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FIRST QUARTER 2009 DATA FROM THE QUARTERLY FINANCIAL REPORT: U.S. MANUFACTURING, MINING, AND WHOLESALE TRADE CORPORATIONS

After-Tax Profits and Sales, First Quarter 2009 - Seasonally Adjusted

Manufacturing Corporations

U.S. manufacturing corporations' seasonally adjusted **after-tax profits** in the first quarter of 2009 totaled \$41.1 billion, up \$110.7 (± 0.8) billion from the after-tax losses of \$69.6 billion recorded in the fourth quarter of 2008, but down \$76.8 (± 0.8) billion from the \$117.8 billion after-tax profits recorded in the first quarter of 2008.

Seasonally adjusted **sales** for the quarter totaled \$1,269.0 billion, down \$139.2 (± 5.1) billion from the \$1,408.2 billion recorded in the fourth quarter of 2008, and down \$359.4 (± 10.3) billion from the \$1,628.4 billion recorded in the first quarter of 2008.

After-tax profits per dollar of sales averaged 3.2 cents for the quarter, compared with -4.9 cents for the fourth quarter of 2008, and 7.2 cents for the first quarter of 2008.

Nondurable Goods Manufacturers

Nondurable goods manufacturers' seasonally adjusted **after-tax profits** in the first quarter of 2009 totaled \$47.2 billion, up \$58.2 (± 0.2) billion from the after-tax losses of \$11.0 billion recorded in the fourth quarter of 2008, but down \$26.2 (± 0.4) billion from the \$73.4 billion after-tax profits recorded in the first quarter of 2008.

Seasonally adjusted **sales** for the quarter totaled \$637.4 billion, down \$76.2 (± 3.2) billion from the \$713.5 billion recorded in the fourth quarter of 2008, and down \$218.9 (± 6.1) billion from the \$856.2 billion recorded in the first quarter of 2008.

After-tax profits per dollar of sales averaged 7.4 cents for the quarter, compared with -1.5 cents for the fourth quarter of 2008, and 8.6 cents for the first quarter of 2008.

Durable Goods Manufacturers

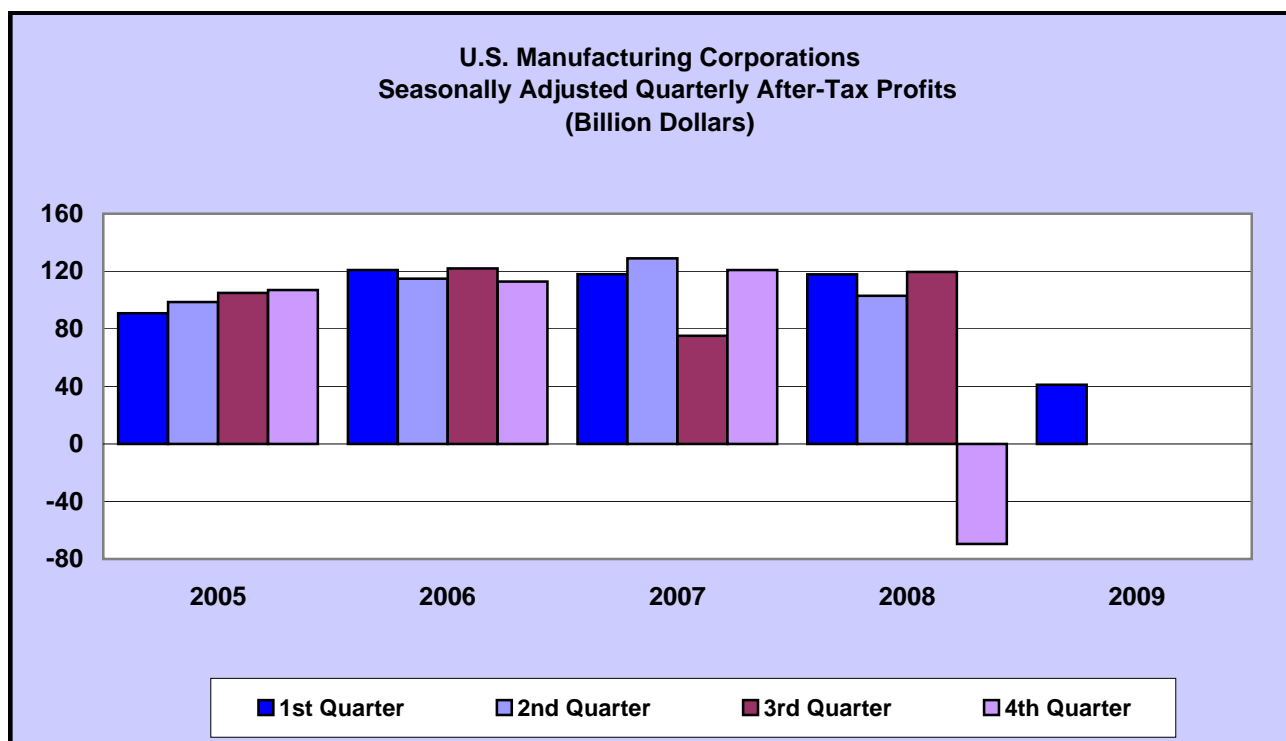
Durable goods manufacturers' seasonally adjusted **after-tax losses** in the first quarter of 2009 totaled \$6.2 billion, up \$52.4 (± 0.8) billion from the after-tax losses of \$58.6 billion recorded in the fourth quarter of 2008, but down \$50.6 (± 0.4) billion from the \$44.4 billion after-tax profits recorded in the first quarter of 2008.

