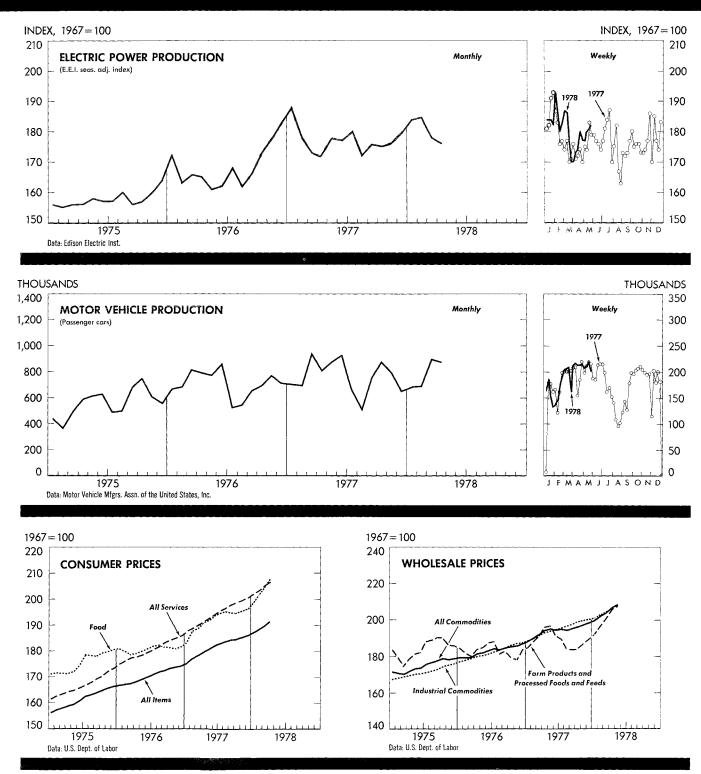




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# U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE/BUREAU OF ECONOMIC ANALYSIS



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### WEEKLY BUSINESS STATISTICS'

ITEM	1977		1978				
	May 28	June 4	May 13	May 20	May 27	June 3	
WHOLESALE PRICES, 22 COMMODITIES 2/1967=100 9 Foodstuffsdo 13 Raw industrialsdo	216.9 219.5 215.0	215.5 218.6 213.3	226.0 240.5 216.3	228.1 244.4 217.3	229.4 245.9 218.5	232.0 250.2 220.1	
ALL RETAIL STORES, SALESmil. \$ Nondurable goods storesdo	13,701 8,737	13,478 8,678	14,867 9,653	14,656 9,465	15,001 9,635	•••••	
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	299 2,949 2,291 215	284 3,069 2,389 112	269 2,430 2,094 151	267 2,379 2,055 135	260  157	 	
FINANCE:  mil. \$    Currency in circulation 3/mil. \$  Federal Peserve bank credit outstanding, total 3/do    Member bank reserve balances 3/do  Excess reserves, estimated 3/do    Member bank reserve balances 3/do  Addition and the set of th	94,888 111,751 33,933 135 106,948 94,971 408,656 47,816 117,511 67,032	95,394 109,165 34,418 409 109,343 94,412 409,836 48,273 117,982 66,304	104,144 123,023 37,265 256 109,715 93,247 445,001 44,265 132,147 78,241	104,497 119,918 37,429 21 111,016 93,382 447,904 43,342 132,321 78,647	104,368 117,216 36,471 237 110,832 93,488 445,893 43,165 132,417 78,854	e104,776 116,989 37,242 691 	
Bond yields, domestic corporate (Moody's) 3/percent Stock prices, 500 stocks (Stand. & Poor's) 4/1941-43=10 Industrial, 400 stocksdo	8.47 96.77 106.70	8.45 96.93 106.91	8.99 95.92 105.96	9.02 99.60 110.31	9.07 97.08 107.38	9.12 97.24 107.51	
PRODUCTION: Bituminous coalthous. sh. tons Electric power, by utilitiesmil. kwhr Motor vehicles (passenger cars)number Petroleum (crude) and condensate <u>3</u> /thous. bbl	14,570 40,140 187,644 8,016	14,250 39,557 185,737 8,036	15,310 38,609 212,100 9,029	14,750 39,500 219,635 9,029	15,370 40,944 202,384 9,029	 	
Steel, rawthous. sh. tons Rate of capability utilization <u>5</u> /percent	2,785 89.0	2,732 87.3	2,806 92.3	2,803 92.2	2,805 92.3	2,749 90.5	
RAIL FREIGHT, REVENUE TON-MILESbil	17.2	15.2	18.1	18.0	18.4		

