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TOTAL OUTPUT, INCOME, AND SPENDING

THE NATION'S INCOME, EXPENDITURE, AND SAVING

Gross national product rose \$31 billion (seasonally adjusted annual rate) in the fourth quarter, according to current 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 sub-sidies ²	Equals: Net receipts	Total expenditures	Less: Transfers, interest, and sub-sidies 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	721.0	54.8	366.2	117.1	249.1	371.6	117.1	254.6	-5.4
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 -----	828.2	19.8	808.4	745.7	62.8	380.9	126.2	254.7	385.5	126.2	259.3	-4.7

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	-7.7	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	-4.4	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 -----	124.1	180.4	-56.3	3.7	73.7	77.9	-4.2	7.8	1,152.8	-9.9	1,151.8
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	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 -----	130.3	193.4	-63.1	3.3	79.6	83.1	-3.5	6.8	1,196.7	-1.9	1,194.9

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.

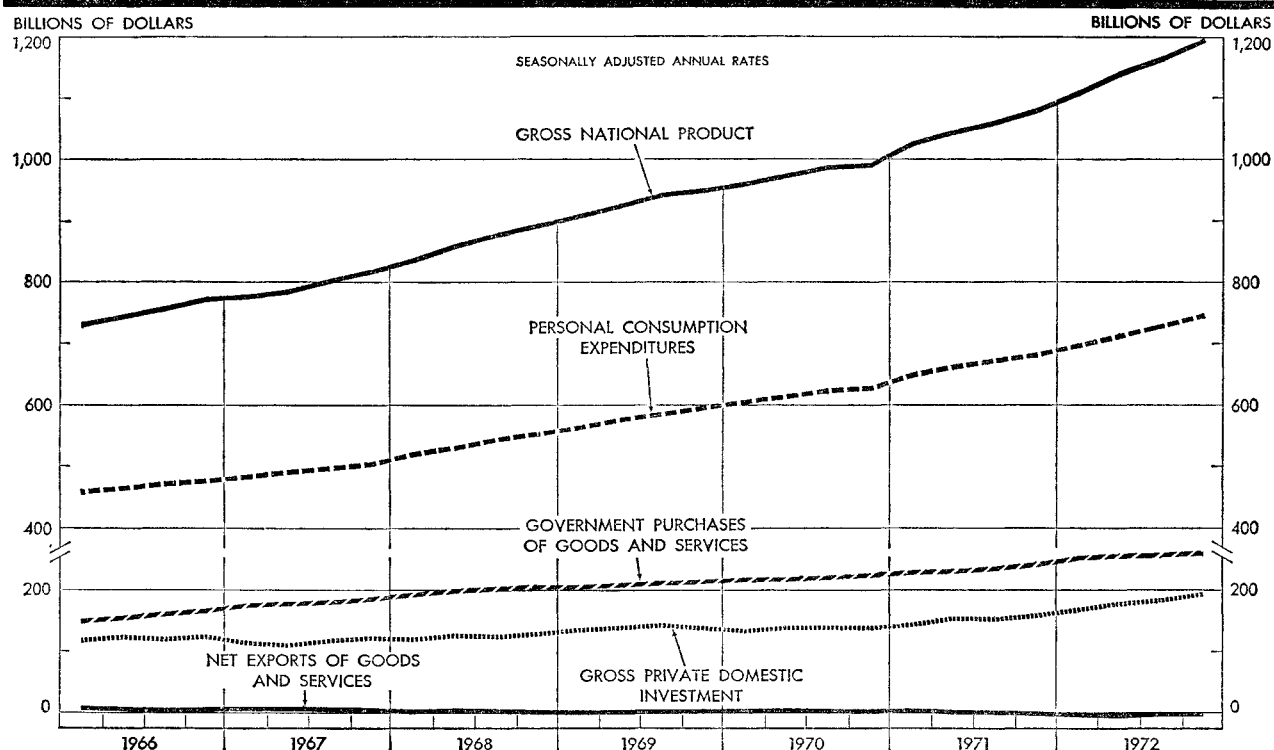
⁴ Private business investment, purchases of capital goods by private nonprofit institutions, and residential housing.

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 11.0 percent in the fourth quarter. Real GNP rose at an 8.0 percent rate while prices increased at a 2.8 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	Federal			State and local	
							Total	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	58.2	107.17
1964.....	581.1	632.4	401.2	94.0	8.5	128.7	65.2	50.0	15.2	63.5	108.85
1965.....	617.8	684.9	432.8	108.1	6.9	137.0	66.9	50.1	16.8	70.1	110.86
1966.....	658.1	749.9	466.3	121.4	5.3	156.8	77.8	60.7	17.1	79.0	113.95
1967.....	675.2	793.9	492.1	116.6	5.2	180.1	90.7	72.4	18.4	89.4	117.59
1968.....	706.6	864.2	536.2	126.0	2.5	199.6	98.8	78.3	20.5	100.8	122.30
1969.....	725.6	930.3	579.5	139.0	1.9	210.0	98.8	78.4	20.4	111.2	128.20
1970.....	722.1	976.4	616.8	137.1	3.6	219.0	96.5	75.1	21.5	122.5	135.23
1971.....	741.7	1,050.4	664.9	152.0	.7	232.8	97.8	71.4	26.3	135.0	141.61
1972.....	789.5	1,151.8	721.0	180.4	-4.2	254.6	105.8	75.9	29.9	148.8	145.89
1971: I.....	731.9	1,023.4	648.0	143.9	4.5	227.0	96.2	72.5	23.7	130.8	139.84
II.....	737.9	1,043.0	660.4	153.0	.1	229.5	96.3	71.2	25.0	133.3	141.34
III.....	742.5	1,056.9	670.7	152.2	.4	233.6	97.9	70.1	27.8	135.7	142.35
IV.....	754.5	1,078.1	680.5	158.8	-2.1	240.9	100.7	71.9	28.7	140.2	142.88
1972: I.....	766.5	1,109.1	696.1	168.1	-4.6	249.4	105.7	76.7	28.9	143.7	144.68
II.....	783.9	1,139.4	713.4	177.0	-5.2	254.1	108.1	78.6	29.6	146.0	145.34
III.....	796.1	1,164.0	728.6	183.2	-3.4	255.6	105.4	75.1	30.2	150.2	146.21
IV.....	811.6	1,194.9	745.7	193.4	-3.5	259.3	104.0	73.2	30.8	155.2	147.23

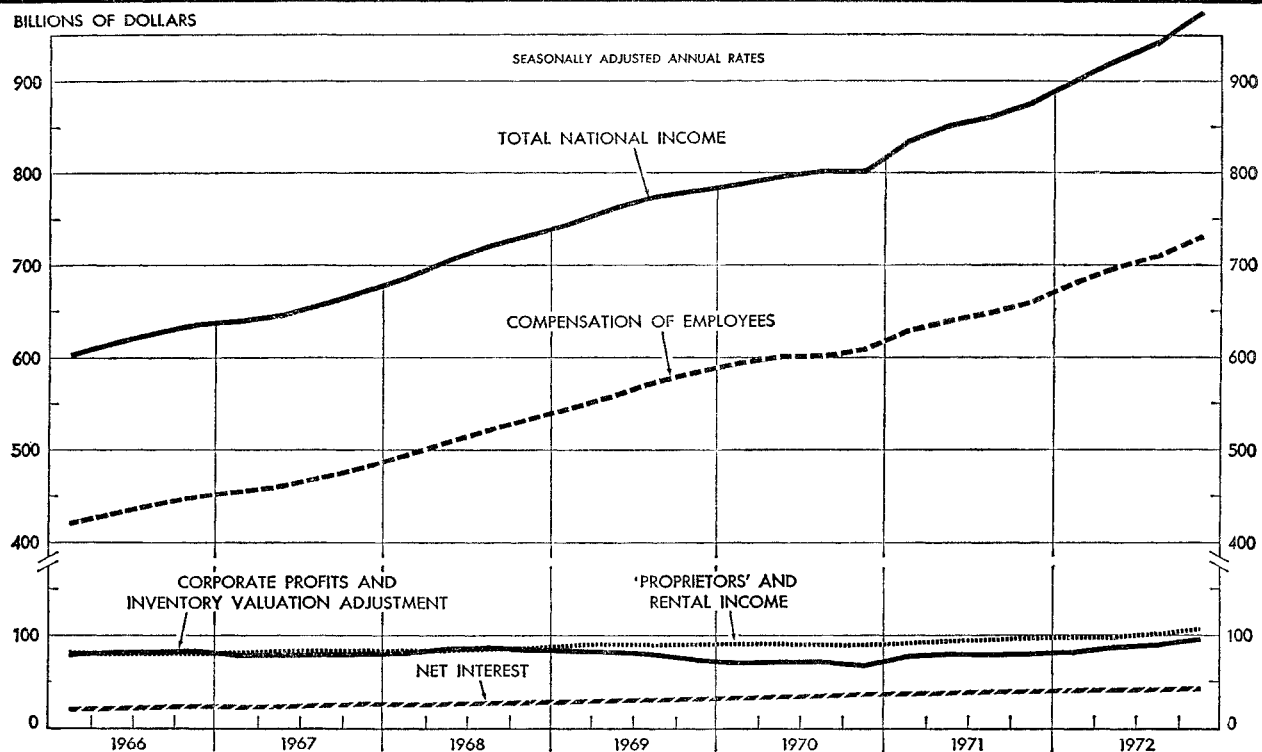
¹This category corresponds closely with budget outlays for national defense, shown on p. 36.

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

Source: Department of Commerce.

NATIONAL INCOME

Corporate profits (including inventory valuation adjustment) rose 7 percent (seasonally adjusted) in the fourth quarter. The rise from 1971 to 1972 came to 12 percent.



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	-0.5
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	935.7	705.3	19.6	55.6	25.6	41.3	88.3	94.3	-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	974.6	730.3	21.6	57.4	26.9	42.5	95.9	101.9	-5.9

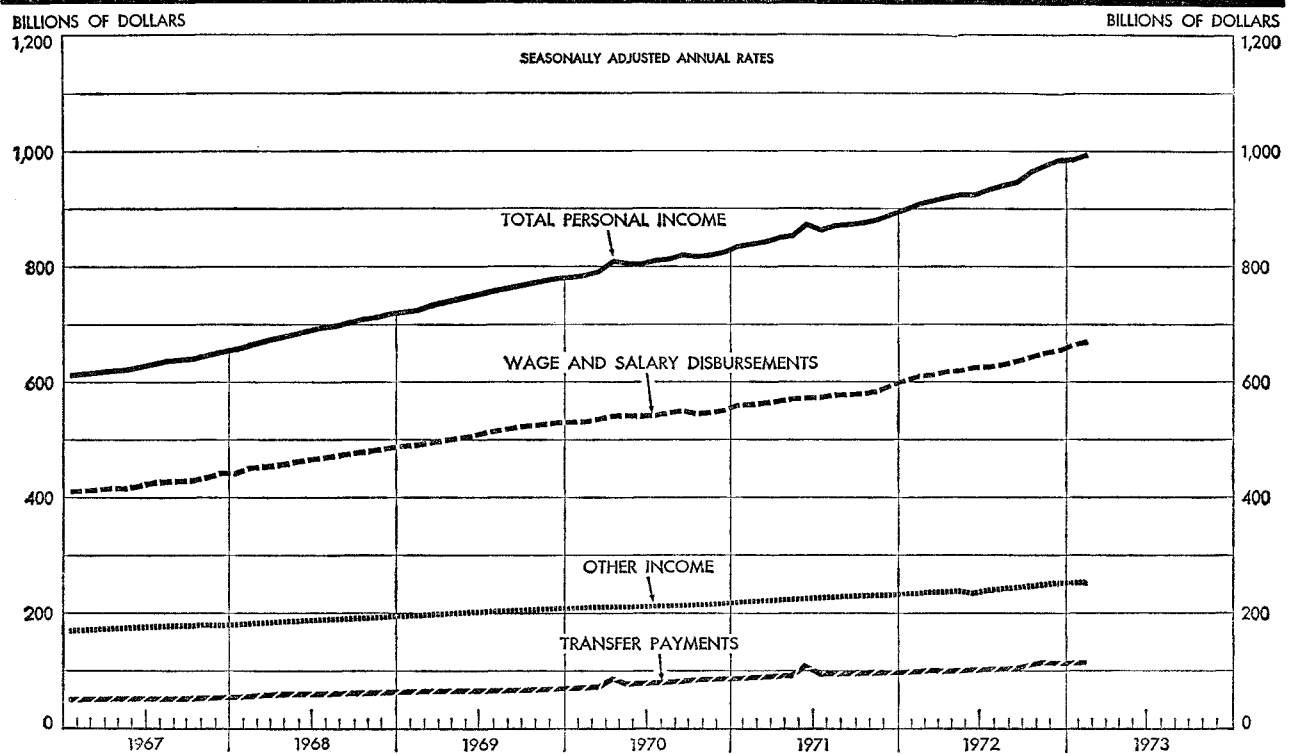
¹Includes employer contributions for social insurance. (See also p. 4.)

²Excludes 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 at a seasonally adjusted annual rate of \$8.3 billion in February. Wages and salaries, chiefly because of rising employment and average weekly hours, accounted for \$5.7 billion of the increase.



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 ¹²	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	23.6	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.....	935.9	627.0	40.3	19.6	55.6	25.6	26.4	72.9	104.0	35.5	909.3
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.....	964.8	643.0	41.4	20.7	57.0	27.0	26.7	73.7	111.6	36.4	937.1
Nov.....	976.2	648.5	41.8	22.1	57.4	26.7	26.6	74.5	115.2	36.5	947.2
Dec.....	982.9	654.9	42.1	22.0	57.8	26.9	26.8	75.4	113.6	36.6	953.9
1973: Jan....	985.6	662.7	42.4	21.8	58.2	26.6	27.1	75.9	113.3	42.4	956.6
Feb ^p	993.9	668.4	42.7	21.8	58.7	26.6	27.3	76.2	115.1	42.8	964.9

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.

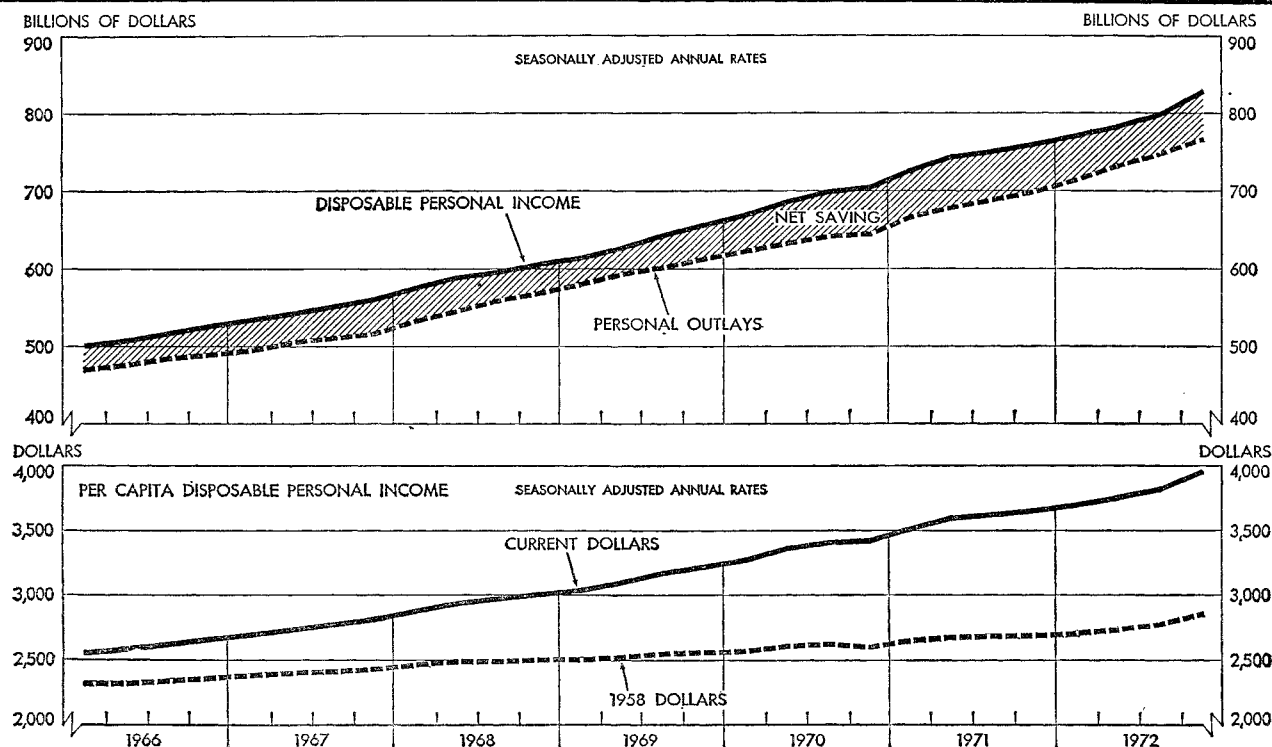
²Consists of employer contributions to private pension, health, and welfare funds; compensation for injuries; directors' fees; military reserve pay; and a few other minor items.

