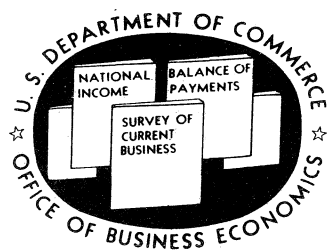


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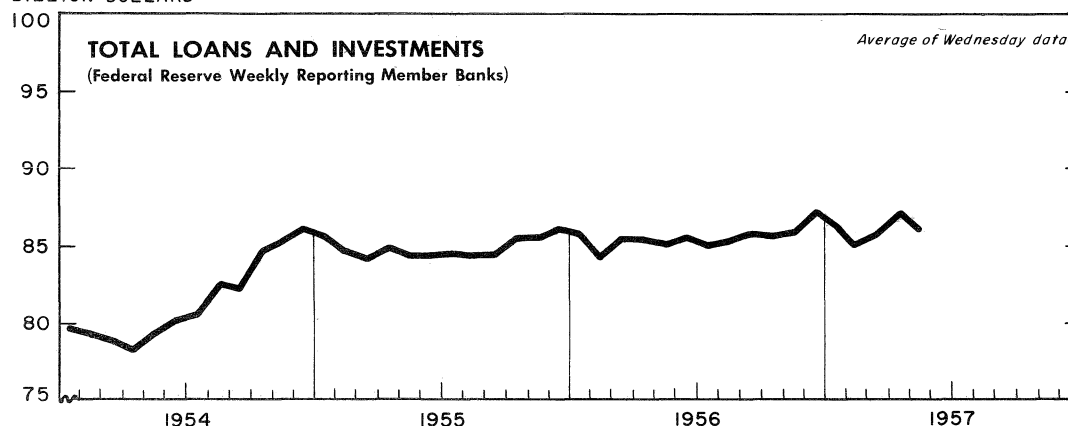


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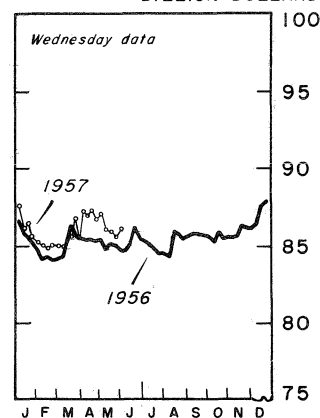
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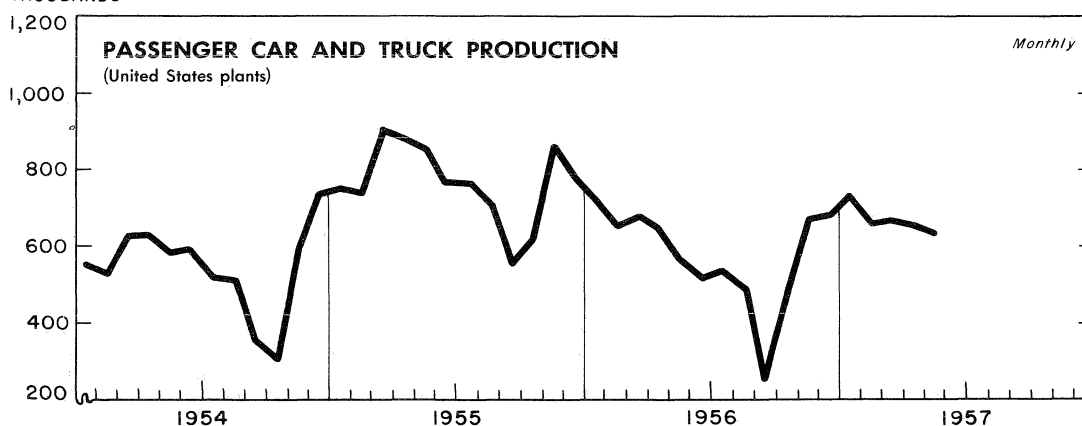
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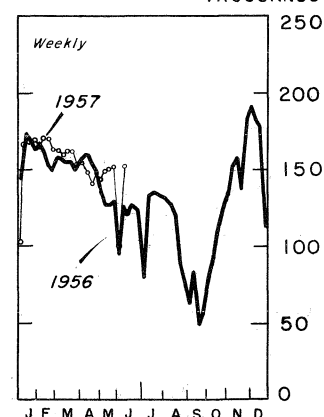
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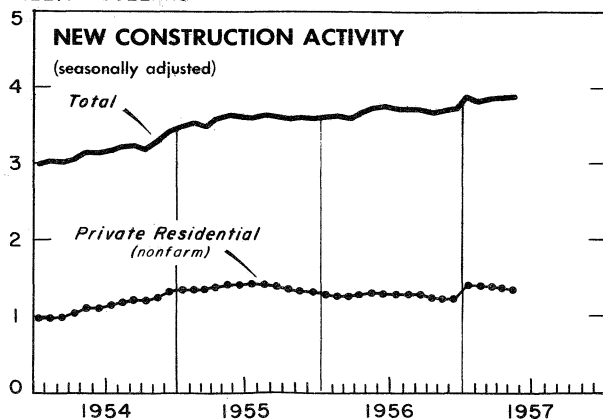
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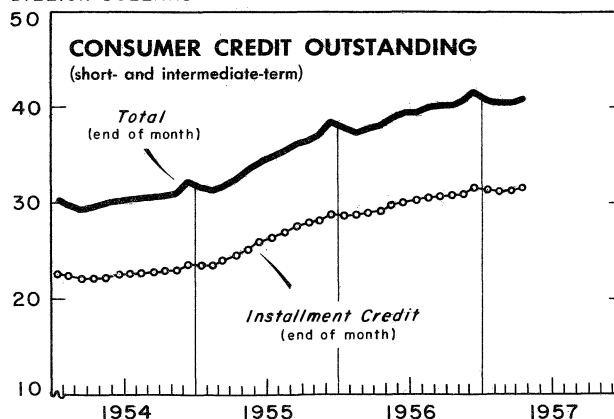
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WEEKLY BUSINESS STATISTICS¹

