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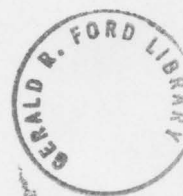
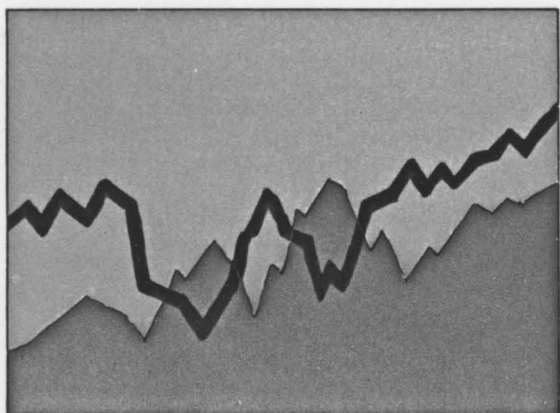
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– Personnel .....				X	
– Attitudes Towards Health Care .....					X
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<b>B.4.2 Attainment</b>					
– High School Graduation Rate .....				X	
– The High School-Educated Population by Race and Sex .....				X	
– College-Educated Population by Race and Sex .....				X	
<b>B.4.3 School Enrollment</b>					
– Primary and Secondary School .....				X	
– Preprimary by Age, Race, Income .....				X	
– Modal Age Enrollment by Sex, Race .....				X	
– High School Students Expecting to go to College .....					X
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– Participation in Adult Education .....					X
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– Part-time, Part-year Workers, Selected Characteristics .....				X	
– Employment by Occupation, Selected Characteristics .....				X	
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— Work Injuries by Occupation .....				X	
— Transportation to Work—Time, Distance, and Mode .....					X
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— Benefit Plans .....				X	
<b>B.5.5 Retirement</b>					
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— Composition of Family Income .....				X	
— Per Capita Income .....				X	
<b>B.6.2 Distribution of Income</b>					
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— Regional Differences .....				X	
<b>B.6.3 Poverty</b> .....				X	
<b>B.6.4 Consumption</b>					
— Personal Consumption Expenditures .....			X		
— Consumption of Durable Goods .....				X	
<b>B.6.5 Wealth</b>					
— Net Worth of Consumer Units .....					X
— Composition of Wealth .....					X
<b>B.6.6 Consumer Borrowing and Debt</b>					
— Amount of Debt Outstanding .....				X	
— Debt/Income Ratio .....				X	
<b>B.6.7 Consumer Attitudes</b> .....			X		
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— Single Family Dwellings .....				X	
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<b>B.7.3 Cost and Expenditures</b>					
— Average Mortgage Payments .....				X	
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<b>B.7.4 Attitudes Towards Housing and the Community .....</b>					X
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<b>B.9.6 Prisoners, Adults and Juveniles</b>					
— Prisoners by Sentence .....				X	
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- Blind . . . . . X
- Deaf . . . . . X
- Other . . . . . X

C.1.4 Aid to Families With Dependent Children

- Recipients . . . . . X
- Benefits . . . . . X

C.1.5 Unemployment Insurance Coverage

- Benefits Paid . . . . . X
- Recipients . . . . . X

C.1.6 Housing Assistance

- Recipients . . . . . X
- Benefits . . . . . X

C.1.7 Food Stamps

- Recipients . . . . . X
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- Recipients . . . . . X
- Benefits . . . . . X

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- Minority Employment . . . . . X
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WEEKLY	MONTHLY	QUARTERLY	ANNUAL	OTHER
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— Employees .....		X			
— Payroll .....		X			

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Part 1—Environment

D.1.1 Air Quality					
— Amount of Pollutants Released Into the Atmosphere .....				X	
— Ambient Air Quality-National, Major Cities .....				X	
— Perceived Quality .....					X
D.1.2 Water Quality					
— Miles of Streams Meeting EPA Standards .....				X	
— Oil Spills, Fish Kills .....				X	
D.1.3 Hazardous Substances					
— Estimated Amounts Produced .....				X	
— Concentration in Biosphere .....				X	
D.1.4 Ecological Balances					
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— Critical Areas (Coastal Zones) .....					X
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— By Specialty .....				X	
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— Private Industry .....				X	
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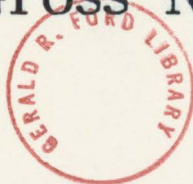
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 — Hobbies, Sports, Music, etc. . . . .

D.3.4 Attendance at Cultural Events  
 — Plays, Galleries, Motion Pictures . . . . .  
 — Concerts, Museums, etc. . . . .

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D.2.4 Public Attitudes Towards Science and Technology . . . . .				X	
D.3.1 Persons Employed in Artistic Professions — By Type . . . . .					X
D.3.2 Children's Skill and Appreciation of Literature Arts, Music . . . . .					X
D.3.3 Participation in Cultural Activities — Voluntary Organizations . . . . .					X
— Travel . . . . .				X	
— Hobbies, Sports, Music, etc. . . . .				X	
D.3.4 Attendance at Cultural Events — Plays, Galleries, Motion Pictures . . . . .				X	
— Concerts, Museums, etc. . . . .				X	

# A.1.1-Gross National Product



Billions of Dollars

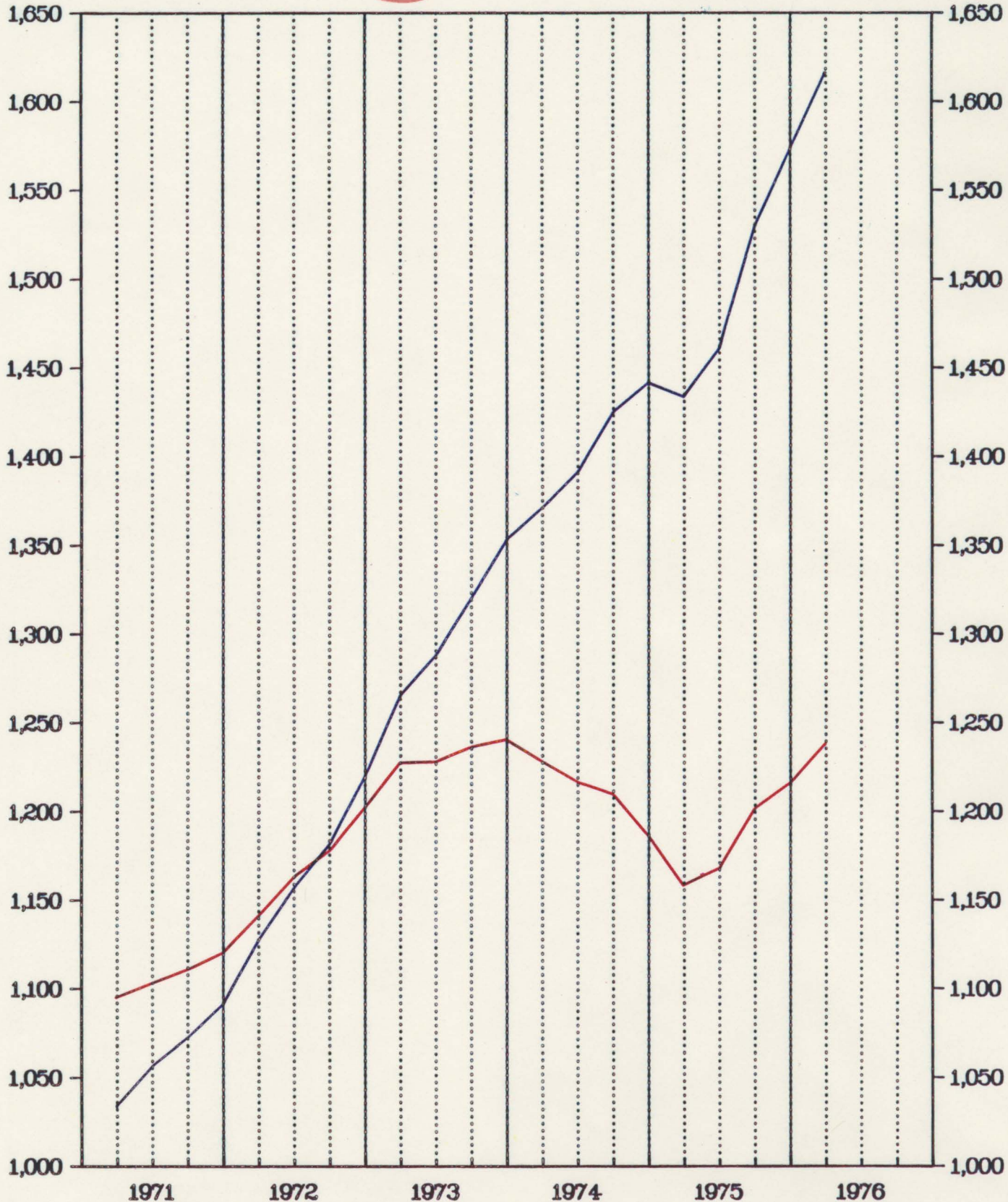
1972 Dollars  
Current Dollars

This Period  
\$1238.4  
\$1616.3

Change Last Per.  
1.8%  
2.8%

Change Year Ago  
6.9%  
12.7%

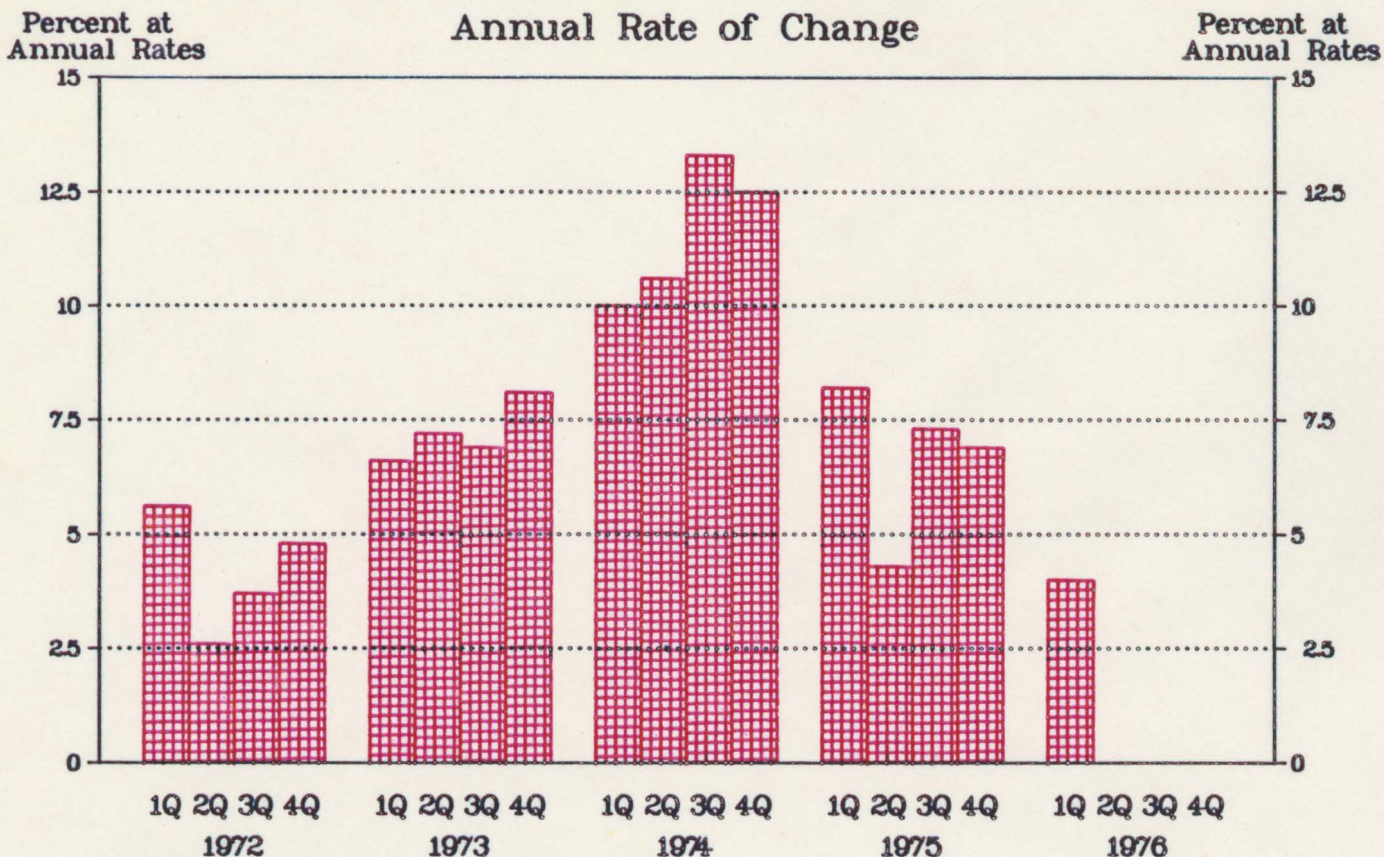
Billions of Dollars



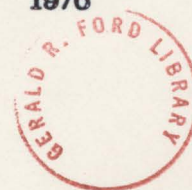
Source: Bureau of Economic Analysis  
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# A.1.1—Chain Price Index



Source: Bureau of Economic Analysis  
26 April 1976



- According to preliminary estimates, **Real Gross National Product** (as measured in 1972 dollars) **rose** for the fourth consecutive quarter to \$1,238 billion at a **seasonally adjusted annual rate of 7.5 percent**.
- The **highest level since the prerecession peak of \$1,241 billion** recorded in the fourth quarter of 1973.
- A significant increase over the 5.0-percent growth rate of the final quarter of 1975.
- **Gross National Product in current dollars increased \$43.4 billion** to an annual rate of \$1,616 billion, an 11.5-percent increase over the pace of the previous quarter.
- As measured by the GNP Chain Price Index, **the annual rate of inflation dropped from 6.9 percent to 4.0 percent**, a 42.0-percent decrease.

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

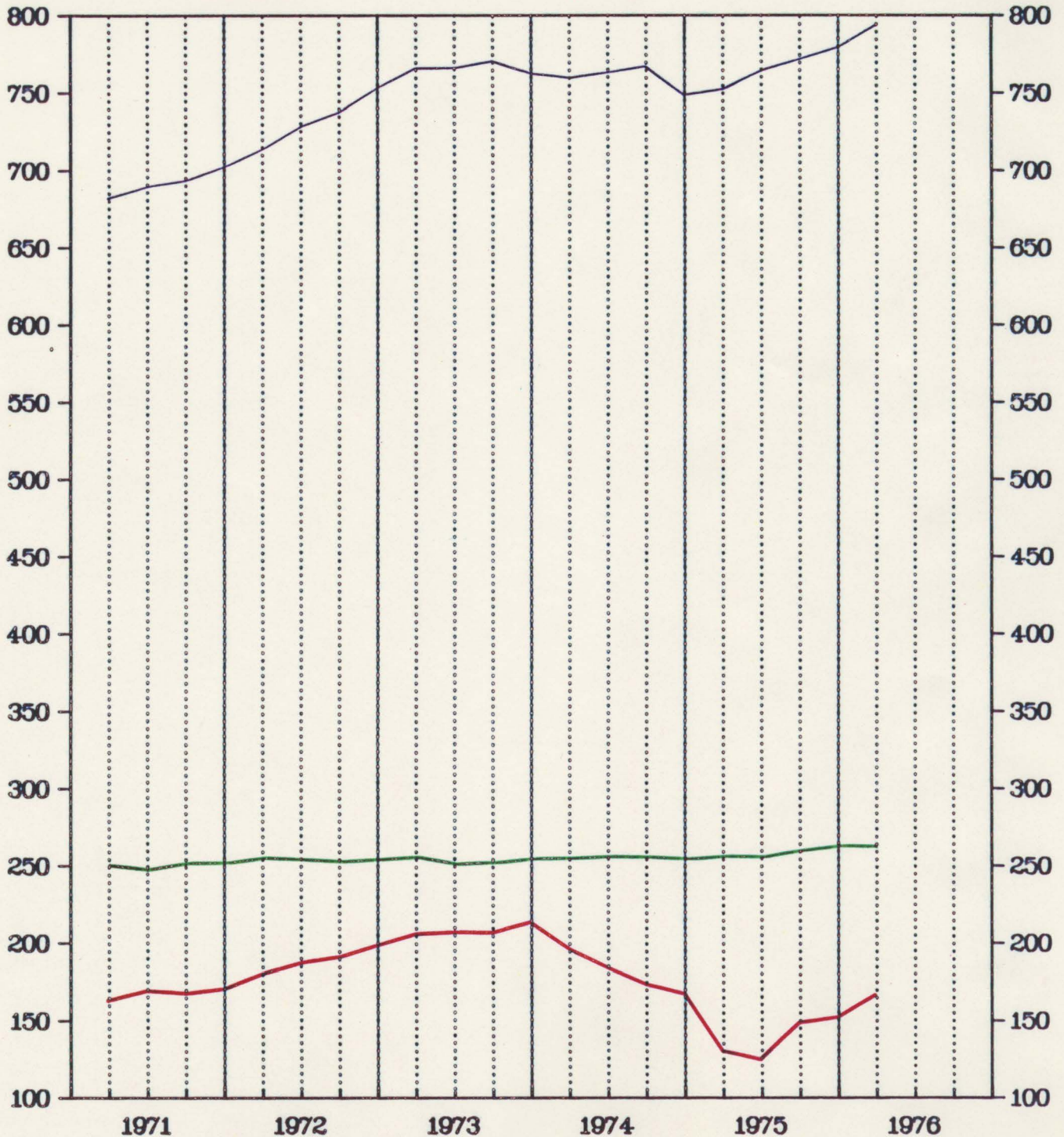


# A.1.1—Selected Components of Gross National Product (1972 Dollars)

	This Period	Change Last Per.	Change Year Ago
Personal Consumption Expenditures	\$793.7	1.8%	5.5%
Government Purchases of Goods and Services	\$261.6	0.0%	2.5%
Gross Private Domestic Investment	\$166.0	9.6%	2.8%

