

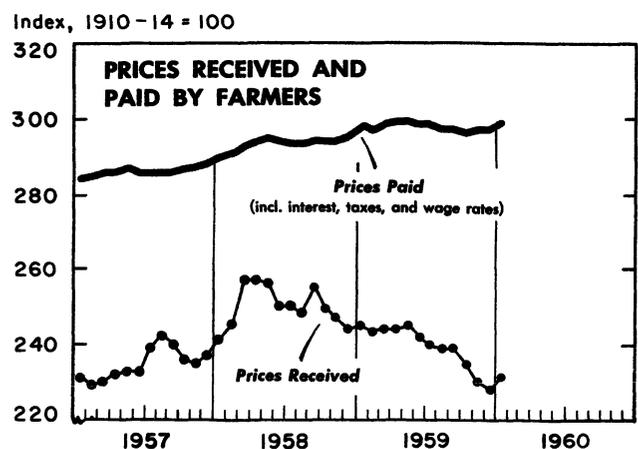
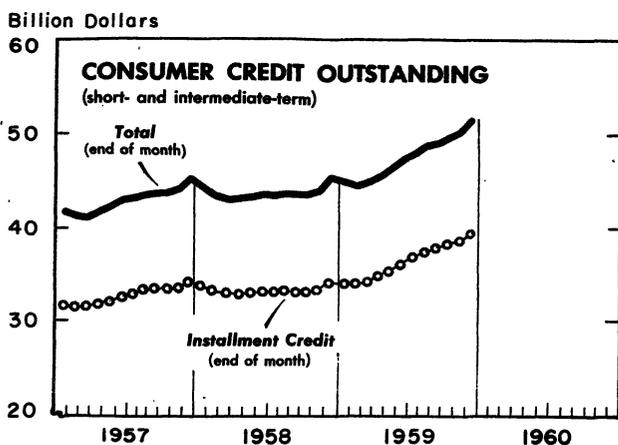
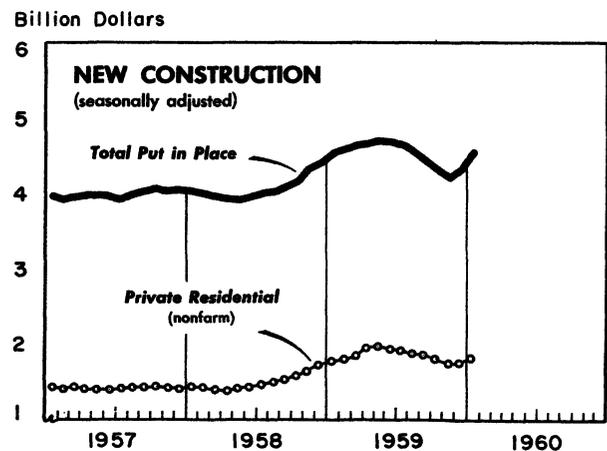
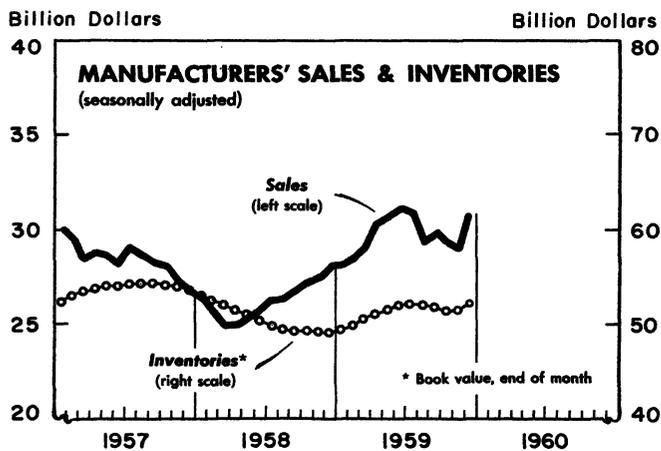
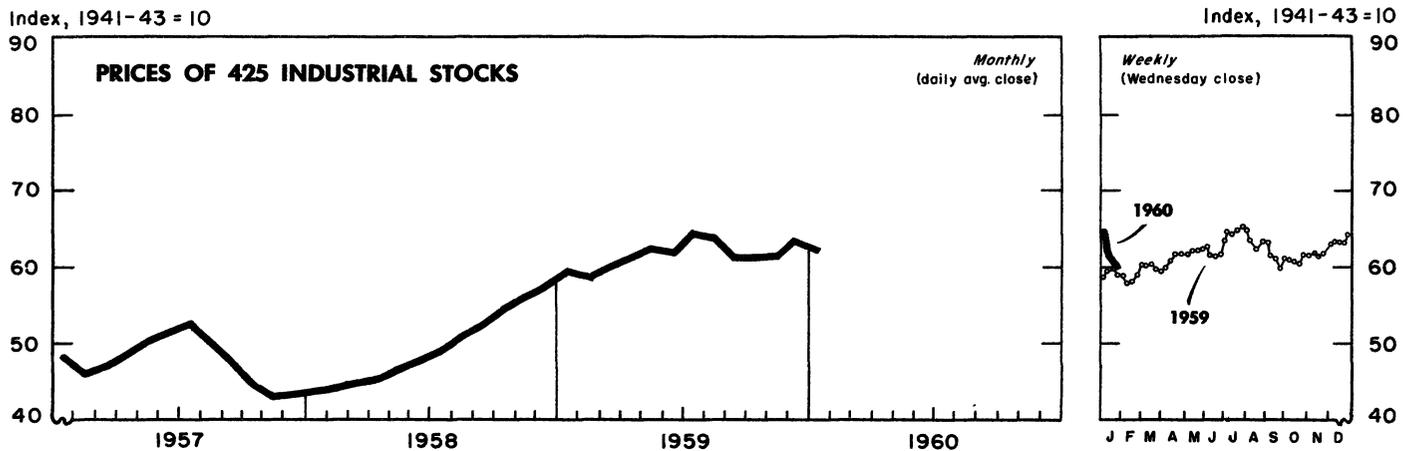


