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THIRD QUARTER 2009 DATA FROM THE QUARTERLY FINANCIAL REPORT: U.S. MANUFACTURING, MINING, AND WHOLESALE TRADE CORPORATIONS

After-Tax Profits and Sales, Third Quarter 2009 - Seasonally Adjusted

Manufacturing Corporations

U.S. manufacturing corporations' seasonally adjusted **after-tax profits** in the third quarter of 2009 totaled \$88.5 billion, up \$36.4 (± 0.5) billion from the after-tax profits of \$52.1 billion recorded in the second quarter of 2009, but down \$29.3 (± 1.6) billion from the \$117.8 billion after-tax profits recorded in the third quarter of 2008.

Seasonally adjusted **sales** for the quarter totaled \$1,296.7 billion, up \$49.8 (± 5.5) billion from the \$1,246.9 billion recorded in the second quarter of 2009, but down \$356.8 (± 20.3) billion from the \$1,653.5 billion recorded in the third quarter of 2008.

After-tax profits per dollar of sales averaged 6.8 cents for the quarter, compared with 4.2 cents for the second quarter of 2009, and 7.1 cents for the third quarter of 2008.

Nondurable Goods Manufacturers

Nondurable goods manufacturers' seasonally adjusted **after-tax profits** in the third quarter of 2009 totaled \$60.2 billion, up \$5.9 (± 0.3) billion from the after-tax profits of \$54.4 billion recorded in the second quarter of 2009, but down \$22.3 (± 0.7) billion from the \$82.5 billion after-tax profits recorded in the third quarter of 2008.

Seasonally adjusted **sales** for the quarter totaled \$686.5 billion, up \$36.3 (± 4.9) billion from the \$650.2 billion recorded in the second quarter of 2009, but down \$223.2 (± 10.1) billion from the \$909.7 billion recorded in the third quarter of 2008.

After-tax profits per dollar of sales averaged 8.8 cents for the quarter, compared with 8.4 cents for the second quarter of 2009, and 9.1 cents for the third quarter of 2008.

Durable Goods Manufacturers

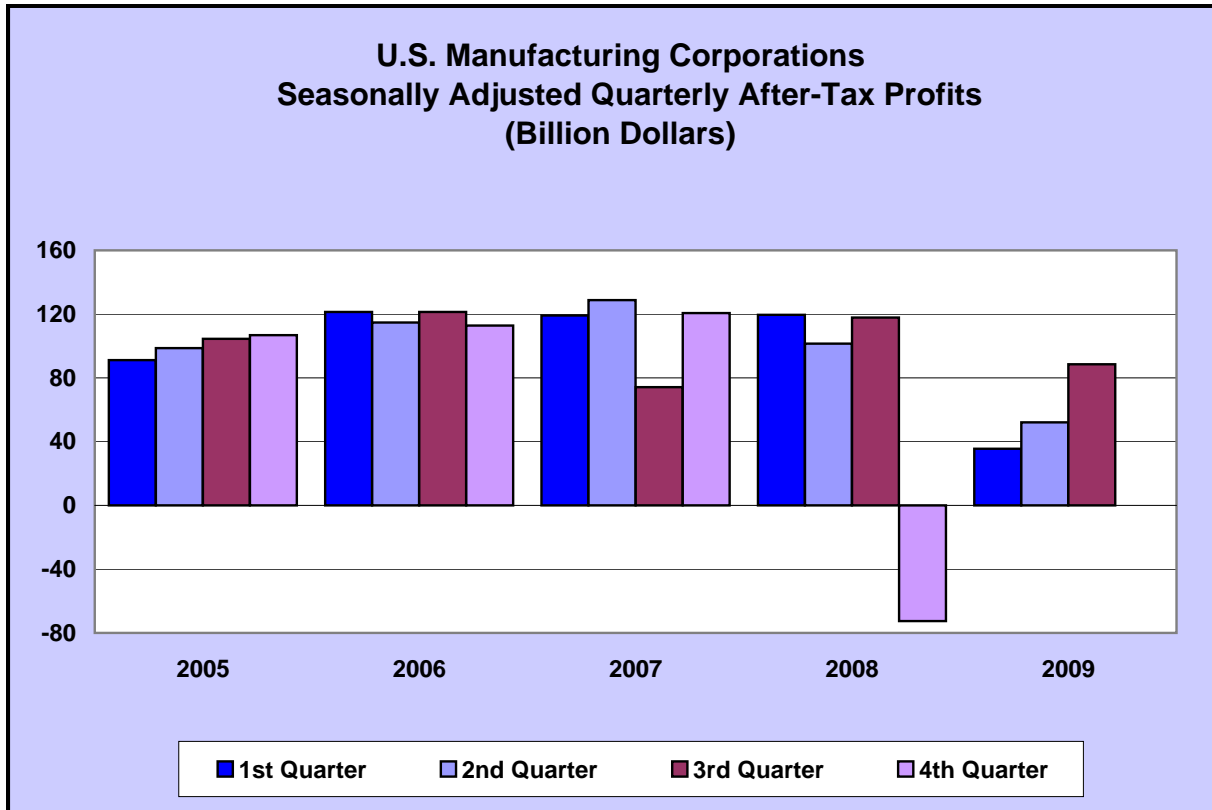
Durable goods manufacturers' seasonally adjusted **after-tax profits** in the third quarter of 2009 totaled \$28.3 billion, up \$30.5 (± 0.3) billion from the after-tax losses of \$2.3 billion recorded in the second quarter of 2009, but down \$7.0 (± 1.4) billion from the \$35.3 billion after-tax profits recorded in the third quarter of 2008.