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	Personal income	Less: Personal tax and nontax payments	Equals: Disposable personal income	Less: Personal outlays				Equals: Personal saving	Per capita disposable personal income		Saving as percent of disposable personal income (percent)	Population (thousands)
				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-----	935.9	140.8	795.1	740.2	116.1	299.5	305.4	54.8	3,807	2,770	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--	974.6	146.4	828.2	765.5	120.8	310.4	314.5	62.8	3,953	2,851	7.6	209,509

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

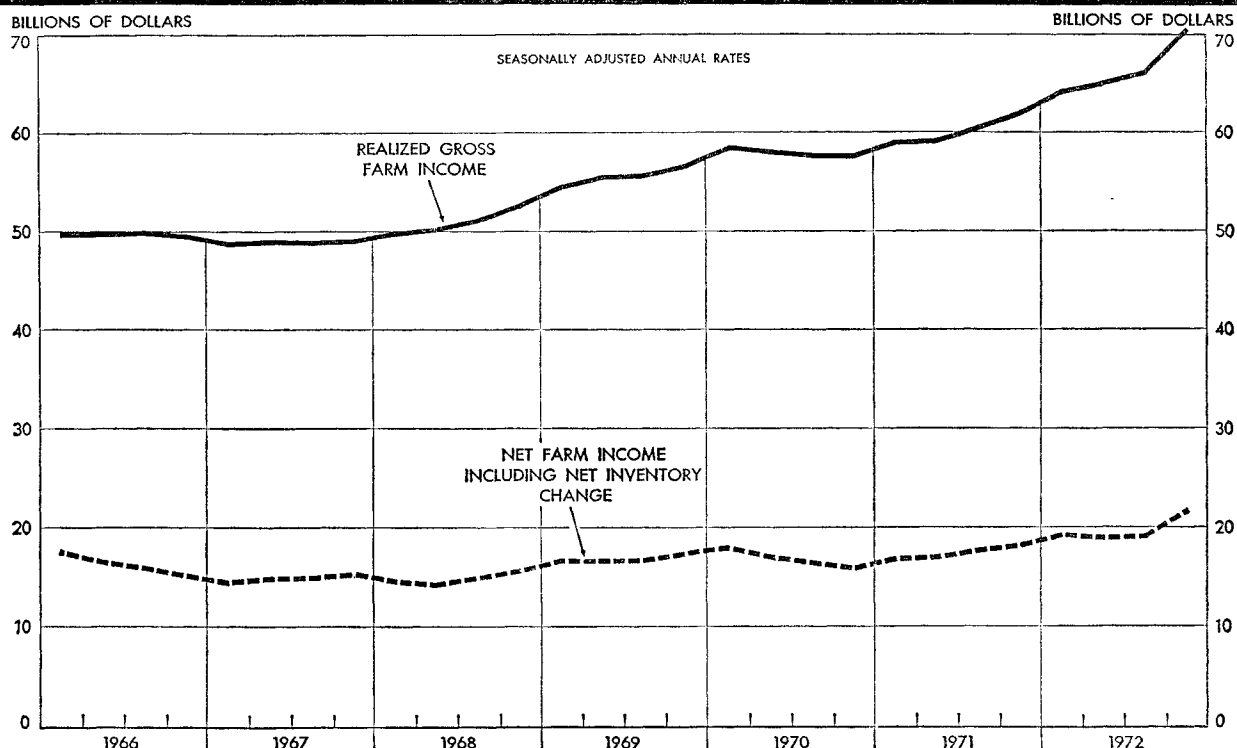
² See p. 2 for total personal consumption expenditures.

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.....	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.....				70.6	62.5	49.4	21.2	21.7	7,660	6,080

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

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

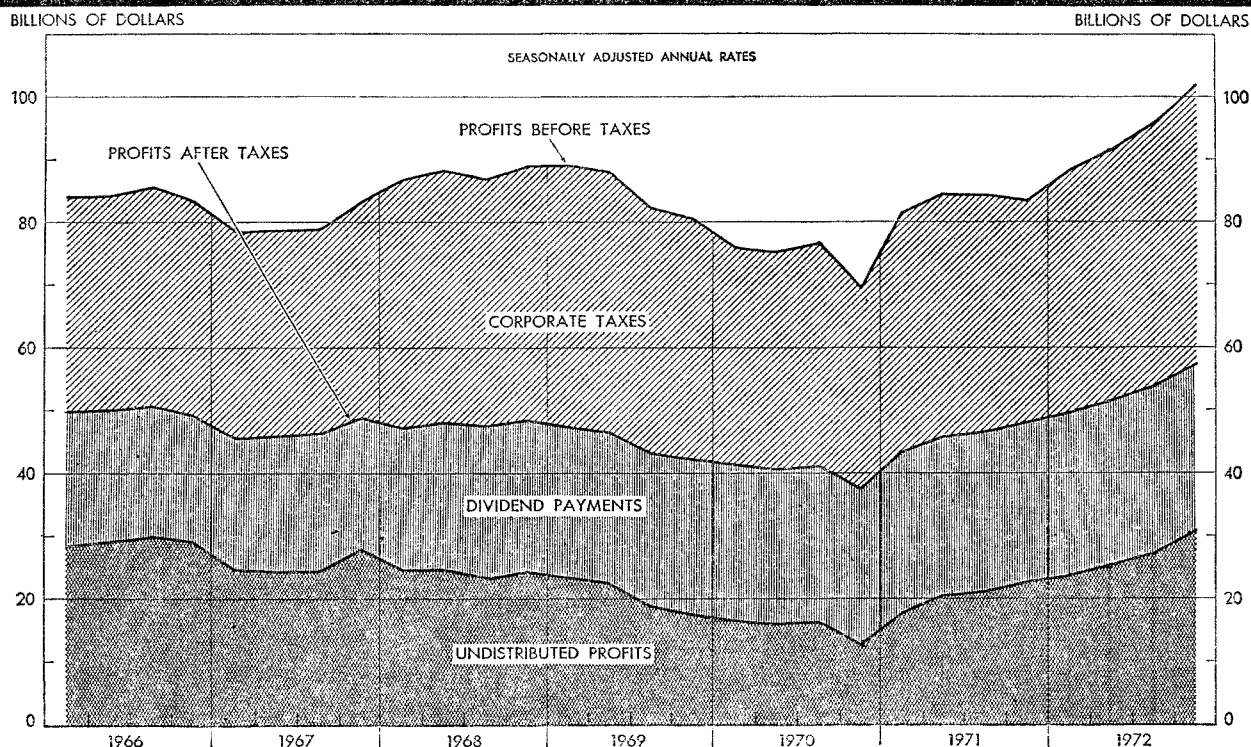
³ Based on Census of Agriculture definition of a farm. The number of farms is held constant within a year.

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

Source: Department of Agriculture.

CORPORATE PROFITS

Because of the investment tax credit the 1971-72 percentage rise in profits after taxes exceeded the rise before taxes. Most of the after-tax rise showed up in undistributed profits. Cash flow was up \$14.6 billion.



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	88.3	37.9	19.0	19.0	9.0	41.4	94.3	41.3	53.1	26.4	26.7	67.7	120.8
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	95.9						101.9	44.5	57.3	26.7	30.7	69.5	126.8

¹ Includes all other industries and financial institutions.

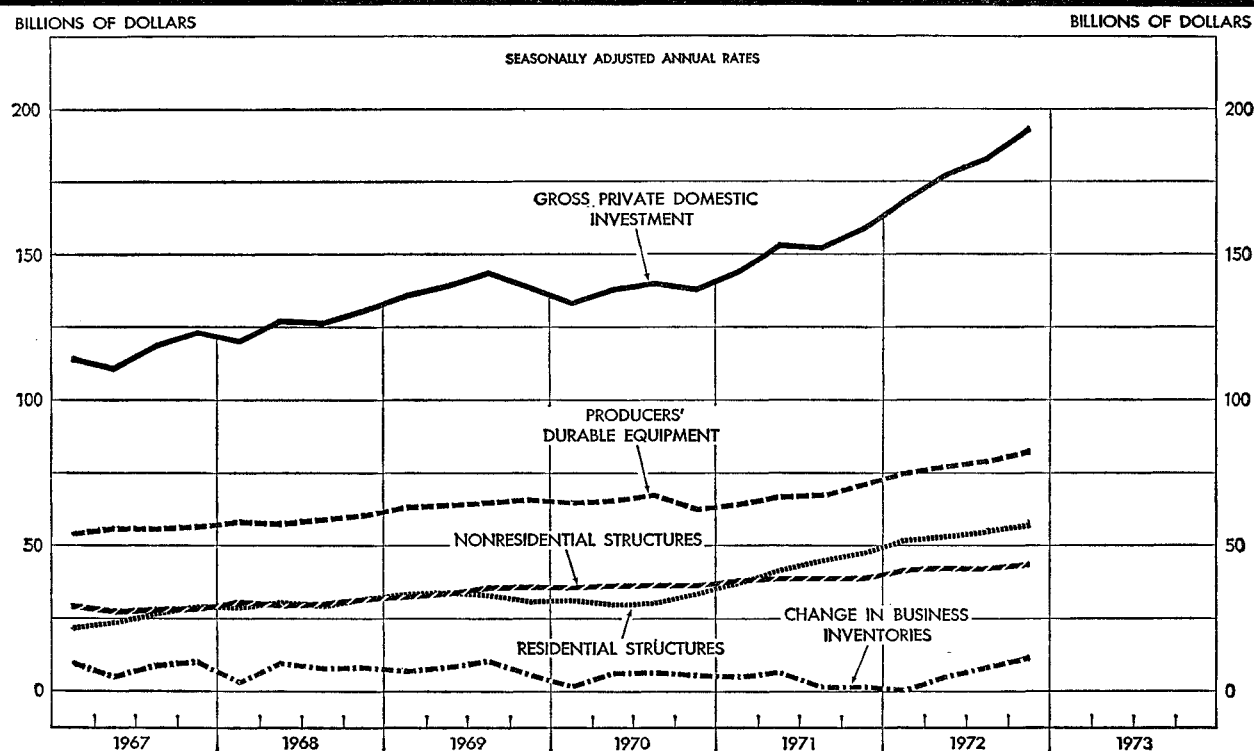
² Includes depreciation and accidental damages.

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 contributed to the \$10 billion (seasonally adjusted annual rate) advance in gross private domestic investment in the fourth quarter.



SOURCES: DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

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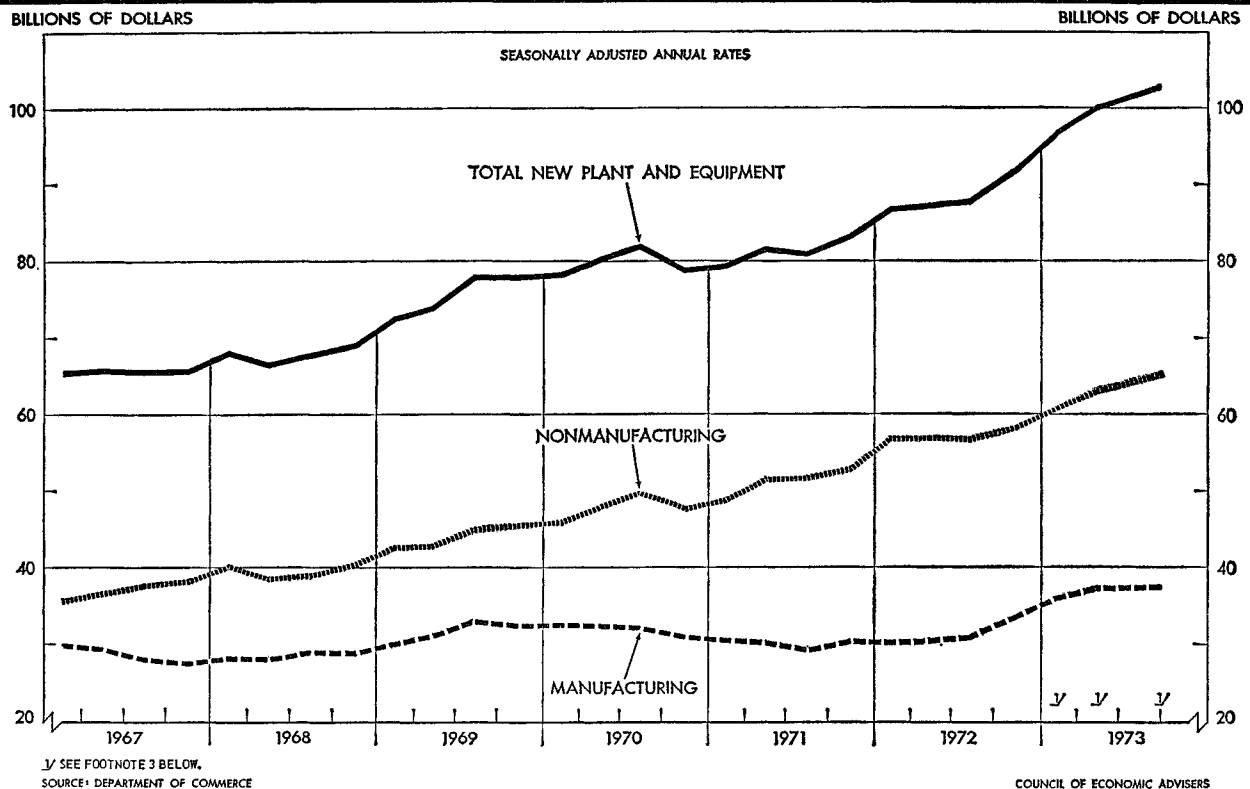
[Billions of dollars; quarterly data at seasonally adjusted annual rates]

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-----	180.4	174.5	120.6	42.2	41.4	78.3	70.5	54.0	53.2	5.9	5.6
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	-1.2
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-----	193.4	183.1	126.1	43.7	42.9	82.3	73.5	57.0	56.1	10.3	10.1

Source: Department of Commerce.

EXPENDITURES FOR NEW PLANT AND EQUIPMENT

Businessmen expect to increase their expenditures for new plant and equipment by 14 percent from 1972 to 1973. Manufacturers expect a rise of 18 percent.



[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		Rail-road	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-----	88.44	31.35	15.64	15.72	2.42	1.80	2.46	1.46	17.00	11.89	20.07
1973 ³ -----	100.62	37.01	18.70	18.31	2.64	1.68	2.38	1.52	19.82	13.40	22.16
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-----	91.94	33.64	16.86	16.78	2.46	1.71	2.33	1.42	17.53	12.63	20.21
1973: I ³ -----	96.74	35.98	17.88	18.10	2.54	2.08	2.12	1.66	18.36	33.98	
II ³ -----	100.13	37.13	18.70	18.43	2.62	1.79	2.94	1.70	18.56	35.38	
2d half ³ -----	102.63	37.43	19.07	18.36	2.69	1.45	2.22	1.38	21.06	36.39	

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 in late January and February 1973. Includes adjustments when necessary for systematic tendencies in expectations data.

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

necessarily coincide with the average of seasonally adjusted figures.

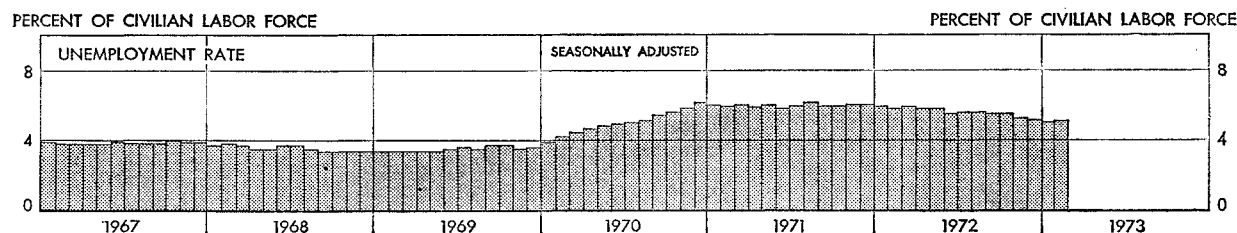
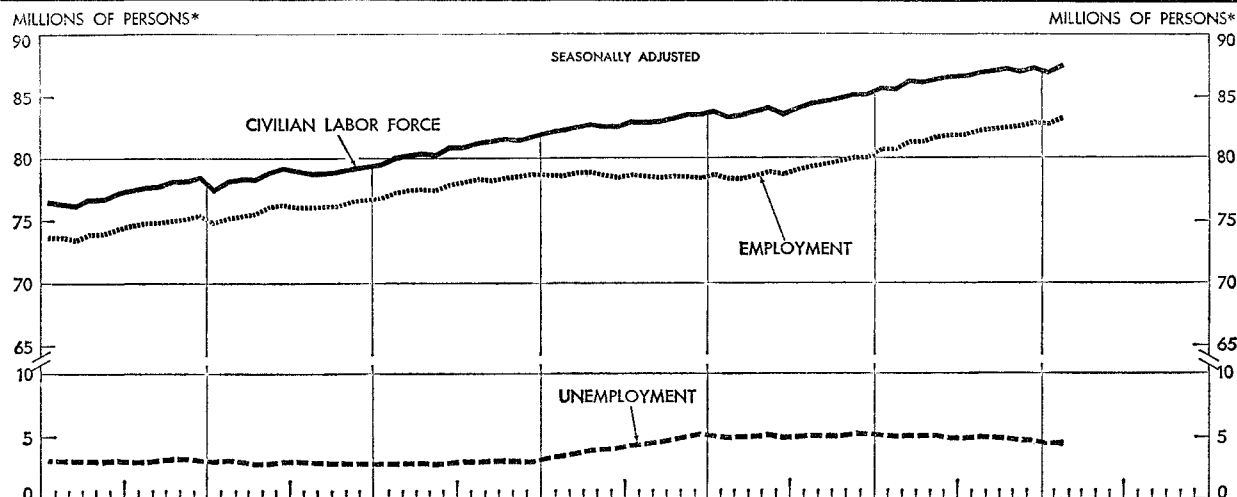
These figures do not agree with the totals included in the gross national product estimates of the Department of Commerce, principally because the latter cover agricultural investment and also certain equipment and construction outlays charged to current expense.

Source: Department of Commerce.

EMPLOYMENT, UNEMPLOYMENT, AND WAGES

STATUS OF THE LABOR FORCE

In February, there were exceptionally large increases in the civilian labor force (648,000) and employment (572,000) on a seasonally adjusted basis. Over the past 12 months, the number of employed persons has increased by 2.5 million, while the number of unemployed individuals has fallen by 0.5 million.



