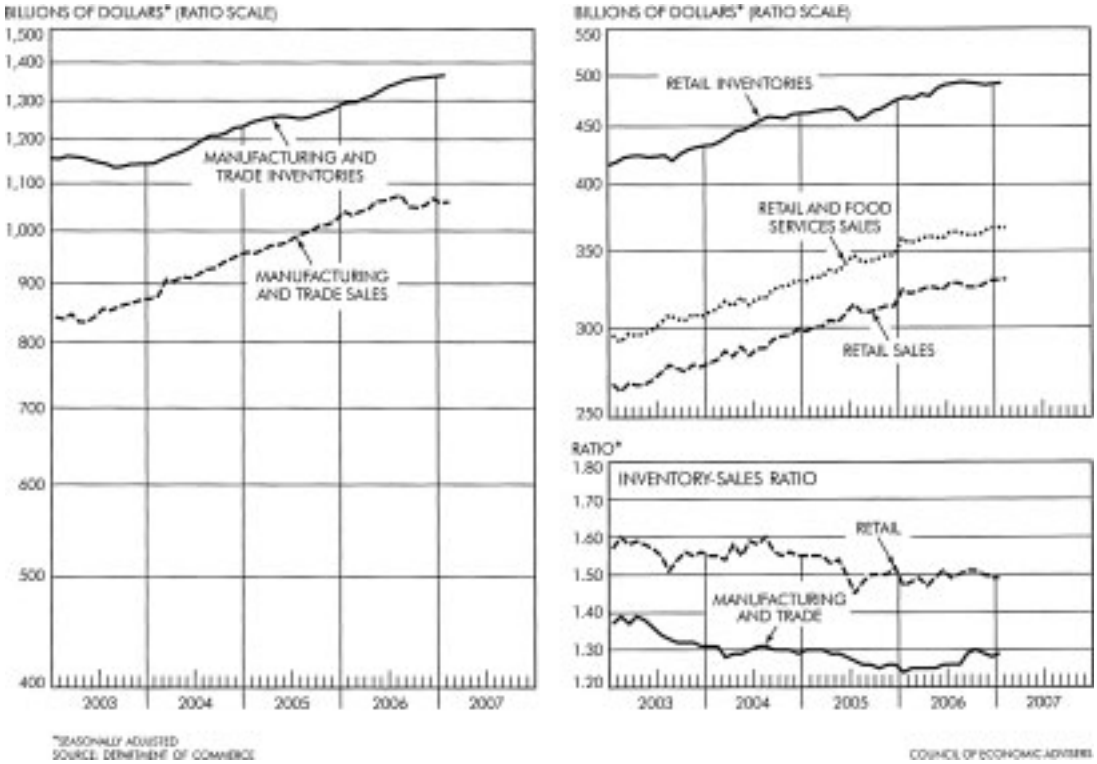
BUSINESS SALES AND INVENTORIES—Manufacturing and Trade

In February, according to preliminary estimates, manufacturing and trade sales rose 0.3 percent and inventories rose $3.1 billion in January. According to advance estimates, retail sales rose 0.2 percent in February. Retail and food services sales were about unchanged. (Series revised for retail and wholesale trade.)



[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]	
1997 r	723,879	1,046,932	1.42	198,154	258,570	1.26	206,167	344,594	1.64	227,670
1998 r	742,837	1,078,777	1.43	202,260	272,315	1.31	215,592	357,246	1.62	238,278
1999 r	786,634	1,138,390	1.40	216,597	289,564	1.29	234,046	385,082	1.59	257,797
2000 r	834,325	1,196,842	1.40	234,546	307,962	1.28	249,063	407,033	1.59	274,518
2001 r	822,982	1,138,557	1.43	232,096	295,658	1.31	255,644	395,018	1.58	282,131
2002 r	827,925	1,155,098	1.37	236,294	298,808	1.25	261,194	416,817	1.56	288,845
2003 r	849,990	1,143,292	1.35	246,857	303,343	1.22	272,123	433,133	1.56	301,264
2004 r	919,172	1,230,285	1.30	274,710	332,815	1.16	289,528	462,607	1.56	320,526
2005 r	985,276	1,285,106	1.28	298,753	357,537	1.16	307,786	475,520	1.51	340,669
2006 r	1,050,859	1,361,974	1.27	329,336	388,168	1.14	325,359	490,909	1.49	360,871
2006: Feb r	1,030,938	1,292,568	1.25	318,257	362,208	1.14	321,636	476,344	1.48	356,295
Mar r	1,038,644	1,302,620	1.25	320,541	363,783	1.13	323,207	480,923	1.49	358,235
Apr r	1,044,600	1,309,771	1.25	324,622	368,385	1.13	325,498	479,078	1.47	360,576
May r	1,059,797	1,323,836	1.25	329,881	371,694	1.13	325,717	486,525	1.49	360,915
June r	1,061,680	1,334,986	1.26	333,723	374,780	1.12	324,122	490,205	1.51	359,223
July r	1,067,223	1,342,707	1.26	335,226	377,659	1.13	328,710	491,331	1.49	363,968
Aug r	1,073,102	1,351,036	1.26	338,039	381,715	1.13	328,544	492,965	1.50	364,247
Sept r	1,049,143	1,355,740	1.29	333,762	384,500	1.15	325,975	491,936	1.51	361,978
Oct r	1,046,772	1,358,029	1.30	331,297	385,808	1.16	325,822	491,357	1.51	361,980
Nov r	1,051,880	1,360,559	1.29	334,268	389,165	1.16	327,090	489,619	1.50	363,234
Dec r	1,065,923	1,361,974	1.28	339,937	388,168	1.14	330,220	490,909	1.49	367,341
2007: Jan p	r 1,056,358	1,365,081	1.29	r 336,713	r 390,424	r 1.16	r 330,538	491,782	1.49	r 367,308
Feb p	1,059,057	.....	.....	340,779	392,432	1.15	331,262	.....	.....	367,539

[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 revised for wholesale and retail series (and therefore total manufacturing and trade) to reflect annual revisions released on March 29, 2007.

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