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TOTAL OUTPUT, INCOME, AND SPENDING

E NATION'S INCOME, EXPENDITURE, AND SAVING

Gross national product increased \$63.5 billion in the third quarter to an annual rate of \$1,504.4 billion, according to current estimates. In the second quarter, the increase was \$24.3 billion.

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

Period	Persons					Government						
	Disposable personal income			Personal consumption expenditures	Personal saving or dis-saving (-)	Net receipts			Expenditures			Surplus or deficit (-), income and product accounts
	Total ¹	Less: Interest paid and transfer payments to foreigners	Equals: Total excluding interest and transfers			Tax and nontax receipts or accruals	Less: Transfers, interest, and subsidies ²	Equals: Net receipts	Total expenditures	Less: Transfers, interest, and subsidies ²	Equals: Purchases of goods and services	
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-----	691.7	17.9	673.8	617.6	56.2	302.5	93.2	209.4	312.7	93.2	219.5	-10.1
1971-----	746.4	18.8	727.6	667.1	60.5	321.6	105.9	215.7	340.2	105.9	234.2	-18.5
1972-----	802.5	20.9	781.6	729.0	52.6	367.0	116.5	250.5	372.1	116.5	255.7	-5.1
1973-----	903.7	24.1	879.6	805.2	74.4	411.5	131.6	279.9	408.0	131.6	276.4	3.5
1974-----	979.7	26.0	953.7	876.7	77.0	455.0	152.0	303.0	461.2	152.0	309.2	-6.3
1974: I-----	950.6	25.6	925.0	840.6	84.4	435.9	139.3	296.5	435.5	139.3	296.3	.4
II-----	966.5	25.8	940.7	869.1	71.5	450.7	147.4	303.3	451.7	147.4	304.4	-1.0
III-----	993.1	26.2	966.9	901.3	65.5	470.3	157.8	312.4	470.0	157.8	312.3	.2
IV-----	1,008.8	26.4	982.4	895.8	86.5	463.1	164.0	299.1	487.8	164.0	323.8	-24.6
1975: I-----	1,015.5	26.3	989.2	913.2	75.9	453.7	178.1	275.6	509.8	178.1	331.6	-56.0
II-----	1,078.5	26.1	1,052.4	938.6	113.8	425.8	191.9	233.9	529.8	191.9	338.1	-104.2
III-----	1,079.6	26.2	1,053.4	968.8	84.6	475.0	194.4	280.6	537.7	194.4	343.5	-62.8

Period	Business			International					Total income or receipts	Statistical discrepancy	Gross national product or expenditure
	Gross retained earnings ³	Gross private domestic investment ⁴	Excess of investment (—)	Net transfers to foreigners by persons and Government	Net exports of goods and services			Excess of transfers or of net exports (—) ⁵			
					Exports	Less: Imports	Equals: Net exports				
1969-----	97.0	139.0	—42.0	2.9	55.5	53.6	1.9	1.0	936.3	—6.1	930.3
1970-----	97.0	136.3	—39.3	3.2	62.9	59.3	3.6	— .4	983.5	—6.4	977.1
1971-----	110.2	153.7	—43.5	3.6	65.4	65.6	— .2	3.8	1,057.2	—2.3	1,054.9
1972-----	125.9	179.3	—53.5	3.8	72.4	78.4	—6.0	9.8	1,161.8	—3.8	1,158.0
1973-----	136.5	209.4	—72.9	3.9	100.4	96.4	3.9	—1.1	1,299.9	—5.0	1,294.9
1974-----	136.8	209.4	—72.6	3.6	140.2	138.1	2.1	1.5	1,397.1	.4	1,397.4
1974: I-----	139.7	210.5	—70.8	3.7	131.2	119.9	11.3	—7.7	1,365.1	—6.3	1,358.8
II-----	135.7	211.8	—76.1	3.7	138.5	140.0	—1.5	5.2	1,383.5	.3	1,383.8
III-----	130.6	205.8	—75.2	3.3	143.6	146.7	—3.1	6.5	1,413.3	3.0	1,416.3
IV-----	141.0	209.4	—68.4	3.6	147.5	145.7	1.9	1.8	1,426.1	4.8	1,430.9
1975: I-----	146.7	163.1	—16.4	3.6	142.2	133.4	8.8	—5.2	1,415.1	1.6	1,416.6
II-----	155.4	148.1	7.3	3.6	136.0	119.8	16.2	—12.5	1,445.3	—4.4	1,440.9
III-----	166.4	179.1	—12.7	3.5	142.7	129.8	13.0	—9.5	1,503.9	.4	1,504.4

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.

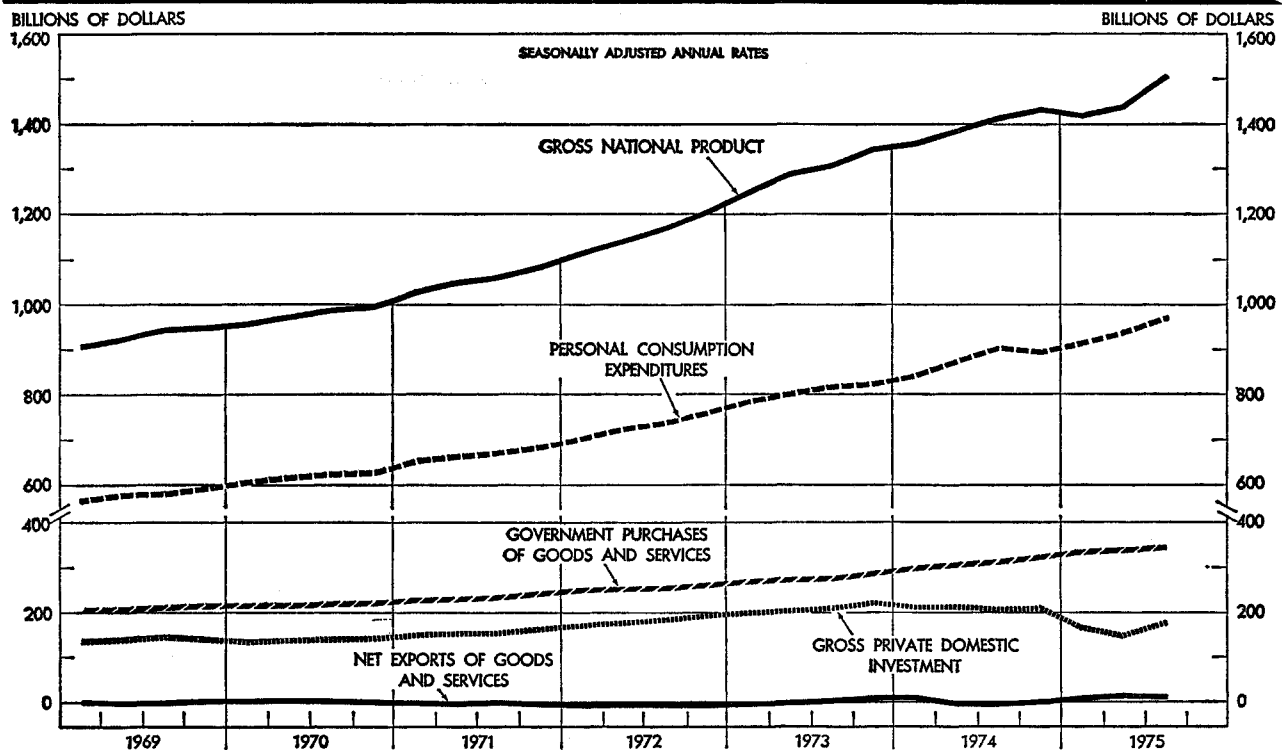
⁴ Private business investment, purchases of capital goods by private nonprofit institutions, and residential housing.

⁵ Net foreign investment less capital grants received by United States, with sign changed.

Source: Department of Commerce, Bureau of Economic Analysis.

GROSS NATIONAL PRODUCT OR EXPENDITURE

In the third quarter, gross national product rose at an annual rate of 18.8 percent, reflecting an inflation rate of 13.4 percent and a rate of increase of 13.4 percent in real GNP. The real GNP growth rate was the highest in 25 years.



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											
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	113.94
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.....	722.5	977.1	617.6	136.3	3.6	219.5	96.2	74.6	21.6	123.3	135.24
1971.....	746.3	1,054.9	667.1	153.7	-1.2	234.2	97.6	71.2	26.5	136.6	141.35
1972.....	792.5	1,158.0	729.0	179.3	-6.0	255.7	104.9	74.8	30.1	150.8	146.12
1973.....	839.2	1,294.9	805.2	209.4	3.9	276.4	106.6	74.4	32.2	169.8	154.31
1974.....	821.2	1,397.4	876.7	209.4	2.1	309.2	116.9	78.7	38.2	192.3	170.18
1974: I.....	830.5	1,358.8	840.6	210.5	11.3	296.3	111.5	75.8	35.7	184.8	163.61
II.....	827.1	1,383.8	869.1	211.8	-1.5	304.4	114.3	76.6	37.7	190.1	167.31
III.....	823.1	1,416.3	901.3	205.8	-3.1	312.3	117.2	78.4	38.8	195.1	172.07
IV.....	804.0	1,430.9	895.8	209.4	1.9	323.8	124.5	84.0	40.6	199.3	177.97
1975: I.....	780.0	1,416.6	913.2	163.1	8.8	331.6	126.5	84.7	41.8	205.1	181.62
II.....	783.6	1,440.9	938.6	148.1	16.2	338.1	128.4	84.8	43.6	209.7	183.88
III.....	808.6	1,504.4	968.8	179.1	13.0	343.5	130.5	86.1	44.4	213.0	186.05

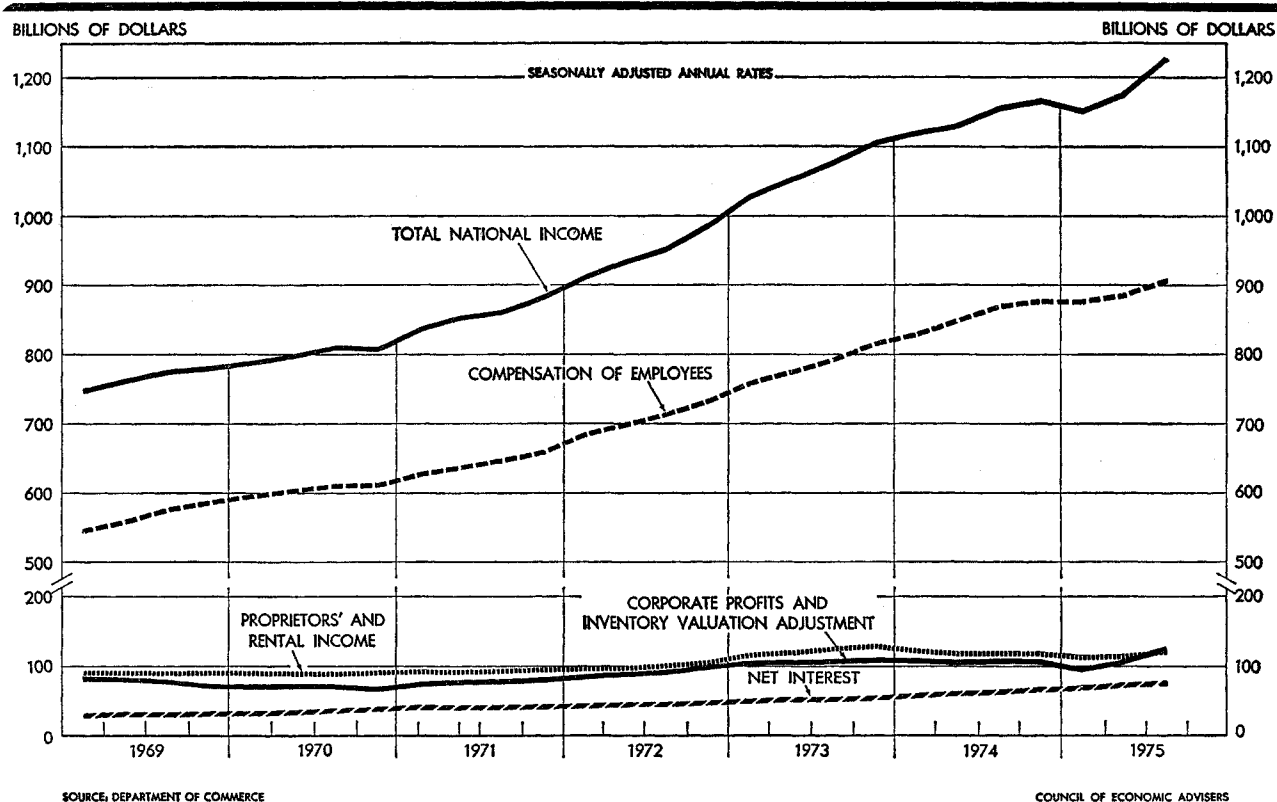
¹ This category corresponds closely with budget outlays for national defense, shown on p. 36.

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

Source: Department of Commerce, Bureau of Economic Analysis.

NATIONAL INCOME

National income rose \$52.1 billion (annual rate) in the third quarter. Compensation of employees (\$21.2 billion) and corporate profits including inventory valuation adjustment (\$18.1 billion) accounted for three-fourths of the rise. Both proprietors' and net interest income also increased significantly.



[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
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.....	800.5	603.9	16.9	50.0	23.9	36.5	69.2	74.0	-4.8
1971.....	857.7	643.1	17.2	52.0	25.2	41.6	78.7	83.6	-4.9
1972.....	946.5	707.1	21.0	54.9	25.9	45.6	92.2	99.2	-7.0
1973.....	1,065.6	786.0	38.5	57.6	26.1	52.3	105.1	122.7	-17.6
1974.....	1,142.5	855.8	31.8	61.2	26.5	61.6	105.6	140.7	-35.1
1974: I.....	1,118.8	828.8	39.1	59.3	26.4	57.5	107.7	135.4	-27.7
II.....	1,130.2	848.3	29.1	60.7	26.3	60.1	105.6	139.0	-33.4
III.....	1,155.5	868.2	29.8	62.3	26.6	62.8	105.8	157.0	-51.2
IV.....	1,165.4	877.7	29.1	62.5	26.8	65.9	103.4	131.5	-28.1
1975: I.....	1,150.7	875.6	22.2	62.7	27.0	68.9	94.3	101.2	-7.0
II.....	1,175.4	885.4	22.7	63.4	27.1	71.9	104.9	113.3	-8.4
III.....	1,227.5	906.6	29.9	64.7	27.4	75.9	123.0	134.6	-11.7

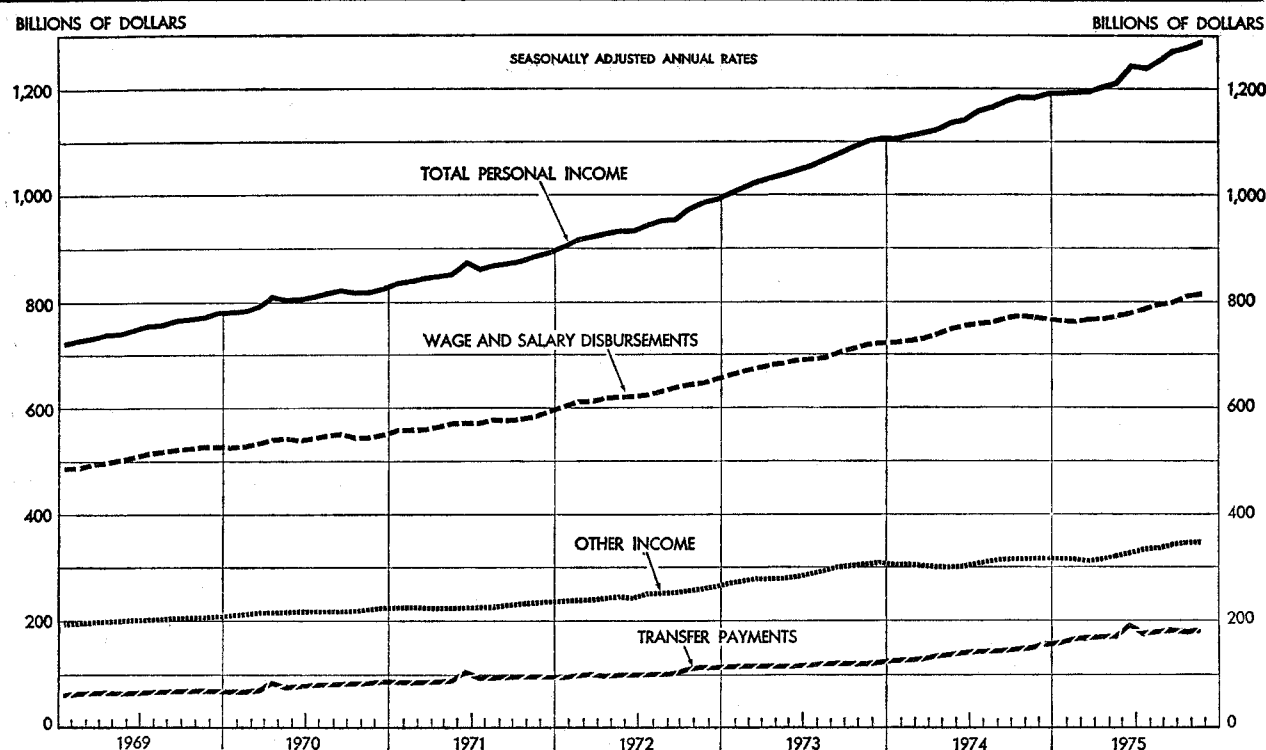
¹Includes employer contributions for social insurance (See also p. 4.)

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, Bureau of Economic Analysis.

SOURCES OF PERSONAL INCOME

Personal income increased \$10.9 billion (annual rate) in November. The increase of \$8.3 billion in October was \$4.4 billion lower than originally reported, primarily because of downward revisions in farm income and transfer payments. Wages and salaries increased \$7.2 billion in November and farm income declined \$1.6 billion.



SOURCE: DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

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

Period	Total personal income	Wage and salary disbursements ¹	Other labor income ^{1,2}	Proprietors' income		Rental income of persons	Dividends	Personal interest income	Transfer payments	Less: Personal contributions for social insurance	Nonagricultural personal income ³
				Farm	Business and professional						
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-----	808.3	542.0	32.2	16.9	50.0	23.9	24.7	67.5	79.1	28.0	784.8
1971-----	864.0	573.0	36.4	17.2	52.0	25.2	25.0	72.8	93.3	30.7	840.0
1972-----	944.9	626.8	41.7	21.0	54.9	25.9	27.3	78.6	103.2	34.5	916.5
1973-----	1,055.0	691.7	46.0	38.5	57.6	26.1	29.6	90.6	117.8	42.8	1,008.0
1974-----	1,150.5	751.2	51.4	31.8	61.2	26.5	32.7	103.8	139.8	47.9	1,109.0
1974: Oct-----	1,185.0	773.0	53.5	29.2	62.5	26.7	33.5	108.0	147.6	48.9	1,145.7
Nov-----	1,184.5	767.8	54.0	29.1	62.5	26.8	33.6	109.5	149.8	48.5	1,145.2
Dec-----	1,191.0	766.6	54.5	29.0	62.5	26.9	32.7	111.1	156.1	48.4	1,151.4
1975: Jan-----	1,191.1	765.7	54.9	26.0	62.7	27.0	33.9	111.9	158.6	49.5	1,154.3
Feb-----	1,193.4	763.6	55.3	22.2	62.8	27.0	33.8	112.5	165.5	49.2	1,160.1
Mar-----	1,195.7	766.0	55.7	18.4	62.5	27.0	33.7	113.3	168.3	49.3	1,166.2
Apr-----	1,203.1	768.0	56.2	20.6	63.0	27.1	33.9	114.8	168.9	49.4	1,171.1
May-----	1,214.3	772.9	56.7	23.0	63.4	27.1	34.0	116.9	169.9	49.7	1,179.7
June-----	1,244.1	778.1	57.2	24.5	63.9	27.2	34.0	119.0	190.2	50.0	1,207.9
July-----	1,238.9	782.2	57.7	27.5	64.1	27.2	34.2	119.8	176.3	50.2	1,199.5
Aug-----	1,255.9	792.3	58.2	29.9	64.8	27.4	34.5	121.4	178.0	50.7	1,214.0
Sept-----	1,270.9	799.6	58.7	32.1	65.2	27.7	34.8	123.8	180.0	51.1	1,226.6
Oct-----	1,279.2	807.1	59.2	30.6	65.7	28.0	34.8	125.9	179.4	51.4	1,236.3
Nov-----	1,290.1	814.3	59.7	29.0	66.1	28.3	34.8	128.9	180.9	51.8	1,248.7

¹ The 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.

² Consists of employer contributions to private pension, health, and welfare

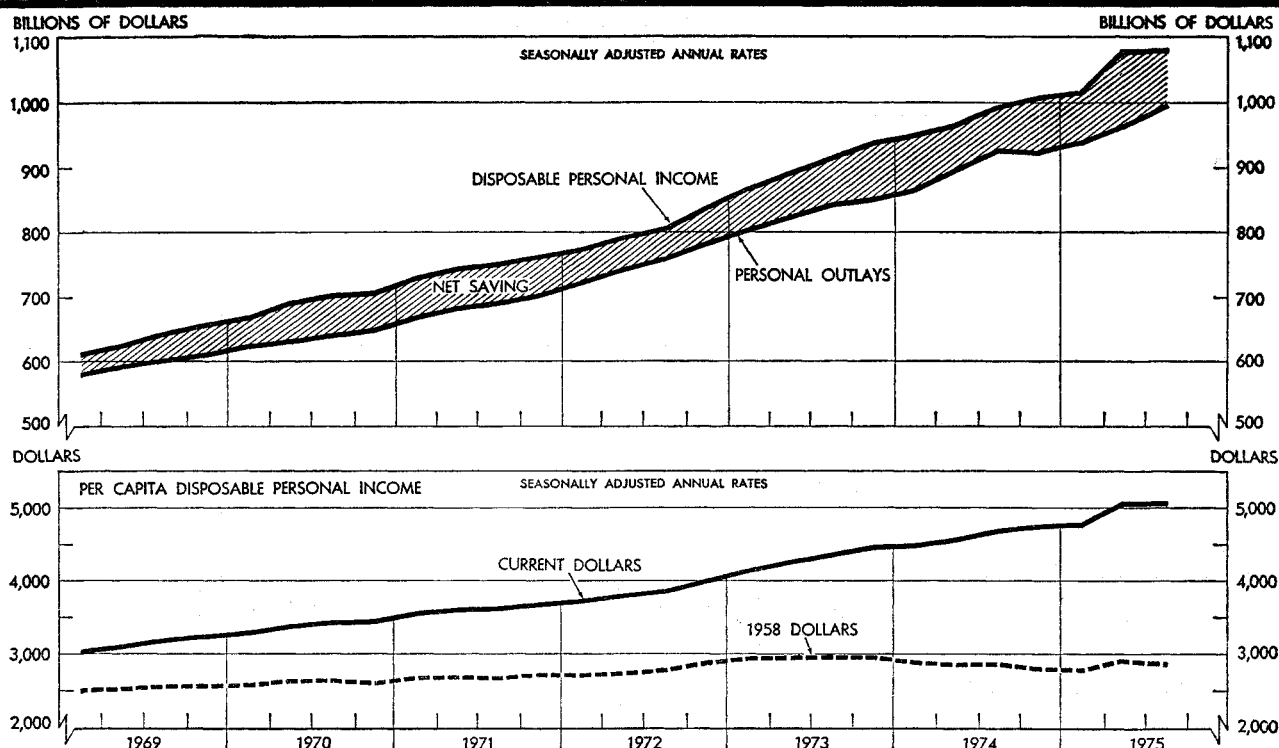
funds; compensation for injuries; directors' fees; military reserve pay; and a few other minor items.

³ Personal 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, Bureau of Economic Analysis.

DISPOSITION OF PERSONAL INCOME

Disposable personal income rose \$1.1 billion (annual rate) in the third quarter following a \$63.0 billion increase the second. The exceptionally large increase in the second quarter and the small increase in the third reflected changes in Federal income taxes—the May 1 tax rate cut and rebates on 1974 income taxes—and the \$50 one-time special payments to social security recipients.



