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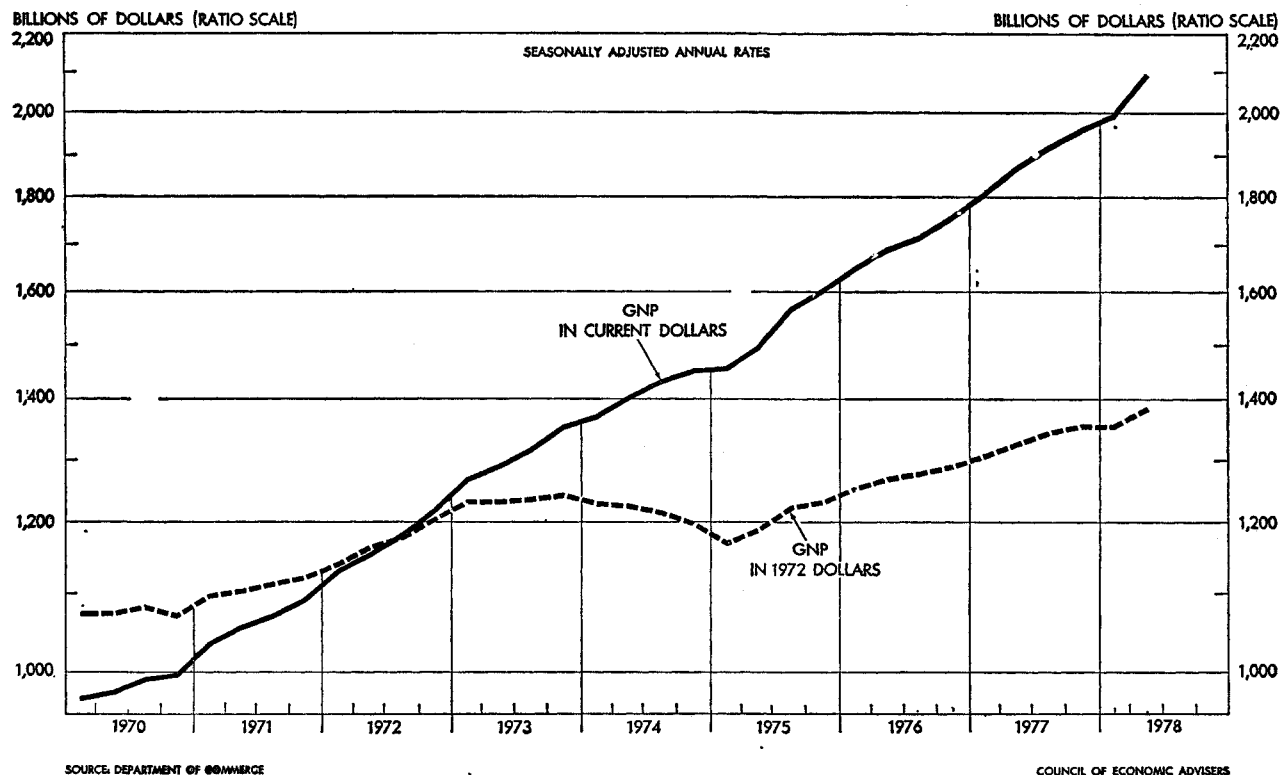
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TOTAL OUTPUT, INCOME, AND SPENDING

GROSS NATIONAL PRODUCT

According to revised estimates for the second quarter, gross national product rose \$95.5 billion or 20.6 percent, both at annual rates. Real output (GNP adjusted for price changes) increased 8.7 percent from the first quarter level and the implicit price deflator rose at an 11.0 percent annual rate.



[Billions of current dollars; quarterly data at seasonally adjusted annual rates]

Period	Gross national product	Personal consumption expenditures	Gross private domestic investment	Exports and imports of goods and services			Government purchases of goods and services					Final sales
				Net exports	Ex-ports	Im-ports	Total	Federal			State and local	
								Total	National defense ¹	Non-defense		
1967-----	796.3	490.4	120.8	4.9	45.6	40.6	180.2	90.9	71.5	19.5	89.3	786.2
1968-----	868.5	535.9	131.5	2.3	49.9	47.7	198.7	98.0	76.9	21.2	100.7	860.8
1969-----	935.5	579.7	146.2	1.8	54.7	52.9	207.9	97.5	76.3	21.2	110.4	926.2
1970-----	982.4	618.8	140.8	3.9	62.5	58.5	218.9	95.6	73.5	22.1	123.2	978.6
1971-----	1,063.4	668.2	160.0	1.6	65.6	64.0	233.7	96.2	70.2	26.0	137.5	1,057.1
1972-----	1,171.1	733.0	188.3	-3.3	72.7	75.9	253.1	102.1	73.5	28.6	151.0	1,161.7
1973-----	1,306.6	809.9	220.0	7.1	101.6	94.4	269.5	102.2	73.5	28.7	167.3	1,288.6
1974-----	1,412.9	889.6	214.6	6.0	137.9	131.9	302.7	111.1	77.0	34.1	191.5	1,404.0
1975-----	1,528.8	979.1	190.9	20.4	147.3	126.9	338.4	123.1	83.7	39.4	215.4	1,539.6
1976-----	1,700.1	1,090.2	243.0	7.4	163.2	155.7	359.5	129.9	86.8	43.1	229.6	1,689.9
1977-----	1,887.2	1,206.5	297.8	-11.1	175.5	186.6	394.0	145.1	94.3	50.8	248.9	1,871.6
1977: I----	1,806.8	1,167.7	272.5	-8.5	170.9	179.4	375.0	138.3	91.9	46.4	236.7	1,796.5
II-----	1,867.0	1,188.6	295.6	-5.9	178.1	184.0	388.8	142.9	93.7	49.3	245.9	1,850.0
III-----	1,916.8	1,214.5	309.7	-7.0	180.8	187.8	399.5	146.8	94.4	52.4	252.7	1,894.9
IV-----	1,958.1	1,255.2	313.5	-23.2	172.1	195.2	412.5	152.2	97.1	55.1	260.3	1,945.0
1978: I----	1,992.0	1,276.7	322.7	-24.1	181.7	205.8	416.7	151.5	97.9	53.6	265.2	1,975.3
II-----	2,087.5	1,322.9	345.4	-5.5	205.4	210.9	424.7	147.2	98.6	48.6	277.6	2,067.4

¹ This category corresponds closely with budget outlays for national defense, shown on p. 33.

Source: Department of Commerce, Bureau of Economic Analysis.

GROSS NATIONAL PRODUCT IN 1972 DOLLARS

[Billions of 1972 dollars; quarterly data at seasonally adjusted annual rates]

Period	Gross national product	Personal consumption expenditures	Gross private domestic investment			Exports of goods and services			Government purchases of goods and services			Final sales
			Non-residential fixed	Residential fixed	Change in business inventories	Net exports	Exports	Imports	Total	Federal	State and local	
1967-----	1,007.7	603.2	103.5	37.2	12.0	3.5	54.2	50.7	248.3	125.3	123.1	995.7
1968-----	1,051.8	633.4	108.0	42.8	8.7	-1.4	58.5	58.9	259.2	128.3	130.9	1,043.1
1969-----	1,078.8	655.4	114.3	43.2	10.6	-1.3	62.2	63.5	256.7	121.8	134.9	1,068.2
1970-----	1,075.3	668.9	110.0	40.4	4.3	1.4	67.1	65.7	250.2	110.7	139.5	1,071.0
1971-----	1,107.5	691.9	108.0	52.2	6.6	-1.6	67.9	68.5	249.4	103.9	145.5	1,100.9
1972-----	1,171.1	733.0	116.8	62.0	9.4	-3.3	72.7	75.9	253.1	102.1	151.0	1,161.7
1973-----	1,235.0	767.7	131.0	59.7	16.5	7.6	87.4	79.9	252.5	96.6	155.9	1,218.5
1974-----	1,217.8	760.7	130.6	45.0	8.0	15.9	93.0	77.1	257.7	95.8	161.8	1,209.9
1975-----	1,202.3	774.6	113.6	38.8	-9.8	22.6	90.0	67.5	262.6	96.5	166.1	1,212.1
1976-----	1,271.0	819.4	118.9	47.8	6.7	15.4	95.9	80.5	262.8	96.6	166.2	1,264.4
1977-----	1,332.7	857.7	129.8	57.7	8.9	9.5	98.2	88.7	269.2	101.6	167.6	1,323.8
1977: I-----	1,306.7	846.6	126.8	53.5	5.8	11.2	97.1	85.9	262.8	98.7	164.1	1,300.9
II-----	1,325.5	849.5	129.1	58.0	10.0	11.0	98.9	87.9	267.9	101.3	166.6	1,315.5
III-----	1,343.9	858.0	130.8	58.8	12.2	12.5	100.8	88.2	271.7	102.9	168.8	1,331.7
IV-----	1,354.5	876.6	132.5	60.3	7.5	3.1	96.0	92.9	274.5	103.6	170.9	1,347.1
1978: I-----	1,354.2	873.5	133.8	59.5	12.3	2.9	99.1	96.2	272.1	101.2	170.8	1,341.8
II-----	1,382.6	886.3	140.5	59.9	12.7	11.3	108.4	97.1	271.9	97.1	174.8	1,369.9

IMPLICIT PRICE DEFLATORS FOR GROSS NATIONAL PRODUCT

[1972=100]

Period	Gross national product	Personal consumption expenditures				Gross private domestic investment		Exports and imports of goods and services		Government purchases of goods and services	
		Total	Durable goods	Non-durable goods	Services	Non-residential fixed	Residential fixed	Exports	Imports	Federal	State and local
1967-----	79.02	81.3	87.4	81.9	78.8	79.3	77.0	84.0	80.1	72.6	72.5
1968-----	82.57	84.6	90.7	85.3	82.0	82.6	80.7	85.3	80.9	76.4	76.9
1969-----	86.72	88.5	93.1	89.4	86.1	86.6	87.7	87.9	83.3	80.0	81.9
1970-----	91.36	92.5	95.5	93.6	90.5	91.3	90.6	93.1	89.1	86.4	88.3
1971-----	96.02	96.6	99.0	96.6	95.8	96.4	94.9	96.6	93.5	92.6	94.5
1972-----	100.00	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
1973-----	105.80	105.5	101.6	107.9	104.7	103.8	110.8	116.2	118.2	105.8	107.3
1974-----	116.02	116.9	108.4	123.8	113.6	115.3	122.3	148.3	171.0	115.9	118.4
1975-----	127.15	126.4	117.7	133.4	123.2	132.2	132.8	163.6	188.0	127.5	129.7
1976-----	133.76	133.1	124.4	138.2	131.6	138.4	142.5	170.1	193.5	134.4	138.1
1977-----	141.61	140.7	129.5	145.0	141.0	146.7	159.4	178.7	210.3	142.7	148.5
1977: I-----	138.27	137.9	128.4	142.4	137.4	142.5	152.3	176.1	208.9	140.1	144.3
II-----	140.86	139.9	128.9	144.7	139.7	145.0	157.6	180.0	209.3	141.1	147.6
III-----	142.63	141.6	129.5	145.7	142.3	147.9	160.6	179.4	212.9	142.7	149.7
IV-----	144.56	143.2	130.9	147.0	144.4	151.2	166.1	179.2	210.2	146.9	152.3
1978: I-----	147.10	146.2	133.1	150.4	147.1	153.6	168.6	183.3	213.8	149.6	155.2
II-----	150.98	149.3	135.7	154.4	149.9	156.7	175.7	189.4	217.2	151.5	158.8

Source: Department of Commerce, Bureau of Economic Analysis.

CHANGES IN GNP AND GNP PRICE MEASURES

[Percent change from previous period; quarterly data at seasonally adjusted annual rates]

Period	Gross national product					Gross domestic product				
	Current dollars	Constant (1972) dollars	Implicit price deflator	Chain price index	Fixed-weighted price index (1972 weights)	Current dollars	Constant (1972) dollars	Implicit price deflator	Chain price index	Fixed-weighted price index (1972 weights)
1967-----	5.8	2.7	2.9	3.0	3.0	5.7	2.7	3.0	3.1	3.0
1968-----	9.1	4.4	4.5	4.4	4.3	9.1	4.4	4.5	4.4	4.4
1969-----	7.7	2.6	5.0	5.0	5.0	7.8	2.6	5.1	5.0	5.0
1970-----	5.0	-.3	5.4	5.3	5.2	5.0	-.3	5.3	5.3	5.2
1971-----	8.2	3.0	5.1	5.0	4.9	8.1	2.8	5.1	5.0	4.9
1972-----	10.1	5.7	4.1	4.1	4.0	10.1	5.8	4.1	4.1	4.0
1973-----	11.6	5.5	5.8	6.0	6.0	11.5	5.4	5.7	5.9	5.9
1974-----	8.1	-1.4	9.7	9.9	10.2	7.9	-1.3	9.3	9.6	9.9
1975-----	8.2	-1.3	9.6	9.4	9.3	8.5	-1.1	9.7	9.4	9.3
1976-----	11.2	5.7	5.2	5.6	5.6	11.0	5.6	5.2	5.7	5.7
1977-----	11.0	4.9	5.9	6.2	6.3	10.9	4.8	5.8	6.1	6.3
1977: I-----	13.7	7.3	6.0	6.6	7.0	13.3	7.1	5.7	6.4	6.8
II-----	14.0	5.9	7.7	7.3	7.4	13.9	5.8	7.7	7.4	7.5
III-----	11.1	5.7	5.1	4.6	4.7	11.2	5.8	5.1	4.5	4.6
IV-----	8.9	3.2	5.5	6.5	6.8	9.5	3.5	5.8	6.7	7.0
1978: I-----	7.1	-.1	7.2	7.1	7.0	6.7	-.4	7.1	7.1	7.0
II-----	20.6	8.7	11.0	10.8	11.0	20.1	8.3	10.9	10.9	11.0

NOTE.—Annual changes from previous year and quarterly changes from previous quarter.

Source: Department of Commerce, Bureau of Economic Analysis.

NONFINANCIAL CORPORATE BUSINESS—OUTPUT, COSTS, AND PROFITS

[Quarterly data at seasonally adjusted annual rates]

Period	Gross domestic product of nonfinancial corporate business (billions of dollars)		Current-dollar cost and profit per unit of output (dollars) ¹								Output per hour of all employees (1972 dollars)	Compensation per hour of all employees (dollars)
			Total cost and profit ²	Capital consumption allowances with capital consumption adjustment	Indirect business taxes ³	Compensation of employees	Net interest	Corporate profits with inventory valuation and capital consumption adjustments				
	Current dollars	1972 dollars						Total	Profits tax liability	Profits after tax ⁴		
1967-----	452.9	545.8	0.830	0.072	0.084	0.535	0.016	0.123	0.051	0.072	6.873	3.676
1968-----	498.4	581.6	.857	.074	.089	.553	.017	.124	.058	.066	7.105	3.929
1969-----	541.8	607.3	.892	.079	.094	.589	.022	.109	.055	.055	7.139	4.198
1970-----	560.6	600.6	.933	.088	.103	.628	.028	.086	.045	.041	7.132	4.478
1971-----	602.5	619.3	.973	.094	.110	.645	.029	.095	.048	.046	7.374	4.757
1972-----	671.0	671.0	1.000	.093	.110	.661	.028	.107	.050	.057	7.595	5.024
1973-----	752.0	720.4	1.044	.095	.112	.699	.032	.105	.055	.050	7.780	5.440
1974-----	808.8	695.0	1.164	.116	.123	.796	.043	.086	.061	.024	7.504	5.971
1975-----	874.1	680.0	1.285	.142	.136	.848	.045	.113	.060	.053	7.777	6.597
1976-----	988.5	730.0	1.354	.146	.136	.891	.042	.139	.073	.066	8.045	7.166
1977-----	1,103.2	769.3	1.434	.150	.140	.952	.044	.148	.077	.071	8.190	7.794
1977: I-----	1,048.5	750.2	1.398	.149	.140	.932	.043	.134	.075	.059	8.097	7.550
II-----	1,093.3	766.9	1.426	.149	.139	.946	.043	.148	.078	.070	8.152	7.709
III-----	1,124.6	776.7	1.448	.151	.140	.955	.044	.158	.076	.082	8.257	7.884
IV-----	1,146.3	783.6	1.463	.152	.142	.973	.045	.151	.077	.074	8.252	8.027
1978: I-----	1,161.6	783.6	1.482	.155	.145	1.008	.046	.129	.071	.057	8.198	8.264
II-----	1,233.0	811.9	1.519	.153	.145	1.017	.045	.157	.086	.071	8.280	8.434

¹ Output is measured by gross domestic product of nonfinancial corporate business in 1972 dollars.

² This is equal to the deflator for gross domestic product of nonfinancial corporate business with the decimal point shifted two places to the left.

³ Indirect business tax and nontax liability plus business transfer payments less subsidies.

⁴ With inventory valuation and capital consumption adjustments.

Sources: Department of Commerce (Bureau of Economic Analysis) and Department of Labor (Bureau of Labor Statistics).

NATIONAL INCOME

[Billions of dollars; quarterly data at seasonally adjusted annual rates]

Period	National income	Compensation of employees ¹	Proprietors' income with inventory valuation and capital consumption adjustments		Rental income of persons with capital consumption adjustment	Corporate profits with inventory valuation and capital consumption adjustments					Net interest
			Farm	Non-farm		Total	Profits with inventory valuation adjustment and without capital consumption adjustment			Capital consumption adjustment	
							Total	Profits before tax	Inventory valuation adjustment		
1967-----	655.8	471.9	12.1	48.9	19.4	79.3	75.6	77.3	-1.7	3.7	24.3
1968-----	714.4	519.8	12.0	51.4	18.6	85.8	82.1	85.6	-3.4	3.7	26.8
1969-----	767.9	571.4	13.9	52.3	18.1	81.4	77.9	83.4	-5.5	3.5	30.8
1970-----	798.4	609.2	13.9	51.2	18.6	67.9	66.4	71.5	-5.1	1.5	37.5
1971-----	858.1	650.3	14.3	53.4	20.1	77.2	76.9	82.0	-5.0	.3	42.8
1972-----	951.9	715.1	18.0	58.1	21.5	92.1	89.6	96.2	-6.6	2.5	47.0
1973-----	1,064.6	799.2	32.0	60.4	21.6	99.1	97.2	115.8	-18.6	1.9	52.3
1974-----	1,136.0	875.8	25.4	60.9	21.4	83.6	86.5	126.9	-40.4	-2.9	69.0
1975-----	1,215.0	931.1	23.5	63.5	22.4	95.9	107.9	120.4	-12.4	-12.0	78.6
1976-----	1,359.2	1,036.8	18.4	70.2	22.5	127.0	141.4	155.9	-14.5	-14.4	84.3
1977-----	1,515.3	1,153.4	20.2	79.5	22.5	144.2	159.1	173.9	-14.8	-14.9	95.4
1977: I-----	1,447.5	1,107.9	19.4	76.1	22.5	129.9	144.5	164.8	-20.3	-14.6	91.7
II-----	1,499.3	1,140.5	20.0	78.9	22.4	143.7	158.5	175.1	-16.6	-14.8	93.7
III-----	1,537.6	1,165.8	16.5	80.8	22.4	154.8	169.9	177.5	-7.7	-15.0	97.3
IV-----	1,576.9	1,199.7	25.1	82.3	22.7	148.2	163.5	178.3	-14.8	-15.3	99.0
1978: I-----	1,603.1	1,241.0	21.9	83.1	22.8	132.6	148.7	172.1	-23.5	-16.1	101.7
II-----	1,688.1	1,287.8	24.0	86.1	22.2	163.4	180.6	205.5	-24.9	-17.2	104.6

¹ Includes employer contributions for social insurance. (See also p. 5.) Source: Department of Commerce, Bureau of Economic Analysis.

PERSONAL CONSUMPTION EXPENDITURES

[Billions of dollars except as noted; quarterly data at seasonally adjusted annual rates]

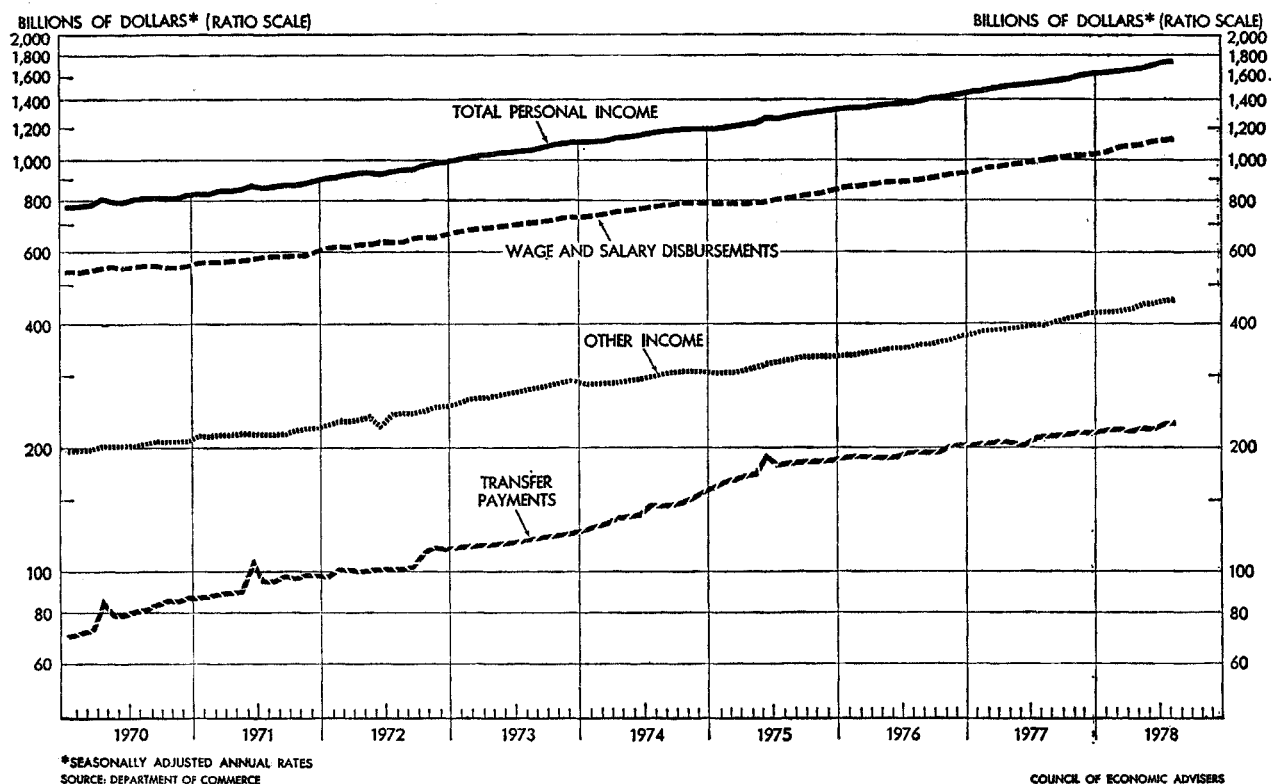
Period	Total personal consumption expenditures	Durable goods			Nondurable goods				Services	Retail sales of new passenger cars (millions of units)	
		Total durable goods ¹	Motor vehicles and parts	Furniture and household equipment	Total non-durable goods ¹	Food	Clothing and shoes	Gasoline and oil		Domestics	Imports
1967-----	490. 4	69. 6	29. 7	29. 5	212. 6	109. 6	38. 2	17. 0	208. 1	7. 6	0. 8
1968-----	535. 9	80. 0	35. 8	32. 6	230. 4	118. 3	41. 8	18. 4	225. 6	8. 6	1. 0
1969-----	579. 7	85. 5	37. 7	35. 0	247. 0	126. 1	45. 1	20. 4	247. 2	8. 5	1. 1
1970-----	618. 8	84. 9	34. 9	36. 7	264. 7	136. 3	46. 6	22. 0	269. 1	7. 1	1. 3
1971-----	668. 2	97. 1	43. 8	39. 4	277. 7	140. 6	50. 5	23. 4	293. 4	8. 7	1. 6
1972-----	733. 0	111. 2	50. 6	44. 8	299. 3	150. 4	55. 1	24. 9	322. 4	9. 3	1. 6
1973-----	809. 9	123. 7	55. 2	50. 7	333. 8	168. 1	61. 3	27. 8	352. 3	9. 7	1. 8
1974-----	889. 6	122. 0	48. 0	54. 9	376. 3	189. 8	65. 3	36. 4	391. 3	7. 5	1. 4
1975-----	979. 1	132. 6	53. 4	58. 0	408. 9	209. 6	70. 1	39. 5	437. 5	7. 1	1. 6
1976-----	1, 090. 2	156. 6	69. 7	63. 9	442. 6	225. 8	75. 7	42. 8	491. 0	8. 6	1. 5
1977-----	1, 206. 5	178. 4	81. 5	71. 3	479. 0	245. 2	81. 5	46. 5	549. 2	9. 1	2. 1
1977: I-----	1, 167. 7	173. 2	81. 3	68. 0	465. 9	237. 5	78. 5	46. 1	528. 6	9. 4	1. 9
II-----	1, 188. 6	175. 6	81. 2	69. 9	473. 6	244. 5	79. 3	46. 2	539. 4	9. 2	2. 3
III-----	1, 214. 5	177. 4	79. 5	72. 0	479. 7	246. 4	81. 4	46. 0	557. 5	8. 9	2. 0
IV-----	1, 255. 2	187. 2	84. 0	75. 3	496. 9	252. 6	86. 7	47. 5	571. 1	9. 0	2. 0
1978: I-----	1, 276. 7	183. 5	84. 1	72. 1	501. 4	257. 7	82. 9	48. 3	591. 8	8. 7	2. 1
II-----	1, 322. 9	197. 8	92. 5	76. 5	519. 3	267. 8	87. 5	49. 1	605. 8	10. 0	2. 1

¹ Total includes other items not shown separately.

Source: Department of Commerce, Bureau of Economic Analysis.

SOURCES OF PERSONAL INCOME

Personal income rose \$8.6 billion (annual rate) in August following increases of \$24.2 billion in July and \$13.5 billion in June. Wages and salaries rose \$3.4 billion in August, compared with \$11.0 billion in July. Farm proprietors' income declined slightly again in August, while all other major types of income rose.



[Billions of dollars; monthly data at seasonally adjusted annual rates]

Period	Total personal income	Wage and salary disbursements ¹	Other labor income ^{1,2}	Proprietors' income ³		Rental income of persons ⁴	Dividends	Personal interest income	Transfer payments ⁵	Less: Personal contributions for social insurance	Non-farm personal income ⁶
				Farm	Nonfarm						
1970-----	801.3	546.5	32.0	13.9	51.2	18.6	22.9	64.3	79.9	28.0	780.7
1971-----	859.1	579.4	36.2	14.3	53.4	20.1	23.0	69.3	94.1	30.8	838.0
1972-----	942.5	633.8	42.0	18.0	58.1	21.5	24.6	74.6	104.1	34.2	917.3
1973-----	1,052.4	701.3	48.7	32.0	60.4	21.6	27.8	84.1	118.9	42.2	1,011.9
1974-----	1,154.9	764.6	55.6	25.4	60.9	21.4	31.0	103.0	140.8	47.7	1,119.3
1975-----	1,255.5	805.9	65.1	23.5	63.5	22.4	31.9	115.5	178.2	50.5	1,220.8
1976-----	1,380.9	890.1	77.0	18.4	70.2	22.5	37.9	126.3	193.9	55.5	1,349.5
1977-----	1,529.0	983.6	90.4	20.2	79.5	22.5	43.7	141.2	208.8	61.0	1,494.4
1977: Aug----	1,540.7	991.5	92.2	15.0	80.8	22.4	44.1	143.7	212.1	61.3	1,511.2
Sept-----	1,556.9	1,000.4	93.5	18.5	81.0	22.4	44.4	145.1	213.3	61.6	1,523.9
Oct-----	1,577.0	1,014.1	94.8	22.1	81.4	22.4	45.1	145.3	214.2	62.4	1,540.1
Nov-----	1,592.7	1,022.3	96.1	24.6	82.2	22.6	45.5	145.5	216.5	62.6	1,553.1
Dec-----	1,609.2	1,027.3	97.3	28.5	83.2	22.9	48.3	147.3	217.2	62.8	1,565.5
1978: Jan----	1,615.5	1,038.3	98.7	25.6	82.0	23.0	46.8	149.6	218.1	66.5	1,574.7
Feb-----	1,625.0	1,047.4	100.0	21.5	83.0	22.8	47.0	151.4	219.0	67.0	1,588.3
Mar-----	1,646.3	1,066.6	101.3	18.6	84.4	22.6	47.2	153.3	220.3	68.0	1,612.5
Apr-----	1,669.4	1,083.9	102.7	22.0	85.5	22.3	47.4	154.8	219.7	68.9	1,631.9
May-----	1,682.1	1,088.4	104.0	24.8	86.1	22.1	48.0	156.5	221.3	69.0	1,641.8
June-----	1,695.7	1,098.4	105.4	25.3	86.7	22.1	49.0	157.6	220.8	69.6	1,654.7
July-----	1,719.9	1,109.4	106.7	24.4	88.0	24.3	49.2	159.1	229.0	70.3	1,679.7
Aug-----	1,728.4	1,112.8	108.0	24.0	88.4	24.4	50.3	160.6	230.4	70.4	1,688.5

¹ The total of wage and salary disbursements and other labor income differs from compensation of employees (see p. 4) in that it excludes employer contributions for social insurance and the excess of wage accruals over wage disbursements.

