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






WEEKLY BUSINESS STATISTICS updates selected data that are published monthly in the SURVEY OF CURRENT BUSINESS.

| ITEM | 1976 |  | 1977 |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | May 22 | May 29 | May 7 | May 14 | May 21 | May 28 |
| WhOLESALE PRICES, 22 COMMODITIES $2 / . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . .1967=100 .$. | 202.1 | 202.6 | 221.7 | 219.5 | 219.7 | 216.9 |
| 9 Foodstuffs..................................... . . . . . . . . do... | 200.5 | 203.1 | 222.0 | 217.1 | 219.7 | 219.5 |
|  | 203.2 | 202.1 | 221.3 | 221.1 | 219.6 | 215.0 |
| all retail stores, SALES..................................mil. \$.. | 12,578 | 13,087 | 14,223 | 13,808 | 13,971 | $\ldots$ |
| Nondurable goods stores..................................do.... | 8,220 | 8,450 | 9,436 | 8,959 | 9,004 | ..... |
| INITIAL UNEMPLOYMENT CLAIMS, State programs.............thous.. | 310 | 311 | 333 | 309 | 294 | ..... |
| INSURED UNEMPLOYMENT, all programs........................do.... | 3,545 | 3,390 | 3,223 | 3,171 | ..... | ..... |
| State programs (50 States, D.C., and Puerto Rico).....do.... | 2,704 | 2,514 | 2,506 | 2,469 | ..... | ..... |
| FAILURES, INDUST. AND COMMERCIAL (Dun \& Bradstreet)...number.. | 254 | 162 | 164 | 197 | 154 | ..... |
| FINANCE: |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Currency in circulation 3/...........................mil. \$.. | 87,502 | 87,402 | 94,253 | 94,929 | 95,152 | e94,876 |
| Federal Reserve bank credit outstanding, total 3/.....do.... | 102,296 | 103,463 | 115,401 | 114,359 | 113,055 | 111,763 |
| Member bank reserve balances $3 / \ldots . .$. ................do.... | 34,136 | 33,597 | 35,829 | 34,695 | 35,023 | 33,957 |
|  | 245 | 78 | 295 | 49 | 273 | 158 |
| Assets and liabilities of large commercial banks: 4/ Demand deposits, adjusted. $\qquad$ | 103,374 |  |  | 106,837 |  |  |
| Demand deposits, adjusted................................................ | 103,374 80,367 | 102,846 80,092 | 106,486 94,904 | 106,002 | ..... | ..... |
| Loans and investments, gross adjusted, total........do.... | 378,492 | 376,593 | 406,217 | 407,509 | ..... | ..... |
| U.S. Government obligations......................... do.... | 42,140 | 41,399 | 48,413 | 48,705 | ..... |  |
| Commercial and industrial loans (gross)............do.... | 112,243 | 112,123 | 117,998 | 118,059 | ..... | ..... |
| Real estate loans (gross)...........................do.... | 61,261 | 61,370 | 65,545 | 65,763 | ..... | ..... |
| Bond yields, domestic corporate (Moody's) 3/........percent.. | 9.08 | 9.09 | 8.47 | 8.48 | 8.48 | 8.47 |
| Stock prices, 500 stocks (Stand. \& Poor's) $4 / . . .1941-43=10 .$. | 101.18 | 99.34 | 99.96 | 98.78 | 100.30 | 96.77 |
| Industrial, 400 stocks................................do.... | 113.75 | 111.72 | 110.70 | 109.14 | 110.74 | 106.70 |
| PRODUCTION: |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Bituminous coal..............................thous. sh. tons.. | 14,065 | 14,030 | 13,590 | 14,815 | 14,880 | ..... |
| Electric power, by utilities....................mil. kw, -hr.. | 36,225 | 36,236 | 37,438 | 37,412 | 39,579 |  |
| Motor vehicles (passenger cars).......................number.. | 195,424 | 187,260 | 211,682 | 218,709 | 215,948 | 188,635 |
| Petroleum (crude) and condensate $3 / \ldots . .$. ......thous. bbl.. | 8,274 | 8,251 | 7,959 | 7,959 | 7,959 |  |
| Steel, raw..................................thous. sh. tons.. | 2,728 | 2,759 | 2,677 | 2,763 | 2,768 | 2,785 |
| Rate of capability utilization $5 / \ldots . .$. | 90.3 | 91.4 | 85.6 | 88.3 | 88.5 | 89.0 |
| RAIL FREIGHT, REVENUE TON-MILES............................. . bil.. | 16.1 | 16.4 | 16.4 | 16.7 | 17.0 | ..... |

