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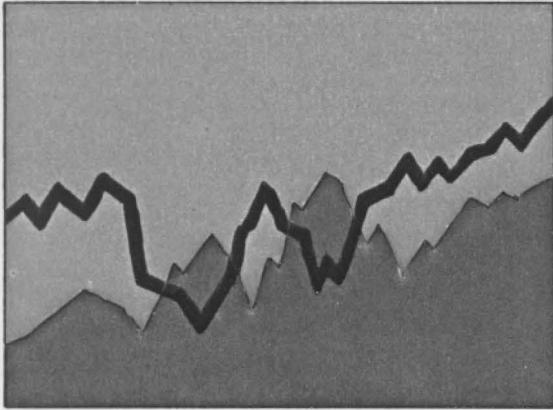
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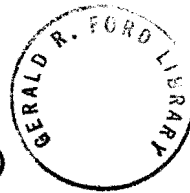
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— Payroll		X			
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— Ambient Air Quality-National, Major Cities				X	
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D.1.3 Hazardous Substances					
— Estimated Amounts Produced				X	
— Concentration in Biosphere				X	
D.1.4 Ecological Balances					
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— Critical Areas (Coastal Zones)					X
— Land/People Density				X	
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— Government				X	
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 — Travel
 — Hobbies, Sports, Music, etc.

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Part 3—Culture					
D.3.1 Persons Employed in Artistic Professions — By Type					X
D.3.2 Children’s Skill and Appreciation of Literature Arts, Music					X
D.3.3 Participation in Cultural Activities — Voluntary Organizations — Travel — Hobbies, Sports, Music, etc.				X X X	X
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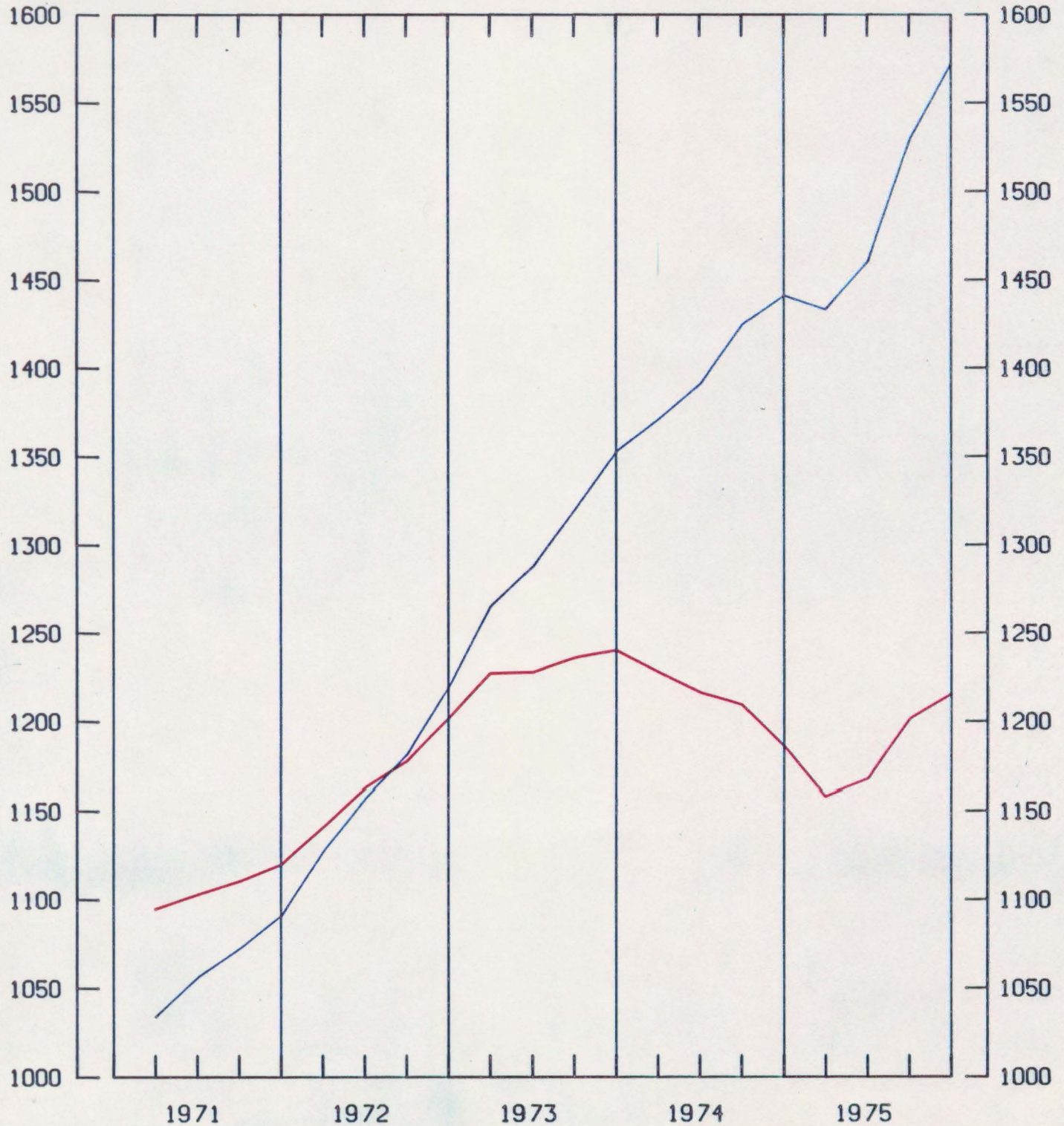
A.1.1 - Gross National Product



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\$1,572.5	2.9%	9.1%
\$1,215.9	1.2%	2.5%

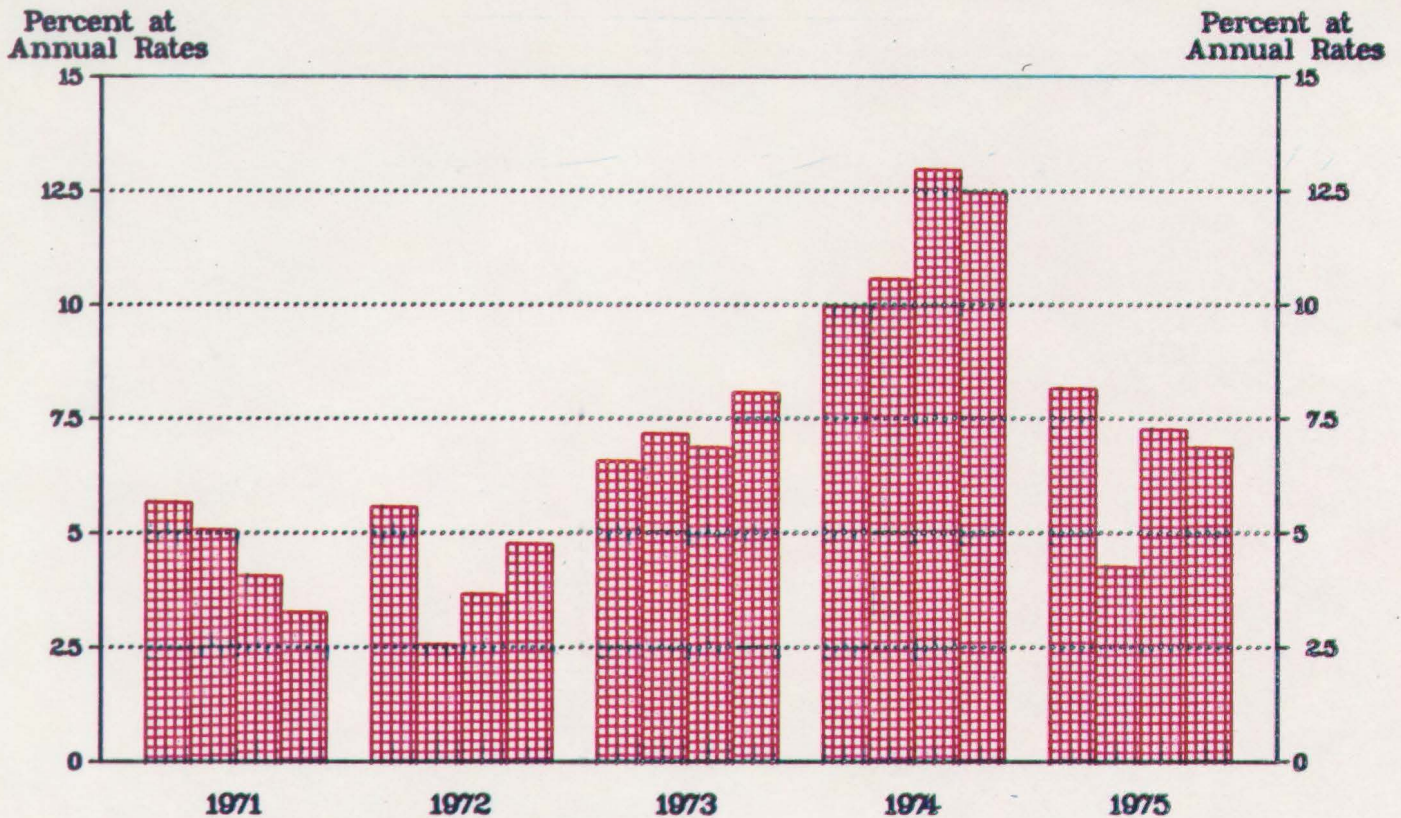
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 CURRENT DOLLARS
 1972 DOLLARS

BILLIONS OF DOLLARS



SOURCE: BUREAU OF ECONOMIC ANALYSIS
 23 FEBRUARY 1976

A.1.1 - Chain Price Index Annual Rate of Change



Source: Bureau of Economic Analysis
23 February 1976

- Real Gross National Product (1972 dollars) increased at an annual rate of 4.9 percent compared to a 5.4-percent increase reported in the preliminary.
- Gross National Product in current dollars increased \$44.0 billion to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of \$1,572.5 billion.
- Inflation, as measured by the GNP Chain Price Index, stands at an annual rate of 6.9 percent in the fourth quarter.

NOTE: Chain Price Index is a weighted average of all price indexes for goods and services measured in GNP.



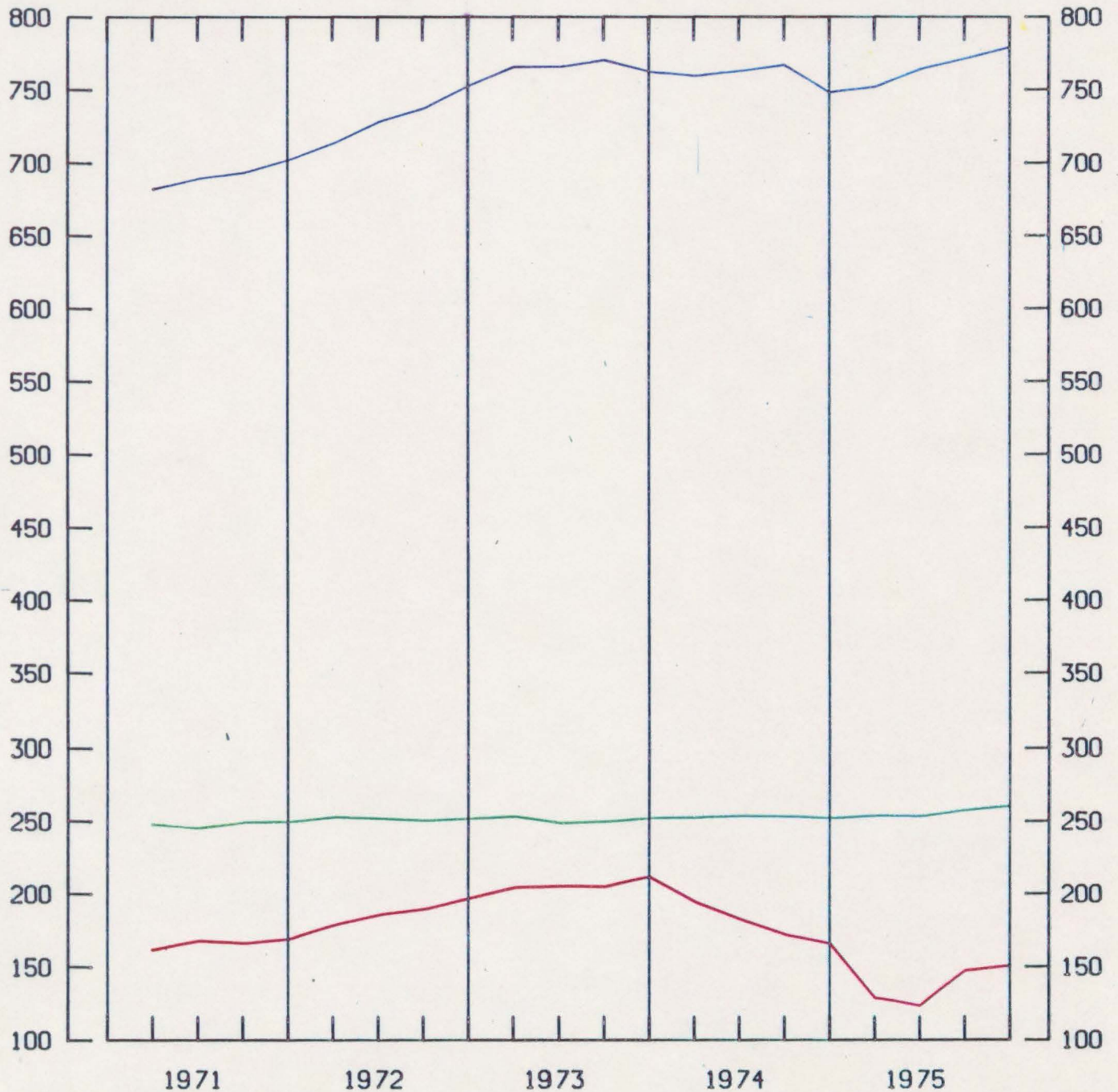
A.1.1 - Selected Components of Gross National Product (1972 Dollars)



	THIS PERIOD	CHANGE LAST PER.	CHANGE YEAR AGO
PERSONAL CONSUMPTION EXPENDITURES	\$779.4	1.0%	4.1%
GOVERNMENT PURCHASES OF GOODS AND SERVICES	\$261.6	1.1%	3.2%
GROSS PRIVATE DOMESTIC INVESTMENT	\$151.4	2.4%	-9.3%

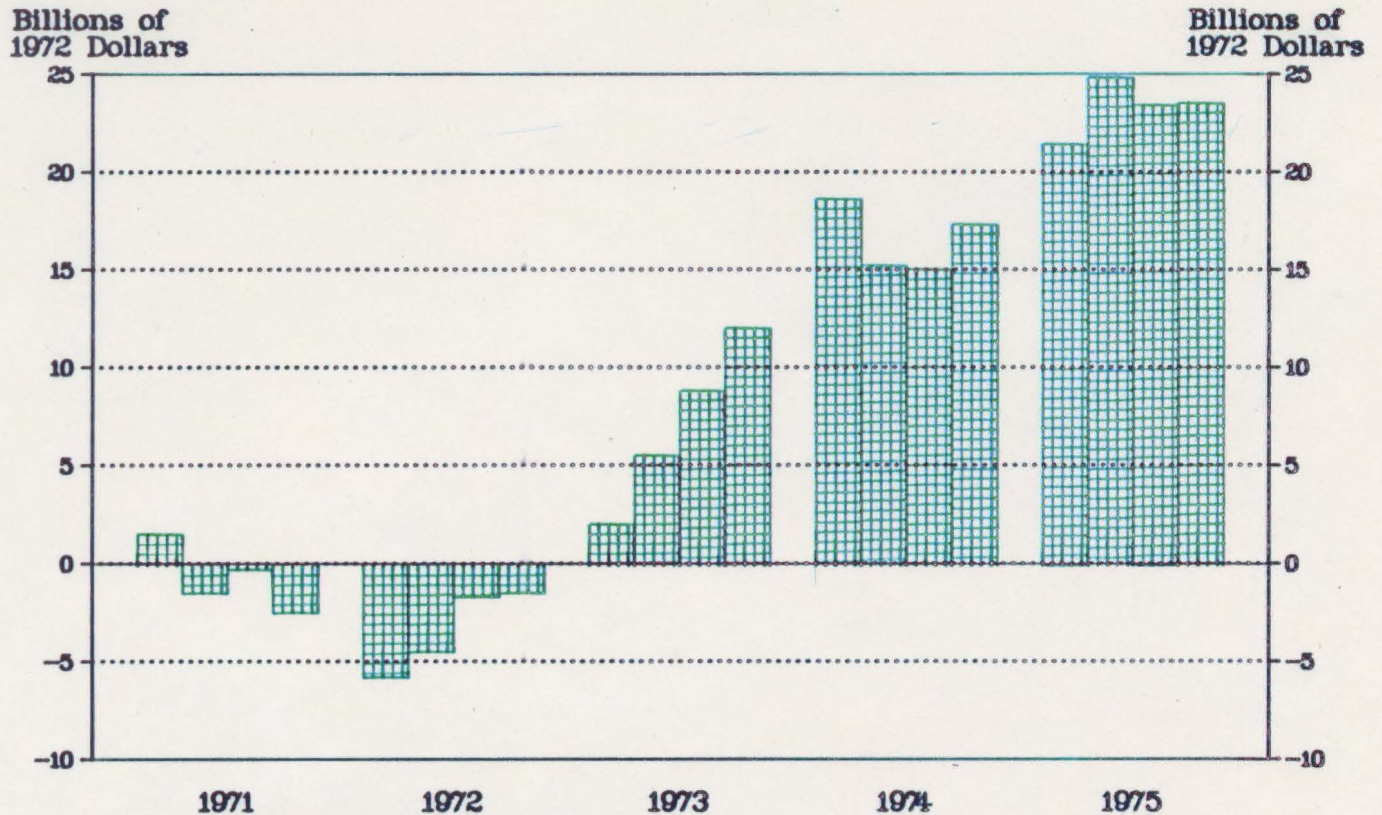
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SOURCE: BUREAU OF ECONOMIC ANALYSIS
23 FEBRUARY 1976

A.1.1 - Net Exports of Goods and Services (1972 Dollars)



Source: Bureau of Economic Analysis
23 February 1976

- All major components of Real GNP (in constant 1972 dollars) contributed to the increase.
 - Personal Consumption Expenditures rose \$7.8 billion to a record high of \$779.4 billion.
- Government Purchases of Goods and Services (1972 dollars) reached a new record high, \$261.6 billion, surpassing the old record of \$260.9 billion set in the third quarter of 1968.
 - However, since 1968, Government Purchases have remained virtually unchanged.
- Gross Private Domestic Investment (purchases of durable equipment, construction by business and nonprofit institutions, and the change in business inventories) increased for the second consecutive quarter, up \$3.6 billion.
 - Revised downward \$2.5 billion from preliminary, primarily due to \$1.8 billion reverse in business inventories.
- Net Exports of Goods and Services, \$23.6 billion, remained at near-record levels.
 - For all of 1975, Net Exports increased 40 percent over the 1974 total.



