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## INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION AND CAPACITY UTILIZATION

Total industrial production rose 3.0 percent in July after increasing 5.7 percent in June; even so, the index in July was 8.4 percent below its pre-pandemic February level. Manufacturing output continued to improve in July, rising 3.4 percent. Most major industries posted increases, though they were much smaller in magnitude

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### Industrial Production and Capacity Utilization: Summary

Seasonally adjusted

Industrial production	2012=100						Percent change						July '19 to July '20
	2020 Feb. <sup>r</sup>	Mar. <sup>r</sup>	Apr. <sup>r</sup>	May <sup>r</sup>	June <sup>r</sup>	July <sup>p</sup>	2020 Feb. <sup>r</sup>	Mar. <sup>r</sup>	Apr. <sup>r</sup>	May <sup>r</sup>	June <sup>r</sup>	July <sup>p</sup>	
<b>Total index</b>	109.3	104.6	91.2	92.0	97.2	100.2	.1	-4.3	-12.8	.9	5.7	3.0	-8.2
<i>Previous estimates</i>	109.3	104.5	91.2	92.5	97.5		.1	-4.4	-12.7	1.4	5.4		
<b>Major market groups</b>													
<b>Final Products</b>	102.7	96.8	82.0	85.6	93.0	97.2	.8	-5.8	-15.3	4.4	8.6	4.5	-5.9
Consumer goods	105.8	100.1	87.3	90.9	98.7	103.2	1.2	-5.4	-12.8	4.1	8.6	4.6	-2.2
Business equipment	98.0	90.2	69.1	74.0	82.7	86.9	-4	-8.0	-23.3	7.1	11.7	5.0	-13.9
<b>Nonindustrial supplies</b>	109.8	104.7	92.2	93.9	96.4	97.9	.3	-4.6	-11.9	1.8	2.8	1.5	-9.3
Construction	120.1	115.6	101.8	104.8	106.2	106.7	-3	-3.7	-12.0	2.9	1.4	.4	-8.0
Materials	114.6	111.3	99.1	96.9	100.8	103.0	-6	-2.9	-11.0	-2.2	4.0	2.2	-9.8
<b>Major industry groups</b>													
<b>Manufacturing (see note below)</b>	104.9	99.7	83.8	87.0	93.4	96.5	.0	-5.0	-16.0	3.8	7.4	3.4	-7.7
<i>Previous estimates</i>	104.9	99.6	83.8	87.0	93.3		.0	-5.1	-15.9	3.8	7.2		
Mining	133.0	130.9	121.8	108.0	107.6	108.5	-1.6	-1.6	-7.0	-11.3	-.3	.8	-17.0
Utilities	102.2	99.1	101.0	100.4	102.5	105.9	3.6	-3.1	1.9	-.5	2.0	3.3	.6
<b>Capacity utilization</b>													Capacity growth
	Percent of capacity												
	Average 1972-2019	1988-89 high	1990-91 low	1994-95 high	2009 low	2019 July	2020 Feb. <sup>r</sup>	Mar. <sup>r</sup>	Apr. <sup>r</sup>	May <sup>r</sup>	June <sup>r</sup>	July <sup>p</sup>	July '19 to July '20
<b>Total industry</b>	79.8	85.1	78.8	85.0	66.7	77.4	76.9	73.6	64.2	64.8	68.5	70.6	.8
<i>Previous estimates</i>							76.9	73.5	64.2	65.1	68.6		
<b>Manufacturing (see note below)</b>	78.2	85.5	77.3	84.6	63.7	75.3	75.2	71.4	60.0	62.3	66.9	69.2	.5
<i>Previous estimates</i>							75.2	71.3	60.0	62.3	66.9		
Mining	87.2	86.3	84.3	88.6	78.3	88.9	89.1	87.8	81.8	72.8	72.7	73.5	.4
Utilities	85.2	93.2	84.7	93.2	78.2	76.9	73.5	71.1	72.3	71.7	73.0	75.2	2.9
<b>Stage-of-process groups</b>													
Crude	86.2	87.8	84.7	90.0	76.4	86.8	87.6	86.4	80.1	73.8	74.3	74.9	.3
Primary and semifinished	80.3	86.4	78.1	87.8	63.9	75.6	75.0	71.3	62.7	63.9	67.2	68.9	.8
Finished	76.7	83.3	77.3	80.6	66.5	74.8	74.0	70.2	58.5	61.4	67.0	70.1	.9

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Note. The statistics in this release cover output, capacity, and capacity utilization in the U.S. industrial sector, which is defined by the Federal Reserve to comprise manufacturing, mining, and electric and gas utilities. Mining is defined as all industries in sector 21 of the North American Industry Classification System (NAICS); electric and gas utilities are those in NAICS sectors 2211 and 2212. Manufacturing comprises NAICS manufacturing industries (sector 31-33) plus the logging industry and the newspaper, periodical, book, and directory publishing industries. Logging and publishing are classified elsewhere in NAICS (under agriculture and information, respectively), but historically they were considered to be manufacturing and were included in the industrial sector under the Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) system. In December 2002 the Federal Reserve reclassified all its industrial output data from the SIC system to NAICS.

than the advances recorded in June. The largest gain in July—28.3 percent—was registered by motor vehicles and parts; factory production elsewhere advanced 1.6 percent. Mining production rose 0.8 percent after decreasing for five consecutive months. The output of utilities increased 3.3 percent, as unusually warm temperatures increased the demand for air conditioning. At 100.2 percent of its 2012 average, the level of total industrial production was 8.2 percent lower in July than it was a year earlier. Capacity utilization for the industrial sector increased 2.1 percentage points in July to 70.6 percent, a rate that is 9.2 percentage points below its long-run (1972–2019) average but 6.4 percentage points above its low in April.

### Market Groups

The indexes for all of the major market groups advanced in July, though by less than in June. The strength in motor vehicles contributed to increases in the indexes for consumer durables (14.6 percent), business equipment (5.0 percent), and durable materials (3.7 percent). Consumer energy products, business supplies, and defense and space equipment also posted gains of more than 2 percent.

### Industry Groups

Manufacturing output increased 3.4 percent in July, but it was still about 8 percent below its pre-pandemic February level. The index for durable manufacturing rose 5.5 percent in July. In addition to the large advance for motor vehicles and parts, increases of more than 6 percent were recorded by aerospace and miscellaneous transportation equipment and by miscellaneous manufacturing. Substantial gains in the past three months have pushed the output of motor vehicles and parts to nearly its February level. The index for nondurables rose 1.3 percent in July, with gains of more than 3 percent for textile and product mills, for printing and support, and for petroleum and coal products. The output of other manufacturing (publishing and logging) increased 1.5 percent.

The output of utilities rose 3.3 percent in July, largely reflecting strength in electric utilities. Mining output increased 0.8 percent. Gains were concentrated primarily in crude oil extraction and coal mining but also were recorded by most other types of mining. In contrast, the index for oil and gas well drilling fell 8.0 percent and was about 70 percent below its year-earlier level.

Capacity utilization for manufacturing was 69.2 percent in July, 9.2 percentage points higher than its trough in April and 5.5 percentage points above its recession trough of June 2009. The operating rates for durable and nondurable manufacturing increased to 68.1 percent and 71.5 percent, respectively. The rate for durables was about 14 percentage points above its April low but still about 7 percentage points below its pre-pandemic February level; the rate for nondurables has risen 4.2 percentage points since April but was still about 5 percentage points below February. The operating rate for mining rose to 73.5 percent in July. However, a downward revision to crude oil extraction in May left the utilization rates for mining in May, June, and July lower than any previous rates in the history of the series (since 1967).

**Note:** In 2021, the G.17 release on Industrial Production and Capacity Utilization will be issued on January 15, February 17, March 16, April 15, May 14, June 15, July 15, August 17, September 15, October 18, November 16, and December 16.

