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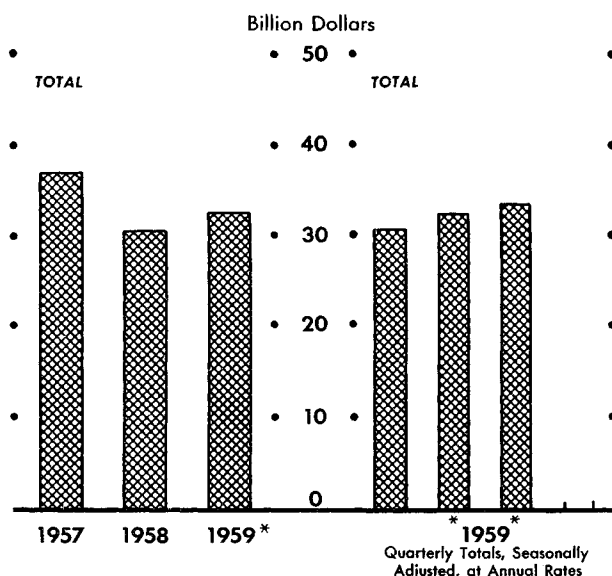
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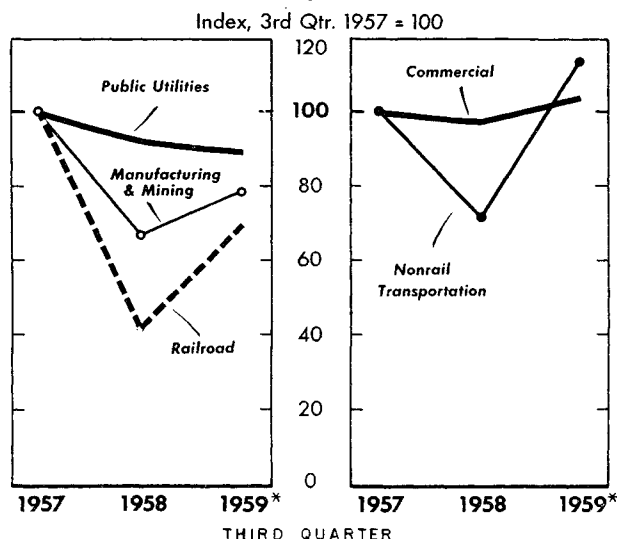
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Plant and Equipment

Outlays are scheduled to rise



Third quarter programs in most industries are above a year ago



* Anticipated

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THE ECONOMY is still moving forward under considerable momentum, with most of the major indicators for May pointing higher. Orders have spurted, and income, output, and employment will all register substantial gains in the second quarter.

Consumer purchasing is on the rise, facilitated by a marked expansion in the use of consumer credit, with automobile dealers' sales experiencing a strong spring pickup. Also, as charted at the left and discussed in a following section, the capital goods market is improving, with evidence of a larger volume of plant and equipment investment ahead.

Personal income at a \$376 billion annual rate in May recorded another sizable advance and is now 7 percent above a year ago. Recent gains reflect mostly increases in payrolls associated with further expansion in employment and weekly earnings.

The recent increase in production has gone to meet the rise in final demand and to round out inventories to service the resultant better sales volume. In the first 4 months of this year, the book value of business inventories increased by \$2 billion, lifting the total to over \$87 billion, seasonally adjusted, about the same as holdings a year ago around the low point of the recession. Although the April inventory accumulation was at a rate somewhat above that of the first quarter, the rise no more than matched the advance in sales, leaving the April inventory-sales ratio for manufacturing and trade as a whole at 1.4, considerably below the ratio for the same month of both 1957 and 1958.

This conservative inventory position is general among major industry groups in both manufacturing and trade. Notwithstanding recent increases, the value of aggregate business inventories held at the end of April was no larger than the total on hand a year ago, whereas April business sales were 15 percent higher. In steel, the high rate of ordering and output has to some extent represented hedging against a possible work interruption.

Advance data for May indicate that sales of all retail stores, seasonally adjusted, rose nearly 2 percent from April and 10 percent above May 1958. The increase over the April sales volume was very largely attributable to heavier buying of nondurables as consumers increased their purchases over a broad range of goods. Sales at durable goods stores were maintained at the improved April rate.

Income supplemented by credit

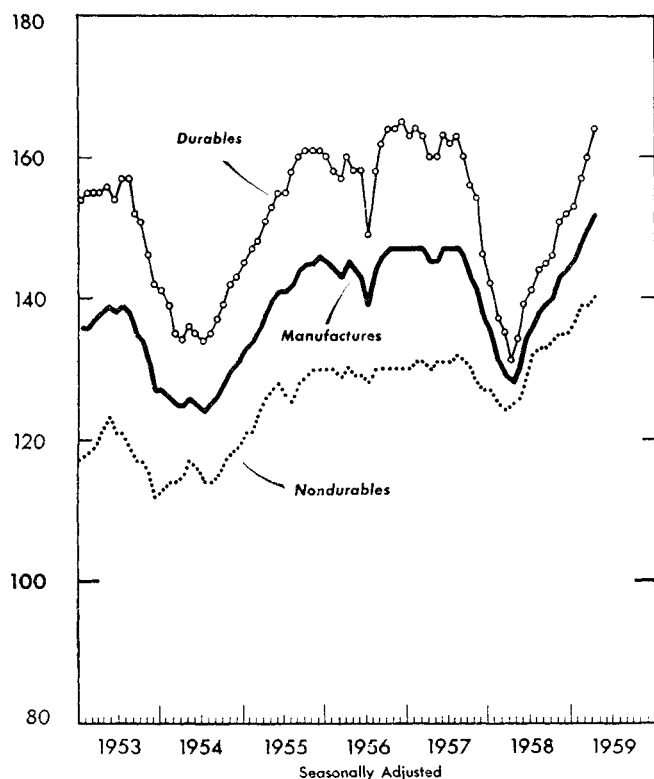
Rising business activity is being fueled not only by higher incomes but also by increased use of borrowed funds. In the 6 months ending April 1959, consumers supplemented their current income by a net seasonally adjusted extension of installment credit of nearly \$2 billion, of which about one-half was in automobile paper. In addition to expanded

use of short-term credit, individuals have stepped up their mortgage borrowing with government-assisted financing continuing as an important source of funds. The Federal National Mortgage Association recently lowered its purchase price on mortgages by one percentage point. The volume of mortgages offered FNMA had shown a sharp rise prior to the reduction in the purchase price.

Business borrowing has also moved forward in line with increased working capital requirements. The industries which were most active in executing credit reduction programs in early 1958 are currently prominent in the expansion of loan demands.

Manufacturing Production Recovers Strongly

Index, 1947-49=100



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Interest rates have been advanced, with the Federal Reserve raising the discount rate by one-half of a percentage point in several regions; the new rate of $3\frac{1}{2}$ percent was again back to the previous postwar high reached in August 1957.

Employment rising

A marked rise in employment was recorded in May, extending the strong spring advance. May employment in nonagricultural establishments of 52 million, seasonally adjusted, was nearly 2 million above the recession low in April 1958. A large part of the recent gain occurred in manufacturing, particularly in the durable goods industries. The strengthening in durable goods production has resulted in a reduction in pockets of substantial unemployment that had persisted in some industrial centers.

Employment recovery has been more spectacular in the commodity producing industries largely because their de-

clines were much more severe in the recent recession than in the noncommodity producing industries. In these latter industries, however, the steady advance has lifted aggregate employment above not only year-ago figures but also the highs registered in the 1956-57 boom.

Output high

The recovery of industrial production, now about a year old, is continuing. The Federal Reserve Index reached a high of 152 (1947-49=100) in May, 7 percent above December 1958 and 4 percent above its previous high of February 1957. The increase of nearly one-fifth over the year was one of the largest for a 12-month period.

A notable feature in recent months has been the accelerated output of durable goods. The steel industry has been producing a record tonnage since March in response to heavy demand for immediate consumption and for inventories.

With the spring pickup in demand, assemblies of new passenger cars and trucks have been pushed upward. May completions, after adjustment for seasonal influences, were substantially above the previous month and more than one-half larger than in May 1958.

Producers of most building materials are maintaining high-level operations. More recently, in consequence of the improvement of capital goods demand, a further stimulus to manufacturing output is coming from the machinery industry which produces the bulk of producers' equipment. Machine tool orders are now in enlarged volume and are improving steadily.

Output of nondurable manufactures continues steady at peak rates. The Federal Reserve Index reached 143 in May by which time recovery had lifted output one-seventh above the 1958 recession low. Most industry groups are currently operating at new high. Production in the rubber industry reached record proportions before being curtailed in April because of work stoppages. Textile manufacturing has shown a substantial rise over the year and is now virtually the highest since 1950.

New construction remains active. Through May of this year, work put in place has been one-eighth above the corresponding period of 1958. Housing activity in April and May held even with the first quarter after allowance for the usual seasonal rise. Despite some tightening in the money market, mortgage financing remains high and new housing starts are reported in the range of 1.3 to 1.4 million units on a seasonally adjusted annual rate basis.

Public construction has been running well above a year ago. Most types of such construction, other than schools, have increased.

Current position

The advance in business has now been underway for a year or more, and the rise has maintained its momentum as it has spread over an ever-widening circle. Recent months have brought substantial progress, with the initial lagging segments—e.g., business investment and auto sales—now reflecting the stimulus afforded by the general cyclical rise. One source of demand, export trade, has not given evidence of a renewed forward move. This lagging tendency, with the resultant movement of gold and dollars to foreign accounts, is discussed in one of the regular features of this number—the review of the U.S. balance of international payments.

Capital Investment Expands

BUSINESS expects to spend \$32½ billion on new plant and equipment in 1959, about 7 percent more than in 1958 and 12 percent less than was spent in the record year 1957. The amount scheduled for the full year—based on reports filed by businessmen in late April and May—is somewhat higher than the total reported in the annual survey conducted 3 months ago. Public utilities and manufacturers of nondurable goods plan lower investments, but the other major groups have raised theirs above those earlier anticipated.

Actual spending in the first quarter was at a seasonally adjusted annual rate of \$30½ billion, about \$1 billion above the third quarter 1958 low. Expenditures are now expected to rise to a rate of \$32½ billion in the second quarter and to about \$33½ billion in the third quarter. The survey results imply a further advance in the closing months of the year.

The main difference between the survey conducted 3 months ago and the current one lies in some indicated step-up in anticipations for the latter 6 months of the year. The March survey implied a \$32 billion annual rate of investment in the second half, whereas now the figure for the corresponding period is estimated at \$33½ billion.

Most of the major industry groups expect seasonally adjusted investment to rise in the second and third quarters, paced by advances in manufacturing and transportation. The other industry groups expect to maintain or increase their outlays in this period.

Manufacturers increase outlays

Manufacturing companies expect to spend over \$12 billion this year, 8 percent more than in 1958. The current annual anticipation does not differ much from the figure reported in the survey conducted earlier this year. It reflects an upward adjustment by durable-goods producers and a slight scaling down by soft-goods manufacturers.

Durable-goods manufacturers expect a steady increase through 1959 from the low point reached in the final quarter of 1958. The annual rate scheduled for the third quarter of 1959 is 30 percent higher than late last year, but is still considerably below the peak of the second quarter of 1957.

Even though steel output is being influenced by heavy stockpiling, a number of steel companies have recently announced major new construction plans with the emphasis on modernization and cost-cutting. Steel companies now expect a 7 percent rise in spending over 1958, with a steadily rising rate through 1959. Nonferrous metals companies show little change, at a level about one-fifth below 1958. The other durable-goods industries expect a rise through the third quarter.

Nondurable-goods manufacturers as a group are projecting a somewhat slower rise through the year than are durable-goods producers. These industries were less af-

ected by the recent recession than were durables and as a group reduced spending somewhat less from the 1957 peak. The anticipated seasonally adjusted annual rate of expenditure of \$6½ billion scheduled for the third quarter is about 15 percent above the low point in the second half of 1958.

The recovery as indicated in the quarterly figures is marked in the case of textiles and paper. The chemicals industry has a reduced program for 1959 as a whole, although the projected movement within 1959 is upward. Petroleum companies have scaled back their earlier reported programs—possibly under the influence of the recent accumulation of stocks; the full year total is expected to be about 8 percent higher than 1958.

Utilities pare programs

The public utilities are now planning to invest about 3 percent less than in 1958—a slackening from what was expected 3 months ago when a small rise was anticipated. A slight decrease from early programs has been made by the electric utilities and a larger one by the gas group. The latter now expects a rise and the former a decline as compared with the full year 1958.

The downward adjustments in the latest annual programs of electric utilities from those last reported may simply reflect a closer estimate of construction costs rather than the elimination of specific projects. The reduction in the programs of gas companies is attributable to the lowering of the sights of a few large pipeline companies.

Rising carloadings and profits have enabled the railroads to renew their ordering of equipment and they now project 1959 capital outlays of \$870 million or 15 percent above 1958.

New equipment for airlines

The large jet programs of the airlines continue to dominate investment by the nonrail transportation group. Annual programs are about the same as reported last time but the quarterly pattern is somewhat different—first quarter deliveries were below schedules but a sharp rise is anticipated in the second quarter and lesser increases thereafter.

Oil pipeline companies expect a rise in capital expenditures following the first quarter of this year after an extremely sharp cutback from late 1957. Marine companies have projected a very large investment advance over 1958. Trucking companies investment is also undergoing a marked recovery from the recession low point of last spring and summer.

Spending by communications firms is expected to rise after the first quarter following 2 years of decline. Construction contractors are increasing their equipment purchases over last year, influenced by the high rate of overall construction activity. Retail trade companies are also expanding store modernization programs and plans for new shopping centers.

Table 1.—Expenditures on New Plant and Equipment by U.S. Business,¹ 1956-59

[Millions of dollars]

	1956	1957	1958	1959 ²	1958				1959		
					Jan.- Mar.	Apr.- June	July- Sept.	Oct.- Dec.	Jan.- Mar.	Apr.- June ²	July- Sept. ²
Manufacturing	14,951	15,959	11,433	12,395	2,898	2,939	2,664	2,932	2,456	3,056	3,151
Durable goods industries	7,623	8,022	5,469	6,012	1,441	1,395	1,257	1,376	1,144	1,452	1,549
Primary iron and steel.....	1,268	1,722	1,192	1,281	315	324	285	268	208	290	335
Primary nonferrous metals.....	412	814	441	352	151	107	87	96	71	90	84
Electrical machinery and equipment.....	603	599	459	496	106	116	104	133	91	124	127
Machinery, except electrical.....	1,078	1,275	915	949	255	234	201	225	179	215	245
Motor vehicles and equipment.....	1,689	1,058	558	640	143	155	137	123	120	158	183
Transportation equipment, excluding motor vehicles.....	440	544	370	401	93	89	88	100	82	94	105
Stone, clay and glass products.....	686	572	399	511	102	101	84	112	113	136	122
Other durable goods ³	1,447	1,438	1,135	1,382	276	269	271	319	280	345	348
Nondurable goods industries	7,331	7,937	5,964	6,383	1,457	1,544	1,407	1,556	1,312	1,604	1,602
Food and beverages.....	799	850	742	832	170	202	183	187	185	227	201
Textile-mill products.....	465	408	288	387	73	69	66	80	78	100	102
Paper and allied products.....	801	811	578	593	141	146	151	140	124	150	157
Chemicals and allied products.....	1,455	1,724	1,320	1,262	340	352	304	324	260	324	314
Petroleum and coal products.....	3,135	3,453	2,431	2,621	587	629	554	661	518	631	657
Rubber products.....	201	200	134	185	37	30	32	35	35	49	48
Other nondurable goods ⁴	475	491	471	503	109	116	117	129	112	123	123
Mining	1,241	1,243	941	982	225	239	223	254	213	266	245
Railroads	1,231	1,396	754	867	256	202	140	156	159	258	236
Transportation, other than rail	1,712	1,771	1,500	1,986	398	369	320	413	408	538	498
Public utilities	4,895	6,195	6,088	5,891	1,227	1,511	1,633	1,717	1,199	1,498	1,576
Communications	2,684	3,032	2,615	10,444	659	683	603	670	2,470	2,665	2,613
Commercial and other ⁵	8,364	7,366	7,195		1,662	1,818	1,844	1,871			
Total	35,081	36,962	30,526	32,565	7,325	7,761	7,427	8,013	6,905	8,281	8,319

Seasonally Adjusted at Annual Rates

[Billions of dollars]

Manufacturing					13.20	11.53	10.86	10.58	11.20	11.95	12.82
Durable goods industries ⁶					6.58	5.57	5.16	4.86	5.26	5.75	6.31
Primary iron and steel.....					1.52	1.27	1.20	.90	1.02	1.14	1.38
Primary nonferrous metals.....					.68	.44	.35	.34	.32	.37	.34
Electrical machinery and equipment.....					.52	.47	.43	.44	.44	.50	.52
Machinery except electrical.....					1.11	.96	.84	.79	.79	.88	1.01
Motor vehicles and equipment.....					.66	.63	.52	.46	.56	.61	.70
Transportation equipment, excluding motor vehicles.....					.43	.36	.35	.36	.38	.37	.42
Nondurable goods industries ⁶					6.62	5.96	5.70	5.72	5.94	6.20	6.51
Food and beverages.....					.71	.76	.76	.75	.77	.85	.83
Textile-mill products.....					.30	.26	.29	.30	.32	.37	.45
Paper and allied products.....					.63	.58	.59	.52	.55	.60	.62
Chemicals and allied products.....					1.51	1.38	1.27	1.17	1.14	1.26	1.32
Petroleum and coal products.....					2.86	2.42	2.17	2.36	2.53	2.45	2.58
Mining					1.00	.92	.88	.97	.95	1.02	.97
Railroads					1.02	.77	.63	.58	.63	.99	1.07
Transportation, other than rail					1.69	1.40	1.29	1.62	1.71	2.06	2.06
Public utilities					5.87	5.97	6.10	6.26	5.80	5.91	5.94
Commercial and other ⁵					9.63	9.73	9.85	9.96	10.33	10.36	10.53
Total					32.41	30.32	29.61	29.97	30.62	32.29	33.39

1. Data exclude expenditures of agricultural business and outlays charged to current account.

2. Estimates for the year 1959 are based on actual capital expenditures for the January-March quarter and anticipated capital expenditures for the remaining quarters of the year. These data were reported by business in late April and May 1959. The anticipated data have been adjusted when necessary for systematic tendencies. See technical note at end of text.

3. Includes fabricated metal products, lumber products, furniture and fixtures, instruments, ordnance, and miscellaneous manufactures.

4. Includes apparel and related products, tobacco, leather and leather products, and printing and publishing.

5. Includes trade, service, finance, and construction. Figures for 1959 and seasonally adjusted data also include communications.

6. Includes industries not shown separately.

NOTE.—Data for earlier years were published in the June 1956 SURVEY OF CURRENT BUSINESS, p. 6.

SOURCES: U.S. Department of Commerce, Office of Business Economics, and Securities Exchange Commission.

Technical Note

Attention is directed to a new method of presentation of the anticipated quarterly expenditures in the top part of table 1. Experience with the quarterly surveys has shown that some businessmen, in reporting their quarterly anticipations, do not fully make allowances for a number of factors such as weather and accounting adjustments. As a result, anticipations for particular quarters have exhibited recurrent over- or under-statements with respect to actual expenditures as later reported. Because of the systematic character of these tendencies we have endeavored to make adjustments in the quarterly anticipations to improve the usefulness of the series.

In each industry the amount of adjustment to the anticipation for a given quarter of the year is determined by selecting the median percentage deviation

between actual and anticipated expenditures for this particular quarter over the postwar period. In the current survey the overall effect has been to lower the reported anticipations for the second quarter of 1959 by about 3 percent and the third quarter by about 1 percent.

This adjustment was first incorporated in the seasonally adjusted anticipations in 1952. Starting with the December 1958 SURVEY, the unadjusted estimates shown in the top part of table 1 also incorporate these adjustments for systematic tendencies in the anticipatory data. The seasonally adjusted series (bottom part of table 1) is derived by applying conventional seasonal factors to the estimates shown at the top.

Review of Transportation Trends

THE TOTAL intercity ton-miles of freight moved in the United States by all carriers varies with total commodity production (obtained by subtracting services from the total GNP). Although the (effective) weighting of the two series differs, the volume of commodities produced and transported has shown essentially similar annual changes throughout the period from 1929 to date.

In addition to being closely related, the two series show about the same relative fluctuations from year to year.¹ Between 1929 and 1958, each of the series doubles. The average annual rate of increase for commodity output and transport is about 3 percent.

Changes in traffic

During the past 30 years the portion of total commodity transport carried by rail has declined as each of the other major types of transport has developed (see accompanying chart). In the late 1920's, about three-fourths of total intercity ton-miles was by rail. Since then the proportion has decreased except in the war years when there was a significant interruption. The proportion has now dropped below half.

Among the other carriers, trucks have made the largest relative gains, rising from 3 percent in 1929 to 10 percent in 1940. After a decline during the war, trucks were again hauling 10 percent by 1947 and 20 percent by 1958. It should be noted that in terms of revenue the share is more, since on the basis of the receipts of ICC-regulated highway carriers—which perform about one-third of all ton-miles—revenue obtained per ton-mile is four times the average for railroads.

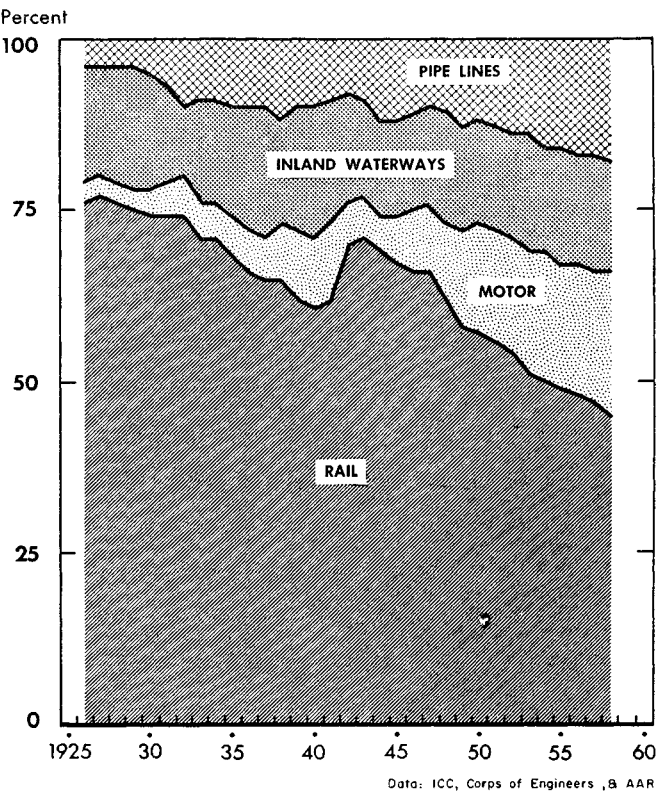
Pipeline transport has shown a rise that is only slightly less than the increase in truck movement and at present accounts for nearly as high a proportion of ton-miles. Since the pipeline movement consists of petroleum and products, the impact upon rail traffic is more indirect, chiefly through the competition of petroleum fuels and natural gas—which were never moved in mass by rail—with coal.

Water transport has shown little variation in its ratio to total ton-miles. This reflects a combination of rather stable Great Lakes traffic (chiefly ore, coal, and limestone), and a rapidly growing volume of traffic on other waterways which has made significant diversions of traffic from rail movement. The St. Lawrence Seaway was opened to traffic in the spring of 1959, providing a more efficient all-water route from Lake ports to foreign markets. It is expected to make a significant increment to the ton-mileage performed on the Great Lakes system.

For the period from the 1920's to date, excluding the war

years, variations in annual rail ton-miles have been rather closely related to two broad factors. The first is the effect of changes in commodity output (goods and construction). Rail ton-miles have shown somewhat larger relative fluctu-

Intercity Ton-Miles by All Carriers
Shifts in proportions carried



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ations than commodity output (partly the result of a different weighting of the two measures). In addition, rail traffic also has been affected by the competitive efforts of other transportation forms, a factor producing a persistent downward trend, interrupted only during World War II.²

Analysis of movement by commodities

For the postwar period, the railroads show important variations both in relation to (a) commodities hauled and (b) regional influences.

Coal is the number one product hauled by rail both in

¹ A least squares regression was fitted for the years 1929-1941 and 1947-1957. The equation is $Y = 3.181 X^{1.020}$ where Y = total intercity freight traffic in billions of ton-miles and X = output of goods and construction in billions of 1954 dollars. Coefficient of correlation $R^2 = 0.986$.

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² A least squares regression was fitted for the years 1922-1940 and 1946-1957. The equation for the relationship is: $Y = 1.528 X^{1.145} 0.991^t$ where Y = billions of rail revenue freight ton-miles, X = output of goods and construction in billions of 1954 dollars and $t = 2$ (year - 1939 1/2). Coefficient of correlation $R^2 = 0.941$.

terms of weight and of revenue. (It is the principal business of the Pocahontas roads and a major revenue producer in Eastern and Southern territories.) Coal transport has been a relatively constant proportion of rail traffic for the past three decades. It is distinctive in that the rails have had little direct diversion of traffic to other carriers.

In 1957, about 10 percent of the coal produced was transported from the mines by water, another 10 percent by truck, and nearly 80 percent by rail. In the first few years after World War II, the portion of coal hauled by truck showed some rise—from about 7 percent to 10 percent—but since 1950 the proportion trucked has shown no significant change, with some absolute decline. On the other hand, the proportion of coal moving by water showed little change during the earlier period, but has about doubled since 1950—rising from 5 to 10 percent.

If direct diversion of coal traffic from the rails has been rather moderate, the indirect substitution of other forms of energy for coal has continued on a large scale in recent years. Coal provides about one-third of total energy consumed at present as compared with two-thirds in 1929. Of all principal uses of coal, only electric utility consumption has a clear uptrend. Oven coke consumption of coal has shown some rise in the past decade, and coal exports have been rather large until recently.

Petroleum and natural gas—which have been widely used for fuel—are produced in limited areas, but consumed throughout the Nation, so that long movements are required. Since much of the crude oil production and refining is near water, tanker and barge transportation, which are cheaper even than pipeline transportation, are used for port deliveries. Pipelines are used for major hauls to landlocked areas. Railroads are playing a minor and declining role in the transportation of petroleum products.

Agricultural products

Rail transport of agricultural products is a distinctly mixed picture in which some types of products, chiefly grains, have been only moderately diverted to other carriers whereas animals and products have been largely diverted to truck movement.

Principally because of the advantage in convenience and speed of the truck, stock transport by rail is now largely limited to transfers from one terminal market to nonadjacent slaughter houses, and this is the principal portion of the traffic haul in which rail movement is likely to be important. The same influences, however, do not affect fresh meat shipment, yet meat shipment by rail declined 40 percent between 1947 and 1957 while meat production rose 20 percent.

Careful studies of fruit and vegetable (including potato) transport by rail and truck indicate that the tendency of diversion from rail to truck depends upon a rather complex group of influences of which convenience and speed are important. Shippers reported that trucks usually had the advantage in both these respects for much of the intercity transport.

Importance of cost differentials

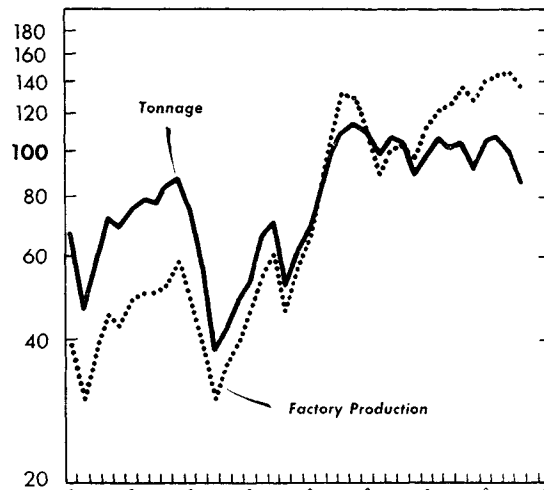
The choice of carrier appeared to be in considerable part a function of the cost relationship to the shipper of the two types of transport. In most markets studied, the rather large proportion of the total price of the product represented by transport appeared to make the choice of transport very sensitive to differences in costs, so that any appreciable cost differential to the shipper appeared to be a predominant influence affecting the mode of transport.

Grain traffic is particularly important to rails. Much of it is long-haul bulk movement for which rails have an advantage relative to trucks, and truck competition has been of limited importance. The relative change in tonnage of corn and wheat hauled by rail in the past 10 years is not far different from the relative change in production. Water transport has risen in the past decade, but the tonnage shipped remains only about one-tenth of that moving by rail.

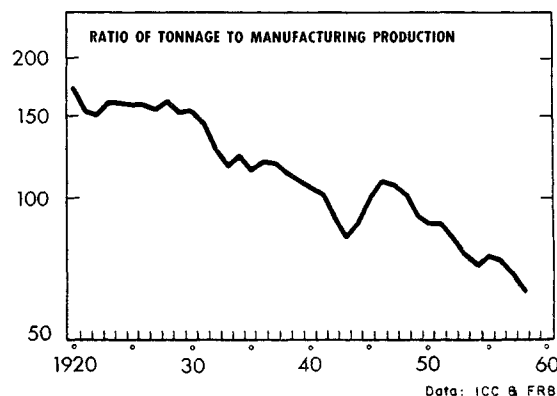
Substantial declines occurred, however, in wheat flour and mill product shipments by rail during the same period. Potato shipments were also off considerably more than production during the decade.

Rail Freight Tonnage of Manufactures and Factory Production

Index, 1947-49=100 (ratio scale)



Percent (ratio scale)



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Much of the volume of agricultural products moves in trucks which are not regulated by ICC. The Transportation Act of 1958 contained two provisions directly affecting highway traffic. The act declared that certain commodities were no longer free from regulation under the agricultural products exemption clause of the Interstate Commerce Act. The rates on such important food items as frozen fruits and vegetables are now brought under Commission regulation.

Secondly, the new act discourages "buy and sell" operations designed to circumvent the lack of appropriate inter-

state operating rights. There is no change affecting private carrier transportation where such transportation is incidental to a primary business enterprise (other than transportation).

Industrial goods

A third commodity grouping of rail traffic, and the most important from the revenue standpoint, is manufactures and miscellaneous. Since this is also the most rapidly growing group of products, competition in this area is particularly important for long-term trends. At present manufactures and miscellaneous account for about one-fourth of the tonnage hauled by rail, about two-fifths of the carloads, and nearly half of the total freight revenue.

In general, the manufactures group contains most of the high-valued commodities both in relation to space and to weight. Many of these commodities have had relatively high rates per ton and per cubic foot. Such rates were also higher in relation to costs than the average for other commodity groups. Accordingly, truck competition has been quite severe in this general group, diverting large sectors of the most profitable rail traffic.³ This may be shown roughly for the group as a whole by comparison with manufacturing output, before an examination is made of specific diversions and freight charges.

The accompanying chart shows that manufactures and miscellaneous rail freight tonnage moved consistently with factory production as measured by the Federal Reserve Board index during most of the decade of the 1920's, but toward the end of that period the rail tonnage hauled began to decline in relation to output. The declining trend has continued largely unabated since then, interrupted only during World War II.

Between 1929 and 1940 the ratio of rail tonnage to manufacturing output declined nearly one-third, and after rising during the war, it was back about even with 1940 by 1947. In the following decade, the ratio dropped one-third and is now less than half the ratio which prevailed in 1929. Although the measure used is only an approximate one, it will be recalled that total commodity movement has about kept pace with commodity output.

Impact of diversion on revenues

From the standpoint of revenue, however, the shift in traffic from rail to truck has been somewhat more significant. Such diversion has been larger for those commodities for which rail rates were high in relation to costs of movement and the contribution to rail revenue was correspondingly large.

The general picture of traffic changes for manufactured products by rail and other carriers in the past decade is shown in the accompanying chart. The commodities shown include the major revenue manufactured products hauled by rails (each accounting for \$20 million or more of rail revenue in 1947) for which roughly comparable traffic and production data are available.

The median "loss" of rail traffic in relation to output is one-third, which is about equal to that shown for manufactured products as a whole as compared with manufacturing output and not significantly different from the relative change in total commodity traffic in relation to total output.

Among the commodities where traffic diversion has been larger than average: (1) most items are now hauled in volume by truck, and (2) freight revenue obtained on the basis of 1956 operations, exceeded out-of-pocket costs by 75

percent or more for about half the items. This combination suggests that for half the items, the loss in revenue contribution is relatively great on the basis of current rate-cost ratios. The rate advance on these items has been a part of the general rate increase of the past decade. Although such advances have not fully kept up with rising costs, the substantial total contribution to rail revenue of this "valuable" freight is being reduced by the success of other carriers. The rails still have some margin of flexibility in rate adjustment for these items, if this is a major influence affecting the choice of carrier.

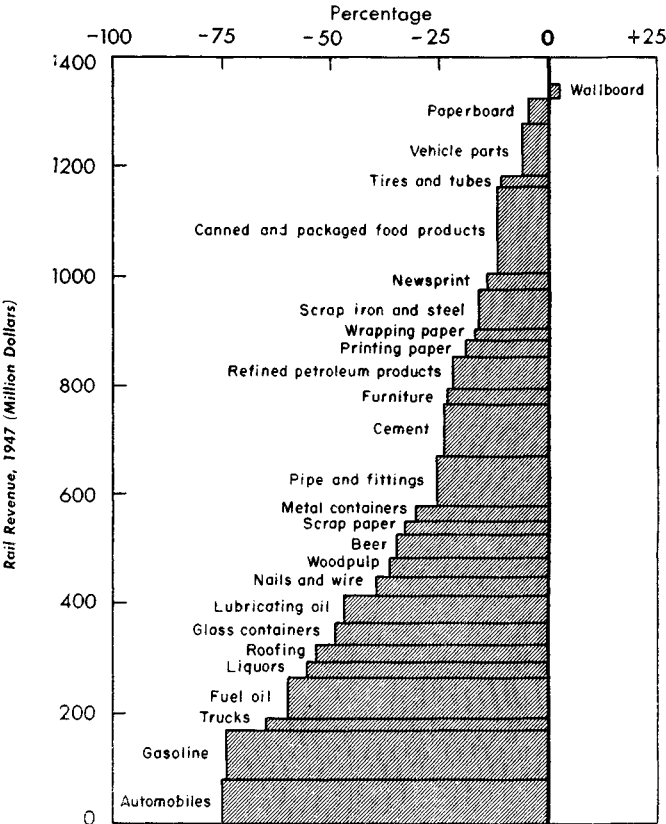
The freedom of carriers to make rate reductions was emphasized in a 1958 amendment to the Interstate Commerce Act. The new provision prohibits holding up a carrier's rate level to protect the traffic of any other mode of transportation. Cases are now before the Interstate Commerce Commission involving interpretation of this amendment within the context of national policy as set out in the basic transportation legislation.

Regional traffic differences

The preceding discussion has been in terms of the national picture. The broad influences have had their impact throughout the Nation, but regional variations in the traffic flow have been important, and the persistent differences have

Changes in Rail Traffic Relative to Production, 1947-1957

Selected major manufactured products



Note. - The length of each bar represents the change in the rail share of traffic and the width shows the value of 1947 rail revenue. Traffic data are from ICC; production data mainly from FRB.

had an intensified effect upon earnings in the various regions and in turn upon financial structure.

In Eastern territory a downward trend in actual ton-miles has persisted, accentuated by recessions. Thus the cyclical peak in Eastern territory in 1947 was considerably below the war years' freight movement but was above the 1951 high and the latter in turn was above the 1956 high. Similarly each of the postwar cyclical troughs has been lower than earlier ones, and by 1958 traffic was below the prewar high. In early 1959, carloadings in Eastern territory were up appreciably from a year earlier, but they were below the rate in the comparable period of other nonrecession years.

Table 1.—Ratio of Long-Term Railroad Debt to Capitalization

[Billions of dollars]

	1940	1943	1948	1953	1957
Eastern District					
Long-term debt.....	4.1	3.7	3.7	4.2	4.0
Stockholders' equity.....	4.2	4.7	4.8	5.3	5.3
Ratio of debt to capitalization (percent).....	49	44	44	44	43
Western District					
Long-term debt.....	5.3	5.1	3.6	3.9	4.2
Stockholders' equity.....	4.4	4.8	6.3	7.8	8.2
Ratio of debt to capitalization (percent).....	55	52	36	33	34
Southern Region					
Long-term debt.....	1.5	1.3	1.2	1.4	1.3
Stockholders' equity.....	1.1	1.3	1.6	2.0	2.2
Ratio of debt to capitalization (percent).....	58	50	42	41	37
Pocahontas Region					
Long-term debt.....	.3	.3	.4	.5	.5
Stockholders' equity.....	.9	.9	1.0	1.1	1.3
Ratio of debt to capitalization (percent).....	25	25	31	31	28

Source: Interstate Commerce Commission. Data cover Class I railroads.

In other regions, rail traffic has shown little change in trend in the postwar period, but has taken considerable drops in recessionary periods. In Western territory, total ton-miles appear to have shown merely cyclical changes with perhaps a slight uptrend. They have remained moderately lower than the war peak but far above prewar traffic. In this area, which is characterized by a strong secular uptrend in economic growth (including total traffic) substantial traffic diversion from rails to other carriers has been offset by the general area expansion, so that the trend of rail commodity traffic is not declining—an important influence for the "overhead" problem and its effect upon earnings.

The Southern territory commodity traffic has likewise tended to be generally stable in the past decade, and it has been about equal to the wartime high. The Pocahontas roads had less expansion during the war, but reached highs soon after the war when coal exports were abnormally large. They have since exceeded these levels occasionally with intervening periods of sharp drops in traffic.

The trend of earnings and the financial position of the rails reflect the considerable difference in the traffic of Eastern region and that of other territories. Another reason for regional diversity in earnings is the varying impact of the passenger-service loss, which includes not only the deficit from the movement of persons but dining-car, express, and mail operations.

The passenger problem received attention in the Transportation Act of 1958. Prior to the act, the ICC had authority over passenger service only to the extent that it was provided over a line which a railroad proposed to abandon, i.e., discontinue all freight and passenger service. The act gave the ICC authority over less radical changes in passenger service. Since the act went into effect, 35 applications have been filed mostly involving discontinuance of specified passenger trains. A number of these applications have been approved in whole or in part, but most are still pending before the ICC.

Variation in earnings

For other-than-Eastern territory, net income after taxes has shown some general upward trend during most of the postwar period. Profits of these roads have been somewhat more sensitive to cyclical influences than have profits in industry as a whole. In 1957 and 1958 in Western and Pocahontas territories, however, declines were moderate and profits after taxes remained above the average for the postwar period. In Southern territory the decline was more substantial and profits fell appreciably below most other recent years.

Before 1957, however, profits after taxes in each of the three territories other than Eastern sometimes exceeded the wartime peak. Substantial earnings throughout the period made possible a considerable rise in stockholders' equity—around 50 percent—(primarily through additions to surplus from earnings). Accordingly with only a slight rise in debt—except for the relatively low-debt Pocahontas group—the ratio of debt to total investment has shown a considerable decline. Thus the general uptrend in earnings for these roads brought a substantial coverage of fixed charges or debt, even in unfavorable years, such as 1958.

For Eastern territory roads, the trend in earnings has been unfavorable. Although rates have been increased as traffic has declined, the war period earnings have not been approached in any year—1955 was the best postwar year. In recessions, profits after taxes have fallen to prewar levels and in 1958 were the lowest since the 1930's, except for the year 1946 when special wartime write-offs reduced reported earnings. There has been only a modest gain (15 percent) in stockholders' equity. Accordingly the ratio of debt to total investment has shown only a small decline.

The lower earnings of recent years provide less adequate coverage of fixed charges. Furthermore—although this is another aspect of the same problem rather than an independent coincidence—the larger drop in traffic in Eastern territory than elsewhere has resulted in a steeper rise in unit costs and thus has aggravated the problem of meeting competition on a price or rate basis.

In the Transportation Act of 1958 provision was made for financial assistance for temporarily hard-pressed railroads. The act authorized the ICC to guarantee loans made to carriers for capital expenditures or maintenance. The criteria for guaranteeing the loan are (1) that the railroad would otherwise be unable to obtain funds on reasonable terms (2) that the loan is repayable in 15 years; and (3) that the prospects for repayment are good. The limit on the amount to be guaranteed is \$500 million and the closing date for the guarantee of loans is March 31, 1961. To date a small number of applications for loan guarantees have been filed. Two have been approved. Other roads have had informal discussions with the ICC about guaranteed loans.

Expansion of Foreign Travel

EXPENDITURES for foreign travel by Americans rose in 1958 to \$2,140 million, about 10 percent over 1957. Of this amount \$1,460 million was spent in foreign countries and \$680 million was paid for transportation between the United States and the foreign area visited.

Fare payments increased nearly 3 times as much as expenditures made in foreign countries during 1958. The sharper rise resulted from a proportionate increase in travel to more distant countries at a higher transportation cost, and a relatively larger increase in air travel, where fares constitute a larger proportion of total travel expenditures. Another factor was the rapid growth in cruise travel, where an average of 75 percent of the total outlays of travelers go for fares and shipboard expenditures.

From the end of World War II through 1951, foreign travel expenditures rose less rapidly than disposable personal incomes. Since 1951, however, the annual increase in disposable income has slowed and with foreign travel expenditures rising at an average annual rate of 10 percent, travel payments have moved closer to the relationship to disposable personal incomes maintained in the 1920's.

Further rise in 1959

Although the seasonal peak of this year's foreign travel is still ahead, it is clear from the evidence now available that 1959 may be expected to reach another high in both the number of travelers and their expenditures. Among the factors favoring an increase in foreign travel is the substantial rise in personal income in real terms which has meant a larger amount available for such purposes as recreational travel. Personal income for the first 5 months is running about 6 percent above the total for the corresponding period a year ago, and 7 percent above 1957.

The available transportation will be greater in the peak season, especially in jet planes, with their large capacity and quick turnaround. The passport applications so far this year confirm other evidences that a larger number of our citizens will make an overseas trip in 1959.

Payments to foreign countries

Foreign countries received \$1,780 million from U.S. travelers in 1958, \$1,460 million being spent abroad and \$320 million paid to foreign carriers. Fare payments to foreign ships and planes rose by one-fifth over 1957, while fares paid to U.S. carriers increased by only half as much, reflecting a growing share of passengers carried by foreign airlines and the rise in cruise travel, which takes place principally on foreign vessels.

Travel payments in 1958 rose more rapidly than in the previous year, despite the business recession in the United

States. The rise was mainly in travel to Europe and the Far East. Travel to Canada and the Caribbean area, on the other hand, seems to have been most affected by the recession. A large proportion of American expenditures in Canada is normally made by residents of the major cities close to the Canadian border where the recession was particularly severe.

Of the \$88 million increase in expenditures in foreign countries by American travelers in 1958, \$77 million accrued to Europe and the Mediterranean area and \$11 million to countries in the Far East.

Canada and Mexico together again received the largest share of American foreign travel dollars—44 percent—although this represented a slightly smaller proportion than in 1957. The gain in Mexico's receipts from U.S. travelers was offset by a drop in expenditures in Canada.

Europe and the Mediterranean area received the next largest share—38 percent—compared with 35 percent in 1957, and 44 percent in 1929.

The Caribbean area and South America received a smaller proportion than in 1957, reflecting a drop in travel due to some extent to political unrest in the area. Nevertheless, the share of the Caribbean and South America in total American travel expenditures was still greater than in any of the years from 1948 to 1957. Expenditures in the Far East continued to account for a small, but steadily rising share in foreign travel spending.

Increased air travel

U.S. residents made 1,398,000 trips to overseas countries in 1958. The 2-percent increase over 1957 was the smallest since 1951. The greatest increase in the numbers of travelers was to Europe and the Far East. There was a slight increase in travel to some of the nearby countries, but these

Table 1.—Total Expenditures for Foreign Travel by U.S. Residents 1929, 1937, 1947, and 1954-58 ¹

[Millions of dollars]				
Year	Expenditures in foreign countries	Fares paid		Total
		To foreign carriers	To U.S. carriers	
1929.....	483	164	41	688
1937.....	348	95	27	470
1947.....	573	55	88	716
1954.....	1,009	183	209	1,401
1955.....	1,153	201	258	1,612
1956.....	1,275	238	301	1,814
1957.....	1,372	261	322	1,955
1958.....	1,460	320	359	2,139

1. Excludes travel by military personnel and other Government employees stationed abroad, their dependents and U.S. citizens residing abroad; includes shore expenditures of cruise travelers; passenger fares exclude fares paid by emigrant aliens.

Source: U.S. Department of Commerce, Office of Business Economics, estimates based on questionnaire returns.

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increases were more than offset by a sharp drop in travel to Western Hemisphere countries where political disturbances took place.

The Middle Atlantic States furnished the greatest numbers of travelers by air to the West Indies, Central and South America, a much greater proportion than the Central States with a higher proportion of population and about the same proportion of personal incomes.

Nearly 75 percent of Americans visiting Bermuda by air live in New York, Connecticut, New Jersey, and Massachusetts, while over a third of visitors by air to Cuba live in Florida. On the other hand, most of the travelers to Mexico reside in California, Texas, or New York, all easily accessible by air to Mexico.

Over 66 percent of travelers to Cuba and the nearby Caribbean during the Florida season live in New England, the Middle Atlantic, or Central States. However, during the summer months when relatively fewer visitors from Northern States stay in Florida, travel to the West Indies is mainly confined to persons who live in Florida or nearby States. It is thus evident that proximity or availability of direct air transportation is a major factor in deciding the foreign country to be visited. Since 1952 there has been a relative increase among travelers to Europe of persons living in California, Illinois, and Michigan, all of which States now have direct air transportation to Europe.

Table 2.—Estimated Expenditures by U.S. Residents on Foreign Travel 1957-58 ¹

[Millions of dollars]

	1957	1958
Total	1,955	2,139
Transportation	583	679
Foreign flag carriers.....	261	320
U.S. flag carriers.....	322	359
Expenditures abroad	1,372	1,460
Canada.....	340	323
Persons staying under 48 hours.....	80	na
Mexico.....	305	319
Persons visiting Mexican border only.....	204	208
Total overseas areas	727	818
Europe and Mediterranean.....	483	560
United Kingdom.....	82	90
Ireland.....	12	13
Denmark.....	na	16
Norway.....	na	9
Sweden.....	na	10
France.....	83	93
Benelux.....	21	40
Germany.....	58	64
Austria.....	15	19
Switzerland.....	42	43
Italy.....	93	99
Spain.....	21	21
Portugal.....	5	6
Israel.....	na	12
Greece.....	na	11
West Indies and Central America.....	153	156
Bermuda.....	28	29
Nassau.....	na	23
Jamaica.....	58	25
Other British West Indies.....	na	11
Cuba.....	43	37
Netherlands West Indies.....	5	7
Other West Indies.....	8	10
Central America.....	11	14
South America.....	37	37
Argentina.....	6	6
Brazil.....	10	10
Venezuela.....	8	9
Other overseas areas.....	54	65
Japan.....	26	29
Hong Kong.....	9	13
Philippine Islands.....	6	5
Australia and New Zealand.....	4	5

1. Excludes travel by military personnel and other Government employees stationed abroad, their dependents and U.S. citizens residing abroad; includes shore expenditures of cruise travelers; passenger fares exclude fares paid by emigrant aliens.
na Not available.

Source: U.S. Department of Commerce, Office of Business Economics, estimates based on questionnaire returns.

Payments to Europe expand

American travelers spent \$560 million in Europe in 1958, 16 percent more than in 1957, the highest annual increase since 1955. This rise was due principally to an increase in the number of travelers.

Over 45 percent of Americans traveling to overseas areas went to Europe. Of these, about two-thirds traveled by air, a slightly higher proportion than in 1957. Although a smaller proportion of travelers crossed the Atlantic by sea in 1958 than in 1957, the numbers of sea travelers showed a slight increase over the preceding year, the first annual increase in sea travel to Europe since 1954. Over this same period, travel to Europe by air has more than doubled.

More U.S. born Americans crossing to Europe by sea in 1958 used first class space than other accommodations. Only 28 percent of those who crossed by air went by first class. Only 1 of every 8 foreign born Americans used first class space on ships and on planes.

About half of first class sea travel takes place in April, May, and June. In the case of air travel, relatively more travelers use first class space in the summer months. Detailed data by quarters are shown in table 4.

Airlines offered a new and more economical type of accommodation during the second quarter of 1958—economy class. From the time it was initiated it became the most fully utilized of any type of air transportation across the Atlantic, with 60 percent of U.S. residents traveling by economy class.

