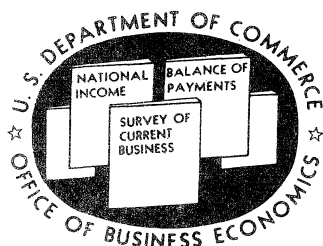


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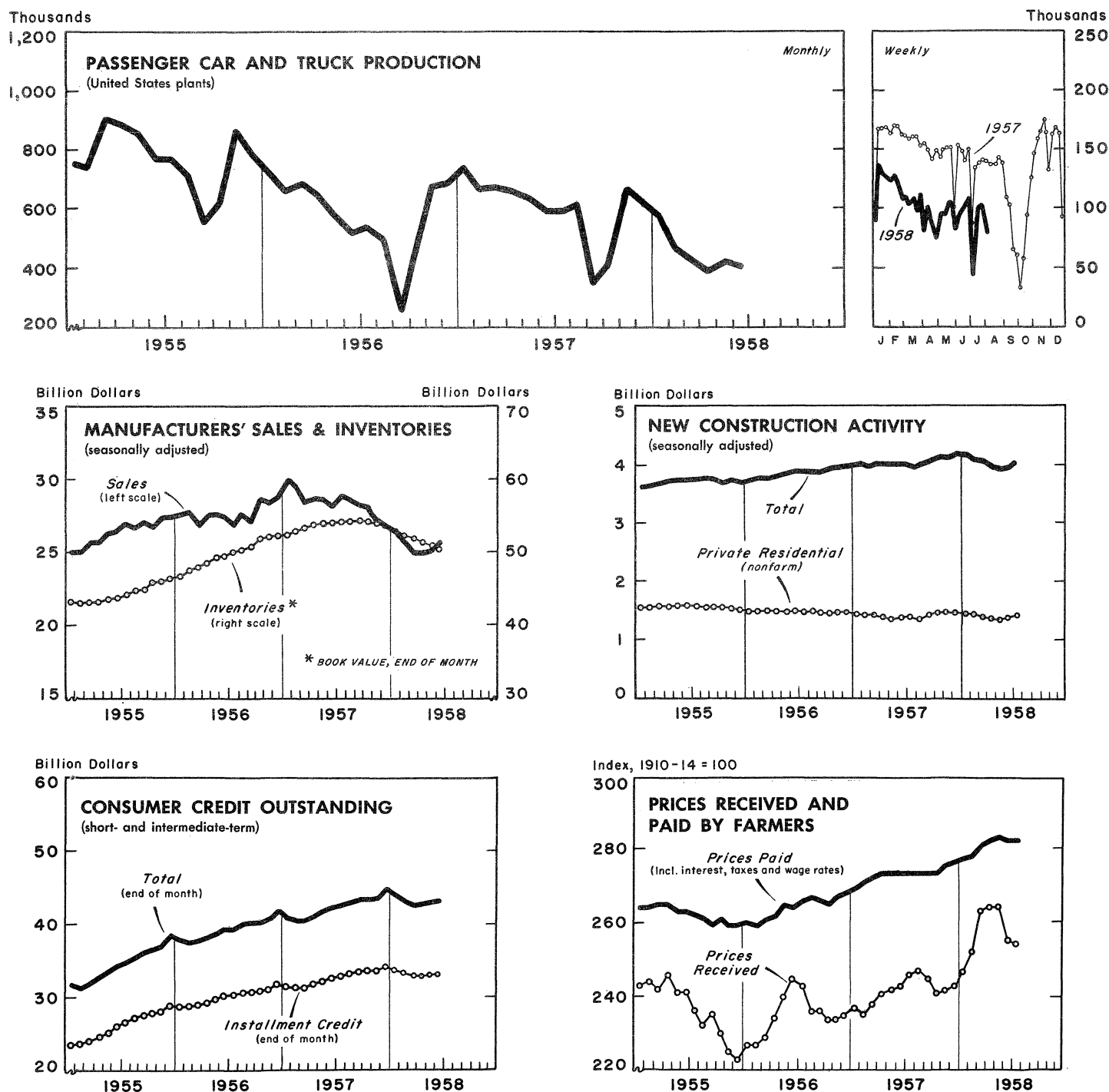


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SELECTED BUSINESS INDICATORS



