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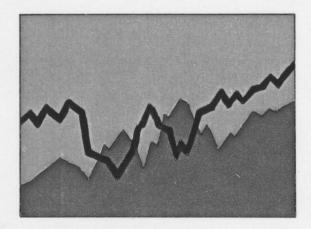
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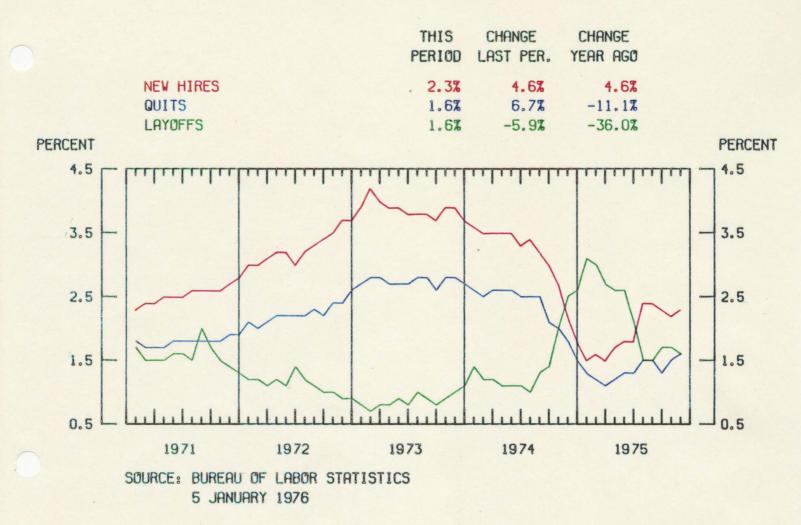
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D.1.2	Water Quality – Miles of Streams Meeting EPA Standards – Oil Spills, Fish Kills				x x	
D.1.3	Hazardous Substances - Estimated Amounts Produced				x x	
D.1.4	Ecological Balances – Endangered Species (Plant and Animal) – Critical Areas (Coastal Zones) – Land/People Density				x x	x
Part 2	-Science					
D.2.1	Professionals in Scientific Fields – By Specialty – Person Years of Scientists, Engineers Engaged in R&D				x x	
D.2.2	Expenditures for Research and Development - Private Industry				x x	
D.2.3	Science Achievement in Schools – Secondary Schools	1	FOR	0		

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Part 3-	Culture					
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D.3.2	Children's Skill and Appreciation of Literature Arts, Music					x
	Participation in Cultural Activities					
	- Voluntary Organizations				v	x
	 Travel Hobbies, Sports, Music, etc 				XX	
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A.2.4 - Labor Turnover Rates in Manufacturing

A.2.4 - Components of Labor Turnover



•After dropping to the lowest level in 20 years in September, the Total Separation Rate rose for the second month in a row, up 8.1 percent in November.

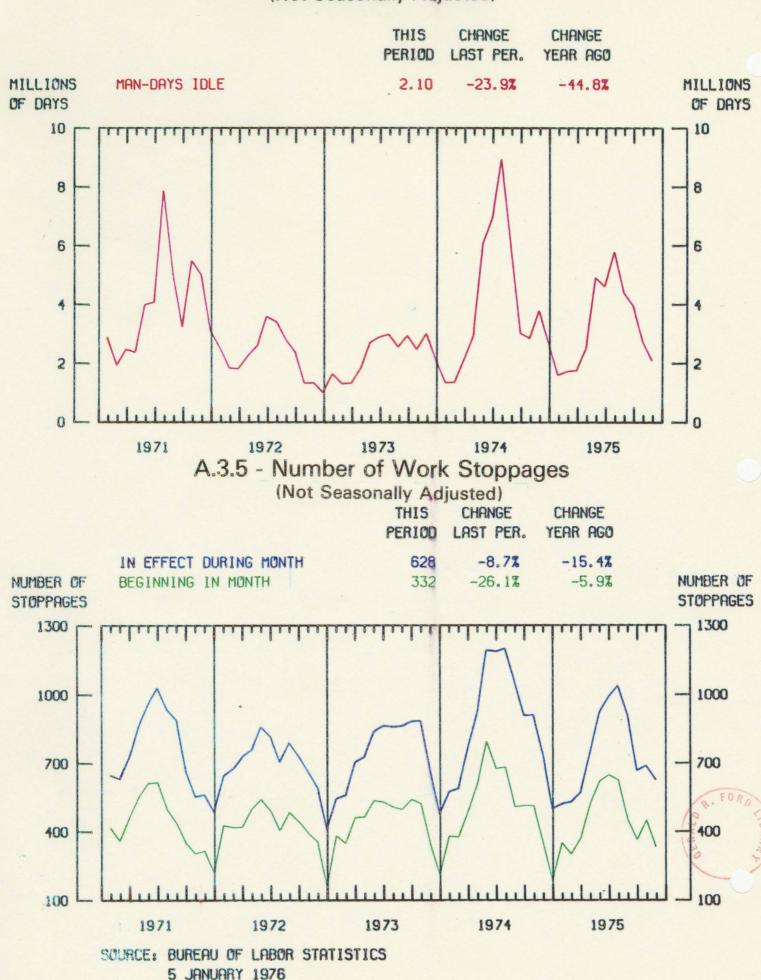
 Quits contributed strongly to the overall increase, rising 6.7 percent.

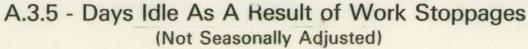
"Second consecutive monthly increase.

 Layoffs declined for the first time in four months, down 5.9 percent.

• The rate of Total Accessions remained unchanged from October's rate of 3.6 percent, halting a three-month decline.

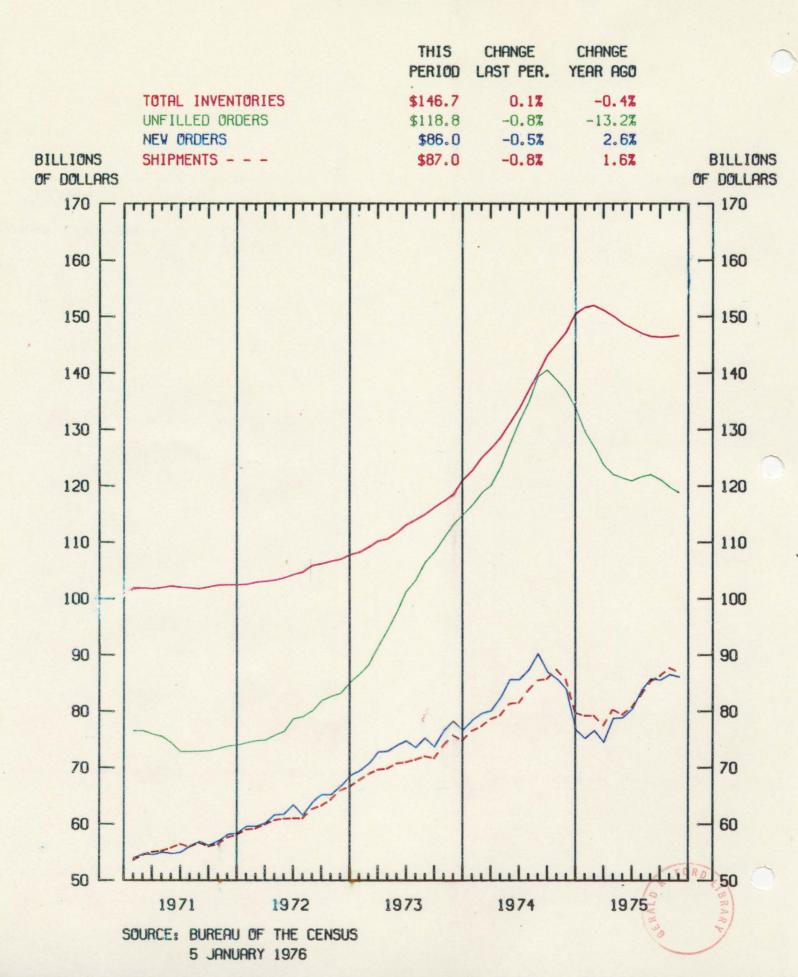
• New Hires increased 4.6 percent in November after declining 4.4 percent in October.



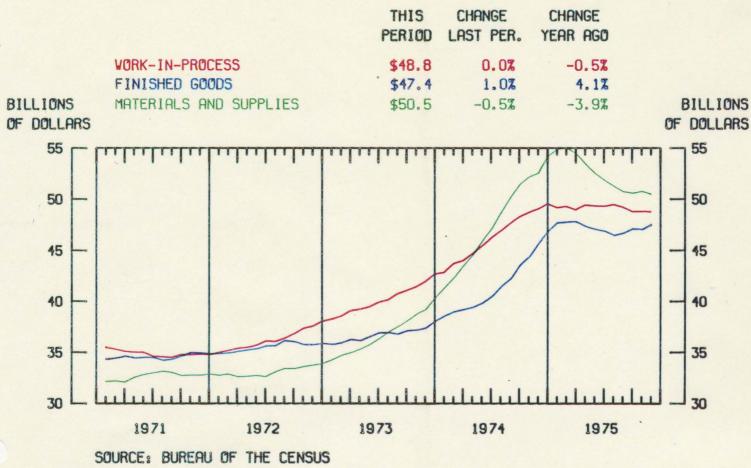


- In November, the number of Man-Days Idle declined for the fourth consecutive month to the lowest level since March.
 - Lowest November figure since 1972 and down 76.5 percent from the high recorded in July 1974 of 8.95 million days.
 - Days Idle as a percent of estimated working time also declined in November to 0.14 percent (1.4 working days per thousand), and is 72.5 percent below the July 1974 peak of 0.51 percent.
 - Idleness for the first 11 months of 1975 was 0.20 percent of estimated total working time, compared with 0.25 percent for the same period in 1974.
- The number of Work Stoppages Beginning in November dropped 26.1 percent after October's 23.7 percent rise, and is also the lowest November level since 1972.
 - Work Stoppages in Effect declined after a moderate 3.1 percent gain in October and stands 15.4 percent below last November.
 - Two large strikes (involving 5,000 workers or more), accounting for 15 percent of all days idle, were in effect in November, compared with five in October and 11 in September.