² Consists of employer contributions to private pension, health, and welfare funds; workmen's compensation; directors' fees; and a few other minor items.

³ With inventory valuation and capital consumption adjustments.

⁴ With capital consumption adjustment.

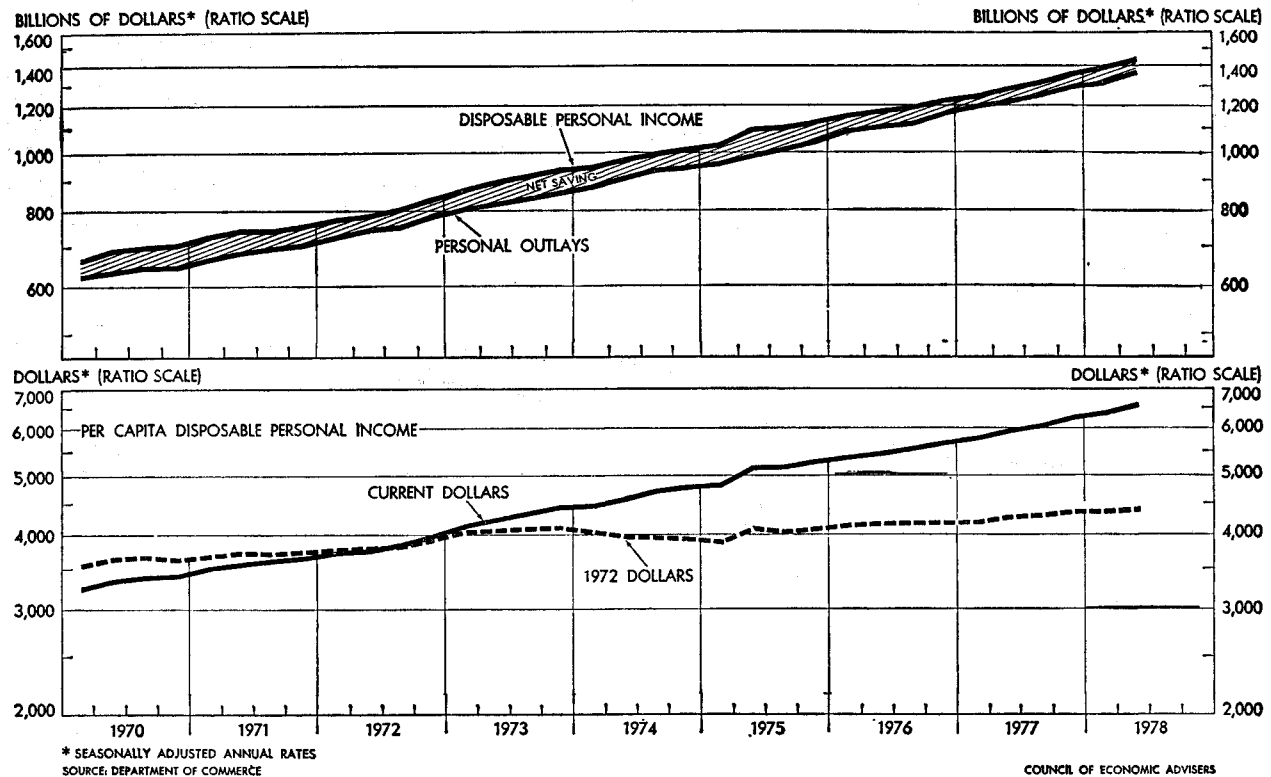
⁵ Consists mainly of social insurance benefits, direct relief, and veterans payments.

⁶ Personal income exclusive of farm proprietors' income, farm wages, farm other labor income, and agricultural net interest.

Source: Department of Commerce, Bureau of Economic Analysis.

DISPOSITION OF PERSONAL INCOME

Real per capita disposable income rose again in the second quarter.



* SEASONALLY ADJUSTED ANNUAL RATES
SOURCE: DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

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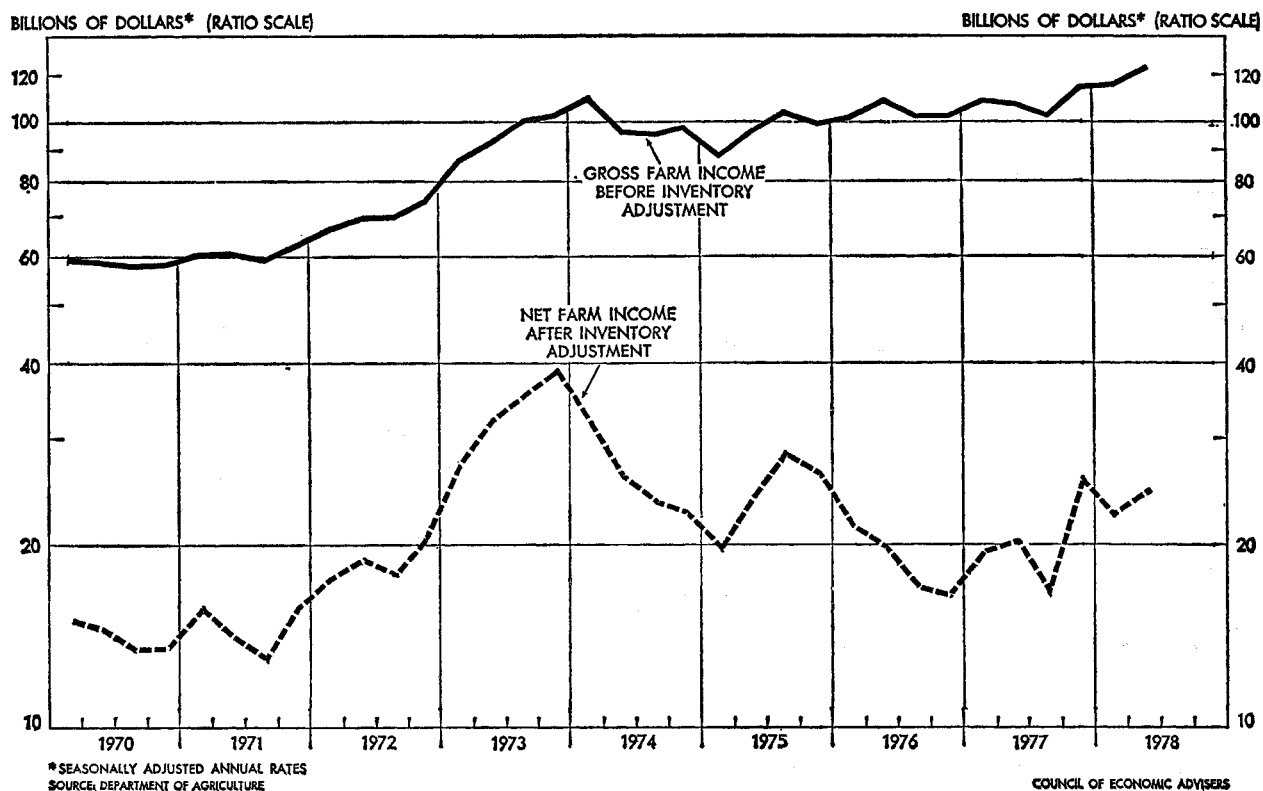
Period	Per-sonal income	Less: Per-sonal tax and non-tax payments	Equals: Dispos-able per-sonal income	Less: Per-sonal out-lays ¹	Equals: Per-sonal saving	Per capita disposable personal income		Per capita personal consumption expenditures		Percent change in real per capita disposable personal income	Saving as percent of dispos-able per-sonal income	Popula-tion (thou-sands) ²
						Current dollars	1972 dollars	Current dollars	1972 dollars			
	Billions of dollars					Dollars						
1969-----	745. 8	115. 4	630. 4	595. 3	35. 1	3, 111	3, 515	2, 860	3, 234	1. 5	5. 6	202, 677
1970-----	801. 3	115. 3	685. 9	635. 4	50. 6	3, 348	3, 619	3, 020	3, 265	3. 0	7. 4	204, 878
1971-----	859. 1	116. 3	742. 8	685. 5	57. 3	3, 588	3, 714	3, 227	3, 342	2. 6	7. 7	207, 053
1972-----	942. 5	141. 2	801. 3	751. 9	49. 4	3, 837	3, 837	3, 510	3, 510	3. 3	6. 2	208, 846
1973-----	1, 052. 4	150. 8	901. 7	831. 3	70. 3	4, 285	4, 062	3, 849	3, 648	5. 9	7. 8	210, 410
1974-----	1, 154. 9	170. 3	984. 6	913. 0	71. 7	4, 646	3, 973	4, 197	3, 589	-2. 2	7. 3	211, 945
1975-----	1, 255. 5	168. 8	1, 086. 7	1, 003. 0	83. 6	5, 088	4, 025	4, 584	3, 627	1. 3	7. 7	213, 566
1976-----	1, 380. 9	196. 5	1, 184. 4	1, 116. 3	68. 0	5, 504	4, 136	5, 066	3, 808	2. 8	5. 7	213, 191
1977-----	1, 529. 0	226. 0	1, 303. 0	1, 236. 1	66. 9	6, 009	4, 271	5, 564	3, 955	3. 3	5. 1	216, 856
	Seasonally adjusted annual rates											
1977: I-----	1, 470. 7	222. 7	1, 248. 0	1, 195. 8	52. 2	5, 772	4, 185	5, 401	3, 916	1. 1	4. 2	216, 206
II-----	1, 508. 6	223. 3	1, 285. 3	1, 217. 8	67. 5	5, 934	4, 241	5, 487	3, 922	5. 5	5. 3	216, 603
III-----	1, 543. 7	224. 6	1, 319. 1	1, 244. 8	74. 3	6, 077	4, 293	5, 595	3, 953	5. 0	5. 6	217, 073
IV-----	1, 593. 0	233. 3	1, 359. 6	1, 285. 9	73. 7	6, 250	4, 365	5, 770	4, 030	6. 9	5. 4	217, 541
1978: I-----	1, 628. 9	237. 3	1, 391. 6	1, 309. 2	82. 4	6, 387	4, 370	5, 859	4, 009	. 5	5. 9	217, 897
II-----	1, 682. 4	249. 1	1, 433. 3	1, 357. 0	76. 3	6, 566	4, 399	6, 060	4, 060	2. 7	5. 3	218, 290

¹ Includes personal consumption expenditures, interest paid by consumers to business, and personal transfer payments to foreigners (net).
² Includes Armed Forces abroad. Annual data are for July 1 through 1973 and are averages of quarterly data beginning 1974. Quarterly data are average for the period.

Source: Department of Commerce (Bureau of Economic Analysis and Bureau of the Census).

FARM INCOME

In the second quarter, net farm income before inventory adjustment rose \$4.2 billion (annual rate) while income after inventory adjustment rose \$2.2 billion.



[Quarterly data at seasonally adjusted annual rates]

Period	Personal income received by total farm population			Income received from farming								Net income per farm after inventory adjustment ³	
	From all sources	From farm sources	From nonfarm sources	Gross income before inventory adjustment			Production expenses	Net to farm operators					
				Total ¹	Cash receipts from marketings			Before inventory adjustment	After inventory adjustment ²				
					Total	Live-stock and products				Crops			
											Current dollars	1967 dollars ⁴	
	Billions of dollars										Dollars		
1970-----	27. 5	13. 0	14. 5	58. 6	50. 5	29. 6	21. 0	44. 4	14. 1	14. 2	4, 800	4, 130	
1971-----	28. 8	13. 5	15. 3	60. 6	52. 9	30. 6	22. 3	47. 4	13. 2	14. 6	5, 040	4, 160	
1972-----	34. 6	16. 9	17. 8	70. 1	61. 2	35. 7	25. 5	52. 3	17. 8	18. 7	6, 530	5, 210	
1973-----	48. 9	29. 2	19. 7	95. 5	87. 1	45. 9	41. 1	65. 6	29. 9	33. 3	11, 810	8, 870	
1974-----	45. 2	23. 4	21. 8	100. 0	92. 4	41. 4	51. 1	72. 2	27. 7	26. 1	9, 350	6, 330	
1975-----	44. 5	21. 9	22. 7	96. 9	88. 2	43. 0	45. 1	75. 9	21. 1	24. 5	8, 850	5, 490	
1976-----	41. 2	16. 9	24. 4	104. 1	94. 5	46. 2	48. 3	83. 0	21. 1	18. 8	6, 850	4, 020	
1977-----	43. 0	18. 3	24. 7	108. 1	96. 1	47. 6	48. 5	88. 0	20. 1	20. 6	7, 590	4, 180	
1977: I-----	-----	-----	-----	108. 1	97. 6	46. 3	51. 3	87. 5	20. 6	19. 6	7, 240	4, 090	
II-----	-----	-----	-----	106. 7	95. 7	46. 6	49. 1	87. 0	19. 7	20. 2	7, 460	4, 130	
III-----	-----	-----	-----	102. 7	91. 3	47. 8	43. 5	86. 0	16. 7	16. 8	6, 210	3, 390	
IV-----	-----	-----	-----	114. 8	99. 6	49. 5	50. 1	91. 4	23. 4	25. 5	9, 420	5, 080	
1978: I-----	-----	-----	-----	115. 8	102. 2	52. 7	49. 5	93. 5	22. 3	22. 3	8, 320	4, 410	
II-----	-----	-----	-----	122. 5	109. 0	57. 5	51. 5	96. 0	26. 5	24. 5	9, 140	4, 730	

¹ Cash receipts from marketings, Government payments, and nonmoney income furnished by farms.

² Inventory of crops and livestock valued at the average price for the year.

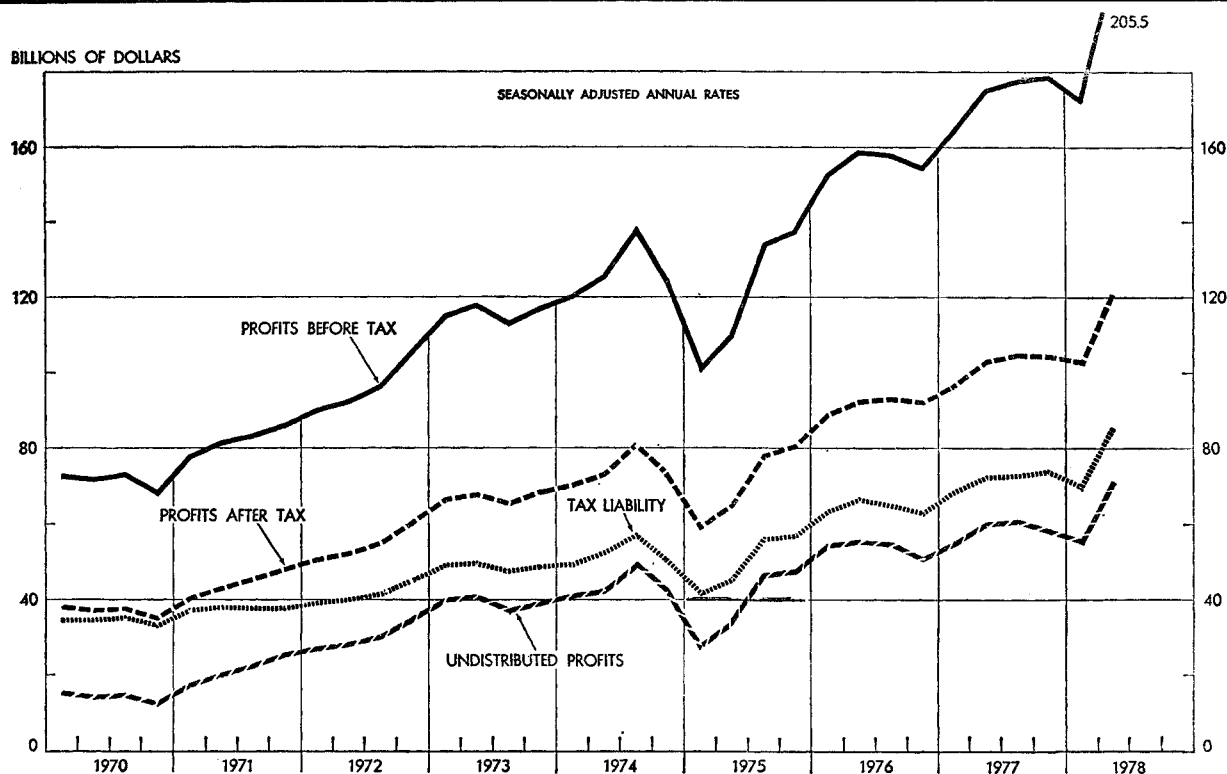
³ Based on Census of Agriculture definition of a farm. The number of farms is held constant within a year.

⁴ Income in current dollars divided by the consumer price index.

Source: Department of Agriculture.

CORPORATE PROFITS

According to revised estimates for the second quarter, profits before tax rose \$33.4 billion while after-tax profits rose \$18.4 billion. About one-fourth of the increase was due to a rebound from the effects of the severe weather and coal strike in the first quarter.



SOURCE: DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

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[Billions of dollars; quarterly data at seasonally adjusted annual rates]

Period	Profits (before tax) with inventory valuation adjustment ¹						Profits before tax	Tax liability	Profits after tax			Inventory valuation adjustment
	Total ²	Domestic industries							Total	Dividends	Undistributed profits	
		Total	Financial	Nonfinancial								
				Total ³	Manufacturing	Wholesale and retail trade						
1967-----	75.6	72.6	9.0	63.6	37.9	8.9	77.3	32.5	44.9	20.1	24.7	-1.7
1968-----	82.1	78.9	10.4	68.5	41.2	10.1	85.6	39.4	46.2	21.9	24.2	-3.4
1969-----	77.9	74.2	11.3	62.9	36.8	10.1	83.4	39.7	43.8	22.6	21.2	-5.5
1970-----	66.4	62.6	12.6	50.1	27.1	9.4	71.5	34.5	37.0	22.9	14.1	-5.1
1971-----	76.9	72.4	14.1	58.2	32.4	11.7	82.0	37.7	44.3	23.0	21.3	-5.0
1972-----	89.6	84.7	15.4	69.3	40.6	13.3	96.2	41.5	54.6	24.6	30.0	-6.6
1973-----	97.2	90.4	16.2	74.1	44.1	14.7	115.8	48.7	67.1	27.8	39.3	-18.6
1974-----	86.5	76.9	14.4	62.5	36.6	12.9	126.9	52.4	74.5	31.0	43.6	-40.4
1975-----	107.9	101.8	13.0	88.9	48.3	20.7	120.4	49.8	70.6	31.9	38.7	-12.4
1976-----	141.4	133.2	17.5	115.6	65.6	24.0	155.9	64.3	91.7	37.9	53.8	-14.5
1977-----	159.1	149.5	20.9	128.6	74.7	24.0	173.9	71.8	102.1	43.7	58.4	-14.8
1977: I-----	144.5	134.8	19.7	115.1	66.4	20.6	164.8	68.3	96.5	41.5	55.0	-20.3
II-----	158.5	148.1	19.9	128.1	77.4	22.8	175.1	72.3	102.8	42.7	60.1	-16.6
III-----	169.9	159.5	21.9	137.6	74.7	30.6	177.5	72.8	104.8	44.1	60.6	-7.7
IV-----	163.5	155.6	21.9	133.7	80.2	22.1	178.3	73.9	104.4	46.3	58.1	-14.8
1978: I-----	148.7	139.2	22.7	116.6	69.8	16.7	172.1	70.0	102.1	47.0	55.1	-23.5
II-----	180.6	168.9	24.3	144.6	87.8	22.0	205.5	85.0	120.5	48.1	72.4	-24.9

¹ See p. 4 for profits with inventory valuation and capital consumption adjustments.

² Includes rest of the world, not shown separately.

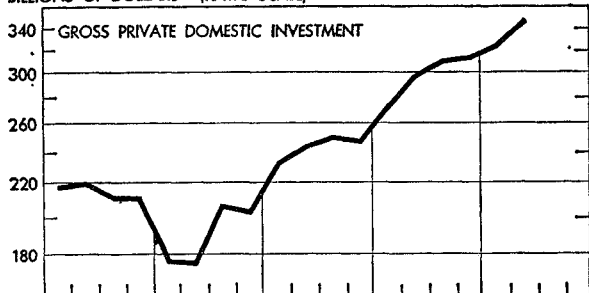
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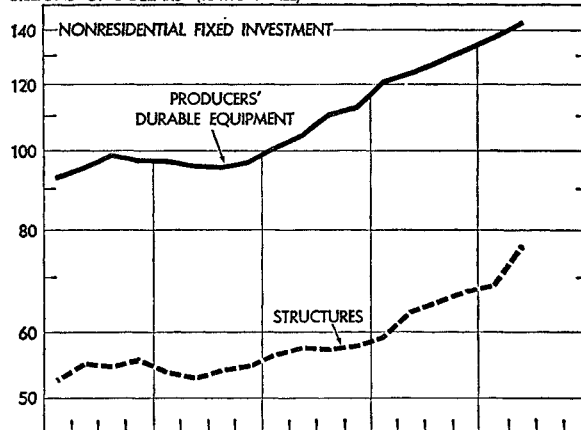
GROSS PRIVATE DOMESTIC INVESTMENT

According to revised estimates for the second quarter, business fixed investment rose \$14.5 billion (annual rate) as nonresidential construction outlays rose \$8.1 billion and producers' durable equipment purchases increased \$6.4 billion. Residential investment outlays increased \$5.0 billion. Inventory investment amounted to \$20.1 billion, up \$3.4 billion from the first quarter level.

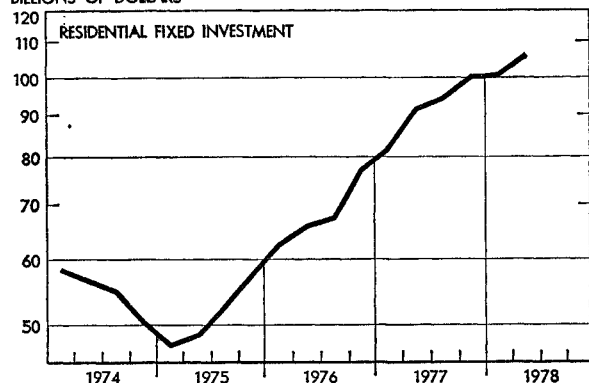
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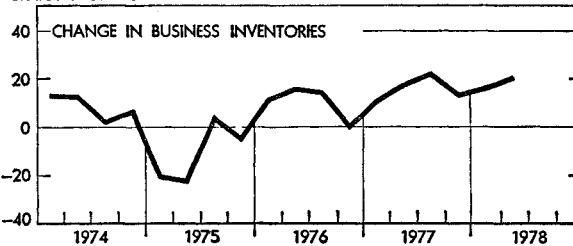
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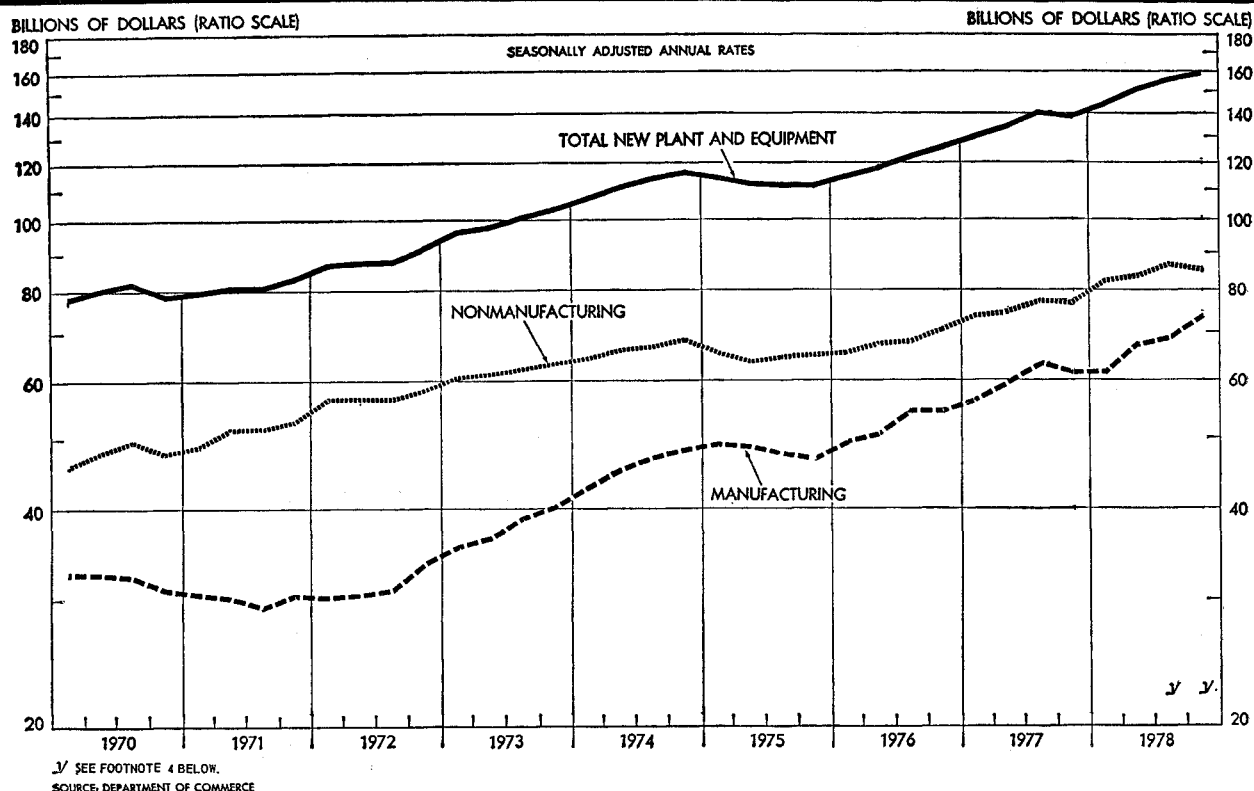
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Period	Gross private domestic investment	Nonresidential fixed investment					Residential fixed investment				Change in business inventories	
		Total	Structures		Producers' durable equipment		Total	Non-farm structures	Farm structures	Producers' durable equipment		
			Total	Non-farm	Total	Non-farm						
1967	120.8	82.1	29.5	28.2	52.6	48.0	28.6	27.2	0.7	0.7	10.1	9.4
1968	131.5	89.3	31.6	30.4	57.7	53.4	34.5	33.1	.6	.8	7.7	7.6
1969	146.2	98.9	35.7	34.3	63.3	58.9	37.9	36.3	.7	.9	9.4	9.2
1970	140.8	100.5	37.7	36.1	62.8	58.1	36.6	35.1	.6	.9	3.8	3.7
1971	160.0	104.1	39.3	37.8	64.7	59.9	49.6	47.9	.7	1.0	6.4	5.1
1972	188.3	116.8	42.5	41.1	74.3	69.1	62.0	60.3	.7	1.1	9.4	8.8
1973	220.0	136.0	49.0	46.9	87.0	80.1	66.1	64.3	.6	1.2	17.9	14.7
1974	214.6	150.6	54.5	51.8	96.2	88.2	55.1	52.7	1.2	1.2	8.9	10.8
1975	190.9	150.2	53.8	51.3	96.4	87.4	51.5	49.5	.9	1.1	-10.7	-14.3
1976	243.0	164.6	57.3	54.7	107.3	97.5	68.2	65.8	1.1	1.3	10.2	12.2
1977	297.8	190.4	63.9	61.0	126.5	116.7	91.9	88.9	1.5	1.5	15.6	15.0
1977: I	272.5	180.6	59.3	56.4	121.4	111.0	81.6	78.6	1.6	1.4	10.3	11.1
II	295.6	187.2	63.4	60.4	123.8	113.8	91.4	88.4	1.6	1.4	17.0	16.5
III	309.7	193.5	65.4	62.7	128.1	118.6	94.3	91.2	1.6	1.5	21.9	22.0
IV	313.5	200.3	67.4	64.5	132.8	123.4	100.2	97.5	1.2	1.6	13.1	10.4
1978: I	322.7	205.6	68.5	65.2	137.1	127.2	100.3	97.3	1.3	1.7	16.7	16.9
II	345.4	220.1	76.6	73.4	143.5	132.9	105.3	102.1	1.4	1.8	20.1	22.1

Source: Department of Commerce, Bureau of Economic Analysis.

