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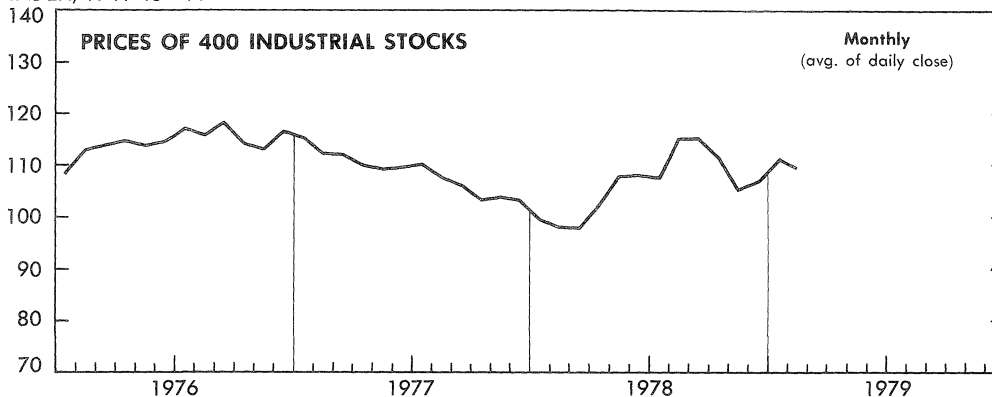


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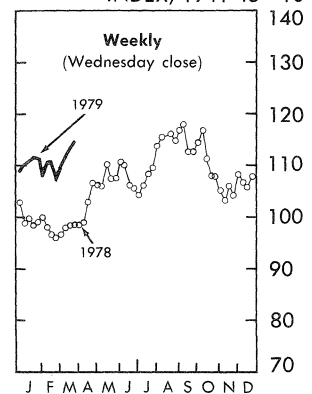
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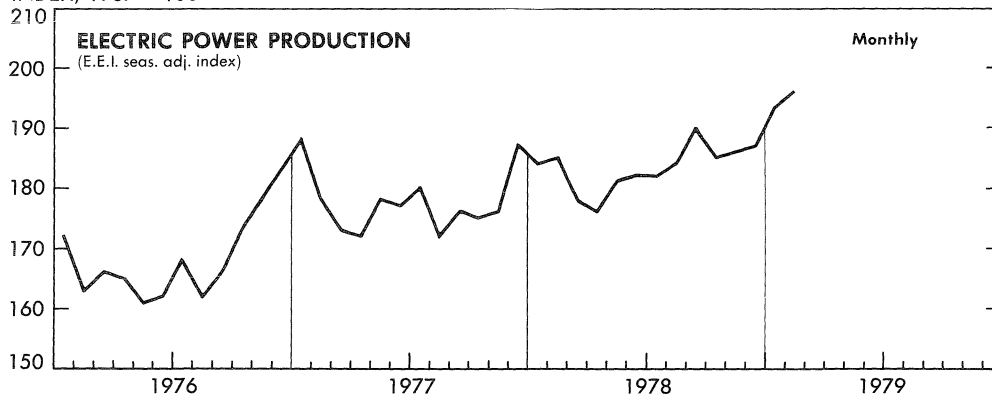
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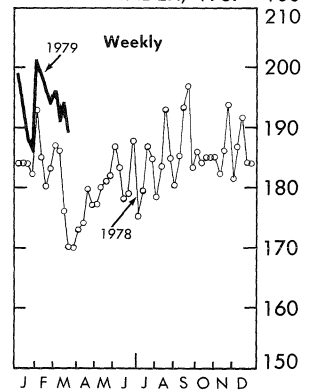
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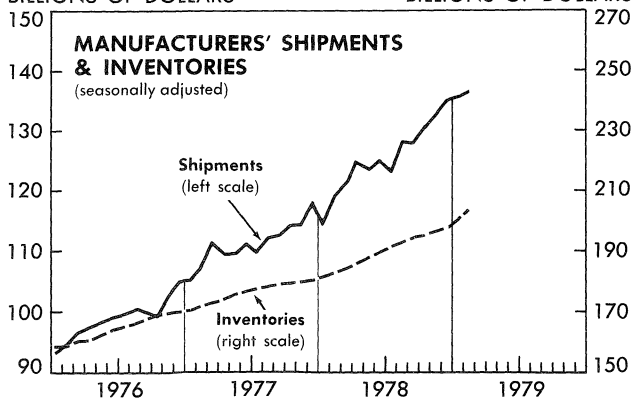
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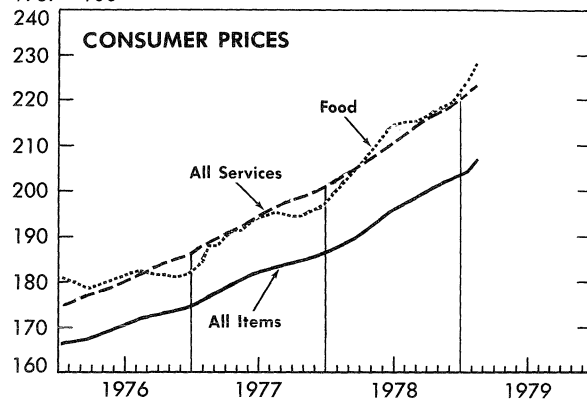
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BILLIONS OF DOLLARS



