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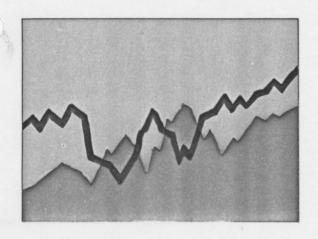
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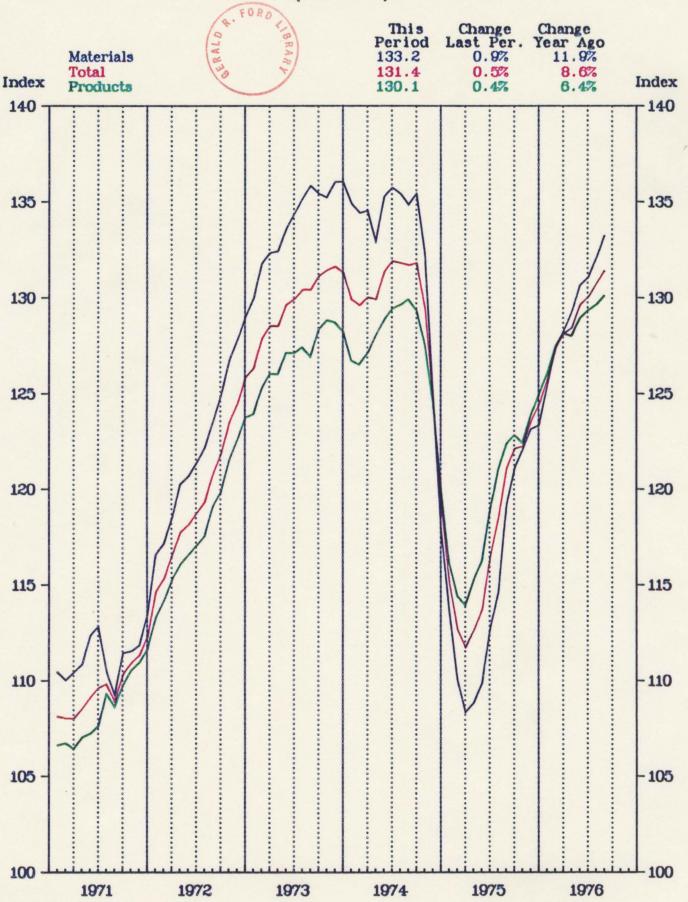
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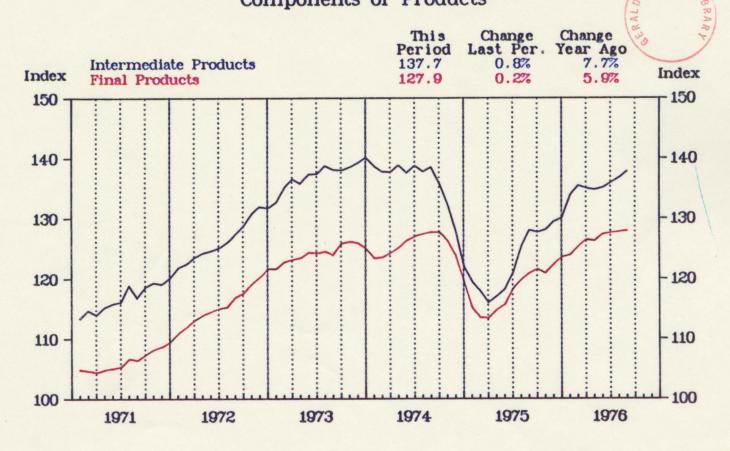
- Following an upward-revised 0.5-percent gain in July, the Industrial Production Index rose a further 0.5 percent in August to 131.4.
 - Advances in both July and August were concentrated in durable materials, business equipment, and construction products.
 - Since the turnaround began in April 1975, output has increased a total of 17.6 percent.
- The Materials Index rose 0.9 percent in August compared to 0.8 percent in July.
 - A continued strong advance in the output of durable materials, despite a recent weakening in steel production, has pushed the Index to 133.2; only 1.8 percent below the June 1974 high.
- The Products Index rose more in August than in July--up 0.4 percent compared to 0.2 percent.
 - The August Index of 130.1 stands about 0.2 percent above the August 1974 peak of 129.9.



