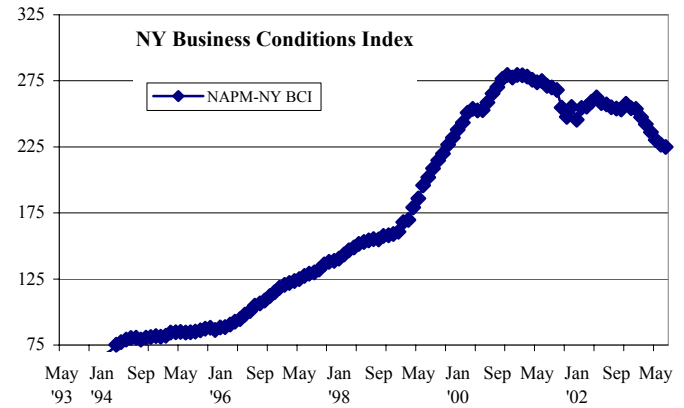


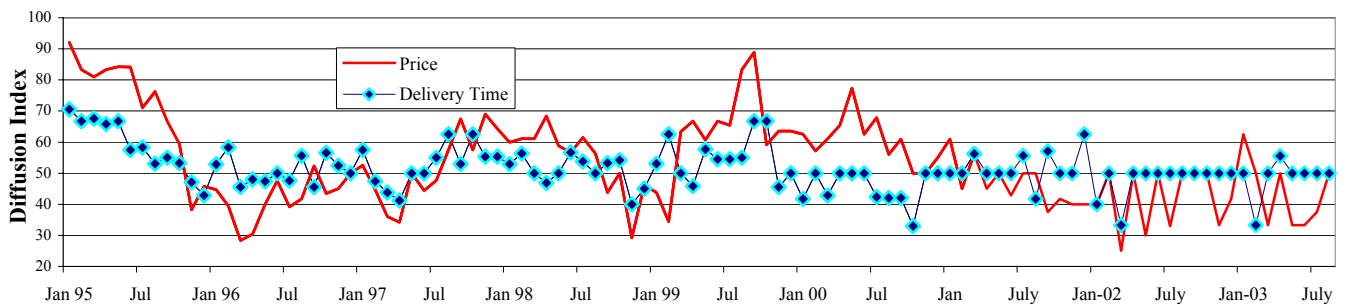
New York Business Conditions Index

The NY business conditions index is a cumulative diffusion index of the NYC-area's current business conditions. The BCI tends to precede or move with local-area employment. However, the employment data are available 1 or 2 months later than that of the NAPM-NY BCI.

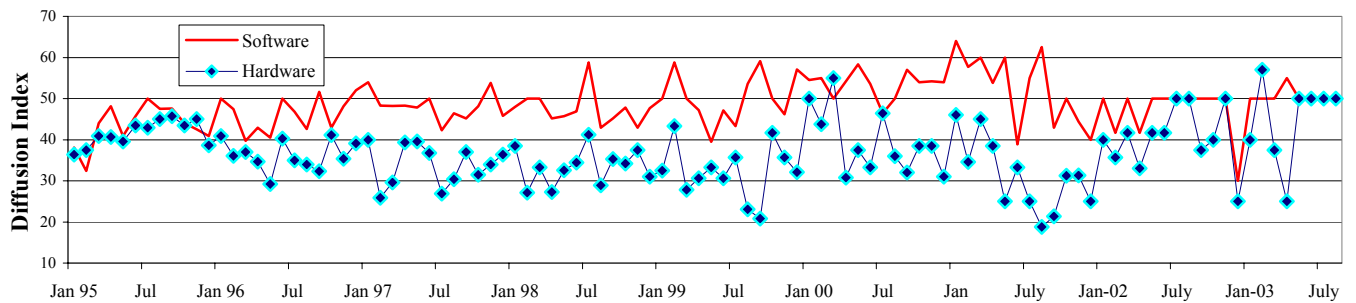
	Aug	Jul	Jun	May	Year ago Aug
NY BCI	221.7	224.9	226.7	230.2	225.0
% Change M/M	-1.4	-0.8	-1.5	-2.5	-0.8