1967=100



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

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ITEM	1978		1979			
	Mar. 25	Apr. 1	Mar. 10	Mar. 17	Mar. 24	Mar. 31
SPOT MARKET PRICES, 22 COMMODITIES <sup>2/</sup> .....1967=100..	226.0	228.0	276.0	275.8	279.9	277.7
9 Foodstuffs.....do....	236.5	240.1	263.1	261.4	266.7	256.0
13 Raw industrials.....do....	218.8	219.8	285.2	286.0	289.3	293.6
INITIAL UNEMPLOYMENT CLAIMS, State programs.....thous..	280	279	346	316	296	.....
INSURED UNEMPLOYMENT, all programs.....do....	3,118	2,990	3,058	2,948	.....	.....
State programs (50 States, D.C., and Puerto Rico).....do....	2,811	2,689	2,900	2,777	.....	.....
FAILURES, INDUST. AND COMMERCIAL (Dun & Bradstreet).....number..	145	144	138	227	191	179
FINANCE:						
Currency in circulation <sup>3/</sup> .....mil. \$..	102,168	102,322	111,381	111,970	111,888	111,757
Federal Reserve bank, credit outstanding, total <sup>3/</sup> .....do....	116,460	117,211	126,486	124,918	127,097	125,939
Member bank reserve balances <sup>3/</sup> .....do....	36,267	36,463	40,398	39,955	40,537	39,905
Excess reserves, estimated <sup>3/</sup> .....do....	148	248	171	80	188	49
Assets and liabilities of large commercial banks: <sup>4/</sup>						
Demand deposits, adjusted.....do....	110,991	112,769	97,731	98,824	.....	.....
Savings deposits.....do....	93,523	94,013	76,401	76,282	.....	.....
Loans and investments, gross adjusted, total.....do....	435,827	435,070	449,864	445,308	.....	.....
U.S. Government obligations.....do....	44,754	44,038	38,386	37,218	.....	.....
Commercial and industrial loans (gross).....do....	128,358	128,805	133,818	133,878	.....	.....
Real estate loans (gross).....do....	76,585	76,788	82,615	82,886	.....	.....
Bond yields, domestic corporate (Moody's) <sup>3/</sup> .....percent..	8.78	8.81	9.75	9.76	9.78	9.77
Stock prices, 500 stocks (Stand. & Poor's) <sup>4/</sup> .....1941-43=10..	89.47	89.64	98.44	99.71	101.25	102.12
Industrial, 400 stocks.....do....	98.34	98.49	109.67	111.18	113.03	114.03
PRODUCTION:						
Bituminous coal.....thous. sh. tons..	7,945	11,945	14,330	14,995	15,145	.....
Electric power, by utilities.....mil. kw.-hr..	36,973	37,070	41,930	42,490	40,576	.....
Motor vehicles (passenger cars).....number..	161,716	211,974	190,811	203,718	198,294	204,467
Petroleum (crude) and condensate <sup>3/</sup> .....thous. bbl..	8,717	8,717	8,678	8,678	8,678	.....
Steel, raw.....thous. sh. tons..	2,489	2,550	2,801	2,840	2,835	2,845
Rate of capability utilization <sup>5/</sup> .....percent..	82.7	83.9	93.3	94.6	94.4	94.7
RAIL FREIGHT, REVENUE TON-MILES.....bil..	15.4	17.0	16.5	17.1	17.3	.....