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

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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 ¹	
		Total	Non-agricultural				Total	Agricultural	Non-agricultural				
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											Unadjusted	Seasonally adjusted	
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	81,458	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	79,180	4,487	4.7	5.1	61.1
1973:													
Jan..	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
Feb..	89,075	81,838	78,882	4,845	89,961	87,569	83,127	3,424	79,703	4,442	5.6	5.1	61.1

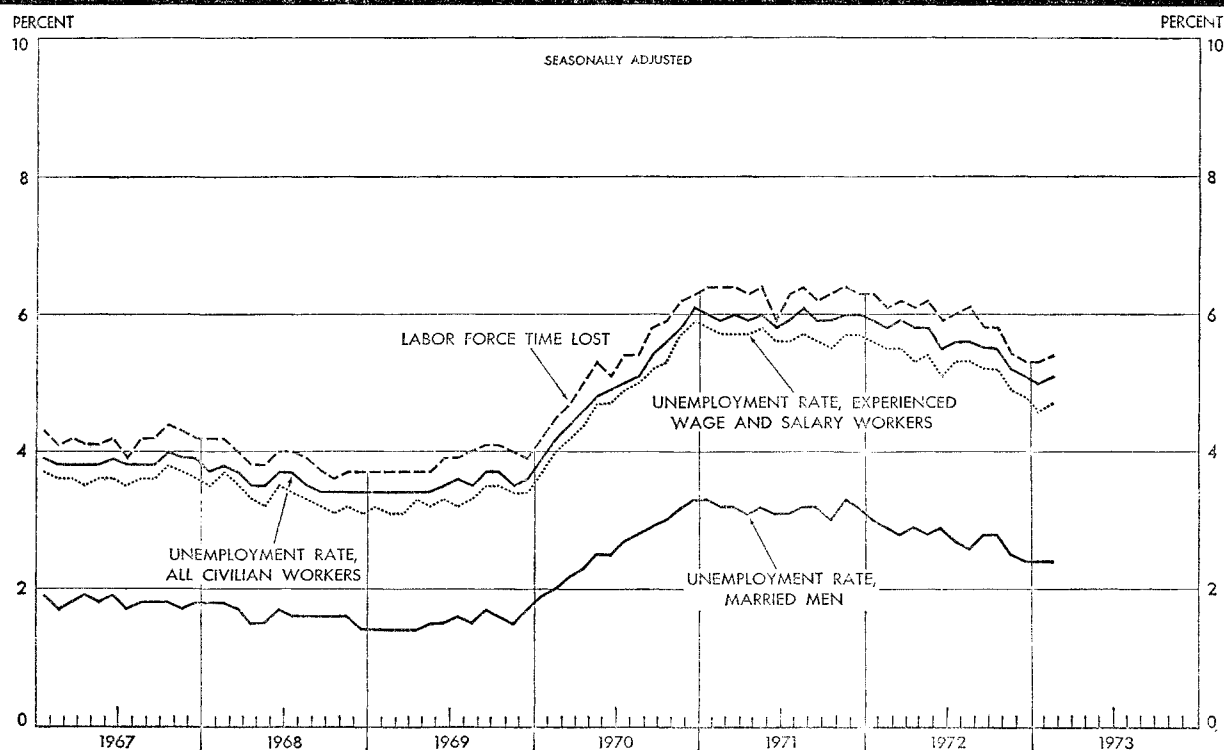
¹ Total labor force as percent of noninstitutional population.

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.

SELECTED MEASURES OF UNEMPLOYMENT AND PART-TIME EMPLOYMENT

At 5.1 percent in February, the overall unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted) was not significantly different from January's 5.0 percent, but was well below the 5.8 percent of a year earlier.



SOURCE: DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

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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	
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	1,188	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	2.8	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.....	5.0	4.6	2.4	5.3	19,527	35,819	18,557	951	948	893	1,130		
Feb.....	5.1	4.7	2.4	5.4	20,311	35,844	19,305	⁵ 1,020	⁵ 1,068	1,020	1,254		

¹ Man-hours lost by the unemployed and persons on part-time for economic reasons as a percent of potentially available labor force man-hours.

² 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.

³ Includes persons who worked part-time because of slack work, material shortages or repairs, new job started, or job terminated.

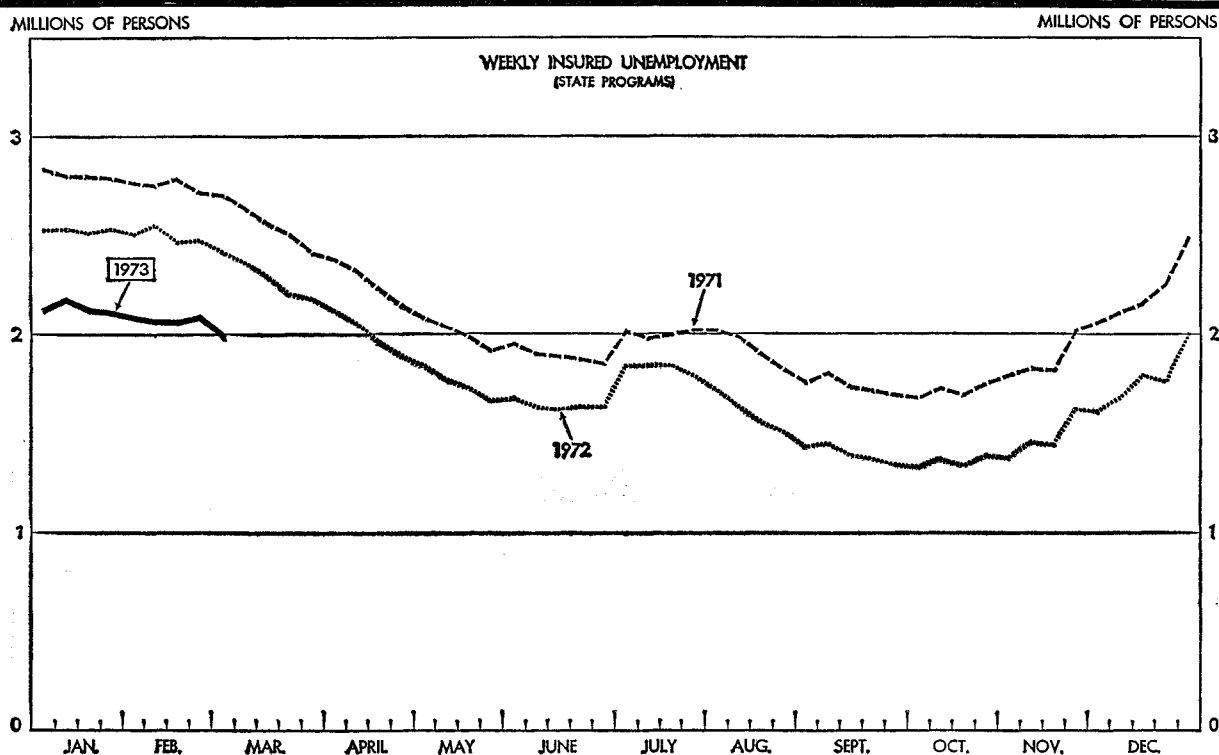
⁴ Primarily includes persons who could find only part-time work.

⁵ Average hours worked: usually full-time, 24.7; usually part-time, 18.4.

Source: Department of Labor.

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE PROGRAMS

In February, insured unemployment under State programs averaged 423,000 lower than a year earlier. The seasonally adjusted insured unemployment rate remained at 2.7 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	59,375	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
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	26	2.5	3.4	280.3	56.95
Nov ^p		1,691	338.7	1,507	253	28	2.7	3.3	307.2	57.59
Dec ^p		1,993	372.1	1,801	324	29	3.3	3.0	342.2	58.10
1973: Jan ^p		2,332	425.3	2,124	331	31	3.8	2.7	392.7	57.09
Feb ^p		2,273	432.9	2,069	247	29	3.7	2.7	399.1	57.13
Week ended:										
1973: Feb 3.....		2,274		2,079	285		3.7			
10.....		2,248		2,063	276		3.7			
17.....		2,246		2,060	243		3.7			
24.....		2,268		2,078	221		3.7			
Mar 3 ^p		2,171		1,986	234		3.5			
10 ^p					227					

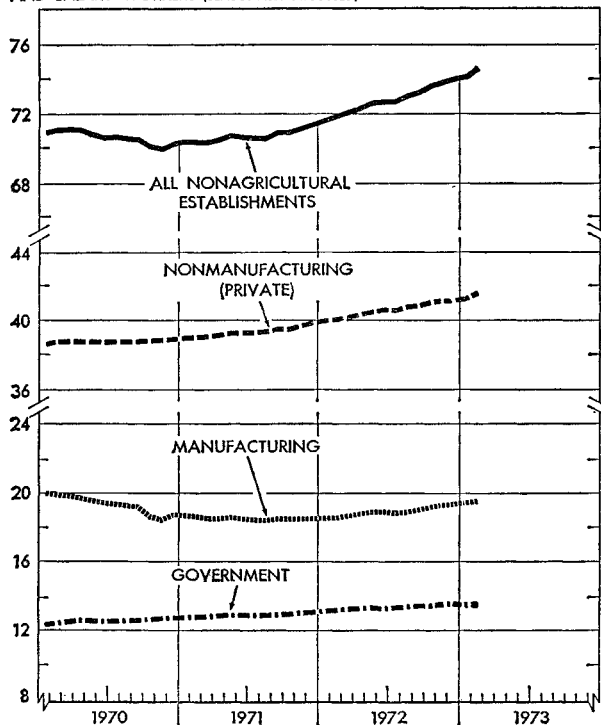
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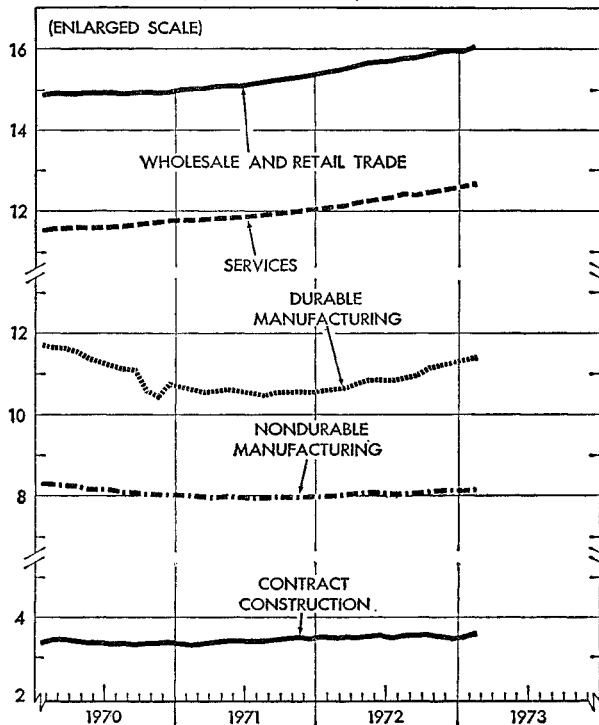
NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT

Total nonfarm payroll employment increased sharply (441,000 on a seasonally adjusted basis) in February to a level 2.9 million higher than a year earlier.

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-----	72,764	18,933	10,884	8,049	40,541	607	3,521	4,495	15,683	3,927	12,309	2,650	10,640
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...	74,026	19,419	11,281	8,138	41,103	607	3,452	4,558	15,946	3,991	12,549	2,652	10,852
1973: Jan...	74,155	19,466	11,323	8,143	41,222	611	3,489	4,577	15,939	3,996	12,610	2,637	10,830
Feb...	74,596	19,550	11,396	8,154	41,532	614	3,579	4,596	16,061	4,012	12,670	2,632	10,882

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

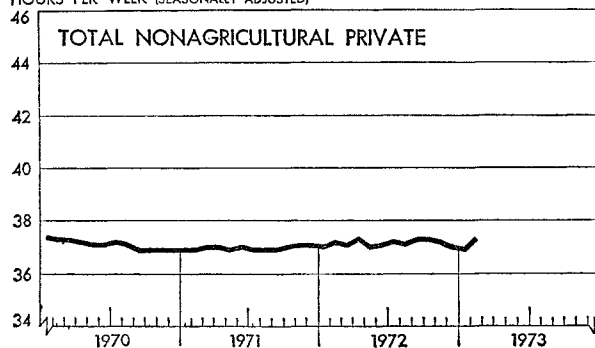
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Source: Department of Labor.

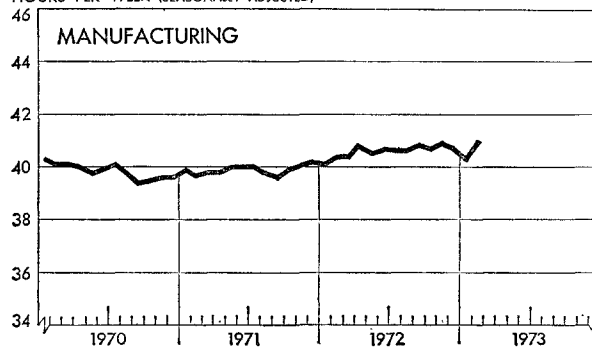
WEEKLY HOURS OF WORK - SELECTED INDUSTRIES

The average workweek (seasonally adjusted) for all private nonfarm production workers rose 0.4 hour in February and the factory workweek rose by 0.7 hour to its highest level since October 1968.

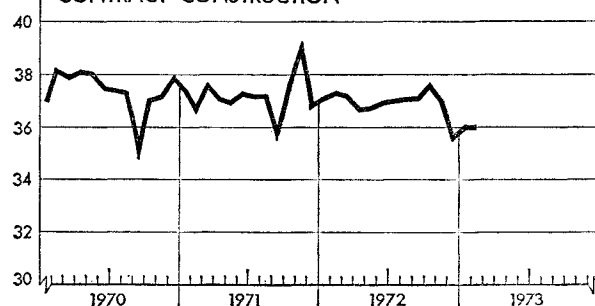
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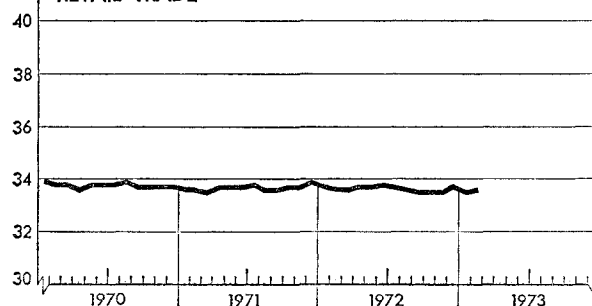
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CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION



RETAIL TRADE



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-----	37.2	40.6	37.0	33.6				
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-----	37.2	41.2	35.2	33.9	37.0	40.7	35.6	33.7
1973: Jan ^p -----	36.6	40.0	34.7	33.0	36.9	40.3	36.0	33.5
Feb ^p -----	36.9	40.7	34.8	33.0	37.3	41.0	36.0	33.6

¹ Data relate to production workers or nonsupervisory employees.

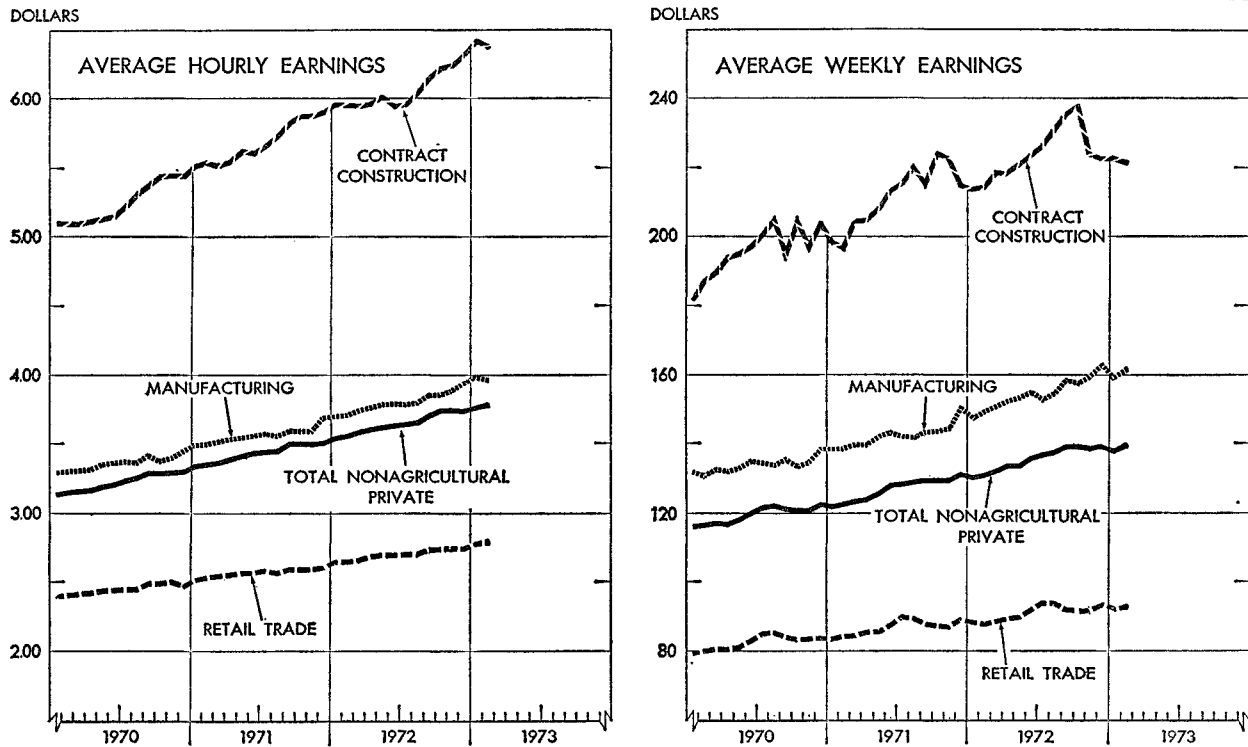
² Also includes other private industry groups shown on p. 13.

³ Includes eating and drinking places.

Source: Department of Labor.

AVERAGE HOURLY AND WEEKLY EARNINGS - SELECTED INDUSTRIES

Average hourly earnings of private nonfarm workers increased by 1 cent in February to \$3.78 (not seasonally adjusted) and were 6.2 percent above a year earlier. Average weekly earnings increased by \$1.50 to \$139.48, and were 6.5 percent higher than 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.....	3.65	3.81	6.06	2.70	135.78	154.69	224.22	90.72	135.4	123.46
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.....	3.74	3.95	6.32	2.75	139.13	162.74	222.46	93.23	139.2	127.84
1973: Jan ^p	3.77	3.98	6.42	2.78	137.98	159.20	222.77	91.74	140.1	124.67
Feb ^p	3.78	3.97	6.37	2.80	139.48	161.58	221.68	92.40	140.1	125.65

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.