EXPENDITURES FOR NEW PLANT AND EQUIPMENT

Business plans to increase capital spending 12.3 percent in 1978, according to the Commerce Department survey conducted in late July and August. Spending in 1977 was 12.7 percent above the 1976 level.



[Billions of dollars; quarterly data at seasonally adjusted annual rates]

Period	Expenditures for plant and equipment										Starts of plant and equipment projects ³	
	Total ¹	Manufacturing			Nonmanufacturing					Com- mercial and other ²	Manu- factur- ing	Public utili- ties
		Total	Dur- able goods	Non- durable goods	Total	Mining	Trans- porta- tion	Public utili- ties	Com- muni- cation			
1971-----	81.21	29.99	14.15	15.84	51.22	2.16	4.93	15.30	10.77	18.05	28.00	22.22
1972-----	88.44	31.35	15.64	15.72	57.09	2.42	5.72	17.00	11.89	20.07	35.21	28.60
1973-----	99.74	38.01	19.25	18.76	61.73	2.74	6.03	18.71	12.85	21.40	47.57	38.13
1974-----	112.40	46.01	22.62	23.39	66.39	3.18	6.66	20.55	13.96	22.05	52.49	45.74
1975-----	112.78	47.95	21.84	26.11	64.82	3.79	7.57	20.14	12.74	20.60	48.24	34.50
1976-----	120.49	52.48	23.68	28.81	68.01	4.00	7.45	22.28	13.30	20.99	51.05	29.66
1977-----	135.80	60.16	27.77	32.39	75.64	4.50	6.93	25.80	15.45	22.97	66.73	32.54
1978 ⁴ -----	152.50	68.01	31.66	36.35	84.49	4.76	8.00	28.95	17.71	25.07		
1977: I-----	130.16	56.43	26.30	30.13	73.74	4.24	7.29	25.35	14.19	22.67	15.26	9.76
II-----	134.24	59.46	27.26	32.19	74.78	4.49	6.96	25.29	15.32	22.73	15.15	3.79
III-----	140.38	63.02	29.23	33.79	77.36	4.74	6.85	26.22	16.40	23.14	19.81	10.23
IV-----	138.11	61.41	28.19	33.22	76.70	4.50	6.88	26.23	15.82	23.27	16.54	7.99
1978: I-----	144.25	61.57	28.72	32.86	82.68	4.45	8.46	27.92	17.07	24.76	17.41	7.98
II-----	150.76	67.20	31.40	35.80	83.56	4.81	7.40	28.46	18.18	24.71	18.10	7.78
III ⁴ -----	155.13	68.66	32.11	36.54	86.47	4.80	8.98	29.26		43.44		
IV ⁴ -----	158.98	73.62	33.89	39.72	85.36	5.07	7.18	30.22		42.90		

¹ Excludes agricultural business; real estate operators; medical, legal, educational, and cultural service; and nonprofit organizations. These figures do not agree precisely with the nonresidential fixed investment data in gross national product estimates, mainly because those data include investment by farmers, professionals, nonprofit institutions, and real estate firms, and certain outlays charged to current account.

² Includes trade, service, construction, finance, and insurance.

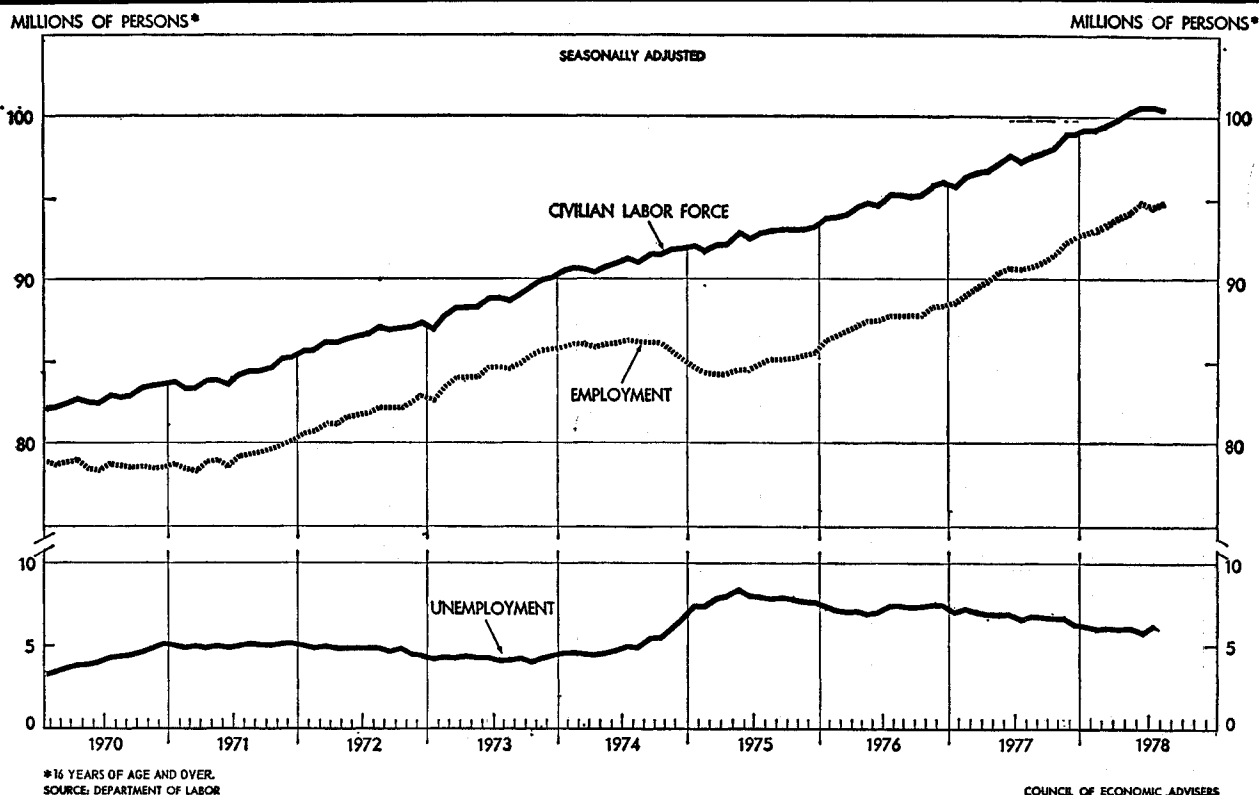
³ Starts are estimated by adding changes in carryover to expenditures during given period.

⁴ Planned capital expenditures as reported by business in late July and August 1978. Plans are adjusted when necessary for systematic bias.

Source: Department of Commerce, Bureau of Economic Analysis.

EMPLOYMENT, UNEMPLOYMENT, AND WAGES STATUS OF THE LABOR FORCE

Seasonally adjusted employment increased by 156,000 in August, while unemployment decreased by 225,000.



[Thousands of persons 16 years of age and over]

Period	Nonin-stitutional population	Civilian employment	Unem-employment	Total labor force (including Armed Forces)	Civilian labor force	Civilian employment				Unemployment		Labor force participation rate (per-cent) ²
						Total	Agri-cultural	Nonagricultural		Total	15 weeks and over	
								Total	Part-time for economic reasons ¹			
1973-----	148, 263	84, 409	4, 304	91, 040	88, 714	84, 409	3, 452	80, 957	2, 311	4, 304	812	61. 4
1974-----	150, 827	85, 935	5, 076	93, 240	91, 011	85, 935	3, 492	82, 443	2, 709	5, 076	937	61. 8
1975-----	153, 449	84, 783	7, 830	94, 793	92, 613	84, 783	3, 380	81, 403	3, 490	7, 830	2, 483	61. 8
1976-----	156, 048	87, 485	7, 288	96, 917	94, 773	87, 485	3, 297	84, 188	3, 272	7, 288	2, 339	62. 1
1977-----	158, 559	90, 546	6, 855	99, 534	97, 401	90, 546	3, 244	87, 302	3, 297	6, 855	1, 911	62. 8
Unadjusted				Seasonally adjusted								
1977: Aug--	158, 899	92, 315	6, 757	99, 751	97, 614	90, 793	3, 224	87, 569	3, 253	6, 821	1, 800	62. 8
Sept--	159, 114	91, 247	6, 437	99, 887	97, 756	91, 088	3, 199	87, 889	3, 306	6, 668	1, 834	62. 8
Oct--	159, 334	92, 230	6, 221	100, 205	98, 071	91, 383	3, 243	88, 140	3, 263	6, 688	1, 848	62. 9
Nov--	159, 522	92, 473	6, 346	101, 009	98, 877	92, 214	3, 357	88, 857	3, 285	6, 663	1, 829	63. 3
Dec--	159, 736	92, 623	5, 880	101, 048	98, 919	92, 609	3, 323	89, 286	3, 220	6, 310	1, 797	63. 3
1978: Jan*-	159, 937	91, 053	6, 897	101, 228	99, 107	92, 881	3, 354	89, 527	2, 986	6, 226	1, 688	63. 3
Feb--	160, 128	91, 185	6, 739	101, 217	99, 093	93, 003	3, 242	89, 761	3, 193	6, 090	1, 568	63. 2
Mar--	160, 313	91, 964	6, 479	101, 536	99, 414	93, 266	3, 310	89, 956	3, 164	6, 148	1, 463	63. 3
Apr--	160, 504	93, 180	5, 685	101, 902	99, 784	93, 801	3, 275	90, 526	3, 327	5, 983	1, 384	63. 5
May--	160, 713	93, 851	5, 457	102, 374	100, 261	94, 112	3, 235	90, 877	3, 243	6, 149	1, 358	63. 7
June--	160, 928	95, 852	6, 326	102, 671	100, 573	94, 819	3, 473	91, 346	3, 458	5, 754	1, 231	63. 8
July--	161, 148	96, 202	6, 438	102, 734	100, 618	94, 425	3, 387	91, 038	3, 330	6, 193	1, 292	63. 8
Aug--	161, 348	96, 116	5, 931	102, 671	100, 549	94, 581	3, 360	91, 221	3, 294	5, 968	1, 215	63. 6

¹ Persons at work. Economic reasons include slack work, material shortages, inability to find full-time work, etc.

² Total labor force as percent of noninstitutional population 16 years of age and over.

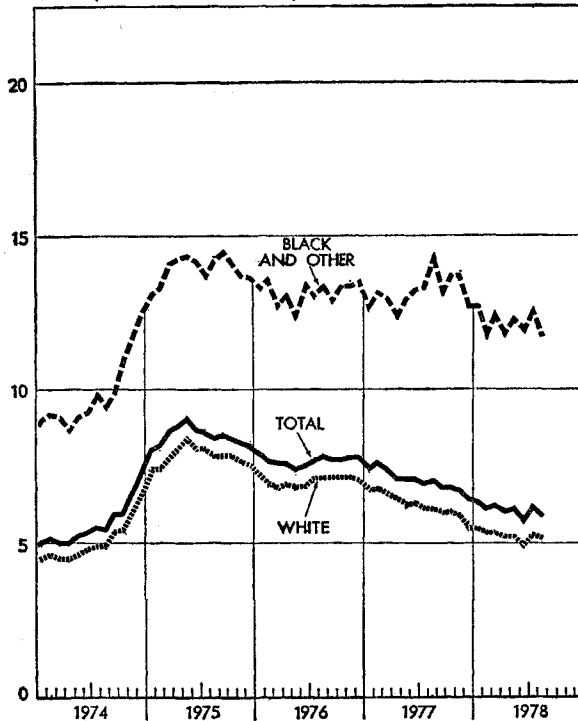
* Beginning 1978, data not strictly comparable with earlier data because of revisions in the household survey, which added about 250,000 to labor force and to employment.

Source: Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics.

SELECTED UNEMPLOYMENT RATES

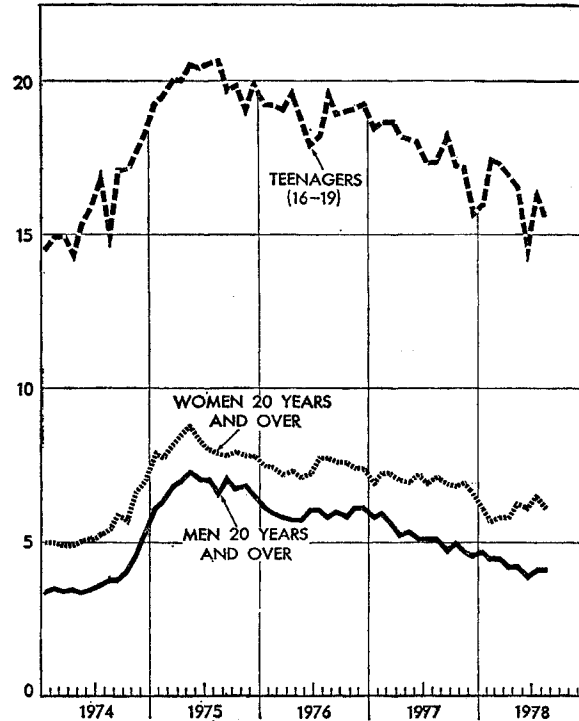
In August, the seasonally adjusted unemployment rate declined to 5.9 percent. Unemployment among non-whites fell to 11.7 percent, a new low for the year.

PERCENT* (SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)



*UNEMPLOYMENT AS PERCENT OF CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE IN GROUP SPECIFIED.
SOURCE: DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

PERCENT* (SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)



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[Monthly data seasonally adjusted]

Period	Unemployment rate (percent of civilian labor force in group)										Labor force time lost (percent) ¹
	Total (all civilian work-ers)	By sex and age			By race		By selected groups				
		Men 20 years and over	Women 20 years and over	Both sexes 16-19 years	White	Black and other	Expe-rienced wage and salary workers	House-hold heads	Full-time work-ers	Part-time work-ers	
1973.....	4.9	3.2	4.8	14.5	4.3	8.9	4.5	2.9	4.3	7.9	5.2
1974.....	5.6	3.8	5.5	16.0	5.0	9.9	5.3	3.3	5.1	8.6	6.1
1975.....	8.5	6.7	8.0	19.9	7.8	13.9	8.2	5.8	8.1	10.3	9.1
1976.....	7.7	5.9	7.4	19.0	7.0	13.1	7.3	5.1	7.3	10.1	8.3
1977.....	7.0	5.2	7.0	17.7	6.2	13.1	6.6	4.5	6.5	9.8	7.6
1977: Aug.....	7.0	5.1	7.1	17.3	6.1	14.3	6.5	4.5	6.6	9.0	7.6
Sept.....	6.8	4.7	6.9	18.3	6.0	13.1	6.3	4.4	6.4	9.7	7.4
Oct.....	6.8	5.0	6.8	17.3	6.0	13.7	6.5	4.4	6.4	9.6	7.4
Nov.....	6.7	4.7	6.9	17.2	5.9	13.7	6.3	4.2	6.2	9.6	7.3
Dec.....	6.4	4.6	6.6	15.6	5.5	12.7	6.0	3.9	5.9	8.9	7.0
1978: Jan.....	6.3	4.7	6.1	16.0	5.5	12.7	5.9	3.8	5.8	8.9	6.8
Feb.....	6.1	4.5	5.7	17.4	5.3	11.8	5.7	3.6	5.7	8.6	6.6
Mar.....	6.2	4.5	5.8	17.3	5.3	12.4	5.7	3.7	5.6	9.6	6.6
Apr.....	6.0	4.2	5.8	16.9	5.2	11.8	5.5	3.6	5.4	9.6	6.3
May.....	6.1	4.2	6.3	16.5	5.2	12.3	5.6	3.7	5.6	9.2	6.6
June.....	5.7	3.9	6.1	14.2	4.9	11.9	5.4	3.6	5.2	8.8	6.4
July.....	6.2	4.1	6.5	16.3	5.3	12.5	5.7	3.9	5.7	8.8	6.8
Aug.....	5.9	4.1	6.1	15.6	5.2	11.7	5.5	3.7	5.5	8.6	6.6

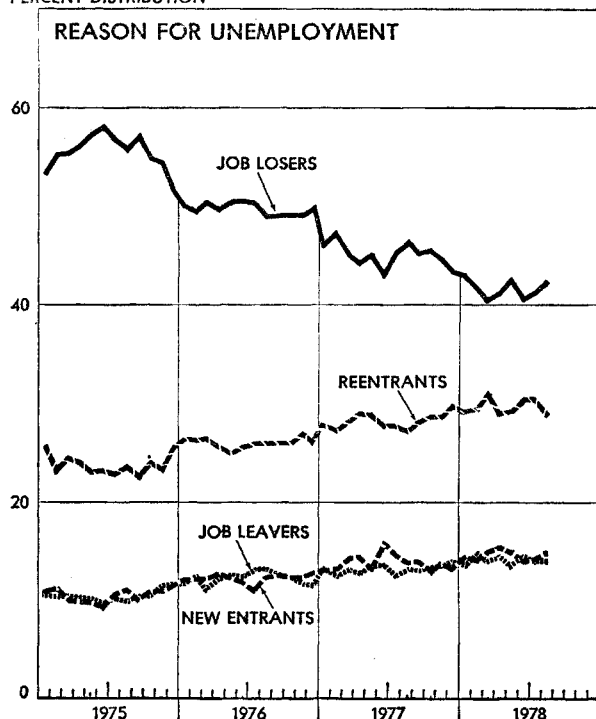
¹ Aggregate hours lost by the unemployed and persons on part-time for economic reasons as percent of potentially available labor force hours.

Source: Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics.

SELECTED MEASURES OF UNEMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE PROGRAMS

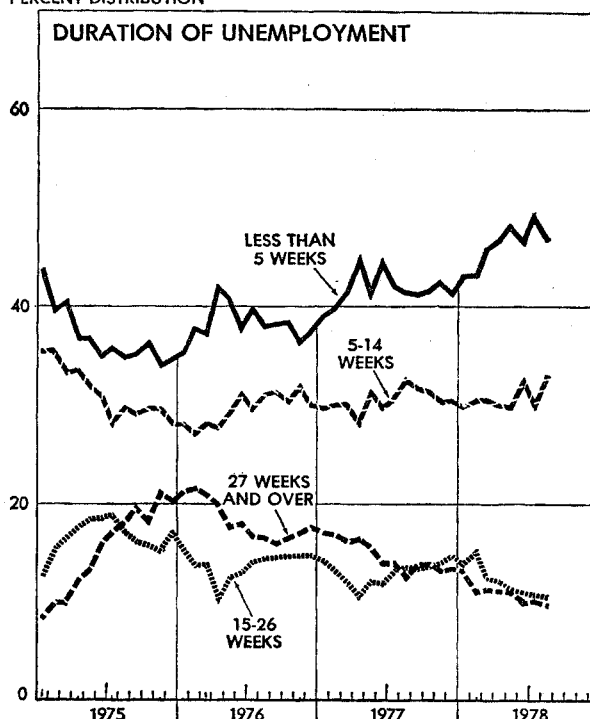
The decrease in unemployment in August was accompanied by an increase in the proportion of unemployed persons who were job losers and a decrease in the proportion who were reentrants to the labor force.

PERCENT DISTRIBUTION*



*SEASONALLY ADJUSTED
SOURCE: DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

PERCENT DISTRIBUTION*



COUNCIL OF ECONOMIC ADVISERS

[Monthly data seasonally adjusted, except as noted]

Period	Unem- employ- (thou- sands)	Percent distribution of unem- ployment by reason ¹				Percent distribution of unem- ployment by duration ¹				State programs		Insured unem- employ- ment, all regular pro- grams ² (unad- justed)	Special unem- employ- ment benefit claims ³ (unad- justed)
		Job losers	Job leavers	Reen- trants	New en- trants	Less than 5 weeks	5-14 weeks	15-26 weeks	27 weeks and over	Insured unem- employ- ment	Initial claims		
Weekly average, thousands													
1973.....	4,304	38.7	15.7	30.7	14.9	51.0	30.1	11.0	7.8	1,632	246	1,793	-----
1974.....	5,076	43.4	14.9	28.4	13.3	50.6	31.0	11.1	7.3	2,262	363	2,558	-----
1975.....	7,830	55.4	10.4	23.8	10.4	37.0	31.3	16.5	15.2	3,992	478	4,943	1,173
1976.....	7,288	49.8	12.2	26.0	12.1	38.3	29.6	13.8	18.3	2,968	382	3,822	1,152
1977.....	6,855	45.3	13.0	28.1	13.7	41.7	30.5	13.1	14.8	2,473	375	3,112	572
1977: Aug..	6,821	46.3	12.9	27.1	13.7	41.5	32.4	13.5	12.6	2,733	385	2,751	535
Sept....	6,668	45.3	12.9	27.9	13.9	41.1	31.8	13.4	13.7	2,664	368	2,643	412
Oct....	6,688	45.5	13.1	28.6	12.8	41.4	31.3	13.6	13.7	2,624	361	2,649	364
Nov....	6,663	44.7	13.3	28.5	13.6	42.4	30.3	13.9	13.3	2,602	354	2,853	315
Dec....	6,310	43.4	13.9	29.8	13.0	41.3	30.4	14.8	13.5	2,516	346	3,226	259
1978: Jan..	6,226	42.9	13.6	29.0	14.5	43.2	29.8	13.8	13.2	2,461	344	3,781	192
Feb....	6,090	41.6	14.7	29.4	14.2	43.3	30.5	15.0	11.2	2,524	369	3,638	143
Mar....	6,148	40.3	13.9	30.9	14.9	45.8	30.5	12.4	11.3	2,406	326	3,212	102
Apr....	5,983	41.2	14.5	28.9	15.4	46.8	29.9	12.0	11.2	2,210	330	2,659	60
May....	6,149	42.5	13.5	29.2	14.8	48.1	29.6	11.2	11.1	2,167	331	2,369	36
June....	5,754	40.6	14.7	30.6	14.1	46.4	32.6	11.1	9.9	2,194	348	2,297	21
July*..	6,193	41.3	14.1	30.4	14.2	49.0	30.0	10.8	10.2	2,392	377	2,581	-----
Aug*..	5,968	42.4	14.0	28.8	14.8	46.8	33.0	10.5	9.7	2,550	361	2,397	-----

¹ Detail may not add to 100 percent because of rounding.
² Includes State (50 States, District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico), ex-service-men (UCX), Federal (UCFE), and railroad (RR) programs. Also includes Federal and State extended benefit programs. Does not include FSB (Federal supplemental benefits) and SUA (special unemployment assistance).

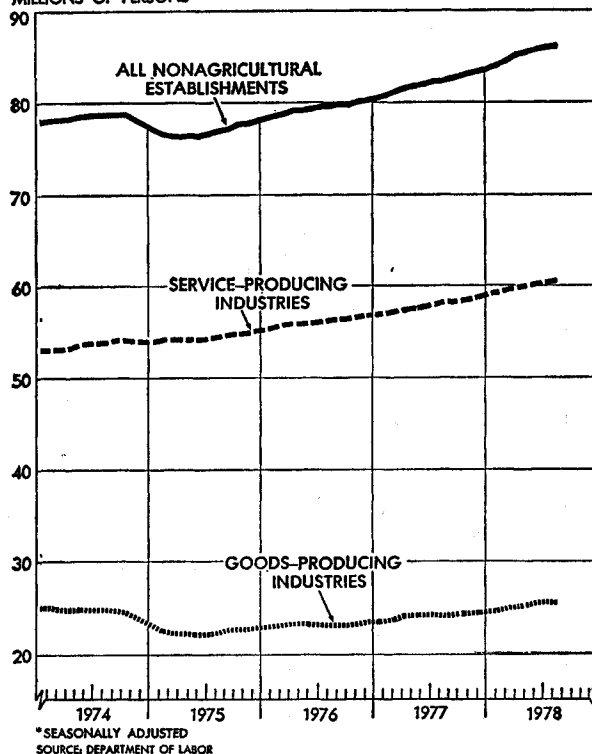
³ FSB and SUA. These programs started January 1975 and regular reporting began March 1975.

Source: Department of Labor (Bureau of Labor Statistics and Employment and Training Administration).

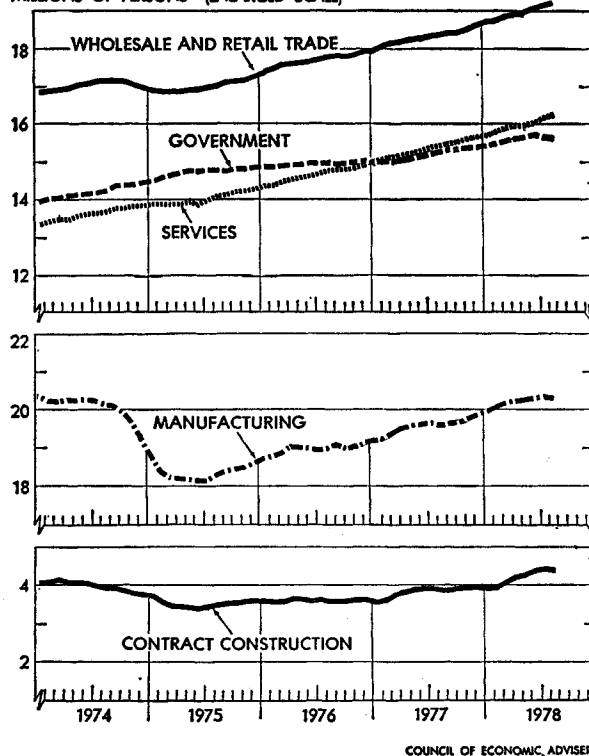
NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT

Total nonagricultural employment as measured by the payroll survey rose by 113,000 in August, despite a decline of 66,000 in employment by goods-producing industries.

MILLIONS OF PERSONS*



MILLIONS OF PERSONS* (ENLARGED SCALE)



[Thousands of wage and salary workers; ¹ seasonally adjusted]

Period	Total nonagricultural employment	Goods-producing industries					Service-producing industries						
		Total ²	Contract construction	Manufacturing			Total	Transportation and public utilities	Wholesale and retail trade	Finance, insurance, and real estate	Services	Government	
				Total	Durable goods	Non-durable goods						Federal	State and local
1973-----	76,896	24,727	4,015	20,068	11,839	8,229	52,169	4,644	16,674	4,091	13,021	2,663	11,075
1974-----	78,413	24,697	3,957	20,046	11,895	8,151	53,715	4,696	17,017	4,208	13,617	2,724	11,453
1975-----	77,051	22,603	3,512	18,347	10,679	7,668	54,448	4,498	17,000	4,223	14,006	2,748	11,973
1976-----	79,443	23,332	3,594	18,956	11,026	7,930	56,111	4,509	17,694	4,316	14,644	2,733	12,215
1977-----	82,142	24,229	3,844	19,554	11,480	8,074	57,912	4,589	18,292	4,508	15,333	2,727	12,463
1977: Aug--	82,474	24,305	3,893	19,594	11,527	8,067	58,169	4,581	18,377	4,524	15,448	2,732	12,507
Sept--	82,763	24,360	3,892	19,612	11,545	8,067	58,403	4,616	18,431	4,545	15,482	2,728	12,601
Oct--	82,902	24,436	3,911	19,666	11,604	8,062	58,466	4,610	18,414	4,572	15,533	2,730	12,607
Nov--	83,245	24,528	3,950	19,715	11,625	8,090	58,717	4,634	18,512	4,597	15,608	2,727	12,639
Dec--	83,429	24,526	3,947	19,868	11,748	8,120	58,903	4,652	18,610	4,611	15,663	2,718	12,649
1978: Jan--	83,719	24,593	3,916	19,972	11,828	8,144	59,126	4,628	18,744	4,630	15,693	2,736	12,695
Feb--	84,046	24,733	3,947	20,075	11,909	8,166	59,313	4,651	18,744	4,647	15,791	2,736	12,744
Mar--	84,555	24,945	4,053	20,164	11,965	8,199	59,610	4,672	18,849	4,670	15,875	2,736	12,808
Apr--	85,223	25,351	4,237	20,216	11,992	8,224	59,872	4,709	18,891	4,683	15,962	2,744	12,883
May--	85,466	25,429	4,268	20,258	12,029	8,229	60,037	4,714	18,967	4,712	15,970	2,753	12,921
June--	85,820	25,554	4,355	20,287	12,049	8,238	60,266	4,728	19,064	4,737	16,031	2,772	12,934
July ² --	86,003	25,614	4,379	20,316	12,110	8,206	60,389	4,696	19,126	4,754	16,153	2,763	12,897
Aug ² --	86,116	25,548	4,356	20,270	12,115	8,155	60,568	4,730	19,205	4,774	16,212	2,769	12,878

¹ Includes all full- and part-time wage and salary workers in nonagricultural establishments who worked during or received pay for any part of the pay period which includes the 12th of the month. Excludes proprietors, self-employed persons, domestic servants, and personnel of the Armed Forces. Total derived from this table not comparable with estimates of nonagricultural employment of the civilian labor force, shown on p. 11, which include proprietors, self-employed persons, and domestic servants; which count persons as employed when they

are not at work because of industrial disputes; and which are based on a sample of the working-age population, whereas the estimates in this table are based on reports from employing establishments.