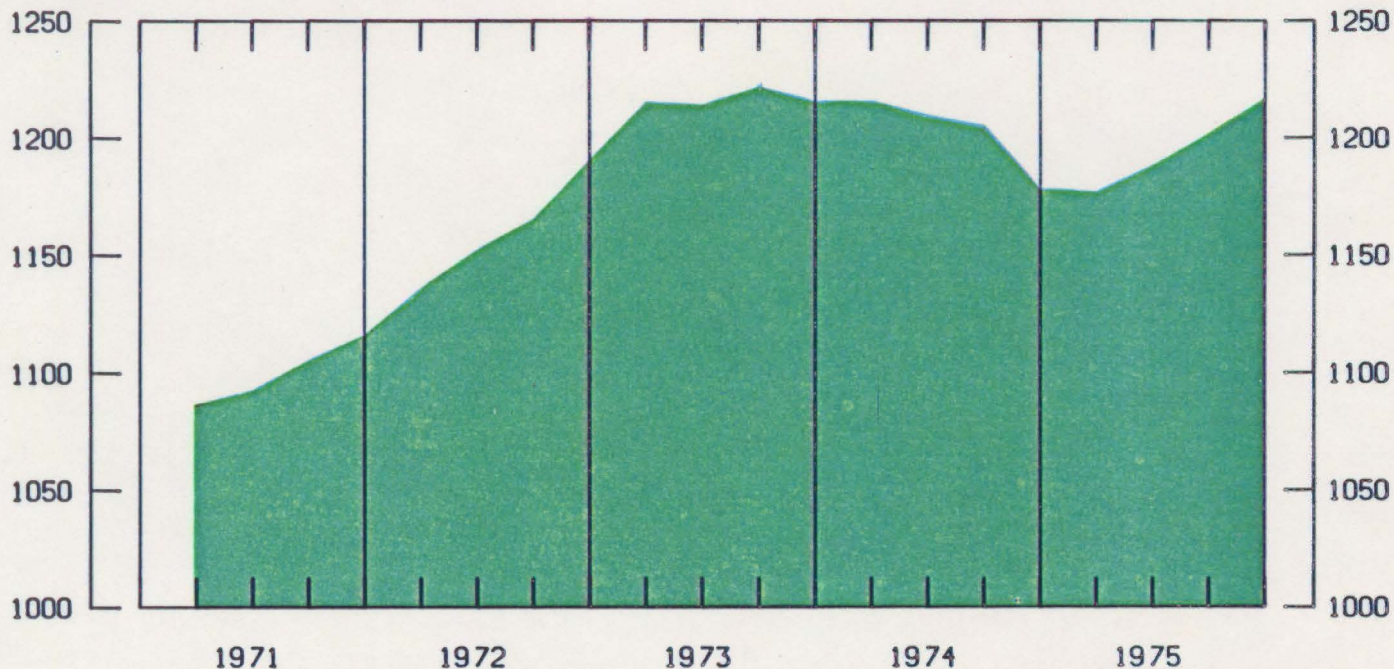
A.1.1 - Final Sales (1972 Dollars)



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\$1,217.5	1.3%	3.2%

BILLIONS OF FINAL SALES
1972 DOLLARS

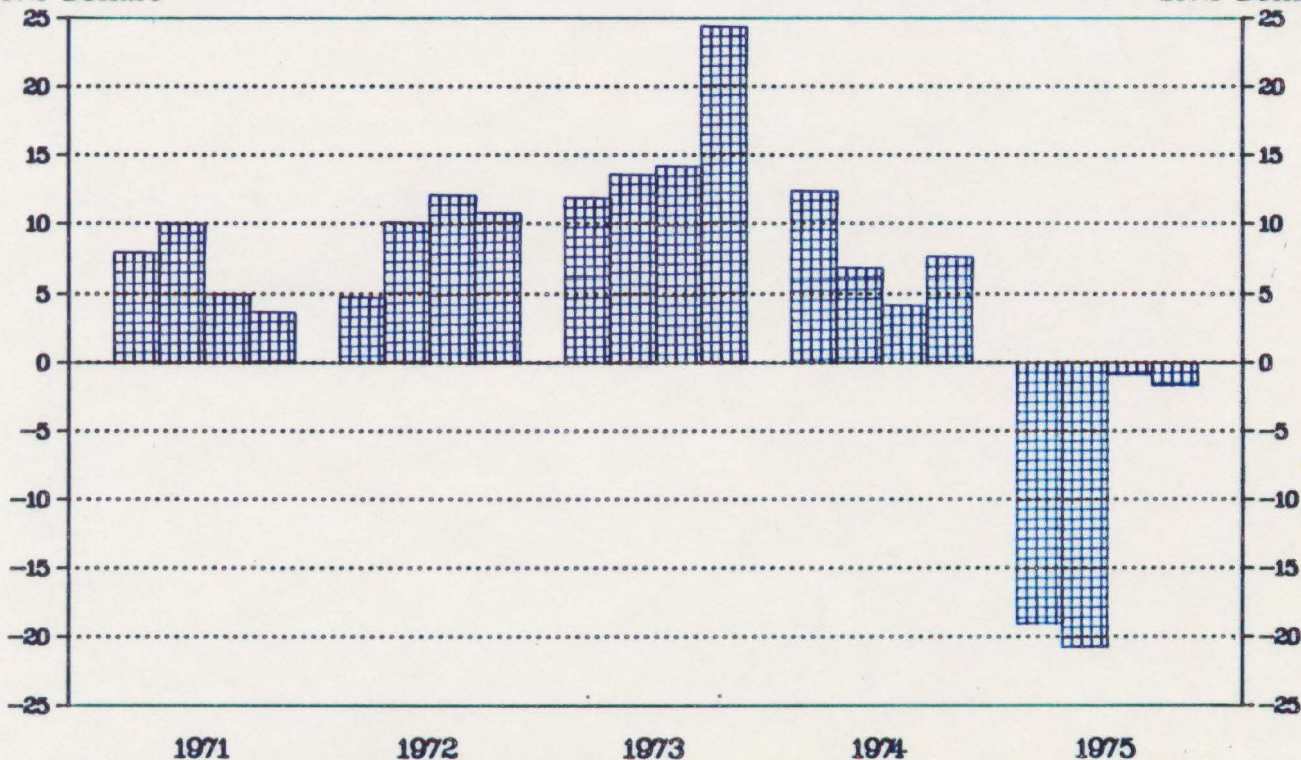
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1972 DOLLARS



A.1.1 - Change in Business Inventories (1972 Dollars)

Billions of
1972 Dollars

Billions of
1972 Dollars



Source: Bureau of Economic Analysis
23 February 1976



- Real Final Sales (portion of GNP sold to ultimate users: consumption expenditures of private and government sectors, fixed investment, and net exports) continued the pattern of growth which began in the second quarter, expanding at a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 5.0 percent.
- Inventory investment was not as strong in the fourth quarter as earlier estimated, declining \$0.8 billion instead of the previously reported increase of \$1.0 billion.

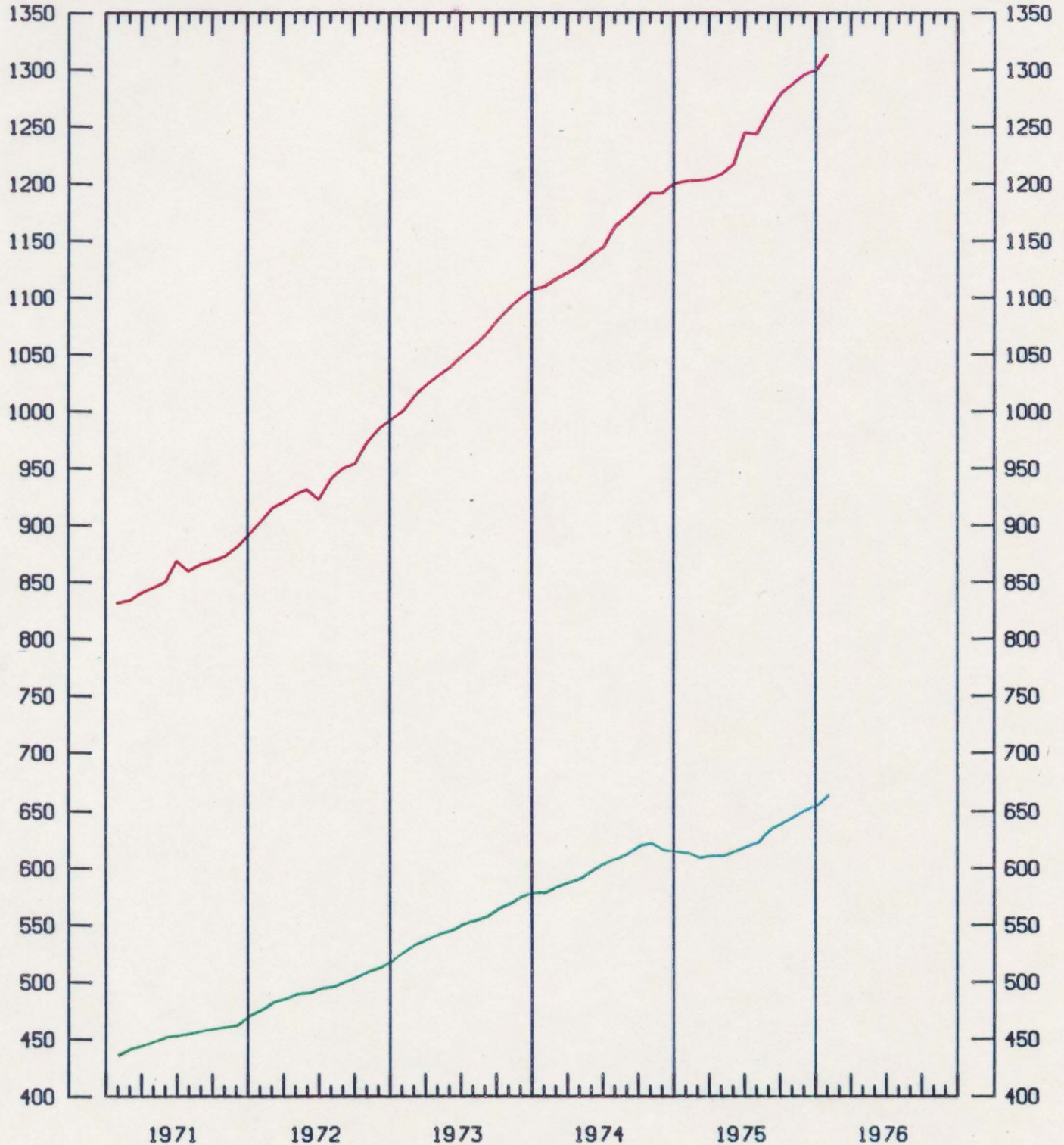
A.1.2 - Personal Income



	THIS PERIOD	CHANGE LAST PER.	CHANGE YEAR AGO
TOTAL PERSONAL INCOME	\$1,313.8	1.0%	9.2%
PRIVATE WAGES AND SALARIES	\$664.6	1.4%	8.2%

BILLIONS OF DOLLARS

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SOURCE: BUREAU OF ECONOMIC ANALYSIS
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A.1.2 - Personal Income

Dividends

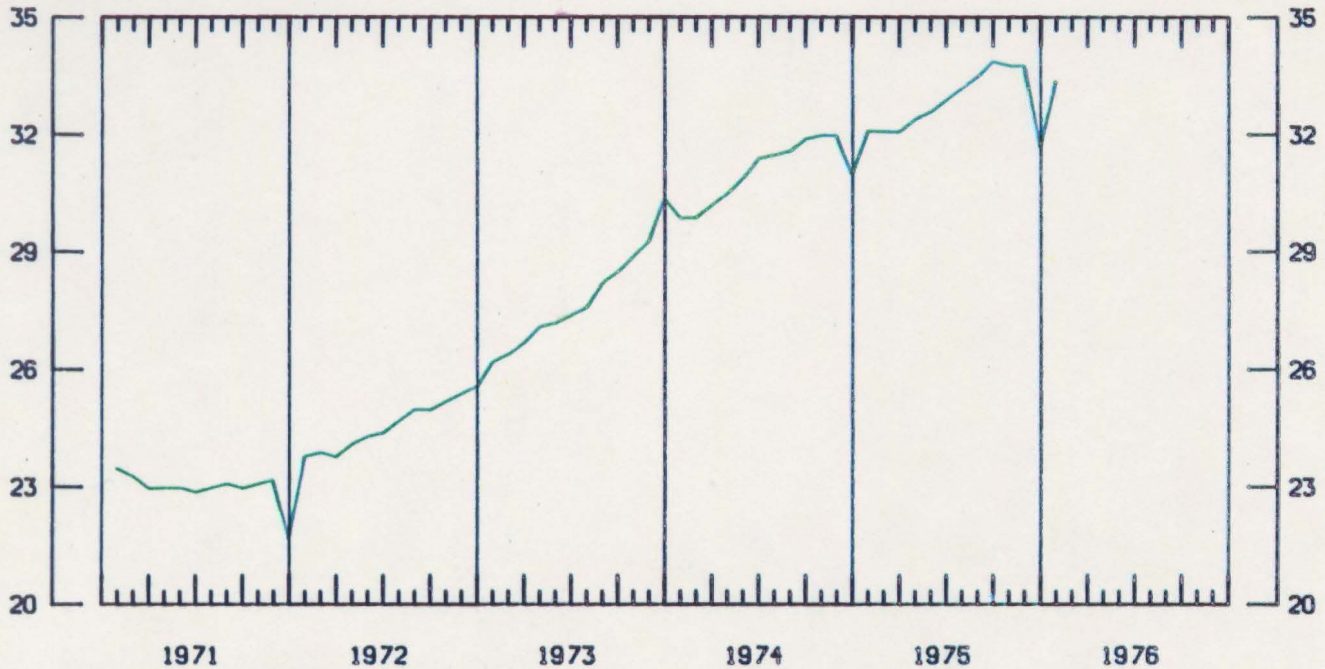


THIS PERIOD	CHANGE LAST PER.	CHANGE YEAR AGO
\$33.4	5.4%	4.0%

BILLIONS OF DOLLARS

DIVIDENDS

BILLIONS OF DOLLARS



SOURCE: BUREAU OF ECONOMIC ANALYSIS
23 FEBRUARY 1977

- After 3 months of slow upward movement, Personal Income rose \$13.6 billion (1 percent) reaching a seasonally adjusted annual rate of \$1,314 billion.
- January's rise more than tripled the increase in December.
- The 1-percent increase was the largest monthly gain since September 1975.
- Private Industry Payrolls increased \$9.0 billion, or 1.4 percent, following a \$4.7 billion rise in December.
- Dividend payments recovered in January with a \$1.7 billion (5.4 percent) increase, after December's drop of \$2.1 billion.