A.4.4 - Manufacturers' Shipments, Inventories, and Orders All Manufacturing



A.4.4 - Inventorics -, Stage of Fabrication All Manufacturing



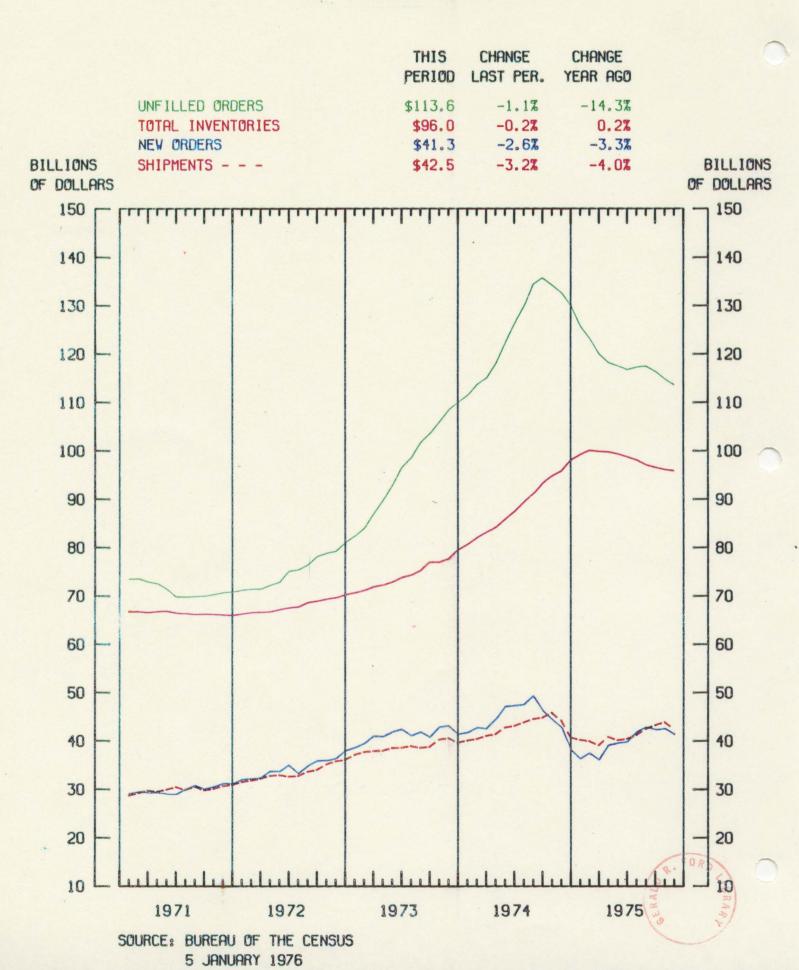
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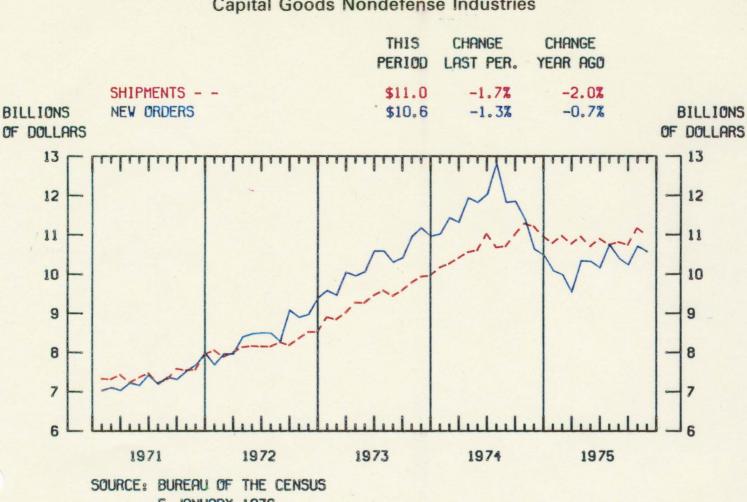
- New Orders Received by Manufacturers declined 0.5 percent, or \$415 million in November as Orders for Durable Goods dropped 2.6 percent.
- Shipments declined for the first time in six months, dropping 0.8 percent, or \$686 million.
- Unfilled Orders declined 0.8 percent in November, and now stand \$118.8 billion, or 15.4 percent, below the September 1974 peak.

 Inventories rose for the second consecutive month, up 0.1 percent, or \$202 million, as the increase in Nondurable Goods offset the continued decline in Durable Goods.

- Total Inventories are now 3.5 percent and \$5.3 billion below the February high of \$152.0 billion.
- A \$457 million advance in Finished Goods more than offset the \$244 million decline in Materials and Supplies.

A.4.4 - Manufacturers' Shipments, Inventories, and Orders Durable Goods





A.4.4 - Manufacturers' Shipments and New Orders Capital Goods Nondefense Industries

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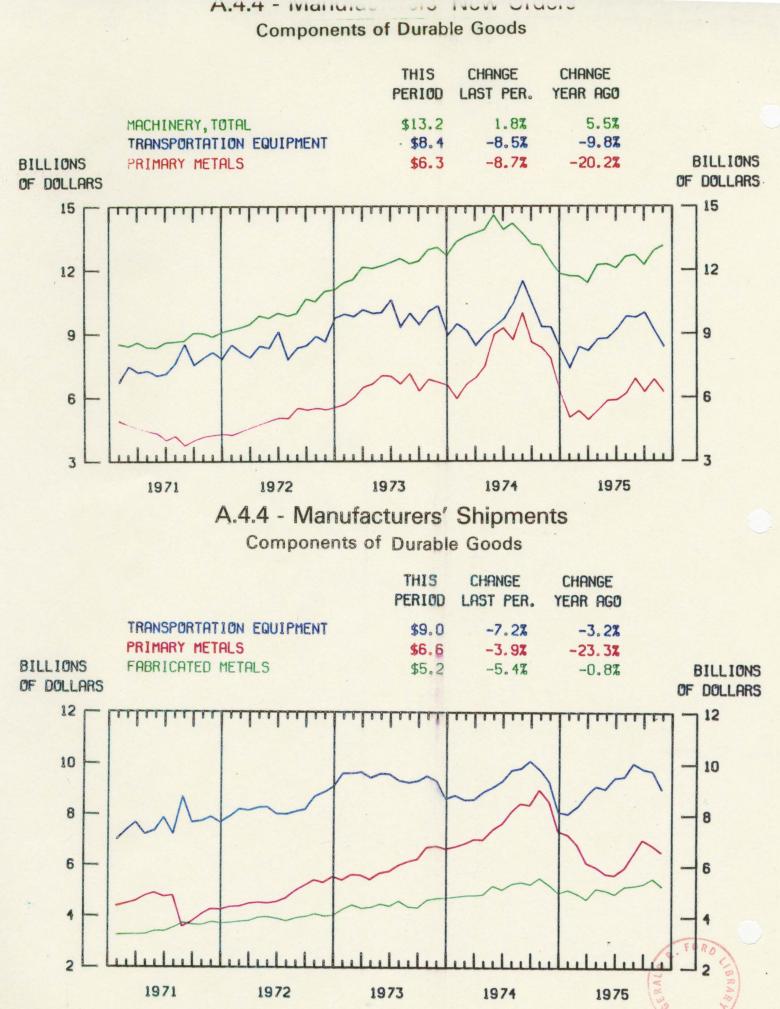
 Factory Orders for Durable Goods dropped \$1.1 billion, or 2.6 percent in November.

• Largest decline since March when Orders fell \$1.3 billion.

- Shipments of Durable Goods declined \$1.4 billion in November, or 3.2 percent, first decline in six months and the largest since December 1974.
- Unfilled Orders declined again in November as the level of Shipments exceeded New Orders for the third consecutive month.
 - At \$113.6 billion, Unfilled Orders are at the lowest level since February 1974.
- Inventory Contraction continued for the ninth straight month, down \$237 million (0.2 percent) from October.
- Both Shipments and New Orders in the Nondefense Capital Goods Industries were down, but not as severely as the overall Durable Goods Sector.

Shipments down 1.7 percent, or \$188 million.

• New Orders down 1.3 percent, or \$136 million.

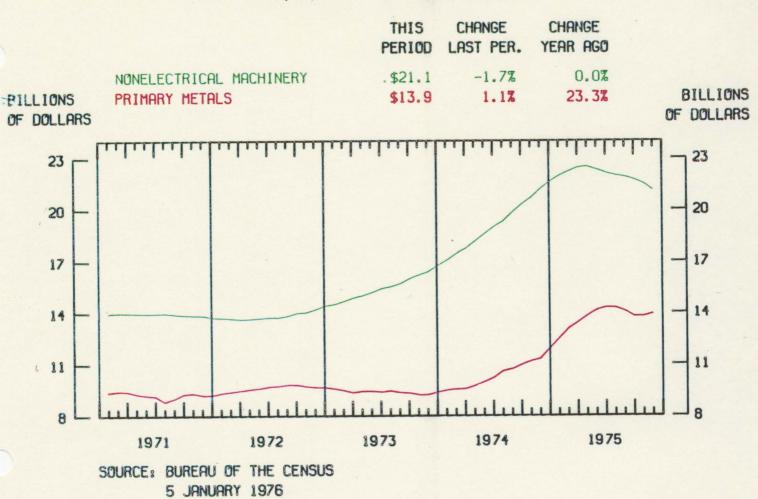


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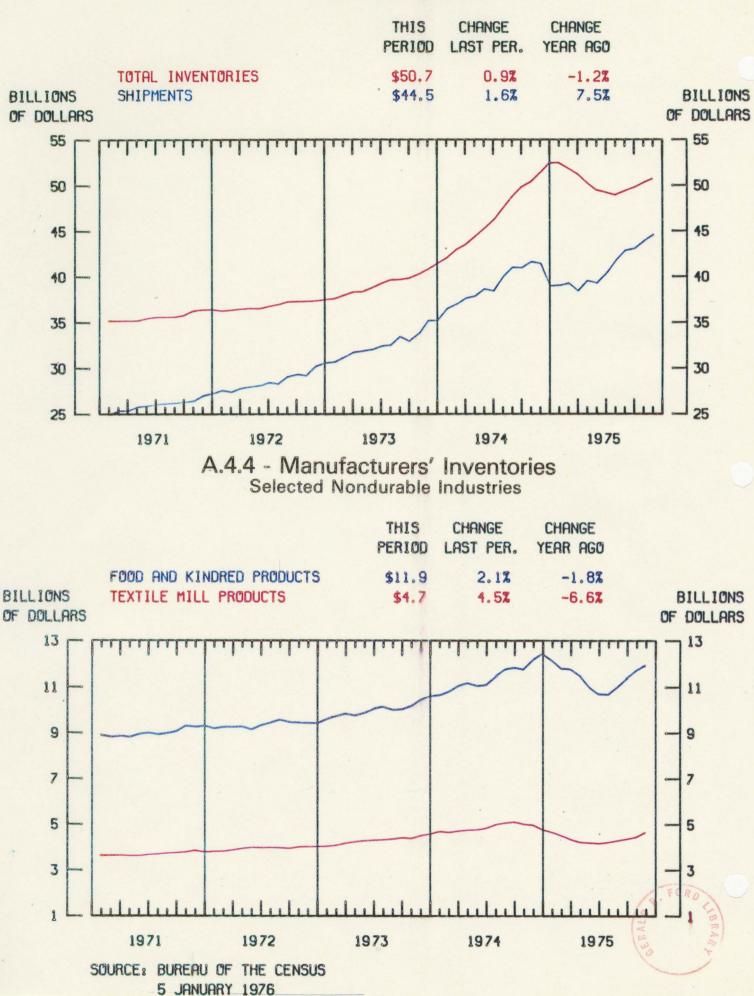
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A.4.4 - Manufacturers' Inventories

