

SURVEY OF CURRENT BUSINESS

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August 1985

Unless otherwise stated in footnotes below, data through 1982 and methodological notes are as shown in BUSINESS STATISTICS: 1982	Units	Annual		1984								1985						
		1983	1984	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	
GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS—Continued																		
MANUFACTURERS' SALES, INVENTORIES, AND ORDERS ^{††} —Continued																		
Unfilled orders, end of period (unadjusted),																		
total.....mil. \$.....	328,232	352,940	356,519	358,699	357,132	354,888	351,620	351,926	352,940	360,261	363,459	363,772	361,728	359,545	360,485			
Durable goods industries, total.....do.....	317,708	343,026	345,664	347,720	346,596	344,549	341,591	342,161	343,026	350,061	353,223	353,645	351,638	349,353	350,125			
Nondurable goods industries with unfilled orders [‡]do.....	10,524	9,914	10,855	10,979	10,536	10,339	10,029	9,765	9,914	10,200	10,236	10,127	10,090	10,192	10,360			
Unfilled orders, end of period (seasonally adjusted) total.....mil. \$.....																		
By industry group.....	330,924	355,640	355,406	359,571	360,800	360,687	356,211	358,150	355,640	359,125	359,926	357,151	354,731	355,112	359,381			
Durable goods industries, total [#]do.....	320,123	345,443	344,596	348,734	350,340	350,336	346,035	348,075	345,443	348,924	349,671	347,096	344,874	345,127	349,064			
Primary metals.....do.....	20,933	19,100	20,877	20,791	20,469	20,084	19,634	19,324	19,100	19,403	19,009	18,993	19,576	19,556	19,676			
Blast furnaces, steel mills.....do.....	9,969	8,660	9,459	9,223	9,041	8,626	8,470	8,504	8,660	8,963	9,058	8,970	9,291	9,028	9,071			
Nonferrous and other pri- mary metals.....do.....	8,408	7,444	8,250	8,287	8,108	8,172	7,964	7,708	7,444	7,367	6,989	6,963	7,118	7,223	7,320			
Fabricated metal products.....do.....	20,535	21,651	20,815	20,647	20,927	21,185	21,332	21,737	21,651	21,754	21,529	21,313	21,222	20,840	20,386			
Machinery, except electrical.....do.....	58,444	61,328	62,864	64,082	64,142	63,820	62,599	62,492	61,328	59,794	63,245	63,659	62,547	61,814	61,758			
Electrical machinery.....do.....	70,106	78,868	78,258	79,363	80,386	81,273	80,864	80,462	78,868	82,023	81,304	81,630	81,423	81,569	82,211			
Transportation equipment.....do.....	134,451	147,596	145,182	146,915	147,464	147,164	144,804	147,427	147,596	148,618	147,120	144,531	143,189	144,428	148,067			
Aircraft, missiles, and parts.....do.....	103,820	119,920	114,162	116,347	117,549	117,987	116,372	119,208	119,920	121,388	120,298	118,097	117,351	118,529	121,559			
Nondurable goods industries with unfilled orders [‡]do.....	10,801	10,197	10,810	10,837	10,460	10,351	10,176	10,075	10,197	10,201	10,255	10,055	9,857	9,985	10,317			
By market category:																		
Home goods and apparel *.....do.....	4,783	4,562	5,246	5,313	5,301	5,201	5,033	4,548	4,562	5,154	5,133	4,819	4,552	4,456	4,449			
Consumer staples *.....do.....	719	649	670	659	671	643	677	649	649	653	735	666	675	695	665			
Equip. and defense prod., excl. auto *.....do.....	196,921	219,947	213,432	216,241	218,565	219,516	217,883	221,462	219,947	222,007	222,824	222,686	221,820	222,714	225,436			
Automotive equipment *.....do.....	7,544	6,287	7,945	7,861	7,531	7,105	6,703	6,425	6,287	6,129	6,446	6,422	6,256	6,117	6,346			
Construction materials, supplies, and intermediate products.....do.....	12,261	12,640	12,232	12,126	12,368	12,291	12,398	12,437	12,640	12,774	12,946	12,600	12,621	12,425	12,293			
Other materials, supplies, and intermediate products.....do.....	108,696	111,555	115,881	117,371	116,364	115,931	113,517	112,629	111,555	112,408	111,842	109,958	108,807	108,705	110,192			