WEEKLY BUSINESS STATISTICS¹

ITEM	1957		1958			
	July 27	Aug. 3	July 12	July 19	July 26	Aug. 2
Commodity prices, wholesale:						
All commodities.....1947-49=100..	.....	*118.2	119.3	119.3	119.3	119.4
Farm products.....do.....	.....	*92.8	95.7	95.4	94.1	94.8
Foods, processed.....do.....	.....	*107.2	113.0	112.7	112.4	112.7
All other.....do.....	.....	*125.7	125.5	125.7	126.0	126.0
22 commodities 2/.....do.....	90.0	90.2	86.0	86.6	86.9	87.2
Department store sales.....do.....	108	111	116	110	111	.....
Insured unemployment, total.....thous..	1,315	1,287	**2,843	**2,770	.....	.....
State programs.....do.....	1,211	1,185	2,594	2,522	.....	.....
Failures, industrial and commercial.....number..	228	281	275	279	264	271
Finance:						
Currency in circulation 3/.....mil. of dol..	30,999	30,910	31,384	31,375	31,217	31,086
Federal Reserve bank credit outstanding, total 3/.....do....	25,456	24,932	26,589	26,398	26,328	26,005
Member bank reserve balances 3/.....do.....	19,189	18,885	18,809	18,518	18,712	18,462
Excess reserves, estimated 3/.....do.....	621	392	755	562	788	638
Federal Reserve reporting member banks in leading cities: 4/						
Demand deposits, adjusted.....mil. of dol..	55,570	55,550	54,844	55,654	56,440	.....
Time deposits, except U. S. Government.....do....	23,599	23,583	28,387	28,334	28,365	.....
Loans and investments (adjusted), total.....do.....	86,244	86,365	94,522	94,153	93,825	.....
U. S. Government obligations.....do.....	25,223	25,241	32,337	32,154	32,066	.....
Commercial, industrial, and agr. loans (gross).....do....	31,783	31,738	30,125	29,945	29,651	.....
Real-estate loans (gross).....do.....	8,666	8,675	8,901	8,942	8,950	.....
Bond yields, domestic corporate (Moody's) 3/.....percent..	4.28	4.31	3.99	4.01	4.04	4.06
Stock prices, 500 stocks (Stand. & Poor's) 4/...1941-43=100..	48.61	47.91	45.25	45.25	46.40	47.09
Industrials, 425 stocks.....do.....	52.65	51.88	48.14	48.08	49.44	50.26
Production:						
Bituminous coal 3/.....thous. of short tons..	1,641	1,606	1,054	1,252	1,317	.....
Electric power, by utilities.....mil. of kw.-hr..	12,243	12,474	11,851	12,257	12,319	.....
Passenger cars and trucks (Ward's).....number..	141,655	140,156	88,098	101,720	102,089	79,469
Petroleum (crude) and condensate 3/.....thous. of bbl..	6,922	6,843	6,439	6,528	6,536	.....
Steel 3/.....thous. of short tons..	2,033	2,033	1,442	1,481	1,546	1,561
Percent of capacity.....do.....	#79.4	#79.4	53.4	54.9	57.3	57.8
Freight carloadings, total.....thous. of cars..	736	741	491	582	608	.....
Miscellaneous.....do.....	333	342	269	282	283	.....

1/ Data do not always cover calendar weeks. 2/ Tuesday prices. 3/ Daily average. 4/ Wednesday data. 5/ Week beginning August 4, 1958: Production, 1,611 thous. short tons; operating rate, 59.7 percent. * Monthly index for July 1957. ** Excludes 335,000 and 510,000 insured unemployed reported under temporary programs (TUC) for July 12 and July 19, respectively. # Based on January 1, 1957, annual capacity (133,459,150 tons); not comparable with 1958 rates which are based on January 1, 1958, annual capacity (140,742,570 tons).

