

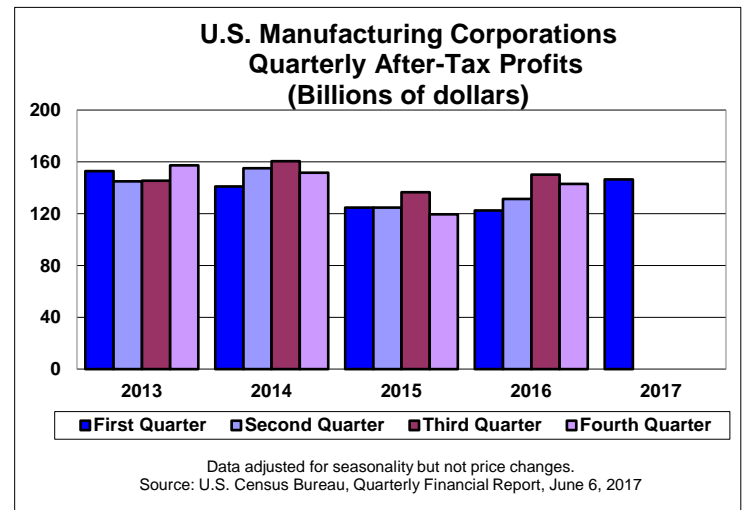
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QUARTERLY FINANCIAL REPORT: U.S. MANUFACTURING, MINING, WHOLESALE TRADE, AND SELECTED SERVICE INDUSTRIES, FIRST QUARTER 2017

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June 6, 2017 — The U.S. Census Bureau announced the following seasonally adjusted quarterly after-tax profits for manufacturing industries statistics for First Quarter 2017:

U.S. MANUFACTURING CORPORATIONS QUARTERLY AFTER-TAX PROFITS	
First Quarter 2017	\$146.5 billion
Fourth Quarter 2016 (Revised)	\$142.9 billion
First Quarter 2016 (Revised)	\$122.5 billion
Next release: September 6, 2017	
Data adjusted for seasonality but not price changes. Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Quarterly Financial Report, June 6, 2017	



After-Tax Profits and Sales, First Quarter 2017 - Seasonally Adjusted Manufacturing Corporations

U.S. manufacturing corporations' seasonally adjusted after-tax profits in the first quarter of 2017 totaled \$146.5 billion, up \$3.5 (± 0.8) billion from the after-tax profits of \$142.9 billion recorded in the fourth quarter of 2016, and up \$24.0 (± 0.6) billion from the after-tax profits of \$122.5 billion recorded in the first quarter of 2016.

Seasonally adjusted sales for the quarter totaled \$1,633.1 billion, up \$32.7 (± 5.0) billion from the \$1,600.4 billion recorded in the fourth quarter of 2016, and up \$96.5 (± 10.0) billion from the \$1,536.6 billion recorded in the first quarter of 2016.

Nondurable Goods Manufacturers

Nondurable goods manufacturers' seasonally adjusted after-tax profits in the first quarter of 2017 totaled \$70.0 billion, down \$1.3 (± 0.6) billion from the after-tax profits of \$71.4 billion recorded in the fourth quarter of 2016, but up \$8.9 (± 0.3) billion from the after-tax profits of \$61.1 billion recorded in the first quarter of 2016.

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Seasonally adjusted sales for the quarter totaled \$784.0 billion, up \$17.2 (± 4.8) billion from the \$766.8 billion recorded in the fourth quarter of 2016, and up \$81.2 (± 4.5) billion from the \$702.7 billion recorded in the first quarter of 2016.

Durable Goods Manufacturers

Durable goods manufacturers' seasonally adjusted after-tax profits in the first quarter of 2017 totaled \$76.4 billion, up \$4.8 (± 0.3) billion from the after-tax profits of \$71.6 billion recorded in the fourth quarter of 2016, and up \$15.0 (± 0.3) billion from the after-tax profits of \$61.4 billion recorded in the first quarter of 2016.