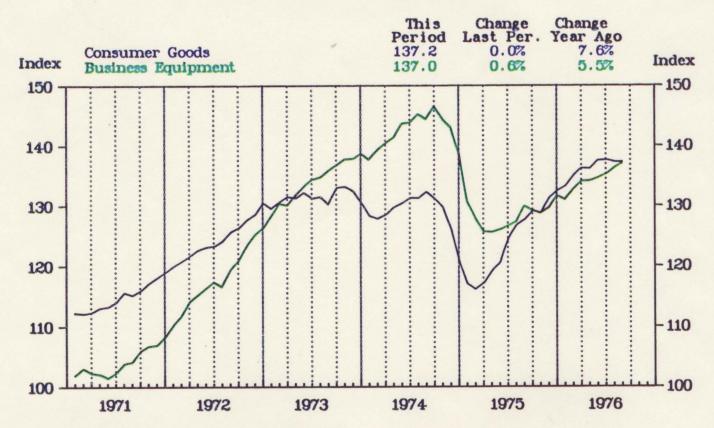
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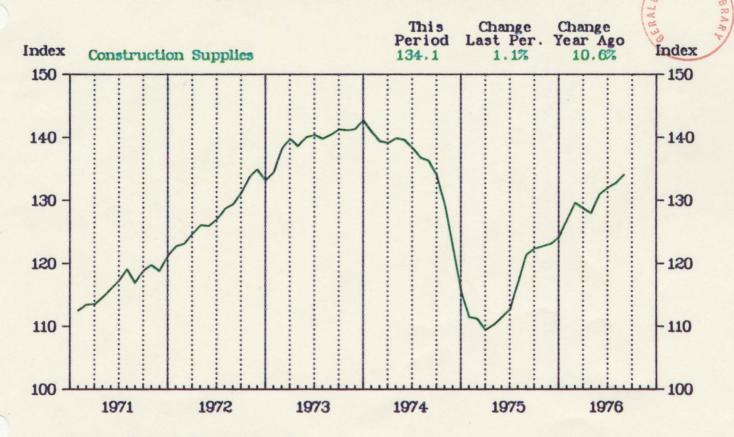


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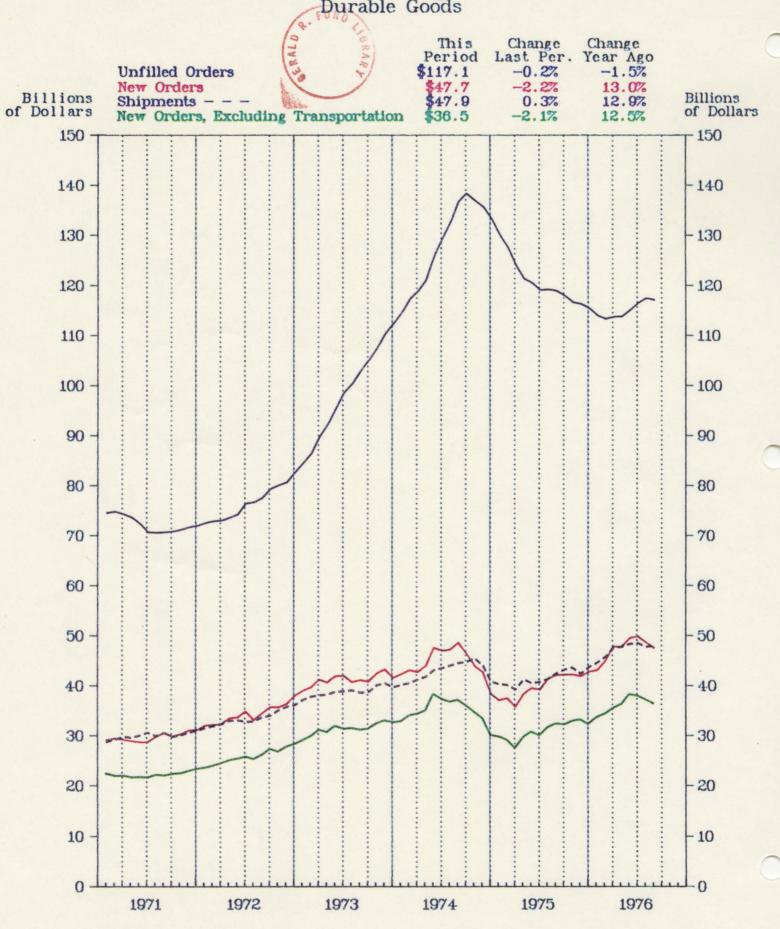
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Source: Federal Reserve Board 27 September 1976

- The Final Products Index rose 0.2 percent in August, about the same as the pace recorded in June and July.
 - Output of Business Equipment rose a further 0.6 percent to 137.0 following upward-revised increases of 0.4 percent and 0.7 percent for June and July.
 - The Consumer Goods Index, which had declined slightly in July, was unchanged at 137.2.
- The rise in output of Intermediate Products was accelerated in August, boosted by a 1.1-percent gain in Construction Supplies; the largest since May.