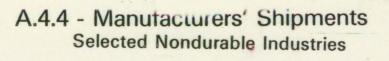
Components of Durable Goods

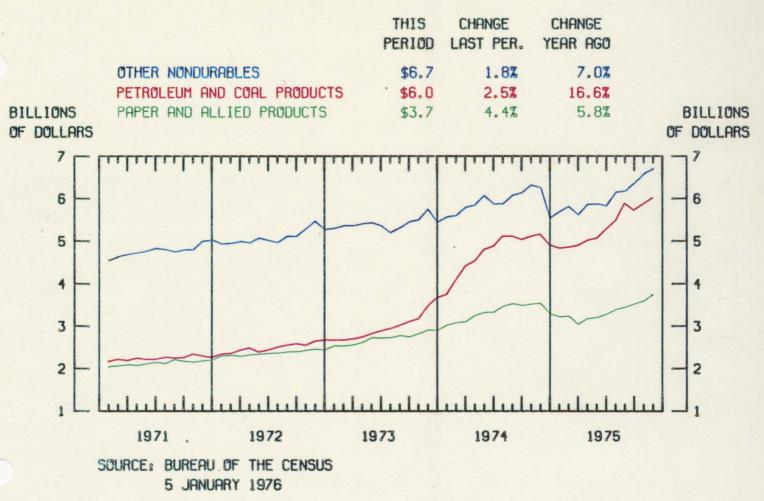


- New Orders declined primarily as a result of decreases in Transportation Equipment (down \$775 million) and Primary Metals (down \$600 million) which more than offset the rise in Machinery Industries (up \$233 million).
- The overall decline in Shipments of Durable Goods was widespread among most industries with Transportation Equipment (primarily Motor Vehicles and Parts), Primary Metals, and Fabricated Metals recording the largest declines.
- Durable Inventory Liquidation still continued with Nonelectrical Machinery Industries (down \$428 million) offsetting the increase in Primary Metals (up \$148 million).



A.4.4 - Manufacturers Shipments and Inventories Nondurable Industries





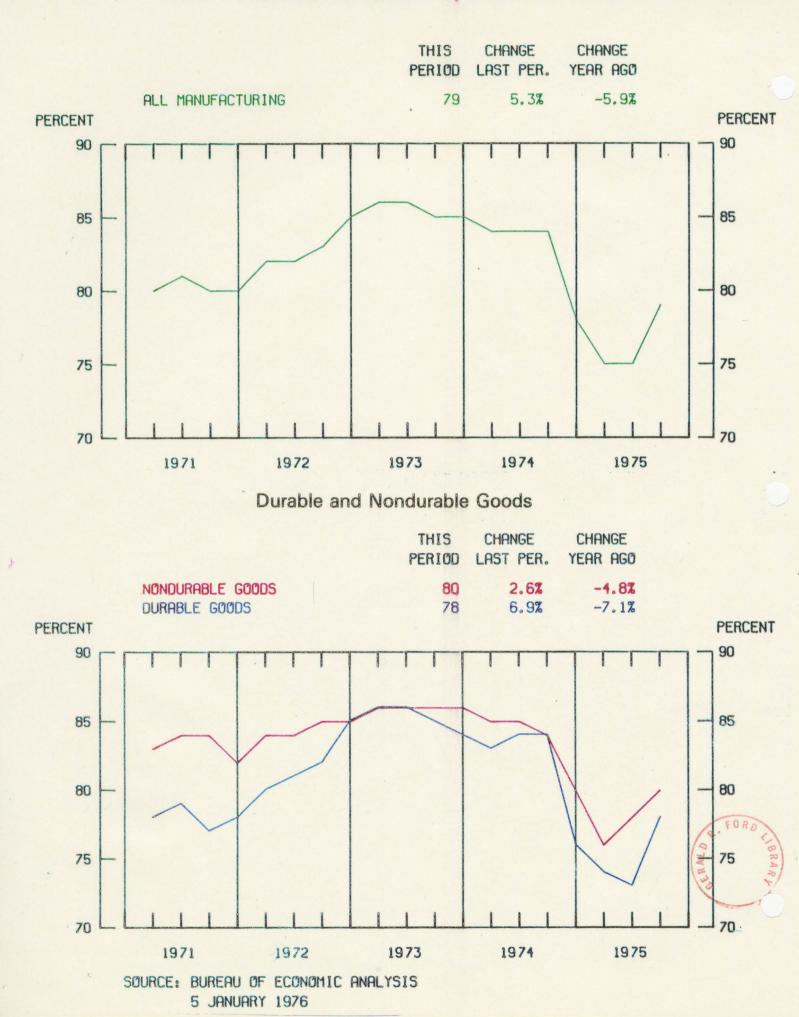
 Inventories of Nondurable Goods continued the upward trend established in July rising 0.9 percent in November.

 The increase was largely due to gains in Foods (up \$248 million) and Textiles (up \$202 million).

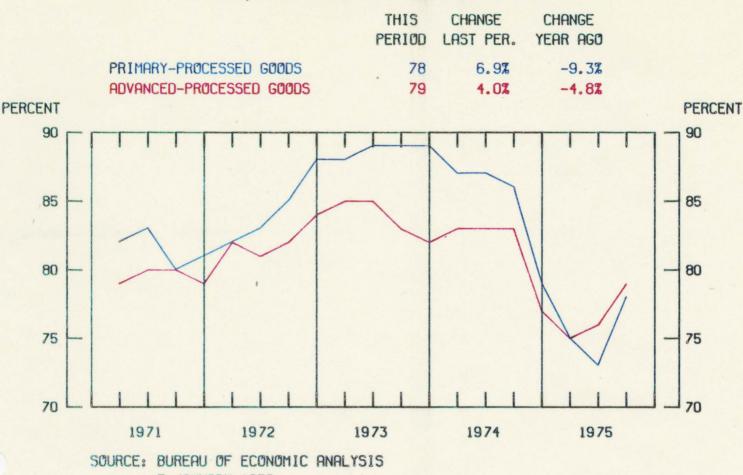
Largest monthly increase in Textiles since August 1955.

 Shipments of Nondurable Goods rose for the sixth consecutive month, up 1.6 percent.

 Most groups increased with sizable gains recorded in Other Nondurables (primarily Apparel), which was up \$120 million, Petroleum (up \$149 million), and Paper and Allied Products (up \$156 million).



A.4.5 - Capacity Utilization in Manufacturing

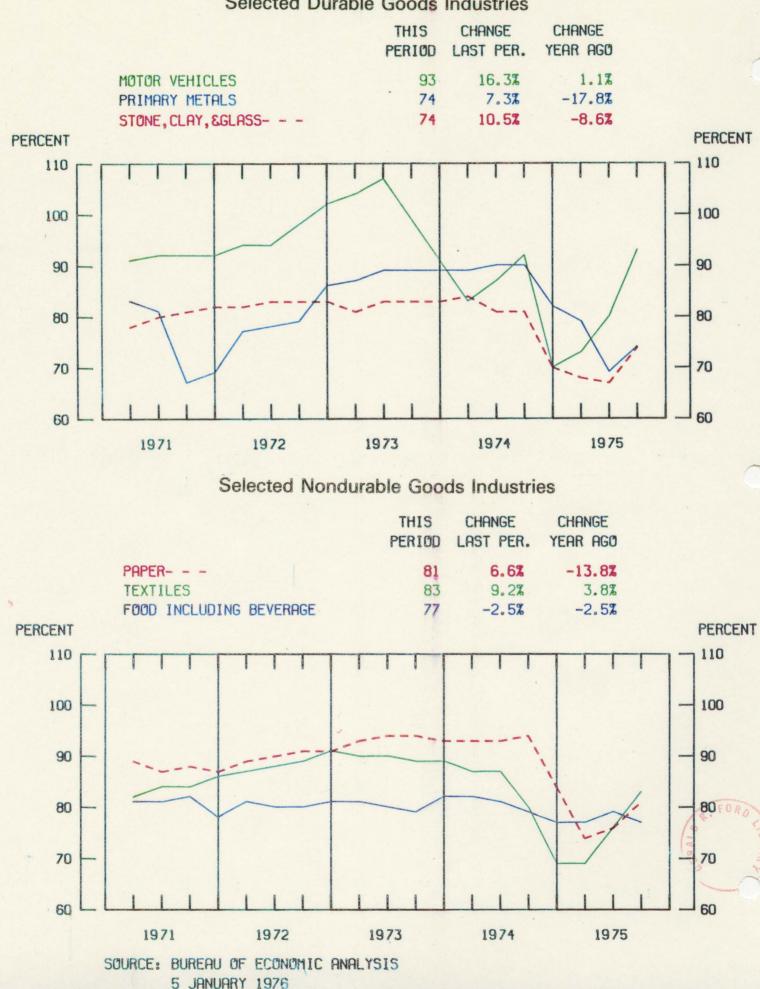


A.4.5 - Capacity Utilization in Manufacturing

Primary- and Advanced-Processed Goods

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- The rate of Capacity Utilization in Manufacturing was 79 percent in the third quarter of 1975, up 5.3 percent from the previous quarter.
 - First increase since the first quarter of 1973.
 - Still 8.1 percent below the high established in the first and second quarters of 1973.
- Durable Goods recovered nearly half of the 10.7 percent decline which began in the third guarter of 1974.
- Nondurable Goods rose for the second quarter in a row, up 2.6 percent in the current quarter.
- Reversing the previous historical pattern, the rate of Advanced-Processed Goods has been at a higher level than that of Primary-Processed Goods since the second quarter of 1975.
 - Primary-Processed Goods posted its first increase since the second quarter of 1973, up 6.9 percent.
 - Advanced-Processed Goods rose for the second straight quarter a total gain of 5.3 percent since the first quarter low.