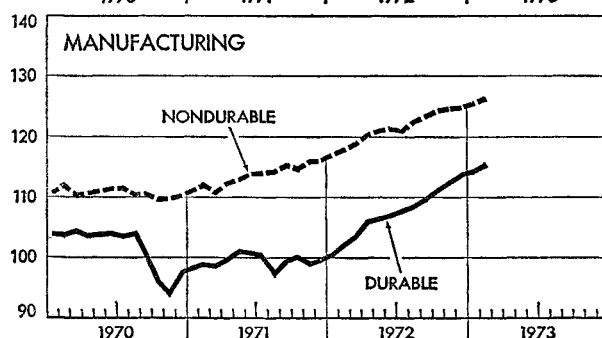
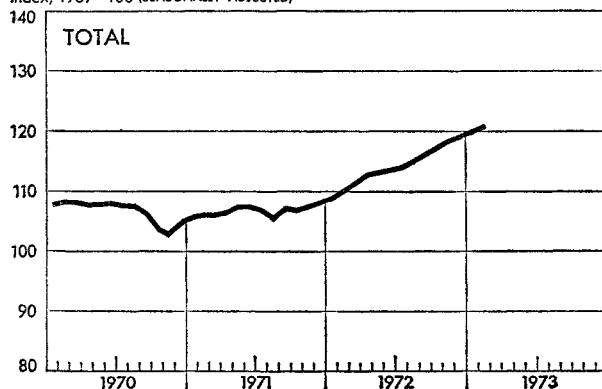
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PRODUCTION AND BUSINESS ACTIVITY

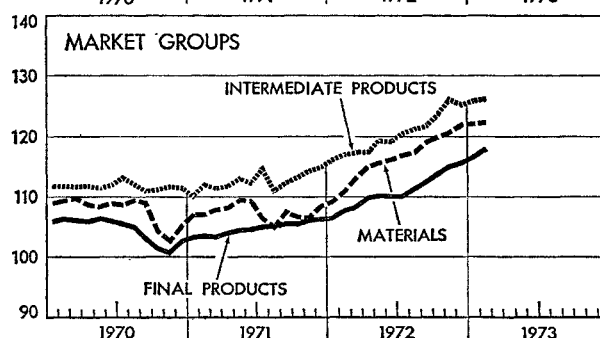
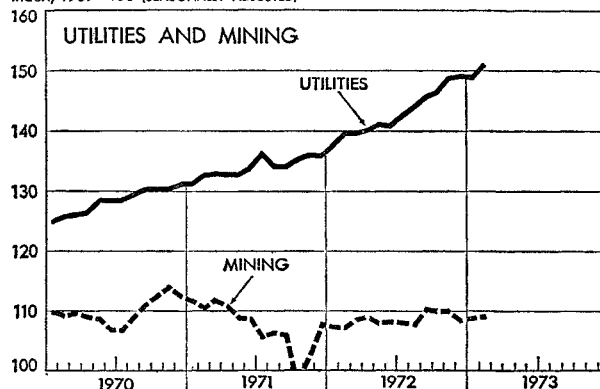
INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION

In February, industrial production (seasonally adjusted) showed a good-sized increase of 0.8 percent, bringing the increase over the year to almost 10 percent. Increases were mainly in consumer goods and business equipment.

Index, 1967=100 (SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)



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SOURCE: BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF THE FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

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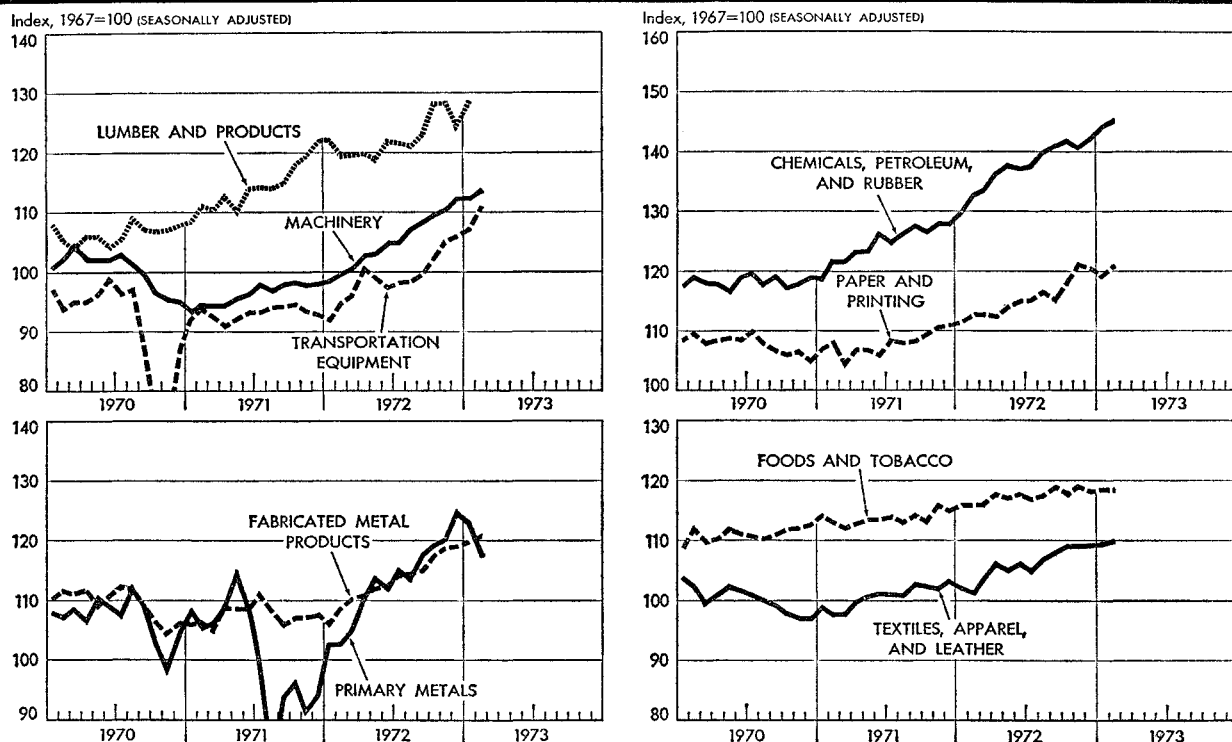
[1967=100, seasonally adjusted]

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 ^a -----	114.4	113.1	107.4	121.5	108.2	143.5	111.2	123.1	94.5	120.4	116.4
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-----	115.1	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-----	117.5	116.6	111.4	124.3	110.0	146.6	113.9	125.5	97.3	123.4	120.3
Nov-----	118.5	117.4	112.4	124.7	110.1	148.7	115.0	126.8	98.5	125.9	120.6
Dec-----	119.2	118.2	113.7	124.8	108.3	149.1	115.6	127.3	99.2	125.1	121.9
1973: Jan ^a -----	119.9	118.8	114.2	125.3	108.7	148.9	116.6	128.4	100.3	125.7	122.1
Feb ^a -----	120.8	119.7	115.3	126.1	109.1	150.9	117.8	129.3	101.7	126.1	122.4

Source: Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

PRODUCTION OF SELECTED MANUFACTURES

Production of most manufactures (seasonally adjusted) increased in February. Primary metals declined for the second consecutive month.



SOURCE: BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF THE FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

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[1967 = 100, seasonally adjusted]

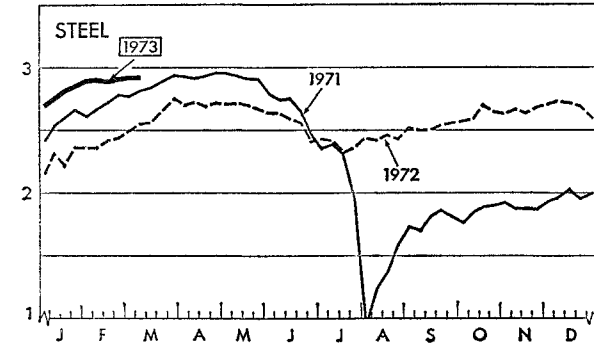
Period	Durable manufactures					Nondurable manufactures			
	Primary metals	Fabricated metal products	Machinery	Transportation equipment	Lumber and products	Textiles, apparel, and leather	Paper and printing	Chemicals, petroleum, and rubber	Foods and tobacco
1963.....	84.3	78.4	67.9	75.9	85.8	86.9	78.4	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.....	112.7	113.4	105.3	98.8	122.2	106.2	115.4	137.6	117.4
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.....	119.3	117.5	109.6	102.1	128.1	109.1	118.6	141.6	117.8
Nov.....	120.2	118.8	110.4	105.0	128.2	109.1	120.9	140.6	118.9
Dec.....	124.6	119.0	112.2	106.0	124.3	109.2	120.3	142.0	118.2
1973: Jan.....	122.9	119.7	112.3	107.1	128.5	109.3	119.3	144.2	118.4
Feb.....	117.6	120.5	113.6	110.8	-----	109.8	120.8	145.2	118.5

Source: Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

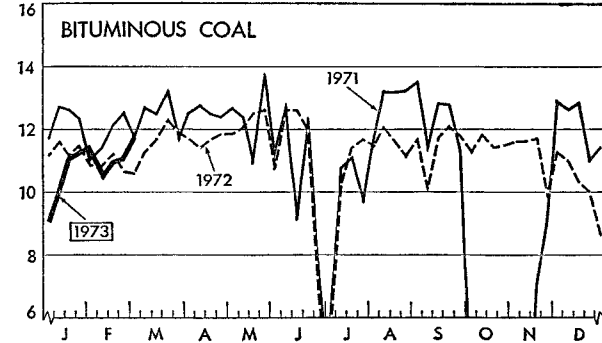
WEEKLY INDICATORS OF PRODUCTION

Weekly indicators of production continued to advance in February.

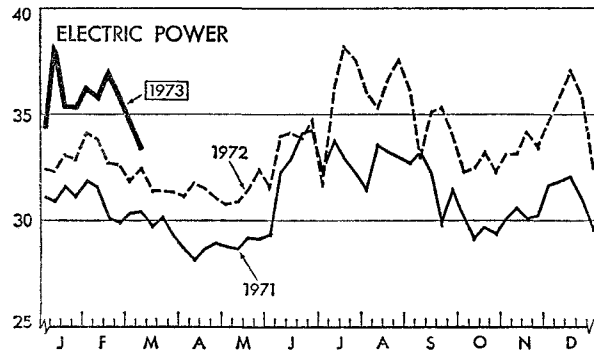
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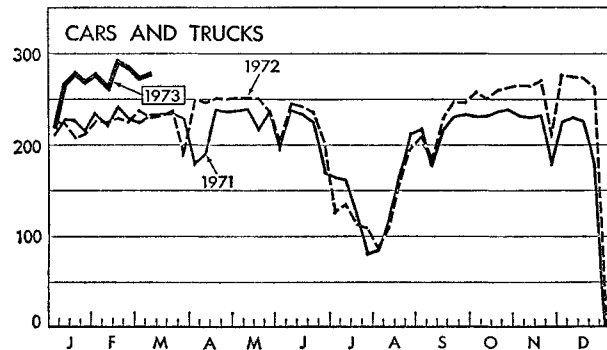
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SOURCES: AMERICAN IRON AND STEEL INSTITUTE, DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, EDISON ELECTRIC INSTITUTE, AND WARD'S AUTOMOTIVE REPORTS

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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 ²	2,549	104.5	33,540	11,346	501	550	217.2	169.6	47.5
1972: Jan.....	2,258	92.5	32,655	11,348	457	504	216.3	169.8	46.5
Feb.....	2,411	98.8	33,323	10,879	464	539	226.1	176.5	49.6
Mar.....	2,616	107.2	31,692	11,546	494	562	225.1	175.4	49.7
Apr.....	2,701	110.7	31,372	11,651	507	552	249.5	194.3	55.1
May.....	2,694	110.4	31,402	11,961	515	572	238.4	185.5	52.9
June.....	2,559	104.9	34,174	10,878	514	561	230.7	180.9	49.8
July.....	2,340	95.9	35,905	9,428	459	520	120.5	93.1	27.4
Aug.....	2,447	100.3	36,374	11,582	521	567	152.8	116.9	35.9
Sept.....	2,550	104.5	34,360	11,404	524	533	225.5	180.9	44.6
Oct.....	2,631	107.9	32,547	11,498	551	575	257.6	203.1	54.5
Nov.....	2,657	108.9	33,674	11,211	524	567	257.1	200.9	56.3
Dec.....	2,687	110.2	35,264	9,964	471	537	202.5	157.7	44.7
1973: Jan.....	2,793	114.5	35,861	10,598	491	510	261.3	201.5	59.8
Feb ²	2,903	119.0	35,800	11,059	509	580	277.6	213.3	64.3
Week ended:									
1973: Feb 3.....	2,875	117.8	36,197	11,410	529	571	275.8	213.4	62.4
10.....	2,886	118.3	35,799	10,545	494	584	262.1	200.5	61.6
17.....	2,883	118.2	36,947	10,905	506	577	290.8	223.6	67.2
24.....	2,908	119.2	35,814	11,060	506	571	284.3	218.0	66.4
Mar 3.....	2,919	119.6	34,639	11,725	529	588	273.0	211.1	61.9
10 ²	2,923	119.8	33,452	² 11,285	514	590	277.6	213.6	64.0
17 ²	² 2,977	122.0							

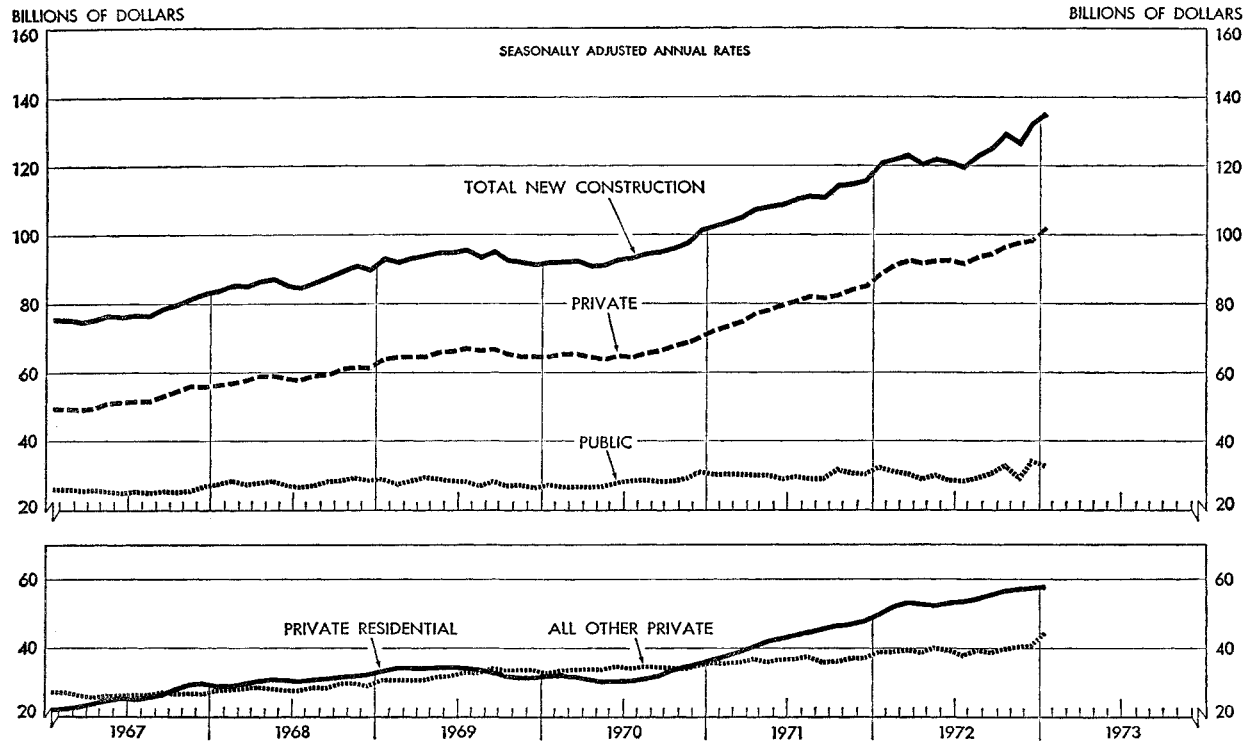
¹Includes data for Alaska.

²Not charted.

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) increased 2 percent in January. Commercial and industrial building rose sharply. Other types of private construction also rose while public construction fell following a large increase in December.



