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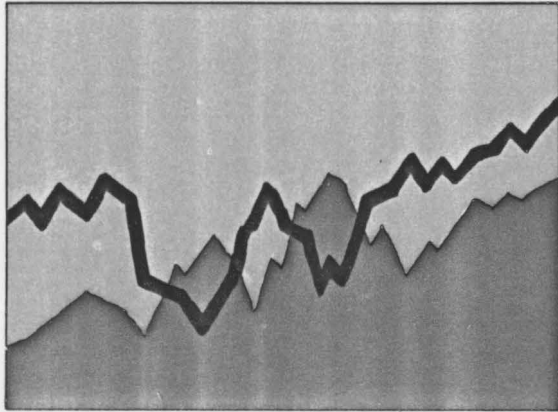
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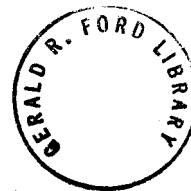
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— Labor Force Participation, Selected Characteristics				X	
— Part-time, Part-year Workers, Selected Characteristics				X	
— Employment by Occupation, Selected Characteristics				X	
— Unemployment, Selected Characteristics				X	
— Discouraged Workers		X			
— Labor Union Membership			X		
B.5.2 Earnings					
— Median Earnings, Selected Characteristics				X	

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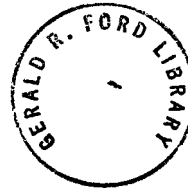


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SECTION B—General Social Indicators (Continued)

	WEEKLY	MONTHLY	QUARTERLY	ANNUAL	OTHER
B.5.3 Working Conditions					
— Regular and Overtime Hours, Selected Characteristics				X	
— Work Injuries by Occupation				X	
— Transportation to Work—Time, Distance, and Mode					X
B.5.4 Benefits					
— Vacations, Holidays					X
— Benefit Plans				X	
B.5.5 Retirement					
— Persons Retiring From Work				X	
— Work-Life Expectancy					X
— Retirement Benefits				X	
Part 6—Income, Consumption, and Wealth					
B.6.1 Income Levels					
— Median Family Income				X	
— Composition of Family Income				X	
— Per Capita Income				X	
B.6.2 Distribution of Income					
— Age, Race, and Sex				X	
— Regional Differences				X	
B.6.3 Poverty				X	
B.6.4 Consumption					
— Personal Consumption Expenditures			X		
— Consumption of Durable Goods				X	
B.6.5 Wealth					
— Net Worth of Consumer Units					X
— Composition of Wealth					X
B.6.6 Consumer Borrowing and Debt					
— Amount of Debt Outstanding				X	
— Debt/Income Ratio				X	
B.6.7 Consumer Attitudes			X		
Part 7—Housing					
B.7.1 Housing Conditions					
— Average Size of Households				X	
— Households Lacking Selected Facilities, by Size, Race, Tenure, and Location				X	
— Average Persons Per Room				X	

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SECTION B—Socioeconomic Series (Continued)

	WEEKLY	MONTHLY	QUARTERLY	ANNUAL	OTHER
B.7.2 Home Tenure					
— Single Family Dwellings				X	
— Mobile Homes				X	
— Condominiums and Other Multiunit Structures				X	
— Vacation Homes				X	
B.7.3 Cost and Expenditures					
— Average Mortgage Payments				X	
— Upkeep and Maintenance				X	
— Average Rental Payments				X	
B.7.4 Attitudes Towards Housing and the Community					X
Part 8—Leisure and Recreation					
B.8.1 Use of Leisure Time					X
B.8.2 Recreation					
— Outdoor (Social, Active Sports, etc.)					X
— Indoor (Television, Visiting, Other)				X	X
Part 9—Public Safety					
B.9.1 Crimes Known to Police					
— Violent			X	X	
— Property			X	X	
B.9.2 Victims of Crime, Selected Characteristics					
— Violent				X	
— Property				X	
B.9.3 Fear of Crime, Selected Characteristics					X
B.9.4 Police Activity					
— Persons Arrested by Charge				X	
— Offenses Cleared				X	
B.9.5 Judicial Activity					
— Persons Sentenced for Federal Crimes				X	
B.9.6 Prisoners, Adults and Juveniles					
— Prisoners by Sentence				X	
— Average Length of Sentence				X	
— Persons Executed and Sentenced to Death				X	
— Average Prison Population				X	
B.9.7 Expenditures for Administration of Criminal Justice				X	
B.9.8 Selected Studies					

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Part 1—Social Welfare and Security

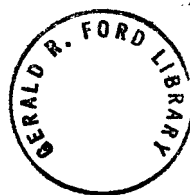
- C.1.1 Social Security (OASDHI)
 - Current Beneficiaries
 - New Beneficiaries
 - Average Payment
- C.1.2 Old Age Assistance
 - Benefits Paid
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- C.1.3 Aid to the Disabled
 - Blind
 - Deaf
 - Other
- C.1.4 Aid to Families With Dependent Children
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- C.1.5 Unemployment Insurance Coverage
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 - Recipients
- C.1.6 Housing Assistance
 - Recipients
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 - Recipients
 - Benefits
- C.1.8 Aid to Disaster Victims
 - Recipients
 - Benefits
- C.1.9 Veterans Benefits
 - Recipients
 - Benefits

Part 2—Equal Opportunity

- C.2.1 Equal Employment Opportunity
 - Minority Employment
 - Earnings, Promotions, etc.
- C.2.2 School Desegregation
 - Students Attending Predominantly Minority Schools
 - Public/Private Enrollment, and Control

	WEEKLY	MONTHLY	QUARTERLY	ANNUAL	OTHER
C.1.1 Social Security (OASDHI)					
— Current Beneficiaries		X			
— New Beneficiaries		X			
— Average Payment		X			
C.1.2 Old Age Assistance					
— Benefits Paid		X			
— Recipients		X			
C.1.3 Aid to the Disabled					
— 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					
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C.1.7 Food Stamps					
— Recipients		X			
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C.1.9 Veterans Benefits					
— Recipients		X			
— Benefits		X			
C.2.1 Equal Employment Opportunity					
— Minority Employment				X	
— Earnings, Promotions, etc.				X	
C.2.2 School Desegregation					
— Students Attending Predominantly Minority Schools				X	
— Public/Private Enrollment, and Control				X	

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Part 3—Government Operation

C.3.1 Federal Employment

- Employees
- Payroll

C.3.2 State and Local Employment and Finances

- Employees
- Payroll

WEEKLY	MONTHLY	QUARTERLY	ANNUAL	OTHER
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	X			
	X			
	X			
	X			

SECTION D—Environment, Science, Culture

Part 1—Environment

D.1.1 Air Quality

- Amount of Pollutants Released Into the Atmosphere
- Ambient Air Quality-National, Major Cities
- Perceived Quality

D.1.2 Water Quality

- Miles of Streams Meeting EPA Standards
- Oil Spills, Fish Kills

D.1.3 Hazardous Substances

- Estimated Amounts Produced
- Concentration in Biosphere

D.1.4 Ecological Balances

- Endangered Species (Plant and Animal)
- Critical Areas (Coastal Zones)
- Land/People Density

D.1.5 Expenditures—Public and Private

Part 2—Science

D.2.1 Professionals in Scientific Fields

- By Specialty
- Person Years of Scientists, Engineers Engaged in R&D

D.2.2 Expenditures for Research and Development

- Private Industry
- Government

D.2.3 Science Achievement in Schools

- Secondary Schools
- Higher Education

			X	
			X	
				X
			X	
			X	
			X	
			X	
				X
				X

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SECTION D—Environment, Science, Culture

D.2.4 Public Attitudes Towards Science and Technology

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D.3.1 Persons Employed in Artistic Professions
 – By Type

D.3.2 Children’s Skill and Appreciation of Literature Arts, Music

D.3.3 Participation in Cultural Activities
 – Voluntary Organizations

– Travel

– Hobbies, Sports, Music, etc.

D.3.4 Attendance at Cultural Events
 – Plays, Galleries, Motion Pictures

– Concerts, Museums, etc.