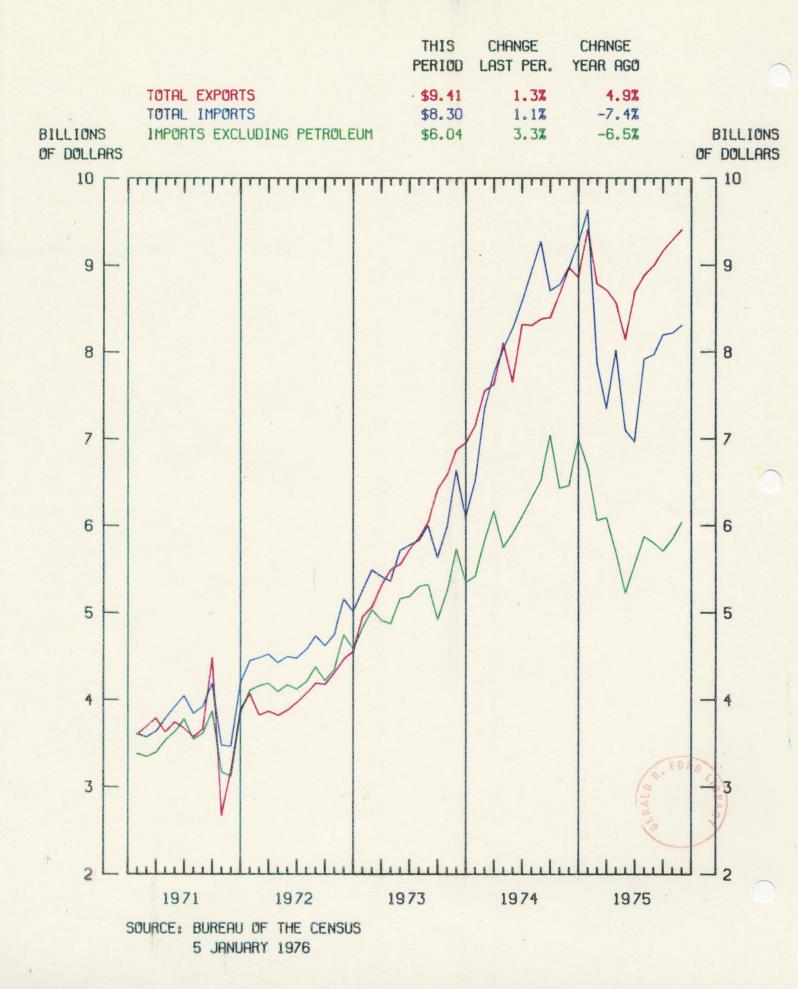
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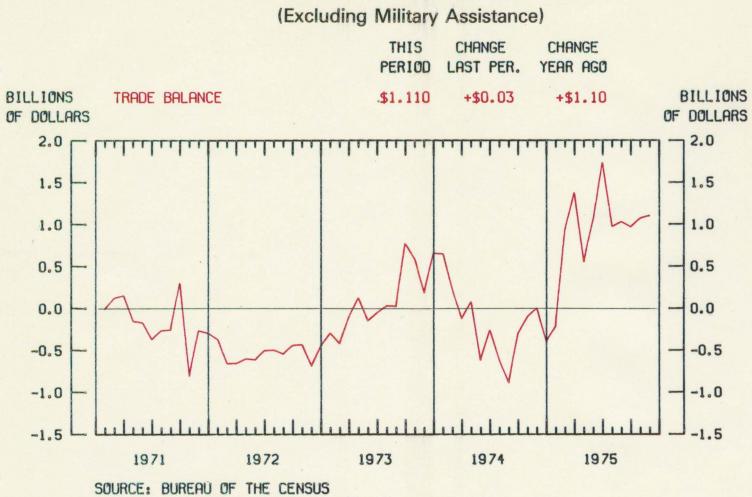
Selected Durable Goods Industries

- The rise in Durable Goods was led by increases in Motor Vehicles, Stone, Clay, and Glass, and Primary Metals.
 - Motor Vehicles rose 16.3 percent to a rate of 93 percent, the highest level since the third quarter of 1973.
 - Stone, Clay, and Glass increased 10.5 percent, still 11.9 percent below the high in the first quarter of 1974.
 - Primary Metals increased the first time in over a year, rising 7.3 percent.
- Paper and Textile Industries generated a large portion of the Nondurable Goods Industries' increase.
 - Textiles rose for the second consecutive quarter after remaining unchanged in the first quarter of 1975.
 - Paper also rose for the second straight quarter, following a sharp decline of 21.3 percent since the third quarter of 1974.

 Food including Beverage was the only manufacturing industry to register a decrease in the third quarter, down 2.5 percent.

A.5.1 - Exports and Imports





A.5.1 - Merchandise Trade Balance

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- Total Exports rose 1.3 percent in November to equal the record high of \$9.41 billion established in January 1975.
 - Rose for the sixth straight month, averaging a monthly gain of 1.6 percent since June.
- Total Imports continued to increase, up 1.1 percent in November, compared to 0.3 percent in October.

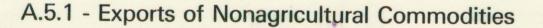
• Up 19.3 percent since the current upward trend began in June.

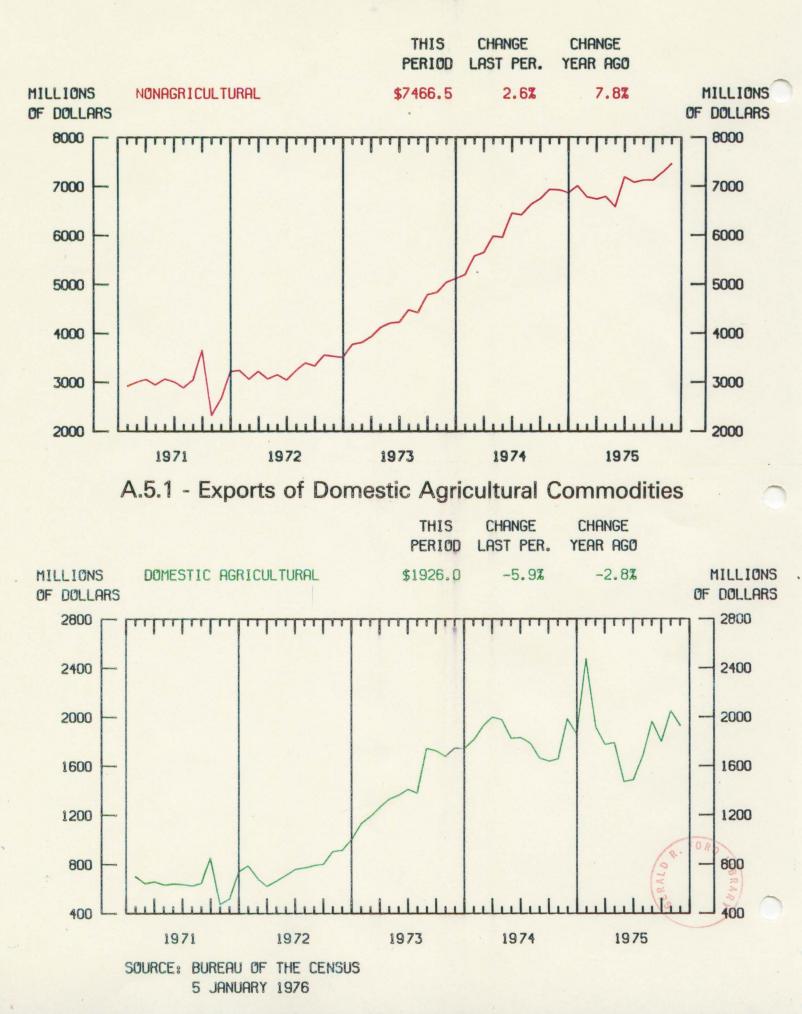
Total Imports Excluding Petroleum rose 3.3 percent to \$6.04 billion.

• \$1 billion less than the peak recorded in September 1974.

The Merchandise Trade Balance was a positive \$1.11 billion, replacing October's balance of \$1.08 billion as the third largest on record.

>Last year the surplus was near-zero.





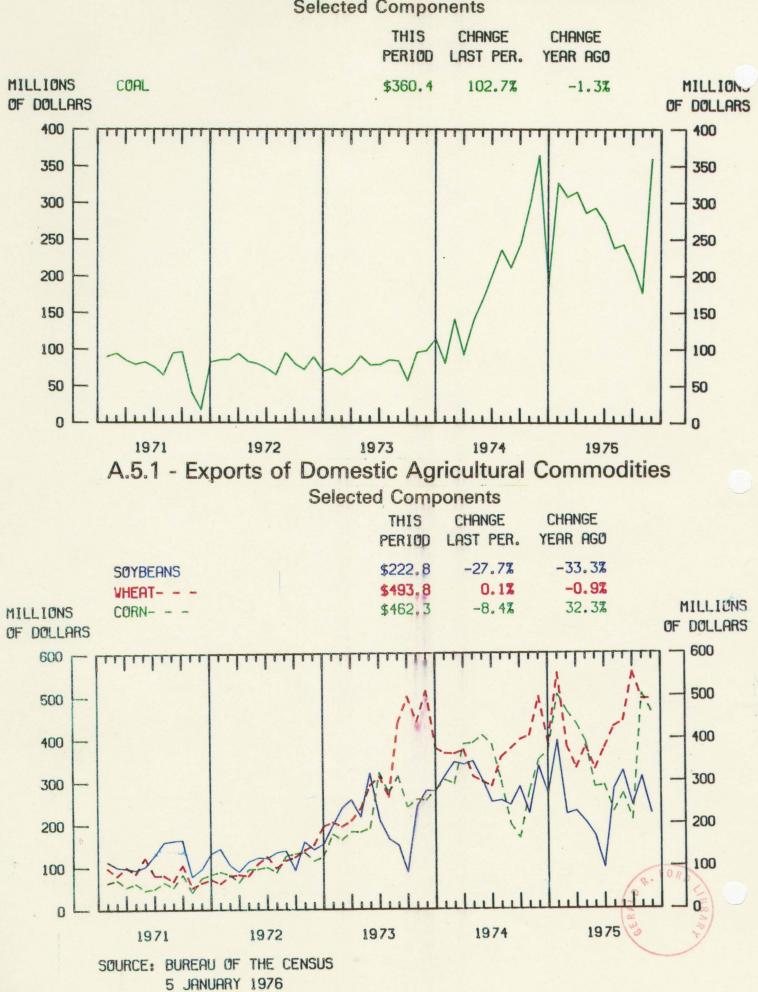
 Increased Exports of Nonagricultural Commodities were the major reason for the overall increase.

• Exports of Nonagricultural Commodities rose 2.6 percent in November.

 Increased for the fourth straight month to a high of \$7466.5 million.

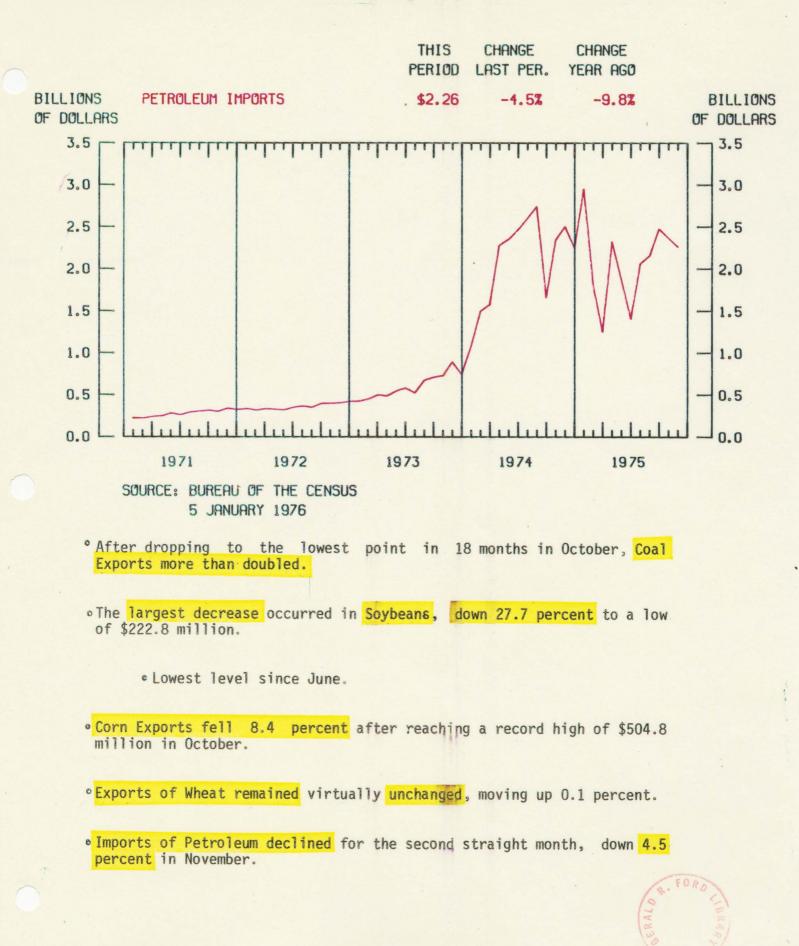
• Has risen 5.4 percent since July.