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SELECTED BUSINESS INDICATORS



WEEKLY BUSINESS STATISTICS¹

ITEM	1959		1960			
	Jan. 24	Jan. 31	Jan. 9	Jan. 16	Jan. 23	Jan. 30
Commodity prices, wholesale:						
All commodities.....1947-49=100..	.....	*119.5	.....	119.2	119.3	119.5
Farm products.....do.....	.....	*91.5	.....	86.7	86.6	88.4
Foods, processed.....do.....	.....	*108.7	.....	105.5	106.1	105.8
All other.....do.....	.....	*127.5	.....	128.7	128.7	128.6
22 commodities <u>2/</u>.....do.....	85.3	84.7	83.8	84.1	85.1	85.2
Department store sales.....do.....	105	106	132	120	113	.....
Insured unemployment, total <u>3/</u>.....thous..	2,698	2,663	2,356	2,371	.....	.....
State programs (incl. Alaska and Hawaii).....do.....	2,450	2,425	2,174	2,186	.....	.....
Failures, industrial and commercial.....number..	296	322	242	292	302	281
Finance:						
Currency in circulation <u>4/</u>.....mil. of dol..	31,385	31,150	32,519	32,282	31,910	31,650
Federal Reserve bank credit outstanding, total <u>4/</u>.....do.....	27,368	27,094	29,318	28,633	28,098	27,370
Member bank reserve balances <u>4/</u>.....do.....	18,769	18,817	19,146	19,034	18,940	18,431
Excess reserves, estimated <u>4/</u>.....do.....	535	393	509	568	576	293
Reporting member banks (of F.R.System) in leading cities: <u>5/</u>						
Demand deposits, adjusted.....mil. of dol..	63,383	62,791	61,967	62,435	62,273	.....
Time deposits, except interbank.....do.....	30,067	30,071	30,365	30,236	30,136	.....
Loans and investments (adjusted), total.....do.....	.....	.....	103,914	103,996	102,834	.....
U. S. Government obligations.....do.....	34,862	34,701	27,018	27,406	26,904	.....
Commercial and industrial loans (gross).....do.....	.....	.....	30,171	30,131	29,983	.....
Real estate loans (gross).....do.....	11,496	11,505	12,630	12,640	12,635	.....
Bond yields, domestic corporate (Moody's) <u>4/</u>.....percent..	4.41	4.44	4.90	4.91	4.92	4.92
Stock prices, 500 stocks (Stand. & Poor's) <u>5/</u> ...1941-43=10..	56.04	55.16	60.13	58.08	57.07	56.72
Industrials, 425 stocks.....do.....	59.75	58.84	64.75	62.23	61.16	60.69
Production:						
Bituminous coal <u>4/</u>.....thous. of short tons..	1,334	1,431	1,500	1,471	1,442	.....
Electric power, by utilities.....mil. of kw.-hr..	13,394	13,151	14,308	14,236	14,523	.....
Motor vehicles (cars, trucks, coaches).....number..	151,565	144,787	191,153	203,836	206,882	206,161
Petroleum (crude) and condensate <u>4/</u>.....thous. of bbl..	7,194	7,107	7,112	7,146	7,190	.....
Steel <u>6/</u>.....thous. of short tons..	2,056	2,178	2,715	2,727	2,727	2,717
Percent of capacity.....	#72.6	#76.9	95.3	95.7	95.7	95.4
Freight car loadings, total.....thous. of cars..	556	583	592	606	587	.....
Miscellaneous.....do.....	286	299	314	322	314	.....