SECTION E—Selected Subjects

	WEEKLY	MONTHLY	QUARTERLY	ANNUAL	OTHER
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.1.5—Expenditures for New Plant and Equipment

Seasonally Adjusted Annual Rates

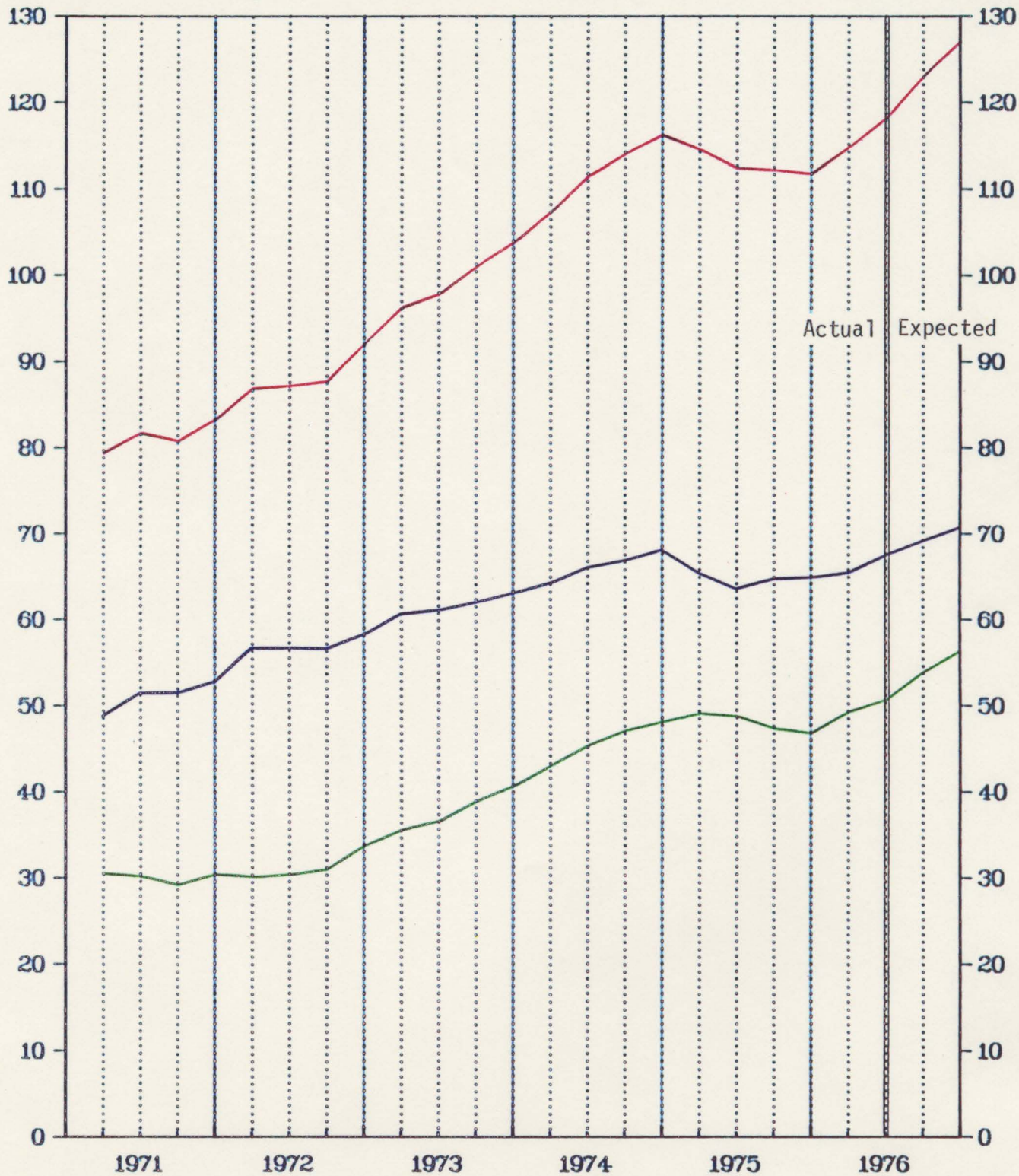


	This Period	Change Last Per.	Change Year Ago
All Industries	\$118.1	3.0%	5.0%
Nonmanufacturing	\$67.5	3.0%	6.0%
Manufacturing	\$50.6	2.9%	3.8%

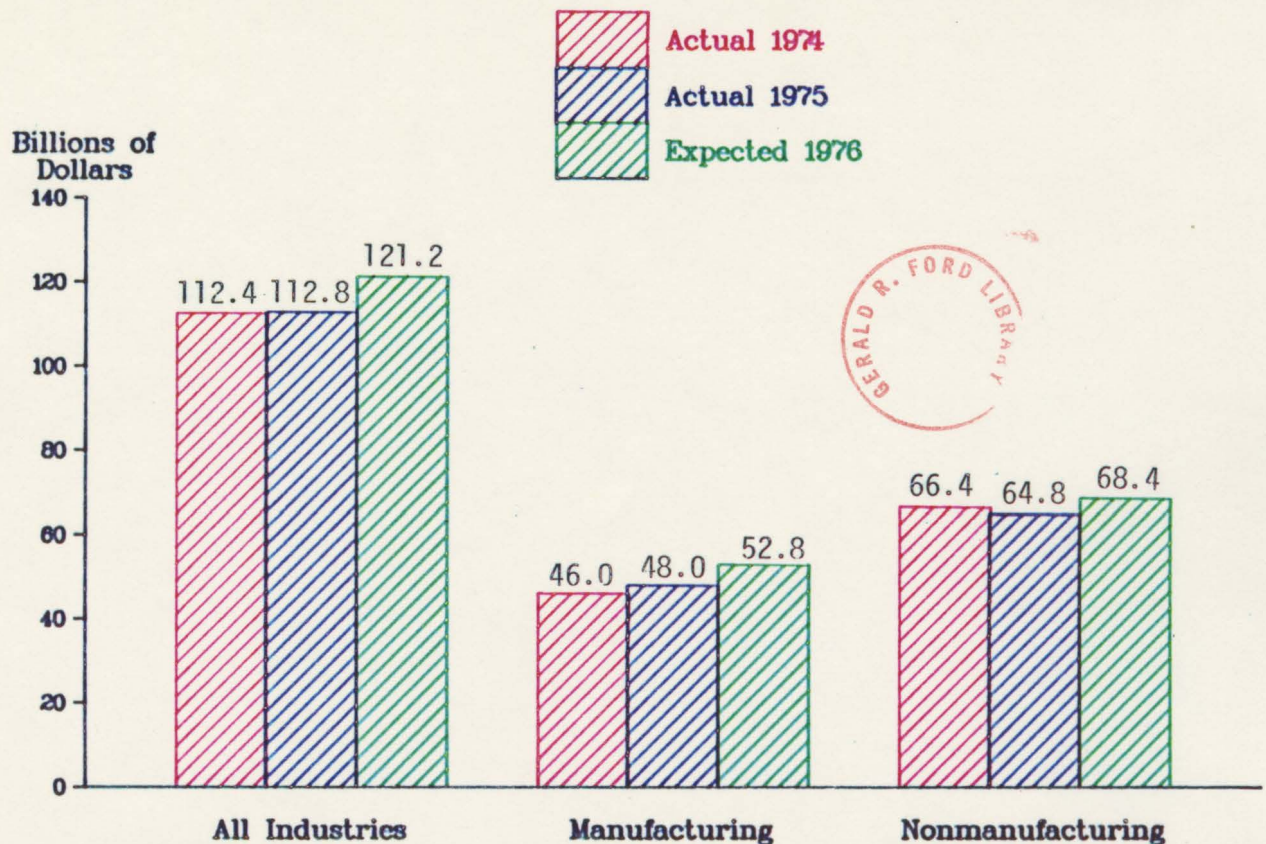
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A. 1. 5—Expenditures for New Plant and Equipment