² Includes mining, not shown separately.

Source: Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics.

AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS AND HOURLY EARNINGS

PRIVATE NONAGRICULTURAL INDUSTRIES

[For production or nonsupervisory workers; monthly data seasonally adjusted]

Period	Average weekly hours			Average gross hourly earnings		Adjusted hourly earnings index—total private nonagricultural ²			
	Total private nonagricultural ¹	Manufacturing		Total private nonagricultural ¹	Manufacturing	Index, 1967=100		Percent change from a year earlier ⁴	
		Total	Overtime			Current dollars	1967 dollars ³	Current dollars	1967 dollars
1969-----	37.7	40.6	3.6	\$3.04	\$3.19	113.2	103.1	6.6	1.7
1970-----	37.1	39.8	3.0	3.22	3.36	120.7	103.8	6.6	.6
1971-----	37.0	39.9	2.9	3.44	3.57	129.2	106.5	7.0	2.2
1972-----	37.1	40.6	3.5	3.67	3.81	137.7	109.9	6.6	3.1
1973-----	37.1	40.7	3.8	3.92	4.08	146.5	110.0	6.4	.5
1974-----	36.6	40.0	3.2	4.22	4.41	158.5	107.3	8.2	-2.3
1975-----	36.1	39.4	2.6	4.54	4.81	172.5	107.0	8.8	-.2
1976-----	36.2	40.0	3.1	4.87	5.19	185.0	108.5	7.2	1.4
1977-----	36.1	40.3	3.4	5.25	5.63	198.5	109.4	7.3	.8
1977: Aug-----	36.0	40.3	3.3	5.28	5.68	199.9	109.2	7.1	.4
Sept-----	36.0	40.3	3.3	5.32	5.73	201.2	109.5	7.3	.7
Oct-----	36.2	40.4	3.5	5.38	5.79	203.3	110.2	7.9	1.3
Nov-----	36.2	40.5	3.5	5.41	5.81	204.1	110.2	7.6	.8
Dec-----	36.2	40.5	3.5	5.42	5.83	205.2	110.3	7.6	.8
1978: Jan-----	35.6	39.6	3.5	5.49	5.90	208.1	111.0	8.1	1.2
Feb-----	35.8	39.9	3.8	5.52	5.95	208.8	110.6	8.1	1.5
Mar-----	36.2	40.6	3.7	5.56	5.97	210.2	110.5	8.2	1.5
Apr-----	36.3	40.6	3.6	5.62	6.00	212.1	110.6	8.4	1.7
May-----	36.0	40.3	3.5	5.64	6.03	212.8	109.9	8.3	1.2
June-----	36.1	40.4	3.5	5.68	6.08	213.9	109.5	8.4	.9
July ⁵ -----	36.0	40.4	3.5	5.73	6.14	215.8	110.0	8.2	.6
Aug ⁵ -----	35.9	40.3	3.5	5.74	6.17	216.1	109.5	8.1	.3

AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS—PRIVATE NONAGRICULTURAL INDUSTRIES

[For production or nonsupervisory workers; monthly data seasonally adjusted, except as noted]

Period	Average gross weekly earnings					Percent change from a year earlier, total private non-agricultural ⁵	
	Total private non-agricultural ¹		Manufacturing	Contract construction	Wholesale and retail trade	Current dollars	1967 dollars
	Current dollars	1967 dollars ³	Current dollars				
1969-----	\$114. 61	\$104. 38	\$129. 51	\$181. 54	\$90. 78	6. 4	1. 0
1970-----	119. 46	102. 72	133. 73	195. 45	95. 66	4. 2	-1. 6
1971-----	127. 28	104. 93	142. 44	211. 67	100. 39	6. 5	2. 2
1972-----	136. 16	108. 67	154. 69	222. 51	105. 65	7. 0	3. 6
1973-----	145. 43	109. 26	166. 06	235. 69	111. 04	6. 8	. 5
1974-----	154. 45	104. 57	176. 40	249. 08	118. 33	6. 2	-4. 3
1975-----	163. 89	101. 67	189. 51	265. 35	126. 75	6. 1	-2. 8
1976-----	176. 29	103. 40	207. 60	284. 93	133. 39	7. 6	1. 7
1977-----	189. 53	104. 42	226. 89	296. 68	142. 52	7. 5	1. 0
1977: Aug-----	190. 08	103. 81	228. 90	294. 92	143. 09	7. 3	. 6
Sept-----	191. 52	104. 20	230. 92	294. 48	143. 76	8. 1	1. 4
Oct-----	194. 76	105. 62	233. 92	300. 66	146. 40	8. 4	1. 8
Nov-----	195. 84	105. 75	235. 31	301. 84	145. 75	8. 2	1. 4
Dec-----	196. 20	105. 48	236. 12	302. 13	147. 52	7. 7	. 8
1978: Jan-----	195. 44	104. 23	233. 64	287. 87	147. 93	7. 7	. 9
Feb-----	197. 62	104. 73	237. 41	297. 02	148. 26	7. 0	. 6
Mar-----	201. 27	105. 82	242. 38	309. 12	151. 27	8. 1	1. 6
Apr-----	204. 01	106. 37	243. 60	314. 16	152. 92	8. 9	2. 2
May-----	203. 04	104. 88	243. 01	312. 32	152. 46	8. 1	1. 0
June-----	205. 05	104. 99	245. 63	319. 29	153. 45	8. 3	. 8
July ⁵ -----	206. 28	105. 08	248. 06	322. 76	154. 77	8. 8	1. 0
Aug ⁵ -----	206. 07	104. 39	248. 65	319. 19	154. 63	8. 4	. 6

¹ Also includes other private industry groups shown on p. 14.

² Adjusted for interindustry employment shifts and for overtime in manufacturing.

³ Current dollar index (or earnings) divided by the consumer price index. Revised index for urban wage earners and clerical workers used beginning 1978.

⁴ Monthly changes based on indexes to two decimal places.

⁵ Based on unadjusted data.

Source: Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics.

PRODUCTIVITY AND RELATED DATA, PRIVATE BUSINESS ECONOMY

Period	Output ¹		Hours of all persons ²		Output per hour of all persons		Compensation per hour ³		Unit labor costs		Implicit price deflator ⁴	
	Private business sector	Non-farm business sector	Private business sector	Non-farm business sector	Private business sector	Non-farm business sector	Private business sector	Non-farm business sector	Private business sector	Non-farm business sector	Private business sector	Non-farm business sector
1967=100; quarterly data seasonally adjusted												
1966-----	98.0	98.1	100.3	100.0	97.8	98.1	94.7	94.5	96.8	96.4	97.2	96.8
1967-----	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
1968-----	105.1	105.4	101.7	102.1	103.3	103.2	107.6	107.3	104.1	104.0	103.9	104.0
1969-----	108.3	108.6	104.5	105.3	103.7	103.1	115.1	114.3	111.0	110.9	108.8	108.6
1970-----	107.3	107.4	102.8	104.0	104.4	103.2	123.3	121.9	118.1	118.1	113.9	114.0
1971-----	110.3	110.2	102.3	103.7	107.8	106.3	131.5	129.9	121.9	122.2	118.9	119.1
1972-----	117.6	117.8	106.0	107.6	110.9	109.5	138.9	137.4	125.2	125.5	123.1	122.8
1973-----	124.5	125.0	110.3	112.4	112.8	111.1	150.0	147.8	132.9	133.0	130.2	127.9
1974-----	121.5	121.9	110.7	112.9	109.7	108.0	164.1	161.8	149.5	149.8	143.0	141.3
1975-----	118.8	118.8	106.1	108.0	112.0	110.0	180.3	177.8	161.1	161.6	157.4	156.3
1976-----	126.5	127.0	109.0	111.4	116.1	114.0	196.3	192.9	169.2	169.2	165.4	164.8
1977-----	133.2	133.6	112.7	115.6	118.1	115.6	212.7	208.9	180.1	180.7	174.9	174.6
1976: I-----	125.0	125.2	108.6	111.1	115.1	112.6	190.3	186.8	165.3	165.8	162.4	161.8
II-----	126.2	126.9	108.9	111.3	115.9	114.1	194.2	191.0	167.6	167.4	164.5	163.4
III-----	127.1	127.7	108.8	111.3	116.8	114.7	198.5	194.9	170.0	169.9	166.3	165.7
IV-----	127.6	128.1	109.3	112.0	116.8	114.4	202.7	198.8	173.6	173.8	168.5	168.2
1977: I-----	130.5	131.0	111.0	113.8	117.6	115.2	206.8	203.0	175.9	176.3	170.6	170.0
II-----	132.5	133.0	113.1	115.7	117.2	114.9	210.0	206.5	179.2	179.7	174.0	173.6
III-----	134.2	134.6	112.9	115.9	118.9	116.1	215.2	210.9	181.0	181.6	176.3	176.4
IV-----	135.5	135.8	113.8	116.7	119.1	116.4	218.9	215.0	183.8	184.8	178.4	178.1
1978: I-----	135.3	136.1	115.0	117.9	117.7	115.4	225.1	221.2	191.4	191.6	181.3	180.6
II-----	138.5	139.7	117.5	120.7	117.9	115.7	229.5	225.5	194.7	194.8	186.5	185.2
Percent change; quarterly data at seasonally adjusted annual rates												
1966-----	5.5	6.0	2.3	3.3	3.2	2.5	7.0	6.0	3.7	3.4	3.2	2.9
1967-----	2.0	1.9	- .3	- .0	2.3	1.9	5.6	5.8	3.3	3.8	2.9	3.3
1968-----	5.1	5.4	1.7	2.1	3.3	3.2	7.6	7.3	4.1	4.0	3.9	4.0
1969-----	3.0	3.0	2.7	3.2	.3	- .2	7.0	6.5	6.6	6.7	4.7	4.5
1970-----	- .9	-1.1	-1.6	-1.2	.7	.2	7.2	6.7	6.4	6.5	4.7	4.9
1971-----	2.8	2.6	- .4	- .3	3.2	2.9	6.6	6.6	3.2	3.5	4.4	4.5
1972-----	6.6	6.9	3.6	3.7	2.9	3.1	5.7	5.8	2.7	2.7	3.6	3.1
1973-----	5.9	6.0	4.1	4.	1.7	1.5	8.0	7.5	6.1	6.0	5.8	4.1
1974-----	-2.4	-2.5	.4	.4	-2.8	-2.8	9.4	9.5	12.5	12.7	9.8	10.5
1975-----	-2.3	-2.5	-4.2	-4.3	2.0	1.9	9.9	9.9	7.7	7.9	10.1	10.6
1976-----	6.5	6.9	2.7	3.2	3.7	3.6	8.9	8.5	5.0	4.7	5.1	5.4
1977-----	5.3	5.2	3.5	3.7	1.8	1.5	8.4	8.3	6.5	6.7	5.7	5.9
1976: I-----	11.2	11.5	5.2	6.4	5.8	4.8	10.2	8.7	4.2	3.8	3.2	4.9
II-----	4.0	5.7	1.2	.4	2.8	5.3	8.6	9.2	5.6	3.8	5.2	4.1
III-----	2.8	2.5	- .3	.3	3.2	2.2	9.1	8.4	5.8	6.1	4.4	5.8
IV-----	1.6	1.2	1.7	2.3	- .1	-1.0	8.7	8.3	8.8	9.4	5.4	6.1
1977: I-----	9.3	9.4	6.3	6.6	2.8	2.7	8.3	8.6	5.3	5.8	5.2	4.4
II-----	6.5	6.2	7.8	7.1	-1.2	- .8	6.4	7.2	7.7	8.1	8.2	8.7
III-----	5.0	5.0	- .7	.7	5.8	4.3	10.3	8.8	4.3	4.3	5.2	6.5
IV-----	4.0	3.5	3.4	2.7	.6	.8	7.0	8.0	6.3	7.1	4.9	4.0
1978: I-----	- .6	.7	4.2	4.2	-4.7	-3.3	11.9	12.0	17.4	15.8	6.7	5.8
II-----	9.9	11.1	9.1	9.8	.8	1.2	8.0	8.1	7.2	6.9	12.0	10.7

¹ Output refers to gross domestic product originating in the sector in 1972 dollars.

² Hours of all persons in private industry engaged in production, including hours of proprietors and unpaid family workers. Estimates based primarily on establishment data.

³ Wages and salaries of employees plus employers' contributions for social insurance and private benefit plans. Also includes an estimate of wages, salaries, and supplemental payments for the self-employed.

⁴ Current dollar gross domestic product divided by constant dollar gross domestic product.

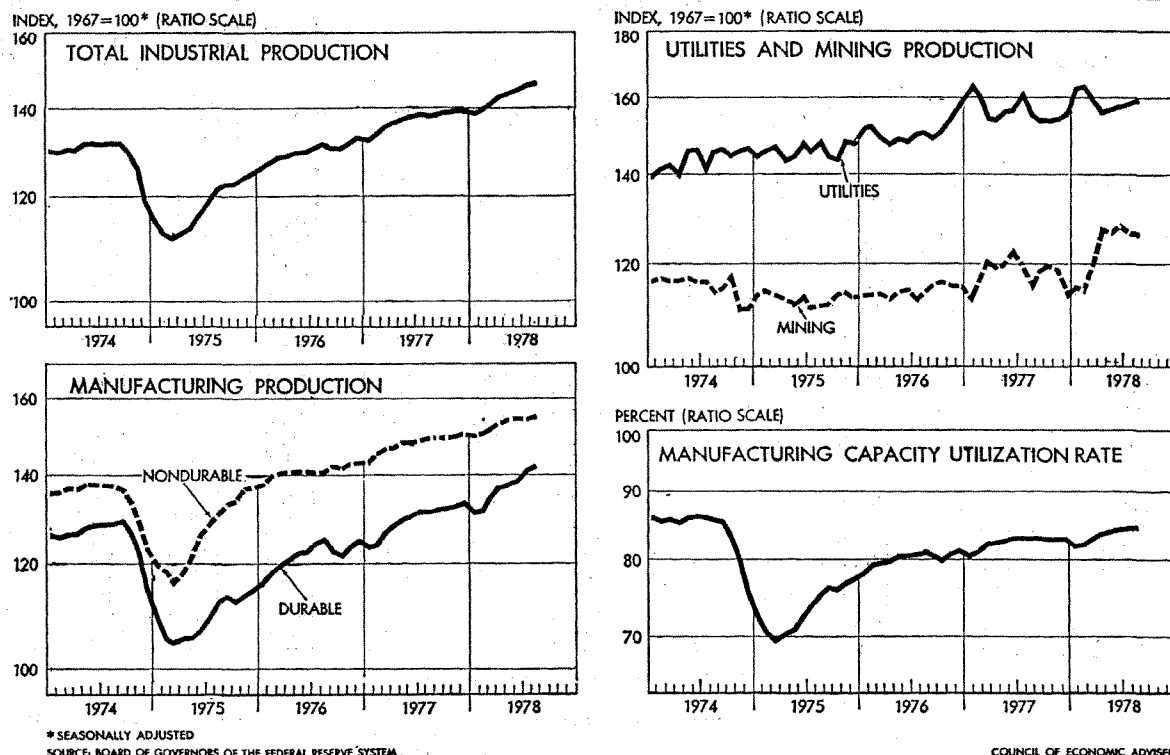
NOTE.—Percent changes are from preceding period and are based on original data; they therefore may differ slightly from percent changes based on indexes shown here.

Source: Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics.

PRODUCTION AND BUSINESS ACTIVITY

INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION AND CAPACITY UTILIZATION

Industrial production rose 0.5 percent in August, following revised increases of 0.7 percent in both June and July. The index for August was 6.2 percent above a year earlier.



[Seasonally adjusted]											
Period	Total industrial production		Industry production indexes, 1967=100					Manufacturing capacity utilization rate, percent ¹			
	Index, 1967=100	Per-cent change from year earlier	Manufacturing			Mining	Utili-ties	Federal Reserve series		Com-merce series ²	Whar-ton series ³
			Total	Dur-able	Non-dur-able			Total manu-factur-ing	Mate-rials		
1967 proportion-----	100.00		87.95	51.98	35.97	6.36	5.69				
1972-----	119.7	9.2	118.9	113.7	126.5	113.1	139.4	83.1	88.0	83	91.8
1973-----	129.8	8.4	129.8	127.1	133.8	114.7	145.4	87.5	92.4	86	97.1
1974-----	129.3	— 4	129.4	125.7	134.6	115.3	143.7	84.2	87.7	83	93.0
1975-----	117.8	— 8.9	116.3	109.3	126.4	112.8	146.0	73.6	73.6	77	80.4
1976-----	129.8	10.2	129.5	121.7	140.9	114.2	151.0	80.2	80.4	81	87.5
1977-----	137.1	5.6	137.1	129.5	148.1	117.8	156.5	82.4	81.9	83	90.2
1977: Aug-----	138.1	5.2	138.6	131.3	149.4	115.4	155.7	82.9	82.0		
Sept-----	138.5	6.0	139.0	131.7	149.5	118.0	154.1	82.9	82.0	82	90.9
Oct-----	138.9	6.7	139.4	132.4	149.6	119.6	154.0	82.9	82.4		
Nov-----	139.3	5.9	139.9	132.7	150.1	118.8	154.2	82.9	82.3		
Dec-----	139.7	5.0	140.5	133.4	150.9	113.4	156.7	83.0	81.9	82	91.1
1978: Jan-----	138.8	4.9	138.7	131.1	149.8	115.0	162.3	81.7	81.9		
Feb-----	139.2	4.5	139.4	131.5	150.6	114.4	163.5	81.9	81.3		
Mar-----	140.9	4.1	141.4	134.4	151.4	119.3	159.5	82.7	81.9	84	90.1
Apr-----	143.2	5.2	143.5	136.9	153.2	127.2	156.0	83.7	84.0		
May-----	143.9	5.0	144.3	137.6	154.0	126.7	157.0	83.9	84.5		
June-----	144.9	5.2	145.4	138.8	154.8	128.0	157.7	84.2	85.1		92.6
July ^a -----	145.9	5.2	146.4	140.8	154.7	126.6	158.5	84.6	85.6		
Aug ^a -----	146.6	6.2	147.3	141.9	155.2	126.1	159.3	84.8	85.6		

¹ Output as percent of capacity.
² Annual data are averages of four monthly indexes.
³ Quarterly data entered in last month of quarter. Annual data are averages of quarterly data.

Sources: Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, Department of Commerce (Bureau of Economic Analysis), and Wharton School of Finance.

INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION—MAJOR MARKET GROUPS AND SELECTED MANUFACTURES

[1967=100, seasonally adjusted]

Period	Products								Ma- terials	Sup- ple- men- tary group: Energy total
	Final Products						Intermediate products			
	Total	Consumer goods			Equipment					
		Total	Durable goods	Non- durable goods	Total	Busi- ness				
							Total	Con- struction supplies		
1967 proportion.....	47.82	27.68	7.89	19.79	20.14	12.63	12.89	6.42	39.29	12.23
1970.....	105.3	109.0	106.1	110.1	100.1	107.0	112.9	111.0	109.2	117.0
1971.....	106.3	114.7	118.8	113.1	94.7	104.1	116.7	116.8	111.3	119.5
1972.....	115.7	124.4	133.8	120.6	103.8	118.0	126.5	128.4	122.3	125.2
1973.....	124.4	131.5	146.2	125.6	114.5	134.2	137.2	139.8	133.9	128.3
1974.....	125.1	128.9	135.3	126.3	120.0	142.4	135.3	134.5	132.4	125.5
1975.....	118.2	124.0	121.4	125.1	110.2	128.2	123.1	116.3	115.5	125.5
1976.....	127.2	136.2	141.4	134.1	114.6	136.3	137.2	132.6	130.6	128.8
1977.....	134.9	143.4	153.1	139.6	123.2	149.2	145.1	140.8	136.9	132.5
1977: Aug.....	136.3	144.7	154.7	140.6	124.9	151.1	146.1	141.7	137.6	131.4
Sept.....	136.8	144.9	155.6	140.7	125.6	152.1	146.5	143.2	137.9	132.5
Oct.....	136.5	144.9	156.8	140.1	125.0	152.6	147.8	144.9	138.9	133.0
Nov.....	137.0	145.2	155.2	141.2	125.8	153.5	148.4	146.5	139.0	132.3
Dec.....	137.6	145.8	155.8	141.8	126.2	154.0	150.4	148.3	138.8	129.7
1978: Jan.....	134.9	141.8	146.5	139.9	125.4	152.6	151.6	149.2	139.2	132.5
Feb.....	136.4	143.8	151.2	140.8	126.2	154.2	151.4	148.6	138.6	130.0
Mar.....	138.9	145.9	157.5	141.3	129.1	157.4	151.4	147.9	139.9	129.8
Apr.....	140.5	147.5	161.8	141.8	130.8	159.3	152.1	148.5	143.7	133.1
May.....	140.5	147.0	160.2	141.7	131.6	160.2	152.6	150.4	145.1	134.2
June.....	140.9	146.9	160.5	141.5	133.0	161.8	154.5	152.1	146.4	135.1
July.....	141.9	147.2	160.9	141.7	134.3	163.5	155.8	153.8	147.6	135.2
Aug.....	142.5	147.3	160.8	141.9	135.8	165.3	156.8	155.0	148.1	135.5

[1967=100, seasonally adjusted]

Period	Durable manufactures						Nondurable manufactures					
	Primary metals		Fabi- cated metal prod- ucts	Non- elec- trical ma- chin- ery	Elec- trical ma- chin- ery	Transportation equipment		Lum- ber and prod- ucts	Appa- rel prod- ucts	Print- ing and pub- lishing	Chem- icals and prod- ucts	Foods
	Total	Iron and steel				Total	Motor ve- hicles and parts					
1967 proportion.....	6.57	4.21	5.93	9.15	8.05	9.27	4.50	1.64	3.31	4.72	7.74	8.76
1970.....	106.6	104.7	102.4	104.4	108.1	89.5	92.3	105.6	101.4	107.0	120.4	108.9
1971.....	100.2	96.1	103.5	100.2	107.7	97.9	118.6	113.8	104.7	107.1	125.9	112.8
1972.....	112.1	107.1	112.1	116.0	122.2	108.2	135.8	120.8	109.4	112.7	143.6	116.8
1973.....	126.7	122.3	124.7	133.7	143.1	118.3	148.8	126.0	117.3	118.2	154.5	120.9
1974.....	123.1	119.8	124.2	140.1	143.8	108.7	128.2	116.2	114.3	118.2	159.4	124.0
1975.....	96.4	95.8	109.9	125.1	116.5	97.4	111.1	107.6	107.6	113.3	147.2	123.4
1976.....	108.9	104.9	123.3	135.0	131.6	110.6	140.7	125.1	122.2	120.6	169.3	132.3
1977.....	110.2	103.4	130.9	144.8	141.9	121.1	159.7	133.4	124.2	124.7	180.7	137.9
1977: Aug.....	112.5	110.6	134.0	145.2	143.9	124.3	164.4	131.8	124.1	125.0	182.6	139.3
Sept.....	109.0	104.6	133.6	147.4	144.6	125.5	165.6	137.1	127.7	124.2	181.3	138.3
Oct.....	113.5	107.7	133.8	148.9	144.2	124.3	168.4	135.7	129.0	125.7	182.3	137.3
Nov.....	111.2	104.3	135.8	149.7	146.0	122.0	163.0	137.5	125.1	126.2	183.1	139.4
Dec.....	111.0	103.8	136.4	151.7	147.3	122.2	161.8	138.1	125.8	127.5	183.0	140.4
1978: Jan.....	107.4	99.5	136.9	150.1	144.0	116.2	146.6	138.5	118.6	129.9	184.4	139.3
Feb.....	106.2	96.3	136.9	150.1	146.4	118.4	153.1	135.5	121.1	128.3	183.7	140.8
Mar.....	106.1	96.4	138.1	151.5	149.5	126.5	165.1	136.5	122.8	129.1	185.2	141.1
Apr.....	114.3	109.0	139.5	152.2	152.3	130.5	171.7	136.9	126.1	128.6	185.5	143.1
May.....	115.5	110.5	140.4	152.9	152.9	130.1	168.3	136.5	125.8	128.2	188.1	142.8
June.....	117.6	114.5	142.3	154.4	154.1	130.1	167.5	138.5	126.8	128.7	190.8	141.8
July.....	122.5	118.9	143.5	157.2	155.0	132.1	169.3	139.0	-----	130.4	191.4	142.3
Aug.....	124.4	-----	144.7	158.8	156.0	132.9	169.3	-----	-----	131.4	-----	-----

Source: Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

NEW CONSTRUCTION

Period	Total new construction expenditures	Private						Federal, State, and local	Construction contracts ²	
		Total	Residential		Commercial and industrial	Other	Total value index (1967=100)		Commercial and industrial floor space (millions of square feet)	
			Total ¹	New housing units						
Billions of dollars										
1971.....	110.0	80.1	43.3	35.1	17.0	19.8	29.9	145.4	727	
1972.....	124.1	93.9	54.3	44.9	18.1	21.5	30.2	165.3	854	
1973.....	137.9	105.4	59.7	50.1	21.7	24.0	32.5	179.5	1,010	
1974.....	138.5	100.2	50.4	40.6	23.8	25.9	38.3	169.7	840	
1975.....	134.5	93.7	46.5	34.4	20.8	26.4	40.9	167.9	555	
1976.....	148.8	110.5	60.5	47.3	19.9	30.0	38.3	199.4	592	
1977.....	172.6	134.7	81.0	65.7	22.5	31.3	37.8	252.2	738	
Seasonally adjusted annual rates										
1977: July.....	176.4	137.3	82.9	67.1	23.4	31.0	39.1	209	702	
Aug.....	176.4	137.6	82.9	67.1	23.8	30.9	38.8	267	853	
Sept.....	177.8	138.3	83.0	67.6	24.2	31.2	39.4	279	813	
Oct.....	176.7	139.2	84.2	69.3	24.1	30.9	37.4	244	757	
Nov.....	178.1	140.6	85.2	70.7	24.3	31.1	37.4	258	847	
Dec.....	179.0	142.3	87.4	72.8	22.8	32.1	36.8	299	864	
1978: Jan.....	171.7	135.3	79.7	65.0	22.4	33.2	36.4	283	996	
Feb.....	177.9	142.2	85.6	70.9	22.8	33.8	35.7	266	814	
Mar.....	184.8	147.1	87.6	72.5	25.4	34.1	37.7	254	863	
Apr.....	192.9	151.3	90.0	74.4	26.4	34.9	41.5	279	921	
May.....	198.2	153.1	91.1	75.1	27.3	34.7	45.1	332	1,061	
June ²	203.3	158.2	92.5	76.6	30.6	35.1	45.1	249	999	
July ²	206.9	159.0	93.2	77.5	30.7	35.1	47.9	286	898	

¹ Includes nonhousekeeping residential construction and additions and alterations, not shown separately.

² F. W. Dodge series. Relates to 50 States beginning 1969 for value index and beginning 1971 for floor space.

NOTE.—New construction expenditures data prior to 1973 not comparable with later data.

Sources: Department of Commerce (Bureau of the Census) and McGraw-Hill Information Systems Company, F. W. Dodge Division.