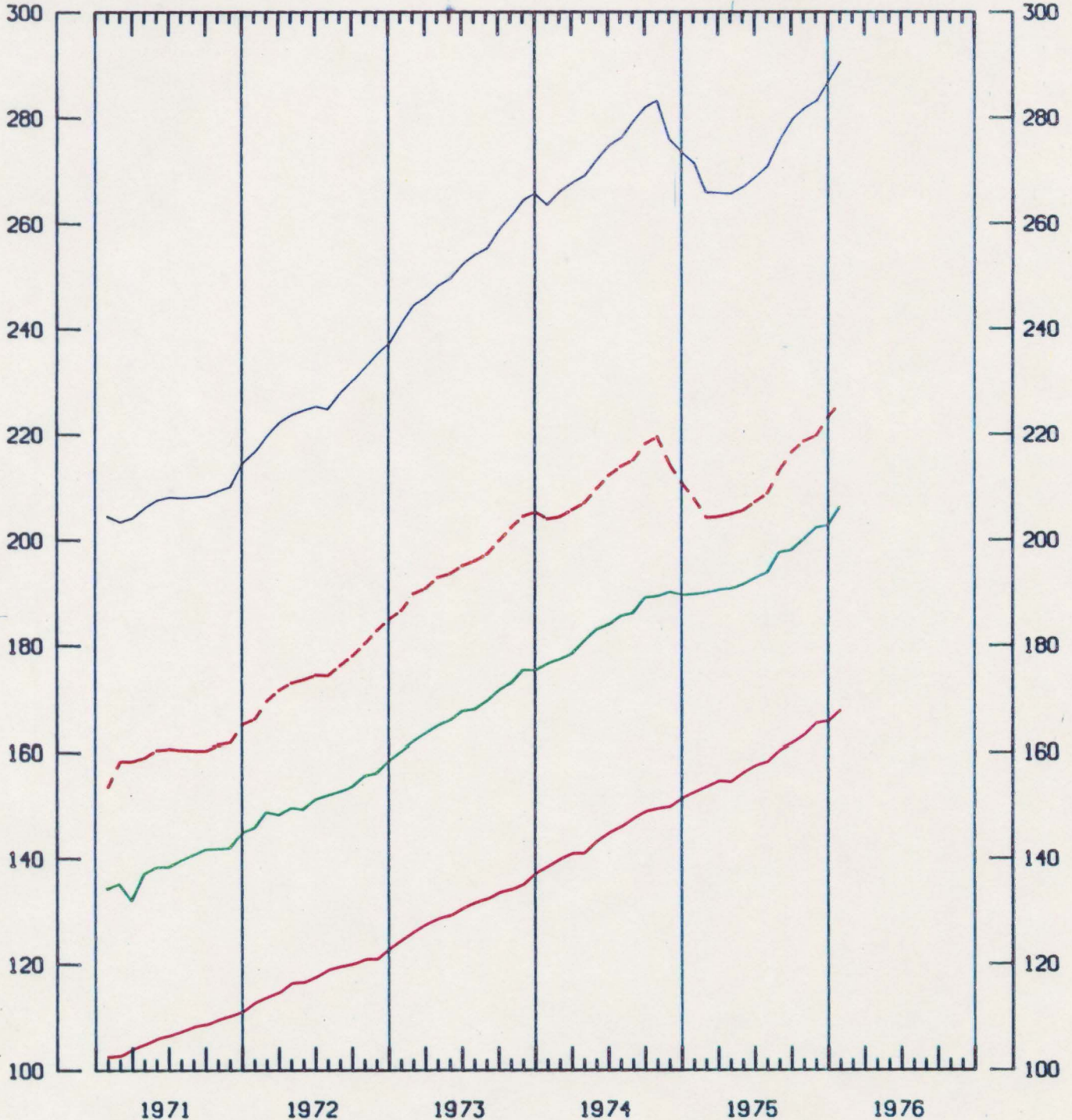
A.1.2 - Wage and Salary Disbursements



	THIS PERIOD	CHANGE LAST PER.	CHANGE YEAR AGO
COMMODITY-PRODUCING INDUSTRIES	\$290.6	1.3%	7.0%
MANUFACTURING - - -	\$226.1	1.3%	8.8%
DISTRIBUTIVE INDUSTRIES	\$206.4	1.7%	8.7%
SERVICE INDUSTRIES	\$167.7	1.2%	10.0%

BILLIONS OF DOLLARS

BILLIONS OF DOLLARS



SOURCE: BUREAU OF ECONOMIC ANALYSIS
23 FEBRUARY 1976



- Payrolls in the Commodity-Producing Industries increased 1.3 percent repeating the December rise of \$3.7 billion.

- Continued upward movement since May 1975.

- Manufacturing payrolls climbed \$2.8 billion, or 1.3 percent, trailing December's \$3.6 billion increase.

- Transportation Equipment, Fabricated Metals, Machinery, and Food and Apparel all contributed to the increase.

- January payrolls in the Distributive Industries reached \$206.4 billion, a 1.7-percent increase over December.

- Largest 1-month rise since the 1-percent jump in August.

- Payrolls in the Service Industries continued to climb, rising \$2.0 billion in January compared with a \$0.4 billion increase in December.

A.3.4 - Gross Average Weekly Earnings

In Current and 1967 Dollars

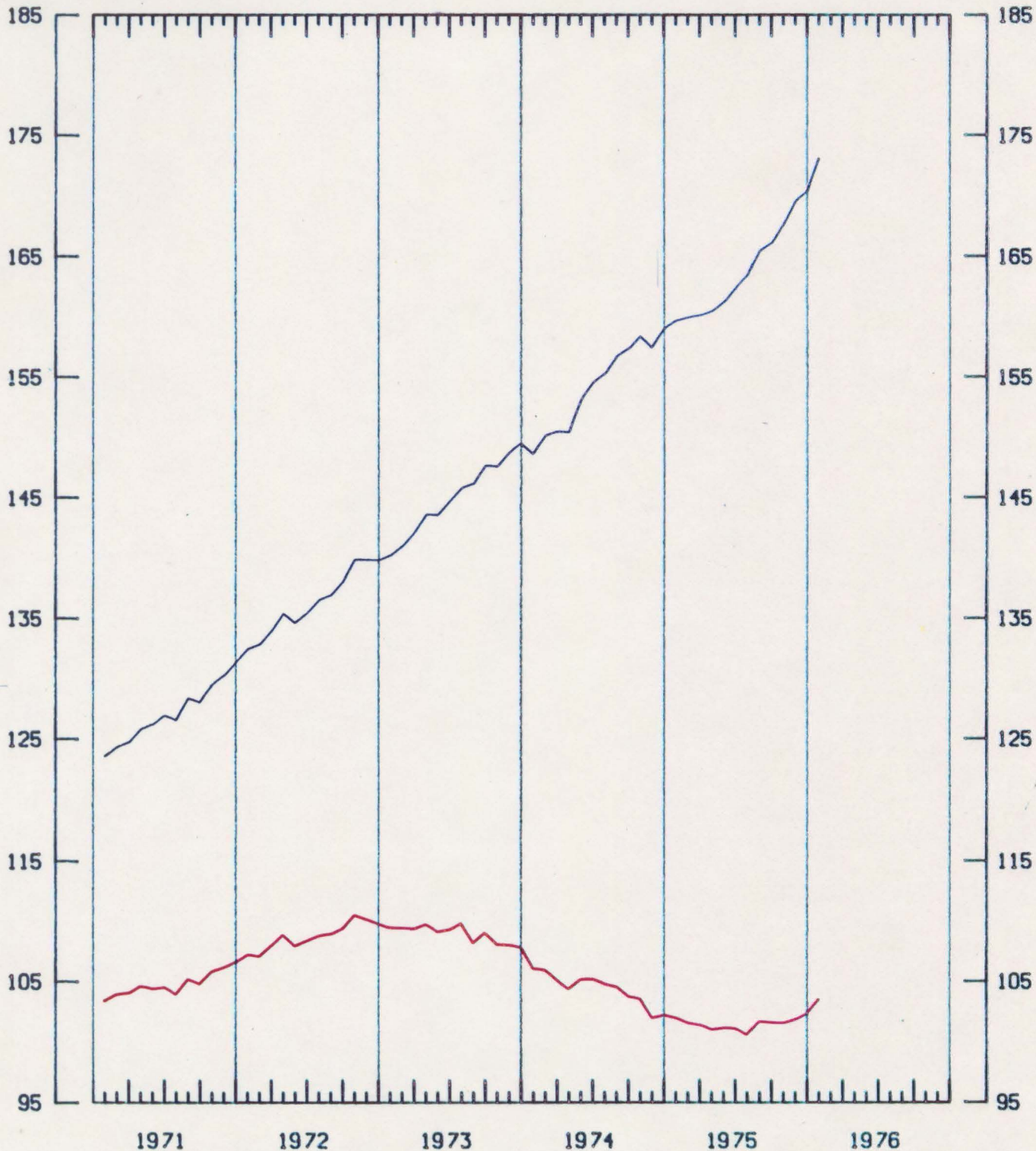


THIS PERIOD	CHANGE LAST PER.	CHANGE YEAR AGO
\$173.12	1.6%	8.4%
\$103.60	1.2%	1.6%

CURRENT DOLLARS
1967 DOLLARS

DOLLARS PER WEEK

DOLLARS PER WEEK



SOURCE: BUREAU OF LABOR STATISTICS
23 FEBRUARY 1976

A.3.4 - Spendable Average Weekly Earnings

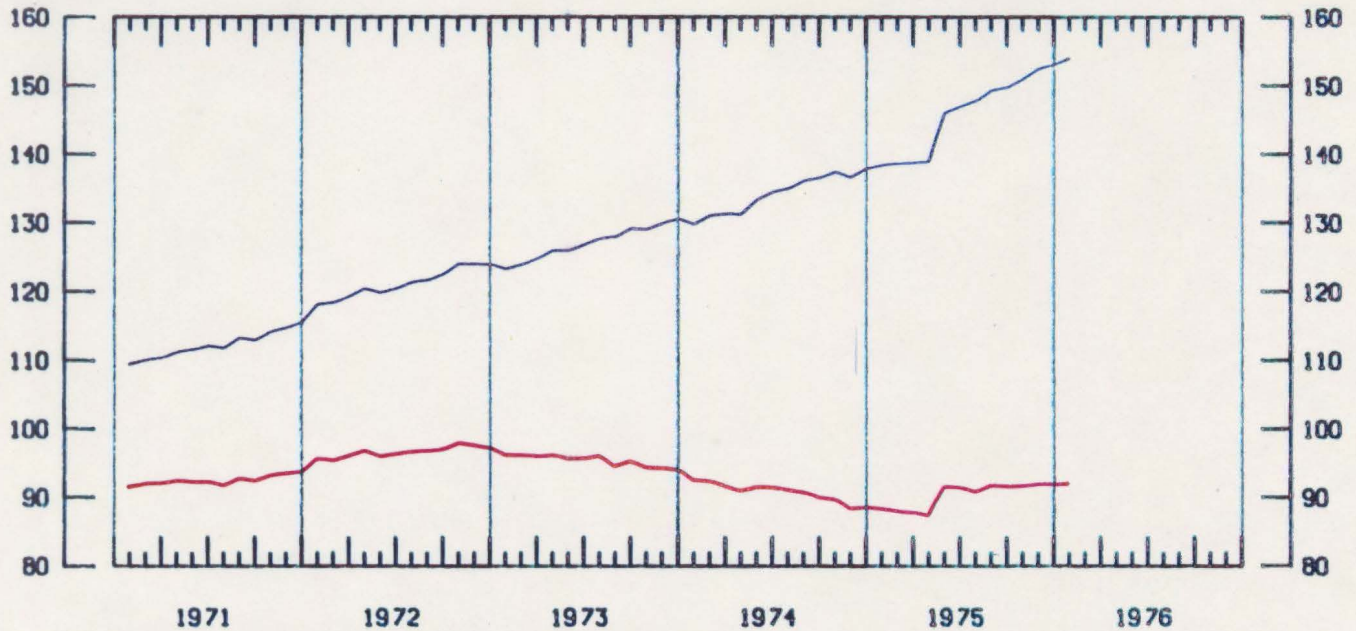
In Current and 1967 Dollars



	THIS PERIOD	CHANGE LAST PER.	CHANGE YEAR AGO
CURRENT DOLLARS	\$154.08	0.6%	11.4%
1967 DOLLARS	\$92.21	0.2%	4.3%

DOLLARS PER WEEK

DOLLARS PER WEEK



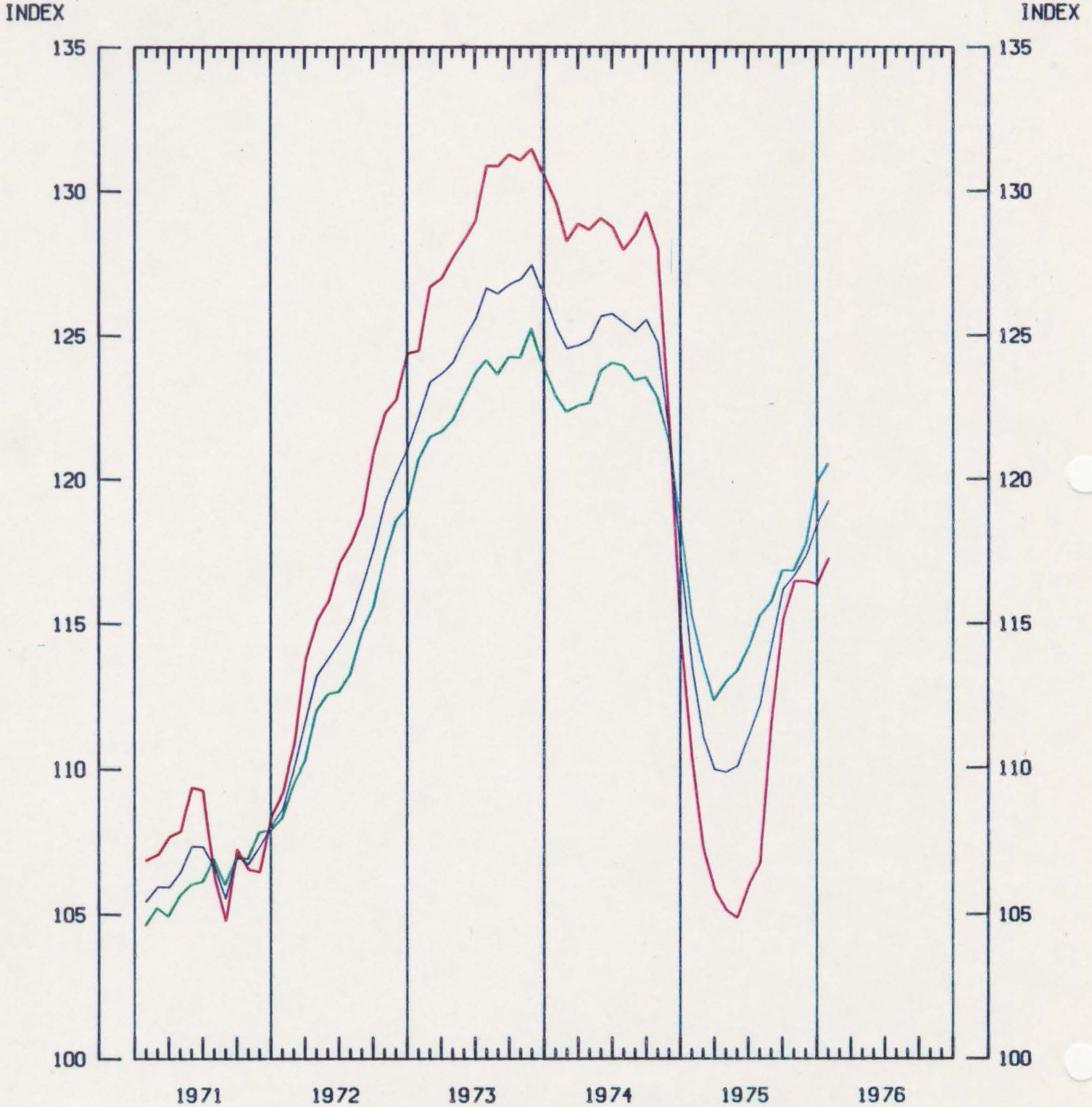
SOURCE: BUREAU OF LABOR STATISTICS
23 FEBRUARY 1976

- Real Gross Weekly Earnings (1967 dollars) rose for the fourth consecutive month, up 1.2 percent in January to a level of \$103.60.
- Highest level since September 1974.
- Gross Weekly Earnings (current dollars) rose 1.6 percent, to continue the upward trend which began in December 1974.
- Real Spendable Earnings (1967 dollars) were virtually unchanged, edging up 0.2 percent.
- In current dollars, Real Spendable Earnings continued to increase, up 0.6 percent.