Seasonally adjusted sales for the quarter totaled \$849.2 billion, up \$15.5 (± 1.5) billion from the \$833.6 billion recorded in the fourth quarter of 2016, and up \$15.2 (± 6.7) billion from the \$833.9 billion recorded in the first quarter of 2016.

After-Tax Profits and Sales, First Quarter 2017 – Not Seasonally Adjusted Manufacturing Corporations

U.S. manufacturing corporations' first quarter 2017 unadjusted after-tax profits totaled \$141.7 billion, up \$23.5 (± 0.6) billion from the after-tax profits of \$118.2 billion recorded in the first quarter of 2016, and up \$9.9 (± 0.8) billion from the after-tax profits of \$131.7 billion recorded in the fourth quarter of 2016.

Unadjusted sales for the first quarter of 2017 totaled \$1,576.0 billion, up \$94.2 (± 10.0) billion from the \$1,481.8 billion recorded in the first quarter of 2016, but down \$28.8 (± 5.0) billion from the fourth quarter 2016 sales of \$1,604.9 billion.

Nondurable Goods Manufacturers

Nondurable goods manufacturers' first quarter 2017 unadjusted after-tax profits totaled \$69.4 billion, up \$8.6 (± 0.3) billion from the after-tax profits of \$60.7 billion recorded in the first quarter of 2016, and up \$5.8 (± 0.6) billion from fourth quarter 2016 after-tax profits of \$63.6 billion.

Unadjusted sales for the first quarter of 2017 totaled \$760.4 billion, up \$78.3 (± 4.5) billion from the \$682.0 billion recorded in the first quarter of 2016, but not statistically different from the fourth quarter 2016 sales of \$761.5 billion.

Durable Goods Manufacturers

Durable goods manufacturers' first quarter 2017 unadjusted after-tax profits totaled \$72.3 billion, up \$14.8 (± 0.3) billion from the after-tax profits of \$57.5 billion recorded in the first quarter of 2016, and up \$4.1 (± 0.3) billion from fourth quarter 2016 after-tax profits of \$68.1 billion.

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Unadjusted sales for the first quarter of 2017 totaled \$815.7 billion, up \$15.9 (± 6.7) billion from the \$799.8 billion recorded in the first quarter of 2016, but down \$27.7 (± 1.5) billion from fourth quarter 2016 sales of \$843.4 billion.

Mining Corporations

First quarter 2017 unadjusted after-tax profits for mining corporations with assets of \$50 million and over totaled \$2.0 billion, up \$29.0 (± 0.2) billion from the after-tax losses of \$27.1 billion recorded in the first quarter of 2016, and up \$12.0 (± 0.1) billion from the after-tax losses of \$10.0 billion recorded in fourth quarter of 2016.

Unadjusted sales for the first quarter of 2017 totaled \$60.8 billion, up \$15.1 (± 0.2) billion from the \$45.7 billion recorded in the first quarter of 2016, and up \$3.0 (± 0.1) billion from fourth quarter 2016 sales of \$57.8 billion.

Wholesale Trade Corporations

First quarter 2017 unadjusted after-tax profits for wholesale trade corporations with assets of \$50 million and over totaled \$13.3 billion, up \$5.2 (± 0.1) billion from the after-tax profits of \$8.1 billion recorded in the first quarter of 2016, and up \$3.4 (± 0.1) billion from the after-tax profits of \$9.9 billion recorded in the fourth quarter of 2016.

Unadjusted sales for the first quarter of 2017 totaled \$630.1 billion, up \$48.0 (± 4.7) billion from the \$582.1 billion recorded in the first quarter 2016, but down \$19.5 (± 3.8) billion from fourth quarter 2016 sales of \$649.6 billion.

Information Corporations

First quarter 2017 unadjusted after-tax profits for information corporations with assets of \$50 million and over totaled \$31.4 billion, down \$3.4 (± 0.1) billion from the after-tax profits of \$34.8 billion recorded in the first quarter of 2016, and down \$2.4 (± 0.1) billion from the fourth quarter 2016 after-tax profits of \$33.8 billion.