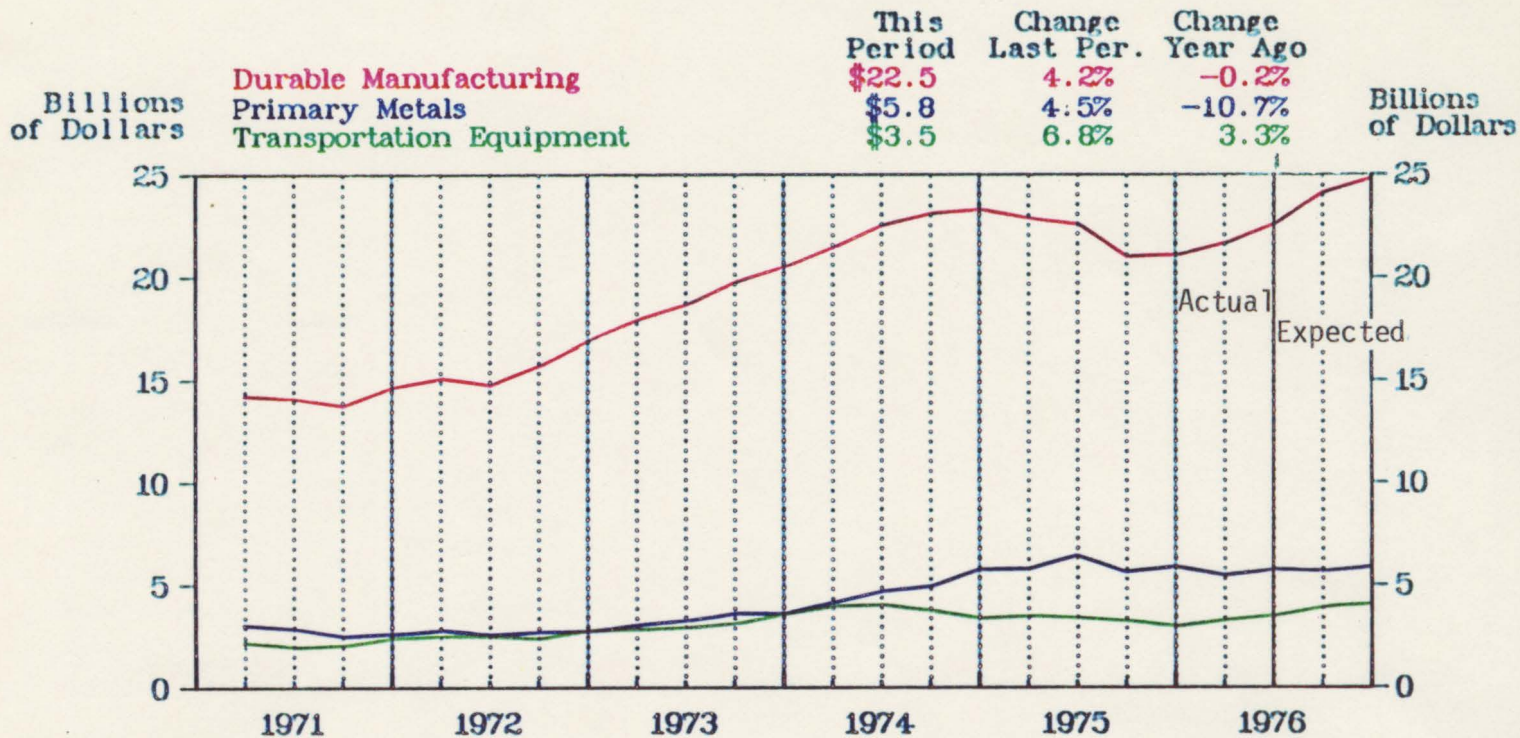


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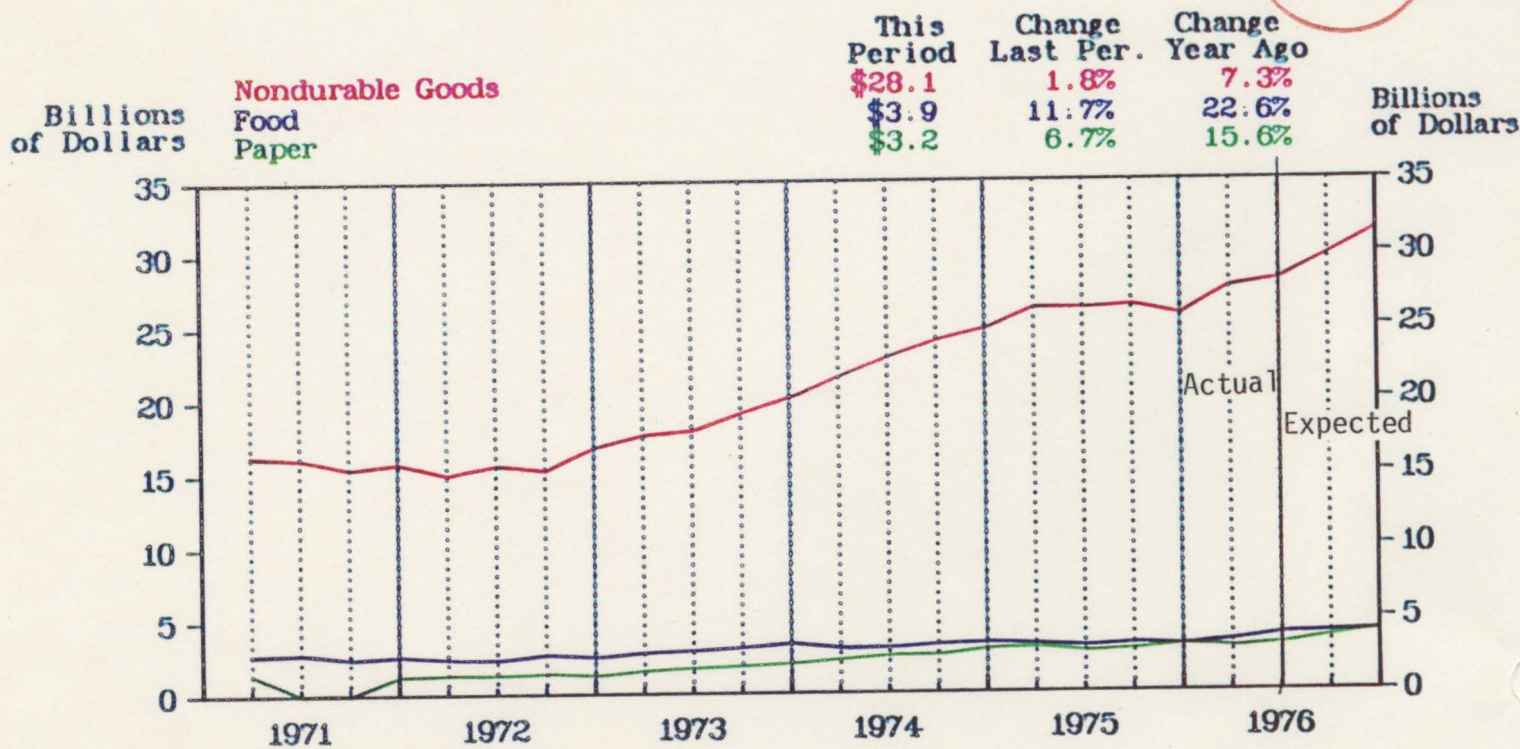
- Actual spending for New Plant and Equipment by All industries rose more during the second quarter of 1976 than during the first.
 - Up 3.0 percent compared to 2.6 percent in the first quarter, to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of \$118.1 billion.
 - Projections indicate increases of 4.1 percent and 3.3 percent in the third and fourth quarters for a total annual outlay of \$121.2 billion. This is an increase of 7.4 percent since 1975 and is little changed from the projection reported in the April-May survey.
- Actual spending by Manufacturing Industries rose more slowly during the second quarter than in the first--up 2.9 percent compared to 5.1 percent.
 - Spending plans indicate increases of 6.3 percent and 4.6 percent in the third and fourth quarters for a total expenditure of \$52.8 billion for the year.
- Spending by Nonmanufacturing Industries rose more in the second quarter than in the first--up 3.0 percent compared to 0.8 percent.
- Increases of 2.5 percent and 2.3 percent are projected for the third and fourth quarters for a total annual outlay of \$68.4 billion.