Billions of  
1972 Dollars

Billions of  
1972 Dollars

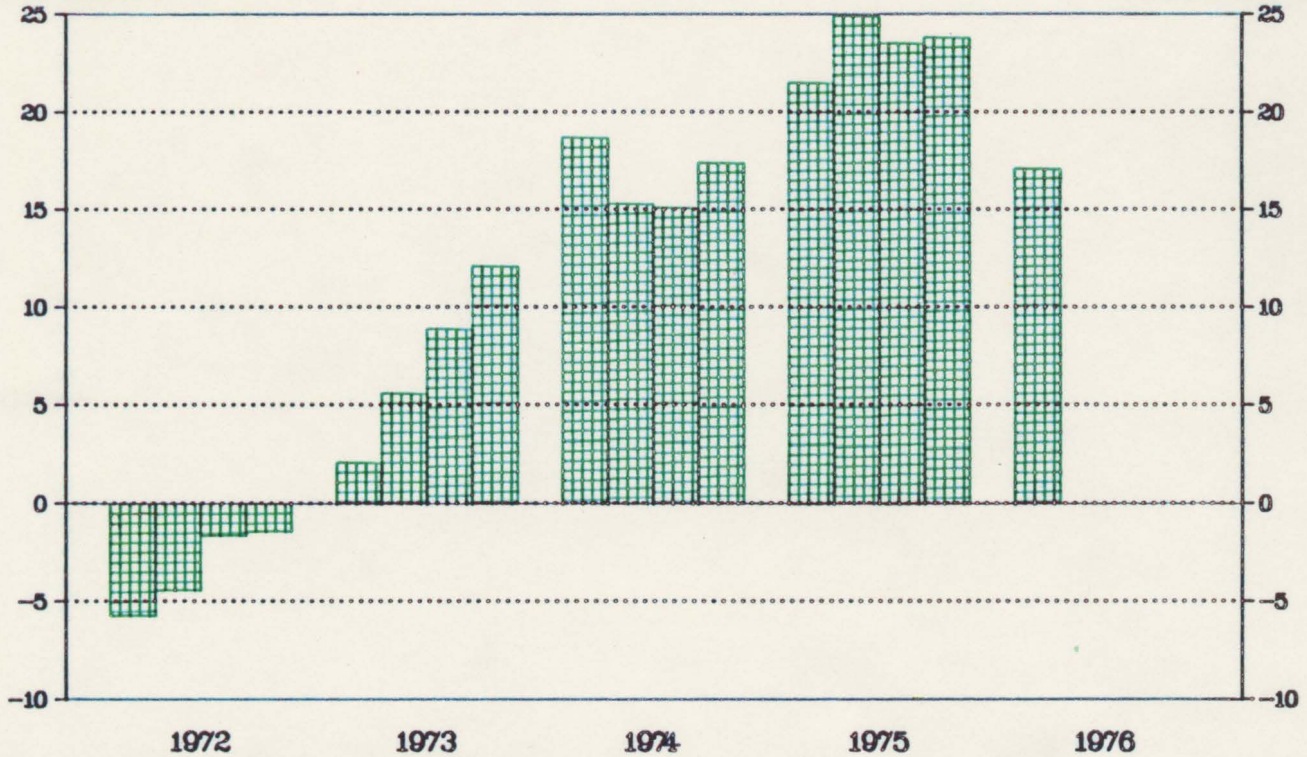


# A.1.1—Net Exports of Goods and Services

Billions of  
1972 Dollars

(1972 Dollars)

Billions of  
1972 Dollars



Source: Bureau of Economic Analysis  
26 April 1976



- Gross Private Domestic Investment rose 9.6 percent, or \$14.6 billion from the previous quarter.
  - Most of the rise occurred in business inventories with business fixed investment recording only a small increase.
- Personal Consumption Expenditures rose \$14.3 billion to a record high rate of \$793.7 billion.
- Government Purchases of Goods and Services remained at last quarter's level of \$261.6 billion.
- Net Exports of Goods and Services dropped \$6.7 billion to \$17.1 billion, the lowest level since the fourth quarter of 1974.
  - Exports decreased \$2.5 billion while imports increased \$4.2 billion.



# A.1.1—Final Sales (1972 Dollars)

Billions of  
1972 Dollars

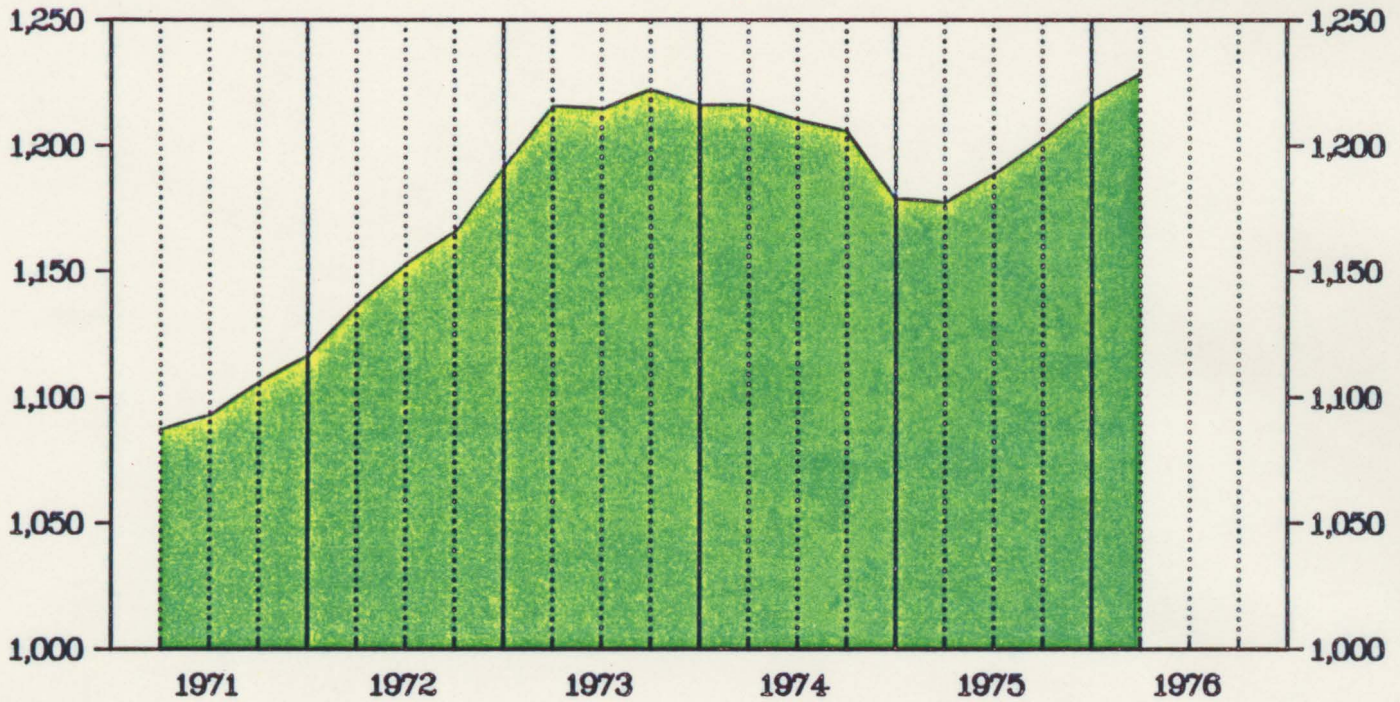
Final Sales

This  
Period  
\$1228.9

Change  
Last Per.  
0.9%

Change  
Year Ago  
4.4%

Billions of  
1972 Dollars

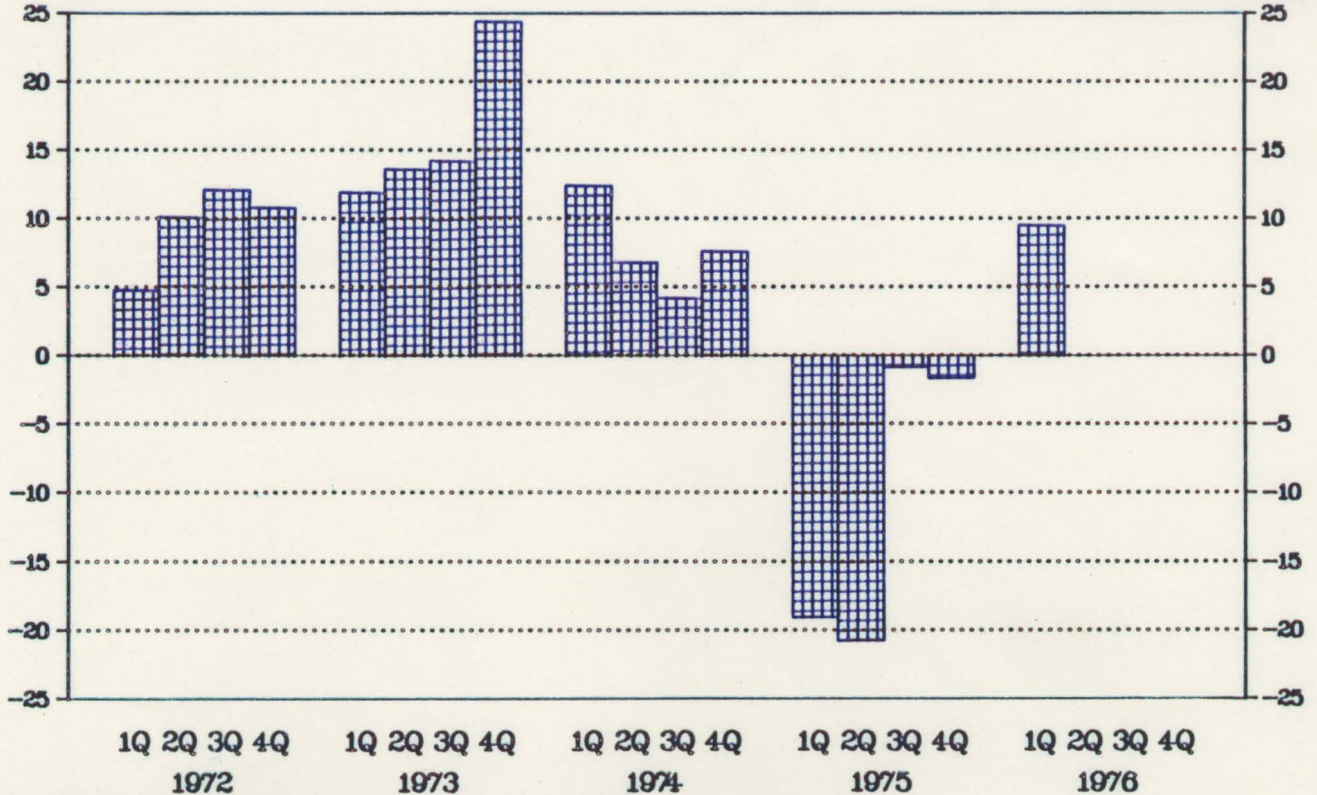


## Change in Business Inventories

Billions of  
1972 Dollars

(1972 Dollars)

Billions of  
1972 Dollars



Source: Bureau of Economic Analysis  
26 April 1976



- Real Final Sales (portion of GNP sold to ultimate users; consumption expenditures of private and governmental sectors, fixed investment, and net exports) continued its pattern of growth for the fourth consecutive quarter.
  - A slowdown from the 5.2 percent annual growth rate of the previous quarter to a rate of 3.7 percent primarily due to a decline in U.S. net exports.
- Business inventories rose strongly, with stocks increasing at an annual rate of \$9.5 billion (1972 dollars), in comparison to a \$1.6 billion reduction in the previous quarter.
  - Investment in inventories was up \$28.5 billion from the \$19.0 billion deficit of a year ago.

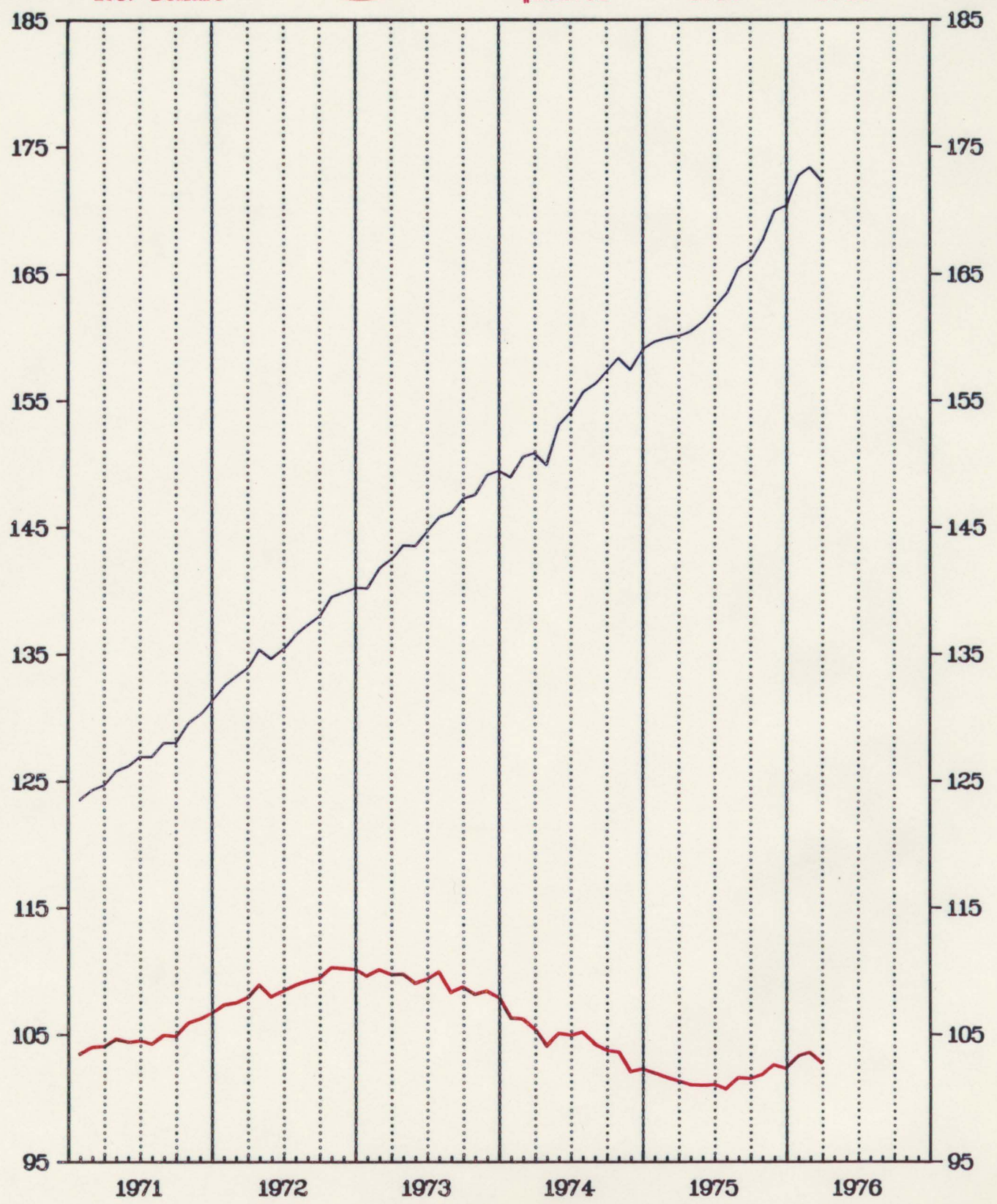
# A.3.4—Gross Average Weekly Earnings In Current and 1967 Dollars



Dollars Per Week  
Current Dollars  
1967 Dollars

This Period	Change Last Per.	Change Year Ago
\$172.31	-0.6%	7.6%
\$102.81	-0.8%	1.4%

Dollars Per Week



Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics  
28 April 1976

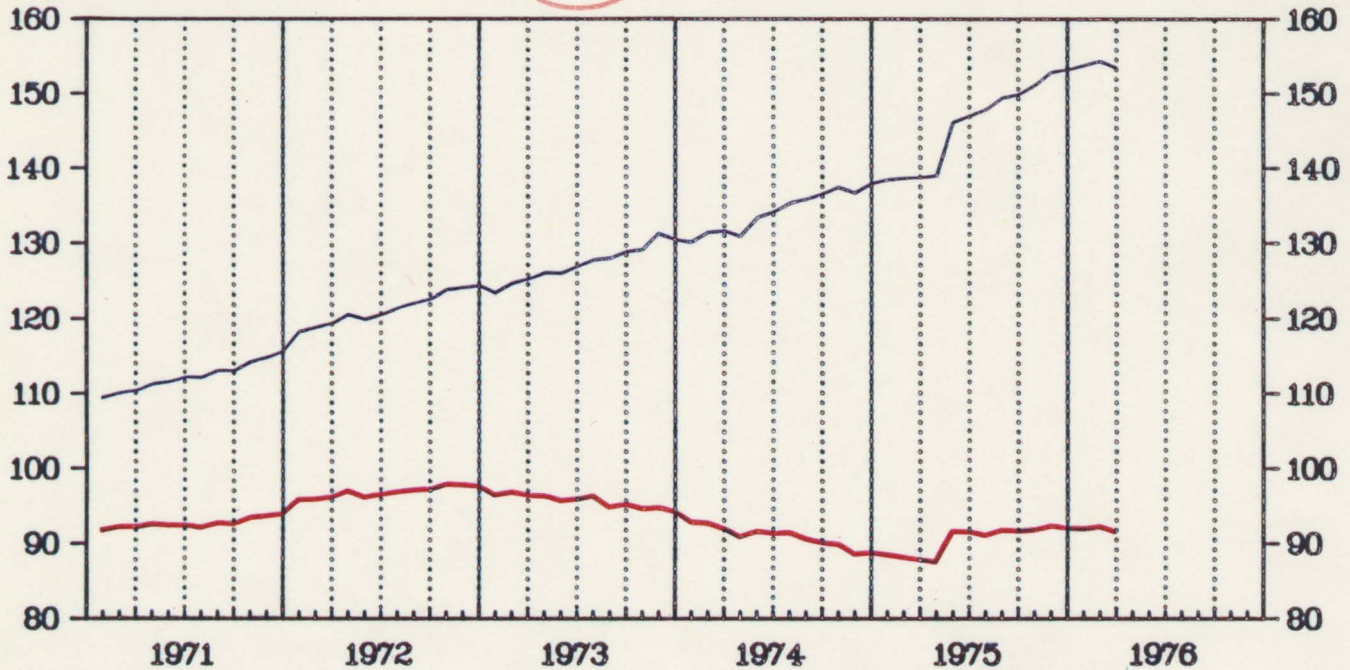
# A.3.4—Spensible Average Weekly Earnings In Current and 1967 Dollars



Dollars Per Week  
Current Dollars  
1967 Dollars

This Period	Change Last Per.	Change Year Ago
\$153.46	-0.5%	10.6%
\$91.56	-0.7%	4.2%

Dollars Per Week



Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics  
26 April 1976

- Real Gross Weekly Earnings (1967 dollars) declined 0.8 percent in March.
- A 0.2-percent increase in average hourly earnings was offset by an 0.8-percent drop in average weekly hours and a 0.2-percent increase in the Consumer Price Index.
- Real Spensible Earnings (1967 dollars) fell 0.7 percent below the February level.
- Over the year, Real Spensible Earnings rose 4.2 percent.
- Increase due to a gain in real average weekly earnings and reduction in Federal income tax effective May 1, 1975.

