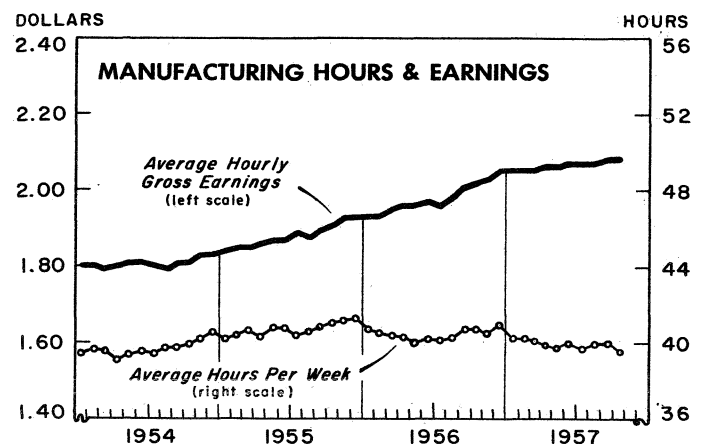
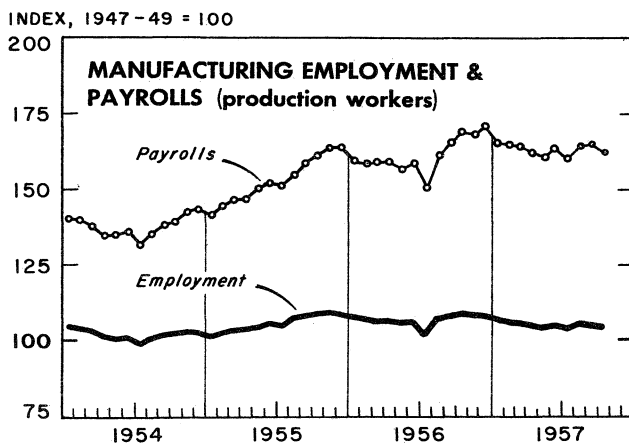
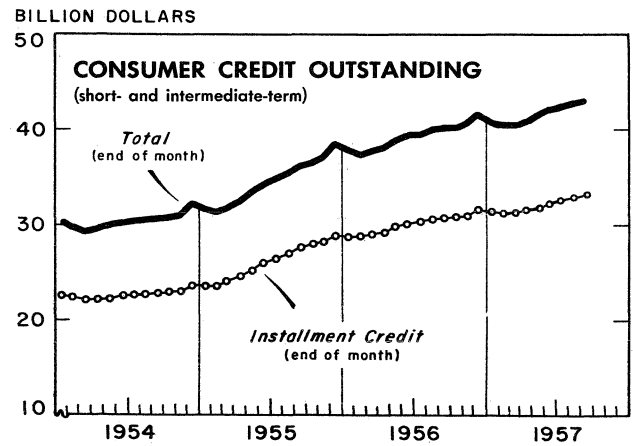
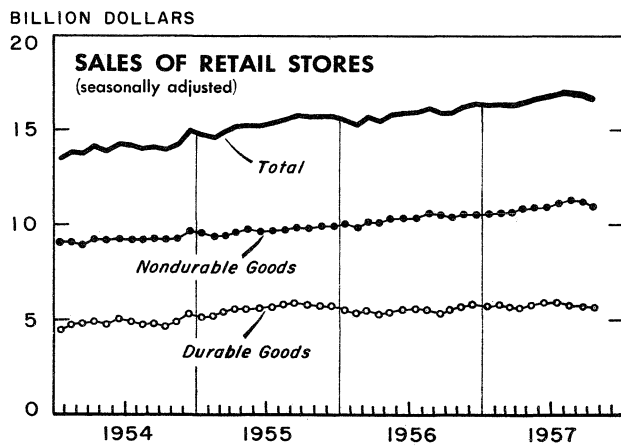
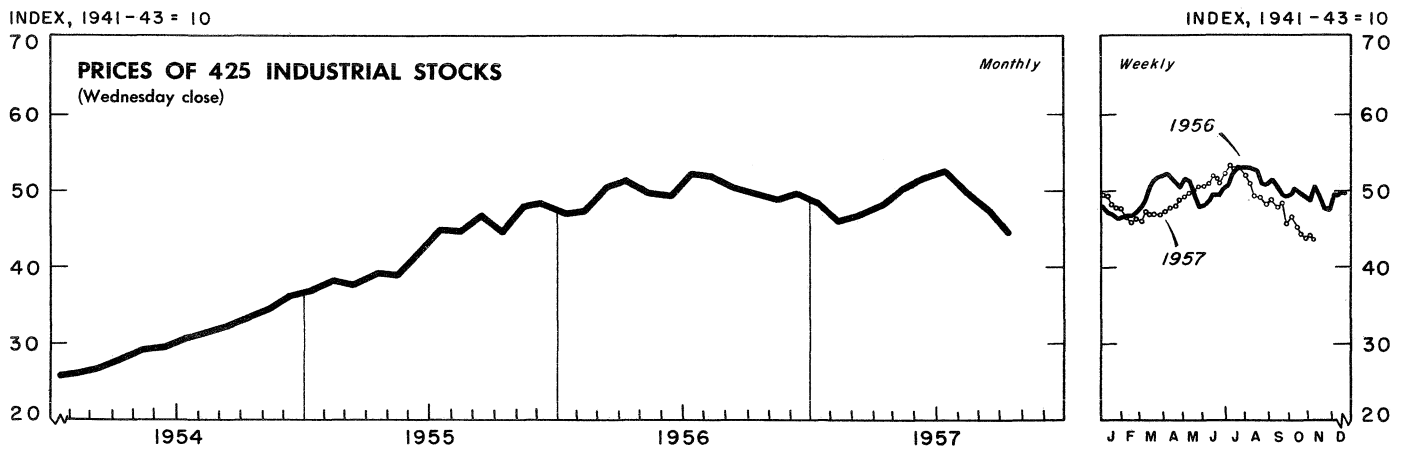


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WEEKLY BUSINESS STATISTICS¹

| ITEM | 1956 | | 1957 | | | |
|--|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| | Nov. 3 | Nov. 10 | Oct. 19 | Oct. 26 | Nov. 2 | Nov. 9 |
| Commodity prices, wholesale: | | | | | | |
| All commodities.....1947-49=100.. | | *115.6 | 117.7 | 117.7 | 117.5 | 117.5 |
| Farm products.....do..... | | *88.4 | 91.7 | 91.7 | 90.9 | 90.7 |
| Foods, processed.....do..... | | *103.6 | 105.2 | 105.0 | 105.1 | 104.9 |
| All other.....do..... | | *123.6 | 125.7 | 125.6 | 125.6 | 125.6 |
| 22 commodities <u>2/</u>.....do..... | 90.6 | **91.2 | 84.6 | 84.5 | 84.4 | **84.4 |
| Department store sales.....do..... | 124 | 137 | 128 | 127 | 122 | ..... |
| Insured unemployment, total.....thous.. | 952 | 1,005 | 1,291 | 1,337 | ..... | ..... |
| State programs.....do..... | 878 | 923 | 1,191 | 1,235 | ..... | ..... |
| Finance: | | | | | | |
| Currency in circulation <u>3/</u>.....mil. of dol.. | 30,795 | 30,963 | 31,191 | 31,129 | 31,008 | 31,114 |