MONTHLY BUSINESS STATISTICS

ITEM	1957		1958			
	May	June	March	April	May	June
GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS						
Manufacturers' sales:						
Value (unadjusted), total.....mil. of dol..	29,116	28,278	25,780	25,248	r25,426	26,172
Durable-goods industries, total 1/.....do....	14,833	14,590	12,161	11,921	r11,960	12,534
Primary metal.....do.....	2,425	2,484	1,770	1,740	r1,757	2,042
Fabricated metal.....do.....	1,585	1,552	1,334	1,316	r1,350	1,459
Machinery (including electrical).....do.....	4,425	4,459	3,982	3,867	r3,772	3,962
Transportation equipment (incl. motor vehicles).....do....	3,496	3,187	2,768	2,632	r2,675	2,589
Lumber and furniture.....do.....	975	1,027	786	788	r788	797
Stone, clay, and glass.....do.....	799	763	568	617	r652	681
Nondurable-goods industries, total 1/.....do....	14,283	13,688	13,619	13,327	r13,466	13,638
Food and beverage.....do.....	4,394	4,291	4,312	4,227	r4,434	4,552
Tobacco.....do.....	387	382	356	362	r381	399
Textile.....do.....	1,031	1,022	1,015	965	r930	999
Paper.....do.....	916	886	912	883	r904	941
Chemical.....do.....	2,100	1,886	1,882	1,944	r1,981	1,968
Petroleum and coal.....do.....	2,900	2,780	2,649	2,516	r2,630	2,611
Rubber.....do.....	486	481	412	438	432	.....
Value (adjusted), total.....do.....	28,617	28,142	24,931	24,945	r25,206	25,705
Durable-goods industries, total 1/.....do....	14,296	14,207	11,670	11,532	r11,643	12,025
Primary metal.....do.....	2,263	2,289	1,635	1,657	r1,656	1,848
Fabricated metal.....do.....	1,562	1,492	1,332	1,302	r1,331	1,403
Machinery (including electrical).....do.....	4,354	4,259	3,685	3,748	r3,736	3,760
Transportation equipment (incl. motor vehicles).....do....	3,276	3,241	2,708	2,466	r2,536	2,562
Lumber and furniture.....do.....	978	1,076	759	791	r807	817
Stone, clay, and glass.....do.....	747	741	586	605	r621	649
Nondurable-goods industries, total 1/.....do....	14,321	13,935	13,261	13,413	r13,563	13,680
Food and beverage.....do.....	4,340	4,183	4,333	4,348	r4,416	4,391
Tobacco.....do.....	352	362	387	373	r363	380
Textile.....do.....	1,079	1,063	999	1,016	r994	1,018
Paper.....do.....	907	877	885	874	r895	922
Chemical.....do.....	1,996	1,894	1,745	1,832	r1,875	1,918
Petroleum and coal.....do.....	2,959	2,780	2,597	2,594	r2,657	2,664
Rubber.....do.....	481	458	396	429	428	.....

