

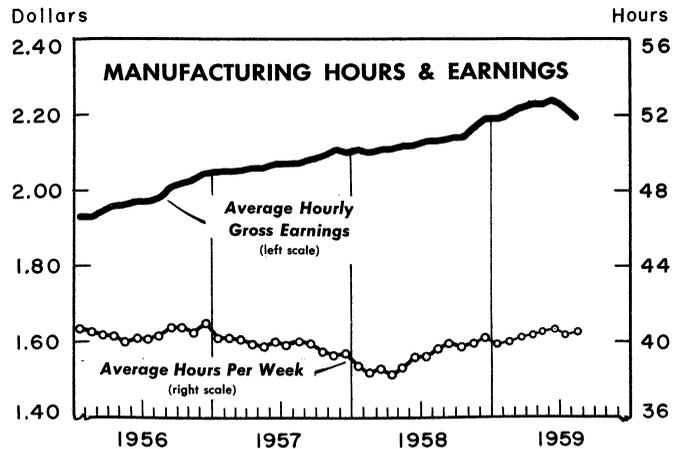
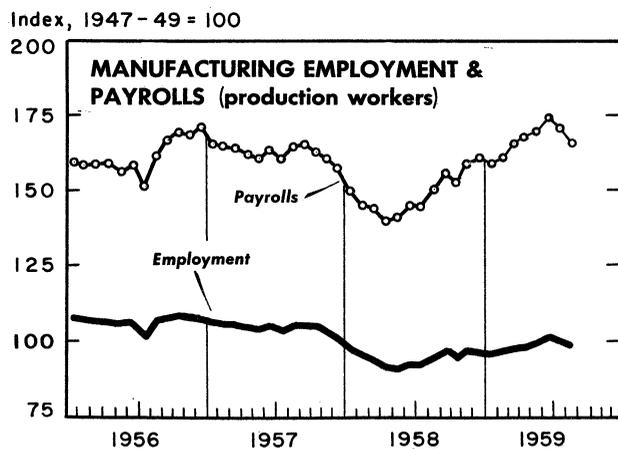
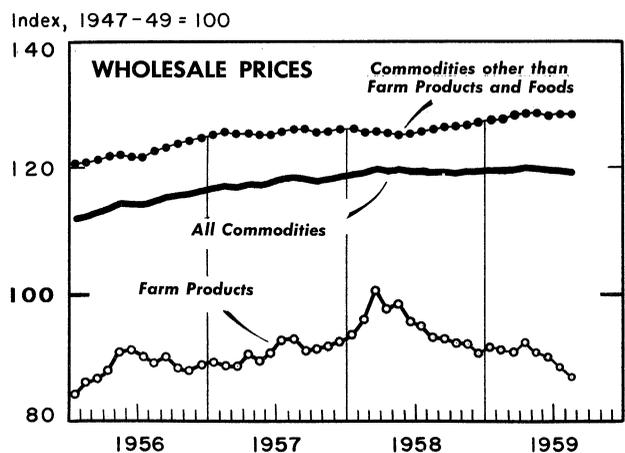
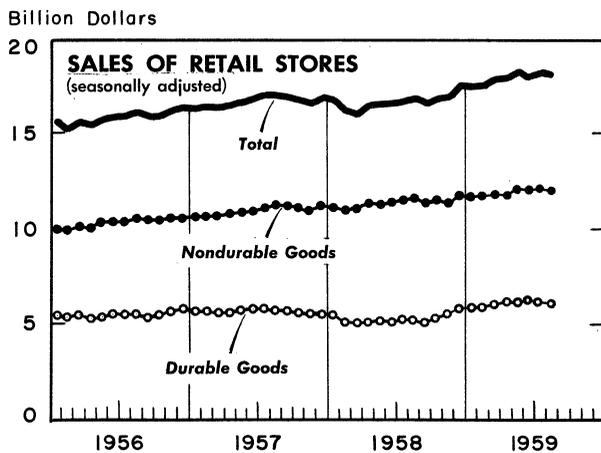
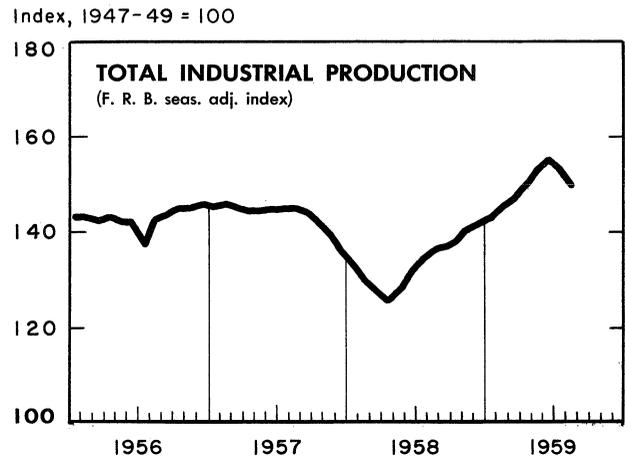
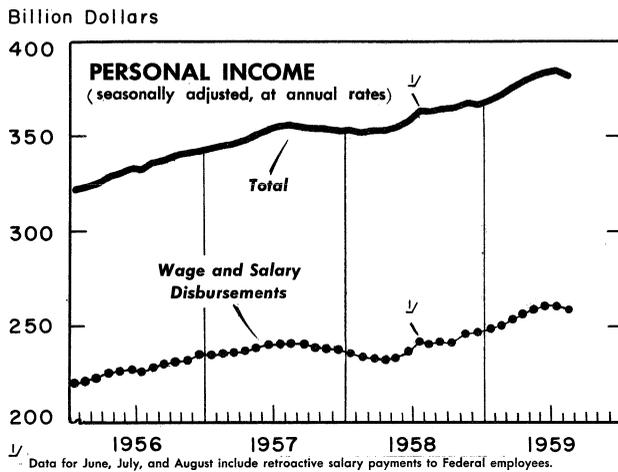


