

The value of net output in the electric power industry continued to expand and in 1952 was more than 10 p.c. greater than in the preceding year.

The net result of the varying trends outlined above was a decline of more than 2 p.c. in the net value of the primary industries in 1952 as compared with 1951.

The net value of manufacturing activity rose from \$6,941,000,000 in 1951 to \$7,444,000,000 in 1952, a gain of about 7 p.c. The net value of durable manufactures rose by 10 p.c. and that of non-durable manufactures by 4 p.c. In the durables sector, all major industry groups showed increases, with iron and steel products, transportation equipment and electrical apparatus and supplies accounting for the major increases. In non-durable manufactures, all industry groups except textiles (clothing excluded) and paper products recorded gains. The highest relative increases occurred in petroleum and coal products, tobacco products and leather products.

The net value of work performed in the construction industry rose to \$1,977,000,000 in 1952, an advance of nearly 14 p.c. over the preceding year. All types of engineering construction showed gains and accounted for most of the over-all increase. The rise in the value of building construction was considerably less, reflecting a moderate decline in residential building.

