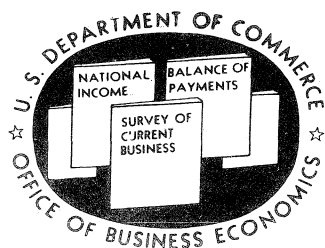


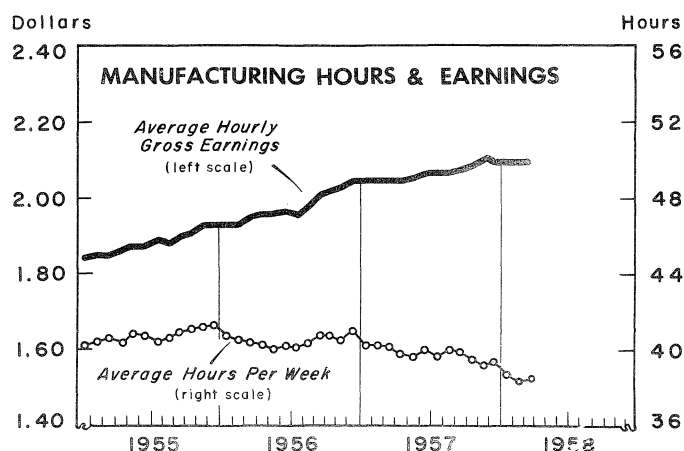
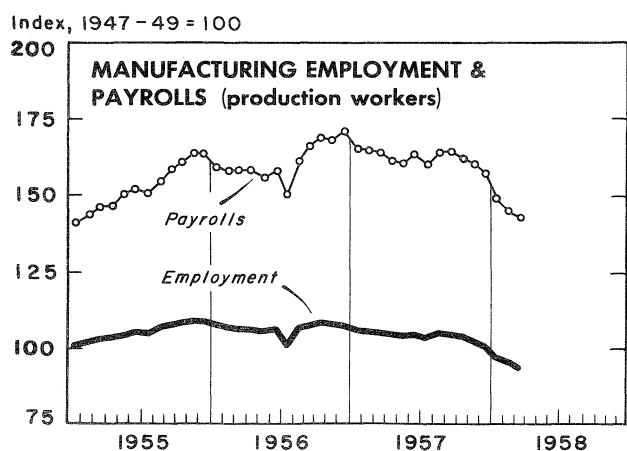
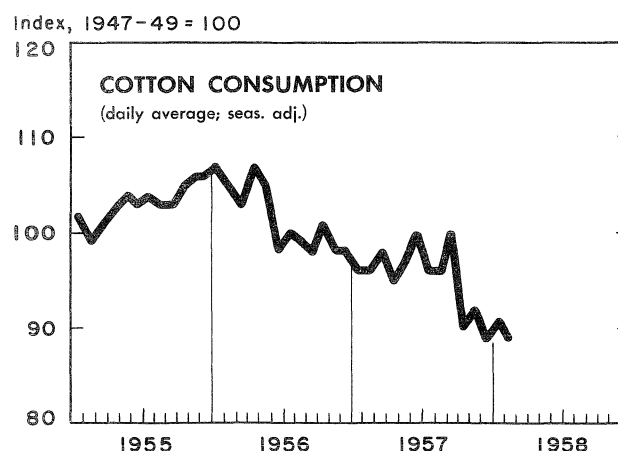
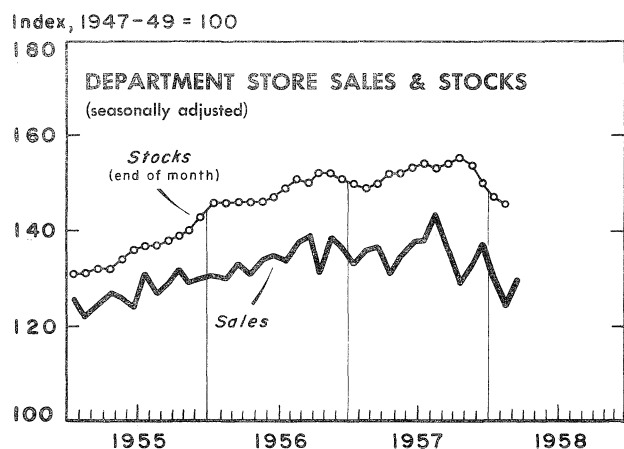
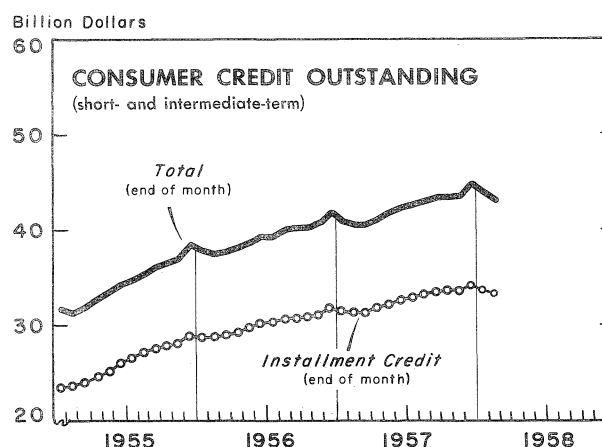
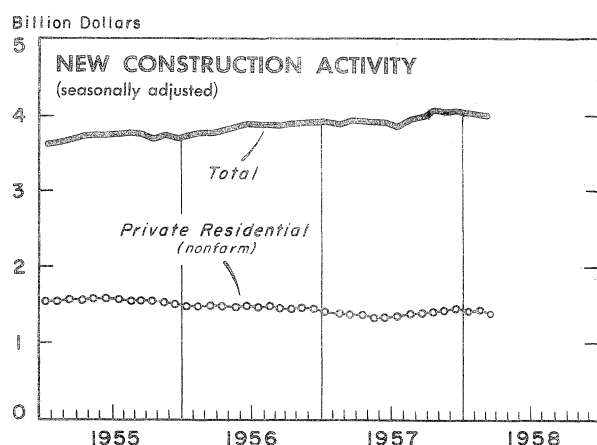
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SELECTED BUSINESS INDICATORS



ITEM	1957		1958			
	Mar. 30	Apr. 6	Mar. 15	Mar. 22	Mar. 29	Apr. 5
Commodity prices, wholesale:						
All commodities.....1947-49=100..		*116.9	119.5	119.6	119.8	119.6
Farm products.....do....		*88.8	99.8	99.8	100.4	98.7
Foods, processed.....do....		*103.7	109.5	109.9	110.7	110.6
All other.....do....		*125.4	125.9	125.9	125.9	125.9
22 commodities 2/.....do....	88.6	88.5	85.4	85.5	85.5	84.5
Department store sales.....do....	112	113	106	109	114	.....
Insured unemployment, total.....thous..	1,609	1,592	3,493	3,510	.....	.....
State programs.....do....	1,488	1,474	3,220	3,235	.....	.....
Failures, industrial and commercial.....number..	290	231	336	357	327	352
Finance:						
Currency in circulation 3/.....mil. of dol..	30,502	30,588	30,641	30,592	30,524	30,636
Federal Reserve bank credit outstanding, total 3/.....do....	24,930	25,165	24,456	24,638	24,742	24,586
Member bank reserve balances 3/.....do....	18,971	18,868	18,699	18,930	18,725	18,526
Excess reserves, estimated 3/.....do....	609	343	608	607	684	695
Federal Reserve reporting member banks in leading cities: 4/						
Demand deposits, adjusted.....mil. of dol..	55,472	55,118	56,031	55,243	54,507	.....
Time deposits, except U. S. Government.....do....	23,067	23,157	26,264	26,424	26,641	.....
Loans and investments (adjusted), total.....do....	85,604	87,253	89,408	90,474	89,813	.....
U. S. Government obligations.....do....	25,164	26,635	28,025	28,255	28,108	.....
Commercial, industrial, and agr. loans (gross).....do....	31,443	31,322	30,372	31,041	31,010	.....