Seasonally adjusted **sales** for the quarter totaled \$631.6 billion, down \$63.1 (± 3.6) billion from the \$694.7 billion recorded in the fourth quarter of 2008, and down \$140.5 (± 5.8) billion from the \$772.2 billion recorded in the first quarter of 2008.

After-tax profits per dollar of sales averaged -1.0 cents for the quarter, compared with -8.4 cents for the fourth quarter of 2008, and 5.8 cents for the first quarter of 2008.

Manufacturing Corporations' Quarterly After-Tax Profits, 2005-2009—Seasonally Adjusted

First quarter seasonally-adjusted after-tax profits of U.S. manufacturing corporations in 2009 were up compared with the losses suffered in the fourth quarter 2008, but were still the lowest for any first quarter in the 2005-2009 period.



After-Tax Profits and Sales, First Quarter 2009 - Not Seasonally Adjusted

Manufacturing Corporations

U.S. manufacturing corporations' first quarter 2009 unadjusted **after-tax profits** totaled \$40.6 billion, down \$76.8 (± 0.8) billion from the \$117.3 billion after-tax profits recorded in the first quarter of 2008, but up \$121.7 (± 0.8) billion from the after-tax losses of \$81.1 billion recorded in the fourth quarter of 2008.

Unadjusted **sales** for the first quarter of 2009 totaled \$1,218.1 billion, down \$348.3 (± 10.3) billion from the \$1,566.4 billion recorded in the first quarter of 2008, and down \$194.9 (± 5.1) billion from fourth quarter 2008 sales of \$1,413.1 billion.

After-tax profits per dollar of sales averaged 3.3 cents for the quarter, compared with 7.5 cents for the first quarter of 2008, and -5.7 cents for the fourth quarter of 2008.

Nondurable Goods Manufacturers

Nondurable goods manufacturers' first quarter 2009 unadjusted **after-tax profits** totaled \$46.4 billion, down \$26.2 (± 0.4) billion from the \$72.6 billion recorded in the first quarter of 2008. Within industry categories, year-over-year results were mostly down. Industries reporting decreases included petroleum and coal products, down \$16.8 (± 0.1) billion; basic chemical products, down \$4.2 (± 0.1) billion; beverage and tobacco products, down \$1.7 (± 0.1) billion; and food products, down \$1.2 (± 0.1) billion. One industry reported an increase, pharmaceuticals and medicine products, up \$1.0 (± 0.1) billion.

Compared with fourth quarter 2008 after-tax losses of \$16.0 billion, first quarter 2009 after-tax profits, at \$46.4 billion, were up \$62.4 (± 0.2) billion. Within industry categories, quarter-over-quarter results were mostly up. Industries reporting increases included petroleum and coal products, up \$31.7 (± 0.1) billion; pharmaceuticals and medicine products, up \$9.7 (± 0.1) billion; basic chemical products, up \$8.5 (± 0.1) billion; paper products, up \$5.3 (± 0.1) billion; beverage and tobacco products, up \$1.8 (± 0.1) billion; and food products, up \$1.7 (± 0.1) billion.