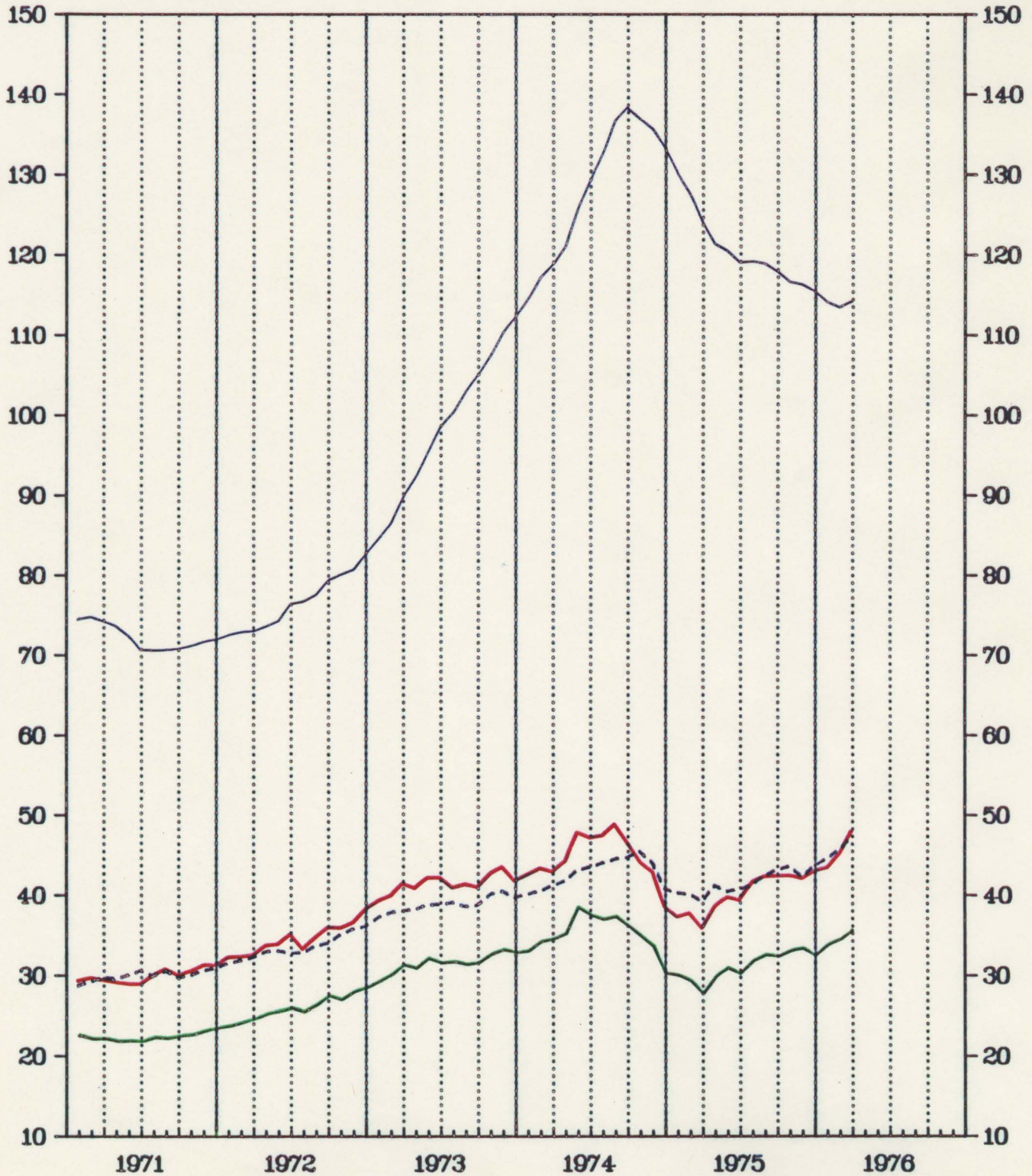
# A.4.4—Manufacturers' Shipments and Orders Durable Goods



	This Period	Change Last Per.	Change Year Ago
Unfilled Orders	\$114.2	0.6%	-8.1%
New Orders	\$47.9	6.5%	33.9%
Shipments	\$47.2	3.3%	20.3%
New Orders Excl. Transportation	\$35.5	3.4%	28.8%

Billions of Dollars

Billions of Dollars

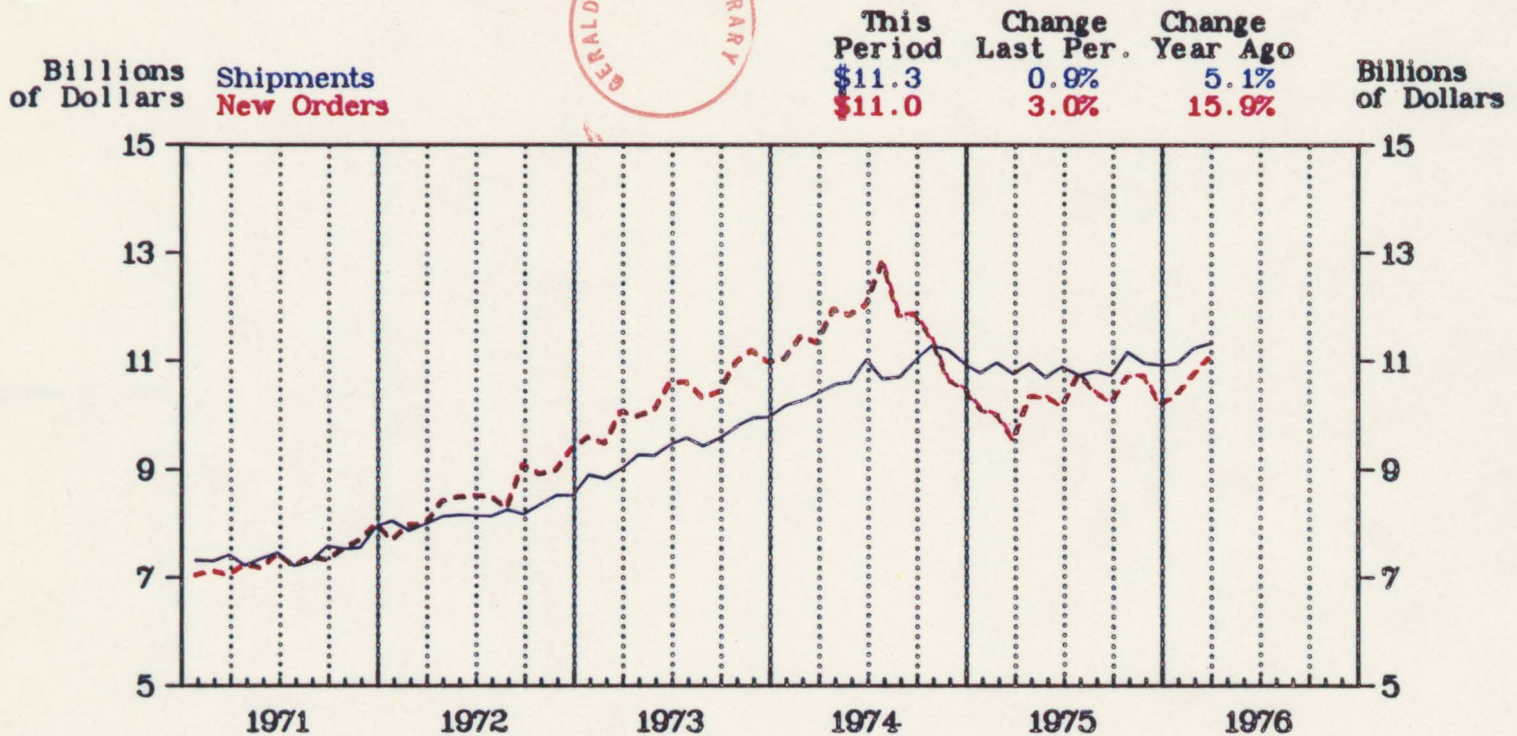


Source: Bureau of the Census  
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# A.4.4—Manufacturers' Shipments and New Orders

## Capital Goods Nondefense Industries



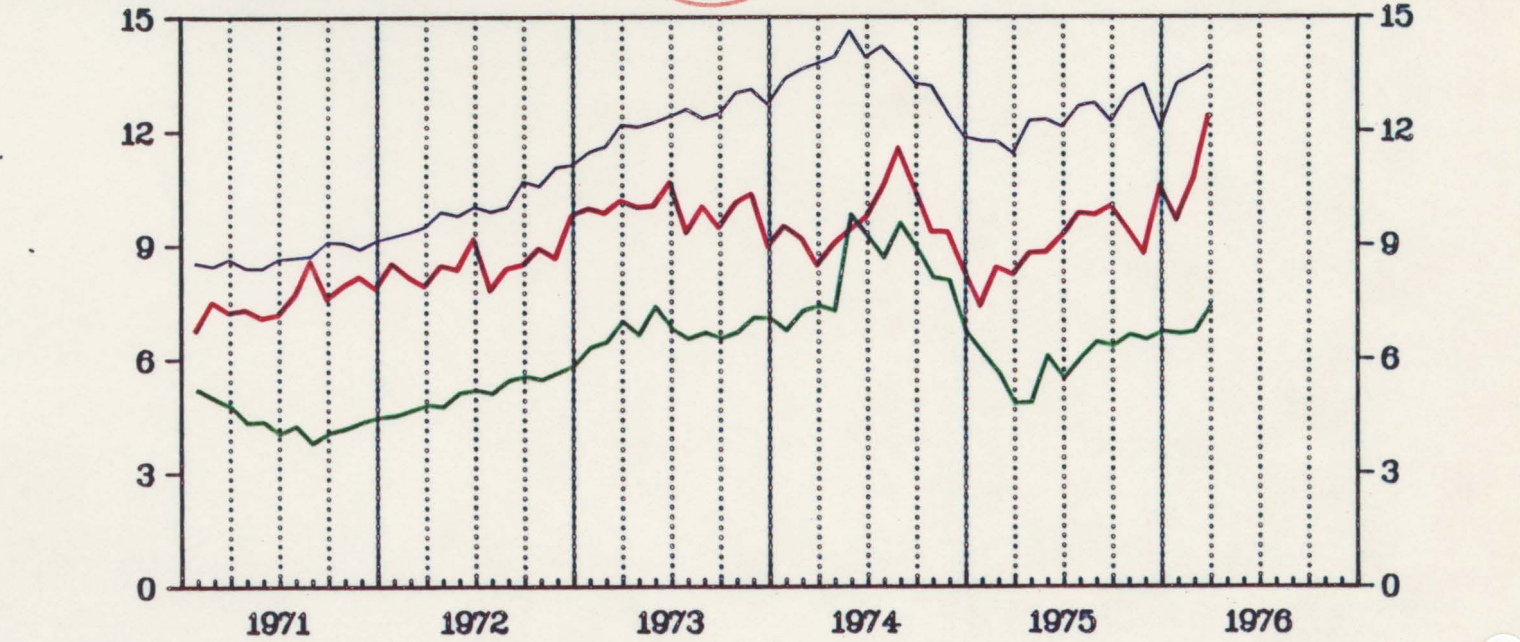
Source: Bureau of the Census  
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- New Orders for Durable Goods rose in March for the fourth consecutive month to \$47.9 billion, the highest level since the August 1974 peak of \$48.7 billion.
  - Following an upward-revised 4.0-percent gain in February, New Orders increased \$2.9 billion, or 6.5 percent; the largest rise since last April.
  - New Orders Excluding Transportation rose 3.4 percent (\$1.2 billion) to \$35.5 billion.
- Shipments advanced 3.3 percent (\$1.5 billion) to a new high of \$47.2 billion, with nearly all industries reporting increases.
- New Orders exceeded Shipments for the second time in 17 months resulting in a \$715 million increase in Unfilled Orders.
- Shipments of Nondefense Capital Goods rose more slowly in March, up \$96 million compared to a \$266 million increase in February.
- New Orders for Nondefense Capital Goods continued to increase briskly, up \$326 million.
- The Defense Capital Goods sector rose \$1.2 billion (60 percent) to \$2.9 billion.

# A.4.4—Manufacturers New Orders Durable Goods

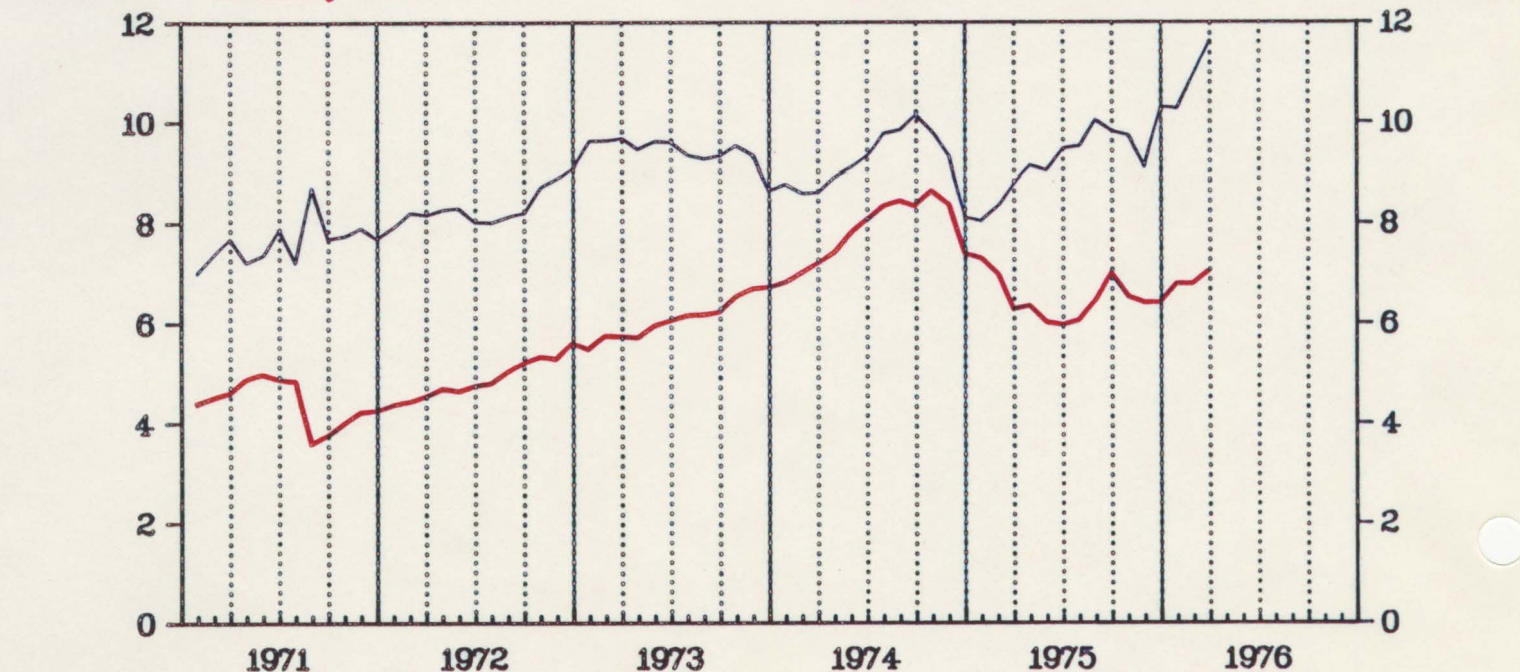


	This Period	Change Last Per.	Change Year Ago
Machinery, Total	\$13.7	2.0%	20.1%
Transportation Equipment	\$12.4	16.5%	51.4%
Primary Metals	\$7.3	9.8%	53.7%



# Manufacturers Shipments Durable Goods

	This Period	Change Last Per.	Change Year Ago
Transportation Equipment	\$11.6	6.1%	32.3%
Primary Metals	\$7.0	3.8%	12.2%





### New Orders:

- Transportation Equipment accounted for more than half of the March rise in New Orders.
  - Up \$1.8 billion, or 16.5 percent to a new high of \$12.4 billion.
  - Nearly two-thirds of the reported rise was in the Aircraft and Parts industries.
- Machinery increased 2.0 percent (\$274 million) to the highest level since August 1974.
- Primary Metals rose \$656 million or 9.8 percent, the largest increase since last May's 25.2-percent surge.

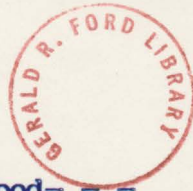
### Shipments:

- Transportation Equipment increased 6.1 percent or \$669 million, nearly half of the March rise in Shipments.

Since November, Shipments of Transportation Equipment have increased 27.6 percent.

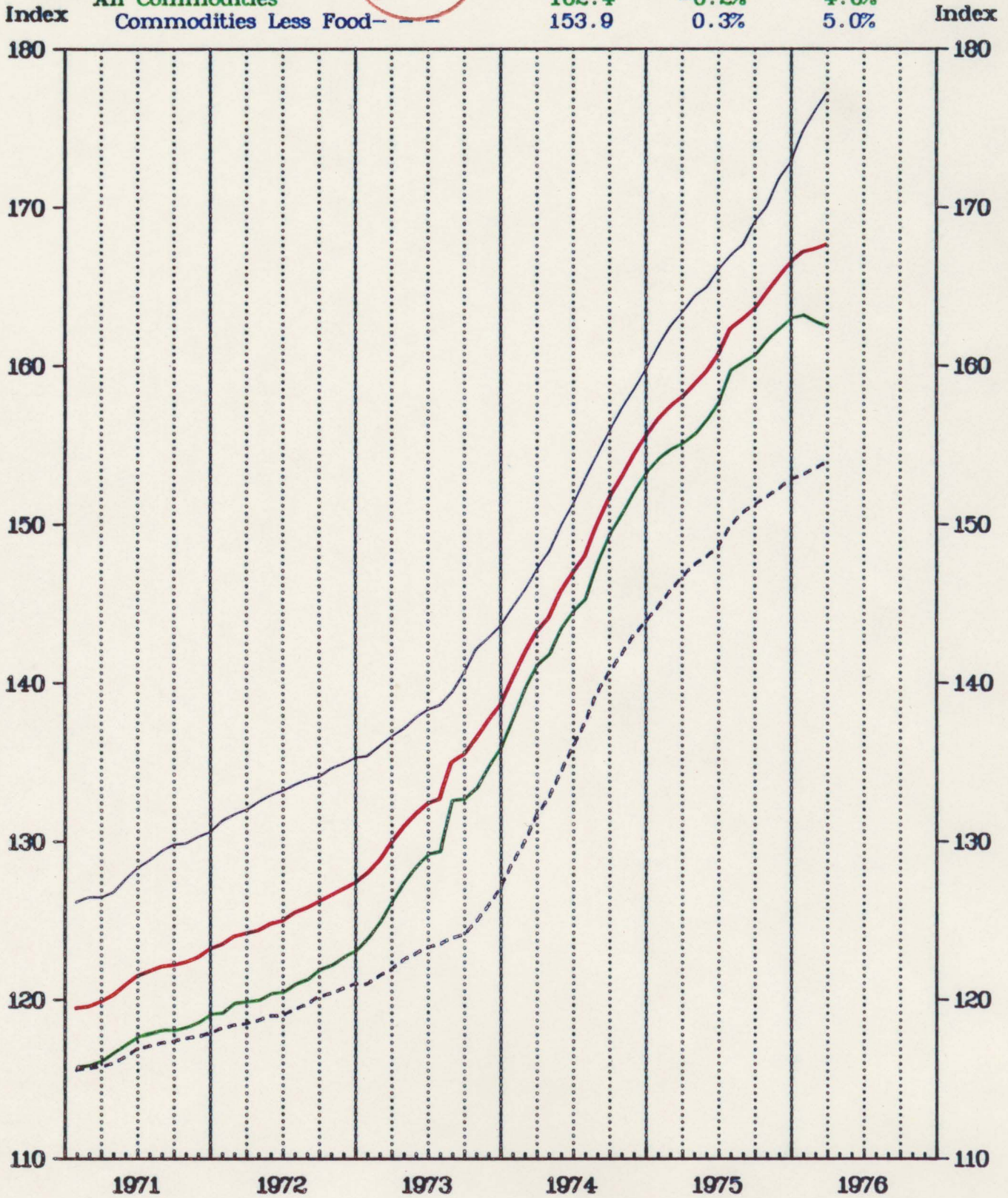
- Primary Metals rose 3.8 percent (\$256 million) to \$7.0 billion, the highest level since January 1975.