The peak of European travel falls in the third quarter of the year with 40 percent of the trips being made then. Since 1951, the peak has been extended somewhat into the second quarter, permitting better use of existing facilities in European countries. Transatlantic travel by sea is concentrated in the spring and summer. Travel by air is distributed more evenly, due to the fact that a relatively large proportion of businessmen travel by air, and their trips are spaced throughout the year.

U.S. residents spent \$1,531 a person on each European trip in 1958, about the same amount as in 1957. Americans crossing the Atlantic by ship spent \$1,712 per trip, of which \$1,048 represented travel expenditures in Europe and the remainder, \$664, transatlantic fares. Travelers by air aver-

Table 3.—Number of U.S. Travelers to Overseas Countries, by Means of Departure from the United States 1957-58 ¹

[Thousands]

	1957	1958
Overseas, total	1,369	1,398
Sea.....	303	292
Air.....	1,066	1,106
Europe and Mediterranean, total.....	556	637
Sea.....	205	218
Air.....	351	419
West Indies and Central America, total.....	704	645
Sea.....	79	55
Air.....	625	590
Bermuda, total.....	99	102
Cuba, total.....	276	218
South America, total.....	51	52
Sea.....	7	6
Air.....	44	46
Other overseas, total.....	58	64
Sea.....	12	13
Air.....	46	51
Japan, total.....	44	48

1. Excludes numbers of travelers on cruises, military personnel and other Government employees stationed abroad, their dependents and U.S. citizens residing abroad.

Source: U.S. Department of Commerce, Office of Business Economics; U.S. Department of Justice, Immigration and Naturalization Service.

Table 4.—Number of U.S. Residents Traveling in Europe and the Mediterranean Area, by Means of Transportation 1957 and 1958, by Quarter ¹

[Thousands]

Means of transportation	Annual		First quarter		Second quarter		Third quarter		Fourth quarter	
	1957	1958	1957	1958	1957	1958	1957	1958	1957	1958
Total travelers	556	637	62	74	161	195	236	263	97	105
U. S. born.....	354	422	37	45	115	137	142	169	60	71
Foreign born.....	202	215	25	29	46	58	94	94	37	34
Sea travelers	205	218	17	20	66	74	89	92	33	32
U. S. born.....	118	137	8	10	46	53	49	56	15	18
Foreign born.....	87	81	9	10	20	21	40	36	18	14
First class.....	56	60	4	5	18	25	20	22	8	8
U. S. born.....	40	50	3	4	16	22	15	17	6	7
Foreign born.....	10	10	1	1	2	3	5	5	2	1
Cabin class ²	57	57	4	4	21	21	24	24	8	8
U. S. born.....	35	39	2	2	16	17	14	15	4	5
Foreign born.....	22	18	2	2	5	4	10	9	4	3
Tourist class ²	98	101	9	11	27	28	45	46	17	16
U. S. born.....	43	48	3	4	14	14	20	24	6	6
Foreign born.....	55	53	6	7	13	14	25	22	11	10
Air travelers	351	419	45	54	95	121	147	171	64	73
U. S. born.....	236	285	29	35	69	84	93	113	45	53
Foreign born.....	115	134	16	19	26	37	54	58	19	20
First class.....	91	97	16	18	23	24	32	33	20	22
U. S. born.....	72	81	13	15	19	20	24	27	16	19
Foreign born.....	19	16	3	3	4	4	8	6	4	3
Tourist class.....	260	94	29	36	72	23	115	27	44	8
U. S. born.....	164	61	16	20	50	16	69	19	29	6
Foreign born.....	96	33	13	16	22	7	46	8	15	2
Economy class ⁴		228				74		111		43
U. S. born.....		143				48		67		28
Foreign born.....		85				26		44		15

1. Excludes travelers on cruises, military personnel and other Government employees stationed abroad, their dependents and U.S. citizens residing abroad.

2. Includes travelers using first class accommodations costing less than \$325.

3. Includes travelers using freighter type, combination type, or tourist class accommodations.

4. Economy class originated in April 1958.

Source: U.S. Department of Commerce, Office of Business Economics.

aged \$1,436 for each trip, with \$786 spent in Europe and \$650 for fares. The higher expenditure of sea travelers reflects an average stay in Europe of 68 days compared with 41 days for air travelers. About one-third of air travelers spend 4 weeks or less in Europe. The average length of stay of all travelers declined from 52 to 50 days, reflecting largely the greater proportion of air travelers in the total.

The average expenditure of travelers crossing by sea to Europe in 1958 was about 5 percent higher than in 1957—the same as the annual average increase since 1952. Expenditures of travelers by air have increased only about 8 percent over the entire period. The difference in the rate of increase in expenditures may be attributed in part to the fact that the proportion of U.S. born travelers among sea travelers has increased twice as rapidly as the proportion among air travelers. Per trip expenditures of foreign born travelers average 37 percent below that of U.S. born travelers, due to the tendency of the former to visit family and friends and to limit the extent of their travel from country to country within Europe.

The average expenditure in 1958 of \$1,000 in Europe by travelers born in the United States and of \$632 by foreign born travelers remained the same as in 1957, with per diem expenditures and average length of stay of each group virtually unchanged. The slight rise in average expenditures of all travelers was due to the continuing long-term trend of an increasing proportion of U.S. born persons among European travelers.

The arithmetic average expenditure of \$876 by all U.S. travelers in Europe in 1958 compares with a median expenditure falling between \$626 and \$725. In 1952, the arithmetic average of \$767 was proportionately even higher than the median, reflecting a relatively larger number of travelers making low expenditures.

American travelers spent nearly \$100 million in Italy in 1958, 6 percent over expenditures in 1957, reflecting an increase in the numbers of travelers which more than offset a drop of 10 percent in per capita expenditures. France and the United Kingdom ranked next with \$93 million and \$90 million respectively, in each case about a 10-percent increase over 1957. The rise was due to increased numbers of travelers, average expenditures remaining about the same.

The greatest increase in travel expenditures in the area, both in relative and absolute terms, occurred in the Benelux countries, where expenditures were nearly double those in the preceding year, following a 66-percent rise in the numbers of travelers, possibly drawn to the area by the World Fair in Brussels. Except for the Benelux countries, Ireland, and Austria, per capita expenditures of travelers dropped in every European country in 1958. This reflected a shorter average stay in each country with more countries visited on the average trip. The rise in the numbers of travelers was responsible for the increased expenditures in individual countries.

The highest per capita expenditure was made in Israel, Greece, and Italy. It reflected a relatively large proportion of foreign born Americans whose extended stay gave rise to higher expenditures in each individual country. Expenditures by U.S. born travelers in individual countries are slightly less because their length of stay in each country is generally shorter than that of foreign born travelers, although their per diem expenditures are considerably higher.

Travel to Canada declines

Travel expenditures by U.S. residents in Canada declined to \$323 million in 1958, 5 percent less than the peak of 1957. This decline followed an average annual rise of 5 percent since 1951. The decline in expenditures in 1958 resulted both from a decrease in the numbers of travelers entering Canada and from an overall decline in their average expenditure. Since the decrease was especially pronounced in the case of persons entering Canada through Ontario and Quebec, it is possible that the relatively large impact of the recession on U.S. cities adjacent to this area affected travel adversely.

Spending by persons entering Canada by automobile

Table 5.—Average Travel Expenditures and Length of Stay of U.S. Residents Traveling in Europe and the Mediterranean Area 1957 and 1958, by Quarter ¹

	Average travel expenditures in area (dollars)		Average length of stay (days)		Average per diem in area	
	1957	1958	1957	1958	1957	1958
U.S. residents:						
First quarter.....	711	735	52	51	13.67	14.41
Second quarter.....	918	921	46	44	19.96	20.93
Third quarter.....	878	877	55	54	15.96	16.24
Fourth quarter.....	855	887	53	52	16.13	17.06
Total	867	876	52	50	16.67	17.52
Sea.....	998	1,048	71	68	14.06	15.41
Air.....	790	786	40	41	19.55	19.17
Native-born residents:						
Total	1,000	1,000	44	44	22.73	22.73
Sea.....	1,202	1,226	59	58	20.37	21.14
Air.....	898	892	36	37	24.81	24.37
Foreign-born residents:						
Total	633	632	65	64	9.74	9.88
Sea.....	722	747	86	85	8.40	8.79
Air.....	566	562	49	50	11.53	11.15

1. Data compiled from questionnaires of U.S. residents returning from trips to Europe and the Mediterranean.

Source: U.S. Department of Commerce, Office of Business Economics.

account for about three-fifths of total travel payments there. In 1958 expenditures of persons traveling on trips of more than 2 days rose slightly, due to a higher per trip expenditure. This was offset, however, by a 10-percent decline in expenditures of short-stay automobile travelers which resulted from a drop in the numbers of these travelers.

Expenditures of Americans entering Canada by common carrier accounted for most of the decrease in travel payments to Canada. Expenditures of travelers by boat dropped by a fifth, following a 10-percent decrease in entries by boat due largely to the shipping strike on the West Coast during the summer. A lower average expenditure contributed to this decline.

Table 6.—Numbers and Expenditures of U.S.-born and Foreign-born U.S. Residents Traveling in Europe and the Mediterranean Area, Selected Countries, 1957-58¹

	Numbers of travelers (thousands)			Total expenditures (millions of dollars)			Average expenditures (dollars)		
	U.S. born	Foreign born	Total	U.S. born	Foreign born	Total	U.S. born	Foreign born	Total
Europe and Mediterranean:									
1958.....	422	215	637	424	136	560	1,000	632	876
1957.....	354	202	556	355	128	483	1,000	633	867
Sea:									
1958.....	137	81	218	170	60	230	1,226	747	1,048
1957.....	118	87	205	143	63	206	1,202	722	998
Air:									
1958.....	285	134	419	254	76	330	892	562	786
1957.....	236	115	351	212	65	277	898	566	789
United Kingdom:									
1958.....	268	70	338	73	17	90	273	243	266
1957.....	229	65	294	64	18	82	279	278	279
Ireland:									
1958.....	45	16	61	7	6	13	164	342	210
1957.....	39	16	55	6	6	12	141	348	201
Denmark:									
1958.....	79	17	96	13	3	16	162	202	169
1957.....	na	na	na	(2)	(2)	(2)	na	na	na
Norway:									
1958.....	32	10	42	6	3	9	180	303	209
1957.....	na	na	na	(2)	(2)	(2)	na	na	na
Sweden:									
1958.....	45	13	58	6	4	10	138	302	174
1957.....	na	na	na	(2)	(2)	(2)	na	na	na
France:									
1958.....	307	74	381	78	15	93	252	201	242
1957.....	257	64	321	68	15	83	265	213	255
Benelux:									
1958.....	229	61	290	31	9	40	134	143	136
1957.....	144	31	175	16	5	21	119	150	125
Germany:									
1958.....	203	77	280	40	24	64	196	316	229
1957.....	170	67	237	35	23	58	204	345	244
Austria:									
1958.....	105	28	133	14	5	19	132	172	141
1957.....	80	24	104	11	4	15	128	171	138
Switzerland:									
1958.....	203	50	253	34	9	43	168	177	169
1957.....	178	42	220	33	9	42	194	218	199
Italy:									
1958.....	248	66	314	76	23	99	307	346	315
1957.....	203	65	268	66	27	93	320	410	342
Spain:									
1958.....	82	13	95	18	3	21	219	206	217
1957.....	65	12	77	18	3	21	264	243	260
Israel:									
1958.....	15	14	29	6	6	12	390	396	393
1957.....	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Greece:									
1958.....	22	9	32	5	6	11	235	597	342
1957.....	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na

1. Excludes numbers and expenditures of military personnel and other Government employees stationed abroad, their dependents and U.S. citizens residing abroad; includes the expenditures, but not the number, of cruise travelers.

2. Estimated expenditures in Scandinavia in 1957 \$31 million, with \$21 million by U.S. born and \$10 million by foreign born. In previous reports Scandinavia included Denmark, Norway, and Sweden. na Not available.

Sources: U.S. Department of Commerce, Office of Business Economics, expenditure estimates based on questionnaire returns; numbers of travelers in area based on data of U.S. Department of Justice, Immigration and Naturalization Service.

Expenditures of travelers by train decreased by more than a fifth, reflecting a decline in the numbers of train travelers and lower per trip expenditures. Payments of travelers by bus were 5 percent lower in 1958, with the numbers of bus travelers off slightly and average expenditures lower. Expenditures of travelers by plane were up moderately over 1957, with an increase in the numbers of plane travelers offsetting a slight decrease in their average expenditures.

The decline in average expenditures in Canada in 1958 may be attributed to a decline in the length of stay to 5.5 days from 6.1 days in 1957.

Americans visiting Mexico in 1958 spent \$320 million, 5 percent more than in 1957. Expenditures both along the border (two-thirds of the total) and in the interior of Mexico reached a peak in 1958, reflecting increased crossings into Mexico. In addition, the increased cost of living in Mexico caused average expenditures by travelers in the interior to rise. (A program has been recently initiated to obtain data on expenditures in Mexico by certain classes of U.S. travelers. This may lead to revisions in current estimates.)

Travel to other nearby areas

Expenditures in the West Indies and Central America advanced slightly in 1958 to \$156 million. This 2-percent rise over 1957 contrasts with an 18 percent annual average increase for the 4 preceding years. The reduced rate of advance in 1958 was due principally to a drop in the number of travelers to the area, which was only partly offset by a rise in per capita expenditures.

This rise may be attributed to the fact that a relatively larger proportion of travel to the Caribbean went to more distant destinations within the area—at a higher average expenditure. Travel to the nearby areas—notably Cuba—dropped sharply as a result of the disturbances there, with a moderate decline in travel to Nassau in the spring following the hotel strike there. The unsatisfactory Florida season also contributed to the decline in travel to Cuba and the Bahamas in the first part of 1958, which is normally the peak travel season for that area.

Of the 338,000 travelers to the Caribbean area (excluding Cuba), 253,000, or 75 percent, made the trip for pleasure. This represented a decrease in the numbers of pleasure travelers of about 25,000 for 1957. This decline took place in the first half of the year, and may be attributed largely to the factors discussed above, which affected pleasure travel in particular.

Persons traveling to the Caribbean area for family and other reasons remained below 10 percent of the total in 1958. There was a considerable increase from 1957 in business travel to the area, resulting from an increase in the numbers of persons who reported traveling for combined reasons of business and pleasure, and who were included among business travelers for both years.

Air transportation was used by more than 90 percent of Americans who visited the Caribbean area. Over half of these travelers stayed in the area from 5 to 14 days and only 6 percent stayed over 3 weeks. The average stay was nearly 2 weeks.

Travel expenditures in Cuba declined in 1958 by 15 percent from the high in 1957. The 20-percent drop in the numbers of travelers was partly offset by a rise in per capita expenditures. The increase was due to a relative increase in the numbers of air travelers, whose average expenditures run 55 percent higher than the expenditures of sea travelers.

Air transportation is used by 94 percent of the Americans visiting Cuba. Their stay averages 8 days, with 60 percent remaining 4 days or less in Cuba. In 1958, 162,000 Americans went to Cuba on pleasure trips. The distribution

between pleasure, business, and family travel was about the same as in 1957.

Expenditures of American travelers in Bermuda rose slightly in 1958 to \$29 million with a corresponding rise in the numbers of travelers, and a moderate rise in the numbers of travelers on cruises. Of the 102,000 travelers visiting Bermuda, 87,000 went by air, a slightly larger proportion than in 1957. Nearly all of the travel to Bermuda is for pleasure, and of these pleasure travelers about one-third took "all expense" tours. Travelers to Bermuda remained there an average of 10 days.

Travel payments to South American countries remained at \$37 million in 1958, with the numbers of travelers and their per capita expenditures virtually unchanged. Although travel expenditures in South America had risen steadily since 1953, the political unrest in the area in 1958 tended to restrict travel.

Eight out of every nine travelers to South America go by air, reflecting the large proportion of business travel—41 percent. Only about 30 percent of travelers reported trips for recreation or pleasure, and of these 23 percent went on "all expense" tours.

Travel to other overseas areas, principally the Far East, rose sharply in 1958 to reach \$65 million, 20 percent over the preceding year. The rise may be accounted for by a 10-percent increase in the numbers of travelers and to a like increase in expenditures per trip reflecting more travel to countries in the area in which expenditure averages are comparatively high.

Spending by foreign visitors

Expenditures by foreigners in the United States rose in 1958 to \$825 million—a 5-percent increase compared with an average annual rise of 9 percent since 1950. In addition, foreigners paid \$89 million in fares to U.S. ships and planes for transportation between the United States and the foreign country of residence.

Canadian expenditures in the United States continue to account for over half of travel receipts from foreign countries. In 1958, Canadians spent \$425 million here—\$100 million more than our residents spent in Canada. The difference in expenditure reflects a higher proportion of long-term trips and a longer stay by Canadians. In the case of travelers by automobile, about 25 percent of Canadians visiting the United States in the first quarter of the year visit Florida. On an annual basis, 40 percent visit States which are not adjacent to the border. The relatively greater distance traveled within the United States accounts in part for a higher average expenditure by Canadians here.

Travel expenditures by Mexicans in the United States were estimated at \$144 million in 1958, 7 percent over 1957. Since 1952, receipts from Mexico have accounted for about 18 percent of total spending by foreign travelers in this country. About 80 percent of Mexican expenditures here are made by Mexicans who live near the border and who make frequent purchases in U.S. border towns.

Visitors from overseas countries in 1958 spent \$256 million in the United States. Travel expenditures by European visitors, however, declined slightly. A 5-percent drop from 1957 in the numbers of visitors was partly offset by an increase in average expenditures. This rise in expenditures was due in part to a relative increase in the numbers of visitors on business trips who spend more on the average than travelers for pleasure or travelers in transit through the United States.

Foreign residents who enter the United States on a temporary basis are classified by Immigration and Natural-

Table 7.—Distribution of Per Capita Travel Expenditures of U.S. Residents Traveling in Europe and the Mediterranean Area During the Third Quarters of 1952 and 1958¹

	Lowest 20% of travelers spending less than	Second 20% of travelers spending between	Third 20% of travelers spending between	Fourth 20% of travelers spending between	Highest 20% of travelers spending more than
Total residents:					
1958.....	\$340	\$341-\$575	\$576-\$850	\$851-\$1,240	\$1,240
1952.....	210	211-425	426-675	676-1,100	1,100
Residents traveling by sea:					
1958.....	400	401-675	676-1,000	1,001-1,450	1,450
1952.....	225	226-475	476-750	751-1,250	1,250
Residents traveling by air:					
1958.....	310	311-525	526-775	776-1,150	1,150
1952.....	200	201-375	376-575	576-975	975
U.S.-born residents:					
1958.....	460	461-710	711-975	976-1,360	1,360
1952.....	325	326-550	551-875	876-1,350	1,350
Foreign-born residents:					
1958.....	225	226-375	376-575	576-925	925
1952.....	150	151-275	276-425	426-725	725

1. Based on expenditures reported by U.S. residents in questionnaire sample, which was tabulated by frequency intervals.

Source: U.S. Department of Commerce, Office of Business Economics.

ization Service as visitors for business, visitors for pleasure, students, and aliens in transit through the United States. This last category is comprised of persons who may remain here only a day or two, or for as long as 29 days. The purpose of their trip may be either business or pleasure, or they may be emigrants enroute through the United States. In 1958, the numbers of travelers classified as in transit travelers declined by 22,000 from the preceding year. An increase of 42,000 in the numbers of travelers on pleasure trips more than offset this decline, however. The entire shift took place in the numbers reported for visitors from the United Kingdom and may be due to changes in statistical or administrative procedures.

Expenditures in the United States by residents of the West Indies, Central America, and South America continued the steady upward trend of the 1950's, with expenditures of \$125 million in 1958, about 10 percent over 1957. Receipts from travelers from other overseas countries, principally the Far East, have also continued to rise. Increased expenditures by these visitors have resulted from a rising number of travelers, coupled with a moderate increase in per capita expenditures here.

Table 8.—Percent Distribution, by Length of Stay of U.S. Residents Returning from Trips to Europe and Mediterranean, Cuba, and Other Caribbean Area, 1958¹

Period (days)	Europe and Mediterranean			Cuba Air	Other Caribbean Air
	Total	Sea	Air		
1-2.....	0.2		0.3	31.3	14.3
3-4.....	.5	0.2	.7	27.8	15.1
5-7.....	1.4	.2	2.0	13.7	22.0
8-14.....	6.9	1.8	9.6	13.7	24.1
15-21.....	10.2	5.0	12.9	5.5	11.6
22-28.....	14.0	10.4	16.0	3.1	4.5
29-35.....	12.6	10.6	13.6	1.2	2.7
36-42.....	9.0	10.3	8.0	.6	.8
43-60.....	19.7	23.9	17.5	1.6	2.0
61-90.....	16.1	18.6	14.8	1.0	1.8
Over 90.....	9.4	18.5	4.6	.5	1.1
Total.....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

1. Excludes travelers on cruises and Government or business travelers stationed abroad. The Caribbean area includes the West Indies, Central America, Colombia, Venezuela, and the Guianas, and excludes Bermuda, Mexico, Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

Source: U.S. Department of Commerce, Office of Business Economics, assisted by Office of International Travel. Data based on questionnaires filed in by returning travelers.

Table 9.—State of Residence of U.S. Residents Returning by Air from Western Hemisphere Countries in 1958; State Distribution of Population and Total Personal Incomes¹

[Percent]							
	State of residence					State distribution of population 1957 ²	State distribution of personal incomes 1957 ²
	Bermuda	Cuba	Other Caribbean	Southern South America	Mexico		
New England.....	26.9	4.9	6.1	5.6	3.9	5.8	6.6
Connecticut.....	9.2	1.8	2.4	2.4	1.4	1.3	1.8
Massachusetts.....	14.9	2.5	2.9	2.5	2.0	2.9	3.3
Middle Atlantic.....	60.4	33.0	33.8	41.6	25.7	24.9	28.2
District of Columbia.....	.8	.8	1.1	1.6	1.1	.5	.6
Maryland.....	2.2	.9	1.3	1.2	.9	1.7	1.8
New Jersey.....	13.0	5.0	5.0	5.3	3.2	3.3	4.1
New York.....	35.1	21.3	20.5	27.7	16.1	9.3	11.9
Pennsylvania.....	6.8	3.7	4.4	4.1	3.2	6.5	6.8
Virginia.....	1.6	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.0	2.2	1.8
Southeast.....	2.0	41.6	29.3	13.6	11.7	18.4	12.6
Florida.....	.5	36.2	21.0	9.3	5.5	2.4	2.2
Central.....	7.0	14.0	15.4	17.7	22.2	26.7	28.1
Illinois.....	2.2	4.6	5.4	5.0	9.3	5.7	6.8
Michigan.....	1.7	2.2	2.1	2.9	3.9	4.6	4.8
Missouri.....	.3	1.0	1.4	1.2	1.6	2.5	2.4
Ohio.....	1.7	3.3	3.4	4.5	3.1	5.4	6.0
Wisconsin.....	.3	1.1	1.0	.4	1.2	2.3	2.1
Northwest.....	.6	.9	1.5	3.3	2.1	5.3	4.7
Southwest.....	.7	2.1	6.2	8.0	13.0	7.9	6.8
Texas.....	.5	1.7	4.7	5.7	11.5	5.4	4.7
Far West.....	1.0	2.9	5.2	9.6	20.7	11.0	13.0
California.....	.8	2.4	4.7	8.0	18.9	8.2	10.2
Possessions.....	1.4	.6	2.5	.6	.7	na	na

1. State of residence data compiled from entry-departure forms of U.S. residents returning by air from the West Indies, Central America, and South America.

2. While the latest data on population by State and personal income are for 1957, the changes in percent distribution by State from year to year are relatively small.

na Not available.

Source: U.S. Department of Commerce, Office of Business Economics, assisted by Office of International Travel; Bureau of the Census.

Table 10.—Principal States of Residence of U.S. Travelers Returning from Overseas Areas, 1952, 1955, and 1958¹

	[Percent]						
	Europe and Mediterranean			Far East		Latin America (excluding Mexico)	
	1952	1955	1958	1955 ²	1958	1955 ¹	1958 ¹
Total, United States.....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
New York.....	33.7	31.1	27.5	14.1	10.3	17.6	23.1
California.....	8.2	9.1	11.3	30.7	25.9	3.8	3.6
New Jersey.....	8.0	7.3	6.2	3.0	3.0	4.9	6.1
Illinois.....	5.9	6.2	5.9	4.5	3.9	6.8	4.7
Pennsylvania.....	6.8	5.8	5.8	3.3	3.9	4.8	4.5
Massachusetts.....	4.4	4.6	4.3	2.0	2.6	2.9	4.4
Michigan.....	3.0	4.2	3.7	1.8	2.5	3.1	2.1
Ohio.....	3.7	4.2	3.6	1.9	3.4	4.4	3.2
Texas.....	1.5	1.8	2.5	1.7	4.6	3.6	3.2
Florida.....	1.5	1.9	2.5	1.8	2.9	20.9	22.5
Other.....	23.3	23.8	26.7	35.2	37.0	27.2	22.6

1. Data for 1952 compiled from sea and air manifests of passengers arriving at the port of New York during the third quarter; for 1955 from passenger manifests for sea travelers and from customs baggage declarations and questionnaires for air travelers; for 1958 data for Europe and the Mediterranean and the Far East from tabulations of passport applications and data for Latin America from tabulations of entry-departure forms of residents returning by air.

2. Travelers returning by air only.

Source: U.S. Department of Commerce, Office of Business Economics, assisted by Office of International Travel; U.S. Department of State.

Table 11.—Expenditures of Residents of Foreign Countries in the United States, 1957-1958¹

	Expenditures (millions of dollars)	
	1957	1958
Visitors from all foreign countries.....	785	825
Canada.....	419	425
Persons staying under 48 hours.....	60	na
Mexico.....	135	144
Persons visiting Mexican border only.....	119	126
Total overseas countries.....	231	256
Europe and Mediterranean.....	87	86
United Kingdom.....	24	24
West Indies, Central America, and South America.....	107	125
Cuba.....	21	22
Other overseas countries.....	37	45

1. Includes expenditures of travelers for business and pleasure, foreigners in transit through the United States and students; excludes expenditures by foreign government personnel and foreign businessmen employed in the United States.

na Not available.

Source: U.S. Department of Commerce, Office of Business Economics.

Table 12.—Numbers of Foreign Visitors to the United States from Overseas Countries,¹ 1957-58

		[Thousands of travelers]				
		Total	Business	Pleasure	Transit	Student
Overseas countries, total.....	1958	472	73	310	67	22
	1957	450	74	268	89	19
Europe and Mediterranean.....	1958	190	42	114	30	4
	1957	208	43	93	60	3
United Kingdom.....	1958	64	17	42	5	(*)
	1957	80	16	32	32	(*)
France.....	1958	18	5	10	3	(*)
	1957	18	5	10	3	(*)
Germany.....	1958	25	6	16	3	(*)
	1957	23	6	12	5	(*)
Italy.....	1958	11	3	5	3	(*)
	1957	13	2	5	6	(*)
Benelux.....	1958	15	4	8	3	(*)
	1957	15	4	7	4	(*)
Scandinavia.....	1958	18	3	10	5	(*)
	1957	19	4	8	7	(*)
West Indies, Central America, and South America.....	1958	225	20	170	23	12
	1957	197	20	155	12	10
Cuba.....	1958	71	6	59	2	4
	1957	69	7	58	1	3
British West Indies.....	1958	39	3	24	11	1
	1957	28	3	22	2	1
Brazil.....	1958	9	1	7	1	(*)
	1957	12	2	9	1	(*)
Colombia.....	1958	12	1	8	2	1
	1957	9	1	7	(*)	1
Venezuela.....	1958	31	2	21	6	2
	1957	21	2	15	2	2
Other overseas areas.....	1958	57	11	26	14	6
	1957	45	11	20	8	6
Japan.....	1958	13	4	2	7	(*)
	1957	8	4	2	1	1
Australia.....	1958	17	4	11	2	(*)
	1957	13	3	8	2	(*)

1. Excludes visitors from Canada and Mexico; excludes foreign government personnel and foreign businessmen employed in the United States.

(*) Less than 500.

Source: U.S. Department of Justice, Immigration and Naturalization Service.

Adverse Balance in Foreign Payments

PAYMENTS in our foreign transactions exceeded receipts again by a substantial amount during the first 3 months of this year. The excess amounted to \$860 million, or \$3.7 billion at a seasonally adjusted annual rate.

Several special transactions and developments took place during this period which—on balance—reduced the net payments. While extraordinary large imports of petroleum products raised our payments, they were more than matched by advance repayments by Germany on its postwar debt and a substantial liquidation of short-term assets held abroad.

Excluding these transactions, net payments during the first quarter were more than in the previous quarter. The increase was due to a decline in merchandise exports and a rise in merchandise imports (other than petroleum) which was only partly offset by lower military expenditures, and a smaller outflow of medium-term bank loans.

The gold outflow continued but was very much lower than in previous quarters, as foreign countries kept a higher share of their net receipts in dollar assets.

The reduced net outflow of private U.S. capital, especially the return flow of short-term funds, and the large share of foreign net receipts kept in dollar assets can to some extent be attributed to the tightening of credit and the higher interest rates paid here on short-term Government securities and time deposits, both in absolute terms and in relation to rates prevailing in Europe.

The reversal in the flow of short-term capital and the lesser changes in the movement of longer term loan fixed interest funds conforms to the customary pattern of adjustment of a disequilibrium in the balance of payments by means of credit restrictions. Measures taken by the United Kingdom and other countries experiencing losses in their reserves during 1957 also had their initial impact on short-term capital movements.

The movement of short-term funds, however, cannot be relied upon to provide more than temporary relief for a balance of payments disequilibrium. The basic relief has to come from changes in the movement of long-term capital and the transactions in goods and services.

By itself, the net flow of funds from the United States to foreign countries has a deflationary effect on the domestic economy. It was—and currently still is—more than offset, however, by an expansion of domestic demand, with the result that the self-correcting forces affecting our foreign transactions were weakened.

Exports resume decline

Merchandise exports during the first quarter of 1959 were at a seasonally adjusted annual rate of about \$15 billion, which was about \$0.9 billion less than in the preceding quarter.

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The first-quarter decline followed a period of relative stability through nearly all of last year when rising exports of foodstuffs offset the decline in other exports. In the first quarter of 1959, foodstuffs fell off too, thus reinforcing the continued drop in shipments of other commodities.

After seasonal adjustment, foodstuffs accounted for about one-third of the total export decline. Cotton shipments had declined sharply last fall and remained low.

About two-thirds of the decline in seasonally adjusted exports was in nonagricultural goods, particularly in crude and semimanufactured materials. Finished manufactures also declined but at a relatively slower rate. Among crude and semimanufactured goods, the decline was most pronounced in iron and steel mill products, perhaps influenced by the increase in domestic demand and the still comparatively easy supply situation abroad. Exports of copper and copper manufactures returned to a more "normal" level after a sharp rise in the previous quarter which was caused by interruption in copper production in areas usually supplying Europe.

Among finished manufacturers foreign sales fell off mainly in metal manufactures, most of the machinery categories, and railroad equipment. There was some increase, however, in shipments of tractors, trucks, and buses, and merchant ships.

Income on private U.S. investments abroad was nearly as high after seasonal adjustment as in the preceding quarter although the latter included about \$75 million of dividends earned in prior periods.

A relatively small item among U.S. receipts from abroad was foreign investments here. During the first quarter, however, foreign purchases of stocks, net of sales, amounted to \$36 million. Most of these transactions were made by, or through Switzerland. These net purchases were the first sizable amounts since 1957, and followed net sales nearly all through 1958. Changes in foreign direct investments were relatively small.

Imports high

Total imports of goods and services in the first quarter, after seasonal adjustment, were at an annual rate of about \$22 billion, slightly lower than in the previous quarter. Military expenditures abroad dropped from an annual rate of about \$3½ billion in the last quarter of 1958 to a rate of about \$3 billion, mainly as a result of declining payments under procurement contracts and for construction. This decline was nearly compensated, however, by a rise in other imports, particularly of merchandise, but also of transportation, travel, and other services.

Merchandise imports, after seasonal adjustment, rose at an annual rate of nearly \$400 million to just over \$14 billion. Among the major commodities increasing during that period were petroleum products, wool, iron and steel mill products, nickel, and automobiles.

Some of these increases appear to be due to special circumstances, and do not indicate a basic trend. Among these is the rise in imports of petroleum products which may be attributed to the anticipation of import quotas imposed in April; the rise in nickel imports was due to the resumption of production in Canada which had been interrupted by a strike; the higher imports of iron and steel mill products may in part reflect the anticipation of an interruption of production here this summer.

The rise in domestic business activity appears to have affected mainly imports of raw materials used in the production of nondurable goods, including wool, cotton, hides, and rubber, and after allowing for seasonal factors perhaps also wood pulp:

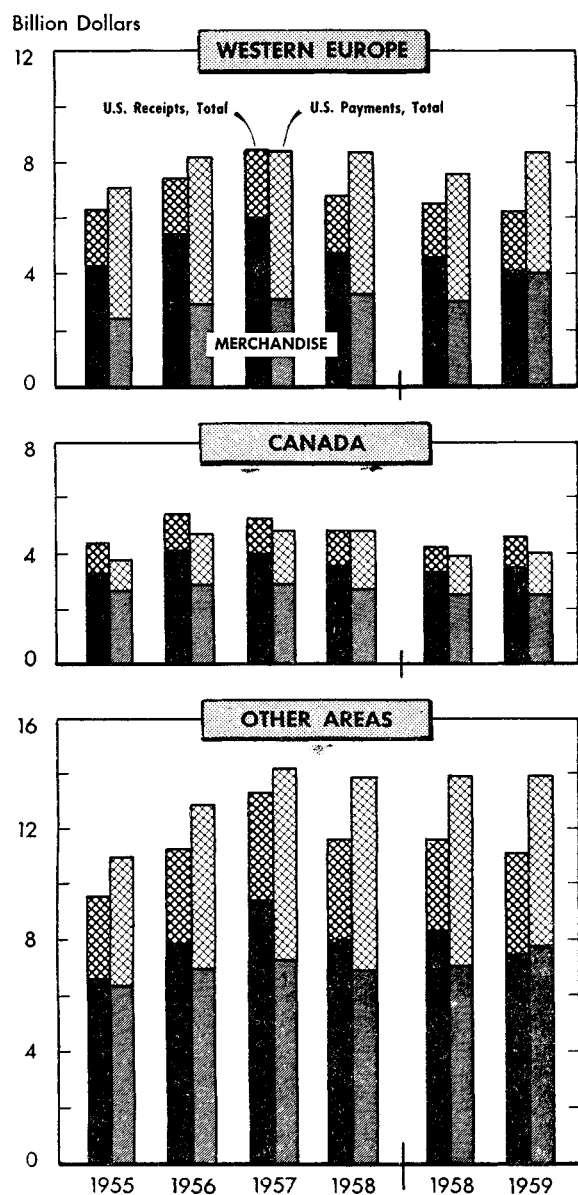
Among the major metals, iron ore imports probably de-

clined less than seasonally, reflecting the rise in steel production. With the exception of tin and, due to special circumstances, nickel, imports of the major nonferrous metals so far were not affected by the rise in domestic business activity.

Imports of foreign manufactures continued to rise. To some extent the rise may be attributed to the increase in domestic incomes, but since the rising trend continued all through the recession period, an improvement in the capacity of imported products to meet domestic demand appears to be a major factor. Most important in this category are, of course, automobiles, of which over 150,000 were imported in the first quarter, about 50 percent more than a year earlier. The value of these imports was \$175 million, the average per car was about \$1,140.

It may be interesting to note that the rise in imports of automobiles accelerated as average f.o.b. foreign port unit values dropped to around \$1,150. Including freight and import duties, this would correspond to a landed value at the port of entry of about \$1,350 per car.

U.S. Balance of Payments With Major Areas*



* Excl. military grants in kind

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Year	Number of cars imported in 1000's	Average f.o.b. unit value in dollars
1953	27.1	1,550
1954	34.6	1,300
1955	57.1	1,210
1956	107.7	1,175
1957	259.4	1,160
1958	432.6	1,130

Imports of other manufacturers were also higher than a year ago, particularly agricultural, electrical, and industrial machines, cotton textiles, chemicals, and glass and clay products.

Some of the major import items fell off in value. Most important among these was coffee, which was still affected by declining prices, which not only reduced the value of imports, although the quantity was higher, but induced importers to keep inventories as low as possible. The decline in sugar imports was mainly from Cuba and possibly related to the political disturbances there. Meat products and fish were considerably higher than a year earlier but the change from the last quarter of 1958 was rather small. Cattle imports had passed the peak earlier, and were declining.

Investments lower

The net outflow of funds through Government grants (excluding military) and capital transactions was substantially less in the first quarter than either the preceding quarter or a year earlier. The principal difference was the receipt from Germany of \$150 million representing a prepayment of the annual amortization scheduled for the years 1961-65. The debt, originally of \$1 billion, represents the settlement for postwar economic assistance which Germany agreed to repay.

Omitting this special transaction, the net outflow of Government funds was somewhat larger than during the March quarter a year ago, but—after allowance for seasonal variations in loan repayment schedules—about as high as in the fourth quarter of 1958. Most of the increase over last year was in sales of agricultural commodities for foreign currencies, which amounted to about \$230 million, or about one-fourth of total agricultural exports. Loan disbursements by the Export-Import Bank were down from the preceding quarter, but those of the new Development Loan Fund rose to about \$30 million as against less than \$6 million during all of 1958.

The net outflow of private capital during the first quarter amounted to \$400 million, the smallest amount per quarter since 1955.

The decline which set in about the middle of last year, and accelerated early this year, was largely the result of increasing tightness in the supply of bank credit and of rising interest rates while credit conditions in the major financial centers of Europe became easier. This affected short-term credits and to a lesser extent longer term bank loans and new issues of foreign bonds. Direct investments and purchases of foreign stocks were not affected by credit restrictions and the increase in this form of capital outflow offset in part the contraction in the outflow in fixed interest funds.

Direct investments had declined during the second half of 1957 and for the first three quarters of 1958 were smaller than in the same period of the previous year. They rose above the previous year in the last quarter of last year and in the first quarter of this year they amounted to \$240 million, or \$90 million more than during the first quarter of 1958.

Perhaps more important than the size were the shifts of the new investments to Europe which received 70 percent of the total, or a higher share than ever before in the postwar period. The unusual size of direct investments in that area reflects in part several large single transactions in the United Kingdom, and the attractiveness of establishing subsidiaries in the countries of the recently established European Economic Community.

Investments in the United Kingdom amounted to \$90 million (compared with \$9 million a year ago). Nearly half of the \$60 million capital flows to the EEC countries was due to the establishment of new companies or the acquisition by parent companies of additional securities of older subsidiaries. The remainder represented advances by American companies to their affiliates in the Community countries. Capital flows through direct investments in other European countries remained about the same as in the first quarter of 1958. New investments outside of Europe were considerably smaller than a year earlier, but the decline is likely to be temporary as several large projects are scheduled to be started soon.

The new attractiveness of Europe for investments was also indicated by relatively large net purchases of stocks in Euro-

pean companies (other than those covered in direct investments). In the first quarter they amounted to \$85 million as against \$170 million during all of 1958.

New issues of foreign securities were about half as high as in the first quarter of last year. At that time conditions for the sale of new securities were particularly favorable. The list of countries floating securities here continued to widen, however, and during the first quarter of this year included Denmark, the Netherlands, Japan, and Jamaica.

The expansion of long-term bank loans which began early in 1957 was halted, as new loans equaled repayments. The only sizable outflow was to Argentina; large loans arranged earlier by Venezuela and France were not utilized. This reflects the improved financial condition of these countries.

Short-term assets abroad were reduced substantially for the first time since the sterling crisis in the fall of 1957 and represented one of the few large reductions since the war. The decline in short-term funds outstanding abroad started in November of last year but accelerated considerably during the first 2 months of this year. The contraction followed an expansion of nearly \$400 million during the first 10 months of 1958. The change from this rapid outflow of funds to the recent inflow paralleled a change in the reserve position of member banks of the Federal Reserve System.

During most of the first half of 1958 member banks in the larger cities had reserves net of borrowings in excess of requirements, but since then these banks had to resort increasingly to loans from the Federal Reserve System to keep reserve requirements. Similar, but not so drastic, effects of changes in the reserve position of the banks on short-term foreign loans could be observed in previous years. The comparatively sharp reaction of the tightening of bank credit on foreign loans in recent months may be attributed to the comparative relaxation in the money market in Europe, the improvement in the financial position of some of the potential borrowers, and perhaps the already large indebtedness of others.

Highlights by area—1958–59

The balance of payments in the more recent period can be put into a better perspective if it is compared with the years 1955 and 1956. Comparisons with 1957, which in many re-

Table 1—U.S. Balance of Payments Seasonally Adjusted (Excluding Military Grant Aid)

[Millions of dollars]

	1956				1957				1958				1959
	I	II	III	IV	I	II	III	IV	I	II	III	IV	I
U.S. payments, total.....	6,125	6,221	6,765	6,735	6,837	7,138	6,627	6,772	6,490	6,697	6,832	7,027	6,612
Imports, total.....	4,914	4,919	5,044	4,952	5,145	5,244	5,289	5,245	4,963	5,166	5,272	5,517	5,499
Merchandise.....	3,184	3,193	3,257	3,170	3,229	3,366	3,380	3,316	3,076	3,187	3,218	3,432	3,525
Services and military expenditures.....	1,730	1,726	1,787	1,782	1,916	1,878	1,909	1,929	1,887	1,979	2,054	2,085	1,974
Remittances and pensions.....	154	163	164	184	184	174	164	180	178	170	173	186	187
Government grants and related capital outflows (net).....	618	608	685	665	751	697	625	481	612	609	612	580	639
U.S. private and other Government capital outflows (net).....	439	531	872	934	757	1,023	549	866	737	752	775	744	287
U.S. receipts, total.....	5,641	5,982	6,308	6,304	7,065	6,876	6,897	6,346	5,723	5,734	5,897	5,869	5,586
Exports, total.....	5,522	5,829	6,165	6,189	6,899	6,749	6,789	6,296	5,710	5,749	5,923	5,817	5,520
Merchandise.....	3,979	4,238	4,512	4,650	5,122	4,899	4,918	4,451	4,065	4,019	4,143	4,000	3,773
Services and military transactions.....	1,543	1,591	1,653	1,539	1,777	1,850	1,871	1,845	1,645	1,730	1,780	1,817	1,747
Foreign long-term investments in the United States.....	119	153	143	115	166	127	18	50	13	-15	-26	52	60
Errors and omissions (net receipts).....	18	51	194	380	336	237	257	-82	103	112	45	148	105
Increase in foreign gold and liquid dollar assets through transactions with the United States.....	466	188	263	51	-564	25	-437	508	664	851	890	1,010	927

Source: U.S. Department of Commerce, Office of Business Economics.

spects was extraordinary, are less likely to indicate the more basic shifts.

The rise in the 1958 deficit in U.S. balance of payments over the average of 1955-56 position occurred in all areas and was primarily due to an increase in payments. It amounted to \$840 million in Western Europe, almost \$800 million in "Other areas," over half of which was in Latin America, and \$670 million in Canada.

In the first quarter of this year, net payments by the United States continued to increase. Of the total rise of more than \$1.2 billion, at an annual rate, over the same quarter of 1958, by far the largest share—nearly \$1 billion—went to Western Europe. In contrast, transactions with Canada, because of a rise in our exports, resulted in an increase of net receipts by over \$0.2 billion, thus restoring partly the pattern of net receipts by the United States in its transactions with Canada prior to 1958.

The change in all areas over a year ago was due to shifts in merchandise trade. The effect on the balance of payments of the acute rise in imports from "Other areas" and Western Europe was reinforced by a very sharp drop in exports. As a result, in the first quarter of this year, merchandise trade was in balance with Europe, and showed an import surplus from the "other areas."

The change in our transactions with Western Europe in

1958, as compared to the average of 1955 and 1956, resulted from an increase in payments by \$720 million and a drop in receipts by \$120 million.

The United States imported over \$600 million more of goods and almost \$500 million more of services; on the other hand, Government grants were down by more than \$300 million, and U.S. private capital outflows by almost \$100 million. Sales of U.S. merchandise were less than in 1955-56; receipts from the other transactions, however, rose slightly. The effect on the balance of payments of a \$400 million gain in receipts on account of services was almost canceled by the drop in European investments in the United States.

The change in net payments from \$1.1 billion, at an annual rate in the first quarter of 1958, to \$2.1 billion in the first quarter of this year was due largely to a rise in payments but also to a falling off in receipts.

The rise in imports of merchandise at a rate of \$1 billion and in direct investments by over one-half billion dollars was not fully reflected in total payments, since the net outflow of Government and U.S. private short-term capital was down by almost \$0.8 billion. Exports of merchandise to Western Europe fell off by \$0.5 billion. The effect of this reduction on total receipts, however, was reduced by an increase in receipts from services and European investments in U.S. corporate securities.

Transactions with Canada were almost in balance in 1958. The net change from 1955-56 came mainly from a rise in payments, particularly for services and for private investments. The decline in receipts was primarily in the sales of merchandise.

Net payments by the United States in 1958 to the "Other areas," which include all of the less developed countries and the international institutions, amounted to about \$2.3 billion, \$0.8 billion above the average for 1955 and 1956.

In the first quarter of 1959, the rise in net payments continued—at an annual rate of \$0.5 billion over the corresponding period a year earlier. Payments remained unchanged at an annual rate of \$13.9 billion, but receipts dropped \$0.5 billion from \$11.6 billion a year earlier.

The rise in U.S. payments for goods and services of almost \$1.1 billion was counterbalanced by a decline of the same magnitude in the outflow of U.S. private capital which in the first quarter of last year was raised by large new issues by the International Bank.

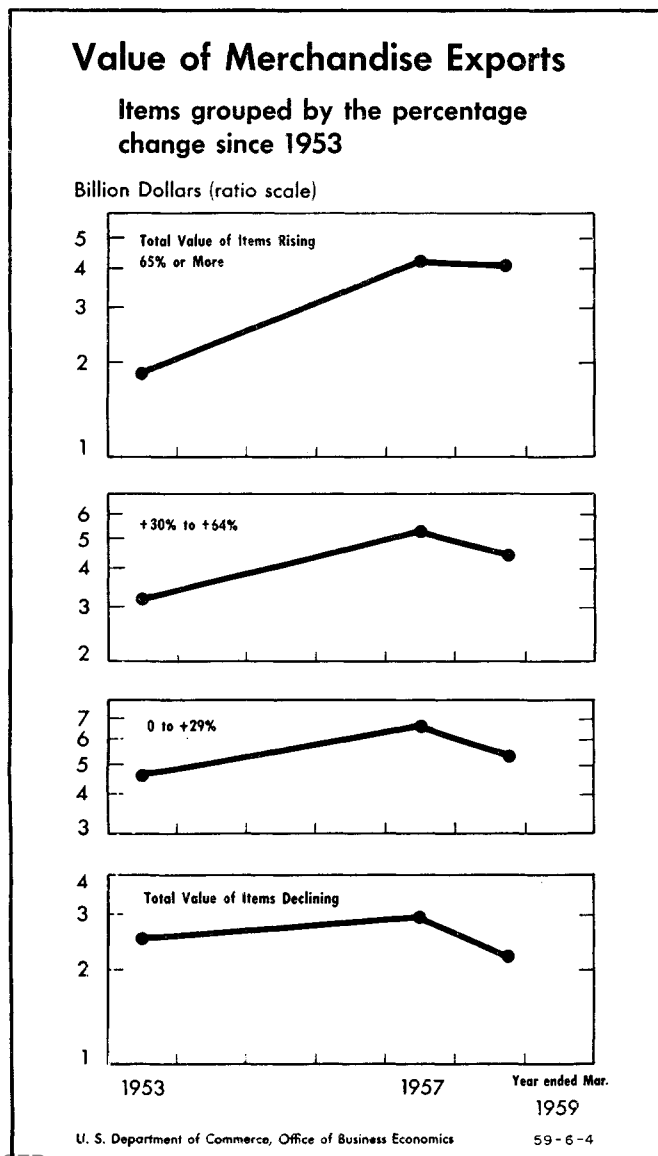
Sales of U.S. merchandise dropped \$0.8 billion at an annual rate from \$8.3 billion in the first quarter of 1958. The full impact of this decline, however, was not reflected in total receipts. The receipts from services increased about \$0.3 billion.

The heavy loss in U.S. sales of merchandise was in the Latin American market. About two-thirds of the increase in services was from interest and other income from Government loans and private investments abroad, mainly in Latin America.