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. c/ Estimated.

## MONTHLY BUSINESS STATISTICS

ITEM	1978				1979	
	Jan.	Feb.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan. <sup>r/</sup>	Feb.
GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS						
MANUFACTURERS' SHIPMENTS:						
NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED, TOTAL.....mil. \$..	105,437	119,337	132,130	127,662	124,691	136,787
Durable goods industries, total.....do....	54,426	62,766	71,134	68,942	66,397	73,606
Stone, clay, and glass products.....do....	2,692	3,072	3,855	3,389	3,147	3,411
Primary metals.....do....	8,305	9,515	10,467	10,397	10,295	11,522
Fabricated metal products.....do....	6,357	7,457	8,436	8,324	7,951	8,662
Machinery, except electrical.....do....	9,285	11,039	11,828	12,741	11,429	13,253
Electrical machinery.....do....	7,135	7,826	8,699	8,710	8,134	9,141
Transportation equipment.....do....	13,140	15,313	17,944	16,039	16,917	17,924
Instruments and related products.....do....	2,182	2,359	2,841	2,741	2,458	2,695
Nondurable goods industries, total <sup>1/</sup> .....do....	51,011	56,571	60,996	58,720	58,294	63,181
Foods and kindred products.....do....	15,338	17,487	18,831	18,733	17,750	19,404
Tobacco products.....do....	798	800	1,014	941	991	915
Textile mill products.....do....	3,216	3,562	3,783	3,491	3,519	3,612
Paper and allied products.....do....	4,229	4,666	5,061	4,573	4,737	5,397
Chemicals and allied products.....do....	9,366	10,309	10,432	10,422	10,653	11,545
Petroleum and coal products.....do....	8,005	8,151	8,952	9,335	9,052	9,547
Rubber and plastics products.....do....	2,820	3,260	3,461	3,021	3,337	3,854
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED, TOTAL.....do....	114,322	118,982	132,424	135,035	135,232	136,283
By industry group:						
Durable goods industries, total <sup>1/</sup> .....do....	59,973	63,077	71,635	73,429	73,197	73,818
Stone, clay, and glass products.....do....	3,136	3,341	3,852	3,943	3,667	3,711
Primary metals.....do....	8,776	9,591	10,868	11,425	10,887	11,617
Fabricated metal products.....do....	7,003	7,582	8,639	9,049	8,755	8,814
Machinery, except electrical.....do....	10,051	10,778	12,320	12,792	12,399	12,946
Electrical machinery.....do....	7,831	7,713	8,519	8,778	8,922	9,001
Transportation equipment.....do....	14,420	15,176	17,473	17,227	18,645	17,648
Instruments and related products.....do....	2,397	2,441	2,761	2,712	2,706	2,790

r/ Revised. <sup>1/</sup> Includes data for "other industries" not shown.