| Federal Reserve bank credit outstanding, total <u>3/</u>.....do.... | 25,466 | 25,762 | 25,451 | 25,407 | 24,972 | 25,225 |
| Member bank reserve balances <u>3/</u>.....do..... | 18,810 | 19,004 | 19,068 | 19,137 | 18,837 | 18,963 |
| Excess reserves, estimated <u>3/</u>.....do..... | 359 | 561 | 479 | 552 | 351 | 423 |
| Federal Reserve reporting member banks in leading cities: <u>4/</u> | | | | | | |
| Demand deposits, adjusted.....mil. of dol.. | 56,069 | 55,588 | 54,774 | 55,383 | 55,805 | ..... |
| Time deposits, except U. S. Government.....do..... | 22,053 | 21,999 | 23,975 | 23,972 | 23,974 | ..... |
| Loans and investments (adjusted), total.....do..... | 85,660 | 85,602 | 87,292 | 86,539 | 86,743 | ..... |
| U. S. Government obligations.....do..... | 25,961 | 25,752 | 25,346 | 25,270 | 25,191 | ..... |
| Commercial, industrial, and agr. loans (gross).....do.... | 29,931 | 30,121 | 32,103 | 31,807 | 31,773 | ..... |
| Real-estate loans (gross).....do..... | 8,857 | 8,857 | 8,759 | 8,769 | 8,758 | ..... |
| Failures, industrial and commercial.....number.. | 271 | 219 | 258 | 281 | 250 | ..... |
| Bond yields, domestic corporate (Moody's) <u>3/</u>.....percent.. | 3.86 | 3.87 | 4.45 | 4.47 | 4.48 | 4.51 |
| Stock prices, 500 stocks (Stand. & Poor's) <u>4/</u> ...1941-43=10.. | 45.58 | 47.11 | 41.33 | 40.73 | 41.02 | 40.43 |