A.4.1 - Industrial Production Index (1967=100)



	THIS PERIOD	CHANGE LAST PER.	CHANGE YEAR AGO
MATERIALS	117.3	0.8%	6.2%
TOTAL	119.3	0.7%	4.9%
PRODUCTS	120.6	0.6%	4.5%



SOURCE: BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF THE FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM
23 FEBRUARY 1976

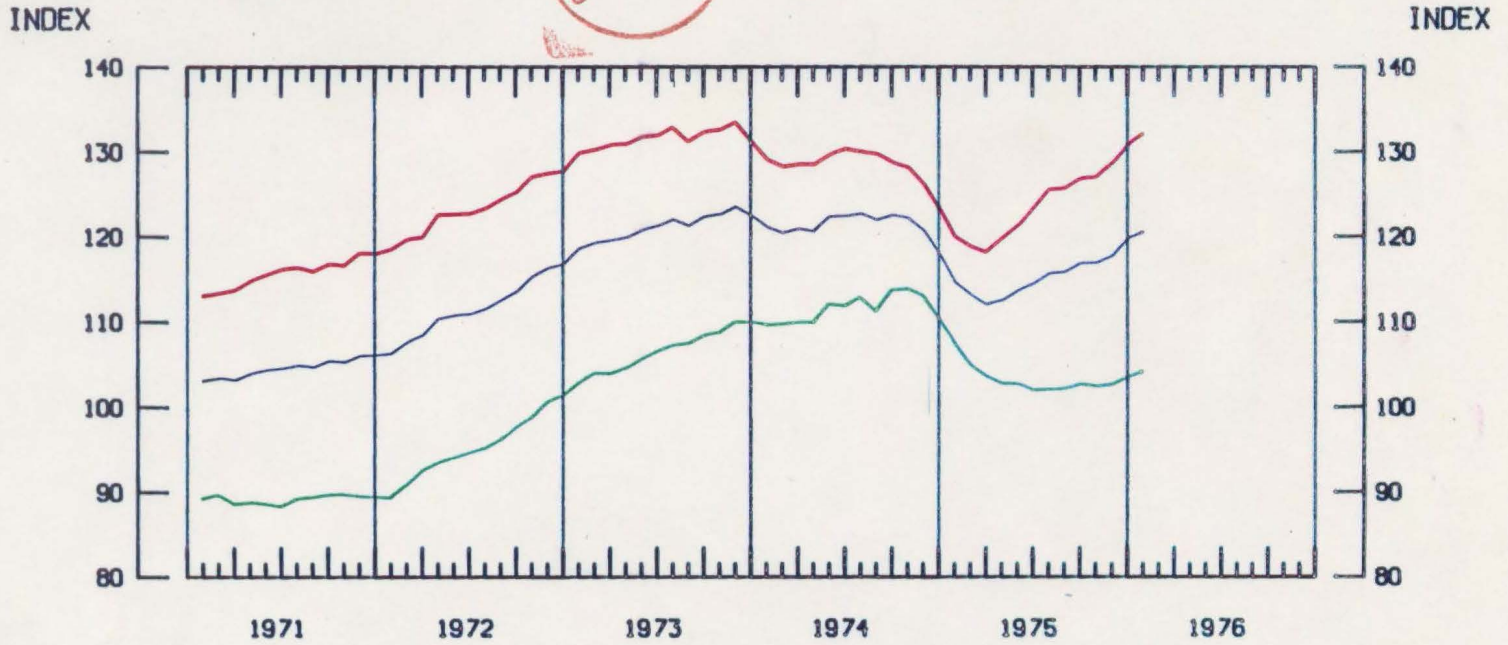


- Industrial Production rose an estimated 0.7 percent in January following a revised 0.9-percent rise in December, and reflects continued gains among all major components.
 - Since the April 1975 low, total output has increased 8.5 percent.
- After showing little change in November and December, output of Materials rose 0.8 percent in January.
 - Up 11.8 percent since the May low of 104.9.
- Products continued to expand, but January's 0.6-percent rise was considerably slower than the 1.8-percent hike posted in December.
 - Products has risen 7.3 percent from the March low of 112.4, and is only 3.8 percent below the November 1973 high of 125.3.

A.4.1 - Industrial Production Index

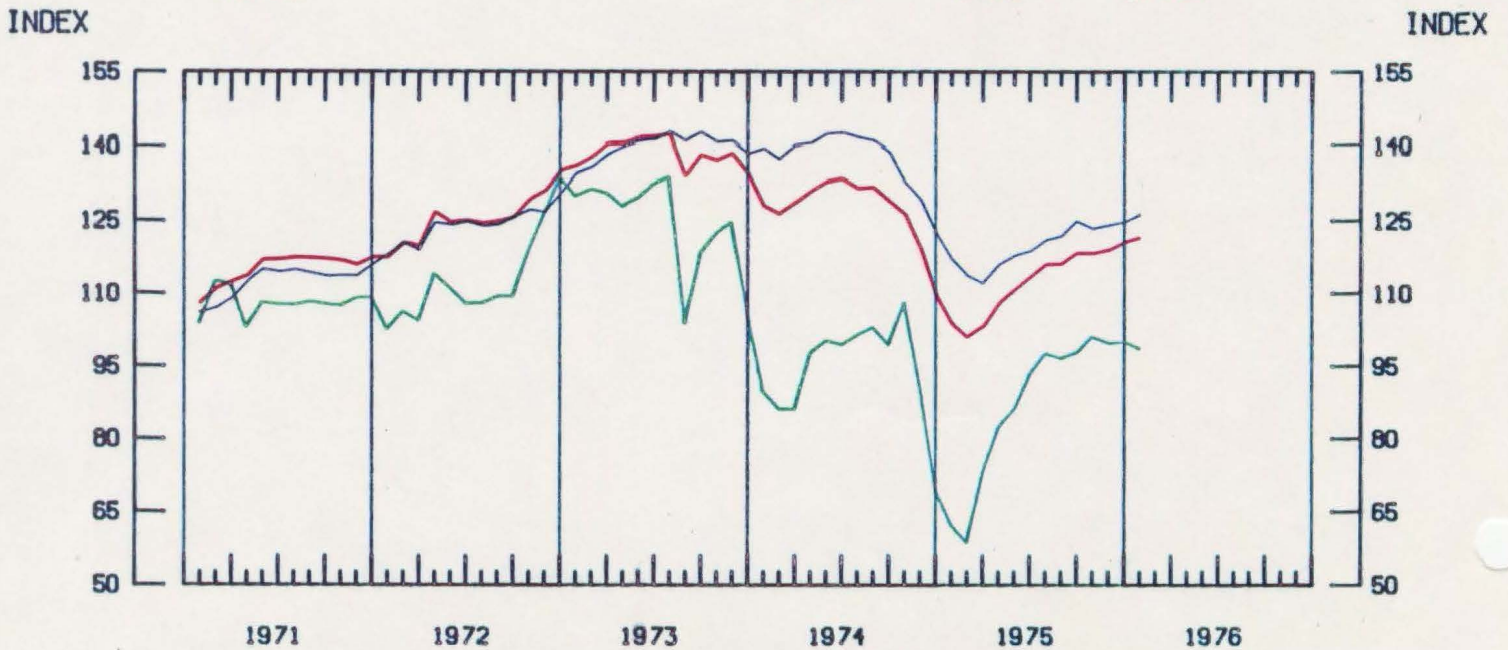
Components of Products

	THIS PERIOD	CHANGE LAST PER.	CHANGE YEAR AGO
CONSUMER GOODS	132.1	1.0%	10.0%
FINAL PRODUCTS	120.6	0.7%	5.0%
EQUIPMENT	104.3	0.7%	-3.2%



Components of Consumer Goods—Durable Goods

	THIS PERIOD	CHANGE LAST PER.	CHANGE YEAR AGO
CONSUMER DURABLES, TOTAL	121.5	0.8%	16.8%
HOME GOODS	126.4	1.2%	7.6%
AUTOS	98.8	-1.3%	57.8%



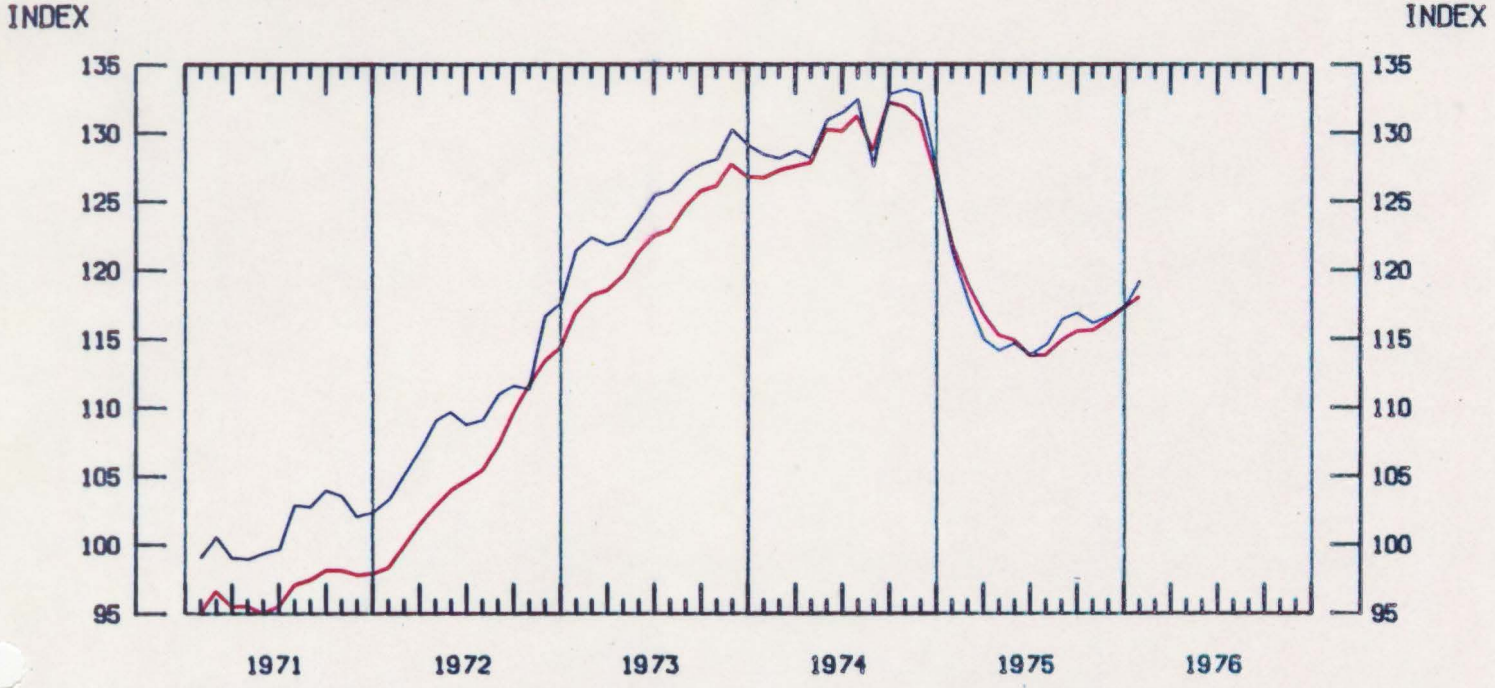
SOURCE: BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF THE FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM
23 FEBRUARY 1976

A.4.1 - Industrial Production Index

Components of Equipment — Business Equipment



	THIS PERIOD	CHANGE LAST PER.	CHANGE YEAR AGO
COMM'L, TRANSIT & FARM EQUIPMENT	119.2	1.5%	-2.0%
BUSINESS EQUIPMENT, TOTAL	118.1	0.7%	-3.4%



SOURCE: BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF THE FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM
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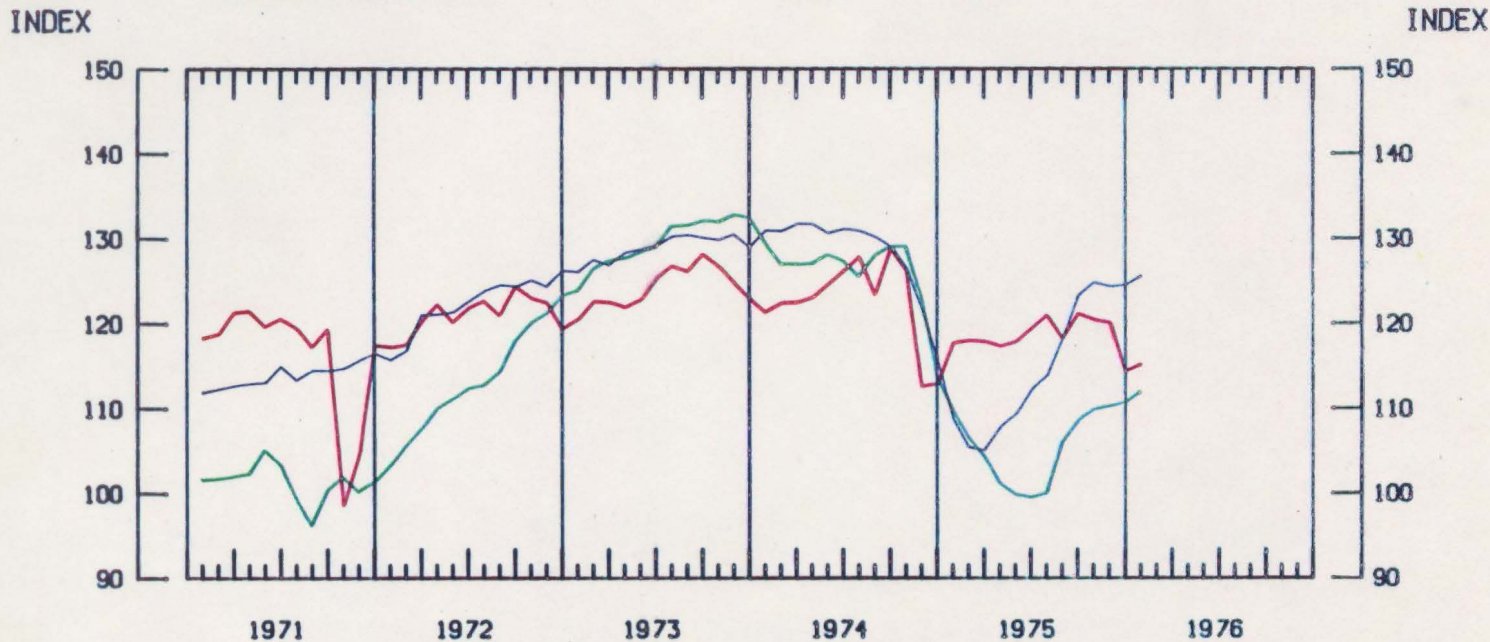
- Among Consumer Goods, production of both Durables and Nondurables continued to expand.
- Consumer Goods rose 1.0 percent in January to 132.1, 1.0 percent below the November 1973 peak of 133.5.
 - Consumer Durables rose 0.8 percent, reflecting continued gains in production of Home Goods, and only slightly reduced Auto production.
- Equipment increased 0.7 percent in January following a 0.8-percent gain in December.
 - Still only 2.1 percent above the June-July low of 102.2.
 - Business Equipment posted its sixth consecutive monthly increase, reflecting a 1.5-percent rise in Commercial, Transit, and Farm Equipment; the largest gain since August.

