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TOTAL OUTPUT, INCOME, AND SPENDING

THE NATION'S INCOME, EXPENDITURE, AND SAVING

Gross national product rose \$32 billion (seasonally adjusted annual rate) in the fourth quarter, according to preliminary estimates. There were large gains in consumer spending, business investment, and State and local government outlays. Federal purchases dipped slightly while the excess of imports over exports was about unchanged.

[Billions of dollars; quarterly data at seasonally adjusted annual rates]

Period	Persons					Government						
	Disposable personal income			Personal consumption expenditures	Personal saving or dis-saving (—)	Net receipts			Expenditures			Surplus or deficit (—), income and product accounts
	Total ¹	Less: Interest paid and transfer payments to foreigners	Equals: Total excluding interest and transfers			Tax and nontax receipts or accruals	Less: Transfers, interest, and subsidies ²	Equals: Net receipts	Total expenditures	Less: Transfers, interest, and subsidies ²	Equals: Purchases of goods and services	
1966-----	511.9	13.0	498.9	466.3	32.5	213.3	55.5	157.9	212.3	55.5	156.8	1.1
1967-----	546.3	13.9	532.4	492.1	40.4	228.9	62.8	166.2	242.9	62.8	180.1	-13.9
1968-----	591.0	15.1	575.9	536.2	39.8	263.5	70.7	192.7	270.3	70.7	199.6	-6.8
1969-----	634.4	16.7	617.7	579.5	38.2	296.7	77.9	218.8	287.9	77.9	210.0	8.8
1970-----	689.5	17.9	671.6	616.8	54.9	302.0	93.0	209.0	312.1	93.0	219.0	-10.1
1971-----	744.4	18.5	725.8	664.9	60.9	321.6	105.7	215.9	338.5	105.7	232.8	-16.9
1972 ^p -----	795.1	19.3	775.9	721.1	54.8	365.7	117.1	248.6	372.0	117.1	254.9	-6.2
1971: I-----	725.7	18.3	707.4	648.0	59.3	313.5	100.6	212.9	327.5	100.6	227.0	-14.0
II-----	742.9	18.4	724.5	660.4	64.1	318.8	107.4	211.4	336.9	107.4	229.5	-18.0
III-----	750.4	18.7	731.7	670.7	61.0	323.3	106.5	216.8	340.2	106.5	233.6	-16.9
IV-----	758.5	18.8	739.7	680.5	59.3	330.7	108.4	222.3	349.4	108.4	240.9	-18.7
1972: I-----	770.5	18.8	751.7	696.1	55.7	353.8	112.1	241.7	361.6	112.1	249.4	-7.7
II-----	782.6	19.1	763.5	713.4	50.1	361.4	114.1	247.3	368.3	114.1	254.1	-6.9
III-----	798.8	19.4	779.4	728.6	50.8	368.8	115.7	253.1	371.2	115.7	255.6	-2.4
IV ^p -----	828.4	19.8	808.6	746.2	62.4	-----	126.6	-----	386.9	126.6	260.3	-----

Period	Business			Net transfers to foreigners by persons and Government	International			Excess of transfers or of net exports (—) ⁵	Total income or receipts	Statistical discrepancy	Gross national product or expenditure
	Gross retained earnings ³	Gross private domestic investment ⁴	Excess of investment (—)		Net exports of goods and services						
					Exports	Less: Imports	Equals: Net exports				
1966-----	91.3	121.4	-30.1	2.8	43.4	38.1	5.3	-2.4	750.9	-1.0	749.9
1967-----	93.0	116.6	-23.5	3.0	46.2	41.0	5.2	-2.2	794.6	-.7	793.9
1968-----	95.4	126.0	-30.6	2.9	50.6	48.1	2.5	.4	866.9	-2.7	864.2
1969-----	97.0	139.0	-42.0	2.9	55.5	53.6	1.9	1.0	936.3	-6.1	930.3
1970-----	97.3	137.1	-39.7	3.2	62.9	59.3	3.6	-.4	981.1	-4.7	976.4
1971-----	109.9	152.0	-42.1	3.6	66.1	65.4	.7	2.8	1,055.2	-4.8	1,050.4
1972 ^p -----	123.7	180.2	-56.3	3.8	73.7	77.8	-4.1	7.8	1,152.2	.1	1,152.1
1971: I-----	103.2	143.9	-40.7	3.2	66.3	61.8	4.5	-1.4	1,026.7	-3.3	1,023.4
II-----	108.6	153.0	-44.4	3.4	66.7	66.6	.1	3.2	1,047.9	-4.9	1,043.0
III-----	110.5	152.2	-41.7	3.8	68.5	68.2	.4	3.4	1,062.8	-5.9	1,056.9
IV-----	117.2	158.8	-41.6	4.0	63.0	65.1	-2.1	6.1	1,083.2	-5.2	1,078.1
1972: I-----	115.9	168.1	-52.2	3.8	70.7	75.3	-4.6	8.4	1,113.1	-4.1	1,109.1
II-----	124.8	177.0	-52.2	3.8	70.0	75.2	-5.2	9.0	1,139.4	-.1	1,139.4
III-----	125.1	183.2	-58.1	3.8	74.4	77.8	-3.4	7.2	1,161.6	2.3	1,164.0
IV ^p -----	-----	192.4	-----	3.8	79.7	82.7	-3.0	6.7	-----	-----	1,195.8

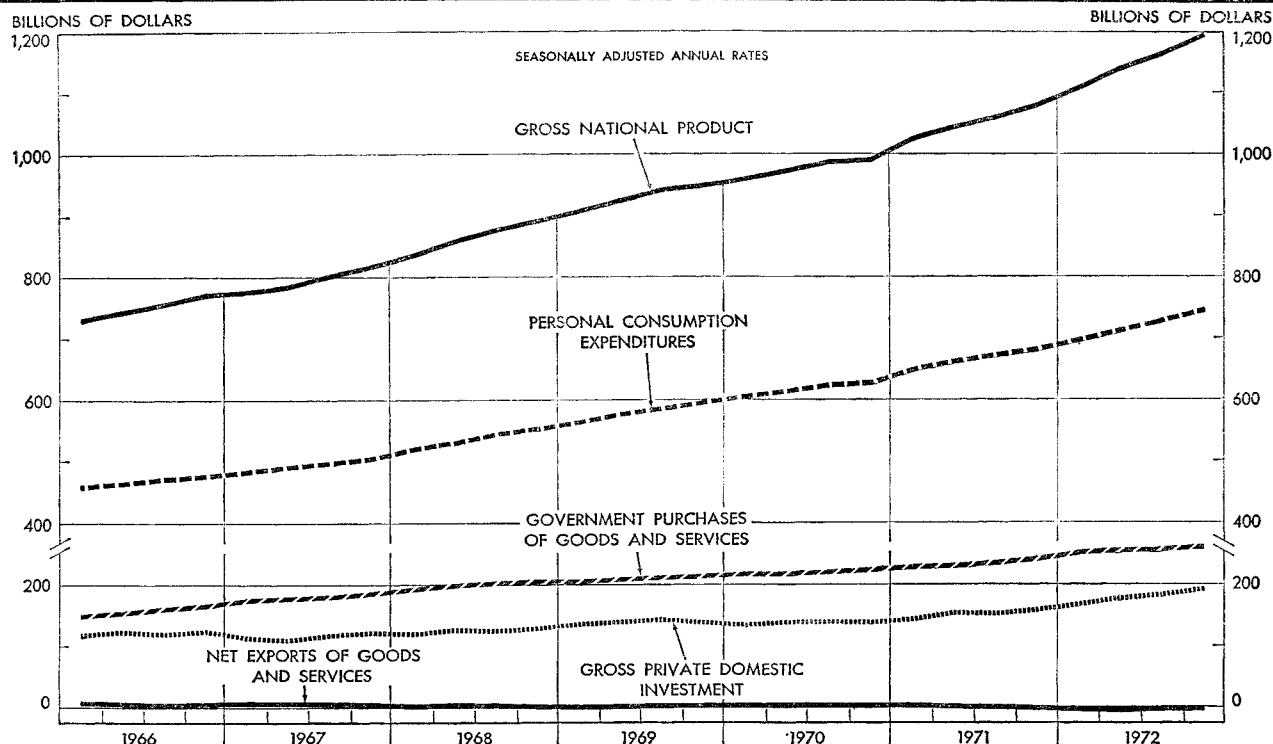
¹ Personal income (p. 5) less personal tax and nontax payments (fines, penalties, etc.).
² Government transfer payments to persons, foreign net transfers by Government, net interest paid by government, subsidies less current surplus of government enterprises, and disbursements less wage accruals.
³ Capital consumption allowances, corporate inventory valuation adjustment, undistributed corporate profits, and private wage accruals less disbursements. Does not include retained earnings of unincorporated business, which are included

in disposable personal income.
⁴ Private business investment, purchases of capital goods by private nonprofit institutions, and residential housing.
⁵ Net foreign investment less capital grants received by United States, with sign changed.

Source: Department of Commerce.

GROSS NATIONAL PRODUCT OR EXPENDITURE

Gross national product (seasonally adjusted) rose at an annual rate of 11.4 percent in the fourth quarter. Real GNP rose at an 8.5 percent rate while prices increased at a 2.7 percent rate.



SOURCE: DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

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Period	Total gross national product in 1958 dollars	Total gross national product	Personal consumption expenditures	Gross private domestic investment	Net exports of goods and services	Government purchases of goods and services				Implicit price deflator for total GNP, 1958=100 ²
						Total	Total	Federal	State and local	
								National defense ¹	Other	
Billions of dollars; quarterly data at seasonally adjusted annual rates										
1963.....	551.0	590.5	375.0	87.1	5.9	122.5	64.2	50.8	13.5	107.17
1964.....	581.1	632.4	401.2	94.0	8.5	128.7	65.2	50.0	15.2	108.85
1965.....	617.8	684.9	432.8	108.1	6.9	137.0	66.9	50.1	16.8	110.86
1966.....	658.1	749.9	466.3	121.4	5.3	156.8	77.8	60.7	17.1	113.95
1967.....	675.2	793.9	492.1	116.6	5.2	180.1	90.7	72.4	18.4	117.59
1968.....	706.6	864.2	536.2	126.0	2.5	199.6	98.8	78.3	20.5	122.30
1969.....	725.6	930.3	579.5	139.0	1.9	210.0	98.8	78.4	20.4	128.20
1970.....	722.1	976.4	616.8	137.1	3.6	219.0	96.5	75.1	21.5	135.23
1971.....	741.7	1,050.4	664.9	152.0	.7	232.8	97.8	71.4	26.3	141.61
1972 ²	789.7	1,152.1	721.1	180.2	-4.1	254.9	105.9	76.2	29.7	145.88
1971: I.....	731.9	1,023.4	648.0	143.9	4.5	227.0	96.2	72.5	23.7	139.84
II.....	737.9	1,043.0	660.4	153.0	.1	229.5	96.3	71.2	25.0	141.34
III.....	742.5	1,056.9	670.7	152.2	.4	233.6	97.9	70.1	27.8	142.35
IV.....	754.5	1,078.1	680.5	158.8	-2.1	240.9	100.7	71.9	28.7	142.88
1972: I.....	766.5	1,109.1	696.1	168.1	-4.6	249.4	105.7	76.7	28.9	144.68
II.....	783.9	1,139.4	713.4	177.0	-5.2	254.1	108.1	78.6	29.6	145.34
III.....	796.1	1,164.0	728.6	183.2	-3.4	255.6	105.4	75.1	30.2	146.21
IV ²	812.4	1,195.8	746.2	192.4	-3.0	260.3	104.5	74.4	30.1	147.20

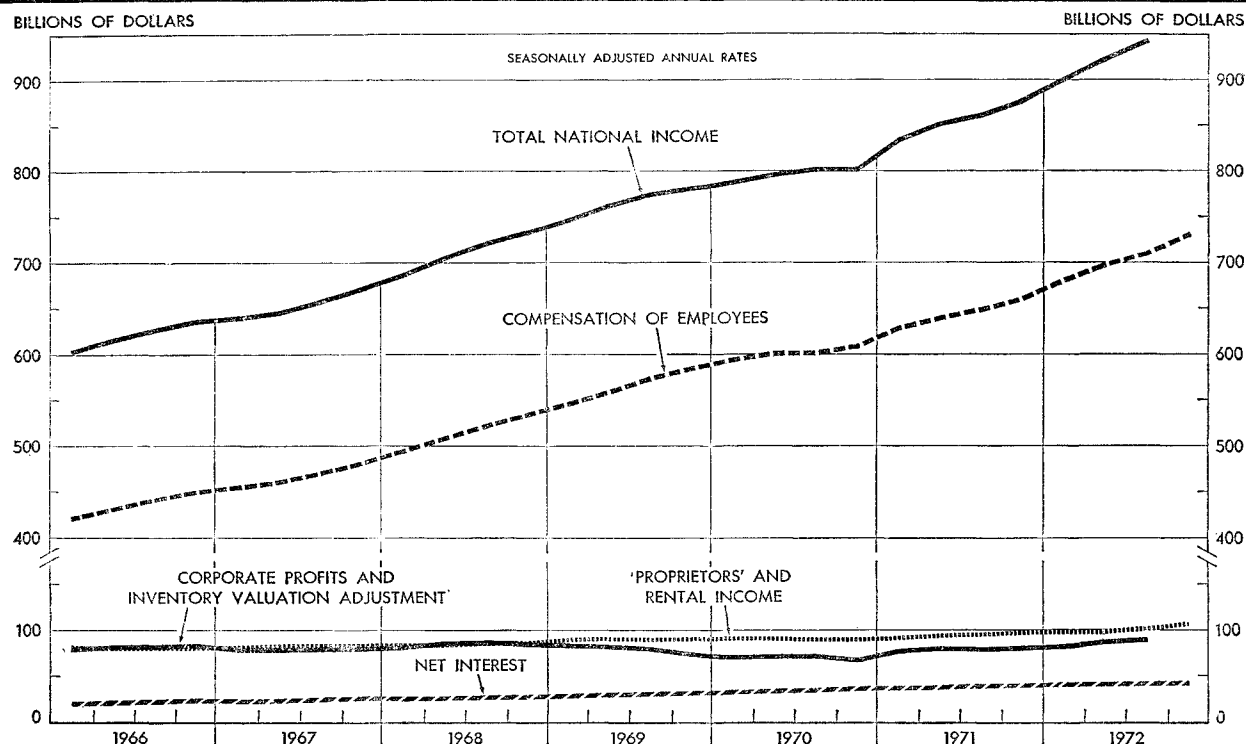
¹ This category corresponds closely with budget outlays for national defense, shown on p. 36.

² Gross national product in current dollars divided by gross national product in 1958 dollars.

Source: Department of Commerce.

NATIONAL INCOME

Compensation of employees and farm proprietors' income (seasonally adjusted) rose sharply in the fourth quarter.



SOURCE: DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

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[Billions of dollars; quarterly data at seasonally adjusted annual rates]

Period	Total national income	Compensation of employees ¹	Proprietors' income		Rental income of persons	Net interest	Corporate profits and inventory valuation adjustment		
			Farm ²	Business and professional			Total	Profits before taxes	Inventory valuation adjustment
1963	481.9	341.0	13.1	37.9	17.1	13.8	58.9	59.4	-0.5
1964	518.1	365.7	12.1	40.2	18.0	15.8	66.3	66.8	-.5
1965	564.3	393.8	14.8	42.4	19.0	18.2	76.1	77.8	-1.7
1966	620.6	435.5	16.1	45.2	20.0	21.4	82.4	84.2	-1.8
1967	653.6	467.2	14.8	47.3	21.1	24.4	78.7	79.8	-1.1
1968	711.1	514.6	14.7	49.5	21.2	26.9	84.3	87.6	-3.3
1969	766.0	566.0	16.7	50.5	22.6	30.5	79.8	84.9	-5.1
1970	798.6	603.8	16.9	49.9	23.3	34.8	69.9	74.3	-4.4
1971	855.7	644.1	17.3	52.6	24.5	38.5	78.6	83.3	-4.7
1972 ^p	934.9	705.2	19.6	55.6	25.6	41.3	87.7	93.7	-6.0
1971: I	834.5	628.6	16.8	51.3	23.9	37.3	76.6	81.3	-4.7
II	851.4	639.6	16.9	52.4	24.4	38.1	80.1	84.5	-4.4
III	860.8	648.0	17.6	53.1	24.8	39.1	78.3	84.1	-5.8
IV	876.2	660.4	18.1	53.8	25.0	39.7	79.4	83.2	-3.9
1972: I	903.1	682.7	19.1	54.3	25.2	40.1	81.8	88.2	-6.5
II	922.1	697.8	18.7	54.4	24.2	40.9	86.1	91.6	-5.5
III	943.0	710.2	19.1	56.2	26.2	41.7	89.6	95.7	-6.1
IV ^p		730.0	21.6	57.4	26.9	42.5			-5.9

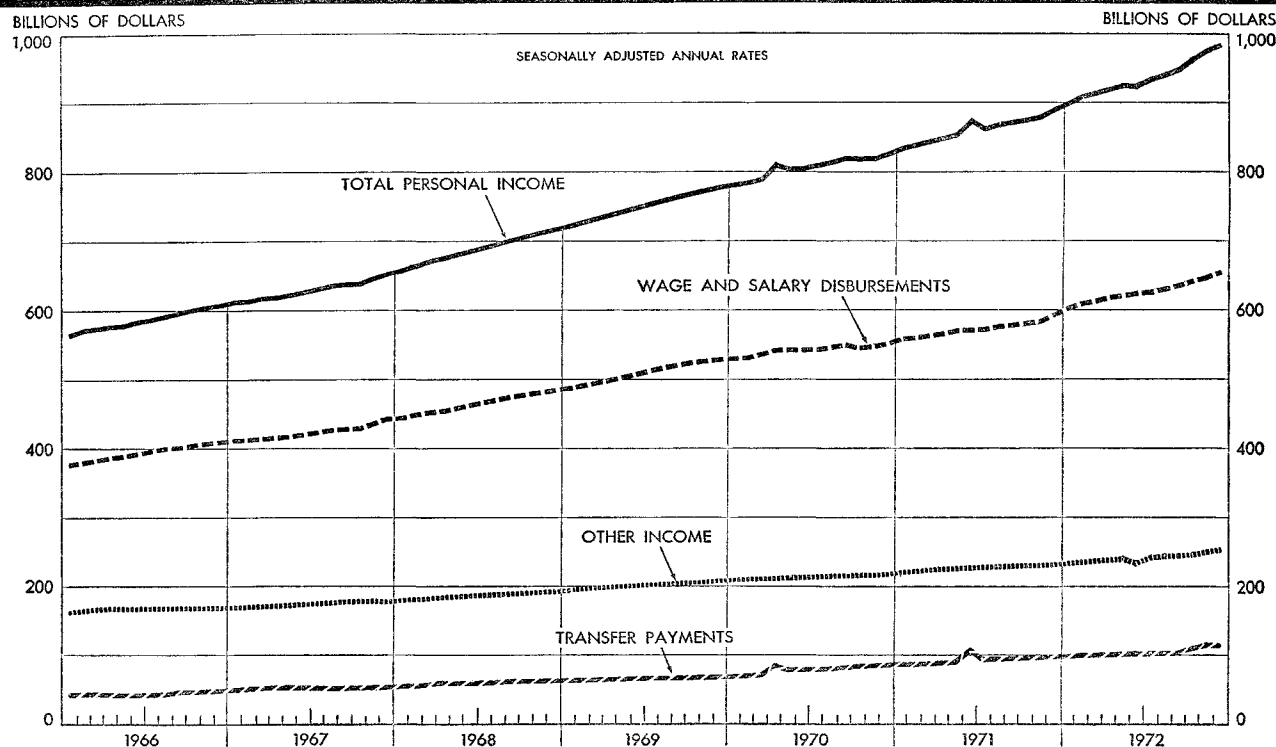
¹ Includes employer contributions for social insurance. (See also p. 4.)

² Excludes farm profits of corporations engaged in farming and therefore differs from net farm income (including net inventory change) on p. 6 which includes such profits.

Source: Department of Commerce.

SOURCES OF PERSONAL INCOME

Personal income rose \$7¾ billion (seasonally adjusted annual rate) in December. The \$5½ billion increase in wages and salaries was about the same as the average rise over the past year but the \$2 billion increase in farm income was unusually large for the second straight month.



SOURCE: DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

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[Billions of dollars; monthly data at seasonally adjusted annual rates]

Period	Total personal income	Wage and salary disbursements ¹	Other labor income ^{1,2}	Proprietors' income		Rental income of persons	Dividends	Personal interest income	Transfer payments	Less: Personal contributions for social insurance	Nonagricultural personal income ³
				Farm	Business and professional						
1965-----	538.9	358.9	18.7	14.8	42.4	19.0	19.8	38.7	39.9	13.4	519.5
1966-----	587.2	394.5	20.7	16.1	45.2	20.0	20.8	43.6	44.1	17.7	566.3
1967-----	629.3	423.1	22.3	14.8	47.3	21.1	21.4	48.0	51.8	20.5	609.4
1968-----	688.9	464.9	25.4	14.7	49.5	21.2	23.0	52.9	59.6	22.8	668.8
1969-----	750.9	509.7	28.4	16.7	50.5	22.6	24.3	59.3	65.8	26.3	728.3
1970-----	806.3	541.9	32.1	16.9	49.9	23.3	24.8	65.8	79.5	28.0	782.8
1971-----	861.4	572.9	36.5	17.3	52.6	24.5	25.4	69.6	93.6	31.2	837.2
1972 ^p -----	935.8	627.0	40.3	19.6	55.6	25.6	26.4	72.9	104.0	35.5	909.2
1971: Nov-----	879.4	583.4	38.0	18.1	53.8	25.0	25.5	70.6	96.8	31.8	854.5
Dec-----	890.4	594.3	38.3	18.1	53.9	25.1	24.6	70.7	97.6	32.3	865.0
1972: Jan-----	898.9	602.6	38.5	18.6	54.0	25.1	26.0	70.8	97.6	34.3	873.4
Feb-----	908.5	609.0	38.8	19.1	54.1	25.2	26.1	71.0	100.0	34.7	882.4
Mar-----	913.6	612.4	39.1	19.5	54.7	25.3	26.0	71.3	100.1	34.8	887.1
Apr-----	919.4	617.6	39.5	19.1	54.9	25.5	26.1	72.0	99.7	35.0	893.4
May-----	924.0	619.9	39.8	18.7	55.3	25.6	26.3	72.7	100.9	35.1	898.3
June-----	922.9	624.0	40.1	18.4	53.2	21.5	26.3	73.4	101.3	35.3	897.5
July-----	932.9	625.7	40.5	18.6	55.7	25.8	26.4	73.5	102.2	35.5	907.3
Aug-----	940.0	630.6	40.8	19.1	56.3	26.3	26.6	73.4	102.8	35.8	914.0
Sept-----	946.8	636.0	41.1	19.5	56.7	26.5	26.5	73.3	103.2	36.0	920.3
Oct-----	963.8	643.0	41.4	19.7	57.0	27.0	26.7	73.7	111.6	36.4	937.1
Nov-----	975.7	648.5	41.8	21.6	57.4	26.7	26.6	74.5	115.2	36.5	947.2
Dec ^p -----	983.4	654.1	42.1	23.5	57.8	26.9	26.8	75.3	113.6	36.6	953.0

¹The total of wage and salary disbursements and other labor income differs from compensation of employees (see p. 3) in that it excludes employer contributions for social insurance and the excess of wage accruals over wage disbursements.

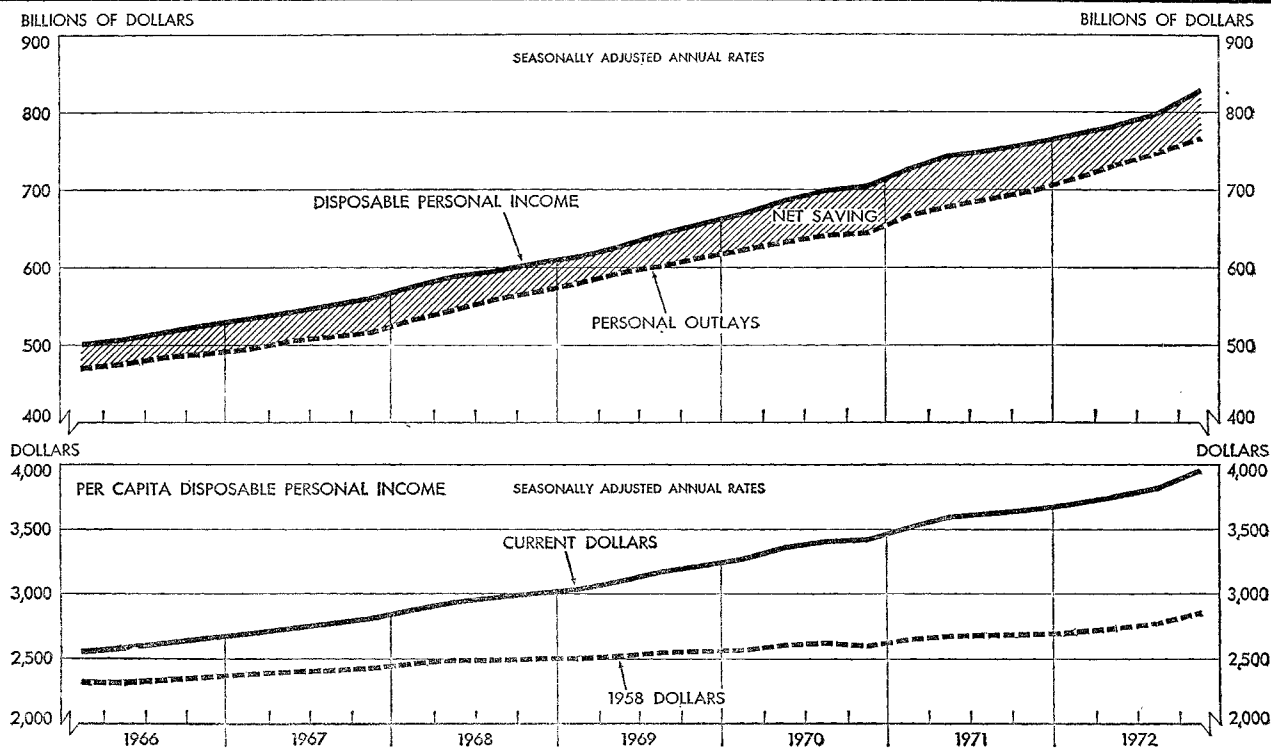
²Consists of employer contributions to private pension, health, and welfare funds; compensation for injuries; directors' fees; military reserve pay; and a few other minor items.

³Personal income exclusive of net income of unincorporated farm enterprises, farm wages, agricultural net interest, and net dividends paid by agricultural corporations.

Source: Department of Commerce.

DISPOSITION OF PERSONAL INCOME

Despite a large increase in personal consumption expenditures (seasonally adjusted) in the fourth quarter, disposable income rose even more partly as a result of a big increase in social security benefits, and the saving rate jumped.