NEW PRIVATE HOUSING AND VACANCY RATES

[Thousands of units or homes, except as noted]

Period	New private housing units						New private homes		Vacancy rate for rental housing units (percent) ²
	Units started, by type of structure				Units author-ized	Units completed	Homes sold	Homes for sale at end of period ¹	
	Total	1 unit	2-4 units	5 or more units					
1970-----	1,433.6	812.9	84.8	535.9	1,351.5	1,418.4	485	220	5.3
1971-----	2,052.2	1,151.0	120.3	780.9	1,924.6	1,706.1	656	287	5.4
1972-----	2,356.6	1,309.2	141.3	906.2	2,218.9	2,003.9	718	409	5.6
1973-----	2,045.3	1,132.0	118.3	795.0	1,819.5	2,100.5	634	418	5.8
1974-----	1,337.7	888.1	68.1	381.6	1,074.4	1,728.5	519	346	6.2
1975-----	1,160.4	892.2	64.0	204.3	939.2	1,317.2	549	313	6.0
1976-----	1,537.5	1,162.4	85.9	289.2	1,296.2	1,377.2	646	354	5.6
1977-----	1,987.1	1,450.9	121.7	414.4	1,690.0	1,657.1	819	403	5.2
Seasonally adjusted annual rates									
1977: Aug-----	2,038	1,454	119	465	1,770	1,677	818	389	-----
Sept-----	2,012	1,508	124	380	1,695	1,875	845	389	5.4
Oct-----	2,139	1,532	127	480	1,781	1,665	870	398	-----
Nov-----	2,096	1,544	134	418	1,822	1,769	819	401	-----
Dec-----	2,203	1,574	153	476	1,778	1,641	857	403	5.1
1978: Jan-----	1,548	1,156	101	291	1,526	1,759	813	405	-----
Feb-----	1,569	1,103	79	387	1,534	1,696	774	404	-----
Mar-----	2,047	1,429	126	492	1,647	1,821	793	404	5.0
Apr-----	2,165	1,492	142	531	1,740	1,943	827	410	-----
May ² -----	2,054	1,478	89	487	1,597	1,854	849	415	-----
June ² -----	2,124	1,441	148	535	1,821	1,898	833	420	5.1
July ² -----	2,128	1,453	138	537	1,632	1,924	804	420	-----
Aug ² -----	2,029	1,442	134	453	1,571	-----	-----	-----	-----

¹ Seasonally adjusted.

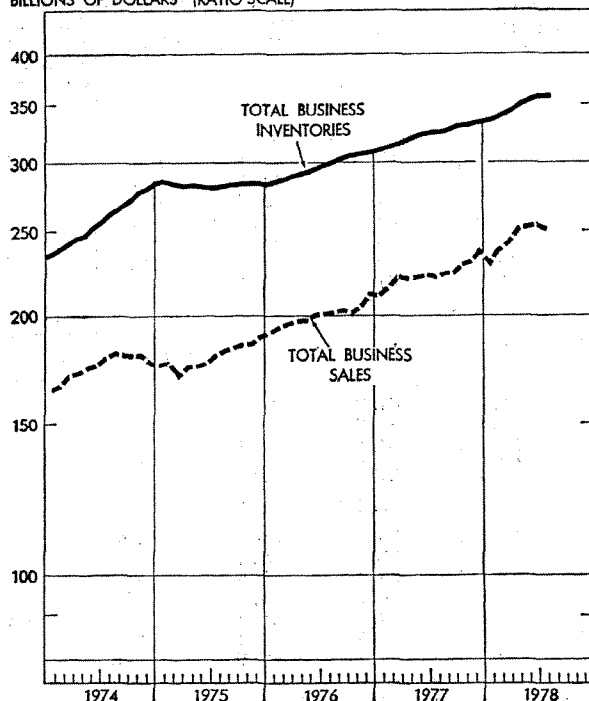
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Sources: Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census.

BUSINESS SALES AND INVENTORIES—TOTAL AND TRADE

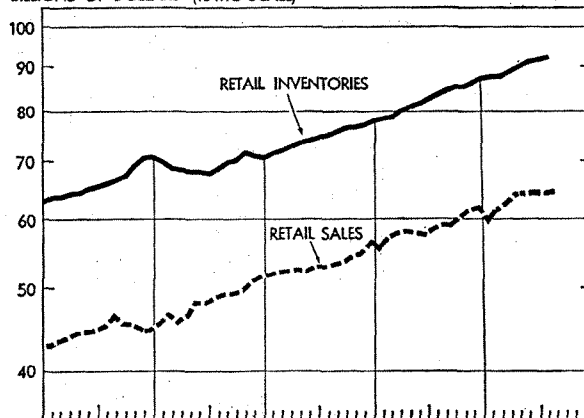
Business sales fell slightly in July, while inventories rose about \$2 billion. According to the advance survey, retail sales rose in August following a slight decline in July.

BILLIONS OF DOLLARS* (RATIO SCALE)

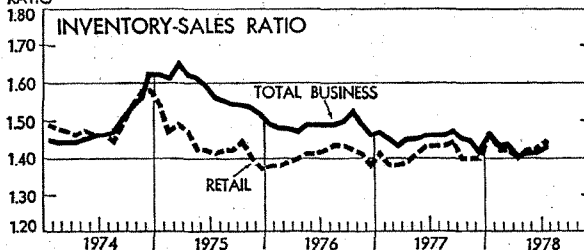


* SEASONALLY ADJUSTED
SOURCE: DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

BILLIONS OF DOLLARS* (RATIO SCALE)



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Period	Total business ¹		Wholesale		Retail						Inventory-sales ratio ⁴		
	Sales ²	Inven- tories ³	Sales ²	Inven- tories ³	Sales ²			Inventories			Total busi- ness ¹	Retail	
					Total	Dur- able goods stores	Non- durable goods stores	Total	Dur- able goods stores	Non- durable goods stores			
	Millions of dollars, seasonally adjusted												
1971-----	116, 351	188, 508	26, 257	35, 823	34, 169	10, 827	23, 342	50, 063	21, 687	28, 376	1. 58	1. 39	
1972-----	130, 049	203, 088	29, 584	39, 786	37, 422	12, 369	25, 054	55, 079	24, 238	30, 841	1. 50	1. 40	
1973-----	151, 647	233, 749	36, 822	46, 254	41, 871	14, 091	27, 781	62, 950	28, 072	34, 878	1. 44	1. 41	
1974-----	175, 200	285, 064	45, 836	56, 537	44, 543	13, 820	30, 723	70, 716	32, 394	38, 322	1. 47	1. 48	
1975-----	179, 621	283, 614	44, 633	55, 113	48, 370	14, 907	33, 463	70, 623	32, 119	38, 504	1. 58	1. 43	
1976-----	200, 760	309, 238	48, 408	61, 307	53, 542	17, 544	35, 998	78, 045	36, 417	41, 628	1. 48	1. 39	
1977-----	223, 793	334, 785	53, 509	67, 998	59, 029	19, 901	39, 127	87, 073	40, 534	46, 539	1. 44	1. 40	
1977: Aug-----	224, 247	327, 639	53, 208	65, 095	59, 020	19, 984	39, 036	84, 462	39, 303	45, 159	1. 46	1. 43	
Sept-----	224, 907	330, 345	53, 307	66, 119	59, 014	19, 763	39, 251	85, 215	39, 559	45, 656	1. 47	1. 44	
Oct-----	228, 508	330, 832	53, 639	66, 209	60, 778	20, 895	39, 883	85, 322	39, 589	45, 733	1. 45	1. 40	
Nov-----	231, 488	333, 186	55, 558	67, 047	61, 588	20, 733	40, 855	86, 299	40, 087	46, 212	1. 44	1. 40	
Dec-----	237, 258	334, 785	57, 266	67, 998	62, 054	20, 915	41, 139	87, 073	40, 534	46, 539	1. 41	1. 40	
1978: Jan-----	230, 162	337, 676	55, 985	68, 991	59, 855	19, 782	40, 073	87, 708	41, 060	46, 648	1. 47	1. 47	
Feb-----	238, 278	340, 396	57, 635	70, 361	61, 661	20, 558	41, 103	87, 642	41, 369	46, 273	1. 43	1. 42	
Mar-----	242, 668	345, 839	58, 877	72, 882	62, 690	20, 938	41, 752	89, 097	41, 521	47, 576	1. 43	1. 42	
Apr-----	250, 768	350, 545	62, 152	74, 867	64, 079	21, 969	42, 110	89, 963	41, 881	48, 082	1. 40	1. 40	
May-----	251, 806	354, 226	64, 011	75, 474	64, 229	21, 758	42, 471	91, 063	42, 300	48, 763	1. 41	1. 42	
June-----	252, 534	356, 920	63, 235	75, 820	64, 460	21, 987	42, 473	91, 543	42, 036	49, 507	1. 41	1. 42	
July ^p -----	250, 382	358, 795	63, 190	75, 158	64, 086	21, 515	42, 571	92, 470	42, 359	50, 111	1. 43	1. 44	
Aug ^p -----					64, 584	21, 846	42, 738						

¹ The term "business" also includes manufacturing (see page 21).

² Monthly average for year and total for month.

³ Book value, end of period, seasonally adjusted.

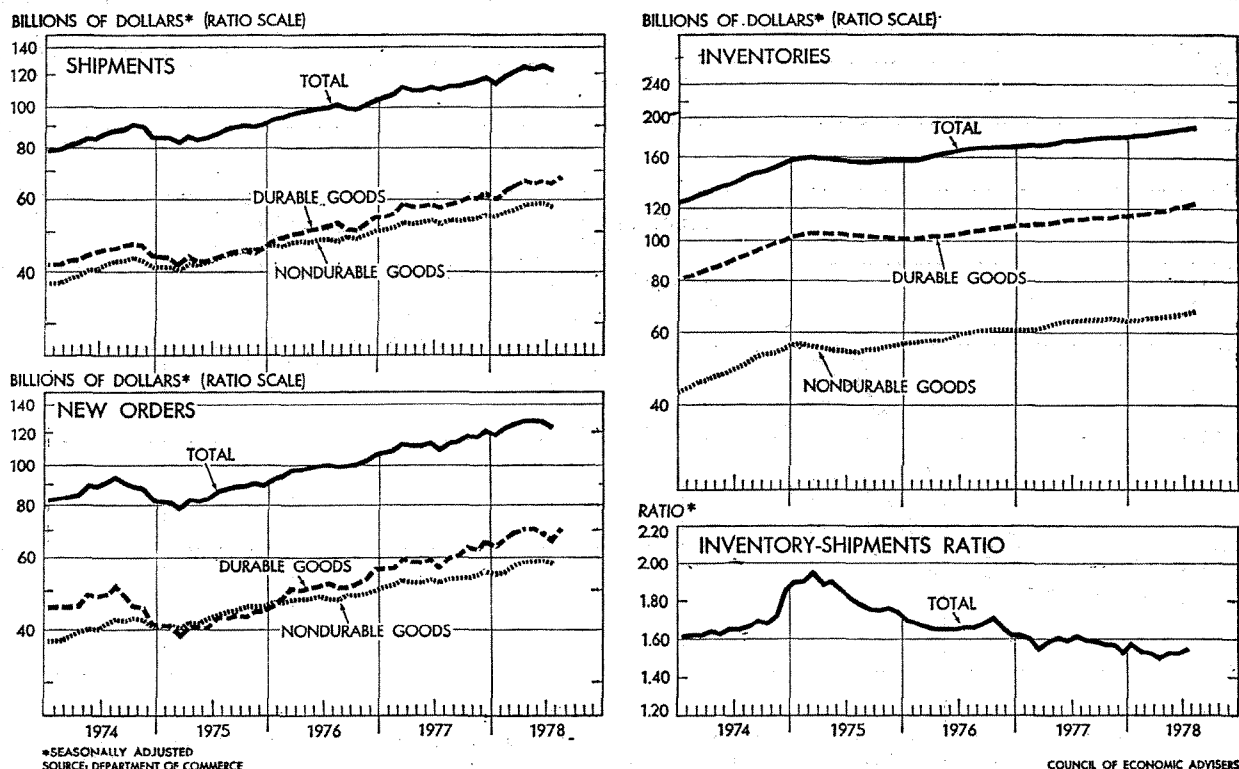
⁴ For annual periods, ratio of weighted average inventories to average monthly sales; for monthly data, ratio of inventories at end of month to sales for month.

Note.—Total (and manufacturing) sales revised beginning February 1978.

Source: Department of Commerce (Bureau of Economic Analysis and Bureau of the Census).

MANUFACTURERS' SHIPMENTS, INVENTORIES, AND NEW ORDERS

Manufacturers' shipments and new orders declined in July, while inventories rose. According to advance data, durable goods shipments and orders rose in August.



Period	Manufacturers' shipments ¹			Manufacturers' inventories ²			Manufacturers' new orders ¹				Manu- fac- turers' inventory— ship- ments ratio ⁴	
	Total	Durable goods	Non- durable goods	Total	Durable goods	Non- durable goods	Total	Durable goods		Non- durable goods		Manu- fac- turers' unfilled orders ³
								Total	Capital goods indus- tries, non- defense			
Millions of dollars, seasonally adjusted												
1971-----	55, 925	29, 973	25, 952	102, 622	66, 271	36, 351	56, 016	30, 030	7, 535	25, 986	107, 657	1. 83
1972-----	63, 043	34, 043	28, 999	108, 223	70, 244	37, 979	64, 201	35, 098	8, 832	29, 104	121, 709	1. 67
1973-----	72, 954	39, 704	33, 250	124, 545	81, 333	43, 212	76, 224	42, 894	11, 114	33, 329	161, 194	1. 58
1974-----	84, 821	44, 253	40, 568	157, 811	101, 790	56, 021	87, 200	46, 783	12, 691	40, 417	189, 678	1. 65
1975-----	86, 616	43, 678	42, 939	157, 878	101, 580	56, 298	85, 058	41, 933	10, 781	43, 125	170, 686	1. 83
1976-----	98, 809	50, 697	48, 112	169, 886	108, 968	60, 918	99, 134	50, 997	12, 501	48, 137	174, 553	1. 66
1977-----	111, 256	58, 266	52, 990	179, 714	115, 424	64, 290	112, 842	59, 795	15, 201	53, 047	193, 659	1. 58
1977: Aug---	112, 019	58, 649	53, 370	178, 082	113, 917	64, 165	112, 615	59, 269	14, 527	53, 346	182, 453	1. 59
Sept---	112, 586	59, 285	53, 301	179, 011	114, 467	64, 544	113, 680	60, 364	16, 124	53, 316	183, 547	1. 59
Oct---	114, 091	60, 316	53, 775	179, 301	114, 448	64, 853	117, 331	63, 556	16, 097	53, 775	186, 787	1. 57
Nov---	114, 342	60, 228	54, 114	179, 840	115, 212	64, 628	117, 024	62, 821	16, 090	54, 203	189, 469	1. 57
Dec---	117, 938	62, 130	55, 808	179, 714	115, 424	64, 290	122, 128	66, 165	16, 988	55, 963	193, 659	1. 52
1978: Jan---	114, 322	59, 973	54, 349	180, 977	116, 278	64, 699	117, 899	63, 335	16, 511	54, 564	197, 235	1. 58
Feb---	118, 982	63, 077	55, 905	182, 393	117, 511	64, 882	122, 544	66, 681	17, 882	55, 863	200, 798	1. 53
Mar---	121, 101	64, 457	56, 644	183, 860	118, 725	65, 135	125, 801	69, 016	17, 507	56, 785	205, 500	1. 52
Apr---	124, 537	66, 493	58, 044	185, 715	119, 848	65, 867	128, 175	70, 033	17, 409	58, 142	209, 133	1. 49
May---	123, 566	65, 417	58, 149	187, 689	121, 471	66, 218	128, 450	70, 045	18, 124	58, 405	214, 010	1. 52
June---	124, 839	66, 293	58, 546	189, 557	122, 688	66, 869	127, 580	68, 840	18, 155	58, 740	216, 754	1. 52
July ^a ---	123, 106	65, 222	57, 884	191, 167	123, 830	67, 337	123, 279	65, 187	17, 074	58, 092	216, 922	1. 55
Aug ^a ---		67, 765						70, 131	18, 802			

¹ Monthly average for year and total for month. Shipments are the same as sales.
² Book value, end of period.
³ End of period.
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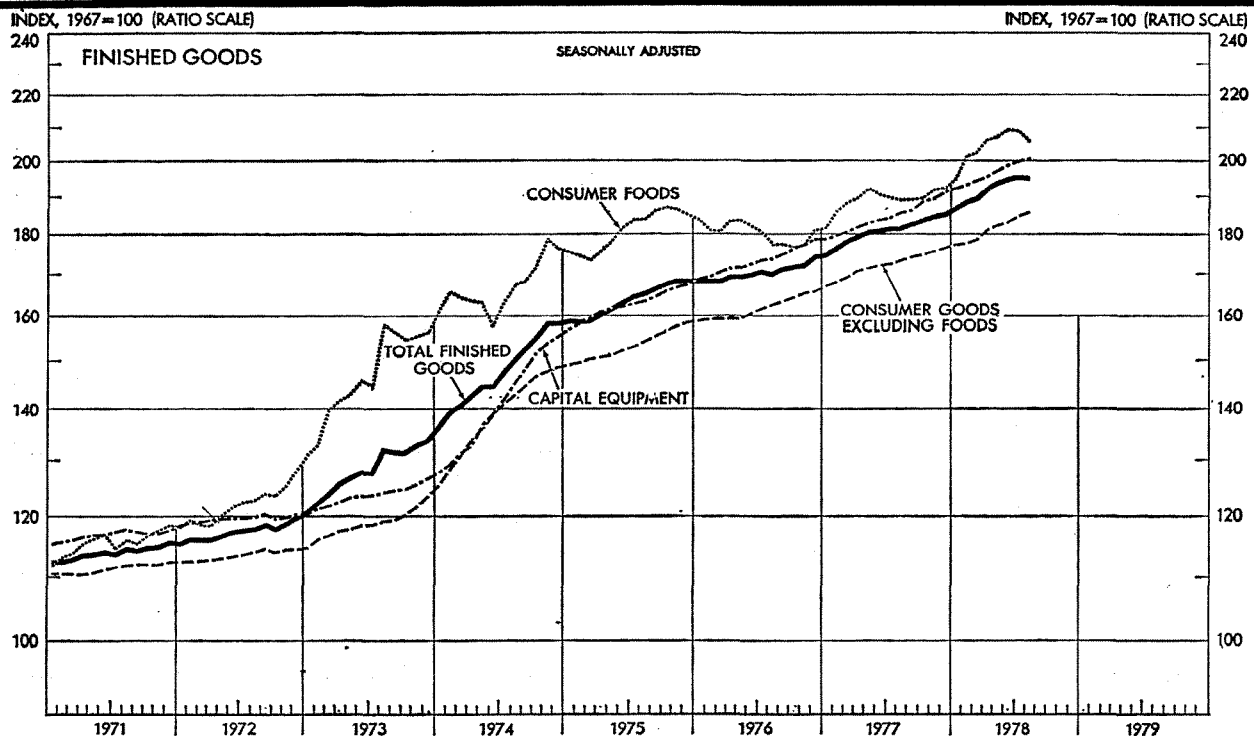
Note.—Total and nondurable shipments and new orders revised beginning February 1978.

Source: Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census.

PRODUCER PRICES

PRICES

In August, the producer price index for all finished goods fell 0.1 percent, seasonally adjusted. Prices of finished consumer foods fell 1.5 percent and prices of other finished consumer goods rose 0.4 percent. Prices of capital equipment rose 0.4 percent.



SOURCE: DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

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[1967=100; monthly data seasonally adjusted]

Period	Finished goods							Intermediate materials			Crude materials		
	Total finished goods	Con-sumer foods	Finished goods excluding consumer foods				Total						
			Total	Consumer goods				Capiti- l equip- ment ¹					
				Total	Dur- able	Non- dur- able							
1970-----	110. 3	113. 5	109. 1	107. 7	106. 9	108. 3	112. 0	109. 9	109. 1	109. 9	112. 3	112. 0	112. 7
1971-----	113. 7	115. 3	113. 1	111. 4	110. 8	111. 7	116. 6	114. 1	111. 7	114. 3	115. 1	114. 2	117. 0
1972-----	117. 2	121. 7	115. 4	113. 4	113. 2	113. 6	119. 5	118. 7	118. 5	118. 9	127. 6	127. 5	128. 0
1973-----	127. 9	146. 4	120. 2	118. 5	115. 4	120. 5	123. 5	131. 6	168. 4	128. 1	174. 0	180. 0	162. 5
1974-----	147. 5	166. 9	139. 4	138. 6	125. 9	146. 8	141. 0	162. 9	200. 2	159. 5	196. 1	189. 4	208. 9
1975-----	163. 4	181. 0	156. 2	153. 1	138. 2	163. 0	162. 5	180. 0	195. 3	178. 6	196. 9	191. 8	206. 9
1976-----	170. 3	180. 2	165. 5	161. 8	144. 4	173. 3	173. 2	189. 3	186. 6	189. 5	205. 1	190. 1	233. 6
1977-----	180. 6	189. 1	176. 2	172. 1	152. 2	185. 4	184. 5	201. 7	191. 0	202. 4	214. 3	190. 9	258. 4
1977: Aug-----	181. 5	189. 3	177. 2	173. 2	153. 7	186. 3	185. 4	202. 6	176. 2	204. 2	206. 3	180. 2	255. 6
Sept-----	182. 1	189. 2	178. 2	174. 1	154. 0	187. 5	186. 4	203. 5	172. 9	205. 3	205. 7	179. 8	254. 4
Oct-----	183. 2	189. 5	179. 5	174. 8	154. 9	188. 1	188. 9	204. 3	172. 8	206. 1	207. 4	182. 2	254. 9
Nov-----	184. 5	191. 9	180. 3	175. 4	155. 5	188. 8	189. 9	205. 2	185. 4	206. 4	214. 4	189. 9	260. 9
Dec-----	185. 3	192. 6	181. 2	176. 1	156. 1	189. 5	191. 3	206. 0	183. 3	207. 4	217. 2	191. 1	266. 3
1978: Jan-----	186. 6	194. 8	182. 2	177. 1	157. 4	190. 3	192. 3	207. 9	187. 2	209. 2	221. 6	196. 4	269. 4
Feb-----	188. 6	200. 7	183. 0	177. 6	157. 7	190. 9	193. 5	209. 7	191. 0	210. 9	228. 7	205. 6	272. 1
Mar-----	189. 6	202. 1	183. 9	178. 4	158. 7	191. 5	194. 6	211. 3	201. 1	212. 0	231. 7	208. 0	276. 5
Apr-----	192. 0	205. 8	185. 8	180. 8	163. 2	192. 4	195. 7	212. 4	201. 2	213. 1	238. 5	217. 0	278. 8
May-----	193. 3	206. 8	187. 2	182. 1	165. 1	193. 1	197. 3	213. 6	206. 6	214. 1	238. 9	217. 1	279. 7
June-----	194. 7	209. 1	188. 3	182. 9	165. 5	194. 3	198. 9	214. 3	201. 0	215. 1	243. 1	221. 3	284. 4
July-----	195. 7	208. 4	189. 8	184. 8	168. 4	195. 4	199. 9	215. 4	204. 1	216. 0	241. 7	215. 7	291. 0
Aug-----	195. 5	205. 2	190. 6	185. 6	169. 6	195. 9	200. 6	216. 4	197. 1	217. 5	238. 6	211. 9	289. 6

¹ Formerly called producer finished goods.

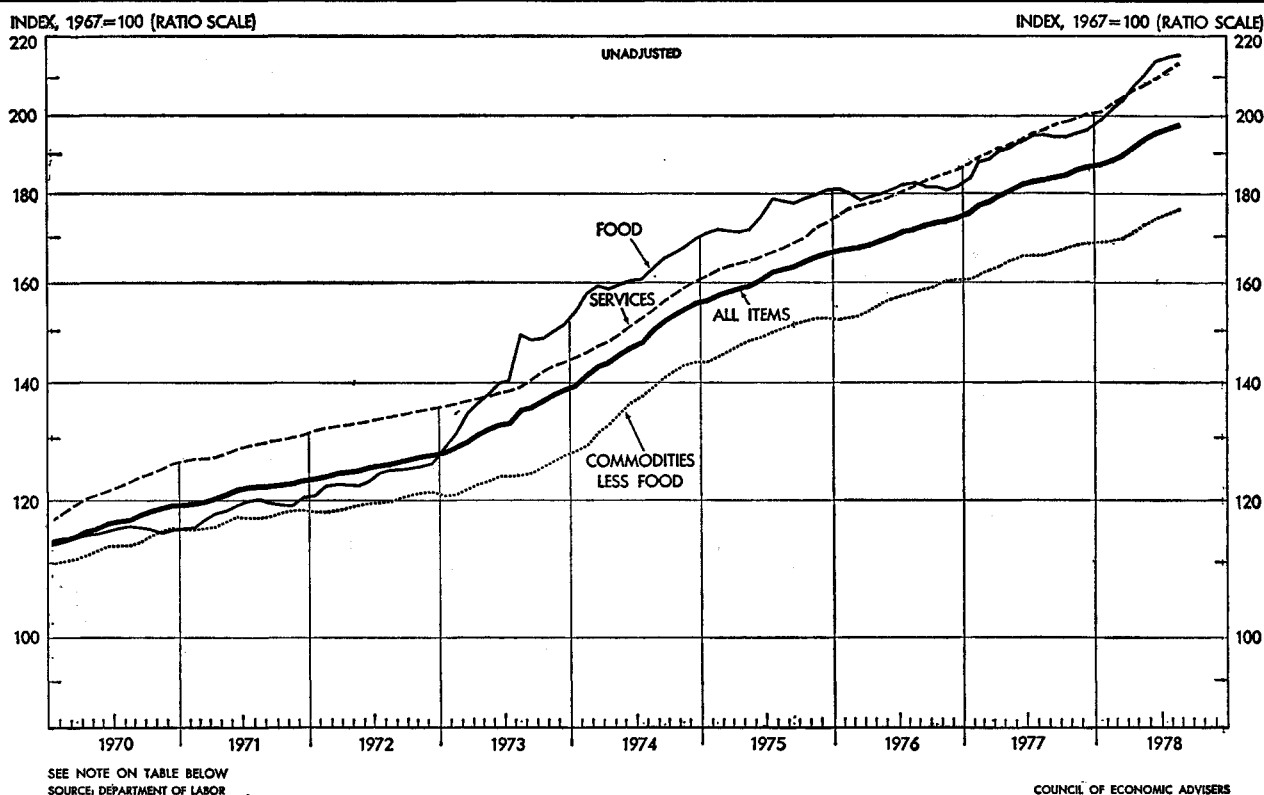
² Intermediate materials for food manufacturing and manufactured animal feeds.

NOTE.—Data revised for April 1978.

Source: Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics.

CONSUMER PRICES

In August, the consumer price index for all urban consumers rose 0.6 percent (also 0.6 percent seasonally adjusted). Food prices increased 0.2 percent (0.3 percent seasonally adjusted). Nonfood commodity prices rose 0.5 percent (also 0.5 percent seasonally adjusted) and services prices were up 0.8 percent (also 0.8 percent seasonally adjusted).



[1967=100]

Period	All items	Food	Commodities less food	Services	All commodities	Food			Commodities less food			Services
						All	Food at home	Food away from home	All	Durable	Non-durable	
1970-----	116.3	114.9	112.5	121.6	113.5	114.9	113.7	119.9	112.5	111.8	113.1	121.6
1971-----	121.3	118.4	116.8	128.4	117.4	118.4	116.4	126.1	116.8	116.5	117.0	128.4
1972-----	125.3	123.5	119.4	133.3	120.9	123.5	121.6	131.1	119.4	118.9	119.8	133.3
1973-----	133.1	141.4	123.5	139.1	129.9	141.4	141.4	141.4	123.5	121.9	124.8	139.1
1974-----	147.7	161.7	136.6	152.1	145.5	161.7	162.4	159.4	136.6	130.6	140.9	152.1
1975-----	161.2	175.4	149.1	166.6	158.4	175.4	175.8	174.3	149.1	145.5	151.7	166.6
1976-----	170.5	180.8	156.6	180.4	165.2	180.8	179.5	186.1	156.6	154.3	158.3	180.4
1977-----	181.5	192.2	165.1	194.3	174.7	192.2	190.2	200.3	165.1	163.2	166.5	194.3
Unadjusted					Seasonally adjusted							
1977: Aug----	183.3	195.2	166.0	196.3	175.7	194.3	192.0	203.0	165.7	163.6	167.2	196.8
Sept-----	184.0	194.5	166.7	197.7	176.2	194.7	192.3	203.8	166.2	163.9	167.8	197.9
Oct-----	184.5	194.4	167.4	198.5	176.7	195.0	192.5	204.5	166.8	164.4	168.6	198.7
Nov-----	185.4	195.6	168.1	199.5	177.5	196.0	193.5	205.1	167.6	165.1	169.4	199.5
Dec-----	186.1	196.3	168.4	200.5	178.3	196.7	194.2	206.1	168.4	166.0	169.9	200.3
1978: Jan----	187.2	199.2	168.6	202.0	179.9	199.2	197.0	208.4	169.5	167.6	170.6	201.5
Feb-----	188.4	202.0	168.8	203.5	180.8	201.6	199.5	210.5	169.9	168.7	170.1	203.0
Mar-----	189.8	204.2	170.0	204.9	182.3	204.3	202.5	212.5	170.9	169.5	171.2	204.7
Apr-----	191.5	207.5	171.3	206.5	184.0	208.1	207.3	214.0	171.8	170.4	172.1	206.6
May-----	193.3	210.3	173.0	208.0	185.6	211.2	211.1	215.8	172.8	171.8	172.8	208.7
June-----	195.3	213.8	174.4	209.9	187.2	214.0	214.0	218.2	173.9	173.2	173.5	210.5
July-----	196.7	215.0	175.4	211.7	187.9	213.9	213.2	219.9	174.9	174.4	174.4	212.2
Aug-----	197.8	215.4	176.3	213.4	188.7	214.5	213.3	221.7	175.7	175.2	175.2	214.0

NOTE.—Beginning January 1978 data relate to all urban consumers. Earlier data relate to urban wage earners and clerical workers.