# BUSINESS STATISTICS

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## SELECTED BUSINESS INDICATORS



WEEKLY BUSINESS STATISTICS<sup>1</sup>

ITEM	1958		1959			
	Sept. 6	Sept. 13	Aug. 22	Aug. 29	Sept. 5	Sept. 12
<b>Commodity prices, wholesale:</b>						
All commodities.....1947-49=100.....		*119.1	119.3	119.3	119.3	119.5
Farm products.....do.....		*93.2	87.9	87.1	87.6	88.3
Foods, processed.....do.....		*111.3	106.8	107.0	106.7	107.4
All other.....do.....		*126.1	128.3	128.3	128.3	128.3
22 commodities <u>2/</u> .....do.....	86.2	86.2	86.5	87.0	86.9	87.6
Department store sales.....do.....	123	145	132	139	148	.....
Insured unemployment, total <u>3/</u> .....thous..	2,213	2,120	1,452	1,438	.....	.....
State programs (incl. Alaska and Hawaii).....do.....	2,013	1,926	1,294	1,279	.....	.....
Failures, industrial and commercial.....number..	191	256	263	257	308	222
<b>Finance:</b>						
Currency in circulation <u>4/</u> .....mil. of dol..	31,381	31,433	32,051	31,951	31,932	32,107
Federal Reserve bank credit outstanding, total <u>4/</u> .....do....	26,638	26,661	28,562	28,485	28,515	28,656
Member bank reserve balances <u>4/</u> .....do.....	18,446	18,479	18,509	18,586	18,566	18,640
Excess reserves, estimated <u>4/</u> .....do.....	547	606	438	467	432	600
Reporting member banks (of F.R. System) in leading cities: <u>5/</u>						
Demand deposits, adjusted.....mil. of dol..	59,613	.....	60,020	60,776	60,223	.....
Time deposits, except interbank.....do.....	30,277	.....	30,718	30,690	30,702	.....
Loans and investments (adjusted), total.....do.....	.....	.....	104,025	103,876	103,717	.....
U. S. Government obligations.....do.....	35,346	.....	29,448	29,267	29,068	.....
Commercial and industrial loans (gross).....do.....	.....	.....	28,910	28,976	28,958	.....
Real-estate loans (gross).....do.....	10,856	.....	12,324	12,350	12,343	.....
Bond yields, domestic corporate (Moody's) <u>4/</u> .....percent..	4.33	4.38	4.70	4.73	4.77	4.78
Stock prices, 500 stocks (Stand. & Poor's) <u>5/</u> .....1941-43=10..	48.18	48.31	58.27	59.08	58.92	57.29
Industrials, 425 stocks.....do.....	51.53	51.68	62.45	63.34	63.20	61.41
<b>Production:</b>						
Bituminous coal <u>4/</u> .....thous. of short tons..	1,421	1,410	1,192	1,220	1,219	.....
Electric power, by utilities.....mil. of kw.-hr..	12,025	12,248	14,003	14,109	13,759	.....
Motor vehicles (cars, trucks, coaches).....number..	16,977	30,735	46,820	33,559	32,738	35,637
Petroleum (crude) and condensate <u>4/</u> .....thous. of bbl..	7,060	7,009	6,761	6,765	6,785	.....
Steel <u>6/</u> .....thous. of short tons..	1,666	1,780	321	332	332	327
Percent of capacity.....do.....	#61.7	#65.9	11.3	11.7	11.7	11.5
Freight car loadings, total.....thous. of cars..	564	666	543	549	544	.....
Miscellaneous.....do.....	275	326	291	295	293	.....