| Industrials, 425 stocks.....do..... | 48.74 | 50.49 | 44.47 | 43.93 | 44.21 | 43.56 |
| Production: | | | | | | |
| Bituminous coal <u>3/</u>.....thous. of short tons.. | 1,758 | 1,700 | 1,638 | 1,647 | 1,628 | ..... |
| Electric power, by utilities.....mil. of kw.-hr.. | 11,487 | 11,522 | 11,684 | 11,787 | 11,860 | ..... |
| Passenger cars and trucks (Ward's).....number.. | 136,420 | 153,277 | 93,244 | 126,530 | 147,365 | 161,285 |
| Petroleum (crude) and condensate <u>3/</u>.....thous. of bbl.. | 6,981 | 7,050 | 6,747 | 6,766 | 6,712 | ..... |
| Steel <u>5/</u>.....thous. of short tons.. | 2,493 | 2,463 | 2,070 | 2,052 | 2,041 | 1,996 |
| Percent of capacity <u>5/</u>.....do..... | #101.3 | #101.1 | 80.9 | 80.2 | 79.7 | 78.0 |
| Freight carloadings, total.....thous. of cars.. | 800 | 773 | 727 | 704 | 714 | ..... |
| Miscellaneous.....do..... | 388 | 377 | 356 | 347 | 353 | ..... |

^{1/} Data do not always cover calendar weeks. ^{2/} Tuesday prices. ^{3/} Daily average. ^{4/} Wednesday data. ^{5/} Week beginning November 11, 1957: Production, 1,984 thous. short tons; operating rate, 77.5 percent. * Monthly index for October 1956. ** Wednesday price. # Not comparable with 1957 rates, which are based on higher capacity.