A.4.4-Manufacturers' Shipments and Orders
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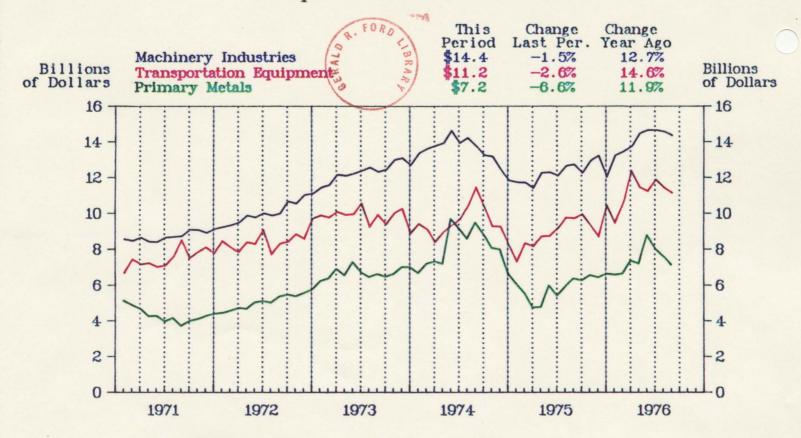


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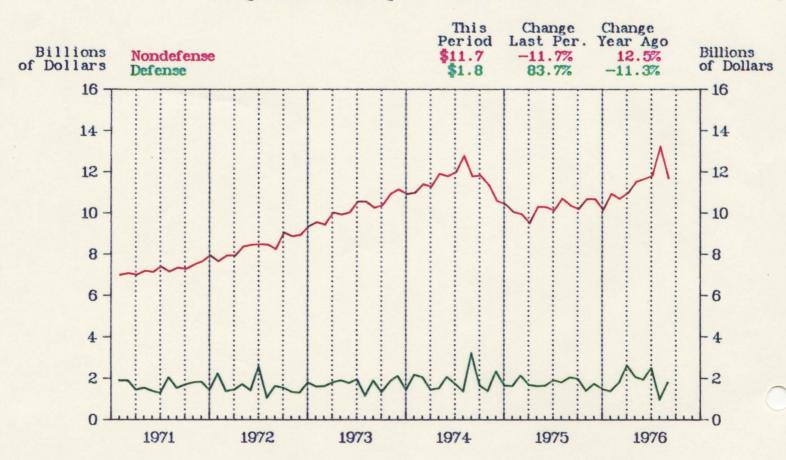


- New Orders for Durable Goods declined an estimated \$1.07 billion in August to \$47.7 billion.
 - The August decline, coupled with the July decline of 2.4 percent offset some of the increase in the first half of 1976 when orders were rising by an average of 2.6 percent each month.
- New Orders for Durable Goods excluding Transportation Equipment declined \$768 million or 2.1 percent.
- Shipments of Durable Goods were \$47.9 billion, virtually unchanged from revised July figure of \$47.8 billion.
- Shipments outpaced New Orders for the first time since February resulting in a decline of Unfilled Orders, down \$275 million.

A.4.4-Manufacturers' New Orders Components of Durable Goods



Components of Capital Goods Industries

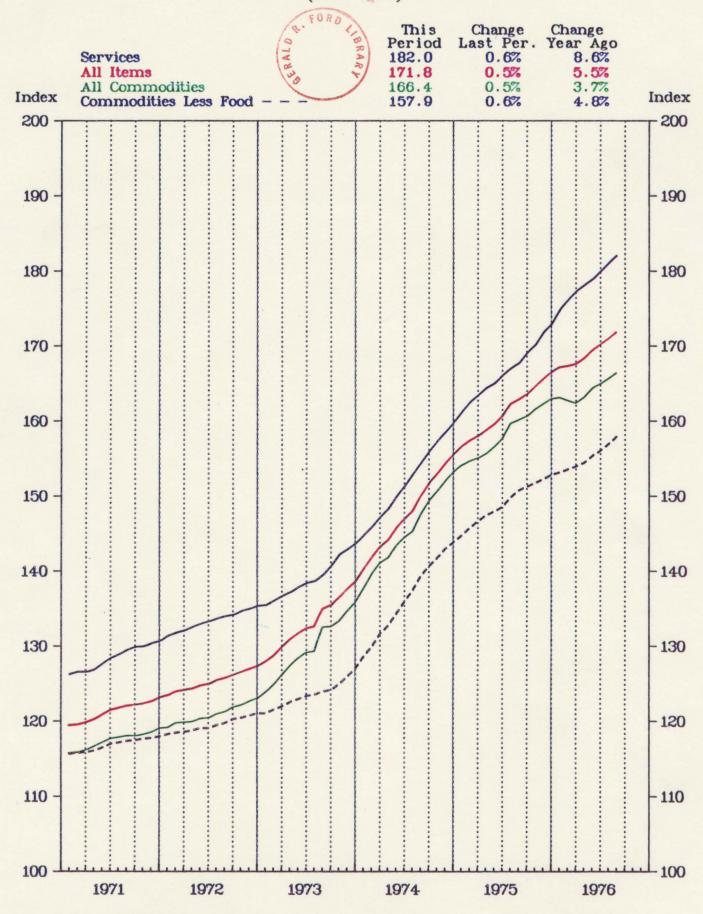


Source: Bureau of the Census 27 September 1976



- Accounting for half of the August decline in New Orders, Primary Metals dropped \$502 million (6.6 percent), the largest dollar decline since June 1975.
 - Third consecutive decline in Primary Metals.
- New Orders for Transportation Equipment declined \$298 million, the second consecutive decline.
- New Orders for the Machinery Industries decreased 1.5 percent (\$219 million) as a rise in electrical machinery partially offset a decline in nonelectrical machinery.
- New Orders for Nondefense Capital Goods declined a record 11.7 percent or \$1.55 billion to \$11.7 billion.
 - New Orders for Defense Capital Goods jumped 83.7 percent (\$828 million) to \$1.8 billion, the largest increase since August 1974.