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) ³
				Total personal outlays ¹	Personal consumption expenditures ²				Current dollars	1958 dollars		
					Durable goods	Non-durable goods	Services					
Billions of dollars									Dollars			
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-----	808. 3	116. 6	691. 7	635. 5	91. 3	263. 8	262. 6	56. 2	3, 376	2, 610	8. 1	204, 878
1971-----	864. 0	117. 6	746. 4	685. 9	103. 9	278. 4	284. 8	60. 5	3, 605	2, 683	8. 1	207, 053
1972-----	944. 9	142. 4	802. 5	749. 9	118. 4	299. 7	310. 9	52. 6	3, 843	2, 779	6. 6	208, 846
1973-----	1, 055. 0	151. 3	903. 7	829. 4	130. 3	338. 0	336. 9	74. 4	4, 295	2, 945	8. 2	210, 410
1974-----	1, 150. 5	170. 8	979. 7	902. 7	127. 5	380. 2	369. 0	77. 0	4, 623	2, 845	7. 9	211, 894
Seasonally adjusted annual rates												
1974: I---	1, 112. 5	161. 9	950. 6	866. 2	123. 9	364. 4	352. 4	84. 4	4, 497	2, 887	8. 9	211, 362
II---	1, 134. 6	168. 2	966. 5	894. 9	129. 5	375. 8	363. 8	71. 5	4, 565	2, 850	7. 4	211, 699
III---	1, 168. 2	175. 1	993. 1	927. 6	136. 1	389. 0	376. 2	65. 5	4, 681	2, 842	6. 6	212, 123
IV---	1, 186. 9	178. 1	1, 008. 8	922. 3	120. 7	391. 7	383. 5	86. 5	4, 745	2, 798	8. 6	212, 585
1975: I---	1, 193. 4	178. 0	1, 015. 5	939. 5	124. 9	398. 8	389. 5	75. 9	4, 768	2, 775	7. 5	212, 962
II---	1, 220. 5	142. 0	1, 078. 5	964. 7	130. 6	410. 1	397. 9	113. 8	5, 055	2, 907	10. 6	213, 362
III---	1, 255. 2	175. 6	1, 079. 6	995. 0	138. 6	422. 7	407. 5	84. 6	5, 047	2, 858	7. 8	213, 897

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

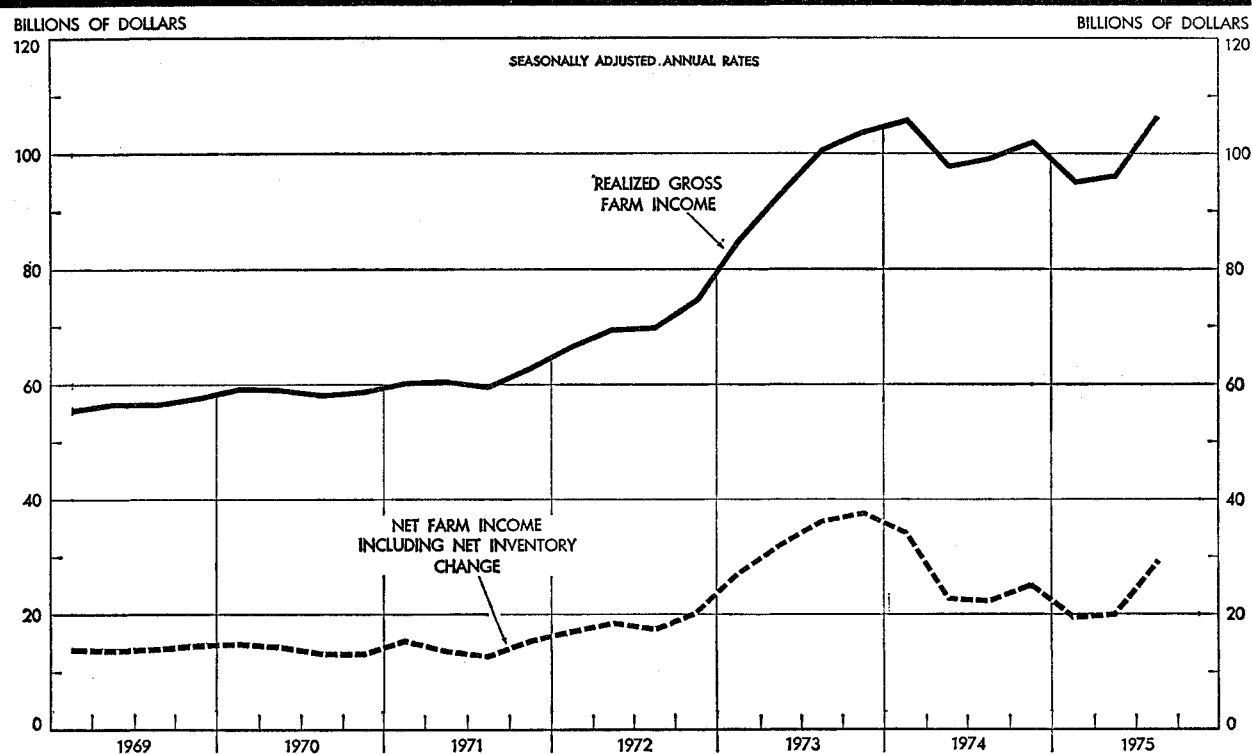
² See p. 2 for total personal consumption expenditures.

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 (Bureau of Economic Analysis and Bureau of the Census).

FARM INCOME

Farm income, including and excluding inventory change, increased substantially in the third quarter. In the second quarter there was little or no change.



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		Production ex- penses	Net to farm operators		Net income per farm including net inventory change	
				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	
1967-----	22.6	11.0	11.6	49.9	42.8	38.3	11.6	12.2	3,867	3,867
1968-----	23.7	11.1	12.7	51.7	44.2	39.7	12.0	12.1	3,949	3,797
1969-----	26.4	12.7	13.7	56.3	48.2	42.4	13.9	14.0	4,672	4,286
1970-----	26.8	12.6	14.2	58.6	50.5	44.8	13.8	13.8	4,667	4,094
1971-----	28.0	13.0	15.0	60.6	52.9	47.8	12.8	14.2	4,879	4,100
1972-----	33.5	16.3	17.2	70.1	61.2	52.8	17.3	18.2	6,332	5,106
1973-----	47.7	28.7	19.0	95.3	86.9	65.8	29.5	33.1	11,639	8,434
1974-----	44.0	23.1	20.9	101.1	93.5	73.4	27.7	26.1	9,211	5,721
Seasonally adjusted annual rates										
1974: I-----				105.8	98.4	72.6	33.2	34.3	12,120	7,920
II-----				97.6	90.1	73.2	24.4	22.8	8,060	5,070
III-----				99.2	91.5	73.8	25.4	22.3	7,880	4,800
IV-----				101.9	94.1	74.0	27.9	25.0	8,830	5,190
1975: I-----				95.0	87.0	74.0	21.0	19.5	6,920	3,980
II-----				96.1	88.0	75.6	20.5	20.0	7,100	4,060
III-----				106.2	98.0	78.0	28.2	29.2	10,360	5,790

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.

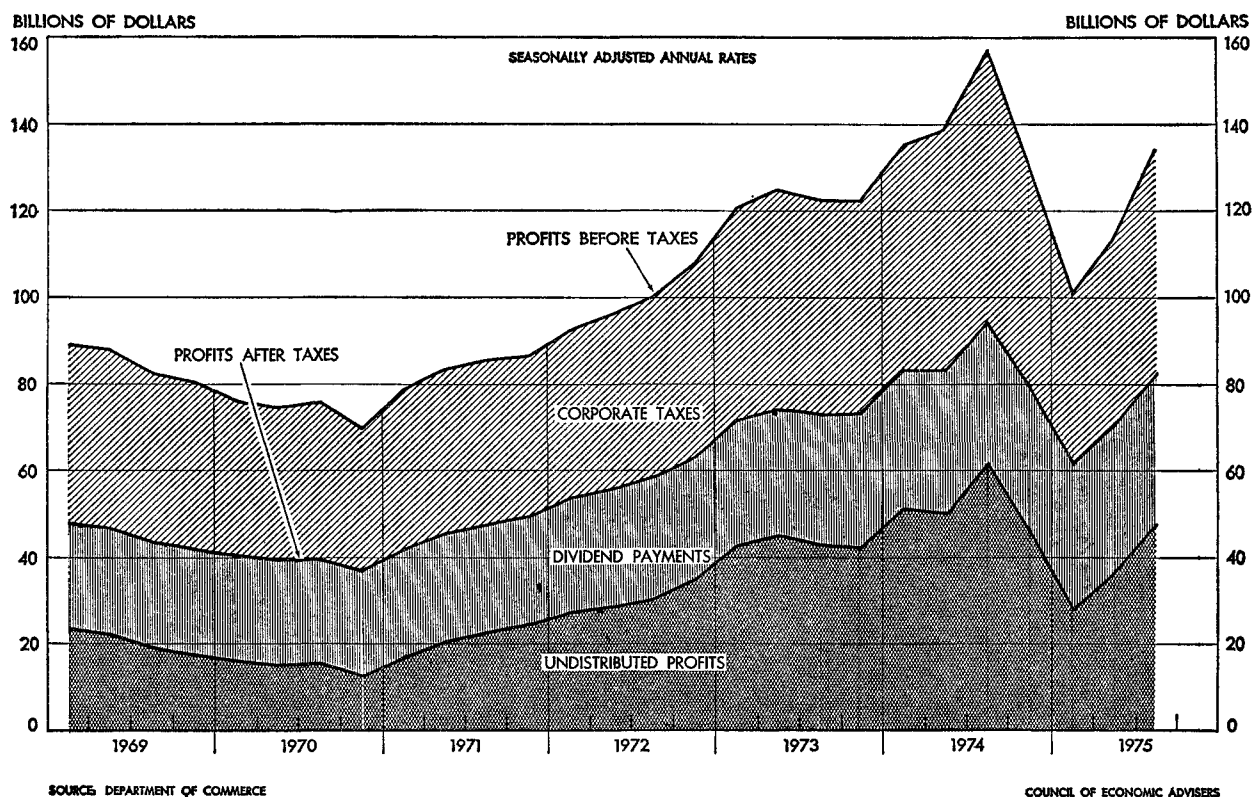
³ Based on Census of Agriculture definition of a farm. The number of farms is held constant within a year.

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

Source: Department of Agriculture.

CORPORATE PROFITS

ore-tax book profits increased \$21.3 billion to an annual rate of \$134.6 billion in the third quarter. The increase book profits consisted of a \$18.1 billion rise in profits from current production and a \$3.3 billion rise in inventory ns.



[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, communication, and public utilities	All other ¹			Total	Dividend payments	Undistributed profits		
		Total	Durable goods industries	Non-durable goods industries									
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-----	69.2	27.8	10.5	17.3	7.8	33.7	74.0	34.8	39.3	24.7	14.6	56.0	95.2
1971-----	78.7	32.3	14.5	17.8	8.3	38.1	83.6	37.5	46.1	25.0	21.1	60.4	106.5
1972-----	92.2	40.8	21.8	19.0	9.2	42.2	99.2	41.5	57.7	27.3	30.3	66.3	124.0
1973-----	105.1	47.6	26.1	21.5	9.2	48.3	122.7	49.8	72.9	29.6	43.3	71.2	144.1
1974-----	105.6	47.0	17.0	30.0	7.8	50.9	140.7	55.7	85.0	32.7	52.4	76.7	161.7
1974: I----	107.7	46.2	19.3	26.9	7.1	54.5	135.4	52.2	83.2	31.6	51.6	74.1	157.3
II-----	105.6	46.8	17.1	29.7	8.0	50.8	139.0	55.9	83.1	32.5	50.5	75.7	158.8
III-----	105.8	48.6	15.3	33.3	8.6	48.7	157.0	62.7	94.3	33.2	61.1	77.6	171.8
IV-----	103.4	46.3	16.2	30.1	7.5	49.6	131.5	52.0	79.5	33.3	46.2	79.3	158.8
1975: I----	94.3	41.1	13.8	27.3	6.8	46.4	101.2	39.0	62.3	33.8	28.5	81.2	143.5
II-----	104.9	48.3	18.0	30.4	8.1	48.6	113.3	43.0	70.3	34.0	36.3	83.0	153.3
III-----	123.0	58.9	26.3	32.6	11.4	52.7	134.6	52.0	82.6	34.5	48.1	85.2	167.8

¹ Includes all other industries and financial institutions.

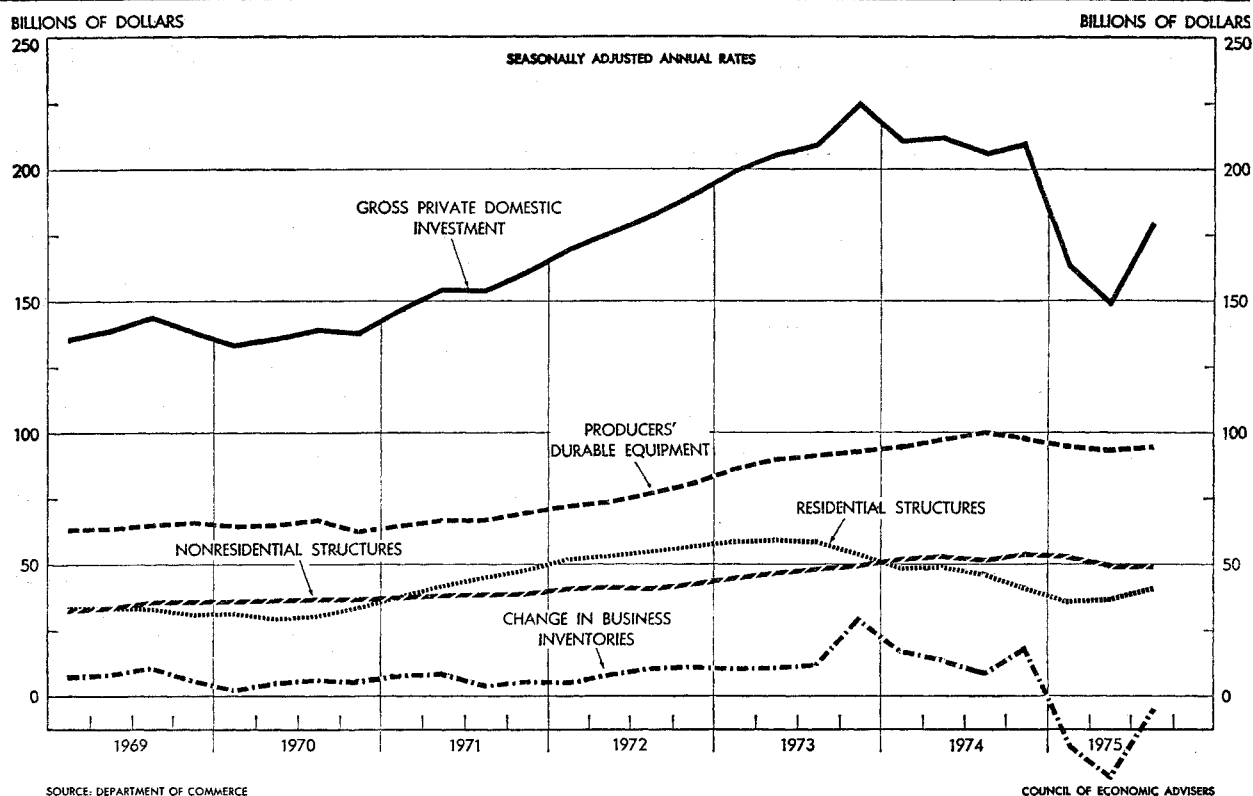
² Includes depreciation and accidental damages.

³ Corporate profits after taxes plus corporate capital consumption allowances.

Source: Department of Commerce, Bureau of Economic Analysis.

GROSS PRIVATE DOMESTIC INVESTMENT

Gross private domestic investment rose \$31.0 billion (annual rate) in the third quarter, more than four-fifths of which resulted from a much lower rate of inventory decumulation. Business fixed investment increased about \$1 billion a residential structures about \$4½ billion.



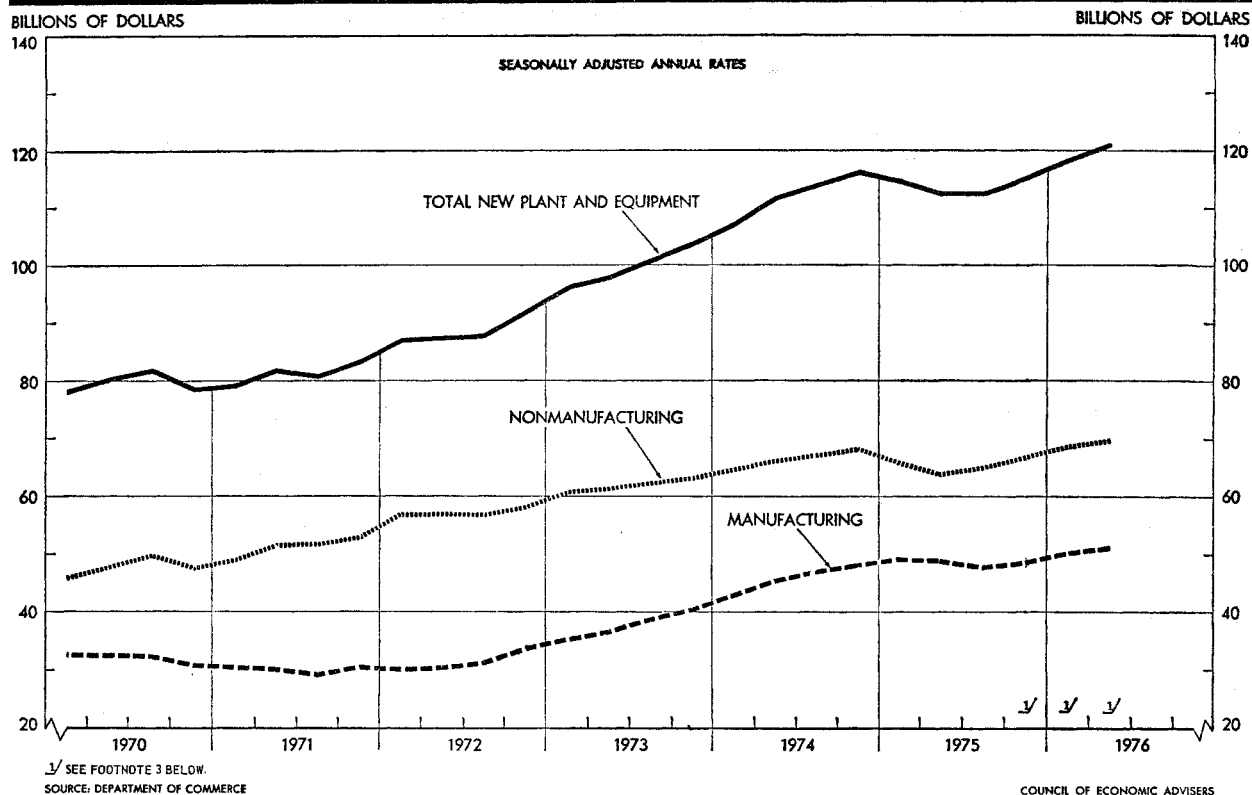
[Billions of dollars; quarterly data at seasonally adjusted annual rates]

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	Total	Non-farm				
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.....	136.1	131.7	100.6	36.1	35.3	64.4	58.9	31.2	30.7	4.5	4.3
1971.....	153.7	147.4	104.6	37.9	37.1	66.6	61.1	42.8	42.3	6.3	4.9
1972.....	179.3	170.8	116.8	41.1	40.4	75.7	69.4	54.0	53.4	8.5	7.8
1973.....	209.4	194.0	136.8	47.0	45.7	89.8	81.4	57.2	56.7	15.4	11.4
1974.....	209.4	195.2	149.2	52.0	50.2	97.1	86.5	46.0	45.2	14.2	11.9
1974: I.....	210.5	193.6	145.2	51.3	49.5	93.9	84.6	48.4	47.8	16.9	13.1
II.....	211.8	198.3	149.4	52.2	50.4	97.2	86.9	48.8	48.0	13.5	10.4
III.....	205.8	197.1	150.9	51.0	49.2	99.9	89.2	46.2	45.4	8.7	6.6
IV.....	209.4	191.6	151.2	53.7	51.7	97.5	85.4	40.4	39.7	17.8	17.5
1975: I.....	163.1	182.2	146.9	52.8	50.8	94.2	82.9	35.3	34.8	-19.2	-17.8
II.....	148.1	179.1	142.7	49.1	47.2	93.6	82.1	36.4	35.6	-31.0	-30.6
III.....	179.1	184.6	143.6	49.6	47.7	94.0	84.0	41.0	40.0	-5.5	-7.2

Source: Department of Commerce, Bureau of Economic Analysis.

EXPENDITURES FOR NEW PLANT AND EQUIPMENT

Business plans to increase capital spending 2.4 percent in the fourth quarter of 1975, 2.9 percent in the first quarter of 76, and 2.3 percent in the second quarter, according to a survey conducted in late October and November.



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

Period	Total ¹	Manufacturing			Nonmanufacturing							
		Total	Durable goods	Non-durable goods	Total	Mining	Transportation			Public utilities	Communication	Commercial and other ²
							Railroad	Air	Other			
1968.....	67.76	28.37	14.12	14.25	39.40	1.63	1.45	2.56	1.59	10.20	6.83	15.14
1969.....	75.56	31.68	15.96	15.72	43.88	1.86	1.86	2.51	1.68	11.61	8.30	16.05
1970.....	79.71	31.95	15.80	16.15	47.76	1.89	1.78	3.03	1.23	13.14	10.10	16.59
1971.....	81.21	29.99	14.15	15.84	51.22	2.16	1.67	1.88	1.38	15.30	10.77	18.05
1972.....	88.44	31.35	15.64	15.72	57.09	2.42	1.80	2.46	1.46	17.00	11.89	20.07
1973.....	99.74	38.01	19.25	18.76	61.73	2.74	1.96	2.41	1.66	18.71	12.85	21.40
1974.....	112.40	46.01	22.62	23.39	66.39	3.18	2.54	2.00	2.12	20.55	13.96	22.05
1975 ³	113.49	48.31	22.05	26.27	65.18	3.82	2.54	1.84	2.90	20.31	13.09	20.67
1974: III.....	113.99	47.04	23.08	23.96	66.94	3.27	2.68	1.84	2.16	20.16	14.01	22.84
IV.....	116.22	48.08	23.28	24.80	68.14	3.56	3.05	1.81	2.71	20.93	14.04	22.04
1975: I.....	114.57	49.05	22.86	26.20	65.52	3.76	2.39	2.09	2.82	20.28	13.36	20.82
II.....	112.46	48.78	22.59	26.19	63.68	3.78	2.70	1.60	2.75	19.52	12.50	20.83
III.....	112.16	47.39	21.01	26.38	64.76	3.82	2.75	2.12	2.99	19.79	12.95	20.34
IV ³	114.80	48.16	21.82	26.34	66.64	3.93	2.36	1.67	2.91	21.54		34.24
1976: I ³	118.16	49.88	22.34	27.53	68.28	4.00	2.49	1.36	3.04	23.62		33.76
II ³	120.87	51.37	23.27	28.10	69.50							

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 Rates based on expected capital expenditures as reported by business tober and November 1975. Includes adjustments when necessary for tendencies in expectations data.

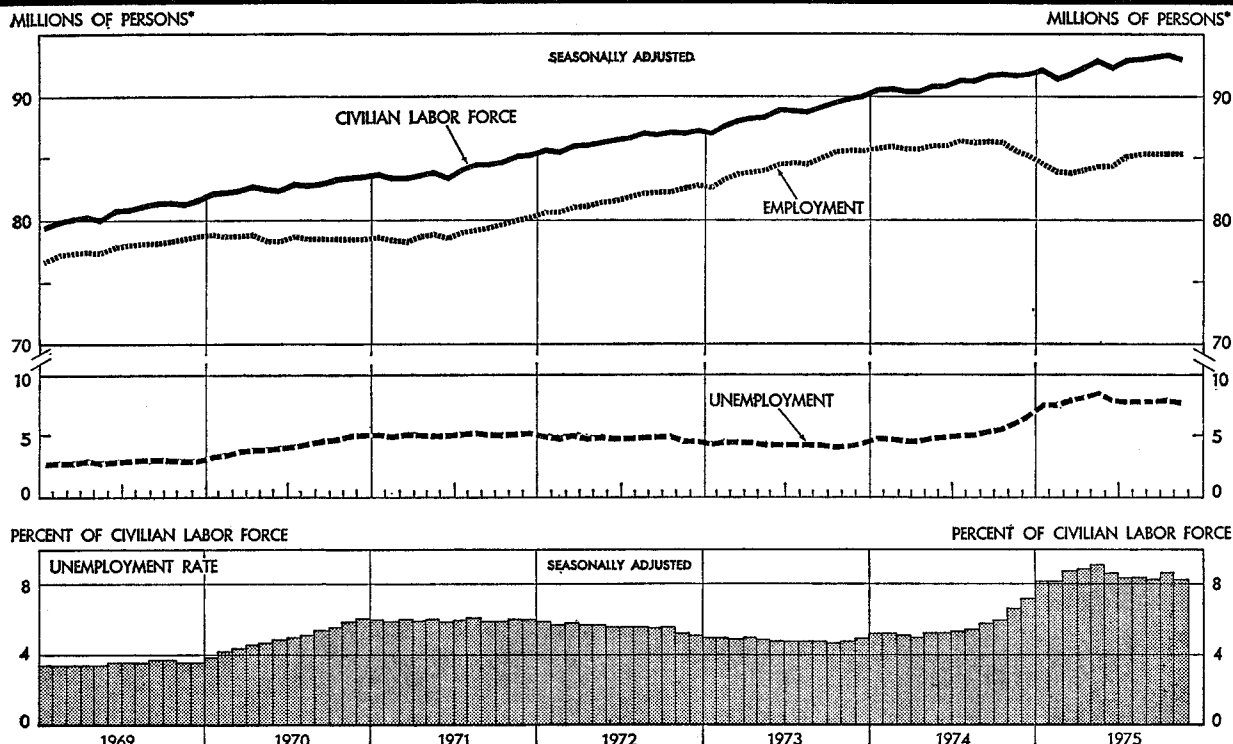
NOTE.—Annual total is the sum of unadjusted expenditures; it does not necessarily coincide with the average of seasonally adjusted figures.

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

Source: Department of Commerce, Bureau of Economic Analysis.

EMPLOYMENT, UNEMPLOYMENT, AND WAGES STATUS OF THE LABOR FORCE

Civilian employment (seasonally adjusted) declined by 163,000 in November largely as a result of a decline farm employment (130,000). The number of unemployed persons fell by 301,000, to 7.7 million.



