

Real Inventories, Sales, and Inventory-Sales Ratios for Manufacturing and Trade

TABLES 1, 2, and 3 show quarterly and monthly estimates of real inventories, sales, and inventory-sales ratios, respectively. Table 4 shows real manufacturing inventories by stage of fabrication. Real estimates are in chained (1992) dollars.

Data availability

Quarterly estimates for 1994:IV-1998:II of real manufacturing and trade inventories, sales, and inventory-sales ratios and of real manufacturing inventories by stage of fabrication were published in the **October 1998 SURVEY OF CURRENT BUSINESS**.

The estimates for 1959-98:I are available as downloadable files on BEA's Web site at <www.bea.doc.gov>;

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Table 1.—Real Manufacturing and Trade Inventories, Seasonally Adjusted, End of Period
[Billions of chained (1992) dollars]

	1998		1998					
	II	III	May	June	July ^a	Aug.	Sept	Oct ^a
Manufacturing and trade	1,021.5	1,032.0	1,022.1	1,021.5	1,021.0	1,027.3	1,032.0	1,035.4
Manufacturing	448.7	453.5	447.2	448.7	452.0	453.2	453.5	456.9
Durable goods	285.9	288.9	284.8	285.9	287.0	288.7	288.9	291.4
Primary metal industries	23.0	23.6	22.8	23.0	23.2	23.4	23.6	23.6
Fabricated metal products	28.8	29.2	28.5	28.8	29.0	29.0	29.2	29.3
Industrial machinery and equipment	64.2	64.7	64.2	64.2	64.4	64.5	64.7	64.7
Electronic and other electric equipment	42.6	42.2	43.0	42.6	42.2	42.5	42.2	42.6
Transportation equipment	69.3	70.5	68.2	69.3	69.8	70.6	70.5	72.0
Motor vehicles and equipment	15.2	14.9	14.8	15.2	15.0	14.7	14.9	14.9
Other transportation equipment	54.1	55.6	53.3	54.1	54.8	55.8	55.6	57.0
Other durable goods ¹	58.7	59.3	58.9	58.7	59.0	59.1	59.3	59.7
Nondurable goods	163.0	164.8	162.6	163.0	165.2	164.7	164.8	165.6
Food and kindred products	35.0	34.9	34.9	35.0	35.0	34.8	34.9	35.2
Paper and allied products	15.0	15.1	14.9	15.0	15.1	15.1	15.1	15.1
Chemicals and allied products	42.2	43.5	42.0	42.2	43.8	43.8	43.5	43.6
Petroleum and coal products	12.7	12.4	12.9	12.7	12.8	12.6	12.4	12.6
Rubber and miscellaneous plastic products	15.4	15.5	15.2	15.4	15.4	15.5	15.5	15.6
Other nondurable goods ²	42.6	43.1	42.6	42.6	42.8	42.6	43.1	43.3
Merchant wholesalers	268.7	275.7	268.2	268.7	268.6	272.1	275.7	275.3
Durable goods	173.6	177.0	174.1	173.6	173.3	175.3	177.0	177.6
Nondurable goods	95.3	99.0	94.4	95.3	95.6	97.0	99.0	97.9
Groceries and farm products	28.5	31.3	27.9	28.5	28.7	29.7	31.3	30.6
Other nondurable goods	67.2	68.1	66.9	67.2	67.3	67.7	68.1	67.7
Retail trade	304.3	302.9	306.7	304.3	300.5	302.2	302.9	303.4
Durable goods	157.5	155.6	161.1	157.5	153.9	155.4	155.6	157.0
Motor vehicle dealers ³	75.3	73.0	79.5	75.3	71.3	72.4	73.0	74.1
Other durable goods ³	82.3	82.8	81.6	82.3	82.8	83.2	82.8	83.1
Nondurable goods	146.6	147.2	145.3	146.6	146.5	146.6	147.2	146.2
Food stores	29.4	29.2	29.2	29.4	29.4	29.3	29.2	29.1
Other nondurable goods	117.2	118.1	116.1	117.2	117.1	117.4	118.1	117.1

