



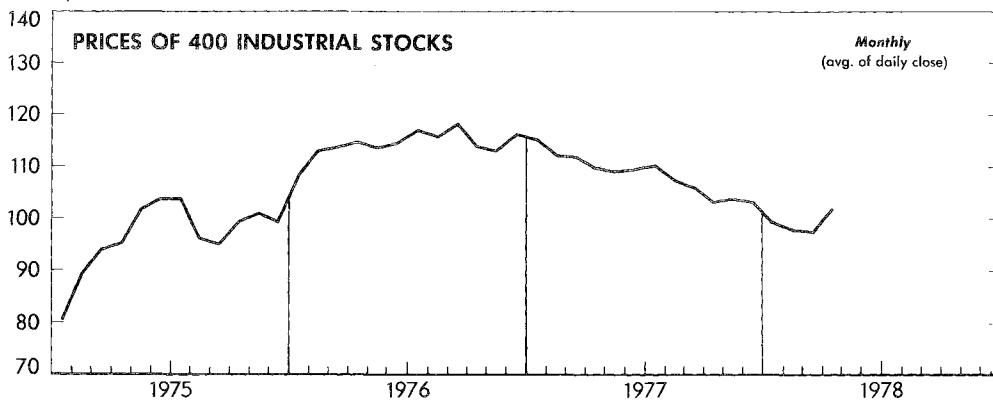
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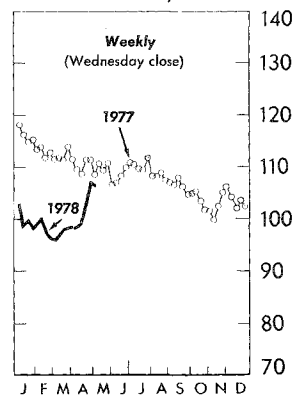
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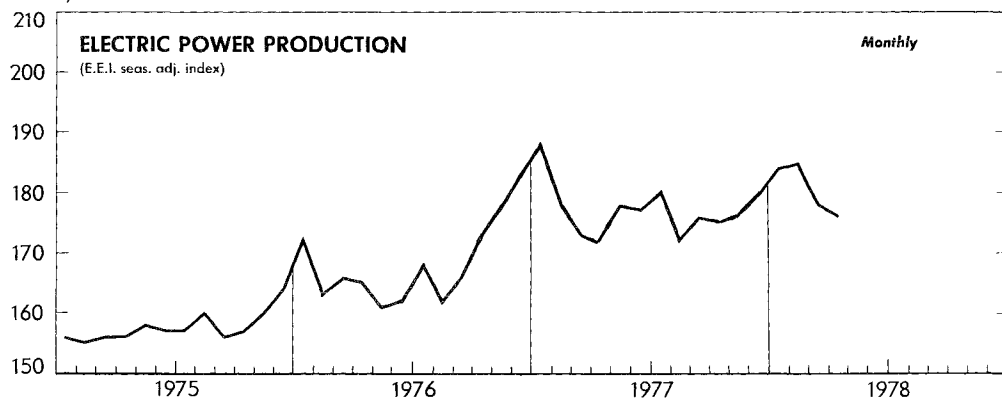


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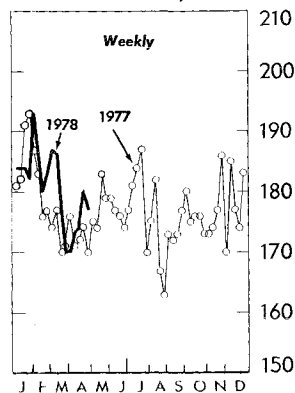


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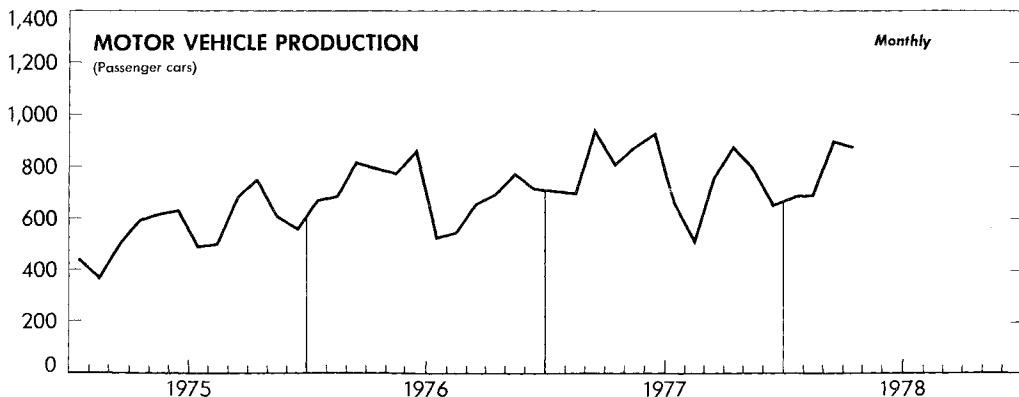