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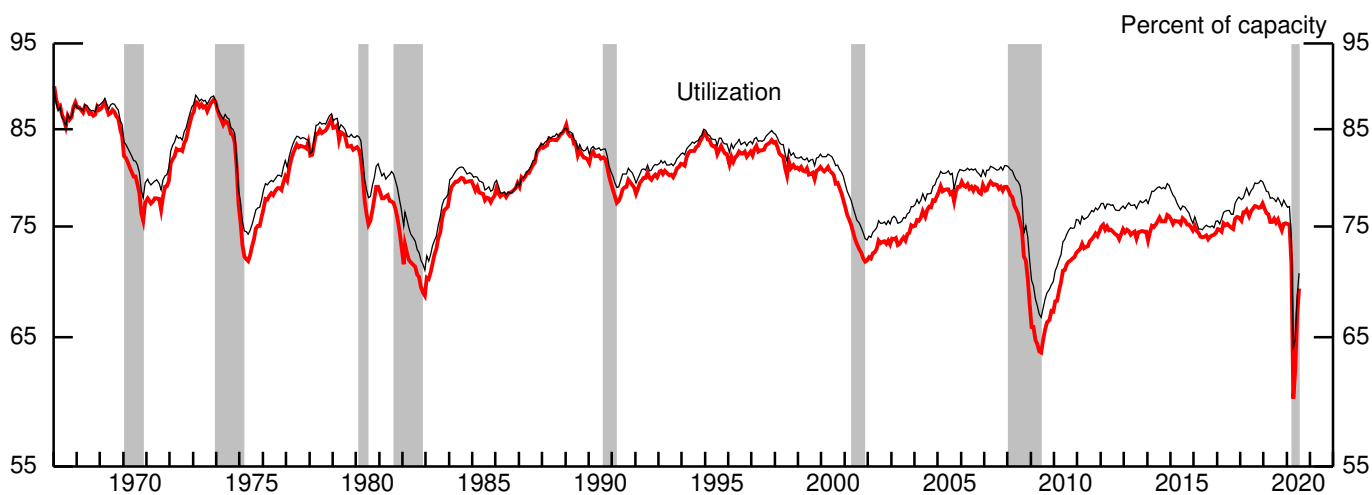
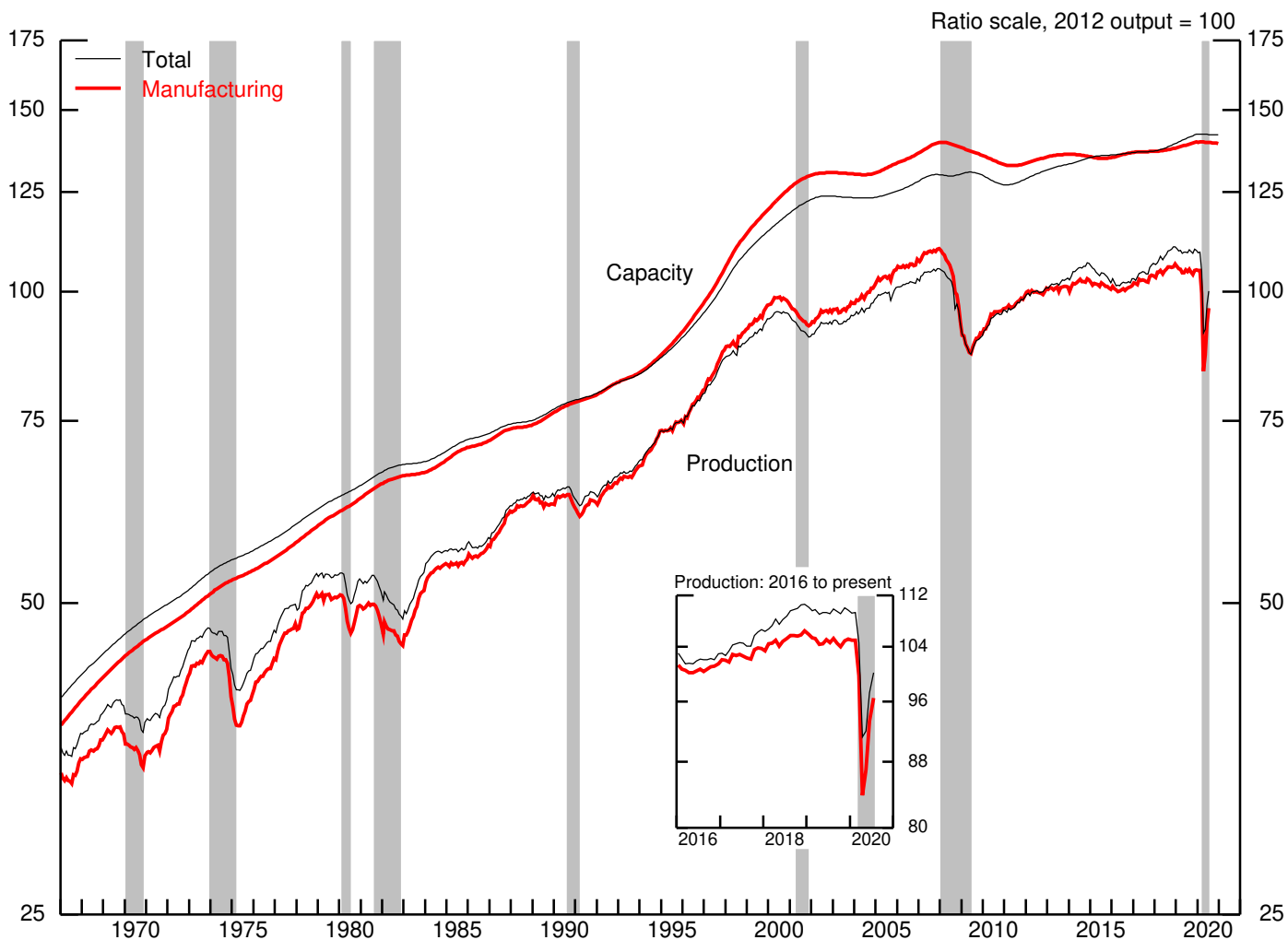
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### **Revision of Industrial Production and Capacity Utilization**

The Federal Reserve Board plans to issue its annual revision to the indexes of industrial production (IP) and the related measures of capacity utilization in the second half of 2020. New annual benchmark data for manufacturing for 2017 and 2018 will be incorporated, as well as other annual data, including information on the mining of metallic and nonmetallic minerals (except fuels). The weights for market-group splits of the industry-level indexes will be updated with information from the 2012 benchmark input-output accounts from the U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis. The updated IP indexes will include revisions to the monthly indicator (either product data or input data) and to seasonal factors for each industry. In addition, the estimation methods for some series may be changed. Any modifications to the methods for estimating the output of an industry will affect the index from 1972 to the present.

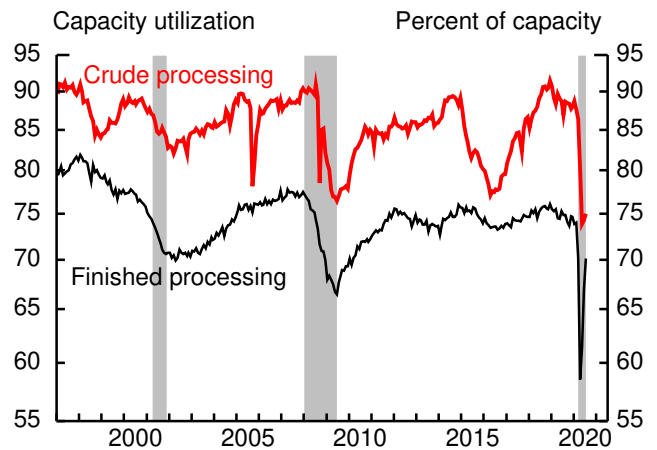
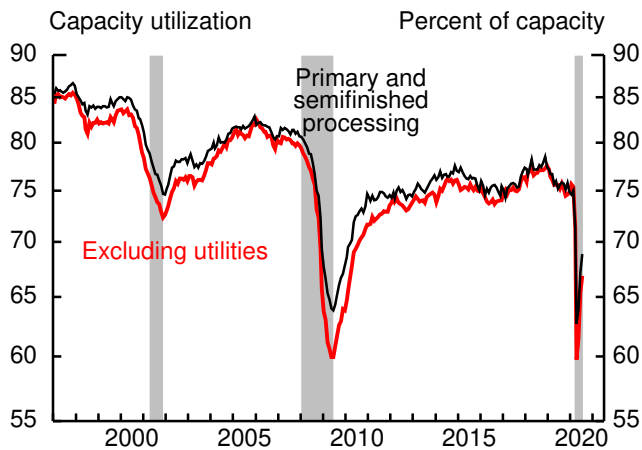
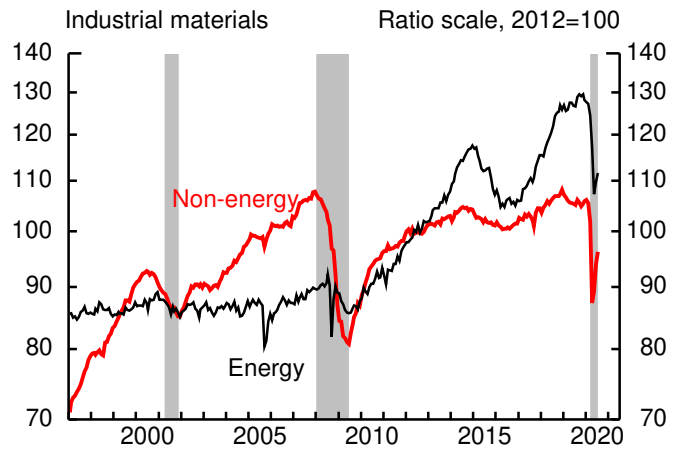
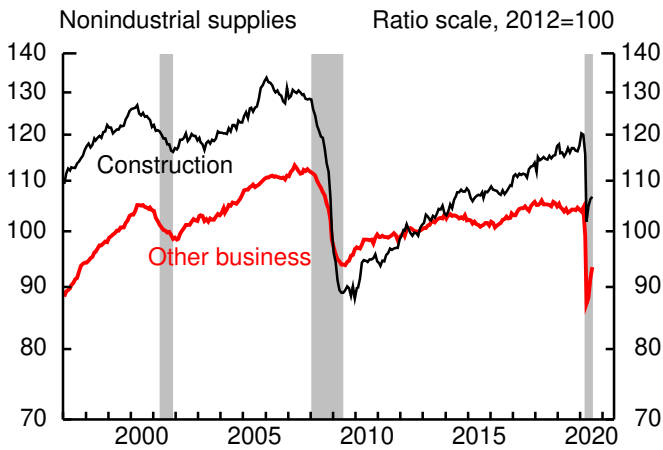
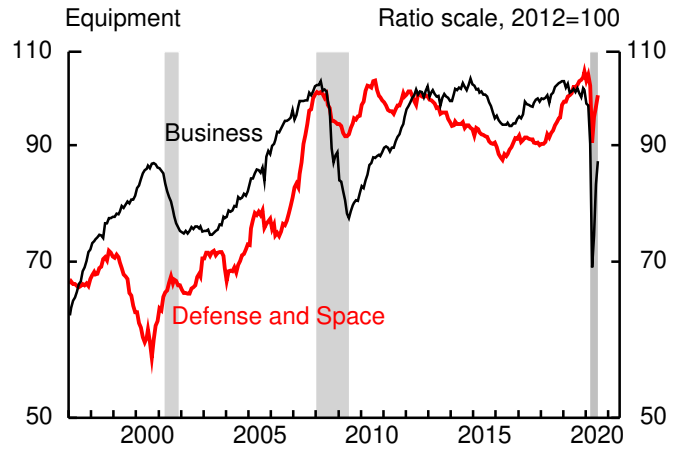
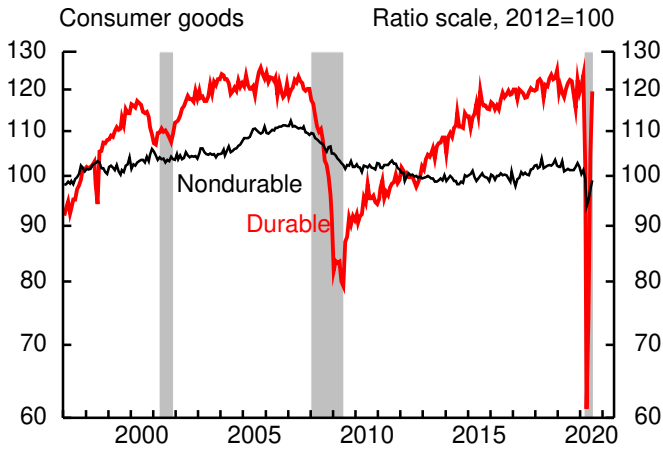
Capacity and capacity utilization will be revised to incorporate data for manufacturing through the fourth quarter of 2019 from the U.S. Census Bureau's Quarterly Survey of Plant Capacity Utilization, along with new data on capacity from the U.S. Geological Survey, the U.S. Department of Energy, and other organizations.