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

COUNCIL OF ECONOMIC ADVISERS

Period	Total labor force (including Armed Forces)	Civilian employment		Unemployment	Total labor force (including Armed Forces)	Civilian labor force	Civilian employment			Unemployment	Unemployment rate (percent of civilian labor force)	Labor force participation rate ¹	
		Total	Non-agri-cultural				Total	Agri-cultural	Non-agri-cultural				
Thousands of persons 16 years of age and over													
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	
1973*	91,040	84,409	80,957	4,304	91,040	88,714	84,409	3,452	80,957	4,304	4.9	61.4	
1974	93,240	85,936	82,443	5,076	93,240	91,011	85,936	3,492	82,443	5,076	5.6	61.8	
Unadjusted											Unad-justed	Seasonally adjusted	
1974:													
Oct.	94,105	86,847	83,312	5,044	94,057	91,844	86,304	3,440	82,864	5,540	5.5	62.0	
Nov.	93,822	85,924	82,700	5,685	93,921	91,708	85,689	3,375	82,314	6,019	6.2	61.9	
Dec.	93,538	85,220	82,261	6,106	94,015	91,803	85,202	3,339	81,863	6,601	6.7	61.8	
1975:													
Jan.	93,342	82,969	80,082	8,180	94,284	92,091	84,562	3,383	81,179	7,529	9.0	61.9	
Feb.	93,111	82,604	79,714	8,309	93,709	91,511	84,027	3,326	80,701	7,484	9.1	61.5	
Mar.	93,593	83,036	80,048	8,359	94,027	91,829	83,849	3,265	80,584	7,980	9.1	61.6	
Apr.	93,564	83,549	80,377	7,820	94,457	92,262	84,086	3,238	80,848	8,176	8.6	61.8	
May.	93,949	84,146	80,524	7,623	95,121	92,940	84,402	3,512	80,890	8,538	8.3	62.1	
June.	96,191	85,444	81,575	8,569	94,518	92,340	84,444	3,304	81,140	7,896	9.1	61.7	
July.	97,046	86,650	82,560	8,209	95,102	92,916	85,078	3,450	81,628	7,838	8.7	61.9	
Aug.	96,493	86,612	82,726	7,696	95,331	93,146	85,352	3,468	81,884	7,794	8.2	62.0	
Sept.	94,965	85,274	81,647	7,522	95,361	93,191	85,418	3,546	81,872	7,773	8.1	61.9	
Oct.	95,431	86,023	82,499	7,244	95,607	93,443	85,441	3,422	82,019	8,002	7.8	62.0	
Nov.	94,943	85,556	82,400	7,231	95,134	92,979	85,278	3,292	81,986	7,701	7.8	61.6	

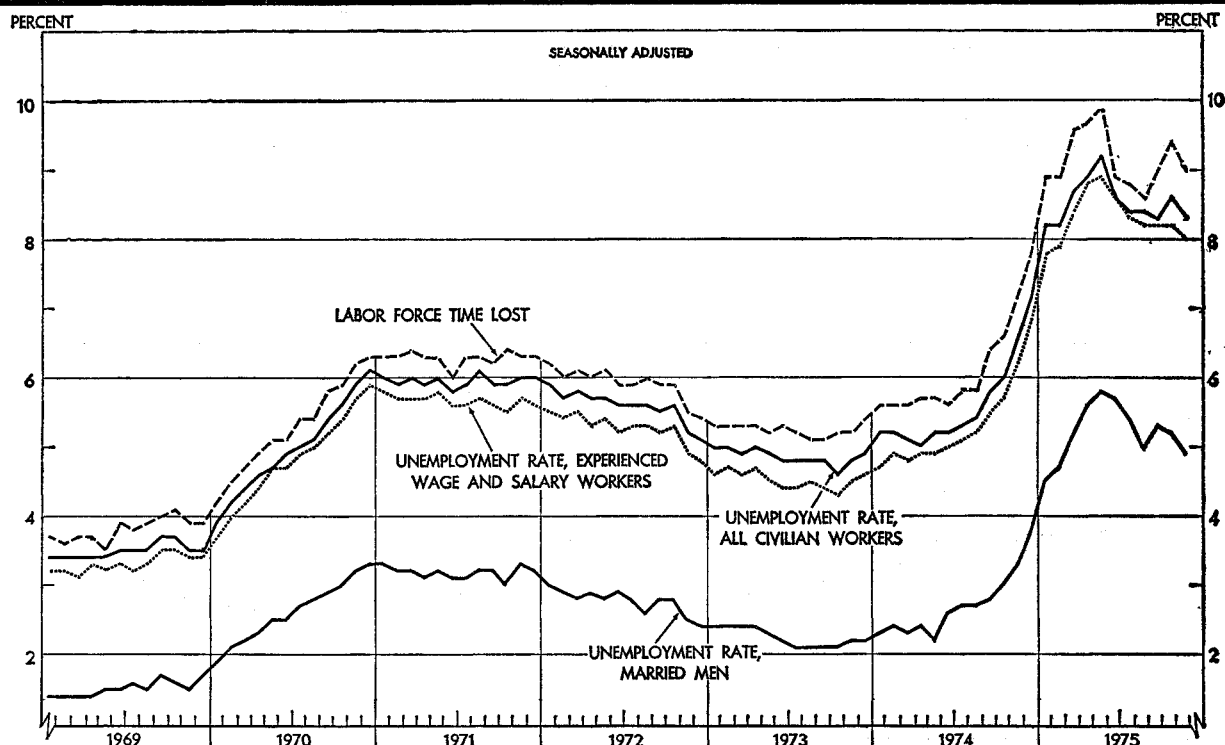
*Data beginning January 1972 not strictly comparable with prior data because of adjustment to 1970 Census data, which added 333,000 to the civilian labor force and 301,000 to civilian employment. A further adjustment in March 1973 added 60,000 to the labor force and to employment.

¹Total labor force as percent of noninstitutional population 16 years of age and over.

Source: Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics.

SELECTED MEASURES OF UNEMPLOYMENT AND PART-TIME EMPLOYMENT

After having risen by 0.3 percentage point in October, the unemployment rate declined by this amount in November return to 8.3 percent.



SOURCE: DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

COUNCIL OF ECONOMIC ADVISERS

Period	Unemployment rate (percent of civilian labor force in group)				Persons at work in nonagricultural industries by hours worked per week ²						
	All workers	Experi- enced wage and salary workers	Married men (wife present)	Labor force time lost ¹	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						
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	-----	-----
1973-----	4.9	4.5	2.3	5.2	21,284	37,426	17,473	1,074	1,237	-----	-----
1974-----	5.6	5.3	2.7	6.1	20,241	38,767	18,275	1,308	1,401	-----	-----
	Seasonally adjusted				Unadjusted						
1974: Oct-----	6.0	5.7	3.0	6.6	21,737	39,877	17,769	1,283	1,368	1,377	1,552
Nov-----	6.6	6.2	3.3	7.2	20,257	39,345	19,851	1,516	1,412	1,575	1,605
Dec-----	7.2	6.9	3.8	7.9	19,787	39,247	19,768	1,746	1,351	1,847	1,528
1975: Jan-----	8.2	7.8	4.5	8.9	18,583	39,379	18,758	2,123	1,474	2,037	1,800
Feb-----	8.2	7.9	4.7	8.9	17,802	37,821	20,653	2,086	1,516	2,047	1,700
Mar-----	8.7	8.4	5.2	9.6	18,481	39,131	19,009	1,906	1,777	1,887	2,029
Apr-----	8.9	8.8	5.6	9.7	18,461	40,313	18,486	1,825	1,655	1,883	2,001
May-----	9.2	8.9	5.8	9.9	19,051	39,748	18,195	1,619	1,792	1,764	2,113
June-----	8.6	8.6	5.7	8.9	18,438	39,485	17,710	1,681	2,371	1,530	1,824
July-----	8.4	8.3	5.4	8.8	17,443	36,828	16,237	1,443	2,610	1,486	1,693
Aug-----	8.4	8.2	5.0	8.6	18,119	38,072	15,749	1,535	2,360	1,369	1,737
Sept-----	8.3	8.2	5.3	9.0	20,213	39,900	17,155	1,344	1,692	1,532	1,901
Oct-----	8.6	8.2	5.2	9.4	20,018	37,419	21,244	1,341	1,674	1,439	1,900
Nov-----	8.3	8.0	4.9	9.0	20,108	38,230	20,926	⁵ 1,324	⁵ 1,709	1,375	1,942

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

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

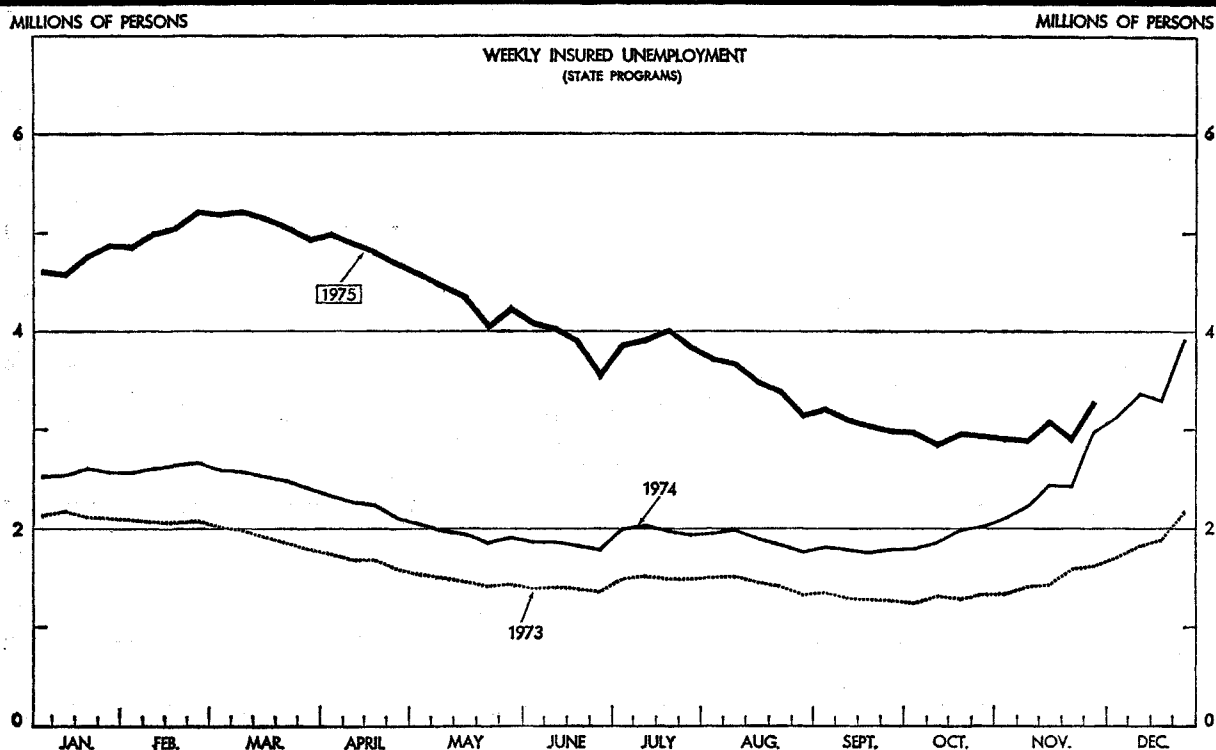
⁴ Primarily includes persons who could find only part-time work.

⁵ Average hours worked: usually full-time, 23.7; usually part-time, 19.2.

Source: Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics.

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE PROGRAMS

In November, seasonally adjusted insured unemployment under State programs averaged 3.4 million or 300,000 less than in October. The seasonally adjusted insured unemployment rate dropped from 5.6 percent in October to 5.1 percent in November.



SOURCE: DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

COUNCIL OF ECONOMIC ADVISERS

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	Unadjusted	Seasonally adjusted		Unadjusted	Seasonally adjusted	Total (millions of dollars)	Average weekly check (dollars)
Thousands	Weekly average, thousands						Percent					
1971	59,375	2,313	6,214.9	2,150		295		38	4.1		4,957.0	54.02
1972	66,900	2,185	5,510.5	1,848		261		35	3.5		4,471.0	56.76
1973	70,561	1,783	4,527.0	1,632		246		29	2.7		4,007.6	59.00
1974		2,578	6,933.9	2,262		363		37	3.5		5,974.9	64.25
1974: Oct.		2,246	530.3	1,947	2,478	348	338	34	3.0	3.8	442.0	65.20
Nov.		2,825	571.0	2,499	2,808	480	447	36	3.8	4.3	485.0	65.49
Dec.		3,910	848.3	3,550	3,291	703	552	42	5.4	5.0	745.9	67.22
1975: Jan.		5,213	1,256.6	4,752	3,652	795	565	50	7.2	5.5	1,128.2	67.83
Feb.		5,751	1,312.3	5,108	3,955	609	546	58	7.8	6.0	1,164.2	68.73
Mar.		5,886	1,490.4	5,091	4,216	510	545	66	7.7	6.4	1,290.6	69.07
Apr.		5,647	1,539.7	4,775	4,522	463	525	84	7.2	6.8	1,301.2	69.08
May		5,202	1,395.2	4,281	4,628	401	494	92	6.4	7.0	1,145.1	69.33
June		4,892	1,256.7	3,878	4,427	427	487	104	5.8	6.7	984.0	69.58
July		4,990	1,354.0	3,871	4,128	480	421	105	5.8	6.2	1,037.2	71.56
Aug.		4,590	1,195.4	3,436	3,898	375	443	97	5.1	5.8	879.7	71.01
Sept.		4,254	1,076.4	3,077	3,885	340	449	84	4.6	5.8	774.5	71.12
Oct.		4,042		2,924	3,738	367	439		4.4	5.6		
Nov.		4,123		3,044	3,427	402	386		4.6	5.1		
Week ended:												
1975: Nov 8		3,971		2,902	3,430	414	427		4.3	5.2		
15		4,196		3,090	3,629	372	365		4.6	5.5		
22		3,918		2,897	3,195	419	401		4.3	4.8		
29		4,393		3,288	3,468	403	356		4.9	5.2		
Dec 6		4,344		3,279	3,356	488	405		4.9	5.0		
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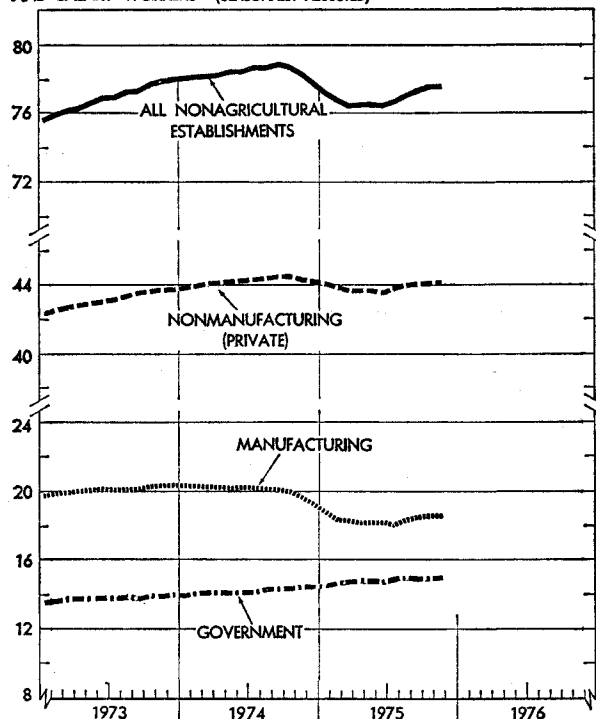
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Source: Department of Labor, Employment and Training Administration

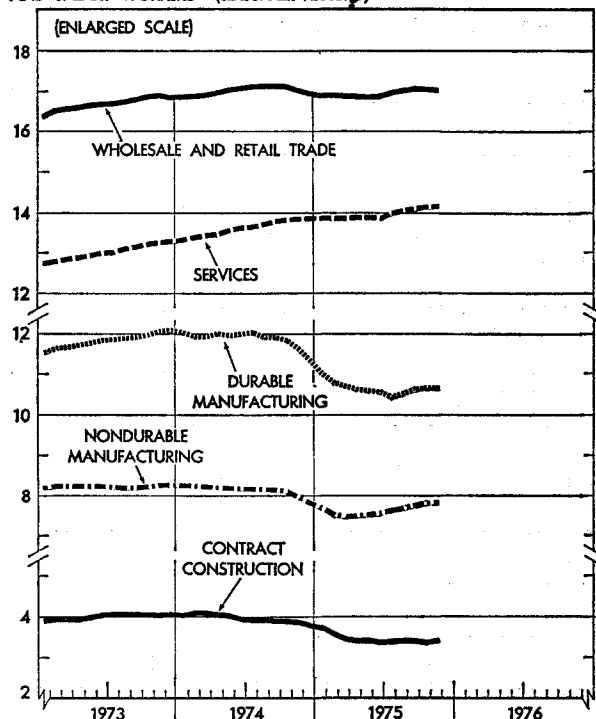
NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT

nonfarm payroll employment (seasonally adjusted) was virtually unchanged in November, after having increased by over 1 million jobs from June to October. Small changes were observed in all of the subsectors.

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
1970-----	70,920	19,349	11,195	8,154	39,010	623	3,536	4,504	15,040	3,687	11,621	2,731	9,830
1971-----	71,222	18,572	10,597	7,975	39,762	609	3,639	4,457	15,352	3,802	11,903	2,696	10,192
1972-----	73,714	19,090	11,006	8,084	41,284	625	3,831	4,517	15,975	3,943	12,392	2,684	10,656
1973-----	76,896	20,068	11,839	8,229	43,090	644	4,015	4,644	16,674	4,091	13,021	2,663	11,075
1974-----	78,413	20,046	11,895	8,151	44,190	694	3,957	4,696	17,017	4,208	13,617	2,724	11,453
1974: Oct..	78,790	19,972	11,870	8,102	44,465	728	3,872	4,686	17,154	4,228	13,797	2,745	11,608
Nov..	78,374	19,638	11,656	7,982	44,337	722	3,826	4,683	17,058	4,226	13,822	2,742	11,657
Dec..	77,723	19,190	11,357	7,833	44,112	686	3,770	4,659	16,935	4,229	13,833	2,738	11,683
1975: Jan..	77,319	18,798	11,099	7,699	44,054	723	3,749	4,603	16,903	4,219	13,857	2,734	11,733
Feb..	76,804	18,375	10,813	7,562	43,835	724	3,592	4,565	16,879	4,210	13,865	2,733	11,861
Mar..	76,468	18,226	10,728	7,498	43,624	729	3,467	4,506	16,851	4,207	13,864	2,733	11,885
Apr..	76,462	18,155	10,637	7,518	43,615	732	3,441	4,508	16,847	4,209	13,878	2,731	11,961
May..	76,510	18,162	10,595	7,567	43,622	738	3,439	4,491	16,857	4,208	13,889	2,732	11,994
June..	76,343	18,100	10,527	7,573	43,552	741	3,392	4,469	16,877	4,202	13,871	2,738	11,953
July..	76,679	18,084	10,465	7,619	43,779	743	3,395	4,464	16,984	4,203	13,990	2,745	12,071
Aug..	77,023	18,254	10,563	7,691	43,914	749	3,415	4,466	17,016	4,218	14,050	2,756	12,099
Sept..	77,310	18,417	10,650	7,767	44,048	752	3,432	4,467	17,045	4,239	14,113	2,765	12,080
Oct..	77,508	18,495	10,665	7,830	44,087	774	3,404	4,473	17,037	4,248	14,151	2,767	12,159
Nov..	77,549	18,497	10,672	7,825	44,112	763	3,409	4,478	17,025	4,254	14,183	2,769	12,171

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. It includes the 12th of the month. Excludes proprietors, self-employed persons, domestic servants, and personnel of the Armed Forces. Total derived from this table not comparable with estimates of nonagricultural employment of the civilian labor force, shown on p. 10, which include proprietors, self-employed

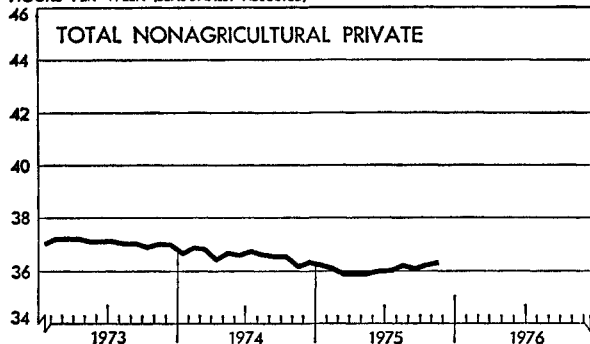
persons, and domestic servants; which count persons as employed when they are not at work because of industrial disputes; and which are based on a sample of the working-age population, whereas the estimates in this table are based on reports from employing establishments.

Source: Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics.

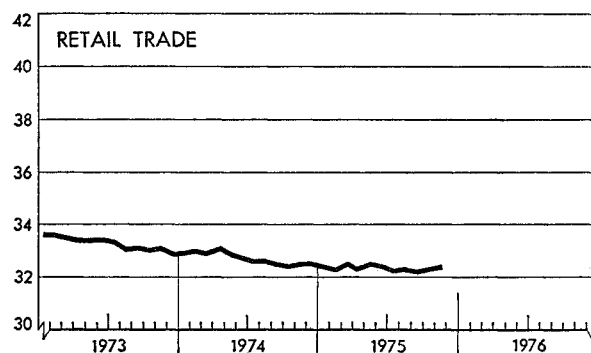
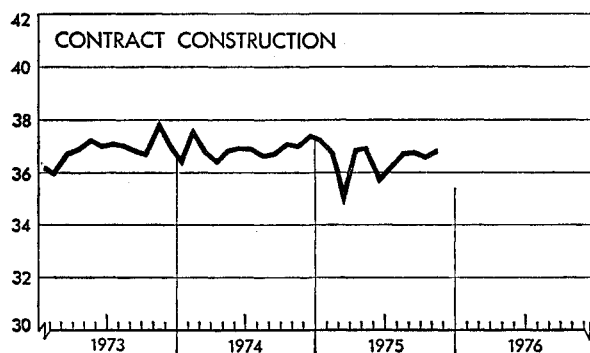
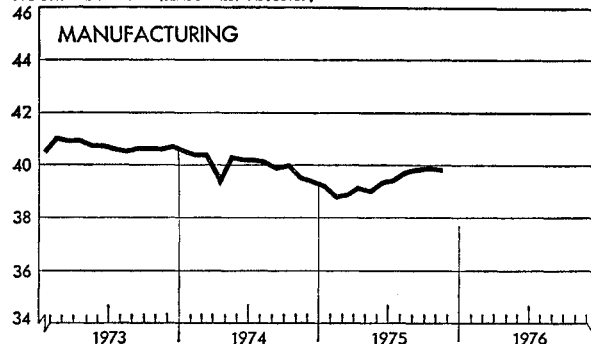
WEEKLY HOURS OF WORK -SELECTED INDUSTRIES

The length of the workweek (seasonally adjusted) of private nonfarm payroll workers increased by 0.1 hour to 36 hours in November, the highest level since December 1974. There has been a gradual increase in the length of workweek since the second quarter of the year.

HOURS PER WEEK (SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)



HOURS PER WEEK (SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)



SOURCE: DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

COUNCIL OF ECONOMIC ADVISERS

[Average hours per week¹]

Period	Total nonagricultural private ²	Manufacturing	Contract construction	Retail trade ³	Total nonagricultural private ²	Manufacturing	Contract construction	Retail trade ³
	Unadjusted				Seasonally adjusted			
1966.....	38.6	41.3	37.6	35.9				
1967.....	38.0	40.6	37.7	35.3				
1968.....	37.8	40.7	37.3	34.7				
1969.....	37.7	40.6	37.9	34.2				
1970.....	37.1	39.8	37.3	33.8				
1971.....	37.0	39.9	37.2	33.7				
1972.....	37.1	40.6	36.9	33.7				
1973.....	37.1	40.7	37.0	33.3				
1974.....	36.6	40.0	36.9	32.7				
1974: Oct.....	36.5	40.1	38.0	32.2	36.5	40.0	37.1	32.4
Nov.....	36.1	39.7	36.5	32.1	36.2	39.5	37.0	32.5
Dec.....	36.4	39.9	36.8	32.8	36.3	39.4	37.4	32.5
1975: Jan.....	35.7	38.7	35.5	31.8	36.2	39.2	37.2	32.4
Feb.....	35.7	38.5	35.4	31.8	36.1	38.8	36.8	32.3
Mar.....	35.6	38.7	34.7	32.0	35.9	38.9	34.9	32.5
Apr.....	35.7	38.9	36.4	31.9	35.9	39.1	36.8	32.3
May.....	35.8	39.0	36.9	32.1	35.9	39.0	36.9	32.5
June.....	36.3	39.5	36.5	32.8	36.0	39.3	35.7	32.4
July.....	36.4	39.2	37.3	33.3	36.0	39.4	36.2	32.2
Aug.....	36.6	39.7	37.8	33.4	36.2	39.7	36.7	32.3
Sept.....	36.3	40.2	37.6	32.3	36.1	39.8	36.7	32.2
Oct ^p	36.2	40.0	37.5	32.1	36.2	39.9	36.6	32.3
Nov ^p	36.2	40.0	36.3	32.0	36.3	39.8	36.8	32.4

¹ Data relate to production workers or nonsupervisory employees.

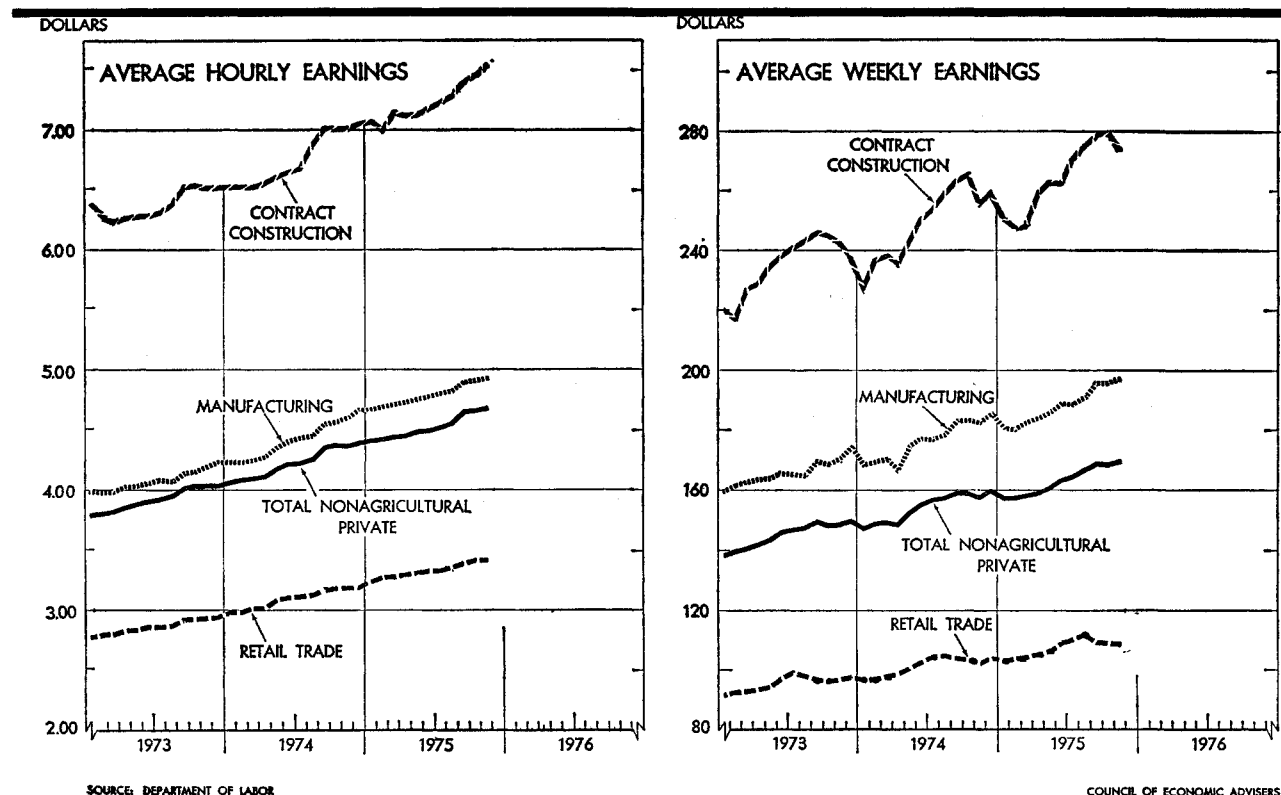
² Also includes other private industry groups shown on p. 13.