# A.6.1—Consumer Price Index (1967=100)



Services  
**All Items**  
 All Commodities  
 Commodities Less Food— — —

This Period	Change Last Per.	Change Year Ago
177.2	0.7%	8.5%
<b>167.6</b>	<b>0.2%</b>	<b>6.1%</b>
162.4	-0.2%	4.8%
153.9	0.3%	5.0%



Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics  
 28 April 1976



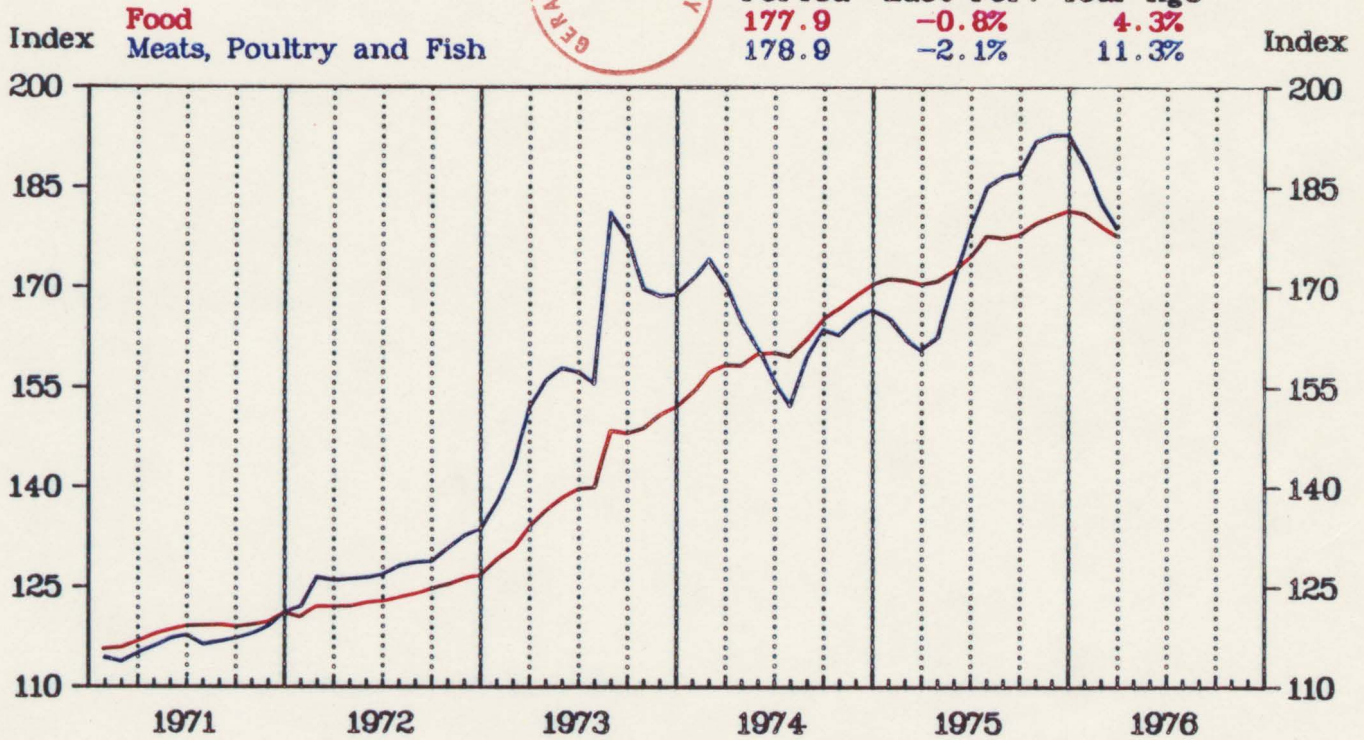
- The Consumer Price Index for All Items rose 0.2 percent in March after edging up 0.1 percent in February.
  - It was the second smallest increase since July 1973 as declines in the Food and Fuel indexes partially offset increases in other commodities and services.
  - Consumer Prices rose at an annual rate of 2.9 percent in the first 3 months of 1976, the slowest quarterly gain since the second quarter of 1972.
- Reflecting drops in Food and Fuel, the All Commodities index posted its second consecutive decline (0.2 percent).
  - A string of moderate advances in Commodities Less Food remained unbroken.
    - Up 0.3 percent following similar rises in each of the previous 6 months.
- Spurred by increases in all major components, the Services index posted a 0.7-percent rise in March, the same as in February but below January's 1.1-percent hike.
  - For the first quarter of 1976, Services rose at an annual rate of 10.2 percent, the fastest quarterly pace since the third quarter of 1974.

# A.6.1—Consumer Price Index

## Food and Selected Components

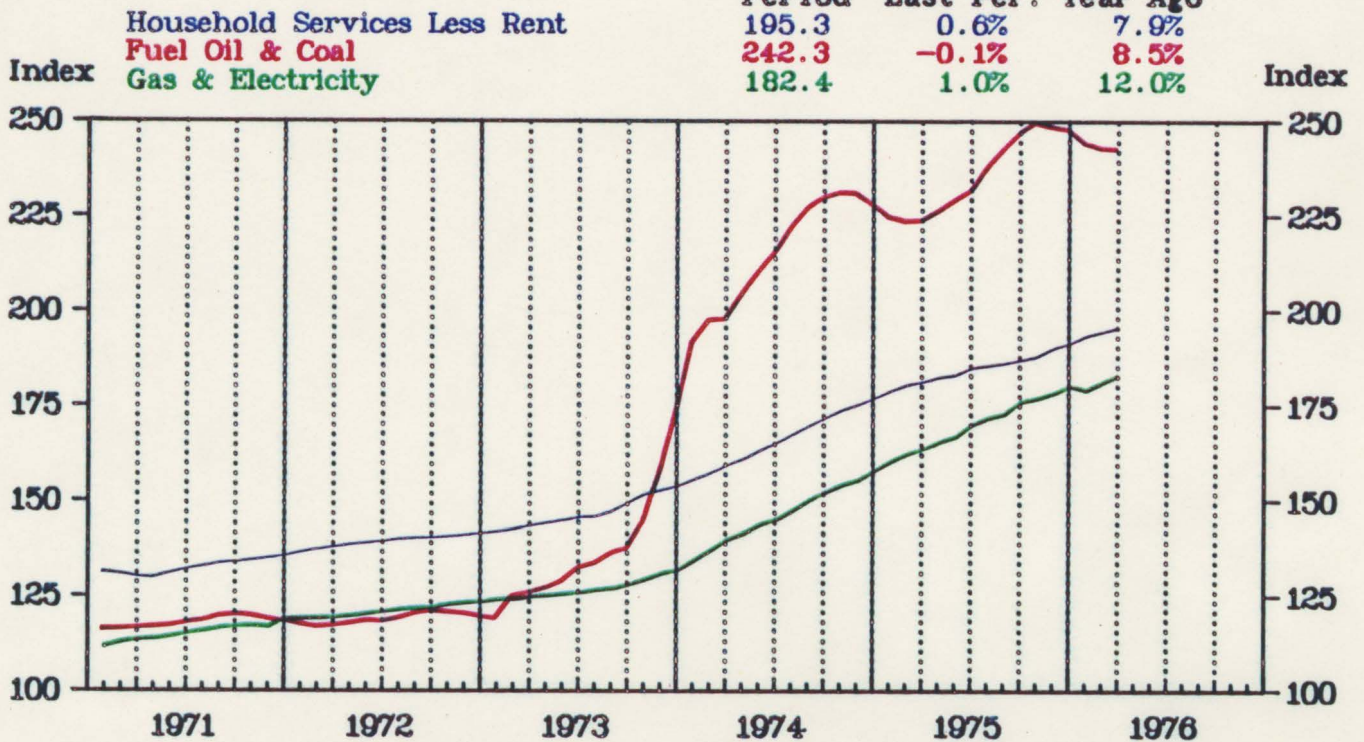


This Period	Change Last Per.	Change Year Ago
177.9	-0.8%	4.3%
178.9	-2.1%	11.3%



### Selected Components of Housing

This Period	Change Last Per.	Change Year Ago
195.3	0.6%	7.9%
242.3	-0.1%	8.5%
182.4	1.0%	12.0%

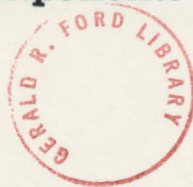




- The Food Index fell a further 0.8 percent in March for a total decrease of 2.0 percent since December.
  - All major components, with the exception of restaurant meals, declined.
- The largest decline occurred in the Meats, Poultry, and Fish index, which fell 2.1 percent to the lowest level since last June.
- In the Housing sector, Household Services Less Rent rose 0.6 percent, reflecting a 1.0-percent increase in Gas and Electricity charges.
  - Fuel Oil and Coal declined for the fifth consecutive month, but more slowly than in previous months.
  - Down 0.1 percent compared to declines of 1.4 percent and 0.6 percent in January and February, respectively.

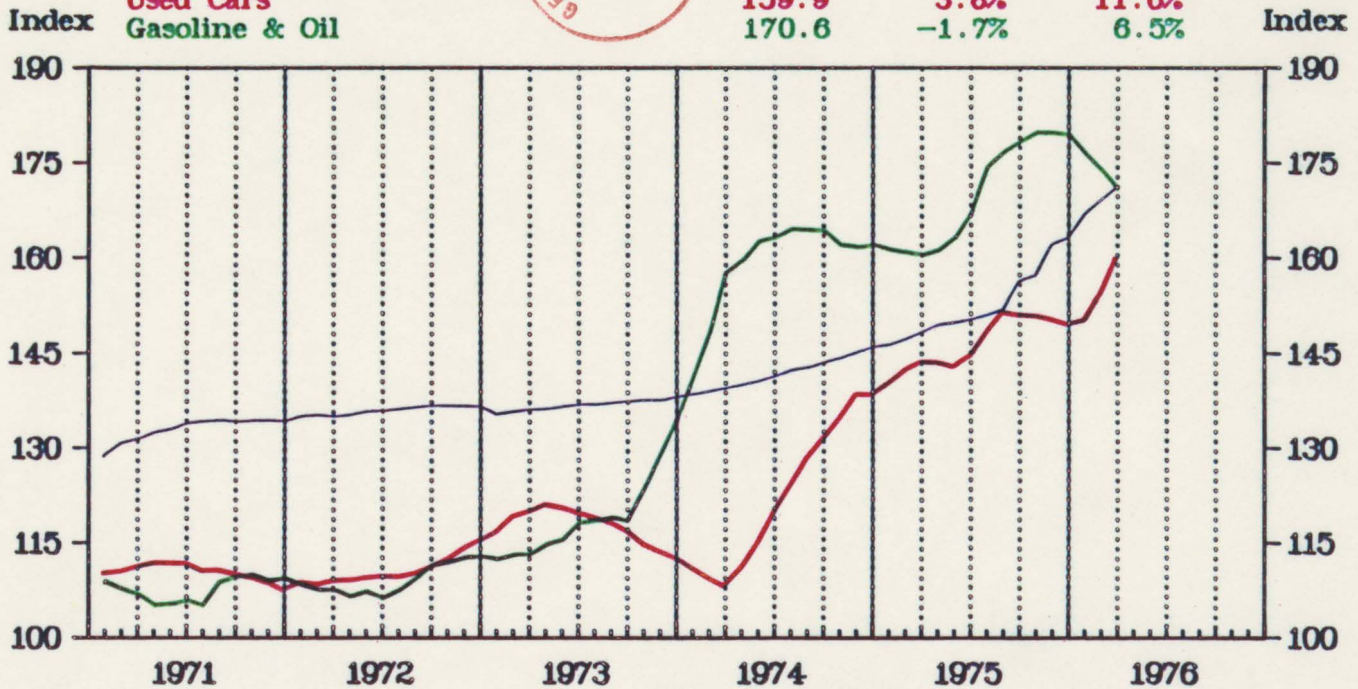
# A.6.1—Consumer Price Index

## Selected Components of Transportation



Transportation Services  
Used Cars  
Gasoline & Oil

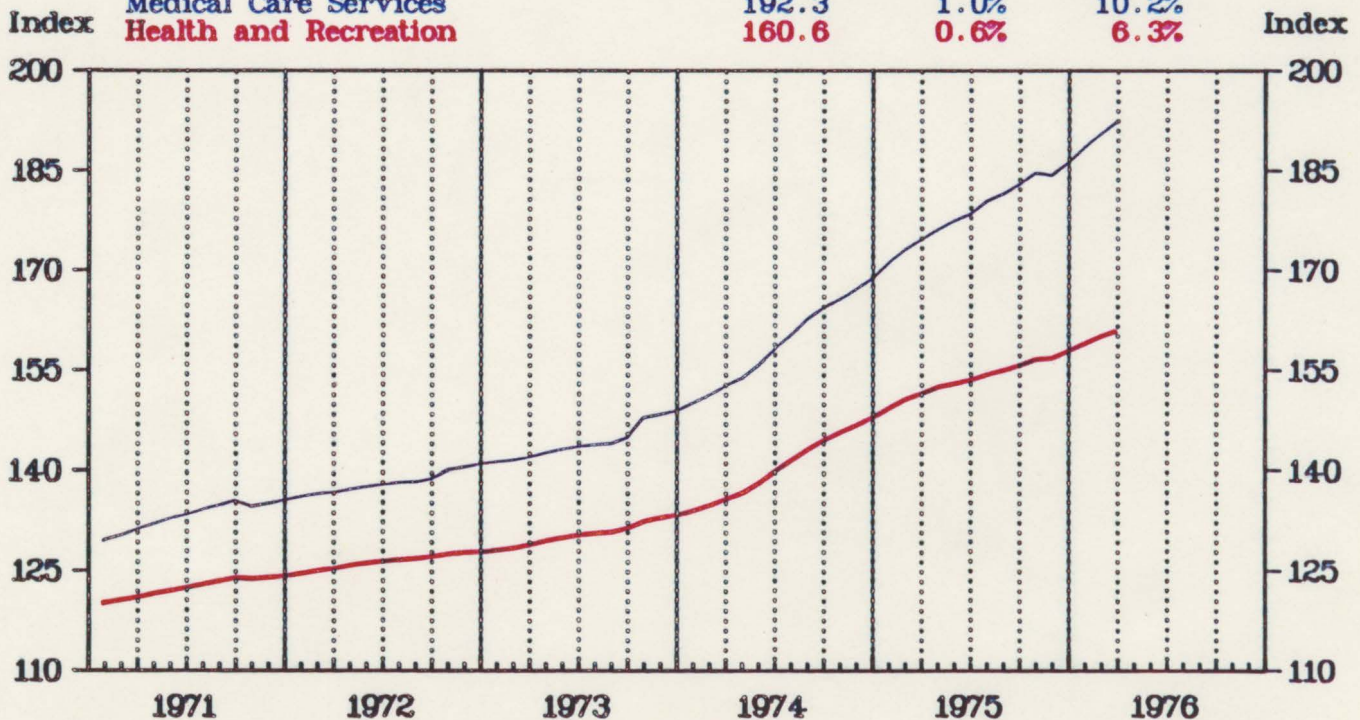
This Period	Change Last Per.	Change Year Ago
171.1	1.3%	15.4%
159.9	3.8%	11.6%
170.6	-1.7%	6.5%