# 1. Industrial production, capacity, and utilization



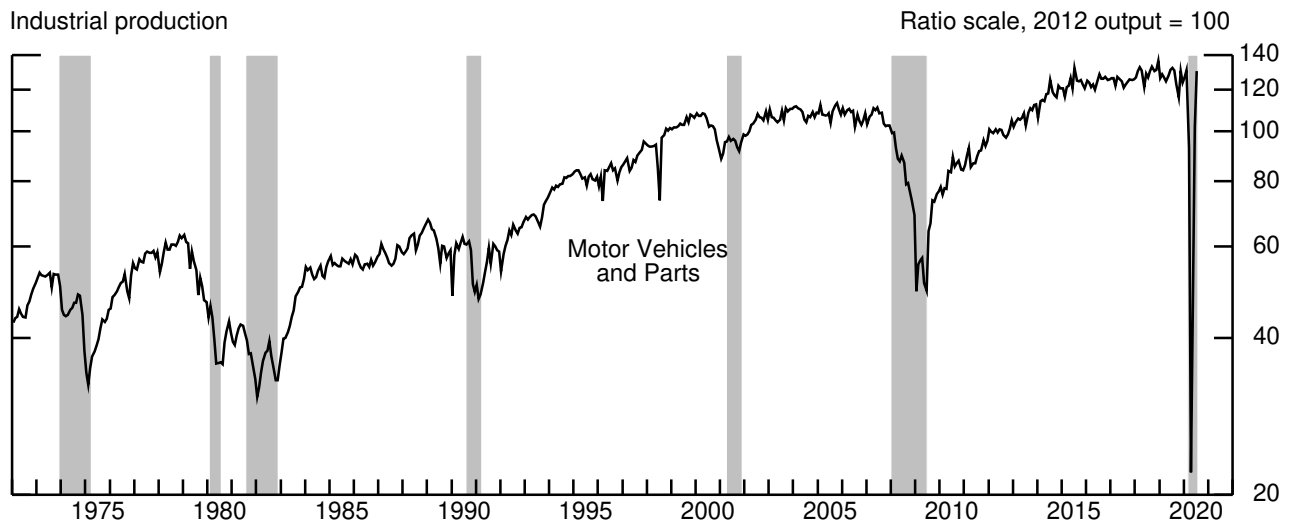
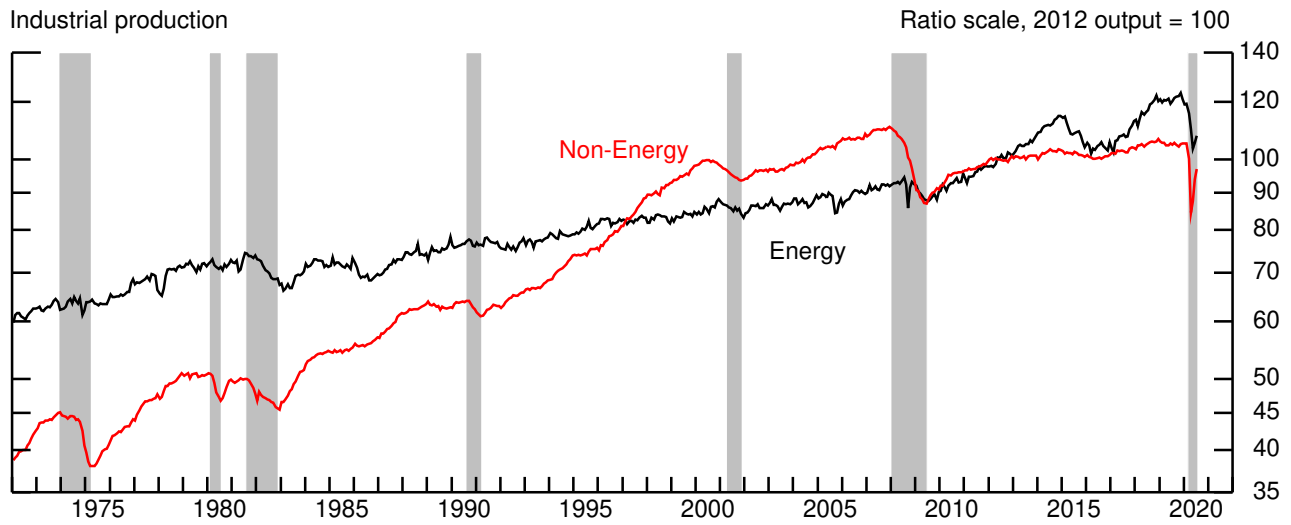
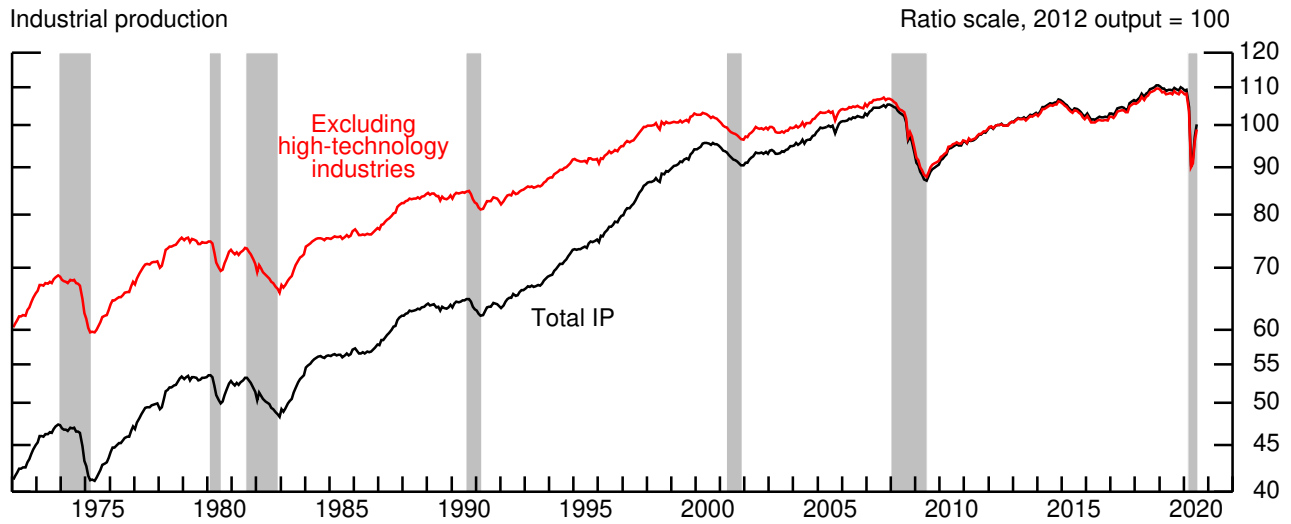
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## 2. Industrial production and capacity utilization



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### 3. Industrial production of selected industries



Notes: High-technology industries are defined as semiconductors and related electronic components (NAICS 3344), computers (NAICS 3341), and communications equipment (NAICS 3342).  
The shaded areas represent periods of business recession as defined by the NBER.



