

Unless otherwise stated in footnotes below, data through 1978 and descriptive notes are as shown in the 1977 edition of BUSINESS STATISTICS	1977	1978	1978					1979							
	Annual		Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.

GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS—Continued

BUSINESS INCORPORATIONS †																
New incorporations (50 States and Dist. Col.):																
Unadjusted..... number..	432,172	477,827	42,392	38,732	41,022	37,661	39,701	44,745	37,759	46,674	43,486	46,938				
Seasonally adjusted..... do....			42,605	41,827	41,945	41,568	42,461	42,777	42,048	42,087	42,302	43,623				
INDUSTRIAL AND COMMERCIAL FAILURES †																
Failures, total..... number..	7,919	6,619	675	458	511	556	535	642	545	732						
Commercial service..... do....	1,041	773	73	38	60	63	59	81	46	79						
Construction..... do....	1,463	1,204	131	92	80	102	111	127	104	129						
Manufacturing and mining..... do....	1,122	1,013	104	61	78	94	91	99	70	112						
Retail trade..... do....	3,406	2,889	308	215	233	235	217	269	265	307						
Wholesale trade..... do....	887	740	59	52	60	62	57	66	60	105						
Liabilities (current), total..... thous. \$.	3,095,317	2,356,006	206,395	127,022	175,342	178,933	196,535	182,220	177,087	187,763						
Commercial service..... do....	358,686	325,681	32,569	8,732	10,714	12,465	13,448	23,471	6,373	14,886						
Construction..... do....	420,220	328,378	39,278	15,263	15,223	25,101	86,734	24,653	19,382	25,790						
Manufacturing and mining..... do....	1,221,122	878,727	81,522	46,835	45,234	45,192	30,531	71,647	53,497	64,500						
Retail trade..... do....	482,560	477,450	40,005	28,943	86,550	39,424	45,841	36,212	72,573	49,314						
Wholesale trade..... do....	612,729	345,770	13,021	27,149	17,621	55,751	19,981	26,237	25,262	33,173						
Failure annual rate (seasonally adjusted)																
No. per 10,000 concerns..	'28.4	'23.9	29.8	22.6	22.5	25.2	26.4	27.4	24.4	27.9						