Seasonally adjusted **sales** for the quarter totaled \$610.3 billion, up \$13.5 (± 2.1) billion from the \$596.8 billion recorded in the second quarter of 2009, but down \$133.6 (± 11.7) billion from the \$743.8 billion recorded in the third quarter of 2008.

After-tax profits per dollar of sales averaged 4.6 cents for the quarter, compared with -0.4 cents in the previous quarter, but not statistically different from the 4.7 cents recorded in the third quarter of 2008.

Manufacturing Corporations' Quarterly After-Tax Profits, 2005-2009—Seasonally Adjusted

Third quarter seasonally-adjusted after-tax profits of U.S. manufacturing corporations in 2009 were up over \$36 billion compared to second quarter 2009. However, compared to the same quarter a year ago they were down \$29 billion.



After-Tax Profits and Sales, Third Quarter 2009 - Not Seasonally Adjusted

Manufacturing Corporations

U.S. manufacturing corporations' third quarter 2009 unadjusted **after-tax profits** totaled \$94.3 billion, down \$29.3 (±1.6) billion from the \$123.6 billion after-tax profits recorded in the third quarter of 2008, but up \$34.3 (±0.5) billion from the after-tax profits of \$60.0 billion recorded in the second quarter of 2009.

Unadjusted **sales** for the third quarter of 2009 totaled \$1,321.9 billion, down \$360.3 (±20.3) billion from the \$1,682.3 billion recorded in the third quarter of 2008, but up \$58.8 (±5.5) billion from second quarter 2009 sales of \$1,263.2 billion.

After-tax profits per dollar of sales averaged 7.1 cents for the quarter, compared with 7.4 cents for the third quarter of 2008, and 4.8 cents for the second quarter of 2009.

Nondurable Goods Manufacturers

Nondurable goods manufacturers' third quarter 2009 unadjusted **after-tax profits** totaled \$65.5 billion, down \$22.1 (±0.7) billion from the \$87.6 billion recorded in the third quarter of 2008. Within industry categories, year-over-year results were mixed. Industries reporting decreases included petroleum and coal products, down \$27.6 (±0.2) billion; all other chemicals, down \$1.7 (±0.2) billion; and printing and related support activities, down \$0.2 (±0.1) billion. Industries reporting increases included pharmaceuticals and medicines, up \$3.1 (±0.2) billion; textile mills and textile product mills, up \$1.5 (±0.1) billion; plastics and rubber products, up \$1.3 (±0.2) billion; paper, up \$0.7 (±0.1) billion; and beverage and tobacco products, up \$0.6 (±0.1) billion.