A.4.1 - Industrial Production Index

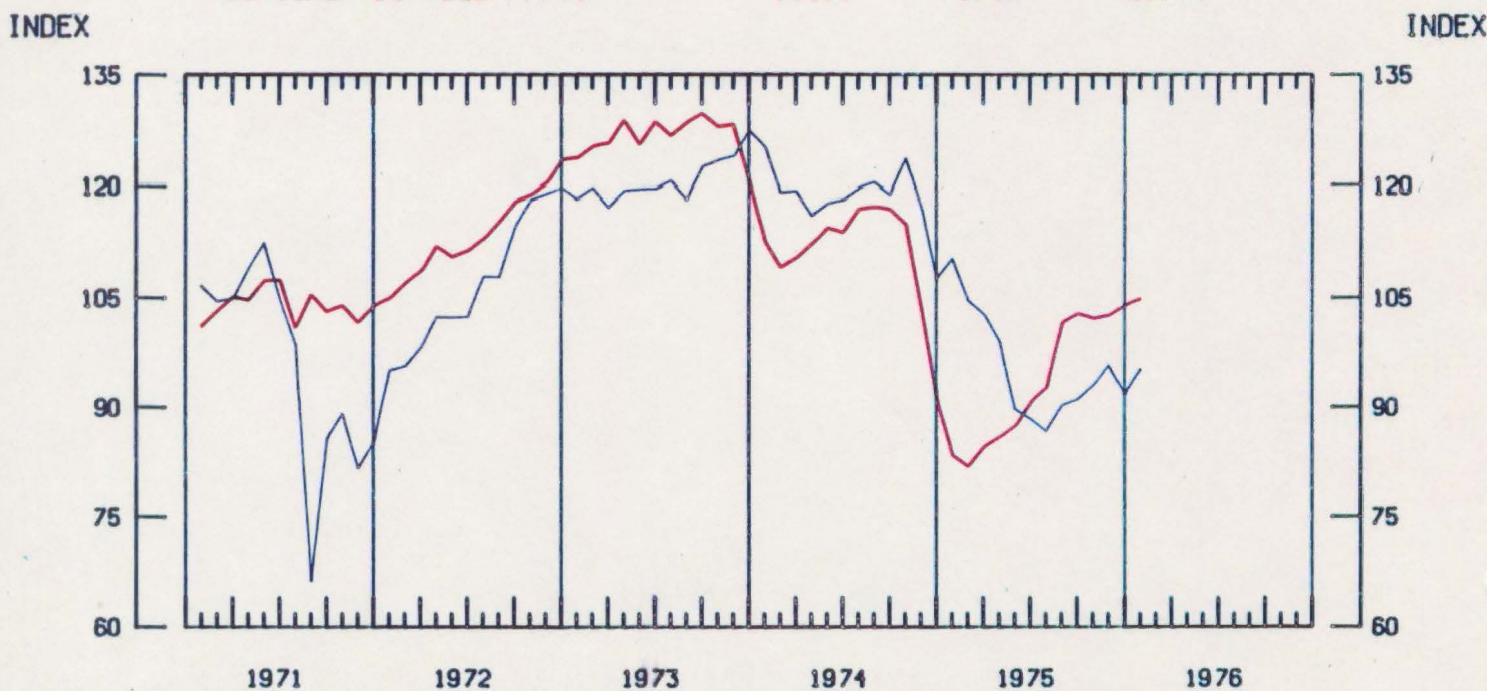
Components of Materials



	THIS PERIOD	CHANGE LAST PER.	CHANGE YEAR AGO
FUEL & POWER, INDUSTRIAL	115.3	0.7%	-2.1%
NONDURABLE MATERIALS	125.8	0.8%	15.2%
DURABLE MATERIALS	112.2	1.1%	1.7%



	THIS PERIOD	CHANGE LAST PER.	CHANGE YEAR AGO
IRON AND STEEL	95.4	3.6%	-13.7%
CONSUMER DURABLE PARTS	105.0	0.9%	25.4%



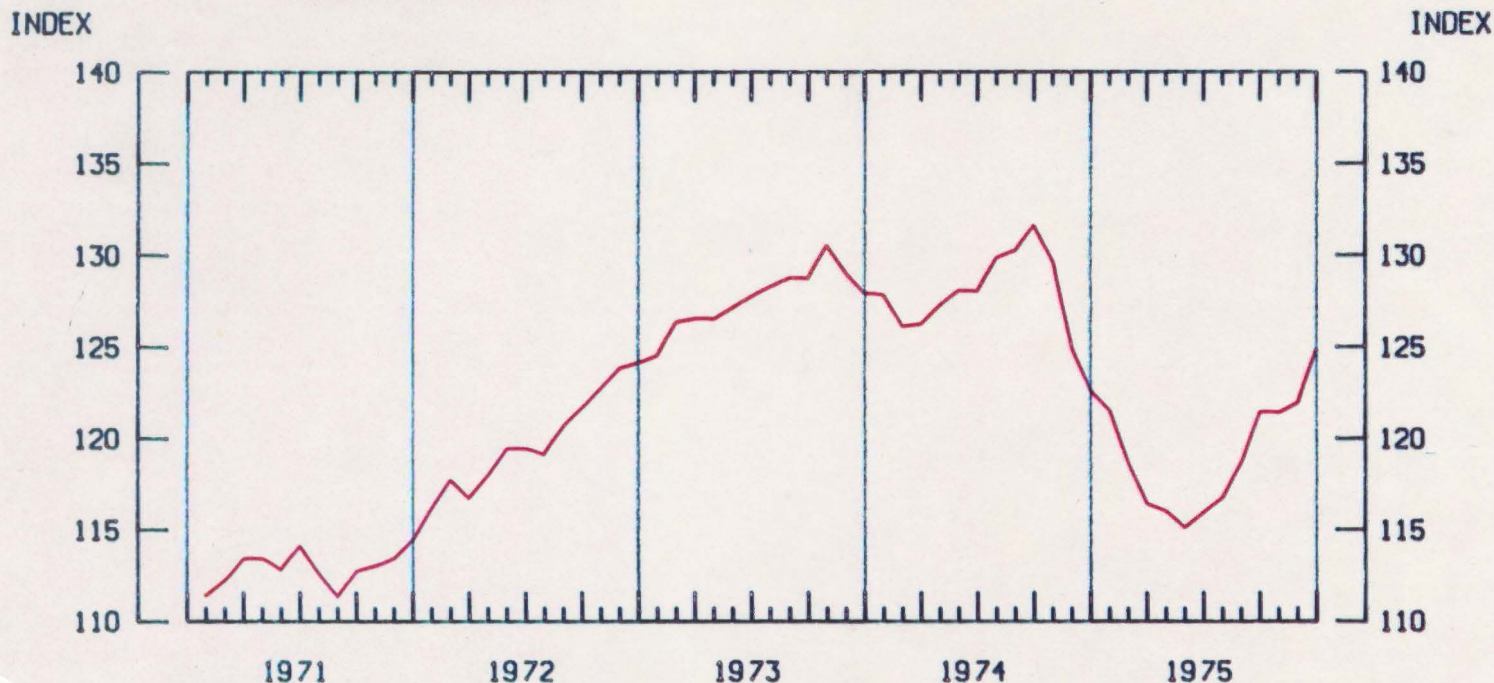
A.4.1 - Industrial Production Index

Components of Industrial Fuel and Power



ELECTRICITY OUTPUT FOR INDUSTRIAL PURPOSES

THIS PERIOD	CHANGE LAST PER.	CHANGE YEAR AGO
124.9	2.4%	1.8%



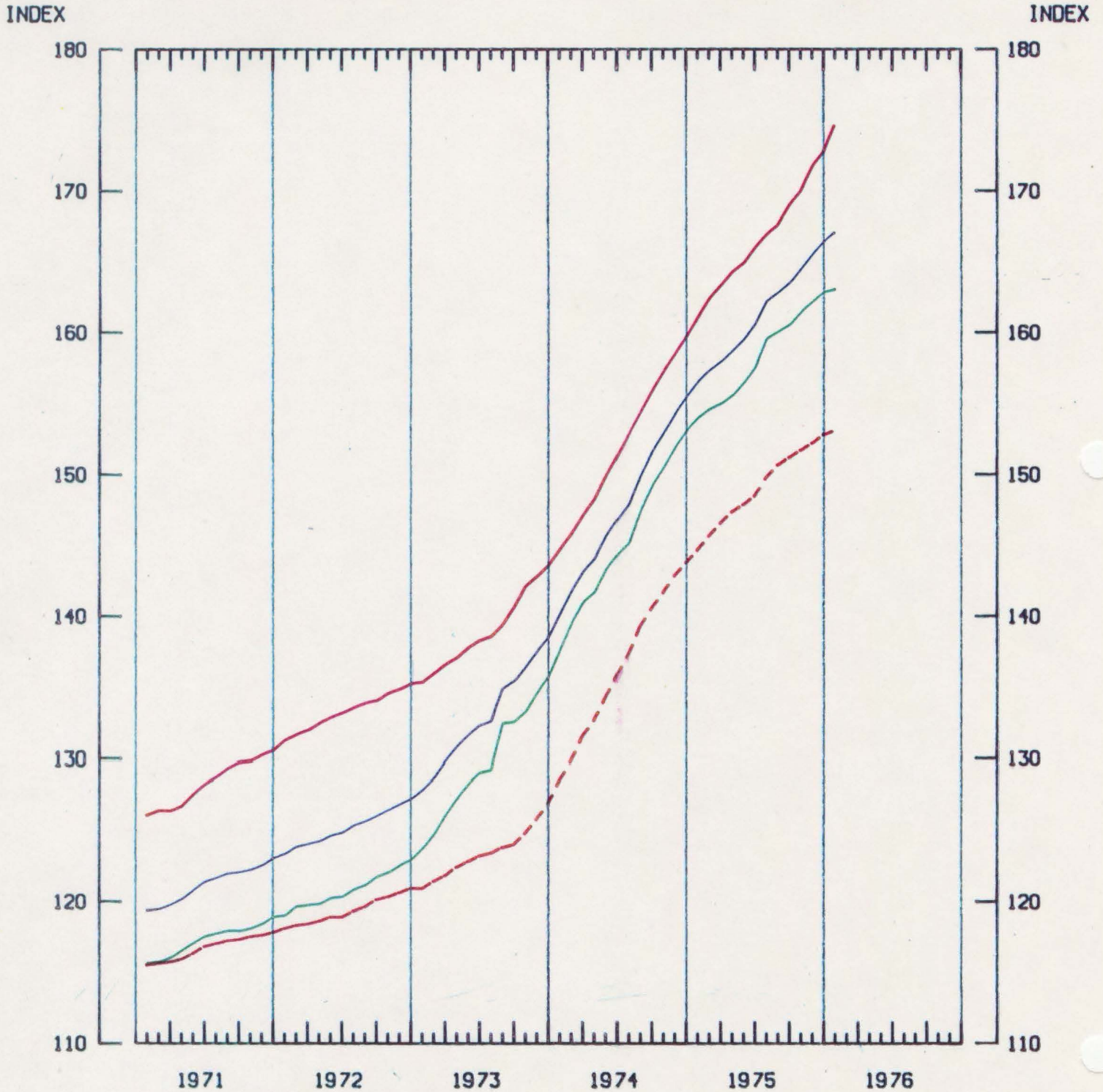
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- Production of **Durable Materials** increased its pace in January after showing little change in November and December, **up 1.1 percent**.
 - January marks the seventh consecutive increase for a **total gain of 12.4 percent since the June low of 99.8**.
 - **Iron and Steel rose 3.6 percent**, almost recovering from December's 4.1 percent drop.
- **Nondurable Materials increased 0.8 percent** in January, somewhat **slower than the gains posted earlier in 1975**.
 - Up 19.5 percent from the March low of 105.3.
- **After dropping 4.8 percent in December**, the third decline in a row, **Industrial Fuel and Power increased 0.7 percent**.
 - **Total Electricity Output and Use for Industrial Purposes* rose 2.4 percent in December**, the latest month for which data are available.
 - **Highest level since November 1974.**

*Data series reflects a combination of power sold and used by utilities, and power generated by industrial plants excluding sales to utilities. Approximately one-half of total electricity generation is consumed for industrial purposes.

A.6.1 - Consumer Price Index (1967=100)

	THIS PERIOD	CHANGE LAST PER.	CHANGE YEAR AGO
SERVICES	174.7	1.1%	8.4%
ALL ITEMS	167.1	0.4%	6.8%
ALL COMMODITIES	163.1	0.1%	5.9%
COMMODITIES LESS FOOD - - -	153.1	0.2%	5.8%



SOURCE: BUREAU OF LABOR STATISTICS
23 FEBRUARY 1976



- The Consumer Price Index for All Items rose 0.4 percent in January, or a seasonally adjusted annual pace of 4.8 percent.
 - Smallest monthly increase since September when a similar rise was reported, and the smallest 12-month gain (6.8 percent) since the period ended July 1973.
 - Higher charges for Services were responsible for most of the January rise.
- All Commodities rose a modest 0.1 percent following a 0.4-percent rise in December.
 - The decline in food prices and the smaller increase in nonfood commodities were responsible for the slower pace.
- Reflecting declines in fuel prices, Commodities Less Food rose 0.2 percent, the slimmest rise since September 1973.
- Services increased 1.1 percent, the largest gain since July 1974, with all categories except Rent posting larger gains than in December.

A.6.1 - Consumer Price Index

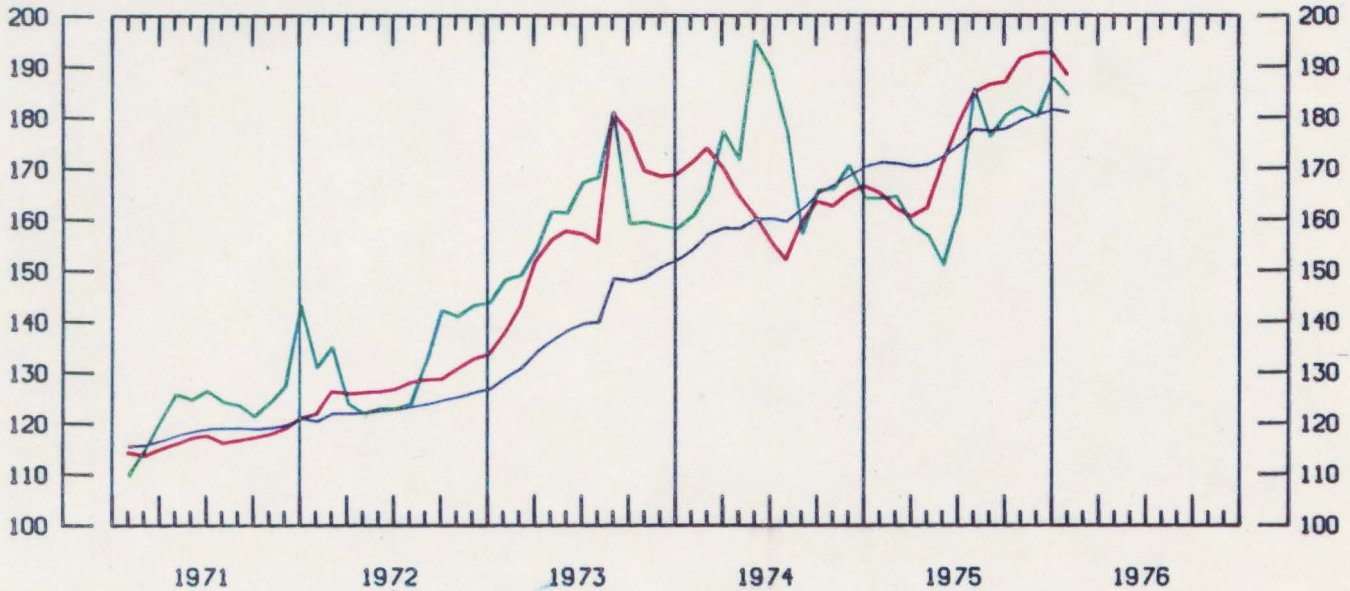
Food and Selected Components



	THIS PERIOD	CHANGE LAST PER.	CHANGE YEAR AGO
FOOD	181.2	-0.2%	5.8%
MEATS, POULTRY & FISH	188.6	-2.2%	14.0%
FRESH VEGETABLES	184.5	-1.8%	12.4%

