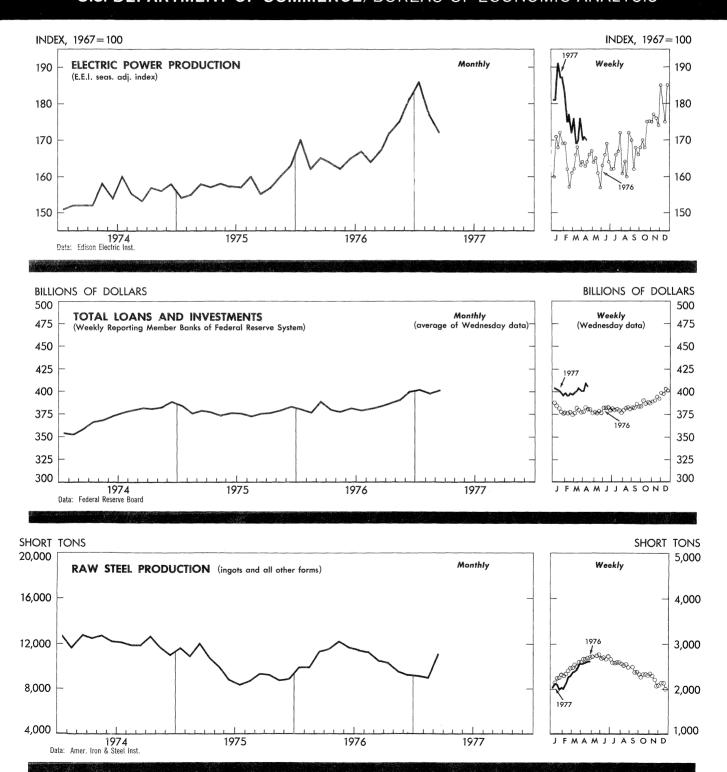


WEEKLY BUSINESS STATISTICS



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U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE/BUREAU OF ECONOMIC ANALYSIS



ITEM	1976		1977				
	Apr. 24	May 1	Apr. 9	Apr. 16	Apr. 23	Apr. 30	
WHOLESALE PRICES, 22 COMMODITIES 2/	204.8 206.4 203.6	203.2 204.4 202.3	219.1 214.4 222.3	221.3 219.2 222.5	221.9 221.5 222.1	220.9 221.0 220.7	
ALL RETAIL STORES, SALES	12,245 7,962	12,668 8,066	14,127 9,624	13,497 8,839	13,856 8,991		
INITIAL UNEMPLOYMENT CLAIMS, State programsthous INSURED UNEMPLOYMENT, all programsdo State programs (50 States, D.C. and Puerto Rico)do FAILURES, INDUST. AND COMMERCIAL (Dun & Bradstreet)number	312 3,860 2,976 188	314 3,775 2,902 157	367 3,690 2,912 167	317 3,550 2,793 236	314 178	151	
FINANCE: Currency in circulation 3/mil. \$ Federal Reserve bank credit outstanding, total 3/do. Member bank reserve balances 3/do. Excess reserves, estimated 3/do. Assets and liabilities of large commercial banks: 4/ Demand deposits, adjusteddo. Savings depositsdo. Loans and investments, gross adjusted, totaldo. U.S. Government obligationsdo. Commercial and industrial loans (gross)do. Real estate loans (gross)do.	87,106 102,524 34,447 130 107,196 79,169 380,184 43,594 113,573 60,708	86,527 120,836 34,384 112 104,618 79,349 376,575 41,388 113,365 60,727	93,649 106,011 34,338 287 111,728 95,386 409,374 51,488 117,279 65,008	94,703 105,817 34,002 249 112,602 95,057 405,882 50,295 117,379 65,134	94,605 109,011 35,198 45	e94,056 111,329 35,280 180	
Bond yields, domestic corporate (Moody's) 3/percent Stock prices, 500 stocks (Stand. & Poor's) 4/1941-43=10 Industrial, 400 stocksdo	9.01 103.32 116.30	9.01 102.13 114.89	8.52 97.91 108.72	8.50 100.16 111.28	8.46 100.40 111.33	8.46 97.96 108.50	
PRODUCTION: Bituminous coalthous. sh. tons Electric power, by utilitiesmil. kwhr Motor vehicles (passenger cars)umber Petroleum (crude) and condensate 3/thous. bbl	13,955 35,614 199,469 8,265	13,895 35,798 186,498 8,146	11,055 37,206 154,832 8,058	13,645 36,464 184,948 8,058	14,560 37,167 216,228 8,058	199,027	
Steel, rawthous. sh. tons Rate of capability utilization 5/percent ALL FREIGHT, REVENUE TON-MILESbil	2,681 88.8 15.4	2,695 89.3 15.9	2,584 82.6 14.7	2,588 82.7 16.2	2,615 83.6 16.7	2,624 83.9	