SOURCE: DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

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Period	Per-sonal income	Less: Per-sonal tax and nontax pay-ments	Equals: Dis-posable personal income	Less: Personal outlays				Equals: Personal saving	Per capita dis-posable personal income		Saving as per-cent of dis-posable personal income (percent)	Popula-tion (thou-sands) ³
				Total personal outlays ¹	Personal consumption expenditures ²				Current dollars	1958 dollars		
					Durable goods	Non-durable goods	Services					
	Billions of dollars								Dollars			
1965-----	538.9	65.7	473.2	444.8	66.3	191.1	175.5	28.4	2,436	2,239	6.0	194,303
1966-----	587.2	75.4	511.9	479.3	70.8	206.9	188.6	32.5	2,604	2,335	6.4	196,560
1967-----	629.3	83.0	546.3	506.0	73.1	215.0	204.0	40.4	2,749	2,403	7.4	198,712
1968-----	688.9	97.9	591.0	551.2	84.0	230.8	221.3	39.8	2,945	2,486	6.7	200,706
1969-----	750.9	116.5	634.4	596.2	90.8	245.9	242.7	38.2	3,130	2,534	6.0	202,677
1970-----	806.3	116.7	689.5	634.7	90.5	264.4	261.8	54.9	3,366	2,603	8.0	204,879
1971-----	861.4	117.0	744.4	683.4	103.5	278.1	283.3	60.9	3,595	2,679	8.2	207,049
1972 ^p -----	935.8	140.7	795.1	740.4	116.3	299.5	305.4	54.8	3,807	2,771	6.9	208,837
	Seasonally adjusted annual rates											
1971: I---	838.0	112.3	725.7	666.4	99.8	273.4	274.8	59.3	3,517	2,650	8.2	206,310
II---	858.1	115.2	742.9	678.8	101.9	277.2	281.3	64.1	3,592	2,682	8.6	206,806
III---	867.9	117.5	750.4	689.4	106.1	278.5	286.1	61.0	3,620	2,684	8.1	207,312
IV---	881.5	123.0	758.5	699.2	106.1	283.4	290.9	59.3	3,649	2,698	7.8	207,856
1972: I---	907.0	136.5	770.5	714.9	111.0	288.3	296.7	55.7	3,700	2,716	7.2	208,255
II---	922.1	139.5	782.6	732.5	113.9	297.2	302.4	50.1	3,751	2,739	6.4	208,628
III---	939.9	141.1	798.8	748.0	118.6	302.0	308.0	50.8	3,821	2,773	6.4	209,053
IV ^p ---	974.3	145.9	828.4	766.0	121.5	310.4	314.3	62.4	3,954	2,854	7.5	209,509

¹ Includes personal consumption expenditures, interest paid by consumers, and personal transfer payments to foreigners.

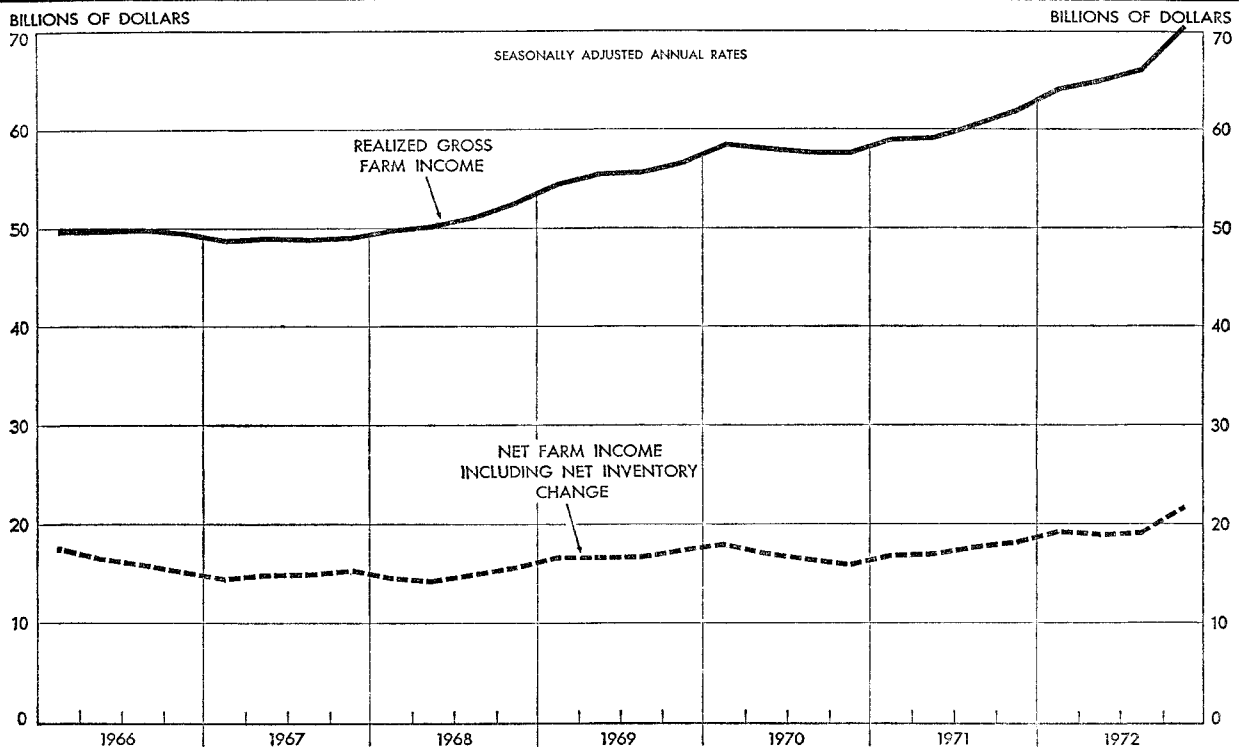
² See p. 2 for total personal consumption expenditures.

³ Includes Armed Forces abroad. Annual data are for July 1; quarterly data are for middle of period, interpolated from monthly data.

Source: Department of Commerce.

FARM INCOME

In the fourth quarter, net farm income excluding and including inventory change (seasonally adjusted) rose sharply by about 13 percent.



SOURCE: DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

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Period	Personal income received by total farm population			Income received from farming							
	From all sources	From farm sources	From nonfarm sources	Realized gross		Produc- tion ex- penses	Net to farm operators		Net income per farm including net inventory change ³		
				Total ¹	Cash receipts from market- ings		Exclud- ing net in- ventory change	Includ- ing net in- ventory change ²	Current dollars	1967 dollars ⁴	
	Billions of dollars								Dollars		
1965.....	23.6	13.5	10.0	44.9	39.3	30.9	14.0	15.0		4,487	4,723
1966.....	24.9	14.4	10.5	49.7	43.3	33.4	16.3	16.3		5,019	5,121
1967.....	24.0	13.1	10.9	49.0	42.7	34.8	14.2	14.9		4,730	4,730
1968.....	25.1	13.2	11.9	50.9	44.1	36.2	14.7	14.8		4,854	4,667
1969.....	27.6	14.9	12.7	55.6	48.1	38.8	16.8	16.9		5,674	5,206
1970.....	28.2	15.0	13.2	57.9	50.5	41.1	16.8	16.8		5,754	5,047
1971.....	29.5	15.6	13.9	60.1	53.1	44.0	16.1	17.4		6,049	5,083
1972 ^v	33.2	17.7	15.5	66.4	58.5	47.2	19.2	19.8		7,000	5,645
	Seasonally adjusted annual rates										
1971: I.....				59.0	51.9	43.2	15.8	16.8		5,840	4,990
II.....				59.1	52.1	43.7	15.4	16.9		5,880	4,980
III.....				60.4	53.4	44.3	16.1	17.7		6,150	5,130
IV.....				61.8	54.9	44.9	16.9	18.2		6,330	5,280
1972: I.....				64.1	56.5	45.6	18.5	19.3		6,820	5,590
II.....				64.8	56.9	46.5	18.3	18.9		6,680	5,390
III.....				66.1	58.1	47.3	18.8	19.2		6,780	5,420
IV ^v				70.6	62.5	49.4	21.2	21.7		7,660	6,080

¹Cash receipts from marketings, Government payments, and nonmoney income furnished by farms.

²Inventory of crops and livestock valued at the average price for the year. Also, see footnote 2, p. 3.

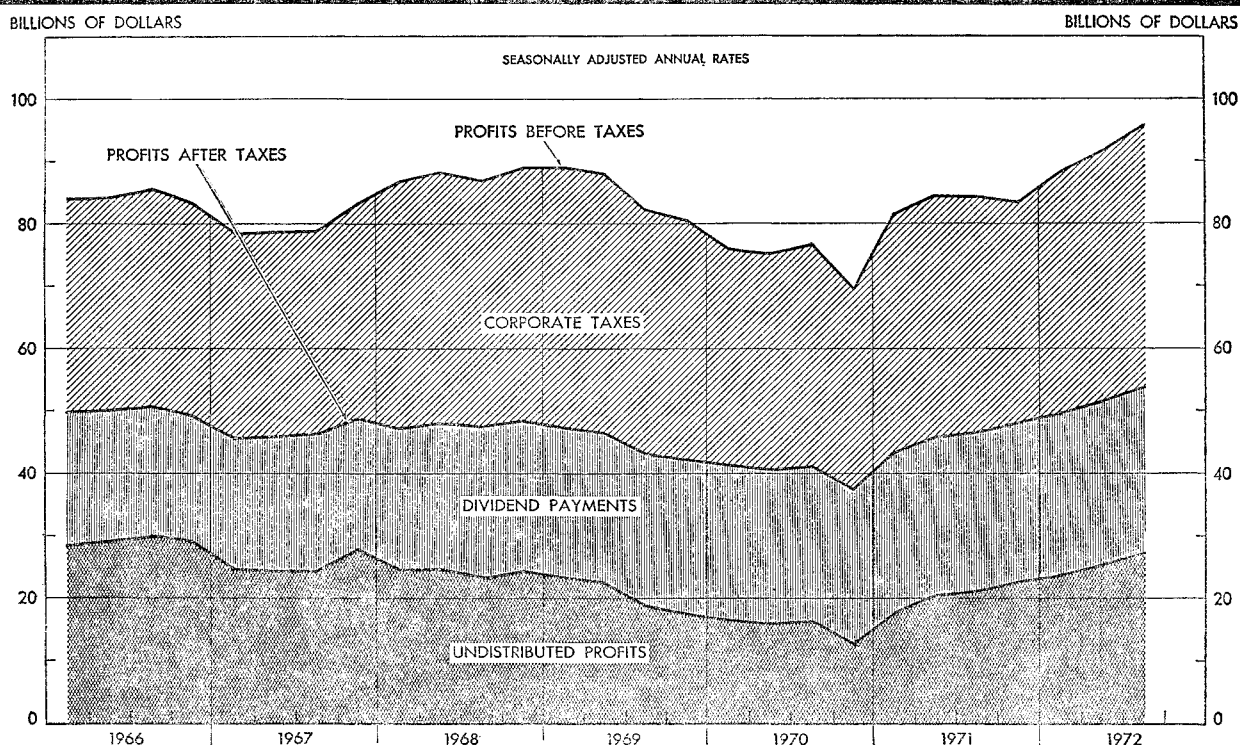
³Based on Census of Agriculture definition of a farm. The number of farms is held constant within a year.

⁴Income in current dollars divided by the index of prices paid by farmers for family living items on a 1967 base.

Source: Department of Agriculture.

CORPORATE PROFITS

Corporate profits before taxes (seasonally adjusted) rose 5 percent in the third quarter and were 14 percent above a year earlier. The 16 percent rise in after-tax profits over a year earlier was reflected in a 4 percent rise in dividends and a 30 percent gain in undistributed profits.



SOURCE: DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

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[Billions of dollars; quarterly data at seasonally adjusted annual rates]

Period	Corporate profits (before taxes) and inventory valuation adjustment						Corporate profits before taxes	Corporate tax liability	Corporate profits after taxes			Corporate capital consumption allowances ²	Profits plus capital consumption allowances ³
	All industries	Manufacturing			Transportation, communications, and public utilities	All other ¹			Total	Dividend payments	Undistributed profits		
		Total	Durable goods industries	Non-durable goods industries									
1965.....	76.1	39.3	22.8	16.6	11.1	25.6	77.8	31.3	46.5	19.8	26.7	36.4	82.9
1966.....	82.4	42.6	24.0	18.6	11.9	27.9	84.2	34.3	49.9	20.8	29.1	39.5	89.5
1967.....	78.7	38.7	20.7	18.0	10.8	29.1	79.8	33.2	46.6	21.4	25.3	43.0	89.6
1968.....	84.3	41.7	22.4	19.3	10.6	32.0	87.6	39.9	47.8	23.6	24.2	46.8	94.6
1969.....	79.8	36.6	18.8	17.7	10.1	33.1	84.9	40.1	44.8	24.3	20.5	51.9	96.8
1970.....	69.9	27.7	11.0	16.7	7.6	34.6	74.3	34.1	40.2	24.8	15.4	55.2	95.3
1971.....	78.6	30.9	14.1	16.8	8.2	39.5	83.3	37.3	45.9	25.4	20.5	60.3	106.2
1972 ^a	87.7	37.6	18.7	18.9	8.8	41.3	93.7	41.0	52.6	26.4	26.3	67.7	120.3
1971: I.....	76.6	30.9	14.3	16.6	7.8	37.8	81.3	38.0	43.2	25.5	17.7	57.5	100.7
II.....	80.1	31.2	14.4	16.8	8.8	40.1	84.5	38.6	45.8	25.4	20.4	59.4	105.2
III.....	78.3	30.1	13.3	16.9	8.5	39.6	84.1	37.5	46.6	25.5	21.0	61.2	107.8
IV.....	79.4	31.2	14.3	16.9	7.6	40.6	83.2	35.3	48.0	25.2	22.7	63.0	110.9
1972: I.....	81.8	35.4	17.7	17.7	7.8	38.5	88.2	38.8	49.5	26.0	23.5	64.8	114.3
II.....	86.1	37.0	19.4	17.6	8.8	40.3	91.6	40.1	51.5	26.2	25.3	68.0	119.5
III.....	89.6	37.9	18.4	19.5	9.6	42.1	95.7	41.8	53.9	26.5	27.3	68.4	122.2
IV ^a										26.7		69.5	

¹ Includes all other industries and financial institutions.

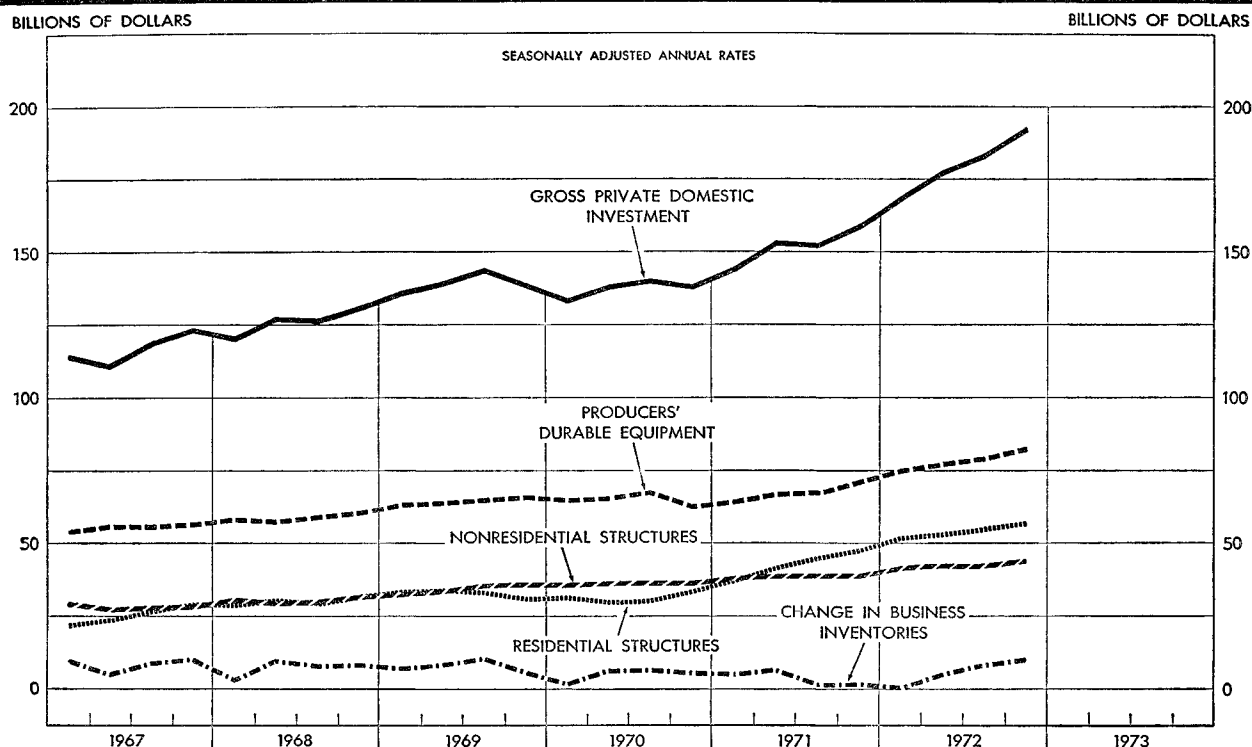
² Includes depreciation and accidental damages.

³ Corporate profits after taxes plus corporate capital consumption allowances.

Source: Department of Commerce.

GROSS PRIVATE DOMESTIC INVESTMENT

A step-up in inventory accumulation, another rise in homebuilding, and a pronounced increase in nonresidential fixed investment all contributed to the \$9 billion (seasonally adjusted annual rate) advance in gross private domestic investment in the fourth quarter.



SOURCES: DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

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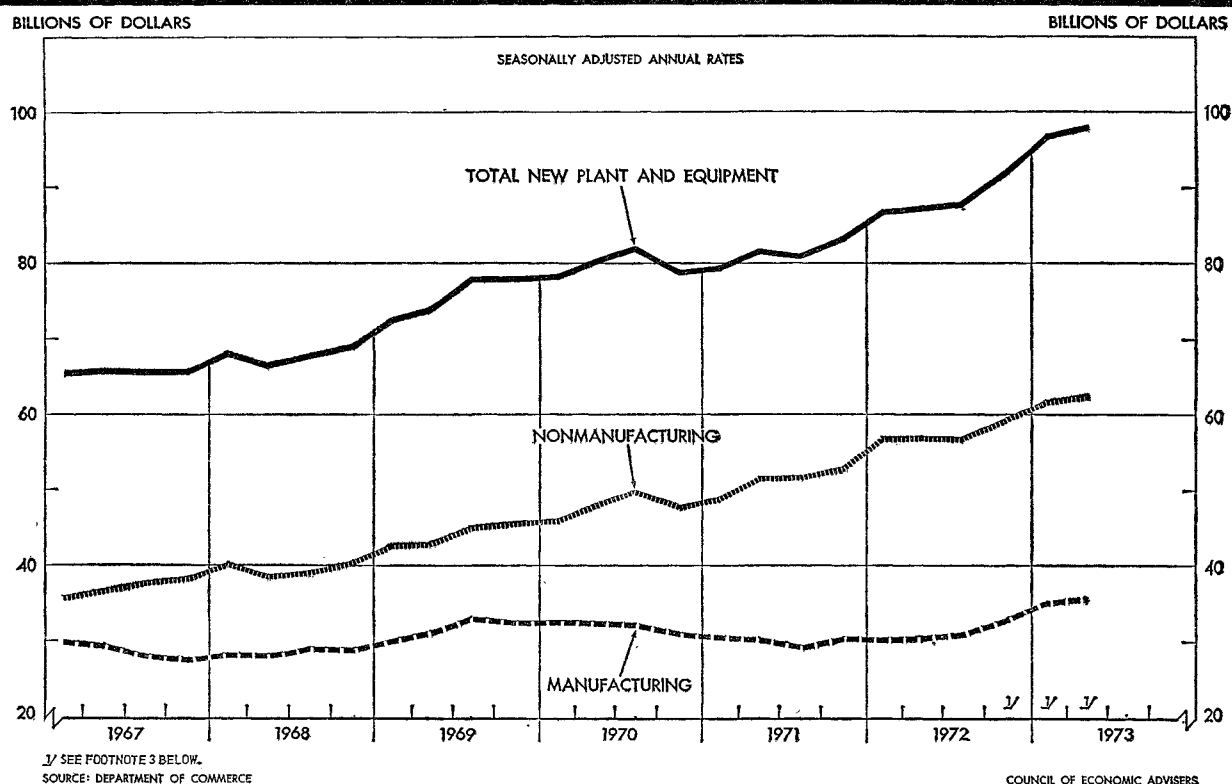
[Billions of dollars; quarterly data at seasonally adjusted annual rates]

Period	Total gross private domestic investment	Fixed investment								Change in business inventories	
		Total	Nonresidential				Residential structures				
			Total	Structures		Producers' durable equipment		Total	Non-farm		
				Total	Non-farm	Total	Non-farm				
1963-----	87.1	81.3	54.3	19.5	18.8	34.8	31.2	27.0	26.4	5.9	5.1
1964-----	94.0	88.2	61.1	21.2	20.5	39.9	36.3	27.1	26.6	5.8	6.4
1965-----	108.1	98.5	71.3	25.5	24.9	45.8	41.6	27.2	26.7	9.6	8.6
1966-----	121.4	106.6	81.6	28.5	27.8	53.1	48.4	25.0	24.5	14.8	15.0
1967-----	116.6	108.4	83.3	28.0	27.3	55.3	50.0	25.1	24.5	8.2	7.5
1968-----	126.0	118.9	88.8	30.3	29.6	58.5	53.6	30.1	29.5	7.1	6.9
1969-----	139.0	131.1	98.5	34.2	33.5	64.3	59.2	32.6	32.0	7.8	7.7
1970-----	137.1	132.2	100.9	36.0	35.2	64.9	59.2	31.2	30.7	4.9	4.8
1971-----	152.0	148.3	105.8	38.4	37.5	67.4	60.9	42.6	42.0	3.6	2.4
1972 ^p -----	180.2	174.3	120.4	42.2	41.4	78.2	70.3	53.9	53.2	5.8	5.5
1971: I-----	143.9	139.0	101.9	37.6	36.8	64.3	58.3	37.0	36.6	4.9	3.9
II-----	153.0	146.4	105.0	38.3	37.5	66.7	60.4	41.4	40.9	6.6	5.1
III-----	152.2	150.9	106.3	38.7	37.9	67.6	60.8	44.5	43.9	1.3	-.2
IV-----	158.8	157.2	109.8	38.8	38.0	71.0	64.2	47.3	46.7	1.7	.8
1972: I-----	168.1	167.7	116.1	41.3	40.5	74.8	67.7	51.6	51.0	.4	.1
II-----	177.0	172.0	119.2	42.0	41.2	77.2	69.6	52.8	52.1	5.0	4.3
III-----	183.2	175.2	120.7	41.8	40.9	79.0	71.0	54.4	53.7	8.0	7.9
IV ^p -----	192.4	182.4	125.6	43.8	43.0	81.8	72.8	56.8	55.9	10.0	9.7

Source: Department of Commerce.

EXPENDITURES FOR NEW PLANT AND EQUIPMENT

Businessmen expect to increase their plant and equipment spending by 13 percent in 1973 according to a Commerce Department survey conducted in November and December.



[Billions of dollars; quarterly data at seasonally adjusted annual rates]

Period	Total ¹	Manufacturing			Mining	Transportation			Public utilities	Communication	Commercial and other ²
		Total	Durable goods	Non-durable goods		Railroad	Air	Other			
1963	40.77	16.22	7.53	8.70	1.27	1.26	0.40	1.58	4.98	4.06	10.99
1964	46.97	19.34	9.28	10.07	1.34	1.66	1.02	1.50	5.49	4.61	12.02
1965	54.42	23.44	11.50	11.94	1.46	1.99	1.22	1.68	6.13	5.30	13.19
1966	63.51	28.20	14.06	14.14	1.62	2.37	1.74	1.64	7.43	6.02	14.48
1967	65.47	28.51	14.06	14.45	1.65	1.86	2.29	1.48	8.74	6.34	14.59
1968	67.76	28.37	14.12	14.25	1.63	1.45	2.56	1.59	10.20	6.83	15.14
1969	75.56	31.68	15.96	15.72	1.86	1.86	2.51	1.68	11.61	8.30	16.05
1970	79.71	31.95	15.80	16.15	1.89	1.78	3.03	1.23	13.14	10.10	16.59
1971	81.21	29.99	14.15	15.84	2.16	1.67	1.88	1.38	15.30	10.77	18.05
1972 ³	88.54	31.16	15.52	15.65	2.45	1.80	2.52	1.41	17.11	11.90	20.18
1973 ³	99.99	35.42	18.11	17.31	2.88	1.98	2.41	1.43	19.73	36.14	
1971: III	80.75	29.19	13.76	15.43	2.23	1.72	1.68	1.48	15.87	10.73	17.85
IV	83.18	30.35	14.61	15.74	2.30	1.64	2.26	1.33	15.74	10.44	19.10
1972: I	86.79	30.09	15.06	15.02	2.42	2.10	1.96	1.48	16.92	11.71	20.10
II	87.12	30.37	14.77	15.60	2.38	1.88	2.89	1.53	16.60	11.59	19.88
III	87.67	30.98	15.67	15.31	2.40	1.50	2.67	1.41	17.01	11.56	20.16
IV ³	92.36	32.96	16.44	16.52	2.61	1.70	2.57	1.28	17.94	33.30	
1973: I ³	96.66	35.11	17.98	17.14	2.66	1.96	2.14	1.50	19.48	33.80	
II ³	97.93	35.57	18.00	17.57				62.36			

¹ Excludes agricultural business; real estate operators; medical, legal, educational, and cultural service; and nonprofit organizations.

² Includes trade, service, construction, finance, and insurance.

³ Estimates based on expected capital expenditures as reported by business October-December 1972. Includes adjustments when necessary for systematic biases in expectations data.

NOTE.—Annual total is the sum of unadjusted expenditures; it does not

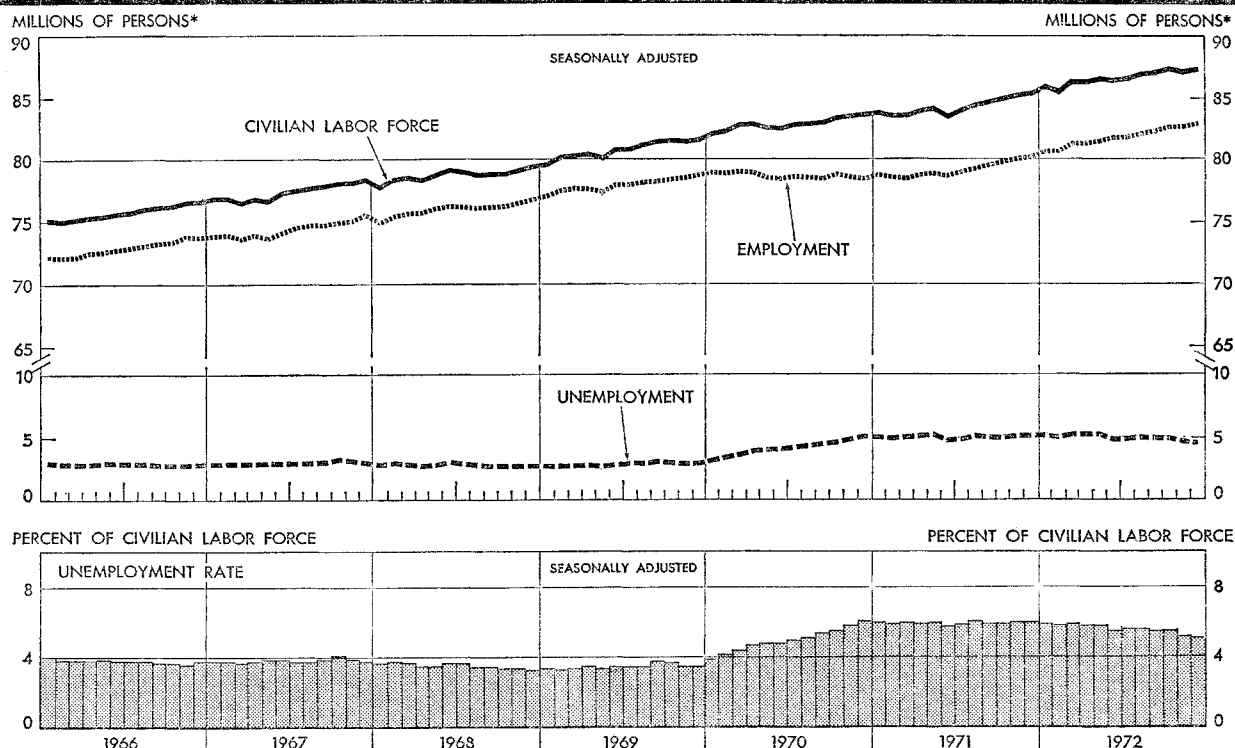
necessarily coincide with the average of seasonally adjusted figures.