ITEM	1957		1958			
	May	June	March	April	May	June
GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS - Continued						
Manufacturers' inventories, end of month:						
Book value (unadjusted), total.....mil. of dol..	53,985	54,043	52,318	51,595	r50,862	50,429
Durable-goods industries, total 1/.....do....	31,873	31,749	30,163	29,683	r29,182	28,804
Primary metal.....do....	4,053	4,043	4,246	4,185	r4,126	4,000
Fabricated metal.....do....	3,272	3,292	2,947	2,983	r2,938	2,967
Machinery (including electrical).....do....	10,811	10,760	10,054	9,885	r9,771	9,598
Transportation equipment (incl. motor vehicles).....do....	7,969	7,899	7,226	6,956	r6,716	6,637
Lumber and furniture.....do....	1,904	1,877	1,824	1,814	r1,809	1,807
Stone, clay, and glass.....do....	1,265	1,267	1,295	1,282	r1,261	1,242
By stages of fabrication:						
Purchased materials.....bil. of dol..	8.4	8.5	7.9	7.7	7.6	7.7
Goods in process.....do....	13.5	13.3	12.1	11.9	r11.6	11.4
Finished goods.....do....	10.0	9.9	10.1	10.1	10.0	9.7
Nondurable-goods industries, total 1/.....mil. of dol..	22,112	22,294	22,155	21,912	r21,680	21,625
Food and beverage.....do....	4,504	4,524	4,574	4,520	r4,406	4,410
Tobacco.....do....	2,027	1,981	1,960	1,915	r1,861	1,788
Textile.....do....	2,720	2,691	2,682	2,675	r2,675	2,615
Paper.....do....	1,453	1,442	1,483	1,483	r1,455	1,442
Chemical.....do....	3,716	3,744	3,929	3,858	r3,783	3,772
Petroleum and coal.....do....	3,346	3,451	3,405	3,372	r3,343	3,378
Rubber.....do....	1,065	1,058	1,112	1,078	1,051	.....
By stages of fabrication:						
Purchased materials.....bil. of dol..	8.7	8.7	9.0	8.9	r8.6	8.5
Goods in process.....do....	3.0	3.0	3.0	2.9	3.0	3.0
Finished goods.....do....	10.4	10.6	10.2	10.1	10.1	10.1
Book value (adjusted), total.....mil. of dol..	53,909	53,853	52,009	51,486	r50,896	50,322
Durable-goods industries, total 1/.....do....	31,566	31,438	29,864	29,424	r28,981	28,598
Primary metal.....do....	4,192	4,207	4,342	4,362	r4,277	4,170
Fabricated metal.....do....	3,146	3,077	2,918	2,925	r2,852	2,826
Machinery (including electrical).....do....	10,624	10,601	9,920	9,744	r9,636	9,465
Transportation equipment (incl. motor vehicles).....do....	7,975	7,919	7,113	6,863	r6,721	6,653
Lumber and furniture.....do....	1,865	1,845	1,794	1,783	r1,772	1,776
Stone, clay, and glass.....do....	1,240	1,254	1,233	1,233	r1,236	1,230
By stages of fabrication:						
Purchased materials.....bil. of dol..	8.5	8.4	8.1	8.0	7.8	7.6
Goods in process.....do....	13.4	13.3	11.9	11.8	r11.6	11.5
Finished goods.....do....	9.6	9.7	9.8	9.7	9.6	9.5
Nondurable-goods industries, total 1/.....mil. of dol..	22,343	22,415	22,145	22,062	r21,915	21,724
Food and beverage.....do....	4,869	4,882	4,685	4,765	r4,759	4,751
Tobacco.....do....	2,047	2,064	1,885	1,896	r1,880	1,862
Textile.....do....	2,625	2,612	2,627	2,606	r2,584	2,553
Paper.....do....	1,453	1,442	1,454	1,468	r1,455	1,442
Chemical.....do....	3,729	3,692	3,877	3,839	r3,796	3,742
Petroleum and coal.....do....	3,380	3,486	3,510	3,441	r3,377	3,345
Rubber.....do....	1,024	1,027	1,069	1,047	1,020	.....
By stages of fabrication:						
Purchased materials.....bil. of dol..	8.9	9.0	8.8	8.8	r8.8	8.8
Goods in process.....do....	2.9	3.0	2.9	2.9	2.9	2.9
Finished goods.....do....	10.5	10.5	10.4	10.4	10.2	10.0
Manufacturers' orders:						
New orders, net (unadjusted), total.....mil. of dol..	28,328	27,538	25,448	24,254	r25,032	25,968
Durable-goods industries, total 1/.....do....	13,949	13,716	11,848	10,879	r11,486	12,221
Primary metal.....do....	2,251	2,217	1,547	1,457	r1,738	1,865
Fabricated metal.....do....	1,638	1,427	1,234	1,255	r1,362	1,459
Machinery (including electrical).....do....	4,136	4,512	3,761	3,724	r3,681	3,871
Transportation equipment (incl. motor vehicles).....do....	3,181	2,609	3,065	2,072	r2,255	2,508
Nondurable-goods industries, total.....do....	14,379	13,822	13,600	13,375	r13,546	13,747
New orders, net (adjusted), total.....do....	28,433	27,055	24,758	24,498	r24,998	25,358
Durable-goods industries, total 1/.....do....	14,115	13,249	11,488	10,833	r11,423	11,785
Primary metal.....do....	2,136	2,306	1,371	1,543	r1,671	1,944
Fabricated metal.....do....	1,689	1,486	1,175	1,230	r1,322	1,520
Machinery (including electrical).....do....	4,321	4,103	3,511	3,596	r3,690	3,521
Transportation equipment (incl. motor vehicles).....do....	3,198	2,544	3,317	2,093	r2,265	2,402
Nondurable-goods industries, total.....do....	14,318	13,806	13,270	13,665	r13,575	13,573
Unfilled orders, end of month (unadjusted), total.....do....	61,069	60,329	47,504	46,510	r46,116	45,912
Durable-goods industries, total 1/.....do....	58,038	57,164	45,059	44,017	r43,543	43,230
Primary metal.....do....	6,597	6,330	4,040	3,757	r3,738	3,561
Fabricated metal.....do....	4,408	4,283	3,099	3,038	r3,050	3,050
Machinery (including electrical).....do....	19,642	19,695	16,327	16,184	r16,093	16,002
Transportation equipment (incl. motor vehicles).....do....	22,638	22,060	17,763	17,203	r16,783	16,702
Nondurable-goods industries, total.....do....	3,031	3,165	2,445	2,493	r2,573	2,682
FINANCE						
Consumer credit (short- and intermediate-term):						
Total outstanding, end of month.....mil. of dol..	41,937	42,491	42,562	42,665	43,027	43,122
Installment credit, total.....do....	32,158	32,608	32,983	32,932	32,957	33,054
Installment credit extended and repaid:						
Unadjusted: Extended, total.....do....	3,748	3,674	3,164	3,345	3,386	3,484
Repaid, total.....do....	3,376	3,224	3,483	3,396	3,361	3,387
Adjusted: Extended, total.....do....	3,535	3,547	3,193	3,278	3,252	3,265
Repaid, total.....do....	3,313	3,339	3,373	3,401	3,352	3,392