^{1/} Data do not always cover calendar weeks. 2/ Tuesday price. 3/ Daily average. 4/ Wednesday data. 5/ Capability for a full order book based on current availability of raw materials, fuels, supplies, and industry facilities. e/ Estimated.

MONTHLY BUSINESS STATISTICS

ITEM		1976		1977		
	Feb.	Mar.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.
GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS						
ANUFACTURERS' SHIPMENTS: 1/				}	1	
NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED, TOTAL 1/mil. \$	r95,687	r100,101	r97,951	r96,644	r106,867	114,236
Durable goods industries, total 2/do	48,360	51,865	50,726	49,189	54,908	60,719
Stone, clay, and glass productsdo	2,314	2,585	2,320	2,286	r2,546	2,969
Primary metalsdo	6,922	7,644	6,752	6,980	7,774	8,813
Fabricated metal productsdo	6,385	6,792	6,505	6,162	r6,926	7,742
Machinery, except electricaldo	8,947	9,676	9,405	9,116	r10,146	10,824
Electrical machinerydo	5,758	6,009	6,565	6,012	r6,634	6,714
Transportation equipmentdo	11,209	11,824	11,996	11,803	13,049	14,919
Instruments and related productsdo	1,915	2,032	2,197	2,036	r2,193	2,369
Nondurable goods industries, total 1/, 2/do	r47,328	r48,237	r47,225	r47,455	r51,959	53,517
Food and kindred productsdo	14,337	14,496	14,599	14,209	r15,406	15,684
Tobacco productsdo	635	693	751	669	r671	717
Textile mill productsdo	3,164	3,406	3,097	2,949	r3,270	3,660
Paper and allied productsdo	4.266	4,205	4,011	4,174	r4,492	4,668
Chemicals and allied productsdo	8,573	9,078	7,979	8,186	r9,399	10,181
Petroleum and coal productsdo	6,731	6,411	7,496	7,749	r7,948	7,593
Rubber and plastics productsdo	2,698	2,909	2,570	2,713	r3,054	3,157
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED, TOTAL 1/do	r95,262	r97,502	r104,700	r103,397	r106,092	111,372
Durable goods industries, total 2/do	48,430	50,382	55,520	53,247	54,729	59,096
Stone, clay, and glass productsdo	2,511	2,625	2,703	2,644	r2,765	3,016
Primary metalsdo	6,759	7,396	7,298	7,334	7,590	8,500
Fabricated metal productsdo	6,498	6,799	6,961	6,764	r7,048	7,760
Machinery, except electricaldo	8,753	8,889	9,666	9,746	r9,858	10,033
Electrical machinerydo	5,722	5,872	6,700	6,546	r6,549	6,556
Transportation equipmentdo		11,515	14,269	12,352	12,750	14,549
Instruments and related productsdo	1,975	2,006	2,198	2,228	r2,258	2,339

r/ Revised. 1/ Unadjusted and seas, adj. data for shipments and new orders (totals and total nondurables) have been revised back to Dec. 1975; see May 1977 SURVEY. 2/ Includes data for "other industries" not shown.

