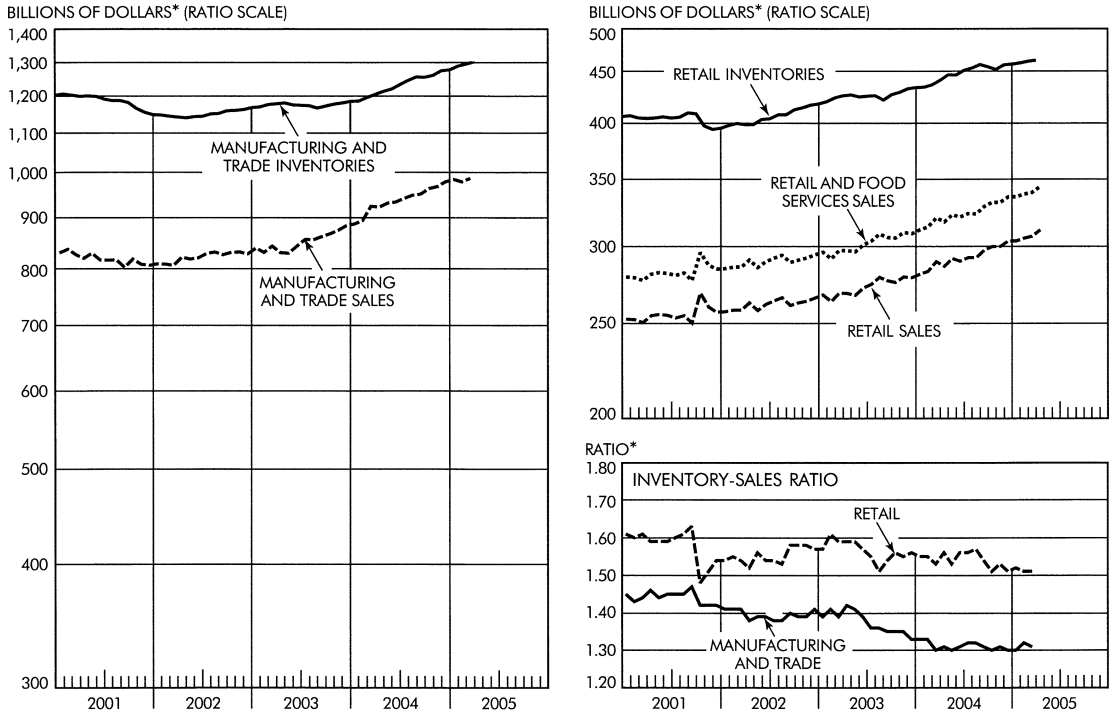
BUSINESS SALES AND INVENTORIES—Manufacturing and Trade

In March, according to current estimates, manufacturing and trade sales rose 0.8 percent and inventories rose $6.0 billion. According to advance estimates, retail sales rose 1.4 percent in April. Retail and food services sales also rose 1.4 percent.



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SOURCE: DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

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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 [2]
	Sales [2]	Inventories [3]	Inventory-sales ratio [4]	Sales [2]	Inventories [3]	Inventory sales ratio [4]	Sales [2]	Inventories [3]	Inventory sales ratio [4]	
1995	655,297	985,716	1.48	181,369	240,473	1.30	183,955	320,026	1.71	203,423
1996	687,557	1,004,905	1.46	191,936	243,194	1.27	195,855	330,895	1.66	216,097
1997	724,012	1,045,906	1.42	199,788	260,713	1.26	204,666	341,389	1.64	226,170
1998	742,836	1,078,451	1.43	203,495	273,910	1.32	214,356	355,310	1.62	237,043
1999	786,597	1,138,539	1.40	217,449	291,290	1.30	233,157	383,603	1.59	256,914
2000	834,353	1,197,538	1.41	235,053	309,820	1.29	248,584	406,322	1.59	274,061
2001	818,632	1,144,697	1.44	231,939	297,182	1.32	255,819	395,279	1.58	282,330
2002	821,470	1,163,440	1.40	235,368	300,671	1.26	261,789	418,581	1.55	289,472
2003	851,750	1,180,184	1.38	245,539	306,556	1.23	272,951	435,044	1.57	302,066
2004	940,813	1,270,690	1.31	278,196	339,639	1.17	293,476	459,700	1.54	325,145
2004: Mar r	924,456	1,200,059	1.30	271,880	312,803	1.15	289,651	442,677	1.53	320,815
Apr r	923,208	1,208,496	1.31	274,066	313,657	1.14	286,573	448,140	1.56	317,706
May	931,923	1,215,235	1.30	275,390	317,339	1.15	291,828	447,950	1.53	323,040
June	934,475	1,227,915	1.31	275,668	320,876	1.16	290,003	452,729	1.56	321,319
July	941,958	1,239,571	1.32	277,482	325,495	1.17	292,371	455,395	1.56	324,034
Aug	948,607	1,250,375	1.32	280,837	329,417	1.17	292,233	458,983	1.57	323,700
Sept	951,361	1,249,529	1.31	282,514	330,462	1.17	297,368	456,690	1.54	329,447
Oct	963,680	1,254,716	1.30	286,341	334,466	1.17	299,882	453,864	1.51	332,280
Nov	967,806	1,268,249	1.31	288,654	338,544	1.17	300,005	458,828	1.53	332,392
Dec	979,059	1,270,690	1.30	291,456	339,639	1.17	303,731	459,700	1.51	336,583
2005: Jan	984,299	1,282,348	1.30	292,430	343,126	1.17	303,933	460,871	1.52	336,785
Feb r	979,038	1,289,116	1.32	290,976	345,294	1.19	305,757	462,535	1.51	338,991
Mar p	r 986,970	1,295,161	1.31	291,485	346,711	1.19	r 307,196	463,894	1.51	r 340,179
Apr p	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	311,615	.....	.....	344,895

[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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