SOURCE: DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

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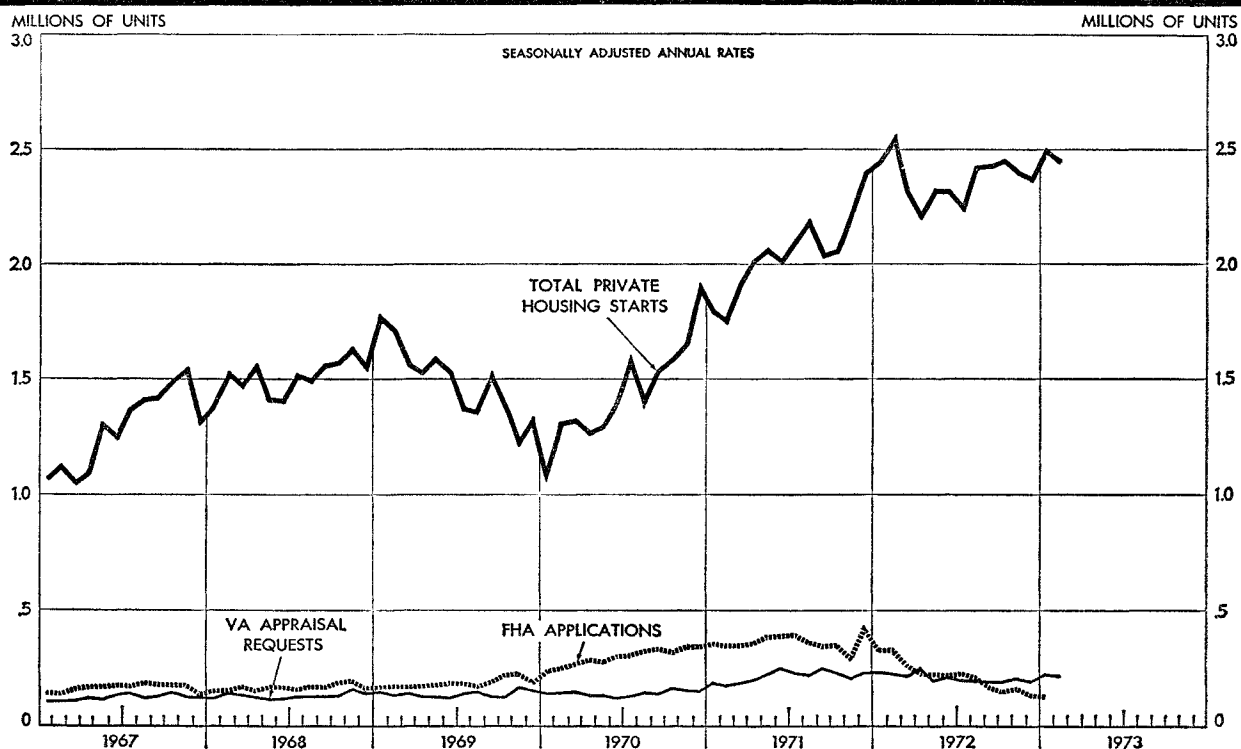
Period	Total new construction expenditures	Private						Federal, State, and local	Construction contracts ²	
		Total	Residential		Commercial and industrial	Other	Total value index, (1967= 100)		Commercial and industrial floor space (millions of square feet)	
			Total ¹	New housing units						
Billions of dollars										
1967-----	77. 5	52. 0	25. 6	19. 0	26. 4		25. 5	100. 0	694	
1968-----	86. 6	59. 0	30. 6	24. 0	13. 8	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. 6	93. 4	54. 0	44. 6	18. 1	21. 2	30. 2	165. 3	858	
Seasonally adjusted annual rates								Seasonally adjusted	Seasonally adjusted annual rates	
1971: 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-----	126. 7	97. 4	57. 1	47. 5	17. 9	22. 4	29. 3	177	992	
Dec ^p -----	132. 3	98. 3	57. 4	47. 5	18. 5	22. 4	34. 1	163	946	
1973: Jan ^p -----	134. 9	102. 1	57. 8	47. 9	21. 4	22. 9	32. 7	181	1, 031	

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 declined slightly in February to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 2.44 million units. Starts for the first 2 months of this year were at an annual rate of 2.47 million units, nearly 5 percent above the 1972 rate. Permits for future housing also declined in February.



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, 378. 5	2, 356. 6	2, 356. 6	1, 309. 2	1, 047. 2	198. 4	104. 0	2, 129. 0	225. 2	209. 4
Seasonally adjusted annual rates										
1972: Jan.....	150. 9	149. 1	2, 439	1, 395	1, 044	350	115	2, 204	325	232
Feb.....	153. 6	152. 2	2, 540	1, 281	1, 260	285	118	2, 056	323	226
Mar.....	205. 8	203. 9	2, 313	1, 310	1, 003	260	123	2, 007	264	209
Apr.....	213. 2	211. 6	2, 204	1, 215	989	221	104	1, 991	227	243
May.....	227. 9	225. 8	2, 318	1, 308	1, 011	197	100	1, 955	222	198
June.....	226. 2	223. 1	2, 315	1, 283	1, 032	182	99	2, 121	221	219
July.....	207. 5	206. 5	2, 244	1, 319	925	176	107	2, 108	224	200
Aug.....	231. 0	228. 6	2, 424	1, 373	1, 051	179	103	2, 237	207	202
Sept.....	204. 4	203. 0	2, 426	1, 382	1, 045	175	106	2, 265	166	192
Oct.....	218. 2	216. 5	2, 446	1, 315	1, 131	149	98	2, 216	147	189
Nov.....	187. 1	185. 7	2, 395	1, 324	1, 071	125	92	2, 139	162	207
Dec.....	152. 7	150. 5	2, 369	1, 207	1, 162	106	86	2, 377	131	194
1973: Jan ^p	147. 1	146. 4	2, 496	1, 449	1, 047	87	96	2, 218	124	222
Feb ^p	138. 8	137. 3	2, 444	1, 361	1, 083	-----	105	2, 155	-----	217

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.

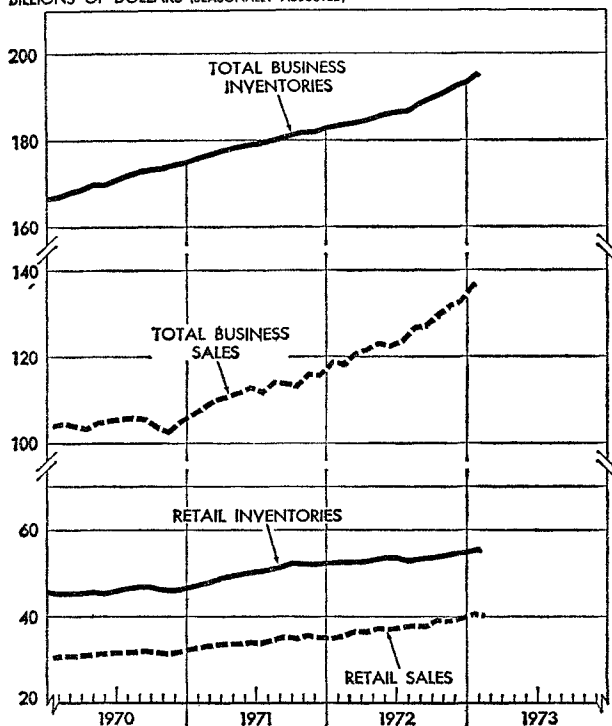
³ Units represented by mortgage applications or appraisal requests for new home construction.

Sources: Department of Commerce, Department of Housing and Urban Development, and Veterans Administration.

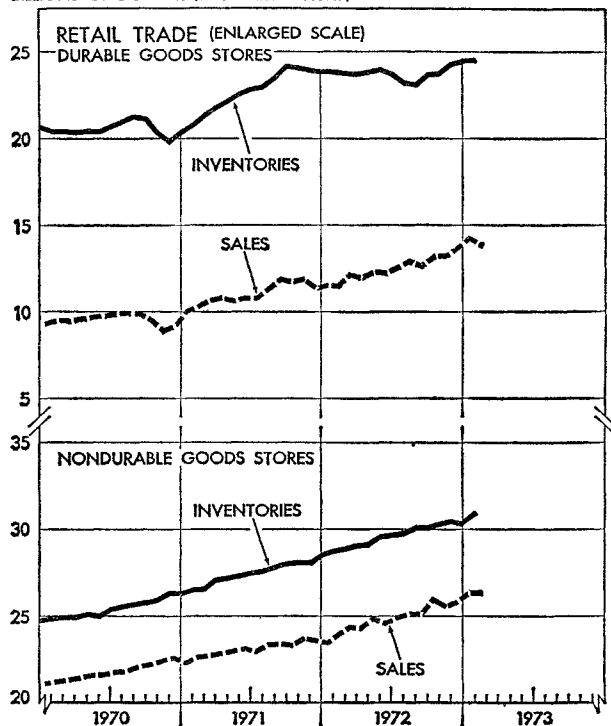
BUSINESS SALES AND INVENTORIES—TOTAL AND TRADE

Business sales rose 3 percent (seasonally adjusted) in January while inventories were up by \$2 billion. According to advance reports, retail sales dipped in February following a 3 percent rise the month before.

BILLIONS OF DOLLARS (SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)



BILLIONS OF DOLLARS (SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)



SOURCE: DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

COUNCIL OF ECONOMIC ADVISERS

Period	Total business ¹		Wholesale		Retail					
	Sales ²	Inventories ³	Sales ²	Inventories 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.....	124, 571	193, 479	24, 850	31, 732	37, 365	12, 472	24, 893	54, 700	24, 442	30, 258
1971: 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, 610	190, 974	25, 779	31, 032	39, 106	13, 168	25, 938	53, 934	23, 675	30, 259
Nov.....	131, 478	192, 318	26, 212	31, 289	38, 713	13, 173	25, 540	54, 658	24, 235	30, 423
Dec.....	132, 766	193, 479	26, 962	31, 732	39, 417	13, 640	25, 777	54, 700	24, 442	30, 258
1973: Jan.....	136, 439	195, 396	27, 569	32, 453	40, 571	14, 222	26, 349	55, 394	24, 472	30, 922
Feb.....					40, 162	13, 804	26, 358			

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

² Monthly average for year and total for month.

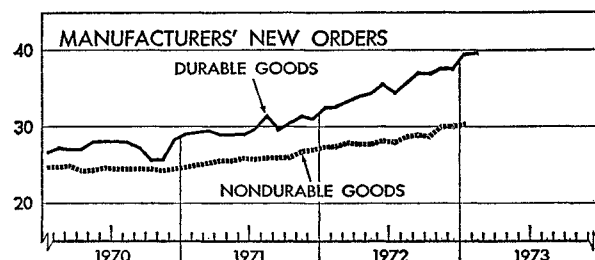
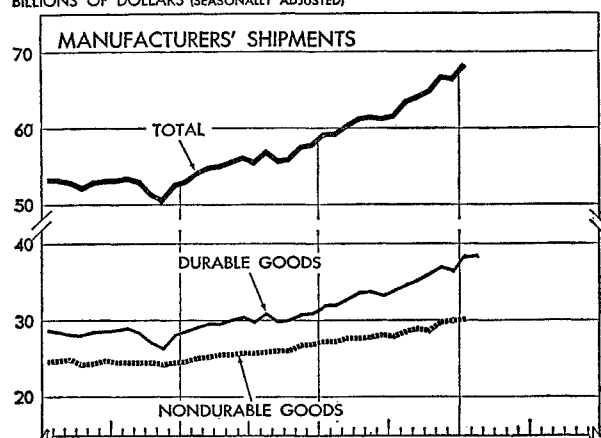
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Source: Department of Commerce.

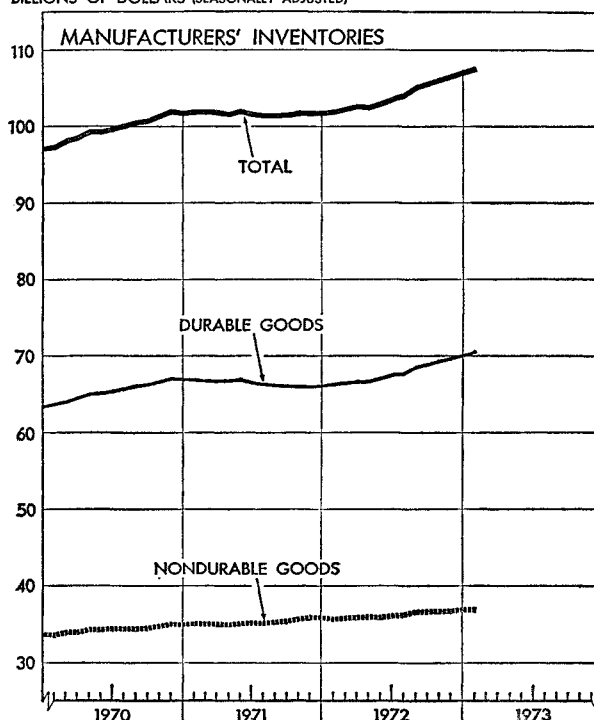
MANUFACTURERS' SHIPMENTS, INVENTORIES, AND NEW ORDERS

Both new orders and sales of durable goods manufacturers (seasonally adjusted) rose in February according to advance reports. According to revised figures, total manufacturing inventories rose \$0.5 billion in January.

BILLIONS OF DOLLARS (SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)



BILLIONS OF DOLLARS (SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)



SOURCE: DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

COUNCIL OF ECONOMIC ADVISERS

Period	Manufacturers' shipments ¹			Manufacturers' inventories ²			Manufacturers' new orders ¹				Manu- fac- turers' inven- tory- ship- ments 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-----	62, 356	34, 106	28, 250	107, 047	70, 144	36, 903	63, 368	35, 044	9, 096	28, 324	1. 67
1971: 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-----	66, 387	36, 378	30, 009	107, 047	70, 144	36, 903	67, 668	37, 562	10, 072	30, 106	1. 61
1973: Jan ^p -----	68, 299	38, 056	30, 243	107, 549	70, 632	36, 917	69, 838	39, 414	10, 433	30, 424	1. 57
Feb ^p -----	-----	38, 352	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	39, 710	10, 041	-----	-----

¹ Monthly average for year and total for month.

² Book value, end of period, seasonally adjusted.

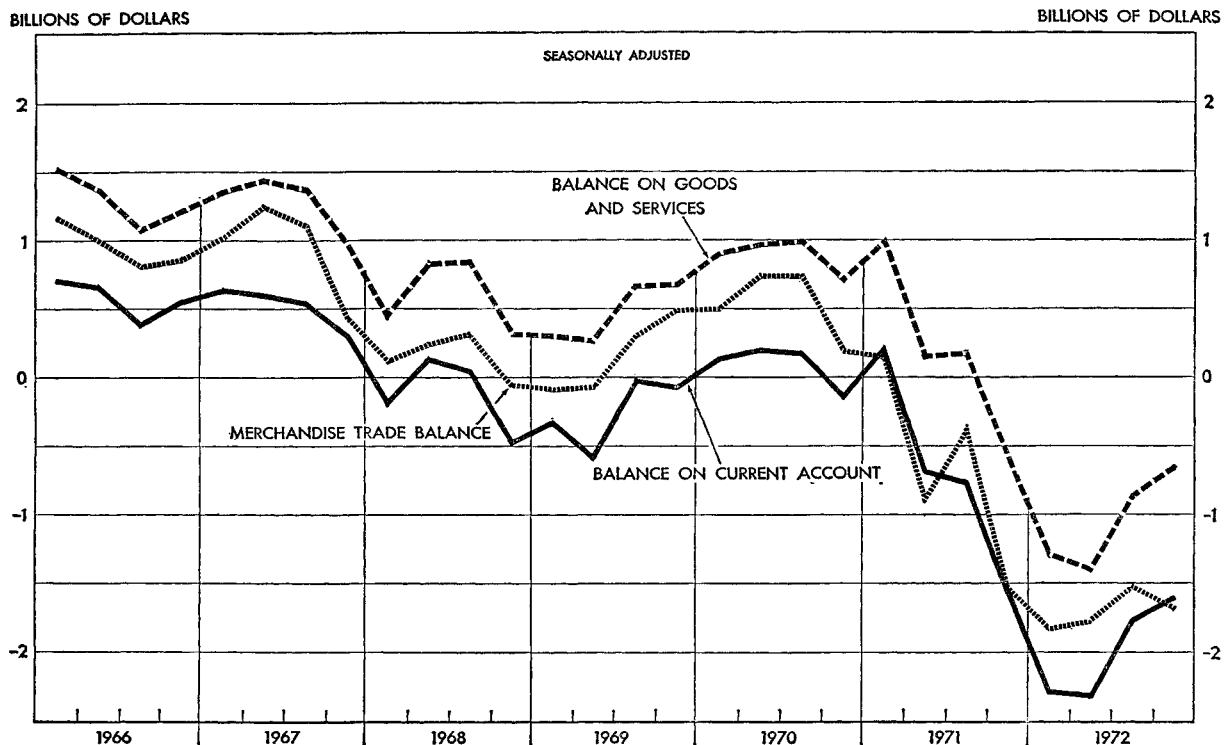
³ For annual periods, ratio of weighted average inventories to average monthly

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

Source: Department of Commerce.

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

In 1972, the deficit for merchandise trade was \$6.8 billion, compared to \$2.7 billion in 1971. This was the largest trade deficit in U.S. history. The deficit on current account was \$8.0 billion, compared to a deficit of \$2.8 billion in 1971.



SOURCE: DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

COUNCIL OF ECONOMIC ADVISERS

[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
	Ex-ports	Im-ports	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-----	42,787	-45,453	-2,666	-4,816	1,922	-2,894	8,952	-957	-2,432	748	750	-3,574	-2,824
1972 ² -----	48,840	-55,656	-6,816	-4,707	1,166	-3,541	9,779	-1,878	-2,583	819	-4,219	-3,764	-7,983
Seasonally adjusted													
1971: I-----	10,872	-10,727	145	-1,175	510	-665	1,899	-101	-498	212	992	-791	201
II-----	10,805	-11,695	-890	-1,214	516	-698	2,352	-161	-625	180	158	-846	-688
III-----	11,527	-11,914	-387	-1,198	474	-724	2,038	-327	-606	182	176	-946	-770
IV-----	9,583	-11,117	-1,534	-1,230	423	-807	2,663	-368	-703	172	-577	-992	-1,569
1972: I-----	11,659	-13,490	-1,831	-1,218	334	-884	2,249	-370	-667	200	-1,303	-990	-2,293
II-----	11,561	-13,338	-1,777	-1,239	281	-958	2,214	-426	-645	192	-1,400	-918	-2,318
III-----	12,380	-13,905	-1,525	-1,101	251	-850	2,477	-556	-613	203	-864	-906	-1,770
IV ² -----	13,240	-14,923	-1,683	-1,149	299	-850	2,838	-525	-660	224	-656	-950	-1,606

¹ Excludes military grants.