ITEM	1976			1977		
	Feb.	Mar.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.
GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORSCon.						
ANUFACTURERS' SHIPMENTS (SEAS. ADJ.)Con.						
By industry groupCon. Nondurable goods industries, total 1/, 2/mil. \$	r46,832	r47,120	r49,180	r50,150	r51,363	52,276
Food and kindred productsdo	14,176	14,188	14,603	14,842	r15,210	15,343
Tobacco productsdo Textile mill productsdo	665 3,239	717 3,262	753 3,302	704 3,269	r703 r3,346	742 3,503
Paper and allied productsdo	4,215	4,146	4,296	4,358	r4,435	4,601
Chemicals and allied productsdo Petroleum and coal productsdo	8,329 6,647	8,613 6,471	8,637 7,484	8,661 7,878	r9,126 r7,833	9,652 7,656
Rubber and plastics productsdodo	2,681	2,821	2,815	2,950	r3,037	3,063
NVENTORIES, END OF MONTH:		150 (71	167 200	160 700	m170 706	170 606
Book value (unadjusted), totaldo Durable goods industries, totaldo	157,883 100,913	158,671 101,693	167,299 105,516	169,300 107,378	r170,396 r108,439	170,606 108,663
Nondurable goods industries, totaldo	56,971	56,979	61,783	61,922	r61,957	61,943
Book value (seasonally adjusted), totaldo	156,458	157,560	166,587	167,482	r168,449	169,164
Durable goods industries, total 2/do	99,942	100,740	105,729	106,562	r107,222	107,621
Stone, clay, and glass productsdo	3,823	3,769	4,194	4,248	r4,234	4,150
Primary metalsdo Fabricated metal productsdo	15,301 12,850	15,546 12,840	17,329 13,173	17,197 13,344	r17,276 r13,249	17,325
Machinery, except electricaldo	23,159	23,268	23,987	24,281	r24,253	24,420
Electrical machinerydo	12,745	12,947	14,112	14,054	r14,317	14,589
Transportation equipmentdo Instruments and related productsdo	19,237 4,324	19,354 4,327	19,121 4,574	19,245 4,657	r19,512 r4,687	19,449 4,740
	56,516	56,820	60,858	60,920	r61,227	61,543
Nondurable goods industries, total 2/do	14,438	14,459	15,648	15,775	r15,973	16,107
Tobacco productsdo	3,385	3,394	3,508	3,471	3,518	3,485
Textile mill productsdo	4,984 4,807	4,963 4,862	5,253 5,200	5,269 5,220	r5,360 r5,273	5,417 5,368
Chemicals and allied productsdo	11,959	12,042	13,032	13,009	r12,991	12,954
Petroleum and coal productsdo	4,732	4,741	5,148	5,156	r5,083	5,119
Rubber and plastics productsdo	3,714	3,752	3,888	3,965	r4,000	4,055
EW ORDERS, NET (NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED), TOTAL 1/do Durable goods industries, totaldo	r95,716 48,230	r101,070 52,702	r99,503 52,067	r99,067 51,379	r108,003 55,844	115,110
Nondurable goods industries, total 1/do	r47,486	r48,369	r47,436	r47,688	r52,159	53,901
EW ORDERS, NET (SEASONALLY ADJUSTED), TOTAL 1/do	r94,755	r98,267	r106,825	r105,116	r106,534	112,121
By industry group: Durable goods industries, total 2/do	47,930	51,111	57,265	54,943	55,159	59,552
Primary metalsdo	6,812	7,787	7,252	7,987	7,974	8,574
Fabricated metal productsdo Machinery, except electricaldo	6,350 8,563	6,587 8,195	7,072 9,629	6,924 10,219	r6,960 r9,998	7,989 9,800
Electrical machinery	5,781	5,935	7,139	6,871	r6,713	6,235
Transportation equipmentdo	10,710	12,783	15,580	12,340	12,540	14,991
Nondurable goods industries, total 1/do Industries with unfilled ordersdo	r46,825 10,376	r47,155 10,509	r49,560 11,289	r50,173 11,019	r51,375 r11,240	52,569 11,915
Industries without unfilled orders 1/do	r36,449	r36,646	r38,271	r39,154	r40,135	40,654
NFILLED ORDERS, END OF MONTH (UNADJ.), TOTALdo	169,689	170,658	174,222	176,648	r177,780	178,657
Durable goods industries, totaldo	161,693	162,529	166,408	168,599 8,049	169,532 r8,248	170,025 8,632
Nondurable goods industries with unfilled ordersdo NFILLED ORDERS, END OF MONTH (SEAS. ADJ.), TOTALdo	7,996 169,686	8,128 170,450	7,814 175,453	177,179	r177,623	178,372
By industry group:	-			-	1	1
Durable goods industries, total 2/do Primary metalsdo	161,697 14,620	162,426 15,011	167,261 16,004	168,962 16,658	169,394 17,041	169,848 17,114
Fabricated metal productsdo	23,428	23,217	23,302	23,464	r23,374	23,603
Machinery, except electricaldo	45,290	44,596	43,808	44,279	r44,419	44,187
Electrical machinerydo Transportation equipmentdo	21,264 48,906	21,327 50,175	23,251 52,753	23,575 52,744	r23,741 52,534	23,420 52,977
Nondurable goods industries with unfilled ordersdo	7,989	8,024	8,192	8,217	r8,229	8,524
FOREIGN TRADE						
XPORTS (MDSE.), INCL. REEXPORTS, TOTALmil. \$	8,740.6	9,828.5	10,798.6	8,992.7	9,408.7	11,052.3
Excl. Department of Defense Shipmentsdo	8,735.8	9,823.2	10,794.5	8,975.9	9,403.7	11,044.5
Seasonally adjusteddo	8,917.7	9,020.4	10,410.4	9,598.9	9,807.8	10,071.6
By commodity groups and principal commodities: Food and live animalsdo	1,159.8	1,244.3	1,220.8	1,077.0	1,114.1	1,287.7
Beverages and tobaccodo	137.6	118.1	191.9	166.3	133.7	157.2
Crude materials, inedible, exc. fuelsdo	794.1	903.1	1,101.9	1,040.8	1,188.2	1,241.8
Mineral fuels, lubricants, etcdodo	280.2 73.8	301.5 77.9	361.1 94.8	217.3 77.3	267.8 94.8	290.4
Chemicalsdo	714.9	863.6	930.7	809.3	910.0	943.1
Manufactured goodsdo	889.9	1,019.0	996.6	871.0 3,824.5	926.0	1,035.7
Machinery and transport equipment, totaldo	3,879.7 690.0	4,316.0 793.2	4,833.8 892.0	759.0	3,869.2 764.7	4,819.7
Transport equipment, totaldodo	1,477.0	1,541.1	1,976.2	1,304.2	1,323.7	1,810.2
ENERAL IMPORTS, TOTALdo	8,111.2	10,202.1	11,450.2	10,932.9	10,505.2	13,551.7
Seasonally adjusteddodo	9,032.5	9,469.2	11,020.4	11,268.7	11,673.7	12,459.0
By commodity groups and principal commodities: Food and live animalsdo	669.5	890.1	1,031.4	1,008.1	1,042.3	1,214.1
Beverages and tobaccodo	158.3	167.8	155.4	128.1	117.8	156.4
Crude materials, inedible, exc. fuelsdo Mineral fuels, lubricants, etcdo	439.5 2,302.3	539.5 2,748.2	668.1 3,332.8	545.0 3,512.6	547.0 3,232.9	639.1 4,679.7
Animal and vegetable oils and fatsdo	51.5	34.4	50.0	53.2	52.9	45.0
Chemicalsdo Manufactured goodsdo	316.6 1,108.6	410.2 1,473.7	453.6 1,629.0	402.1 1,498.0	407.1 1,397.0	517.1 1,773.9