Source: Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics.

CHANGES IN PRODUCER PRICES FOR FINISHED GOODS

Period	Percent change from preceding period; seasonally adjusted ¹				Percent change from 3 months earlier; seasonally adjusted annual rates				Percent change from 6 months earlier; seasonally adjusted annual rates			
	Total finished goods	Consumer goods		Capital equipment	Total finished goods	Consumer goods		Capital equipment	Total finished goods	Consumer goods		Capital equipment
		Foods	Excluding foods			Foods	Excluding foods			Foods	Excluding foods	
1969-----	4.8	8.2	2.9	4.6	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
1970-----	2.2	-2.5	3.9	4.9	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
1971-----	3.2	5.9	2.0	2.4	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
1972-----	3.8	8.0	2.0	2.0	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
1973-----	11.8	22.5	7.4	5.3	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
1974-----	18.3	13.0	20.5	22.6	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
1975-----	6.6	5.5	6.7	8.2	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
1976-----	3.3	-2.5	4.9	6.4	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
1977-----	6.6	6.6	6.1	7.2	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
1977: Aug-----	.2	-.3	.3	.5	2.0	-5.9	4.0	5.8	5.6	3.7	6.2	6.2
Sept-----	.3	-.1	.5	.5	2.9	-2.3	4.0	6.0	4.7	1.0	5.9	6.4
Oct-----	.6	.2	.4	1.3	4.7	-.8	5.2	9.9	4.5	-.1	4.9	8.1
Nov-----	.7	1.3	.3	.5	6.8	5.6	5.2	10.1	4.4	-.3	4.6	7.9
Dec-----	.4	.4	.4	.7	7.2	7.4	4.7	10.9	5.0	2.4	4.3	8.4
1978: Jan-----	.7	1.1	.6	.5	7.6	11.7	5.4	7.4	6.2	5.2	5.3	8.6
Feb-----	1.1	3.0	.3	.6	9.2	19.6	5.1	7.8	8.0	12.4	5.1	8.9
Mar-----	.5	.7	.5	.6	9.6	21.2	5.3	7.1	8.4	14.1	5.0	9.0
Apr-----	1.3	1.8	1.3	.6	12.1	24.6	8.6	7.3	9.8	17.9	7.0	7.3
May-----	.7	.5	.7	.8	10.3	12.7	10.5	8.1	9.8	16.1	7.8	7.9
June-----	.7	1.1	.4	.8	11.2	14.6	10.5	9.1	10.4	17.9	7.9	8.1
July-----	.5	-.3	1.0	.5	7.9	5.2	9.1	8.9	10.0	14.5	8.9	8.1
Aug-----	-.1	-1.5	.4	.4	4.6	-3.1	7.9	6.9	7.5	4.5	9.2	7.5

¹ Annual changes are from December to December (unadjusted).

Source: Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics.

NOTE.—Based on revised data for April 1978.

CHANGES IN CONSUMER PRICES

Period	Percent change from preceding period; seasonally adjusted ¹				Percent change from 3 months earlier; seasonally adjusted annual rates				Percent change from 6 months earlier; seasonally adjusted annual rates			
	All items	Food	Commodities less food	Services	All items	Food	Commodities less food	Services	All items	Food	Commodities less food	Services
1969-----	6.1	7.2	4.5	7.4	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
1970-----	5.5	2.2	4.8	8.2	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
1971-----	3.4	4.3	2.3	4.1	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
1972-----	3.4	4.7	2.5	3.6	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
1973-----	8.8	20.1	5.0	6.2	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
1974-----	12.2	12.2	13.2	11.3	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
1975-----	7.0	6.5	6.2	8.1	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
1976-----	4.8	.6	5.1	7.3	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
1977-----	6.8	8.0	4.9	7.9	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
1977: Aug-----	.4	.4	.2	.6	5.0	3.6	2.7	8.3	6.6	7.5	3.7	9.1
Sept-----	.4	.2	.3	.6	4.5	1.9	2.7	7.6	6.1	6.6	3.5	8.5
Oct-----	.3	.2	.4	.4	4.5	3.1	3.4	6.3	5.1	3.7	3.3	7.8
Nov-----	.4	.5	.5	.4	4.7	3.5	4.7	5.6	4.8	3.6	3.7	7.0
Dec-----	.4	.4	.5	.4	4.9	4.2	5.4	4.9	4.7	3.0	4.0	6.3
1978: Jan-----	.8	1.3	.7	.6	6.7	8.9	6.6	5.8	5.6	6.0	5.0	6.0
Feb-----	.6	1.2	.2	.7	7.5	11.9	5.6	7.2	6.1	7.7	5.1	6.4
Mar-----	.8	1.3	.6	.8	9.3	16.4	6.1	9.1	7.1	10.1	5.7	7.0
Apr-----	.9	1.9	.5	.9	10.0	19.1	5.5	10.5	8.3	13.9	6.1	8.1
May-----	.9	1.5	.6	1.0	11.3	20.5	7.0	11.7	9.4	16.1	6.3	9.4
June-----	.9	1.3	.6	.9	11.4	20.4	7.2	11.8	10.4	18.4	6.6	10.4
July-----	.5	.0	.6	.8	9.7	11.6	7.4	11.3	9.8	15.3	6.5	10.9
Aug-----	.6	.3	.5	.8	8.3	6.4	6.9	10.6	9.8	13.2	6.9	11.1

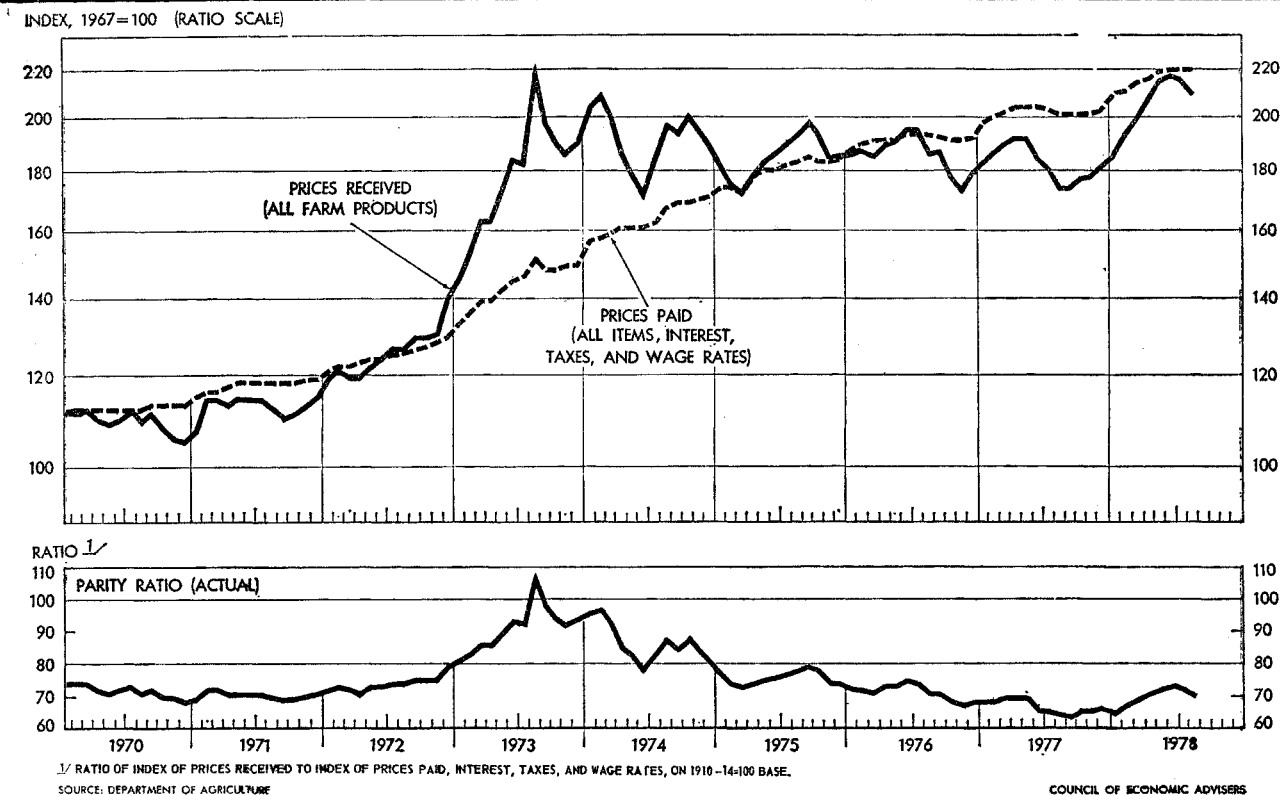
¹ Annual changes are from December to December (unadjusted).

Source: Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics.

NOTE.—Beginning January 1978 data relate to all urban consumers. Earlier data relate to urban wage earners and clerical workers.

PRICES RECEIVED AND PAID BY FARMERS

Prices received by farmers fell nearly 3 percent in August. Contributing most to the decrease were lower prices for broilers, corn, potatoes, cattle, and apples. Partially offsetting were higher prices for hogs, milk, and eggs. Prices paid by farmers were unchanged in the month ended August 15.



Period	Prices received by farmers			Prices paid by farmers			Parity ratio ¹	
	All farm products	Crops	Livestock and products	All items, interest, taxes, and wage rates	Family living items	Production items	Actual	Adjusted ²
Index, 1967=100								
1970.....	110	100	118	112	114	108	72	77
1971.....	113	108	118	118	118	113	71	75
1972.....	125	114	136	125	123	121	74	79
1973.....	179	175	183	144	133	146	91	94
1974.....	192	224	165	164	151	166	86	87
1975.....	185	201	172	180	166	182	76	76
1976.....	186	197	177	191	176	193	71	72
1977.....	183	192	175	202	(*)	200	66	68
1977: Aug.....	174	172	177	201	(*)	198	64	65
Sept.....	174	170	177	201	(*)	197	63	65
Oct.....	177	178	176	201	(*)	198	65	66
Nov.....	178	184	174	202	(*)	199	65	66
Dec.....	181	183	180	203	(*)	199	66	67
1978: Jan.....	186	188	185	209	(*)	203	65	67
Feb.....	193	190	196	211	(*)	206	67	69
Mar.....	200	198	204	214	(*)	211	69	71
Apr.....	208	208	209	216	(*)	214	71	73
May.....	215	212	217	219	(*)	217	72	74
June.....	217	216	219	220	(*)	218	73	75
July.....	215	212	217	220	(*)	218	72	74
Aug.....	209	201	217	220	(*)	217	70	72

¹ Percentage ratio of index of prices received by farmers to index of prices paid, interest, taxes, and wage rates on 1910-14=100 base.

² The adjusted parity ratio reflects Government payments made directly to farmers.

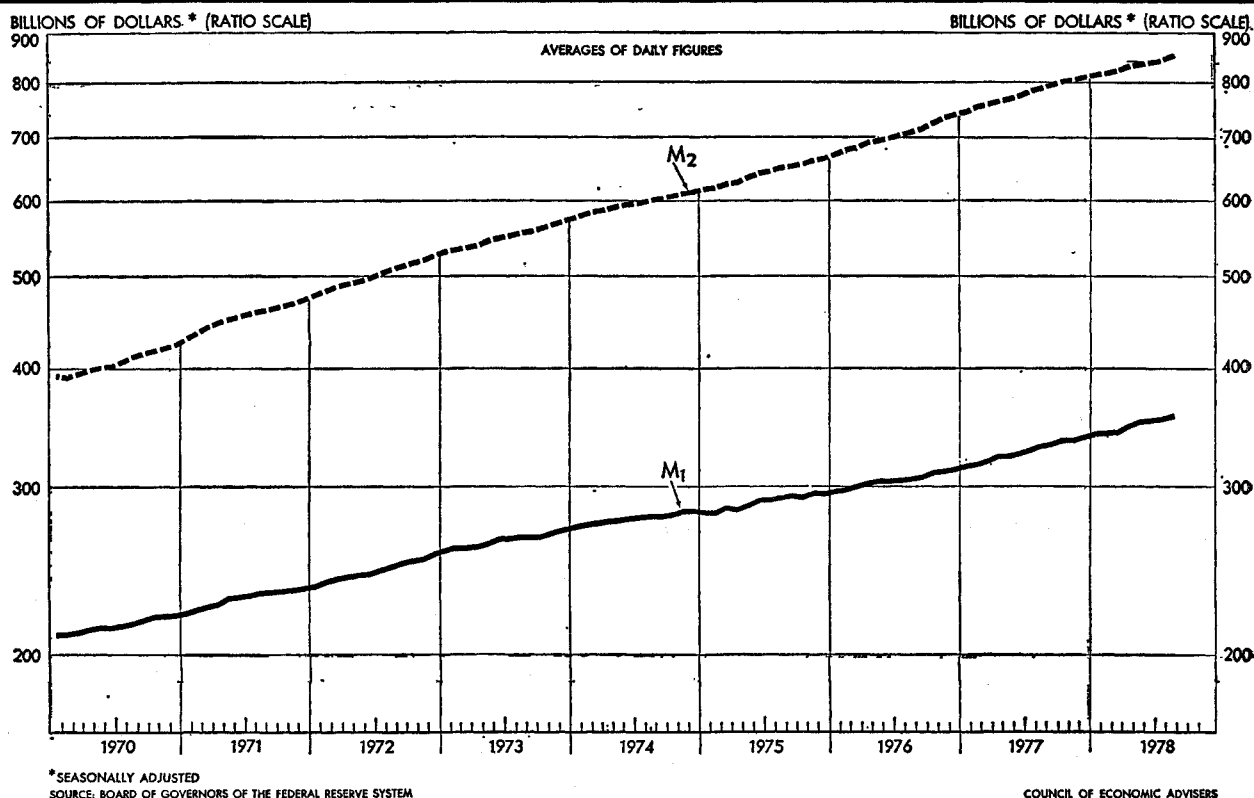
³ Index discontinued. Consumer price index (Department of Labor) substituted in calculating total prices paid beginning January 1977.

Source: Department of Agriculture.

MONEY, CREDIT, AND SECURITY MARKETS

MONEY STOCK

Growth in all of the monetary aggregates accelerated in August.



[Averages of daily figures; billions of dollars, seasonally adjusted, except as noted]

Period	Overall measures ¹			Components and related items							Percent change ²	
	M ₁	M ₂	M ₃	Cur- rency	Deposits at commercial banks			Deposits at nonbank thrift institu- tions	U.S. Gov- ernment demand deposits (unadjust- ed)	M ₁	M ₂	
					Demand	Time and savings						
						Total	Large CDs	Other				
1972: Dec---	255. 3	525. 3	844. 4	56. 8	198. 4	313. 5	43. 5	270. 0	319. 2	7. 4	9. 1	11. 3
1973: Dec---	270. 5	571. 4	919. 2	61. 5	209. 0	363. 9	63. 0	300. 9	347. 8	6. 3	6. 0	8. 8
1974: Dec---	282. 9	612. 2	981. 2	67. 8	215. 1	418. 3	89. 0	329. 3	369. 1	4. 9	4. 6	7. 1
1975: Dec---	295. 2	664. 7	1, 092. 5	73. 7	221. 5	450. 9	81. 3	369. 6	427. 8	4. 1	4. 3	8. 6
1976: Dec---	313. 5	740. 5	1, 236. 5	80. 7	232. 8	489. 7	62. 7	427. 0	496. 0	4. 4	6. 2	11. 4
1977: Dec---	338. 5	809. 5	1, 376. 1	88. 6	249. 9	545. 0	74. 0	471. 0	566. 6	5. 1	8. 0	9. 3
1977: Aug---	330. 5	789. 2	1, 331. 3	85. 5	245. 0	521. 9	63. 2	458. 7	542. 1	3. 4	8. 5	9. 8
Sept---	333. 0	795. 1	1, 344. 9	86. 3	246. 6	525. 9	63. 8	462. 1	549. 8	5. 0	8. 6	9. 7
Oct---	335. 9	801. 4	1, 357. 9	87. 1	248. 7	531. 9	66. 4	465. 5	556. 5	3. 7	8. 0	9. 4
Nov---	336. 2	805. 4	1, 367. 1	87. 7	248. 5	540. 1	70. 9	469. 2	561. 7	3. 5	7. 9	9. 5
Dec---	338. 5	809. 5	1, 376. 1	88. 6	249. 9	545. 0	74. 0	471. 0	566. 6	5. 1	8. 1	9. 0
1978: Jan---	341. 7	815. 9	1, 386. 6	89. 4	252. 2	550. 6	76. 3	474. 3	570. 7	4. 3	8. 1	8. 2
Feb---	341. 8	819. 1	1, 393. 1	90. 1	251. 7	556. 7	79. 4	477. 3	574. 0	4. 3	7. 0	7. 7
Mar---	342. 9	822. 6	1, 400. 3	90. 7	252. 3	561. 7	82. 0	479. 7	577. 7	4. 8	6. 0	7. 0
Apr---	348. 5	830. 3	1, 411. 4	91. 2	257. 3	565. 2	83. 4	481. 8	581. 2	5. 0	7. 6	7. 3
May---	350. 6	835. 2	1, 419. 9	92. 1	258. 5	571. 6	87. 1	484. 5	584. 7	4. 0	8. 7	7. 5
June---	352. 8	840. 6	1, 429. 8	92. 8	259. 9	574. 5	86. 7	487. 8	589. 2	6. 2	8. 6	7. 8
July---	354. 2	846. 2	1, 440. 9	93. 3	260. 9	579. 4	87. 4	492. 0	594. 7	4. 5	7. 5	7. 6
Aug ^a ---	356. 8	853. 5	1, 455. 1	94. 0	262. 8	583. 0	86. 3	496. 7	601. 6	3. 6	9. 0	8. 6

¹ M₁ is currency plus demand deposits; M₂ is M₁ plus time deposits at commercial banks other than large certificates of deposit (CDs); and M₃ is M₂ plus deposits at nonbank thrift institutions.

² Annual changes are from December to December and monthly changes are from 6 months earlier at a seasonally adjusted annual rate.

NOTE.—Data revised beginning 1975.

Source: Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

PRIVATE LIQUID ASSET HOLDINGS—NONFINANCIAL INVESTORS

[Averages of daily figures; billions of dollars, seasonally adjusted]

Period	Total liquid assets	Currency and deposits					U.S. Treasury securities		Negotiable certificates of deposit	Other private money market instruments
		Total	Cur- rency	Demand deposits	Time deposits		Savings bonds	Short-term marketable securities		
					Com- mercial banks	Nonbank thrift institutions				
1970: Dec-----	769. 7	632. 7	49. 1	152. 0	198. 9	232. 7	52. 0	41. 9	21. 8	21. 3
1971: Dec-----	852. 5	719. 0	52. 6	161. 8	233. 6	271. 1	54. 3	31. 5	27. 6	20. 1
1972: Dec-----	967. 7	816. 9	56. 8	176. 4	264. 4	319. 3	57. 5	34. 5	36. 2	22. 5
1973: Dec-----	1, 079. 3	887. 4	61. 5	183. 3	294. 5	348. 1	60. 4	43. 3	53. 8	34. 5
1974: Dec-----	1, 166. 9	945. 0	67. 8	186. 9	321. 2	369. 1	63. 3	47. 7	70. 4	40. 6
1975: Dec-----	1, 290. 1	1, 054. 5	73. 7	191. 5	360. 6	428. 6	67. 2	66. 9	58. 5	43. 0
1976: Dec-----	1, 423. 3	1, 194. 1	80. 7	198. 8	417. 3	497. 3	71. 9	66. 6	43. 5	47. 3
1977: Dec-----	1, 596. 4	1, 328. 1	88. 6	213. 5	459. 4	566. 6	76. 6	76. 7	51. 6	63. 4
1977: Aug-----	1, 530. 3	1, 284. 8	85. 5	209. 2	448. 0	542. 1	75. 1	71. 6	42. 5	56. 3
Sept-----	1, 546. 3	1, 298. 6	86. 3	210. 9	451. 5	549. 8	75. 4	73. 0	42. 8	56. 6
Oct-----	1, 565. 6	1, 312. 0	87. 1	213. 7	454. 7	556. 5	75. 8	74. 9	44. 9	58. 0
Nov-----	1, 582. 4	1, 320. 0	87. 7	212. 9	457. 7	561. 7	76. 2	76. 4	49. 0	60. 8
Dec-----	1, 596. 4	1, 328. 1	88. 6	213. 5	459. 4	566. 6	76. 6	76. 7	51. 6	63. 4
1978: Jan-----	1, 613. 1	1, 338. 9	89. 4	215. 9	462. 8	570. 7	77. 0	78. 8	52. 7	65. 7
Feb-----	1, 624. 5	1, 345. 3	90. 1	214. 9	466. 2	574. 0	77. 4	79. 7	54. 3	67. 9
Mar-----	1, 636. 4	1, 352. 7	90. 7	215. 1	469. 3	577. 7	77. 8	79. 6	56. 4	69. 8
Apr-----	1, 644. 6	1, 365. 2	91. 3	221. 3	471. 4	581. 2	78. 2	80. 5	58. 2	72. 6
May-----	1, 670. 4	1, 373. 5	92. 2	222. 2	474. 4	584. 7	78. 6	81. 3	62. 2	74. 9
June-----	1, 682. 4	1, 383. 5	92. 9	222. 8	478. 6	589. 2	78. 9	80. 9	61. 6	77. 5
July-----	1, 695. 7	1, 396. 1	93. 4	224. 5	483. 5	594. 7	79. 3	79. 1	62. 4	78. 8
Aug-----	1, 708. 6	1, 410. 1	94. 0	226. 2	488. 5	601. 4	79. 5	78. 6	61. 4	78. 9

Source: Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

CONSUMER INSTALMENT CREDIT

[Millions of dollars; monthly data seasonally adjusted]

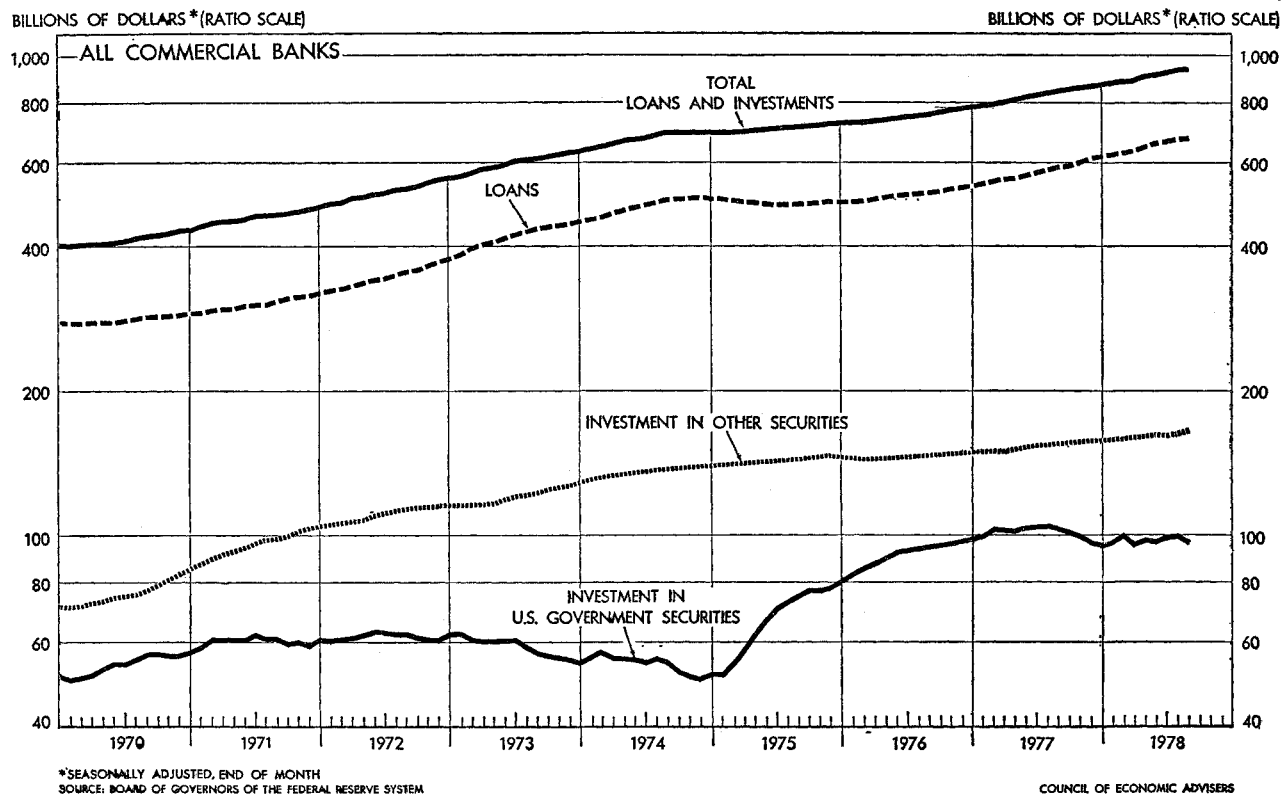
Period	Instalment credit extended			Instalment credit liquidated			Net change in amount outstanding		
	Total ¹	Auto-mobile	Bank credit cards	Total ¹	Auto-mobile	Bank credit cards	Total ¹	Auto-mobile	Bank credit cards
1970.....	112,296	30,094	6,768	107,444	30,440	5,615	4,852	-347	1,153
1971.....	123,826	35,820	8,377	113,784	31,614	7,679	10,043	4,207	699
1972.....	137,117	42,700	10,390	121,926	37,188	9,472	15,191	5,512	918
1973.....	157,863	48,399	13,863	138,156	42,642	12,433	19,707	5,758	1,430
1974.....	157,200	45,429	17,098	147,920	44,929	15,655	9,280	500	1,443
1975.....	164,169	51,413	20,428	156,665	48,406	19,208	7,504	3,007	1,220
1976.....	193,328	62,988	25,862	172,795	52,750	24,012	20,533	10,238	1,850
1977.....	225,645	72,888	31,761	194,555	59,652	28,851	31,090	13,235	2,911
1977: July.....	18,631	5,966	2,566	16,167	4,897	2,382	2,464	1,069	184
Aug.....	19,204	6,158	2,711	16,553	5,104	2,396	2,651	1,054	315
Sept.....	19,164	6,109	2,847	16,814	5,005	2,567	2,351	1,105	279
Oct.....	19,787	6,083	2,973	17,160	5,234	2,687	2,626	850	287
Nov.....	19,680	6,330	2,828	16,826	5,089	2,585	2,853	1,241	243
Dec.....	20,138	6,721	2,973	17,402	5,424	2,723	2,736	1,297	250
1978: Jan.....	19,586	6,263	2,948	17,162	5,078	2,788	2,424	1,185	160
Feb.....	20,179	6,400	3,143	17,518	5,296	2,858	2,661	1,104	285
Mar.....	21,595	6,822	3,231	17,527	5,300	2,783	4,068	1,522	448
Apr.....	22,117	7,248	3,255	18,398	5,520	2,944	3,719	1,728	311
May.....	22,336	7,387	3,245	18,479	5,598	2,982	3,857	1,789	263
June.....	22,680	7,241	3,482	18,888	5,698	3,120	3,792	1,543	362
July.....	22,332	7,156	3,466	19,031	5,636	3,068	3,301	1,520	398

¹ Includes some items not shown separately.

Source: Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

BANK LOANS, INVESTMENTS, AND RESERVES

Growth in commercial and industrial loans strengthened in August.