MONTHLY BUSINESS STATISTICS

| ITEM | 1956 | | 1957 | | | |
|--|-----------|---------|--------|---------|-----------|---------|
| | September | October | July | August | September | October |
| COMMODITY PRICES | | | | | | |
| Retail price: | | | | | | |
| All commodities (U.S. Dept. of Commerce index).1935-39=100.. | 213.1 | 213.4 | 217.5 | 217.9 | 217.5 | ..... |
| DOMESTIC TRADE | | | | | | |
| All retail stores: <u>1/</u> | | | | | | |
| Estimated sales (unadjusted), total.....mil. of dol.. | 15,583 | 16,130 | 16,864 | 17,490 | r16,373 | 16,805 |
| Durable-goods stores: | | | | | | |
| Automotive group.....do..... | 2,676 | 2,830 | 3,418 | 3,352 | r3,078 | 2,930 |
| Furniture and appliance group.....do..... | 860 | 956 | 863 | 912 | r853 | 926 |
| Nondurable-goods stores: | | | | | | |
| Apparel group.....do..... | 981 | 1,034 | 855 | 967 | r1,010 | 1,081 |
| Drug and proprietary stores.....do..... | 465 | 480 | 513 | r528 | r515 | 573 |
| Eating and drinking places.....do..... | 1,240 | 1,227 | 1,384 | 1,420 | r1,291 | 1,265 |
| Food group.....do..... | 3,748 | 3,729 | 4,029 | 4,353 | r3,937 | 4,109 |
| Gasoline service stations.....do..... | 1,181 | 1,180 | 1,383 | 1,374 | r1,262 | 1,262 |
| General-merchandise group.....do..... | 1,699 | 1,808 | 1,540 | 1,774 | r1,696 | 1,849 |
| Estimated sales (seasonally adjusted), total.....do.... | 15,865 | 15,896 | 17,034 | 17,030 | r16,919 | 16,561 |
| Durable-goods stores.....do..... | 5,356 | 5,490 | 5,839 | 5,740 | r5,722 | 5,622 |
| Nondurable-goods stores.....do..... | 10,508 | 10,406 | 11,195 | 11,290 | r11,197 | 10,939 |
| Estimated inventories: | | | | | | |
| Unadjusted, total.....do..... | 23,530 | 24,000 | 23,660 | 24,040 | 24,560 | ..... |
| Durable-goods stores.....do..... | 10,030 | 9,920 | 10,880 | r10,970 | 10,970 | ..... |
| Nondurable-goods stores.....do..... | 13,500 | 14,080 | 12,780 | r13,070 | 13,590 | ..... |
| Adjusted, total.....do..... | 23,430 | 23,320 | 24,140 | 24,250 | 24,450 | ..... |
| Durable-goods stores.....do..... | 10,260 | 10,090 | 10,850 | r11,040 | 11,240 | ..... |
| Nondurable-goods stores.....do..... | 13,170 | 13,230 | 13,290 | r13,210 | 13,210 | ..... |
| Firms with 11 or more stores, estimated sales: | | | | | | |
| Unadjusted.....do..... | 3,284 | 3,402 | 3,267 | 3,660 | 3,352 | ..... |
| Adjusted.....do..... | 3,385 | 3,295 | 3,582 | 3,631 | 3,569 | ..... |
| Wholesale trade: | | | | | | |
| Sales, estimated (unadjusted), total.....bil. of dol.. | 11.2 | 12.8 | 11.4 | r11.7 | 11.2 | ..... |
| Durable-goods establishments.....do..... | 4.3 | 4.9 | 4.3 | 4.3 | 4.2 | ..... |
| Nondurable-goods establishments.....do..... | 6.9 | 8.0 | 7.1 | r7.4 | 7.0 | ..... |
| Inventories, estimated (unadjusted), total.....do..... | 12.6 | 13.0 | 12.5 | 12.7 | 12.8 | ..... |
| Durable-goods establishments.....do..... | 6.3 | 6.4 | 6.6 | 6.6 | 6.7 | ..... |
| Nondurable-goods establishments.....do..... | 6.3 | 6.6 | 5.9 | 6.1 | 6.1 | |

^{1/} Revised. ^{1/} Data for October 1957 are advance estimates.