<sup>1/</sup> Data do not always cover calendar weeks. <sup>2/</sup> Tuesday prices. <sup>3/</sup> Includes data for Alaska and Hawaii, and for the following programs: State; R.R.; Federal employees; veterans; and ex-servicemen. <sup>4/</sup> Daily average. <sup>5/</sup> Wednesday data. Figures for member banks are on revised basis; leaders indicate data not available. <sup>6/</sup> Week beginning September 14, 1959: Production, 345 thous. short tons; operating rate, 12.2 percent. \* Monthly index for August 1958. # Based on January 1, 1958, annual capacity (140,742,570 tons); not comparable with 1959 rates which are based on January 1, 1959, annual capacity (147,633,670 tons).

## MONTHLY BUSINESS STATISTICS

ITEM	1958		1959			
	July	August	May	June	July	August
<b>GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS</b>						
<b>Personal income, by source:</b>						
Seasonally adjusted, at annual rates:						
Total personal income.....bil. of dol..	363.5	362.4	381.3	383.8	r384.0	381.4
Wage and salary disbursements, total.....do.....	243.2	241.3	259.8	261.7	r261.5	258.9
Commodity-producing industries.....do.....	97.2	97.9	109.8	110.9	r109.9	106.7
Manufacturing only.....do.....	76.1	76.7	86.7	87.7	r86.9	83.9
Distributive industries.....do.....	63.8	64.3	67.5	68.0	r68.4	68.5
Service industries.....do.....	34.8	35.0	37.1	37.2	37.3	37.6
Government.....do.....	47.4	44.1	45.4	45.6	45.9	46.1
Other labor income.....do.....	9.3	9.3	9.9	10.0	10.1	10.1
Proprietors' income:						
Business and professional.....do.....	32.4	32.6	34.5	34.7	r34.9	34.9
Farm.....do.....	14.1	14.2	12.0	12.1	r11.9	11.2
Rental income of persons.....do.....	11.8	11.9	12.0	12.0	12.0	12.0
Dividends.....do.....	12.6	12.6	13.0	13.1	r13.2	13.4
Personal interest income.....do.....	20.4	20.5	22.0	22.2	22.4	22.6
Transfer payments.....do.....	26.8	27.2	26.4	26.4	r26.3	26.6
Less personal contributions for social insurance, do....	7.2	7.1	8.3	8.4	8.4	8.4
Total nonagricultural income.....do.....	345.7	344.5	365.3	367.8	r368.3	366.4
<b>Farm income and marketings:</b>						
Cash receipts from farming, including Government payments, total.....mil. of dol..	2,950	2,952	2,205	2,336	2,676	.....
Farm marketings and CCC loans, total.....do.....	2,773	2,789	2,180	2,308	2,582	.....
Crops.....do.....	1,211	1,257	637	819	1,116	.....
Livestock and products, total.....do.....	1,562	1,532	1,543	1,489	1,466	.....
Dairy products.....do.....	385	369	427	398	385	.....
Meat animals.....do.....	886	870	859	853	829	.....
Poultry and eggs.....do.....	272	275	220	207	230	.....
Indexes of cash receipts from marketings and CCC loans: <u>1/</u>						
All commodities.....1947-49=100.....	114	115	90	95	106	.....
Crops.....do.....	113	117	59	76	104	.....
Livestock and products.....do.....	115	112	113	109	108	.....
Indexes of volume of farm marketings: <u>1/</u>						
All commodities.....do.....	127	127	99	108	121	.....
Crops.....do.....	132	132	57	80	114	.....
Livestock and products.....do.....	123	123	131	129	128	.....