## Health and Recreation and Selected Components

Medical Care Services  
Health and Recreation

This Period	Change Last Per.	Change Year Ago
192.3	1.0%	10.2%
160.6	0.6%	6.3%

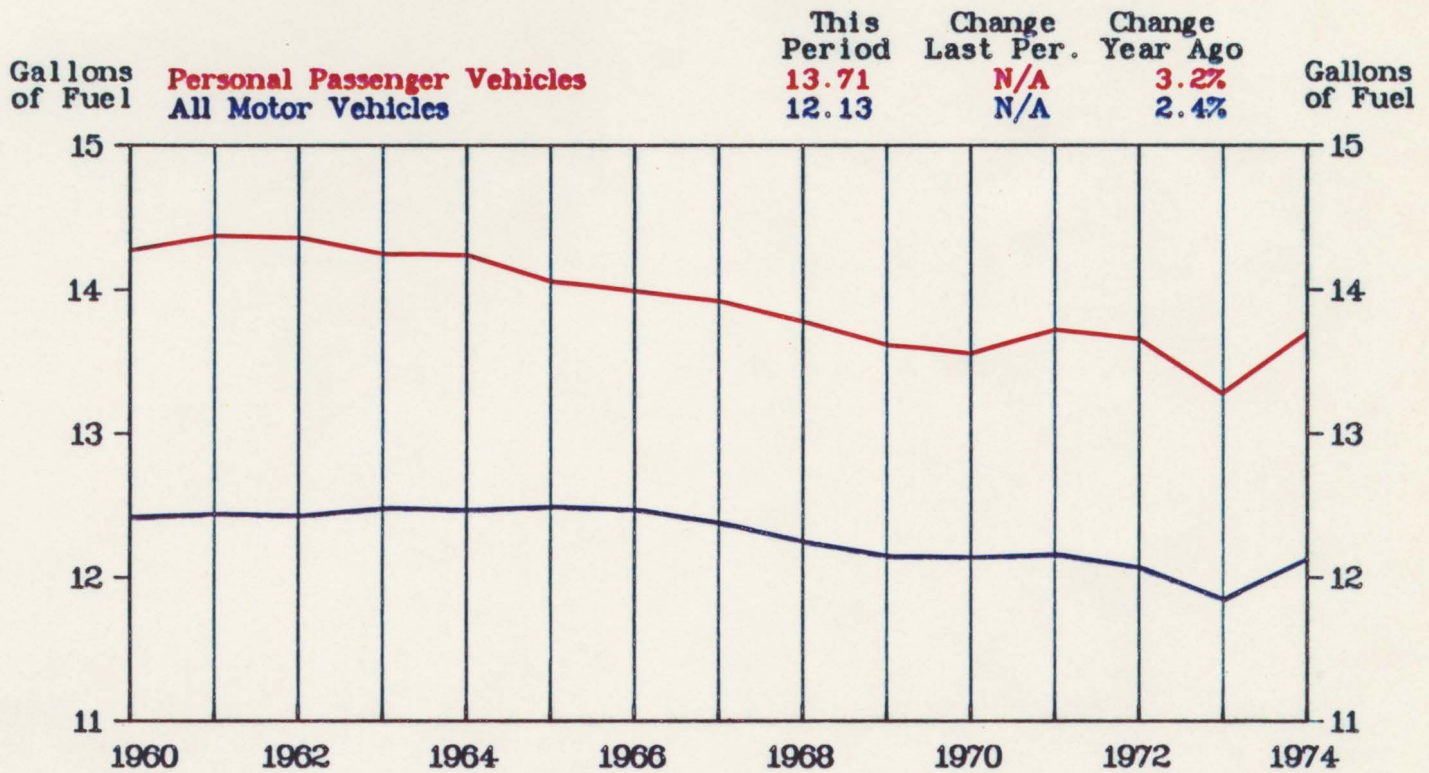




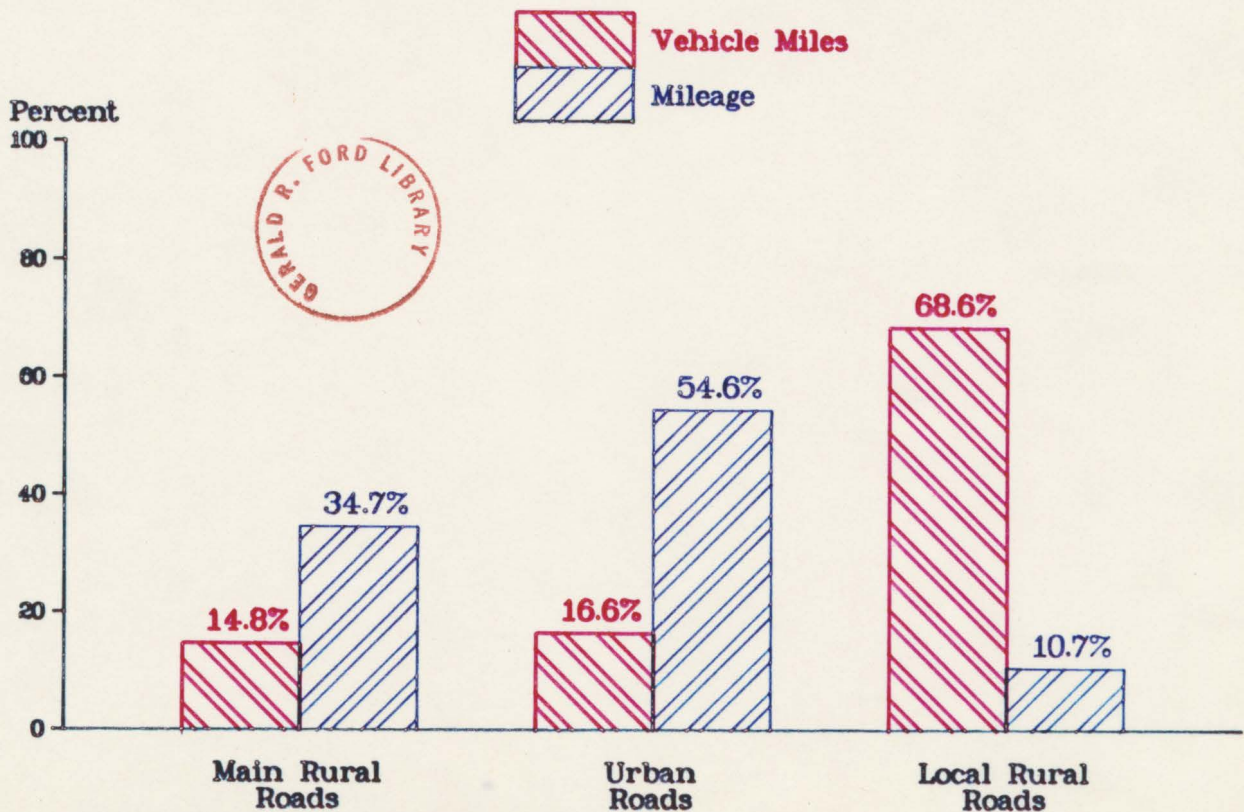


- Among components of Transportation, Services rose 1.3 percent reflecting increases in auto insurance rates and public transportation charges.
- Since August, Transportation Services have risen rapidly, up 12.6 percent.
- Used Car prices rose sharply for the second month in a row.
- Up 3.8 percent following a 2.7-percent rise in February.
- Gasoline and Motor Oil prices fell for the fourth straight month, down a total of 4.9 percent since November to 170.6, the lowest level since mid-1975.
- Health and Recreation costs rose 0.6 percent, the same as in February.
- Costs for Medical Care Services increased 1.0 percent following rises of 1.2 and 1.1 percent in January and February, respectively.

# A.12.1—Average Number of Miles Traveled Per Gallon of Fuel Consumed by Type of Vehicle:1960 to 1974



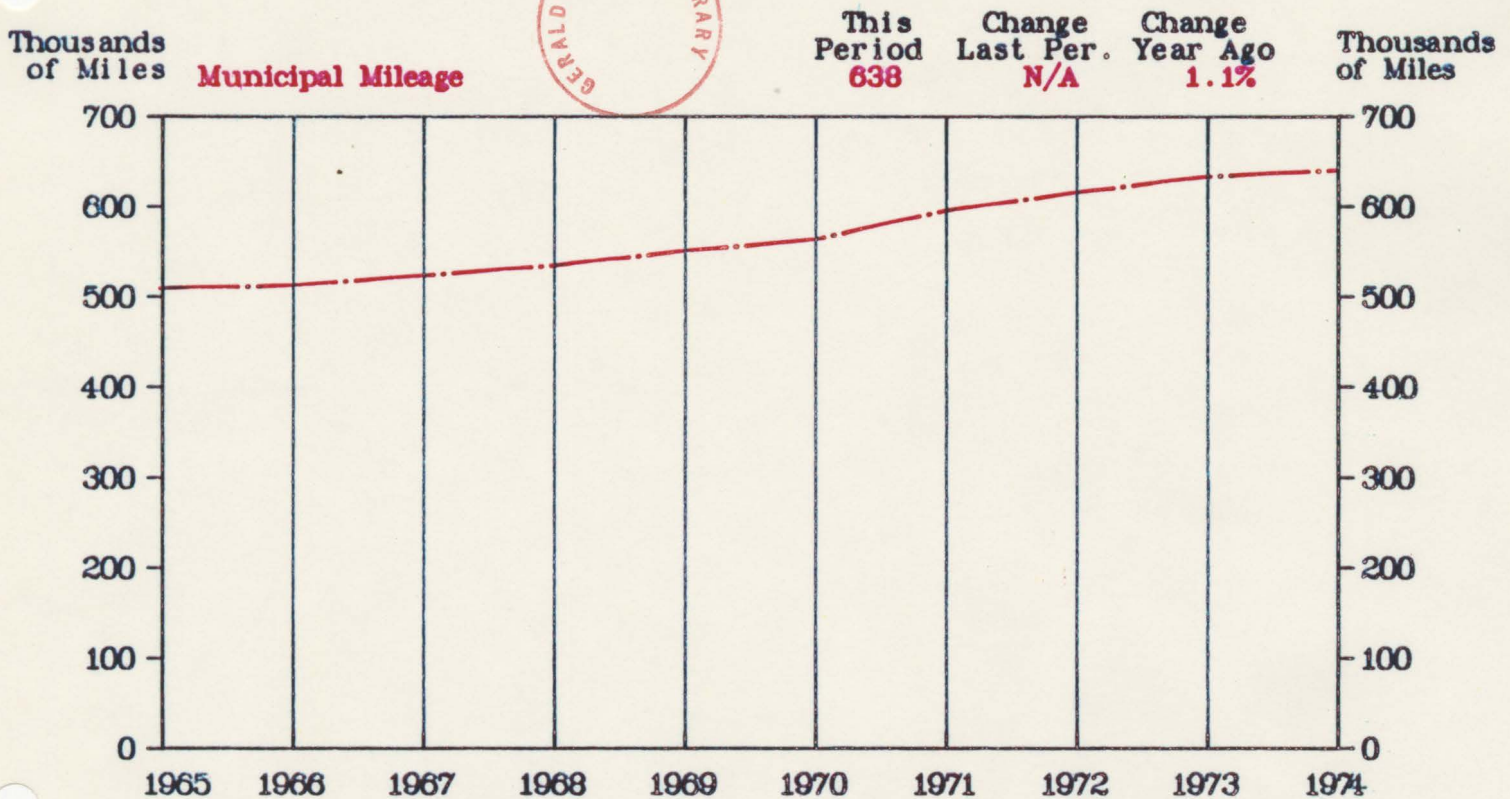
# A.12.1—Road Mileage and Vehicle-Miles by Type of Road System:1974



Source: Federal Highway Administration  
April 1976

# A.12.1—Total Municipal Road Mileage

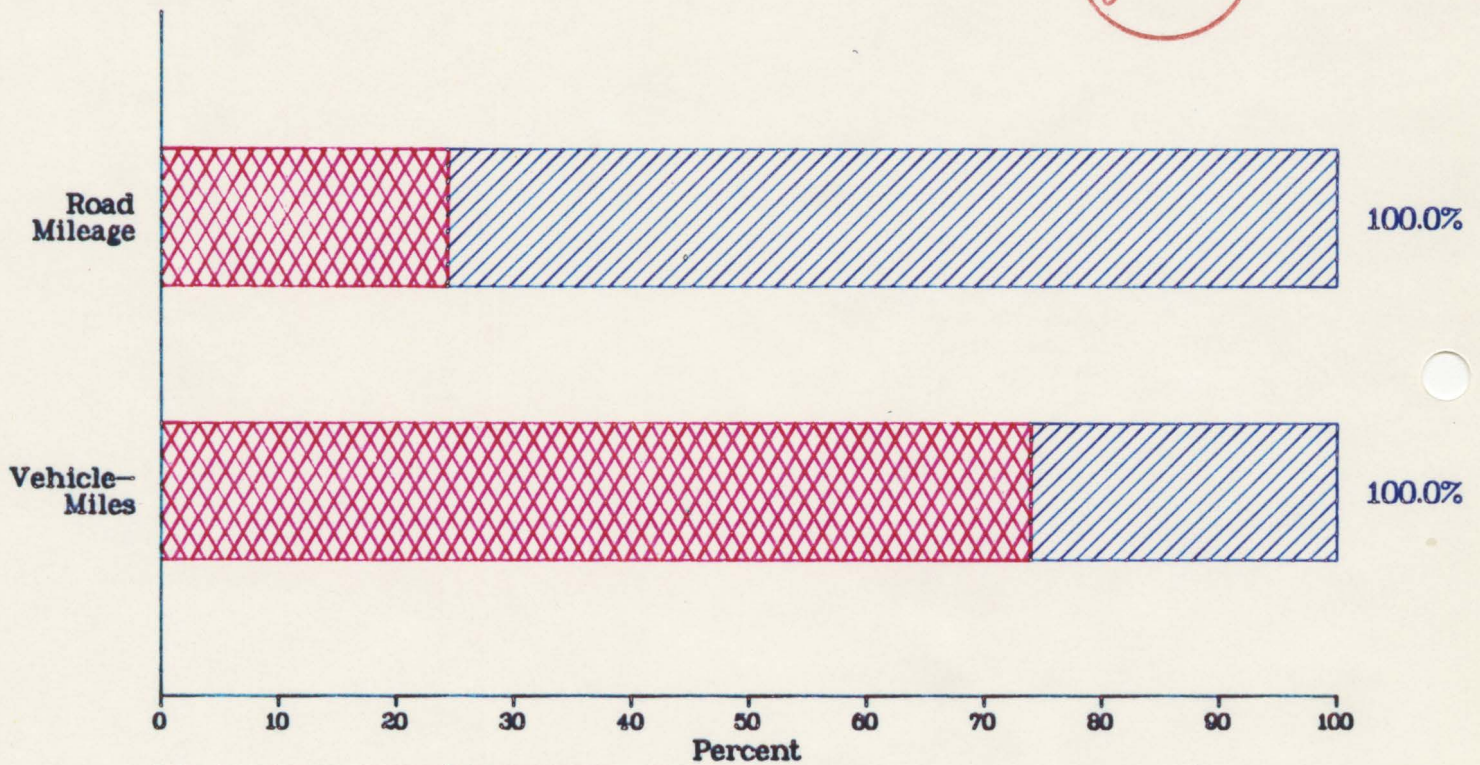
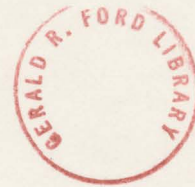
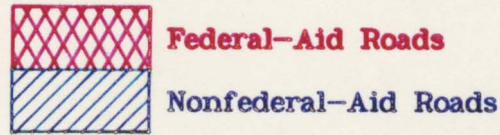
1965 to 1974



Source: Federal Highway Administration  
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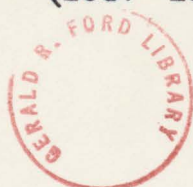
- Reversing the trend of recent years, a significant increase occurred in fuel efficiency for all motor vehicles in 1974.
  - Most of the increase was accounted for by the rise from 13.29 to 13.71 miles per gallon by personal passenger vehicles.
- In 1974, only 10.7 percent of all vehicular traffic occurred on local rural roads, which comprised 68.6 percent of total U.S. road and street mileage.
  - Main rural roads and urban roads combined accounted for only 31.4 percent of road mileage, but 89.3 percent of all vehicle miles traveled.
- Expansion of street mileage in municipal areas has accounted for all of the increase in road mileage in the United States since 1965.
  - Urban roads have grown from 507,000 miles in 1965 to 638,000 miles in 1974, an increase of 25.8 percent.

# A.12.1—Percent of Road Mileage and Vehicle—Miles by Federal—Aid and Nonfederal—Aid Systems

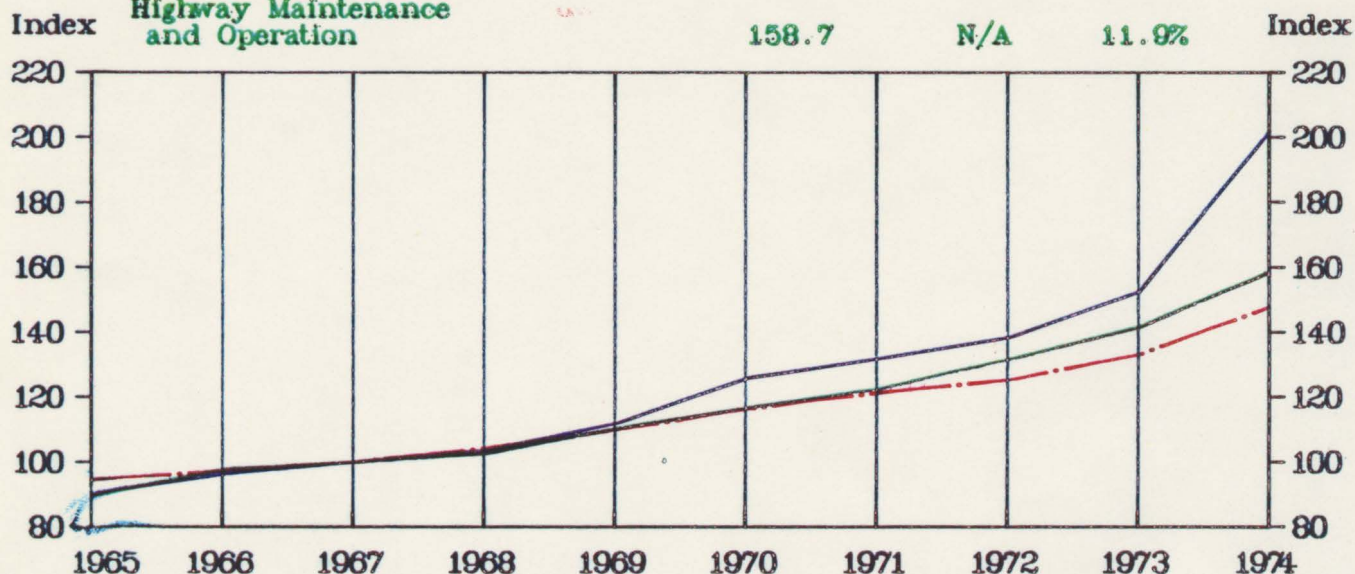


Source: Federal Highway Administration  
April 1976

# A.12.1—Highway Expenditures Indexes and the Consumer Price Index (1967=100)



	This Period	Change Last Per.	Change Year Ago
<b>Consumer Price Index</b>	<b>147.7</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>11.0%</b>
<b>Federal-Aid Highway Construction</b>	<b>201.8</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>32.4%</b>
<b>Highway Maintenance and Operation</b>	<b>158.7</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>11.9%</b>



Source: Federal Highway Administration  
April 1976

- Although State and local road systems receiving Federal assistance comprise only one-fourth of all road mileage they carry nearly three-fourths of all travel.
- Since 1969, costs of maintaining, operating, and constructing highways have inflated at a more rapid pace than the Consumer Price Index.
  - The Index of Federal-aid highway construction costs increased by nearly one-third in 1974 alone.
    - A total increase of 80.5 percent since 1969.
  - The Index for Costs of Highway Maintenance and Operation of all roads, while rising 11.9 percent in 1974, has increased 43.8 percent since 1969.