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| ITEM | 1956 | | 1957 | | | |
|--|-----------|---------|--------|---------|-----------|---------|
| | September | October | July | August | September | October |
| EMPLOYMENT AND WAGES | | | | | | |
| Labor force (Bureau of the Census): <u>1/</u> | | | | | | |
| Civilian labor force, total.....thousands.. | 68,069 | 68,082 | 70,228 | 68,994 | 68,225 | 68,513 |
| Employed.....do..... | 66,071 | 66,174 | 67,221 | 66,385 | 65,674 | 66,005 |
| Agricultural employment.....do..... | 7,388 | 7,173 | 7,772 | 6,823 | 6,518 | 6,837 |
| Nonagricultural employment.....do..... | 58,683 | 59,000 | 59,449 | 59,562 | 59,156 | 59,168 |
| Unemployed.....do..... | 1,998 | 1,909 | 3,007 | 2,609 | 2,552 | 2,508 |
| Employees in nonagricultural establishments: | | | | | | |
| Total, unadjusted (U. S. Department of Labor).....do..... | 52,663 | 52,952 | 52,605 | r52,891 | r53,132 | p53,078 |
| Manufacturing.....do..... | 17,119 | 17,238 | 16,710 | r16,955 | r16,884 | p16,767 |
| Mining.....do..... | 842 | 836 | 857 | r862 | r855 | p848 |
| Contract construction.....do..... | 3,342 | 3,296 | 3,275 | r3,305 | r3,287 | p3,205 |
| Transportation and public utilities.....do..... | 4,191 | 4,189 | 4,199 | r4,215 | r4,206 | p4,157 |
| Wholesale and retail trade.....do..... | 11,319 | 11,445 | 11,493 | r11,499 | r11,617 | p11,729 |
| Finance, insurance, and real estate.....do..... | 2,325 | 2,315 | 2,390 | 2,389 | r2,360 | p2,351 |
| Service and miscellaneous.....do..... | 6,322 | 6,343 | 6,524 | r6,509 | r6,540 | p6,550 |
| Government.....do..... | 7,203 | 7,290 | 7,157 | r7,157 | r7,383 | p7,471 |
| Production workers in manufacturing industries: | | | | | | |
| Total.....do..... | 13,345 | 13,465 | 12,788 | r13,024 | r12,976 | p12,907 |
| Durable-goods industries.....do..... | 7,616 | 7,788 | 7,432 | r7,476 | r7,384 | p7,402 |
| Ordnance and accessories.....do..... | 82 | 82 | 74 | 75 | r73 | p70 |
| Lumber and wood products (except furniture).....do..... | 700 | 684 | 645 | r645 | r630 | p618 |
| Furniture and fixtures.....do..... | 324 | 325 | 309 | r317 | 319 | p318 |
| Stone, clay, and glass products.....do..... | 469 | 476 | 443 | r459 | r461 | p454 |
| Primary metal industries.....do..... | 1,128 | 1,134 | 1,075 | r1,077 | r1,067 | p1,055 |
| Fabricated metal products <u>2/</u>.....do..... | 885 | 910 | 869 | r878 | r876 | p882 |
| Machinery (except electrical).....do..... | 1,254 | 1,255 | 1,207 | r1,180 | r1,185 | p1,160 |
| Electrical machinery.....do..... | 886 | 908 | 848 | r861 | r881 | p878 |
| Transportation equipment.....do..... | 1,236 | 1,354 | 1,373 | r1,363 | r1,262 | p1,337 |
| Instruments and related products.....do..... | 233 | 234 | 221 | r225 | r226 | p224 |
| Nondurable-goods industries.....do..... | 5,729 | 5,677 | 5,356 | r5,548 | r5,592 | p5,505 |