These figures do not agree with the totals included in the gross national product estimates of the Department of Commerce, principally because the latter cover agricultural investment and also certain equipment and construction outlays charged to current expense.

Source: Department of Commerce.

EMPLOYMENT, UNEMPLOYMENT, AND WAGES STATUS OF THE LABOR FORCE

In January, the number of unemployed workers fell by 121,000 (seasonally adjusted) and there were large declines in the civilian labor force (346,000) and in employment (225,000).



*16 YEARS OF AGE AND OVER.
SOURCE: DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

COUNCIL OF ECONOMIC ADVISERS

Period	Total labor force (including Armed Forces)	Civilian employment		Unemployment	Total labor force (including Armed Forces)	Civilian labor force	Civilian employment			Unemployment	Unemployment rate (percent of civilian labor force)	Labor force participation rate	
		Total	Non-agri-cultural				Total	Agri-cultural	Non-agri-cultural				
Thousands of persons 16 years of age and over											Percent		
1968---	82, 272	75, 920	72, 103	2, 817	82, 272	78, 737	75, 920	3, 817	72, 103	2, 817	3. 6	-----	60. 7
1969---	84, 240	77, 902	74, 296	2, 832	84, 240	80, 734	77, 902	3, 606	74, 296	2, 832	3. 5	-----	61. 1
1970---	85, 903	78, 627	75, 165	4, 088	85, 903	82, 715	78, 627	3, 462	75, 165	4, 088	4. 9	-----	61. 3
1971---	86, 929	79, 120	75, 732	4, 993	86, 929	84, 113	79, 120	3, 387	75, 732	4, 993	5. 9	-----	61. 0
1972*--	88, 991	81, 702	78, 230	4, 840	88, 991	86, 542	81, 702	3, 472	78, 230	4, 840	5. 6	-----	61. 0
Unadjusted											Unad-justed	Seasonally adjusted	
1971: Dec.	87, 541	80, 188	77, 240	4, 695	87, 803	85, 145	80, 040	3, 409	76, 631	5, 105	5. 5	6. 0	61. 1
1972:													
Jan*	87, 147	79, 106	76, 237	5, 447	88, 238	85, 644	80, 579	3, 397	77, 182	5, 065	6. 4	5. 9	61. 0
Feb.	87, 318	79, 366	76, 458	5, 412	88, 058	85, 518	80, 594	3, 369	77, 225	4, 924	6. 4	5. 8	60. 8
Mar.	87, 914	80, 195	77, 101	5, 215	88, 768	86, 264	81, 216	3, 460	77, 756	5, 048	6. 1	5. 9	61. 2
Apr.	87, 787	80, 627	77, 339	4, 697	88, 647	86, 184	81, 209	3, 313	77, 896	4, 975	5. 5	5. 8	61. 0
May.	87, 986	81, 223	77, 692	4, 344	88, 850	86, 431	81, 453	3, 338	78, 120	4, 973	5. 1	5. 8	61. 1
June.	90, 448	82, 629	78, 653	5, 426	88, 947	86, 554	81, 752	3, 331	78, 421	4, 802	6. 2	5. 5	61. 1
July.	91, 005	83, 443	79, 383	5, 173	88, 985	86, 597	81, 782	3, 443	78, 339	4, 815	5. 8	5. 6	61. 0
Aug.	90, 758	83, 505	79, 475	4, 857	89, 337	86, 941	82, 061	3, 610	78, 451	4, 880	5. 5	5. 6	61. 2
Sept.	89, 098	82, 034	78, 376	4, 658	89, 471	87, 066	82, 256	3, 579	78, 677	4, 810	5. 4	5. 5	61. 2
Oct.	89, 591	82, 707	78, 986	4, 470	89, 651	87, 236	82, 397	3, 658	78, 739	4, 839	5. 1	5. 5	61. 2
Nov.	89, 400	82, 703	79, 340	4, 266	89, 454	87, 023	82, 525	3, 556	78, 969	4, 498	4. 9	5. 2	61. 0
Dec.	89, 437	82, 881	79, 719	4, 116	89, 707	87, 267	82, 780	3, 650	79, 130	4, 487	4. 7	5. 1	61. 1
1973:													
Jan ² .	88, 122	81, 043	78, 088	4, 675	89, 325	86, 921	82, 555	3, 501	79, 054	4, 366	5. 5	5. 0	60. 7

¹ Total labor force as percent of noninstitutional population.

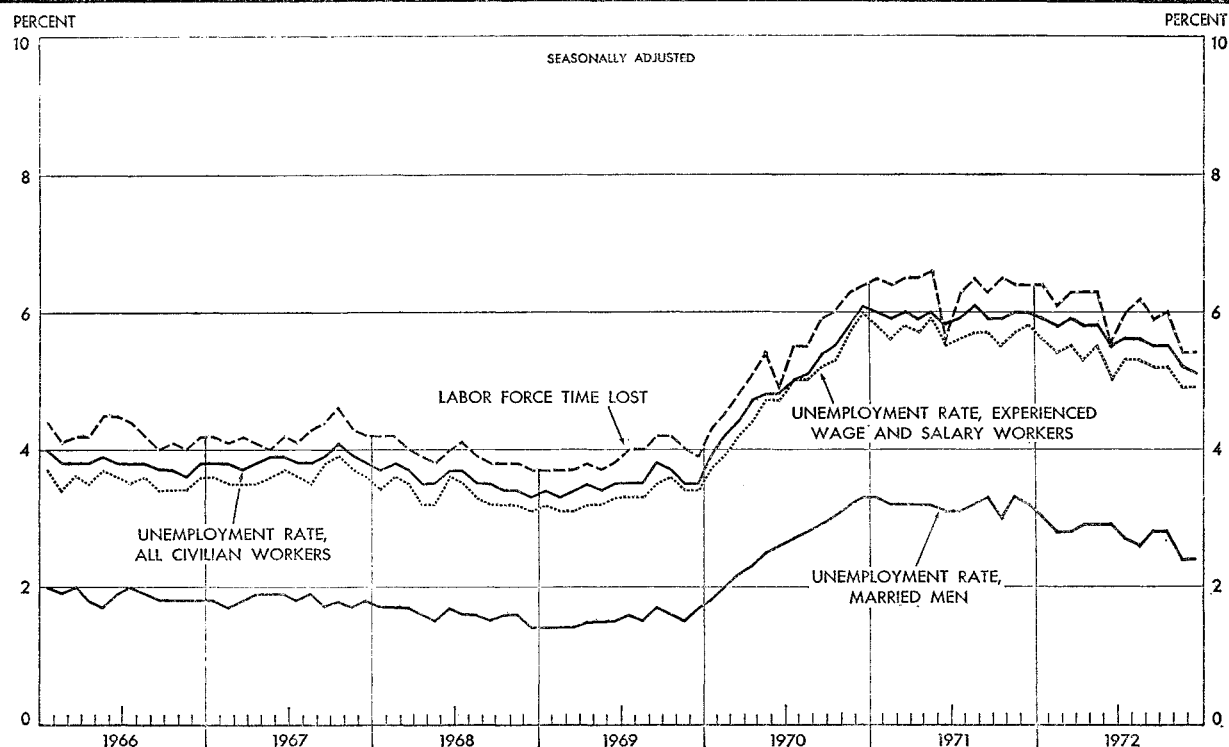
² Not charted.

Source: Department of Labor.

*Data beginning January 1972 not strictly comparable with prior data because of adjustment to 1970 Census data, which added 333,000 to the civilian labor force and 301,000 to civilian employment.

ELECTED MEASURES OF UNEMPLOYMENT AND PART-TIME EMPLOYMENT

The overall unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted) declined from 5.1 percent in December to 5.0 percent in January. The January 1973 rate was well below the 5.9 percent of a year earlier and at the lowest level since mid-1970.



SOURCE: DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

COUNCIL OF ECONOMIC ADVISERS

Period	Unemployment rate (percent of civilian labor force in group)				Labor force time lost ¹	Persons at work in nonagricultural industries by hours worked per week ²							
	All workers	Experi- enced wage and salary workers	Married men (wife present)	Over 40 hours		35-40 hours	Total	Under 35 hours					
								Part-time for economic reasons		Part-time for economic reasons			
								Usually full- time ³	Usually part- time ⁴	Usually full- time ³	Usually part- time ⁴		
Percent					Thousands of persons 16 years of age and over								
1968.....	3.6	3.4	1.6	4.0	20,600	32,658	14,785	895	820	-----	-----		
1969.....	3.5	3.3	1.5	3.9	20,608	34,201	15,210	955	855	-----	-----		
1970.....	4.9	4.8	2.6	5.3	18,925	33,537	18,222	1,201	995	-----	-----		
1971.....	5.9	5.7	3.2	6.4	19,095	35,752	16,298	1,184	1,256	-----	-----		
1972.....	5.6	5.3	2.8	6.0	20,320	36,794	16,549	1,081	1,327	-----	-----		
Seasonally adjusted					Unadjusted					Seasonally adjusted			
1971: Dec.....	6.0	5.7	3.2	6.3	20,239	37,428	16,799	1,045	1,153	1,104	1,303		
1972: Jan.....	5.9	5.6	3.0	6.3	19,176	36,820	17,008	1,220	1,101	1,144	1,311		
Feb.....	5.8	5.5	2.9	6.1	19,362	36,460	17,360	1,147	1,087	1,146	1,275		
Mar.....	5.9	5.5	2.8	6.2	21,876	37,517	17,774	1,172	1,140	1,138	1,308		
Apr.....	5.8	5.3	2.9	6.1	20,239	37,592	16,571	1,081	1,170	1,103	1,396		
May.....	5.8	5.4	2.9	6.2	20,478	37,468	16,700	996	1,117	1,093	1,316		
June.....	5.5	5.1	2.9	5.9	19,989	37,608	15,169	1,177	1,878	1,066	1,503		
July.....	5.6	5.3	2.7	6.0	18,824	36,143	14,046	1,034	2,140	1,091	1,385		
Aug.....	5.6	5.3	2.6	6.1	19,626	36,103	13,869	1,190	1,927	1,076	1,363		
Sept.....	5.5	5.2	2.8	5.8	21,881	37,409	15,176	1,107	1,136	1,070	1,277		
Oct.....	5.5	5.2	2.8	5.8	20,735	33,864	20,979	980	1,086	1,027	1,237		
Nov.....	5.2	4.9	2.5	5.4	21,404	37,566	17,379	946	1,065	1,025	1,192		
Dec.....	5.1	4.8	2.4	5.3	21,740	37,483	17,543	917	1,073	968	1,213		
1973: Jan ⁶	5.0	4.6	2.4	5.3	19,527	35,819	18,557	⁵ 951	⁵ 948	893	1,130		

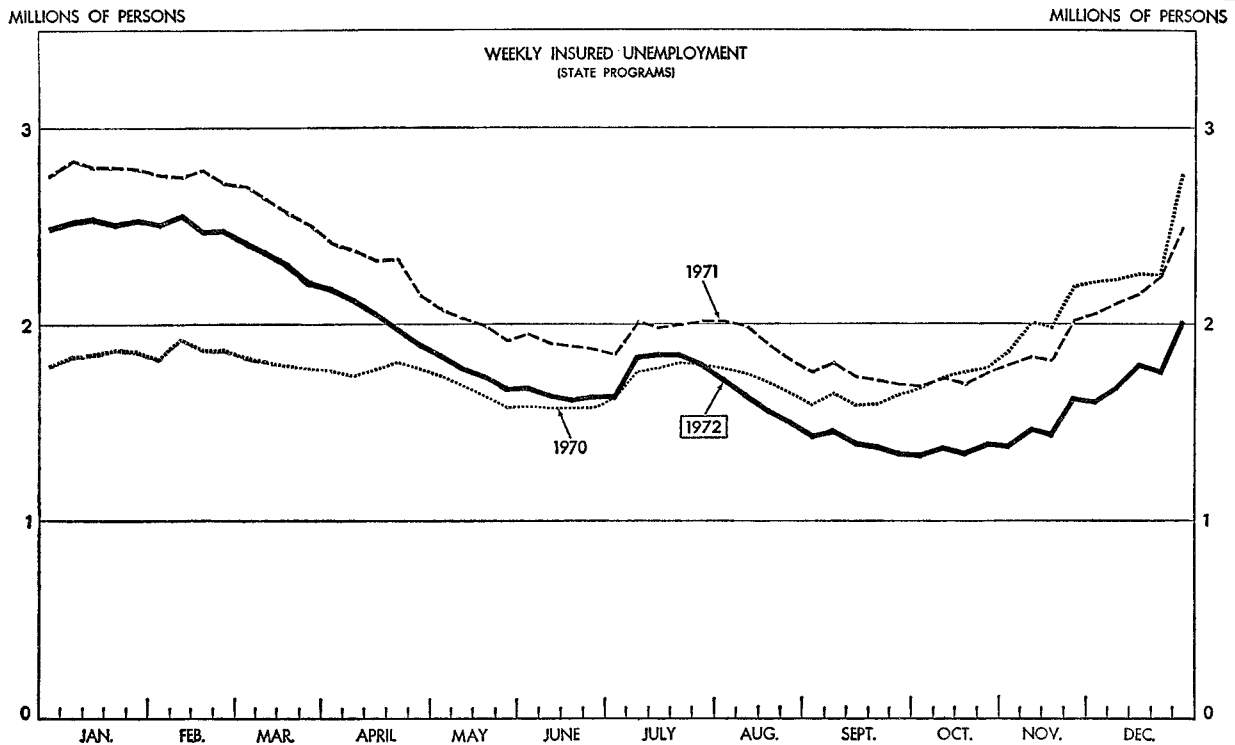
Man-hours lost by the unemployed and persons on part-time for economic reasons as a percent of potentially available labor force man-hours.
¹ Differs from total nonagricultural employment (p. 10), which includes persons with jobs but not at work for such reasons as vacation, illness, bad weather, and industrial disputes.
² Includes persons who worked part-time because of slack work, material shortages or repairs, new job started, or job terminated.

³ Primarily includes persons who could find only part-time work.
⁴ Average hours worked: usually full-time, 22.7; usually part-time, 18.6.
⁵ Not charted.

Source: Department of Labor.

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE PROGRAMS

In December, insured unemployment under State programs averaged 417,000 lower than a year earlier. The seasonally adjusted insured unemployment rate declined from 3.3 percent to 3.0 percent.



SOURCE: DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

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Period	All programs			State programs						
	Covered employment	Insured unemployment (weekly average)	Total benefits paid (millions of dollars)	Insured unemployment	Initial claims	Exhaustions	Insured unemployment as percent of covered employment		Benefits paid	
							Unadjusted	Seasonally adjusted	Total (millions of dollars)	Average weekly check (dollars)
	Thousands			Weekly average, thousands			Percent			
1968.....	57,977	1,187	2,191.0	1,111	201	16	2.2		2,031.6	43.43
1969.....	59,999	1,177	2,298.6	1,101	200	16	2.1		2,127.9	46.17
1970.....	59,526	2,070	4,179.1	1,805	296	25	3.4		3,848.5	50.34
1971 ^p		2,313	5,498.2	2,150	295	38	4.1		4,957.0	54.02
1972 ^p		2,185	5,000.0	1,850	265	37	3.5		4,550.0	57.00
1971: Nov ^p		2,312	451.9	1,879	298	32	3.5	4.2	406.9	53.96
Dec ^p		2,666	537.4	2,221	358	33	4.2	3.8	489.6	54.58
1972: Jan ^p		3,097	597.7	2,524	385	40	4.8	3.4	550.9	55.35
Feb ^p		3,122	638.3	2,492	293	40	4.7	3.5	589.5	56.71
Mar ^p		2,922	683.2	2,279	242	40	4.3	3.5	628.9	57.21
Apr ^p		2,430	516.4	2,005	237	43	3.8	3.6	472.9	56.90
May ^p		2,105	472.7	1,740	216	39	3.3	3.7	429.2	56.32
June ^p		1,951	423.0	1,636	250	36	3.1	3.6	382.1	55.23
July ^p		2,087	402.0	1,823	321	35	3.4	3.7	364.3	55.75
Aug ^p		1,763	405.3	1,564	213	33	2.9	3.4	363.0	55.53
Sept ^p		1,554	313.5	1,388	190	29	2.6	3.4	280.1	60.16
Oct ^p		1,511	311.4	1,357	214	33	2.5	3.3	280.3	56.95
Nov ^p		1,691	413.7	1,507	253	31	2.7	3.3	386.4	56.94
Dec ^p		1,991	482.6	1,804	324	33	3.3	3.0	451.9	57.02
Week ended:										
1972: Dec 16.....		1,979		1,789	323		3.3			
23.....		1,939		1,759	327		3.2			
30.....		2,227		2,009	339		3.7			
1973: Jan 6.....		2,333		2,120	345		3.8			
13 ^p		2,383		2,169	413		3.8			
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¹ Not charted.

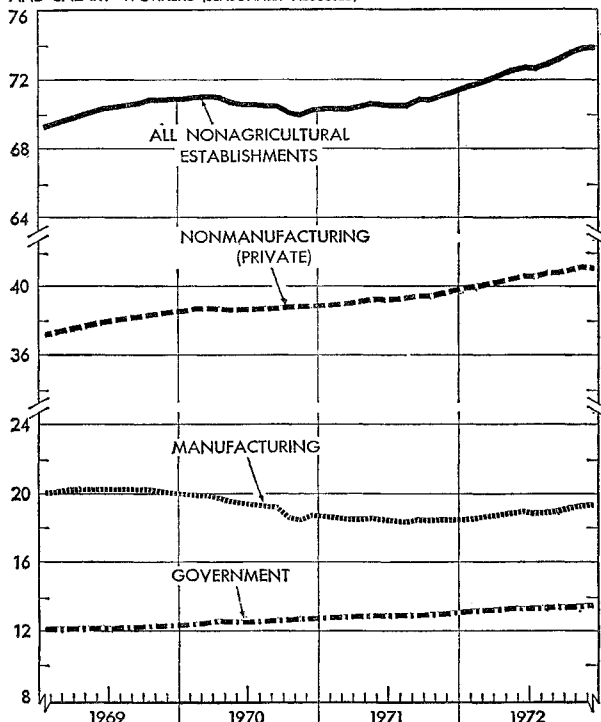
NOTE.—For definitions and coverage, see the 1967 Supplement to Economic Indicators.

Source: Department of Labor.

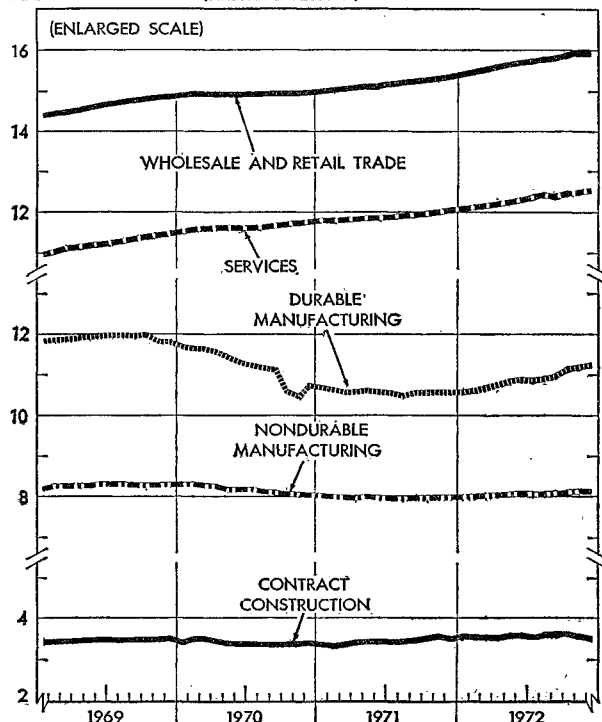
NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT

Total nonfarm payroll employment increased substantially (197,000 on a seasonally adjusted basis) in January from the December level, which was revised upward by 132,000. The rise since January 1972 was 2.7 million.

MILLIONS OF WAGE
AND SALARY WORKERS (SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)



MILLIONS OF WAGE
AND SALARY WORKERS (SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)



SOURCE: DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

COUNCIL OF ECONOMIC ADVISERS

[Thousands of wage and salary workers,¹ seasonally adjusted]

Period	Total	Manufacturing (private)			Nonmanufacturing (private)							Government	
		Total	Durable goods	Non-durable goods	Total	Mining	Contract construction	Transportation and public utilities	Wholesale and retail trade	Finance, insurance, and real estate	Services	Federal	State and local
1967-----	65,857	19,447	11,439	8,008	35,012	613	3,208	4,261	13,606	3,225	10,099	2,719	8,679
1968-----	67,915	19,781	11,626	8,155	36,288	606	3,285	4,310	14,084	3,382	10,623	2,737	9,109
1969-----	70,284	20,167	11,895	8,272	37,915	619	3,435	4,429	14,639	3,564	11,229	2,758	9,444
1970-----	70,593	19,349	11,195	8,154	38,709	623	3,381	4,493	14,914	3,688	11,612	2,705	9,830
1971-----	70,645	18,529	10,565	7,964	39,261	602	3,411	4,442	15,142	3,796	11,869	2,664	10,191
1972 ² -----	72,750	18,928	10,881	8,048	40,534	607	3,520	4,495	15,679	3,926	12,309	2,649	10,639
1971: Dec....	71,291	18,519	10,552	7,967	39,741	611	3,468	4,432	15,333	3,855	12,042	2,666	10,365
1972: Jan....	71,552	18,551	10,575	7,976	39,908	615	3,523	4,455	15,379	3,867	12,069	2,673	10,420
Feb....	71,744	18,612	10,621	7,991	39,987	613	3,494	4,438	15,456	3,874	12,112	2,669	10,476
Mar....	72,011	18,685	10,673	8,012	40,145	614	3,512	4,487	15,508	3,885	12,139	2,667	10,514
Apr....	72,246	18,790	10,755	8,035	40,238	605	3,493	4,481	15,561	3,892	12,206	2,664	10,554
May....	72,592	18,892	10,837	8,055	40,426	604	3,535	4,490	15,632	3,913	12,252	2,665	10,609
June....	72,699	18,931	10,857	8,074	40,544	600	3,550	4,491	15,682	3,931	12,290	2,646	10,578
July....	72,661	18,861	10,843	8,018	40,521	599	3,489	4,473	15,692	3,927	12,341	2,621	10,658
Aug....	72,984	18,930	10,897	8,033	40,737	602	3,544	4,478	15,758	3,936	12,419	2,618	10,699
Sept....	73,176	19,029	10,970	8,059	40,782	606	3,551	4,499	15,794	3,953	12,379	2,624	10,741
Oct....	73,589	19,219	11,127	8,092	40,973	610	3,568	4,540	15,835	3,969	12,451	2,630	10,767
Nov....	73,899	19,324	11,203	8,121	41,114	609	3,524	4,549	15,954	3,981	12,497	2,642	10,819
Dec ²	74,024	19,421	11,281	8,140	41,110	608	3,468	4,559	15,924	3,989	12,562	2,652	10,841
1973: Jan ² ..	74,221	19,440	11,320	8,120	41,257	615	3,495	4,590	15,943	3,995	12,619	2,658	10,866

¹ Includes all full- and part-time wage and salary workers in nonagricultural establishments who worked during or received pay for any part of the pay period which includes the 12th of the month. Excludes proprietors, self-employed persons, domestic servants, and personnel of the Armed Forces. Total derived from this table not comparable with estimates of nonagricultural employment of the civilian labor force, shown on p. 10, which include proprietors, self-employed persons, and domestic servants; which count persons as employed when they

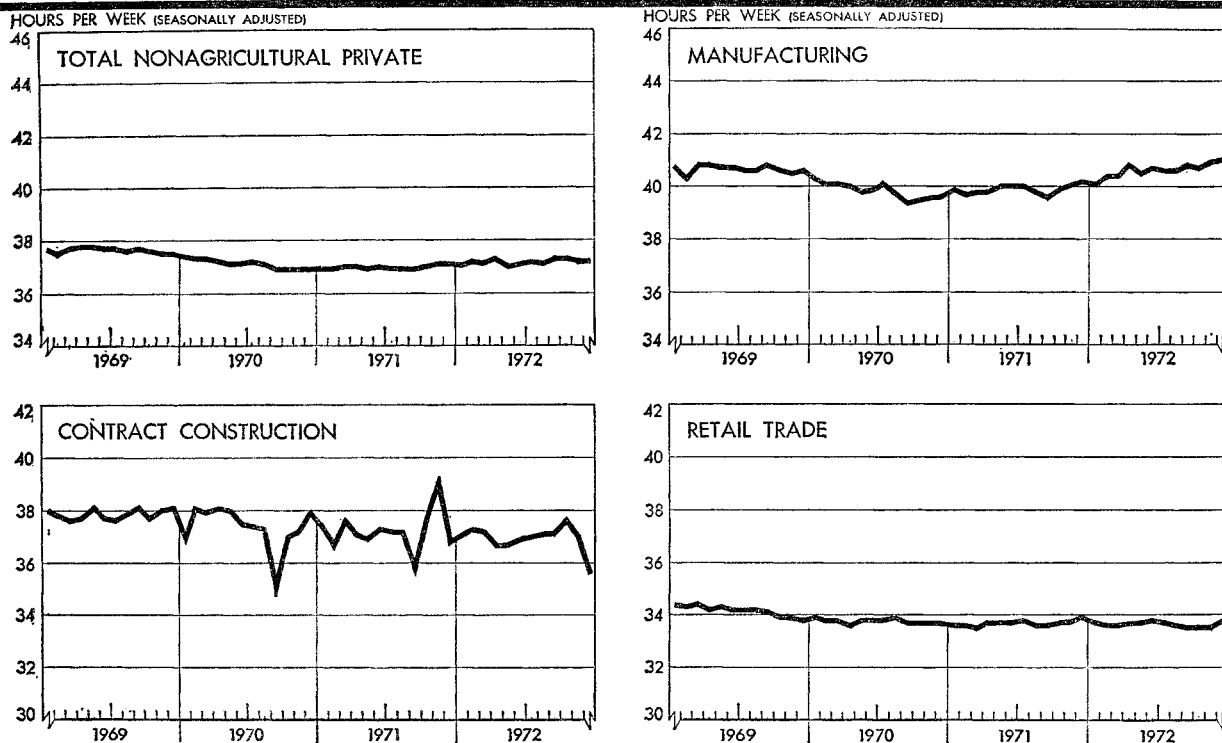
are not at work because of industrial disputes; and which are based on an enumeration of population, whereas the estimates in this table are based on reports from employing establishments.

² Preliminary; not charted.

Source: Department of Labor.

WEEKLY HOURS OF WORK - SELECTED INDUSTRIES

The average workweek (seasonally adjusted) for all private nonfarm production workers declined 0.2 hour in January and the factory workweek fell 0.5 hour from the downward revised December level.