ITEM	1958		1959			
	July	August	May	June	July	August
GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS - Continued						
Industrial production (FRB):						
Unadjusted, combined index.....1947-49=100..	125	136	153	155	144	p147
Manufactures.....do.....	127	138	156	158	147	p151
Durable manufactures.....do.....	132	140	169	r172	r157	p153
Primary metals.....do.....	90	102	157	r154	r95	p60
Metal fabricating (including ordnance).....do.....	144	150	179	182	r175	p174
Fabricated metal products.....do.....	123	133	146	150	r143	p145
Machinery.....do.....	133	142	170	175	r166	p172
Transportation equipment.....do.....	175	173	215	214	r209	p192
Instruments and related products.....do.....	157	160	188	195	r194	p197
Furniture and fixtures.....do.....	113	124	137	r141	r141	p151
Lumber and products.....do.....	106	130	r143	r141	126	.....
Stone, clay, and glass products.....do.....	148	155	171	177	r175	p178
Miscellaneous manufactures.....do.....	126	135	145	r149	145	p157
Nondurable manufactures.....do.....	123	135	r143	144	136	p148
Printing and publishing.....do.....	132	136	150	148	143	p147
Petroleum and coal products.....do.....	133	140	139	r143	p134	p133
Minerals.....do.....	110	120	r127	127	r116	p119
Coal.....do.....	46	70	72	72	46	p63
Crude oil and natural gas.....do.....	137	142	r148	r147	p144	p144
Adjusted, combined index.....do.....	134	136	153	155	153	p149
Manufactures.....do.....	136	138	156	158	157	p152
Durable manufactures.....do.....	141	144	169	172	r168	p159
Primary metals.....do.....	102	109	154	150	r108	p64
Metal fabricating (including ordnance).....do.....	154	156	179	184	r186	p183
Fabricated metal products.....do.....	129	132	148	150	r150	p144
Machinery.....do.....	144	147	170	178	r180	p179
Transportation equipment.....do.....	185	186	r214	216	218	p215
Instruments and related products.....do.....	162	162	189	197	199	p199
Furniture and fixtures.....do.....	119	123	143	145	r149	p149
Lumber and products.....do.....	114	120	139	r133	135	.....
Stone, clay, and glass products.....do.....	152	150	170	174	181	p174
Miscellaneous manufactures.....do.....	135	134	150	r152	155	p155
Nondurable manufactures.....do.....	132	133	144	r144	146	p146
Printing and publishing.....do.....	138	140	149	149	150	p151
Petroleum and coal products.....do.....	136	139	142	r143	rp136	p131
Minerals.....do.....	116	120	126	125	r120	p119
Coal.....do.....	65	68	73	r73	56	p61
Crude oil and natural gas.....do.....	141	146	r148	r148	p148	p148
COMMODITY PRICES						
Wholesale price index, all commodities.....1947-49=100..	119.2	119.1	119.9	119.7	119.5	119.1
Farm products.....do.....	95.0	93.2	90.8	89.8	88.4	87.0
Foods, processed.....do.....	112.7	111.3	107.7	108.1	107.5	105.8
