

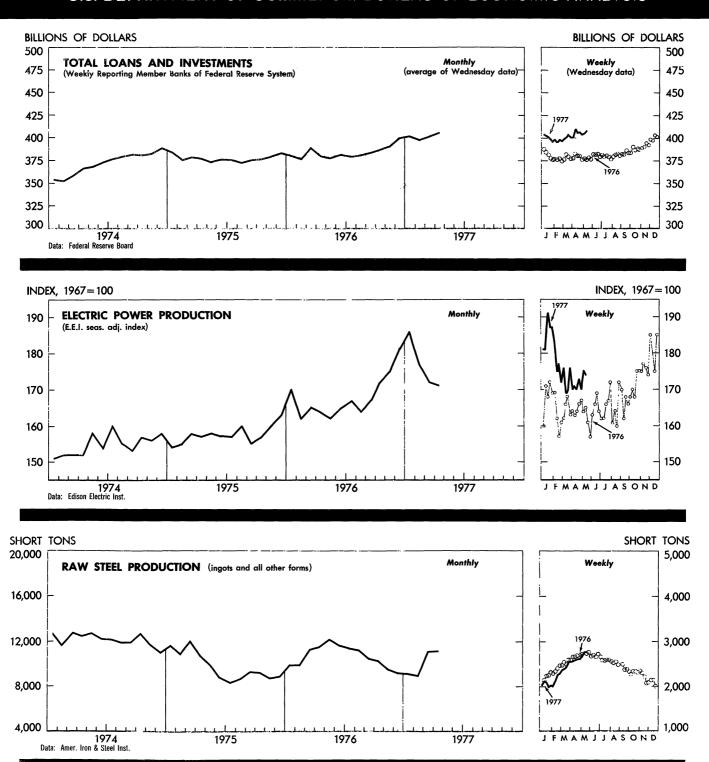


## WEEKLY BUSINESS STATISTICS



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ITEM	1976		1977				
	May 22	May 29	May 7	May 14	May 21	May 28	
HOLESALE PRICES, 22 COMMODITIES 2/1967=100	202.1	202.6	221.7	219.5	219.7	216.9	
9 Foodstuffsdo	200.5	203.1	222.0	217.1	219.7	219.5	
13 Raw industrialsdo	203.2	202.1	221.3	221.1	219.6	215.0	
LL RETAIL STORES, SALES	12,578	13,087	14,223	13,808	13,971		
Nondurable goods storesdo	8,220	8,450	9,436	8,959	9,004		
NITIAL UNEMPLOYMENT CLAIMS, State programsthous	310	311	333	309	294		
NSURED UNEMPLOYMENT, all programsdo	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			
AILURES, INDUST. AND COMMERCIAL (Dun & Bradstreet)number	254	162	164	197	154		
INANCE:	97 502	97 402	94,253	94,929	95,152	e94,876	
Currency in circulation 3/mil. \$	87,502	87,402	,		113,055	111,763	
Federal Reserve bank credit outstanding, total 3/do	102,296 34,136	103,463 33,597	115,401 35,829	114,359 34,695	35,023	33,957	
Member bank reserve balances $3/$ do  Excess reserves, estimated $3/$ do  Assets and liabilities of large commercial banks: $4/$	245	78	295	49	273	158	
Demand deposits, adjusteddo	103,374	102,846	106,486	106,837			
Savings depositsdo	80,367	80,092	94,904	95,002			
Loans and investments, gross adjusted, totaldo	378,492	376,593	406,217	407,509			
U.S. Government obligationsdo	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) $\frac{4}{\dots}$ 1941-43=10	101.18	99.34	99.96	98.78	100.30	96.77	
Industrial, 400 stocksdo	113.75	111.72	110.70	109.14	110.74	106.70	
RODUCTION:						1	
Bituminous coalthous. sh. tons	14,065	14,030	13,590	14,815	14,880		
Electric power, by utilitiesmil. kwhr	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/thous. bb1	8,274	8,251	7,959	7,959	7,959		
Steel, rawthous. sh. tons	2,728	2,759	2,677	2,763	2,768	2,785	
Rate of capability utilization $5/$ percent	90.3	91.4	85.6	88.3	88.5	89.0	
AIL FREIGHT, REVENUE TON-MILESbil	16.1	16.4	16.4	16.7	17.0	<b></b> .	