**Table 2**  
**INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION: SPECIAL AGGREGATES AND SELECTED DETAIL**

Percent change, seasonally adjusted

Item	2019 proportion	Fourth quarter to fourth quarter			Annual rate			Monthly rate					July '19 to July '20		
		2017	2018	2019	2019 Q4	2020 Q1 <sup>r</sup>	Q2 <sup>r</sup>	2020 Feb. <sup>r</sup>	Mar. <sup>r</sup>	Apr. <sup>r</sup>	May <sup>r</sup>	June <sup>r</sup>		July <sup>p</sup>	
<b>Total industry</b>	100.00	3.6	4.0	-7	.4	-6.7	-43.2	.1	-4.3	-12.8	.9	5.7	3.0	-8.2	
<b>Energy</b>	25.94	7.0	8.7	.8	2.9	-12.5	-34.2	.3	-3.0	-4.9	-6.0	1.9	2.3	-10.3	
Consumer products	5.02	3.0	4.7	-1.7	12.9	-28.7	10.4	2.5	-4.9	2.7	3.4	.5	3.8	2.0	
Commercial products	2.38	2.1	2.6	-1	3.1	-13.6	-40.1	1.1	-6.2	-8.2	-3.0	5.1	3.7	-9.9	
Oil and gas well drilling	213111	.55	37.2	19.3	-22.1	-40.0	-7.1	-93.1	.6	-1.3	-27.8	-36.9	-18.0	-8.0	-71.5
Converted fuel	4.71	2.4	3.2	-1.6	-3.0	-14.7	-25.2	1.7	-9	-7.6	-2.7	7.6	3.0	-3.9	
Primary energy	13.27	10.5	12.8	3.6	3.5	-4.7	-44.3	-1.2	-2.5	-5.3	-10.4	.3	1.2	-14.7	
<b>Non-energy</b>	74.06	2.5	2.2	-1.2	-.5	-4.6	-46.1	.1	-4.7	-15.6	3.6	7.0	3.3	-7.4	
<b>Selected high-technology industries</b>	1.83	1.9	5.4	6.9	9.7	-1.4	-5.7	-1.4	1.2	-2.2	-.3	2.1	1.6	4.6	
Computers and peripheral equipment	3341	.31	12.2	1.5	-1	1.7	12.1	-27.9	1.1	.5	-6.6	-4.7	3.4	1.9	-1.9
Communications equipment	3342	.47	-5.1	7.0	8.2	1.7	-12.5	29.3	-2.2	3.2	3.1	2.3	1.3	1.1	6.7
Semiconductors and related electronic components	3344	1.06	2.4	5.9	8.4	15.7	.0	-11.5	-1.9	.5	-3.3	-.3	2.2	1.7	5.4
<b>Excluding selected high-technology industries</b>	72.23	2.6	2.1	-1.4	-.7	-4.7	-46.9	.1	-4.9	-15.9	3.7	7.1	3.3	-7.7	
<b>Motor vehicles and parts</b>	3361-3	5.50	-.3	5.5	-6.8	-15.3	-20.1	-94.4	3.3	-29.2	-76.2	111.0	118.3	28.3	-1.4
Motor vehicles	3361	2.70	-5.4	9.5	-7.7	-21.7	-21.6	-98.1	4.3	-37.9	-97.3	1166.7	245.7	42.2	1.8
Motor vehicle parts	3363	2.34	2.6	4.4	-5.6	-8.3	-18.5	-88.7	2.2	-20.8	-62.2	62.0	69.5	18.2	-3.6
<b>Excluding motor vehicles and parts</b>	66.74	2.8	1.8	-9	.6	-3.3	-39.6	-.2	-2.8	-12.2	1.9	3.3	1.5	-8.2	
Consumer goods	19.69	1.7	.3	-7	.7	-2	-31.0	.5	-1.7	-10.2	1.7	4.1	1.4	-4.4	
Business equipment	7.96	5.8	2.8	-1.4	3.3	-19.5	-54.8	-.8	-5.0	-18.9	4.7	5.4	2.7	-15.0	
Construction supplies	5.44	4.2	2.5	.5	.3	6.9	-40.6	-.3	-3.7	-12.0	2.9	1.4	.4	-8.1	
Business supplies	6.08	2.4	-1.2	-1.8	-1.1	-4.1	-45.7	.5	-5.1	-13.8	2.8	3.2	1.7	-10.8	
Materials	25.21	2.9	3.0	-1.8	-.5	-2.2	-39.9	-.8	-2.3	-11.4	.6	2.6	1.3	-9.1	
<b>Measures excluding selected high-technology industries</b>															
Total industry	98.17	3.7	3.9	-8	.2	-6.8	-43.8	.1	-4.4	-13.0	.9	5.7	3.1	-8.4	
Manufacturing <sup>1</sup>	73.50	2.5	2.1	-1.4	-.7	-5.5	-47.9	.0	-5.1	-16.3	3.9	7.5	3.4	-8.0	
Durable	36.50	2.7	4.0	-1.6	-2.0	-10.2	-59.8	.3	-8.1	-23.0	7.3	12.5	5.8	-10.0	
<b>Measures excluding motor vehicles and parts</b>															
Total industry	94.50	3.9	3.9	-3	1.4	-5.9	-37.6	-.1	-2.8	-10.0	-.4	2.9	1.7	-8.6	
Manufacturing <sup>1</sup>	69.84	2.7	1.9	-8	.8	-4.2	-40.1	-.3	-3.0	-12.4	2.0	3.7	1.6	-8.2	
Durable	32.84	3.2	3.9	-2	1.1	-8.0	-46.4	-.3	-3.9	-15.0	3.1	4.1	2.0	-10.7	
<b>Measures excluding selected high-technology industries and motor vehicles and parts</b>															
Total industry	92.67	3.9	3.8	-5	1.2	-6.0	-38.1	-.1	-2.9	-10.2	-.4	2.9	1.7	-8.8	
Manufacturing <sup>1</sup>	68.01	2.8	1.8	-1.0	.6	-4.2	-40.8	-.3	-3.1	-12.7	2.1	3.7	1.6	-8.6	
<b>Stage-of-process components of non-energy materials, measures of the input to</b>															
Finished processors	9.81	.3	4.1	-3.0	-2.1	-7.6	-55.9	.0	-6.6	-20.7	6.1	10.2	5.5	-9.2	
Primary and semifinished processors	18.03	4.2	2.7	-1.4	-.1	-8	-37.7	-1.0	-1.7	-10.9	.5	2.7	1.0	-7.9	

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1. The composition of manufacturing is specified in a note for the summary table.

**Table 3**  
**MOTOR VEHICLE ASSEMBLIES**

Millions of units, seasonally adjusted annual rate

Item	2019 average	2019 Q3	Q4	2020 Q1	Q2	2020 Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July
<b>Total</b>	10.88	11.08	10.51	9.80	3.61	11.39	7.19	.11	2.35	8.36	11.89
Autos	2.51	2.57	2.43	2.37	.75	2.70	1.80	.02	.55	1.67	2.63
Trucks	8.36	8.51	8.07	7.43	2.86	8.70	5.38	.09	1.80	6.69	9.27
Light	8.02	8.16	7.77	7.16	2.74	8.39	5.18	.05	1.71	6.47	9.06
Medium and heavy	.35	.35	.31	.27	.12	.31	.20	.03	.09	.22	.20
<b>Memo</b>											
Autos and light trucks	10.53	10.73	10.20	9.53	3.49	11.08	6.99	.08	2.26	8.14	11.69

Note. Seasonal factors and underlying data for auto, light truck, and medium and heavy truck production are available on the Board's website, [www.federalreserve.gov/releases/G17/mvsvf.htm](http://www.federalreserve.gov/releases/G17/mvsvf.htm)