ITEM	1978				1979	
	Jan.	Feb.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.
GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS--Con.						
MANUFACTURERS' SHIPMENTS (SEAS. ADJ.)--Con.						
By industry group--Con.						
Nondurable goods industries, total 1/.....mil. \$..	54,349	55,905	60,789	61,606	r62,035	62,465
Food and kindred products.....do....	16,100	17,343	18,595	19,133	r18,602	19,288
Tobacco products.....do....	836	840	988	935	r1,038	961
Textile mill products.....do....	3,535	3,583	3,684	3,649	r3,869	3,621
Paper and allied products.....do....	4,424	4,593	5,109	4,866	r4,954	5,309
Chemicals and allied products.....do....	10,223	10,093	10,942	11,481	r11,590	11,316
Petroleum and coal products.....do....	8,080	7,953	8,980	9,298	r9,140	9,322
Rubber and plastics products.....do....	3,086	3,219	3,552	3,317	r3,653	3,801
INVENTORIES, END OF MONTH:						
Book value (unadjusted), total.....do....	182,745	184,450	195,912	198,062	r202,518	205,550
Durable goods industries, total.....do....	116,835	118,704	127,236	128,448	r132,131	135,137
Nondurable goods industries, total.....do....	65,910	65,746	68,676	69,614	r70,387	70,413
Book value (seasonally adjusted), total.....do....	180,977	182,393	196,587	197,802	r200,662	203,265
By industry group:						
Durable goods industries, total 1/.....do....	116,278	117,511	128,357	129,141	r131,542	133,794
Stone, clay, and glass products.....do....	4,416	4,510	4,782	4,825	r4,946	5,034
Primary metals.....do....	17,555	17,185	18,118	18,035	r17,838	17,767
Fabricated metal products.....do....	14,849	15,225	16,598	16,799	r17,063	17,441
Machinery, except electrical.....do....	26,731	26,924	30,257	31,037	r31,454	31,931
Electrical machinery.....do....	15,539	15,703	17,120	17,025	r17,565	17,706
Transportation equipment.....do....	21,443	21,867	24,016	23,908	r24,848	25,795
Nondurable goods industries, total 1/.....do....	64,699	64,882	68,230	68,661	r69,120	69,471
Food and kindred products.....do....	15,755	15,690	16,956	17,099	r17,290	17,592
Tobacco products.....do....	3,427	3,419	3,653	3,639	r3,614	3,536
Textile mill products.....do....	5,432	5,450	5,632	5,620	r5,729	5,690
Paper and allied products.....do....	5,588	5,632	5,778	5,868	r5,834	5,875
Chemicals and allied products.....do....	14,167	14,225	15,269	15,461	r15,528	15,595
Petroleum and coal products.....do....	6,016	5,986	5,625	5,458	r5,417	5,249
Rubber and plastics products.....do....	4,356	4,419	4,491	4,580	r4,636	4,631
NEW ORDERS, NET (NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED), TOTAL.....do....	109,532	123,022	r136,618	r132,396	r132,600	145,067
Durable goods industries, total.....do....	58,172	66,343	75,518	73,650	r74,392	81,349
Nondurable goods industries, total.....do....	51,360	56,679	61,100	58,746	r58,208	63,718
NEW ORDERS, NET (SEASONALLY ADJUSTED), TOTAL.....do....	117,899	122,544	137,662	140,356	r142,461	144,482
By industry group:						
Durable goods industries, total 1/.....do....	63,335	66,681	76,654	78,623	r80,667	81,635
Primary metals.....do....	9,857	9,946	11,092	11,806	r13,991	12,907
Fabricated metal products.....do....	7,597	8,019	8,804	9,527	r9,447	9,117
Machinery, except electrical.....do....	10,563	11,482	13,099	13,273	r13,458	13,457
Electrical machinery.....do....	8,434	8,460	8,960	9,285	r9,740	10,114
Transportation equipment.....do....	14,749	16,392	20,916	20,167	r20,121	22,408
Nondurable goods industries, total.....do....	54,564	55,863	61,008	61,733	r61,794	62,847
Industries with unfilled orders.....do....	12,002	12,047	13,273	15,184	r13,078	13,731
Industries without unfilled orders.....do....	42,562	43,816	47,735	48,549	r48,716	49,116
UNFILLED ORDERS, END OF MONTH (UNADJ.), TOTAL.....do....	197,123	200,807	235,753	240,483	r248,396	256,680
Durable goods industries, total.....do....	188,227	191,804	225,619	230,324	r238,321	246,071
Nondurable goods industries with unfilled orders.....do....	8,896	9,003	10,134	10,159	r10,075	10,609
UNFILLED ORDERS, END OF MONTH (SEAS. ADJ.), TOTAL.....do....	197,235	200,798	235,704	241,025	r248,257	256,449
By industry group:						
Durable goods industries, total 1/.....do....	188,194	191,798	225,361	230,554	r238,027	245,838
Primary metals.....do....	19,594	19,948	25,834	26,216	r29,321	30,613
Fabricated metal products.....do....	23,797	24,233	25,526	26,005	r26,698	27,000
Machinery, except electrical.....do....	47,732	48,434	52,558	53,039	r54,167	54,675
Electrical machinery.....do....	26,436	27,186	29,910	30,413	r31,232	32,344
Transportation equipment.....do....	60,856	62,072	81,052	83,994	r85,471	90,229
Nondurable goods industries with unfilled orders.....do....	9,041	9,000	10,343	10,471	r10,230	10,611
COMMODITY PRICES						
CONSUMER PRICE INDEXES:						
ALL ITEMS, WAGE EARNERS AND CLERICAL WORKERS, REVISED						
(CPI-W).....1967=100..	187.1	188.4	201.8	202.9	204.7	207.1
ALL ITEMS, ALL URBAN CONSUMERS (CPI-U 2/.....do....	187.2	188.4	202.0	202.9	204.7	207.1
Special group indexes:						
All items less food.....do....	183.8	184.7	197.8	198.6	199.8	201.8
All items less medical care.....do....	185.8	186.9	200.5	201.5	203.2	205.5
Commodities.....do....	179.2	180.2	192.9	194.2	195.8	198.3
Nondurables.....do....	183.9	185.1	197.5	198.8	201.0	204.0
Nondurables less food.....do....	169.7	169.6	179.1	180.0	180.3	182.2
Durables.....do....	166.6	167.2	180.0	181.2	182.0	183.6
Commodities less food.....do....	168.6	168.8	180.3	181.3	181.9	183.7
Services.....do....	202.0	203.5	218.6	219.2	221.1	223.3
Services less rent.....do....	209.8	211.4	227.8	228.2	230.4	232.9
Food.....do....	199.2	202.0	217.8	219.4	223.9	228.2
Food at home.....do....	197.0	200.1	216.1	217.9	223.1	228.0
Housing.....do....	3/193.8	195.0	210.6	211.5	213.1	215.6
Shelter.....do....	200.0	201.3	220.1	221.0	222.8	225.9
Rent.....do....	4/158.8	159.7	168.5	169.5	170.3	171.0
Homeownership.....do....	215.0	216.4	238.8	239.5	241.6	245.6