Supplementary series:																		
Household durables.....do.....	4,256	4,155	4,704	4,750	4,775	4,700	4,584	4,132	4,155	4,730	4,633	4,347	4,103	3,982	3,947			
Capital goods industries.....do.....	236,818	263,713	256,207	259,968	262,401	263,644	260,965	264,458	263,713	266,777	267,953	266,911	265,054	266,028	270,455			
Nondefense.....do.....	124,064	133,938	134,535	136,749	137,125	137,148	135,625	135,366	133,938	132,322	135,486	134,921	133,285	132,070	132,716			
Defense.....do.....	112,754	129,775	121,672	123,219	125,276	126,496	125,340	129,092	129,775	134,455	132,467	131,990	131,769	133,958	137,739			
BUSINESS INCORPORATIONS @																		
New incorporations (50 States and Dist. Col.):																		
Unadjusted.....number.....	600,400	634,991	55,878	52,040	53,326	47,118	55,216	49,585	51,844									
Seasonally adjusted.....do.....			54,729	52,092	51,723	51,835	52,587	53,490	53,503									
INDUSTRIAL AND COMMERCIAL FAILURES @																		
Failures, total.....number.....																		
Commercial service.....do.....	31,334																	
Construction.....do.....	8,627																	
Manufacturing and mining.....do.....	5,247																	
Retail trade.....do.....	4,433																	
Wholesale trade.....do.....	11,429																	
	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..	614	649	656	661	653	631	629	623	618	619	617	611	598	590	585	581	
Crops #.....do.....	551	598	622	623	619	585	593	557	541	546	540	548	541	536	528	530	
Commercial vegetables.....do.....	648	670	581	611	696	637	681	529	572	639	681	763	610	561	500	665	
Cotton.....do.....	531	553	574	556	569	545	545	522	471	440	413	460	472	462	485	476	
Feed grains and hay.....do.....	452	460	498	482	461	434	409	398	403	410	408	410	418	420	409	400	
Food grains.....do.....	407	394	393	375	391	390	390	392	385	385	383	385	390	375	354	339	
Fruit.....do.....	451	730	726	862	906	900	1,062	890	753	729	697	646	636	668	686	674	
Tobacco.....do.....	1,505	1,484	1,457	1,434	1,459	1,521	1,503	1,550	1,550	1,574	1,540	1,549	1,530	1,529	1,529	1,529	
Livestock and products #.....do.....	679	701	691	700	688	679	666	690	697	696	697	677	656	645	643	634	
Dairy products.....do.....	830	823	789	795	807	832	856	875	856	856	838	813	789	764	740	740	
Meat animals.....do.....	831	854	860	873	856	826	799	822	852	856	871	837	815	806	801	785	
Poultry and eggs.....do.....	270	307	286	291	274	277	265	290	277	266	258	265	251	245	261	261	
Prices paid:																	
Production items.....do.....	883	896	904	898	894	889	883	884	882	892	891	888	886	883	877	870	
All commodities and services, interest, taxes, and wage rates (parity index).....1910-14=100..	1,104	1,127	1,132	1,129	1,128	1,126	1,123	1,125	1,123	1,130	1,130	1,130	1,133	1,133	1,129	1,125	
Parity ratio \$.....do.....	56	58	58	59	58	56	56	55	55	55	55	54	53	52	52	52	
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	306.2	307.5	310.3	312.1	312.2	311.9	312.2	312.6	313.9	315.3	316.7	317.8	318.7	319.1	
ALL ITEMS, ALL URBAN CONSUMERS																	
(CPI-U) ◇.....1967=100..	298.4	311.1	310.7	311.7	313.0	314.5	315.3	315.3	315.5	316.1	317.4	318.8	320.1	321.3	322.3	322.8	
Special group indexes:																	
All items less shelter.....do.....	283.5	295.1	294.9	295.6	296.7	298.1	298.7	298.6	298.6	298.9	300.0	301.5	302.8	303.4	304.3	304.4	
All items less food ◇.....do.....	298.3	311.3	311.0	312.0	313.2	315.2	316.1	316.2	316.2	316.3	317.4	319.1	320.8	322.4	323.6	324.2	
All items less medical care ◇.....do.....	295.1	307.3	306.9	307.9	309.2	310.7	311.4	311.3	311.5	311.9	313.1	314.5	315.8	317.0	317.9	318.4	