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

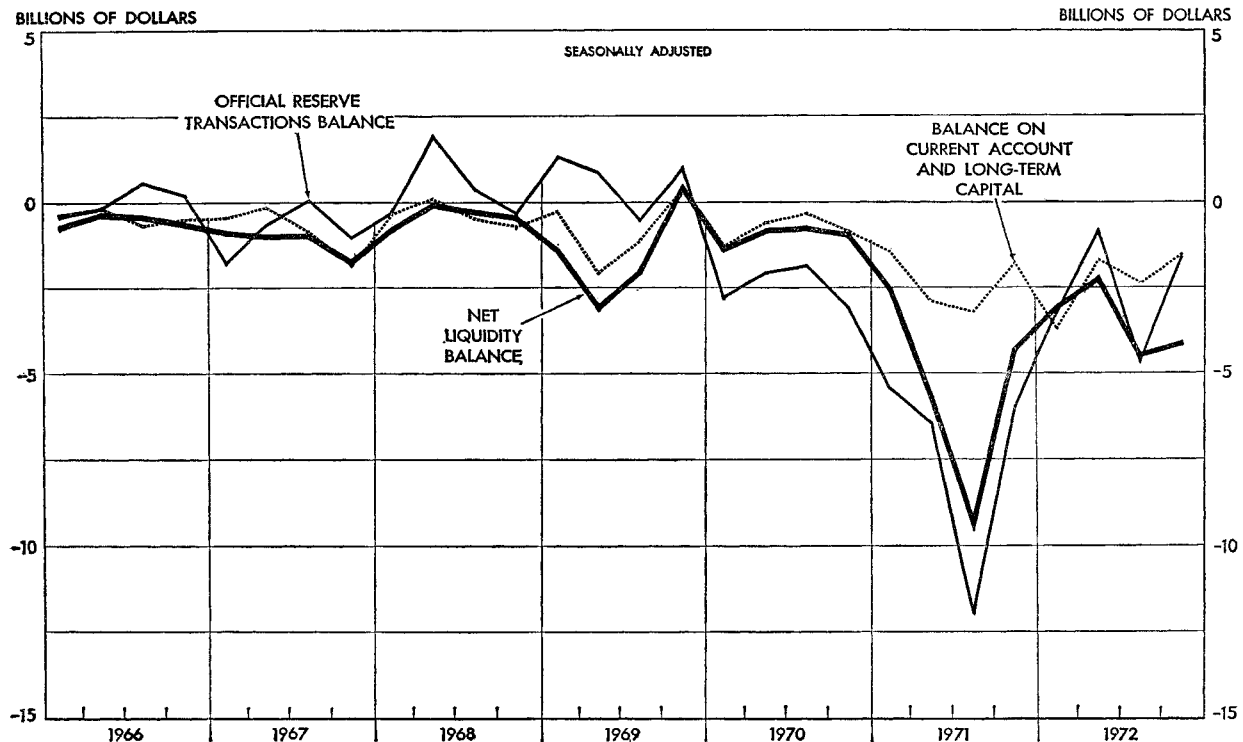
³ Includes fees and royalties from U.S. direct investments abroad or from foreign direct investments in the United States.

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.

Source: Department of Commerce.

U.S. OVERALL BALANCES ON INTERNATIONAL TRANSACTIONS

In 1972, the U.S. balance of payments on an official reserve transactions basis was in deficit by \$10 billion, compared to a deficit of \$30 billion in 1971. The smaller deficit was the result of a sharp reduction in short-term capital flows.



SOURCE: DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

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[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	-9,281	-2,386	717	-11,054	-22,002	-7,763	-29,765	27,417	2,348	12,167
1972 p-----	-1,367	107	-9,243	-1,634	710	-3,806	-13,974	3,677	-10,297	10,265	32	13,151
Seasonally adjusted												Unadjusted
1971: I-----	-702	-922	-1,423	-534	180	-800	-2,577	-2,848	-5,425	4,743	682	14,342
II-----	-584	-1,605	-2,877	-315	179	-2,708	-5,721	-745	-6,466	5,807	659	13,504
III-----	-558	-1,883	-3,211	-883	179	-5,465	-9,380	-2,551	-11,931	10,737	1,194	12,131
IV-----	-533	330	-1,772	-654	179	-2,082	-4,329	-1,619	-5,948	6,135	-187	12,167
1972: I-----	-343	-1,081	-3,717	-508	178	942	-3,105	-119	-3,224	2,795	429	12,270
II-----	-95	750	-1,663	592	178	-1,314	-2,207	1,386	-821	1,052	-231	13,339
III-----	-322	-254	-2,346	-507	177	-1,825	-4,501	-173	-4,674	4,729	-55	13,217
IV p-----	-607	690	-1,523	-1,211	177	-1,608	-4,165	2,583	-1,582	1,693	-111	13,151

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 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.

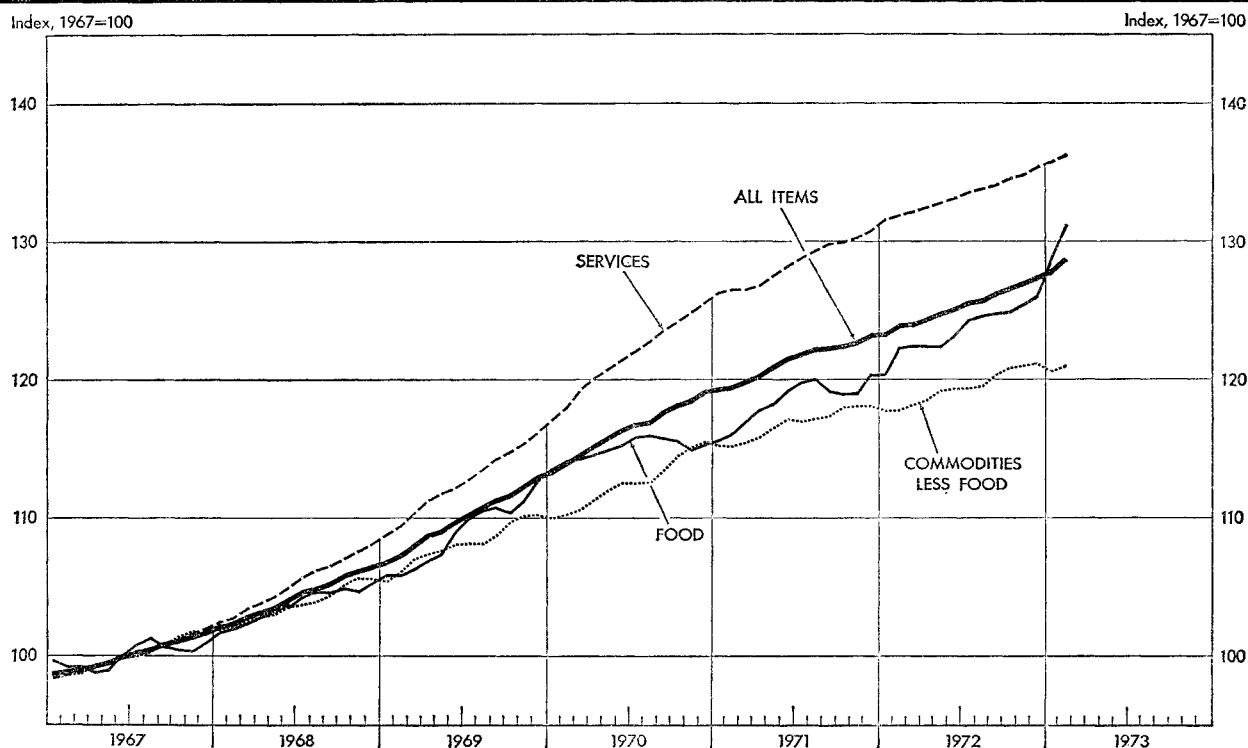
⁷ Includes increase of \$1,016 million resulting from change in par value of the U.S. dollar on May 8.

Sources: Department of Commerce and Treasury Department.

PRICES

CONSUMER PRICES

The consumer price index increased 0.7 percent in February, the largest rise in nearly 4 years (the seasonally adjusted increase was 0.8 percent, the largest 22 years). Food prices, up 1.9 percent (2.2 percent adjusted) were the main factor in the February rise. Nonfood commodities were up 0.3 percent (0.5 percent adjusted) and services rose 0.4 percent.



SOURCE: DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

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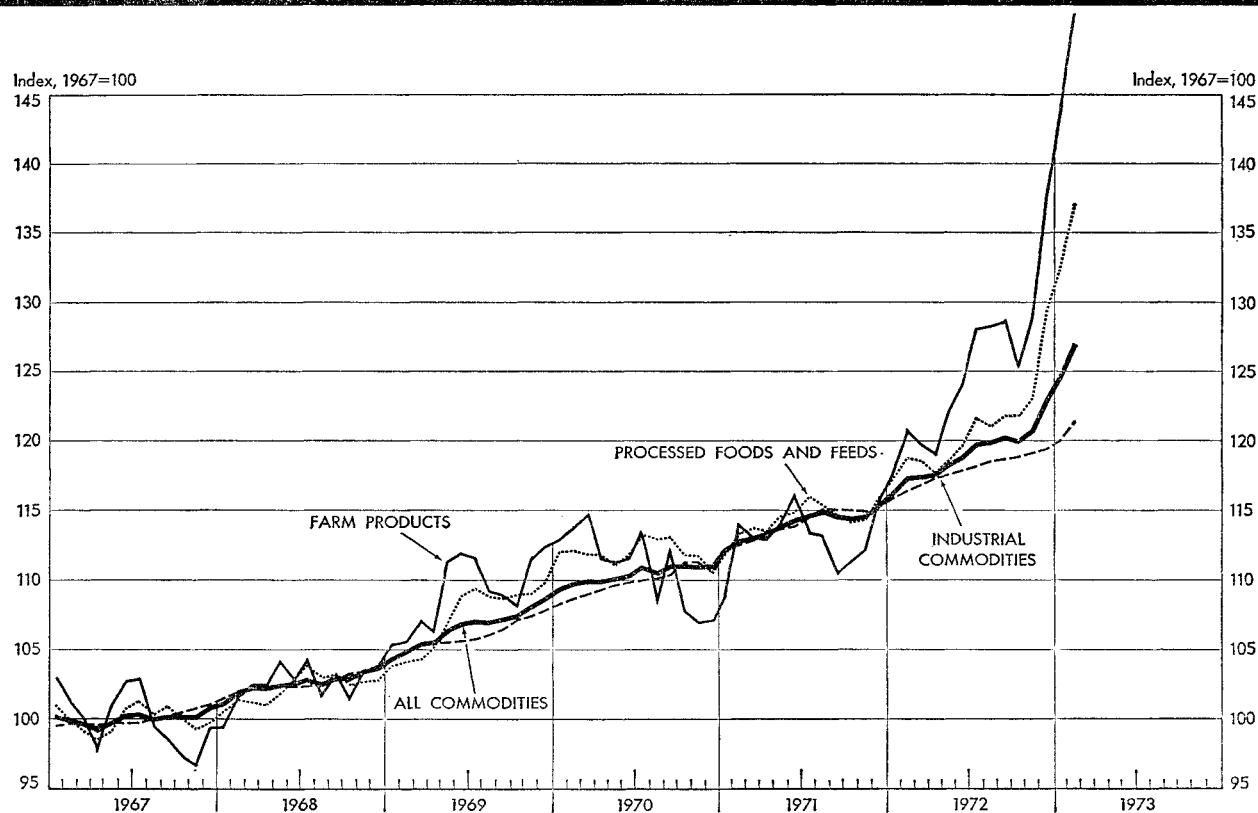
[1967=100]

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
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
1973: Jan.....	127.7	123.4	128.6	120.5	119.9	120.9	135.7	121.5	138.3
Feb.....	128.6	124.5	131.1	120.9	119.9	121.6	136.2	122.1	138.7

Source: Department of Labor.

WHOLESALE PRICES

The wholesale price index rose 1.9 percent in February before seasonal adjustment (1.6 percent adjusted), reflecting further increases for farm products, up 4.6 percent (3.3 percent adjusted) in February, and processed foods and feeds, up 3.5 percent (3.4 percent adjusted). Industrial commodities rose 1.1 percent (1.0 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
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
1973: Jan	124.5	144.2	132.4	120.0	139.1	121.2	120.6	113.8	115.4
Feb	126.9	150.9	137.0	121.3	142.3	122.6	121.2	114.0	117.4

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

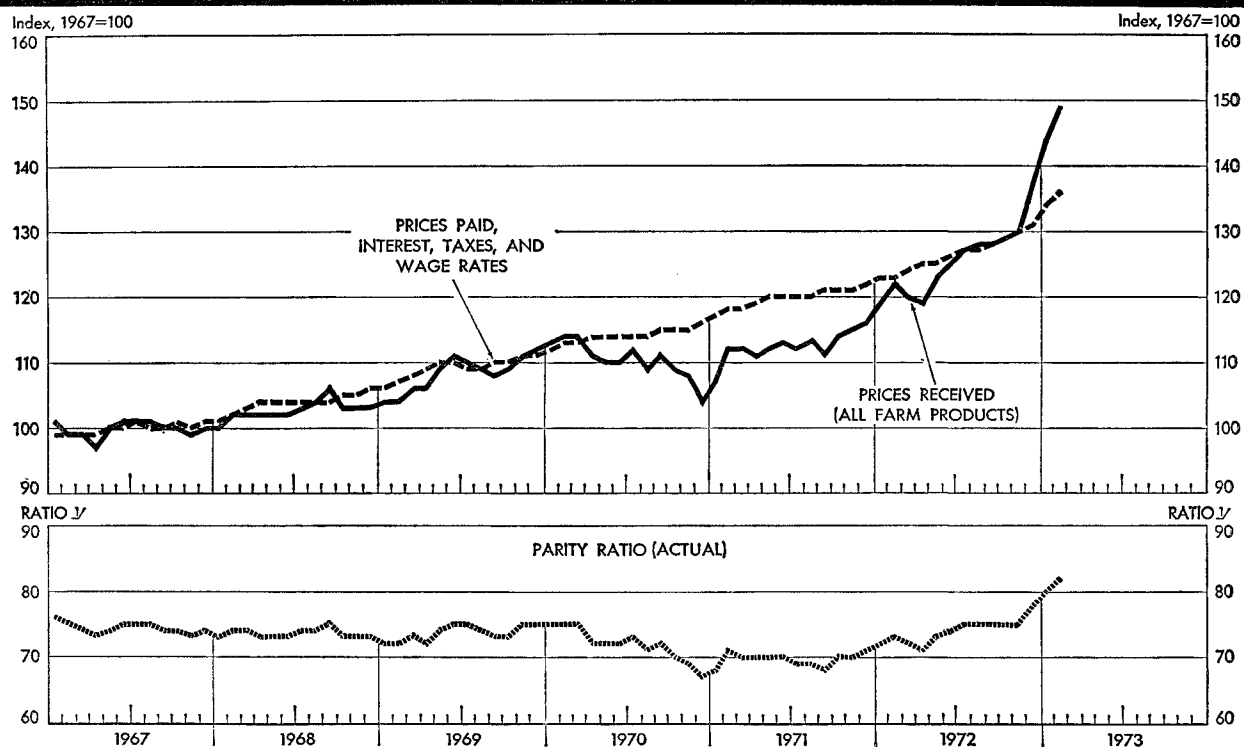
² Excludes crude foodstuffs and feedstuffs, plant and animal fibers, oilseeds, and leaf tobacco.

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 February 15, prices received by farmers rose 3½ percent while prices paid rose 1½ percent. The actual and adjusted parity ratios each advanced 2 points.



1/ RATIO OF INDEX OF PRICES RECEIVED TO INDEX OF PRICES PAID, INTEREST, TAXES, AND WAGE RATES, ON 1910-14=100 BASE.
SOURCE: DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

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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-----	98	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
1972: Jan 15-----	119	111	126	123	121	118	72	77
Feb 15-----	122	110	131	123	123	118	73	78
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	78
June 15-----	125	116	131	126	124	121	74	79
July 15-----	127	116	136	127	125	122	75	80
Aug 15-----	128	119	135	127	125	122	75	80
Sept 15-----	128	117	137	128	126	124	75	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-----	144	131	153	134	129	132	80	83
Feb 15-----	149	132	161	136	131	134	82	85

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.

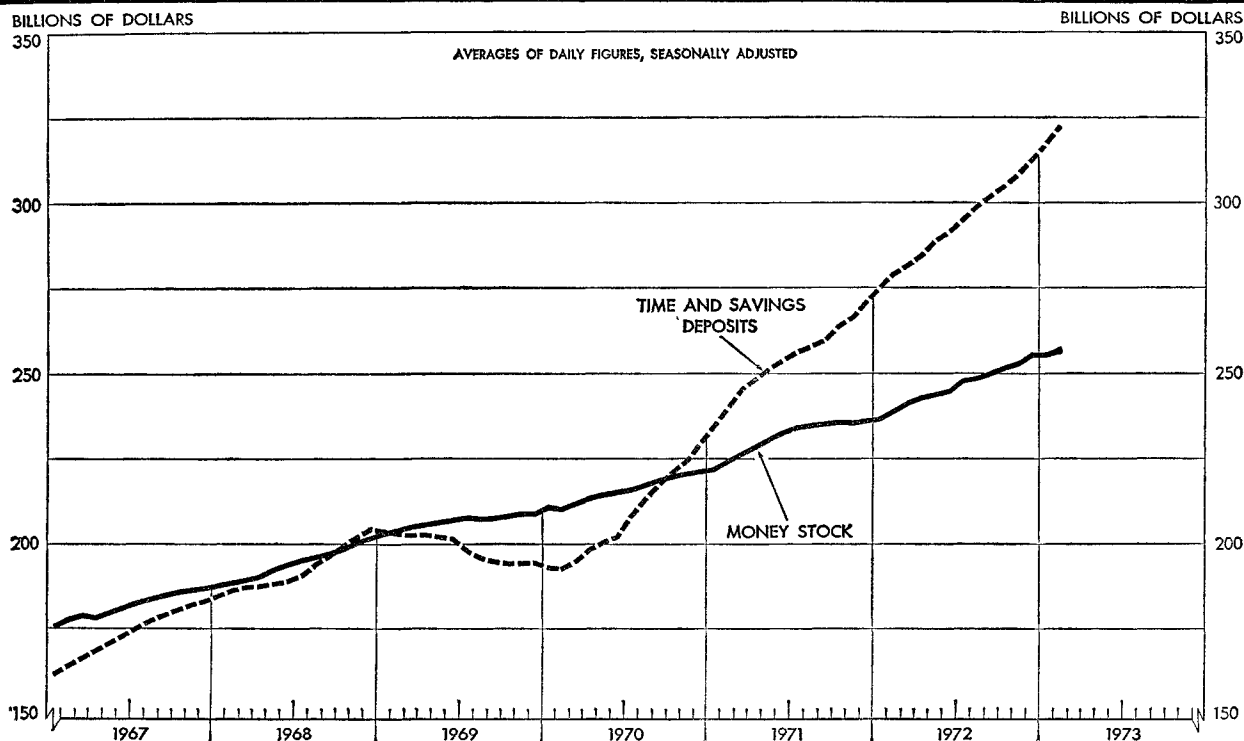
² The adjusted parity ratio reflects Government payments made directly to farmers.

