS ^{††} —Continued																	
Unfilled orders, end of period (unadjusted), total.....mil. \$.....	327,947	352,952	354,789	356,717	358,317	355,590	357,473	356,071	354,460	351,330	351,429	352,952	*360,261	*363,847	364,263		
Durable goods industries, total.....do.....	317,423	343,060	343,641	345,592	347,289	344,731	346,493	345,519	344,063	341,300	341,688	343,060	*350,061	*353,611	354,144		
Nondurable goods industries with unfilled orders [‡]do.....	10,524	9,892	11,148	11,125	11,028	10,859	10,980	10,552	10,397	10,030	9,741	9,892	*10,200	*10,236	10,119		
Unfilled orders, end of period (seasonally adjusted) total.....mil. \$.....	330,122	355,184	348,717	351,099	355,398	355,625	358,990	359,564	359,232	354,566	356,756	355,184	*359,125	*360,307	357,630		
By industry group:																	
Durable goods industries, total #.....do.....	319,303	344,989	337,702	340,320	344,631	344,765	348,065	349,048	348,782	344,422	346,678	344,989	*348,924	*350,052	347,580		
Primary metals.....do.....	20,817	18,939	22,213	22,899	22,210	20,877	20,696	20,333	20,038	19,490	19,232	18,939	*19,403	*19,009	19,047		
Blast furnaces, steel mills.....do.....	10,094	8,753	11,053	11,116	10,442	9,413	9,076	8,942	8,484	8,314	8,390	8,753	*8,963	*9,058	8,962		
Nonferrous and other primary metals.....do.....	8,195	7,221	8,275	8,765	8,706	8,269	8,298	8,120	8,270	7,985	7,744	7,221	*7,154	*7,159	7,134		
Fabricated metal products.....do.....	20,534	22,006	20,896	20,854	21,208	21,146	20,709	21,187	21,629	21,749	21,691	22,006	*21,794	*21,845	21,845		
Machinery, except electrical.....do.....	58,363	61,193	61,205	61,309	62,400	63,095	63,949	64,191	63,821	62,842	62,755	61,193	*61,987	*62,038	62,038		
Electrical machinery.....do.....	69,996	78,642	75,020	75,129	77,662	78,214	79,254	80,239	81,300	80,818	80,059	78,642	*78,023	*78,074	78,074		
Transportation equipment.....do.....	134,467	147,554	142,845	144,527	145,107	145,534	147,224	146,824	145,599	143,195	146,696	147,554	*148,618	*147,120	144,463		
Aircraft, missiles, and parts.....do.....	103,890	119,916	111,450	113,463	113,849	114,309	116,329	116,810	116,774	115,156	118,532	119,916	*121,388	*120,298	118,067		
Nondurable goods industries with unfilled orders [‡]do.....	10,819	10,195	11,015	10,779	10,767	10,860	10,925	10,516	10,450	10,144	10,078	10,195	*10,201	*10,255	10,050		
By market category:																	
Home goods and apparel *.....do.....	4,234	4,019	4,589	4,499	4,733	4,590	4,631	4,650	4,656	4,455	4,005	4,019	*4,154	*4,133	4,690		
Consumer staples *.....do.....	728	713	672	663	682	670	646	679	675	713	706	713	*763	*735	670		
Equip. and defense prod., excl. auto *.....do.....	196,656	219,541	208,444	208,951	212,164	213,950	215,960	218,093	218,346	217,110	221,215	219,541	*222,007	*223,205	222,744		
Automotive equipment *.....do.....	7,618	6,349	7,913	8,121	8,010	7,888	7,863	7,540	7,077	6,650	6,336	6,349	*6,129	*6,446	6,422		
Construction materials, supplies, and intermediate products.....do.....	12,276	13,042	12,489	12,471	12,570	12,561	12,403	12,660	12,661	12,790	12,762	13,042	*12,774	*12,946	12,574		
Other materials, supplies, and intermediate products.....do.....	108,610	111,520	114,277	116,394	117,239	115,966	117,487	115,942	115,817	112,848	111,732	111,520	*112,408	*111,842	110,530		
Supplementary series:																	
Household durables.....do.....	3,715	3,619	4,012	3,911	4,154	4,043	4,069	4,115	4,152	4,013	3,590	3,619	*4,730	*4,633	4,208		
Capital goods industries.....do.....	236,703	263,448	250,319	251,670	254,663	256,817	259,820	261,729	262,274	259,679	263,586	263,448	*266,777	*268,334	267,236		
Nondefense.....do.....	123,942	133,671	129,425	130,512	133,575	134,717	136,501	136,955	137,051	135,889	135,729	133,671	*132,322	*135,486	134,787		
Defense.....do.....	112,761	129,777	120,894	121,158	121,088	122,100	123,319	124,774	125,223	123,790	127,857	129,777	*134,455	*132,848	132,449		
BUSINESS INCORPORATIONS @																	
New incorporations (50 States and Dist. Col.):																	
Unadjusted.....number.....	600,400		57,003	54,257	54,338	55,878	52,040	53,326	47,118	55,216	49,585						
Seasonally adjusted.....do.....			53,424	53,933	51,166	54,729	52,092	51,723	51,835	*52,587	53,490						
INDUSTRIAL AND COMMERCIAL FAILURES @																	
Failures, total.....number.....	31,334																
Commercial service.....do.....	8,627																
Construction.....do.....	5,247																
Manufacturing and mining.....do.....	4,433																
Retail trade.....do.....	11,429																
Wholesale trade.....do.....	3,598																
Liabilities (current), total.....thous. \$.....	(2)																
Commercial service.....do.....	3,038,790																
Construction.....do.....	1,548,554																
Manufacturing and mining.....do.....	6,371,932																
Retail trade.....do.....	2,329,134																
Wholesale trade.....do.....	2,784,450																
Failure annual rate (seasonally adjusted) No. per 10,000 concerns.....	109.7																