<sup>1/</sup> 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

ІТЕМ	1976		1977				
	Mar.	Apr.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	
GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS							
MANUFACTURERS' SHIPMENTS: 1/							
Value (not seasonally adjusted):		1	ı	1			
Durable goods industries, totalmil. \$	51,865	51,313	49,189	54,908	r60,658	58,854	
Primary metalsdo	7,644	7,544	6,980	7,774	r8,847	8,615	
Transportation equipmentdo	11,824	11,787	11,803	13,049	r14,792	13,922	
Value (seasonally adjusted):			[	1			
Durable goods industries, totaldo	50,382	50,146	53,247	54,729	r59,029	57,167	
Primary metalsdo	7,396	7,110	7,334	7,590	r8,534	8,047	
Transportation equipmentdo	11,515	11,427	12,352	12,750	r14,425	13,377	
Supplementary series:			[	1			
Household durablesdo	3,241	3,187	3,333	3,366	r3,542	3,416	
Capital goods industriesdo	14,783	15,148	16,123	16,417	r17,067	16,940	
Nondefensedo	12,596	12,938	13,727	13,859	r14,391	14,516	
Defensedo	2,187	2,210	2,396	2,558	r2,676	2,424	
MANUFACTURERS' ORDERS: 1/		ļ	ľ	1			
New orders, net (not seasonally adjusted):		ļ					
Durable goods industries, totaldo	52,702	51,296	51,379	55,844	r61,054	60,565	
New orders, net (seasonally adjusted):				i			
Durable goods industries, totaldo	51,111	50,245	54,943	55,159	r59,386	59,161	
Primary metalsdo	7,787	7,328	7,987	7,974	r8,615	7,759	
Transportation equipmentdo	12,783	11,504	12,340	12,540	r14,731	15,289	
Supplementary series:				ļ	j		
Household durablesdo	3,232	3,144	3,351	3,510	r3,425	3,607	
Capital goods industriesdo	14,990	15,167	16,476	16,165	r17,073	18,648	
Nonde fensedo	12,173	12,476	14,778	14,335	r14,794	15,072	
Defensedo	2,818	2,690	1,698	1,830	r2,279	3,576	
Unfilled orders, end of month (unadjusted):		1	1	İ			
Durable goods industries, totaldo	162,529	162,513	168,599	169,532	r169,930	171,63	
Unfilled orders, end of month (seasonally adjusted):		i	1				
Durable goods industries, totaldo	162,426	162,525	168,962	169,394	r169,751	171,746	
Primary metalsdo	15,011	15,229	16,658	17,041	r17,122	16,833	
Transportation equipmentdo	50,175	50,252	52,744	52,534	r52,828	54,753	

<u>r/</u> Revised. <u>1/</u> Data for April 1977 are advance estimates. Digitized for F84/330R http://fraser.stlouisfed.org/ Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis