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Table 2.—Real Manufacturing and Trade Sales, Seasonally Adjusted at Monthly Rate
[Billions of chained (1992) dollars]

	1998		1998					
	II	III	May	June	July ^a	Aug.	Sept	Oct ^a
Manufacturing and trade	751.3	757.3	750.1	754.3	753.4	755.6	762.7	764.9
Manufacturing	319.8	323.8	318.7	320.5	321.0	323.4	327.0	327.4
Durable goods	184.9	189.2	184.4	185.4	186.1	188.9	192.7	193.8
Primary metal industries	13.9	13.9	13.8	13.8	13.8	13.9	13.9	13.7
Fabricated metal products	17.9	18.4	18.0	18.0	18.5	18.3	18.4	18.4
Industrial machinery and equipment	48.1	49.5	47.4	49.4	49.6	49.3	49.6	50.2
Electronic and other electric equipment	31.2	32.8	30.8	31.9	32.3	32.4	33.6	33.3
Transportation equipment	40.0	40.9	40.9	38.2	37.9	41.6	43.3	44.5
Motor vehicles and equipment	26.8	27.5	27.7	25.0	25.3	28.2	28.8	29.3
Other transportation equipment	13.1	13.4	13.1	13.1	12.5	13.4	14.4	15.1
Other durable goods ¹	36.8	37.1	36.5	37.6	37.4	36.6	37.2	37.1
Nondurable goods	135.6	135.4	134.9	135.7	135.6	135.3	135.3	134.7
Food and kindred products	37.3	37.5	37.0	37.3	37.2	37.6	37.7	38.2
Paper and allied products	12.2	12.1	12.2	12.2	12.2	12.1	12.0	11.9
Chemicals and allied products	27.9	27.6	27.9	28.2	27.6	27.4	27.8	27.4
Petroleum and coal products	14.7	14.7	14.3	14.6	14.5	14.8	14.7	14.3
Rubber and miscellaneous plastic products	12.1	12.3	12.1	12.1	12.2	12.3	12.4	12.3
Other nondurable goods ²	31.6	31.4	31.5	31.5	32.1	31.4	30.9	30.7
Merchant wholesalers	208.0	209.8	207.4	209.1	209.3	209.0	211.2	210.1
Durable goods	111.4	111.8	110.5	112.2	112.5	111.7	111.3	110.7
Nondurable goods	96.7	98.0	96.9	97.0	96.8	97.3	99.8	99.4
Groceries and farm products	34.4	35.3	34.4	34.9	34.7	35.3	36.1	35.7
Other nondurable goods	62.4	62.9	62.7	62.3	62.4	62.3	64.0	63.8
Retail trade	224.0	224.3	224.7	225.3	223.7	223.9	225.3	228.0
Durable goods	92.9	92.0	93.4	93.8	91.6	91.8	92.8	94.7
Motor vehicle dealers ³	47.7	45.9	48.1	48.1	45.7	45.7	46.3	47.5
Other durable goods ³	45.8	47.0	45.9	46.2	46.7	46.9	47.3	48.0
Nondurable goods	130.9	132.0	131.0	131.3	131.9	131.9	132.3	133.0
Food stores	34.0	34.1	34.0	34.0	34.0	34.2	34.2	34.2
Other nondurable goods	96.9	97.9	97.0	97.3	97.9	97.7	98.1	98.8

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Table 3.—Real Inventory-Sales Ratios for Manufacturing and Trade, Seasonally Adjusted

[Ratio, based on chained (1992) dollars]