| Food and kindred products.....do..... | 1,282 | 1,209 | 1,120 | r1,194 | r1,212 | p1,144 |
| Tobacco manufactures.....do..... | 106 | 104 | 71 | r90 | r97 | p92 |
| Textile-mill products.....do..... | 956 | 958 | 895 | r911 | r912 | p905 |
| Apparel and other finished textile products.....do..... | 1,085 | 1,096 | 1,024 | r1,084 | r1,083 | p1,070 |
| Paper and allied products.....do..... | 472 | 470 | 459 | r465 | r468 | p471 |
| Printing, publishing, and allied products.....do..... | 557 | 563 | 552 | r553 | r564 | p571 |
| Chemicals and allied products.....do..... | 548 | 550 | 529 | r530 | r536 | p537 |
| Products of petroleum and coal.....do..... | 177 | 176 | 175 | r175 | 176 | p173 |
| Rubber products.....do..... | 210 | 215 | 200 | r204 | r206 | p207 |
| Leather and leather products.....do..... | 337 | 336 | 332 | 341 | r337 | p335 |
| Manufacturing production-worker indexes: | | | | | | |
| Employment: Unadjusted.....1947-49=100.. | 107.9 | 108.9 | 103.4 | r105.3 | r104.9 | p104.3 |
| Adjusted.....do..... | 106.0 | 107.3 | 104.9 | r104.4 | r103.2 | p102.9 |
| Payrolls, unadjusted.....do..... | 166.7 | 169.0 | 160.5 | r164.7 | r164.9 | p161.9 |
| Labor turnover in manufacturing establishments: | | | | | | |
| Accession rate.....monthly rate per 100 employees.. | 4.1 | 4.2 | 3.2 | r3.2 | p3.2 | ..... |
| Separation rate, total.....do..... | 4.4 | 3.5 | 3.1 | r4.0 | p4.2 | ..... |
| Discharge.....do..... | .3 | .3 | .2 | .3 | p.3 | ..... |
| Lay-off.....do..... | 1.4 | 1.3 | 1.3 | 1.6 | p1.6 | ..... |
| Quit.....do..... | 2.6 | 1.7 | 1.4 | r1.9 | p2.1 | ..... |
| Military and miscellaneous.....do..... | .2 | .2 | .2 | r.3 | p.2 | ..... |
| Hours and earnings: | | | | | | |
| Average weekly hours per worker, all manufacturing.....hours.. | 40.7 | 40.7 | 39.7 | 40.0 | 40.0 | p39.5 |
| Durable-goods industries.....do..... | 41.3 | 41.4 | 40.0 | 40.3 | 40.3 | p39.8 |
| Nondurable-goods industries.....do..... | 39.8 | 39.7 | 39.4 | 39.5 | r39.6 | p39.1 |
| Average weekly earnings, all manufacturing.....dollars.. | 81.81 | 82.21 | 82.18 | 82.80 | 83.20 | p82.16 |
| Durable-goods industries.....do..... | 88.38 | 89.01 | 88.00 | r89.06 | r89.47 | p88.36 |
| Nondurable-goods industries.....do..... | 72.44 | 72.65 | r74.47 | 74.26 | r75.24 | p74.29 |
| Average hourly earnings, all manufacturing.....do..... | 2.01 | 2.02 | 2.07 | 2.07 | 2.08 | p2.08 |
| Durable-goods industries.....do..... | 2.14 | 2.15 | 2.20 | r2.21 | r2.22 | p2.22 |
| Ordnance and accessories.....do..... | 2.23 | 2.25 | 2.34 | 2.34 | r2.37 | p2.37 |
| Lumber and wood products (except furniture).....do..... | 1.81 | 1.79 | 1.82 | 1.84 | r1.83 | p1.82 |
| Furniture and fixtures.....do..... | 1.72 | 1.73 | 1.74 | r1.76 | 1.76 | p1.76 |
| Stone, clay, and glass products.....do..... | 1.98 | 1.99 | 2.05 | 2.06 | 2.07 | p2.08 |
| Primary metal industries.....do..... | 2.43 | 2.42 | r2.53 | r2.54 | r2.56 | p2.54 |