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	Mar.	Apr.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	
GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORSCon.							
JFACTURERS' ORDERSCon. 1/		ł					
nfilled orders, end of month (seasonally adjusted)Con. Supplementary series:							
Household durables	2,638	2,595	2,663	2,807	r2,692	2,88	
Capital goods industriesdo  Nondefensedo	106,773 77,704	106,791 77,242	110,415 78,879	110,163 79,354	r110,167	111,87	
Defensedodo	29,069	29,550	31,536	30,809	r79,756 30,411	80,31 31,56	
CONSTRUCTION AND REAL ESTATE	_	,	,				
HOUSING UNITS STARTED:						ļ	
nadjusted:	į						
Total (private and public)thous  Privately owneddo	118.8 118.4	137.4 137.2	81.6 81.3	r112.7 r112.5	r175.8 r175.7	182 182	
One-family structuresdo	92.4	107.8	55.7	r87.2	r127.3	141	
asonally adjusted at annual rates:	1 400	1 705		1 000			
Total privately owneddo  One-family structuresdo	1,426 1,124	1,385 1,071	1,384 1,006	r1,802 r1,424	r2,114 r1,520	1,8 1,4	
PRIVATE HOUSING UNITS AUTHORIZED BY BUILDING	-,	1,0/1	1,000	11,727	11,520	1 -,-	
PERMITS (14,000 permit-issuing places): asonally adjusted at annual rates:							
Totaldo	1,188	1,082	1,307	1,529	r1,712	1,5	
One-family structuresdo	882	803	927	1,064	r1,208	1,0	
facturers' shipments of mobile homes:	21 2	27.7		10.0		i i	
adjusteddodo	r21.2 244	23.3 r328	14.7 258	18.0 275	23.4 275	::	
i de la companya de		1020	250	273	2,3		
LABOR FORCE, EMPLOYMENT, AND EARNINGS							
R TURNOVER IN MANUFACTURING ESTABLISHMENTS: adjusted for seasonal variation:						ļ	
Accession rate, totalmo. rate per 100 employees	4.2	3.9	3.7	3.7	r4.0	p3	
New hiresdo	2.6	2.5	2.2	2.1	r2.6	p2	
Separation rate, totaldo  Quitdo	3.5 1.5	3.5 1.6	3.9 1.4	3.4 1.3	r3.4 1.6	p3	
Layoffdo	1.1	1.1	1.7	1.4	1.0	p	
asonally adjusted:						ł	
Accession rate, totaldo	4.4	4.1	4.0	4.6	r4.3	p4	
New hiresdo	3.0 3.8	2.8 3.8	2.7 3.9	2.9 4.1	r3.0 r3.7	p3	
Quitdodo	1.8	1.8	1.8	1.9	1.9	p3	
Layoffdo	1.1	1.2	1.3	1.4	1.0	p1	
STOPPAGES:							
unber of stoppages: Beginning in monthnumber.	438	583	351	314	391	p6	
rkers involved:	100	505	331	014	331	"	
Beginning in monththous	152	464	109	158	r222	p2	
ys idle during monthdo	1,688	3,148	1,160	1,356	r2,094	p3,0	
FINANCE							
ERAL RESERVE BANKS, CONDITION, END OF MONTH: sets, totalmil. \$.	124,018	126,528	1:25,517	127,056	r129,044	134,8	
Reserve bank credit outstanding, totaldo	99,361	101,643	103,644	105,622	r106,609	110,9	
Time loansdo	54	31	47	24	r271	3	
U.S. Government securititesdo  Gold certificate accountdo	89,753 11,599	91,814 11,599	94,134 11,658	95,837 11,651	95,987 11,636	99,9 11,6	
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abilities, totaldo Deposits, totaldo	124,018 36,395	126,528 38,013	125,517 35,833	127,056 36,313	r129,044 r35,950	134,8	
Member-bank reserve balancesdo	28,150	27,140	23,411	22,916	r27,814	25,5	
Federal Reserve notes in circulationdo	77,686	78,631	81,198	81,809	83,257	83,7	
rge commercial banks of Fedreal Reserve System, condition, Wednesday nearest end of month:						ļ	
Deposits:							
Demand, adjusted 2/	106,097	104,694	109,046	107,755	107,553	109,8	
Demand, total 3/dolndividuals, partnerships, and corpdo	171,055 122,716	162,903 118,226	172,695 123,671	173,182 124,769	170,784 123,138	173,3	
State and local governmentsdo	6,178	5,983	6,816	6,222	5,814	6,2	
U.S. Governmentdo	1,049	2,514	1,467	1,313	1,045	4,8	
Domestic commercial banksdo    Time, total 3/do	26,514 225,981	22,039 221,601	25,238 230,446	25,900 230,598	26,323 234,857	22,7	
Individuals, partnerships, and corp.:							
Savingsdo	78,913	79,350	91,515	92,711	94,998	94,7	
Other timedodo	108,297 277,356	104,196 275,499	105,159 289,825	104,540 290,042	106,157 291,422	104,2	
Commercial and industrialdo	114,556	113,308	114,771	116,187	116,791	117,4	
For purchasing or carrying securitiesdo	8,468	8,679	12,213	11,625	11,682	11,9	
To nonbank financial institutionsdo	26,493	25,757	23,264	22,964	23,560	23,0	
Other loansdo	60,541 84,876	60,717 84,352	63,945 95,291	64,485 93,696	64,974 93,940	65,4 93,5	
Investments, totaldo	100,538	101,249	107,418	109,504	109,507	111,1	
U.S. Government securities, totaldo	41,808	41,561	47,615	49,649	49,489	47,6	
Notes and bondsdo	28,774	29,393	36,494	39,429	39,730	40,0	