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, fucls, supplies, and industry facilities. e/ Estimated-

## MONTHLY BUSINESS STATISTICS

| ITEM | 1976 |  | 1977 |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Mar. | Apr | Jan. | Feb. | Mar. | Apr |
| GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| MANUFACTURERS' SHIPMENTS: 1/ |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Value (not seasonally adjusted): |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Durable goods industries, total....................mil. \$.. | 51,865 | 51,313 | 49,189 | 54,908 | r60,658 | 58,854 |
|  | 7,644 | 7,544 | 6,980 | 7,774 | r8,847 | 8,615 |
| Transportation equipment............................. do. | 11,824 | 11,787 | 11,803 | 13, 049 | r14,792 | 13,922 |
| Value (seasonally adjusted): |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Durable goods industries, total.......................do.... | 50,382 | 50,146 | 53,247 | 54,729 | r59,029 | 57,167 |
| Primary metals. . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . do. . . . | 7,396 | 7,110 | 7,334 | 7,590 | r8,534 | 8,047 |
| Transportation equipment........................... do. | 11,515 | 11,427 | 12,352 | 12,750 | r14,425 | 13,377 |
| Supplementary series: |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Household durables. | 3,241 | 3,187 | 3,333 | 3,366 16,417 | r3,542 r17,067 | 3,416 16,940 |
| Capital goods industries............................ . . do. | 14,783 | 15,148 | 16,123 | 16,417 13,859 | r17,067 r14,391 | 16,940 14,516 |
| Nondefense..... . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . .do. . . . | 12,596 | 12,938 | 13,727 | 13,859 | r14,391 | 14,516 2,424 |
| Defense..................................... . . . . . . . do. | 2,187 | 2,210 | 2,396 | 2,558 | r2,676 | 2,424 |
| MANUFACTURERS' ORDERS: $1 /$ / |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| New orders, net (not seasonally adjusted): <br> Durable goods industries, total................................ | 52,702 | 51,296 | 51,379 | 55,844 | r61,054 | 60,565 |
| New orders, net (seasonally adjusted): |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Durable goods industries, total.......................do.... | 51,111 | 50,245 | 54,943 | 55,159 | r59,386 | 59,161 |
| Primary metals........................................ ${ }^{\text {do... }}$. | 7,787 | 7,328 | 7,987 | 7,974 | r8,615 | 7,759 |
| Transportation equipment............................ do. | 12,783 | 11,504 | 12,340 | 12,540 | r14,731 | 15,289 |
| Supplementary series: |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | 3,232 14,990 | 3,144 15,167 | 3,351 16,476 | 3,510 16,165 | r3,425 r17,073 | 3,607 18,648 |
|  | 14,990 12,173 | 15,167 12,476 | 16,476 14,778 | 16,165 14,335 | r17,073 r14,794 | 18,648 15,072 |
|  | 12,173 2,818 | 12,46 2,690 | 14,778 1,698 | 14,335 1,830 | r14, r2,279 | 3,576 |
| Unfilled orders, end of month (unadjusted): Durable goods industries, total. | 162,529 | 162,513 | 168,599 | 169,532 | r169,930 | 171,637 |
| Unfilled orders, end of month (seasonally adjusted): |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Durable goods industries, total......................do..... | 162,426 | 162,525 | 168,962 | 169,394 | r169, 751 | 171,746 |
| Primary metals. . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . do. . . . | 15,011 | 15,229 | 16,658 | 17,041 | r17,122 | 16,833 |
| Transportation equipment...........................do.... | 50,175 | 50,252 | 52,744 | 52,534 | r52,828 | 54,753 |

r/ Revised. 1/ Data for April 1977 are advance estimates.