•Exports of Domestic Agricultural Products declined almost 6 percent in November following a 14 percent advance in October.



A.5.1 - Exports of Nonagricultural Commodities Selected Components

A.5.1 - Imports of Petroleum and Petroleum Products



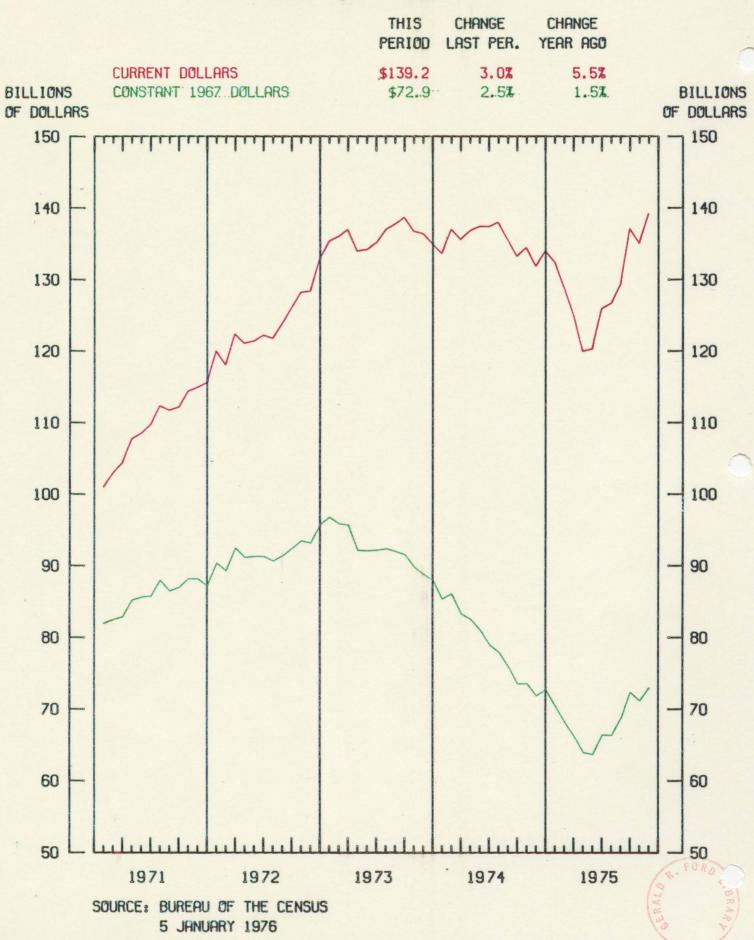


A.6.3 - Tuesday Spot Market Index

Not Seasonally Adjusted

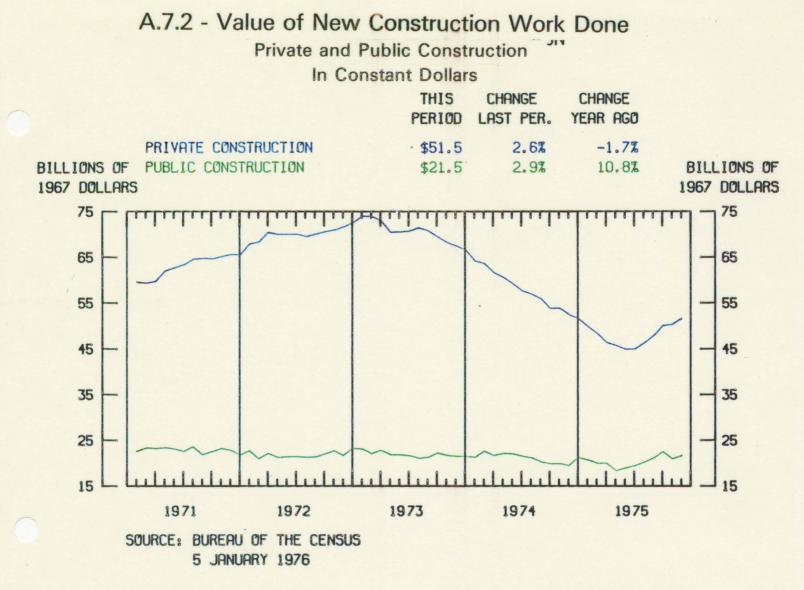
- The Tuesday Spot Market Price Index for All Commodities edged up 0.6 percent for the week ending December 23.
- Foodstuffs increased 1.4 percent, but were still 21.8 percent below December 26, 1974.
 - During December, prices reached the lowest levels in the past two years.
- Raw Industrials moved up to 181.0, ending the year only 1.0 percent above the year-ago level.

• 4.0 percent below the April 15 high of 188.3.



A.7.2 - Value of New Construction Work Done

Seasonally Adjusted Annual Rates

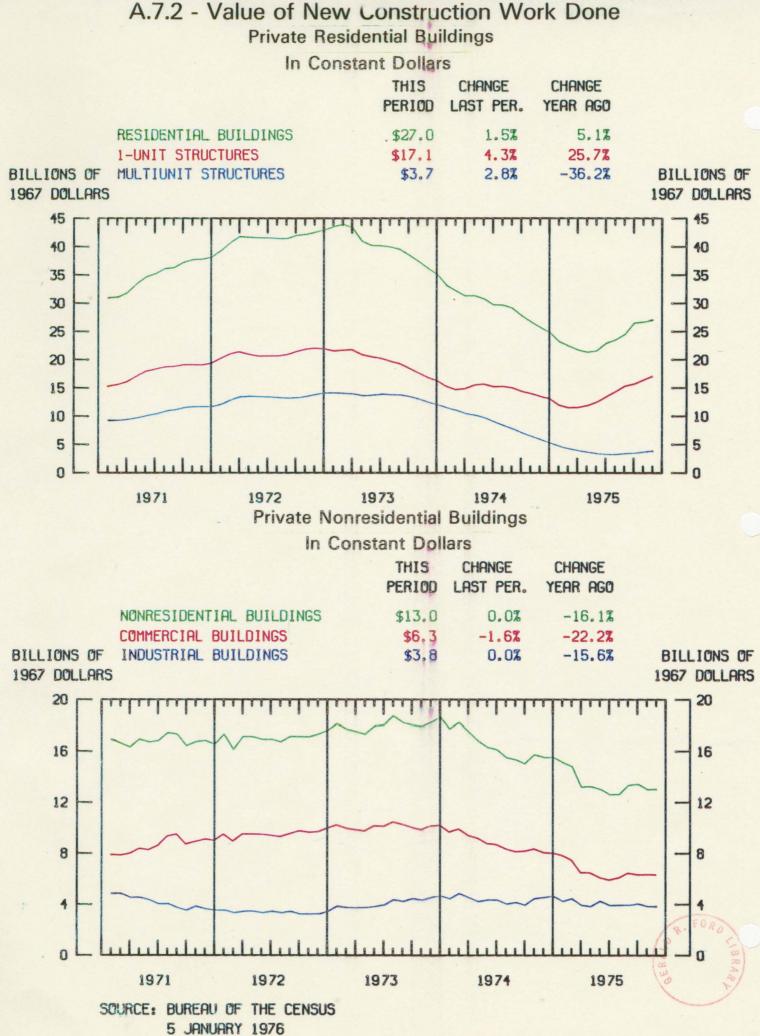


- In November, Construction Expenditures in current dollars rose 3.0 percent to a new record \$139.2 billion at annual rates, eclipsing the previous mark of \$138.7 billion set in September 1973.
 - Expressed in 1967 dollars, November outlays were up 2.5 percent from October and 1.5 percent from the year-earlier rate of \$71.8 billion.

• The first over-the-year increase since August 1973.

• The overall increase reflected nearly equal gains in both Private and Public Building activity.

 Since the May-June low Private Construction Expenditures have increased 15.0 percent, an average monthly gain of 3.0 percent.

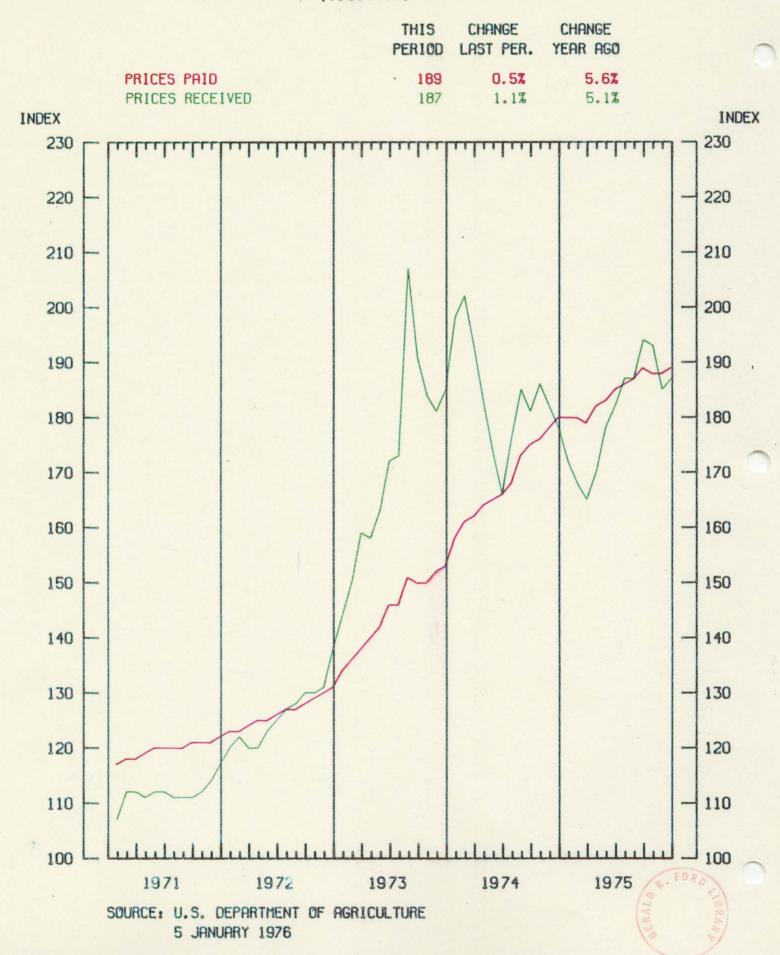


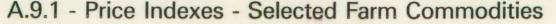
- A major factor in the advance was increased expenditures in the Public Utility sector (notably the Alaskan pipeline).*
- Spending on Residential Buildings was up 1.5 percent reflecting a \$700 million rise in spending on one-unit structures.
 - At \$17.1 billion the level of spending on one-unit structures is the highest in over two years.