³ Includes eating and drinking places.

Source: Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics.

AVERAGE HOURLY AND WEEKLY EARNINGS - SELECTED INDUSTRIES

Average hourly earnings of private nonfarm payroll workers increased by 3 cents (8.0 percent annual rate) to \$4.68 1 November, and were 32 cents (7.3 percent) above a year earlier. The adjusted average hourly earnings index for manufacturing increased at an annual rate of 7.0 percent this November, and was up 8.9 percent over the previous November.



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
1966-----	\$2.56	\$2.72	\$3.89	\$1.91	\$98.82	\$112.34	\$146.26	\$68.57	95.6	\$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	164.49	74.95	106.1	117.57
1969-----	3.04	3.19	4.79	2.30	114.61	129.51	181.54	78.66	112.4	117.95
1970-----	3.22	3.36	5.24	2.44	119.46	133.73	195.45	82.47	119.4	114.99
1971-----	3.44	3.57	5.69	2.57	127.28	142.44	211.67	86.61	127.3	117.43
1972-----	3.67	3.81	6.03	2.70	136.16	154.69	222.51	90.99	135.1	123.46
1973-----	3.92	4.08	6.37	2.87	145.43	166.06	235.69	95.57	143.6	124.76
1974-----	4.22	4.41	6.75	3.09	154.45	176.40	249.08	101.04	156.0	119.43
1974: Oct-----	4.37	4.57	6.99	3.18	159.51	183.26	265.62	102.40	161.0	119.78
Nov-----	4.36	4.59	7.00	3.18	157.40	182.22	255.50	102.08	162.3	118.09
Dec-----	4.38	4.66	7.05	3.18	159.43	185.93	259.44	104.30	164.3	119.65
1975: Jan-----	4.40	4.67	7.07	3.24	157.08	180.73	250.99	103.03	165.5	115.78
Feb-----	4.42	4.68	6.99	3.27	157.79	180.18	247.45	103.99	166.5	114.62
Mar-----	4.44	4.72	7.14	3.27	158.06	182.66	247.76	104.64	167.9	115.75
Apr-----	4.46	4.73	7.12	3.29	159.22	184.00	259.17	104.95	168.7	116.02
May-----	4.48	4.75	7.12	3.31	160.38	185.25	262.73	106.25	169.7	116.29
June-----	4.51	4.78	7.18	3.33	163.71	188.81	262.07	109.22	170.7	117.57
July-----	4.53	4.81	7.24	3.33	164.89	188.55	270.05	110.89	171.7	116.17
Aug-----	4.56	4.82	7.27	3.35	166.90	191.35	274.81	111.89	172.8	117.54
Sept-----	4.64	4.89	7.42	3.39	168.43	196.58	278.99	109.50	174.5	120.16
Oct-----	4.65	4.90	7.44	3.41	168.33	196.00	279.00	109.46	175.7	119.08
Nov-----	4.68	4.93	7.54	3.41	169.42	197.20	273.70	109.12	176.7	119.08

Also includes other private industry groups shown on p. 13.
Includes eating and drinking places.

³Adjusted to exclude the effects of overtime and interindustry shifts.

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

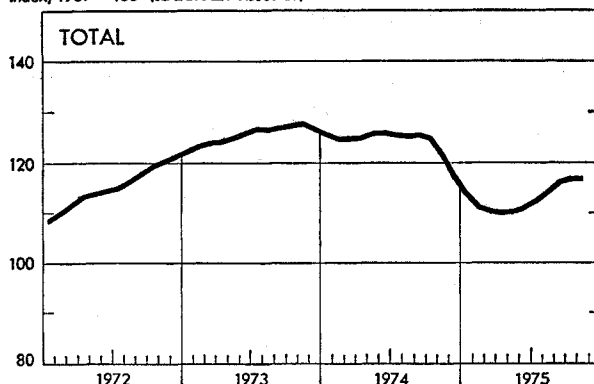
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PRODUCTION AND BUSINESS ACTIVITY

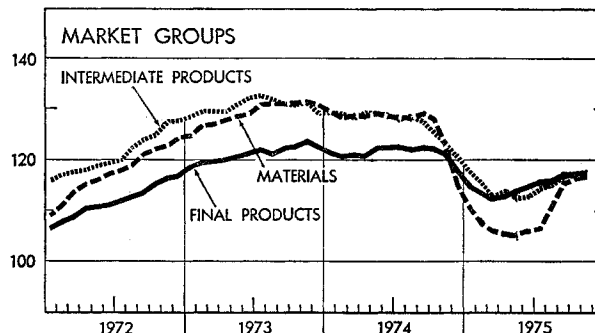
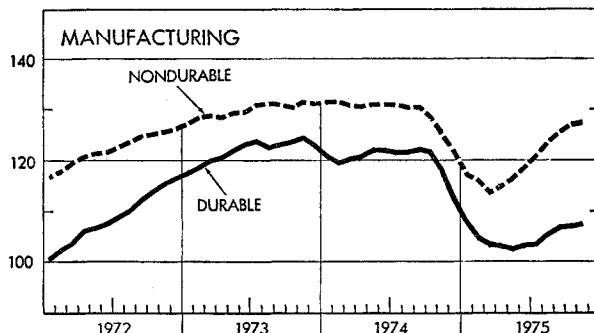
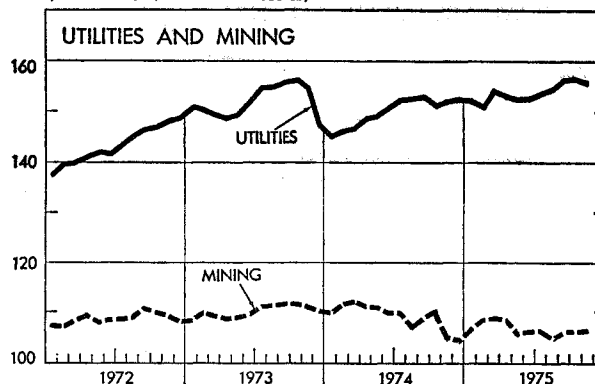
INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION

In November, industrial production increased 0.2 percent, about half of the October rise. Increases were fairly widespread in November but generally the smallest since the April low. Since April, production has risen 6.3 percent.

Index, 1967 = 100 (SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)



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SOURCE: BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF THE FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

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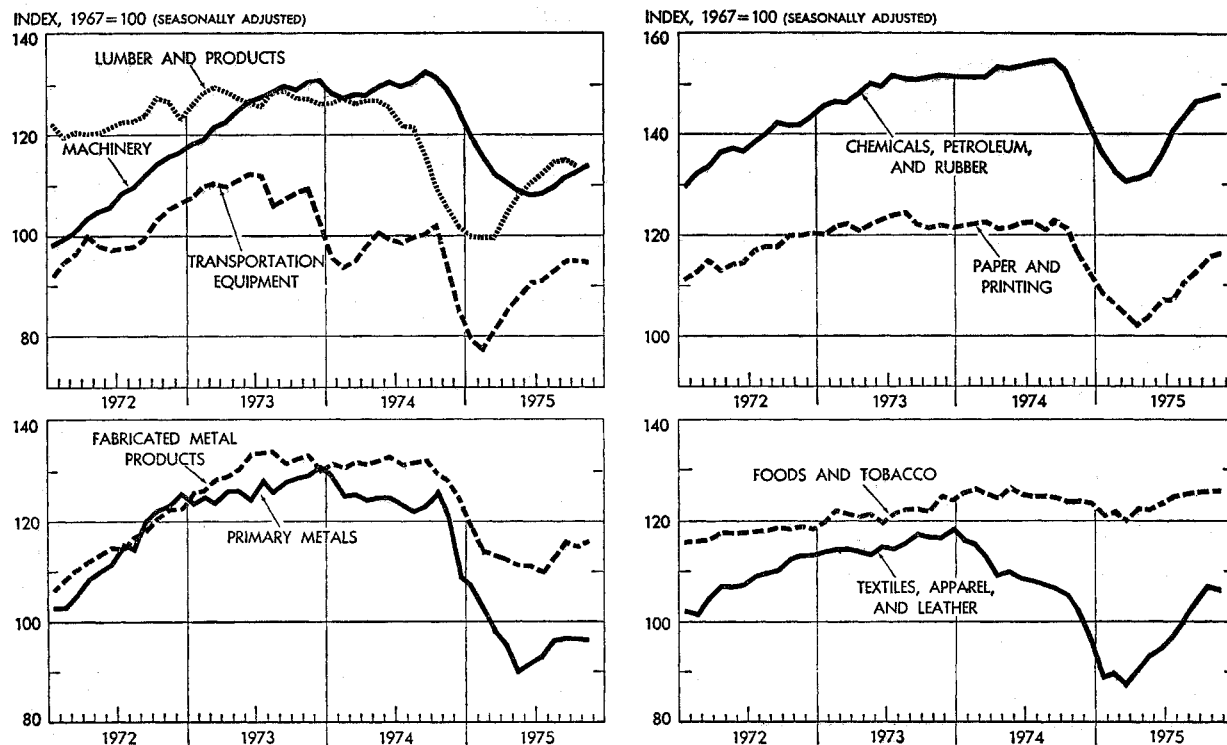
[1967 = 100, seasonally adjusted]

Period	Total industrial production	Industry					Market				
		Manufacturing			Mining	Utilities	Final products			Intermediate products	Materials
		Total	Durable	Non-durable			Total	Consumer goods	Equipment		
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.....	115.2	114.0	108.4	122.1	108.8	143.4	111.9	123.6	95.5	121.1	117.4
1973.....	125.6	125.1	122.0	129.7	110.3	152.6	121.3	131.7	106.7	131.0	129.3
1974.....	124.8	124.4	120.7	129.7	109.3	149.9	121.7	128.8	111.7	128.3	127.4
1974: Oct.....	124.8	124.6	121.6	128.9	110.5	151.2	122.3	128.2	114.0	125.3	128.1
Nov.....	121.7	120.9	117.9	125.4	105.0	152.3	120.9	126.3	113.2	123.0	122.1
Dec.....	117.4	116.1	112.2	121.9	104.4	152.6	118.2	123.4	110.7	120.5	114.8
1975: Jan.....	113.7	111.8	108.2	117.2	107.0	152.1	114.9	120.1	107.8	117.6	110.5
Feb.....	111.2	109.3	104.8	115.6	108.6	150.9	113.4	118.9	105.3	115.1	107.4
Mar.....	110.1	107.7	103.5	113.7	108.9	154.1	112.2	118.2	103.9	112.7	105.9
Apr.....	109.9	107.9	103.3	114.8	108.5	153.1	112.6	119.7	103.0	113.4	105.2
May.....	110.1	108.2	102.5	116.2	105.9	152.3	113.7	121.2	102.9	112.4	104.9
June.....	111.1	109.5	103.2	118.6	106.3	152.6	114.5	123.3	102.2	112.8	106.0
July.....	112.2	110.6	103.4	120.8	106.4	153.9	115.7	125.5	102.2	114.3	106.8
Aug.....	114.2	112.8	105.4	123.4	105.0	154.6	115.9	125.7	102.3	115.4	111.5
Sept.....	116.1	114.6	106.9	125.6	106.2	156.2	116.7	126.5	103.1	116.7	115.4
Oct.....	116.6	115.2	107.1	126.9	106.2	156.6	116.9	127.2	102.7	117.0	116.2
Nov.....	116.8	115.5	107.5	127.3	106.3	155.9	117.1	127.4	102.6	117.3	116.4

Source: Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

PRODUCTION OF SELECTED MANUFACTURES

Among durable manufactures, November output of primary metals and transportation equipment was about the same as in October while production of fabricated metals and machinery was somewhat higher. Most nondurables posted small increases.



SOURCE: BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF THE FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

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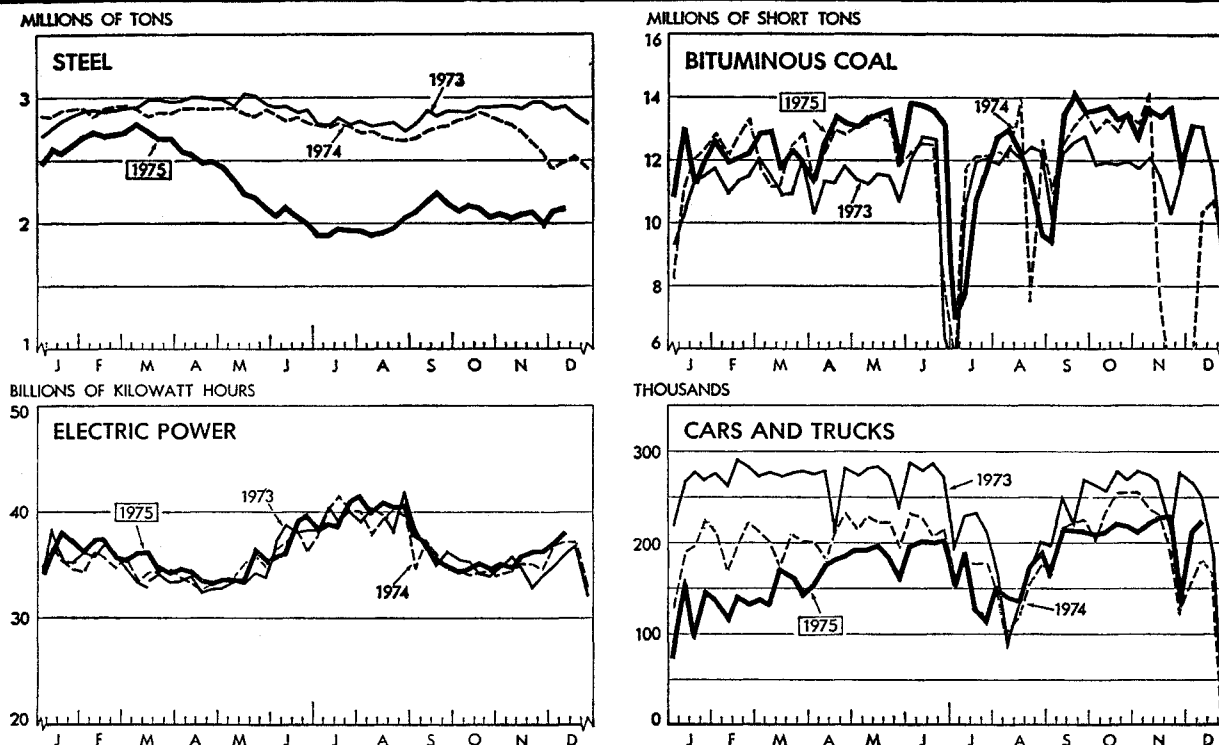
[1967=100, seasonally adjusted]

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
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	104.2	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-----	113.1	114.8	107.5	99.0	122.4	108.1	116.1	137.8	117.6
1973-----	127.0	130.5	125.8	109.1	127.9	115.0	122.2	149.3	121.9
1974-----	124.1	131.4	128.1	96.9	120.1	108.9	121.0	151.7	124.8
1974: Oct-----	126.0	129.6	131.1	102.1	109.3	105.1	120.8	152.4	123.7
Nov-----	121.0	128.2	128.9	93.7	105.2	101.9	115.7	146.5	123.8
Dec-----	108.6	124.1	124.8	83.6	101.3	96.3	112.3	141.6	123.5
1975: Jan-----	107.2	118.2	119.6	78.9	99.9	88.9	108.2	136.5	121.1
Feb-----	102.1	113.7	115.6	77.1	99.6	89.6	106.6	132.4	121.3
Mar-----	98.1	112.9	112.2	81.0	99.8	87.5	104.2	130.2	120.0
Apr-----	95.0	112.4	110.8	84.7	104.1	90.4	102.4	131.0	122.5
May-----	89.9	110.9	109.0	87.6	108.0	93.2	103.9	132.4	122.4
June-----	91.8	110.9	108.2	90.5	110.3	94.9	107.3	136.2	123.5
July-----	92.8	109.7	108.4	91.0	112.0	97.4	107.4	140.1	124.8
Aug-----	96.5	112.7	110.0	92.9	114.5	100.2	110.8	143.6	125.2
Sept-----	96.7	116.1	111.3	94.9	114.9	104.0	112.8	146.5	125.6
Oct-----	96.6	115.3	112.6	94.8	113.6	106.7	115.5	147.1	126.0
Nov-----	96.5	115.9	113.8	94.7	-----	106.2	116.2	147.6	126.1

Source: Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

WEEKLY INDICATORS OF PRODUCTION

Most of the weekly indicators of production (not seasonally adjusted) declined in November.



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

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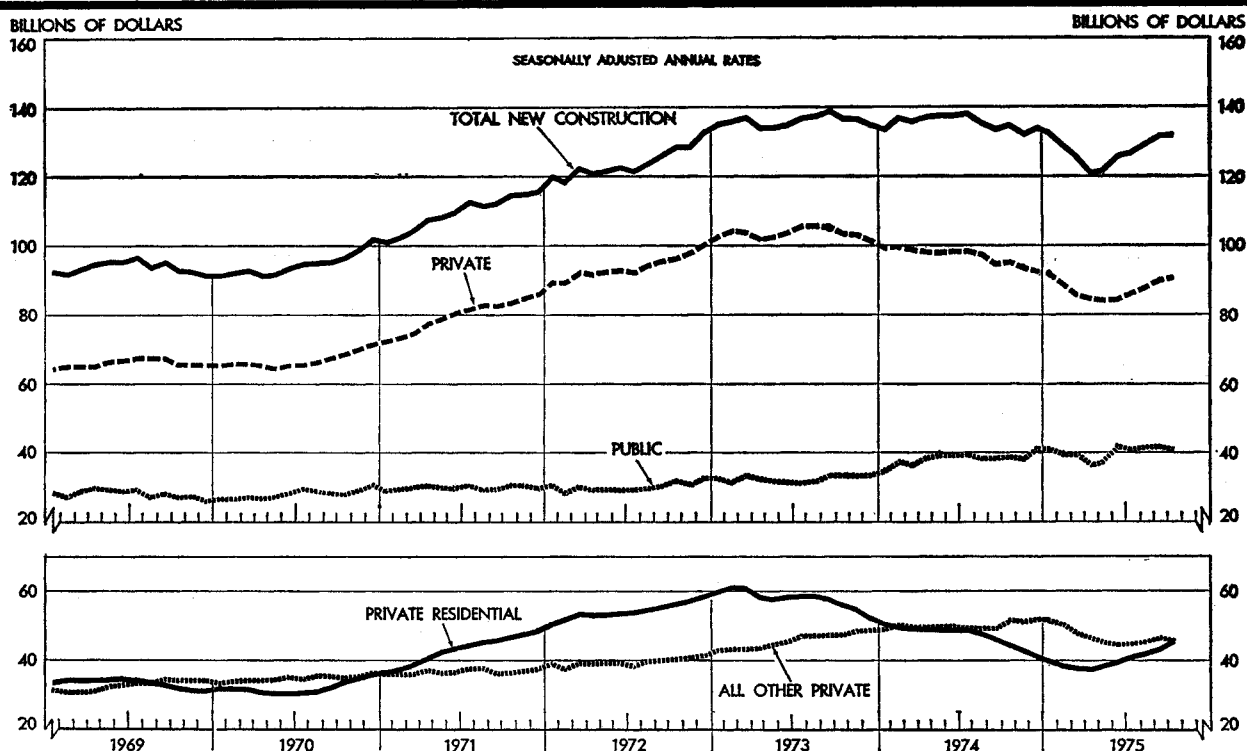
Period	Steel produced		Electric power distributed (millions of kilowatt-hours)	Bituminous coal mined (thousands of short tons) ¹	Freight loaded (thousands of cars)	Paperboard produced (thousands of tons)	Cars and trucks assembled (thousands)		
	Thousands of net tons	Index (1967= 100)					Total	Cars	Trucks
Weekly average:									
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, 549	104. 5	33, 540	11, 450	502	548	217. 3	169. 6	47. 6
1973.....	2, 892	118. 5	35, 834	11, 380	526	569	243. 5	185. 8	57. 7
1974.....	2, 795	114. 6	35, 839	11, 558	508	556	192. 0	140. 2	51. 8
1974: Sept.....	2, 768	113. 5	35, 692	12, 511	508	531	208. 6	159. 1	49. 5
Oct.....	2, 848	116. 7	34, 233	13, 179	540	562	239. 7	181. 7	58. 0
Nov.....	2, 707	111. 0	34, 839	7, 599	460	525	196. 5	142. 4	54. 1
Dec.....	2, 480	101. 6	36, 039	9, 995	413	395	126. 1	88. 8	37. 3
1975: Jan.....	2, 615	107. 2	36, 360	11, 929	433	356	122. 7	88. 2	34. 5
Feb.....	2, 715	111. 3	36, 423	12, 261	442	471	131. 8	92. 5	39. 3
Mar.....	2, 704	110. 8	35, 260	12, 198	435	427	151. 9	115. 7	36. 2
Apr.....	2, 487	101. 9	33, 912	12, 684	445	439	177. 2	134. 5	42. 7
May.....	2, 227	91. 3	34, 714	13, 088	448	474	182. 7	138. 5	44. 2
June.....	2, 038	83. 5	37, 711	13, 579	468	482	200. 6	150. 6	50. 0
July.....	1, 894	77. 6	39, 623	9, 990	416	419	146. 1	107. 6	38. 5
Aug.....	1, 952	80. 0	40, 498	11, 558	453	512	159. 7	119. 1	40. 7
Sept.....	2, 172	89. 0	36, 328	12, 624	461	482	201. 2	150. 5	50. 7
Oct.....	2, 080	85. 3	34, 668	13, 365	491	560	213. 4	163. 3	50. 1
Nov.....	2, 038	83. 5	35, 701	13, 088	458	544	202. 4	152. 6	49. 7
Week ended:									
1975: Nov 1.....	2, 071	84. 9	35, 011	12, 685	479	571	210. 4	160. 3	50. 2
8.....	2, 038	83. 5	34, 449	13, 775	487	550	220. 5	164. 7	55. 9
15.....	2, 067	84. 7	35, 903	13, 305	477	560	227. 7	172. 1	55. 6
22.....	2, 088	85. 6	36, 231	13, 705	477	534	229. 4	175. 6	53. 8
29.....	1, 985	81. 4	36, 222	11, 565	393	530	131. 8	98. 2	33. 6
Dec 6.....	2, 086	85. 5	37, 130	13, 125	453	530	211. 8	160. 4	51. 4
13.....	2, 105	86. 3	38, 240	-----	464	-----	223. 2	168. 1	55. 1

¹ Includes data for Alaska.

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

NEW CONSTRUCTION

According to preliminary estimates, expenditures for new construction in October were about the same as in September. An increase in private outlays was almost offset by a decline in public expenditures.