A.1.5—Expenditures for New Plant and Equipment

Components of Durable Manufacturing

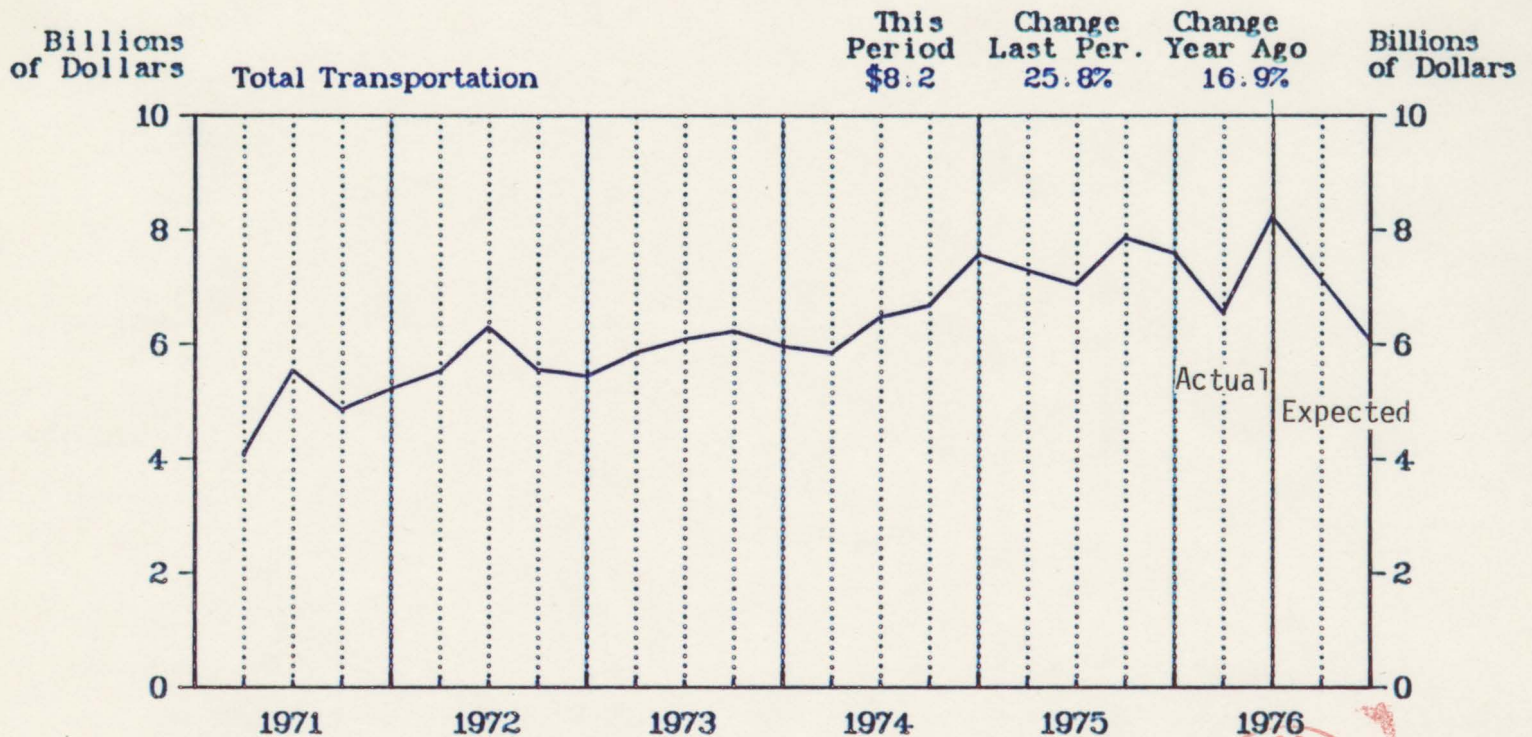


Components of Nondurable Manufacturing



A.1.5—Expenditures for New Plant and Equipment

Components of Nonmanufacturing

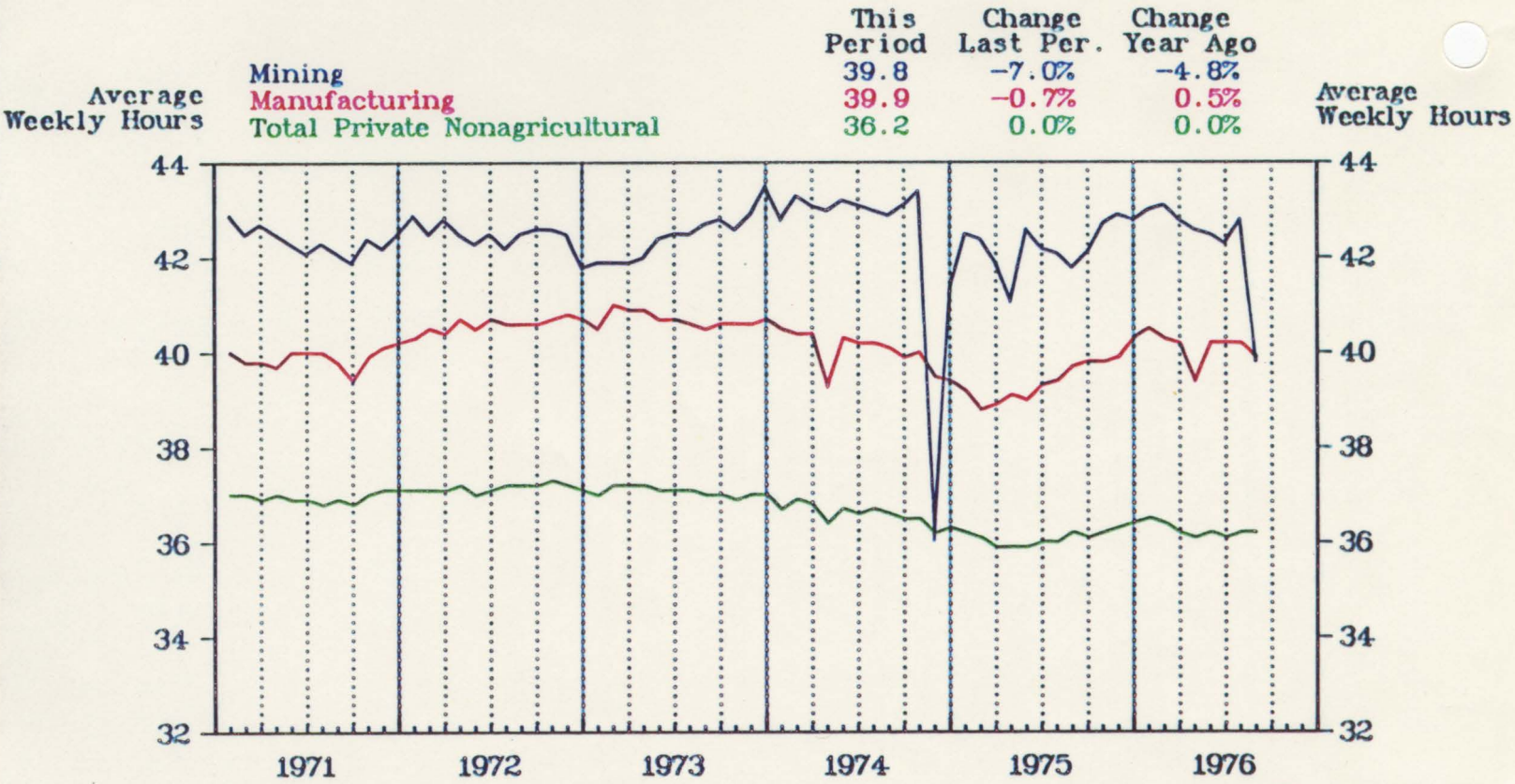


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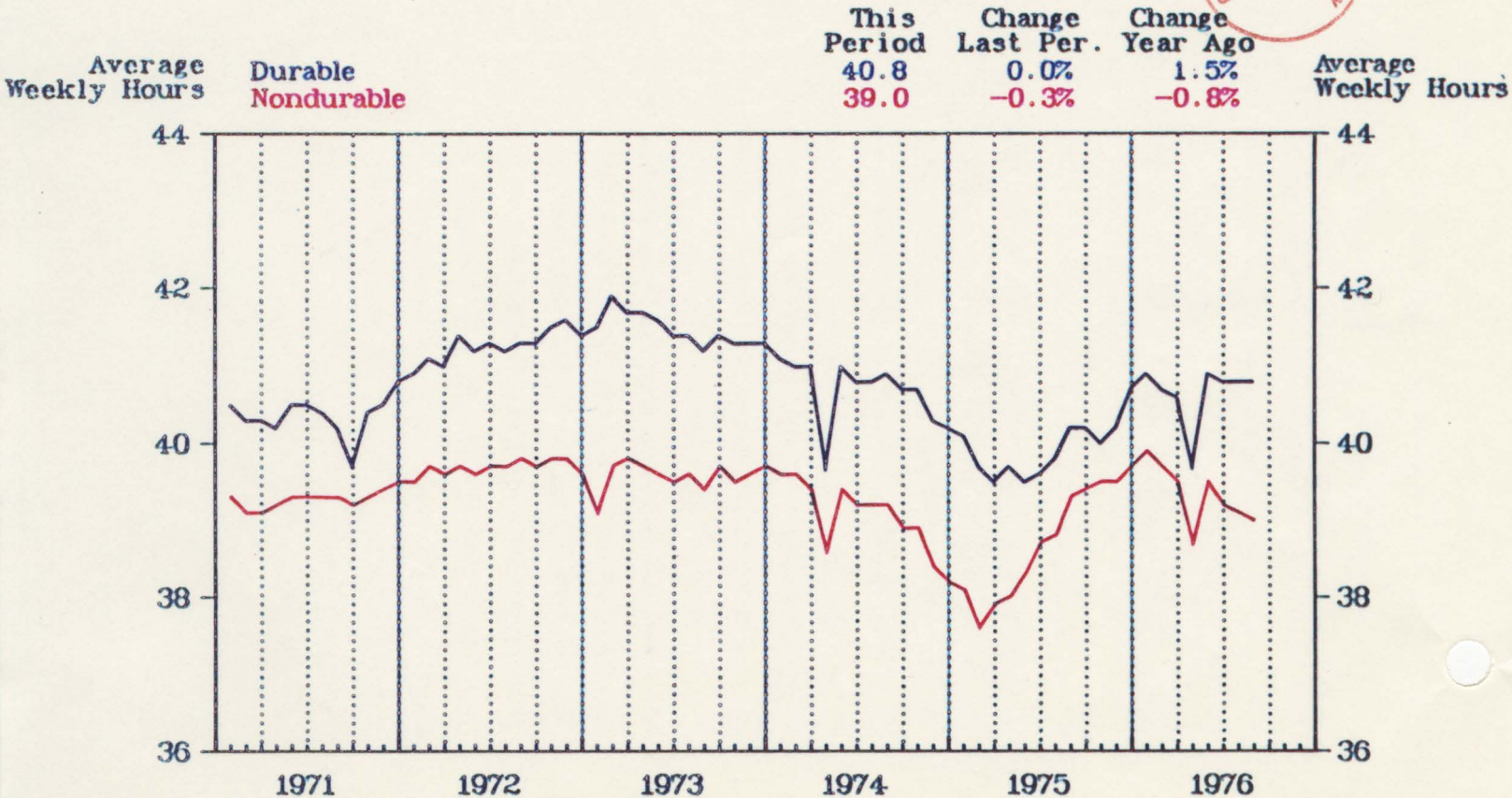


- Actual spending by Manufacturers of Durable Goods rose 4.2 percent in the second quarter compared to 2.7 percent in the first quarter.
 - Largest dollar increases were reported in Primary Metals (up 4.5 percent) and Transportation Equipment (up 6.8 percent).
 - Spending plans indicate a 6.8 percent gain in the third quarter and a 3.0 percent rise in the fourth quarter for a total annual outlay of \$23.4 billion.
- Spending by Nondurable Manufacturers, which advanced 7.1 percent in the first quarter, rose only 1.8 percent during the second quarter.
 - Largest increases were posted in the Food and Paper industries.
 - Estimates indicate increases of 5.8 percent and 3.9 percent in the third and fourth quarters, respectively.
- Spending by all Transportation industries, which had declined in the first quarter, advanced 25.8 percent during the second quarter, accounting for about four-fifths of the total increase in Nonmanufacturing Industries.
 - Spending is expected to decline in the third and fourth quarters.