SOURCE: DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

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[Average hours per week¹]

Period	Total nonagri-cultural private ²	Manufac-turing	Contract construc-tion	Retail trade ³	Total nonagri-cultural private ²	Manufac-turing	Contract construc-tion	Retail trade ³
	Unadjusted				Seasonally adjusted			
1963	38.8	40.5	37.3	37.3				
1964	38.7	40.7	37.2	37.0				
1965	38.8	41.2	37.4	36.6				
1966	38.6	41.3	37.6	35.9				
1967	38.0	40.6	37.7	35.3				
1968	37.8	40.7	37.4	34.7				
1969	37.7	40.6	37.9	34.2				
1970	37.1	39.8	37.4	33.8				
1971	37.0	39.9	37.3	33.7				
1972 ²	37.2	40.6	36.9	33.6				
1971: Dec	37.3	40.7	36.4	34.1	37.1	40.2	36.8	33.9
1972: Jan	36.7	39.8	35.8	33.2	37.0	40.1	37.1	33.7
Feb	36.8	40.1	36.0	33.0	37.2	40.4	37.3	33.6
Mar	36.9	40.3	36.8	33.2	37.1	40.4	37.2	33.6
Apr	37.0	40.5	36.6	33.3	37.3	40.8	36.7	33.7
May	36.9	40.5	36.8	33.3	37.0	40.5	36.7	33.7
June	37.4	40.9	37.6	34.1	37.1	40.7	36.9	33.8
July	37.6	40.4	37.9	34.7	37.2	40.6	37.0	33.7
Aug	37.6	40.6	38.2	34.7	37.1	40.6	37.1	33.6
Sept	37.4	41.0	38.2	33.6	37.3	40.8	37.1	33.5
Oct	37.3	40.8	38.2	33.3	37.3	40.7	37.6	33.5
Nov	37.1	41.0	36.0	33.2	37.2	40.9	37.0	33.5
Dec ²	37.3	41.2	35.2	33.9	37.1	40.7	35.6	33.7
1973: Jan ⁴	36.6	39.9	34.8	33.1	36.9	40.2	36.1	33.6

¹ Data relate to production workers or nonsupervisory employees.

² Also includes other private industry groups shown on p. 13.

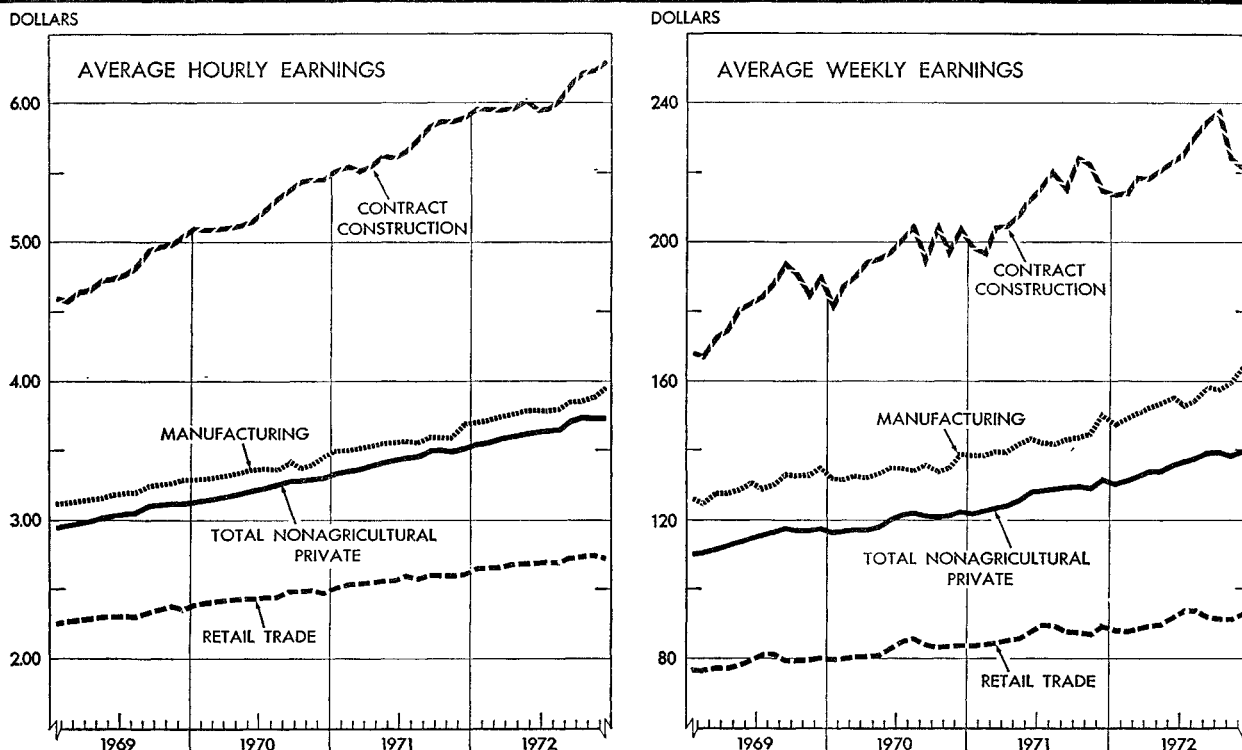
³ Includes eating and drinking places.

⁴ Preliminary; not charted.

Source: Department of Labor.

AVERAGE HOURLY AND WEEKLY EARNINGS - SELECTED INDUSTRIES

Average hourly earnings of private nonfarm production workers increased 4 cents in January to \$3.78 (not seasonally adjusted) and were 6.5 percent above a year earlier. Because of shorter hours of work, average weekly earnings decreased by \$1.15 to \$138.35, but were 6.2 percent above a year earlier.



SOURCE: DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

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[For production workers or nonsupervisory employees]

Period	Average hourly earnings—current dollars				Average weekly earnings—current dollars				Manufacturing industries	
	Total nonagricultural private ¹	Manufacturing	Contract construction	Retail trade ²	Total nonagricultural private ¹	Manufacturing	Contract construction	Retail trade ²	Adjusted hourly earnings, 1967=100 ³	Average weekly earnings, 1967 dollars ⁴
1963	\$2.28	\$2.46	\$3.41	\$1.68	\$88.46	\$99.63	\$127.19	\$62.66	87.8	\$108.65
1964	2.36	2.53	3.55	1.75	91.33	102.97	132.06	64.75	90.3	110.84
1965	2.45	2.61	3.70	1.82	95.06	107.53	138.38	66.61	92.6	113.79
1966	2.56	2.72	3.89	1.91	98.82	112.34	146.26	68.57	95.7	115.58
1967	2.68	2.83	4.11	2.01	101.84	114.90	154.95	70.95	100.0	114.90
1968	2.85	3.01	4.41	2.16	107.73	122.51	164.93	74.95	106.2	117.57
1969	3.04	3.19	4.79	2.30	114.61	129.51	181.54	78.66	112.6	117.95
1970	3.22	3.36	5.24	2.44	119.46	133.73	195.98	82.47	119.6	114.99
1971	3.43	3.56	5.69	2.57	126.91	142.04	212.24	86.61	127.5	117.10
1972 ^p	3.65	3.80	6.05	2.70	135.78	154.28	223.25	90.72	135.3	123.13
1971: Dec	3.52	3.69	5.90	2.61	131.30	150.18	214.76	89.00	131.5	122.00
1972: Jan	3.55	3.70	5.96	2.66	130.29	147.26	213.37	88.31	132.6	119.53
Feb	3.56	3.72	5.95	2.66	131.01	149.17	214.20	87.78	133.1	120.49
Mar	3.58	3.74	5.94	2.67	132.10	150.72	218.59	88.64	133.5	121.55
Apr	3.61	3.76	5.96	2.68	133.57	152.28	218.14	89.24	134.1	122.51
May	3.62	3.78	6.01	2.69	133.58	153.09	221.17	89.58	134.6	122.77
June	3.63	3.79	5.94	2.69	135.76	155.01	223.34	91.73	134.7	124.01
July	3.64	3.78	5.96	2.70	136.86	152.71	225.88	93.69	135.0	121.68
Aug	3.66	3.80	6.03	2.70	137.62	154.28	230.35	93.69	135.5	122.74
Sept	3.72	3.86	6.15	2.73	139.13	158.26	234.93	91.73	136.7	125.40
Oct	3.74	3.86	6.22	2.74	139.50	157.49	237.60	91.24	137.0	124.40
Nov	3.74	3.89	6.23	2.75	138.75	159.49	224.28	91.30	137.8	125.68
Dec ^p	3.74	3.96	6.32	2.74	139.50	163.15	222.46	92.89	139.2	128.16
1973: Jan ⁵	3.78	3.99	6.39	2.78	138.35	159.20	222.37	92.02	140.1	-----

¹ Also includes other private industry groups shown on p. 13.

² Includes eating and drinking places.

³ Earnings in current dollars adjusted to exclude the effects of overtime and interindustry shifts.

⁴ Earnings in current dollars divided by the consumer price index.

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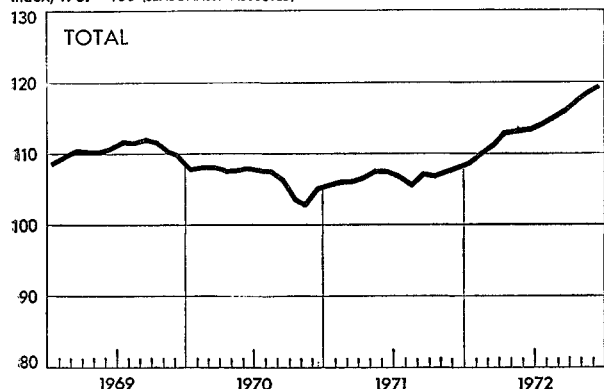
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PRODUCTION AND BUSINESS ACTIVITY

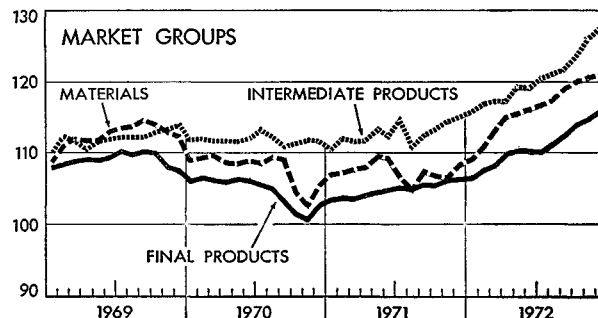
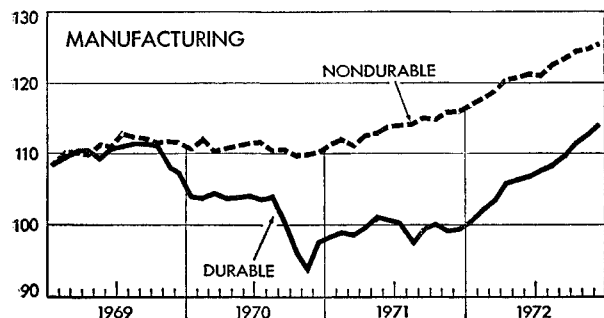
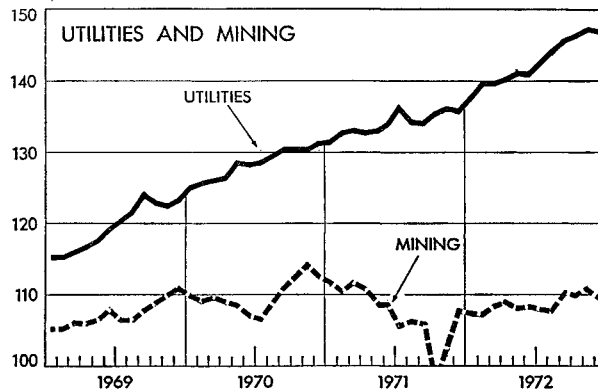
INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION

In December, industrial production (seasonally adjusted) continued to rise rapidly with an increase of nearly 1 percent, bringing the rise over the year to 10½ percent. Among the industry groups there was a sharp December increase in manufacturing. Most market groups also showed large increases.

Index, 1967=100 (SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)



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SOURCE: BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF THE FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

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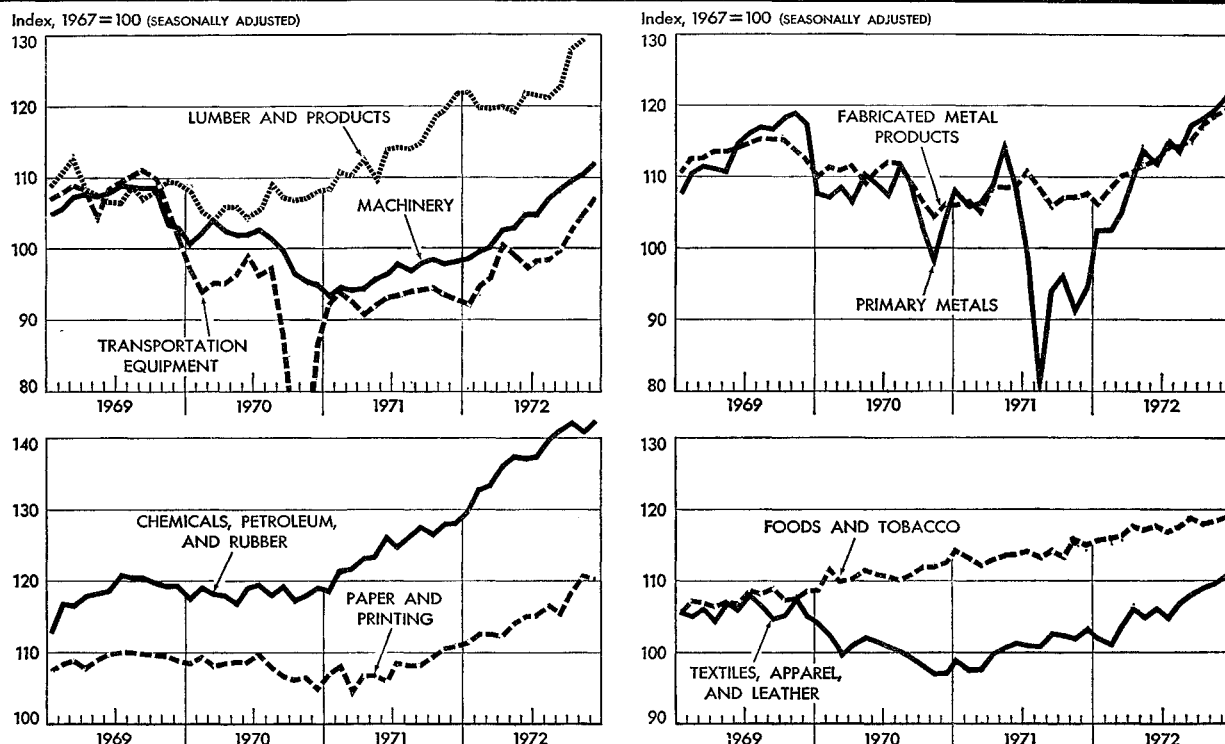
[1967=100, seasonally adjusted]

Period	Total industrial production	Industry					Market				
		Manufacturing			Mining	Utilities	Final products			Intermediate products	Materials
		Total	Durable	Non-durable			Total	Consumer goods	Equipment		
1963-----	76.5	75.8	73.5	79.2	89.0	75.1	74.9	82.0	65.6	81.1	77.0
1964-----	81.7	81.2	79.0	84.4	91.1	81.9	79.6	86.8	70.1	87.3	82.6
1965-----	89.2	89.1	88.5	90.0	93.9	86.9	86.8	93.0	78.7	93.0	91.0
1966-----	97.9	98.3	99.0	97.3	98.4	93.6	96.1	98.6	93.0	99.2	99.8
1967-----	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
1968-----	105.7	105.7	105.5	106.0	103.9	109.4	105.8	106.6	104.7	105.7	105.7
1969-----	110.7	110.5	110.0	111.1	107.2	119.5	109.0	111.1	106.1	112.0	112.4
1970-----	106.6	105.2	101.4	110.6	109.7	128.3	104.5	110.3	96.3	111.7	107.7
1971-----	106.8	105.2	99.4	113.5	107.0	133.9	104.7	115.7	89.4	112.5	107.4
1972 ^p -----	114.3	113.2	107.4	121.5	108.4	143.0	111.1	123.1	94.5	120.6	116.3
1971: Nov-----	107.4	106.0	99.1	115.9	102.5	136.0	106.1	118.0	89.6	114.3	106.5
Dec-----	108.1	106.2	99.5	116.0	107.8	135.8	106.2	118.0	89.6	114.9	108.4
1972: Jan-----	108.7	107.1	100.4	116.8	107.3	137.4	106.4	118.5	89.5	115.9	109.2
Feb-----	110.0	108.5	102.1	117.8	107.2	139.7	107.6	119.6	90.9	117.0	110.8
Mar-----	111.2	109.7	103.4	118.8	108.5	139.7	108.2	119.6	92.4	117.3	113.1
Apr-----	112.8	111.8	105.8	120.3	109.0	140.2	109.8	122.0	92.7	117.3	115.0
May-----	113.2	112.3	106.3	120.8	107.9	141.1	110.2	122.2	93.4	119.3	115.6
June-----	113.4	112.5	106.8	121.3	108.2	141.0	110.1	122.1	93.3	119.1	116.1
July-----	113.9	113.2	107.7	121.0	107.9	142.5	110.2	122.0	93.4	120.5	116.8
Aug-----	115.0	114.1	108.4	122.6	107.7	144.1	111.3	123.1	94.8	121.2	117.4
Sept-----	116.1	115.2	109.7	123.3	110.2	145.6	112.4	124.4	95.8	121.7	119.1
Oct-----	117.3	116.6	111.3	124.3	109.9	146.3	113.8	125.5	97.1	123.6	120.0
Nov ^p -----	118.4	117.5	112.6	124.6	110.9	147.1	114.6	126.7	97.9	126.0	120.6
Dec ^p -----	119.3	118.6	113.9	125.3	109.4	146.8	115.8	127.9	98.7	127.5	121.1

Source: Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

PRODUCTION OF SELECTED MANUFACTURES

Production increases of manufactures (seasonally adjusted) were widespread among the major durable and non-durable groups in December. Increases of 1-2 percent occurred in transportation equipment, primary metals, the textile-apparel group, and the chemicals, petroleum, and rubber group. Paper and printing was the only group to decline.



SOURCE: BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF THE FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

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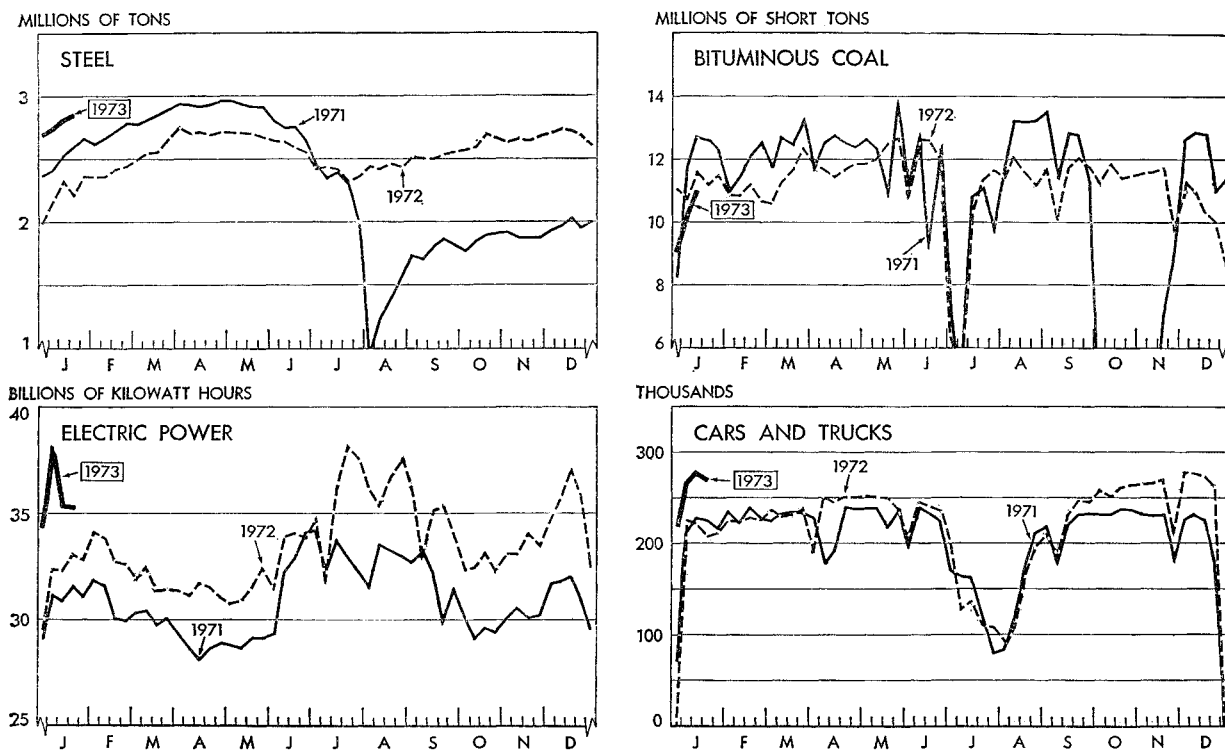
[1967=100, seasonally adjusted]

Period	Durable manufactures					Nondurable manufactures			
	Primary metals	Fabricated metal products	Machinery	Transportation equipment	Lumber and products	Textiles, apparel, and leather	Paper and printing	Chemicals, petroleum, and rubber	Foods and tobacco
1963.....	84.3	78.4	67.9	75.9	85.8	86.9	78.4	70.0	87.0
1964.....	95.7	83.3	74.3	79.6	91.0	91.9	84.5	75.9	90.6
1965.....	104.0	92.6	84.1	91.3	94.7	97.8	90.5	83.8	92.6
1966.....	108.8	100.5	98.6	101.2	98.4	101.7	98.9	94.1	97.0
1967.....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
1968.....	103.2	106.3	101.9	109.7	104.8	104.9	104.2	109.6	103.6
1969.....	114.1	113.6	106.8	107.6	108.6	105.9	109.1	118.4	107.5
1970.....	106.9	109.4	100.3	90.4	106.3	100.2	107.8	118.2	110.8
1971.....	100.9	107.4	96.2	92.9	113.9	100.7	107.8	124.7	113.7
1972 ^a	112.4	113.4	105.3	98.8	-----	106.3	115.4	137.7	117.4
1971: Nov.....	91.4	107.1	97.8	93.4	119.4	101.8	110.5	127.9	115.8
Dec.....	94.3	107.6	97.9	92.7	121.7	103.1	110.7	127.9	115.0
1972: Jan.....	102.4	106.0	98.5	92.0	122.0	102.0	111.3	129.8	115.7
Feb.....	102.6	108.6	99.5	94.7	119.7	101.1	112.6	132.6	115.9
Mar.....	105.1	110.1	100.3	95.9	119.6	103.7	112.6	133.4	116.3
Apr.....	110.2	110.8	102.6	100.4	119.9	106.1	112.3	136.1	117.6
May.....	113.5	111.9	103.0	98.9	119.1	104.9	114.1	137.5	117.1
June.....	111.9	112.3	104.8	97.4	121.8	105.9	115.1	137.1	117.6
July.....	114.9	114.1	104.8	98.2	121.5	104.8	115.2	137.4	116.8
Aug.....	113.6	114.4	107.1	98.4	121.1	106.8	116.4	139.9	117.6
Sept.....	117.4	115.2	108.3	99.8	122.8	108.0	115.3	141.1	118.8
Oct.....	118.2	117.5	109.5	102.4	128.1	109.0	118.3	142.0	117.8
Nov ^a	119.6	118.7	110.6	104.9	129.3	109.5	120.7	140.8	118.3
Dec ^a	121.5	119.7	112.0	107.1	-----	110.7	120.2	142.4	119.0

Source: Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

WEEKLY INDICATORS OF PRODUCTION

Production of steel and electric power rose in December, while other weekly indicators of production declined.



SOURCES: AMERICAN IRON AND STEEL INSTITUTE, DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, EDISON ELECTRIC INSTITUTE, AND WARD'S AUTOMOTIVE REPORTS

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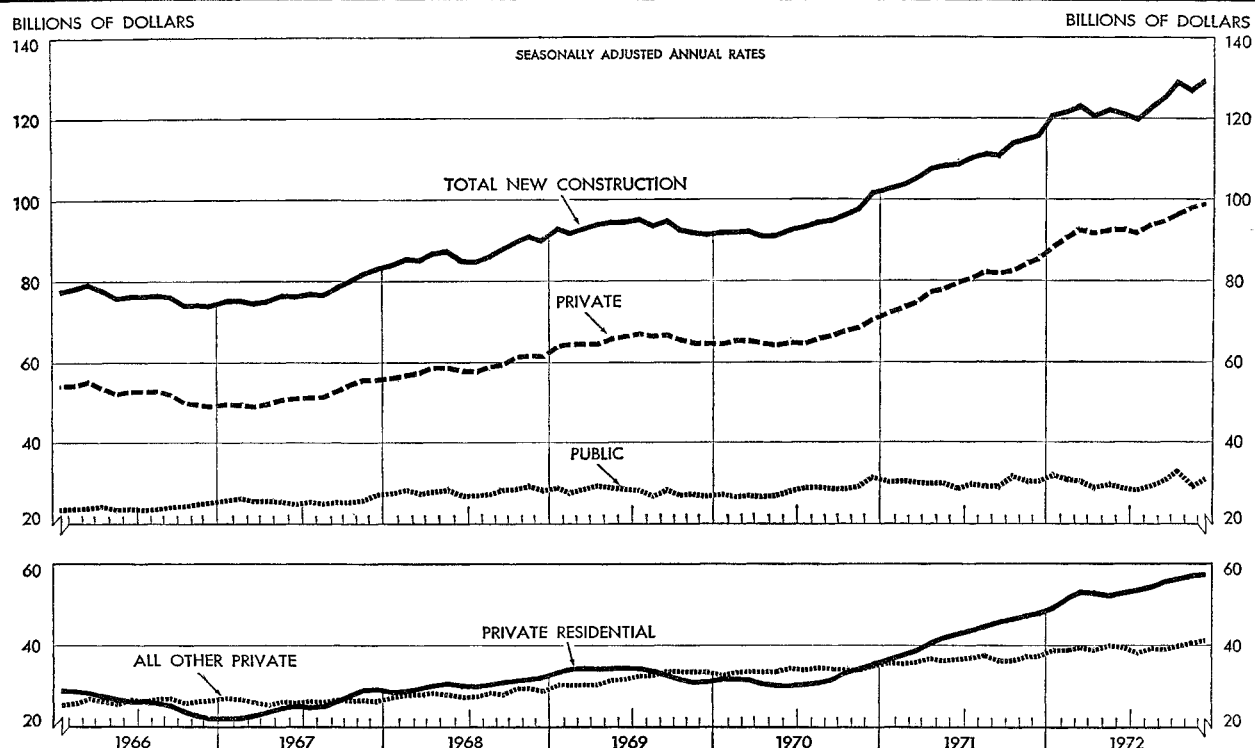
Period	Steel produced		Electric power distributed (millions of kilowatt-hours)	Bituminous coal mined (thousands of short tons) ¹	Freight loaded (thousands of cars)	Paperboard produced (thousands of tons)	Cars and trucks assembled (thousands)		
	Thousands of net tons	Index (1967=100)					Total	Cars	Trucks
Weekly average:									
1966.....	2,572	105.4	21,971	10,267	570	446	199.3	165.4	33.9
1967.....	2,440	100.0	23,169	10,627	540	439	172.9	142.4	30.5
1968.....	2,515	103.1	25,244	10,485	543	479	207.6	170.1	37.5
1969.....	2,709	111.0	27,588	10,779	543	507	195.8	158.1	37.8
1970.....	2,522	103.4	29,317	11,595	522	489	158.9	125.9	33.0
1971.....	2,310	94.7	30,923	10,619	486	501	204.8	165.0	39.8
1972 ^p	2,546	104.3	33,540	11,346	501	550	217.2	169.6	47.5
1971: Nov.....	1,877	76.9	30,227	5,415	440	517	218.6	175.1	43.5
1971: Dec.....	1,987	81.5	31,218	12,139	449	475	171.7	136.9	34.9
1972: Jan.....	2,258	92.5	32,655	11,348	456	505	216.3	169.8	46.5
1972: Feb.....	2,411	98.8	33,323	10,875	465	539	226.1	176.5	49.6
1972: Mar.....	2,616	107.2	31,692	11,546	494	562	225.1	175.4	49.7
1972: Apr.....	2,701	110.7	31,372	11,651	507	552	249.5	194.3	55.1
1972: May.....	2,694	110.4	31,402	11,961	515	572	238.4	185.5	52.9
1972: June.....	2,559	104.9	34,174	10,878	514	561	230.7	180.9	49.8
1972: July.....	2,340	95.9	35,905	9,428	459	520	120.5	93.1	27.4
1972: Aug.....	2,447	100.3	36,374	11,582	521	567	152.8	116.9	35.9
1972: Sept.....	2,550	104.5	34,360	11,404	524	533	225.5	180.9	44.6
1972: Oct.....	2,631	107.9	32,547	11,498	551	575	257.6	203.1	54.5
1972: Nov.....	2,657	108.9	33,674	11,211	524	567	257.1	200.9	56.3
1972: Dec ^p	2,688	110.2	35,264	9,964	471	537	202.5	157.7	44.7
Week ended:									
1972: Dec 16.....	2,721	111.5	37,009	10,290	493	572	272.8	211.7	61.1
1972: Dec 23.....	2,686	110.1	35,914	9,995	485	562	262.0	204.0	58.0
1972: Dec 30.....	2,603	106.7	32,440	8,620	391	444	.6	.0	.6
1973: Jan 6.....	2,688	110.2	34,331	9,060	425	275	218.0	170.1	47.9
1973: Jan 13.....	2,736	112.1	38,111	10,225	470	566	266.3	204.4	61.8
1973: Jan 20 ^p	2,810	115.1	35,368	10,985	516	563	277.9	215.1	62.8
1973: Jan 27 ^p	2,851	116.9	35,297				270.1	206.0	64.1

¹Includes data for Alaska.