1/ Includes data for "other industries" not shown.

MONTHLY BUSINESS STATISTICS—Continued

ITEM	1957		1958			
	June	July	April	May	June	July
COMMODITY PRICES						
Prices received and paid by farmers:						
Prices received, all farm products.....1910-14=100..	243	246	264	264	255	254
Crops.....do....	240	237	252	246	232	228
Commercial vegetables, fresh market.....do....	274	276	362	314	232	209
Cotton.....do....	270	273	236	246	246	260
Feed grains and hay.....do....	173	170	162	163	167	165
Food grains.....do....	218	218	223	221	197	190
Fruit.....do....	245	216	271	268	277	253
Oil-bearing crops.....do....	260	250	237	238	239	227
Potatoes (including dry edible beans).....do....	155	169	268	224	180	185
Tobacco.....do....	457	460	475	475	474	473
Livestock and products.....do....	245	254	275	280	275	277
Dairy products.....do....	246	253	249	244	241	246
Meat animals.....do....	288	297	339	355	348	347
Poultry and eggs.....do....	145	155	172	168	163	166
Wool.....do....	312	307	212	204	212	210
Prices paid:						
All commodities and services.....do....	273	273	282	283	282	282
Family living items.....do....	287	287	293	294	293	293
Production items.....do....	257	257	271	271	270	270
All commod., services, int., taxes, and wage rates.....do....	296	295	306	306	305	305
Parity ratio.....do....	82	83	86	86	84	83
CONSTRUCTION AND REAL ESTATE						
New construction (unadjusted), total.....mil. of dol..	4,425	4,477	3,703	4,054	r4,397	4,613
Private, total.....do....	3,060	3,124	2,583	2,773	r2,979	3,114
Residential (nonfarm).....do....	1,545	1,586	1,288	1,407	r1,539	1,627
New dwelling units.....do....	1,105	1,155	945	1,000	r1,110	1,200
Additions and alterations.....do....	400	392	295	356	r377	375
Nonresidential buildings, total <u>1</u> /.....do....	824	814	677	698	735	754
Industrial.....do....	308	297	218	204	193	185
Commercial.....do....	308	310	263	285	315	326
Farm construction.....do....	159	169	127	147	162	171
Public utilities.....do....	511	536	478	504	r524	542
Public, total.....do....	1,365	1,353	1,120	1,281	r1,418	1,499
Nonresidential buildings.....do....	406	390	370	381	r406	420
Military facilities.....do....	112	121	80	88	95	105
Highway.....do....	548	539	375	500	580	620
New construction (seasonally adjusted), total.....do....	4,003	3,934	3,960	3,929	r3,969	4,036
Private, total.....do....	2,823	2,811	2,734	2,716	r2,743	2,793
Residential (nonfarm).....do....	1,373	1,383	1,350	1,334	r1,368	1,420
Nonresidential buildings, total <u>1</u> /.....do....	817	787	733	733	729	724
Industrial.....do....	311	300	222	210	195	187
Commercial.....do....	302	292	294	302	311	308
Farm construction.....do....	133	133	134	134	135	135
Public utility.....do....	482	493	503	499	r494	498
Public, total.....do....	1,180	1,123	1,226	1,213	r1,226	1,243
Nonresidential buildings.....do....	380	357	376	371	r379	383
Military facilities.....do....	101	108	88	90	86	94
Highway.....do....	428	391	463	450	453	449
Construction cost index:						
Department of Commerce, composite.....1947-49=100..	137	138	138	138	138	

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