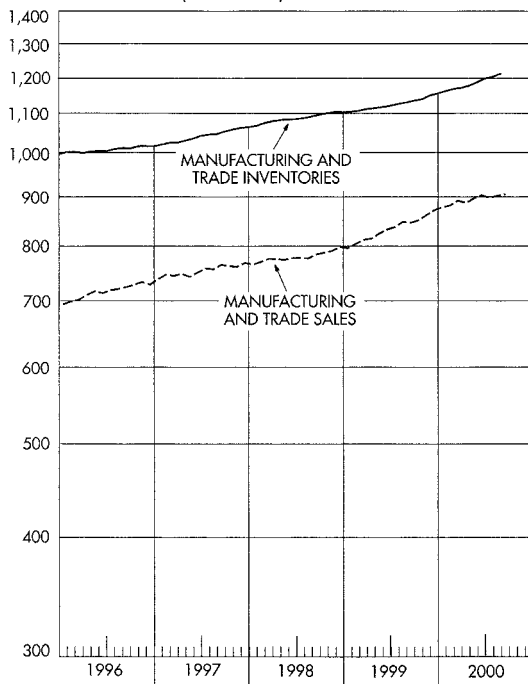


BUSINESS SALES AND INVENTORIES—Manufacturing and Trade

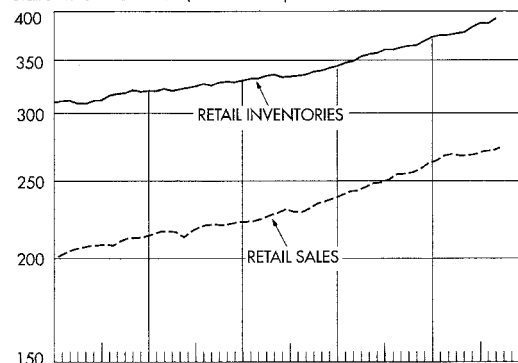
In August, manufacturing and trade sales rose 0.4 percent and inventories rose \$8.8 billion. According to advance data, retail sales rose 0.9 percent in September, following an increase of 0.1 percent in August.

BILLIONS OF DOLLARS* (RATIO SCALE)

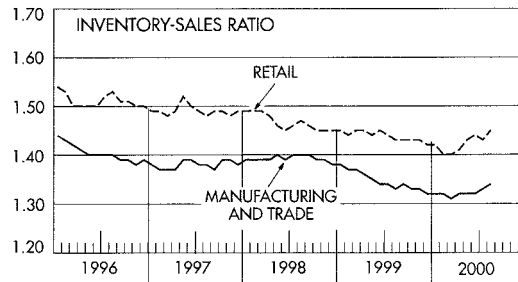


* SEASONALLY ADJUSTED
SOURCE: DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

BILLIONS OF DOLLARS* (RATIO SCALE)



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Period	Manufacturing and trade ¹		Wholesale		Retail						Inventory-sales ratio ⁴	
	Sales ²	Inven- tories ³	Sales ²	Inven- tories ³	Sales ²			Inventories ³			Manufac- turing and trade ¹	Retail
					Total	Durable goods stores	Non- durable goods stores	Total	Durable goods stores	Non- durable goods stores		
	Millions of dollars, seasonally adjusted, except as noted											
1990	545,909	840,594	149,506	195,833	153,718	55,736	97,981	239,688	121,212	118,476	1.52	1.56
1991	542,815	834,609	148,306	200,448	154,661	54,165	100,497	243,211	119,206	124,005	1.53	1.54
1992	567,176	842,809	154,150	208,302	162,632	58,634	103,999	251,997	123,169	128,828	1.48	1.52
1993	595,628	870,396	161,484	217,425	173,509	65,160	108,349	268,932	135,056	133,876	1.44	1.51
1994	639,163	934,769	172,811	236,287	187,350	73,888	113,462	293,605	152,996	140,609	1.41	1.50
1995	684,982	995,547	188,842	254,844	196,584	78,946	117,639	309,718	164,999	144,719	1.43	1.55
1996	718,113	1,014,340	199,961	257,626	208,530	84,916	123,614	319,985	170,775	149,210	1.40	1.51
1997	753,445	1,061,815	208,446	276,140	217,547	88,602	128,944	329,542	176,349	153,193	1.38	1.49
1998	779,413	1,100,166	212,926	290,171	228,799	94,699	134,101	343,197	183,630	159,567	1.39	1.47
1999	833,079	1,150,554	228,540	307,925	249,577	104,583	144,994	372,252	202,474	169,778	1.35	1.44
1999: Aug ^r	847,077	1,125,482	231,775	299,711	253,458	107,252	146,206	361,420	196,562	164,858	1.33	1.43
Sept ^r	845,926	1,130,380	233,225	301,577	253,992	106,616	147,376	363,134	197,581	165,553	1.34	1.43
Oct	850,386	1,134,645	235,226	303,570	254,959	106,743	148,216	363,553	197,333	166,220	1.33	1.43
Nov	861,000	1,144,815	238,540	306,900	257,489	108,640	148,849	368,079	199,811	168,268	1.33	1.43
Dec	871,172	1,150,554	241,672	307,925	261,628	109,545	152,083	372,252	202,474	169,778	1.32	1.42
2000: Jan	877,271	1,156,942	243,213	310,368	263,493	111,714	151,779	373,868	204,232	169,636	1.32	1.42
Feb	881,157	1,162,448	243,128	312,230	267,164	113,179	153,985	374,219	203,281	170,938	1.32	1.40
Mar	891,597	1,165,746	245,678	314,206	268,357	112,529	155,828	375,653	204,946	170,707	1.31	1.40
Apr	886,555	1,171,965	246,357	317,164	267,119	111,202	155,917	376,933	206,841	170,092	1.32	1.41
May	895,965	1,182,162	247,391	320,188	267,417	110,805	156,612	382,612	210,216	172,396	1.32	1.43
June	902,798	1,192,224	250,154	323,252	268,436	110,718	157,718	386,931	214,153	172,778	1.32	1.44
July ^r	897,634	1,197,112	249,405	324,313	270,645	111,700	158,945	386,496	214,124	172,372	1.33	1.43
Aug ^r	901,594	1,205,878	249,960	326,195	270,854	111,441	159,413	392,039	218,297	173,742	1.34	1.45
Sept ^p	905,261		251,635	326,730	273,237	112,462	160,775					

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.