Gold outflow

As a result of all transactions with the United States gold reserves and liquid dollar assets of foreign countries and international institutions rose during the first quarter by \$860 million (including about \$200 million of advance payments made by foreign governments on purchases of military equipment). In addition, gold reserves of the countries outside the Soviet bloc were raised through purchases of newly mined gold, or through Soviet gold sales by about \$200 million.

The \$96 million decline in our monetary gold stock during the first quarter was the lowest amount since the end of



1957. The outflow of gold speeded up somewhat in April and May when the gold stock declined by about \$250 million. Even at this rate, however, it was considerably less than last year, although our balance of payments was basically not changed.

The relatively small outflow of gold during the first quarter was in part related to several large special payments by countries which otherwise would have added more to their reserves, including repayments of \$200 million by the United Kingdom to the Monetary Fund.

The rise in interest rates on liquid funds here in comparison with those paid in some of the major European financial centers probably also contributed to the attractiveness of keeping funds in dollar assets. This consideration was all the more effective as the increase in bank deposits and holdings of short-term securities here of foreign countries accrued mainly to private institutions, and individuals. Official holdings of liquid dollar assets (other than the advance

payments on military equipment) of foreign countries increased during the first quarter by only \$50 million.

The quarterly rise in gold and liquid dollar holdings by Europe was somewhat less than the average of 1958, but this was largely due to some of the special transactions mentioned above. Without these the rate of increase would have been about as high as last year.

Prospects for improvement

Several developments can be anticipated at this time, however, which should improve the balance of payments. Cotton exports are expected to rise next fall when the export subsidies recently announced will come into operation. On the basis of current estimates with respect to foreign demand and world supplies, an increase of \$300-400 million in the annual rate of exports over the recent rate may be expected for next fall.

Table 2.—Exports of Domestic Merchandise (Excluding Military Aid) Grouped According to Percent Change from 1953 to Year Ended March 1959

[Billions of dollars]

	Total			Values of exports which											
				Increased 65% or more			Increased 30-64%			Increased 0-30%			Declined		
	1953	1957	Year ended Mar. 1959	1953	1957	Year ended Mar. 1959	1953	1957	Year ended Mar. 1959	1953	1957	Year ended Mar. 1959	1953	1957	Year ended Mar. 1959
Total exports	12.1	19.3	15.9	1.9	4.2	4.0	3.1	5.3	4.4	4.6	6.8	5.3	2.5	3.0	2.1
Food and feed	1.8	2.7	2.5	.4	.8	.9	.3	.4	.4	1.0	1.3	1.1	.2	.2	.1
Wheat	.6	.8	.7							.6	.8	.7			
Corn	.2	.2	.2							.2	.2	.2			
Sorghums, oats and barley	(*)	.1	.3	(*)	.1	.3									
Rice	.2	.1	.1										.2	.1	.1
Soybeans and vegetable oils	.2	.4	.4	.2	.4	.4									
Fruits	.1	.2	.2	.1	.2	.2									
Vegetables	.1	.1	.1				.1	.1	.1						
Meat products	.1	.1	.1				.1	.1	.1						
Fuel	1.0	1.8	1.0				.3	.8	.5				.7	1.0	.5
Coal	.3	.8	.5				.3	.8	.5				.7	1.0	.5
Petroleum	.7	1.0	.5												
Other industrial materials	3.9	6.9	5.3	.9	2.3	1.9	.4	.6	.6	2.0	3.4	2.2	.6	.6	.5
Chemicals (incl. synthetic rubber)	.6	1.2	1.2	.5	1.1	1.1				.1	.1	.1			
Paper and paper base stocks	.2	.3	.3	.2	.3	.3				.5	1.0	.5			
Iron and steel	.5	1.0	.5												
Steel scrap	(*)	.3	.1	(*)	.3	.1									
Primary metals (copper, etc.)	.2	.4	.4	.2	.4	.4									
Metal manufactures	.1	.2	.2				.1	.2	.2						
Other metals and minerals	.4	.6	.5							.4	.6	.5			
Cotton, unmanufactured	.5	1.1	.5							.5	1.1	.5			
Other textiles	.5	.5	.5										.5	.5	.5
Tobacco, unmanufactured	.3	.4	.4							.3	.4	.4			
Hides and tallow	.1	.2	.2				.1	.2	.2						
Transportation equipment	1.2	1.8	1.5	.2	.5	.5	.2	.3	.3	.5	.7	.5	.3	.3	.2
Passenger cars	.3	.3	.2										.3	.3	.2
Trucks and buses	.3	.5	.3							.3	.5	.3			
Assembly parts	.2	.2	.2							.2	.2	.2			
Other auto parts and accessories	.2	.3	.3				.2	.3	.3						
Railroad equipment	.1	.1	.1	.1	.1	.2									
Civilian aircraft	.1	.3	.2	.1	.3	.2									
Merchant vessels	(*)	.1	.1	(*)	.1	.1									
Capital equipment (excl. transportation)	2.7	3.9	3.5	.3	.6	.6	1.0	1.7	1.4	.7	.9	.9	.6	.7	.6
Construction and mining machinery	.5	.9	.7				.5	.9	.7						
Electrical machinery	.4	.6	.5							.4	.6	.5			
Engines, turbines	.2	.2	.2				.2	.2	.2						
Machine tools and metalworking machinery	.3	.3	.4							.3	.3	.4			
Tractors and agricultural machinery	.5	.5	.4										.5	.5	.4
Testing and measuring equipment	(*)	.1	.1	(*)	.1	.1									
Refrigeration and air-conditioning equipment	(*)	.1	.1	(*)	.1	.1									
Pipe valves	(*)	.1	.1	(*)	.1	.1									
Office appliances	.1	.1	.1				.1	.1	.1						
Pumping equipment	.1	.1	.1				.1	.1	.1						
Food and beverage machinery	(*)	.1	.1				(*)	.1	.1						
Consumer goods (nonfood, excl. autos)	.8	1.1	1.1	.1	.1	.1	.3	.3	.4	.4	.5	.5	.1	.1	.1
Drugs	.2	.3	.3							.2	.3	.3			
Finished textiles	.1	.1	.1										.1	.1	.1
Radio and TV	.1	.1	.1												
Air conditioners	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	.1	.1	.1						
Other electrical appliances	.1	.1	.1							.1	.1	.1			
Books, maps and pictures	.1	.1	.1				.1	.1	.1						
Miscellaneous and unallocated	.7	1.1	1.0				.7	1.1	1.0						

* Less than \$50 million. 1. Includes cash sales of military equipment.
Source: U.S. Department of Commerce, Office of Business Economics based on data from Census Bureau.

United States Balance of Payments by Area—

[Millions of dollars]

Line	Type of transaction	All areas														
		1956	1957	1958	1956				1957				1958			
		Year	Year	Year	I	II	III	IV	I	II	III	IV	I	II	III	IV
1	Exports of goods and services, total.....	26,284	29,168	25,721	6,037	7,098	6,184	6,965	7,348	7,823	6,787	7,210	6,231	6,697	6,120	6,673
2	Military transfers under grants, net, total.....	2,579	2,435	2,522	657	1,089	431	402	605	813	461	556	665	777	549	531
3	Other goods and services, total.....	23,705	26,733	23,199	5,380	6,009	5,753	6,563	6,743	7,010	6,326	6,654	5,566	5,920	5,571	6,142
4	Merchandise, adjusted, excluding military.....	17,379	19,390	16,227	3,960	4,420	4,112	4,887	5,108	5,158	4,462	4,662	4,054	4,191	3,806	4,176
5	Transportation.....	1,642	1,999	1,650	365	412	423	442	501	540	487	471	372	420	421	437
6	Travel.....	705	785	825	139	177	227	162	162	202	248	173	164	210	269	182
7	Miscellaneous services:															
8	Private.....	1,087	1,168	1,137	251	274	273	289	276	295	276	321	259	277	296	305
9	Government, excluding military.....	123	138	142	30	31	30	32	33	34	34	37	34	36	36	36
10	Military transactions.....	158	372	296	36	58	29	35	45	40	70	217	76	87	40	93
11	Income on investments:															
12	Direct investments.....	2,120	2,313	2,198	481	512	531	596	491	594	595	633	462	535	545	656
13	Other private.....	297	363	417	70	75	71	81	79	96	89	99	93	103	102	119
14	Government.....	194	205	307	48	50	57	39	48	51	65	41	52	61	56	138
15	Imports of goods and services, total.....	19,829	20,923	20,951	4,870	4,997	5,113	4,849	5,092	5,318	5,361	5,152	4,904	5,250	5,372	5,425
16	Merchandise, adjusted, excluding military.....	12,804	13,291	12,946	3,255	3,173	3,156	3,220	3,297	3,344	3,265	3,385	3,139	3,166	3,124	3,517
17	Transportation.....	1,408	1,569	1,599	312	377	383	396	356	423	424	366	344	439	423	388
18	Travel.....	1,275	1,372	1,460	201	334	500	240	213	352	543	264	234	382	565	279
19	Miscellaneous services:															
20	Private.....	543	563	549	124	121	142	156	124	129	150	160	120	134	145	150
21	Government, excluding military.....	264	310	305	57	59	90	58	66	64	100	80	64	71	105	65
22	Military expenditures.....	2,955	3,165	3,416	781	799	694	681	880	850	715	720	829	908	841	838
23	Income on investments:															
24	Private.....	426	452	537	106	100	109	111	109	104	113	126	132	127	132	146
25	Government.....	154	201	139	34	34	39	47	47	52	51	51	42	23	32	42
26	Balance on goods and services:															
27	Total.....	6,455	8,245	4,770	1,167	2,101	1,071	2,116	2,256	2,505	1,426	2,058	1,327	1,447	748	1,248
28	Excluding military transfers.....	3,876	5,810	2,248	510	1,012	640	1,714	1,651	1,692	965	1,502	662	670	199	717
29	Unilateral transfers, net [to foreign countries (-)]:															
30	Total.....	-4,977	-4,753	-4,840	-1,231	-1,724	-975	-1,047	-1,181	-1,475	-960	-1,137	-1,227	-1,376	-1,090	-1,147
31	Excluding military transfers.....	-2,398	-2,318	-2,318	-574	-635	-544	-645	-576	-662	-499	-581	-562	-599	-541	-616
32	Private remittances.....	-530	-543	-525	-127	-126	-132	-145	-144	-135	-126	-138	-133	-127	-123	-142
33	Government:															
34	Military supplies and services.....	-2,579	-2,435	-2,522	-657	-1,089	-431	-402	-605	-813	-461	-556	-665	-777	-549	-531
35	Other grants.....	-1,733	-1,616	-1,611	-420	-472	-380	-461	-392	-488	-335	-401	-384	-429	-368	-430
36	Pensions and other transfers.....	-135	-159	-182	-27	-37	-32	-39	-40	-39	-38	-42	-45	-43	-50	-44
37	U.S. capital, net [outflow of funds (-)], total.....	-3,619	-4,133	-3,810	-554	-899	-987	-1,179	-1,070	-1,563	-544	-956	-888	-1,247	-783	-892
38	Private, net, total.....	-2,990	-3,175	-2,844	-417	-690	-806	-1,077	-813	-1,364	-410	-588	-642	-1,025	-451	-726
39	Direct investments, net.....	-1,859	-2,058	-1,094	-288	-353	-524	-694	-402	-993	-339	-324	-155	-411	-156	-372
40	New issues.....	-453	-597	-955	-103	-105	-104	-141	-218	-181	-88	-110	-338	-350	-99	-168
41	Redemptions.....	174	179	85	14	14	21	54	24	76	50	29	21	19	10	35
42	Other long-term, net.....	-324	-441	-574	-115	-89	-104	-16	22	-248	-102	-113	-126	-115	-91	-242
43	Short-term, net.....	-528	-258	-306	4	-157	-95	-230	-239	-18	69	-70	-44	-168	-115	21
44	Government, net, total.....	-629	-958	-966	-137	-209	-181	-102	-257	-199	-134	-368	-246	-222	-332	-166
45	Long-term capital, outflow.....	-545	-993	-1,272	-113	-187	-118	-127	-128	-136	-171	-558	-256	-243	-337	-436
46	Repayments.....	479	659	647	86	99	122	172	128	232	170	129	131	207	111	198
47	Short-term, net.....	-563	-624	-341	-110	-121	-185	-147	-257	-295	-133	61	-121	-186	-106	72
48	Foreign capital, net [outflow of funds (-)], total.....	1,804	691	1,164	617	544	811	-168	-33	641	-242	325	215	-6	424	531
49	Direct and long-term portfolio investments other than U.S. Government securities.....	530	361	24	119	153	143	115	166	127	18	50	13	-15	-26	52
50	Transactions in U.S. Government securities.....	-135	-52	31	-250	60	108	-53	127	10	-244	55	127	-121	8	17
51	Short-term liabilities to foreign banks and official institutions.....	1,095	-16	827	692	278	505	-380	-447	243	-109	297	76	53	353	345
52	Other short-term liabilities.....	314	398	282	56	53	55	150	121	261	93	-77	-1	77	89	117
53	Gold sales [purchases (-)] by the United States.....	-306	-798	2,275	-12	-103	-164	-27	-348	-325	-27	-98	370	1,075	483	347
54	Foreign capital and gold, total.....	1,498	-107	3,439	605	441	647	-195	-381	316	-269	227	585	1,069	907	878
55	Errors and omissions and transfers of funds between foreign areas [receipts by foreign areas (-)], net.....	643	748	441	13	81	244	305	376	217	347	-192	203	107	218	-87
56	Memorandum items:															
57	Increase in total reported foreign gold reserves and liquid dollar holdings. ¹	1,460	263	4,303	674	461	581	-256	-252	395	-205	325	731	1,342	1,087	1,143
58	Through estimated transactions with the United States. ²	993	-442	3,434	493	296	513	-309	-541	196	-279	182	579	1,090	939	826
59	Through other transactions. ³	467	705	869	181	165	68	53	289	199	74	143	152	252	148	317

* Preliminary. * Less than \$500,000.

* Quarterly details by areas may be obtained by writing to the Balance of Payments Division, Office of Business Economics.

1. Reported gold reserves of foreign Central Banks and governments, excluding U.S.S.R. and other Eastern European countries (except for \$14 million of Rumanian gold vested by the United States in 1956), plus liquid dollar holdings (lines 43, 44, and 45).

2. Equals balance (with reverse sign) of lines 23 (less net sales of gold from domestic sources to the monetary gold stock of the United States), 25, 30, 42, and 48 for "All areas" but not for individual areas.

3. Amounts for "All areas" represents gold obtained by foreign countries outside the United States.

Source: U.S. Department of Commerce, Office of Business Economics.

1956, 1957, 1958 Revised* and First Quarter 1959

[Millions of dollars]

Western Europe								Eastern Europe								Canada								Line			
1956	1957	1958						1959 I p	1956	1957	1958						1959 I p	1956	1957	1958						1959 I p	
Year	Year	Year	I	II	III	IV	Year		Year	Year	I	II	III	IV	Year	Year		Year	I	II	III	IV					
9,039	9,728	8,299	2,011	2,237	1,901	2,150	1,817	34	113	144	25	40	52	27	24	5,306	5,290	4,779	1,069	1,240	1,217	1,253	1,142	1			
1,866	1,542	1,514	398	501	332	283	298																	2			
7,173	8,186	6,785	1,613	1,736	1,569	1,867	1,519	34	113	144	25	40	52	27	24	5,306	5,290	4,779	1,069	1,240	1,217	1,253	1,142	3			
5,378	5,965	4,664	1,161	1,188	1,078	1,237	1,037	20	96	122	23	28	47	24	21	4,116	4,022	3,516	815	942	848	911	875	4			
704	826	691	151	178	179	183	171	(*)	3	6	(*)	2	2	2	1	132	137	120	25	28	33	34	26	5			
66	86	88	18	22	27	21	19	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	390	419	425	81	114	145	85	83	6			
469	521	505	112	122	127	144	124	4	5	4	1	1	1	1	1	121	133	130	28	29	37	36	32	7			
35	40	45	11	12	11	11	12	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	2	2	1	(*)	1	(*)	(*)	(*)	8			
48	237	170	49	44	22	55	44									50	37	34	10	11	7	6	7	9			
280	311	325	55	117	71	82	59									353	367	368	68	71	101	128	71	10			
68	76	94	22	26	21	25	23									142	173	185	42	44	46	53	48	11			
125	124	203	34	27	33	109	30	10	9	12	1	9	2	(*)	1	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	12			
6,573	6,955	7,269	1,652	1,871	1,868	1,878	1,896	69	68	71	14	16	25	16	23	3,761	3,846	3,770	790	914	1,099	967	812	13			
2,949	3,094	3,290	755	757	803	975	1,000	65	61	63	13	15	20	15	22	2,916	2,938	2,705	615	664	703	723	614	14			
679	722	766	162	225	213	166	172		1	1	(*)	(*)	1	(*)	(*)	112	117	112	26	28	29	29	27	15			
461	474	538	52	173	223	90	57	1	3	4	(*)	1	3	(*)	(*)	316	340	323	28	70	180	45	29	16			
320	337	330	76	84	84	86	84									29	32	28	6	7	7	8	7	17			
74	87	81	19	20	23	19	20	2	2	2	1	(*)	(*)	1	(*)	5	4	3	1	1	(*)	1	1	18			
1,702	1,809	1,852	477	521	426	428	448	1	1	1	(*)	(*)	(*)	1	(*)	259	288	448	80	109	142	117	101	19			
289	311	334	86	80	78	90	85									104	101	132	29	31	34	38	26	20			
99	121	78	25	11	18	24	30									20	26	19	5	4	4	6	7	21			
2,466	2,773	1,030	359	366	33	272	-79	-35	45	73	11	24	27	11	1	1,545	1,444	1,009	279	326	118	286	330	22			
600	1,231	-484	-39	-135	-299	-11	-377	-35	45	73	11	24	27	11	1	1,545	1,444	1,009	279	326	118	286	330	23			
-2,669	-2,192	-2,174	-525	-654	-489	-506	-491	-4	-28	-25	-6	-5	-5	-9	-5	-11	-14	-14	-3	-3	-5	-3	-4	24			
-803	-650	-660	-127	-153	-157	-223	-193	-4	-28	-25	-6	-5	-5	-9	-5	-11	-14	-14	-3	-3	-5	-3	-4	25			
-259	-276	-269	-63	-65	-66	-75	-68	-19	-21	-22	-5	-5	-5	-7	-5	(*)	-2	-1	(*)	-1	(*)			26			
-1,866	-1,542	-1,514	-398	-501	-332	-283	-298				(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)									27			
-491	-317	-316	-47	-72	-67	-130	-108	-3	-7	-1	(*)	(*)	(*)	-1	(*)									28			
-53	-57	-75	-17	-16	-24	-18	-17	18	(*)	-2	-1	(*)	(*)	-1	(*)	-11	-12	-13	-3	-3	-4	-3	-4	29			
-827	-768	-450	-122	-148	-172	-8	9	-11	-56	-96	-22	-17	-41	-16	-14	-956	-940	-966	-186	-397	-202	-181	-180	30			
-777	-396	-411	-116	-38	-159	-98	-146	-14	1	2	-3	2	-2	5		-961	-938	-968	-188	-396	-203	-181	-180	31			
-486	-254	-173	-32	-42	-42	-57	-165									-542	-584	-398	-50	-104	-111	-133	-34	32			
	-25	-121	-73	-17	-25	-6	-15									-375	-324	-367	-121	-155	-56	-35	-95	33			
10	20	16	2	3	2	9	2									101	119	39	7	10	5	17	8	34			
-124	-58	-71	-36	21	-17	-39	-75	-7			-2			2		-117	-161	-160	-6	-69	-20	-65	-55	35			
-177	-79	-62	23	-3	-77	-5	107	-14	8	2	-3	4	-2	3		-28	12	-82	-18	-78	-21	35	-4	36			
-50	-372	-39	-6	-110	-13	90	155	3	-57	-98	-19	-19	-39	-21	-14	5	-2	2	2	-1	1	(*)	(*)	37			
-91	-368	-240	-40	-27	-35	-138	-34		-11	-27	-5	-4	-4	-14	-5	(*)	(*)		(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	38			
288	218	245	59	40	46	100	192	6	3	4	1	(*)	3	(*)	1	5	1	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	39			
-247	-222	-44	-25	-123	-24	128	-3	-3	-49	-75	-15	-15	-38	-7	-10	(*)	-3	2	2	-1	1	(*)	(*)	40			
1,053	706	565	270	-437	617	115	328	-8	2	2	1	2	-3	2	1	495	249	201	-34	273	-76	38	71	41			
357	310	-6	3	-18	-3	12	37	(*)								107	1	-24	-5	-3	-29	13		42			
-118	37	-68	17	-64	-11	-10	81									-70	90	-119	-16	-100	2	-5	3	43			
643	137	591	220	-365	593	143	-27	-7	2	1	1	2	-3	1	1	433	103	351	47	372	-65	-3	98	44			
171	222	48	30	10	38	-30	237	-1	(*)	1	(*)	(*)		1		25	55	-7	-60	4	16	33	-30	45			
-80	-68	2,326	376	1,073	498	379	38	-14								-15	-5							46			
973	638	2,891	646	636	1,115	494	366	-22	2	2	1	2	-3	2	1	480	244	201	-34	273	-76	38	71	47			
57	-451	-1,297	-358	-200	-487	-252	195	72	37	46	16	-4	22	12	17	-1,058	-734	-230	-56	-199	165	-140	-217	48			
1,037	844	3,704	849	892	1,167	796	513	-22	2	2	1	2	-3	2	1	360	250	188	-48	266	-45	15	65	1			
673	-123	1,600	285	454	631	230	524	50	39	48	17	-2	19	14	18	-685	-491	-5	-85	77	118	-115	-146	2			
364	967	2,104	564	438	536	566	-11	-72	-37	-46	-16	4	-22	-12	-17	1,045	741	193	37	189	-163	130	211	3			

United States Balance of Payments by Area—

[Millions of dollars]

Line	Type of transaction	Latin American republics								All other countries							
		1956	1957	1958				1959 I p 4	1956	1957	1958				1959 I p 4		
		Year	Year	Year	I	II	III	IV	Year	Year	Year	I	II	III	IV		
1	Exports of goods and services, total.....	5,661	6,690	5,877	1,471	1,479	1,443	1,484	1,269	6,160	7,258	6,531	1,631	1,679	1,481	1,740	1,541
2	Military transfers under grants, net, total.....	61	68	71	24	28	12	7	17	652	825	937	243	248	205	241	170
3	Other goods and services, total.....	5,600	6,622	5,806	1,447	1,451	1,431	1,477	1,252	5,508	6,433	5,594	1,388	1,431	1,276	1,499	1,371
4	Merchandise, adjusted, excluding military.....	3,835	4,642	4,130	1,057	1,040	993	1,040	850	4,005	4,639	3,776	991	987	834	964	958
5	Transportation.....	383	447	369	91	92	92	94	72	423	586	464	105	120	115	124	96
6	Travel.....	216	235	258	55	62	79	62	58	33	45	54	10	12	18	14	11
	Miscellaneous services:																
7	Private.....	245	242	236	58	60	61	57	55	204	225	219	49	54	59	57	54
8	Government, excluding military.....	29	29	27	7	7	7	6	7	57	67	69	16	16	18	19	17
9	Military transactions.....	14	12	19	5	10	2	2	2	46	81	72	12	22	8	30	21
	Income on investments:																
10	Direct investments.....	800	915	653	151	149	171	182	176	687	720	852	188	198	202	264	190
11	Other private.....	44	60	67	15	17	16	19	17	28	38	43	8	11	11	13	11
12	Government.....	34	40	47	8	14	10	15	15	25	32	45	9	11	11	14	13
13	Imports of goods and services, total.....	4,792	5,032	4,837	1,223	1,210	1,150	1,254	1,225	4,587	4,944	4,926	1,216	1,224	1,185	1,301	1,354
14	Merchandise, adjusted, excluding military.....	3,782	3,930	3,749	964	952	861	972	1,009	3,092	3,268	3,139	792	778	737	832	959
15	Transportation.....	356	391	344	74	90	88	92	34	261	338	376	82	96	97	101	52
16	Travel.....	363	404	416	106	94	113	103	108	134	151	179	48	44	46	41	53
	Miscellaneous services:																
17	Private.....	174	174	173	35	38	50	50	36	20	20	18	3	5	4	6	4
18	Government, excluding military.....	63	67	69	17	17	17	18	19	87	97	99	24	23	26	26	25
19	Military expenditures.....	29	37	49	17	9	13	10	10	964	1,030	1,066	255	269	260	282	246
	Income on investments:																
20	Private.....	16	17	29	8	8	6	7	7	17	23	38	8	7	13	10	10
21	Government.....	9	12	8	2	2	2	2	2	12	17	11	4	2	2	3	5
	Balance on goods and services:																
22	Total.....	869	1,658	1,040	248	269	293	230	44	1,573	2,314	1,605	415	455	296	439	187
23	Excluding military transfers.....	808	1,590	969	224	241	281	223	27	921	1,489	668	172	207	91	198	17
	Unilateral transfers, net [to foreign countries (—)]:																
24	Total.....	-186	-235	-243	-71	-76	-50	-46	-58	-2,015	-2,200	-2,324	-606	-625	-529	-564	-526
25	Excluding military transfers.....	-125	-167	-172	-47	-48	-38	-39	-41	-1,363	-1,375	-1,387	-363	-377	-324	-323	-356
26	Private remittances.....	-33	-45	-43	-10	-12	-10	-11	-11	-219	-199	-190	-55	-45	-41	-49	-57
	Government:																
27	Military supplies and services.....	-61	-68	-71	-24	-28	-12	-7	-17	-652	-825	-937	-243	-248	-205	-241	-170
28	Other grants.....	-83	-112	-118	-33	-34	-25	-26	-26	-1,064	-1,096	-1,116	-288	-310	-264	-254	-278
29	Pensions and other transfers.....	-9	-10	-11	-4	-2	-3	-2	-4	-80	-80	-81	-20	-22	-19	-20	-21
30	U.S. capital, net [outflow of funds (—)], total.....	-911	-1,541	-959	-201	-256	-227	-275	-100	-893	-615	-866	-206	-247	-114	-299	-210
31	Private, net, total.....	-815	-1,395	-488	-143	-216	-5	-124	-20	-435	-238	-502	-40	-194	-53	-215	-60
32	Direct investments, net.....	-592	-1,090	-325	-95	-209	36	-57	-50	-239	-130	-198	22	-56	-39	-125	10
33	New issues.....			-14				-14		-78	-61	-87	-19	-24	-6	-38	-42
34	Redemptions.....	9	10	10	2	3	2	3	2	16	14	4	(*)	1	(*)	3	1
35	Other long-term, net.....	-63	-174	-47	8	-10	-23	-22	-1	6	-3	-169	-55	-24	-13	-77	-20
36	Short-term, net.....	-169	-141	-112	-58		-20	-34	29	-140	-58	-52	12	-91	5	22	-9
37	Government, net, total.....	-96	-146	-471	-58	-40	-222	-151	-80	-458	-377	-364	-166	-53	-61	-84	-150
38	Long-term capital, outflow.....	-117	-300	-595	-76	-96	-239	-184	-140	-302	-314	-410	-135	-116	-59	-100	-108
39	Repayments.....	126	155	151	25	51	25	50	34	52	280	245	46	116	35	48	36
40	Short-term, net.....	-105	-1	-27	-7	5	-8	-17	26	-208	-343	-199	-77	-53	-37	-32	-78
41	Foreign capital, net [outflow of funds (—)], total.....	357	239	-120	-64		-200	144	110	255	-413	206	48	-17	40	135	158
42	Direct and long-term portfolio investments other than U.S. Government securities.....	33	19	-1	5	-4	-6	4	9	21	19	44	9	6	10	19	11
43	Transactions in U.S. Government securities.....	-5	-15	-58	-8	-48		-2	1	-12	5	3	(*)	(*)	1	2	10
44	Short-term liabilities to foreign banks and official institutions.....	246	136	-357	-124	-21	-224	12	100	206	-459	215	73	-13	24	131	120
45	Other short-term liabilities.....	83	99	296	63	73	30	130		40	22	-56	-34	-10	5	-17	17
46	Gold sales [purchases (—)] by the United States.....	28	-81	-69		(*)	-11	-58	1	(*)	-18	37	1	8	2	26	54
47	Foreign capital and gold, total.....	385	158	-189	-64	(*)	-211	86	111	255	-431	243	49	-9	42	161	212
48	Errors and omissions and transfers of funds between foreign areas [receipts by foreign areas (—)], net.....	-157	-40	351	88	63	195	5	3	1,080	932	1,342	348	426	305	263	337
	Memorandum items:																
1	Increase in total reported foreign gold reserves and liquid dollar holdings. ¹	342	240	-283	-96	2	-210	21	102	219	-457	241	26	-45	69	191	196
2	Through estimated transactions with the United States. ²	195	99	163	19	67	-10	87	105	1,314	482	1,541	388	411	337	405	538
3	Through other transactions. ³	147	141	-446	-115	-65	-200	-66	-3	-1,095	-939	-1,300	-362	-456	-268	-214	-339

* Preliminary. † Less than \$500,000. nss Not shown separately.

* Quarterly details by areas may be obtained by writing to the Balance of Payments Division, Office of Business Economics.

1. See footnote 1 on page 20.

2. See footnote 2 on page 20.

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[Millions of dollars]

International institutions										Sterling area																				Line							
										Total										United Kingdom and other Europe								Other countries									
1956	1957	1958				1959											1956	1957	1958				1959	1956	1957	1958				1959	1956	1957	1958				1959
Year	Year	Year	I	II	III	IV	I	II	III	IV	I ^p	Year	Year	Year	I	II	III	IV	I ^p	Year	Year	Year	I	II	III	IV	I ^p	Year	Year	Year	I	II	III	IV	I ^p		
84	89	91	24	22	26	19	106	nss	nss	nss	nss	nss	nss	nss	nss	nss	nss	nss	nss	nss	nss	nss	nss	nss	nss	nss	nss	nss	nss	nss	nss	nss	nss	nss	nss	1	
								nss	nss	nss	nss	nss	nss	nss	nss	nss	nss	nss	nss	nss	nss	nss	nss	nss	nss	nss	nss	nss	nss	nss	nss	nss	nss	nss	nss	2	
84	89	91	24	22	26	19	106	3,557	4,161	3,908	904	939	880	1,185	894	1,673	1,954	1,777	370	421	394	592	356	1,884	2,207	2,131	534	518	486	593	538				3		
25	26	19	7	6	6	(x)	48	2,353	2,796	2,321	605	544	526	646	573	1,002	1,192	922	223	192	213	294	199	1,351	1,604	1,399	382	352	313	352	374				4		
								37	274	356	315	68	82	81	84	74	165	198	184	37	50	48	49	47	109	158	131	31	32	33	35	27			5		
								38	51	55	11	14	17	13	12	21	26	27	6	7	8	6	6	17	25	28	5	7	9	7	6			6			
44	42	43	11	11	11	10	11	326	362	348	77	83	89	99	84	243	278	260	55	62	66	77	63	83	84	88	22	21	23	22	21			7			
		(x)	(x)	(x)	(x)	(x)	(x)	26	28	32	7	8	6	11	6	9	11	12	3	4	2	3	2	17	17	20	4	4	4	8	4			8			
	5	1	(x)	(x)	(x)	(x)	(x)	11	10	29	2	4	2	21	12	3	3	5	1	1	1	2	2	8	7	24	1	3	1	19	10			9			
15	16	28	6	5	8	9	1	466	487	625	119	169	144	193	115	186	198	214	35	79	47	53	27	280	289	411	84	90	97	140	88			10			
								37	40	52	10	15	11	16	11	30	33	43	9	13	9	12	9	7	7	9	1	2	2	4	2			11			
								26	31	131	5	20	4	102	7	14	15	110	1	13	(x)	96	1	12	16	21	4	7	4	6			12				
47	78	78	9	15	45	9	130	3,475	3,825	3,671	908	957	881	925	984	1,957	2,064	2,026	473	531	514	508	527	1,518	1,761	1,645	435	426	367	417	457			13			
								3	2,002	2,162	2,120	532	520	487	581	615	791	796	895	210	202	223	260	262	1,211	1,366	1,225	322	318	264	321	353			14		
								115	247	273	262	57	81	70	54	60	205	218	211	44	69	57	41	48	55	51	13	12	13	13	12			15			
								189	202	217	44	59	72	42	48	93	94	103	9	33	44	17	10	96	108	114	35	26	28	25	38			16			
								251	272	260	59	67	66	68	64	243	264	254	58	65	65	66	63	8	8	6	1	2	1	2	1			17			
33	53	51	2	10	38	1	3	31	40	43	10	10	12	11	11	5	6	7	1	2	3	1	2	26	34	36	9	8	9	10	9			18			
								578	681	579	155	176	128	120	134	451	501	375	102	118	79	76	93	127	180	204	53	58	49	44	41			19			
	(x)	4	1	1	1	1	1	162	168	170	43	40	42	45	46	155	161	163	42	39	39	43	44	7	7	7	1	1	3	2	2			20			
14	25	23	6	4	6	7	8	15	27	20	8	4	4	4	6	14	24	18	7	3	4	4	5	1	3	2	1	1	(x)	(x)	1	1	21				
37	11	13	15	7	-19	10	-24	nss	nss	nss	nss	nss	nss	nss	nss	nss	nss	nss	nss	nss	nss	nss	nss	nss	nss	nss	nss	nss	nss	nss	nss	nss	nss	nss	22		
37	11	13	15	7	-19	10	-24	82	336	237	-4	-18	-1	260	-90	-284	-110	-249	-103	-110	-120	84	-171	366	446	486	99	92	119	176	81			23			
-92	-84	-60	-16	-13	-12	-19	-21	nss	nss	nss	nss	nss	nss	nss	nss	nss	nss	nss	nss	nss	nss	nss	nss	nss	nss	nss	nss	nss	nss	nss	nss	nss	nss	nss	24		
-92	-84	-60	-16	-13	-12	-19	-21	-314	-296	-379	-99	-87	-96	-97	-96	-98	-86	-67	-17	-16	-15	-19	-16	-216	-210	-312	-82	-71	-81	-78	-80			25			
(x)	(x)	(x)	(x)					-95	-107	-109	-28	-26	-25	-30	-30	-52	-55	-56	-13	-14	-14	-15	-13	-43	-52	-53	-15	-12	-11	-15	-17			26			
-92	-84	-60	-16	-13	-12	-19	-21	nss	nss	nss	nss	nss	nss	nss	nss	nss	nss	nss	nss	nss	nss	nss	nss	nss	nss	nss	nss	nss	nss	nss	nss	nss	nss	nss	27		
								-209	-175	-256	-67	-57	-69	-63	-62	-39	-23	-2	-1	(x)	(x)	-1	(x)	-170	-152	-254	-66	-57	-69	-62	-62			28			
								-10	-14	-14	-4	-4	-2	-4	-4	-7	-8	-9	-3	-2	-1	-3	-3	-3	-6	-5	-1	-2	-1	-1	-1			29			
-21	-213	-473	-151	-182	-27	-113	12	-561	-659	-450	-50	-179	-116	-105	-161	-289	-436	-18	18	-43	-22	29	-35	-272	-223	-432	-68	-136	-94	-134	-126			30			
12	-209	-477	-152	-183	-29	-113	12	-478	-233	-280	14	-122	-78	-94	-54	-373	-210	-61	19	-32	-24	-24	-35	-105	-23	-219	-5	-90	-54	-70	-19			31			
								-3	-355	-202	-173		-66	-14	-93	-104	-278	-157	-58	-10	-26	13	-35	-93	-77	-45	-115	10	-40	-27	-58	-11			32		
								-4	-25	-13	-40	-7	-15		-18	-10									-25	-13	-40	-7	-15		-18	-10		33			
38	16	16	10	2	1	3	9	16	13	4	(x)	1	(x)	3	1										16	13	4	(x)	1	(x)	3	1			34		
-26	-38	-127	-37	-31	-18	-41	10	-119	-26	-38		-9	-22	-7	21	-105	-56	26	6	4	4	12	22	-14	30	-64	-6	-13	-26	-19	-1	35		35			
(x)								5	-5	-33	21	-33	-42	21	38	10	3	-29	23	-10	-41	-1	36	-5	-8	-4	-2	-23	-1	22	2			36			
-33	-4	4	1	1	2	(x)		-83	-426	-170	-64	-57	-38	-11	-107	84	-226	43	-1	-11	2	53		-167	-200	-213	-63	-46	-40	-64	-107			37			
-35								-83	-318	-67	-18	-15	-10	-24	-47		-255	-6	-1	-1	(x)	-4	-1	-83	-63	-61	-17	-14	-10	-20	-46			38			
2	2	2		2				130	193	104	10	14	9	71	10	108	20	64	1	2	(x)	61	2	22	173	40	9	12	9	10	8			39			
	-6	2	1	1	(x)	(x)		-130	-301	-207	-56	-56	-37	-58	-70	-24	9	-15	-1	-12	2	-4	-1	-106	-310	-192	-55	-44	-39	-54	-69			40			
-348	-92	310	-6	173	46	97	160	599	382	-459	11	-242	5	-233	241	553	392	-433	25	-227	9	-240	221	46	-10	-26	-14	-15	-4	7	20			41			
12	12	11	1	4	2	4	3	157	123	-28	-3	-8	-7	-10	-19	151	124	-35	-2	-10	-7	-16	-22	6	-1	7	-1	2	(x)	6	3			42			
70	-169	273	134	91	16	32	28	-79	2	-9	36	-15	-4	-26	-9	-78	2	-8	36	-15	-4	-25	-10	-1		-1	(x)			-1	1		43				
-426	65	26	-141	78	28	61	129	456	205	-424	-20	-216	-12	-176	222	424	221	-422	-16	-202	-11	-193	215	32	-16	-2	-4	-14	-1	17	7		44				
-4	(x)	(x)	(x)	(x)	(x)	(x)		65	52	2	-2	-3	28	-21	47	56	45	32	7	(x)	31	-6	38	9	7	-30	-9	-3	-3	-15	9			45			
-225	-626	-19	-7	-6	-6		3	-100		900	300																										

Another major item is exports of commercial airplanes which are now on order, and which will start to be delivered by fall. At an average price of around \$5 million, exports of such planes should rise to an annual rate of about \$500 million, and maintain that rate for well over 1 year. To some extent, however, these sales involve credits, so that the full effect on the balance of payments will be delayed.

Deliveries of military equipment for which orders have increased recently will also raise our receipts, and a possible decline of steel imports from the unusually high rate of \$400 million during the first quarter would reduce our payments.

These changes which are now visible may improve our balance of payments by perhaps \$1 billion.

The acceleration of the business expansion abroad which has already started can be expected to stimulate foreign demand for U.S. goods and services. This may be offset, however, at least in part, by a rise in our imports of goods and services as a result of a further expansion of production and incomes here.

During the period from 1953 to the year ended before the Suez crisis, a simultaneous recovery here and acceleration of economic growth abroad resulted in a reduction in our net payments by about \$1 billion at an annual rate. This period does not include the extreme of the boom, which developed abroad in 1957, and may represent a fair yardstick for what may reasonably be expected if business both here and abroad continues to improve without reaching inflationary proportions.

Certain developments may dampen the gains in our balance of payments, however, particularly the better position of foreign countries with respect to fuels, which would make it unlikely that coal exports would rise by \$400 million as they did between 1953 and 1956.

The remaining gap

The balance of payments problem is not likely to disappear as a result of these economic developments already underway, or actions already taken. Its magnitude, however, is less than the current rate of net payments would suggest, and well within our capacity to adjust.

An excess of payments over receipts in the balance of payments is often due to an excess of domestic demand over productive capacity, but this has not been the case here. All through 1958, demand was less than the capacity of the economy to meet it and even the recent rise in net foreign payments can not be attributed to stringencies in the domestic supply-demand situation. The excess of payments over receipts in our foreign transactions must be due to other factors, therefore, which tend to reduce foreign demand for U.S. goods and services and increase U.S. demand for foreign goods, services, and capital assets.

Some discriminatory restrictions on foreign imports from the United States continue although they have been gradually reduced. In recent weeks many of the British restrictions have been eliminated, and the French restrictions considerably reduced. The narrowing of the balance of payments gap will depend mostly upon the strengthening of our competitive position, however both in foreign and in domestic markets.

U.S. competitive advantage

The second chart and the associated table indicate the commodities which have shown the greatest and least growth in our exports between 1953 and the year ended March 1959 and in which the United States presumably has the relatively greatest competitive advantage or disadvantage in world

markets. The beginning and end points for this comparison have been chosen because both are low points in export cycles and thus relatively little affected by cyclical developments.

The chart shows that the groups of commodities with the greatest growth in exports over the period as a whole also had the largest growth during the cyclical upswing from 1953 to 1957, and were least affected by the subsequent decline from 1957 to 1958-59. Conversely, the commodities which were most responsible for the recent drop in exports, were those which contributed least to the previous rise, and presumably are the ones in which we have the least competitive advantage.

Among the commodities showing a larger than average rise over this period are chemicals including synthetic rubber, railroad equipment, and civilian aircraft, refrigeration and air conditioning, oilfield, construction and mining equipment, and certain specialized items of machinery, such as those used in food processing industries. These are generally items that require relatively long and expensive development, or items which were produced here ahead of other countries, or where the foreign markets are still too small to make local output on an economical scale feasible. For these reasons, price considerations are relatively less important to the sale of these commodities than to the marketing of other types of exports.

Rather important among the fastest growing exports are also certain agricultural products, particularly those which are required to meet demands of people with rising incomes, such as fruits, vegetable fats and oils, and certain grains, used to a considerable extent as animal feed. To some extent, however, the rise in exports of some agricultural commodities was due to Government-financed shipments.

On the lower end of the growth scale are textiles, passenger cars, and tractors—all representing industries for which relatively large markets have developed abroad and in which developmental expenditures are now relatively less important. Although some of these industries require large capital expenditures, this does not appear to have been a major impediment to their development abroad, since capital for industrial investments has achieved a large degree of international mobility, especially in recent years, and to a large extent through U.S. investments abroad. The decline in petroleum exports was in part due to the development of lower cost production abroad, and the growth of refining facilities in foreign countries.

Exports of wheat, corn, cotton, and tobacco, rose less rapidly than exports as a whole. The same applies to iron and steel mill products. The major capital goods categories and trucks appeared to be grouped around the average. The same appears to be the case with respect to most consumer goods other than automobiles and textiles.

An improvement in our balance of payments may have to come from a rise in our receipts relative to payments in our transactions with the economically more advanced countries as well as in those with the less developed areas.

The large gains in reserves since 1957 were made by the economically advanced countries, and our net receipts from these countries can rise by a considerable margin without impairing their international liquidity. By contrast, the relatively underdeveloped areas generally have not added to their reserves during the last year but, on the contrary, frequently reduced them. Their total purchases abroad conform rather closely to their foreign exchange receipts. Therefore, an improvement in our net balance with these countries would be possible only if the balance on their transactions with other industrial countries would change in the opposite direction.

Monthly BUSINESS STATISTICS



THE STATISTICS here are a continuation of the data published in the 1957 edition of BUSINESS STATISTICS, biennial Statistical Supplement to the SURVEY OF CURRENT BUSINESS. That volume (price \$2) contains monthly (or quarterly) data for the years 1953 through 1956 and monthly averages for all years back to 1929 insofar as available; it also provides a description of each series and references to sources of monthly figures prior to 1953. Series added or significantly revised since publication of the 1957 BUSINESS STATISTICS are indicated by an asterisk (*) and a dagger (†), respectively; certain revisions for 1956 issued too late for inclusion in the aforementioned volume appear in the monthly SURVEY beginning with the July 1957 issue. Except as otherwise stated, the terms "unadjusted" and "adjusted" refer to adjustment for seasonal variation.

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	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December		January	February	March	April	May

GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS

NATIONAL INCOME AND PRODUCT															
Seasonally adjusted quarterly totals at annual rates:†															
National income, total..... bil. of dol.			353.9			364.3			373.5						
Compensation of employees, total..... do			250.7			255.3			258.4				265.5		
Wages and salaries, total..... do			234.2			238.4			241.3				247.3		
Private..... do			191.8			195.0			197.6				203.1		
Military..... do			9.6			10.0			10.0				9.9		
Government civilian..... do			32.8			33.4			33.7				34.3		
Supplements to wages and salaries..... do			16.4			16.9			17.1				18.2		
Proprietors' income, total..... do			45.6			45.5			45.5				45.8		
Business and professional..... do			30.7			31.1			31.8				32.4		
Farm..... do			14.9			14.4			13.7				13.4		
Rental income of persons..... do			12.1			12.2			12.3				12.5		
Corporate profits and inventory valuation adjustment, total..... bil. of dol.			32.5			38.0			44.0						
Corporate profits before tax, total..... do			32.0			37.9			45.2						
Corporate profits tax liability..... do			16.3			19.3			23.0						
Corporate profits after tax..... do			15.7			18.6			22.2						
Inventory valuation adjustment..... do			.5			.2			-1.2						
Net interest..... do			13.1			13.2			13.3				13.6		
Gross national product, total..... do			430.4			439.8			453.0				467.0		
Personal consumption expenditures, total..... do			288.3			291.5			295.9				300.5		
Durable goods..... do			35.6			36.1			38.9				40.1		
Nondurable goods..... do			141.4			142.9			143.3				145.2		
Services..... do			111.3			112.5			113.6				115.1		
Gross private domestic investment, total..... do			50.7			54.5			61.6				70.2		
New construction..... do			34.9			36.3			38.6				40.0		
Producers' durable equipment..... do			22.3			22.3			23.0				24.5		
Change in business inventories..... do			-6.5			-4.2			.0				5.7		
Net exports of goods and services..... do			1.7			1.7			.4				-1.3		
Exports..... do			22.4			22.8			22.1				21.5		
Imports..... do			20.8			21.2			21.7				21.8		
Government purchases of goods and services, total..... bil. of dol.			89.7			92.0			95.2				96.6		
Federal (less Government sales)..... do			50.7			52.2			54.2				54.3		
National defense..... do			44.1			44.5			45.3				45.8		
State and local..... do			39.1			39.9			41.0				42.3		
Personal income, total..... do			351.3			358.6			359.5				365.7		
Less: Personal tax and nontax payments..... do			42.3			43.5			43.7				44.8		
Equals: Disposable personal income..... do			309.0			315.1			315.8				320.9		
Personal saving..... do			20.7			23.6			19.9				20.4		
PERSONAL INCOME, BY SOURCE															
Seasonally adjusted, at annual rates:†															
Total personal income..... bil. of dol.	349.7	351.4	353.4	¹ 355.6 ¹ 360.1	357.2	358.7	358.2	360.7	359.9	363.0	365.4	369.5	[†] 373.2	376.2	
Wage and salary disbursements, total..... do	232.0	233.1	235.8	¹ 242.2	238.5	239.4	239.0	242.0	243.3	245.4	246.9	250.2	[†] 253.4	255.8	
Commodity-producing industries, total..... do	95.0	95.6	96.6	97.1	97.7	98.4	97.7	100.3	101.0	102.1	102.7	105.1	[†] 107.5	109.0	
Manufacturing only..... do	74.3	74.6	75.4	75.9	76.5	77.4	76.5	79.1	79.9	80.8	81.5	83.4	[†] 85.0	86.1	
Distributive industries..... do	62.4	62.6	63.3	63.5	63.6	63.6	63.7	63.9	64.2	64.8	65.3	65.8	[†] 66.2	66.7	
Service industries..... do	33.4	33.4	33.6	33.7	33.8	33.9	33.9	34.2	34.3	34.5	34.7	34.9	[†] 35.2	35.4	
Government..... do	41.2	41.5	42.4	¹ 48.0	43.4	43.5	43.7	43.7	43.9	44.0	44.2	44.4	[†] 44.6	44.7	
Other labor income..... do	8.9	8.9	8.9	9.0	9.1	9.2	9.2	9.3	9.3	9.4	9.5	9.5	[†] 9.6	9.6	
Proprietors' income:															
Business and professional..... do	30.6	30.7	30.8	31.0	31.1	31.3	31.6	31.8	32.0	32.3	32.4	32.8	[†] 33.1	33.1	
Farm..... do	15.0	15.2	14.6	14.4	14.4	14.3	14.1	13.6	13.5	13.3	13.4	13.5	[†] 13.3	13.2	
Rental income of persons..... do	12.1	12.1	12.2	12.2	12.2	12.3	12.3	12.3	12.4	12.4	12.5	12.5	[†] 12.5	12.5	
Dividends..... do	12.4	12.4	12.5	12.5	12.5	12.5	12.4	12.4	10.6	12.5	12.5	12.6	[†] 12.6	12.7	
Personal interest income..... do	19.3	19.3	19.3	19.3	19.4	19.5	19.5	19.5	19.6	19.6	19.8	20.0	[†] 20.2	20.1	
Transfer payments..... do	26.1	26.4	26.0	26.5	26.8	27.0	26.9	26.6	26.0	25.8	26.1	26.1	[†] 26.3	26.3	
Less personal contributions for social insur..... do	6.6	6.7	6.7	7.0	6.8	6.8	6.8	6.8	6.8	7.7	7.7	7.8	[†] 7.9	7.9	
Total nonagricultural income..... do	331.0	332.4	335.1	¹ 342.0	339.2	340.9	340.3	343.2	342.4	345.8	348.2	352.1	[†] 355.9	356.0	

[†] Revised. ¹ Italicized total excludes and other footnoted figures include lump-sum retroactive salary payments to Federal employees; disbursements of \$380 million multiplied by 12 (to put on annual rate basis) amounted to \$4.6 billion. [†] Revised series. Estimates of national income and product and personal income have been revised back to 1946; revisions beginning 1946 appear on pp. 12 ff. of the July 1958 SURVEY. [‡] Includes inventory valuation adjustment. [¶] For data in constant dollars and revised definitions for several components, (also data back to 1950), see pp. 10 ff. of the December 1958 SURVEY. [§] Government sales are not deducted. ^{||} Personal saving is excess of disposable income over personal consumption expenditures shown as a component of gross national product above.