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

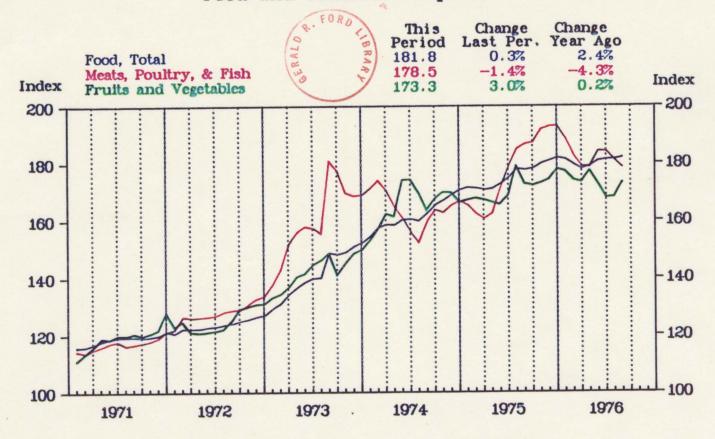


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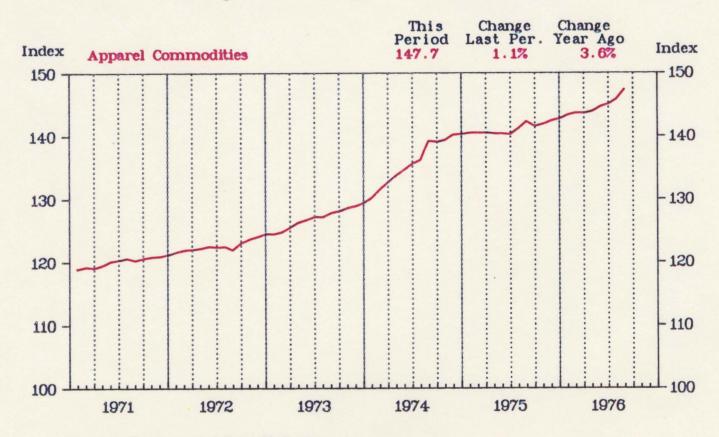


- The Consumer Price Index for All Items rose 0.5 percent in August, maintaining the pace exhibited in June and July.
 - The August advance, which translates into an annual rate of 6.0 percent, stemmed from higher prices for a variety of goods and services; notably fruits and vegetables, apparel, and gasoline.
 - Lower prices for meats were partially offsetting.
- The Commodities Index rose slightly more in August than in June or July, up 0.5 percent compared to 0.4 percent.
- The Commodities Less Food group advanced 0.6 percent, the same as in July.
- The Services group maintained its 0.6 percent rate of increase for the third month.