SOURCE: DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

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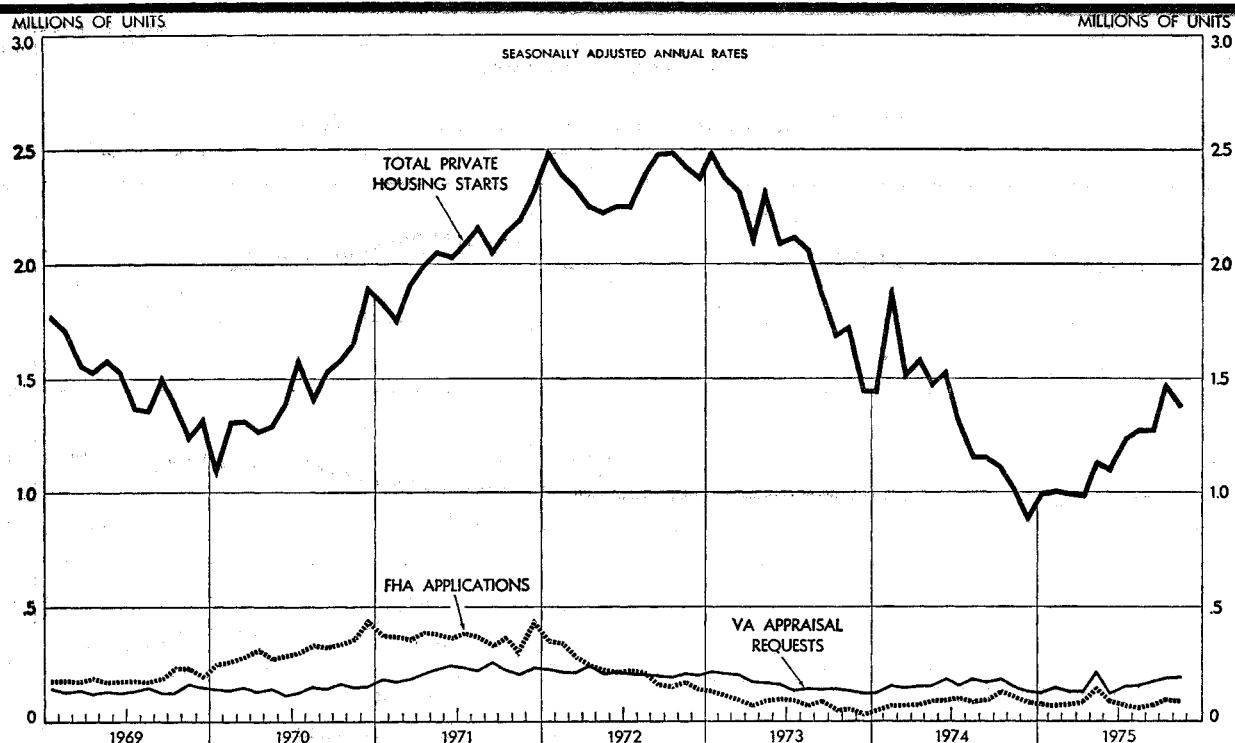
Period	Total new construction expenditures	Private						Federal, State, and local	Construction contracts ¹	
		Total	Residential		Commercial and industrial	Other	Total value index, (1967=100)		Commercial and industrial floor space (millions of square feet)	
			Total ¹	New housing units						
Billions of dollars										
1969.....	93.9	66.0	33.2	25.9	16.2	16.6	28.0	123.7	883	
1970.....	94.9	66.8	31.9	24.3	16.3	18.6	28.1	123.1	743	
1971.....	110.0	80.1	43.3	35.1	17.0	19.8	29.9	145.4	727	
1972.....	124.1	93.9	54.3	44.9	18.1	21.5	30.2	165.3	854	
1973.....	136.0	103.4	57.6	47.9	21.7	24.1	32.5	179.9	1,021	
1974.....	135.5	97.1	47.0	37.3	23.8	26.2	38.4	168.6	860	
Seasonally adjusted annual rates								Seasonally adjusted	Seasonally adjusted annual rates	
1974: Aug.....	135.6	97.1	47.7	37.4	23.4	26.0	38.5	172	986	
Sept.....	133.3	94.9	45.9	35.6	23.4	25.6	38.4	187	884	
Oct.....	134.5	95.6	44.2	33.9	25.1	26.3	38.9	184	750	
Nov.....	131.9	93.8	42.5	32.1	24.8	26.5	38.2	154	681	
Dec.....	134.0	92.5	41.1	30.5	24.8	26.6	41.5	176	651	
1975: Jan.....	132.3	91.2	39.6	28.8	24.1	27.6	41.1	135	653	
Feb.....	128.9	89.0	38.5	27.4	23.7	26.8	39.8	140	558	
Mar.....	125.5	85.7	38.0	26.9	20.9	26.8	39.8	155	476	
Apr.....	120.9	84.6	37.9	26.8	20.3	26.4	36.3	189	683	
May.....	121.5	84.0	38.8	27.6	20.3	24.9	37.4	191	537	
June.....	125.9	84.0	39.8	28.9	19.4	24.8	41.9	174	606	
July.....	126.7	86.0	41.0	30.6	19.7	25.4	40.6	165	631	
Aug.....	129.3	87.8	42.1	32.1	20.2	25.5	41.5	208	519	
Sept.....	131.6	90.0	43.4	33.2	20.3	26.3	41.6	157	601	
Oct ²	131.8	90.8	45.3	34.9	19.3	26.2	41.0	166	649	

¹ Includes nonhousekeeping residential construction and additions to alterations, not shown separately.
F. W. Dodge series. Relates to 50 States beginning 1969 for value index and beginning 1971 for floor space.

Sources: Department of Commerce (Bureau of the Census) and McGraw Hill Information Systems Company, F. W. Dodge Division.

NEW HOUSING STARTS AND APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCING

Private housing starts declined 5½ percent in November to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 1,375,000 units. October, starts had increased sharply. November permits for future housing rose 3½ percent.



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			
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	2,378.5	2,356.6	2,356.6	1,309.2	1,047.5	198.4	104.0	2,218.9	225.2	209.4
1973	2,057.5	2,045.3	2,045.3	1,132.0	913.3	73.6	86.1	1,819.5	83.2	161.9
1974	1,352.5	1,337.7	1,337.7	888.1	449.7	56.8	72.8	1,074.4	87.1	160.1
Seasonally adjusted annual rates										
1974: Oct	97.2	96.7	1,106	792	314	73	81	811	133	185
Nov	75.6	75.1	1,017	802	215	69	74	770	111	157
Dec	55.4	55.1	880	682	198	69	78	837	79	132
1975: Jan	56.9	56.1	999	739	260	71	68	689	72	126
Feb	56.2	54.7	1,000	733	267	62	64	701	64	144
Mar	81.1	80.2	985	775	210	57	63	677	72	128
Apr	98.4	97.9	980	762	218	62	73	837	86	131
May	117.0	116.1	1,130	887	243	64	81	912	142	216
June	110.9	110.3	1,094	884	210	72	88	949	84	120
July	120.1	119.3	1,235	935	300	70	73	1,042	70	156
Aug	118.7	117.3	1,269	987	282	69	82	995	67	157
Sept	112.8	111.9	1,269	931	338	78	82	1,095	71	172
Oct ²	125.6	124.2	1,457	1,102	355	75	83	1,079	99	188
Nov ²	98.1	97.8	1,375	1,026	349	83	80	1,118	90	189

¹For 1- to 4-unit structures.

²Authorized by issuance of local building permit: in 14,000 permit-issuing places beginning 1972; 13,000 for 1967-71; 12,000 for 1963-66; and 10,000 prior to 1963.

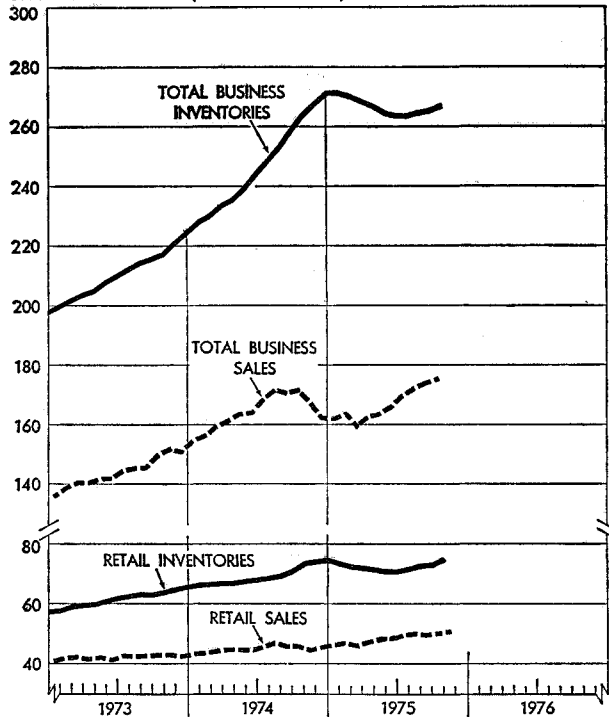
³Units represented by mortgage applications or appraisal requests for new home construction.

Sources: Department of Commerce (Bureau of the Census), Department of Housing and Urban Development, and Veterans Administration.

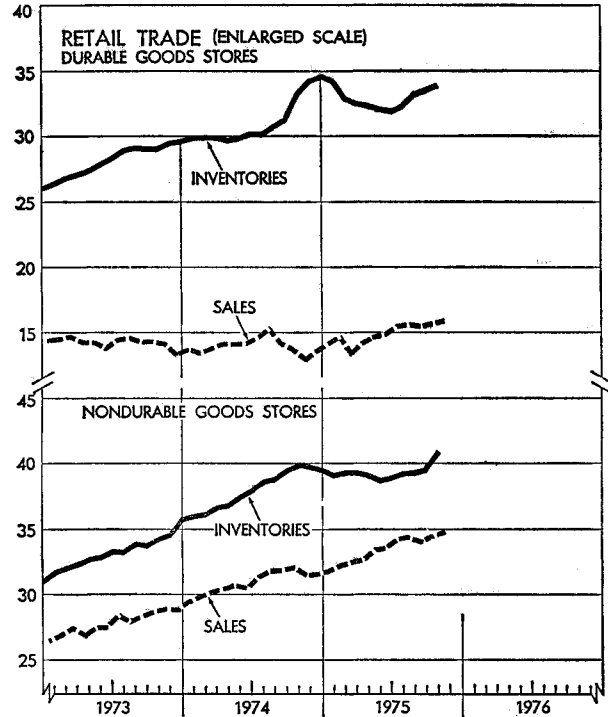
BUSINESS SALES AND INVENTORIES—TOTAL AND TRADE

Business inventories increased \$2.1 billion in October, the third consecutive monthly increase following 6 months of declines. Business sales rose 1.1 percent. Retail sales were up 1.3 percent. Preliminary estimates for November indicate a further rise of 1.0 percent in retail sales.

BILLIONS OF DOLLARS (SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)



BILLIONS OF DOLLARS (SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)



SOURCE: DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

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Period	Total business ¹		Wholesale		Retail					
	Sales ²	Inven- tories ³	Sales ²	Inven- tories ³	Sales ²			Inventories ³		
					Total	Durable goods stores	Non- durable goods stores	Total	Durable goods stores	Non- durable goods stores
Millions of dollars, seasonally adjusted										
1969-----	103, 134	167, 360	19, 756	24, 910	29, 824	9, 626	20, 197	45, 376	20, 647	24, 729
1970-----	104, 736	175, 561	20, 583	27, 290	31, 294	9, 524	21, 770	46, 626	20, 345	26, 281
1971-----	112, 315	184, 711	22, 327	29, 695	34, 071	10, 985	23, 086	52, 571	23, 864	28, 707
1972-----	124, 244	197, 692	24, 862	32, 817	37, 365	12, 472	24, 893	57, 156	26, 056	31, 100
1973-----	143, 742	224, 401	30, 400	38, 302	41, 943	14, 190	27, 754	65, 229	29, 593	35, 636
1974-----	163, 882	271, 050	37, 344	46, 564	44, 815	13, 943	30, 872	74, 082	34, 649	39, 433
1974: Sept-----	170, 355	258, 175	38, 748	44, 500	45, 858	14, 100	31, 758	70, 700	31, 273	39, 427
Oct-----	170, 997	263, 791	37, 751	45, 642	45, 844	13, 686	32, 158	73, 087	33, 190	39, 897
Nov-----	167, 918	267, 075	37, 714	45, 976	44, 529	13, 035	31, 494	73, 964	34, 251	39, 713
Dec-----	162, 347	271, 050	37, 501	46, 564	45, 109	13, 554	31, 555	74, 082	34, 649	39, 433
1975: Jan-----	161, 915	271, 148	36, 675	46, 197	46, 006	14, 126	31, 880	73, 327	34, 267	39, 060
Feb-----	163, 248	270, 252	37, 120	45, 951	46, 914	14, 664	32, 250	72, 308	32, 956	39, 352
Mar-----	159, 050	268, 449	35, 590	45, 527	45, 951	13, 378	32, 573	71, 728	32, 460	39, 268
Apr-----	162, 374	266, 970	35, 228	45, 303	46, 813	14, 165	32, 648	71, 483	32, 375	39, 108
May-----	163, 038	264, 335	35, 442	44, 558	48, 173	14, 703	33, 470	70, 826	32, 086	38, 740
June-----	165, 504	263, 749	36, 186	44, 850	48, 578	14, 965	33, 613	70, 840	31, 909	38, 931
July-----	169, 124	263, 345	36, 567	44, 653	49, 655	15, 432	34, 223	71, 503	32, 270	39, 233
Aug-----	172, 349	264, 662	37, 166	45, 501	49, 925	15, 506	34, 419	72, 578	33, 324	39, 254
Sept-----	173, 441	265, 087	37, 604	45, 625	49, 549	15, 440	34, 109	73, 049	33, 471	39, 578
Oct ^a -----	175, 348	267, 168	37, 453	46, 016	50, 191	15, 758	34, 433	74, 642	33, 813	40, 829
Nov ^b -----					50, 705	15, 929	34, 776			

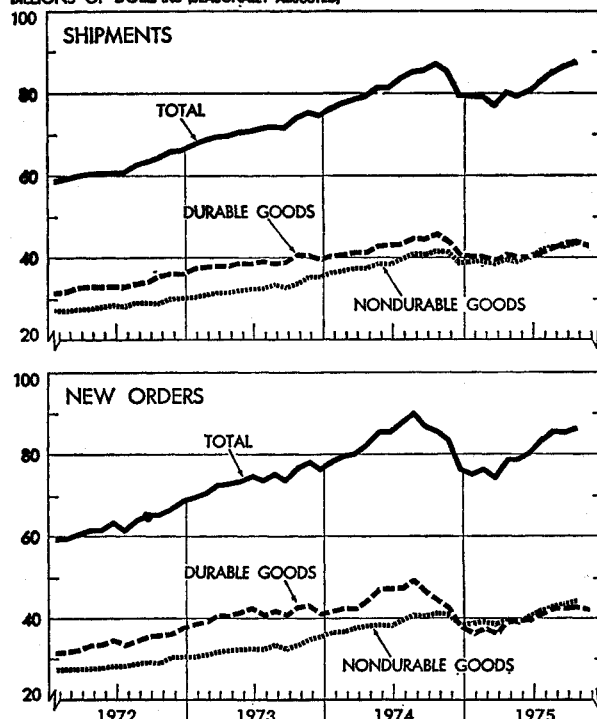
The term "business" also includes manufacturing (see page 22).
Monthly average for year and total for month.
Book value, end of period, seasonally adjusted.

Source: Department of Commerce (Bureau of Economic Analysis and Bureau of the Census).

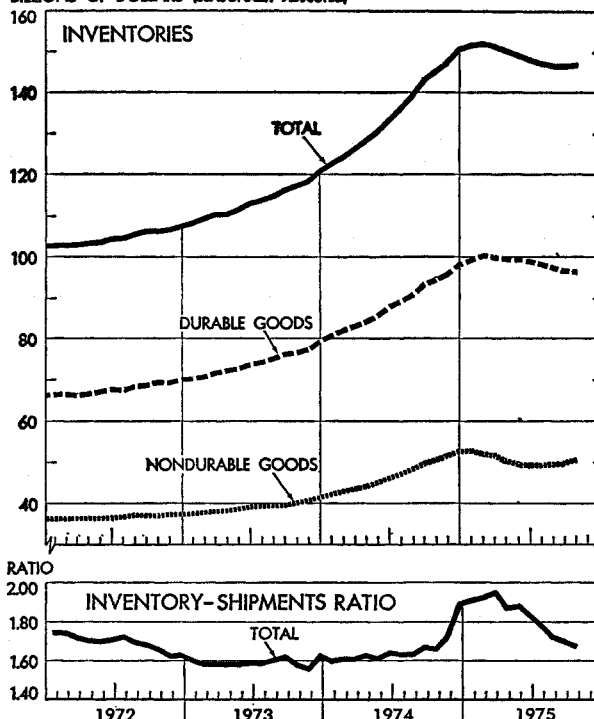
MANUFACTURERS' SHIPMENTS, INVENTORIES, AND NEW ORDERS

Manufacturers' shipments rose 1.6 percent in October, slightly more than in September. Inventories rose slightly after having declined for 7 straight months. New orders rose 1.1 percent.

BILLIONS OF DOLLARS (SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)



BILLIONS OF DOLLARS (SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)



SOURCE: DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

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Period	Manufacturers' shipments ¹			Manufacturers' inventories ²			Manufacturers' new orders ¹				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										
1969-----	53,555	29,459	24,096	97,074	63,371	33,703	53,646	29,549	7,694	24,097	1.76
1970-----	52,859	28,229	24,629	101,645	66,768	34,877	52,118	27,486	7,055	24,632	1.89
1971-----	55,917	29,948	25,969	102,445	66,050	36,395	55,726	29,745	7,324	25,981	1.82
1972-----	62,017	33,443	28,573	107,719	70,218	37,501	62,922	34,274	8,487	28,648	1.69
1973-----	71,398	38,724	32,674	120,870	79,441	41,429	73,836	41,098	10,310	32,738	1.58
1974-----	81,723	42,635	39,089	150,404	97,967	52,437	83,297	44,289	11,494	39,009	1.65
1974: Oct-----	87,402	45,857	41,545	145,062	94,680	50,382	85,678	44,393	11,383	41,285	1.66
Nov-----	85,675	44,275	41,400	147,135	95,787	51,348	83,805	42,705	10,623	41,100	1.72
Dec-----	79,737	40,799	38,938	150,404	97,967	52,437	76,704	38,092	10,459	38,612	1.89
1975: Jan-----	79,234	40,247	38,987	151,624	99,124	52,500	75,068	36,172	10,077	38,896	1.91
Feb-----	79,214	39,992	39,222	151,993	100,082	51,911	76,478	37,362	9,970	39,116	1.92
Mar-----	77,509	39,124	38,385	151,194	99,879	51,315	74,363	35,973	9,522	38,390	1.95
Apr-----	80,333	40,851	39,482	150,184	99,803	50,381	78,600	38,983	10,309	39,617	1.87
May-----	79,423	40,183	39,240	148,951	99,378	49,573	78,753	39,428	10,302	39,325	1.88
June-----	80,740	40,458	40,282	148,059	98,796	49,263	80,237	39,730	10,138	40,507	1.83
July-----	82,902	41,227	41,675	147,189	98,189	49,000	83,550	41,681	10,728	41,869	1.78
Aug-----	85,258	42,492	42,766	146,583	97,199	49,384	85,649	42,688	10,392	42,961	1.72
Sept-----	86,288	43,280	43,008	146,413	96,640	49,773	85,453	42,227	10,214	43,226	1.70
Oct-----	87,704	43,908	43,796	146,510	96,215	50,295	86,422	42,393	10,689	44,029	1.67
Nov-----		42,739						41,874	11,053		

¹ Monthly average for year and total for month.

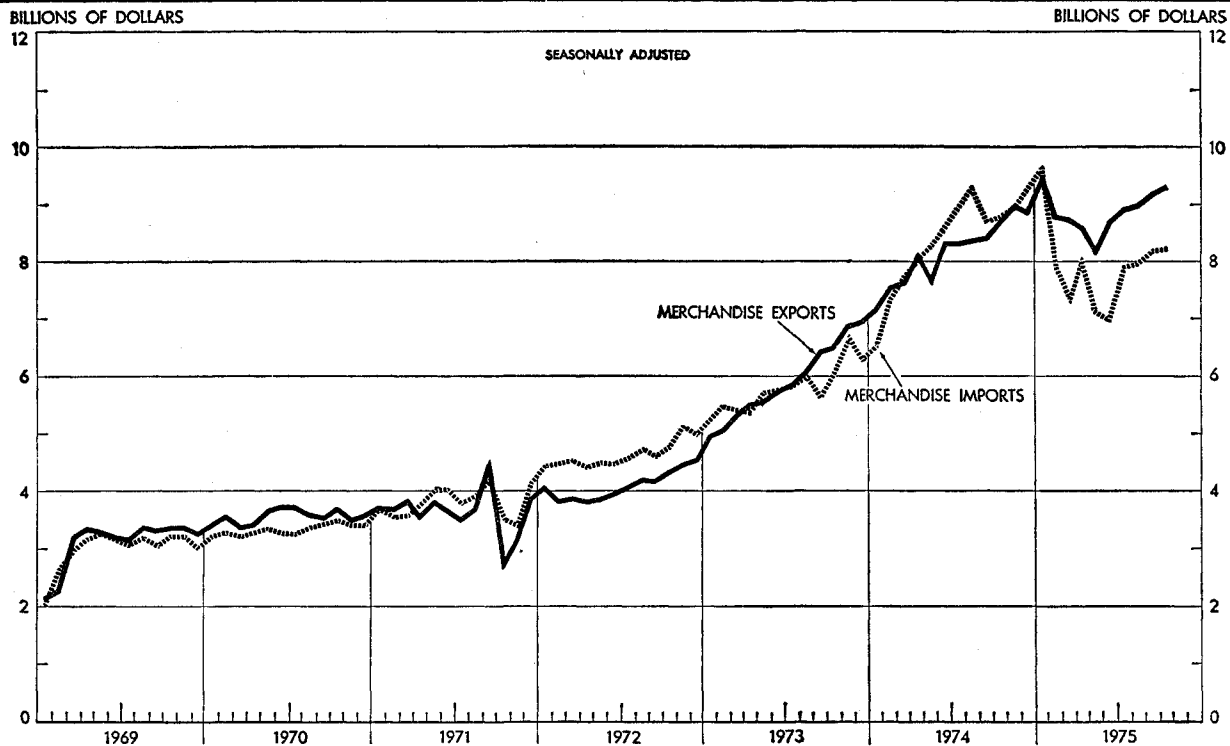
² Book value, end of period, seasonally adjusted.

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, Bureau of the Census.

MERCHANDISE EXPORTS AND IMPORTS

The October trade surplus (f.a.s.) amounted to slightly over \$1 billion as imports rose marginally while exports increased 1.3 percent due to the strength of capital goods and agricultural shipments.



SOURCE: DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

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[Millions of dollars; monthly data seasonally adjusted]

Period	Merchandise exports					Merchandise imports					Merchandise trade balance		
	Total domestic and foreign exports	Domestic exports				General imports ³				Total (c.i.f. value) ⁴	Exports (f.a.s.) less imports (customs value)	Exports (f.a.s.) less imports (f.a.s.)	Exports (f.a.s.) less imports (c.i.f.)
		Total ^{1,2}	Food, beverages, and tobacco	Crude materials and fuels	Manufactured goods	Total ²	Food, beverages, and tobacco	Crude materials and fuels	Manufactured goods				
Monthly average:		F.a.s. value ⁵				Customs value							
1972.....	4,100	4,033	547	591	2,812	4,632	615	737	3,147	-----	-532	-----	-----
1973.....	5,902	5,811	1,078	895	3,728	5,790	770	1,120	3,750	-----	112	-----	-----
1974.....	8,159	8,045	1,269	1,317	5,294	8,416	892	2,653	4,684	9,000	-257	-195	-841
						F.a.s. value ⁵							
1974.....	8,159	8,045	1,269	1,317	5,294	8,354	892	2,672	4,602	9,000	-257	-195	-841
1974: Oct....	8,673	-----	1,250	1,266	5,889	8,773	716	3,007	4,961	9,451	-193	-100	-779
Nov.....	8,973	-----	1,396	1,560	5,845	8,973	940	3,003	5,044	9,656	-100	0	-683
Dec.....	8,862	-----	1,378	1,332	5,812	9,257	943	2,985	5,062	9,943	-460	-395	-1,081
1975: Jan....	9,412	-----	1,735	1,595	5,747	9,622	796	3,589	4,793	10,365	-247	-211	-953
Feb.....	8,789	-----	1,526	1,319	5,658	7,872	794	2,417	4,286	8,441	879	917	348
Mar.....	8,716	-----	1,388	1,356	5,573	7,336	821	1,864	4,441	7,894	1,294	1,380	822
Apr.....	8,570	-----	1,368	1,184	5,732	8,013	777	2,951	4,051	8,800	482	1,557	-230
May.....	8,145	-----	1,146	1,197	5,467	7,093	728	2,441	3,828	7,631	967	1,052	514
June.....	8,692	-----	1,177	1,154	6,044	6,954	893	1,967	3,951	7,491	1,651	1,737	1,200
July.....	8,885	-----	1,267	1,248	6,097	7,908	830	2,714	4,191	8,494	916	977	391
Aug.....	8,996	-----	1,380	1,344	5,997	7,961	786	2,710	4,193	8,569	985	1,035	427
Sept.....	9,165	-----	1,355	1,204	6,091	8,189	1,003	3,117	4,049	8,812	910	976	353
Oct.....	9,288	-----	1,509	1,186	6,306	8,212	841	2,911	4,332	8,840	1,000	1,076	448

¹ Total excludes Department of Defense shipments of grant-aid military supplies and equipment under the Military Assistance Program.

² Total includes commodities and transactions not classified according to kind.

³ Total arrivals of imported goods other than intransit shipments.

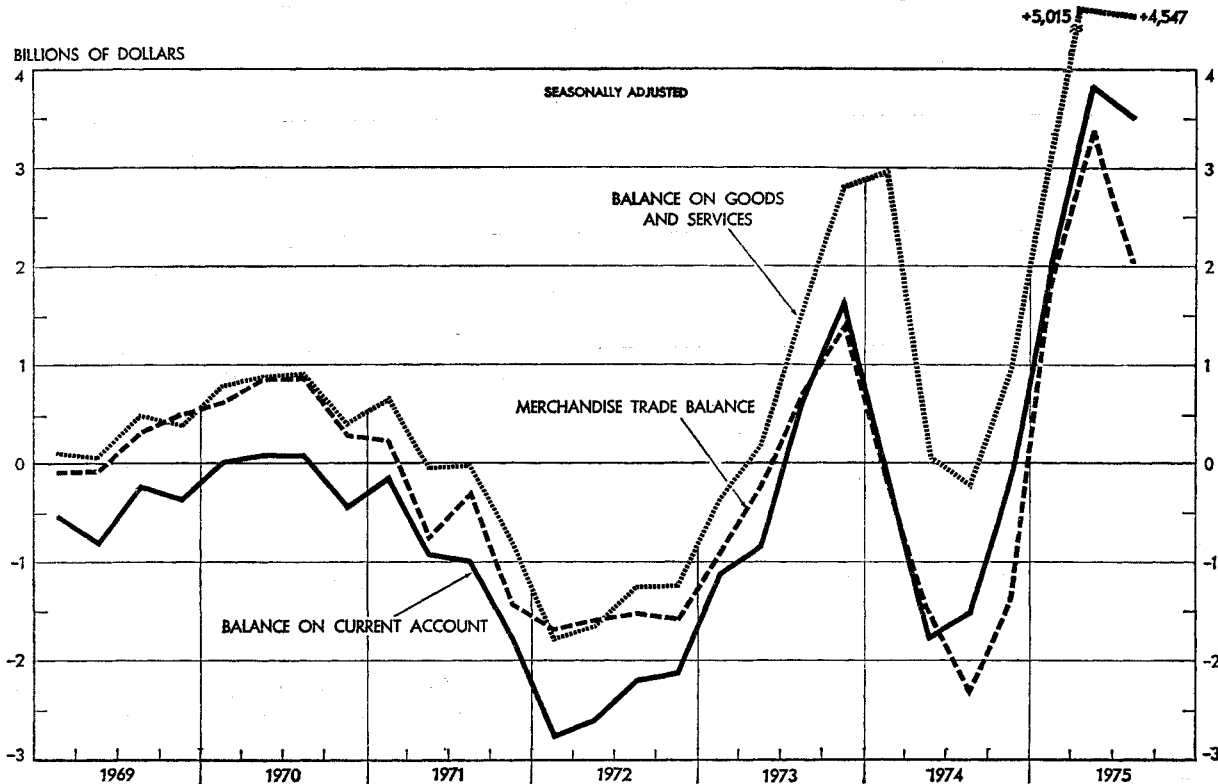
⁴ C.i.f. (cost, insurance, and freight) import value at first port of entry in the United States.