Unadjusted sales for the first quarter of 2017 totaled \$286.9 billion, up \$7.6 (± 0.6) billion from the \$279.4 billion recorded in first quarter 2016, but down \$15.9 (± 0.8) billion from fourth quarter 2016 sales of \$302.8 billion.

Professional and Technical Services Corporations (except Legal Services)

First quarter 2017 unadjusted after-tax profits for professional and technical services corporations (except legal services) with assets of \$50 million and over totaled \$1.7 billion, up \$1.3 (± 0.2) billion from the after-tax profits of \$0.4 billion recorded in the first quarter of 2016, but down \$3.2 (± 0.2) billion from fourth quarter 2016 after-tax profits of \$4.9 billion.

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Unadjusted sales for the first quarter of 2017 totaled \$140.5 billion, up \$12.2 (± 1.9) billion from the \$128.3 billion recorded in first quarter 2016, but down \$7.6 (± 1.4) billion from fourth quarter 2016 sales of \$148.2 billion.

The Second Quarter 2017 Quarterly Financial Report for Manufacturing, Mining, Trade, and Selected Service Industries is scheduled for release on September 6, 2017. View the full schedule in the Economic Briefing Room: <www.census.gov/economic-indicators/>. The full text and tables of this release can be found at <www.census.gov/econ/qfr/>.

EXPLANATORY NOTES

Access to QFR Data

This press release can be viewed today in portable document format (.pdf) at our QFR internet website <www.census.gov/econ/qfr/>. Data in the release are drawn from a more comprehensive data set published in the Quarterly Financial Report for Manufacturing, Mining, Trade, and Selected Service Industries – First Quarter 2017 (QFR/17-Q1). This quarterly publication is available for downloading at our QFR internet website. The quarterly publication includes summary statements of income and retained earnings, balance sheets, and related financial and operating ratios for manufacturing, mining, trade, and selected service industries. Data presented are classified by industry and asset size. Time series/trend chart data are available at our QFR internet website <www.census.gov/econ/qfr/>, select the Time Series/Trend Charts link under Latest QFR Press Releases.

Reliability of the Estimates

Estimates of change presented in this press release are calculated using unrounded data. The calculated difference is then rounded to the nearest unit of measure. Due to this rounding, differences may not add to the totals. The same applies to the calculated confidence intervals. A difference of \$0.0 billion indicates the difference is less than \$0.05 billion. A confidence interval of ± 0.0 billion indicates a confidence interval with width of less than ± 0.05 billion on each side of the estimated value.

Data in this press release are based on quarterly financial reports from approximately 11,000 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).

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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, Trade, and Selected Service Industries – First Quarter 2017 (QFR/17-Q1), includes more detailed explanations of nonsampling and sampling error, and additional measures of sampling variability. Explanations of confidence intervals and sampling variability can be found on our website at www.census.gov/econ/qfr/documents/QFR_Methodology.pdf.

Data Quality Indicators

The QFR produces two indicators of data quality: the Unit Response Rate and the Total Quantity Response Rate. The URR is defined as the percentage of sampled units (unweighted) that responded to the current quarter’s survey. In determining the URR, a unit is classified as a respondent if it provided adequate information for key QFR data items. The TQRR is defined as the proportion of the weighted estimated total of a key QFR data item that is either reported by a survey unit or acquired from some other information source (such as a publically available quarterly or annual report) and that is determined to be equivalent in quality to reported data. The absolute value is applied to the real-valued data item Income before Income taxes, (|NIBT|), prior to calculating the weighted estimated total. The TQRR is calculated for the QFR data items Net sales, Depreciation, |NIBT|, and Total assets.