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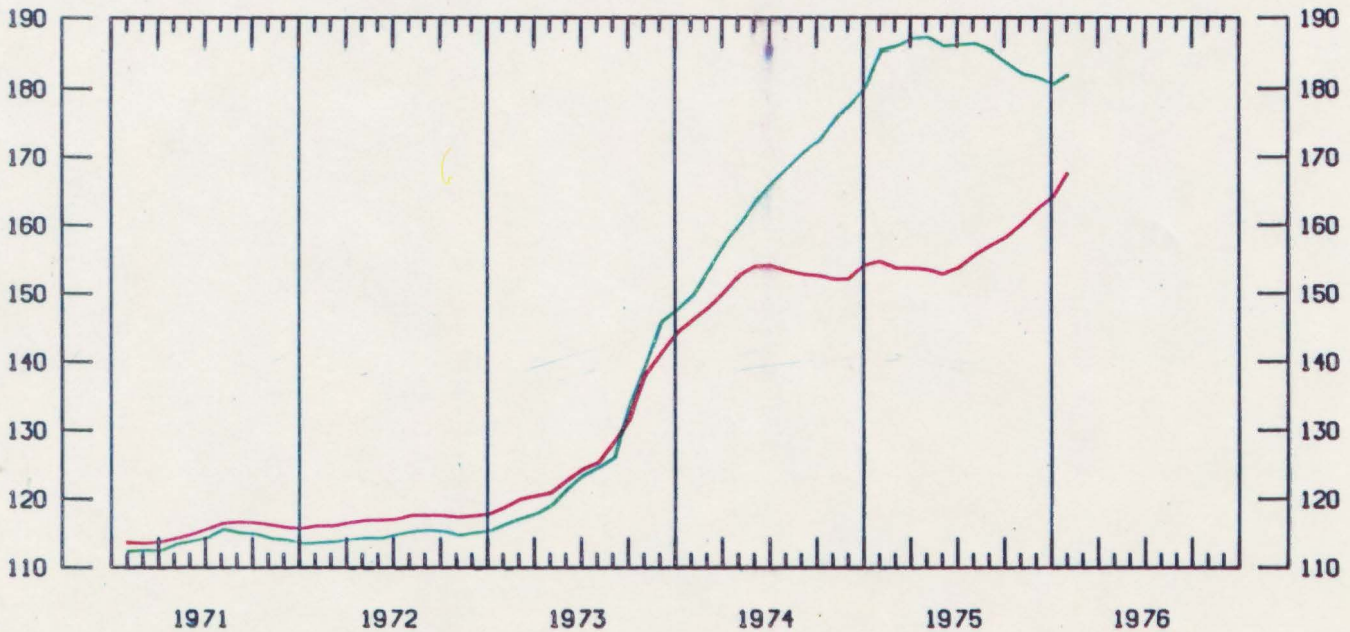


Components of Food

	THIS PERIOD	CHANGE LAST PER.	CHANGE YEAR AGO
DAIRY PRODUCTS	167.7	2.2%	8.3%
CEREAL & BAKERY PRODUCTS	182.0	0.8%	-1.8%

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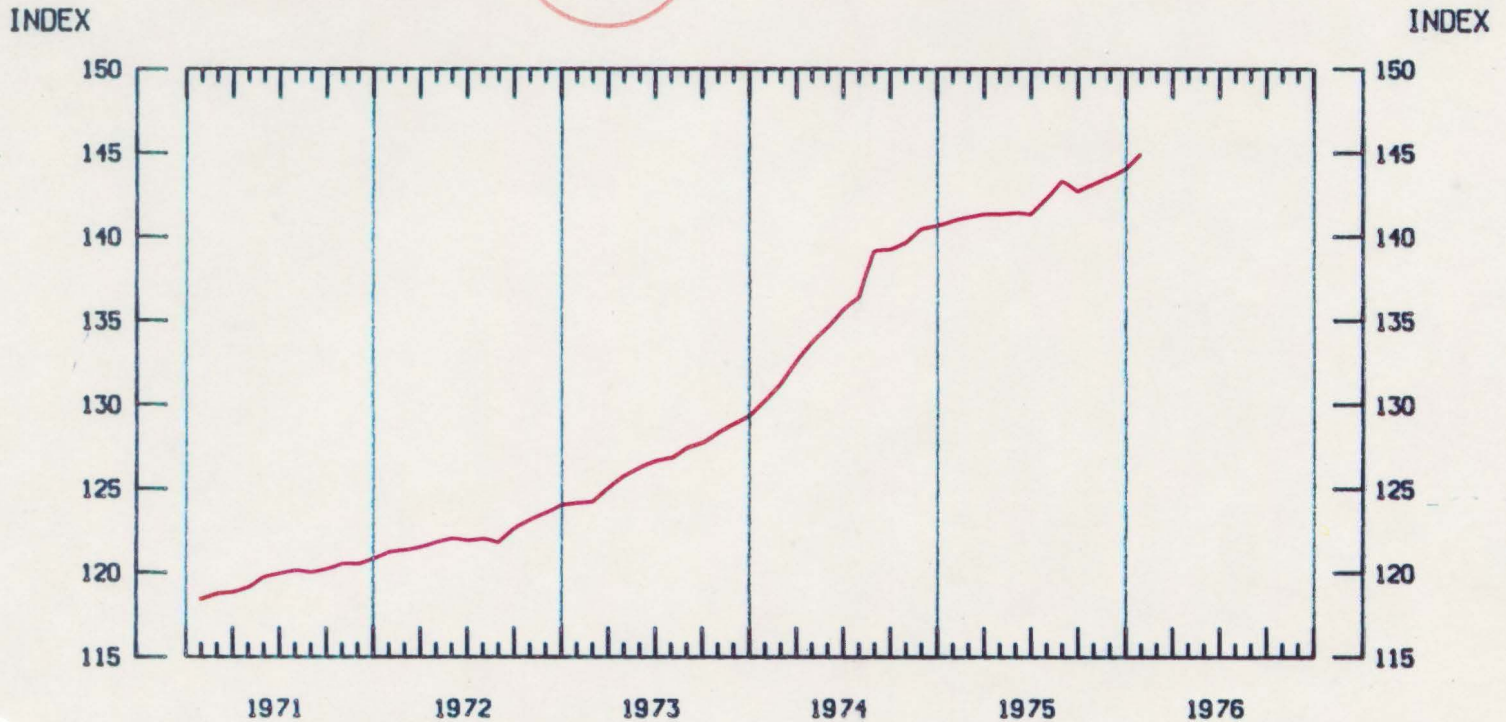
A.6.1 - Consumer Price Index

Apparel and Upkeep



THIS PERIOD	CHANGE LAST PER.	CHANGE YEAR AGO
145.0	0.6%	2.8%

APPAREL & UPKEEP



SOURCE: BUREAU OF LABOR STATISTICS
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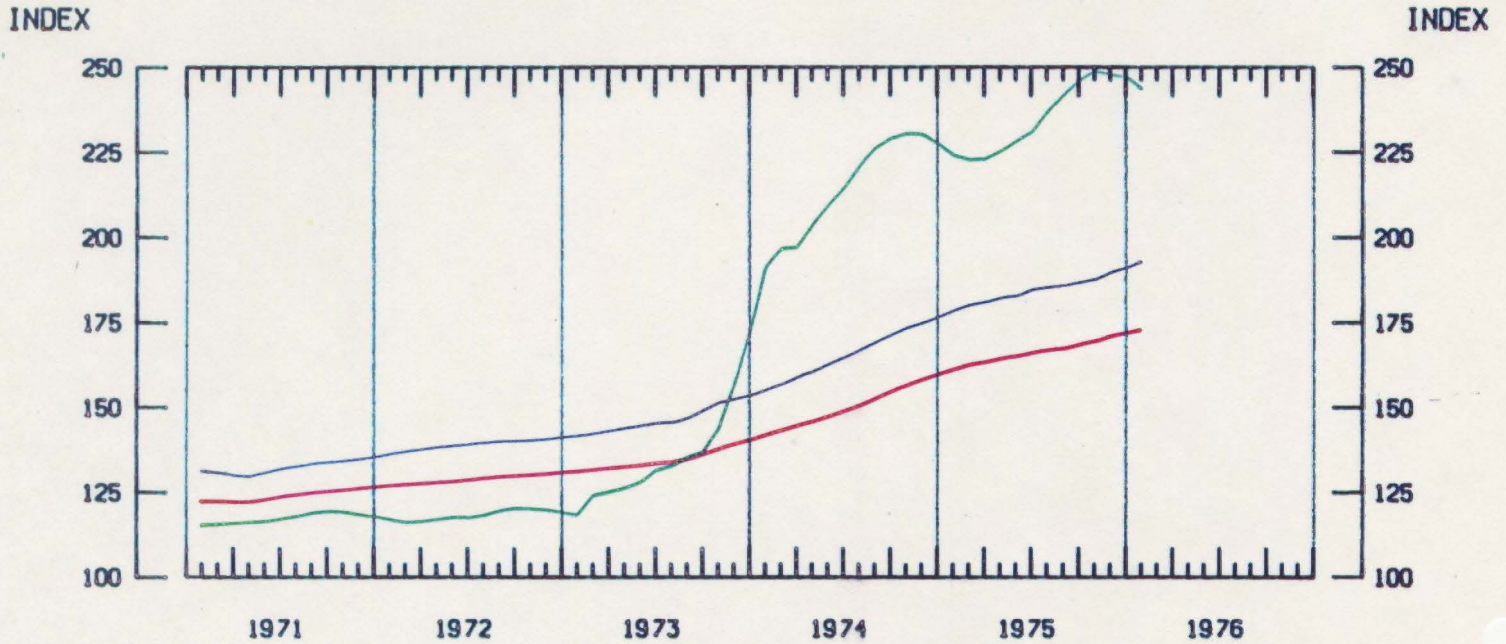
- The Food Index declined 0.2 percent in January, the first decline in 5 months. Grocery Store Foods, which account for the major portion of the Index declined 0.4 percent and Food Away From Home rose 0.8 percent, the largest increase since early 1975.
- Leading the drop in Grocery Store Foods were Meats, Poultry, and Fish, which declined 2.2 percent; and Fresh Vegetables, which dropped 1.8 percent, after rising 4.3 percent in December.
- Increases in Cereal and Bakery Products (0.8 percent) and Dairy Products (2.2 percent) were partially offsetting.
- Apparel and Upkeep increased 0.6 percent, a larger gain than in recent months.

A.6.1 - Consumer Price Index

Housing Components

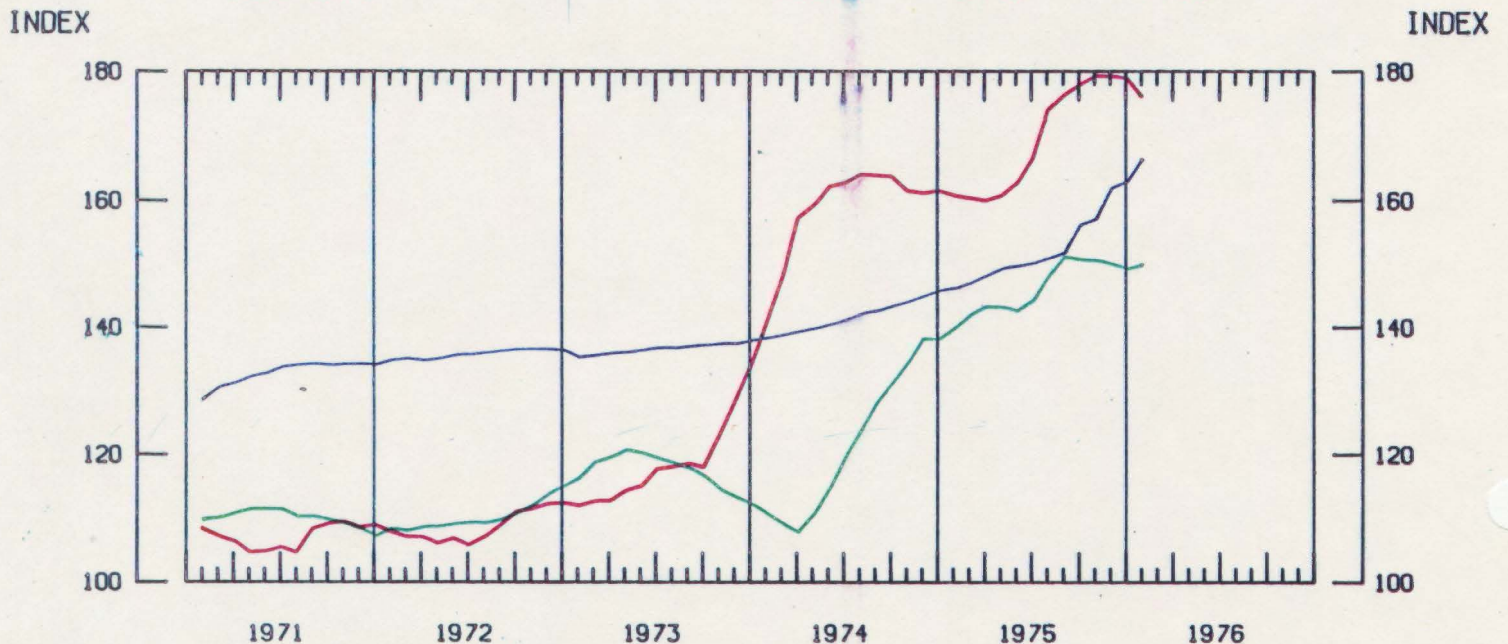


	THIS PERIOD	CHANGE LAST PER.	CHANGE YEAR AGO
HOUSEHOLD SERVICES LESS RENT	193.1	1.0%	8.2%
HOUSING	173.2	0.6%	7.1%
FUEL OIL AND COAL	244.0	-1.4%	8.7%



Components of Transportation

	THIS PERIOD	CHANGE LAST PER.	CHANGE YEAR AGO
TRANSPORTATION SERVICES	166.7	2.2%	13.9%
GASOLINE & MOTOR OIL	176.2	-1.6%	9.4%
USED CARS	150.0	0.4%	7.2%



A.6.1 - Consumer Price Index

Health and Recreation

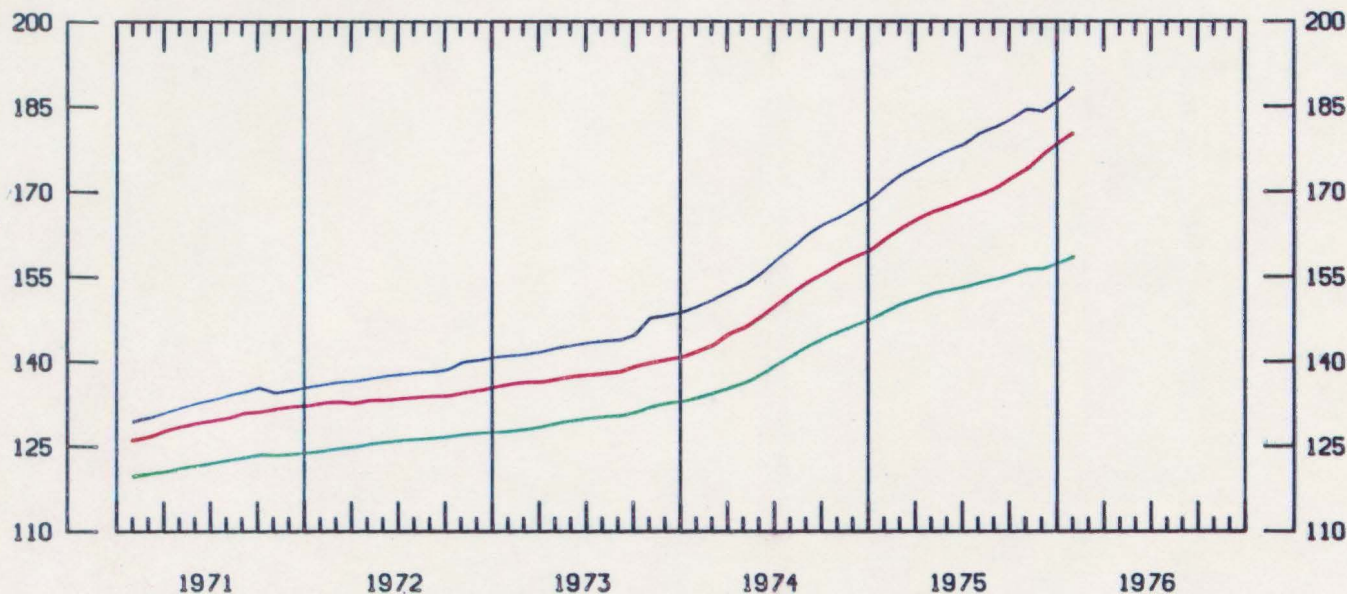
(1967=100)

	THIS PERIOD	CHANGE LAST PER.	CHANGE YEAR AGO
MEDICAL CARE SERVICES	188.4	1.2%	10.2%
PHYSICIANS FEES	180.4	1.1%	11.6%
HEALTH & RECREATION	158.6	0.7%	6.5%



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SOURCE: BUREAU OF LABOR STATISTICS
23 FEBRUARY 1976

- Among components of Housing:

- Household Services Excluding Rent rose 1.0 percent in January, reflecting, in part, a one-time jump in postal rates. Fuel Oil and Coal, however, declined for the third consecutive month.