	1998		1998					
	II	III	May	June	July ^a	Aug.	Sept	Oct ^b
Manufacturing and trade	1.36	1.36	1.36	1.35	1.36	1.36	1.35	1.35
Manufacturing	1.40	1.40	1.40	1.40	1.41	1.40	1.39	1.40
Durable goods	1.55	1.53	1.54	1.54	1.54	1.53	1.50	1.50
Primary metal industries	1.66	1.70	1.65	1.67	1.68	1.68	1.70	1.73
Fabricated metal products	1.61	1.59	1.59	1.60	1.57	1.59	1.59	1.60
Industrial machinery and equipment	1.34	1.31	1.36	1.30	1.30	1.31	1.31	1.29
Electronic and other electric equipment	1.36	1.29	1.40	1.33	1.31	1.31	1.26	1.28
Transportation equipment	1.73	1.72	1.67	1.81	1.84	1.70	1.63	1.62
Motor vehicles and equipment .....	.57	.54	.54	.61	.59	.52	.52	.51
Other transportation equipment	4.12	4.14	4.06	4.13	4.37	4.18	3.87	3.78
Other durable goods ¹	1.59	1.60	1.62	1.56	1.58	1.62	1.60	1.61
Nondurable goods	1.20	1.22	1.21	1.20	1.22	1.22	1.22	1.23
Food and kindred products .....	.94	.93	.94	.94	.94	.93	.92	.92
Paper and allied products	1.23	1.24	1.22	1.23	1.23	1.25	1.26	1.27
Chemicals and allied products	1.51	1.58	1.51	1.50	1.59	1.60	1.57	1.59
Petroleum and coal products .....	.86	.85	.90	.87	.88	.85	.84	.88
Rubber and miscellaneous plastic products	1.27	1.26	1.26	1.28	1.26	1.26	1.25	1.27
Other nondurable goods ²	1.35	1.37	1.35	1.35	1.34	1.36	1.40	1.41
Merchant wholesalers	1.29	1.31	1.29	1.29	1.28	1.30	1.31	1.31
Durable goods	1.56	1.58	1.58	1.55	1.54	1.57	1.59	1.61
Nondurable goods .....	.99	1.01	.98	.98	.99	1.00	.99	.99
Groceries and farm products .....	.83	.89	.81	.82	.83	.84	.87	.86
Other nondurable goods	1.08	1.08	1.07	1.08	1.08	1.09	1.06	1.06
Retail trade	1.36	1.35	1.37	1.35	1.34	1.35	1.35	1.33
Durable goods	1.70	1.69	1.72	1.68	1.68	1.69	1.68	1.66
Motor vehicle dealers ³	1.58	1.59	1.65	1.56	1.56	1.59	1.58	1.56
Other durable goods ³	1.80	1.76	1.78	1.78	1.77	1.77	1.75	1.73
Nondurable goods	1.12	1.12	1.11	1.12	1.11	1.11	1.11	1.10
Food stores87	.86	.86	.86	.86	.86	.85	.85
Other nondurable goods	1.21	1.21	1.20	1.20	1.20	1.20	1.20	1.19

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Table 4.—Real Manufacturing Inventories by Stage of Fabrication, Seasonally Adjusted, End of Period

[Billions of chained (1992) dollars]

