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WEEKLY BUSINESS STATISTICS¹

ITEM	1953	1954			ITEM	1953	1954		
	Jan. 31	Jan. 16	Jan. 23	Jan. 30		Jan. 31	Jan. 16	Jan. 23	Jan. 30
Commodity prices, wholesale:					Stock prices (480), Standard				
All commodities...1947-49=100	*109.9	110.9	110.9	110.9	and Poor's.....1935-39=100	197.4	192.5	197.1	199.2
Farm products.....do..	*99.6	98.5	98.4	98.9	Industrials (420).....do..	213.9	208.3	213.8	216.5
Foods, processed.....do..	*105.5	106.1	105.9	105.6	Production:				
All other.....do..	*113.1	114.5	114.5	114.5	Bitum.coal 3/...thous.sh.tons	**1,535	1,363	1,363	.....
22 commodities 2/.....do..	88.7	88.6	87.7	87.5	Electric power,by utilities				
Department store sales.....do..	**86	85	87	.....	..... mil. kw.-hr.	**8,144	9,014	8,976	.....
Insured unemployment, total					Motor vehicles (Ward's)....No.	141,137	139,341	137,681	136,196
.....thous.	**1,251	2,220	.....	.....	Petroleum,crude 3/...thous.bbl.	**6,400	6,236	6,195	.....
State programs.....do..	**1,165	2,038	.....	.....	Steel (ingots & for castings,				
Failures, ind. & comm.number	162	200	208	233	quantity) 4/.....1947-49=100	139.5	110.3	109.9	112.2
Bond yields, domestic corpo-					Freight car loadings.thous.cars	**698	620	617	.....
rate (Moody's) 3/....percent	3.24	3.35	3.33	3.30	Miscellaneous.....do..	**370	319	320	.....

1/ Data do not always cover calendar weeks. 2/ Tuesday prices. 3/ Daily averages. 4/ Week ended February 6, 1954. * Monthly index for January 1953. ** For week corresponding to latest. # For preceding week: Total, 2,130,000; State programs, 1,952,000.

MONTHLY BUSINESS STATISTICS

ITEM	1953			1954	ITEM	1952	1953		
	January	November	December	January		December	October	November	December
CONSTRUCTION AND REAL ESTATE					GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS				
Construction cost indexes:					Personal income, seasonally				
Department of Commerce, com-					adjusted, at annual rates:				
posite.....1947-49=100	#120.6	122.9	123.0	.....	Total.....bill. dol.	280.6	287.2	r285.9	284.7
EMPLOYMENT					Wage & salary disbursements,				
Labor force (Bureau Census):					total.....bill. dol.	192.5	199.3	r198.3	196.4
Civilian labor force.....thous.	62,700	63,353	62,614	62,137	Comm.-producing ind.....do..	87.0	88.7	r87.7	85.9
Employed.....do..	60,800	61,925	60,764	59,778	Distributive ind.....do..	50.1	52.7	r52.9	52.8
Agricultural.....do..	5,825	6,651	5,438	5,345	Service industries.....do..	22.6	24.2	24.1	24.2
Nonagricultural.....do..	54,975	55,274	55,326	54,433	Government.....do..	32.8	33.7	r33.6	33.5
Unemployed.....do..	1,900	1,428	1,850	2,359	Wage & salary receipts,				
FINANCE					total.....bill. dol.	188.7	195.6	r194.5	192.6
Bonds (S&P Corp.):					Other labor income.....do..	5.1	5.1	5.1	5.1
Dom. municipal (15 bonds):					Proprietors' and rental in-				
Price.....dol. per \$100 bond	124.0	121.4	122.3	123.6	come.....bill. dol.	51.8	49.5	50.0	50.4
Yield.....percent	2.47	2.62	2.59	2.50	Personal interest income				
Stocks:					and dividends.....do..	21.5	22.8	r22.7	22.5
Cash dividend payments:					Transfer payments.....do..	13.6	14.5	13.8	14.3
Total (pub. reported)					Less personal contributions				
.....mil. dol.	#1,736.1	232.4	1,715.2	.....	for social ins.....bill. dol.	3.9	4.0	4.0	4.0
Finance.....do..	#195.2	52.5	170.6	.....	Total nonagr. income.....do..	261.6	270.5	r269.0	267.2
Manufacturing.....do..	#1,045.5	102.0	1,081.7	.....	Industrial prod. (FRB):				
Mining.....do..	#141.9	2.5	141.3	.....	Unadj., combined index				
Communications.....do..	#49.7	1.1	43.7	.....	.....1947-49=100	131	136	r130	p125
Heat, light & power.....do..	#92.6	57.0	100.3	.....	Manufactures.....do..	133	138	r132	p127
Railroad.....do..	#88.4	2.9	87.4	.....	Durable manufactures.....do..	151	154	r146	p142
Trade.....do..	#79.2	7.8	48.8	.....	Primary metals.....do..	131	129	r122	p111
Div. yields, pref. stocks,					Steel.....do..	#144	136	129	.....
11 high-grade (S&P).....percent	4.16	4.15	4.20	4.15	Metal fabricating.....do..	166	167	r158	p156
Price, comb. index (480)					Fab. metal prod.....do..	134	135	r132	p130
(S&P Corp.).....1935-39=100	197.6	187.5	190.7	195.4	Machinery.....do..	164	161	155	p149
Industrial (420).....do..	214.3	202.3	206.2	211.9	Transportation equip.....do..	182	189	r171	p174
Capital goods (129).....do..	200.4	192.2	197.0	201.0	Autos.....do..	114	151	107	p107
Consumers' goods (195).....do..	184.7	171.0	172.9	177.0	Instruments, etc.....do..	156	156	r157	p157
Public utility (40).....do..	124.0	123.6	125.2	126.7	Furniture & fixtures.....do..	125	117	114	p114
Railroad (20).....do..	185.2	158.5	156.9	159.5	Lumber & products.....do..	103	122	r115	p104
					Stone,clay & glass.....do..	128	140	134	p131