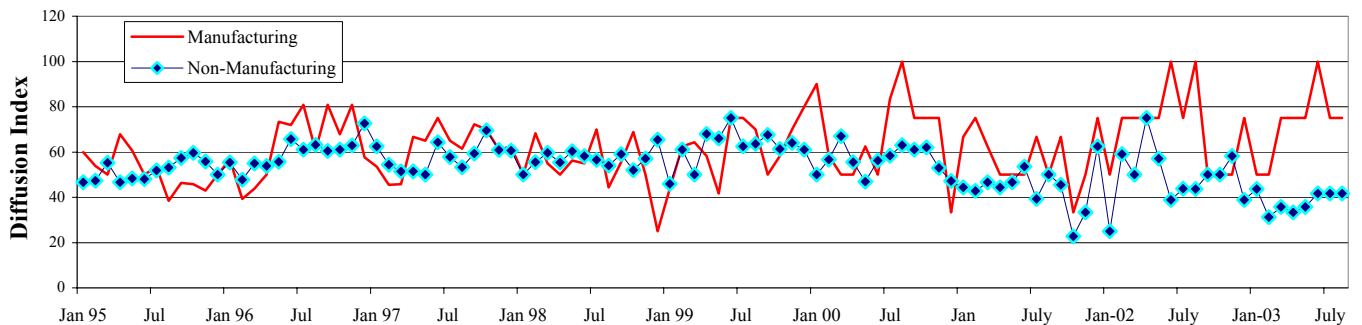
Corrugated Packaging Prices & Delivery Time



Computer Hardware & Software Prices



Current Conditions - Manufacturing vs. Non-Manufacturing Activity

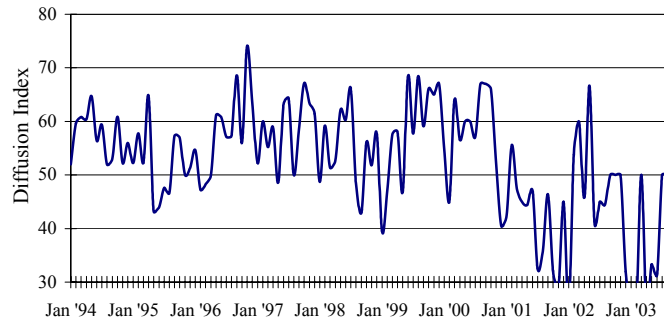


Quantity of Purchases

The overall quantity (units not dollars) of purchases, including raw materials, MRO, components, intermediates, and services, compared with the previous month.

	Year ago					
	Aug	Jul	Jun	May	Apr	Aug
Composite	50	50	31	33	25	44
Manufacturing	100	50	50	50	50	50
Non-Mfg.	41	50	25	28	16	43

Quantity of Purchases

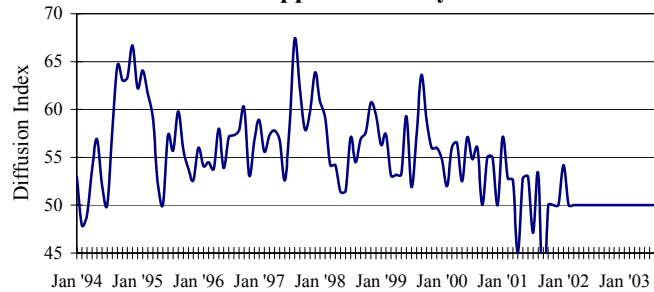


Supplier Delivery Time

An aggregate evaluation of the current month's delivery performance (lead time) compared to the prior month. This index is the percent reporting slower deliveries plus one-half reporting same.

	Year ago					
	Aug	Jul	Jun	May	Apr	Aug
Composite	50	50	50	50	50	50
Manufacturing	50	50	50	50	50	50
Non-Mfg.	50	50	50	50	50	50

Supplier Delivery Time

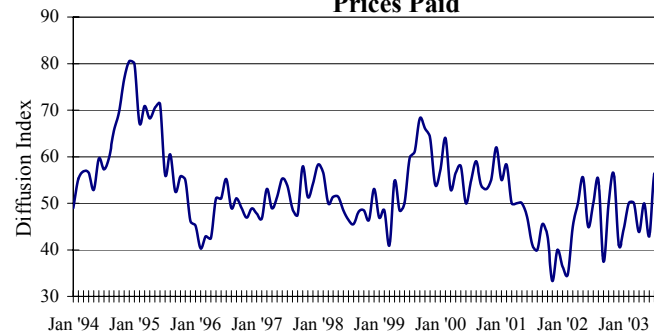


Prices Paid

The change from the prior month in prices of items -- goods and services, purchased. This is an overall evaluation weighted by quantity of purchase.