Sources: American Iron and Steel Institute, Edison Electric Institute, Department of the Interior, Association of American Railroads, American Paper Institute, and Ward's Automotive Reports.

NEW CONSTRUCTION

According to preliminary estimates, expenditures for new construction (seasonally adjusted) rose 2 percent in December. Private nonresidential building and public construction increased while private residential construction changed little.



SOURCE: DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

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Period	Total new construction expenditures	Private						Federal, State, and local	Construction contracts	
		Total	Residential		Commercial and industrial	Other	Total value index, (1967=100)		Commercial and industrial floor space (millions of square feet)	
			Total ¹	New housing units						
		Billions of dollars								
1967.....	77.5	52.0	25.6	19.0	13.8	26.4	25.5	100.0	694	
1968.....	86.6	59.0	30.6	24.0	16.2	14.7	27.6	113.2	779	
1969.....	93.4	65.4	33.2	25.9	16.2	16.0	28.0	123.7	883	
1970.....	94.0	65.9	31.9	24.3	16.3	17.8	28.1	123.1	743	
1971.....	109.4	79.5	43.1	34.9	17.0	19.4	29.9	145.4	727	
1972 ^p	123.4	93.4	54.0	44.6	18.2	21.3	30.0	165.3	858	
Seasonally adjusted annual rates									Seasonally adjusted	Seasonally adjusted annual rates
1971: Oct.....	114.0	82.4	46.4	37.7	16.8	19.3	31.6	137	741	
Nov.....	114.6	84.2	47.1	38.0	17.3	19.8	30.5	155	824	
Dec.....	115.6	85.2	47.9	38.7	17.3	20.0	30.3	160	800	
1972: Jan.....	120.8	88.6	49.6	40.4	18.2	20.8	32.2	160	716	
Feb.....	121.8	90.9	51.9	42.8	17.9	21.0	30.9	155	801	
Mar.....	122.9	92.5	53.1	44.0	18.0	21.4	30.4	159	800	
Apr.....	120.4	91.5	52.7	43.6	18.1	20.7	28.9	167	786	
May.....	122.1	92.3	52.3	43.3	18.9	21.1	29.8	165	983	
June.....	121.0	92.4	52.9	43.7	18.4	21.1	28.6	154	846	
July.....	119.8	91.5	53.5	44.0	17.6	20.4	28.3	155	813	
Aug.....	122.8	93.6	54.3	44.7	18.2	21.1	29.2	180	908	
Sept.....	124.9	94.3	55.5	45.9	17.9	20.9	30.6	187	896	
Oct.....	129.1	96.3	56.4	46.7	18.1	21.8	32.8	171	895	
Nov ^p	126.7	97.4	57.1	47.4	17.9	22.4	29.3	177	992	
Dec ^p	129.6	98.7	57.2	47.3	18.8	22.7	30.9	163	946	

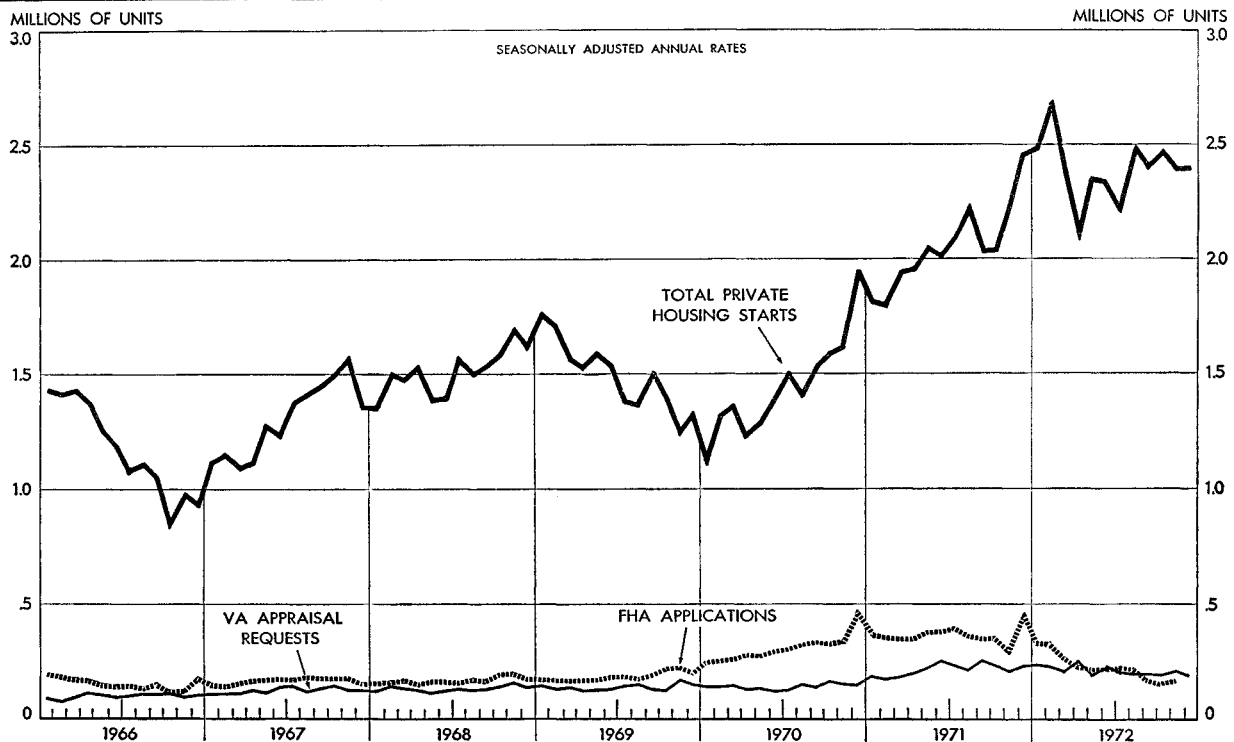
¹ Includes nonhousekeeping residential construction and additions and alterations, not shown separately.

² F. W. Dodge series. Relates to 50 States beginning 1969 for value index and beginning 1971 for floor space.

Sources: Department of Commerce and McGraw-Hill Information Systems Company, F. W. Dodge Division.

NEW HOUSING STARTS AND APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCING

Private housing starts in December were at a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 2.4 million units, about the same as in November. Starts for the year totaled 2,355,500 units or 15 percent more than in 1971. There was a sharp rise of 11 percent in December permits for new housing.



SOURCES: DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT, AND VETERANS ADMINISTRATION

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[Thousands of units]										
Period	Housing starts						New private housing units authorized ²	Proposed home construction ³		
	Total private and public (including farm)	Total private (including farm)	Private					Applications for FHA commitments ¹	Requests for VA appraisals	
			Total (including farm)			Government home programs (nonfarm)				
			Total	One unit	Two or more units	FHA ¹				VA
1967-----	1, 321. 9	1, 291. 6	1, 291. 6	843. 9	447. 7	141. 9	52. 5	1, 141. 0	167. 2	124. 3
1968-----	1, 545. 4	1, 507. 6	1, 507. 6	899. 4	608. 2	147. 7	56. 1	1, 353. 4	168. 9	131. 7
1969-----	1, 499. 5	1, 466. 8	1, 466. 8	810. 6	656. 2	153. 6	51. 2	1, 323. 7	187. 6	138. 2
1970-----	1, 469. 0	1, 433. 6	1, 433. 6	812. 9	620. 7	233. 5	61. 0	1, 351. 5	315. 0	143. 7
1971-----	2, 084. 5	2, 052. 2	2, 052. 2	1, 151. 0	901. 2	301. 2	94. 0	1, 924. 6	366. 8	217. 9
1972 ^p -----	2, 377. 7	2, 355. 5	2, 355. 5	1, 310. 0	1, 045. 5	198. 4	104. 0	2, 129. 0	225. 2	209. 4
Seasonally adjusted annual rates										
1971: Nov-----	176. 4	173. 7	2, 228	1, 242	985	293	105	2, 092	291	207
Dec-----	155. 3	152. 1	2, 457	1, 347	1, 110	383	104	2, 191	450	228
1972: Jan-----	150. 9	149. 1	2, 487	1, 415	1, 072	378	116	2, 204	333	232
Feb-----	153. 6	152. 2	2, 682	1, 325	1, 357	287	118	2, 056	326	224
Mar-----	205. 8	203. 9	2, 369	1, 302	1, 067	262	125	2, 007	260	207
Apr-----	213. 2	211. 6	2, 109	1, 167	942	219	104	1, 991	221	248
May-----	227. 9	225. 8	2, 350	1, 344	1, 006	189	98	1, 955	217	197
June-----	226. 2	223. 1	2, 330	1, 296	1, 034	177	98	2, 121	217	219
July-----	207. 5	206. 5	2, 218	1, 289	929	173	106	2, 108	223	203
Aug-----	231. 0	228. 6	2, 484	1, 410	1, 074	179	103	2, 237	206	199
Sept-----	204. 4	203. 0	2, 399	1, 383	1, 016	173	106	2, 265	163	193
Oct-----	218. 2	216. 5	2, 462	1, 308	1, 154	150	97	2, 216	150	191
Nov ^p -----	186. 3	184. 9	2, 388	1, 307	1, 081	126	93	2, 139	162	207
Dec ^p -----	152. 7	150. 2	2, 392	1, 240	1, 152	113	86	2, 372	140	192

¹ Units are for 1- to 4-family housing.

² Authorized by issuance of local building permit; in 13,000 permit-issuing places beginning 1967; 12,000 for 1963-66, and 10,000 prior to 1963.

³ Units represented by mortgage applications or appraisal requests for new home construction.

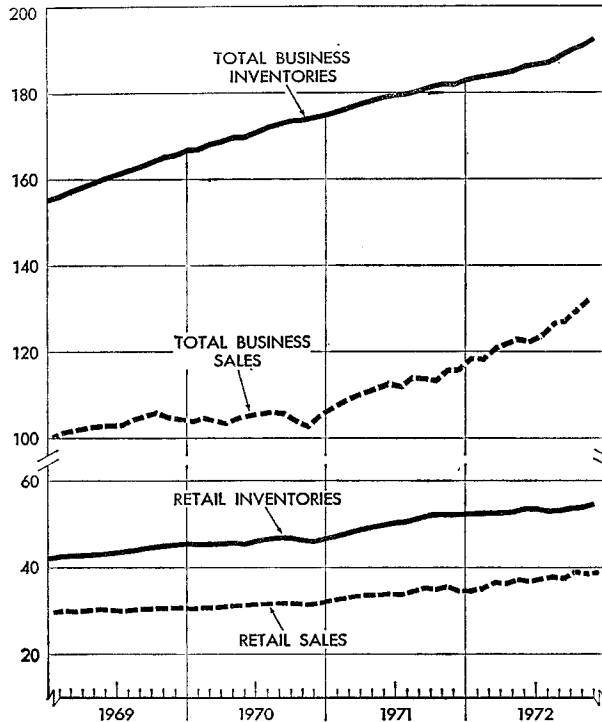
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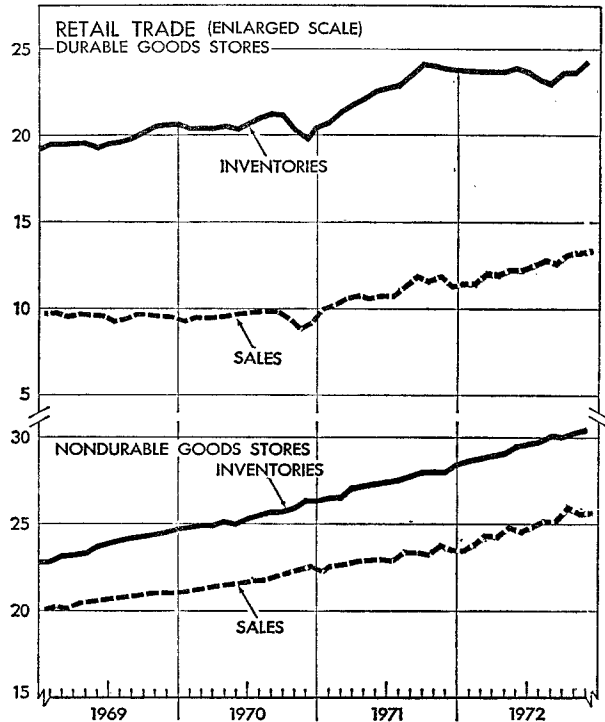
BUSINESS SALES AND INVENTORIES

Manufacturing and trade inventories rose \$1½ billion (seasonally adjusted) in November, about the same as in October. Combined sales rose 1½ percent.

BILLIONS OF DOLLARS (SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)



BILLIONS OF DOLLARS (SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)



SOURCE: DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

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Period	Total business ¹		Wholesale		Retail					
	Sales ²	Inven- tories ³	Sales ²	Inven- tories ³	Sales ²			Inventories ³		
					Total	Durable goods stores	Non- durable goods stores	Total	Durable goods stores	Non- durable goods stores
	Millions of dollars, seasonally adjusted									
1965-----	80, 276	120, 900	15, 595	18, 274	23, 677	7, 849	15, 828	34, 405	15, 253	19, 152
1966-----	87, 178	136, 729	16, 979	20, 691	25, 330	8, 192	17, 138	38, 073	17, 258	20, 815
1967-----	89, 698	145, 108	17, 099	21, 557	26, 151	8, 348	17, 803	38, 952	17, 277	21, 675
1968-----	97, 100	155, 336	18, 329	22, 528	28, 490	9, 268	19, 222	41, 973	19, 167	22, 806
1969-----	103, 104	166, 694	19, 726	24, 363	29, 824	9, 626	20, 197	45, 376	20, 647	24, 729
1970-----	104, 407	174, 942	20, 554	26, 604	31, 294	9, 524	21, 770	46, 626	20, 345	26, 281
1971-----	111, 931	182, 842	22, 280	28, 916	34, 071	10, 985	23, 086	52, 261	23, 808	28, 453
1972 ⁴ -----	123, 816	192, 282	24, 663	31, 253	37, 085	12, 352	24, 732	54, 658	24, 235	30, 423
1971: Oct-----	113, 191	181, 747	22, 284	27, 928	34, 964	11, 695	23, 269	52, 083	24, 034	28, 049
Nov-----	115, 757	181, 852	22, 739	28, 237	35, 574	11, 885	23, 689	51, 916	23, 872	28, 044
Dec-----	115, 630	182, 842	22, 994	28, 916	34, 896	11, 334	23, 562	52, 261	23, 808	28, 453
1972: Jan-----	118, 426	183, 303	24, 351	29, 049	34, 886	11, 475	23, 411	52, 458	23, 790	28, 668
Feb-----	118, 077	183, 826	23, 533	29, 181	35, 345	11, 457	23, 888	52, 484	23, 679	28, 805
Mar-----	120, 669	184, 263	23, 884	29, 174	36, 450	12, 087	24, 363	52, 639	23, 674	28, 965
Apr-----	121, 685	184, 816	24, 170	29, 574	36, 296	11, 976	24, 320	52, 814	23, 740	29, 074
May-----	122, 814	185, 953	24, 260	29, 729	37, 141	12, 280	24, 861	53, 402	23, 915	29, 487
June-----	122, 283	186, 439	24, 230	29, 641	36, 822	12, 253	24, 569	53, 293	23, 665	29, 628
July-----	123, 371	186, 884	24, 394	30, 056	37, 342	12, 468	24, 874	52, 940	23, 194	29, 746
Aug-----	126, 458	188, 409	25, 137	30, 164	37, 969	12, 842	25, 127	53, 107	23, 037	30, 070
Sept-----	127, 056	189, 759	25, 407	30, 657	37, 746	12, 614	25, 132	53, 661	23, 608	30, 053
Oct-----	129, 609	190, 974	25, 779	31, 032	39, 105	13, 167	25, 938	53, 934	23, 675	30, 259
Nov ^p -----	131, 529	192, 282	26, 148	31, 253	38, 828	13, 257	25, 571	54, 658	24, 235	30, 423
Dec ^p -----					38, 944	13, 313	25, 631			

¹ The term "business" also includes manufacturing (see page 22).

² Monthly average for year and total for month.

³ Book value, end of period, seasonally adjusted.

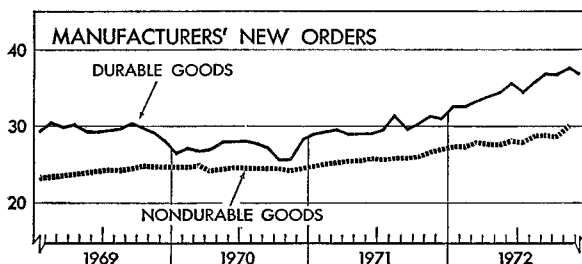
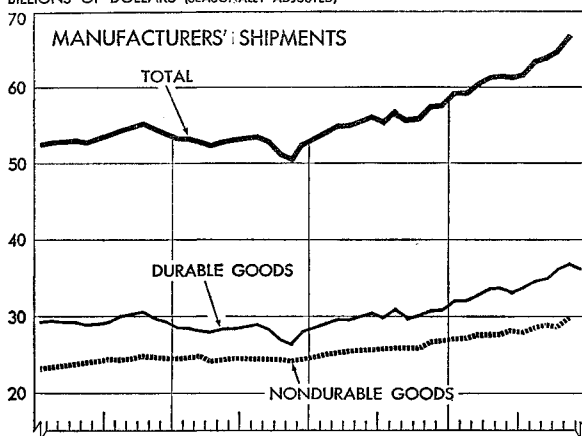
⁴ Based on seasonally adjusted data through November.

Source: Department of Commerce.

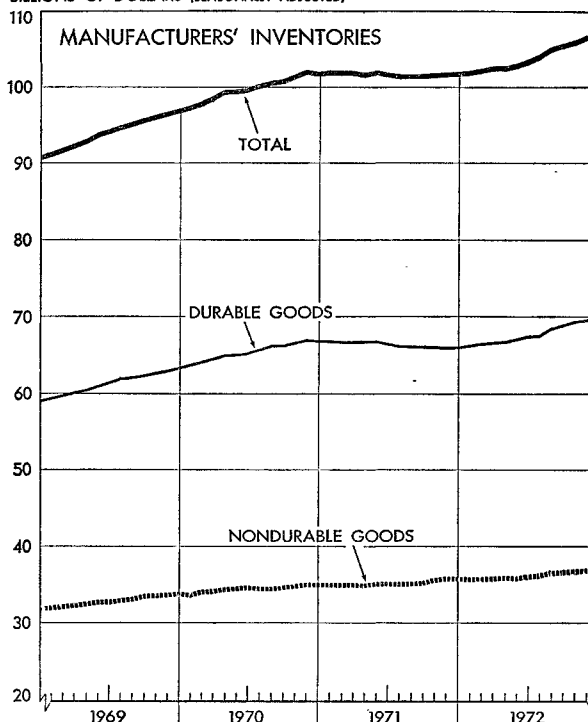
MANUFACTURERS' SHIPMENTS, INVENTORIES, AND NEW ORDERS

New orders and shipments of manufacturers (seasonally adjusted) edged down in December after large increases in November. Inventories increased by \$800 million in December.

BILLIONS OF DOLLARS (SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)



BILLIONS OF DOLLARS (SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)



SOURCE: DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

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Period	Manufacturers' shipments ¹			Manufacturers' inventories ²			Manufacturers' new orders ¹				Manufacturers' inventory-shipments ratio ³
	Total	Durable goods	Non-durable goods	Total	Durable goods	Non-durable goods	Total	Durable goods		Non-durable goods	
								Total	Capital goods industries, nondefense		
Millions of dollars, seasonally adjusted											
1966-----	44,869	24,633	20,236	77,965	49,818	28,147	45,944	25,720	-----	20,224	1.62
1967-----	46,449	25,212	21,236	84,599	54,893	29,706	46,763	25,526	-----	21,238	1.76
1968-----	50,282	27,694	22,588	90,835	59,053	31,782	50,267	27,690	6,971	22,577	1.74
1969-----	53,555	29,459	24,096	96,955	63,254	33,701	53,645	29,548	7,694	24,097	1.76
1970-----	52,560	28,061	24,499	101,712	66,829	34,883	51,663	27,162	6,822	24,500	1.90
1971-----	55,580	29,886	25,694	101,665	65,874	35,791	55,473	29,768	7,398	25,705	1.83
1972 ⁴ -----	62,346	34,102	28,244	107,181	70,192	36,989	63,336	35,019	9,087	28,317	1.67
1971: Oct-----	55,943	30,033	25,910	101,736	66,025	35,711	56,290	30,321	7,859	25,969	1.82
Nov-----	57,444	30,792	26,652	101,699	65,877	35,822	57,992	31,294	7,932	26,698	1.77
Dec-----	57,740	30,913	26,827	101,665	65,874	35,791	57,883	31,001	8,131	26,882	1.76
1972: Jan-----	59,189	31,965	27,224	101,796	66,187	35,609	59,871	32,554	8,166	27,317	1.72
Feb-----	59,199	32,041	27,158	102,161	66,422	35,739	59,792	32,466	8,196	27,326	1.73
Mar-----	60,335	32,683	27,652	102,450	66,604	35,846	61,097	33,328	8,528	27,769	1.70
Apr-----	61,219	33,581	27,638	102,428	66,575	35,853	61,685	34,005	8,785	27,680	1.67
May-----	61,413	33,705	27,708	102,822	67,035	35,787	62,012	34,302	9,036	27,710	1.67
June-----	61,231	33,129	28,102	103,505	67,427	36,078	63,734	35,613	9,228	28,121	1.69
July-----	61,635	33,825	27,810	103,888	67,645	36,243	62,270	34,430	9,100	27,840	1.69
Aug-----	63,352	34,710	28,642	105,138	68,542	36,596	64,409	35,727	9,211	28,682	1.66
Sept-----	63,903	35,037	28,866	105,441	68,834	36,607	65,776	36,851	9,519	28,925	1.65
Oct-----	64,725	36,086	28,639	106,008	69,330	36,678	65,454	36,759	9,694	28,695	1.64
Nov-----	66,553	36,750	29,803	106,371	69,641	36,730	67,587	37,619	9,762	29,968	1.60
Dec ⁴ -----	66,299	36,336	29,963	107,181	70,192	36,989	67,319	37,272	9,968	30,047	1.62

¹ Monthly average for year and total for month.

² Book value, end of period, seasonally adjusted.

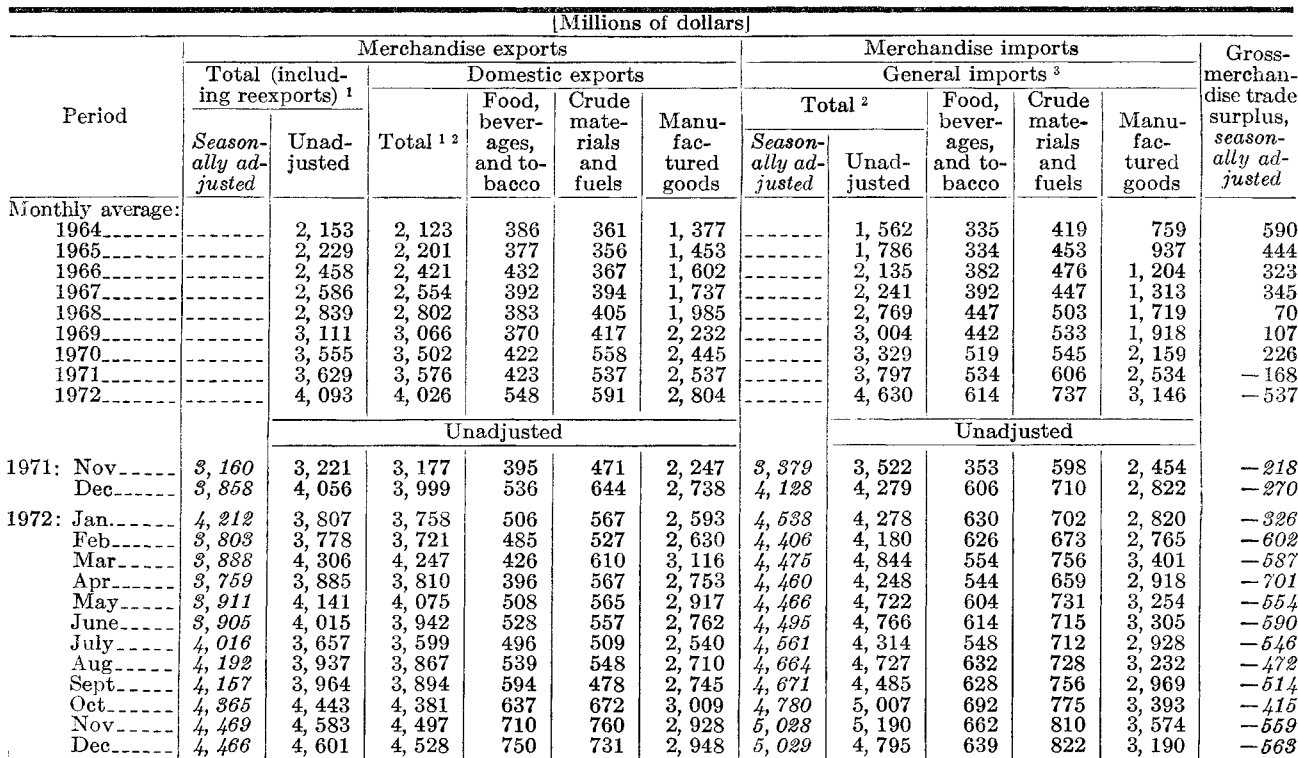
³ For annual periods, ratio of weighted average inventories to average monthly

shipments; for monthly data, ratio of inventories at end of month to shipments for month.

⁴ Preliminary; not charted.

Source: Department of Commerce.

In December goods imported into the United States exceeded goods exported abroad by \$563 million on a seasonally adjusted basis.



