

June 1983

SURVEY OF CURRENT BUSINESS

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| Unless otherwise stated in footnotes below, data through 1978 and descriptive notes are as shown in the 1979 edition of BUSINESS STATISTICS | 1981 | 1982 | 1982 | | | | | | | | | | 1983 | | | | |
|---|-----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|---------|-------|--|
| | Annual | | Apr. | May | June | July | Aug. | Sept. | Oct. | Nov. | Dec. | Jan. | Feb. | Mar. | Apr. | May | |
| GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS—Continued | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| MANUFACTURERS' SALES, INVENTORIES, AND ORDERS †—Continued | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Unfilled orders, end of year or month (unadjusted), total †..... mil. \$..... | '321,402 | '299,731 | '324,812 | '318,599 | '312,608 | '308,204 | '302,153 | '298,080 | '297,647 | '294,619 | '299,731 | '307,683 | '308,490 | '311,178 | 313,437 | ..... |  |
| Durable goods industries, total..... do..... | '311,635 | '290,757 | '315,298 | '309,340 | '303,637 | '299,441 | '293,401 | '289,196 | '288,861 | '285,883 | '290,757 | '298,447 | '299,227 | '301,397 | 303,481 | ..... |  |
| Nondur. goods ind. with unfilled orders †..... do..... | '9,767 | '8,974 | '9,514 | '9,259 | '8,971 | '8,763 | '8,752 | '8,884 | '8,786 | '8,736 | '8,974 | '9,236 | '9,263 | '9,781 | 9,956 | ..... |  |
| Unfilled orders, end of year or month (seasonally adjusted) total †..... mil. \$..... | '323,346 | '300,971 | '320,059 | '316,518 | '313,384 | '309,880 | '305,564 | '301,678 | '299,846 | '298,132 | '300,971 | '305,599 | '305,268 | '306,053 | 308,752 | ..... |  |
| By industry group: | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Durable goods industries, total #..... do..... | '313,337 | '291,764 | '310,776 | '307,449 | '304,409 | '301,116 | '296,831 | '292,760 | '291,017 | '289,079 | '291,764 | '296,374 | '296,049 | '296,407 | 299,039 | ..... |  |
| Primary metals..... do..... | '26,304 | '20,160 | '22,610 | '22,445 | '22,422 | '22,358 | '21,987 | '21,656 | '20,931 | '20,864 | '20,160 | '20,627 | '22,308 | '22,567 | 22,555 | ..... |  |
| Blast furnaces, steel mills..... do..... | '15,779 | '11,891 | '13,218 | '13,279 | '13,111 | '13,218 | '13,095 | '12,796 | '12,492 | '12,370 | '11,891 | '12,168 | '13,204 | '13,388 | 13,291 | ..... |  |
| Nonferrous and other primary met..... do..... | '7,403 | '6,130 | '6,733 | '6,579 | '6,698 | '6,549 | '6,479 | '6,569 | '6,242 | '6,339 | '6,130 | '6,296 | '6,944 | '6,982 | 7,064 | ..... |  |
| Fabricated metal products..... do..... | '28,784 | '21,531 | '27,223 | '26,630 | '26,165 | '25,431 | '24,786 | '24,127 | '23,599 | '22,626 | '21,531 | '21,403 | '21,052 | '21,255 | 21,010 | ..... |  |
| Machinery, except electrical..... do..... | '73,517 | '55,697 | '68,536 | '66,900 | '64,640 | '62,693 | '60,853 | '59,306 | '58,874 | '57,524 | '55,697 | '54,703 | '53,859 | '53,999 | 54,175 | ..... |  |
| Electrical machinery..... do..... | '54,037 | '60,600 | '56,588 | '56,757 | '56,906 | '57,239 | '57,339 | '57,787 | '58,303 | '59,223 | '60,600 | '60,828 | '61,246 | '61,408 | 61,983 | ..... |  |
| Transportation equipment..... do..... | '115,556 | '120,898 | '121,474 | '120,462 | '119,944 | '119,460 | '118,172 | '116,140 | '115,779 | '115,619 | '120,898 | '126,003 | '124,576 | '123,997 | 125,217 | ..... |  |
| Aircraft, missiles, and parts..... do..... | '88,640 | '92,669 | '95,002 | '94,443 | '93,992 | '93,558 | '93,414 | '91,936 | '91,801 | '91,806 | '92,669 | '96,483 | '95,883 | '95,873 | 96,835 | ..... |  |
| Nondur. goods ind. with unfilled orders †..... do..... | '10,009 | '9,207 | '9,283 | '9,069 | '8,975 | '8,764 | '8,733 | '8,918 | '8,829 | '9,053 | '9,207 | '9,225 | '9,219 | '9,646 | 9,713 | ..... |  |