r/ Revised. 1/ Includes data for "other industries" not shown. 2/ Beginning Jan. 1978, data are for consumer price index all urban consumers.  
 3/ Includes TV and sound equipment and repairs formerly in "Health and recreation." 4/ Residential.

## MONTHLY BUSINESS STATISTICS—Continued

ITEM	1978				1979	
	Jan.	Feb.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.
COMMODITY PRICES--Con.						
CONSUMER PRICE INDEXES--Con.						
ALL ITEMS, ALL URBAN CONSUMERS (CPI-U) <u>1</u> --Con.						
Housing--Con.						
Fuel and utilities.....1967=100..	<u>2</u> /208.5	210.6	218.5	219.9	221.5	223.3
Fuel oil and coal.....do....	295.2	296.9	306.1	311.8	316.4	326.1
Gas and electricity.....do....	<u>3</u> /219.7	233.3	234.9	236.2	239.5	241.2
Household furnishings and operations.....do....	<u>4</u> /171.3	172.1	183.0	184.0	184.8	186.0
Apparel and upkeep.....do....	155.7	154.5	164.1	163.2	160.7	161.4
Transportation.....do....	179.0	179.4	191.4	192.6	193.9	195.6
Private.....do....	178.2	178.6	191.1	192.5	193.8	195.5
New cars.....do....	150.9	151.2	158.5	159.8	161.2	162.3
Used cars.....do....	169.8	170.0	194.7	194.0	193.6	193.4
Public.....do....	186.6	186.8	189.7	189.1	190.0	190.7
Medical care.....do....	211.2	213.3	227.0	227.8	230.7	232.6
PURCHASING POWER OF THE DOLLAR AS MEASURED BY--						
Consumer prices.....1967=\$1.00..	\$0.534	\$0.531	\$0.495	\$0.493	\$0.489	\$0.483
METALS AND MANUFACTURES						
ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT:						
Household electrical appliances, factory sales <u>5</u> /....thous..	2,193	r2,418	2,554	2,225	2,479	2,506
Air conditioners (room).....do....	233.4	269.9	162.3	239.8	259.1	333.2
Dishwashers.....do....	230.2	r266.0	341.8	275.5	300.0	259.9
Disposers (food waste).....do....	233.8	r273.2	292.5	231.2	271.2	256.0
Ranges.....do....	214.2	r226.6	259.4	220.8	235.7	223.7
Refrigerators.....do....	360.3	388.3	431.0	346.1	375.3	381.7
Freezers.....do....	100.0	r113.8	80.5	66.6	96.7	115.9
Washers.....do....	348.5	409.7	371.5	324.7	415.7	396.8
Dryers (incl. gas).....do....	263.4	286.8	324.5	256.0	306.5	290.8

r/ Revised. 1/ See note 2/ on p.3. 2/ Includes additional items not previously priced. 3/ Includes bottled gas. 4/ See note 3/ on p. 3.  
5/ Includes data not shown separately.

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