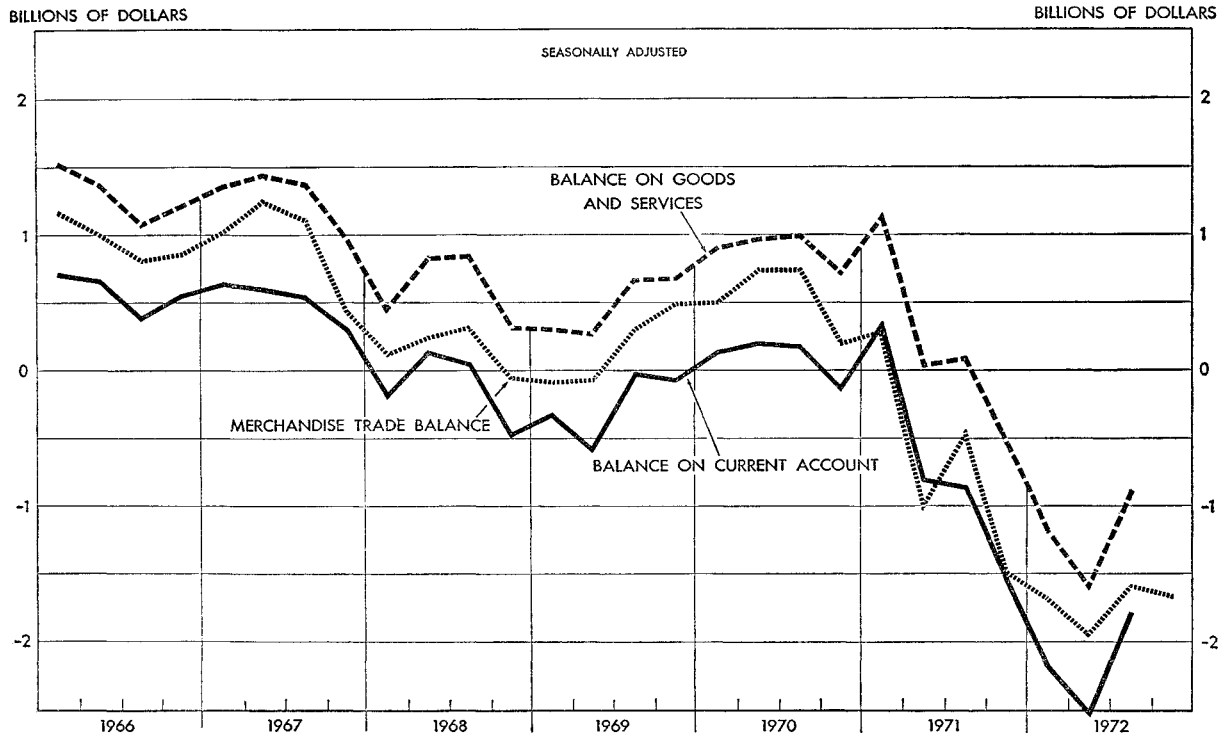
NOTE.—Data adjusted to include silver ore and bullion reported separately prior to 1969.

Source: Department of Commerce.

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U.S. BALANCES ON GOODS, SERVICES, AND TRANSFERS

In the third quarter, the deficit for merchandise trade was \$1.6 billion (seasonally adjusted), \$0.4 billion below the record deficit in the second quarter. The third quarter deficit for goods and services was \$0.9 billion, or \$0.7 billion less than in the second quarter. According to preliminary data for the fourth quarter, merchandise imports exceeded exports by \$1.7 billion, about the same as in the third quarter.



SOURCE: DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

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[Millions of dollars]

Period	Merchandise ^{1 2}			Military transactions			Net investment income		Net travel and transportation expenditures	Other services, net	Balance on goods and services ^{1 4}	Remittances, pensions, and other unilateral transfers ¹	Balance on current account
	Exports	Imports	Net balance	Direct expenditures	Sales	Net balance	Private ³	U.S. Government					
1967-----	30,638	-26,821	3,817	-4,378	1,240	-3,138	5,847	40	-1,763	334	5,136	-3,081	2,055
1968-----	33,576	-32,964	612	-4,535	1,392	-3,143	6,157	63	-1,565	302	2,425	-2,909	-484
1969-----	36,417	-35,796	621	-4,856	1,512	-3,344	5,820	155	-1,784	442	1,911	-2,946	-1,035
1970-----	41,963	-39,799	2,164	-4,852	1,478	-3,374	6,376	-115	-2,061	574	3,563	-3,208	356
1971-----	42,770	-45,459	-2,689	-4,816	1,922	-2,894	8,952	-957	-2,432	748	727	-3,574	-2,847
1972 ⁵ -----	47,391	-54,355	-6,964	-4,716	1,153	-3,563	9,211	-1,803	-2,589	795	-4,913	-3,737	-8,651
Seasonally adjusted													
1971: I-----	11,017	-10,728	289	-1,175	510	-665	1,899	-101	-498	212	1,136	-791	345
II-----	10,710	-11,722	-1,012	-1,214	516	-698	2,352	-161	-625	180	36	-846	-810
III-----	11,479	-11,951	-472	-1,198	474	-724	2,038	-327	-606	182	91	-946	-855
IV-----	9,564	-11,058	-1,494	-1,230	423	-807	2,663	-368	-703	172	-537	-992	-1,529
1972: I-----	11,791	-13,478	-1,687	-1,218	334	-884	2,232	-370	-679	200	-1,188	-990	-2,178
II-----	11,445	-13,393	-1,948	-1,239	281	-958	2,196	-426	-657	192	-1,601	-918	-2,519
III ^p -----	12,307	-13,895	-1,588	-1,080	250	-830	2,480	-556	-606	204	-896	-895	-1,791
IV ^p -----	13,185	-14,857	-1,672	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----

¹ Excludes military grants.

² Adjusted from Census data for differences in timing and coverage.

³ Includes fees and royalties from U.S. direct investments abroad or from foreign direct investments in the United States.

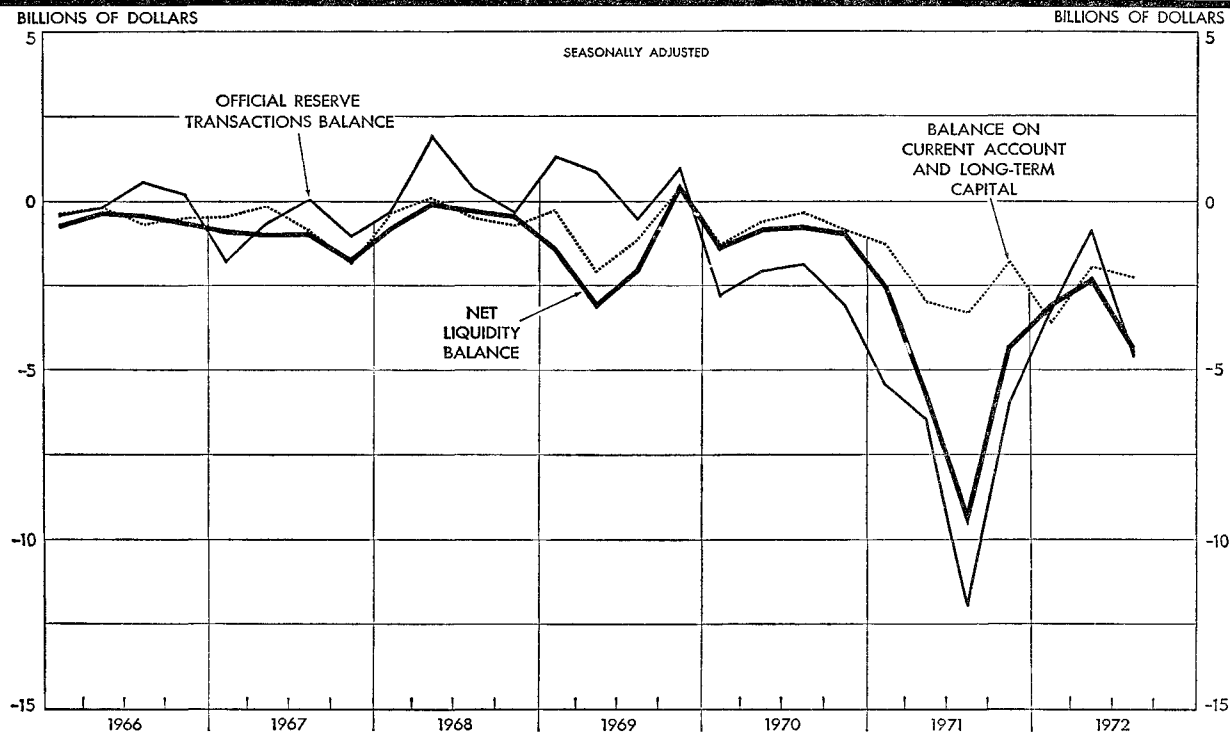
⁴ Equal to net exports of goods and services in the national income and product accounts of the United States when converted to an annual rates basis.

⁵ First 3 quarters on a seasonally adjusted annual rates basis.

Source: Department of Commerce.

U.S. OVERALL BALANCES ON INTERNATIONAL TRANSACTIONS

The balance on current account and long-term capital was in deficit by \$2.2 billion (seasonally adjusted) in the third quarter, compared to a deficit of \$1.9 billion in the second quarter. The official reserve transactions balance deteriorated from a deficit of \$0.8 billion in the second quarter to a deficit of \$4.6 billion in the third quarter. This large increase in the deficit was due to speculative outflows in July.



SOURCE: DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

COUNCIL OF ECONOMIC ADVISERS

[Millions of dollars]

Period	Long-term capital flows, net		Balance on current account and long-term capital	Non-liquid short-term private capital flows net ²	Allocations of special drawing rights	Errors and omissions, net	Net liquidity balance	Liquid private capital flows, net ²	Official reserve transactions balance	Changes in liabilities to foreign official agencies, net ³	Changes in U.S. official reserve assets, net ⁴	U.S. official reserve assets, net (end of period)
	U.S. Government ¹	Private ²										
1967-----	-2,424	-2,912	-3,280	-522	-----	-881	-4,683	1,265	-3,418	3,366	52	14,830
1968-----	-2,159	1,198	-1,444	230	-----	-399	-1,610	3,251	1,641	-761	-880	15,710
1969-----	-1,926	-50	-3,011	-640	-----	-2,470	-6,122	8,824	2,702	-1,515	-1,187	16,964
1970-----	-2,018	-1,398	-3,059	-482	867	-1,174	-3,851	-5,988	-9,839	7,362	2,477	14,487
1971-----	-2,378	-4,079	-9,304	-2,386	717	-11,031	-22,002	-7,763	-29,765	27,417	2,348	12,167
1972 ⁷ -----	-959	-632	-10,243	-611	710	-2,951	-13,093	1,461	-11,632	11,441	191	13,150
Seasonally adjusted												Unadjusted
1971: I-----	-702	-922	-1,279	-534	180	-944	-2,577	-2,848	-5,425	4,743	682	14,342
II-----	-584	-1,605	-2,999	-315	179	-2,586	-5,721	-745	-6,466	5,807	659	13,504
III-----	-558	-1,883	-3,296	-883	179	-5,380	-9,380	-2,551	-11,931	10,737	1,194	12,131
IV-----	-533	330	-1,732	-654	179	-2,122	-4,329	-1,619	-5,948	6,135	-187	12,167
1972: I-----	-343	-1,081	-3,602	-508	178	800	-3,132	-119	-3,251	2,822	429	12,270
II-----	-95	750	-1,864	592	178	-1,141	-2,235	1,386	-849	1,080	-231	13,339
III-----	-281	-144	-2,216	-542	177	-1,872	-4,453	-171	-4,624	4,679	-55	13,217

¹ Excludes liabilities to foreign official reserve agencies.

² Private foreigners exclude the IMF, but include other international and regional organizations.

³ Includes liabilities to foreign official agencies reported by U.S. Government and U.S. banks and U.S. liabilities to the IMF arising from reversible gold sales to, and gold deposits with, the United States.

⁴ Official reserve assets include gold, special drawing rights, convertible currencies, and the U.S. gold tranche position in the IMF.

⁵ Includes gain of \$67 million resulting from revaluation of the German mark in October 1969.

⁶ Includes \$28 million increase in dollar value of foreign currencies revalued to reflect market exchange rates as of Dec. 31, 1971.

⁷ First 3 quarters on a seasonally adjusted annual rates basis (except reserve assets, which are for December 31).

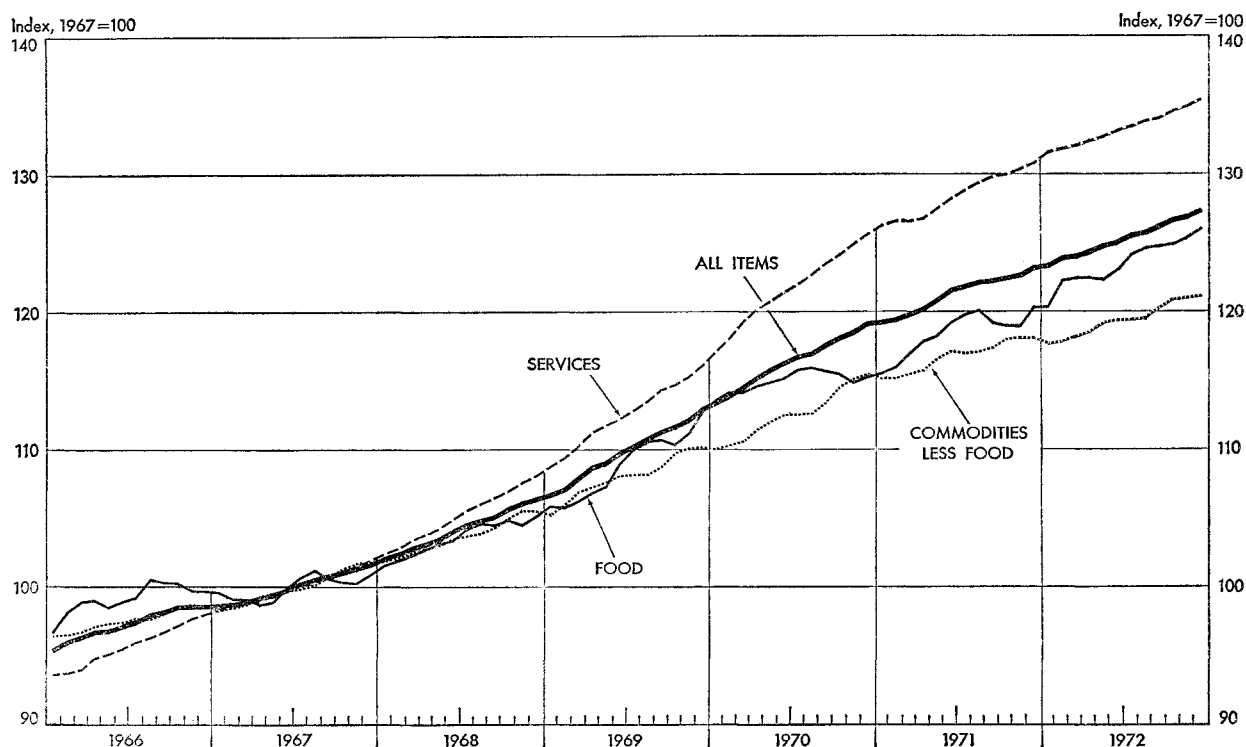
⁸ Includes increase of \$1,016 million resulting from change in par value of the U.S. dollar on May 8.

Sources: Department of Commerce and Treasury Department.

PRICES

CONSUMER PRICES

In December the consumer price index rose 0.3 percent; after seasonal adjustment the monthly rise was 0.2 percent. Over the 12 months ending in December, the CPI was up 3.4 percent. In December, food prices were 0.5 percent higher, entirely as a result of seasonal increases, while services rose 0.4 percent. However, nonfood commodities were up only 0.1 percent (0.2 percent adjusted).



SOURCE: DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

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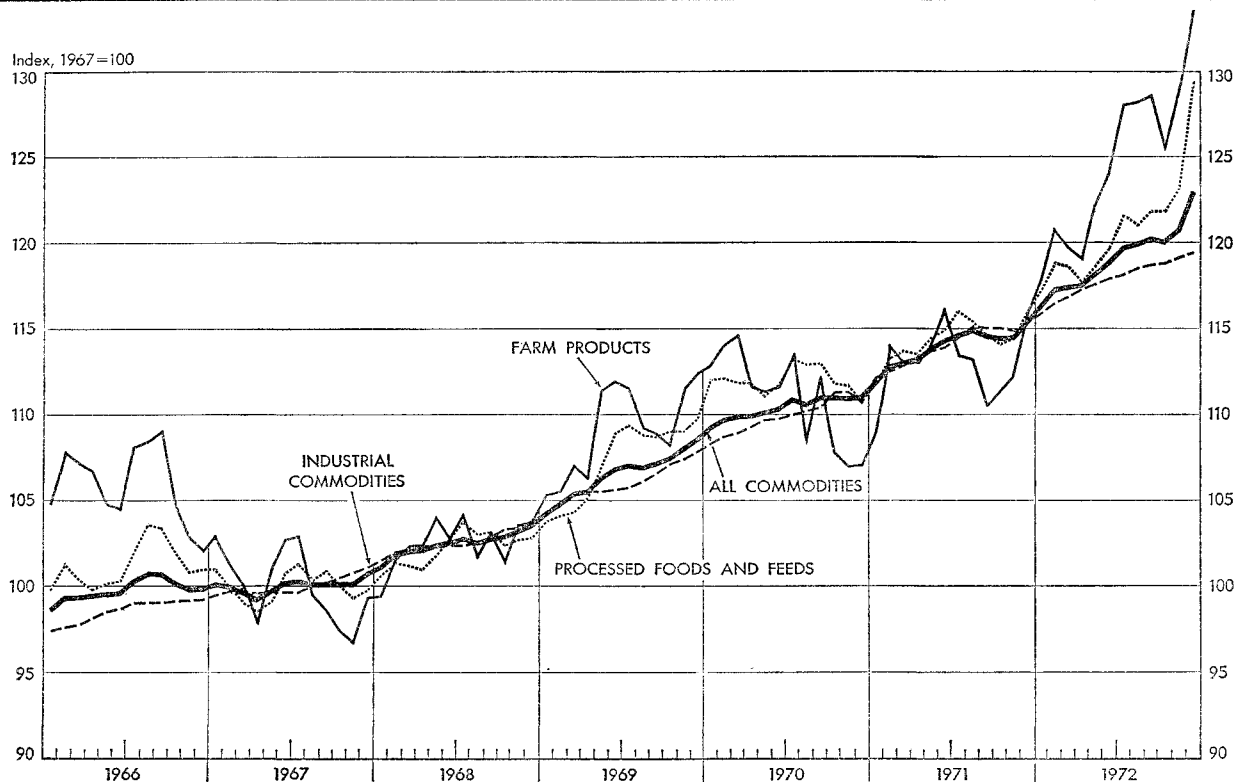
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Period	All items	Commodities					Services		
		All commodities	Food	Commodities less food			All services	Rent	Services less rent
				All	Durable	Non-durable			
1963	91.7	93.6	91.2	94.8	97.9	92.7	88.5	95.0	87.3
1964	92.9	94.6	92.4	95.6	98.8	93.5	90.2	95.9	89.2
1965	94.5	95.7	94.4	96.2	98.4	94.8	92.2	96.9	91.5
1966	97.2	98.2	99.1	97.5	98.5	97.0	95.8	98.2	95.3
1967	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
1968	104.2	103.7	103.6	103.7	103.1	104.1	105.2	102.4	105.7
1969	109.8	108.4	108.9	108.1	107.0	108.8	112.5	105.7	113.8
1970	116.3	113.5	114.9	112.5	111.8	113.1	121.6	110.1	123.7
1971	121.3	117.4	118.4	116.8	116.5	117.0	128.4	115.2	130.8
1972	125.3	120.9	123.5	119.4	118.9	119.8	133.3	119.2	135.9
1971: Nov	122.6	118.5	119.0	118.1	117.4	118.7	130.3	116.6	132.8
Dec	123.1	118.9	120.3	118.1	117.2	118.8	130.7	116.9	133.3
1972: Jan	123.2	118.7	120.3	117.7	117.3	118.1	131.5	117.5	134.1
Feb	123.8	119.4	122.2	117.8	117.1	118.4	131.8	117.8	134.4
Mar	124.0	119.7	122.4	118.2	117.3	118.9	132.1	118.0	134.6
Apr	124.3	119.9	122.4	118.5	117.7	119.1	132.4	118.4	135.0
May	124.7	120.3	122.3	119.2	118.4	119.7	132.7	118.6	135.3
June	125.0	120.7	123.0	119.4	119.2	119.5	133.1	119.0	135.7
July	125.5	121.2	124.2	119.4	119.6	119.3	133.5	119.2	136.1
Aug	125.7	121.4	124.6	119.5	119.7	119.4	133.8	119.6	136.4
Sept	126.2	122.0	124.8	120.3	119.8	120.8	134.1	119.9	136.7
Oct	126.6	122.3	124.9	120.8	120.1	121.3	134.6	120.3	137.2
Nov	126.9	122.7	125.4	121.0	120.3	121.7	134.9	120.5	137.6
Dec	127.3	122.9	126.0	121.1	120.3	121.7	135.4	121.0	138.0

Source: Department of Labor.

WHOLESALE PRICES

The wholesale price index for December rose 1.8 percent (1.6 percent after seasonal adjustment) almost entirely because of extremely sharp increases in agricultural prices. The increase was the sharpest monthly rise in more than 20 years and brought the December WPI to a level 6.5 percent higher than 12 months earlier. Prices of farm products and processed foods and feeds rose 5.8 percent (5.2 percent adjusted) during December; industrial commodities were up 0.3 percent (0.1 percent adjusted).



SOURCE: DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

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[1967=100]

Period	All commodities	Farm products	Processed foods and feeds	Industrial commodities					
				All industrials ¹	Crude materials ²	Intermediate materials ³	Producer finished goods	Consumer finished goods excluding foods	
								Durable	Non-durable
1963.....	94.5	96.0	92.5	94.7	94.3	95.0	92.4	97.8	95.1
1964.....	94.7	94.6	92.3	95.2	97.1	95.6	93.3	98.2	94.8
1965.....	96.6	98.7	95.5	96.4	100.9	96.9	94.4	97.9	95.9
1966.....	99.8	105.9	101.2	98.5	104.5	98.9	96.8	98.5	97.8
1967.....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
1968.....	102.5	102.5	102.2	102.5	102.0	102.6	103.5	102.2	102.2
1969.....	106.5	109.1	107.3	106.0	110.6	106.1	106.9	104.0	105.0
1970.....	110.4	111.0	112.0	110.0	118.8	110.0	111.9	107.1	108.2
1971.....	113.9	112.9	114.3	114.0	122.7	114.3	116.6	110.9	111.3
1972.....	119.1	125.0	120.8	117.9	131.1	118.9	119.5	113.2	113.6
1971: Nov.....	114.5	112.2	114.4	114.9	122.6	115.6	117.0	111.3	111.7
Dec.....	115.4	115.8	115.9	115.3	123.4	115.8	117.8	112.6	111.8
1972: Jan.....	116.3	117.8	117.2	115.9	125.6	116.4	118.4	112.9	112.0
Feb.....	117.3	120.7	118.8	116.5	127.0	117.2	118.8	113.2	112.1
Mar.....	117.4	119.7	118.6	116.8	129.1	117.6	119.0	113.1	112.4
Apr.....	117.5	119.1	117.7	117.3	129.3	118.2	119.3	113.2	112.7
May.....	118.2	122.2	118.6	117.6	129.9	118.6	119.4	113.1	113.1
June.....	118.8	124.0	119.6	117.9	129.8	119.0	119.6	113.2	113.5
July.....	119.7	128.0	121.5	118.1	130.2	119.2	119.7	113.5	113.8
Aug.....	119.9	128.2	121.0	118.5	132.3	119.5	119.8	113.6	114.2
Sept.....	120.2	128.6	121.8	118.7	132.6	119.8	119.9	113.7	114.5
Oct.....	120.0	125.5	121.8	118.8	133.8	120.1	119.7	112.7	114.7
Nov.....	120.7	128.8	123.1	119.1	136.3	120.3	119.9	112.8	115.0
Dec.....	122.9	137.5	129.4	119.4	136.8	120.5	120.3	113.7	115.2

¹ Coverage of the subgroups does not correspond exactly to coverage of this index.

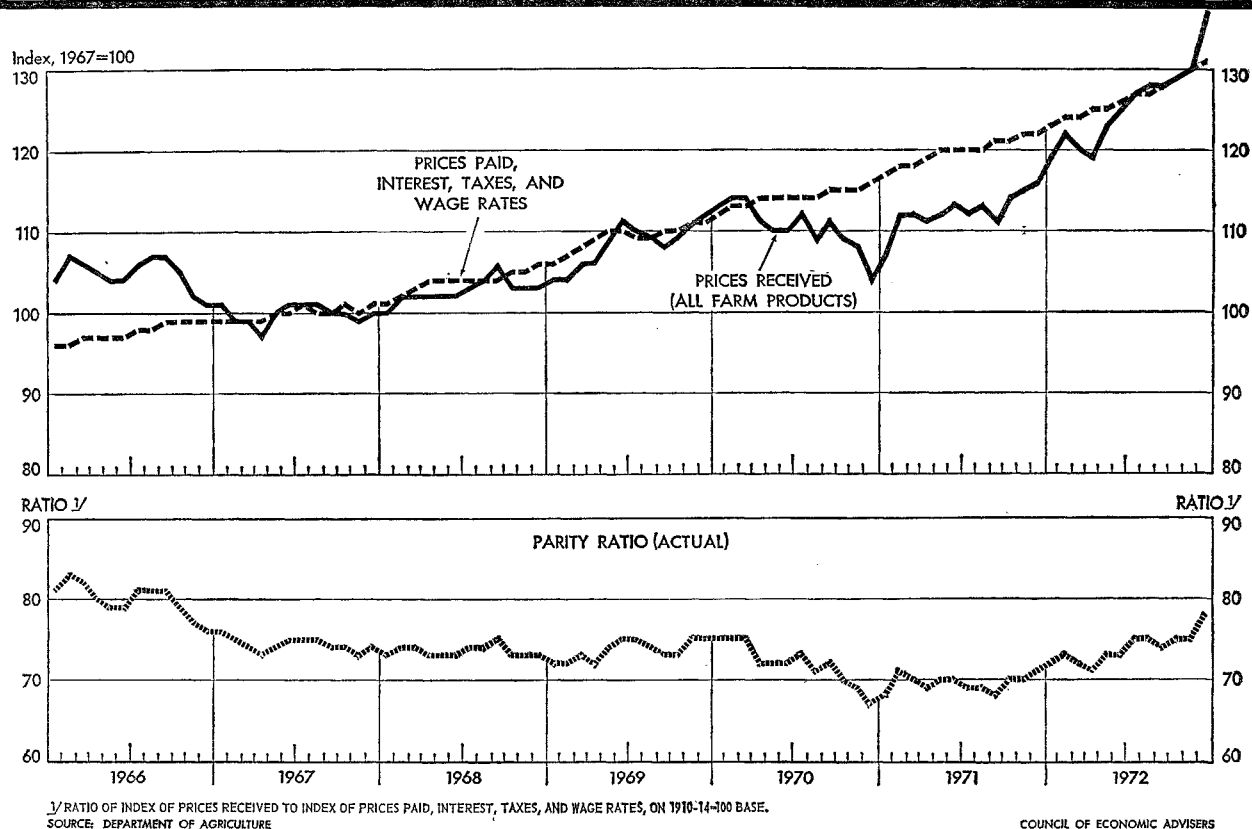
² Excludes crude foodstuffs and feedstuffs, plant and animal fibers, oilseeds, and

³ Excludes intermediate materials for food manufacturing and manufactured animal feeds; includes, in part, grain products for further processing.

Source: Department of Labor.

PRICES RECEIVED AND PAID BY FARMERS

In the month ended January 15, prices received by farmers rose more than 5 percent for the second consecutive month. Prices paid were up 2 percent. The actual parity ratio increased 2 points while the adjusted ratio was unchanged.