⁵ F.a.s. (free alongside ship) value basis: at U.S. port of exportation for exports and at foreign port of exportation for imports.

Source: Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census.

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

The current account surplus, at \$3.5 billion, in the third quarter was slightly below the \$3.8 billion level of the second quarter. The decline in the merchandise trade surplus, as imports increased more than exports, was partially offset by larger service receipts.



SOURCE: DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

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[Millions of dollars]

Period	Merchandise ^{1 2}			Military transactions			Net investment income		Net travel and transportation expenditures	Other services, net ³	Balance on goods and services ¹	Remittances, pensions, and other unilateral transfers ¹	Balance on current account
	Exports	Imports	Net balance	Direct expenditures	Sales	Net balance	Private ³	U.S. Government					
1969.....	36,414	-35,807	607	-4,856	1,528	-3,328	3,471	156	-1,763	1,878	1,020	-2,976	-1,956
1970.....	42,469	-39,866	2,603	-4,855	1,501	-3,355	3,631	-112	-2,023	2,220	2,966	-3,248	-281
1971.....	43,311	-45,579	-2,268	-4,819	1,926	-2,893	5,659	-956	-2,315	2,537	-237	-3,642	-3,879
1972.....	49,388	-55,797	-6,409	-4,784	1,163	-3,621	6,208	-1,888	-3,024	2,803	-5,930	-3,779	-9,710
1973.....	71,379	-70,424	955	-4,658	2,342	-2,317	8,188	-3,009	-2,862	3,222	4,177	-3,841	335
1974.....	98,309	-103,586	-5,277	-5,103	2,944	-2,158	13,351	-3,229	-2,692	3,830	3,825	-7,182	-3,357
Seasonally adjusted													
1974: I.....	22,464	-22,587	-123	-1,166	663	-503	4,014	-769	-513	886	2,992	-2,966	26
II.....	24,218	-25,677	-1,459	-1,324	678	-646	2,745	-781	-717	936	78	-1,865	-1,787
III.....	25,034	-27,349	-2,315	-1,279	766	-513	3,161	-807	-721	960	-235	-1,265	-1,500
IV.....	26,593	-27,973	-1,380	-1,335	837	-498	3,431	-872	-741	1,049	989	-1,088	-99
1975: I.....	27,188	-25,358	1,830	-1,303	954	-349	2,165	-989	-572	1,093	3,178	-1,175	2,003
II.....	25,692	-22,314	3,378	-1,209	804	-405	2,235	-843	-393	1,043	5,015	-1,183	3,832
III.....	26,716	-24,690	2,026	-1,113	1,241	128	2,572	-794	-480	1,095	4,547	-1,047	3,500

¹ Excludes military grants.

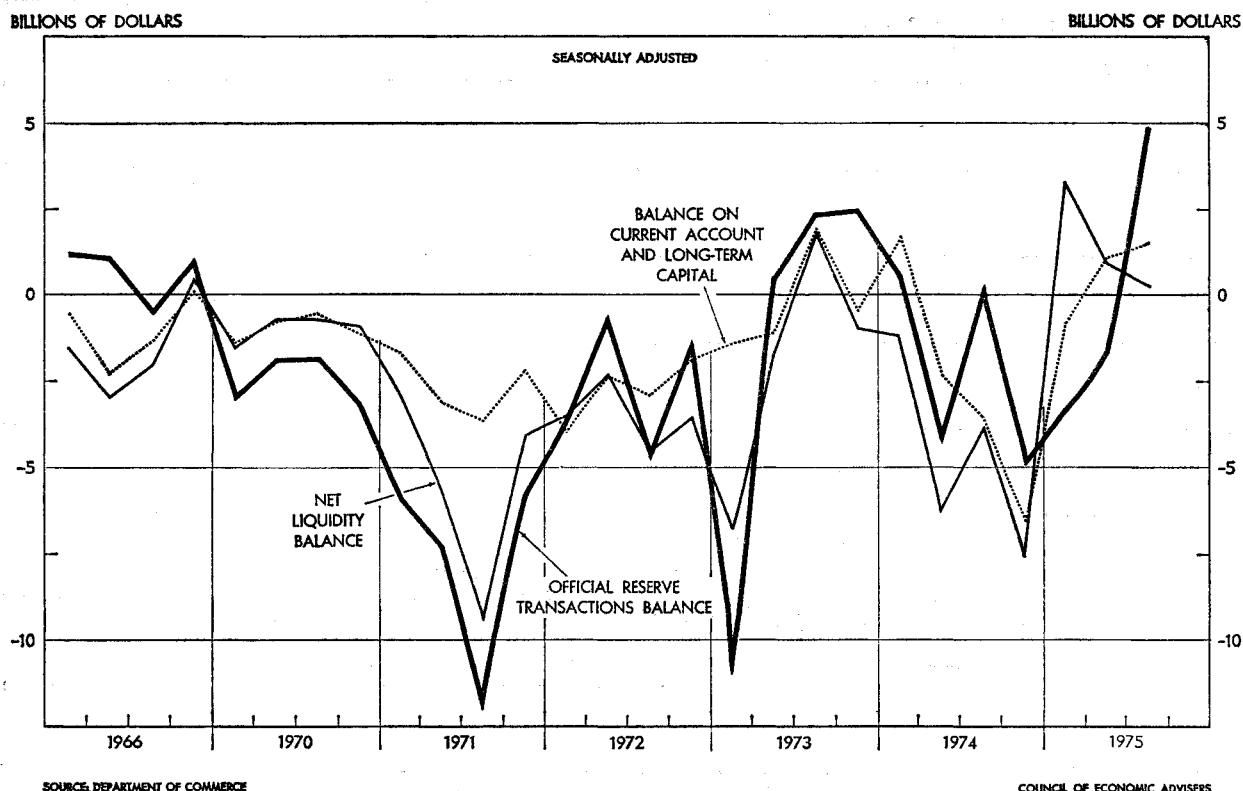
² Adjusted from Census data for differences in timing and coverage.

³ Fees and royalties from U.S. direct investments abroad or from foreign direct investments in the United States are excluded from net investment income and included in other services, net.

Source: Department of Commerce, Bureau of Economic Analysis.

U.S. OVERALL BALANCES ON INTERNATIONAL TRANSACTIONS

In the third quarter, the balance on current account and long-term capital rose to \$1.6 billion as net private long-term capital outflows fell. In addition, liquid private capital flows switched from a \$2.6 billion outflow in the second quarter to a \$4.7 billion inflow in the third quarter.



[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 (SDR)	Errors and omissions, net	Net liquidity balance	Liquid private capital flows, net ³	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) ⁵
	U.S. Government ¹	Private ²										
1969-----	-1,949	-44	-3,949	-640	-----	-1,492	-6,081	8,820	2,739	-1,552	-1,187	16,964
1970-----	-2,045	-1,434	-3,760	-482	867	-476	-3,851	-5,988	-9,839	7,362	2,477	14,487
1971-----	-2,376	-4,383	-10,637	-2,347	717	-9,698	-21,965	-7,788	-29,753	27,405	2,348	12,167
1972-----	-1,334	-69	-11,113	-1,542	710	-1,884	-13,829	3,475	-10,354	10,322	32	13,151
1973-----	-1,490	177	-977	-4,238	-----	-2,436	-7,651	2,343	-5,308	5,099	209	14,378
1974-----	1,118	-8,463	-10,702	-12,936	-----	4,698	-18,940	10,543	-8,397	9,831	-1,434	15,883
Seasonally adjusted												
1974: I-----	1,411	264	1,701	-3,908	-----	1,014	-1,193	1,745	552	-342	-210	14,588
II-----	484	-999	-2,302	-5,265	-----	1,313	-6,254	2,054	-4,200	4,558	-358	14,946
III-----	83	-2,157	-3,574	-1,458	-----	1,135	-3,897	4,014	117	886	-1,003	15,893
IV-----	-860	-5,570	-6,529	-2,305	-----	1,236	-7,598	2,730	-4,868	4,731	137	15,883
1975: I-----	-474	-2,199	-670	1,929	-----	2,067	3,326	-6,587	-3,261	3,586	-325	16,256
II-----	-354	-2,431	1,047	-970	-----	843	920	-2,634	-1,714	1,743	-29	16,242
III ² -----	-563	-1,357	1,580	-1,335	-----	-37	208	4,711	4,919	-4,577	-342	16,291

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.

Consists of gold, special drawing rights (SDR), convertible currencies, and U.S. gold tranche position in the IMF. Minus sign indicates increase. (Includes increases (in millions) as follows: 1969, \$87 due to revaluation of the German mark in Oct. 1969; 1971, \$28 due to dollar value of foreign currencies valued to reflect market exchange rates as of Dec. 31, 1971; 1972, \$1,016 due to

change in par value of the dollar on May 8, 1972; and 1973, \$1,436 due to change in par value of the dollar on Oct. 18, 1973.

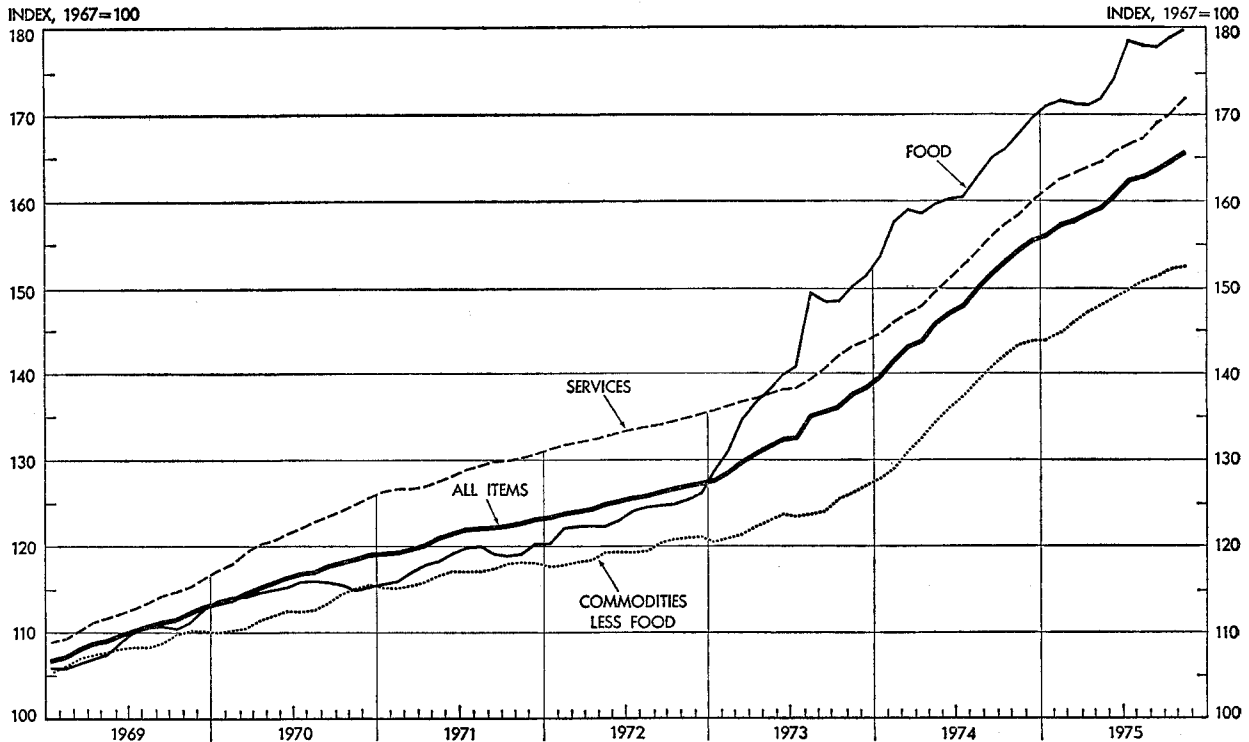
Beginning July 1974, SDR and reserve position in the IMF based on new method of valuation. On a pre-July basis, reserve assets for Sept. 30, 1974 are \$15,949 million, for Dec. 31, 1974 \$15,812 million, for Mar. 31, 1975 \$16,106 million, for June 30, 1975 \$16,157 million, and for Sept. 30, 1975 \$16,478 million.

Sources: Department of Commerce (Bureau of Economic Analysis) and Department of the Treasury.

PRICES

CONSUMER PRICES

In November, the consumer price index rose 0.6 percent (0.7 percent seasonally adjusted). Food prices rose 0.4 percent (0.6 percent seasonally adjusted). Nonfood commodity prices rose 0.3 percent (also 0.3 percent seasonally adjusted) and services prices rose 1.1 percent.



SOURCE: DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

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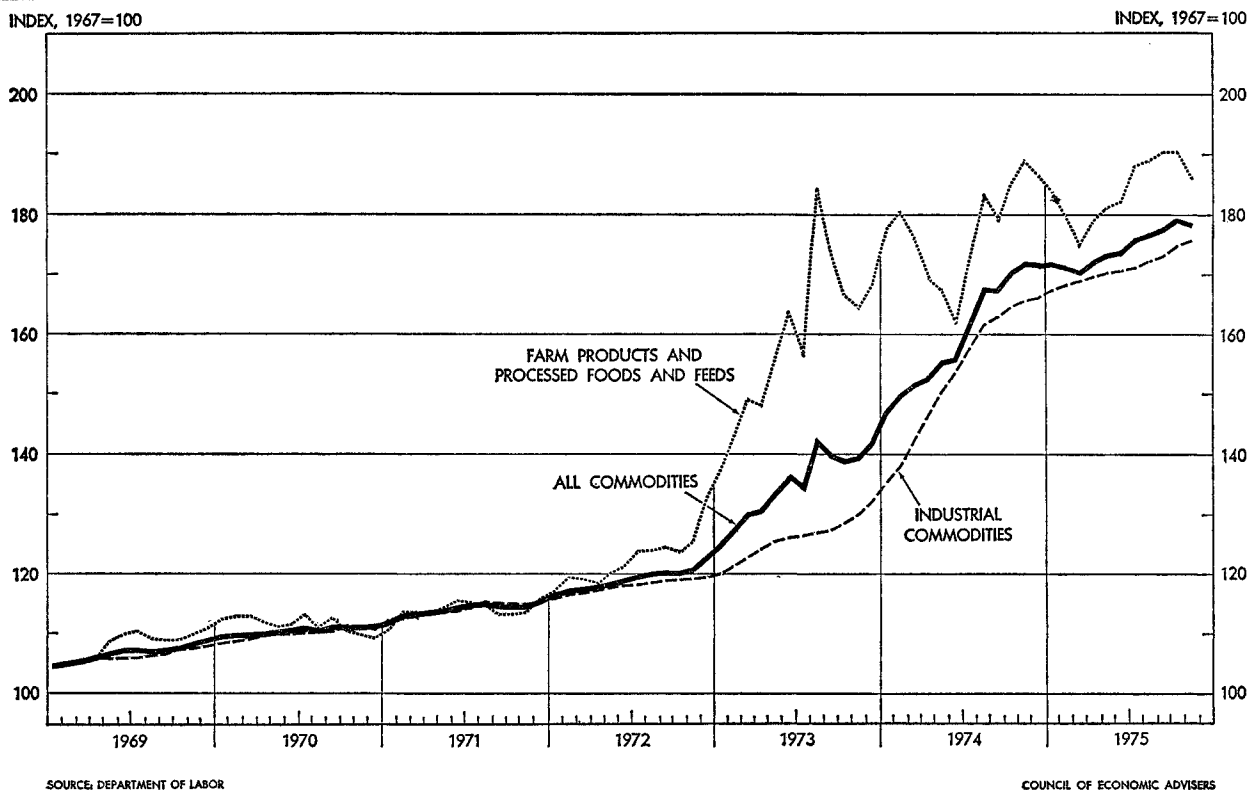
[1967=100]

Period	All items	Commodities					Services		
		All commodities	Food	Commodities less food			All services	Rent	Services less rent
				All	Durable	Non-durable			
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
1973	133.1	129.9	141.4	123.5	121.9	124.8	139.1	124.3	141.8
1974	147.7	145.5	161.7	136.6	130.6	140.9	152.1	130.6	156.0
1974: Oct.	153.0	150.7	166.1	142.2	136.8	146.1	157.3	132.5	161.9
Nov.	154.3	152.0	167.8	143.3	138.0	147.2	158.7	133.1	163.3
Dec.	155.4	153.0	169.7	143.9	138.8	147.7	160.1	133.7	164.8
1975: Jan.	156.1	153.4	170.9	143.9	139.3	147.2	161.3	134.5	166.2
Feb.	157.2	154.4	171.6	144.9	140.3	148.2	162.6	135.1	167.5
Mar.	157.8	155.0	171.3	146.0	142.1	148.8	163.2	135.5	168.3
Apr.	158.6	155.7	171.2	147.2	143.6	149.8	164.1	135.9	169.2
May	159.3	156.5	171.8	148.1	144.8	150.5	164.5	136.4	169.6
June	160.6	157.9	174.4	148.9	145.8	151.2	165.7	136.9	170.9
July	162.3	160.1	178.6	149.9	146.9	152.2	166.6	137.3	171.9
Aug.	162.8	160.4	178.1	150.7	147.5	153.0	167.4	138.0	172.7
Sept.	163.6	160.8	177.8	151.4	148.2	153.8	169.1	138.4	174.6
Oct.	164.6	161.7	179.0	152.2	148.9	154.6	170.1	139.3	175.7
Nov.	165.6	162.2	179.8	152.6	149.2	155.1	172.0	139.9	177.7

Source: Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics.

WHOLESALE PRICES

The wholesale price index fell 0.4 percent in November (no change after seasonal adjustment). Prices of farm products and processed foods and feeds dropped 2.3 percent (1.2 percent seasonally adjusted). Industrial commodity prices were up 0.4 percent (0.6 percent seasonally adjusted).



[1967=100]

Period	All com- modi- ties	Farm products and processed foods and feeds			Indus- trial commodi- ties	Special groupings				
		Total	Farm prod- ucts	Proces- sed foods and feeds		Crude mate- rials ¹	Inter- mediate mate- rials ²	Produc- er fin- ished goods	Consumer fin- ished goods ex- cluding foods	
									Dur- able	Non- durable
1966.....	99.8	103.5	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	100.0
1968.....	102.5	102.4	102.5	102.2	102.5	102.0	102.6	103.5	102.2	102.2
1969.....	106.5	108.0	109.1	107.3	106.0	110.6	106.1	106.9	104.0	105.0
1970.....	110.4	111.7	111.0	112.1	110.0	118.8	110.0	111.9	107.0	108.3
1971.....	113.9	113.8	112.9	114.3	114.0	122.7	114.3	116.6	110.9	111.3
1972.....	119.1	122.4	125.0	120.8	117.9	131.1	118.9	119.5	113.2	113.6
1973.....	134.7	159.1	176.3	148.1	125.9	155.2	128.1	123.5	115.8	120.5
1974.....	160.1	177.4	187.7	170.9	153.8	219.1	159.5	141.0	126.3	146.8
1974: Oct.....	170.2	185.1	187.5	183.5	164.8	229.0	172.1	151.9	133.1	155.7
Nov.....	171.9	189.0	187.8	189.7	165.8	228.7	173.0	154.1	133.8	156.2
Dec.....	171.5	186.5	183.7	188.2	166.1	221.2	173.2	155.3	135.3	156.9
1975: Jan.....	171.8	183.8	179.7	186.4	167.5	219.4	175.0	157.4	135.9	158.2
Feb.....	171.3	179.5	174.6	182.6	168.4	221.0	175.9	158.3	136.3	158.8
Mar.....	170.4	174.9	171.1	177.3	168.9	218.4	176.4	159.7	136.9	158.9
Apr.....	172.1	178.8	177.7	179.4	169.7	222.7	177.3	160.7	137.0	159.5
May.....	173.2	181.2	184.5	179.0	170.3	225.8	177.7	161.2	137.0	160.4
June.....	173.7	182.3	186.2	179.7	170.7	226.3	177.8	161.7	137.3	161.6
July.....	175.7	188.2	193.7	184.6	171.2	223.4	178.3	162.4	137.4	163.2
Aug.....	176.7	189.0	193.2	186.3	172.2	225.8	179.3	163.0	137.4	165.1
Sept.....	177.7	190.4	197.1	186.1	173.1	231.5	179.9	164.0	137.7	166.1
Oct.....	178.9	190.5	197.3	186.2	174.7	228.6	181.4	166.5	141.1	167.2
Nov.....	178.2	186.1	191.7	182.6	175.4	226.5	182.0	167.4	141.8	168.0

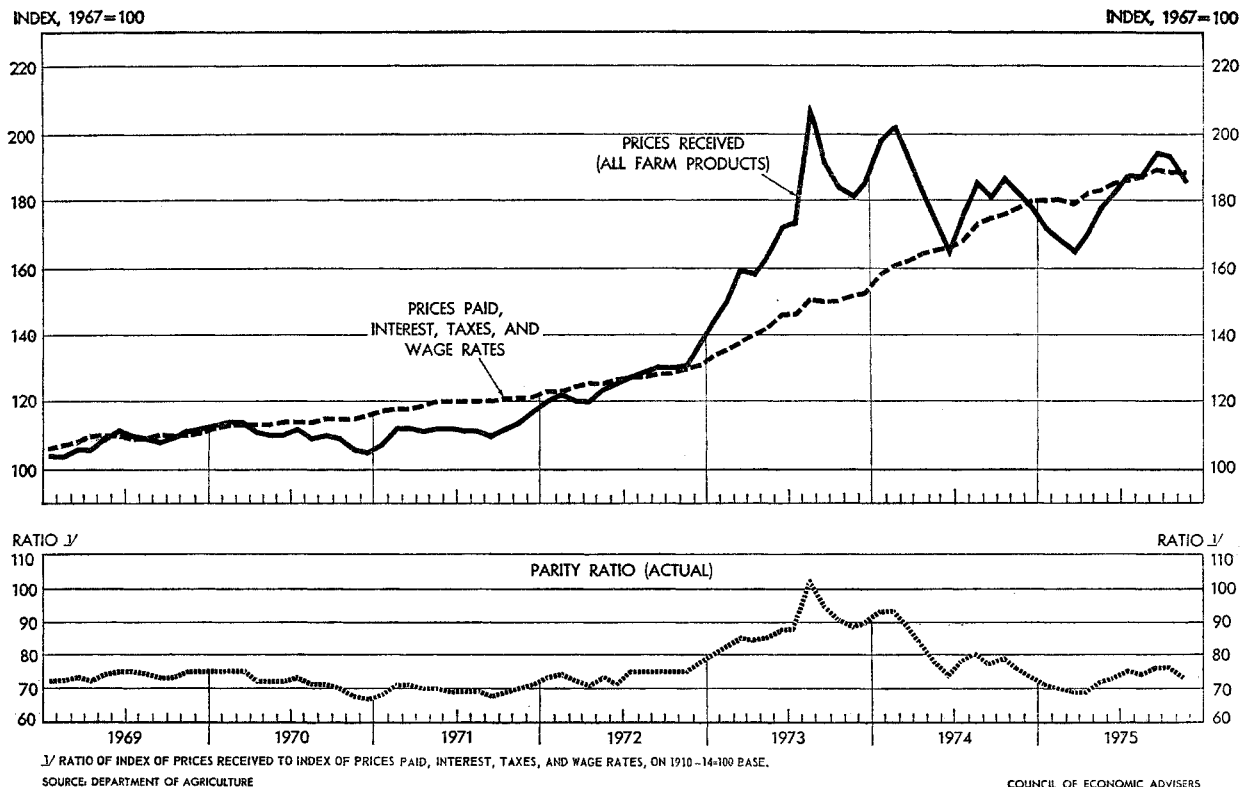
¹ Excludes crude foodstuffs and feedstuffs, plant and animal fibers, oilseeds, and tobacco.

² Excludes intermediate materials for food manufacturing and manufactured animal feeds.

Source: Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics.

PRICES RECEIVED AND PAID BY FARMERS

Prices received by farmers declined 4 percent during the month ended November 15. Contributing most to the decline were lower prices for hogs, wheat, corn, cattle, and soybeans. Partially offsetting were higher prices for milk and eggs. Prices paid were unchanged. The actual and adjusted parity ratios each declined 3 points.



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								
1967.....	100	100	100	100	100	100	74	80
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	134	126	124	122	74	79
1973.....	172	164	179	145	138	146	88	91
1974.....	184	214	164	169	161	172	81	81
1974: Oct 15.....	186	230	156	176	167	183	79	79
Nov 15.....	182	225	153	178	171	183	76	76
Dec 15.....	178	214	153	180	173	184	73	74
1975: Jan 15.....	172	201	153	180	173	182	71	71
Feb 15.....	168	192	151	180	175	180	70	70
Mar 15.....	165	185	152	179	173	179	69	69
Apr 15.....	170	188	157	182	173	185	69	70
May 15.....	178	189	171	183	175	187	72	72
June 15.....	182	192	176	185	176	190	73	74
July 15.....	187	199	180	186	178	190	75	75
Aug 15.....	187	201	179	187	179	192	74	75
Sept 15.....	194	202	188	189	180	194	76	77
Oct 15.....	193	199	190	188	180	192	76	76
Nov 15.....	185	188	184	188	182	192	73	73

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.