A.6.1-Consumer Price Index Food and Selected Components

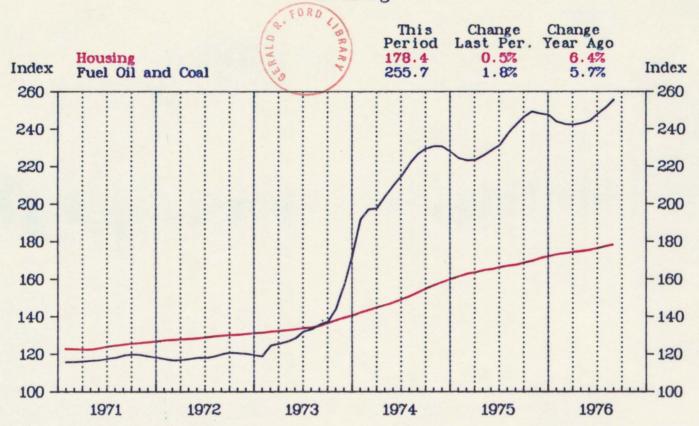


Components of Apparel and Upkeep



Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics 27 September 1976

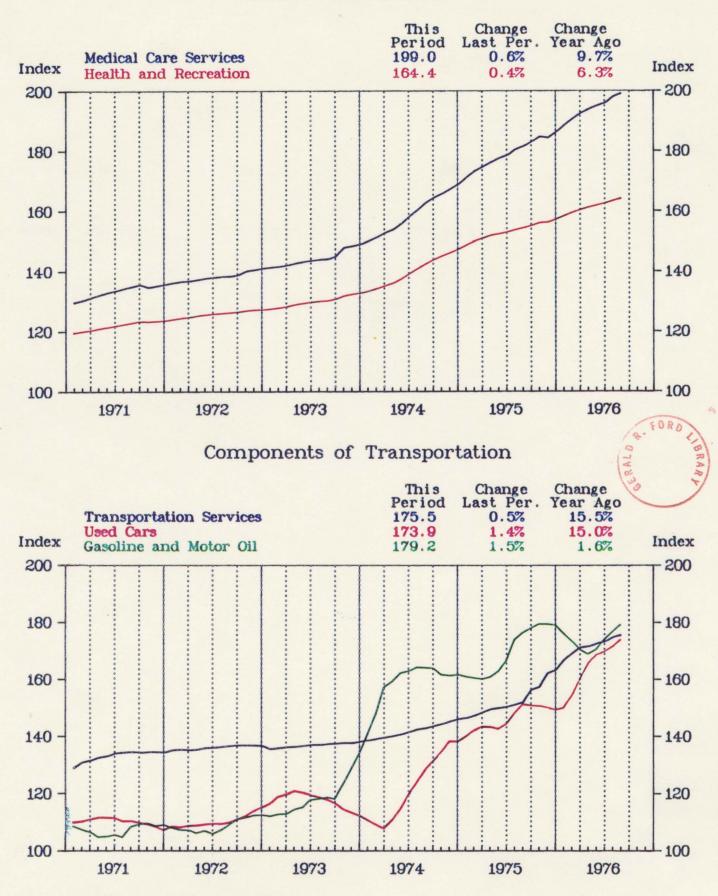
A.6.1-Consumer Price Index Housing



Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics 27 September 1976

- The Food Index moved up a modest 0.3 percent in August following a 0.2-percent rise in July.
 - A sharp 3.0-percent boost in prices for Fruits and Vegetables was partially offset by a 1.4-percent drop in prices for Meats, Poultry, and Fish.
- The Apparel Commodities Index, accounting for about one-third of the August gain in nonfood commodities, jumped 1.1 percent in August; the largest increase in 2 years.
- The Housing Index increased 0.5 percent compared to 0.6 percent in July.
 - The August rise reflects a 1.8-percent gain in Fuel Oil and Coal, the largest increase in 5 months.

A.6.1-Consumer Price Index Health and Recreation

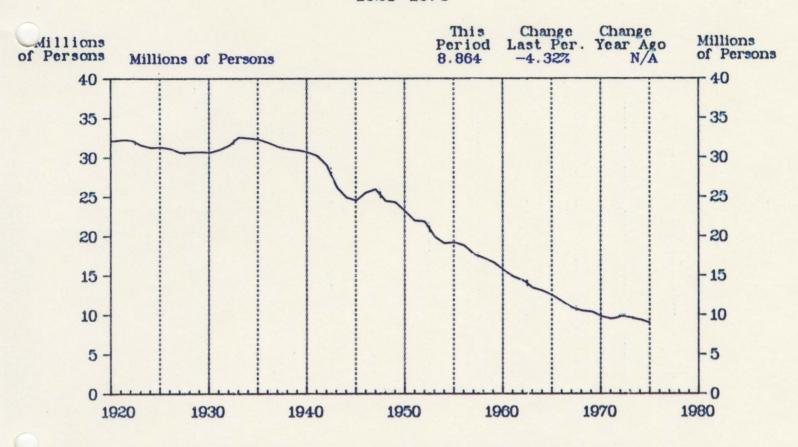


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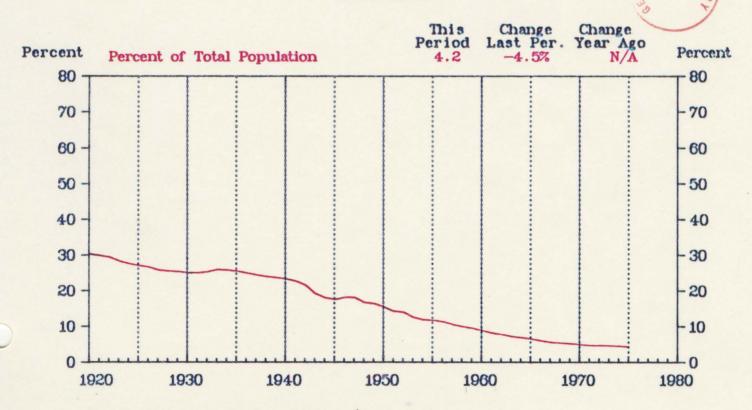


- The Health and Recreation Index rose 0.4 percent compared to a 0.6-percent increase in July.
 - The Medical Care Services Index, reflecting a slower rise in hospital charges, increased 0.6 percent; about half the 1.1-percent gain posted in July.
- The Transportation Index rose 0.8 percent in August, less than in recent months.
 - Gasoline and Motor Oil advanced 1.5 percent, the same as in July;
 but Transportation Services rose less due to smaller increases in auto insurance and a slight decline in public transportation charges.
 - Prices for Used Cars continued to rise, in August up 1.4 percent; more than the July rate of 1.1 percent, but less than increases posted earlier this year.

B.1.2-Farm Population of the U.S.