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

ITEM	1976		1977				
	Mar.	Apr.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	
FINANCECon.							
mmercial 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	501.7	505.8	535.0	539.3	545.3	551.9	
U.S. Government securitiesdo	88.3	90.2	96.1	100.7	102.7	101.9	
Other securitiesdo	143.5	144.3	149.4	150.1	149.1	152.6	
FOREIGN TRADE							
PORTS (MDSE.), INCL. REEXPORTS, TOTALmil. \$	9,828.5	9,835.9	8,992.7	9,408.7	11,052.3	10,546.0	
Excl. Department of Defense Shipmentsdo	9,823.2	9,826.5	8,975.9	9,403.7	11.044.5	10,540.0	
Seasonally adjusteddodo	9,020.4	9,369.3	9,598.9	9,807.8	10,071.6	9,970.2	
Food and live animalsdo	1,244.3	1,355.3	1,0770.0	1,114.1	1,287,7	1,232.	
Beverages and tobaccodo	118.1	120.6	166.3	133.7	157,2	112.	
Crude materials, inedible, exc. fuelsdo	903.1	888.0	1,040.8	1,188.2	1,241.8	1,308.	
Mineral fuels, lubricants, etcdo	301.5	412.0	217.3	267.8	290.4	397.	
Animal and vegetable oils, fats, waxesdo	77.9	77.3	77.3	94.8	134.5	106.	
Chemicalsdo	863.6	853.0	809.3	910.0	943.1	903.	
Manufactured goodsdo	1,019.0	973.9	871.0	926.0	1,035.7	1,003.	
Machinery and transport equipment, totaldo	4,316.0	4,224.9	3,824.5	3,869.2	4,819.7	4,416.	
Electricaldo	793.2	796.2	759.0	764.7	960.5	879.	
Transport equipment, totaldo	1,541.1	1,520.1	1,304.2	1,323.7	1,810.2	1,627.	
NERAL IMPORTS, TOTALdo	10,202.1	9,895.0	10,932.9	10,505.2	13,551.7	12,434.	
Seasonally adjusteddo  By commodity groups and principal commodities:	9,469.2	9,643.3	11,268.7	11,673.7	12,459.0	12,593.	
Food and live animalsdo	890.1	818.6	1,008.1	1,042.3	1,214.1	1,325.	
Beverages and tobaccodo	167.8	127.6	128.1	117.8	156.4	119.	
Crude materials, inedible, exc. fuelsdo	539.5	563.0	545.0	547.0	639.1	626.	
Mineral fuels, lubricants, etcdo	2,748.2	2,797.3	3,512.6	3,232.0	4,679.7	4,065.	
Animal and vegetable oils and fatsdo	34.4	36.8	53.2	52,9	45.0	36.	
Chemicalsdo	410.2	414.3	402.1	407.1	517.1	475.	
Manufactured goodsdo	1,473.7	1,409.6	1,498.0	1,397.0	1,773.9	1,673.	
Machinery and transport equipmentdo	2,274.0	2,606.2	2,569.3	2,504.5	3,151.4	2,864.	

<sup>1/</sup> Excludes interbank loans. USCOMM--DC-- 84,340

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