Commodities other than farm prod. and foods.....do.....	125.6	126.1	128.4	128.2	128.4	128.4
Chemicals and allied products.....do.....	110.4	110.0	110.0	110.0	109.9	109.7
Fuel, power, and lighting materials.....do.....	111.9	113.7	113.4	111.2	110.9	112.2
Furniture, other household durables.....do.....	123.2	123.0	123.5	123.6	r123.8	123.7
Hides, skins, and leather products.....do.....	100.3	100.5	118.5	118.9	r119.3	119.8
Lumber and wood products.....do.....	116.8	118.6	128.2	128.9	128.3	128.5
Machinery and motive products.....do.....	149.5	149.5	152.5	153.0	r153.6	153.8
Metals and metal products.....do.....	148.8	150.8	153.0	153.3	r152.7	152.8
Nonmetallic minerals, structural.....do.....	135.3	135.2	138.4	137.4	r137.5	137.4
Pulp, paper, and allied products.....do.....	131.0	131.0	132.0	132.3	r132.4	132.3
Rubber and products.....do.....	144.7	144.4	148.8	147.3	147.3	141.8
Textile products and apparel.....do.....	93.3	93.3	94.5	94.9	r95.3	95.5
Tobacco manufactures and bottled beverages.....do.....	128.0	128.0	132.2	132.2	134.5	134.5
DOMESTIC TRADE						
All retail stores: <u>1</u>						
Estimated sales (unadjusted), total.....mil. of dol..	16,596	17,000	18,600	18,708	r18,332	18,097
Durable goods stores.....do.....	5,444	5,360	6,435	6,826	r6,419	6,228
Automotive group.....do.....	2,907	2,789	3,696	3,880	r3,579	3,429
Lumber, building, hardware group.....do.....	1,002	1,005	1,093	1,138	1,135	.....
Nondurable goods stores.....do.....	11,153	11,639	12,165	11,882	r11,913	11,869
Apparel group.....do.....	867	954	1,128	1,077	r924	945
Eating and drinking places.....do.....	1,372	1,406	1,336	1,372	r1,458	1,450
Gasoline service stations.....do.....	1,410	1,448	1,427	1,450	r1,516	1,495
General merchandise group.....do.....	1,576	1,768	1,892	1,879	r1,701	1,878
Estimated sales (seasonally adjusted), total.....do....	16,721	16,860	18,223	18,189	r18,318	18,110
Durable goods stores.....do.....	5,221	5,214	6,100	6,162	r6,155	6,062
Automotive group.....do.....	2,803	2,703	3,375	3,476	3,454	.....
Lumber, building, hardware group.....do.....	895	919	1,034	991	1,009	.....
Nondurable goods stores.....do.....	11,500	11,645	12,123	12,027	12,163	12,048
Apparel group.....do.....	1,060	1,094	1,154	1,100	1,149	.....
Eating and drinking places.....do.....	1,247	1,255	1,304	1,312	1,325	.....
Gasoline service stations.....do.....	1,306	1,340	1,386	1,388	1,404	.....
General merchandise group.....do.....	1,879	1,918	2,000	1,961	2,041	.....
Estimated inventories:						
Unadjusted, total.....do.....	23,500	23,510	25,010	r24,620	24,550	.....
Durable goods stores.....do.....	10,720	10,430	11,940	r11,830	11,820	.....
Nondurable goods stores.....do.....	12,780	13,080	13,070	r12,790	12,730	.....