| By market category: † | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Home goods, apparel, consumer staples..... do..... | '5,251 | '4,272 | '4,403 | '4,678 | '5,079 | '4,613 | '4,402 | '4,169 | '4,078 | '4,123 | '4,272 | '4,350 | '4,473 | '4,348 | 4,246 | ..... |  |
| Equip. and defense prod., incl. auto..... do..... | '192,213 | '188,308 | '196,571 | '193,836 | '192,853 | '191,134 | '188,469 | '186,110 | '185,586 | '184,851 | '188,308 | '190,853 | '187,963 | '189,596 | 191,201 | ..... |  |
| Construction materials and supplies..... do..... | '17,125 | '12,769 | '16,083 | '15,689 | '15,321 | '15,115 | '14,746 | '14,594 | '14,323 | '13,631 | '12,769 | '12,707 | '12,478 | '13,003 | 12,861 | ..... |  |
| Other materials and supplies..... do..... | '108,757 | '95,622 | '103,002 | '102,315 | '100,131 | '99,018 | '97,947 | '96,805 | '95,859 | '95,527 | '95,622 | '97,341 | '98,721 | '100,739 | 100,792 | ..... |  |
| Supplementary series: | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Household durables..... do..... | '3,909 | '3,032 | '3,189 | '3,433 | '3,792 | '3,420 | '3,245 | '3,003 | '2,953 | '2,969 | '3,032 | '3,095 | '3,189 | '3,159 | 3,120 | ..... |  |
| Capital goods industries..... do..... | '224,377 | '219,633 | '228,772 | '226,046 | '224,136 | '221,820 | '219,640 | '216,384 | '215,912 | '215,279 | '219,633 | '223,367 | '221,843 | '221,290 | 223,343 | ..... |  |
| Nondefense..... do..... | '146,301 | '122,942 | '140,855 | '137,788 | '134,765 | '132,112 | '129,042 | '127,129 | '126,046 | '124,718 | '122,942 | '122,251 | '120,664 | '118,658 | 118,969 | ..... |  |
| Defense..... do..... | '78,076 | '96,691 | '87,917 | '88,258 | '89,371 | '89,708 | '90,598 | '89,255 | '89,866 | '90,561 | '96,691 | '101,116 | '101,179 | '102,632 | 104,374 | ..... |  |
| BUSINESS INCORPORATIONS @ | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| New incorporations (50 States and Dist. Col.): | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Unadjusted..... number..... | 581,242 | 566,942 | 48,845 | 46,008 | 48,876 | 45,282 | 45,572 | 45,461 | 45,029 | 44,354 | 59,750 | 48,099 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |  |
| Seasonally adjusted..... do..... | ..... | ..... | 46,876 | 46,995 | 45,936 | 44,525 | 46,981 | 45,552 | 45,530 | 48,474 | 57,507 | 49,999 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |  |
| INDUSTRIAL AND COMMERCIAL FAILURES @ | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Failures, total..... number..... | 16,794 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |  |
| Commercial service..... do..... | 2,366 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |  |
| Construction..... do..... | 3,614 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |  |
| Manufacturing and mining..... do..... | 2,224 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |  |
| Retail trade..... do..... | 6,882 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |  |
| Wholesale trade..... do..... | 1,708 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |  |
| Liabilities (current), total..... thous. \$..... | 6,955,180 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |  |
| Commercial service..... do..... | 1,045,825 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |  |
| Construction..... do..... | 851,780 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |  |
| Manufacturing and mining..... do..... | 2,370,415 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |  |
| Retail trade..... do..... | 1,558,528 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |  |
| Wholesale trade..... do..... | 1,128,632 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |  |
| Failure annual rate (seasonally adjusted) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| No. per 10,000 concerns..... | '61.3 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |  |