 Nonresidential Building activity was unchanged from the previous month at a level 16.1 percent below a year ago.

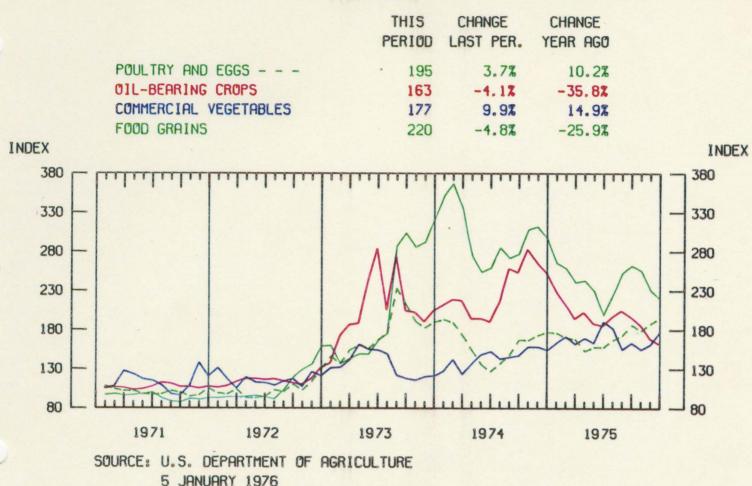
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A.9.1 - Index of Prices Received and Paid By Farmers (1967=100)

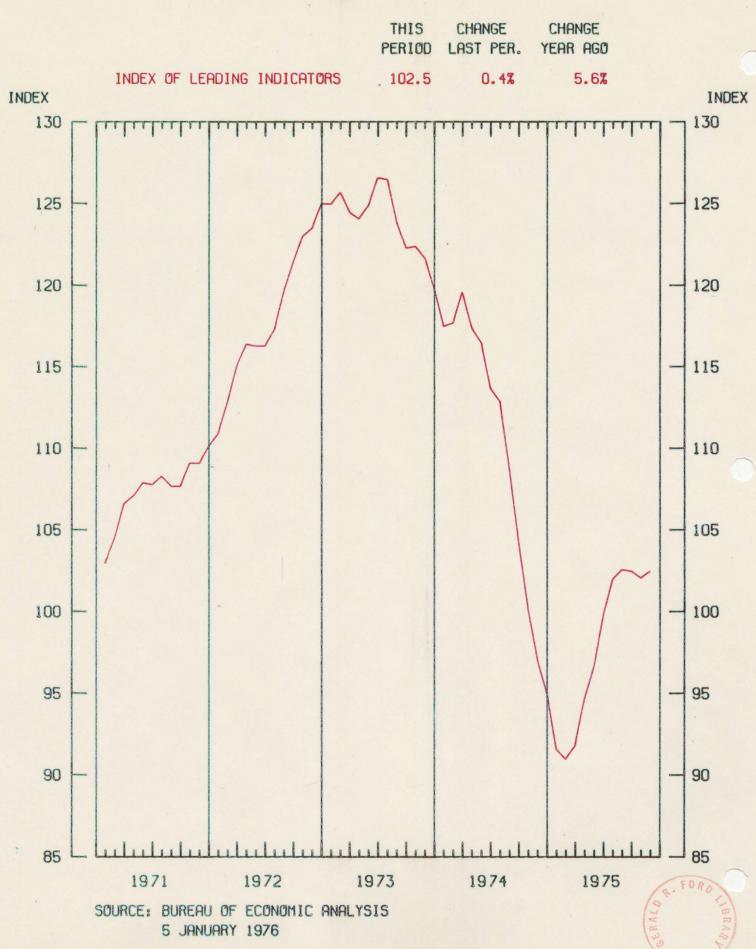




(1967 = 100)

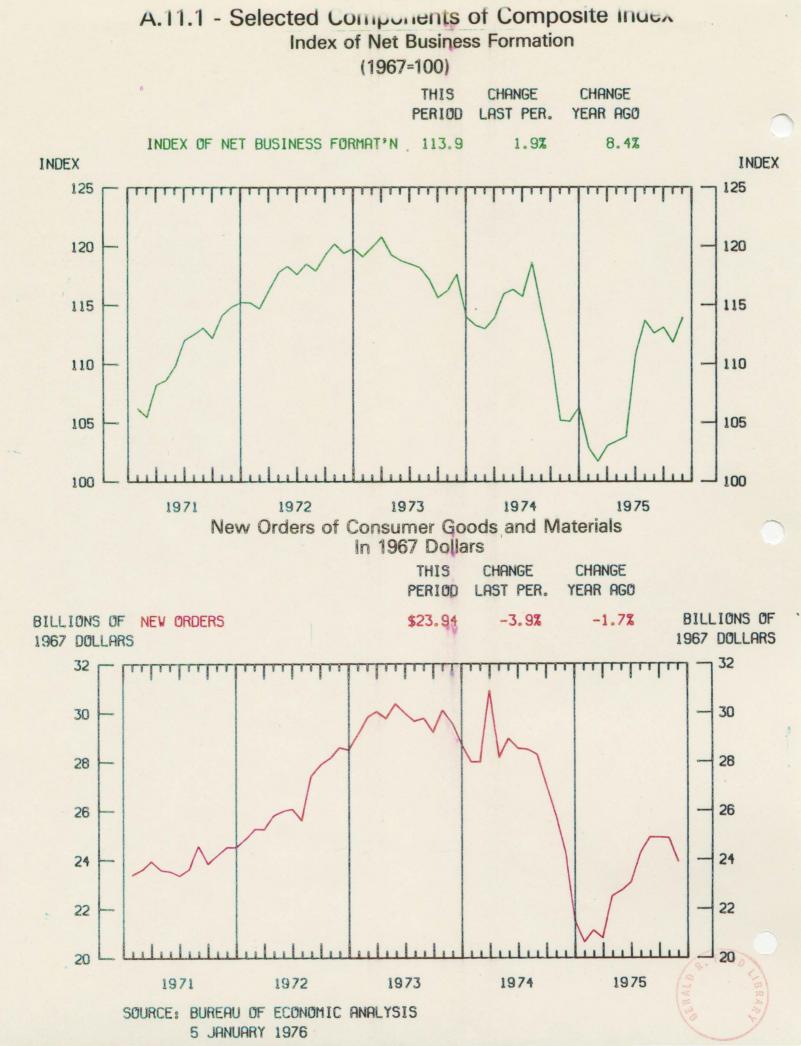


- Following two months of decline, the Index of Prices Received By Farmers increased 1.1 percent during the month ending December 15, to 187 percent of its 1967 average.
- Prices for Commercial Vegetables increased 9.9 percent during the month, to 177 -- 15 percent above a year ago, and 12 percent below the record high of 190 set in June of this year.
- Due primarily to higher egg prices, prices received for Poultry and Eggs rose 3.7 percent to 195, the highest level since September 1973.
- Oil-bearing Crops dropped 4.1 percent during the month, leaving the price index 36 percent below last year's level.
- Food Grains continued a three-month decline -- down 5 percent, but still more than double the 1967 price.



A.11.1 - Composite Index of Leading Indicators (1967=100)

- Preliminary data indicate that the Index of Leading Indicators rose for the first time in three months to a level of 102.5.
 - Edged up 0.4 percent to equal September's level and only 0.1 percent below August's recent high.
- Since July, the Index has fluctuated within the narrow range of 102.0 to 102.6.



 Seven of the eleven indicators available for November showed increases from October.

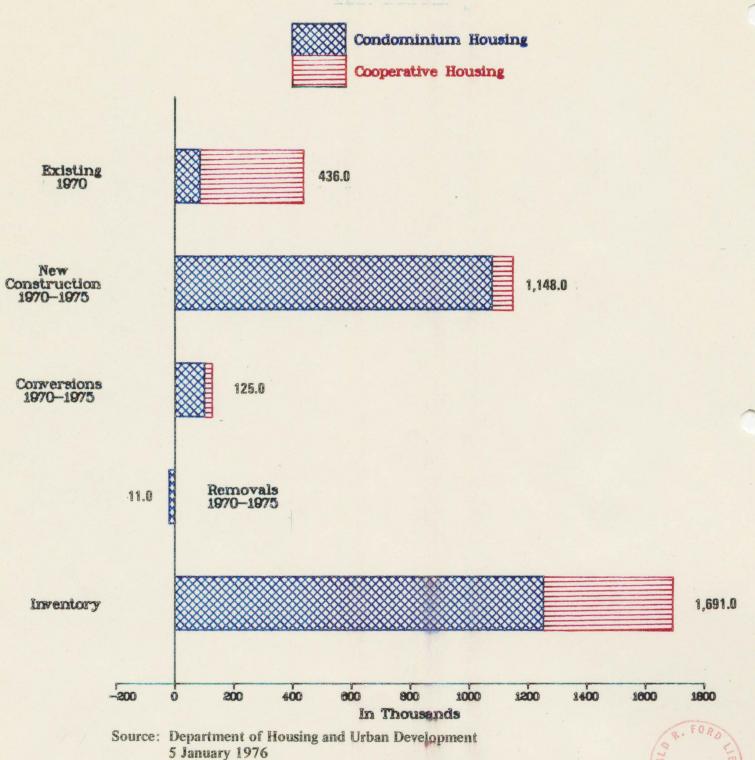
 Net Business Formation contributed most to the overall increase by rising 1.9 percent in November following a 1.2 percent decline in October.

°12 percent above the low in February 1975.

- The 3.9 percent decline in New Orders for Consumer Goods and Products (in 1967 Dollars) had the largest negative influence on the Index.
 - Second straight monthly decrease, halting six months of strong growth.

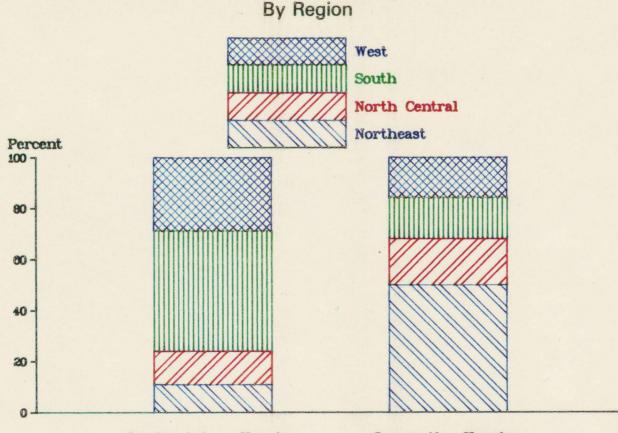
B.7.2 - Condominium and Cooperative Housing Stock

April 1, 1975



NOTE: Condominium ownership in this study is defined as full ownership of individual condominium units limited to a finite space within a structure and partial ownership of the common elements. Not included are duplexes, triplexes, fourplexes, and townhouses where common walls ('party walls") are owned jointly by adjoining unit owners, and where the underlying land for each unit is individually owned.