[Billions of dollars, seasonally adjusted, except as noted]

Period	All commercial banks ¹					All member banks				
	Total loans and investments	Loans		Investments		Reserves ^{2 3}			Borrowings (millions of dollars, unadjusted) ²	
		Total excluding inter-bank	Commercial and industrial	U.S. Government securities	Other securities	Total	Non-borrowed	Required	Total	Seasonal
1970.....	435.5	292.0	110.0	57.8	85.7	29.11	28.78	28.86	321	-----
1971.....	485.7	320.9	116.2	60.6	104.2	31.17	31.04	30.98	107	-----
1972.....	558.0	378.9	130.4	62.6	116.5	31.34	30.29	31.06	1,049	-----
1973.....	633.4	449.0	156.6	54.5	129.9	34.91	33.61	34.61	1,298	-----
1974.....	⁴ 691.1	500.2	183.5	51.1	139.8	36.57	35.84	36.31	703	41
1975.....	721.8	496.9	176.2	80.1	144.8	34.68	34.55	34.42	127	32
1976.....	785.1	538.9	⁵ 179.7	98.0	148.2	34.93	34.87	34.65	62	13
1977.....	870.6	617.0	⁶ 201.4	95.6	158.0	36.14	35.57	35.95	558	12
1977: Aug.....	845.8	587.9	194.4	102.4	155.5	35.50	34.44	35.30	1,071	54
Sept.....	850.8	593.9	196.0	100.7	156.2	35.52	34.89	35.31	634	101
Oct.....	860.0	602.7	198.7	99.4	157.9	35.81	34.50	35.60	1,319	112
Nov.....	866.2	611.6	200.2	96.3	158.3	35.96	35.10	35.71	840	114
Dec.....	870.6	617.0	⁶ 201.4	95.6	158.0	36.14	35.57	35.95	558	83
1978: Jan ^p	880.6	624.9	203.9	96.3	159.4	36.60	36.12	36.33	481	54
Feb ^p	886.6	628.2	206.1	99.0	159.4	36.93	36.53	36.69	405	32
Mar ^p	892.2	636.5	210.3	95.6	160.1	36.67	36.34	36.47	344	52
Apr ^p	906.0	646.3	213.3	97.6	162.1	36.95	36.40	36.81	539	47
May ^p	917.9	657.9	219.2	97.1	162.9	37.27	36.06	37.05	1,227	43
June ^p	922.4	661.2	220.4	98.4	162.8	37.73	36.63	37.55	1,111	93
July ^p	935.2	672.0	222.3	99.7	163.5	38.19	36.88	38.00	1,286	120
Aug ^p	939.2	677.2	224.4	97.0	165.0	37.91	36.77	37.74	1,147	143
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¹ Data are for end of period.

² Averages of daily figures. Annual data are for December.

³ Member bank reserves series reflects actual reserve requirement percentages with no adjustment to eliminate the effect of changes in Regulations D and M.

⁴ During 1974, total loans and investments were increased \$0.6 billion due to a bank merger and were reduced \$1.5 billion due to liquidation of a large bank.

⁵ Loan reclassifications reduced these loans by \$1.2 billion as of March 31, 1977.

⁶ Loan reclassifications reduced these loans by \$0.2 billion in December 1977.

Source: Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

SOURCES AND USES OF FUNDS, NONFARM NONFINANCIAL CORPORATE BUSINESS

[Billions of dollars; quarterly data at seasonally adjusted annual rates]

Period	Sources							Uses			Discrepancy (sources less uses)
	Total	Internal ¹	External					Total	Purchase of physical assets ⁴	Increase in financial assets	
			Total	Credit market funds			Other				
				Total	Long-term ²	Short-term ³					
1970-----	104.3	58.9	45.5	40.7	32.1	8.6	4.8	95.9	80.3	15.6	8.4
1971-----	127.1	68.6	58.5	44.5	40.6	3.9	14.1	119.6	86.0	33.6	7.5
1972-----	161.7	80.8	80.9	58.3	40.6	17.6	22.7	145.9	100.3	45.6	15.9
1973-----	199.7	83.8	115.9	72.7	37.1	35.6	43.3	185.6	123.3	62.3	14.2
1974-----	190.8	75.7	115.1	81.8	39.1	42.6	33.4	179.1	134.7	44.4	11.8
1975-----	143.8	106.8	37.0	37.0	49.2	-12.2	.0	131.9	99.9	32.0	11.9
1976-----	205.0	124.7	80.3	58.2	48.7	9.4	22.1	184.9	141.2	43.7	20.1
1977-----	238.9	135.3	103.6	78.7	46.2	32.5	25.0	212.4	164.6	47.8	26.7
1977: I-----	244.3	123.8	120.5	75.9	34.5	41.4	44.5	214.6	152.5	62.1	29.6
II-----	198.6	134.9	63.7	63.7	35.2	28.5	.0	177.3	162.4	14.9	21.3
III-----	266.1	145.5	120.6	80.1	53.4	26.7	40.5	234.6	175.2	59.4	31.4
IV-----	247.2	137.3	109.9	95.2	61.6	33.6	14.7	222.7	168.0	54.7	24.4
1978: I-----	282.2	125.6	156.6	107.0	40.3	66.7	49.6	260.5	180.3	80.2	21.6
II-----	266.6	140.5	126.1	101.3	46.7	54.6	24.8	245.8	198.3	47.5	20.8

¹ Undistributed profits (after inventory valuation and capital consumption adjustments), capital consumption allowances, and foreign branch profits.
² Stocks, bonds, and mortgages.

³ Bank loans, commercial paper, finance company loans, bankers' acceptances, and Government loans.

⁴ Plant and equipment, residential structures, inventory investment, and mineral rights.

NOTE.—Data revised beginning 1971.

Source: Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

CURRENT ASSETS AND LIABILITIES OF NONFINANCIAL CORPORATIONS

[Billions of dollars, except as noted]

End of period	Current assets						Current liabilities			Net working capital	Current ratio ¹
	Total	Cash	U.S. government securities	Notes and accounts payable	Inventories	Other current assets	Total	Notes and accounts payable	Other current liabilities		
SEC series: ²											
1970.....	492.3	50.2	7.7	206.1	193.3	35.0	304.9	211.3	93.6	187.4	1.615
1971.....	529.6	53.3	11.0	221.1	200.4	43.8	326.0	220.5	105.5	203.6	1.625
1972.....	599.3	59.0	10.6	248.2	225.7	55.8	375.6	282.9	92.7	223.7	1.595
1973.....	697.8	66.3	12.8	288.5	263.9	66.4	450.9	340.3	110.7	246.9	1.548
1974.....	790.7	71.1	12.3	322.1	313.6	71.7	530.4	402.3	128.1	260.3	1.491
FTC-FRB series: ³											
1974.....	734.6	73.0	11.3	265.5	318.9	65.9	451.8	272.3	179.5	282.8	1.626
1975.....	756.3	80.0	19.6	272.1	314.7	69.9	446.9	261.2	185.7	309.5	1.693
1976.....	823.1	86.8	26.0	292.4	341.4	76.4	487.5	273.2	214.2	335.6	1.688
1977.....	901.2	94.4	20.8	326.2	375.4	84.3	543.9	307.1	236.8	357.3	1.657
1976: III.....	817.4	79.5	24.1	297.9	342.2	73.6	484.0	271.2	212.8	333.4	1.689
IV.....	823.1	86.8	26.0	292.4	341.4	76.4	487.5	273.2	214.2	335.6	1.688
1977: I.....	843.2	80.9	26.9	304.5	352.4	78.3	503.4	280.6	222.9	339.8	1.675
II.....	857.3	83.2	22.3	313.2	359.3	79.2	510.5	287.4	223.1	346.9	1.679
III.....	881.7	83.6	21.7	327.1	367.9	81.2	530.2	298.2	231.7	351.6	1.663
IV.....	901.2	94.4	20.8	326.2	375.4	84.3	543.9	307.1	236.8	357.3	1.657

¹ Total current assets divided by total current liabilities.

² Based on data from *Statistics of Income*, Department of the Treasury.

³ Based on data from *Quarterly Financial Report for Manufacturing, Mining, and Trade Corporations*, Federal Trade Commission.

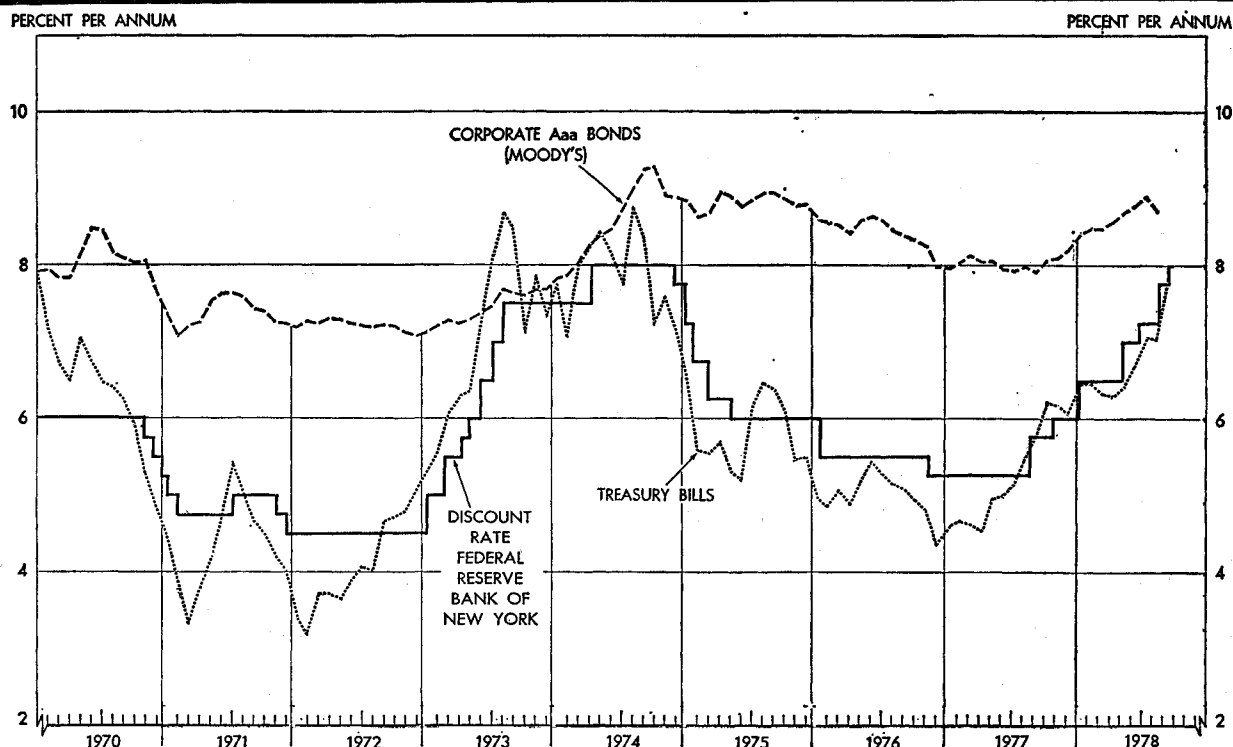
NOTE.—SEC series not available after 1974.

See *Federal Reserve Bulletin*, July 1978, for details regarding the series.

Sources: Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, Federal Trade Commission, and Securities and Exchange Commission.

INTEREST RATES AND BOND YIELDS

Short-term interest rates continued to rise during September; long-term rates turned up late in the month.



SOURCE: SEE TABLE BELOW

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[Percent per annum]

Period	U.S. Treasury security yields			High-grade municipal bonds (Standard & Poor's) ³	Corporate Aaa bonds (Moody's)	Prime com- mercial paper, 4-6 months	Discount rate (N. Y. F.R. Bank) ⁴	Prime rate charged by banks ⁴	New- home mortgage yields (FHLBB) ⁵
	3-month bills ¹	Constant maturities ²							
		3-year	10-year						
1972-----	4. 071	5. 72	6. 21	5. 27	7. 21	4. 69	4. 50	5. 25	7. 60
1973-----	7. 041	6. 95	6. 84	5. 18	7. 44	8. 15	6. 45	8. 03	7. 95
1974-----	7. 886	7. 82	7. 56	6. 09	8. 57	9. 87	7. 83	10. 81	8. 92
1975-----	5. 838	7. 49	7. 99	6. 89	8. 83	6. 33	6. 25	7. 86	9. 01
1976-----	4. 989	6. 77	7. 61	6. 49	8. 43	5. 35	5. 50	6. 84	8. 99
1977-----	5. 265	6. 69	7. 42	5. 56	8. 02	5. 60	5. 46	6. 83	9. 01
1977: Aug-----	5. 500	6. 79	7. 40	5. 46	7. 98	5. 84	5½-5¾	6¾-7	9. 02
Sept-----	5. 770	6. 84	7. 34	5. 37	7. 92	6. 17	5½-5¾	7-7¼	9. 04
Oct-----	6. 188	7. 19	7. 52	5. 53	8. 04	6. 55	5¾-6	7¼-7¾	9. 07
Nov-----	6. 160	7. 22	7. 58	5. 38	8. 08	6. 59	6-6	7¾-7¾	9. 07
Dec-----	6. 063	7. 30	7. 69	5. 48	8. 19	6. 64	6-6	7¾-7¾	9. 09
1978: Jan-----	6. 448	7. 61	7. 96	5. 60	8. 41	6. 79	6-6½	7¾-8	9. 15
Feb-----	6. 457	7. 67	8. 03	5. 51	8. 47	6. 80	6½-6½	8-8	9. 18
Mar-----	6. 319	7. 70	8. 04	5. 49	8. 47	6. 80	6½-6½	8-8	9. 26
Apr-----	6. 306	7. 85	8. 15	5. 71	8. 56	6. 86	6½-6½	8-8	9. 30
May-----	6. 430	8. 07	8. 35	5. 97	8. 69	7. 11	6½-7	8-8½	9. 37
June-----	6. 707	8. 30	8. 46	6. 13	8. 76	7. 63	7-7	8½-9	9. 46
July-----	7. 074	8. 54	8. 64	6. 18	8. 88	7. 91	7-7	9-9	9. 57
Aug-----	7. 036	8. 33	8. 41	5. 98	8. 69	7. 90	7¼-7¾	9-9¼	9. 69
Sept-----							7¾-	9¼-	
Week ended:									
1978: Sept 1---	7. 323	8. 37	8. 38	6. 04	8. 67	8. 03	7¾-7¾	9-9¼	
8-----	7. 659	8. 35	8. 34	6. 00	8. 67	8. 24	7¾-7¾	9¼-9¼	
15-----	7. 695	8. 34	8. 31	5. 88	8. 63	8. 43	7¾-7¾	9¼-9½	
22-----	7. 884	8. 45	8. 46	5. 93	8. 70	8. 51	7¾-8	9½-9½	
29-----	8. 106						8 -	9½-	

¹ Rate on new issues within period.

² Yields on the more actively traded issues adjusted to constant maturities by the Treasury Department.

³ Weekly data are Wednesday figures.

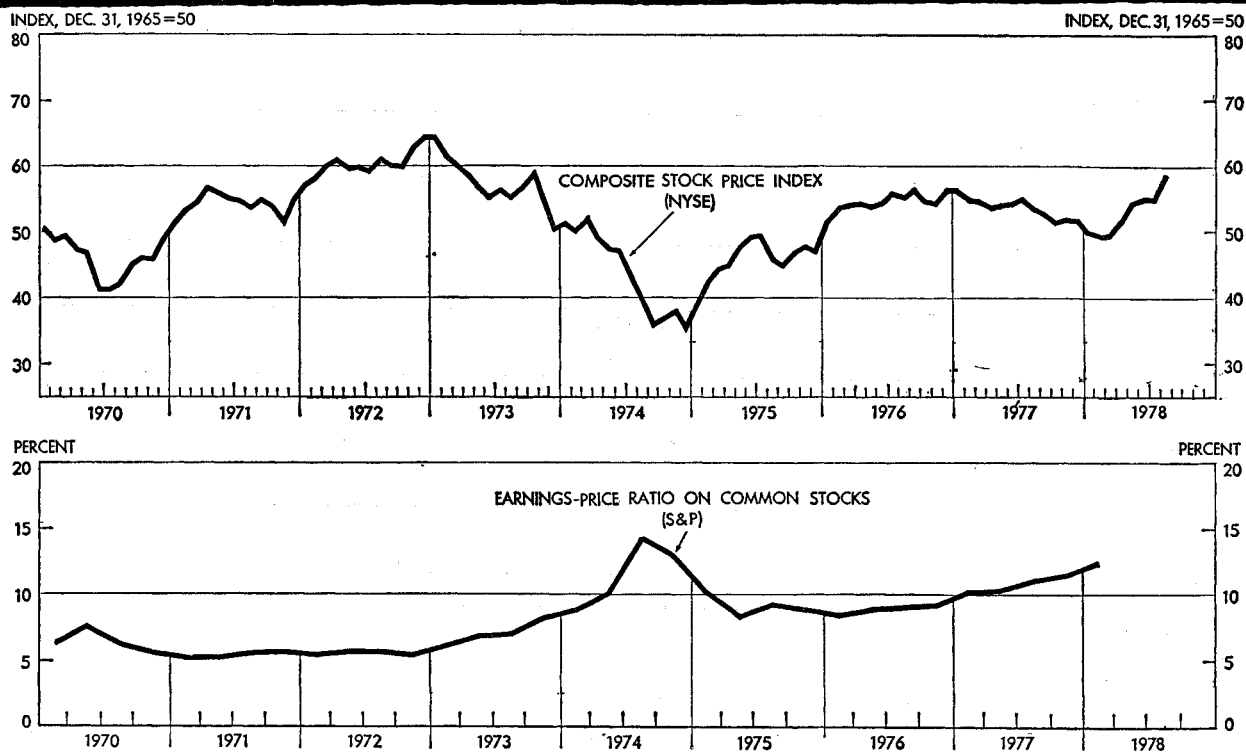
⁴ Average effective rate for year; opening and closing rate for month and week.

⁵ Effective rate (in the primary market) on conventional mortgages, reflecting fees and charges as well as contract rate and assumed, on the average, repayment at end of 10 years. Rates beginning January 1973 not strictly comparable with prior rates.

Sources: Department of the Treasury, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, Federal Home Loan Bank Board, Moody's Investors Service, and Standard & Poor's Corporation.

COMMON STOCK PRICES AND YIELDS

Stock prices moved erratically in September.



SOURCES: NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE AND STANDARD & POOR'S CORPORATION

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Period	Common stock prices ¹							Common stock yields (percent) ⁵	
	New York Stock Exchange indexes (Dec. 31, 1965=50) ²					Dow-Jones industrial average ³	Standard & Poor's composite index (1941-43=10) ⁴	Dividend-price ratio	Earnings-price ratio
	Composite	Industrial	Transportation	Utility	Finance				
1972-----	60.29	65.73	50.17	38.48	78.35	950.71	109.20	2.84	5.50
1973-----	57.42	63.08	37.74	37.69	70.12	923.88	107.43	3.06	7.12
1974-----	43.84	48.08	31.89	29.79	49.67	759.37	82.85	4.47	11.59
1975-----	45.73	50.52	31.10	31.50	47.14	802.49	86.16	4.31	9.15
1976-----	54.46	60.44	39.57	36.97	52.94	974.92	102.01	3.77	8.90
1977-----	53.69	57.86	41.09	40.92	55.25	894.63	98.20	4.62	10.79
1977: Aug-----	53.51	57.30	41.04	41.50	56.52	872.26	97.75	4.72	-----
Sept-----	52.66	56.41	39.99	40.93	55.33	853.30	96.23	4.82	11.09
Oct-----	51.37	54.99	38.33	40.38	53.24	823.96	93.74	4.97	-----
Nov-----	51.87	55.62	39.30	40.33	54.04	828.51	94.28	5.02	-----
Dec-----	51.83	53.55	39.75	40.36	53.85	818.80	93.82	5.11	11.45
1978: Jan-----	49.89	53.45	39.15	39.06	50.91	781.09	90.25	5.32	-----
Feb-----	49.41	52.80	38.90	39.02	50.60	763.57	88.98	5.49	-----
Mar-----	49.50	52.77	38.95	39.26	51.44	756.37	88.82	5.62	12.31
Apr-----	51.75	55.48	41.19	39.69	55.04	794.66	92.71	5.42	-----
May-----	54.49	59.14	44.21	39.47	57.95	838.56	97.41	5.20	-----
June-----	54.83	59.63	44.19	39.41	58.31	840.26	97.66	5.19	-----
July-----	54.61	59.35	44.74	39.28	57.97	831.72	97.19	5.25	-----
Aug-----	58.53	64.07	49.45	40.20	63.28	887.93	103.92	4.93	-----
Week ended:									
1978: Aug 25-----	59.98	64.63	49.82	40.27	63.94	894.25	104.62	4.90	-----
Sept 1-----	58.49	64.12	50.03	39.84	63.11	880.39	103.56	4.97	-----
8-----	59.52	65.44	51.93	39.89	64.11	895.96	105.52	4.88	-----
15-----	59.80	65.73	51.80	40.07	64.70	895.87	105.91	4.85	-----
22-----	57.63	63.07	48.70	39.59	62.37	862.49	102.25	5.07	-----

¹ Averages of daily closing prices.

² Includes all the stocks (more than 1,500) listed on the NYSE.

³ Includes 30 stocks.

⁴ Includes 500 stocks.

⁵ Standard & Poor's series. Dividend-price ratios based on Wednesday closing prices. Earnings-price ratios based on prices at end of quarter.

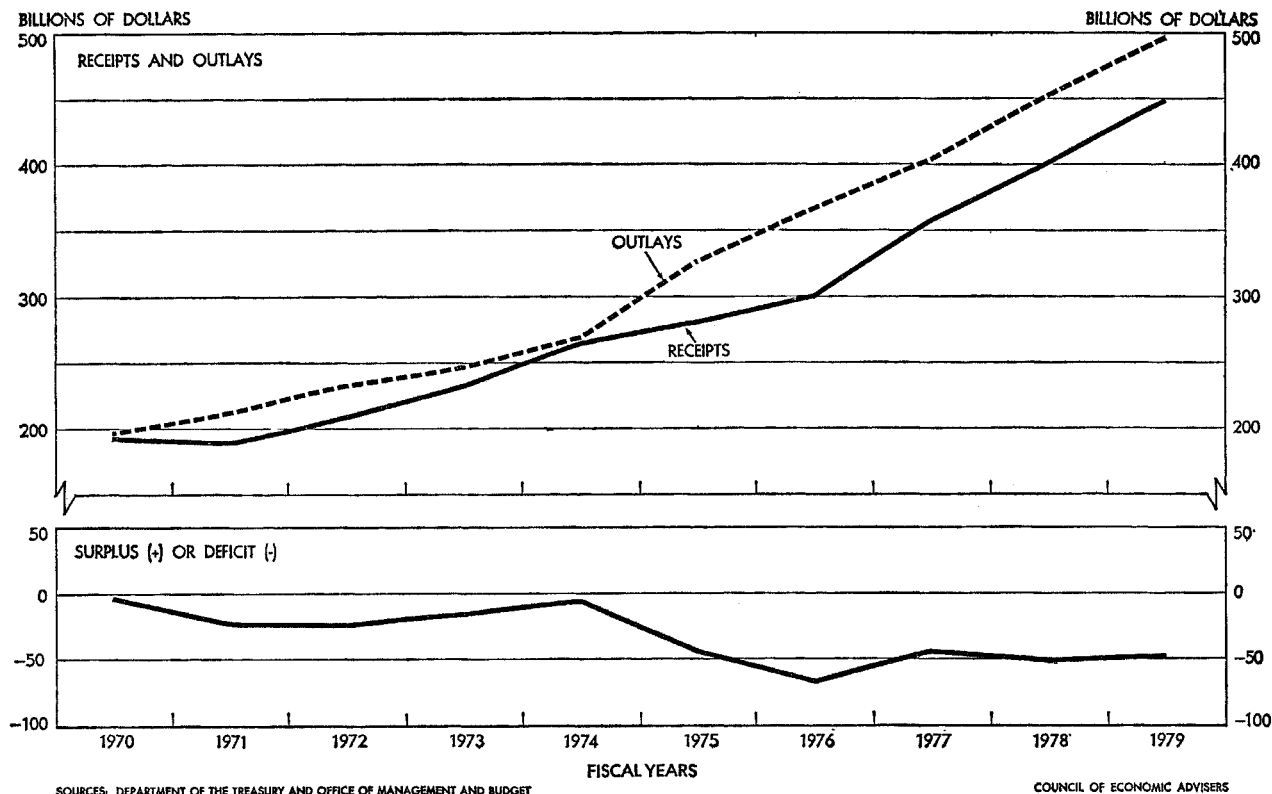
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Sources: New York Stock Exchange, Dow-Jones & Company, Inc., and Standard & Poor's Corporation.

FEDERAL FINANCE

FEDERAL BUDGET RECEIPTS AND OUTLAYS AND DEBT

In the first 11 months of fiscal 1978 the budget deficit was \$52.4 billion. A year earlier the deficit was \$46.6 billion.



[Billions of dollars]

Period	Receipts	Outlays	Surplus or deficit (—)	Federal debt (end of period)	
				Total ¹	Held by the public
Fiscal year or period:					
1969.....	187.8	184.5	3.2	367.1	279.5
1970.....	193.7	196.6	—2.8	382.6	284.9
1971.....	188.4	211.4	—23.0	409.5	304.3
1972.....	208.6	232.0	—23.4	437.3	323.8
1973.....	232.2	247.1	—14.8	468.4	343.0
1974.....	264.9	269.6	—4.7	486.2	346.1
1975.....	281.0	326.1	—45.1	544.1	396.9
1976.....	300.0	366.4	—66.4	631.9	480.3
Transition quarter.....	81.8	94.7	—13.0	646.4	498.3
1977.....	357.8	402.8	—45.0	709.1	551.8
1978 (estimates) ²	401.2	452.3	—51.1	776.0	606.8
1979 (estimates):					
<i>Mid-Session Review, July 1978</i> ²	448.2	496.6	—48.5	853.9	668.9
<i>Second Concurrent Resolution, September 1978</i> ³	448.7	487.5	—38.8		
Cumulative total first 11 months:					
Fiscal year 1977.....	321.1	367.7	—46.6	695.5	541.8
Fiscal year 1978.....	359.4	411.8	—52.4	773.3	608.1

¹ Excludes non-interest-bearing public debt securities held by IMF.

² Estimates from *Mid-Session Review of the 1979 Budget*, Office of Management and Budget, July 6, 1978.

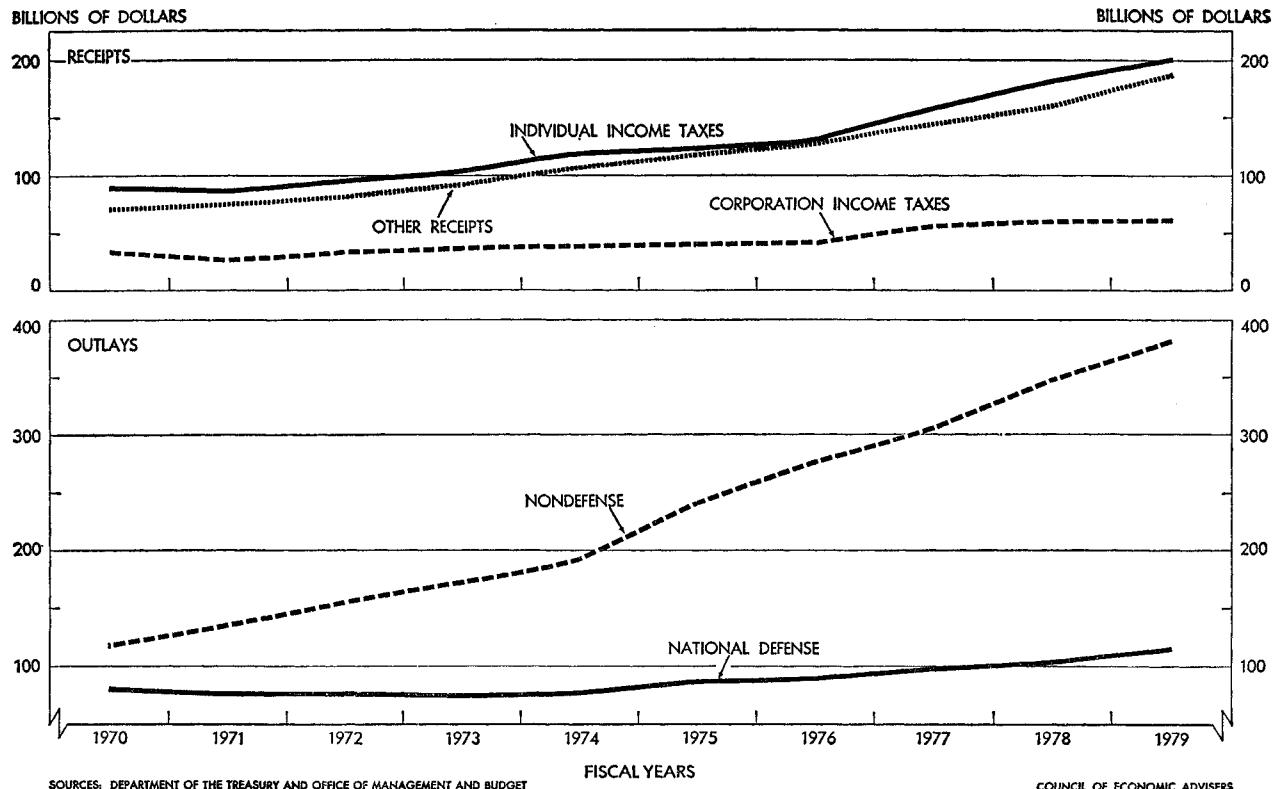
³ Second Concurrent Resolution on the Budget—Fiscal Year 1979, September 21, 1978.