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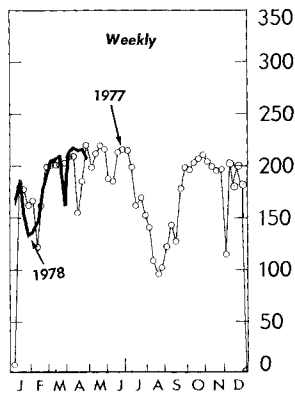


THOUSANDS



Data: Motor Vehicle Mfgs. Assn. of the United States, Inc.

THOUSANDS



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ITEM	1977		1978			
	Apr. 30	May 7	Apr. 15	Apr. 22	Apr. 29	May 6
WHOLESALE PRICES, 22 COMMODITIES <sup>2/</sup> .....1967=100..	220.9	221.7	229.2	229.1	225.5	225.0
9 Foodstuffs.....do.....	221.0	222.0	241.2	239.5	237.3	237.9
15 Raw industrials.....do.....	220.7	221.3	221.2	222.0	217.6	216.5
ALL RETAIL STORES, SALES.....mil. \$..	13,871	13,772	14,621	14,651	15,208	.....
Nondurable goods stores.....do....	8,608	9,082	9,460	9,437	9,437	.....
Durable goods stores.....do.....	5,263	4,690	5,161	5,214	5,771	.....
INITIAL UNEMPLOYMENT CLAIMS, State programs.....thous..	305	333	280	278	269	.....
INSURED UNEMPLOYMENT, all programs.....do.....	3,316	3,223	2,706	2,597	.....	.....
State programs (50 States, D.C. and Puerto Rico).....do....	2,586	2,506	2,425	2,325	.....	.....
State programs (50 States, D.C. and Puerto Rico).....do....	730	717	281	272	.....	.....
State programs (50 States, D.C. and Puerto Rico).....do....	151	164	158	150	144	108
FINANCE:						
Currency in circulation <sup>3/</sup> .....mil. \$..	94,108	94,233	103,389	103,555	103,251	e103,398
Federal Reserve bank credit outstanding, total <sup>3/</sup> .....do....	111,292	115,390	114,340	116,467	118,551	121,266
Member bank reserve balances <sup>3/</sup> .....do.....	35,240	35,831	36,040	37,786	37,046	37,952
Excess reserves, estimated <sup>3/</sup> .....do....	164	302	89	349	35	345
Assets and liabilities of large commercial banks: <sup>4/</sup>						
Demand deposits, adjusted.....do....	109,800	106,486	116,375	115,644	.....	.....
Savings deposits.....do.....	94,700	94,904	94,054	93,367	.....	.....
Loans and investments, gross adjusted, total.....do....	403,725	406,217	443,442	447,204	.....	.....
U.S. Government obligations.....do....	47,696	48,413	46,698	46,063	.....	.....
Commercial and industrial loans (gross).....do....	117,447	117,998	129,974	130,740	.....	.....
Real estate loans (gross).....do....	65,432	65,545	77,239	77,550	.....	.....
Bond yields, domestic corporate (Moody's) <sup>3/</sup> .....percent..	8.46	8.47	8.87	8.89	8.93	8.95
Stock prices, 500 stocks (Stand. & Poor's) <sup>4/</sup> .....1941-43=10..	97.96	99.96	90.11	93.86	96.82	96.26
Industrial, 400 stocks.....do.....	108.50	110.70	99.08	103.38	106.80	106.27
PRODUCTION:						
Bituminous coal.....thous. sh. tons..	15,305	13,590	15,065	15,220	15,100	.....
Electric power, by utilities.....mil. kw.-hr..	36,438	37,438	37,266	38,196	37,753	.....
Motor vehicles (passenger cars).....number..	198,588	211,682	213,455	213,522	214,565	207,865
Petroleum (crude) and condensate <sup>3/</sup> .....thous. bbl..	8,052	8,016	8,882	8,882	8,882	.....
Steel, raw.....thous. sh. tons..	2,624	2,677	2,679	2,709	2,739	2,691
Rate of capability utilization <sup>5/</sup> .....percent..	83.9	85.6	88.2	89.1	90.1	88.5
RAIL FREIGHT, REVENUE TON-MILES.....bil..	17.3	16.6	17.7	17.8	18.3	.....