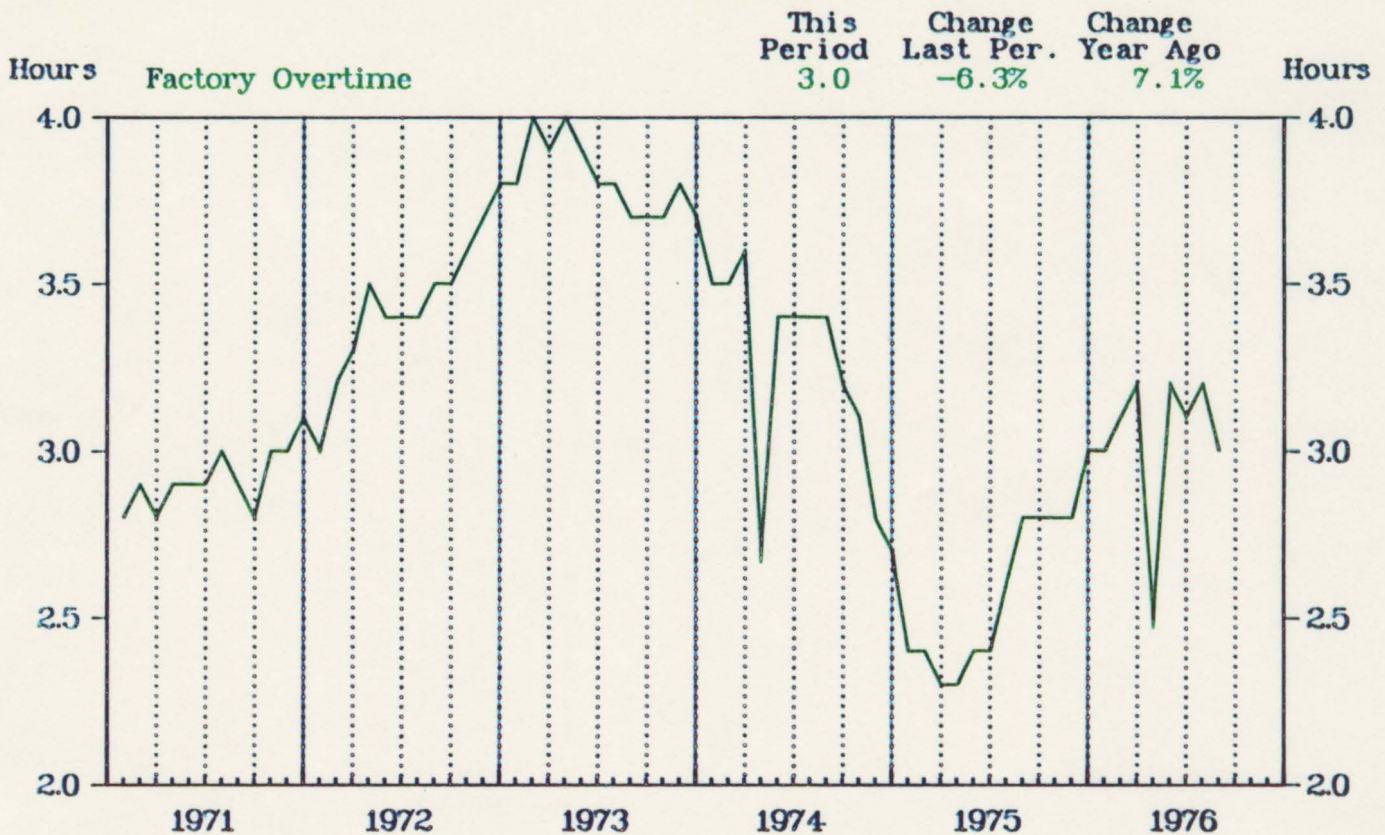
A.3.1—Average Workweek



Components of Manufacturing



A.3.1—Average Overtime in Manufacturing



Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics
13 September 1976



- The Average Workweek for all production and nonsupervisory workers remained at 36.2 hours in August for the third time in the last 4 months.
- Offsetting movements occurred among the major industry components.
 - The workweek in Mining, dropping 3 hours, showed the largest decline.
 - After 3 consecutive months at 40.2 hours, the manufacturing workweek dropped to 39.9 hours.
 - Most of the drop occurred in the overtime component, which declined 0.2 hour to 3 hours.
 - Durable Goods industries remained unchanged at 40.8 hours; Nondurable Goods decreased 0.1 hour to 39.0 hours.
- Small increases in average workweek were recorded in several other component industries.

A.4.6-Retail Sales

August Advance

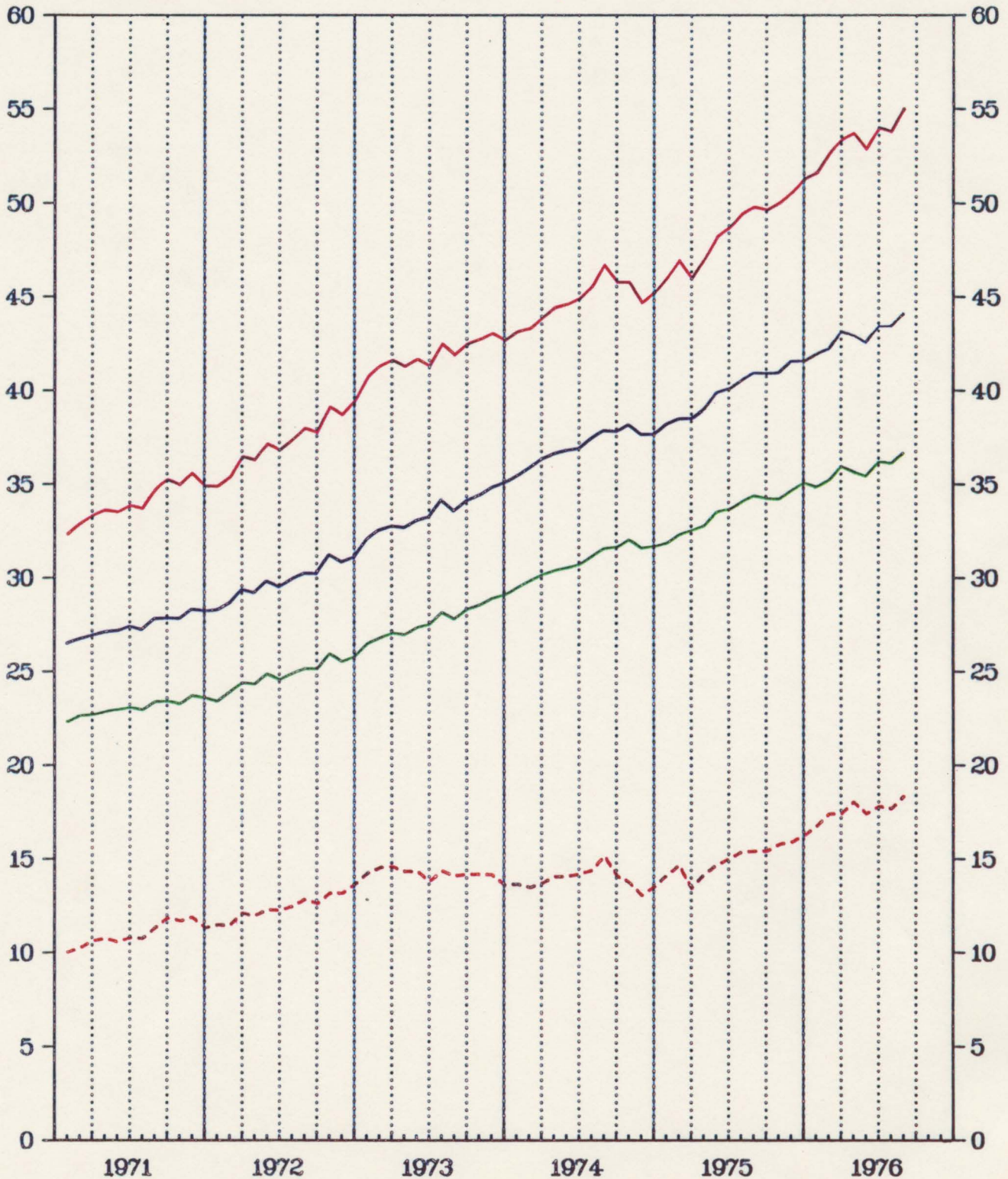


Total Sales
**Total Excluding &
 Automotive Group**
Nondurable Goods
Durable Goods - - - -