ITEM	1956		1957			
	June 2	June 9	May 18	May 25	June 1	June 8
Commodity prices, wholesale:						
All commodities.....1947-49=100..	.....	*114.4	117.2	117.2	117.2	117.5
Farm products.....do....	.....	*90.9	89.7	89.7	89.9	90.8
Foods, processed.....do....	.....	*102.4	105.0	105.3	105.3	106.5
All other.....do....	.....	*121.7	125.3	125.2	125.2	125.3
22 commodities 2/.....do....	88.3	88.2	87.6	88.3	88.7	89.5
Department store sales.....do....	109	124	120	116	110	.....
Insured unemployment, total.....thous..	1,322	1,298	1,435	1,355	.....	.....
State programs.....do....	1,247	1,225	1,346	1,270	.....	.....
Finance:						
Currency in circulation 3/.....mil. of dol..	30,327	30,505	30,654	30,645	30,660	30,836
Federal Reserve bank credit outstanding, total 3/.....do....	24,995	25,320	25,031	25,070	24,833	24,987
Member bank reserve balances 3/.....do....	18,569	18,819	18,845	18,818	18,616	18,846
Excess reserves, estimated 3/.....do....	342	602	450	492	326	442
Federal Reserve reporting member banks in leading cities:4/						
Demand deposits, adjusted.....mil. of dol..	55,521	55,641	55,057	55,151	55,187	.....
Time deposits, except U. S. Government.....do....	21,684	21,806	23,276	23,356	23,483	.....
Loans and investments (adjusted), total.....do....	84,724	84,726	85,905	85,626	86,229	.....
U. S. Government obligations.....do....	26,873	26,719	25,221	25,114	25,878	.....
Commercial, industrial, and agr. loans (gross).....do....	27,784	27,971	31,569	31,328	31,066	.....
Real-estate loans (gross).....do....	8,503	8,508	8,699	8,664	8,665	.....
Failures, industrial and commercial.....number..	238	257	264	309	225	289
Bond yields, domestic corporate (Moody's) 3/.....percent..	3.46	3.46	4.02	4.03	4.06	4.09
Stock prices, 500 stocks (Stand. & Poor's)4/.....1941-43=100..	45.11	45.63	46.83	47.14	47.11	47.27
Industrials, 425 stocks.....do....	48.04	48.62	50.17	50.53	50.57	50.81
Production:						
Bituminous coal 3/.....thous. of short tons..	1,555	1,617	1,601	1,594	1,618	.....
Electric power, by utilities.....mil. of kw.-hr..	10,598	10,951	11,519	11,574	10,936	.....
Passenger cars and trucks (Ward's).....number..	94,899	126,464	150,528	150,835	99,950	150,973
Petroleum (crude) and condensate 3/.....thous. of bbl..	7,037	6,998	7,511	7,457	7,418	.....
Steel 5/.....thous. of short tons..	2,370	2,380	2,155	2,212	2,252	2,240
Percent of capacity 5/.....	#96.3	#96.7	84.2	86.4	88.0	87.5
Freight carloadings, total.....thous. of cars..	719	787	723	723	672	.....
Miscellaneous.....do....	352	383	350	343	318	.....