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	1977			1978		
	Feb. <u>r/</u>	Mar. <u>r/</u>	Dec. <u>r/</u>	Jan. <u>r/</u>	Feb. <u>r/</u>	Mar.
GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS						
MANUFACTURERS' SHIPMENTS:						
NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED, TOTAL.....mil. \$..	107,640	114,915	111,358	105,437	119,488	125,217
Durable goods industries, total.....do....	55,383	61,177	58,211	54,426	62,766	67,412
Stone, clay, and glass products.....do....	2,557	2,955	2,772	2,692	3,072	3,425
Primary metals.....do.....	8,151	9,349	8,347	8,305	9,515	9,873
Fabricated metal products.....do....	6,711	7,456	6,815	6,357	7,457	7,828
Machinery, except electrical.....do....	9,755	10,550	10,627	9,285	11,039	11,869
Electrical machinery.....do.....	6,919	7,115	7,566	7,135	7,826	8,110
Transportation equipment.....do....	13,677	15,408	13,754	13,140	15,313	16,829
Nondurable goods industries, total <sup>1/</sup> .....do....	52,257	53,738	53,147	51,011	56,722	57,805
Foods and kindred products.....do....	15,942	16,246	16,494	15,338	17,487	17,670
Tobacco products.....do.....	745	793	889	798	800	872
Textile mill products.....do....	3,256	3,500	3,437	3,216	3,562	3,653
Paper and allied products.....do....	4,325	4,479	4,282	4,229	4,666	4,753
Chemicals and allied products.....do....	9,509	10,264	9,161	9,366	10,368	11,044
Petroleum and coal products.....do....	7,871	7,608	8,346	8,005	8,151	8,043
Rubber and plastics products.....do....	3,038	3,197	2,980	2,820	3,260	3,402
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED, TOTAL.....do....	107,184	111,090	117,938	114,322	119,131	121,081
By industry group:						
Durable goods industries, total <sup>1/</sup> .....do....	55,620	58,428	62,130	59,973	63,077	64,389
Stone, clay, and glass products.....do....	2,775	2,896	3,223	3,136	3,341	3,373
Primary metals.....do.....	8,203	8,757	9,166	8,776	9,591	9,250
Fabricated metal products.....do....	6,816	7,392	7,419	7,003	7,582	7,756
Machinery, except electrical.....do....	9,525	9,731	10,670	10,051	10,778	10,968
Electrical machinery.....do.....	6,816	6,944	7,640	7,831	7,713	7,917
Transportation equipment.....do....	13,560	14,500	14,906	14,420	15,176	15,818
Instruments and related products.....do....	2,318	2,401	2,485	2,397	2,441	2,642