**Table 4**  
**INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION INDEXES: MARKET AND INDUSTRY GROUP SUMMARY**

2012 = 100, seasonally adjusted

Item	2019 proportion	2019 Nov.	Dec.	2020 Jan.	Feb. <sup>r</sup>	Mar. <sup>r</sup>	Apr. <sup>r</sup>	May <sup>r</sup>	June <sup>r</sup>	July <sup>p</sup>
<b>Total IP</b>	100.00	110.0	109.7	109.2	109.3	104.6	91.2	92.0	97.2	100.2
<b>MARKET GROUPS</b>										
<b>Final products and nonindustrial supplies</b>	54.17	105.3	104.7	103.8	104.5	98.8	84.6	87.7	93.9	97.3
<b>Consumer goods</b>	27.53	106.7	105.5	104.6	105.8	100.1	87.3	90.9	98.7	103.2
<b>Durable</b>	6.22	122.5	119.3	121.0	123.6	102.2	61.1	74.1	104.4	119.6
Automotive products	3.22	138.5	130.9	134.1	139.1	99.0	31.0	53.1	109.8	140.4
Home electronics	.13	126.8	125.0	123.7	122.8	122.3	115.4	112.2	118.0	122.0
Appliances, furniture, carpeting	.83	104.5	106.6	104.3	105.0	100.2	80.4	90.3	95.6	98.7
Miscellaneous goods	2.04	108.8	109.1	110.6	111.2	105.9	89.2	92.5	100.2	101.0
<b>Nondurable</b>	21.31	102.7	102.0	100.4	101.3	99.5	93.7	95.0	97.2	99.1
Non-energy	16.29	99.0	99.9	99.6	100.0	99.2	91.0	91.6	94.4	95.7
Foods and tobacco	9.26	107.2	109.8	108.6	108.8	107.0	97.4	99.7	103.8	104.4
Clothing	.17	62.0	61.9	60.8	61.9	58.1	41.7	49.2	53.7	54.0
Chemical products	5.45	93.0	92.3	92.6	92.9	94.7	89.2	87.3	88.2	90.2
Paper products	1.00	73.2	71.3	74.1	76.8	72.7	66.3	65.6	66.4	67.3
Energy	5.02	115.0	108.2	102.2	104.8	99.6	102.3	105.8	106.3	110.3
<b>Business equipment</b>	9.51	101.8	101.3	98.4	98.0	90.2	69.1	74.0	82.7	86.9
Transit	2.30	107.1	104.4	92.8	89.1	65.7	22.6	33.2	58.0	71.9
Information processing	2.22	115.3	115.9	116.9	119.5	117.6	111.8	110.2	116.5	117.0
Industrial and other	5.00	94.3	94.4	93.6	93.4	89.7	72.0	77.0	80.0	81.6
<b>Defense and space equipment</b>	2.32	104.1	105.4	103.4	104.7	102.3	90.4	95.6	97.7	100.1
<b>Construction supplies</b>	5.45	116.3	117.5	120.4	120.1	115.6	101.8	104.8	106.2	106.7
<b>Business supplies</b>	8.71	104.5	104.1	103.8	104.5	99.0	87.2	88.1	91.3	93.4
<b>Materials</b>	45.83	115.3	115.2	115.3	114.6	111.3	99.1	96.9	100.8	103.0
<b>Non-energy</b>	27.85	105.3	105.9	106.1	105.5	101.8	87.3	89.3	93.9	96.2
<b>Durable</b>	16.49	107.0	107.2	107.1	107.1	101.3	82.1	85.5	92.1	95.6
Consumer parts	2.86	106.2	105.6	104.6	105.7	90.0	44.4	57.8	84.7	97.7
Equipment parts	4.82	111.1	111.2	110.1	110.0	106.3	95.9	98.8	99.8	102.3
Other	8.81	104.9	105.6	106.2	105.9	102.2	86.8	87.5	90.4	91.2
<b>Nondurable</b>	11.35	102.7	103.8	104.6	103.0	102.4	94.5	94.3	96.1	97.0
Textile	.37	99.5	99.2	100.7	100.1	95.5	68.5	76.3	79.4	85.3
Paper	1.76	89.1	89.6	91.4	90.3	87.9	82.1	78.4	78.4	77.5
Chemical	6.12	104.3	105.5	106.3	103.9	104.0	97.1	97.4	98.8	99.6
<b>Energy</b>	17.99	129.5	128.1	127.8	127.2	124.5	117.1	107.3	109.7	111.6
<b>INDUSTRY GROUPS</b>										
<b>Manufacturing</b>	75.34	104.9	105.1	105.0	104.9	99.7	83.8	87.0	93.4	96.5
<b>Manufacturing (NAICS) 31–33</b>	73.58	106.1	106.4	106.2	106.1	100.9	84.7	87.9	94.6	97.8
<b>Durable manufacturing</b>	38.16	108.8	108.5	107.9	108.1	99.8	77.9	83.3	93.2	98.3
Wood products	321	1.44	128.7	129.5	132.7	131.7	127.7	111.8	115.2	119.8
Nonmetallic mineral products	327	2.27	118.0	120.4	124.9	124.0	117.6	99.5	107.2	111.9
Primary metals	331	2.93	96.4	98.4	98.0	94.5	90.7	70.4	66.9	70.7
Fabricated metal products	332	5.79	103.1	102.7	102.9	104.0	99.9	88.6	90.9	92.7
Machinery	333	5.41	91.5	92.3	90.3	90.2	87.3	70.4	75.2	78.6
Computer and electronic products	334	4.90	130.1	130.8	131.5	133.0	131.4	125.2	123.4	129.4
Electrical equip., appliances, and components	335	1.83	102.8	103.0	103.0	104.8	100.2	92.8	89.7	90.0
Motor vehicles and parts	3361–3	5.50	130.4	123.9	126.7	130.9	92.7	22.1	46.6	101.7
Aerospace and miscellaneous transportation equipment	3364–9	4.18	102.3	102.9	93.8	91.8	85.9	67.0	73.5	74.9
Furniture and related products	337	1.20	106.9	107.0	106.7	107.2	101.7	78.2	88.4	92.4
Miscellaneous	339	2.72	101.7	101.1	101.1	99.7	94.0	76.5	79.4	87.6
<b>Nondurable manufacturing</b>	35.43	103.2	104.0	104.3	104.0	101.9	91.5	92.7	95.9	97.2
Food, beverage, and tobacco products	311,2	11.27	109.7	112.2	111.2	111.3	109.7	100.2	102.2	106.5
Textile and product mills	313,4	.63	97.1	96.6	97.9	97.6	92.9	69.9	78.4	82.2
Apparel and leather	315,6	.18	63.1	63.0	62.0	63.1	59.5	43.3	50.6	55.1
Paper	322	2.37	93.0	94.0	95.7	94.2	94.1	90.7	86.0	86.1
Printing and support	323	1.26	93.7	92.7	94.3	96.2	87.9	66.2	72.8	75.4
Petroleum and coal products	324	3.25	104.3	105.7	108.6	106.7	99.3	82.1	83.0	87.1
Chemicals	325	12.97	100.3	100.0	100.2	99.5	99.8	93.4	93.4	94.2
Plastics and rubber products	326	3.49	108.1	107.8	108.8	109.7	103.1	82.9	86.7	97.7
<b>Other manufacturing (non-NAICS) 1133,5111</b>	1.75	70.3	69.1	70.5	71.8	67.4	59.5	58.9	59.1	60.0
<b>Mining</b>	21	14.24	132.6	133.8	135.2	133.0	130.9	121.8	108.0	107.6
<b>Utilities</b>	2211,2	10.42	109.7	103.4	98.6	102.2	99.1	101.0	100.4	102.5
Electric	2211	8.68	104.8	101.5	97.5	99.2	99.2	97.3	96.2	99.9
Natural gas	2212	1.74	140.7	116.6	107.0	121.1	100.0	124.2	126.9	119.4

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Note. Refer to the notes for table 1.

**Table 5**  
**INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION INDEXES: SPECIAL AGGREGATES**

2012 = 100, seasonally adjusted

Item	2019 proportion	2019 Nov.	Dec.	2020 Jan.	Feb. <sup>r</sup>	Mar. <sup>r</sup>	Apr. <sup>r</sup>	May <sup>r</sup>	June <sup>r</sup>	July <sup>p</sup>
<b>Total industry</b>	100.00	110.0	109.7	109.2	109.3	104.6	91.2	92.0	97.2	100.2
<b>Energy</b>	25.94	123.2	120.7	119.0	119.3	115.7	110.0	103.4	105.4	107.8
Consumer products	5.02	115.0	108.2	102.2	104.8	99.6	102.3	105.8	106.3	110.3
Commercial products	2.38	112.5	111.9	109.5	110.8	103.9	95.4	92.6	97.3	100.8
Oil and gas well drilling	213111	.55	60.5	60.1	60.0	60.4	59.6	43.0	27.1	20.5
Converted fuel	4.71	105.2	98.9	97.5	99.1	98.2	90.8	88.3	95.1	97.9
Primary energy	13.27	137.1	138.1	138.2	136.6	133.1	126.1	113.0	113.3	114.6
<b>Non-energy</b>	74.06	105.0	105.2	105.2	105.2	100.2	84.6	87.7	93.8	96.9
<b>Selected high-technology industries</b>	1.83	159.1	159.5	158.6	156.3	158.2	154.6	154.1	157.4	159.9
Computers and peripheral equipment	3341	.31	135.1	134.1	135.2	136.7	137.5	128.4	122.3	126.5
Communications equipment	3342	.47	137.2	136.1	132.8	129.9	134.1	138.3	141.5	143.4
Semiconductors and related electronic components	3344	1.06	176.5	178.1	177.9	174.6	175.5	169.8	169.3	173.0
<b>Excluding selected high-technology industries</b>	72.23	103.4	103.7	103.6	103.7	98.7	83.0	86.0	92.2	95.3
<b>Motor vehicles and parts</b>	3361-3	5.50	130.4	123.9	126.7	130.9	92.7	22.1	46.6	101.7
Motor vehicles	3361	2.70	133.5	123.3	128.5	133.9	83.1	2.2	28.2	97.6
Motor vehicle parts	3363	2.34	128.5	125.7	126.1	128.9	102.1	38.6	62.5	106.0
<b>Excluding motor vehicles and parts</b>	66.74	101.6	102.3	102.0	101.8	99.0	86.9	88.6	91.5	92.9
Consumer goods	19.69	100.4	101.2	100.9	101.4	99.7	89.5	91.0	94.7	96.1
Business equipment	7.96	98.0	98.4	94.8	94.1	89.4	72.5	75.8	79.9	82.1
Construction supplies	5.44	116.3	117.5	120.3	120.0	115.6	101.7	104.7	106.1	106.6
Business supplies	6.08	97.6	97.2	97.7	98.3	93.3	80.4	82.6	85.3	86.7
Materials	25.21	101.9	102.7	103.0	102.1	99.8	88.4	88.9	91.2	92.4
<b>Measures excluding selected high-technology industries</b>										
Total industry	98.17	109.0	108.6	108.2	108.3	103.5	90.1	90.9	96.1	99.0
Manufacturing <sup>1</sup>	73.50	103.4	103.6	103.5	103.5	98.2	82.1	85.3	91.7	94.9
Durable	36.50	106.0	105.7	105.1	105.3	96.8	74.5	80.0	90.0	95.2
<b>Measures excluding motor vehicles and parts</b>										
Total industry	94.50	109.1	109.0	108.4	108.3	105.2	94.7	94.3	97.1	98.7
Manufacturing <sup>1</sup>	69.84	103.2	103.8	103.5	103.2	100.1	87.7	89.5	92.8	94.3
Durable	32.84	105.9	106.5	105.4	105.0	100.9	85.8	88.5	92.1	93.9
<b>Measures excluding selected high-technology industries and motor vehicles and parts</b>										
Total industry	92.67	108.0	107.9	107.3	107.2	104.1	93.5	93.1	95.9	97.5
Manufacturing <sup>1</sup>	68.01	101.5	102.2	101.9	101.6	98.4	86.0	87.8	91.0	92.5
<b>Stage-of-process components of non-energy materials, measures of the input to</b>										
Finished processors	9.81	104.7	104.7	104.4	104.4	97.5	77.3	82.0	90.3	95.3
Primary and semifinished processors	18.03	105.5	106.5	107.0	106.0	104.2	92.8	93.2	95.8	96.7

<sup>r</sup> Revised. <sup>p</sup> Preliminary.