Period	Prices received by farmers			Prices paid by farmers			Parity ratio ¹	
	All farm products	Crops	Livestock and products	All items, interest, taxes, and wage rates	Family living items	Production items	Actual	Adjusted ²
Index, 1967=100								
1963.....	96	106	89	91	92	95	78	81
1964.....	93	106	85	92	93	94	76	80
1965.....	93	103	94	94	95	96	77	82
1966.....	105	105	105	98	98	99	80	86
1967.....	100	100	100	100	100	100	74	79
1968.....	103	101	104	104	104	102	73	79
1969.....	108	97	117	109	109	106	74	80
1970.....	110	100	118	114	114	110	72	77
1971.....	112	107	116	120	119	115	70	74
1972.....	126	116	133	127	124	122	74	79
1971: Dec 15.....	116	108	122	122	121	117	71	75
1972: Jan 15.....	119	111	126	123	121	118	72	77
Feb 15.....	122	110	131	124	123	118	73	79
Mar 15.....	120	108	129	124	123	119	72	77
Apr 15.....	119	112	125	125	123	120	71	76
May 15.....	123	115	129	125	124	120	73	79
June 15.....	125	116	131	126	124	121	73	79
July 15.....	127	116	136	127	125	122	75	80
Aug 15.....	128	119	135	127	125	122	75	81
Sept 15.....	128	117	137	128	126	124	74	80
Oct 15.....	129	116	138	129	125	125	75	80
Nov 15.....	130	120	138	130	127	126	75	80
Dec 15.....	137	127	145	131	127	129	78	83
1973: Jan 15 ³	144	131	153	134	129	132	80	83

¹ Percentage ratio of index of prices received by farmers to index of prices paid, interest, taxes, and wage rates on 1910-14=100 base.

² The adjusted parity ratio reflects Government payments made directly to farmers.

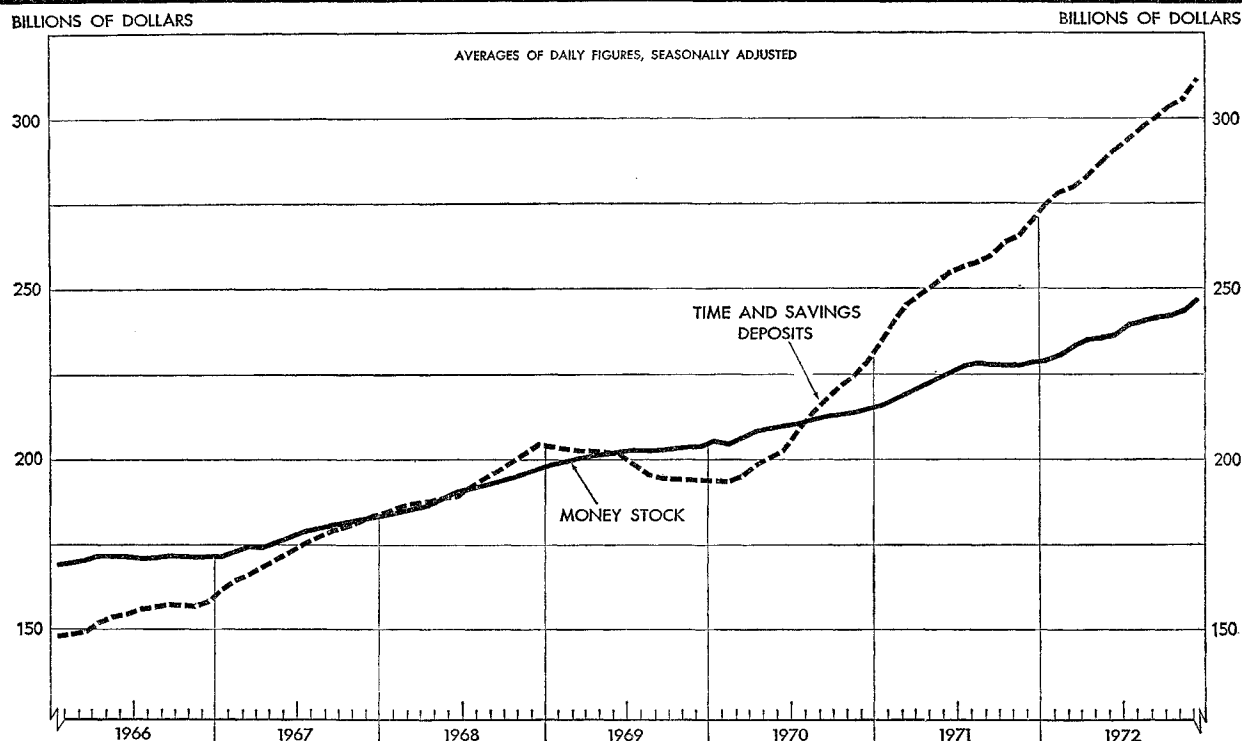
³ Not charted.

Source: Department of Agriculture.

MONEY, CREDIT, AND SECURITY MARKETS

MONEY STOCK

The seasonally adjusted money stock increased at a 14.1 percent annual rate in December, up from November's 5.4 percent growth. In the year ended December it rose by 8.3 percent.



SOURCE: BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF THE FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

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[Averages of daily figures, billions of dollars]

Period	Money stock				Money stock				U.S. Government demand deposits ¹
	Total	Currency outside banks	Demand deposits ¹	Time and savings deposits ¹	Total	Currency outside banks	Demand deposits ¹	Time and savings deposits ¹	
	Seasonally adjusted				Unadjusted				
1967: Dec.....	187.0	40.4	146.6	183.1	192.7	41.2	151.4	182.1	5.0
1968: Dec.....	201.6	43.4	158.2	204.2	207.7	44.3	163.4	203.2	5.0
1969: Dec.....	208.8	46.1	162.7	194.4	214.9	46.9	167.9	193.2	5.6
1970: Dec.....	221.3	49.1	172.2	229.2	227.7	50.0	177.8	228.1	7.3
1971: Dec.....	236.0	52.6	183.4	270.9	242.8	53.5	189.2	269.8	6.9
1972: Dec ^p	255.5	56.8	198.7	312.8	262.9	57.8	205.0	311.7	7.3
1971: Nov.....	235.6	52.3	183.3	266.7	237.2	52.7	184.4	266.1	4.0
Dec.....	236.0	52.6	183.4	270.9	242.8	53.5	189.2	269.8	6.9
1972: Jan.....	236.2	52.9	183.3	274.9	242.8	52.5	190.3	274.6	7.4
Feb.....	239.1	53.2	185.8	278.6	236.5	52.6	184.0	278.4	7.4
Mar.....	241.4	53.6	187.7	281.3	239.0	53.1	185.9	282.0	7.9
Apr.....	243.0	53.9	189.1	284.3	244.3	53.5	190.8	284.5	7.7
May.....	243.8	54.2	189.6	288.6	239.5	53.9	185.6	288.6	10.5
June.....	245.1	54.4	190.7	291.7	243.2	54.4	188.8	291.4	6.9
July.....	247.7	54.6	193.1	295.0	246.6	55.1	191.6	294.0	7.3
Aug.....	248.6	54.8	193.8	298.9	245.5	55.1	190.5	299.5	5.3
Sept.....	250.1	55.3	194.8	301.9	248.7	55.2	193.5	302.7	5.9
Oct.....	251.6	55.7	195.9	304.8	251.2	55.7	195.5	305.9	6.6
Nov ^p	252.7	56.2	196.5	308.4	254.3	56.7	197.7	307.7	6.2
Dec ^p	255.5	56.8	198.7	312.8	262.9	57.8	205.0	311.7	7.3

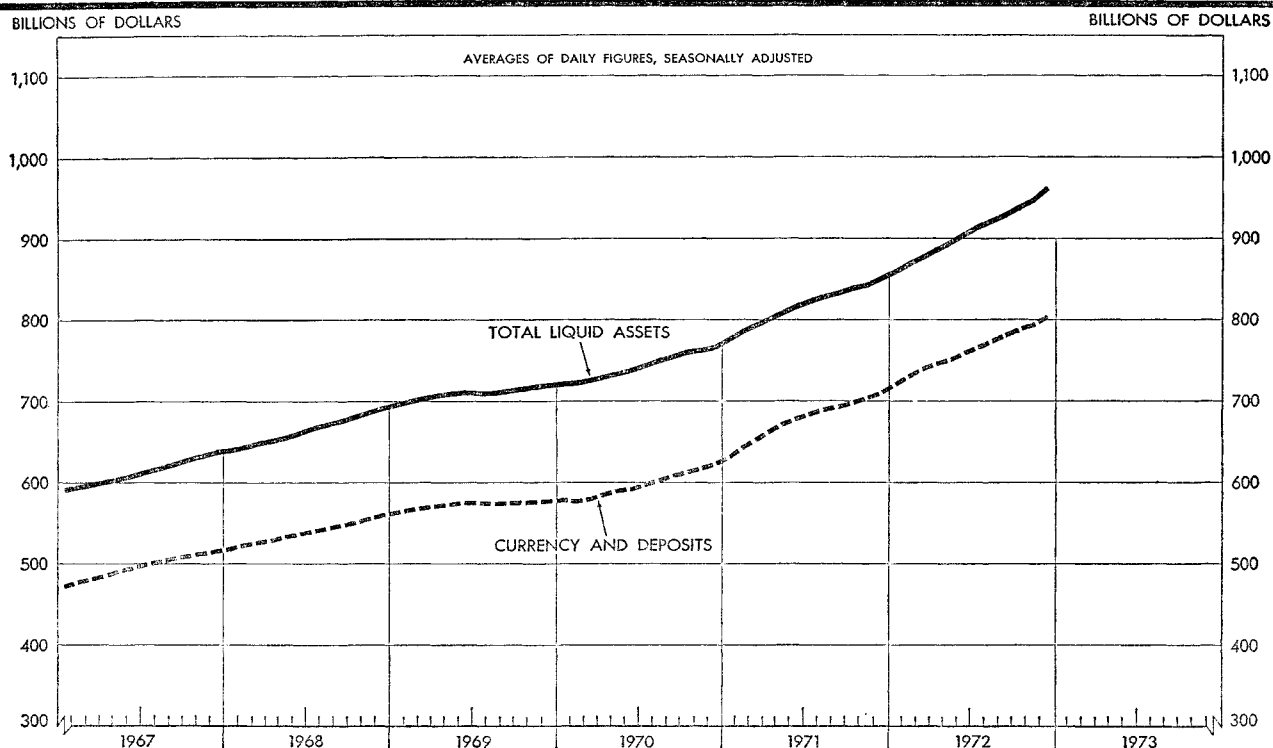
¹ Deposits at commercial banks.

NOTE.—Series revised beginning 1959. Data became available after chart was prepared.

Source: Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

PRIVATE LIQUID ASSET HOLDINGS - NONFINANCIAL INVESTORS

Private nonfinancial investors' liquid asset holdings (seasonally adjusted) increased at a 19.4 percent annual rate in December, up from a revised 12.4 percent rate in November. All categories rose except commercial paper.



SOURCE: BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF THE FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

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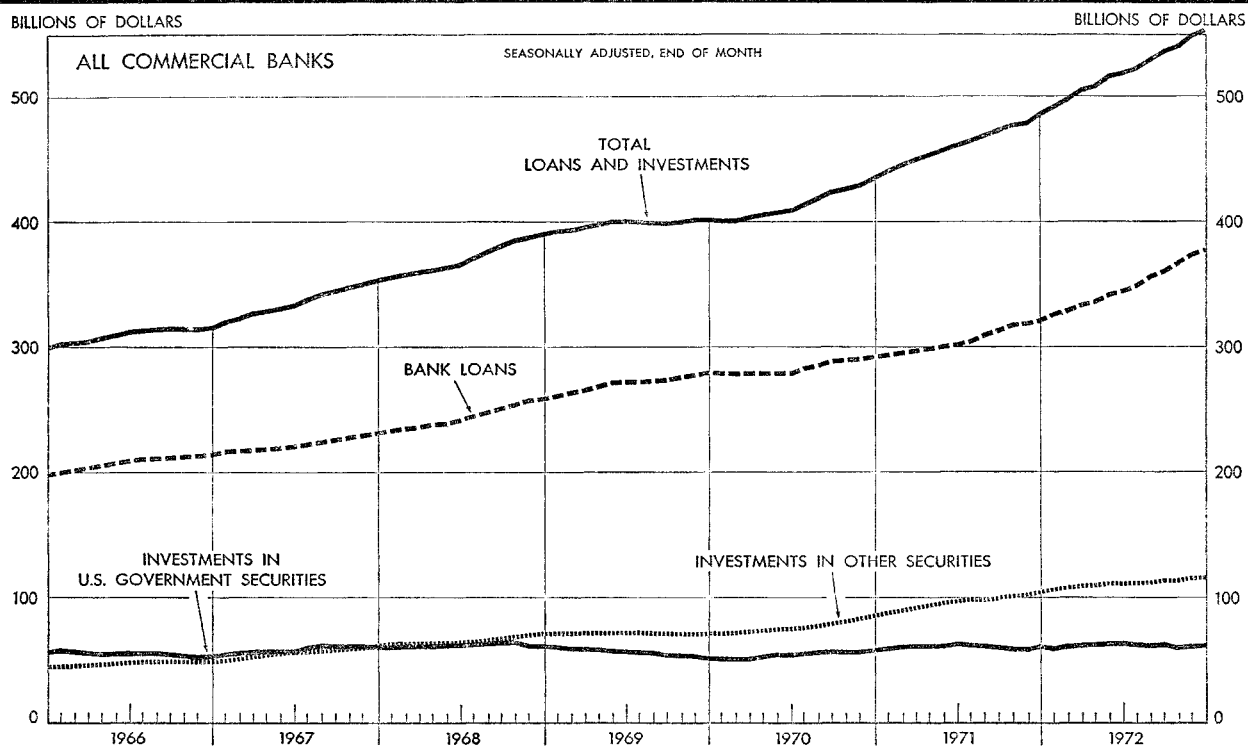
[Averages of daily figures; billions of dollars, seasonally adjusted]

Period	Total liquid assets	Currency and deposits					U.S. Government securities		Negotiable certificates of deposit	Commercial paper
		Total	Cur- rency	Demand deposits	Time deposits		Savings bonds	Short-term marketable securities		
					Com- mercial banks	Nonbank thrift institutions				
1966: Dec-----	588.2	469.6	38.3	117.3	136.8	177.3	50.1	43.3	15.0	10.2
1967: Dec-----	637.5	516.0	40.4	125.2	156.2	194.2	51.0	39.5	19.5	11.5
1968: Dec-----	692.1	559.7	43.4	135.2	174.2	206.8	51.4	44.2	22.6	14.2
1969: Dec-----	719.2	576.3	46.0	138.1	177.1	215.2	51.1	61.9	9.1	20.9
1970: Dec-----	766.8	623.4	49.0	144.8	198.5	231.1	51.3	49.4	23.2	19.5
1971: Dec-----	850.2	710.0	52.5	153.5	232.4	271.7	53.7	38.6	30.1	17.7
1972: Dec "	961.4	803.3	56.8	166.9	262.3	317.3	56.9	42.6	39.9	18.6
1971: Nov-----	841.9	703.0	52.2	153.0	228.9	268.9	53.5	39.7	28.8	16.9
Dec-----	850.2	710.0	52.5	153.5	232.4	271.7	53.7	38.6	30.1	17.7
1972: Jan-----	858.2	719.7	52.8	153.8	237.2	275.8	53.9	36.6	29.9	18.1
Feb-----	867.8	729.6	53.2	155.6	240.2	280.5	54.2	35.9	30.5	17.7
Mar-----	876.6	738.3	53.7	157.4	242.3	284.9	54.5	36.0	30.2	17.7
Apr-----	886.0	745.2	54.0	158.4	243.7	289.1	54.8	36.5	31.6	17.9
May-----	894.2	751.0	54.4	158.2	246.2	292.2	55.1	37.1	33.2	17.9
June-----	904.0	758.0	54.7	158.5	249.2	295.6	55.3	38.5	34.0	18.1
July-----	913.9	766.6	54.9	160.8	251.0	299.8	55.6	38.2	35.0	18.5
Aug-----	921.5	773.4	55.0	161.7	253.0	303.6	55.9	37.7	36.3	18.4
Sept-----	929.7	780.4	55.5	162.2	255.4	307.3	56.1	37.5	37.1	18.5
Oct-----	938.1	787.4	55.9	162.6	257.8	311.1	56.4	38.4	37.3	18.6
Nov "	947.3	794.0	56.3	163.8	259.6	314.3	56.7	40.3	37.6	18.6
Dec "	961.4	803.3	56.8	166.9	262.3	317.3	56.9	42.6	39.9	18.6

Source: Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

BANK LOANS, INVESTMENTS, DEBITS, AND RESERVES

Commercial bank loans and investments (seasonally adjusted) grew at an 11.0 percent annual rate in December. Net borrowed reserves jumped \$538 million in December to an average level of \$830 million.



SOURCE: BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF THE FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

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End of period	All commercial banks (seasonally adjusted data)					Bank debits outside New York City (232 centers), seasonally adjusted annual rates ¹	All member banks ²			
	Total loans and invest- ments	Loans		Investments			Total reserves	Excess reserves	Borrow- ings at Federal Reserve Banks	Free reserves
		Total, exclud- ing inter- bank	Com- mercial and indus- trial	U.S. Gov- ernment securities	Other securi- ties					
	Billions of dollars						Millions of dollars			
1967-----	352. 0	231. 3	86. 2	59. 3	61. 4	3,755	25,260	345	238	107
1968-----	390. 6	258. 2	95. 9	61. 0	71. 4	4,360	27,221	455	765	-310
1969-----	³ 402. 1	³ 279. 4	³ 105. 7	³ 51. 5	³ 71. 2	5,150	28,031	257	1,086	-829
1970-----	435. 9	292. 0	109. 6	58. 0	85. 9	5,717	29,265	272	321	-49
1971-----	485. 7	⁴ 320. 6	115. 5	60. 7	⁴ 104. 5	6,443	31,329	165	107	58
1972 ⁵ -----	554. 2	376. 6	129. 1	62. 0	115. 6	-----	⁵ 31,353	⁵ 219	1,049	⁵ -830
1971: Dec-----	485. 7	320. 6	115. 5	60. 7	104. 5	6,859	31,329	165	107	58
1972: Jan-----	491. 4	325. 7	116. 4	59. 7	106. 0	6,844	32,865	173	20	153
Feb-----	496. 6	328. 5	117. 3	61. 0	107. 1	7,014	31,922	124	33	91
Mar-----	505. 0	333. 8	118. 4	62. 3	108. 9	7,154	31,921	233	99	134
Apr-----	507. 4	335. 9	119. 9	62. 6	108. 9	7,368	32,565	136	109	27
May-----	516. 1	341. 9	121. 2	63. 1	111. 1	7,461	32,812	104	119	-15
June-----	517. 5	343. 7	⁶ 120. 7	63. 2	110. 6	7,501	32,539	204	94	110
July-----	521. 9	348. 4	121. 4	62. 3	111. 2	7,362	33,021	147	202	-55
Aug-----	529. 8	356. 2	123. 9	61. 4	112. 3	7,819	33,148	255	438	-183
Sept-----	535. 3	360. 0	124. 6	62. 0	113. 3	7,738	33,003	162	514	-352
Oct-----	540. 4	367. 2	126. 7	59. 9	113. 3	7,748	33,803	247	574	-327
Nov ⁷ -----	549. 4	373. 6	128. 2	60. 6	115. 1	8,187	⁵ 31,774	⁵ 314	606	⁵ -292
Dec ⁸ -----	554. 2	376. 6	129. 1	62. 0	115. 6	-----	⁵ 31,353	⁵ 219	1,049	⁵ -830

¹ Debits during period to demand deposit accounts except interbank and U.S. Government.

² Averages of daily figures. Annual data are for December.

³ Beginning June 1969, data include all bank-premises subsidiaries and other significant majority-owned domestic subsidiaries; earlier data include commercial banks only.

⁴ As of June 1971, Farmers Home Administration notes totaling about \$0.7 billion are classified as other securities rather than as loans.

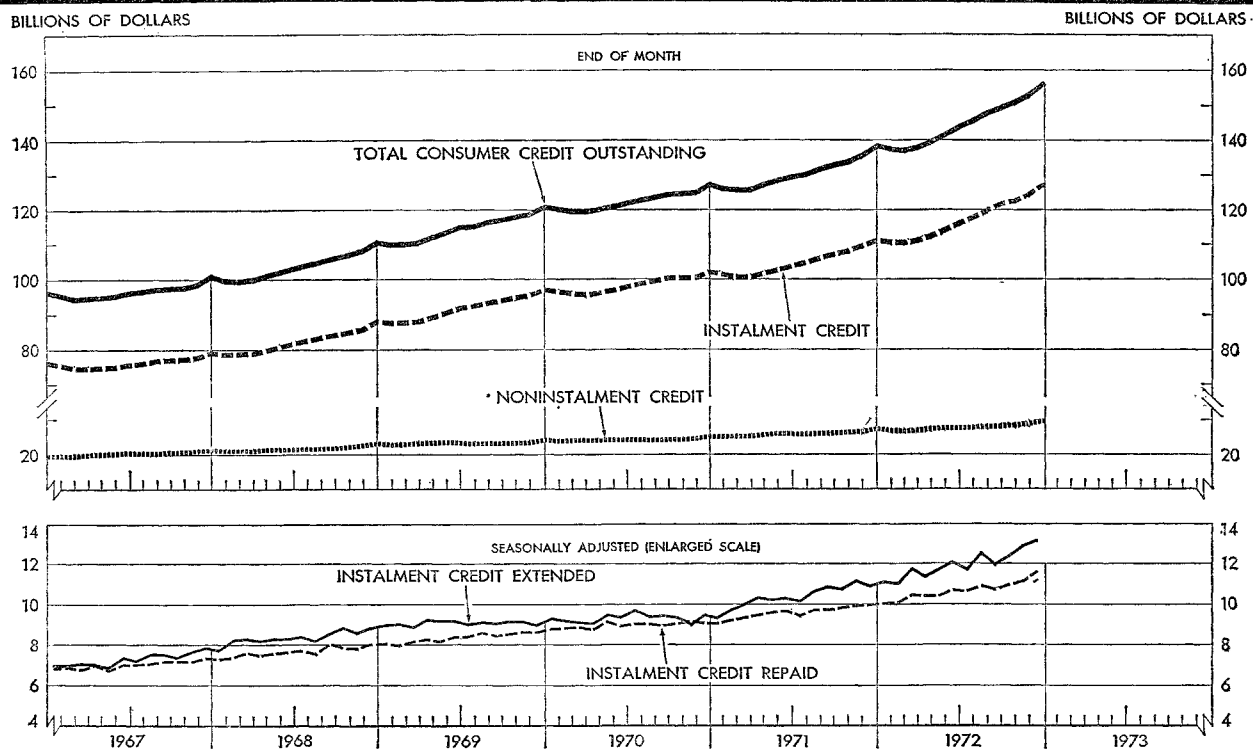
⁵ Beginning November 9, 1972, adjusted to include certain reserve deficiencies on which penalties can be waived for a transition period in connection with adaptation to Regulation J.

⁶ Excludes \$0.4 billion due to loan reclassification at a large bank.

Source: Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

CONSUMER AND REAL ESTATE CREDIT

Seasonally unadjusted consumer credit rose \$3½ billion in December according to preliminary estimates; a year earlier there was a rise of \$3 billion. Seasonally adjusted consumer instalment credit increased \$1½ billion.



SOURCE: BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF THE FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

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[Millions of dollars]

Period	Consumer credit outstanding (end of period; unadjusted)					Consumer instalment credit extended and repaid (seasonally adjusted)				Mortgage debt out- standing, nonfarm, 1- to 4- family houses ³
	Total	Instalment			Non- instal- ment ²	Total		Automobile paper		
		Total ¹	Automobile paper	Personal loans		Extended	Repaid	Extended	Repaid	
1964-----	80,268	62,692	24,934	17,848	17,576	70,670	63,470	24,046	21,369	197,600
1965-----	89,883	70,893	28,437	20,237	18,990	78,661	70,463	27,208	23,706	212,900
1966-----	96,239	76,245	30,010	21,662	19,994	82,832	77,480	27,192	25,619	223,600
1967-----	100,783	79,428	29,796	23,235	21,355	87,171	83,988	26,320	26,534	236,100
1968-----	110,770	87,745	32,948	25,932	23,025	99,984	91,667	31,083	27,931	251,200
1969-----	121,146	97,105	35,527	28,652	24,041	109,146	99,786	32,553	29,974	266,800
1970-----	127,163	102,064	35,184	30,345	25,099	112,158	107,199	29,794	30,137	280,200
1971-----	138,394	111,295	38,664	32,865	27,099	124,281	115,050	34,873	31,393	307,800
1972 ⁴ -----	156,400	126,900	43,900	36,900	29,500	143,500	127,900	40,400	35,200	^p 345,400
1971: Nov-----	135,415	109,088	38,576	32,355	26,327	11,157	9,965	3,121	2,676	-----
Dec-----	138,394	111,295	38,664	32,865	27,099	10,866	9,976	3,051	2,715	307,800
1972: Jan-----	137,426	110,757	38,450	32,862	26,669	11,116	10,015	3,089	2,795	-----
Feb-----	136,941	110,510	38,516	33,012	26,431	10,952	10,069	3,100	2,776	-----
Mar-----	137,879	111,257	38,853	33,272	26,622	11,741	10,427	3,176	2,831	314,100
Apr-----	139,410	112,439	39,348	33,606	26,971	11,374	10,384	3,162	2,867	-----
May-----	141,450	114,183	40,063	34,077	27,267	11,687	10,355	3,274	2,819	-----
June-----	143,812	116,365	41,019	34,588	27,447	12,057	10,671	3,412	2,922	324,600
July-----	145,214	117,702	41,603	34,832	27,512	11,687	10,593	3,298	2,917	-----
Aug-----	147,631	119,911	42,323	35,450	27,720	12,484	10,841	3,491	2,896	-----
Sept-----	148,976	121,193	42,644	35,755	27,783	11,953	10,667	3,368	2,873	335,100
Oct-----	150,576	122,505	43,162	36,003	28,071	12,404	10,908	3,504	3,041	-----
Nov-----	152,968	124,325	43,674	36,413	28,643	12,846	11,128	3,620	3,023	-----
Dec ⁴ -----	156,400	126,900	43,900	36,900	29,500	13,200	11,600	3,700	3,200	^p 345,400

¹ Also includes other consumer goods paper, and repair and modernization loans, not shown separately.

² Consists of single-payment loans, charge accounts, and service credit.

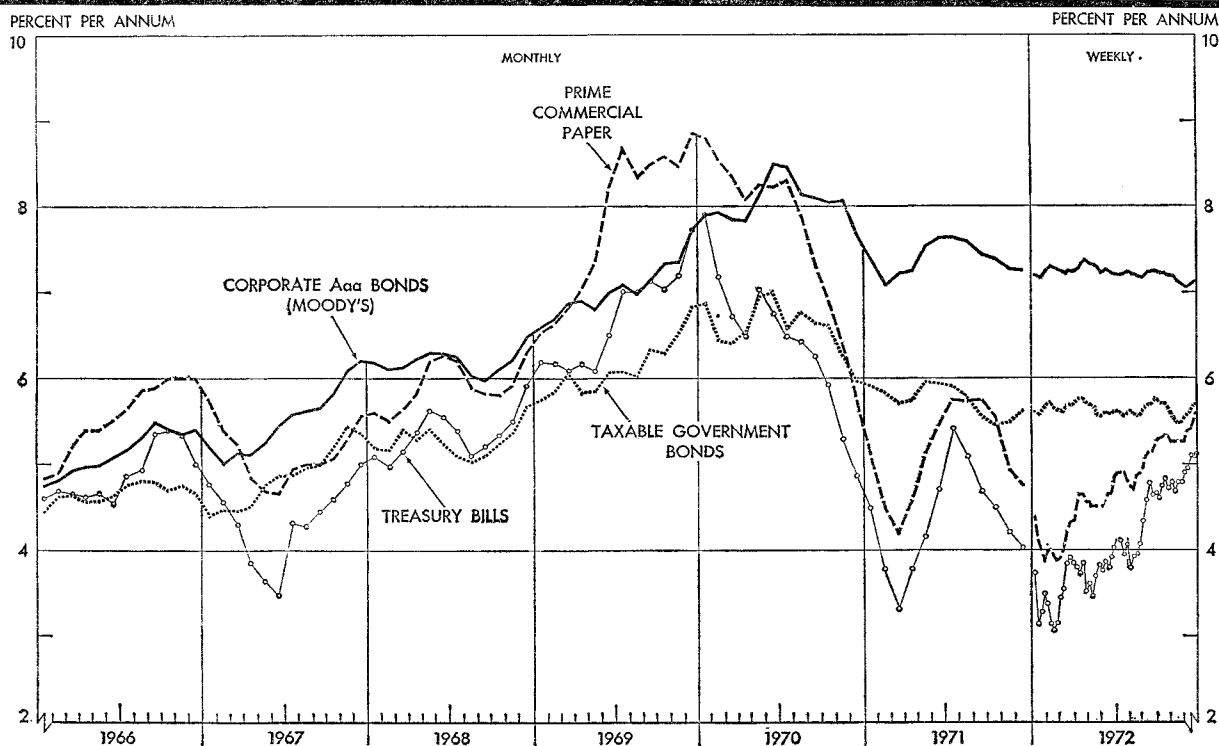
³ End of period, unadjusted.