| Fabricated metal products <u>2/</u>.....do..... | 2.11 | 2.13 | r2.19 | r2.20 | r2.22 | p2.21 |
| Machinery (except electrical).....do..... | 2.25 | 2.25 | 2.30 | 2.30 | r2.32 | p2.31 |
| Electrical machinery.....do..... | 2.01 | 2.02 | 2.05 | r2.06 | r2.07 | p2.07 |
| Transportation equipment.....do..... | 2.36 | 2.37 | 2.41 | r2.43 | r2.46 | p2.46 |
| Instruments and related products.....do..... | 2.05 | 2.05 | 2.11 | 2.10 | r2.13 | p2.13 |
| Nondurable-goods industries.....do..... | 1.82 | 1.83 | r1.89 | 1.88 | r1.90 | p1.90 |
| Food and kindred products.....do..... | 1.81 | 1.84 | r1.91 | 1.90 | r1.92 | p1.93 |
| Tobacco manufactures.....do..... | 1.38 | 1.39 | 1.61 | 1.49 | r1.46 | p1.49 |
| Textile-mill products.....do..... | 1.45 | 1.49 | 1.50 | 1.50 | r1.51 | p1.51 |
| Apparel and other finished textile products.....do..... | 1.48 | 1.49 | 1.50 | 1.50 | r1.51 | p1.49 |
| Paper and allied products.....do..... | 1.97 | 1.98 | 2.06 | 2.06 | 2.08 | p2.07 |
| Printing, publishing, and allied industries.....do..... | 2.46 | 2.45 | 2.51 | 2.51 | 2.52 | p2.51 |
| Chemicals and allied products.....do..... | 2.14 | 2.14 | 2.25 | 2.25 | r2.25 | p2.24 |
| Products of petroleum and coal.....do..... | 2.59 | 2.57 | 2.69 | r2.69 | 2.73 | p2.69 |
| Rubber products.....do..... | 2.20 | 2.20 | r2.28 | r2.27 | r2.28 | p2.29 |
| Leather and leather products.....do..... | 1.51 | 1.51 | 1.53 | 1.54 | 1.55 | p1.55 |

r/ Revised. p/ Preliminary. 1/ Estimates beginning January 1957 reflect certain changes made in the definitions for employment and un-employment, etc. Figures for October 1957, comparable with data through October 1956, in order as above (thous.): 68,517; 66,240; 6,838; 59,402; 2,277. 2/ Except ordnance, machinery, and transportation equipment.

MONTHLY BUSINESS STATISTICS—Continued

| ITEM | 1956 | | 1957 | | | |
|--|---------|-----------|---------|---------|---------|-----------|
| | August | September | June | July | August | September |
| ELECTRIC POWER | | | | | | |
| Electric power, production, total.....mil. of kw.-hr.. | 58,576 | 55,649 | 58,990 | 61,191 | 62,649 | 58,335 |
| Electric utilities.....do.... | 52,194 | 48,819 | 52,053 | 54,348 | 55,449 | 51,573 |
| Industrial establishments.....do.... | 6,382 | 6,830 | 6,937 | 6,843 | 7,200 | 6,762 |
| FOODSTUFFS | | | | | | |
| Meats, production, total.....mil. of lb.. | 1,882.7 | 1,831.7 | 1,721.3 | 1,850.9 | 1,827.5 | 1,858.1 |
| Beef and veal.....do.... | 1,026.0 | 931.1 | 904.7 | 1,019.8 | 1,010.4 | 960.7 |
| Lamb and mutton.....do.... | 55.2 | 51.0 | 46.7 | 53.4 | 49.7 | 49.7 |
| Pork, including lard.....do.... | 801.5 | 849.6 | 770.0 | 777.7 | 767.4 | 847.8 |
| Lard.....do.... | 150.3 | 154.2 | 154.2 | 146.0 | 137.9 | 151.8 |
| LUMBER AND MANUFACTURES | | | | | | |
| Lumber (National Lumber Manufacturers Association): | | | | | | |