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ITEM	1958		1959			
	July	August	May	June	July	August
DOMESTIC TRADE - Continued						
All retail stores, estimated inventories - Continued						
Adjusted, total.....mil. of dol..	23,990	23,860	24,510	r24,790	25,020	.....
Durable goods stores.....do....	10,730	10,660	11,450	r11,660	11,850	.....
Nondurable goods stores.....do....	13,260	13,200	13,060	r13,130	13,170	.....
Retail firms with 4 or more stores:						
Estimated sales (unadjusted), total.....do....	4,045	4,278	4,495	4,398	4,316	.....
Retail firms with 11 or more stores:						
Estimated sales (unadjusted), total.....do....	3,465	3,697	3,932	3,832	3,778	.....
Apparel group.....do....	188	210	259	256	207	.....
Eating and drinking places.....do....	77	80	80	83	88	.....
General merchandise group.....do....	983	1,106	1,165	1,174	1,063	.....
Grocery stores.....do....	1,531	1,608	1,697	1,572	1,679	.....
Lumber, building-materials dealers.....do....	73	75	76	82	82	.....
Tire, battery, accessory stores.....do....	81	79	89	89	88	.....
Estimated sales (seasonally adjusted), total.....do....						
Apparel group.....do....	3,728	3,771	3,935	r3,897	3,988	.....
Eating and drinking places.....do....	239	250	256	253	266	.....
General merchandise group.....do....	73	75	79	80	84	.....
Grocery stores.....do....	1,174	1,201	1,249	1,233	1,292	.....
Lumber, building-materials dealers.....do....	1,564	1,557	1,629	1,610	1,619	.....
Lumber, building-materials dealers.....do....	64	66	71	r72	72	.....
Tire, battery, accessory stores.....do....	73	75	83	77	80	.....
Wholesale trade:						
Sales, estimated (unadjusted), total.....bil. of dol..	11.1	11.3	12.3	12.8	12.7	.....
Durable goods establishments.....do....	4.0	4.1	4.8	5.1	4.9	.....
Nondurable goods establishments.....do....	7.2	7.2	7.5	7.7	7.8	.....
Inventories, estimated (unadjusted), total.....do....	11.7	11.7	12.2	12.4	12.4	.....
Durable goods establishments.....do....	6.1	6.1	6.6	6.7	6.7	.....
Nondurable goods establishments.....do....	5.5	5.6	5.6	5.7	5.7	.....
EMPLOYMENT						
Civilian labor force, total.....thousands..	70,473	70,067	69,405	71,324	71,338	70,667
Employed.....do....	65,179	65,367	66,016	67,342	67,594	67,241
Agricultural employment.....do....	6,718	6,621	6,408	7,231	6,825	6,357
Nonagricultural employment.....do....	58,461	58,746	59,608	60,111	60,769	60,884
Unemployed.....do....	5,294	4,699	3,389	3,982	3,744	3,426
Employees in nonagricultural establishments:						
Total, unadjusted.....do....	50,178	50,576	51,982	52,580	r52,371	p52,084
Manufacturing.....do....	15,161	15,462	16,187	r16,455	r16,418	p16,175
Mining.....do....	705	708	701	r713	r708	p625
Contract construction.....do....	2,882	2,955	2,834	r2,986	r3,045	p3,127
Transportation and public utilities.....do....	3,907	3,897	3,914	r3,944	r3,951	p3,926
Wholesale and retail trade.....do....	10,984	11,011	11,234	r11,352	r11,318	p11,326
Finance, insurance, and real estate.....do....	2,410	2,413	2,413	r2,442	r2,472	p2,473
Service and miscellaneous s.....do....	6,465	6,452	6,583	r6,623	r6,607	p6,596
Government.....do....	7,664	7,678	8,116	r8,065	r7,852	p7,836
Production workers in manufacturing industries:						
Employment, total, (unadjusted).....do....	11,353	11,645	12,299	r12,524	r12,447	p12,195
Durable goods industries.....do....	6,270	6,339	7,139	r7,248	r7,167	p6,705
Nondurable goods industries.....do....	5,083	5,306	5,160	r5,276	r5,280	p5,490
Hours and earnings:						
Average weekly hours per worker.....hours..	39.2	39.6	40.5	40.7	r40.3	p40.5
Average weekly gross earnings.....dollars..	83.50	84.35	90.32	91.17	r89.87	p88.70
Average hourly gross earnings.....do....	2.13	2.13	2.23	2.24	2.23	p2.19

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