COMMODITY PRICES

PRICES RECEIVED AND PAID BY FARMERS [†]																	
Prices received, all farm products.....1910-14=100.....	613	649	663	665	663	657	661	654	634	632	625	618	619	617	*611	601	
Crops #.....do.....	550	599	601	605	628	625	623	621	588	597	563	542	546	540	*548	546	
Commercial vegetables.....do.....	652	667	768	677	607	586	599	700	637	687	528	571	639	681	*763	709	
Cotton.....do.....	531	553	592	567	614	574	556	569	545	545	522	471	440	413	*460	464	
Feed grains and hay.....do.....	452	460	482	496	505	498	482	461	434	409	399	403	410	408	*410	414	
Food grains.....do.....	407	394	399	412	414	393	375	391	390	390	393	385	385	383	*385	387	
Fruit.....do.....	454	736	488	518	658	745	867	912	907	1,070	912	743	729	697	*646	644	
Tobacco.....do.....	1,429	1,513	1,448	1,444	1,444	1,444	1,444	1,521	1,635	1,605	1,635	1,609	1,574	1,540	1,549	1,544	
Livestock and products #.....do.....	679	701	727	725	699	689	699	687	680	667	690	697	696	697	*677	658	
Dairy products.....do.....	830	821	807	801	795	783	789	801	832	856	875	856	856	838	*813	795	
Meat animals.....do.....	831	854	890	881	863	860	872	855	826	799	823	852	856	871	*837	816	
Poultry and eggs.....do.....	269	308	339	353	303	286	294	273	280	267	289	277	266	258	265	251	
Prices paid:																	
Production items.....do.....	883	899	907	*909	909	907	901	897	892	885	887	885	892	891	888	886	
All commodities and services, interest, taxes, and wage rates (parity index).....1910-14=100.....	1,104	1,130	1,131	*1,133	1,135	1,134	1,131	1,130	1,128	1,125	1,127	1,125	1,130	1,130	1,130	1,130	
Parity ratio \$.....do.....	56	57	59	59	58	58	58	58	56	56	55	55	55	55	54	53	
CONSUMER PRICES (U.S. Department of Labor Indexes) Not Seasonally Adjusted																	
ALL ITEMS, WAGE EARNERS AND CLERICAL WORKERS, REVISED (CPI-W) [◇]1967=100.....	297.4	307.6	303.3	304.1	305.4	306.2	307.5	310.3	312.1	312.2	311.9	312.2	*312.6	313.9	315.3	316.7	
ALL ITEMS, ALL URBAN CONSUMERS (CPI-U) [◇]1967=100.....	298.4	311.1	307.3	308.8	309.7	310.7	311.7	313.0	314.5	315.3	315.3	315.5	316.1	317.4	318.8	320.1	
Special group indexes:																	
All items less shelter.....do.....	283.5	295.1	291.9	293.2	294.0	294.9	295.6	296.7	298.1	298.7	298.6	298.6	298.9	300.0	301.5	302.8	
All items less food [◇]do.....	298.3	311.3	306.8	308.6	310.0	311.0	312.0	313.2	315.2	316.1	316.2	316.2	316.3	317.4	319.1	320.8	
All items less medical care [◇]do.....	295.1	307.3	303.6	305.1	306.0	306.9	307.9	309.2	310.7	311.4	311.3	311.5	311.9	313.1	314.5	315.8	

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