r/ Revised. p/ Preliminary. # December 1952 data. ## November 1952 data.

MONTHLY BUSINESS STATISTICS—Continued

ITEM	1952	1953			ITEM	1952	1953		
	December	October	November	December		December	October	November	December
GEN. BUS. INDICATORS - Con.					METALS AND MANUFACTURES				
Industrial prod. - Con.					Iron ore (Lake Superior dis.):				
Unadjusted index - Con.					Consumption by furnaces				
Manufactures - Con.					thous. l. tons	8,220	8,131	7,522	7,022
Nondurable mfs..1947-49=100	115	123	r118	p111	Stocks,end of mo.,total..do..	45,172	55,699	r54,981	48,815
Food & beverage mfs...do..	102	120	r111	p100	At furnaces.....do..	39,055	47,419	r46,896	41,145
Food manufactures....do..	105	r123	r115	p103	On Lake Erie docks.....do..	6,116	8,280	8,085	7,671
Beverages.....do..	#101	116	99	.....	Castings, gray iron:				
Tobacco manufactures..do..	93	116	r111	p89	Orders, unfilled, for sale				
Textile-mill prod.....do..	104	102	r96	p89	thous. sh. tons	#1,309.3	1,075.5	977.0	.....
Apparel & allied prod.do..	111	106	100	p99	Shipments, total.....do..	#1,060.7	1,141.5	1,004.3	.....
Leather & products....do..	98	97	r88	p86	For sale.....do..	#593.8	650.2	563.9	.....
Paper & allied prod....do..	121	140	135	p121	Castings, malleable iron:				
Printing & publishing.do..	121	127	126	p121	Orders,unf.,for sale..sh.tons	#167,842	104,046	93,156	.....
Chemicals, etc.....do..	143	150	r151	p148	Shipments, total.....do..	#76,099	73,473	63,435	.....
Petroleum & coal prod.do..	128	131	r131	p128	For sale.....do..	#46,708	45,515	37,500	.....
Rubber products.....do..	123	r127	r120	p112	Pig iron, production				
Minerals.....do..	115	118	r112	p109	thous. short tons	6,510	6,498	6,063	5,779
Coal.....do..	85	84	76	p71	Castings, steel:				
Crude oil & nat. gas...do..	134	131	r130	p131	Shipments, total...short tons	#148,259	140,702	114,088	.....
Adj., combined index....do..	133	132	r129	p127	For sale, total.....do..	#110,467	106,788	84,945	.....
Manufactures.....do..	135	134	r131	p129	Railway specialties.....do..	#22,287	r25,354	17,784	.....
Durable manufactures...do..	152	151	r146	p143	Steel forgings: 1/				
Primary metals.....do..	135	128	r122	p114	Orders, unf.,thous. sh. tons	#1,398.9	797.5	741.7	.....
Metal fabricating.....do..	166	165	r159	p157	Shipments, for sale.....do..	#155.6	155.8	144.6	.....
Fab. metal products...do..	134	132	r132	p130	Drop and upset.....do..	#112.6	112.8	103.7	.....
Machinery.....do..	161	159	r153	p147	Press and open hammer...do..	#43.0	43.0	41.0	.....
Transportation equip.do..	190	189	r178	p181	Electrical appl.,sales billed:				