	Year ago					
	Aug	Jul	Jun	May	Apr	Aug
Composite	50	56	42	50	43	55
Manufacturing	50	50	25	50	25	50
Non-Mfg.	50	38	50	50	50	56

Prices Paid

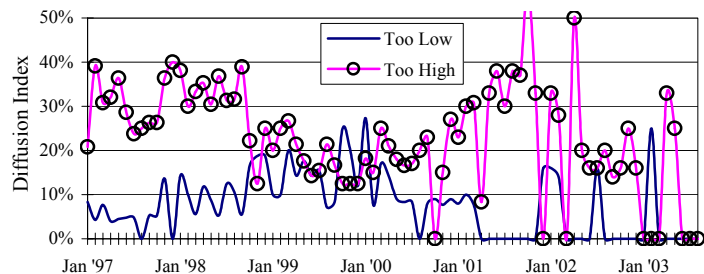


Finished Goods Inventory Relative to Use

The overall inventory level (units, not dollars) of products held for sale (finished goods) relative to expected use.

	Year ago					
	Aug	Jul	Jun	May	Apr	Aug
Composite	50	50	50	62	66	60
% too high	0	0	0	25	33	20
Manufacturing	50	50	50	75	75	50
Non-Mfg.	50	50	50	50	50	62

Finished Goods Inventory vs. Expected Use

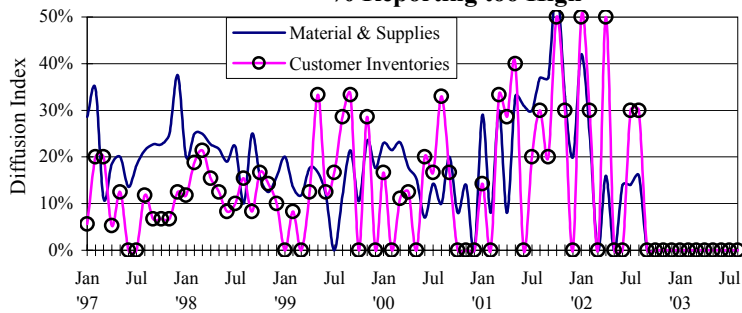


Raw Materials & Customer Inventory

The overall inventory level (units, not dollars) of products held for sale (finished goods) relative to expected use.

	Year ago					
	Aug	Jul	Jun	May	Apr	Aug
Materials & Supplies	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	16.0
Customer Inventories	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	30.0

Material & Customer Stocks vs. Expected Use % Reporting too High



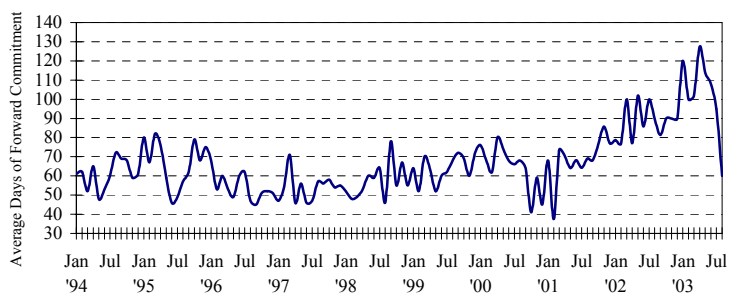
Buying Policy for Production Materials

The period of forward commitment for production materials.

	Year ago					
	Aug	Jul	Jun	May	Apr	Aug
Average Days	60	95	108	114	127	90

Weighted Average Number of Days	Hand to Mouth	30 Days	60 Days	90 Days	6 Months	1 Year or More
60	0%	0%	100%	0%	0%	0%

Production Materials



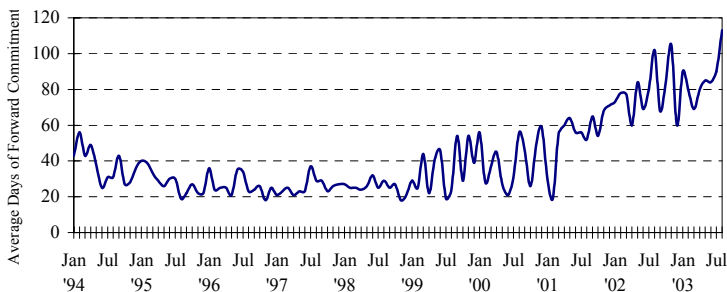
Buying Policy for MRO Supplies

The period of forward commitment for maintenance, repair, and operation supplies.