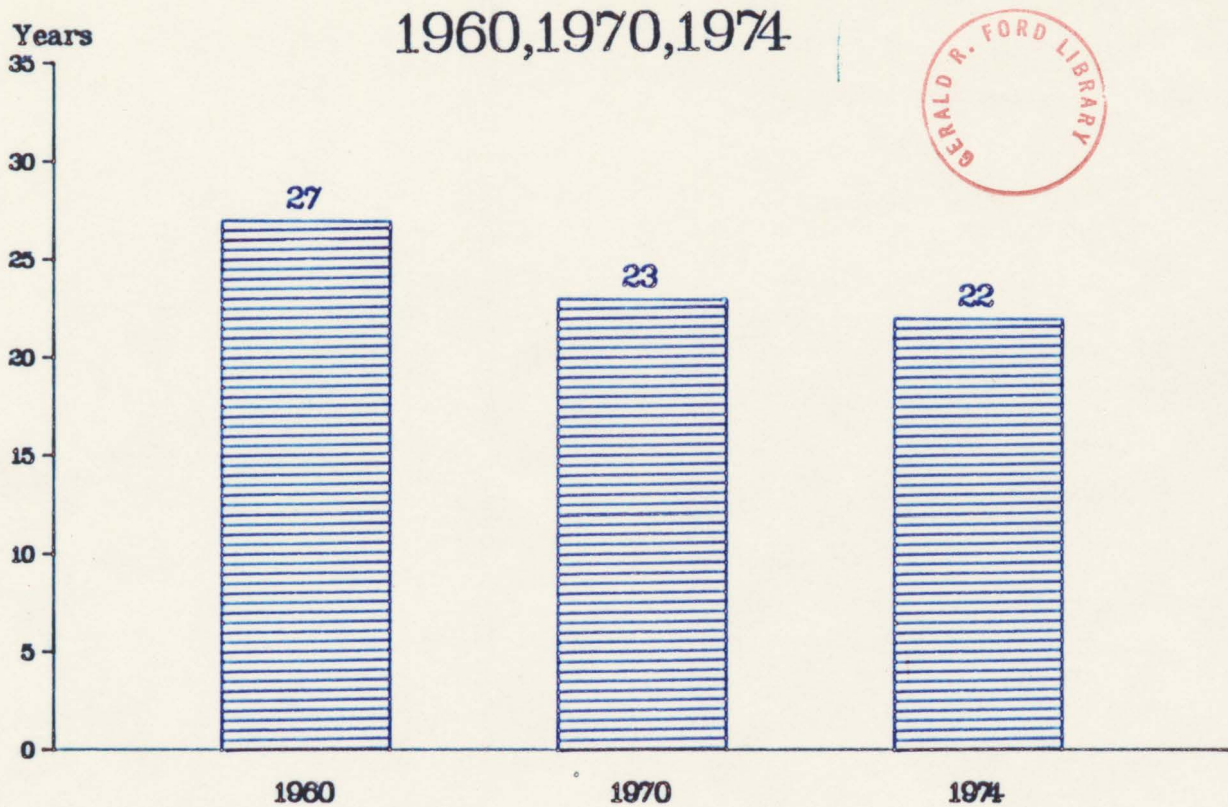
# B.7.2—Housing Inventory: 1960,1970,1974

Millions of  
Housing Units



Source: Bureau of the Census  
26 April 1976

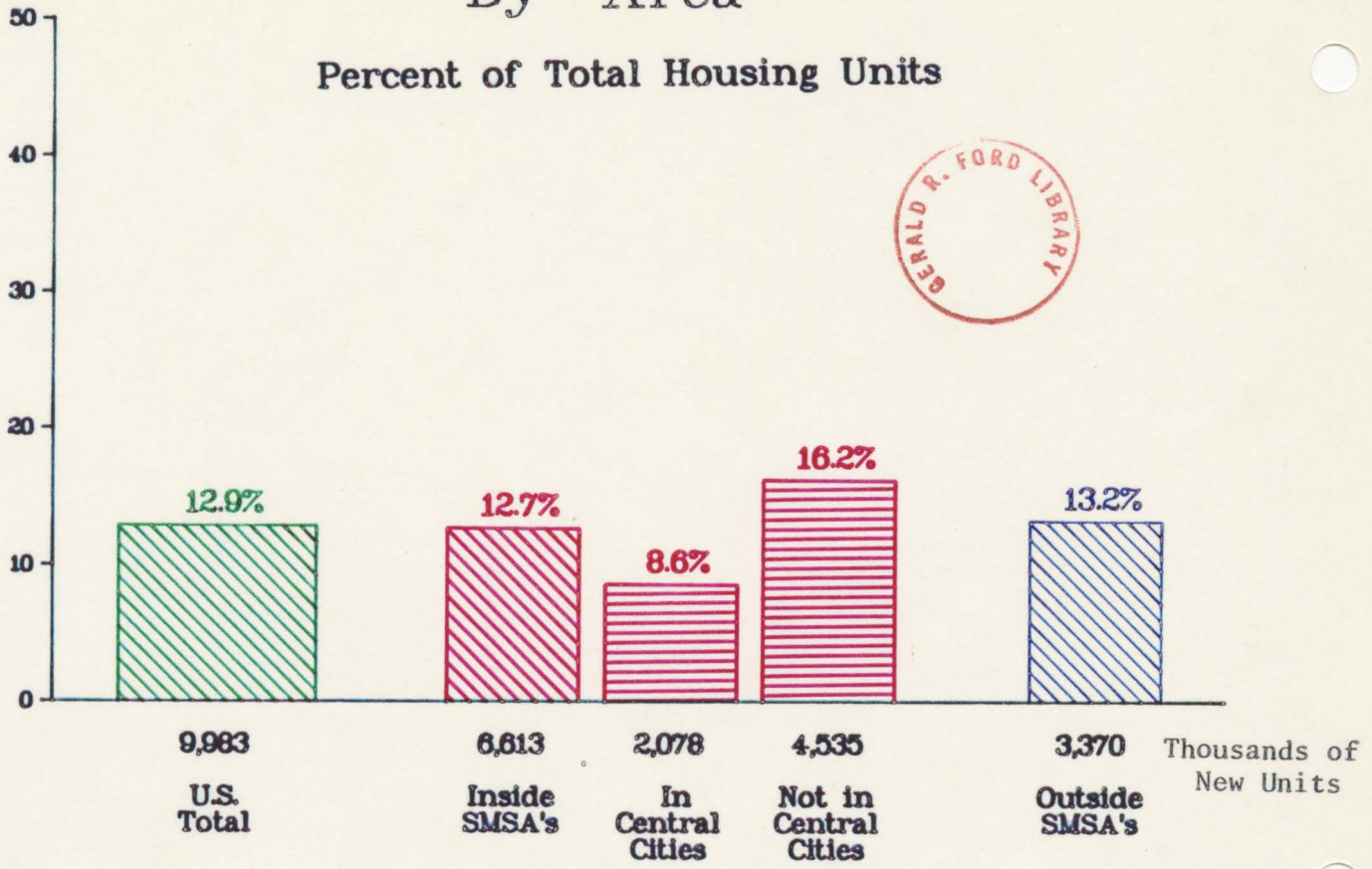
## B.7.2—Median Age of Housing in Years:



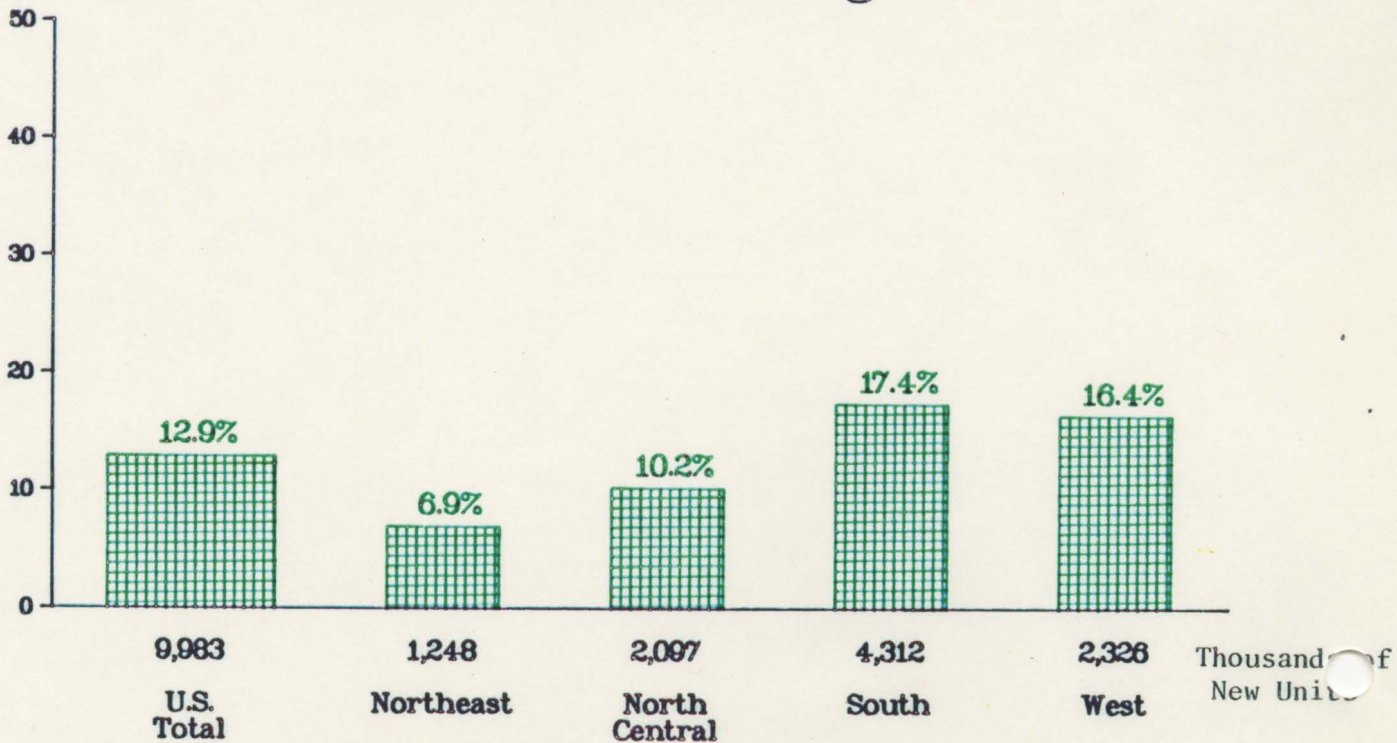
- The Housing Inventory in the United States increased 33 percent from 1960 to 1974, a gain of 19,275,000 units.
  - More than a third of the increase occurred between 1970 and 1974 when the Inventory grew from 70,136,000 units to a total of 77,602,000 units--a 10.6-percent gain.
- While the Housing Inventory grew, the Median Age of Housing declined from 27 years in 1960 to 22 years in 1974.

# B.7.2—New Construction:1970 to 1974

## By Area



## By Geographic Region



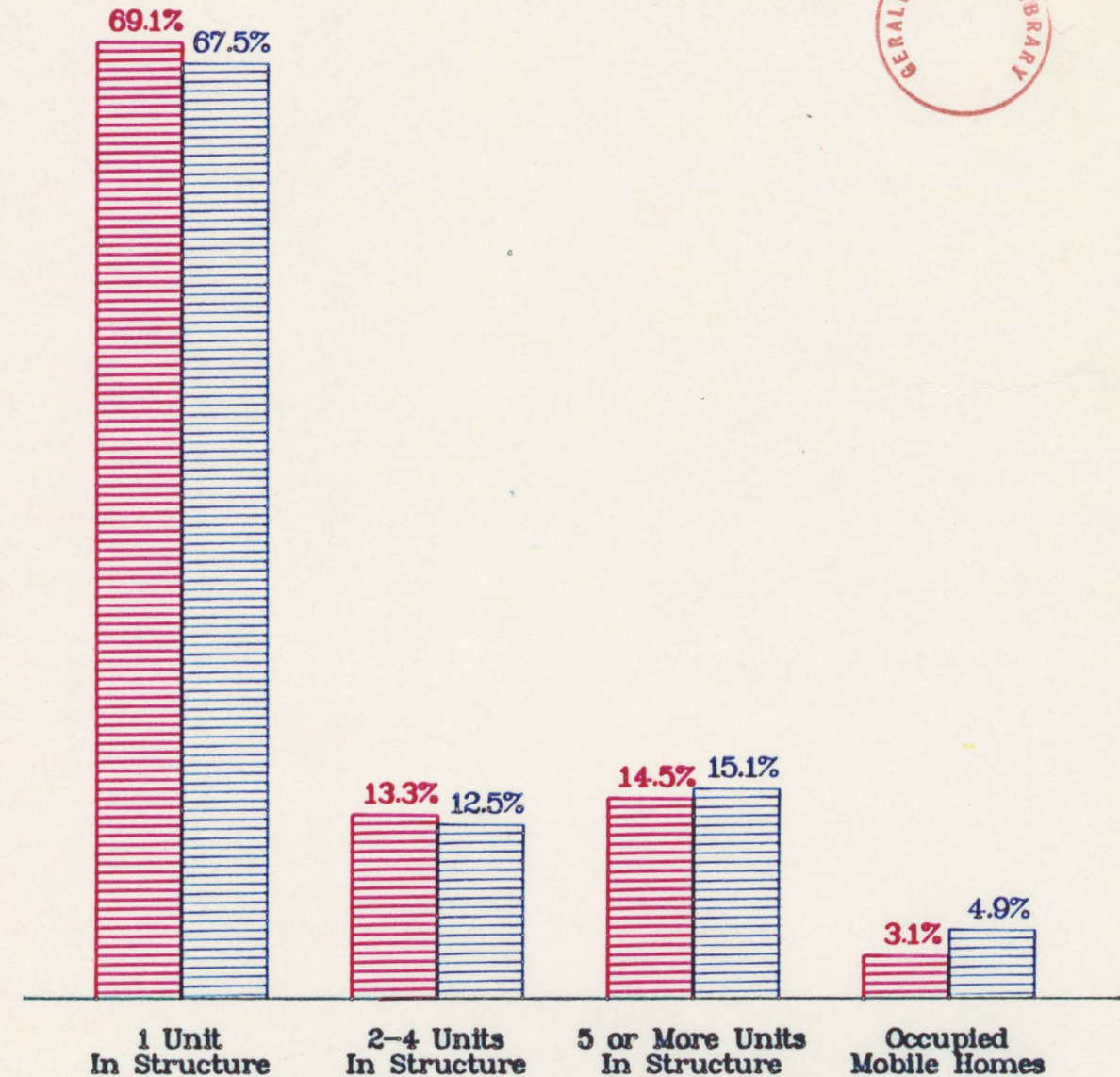
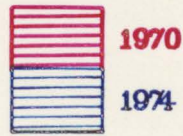




- Nearly 13 percent of all units in the 1974 Housing Inventory were built since 1970.
- Most of the New Construction--4.5 million units--occurred in the suburbs of large metropolitan areas (16.2 percent of total housing units in those areas).
  - 2.1 million units were built in the Central Cities, bringing total metropolitan housing construction (inside SMSA's) to 6.6 million units.
- Construction in nonmetropolitan areas between 1970 and 1974 amounted to 3.4 million units (13.2 percent of the total non-metropolitan Housing Inventory).
- The largest volume of home building occurred in the South, where 4.3 million units have been built since 1970.

# B.7.2—Percent Distribution of All Year-Round Housing Units: 1970 and 1974

By Number of Units in Structure



Source: Bureau of the Census

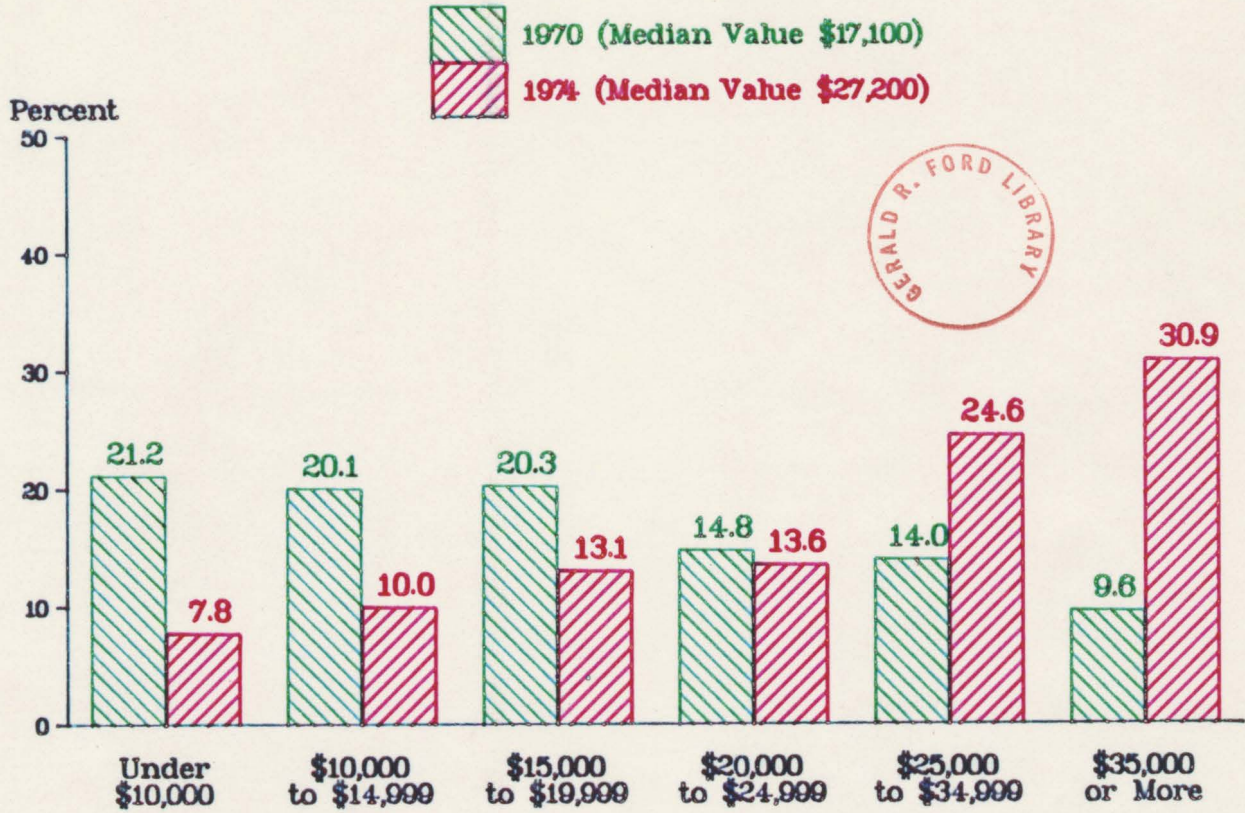




- While the total number of Single-Unit Structures increased during the first 4 years of the decade, their percentage of the total (year-round) Housing Inventory decreased from 69.1 percent in 1970 to 67.5 percent in 1974.
- The proportion of 2 to 4-unit structures also declined, while structures with 5 or more units assumed a greater part of the total.
- The total number of occupied mobile homes increased by nearly 80 percent between 1970 and 1974, resulting in a substantial increase in their proportionate place in the Inventory.