Farm Population as Percent of Total U.S. Population:

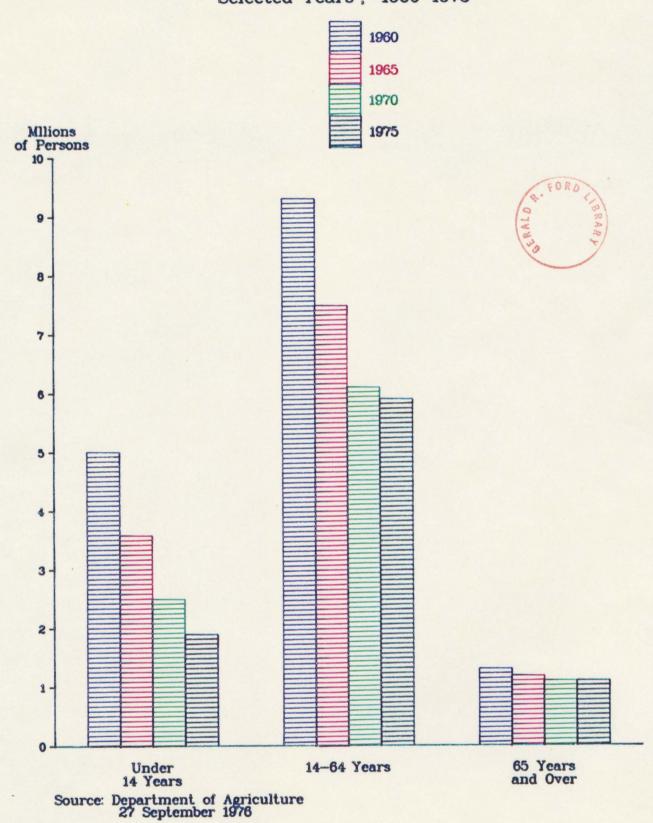


Source: Department of Agriculture/Dept of Commerce 27 September 1976



- In the 12-month period centered on April 1975, an average of 8.9 million persons--4.2 percent of the population--lived on farms in rural areas of the United States.
 - The 1975 estimate indicates the continuation of a long-term downward trend in the size of the farm population.
 - In 1920 the farm population numbered 32 million or 30.1 percent of the population.
 - By 1960, the number of farm residents had dropped to approximately 15.6 million, less than half of the 1920 average.
 - In 1970, farm residents averaged only 9.7 million, 4.8 percent of the U.S. population.

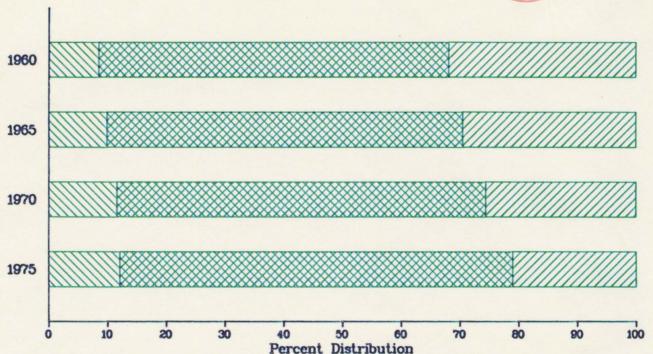
B.1.2-Farm Population, by Age Selected Years, 1960-1975