NOTE.—See Note, p. 33.

Sources: Department of the Treasury and Office of Management and Budget, except as noted.

FEDERAL BUDGET RECEIPTS BY SOURCE AND OUTLAYS BY FUNCTION

In the first 11 months of fiscal 1978 budget receipts were \$38.3 billion higher than a year earlier and expenditures were \$44.1 billion higher.



Period	Receipts				Outlays						
	Total	Individual income taxes	Corporation income taxes	Other	Total	National defense		International affairs	Health and income security	Interest	Other
						Total	Department of Defense, military				
Fiscal year or period:											
1969.....	187.8	87.2	36.7	63.9	184.5	79.4	77.9	4.6	49.0	15.8	35.7
1970.....	193.7	90.4	32.8	70.5	196.6	78.6	77.2	4.3	56.1	18.3	39.3
1971.....	188.4	86.2	26.8	75.4	211.4	75.8	74.5	4.1	70.1	19.6	41.8
1972.....	208.6	94.7	32.2	81.7	232.0	76.6	75.2	4.7	81.4	20.6	48.8
1973.....	232.2	103.2	36.2	92.8	247.1	74.5	73.3	4.0	91.8	22.8	53.9
1974.....	264.9	119.0	38.6	107.4	269.6	77.8	77.6	5.6	106.5	28.1	51.7
1975.....	281.0	122.4	40.6	118.0	326.1	85.6	85.0	6.9	136.3	31.0	66.5
1976.....	300.0	131.6	41.4	127.0	366.4	89.4	88.0	5.5	160.9	34.6	76.0
Transition quarter.....	81.8	38.8	8.5	34.5	94.7	22.3	21.9	2.2	41.5	7.2	21.5
1977.....	357.8	157.6	54.9	145.2	402.8	97.5	95.7	4.8	176.7	38.1	85.7
1978 (estimates) ¹	401.2	182.0	59.0	160.2	452.3	104.2	102.0	6.5	190.6	43.8	107.1
1979 (estimates) ¹	448.2	200.1	60.8	187.2	496.6	114.6	112.0	7.4	209.4	49.0	116.3
Cumulative total first 11 months:											
Fiscal year 1977.....	321.1	140.3	46.5	134.3	367.7	89.0	87.6	3.6	164.3	35.4	75.5
Fiscal year 1978.....	359.4	160.1	50.2	149.1	411.8	96.2	94.3	5.7	173.8	40.7	95.4

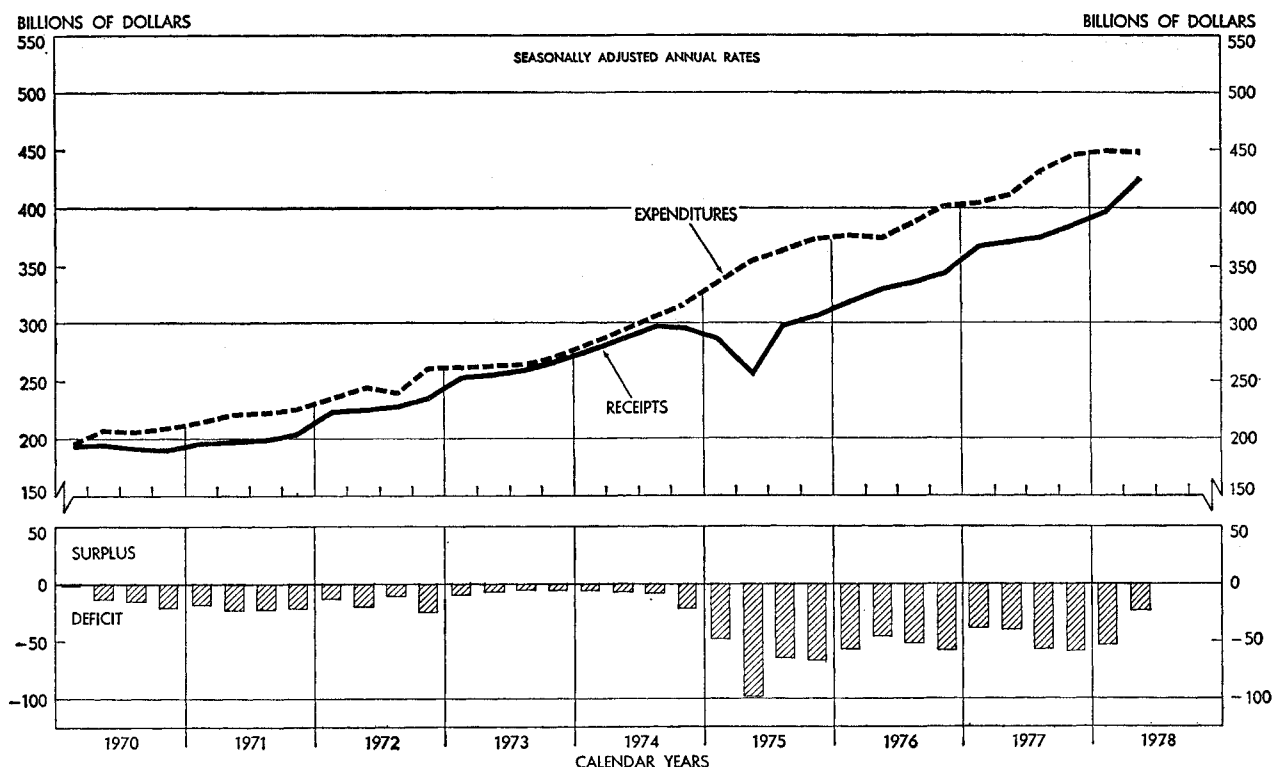
¹ Estimates from *Mid-Session Review of the 1979 Budget*, Office of Management and Budget, July 6, 1978.

NOTE.—Earned income credit payments in excess of an individual's tax liability are classified as outlays for all periods.

Source: Department of the Treasury and Office of Management and Budget.

FEDERAL SECTOR, NATIONAL INCOME ACCOUNTS BASIS

According to revised estimates for the second quarter, Federal receipts rose \$28.6 billion (annual rate) and expenditures fell slightly, yielding a deficit of \$23.6 billion, less than half the deficit in the first quarter.



SOURCE: DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

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[Billions of dollars; quarterly data at seasonally adjusted annual rates]

Period	Federal Government receipts					Federal Government expenditures							Surplus or deficit (-), national income and product accounts
	Total	Personal tax and nontax receipts	Corporate profits tax accruals	Indirect business tax and nontax accruals	Contributions for social insurance	Total	Purchases of goods and services	Transfer payments	Grants-in-aid to State and local governments	Net interest paid	Subsidies less current surplus of Government enterprises	Less: Wage accruals less disbursements	
Fiscal year:													
1974-----	271.8	122.6	43.7	21.4	84.2	278.8	104.6	104.7	41.6	19.8	8.0	-0.2	-7.0
1975-----	283.5	127.1	42.1	22.2	92.1	328.7	118.0	134.3	48.4	21.9	5.7	-1.4	-45.3
1976-----	313.9	136.9	51.9	24.2	100.9	371.5	126.2	156.5	57.5	25.2	6.2	.0	-57.6
1977-----	365.3	165.9	58.8	24.5	116.1	412.0	140.7	169.6	66.2	28.4	7.0	.0	-46.7
Calendar year:													
1974-----	288.6	131.1	45.9	21.7	89.9	299.3	111.1	117.6	43.9	20.9	5.3	-1.5	-10.7
1975-----	286.2	125.4	42.8	23.9	94.2	356.8	123.1	149.1	54.6	23.2	6.8	.0	-70.6
1976-----	331.4	146.8	54.8	23.4	106.4	385.2	129.9	161.6	61.1	26.8	5.8	.0	-53.8
1977-----	374.5	169.4	61.3	25.0	118.7	422.6	145.1	172.7	67.4	29.1	8.3	.0	-48.1
1977: I-----	366.6	168.3	58.4	24.4	115.5	403.9	138.3	168.6	62.1	28.1	6.7	.0	-37.3
II-----	371.4	167.0	61.8	24.8	117.7	411.7	142.9	168.2	65.4	28.8	6.4	.0	-40.3
III-----	374.3	167.6	62.0	25.4	119.3	430.7	146.8	175.7	70.9	28.9	8.4	.0	-56.4
IV-----	385.5	174.8	62.9	25.6	122.2	444.1	152.2	178.3	71.1	30.7	11.8	.0	-58.6
1978: I-----	396.2	176.8	59.6	26.5	133.3	448.8	151.5	180.2	73.9	33.2	10.0	.0	-52.6
II-----	424.8	186.7	72.6	27.9	137.6	448.3	147.2	180.7	75.9	34.6	10.0	.0	-23.6

Sources: Department of Commerce (Bureau of Economic Analysis), Department of the Treasury, and Office of Management and Budget.

INTERNATIONAL STATISTICS

INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION AND CONSUMER PRICES—MAJOR INDUSTRIAL COUNTRIES

[1967=100]

Period	Industrial production (seasonally adjusted)							Consumer prices (unadjusted)						
	United States	Canada	Japan	France	Germany	Italy	United Kingdom	United States ¹	Canada	Japan	France	Germany	Italy	United Kingdom
1971-----	109.6	121.5	155.8	128	133.6	117.5	110.6	121.3	115.6	126.5	123.5	112.7	114.4	128.5
1972-----	119.7	130.7	167.2	135	138.7	122.7	113.2	125.3	121.2	132.3	131.1	119.0	121.0	137.6
1973-----	129.8	143.0	190.5	145	147.7	134.6	122.5	133.1	130.3	147.9	140.7	127.2	134.1	150.3
1974-----	129.3	147.5	183.1	148	145.1	140.6	120.3	147.7	144.5	184.0	160.0	136.1	159.7	174.4
1975-----	117.8	139.6	163.9	139	137.1	127.6	114.3	161.2	160.1	205.8	178.9	144.2	186.8	216.5
1976-----	129.8	146.7	182.0	149	149.1	143.5	115.6	170.5	172.1	224.9	196.1	150.7	218.1	252.4
1977-----	137.0	152.6	189.5	152	152.7	144.8	117.2	181.5	185.9	243.0	213.9	156.6	257.6	292.4
1977: Nov----	139.3	154.7	191.5	154	153	142.1	116.1	185.4	192.0	245.7	221.1	157.5	270.7	301.0
Dec-----	139.7	155.4	193.3	149	156	137.3	117.2	186.1	193.3	245.1	221.7	157.9	272.0	302.6
1978: Jan-----	138.8	153.3	194.9	154	157	143.4	117.8	187.2	194.0	246.1	222.8	158.9	274.6	304.4
Feb-----	139.2	156.7	195.4	152	152	148.0	118.7	188.4	195.3	247.1	224.4	159.7	277.4	306.2
Mar-----	140.9	157.5	199.5	156	151	146.6	118.6	189.8	197.5	249.4	226.4	160.3	280.3	308.1
Apr-----	143.2	158.2	199.7	160	152	143.1	121.5	191.5	197.9	252.1	228.9	160.7	283.3	312.6
May ² -----	143.9	156.7	200.3	155	151	145.1	118.0	193.3	200.7	253.5	231.1	161.1	286.4	314.4
June ² -----	144.9	158.6	200.5	154	155	143.2	119.2	195.3	202.4	252.1	232.8	161.5	288.8	316.8
July ² -----	145.9	160.4	199.7	-----	160	-----	119.5	196.7	205.4	253.1	235.7	161.5	291.0	318.2
Aug ² -----	146.6	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	197.8	205.5	-----	-----	161.0	292.3	320.3

¹ Beginning January 1978 data relate to all urban consumers.

Source: National sources as reported by Department of Commerce, Bureau of International Economic Policy and Research, Office of International Economic Research, in *International Economic Indicators*.

U.S. MERCHANDISE EXPORTS AND IMPORTS

[Millions of dollars; monthly data seasonally adjusted]

Period	Merchandise exports					Merchandise imports					Merchandise trade balance		
	Total domestic and foreign exports	Domestic exports				General imports ³				Total (c.i.f. value) ⁴	Exports (f.a.s.) less imports (customs value)	Exports (f.a.s.) less imports (f.a.s.)	Exports (f.a.s.) less imports (c.i.f.)
		Total ^{1,2}	Food, beverages, and tobacco	Crude materials and fuels	Manufactured goods	Total ²	Food, beverages, and tobacco	Crude materials and fuels	Manufactured goods				
Monthly average:		F.a.s. value ⁵				Customs value							
1973-----	5,902	5,811	1,078	895	3,728	5,790	770	1,120	3,750	6,131	112	-----	-229
1974-----	8,159	8,045	1,269	1,317	5,294	8,416	892	2,653	4,684	9,000	-257	-195	-841
1974-----	8,159	8,045	1,269	1,317	5,294	8,354	892	2,672	4,602	9,000	-257	-195	-841
1975-----	8,966	8,842	1,399	1,266	5,913	8,048	827	2,718	4,257	8,654	853	918	312
1976-----	9,596	9,456	1,436	1,341	6,437	10,084	991	3,457	5,398	10,825	-581	-488	-1,229
1977-----	10,096	9,915	1,332	1,548	6,681	12,307	1,186	4,463	6,379	13,130	-2,297	-2,211	-3,034
1977: Aug-----	9,683	-----	1,341	1,307	6,469	12,101	1,088	4,352	6,393	12,897	-2,466	-2,418	-3,214
Sept-----	11,039	-----	1,466	1,531	7,518	12,942	1,115	4,571	6,844	13,813	-1,967	-1,903	-2,775
Oct-----	9,357	-----	1,023	1,466	6,277	12,587	998	4,680	6,767	13,432	-3,314	-3,230	-4,074
Nov-----	9,478	-----	1,135	1,500	6,382	12,407	962	4,771	6,140	13,203	-3,011	-2,929	-3,725
Dec-----	10,999	-----	1,472	1,493	7,463	13,474	1,442	3,900	7,556	14,370	-2,581	-2,475	-3,371
1978: Jan-----	10,014	-----	1,281	1,402	6,739	12,381	1,276	3,912	7,264	13,157	-2,455	-2,367	-3,143
Feb-----	9,922	-----	1,531	1,282	6,744	14,440	1,363	3,362	8,464	15,381	-4,649	-4,518	-5,459
Mar-----	10,912	-----	1,604	1,483	7,145	13,699	1,370	3,928	8,043	14,570	-2,915	-2,787	-3,658
Apr-----	11,635	-----	1,693	1,699	7,562	14,496	1,370	4,139	8,636	15,436	-2,983	-2,861	-3,801
May-----	11,754	-----	1,897	1,781	7,548	13,992	1,313	4,461	8,247	14,894	-2,358	-2,238	-3,141
June-----	12,126	-----	1,963	1,930	7,751	13,723	1,135	4,221	8,020	14,607	-1,702	-1,597	-2,482
July-----	11,793	-----	1,844	1,636	7,859	14,779	1,323	4,147	8,864	15,748	-3,082	-2,987	-3,956
Aug-----	12,469	-----	2,008	1,758	8,232	14,090	1,141	4,414	8,195	15,030	-1,706	-1,621	-2,561

¹ Total excludes Department of Defense shipments of grant-aid military supplies and equipment under the Military Assistance Program.

² Total includes commodities and transactions not classified according to kind.

³ Total arrivals of imported goods other than intransit shipments.

⁴ C.i.f. (cost, insurance, and freight) import value at first port of entry in the United States. Data for 1973 are estimates.

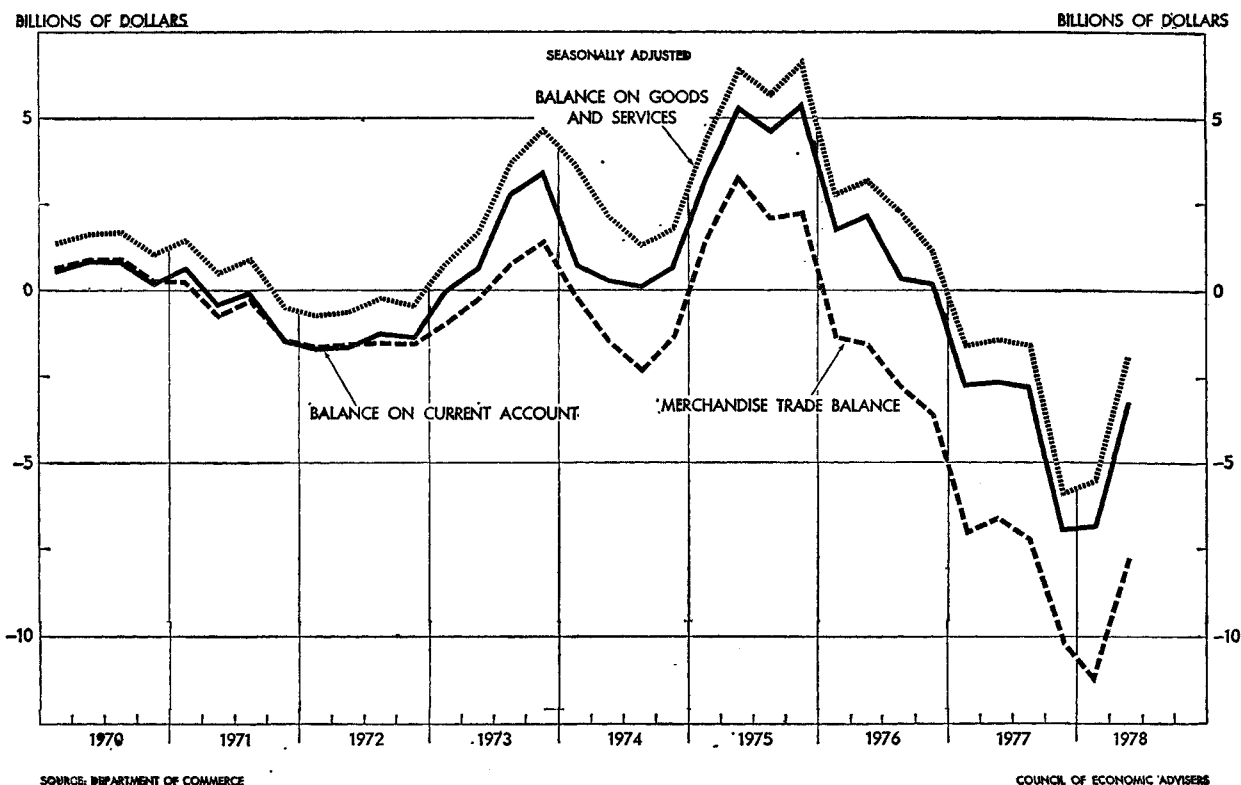
⁵ F.a.s. (free alongside ship) value basis: at U.S. port of exportation for exports and at foreign port of exportation for imports.

NOTE.—Data beginning 1975 not strictly comparable with earlier data.

Source: Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census.

U.S. INTERNATIONAL TRANSACTIONS

In the second quarter, the current account deficit fell to \$3.3 billion, down from \$6.9 billion in the first quarter, as the merchandise trade deficit fell \$3.4 billion to \$7.8 billion.



[Millions of dollars; quarterly data seasonally adjusted]

Period	Merchandise ^{1 2}			Investment income ³			Net military transactions	Net travel and transportation receipts	Other services, net ³	Balance on goods and services ¹	Remittances, pensions, and other unilateral transfers ¹	Balance on current account
	Exports	Imports	Net balance	Receipts	Payments	Net						
1971.....	43,319	-45,579	-2,260	12,688	-5,436	7,252	-2,893	-2,315	2,509	2,294	-3,701	-1,407
1972.....	49,381	-55,797	-6,416	14,694	-6,544	8,150	-3,621	-3,028	2,789	-2,125	-3,854	-5,979
1973.....	71,410	-70,499	911	21,697	-9,655	12,042	-2,287	-3,086	3,185	10,766	-3,881	6,885
1974.....	98,306	-103,649	-5,343	27,541	-12,084	15,457	-2,080	-3,105	3,975	8,905	-7,186	1,719
1975.....	107,088	-98,041	9,047	25,359	-12,564	12,795	-876	-2,522	4,617	23,060	-4,615	18,445
1976.....	114,694	-124,047	-9,353	29,244	-13,311	15,933	312	-2,245	4,714	9,361	-5,022	4,339
1977.....	120,555	-151,658	-31,103	32,100	-14,593	17,507	1,334	-3,044	4,749	-10,558	-4,708	-15,265
1977: I...	29,479	-36,496	-7,017	7,796	-3,197	4,599	568	-907	1,136	-1,622	-1,126	-2,748
II...	30,630	-37,258	-6,628	8,088	-3,601	4,487	295	-759	1,171	-1,434	-1,243	-2,677
III...	31,012	-38,265	-7,253	8,220	-3,610	4,610	467	-677	1,260	-1,594	-1,277	-2,871
IV...	29,434	-39,639	-10,205	7,997	-4,185	3,812	5	-701	1,183	-5,905	-1,064	-6,969
1978: I...	30,664	-41,865	-11,201	9,381	-4,503	4,878	210	-823	1,361	-5,576	-1,282	-6,858
II...	35,067	-42,869	-7,802	9,917	-5,297	4,620	575	-630	1,329	-1,908	-1,353	-3,261

¹ Excludes military grants.

² Adjusted from Census data for differences in timing and coverage.

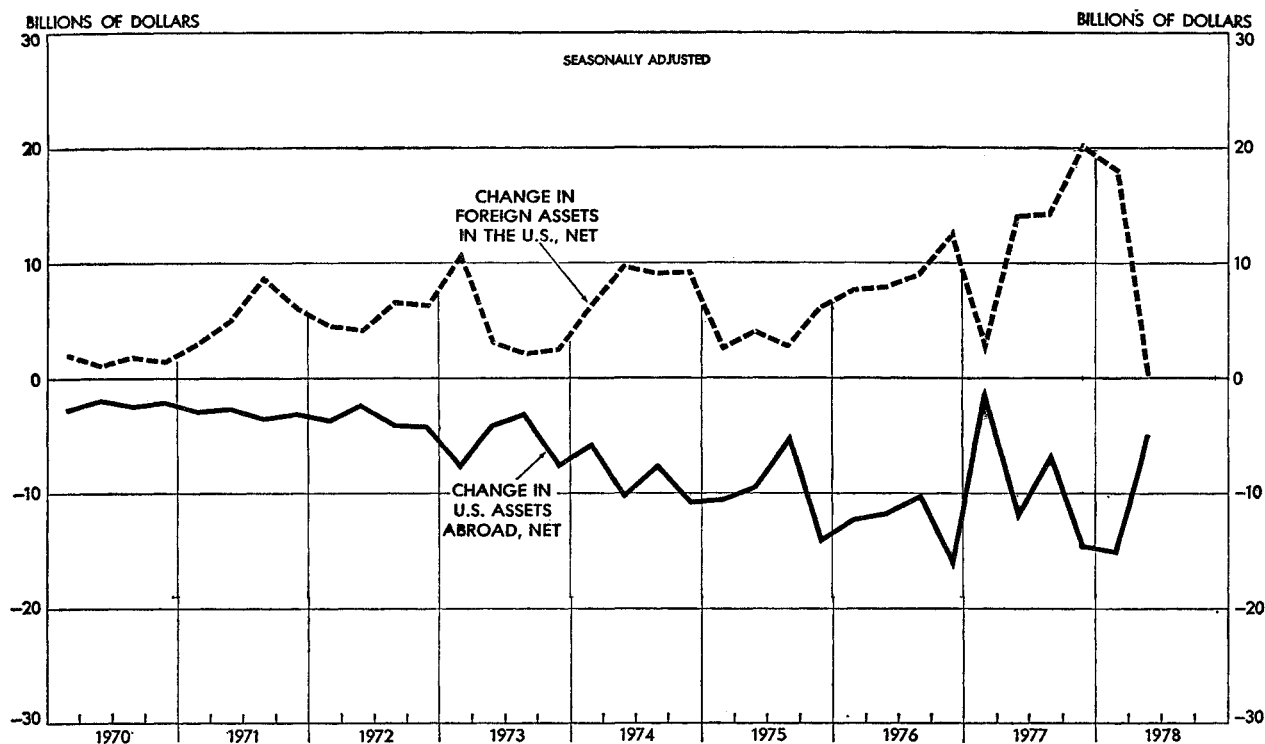
³ Fees and royalties from U.S. direct investments abroad or from foreign direct investments in the United States are excluded from investment income and included in other services, net.

NOTE.—Data revised beginning 1977.

Source: Department of Commerce, Bureau of Economic Analysis.

U.S. INTERNATIONAL TRANSACTIONS—Continued

Foreign official assets in the U.S. fell by \$4.9 billion in the second quarter of 1978, almost offsetting the accumulation of other foreign assets in the U.S.; accumulation of U.S. assets abroad was \$5.0 billion, led by only a \$4.1 accumulation of U.S. private assets abroad in the wake of the declining value of the dollar.



SOURCE: DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

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[Millions of dollars; quarterly data seasonally adjusted, except as noted]

Period	U.S. assets abroad, net [increase/capital outflow (-)]				Foreign assets in the U.S., net [increase/capital inflow (+)] ²				Allocations of special drawing rights (SDR)	Statistical discrepancy		U.S. official reserve assets, net ¹ (unad- justed, end of period)
	Total	U.S. official reserve assets ^{1 2}	Other U.S. Govern- ment assets	U.S. private assets ²	Total	Foreign official assets		Other foreign assets		Total (sum of the items with sign reversed)	Of which: Seasonal adjust- ment discrepan- cy	
						Total	Assets of foreign official reserve agencies					
1971.....	-12, 475	2, 348	-1, 884	-12, 939	22, 987	26, 895	27, 405	-3, 907	717	-9, 822	-----	12, 167
1972.....	-14, 461	32	-1, 568	-12, 925	21, 696	10, 705	10, 322	10, 991	710	-1, 966	-----	13, 151
1973.....	-22, 823	209	-2, 644	-20, 388	18, 663	6, 299	5, 145	12, 364	-----	-2, 725	-----	14, 378
1974.....	-34, 712	-1, 434	366	-33, 643	34, 677	10, 981	10, 257	23, 696	-----	-1, 684	-----	15, 883
1975.....	-39, 444	-607	-3, 470	-35, 368	15, 550	6, 907	5, 259	8, 643	-----	5, 449	-----	16, 226
1976.....	-50, 608	-2, 530	-4, 213	-43, 865	36, 969	18, 073	13, 080	18, 897	-----	9, 300	-----	18, 747
1977.....	-34, 650	-231	-3, 679	-30, 740	50, 869	37, 124	35, 480	13, 746	-----	-954	-----	19, 312
1977: I.....	-1, 334	-388	-949	3	2, 490	5, 451	4, 946	-2, 962	-----	1, 592	131	19, 120
II.....	-12, 003	6	-795	-11, 214	14, 064	7, 884	7, 467	6, 180	-----	616	-178	19, 156
III.....	-6, 615	151	-1, 098	-5, 668	14, 251	8, 246	7, 914	6, 005	-----	-4, 766	-2, 230	18, 988
IV.....	-14, 700	-----	-838	-13, 862	20, 065	15, 543	15, 153	4, 522	-----	1, 604	2, 276	19, 312
1978: I.....	-15, 036	246	-896	-14, 386	18, 095	15, 760	14, 956	2, 336	-----	3, 798	160	19, 192
II.....	-4, 966	329	-1, 151	-4, 144	229	-4, 924	-4, 614	5, 152	-----	7, 998	12	18, 864

¹ Consists of gold, special drawing rights (SDR), convertible currencies, and the U.S. reserve position in the IMF.

² Quarterly data are not seasonally adjusted.

NOTE.—Data revised beginning 1977.

Sources: Department of Commerce (Bureau of Economic Analysis) and Department of the Treasury.

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