| ITEM | 1976 |  | 1977 |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Mar. | Apr . | Jan. | Feb. | Mar. | Apr. |
| GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS--Con. <br> MANUFACTURERS' ORDERS--Con. 1/ <br> Unfilled orders, end of month (seasonally adjusted)--Con. Supplementary series: |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Household durables................................mil. \$.. | 2,638 | 2,595 | 2,663 | 2,807 | r2,692 | 2,884 |
| Capital goods industries.......................... . . . do... | 106,773 | 106,791 | 110,415 | 110,163 | r110,167 | 111,876 |
| Nondefense.. . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . do.. | 77,704 | 77,242 | 78,879 | 79,354 | r79,756 | 80,312 |
| Defense.............................................. do.... | 29,069 | 29,550 | 31,536 | 30,809 | 30,411 | 31,564 |
| CONSTRUCTION AND REAL ESTATE |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| NEW HOUSING UNITS STARTED: |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Unadjusted: |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Total (private and public)............................ .thous.. | 118.8 | 137.4 | 81.6 | r112.7 | r175.8 | 182.3 |
| Privately owned.......................... . . . . . . . . . . . do. | 118.4 | 137.2 | 81.3 | r112.5 | r175.7 | 182.0 |
| One-family structures............................... . . ${ }^{\text {do. }}$ | 92.4 | 107.8 | 55.7 | r87.2 | r127.3 | 141.8 |
| Seasonally adjusted at annual rates: ${ }_{\text {S }}$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Total privately owned......................... . . . . . . . do. . . . | 1,426 | 1,385 | 1,384 | r1,802 | r2,114 | 1,875 |
| One-family structures.................................do..... | 1,124 | 1,071 | 1,006 | r1,424 | r1,520 | 1,444 |
| NEW PRIVATE HOUSING UNITS AUTHORIZED BY BUILDING    <br> PERMITS (14,000 permit-issuing places):    |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Seasonally adjusted at annual rates: |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Total. . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . do. | 1,188 | 1,082 | 1,307 | 1,529 | r1, 712 | 1,534 |
| One-family structures............................... ${ }^{\text {do. }}$ | 887. | 803 | 927 | 1,064 | r1,208 | 1,051 |
| Manufacturers' shipments of mobile homes: |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Unadjusted.................................................do... | r21.2 | 23.3 | 14.7 | 18.0 | 23.4 | .... |
| Seasonally adjusted at annual rates.................... do. | 244 | r328 | 258 | 275 | 275 |  |
| LABOR FORCE, EMPLOYMENT, AND EARNINGS |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| LABOR TURNOVER IN MANUFACTURING ESTABLISIIMENTS: |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Unadjusted for seasonal variation: |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Accession rate, total..........mo. rate per 100 employees.. | 4.2 | 3.9 | 3.7 | 3.7 | r4.0 | p3.8 |
| New hires.............................................. do.... | 2.6 | 2.5 | 2.2 | 2.1 | r2.6 | p2.7 |
| Separation rate, total................................dido... | 3.5 | 3.5 | 3.9 | 3.4 | r3.4 | p3.4 |
| Quit...................................................do.... | 1.5 | 1.6 | 1.4 | 1.3 | 1.6 | p1.7 |
| Layoff................................................ ${ }^{\text {do.... }}$ | 1.1 | 1.1 | 1.7 | 1.4 | 1.0 | p. 9 |
| Seasonally adjusted: |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Accession rate, total..................................d. ${ }^{\text {d }}$. . | 4.4 | 4.1 | 4.0 | 4.6 | r4.3 | p4.1 |
| New hires.............................................d. ${ }^{\text {do. }}$ | 3.0 | 2.8 | 2.7 | 2.9 | r3.0 | p3.0 |
| Separation rate, total..................................do. | 3.8 | 3.8 | 3.9 | 4.1 | r3.7 | p3.8 |
| Quit...................................................d. ${ }^{\text {do... }}$ | 1.8 | 1.8 | 1.8 | 1.9 | 1.9 | p1.9 |
| Layoff...............................................d. ${ }^{\text {do... }}$ | 1.1 | 1.2 | 1.3 | 1.4 | 1.0 | p1.0 |