- Among components of Transportation:

- Transportation Services jumped 2.2 percent, the result of sharp increases in auto insurance and auto repairs; and Used Cars rose for the first time in 5 months. However, Gasoline and Motor Oil declined 1.6 percent after recording little change the previous 2 months.

- In the Health and Recreation sector:

- Medical Care Services and Physicians' Fees posted especially large price boosts. Medical Care Services rose 1.2 percent in January after rising 1.0 percent the previous month. Physicians' Fees rose 1.1 percent for a total gain of 5.7 percent since August.

A.7.1 - Privately-Owned Housing Units Started

Annual Rates

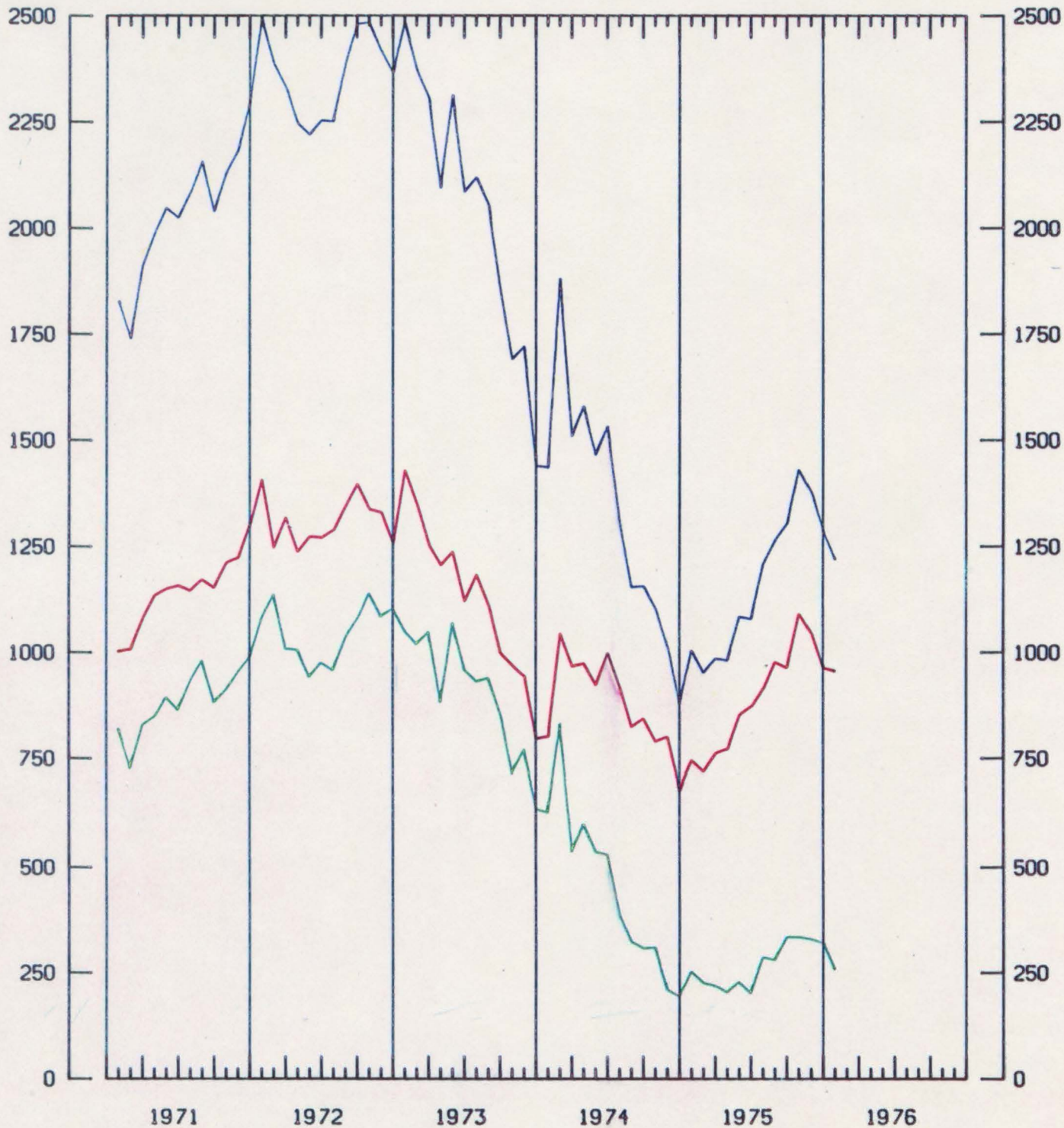


TOTAL UNITS STARTED
SINGLE UNITS
MULTIUNITS

THIS PERIOD	CHANGE LAST PER.	CHANGE YEAR AGO
1,221	-5.4%	21.5%
958	-0.8%	28.1%
263	-19.1%	2.3%

THOUSANDS OF UNITS

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SOURCE: BUREAU OF THE CENSUS
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A.7.1 - Privately-Owned Housing Units Started By Region

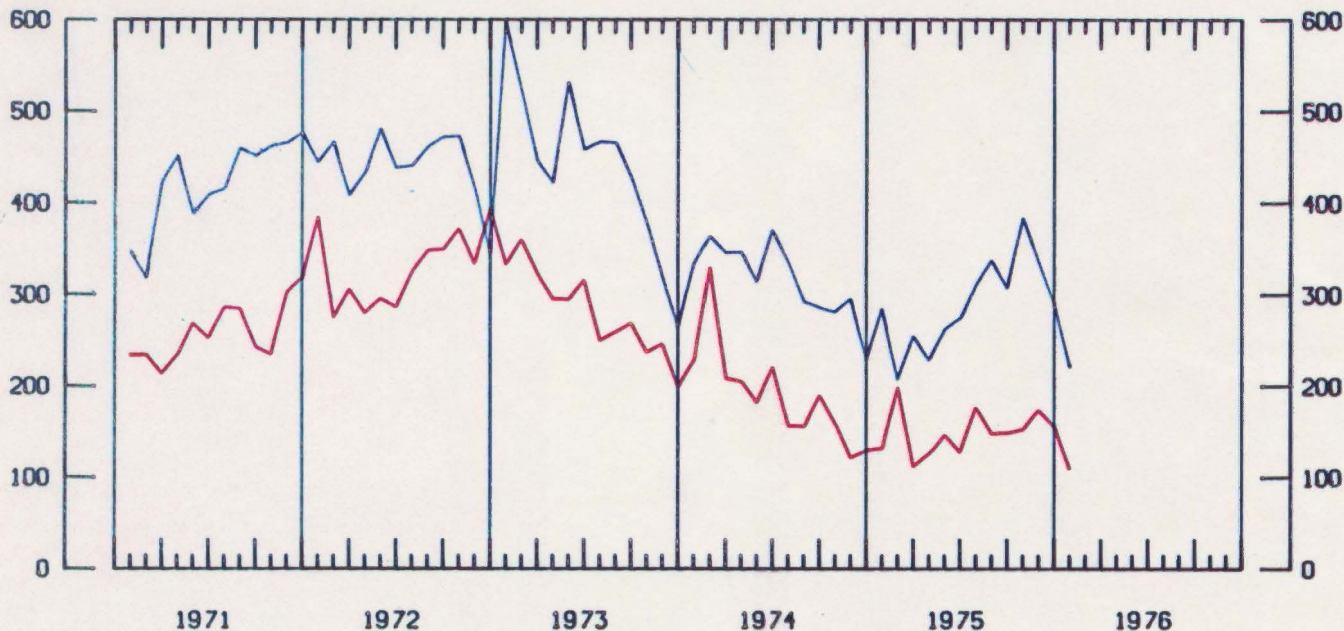


THOUSANDS
OF UNITS

NORTH CENTRAL
NORTHEAST

THIS PERIOD	CHANGE LAST PER.	CHANGE YEAR AGO
222	-23.7%	-22.1%
111	-29.3%	-16.5%

THOUSANDS
OF UNITS



SOURCE: BUREAU OF THE CENSUS
23 FEBRUARY 1976

- Privately-Owned Housing Starts declined for the third month in a row to a level of 1,221,000 units in January.
 - Down 5.4 percent to the lowest rate since July.
 - 21.5 percent above January 1975 when starts were hovering at the lowest monthly levels in nearly 30 years.
- The bulk of the decline occurred in Multiunit Structures, which dropped 19.1 percent in January; a total decrease of 22.2 percent since October.
- Single Unit Structures edged down 0.8 percent to a level of 958,000 units.
- Regionally, the Northeast and the North Central were responsible for most of the overall decline, dropping 29.3 percent and 23.7 percent, respectively.

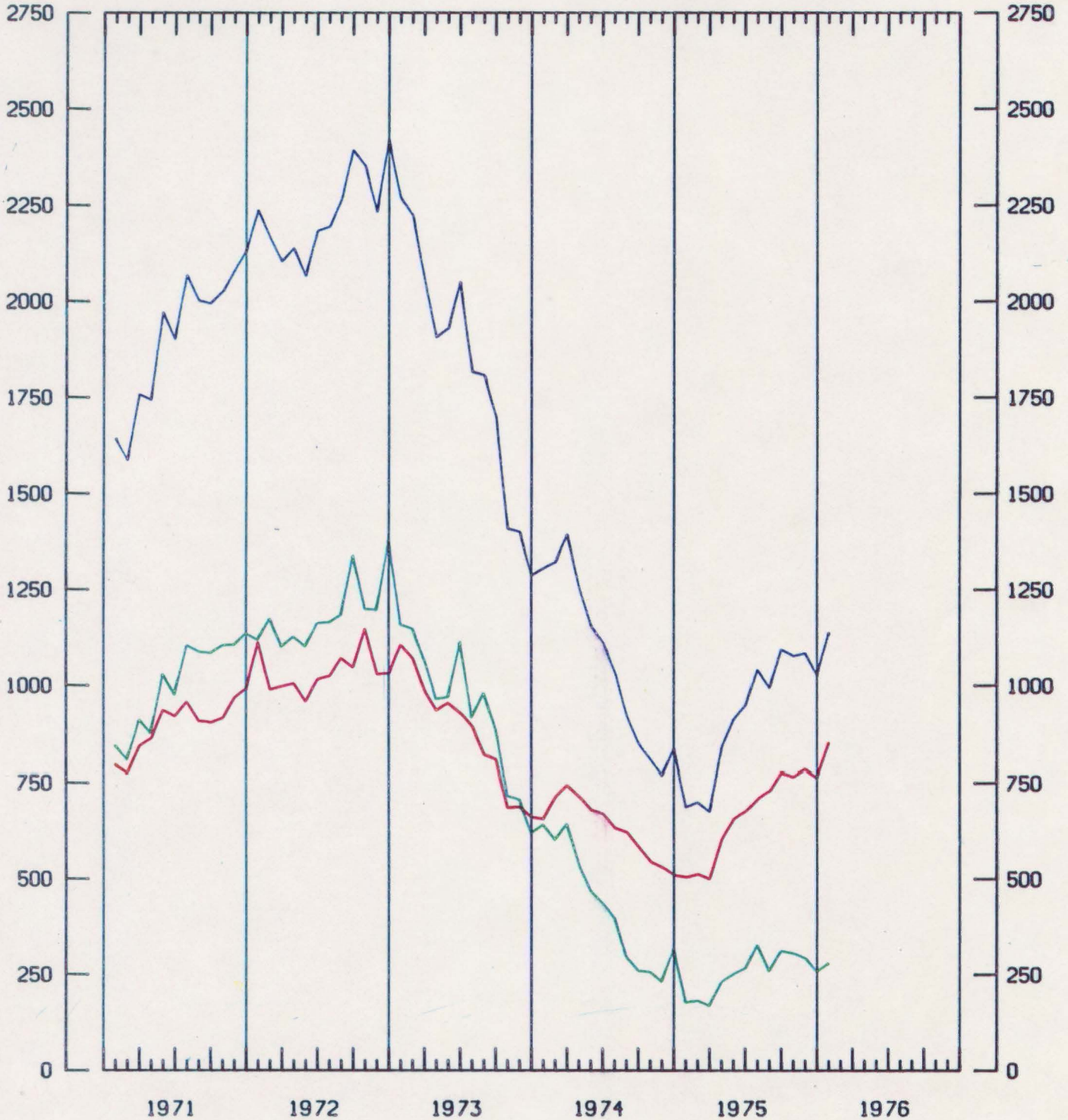
A.7.1 - Building Permits Issued for Privately-Owned Housing Units in 14,000 Permit-Issuing Places

Annual Rate

	THIS PERIOD	CHANGE LAST PER.	CHANGE YEAR AGO
TOTAL UNITS AUTHORIZED	1,138	10.7%	65.2%
SINGLE UNITS	855	11.6%	68.3%
MULTIUNITS	283	8.0%	55.5%

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SOURCE: BUREAU OF THE CENSUS
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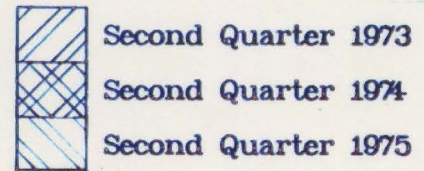




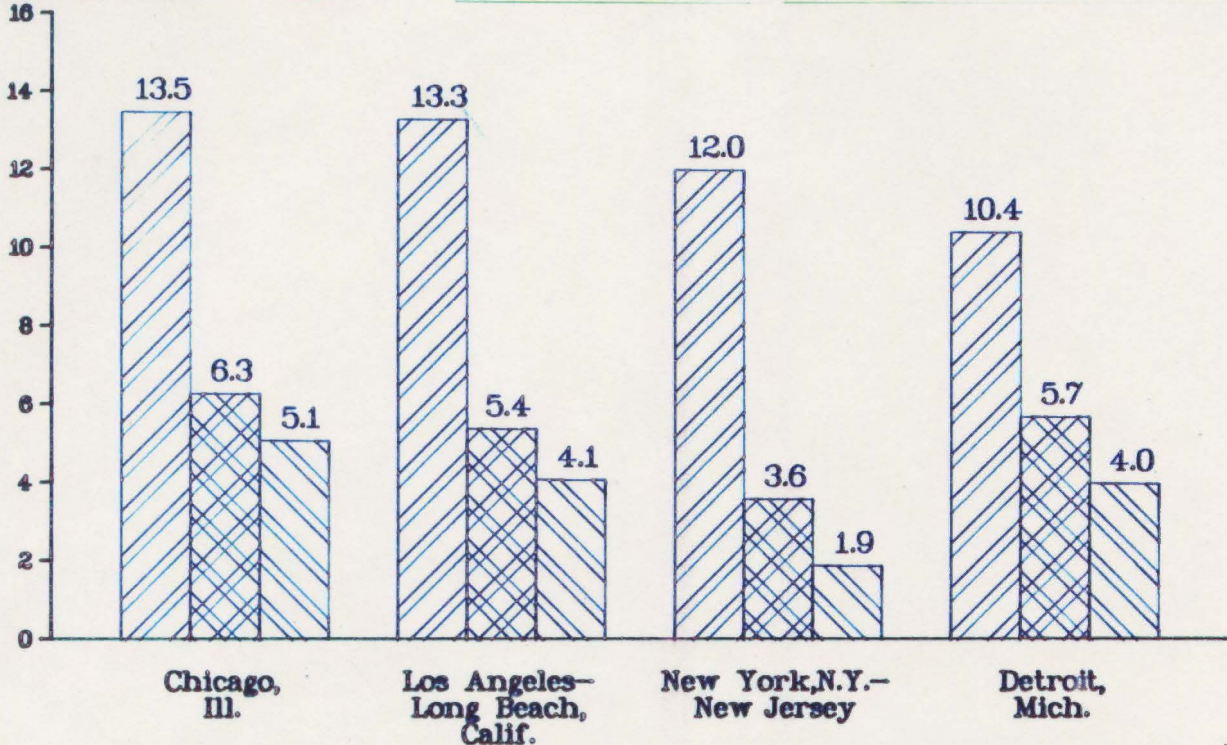
- Total Authorizations rose 10.7 percent to a level of 1,138,000 units-- the highest level since May 1974.
 - 65.2 percent improvement over the depressed levels recorded last January.
- Structures with Single Units rose 11.6 percent, continuing an upward trend which began in April.
- Multiunits increased 8 percent due to a 14-percent gain in structures with 5 or more units, which outweighed an 11.1-percent drop in 2- to 4-unit buildings.