r/ Revised. <sup>1/</sup> Includes data for "other industries" not shown.  
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ITEM	1977			1978		
	Feb. r/	Mar. r/	Dec. r/	Jan. r/	Feb. r/	Mar.
GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS--Con.						
MANUFACTURERS' SHIPMENTS (SEAS. ADJ.)--Con.						
By industry group--Con.						
Nondurable goods industries, total 1/.....mil. \$..	51,564	52,662	55,808	54,349	56,054	56,692
Food and kindred products.....do....	15,776	16,175	16,844	16,100	17,343	17,631
Tobacco products.....do....	781	813	884	836	840	894
Textile mill products.....do....	3,265	3,305	3,600	3,535	3,583	3,453
Paper and allied products.....do....	4,260	4,421	4,558	4,424	4,593	4,698
Chemicals and allied products.....do....	9,287	9,597	10,104	10,223	10,147	10,293
Petroleum and coal products.....do....	7,673	7,726	8,299	8,080	7,953	8,184
Rubber and plastics products.....do....	3,002	3,035	3,270	3,086	3,219	3,228
INVENTORIES, END OF MONTH:						
Book value (unadjusted), total.....do....	173,595	174,042	180,118	182,745	184,450	185,371
Durable goods industries, total.....do....	111,394	111,740	114,862	116,835	118,704	119,811
Nondurable goods industries, total.....do....	62,201	62,302	65,256	65,910	65,746	65,560
Book value (seasonally adjusted), total.....do....	171,575	172,536	179,714	180,977	182,393	183,776
By industry group:						
Durable goods industries, total 1/.....do....	110,242	110,579	115,424	116,278	117,511	118,560
Stone, clay, and glass products.....do....	4,064	4,006	4,259	4,416	4,510	4,478
Primary metals.....do....	17,750	17,693	17,779	17,555	17,185	16,806
Fabricated metal products.....do....	14,088	14,105	14,760	14,849	15,225	15,494
Machinery, except electrical.....do....	24,466	24,600	26,379	26,731	26,924	27,349
Electrical machinery.....do....	14,096	14,404	15,433	15,539	15,703	15,895
Transportation equipment.....do....	20,815	20,725	21,258	21,443	21,867	22,290
Instruments and related products.....do....	5,344	5,410	5,727	5,820	5,950	6,049
Nondurable goods industries, total 1/.....do....	61,333	61,957	64,290	64,699	64,882	65,216
Food and kindred products.....do....	15,913	16,099	15,575	15,755	15,690	16,056
Tobacco products.....do....	3,395	3,399	3,524	3,427	3,419	3,372
Textile mill products.....do....	5,213	5,265	5,294	5,432	5,450	5,487
Paper and allied products.....do....	5,262	5,331	5,622	5,588	5,632	5,639
Chemicals and allied products.....do....	12,929	12,942	14,134	14,167	14,225	14,473
Petroleum and coal products.....do....	5,147	5,217	5,992	6,016	5,986	5,607
Rubber and plastics products.....do....	4,058	4,114	4,281	4,356	4,419	4,345
NEW ORDERS, NET (NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED), TOTAL.....do....						
Durable goods industries, total.....do....	108,696	115,852	114,989	109,738	123,292	129,765
Durable goods industries, total.....do....	56,246	61,808	61,797	58,378	66,462	71,693
Nondurable goods industries, total.....do....	52,450	54,044	53,192	51,360	56,830	58,072
NEW ORDERS, NET (SEASONALLY ADJUSTED), TOTAL.....do....						
Durable goods industries, total 1/.....do....	108,047	112,190	122,128	118,100	122,815	125,895
By industry group:						
Durable goods industries, total 1/.....do....	56,426	59,294	66,165	63,536	66,803	69,008
Primary metals.....do....	8,694	8,970	9,347	9,857	9,946	10,127
Fabricated metal products.....do....	6,783	7,502	7,447	7,597	8,019	7,880
Machinery, except electrical.....do....	9,654	9,862	11,210	10,563	11,482	11,534
Electrical machinery.....do....	6,970	6,716	8,000	8,434	8,460	8,187
Transportation equipment.....do....	13,637	14,809	17,569	14,950	16,514	18,251
Nondurable goods industries, total.....do....	51,621	52,896	55,963	54,564	56,012	56,887
Industries with unfilled orders.....do....	11,163	11,564	12,289	12,002	12,047	12,433
Industries without unfilled orders.....do....	40,458	41,332	43,674	42,562	43,965	44,454
UNFILLED ORDERS, END OF MONTH (UNADJ.), TOTAL.....do....						
Durable goods industries, total.....do....	177,366	178,303	193,029	197,329	201,132	205,691
Durable goods industries, total.....do....	169,050	169,681	184,482	188,433	192,129	196,424
Nondurable goods industries with unfilled orders.....do....	8,316	8,622	8,547	8,896	9,003	9,267
UNFILLED ORDERS, END OF MONTH (SEAS. ADJ.), TOTAL.....do....						
Durable goods industries, total 1/.....do....	177,369	178,469	193,659	197,436	201,121	205,929
By industry group:						
Durable goods industries, total 1/.....do....	169,072	169,938	184,834	188,395	192,121	196,732
Primary metals.....do....	17,109	17,322	18,513	19,594	19,948	20,845
Fabricated metal products.....do....	22,941	23,051	23,203	23,797	24,233	24,356
Machinery, except electrical.....do....	44,405	44,536	47,221	47,732	48,434	48,999
Electrical machinery.....do....	23,733	23,505	25,833	26,436	27,186	27,455
Transportation equipment.....do....	52,774	53,083	60,527	61,057	62,395	64,825
Nondurable goods industries with unfilled orders.....do....	8,297	8,551	8,825	9,041	9,000	9,197
CONSTRUCTION AND REAL ESTATE						
NEW CONSTRUCTION PUT IN PLACE (UNADJ.), TOTAL.....mil. \$..						
Private, total.....do....	10,052	11,739	13,670	11,600	r11,457	13,293
Residential (incl. farm).....do....	7,915	9,300	10,943	9,374	r9,245	10,767
New housing units.....do....	4,368	5,353	6,424	5,321	5,253	6,281
Public, total.....do....	3,536	4,351	5,369	4,309	r4,271	5,146
Nonresidential buildings, total 2/.....do....	1,836	2,078	2,344	2,074	r2,095	2,436
Industrial.....do....	468	554	644	554	r565	703
Commercial.....do....	915	1,051	1,200	1,081	r1,097	1,221
Public, total.....do....	2,137	2,439	2,727	2,226	r2,212	2,526
NEW CONSTRUCTION PUT IN PLACE (SEASONALLY ADJUSTED AT ANNUAL RATES), TOTAL.....bil. \$..						
Private, total.....do....	156.9	163.8	176.7	r171.3	r178.2	184.5
Residential (incl. farm).....do....	122.4	128.4	140.5	137.3	r143.6	148.9
New housing units.....do....	72.1	76.7	87.2	81.1	86.9	90.0
Public, total.....do....	58.3	62.2	73.0	65.4	70.6	73.5
Nonresidential buildings, total 2/.....do....	24.9	26.7	28.0	28.5	r28.4	31.4
Industrial.....do....	6.3	7.2	7.1	7.5	7.6	9.1
Commercial.....do....	12.5	13.7	r14.6	15.0	15.0	15.9
Public, total.....do....	34.5	35.4	36.3	33.9	r34.6	35.6
CONSTRUCTION COST INDEXES:						
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE COMPOSITE.....1972=100..	150.5	150.9	165.3	r166.6	r167.0	167.5