⁴ Preliminary; by Council of Economic Advisers.

Source: Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

BOND YIELDS AND INTEREST RATES

Short-term interest rates rose sharply in December. Intermediate-term yields rose more moderately, while corporate bond yields declined. In early January most interest rates increased.



SOURCE: SEE TABLE BELOW

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Period	[Percent per annum]							
	U.S. Government security yields			High-grade municipal bonds (Standard & Poor's) ⁴	Corporate bonds (Moody's)		Prime commercial paper, 4-6 months	FHA new home mortgage yields ⁵
	3-month Treasury bills ¹	3-5 year issues ²	Taxable bonds ³		Aaa	Baa		
1965.....	3.954	4.22	4.21	3.27	4.49	4.87	4.38	5.46
1966.....	4.881	5.16	4.65	3.82	5.13	5.67	5.55	6.29
1967.....	4.321	5.07	4.85	3.98	5.51	6.23	5.10	6.55
1968.....	5.339	5.59	5.26	4.51	6.18	6.94	5.90	7.13
1969.....	6.677	6.85	6.12	5.81	7.03	7.81	7.83	8.19
1970.....	6.458	7.37	6.58	6.51	8.04	9.11	7.72	9.05
1971.....	4.348	5.77	5.74	5.70	7.39	8.56	5.11	7.78
1972.....	4.071	5.85	5.64	5.27	7.21	8.16	4.69	7.53
1971: Dec.....	4.023	5.42	5.62	5.36	7.25	8.38	4.74	7.62
1972: Jan.....	3.403	5.33	5.62	5.25	7.19	8.23	4.08	7.59
Feb.....	3.180	5.51	5.67	5.33	7.27	8.23	3.93	7.49
Mar.....	3.723	5.74	5.66	5.30	7.24	8.24	4.17	7.46
Apr.....	3.723	6.01	5.74	5.45	7.30	8.24	4.58	7.45
May.....	3.648	5.69	5.64	5.26	7.30	8.23	4.51	7.50
June.....	3.874	5.77	5.59	5.37	7.23	8.20	4.64	7.53
July.....	4.059	5.86	5.59	5.39	7.21	8.23	4.85	7.54
Aug.....	4.014	5.92	5.59	5.29	7.19	8.19	4.82	7.54
Sept.....	4.651	6.16	5.70	5.36	7.22	8.09	5.14	7.55
Oct.....	4.719	6.11	5.69	5.20	7.21	8.06	5.30	7.56
Nov.....	4.774	6.03	5.51	5.03	7.12	7.99	5.25	7.57
Dec.....	5.061	6.07	5.63	5.03	7.08	7.93	5.45	7.57
1973: Jan.....								7.56
Week ended:								
1972: Dec 29.....	5.111	6.12	5.70	5.08	7.11	7.90	5.59	
1973: Jan 5 ⁶	5.163	6.16	5.78	5.07	7.11	7.89	5.63	
12 ⁶	5.155	6.22	5.88	5.02	7.12	7.89	5.63	
19 ⁶	5.277	6.27	5.98	5.07	7.15	7.90	5.78	
26 ⁶	5.633	6.38	6.08	5.04	7.18	7.91	5.90	
Feb 2 ⁶	5.689							

¹ Rate on new issues within period.

² Selected note and bond issues.

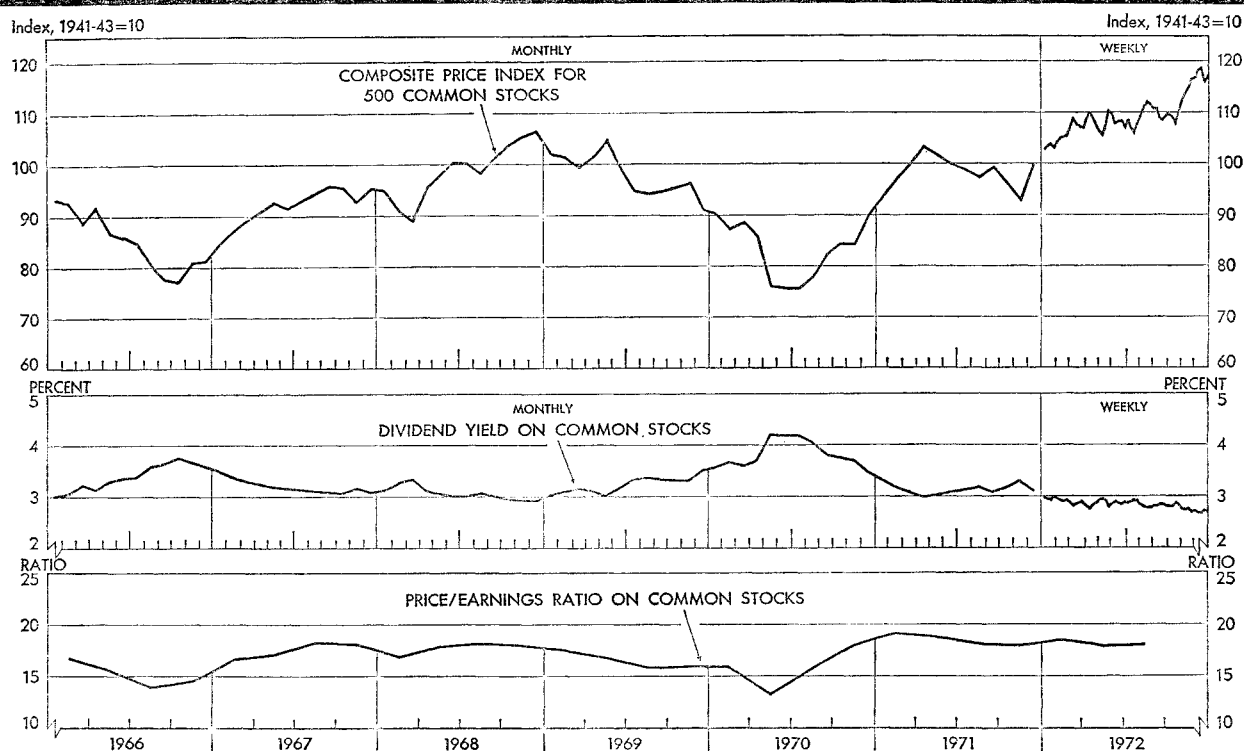
⁶ Not charted.

³ April 1953 to date, bonds due or callable 10 years and after.
⁴ Weekly data are Wednesday figures.
⁵ Data for first of the month, based on the maximum permissible interest rate (7 percent beginning February 18, 1971) and 30-year mortgages paid in 15 years.

Sources: Department of Housing and Urban Development, Treasury Department, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, Moody's Investors Service, and Standard & Poor's Corporation.

COMMON STOCK PRICES, YIELD, AND EARNINGS

The stock market declined in late December but rebounded in early January to exceed mid-December peaks. However, it declined toward the end of January.



SOURCE: STANDARD & POOR'S CORPORATION

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Period	Price index ¹						Dividend yield ² (percent)	Price/ earnings ratio ³
	Total	Industrials			Public utilities	Railroads		
		Total	Capital goods	Consumers' goods				
1941-43=10								
1967.....	91.93	99.18	96.96	79.18	68.10	46.72	3.20	17.48
1968.....	98.69	107.49	105.77	86.33	66.42	48.84	3.07	17.66
1969.....	97.84	107.13	103.75	87.06	62.64	45.95	3.24	16.48
1970.....	83.22	91.29	87.87	80.22	54.48	32.13	3.83	15.69
1971.....	98.29	108.35	102.80	99.78	59.33	41.94	3.14	18.50
1972.....	109.20	121.79	119.39	113.91	56.90	44.11	2.84	-----
1971: Dec.....	99.17	109.67	103.78	103.92	57.07	43.17	3.10	17.91
1972: Jan.....	103.30	114.12	109.69	106.45	60.19	45.16	2.96	-----
Feb.....	105.24	116.86	113.90	109.42	57.41	45.66	2.92	-----
Mar.....	107.69	119.73	116.89	113.20	57.73	46.48	2.86	18.45
Apr.....	108.81	121.34	120.19	115.05	55.70	47.38	2.83	-----
May.....	107.65	120.16	119.65	112.67	54.94	45.06	2.88	-----
June.....	108.01	120.84	120.92	113.43	53.73	43.66	2.87	17.95
July.....	107.21	119.98	119.13	112.57	53.47	42.00	2.90	-----
Aug.....	111.01	124.35	124.47	116.17	54.66	43.28	2.80	-----
Sept.....	109.39	122.33	121.63	113.19	55.36	42.37	2.83	18.00
Oct.....	109.56	122.39	119.50	112.94	56.66	41.20	2.82	-----
Nov.....	115.05	128.29	122.11	119.51	61.16	42.41	2.73	-----
Dec.....	117.50	131.08	124.57	122.26	61.73	44.62	2.70	-----
Week ended:								
1972: Dec 15.....	118.57	132.30	125.46	123.65	62.10	45.04	2.67	-----
22.....	116.03	129.42	122.76	121.11	61.11	43.99	2.73	-----
29.....	117.09	130.76	124.17	121.77	60.85	43.90	2.71	-----
1973: Jan 5 ⁴	119.49	133.55	128.10	124.69	61.41	44.57	2.65	-----
12 ⁴	119.71	133.91	128.16	124.52	61.00	43.99	2.65	-----
19 ⁴	118.58	132.72	127.27	123.55	60.25	42.50	2.67	-----
26 ⁴	117.40	131.60	126.18	120.64	58.65	41.29	2.72	-----

¹ Includes 500 common stocks: 425 industrials, 55 public utilities, and 20 railroads. Weekly indexes for capital and consumer goods are Wednesday figures; all other weekly indexes are averages of daily figures.
² Aggregate cash dividends (based on latest known annual rate) divided by the aggregate monthly market value of the stocks in the group. Annual yields

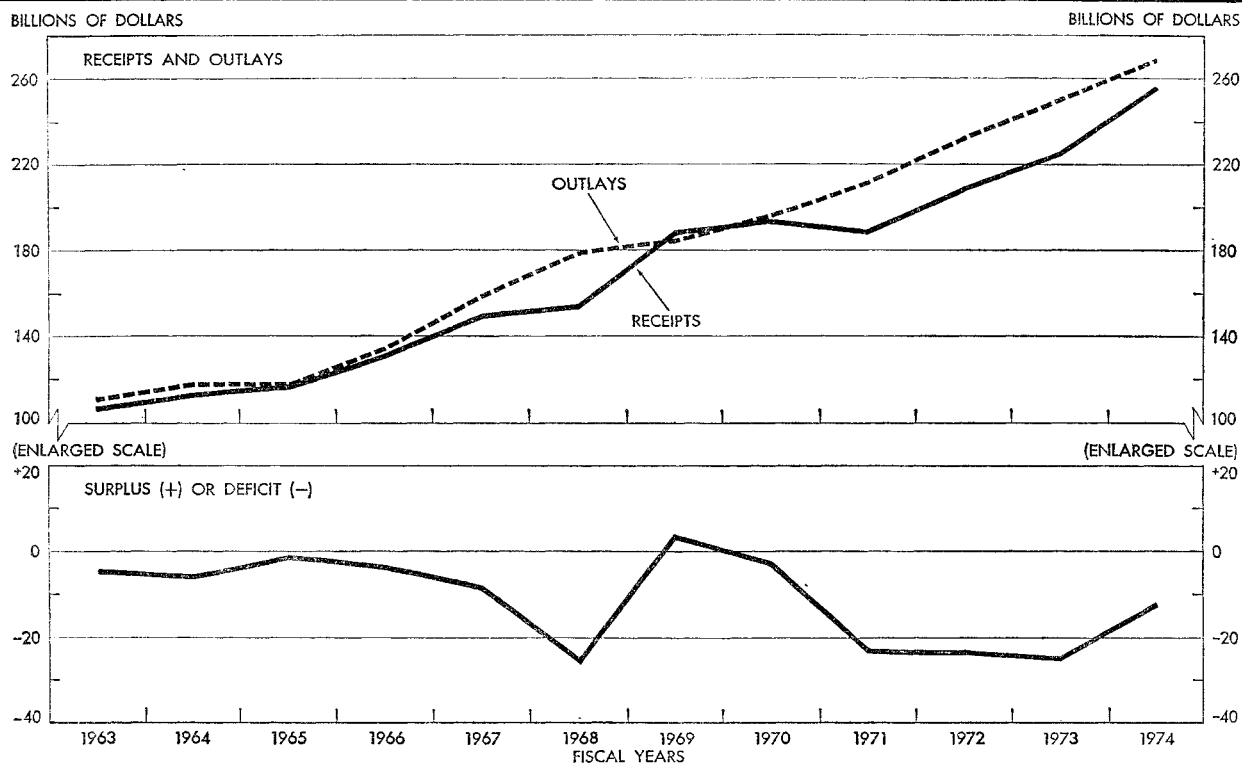
are averages of monthly data. Weekly data are Wednesday figures.
³ Ratio of price index for last day of quarter to earnings for 12 months ending with that quarter. Annual ratios are averages of quarterly data.
⁴ Not charted.

Source: Standard & Poor's Corporation.

FEDERAL FINANCE

FEDERAL BUDGET RECEIPTS AND OUTLAYS AND DEBT

The estimated budget deficits for fiscal years 1973 and 1974 are \$24.8 billion and \$12.7 billion, respectively.



SOURCES: TREASURY DEPARTMENT AND OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET

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[Billions of dollars]

Period	Receipts	Outlays	Surplus or deficit (-)	Federal debt (end of period)	
				Total ¹	Held by the public
Fiscal year:					
1962.....	99.7	106.8	-7.1	303.3	248.4
1963.....	106.6	111.3	-4.8	310.8	254.5
1964.....	112.7	118.6	-5.9	316.8	257.6
1965.....	116.8	118.4	-1.6	323.2	261.6
1966.....	130.9	134.7	-3.8	329.5	264.7
1967.....	149.6	158.3	-8.7	341.3	267.5
1968.....	153.7	178.8	-25.2	369.8	290.6
1969.....	187.8	184.5	3.2	367.1	279.5
1970.....	193.7	196.6	-2.8	382.6	284.9
1971.....	188.4	211.4	-23.0	409.5	304.3
1972.....	208.6	231.9	-23.2	437.3	323.8
1973 ²	225.0	249.8	-24.8	473.3	348.8
1974 ²	256.0	268.7	-12.7	505.5	365.3
Cumulative totals for first 6 months:					
Fiscal year 1972.....	93.2	111.6	-18.4	434.4	325.9
Fiscal year 1973.....	106.1	118.6	-12.5	460.2	341.2

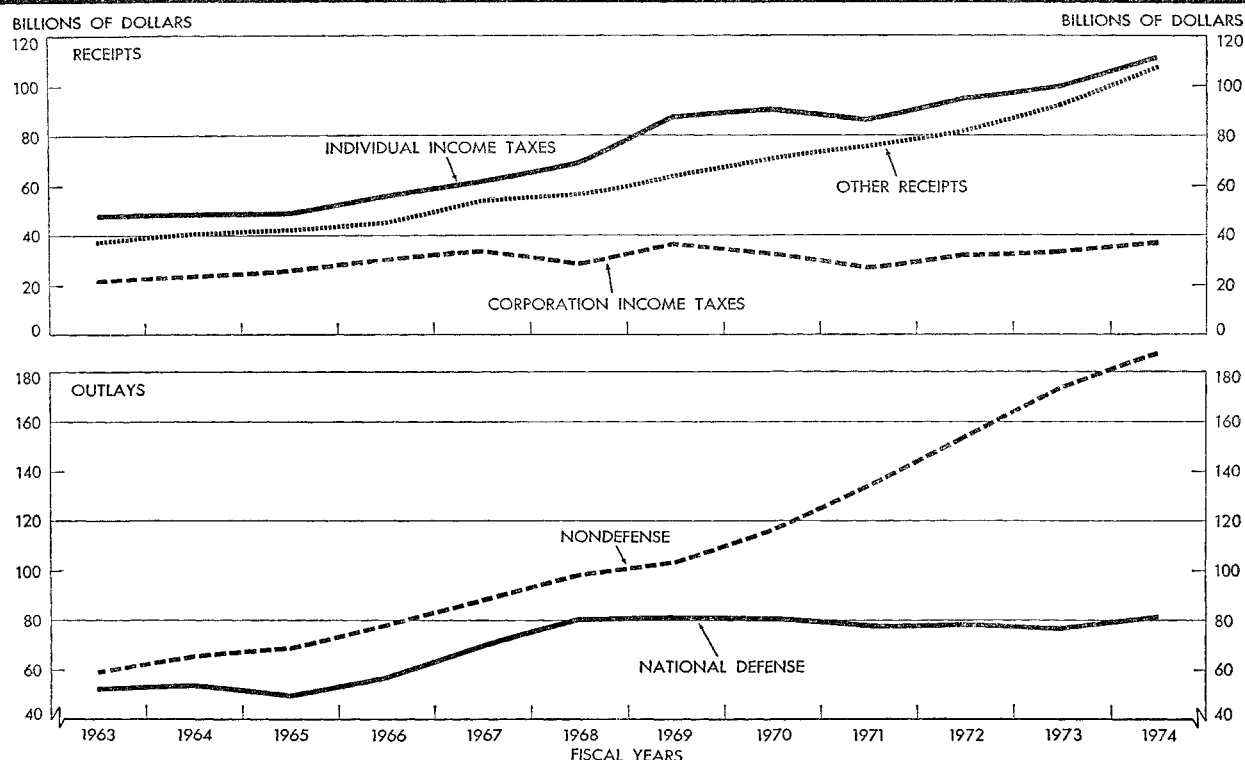
¹ Excludes non-interest-bearing public debt securities held by IMF.

² Estimate.

Sources: Treasury Department and Office of Management and Budget.

FEDERAL BUDGET RECEIPTS BY SOURCE AND OUTLAYS BY FUNCTION

Fiscal 1973 budget receipts are estimated at \$225.0 billion and outlays at \$249.8 billion. The corresponding figures for fiscal 1974 are \$256.0 billion and \$268.7 billion, respectively.



SOURCES: TREASURY DEPARTMENT AND OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET

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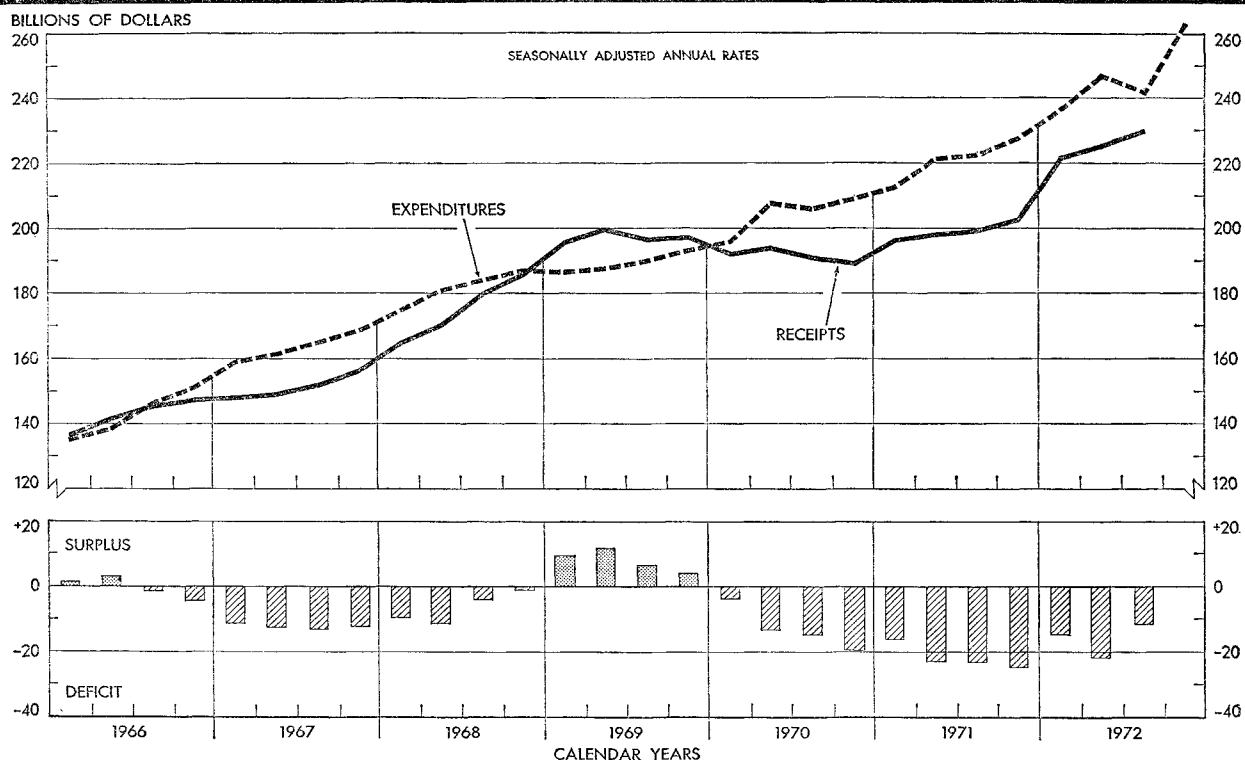
Period	Receipts				Outlays						
	Total	Individual income taxes	Corporation income taxes	Other	Total	National defense		International affairs and finance	Health and income security	Interest	Other
						Total	Department of Defense, military				
Fiscal year:											
1962	99.7	45.6	20.5	33.6	106.8	51.1	46.9	4.5	23.7	8.3	19.2
1963	106.6	47.6	21.6	37.4	111.3	52.3	48.1	4.1	25.5	9.2	20.3
1964	112.7	48.7	23.5	40.5	118.6	53.6	49.6	4.1	26.8	9.8	24.2
1965	116.8	48.8	25.5	42.6	118.4	49.6	46.0	4.3	27.4	10.4	26.7
1966	130.9	55.4	30.1	45.3	134.7	56.8	54.2	4.5	31.5	11.3	30.6
1967	149.6	61.5	34.0	54.1	158.3	70.1	67.5	4.5	37.8	12.6	33.2
1968	153.7	68.7	28.7	56.3	178.8	80.5	77.4	4.6	43.7	13.7	36.2
1969	187.8	87.2	36.7	63.9	184.5	81.2	77.9	3.8	49.3	15.8	34.4
1970	193.7	90.4	32.8	70.5	196.6	80.3	77.2	3.6	56.7	18.3	37.7
1971	188.4	86.2	26.8	75.4	211.4	77.7	74.5	3.1	70.6	19.6	40.5
1972	208.6	94.7	32.2	81.7	231.9	78.3	75.2	3.7	82.0	20.6	47.2
1973 ¹	225.0	99.4	33.5	92.1	249.8	76.4	74.2	3.3	93.9	22.8	53.3
1974 ¹	256.0	111.6	37.0	107.4	268.7	81.1	78.2	3.8	103.7	24.7	55.4
Cumulative totals for first 6 months:											
Fiscal year 1972	93.2	43.5	11.8	37.9	111.6	35.8	34.6	1.8	38.1	10.1	25.9
Fiscal year 1973	106.1	51.2	13.9	41.1	118.6	35.3	34.3	1.6	43.2	10.6	27.8

¹ Estimate.

Sources: Treasury Department and Office of Management and Budget.

FEDERAL SECTOR, NATIONAL INCOME ACCOUNTS BASIS

According to preliminary estimates for the fourth quarter, Federal expenditures increased \$21½ billion (seasonally adjusted annual rate). Receipts data are incomplete. For calendar 1972 as a whole, receipts are estimated to be \$29 billion higher than in 1971 and expenditures \$26 billion higher, yielding a deficit of \$18½ billion.



SOURCE: DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

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[Billions of dollars, quarterly data at seasonally adjusted annual rates]

Period	Federal Government receipts					Federal Government expenditures							Surplus or deficit (—), income and product accounts
	Total	Personal tax and nontax receipts	Corporate profits tax accruals	Indirect business tax and nontax accruals	Contributions for social insurance	Total	Purchases of goods and services	Transfer payments	Grants-in-aid to State and local governments	Net interest paid	Subsidies less current surplus of Government enterprises	Less: Wage accruals less disbursements	
Fiscal year:													
1969	190.4	90.0	37.4	18.6	44.4	185.7	99.4	50.7	19.2	12.3	4.1	0.0	4.7
1970	195.0	93.7	33.1	19.2	49.0	196.3	98.3	56.8	22.6	14.0	4.7	.1	—1.3
1971	193.0	87.1	32.0	20.1	53.8	212.8	95.8	69.8	27.0	14.3	5.8	—1.1	—19.7
1972 ^p	211.9	100.1	33.5	20.1	58.3	233.1	103.1	78.6	32.7	13.5	5.2	.0	—21.1
1973 ¹	233.3	104.2	38.7	20.5	69.8	259.9	105.8	91.6	41.6	14.6	6.3	.0	—26.6
1974 ¹	263.0	116.6	41.6	21.6	83.2	275.5	111.5	101.9	41.6	15.8	4.8	.0	—12.5
Calendar year:													
1969	197.3	94.8	36.6	19.0	46.9	189.2	98.8	52.4	20.3	13.1	4.6	.0	8.1
1970	191.6	92.4	30.4	19.3	49.5	204.5	96.5	63.3	24.5	14.6	5.5	.0	—12.9
1971	199.1	89.6	33.1	20.5	55.9	220.8	97.8	75.0	29.3	13.6	5.2	(²)	—21.7
1972 ^p	228.3	108.8	36.0	20.1	63.3	246.8	105.9	83.5	37.7	13.6	6.1	.0	—18.5
1971: I	196.4	86.6	33.9	20.9	55.0	212.4	96.2	69.1	27.1	14.0	6.0	.0	—16.0
II	198.2	88.1	34.4	20.2	55.6	221.2	96.3	76.8	29.5	13.6	5.1	.0	—23.0
III	199.1	89.8	33.2	20.0	56.1	222.2	97.9	76.3	29.8	13.6	4.6	.0	—23.1
IV	202.8	93.8	31.1	20.8	57.0	227.5	100.7	77.8	30.8	13.3	5.0	.1	—24.7
1972: I	221.4	105.8	34.0	19.9	61.7	236.3	105.7	79.4	32.4	13.1	5.6	.0	—14.8
II	224.9	107.3	35.2	19.7	62.6	246.5	108.1	80.4	38.1	13.8	6.0	—1.1	—21.6
III	229.8	109.1	36.7	20.2	63.8	241.6	105.4	82.0	34.4	13.6	6.2	.0	—11.8
IV ^p	-----	113.1	-----	20.5	65.2	262.9	104.5	92.2	45.9	13.7	6.6	.0	-----

¹ Estimate.
² \$39 million.

Source: Department of Commerce.

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