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GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS—Continued															
NEW PLANT AND EQUIPMENT EXPENDITURES															
Unadjusted quarterly totals:															
All industries.....mil. of dol.			7,761				7,427			8,013			r 6,905	r 8,281	2 8,319
Manufacturing.....do.			2,939				2,664			2,932			r 2,456	r 3,056	3,151
Durable-goods industries.....do.			1,395				1,257			1,376			r 1,144	r 1,452	1,549
Nondurable-goods industries.....do.			1,544				1,407			1,556			r 1,312	r 1,604	1,602
Mining.....do.			239				223			254			r 213	r 266	245
Railroads.....do.			202				140			156			r 159	r 258	236
Transportation, other than rail.....do.			369				320			413			r 408	r 538	498
Public utilities.....do.			1,511				1,633			1,717			r 1,199	r 1,498	1,576
Commercial and other.....do.			2,501				2,447			2,541			r 2,470	r 2,665	2,613
Seasonally adjusted quarterly totals at annual rates:															
All industries.....bil. of dol.			30.32				29.61			29.97			r 30.62	r 32.29	2 33.39
Manufacturing.....do.			11.53				10.86			10.58			r 11.20	r 11.95	12.82
Durable-goods industries.....do.			5.57				5.16			4.86			r 5.26	r 5.75	6.31
Nondurable-goods industries.....do.			5.96				5.70			5.72			r 5.94	r 6.20	6.51
Mining.....do.			.92				.88			.97			.95	r 1.02	.97
Railroads.....do.			.77				.63			.58			r .63	r .99	1.07
Transportation, other than rail.....do.			1.40				1.29			1.62			r 1.71	r 2.06	2.06
Public utilities.....do.			5.97				6.10			6.26			r 5.80	r 5.91	5.94
Commercial and other.....do.			9.73				9.85			9.96			r 10.33	r 10.36	10.53
FARM INCOME AND MARKETINGS†															
Cash receipts from farming, including Government payments, total.....mil. of dol.	2,214	2,305	2,532	2,920	3,025	3,553	4,052	3,544	3,087	2,909	2,276	2,216			
Farm marketings and CCC loans, total.....do.	2,198	2,286	2,423	2,743	2,862	3,286	3,935	3,478	3,034	2,862	2,242	2,190			
Crops.....do.	624	645	908	1,212	1,356	1,583	2,083	1,832	1,516	1,344	878	684			
Livestock and products, total‡.....do.	1,574	1,641	1,515	1,531	1,506	1,703	1,852	1,646	1,518	1,518	1,364	1,506			
Dairy products.....do.	392	421	399	383	371	354	360	364	363	366	347	388			
Meat animals.....do.	885	905	833	870	848	1,052	1,173	958	881	888	768	850			
Poultry and eggs.....do.	259	270	254	258	272	282	304	310	260	238	223	248			
Indexes of cash receipts from marketings and CCC loans, unadjusted:															
All commodities.....1947-49=100.....do.	90	94	99	113	118	135	162	143	125	118	92	90			
Crops.....do.	58	60	85	113	126	148	194	171	141	125	82	64			
Livestock and products.....do.	115	120	111	112	111	125	136	121	111	111	100	110			
Indexes of volume of farm marketings, unadjusted:															
All commodities.....1947-49=100.....do.	91	96	111	125	131	145	178	156	139	127	104	100			
Crops.....do.	49	53	97	131	144	161	218	191	155	135	94	70			
Livestock and products.....do.	123	128	121	121	121	133	148	129	126	120	112	123			
INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION§															
<i>Federal Reserve Index of Physical Volume</i>															
Unadjusted, combined index.....1947-49=100.....do.	127	127	131	125	136	140	143	144	140	142	147	149	r 151	p 152	
Manufactures.....do.	129	129	133	127	138	141	145	146	141	144	150	152	r 154	p 155	
Durable manufactures.....do.	133	133	138	132	140	146	149	155	152	154	r 160	r 163	p 166	p 168	
Primary metals‡.....do.	89	93	106	90	102	111	123	124	119	127	144	154	r 155	p 156	
Steel.....do.	82	91	105	92	105	114	129	128	127	136	156	170	r 171	p 170	
Primary nonferrous metals.....do.	146	141	133	126	128	138	150	157	162	163	169	167	169		
Metal fabricating (incl. ordnance).....do.	148	146	149	144	150	156	158	167	168	168	172	r 174	176	p 178	
Fabricated metal products.....do.	118	119	125	123	133	141	136	136	136	134	135	r 138	142	p 145	
Machinery.....do.	139	135	138	133	142	151	150	153	152	156	162	164	165	p 168	
Nonelectrical machinery.....do.	126	124	125	120	119	128	127	131	133	134	142	147	r 149	p 151	
Electrical machinery.....do.	165	159	162	158	186	195	194	197	190	199	202	r 196	r 196	p 201	
Transportation equipment‡.....do.	181	181	183	175	173	170	184	211	214	211	212	r 215	r 217	p 217	
Autos.....do.	89	99	100	87	53	37	71	160	161	154	149	163	164	p 162	
Trucks.....do.	90	96	91	76	78	67	89	112	100	110	133	138	r 143	p 147	
Aircraft and parts.....do.	561	553	568	561	573	583	582	591	595	587	587	r 583	r 581	p 583	
Instruments and related products.....do.	160	157	159	157	160	168	171	174	176	176	179	r 183	184	p 187	
Furniture and fixtures.....do.	108	108	113	113	124	130	132	132	132	132	134	135	r 135	p 135	
Lumber and products.....do.	107	110	120	106	130	127	131	126	109	116	124	125	133		
Stone, clay, and glass products.....do.	135	141	148	148	155	160	155	153	145	141	145	r 156	p 166	p 172	
Miscellaneous manufactures.....do.	125	125	130	126	135	143	147	144	137	133	137	139	r 142	p 144	
Nondurable manufactures.....do.	125	124	128	123	135	137	142	138	130	135	140	141	r 143	p 141	
Food and beverage manufactures.....do.	105	110	119	119	126	131	129	120	110	107	109	109	113		
Food manufactures‡.....do.	104	106	114	116	127	134	130	121	112	110	110	108	111		
Meat products.....do.	123	115	121	115	120	130	138	134	133	139	140	133	136		
Bakery products.....do.	98	100	103	104	102	102	103	101	101	98	99	r 99	99		
Beverages.....do.	110	122	138	128	122	119	124	113	104	95	105	113	125		
Alcoholic beverages.....do.	101	112	125	107	104	108	124	111	94	91	100	109			
Tobacco manufactures.....do.	112	118	125	109	130	125	130	128	103	121	130	121	129		
Textile-mill products‡.....do.	94	93	94	86	103	103	103	107	100	107	113	113	117		
Cotton and synthetic fabrics.....do.	96	98	100	86	107	111	112	118	106	119	122	122	131		
Wool textiles.....do.	67	71	82	67	76	75	75	71	62						
Apparel and allied products.....do.	108	105	106	99	117	113	121	117	105	120	128	r 130	129		
Leather and products.....do.	95	92	99	92	108	105	109	108	102	110	120	116			
Paper and allied products.....do.	156	153	159	145	168	169	181	170	153	166	177	176	183		
Pulp and paper.....do.	152	147	153	137	159	159	171	164	148	162	171	r 171	177		
Printing and publishing.....do.	140	139	137	132	136	142	147	146	140	139	142	148	r 151	p 151	
Chemicals and allied products.....do.	180	177	177	174	182	187	195	195	195	198	202	r 205	207		
Industrial chemicals.....do.	186	184	184	183	190	202	211	214	217	218	226	231			
Petroleum and coal products.....do.	124	127	131	133	140	138	137	140	144	146	145	r 148	p 143	p 141	
Petroleum refining.....do.	134	136	141	146	149	148	147	151	159	160	157	r 154	p 148		
Rubber products.....do.	115	112	122	103	127	137	143	145	137	150	158	159	138		

† Revised. ‡ Preliminary. § Estimates for April-June 1959 based on anticipated capital expenditures of business. ¶ Estimates for July-September 1959 based on anticipated capital expenditures of business. Anticipated expenditures for the year 1959, and comparative data for 1956-58, appear on p. 4 of this issue of the SURVEY.

‡ Includes data not shown separately.

§ Revisions (annual data, 1946-57; monthly data, 1956-57) appear on pp. 18 and 19 of the November 1958 SURVEY; monthly data prior to 1956 are not available.

¶ Revisions for 1956 for the seasonally adjusted indexes of industrial production and consumer durables output appear on p. 18 of the July 1958 SURVEY.

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1958										1959				
April	May	June	July	August	Septem-ber	October	Novem-ber	Decem-ber		January	Febru-ary	March	April	May

GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS—Continued

INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION ^σ —Continued														
Unadjusted index—Continued														
Minerals.....	1947-49=100...	109	109	115	110	120	123	124	123	124	124	123	122	123
Coal.....	do.....	60	61	72	46	70	73	75	75	76	73	74	69	68
Crude oil and natural gas.....	do.....	132	130	133	137	142	145	144	147	150	152	150	149	147
Metal mining.....	do.....	81	86	100	91	96	107	107	93	81	86	91	91	104
Stone and earth minerals.....	do.....	136	144	150	151	153	158	156	151	139	131	130	138	151
Seasonally adjusted, combined index.....	do.....	126	128	132	134	136	137	138	141	142	143	145	147	150
Manufactures.....	do.....	128	130	134	136	138	139	140	143	144	145	148	150	153
Durable manufactures.....	do.....	131	134	139	141	144	145	146	151	152	153	157	160	164
Primary metals.....	do.....	86	91	103	102	109	113	122	123	123	125	138	146	149
Metal fabricating (incl. ordnance).....	do.....	146	148	151	154	156	155	156	163	165	166	168	170	173
Fabricated metal products.....	do.....	118	120	125	129	132	135	133	136	136	136	135	138	142
Machinery.....	do.....	137	137	141	144	147	148	147	150	152	154	158	159	163
Nonelectrical machinery.....	do.....	122	122	125	125	126	129	130	133	132	132	138	142	145
Electrical machinery.....	do.....	166	167	171	181	188	186	180	183	190	199	198	192	198
Transportation equipment.....	do.....	178	182	185	185	186	178	183	203	204	204	204	207	211
Autos, trucks, and parts.....	do.....	86	93	95	96	96	82	91	119	123	124	123	128	132
Other transportation equipment.....	do.....	316	314	320	318	321	322	321	327	322	322	322	322	327
Instruments and related products.....	do.....	159	158	160	162	162	166	169	173	175	176	179	181	182
Furniture and fixtures.....	do.....	110	113	116	119	123	126	127	129	127	123	135	138	140
Lumber and products.....	do.....	107	109	113	114	120	118	120	125	125	127	126	129	133
Stone, clay, and glass products.....	do.....	135	139	145	152	150	157	149	151	148	147	149	158	166
Miscellaneous manufactures.....	do.....	129	129	132	135	134	137	138	137	134	137	137	141	146
Nondurable manufactures.....	do.....	125	126	129	132	133	133	134	135	135	137	139	140	142
Food and beverage manufactures.....	do.....	113	114	116	116	116	115	115	116	117	118	119	119	119
Food manufactures.....	do.....	115	114	116	116	116	116	115	116	116	117	119	120	120
Beverages.....	do.....	108	114	116	114	115	114	115	119	121	121	121	117	117
Tobacco manufactures.....	do.....	117	115	116	121	121	121	120	126	126	121	130	121	134
Textile-mill products.....	do.....	92	92	95	101	103	103	104	104	104	106	108	110	115
Apparel and allied products.....	do.....	106	106	110	115	114	116	118	117	116	117	120	121	124
Leather and products.....	do.....	94	97	100	104	103	104	108	113	108	109	109	106	106
Paper and allied products.....	do.....	152	153	157	163	166	167	171	168	166	167	172	173	175
Printing and publishing.....	do.....	137	137	138	138	140	140	142	142	139	144	145	145	147
Chemicals and allied products.....	do.....	178	178	181	184	186	187	189	192	194	196	199	202	203
Industrial chemicals.....	do.....	182	182	187	193	196	204	209	212	214	216	222	226	226
Petroleum and coal products.....	do.....	127	129	131	136	139	135	137	139	142	143	144	149	148
Rubber products.....	do.....	112	113	125	125	132	136	133	141	140	142	150	156	135
Minerals.....	do.....	109	108	112	116	120	123	122	123	124	124	124	123	123
Coal.....	do.....	63	62	66	65	68	70	69	72	73	69	74	72	71
Crude oil and natural gas.....	do.....	129	130	134	141	146	149	148	147	148	149	146	144	145
Metal mining.....	do.....	88	73	80	80	83	90	92	101	108	113	114	115	113
Stone and earth minerals.....	do.....	139	142	145	146	144	149	148	148	142	145	143	148	155
CONSUMER DURABLES OUTPUT ^σ														
Unadjusted, total output..... 1947-49=100...														
Major consumer durables.....	do.....	100	103	109	97	94	96	113	155	147	145	150	155	154
Autos.....	do.....	89	99	100	87	53	37	71	160	161	154	149	163	164
Major household goods.....	do.....	110	108	119	108	130	150	151	153	138	140	154	151	148
Furniture and floor coverings.....	do.....	104	101	105	105	118	126	131	130	130	130	135	136	134
Appliances and heaters.....	do.....	112	115	132	109	114	150	147	156	137	131	158	159	155
Radio and television sets.....	do.....	125	112	122	114	214	222	221	212	163	193	199	173	166
Other consumer durables.....	do.....	103	102	108	107	115	119	123	117	113	115	117	117	112
Seasonally adjusted, total output.....	do.....	97	105	111	114	115	103	108	133	134	133	132	135	136
Major consumer durables.....	do.....	94	104	111	116	116	99	105	142	143	140	138	141	145
Autos.....	do.....	81	96	99	99	95	56	67	139	143	139	130	142	147
Major household goods.....	do.....	107	113	123	133	137	138	141	148	144	143	148	142	145
Furniture and floor coverings.....	do.....	104	106	109	116	117	120	124	127	127	132	133	133	134
Appliances and heaters.....	do.....	102	112	125	129	132	137	148	159	156	140	150	139	140
Radio and television sets.....	do.....	131	138	155	191	207	197	166	174	162	187	185	179	189
Other consumer durables.....	do.....	106	105	111	111	112	113	114	113	114	118	119	121	115
BUSINESS SALES AND INVENTORIES ^{††}														
Manufacturing and trade sales (seas. adj.), total bil. of dol..														
Manufacturing, total.....	do.....	52.1	52.4	53.2	54.0	54.4	54.8	55.6	56.1	57.4	57.4	58.0	59.1	60.5
Durable-goods industries.....	do.....	24.9	25.2	25.7	26.3	26.4	26.8	27.2	27.5	28.1	28.1	28.5	29.1	30.2
Nondurable-goods industries.....	do.....	11.5	11.6	12.1	12.3	12.4	12.7	12.9	13.3	13.6	13.5	13.9	14.4	15.1
Wholesale trade, total.....	do.....	13.4	13.6	13.7	14.0	14.0	14.1	14.2	14.2	14.5	14.6	14.6	14.7	15.1
Durable-goods establishments.....	do.....	10.7	10.7	10.9	11.0	11.1	11.4	11.5	11.6	11.7	11.8	11.9	12.1	12.4
Nondurable-goods establishments.....	do.....	3.7	3.7	3.8	3.8	4.0	4.1	4.1	4.3	4.3	4.3	4.4	4.6	4.7
Retail trade, total.....	do.....	7.0	7.0	7.0	7.2	7.2	7.3	7.4	7.4	7.4	7.5	7.5	7.6	7.7
Durable-goods stores.....	do.....	16.5	16.6	16.6	16.7	16.9	16.6	16.9	17.0	17.6	17.5	17.6	17.9	17.9
Nondurable-goods stores.....	do.....	5.2	5.2	5.1	5.2	5.2	5.1	5.4	5.5	5.8	5.8	5.9	6.0	6.1
Manufacturing and trade inventories, book value, end of month (seas. adj.), total bil. of dol..	do.....	11.3	11.3	11.4	11.5	11.6	11.5	11.6	11.4	11.8	11.6	11.7	11.9	11.8
Manufacturing, total.....	do.....	87.6	86.9	86.4	85.9	85.4	85.0	84.9	85.0	85.2	85.6	85.9	86.4	87.3
Durable-goods industries.....	do.....	51.5	50.9	50.2	49.8	49.4	49.3	49.3	49.3	49.2	49.5	49.9	50.3	50.8
Nondurable-goods industries.....	do.....	29.4	29.0	28.5	28.3	28.1	28.0	27.9	27.9	27.9	28.1	28.4	29.2	29.2
Wholesale trade, total.....	do.....	22.1	21.9	21.7	21.5	21.4	21.2	21.4	21.4	21.3	21.4	21.5	21.5	21.7
Durable-goods establishments.....	do.....	12.2	12.1	12.1	12.1	12.1	12.1	12.1	12.1	12.0	11.9	11.9	12.0	12.1
Nondurable-goods establishments.....	do.....	6.3	6.2	6.2	6.2	6.2	6.2	6.2	6.3	6.3	6.3	6.3	6.3	6.4
Retail trade, total.....	do.....	5.9	5.9	5.9	5.9	5.9	5.9	5.9	5.8	5.7	5.6	5.6	5.6	5.7
Durable-goods stores.....	do.....	23.9	23.9	24.1	24.0	23.9	23.7	23.5	23.6	24.0	24.2	24.1	24.2	24.4
Nondurable-goods stores.....	do.....	10.8	10.8	10.8	10.7	10.7	10.5	10.3	10.5	10.8	11.0	11.0	11.1	11.3
	do.....	13.2	13.1	13.3	13.3	13.2	13.2	13.2	13.1	13.2	13.2	13.2	13.0	13.1

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1958										1959				
April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December		January	February	March	April	May

GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS—Continued

MANUFACTURERS' SALES, INVENTORIES, AND ORDERS														
Sales, value (unadjusted), total..... mil. of dol.	25,248	25,426	26,122	24,845	26,143	27,323	28,820	26,729	27,954	27,329	27,502	* 30,564	30,836	-----
Durable-goods industries, total ?..... do.....	11,921	11,960	12,584	11,317	11,880	12,687	13,584	12,911	13,717	13,066	13,501	* 15,280	15,770	-----
Primary metal..... do.....	1,740	1,757	2,052	1,632	1,900	2,069	2,300	1,999	2,117	2,195	2,320	* 2,792	2,948	-----
Fabricated metal..... do.....	1,316	1,350	1,452	1,433	1,592	1,696	1,684	1,415	1,415	1,417	1,390	* 1,622	1,717	-----
Machinery (including electrical)..... do.....	3,867	3,772	3,967	3,455	3,615	3,993	4,112	3,736	4,085	3,797	4,125	* 4,595	4,591	-----
Electrical..... do.....	1,512	1,526	1,624	1,418	1,574	1,758	1,865	1,728	1,843	1,580	1,668	* 1,791	1,755	-----
Transportation equipment..... do.....	2,632	2,675	2,637	2,436	2,103	2,093	2,588	3,208	3,646	3,275	3,215	* 3,466	3,634	-----
Motor vehicles and parts..... do.....	1,504	1,568	1,514	1,419	1,103	1,009	1,458	2,104	2,415	2,197	2,019	* 2,304	2,353	-----
Lumber and furniture..... do.....	788	788	803	757	894	933	982	843	831	829	853	* 969	985	-----
Stone, clay, and glass..... do.....	617	652	677	662	710	757	757	640	583	561	582	* 724	774	-----
Nondurable-goods industries, total ?..... do.....	13,327	13,466	13,538	13,528	14,263	14,636	15,236	13,818	14,237	14,263	14,001	* 15,284	15,066	-----
Food and beverage..... do.....	4,227	4,434	4,441	4,414	4,452	4,571	4,730	4,347	4,353	4,251	4,155	* 4,483	4,419	-----
Tobacco..... do.....	362	381	401	410	387	398	408	370	422	377	364	* 404	405	-----
Textile..... do.....	965	930	1,006	936	1,098	1,131	1,219	1,123	1,071	1,083	1,156	* 1,243	1,206	-----
Paper..... do.....	883	904	921	871	960	958	1,013	917	898	942	938	* 1,018	1,046	-----
Chemical..... do.....	1,944	1,981	1,949	1,865	1,983	2,137	2,164	1,881	1,833	1,947	1,853	* 2,132	2,240	-----
Petroleum and coal..... do.....	2,516	2,630	2,628	2,750	2,787	2,774	2,874	2,763	3,237	3,195	2,946	* 3,107	2,967	-----
Rubber..... do.....	438	432	467	473	442	445	527	425	502	503	456	526	-----	-----
Sales, value (seas. adj.), total..... do.....	24,945	25,206	25,747	26,284	26,388	26,804	27,158	27,467	28,135	28,143	28,481	* 29,106	30,232	-----
Durable-goods industries, total ?..... do.....	11,532	11,643	12,086	12,256	12,385	12,723	12,943	13,295	13,613	13,541	13,870	* 14,376	15,123	-----
Primary metal..... do.....	1,657	1,656	1,854	1,917	1,984	2,065	2,182	2,113	2,256	2,230	2,421	* 2,580	2,792	-----
Fabricated metal..... do.....	1,302	1,331	1,397	1,454	1,482	1,593	1,569	1,553	1,586	1,537	1,526	* 1,605	1,667	-----
Machinery (including electrical)..... do.....	3,748	3,736	3,780	3,808	3,817	3,999	3,993	3,951	3,975	4,017	4,131	* 4,226	4,400	-----
Electrical..... do.....	1,567	1,572	1,572	1,577	1,624	1,712	1,726	1,728	1,710	1,708	1,724	* 1,704	1,807	-----
Transportation equipment..... do.....	2,466	2,536	2,610	2,550	2,582	2,438	2,592	3,040	3,184	3,167	3,168	* 3,188	3,383	-----
Motor vehicles and parts..... do.....	1,361	1,467	1,572	1,519	1,453	1,318	1,494	1,866	2,046	2,003	1,960	* 2,060	2,129	-----
Lumber and furniture..... do.....	791	807	822	836	832	850	898	891	884	879	894	* 918	991	-----
Stone, clay, and glass..... do.....	605	621	645	676	657	701	653	667	655	668	677	* 731	759	-----
Nondurable-goods industries, total ?..... do.....	13,413	13,563	13,661	14,028	14,003	14,081	14,215	14,172	14,522	14,602	14,611	* 14,730	15,109	-----
Food and beverage..... do.....	4,348	4,416	4,357	4,371	4,373	4,312	4,377	4,436	4,481	4,522	4,479	* 4,465	4,546	-----
Tobacco..... do.....	373	363	382	390	372	386	385	378	414	428	428	* 416	418	-----
Textile..... do.....	1,016	994	1,025	1,061	1,077	1,027	1,042	1,102	1,079	1,102	1,140	* 1,200	1,241	-----
Paper..... do.....	874	895	903	937	941	949	947	936	955	942	977	* 988	1,036	-----
Chemical..... do.....	1,832	1,875	1,899	1,979	2,003	2,071	2,077	2,023	2,004	1,932	1,930	* 1,979	2,083	-----
Petroleum and coal..... do.....	2,594	2,657	2,682	2,806	2,787	2,860	2,903	2,819	2,970	3,043	3,037	* 3,046	3,059	-----
Rubber..... do.....	429	428	445	478	438	464	493	472	518	508	490	506	-----	-----
Inventories, end of month:														
Book value (unadjusted), total..... do.....	51,595	50,862	50,278	49,357	48,887	48,910	49,015	49,160	49,468	49,776	50,190	* 50,626	51,003	-----
Durable-goods industries, total ?..... do.....	29,683	29,182	28,688	28,116	27,658	27,745	27,687	27,684	27,873	28,178	28,566	* 29,116	29,408	-----
Primary metal..... do.....	4,185	4,126	3,999	4,050	4,100	4,099	4,132	4,217	4,297	4,293	4,286	* 4,271	4,185	-----
Fabricated metal..... do.....	2,983	2,938	2,987	2,898	2,777	2,785	2,840	2,809	2,810	2,903	3,008	* 3,151	3,285	-----
Machinery (including electrical)..... do.....	9,885	9,771	9,542	9,290	9,110	8,918	8,862	8,866	8,852	8,967	9,125	* 9,279	9,453	-----
Electrical..... do.....	3,684	3,648	3,580	3,494	3,413	3,356	3,306	3,312	3,295	3,307	3,376	* 3,452	3,536	-----
Transportation equipment..... do.....	6,956	6,716	6,579	6,384	6,302	6,718	6,665	6,593	6,639	6,695	6,738	* 6,908	6,948	-----
Motor vehicles and parts..... do.....	2,821	2,822	2,504	2,375	2,374	2,769	2,722	2,666	2,635	2,625	2,704	* 2,766	2,841	-----
Lumber and furniture..... do.....	1,814	1,809	1,807	1,786	1,725	1,691	1,664	1,683	1,728	1,713	1,723	* 1,750	1,736	-----
Stone, clay, and glass..... do.....	1,282	1,261	1,246	1,228	1,196	1,164	1,148	1,162	1,188	1,219	1,249	* 1,265	1,275	-----
By stages of fabrication:†														
Purchased materials..... bil. of dol.	7.7	7.6	7.6	7.6	7.5	7.7	7.7	7.7	7.7	7.6	7.7	7.9	8.1	-----
Goods in process..... do.....	11.9	11.6	11.3	11.1	11.1	11.3	11.3	11.2	11.3	11.5	11.5	11.6	11.6	-----
Finished goods..... do.....	10.1	10.0	9.7	9.4	9.1	8.8	8.7	8.8	9.0	9.1	9.4	9.6	9.7	-----
Nondurable-goods industries, total ?..... mil. of dol.	21,912	21,680	21,580	21,241	21,229	21,165	21,328	21,476	21,595	21,598	21,624	* 21,510	21,595	-----
Food and beverage..... do.....	4,520	4,406	4,416	4,468	4,644	4,736	4,917	4,958	4,891	4,831	4,777	* 4,662	4,640	-----
Tobacco..... do.....	1,915	1,861	1,785	1,726	1,746	1,783	1,838	1,861	1,978	1,994	1,997	* 1,951	1,910	-----
Textile..... do.....	2,675	2,675	2,635	2,584	2,499	2,432	2,385	2,371	2,422	2,462	2,490	* 2,502	2,522	-----
Paper..... do.....	1,483	1,455	1,435	1,413	1,404	1,391	1,395	1,405	1,443	1,451	1,474	* 1,491	1,494	-----
Chemical..... do.....	3,858	3,783	3,776	3,708	3,674	3,647	3,686	3,724	3,791	3,787	3,805	* 3,793	3,783	-----
Petroleum and coal..... do.....	3,372	3,343	3,348	3,314	3,340	3,369	3,374	3,390	3,264	3,199	3,175	* 3,187	3,246	-----
Rubber..... do.....	1,078	1,051	1,015	960	963	983	981	998	1,004	1,023	1,053	1,071	-----	-----
By stages of fabrication:†														
Purchased materials..... bil. of dol.	8.9	8.6	8.5	8.4	8.4	8.4	8.5	8.6	8.9	8.8	8.8	* 8.8	8.7	-----
Goods in process..... do.....	2.9	3.0	3.0	2.9	2.9	2.9	2.9	2.9	3.0	3.0	3.0	* 3.0	3.1	-----
Finished goods..... do.....	10.1	10.1	10.1	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	10.0	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.7	9.8	-----
Book value (seas. adj.), total..... mil. of dol.	51,486	50,896	50,246	49,777	49,425	49,296	49,337	49,297	49,209	49,503	49,861	* 50,323	50,825	-----
Durable-goods industries, total ?..... do.....	29,424	28,981	28,528	28,311	28,066	28,048	27,932	27,877	27,863	28,117	28,373	* 28,846	29,159	-----
Primary metal..... do.....	4,362	4,277	4,169	4,122	4,110	4,043	4,065	4,058	4,100	4,180	4,280	* 4,372	4,364	-----
Fabricated metal..... do.....	2,925	2,852	2,844	2,814	2,777	2,842	2,828	2,896	2,927	2,993	3,069	* 3,120	3,189	-----
Machinery (including electrical)..... do.....	9,744	9,636	9,446	9,323	9,221	9,074	9,026	8,954	8,914	9,030	9,063	* 9,155	9,317	-----
Electrical..... do.....	3,640	3,573	3,472	3,456	3,419	3,386	3,345	3,366	3,352	3,382	3,417	* 3,454	3,494	-----
Transportation equipment..... do.....	6,863	6,721	6,595	6,584	6,536	6,751	6,594	6,576	6,574					

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GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS—Continued

MANUFACTURERS' SALES, INVENTORIES, AND ORDERS—Continued														
New orders, net (unadjusted), total.....mil. of dol.	24,254	25,032	26,359	25,239	26,096	26,855	28,667	27,368	28,033	28,215	28,916	* 31,843	30,706	-----
Durable-goods industries, total§○.....do.....	10,879	11,486	12,727	11,667	11,807	12,301	13,395	13,452	13,796	13,897	14,759	* 16,427	15,590	-----
Primary metal.....do.....	1,457	1,738	1,872	1,768	2,006	2,136	2,341	2,265	2,294	2,835	3,450	* 3,033	2,672	-----
Fabricated metal.....do.....	1,255	1,362	1,436	1,501	1,599	1,673	1,666	1,393	1,429	1,462	1,601	* 1,688	1,597	-----
Machinery (including electrical)§.....do.....	3,724	3,681	3,958	3,601	3,666	4,020	3,929	3,656	4,052	3,868	4,229	* 5,193	4,625	-----
Electrical.....do.....	1,511	1,670	1,762	1,622	1,475	1,762	1,722	1,676	1,885	1,518	1,628	* 2,133	1,809	-----
Transportation equipment (including motor vehicles).....mil. of dol.	2,072	2,255	2,808	2,366	1,866	1,630	2,674	3,587	3,501	3,057	2,884	* 3,589	3,706	-----
Nondurable-goods industries, total.....do.....	13,375	13,546	13,632	13,572	14,289	14,554	15,272	13,916	14,237	14,318	14,157	* 15,416	15,116	-----
Industries with unfilled orders ♀.....do.....	3,001	2,920	2,998	2,806	3,139	3,096	3,420	3,213	3,026	3,112	3,313	* 3,557	3,461	-----
Industries without unfilled orders †.....do.....	10,374	10,626	10,634	10,766	11,150	11,458	11,852	10,703	11,211	11,206	10,844	* 11,859	11,655	-----
New orders, net (seas. adjusted), total§.....do.....	24,498	24,998	25,785	26,450	26,096	27,047	27,903	27,797	28,365	28,502	29,702	* 30,214	30,995	-----
Durable-goods industries, total§○.....do.....	10,833	11,423	12,245	12,512	12,177	12,859	13,530	13,574	13,673	13,900	14,918	* 15,308	15,582	-----
Primary metal.....do.....	1,543	1,671	1,952	2,044	2,063	2,334	2,414	2,262	2,210	2,727	3,236	* 2,681	2,827	-----
Fabricated metal.....do.....	1,230	1,322	1,496	1,501	1,523	1,578	1,602	1,601	1,458	1,523	1,685	* 1,608	1,566	-----
Machinery (including electrical)§.....do.....	3,596	3,690	3,592	3,770	3,851	4,242	3,975	4,019	4,047	3,937	4,198	* 4,839	4,585	-----
Electrical.....do.....	1,470	1,674	1,511	1,650	1,578	1,849	1,703	1,872	1,890	1,564	1,682	* 2,094	1,841	-----
Transportation equipment (including motor vehicles).....mil. of dol.	2,093	2,265	2,678	2,691	2,245	1,946	2,835	3,007	2,958	3,038	3,038	* 3,422	3,614	-----
Nondurable-goods industries, total.....do.....	13,665	13,575	13,540	13,938	13,919	14,188	14,373	14,223	14,692	14,602	14,784	* 14,906	15,413	-----
Industries with unfilled orders ♀.....do.....	3,193	2,920	2,828	2,954	2,990	3,127	3,196	3,150	3,289	3,143	3,381	* 3,453	3,682	-----
Industries without unfilled orders †.....do.....	10,472	10,655	10,712	10,984	10,929	11,061	11,177	11,073	11,403	11,459	11,403	* 11,453	11,731	-----
Unfilled orders, end of month (unadj.), total.....do.....	46,510	46,116	46,353	46,747	46,700	46,232	46,079	46,718	46,797	47,683	49,097	* 50,376	50,246	-----
Durable-goods industries, total○.....do.....	44,017	43,543	43,686	44,036	43,963	43,577	43,388	43,929	44,008	44,839	46,097	* 47,244	47,064	-----
Primary metal.....do.....	3,757	3,738	3,558	3,694	3,800	3,867	3,908	4,174	4,351	4,991	6,121	* 6,362	6,086	-----
Fabricated metal.....do.....	3,038	3,050	3,034	3,102	3,109	3,086	3,068	3,046	3,060	3,105	3,316	* 3,382	3,262	-----
Machinery (including electrical).....do.....	16,184	16,093	16,084	16,230	16,281	16,308	16,125	16,045	16,012	16,083	16,187	* 16,785	16,819	-----
Electrical.....do.....	9,143	9,287	9,425	9,629	9,530	9,534	9,391	9,339	9,381	9,319	9,279	* 9,621	9,675	-----
Transportation equipment (including motor vehicles).....mil. of dol.	17,203	16,783	16,954	16,884	16,647	16,184	16,270	16,649	16,504	16,286	15,955	* 16,078	16,150	-----
Nondurable-goods industries, total ♀.....do.....	2,493	2,573	2,667	2,711	2,737	2,655	2,691	2,789	2,789	2,844	3,000	* 3,132	3,182	-----
BUSINESS INCORPORATIONS♂														
New incorporations (48 States).....number.....	11,329	11,943	11,991	12,454	12,234	12,932	13,633	12,090	16,458	18,765	15,758	18,119	17,554	-----
INDUSTRIAL AND COMMERCIAL FAILURES♂														
Failures, total.....number.....	1,458	1,341	1,260	1,253	1,127	1,039	1,271	1,121	1,082	1,273	1,161	1,263	1,292	-----
Commercial service.....do.....	116	108	99	99	106	87	99	87	88	96	104	117	121	-----
Construction.....do.....	209	207	161	181	158	163	176	176	176	188	164	185	166	-----
Manufacturing and mining.....do.....	257	242	235	255	206	187	215	190	185	215	207	210	202	-----
Retail trade.....do.....	737	659	640	613	549	506	657	550	515	642	582	625	671	-----
Wholesale trade.....do.....	139	125	125	105	108	96	124	108	118	132	104	126	132	-----
Liabilities (current), total.....thous. of dol.	83,977	56,246	61,445	65,375	50,765	48,103	47,268	56,718	57,069	73,564	58,592	65,051	71,907	-----
Commercial service.....do.....	13,497	3,812	7,719	4,164	3,126	2,046	5,306	5,881	3,590	6,559	4,547	5,304	9,994	-----
Construction.....do.....	9,612	10,771	7,390	13,966	8,687	7,841	6,771	9,483	10,058	8,274	6,911	11,589	8,623	-----
Manufacturing and mining.....do.....	29,538	17,912	18,959	22,673	15,742	18,167	12,141	19,496	18,411	17,062	17,444	22,558	16,501	-----
Retail trade.....do.....	23,657	18,279	21,692	18,784	14,347	14,112	16,103	16,549	14,397	33,197	22,327	20,348	22,839	-----
Wholesale trade.....do.....	7,673	5,472	5,685	5,788	8,863	5,937	6,947	5,309	10,613	8,472	7,363	5,252	13,950	-----
Failure annual rate (seas. adj.)*...No. per 10,000 concerns.....	59.7	55.3	57.3	58.2	54.0	53.4	57.4	55.9	51.3	51.1	50.9	50.4	52.0	-----

COMMODITY PRICES

PRICES RECEIVED AND PAID BY FARMERS ‡														
Prices received, all farm products.....1910-14=100.....	257	256	* 250	250	248	* 255	249	247	244	* 245	243	244	244	245
Crops.....do.....	239	232	223	222	221	228	221	* 218	213	215	218	* 220	223	230
Commercial vegetables.....do.....	* 295	* 251	208	192	176	182	205	234	220	* 267	* 268	* 264	* 261	254
Cotton.....do.....	236	246	246	260	281	292	281	273	256	* 238	* 238	* 254	264	269
Feed grains and hay.....do.....	159	161	164	163	160	157	149	143	151	152	154	155	161	163
Food grains.....do.....	225	222	199	192	192	196	201	201	199	199	203	205	205	205
Fruit.....do.....	262	264	270	274	265	320	267	241	217	211	225	218	210	223
Oil-bearing crops.....do.....	234	233	234	228	230	217	212	210	214	218	221	223	225	230
Potatoes (incl. dry edible beans).....do.....	256	200	168	163	136	124	111	121	126	129	123	117	135	217
Tobacco.....do.....	474	* 474	474	* 474	* 485	* 485	* 499	* 498	* 504	* 499	505	505	* 508	508
Livestock and products.....do.....	272	* 276	* 272	* 274	* 272	* 278	* 274	* 273	* 270	270	265	* 264	261	258
Dairy products.....do.....	239	231	* 227	238	248	* 263	* 270	* 272	270	264	* 258	249	* 240	232
Meat animals.....do.....	339	* 352	* 348	* 348	337	* 340	* 333	329	* 328	328	322	322	336	338
Poultry and eggs.....do.....	* 175	* 173	* 169	* 167	* 165	* 171	* 162	* 161	* 155	* 161	* 159	* 154	135	126
Wool.....do.....	* 207	* 201	* 215	* 211	* 211	* 204	* 203	* 202	* 199	* 200	197	197	220	240
Prices paid:														
All commodities and services.....do.....	274	275	274	274	274	274	274	274	274	276	275	276	276	276
Family living items.....do.....	288	288	287	287	287	286	287	288	287	288	288	287	287	288
Production items.....do.....	265	266	265	265	264	265	265	263	265	265	267	267	269	268
All commodities and services, interest, taxes, and wage rates.....1910-14=100.....	294	295	294	293	293	294	294	294	295	298	297	298	299	299
Parity ratio④.....do.....	87	87	85	85	85	* 87	85	84	83	82	82	82	82	82

* Revised. §Corrections of March 1955 new orders figures in 1957 BUSINESS STATISTICS appear in corresponding note in October 1957 SURVEY and later issues. ○Includes data not shown separately. ♀Includes textiles, leather, paper, and printing and publishing industries; unfilled orders for other nondurable-goods industries are zero. †For these industries (food, beverages, tobacco, apparel, petroleum, chemicals, and rubber), sales are considered equal to new orders. ♂Data are from Dun & Bradstreet, Inc. *New series; based on number of concerns listed in Dun & Bradstreet Reference Book. Data back to 1934 are available upon request. ‡Revised beginning September 1952 to incorporate information from the 1955 Farm Expenditure Survey. The changes include: (1) Revision of weights, (2) linkage of the new indexes to the former series as of September 1952, and (3) expansion and improvement of commodity coverage. Unpublished revisions (prior to April 1958) will be shown later. ④Ratio of prices received to prices paid (including interest, taxes, and wage rates).

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COMMODITY PRICES—Continued															
RETAIL PRICES															
All commodities (U. S. Department of Commerce index)..... 1935-39=100.....	220.6	220.6	220.6	221.0	220.5	220.7	220.3	220.7	220.0	220.0	219.6	(1)			
Consumer price index (U. S. Department of Labor): All items..... 1947-49=100.....	123.5	123.6	123.7	123.9	123.7	123.7	123.7	123.9	123.7	123.8	123.7	123.7	123.9		
Apparel..... do.....	106.7	106.7	106.7	106.7	106.6	107.1	107.3	107.7	107.5	106.7	106.7	107.0	107.0		
Food..... do.....	121.6	121.6	121.6	121.7	120.7	120.3	119.7	119.4	118.7	119.0	118.2	117.7	117.6		
Dairy products..... do.....	112.5	111.8	111.7	112.4	113.0	114.1	114.5	114.5	114.3	114.1	114.0	113.8	112.9		
Fruits and vegetables..... do.....	136.6	137.4	134.3	131.9	124.9	120.7	121.0	121.1	120.1	121.7	121.2	120.7	123.6		
Meats, poultry, and fish..... do.....	115.9	116.6	118.3	119.2	117.7	115.8	114.6	113.5	113.0	113.8	112.6	111.3	111.5		
Housing..... do.....	127.7	127.8	127.8	127.7	127.9	127.9	127.9	128.0	128.2	128.2	128.5	128.7	128.7		
Gas and electricity..... do.....	116.0	116.5	116.9	117.0	117.5	118.0	118.1	118.1	118.2	118.2	118.5	118.5	118.2		
Housefurnishings..... do.....	104.0	104.0	104.1	104.0	103.3	103.6	103.4	103.5	103.6	103.2	103.8	103.8	103.8		
Rent..... do.....	137.3	137.5	137.7	137.8	138.1	138.2	138.3	138.4	138.7	138.8	139.0	139.1	139.3		
Medical care..... do.....	142.7	143.7	144.2	145.0	145.3	146.5	147.1	147.4	147.6	148.0	149.0	149.2	149.6		
Personal care..... do.....	128.5	128.5	128.6	128.9	128.9	128.7	128.8	129.1	129.0	129.4	129.8	129.7	130.0		
Reading and recreation..... do.....	117.0	116.6	116.7	116.6	116.7	116.6	116.6	117.0	116.9	117.0	117.1	117.3	117.7		
Transportation..... do.....	138.3	138.7	138.9	140.3	141.0	141.3	142.7	144.5	144.3	144.1	144.3	144.9	145.3		
Private..... do.....	127.6	128.0	128.0	129.3	130.1	130.4	131.8	133.6	133.3	133.1	133.3	134.0	134.4		
Public..... do.....	186.1	186.1	187.7	189.5	189.5	189.8	190.4	191.1	191.8	191.8	191.8	192.0	192.6		
Other goods and services..... do.....	127.2	127.2	127.2	127.2	127.1	127.1	127.2	127.3	127.3	127.3	127.4	127.3	128.2		
WHOLESALE PRICES ²															
(U. S. Department of Labor indexes)															
All commodities..... 1947-49=100.....	119.3	119.5	119.2	119.2	119.1	119.1	119.0	119.2	119.2	119.5	119.5	119.6	120.0	119.8	
By stage of processing:															
Crude materials for further processing..... do.....	100.3	101.7	100.7	100.0	99.1	98.4	98.0	98.4	97.0	98.1	98.0	98.9	99.6	98.5	
Intermediate materials, supplies, etc..... do.....	125.1	124.9	124.7	125.0	125.3	125.4	125.4	125.7	126.3	126.3	126.5	126.7	127.2	127.3	
Finished goods..... do.....	120.9	121.0	120.7	120.8	120.6	120.9	120.6	120.6	120.5	120.8	120.7	120.6	120.8	120.5	
Farm products..... do.....	97.7	98.5	95.6	95.0	93.2	93.1	92.3	92.1	90.6	91.5	91.1	90.8	92.4	90.8	
Fruits and vegetables, fresh and dried..... do.....	129.2	122.0	102.0	106.3	97.2	97.9	101.5	98.1	99.2	102.5	105.9	93.6	114.2	107.0	
Grains..... do.....	85.7	84.2	81.3	79.8	77.3	76.1	76.8	75.3	76.1	76.1	77.0	77.7	78.6	78.6	
Livestock and live poultry..... do.....	94.5	99.8	98.8	96.7	94.0	91.5	88.4	90.1	87.6	90.3	88.4	91.1	91.9	90.5	
Foods, processed..... do.....	111.5	112.9	113.5	112.7	111.3	111.1	110.0	109.5	108.8	108.7	107.6	107.2	107.2	107.5	
Cereal and bakery products..... do.....	118.4	117.9	118.5	117.5	116.9	117.8	118.2	118.0	117.4	117.5	117.7	119.0	118.9	119.5	
Dairy products and ice cream..... do.....	111.4	110.6	110.9	111.4	112.2	113.7	113.5	113.4	113.5	113.0	113.0	113.0	112.0	111.7	
Fruits and vegetables, canned and frozen..... do.....	107.6	108.2	110.3	111.3	111.8	111.4	112.1	112.9	113.0	110.8	110.6	111.2	110.6	110.4	
Meats, poultry, and fish..... do.....	108.5	112.8	114.1	112.1	108.2	107.1	103.5	102.5	101.4	103.3	100.9	99.6	100.8	101.4	
Commodities other than farm prod. and foods..... do.....	125.5	125.3	125.3	125.6	126.1	126.2	126.4	126.8	127.2	127.5	127.8	128.1	128.3	128.3	
Chemicals and allied products..... do.....	111.0	110.8	110.7	110.4	110.0	109.9	110.2	110.2	110.0	110.2	109.9	109.8	110.0	110.0	
Chemicals, industrial..... do.....	124.3	123.9	123.5	123.1	122.8	122.7	123.6	123.6	123.7	124.0	123.7	123.6	123.9	123.8	
Drugs and pharmaceuticals..... do.....	94.1	94.3	94.5	94.4	94.4	94.4	93.9	93.2	93.2	93.0	93.0	92.8	92.9	93.0	
Fats and oils, inedible..... do.....	62.2	61.5	61.9	62.5	62.5	61.7	62.6	64.7	61.5	59.9	58.9	60.3	60.4	60.8	
Fertilizer materials..... do.....	110.3	110.3	110.3	108.0	104.4	104.3	106.3	105.2	105.3	107.6	107.5	107.5	107.5	107.5	
Prepared paint..... do.....	128.4	128.4	128.2	128.2	128.2	128.2	128.2	128.2	128.2	128.2	128.4	128.4	128.3	128.3	
Fuel, power, and lighting materials..... do.....	111.0	110.3	110.7	111.9	113.7	114.1	113.0	112.6	112.9	113.9	114.8	115.0	114.0	113.4	
Coal..... do.....	119.8	119.7	120.3	121.1	121.9	122.7	123.8	123.8	123.7	125.3	126.2	124.6	119.3	118.9	
Electric power..... January 1958=100.....	100.0	100.0	100.1	100.1	100.8	100.8	100.9	100.8	100.7	100.7	100.8	100.9	100.8	100.8	
Gas fuels..... do.....	98.1	98.3	97.4	97.9	102.0	104.1	106.3	106.0	107.8	112.7	112.0	113.1	108.6	109.9	
Petroleum and products..... 1947-49=100.....	115.8	114.7	115.3	117.1	119.2	119.7	117.5	116.9	117.2	118.2	119.9	119.9	119.4	118.3	
Furniture, other household durables..... do.....	123.4	123.2	123.0	123.2	123.0	123.0	123.0	122.7	122.8	123.3	123.3	123.5	123.4	123.5	
Appliances, household..... do.....	105.3	104.9	104.9	104.8	104.7	104.0	104.2	103.8	103.8	104.8	104.8	105.0	105.1	105.0	
Furniture, household..... do.....	122.8	122.8	122.5	122.6	122.6	122.8	123.0	123.7	123.9	124.1	124.1	124.1	123.4	123.6	
Radio receivers and phonographs..... do.....	92.6	91.1	91.2	92.2	91.3	91.3	91.3	90.2	89.6	89.1	89.7	89.7	89.7	89.7	
Television receivers..... do.....	70.7	70.7	70.0	71.1	71.2	71.2	71.2	69.3	69.3	70.2	70.2	70.2	70.2	70.2	
Hides, skins, and leather products..... do.....	99.7	99.9	100.3	100.3	100.5	100.2	101.4	102.3	103.6	104.1	105.4	108.5	117.8	118.4	
Footwear..... do.....	121.7	121.8	121.8	121.8	121.8	121.9	122.8	122.9	123.1	123.2	123.3	123.6	128.2	128.9	
Hides and skins..... do.....	53.3	55.4	57.0	58.1	60.4	59.0	62.0	65.1	66.6	68.7	73.0	87.7	108.5	98.6	
Leather..... do.....	91.1	91.1	91.8	91.5	91.5	91.3	92.8	94.7	99.2	99.3	101.0	103.6	120.4	124.5	
Lumber and wood products..... do.....	115.7	115.9	116.4	116.8	118.6	120.4	120.8	120.0	119.8	120.5	122.5	124.2	126.3	127.9	
Lumber..... do.....	115.9	116.7	116.8	116.7	119.0	121.0	120.8	120.2	120.1	120.1	123.1	125.5	126.8	128.7	
Machinery and motive products..... do.....	149.4	149.4	149.5	149.5	149.5	149.4	149.9	151.2	151.5	151.8	152.0	152.2	152.1	152.3	
Agricultural machinery and equip..... do.....	138.5	138.4	138.3	138.4	137.7	138.9	139.2	141.8	142.9	143.0	143.1	143.1	143.0	143.1	
Construction machinery and equip..... do.....	165.4	165.5	165.5	165.6	165.6	166.0	166.8	168.0	170.3	170.9	171.4	171.7	172.0	171.9	
Electrical machinery and equipment..... do.....	151.8	152.3	152.6	152.6	152.8	152.7	152.7	152.4	152.4	152.6	152.5	153.1	153.0	153.4	
Motor vehicles..... do.....	139.0	139.0	139.0	139.0	139.0	139.0	139.7	142.8	143.1	143.1	143.2	143.2	143.2	143.2	
Metals and metal products..... do.....	148.6	148.6	148.8	148.8	150.8	151.3	152.2	153.0	153.0	152.9	153.4	153.6	152.8	152.9	
Heating equipment..... do.....	120.8	120.8	121.0	121.2	121.2	121.5	121.4	121.4	121.8	121.8	122.0	121.9	121.7	121.7	
Iron and steel..... do.....	166.4	166.2	166.7	167.0	171.3	171.8	171.4	172.0	171.7	172.0	172.5	171.9	170.8	170.8	
Nonferrous metals..... do.....	124.1	123.9	124.8	124.9	126.1	127.3	130.8	133.7	133.2	1333					