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

ІТЕМ	1977		1978				
	Mar.	Apr.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar. <u>r</u> /	Apr.	
GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS							
NUFACTURERS' SHIPMENTS: NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED, TOTALmil. \$ Durable goods industries, totaldo Stone, clay, and glass productsdo Primary metalsdo Fabricated metal productsdo	114,915 61,117 2,955 9,349 7,456	111,627 58,640 2,913 9,067 7,246	105,437 54,426 2,692 8,305 6,357	119,488 62,766 3,072 9,515 7,457	125,426 67,473 3,449 9,957 7,919	127,22 68,39 3,67 10,16 8,22	
Machinery, except electricaldo Electrical machinerydo Transportation equipmentdo	10,550 7,115 15,408	10,030 6,908 14,377	9,285 7,135 13,140	11,039 7,826 15,313	11,860 8,175 16,675	11,69 8,14 17,11	
Nondurable goods industries, total 1/do Foods and kindred productsdo Tobacco productsdo Textile mill productsdo	53,738 16,246 793 3,500	52,987 15,815 773 3,390	51,011 15,338 798 3,216	56,722 17,487 800 3,562	57,953 17,786 876 3,691	58,830 17,603 910 3,803	
Paper and allied products	4,479 10,264 7,608 3,197	4,514 10,105 7,755 3,123	4,229 9,366 8,005 2,820	4,666 10,368 8,151 3,260	4,775 11,119 8,019 3,400	4,711 11,703 8,220	
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED, TOTALdo	111,090	109,521	114,322	119,131	121,273	3,416 124,667	
Durable goods industries, total 1/do    Stone, clay, and glass products	58,428 2,896 8,757 7,392	56,999 2,876 8,687 7,091	59,973 3,136 8,776	63,077 3,341 9,591	64,457 3,396 9,310	66,508 3,628 9,745	
Machinery, except electricaldo Electrical machinerydo Transportation equipmentdo Instruments and related productsdo	9,731 6,944 14,500 2,401	9,757 6,897 13,692 2,369	7,003 10,051 7,831 14,420 2,397	7,582 10,778 7,713 15,176 2,441	7,848 10,964 7,979 15,676 2,630	8,054 11,361 8,153 16,312 2,570	