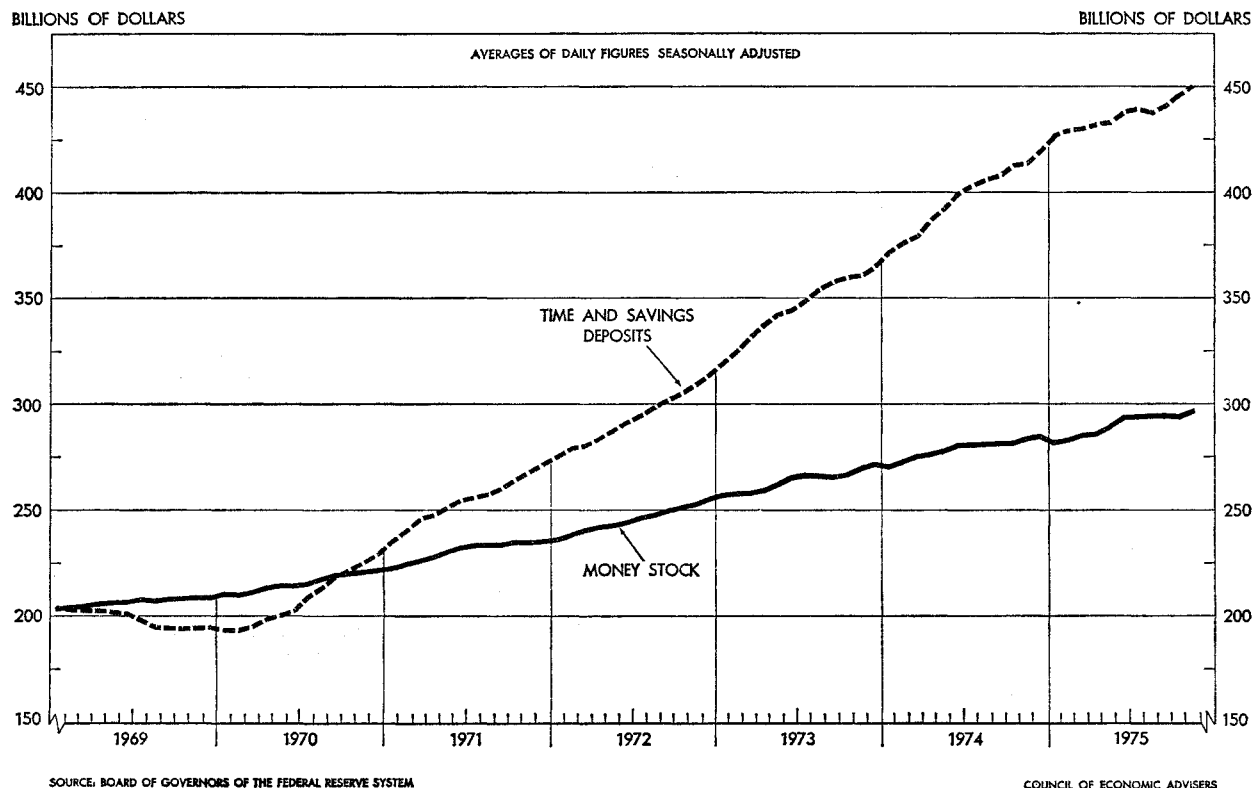
² The adjusted parity ratio reflects Government payments made directly to farmers.

Source: Department of Agriculture.

MONEY, CREDIT, AND SECURITY MARKETS

MONEY STOCK

The seasonally adjusted money stock rose by 4.0 percent on an annual basis from August to November. Over the year ended November, it grew by 4.8 percent.



[Averages of daily figures, billions of dollars]

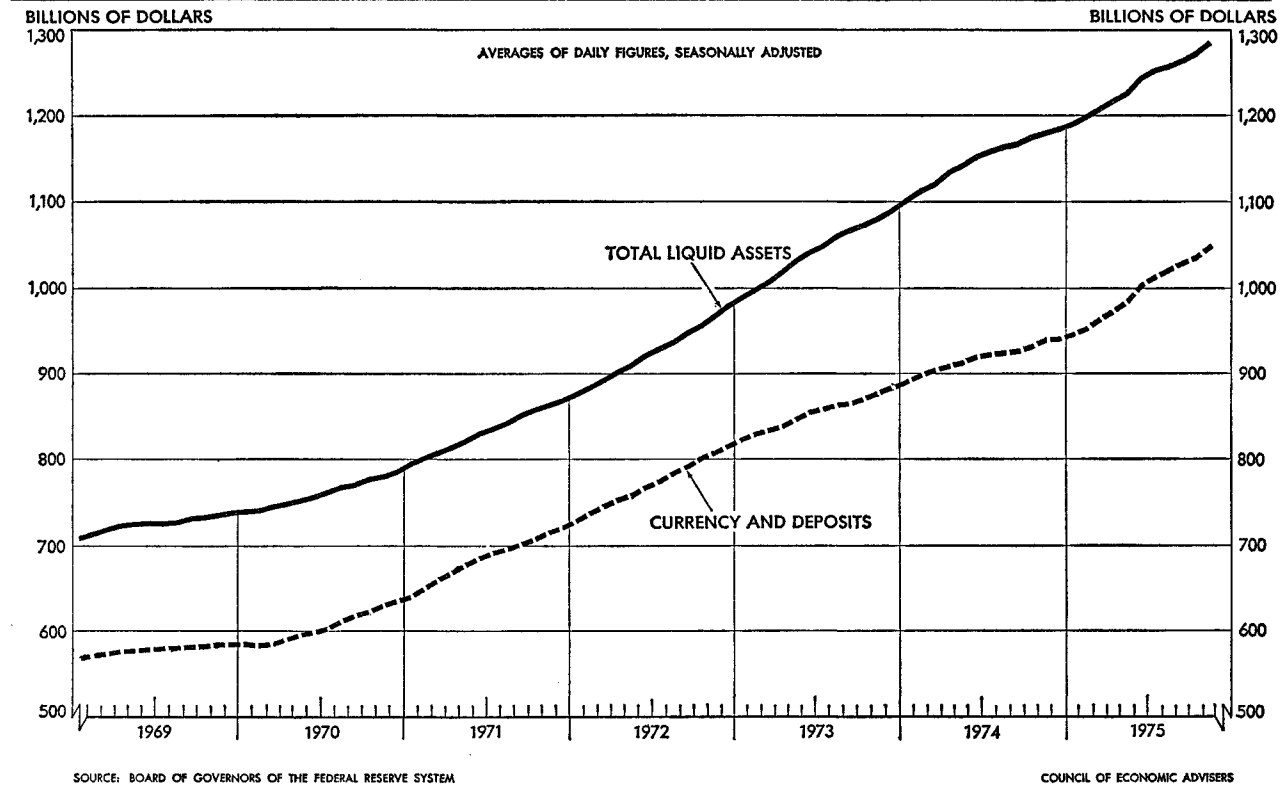
Period	Money stock				Time and savings deposits ¹	Money stock			Time and savings deposits ¹	U.S. Gov-ernment demand deposits ¹
	Total	Cur-rency out-side banks	De-mand de-posits ¹	Total		Cur-rency out-side banks	De-mand de-posits ¹			
	Seasonally adjusted				Unadjusted					
1969: Dec.....	208. 7	46. 1	162. 7	194. 5	214. 7	46. 9	167. 7	193. 2	5. 6	
1970: Dec.....	221. 4	49. 1	172. 3	229. 3	227. 6	50. 0	177. 7	228. 1	7. 3	
1971: Dec.....	235. 3	52. 6	182. 7	271. 2	241. 9	53. 5	188. 4	269. 8	6. 9	
1972: Dec.....	255. 8	56. 9	198. 9	313. 8	263. 0	57. 9	205. 1	311. 8	7. 4	
1973: Dec.....	271. 5	61. 6	209. 9	364. 5	279. 1	62. 7	216. 4	362. 2	6. 3	
1974: Dec.....	284. 4	67. 9	216. 5	419. 3	292. 3	69. 0	223. 3	416. 7	4. 9	
1974: Oct.....	281. 6	66. 5	215. 2	412. 1	281. 2	66. 4	214. 7	413. 3	3. 7	
Nov.....	283. 6	67. 4	216. 2	413. 5	285. 1	67. 9	217. 3	411. 7	3. 4	
Dec.....	284. 4	67. 9	216. 5	419. 3	292. 3	69. 0	223. 3	416. 7	4. 9	
1975: Jan.....	281. 6	68. 2	213. 4	426. 0	288. 6	67. 8	220. 9	424. 0	4. 0	
Feb.....	282. 4	68. 7	213. 7	428. 8	279. 4	67. 8	211. 6	426. 5	3. 3	
Mar.....	285. 0	69. 4	215. 6	429. 9	282. 2	68. 8	213. 4	430. 5	3. 8	
Apr.....	285. 8	69. 5	216. 3	431. 5	287. 3	69. 1	218. 2	431. 8	4. 0	
May.....	288. 5	70. 2	218. 3	432. 9	283. 7	70. 0	213. 7	434. 5	4. 1	
June.....	293. 0	71. 1	221. 9	437. 1	291. 1	71. 2	219. 9	436. 7	4. 1	
July.....	293. 5	71. 4	222. 1	439. 1	293. 1	71. 9	221. 1	438. 3	3. 3	
Aug.....	294. 2	71. 9	222. 3	437. 4	290. 9	72. 2	218. 7	440. 2	2. 6	
Sept.....	294. 7	72. 0	222. 7	440. 7	292. 8	71. 9	220. 9	442. 6	3. 8	
Oct.....	294. 1	72. 5	221. 5	445. 9	293. 6	72. 5	221. 1	446. 8	3. 3	
Nov.....	297. 1	73. 3	223. 7	450. 0	298. 7	73. 9	224. 9	447. 7	3. 5	

¹Deposits at commercial banks.

Source: Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

PRIVATE LIQUID ASSET HOLDINGS – NONFINANCIAL INVESTORS

Liquid assets rose 0.9 percent in November. From November 1974 to November 1975 the rise was 8.9 percent.



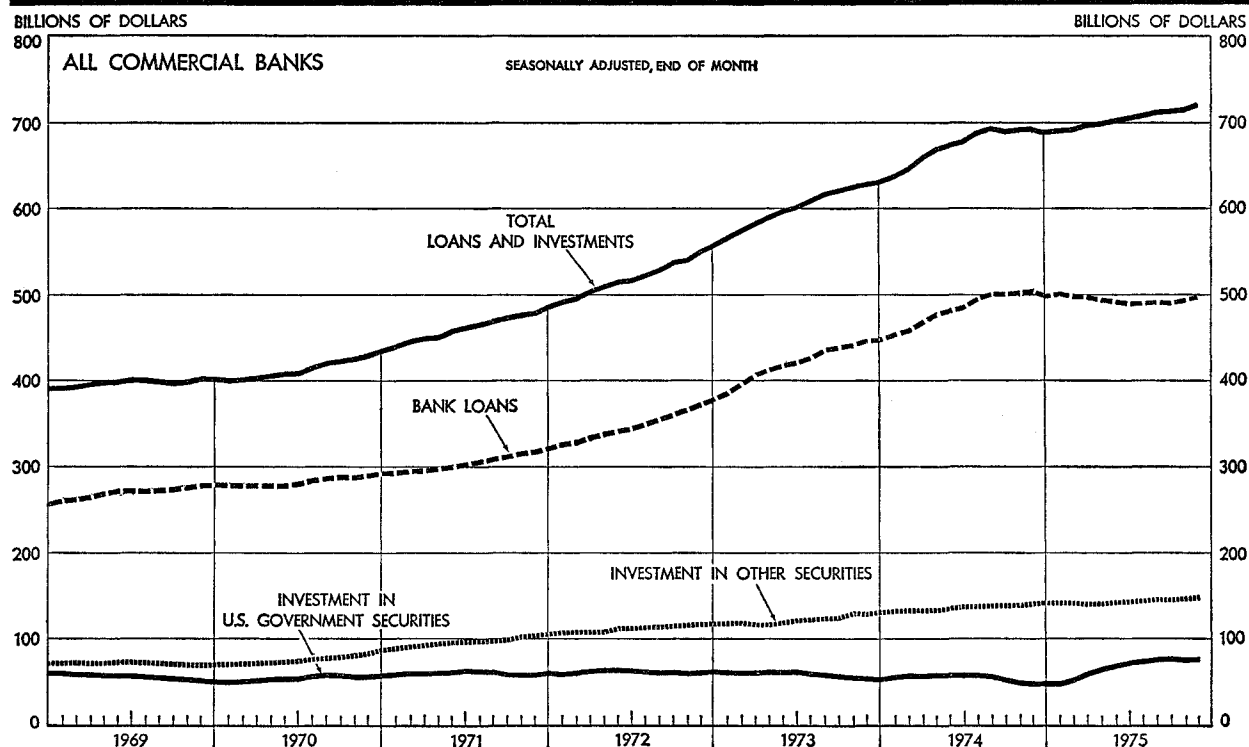
[Averages of daily figures; billions of dollars, seasonally adjusted]

Period	Total liquid assets	Currency and deposits					U.S. Govern- ment securities		Negoti- able certi- ficates of deposit	Com- mercial paper
		Total	Cur- rency	Demand deposits	Time deposits		Savings bonds	Short- term market- able se- curities		
					Com- mercial banks	Nonbank thrift institu- tions				
1968: Dec.....	704. 1	564. 5	43. 4	140. 1	174. 3	206. 7	51. 4	46. 8	22. 5	18. 8
1969: Dec.....	737. 1	583. 0	46. 1	144. 7	177. 3	215. 0	51. 1	64. 9	9. 1	28. 9
1970: Dec.....	786. 7	634. 4	49. 1	153. 2	199. 2	232. 9	51. 3	53. 2	23. 1	24. 7
1971: Dec.....	868. 7	721. 1	52. 6	161. 7	233. 6	273. 2	53. 7	39. 6	30. 3	24. 0
1972: Dec.....	980. 2	816. 0	56. 9	175. 2	264. 7	319. 1	57. 0	39. 8	39. 9	27. 6
1973: Dec.....	1, 093. 5	885. 3	61. 6	181. 5	294. 8	347. 4	59. 9	52. 1	58. 1	38. 3
1974: Dec.....	1, 184. 7	941. 2	67. 9	183. 1	321. 9	368. 3	62. 8	60. 1	79. 9	40. 6
1974: Sept.....	1, 167. 5	926. 4	65. 9	183. 5	315. 4	361. 7	62. 0	59. 7	76. 2	43. 3
Oct.....	1, 175. 3	931. 7	66. 5	183. 7	318. 5	363. 1	62. 3	60. 9	77. 2	43. 2
Nov.....	1, 179. 9	938. 6	67. 4	184. 6	320. 6	366. 0	62. 6	60. 8	76. 0	41. 8
Dec.....	1, 184. 7	941. 2	67. 9	183. 1	321. 9	368. 3	62. 8	60. 1	79. 9	40. 6
1975: Jan.....	1, 191. 8	944. 8	68. 2	180. 0	325. 1	371. 5	63. 2	61. 0	82. 5	40. 3
Feb.....	1, 199. 4	952. 8	68. 7	180. 6	328. 3	375. 3	63. 5	60. 2	82. 3	40. 6
Mar.....	1, 208. 0	963. 9	69. 4	182. 2	331. 4	380. 9	63. 8	59. 4	80. 0	41. 1
Apr.....	1, 217. 3	973. 3	69. 5	183. 1	334. 0	386. 8	64. 1	59. 7	78. 8	41. 4
May.....	1, 226. 6	985. 4	70. 2	184. 6	338. 2	392. 4	64. 4	59. 5	75. 7	41. 7
June.....	1, 243. 6	1, 002. 5	71. 1	188. 0	344. 3	399. 1	64. 7	60. 6	74. 0	41. 8
July.....	1, 253. 7	1, 013. 2	71. 4	188. 3	348. 3	405. 2	65. 1	61. 7	72. 0	41. 7
Aug.....	1, 257. 6	1, 021. 6	71. 9	188. 7	350. 8	410. 2	65. 5	61. 1	68. 4	41. 0
Sept.....	1, 265. 2	1, 028. 5	72. 0	189. 0	352. 9	414. 6	65. 8	61. 5	69. 4	40. 0
Oct.....	1, 273. 4	1, 035. 6	72. 6	188. 2	356. 0	418. 8	66. 2	61. 1	71. 1	39. 4
Nov.....	1, 285. 1	1, 047. 3	73. 3	190. 9	360. 3	422. 8	66. 5	61. 2	71. 1	39. 1

Source: Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

BANK LOANS, INVESTMENTS, DEBITS, AND RESERVES

Bank loans and investments increased by \$6.3 billion during November, the largest monthly increase this year.



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 ³	Excess reserves ³	Borrow- ings at Federal Reserve Banks ⁴	Free reserves ³
		Total, exclud- ing inter- bank	Com- mercial and indus- trial	U.S. Gov- ernment securities	Other securi- ties					
	Billions of dollars						Millions of dollars			
1969-----	401.7	279.1	105.7	51.5	71.1	5,150	28,031	257	1,086	-829
1970-----	435.5	291.7	110.0	57.9	85.9	5,717	29,265	272	321	-49
1971-----	484.8	320.3	115.9	60.1	104.4	6,443	31,329	165	107	58
1972-----	556.4	377.8	129.7	61.9	116.7	7,530	31,353	219	1,049	-830
1973-----	630.3	447.3	155.8	52.8	130.2	9,632	35,068	262	1,298	-1,036
1974-----	⁵ 687.1	498.2	182.6	48.8	140.1	11,673	36,941	339	703	-364
1974: Nov-----	⁵ 692.5	503.8	184.3	49.1	139.6	12,380	36,837	258	1,285	-1,027
Dec-----	687.1	498.2	182.6	48.8	140.1	12,261	36,941	339	703	-364
1975: Jan-----	690.0	501.3	184.1	48.7	140.0	11,698	37,492	-64	390	-454
Feb-----	692.6	498.9	182.5	53.2	140.5	12,035	35,565	232	147	85
Mar-----	697.0	498.3	180.9	58.5	140.2	11,942	34,779	266	106	160
Apr-----	699.1	495.0	180.5	64.0	140.1	11,897	35,134	120	110	10
May-----	702.0	492.8	179.1	68.2	141.0	11,914	34,492	-1	60	-61
June-----	705.0	489.9	176.3	72.4	142.7	11,892	34,976	548	271	277
July ^p -----	706.4	489.6	177.6	73.4	143.4	12,121	34,655	-32	261	-293
Aug ^p -----	710.4	490.7	177.5	75.6	144.1	12,641	34,482	217	211	6
Sept ^p -----	711.6	490.4	176.4	77.1	144.1	12,597	34,646	199	396	-197
Oct ^p -----	715.0	494.1	177.9	75.1	145.8	12,336	34,583	169	192	-23
Nov ^p -----	721.3	498.0	178.9	76.3	147.0		24,647	353	62	291

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 November 1972, adjusted to include certain reserve deficiencies which penalties could be waived for a transition period in connection with option to Regulation J. Transition period ended after June 1974.

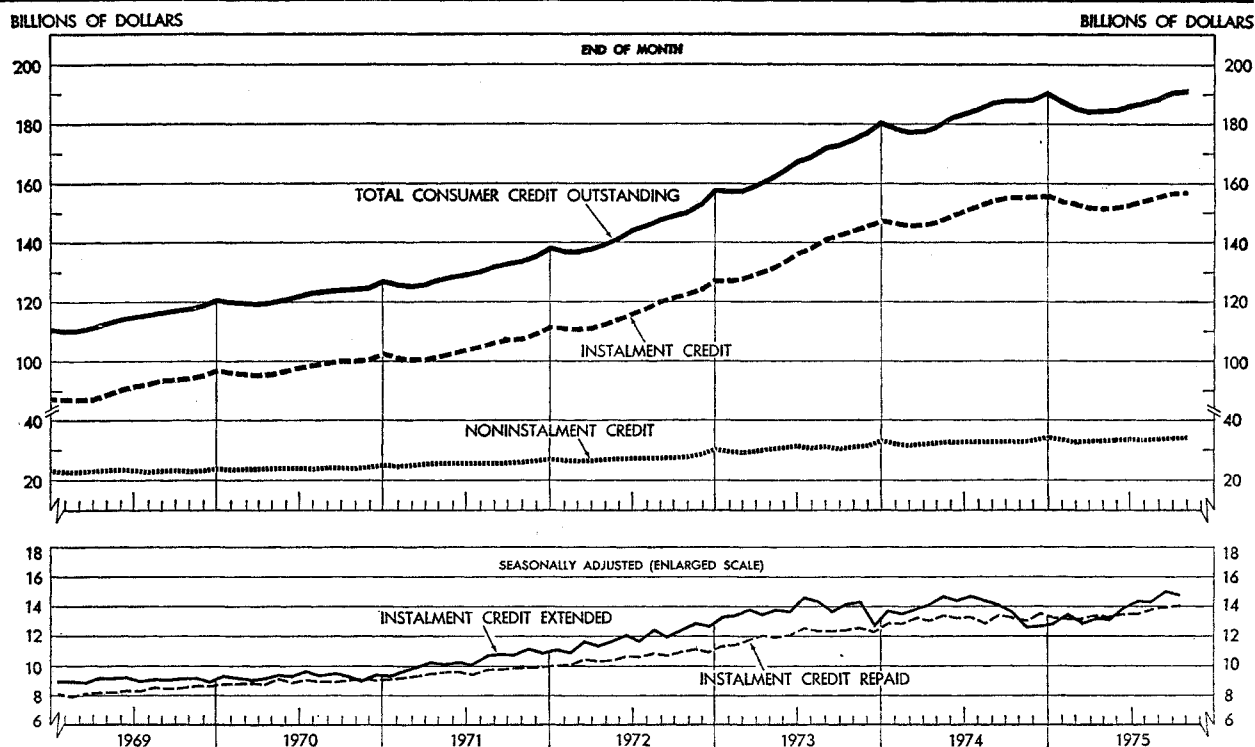
⁴ Beginning April 1973, includes seasonal borrowings.

⁵ Beginning June 1974, a bank merger increased total loans and investments by \$0.6 billion, and beginning November 1974, liquidation of a large bank reduced total loans and investments by \$1.5 billion. For effect on other categories, see *Federal Reserve Bulletin*.

Source: Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

CONSUMER AND REAL ESTATE CREDIT

Seasonally adjusted consumer instalment credit grew by \$0.7 billion in October. During the year ended October total consumer credit outstanding rose by 1.5 percent.



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	
1967-----	100, 783	79, 428	29, 796	23, 235	21, 355	87, 171	83, 988	26, 320	26, 534	236, 060
1968-----	110, 770	87, 745	32, 948	25, 932	23, 025	99, 984	91, 667	31, 083	27, 931	251, 241
1969-----	121, 146	97, 105	35, 527	28, 652	24, 041	109, 146	99, 786	32, 553	29, 974	266, 508
1970-----	127, 163	102, 064	35, 184	30, 345	25, 099	112, 158	107, 199	29, 794	30, 137	280, 261
1971-----	138, 394	111, 295	38, 664	32, 865	27, 099	124, 281	115, 050	34, 873	31, 393	307, 241
1972-----	157, 564	127, 332	44, 129	36, 922	30, 232	142, 951	126, 914	40, 194	34, 729	345, 349
1973-----	180, 486	147, 437	51, 130	41, 425	33, 049	165, 083	144, 978	46, 453	39, 452	384, 613
1974-----	190, 121	156, 124	51, 689	44, 264	33, 997	166, 478	157, 791	42, 756	42, 197	411, 601
1974: Sept-----	187, 906	155, 139	52, 848	44, 375	32, 767	14, 089	13, 412	3, 835	3, 604	407, 492
Oct-----	188, 023	155, 328	52, 736	44, 319	32, 695	13, 626	13, 224	3, 369	3, 470	-----
Nov-----	188, 084	155, 166	52, 325	44, 180	32, 918	12, 609	13, 009	3, 062	3, 423	-----
Dec-----	190, 121	156, 124	51, 689	44, 264	33, 997	12, 702	13, 516	3, 205	3, 668	411, 601
1975: Jan-----	187, 080	153, 952	50, 947	43, 815	33, 128	12, 859	13, 260	3, 348	3, 534	-----
Feb-----	185, 381	152, 712	50, 884	43, 726	32, 669	13, 465	13, 228	3, 856	3, 605	-----
Mar-----	184, 253	151, 477	50, 452	43, 709	32, 776	12, 797	13, 234	3, 419	3, 772	415, 760
Apr-----	184, 344	151, 271	50, 360	43, 784	33, 073	13, 181	13, 423	3, 454	3, 719	-----
May-----	185, 010	151, 610	50, 465	43, 908	33, 400	13, 149	13, 274	3, 467	3, 625	-----
June-----	186, 099	152, 668	50, 927	44, 249	33, 431	13, 959	13, 537	3, 752	3, 728	424, 326
July-----	187, 211	153, 930	51, 556	44, 697	33, 281	14, 378	13, 509	4, 073	3, 690	-----
Aug-----	188, 821	155, 263	52, 011	45, 097	33, 558	14, 358	13, 858	3, 932	3, 820	-----
Sept-----	190, 069	156, 332	52, 308	45, 447	33, 737	14, 973	13, 916	4, 173	3, 727	435, 029
Oct-----	190, 839	156, 989	52, 722	45, 547	33, 850	14, 762	14, 046	4, 143	3, 749	-----

¹ Also includes other consumer goods paper, and home improvement loans, not shown separately.