Unadjusted **sales** for the first quarter of 2009 totaled \$614.9 billion, down \$211.1 (± 6.1) billion from the \$825.9 billion recorded in the first quarter of 2008, and down \$96.5 (± 3.2) billion from fourth quarter 2008 sales of \$711.4 billion.

After-tax profits per dollar of sales averaged 7.6 cents for the quarter, compared with 8.8 cents for the first quarter of 2008, and -2.3 cents for the fourth quarter of 2008.

Durable Goods Manufacturers

Durable goods manufacturers' first quarter 2009 unadjusted **after-tax losses** totaled \$5.8 billion, down \$50.6 (± 0.4) billion from the \$44.8 billion after-tax profits recorded in the first quarter of 2008. Within industry categories, year-over-year results were down. Industries reporting decreases included motor vehicles and parts, down \$12.5 (± 0.1) billion; all other electronics, down \$6.7 (± 0.1) billion; communications equipment, down \$5.5 (± 0.1) billion; nonferrous metal products, down \$4.7 (± 0.1) billion; fabricated metal products, down \$4.1 (± 0.2) billion; iron, steel, and ferroalloy products, down \$3.5 (± 0.1) billion; machinery products, down \$3.4 (± 0.3) billion; electrical equipment, appliances, and components, down \$2.8 (± 0.2) billion; computer and peripheral equipment, down \$2.4 (± 0.2) billion; and miscellaneous manufacturing, down \$1.7 (± 0.1) billion.

Compared to fourth quarter 2008 after-tax losses of \$65.1 billion, first quarter 2009 after-tax losses, at \$5.8 billion, were up \$59.3 (± 0.8) billion. Within the industry categories, quarter-over-quarter results were mostly up. Industries reporting increases included nonferrous metal products, up \$17.6 (± 0.1) billion; motor vehicles and parts products, up \$17.3 (± 0.1) billion; all other electronic products, up \$10.9 (± 0.1) billion; aerospace products, up \$3.5 (± 0.1) billion; communications equipment, up \$3.0 (± 0.1) billion; miscellaneous manufacturing, up \$2.5 (± 0.8) billion; and computer and peripheral equipment, up \$2.3 (± 0.1) billion. Industries reporting decreases included machinery products, down \$1.4 (± 0.1) billion; and electrical equipment, appliances, and components, down \$1.0 (± 0.1) billion.

Unadjusted **sales** for the first quarter of 2009 totaled \$603.3 billion, down \$137.2 (± 5.8) billion from the \$740.5 billion recorded in the first quarter of 2008, and down \$98.4 (± 3.6) billion from fourth quarter 2008 sales of \$701.7 billion.

After-tax profits per dollar of sales averaged -1.0 cents for the quarter, compared with 6.0 cents for the first quarter of 2008, and -9.3 cents for the fourth quarter of 2008.

Mining Corporations

First quarter 2009 unadjusted **after-tax losses** for mining corporations with assets of \$50 million and over totaled \$17.8 billion, down \$29.4 (± 0.1) billion from the \$11.6 billion after-tax profits recorded in the first quarter of 2008. Compared with fourth quarter 2008 after-tax losses of \$24.8 billion, first quarter 2009 after-tax losses were \$7.0 (± 0.1) billion smaller.

Unadjusted **sales** for the first quarter of 2009 totaled \$44.9 billion, down \$13.4 (± 0.4) billion from the \$58.3 billion recorded in the first quarter of 2008, and down \$9.0 (± 0.3) billion from fourth quarter 2008 sales of \$53.9 billion.

After-tax profits per dollar of sales averaged -39.7 cents for the quarter, compared with 19.9 cents for the first quarter of 2008, and -46.1 cents for the fourth quarter of 2008.

Wholesale Trade Corporations

First quarter 2009 unadjusted **after-tax profits** for wholesale trade corporations with assets of \$50 million and over totaled \$0.3 billion, down \$5.5 (± 0.2) billion from the \$5.8 billion after-tax profits recorded in the first quarter of 2008. Compared with fourth quarter 2008 after-tax losses of \$3.1 billion, first quarter 2009 after-tax profits were up \$3.4 (± 0.1) billion.

