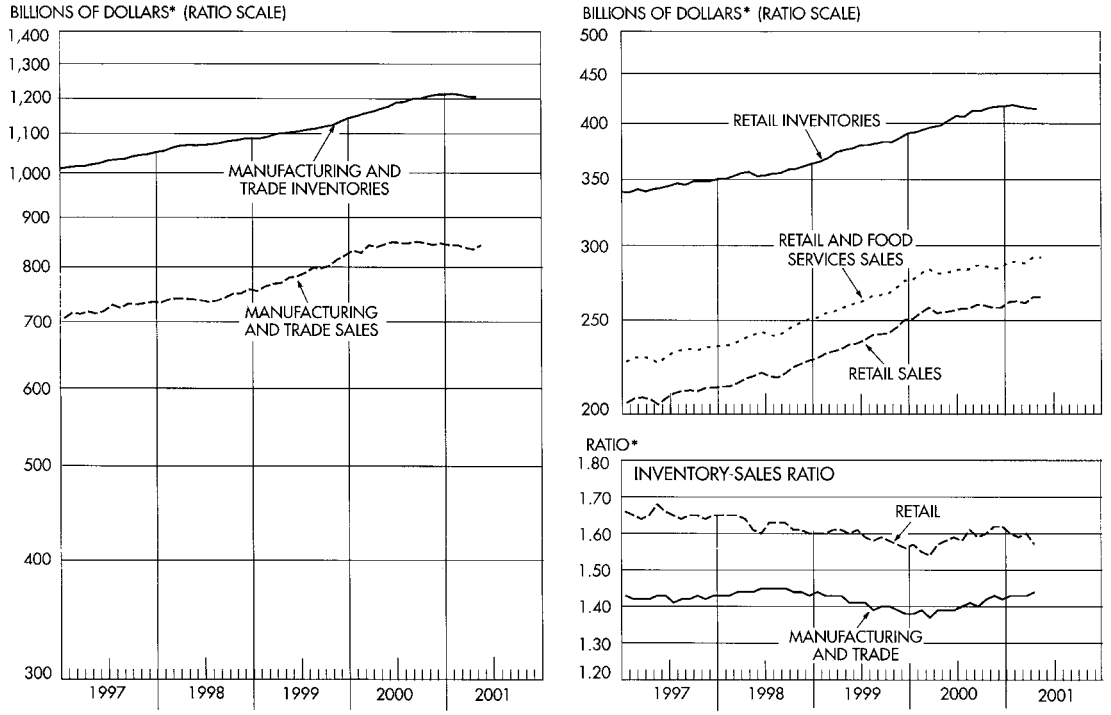
BUSINESS SALES AND INVENTORIES—Manufacturing and Trade

In April, manufacturing and trade sales fell 0.5 percent and inventories fell $1.5 billion. According to advance estimates, retail sales were unchanged in May. Retail and food services sales rose 0.1 percent in May.



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[Millions of dollars, except ratios; seasonally adjusted, except as noted]

Period	Manufacturing and trade [1]			Wholesale			Retail			Retail and food services sales
	Sales [2]	Inventories [3]	Inventory-sales ratio [4]	Sales [2]	Inventories [3]	Inventory-sales ratio [4]	Sales [2]	Inventories [3]	Inventory-sales ratio [4]	
1992	540,572	840,687	1.53	144,302	193,685	1.31	154,268	267,562	1.68	171,219
1993	567,377	867,961	1.51	150,833	201,883	1.31	164,837	285,762	1.69	182,841
1994	609,908	931,330	1.47	161,133	218,913	1.30	178,932	311,890	1.67	197,735
1995	654,435	990,100	1.48	176,227	235,197	1.30	188,235	329,566	1.73	207,704
1996	686,604	1,009,261	1.46	186,649	237,852	1.28	200,190	340,491	1.68	220,431
1997	723,212	1,049,901	1.42	194,541	255,242	1.27	209,112	350,841	1.65	230,616
1998	742,810	1,084,488	1.44	198,319	268,079	1.33	219,507	364,254	1.63	242,228
1999	787,127	1,138,602	1.41	211,607	284,317	1.30	238,580	391,811	1.59	262,435
2000	843,263	1,204,524	1.40	229,627	303,063	1.29	256,896	417,917	1.58	282,402
2000: Apr r	838,660	1,163,495	1.39	228,662	293,882	1.29	254,612	398,940	1.57	279,961
May r	844,565	1,170,248	1.39	229,670	295,735	1.29	255,325	403,735	1.58	280,547
June	848,792	1,181,487	1.39	231,425	298,562	1.29	255,993	408,249	1.59	281,378
July	846,803	1,183,590	1.40	230,744	298,934	1.30	257,323	407,477	1.58	282,971
Aug	846,543	1,192,263	1.41	231,065	300,533	1.30	257,368	413,253	1.61	282,845
Sept	849,762	1,193,106	1.40	231,965	300,721	1.30	259,801	413,151	1.59	285,621
Oct	847,112	1,199,577	1.42	231,866	301,573	1.30	259,325	416,004	1.60	285,070
Nov	843,384	1,204,041	1.43	231,623	302,662	1.31	257,923	417,487	1.62	283,648
Dec	846,258	1,204,524	1.42	233,590	303,063	1.30	257,979	417,917	1.62	283,735
2001: Jan	843,035	1,206,745	1.43	233,960	302,222	1.29	261,525	419,216	1.60	288,054
Feb	843,032	1,203,367	1.43	233,080	301,541	1.29	261,969	417,473	1.59	288,245
Mar r	837,800	1,198,530	1.43	229,619	301,822	1.31	260,695	416,129	1.60	287,102
Apr p	833,629	1,197,010	1.44	229,959	302,102	1.31	r 264,639	415,249	1.57	r 291,090
May p	842,194	.....	.....	229,821	302,616	1.32	264,587	.....	.....	291,306

[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.

Note.—Data reflect changeover to North American Industrial Classification System (NAICS). Data on NAICS basis are available beginning 1992.

Source: Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census.

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