Real-estate loans (gross).....do....	8,740	8,691	8,725	8,710	8,734	.....
Bond yields, domestic corporate (Moody's) 3/.....percent..	3.96	3.96	4.03	4.04	4.05	4.04
Stock prices, 500 stocks (Stand. & Poor's) 4/.....1941-43=10..	44.09	44.54	42.41	42.09	42.30	41.60
Industrials, 425 stocks.....do....	46.97	47.47	45.33	44.95	45.18	44.35
Production:						
Bituminous coal 3/.....thous. of short tons..	1,765	1,597	1,273	1,240	1,202	.....
Electric power, by utilities.....mil. of kw.-hr..	11,694	11,693	11,860	11,756	11,645	.....
Passenger cars and trucks (Ward's).....number..	152,712	154,214	103,399	96,357	111,509	81,909
Petroleum (crude) and condensate 3/.....thous. of bbl..	7,803	7,614	6,257	6,263	6,264	.....
Steel 5/.....thous. of short tons..	2,364	2,319	1,463	1,417	1,366	1,312
Percent of capacity.....do....	92.4	90.6	#54.2	#52.5	#50.6	#48.6
Freight carloadings, total.....thous. of cars..	695	644	539	533	532	.....
Miscellaneous.....do....	361	344	280	274	276	.....

1/ Data do not always cover calendar weeks. 2/ Tuesday prices. 3/ Daily average. 4/ Wednesday data. 5/ Week beginning April 7, 1958; Production, 1,306 thous. short tons; operating rate, 48.4 percent. * Monthly index for March 1957. # Based on January 1, 1958, annual capacity (140,742,570 tons); not comparable with 1957 rates which are based on January 1, 1957, annual capacity (133,459,150 tons).

MONTHLY BUSINESS STATISTICS

ITEM	1957			1958		
	February	March	December	January	February	March
CONSTRUCTION AND REAL ESTATE						
New construction (unadjusted), total.....mil. of dol..	3,007	3,295	3,667	r3,282	r3,105	3,355
Private, total.....do....	2,226	2,405	2,705	2,364	r2,251	2,400
Residential (nonfarm).....do....	1,043	1,162	1,345	1,131	r1,057	1,168
New dwelling units.....do....	790	870	1,005	865	r790	870
Additions and alterations.....do....	217	258	290	217	r219	250
Nonresidential buildings, total 1/.....do....	704	709	764	704	675	664
Industrial.....do....	270	269	248	240	231	218
Commercial.....do....	257	264	305	267	254	258
Farm construction.....do....	102	112	100	101	105	114
Public utilities.....do....	365	409	483	416	r404	443
Public, total.....do....	781	890	962	r918	r854	955
Nonresidential buildings.....do....	302	345	342	r339	r308	343
Military facilities.....do....	80	84	88	80	70	70
Highway.....do....	195	230	275	r245	r240	270
New construction (seasonally adjusted), total.....do....	3,861	3,912	4,051	r4,034	r4,024	4,010
Private, total.....do....	2,740	2,752	2,854	2,785	r2,777	2,750
Residential (nonfarm).....do....	1,391	1,383	1,444	1,403	r1,408	1,389
Nonresidential buildings, total 1/.....do....	748	763	755	727	716	716
Industrial.....do....	270	274	243	235	231	222
Commercial.....do....	283	292	303	285	276	285
Farm construction.....do....	131	132	133	135	135	134
Public utility.....do....	456	459	508	507	r506	498
Public, total.....do....	1,121	1,160	1,197	r1,249	r1,247	1,260
Nonresidential buildings.....do....	347	366	385	r377	r355	366
Military facilities.....do....	105	104	100	99	92	86
Highway.....do....	406	434	423	r480	r500	509
Construction cost index:						
Department of Commerce, composite.....1947-49=100..	135	135	138	138	138	.....
DOMESTIC TRADE						
All retail stores, estimated inventories:						
Unadjusted, total.....mil. of dol..	23,650	24,340	23,430	r23,360	23,980	.....