^{1/} Data do not always cover calendar weeks. ^{2/} Tuesday prices. ^{3/} Includes data for Alaska and Hawaii, and for the following programs: State; R.R.; Federal employees; veterans; and ex-servicemen. ^{4/} Daily average. ^{5/} Wednesday data. ^{6/} Week beginning February 1, 1960: Production, 2,687 thous. short tons; operating rate, 94.3 percent. * Monthly index for January 1959. # Based on January 1, 1959, annual capacity (147,633,670 tons); not comparable with 1960 rates which are based on January 1, 1960, annual capacity (148,570,970 tons).

MONTHLY BUSINESS STATISTICS

ITEM	1958		1959			
	November	December	September	October	November	December
GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS						
MANUFACTURERS' SALES:						
VALUE (UNADJUSTED), TOTAL.....mil. of dol..	26,729	27,954	30,032	30,849	r28,530	30,776
Durable goods industries, total <u>1/</u>.....do.....	12,911	13,717	13,687	14,528	r13,305	15,324
Primary metal.....do.....	1,999	2,117	1,218	1,269	1,907	2,712
Fabricated metal.....do.....	1,415	1,415	1,898	1,800	r1,527	1,608
Machinery (including electrical).....do.....	3,736	4,085	4,726	4,822	r4,521	4,854
Transportation equipment (incl. motor vehicles).....do.....	3,208	3,646	2,768	3,570	r2,701	3,584
Lumber and furniture.....do.....	843	831	1,073	1,034	r897	841
Stone, clay, and glass.....do.....	640	583	775	782	652	629
Nondurable goods industries, total <u>1/</u>.....do.....	13,818	14,237	16,345	16,321	r15,225	15,452
Food and beverage.....do.....	4,347	4,353	4,855	4,950	r4,585	4,576
Tobacco.....do.....	370	422	416	409	r441	440
Textile.....do.....	1,123	1,071	1,310	1,346	r1,256	1,229
Paper.....do.....	917	898	1,060	1,086	r974	976
Chemical.....do.....	1,881	1,833	2,379	2,339	r2,120	2,169
Petroleum and coal.....do.....	2,763	3,237	3,235	3,037	r3,103	3,400
Rubber.....do.....	425	502	528	569	r439	493
VALUE (SEASONALLY ADJUSTED), TOTAL.....do.....	27,467	28,135	29,818	29,384	r28,972	30,814
Durable goods industries, total <u>1/</u>.....do.....	13,295	13,613	14,113	14,047	r13,479	14,992
Primary metal.....do.....	2,113	2,256	1,212	1,186	1,956	2,815
Fabricated metal.....do.....	1,553	1,586	1,759	1,631	r1,623	1,751
Machinery (including electrical).....do.....	3,951	3,975	4,663	4,666	r4,717	4,699
Transportation equipment (incl. motor vehicles).....do.....	3,040	3,184	3,641	3,778	r2,514	2,970
Lumber and furniture.....do.....	891	884	977	952	r922	906
Stone, clay, and glass.....do.....	667	655	718	704	662	707
Nondurable goods industries, total <u>1/</u>.....do.....	14,172	14,522	15,705	15,337	r15,493	15,822
Food and beverage.....do.....	4,436	4,481	4,618	4,609	r4,643	4,687
Tobacco.....do.....	378	414	408	399	r443	431
Textile.....do.....	1,102	1,079	1,222	1,197	r1,209	1,267
Paper.....do.....	936	955	1,029	1,006	r994	1,049
Chemical.....do.....	2,023	2,004	2,273	2,219	r2,236	2,371
Petroleum and coal.....do.....	2,819	2,970	3,301	3,037	r3,183	3,148
Rubber.....do.....	472	518	544	555	r482	508