COMMODITY PRICES

PRICES RECEIVED AND PAID BY FARMERS																
Prices received, all farm products..... 1910-14=100..	457	525	528	542	544	541	556	579	602	615	609	615	610	611	*592	601
Crops #..... do....	432	458	459	461	454	454	461	470	485	482	476	496	524	539	*528	505
Commercial vegetables..... do....	498	535	466	480	468	482	542	638	700	621	541	526	526	500	*504	471
Cotton..... do....	511	465	485	475	503	516	490	473	458	443	451	469	497	514	*500	494
Feed grains and hay..... do....	316	320	307	302	302	309	319	322	330	334	339	362	380	394	*383	378
Food grains..... do....	275	336	337	336	343	349	347	346	344	344	350	370	423	442	*432	440
Fruit..... do....	370	516	564	634	560	483	471	482	519	521	500	545	579	623	*630	492
Tobacco..... do....	972	1,061	1,079	1,147	1,110	1,116	1,143	1,134	1,124	1,120	1,135	1,141	1,141	1,105	1,155	1,186
Livestock and products #..... do....	481	595	600	625	639	632	656	693	726	754	749	740	700	687	*658	700
Dairy products..... do....	594	647	642	667	691	709	722	728	728	722	709	704	704	709	*734	752
Meat animals..... do....	564	757	769	805	828	800	835	904	964	1,018	1,019	1,007	937	916	857	925
Poultry and eggs..... do....	228	242	243	247	238	250	261	264	269	276	265	261	246	237	226	232
Prices paid:																
All commodities and services..... do....	591	638	643	650	655	658	664	676	688	706	714	719	722	731	*730	740
Family living items..... do....	573	616	624	628	632	638	641	644	650	657	664	671	679	687	694	702
Production items..... do....	579	626	629	638	643	645	652	668	683	704	713	717	718	726	721	733
All commodities and services, interest, taxes, and wage rates (parity index)..... 1910-14=100..	687	744	750	757	761	764	770	796	808	826	837	842	845	853	852	862
Parity ratio \$..... do....	66	71	70	72	71	71	72	73	75	74	73	73	72	72	69	70
CONSUMER PRICES †																
(U.S. Department of Labor Indexes)																
Not Seasonally Adjusted																
ALL ITEMS, WAGE EARNERS AND CLERICAL WORKERS, REVISED (CPI-W) †..... 1967=100..	181.5	195.3	197.7	199.1	200.7	201.8	202.9	204.7	207.1	209.3	211.8	214.3	216.9	219.4	221.5	
ALL ITEMS, ALL URBAN CONSUMERS (CPI-U) †..... 1967=100..	181.5	195.4	197.8	199.3	200.9	202.0	202.9	204.7	207.1	209.1	211.5	214.1	216.6	218.9	221.1	
Special group indexes:																
All items less shelter..... do....	179.1	191.3	193.5	194.5	195.8	196.7	197.8	199.5	201.6	203.7	206.0	208.4	210.7	212.7	214.2	
All items less food..... do....	178.4	191.2	193.3	195.1	196.7	197.8	198.6	199.8	201.8	203.8	206.3	208.9	211.8	214.2	216.9	
All items less medical care..... do....	180.3	194.0	196.3	197.9	199.4	200.5	201.5	203.2	205.5	207.6	210.1	212.7	215.2	217.6	219.7	
Commodities..... do....	174.7	187.1	189.3	190.5	191.8	192.9	194.2	195.8	198.3	200.5	203.3	205.8	208.4	210.5	212.2	
Nondurables..... do....	178.9	192.0	194.4	195.4	196.6	197.5	198.8	201.0	204.0	206.9	209.9	212.8	215.7	218.3	220.4	
Nondurables less food..... do....	166.5	174.3	175.4	177.1	178.1	179.1	180.0	180.3	182.2	185.7	189.6	193.2	197.6	201.1	205.4	
Durables..... do....	163.2	173.9	175.9	177.2	178.8	180.0	181.2	182.0	183.6	184.9	187.2	189.2	191.1	192.6	193.6	
Commodities less food..... do....	165.1	174.7	176.3	177.8	179.1	180.3	181.3	181.9	183.7	185.9	188.9	191.6	194.7	197.0	199.5	
Services..... do....	194.3	210.9	213.4	215.6	217.6	218.6	219.2	221.1	223.3	225.1	227.0	229.5	232.1	234.7	237.6	