Durable-goods stores.....do....	10,800	11,040	10,880	r11,010	11,220	.....
Nondurable-goods stores.....do....	12,840	13,300	12,550	r12,350	12,760	

1/ Except farm and public utility.

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	February	March	December	January	February	March
DOMESTIC TRADE - Continued						
All retail stores, estimated inventories - Con.						
Adjusted, total.....mil. of dol..	23,910	23,700	24,470	r24,460	24,290	.....
Durable-goods stores.....do....	10,850	10,670	11,420	r11,340	11,220	.....
Nondurable-goods stores.....do....	13,060	13,030	13,050	r13,120	13,070	.....
Wholesale trade:						
Sales, estimated (unadjusted), total.....bil. of dol..	10.4	11.1	10.7	10.4	9.5	.....
Durable-goods establishments.....do....	4.0	4.3	3.7	3.5	3.2	.....
Nondurable-goods establishments.....do....	6.4	6.9	7.0	6.9	6.3	.....
Inventories, estimated (unadjusted), total.....do....	12.8	13.0	12.5	12.5	12.4	.....
Durable-goods establishments.....do....	6.5	6.7	6.4	6.4	6.4	.....
Nondurable-goods establishments.....do....	6.3	6.2	6.1	6.1	6.0	.....
EMPLOYMENT AND WAGES						
Labor force (Bureau of the Census):						
Civilian labor force, total.....thousands..	66,311	66,746	67,770	66,732	67,160	67,510
Employed.....do....	63,190	63,865	64,396	62,238	61,988	62,311
Agricultural employment.....do....	5,195	5,434	5,385	4,998	4,830	5,072
Nonagricultural employment.....do....	57,996	58,431	59,012	57,240	57,158	57,239
Unemployed.....do....	3,121	2,882	3,374	4,494	5,173	5,198
Employees in nonagricultural establishments:						
Total, unadjusted (U. S. Department of Labor).....do....	51,704	51,919	53,084	r50,937	r50,202	p50,170
Manufacturing.....do....	16,945	16,933	16,316	r15,877	r15,598	p15,407
Mining.....do....	833	831	825	r803	r782	p769
Contract construction.....do....	2,673	2,756	2,850	r2,606	r2,365	p2,504
Transportation and public utilities.....do....	4,120	4,147	4,100	r3,995	r3,951	p3,934
Wholesale and retail trade.....do....	11,225	11,265	12,365	r11,432	r11,245	p11,229
Finance, insurance, and real estate.....do....	2,301	2,310	2,349	r2,340	r2,339	p2,346
Service and miscellaneous.....do....	6,273	6,317	6,473	r6,396	r6,395	p6,435
Government.....do....	7,334	7,360	7,806	r7,488	r7,527	p7,546
Production workers in manufacturing industries:						
Total.....do....	13,114	13,085	12,458	r12,033	r11,784	p11,607
Durable-goods industries.....do....	7,721	7,693	7,136	r6,850	r6,634	p6,508
Ordinance and accessories.....do....	79	79	67	r66	r66	p65
Lumber and wood products (except furniture).....do....	589	593	581	r558	r548	p543
Furniture and fixtures.....do....	313	312	307	r297	r293	p287
Stone, clay, and glass products.....do....	449	451	435	r414	r402	p398
Primary metal industries.....do....	1,124	1,112	1,004	r957	r913	p897
Fabricated metal products <u>1</u> /.....do....	902	898	868	r833	r800	p784
Machinery (except electrical).....do....	1,294	1,291	1,122	r1,097	r1,076	p1,058
Electrical machinery.....do....	877	869	824	r792	r765	p748
Transportation equipment.....do....	1,482	1,474	1,342	r1,276	r1,212	p1,173
Instruments and related products.....do....	230	231	219	r214	r209	p206
Nondurable-goods industries.....do....	5,393	5,392	5,322	r5,183	r5,150	p5,099