This Period	Change Last Per.	Change Year Ago
\$55.0	2.3%	10.5%
\$44.1	1.5%	7.8%
\$36.7	1.6%	6.7%
\$18.3	3.8%	19.1%

Billions of Dollars

Billions of Dollars



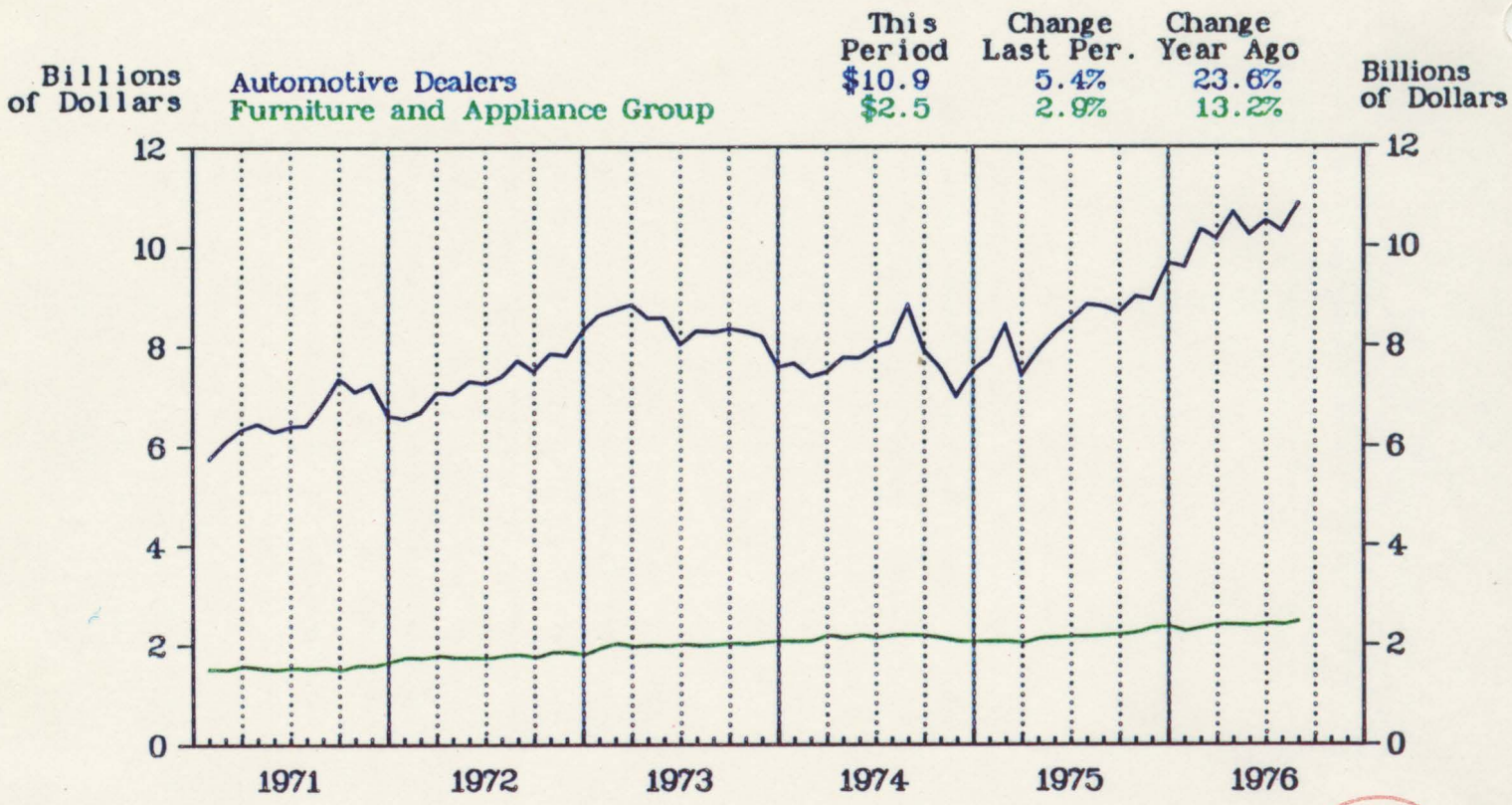
Source: Bureau of the Census
 13 September 1976

- Total Retail Sales, rebounding from the July decline, advanced \$1.2 billion (2.3 percent) in August to an estimated \$55.0 billion.
 - The July decrease, originally estimated at 1.2 percent, was revised to 0.3 percent on the basis of more complete data.
 - Almost all of the reporting groups posted gains over the month, with about 45 percent of the total increase centered in Sales of Automotive Dealers.
- Total Sales Excluding the Automotive Group, which were virtually unchanged in July, rose \$670 million (1.5 percent) in August to \$44.1 billion.
- Sales of Durable Goods, which had slipped \$124 million in July, rose \$668 million (3.8 percent) to \$18.3 billion.
 - Estimates for August indicate a 19.1 percent gain since August 1975.
- Sales of Nondurable Goods increased \$560 million (1.6 percent) to \$36.7 billion.
 - Up about 6.7 percent since a year earlier.

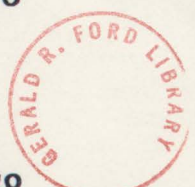
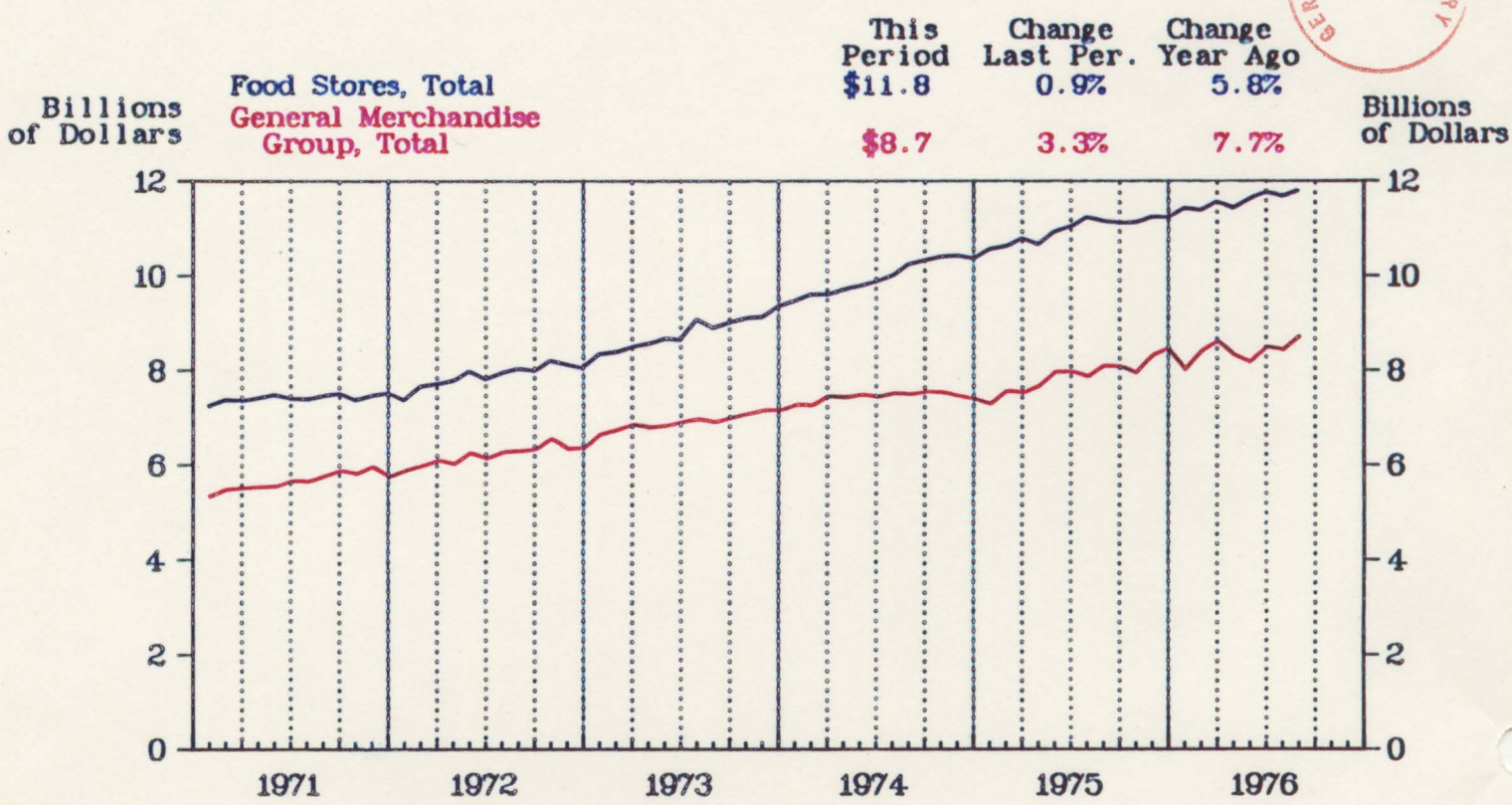


A.4.6-Retail Sales

Selected Durable Goods



Selected Nondurable Goods

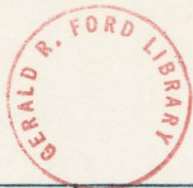


Source: Bureau of the Census
13 September 1976



- Sales of Automotive Dealers posted the largest gain since February, up \$558 million to \$10.9 billion, eclipsing the previous high reported in April of this year.
 - Up 23.6 percent since August 1975.
- Among Nondurable Goods industries:
 - The increase of \$317 million in sales of the General Merchandise Group accounted for about half of the total increase in Nondurable Goods.
 - August sales, estimated at a new high of \$8.7 billion, were about 7.7 percent above August 1975.
- Sales of Food Stores rose \$111 million (0.9 percent) to \$11.8 billion.