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COMMODITY PRICES—Continued

PURCHASING POWER OF THE DOLLAR															
As measured by—															
Wholesale prices.....1947-49=100.....	83.8	83.7	83.9	83.9	84.0	84.0	84.0	83.9	83.9	83.7	83.7	83.6	83.3	83.5	
Consumer prices.....do.....	81.0	80.9	80.8	80.7	80.8	80.8	80.8	80.7	80.8	80.8	80.8	80.8	80.7		

CONSTRUCTION AND REAL ESTATE

CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITY†															
New construction (unadjusted), total.....mil. of dol..	3,636	4,000	4,347	4,548	4,707	4,751	4,745	4,448	4,024	3,666	3,475	3,792	4,172	4,595	
Private, total ♀.....do.....	2,551	2,752	2,959	3,082	3,153	3,172	3,184	3,119	2,887	2,610	2,500	2,698	2,918	3,160	
Residential (nonfarm) ♀.....do.....	1,289	1,421	1,559	1,645	1,708	1,732	1,764	1,741	1,605	1,448	1,369	1,530	1,714	1,867	
New dwelling units.....do.....	945	1,015	1,125	1,205	1,275	1,315	1,346	1,330	1,260	1,150	1,070	1,215	1,340	1,430	
Additions and alterations.....do.....	296	355	382	388	382	366	370	354	288	243	245	261	318	376	
Nonresidential buildings, except farm and public utility, total ♀.....mil. of dol..	677	698	735	754	743	741	750	760	722	660	638	628	629	687	
Industrial.....do.....	218	204	193	185	179	174	175	178	176	173	167	161	156	154	
Commercial.....do.....	263	285	315	326	316	315	319	327	305	268	262	265	272	320	
Farm construction.....do.....	126	146	160	169	173	161	134	114	100	98	101	111	124	143	
Public utility.....do.....	446	470	486	494	512	520	519	487	444	390	380	416	438	448	
Public, total.....do.....	1,085	1,248	1,388	1,466	1,554	1,579	1,561	1,329	1,137	1,056	975	1,094	1,254	1,435	
Nonresidential buildings.....do.....	374	386	411	421	428	430	427	379	361	356	322	366	383	386	
Military facilities.....do.....	80	88	95	105	120	135	140	125	110	105	98	105	118	132	
Highway.....do.....	335	455	545	585	635	645	630	485	350	285	265	295	405	545	
Other types.....do.....	296	319	337	355	371	369	364	340	316	310	290	328	348	372	
New construction (seasonally adjusted), total.....do.....	3,881	3,879	3,929	3,981	4,041	4,119	4,279	4,378	4,473	4,539	4,537	4,544	4,464	4,460	
Private, total ♀.....do.....	2,699	2,696	2,725	2,760	2,799	2,847	2,944	3,015	3,049	3,095	3,120	3,106	3,095	3,099	
Residential (nonfarm).....do.....	1,351	1,348	1,386	1,434	1,496	1,540	1,623	1,682	1,715	1,787	1,817	1,811	1,803	1,787	
Nonresidential buildings, except farm and public utility, total ♀.....mil. of dol..	733	733	729	724	702	695	706	717	716	688	684	682	687	724	
Industrial.....do.....	222	210	195	187	179	172	175	173	170	167	164	164	159	159	
Commercial.....do.....	294	302	311	308	294	291	296	302	288	287	293	293	305	339	
Farm construction.....do.....	133	133	134	133	133	135	134	134	134	130	129	130	130	130	
Public utility.....do.....	468	466	459	453	453	460	464	464	467	475	476	468	461	444	
Public, total ♀.....do.....	1,182	1,183	1,204	1,221	1,242	1,272	1,335	1,363	1,424	1,444	1,417	1,438	1,369	1,361	
Nonresidential buildings.....do.....	380	375	384	385	383	390	406	395	408	399	373	391	389	274	
Military facilities.....do.....	88	90	86	94	102	112	118	120	125	130	129	130	130	135	
Highway.....do.....	414	410	426	424	432	436	470	505	538	559	552	557	500	491	
CONTRACT AWARDS															
Construction contracts in 48 States (F. W. Dodge Corp.):†															
Total valuation.....mil. of dol..	2,881	3,403	3,820	3,607	3,467	3,216	3,309	2,594	2,282	2,319	2,307	3,340	3,778		
Public ownership.....do.....	1,053	1,463	1,720	1,550	1,233	1,049	1,071	927	887	800	800	869	1,207		
Private ownership.....do.....	1,828	1,939	2,100	2,058	2,234	2,167	2,238	1,667	1,395	1,519	1,507	2,471	2,571		
Nonresidential buildings:															
Floor area.....thous. of sq. ft..	63,836	76,099	68,128	75,453	75,653	62,943	69,698	57,331	52,569	55,865	50,192	69,202	87,585		
Valuation.....mil. of dol..	958	1,124	976	1,076	1,079	892	955	775	748	818	704	913	1,187		
Residential buildings:															
Floor area.....thous. of sq. ft..	113,755	124,189	125,122	140,037	131,709	130,373	143,784	107,112	88,236	92,468	95,248	139,389	162,246		
Valuation.....mil. of dol..	1,240	1,346	1,364	1,557	1,451	1,400	1,595	1,206	981	1,022	1,073	1,541	1,831		
Public works:															
Valuation.....do.....	551	713	876	723	705	541	532	518	481	372	403	478	638		
Utilities:															
Valuation.....do.....	132	220	603	250	232	323	228	95	72	108	126	408	122		
Engineering construction:															
Contract awards (ENR)§.....mil. of dol..	1,583	2,314	1,900	2,482	1,622	1,348	1,621	1,112	1,352	1,641	1,314	1,644	1,905	1,967	
Highway concrete pavement contract awards:♂															
Total.....thous. of sq. yd..	13,328	11,637	11,863	18,366	11,173	10,354	7,905	8,589	10,261	8,964	6,756	7,255	9,171		
Airports.....do.....	2,239	3,685	2,475	6,631	1,256	512	143	604	794	2,076	996	981	848		
Roads.....do.....	7,439	4,261	6,450	7,999	6,520	6,609	5,189	5,697	6,775	4,775	4,531	4,333	5,115		
Streets and alleys.....do.....	3,651	3,691	2,938	3,737	3,398	3,233	2,572	2,288	2,692	2,114	1,229	1,941	3,207		

NEW DWELLING UNITS

(U.S. Department of Labor)

New permanent nonfarm dwelling units started:															
Unadjusted:															
Total, privately and publicly owned.....thousands..	99.1	108.5	113.0	112.8	124.0	121.0	115.0	109.4	91.2	87.0	94.5	120.0	137.0	134.0	
Privately owned, total.....do.....	94.2	101.3	101.3	108.6	114.6	110.9	112.9	107.0	89.5	84.1	93.5	117.0	133.2	130.6	
In metropolitan areas.....do.....	65.0	69.5	70.6	78.1	78.3	76.9	78.3	72.3	69.8	59.7	60.8	80.1	93.1	90.6	
Publicly owned.....do.....	4.9	7.2	11.7	4.2	9.4	10.1	2.1	2.4	1.7	2.9	1.0	3.0	3.8	3.4	
Seasonally adjusted at annual rate:															
Privately owned, total.....do.....	983.0	1,039.0	1,057.0	1,174.0	1,228.0	1,255.0	1,303.0	1,427.0	1,432.0	1,364.0	1,403.0	1,390.0	1,390.0	1,340.0	
Residential construction authorized, all permit-issuing places:															
New dwelling units, total.....thousands..	88.0	92.0	95.8	98.5	95.7	101.0	100.8	83.1	69.3	71.3	72.3	109.6			
Privately financed, total.....do.....	85.4	86.2	88.5	96.4	91.6	93.6	98.7	81.0	67.7	68.5	71.4	108.4			
Units in 1 family structures.....do.....	66.3	68.0	71.3	74.7	72.9	75.3	79.0	60.6	50.2	49.0	52.5	81.4			
Units in 2 family structures.....do.....	3.7	3.4	3.0	3.3	3.4	3.4	3.7	3.3	2.9	3.2	3.4	5.5			
Units in multifamily structures.....do.....	15.3	14.8	14.2	18.5	15.3	14.8	16.0	17.1	14.6	16.3	15.4	21.5			
Publicly financed, total.....do.....	2.6	5.8	7.3	2.1	4.1	7.4	2.1	2.1	1.6	2.8	.9	1.2			

† Revised. ‡ Preliminary.

Indexes based on 1935-39=100 are as follows: Measured by—wholesale prices, 43.7 (May); consumer prices, 48.3 (April). ‡ Revisions for March 1958 for new dwelling units authorized (thous.); Total, 71.4; privately financed, 68.7; 1 family structures, 52.4.

† Revisions for the indicated series are available as follows: Construction activity for 1956, the June 1958 Construction Review, and for January–September 1957, the December 1958 issue; dwelling units started (1946–57), p. 19 of the November 1958 Survey. ♀ Includes data not shown separately. † Data prior to December 1956 are available upon request. ‡ Revised series, reflecting nationwide coverage and new techniques for compiling data on residential buildings. § Data for May, July, and October 1958 and January and April 1959 are for 5 weeks; other months, 4 weeks. ♂ Data for April, July, September, and December 1958 and April 1959 are for 5 weeks; other months, 4 weeks.

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	1958										1959				
	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December		January	February	March	April	May
DOMESTIC TRADE—Continued															
ADVERTISING—Continued															
Magazine advertising linage, total.....thous. of lines.....	4,835	4,357	3,615	3,172	4,032	4,990	4,942	4,678	3,637	4,069	4,510	5,320	4,522		
Newspaper advertising linage (52 cities), total.....do.....	228,010	240,879	226,239	197,970	211,567	224,642	259,226	252,862	230,978	193,525	196,096	236,459	255,002		
Classified.....do.....	53,490	56,766	54,976	51,455	55,555	53,406	55,071	53,268	45,796	51,738	50,742	59,326	63,152		
Display, total.....do.....	174,520	184,113	171,263	146,516	156,022	171,236	204,155	199,594	185,182	141,787	145,353	177,134	191,850		
Automotive.....do.....	13,314	13,729	12,564	10,349	10,028	8,938	17,092	13,565	8,458	8,853	9,172	12,150	15,710		
Financial.....do.....	3,878	3,416	3,816	4,405	2,611	3,522	4,131	3,672	4,264	5,721	3,598	4,801	4,783		
General.....do.....	32,660	34,841	33,022	25,806	23,859	29,608	39,486	33,309	24,451	22,058	27,607	30,720	35,590		
Retail.....do.....	124,668	132,127	121,860	105,955	119,526	129,167	143,447	149,047	148,008	105,155	104,976	129,463	135,767		
PERSONAL CONSUMPTION EXPENDITURES															
Seasonally adjusted quarterly totals at annual rates:†															
Goods and services, total.....bil. of dol.....			288.3			291.5			295.9			300.5			
Durable goods, total?.....do.....			35.6			36.1			38.9			40.1			
Automobiles and parts.....do.....			13.5			13.2			15.9			17.1			
Furniture and household equipment.....do.....			16.6			17.3			17.4			17.4			
Nondurable goods, total?.....do.....			141.4			142.9			143.3			145.2			
Clothing and shoes.....do.....			24.0			24.8			24.9			25.2			
Food and alcoholic beverages.....do.....			78.6			78.5			78.6			79.5			
Gasoline and oil.....do.....			10.3			10.5			10.7			10.8			
Services, total?.....do.....			111.3			112.5			113.6			115.1			
Household operation.....do.....			16.7			17.0			17.2			17.5			
Housing.....do.....			36.9			37.2			37.5			37.8			
Transportation.....do.....			9.1			9.2			9.4			9.5			
RETAIL TRADE															
All retail stores:															
Estimated sales (unadjusted), total.....mil. of dol.....	16,273	17,364	16,603	16,596	17,000	16,326	17,360	17,039	21,174	16,225	14,961	17,190	17,589	18,577	
Durable-goods stores?.....do.....	5,261	5,625	5,590	5,444	5,360	5,080	5,379	5,343	6,390	5,121	4,927	5,831	6,208	6,437	
Automotive group.....do.....	2,934	3,082	3,047	2,907	2,789	2,447	2,613	2,756	3,214	3,017	2,899	3,464	3,566	3,690	
Motor-vehicle, other automotive dealers.....do.....	2,751	2,879	2,842	2,692	2,583	2,259	2,407	2,561	2,965	2,856	2,789	3,283	3,349	3,490	
Tire, battery, accessory dealers.....do.....	183	203	205	215	206	188	205	195	249	161	151	181	217		
Furniture and appliance group.....do.....	761	840	847	840	872	850	932	937	1,176	784	746	808	839	863	
Furniture, home furnishings stores.....do.....	498	557	539	528	567	546	613	723	868	486	475	521	555		
Household-appliance, radio stores.....do.....	263	284	308	312	305	304	323	325	453	298	271	287	284		
Lumber, building, hardware group.....do.....	876	991	992	1,002	1,005	1,038	1,083	929	919	697	684	844	1,041		
Lumber, building-materials dealers.....do.....	652	734	754	775	782	812	841	704	631	523	517	651	796		
Hardware stores.....do.....	224	257	238	227	223	225	242	225	288	174	167	193	245		
Nondurable-goods stores?.....do.....	11,012	11,739	11,013	11,153	11,639	11,246	11,981	11,695	14,784	11,104	10,034	11,359	11,381	12,140	
Apparel group.....do.....	1,056	1,058	963	867	954	1,042	1,135	1,119	1,854	868	750	1,101	996	1,109	
Men's and boys' wear stores.....do.....	183	191	197	166	160	167	198	210	391	172	138	171	179		
Women's apparel, accessory stores.....do.....	420	425	358	334	373	425	457	451	744	359	322	455	418		
Family and other apparel stores.....do.....	243	238	226	206	236	256	287	273	459	183	160	257	217		
Shoe stores.....do.....	210	202	182	162	185	200	194	185	260	154	130	218	182		
Drug and proprietary stores.....do.....	521	544	520	524	539	538	556	541	738	581	534	580	559	579	
Eating and drinking places.....do.....	1,171	1,272	1,283	1,372	1,406	1,276	1,280	1,204	1,243	1,158	1,070	1,157	1,215	1,265	
Food group.....do.....	4,048	4,418	4,104	4,251	4,360	4,068	4,344	4,188	4,475	4,382	3,869	4,108	4,157	4,454	
Grocery stores.....do.....	3,575	3,930	3,621	3,767	3,877	3,594	3,875	3,720	3,947	3,914	3,445	3,658	3,714	3,960	
Gasoline service stations.....do.....	1,252	1,335	1,331	1,410	1,448	1,346	1,384	1,338	1,369	1,282	1,197	1,318	1,348	1,469	
General-merchandise group?.....do.....	1,667	1,784	1,651	1,576	1,768	1,781	1,932	2,018	3,358	1,444	1,359	1,733	1,774	1,899	
Department stores, excl. mail-order?.....do.....	963	1,035	961	893	1,013	1,049	1,146	1,201	1,952	842	768	986	1,045	1,097	
Mail-order (catalog sales).....do.....	112	120	108	106	120	129	147	161	234	108	114	134	132		
Variety stores.....do.....	275	283	266	270	298	289	305	308	649	223	232	300	262		
Liquor stores.....do.....	323	364	337	362	381	360	384	390	596	354	324	356	345		
Estimated sales (seasonally adjusted), total.....do.....	16,502	16,562	16,581	16,721	16,859	16,562	16,941	16,961	17,605	17,455	17,575	17,914	17,953	18,255	
Durable-goods stores?.....do.....	5,163	5,235	5,149	5,221	5,214	5,095	5,374	5,521	5,827	5,836	5,869	6,045	6,137	6,104	
Automotive group.....do.....	2,769	2,812	2,736	2,803	2,703	2,600	2,819	2,906	3,256	3,258	3,249	3,340	3,396		
Motor-vehicle, other automotive dealers.....do.....	2,584	2,616	2,551	2,615	2,510	2,412	2,625	2,702	3,060	3,047	3,045	3,128	3,175		
Tire, battery, accessory dealers.....do.....	185	196	185	187	193	189	194	204	196	211	204	212	221		
Furniture and appliance group.....do.....	827	840	843	851	891	858	871	883	868	880	889	902	918		
Furniture, home furnishings stores.....do.....	532	543	546	541	575	559	565	568	548	549	562	570	600		
Household-appliance, radio stores.....do.....	294	297	297	310	316	299	306	315	321	331	327	332	318		
Lumber, building, hardware group.....do.....	875	903	902	895	919	926	940	942	919	904	979	1,011	1,047		
Lumber, building-materials dealers.....do.....	648	668	677	681	692	711	718	722	706	676	745	782	799		
Hardware stores.....do.....	227	234	226	214	226	225	220	213	228	224	229	248			
Nondurable-goods stores?.....do.....	11,339	11,327	11,432	11,500	11,645	11,468	11,567	11,441	11,778	11,619	11,706	11,869	11,816	12,151	
Apparel group.....do.....	1,045	1,013	1,012	1,060	1,094	1,042	1,068	1,033	1,101	1,032	1,082	1,106	1,059		
Men's and boys' wear stores.....do.....	201	189	194	206	202	191	193	181	199	188	197	201	203		
Women's apparel, accessory stores.....do.....	404	395	392	414	433	432	434	429	446	422	450	447	428		
Family and other apparel stores.....do.....	253	247	250	257	261	242	257	235	232	232	241	261	240		
Shoe stores.....do.....	188	182	176	183	197	177	185	188	196	190	194	197	188		
Drug and proprietary stores.....do.....	539	539	532	536	551	563	568	565	580	579	569	592	579		
Eating and drinking places.....do.....	1,237	1,248	1,228	1,247	1,255	1,221	1,244	1,232	1,243	1,262	1,243	1,240	1,283		
Food group.....do.....	4,217	4,159	4,272	4,216	4,152	4,169	4,187	4,215	4,242	4,243	4,274	4,320	4,292		
Grocery stores.....do.....	3,731	3,686	3,781	3,734	3,688	3,686	3,726	3,754	3,772	3,767	3,806	3,848	3,836		
Gasoline service stations.....do.....	1,283	1,297	1,274	1,306	1,340	1,338	1,358	1,342	1,356	1,367	1,368	1,376	1,381		
General-merchandise group?.....do.....	1,766	1,798	1,787	1,879	1,918	1,817	1,805	1,777	1,887	1,826	1,855	1,883	1,935		
Department stores, excl. mail-order?.....do.....	1,008	1,041	1,040	1,079	1,134	1,055	1,042	1,051	1,099	1,077	1,077	1,078	1,111		
Mail-order (catalog sales).....do.....	126	129	119	136	129	129	134	127	139	136	144	143	149		
Variety stores.....do.....	289	290	295	313	312	309	310	292	314	297	319	320	307		
Liquor stores.....do.....	365	359	381	376	372	380	384	366	384	376	387	400	388		

Revised. † Advance estimate. ‡ Revised series. Revisions (back to 1st quarter 1946) appear on p. 24 of the September 1958 SURVEY. ? Includes data not shown separately. Data beginning January 1958 are on a revised basis, reflecting reclassification of certain stores to department stores; comparable data prior to 1958 are not available.

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DOMESTIC TRADE—Continued

RETAIL TRADE—Continued														
All retail stores—Continued														
Estimated inventories:														
Unadjusted, total.....mil. of dol.	24,640	24,360	23,820	23,500	23,510	23,680	24,160	24,840	23,210	23,400	24,030	* 24,670	25,240	
Durable-goods stores.....do.	11,370	11,270	10,950	10,720	10,430	10,110	10,120	10,620	10,640	10,920	11,210	* 11,590	11,940	
Nondurable-goods stores.....do.	13,270	13,090	12,870	12,780	13,080	13,570	14,040	14,220	12,570	12,480	12,820	* 13,080	13,300	
Seasonally adjusted, total.....do.	23,930	23,880	24,070	23,990	23,860	23,680	23,470	23,600	23,980	24,190	24,120	* 24,150	24,430	
Durable-goods stores ?.....do.	10,770	10,790	10,800	10,730	10,660	10,480	10,260	10,460	10,810	11,010	10,970	* 11,120	11,290	
Automotive group.....do.	4,480	4,410	4,370	4,210	4,030	3,790	3,650	3,860	4,150	4,420	4,400	* 4,580	4,770	
Furniture and appliance group.....do.	1,870	1,920	1,920	1,920	1,960	1,980	1,980	1,980	1,950	1,960	1,960	* 1,940	1,930	
Lumber, building, hardware group.....do.	2,130	2,160	2,180	2,220	2,220	2,260	2,240	2,240	2,300	2,240	2,210	* 2,220	2,230	
Nondurable-goods stores ?.....do.	13,160	13,090	13,270	13,260	13,200	13,200	13,210	13,140	13,170	13,180	13,150	* 13,030	13,140	
Apparel group.....do.	2,720	2,700	2,700	2,750	2,670	2,700	2,680	2,670	2,680	2,740	2,730	* 2,660	2,720	
Food group.....do.	2,960	2,900	2,950	2,930	2,930	2,880	2,890	2,860	2,880	2,890	2,880	* 2,890	2,930	
General-merchandise group.....do.	3,950	3,960	4,050	4,030	4,000	4,030	4,080	4,090	4,140	4,130	4,070	* 4,030	4,040	
Firms with 4 or more stores:														
Estimated sales (unadjusted), total.....do.	4,051	4,417	4,073	4,045	4,278	4,128	4,533	4,483	6,023	* 3,970	* 3,608	* 4,181	4,181	
Firms with 11 or more stores:														
Estimated sales (unadjusted) ? \$.....do.	3,476	3,795	3,473	3,465	3,697	3,566	3,907	3,865	5,178	3,420	* 3,113	* 3,626	3,643	
Apparel group ?.....do.	243	237	223	188	210	239	251	258	434	179	160	278	224	
Men's and boys' wear stores.....do.	18	19	18	15	14	15	20	22	40	16	12	18	16	
Women's apparel, accessory stores.....do.	100	102	91	81	95	101	107	111	192	74	69	114	97	
Shoe stores.....do.	82	75	72	61	67	78	72	70	114	55	50	92	70	
Drug and proprietary stores.....do.	86	93	87	89	92	90	93	92	149	93	87	* 98	92	
Eating and drinking places.....do.	69	74	74	77	80	74	76	73	75	69	67	75	76	
Furniture, home furnishings stores.....do.	38	42	38	38	39	41	47	47	33	35	35	39	41	
General-merchandise group ?.....do.	1,033	1,096	1,028	983	1,106	1,112	1,216	1,260	2,093	* 870	* 826	* 1,063	1,088	
Department stores, excl. mail-order?.....do.	620	666	630	587	651	669	731	751	1,166	524	* 477	* 614	673	
Variety stores.....do.	214	218	205	205	229	220	234	239	509	168	176	233	201	
Grocery stores.....do.	1,484	1,684	1,462	1,531	1,608	1,461	1,648	1,567	1,659	1,676	1,470	1,542	1,565	
Lumber, building-materials dealers.....do.	60	71	71	73	75	75	78	69	55	48	48	59	70	
Tire, battery, accessory stores.....do.	68	81	80	81	79	69	76	72	101	62	59	69	82	
Estimated sales (seas. adj.), total ? \$.....do.	3,585	3,631	3,645	3,728	3,771	3,685	3,695	3,698	3,789	* 3,727	* 3,772	* 3,805	3,815	
Apparel group ?.....do.	224	226	225	239	250	237	235	240	258	240	250	251	232	
Men's and boys' wear stores.....do.	17	18	18	22	21	19	18	17	20	19	19	18	17	
Women's apparel, accessory stores.....do.	96	98	92	97	104	103	101	104	111	105	109	106	102	
Shoe stores.....do.	70	68	68	70	74	70	72	74	78	74	76	81	70	
Drug and proprietary stores.....do.	90	94	90	91	97	94	94	97	100	98	97	* 101	96	
Eating and drinking places.....do.	71	73	73	73	75	71	73	74	72	75	77	77	78	
Furniture, home furnishings stores.....do.	41	38	40	41	39	43	40	42	39	40	42	* 41	42	
General-merchandise group ?.....do.	1,094	1,122	1,117	1,174	1,201	1,134	1,134	1,102	1,135	* 1,125	* 1,145	* 1,154	1,198	
Department stores, excl. mail-order?.....do.	650	670	681	705	729	673	664	658	651	669	* 666	* 671	716	
Variety stores.....do.	225	228	227	238	242	236	240	223	243	228	242	248	236	
Grocery stores.....do.	1,540	1,537	1,551	1,564	1,557	1,555	1,570	1,573	1,587	1,575	1,599	1,607	1,602	
Lumber, building-materials dealers.....do.	60	64	64	64	66	64	67	71	65	62	64	* 70	70	
Tire, battery, accessory stores.....do.	68	72	72	73	75	73	74	76	72	80	79	81	83	
Department stores:														
Accounts receivable, end of month: ?														
Charge accounts.....1947-49=100	150	151	149	138	142	156	162	173	235	196	165	158	156	
Installment accounts.....do.	346	342	340	336	333	337	340	350	391	392	381	373	367	
Ratio of collections to accounts receivable:														
Charge accounts.....percent	46	48	47	48	47	48	50	48	49	47	46	48	47	
Installment accounts.....do.	14	15	15	14	15	16	15	15	15	15	15	16	15	
Sales by type of payment:														
Cash sales.....percent of total sales	43	44	44	44	44	42	42	43	44	44	43	43	43	
Charge account sales.....do.	44	43	42	42	42	44	44	43	43	41	43	43	43	
Installment sales.....do.	13	13	14	14	14	14	14	14	13	15	14	14	14	
Sales, unadjusted, total U. S. ?.....1947-49=100	123	130	126	112	129	137	141	166	251	106	107	125	* 130	* 142
Atlanta.....do.	* 156	158	153	144	165	160	173	197	305	135	138	* 167	* 165	
Boston.....do.	109	117	115	93	107	127	127	149	240	94	90	103	* 114	
Chicago.....do.	112	122	117	103	121	129	129	154	228	114	96	114	* 122	
Cleveland.....do.	113	120	115	107	124	129	129	154	244	96	103	117	* 123	
Dallas.....do.	143	159	147	144	160	156	165	190	277	133	126	151	* 157	
Kansas City.....do.	131	145	136	130	152	149	149	173	260	112	112	133	* 140	
Minneapolis.....do.	117	121	119	103	130	135	142	150	227	93	99	* 119	* 122	
New York.....do.	114	120	120	97	105	129	135	160	235	104	100	112	* 116	
Philadelphia.....do.	125	128	121	103	115	135	143	179	251	101	102	124	* 128	
Richmond.....do.	136	144	135	123	139	151	158	186	286	113	114	138	* 139	
St. Louis.....do.	123	137	124	114	136	143	144	161	250	105	109	128	* 129	
San Francisco.....do.	130	135	135	124	144	140	142	173	262	119	119	* 132	* 138	
Sales, seasonally adjusted, total U. S. ?.....do.	130	134	133	140	147	135	135	137	143	138	140	* 138	* 140	* 145
Atlanta.....do.	* 157	164	176	174	183	167	165	170	176	173	168	* 167	* 175	
Boston.....do.	114	117	115	129	137	119	125	122	132	119	120	116	* 120	
Chicago.....do.	118	124	119	131	136	124	122	125	134	124	129	* 129	* 130	
Cleveland.....do.	121	124	122	132	140	129	126	125	139	123	133	128	* 132	
Dallas.....do.	* 150	161	162	162	172	162	159	166	160	168	162	166	* 169	
Kansas City.....do.	136	148	141	147	158	147	144	149	150	150	154	155	* 149	
Minneapolis.....do.	120	126	123	129	137	126	123	130	136	127	133	141	* 127	
New York.....do.	121	124	124	133	137	125	128	125	133	129	127	123	* 126	
Philadelphia.....do.	135	129	129	141	143	129	140	135	142	134	134	129	* 142	
Richmond.....do.	147	146	146	153	163	145	151	149	156	160	159	146	* 156	
St. Louis.....do.	130	136	133	139	151	144	131	133	148	138	141	144	* 138	
San Francisco.....do.	142	142	143	140	148	140	141	149	148	150	155	155	* 153	

* Revised. ? Preliminary. ? Corrected. ? Includes data not shown separately. ? Revised beginning January 1956 to include minor data not covered in earlier figures. Revisions for January 1956-January 1957 appear in corresponding note in the April 1958 SURVEY. ? Revised beginning January 1956 to reflect change in previous classification of certain stores to department stores in accordance with 1954 Census of Business; unpublished revisions (January-May 1956) are available upon request. ? Revisions for 1956 appear in corresponding note in the March 1958 SURVEY.

† Revised series. Indexes have been revised beginning January 1949 to reflect adjustment to Census of Business benchmarks for 1954 and the up-dating of the seasonal and Easter corrections. Revisions for both unadjusted and seasonally adjusted sales indexes for January 1949-December 1956 (and scattered revisions beginning 1919) appear on pp. 19 and 20 of the July 1958 SURVEY.

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1958										1959				
April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December		January	February	March	April	May

EMPLOYMENT AND POPULATION—Continued

EMPLOYMENT—Continued														
Production workers in manufacturing industries: [†]														
Total (U.S. Dept. of Labor)..... thousands..	11,310	11,245	11,415	11,353	11,645	11,940	11,721	11,981	11,930	11,855	11,937	12,117	12,167	12,266
Durable-goods industries..... do.....	6,337	6,269	6,350	6,270	6,339	6,579	6,421	6,742	6,740	6,739	6,794	6,937	7,022	7,121
Ordinance and accessories..... do.....	69	68	68	67	67	68	67	71	73	73	72	73	73	73
Lumber and wood products (except furniture)..... thousands..	520	542	578	572	581	590	594	579	565	547	537	552	564	592
Sawmills and planing mills..... do.....	269	280	291	293	297	297	298	290	282	275	273	277		
Furniture and fixtures..... do.....	283	284	287	286	301	310	313	312	309	313	315	316	317	315
Stone, clay, and glass products..... do.....	402	405	417	422	430	438	422	426	422	411	413	433	445	454
Primary metal industries..... do.....	849	840	859	852	864	897	899	930	943	952	979	1,015	1,037	1,054
Blast furnaces, steel works, and rolling mills..... thousands..	407	408	425	419	428	445	457	459	464	469	489	515		
Primary smelting and refining of nonferrous metals..... thousands..	44	42	41	41	41	41	41	42	43	43	43	43		
Fabricated metal prod. (except ordnance, machinery, transportation equip.)..... thousands..	766	756	773	765	788	822	791	827	824	820	817	829	839	849
Machinery (except electrical)..... do.....	1,061	1,029	1,014	990	977	1,007	1,005	1,020	1,038	1,057	1,090	1,113	1,129	1,147
Electrical machinery..... do.....	729	715	716	712	734	762	746	788	789	791	796	798	802	811
Transportation equipment..... do.....	1,103	1,081	1,084	1,063	1,034	1,100	992	1,199	1,208	1,216	1,203	1,226	1,230	1,231
Motor vehicles and equipment..... do.....	454	446	444	433	402	463	358	554	567	581	568	591		
Aircraft and parts..... do.....	479	468	476	471	474	480	481	484	483	475	473	469		
Ship and boat building and repairs..... do.....	122	124	124	119	118	118	118	122	119	121	120	123		
Railroad equipment..... do.....	42	37	33	33	31	31	26	31	32	33	35	35		
Instruments and related products..... do.....	204	200	199	196	199	205	207	209	210	209	213	216	216	217
Miscellaneous mfg. industries..... do.....	351	348	355	346	366	380	386	379	360	350	360	368	372	378
Nondurable-goods industries..... do.....	4,973	4,976	5,065	5,083	5,306	5,361	5,300	5,239	5,190	5,116	5,143	5,180	5,145	5,145
Food and kindred products..... do.....	949	978	1,039	1,081	1,172	1,178	1,115	1,050	1,001	950	943	945	958	977
Meat products..... do.....	231	239	243	244	246	249	251	250	243	239	239	239		
Dairy products..... do.....	66	70	73	73	72	68	64	62	61	61	61	62		
Canning and preserving..... do.....	137	141	177	220	307	312	237	178	148	129	129	134		
Bakery products..... do.....	163	164	168	167	166	166	166	164	162	159	159	158		
Beverages..... do.....	106	112	120	121	118	115	115	115	109	103	103	105		
Tobacco manufactures..... do.....	70	70	70	70	86	96	94	85	83	79	76	72	70	69
Textile-mill products..... do.....	837	831	840	830	855	860	863	867	862	856	860	866	868	868
Broadwoven fabric mills..... do.....	372	366	367	365	370	371	371	372	372	371	370	371		
Knitting mills..... do.....	180	183	189	184	195	196	197	195	190	186	189	193		
Apparel and other finished textile products..... thousands..	987	985	994	992	1,044	1,055	1,051	1,053	1,056	1,051	1,078	1,085	1,057	1,045
Paper and allied products..... do.....	434	432	433	429	442	447	447	446	443	440	440	441	442	443
Pulp, paper, and paperboard mills..... do.....	220	219	219	215	223	223	222	223	221	221	220	219		
Printing, publishing, and allied industries..... thousands..	545	540	541	537	542	548	551	548	550	544	545	551	554	556
Chemicals and allied products..... do.....	519	510	500	496	504	511	517	514	514	515	518	527	536	534
Industrial organic chemicals..... do.....	190	188	187	186	190	191	193	194	195	196	197	199		
Products of petroleum and coal..... do.....	157	158	158	157	157	158	153	156	155	154	150	160	160	160
Petroleum refining..... do.....	122	122	122	122	121	120	116	120	119	119	115	122		
Rubber products..... do.....	176	172	176	175	181	188	195	195	199	199	199	202	178	171
Tires and inner tubes..... do.....	72	70	71	71	73	74	75	76	77	77	76	78		
Leather and leather products..... do.....	300	302	314	317	323	321	315	324	329	329	333	331	323	322
Footwear (except rubber)..... do.....	202	205	213	215	217	213	206	214	221	224	226	224		
Production workers in manufacturing industries, seasonally adjusted: [†]														
Total..... thousands..	11,438	11,415	11,484	11,512	11,530	11,725	11,551	11,876	11,884	11,941	11,979	12,149	12,304	12,444
Durable-goods industries..... do.....	6,338	6,285	6,344	6,372	6,377	6,568	6,385	6,693	6,708	6,754	6,783	6,914	7,026	7,141
Nondurable-goods industries..... do.....	5,100	5,130	5,140	5,140	5,153	5,157	5,166	5,183	5,176	5,187	5,196	5,235	5,278	5,303
Production workers in manufacturing industries: Indexes of employment: [†]														
Unadjusted..... 1947-49=100.....	91.4	90.9	92.3	91.8	94.1	96.5	94.8	96.9	96.5	95.8	96.5	98.0	98.4	99.2
Seasonally adjusted..... do.....	92.5	92.3	92.8	93.1	93.2	94.8	93.4	96.0	96.1	96.5	96.8	98.2	99.5	100.6
Miscellaneous employment data:														
Federal civilian employees (executive branch): [†]														
United States, continental..... thousands..	2,124.4	2,124.4	2,157.0	2,165.0	2,164.7	2,146.7	2,145.7	2,145.5	2,146.4	2,142.8	2,140.6	2,142.6	2,147.6	
Washington, D.C., metropolitan area..... do.....	204.7	204.8	209.2	209.8	208.9	206.5	206.9	207.2	215.5	207.3	207.6	207.7		
Railway employees (class I railways): [†]														
Total..... thousands..	853	851	861	864	870	864	867	856	852	836	839	845	853	868
Indexes:														
Unadjusted..... 1947-49=100.....	64.2	64.0	64.8	65.0	65.4	65.0	65.2	64.4	63.8	62.8	63.0	63.4	63.9	65.1
Seasonally adjusted..... do.....	65.0	63.1	63.4	63.6	64.3	64.9	66.6	65.9	65.2	62.3	63.1	63.9	64.8	64.2
PAYROLLS														
Manufacturing production-worker payroll index, unadjusted (U.S. Dept. of Labor): [†] 1947-49=100.....	139.6	140.9	144.9	144.8	150.0	155.7	152.5	158.4	160.4	158.2	160.4	165.1	167.0	169.2
LABOR CONDITIONS														
Average weekly hours per worker (U.S. Dept. of Labor): [†]														
All manufacturing industries..... hours..	38.3	38.7	39.2	39.2	39.6	39.9	39.8	39.9	40.2	39.9	40.0	40.2	40.3	40.5
Average overtime..... do.....	1.5	1.7	1.9	1.9	2.3	2.4	2.4	2.6	2.6	2.3	2.4	2.6	2.6	2.7
Durable-goods industries..... do.....	38.8	39.1	39.6	39.4	39.8	40.2	40.1	40.3	40.8	40.4	40.3	40.8	40.9	41.1
Average overtime..... do.....	1.4	1.5	1.7	1.8	2.1	2.3	2.4	2.6	2.7	2.3	2.4	2.6	2.7	2.7
Ordinance and accessories..... do.....	40.7	40.6	40.7	40.7	40.6	41.2	41.2	41.1	41.9	41.5	41.1	41.3	41.0	41.1
Lumber and wood products (except furniture)..... hours..	38.8	39.6	40.5	39.3	40.7	41.3	41.1	40.2	40.3	39.6	39.5	40.7	40.8	41.2
Sawmills and planing mills..... do.....	38.5	39.7	40.5	39.6	40.8	41.1	40.9	40.1	40.2	39.3	39.6	41.0		
Furniture and fixtures..... do.....	38.0	37.8	38.8	38.9	40.5	41.0	41.0	40.8	41.2	40.3	40.4	40.4	40.1	39.9
Stone, clay, and glass products..... do.....	39.0	39.7	40.3	40.0	40.8	41.1	41.0	40.9	40.4	40.2	40.5	41.0	41.3	41.6
Primary metal industries..... do.....	36.9	37.3	38.3	38.4	38.5	39.1	38.9	39.3	39.8	40.0	40.4	40.9	41.2	41.1
Blast furnaces, steel works, and rolling mills..... hours..	36.3	36.7	37.8	38.0	37.9	38.7	38.3	38.5	38.8	39.5	40.0	40.7		
Primary smelting and refining of nonferrous metals..... hours..	40.1	39.9	39.9	39.9	39.5	40.1	40.3	40.8	41.2	41.4	41.2	40.9		

[†] Revised. [‡] Preliminary. ¹ Includes Post Office employees hired for Christmas season; there were about 316,700 such employees in continental U.S. in December 1958. ² Includes employees in Alaska. ³ See note marked ³ on p. S-11. ⁴ Includes data for industries not shown. ⁵ Formerly "Automobiles." Data not affected. ⁶ Data have been revised back to January 1939; monthly revisions beginning January 1955 will be shown later. Beginning January 1959, figures include Federal civilian employees in Alaska; at the end of January 1959, such employees totaled 13,200 persons.