Food and kindred products.....do....	987	989	1,032	r974	r954	p948
Tobacco manufactures.....do....	84	77	87	r82	r78	p75
Textile-mill products.....do....	933	929	884	r860	r855	p846
Apparel and other finished textile products.....do....	1,095	1,098	1,060	r1,043	r1,058	p1,035
Paper and allied products.....do....	466	467	466	r456	r451	p450
Printing, publishing, and allied products.....do....	555	559	564	r557	r555	p557
Chemicals and allied products.....do....	548	550	523	r515	r510	p513
Products of petroleum and coal.....do....	173	173	169	r167	r166	p163
Rubber products.....do....	213	211	207	r200	r191	p187
Leather and leather products.....do....	340	341	332	r329	r333	p326
Manufacturing production-worker indexes:						
Employment: Unadjusted.....1947-49=100..	106.0	105.8	100.7	r97.3	r95.3	p93.8
Adjusted.....do....	106.4	106.0	100.3	r98.0	95.6	p94.1
Payrolls, unadjusted.....do....	165.0	164.3	157.4	r149.3	r145.1	p143.3
Hours and earnings:						
Average weekly hours per worker, all manufacturing...hours..	40.2	40.1	39.4	r38.7	r38.4	p38.5
Durable-goods industries.....do....	40.9	40.8	39.7	r38.9	r38.6	p38.8
Nondurable-goods industries.....do....	39.3	39.1	39.0	r38.4	r38.1	p38.1
Average weekly earnings, all manufacturing.....dollars..	82.41	82.21	82.74	r81.27	r80.64	p80.85
Durable-goods industries.....do....	88.75	88.94	88.93	r87.14	r86.46	p86.91
Nondurable-goods industries.....do....	73.10	73.12	74.88	r73.73	r73.15	p73.53
Average hourly earnings, all manufacturing.....do....	2.05	2.05	2.10	2.10	2.10	p2.10
Durable-goods industries.....do....	2.17	2.18	2.24	2.24	r2.24	p2.24
Ordinance and accessories.....do....	2.29	2.30	2.42	2.42	2.45	p2.45
Lumber and wood products (except furniture).....do....	1.73	1.77	1.83	1.80	r1.81	p1.79
Furniture and fixtures.....do....	1.73	1.73	1.77	1.75	1.77	p1.77
Stone, clay, and glass products.....do....	2.01	2.02	2.09	2.10	r2.09	p2.08
Primary metal industries.....do....	2.46	2.46	2.55	2.56	2.56	p2.57
Fabricated metal products <u>1</u> /.....do....	2.13	2.14	2.22	2.22	2.22	p2.23
Machinery (except electrical).....do....	2.27	2.28	2.34	2.34	2.35	p2.36
Electrical machinery.....do....	2.05	2.06	2.11	2.12	r2.14	p2.14
Transportation equipment.....do....	2.37	2.38	2.48	2.46	2.46	p2.46
Instruments and related products.....do....	2.09	2.10	2.15	2.15	r2.16	p2.16
Nondurable-goods industries.....do....	1.86	1.87	1.92	1.92	1.92	r1.93
Food and kindred products.....do....	1.93	1.93	1.97	2.00	r2.00	p2.01
Tobacco manufactures.....do....	1.49	1.53	1.55	1.56	r1.57	p1.58
Textile-mill products.....do....	1.50	1.50	1.50	1.50	1.50	p1.50
Apparel and other finished textile products.....do....	1.49	1.50	1.50	1.50	1.50	p1.49
Paper and allied products.....do....	2.00	2.00	2.08	2.08	2.08	p2.09
Printing, publishing, and allied industries.....do....	2.48	2.49	2.55	2.54	r2.56	p2.56

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EMPLOYMENT AND WAGES - Continued						
Hours and earnings - Continued						
Average hourly earnings, all manufacturing - Continued						
Nondurable-goods industries - Continued						
Chemicals and allied products.....dollars..	2.17	2.17	2.26	2.27	2.27	p2.27
Products of petroleum and coal.....do....	2.56	2.57	2.73	2.72	r2.72	p2.71