Unadjusted sales for the first quarter of 2009 totaled \$389.2 billion, down \$84.4 (± 6.0) billion from the \$473.6 billion recorded in the first quarter of 2008, and down \$65.6 (± 3.2) billion from fourth quarter 2008 sales of \$454.8 billion.

After-tax profits per dollar of sales averaged 0.1 cents for the quarter, compared with 1.2 cents for the first quarter of 2008, and -0.7 cents for the fourth quarter of 2008.

ACCESS TO QFR DATA

This press release can be viewed today in portable document format (.pdf) at our QFR internet website <http://www.census.gov/econ/qfr/index.html>. Data in the release are drawn from a more comprehensive data set published in the *Quarterly Financial Report for Manufacturing, Mining, and Trade Corporations - First quarter 2009* (QFR-09-1). This quarterly publication is available for downloading at our QFR internet website <http://www.census.gov/econ/qfr/index.html>. The quarterly publication includes summary statements of income and retained earnings, balance sheets, and related financial and operating ratios for manufacturing, mining, and trade corporations. Data presented are classified by industry and asset size.

RELIABILITY OF THE ESTIMATES

Data in this press release are based on quarterly financial reports from approximately 9,000 U.S. corporations. The data are estimated from a sample survey and are subject to sampling and nonsampling errors. Sampling error occurs because only a subset of the entire population is measured. Nonsampling error encompasses all other factors that contribute to the total error of a survey, including response errors, nonresponse, and coverage errors. Although no direct measures of nonsampling error are available, precautionary steps were taken in all phases of the collection, processing and tabulation of the data in an effort to minimize their influence.

Statements of change appearing in this report include 90% confidence intervals based on estimates of sampling variability. A statement such as “up \$2.5 (± 0.2) billion,” appearing in the text, indicates the range (+\$2.3 billion to +\$2.7 billion) in which the actual change is likely to have occurred. If the range of estimated change contains zero (0), then it is uncertain whether there is an increase or decrease; that is, the change is not statistically different from zero (0). For any comparison cited without a confidence interval, the change is statistically significant at the 90% confidence level. The quarterly publication, *Quarterly Financial Report for Manufacturing, Mining, and Trade Corporations – First quarter 2009* (QFR-09-01), includes more detailed explanations of confidence intervals and sampling variability, along with additional measures of sampling variability.

Schedule of Release Dates for Calendar Year 2009		
Reference Quarter	Manufacturing, Mining, and Wholesale Trade	Retail Trade
First Quarter 2009	June 15, 2009	June 22, 2009
Second Quarter 2009	September 14, 2009	September 21, 2009
Third Quarter 2009	December 14, 2009	December 21, 2009

Table 1. U.S. Manufacturing Corporations - Selected Financial Data¹

Item	Seasonally adjusted			Unadjusted		
	1Q 2009	4Q 2008 ²	1Q 2008 ²	3Q 2009	4Q 2008 ²	1Q 2008 ²
Rate of return (after taxes):						
Cents per dollar of sales	3.24	(4.94)	7.24	3.33	(5.74)	7.49
Percent on equity (annual rate)	N/A	N/A	N/A	5.87	(11.59)	15.21
	(million dollars)					
Sales	1,268,994	1,408,226	1,628,366	1,218,116	1,413,060	1,566,418
Income after income taxes	41,083	(69,599)	117,845	40,578	(81,116)	117,335
Dividends paid (cash)	N/A	N/A	N/A	45,058	47,959	43,469

¹Beginning with the 2007Q4 data release, updated RegARIMA models for seasonal adjustment were implemented to improve the identification of seasonal patterns in unadjusted net sales and net income after taxes for all manufacturing, all nondurable manufacturing, and all durable manufacturing.

²Revised.