r/ Revised. 1/ Includes data for "other industries" not shown. 44267

## MONTHLY BUSINESS STATISTICS --- Continued

ITEM	1977		1978				
	Mar.	Apr.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar. <u>r</u> /	Apr.	
GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORSCon.							
NUFACTURERS' SHIPMENTS (SEAS. ADJ.)Con.							
By industry groupCon.	52 ((2)	53 533				-0.1-	
Nondurable goods industries, total 1/mil. \$	52,662	52,522	54,349	56,054	58,816	58,15	
Food and kindred productsdo Tobacco productsdo	16,175 813	16,028 794	16,100 836	17,343 840	17,747	17,85 93	
Textile mill productsdo	3,305	3,440	3,535	3,583	3,486	3,86	
Paper and allied productsdo	4,421	4,497	4,424	4,593	4,719	4,69	
Chemicals and allied productsdo	9,597	9,388	10,223	10,147	10,354	10,72	
Petroleum and coal productsdo	7,726 3,035	7,784	8,080	7,953	8,158	8,25	
Rubber and plastics productsdo	3,000	2,990	3,086	3,219	3,226	3,27	
Book value (unadjusted), totaldo	174,042	175,075	182,745	184,450	185,448	186,54	
Durable goods industries, totaldo	111,740	112,156	116,835	118,704	119,969	120,89	
Nondurable goods industries, totaldo	62,302	62,919	65,910	65,746	65,479	65,65	
ook value (seasonally adjusted), totaldo By industry group:	172,536	174,015	180,977	182,393	183,860	185,41	
Durable goods industries, total 1/do	110,579	111,133	116,278	117,511	118,725	119,77	
Stone, clay, and glass productsdo	4,006	4,055	4,416	4,510	4,530	4,48	
Primary metalsdo	17,693	17,723	17,555	17,185	16,828	16,93	
Fabricated metal productsdo	14,105	14,245	14,849	15,225	15,573	15,85	
Machinery, except electricaldo	24,600	24,662	26,731	26,924	27,400	27,68	
Electrical machinerydo	14,404	14,439	15,539	15,703	16,023	16,19	
Transportation equipmentdo	20,725	20,855	21,443	21,867	22,127	22, 34	
Instruments and related productsdo	5,410	5,406	5,820	5,950	6,087	6,12	
Nondurable goods industries, total <u>1</u> /do	61,957	62,882	64,699	64,882	65,135	65,64	
Food and kindred productsdo	16,099	16,446	15,755	15,690	15,968	16,15	
Tobacco productsdo Textile mill productsdo	3,399 5,265	3,442 5,335	3,427 5,432	3,419 5,450	3,405 5,445	3,47 5,39	
Paper and allied productsdo	5,331	5,383	5,588	5,632	5,664	5,67	
Chemicals and allied productsdo	12,942	13,119	14,167	14,225	14,426	14,70	
Petroleum and coal productsdo	5,217	5,387	6,016	5,986	5,591	5,54	
Rubber and plastics productsdo	4,114	4,148	4,356	4,419	4,401	4,41	
ORDERS, NET (NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED), TOTALdo	115,852	113,576	r109,532	r123,173	129,869	131,06	
urable goods industries, totaldo	61,808	60,407	r58,172	r66,343	71,712	71,93	
ondurable goods industries, totaldo	54,044	53,169	51,360	56,830	58,157	59,1	
ORDERS, NET (SEASONALLY ADJUSTED), TOTALdo	112,190	111,269	r117,899	r122,693	125,973	128,20	
y industry group: Durable goods industries, total 1/do	59,294	.58,800	r63,335	r66,691	69,016	70,33	
Primary metalsdo	8,970	8,661	9,857	9,946	10,228	10,2	
Fabricated metal productsdo	7,502	7,125	7,597	8,019	7,826	8,68	
Machinery, except electricaldo	9,862	9,712	10,563	11,482	11,573	11,59	
Electrical machinerydo	6,716	7,161	8,434	8,460	8,319	8,71	
Transportation equipmentdo	14,809	15,115	r14,749	r16,392	18,085	17,74	
Nondurable goods industries, totaldo	52,896	52,469	54,564	56,012	56,957	58,19	
Industries with unfilled ordersdo Industries without unfilled ordersdo	11,564 41,332	11,490 40,979	12,002 42,562	12,047 43,965	12,412 44,545	13,77 44,41	
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FILLED ORDERS, END OF MONTH (UNADJ.), TOTALdo	178,303	180,252	r197,123	r200,807	205,248	209,09	
Durable goods industries, total	169,681	171,448	r188,227	r191,804 9,003	196,039 9,209	199,58 9,51	
ondurable goods industries with unfilled ordersdo ILLED ORDERS, END OF MONTH (SEAS. ADJ.), TOTALdo	8,622 178,469	8,804 180,217	8,896 r197,235	r200,798	205,500	209,10	
by industry group:	1/0,405	100,217	1197,200	1200,750	203,500	205,10	
Durable goods industries, total 1/do	169,938	171,739	r188,194	r191,798	196,359	199,93	
Primary metalsdo	17,322	17,296	19,594	19,948	20,866	21,39	
Fabricated metal productsdo	23,051	23,085	23,797	24,233	24,213	24,84	
Machinery, except electricaldo	44,536	44,491	47,732	48,434	49,044	49,27	
Electrical machinerydo	23,505	23,769	26,436	27,186	27,526	28,15	
Transportation equipmentdo Nondurable goods industries with unfilled ordersdo	53,083 8,531	54,506 8,478	r60,856 9,041	r62,072 9,000	64,480 9,141	65,91 9,11	
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	1977			19	78		
COMMODITY PRICES	Apr.	May	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	Мау	
LESALE PRICE INDEXES: LL COMMODITIES	104 4	195.2	202.0	203.8	206.4	207.	
Farm products	194.4 208.2	204.3	198.9	203.8	213.6	215	
Food and feeds, processeddo	188.5	191.9	194.6	196.8	200.2	202	
Industrial commoditiesdo	193.3	194.2	202.8	204.1	206.0	207	
Chemicals and allied productsdo	193.0	194.0	195.2	196.2	197.0	198	
Fuels and related products, and powerdo	298.8	302.4	312.9	315.3	317.3	319	
Furniture and household durablesdo	150.1	150.6	156.3	157.4	158.3	158	
Hides, skins and leather productsdo	179.9	181.9	187.5	188.1	192.2	193	
Lumber and wood productsdo Machinery and equipmentdo	229.8 178.9	229.5 180.0	263.7 190.1	266.0 191.4	269.5 192.4	273. 193.	
Machinery and equipmentdo	208.2	208.5	219.1	221.1	223.8	224	
Nonmetallic mineral productsdo	198.6	199.3	215.0	215.8	218.0	219	
Pulp, paper, and allied productsdo	185.3	186.2	188.7	189.8	191.6	193	
Rubber and plastics productsdo	165.7	166.3	170.2	171.3	172.7	173	
Textile productsdo	153.7	154.0	157.0	157.3	157.7	158.	
Transportation equipmentDec. 1968=100	158.7	159.1	169.4	169.6	170.5	172	
Motor vehicles and equipment	161.0	161.4	171.7	171.9	172.8	174.	
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CHASING POWER OF THE DOLLAR AS MEASURED BY holesale prices	\$0.515	\$0.512	\$0.495	\$0.491	\$0.484	\$0.48	