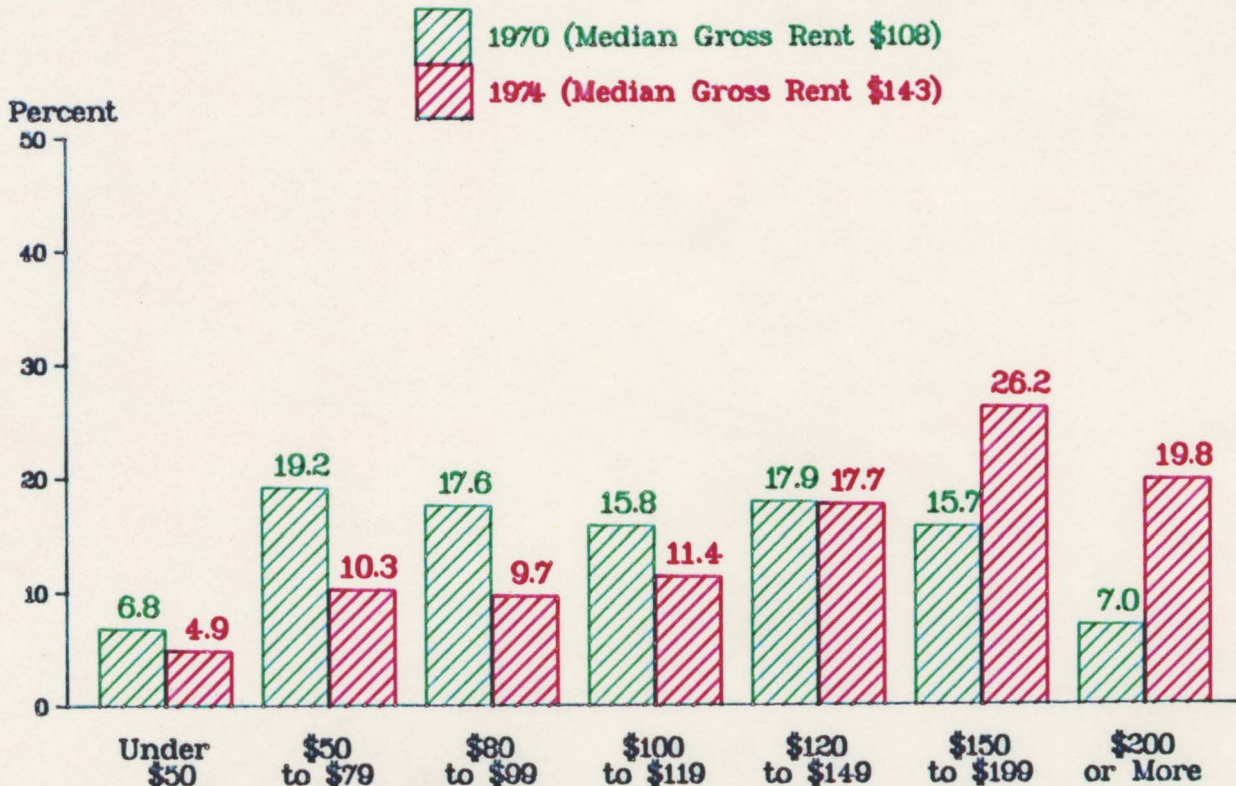
# B.7.2—Percent Distribution of Owner-Occupied Housing Units: 1970 and 1974

By Value



# Renter-Occupied Housing Units

By Amount of Gross Rent



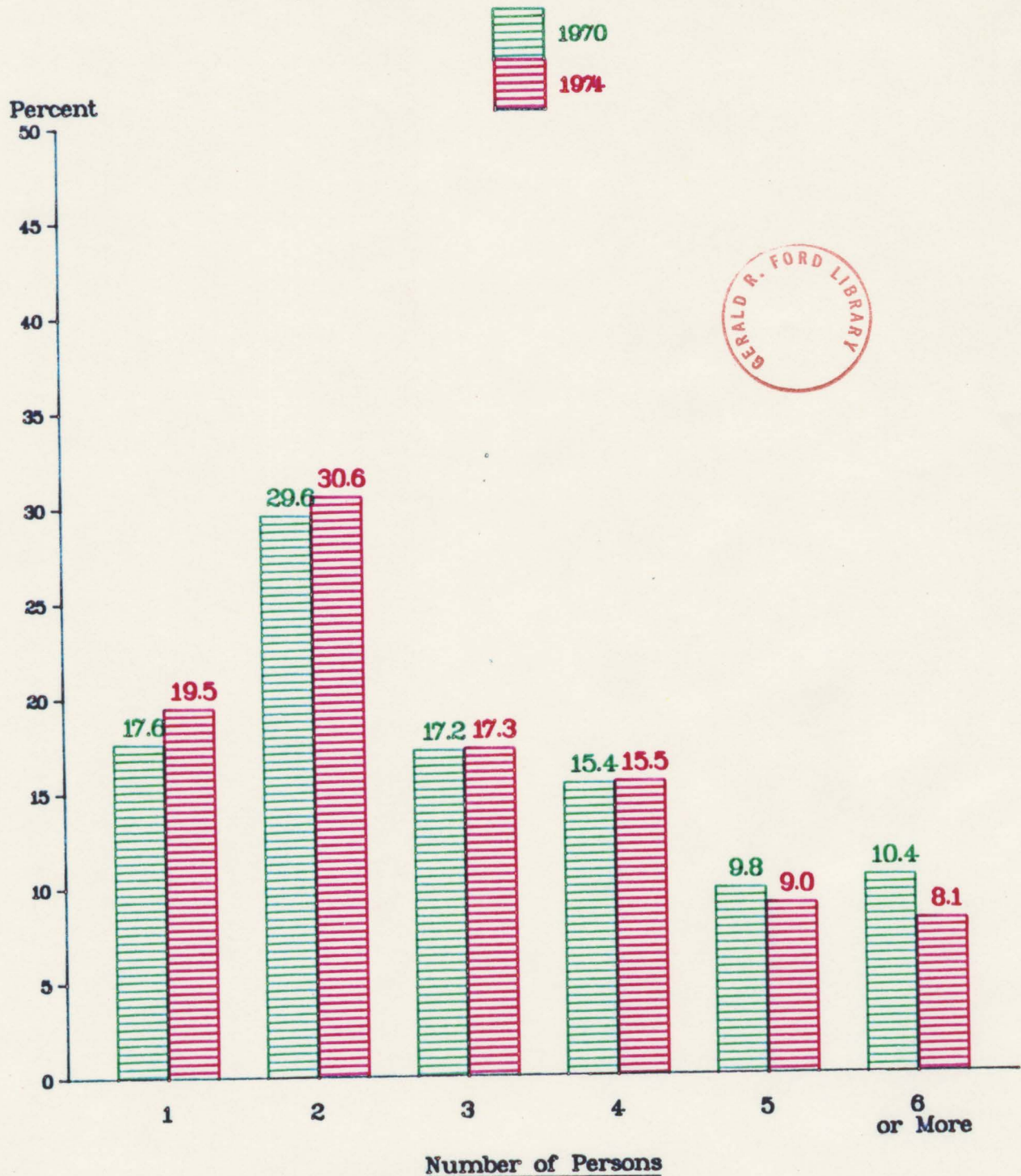
Source: Bureau of the Census  
26 April 1976



- The median value of the Nation's Owner-Occupied Housing rose from \$17,100 in 1970 to \$27,200 in 1974, an increase of 60 percent.
  - In 1970, the largest proportion (21.2 percent) of all owner-occupied homes were valued at less than \$10,000 while the smallest proportion of homes (9.6 percent) cost \$35,000 or more.
  - Conversely, in 1974, the lowest percentage (7.8 percent) of owner-occupied dwellings were valued under \$10,000 while the highest percentage (30.9 percent) were in the \$35,000 or more category.
- Median Gross Rent for cash rental units increased 32.4 percent between 1970 and 1974.
  - In 1974, 19.8 percent of all renters paid \$200 or more, compared to only 7.0 percent in 1970.

# B.7.2—Percent Distribution of All Occupied Housing Units: 1970 and 1974

By Number of Persons Per Household



Source: Bureau of the Census



- The median number of persons per household decreased from 2.5 in 1970 to 2.7 in 1974.
  - The largest percent change between the 2 years occurred in the six or more persons group.
    - In 1970, 10.4 percent of all occupied housing units had six or more persons; decreasing to 8.1 percent, by 1974.
  - In both 1970 and 1974, the largest percentage of units were occupied by 2 persons--29.6 percent and 30.6 percent, respectively.
  - Single person households accounted for 17.6 percent of the total in 1970 and 19.5 percent in 1974.

# C.1.7—Average Monthly Number of Participants in Food Stamp Program: 1961 to 1975

Millions of Persons

Number of Participants

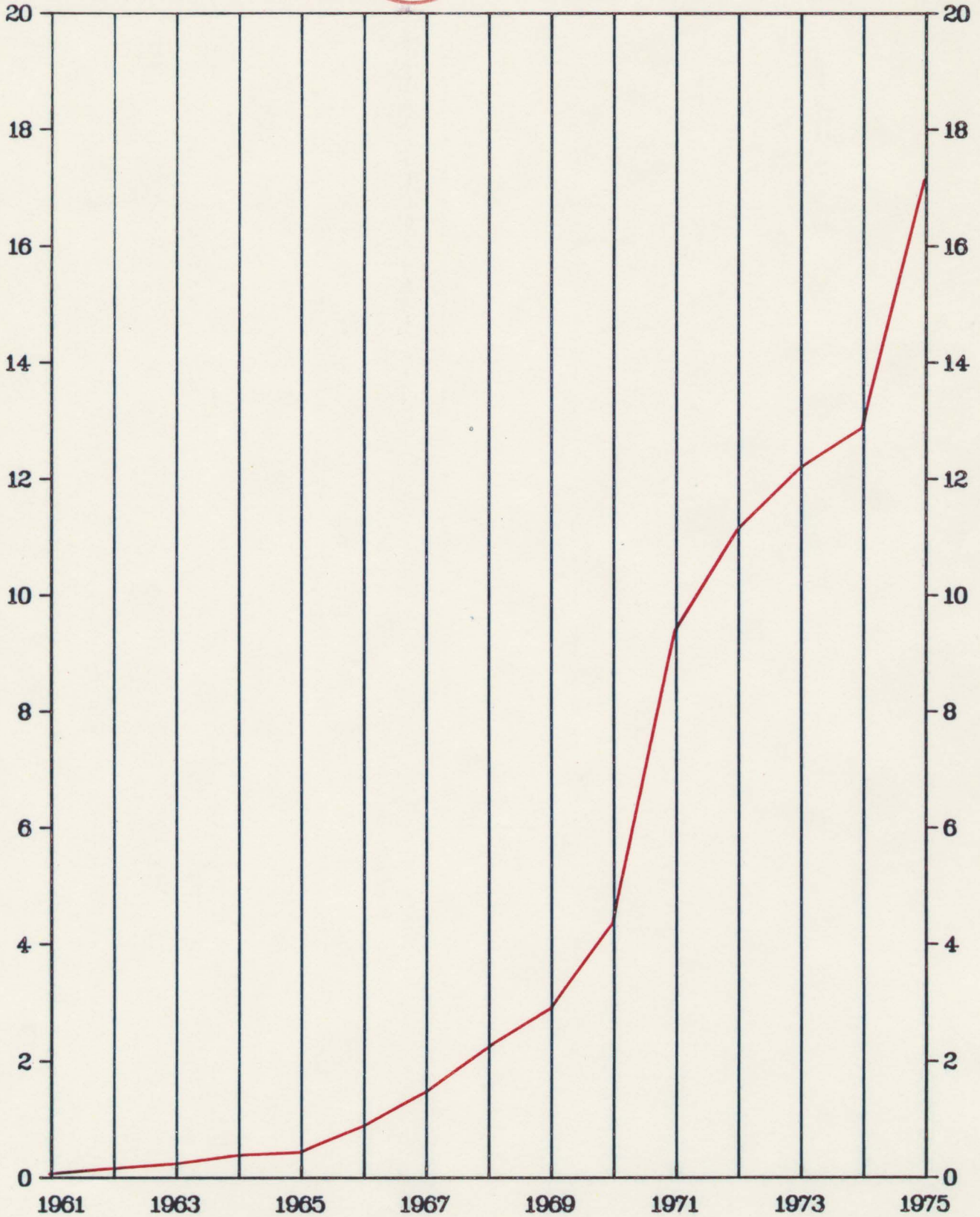


This Period  
17.14

Change Last Per.  
N/A

Change Year Ago  
33.3%

Millions of Persons



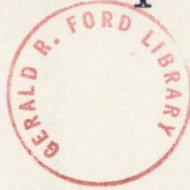
Source: Food and Nutrition Service  
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- The average monthly number of participants in the Food Stamp Program has grown from about 50,000 in 1961 to over 17,000,000 persons in 1975.
- From 1970 to 1971, the average number of participants increased from 4.34 million to 9.36 million, a rise of over 5 million.
- The preliminary estimate of 17.14 million persons who participated in 1975 represents a 4.28-million increase over the 1974 total of 12.86 million.

# C.1.7—Value of Coupons Issued to Food Stamp Program Participants: 1961 to 1975

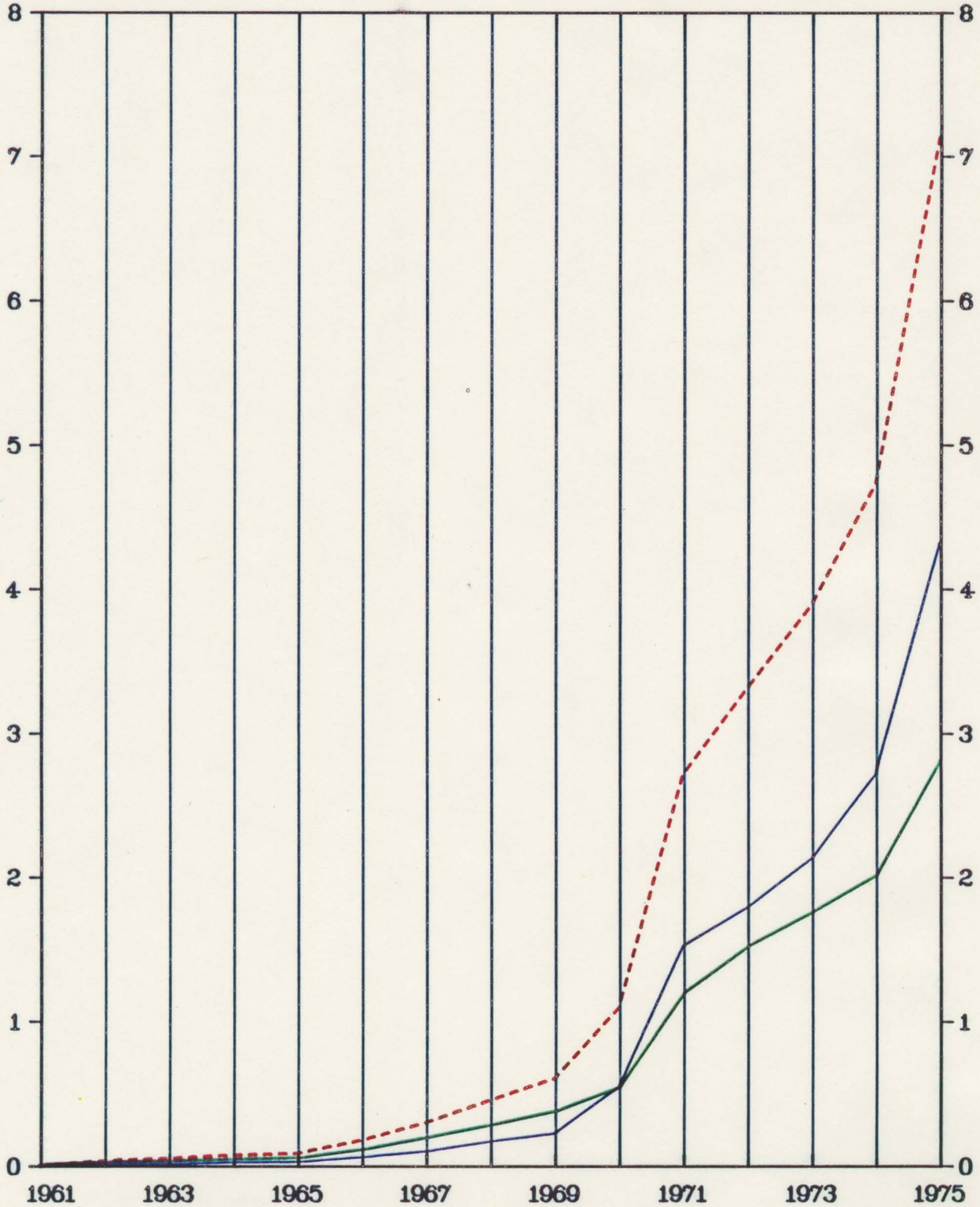


**Total Value**  
**Paid for by Participants**  
**Federal Subsidy**

This Period	Change Last Per.	Change Year Ago
\$7.14	N/A	51.0%
\$2.81	N/A	39.8%
\$4.33	N/A	59.2%

Billions of Dollars

Billions of Dollars



Source: Food and Nutrition Service  
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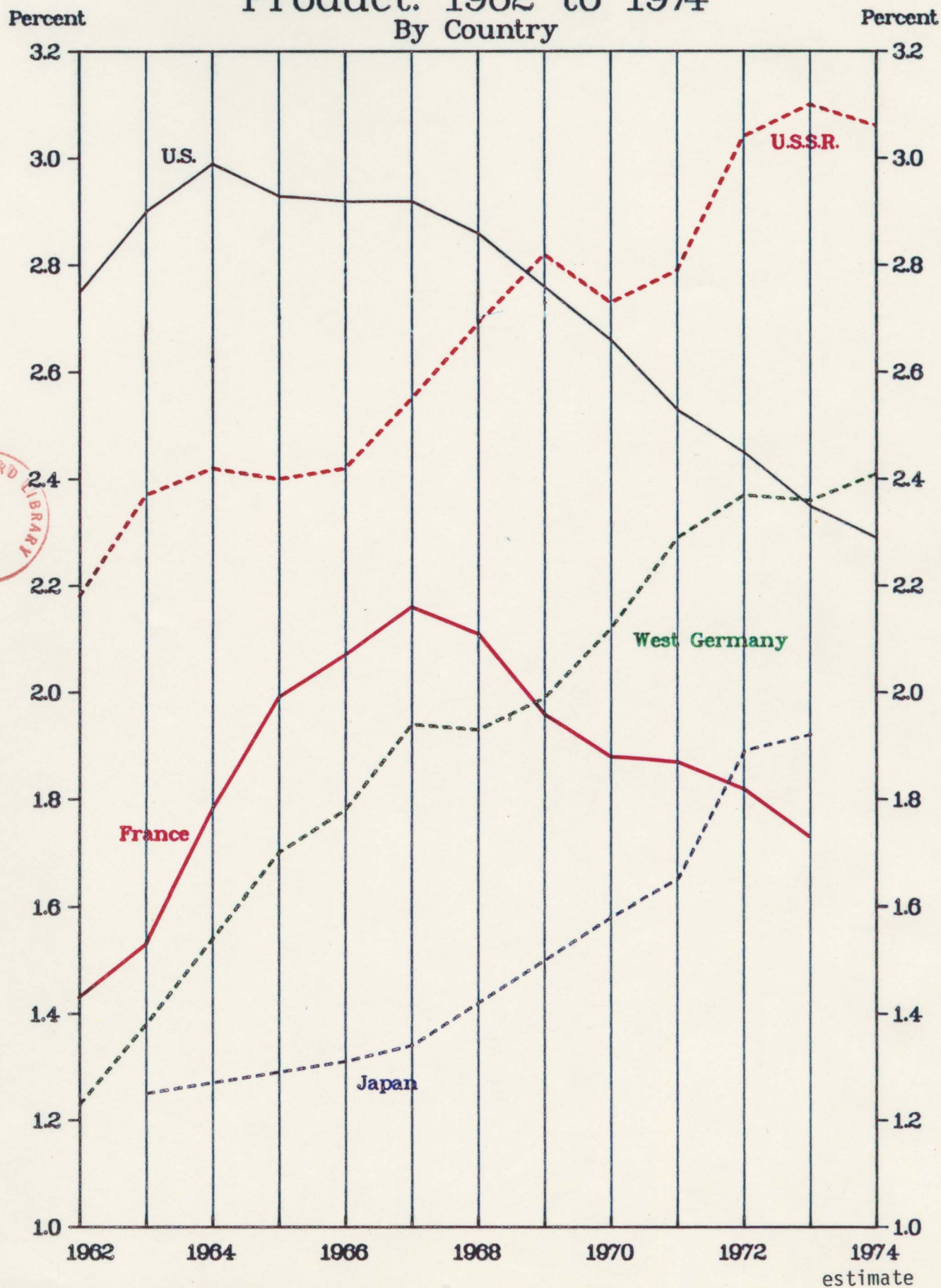


- Since 1970, the total value of coupons issued to food stamp recipients has increased almost 1200 percent.