A.4.7—Sales of Merchant Wholesalers

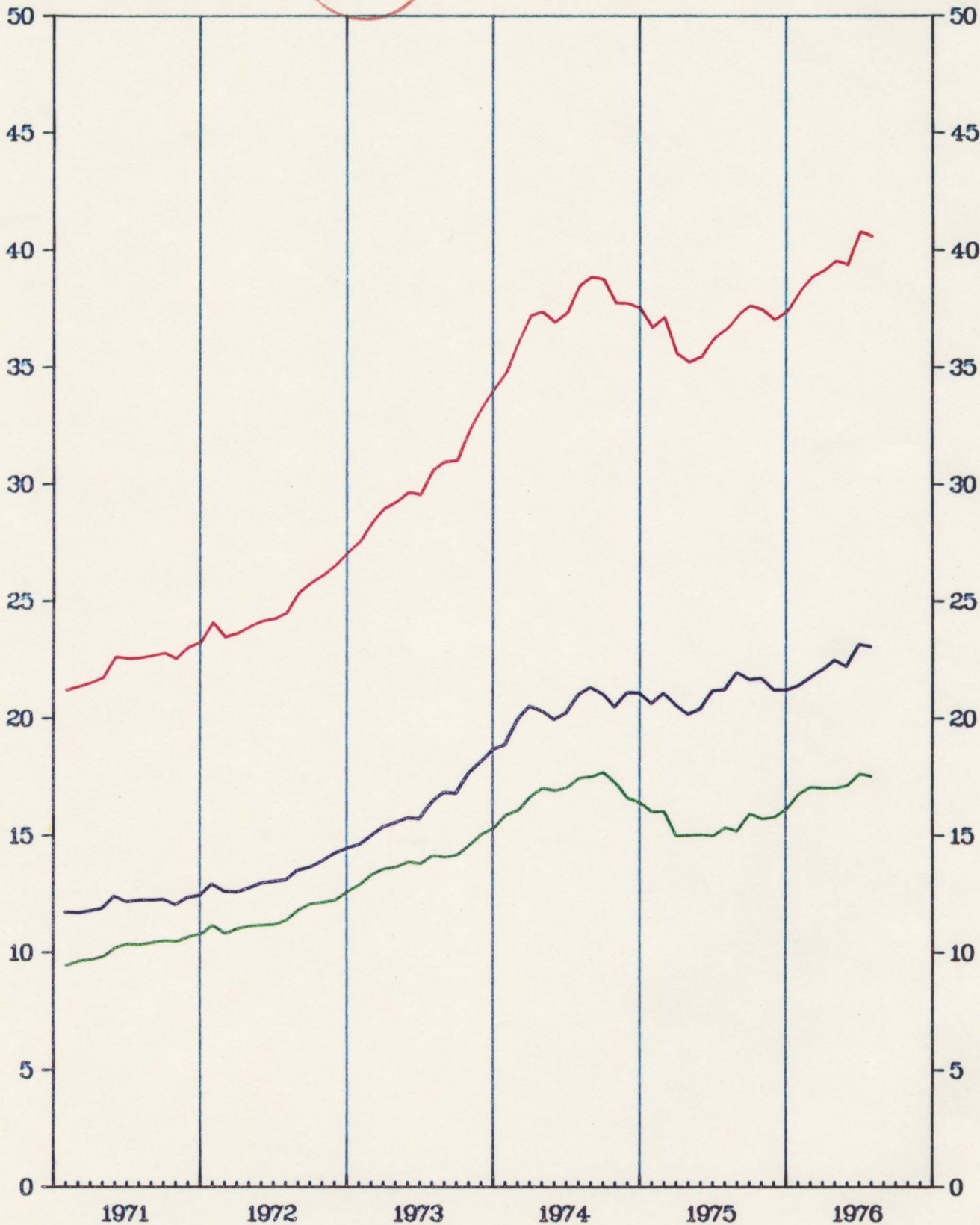


This Period	Change Last Per.	Change Year Ago
\$40.6	-0.5%	11.0%
\$23.1	-0.4%	8.7%
\$17.5	-0.6%	14.3%