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#### **MONTHLY BUSINESS STATISTICS**—Continued

ITEM	1977		1978				
	Mar.	Apr.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	
COMMODITY PRICESCon.							
SUMER PRICE INDEXES: <u>1</u> / Inadjusted indexes:							
All items	178.2	179.6	187.2	188.4	189.8	191	
All items less fooddo	175.1	176.2	183.8	184.7	185.9	187	
All items less medical caredo	177.0	178.4	185.8	186.9	188.3	190	
Commoditiesdo	171.8	173.3	179.2	180.2	181.6	183	
Nondurablesdo	175.9	177.4	183.9	185.1	186.8	188	
Nondurables less fooddo	163.9	164.7	169.7	169.6	170.7	171	
Durablesdo	160.8	162.2	166.6	167.2	168.3	169	
Servicesdo	190.0	191.2	202.0	203.5	204.9	206	
Fooddo	188.6	190.9	199.2	202.0	204.2	202	
Meats, poultry, and fishdo	175.0	174.6					
Dairy productsdo	171.2	171.4					
Fruits and vegetablesdo	196.8	203.0					
Housingdo	r182.6	r183.7	2/193.8	195.0	196.7	19	
Shelterdo	186.3	187.7	200.0	201.3	202.9	20	
Rentdo	150.8	151.6	3/158.8	159.7	160.5	16	
Homeownershipdo	199.3	201.0	215.0	216.4	218.3	22	
Fuel and utilitiesdo	198.5	199.4	4/208.5	210.6	212.6	21	
Fuel oil and coaldo	281.4	282.0	295.2	296.9	297.2	21	
Gas and electricitydo	208.5	202.0	5/219.7	230.3	226.6	29	
Household furnishings and operationsdo	r165.4	r166.1	$\frac{3}{2}/171.3$	172.1	173.6	17	
	1105.4		<u> </u>	1/2.1	1/5.0	17	
Apparel and upkeepdo	151.7	152.3	155.7	154.5	156.5	15	
Transportationdo	174.7	176.7	179.0	179.4	179.9	18	
Privatedo	174.0	176.2	178.2	178.6	179.1	18	
New carsdo	140.9	140.6	150.9	151.2	151.1	15	
Used carsdo	182.7	187.8	169.8	170.0	172.3	17	
Publicdo	180.4	180.4	186.6	186.8	187.2	18	
Medical caredo	197.6	199.1	211.2	213.3	214.5	21	
CHASING POWER OF THE DOLLAR AS MEASURED BY							
Consumer prices	\$0.561	\$0.557	\$0.534	\$0.531	\$0.527	\$0.	

1/ Beginning Jan 1978, data are for consumer price index, all urban consumers. 2/ Includes TV and sound equipment and repairs formerly in "health and recreation." 3/ Residential. 4/ Includes additional items not previously priced. 5/ Includes bottled gas. USCOMM--DC--44267

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