Table 2. U.S. Manufacturing Corporations - Seasonally Adjusted Sales and Net Income After-Tax^{1,2}

Industry group and year	Sales ³				After-tax profits ³			
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
	(million dollars)				(million dollars)			
All manufacturing:								
1998	989,075	980,223	985,312	996,113	74,430	48,142	58,714	53,621
1999	1,002,488	1,025,705	1,046,920	1,073,858	59,631	62,265	63,992	72,284
2000	1,119,613	1,127,748	1,144,033	1,122,682	77,152	69,612	71,023	52,565
2001	1,114,738	1,093,612	1,058,802	1,029,059	(90)	14,744	8,175	13,078
2002	1,024,252	1,048,843	1,064,490	1,077,694	25,391	36,564	38,564	39,405
2003	1,101,692	1,073,626	1,103,771	1,114,440	59,083	48,604	50,583	78,515
2004	1,182,723	1,222,428	1,242,680	1,284,138	76,331	85,958	87,212	98,524
2005	1,300,585	1,322,994	1,372,303	1,412,325	90,820	98,588	104,884	106,903
2006	1,446,737	1,454,535	1,451,180	1,428,233	120,800	114,759	122,005	112,943
2007	1,458,748	1,495,089	1,518,785	1,584,076	117,991	128,995	75,063	120,859
2008	1,628,366	1,692,051	1,667,352	1,408,226	117,845	103,028	119,496	(69,599)
2009	1,268,994				41,083			
All nondurable manufacturing:								
1998	451,606	444,849	442,986	442,017	29,519	28,023	29,729	19,595
1999	445,183	452,182	460,144	477,184	26,127	28,411	30,114	32,985
2000	506,679	514,622	526,840	505,155	37,048	38,237	35,637	31,490
2001	507,780	506,154	488,502	471,652	31,217	33,844	25,485	21,568
2002	463,490	478,707	497,230	515,423	26,493	28,807	29,218	33,849
2003	541,015	514,245	532,135	526,385	43,711	33,849	28,073	42,994
2004	572,020	592,971	602,866	628,204	41,428	46,871	49,781	53,356
2005	638,166	646,338	689,511	705,619	56,151	57,321	61,417	65,332
2006	720,498	721,783	726,927	703,363	68,917	71,097	71,926	65,658
2007	715,360	747,983	761,319	819,034	70,456	73,405	67,465	72,082
2008	856,212	919,068	912,266	713,516	73,397	75,970	82,791	(11,003)
2009	637,357				47,245			
All durable manufacturing:								
1998	537,469	535,374	542,326	554,096	44,911	20,119	28,985	34,026
1999	557,305	573,523	586,776	596,674	33,504	33,854	33,878	39,299
2000	612,934	613,126	617,193	617,527	40,104	31,375	35,386	21,075
2001	606,958	587,458	570,300	557,407	(31,307)	(19,100)	(17,310)	(8,490)
2002	560,762	570,136	562,260	562,271	(1,102)	7,757	9,346	5,556
2003	560,677	559,381	571,636	588,055	15,372	14,755	22,510	35,521
2004	610,703	629,457	639,814	655,934	34,903	39,087	37,431	45,168
2005	662,419	676,656	682,792	706,706	34,669	41,267	43,467	41,571
2006	726,239	732,752	724,253	724,870	51,883	43,662	50,079	47,285
2007	743,388	747,106	757,466	765,042	47,535	55,590	7,598	48,777
2008	772,154	772,983	755,086	694,710	44,448	27,058	36,705	(58,596)
2009	631,637				(6,162)			

¹The seasonally adjusted estimates provided in this table were derived using a combination of SIC-based and NAICS-based estimates.

²Beginning with the 2007Q4 data release, updated RegARIMA models for seasonal adjustment were implemented to improve the identification of seasonal patterns in unadjusted net sales and net income after taxes for all manufacturing, all nondurable manufacturing, and all durable manufacturing.

³Revised.

Table 3. U.S. Manufacturing, Mining, and Trade Corporations – Not Seasonally Adjusted Sales and Profits