B. 1. 2—Distribution of the Farm Population By Age: 1960—1975

65 Years and Over
14 to 64 Years
Under 14 Years

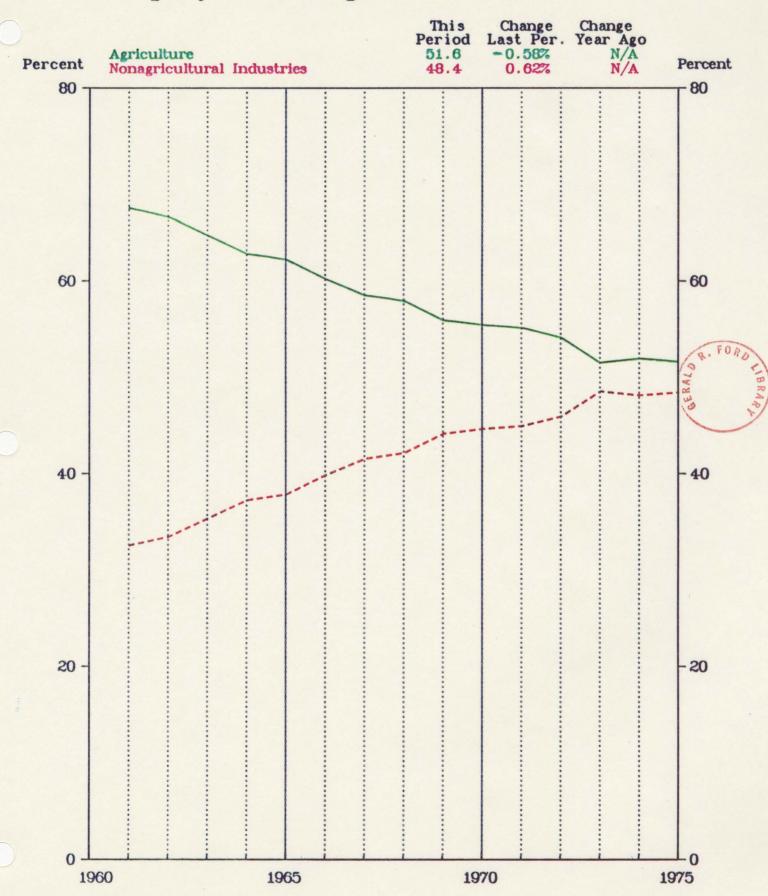




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- Between 1970 and 1975, the number of children (under 14 years) living on farms decreased nearly 25 percent, from approximately 2.5 million to 1.9 million; accompanied by no significant change in the number of farm residents 14 years and over.
 - The proportion of children in the farm population fell from 26 percent in 1970 to 21 percent in 1975.
 - This decline reflects a high net out-migration in past years of young farm adults of childbearing age.
 - Also attributable to the recent sharp drop in the national birth rate.

B.1.2—Percent of Farm Resident Labor Force Employed in Agriculture: 1961–1975

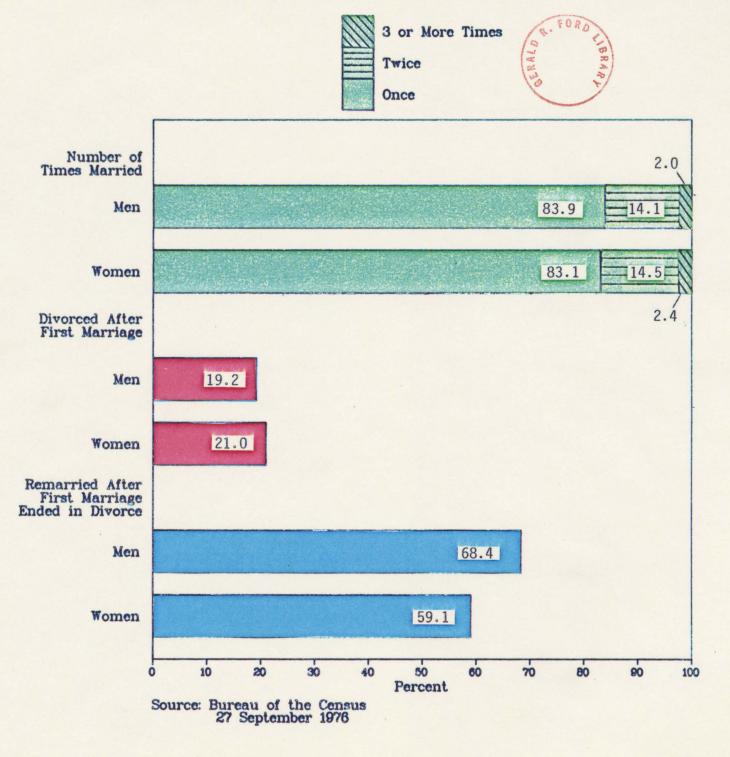


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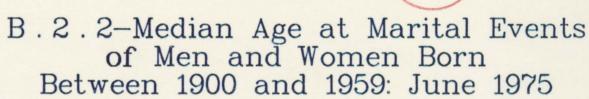
- Agricultural employment among farm residents 14 years and over declined steadily during the last two decades, as employment in nonagricultural industries grew.
 - During the 1961-1975 period the overall proportion of the farm-resident labor force employed solely or primarily in agriculture decreased from 68 percent to 52 percent, with employment in non-agricultural industries showing comparable growth.

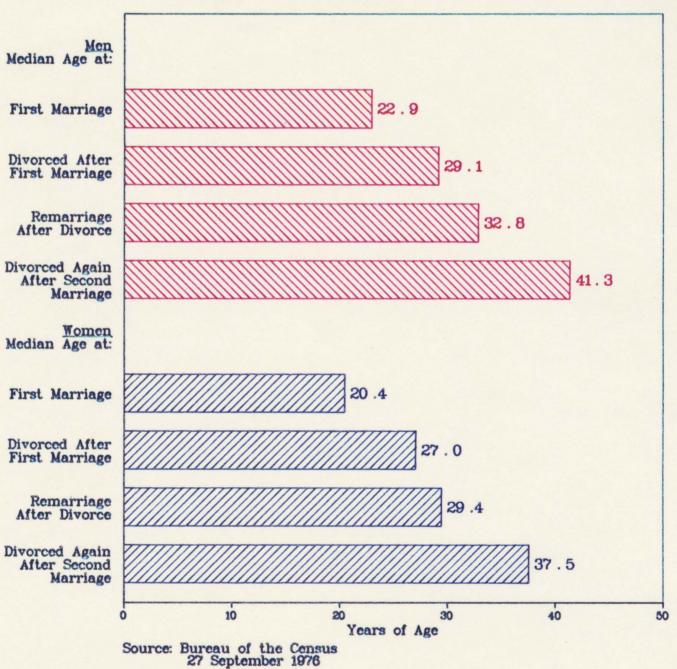
B. 2. 2-Marital History of Persons Born Between 1930 and 1939: June 1975





- The results of a special survey conducted by the Census Bureau in June 1975 indicate that about one-sixth of the ever-married men and women who were in their mid-30's to mid-40's at the time of the Survey had been married more than once.
- Among ever-married persons 35 to 44 years old, approximately one in five ended his or her first marriage in divorce.
 - The proportion of these divorced persons who had remarried by the survey date was higher for men (68 percent) than for women (59 percent.)