B.7.2 - Condominium and Cooperative Housing Stock



Condominium Housing

Cooperative Housing

Source: Department of Housing and Urban Development 5 January 1976

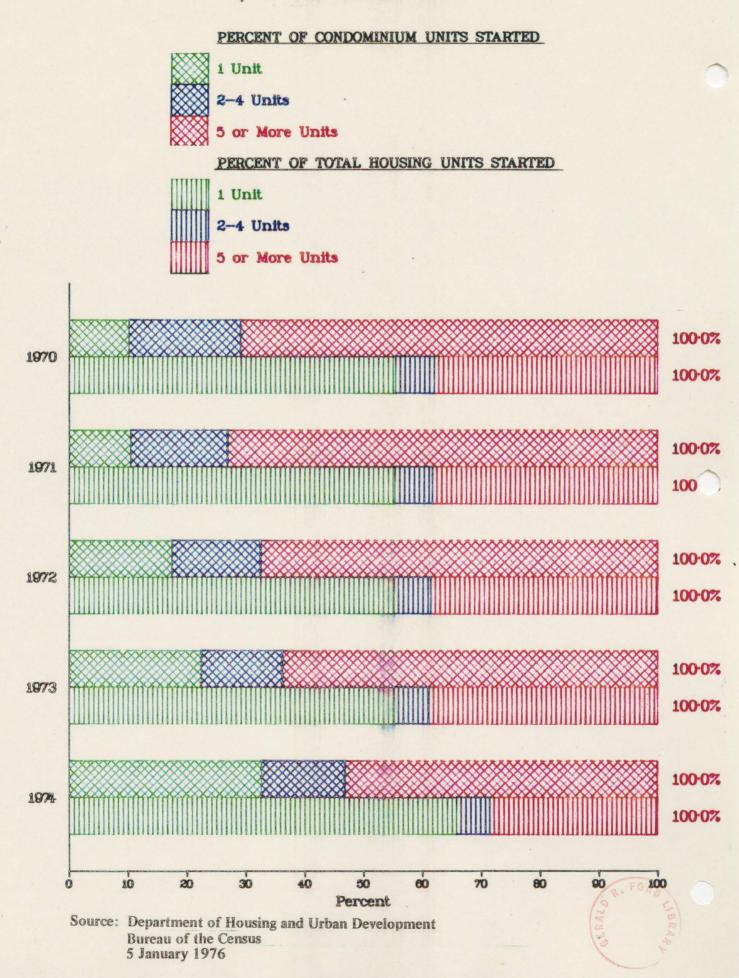
- ^o According to a study conducted by Arthur D. Little, Inc. for the Department of Housing and Urban Development:
 - As of April 1, 1975 there were 1.69 million condominium and cooperative housing units in the United States, accounting for 2.5 percent of all occupied housing.
 - Of these slightly less than 75 percent (1.25 million units) were condominiums.
 - Nearly a 15-fold increase since 1970 when only 85,000 condominium units were in existence.
 - On the other hand, the relative popularity of Cooperative Ownership has declined significantly since 1970.
 - Of the estimated 439,000 cooperative units in the current housing inventory, 85 percent were built before 1970.
 - More than 75 percent of the condominiums in the United States are located in the West and South.
 - Approximately one-half of the cooperative units in the country are located in the Northeast region.



- From 1970-1973, the number of condominium units started quadrupled from 79,000 to 318,000 units.
- However, in 1974 following the overall declining trend in Total Housing Starts, condominium units started posted a decline for the first time in the decade, falling 31.5 percent.
 - In that same time period, Total Housing Starts declined 34 percent.

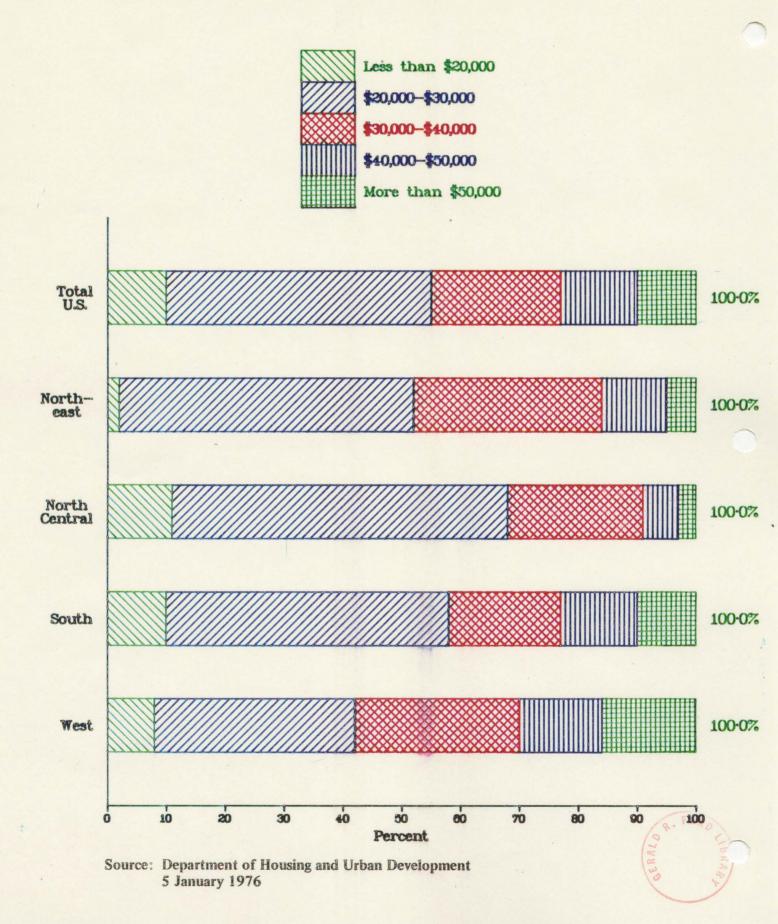
 Condominium units started as a percentage of total housing units started remained virtually unchanged from 1973 to 1974, hovering around 16 percent.

By Number of Units in Structure

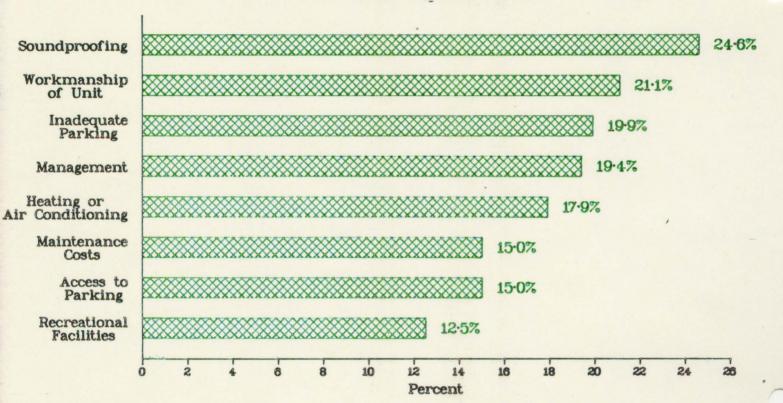


- Units in multi-family structures (two or more units) represented a large majority of condominium units started between 1970 and 1974.
 - However, proportionally, Construction of one-unit structures has more than tripled since 1970 -- 10.1 percent of all condominiums in 1970 compared to 32.6 percent in 1974.
- •At the same time, the majority of Total Housing Starts during this period were one-unit structures.
 - From 1970 to 1973, the percent of one-unit structures remained stable at around 55 percent, rising to almost 66 percent in 1974.

B.7.2 - Condominium Completions By Price Range and Region: 1973

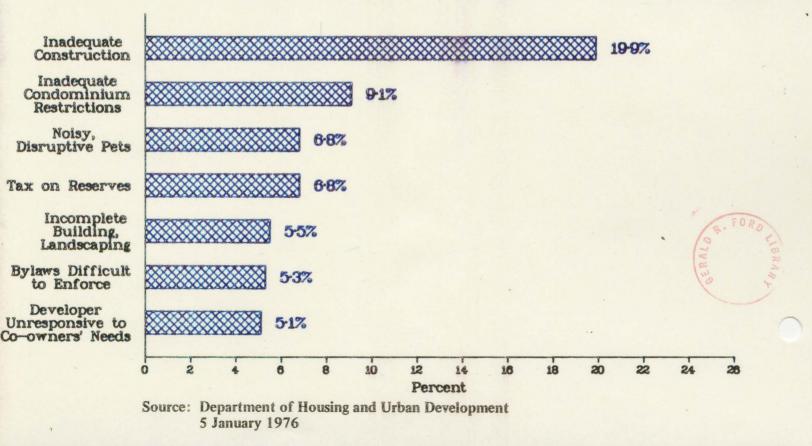


- In 1973, for the United States as a whole, two-thirds of all condominiums were priced between \$20,000 and \$40,000.
- Higher priced units (over \$40,000) were more prevalent in the South and West, compared to other regions, accounting for 23 percent and 30 percent, respectively.
- Lower priced units, under \$30,000, comprised more than two-thirds of total completions in the North Central region.
- The Northeast region had the smallest number of units under \$20,000 (less than 5 percent).



B.7.2 - Issues Cited By Unit Owners: 1975

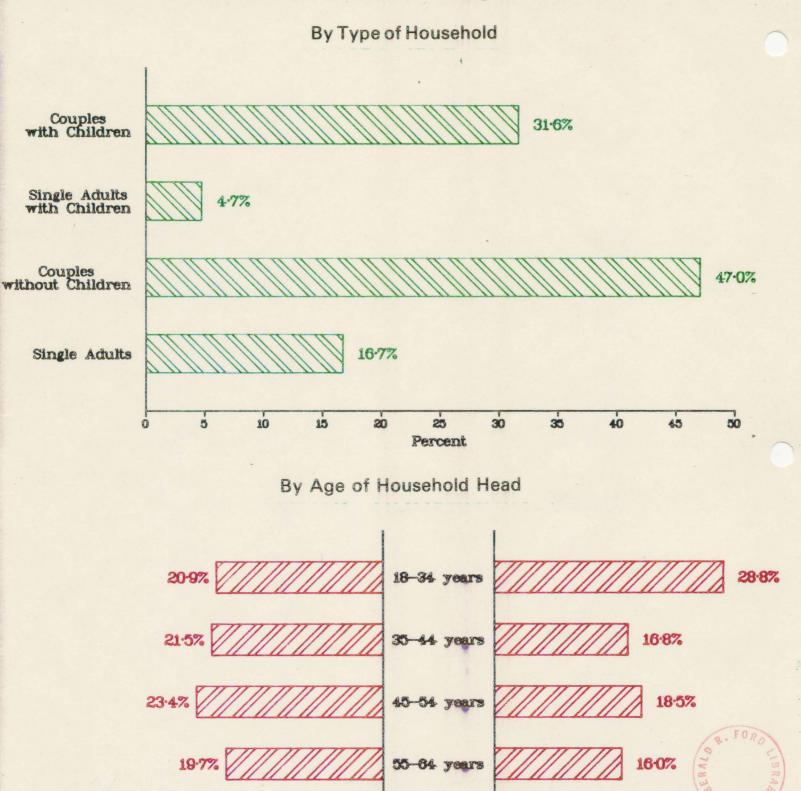
B.7.2 - Issues Cited Most Frequently By Association Executives: 1975



• The largest proportion of unit owners and association executives cited construction quality of the unit as the most common problem facing condominium associations and owners.