	1998		1998					
	II	III	May	June	July ^a	Aug.	Sept	Oct ^b
Materials and supplies								
Manufacturing	149.5	150.6	148.5	149.5	150.3	150.0	150.6	150.9
Durable goods	89.5	89.9	89.0	89.5	89.9	89.6	89.9	90.2
Primary metal industries	8.0	8.1	7.8	8.0	8.0	8.0	8.1	8.1
Fabricated metal products	10.1	10.3	9.9	10.1	10.2	10.1	10.3	10.2
Industrial machinery and equipment	19.2	19.2	19.4	19.2	19.4	19.1	19.2	19.1
Electronic and other electric equipment	15.9	15.9	16.0	15.9	16.0	16.1	15.9	16.3
Motor vehicles and equipment	7.5	7.2	7.0	7.5	7.1	6.9	7.2	7.2
Other transportation equipment	7.0	7.3	7.2	7.0	7.4	7.5	7.3	7.3
Other durable goods ¹	21.9	22.1	21.9	21.9	21.9	22.0	22.1	22.2
Nondurable goods	60.1	60.8	59.6	60.1	60.5	60.5	60.8	60.8
Food and kindred products	10.9	11.1	10.7	10.9	11.1	11.0	11.1	11.1
Paper and allied products	7.4	7.4	7.3	7.4	7.5	7.5	7.4	7.4
Chemicals and allied products	13.7	14.0	13.5	13.7	13.8	13.9	14.0	14.0
Petroleum and coal products	3.7	3.8	3.9	3.7	3.9	3.9	3.8	3.7
Rubber and miscellaneous plastic products	6.2	6.3	6.1	6.2	6.2	6.3	6.3	6.3
Other nondurable goods ²	18.0	18.0	18.0	18.0	17.9	17.8	18.0	18.1
Work-in-process								
Manufacturing	146.8	147.4	146.3	146.8	146.9	148.2	147.4	149.5
Durable goods	118.2	119.3	117.7	118.2	118.3	120.0	119.3	121.1
Primary metal industries	7.6	7.8	7.7	7.6	7.7	7.8	7.8	7.8
Fabricated metal products	8.6	8.5	8.5	8.6	8.6	8.5	8.5	8.7
Industrial machinery and equipment	24.6	24.8	24.6	24.6	24.4	25.1	24.8	24.9
Electronic and other electric equipment	15.5	15.2	15.7	15.5	15.1	15.3	15.2	15.1
Motor vehicles and equipment	4.2	4.2	4.5	4.2	4.3	4.2	4.2	4.1
Other transportation equipment	43.1	44.2	42.2	43.1	43.2	44.4	44.2	45.6
Other durable goods ¹	14.8	14.8	14.9	14.8	14.9	14.9	14.8	14.9
Nondurable goods	28.5	28.0	28.4	28.5	28.5	28.1	28.0	28.3
Food and kindred products	5.3	5.0	5.3	5.3	5.2	5.1	5.0	5.1
Paper and allied products	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.4
Chemicals and allied products	8.0	8.0	8.0	8.0	8.1	8.0	8.0	8.1
Petroleum and coal products	3.1	3.1	3.1	3.1	3.1	2.9	3.1	3.1
Rubber and miscellaneous plastic products	2.1	2.1	2.1	2.1	2.1	2.1	2.1	2.1
Other nondurable goods ²	8.5	8.4	8.4	8.5	8.5	8.4	8.4	8.3
Finished goods								
Manufacturing	152.5	155.4	152.5	152.5	154.8	155.0	155.4	156.5
Durable goods	78.1	79.5	78.0	78.1	78.7	79.0	79.5	80.0
Primary metal industries	7.4	7.6	7.3	7.4	7.5	7.6	7.6	7.7
Fabricated metal products	10.1	10.4	10.1	10.1	10.3	10.4	10.4	10.4
Industrial machinery and equipment	20.5	20.8	20.2	20.5	20.5	20.4	20.8	20.8
Electronic and other electric equipment	11.1	11.1	11.3	11.1	11.1	11.1	11.1	11.1
Motor vehicles and equipment	3.5	3.5	3.4	3.5	3.5	3.6	3.5	3.6
Other transportation equipment	4.0	4.1	4.0	4.0	4.1	4.0	4.1	4.1
Other durable goods ¹	21.8	22.3	22.0	21.8	22.1	22.1	22.3	22.4
Nondurable goods	74.5	76.0	74.6	74.5	76.2	76.1	76.0	76.6
Food and kindred products	18.8	18.8	19.0	18.8	18.8	18.7	18.8	19.0
Paper and allied products	6.1	6.2	6.1	6.1	6.1	6.2	6.2	6.2
Chemicals and allied products	20.4	21.6	20.4	20.4	22.0	21.9	21.6	21.5
Petroleum and coal products	5.9	5.5	5.9	5.9	5.7	5.7	5.5	5.7
Rubber and miscellaneous plastic products	7.1	7.0	7.0	7.1	7.1	7.1	7.0	7.1
Other nondurable goods ²	16.1	16.7	16.2	16.1	16.4	16.4	16.7	16.9

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