1. The composition of manufacturing is specified in a note for the summary table.

**Table 6**  
**DIFFUSION INDEXES OF INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION**

Percent

Item	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
<b>One month earlier</b>												
2018	50.8	63.5	45.8	60.2	44.1	62.2	56.5	56.2	55.2	52.5	49.2	54.8
2019	45.8	43.5	47.8	43.5	50.5	53.2	47.2	59.2	47.8	39.1	57.5	50.5
2020	55.5	49.0	23.4	9.0	59.4	73.7						
<b>Three months earlier</b>												
2018	52.5	63.2	53.8	68.2	47.2	55.2	53.8	64.9	55.5	54.5	50.2	58.5
2019	48.5	44.1	43.8	38.8	41.8	51.2	49.2	55.9	48.5	49.8	48.5	50.5
2020	63.2	53.8	26.1	8.0	9.7	24.1						
<b>Six months earlier</b>												
2018	58.2	66.6	61.2	62.5	54.5	60.9	63.2	60.2	58.5	53.5	60.5	57.5
2019	51.2	45.2	42.5	35.8	40.1	43.1	37.8	47.8	46.5	46.2	50.2	49.2
2020	54.5	51.2	26.1	11.4	12.7	16.1						

Note. The diffusion indexes are calculated as the percentage of series that increased over the indicated span (one, three, or six months) plus one-half the percentage that were unchanged.

**Table 7**  
**CAPACITY UTILIZATION**  
Percent of capacity, seasonally adjusted

Item	2019 proportion	1972- 2019 ave.	1994- 95 high	2009 low	2019 Q4	2020 Q1 <sup>r</sup>	Q2 <sup>r</sup>	2020 Feb. <sup>r</sup>	Mar. <sup>r</sup>	Apr. <sup>r</sup>	May <sup>r</sup>	June <sup>r</sup>	July <sup>p</sup>
<b>Total industry</b>	100.00	79.8	85.0	66.7	77.2	75.8	65.8	76.9	73.6	64.2	64.8	68.5	70.6
<b>Manufacturing<sup>1</sup></b>	77.21	78.2	84.6	63.7	75.0	73.9	63.1	75.2	71.4	60.0	62.3	66.9	69.2
<b>Manufacturing (NAICS) 31-33</b>	74.92	78.1	84.7	63.5	75.6	74.4	63.5	75.7	71.9	60.4	62.7	67.5	69.8
<b>Durable manufacturing</b>	39.11	76.8	83.7	58.4	74.9	72.9	58.7	74.9	69.1	53.9	57.6	64.5	68.1
Wood products 321	1.45	76.7	86.6	47.8	76.7	77.2	68.1	77.8	75.3	65.9	67.9	70.6	72.4
Nonmetallic mineral products 327	2.60	73.8	82.5	46.5	66.7	68.1	59.1	69.1	65.5	55.4	59.7	62.3	62.9
Primary metals 331	3.11	77.9	94.1	48.7	71.3	69.8	51.5	69.9	67.1	52.2	49.6	52.6	53.0
Fabricated metal products 332	5.51	77.7	84.8	62.0	80.3	80.0	71.2	81.3	78.2	69.5	71.4	72.8	72.6
Machinery 333	5.42	77.5	87.3	59.8	77.0	75.2	63.0	76.0	73.6	59.3	63.4	66.4	67.4
Computer and electronic products 334	5.34	77.2	84.2	70.1	72.5	72.9	69.1	73.5	72.4	68.8	67.7	70.8	71.1
Electrical equip., appliances, and components 335	1.90	81.7	92.8	67.0	73.4	73.7	65.4	75.2	71.9	66.7	64.6	64.9	65.6
Motor vehicles and parts 3361-3	5.59	75.2	87.6	33.7	74.0	69.8	33.9	78.3	55.4	13.2	27.8	60.8	77.9
Aerospace and miscellaneous transportation equipment 3364-9	4.29	74.3	70.9	72.7	75.7	66.8	53.1	67.8	63.5	49.5	54.3	55.3	59.5
Furniture and related products 337	1.21	77.0	82.8	56.4	76.4	75.6	62.4	77.0	73.2	56.4	63.9	67.0	68.4
Miscellaneous 339	2.69	76.7	81.1	67.9	76.6	73.8	60.7	74.9	70.5	57.3	59.3	65.4	69.5
<b>Nondurable manufacturing</b>	35.84	80.0	86.1	68.8	76.2	76.0	68.7	76.4	74.9	67.3	68.2	70.5	71.5
Food, beverage, and tobacco products 311,2	11.65	80.3	85.3	75.6	75.5	75.4	70.0	75.7	74.6	68.1	69.5	72.4	72.9
Textile and product mills 313,4	.70	78.6	91.8	53.9	68.8	68.2	54.6	69.3	66.0	49.6	55.7	58.4	60.4
Apparel and leather 315,6	.22	75.8	87.0	56.6	61.2	60.1	49.1	61.6	58.3	42.6	50.0	54.7	55.0
Paper 322	2.16	86.6	92.7	72.9	85.3	86.4	80.1	86.0	85.9	82.9	78.6	78.8	77.9
Printing and support 323	1.38	79.5	85.4	58.8	70.4	70.4	54.6	73.0	66.9	50.5	55.6	57.8	59.9
Petroleum and coal products 324	3.22	84.9	91.2	76.1	79.0	79.1	63.4	80.4	74.9	61.9	62.6	65.8	69.1
Chemicals 325	13.00	76.7	82.0	64.7	76.1	75.7	71.1	75.4	75.7	70.9	70.9	71.5	72.5
Plastics and rubber products 326	3.50	81.9	93.2	57.6	75.5	75.0	62.5	76.7	72.2	58.1	60.8	68.6	69.4
<b>Other manufacturing (non-NAICS) 1133,5111</b>	2.29	79.4	83.3	68.0	57.1	57.0	48.7	58.5	55.1	48.8	48.5	48.9	49.8
<b>Mining 21</b>	12.37	87.2	88.6	78.3	89.3	89.1	75.8	89.1	87.8	81.8	72.8	72.7	73.5
<b>Utilities 2211,2</b>	10.41	85.2	93.2	78.2	77.2	71.9	72.3	73.5	71.1	72.3	71.7	73.0	75.2
<b>Selected high-technology industries</b>	2.04	77.2	86.2	71.1	73.0	71.8	69.9	71.1	71.7	69.8	69.3	70.6	71.4
Computers and peripheral equipment 3341	.34	77.7	86.8	82.9	73.1	75.1	69.1	75.2	75.6	70.6	67.2	69.5	70.8
Communications equipment 3342	.60	75.8	86.1	77.1	60.5	57.2	59.9	56.1	57.6	59.0	60.0	60.5	60.9
Semiconductors and related electronic components 3344	1.11	78.6	92.0	62.9	79.9	78.9	75.7	78.2	78.4	75.5	75.1	76.5	77.6
<b>Measures excluding selected high-technology industries</b>	97.96	79.9	84.9	66.5	77.3	75.9	65.7	77.0	73.7	64.1	64.7	68.4	70.5
Manufacturing <sup>1</sup>	75.17	78.3	84.5	63.3	75.1	74.0	62.9	75.3	71.4	59.8	62.1	66.8	69.1
<b>STAGE-OF-PROCESS GROUPS</b>													
Crude	16.66	86.2	90.0	76.4	88.0	87.5	76.1	87.6	86.4	80.1	73.8	74.3	74.9
Primary and semifinished	44.99	80.3	87.8	63.9	75.3	73.6	64.6	75.0	71.3	62.7	63.9	67.2	68.9
Finished	38.38	76.7	80.6	66.5	74.3	72.6	62.3	74.0	70.2	58.5	61.4	67.0	70.1

<sup>r</sup> Revised. <sup>p</sup> Preliminary.

1. The composition of manufacturing is specified in a note for the summary table.

**Table 8**  
**INDUSTRIAL CAPACITY**  
Percent change

Item	Average annual rate				Fourth quarter to fourth quarter				Annual rate				Monthly rate
	1972-79	1980-88	1989-94	1995-2020	2017	2018	2019	2020	2019 Q4	2020 Q1	Q2	Q3	2020 July
<b>Total industry</b>	3.0	1.9	2.3	1.9	.3	1.5	2.1	.0	2.1	.6	-1	-3	.0
Manufacturing <sup>1</sup>	3.2	2.2	2.6	1.9	.3	.7	1.4	-.2	1.4	.4	-.2	-.4	.0
Mining	.7	.1	-.7	1.3	.5	7.4	5.8	-2.1	4.9	-.2	-2.3	-3.2	-.3
Utilities	4.4	2.2	1.8	1.7	1.4	1.7	2.5	3.2	2.5	2.9	3.2	3.3	.3
<b>Selected high-technology industries</b>													
Manufacturing <sup>1</sup> ex. selected high-technology industries	18.6	16.7	16.1	16.8	3.9	3.0	7.1	4.7	7.6	5.8	4.8	4.2	.3
	2.6	1.3	1.6	.7	.2	.6	1.2	-.3	1.3	.2	-.3	-.5	.0
<b>STAGE-OF-PROCESS GROUPS</b>													
Crude	1.5	.4	-.5	1.2	.5	5.3	4.4	-1.7	3.8	-.1	-1.8	-2.5	-.2
Primary and semifinished	3.0	1.4	2.5	2.0	-.1	.8	1.6	.3	1.6	.7	.3	.1	.0
Finished	3.9	3.3	2.8	1.8	1.1	1.0	1.6	.3	1.7	.8	.4	.1	.0