1/ Data do not always cover calendar weeks. 2/ Tuesday prices. 3/ Daily average. 4/ Wednesday data; S&P's index on revised basis.
5/ Week beginning June 10, 1957: Production, 2,257 thous. short tons; operating rate, 88.2 percent. *Monthly index for May 1956. #Not comparable with 1957 rates, which are based on higher capacity.

MONTHLY BUSINESS STATISTICS

ITEM	1956		1957			
	March	April	January	February	March	April
CONSTRUCTION AND REAL ESTATE						
Construction contracts awarded, 48 States (F. W. Dodge Corp.):						
Total valuation.....mil. of dol..	2,770	3,045	2,300	2,161	3,078	2,776
Building, total.....do....	2,250	2,392	1,731	1,696	2,200	2,070
DOMESTIC TRADE						
Wholesale trade:						
Sales, estimated (unadjusted), total.....mil. of dol..	10,240	9,900	10,300	9,570	r10,380	10,420
Durable-goods establishments.....do....	3,540	3,530	3,320	3,180	3,510	3,560
Nondurable-goods establishments.....do....	6,700	6,370	6,980	6,390	r6,870	6,860
Inventories, estimated (unadjusted), total.....do....	12,620	12,620	13,180	13,100	r13,140	12,960
Durable-goods establishments.....do....	6,680	6,780	6,650	6,780	r6,960	6,950
Nondurable-goods establishments.....do....	5,940	5,840	6,530	6,320	r6,180	6,010
FINANCE						
Consumer credit (short- and intermediate-term):						
Total outstanding, end of month.....mil. of dol..	37,761	38,222	40,916	40,513	40,503	41,015
Installment credit, total.....do....	29,112	29,419	31,298	31,233	31,273	31,532
Installment credit extended and repaid:						
Unadjusted: Extended, total.....do....	3,305	3,329	3,079	2,954	3,319	3,558
Repaid, total.....do....	3,108	3,022	3,333	3,019	3,279	3,299
Adjusted: Extended, total.....do....	3,167	3,402	3,512	3,496	3,299	3,505
Repaid, total.....do....	2,894	3,142	3,311	3,214	3,160	3,301
CHEMICALS AND ALLIED PRODUCTS						
Potash deliveries.....short tons..	210,257	257,348	162,814	183,140	266,028	269,417
Explosives (industrial), shipments:						
Black blasting powder.....thous. of lb..	526	451	546	722	246	223
High explosives.....do....	71,445	77,634	70,015	67,094	71,654	79,924
FOODSTUFFS						
Dairy products, production:						
Butter, creamery (factory).....thous. of lb..	129,300	136,010	116,405	109,255	124,855	132,870
Cheese (factory), total.....do....	119,070	129,185	100,920	97,105	116,150	131,460
Condensed milk (sweetened), case goods.....do....	3,410	4,650	7,350	8,275	6,380	6,550
Evaporated milk (unsweetened), case goods.....do....	208,950	240,100	162,000	169,850	212,600	260,500
Dry milk: Dry whole milk.....do....	9,425	9,450	7,700	6,500	6,450	8,200
Nonfat dry milk solids (human food).....do....	147,700	162,700	120,900	132,400	144,090	162,500