Compared with second quarter 2009 after-tax profits of \$56.4 billion, third quarter 2009 after-tax profits, at \$65.5 billion, were up \$9.1 (± 0.3) billion. Within industry categories, quarter-over-quarter results were mostly up. Industries reporting increases included petroleum and coal products, up \$3.9 (± 0.2) billion; pharmaceuticals and medicines, up \$2.3 (± 0.1) billion; basic chemicals, resins, and synthetics, up \$0.7 (± 0.1) billion; paper, up \$0.6 (± 0.1) billion; food, up \$0.5 (± 0.1) billion; apparel and leather products, up \$0.5 (± 0.1) billion; and plastics and rubber products, up \$0.5 (± 0.1) billion. One industry reported a decrease, beverage and tobacco products, down \$0.1 (± 0.1) billion.

Unadjusted **sales** for the third quarter of 2009 totaled \$697.3 billion, down \$227.1 (± 10.1) billion from the \$924.4 billion recorded in the third quarter of 2008, but up \$32.7 (± 4.9) billion from second quarter 2009 sales of \$664.6 billion.

After-tax profits per dollar of sales averaged 9.4 cents for the quarter, compared with 9.5 cents for the third quarter of 2008, and 8.5 cents for the second quarter of 2009.

Durable Goods Manufacturers

Durable goods manufacturers' third quarter 2009 unadjusted **after-tax profits** totaled \$28.8 billion, down \$7.2 (± 1.4) billion from the \$36.0 billion after-tax profits recorded in the third quarter of 2008. Within industry categories, year-over-year results were mostly down. Industries reporting decreases included iron, steel, and ferroalloys, down \$4.5 (± 0.2) billion; motor vehicles and parts, down \$2.9 (± 0.3) billion; fabricated metal products, down \$2.8 (± 0.4) billion; electrical equipment, appliances, and components, down \$2.1 (± 0.2) billion; machinery, down \$1.4 (± 0.2) billion; furniture and related products, down \$0.8 (± 0.3) billion; and aerospace products and parts, down \$0.5 (± 0.1) billion. Industries reporting increases included communications equipment, up \$4.8 (± 0.3) billion; all other electronic products, up \$3.1 (± 0.4) billion; and computer and peripheral equipment, up \$1.5 (± 0.2) billion.

Compared to second quarter 2009 after-tax profits of \$3.6 billion, third quarter 2009 after-tax profits at \$28.8 billion, were up \$25.2 (± 0.3) billion. Within the industry categories, quarter-over-quarter results were mostly up. Industries reporting increases included motor vehicles and parts, up \$11.8 (± 0.4) billion; all other electronic products, up \$5.0 (± 0.2) billion; nonmetallic mineral products, up \$3.6 (± 0.1) billion; nonferrous metals, up \$1.1 (± 0.1) billion; machinery, up \$1.1 (± 0.1) billion; computer and peripheral equipment, up \$1.1 (± 0.1) billion; and fabricated metal products, up \$0.5 (± 0.1) billion. Industries reporting decreases included aerospace products and parts, down \$0.4 (± 0.1) billion; foundries, down \$0.1 (± 0.1) billion; and communications equipment, down \$0.1 (± 0.1) billion.

Unadjusted **sales** for the third quarter of 2009 totaled \$624.6 billion, down \$133.2 (± 11.7) billion from the \$757.9 billion recorded in the third quarter of 2008, but up \$26.0 (± 2.1) billion from second quarter 2009 sales of \$598.6 billion.

After-tax profits per dollar of sales averaged 4.6 cents for the quarter, not statistically different from third quarter of 2008, and 0.6 cents for the second quarter of 2009.

Mining Corporations

Third quarter 2009 unadjusted **after-tax profits** for mining corporations with assets of \$50 million and over totaled \$4.7 billion, down \$26.7 (± 0.1) billion from the \$31.4 billion after-tax profits recorded in the third quarter of 2008. Compared with second quarter 2009 after-tax profits of \$2.3 billion, third quarter 2009 after-tax profits were up \$2.4 (± 0.1) billion.

Unadjusted sales for the third quarter of 2009 totaled \$45.0 billion, down \$22.4 (± 0.6) billion from the \$67.3 billion recorded in the third quarter of 2008, but up \$2.0 (± 0.3) billion from second quarter 2009 sales of \$42.9 billion.

After-tax profits per dollar of **sales** averaged 10.5 cents for the quarter, compared with 46.6 cents for the third quarter of 2008, and 5.4 cents for the second quarter of 2009.