| Production, total.....mil. of bd. ft.. | 3,562 | 3,159 | 2,884 | 2,728 | 3,107 | 2,883 |
| Softwoods.....do.... | 2,943 | 2,540 | 2,421 | 2,258 | 2,562 | 2,354 |
| Shipments, total.....do.... | 3,284 | 2,901 | 2,967 | 2,813 | 3,147 | 2,866 |
| Softwoods.....do.... | 2,761 | 2,363 | 2,491 | 2,384 | 2,623 | 2,341 |
| Stocks, gross (mill and concentration yards), total...do.... | 9,004 | 9,257 | 9,782 | 9,696 | 9,655 | 9,672 |
| Softwoods.....do.... | 5,580 | 5,752 | 6,056 | 5,929 | 5,867 | 5,880 |
| METALS AND MANUFACTURES | | | | | | |
| Steel products, net shipments: | | | | | | |
| Total (all grades).....thous. of short tons.. | 5,540 | 7,058 | 7,285 | 5,877 | 6,230 | 6,172 |
| Semifinished products.....do.... | 1/291 | 367 | 491 | 273 | 272 | 261 |
| Structural shapes (heavy), steel piling.....do.... | 1/472 | 543 | 630 | 634 | 636 | 597 |
| Plates.....do.... | 1/631 | 747 | 870 | 792 | 732 | 778 |
| Rails and accessories.....do.... | 1/152 | 211 | 226 | 192 | 174 | 90 |
| Bars and tool steel, total.....do.... | 1/1,052 | 1,124 | 1,046 | 752 | 862 | 836 |
| Bars: | | | | | | |
| Hot rolled (incl. light shapes).....do.... | 1/645 | 756 | 689 | 489 | 569 | 545 |
| Reinforcing.....do.... | 1/238 | 234 | 233 | 172 | 188 | 182 |
| Cold finished.....do.... | 1/152 | 125 | 116 | 84 | 97 | 101 |
| Pipe and tubing.....do.... | 1/857 | 831 | 998 | 859 | 914 | 860 |
| Wire and wire products.....do.... | 1/339 | 342 | 388 | 218 | 250 | 250 |
| Tin mill products (incl. black plate).....do.... | 1/544 | 539 | 391 | 460 | 494 | 417 |
| Sheets and strip (incl. electrical), total.....do.... | 1/2,492 | 2,353 | 2,244 | 1,698 | 1,895 | 2,011 |
| Sheets: Hot rolled.....do.... | 1/709 | 705 | 716 | 531 | 550 | 579 |
| Cold rolled (incl. enameling).....do.... | 1/1,100 | 1,046 | 984 | 791 | 900 | 979 |
| Radiators and convectors, cast iron: | | | | | | |
| Shipments.....thous. of sq. ft.. | 2,996 | 3,089 | 2,230 | 1,769 | 2,123 | ..... |
| Stocks, end of month.....do.... | 5,977 | 5,277 | 5,163 | 4,745 | 4,896 | ..... |
| Oil burners: | | | | | | |
| Shipments.....number.. | 85,278 | 97,746 | 54,445 | 51,299 | 65,606 | ..... |
| Stocks, end of month.....do.... | 64,527 | 51,778 | 73,228 | 64,102 | 61,761 | ..... |
| TRANSPORTATION EQUIPMENT | | | | | | |
| Motor vehicles, factory sales, total.....number.. | 503,276 | 275,555 | 591,039 | 579,951 | 610,747 | 380,609 |
| Coaches, total.....do.... | 429 | 368 | 389 | 309 | 315 | 243 |
| Domestic.....do.... | 397 | 364 | 332 | 302 | 281 | 187 |
| Passenger cars, total.....do.... | 417,020 | 203,888 | 496,329 | 484,718 | 521,282 | 318,279 |
| Domestic.....do.... | 410,164 | 202,159 | 484,840 | 474,635 | 513,290 | 315,008 |
| Trucks, total.....do.... | 85,827 | 71,299 | 94,321 | 94,924 | 89,150 | 62,087 |
| Domestic.....do.... | 68,809 | 56,852 | 76,859 | 76,856 | 74,212 | 51,016 |

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