Rubber products.....do....	2.22	2.21	2.31	2.29	r2.29	p2.29
Leather and leather products.....do....	1.53	1.54	1.55	1.56	1.56	p1.57
FINANCE						
Federal Reserve banks, condition, end of month:						
Assets, total.....mil. of dol..	51,387	51,016	53,028	51,428	51,159	50,731
Reserve bank credit outstanding, total.....do....	24,704	24,970	25,784	24,352	24,330	24,570
United States Government securities.....do....	22,887	23,149	24,238	23,331	23,240	23,628
Gold certificate reserve.....do....	21,626	21,627	22,085	22,104	22,099	21,804
Liabilities, total.....do....	51,387	51,016	53,028	51,428	51,159	50,731
Deposits, total.....do....	19,566	19,835	20,117	19,956	19,785	19,650
Member-bank reserve balances.....do....	18,576	18,629	19,034	18,958	18,667	18,532
Excess reserves (estimated).....do....	282	117	-57	r415	r481	p676
Federal Reserve notes in circulation.....do....	26,556	26,454	27,535	26,711	26,559	26,537
Reserve ratio.....percent..	46.9	46.7	46.3	47.4	47.7	47.2
Consumer credit (short- and intermediate-term):						
Total outstanding, end of month.....mil. of dol..	40,738	40,735	44,776	43,966	43,043	.....
Installment credit, total.....do....	31,488	31,524	34,105	33,737	33,302	.....
Installment credit extended and repaid:						
Unadjusted: Extended, total.....do....	2,976	3,347	4,069	3,108	2,754	.....
Repaid, total.....do....	3,056	3,311	3,560	3,476	3,189	.....
Adjusted: Extended, total.....do....	3,509	3,426	3,615	3,504	3,235	.....
Repaid, total.....do....	3,257	3,255	3,498	3,421	3,401	.....
Federal Government finance:						
Gross debt (direct), end of month, total.....do....	276,269	274,999	274,898	274,555	274,679	272,624
Interest bearing, total.....do....	273,919	272,773	272,874	272,777	272,959	270,948
Public issues.....do....	228,449	227,169	227,075	227,307	227,000	225,137
Special issues.....do....	45,470	45,605	45,799	45,470	45,959	45,810
Noninterest bearing.....do....	2,350	2,226	2,024	1,777	1,720	1,676
Obligations guaranteed by U.S. Government, end of mo., do....	109	109	104	101	103	104
Bonds:						
Prices (Standard and Poor's Corporation):						
Industrial, utility, and railroad (A1+ issues):						
Composite (21 bonds).....dol. per \$100 bond..	104.2	104.4	102.7	105.9	105.7	105.0
Domestic municipal (15 bonds).....do....	110.9	110.0	107.5	110.0	109.1	107.9
Stocks:						
Dividend yields, preferred stocks, 14 high-grade (Standard and Poor's Corporation).....percent..	4.47	4.46	4.49	4.36	4.38	4.42
Prices (Standard and Poor's Corporation):						
Combined index (500 stocks).....1941=10..	43.47	44.03	40.33	41.12	41.26	42.11
Industrial (425 stocks).....do....	46.10	46.86	43.29	43.98	44.01	44.97
Capital goods (129 stocks).....do....	46.43	46.56	41.35	43.00	43.32	43.60
Consumers' goods (196 stocks).....do....	31.55	32.08	30.29	31.43	31.60	32.35
Public utility (50 stocks).....do....	32.29	32.45	31.79	33.30	34.12	34.57
Railroad (25 stocks).....do....	29.59	29.37	21.39	22.69	23.00	22.60
Banks:						
N. Y. City (12 stocks).....do....	19.62	19.50	18.73	19.08	19.55	20.21
Outside N. Y. City (17 stocks).....do....	38.40	38.87	35.76	37.98	38.87	39.56
Fire insurance (17 stocks).....do....	26.70	27.80	23.45	25.88	26.81	27.49

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