COMMODITY PRICES

| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|--|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|--------|-------|-------|--------|-------|-------|
| PRICES RECEIVED AND PAID BY FARMERS † | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Prices received, all farm products..... 1910-14=100..... | 633 | 609 | 618 | 634 | 628 | 624 | 607 | 619 | 585 | 587 | 581 | 585 | 604 | 611 | '622 | 624 | ..... |
| Crops # do..... | 580 | 525 | 533 | 544 | 541 | 540 | 508 | 538 | 491 | 505 | 495 | 492 | 509 | 523 | '549 | 557 | ..... |
| Commercial vegetables do..... | 677 | 633 | 641 | 605 | 640 | 604 | 528 | 501 | 518 | 617 | 578 | 526 | 624 | 705 | '749 | 731 | ..... |
| Cotton do..... | 566 | 467 | 459 | 471 | 490 | 506 | 446 | 469 | 505 | 506 | 484 | 473 | 476 | 506 | '504 | 501 | ..... |
| Feed grains and hay do..... | 446 | 378 | 404 | 417 | 404 | 385 | 363 | 345 | 328 | 345 | 363 | 375 | 401 | 415 | '447 | 463 | ..... |
| Food grains do..... | 456 | 401 | 417 | 413 | 388 | 374 | 376 | 383 | 388 | 393 | 398 | 404 | 405 | 412 | '425 | 416 | ..... |
| Fruit do..... | 483 | 654 | 549 | 596 | 612 | 761 | 689 | 1,088 | 721 | 671 | 546 | 499 | 479 | 443 | '456 | 468 | ..... |
| Tobacco do..... | 1,363 | 1,496 | 1,469 | 1,469 | 1,474 | 1,400 | 1,526 | 1,565 | 1,535 | 1,548 | 1,548 | 1,530 | 1,521 | 1,517 | 1,517 | 1,526 | ..... |
| Livestock and products # do..... | 688 | 696 | 706 | 727 | 718 | 711 | 710 | 705 | 685 | 672 | 669 | 682 | 705 | 703 | '698 | 693 | ..... |
| Dairy products do..... | 842 | 829 | 820 | 807 | 801 | 807 | 807 | 826 | 844 | 856 | 850 | 844 | 844 | 832 | 826 | 813 | ..... |
| Meat animals do..... | 848 | 876 | 898 | 950 | 936 | 912 | 922 | 894 | 850 | 823 | 828 | 857 | 893 | 895 | '891 | 877 | ..... |
| Poultry and eggs do..... | 264 | 251 | 255 | 247 | 245 | 254 | 236 | 253 | 249 | 244 | 232 | 231 | 244 | 242 | 236 | 252 | ..... |
| Prices paid: | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Production items do..... | 855 | 864 | 863 | 868 | 873 | 873 | 871 | 865 | 859 | 860 | 859 | 869 | 875 | 880 | '887 | 889 | ..... |
| All commodities and services, interest, taxes, and wage rates (parity index)..... 1910-14=100..... | 1,035 | 1,071 | 1,065 | 1,070 | 1,076 | 1,079 | 1,079 | 1,077 | 1,073 | 1,075 | 1,073 | 1,083 | 1,088 | 1,091 | '1,096 | 1,100 | ..... |
| Parity ratio \$ do..... | 61 | 57 | 58 | 59 | 58 | 58 | 56 | 57 | 55 | 55 | 54 | 54 | 56 | 56 | 57 | 57 | ..... |
| CONSUMER PRICES (U.S. Department of Labor Indexes) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Not Seasonally Adjusted | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| ALL ITEMS, WAGE EARNERS AND CLERICAL WORKERS, REVISED (CPI-W)..... 1967=100..... | 272.3 | 288.6 | 283.7 | 286.5 | 290.1 | 291.8 | 292.4 | 292.8 | 293.6 | 293.2 | 292.0 | 292.1 | 292.3 | 293.0 | 294.9 | 296.3 | ..... |
| ALL ITEMS, ALL URBAN CONSUMERS (CPI-U)..... 1967=100..... | 272.4 | 289.1 | 284.3 | 287.1 | 290.6 | 292.2 | 292.8 | 293.3 | 294.1 | 293.6 | 292.4 | *293.1 | 293.2 | 293.4 | 295.5 | 297.1 | ..... |
| Special group indexes: | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| All items less shelter do..... | 258.5 | 273.3 | 268.7 | 270.6 | 273.8 | 275.3 | 275.7 | 276.9 | 277.9 | 278.1 | 278.2 | 278.5 | 278.5 | 278.7 | 280.8 | 282.4 | ..... |
| All items less food do..... | 270.6 | 288.4 | 282.9 | 286.0 | 289.7 | 291.5 | 292.5 | 292.9 | 294.0 | 293.6 | 292.1 | *292.6 | 292.6 | 292.4 | 294.7 | 296.5 | ..... |
| All items less medical care do..... | 270.9 | 286.8 | 282.1 | 284.9 | 288.4 | 289.9 | 290.5 | 290.8 | 291.5 | 290.8 | 289.5 | *290.0 | 290.0 | 290.1 | 292.3 | 293.9 | |

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