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

CORRECTION for p. 5-10, January 1960 SURVEY: October 1959 sales, unadj., of general merchandise stores (firms with 11 or more stores) should read \$1,318 million.

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ITEM	1958		1959			
	November	December	September	October	November	December
GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS - Continued						
MANUFACTURERS' INVENTORIES, END OF MONTH:						
BOOK VALUE (UNADJUSTED), TOTAL.....mil. of dol..	49,160	49,468	51,551	51,434	r51,782	52,764
Durable goods industries, total <u>1/</u>.....do....	27,684	27,873	29,224	29,224	r29,431	30,179
Primary metal.....do....	4,217	4,297	3,971	3,981	r4,116	4,304
Fabricated metal.....do....	2,809	2,810	3,055	2,854	r2,860	3,012
Machinery (including electrical).....do....	8,866	8,852	9,650	9,700	r9,703	9,818
Transportation equipment (incl. motor vehicles).....do....	6,593	6,639	7,290	7,062	r7,114	7,341
Lumber and furniture.....do....	1,683	1,728	1,849	1,819	r1,834	1,845
Stone, clay, and glass.....do....	1,162	1,188	1,226	1,257	r1,296	1,345
Nondurable goods industries, total <u>1/</u>.....do....	21,476	21,595	21,950	22,210	r22,351	22,585
Food and beverage.....do....	4,958	4,891	4,944	5,021	r5,098	4,997
Tobacco.....do....	1,861	1,978	1,862	1,926	1,923	2,031
Textile.....do....	2,371	2,422	2,445	2,431	r2,451	2,474
Paper.....do....	1,405	1,443	1,442	1,444	r1,466	1,500
Chemical.....do....	3,724	3,791	3,853	3,944	r4,000	4,092
Petroleum and coal.....do....	3,390	3,264	3,398	3,443	r3,398	3,339
Rubber.....do....	998	1,004	1,075	1,087	r1,114	1,141
BOOK VALUE (SEASONALLY ADJUSTED), TOTAL.....do....	49,297	49,179	51,892	51,515	r51,625	52,316
Durable goods industries, total <u>1/</u>.....do....	27,877	27,815	29,817	29,249	r29,347	30,000
Primary metal.....do....	4,058	4,111	3,923	3,870	r3,986	4,114
Fabricated metal.....do....	2,896	2,897	3,117	2,912	r2,918	3,105
Machinery (including electrical).....do....	8,954	8,904	9,741	9,807	r9,731	9,848
Transportation equipment (incl. motor vehicles).....do....	6,576	6,543	7,305	6,887	r6,928	7,135
Lumber and furniture.....do....	1,730	1,740	1,860	1,855	r1,861	1,854
Stone, clay, and glass.....do....	1,223	1,200	1,277	1,320	r1,336	1,359
Nondurable goods industries, total <u>1/</u>.....do....	21,420	21,364	22,075	22,266	r22,278	22,316
Food and beverage.....do....	4,676	4,670	4,832	4,810	r4,814	4,775
Tobacco.....do....	1,861	1,920	1,930	1,955	1,942	1,972
Textile.....do....	2,456	2,444	2,516	2,536	r2,542	2,490
Paper.....do....	1,419	1,443	1,471	1,481	r1,496	1,500
Chemical.....do....	3,767	3,739	3,970	4,037	r4,041	4,049
Petroleum and coal.....do....	3,324	3,264	3,267	3,295	r3,283	3,306
Rubber.....do....	1,018	994	1,114	1,115	r1,120	1,124
MANUFACTURERS' ORDERS:						
New orders, net (unadjusted), total.....do....	27,368	28,033	30,527	31,258	r28,559	30,701
Durable goods industries, total <u>1/</u>.....do....	13,452	13,796	14,285	14,980	r13,299	15,111
Primary metal.....do....	2,265	2,294	1,807	1,818	r2,149	2,737