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	1976			1977		
ITEM	Feb.	Mar.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.
METALS AND MANUFACTURES						
STEEL PRODUCTS, NET SHIPMENTS: Total (all grades)thous. short tons By products:	,	8,259	6,334	6,459	6,690	
Semifinished productsdodo Structural shapes (heavy), steel pilingdo		417 389	321 303	275 299	295 320	
Platesdo Rails and accessoriesdo Bars and tool steel, totaldo	550 156 1,135	652 176 1,321	540 187 1,013	525 143 1,024	554 141 1,086	
Bars: Hot rolled (incl. light shapes)		834 334 609 241 540	611 274 460 166 470	624 265 437 170 622	663 281 528 183 505	
Sheets and strip (incl. electrical), totaldo Sheets: Hot rolleddodo Cold rolleddodo	1,070	3,916 1,372 1,714	2,873 1,037 1,228	2,963 1,004 1,322	3,077 1,113 1,343	
MACHINE TOOLS: Metal cutting type tools:						
Orders, new (net), total	95.80 129.80 109.15	122.00 98.00 145.85 123.80 975.6	171.10 150.50 161.95 145.70 1,242.4	153.45 139.70 94.30 80.55 1,301.6	r135.35 r117.20 r111.90 r99.50 r1,325.1	p211.50 p190.05 p129.20 p116.50 p1,407.4
Orders, new (net), total do. Domestic do. Shipments, total do. Domestic do. Order backlog, end of month do.	34.55 30.15 45.25 37.60 201.4	40.90 35.70 54.70 41.60 187.6	58.15 53.50 47.55 40.65 209.2	46.15 42.50 50.75 36.45 204.6	56.55 52.65 56.75 50.65 204.4	p62.30 p53.00 p53.30 p49.15 p213.4

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