Total Quantity Response Rates and Unit Response Rates ^{1,2} For Corporations in NAICS Manufacturing, Mining, Wholesale Trade, Information, and Professional and Technical Services (except Legal Services), By Sector					
Industry	Total Quantity Response Rate				Unit Response Rate
	Net Sales	Depreciation	NIBT	Total assets	
	(percent)				(percent)
All manufacturing	83.5	86.2	88.1	88.4	61.9
All mining	90.0	91.3	93.6	92.3	70.3
All wholesale trade	77.2	68.4	78.3	76.4	62.7
All information	92.1	93.9	94.4	94.4	68.1
All professional and technical services (except legal services).....	76.0	79.7	82.6	80.4	64.8

Footnotes:

¹For more information, see the Introduction, Survey Methodology section, in the Quarterly Financial Report for Manufacturing, Mining, Trade, and Selected Service Industries, or at the QFR internet website www.census.gov/econ/qfr/collection.html.

²Imputation Rate = 100% - TQRR.

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Manufacturing, Mining, Wholesale Trade and Selected Service Industries Schedule of Release Dates for Calendar Year 2017	
Fourth Quarter 2016	March 20, 2017
First Quarter 2017	June 6, 2017
Second Quarter 2017	September 6, 2017
Third Quarter 2017	December 5, 2017

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Table 1. U.S. Manufacturing Corporations – Selected Financial Data

	Seasonally adjusted ¹			Not Seasonally adjusted ²		
	1Q 2017	4Q 2016 (r)	1Q 2016 (r)	1Q 2017	4Q 2016 (r)	1Q 2016 (r)
Rate of return (after taxes):						
Cents per dollar of sales	8.97	8.93	7.97	8.99	8.21	7.98
Percent on equity (annual rate)	N/A	N/A	N/A	13.54	12.84	11.67
	(million dollars)					
Sales	1,633,127	1,600,421	1,536,637	1,576,038	1,604,858	1,481,839
Income after income taxes	146,461	142,939	122,489	141,672	131,727	118,199
Dividends paid (cash)	N/A	N/A	N/A	68,325	71,868	68,335

Footnotes:

(r) Revised.

¹Data adjusted for seasonality but not price changes. For information on adjustment for seasonal variation, see the Introduction, Survey Methodology section, in the Quarterly Financial Report for Manufacturing, Mining, Trade, and Selected Service Industries, or at the QFR internet website <www.census.gov/econ/qfr/collection.html>.

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Table 2. U.S. Manufacturing Corporations – Seasonally Adjusted Sales and Net Income After-tax¹

Industry group and year	Sales (r)				Net Income After-tax (r)			
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
	(million dollars)				(million dollars)			
All manufacturing:								
2006	1,439,914	1,449,382	1,458,883	1,434,308	119,699	115,584	121,900	112,605
2007	1,448,414	1,489,073	1,530,670	1,590,614	117,687	130,198	74,560	120,140
2008	1,614,166	1,682,084	1,671,796	1,402,925	118,035	102,861	118,474	(72,978)
2009	1,233,423	1,223,400	1,297,747	1,355,765	34,891	52,439	93,678	105,679
2010	1,389,781	1,426,921	1,453,691	1,485,187	109,654	108,267	124,184	135,720
2011	1,577,016	1,619,170	1,638,682	1,648,284	145,818	154,093	147,572	146,690
2012	1,696,408	1,652,907	1,644,368	1,673,028	147,254	148,013	134,260	134,293
2013	1,677,397	1,668,331	1,689,492	1,705,068	152,906	145,109	145,498	157,320
2014	1,704,895	1,733,567	1,749,974	1,710,457	141,025	155,057	160,501	151,613
2015	1,608,277	1,635,720	1,611,855	1,576,024	124,650	124,843	136,663	119,458
2016	1,536,637	1,560,588	1,564,995	1,600,421	122,489	131,425	150,203	142,939
2017	1,633,127				146,461			
All nondurable manufacturing:								
2006	716,789	719,971	728,227	707,757	67,792	70,431	72,415	66,787
2007	710,383	747,070	763,475	823,306	69,561	72,771	67,825	73,221
2008	849,394	920,362	915,446	716,122	72,652	75,022	84,340	(8,836)
2009	629,782	644,650	686,942	721,530	44,242	53,029	62,488	72,042
2010	744,198	752,956	761,062	790,195	62,812	47,159	64,462	71,128
2011	860,915	901,126	899,010	895,908	78,158	83,757	77,459	71,038
2012	918,014	876,111	875,282	898,173	76,347	78,473	72,958	76,248
2013	899,832	876,146	893,490	896,352	82,108	76,387	71,055	77,974
2014	891,763	908,015	902,391	857,518	72,250	78,176	77,915	71,960
2015	763,863	792,555	768,199	739,387	67,159	55,953	68,872	49,192
2016	702,708	729,166	736,989	766,777	61,115	64,221	74,950	71,359
2017	783,950				70,046			
All durable manufacturing:								
2006	723,125	729,411	730,656	726,551	51,907	45,153	49,485	45,818
2007	738,031	742,003	767,195	767,308	48,126	57,427	6,735	46,919
2008	764,772	761,722	756,350	686,803	45,383	27,839	34,134	(64,142)
2009	603,641	578,750	610,805	634,235	(9,351)	(590)	31,190	33,637
2010	645,583	673,965	692,629	694,992	46,842	61,108	59,722	64,592
2011	716,101	718,044	739,672	752,376	67,660	70,336	70,113	75,652
2012	778,394	776,796	769,086	774,855	70,907	69,540	61,302	58,045
2013	777,565	792,185	796,002	808,716	70,798	68,722	74,443	79,346
2014	813,132	825,552	847,583	852,939	68,775	76,881	82,586	79,653
2015	844,414	843,165	843,656	836,637	57,491	68,890	67,791	70,266
2016	833,929	831,422	828,006	833,644	61,374	67,204	75,253	71,580
2017	849,177				76,415			