Instruments, etc.....do..	154	155	155	p155	Vacuum cleaners,stand..number	249,032	249,383	216,227	190,773
Furniture & fixtures...do..	120	113	110	p108	Washers.....do..	317,914	319,066	244,144	200,034
Lumber & products....do..	115	116	116	p115	Radio sets, production 2/				
Stone, clay & glass...do..	129	133	133	p133	thousands	1,498.3	1,052.5	1,065.8	1,101.1
Nondurable mfs.....do..	118	117	116	p114	Television sets,prod.2/.number	921.1	680.4	560.2	449.8
Food & beverage mfs...do..	106	108	r108	p105	PAPER AND PRINTING				
Tobacco manufactures..do..	114	106	r108	p108	Newsprint, Canada:				
Textile-mill prod.....do..	108	100	r96	p92	Production.....sh. tons	463,377	510,772	473,176	473,325
Apparel & allied prod.do..	114	106	101	p102	Shipments from mills.....do..	463,064	506,544	491,450	488,571
Leather & products....do..	104	93	r90	p91	Stocks, mills, end mo....do..	122,512	144,764	126,490	111,244
Paper & allied prod....do..	127	132	r132	p128	Newsprint, United States:				
Printing & publishing.do..	119	123	r121	p119	Consump. by publishers...do..	386,627	429,509	427,904	388,237
Chemicals, etc.....do..	141	146	146	p147	Production.....do..	86,659	97,112	92,385	89,656
Petroleum & coal prod.do..	128	129	r129	p128	Shipments from mills.....do..	83,007	96,288	90,847	90,240
Rubber products.....do..	128	r120	r118	p117	Stocks, end of month:				
Minerals.....do..	117	114	r111	p111	At mills.....do..	11,726	7,072	8,610	8,026
Coal.....do..	82	76	r70	p69	At publishers.....do..	530,651	514,419	464,899	477,800
Crude oil & nat. gas...do..	134	131	r130	p131	In transit to pub.....do..	81,258	80,803	87,468	73,969
ELECTRIC POWER					TRANSPORTATION EQUIPMENT				
Electric power, production,					Motor vehicles, factory sales,				
total.....mil. kw.-hr.	42,389	43,751	42,317	45,052	total.....number	r535,428	r620,562	452,487	482,920
Utilities.....do..	36,536	37,614	36,378	39,062	Coaches, total.....do..	231	519	371	424
Industrial establish....do..	5,853	6,137	5,939	5,990	Domestic.....do..	189	496	288	393
FOODSTUFFS					Passenger cars, total....do..	r418,983	528,088	378,406	387,844
Fermented malt liquors:					Domestic.....do..	r406,157	516,257	369,994	371,844
Production.....thous. bbl.	6,686	7,606	5,649	5,954	Trucks, total.....do..	r116,214	r91,955	73,710	94,652
Tax-paid withdrawals....do..	6,774	6,941	5,644	6,176	Domestic.....do..	r104,048	r79,541	64,781	80,224
Stocks, end of month....do..	r9,097	10,091	9,830	9,223					
Coffee, vis. supply.thous.bags	691	628	778	723					

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