Wholesale Trade Corporations

Third quarter 2009 unadjusted **after-tax profits** for wholesale trade corporations with assets of \$50 million and over totaled \$4.9 billion, down \$3.8 (± 0.3) billion from the \$8.6 billion after-tax profits recorded in the third quarter of 2008. Compared with second quarter 2009 after-tax profits of \$3.5 billion, third quarter 2009 after-tax profits were up \$1.3 (± 0.1) billion.

Unadjusted sales for the third quarter of 2009 totaled \$426.4 billion, down \$84.8 (± 7.4) billion from the \$511.2 billion recorded in the third quarter of 2008, but up \$19.6 (± 3.5) billion from second quarter 2009 sales of \$406.7 billion.

After-tax profits per dollar of **sales** averaged 1.1 cents for the quarter, compared with 1.7 cents for the third quarter of 2008, and 0.9 cents for the second quarter of 2009.

ACCESS TO QFR DATA

This press release can be viewed today in portable document format (.pdf) at our QFR internet website <http://www.census.gov/econ/qfr/index.html>. Data in the release are drawn from a more comprehensive data set published in the *Quarterly Financial Report for Manufacturing, Mining, and Trade Corporations - Third quarter 2009* (QFR/09-Q3). This quarterly publication is available for downloading at our QFR internet website <http://www.census.gov/econ/qfr/index.html>. The quarterly publication includes summary statements of income and retained earnings, balance sheets, and related financial and operating ratios for manufacturing, mining, and trade corporations. Data presented are classified by industry and asset size.

RELIABILITY OF THE ESTIMATES

Data in this press release are based on quarterly financial reports from approximately 9,000 U.S. corporations. The data are estimated from a sample survey and are subject to sampling and nonsampling errors.

Sampling error occurs because only a subset of the entire population is measured. Estimates of sampling error can be computed based on the sample and used to construct confidence intervals around the estimates. Statements of change appearing in this report include 90 percent confidence intervals. Thus, a statement in the report such as "up \$2.5 (± 0.2) billion" estimates the interval (+\$2.3 billion to +\$2.7 billion) within which the actual value is likely to fall in 90 percent of samples of the same size and design, drawn from the same population. If the range of estimated change contains zero (0), then it is uncertain whether there is an increase or decrease; that is, the change is not statistically different from zero (0). For any comparison cited in the text without a confidence interval, the change is statistically significant at the 90 percent confidence level.

Nonsampling error encompasses all other factors that contribute to the total error of a survey, including response errors, nonresponse, and coverage errors. Although no direct measures of nonsampling error are available, precautionary steps were taken in all phases of the collection, processing and tabulation of the data in an effort to minimize their influence. The quarterly publication, *Quarterly Financial Report for Manufacturing, Mining, and Trade Corporations - Third quarter 2009* (QFR/09-Q3), includes more detailed explanations of nonsampling and sampling error, and additional measures of sampling variability.

Manufacturing, Mining, and Wholesale Trade Schedule of Release Dates for Calendar Year 2010	
Fourth Quarter 2009	March 29, 2010
First Quarter 2010	June 14, 2010
Second Quarter 2010	September 13, 2010
Third Quarter 2010	December 13, 2010

Table 1. U.S. Manufacturing Corporations - Selected Financial Data¹

Item	Seasonally adjusted			Unadjusted		
	3Q 2009	2Q 2009 ²	3Q 2008 ²	3Q 2009	2Q 2009 ²	3Q 2008 ²
Rate of return (after taxes):						
Cents per dollar of sales	6.83	4.18	7.12	7.13	4.75	7.35
Percent on equity (annual rate)	N/A	N/A	N/A	13.11	8.84	16.16
	(million dollars)					
Sales	1,296,710	1,246,942	1,653,472	1,321,933	1,263,160	1,682,270
Income after income taxes	88,510	52,118	117,762	94,304	59,996	123,603
Dividends paid (cash)	N/A	N/A	N/A	34,514	41,584	41,038

¹Beginning with the 2007Q4 data release, updated RegARIMA models for seasonal adjustment were implemented to improve the identification of seasonal patterns in unadjusted net sales and net income after taxes for all manufacturing, all nondurable manufacturing, and all durable manufacturing.

²Revised.