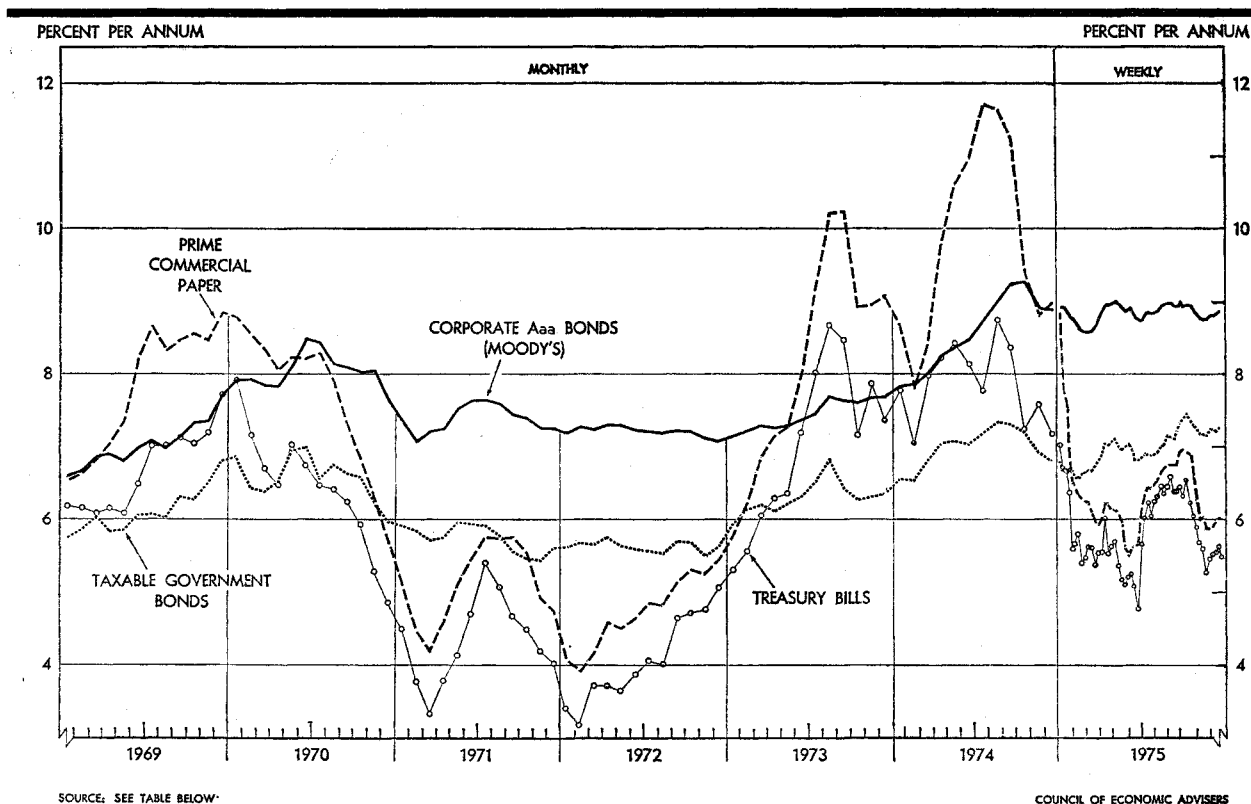
² Consists of single-payment loans, charge accounts, and service credit.

³ End of period, unadjusted.

Source: Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

BOND YIELDS AND INTEREST RATES

Most interest rates increased slightly in late November and early December but declined in mid-December.



SOURCE: SEE TABLE BELOW

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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		
1969.....	6.677	6.85	6.10	5.81	7.03	7.81	7.83	8.19
1970.....	6.458	7.37	6.59	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	5.63	5.27	7.21	8.16	4.69	7.53
1973.....	7.041	6.92	6.30	5.18	7.44	8.24	8.15	8.08
1974.....	7.886	7.81	6.99	6.09	8.57	9.50	9.87	9.47
1975: Jan.....	6.493	7.29	6.68	6.66	8.83	10.62	7.30	9.51
Feb.....	5.583	6.85	6.61	6.30	8.62	10.43	6.33	8.99
Mar.....	5.544	7.00	6.73	6.61	8.67	10.29	6.06	8.84
Apr.....	5.694	7.76	7.03	6.83	8.95	10.34	6.15	8.69
May.....	5.315	7.49	6.99	6.81	8.90	10.46	5.82	
June.....	5.193	7.26	6.86	6.76	8.77	10.40	5.79	9.16
July.....	6.164	7.72	6.89	6.94	8.84	10.33	6.44	9.06
Aug.....	6.463	8.12	7.06	7.02	8.95	10.35	6.70	9.13
Sept.....	6.383	8.22	7.29	7.23	8.95	10.38	6.86	9.32
Oct.....	6.081	7.80	7.29	7.22	8.86	10.37	6.48	9.74
Nov.....	5.468	7.51	7.21	7.21	8.78	10.33	5.91	9.53
Dec.....								9.41
Week ended:								
1975: Nov 7.....	5.602	7.41	7.17	7.34	8.76	10.32	6.03	
14.....	5.279	7.38	7.17	7.15	8.75	10.34	5.88	
21.....	5.471	7.60	7.25	7.18	8.81	10.31	5.88	
28.....	5.520	7.62	7.24	7.16	8.81	10.34	5.88	
Dec 5.....	5.550	7.59	7.23	7.13	8.83	10.35	5.98	
12.....	5.633	7.67	7.26	7.13	8.86	10.37	6.05	
19.....	5.491	7.51	⁶ 7.17	7.05	⁶ 8.82	10.36	⁶ 6.03	

¹ Rate on new issues within period. ² Selected note and bond issues.

³ April 1953 to date, bonds due or callable 10 years and after.

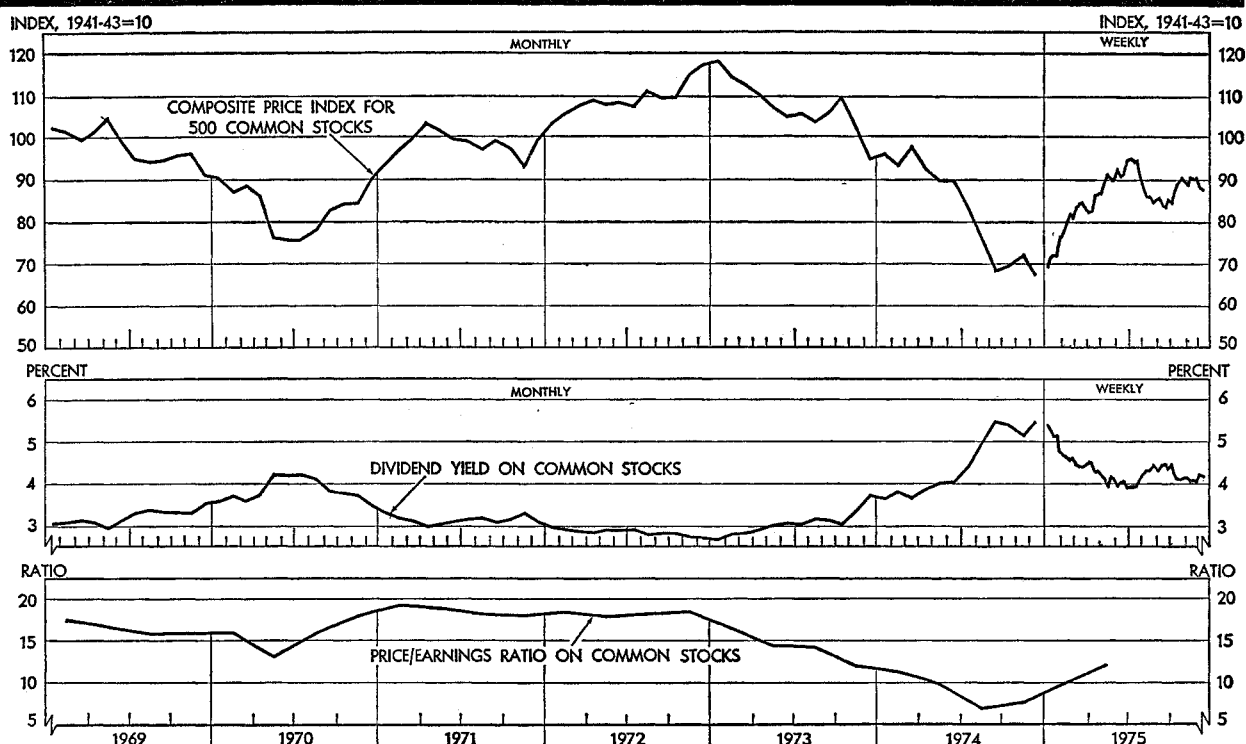
⁴ Weekly data are Wednesday figures.

⁵ Not charted. Data for first of the month, based on the maximum permissible interest rate percent beginning Sept. 2, 1975) and 30-year mortgages paid in 15 years.

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

COMMON STOCK PRICES, YIELD, AND EARNINGS

Stock prices declined in early December after increasing during October and November.



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								
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	18.20
1973-----	107.43	120.44	118.57	107.13	53.47	38.01	3.06	14.22
1974-----	82.85	92.91	92.84	78.08	38.91	37.53	4.47	8.94
1974: Oct-----	69.44	77.57	77.49	62.79	33.80	33.70	5.38	-----
Nov-----	71.74	80.17	79.35	65.84	34.45	35.95	5.13	-----
Dec-----	67.07	74.80	74.06	62.51	32.85	34.81	5.43	7.71
1975: Feb-----	80.10	89.29	88.50	75.06	40.37	37.80	4.61	-----
Mar-----	83.78	93.90	92.78	80.42	39.55	38.35	4.42	9.90
Apr-----	84.72	95.27	96.76	80.75	38.19	38.55	4.34	-----
May-----	90.10	101.56	101.96	85.15	39.69	38.90	4.08	-----
June-----	92.40	103.68	101.15	85.98	43.67	38.94	4.02	12.08
July-----	92.49	103.84	101.15	86.58	43.67	38.04	4.02	-----
Aug-----	85.71	96.21	93.05	78.29	40.61	35.13	4.36	-----
Sept-----	84.67	94.96	93.61	77.25	40.53	34.93	4.39	-----
Oct-----	88.57	99.29	95.77	83.07	42.59	36.92	4.22	-----
Nov-----	90.07	100.86	96.10	88.01	43.77	37.81	4.07	-----
Week ended:								
1975: Nov 7-----	88.93	99.59	96.64	86.32	43.19	37.38	4.14	-----
14-----	90.48	101.36	93.38	88.78	43.75	38.19	4.03	-----
21-----	90.32	101.13	96.43	87.97	44.00	38.07	4.08	-----
28-----	90.65	101.50	97.95	88.97	44.22	37.53	4.04	-----
Dec 5-----	88.45	99.01	94.52	85.08	43.25	36.95	4.20	-----
12-----	87.62	98.11	95.25	85.11	42.69	36.44	4.17	-----
19-----	88.88	99.55	96.66	86.20	43.14	37.09	4.12	-----

¹ Includes 500 common stocks: 425 industrials, 55 public utilities, and 20 railroads. Weekly indexes for capital and consumer goods are Wednesday figures; all other weekly indexes are averages of daily figures.

² Aggregate cash dividends (based on latest known annual rate) divided by the aggregate monthly market value of the stocks in the group. Annual yields

are averages of monthly data. Weekly data are Wednesday figures.

³ Ratio of price index for last day of quarter to quarterly earnings (seasonally adjusted annual rate). Annual ratios are averages of quarterly data.

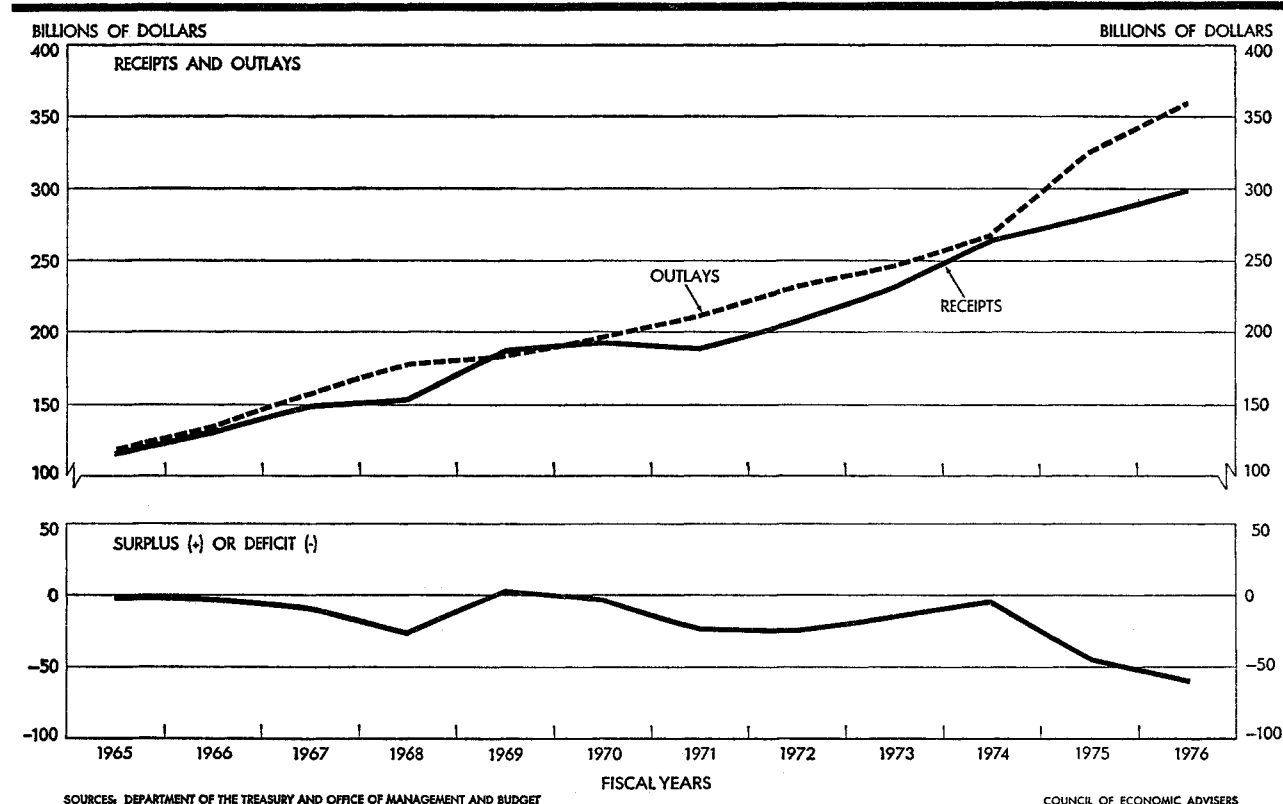
⁴ Not charted.

Source: Standard & Poor's Corporation.

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FEDERAL BUDGET RECEIPTS AND OUTLAYS AND DEBT

In the first 4 months of fiscal 1976 there was a Federal budget deficit of \$31.6 billion. A year earlier the deficit was \$8.4 billion.



[Billions of dollars]

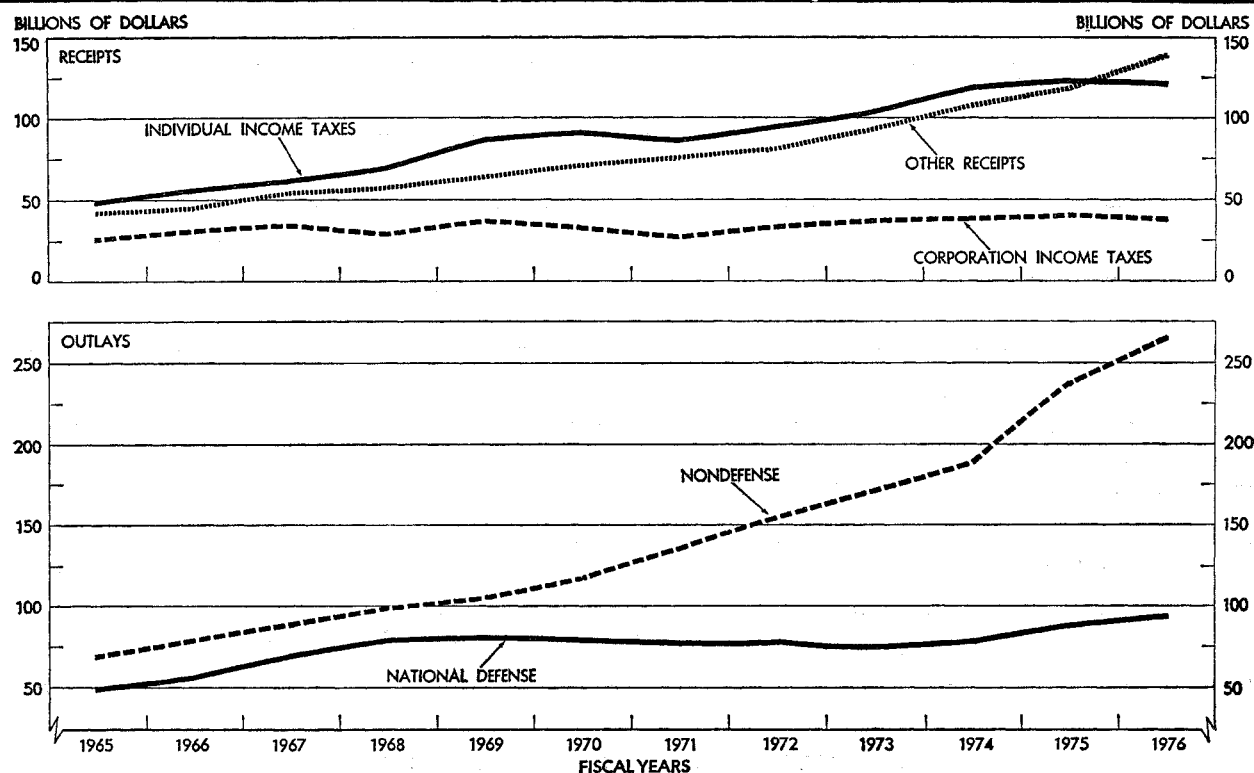
Period	Receipts	Outlays	Surplus or deficit (-)	Federal debt (end of period)	
				Total ¹	Held by the public
Fiscal year:					
1965.....	116.8	118.4	-1.6	323.2	261.6
1966.....	130.9	134.7	-3.8	329.5	264.7
1967.....	149.6	158.3	-8.7	341.3	267.5
1968.....	153.7	178.8	-25.2	369.8	290.6
1969.....	187.8	184.5	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.....	232.2	246.5	-14.3	468.4	343.0
1974.....	264.9	268.4	-3.5	486.2	346.1
1975.....	281.0	324.6	-43.6	544.1	396.9
1976 ²	299.0	358.9	-59.9	617.5	470.9
Cumulative totals for first 4 months:					
Fiscal year 1975.....	92.4	100.8	-8.4	491.6	351.3
Fiscal year 1976.....	91.7	123.4	-31.6	572.9	432.1

¹ Excludes non-interest-bearing public debt securities held by IMF;
² Estimates as of May 30, 1975.

Sources: Department of the Treasury and Office of Management and Budget.

FEDERAL BUDGET RECEIPTS BY SOURCE AND OUTLAYS BY FUNCTION

In the first 4 months of fiscal 1976, Federal budget receipts were \$0.7 billion lower and expenditures \$22.6 billion higher than a year earlier.



SOURCES: DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY AND OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET

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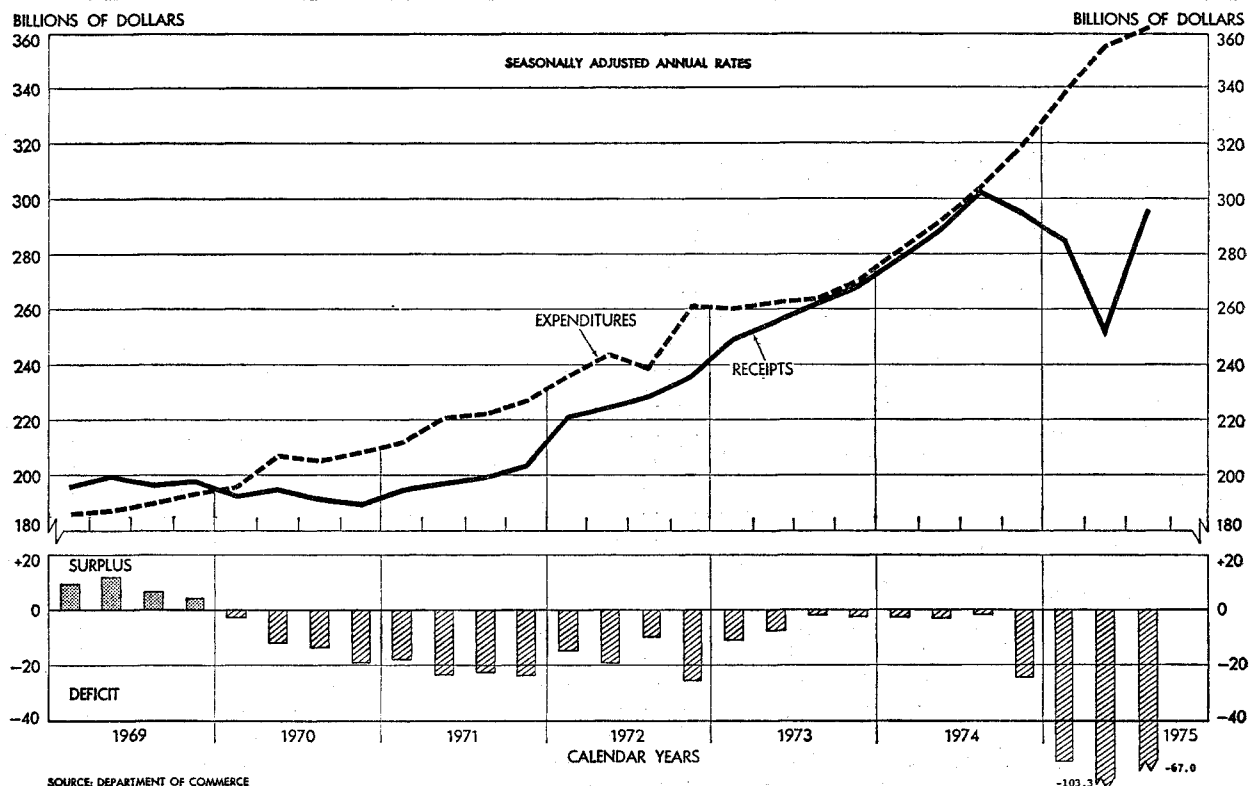
Period	Receipts				Outlays						
	Total	Individual income taxes	Corporation income taxes	Other	Total	National defense		International affairs	Health and income security	Interest	Other
						Total	Department of Defense, military				
Fiscal year:											
1965-----	116.8	48.8	25.5	42.6	118.4	48.6	46.0	4.1	27.5	10.4	27.8
1966-----	130.9	55.4	30.1	45.3	134.7	55.9	54.2	4.6	31.5	11.3	31.4
1967-----	149.6	61.5	34.0	54.1	158.3	69.1	67.5	4.7	37.6	12.5	34.3
1968-----	153.7	68.7	28.7	56.3	178.8	79.4	77.4	4.6	43.4	13.8	37.7
1969-----	187.8	87.2	36.7	63.9	184.5	80.2	77.9	3.8	49.0	15.8	35.7
1970-----	193.7	90.4	32.8	70.5	196.6	79.3	77.2	3.6	56.1	18.3	39.3
1971-----	188.4	86.2	26.8	75.4	211.4	76.8	74.5	3.1	70.1	19.6	41.8
1972-----	208.6	94.7	32.2	81.7	231.9	77.4	75.2	3.7	81.4	20.6	48.8
1973-----	232.2	103.2	36.2	92.8	246.5	75.1	73.3	3.0	91.8	22.8	53.9
1974-----	264.9	119.0	38.6	107.4	268.4	78.6	77.6	3.6	106.5	28.1	51.7
1975-----	281.0	122.4	40.6	118.0	324.6	86.7	85.4	4.2	136.3	31.0	66.4
1976 ¹ -----	299.0	121.3	37.8	139.9	358.9	94.1	91.1	5.5	151.8	34.4	73.1
Cumulative totals for first 4 months:											
Fiscal year 1975---	92.4	45.8	9.2	37.4	100.8	27.3	27.4	1.1	40.3	10.1	22.0
Fiscal year 1976---	91.7	44.3	8.9	38.6	123.4	30.7	29.4	1.4	51.8	11.1	28.4

¹ Estimates as of May 30, 1975.

Sources: Department of the Treasury and Office of Management and Budget.

FEDERAL SECTOR, NATIONAL INCOME ACCOUNTS BASIS

In the third quarter, the sharp increase of \$44.0 billion (annual rate) in Federal receipts was the net result of a \$27.0 billion increase due to provisions of the Tax Reduction Act and a \$16.9 billion rise resulting from higher incomes and petroleum import fees. Expenditures were up \$7.7 billion. As a result the deficit dropped \$36.3 billion to \$67.0 billion.



[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:														
1972	213.2	100.7	34.1	20.0	58.5	232.9	103.2	78.6	32.6	13.4	5.3	0.0		-19.7
1973	240.4	106.8	41.2	20.7	71.7	255.4	105.3	89.4	40.2	14.5	6.7	.5		-15.0
1974	273.6	123.1	45.6	21.6	83.3	278.3	110.3	104.2	41.5	17.4	4.7	-.2		-4.7
1975 ¹	282.9	126.7	43.2	22.9	90.1	329.4	124.1	134.1	47.8	19.9	3.0	-.4		-46.4
1976 ²	312.1	127.0	37.8	50.7	96.8	371.4	136.9	152.9	54.3	23.2	4.1	.0		-59.3
Calendar year:														
1970	192.0	92.2	31.0	19.3	49.5	203.9	96.2	63.2	24.4	14.6	5.5	.0		-11.9
1971	198.5	89.9	33.4	20.4	54.6	220.3	97.6	74.9	29.0	13.6	5.2	.0		-21.9
1972	227.2	108.2	36.6	20.0	62.5	244.7	104.9	82.8	37.4	13.5	6.6	.5		-17.5
1973	258.5	114.1	43.7	21.2	79.5	264.2	106.6	95.5	40.5	16.3	5.3	.0		-5.6
1974	291.1	131.3	49.1	22.0	88.7	299.1	116.9	117.0	43.8	18.8	2.1	-.5		-8.1
1974: I	278.1	124.1	45.9	21.5	86.7	281.0	111.5	106.5	42.9	17.9	2.2	.0		-2.8
II	288.6	129.4	49.2	21.9	88.1	291.6	114.3	113.6	43.2	18.7	1.3	-.6		-3.0
III	302.8	134.8	55.4	22.5	90.0	304.7	117.2	120.8	43.4	19.1	2.7	-1.5		-1.9
IV	294.7	136.8	45.7	22.2	90.0	319.3	124.5	127.2	45.5	19.7	2.3	.0		-24.5
1975: I	284.1	136.2	34.1	22.9	90.9	338.5	126.5	138.5	50.2	19.7	3.5	.0		-54.4
II	251.8	99.1	37.5	23.8	91.3	355.0	128.4	149.9	52.2	21.1	3.5	.0		-103.3
III	295.8	131.5	45.3	25.6	93.3	362.7	130.5	151.1	55.9	21.4	3.9	.0		-67.0

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