Footnotes:

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Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Quarterly Financial Report, June 6, 2017.

Table 3. U.S. Manufacturing, Mining, Wholesale Trade, and Selected Service Industries – Not Seasonally Adjusted Sales and Profits

	Sales			Operating profits ¹			After-tax profits		
	1Q	4Q	1Q	1Q	4Q	1Q	1Q	4Q	1Q
	2017	2016 (r)	2016 (r)	2017	2016 (r)	2016 (r)	2017	2016 (r)	2016 (r)
	(million dollars)								
All manufacturing ²	1,576,038	1,604,858	1,481,839	122,901	108,956	120,935	141,672	131,727	118,199
All nondurable manufacturing	760,386	761,506	682,042	65,394	53,768	62,446	69,395	63,592	60,746
Food	162,934	172,107	156,663	13,112	15,463	13,006	9,728	11,307	10,061
Beverage and tobacco products	45,438	47,735	45,304	8,743	8,696	9,236	8,166	15,708	10,476
Textile mills and textile product mills	9,149	9,086	9,030	695	546	606	611	486	553
Apparel and leather products	22,834	24,000	22,001	2,254	2,500	1,908	2,208	2,514	1,865
Paper	30,442	30,235	30,884	1,948	2,141	2,429	1,689	1,669	1,796
Printing and related support activities	17,643	18,745	17,168	952	647	1,421	681	(57)	941
Petroleum and coal products	196,610	189,650	141,536	2,431	(2,875)	(1,950)	9,070	2,556	731
Chemicals	220,764	216,778	210,525	30,127	22,309	31,030	32,844	26,328	31,039
Basic chemicals, resins, and synthetics ³	60,464	56,883	55,445	5,794	4,073	6,215	4,288	2,057	3,865
Pharmaceuticals and medicines ³	103,130	106,815	98,967	16,698	12,678	16,898	21,119	13,280	20,191
All other chemicals ³	57,169	53,080	56,113	7,635	5,558	7,917	7,437	10,991	6,983
Plastics and rubber products	54,572	53,170	48,931	5,133	4,341	4,759	4,399	3,081	3,284
All durable manufacturing	815,652	843,352	799,797	57,507	55,188	58,489	72,277	68,135	57,454
Wood products	20,349	22,737	18,719	1,645	1,196	1,378	1,161	1,273	895
Nonmetallic mineral products	25,629	30,631	25,186	1,523	2,203	932	925	3,232	(228)
Primary metals	52,118	51,363	52,582	3,405	1,795	1,225	3,220	928	(3,525)
Iron, steel, and ferrous alloys ³	26,242	23,212	22,315	1,384	584	123	943	69	(342)
Nonferrous metals ³	18,623	21,569	23,191	1,278	710	355	1,715	593	(3,752)
Foundries ³	7,253	6,582	7,077	743	502	747	562	265	569
Fabricated metal products	72,434	70,349	70,041	6,308	4,031	6,995	5,757	2,221	5,858
Machinery	89,568	87,852	88,101	5,629	4,276	4,069	5,222	1,924	2,359
Computer and electronic products	158,363	176,262	151,309	12,551	17,172	14,802	27,287	34,881	25,663
Computer and peripheral equipment ³	52,256	62,318	47,296	4,789	8,135	6,355	12,076	17,246	11,695
Communications equipment ³	28,634	31,014	29,097	2,238	3,176	2,866	3,469	4,126	4,866
All other electronic products ³	77,473	82,930	74,916	5,525	5,862	5,581	11,742	13,509	9,101