Source: Department of Agriculture

MONEY, CREDIT, AND SECURITY MARKETS

MONEY STOCK

The money stock (seasonally adjusted) grew at a 6.3 percent annual rate in February. In the past 12 months it has risen by 7.4 percent.



SOURCE: BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF THE FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

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[Averages of daily figures, billions of dollars]

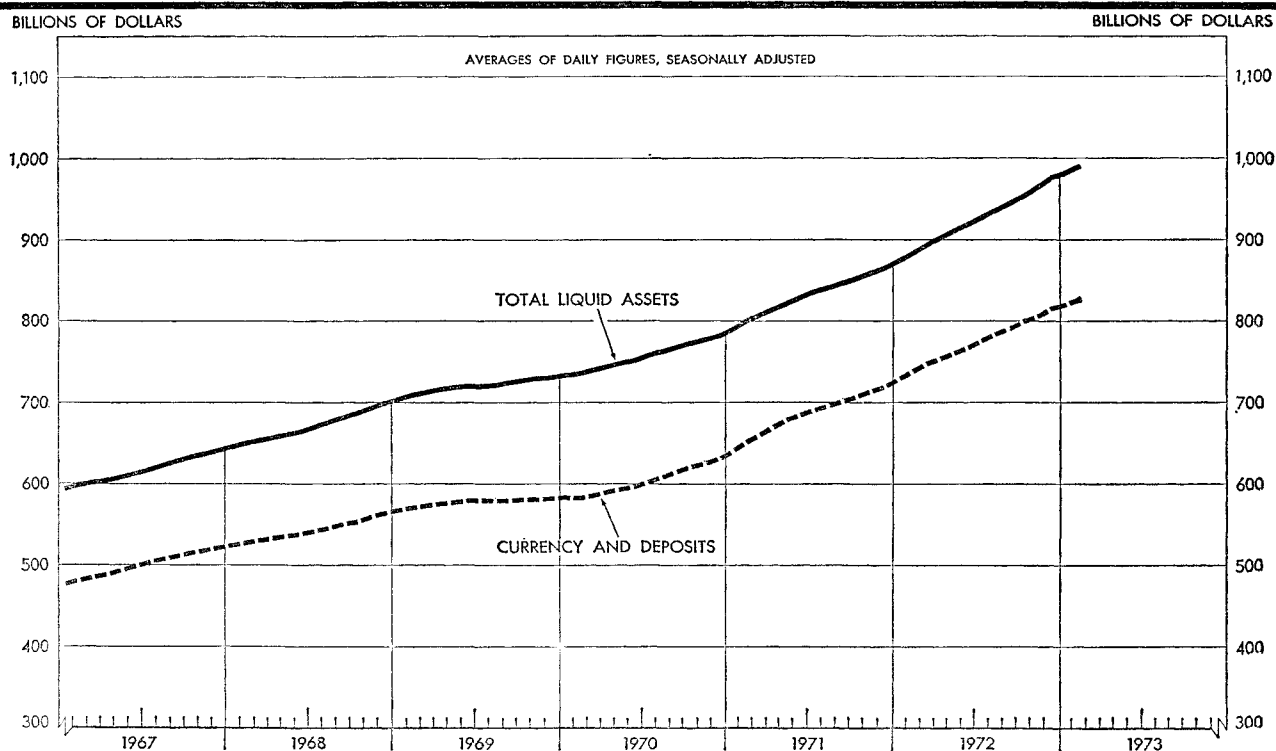
Period	Money stock				Money stock				U.S. Gov- ern- ment demand de- posits ¹
	Total	Cur- rency out- side banks	De- mand de- posits ¹	Time and savings de- posits ¹	Total	Cur- rency out- side banks	De- mand de- posits ¹	Time and savings de- posits ¹	
	Seasonally adjusted				Unadjusted				
1967: Dec.....	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.....	255.5	56.8	198.7	312.8	262.9	57.8	205.0	311.7	7.3
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	191.5	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.....	252.7	56.2	196.5	308.4	254.3	56.7	197.7	307.7	6.2
Dec.....	255.5	56.8	198.7	312.8	262.9	57.8	205.0	311.7	7.3
1973: Jan ²	255.4	57.0	198.4	316.9	262.6	56.7	205.9	316.6	8.0
Feb ²	256.7	57.5	199.3	322.6	254.0	56.7	197.3	322.5	9.6

¹Deposits at commercial banks.

Source: Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

PRIVATE LIQUID ASSET HOLDINGS - NONFINANCIAL INVESTORS

Seasonally adjusted liquid asset holdings of private nonfinancial investors rose by \$8.4 billion in February. The largest increase was in negotiable certificates of deposit, followed by time deposits at nonbank thrift institutions.



SOURCE: BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF THE FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

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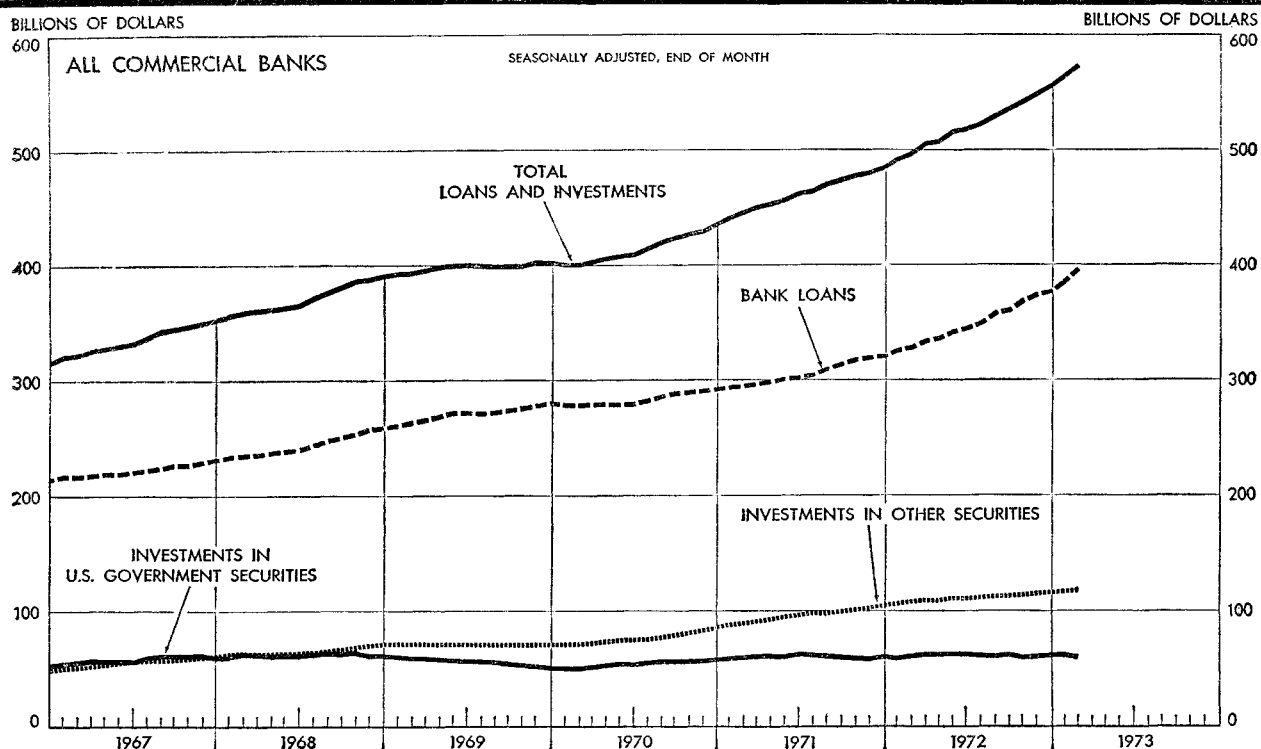
[Averages of daily figures; billions of dollars, seasonally adjusted]

Period	Total liquid assets	Currency and deposits					U.S. Government securities		Negotiable certificates of deposit	Commercial paper
		Total	Currency	Demand deposits	Time deposits		Savings bonds	Short-term marketable securities		
					Commercial banks	Nonbank thrift institutions				
1966: Dec.....	590.6	473.7	38.3	121.1	136.9	177.3	50.1	43.6	14.5	8.8
1967: Dec.....	640.7	520.4	40.4	129.4	156.3	194.2	51.0	39.9	19.1	10.4
1968: Dec.....	699.1	563.2	43.4	139.4	174.4	205.9	51.4	47.2	22.4	14.9
1969: Dec.....	730.9	582.2	46.1	143.6	177.2	215.4	51.1	65.3	9.0	23.4
1970: Dec.....	781.5	630.7	49.1	151.5	198.7	231.4	51.3	53.8	23.0	22.6
1971: Dec.....	865.7	719.3	52.6	161.3	233.4	272.0	53.7	41.5	29.8	21.5
1972: Dec.....	976.1	814.5	56.8	174.7	264.8	318.2	57.0	43.8	39.2	21.6
1972: Jan.....	873.3	728.0	52.9	161.5	237.4	276.3	53.9	39.9	29.9	21.6
Feb.....	883.1	738.3	53.2	163.9	240.4	280.9	54.2	38.5	30.4	21.6
Mar.....	893.4	747.7	53.6	166.1	243.0	285.0	54.5	39.2	30.6	21.5
Apr.....	902.6	754.4	53.9	167.3	244.4	288.8	54.8	39.7	32.1	21.6
May.....	910.4	760.3	54.2	167.1	247.0	292.0	55.1	39.7	33.6	21.8
June.....	918.1	767.1	54.4	167.8	249.4	295.6	55.3	39.4	34.3	21.9
July.....	927.3	775.7	54.6	169.5	251.9	299.6	55.6	38.9	35.2	21.9
Aug.....	935.9	783.3	54.8	170.2	254.9	303.4	55.9	39.1	36.1	21.5
Sept.....	944.4	790.9	55.3	171.2	257.0	307.4	56.1	39.4	36.7	21.3
Oct.....	953.3	799.1	55.7	172.1	259.8	311.5	56.4	40.2	36.6	21.0
Nov.....	963.8	805.9	56.2	172.7	262.2	314.9	56.7	42.1	37.5	21.5
Dec.....	976.1	814.5	56.8	174.7	264.8	318.2	57.0	43.8	39.2	21.6
1973: Jan.....	981.9	820.7	57.0	173.9	267.6	322.2	57.3	42.5	40.0	21.5
Feb.....	990.3	826.5	57.5	174.2	268.7	326.1	57.5	41.0	44.2	21.1

Source: Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

BANK LOANS, INVESTMENTS, DEBITS, AND RESERVES

Commercial bank loans and investments (seasonally adjusted) rose by \$9.8 billion in February. In the past 12 months they have grown by 15.3 percent, while in 1971 they rose by 11.4 percent.



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	8,755	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-----	554.2	376.6	129.1	62.0	115.6	7,530	⁵ 31,353	⁵ 219	1,049	⁵ —830
1972: Feb-----	496.6	328.5	117.3	61.0	107.1	7,013	31,922	124	33	91
Mar-----	505.0	333.8	118.4	62.3	108.9	7,153	31,921	233	99	134
Apr-----	507.4	335.9	119.9	62.6	108.9	7,367	32,565	136	109	27
May-----	516.1	341.9	121.2	63.1	111.1	7,460	32,812	104	119	—15
June-----	517.5	343.7	⁶ 120.7	63.2	110.6	7,500	32,539	204	94	110
July-----	521.9	348.4	121.4	62.3	111.2	7,361	33,021	147	202	—55
Aug-----	529.8	356.2	123.9	61.4	112.3	7,817	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-----	549.4	373.6	128.2	60.6	115.1	8,175	⁵ 31,774	⁵ 314	606	⁵ —292
Dec-----	554.2	376.6	129.1	62.0	115.6	8,179	31,353	219	1,049	—830
1973: Jan ^p -----	562.8	384.3	133.0	62.0	116.5	8,774	32,962	342	1,165	—823
Feb ^p -----	572.6	395.7	137.9	60.2	116.6		31,712	175	1,593	—1,418

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.

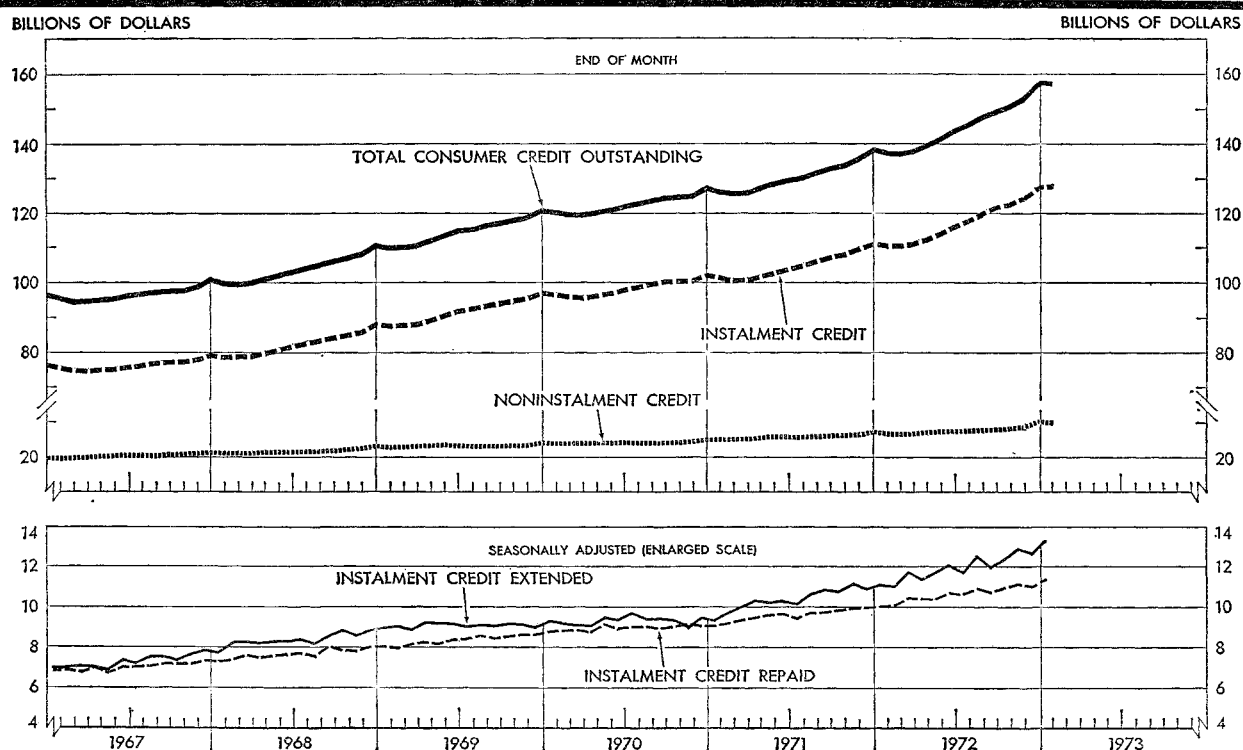
⁵ Beginning November 9, 1972, adjusted to include certain reserve deficiencies on which penalties can be waived for a transition period in connection with adaptation to Regulation J.

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 declined by \$337 million in January, compared with a \$968 million drop a year earlier. Consumer instalment credit (seasonally adjusted) rose by \$1.9 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-----	157, 564	127, 332	44, 129	36, 922	30, 232	142, 951	126, 914	40, 194	34, 729	^a 345, 200
1971: 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-----	157, 564	127, 332	44, 129	36, 922	30, 232	12, 627	10, 964	3, 763	2, 977	^a 345, 200
1973: Jan-----	157, 227	127, 368	44, 353	36, 870	29, 859	13, 304	11, 355	4, 006	3, 097	-----

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

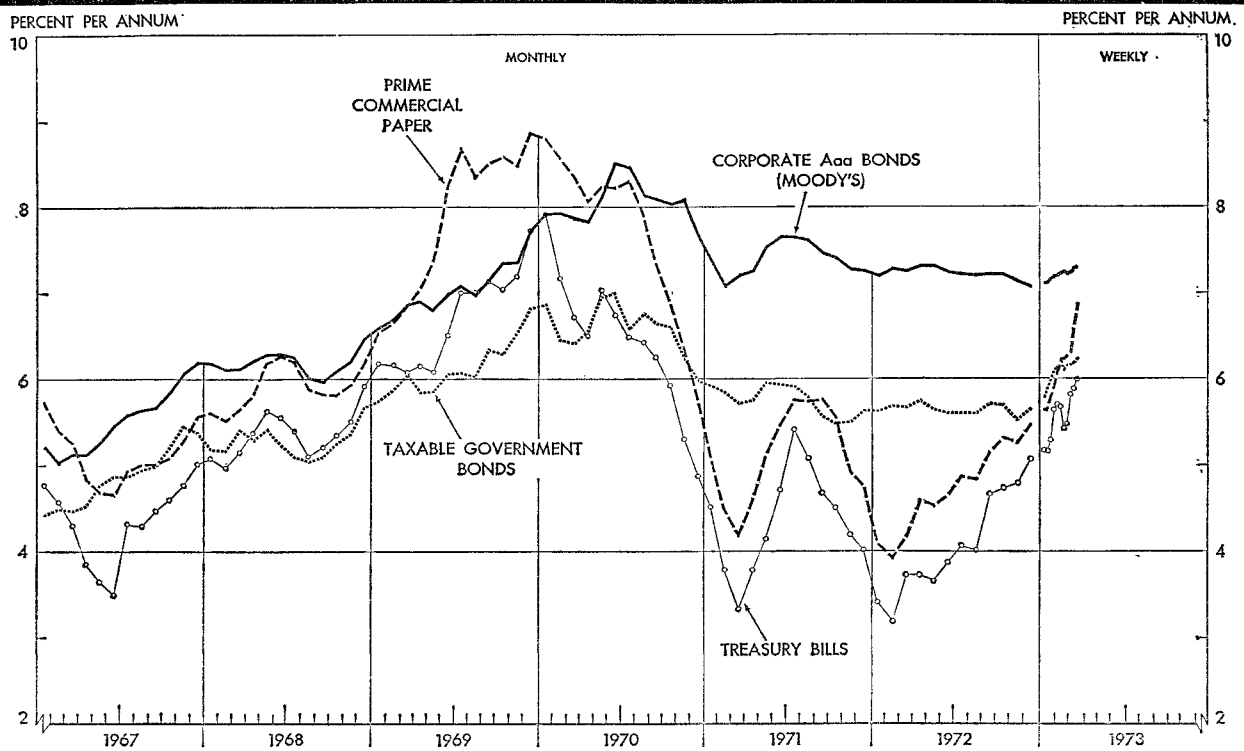
² Consists of single-payment loans, charge accounts, and service credit.