Fabricated metal.....do....	1,393	1,429	1,876	1,863	r1,596	1,607
Machinery (including electrical).....do....	3,656	4,052	4,941	4,794	r4,282	4,856
Transportation equipment (incl. motor vehicles).....do....	3,587	3,501	2,712	3,626	r2,611	3,569
Nondurable goods industries, total.....do....	13,916	14,237	16,242	16,278	r15,260	15,590
New orders, net (seasonally adjusted), total.....do....	27,797	28,365	30,552	30,449	r29,222	30,890
Durable goods industries, total <u>1/</u>.....do....	13,574	13,673	14,747	15,099	r13,721	14,886
Primary metal.....do....	2,262	2,210	1,957	1,870	r2,141	2,720
Fabricated metal.....do....	1,601	1,458	1,705	1,791	r1,818	1,669
Machinery (including electrical).....do....	4,019	4,047	5,067	4,982	r4,673	4,846
Transportation equipment (incl. motor vehicles).....do....	3,007	2,958	3,155	3,661	r2,303	2,886
Nondurable goods industries, total.....do....	14,223	14,692	15,805	15,350	r15,501	16,004
Unfilled orders, end of month (unadjusted), total.....do....	46,718	46,797	51,068	51,477	r51,506	51,431
Durable goods industries, total <u>1/</u>.....do....	43,929	44,008	47,852	48,304	r48,298	48,085
Primary metal.....do....	4,174	4,351	5,971	6,520	r6,762	6,787
Fabricated metal.....do....	3,046	3,060	3,207	3,270	r3,339	3,338
Machinery (including electrical).....do....	16,045	16,012	18,043	18,015	r17,776	17,778
Transportation equipment (incl. motor vehicles).....do....	16,649	16,504	15,687	15,743	r15,653	15,886
Nondurable goods industries, total.....do....	2,789	2,789	3,216	3,173	r3,208	3,346
INDUSTRIAL AND COMMERCIAL FAILURES:						
Failures, total.....number..	1,121	1,082	1,144	1,125	1,130	1,080
Commercial service.....do....	97	88	93	102	105	89
Construction.....do....	176	176	191	164	186	163
Manufacturing and mining.....do....	190	185	192	221	195	231
Retail trade.....do....	550	515	563	532	520	478
Wholesale trade.....do....	108	118	105	106	124	119
Liabilities (current), total.....thous. of dol..	56,718	57,069	54,736	50,375	53,214	59,556
Commercial service.....do....	5,881	3,590	3,077	3,891	3,027	3,072
Construction.....do....	9,483	10,058	12,595	7,131	12,136	10,453
Manufacturing and mining.....do....	19,496	18,411	15,974	20,980	17,266	23,822
Retail trade.....do....	16,549	14,397	16,098	13,050	15,244	13,443
Wholesale trade.....do....	5,309	10,613	6,992	5,323	5,541	8,766
FINANCE						
CONSUMER CREDIT (SHORT- AND INTERMEDIATE-TERM): <u>2/</u>						
Total outstanding, end of month.....mil. of dol..	43,970	45,586	49,350	49,872	50,379	52,046
Installment credit, total.....do....	33,322	34,080	37,962	38,421	38,723	39,482
Installment credit extended and repaid:						
Unadjusted: Extended, total.....do....	3,374	4,393	4,061	4,185	3,928	4,686
Repaid, total.....do....	3,284	3,635	3,609	3,726	3,626	3,927
Adjusted: Extended, total.....do....	3,615	3,757	4,164	4,212	4,076	4,046
Repaid, total.....do....	3,468	3,442	3,662	3,700	3,701	3,776

1/ Revised. 2/ Includes data for "other industries" not shown. 2/ Includes data for Alaska beginning January 1959 and for Hawaii beginning August 1959.