Electrical equipment, appliances, and components	46,535	46,873	48,143	3,483	3,634	3,424	3,019	4,811	1,820
Transportation equipment	284,434	291,342	281,628	16,607	14,997	19,543	18,750	12,476	14,994
Motor vehicles and parts ³	198,499	200,022	196,451	7,627	6,531	10,533	10,403	6,371	8,684
Aerospace products and parts ³	68,245	73,945	67,594	7,161	6,855	7,049	6,884	4,808	4,778
Furniture and related products	18,720	18,889	17,685	1,563	1,233	1,380	1,387	1,072	1,170
Miscellaneous manufacturing	47,502	47,054	46,402	4,793	4,652	4,741	5,550	5,317	8,448
All mining ²	60,834	57,840	45,745	2,271	(1,100)	(11,902)	1,957	(10,040)	(27,075)
All wholesale trade ²	630,138	649,641	582,141	15,953	16,126	13,268	13,301	9,931	8,101
Wholesale trade, durable goods	289,491	301,087	270,103	8,207	8,531	5,882	4,965	5,546	3,241
Wholesale trade, nondurable goods	340,647	348,554	312,038	7,746	7,596	7,386	8,336	4,386	4,860
All information ²	286,936	302,804	279,373	44,335	44,783	44,216	31,425	33,805	34,808
Publishing industries, except internet	54,159	57,330	50,908	5,567	6,483	6,421	6,675	9,021	11,003
Motion picture and sound recording industries	12,731	13,072	12,442	2,235	1,953	2,208	1,691	647	1,421
Broadcasting, except internet	33,321	35,811	32,393	7,098	8,036	7,088	3,276	4,215	5,465
Telecommunications	146,742	154,394	146,868	24,657	22,448	24,282	11,069	10,321	11,308
All other information	39,983	42,197	36,762	4,778	5,863	4,216	8,714	9,601	5,611
All professional and technical services ^{2,4}	140,547	148,181	128,305	1,040	4,518	2,318	1,744	4,936	402
Computer systems design and related services	52,671	56,475	48,926	1,149	2,411	1,106	2,600	5,338	781
Management and technical consulting services	23,763	24,032	21,201	430	1,557	1,014	322	877	859
Scientific research and development services	13,928	13,921	10,980	(3,312)	(3,178)	(2,318)	(3,006)	(3,703)	(2,678)
All other professional and technical services	50,185	53,753	47,198	2,773	3,728	2,516	1,828	2,424	1,440

Footnotes:

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

²Manufacturing 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, wholesale trade, information, and professional and technical services corporations (except legal services), represent the quarterly results of companies with total assets of \$50 million and over at the time of sample selection.

³Included in major industry above.

⁴Except legal services.

Data are not adjusted for seasonality or price changes.

Explanations of confidence intervals and sampling variability can be found on our website at <www.census.gov/econ/qfr/documents/QFR_Methodology.pdf>.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Quarterly Financial Report, June 6, 2017.