Table 2. U.S. Manufacturing Corporations - Seasonally Adjusted Sales and Net Income After-Tax^{1,2}

Industry group and year	Sales ³				After-tax profits ³			
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
	(million dollars)				(million dollars)			
All manufacturing:								
1998	989,070	980,226	985,313	996,113	74,424	48,091	58,703	53,667
1999	1,002,479	1,025,713	1,046,925	1,073,851	59,658	62,208	63,979	72,304
2000	1,119,594	1,127,769	1,144,053	1,122,655	77,210	69,559	71,001	52,561
2001	1,114,699	1,093,656	1,058,845	1,029,012	(7)	14,702	8,145	13,043
2002	1,024,169	1,048,934	1,064,586	1,077,555	25,501	36,536	38,518	39,341
2003	1,101,592	1,073,818	1,103,910	1,114,074	59,232	48,582	50,514	78,428
2004	1,182,647	1,222,934	1,242,790	1,283,260	76,518	86,002	86,994	98,481
2005	1,300,629	1,324,210	1,372,164	1,410,492	91,082	98,683	104,474	106,801
2006	1,446,921	1,457,463	1,450,314	1,425,040	121,433	114,725	121,352	112,805
2007	1,459,154	1,500,277	1,517,020	1,578,817	119,096	128,753	74,187	120,654
2008	1,629,152	1,697,677	1,653,472	1,391,613	119,459	101,536	117,762	(72,622)
2009	1,254,483	1,246,942	1,296,710		35,548	52,118	88,510	
All nondurable manufacturing:								
1998	451,606	444,850	442,985	442,015	29,475	28,019	29,725	19,632
1999	445,184	452,183	460,143	477,181	26,105	28,406	30,103	33,006
2000	506,682	514,624	526,840	505,147	37,054	38,227	35,619	31,494
2001	507,785	506,158	488,502	471,639	31,253	33,831	25,458	21,552
2002	463,500	478,716	497,223	515,395	26,561	28,792	29,179	33,815
2003	541,047	514,277	532,097	526,315	43,808	33,839	28,017	42,939
2004	572,109	593,085	602,733	628,006	41,549	46,929	49,603	53,324
2005	638,399	646,635	689,166	705,166	56,322	57,466	61,048	65,282
2006	720,913	722,678	725,981	702,693	69,285	71,310	71,227	65,643
2007	716,025	749,557	759,637	817,969	71,112	73,616	66,444	72,075
2008	857,330	923,334	909,669	711,514	74,400	76,111	82,506	(10,164)
2009	636,242	650,161	686,460		46,187	54,397	60,249	
All durable manufacturing:								
1998	537,464	535,376	542,328	554,098	44,949	20,072	28,978	34,035
1999	557,295	573,530	586,782	596,670	33,553	33,802	33,876	39,298
2000	612,912	613,145	617,213	617,508	40,156	31,332	35,382	21,067
2001	606,914	587,498	570,343	557,373	(31,260)	(19,129)	(17,313)	(8,509)
2002	560,669	570,218	567,363	562,160	(1,060)	7,744	9,339	5,526
2003	560,545	559,541	571,813	587,759	15,424	14,743	22,497	35,489
2004	610,538	629,849	640,057	655,254	34,969	39,073	37,391	45,157
2005	662,230	677,575	682,998	705,326	34,760	41,217	43,426	41,519
2006	726,008	734,785	724,333	722,347	52,148	43,415	50,125	47,162
2007	743,129	750,720	757,383	760,848	47,984	55,137	7,743	48,579
2008	771,822	774,343	743,803	680,099	45,059	25,425	35,256	(62,458)
2009	618,241	596,781	610,250		(10,639)	(2,279)	28,261	

¹The seasonally adjusted estimates provided in this table were derived using a combination of SIC-based and NAICS-based estimates.

²Beginning with the 2007Q4 data release, updated RegARIMA models for seasonal adjustment were implemented to improve the identification of seasonal patterns in unadjusted net sales and net income after taxes for all manufacturing, all nondurable manufacturing, and all durable manufacturing.

³Revised.