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1958										1959				
April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December		January	February	March	April	May

EMPLOYMENT AND POPULATION—Continued

LABOR CONDITIONS—Continued														
Average weekly hours per worker, etc.—Continued														
All manufacturing industries—Continued														
Durable-goods industries—Continued														
Fabricated metal prod. (except ordnance, machinery, transportation equipment).....hours.....	38.9	39.4	40.0	40.0	40.4	41.0	40.8	40.8	41.2	40.5	40.4	* 40.8	* 41.1	* 41.3
Machinery (except electrical).....do.....	39.3	39.4	39.6	39.4	39.4	40.0	39.5	39.9	40.6	40.7	40.9	41.3	41.4	* 41.8
Electrical machinery.....do.....	39.0	39.1	39.6	39.3	39.7	40.4	39.9	40.6	40.6	40.4	40.2	40.3	* 40.2	* 40.4
Transportation equipment♀.....do.....	39.3	39.7	39.8	39.6	40.0	39.6	40.0	40.6	41.7	40.7	40.3	40.7	* 41.0	* 41.1
Motor vehicles and equipment♂.....do.....	38.4	38.9	39.1	38.8	39.3	38.6	39.7	41.0	43.0	41.0	40.2	* 41.0		
Aircraft and parts.....do.....	40.3	40.5	40.7	40.4	40.8	40.8	40.5	40.7	40.9	40.9	40.8	* 40.7		
Ship and boat building and repairs.....do.....	39.1	39.8	39.5	39.7	39.6	39.2	39.8	38.8	39.2	39.4	38.6	39.3		
Railroad equipment.....do.....	37.9	37.6	37.2	37.0	37.1	36.7	35.7	38.3	39.1	37.9	38.6	* 39.4		
Instruments and related products.....do.....	39.5	39.2	39.8	39.7	39.8	40.3	40.4	40.7	40.9	40.7	40.5	* 40.5	* 40.7	* 40.7
Miscellaneous mfg. industries.....do.....	39.0	39.1	39.5	39.2	39.5	40.1	40.3	40.4	40.4	40.1	40.1	40.0	* 40.2	* 40.2
Nondurable-goods industries.....do.....														
Average overtime.....do.....	1.7	1.9	2.1	2.2	2.4	2.6	2.5	2.5	2.6	2.4	2.4	2.6	2.5	* 2.6
Food and kindred products♀.....do.....	39.7	40.2	40.7	41.2	41.4	41.6	40.9	41.0	41.0	40.5	40.0	40.2	* 40.2	* 40.9
Meat products.....do.....	39.3	39.8	40.6	40.7	40.3	41.2	40.9	42.0	41.4	40.7	39.2	* 39.9		
Dairy products.....do.....	41.7	42.0	42.8	43.0	42.5	42.3	41.8	41.5	41.7	41.8	41.3	* 41.6		
Canning and preserving.....do.....	37.4	38.6	38.3	40.7	42.1	42.3	40.2	37.9	38.0	38.2	38.6	* 38.6		
Bakery products.....do.....	39.8	40.3	40.6	40.8	40.3	40.1	40.2	39.9	40.2	39.7	40.1	* 40.1		
Beverages.....do.....	39.3	40.3	41.1	41.2	40.9	40.1	40.0	39.9	40.3	39.7	39.6	* 39.8		
Tobacco manufactures.....do.....	38.0	38.7	39.7	39.6	39.6	40.1	39.6	39.2	40.1	38.8	38.5	38.1	* 37.8	* 39.0
Textile-mill products♀.....do.....	36.6	37.3	38.4	38.6	39.2	39.7	40.1	40.3	40.2	39.8	40.3	40.4	40.4	* 40.6
Broadwoven fabric mills.....do.....	36.7	37.4	38.4	38.9	39.3	39.7	40.4	40.7	40.5	40.2	40.8	40.9		
Knitting mills.....do.....	35.2	36.5	37.5	37.7	38.7	38.9	39.1	39.3	38.6	37.8	38.3	38.4		
Apparel and other finished textile prod.....do.....	34.5	34.8	35.0	35.6	36.4	36.1	36.0	35.8	36.1	36.0	36.7	* 36.5	36.6	* 36.6
Paper and allied products.....do.....	41.0	41.0	41.8	41.9	42.5	42.7	42.7	42.5	42.4	42.4	42.4	42.7	42.7	* 42.8
Pulp, paper, and paperboard mills.....do.....	42.1	42.0	42.8	42.8	43.5	43.7	43.5	43.3	43.4	43.5	43.4	* 43.7		
Printing, publishing, and allied industries.....hours.....														
Chemicals and allied products.....do.....	37.7	37.6	37.6	37.6	37.9	38.0	37.9	37.9	38.4	38.0	37.9	38.3	38.1	* 38.0
Industrial organic chemicals.....do.....	40.7	40.8	41.1	40.8	40.7	41.0	41.0	41.2	41.4	41.1	41.2	* 41.3	* 41.6	* 41.5
Products of petroleum and coal.....do.....	40.0	40.4	40.7	40.6	40.5	40.9	40.6	40.9	41.1	41.0	41.1	41.0		
Petroleum refining.....do.....	40.5	40.5	41.0	41.0	40.4	40.7	40.2	40.6	40.2	40.9	40.3	* 41.2	* 40.8	* 40.9
Rubber products.....do.....	40.7	40.3	40.9	41.0	40.1	40.7	40.1	40.8	40.3	41.1	40.6	* 40.8		
Tires and inner tubes.....do.....	37.5	38.2	39.1	39.1	40.5	40.8	40.7	40.7	41.9	41.1	41.6	42.0	* 41.7	
Leather and leather products.....do.....	36.1	37.4	38.1	38.9	40.7	40.5	40.3	40.9	42.3	41.1	41.6	* 42.4		
Footwear (except rubber).....do.....	34.1	35.3	36.6	37.4	37.3	36.7	37.0	37.5	38.5	39.1	38.8	38.0	* 37.0	* 36.8
Nonmanufacturing industries:														
Mining*.....do.....	37.4	38.1	39.8	39.2	39.7	39.9	40.0	40.0	40.6	40.1	39.7	* 39.9		
Metal.....do.....	38.4	37.8	38.0	38.3	37.8	38.6	38.7	39.7	39.7	40.6	40.8	40.4		
Anthracite.....do.....	22.3	25.8	30.9	30.8	28.8	30.8	29.7	29.9	35.3	34.3	27.0	27.6		
Bituminous coal.....do.....	30.0	31.1	35.2	32.4	35.3	35.4	35.8	35.3	38.1	36.3	35.6	35.2		
Crude-petroleum and natural-gas production:														
Petroleum and natural-gas production.....hours.....	40.6	40.4	40.8	41.2	40.1	40.9	40.3	41.2	40.5	41.3	41.4	* 41.2		
Nonmetallic mining and quarrying.....do.....	42.3	43.7	44.2	44.2	44.9	45.4	45.2	44.0	42.1	41.5	41.7	* 42.4		
Contract construction.....do.....	36.2	37.4	37.2	37.3	37.9	37.8	38.1	36.4	35.3	35.7	34.4	* 35.9		
Nonbuilding construction.....do.....	38.6	41.1	40.7	40.8	42.0	42.2	42.7	39.6	37.9	38.5	36.3	39.5		
Building construction.....do.....	35.5	36.3	36.2	36.3	36.7	36.5	36.8	35.4	34.6	35.0	34.0	35.0		
Transportation and public utilities:														
Local railways and bus lines.....do.....	42.7	43.0	43.0	42.9	42.9	42.4	42.5	42.6	42.9	42.6	42.5	* 42.6		
Telephone.....do.....	37.7	37.8	38.2	38.5	38.6	39.0	39.0	39.7	38.6	38.3	38.9	* 38.4		
Telegraph.....do.....	41.4	42.0	41.9	41.9	42.1	41.8	41.7	41.3	41.6	41.4	41.4	41.4		
Gas and electric utilities.....do.....	40.8	40.5	40.7	40.7	40.9	40.9	40.9	41.1	41.1	41.0	40.9	40.8		
Wholesale and retail trade:														
Wholesale trade.....do.....	39.6	40.0	40.1	40.3	40.2	40.3	40.3	40.1	40.4	40.2	40.0	40.2		
Retail trade (except eating and drinking places)♀.....do.....	37.8	37.8	38.2	38.7	38.7	38.0	37.9	37.7	38.5	38.1	37.9	37.9		
General-merchandise stores.....do.....	34.2	34.3	34.8	35.2	35.2	34.5	34.3	34.0	36.6	34.7	34.4	* 34.6		
Food and liquor stores.....do.....	35.8	35.9	36.6	37.4	37.3	36.6	36.2	36.3	36.3	36.4	36.4	* 36.3		
Automotive and accessories dealers.....do.....	43.7	43.8	43.8	43.8	43.9	43.7	43.8	43.7	44.0	44.2	43.9	* 43.8		
Service and miscellaneous:														
Hotels, year-round.....do.....	39.9	40.0	40.1	40.0	40.1	39.9	40.4	39.9	40.0	39.7	39.9	* 40.1		
Laundries.....do.....	39.2	39.6	39.8	39.7	39.3	39.3	39.4	38.8	39.2	39.3	39.0	* 39.4		
Cleaning and dyeing plants.....do.....	38.7	39.7	39.9	38.4	37.2	38.6	39.4	38.7	38.3	38.5	37.4	38.1		
Industrial disputes (strikes and lock-outs):														
Beginning in month:														
Work stoppages.....number.....	293	360	374	399	403	471	391	305	136	225	200	250	350	
Workers involved.....thousands.....	82	156	156	159	162	324	463	224	58	75	75	90	175	
In effect during month:														
Work stoppages.....number.....	411	519	552	596	638	712	637	497	357	325	300	350	475	
Workers involved.....thousands.....	122	200	247	238	288	414	531	296	169	150	140	150	250	
Man-days idle during month.....do.....	1,100	1,940	1,850	2,160	2,160	2,400	5,420	2,210	2,430	2,000	1,500	1,000	2,500	
U.S. Employment Service placement activities:														
Nonagricultural placements.....thousands.....	404	439	456	459	489	545	514	413	406	398	378	445	520	
Unemployment compensation, State and UCFE programs (Bureau of Employment Security):§														
Initial claims.....thousands.....	1,983	1,538	1,513	1,659	1,251	1,186	1,259	1,258	1,024	1,790	1,277	1,136	1,099	
Insured unemployment, weekly average.....do.....	3,302	2,984	2,667	2,511	2,203	1,906	1,722	1,781	2,111	2,518	2,396	2,106	1,793	1,486
Percent of covered employment*.....do.....	7.9	7.1	6.3	6.0	5.2	4.5	4.1	4.3	5.1	6.0	5.7	5.0	4.4	
Benefit payments:														
Beneficiaries, weekly average.....thousands.....	2,967	2,732	2,590	2,234	2,044	1,767	1,556	1,487	1,739	2,166	2,157	1,968	1,708	
Amount of payments.....thous. of dol.....	403,845	363,550	325,039	305,638	255,432	231,141	210,300	174,470	234,683	279,461	255,671	255,640	218,438	
Veterans' unemployment program:⊕														
Initial claims.....thousands.....	27	24	38	30	19	14	13	12	14	13	9	7	5	
Insured unemployment, weekly average⊕.....do.....	80	74	78	78	53	39	27	26	31	28	22	16	10	
Beneficiaries, weekly average.....do.....	96	87	89	92	65	48	30	28	30	33	31	26	19	
Amount of payments.....thous. of dol.....	9,833	8,922	8,853	10,151	6,553	5,047	3,391	2,693	3,311	3,486	2,993	2,688	2,019	

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April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December		January	February	March	April	May

EMPLOYMENT AND POPULATION—Continued

WAGES—Continued														
Average hourly gross earnings (U. S. Department of Labor):†														
All manufacturing industries.....dollars.....	2.11	2.12	2.12	2.13	2.13	2.14	2.14	2.17	2.19	2.19	2.20	2.22	2.23	p 2.23
Excluding overtime.....do.....	2.07	2.07	2.07	2.08	2.07	2.08	2.08	2.11	2.12	2.13	2.13	2.15	2.16	
Durable-goods industries.....do.....	2.25	2.26	2.27	2.28	2.29	2.30	2.29	2.34	2.36	2.35	2.36	2.38	2.39	p 2.39
Excluding overtime.....do.....	2.21	2.21	2.22	2.23	2.23	2.24	2.23	2.26	2.28	2.29	2.29	2.31	2.31	
Ordinance and accessories.....do.....	2.46	2.46	2.48	2.48	2.48	2.50	2.50	2.51	2.54	2.53	2.52	r 2.52	2.53	p 2.53
Lumber and wood products (except furniture).....dollars.....	1.84	1.88	1.88	1.89	1.91	1.94	1.95	1.93	1.92	1.89	1.88	1.91	r 1.94	p 1.96
Sawmills and planing mills.....do.....	1.79	1.84	1.84	1.86	1.88	1.89	1.89	1.88	1.87	1.84	1.84	1.85		
Furniture and fixtures.....do.....	1.77	1.77	1.78	1.77	1.78	1.80	1.79	1.80	1.80	1.80	1.79	1.81	1.81	p 1.81
Stone, clay, and glass products.....do.....	2.09	2.09	2.10	2.11	2.13	2.16	2.11	2.14	2.16	2.16	2.17	r 2.20	r 2.21	p 2.22
Primary metal industries.....do.....	2.58	2.58	2.61	2.68	2.70	2.73	2.74	2.75	2.75	2.77	2.79	r 2.82	2.83	p 2.83
Blast furnaces, steel works, and rolling mills.....dollars.....	2.78	2.77	2.82	2.94	2.96	2.99	2.99	3.00	3.00	3.04	3.05	3.08		
Primary smelting and refining of nonferrous metals.....dollars.....	2.42	2.43	2.43	2.47	2.52	2.52	2.54	2.55	2.55	2.54	2.55	2.54		
Fabricated metal prod. (except ordnance, machinery, transportation equipment).....dollars.....	2.24	2.25	2.27	2.28	2.29	2.29	2.28	2.32	2.33	2.32	2.33	2.35	r 2.35	p 2.36
Machinery (except electrical).....do.....	2.36	2.37	2.38	2.38	2.38	2.39	2.39	2.43	2.44	2.44	2.46	r 2.48	r 2.49	p 2.50
Electrical machinery.....do.....	2.14	2.14	2.15	2.15	2.14	2.16	2.15	2.19	2.20	2.20	2.21	2.21	r 2.21	p 2.21
Transportation equipment.....do.....	2.47	2.49	2.50	2.53	2.55	2.55	2.55	2.63	2.66	2.62	2.62	2.63	r 2.63	p 2.64
Motor vehicles and equipment.....do.....	2.50	2.51	2.51	2.51	2.54	2.55	2.52	2.70	2.74	2.66	2.66	2.67		
Aircraft and parts.....do.....	2.44	2.48	2.51	2.54	2.55	2.55	2.57	2.56	2.58	2.58	2.59	2.58		
Ship and boat building and repairs.....do.....	2.45	2.45	2.45	2.51	2.55	2.56	2.58	2.57	2.59	2.60	2.59	2.60		
Railroad equipment.....do.....	2.66	2.65	2.64	2.65	2.64	2.67	2.71	2.72	2.73	2.72	2.70	r 2.72		
Instruments and related products.....do.....	2.17	2.18	2.19	2.20	2.21	2.22	2.21	2.23	2.24	2.24	2.25	2.26	2.26	p 2.26
Miscellaneous mfg. industries.....do.....	1.85	1.84	1.85	1.84	1.84	1.85	1.85	1.86	1.88	1.89	1.88	1.89	r 1.90	p 1.90
Nondurable-goods industries.....do.....	1.94	1.94	1.94	1.94	1.93	1.95	1.95	1.96	1.97	1.98	1.98	r 2.00	r 2.00	p 2.01
Excluding overtime.....do.....	1.89	1.89	1.89	1.89	1.88	1.89	1.89	1.90	1.91	1.92	1.92	1.93	1.93	
Food and kindred products.....do.....	2.01	2.01	2.01	1.99	1.97	1.99	2.00	2.04	2.06	2.09	2.09	2.10	r 2.10	p 2.10
Meat products.....do.....	2.22	2.22	2.23	2.25	2.23	2.28	2.28	2.32	2.31	2.35	2.34	r 2.35		
Dairy products.....do.....	1.92	1.92	1.94	1.97	1.97	1.99	1.98	1.99	2.00	2.02	2.02	2.04		
Canning and preserving.....do.....	1.73	1.70	1.66	1.58	1.65	1.68	1.66	1.64	1.71	1.75	1.75	1.77		
Bakery products.....do.....	1.95	1.96	1.97	1.98	1.98	1.99	1.99	2.00	2.02	2.02	2.04	2.03		
Beverages.....do.....	2.25	2.30	2.32	2.33	2.30	2.32	2.31	2.33	2.35	2.32	2.34	2.36		
Tobacco manufactures.....do.....	1.65	1.66	1.67	1.66	1.59	1.50	1.52	1.60	1.65	1.64	1.65	1.69	1.72	p 1.73
Textile-mill products.....do.....	1.50	1.50	1.51	1.50	1.51	1.51	1.52	1.52	1.52	1.53	1.53	1.57	1.57	p 1.58
Broadwoven fabric mills.....do.....	1.44	1.44	1.45	1.45	1.46	1.46	1.46	1.46	1.47	1.47	1.47	1.52		
Knitting mills.....do.....	1.47	1.46	1.46	1.45	1.45	1.47	1.47	1.48	1.47	1.48	1.48	1.49		
Apparel and other finished textile products.....dollars.....	1.50	1.50	1.50	1.50	1.52	1.53	1.53	1.52	1.52	1.53	1.53	1.53	1.52	p 1.52
Paper and allied products.....do.....	2.09	2.10	2.11	2.12	2.13	2.14	2.14	2.14	2.15	2.16	2.17	2.17	r 2.18	p 2.19
Pulp, paper, and paperboard mills.....do.....	2.21	2.22	2.24	2.26	2.26	2.27	2.27	2.28	2.29	2.29	2.29	2.29		
Printing, publishing, and allied industries.....do.....	2.55	2.58	2.59	2.59	2.60	2.62	2.63	2.62	2.65	2.63	2.65	r 2.68	2.67	p 2.68
Chemicals and allied products.....do.....	2.27	2.29	2.31	2.33	2.34	2.34	2.34	2.35	2.36	2.36	2.37	r 2.37	r 2.36	p 2.38
Industrial organic chemicals.....do.....	2.45	2.45	2.46	2.48	2.49	2.50	2.51	2.52	2.52	2.53	2.52	2.53		
Products of petroleum and coal.....do.....	2.74	2.72	2.73	2.76	2.73	2.76	2.74	2.77	2.77	2.78	2.85	2.87	r 2.89	p 2.87
Petroleum refining.....do.....	2.84	2.82	2.83	2.86	2.82	2.85	2.83	2.85	2.85	2.86	2.95	r 2.97		
Rubber products.....do.....	2.29	2.30	2.33	2.35	2.39	2.39	2.39	2.41	2.45	2.44	2.43	r 2.47	r 2.42	
Tires and inner tubes.....do.....	2.65	2.66	2.72	2.74	2.80	2.80	2.81	2.83	2.87	2.86	2.86	2.90		
Leather and leather products.....do.....	1.57	1.57	1.57	1.55	1.56	1.58	1.58	1.59	1.59	1.60	1.60	1.60	1.61	p 1.61
Footwear (except rubber).....do.....	1.51	1.51	1.51	1.50	1.51	1.53	1.53	1.54	1.54	1.55	1.56	1.56		
Nonmanufacturing industries:														
Mining.....do.....	2.53	2.52	2.56	2.55	2.55	2.56	2.56	2.59	2.60	2.64	2.67	2.66		
Metal.....do.....	2.42	2.41	2.43	2.51	2.53	2.54	2.54	2.54	2.55	2.56	2.56	r 2.58		
Anthracite.....do.....	2.63	2.62	2.62	2.59	2.59	2.60	2.61	2.61	2.64	2.66	2.77	2.77		
Bituminous coal.....do.....	3.02	3.00	3.02	3.02	3.00	3.01	3.01	3.04	3.04	3.16	3.17	3.19		
Crude-petroleum and natural-gas production:														
Petroleum and natural-gas prod.....dollars.....	2.68	2.65	2.71	2.69	2.66	2.69	2.67	2.72	2.68	2.71	2.81	r 2.80		
Nonmetallic mining and quarrying.....do.....	2.02	2.05	2.07	2.08	2.08	2.10	2.11	2.11	2.13	2.12	2.13	2.13		
Contract construction.....do.....	2.98	2.97	2.96	3.00	3.00	3.04	3.04	3.04	3.10	3.11	3.10	3.08		
Nonbuilding construction.....do.....	2.68	2.69	2.67	2.71	2.73	2.78	2.78	2.73	2.78	2.75	2.76	2.74		
Building construction.....do.....	3.06	3.06	3.06	3.09	3.09	3.13	3.13	3.14	3.19	3.19	3.18	3.17		
Transportation and public utilities:														
Local railways and bus lines.....do.....	2.11	2.10	2.12	2.13	2.12	2.14	2.13	2.14	2.16	2.17	2.18	2.18		
Telephone.....do.....	2.03	2.04	2.05	2.06	2.07	2.08	2.09	2.09	2.10	2.11	2.12	2.13		
Telegaph.....do.....	2.11	2.12	2.18	2.19	2.18	2.24	2.24	2.24	2.24	2.27	2.27	2.27		
Gas and electric utilities.....do.....	2.44	2.43	2.46	2.46	2.47	2.49	2.51	2.52	2.52	2.52	2.54	r 2.55		
Wholesale and retail trade:														
Wholesale trade.....do.....	2.15	2.16	2.18	2.19	2.18	2.20	2.18	2.20	2.19	2.20	2.20	r 2.22		
Retail trade (except eating and drinking places).....dollars.....	1.68	1.69	1.70	1.71	1.71	1.71	1.71	1.71	1.68	1.74	1.74	1.74		
General-merchandise stores.....do.....	1.34	1.35	1.37	1.37	1.35	1.36	1.36	1.35	1.33	1.30	1.37	1.37		
Food and liquor stores.....do.....	1.85	1.85	1.86	1.86	1.86	1.87	1.89	1.90	1.88	1.88	1.91	1.90		
Automotive and accessories dealers.....do.....	1.87	1.91	1.92	1.93	1.93	1.91	1.90	1.92	1.94	1.97	1.96	r 1.98		
Service and miscellaneous:														
Hotels, year-round.....do.....	1.11	1.12	1.13	1.14	1.12	1.13	1.13	1.14	1.16	1.15	1.16	r 1.15		
Laundries.....do.....	1.13	1.13	1.14	1.14	1.14	1.14	1.14	1.14	1.14	1.15	1.15	1.16		
Cleaning and dyeing plants.....do.....	1.31	1.32	1.34	1.33	1.33	1.33	1.34	1.34	1.34	1.35	1.35	1.36		
Miscellaneous wage data:														
Construction wages (ENR):‡														
Common labor.....dol. per hr.....	2.389	2.411	2.440	2.463	2.468	2.472	2.477	2.480	2.482	2.504	2.504	2.503	2.503	2.535
Skilled labor.....do.....	3.636	3.643	3.682	3.720	3.726	3.741	3.753	3.756	3.764	3.781	3.792	3.796	3.796	3.818
Equipment operators.....do.....	3.302	3.336	3.359	3.369	3.386	3.389	3.390	3.393	3.394	3.378	3.417	3.418	3.424	3.444
Farm wages, without board or room (quarterly).....dol. per hr.....	.94			.94			.88			1.03			.99	
Railway wages (average, class I).....do.....	2.391	2.438	2.453	2.433	2.456	2.453	2.431	2.568	2.529	2.546	2.587			
Road-building wages, common labor (qtrly).....do.....	1.87			2.07			2.12			1.94			1.99	

† Revised. ‡ Preliminary. § See note marked "§" for p. S-11.

§ Data through 1956 shown in the 1957 edition of BUSINESS STATISTICS are based on adjustment factors; the 1956 figures therein have since been revised to reflect calculations from overtime hours now regularly collected. Revisions for 1956 appear in the August 1957 SURVEY; the published estimates through 1955 are essentially comparable.

¶ Includes data for industries not shown separately. § Formerly "Automobiles." Data not affected.

* Rates as of June 1, 1959: Common labor, \$2.549; skilled labor, \$3.846; equipment operators, \$3.449. Scattered revisions for 1952-55 for skilled labor rates are available upon request. † New series. Average hourly earnings in the mining industry for January 1947-February 1957 are available upon request. ‡ Wages for equipment operators are arithmetic averages of wages in 20 cities. The three types of equipment covered are tractors (including bulldozers, on 70-100 h.p. machines), power cranes and shovels (¾ cubic yard), and air compressors; for wages back to January 1956, see the December 1957 SURVEY.

Unless otherwise stated, statistics through 1956 and descriptive notes are shown in the 1957 edition of BUSINESS STATISTICS

	1958										1959				
	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December		January	February	March	April	May
FINANCE—Continued															
CONSUMER CREDIT:—Continued (Short- and Intermediate-term)															
Total outstanding, end of month—Continued															
Installment credit, total—Continued															
By type of holder:															
Financial institutions, total..... mil. of dol.	28,724	28,703	28,774	28,917	28,983	28,758	28,666	28,648	28,943	29,016	29,070	29,324	29,825		
Commercial banks..... do.	12,444	12,467	12,520	12,606	12,655	12,607	12,612	12,617	12,730	12,856	12,884	13,028	13,312		
Sales-finance companies..... do.	9,200	9,129	9,105	9,121	9,083	8,891	8,777	8,708	8,740	8,733	8,724	8,780	8,921		
Credit unions..... do.	2,452	2,478	2,510	2,545	2,578	2,591	2,613	2,628	2,664	2,639	2,661	2,700	2,754		
Consumer finance companies..... do.	3,292	3,277	3,283	3,292	3,294	3,280	3,274	3,281	3,381	3,374	3,372	3,371	3,379		
Other..... do.	1,336	1,352	1,356	1,353	1,373	1,389	1,390	1,414	1,428	1,414	1,429	1,445	1,459		
Retail outlets, total..... do.	4,164	4,207	4,234	4,157	4,182	4,321	4,386	4,478	4,922	4,752	4,681	4,619	4,628		
Department stores..... do.	1,241	1,278	1,310	1,241	1,251	1,393	1,426	1,474	1,702	1,615	1,611	1,581	1,582		
Furniture stores..... do.	1,091	1,092	1,093	1,093	1,110	1,110	1,126	1,149	1,220	1,183	1,166	1,129	1,127		
Automobile dealers..... do.	450	446	444	443	440	433	427	424	425	425	427	430	439		
Other..... do.	1,382	1,391	1,387	1,380	1,381	1,385	1,407	1,431	1,575	1,529	1,477	1,479	1,480		
Noninstallment credit, total..... do.	9,729	10,075	10,071	9,849	9,963	10,065	10,112	10,338	11,200	10,647	10,320	10,260	10,463		
Single-payment loans..... do.	3,352	3,476	3,482	3,373	3,453	3,495	3,414	3,499	3,543	3,464	3,563	3,618	3,674		
Charge accounts..... do.	3,772	4,010	4,012	3,927	3,956	4,033	4,191	4,297	5,018	4,504	4,004	3,883	3,997		
Service credit..... do.	2,605	2,589	2,577	2,549	2,554	2,537	2,507	2,542	2,639	2,679	2,753	2,759	2,792		
By type of holder:															
Financial institutions..... do.	3,352	3,476	3,482	3,373	3,453	3,495	3,414	3,499	3,543	3,464	3,563	3,618	3,674		
Retail outlets..... do.	3,772	4,010	4,012	3,927	3,956	4,033	4,191	4,297	5,018	4,504	4,004	3,883	3,997		
Service credit..... do.	2,605	2,589	2,577	2,549	2,554	2,537	2,507	2,542	2,639	2,679	2,753	2,759	2,792		
Installment credit extended and repaid:															
Unadjusted:															
Extended, total..... do.	3,335	3,371	3,477	3,483	3,385	3,297	3,475	3,338	4,350	3,321	3,247	3,786	4,022		
Automobile paper..... do.	1,211	1,199	1,257	1,281	1,193	1,105	1,173	1,091	1,360	1,248	1,258	1,476	1,580		
Other consumer-goods paper..... do.	876	1,000	973	956	976	993	1,075	1,054	1,435	886	839	982	1,074		
All other..... do.	1,248	1,172	1,247	1,246	1,216	1,199	1,227	1,193	1,555	1,187	1,150	1,328	1,368		
Repaid, total..... do.	3,387	3,349	3,379	3,417	3,294	3,383	3,502	3,264	3,611	3,418	3,264	3,594	3,512		
Automobile paper..... do.	1,313	1,277	1,280	1,304	1,246	1,287	1,341	1,189	1,295	1,224	1,190	1,324	1,269		
Other consumer-goods paper..... do.	931	966	941	949	919	935	976	937	956	1,012	953	1,028	1,018		
All other..... do.	1,143	1,106	1,158	1,164	1,129	1,161	1,185	1,138	1,360	1,182	1,121	1,242	1,225		
Adjusted:															
Extended, total..... do.	3,261	3,246	3,262	3,328	3,316	3,326	3,451	3,594	3,720	3,799	3,816	3,749	3,939		
Automobile paper..... do.	1,143	1,094	1,095	1,151	1,142	1,082	1,199	1,276	1,437	1,451	1,454	1,414	1,502		
Other consumer-goods paper..... do.	923	992	968	965	1,018	1,005	1,041	1,041	1,002	1,047	1,057	1,058	1,126		
All other..... do.	1,195	1,160	1,199	1,212	1,256	1,239	1,247	1,277	1,298	1,315	1,305	1,277	1,311		
Repaid, total..... do.	3,390	3,338	3,391	3,365	3,403	3,376	3,418	3,447	3,414	3,412	3,483	3,431	3,516		
Automobile paper..... do.	1,326	1,284	1,278	1,275	1,276	1,246	1,281	1,243	1,262	1,252	1,281	1,265	1,282		
Other consumer-goods paper..... do.	919	940	961	948	947	949	964	953	956	981	983	1,006	1,006		
All other..... do.	1,145	1,114	1,152	1,142	1,180	1,181	1,173	1,203	1,199	1,204	1,221	1,183	1,228		
FEDERAL GOVERNMENT FINANCE															
Budget receipts and expenditures:															
Receipts, total..... mil. of dol.	6,039	7,334	11,849	3,624	6,280	8,119	3,446	5,979	6,848	4,956	8,152	10,722	6,375		
Receipts, net..... do.	3,496	4,925	10,785	2,946	4,838	7,208	2,769	4,962	6,180	4,528	6,576	8,426	4,258		
Customs..... do.	68	63	66	72	67	75	82	72	78	76	70	89	85		
Individual income taxes..... do.	3,584	4,253	3,665	1,453	3,599	3,909	1,387	3,735	2,512	2,944	5,202	2,938	4,002		
Corporation income and profits taxes..... do.	476	449	5,906	479	316	2,267	374	319	2,419	424	362	5,459	477		
Employment taxes..... do.	722	1,293	818	355	1,105	549	386	816	441	321	1,281	857	558		
Other internal revenue and receipts..... do.	1,189	1,276	1,394	1,265	1,193	1,320	1,217	1,038	1,397	1,192	1,237	1,378	1,255		
Expenditures, total..... do.	6,122	5,846	6,621	6,613	6,198	6,633	7,144	6,237	7,080	6,776	6,331	6,461	6,427		
Interest on public debt..... do.	613	595	615	642	574	578	600	607	647	675	630	649	652		
Veterans' services and benefits..... do.	465	436	431	431	404	410	454	441	440	445	440	441			
Major national security..... do.	3,652	3,653	4,312	3,752	3,605	3,863	4,225	3,589	4,212	3,693	3,596	3,864			
All other expenditures..... do.	1,391	1,161	1,263	1,788	1,615	1,783	1,865	1,599	1,781	1,963	1,795	1,507			
Public debt and guaranteed obligations:															
(Gross debt (direct), end of month, total..... do.	275,057	275,653	276,343	275,466	278,476	276,666	280,211	283,060	282,922	285,801	285,104	282,034	285,353	286,303	
Interest bearing, total..... do.	273,447	274,030	274,698	273,910	276,951	275,004	278,561	281,425	280,839	283,808	283,243	280,089	283,497	284,473	
Public issues..... do.	228,004	227,915	228,452	228,033	230,638	229,008	233,194	236,313	235,999	239,901	239,373	236,149	240,220	240,271	
Special issues..... do.	45,443	46,115	46,246	45,877	46,313	45,996	45,367	45,112	44,840	43,907	43,870	43,940	43,278	44,203	
Noninterest bearing..... do.	1,610	1,622	1,646	1,556	1,525	1,661	1,650	1,635	2,084	1,993	1,861	1,945	1,856	1,830	
Obligations guaranteed by U. S. Government, end of month..... mil. of dol.	94	97	101	102	108	118	112	107	109	106	112	119	107	108	
U. S. Savings bonds:															
Amount outstanding, end of month..... do.	52,550	52,462	52,349	52,263	52,193	52,118	52,031	51,971	51,878	51,624	51,520	51,379	51,190	51,027	
Sales, series E through K..... do.	398	368	376	418	369	352	378	324	370	486	383	414	350	338	
Redemptions..... do.	605	551	610	626	534	523	551	481	586	867	584	653	624	586	
Federal business-type activities, end of quarter: ♂															
Assets, except interagency, total..... mil. of dol.			172,677			173,772			176,494						
Loans receivable, total (less reserves)..... do.			22,383			23,280			25,493						
To aid agriculture..... do.			6,914			7,402			8,695						
To aid homeowners..... do.			4,628			4,607			4,860						
All other (incl. foreign loans)..... do.			11,327			11,721			12,306						
Commodities, supplies, and materials..... do.			21,540			20,743			20,810						
U. S. Government securities..... do.			4,467			4,365			4,198						
Other securities and investments..... do.			3,731			3,703			3,703						
Land, structures, and equipment..... do.			10,459			10,422			10,619						
All other assets..... do.			10,097			11,259			11,670						
Liabilities, except interagency, total..... do.			18,013			17,680			18,000						
Bonds, notes, and debentures..... do.			3,862			4,037			4,090						
Other liabilities..... do.			4,151			3,643			3,910						
Private proprietary interest..... do.			11,204			11,229			11,298						
U. S. Government proprietary interest..... do.			163,460			164,864			167,196						

♂ Revised. ♀ Preliminary. ♂ See note marked "♂".

♂ See corresponding note on p. S-16.

♂ Effective May 1957, for series E and H (series J and K discontinued after April 30, 1957). Data for various months through March 1959, however, include minor amounts due to late reporting or adjustments on discontinued series (F, G, J, K).

♂ Figures are not directly comparable from quarter to quarter, since activities covered vary. Data reflect the condition of activities (public-enterprise and intragovernmental funds, certain other activities of the U. S. Government, and certain deposit and trust revolving funds) reporting to the Treasury under Department Circular No. 966; excluded from the data are activities reported other than quarterly. Interagency items are excluded except in the case of trust revolving funds.

Unless otherwise stated, statistics through 1956 and descriptive notes are shown in the 1957 edition of BUSINESS STATISTICS	1958										1959				
	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December		January	February	March	April	May
FINANCE—Continued															
LIFE INSURANCE															
Institute of Life Insurance:†															
Assets, total, all U. S. life insurance companies															
Bonds (book value), domestic and foreign, total	103,058	103,508	104,008	104,578	105,054	105,493	106,053	106,540	107,419	108,145	108,583	108,945	109,430		
U. S. Government	52,407	52,545	52,804	53,202	53,444	53,638	53,988	54,172	54,302	54,857	55,038	55,151	55,472		
State, county, municipal (U. S.)	7,106	7,036	7,083	7,258	7,300	7,307	7,319	7,344	7,205	7,485	7,414	7,229	7,251		
Public utility (U. S.)	2,474	2,502	2,537	2,561	2,597	2,616	2,641	2,672	2,685	2,744	2,774	2,840	2,889		
Railroad (U. S.)	14,819	14,830	14,895	14,962	15,012	15,085	15,170	15,183	15,247	15,306	15,332	15,403	15,439		
Industrial and miscellaneous (U. S.)	3,849	3,848	3,843	3,835	3,839	3,835	3,829	3,828	3,830	3,817	3,812	3,809	3,798		
Industrial and miscellaneous (U. S.)	21,195	21,308	21,400	21,523	21,606	21,700	21,831	22,043	22,214	22,348	22,531	22,680	22,880		
Stocks (book value), domestic and foreign, total															
Preferred (U. S.)	3,105	3,118	3,159	3,159	3,151	3,191	3,187	3,198	3,359	3,365	3,387	3,421	3,439		
Common (U. S.)	1,640	1,641	1,654	1,659	1,658	1,657	1,654	1,651	1,646	1,640	1,639	1,641	1,647		
Mortgage loans, total	1,442	1,453	1,482	1,477	1,469	1,508	1,504	1,516	1,678	1,689	1,709	1,739	1,752		
Nonfarm	35,840	35,956	36,060	36,183	36,323	36,462	36,648	36,794	37,097	37,211	37,350	37,486	37,602		
Real estate	33,213	33,316	33,409	33,519	33,645	33,776	33,955	34,093	34,388	34,510	34,635	34,753	34,851		
Other assets	3,222	3,241	3,280	3,303	3,355	3,368	3,395	3,415	3,376	3,393	3,414	3,450	3,469		
Policy loans and premium notes	4,011	4,038	4,067	4,091	4,114	4,138	4,162	4,183	4,204	4,225	4,253	4,284	4,317		
Cash	1,153	1,227	1,207	1,227	1,210	1,209	1,190	1,242	1,365	1,282	1,225	1,211	1,187		
Other assets	3,320	3,383	3,431	3,413	3,457	3,487	3,483	3,536	3,716	3,812	3,916	3,942	3,944		
Life Insurance Agency Management Association:															
Insurance written (new paid-for insurance):															
Value, estimated total	5,568	5,466	5,165	5,199	5,089	5,059	5,509	5,224	7,020	4,724	5,053	5,788	5,594		
Group and wholesale	1,024	999	780	633	869	666	759	728	2,133	779	893	791	810		
Industrial	544	595	559	530	548	557	579	588	499	459	531	596	539		
Ordinary total	4,000	3,872	3,826	4,036	3,672	3,836	4,171	3,908	4,388	3,486	3,629	4,401	4,245		
New England	274	274	257	267	234	241	273	269	269	230	234	278	261		
Middle Atlantic	956	924	889	949	820	842	963	953	1,001	830	827	992	943		
East North Central	776	753	746	799	739	774	842	781	854	691	704	867	852		
West North Central	308	320	305	334	303	316	328	294	357	288	304	358	348		
South Atlantic	486	476	498	495	467	493	520	501	539	404	448	550	524		
East South Central	174	167	171	166	164	181	186	168	190	156	167	208	196		
West South Central	379	361	370	381	355	382	386	348	423	349	367	440	420		
Mountain	158	155	149	166	150	153	179	145	195	137	152	176	182		
Pacific	455	442	442	480	442	456	495	447	559	402	426	532	518		
Institute of Life Insurance:															
Payments to policyholders and beneficiaries, estimated total	624.2	584.6	579.2	590.0	537.0	577.8	594.0	536.6	746.2	665.4	595.3	674.0	625.2		
Death benefits	259.2	233.5	229.7	246.8	222.6	233.1	244.4	214.8	264.5	267.8	246.9	278.0	261.4		
Matured endowments	60.7	58.8	58.7	55.3	50.9	57.4	60.4	65.4	88.8	65.9	54.9	58.4	54.2		
Disability payments	10.4	10.2	9.9	9.9	9.5	10.1	9.9	9.0	9.7	11.4	9.8	10.0	10.0		
Annuity payments	49.6	49.0	49.6	50.7	48.7	47.9	53.9	46.7	47.5	67.5	54.7	52.9	54.2		
Surrender values	132.7	123.1	115.8	120.6	108.3	119.0	120.2	103.7	135.8	118.7	117.5	137.5	131.9		
Policy dividends	111.6	110.0	115.5	106.7	97.0	110.3	105.2	97.0	199.9	134.1	111.5	137.2	113.5		
Life Insurance Association of America:															
Premium income (39 cos.), quarterly total			2,557.2			2,604.2			2,818.4			2,786.8			
Accident and health			439.0			451.7			466.6			465.7			
Annuities			275.9			284.1			338.4			337.5			
Group			291.9			313.7			289.4			314.4			
Industrial			197.9			192.6			244.5			227.3			
Ordinary			1,352.5			1,362.1			1,479.4			1,442.9			
MONETARY STATISTICS															
Gold and silver:															
Gold:															
Monetary stock, U. S. (end of mo.)	21,996	21,594	21,356	21,210	21,011	20,874	20,690	20,609	20,534	20,476	20,479	20,442	20,442		
Net release from earmark	-471.5	-355.2	-285.0	-164.3	-196.7	-220.2	-189.0	-96.9	-79.3	-65.6	-13.0	-48.0	-127.5		
Exports	62	250	9,266	9,328	88	8,706	68	42	56	0	198	203	69		
Imports	26,097	18,177	12,799	27,373	3,829	79,914	5,425	11,751	12,278	10,272	10,048	18,499	3,280		
Production, reported monthly total															
Africa	79,700	81,300	81,500	84,500	57,900	58,300	58,900	58,500	57,700	59,500	57,800				
Canada	55,500	56,600	56,100	57,300	12,800	13,100	14,000	12,900	13,200	13,200	12,500	13,200			
United States	13,400	13,300	13,400	13,200	5,400	6,200	6,700	5,500	5,900	4,200	4,100	3,800			
Silver:															
Exports	171	185	324	360	727	744	204	113	90	134	99	103	2,160		
Imports	12,322	4,507	8,329	4,493	4,882	5,980	10,197	5,160	9,219	5,356	6,172	5,220	3,772		
Price at New York	.886	.886	.886	.886	.886	.887	.900	.901	.899	.902	.904	.914	.914		
Production:															
Canada	2,559	2,651	2,528	2,386	2,884	2,856	2,390	2,644	2,918	3,094	2,265	2,782			
Mexico	3,913	4,070	4,151	3,919	3,930	4,431	3,880	3,551	3,886	3,680	3,315				
United States	3,123	2,597	3,243	2,127	2,651	2,614	3,831	2,505	3,426	2,330	2,827	2,823	2,946		
Money supply (end of month):															
Currency in circulation	30,565	30,994	31,172	31,171	31,371	31,245	31,386	32,036	32,193	31,125	31,129	31,250	31,349		
Deposits and currency, total	239,200	238,900	244,131	241,900	243,400	242,600	245,100	248,200	252,022	249,600	247,100	246,700	249,700		
Foreign bank deposits, net	4,000	4,000	3,953	4,000	3,900	3,800	3,800	3,700	3,870	3,800	3,700	3,900	3,700		
U. S. Government balances	6,700	6,800	10,695	5,600	7,000	5,700	4,900	7,100	5,599	6,000	5,600	5,100	5,800		
Deposits (adjusted) and currency, total	228,400	228,100	229,483	232,400	232,500	233,100	236,400	237,500	242,553	239,800	237,700	237,600	240,300		
Demand deposits, adjusted	107,200	105,500	106,169	108,100	107,500	108,100	111,000	111,900	115,507	113,800	111,300	110,300	112,500		
Time deposits, adjusted	93,600	94,500	95,524	96,500	97,000	97,200	97,500	96,800	98,306	98,400	98,700	99,500	99,500		
Currency outside banks	27,600	27,800	27,790	27,900	28,000	27,900	28,000	28,800	28,740	27,600	27,700	27,900	27,900		
Turnover of demand deposits except interbank and U. S. Government, annual rate:															
New York City	56.6	51.2	65.7	54.8	46.4	49.4	50.1	47.4	58.2	54.0	54.1	54.5	56.2		
6 other centers	30.2	28.2	31.4	29.6	27.4	30.3	29.8	30.0	33.2	30.3	31.0	34.2	33.8		
337 other reporting centers	22.1	22.0	23.8	22.9	21.7	23.6	23.1	23.8	24.9	23.2	24.1	23.6	24.3		

† Revised. ‡ Preliminary.

‡ Revisions for assets of all life insurance companies for January-July 1956 and 1957 will be shown later; data beginning 1957 not comparable with earlier data.

§ Revised back to January 1957 to include data for Alaska; unpublished revisions (prior to March 1958) will be shown later. The total for ordinary insurance (beginning 1956) includes adjustments not distributed by areas.

§ Or increase in earmarked gold (-).

¶ Includes data for the following countries not shown separately: Mexico; Brazil; Colombia; Chile; Nicaragua; Australia, and India. Revisions for 1950-56 and January-July 1957 will be shown later.

¶ The term "adjusted" denotes exclusion of interbank and U. S. Government deposits; for demand deposits, also exclusion of cash items reported as in process of collection.

¶ Includes Boston, Philadelphia, Chicago, Detroit, San Francisco, and Los Angeles.

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	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	January	February	March	April	May
FINANCE—Continued														
PROFITS AND DIVIDENDS (QUARTERLY)														
Manufacturing corporations (Fed. Trade and SEC):														
Net profit after taxes, all industries.....mil. of dol.			2,835			3,315			4,029					
Food and kindred products.....do.			273			319			312					
Textile mill products.....do.			40			77			88					
Lumber and wood products (except furniture).....mil. of dol.			21			74			57					
Paper and allied products.....do.			113			113			133					
Chemicals and allied products.....do.			392			426			470					
Petroleum refining.....do.			503			648			783					
Stone, clay, and glass products.....do.			145			199			161					
Primary nonferrous metal.....do.			69			85			123					
Primary iron and steel.....do.			198			199			321					
Fabricated metal products (except ordnance, machinery, and transport. equip.).....mil. of dol.			118			143			124					
Machinery (except electrical).....do.			255			240			260					
Electrical machinery.....do.			178			204			267					
Transportation equipment (except motor vehicles, etc.).....mil. of dol.			92			95			100					
Motor vehicles and parts.....do.			152			40			444					
All other manufacturing industries.....do.			284			453			387					
Dividends paid (cash), all industries.....do.			1,784			1,706			2,046					
Electric utilities, net profit after taxes (Fed. Res.)†.....mil. of dol.			349			357			390					
Railways and telephone cos. (see pp. S-23 and S-24).														
SECURITIES ISSUED														
Securities and Exchange Commission:‡														
Estimated gross proceeds, total.....mil. of dol.	6,961	2,155	3,048	2,426	1,341	2,160	3,076	1,452	1,899	5,780	2,132	1,921	4,449	
By type of security:														
Bonds and notes, total.....do.	6,830	2,034	2,930	2,137	1,259	2,082	2,837	1,330	1,644	5,618	1,843	1,723	4,141	
Corporate.....do.	1,099	586	843	910	492	1,059	651	420	746	724	481	457	561	
Common stock.....do.	90	85	41	219	71	55	170	110	204	126	234	151	216	
Preferred stock.....do.	41	36	77	70	12	23	69	12	51	36	55	47	92	
By type of issuer:														
Corporate, total?.....do.	1,230	707	961	1,199	575	1,137	890	542	1,000	885	770	656	869	
Manufacturing.....do.	632	192	296	557	129	483	277	131	241	169	132	100	290	
Extractive (mining).....do.	41	7	16	4	39	13	17	41	14	19	4	10	12	
Public utility.....do.	320	345	431	402	287	183	316	130	281	302	191	336	315	
Railroad.....do.	20	12	1	28	11	4	11	14	11	21	24	7	17	
Communication.....do.	79	42	12	102	14	10	48	90	104	35	63	10	10	
Financial and real estate.....do.	40	80	84	37	52	34	120	89	162	226	116	107	131	
Noncorporate, total?.....do.	5,731	1,448	2,087	1,227	767	1,023	2,186	910	899	4,894	1,362	1,266	3,580	
U. S. Government.....do.	4,269	368	1,411	418	369	352	1,461	324	370	3,971	420	443	2,583	
State and municipal.....do.	798	877	554	631	389	647	439	459	448	639	881	637	940	
New corporate security issues:														
Estimated net proceeds, total.....do.	1,211	692	946	1,176	564	1,121	873	533	983	869	754	640	848	
Proposed uses of proceeds:														
New money, total.....do.	1,036	527	718	1,029	489	1,017	744	460	820	794	600	539	777	
Plant and equipment.....do.	886	452	595	889	405	606	504	347	542	490	461	405	575	
Working capital.....do.	150	75	122	140	84	411	241	114	278	304	139	135	202	
Retirement of securities.....do.	71	95	59	70	25	7	11	15	63	29	9	9	22	
Other purposes.....do.	104	69	119	77	50	97	118	58	100	46	145	92	49	
State and municipal issues (Bond Buyer):														
Long-term.....thous. of dol.	797,617	876,838	553,658	631,365	389,004	647,477	439,391	458,783	448,393	639,272	880,865	636,829	939,972	534,110
Short-term.....do.	356,990	353,774	263,860	288,907	423,300	369,359	231,298	414,697	242,808	189,716	427,682	294,892	562,926	407,361
SECURITY MARKETS														
Brokers' Balances (N. Y. S. E. Members Carrying Margin Accounts)														
Cash on hand and in banks.....mil. of dol.	322	312	324	331	332	345	346	346	357	374	374	379	359	
Customers' debit balances (net).....do.	2,869	2,997	3,168	3,170	3,152	3,231	3,311	3,369	3,431	3,452	3,410	3,458	3,565	
Customers' free credit balances.....do.	985	979	1,047	1,080	1,103	1,119	1,148	1,159	1,159	1,226	1,196	1,257	1,205	
Money borrowed.....do.	2,051	2,052	2,398	2,208	2,002	2,075	2,025	2,133	2,306	2,221	2,186	2,195	2,408	
Bonds														
Prices:														
Average price of all listed bonds (N. Y. S. E.), total\$.....dollars.	97.50	97.78	96.82	95.69	92.32	91.74	91.77	92.47	91.28	90.99	91.60	91.03	90.02	
Domestic.....do.	97.74	98.03	97.04	95.89	92.47	91.90	91.92	92.63	91.41	91.12	91.72	91.16	90.14	
Foreign.....do.	80.39	80.64	80.80	81.11	81.46	80.72	80.92	80.95	80.88	81.67	82.14	82.27	82.63	
Standard and Poor's Corporation:														
Industrial, utility, and railroad (A1+ issues):														
Composite (21 bonds)σ.....dol. per \$100 bond.	105.3	105.5	105.5	104.2	102.0	98.9	98.6	98.8	98.7	98.1	98.0	98.2	97.0	95.0
Domestic municipal (15 bonds)σ.....do.	110.0	111.0	110.8	108.0	103.7	100.6	100.9	102.3	102.3	101.8	102.2	103.4	102.2	100.4
U. S. Treasury bonds, taxable○.....do.	98.23	97.94	97.17	94.78	91.51	89.51	89.36	90.13	88.90	87.54	87.38	87.37	86.21	85.31
Sales:														
Total, excluding U. S. Government bonds:														
All registered exchanges:														
Market value.....thous. of dol.	120,171	119,914	123,517	121,140	120,651	122,594	161,393	157,707	165,314	173,645	144,550	199,318	168,307	
Face value.....do.	127,627	124,411	129,333	126,294	127,385	126,495	156,838	146,107	158,556	173,744	139,007	175,922	152,583	
New York Stock Exchange:														
Market value.....do.	118,129	118,070	121,728	119,247	119,220	120,972	158,973	155,965	163,671	170,334	142,666	196,941	165,266	
Face value.....do.	125,249	122,367	127,603	124,171	125,769	124,673	154,274	145,264	156,751	164,981	137,114	173,466	149,690	
New York Stock Exchange, exclusive of stopped sales, face value, total\$.....thous. of dol.	116,482	106,176	113,936	113,220	106,733	119,875	137,703	130,267	135,872	148,943	121,667	150,585	137,284	
U. S. Government.....do.	0	0	0	0	100	0	0	5	0	1	0	0	0	
Other than U. S. Government, total\$.....do.	116,482	106,176	113,936	113,220	106,633	119,875	137,703	130,262	135,872	148,942	121,667	150,585	137,284	
Domestic.....do.	111,368	101,236	107,332	106,551	101,128	114,465	131,844	124,296	129,349	142,361	114,413	143,741	131,689	
Foreign.....do.	5,090	4,941	6,598	6,637	5,506	5,408	5,859	5,966	6,523	6,577	7,254	6,844	5,595	

* Revised. † Preliminary.

‡ Revisions for electric utilities for 1955 and 1956 appear in the July 1958 SURVEY. Revisions for securities issued (SEC) for January-March 1957 and 1958 will be shown later.

σ Includes data not shown separately.

§ Data for bonds of the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development, not shown separately, are included in computing average price of all listed bonds.

○ Number of bonds represent number currently used; the change in the number does not affect the continuity of series.

○ Prices are derived from average yields on basis of an assumed 3 percent 20-year bond. Comparable data back to January 1957 appear in the July 1958 SURVEY.