ITEM	1956		1957			
	March	April	January	February	March	April
FOODSTUFFS - Continued						
Corn grindings, wet process.....thous. of bu..	11,963	11,142	11,731	10,874	11,313	11,133
Grains, receipts, principal markets:						
Corn.....do....	26,727	27,442	32,736	49,429	60,072	47,066
Oats.....do....	5,432	5,404	7,261	3,759	4,950	5,968
Rye.....do....	552	1,666	498	306	240	302
Wheat.....do....	23,929	29,874	29,679	24,144	21,462	24,030
Coffee, visible supply, United States.....thous. of bags..	770	753	988	1,181	853	1,034
LEATHER AND PRODUCTS						
Shoes and slippers, production, total.....thous. of pairs..	55,341	48,968	51,535	51,398	r55,085	52,836
Shoes, sandals, and play shoes, exc.athletic, total..do....	49,636	43,240	47,410	45,847	r48,815	46,457
Men's.....do....	9,774	9,643	9,084	8,722	r9,642	9,366
Youths' and boys'.....do....	1,989	1,761	1,937	1,771	r1,950	2,116
Women's.....do....	26,779	22,861	25,224	24,774	r26,536	25,222
Misses' and children's.....do....	7,214	5,724	7,547	7,092	r6,931	6,275
Infants' and babies'.....do....	3,880	3,251	3,618	3,488	r3,756	3,478
Slippers for housewear.....do....	5,066	5,153	2,859	4,345	r5,042	5,135
Athletic.....do....	453	451	477	463	541	451
Other footwear.....do....	186	124	789	743	687	793
LUMBER AND MANUFACTURES						
Lumber (National Lumber Manufacturers Association):						
Production, total.....mil. of bd. ft..	3,092	3,145	2,720	2,612	2,807	2,950
Softwoods.....do....	2,491	2,548	2,159	2,039	2,253	2,449
Shipments, total.....do....	3,265	3,268	2,625	2,486	2,758	3,023
Softwoods.....do....	2,596	2,629	2,116	1,951	2,231	2,511
Stocks, gross (mill and concentration yards), total..do....	8,522	8,399	9,863	9,989	10,037	9,990
Softwoods.....do....	5,391	5,310	6,130	6,218	6,240	6,204
METALS AND MANUFACTURES						
Steel products, net shipments:						
Total (all grades).....thous. of short tons..	8,256	7,784	7,809	7,067	7,822	7,350
Semifinished products.....do....	447	387	380	360	437	358
Structural shapes (heavy), steel piling.....do....	525	478	573	583	668	631
Plates.....do....	707	712	777	763	881	876
Rails and accessories.....do....	238	233	224	208	232	232
Bars and tool steel, total.....do....	1,284	1,209	1,180	1,085	1,145	1,030
Bars:						
Hot rolled (incl. light shapes).....do....	877	801	802	713	768	687
Reinforcing.....do....	217	228	224	235	240	216
Cold finished.....do....	178	167	144	127	128	118
Pipe and tubing.....do....	952	914	1,039	905	1,034	974
Wire and wire products.....do....	395	375	314	287	312	304
Tin mill products (incl. black plate).....do....	798	787	649	529	809	875
Sheets and strip (incl. electrical), total.....do....	2,910	2,655	2,674	2,347	2,302	2,070
Sheets: Hot rolled.....do....	853	798	847	731	753	680
Cold rolled (incl. enameling).....do....	1,327	1,191	1,232	1,083	1,026	907
Lead:						
Production, secondary, estimated recoverable...short tons..	37,047	38,434	36,009	38,283	38,483	.....
Imports (general), ore, metal.....do....	29,695	42,635	54,063	33,527	38,830	.....
Consumption, total.....do....	96,600	96,400	101,400	94,400	97,400	.....
Stocks, end of month:						
Producers', ore, base bullion, and in process.....do....	118,230	117,236	120,975	123,276	126,053	.....
Refiners' (primary), refined and antimonial.....do....	50,371	52,188	40,559	44,833	39,008	.....
Consumers', total.....do....	128,246	131,162	118,124	117,554	119,375	.....
Scrap (lead-base, purchased), all consumers.....do....	51,949	51,903	55,465	56,535	49,714	.....
Radiators and convectors, cast iron:						
Shipments.....thous. of sq. ft..	1,802	1,900	1,712	r1,797	1,803	.....
Stocks, end of month.....do....	5,814	6,082	4,139	r4,562	4,750	.....
Oil burners:						
Shipments.....number..	47,890	50,798	45,933	42,772	43,619	.....
Stocks, end of month.....do....	73,835	77,713	54,460	52,345	62,532	.....
Stoves and ranges, domestic cooking, excluding electrical:						
Shipments, total.....number..	194,454	174,627	146,360	r160,792	178,695	.....
Coal and wood.....do....	4,958	4,572	4,178	4,716	4,000	.....
Gas (including bungalow and combination).....do....	181,480	161,322	136,248	r149,126	163,668	.....
Kerosene, gasoline, and fuel oil.....do....	8,016	8,733	5,934	6,950	11,027	.....
Stoves, domestic heating, shipments, total.....do....	131,234	125,580	89,855	90,716	105,041	.....
Coal and wood.....do....	10,636	14,310	6,379	8,021	9,870	.....
Gas.....do....	76,970	71,694	56,564	55,660	54,011	.....
Kerosene, gasoline, and fuel oil.....do....	43,628	39,576	26,912	27,035	41,160	.....
Warm-air furnaces, shipments, total.....do....	84,882	84,992	75,731	66,838	74,608	.....
Gas.....do....	56,527	57,390	49,228	43,708	51,030	.....
Oil.....do....	26,280	25,311	23,737	20,870	21,540	.....
Solid fuel.....do....	2,075	2,291	2,766	2,260	2,038	.....
Water heaters, gas, shipments.....do....	254,786	230,056	209,953	202,173	221,764	.....
PAPER AND PRINTING						
Paper, excluding building paper, newsprint, and paperboard:						
Orders, new.....thous. of short tons..	982.1	890.5	r873.7	r794.6	903.4	.....
Orders, unfilled, end of month.....do....	929.5	952.8	r693.6	r667.8	723.0	.....
Production.....do....	1,066.9	1,035.2	r1,061.2	r957.2	1,020.6	.....
Shipments.....do....	914.0	878.4	r885.3	r798.4	857.4	
Stocks, end of month.....do....	397.5	401.7	r494.6	r501.9	517.6	