³ End of period, unadjusted.

Source: Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

BOND YIELDS AND INTEREST RATES

Market interest rates rose across the board from mid-February to mid-March. The increases were largest for short-term rates and comparatively mild for corporate bond yields.



SOURCE: SEE TABLE BELOW

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[Percent per annum]								
Period	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
1972: 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-----	5.307	6.29	5.96	5.06	7.15	7.90	5.78	7.56
Feb-----	5.558	6.61	6.14	5.12	7.22	7.97	6.22	7.55
Mar-----								7.56
Week ended:								
1973: Feb 16---	5.424	6.53	6.10	5.04	7.23	7.97	6.22	-----
23---	5.455	6.67	6.15	5.11	7.22	7.97	6.25	-----
Mar 2---	5.811	6.76	6.16	5.19	7.25	7.97	6.30	-----
9---	5.879	6.84	6.18	5.27	7.27	7.99	6.53	-----
16---	5.997	6.90	6.22	5.32	7.29	8.01	6.85	-----
23---	6.334							-----

¹ Rate on new issues within period.

² Selected note and bond issues.

³ Not charted.

⁴ April 1963 to date, bonds due or callable 10 years and after.

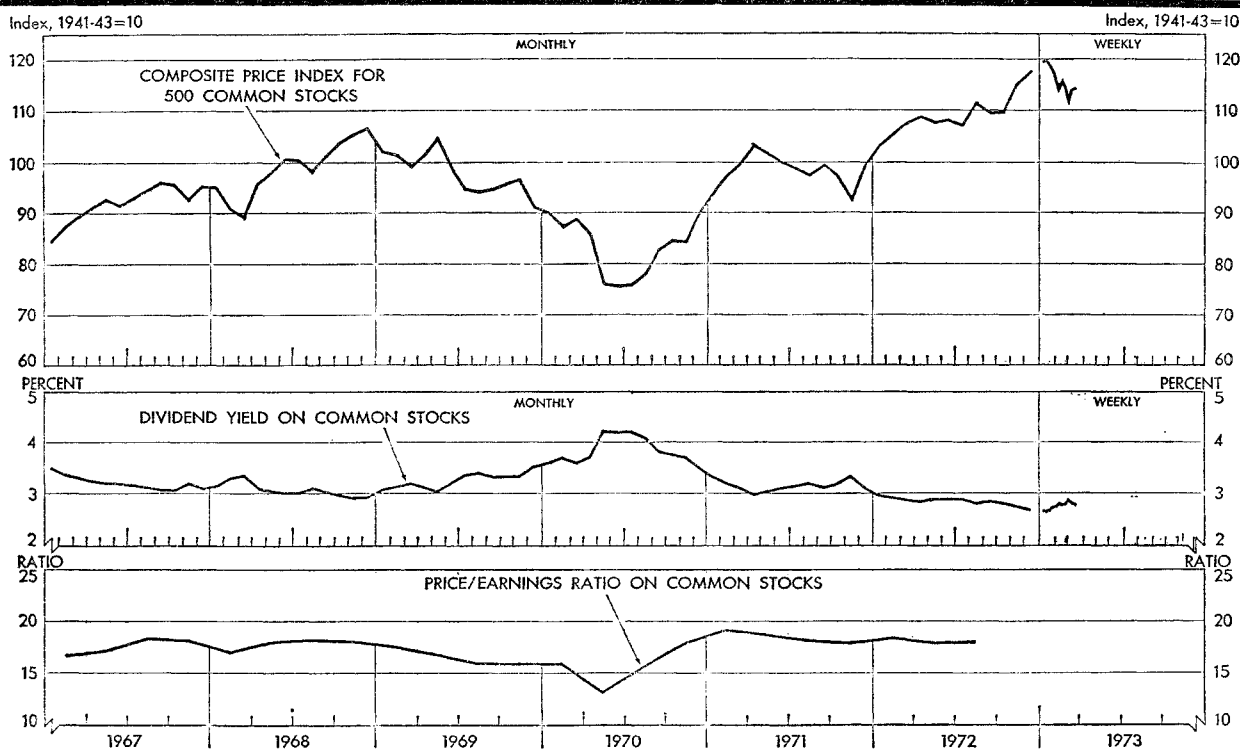
⁵ Weekly data are Wednesday figures.

⁶ 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 further through February and into March. By the middle of March it achieved some strength and posted some advance.



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	-----
1972: 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	-----
1973: Jan-----	118.42	132.55	127.04	122.57	60.01	42.87	2.69	-----
Feb-----	114.16	127.87	125.56	117.54	57.52	40.61	2.80	-----
Week ended:								
1973: Feb 2-----	115.40	129.27	125.51	119.43	57.93	41.35	2.74	-----
9-----	114.04	127.68	123.92	117.31	57.69	40.86	2.80	-----
16-----	115.47	129.41	127.73	119.17	57.79	40.96	2.77	-----
23-----	114.42	128.20	127.04	118.32	57.42	40.66	2.78	-----
Mar 2-----	111.62	125.01	123.55	115.34	56.50	39.04	2.86	-----
9-----	113.85	127.70	126.70	119.20	56.58	39.31	2.79	-----
16-----	114.20	128.14	127.33	118.74	56.43	39.43	2.78	-----

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

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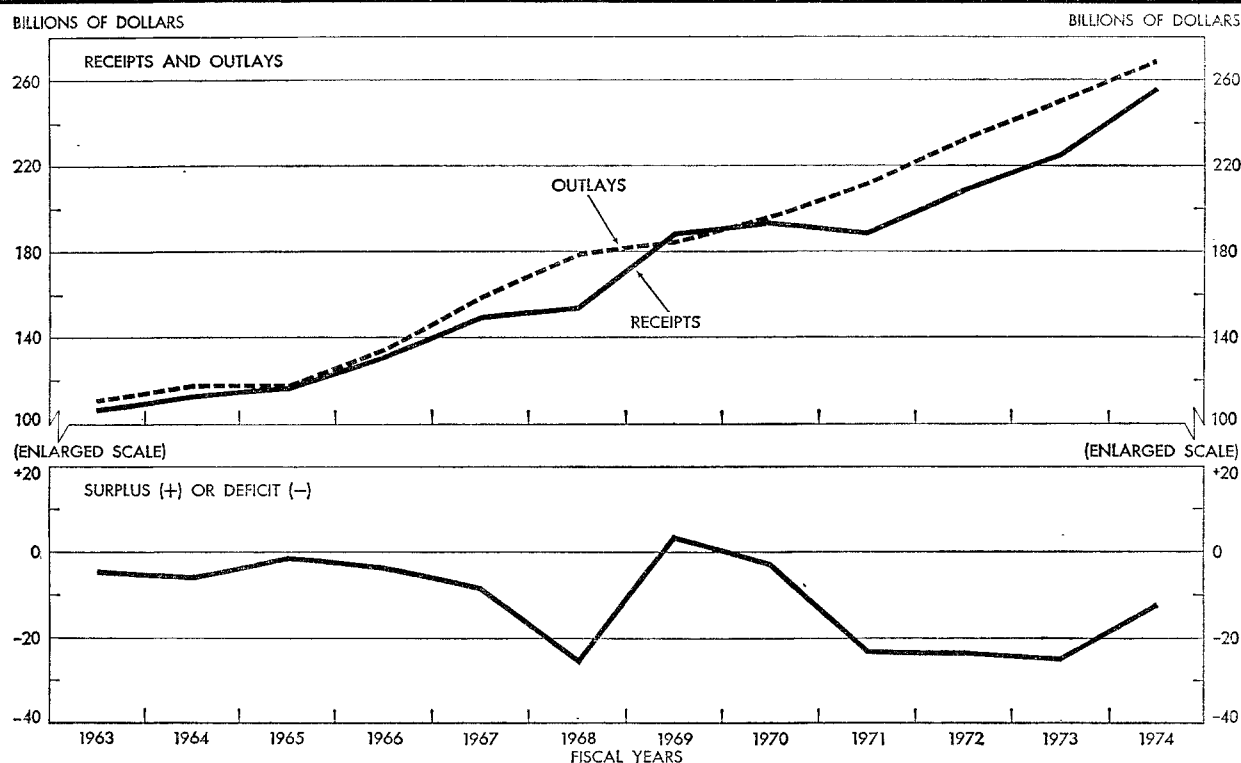
³ Ratio of price index for last day of quarter to earnings for 12 months ending with that quarter. Annual ratios are averages of quarterly data.

Source: Standard & Poor's Corporation.

FEDERAL FINANCE

FEDERAL BUDGET RECEIPTS AND OUTLAYS AND DEBT

In the first 7 months of fiscal 1973 there was a deficit of \$15.0 billion; a year earlier the deficit was \$20.3 billion.



SOURCES: TREASURY DEPARTMENT AND OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET

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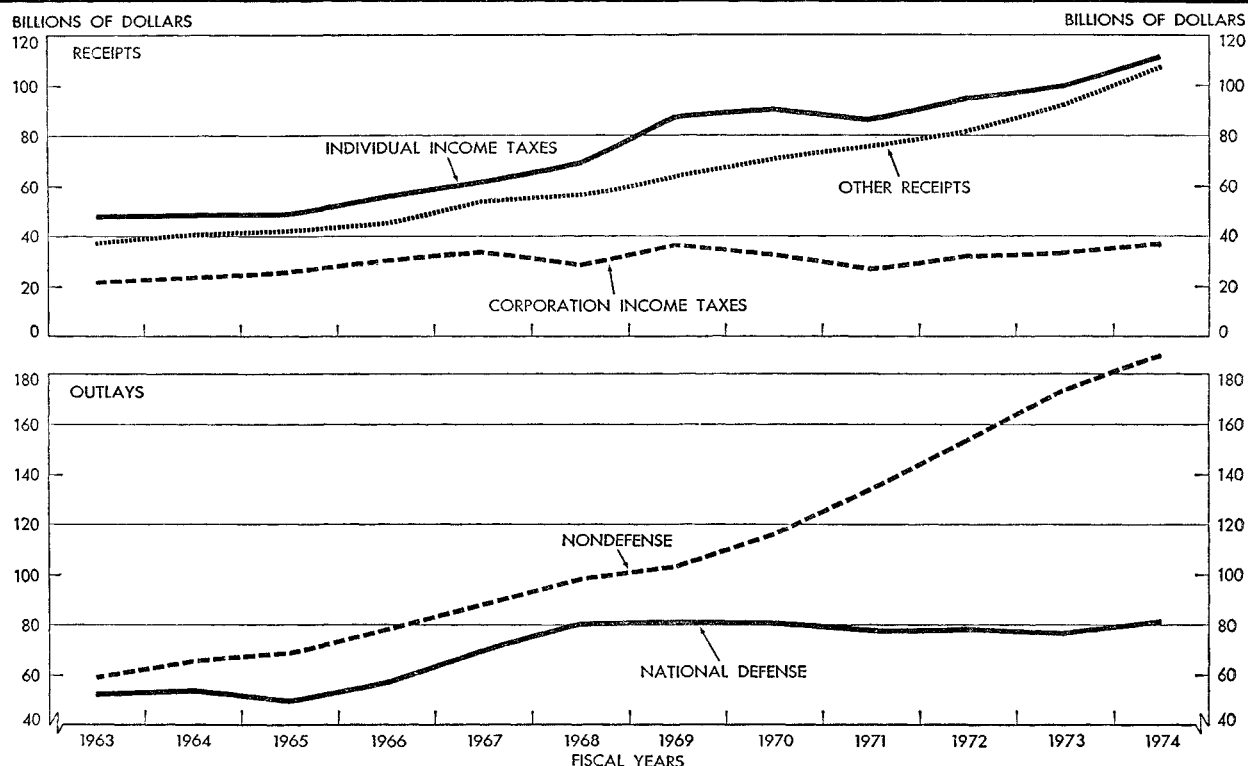
Period	Receipts	Outlays	Surplus or deficit (-)	Federal debt (end of period)	
				Total ¹	Held by the public
Fiscal year:					
1962.....	99.7	106.8	-7.1	303.3	248.4
1963.....	106.6	111.3	-4.8	310.8	254.5
1964.....	112.7	118.6	-5.9	316.8	257.6
1965.....	116.8	118.4	-1.6	323.2	261.6
1966.....	130.9	134.7	-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 7 months:					
Fiscal year 1972.....	110.8	131.0	-20.3	432.6	326.0
Fiscal year 1973.....	127.2	142.2	-15.0	461.0	342.7

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

In the first 7 months of fiscal 1973 budget receipts were \$16.4 billion higher than a year earlier while outlays were \$11.2 billion higher.



SOURCES: TREASURY DEPARTMENT AND OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET

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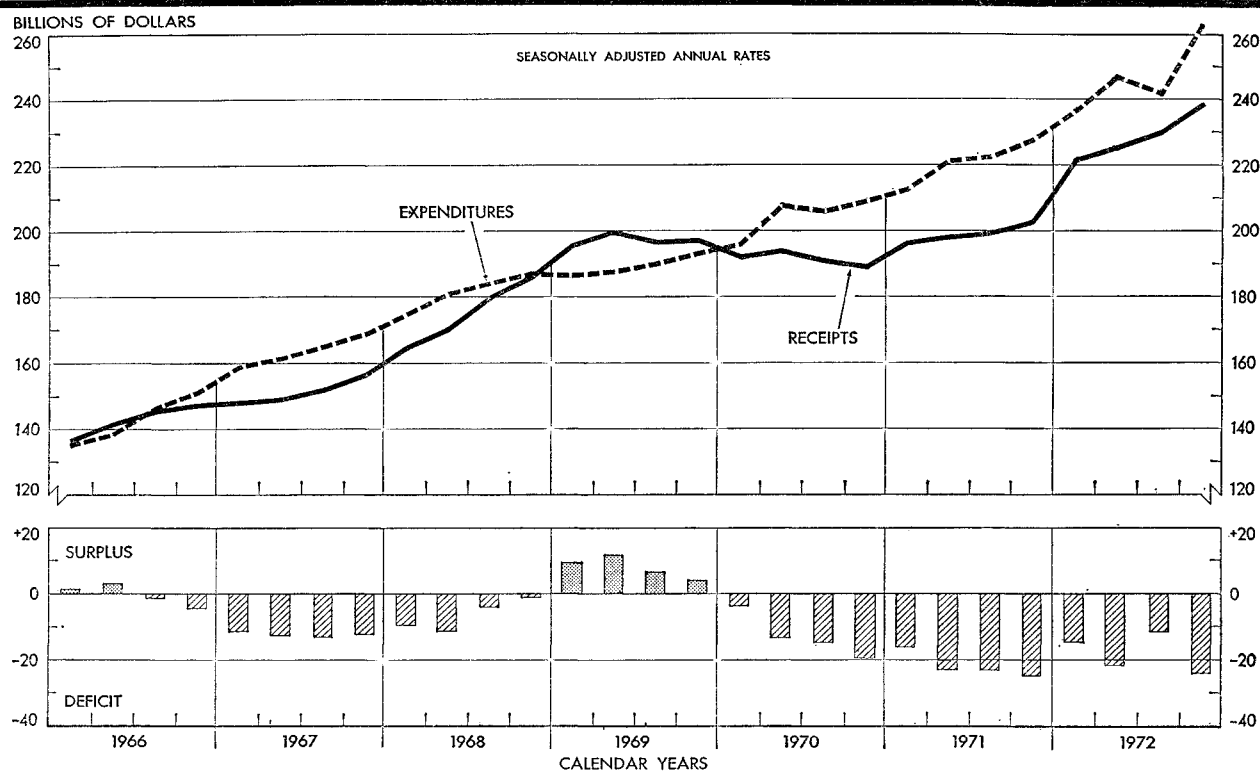
Period	Receipts				Outlays						
	Total	Individual income taxes	Corporation income taxes	Other	Total	National defense		International affairs and finance	Health and income security	Interest	Other
						Total	Department of Defense, military				
Fiscal year:											
1962	99.7	45.6	20.5	33.6	106.8	51.1	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 7 months:											
Fiscal year 1972	110.8	54.4	12.9	43.5	131.0	41.9	40.5	2.1	44.9	11.8	30.3
Fiscal year 1973	127.2	64.1	15.2	47.9	142.2	42.0	40.7	1.7	51.3	12.4	34.8

¹Estimate.

Sources: Treasury Department and Office of Management and Budget.

FEDERAL SECTOR, NATIONAL INCOME ACCOUNTS BASIS

According to current estimates for the fourth quarter, Federal receipts rose about \$8¾ billion (seasonally adjusted annual rate) and expenditures increased \$21 billion, yielding a deficit of \$24 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 -----	228.7	109.0	36.2	20.1	63.4	246.8	105.8	83.4	37.9	13.6	6.1	.0	-18.1
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 -----	238.6	113.6	39.1	20.6	65.3	262.7	104.0	91.8	46.5	13.7	6.7	.0	-24.1

¹ Estimate.
^p \$39 million.

Source: Department of Commerce.

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