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	April	May	June	July	August	Septem- ber	October	Novem- ber	Decem- ber	Janu- ary	Febru- ary	March	April	May	
FINANCE—Continued															
SECURITY MARKETS—Continued															
Bonds—Continued															
Value, issues listed on N. Y. S. E.:															
Market value, total, all issues \$.....mil. of dol.	115,751	116,027	118,287	116,425	110,165	107,711	108,045	109,238	105,866	106,401	107,215	106,638	106,004	-----	-----
Domestic.....do.	113,456	113,688	115,802	113,955	107,683	105,251	105,549	106,718	103,266	103,768	104,573	103,966	103,343	-----	-----
Foreign.....do.	1,383	1,416	1,423	1,425	1,462	1,448	1,461	1,481	1,475	1,515	1,525	1,564	1,574	-----	-----
Face value, total, all issues \$.....do.	118,720	118,662	122,178	121,673	119,336	117,407	117,734	118,133	115,981	116,934	117,052	117,142	117,751	-----	-----
Domestic.....do.	116,075	115,976	119,338	118,836	116,455	114,527	114,831	115,204	112,965	113,883	114,009	114,053	114,652	-----	-----
Foreign.....do.	1,721	1,756	1,762	1,756	1,795	1,794	1,805	1,829	1,823	1,855	1,856	1,901	1,905	-----	-----
Yields:															
Domestic corporate (Moody's).....percent.	4.02	4.00	3.98	4.02	4.17	4.39	4.42	4.40	4.38	4.41	4.43	4.40	4.47	4.60	-----
By ratings:															
Aaa.....do.	3.60	3.57	3.57	3.67	3.85	4.09	4.11	4.09	4.08	4.12	4.14	4.13	4.23	4.37	-----
Aa.....do.	3.78	3.78	3.78	3.83	3.98	4.20	4.21	4.21	4.18	4.22	4.24	4.23	4.32	4.46	-----
A.....do.	4.01	4.02	4.00	4.04	4.19	4.40	4.45	4.43	4.42	4.43	4.43	4.40	4.45	4.61	-----
Baa.....do.	4.67	4.62	4.55	4.53	4.67	4.87	4.92	4.87	4.85	4.87	4.89	4.85	4.86	4.96	-----
By groups:															
Industrial.....do.	3.83	3.80	3.77	3.81	3.94	4.24	4.25	4.23	4.24	4.28	4.31	4.28	4.35	4.46	-----
Public utility.....do.	3.90	3.89	3.88	3.94	4.16	4.41	4.46	4.40	4.39	4.43	4.46	4.43	4.49	4.67	-----
Railroad.....do.	4.32	4.30	4.28	4.30	4.42	4.52	4.56	4.56	4.52	4.53	4.51	4.51	4.56	4.67	-----
Domestic municipal:															
Bond Buyer (20 bonds).....do.	2.91	2.92	3.05	3.13	3.52	3.54	3.38	3.30	3.40	3.45	3.29	3.33	3.50	3.61	-----
Standard and Poor's Corp. (15 bonds).....do.	3.31	3.25	3.26	3.45	3.74	3.96	3.94	3.84	3.84	3.87	3.85	3.76	3.84	3.97	-----
U. S. Treasury bonds, taxable.....do.	3.12	3.14	3.19	3.36	3.60	3.75	3.76	3.70	3.80	3.90	3.92	3.92	4.01	4.08	-----
Stocks															
Cash dividend payments publicly reported:†															
Total dividend payments.....mil. of dol.	780.4	311.2	1,742.5	806.6	321.0	1,723.1	819.5	314.1	2,139.0	873.7	387.1	1,798.6	810.7	317.9	-----
Finance.....do.	145.9	68.9	118.8	164.8	73.6	119.2	173.3	79.0	268.9	192.3	134.4	123.7	156.2	71.4	-----
Manufacturing.....do.	270.0	124.6	1,154.7	271.2	123.9	1,143.2	271.8	117.4	1,337.5	269.6	118.0	1,184.6	275.8	124.5	-----
Mining.....do.	8.8	2.8	118.0	7.5	2.3	110.7	8.5	2.5	141.0	7.8	2.5	105.4	8.5	3.2	-----
Public utilities:															
Communications.....do.	166.6	1.3	69.2	173.2	1.4	71.6	174.4	1.3	73.4	175.1	1.4	72.1	175.8	1.6	-----
Electric and gas.....do.	99.1	88.8	150.2	99.9	91.1	151.3	100.5	91.5	161.7	100.5	93.4	156.6	105.7	94.8	-----
Railroad.....do.	21.3	2.7	61.8	18.7	5.8	59.0	19.4	2.8	73.8	29.8	6.1	81.2	21.0	2.5	-----
Trade.....do.	62.9	15.0	41.4	64.3	14.4	41.5	65.4	13.2	50.8	88.2	23.1	45.0	60.2	13.3	-----
Miscellaneous.....do.	5.8	7.1	28.4	7.0	8.5	26.6	6.2	6.4	31.9	10.4	8.2	30.0	7.5	6.6	-----
Dividend rates, prices, yields, and earnings, common stocks (Moody's):															
Dividends per share, annual rate (200 stocks).....dollars.	5.32	5.30	5.30	5.28	5.26	5.25	5.27	5.22	5.24	5.27	5.35	5.35	5.39	5.41	-----
Industrial (125 stocks).....do.	5.80	5.77	5.76	5.74	5.71	5.71	5.69	5.63	5.64	5.68	5.72	5.72	5.75	5.80	-----
Public utility (24 stocks).....do.	2.50	2.50	2.50	2.51	2.51	2.51	2.51	2.52	2.57	2.59	2.59	2.59	2.60	2.60	-----
Railroad (25 stocks).....do.	3.33	3.29	3.27	3.27	3.27	3.25	3.32	3.35	3.40	3.40	3.40	3.40	3.40	3.40	-----
Bank (15 stocks).....do.	3.75	3.75	3.75	3.75	3.76	3.77	3.77	3.77	3.77	3.78	3.78	3.81	3.81	3.81	-----
Insurance (10 stocks).....do.	4.07	4.07	4.07	4.07	4.07	4.07	4.07	4.07	4.23	4.23	4.23	4.23	4.23	4.26	-----
Price per share, end of month (200 stocks) ?.....do.	122.35	124.05	127.67	132.89	134.46	141.29	144.82	147.66	156.81	156.98	156.96	155.86	163.87	166.31	-----
Industrial (125 stocks).....do.	138.30	139.97	144.74	151.57	153.48	161.34	165.03	168.37	177.75	176.93	175.43	174.47	184.82	188.58	-----
Public utility (24 stocks).....do.	56.05	56.78	57.74	58.21	57.20	59.38	61.08	62.18	66.37	66.66	67.40	68.12	67.24	66.28	-----
Railroad (25 stocks).....do.	52.22	54.25	55.29	60.16	61.12	66.43	69.12	72.71	73.89	74.82	75.48	73.93	76.95	77.47	-----
Yield (200 stocks).....percent.	4.35	4.27	4.15	3.97	3.91	3.72	3.64	3.54	3.34	3.36	3.41	3.43	3.29	3.25	-----
Industrial (125 stocks).....do.	4.19	4.12	3.98	3.79	3.72	3.54	3.45	3.34	3.17	3.21	3.26	3.28	3.11	3.08	-----
Public utility (24 stocks).....do.	4.46	4.40	4.33	4.31	4.39	4.23	4.11	4.05	3.87	3.89	3.84	3.80	3.87	3.92	-----
Railroad (25 stocks).....do.	6.38	6.06	5.91	5.44	5.35	4.89	4.80	4.61	4.60	4.54	4.50	4.60	4.42	4.39	-----
Bank (15 stocks).....do.	4.76	4.58	4.53	4.54	4.43	4.15	4.14	4.09	4.00	3.92	3.69	3.95	3.98	3.73	-----
Insurance (10 stocks).....do.	3.08	3.08	2.99	2.94	2.97	2.98	2.75	2.68	2.54	2.51	2.48	2.53	2.57	2.67	-----
Earnings per share (at annual rate), quarterly:															
Industrial (125 stocks).....dollars.	-----	-----	7.20	-----	8.10	-----	-----	-----	10.70	-----	-----	10.30	-----	-----	-----
Public utility (24 stocks).....do.	-----	-----	3.53	-----	3.60	-----	-----	-----	3.63	-----	-----	3.69	-----	-----	-----
Railroad (25 stocks).....do.	-----	-----	3.50	-----	1.90	-----	-----	-----	9.52	-----	-----	4.12	-----	-----	-----
Dividend yields, preferred stocks, 14 high-grade (Standard and Poor's Corp.).....percent.	4.37	4.31	4.28	4.36	4.45	4.58	4.64	4.65	4.63	4.54	4.52	4.48	4.51	4.68	-----
Prices:															
Dow Jones & Co., Inc. (65 stocks).....dol. per share.	153.74	159.15	163.12	168.87	174.55	179.36	186.56	193.59	196.91	206.21	205.02	210.19	212.12	214.78	-----
Industrial (30 stocks).....do.	446.90	460.04	471.97	488.28	507.55	521.82	539.85	557.10	566.43	592.29	590.72	609.12	616.99	630.80	-----
Public utility (15 stocks).....do.	75.75	77.65	78.64	79.64	78.71	80.06	82.07	85.56	88.09	91.66	91.03	93.68	92.58	91.33	-----
Railroad (20 stocks).....do.	106.86	113.73	117.68	124.78	132.92	136.96	146.52	153.80	155.00	163.87	161.69	162.56	165.30	166.54	-----
Standard and Poor's Corporation:															
Industrial, public utility, and railroad:♂															
Combined index (300 stocks).....1941-43=10..	42.34	43.70	44.75	45.98	47.70	48.96	50.95	52.50	53.49	55.62	54.77	56.15	57.10	57.96	-----
Industrial, total (425 stocks) ?.....do.	45.09	46.51	47.62	48.96	51.00	52.40	54.55	56.11	57.09	59.30	58.33	59.79	60.92	62.09	-----
Capital goods (129 stocks).....do.	42.61	43.86	45.17	46.92	49.75	51.34	53.60	55.20	56.84	58.98	59.33	61.67	62.10	64.81	-----
Consumers' goods (196 stocks).....do.	32.78	34.18	34.78	36.01	37.44	38.90	40.65	42.47	43.31	44.65	44.23	45.10	45.87	47.12	-----
Public utility (50 stocks).....do.	35.54	36.57	37.31	37.82	37.50	37.97	39.15	40.75	42.05	43.96	43.71	45.06	45.12	44.30	-----
Railroad (25 stocks).....do.	23.20	24.74	25.54	26.86	28.43	29.51	31.23	33.07	33.70	35.53	35.20	35.47	35.94	36.07	-----
Banks:†															
N. Y. City (12 stocks).....do.	20.26	20.54	21.23	21.24	21.47	22.54	23.28	23.55	24.03	24.56	25.23	26.30	24.70	25.15	-----
Outside N. Y. City (17 stocks).....do.	40.17	40.96	41.44	41.94	42.62	43.98	45.25	46.68	48.16	50.35	50.0.				

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	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	January	February	March	April	May	
INTERNATIONAL TRANSACTIONS OF THE UNITED STATES															
BALANCE OF PAYMENTS (QUARTERLY):†															
Exports of goods and services, total..... mil. of dol.			6,697			6,120			6,673			5,899			
Military transfers under grants, net..... do.			777			549			531			485			
Merchandise, adjusted, excluding military transactions○..... mil. of dol.			4,191			3,806			4,176			3,789			
Income on investments abroad..... do.			699			703			913			664			
Other services and military transactions..... do.			1,030			1,062			1,053			961			
Imports of goods and services, total..... do.			5,250			5,372			5,425			5,440			
Merchandise, adjusted○○..... do.			3,166			3,124			3,517			3,607			
Income on foreign investments in U. S. do.			150			164			188			181			
Military expenditures..... do.			908			841			838			805			
Other services○..... do.			1,026			1,243			882			847			
Balance on goods and services..... do.			+1,447			-748			+1,248			+459			
Unilateral transfers (net), total..... do.			-1,376			-1,090			-1,147			-1,105			
Private..... do.			-127			-123			-142			-141			
Government..... do.			-1,249			-967			-1,005			-964			
U. S. long- and short-term capital (net), total..... do.			-1,247			-783			-892			-483			
Private..... do.			-1,025			-451			-726			-394			
Government..... do.			-222			-332			-166			-89			
Foreign long- and short-term capital (net)..... do.			-6			+424			+531			+828			
Gold sales (purchases (-))..... do.			+1,075			+483			+347			+96			
Errors and omissions..... do.			+107			+218			-87			+205			
FOREIGN TRADE															
Indexes															
Exports of U. S. merchandise:†															
Quantity..... 1936-38=100.....	287	309	266	266	264	257	300	300	282	260	238	269			
Value..... do.....	622	666	572	575	567	554	650	649	613	568	519	591			
Unit value..... do.....	216	216	215	216	215	216	216	216	218	219	218	220			
Imports for consumption:†															
Quantity..... do.....	182	185	179	184	171	191	206	193	220	203	200	230			
Value..... do.....	510	513	494	509	469	523	562	529	599	553	543	621			
Unit value..... do.....	280	278	276	276	275	273	273	274	273	273	271	270			
Agricultural products, quantity:†															
Exports, U. S. merchandise, total:															
Unadjusted..... 1952-54=100.....	145	157	149	147	134	131	155	151	152	142	115				
Seasonally adjusted..... do.....	149	159	169	190	167	141	140	127	124	133	111				
Cotton (incl. linters), seas. adj..... do.	155	176	142	354	127	99	62	94	67	53	52				
Imports for consumption, total:															
Unadjusted..... do.....	109	110	94	96	89	94	107	101	118	103	113				
Seasonally adjusted..... do.....	94	116	97	107	97	103	123	116	107	90	106				
Supplementary imports, seas. adj..... do.	102	108	107	121	114	110	111	123	126	106	109				
Complementary imports, seas. adj..... do.	89	123	89	95	84	98	132	112	99	81	104				
Shipping Weight															
Water-borne trade:															
Exports, incl. reexports \$..... thous. of long tons.....	8,483	9,043	9,299	9,293	10,240	9,013	9,591	8,890	7,031						
General imports..... do.....	11,675	12,491	14,134	13,996	12,830	13,614	15,182	12,944	14,977						
Value†															
Exports (mdse.), including reexports, total‡ mil. of dol.	1,529.8	1,638.0	1,406.3	1,415.6	1,396.4	1,300.9	1,598.9	1,596.2	1,513.6	1,400.4	1,280.2	1,456.3	1,468.0		
By geographic regions:Δ															
Africa..... do.....	57.3	59.0	47.4	47.0	46.6	36.2	40.5	73.7	46.8	58.3	36.3	62.9	52.8		
Asia and Oceania..... do.....	256.3	261.4	239.6	208.2	218.4	212.2	224.0	247.9	250.8	248.4	227.7	263.9	246.1		
Europe..... do.....	375.1	436.8	350.9	370.0	359.4	345.0	416.2	412.0	384.0	366.2	304.8	355.2	351.4		
Northern North America..... do.....	294.2	313.8	306.6	268.9	265.9	290.3	322.1	283.5	278.0	262.0	274.7	321.2	327.1		
Southern North America..... do.....	184.2	183.7	164.0	176.6	163.3	168.4	183.7	161.7	166.5	142.9	136.5	141.7	151.0		
South America..... do.....	185.8	199.1	160.0	171.8	192.8	158.1	185.5	187.3	205.3	170.7	144.6	167.1	165.4		
By leading countries:Δ															
Africa:															
United Arab Republic (Egypt Region)..... do.....	3.4	3.6	5.8	3.2	4.3	3.2	4.3	5.9	4.5	3.6	3.5	3.7	10.5		
Union of South Africa..... do.....	27.1	26.8	20.0	18.2	19.1	12.7	15.4	17.5	17.8	18.0	14.6	19.6	18.3		
Asia and Oceania:															
Australia, including New Guinea..... do.....	12.6	15.2	15.6	14.6	12.7	21.4	18.4	22.9	13.3	16.0	14.2	15.3	15.4		
Colony of Singapore..... do.....	2.8	2.3	2.9	1.5	1.7	1.8	2.0	2.1	2.0	2.3	2.2	2.4	2.6		
India and Pakistan..... do.....	34.6	27.8	26.8	22.7	32.3	39.0	36.8	36.9	38.5	51.2	38.2	51.7	42.0		
Japan..... do.....	71.7	83.2	72.9	67.3	64.1	51.3	59.9	67.3	81.0	75.7	72.8	73.5	73.3		
Republic of Indonesia..... do.....	5.7	4.8	3.8	8.4	4.0	3.5	4.1	3.3	4.8	3.5	3.6	5.0	4.5		
Republic of the Philippines..... do.....	21.8	28.1	21.8	17.9	24.0	22.1	27.9	34.2	25.0	16.5	16.6	23.7	20.8		
Europe:															
France..... do.....	38.5	47.3	31.7	35.9	31.6	25.4	33.3	32.1	33.2	27.5	23.2	24.6	28.2		
East Germany..... do.....	0	0	0	2	(1)	0	(1)	0	1	0	1	(1)	(1)		
West Germany..... do.....	54.1	65.4	58.4	58.6	61.1	53.8	67.8	62.2	62.7	52.3	52.0	56.5	60.4		
Italy..... do.....	45.5	43.5	43.4	41.7	35.0	34.7	35.9	42.3	35.3	36.4	25.7	34.5	28.7		
Union of Soviet Socialist Republics..... do.....	1	(1)	(1)	6	(1)	(1)	3	6	1.4	1.5	9	1	4		
United Kingdom..... do.....	58.3	62.7	53.4	55.8	58.3	74.3	102.1	81.8	85.5	67.0	61.8	50.9	60.2		
North and South America:															
Canada..... do.....	294.2	313.8	306.5	268.9	265.8	290.3	322.1	283.5	278.0	262.0	274.7	321.1	327.1		
Latin American Republics, total §..... do.....	351.0	360.5	305.9	327.5	337.2	307.4	344.6	325.6	350.5	293.0	260.5	289.0	296.6		
Argentina..... do.....	16.4	18.8	16.8	20.4	26.5	18.8	23.2	26.4	30.6	18.1	15.3	13.2	14.2		
Brazil..... do.....	44.2	46.3	34.9	46.0	49.5	39.9	45.0	39.5	58.1	41.6	29.1	46.2	36.2		
Chile..... do.....	12.7	15.8	9.0	10.2	15.3	10.5	13.8	11.2	10.7	10.4	11.1	10.8	10.4		
Colombia..... do.....	14.4	16.4	14.5	14.2	16.2	12.8	15.0	15.6	13.9	16.4	14.2	15.4	17.4		
Cuba..... do.....	44.9	42.3	40.2	43.4	42.2	45.7	53.1	43.2	40.5	32.7	32.8	31.1	33.4		
Mexico..... do.....	87.9	81.8	72.8	82.6	68.7	61.5	73.3	60.8	71.8	57.8	55.6	59.9	63.2		
Venezuela..... do.....	74.8	75.3	61.7	55.8	60.0	54.1	64.5	71.6	69.5	63.0	55.8	60.9	63.4		

† Revised. ‡ Preliminary. § Less than \$50,000.

†Revisions for balance of payments for 1919-55 appear in the 1958 Balance of Payments Supplement. Revisions for following periods will be shown later: 1st qtr. 1956-1st qtr. 1958 for balance of payments; January 1956-February 1958 (general revisions in both exports and imports); July-December 1955 and January-May 1954 (total exports and certain components only); also for 1941-54, private relief shipments of food products, formerly included with finished manufactures, have been shifted to the manufactured foodstuffs class.

ΔAdjusted for balance-of-payments purposes, mainly for valuation, coverage, and timing. §Excludes military expenditures.

†Revised series; see similar note in September 1958 SURVEY.

§Excludes "special category" shipments and all commodities exported under foreign-aid programs as Department of Defense controlled cargo.

¶Data include shipments (military and economic aid) under the Mutual Security Program. Total MSP military shipments (including, since early 1956, also "consumables and construction" shipments) are as follows (mil. dol.): April 1958-April 1959, respectively—121.7; 131.4; 98.7; 129.0; 113.2; 121.6; 181.3; 188.5; 135.0; 114.5; 96.7; 81.2; 125.1.

ΔExcludes "special category" shipments. §Includes countries not shown separately.

Unless otherwise stated, statistics through 1956 and descriptive notes are shown in the 1957 edition of BUSINESS STATISTICS	1958										1959				
	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	January	February	March	April	May	
INTERNATIONAL TRANSACTIONS OF THE UNITED STATES—Continued															
FOREIGN TRADE—Continued															
Value†—Continued															
Exports of U. S. merchandise, total¶.....mil. of dol.	1,515.5	1,623.3	1,394.3	1,401.9	1,382.0	1,351.1	1,584.1	1,581.6	1,493.6	1,384.8	1,226.0	1,441.3	1,452.1	-----	-----
By economic classes:															
Crude materials.....do.....	174.7	188.4	175.5	183.5	160.4	160.7	199.1	195.8	161.4	143.4	113.3	134.0	131.9	-----	-----
Crude foodstuffs.....do.....	104.7	100.3	112.6	104.7	120.0	108.8	114.6	109.0	124.1	130.0	107.8	120.1	113.4	-----	-----
Manufactured foodstuffs and beverages.....do.....	92.8	110.6	103.4	88.2	77.3	88.7	104.4	87.9	90.9	78.6	65.8	76.7	73.8	-----	-----
Semimanufactures?.....do.....	187.1	207.6	168.4	169.2	186.5	182.6	222.4	213.4	191.9	189.2	175.8	191.9	203.6	-----	-----
Finished manufactures?.....do.....	956.2	1,016.4	834.5	856.3	837.7	810.2	943.5	975.6	925.2	843.6	803.3	918.6	924.5	-----	-----
By principal commodities:															
Agricultural products, total⊕.....do.....	315.7	344.7	327.5	314.9	293.4	297.2	357.6	341.8	337.5	310.0	249.5	292.0	296.5	-----	-----
Cotton, unmanufactured.....do.....	73.0	76.6	61.5	63.9	28.4	30.2	25.2	45.6	39.8	30.0	26.5	36.3	31.7	-----	-----
Fruits, vegetables, and preparations.....do.....	28.9	34.4	37.7	30.9	28.2	31.6	40.4	28.8	28.7	23.4	24.5	27.3	29.5	-----	-----
Grains and preparations.....do.....	112.1	95.2	112.0	109.7	120.4	110.4	117.1	109.5	119.5	130.1	104.7	118.6	111.0	-----	-----
Packing-house products.....do.....	16.0	21.2	17.7	19.7	17.8	18.9	22.1	24.2	19.1	23.7	20.0	21.4	20.6	-----	-----
Tobacco and manufactures.....do.....	21.8	25.7	30.9	32.0	36.3	52.6	71.3	47.8	43.0	26.4	18.8	31.8	24.6	-----	-----
Nonagricultural products, total⊕.....do.....	1,199.9	1,278.7	1,066.8	1,087.0	1,088.6	1,053.8	1,226.5	1,239.8	1,156.1	1,074.8	1,016.4	1,149.3	1,155.6	-----	-----
Automobiles, parts, and accessories.....do.....	122.2	131.5	99.7	92.6	84.1	80.4	97.3	114.9	127.7	104.0	104.2	118.0	118.1	-----	-----
Chemicals and related products§.....do.....	114.2	127.9	113.3	109.2	109.5	106.1	119.9	117.9	113.5	115.2	116.6	122.2	119.5	-----	-----
Coal and related fuels.....do.....	46.1	46.0	50.5	45.4	55.6	47.9	47.6	42.7	31.8	34.3	25.6	29.9	31.9	-----	-----
Iron and steel-mill products.....do.....	65.6	61.9	44.4	42.1	42.7	45.9	60.1	57.5	44.6	45.1	44.0	51.0	52.7	-----	-----
Machinery, total§⊕.....do.....	346.5	368.2	319.0	312.0	298.8	289.3	316.1	319.8	313.9	287.8	291.2	326.9	354.0	-----	-----
Agricultural.....do.....	13.9	14.8	10.9	10.3	8.7	8.1	7.9	8.1	8.3	8.5	10.8	14.1	16.2	-----	-----
Tractors, parts, and accessories.....do.....	29.9	31.6	29.1	28.5	23.2	22.5	24.1	18.2	17.8	22.3	25.8	31.7	33.8	-----	-----
Electrical.....do.....	87.1	88.7	79.2	80.2	76.2	80.2	89.2	91.7	92.8	70.1	71.9	81.2	80.8	-----	-----
Metalworking§.....do.....	28.1	35.4	28.7	28.6	27.7	22.5	27.6	33.2	35.7	29.3	25.4	27.1	32.0	-----	-----
Other industrial.....do.....	174.1	181.4	157.7	151.8	150.3	142.3	152.7	154.9	143.0	142.9	142.3	158.1	166.5	-----	-----
Petroleum and products.....do.....	50.9	49.4	38.2	50.4	52.9	44.7	49.0	51.0	39.4	40.8	35.7	39.2	45.2	-----	-----
Textiles and manufactures.....do.....	62.6	52.8	43.8	40.4	46.9	46.7	54.8	49.5	47.7	44.5	42.8	53.4	49.3	-----	-----
General imports, total.....mil. of dol.	1,056.8	1,060.9	1,031.3	1,049.1	950.2	1,074.0	1,141.8	1,089.0	1,253.4	1,154.2	1,118.1	1,300.9	1,220.9	-----	-----
By geographic regions:															
Africa.....do.....	57.8	45.7	45.5	41.1	25.7	38.0	46.2	35.9	53.5	43.6	47.9	59.7	57.0	-----	-----
Asia and Oceania.....do.....	180.5	175.1	185.6	184.2	181.5	178.3	193.7	181.6	209.8	216.7	198.1	240.7	239.0	-----	-----
Europe.....do.....	258.6	270.5	246.8	286.1	251.3	285.3	319.8	316.1	353.6	339.6	312.4	370.6	376.6	-----	-----
Northern North America.....do.....	207.4	219.7	235.4	235.1	210.0	257.9	252.2	230.0	233.0	184.9	193.9	227.9	234.5	-----	-----
Southern North America.....do.....	171.5	156.6	144.3	151.0	110.3	125.7	120.2	123.3	161.1	163.7	160.8	175.1	139.7	-----	-----
South America.....do.....	181.0	193.3	173.7	184.5	171.4	188.7	209.7	202.1	242.5	205.7	205.1	226.9	174.2	-----	-----
By leading countries:															
Africa:															
United Arab Republic (Egypt Region).....do.....	.5	.6	1.7	6.0	.6	.2	.1	.3	.3	4.5	.7	6.6	6.6	-----	-----
Union of South Africa.....do.....	8.6	7.9	9.3	7.3	4.3	8.2	8.4	5.2	10.7	7.8	10.6	9.0	10.4	-----	-----
Asia and Oceania:															
Australia, including New Guinea.....do.....	6.9	10.8	9.1	7.2	4.6	4.3	8.4	5.4	10.6	10.8	12.5	11.7	19.8	-----	-----
Colony of Singapore.....do.....	2.7	2.2	2.9	1.5	2.3	2.7	4.1	2.9	4.1	3.6	2.9	2.6	1.6	-----	-----
India and Pakistan.....do.....	18.0	17.4	13.2	15.3	14.6	18.8	14.6	16.3	20.7	20.3	16.6	22.0	23.0	-----	-----
Japan.....do.....	50.0	49.4	52.0	60.5	60.8	55.4	64.1	62.3	66.3	66.6	60.4	83.1	79.5	-----	-----
Republic of Indonesia.....do.....	13.1	14.3	18.1	9.9	11.4	15.3	18.4	14.1	16.4	17.6	18.1	12.6	15.9	-----	-----
Republic of the Philippines.....do.....	25.5	26.1	25.9	30.7	24.5	22.2	20.5	21.4	15.5	19.9	18.8	27.4	25.8	-----	-----
Europe:															
France.....do.....	22.5	22.2	21.7	28.5	24.2	23.7	31.5	30.0	36.2	32.1	28.6	34.3	33.8	-----	-----
East Germany.....do.....	.3	.3	.7	.8	1.1	.1	.9	.2	.6	.4	.3	.3	.3	-----	-----
West Germany.....do.....	52.0	51.1	48.1	54.3	48.8	55.8	57.2	57.3	65.5	65.2	60.1	70.6	75.2	-----	-----
Italy.....do.....	19.9	18.7	19.5	23.1	23.2	20.1	33.2	26.1	31.9	26.8	25.2	28.6	29.2	-----	-----
Union of Soviet Socialist Republics.....do.....	1.1	2.1	.4	3.4	2.0	1.9	2.3	.8	.6	4.2	3.1	2.3	1.5	-----	-----
United Kingdom.....do.....	64.7	71.8	59.8	78.8	60.3	78.0	82.8	84.3	84.3	82.0	79.9	89.7	95.7	-----	-----
North and South America:															
Canada.....do.....	207.3	219.7	235.3	235.0	209.4	257.7	252.1	229.6	233.0	184.7	193.8	227.9	234.5	-----	-----
Latin American Republics, total⊕.....do.....	314.1	313.2	280.3	292.4	248.2	276.0	289.7	292.7	354.1	313.7	316.9	345.2	286.9	-----	-----
Argentina.....do.....	11.8	13.7	8.0	10.0	8.7	11.2	11.4	11.4	17.1	12.0	8.6	13.2	10.9	-----	-----
Brazil.....do.....	46.2	58.1	47.7	35.6	36.2	44.3	49.9	51.2	69.4	43.3	52.5	60.8	49.5	-----	-----
Chile.....do.....	14.6	8.7	12.1	10.3	13.3	11.8	13.7	13.2	19.3	20.9	15.5	17.0	15.6	-----	-----
Colombia.....do.....	21.0	26.5	17.1	33.1	29.1	30.3	36.5	31.4	25.9	22.8	28.4	23.9	22.7	-----	-----
Cuba.....do.....	48.8	43.8	51.8	50.9	39.9	44.3	32.7	34.2	35.9	29.3	32.9	43.6	50.1	-----	-----
Mexico.....do.....	51.2	47.8	30.4	34.5	25.0	30.8	32.6	35.3	43.2	46.3	49.9	53.2	42.6	-----	-----
Venezuela.....do.....	71.0	69.2	71.9	74.2	64.5	68.7	77.7	75.0	84.7	82.1	91.8	61.4	61.4	-----	-----
Imports for consumption, total.....mil. of dol.	1,046.8	1,051.1	1,013.6	1,043.8	961.4	1,071.7	1,153.3	1,084.8	1,229.1	1,134.5	1,113.3	1,274.0	1,209.0	-----	-----
By economic classes:⊙															
Crude materials.....do.....	218.2	214.2	220.6	214.1	220.1	238.8	244.5	222.7	266.6	262.7	243.8	255.7	236.6	-----	-----
Crude foodstuffs.....do.....	182.7	181.7	134.2	146.7	120.4	137.3	173.0	159.5	192.6	145.4	165.6	176.4	153.9	-----	-----
Manufactured foodstuffs and beverages.....do.....	126.7	128.8	133.2	147.1	119.4	131.1	130.3	128.6	128.3	120.1	110.8	130.3	142.6	-----	-----
Semimanufactures.....do.....	211.1	207.8	216.6	218.8	197.8	236.8	241.2	219.4	259.9	242.5	255.5	303.9</			

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	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December		January	February	March	April	May
TRANSPORTATION AND COMMUNICATIONS															
TRANSPORTATION															
Airlines															
Operations on scheduled airlines:															
Miles flown, revenue.....thousands.....	58,833	60,353	62,149	64,014	64,193	61,693	59,370	49,046	46,180	57,181	56,018	64,024			
Express and freight ton-miles flown.....do.....	21,063	22,613	22,658	22,820	28,224	28,187	29,487	24,262	25,379	23,159	23,237	28,043			
Mail ton-miles flown.....do.....	8,693	8,622	8,037	8,276	8,098	8,189	9,123	8,347	11,834	8,980	8,630	9,875			
Passengers originated, revenue.....do.....	3,339	3,274	3,574	3,453	3,662	3,432	3,563	2,957	2,740	3,203	3,077	3,644			
Passenger-miles flown, revenue.....millions.....	2,028	1,963	2,280	2,236	2,381	2,100	2,101	1,777	1,779	2,053	1,913	2,295			
Express Operations															
Transportation revenues.....thous. of dol.....	29,428	28,553	29,667	27,477	30,449	33,940	33,363	30,671	41,998	29,420	29,049	33,966			
Express privilege payments.....do.....	9,270	8,478	10,095	8,309	10,474	12,268	11,832	8,737	16,154	8,136	8,414	13,075			
Local Transit Lines															
Fares, average cash rate.....cents.....	16.8	16.8	17.0	17.1	17.2	17.3	17.3	17.5	17.6	17.6	17.7	17.7		17.7	
Passengers carried, revenue.....millions.....	679	685	623	597	590	641	695	635	693	641	605	673		668	
Operating revenues.....mil. of dol.....	114.1	113.9	105.4	107.1	104.5	104.8	116.7	108.9	122.2	111.3	105.9	115.8			
Class I Motor Carriers (Intercity)															
Carriers of property (quarterly totals):															
Number of reporting carriers.....			875			875			872						
Operating revenues, total.....thous. of dol.....			939,824			966,732			1,102,247						
Expenses, total.....do.....			901,029			925,025			1,062,336						
Revenue freight carried.....thous. of tons.....			57,750			58,010			65,724						
Carriers of passengers (quarterly totals):															
Number of reporting carriers.....			141			139			142						
Operating revenues, total.....thous. of dol.....			106,509			126,167			102,303						
Expenses, total.....do.....			94,597			100,764			91,471						
Revenue passengers carried.....thousands.....			60,532			63,630			59,118						
Class I Railways															
Freight carloadings (A. A. R.): [♂]															
Total cars.....thousands.....	2,106	2,730	2,489	2,138	3,146	2,570	2,733	3,135	2,186	2,742	2,291	2,398	2,489	3,419	
Coal.....do.....	366	467	467	259	560	460	477	583	467	557	446	412	407	546	
Coke.....do.....	21	26	23	20	29	28	31	42	34	42	38	44	44	55	
Forest products.....do.....	131	170	148	128	192	156	161	190	135	176	148	158	155	206	
Grain and grain products.....do.....	200	230	242	265	317	214	264	291	201	267	214	204	191	243	
Livestock.....do.....	20	27	18	15	24	34	50	40	18	24	15	19	22	28	
Ore.....do.....	57	150	208	204	276	221	210	174	56	76	62	75	127	365	
Merchandise, l. c. l.....do.....	185	218	178	164	237	200	191	218	156	192	168	176	171	209	
Miscellaneous.....do.....	1,126	1,443	1,207	1,083	1,511	1,256	1,349	1,596	1,121	1,408	1,199	1,312	1,373	1,767	
Freight carloadings (Federal Reserve indexes):															
Total, unadjusted.....1935-39=100.....	93	97	106	97	107	114	117	112	101	101	101	106	111	120	
Coal.....do.....	75	79	93	62	93	99	98	100	100	94	92	84	85	92	
Coke.....do.....	65	67	71	67	75	92	99	112	115	109	120	137	139	142	
Forest products.....do.....	106	112	118	110	125	131	131	125	112	119	120	127	127	136	
Grain and grain products.....do.....	140	131	172	196	173	158	188	166	148	156	151	142	135	140	
Livestock.....do.....	37	38	32	28	35	64	88	55	32	36	27	33	40	39	
Ore.....do.....	50	112	182	188	194	202	179	119	51	55	55	66	129	269	
Merchandise, l. c. l.....do.....	29	28	28	27	30	33	30	28	26	25	27	28	27	27	
Miscellaneous.....do.....	107	111	114	107	114	124	127	124	110	110	113	124	131	136	
Total, seasonally adjusted.....do.....	95	97	103	93	104	106	109	110	109	111	111	113	115	118	
Coal.....do.....	75	79	93	62	93	99	98	100	100	94	92	84	85	92	
Coke.....do.....	67	68	73	69	79	93	101	112	109	104	113	136	141	144	
Forest products.....do.....	106	108	114	110	119	121	124	128	126	133	125	127	127	130	
Grain and grain products.....do.....	159	149	169	164	160	141	188	169	157	156	154	155	153	159	
Livestock.....do.....	42	42	37	37	36	49	57	43	33	38	34	42	44	44	
Ore.....do.....	70	70	118	117	129	134	122	122	165	221	218	229	173	173	
Merchandise, l. c. l.....do.....	29	28	28	27	30	31	29	28	27	26	27	28	27	27	
Miscellaneous.....do.....	108	110	110	106	113	115	117	119	117	120	123	128	133	134	
Freight-car surplus and shortage, daily average:															
Car surplus, total.....number.....	124,247	129,834	83,218	92,047	61,094	33,307	18,030	17,173	35,328	54,397	38,294	29,389	25,745	24,255	
Boxcars.....do.....	37,036	45,808	39,354	29,034	17,558	9,750	4,266	2,935	8,379	18,732	13,392	10,786	12,111	12,024	
Gondolas and open hoppers.....do.....	67,579	63,514	29,433	46,830	28,959	11,903	4,738	5,260	10,918	17,220	10,754	7,286	3,726	1,731	
Car shortage, total.....do.....	19	35	614	569	1,577	2,694	6,402	2,316	540	256	771	1,034	1,439	2,161	
Boxcars.....do.....	8	6	399	525	1,441	2,096	5,217	1,794	362	209	628	636	707	1,058	
Gondolas and open hoppers.....do.....	0	21	183	17	60	537	1,017	442	169	25	96	281	251	518	
Financial operations:															
Operating revenues, total.....mil. of dol.....	743.7	758.9	791.6	779.5	833.6	846.9	903.0	809.5	836.8	784.2	748.3	857.9	856.4		
Freight.....do.....	630.8	643.7	666.0	648.5	700.0	724.5	777.2	688.7	684.9	660.5	637.8	734.6	736.8		
Passenger.....do.....	51.5	53.6	63.0	65.4	64.1	52.1	50.5	51.2	66.9	57.9	49.0	51.4	48.3		
Operating expenses.....do.....	609.9	621.4	620.4	627.4	629.9	630.1	651.2	623.8	656.0	644.5	609.2	655.5	652.7		
Tax accruals, joint facility and equipment rents.....mil. of dol.....	96.8	93.6	104.1	100.5	111.9	123.3	137.1	105.5	103.2	103.5	99.3	123.2	121.3		
Net railway operating income.....do.....	37.0	44.0	67.2	51.6	91.8	93.6	114.7	80.2	77.6	36.2	39.8	79.1	82.3		
Net income.....do.....	16.7	27.3	49.4	30.9	74.5	72.7	96.8	63.1	88.4	21.5	20.0	58.0			
Operating results:															
Freight carried 1 mile.....mil. of ton-miles.....	43,002	46,335	47,113	43,945	51,174	50,164	54,643	50,131	46,661	47,625	45,360	51,232			
Revenue per ton-mile.....cents.....	1.503	1.443	1.458	1.516	1.417	1.475	1.460	1.416	1.488	1.434	1.441				
Passengers carried 1 mile, revenue.....millions.....	1,764	1,831	2,212	2,396	2,368	1,806	1,706	1,689	2,205	1,924	1,567				
Waterway Traffic															
Clearances, vessels in foreign trade:															
Total U. S. ports.....thous. of net tons.....	11,692	13,107	12,724	13,045	13,606	12,916	13,702	12,538	12,472	12,687	11,010				
Foreign vessels.....do.....	9,546	10,588	10,430	10,648	11,227	10,741	11,292	10,357	10,526	10,948	9,398				
United States vessels.....do.....	2,146	2,519	2,294	2,397	2,379	2,175	2,410	2,181	1,946	1,739	1,612				
Panama Canal:															
Total.....thous. of long tons.....	3,863	4,072	3,911	4,102	4,086	3,494	4,098	4,072	4,106	4,365	4,231	4,726			
In United States vessels.....do.....	953	930	1,087	1,087	986	949	873	988	846	953	853	1,055			

♂ Revised. ♀ Preliminary.

⊕ Revisions back to January 1956 will be shown later.

♂ Data for May, August, and November 1958, and January and May, 1959 cover 5 weeks; other months, 4 weeks.

⊖ Revisions for February and March 1955 and 1956 appear in the April 1958 SURVEY.

♀ Includes data not shown separately.

‡ Revision for March 1958, \$24,700,000.

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	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	January	February	March	April	May
ELECTRIC POWER AND GAS—Continued														
GAS—Continued														
Natural gas (quarterly): ³														
Customers, end of quarter, total..... thousands			27,727			27,920			28,668					
Residential (incl. house-heating)..... do.			25,563			25,779			26,391					
Industrial and commercial..... do.			2,132			2,107			2,242					
Sales to consumers, total..... mil. of therms.			17,554			14,396			20,245					
Residential (incl. house-heating)..... do.			5,608			2,281			6,615					
Industrial and commercial..... do.			11,296			11,346			12,577					
Revenue from sales to consumers, total..... mil. of dol.			946.4			671.8			1,110.1					
Residential (incl. house-heating)..... do.			528.5			282.5			615.0					
Industrial and commercial..... do.			399.1			368.6			463.1					

FOODSTUFFS AND TOBACCO

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES														
Beer:														
Production..... thous. of bbl.	7,465	8,675	9,568	9,712	7,680	7,227	6,824	5,810	6,834	6,353	5,894	7,702	8,679	
Taxable withdrawals..... do.	6,746	7,963	8,580	8,945	8,184	7,185	6,893	5,852	6,651	5,565	5,346	6,717	7,510	
Stocks, end of month..... do.	10,527	10,760	11,223	11,446	10,470	10,053	9,586	9,212	9,005	9,437	9,631	10,161	10,842	
Distilled spirits (total):														
Production..... thous. of tax gal.	18,886	16,538	12,208	7,672	9,758	24,794	39,878	25,054	24,177	21,966	20,431	22,392		
Consumption, apparent, for beverage purposes..... thous. of wine gal.	15,785	18,192	16,935	16,398	17,407	16,562	21,547	21,259	25,806	15,134	15,328	18,674		
Tax-paid withdrawals..... thous. of tax gal.	11,590	13,158	13,802	11,411	13,056	13,809	19,727	15,870	10,175	11,043	11,545	12,978		
Stocks, end of month..... do.	863,089	862,770	858,281	852,617	845,697	845,026	843,626	844,385	854,946	861,834	866,203	872,725		
Imports..... thous. of proof gal.	1,987	2,385	1,978	2,438	2,052	2,947	3,392	4,277	3,280	1,801	1,851	2,330	2,548	
Whisky:														
Production..... thous. of tax gal.	11,710	10,337	7,563	4,282	4,033	9,172	15,188	14,220	16,343	14,441	13,994	14,468		
Tax-paid withdrawals..... do.	5,734	6,511	6,955	5,219	6,815	7,062	10,374	8,699	5,347	5,901	6,311	6,635		
Stocks, end of month..... do.	751,881	752,486	750,528	747,534	742,319	741,769	742,531	744,602	753,073	759,106	763,704	768,349		
Imports..... thous. of proof gal.	1,768	2,143	1,736	2,219	1,815	2,587	3,010	3,875	2,898	1,568	1,680	2,054	2,280	
Rectified spirits and wines, production, total ² thous. of proof gal.	5,642	6,443	6,415	5,922	5,946	6,865	10,892	8,849	5,776	5,141	6,144	6,304		
Whisky..... do.	4,523	5,094	5,066	4,837	4,533	5,429	9,069	7,480	4,536	3,939	5,013	5,046		
Wines and distilling materials:														
Effervescent wines:														
Production..... thous. of wine gal.	281	208	284	159	259	113	201	185	268	224	321	381	295	
Taxable withdrawals..... do.	154	183	199	146	136	212	306	353	389	197	149	189	177	
Stocks, end of month..... do.	2,060	2,069	2,140	2,140	2,243	2,124	1,986	1,795	1,635	1,645	1,797	1,974	2,069	
Imports..... do.	44	67	53	43	38	58	99	131	123	37	43	50	56	
Still wines:														
Production..... do.	1,757	1,061	1,414	1,336	3,109	47,185	78,613	15,228	6,111	2,384	2,392	2,967	2,895	
Taxable withdrawals..... do.	11,520	11,378	11,178	10,117	11,039	12,668	13,945	12,631	13,487	11,349	11,173	13,334	11,870	
Stocks, end of month..... do.	148,876	139,479	127,727	115,921	109,499	145,116	209,363	212,516	200,303	190,040	177,318	169,404	157,280	
Imports..... do.	653	777	589	599	580	677	827	979	946	522	522	703	668	
Distilling materials produced at wineries..... do.	1,082	888	1,481	2,154	13,298	115,853	154,877	35,661	13,353	3,111	1,579	2,537	2,531	
DAIRY PRODUCTS														
Butter, creamery:														
Production (factory)..... thous. of lb.	130,320	150,560	144,730	126,910	97,710	86,740	91,895	90,610	105,110	115,980	106,985	120,955	126,715	
Stocks, cold storage, end of month..... do.	115,548	135,492	170,575	190,439	178,352	145,671	119,703	93,347	69,295	63,708	64,033	63,294	82,278	104,765
Price, wholesale, 92-score (New York)..... dol. per lb.	.588	.586	.586	.586	.594	.613	.598	.594	.613	.588	.589	.588	.588	.587
Cheese:														
Production (factory), total..... thous. of lb.	128,395	154,745	157,150	135,430	117,135	103,785	101,925	95,955	101,625	100,550	96,050	117,415	128,060	
American, whole milk..... do.	92,240	116,710	118,445	100,715	85,890	72,660	68,425	62,785	64,405	67,325	65,175	79,700	90,935	
Stocks, cold storage, end of month, total..... do.	328,349	330,770	353,801	364,804	363,026	350,449	327,843	302,999	293,189	269,469	260,100	257,271	283,189	302,901
American, whole milk..... do.	293,270	295,554	315,778	319,160	315,275	304,842	282,444	257,405	249,042	235,998	227,830	226,083	248,748	266,305
Imports..... do.	4,220	4,776	4,360	3,281	2,840	4,197	5,755	6,277	6,648	5,320	4,853	5,649	4,879	
Price, wholesale, American, single daistes (Chicago)..... dol. per lb.	.380	.384	.388	.389	.389	.390	.391	.390	.384	.381	.382	.382	.380	.380
Condensed and evaporated milk:														
Production, case goods: ¹														
Condensed (sweetened)..... thous. of lb.	6,375	6,275	5,900	5,050	4,175	4,700	4,700	3,670	3,700	4,640	5,400	5,150		
Evaporated (unsweetened)..... do.	207,400	279,900	271,200	249,700	215,200	184,000	162,500	132,600	138,200	143,500	140,900	182,200	208,200	
Stocks, manufacturers', case goods, end of month:														
Condensed (sweetened)..... thous. of lb.	6,308	6,744	8,136	7,346	5,838	7,440	5,956	5,604	4,537	3,936	3,791	5,087	4,859	
Evaporated (unsweetened)..... do.	106,829	186,490	270,743	333,421	373,684	387,966	353,048	274,851	190,141	135,833	92,420	83,814	106,198	
Exports:														
Condensed (sweetened)..... do.	1,710	5,435	2,633	3,017	2,486	3,112	2,922	3,962	2,985	2,691	3,127	2,708		
Evaporated (unsweetened)..... do.	6,353	9,781	11,928	9,730	3,338	4,358	8,568	29,793	19,853	5,057	2,083	5,131		
Price, manufacturers' average selling:														
Evaporated (unsweetened)..... dol. per case.	6.12	6.10	6.11	6.11	6.15	6.15	6.14	6.14	6.15	6.16	6.17	6.17	6.17	
Fluid milk:														
Production..... mil. of lb.	11,177	12,712	12,332	11,450	10,487	9,492	9,455	8,889	9,371	9,754	9,344	10,667	11,171	12,595
Utilization in manufactured dairy products..... do.	4,444	5,287	5,170	4,535	3,681	3,255	3,293	3,127	3,490	3,725	3,490	4,083	4,361	
Price, wholesale, U. S. average..... dol. per 100 lb.	3.88	3.73	3.66	3.86	4.05	4.32	4.46	4.49	4.44	4.44	4.22	4.06	3.89	3.74
Dry milk:														
Production: ¹														
Dry whole milk..... thous. of lb.	7,600	9,000	8,600	7,650	6,750	7,050	7,100	5,400	5,500	7,050	6,500	7,300	7,000	
Nonfat dry milk solids (human food)..... do.	171,700	209,600	203,000	153,200	112,000	91,450	98,800	98,050	121,100	137,100	130,150	155,800	175,400	
Stocks, manufacturers', end of month:														
Dry whole milk..... do.	8,178	8,971	10,067	10,123	9,189	9,515	9,273	7,282	6,211	6,390	6,203	6,025	6,235	
Nonfat dry milk solids (human food)..... do.	84,836	119,550	144,521	134,483	113,936	95,315	82,383	79,744	87,113	87,475	86,460	78,807	88,636	
Exports:														
Dry whole milk..... do.	2,133	3,250	2,348	1,754	1,888	9,024	2,340	3,798	1,875	3,961	1,577	1,812		
Nonfat dry milk solids (human food)..... do.	33,009	6,723	31,053	15,912	22,450	7,551	10,698	10,822	32,366	12,524	6,931	13,743		
Price, manufacturers' average selling, nonfat dry milk solids (human food)..... dol. per lb.	.141	.137	.136	.137	.137	.136	.136	.136	.136	.136	.136	.136	.136	

¹ Revised. ² Preliminary. ³ Beginning 1959, includes data for Alaska (30,000 wine gallons in January; 26,000 in February; 32,000 in March).

⁴ Totals include data not shown separately. Revisions for 1st and 2d quarters of 1956 and 1957 are available upon request.

⁵ Data beginning July 1955 exclude production of wines and vermouth; for July 1957-June 1958, such production totaled 112,000 gal.

⁶ Revisions for the indicated items and for the periods specified are available upon request as follows: Butter, cheese (total and American), dry whole milk, and nonfat dry milk solids (production)—January 1955-August 1957; condensed milk and evaporated milk and fluid milk used in dairy products—January 1956-August 1957; fluid milk (production)—January 1956-December 1957; nonfat dry milk solids (stocks)—January 1954-December 1956.