- In a telephone survey of unit owners, almost 25 percent indicated that soundproofing was a cause of dissatisfaction.
- Workmanship of unit followed closely, cited by 21 percent of the unit owners.
- In a mail survey of association executives, 19.9 percent of the executives cited inadequate, sloppy, or shoddy construction as problems facing the association, by far the most frequent problem noted.

B.7.2 - Characteristics of Families Living in Condominiums: 1975



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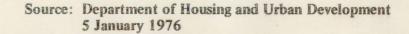
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Percent of U.S. Population



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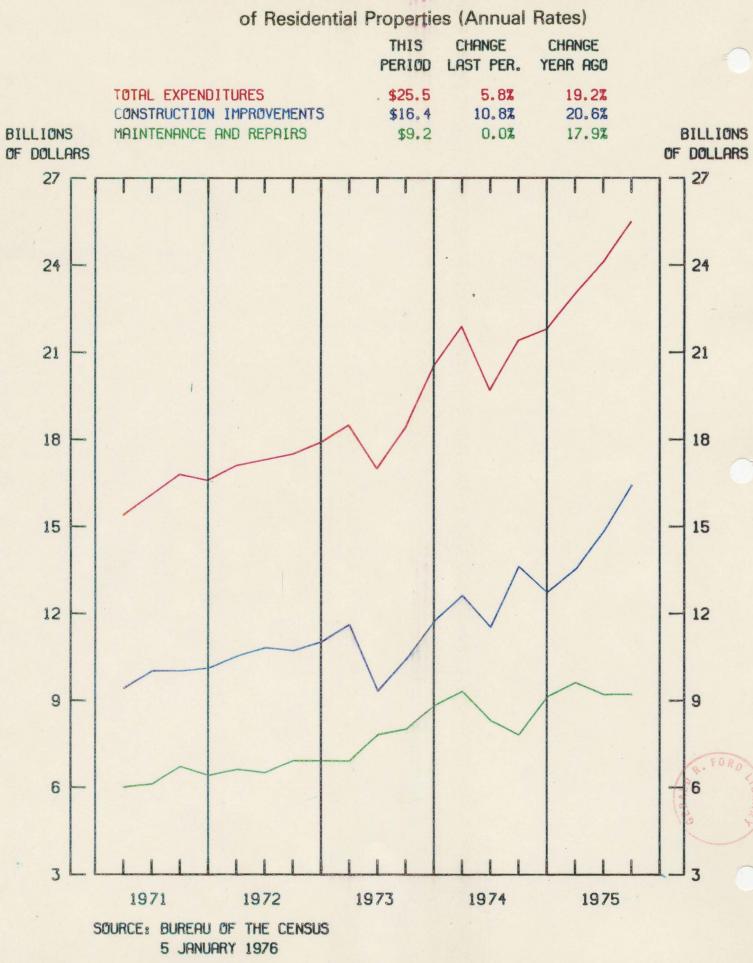
Percent of Condominium Owners

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- According to association executives, living in condominiums had no children.
 63.7 percent of all families
 - Couples without children represented 47 percent of all households.
- Couples with or without children (78.6 percent) outnumbered single adults (21.4 percent).
- Almost two-thirds of Condominium Owners were 35-64 years of age, compared to a little over 50 percent in the total U.S. population:

°45 percent were between 35-54 years, 10 percentage points above the U.S. population proportion in that age group.

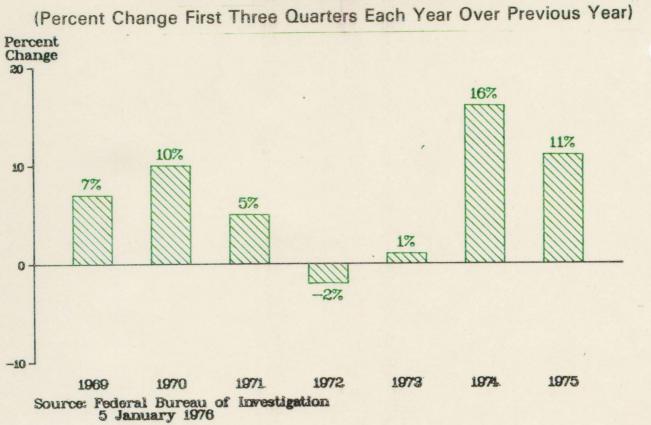


B.7.3 - Expenditures for Maintenance and Improvement

- Total Expenditures for Upkeep and Improvement of Residential Properties rose at a seasonally adjusted annual rate of \$1.4 billion, or 5.8 percent in the third quarter.
 - · Fifth consecutive quarterly increase.
- Construction Improvements accounted for all of the increase, rising at an annual rate of \$1.6 billion or 10.8 percent, compared to a 9.6 percent rise in the second guarter.

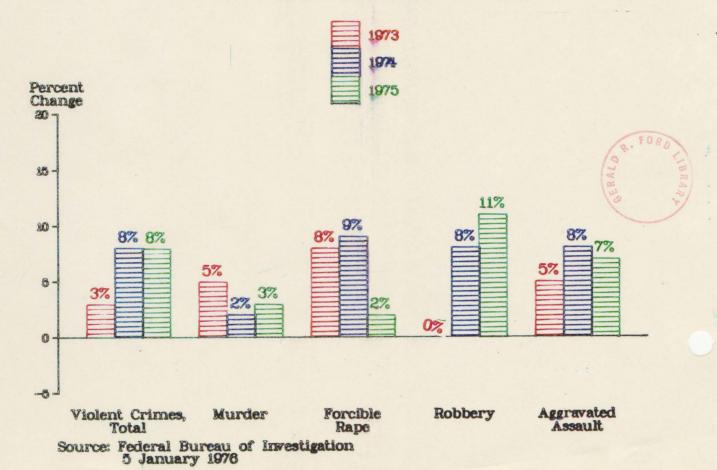
• Maintenance and Repairs remained unchanged in the third quarter.

B.9.1 - Crime Index Trends

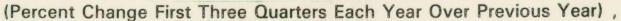


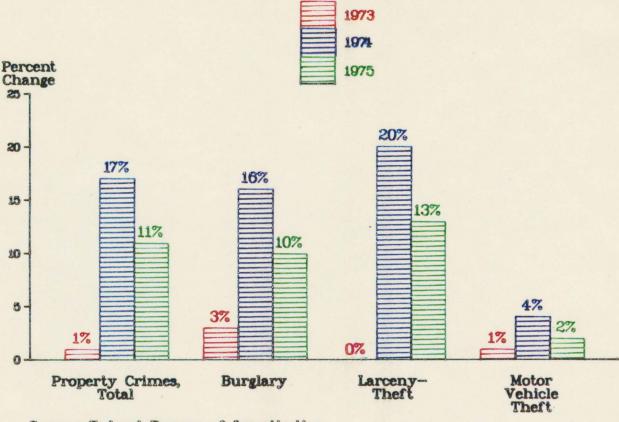
B.9.1 - Violent Crime

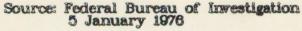
(Percent Change First Three Quarters Each Year Over Previous Year)



B.9.1 - Property Crime



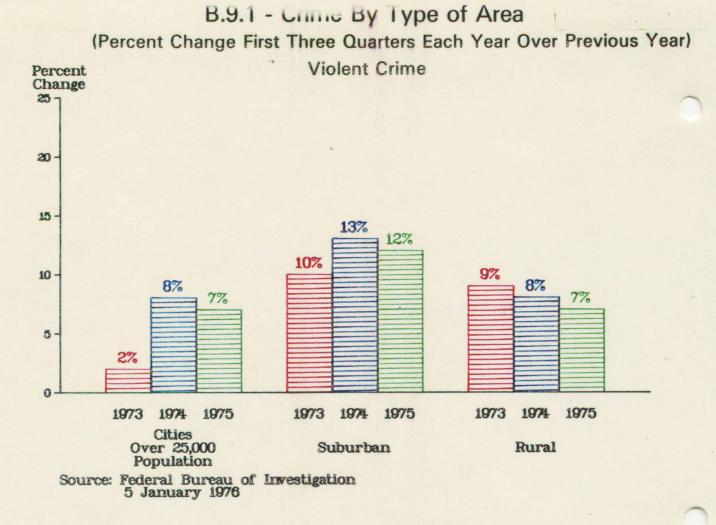


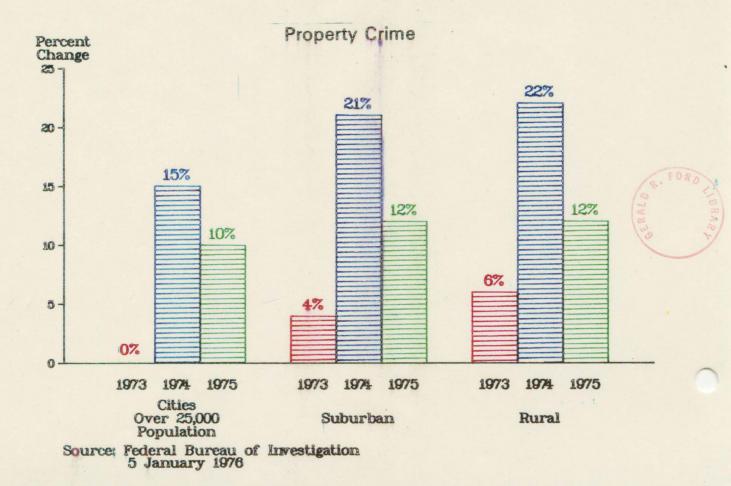


 Serious crime, as measured by the F.B.I.'s Crime Index offenses, increased 11 percent during the first nine months of 1975 over the same period last year.

> This is considerably lower than the 16 percent increase in the first nine months of 1974 over 1973.

- The total for the four Index Crimes of Violence rose at the same rate during the first nine months of this year as last year while the rate of increase in Property Crimes declined from 17 to 11 percent over the same period.
 - Among the Violent Crimes, reported Rapes increased only 2 percent, while Robberies increased 11 percent over 1974.
 - Although the flare-up in Property Crimes was abated somewhat in 1975 the rate of increase during the first nine months of this year is the highest since 1968.





- The rate of increase in the volume of all serious crime was slightly lower than last year in all area categories.
 - The increase in Violent Crimes was nearly twice as high in suburban areas in 1975 as in large cities or rural areas.
- The number of crimes against property was between 10 and 12 percent greater than last year in all areas, substantially lower than the 1974 figures.



Source: Federal Bureau of Investigation 5 January 1976

• During the first nine months of 1975 the increase in Violent Crime was the greatest in the West.

^o However, only in the Northeast was the rate of increase greater than for the same period last year.

• The rate of increase of Property Crime was lower than the corresponding period last year in all four regions.