ITEM	1958	1959				1960
	December	January	October	November	December	January
COMMODITY PRICES						
PRICES RECEIVED AND PAID BY FARMERS:						
Prices received, all farm products.....1910-14=100..	244	245	235	230	228	231
Crops.....do.....	213	215	219	216	217	219
Commercial vegetables.....do.....	220	267	241	228	258	264
Cotton.....do.....	256	238	274	260	254	248
Feed grains and hay.....do.....	151	152	149	150	149	151
Food grains.....do.....	199	199	203	206	206	206
Fruit.....do.....	217	211	214	199	198	202
Oil-bearing crops.....do.....	214	218	208	216	215	216
Potatoes (including dry edible beans).....do.....	126	129	147	165	174	188
Tobacco.....do.....	504	499	505	504	491	486
Livestock and products.....do.....	270	270	248	243	238	242
Dairy products.....do.....	270	264	273	279	274	266
Meat animals.....do.....	328	328	291	275	264	278
Poultry and eggs.....do.....	155	161	138	139	148	144
Wool.....do.....	199	200	235	230	234	239
Prices paid:						
All commodities and services.....do.....	274	276	275	275	275	275
Family living items.....do.....	287	r287	290	291	291	290
Production items.....do.....	265	268	264	264	264	265
All commod., services, int., taxes, and wage rates.....do.....	295	298	296	297	297	299
PARITY RATIO.....do.....	83	82	79	77	77	77
CONSTRUCTION AND REAL ESTATE						
CONSTRUCTION PUT IN PLACE:						
NEW CONSTRUCTION (UNADJUSTED), TOTAL.....mil. of dol..	4,109	3,712	4,880	r4,421	r4,073	3,747
Private, total.....do.....	2,900	2,582	3,460	r3,302	r3,062	2,747
Residential (nonfarm).....do.....	1,679	1,471	2,036	r1,904	r1,718	1,501
New dwelling units.....do.....	1,329	1,170	1,565	1,457	r1,322	1,140
Additions and alterations.....do.....	291	243	403	r378	r324	291
Nonresidential buildings, total <u>1/</u>.....do.....	716	655	770	790	789	757
Industrial.....do.....	168	165	171	185	200	209
Commercial.....do.....	310	273	348	354	341	310
Farm construction.....do.....	94	94	155	136	121	115
Public utility.....do.....	395	348	477	r449	r411	392
Public, total.....do.....	1,209	1,130	1,420	r1,119	r1,011	1,000
Nonresidential buildings.....do.....	367	359	368	321	r319	324
Military facilities.....do.....	118	107	117	r109	r97	94
Highway.....do.....	399	348	568	370	286	280
NEW CONSTRUCTION (SEASONALLY ADJUSTED), TOTAL.....do.....	4,424	4,557	4,313	r4,221	r4,328	4,572
Private, total.....do.....	2,988	3,065	3,129	r3,085	r3,144	3,262
Residential (nonfarm).....do.....	1,733	1,793	1,811	r1,748	r1,760	1,841
Nonresidential buildings, total <u>1/</u>.....do.....	699	691	718	731	769	797
Industrial.....do.....	166	160	169	180	196	203
Commercial.....do.....	300	304	318	317	331	345
Farm construction.....do.....	126	127	155	158	161	155
Public utility.....do.....	412	436	423	r424	r428	441
Public, total.....do.....	1,436	1,492	1,184	r1,136	r1,184	1,310
Nonresidential buildings.....do.....	400	396	338	330	r345	357
Military facilities.....do.....	135	127	95	r105	r110	112
Highway.....do.....	539	600	418	381	381	483

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