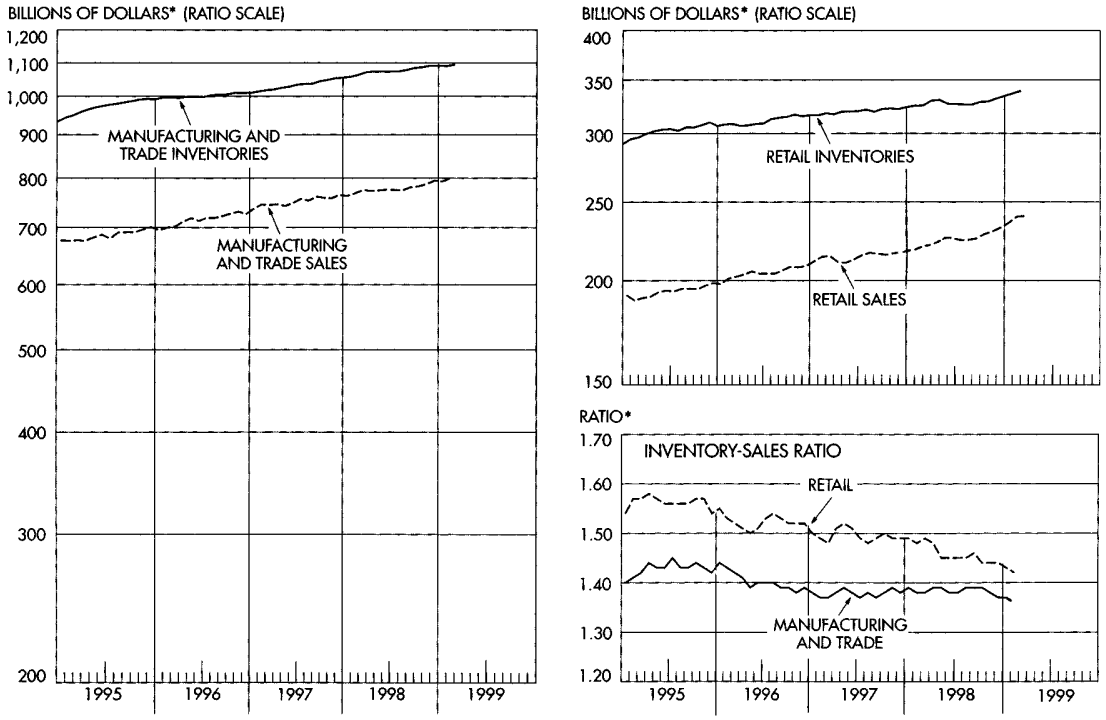
BUSINESS SALES AND INVENTORIES—Manufacturing and Trade

In February, manufacturing and trade sales rose 1.0 percent and inventories rose $3.9 billion. According to advance data, retail sales rose 0.2 percent in March, following a rise of 1.7 percent in February.



* SEASONALLY ADJUSTED
SOURCE: DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

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Period	Manufacturing and trade [1]		Wholesale		Retail						Inventory-sales ratio [4]	
					Sales [2]			Inventories [3]				
	Sales [2]	Inventories [3]	Sales [2]	Inventories [3]	Total	Durable goods stores	Nondurable goods stores	Total	Durable goods stores	Nondurable goods stores	Manufacturing and trade [1]	Retail
	Millions of dollars, seasonally adjusted, except as noted											
1989	527,039	815,455	143,760	187,009	146,581	54,763	91,818	237,234	121,347	115,887	1.52	1.58
1990	545,909	840,622	149,506	195,769	153,718	55,736	97,981	239,780	121,159	118,621	1.52	1.56
1991	542,815	834,595	148,306	200,389	154,661	54,165	100,497	243,256	119,100	124,156	1.53	1.54
1992	567,176	842,843	154,150	208,242	162,632	58,634	103,999	252,091	123,116	128,975	1.48	1.52
1993	595,015	869,367	161,560	216,919	172,820	64,996	107,824	268,409	134,600	133,809	1.44	1.51
1994	637,695	932,267	172,870	235,328	185,823	73,509	112,314	292,062	152,004	140,058	1.41	1.51
1995	682,501	991,655	188,837	253,556	194,109	78,311	115,798	307,114	163,421	143,693	1.43	1.56
1996	714,837	1,009,647	200,115	256,442	205,100	84,044	121,055	316,476	168,891	147,585	1.40	1.52
1997	749,645	1,052,717	208,342	273,003	213,851	88,186	125,665	323,581	174,322	149,259	1.38	1.50
1998	775,796	1,087,417	213,454	286,962	224,655	94,374	130,280	333,657	178,844	154,813	1.38	1.46
1998: Feb r	766,700	1,061,613	210,822	275,478	219,995	92,118	127,877	324,957	173,740	151,217	1.38	1.48
Mar	r773,218	1,068,754	213,781	277,624	r220,446	r92,280	r128,166	329,182	176,350	152,832	1.38	1.49
Apr	772,160	1,070,555	213,900	275,933	222,707	93,460	129,247	329,954	176,500	153,454	1.39	1.48
May	772,405	1,070,022	213,413	277,699	225,370	95,187	130,183	326,594	173,633	152,961	1.39	1.45
June	774,639	1,070,515	213,904	277,518	225,625	95,284	130,341	326,296	171,952	154,344	1.38	1.45
July	773,762	1,070,875	214,229	277,466	224,153	93,235	130,918	325,773	171,417	154,356	1.38	1.45
Aug	772,454	1,074,870	211,713	280,591	224,296	93,309	130,987	325,834	171,353	154,481	1.39	1.45
Sept	779,478	1,080,866	213,856	284,128	225,141	94,066	131,075	328,186	173,166	155,020	1.39	1.46
Oct	781,447	1,083,366	213,429	283,776	227,885	96,036	131,849	328,559	174,686	153,873	1.39	1.44
Nov	785,777	1,087,970	214,891	285,716	229,463	96,761	132,702	331,254	177,158	154,096	1.38	1.44
Dec	793,647	1,087,417	217,403	286,962	231,997	98,639	133,358	333,657	178,844	154,813	1.37	1.44
1999: Jan r	792,110	1,086,911	215,441	285,906	234,999	99,920	135,079	336,132	180,365	155,767	1.37	1.43
Feb p	r799,975	1,090,793	217,609	287,725	r239,050	r102,624	r136,426	338,429	181,687	156,742	1.36	1.42
Mar p	.....	.....	.....	.....	239,639	102,460	137,179	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....

[1] See page 21 for manufacturing.
[2] Annual data are averages of monthly not seasonally adjusted figures; monthly data are seasonally adjusted totals for month.
[3] Seasonally adjusted, end of period.
[4] Annual data are averages of seasonally adjusted monthly ratios.

Source: Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census.

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