1. The composition of manufacturing is specified in a note for the summary table.

**Table 9**  
**GROSS VALUE OF FINAL PRODUCTS AND NONINDUSTRIAL SUPPLIES**

Billions of 2012 dollars at annual rate, seasonally adjusted

Item	2012	2019	2019	2020	2020	2020					
			Q4	Q1 <sup>r</sup>		Q2 <sup>r</sup>	Feb. <sup>r</sup>	Mar. <sup>r</sup>	Apr. <sup>r</sup>	May <sup>r</sup>	June <sup>r</sup>
<b>Final products and nonindustrial supplies</b>	4,020.4	4,297.7	4,300.0	4,197.2	3,539.0	4,303.8	4,001.4	3,307.8	3,478.3	3,831.0	4,030.7
<b>Final products</b>	3,059.0	3,242.3	3,240.2	3,143.5	2,629.4	3,233.3	2,982.4	2,417.1	2,574.2	2,897.0	3,081.3
Consumer goods	2,238.8	2,422.0	2,426.7	2,373.8	2,042.5	2,439.5	2,262.1	1,888.3	1,998.0	2,241.0	2,384.5
Durable	436.9	533.4	527.8	509.7	320.3	554.3	434.0	218.7	287.3	454.9	547.9
Automotive products	272.6	354.6	349.6	332.2	166.1	374.1	261.2	73.0	133.8	291.4	382.2
Other durable goods	164.3	179.0	178.3	177.4	153.4	180.5	172.4	144.3	152.4	163.5	166.5
Nondurable	1,801.9	1,887.2	1,898.5	1,864.5	1,736.5	1,881.9	1,834.4	1,691.8	1,727.7	1,790.0	1,833.4
Equipment, total	820.2	824.5	818.2	775.6	595.7	799.8	726.6	537.4	584.6	665.0	706.5
Business and defense	784.9	796.5	792.6	750.3	580.0	773.9	701.8	519.0	569.9	651.1	692.8
Business	654.7	664.3	656.6	615.7	456.6	637.9	568.3	401.3	444.3	524.2	562.2
Defense and space	130.2	131.9	135.6	133.9	122.0	135.4	132.5	116.1	124.0	125.8	129.7
<b>Nonindustrial supplies</b>	961.4	1,055.6	1,060.0	1,053.8	909.7	1,070.7	1,019.1	890.8	904.2	934.2	949.6
Construction supplies	274.1	318.6	320.0	324.8	283.9	328.9	316.0	276.8	285.1	289.8	291.2
Business supplies	687.3	734.9	737.9	725.3	621.7	738.3	699.0	610.3	614.2	640.6	655.4
Commercial energy products	264.8	288.6	292.2	282.6	233.3	288.6	268.6	232.4	226.2	241.2	251.3

<sup>r</sup> Revised. <sup>p</sup> Preliminary.

**Table 10**  
**GROSS-VALUE-WEIGHTED INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION: STAGE-OF-PROCESS GROUPS**

Percent change, seasonally adjusted

Item	2019 gross value <sup>1</sup>	Fourth quarter to fourth quarter			Annual rate			Monthly rate						July '19 to July '20
		2017	2018	2019	2019 Q4	2020 Q1 <sup>r</sup>	Q2 <sup>r</sup>	2020 Feb. <sup>r</sup>	Mar. <sup>r</sup>	Apr. <sup>r</sup>	May <sup>r</sup>	June <sup>r</sup>	July <sup>p</sup>	
Finished	2,395.2	2.3	2.8	-1.1	-1.3	-8.4	-54.7	.6	-7.5	-21.2	6.5	14.5	6.6	-5.5
Semifinished	2,039.3	2.2	2.2	-1.4	-.9	-6.6	-44.1	.7	-4.9	-15.7	4.7	7.7	4.0	-5.8
Primary	1,923.8	2.7	2.3	-2.3	-2.5	-11.3	-44.4	-1.2	-5.3	-11.8	.7	4.6	2.4	-11.8
Crude	1,040.2	6.4	7.8	.2	4.2	-1.1	-38.0	-1.3	-1.6	-7.7	-4.2	1.2	1.0	-8.8

<sup>r</sup> Revised. <sup>p</sup> Preliminary.

1. Billions of 2012 dollars.











**Table 15**  
**INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION: RELIABILITY ESTIMATES**

Seasonally adjusted

Item	Annualized change		2012=100						Percent change					
	2020		2020		2020				2020		2020			
	Q1	Q2	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July
<b>Total index</b>														
85th percentile	-6.61	-42.49	109.30	104.65	91.32	92.21	97.55	100.57	.10	-4.25	-12.71	1.04	5.96	3.34
Current estimate	-6.68	-43.23	109.30	104.60	91.21	92.01	97.22	100.17	.10	-4.30	-12.80	.89	5.66	3.03
15th percentile	-6.74	-43.82	109.30	104.55	91.10	91.84	96.94	99.74	.10	-4.34	-12.88	.78	5.42	2.68
<b>Manufacturing (SIC)</b>														
85th percentile	-5.29	-46.52	104.93	99.78	83.92	87.14	93.59	96.87	-.03	-4.91	-15.87	3.87	7.51	3.63
Current estimate	-5.38	-47.05	104.93	99.72	83.80	86.95	93.35	96.50	-.03	-4.97	-15.96	3.76	7.36	3.37
15th percentile	-5.44	-47.74	104.93	99.66	83.68	86.75	93.06	96.07	-.03	-5.03	-16.06	3.65	7.20	3.07
<b>Mining</b>														
85th percentile	-.61	-46.74	133.02	131.08	122.13	108.63	108.95	110.18	-1.61	-1.46	-6.73	-10.84	.53	1.76
Current estimate	-.76	-48.96	133.02	130.92	121.75	107.98	107.61	108.50	-1.61	-1.58	-7.00	-11.31	-.34	.83
15th percentile	-.94	-51.15	133.02	130.75	121.34	107.25	106.23	106.76	-1.61	-1.71	-7.29	-11.68	-1.07	-.06
<b>Electric and gas utilities</b>														
85th percentile	-22.55	8.93	102.18	99.07	101.01	101.06	104.43	107.69	3.60	-3.04	1.97	.19	3.86	5.08
Current estimate	-22.57	5.50	102.18	99.05	100.95	100.45	102.50	105.86	3.60	-3.06	1.92	-.50	2.04	3.28
15th percentile	-22.59	3.69	102.18	99.03	100.88	100.17	101.33	104.80	3.60	-3.08	1.84	-.73	.66	1.51

Note. The reliability measures show the likely range of values for the IP indexes after their fifth and final monthly revision. The 15th (85th) percentile estimate is equal to the current estimate plus an amount such that the equivalent measure revised by a lower (higher) amount for only 15 percent of the months since 2008. More information is available at [https://www.federalreserve.gov/releases/g17/g17\\_technical\\_qa.htm#reliability](https://www.federalreserve.gov/releases/g17/g17_technical_qa.htm#reliability)

The **Industrial Production and Capacity Utilization** statistical release, which is published around the middle of the month, reports measures of output, capacity, and capacity utilization in manufacturing, mining, and the electric and gas utilities industries. More detailed descriptions of industrial production and capacity utilization are available on the Board's website at [www.federalreserve.gov/releases/G17](http://www.federalreserve.gov/releases/G17). In addition, files containing data shown in the release, more detailed series that were published in the G.17 prior to December 2000, and historical data are available from the Data Download Program on the Board's website. Instructions for searching for and downloading specific series are provided as well.

## INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION

**Coverage.** The industrial production (IP) index measures the real output of the manufacturing, mining, and electric and gas utilities industries; the reference period for the index is 2012. Manufacturing consists of those industries included in the North American Industry Classification System, or NAICS, definition of manufacturing *plus* those industries—logging and newspaper, periodical, book, and directory publishing—that have traditionally been considered to be manufacturing and included in the industrial sector. For the period since 2012, the total IP index has been constructed from 299 individual series based on the 2012 NAICS codes. These individual series are classified in two ways: (1) market groups, and (2) industry groups. Market groups consist of products and materials. Total products are the aggregate of final products, such as consumer goods and equipment, and nonindustrial supplies (which are inputs to nonindustrial sectors). Materials are inputs in the manufacture of products. Major industry groups include three-digit NAICS industries and aggregates of these industries—for example, durable and nondurable manufacturing, mining, and utilities. A complete description of the market and industry structures, including details regarding series classification, relative importance weights, and data sources, is available on the Board's website at [www.federalreserve.gov/releases/G17/About.htm](http://www.federalreserve.gov/releases/G17/About.htm).

**Source Data.** On a monthly basis, the individual indexes of industrial production are constructed from two main types of source data: (1) output measured in physical units and (2) data on inputs to the production process, from which output is inferred. Data on physical products, such as tons of steel or barrels of oil, are typically obtained from private trade associations and from government agencies; data of this type are used to estimate monthly IP wherever possible and appropriate. Production indexes for a few industries are derived by dividing estimated nominal output (calculated using unit production and unit values or sales) by a corresponding Fisher price index; the most notable of these fall within the high-technology grouping and include semiconductors. When suitable data on physical product are not available, estimates of output are based on production-worker hours by industry. Data on hours worked by production workers are collected in the monthly establishment survey conducted by the Bureau of Labor Statistics. The factors used to convert inputs into estimates of production are based on historical relationships between the inputs and the comprehensive annual data used to benchmark the IP indexes; these factors also may be influenced by technological or cyclical developments. The annual data used in benchmarking the individual IP indexes are constructed from a variety of source data, such as the quinquennial *Censuses of Manufactures and Mineral Industries* and the *Annual Survey of Manufactures*, prepared by the Bureau of the Census; the *Minerals Yearbook*, prepared by the U.S. Geological Survey of the Department of the Interior; and publications of the Department of Energy.