Services less rent..... do....	201.6	219.4	222.2	224.6	226.7	227.8	228.2	230.4	232.9	235.0	237.1	239.8	242.6	245.6	248.8	
Food #..... do....	192.2	211.4	215.4	215.6	216.8	217.8	219.4	223.9	228.2	230.4	232.3	234.3	235.4	236.9	238.3	
Food at home *..... do....	190.2	210.2	214.5	214.1	215.4	216.1	217.9	223.1	228.0	229.9	231.7	233.4	234.2	235.5	236.9	
Housing..... do....	186.5	*202.8	205.2	207.5	209.5	210.6	211.5	213.1	215.6	217.6	219.8	222.4	225.5	228.4	231.5	
Shelter #..... do....	191.1	210.4	213.3	216.2	218.6	220.1	221.0	222.8	225.9	228.0	230.7	233.5	236.7	240.1	243.9	
Rent..... do....	153.5	*164.0	165.1	166.4	167.4	168.5	169.5	170.3	171.0	171.3	172.0	173.8	174.7	175.9	177.5	
Homeownership..... do....	204.9	227.2	230.6	234.2	237.0	238.8	239.5	241.6	245.6	248.2	251.7	254.9	258.8	263.0	267.6	
Fuel and utilities #..... do....	202.2	*216.0	218.1	218.8	220.1	218.5	219.9	221.5	223.3	225.9	227.5	232.2	239.0	243.5	247.2	
Fuel oil and coal..... do....	283.4	*298.3	294.2	295.7	300.1	306.1	311.8	316.4	326.1	339.5	349.8	364.3	391.2	412.9	438.6	
Gas (piped) and electricity..... do....	213.4	232.6	236.9	237.9	240.0	234.9	236.2	239.5	241.2	244.0	245.3	251.6	259.9	264.5	266.5	
Household furnishings and operation..... do....	167.5	*177.7	178.9	180.5	181.9	183.0	184.0	184.8	186.0	187.4	188.6	189.2	190.1	190.4	191.2	
Apparel and upkeep..... do....	154.2	159.6	159.6	161.9	163.3	164.1	163.2	160.7	161.4	164.3	165.4	166.1	165.7	164.3	166.3	
Transportation..... do....	177.2	185.5	188.1	188.7	189.7	191.4	192.6	193.9	195.6	198.1	202.9	207.7	212.6	216.6	219.6	
Private..... do....	176.6	185.0	187.7	188.3	189.4	191.1	192.5	193.8	195.5	198.1	203.2	208.1	213.3	217.4	220.4	
New cars..... do....	142.9	153.8	153.8	153.5	155.5	158.5	159.8	161.2	162.3	162.7	164.3	165.8	166.3	166.7	166.6	
Used cars..... do....	182.8	186.5	196.7	195.9	195.4	194.7	194.0	193.6	193.4	195.4	200.0	205.4	208.9	209.2	207.0	
Public..... do....	182.4	187.8	187.6	188.2	189.3	189.7	189.1	190.0	190.7	191.5	192.6	193.3	194.0	197.1	200.8	
Medical care..... do....	202.4	219.4	221.4	222.6	224.7	227.0	227.8	230.7	232.6	233.9	235.1	236.3	237.7	239.9	241.8	
Seasonally Adjusted †																
All items, percent change from previous month.....			0.6	0.9	0.8	0.6	0.6	0.9	1.2	1.0	1.1	1.1	1.0	1.0	1.1	
Commodities..... 1967=100..			188.7	190.2	191.7	193.0	194.6	196.7	199.1	201.3	203.8	205.7	207.7	209.5	211.4	
Commodities less food..... do....			175.7	177.2	178.5	179.8	181.3	182.9	184.8	186.9	189.4	191.4	193.9	196.3	198.9	
Food..... do....			214.6	216.0	217.9	219.2	221.3	224.5	228.1	230.5	232.7	234.3	234.7	235.0	235.0	
Food at home..... do....			213.2	214.5	216.5	217.8	220.1	223.7	227.7	230.0	232.4	233.5	233.2	233.0	232.3	
Fuels and utilities..... do....			218.9	219.6	221.0	218.9	220.0	220.9	222.6	225.9	227.2	232.1	239.1	243.7	248.1	
Fuel oil and coal..... do....			297.9	300.3	303.2	306.8	310.3	312.3	320.3	335.5	348.1	364.7	393.6	416.2	443.9	
Apparel and upkeep..... do....			160.0	160.9	161.7	161.9	161.8	162.2	162.7	165.2	166.0	166.0	165.8	165.6	166.8	
Transportation..... do....			186.9	188.2	189.0	191.2	193.2	195.4	197.5	199.9	203.8	207.5	211.1	214.8	218.1	
Private..... do....			186.5	187.9	188.8	191.1	193.2	195.4	197.5	200.0	204.0	207.9	211.8	215.4	218.7	
New cars..... do....			156.2	156.9	155.3	157.0	157.3	159.1	161.0	162.1	164.3	166.1	167.0	168.4	169.1	
Services..... do....			213.8	215.7	217.6	219.5	220.7	223.1	225.1	227.2	230.1	232.5	235.0	237.8	240.7	