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## MONTHLY BUSINESS STATISTICS—Continued

ITEM	1977		1978			
	Mar.	Apr.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.
FINANCE						
SECURITY MARKETS:						
STOCKS:						
Prices:						
Dow-Jones average (65 stocks).....	309.63	308.71	273.04	267.80	265.75	276.65
Industrial (30 stocks).....	946.11	929.10	781.57	763.57	756.24	794.66
Public utility (15 stocks).....	106.48	107.71	106.97	104.32	105.48	105.85
Transportation (20 stocks).....	225.94	231.00	209.90	208.14	204.50	214.50
Standard & Poor's Corporation:						
Combined index (500 stocks).....1941-43=10..	100.57	99.05	90.25	88.98	88.82	92.71
Industrial, total (400 stocks).....do....	111.88	109.89	99.34	97.95	97.65	102.07
Capital goods (111 stocks).....do....	111.52	110.76	99.43	96.25	95.12	97.86
Consumer goods (189 stocks).....do....	86.85	84.03	80.14	79.11	78.68	82.69
Utilities (40 stocks).....do....	52.14	52.57	52.40	51.60	51.72	52.16
Transportation (20 stocks).....1970=10..	14.08	14.38	13.13	12.91	12.70	13.30
Railroads (10 stocks).....1941-43=10..	50.21	52.83	46.13	44.69	43.61	44.77
Financial (40 stocks).....1970=10..	11.57	11.41	10.46	10.33	10.50	11.20
New York City banks (6 stocks).....1941-43=10..	49.34	47.94	40.32	38.74	38.66	42.04
Banks outside N.Y.C. (10 stocks).....do....	100.68	97.47	90.14	89.56	90.36	97.09
Property-Casualty Insurance (6 stocks).....do....	107.00	108.19	101.86	99.37	101.01	107.52
New York Stock Exchange common stock indexes:						
Composite.....12/31/65=50..	54.67	53.92	49.89	49.41	49.50	51.75
Industrial.....do....	59.56	58.47	53.45	52.80	52.77	55.48
Transportation.....do....	40.52	41.51	39.15	38.90	38.95	41.19
Utility.....do....	40.18	40.24	39.09	39.02	39.26	39.69
Finance.....do....	54.84	54.30	50.91	50.60	51.44	55.04
TRANSPORTATION EQUIPMENT						
Passenger cars (new):						
Retail sales, total, not seasonally adj.....thous..	1,084	1,029	687	777	1,076	p1,043
Domestics.....do....	896	822	545	628	883	863
Imports.....do....	189	207	142	149	193	p180
Total, seas. adjusted at annual rate.....mil..	12.2	11.8	9.8	10.5	11.9	p12.5
Domestics.....do....	10.3	9.4	8.0	8.5	9.8	10.3
Imports.....do....	1.9	2.5	1.9	1.9	2.1	2.2

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