**Aggregation Methodology and Weights.** The aggregation method for the IP index is a version of the Fisher-ideal index formula. (For a detailed discussion of the aggregation method, see the *Federal Reserve Bulletin* February 1997 and March 2001.) In the IP index, series that measure the output of an individual industry are combined using weights derived from their proportion in the total value-added output of all industries. The IP index, which extends back to 1919, is built as a chain-type index since 1972. The current formula for the growth in monthly IP (or any of the sub-aggregates) since 1972 is the geometric mean of the change in output ( $I$ ), and, as can be seen below, is computed using the unit value added estimate for the current

month ( $p_m$ ) and the estimate for previous month:

$$\frac{I_m^A}{I_{m-1}^A} = \sqrt{\frac{\sum I_m p_{m-1}}{\sum I_{m-1} p_{m-1}} \times \frac{\sum I_m p_m}{\sum I_{m-1} p_m}}$$

The IP proportions (typically shown in the first column of the relevant tables in the monthly G.17 release) are estimates of the industries' relative contributions to overall growth in the following year. For example, the relative importance weight of the motor vehicles and parts industry is about 6 percent. If output in this industry increased 10 percent in a month, then this gain would boost growth in total IP by 6/10 percentage point (0.06 x 10% = 0.6%). To assist users with calculations, the Federal Reserve's website provides supplemental monthly statistics that represent the exact proportionate contribution of a monthly change in a component index to the monthly change in the total index ([www.federalreserve.gov/releases/G17/ipdisk/ipweightssa.txt](http://www.federalreserve.gov/releases/G17/ipdisk/ipweightssa.txt)).

**Timing.** The first estimate of output for a month is published around the 15th of the following month. The estimate is preliminary (denoted by the superscript "p" in tables) and subject to revision in each of the subsequent five months as new source data become available. (Revised estimates are denoted by the superscript "r" in tables.) For the first estimate of output for a given month, about 75 percent of the source data (in value-added terms) are available; the fraction of available source data increases to 85 percent for estimates in the second month that the estimate is published, 94 percent in the third month, 95 percent in the fourth month, 96 percent in the fifth month, and 96 percent in the sixth month. Data availability by data type in 2018 is summarized in the table below:

**Availability of Monthly IP Data in Publication Window**  
(Percent of value added in 2018; the numbers may not sum because of rounding.)

Type of data	Month of estimate					
	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th
Physical product	34	44	54	54	56	56
Production-worker hours	40	40	40	40	40	40
IP data received	75	85	94	95	96	96
IP data estimated	25	15	6	5	4	4

The physical product group includes series based on either monthly or quarterly data. As can be seen in the first row of the table, in the first month, a physical product indicator is available for more than one-half of the series (in terms of value added) that ultimately are based on physical product data (34 percent out of a total of 56 percent). Of the 34 percent, about three-quarters (25 percent of total IP) include series that are derived from weekly physical product data and for which actual monthly data may lag up to several months. On average, quarterly product data are received for the fourth estimate of industrial production. Specifically, quarterly data are available for the third estimate of the last month of a quarter, the fourth estimate of the second month of a quarter, and the fifth estimate of the first month of a quarter.

**Seasonal Adjustment.** Individual series are seasonally adjusted using Census X-13 ARIMA. For series based on production-worker hours, the current seasonal factors were estimated with data through January 2019; for other series, the factors were estimated with data through at least December 2018. Series are pre-adjusted for the effects of holidays or the business cycle when appropriate. For the data since 1972, all seasonally adjusted aggregate indexes are calculated by aggregating the seasonally adjusted indexes of the individual series. Additional documentation and X-13 specifications can be found on the Board's website at [www.federalreserve.gov/releases/G17/About.htm](http://www.federalreserve.gov/releases/G17/About.htm).

**Reliability.** The average revision to the *level* of the total IP index, without regard to sign, between the first and the fourth estimates was

0.28 percent during the 1987–2018 period. The average revision to the *percent change* in total IP, without regard to sign, from the first to the fourth estimates was 0.22 percentage point during the 1987–2018 period. In most cases (about 85 percent), the direction of the change in output indicated by the first estimate for a given month is the same as that shown by the fourth estimate.

**Rounding.** The published percent changes are calculated from unrounded indexes, and may not be the same as percent changes calculated from the rounded indexes shown in the release.

## CAPACITY UTILIZATION

**Overview.** The Federal Reserve Board constructs estimates of capacity and capacity utilization for industries in manufacturing, mining, and electric and gas utilities. For a given industry, the capacity utilization rate is equal to an output index (seasonally adjusted) divided by a capacity index. The Federal Reserve Board's capacity indexes attempt to capture the concept of *sustainable maximum output*—the greatest level of output a plant can maintain within the framework of a realistic work schedule, after factoring in normal downtime and assuming sufficient availability of inputs to operate the capital in place.

**Coverage.** Capacity indexes are constructed for 89 detailed industries (71 in manufacturing, 16 in mining, and 2 in utilities), which mostly correspond to industries at the three- and four-digit North American Industry Classification System, or NAICS, level. Estimates of capacity and utilization are available for a variety of groups, including durable and nondurable manufacturing, total manufacturing, mining, utilities, and total industry. Manufacturing consists of those industries included in the NAICS definition of manufacturing *plus* those industries—logging and newspaper, periodical, book, and directory publishing—that have traditionally been considered to be manufacturing and included in the industrial sector. Also, special aggregates are available, such as high-technology industries and manufacturing excluding high-technology industries.

**Source Data.** The monthly rates of capacity utilization are designed to be consistent with both the monthly data on production and the periodically available data on capacity and utilization. Because there is no direct monthly information on overall industrial capacity or utilization rates, the Federal Reserve first estimates annual capacity indexes from the source data. Capacity data reported in physical units from government sources (primarily from the U.S. Geological Survey and the Department of Energy's Energy Information Administration) and trade sources are available for portions of several industries in manufacturing (for example, paper, industrial chemicals, petroleum refining, motor vehicles), as well as for electric utilities and mining; these industries represent about 27 percent of total industrial capacity. When physical product data are unavailable for manufacturing industries, capacity indexes are based on responses to the Bureau of the Census's *Quarterly Survey of Plant Capacity* (QSPC); these industries account for about 64 percent of total industry capacity. In the absence of utilization data for a few mining and petroleum series, capacity is based on trends through peaks in production (roughly 9 percent of total industry capacity). A detailed description of the methodology used to construct the capacity indexes is available on the Board's website ([www.federalreserve.gov/releases/G17/Meth/MethCap.htm](http://www.federalreserve.gov/releases/G17/Meth/MethCap.htm)).

**Aggregation Methodology.** Monthly capacity aggregates are calculated in three steps: (1) utilization aggregates are calculated on an annual basis through the most recent full year as capacity-weighted aggregates of individual utilization rates; (2) the annual aggregate capacity is derived from the corresponding production and utilization aggregates; (3) the monthly capacity aggregate is obtained by interpolating with a Fisher index of its constituent monthly capacity series. Utilization rates for the individual series and aggregates are calculated by dividing the pertinent monthly production index by the related capacity index.

**Consistency.** A major aim is that the Federal Reserve utilization rates be consistent over time so that, for example, a rate of 85 percent means about the same degree of tightness that it meant in the past. A major task for the Federal Reserve in developing reasonable and consistent time series of capacity and utilization is dealing with

inconsistencies between the movements of the industrial production index and the survey-based utilization rates. The McGraw-Hill/DRI Survey, now discontinued, was the primary source of manufacturing utilization rates for many years. This survey of large companies reported, on average, higher utilization rates than those reported by establishments covered by the annual *Survey of Plant Capacity* (the primary source of factory operating rates through 2006, after which it was discontinued) for the fourteen years they overlapped. Adjustments have been made to keep the industry utilization rates currently reported by the Federal Reserve (now based on the QSPC) roughly in line with rates formerly reported by McGraw-Hill. As a consequence, the rates reported by the Federal Reserve tend to be higher than the rates reported in the Census utilization surveys.

**Perspective.** Over the 1972–2018 period, the average total industry utilization rate was 79.8 percent; for manufacturing, the average factory operating rate was 78.3 percent. Industrial plants usually operate at capacity utilization rates that are well below 100 percent: none of the broad aggregates has ever reached 100 percent. For total manufacturing, utilization rates have exceeded 90 percent only in wartime. The highs and lows in capacity utilization are specific to each series and do not all occur in the same month.

## REFERENCES AND RELEASE DATES

**References.** The release for the annual revision that was published on March 27, 2019, is available on the Board's website ([www.federalreserve.gov/releases/g17/revisions/Current/DefaultRev.htm](http://www.federalreserve.gov/releases/g17/revisions/Current/DefaultRev.htm)). A summary of the annual revision that incorporated back to 1972 production and capacity indexes reclassified according to the North American Industry Classification System is available in an article in the *Federal Reserve Bulletin*, vol. 89 (April 2003), pp. 151–176. A description of the aggregation methods for industrial production and capacity utilization is included in an article in the *Federal Reserve Bulletin*, vol. 83 (February 1997), pp. 67–92. The Federal Reserve methodology for constructing industry-level measures of capital is detailed in "Capital Stock Estimates for Manufacturing Industries: Methods and Data" by Mike Mohr and Charles Gilbert (1996), which can be obtained at [www.federalreserve.gov/releases/g17/CapitalStockDocLatest.pdf](http://www.federalreserve.gov/releases/g17/CapitalStockDocLatest.pdf).

*Industrial Production—1986 Edition* contains a more detailed description of the other methods used to compile the industrial production index, plus a history of its development, a glossary of terms, and a bibliography. The major revisions to the IP indexes and capacity utilization since 1990 have been described in the *Federal Reserve Bulletin* (April 1990, June 1990, June 1993, March 1994, January 1995, January 1996, February 1997, February 1998, January 1999, March 2000, March 2001, March 2002, April 2003, Winter 2004, Winter 2005, March 2006, May 2007, August 2008, August 2009) or in online staff studies ([www.federalreserve.gov/releases/g17/articles/rev2010/industrial10.pdf](http://www.federalreserve.gov/releases/g17/articles/rev2010/industrial10.pdf), [www.federalreserve.gov/releases/g17/articles/rev2012/industrial12.pdf](http://www.federalreserve.gov/releases/g17/articles/rev2012/industrial12.pdf), [www.federalreserve.gov/releases/g17/articles/rev2013/industrial13.pdf](http://www.federalreserve.gov/releases/g17/articles/rev2013/industrial13.pdf)).

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