| WORK STOPPAGES: |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Nunber of stoppages: |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Beginning in month..................................... number. . | 438 | 583 | 351 | 314 | 391 | p615 |
| Workers involved: |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Beginning in month.................................... .thous.. | 152 | 464 | 109 | 158 | r222 | p202 |
| Days idle during month..................................do.... | 1,688 | 3,148 | 1,160 | 1,356 | r2,094 | p3,045 |
| FINANCE |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| FEDERAL RESERVE BANKS, CONDITION, END OF MONTH: |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Assets, total..........................................mil. \$.. | 124,018 | 126,528 | 1:25,517 | 127,056 | r129,044 | 134,863 |
| Reserve bank credit outstanding, total................do.... | 99,361 | 101,643 | 103,644 | 105,622 | r106,609 | 110,942 |
| Time loans............................................ ${ }^{\text {do. }}$ | 54 | 31 | 47 | 24 | r271 | 377 |
| U.S. Government securitites.......................... do. | 89,753 | 91,814 | 94,134 | 95,837 | 95,987 | 99,967 |
| Gold certificate account...............................d. ${ }^{\text {d }}$ | 11,599 | 11,599 | 11,658 | 11,651 | 11,636 | 11,636 |
| Liabilities, total.......................................d. ${ }^{\text {do... }}$ | 124,018 | 126,528 | 125,517 | 127,056 | r129,044 | 134,863 |
| Deposits, total....................................... do. . . | 36,395 | 38,013 | 35,833 | 36,313 | r35,950 | 40,076 |
| Member-bank reserve balances.......................... . do.... | 28,150 | 27,140 | 23,411 | 22,916 | r27,814 | 25,552 |
| Large commercial banks of Fedreal Reserve System, condition, Wednesday nearest end of month: |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Demand, adjusted 2/.............................mil. \$.. | 106,097 | 104,694 | 109,046 | 107,755 | 107,553 | 109,800 |
| Demand, total 3/.................................... do.... | 171,055 | 162,903 | 172,695 | 173,182 | 170, 784 | 173,317 |
| Individuals, partnerships, and corp...............do.... | 122,716 | 118,226 | 123,671 | 124,769 | 123,138 | 125,598 |
| State and local governments........................do.... | 6,178 | 5,983 | 6,816 | 6,222 | 5,814 | 6,205 |
| U.S. Government. ..................................... . ${ }^{\text {do. }}$ | 1,049 | 2,514 | 1,467 | 1,313 | 1,045 | 4,881 |
| Domestic commercial banks..........................do.... | 26,514 | 22,039 | 25,238 | 25,900 | 26,323 | 22,780 |
|  | 225,981 | 221,601 | 230,446 | 230,598 | 234,857 | 231,856 |
| Individuals, partnerships, and corp.: |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Savings........................................... do. | 78,913 | 79,350 | 91,515 | 92,711 | 94,998 | 94,700 |
| Other time........................................ do. | 108,297 | 104,196 | 105,159 | 104,540 | 106,157 | 104,251 |
|  | 277,356 | 275,499 | 289,825 | 290,042 | 291,422 | 292,549 |
| Commercial and industrial..........................do.... | 114,556 | 113,308 | 114,771 | 116,187 | 116,791 | 117,447 |
| For purchasing or carrying securities..............do.... | 8,468 | 8,679 | 12,213 | 11,625 | 11,682 | 11,966 |
| To nonbank financial institutions...................do.... | 26,493 | 25,757 | 23, 264 | 22,964 | 23,560 | 23,017 |
| Real estate loans....................................do.... | 60,541 | 60,717 | 63,945 | 64,485 | 64,974 | 65,432 |
| Other loans........................................... do.... | 84,876 | 84,352 | 95,291 | 93,696 | 93,940 | 93,538 |
| Investments, total....................................d. ${ }^{\text {do... }}$ | 100,538 | 101,249 | 107,418 | 109,504 | 109,507 | 111,176 |
| U.S. Government securities, total.................... do. | 41,808 | 41,561 | 47,615 | 49,649 | 49,489 | 47,696 |
| Notes and bonds.................................. ${ }^{\text {do.... }}$ | 28,774 | 29,393 | 36,494 | 39,429 | 39,730 | 40,099 |
| Other securities........................................do.... | 58,730 | 59,688 | 59,803 | 59,855 | 60,018 | 63,480 |