Table 3. U.S. Manufacturing, Mining, and Trade Corporations – Not Seasonally Adjusted Sales and Profits

Industry group	Sales			Operating profits ¹			After-tax profits		
	3Q	2Q	3Q	3Q	2Q	3Q	3Q	2Q	3Q
	2009	2009 ²	2008 ²	2009	2009 ²	2008 ²	2009	2009 ²	2008 ²
	(million dollars)								
All manufacturing ³	1,321,933	1,263,160	1,682,270	89,275	76,996	110,855	94,304	59,996	123,603
All nondurable manufacturing	697,286	664,560	924,392	56,496	51,707	66,036	65,529	56,401	87,632
Food	137,436	134,971	151,589	10,477	10,278	10,177	8,720	8,175	8,610
Beverage and tobacco products	37,969	38,475	37,809	7,903	8,093	7,559	7,418	7,526	6,780
Textile mills and textile product mills	8,721	8,654	9,888	384	239	440	208	141	(1,270)
Apparel and leather products	22,929	20,150	23,504	1,797	1,462	1,739	1,493	974	1,538
Paper	29,575	28,814	34,891	3,123	2,681	2,011	2,081	1,472	1,398
Printing and related support activities	16,306	15,447	18,657	925	908	1,027	232	224	423
Petroleum and coal products	232,560	205,304	401,589	5,521	2,182	21,038	13,699	9,838	41,276
Chemicals	174,782	177,847	203,741	23,647	23,504	20,512	29,956	26,870	28,486
Basic chemicals, resins, and synthetics ⁴	50,149	48,706	68,762	2,189	1,452	1,211	1,928	1,223	1,871
Pharmaceuticals and medicines ⁴	77,989	77,747	77,409	15,404	14,044	12,039	21,873	19,572	18,731
All other chemicals ⁴	46,643	51,393	57,570	6,054	8,008	7,261	6,154	6,076	7,883
Plastics and rubber products	37,008	34,898	42,724	2,718	2,360	1,535	1,722	1,181	390
All durable manufacturing	624,647	598,600	757,878	32,780	25,289	44,819	28,775	3,595	35,971
Wood products	16,131	14,682	19,205	732	292	710	166	(187)	458
Nonmetallic mineral products	26,324	24,043	29,704	1,859	1,157	1,609	1,023	(2,602)	710
Primary metals	41,546	37,831	73,896	1,407	(333)	6,767	92	(1,207)	5,233
Iron, steel, and ferrous alloys ⁴	20,745	18,460	41,353	(297)	(1,434)	4,437	(1,230)	(1,478)	3,242
Nonferrous metals ⁴	17,085	15,422	26,733	1,343	731	1,674	1,253	108	1,587
Foundries ⁴	3,717	3,949	5,810	361	370	657	69	163	403
Fabricated metal products	57,801	57,623	74,920	4,536	4,164	6,964	3,281	2,732	6,068
Machinery	77,077	80,396	101,527	5,074	5,582	8,556	4,685	3,556	6,066
Computer and electronic products	135,540	130,387	148,231	6,512	3,454	4,069	12,748	6,825	3,276
Computer and peripheral equipment ⁴	40,814	36,809	41,239	1,262	639	(96)	4,142	3,072	2,652
Communications equipment ⁴	31,213	32,096	35,012	8	1,117	(454)	2,798	2,919	(2,046)
All other electronic products ⁴	63,512	61,481	71,980	5,242	1,697	4,620	5,808	835	2,670
Electrical equipment, appliances, and components	45,123	45,227	52,733	3,615	4,418	6,273	3,990	3,939	6,138
Transportation equipment	173,528	157,953	195,361	3,409	1,503	3,211	(1,987)	(13,895)	1,713
Motor vehicles and parts ⁴	101,860	86,101	118,467	(1,728)	(5,164)	(4,101)	(6,679)	(18,507)	(3,815)
Aerospace products and parts ⁴	59,518	59,597	60,201	3,905	5,513	5,819	3,898	4,259	4,439
Furniture and related products	14,295	13,976	19,156	921	592	1,503	454	295	1,262
Miscellaneous manufacturing	37,282	36,482	43,145	4,716	4,461	5,157	4,323	4,139	5,047
All mining ³	44,965	42,949	67,324	7,459	5,567	21,453	4,721	2,298	31,376
All wholesale trade ³	426,362	406,731	511,189	8,600	7,807	13,676	4,857	3,546	8,619

¹Operating profits are profits before nonoperating income, expense items, and income taxes.

²Revised.

³Manufacturing data are the quarterly results of companies within that division with total assets of \$250 thousand and over at the time of sample selection; whereas, data for mining and trade corporations represent the quarterly results of companies with total assets of \$50 million and over at the time of sample selection.

⁴Included in major industry above.