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	April	May	June	July	August	Septem-ber	October	Novem-ber	Decem-ber	Janu-ary	Febru-ary	March	April	May	
FOODSTUFFS AND TOBACCO—Continued															
MISCELLANEOUS FOOD PRODUCTS—Con.															
Coffee (green):*															
Inventories (roasters', importers', dealers'), end of quarter.....thous. of bags			2,349			1,826			2,114				2,410		
Roastings (green weight), quarterly total.....do.			4,954			4,900			5,570				5,829		
Imports.....do.	1,927	2,019	1,307	1,446	1,247	1,478	2,052	1,886	2,030	1,588	2,279	2,252	1,781		
From Brazil.....do.	619	869	656	375	474	585	773	853	877	514	959	1,119	725		
Price, wholesale, Santos, No. 4 (New York).....dol. per lb.	.538	.513	.485	.470	.460	.450	.441	.445	.423	.415	.410	.378	.378	.375	
Fish:															
Stocks, cold storage, end of month.....thous. of lb.	101,999	113,827	134,576	167,720	187,678	199,656	210,531	217,556	214,516	187,786	153,778	141,027	142,584		
Sugar:															
Cuban stocks, raw, end of month.....thous. of Spanish tons.	3,804	3,840	3,239	2,590	2,190	1,740	1,257	873	654	667	1,452	2,776	4,106		
United States:															
Deliveries and supply (raw basis):															
Production and receipts:															
Production.....short tons.	41,659	73,047	53,122	31,766	15,274	104,377	647,374	825,682	588,066	186,671	73,925	42,367			
Entries from off-shore, total.....do.	578,036	489,760	614,660	631,860	835,632	593,578	402,904	297,890	180,075	593,251	438,836	596,387			
Hawaii and Puerto Rico.....do.	106,732	103,300	113,400	196,965	242,597	229,523	135,314	120,859	70,256	77,556	141,154	152,535			
Deliveries, total.....do.	711,181	746,725	814,694	900,621	915,902	876,505	786,725	624,045	849,564	572,154	547,786	717,767			
For domestic consumption.....do.	703,039	740,595	808,697	888,147	904,092	868,846	778,259			565,056	542,834	712,198			
For export.....do.	8,142	6,130	5,997	12,474	11,810	7,659	8,466			7,098	4,952	5,569			
Stocks, raw and refined, end of month.....thous. of short tons.	1,629	1,503	1,326	1,100	830	691	1,040	1,695	1,873	1,916	1,912	1,828			
Exports.....short tons.	872	259	2,031	698	328	362	623	4,121	468	519	492	507	981		
Imports:															
Raw sugar, total.....do.	412,238	359,653	425,698	443,149	326,335	349,935	260,611	258,853	291,391	292,962	297,859	387,484	383,165		
From Cuba.....do.	288,253	232,638	329,818	312,146	220,034	270,048	191,899	194,854	222,777	186,624	169,797	250,080	313,744		
From Philippine Islands.....do.	116,057	121,136	95,874	123,796	104,160	53,200	59,025	37,039	2,965	54,467	70,835	111,170	69,399		
Refined sugar, total.....do.	50,508	45,737	50,753	35,932	44,836	38,805	26,284	15,143	3,047	31,364	45,686	50,361	55,477		
From Cuba.....do.	40,214	36,433	41,948	29,605	39,796	29,135	18,884	3,936	1,050	23,049	37,552	42,786	44,502		
Prices (New York):															
Raw, wholesale.....dol. per lb.	.062	.063	.063	.063	.062	.064	.065	.063	.065	.062	.060	.058	.057	.057	
Refined:															
Retail.....dol. per 5 lb.	.539	.540	.550	.550	.552	.552	.553	.552	.553	.553	.539	.552	.551	.551	
Wholesale (excl. excise tax).....dol. per lb.	.084	.084	.086	.086	.086	.086	.086	.086	.086	.086	.085	.085	.084	.084	
Tea, imports.....thous. of lb.	9,687	9,954	6,143	8,229	8,784	7,278	8,546	8,555	11,121	8,498	8,635	9,057	10,949		
TOBACCO															
Leaf:															
Production (crop estimate).....mil. of lb.									11,758						
Stocks, dealers' and manufacturers', end of quarter, total.....mil. of lb.			4,609			4,708			4,977			4,841			
Domestic:															
Cigar leaf.....do.			316			282			257			320			
Air-cured, fire-cured, flue-cured, and miscellaneous domestic.....mil. of lb.			4,030			4,188			4,480			4,247			
Foreign grown:															
Cigar leaf.....do.			26			27			34			43			
Cigarette tobacco.....do.			237			210			207			232			
Exports, including scrap and stems.....thous. of lb.	22,789	24,055	32,247	34,903	39,831	58,767	83,620	54,713	48,889	27,470	17,019	33,219	24,180		
Imports, including scrap and stems.....do.	8,894	13,305	10,298	14,821	12,827	12,326	14,133	11,609	10,659	13,624	11,804	12,883	11,429		
Manufactured products:															
Production, manufactured tobacco, total.....do.	15,487	16,086	15,351	13,681	15,242	16,111	17,724	13,455	13,465	14,951	13,855	14,542	15,381		
Chewing, plug, and twist.....do.	5,793	6,133	6,071	5,702	5,689	6,095	6,495	5,394	5,255	5,919	5,433	5,404	5,712		
Smoking.....do.	6,863	6,909	6,368	5,813	6,477	6,894	7,748	5,481	5,274	6,083	5,647	6,143	6,758		
Snuff.....do.	2,831	3,043	2,913	2,165	3,076	3,122	3,481	2,580	2,936	2,949	2,775	2,995	2,911		
Consumption (withdrawals):															
Cigarettes (small):															
Tax-free.....millions.	2,604	2,765	2,679	2,840	2,964	2,995	3,291	2,657	2,711	2,636	2,674	2,784	3,216		
Tax-paid.....do.	35,669	37,645	38,642	36,820	39,644	38,076	40,895	34,820	33,953	36,242	34,614	35,493	38,097		
Cigars (large), tax-paid.....thousands.	490,051	542,127	502,876	511,637	535,995	546,698	591,711	618,107	402,108	441,969	453,356	511,721	525,850		
Manufactured tobacco and snuff, tax-paid.....thous. of lb.	15,208	15,654	14,889	13,694	15,264	15,670	17,240	13,207	13,472	14,526	13,518	14,325	15,044		
Exports, cigarettes.....millions.	1,420	1,728	1,577	1,402	1,788	1,532	1,813	1,525	1,297	1,350	1,428	1,478	1,600		
Price, cigarettes (regular), manufacturer to wholesaler and jobber, f. o. b. destination.....dol. per thous.	4.281	4.281	4.281	4.281	4.281	4.281	4.281	4.281	4.281	4.281	4.281	4.281	4.281		
LEATHER AND PRODUCTS															
HIDES AND SKINS															
Exports:*															
Value, total.....thous. of dol.	4,688	5,694	3,895	3,858	3,867	3,649	5,231	5,080	3,997	3,882	4,142	5,019	3,946		
Calf and kip skins.....thous. of skins.	340	303	217	222	200	201	241	224	146	165	119	177	150		
Cattle hides.....thous. of hides.	435	610	386	380	379	351	514	451	389	341	380	390	323		
Imports:															
Value, total.....thous. of dol.	6,403	4,638	5,016	5,188	4,713	3,486	4,470	4,036	5,186	6,381	5,468	9,690	8,872		
Sheep and lamb skins.....thous. of pieces.	5,474	2,182	2,510	2,877	2,515	1,749	2,371	1,442	1,433	1,905	2,332	6,364	4,253		
Goat and kid skins.....do.	1,959	1,996	1,437	1,391	1,172	1,318	1,580	1,474	2,150	2,576	1,958	2,243	2,217		
Prices, wholesale (Chicago):															
Calfskins, packer, heavy, 9½/15 lb.....dol. per lb.	.425	.500	.500	.500	.500	.500	.525	.550	.650	.650	.675	.675	.750		
Hides, steer, heavy, native, over 53 lb.....do.	.108	.113	.118	.123	.133	.118	.128	.133	.118	.123	.133	.183	.253		
LEATHER															
Production:															
Calf and whole kip.....thous. of skins.	624	645	687	746	646	600	699	644	727	689	626	597	665		
Cattle hide and side kip.....thous. of hides and kips.	1,877	1,942	1,893	1,648	1,983	2,025	2,331	2,044	2,162	2,153	2,046	2,095	2,088		
Goat and kid.....thous. of skins.	1,746	1,706	1,685	1,815	1,122	1,507	1,829	1,525	1,768	1,973	1,747	1,894	1,968		
Sheep and lamb.....do.	1,974	2,218	2,156	1,959	2,470	2,353	2,581	2,419	2,378	2,400	2,396	2,396	2,524		
Exports:															
Glove and garment leather*.....thous. of sq. ft.	1,476	1,965	1,425	1,010	986	1,335	1,823	1,532	1,126	1,342	1,234	1,629	2,097		
Upper and lining leather.....do.	3,497	4,060	3,366	2,395	4,578	3,569	3,952	3,982	2,767	2,988	2,633	2,339	2,849		
Prices, wholesale:															
Sole, bends, light, f. o. b. tannery.....dol. per lb.	.625	.630	.630	.630	.630	.635	.635	.640	.657	.657	.697	.710	.710		
Upper, chrome calf, B and C grades, f. o. b. tannery.....dol. per sq. ft.	1.165	1.162	1.188	1.188	1.188	1.192	1.198	1.218	1.308	1.308	1.308	1.345	1.403		

* Revised. † Preliminary. ‡ December 1 estimate of 1958 crop.

*New series (except for coffee price). Data prior to August 1957 are available from reports of the Bureau of the Census.

§(Price for New York and Northeastern New Jersey.

¶Revisions for January-March 1958 will be shown later.

♂Bags of 132.276 lb.

♀Includes data not shown separately.

Unless otherwise stated, statistics through 1956 and descriptive notes are shown in the 1957 edition of BUSINESS STATISTICS	1958										1959				
	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December		January	February	March	April	May
METALS AND MANUFACTURES—Continued															
HEATING APPARATUS, EXCEPT ELECTRIC															
Radiators and convectors, cast iron:															
Shipments.....thous. of sq. ft. of radiation	1,361	1,135	1,440	1,457	2,095	2,643	2,765	1,775	1,253	1,446	1,415	1,713			
Stocks, end of month.....do	4,807	5,403	5,769	5,300	4,950	4,097	3,355	3,182	3,182	3,791	4,234	4,596			
Oilburners:															
Shipments.....number	33,073	40,840	48,403	45,047	58,921	74,611	79,000	51,765	40,695	47,409	44,656	43,765			
Stocks, end of month.....do	52,440	49,881	52,485	47,782	41,968	35,265	30,413	30,788	32,434	37,693	43,350	46,302			
Stoves and ranges, domestic cooking, incl. built-ins:															
Shipments, total.....number	155,466	156,714	164,754	137,910	168,803	194,890	224,902	181,527	189,567	158,506	162,707	181,751			
Coal and wood.....do	2,764	2,924	3,648	3,668	4,489	5,659	5,616	3,985	4,159	4,367	3,949	3,490			
Gas (incl. bungalow and combination):															
Gas.....do	148,341	147,263	155,860	129,262	157,436	182,546	211,904	171,096	180,963	148,799	152,432	171,483			
Kerosene, gasoline, and fuel oil.....do	4,361	6,527	5,246	4,980	6,878	6,685	7,382	6,446	4,445	5,340	6,326	6,778			
Stoves, domestic heating, shipments, total:															
Coal and wood.....do	100,038	97,378	145,234	202,594	263,185	333,778	367,117	200,988	132,444	99,516	100,696	132,066			
Gas.....do	11,632	12,375	17,334	24,720	35,013	58,129	61,183	29,482	16,430	9,762	9,499	12,689			
Kerosene, gasoline, and fuel oil.....do	61,214	63,702	98,481	131,441	175,457	218,012	243,032	141,479	90,421	52,705	55,545	73,051			
Water heaters, gas, shipments.....do	27,192	21,301	29,419	46,433	52,715	57,637	62,902	30,027	25,593	37,049	35,652	46,326			
Warm-air furnaces (forced-air and gravity air-flow), shipments, total:															
Gas.....number	71,992	79,758	68,608	94,064	124,199	153,269	145,350	114,726	90,952	89,053	86,317	94,688			
Oil.....do	50,808	56,373	69,800	65,254	85,356	103,852	100,103	81,070	65,789	64,128	63,462	69,977			
Solid fuel.....do	19,314	21,802	26,044	25,941	34,911	43,818	40,100	30,179	22,932	22,821	20,999	22,934			
Water heaters, gas, shipments.....do	1,870	1,583	2,764	2,869	3,932	5,599	5,147	3,477	2,231	2,104	1,856	1,777			
Water heaters, gas, shipments.....do	218,673	205,764	226,886	217,383	211,634	224,691	254,743	193,146	203,977	252,913	246,716	252,612			
MACHINERY AND APPARATUS															
Blowers, fans, and unit heaters, quarterly totals:															
Blowers and fans, new orders.....thous. of dol.															
Unit-heater group, new orders.....do															
Foundry equipment (new), new orders, net mo. avg. shipments, 1947-49=100	88.7	136.1	87.7	77.9	74.1	64.5	118.9	83.3	137.0	127.4	237.1	166.6	154.2		
Furnaces, industrial, new orders, net:															
Electric processing.....thous. of dol.	879	709	979	1,217	1,177	1,119	908	777	1,578	891	919	945	1,230		
Fuel-fired (except for hot rolling steel).....do	2,248	-488	1,344	3,578	2,010	771	854	3,874	1,887	2,178	1,921	3,342	6,924		
Industrial trucks (electric), shipments:															
Hand (motorized).....number	456	415	353	453	233	385	467	426	429	361	282	426			
Rider-type.....do	373	325	277	353	211	294	295	238	385	270	206	266			
Industrial trucks and tractors (gasoline-powered), shipments.....number	1,563	1,365	1,324	1,134	1,182	1,510	1,368	1,407	1,501	1,472	1,429	1,897			
Machine tools (metal-cutting and metal-forming):															
New orders (net), total.....mil. of dol.	28.30	28.05	32.10	26.55	28.30	28.10	37.00	30.70	43.90	41.05	45.40	51.55	47.05		
Domestic.....do	20.85	23.85	24.30	21.95	23.20	24.65	32.00	26.85	34.75	35.10	40.05	46.70	47.05		
Shipments, total.....do	50.90	50.10	45.50	29.70	29.80	34.90	41.40	33.65	43.95	31.30	36.05	45.75	45.10		
Domestic.....do	44.20	41.70	38.90	24.50	24.05	29.65	35.90	27.45	37.80	25.80	29.85	39.40	38.20		
Estimated backlog.....months	2.6	2.5	2.5	2.7	2.8	2.9	3.0	3.0	3.1	3.4	3.8	3.9	3.9		
Other machinery and equipment, quarterly shipments:															
Construction machinery (selected types), total:															
Tractors, tracklaying (crawler), total.....thous. of dol.			286,035			252,200			169,394						
Tractors, wheel (contractors' off-highway).....do			91,405			79,490			46,008						
Tractor shovel loaders, integral units only (wheel and tracklaying types).....thous. of dol.			28,387			26,682			15,708						
Farm machines and equipment (selected products), excluding tractors.....thous. of dol.			48,380			40,797			34,974						
Tractors, wheel (excl. garden and contractors' off-highway types).....thous. of dol.			255,689			193,590			137,112						
Pumps (steam, power, centrifugal, and rotary), new orders.....thous. of dol.			134,940			108,625			116,525	44,863	47,775	58,248			
Batteries (automotive replacement only), shipments.....thousands	1,242	1,454	1,773	2,101	2,333	2,704	2,976	2,262	3,041	2,672	1,791	1,376	1,437		
Household electrical appliances:															
Ranges (incl. built-ins), domestic and export sales*.....thousands	95.6	96.0	116.8	98.5	81.4	121.8	135.5	129.4	143.9	120.8	134.6	172.6	136.1		
Refrigeration, output (seas. adj.).....do	106	121	140	145	152	155	173	184	180	150	177	164	158		
Vacuum cleaners (standard type), sales billed.....thousands	247.3	218.8	253.1	263.8	280.2	299.6	339.1	293.6	317.0	242.5	271.4	346.6	317.4		
Washers, sales billed (domestic and export).....do	224.9	263.0	288.8	277.3	326.8	423.1	404.1	333.0	330.5	288.5	297.8	329.7	274.4		
Radio sets, production.....do	697.3	654.8	774.4	621.5	1,028.9	1,572.0	1,322.2	1,545.6	1,525.7	1,124.7	1,125.4	1,347.6	1,040.2	1,038.7	
Television sets (incl. combination), prod.....do	302.6	267.0	377.1	275.0	507.5	621.7	495.6	487.8	414.9	437.0	459.5	494.0	389.3	429.9	
Insulating materials and related products:															
Insulating materials, sales billed, index 1947-49=100	107.0	104.0	107.0	90.0	106.0	124.0	135.0	122.0	124.0	130.0	138.0	152.0			
Vulcanized fiber products, shipments.....thous. of dol.	1,362	1,188	1,154	1,015	1,147	1,509	1,829	1,519	1,565	1,847	1,776	1,945			
Steel conduit (rigid), shipments.....thous. of ft.	27,549	30,762	41,033	32,941	36,383	40,987	34,318	30,196	27,468	34,764	26,789	25,856			
Motors and generators, quarterly:															
New orders, index 1947-49=100			140.0			144.0			155.0						
Polyphase induction motors, 1-200 hp.....do															
New orders, gross.....thous. of dol.			37,077			36,988			37,637			41,089	14,465		
Billings.....do			34,817			33,580			35,742			38,188			
Direct current motors and generators, 1-200 hp.....do															
New orders, gross.....thous. of dol.			5,420			5,338			5,657			8,271	2,419		
Billings.....do			5,881			4,916			6,294			5,169			

* Revised. * Preliminary. * Data are for month shown. * Represents 5 weeks' production.

† Beginning January 1959, industry estimates are based on revised inflating factors and are not strictly comparable with earlier data.

‡ Revisions will be shown later; see note in September 1958 SURVEY for period affected. ¶ Includes data not shown separately. □ Excludes oil-fired unit heaters.

○ Revised to include data for built-in gas-fired oven-broiler units beginning January 1958; shipments of cooking tops (for use with the ovens), not included in figures above, are as follows (4-burner-equivalent units): 1959—January, 18,900; February, 20,000; March, 24,600. ○ Beginning 1958, data reflect reclassification of items covered; see note (1) in May 1959 SURVEY.

† Revised, effective with the April 1958 SURVEY, to include the metal-forming types; comparable data for 1956 will be shown later. ¶ Data exclude shipments of farm elevators and blowers; see note in September 1958 SURVEY.

* New series. Beginning 1st quarter 1958, construction machinery figures (Bureau of the Census) cover, in addition to excavating and earthmoving equipment (described in the 1957 edition of BUSINESS STATISTICS), shipments of tractors (shown separately), mixers, pavers, portable crushing, screening, and combination plants, etc.; comparable data prior to 1958 are not available. Electric range data (National Electrical Manufacturers Association) represent estimated industry totals based on member reports which account for approximately 85 to 90 percent of the total industry; monthly data back to January 1956 will be shown later.

Δ Adjusted beginning with the October 1958 SURVEY to include export sales. Data exclude sales of combination washer-dryer machines. Such sales (excluding exports) totaled 11,000 units in April 1959.

§ Radio production comprises home, portable battery, automobile, and clock models; television sets include combination models. Data for June, September, and December 1958 and March 1959 cover 5 weeks; all other months, 4 weeks. ¶ Data for induction motors cover from 25 to 27 companies; for d. c. motors and generators, from 14 to 20 companies.

Unless otherwise stated, statistics through 1956 and descriptive notes are shown in the 1957 edition of BUSINESS STATISTICS	1958										1959				
	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December		January	February	March	April	May
STONE, CLAY, AND GLASS PRODUCTS															
PORTLAND CEMENT															
Production, finished cement.....thous. of bbl.	24,001	29,274	30,078	29,833	31,675	31,597	32,847	28,031	23,590	18,604	16,710	24,329	29,093	-----	-----
Percent of capacity.....	79	92	98	90	95	98	98	86	70	55	54	72	88	-----	-----
Shipments, finished cement.....thous. of bbl.	25,566	30,770	30,513	32,536	34,432	35,031	36,880	24,758	16,817	14,544	14,943	23,250	30,423	-----	-----
Stocks, end of month:															
Finished.....do.	35,170	33,673	33,350	30,646	27,883	24,445	20,415	23,686	30,800	34,838	36,680	37,711	36,381	-----	-----
Clinker.....do.	28,409	26,587	24,372	22,561	18,872	15,360	12,494	12,124	15,479	20,364	25,183	27,662	27,371	-----	-----
CLAY PRODUCTS															
Brick, unglazed (common and face):															
Production.....thous. of standard brick	541,649	587,322	580,880	591,853	612,536	632,660	661,218	577,795	534,445	465,495	441,556	541,738	-----	-----	-----
Shipments.....do.	569,075	598,554	616,518	618,355	634,767	660,720	695,549	580,478	428,298	365,075	388,603	507,724	-----	-----	-----
Price, wholesale, common, composite, f. o. b. plant dol. per thous.	30.951	30.951	30.951	30.925	30.925	30.927	30.927	31.057	31.237	31.421	31.421	31.495	31.586	-----	-----
Clay sewer pipe and fittings, vitrified:♂															
Production.....short tons	117,536	144,005	149,773	162,066	166,901	168,585	182,976	160,153	148,227	131,438	136,256	152,916	-----	-----	-----
Shipments.....do.	142,501	155,448	165,812	175,751	182,345	183,977	189,642	151,852	117,249	101,422	99,761	153,434	-----	-----	-----
Structural tile, unglazed:♂															
Production.....do.	50,131	51,763	52,460	58,977	56,680	53,312	54,190	46,349	46,824	44,069	34,306	40,351	-----	-----	-----
Shipments.....do.	48,889	52,750	52,251	57,257	50,781	47,960	54,350	47,003	38,069	38,281	34,561	40,067	-----	-----	-----
GLASS AND GLASS PRODUCTS															
Flat glass, mfrs.' shipments (qtrly. total)*															
.....thous. of dol.	-----	-----	44,121	-----	-----	57,611	-----	-----	40,070	-----	-----	57,269	-----	-----	-----
Sheet (window) glass, shipments.....do.	-----	-----	21,116	-----	-----	27,497	-----	-----	21,181	-----	-----	28,438	-----	-----	-----
Plate and other flat glass, shipments.....do.	-----	-----	23,005	-----	-----	30,114	-----	-----	18,889	-----	-----	28,831	-----	-----	-----
Glass containers:															
Production.....thous. of gross	11,091	12,159	12,711	12,698	13,431	12,583	13,217	11,455	10,515	11,504	11,416	11,518	13,226	-----	-----
Shipments, domestic, total.....do.	10,848	12,208	12,132	11,995	13,663	13,314	12,683	10,487	10,505	11,036	10,347	11,929	12,384	-----	-----
General-use food:															
Narrow-neck food.....do.	1,082	1,157	1,198	1,232	2,007	2,369	1,407	927	977	1,124	1,065	1,208	1,240	-----	-----
Wide-mouth food (incl. packers' tumblers, jelly glasses, and fruit jars).....thous. of gross	3,210	3,511	3,615	3,932	4,520	4,271	3,867	3,224	3,218	3,297	3,101	3,375	3,271	-----	-----
Beverage.....do.	696	966	1,096	939	594	462	664	593	804	573	549	961	1,119	-----	-----
Beer bottles.....do.	1,079	1,498	1,467	1,260	994	811	686	639	897	693	643	872	1,328	-----	-----
Liquor and wine.....do.	1,045	1,157	1,170	994	1,178	1,290	1,577	1,312	1,030	1,137	1,097	1,247	1,223	-----	-----
Medicinal and toilet.....do.	2,668	2,750	2,506	2,514	3,083	2,871	3,261	2,751	2,580	2,952	2,724	3,000	2,882	-----	-----
Chemical, household and industrial.....do.	940	1,032	939	988	1,068	1,048	1,045	882	823	1,107	1,025	1,130	1,178	-----	-----
Dairy products.....do.	128	137	141	136	219	192	176	159	206	153	143	136	144	-----	-----
Stocks, end of month.....do.	19,031	18,741	19,101	19,487	18,956	17,971	18,176	18,820	18,537	18,771	18,938	19,341	19,943	-----	-----
GYPSUM AND PRODUCTS															
Crude gypsum, quarterly total:															
Imports.....thous. of short tons	-----	-----	1,117	-----	-----	1,067	-----	-----	1,196	-----	-----	841	-----	-----	-----
Production.....do.	-----	-----	2,352	-----	-----	2,680	-----	-----	2,645	-----	-----	2,327	-----	-----	-----
Calcined, production, quarterly total.....do.	-----	-----	1,894	-----	-----	2,285	-----	-----	2,077	-----	-----	2,033	-----	-----	-----
Gypsum products sold or used, quarterly total:															
Uncalcined uses.....short tons	-----	-----	911,611	-----	-----	920,082	-----	-----	1,050,600	-----	-----	774,427	-----	-----	-----
Industrial uses.....do.	-----	-----	56,424	-----	-----	68,291	-----	-----	61,981	-----	-----	70,494	-----	-----	-----
Building uses:															
Plasters:															
Base-coat.....do.	-----	-----	331,536	-----	-----	375,606	-----	-----	317,420	-----	-----	310,051	-----	-----	-----
All other (incl. Keene's cement).....do.	-----	-----	302,432	-----	-----	329,607	-----	-----	290,627	-----	-----	256,305	-----	-----	-----
Lath.....mil. of sq. ft.	-----	-----	494.5	-----	-----	620.4	-----	-----	542.6	-----	-----	496.6	-----	-----	-----
Wallboard.....do.	-----	-----	1,134.4	-----	-----	1,371.4	-----	-----	1,364.5	-----	-----	1,342.0	-----	-----	-----
All other.....do.	-----	-----	54.6	-----	-----	60.7	-----	-----	55.0	-----	-----	51.4	-----	-----	-----

TEXTILE PRODUCTS

APPAREL															
Hosiery, shipments.....thous. of dozen pairs	11,054	9,891	11,317	11,303	13,718	14,099	15,830	13,474	11,396	13,593	12,684	12,891	12,228	-----	-----
Men's apparel, cuttings:Δ															
Tailored garments:															
Suits.....thous. of units	1,665	1,416	1,348	1,095	1,516	1,328	1,750	1,560	1,625	1,612	1,608	1,940	1,768	-----	-----
Overcoats and topcoats.....do.	1,450	500	508	1,425	568	476	1,505	340	1,255	200	248	1,345	488	-----	-----
Coats (separate), dress and sport*.....do.	1,640	724	852	1,685	844	704	1,775	824	1,955	884	912	1,870	912	-----	-----
Trousers (separate), dress and sport.....do.	1,544	4,976	4,844	1,435	4,872	4,720	1,545	4,588	1,515	6,552	6,456	1,800	7,992	-----	-----
Shirts (woven fabrics), dress and sport															
.....thous. of doz.	1,655	1,576	1,524	1,395	1,676	1,652	1,965	1,628	1,665	1,752	1,740	1,860	1,812	-----	-----
Work clothing:															
Dungarees and waistband overalls.....do.	1,225	244	240	1,225	256	256	1,310	256	1,200	224	284	1,325	356	-----	-----
Shirts.....do.	1,310	292	268	1,235	288	320	1,385	296	1,305	360	336	1,350	376	-----	-----
Women's, misses', juniors' outerwear, cuttings:Δ															
Coats.....thous. of units	1,127	1,058	1,802	2,661	2,620	2,649	3,030	2,269	1,670	2,307	2,273	2,099	1,117	-----	-----
Dresses.....do.	26,844	24,143	21,126	19,778	20,319	20,591	22,540	19,882	19,499	20,698	21,383	26,343	29,210	-----	-----
Suits.....do.	556	332	949	1,024	1,018	829	902	987	952	1,610	1,505	1,042	553	-----	-----
Waists, blouses, and shirts.....thous. of doz.	1,221	1,266	1,100	1,155	1,219	1,251	1,403	1,072	953	1,280	1,307	1,412	1,396	-----	-----
Skirts*.....do.	588	690	672	805	828	700	795	600	527	723	755	730	761	-----	-----

* Revised. * Preliminary. † Data cover a 5-week period.

♂Revisions will be published later as follows: 1954 (annual data only); 1955 (annual and monthly); 1956 (January-August); 1957 (January-August); for brick and tile (data through 1956 not strictly comparable).

*New series; from Bureau of the Census. Revisions for 1957 and earlier unpublished data for flat glass will be shown later. For 1957 data for coats and skirts, see corresponding note in October 1958 SURVEY.

ΔComprises sheathing, formboard, and laminated board.

†Data for April, July, October and December 1958 and March 1959 cover 5-week periods and for other months, 4 weeks.

‡Excludes shipments of men's slipper socks. Comparable data for January-March 1957 appear in the June 1958 SURVEY.

ΔRevisions for 1955-57 are available upon request. Estimates beginning January 1959 for men's apparel and, beginning December 1958, for women's, etc., outerwear are based on different sample and are not strictly comparable with earlier data.

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	1958										1959				
	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December		January	February	March	April	May
COTTON															
Cotton (exclusive of linters):															
Production:															
Ginnings ¹thous. of running bales.....				213	1,009	2,627	7,316	10,216	10,878	11,343			11,435		
Crop estimate, equivalent 500-lb. bales.....															
Consumption ²thous. of bales.....	4729,955	600,256	595,408	613,950	638,767	647,894	833,366	672,838	4727,410	687,360	699,652	862,582	11,512	716,820	
Stocks in the United States, end of month, total ³thous. of bales.....	11,796	10,680	9,667	8,737	19,191	18,360	17,364	16,382	15,386	14,480	13,501	12,420	11,496		
Domestic cotton, total.....do.....	11,754	10,640	9,630	8,702	19,094	18,258	17,263	16,290	15,302	14,398	13,425	12,349	11,433		
On farms and in transit.....do.....	730	514	440	291	10,836	9,660	5,752	3,043	1,095	597	322	414	367		
Public storage and compresses.....do.....	9,325	8,406	7,520	6,825	6,782	7,221	10,205	11,861	12,706	12,275	11,541	10,342	9,513		
Consuming establishments.....do.....	1,699	1,721	1,671	1,586	1,476	1,377	1,305	1,386	1,501	1,526	1,562	1,593	1,553		
Foreign cotton, total.....do.....	42	40	37	35	97	101	102	92	84	82	76	71	62		
Exports ⁴bales.....	500,828	535,032	433,434	468,268	208,678	211,910	181,402	313,762	297,845	222,230	210,753	284,454	245,208		
Imports ⁵do.....	1,812	3,859	1,974	913	84,892	23,400	12,356	472	809	1,009	1,636	3,360	2,563		
Prices (farm), American upland.....cents per lb.....	27.9	29.1	29.1	30.8	33.2	34.5	33.3	32.4	30.3	28.2	28.2	30.1	31.3	31.8	
Prices, wholesale, middling 1 ¹ / ₂ , average 14 markets.....cents per lb.....	34.6	34.7	34.8	34.9	34.8	34.7	34.8	34.8	34.4	34.3	34.3	34.4	34.6	34.6	
Cotton linters:															
Consumption ²thous. of bales.....	75	82	86	66	85	88	104	90	107	101	101	121	103		
Production ⁴do.....	69	49	34	35	43	94	217	178	167	169	140	138	108		
Stocks, end of month ³do.....	943	894	829	785	680	678	782	827	857	864	868	846	797		
COTTON MANUFACTURES															
Cotton cloth:															
Cotton broadwoven goods over 12 inches in width, production, quarterly ⁶mil. of linear yd.....			2,202			2,105			2,327						
Exports.....thous. of sq. yd.....	57,585	46,823	37,393	29,232	43,500	39,109	41,629	38,729	38,037	42,490	34,096	41,704	37,896		
Imports.....do.....	9,172	14,732	13,610	15,224	10,350	11,419	8,078	15,004	9,481	9,102	14,012	13,674	12,320		
Prices, wholesale:															
Mill margins ⁷cents per lb.....	22.75	22.00	21.71	21.65	22.30	22.24	22.16	23.36	25.06	25.01	25.97	26.91	27.18	27.67	
Denim, white back, 28-inch, 8 oz/yd.....cents per yd.....	36.4	36.4	36.4	36.4	36.4	36.4	36.4	36.4	36.4	36.4	36.4	36.4	36.4		
Print cloth, 39-inch, 68 x 72.....do.....	14.8	14.7	15.0	15.0	15.4	15.4	15.4	15.6	16.5	16.5	16.5	16.5	16.5		
Sheeting, class B, 40-inch, 48 x 44-48.....do.....	15.5	15.4	15.1	15.0	15.5	15.8	15.8	16.0	16.3	16.5	17.0	17.3	17.3		
Cotton yarn, natural stock, on cones or tubes:															
Prices, wholesale, f. o. b. mill:															
20/2, carded, weaving.....dol. per lb.....	.657	.657	.657	.657	.657	.661	.661	.661	.661	.661	.666	.676	.672		
36/2, combed, knitting.....do.....	.937	.931	.933	.933	.935	.933	.931	.931	.931	.931	.943	.946	.946		
Spindle activity (cotton system spindles): ⁸ Δ															
Active spindles, last working day, total.....thous.....	19,230	19,262	19,018	19,241	19,268	19,251	19,279	19,269	19,276	19,283	19,272	19,265	19,555		
Consuming 100 percent cotton.....do.....	17,605	17,688	17,469	17,513	17,541	17,641	17,650	17,611	17,616	17,636	17,642	17,637	17,945		
Spindle hours operated, all fibers, total.....millions.....	410,245	8,183	8,304	8,662	8,777	8,870	11,447	9,180	10,427	9,352	9,542	11,706	9,567		
Average per working day.....do.....	410	409	415	347	439	444	453	459	417	468	477	468	478		
Consuming 100 percent cotton.....do.....	9,466	7,535	7,642	7,909	8,070	8,190	10,496	8,389	9,453	8,552	8,743	10,743	8,776		
MANMADE FIBERS AND MANUFACTURES															
Fiber production, quarterly total ⁹mil. of lb.....			347.5			391.0			444.2			457.9			
Rayon and acetate: Filament yarn.....do.....			144.4			162.0			167.4			175.0	64.6		
Staple plus tow ¹⁰do.....			66.3			81.3			97.7			96.1	31.9		
Noncellulosic (nylon, acrylic, protein, etc.).....do.....			113.3			121.9			147.2			153.8			
Exports: Yarns and monofilaments.....thous. of lb.....	4,732	2,842	3,397	3,326	4,233	4,078	3,750	3,565	3,644	3,574	2,572	4,260	3,255		
Staple, tow, and tops.....do.....	1,540	1,862	1,491	1,849	1,859	2,562	1,986	2,246	2,687	1,935	2,770	2,038	2,263		
Imports: Yarns and monofilaments.....do.....	191	161	276	139	287	264	587	175	308	482	285	182	443		
Staple, tow, and tops.....do.....	6,267	6,583	5,772	7,224	6,870	4,548	8,920	8,089	10,190	7,818	9,289	10,551	13,517		
Rayon and acetate:															
Stocks, producers', end of month, total ³mil. of lb.....	126.1	122.7	118.6	117.8	111.5	108.9	104.3	97.9	96.4	98.1	99.0	94.6	93.3		
Filament yarn.....do.....	69.9	69.6	67.3	66.0	61.3	60.6	59.2	55.6	51.7	50.4	48.1	45.3	43.8		
Staple (incl. tow) ¹⁰do.....	56.2	53.1	51.3	51.8	50.2	48.3	45.1	42.3	44.7	47.7	50.9	49.3	49.5		
Prices, rayon, viscose:															
Yarn, filament, 150 denier.....dol. per lb.....	.838	.850	.850	.850	.760	.760	.760	.760	.760	.760	.760	.780	.780		
Staple, 1.5 denier.....do.....	.311	.311	.311	.311	.311	.311	.311	.311	.311	.311	.311	.311	.321		
Manmade-fiber broadwoven fabrics:															
Production, quarterly total ⁹thous. of linear yd.....			574,525			578,053			614,153						
Rayon and acetate (excl. tire fabric).....do.....			413,942			412,639			424,339						
Nylon and chiefly nylon mixtures.....do.....			69,228			71,213			75,311						
Exports, piece goods.....thous. of sq. yd.....	14,288	14,061	12,146	9,379	11,898	11,870	15,914	12,238	11,742	12,794	10,941	13,677	13,924		
SILK															
Imports, raw.....thous. of lb.....	193	373	228	304	422	259	522	848	993	569	574	502	248		
Price, raw, A.A., 20-22 denier.....dol. per lb.....	4.27	4.27	3.93	4.27	4.27	4.20	3.72	3.68	3.62	3.61	3.88	4.03	4.11		
Production, fabric, qtrly. total ¹¹thous. of linear yd.....			5,775			6,001			6,804						
WOOL															
Wool consumption, mill (clean basis): ¹² Δ															
Apparel class.....thous. of lb.....	18,719	16,965	18,605	20,480	18,630	18,114	21,001	17,418	19,393	19,809	20,265	25,415	23,069		
Carpet class.....do.....	7,608	5,866	6,498	7,382	9,913	11,446	14,224	12,444	14,208	14,458	14,583	16,135	13,941		
Wool imports, clean content.....do.....	17,115	12,979	11,288	13,106	11,667	14,834	23,833	21,221	25,626	31,076	25,317	35,173	31,218		
Apparel class (dutiable), clean content.....do.....	8,029	6,508	6,116	5,540	4,119	5,032	5,206	7,811	10,568	11,006	11,230	13,167	11,028		

¹ Revised. ² Preliminary. ³ Ginnings to December 13. ⁴ Ginnings to January 16. ⁵ Total ginnings of 1958 crop. ⁶ Data cover a 5-week period.

⁷ Beginning August 1958, data are for 4- and 5-week periods; earlier data, calendar months. ⁸ Data are for month shown. ⁹ Data cover 14 weeks; other periods, 13 weeks.

¹⁰ Total ginnings to end of month indicated, except as noted. ¹¹ Revisions for January 1957-February 1958 will be shown later.

¹² Data for April, July, October, and December 1958 and March 1959 cover 5-week periods and for other months, 4 weeks; cotton stocks and number of active spindles are for end of period covered.

Δ Revisions for 1955-57 are available upon request. ♂ Data beginning October 1958 for production of linters and for that part of stocks "at oil mills" are in thousands of equivalent 600-pound bales (earlier data in thousands of running bales). October 1958 figures comparable with data shown through September (thous. of bales): Production, 208; total stocks, 777.

¹ Revised series. Calculation of mill margins revised (back to August 1954) to incorporate prices for expanded selection of 20 types of more widely used cloths and to reflect raw cotton prices for 4 areas of cotton production; prior series calculated from 17 cloth prices and raw cotton prices for Memphis territory growth only.

² Includes data not shown separately.

³ Beginning January 1958, data exclude all figures for acetate staple plus tow. (It should be noted that for 1954-57, data as published for staple and tow exclude the greater part of acetate, tow for cigarette filtration purposes.) For years 1955-57, production of acetate staple plus tow (included in total staple through 1957) averaged 14.1 mil. lb. per quarter.

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	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December		January	February	March	April	May
TEXTILE PRODUCTS—Continued															
WOOL AND MANUFACTURES															
Wool prices, raw, clean basis, Boston:															
Good French combing and staple:															
Graded territory, fine.....dol. per lb.	1.135	1.150	1.150	1.130	1.125	1.125	1.125	1.125	1.125	1.088	1.075	1.075	1.165	1.225	
Graded fleece, 3/8 blood.....do.	.847	.836	.882	.875	.875	.875	.843	.849	.915	.908	.870	.860	.962	1.025	
Australian, 64s, 70s, good topmaking, in bond.....do.	1.225	1.225	1.225	1.195	1.175	1.175	1.075	1.025	1.025	.975	.975	.975	1.035	1.075	
Knitting yarn, worsted, 2/20s-50s/56s, Bradford system, wholesale price.....1947-49=100.	91.5	86.0	94.8	94.8	93.5	93.5	91.0	88.5	90.5	90.5	89.3	90.5	94.8		
Woolen and worsted woven goods, except woven felts:															
Production, quarterly total.....thous. of lin. yd.	^r 61,091		^r 73,626			^r 69,174			^r 66,291						
Apparel fabrics, total.....do.	^r 58,527		^r 71,926			^r 66,897			^r 63,708						
Other than Government orders, total.....do.	^r 58,137		^r 70,585			^r 65,089			^r 62,225						
Men's and boys'.....do.	^r 26,564		^r 30,509			^r 23,142			^r 26,809						
Women's and children's.....do.	^r 31,573		^r 40,076			^r 41,947			^r 35,416						
Prices, wholesale, suiting, f. o. b. mill:															
Flannel, men's and boys'.....1947-49=100.	114.1	111.9	111.9	108.6	106.7	106.7	106.7	104.5	104.5	104.5	105.6	^r 103.7	103.7		
Gabardine, women's and children's.....do.	97.3	97.3	97.3	97.3	97.3	90.8	89.1	89.1	89.1	89.1	90.8	^r 90.8	90.8		
TRANSPORTATION EQUIPMENT															
AIRCRAFT															
Manufacturers of complete types:															
Aircraft, engines, propellers, parts, etc.: mil. of dol.			2,264			2,112			2,974			2,092			
Orders, new (net), quarterly total.....do.			2,896			2,799			2,947			2,558			
Sales (net), quarterly total.....do.			13,722			13,035			13,171			12,705			
Backlog of orders, total, end of quarter.....do.			8,011			7,130			6,933			6,648			
For U. S. military customers.....do.															
Civilian aircraft:○															
Shipments.....thous. of dol.	48,677	37,616	26,421	41,587	30,776	24,401	49,328	34,881	37,672	49,590	49,805	34,014	68,142		
Airframe weight.....thous. of lb.	1,635.8	1,356.6	1,093.1	1,418.7	1,106.0	855.2	1,545.6	1,107.1	1,258.9	1,452.8	1,440.0	1,185.7	1,849.6		
Exports (commercial and civilian)⊕.....thous. of dol.	16,655	18,887	10,966	20,086	26,768	13,279	8,064	9,767	9,951	12,991	4,213	4,168	8,576		
MOTOR VEHICLES															
Factory sales, total.....number..	396,712	427,608	412,971	381,813	250,460	149,256	342,324	605,334	709,078	635,664	577,093	686,612	702,952	^p 660,400	
Coaches, total.....do.	344	241	91	358	265	216	149	167	208	169	143	245	253	^p 2375	
Domestic.....do.	290	206	84	290	259	212	149	124	165	112	141	200	251		
Passenger cars, total.....do.	322,482	352,076	342,228	316,408	194,974	102,687	272,241	511,885	608,730	539,451	476,977	575,012	585,789	^p 547,300	
Domestic.....do.	308,904	340,599	334,311	310,001	192,770	98,009	263,491	497,218	594,188	527,588	466,564	563,849	575,268		
Trucks, total.....do.	73,886	75,291	70,652	65,047	55,221	46,353	69,934	93,282	100,140	96,044	99,973	111,355	116,910	^p 112,700	
Domestic.....do.	56,042	58,509	56,019	50,454	47,030	34,232	55,865	79,618	82,688	81,599	83,775	93,060	98,906		
Exports, total.....do.	27,126	30,280	20,815	24,394	15,326	15,267	14,755	18,873	35,641	24,248	21,319	31,452	26,586		
Passenger cars (new and used).....do.	12,402	13,695	9,714	9,408	5,060	7,425	6,546	11,333	15,458	11,520	10,700	10,758	11,971		
Trucks and buses.....do.	14,724	16,585	11,101	14,986	10,266	7,842	8,209	7,540	20,183	12,728	10,619	20,694	14,615		
Imports (cars, trucks, buses), total*.....do.	38,073	36,355	30,117	45,212	36,875	36,170	42,256	38,916	54,824	55,728	50,916	58,207	60,567		
Passenger cars (new and used)*.....do.	36,465	34,981	28,835	43,550	36,020	34,592	41,245	37,569	53,218	54,075	49,167	56,474	57,898		
Truck trailers (complete), production.....do.	^r 4,328	^r 3,797	^r 3,697	^r 3,780	^r 3,866	^r 4,426	^r 4,807	^r 4,182	^r 4,832	4,875	4,888	^r 5,550	6,287		
Vans.....do.	^r 1,701	^r 1,842	^r 1,784	^r 1,794	^r 2,037	^r 2,393	^r 2,825	^r 2,443	^r 2,888	2,913	2,692	2,924	3,282		
Trailer chassis only, for sale separately.....do.	^r 4,254	^r 291	^r 273	^r 237	^r 296	^r 339	^r 260	^r 245	^r 268	330	435	558	389		
Registrations:○															
New passenger cars.....do.	418,255	423,484	410,607	³ 400,286	³ 370,856	³ 317,070	³ 321,285	³ 334,876	³ 511,284	419,512	423,793	496,717			
New commercial cars.....do.	63,403	63,238	63,995	³ 63,383	³ 63,981	³ 60,716	³ 56,234	³ 55,222	³ 73,891	61,776	64,688	77,593			
RAILROAD EQUIPMENT															
American Railway Car Institute:															
Freight cars:															
Shipments, total.....number..	5,501	3,762	2,501	2,178	2,182	2,296	1,811	2,256	2,763	1,972	2,506	2,808	3,741		
Equipment manufacturers, total.....do.	3,968	2,392	1,273	1,145	1,307	1,153	759	1,319	1,584	1,014	1,677	1,777	2,334		
Domestic.....do.	3,820	2,338	1,273	1,145	1,307	1,055	606	905	1,442	982	1,657	1,766	2,334		
Railroad and private-line shops, domestic.....do.	1,533	1,370	1,228	1,033	875	1,143	1,052	937	1,179	958	829	1,031	1,407		
New orders, total.....do.	400	1,391	320	821	1,873	1,670	666	6,525	3,706	4,328	^r 1,922	10,795	3,777		
Equipment manufacturers, total.....do.	300	1,340	192	821	871	1,628	606	4,628	2,004	1,390	^r 1,411	7,370	3,240		
Domestic.....do.	300	1,340	192	821	871	1,543	606	4,398	2,004	1,069	^r 1,292	7,370	3,199		
Railroad and private-line shops, domestic.....do.	100	51	128	0	1,002	42	60	1,897	1,702	2,938	511	3,425	537		
Unfilled orders, end of month, total.....do.	32,982	30,406	27,777	26,449	26,166	25,524	24,059	28,167	27,659	29,822	29,240	35,927	35,969		
Equipment manufacturers, total.....do.	8,232	6,975	5,444	5,149	4,739	5,221	4,648	7,996	8,467	8,800	8,536	14,129	15,041		
Domestic.....do.	8,158	6,955	5,424	4,694	4,184	4,679	4,259	7,791	8,404	8,448	8,085	13,689	14,551		
Railroad and private-line shops, domestic.....do.	24,750	23,431	22,333	21,300	21,427	20,303	19,411	20,171	19,192	21,022	20,704	21,798	20,928		
Passenger cars (equipment manufacturers):															
Shipments, total.....do.	0	2	16	20	0	3	10	4	8	0	0	0	0		
Domestic.....do.	0	2	16	20	0	3	10	4	2	0	0	0	0		
Unfilled orders, end of month, total.....do.	63	61	45	25	55	52	43	44	36	36	72	132	132		
Domestic.....do.	57	55	39	19	49	46	37	38	36	36	72	132	132		
Association of American Railroads:															
Freight cars (class I):§															
Number owned or leased, end of month.....thous.	1,751	1,749	1,747	1,744	1,741	1,737	1,733	1,729	1,726	1,724	1,722	1,717	1,707		
Held for repairs, percent of total owned.....do.	6.6	7.1	7.6	8.0	8.3	8.4	8.2	8.4	8.6	8.9	9.2	8.8	8.3		
Locomotives (class I):○															
Diesel-electric and electric:															
Owned or leased, end of mo. No. of power units.....do.			28,182			28,181			28,303			28,395			
Serviceable, end of month.....do.			26,922			26,729			26,838			26,822			
Installed in service (new), quarterly total.....do.			74			27			96			204			
Unfilled orders, end of month.....do.			134			403			561			589			
Exports of locomotives, total (railroad-service and industrial types).....number..	84	79	42	122	94	80	95	62	96	59	33	42	26		

^r Revised. ^p Preliminary. ¹ Data cover 14 weeks; for other periods, 13 weeks. ² Preliminary estimate of production. ³ Excludes registrations for Oregon; data to be revised later.

⁴ Revisions for 1957 are available upon request. Data for January-March 1958 are as follows (number): Total trailers, 3,344; 3,125; 3,390; vans, 1,793; 1,676; 1,632; chassis, 289; 256; 236.

⁵ Production for 1st quarter 1958. ⁶ Scattered revisions will be shown later; see corresponding note in March 1959 SURVEY for periods affected.

⁷ Data beginning January 1958 exclude exports of new cargo transports, included in earlier data. In 1957, such exports were valued at \$1.4 million.

⁸ New series (from Bureau of the Census). Data cover complete units, chassis, and bodies. ⁹ Monthly data for 1947-56 are shown at bottom of p. S-38 of the March 1958 SURVEY.

¹⁰ Beginning 1958, manufacturers report all assembled complete trailers, including those for which separate chassis were purchased; prior to 1958, complete trailers for which a manufacturer purchased the chassis and added the body were excluded from the "complete trailer" classification. ¹¹ Data beginning January 1959 include new registrations in Alaska.

¹² Excludes railroad-owned private refrigerator cars.

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