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PAPER AND PRINTING - Continued						
Paper, excluding building paper, newsprint, and paper-board - Continued						
Fine paper:						
Orders, new.....thous. of short tons..	149.8	137.8	r118.3	r131.7	133.1	.....
Orders, unfilled, end of month.....do....	131.9	133.5	r68.9	r79.6	78.7	.....
Production.....do....	144.5	135.6	r133.8	r125.0	139.6	.....
Shipments.....do....	144.0	136.1	r135.9	r127.8	134.8	.....
Stocks, end of month.....do....	96.2	99.8	r105.6	r133.4	133.4	.....
Printing paper:						
Orders, new.....do....	407.0	371.9	r364.2	r309.2	387.7	.....
Orders, unfilled, end of month.....do....	519.7	548.5	r422.2	r396.2	438.0	.....
Production.....do....	366.8	348.5	r362.0	r323.5	349.8	.....
Shipments.....do....	365.8	348.9	r353.1	r321.2	345.9	.....
Stocks, end of month.....do....	160.5	160.0	r202.6	r200.4	218.5	.....
Coarse paper:						
Orders, new.....do....	365.7	324.5	334.6	r302.1	322.5	.....
Orders, unfilled, end of month.....do....	222.1	215.8	156.6	r148.2	157.4	.....
Production.....do....	345.6	334.1	r344.1	r308.0	318.5	.....
Shipments.....do....	346.7	334.3	334.5	r297.4	320.3	.....
Stocks, end of month.....do....	89.5	91.2	123.1	r107.8	107.4	.....
RUBBER AND PRODUCTS						
Tires and tubes:						
Pneumatic casings:						
Production.....thousands..	9,193	8,834	9,504	9,169	9,766	8,950
Shipments, total.....do....	8,627	9,119	8,874	8,539	9,114	9,381
Original equipment.....do....	3,466	3,217	3,496	3,361	3,381	3,246
Stocks, end of month.....do....	21,562	21,132	20,490	21,008	21,743	21,308
Inner tubes:						
Production.....do....	3,347	3,094	3,364	3,362	3,822	3,428
Shipments.....do....	2,962	2,797	3,829	3,291	3,397	3,104
Stocks, end of month.....do....	6,848	7,312	5,789	5,960	6,540	6,969
STONE, CLAY, AND GLASS PRODUCTS						
Clay products:						
Brick, unglazed:						
Production.....thous. of standard brick..	611,058	627,494	437,692	400,758	467,798	534,682
Shipments.....do....	541,423	624,747	314,030	370,935	454,575	523,085
Clay sewer pipe, vitrified:						
Production.....short tons..	173,193	117,225	166,580	148,236	154,151	153,240
Shipments.....do....	159,463	127,755	107,907	111,676	133,298	139,420
Structural tile, unglazed:						
Production.....do....	68,058	65,901	54,447	49,962	57,747	52,258
Shipments.....do....	54,655	58,666	46,451	44,170	51,984	47,677
TRANSPORTATION EQUIPMENT						
Motor vehicles, factory sales, total.....number..	689,982	654,333	719,431	662,028	677,778	r647,414
Coaches, total.....do....	434	371	269	238	341	r506
Domestic.....do....	405	360	257	234	307	410
Passenger cars, total.....do....	583,169	552,881	628,045	570,023	585,734	r541,733
Domestic.....do....	554,761	529,945	610,678	556,930	569,242	526,310
Trucks, total.....do....	106,379	101,081	91,117	91,767	91,703	r105,175
Domestic.....do....	86,996	82,400	73,208	73,693	73,523	84,410

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