- The largest absolute numerical increase was registered from 1974 to 1975 when the total value of food stamp coupons rose over \$2.4 billion.

- From 1969 to 1975, the portion of food stamp costs paid for by the Federal Government has risen from 37.9 to 60.6 percent.

# D.2.2—Research and Development Expenditures as a Percent of Gross National Product: 1962 to 1974



Source: National Science Board  
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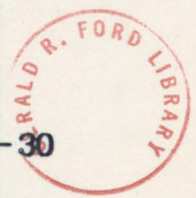
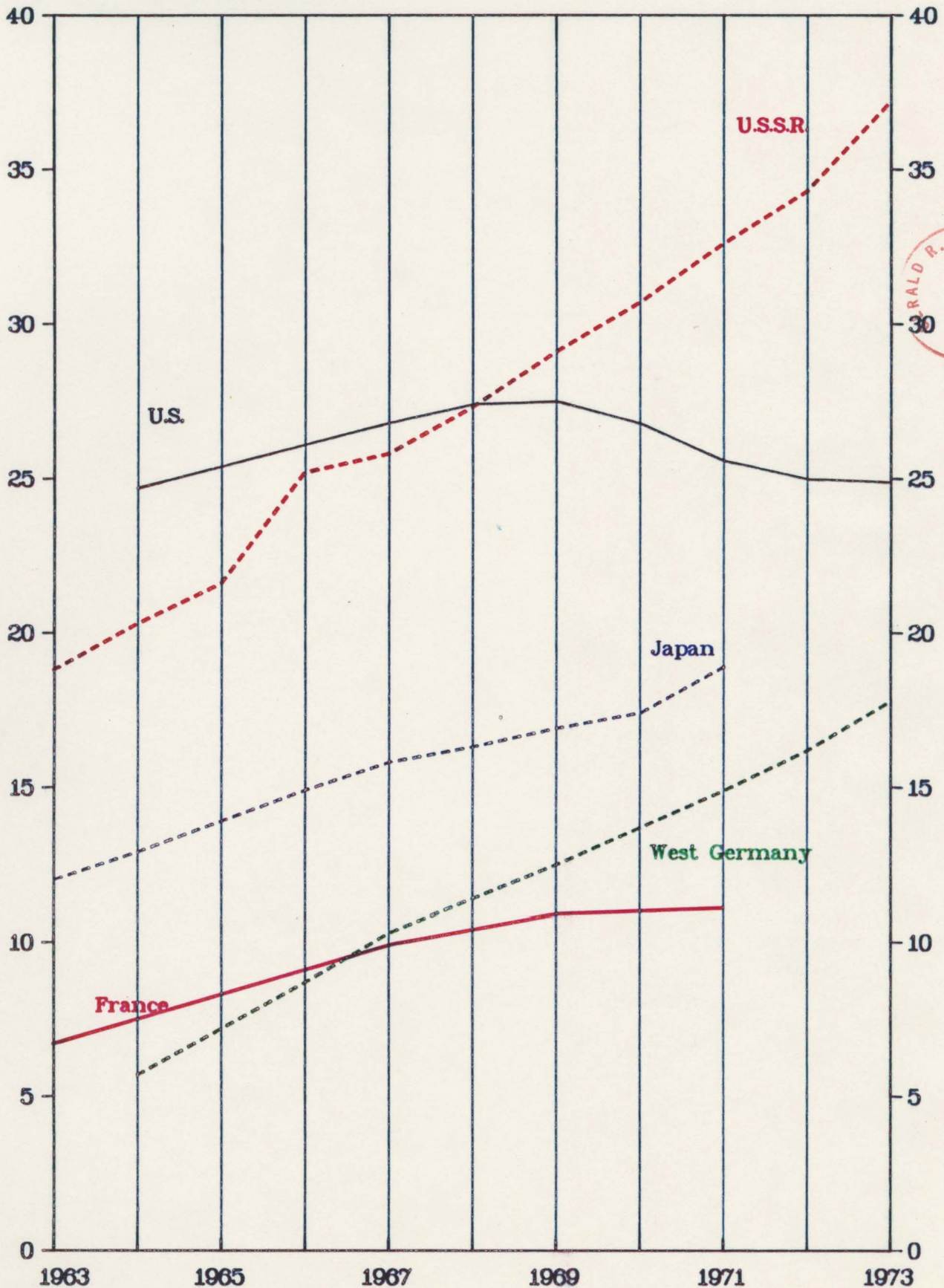


- The fraction of the GNP of the United States devoted to R&D has declined steadily over the last 10 years, falling nearly one-fourth from its peak level in 1964.
  - Primarily due to reduced growth of expenditures by the Federal Government for R&D in the defense and space areas; increases in R&D funds from all other sources combined kept pace with growth in the GNP.
- In the case of France, the only other country of those studied which showed a long-term decline, the reduction appears to result largely from a slower growth in government R&D expenditures for national defense and nuclear energy.
- Both Japan and West Germany recorded substantial growth in the proportion of the GNP directed to R&D.
  - Underlying this growth were continuous large increases in Research and Development funding from both industry and government.
- The general upward growth in the proportion of the GNP devoted to R&D in the Soviet Union is believed to be valid, although the specific numerical values may differ significantly from the true values.
  - Differences in the variety of activities regarded as R&D, as well as differences in GNP accounting, make international comparisons involving the U.S.S.R. particularly hazardous.

# D.2.2—Scientists and Engineers Engaged in Research and Development: 1963 to 1973

By Country

Number per 10,000 Population





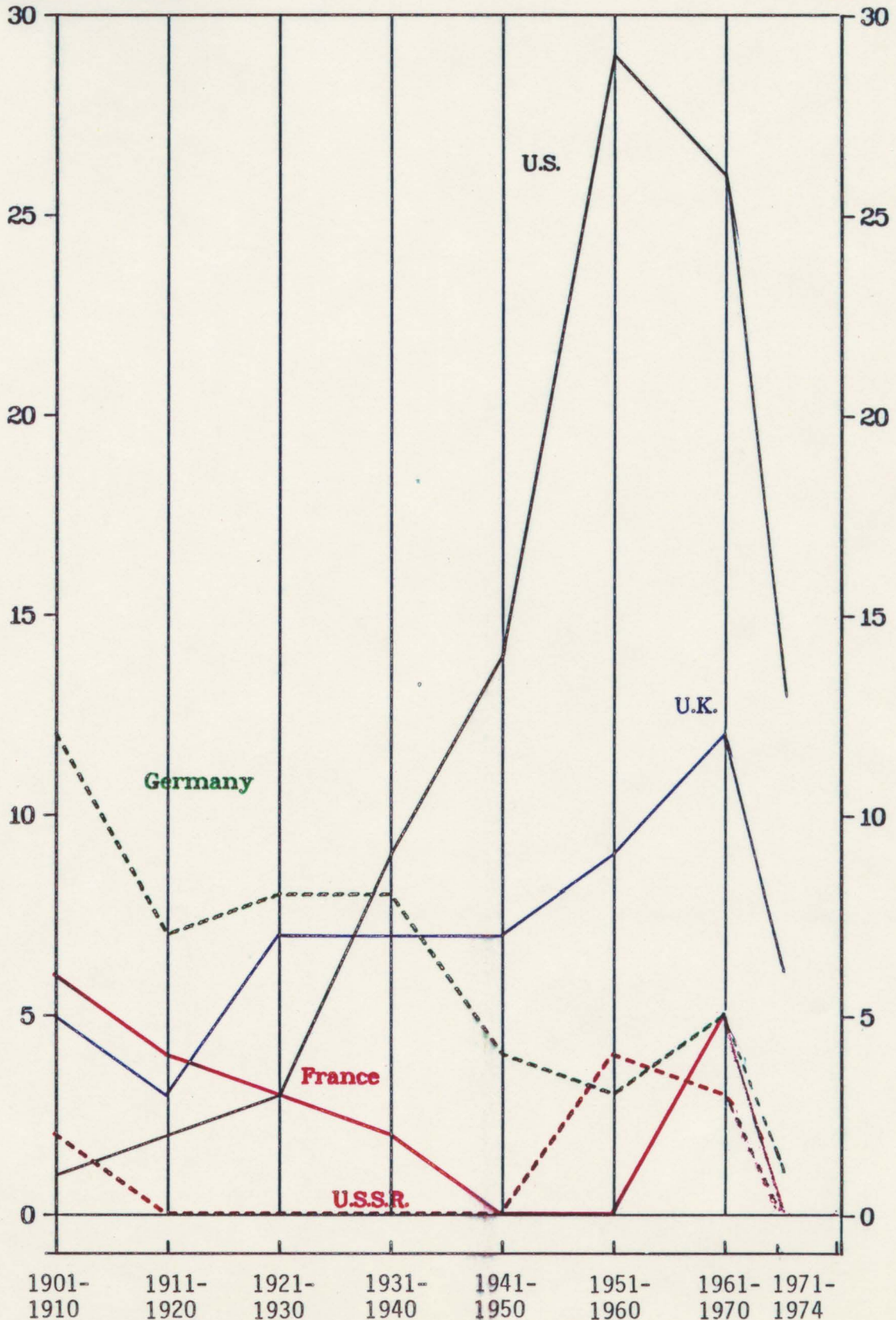
- The United States is the only major R&D-performing nation in which the rate of scientists and engineers engaged in R&D declined from 1970 to 1973.
- Due in large part to decreases in the employment of scientists and engineers in space and defense-related R&D.
- For each of the other countries, the number of scientists and engineers engaged in R&D increased at a faster rate than the population.

# D.2.2—Nobel Prizes in Science for Selected Countries: 1901 to 1974



## Total Population

Number of Prizes

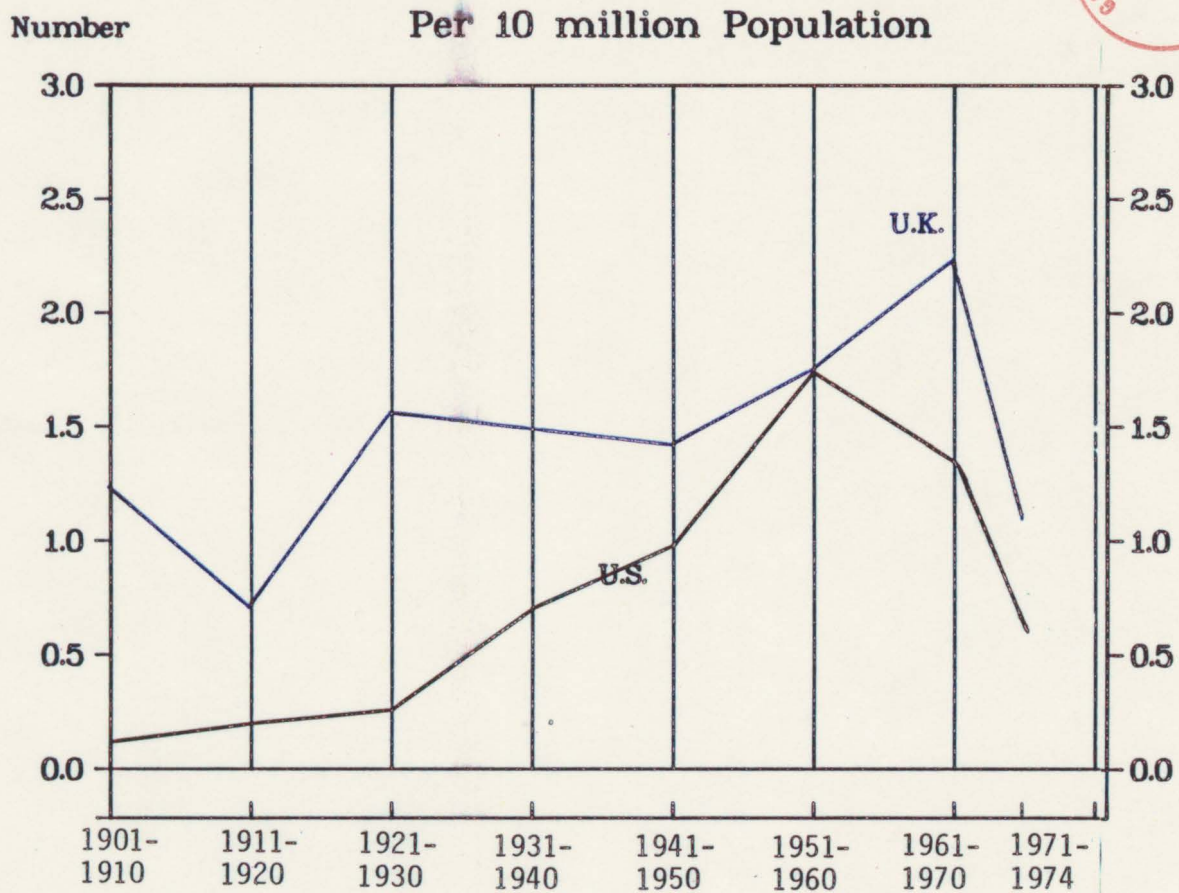


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## D.2.2—Nobel Prizes in Science for Selected Countries: 1901 to 1974



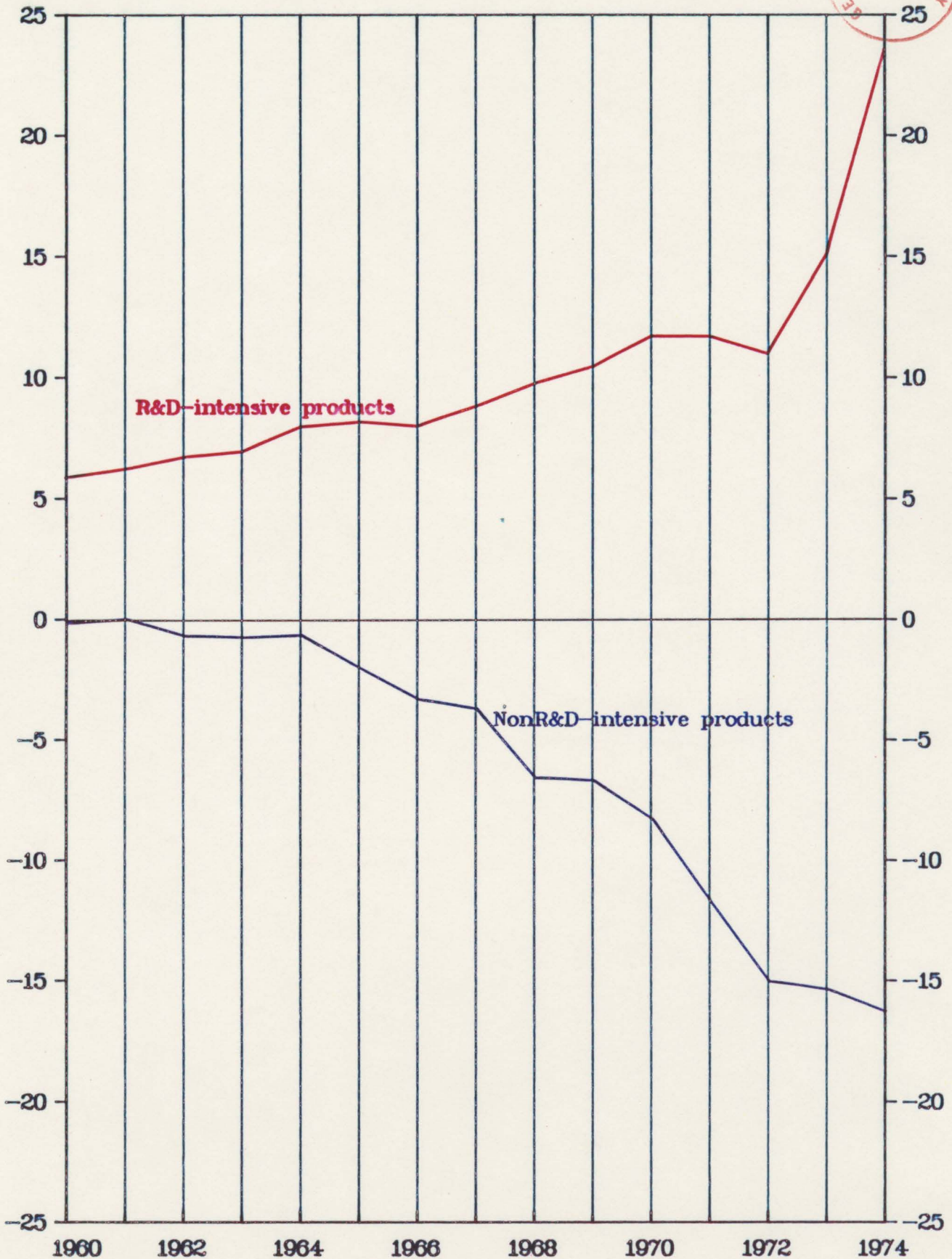
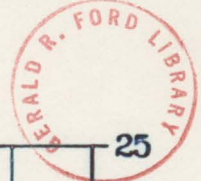
Source: National Science Board  
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- Scientists in the United States have received the largest number of awards over the 1901 to 1974 period as a whole, surpassing all other countries since the 1931 to 1940 decade.
- Prizes going to the United States scientists, however, declined after the 1951 to 1960 decade, primarily as a result of a smaller number of prizes in the field of physics.
- In relation to population, United States scientists received a smaller fraction of prizes than the United Kingdom over the last decades.

# D.2.2-U.S. Trade Balance: 1960 to 1974

## R&D-intensive and NonR&D-intensive Manufactured Products

Billions of Dollars



Source: National Science Board

26 April 1976



- The balance in R&D-intensive products increased fourfold over the 1960 to 1974 period and doubled between 1970 to 1974 alone.
  - Nonelectrical machinery accounted for nearly one-half of the favorable balance.
    - Aircrafts and parts, chemicals, and electrical machinery also contributed to the positive balance.
- The United States had a large and increasing trade deficit in non-R&D intensive products.
  - Principal products responsible for deficit were: motor vehicles, textiles, and metals.