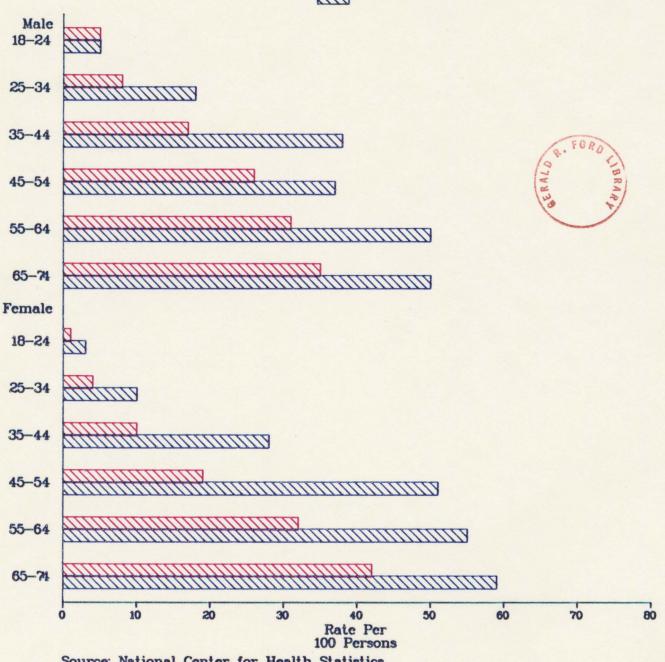




- According to the survey, the estimated median age at first marriage and at subsequent marital events was older among men than among women ages 16 to 75 in 1975.
 - The median age at first marriage was 22.9 years for men and 20.4 years for women.
 - The median age at the time of divorce after first marriage was also 2 years older for men than for women--29.1 and 27.0 years of age, respectively.

B. 3.4—Persons With Definite Hypertension By Age, Race, and Sex: 1971-1974





Source: National Center for Health Statistics 27 September 1976

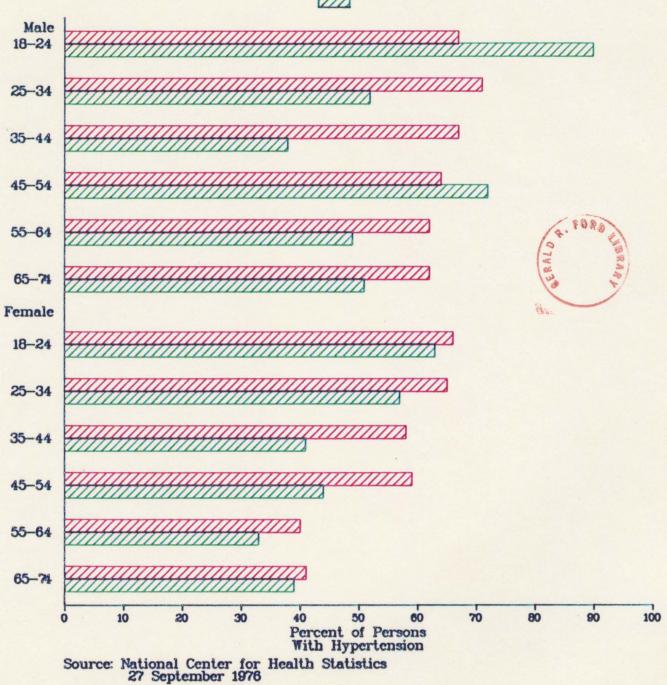


- Findings from the National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey (1971-1974) indicate that hypertension is more prevalent among Blacks than among Whites at all age levels.
 - At the younger ages, more cases of hypertension were found among males than among females; whereas the condition was found to be more prevalent among females at the older ages.
- An estimated 22.2 million persons (or almost 1 in every 5) between the ages of 18 and 74 years were found to have definite hypertension, based on the results of the Survey.
 - An additional 3.7 million persons reported taking medication regularly, and apparently had their blood pressure under control.

NOTE: Definite Hypertension is defined by a systolic pressure reading of 160mmHg or more; OR a diastolic pressure reading 95 mmHg or more.

B.3.4—Persons With Definite Hypertension Not Previously Diagnosed By Physician







- Public awareness of hypertension has been growing, boosted by the establishment of a National High Blood Pressure Education Program in 1972.
- Approximately one half of the persons identified in the national health survey as having definite hypertension had not been previously aware of their condition, as compared to a decade ago when approximately two-thirds of those diagnosed were unaware of their disease.
 - A higher percentage of males than females were unaware of their condition.