Industry group	Sales			Operating profits ¹			After-tax profits		
	1Q	4Q	1Q	1Q	4Q	1Q	1Q	4Q	1Q
	2009	2008 ²	2008 ²	2009	2008 ²	2008 ²	2009	2008 ²	2008 ²
	(million dollars)								
All manufacturing ³	1,218,116	1,413,060	1,566,418	53,266	45,862	94,244	40,578	(81,116)	117,335
All nondurable manufacturing	614,850	711,385	825,927	44,212	32,670	54,221	46,425	(16,010)	72,584
Food	138,130	150,645	148,129	8,162	8,724	9,415	6,640	4,957	7,798
Beverage and tobacco products	33,364	35,284	32,004	5,876	6,223	5,557	4,116	2,349	5,820
Textile mills and textile product mills	8,303	8,935	10,661	(107)	(373)	362	(338)	(793)	98
Apparel and leather products	20,979	21,860	20,322	1,540	1,763	1,737	958	(298)	1,452
Paper	28,750	31,415	35,151	1,557	1,137	1,450	44	(5,275)	647
Printing and related support activities	16,063	18,268	19,802	307	916	1,443	(363)	(1,265)	301
Petroleum and coal products	165,256	226,114	325,868	3,173	6,070	11,758	10,704	(21,035)	27,482
Chemicals	171,608	180,998	194,494	22,447	7,237	20,841	24,436	6,318	28,090
Basic chemicals, resins, and synthetics ⁴	48,407	52,977	67,692	343	(3,126)	3,003	(922)	(9,408)	3,274
Pharmaceuticals and medicines ⁴	75,458	78,981	74,988	15,381	5,672	11,400	19,346	9,690	18,307
All other chemicals ⁴	47,744	49,040	51,815	6,723	4,691	6,439	6,012	6,036	6,509
Plastics and rubber products	32,397	37,866	39,495	1,257	974	1,658	229	(968)	895
All durable manufacturing	603,266	701,675	740,491	9,054	13,191	40,022	(5,848)	(65,106)	44,752
Wood products	13,433	16,033	15,560	(233)	(519)	189	(617)	(1,864)	(92)
Nonmetallic mineral products	20,103	25,848	24,995	(955)	128	(150)	(856)	(1,348)	(58)
Primary metals	45,032	56,145	68,402	(194)	(837)	6,031	(2,232)	(19,376)	6,212
Iron, steel, and ferrous alloys ⁴	24,906	30,649	37,195	(789)	39	2,889	(1,336)	(1,104)	2,196
Nonferrous metals ⁴	15,246	19,995	25,549	92	(1,506)	2,532	(1,165)	(18,724)	3,560
Foundries ⁴	4,880	5,501	5,658	504	631	611	269	452	456
Fabricated metal products	60,647	69,274	71,749	4,168	2,605	6,913	1,278	(254)	5,362
Machinery	83,741	96,905	95,034	5,121	6,670	8,069	3,068	4,491	6,482
Computer and electronic products	130,228	144,047	139,229	68	3,870	3,808	(1,295)	(17,537)	13,314
Computer and peripheral equipment ⁴	36,718	41,585	38,742	(74)	1,833	(511)	2,750	408	5,133
Communications equipment ⁴	32,076	33,930	32,553	(172)	315	96	(2,437)	(5,415)	3,099
All other electronic products ⁴	61,435	68,532	67,934	314	1,722	4,223	(1,608)	(12,531)	5,081
Electrical equipment, appliances, and components	43,433	51,288	50,868	2,667	4,105	5,975	3,446	4,412	6,249
Transportation equipment	156,047	184,334	216,065	(5,293)	(6,672)	4,290	(11,165)	(32,183)	2,318
Motor vehicles and parts ⁴	85,396	112,479	140,029	(11,456)	(12,203)	(3,131)	(15,899)	(33,161)	(3,430)
Aerospace products and parts ⁴	57,307	58,268	58,111	4,934	4,552	6,132	3,916	367	4,878
Furniture and related products	13,672	16,334	17,823	129	461	870	(222)	(1,739)	545
Miscellaneous manufacturing	36,930	41,469	40,768	3,575	3,380	4,026	2,747	292	4,421
All mining ³	44,910	53,859	58,344	4,970	7,506	16,901	(17,823)	(24,805)	11,593
All wholesale trade ³	389,158	454,765	473,551	3,712	6,580	10,443	276	(3,119)	5,775

¹Operating profits are profits before nonoperating income and expense items and income taxes.

²Revised.

³Manufacturing data are the quarterly results of companies within that division with total assets of \$250 thousand and over at the time of sample selection; whereas, data for mining and trade corporations represent the quarterly results of companies with total assets of \$50 million and over at the time of sample selection.

⁴Included in major industry above.