r/ Revised. p/ Preliminary. 1/ Data for April 1977 are advance estimates. 2/ Other than domestic interbank and U.S. Gov't., less cash items in process of collection. $\mathbf{3}^{/}$Includes data not shown separately.

| ITEM | 1976 |  | 1977 |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Mar. | Apr. | Jan. | Feb. | Mar. | Apr . |
| FINANCE--Con. <br> Commercial bank credit (last Wednesday of month, except for June 30 and Dec. 31 call dates), seas. adj.: |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Total loans and investments 1/..........................bil. \$.. | 733.5 | 740.3 | 780.5 | 790.1 | 797.1 | 806.4 |
| Loans 1/....................... . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . .do.... | 50i. 7 | 505.8 | 535.0 | 539.3 | 545.3 | 551.9 |
| U.S. Government securities...............................d. ${ }^{\text {do. }}$ | 88.3 | 90.2 | 96.1 | 100.7 | 102.7 | 101.9 |
| Other securities...........................................d. ${ }^{\text {do. }}$ | 143.5 | 144.3 | 149.4 | 150.1 | 149.1 | 152.6 |
| FOREIGN TRADE |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| EXPORTS (MDSE.), INCL. REEXPORTS, TOTAL...................mil. \$.. | 9,828.5 | 9,835.9 | 8,992.7 | 9,408.7 | 11,052.3 | 10,546.0 |
| Excl. Department of Defense Shipments......................io. | 9,823.2 | 9,826.5 | 8,975.9 | 9,403.7 | 11,044.5 | 10,540.0 |
| Seasonally adjusted...................................... do | 9,020.4 | 9,369.3 | 9,598.9 | 9,807.8 | 10,071.6 | 9,970.2 |
| By commodity groups and principal commodities: |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Food and live animals.................................... ${ }^{\text {do. }}$. | 1,244.3 | 1,355.3 | 1,0770.0 | 1,114.1 | 1,287.7 | 1,232.6 |
| Beverages and tobacco................................... ${ }^{\text {do. }}$ | 118.1 | 120.6 | 166.3 | 133.7 | 157.2 | 112.0 |
| Crude materials, incdible, exc. fuels...................do. | 903.1 | 888.0 | 1,040.8 | 1,188.2 | 1,241.8 | 1,308.2 |
| Mincral fuels, lubricants, ctc..........................do. | 301.5 | 412.0 | 217.3 | 267.8 | 290.4 | 397.3 |
| Animal and vegetable oils, fats, waxes.................do. | 77.9 | 77.3 | 77.3 | 94.8 | 134.5 | 106.1 |
| Chemicals. . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . do. | 863.6 | 853.0 | 809.3 | 910.0 | 943.1 | 903.3 |
| Manufactured goods. . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . do | 1,019.0 | 973.9 | 871.0 | 926.0 | 1,035.7 | 1,003.9 |
| Machinery and transport equipment, total..................... | 4,316.0 | 4,224.9 | 3,824.5 | 3,869.2 | 4,819.7 | 4,416.1 |
| tiectricai. . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . .do. | 793.2 | 796.2 | 759.0 | 764.7 | 960.5 | 879.4 |
| Transport equipment, total................................ ${ }^{\text {do.. }}$ | 1,541.1 | 1,520.1 | 1,304.2 | 1,323.7 | 1,810.2 | 1,627.0 |
| GLENERAL IMPORTS, TOTAL................................................................ | 10,202. 1 | 9,895.0 | 10,932.9 | 10,505.2 | 13,551.7 |  |
| Seasonally adjusted............................................................ | 9,469.2 | 9,643.3 | 11,268.7 | 11,673.7 | 12,459.0 | 12,593.3 |
| By commodity groups and principal commodities: |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Food and live animals..................................... ${ }^{\text {do... }}$ | 890.1 | 818.6 | 1,008.1 | 1,042.3 | 1,214.1 | 1,325.0 |
| Beverages and tobacco..................................do. | 167.8 | 127.6 | 128.1 | 117.8 | 156.4 | 119.5 |
| Crude materials, inedible, exc. fuels...................d. ${ }^{\text {do... }}$ | 539.5 | 563.0 | 545.0 | 547.0 | 639.1 | 626.0 |
| Mineral fuels, lubricants, etc..........................do.... | 2,748.2 | 2,797.3 | 3,512.6 | 3,232.0 | 4,679.7 | 4,065.0 |
| Animal and vegetable oils and fats.....................d.do... | 34.4 | 36.8 | 53.2 | 52.9 | 45.0 | 36.6 |
|  | 410.2 | 414.3 | 402.1 | 407.1 1.3970 | 517.1 | 475.4 |
| Manufactured goods....................................... do... . | 1,473.7 | 1,409.6 | 1,498.0 | 1,397.0 | 1,773.9 | 1,673.9 |
| Machinery and transport equipment......................d. . . | 2,274.0 | 2,606.2 | 2,569.3 | 2,504.5 | 3,151.4 | 2,864.5 |

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