	Year ago					
	Aug	Jul	Jun	May	Apr	Aug
Average Days	113	90	84	85	80	102

Weighted Average Number of Days	Hand to Mouth	30 Days	60 Days	90 Days	6 Months	1 Year or More
113	0%	75%	0%	0%	0%	25%

MRO Supplies



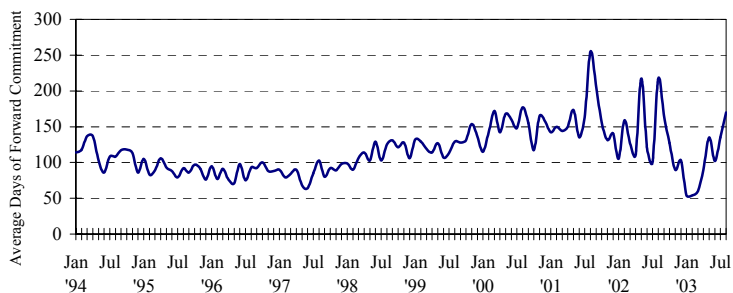
Buying Policy for Capital Expenditures

The period of forward commitment for capital goods.

	Year ago					
	Aug	Jul	Jun	May	Apr	Aug
Average Days	170	135	102	135	90	217

Weighted Average Number of Days	Hand to Mouth	30 Days	60 Days	90 Days	6 Months	1 Year or More
170	0%	0%	33%	33%	0%	33%

Capital Equipment



Specific Price Changes & Supplier Deliveries

COMMODITIES	--- PRICE CHANGES ---			--- VENDOR DELIVERIES ---			
	Aug	Jul	Jun	Aug	Jul	Jun	
Castings		50.0	50.0		50.0	50.0	
Chemicals	50.0	50.0	50.0	50.0	50.0	50.0	
Computer Hardware	50.0	50.0	50.0	50.0	50.0	50.0	
Computer Software	+++	50.0	50.0	50.0	50.0	50.0	
Corrugated Packaging	50.0	37.5	33.3	50.0	50.0	50.0	
Electrical Components	50.0		50.0	50.0		50.0	
Energy	+++	100.0	100.0	50.0	50.0		
Ferrous Metals							
Food Products	50.0	50.0	100.0	50.0			
Glass							
Hydraulic Components							
Medical Supplies	50.0			50.0			
Nonferrous Metals	75.0	62.5	75.0	50.0	50.0	50.0	
Office Equipment (non-computer)	50.0	50.0	50.0	50.0	50.0	50.0	
Office Supplies	50.0	50.0	41.7	50.0	50.0	50.0	
Piping & Tubing	50.0	50.0	50.0	50.0	50.0	50.0	
Plastics	50.0	75.0		50.0	50.0		
Plating	50.0	50.0		50.0	50.0		
Printing Paper	+++	62.5	50.0	33.3	66.7	50.0	
Rubber Products		50.0					
Textile Products		50.0					
Wood & Pulp		50.0	100.0		50.0	50.0	
Services (Contracted)				"Hot Spots" are those commodities & services that have experienced upward price pressure with delivery delays (for commodities) for at least three months. Where are the HOT SPOTS? Cleaning, Construction and Architectural services.			
Cleaning	+++	50.0	50.0				75.0
Construction	+++	50.0	50.0				50.0
Painting			50.0				
Engineering			50.0				
Architectural	+++	50.0	50.0				50.0
Temporary Personnel		50.0	50.0				
Computer Consultants		50.0	50.0				

+++ = Commodity or service price diffusion index above 50% for at least the last three months.

Items in Short Supply

Purchaser Comments

1. Small dots of light at the end of a long tunnel suggest recovery is a long way off.
2. No activity - summer maintenance shutdown

About the Survey

The purpose of the survey is to quickly assess business conditions among manufacturers and non-manufacturing firms/organizations doing business in the New York area. The survey results are compiled into three summary measures for: (1) all industries, (2) manufacturing firms, and (3) non-manufacturing establishments. The manufacturing component can be compared to the ISM Purchasing Manager's Index for the nation. The survey results are compiled as diffusion indexes, which are calculated by taking the percentage of the respondents answering higher plus one-half of the percentage of respondents who answer same or no change. Hence, a reading of 50% means no change from the prior month; greater than 50% indicates a faster pace of activity while a reading of less than 50% indicates a slowing in the pace of activity.