Billions of Dollars

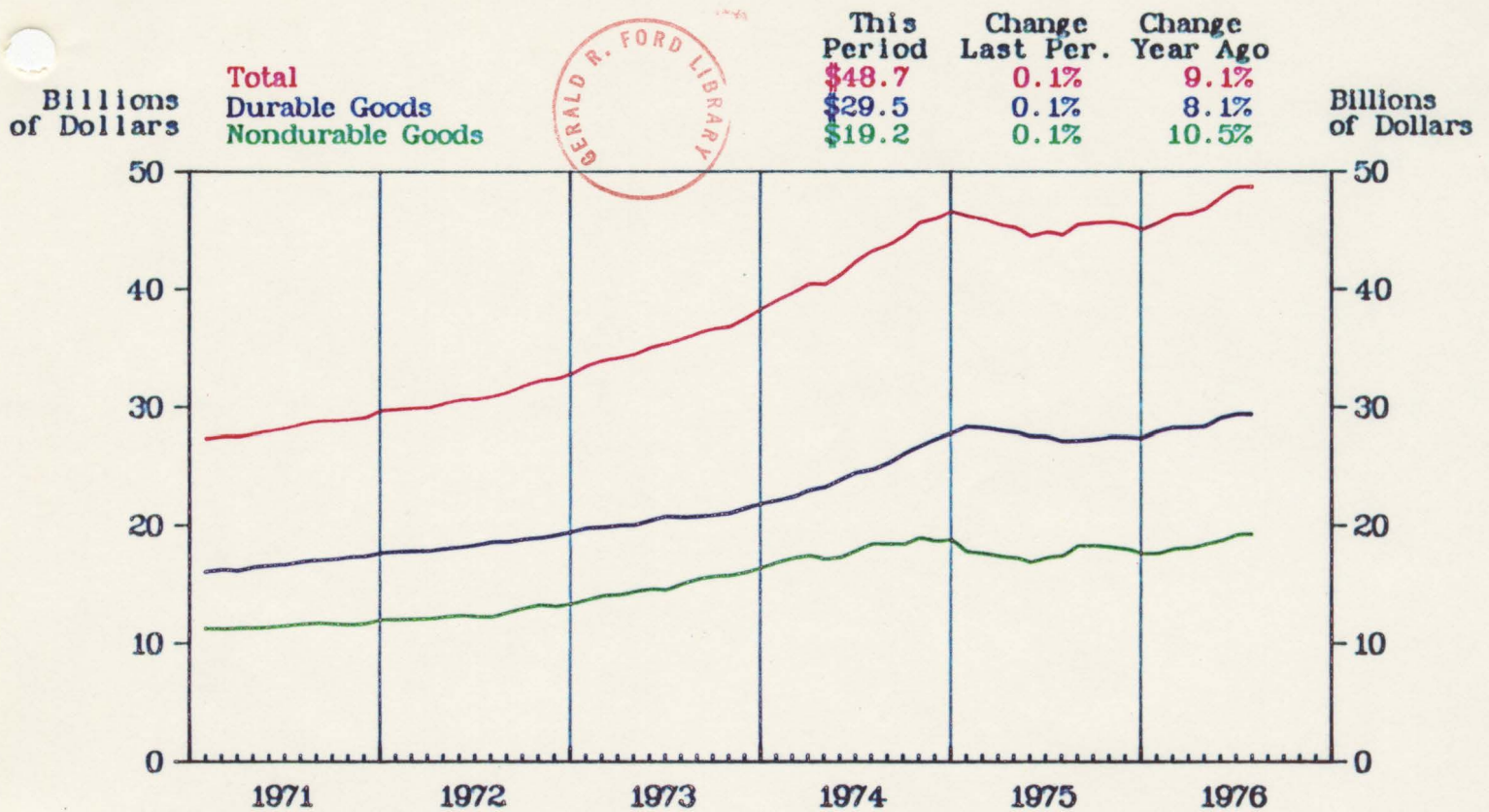
Total
Nondurable Goods
Durable Goods

Billions of Dollars



Source: Bureau of the Census
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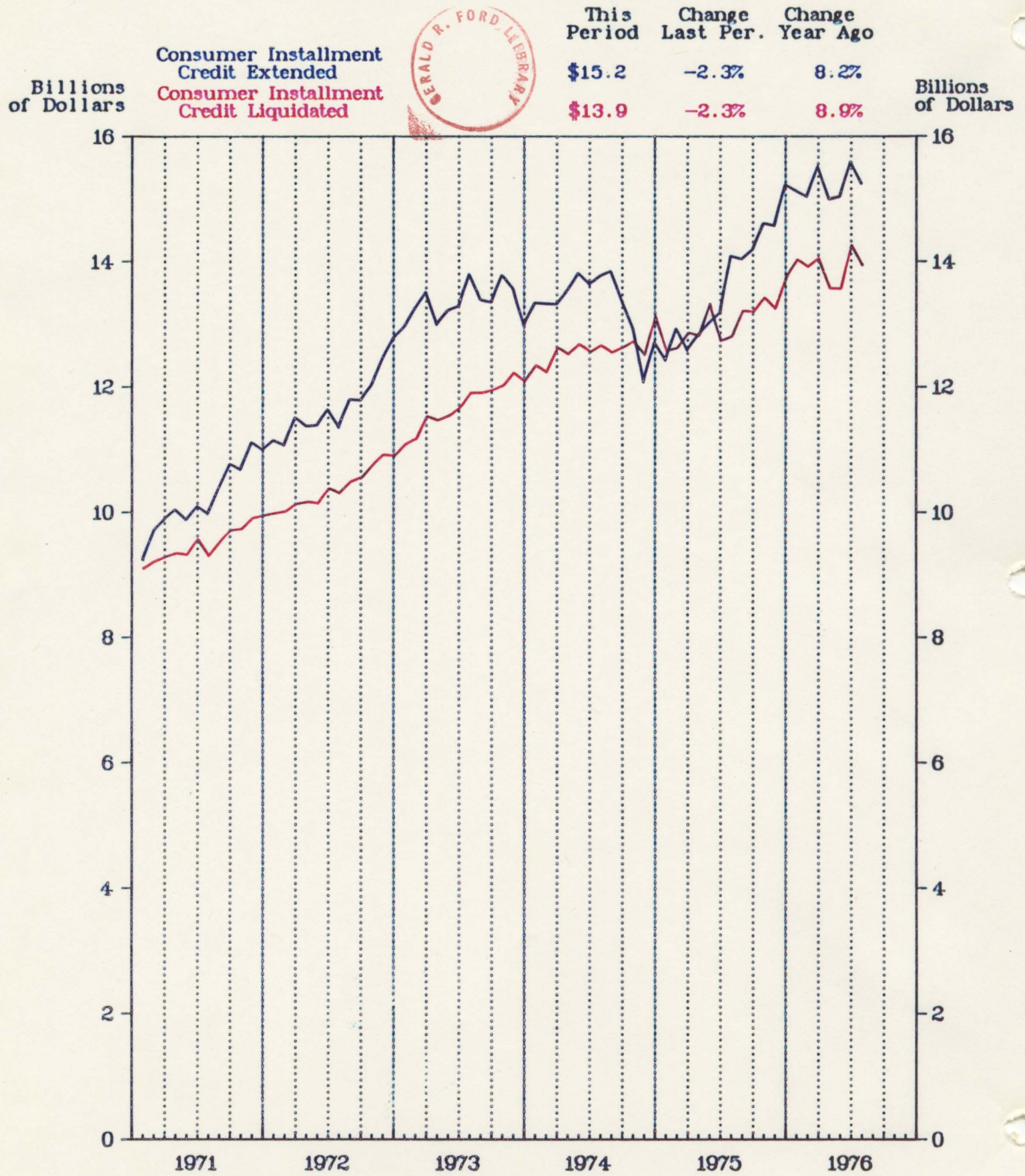
A.4.7—Inventories of Merchant Wholesalers



Source: Bureau of the Census
13 September 1976

- Following a downward-revised \$1.4 billion gain in June, Sales of Merchant Wholesalers declined \$186 million (0.5 percent) in July to \$40.6 billion.
- Sales of Durable Goods, chiefly reflecting declines in Sales of Electrical Goods and Metals and Metalwork, declined \$101 million (0.6 percent) to \$17.5 billion.
- Sales of Nondurable Goods slipped \$85 million to \$23.1 billion.
- Inventories rose a modest \$60 million (0.1 percent) in July, the smallest increase in 7 months.
- The July rise follows increases of \$973 million and \$846 million in May and June, respectively.
- Durable Inventories increased \$34 million to \$29.5 billion and Nondurable Inventories edged up \$26 million to \$19.2 billion.

A.10.3—Consumer Installment Credit Extensions and Liquidations



Source: Federal Reserve Board
13 September 1976

A.10.3—Net Change in Consumer Installment Credit Outstanding

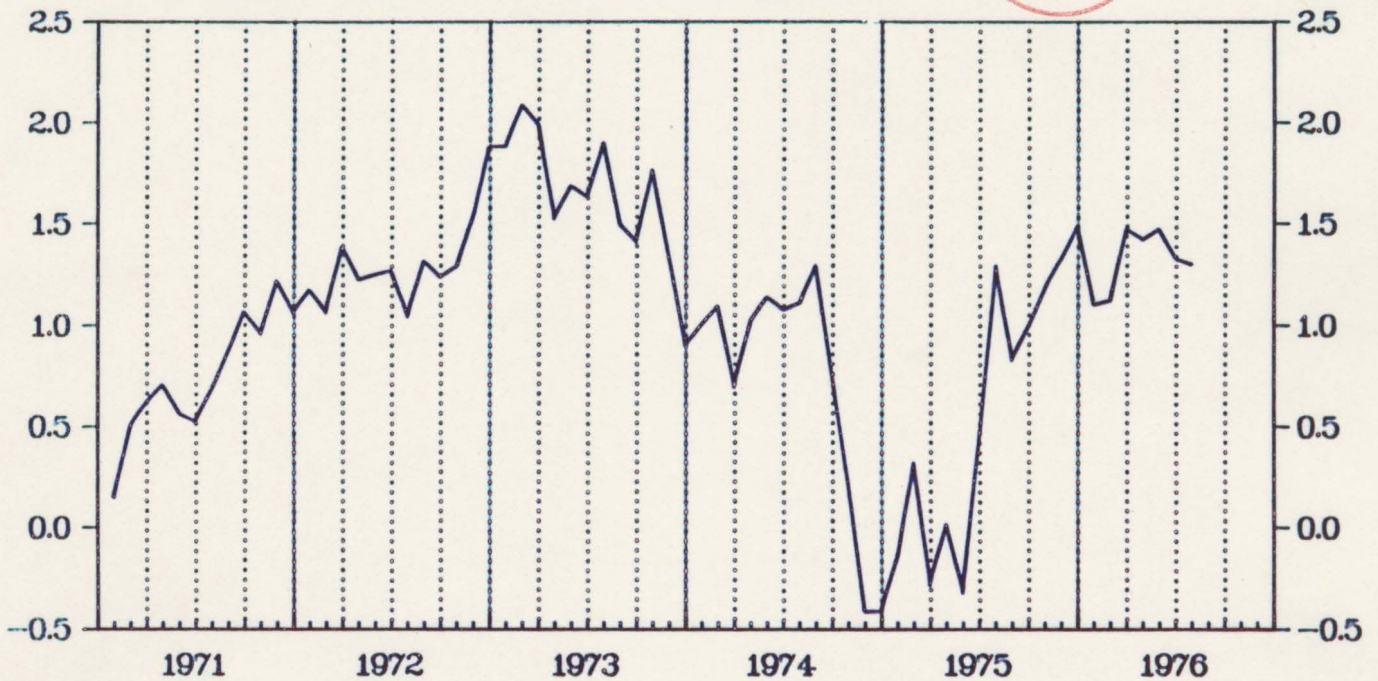


Billions of Dollars

Total Installment Credit

This Period
\$1.30

Billions of Dollars



Source: Federal Reserve Board
13 September 1976

- Total Consumer Installment Credit Extended decreased \$352 million (2.3 percent) in July to \$15.2 billion.
- Total Liquidations declined \$324 million (2.3 percent) to \$13.9 billion.
- As a result, total Outstanding Credit was expanded by \$1.3 billion in July, the smallest increase since February.
- Growth in Automobile and Bank-Card Credit exceeded the June figures, but was offset by smaller gains in Home Improvement and "All Other" credit.