A.7.1 - Privately-Owned Housing Units Started in Permit Places

Selected SMSA's



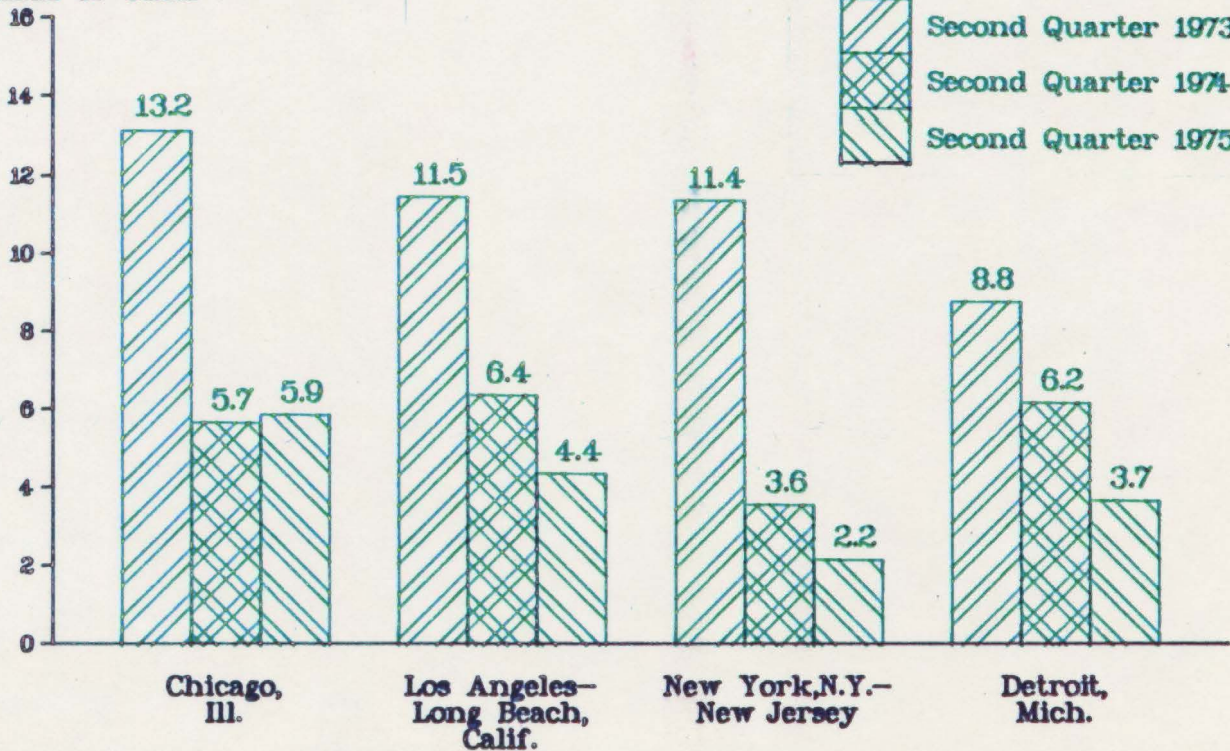
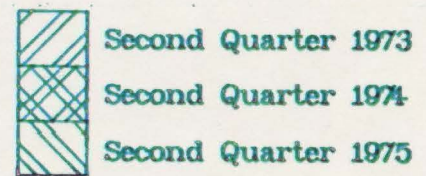
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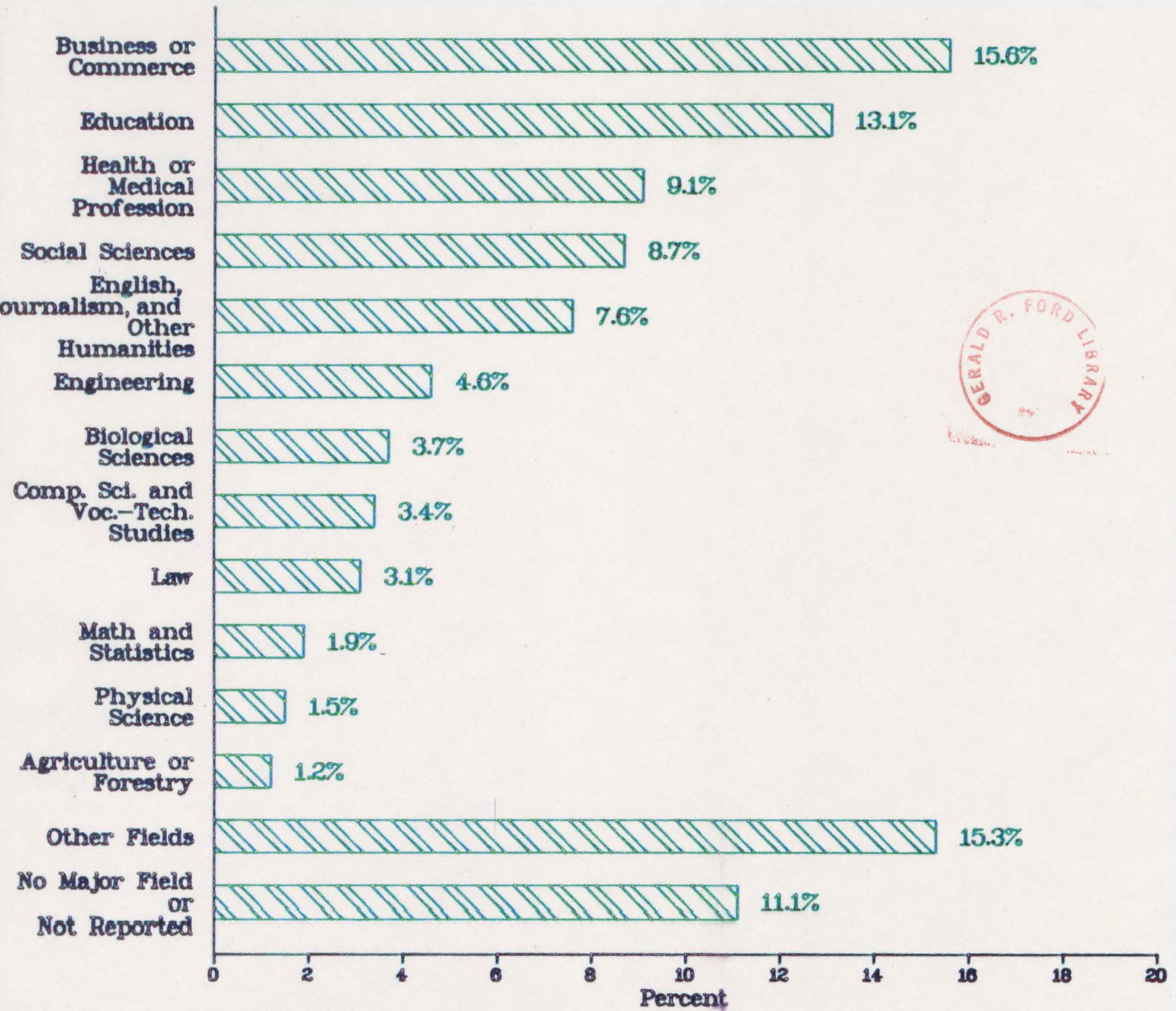
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- Comparison of second quarter levels indicates that for selected SMSA's, Starts and Permit Authorizations have declined over the last 3 years.
 - New York-New Jersey reported the largest slowdown in Starts and Authorizations, down 84.2 percent and 80.7 percent, respectively.
 - The smallest percentage decline in Starts was recorded in Detroit (61.5 percent), whereas the smallest percentage decline in Authorizations occurred in Chicago (55.3 percent).
- Chicago was the only one of the selected SMSA's to show an increase in Permit Authorizations in any of the last three years, up 3.5 percent from the second quarter of 1974 to the same period in 1975.

**B.4.3 - Percent Distribution of College Students by Major Field
of Study: October 1974**
(College Students 14 to 34 Years Old)



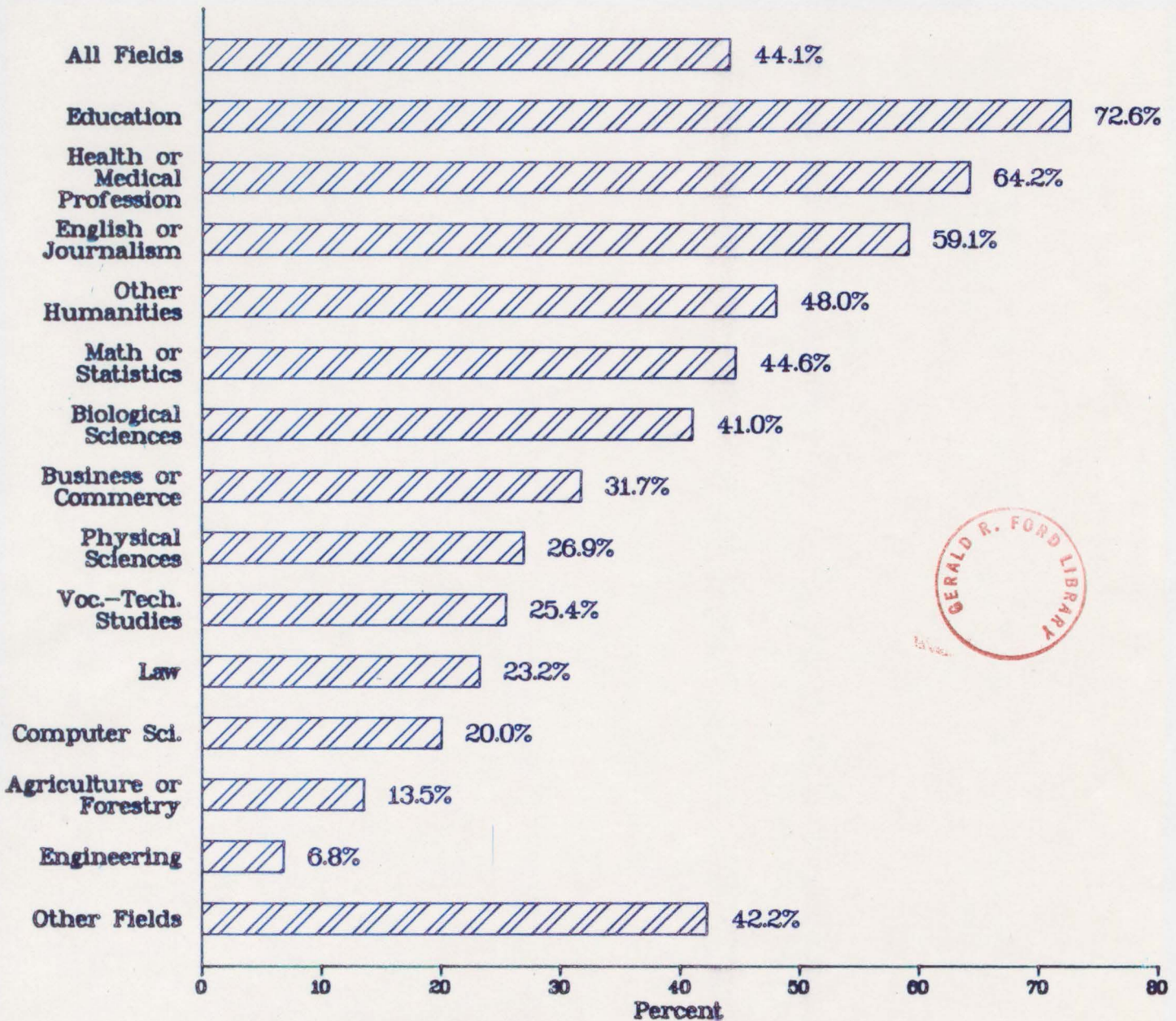
Source: Bureau of the Census
23 February 1976



- In October 1974, the most popular field of study of college students (16 percent) was business and commerce.
- The second most popular field was education, reported by 13 percent.
- About 24 percent of all the college students who reported a field of study were in the following major scientific and technical fields: Health and medical professions, engineering, biological sciences, mathematics and statistics, physical sciences, computer science, and vocational-technical studies.

B.4.3 - Women as a Percent of All College Students by Major Field of Study: October 1974

(College Students 14 to 34 Years Old)

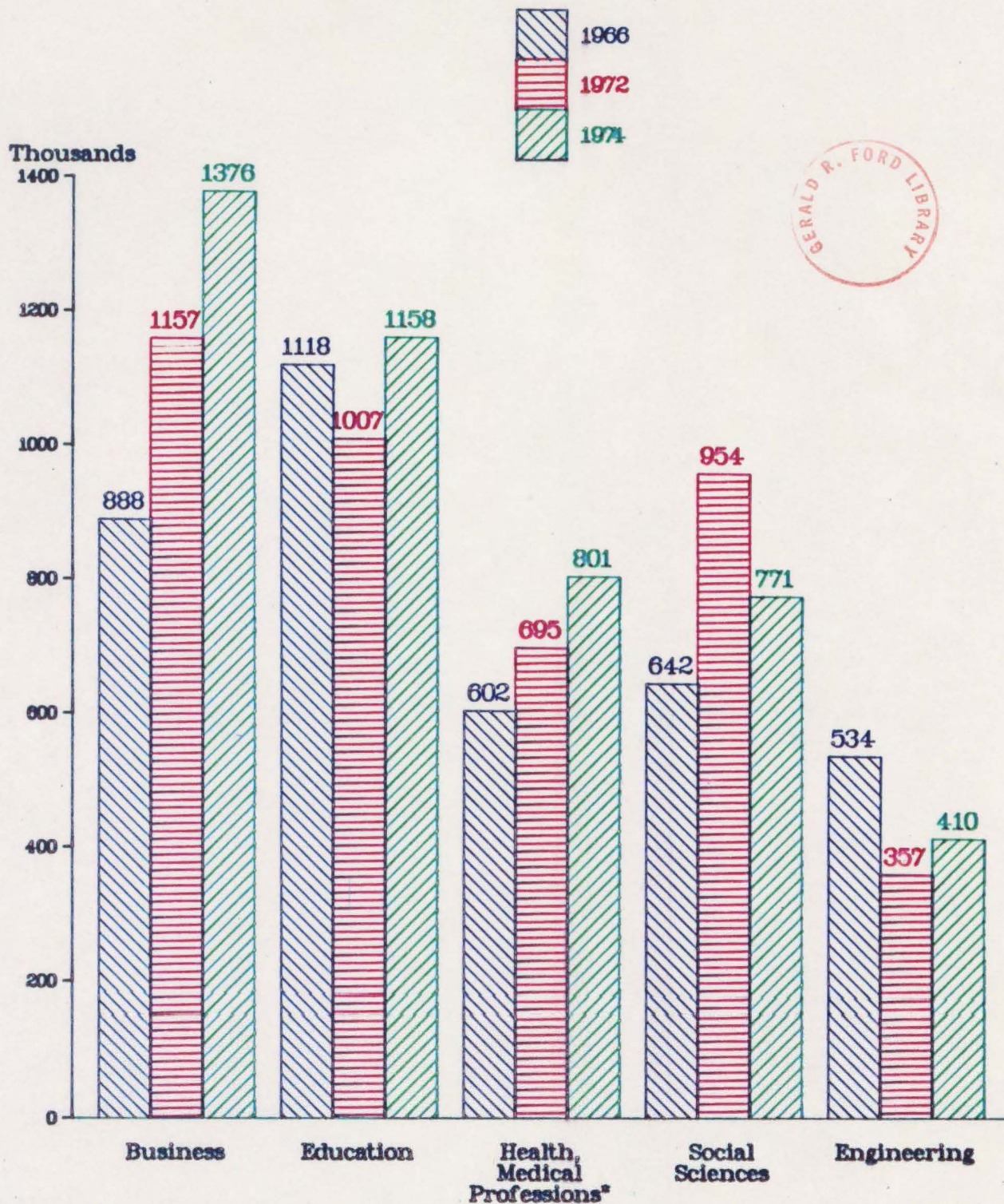


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- Women represented about 44 percent of all college students in 1974.
- Most fields remained disproportionately filled by members of one sex.
- Women represented large proportions of all students majoring in education, the health fields, and the humanities; but small proportions of students in such fields as engineering, agriculture, computer science, and law.

B.4.3 - Enrollment in Selected Major Fields of Study: October 1966, 1972, and 1974



Source: Bureau of the Census
23 February 1976

* Includes Biological Sciences in 1966 only.



- Between 1966 and 1974 the increase in the number of college students 14 to 34 years of age has not occurred equally in all major fields of study.
- Some fields which showed increases in enrollment between 1966 and 1972 declined in popularity between 1972 and 1974.
 - For example, the number of social science majors increased greatly between 1966 and 1972, but declined between 1972 and 1974.
 - Business majors continued to increase and continued to comprise the largest group of college students.
 - The number of education majors, which had declined slightly between 1966 and 1972, increased to about the 1966 level by 1974.
 - Health and medical students continue to increase slowly.
 - The decline in the number of engineering majors seen between 1966 and 1972 appears to have stopped.
- Between 1966 and 1974 the total number of students has increased 47 percent from 6 million to 8.8 million.