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### PREFACE

This report brings together many of the available economic indicators in convenient form for analysis and interpretation. The presentation and classification of series follow the business indicators approach. The classification of series and the business cycle turning dates are those designated by the National Bureau of Economic Research (NBER) which, in recent years, has been the leader in this field of investigation. However, this publication is not to be taken as implying acceptance or endorsement by the Bureau of the Census or any other government agency of any particular approach to business cycle analysis. It is intended only to supplement other reports of the Department of Commerce that provide data for analyzing current business conditions.

The unique features are the arrangement of data according to their usual timing relations during the course of the business cycle and the inclusion of special analytical measures and historical cyclical comparisons that help in evaluating the current stage of the business cycle. In addition the movements of the series are shown against the background of the expansions and contractions of the general business cycle so that "leads" and "lags" can be readily detected and unusual cyclical developments spotted.

About 90 principal series and over 300 components are included in preparing the report. The exact number of series included for the total and important classes of series may vary from month to month because of additions of new series and revisions in the composition of indexes. Almost all of the basic data are available in published reports. A complete list of series and the sources of data is shown on the back cover of this report. Series are seasonally adjusted except those that do not appear to contain seasonal movement.

The chief merits of this report are the speed with which the data are collected, assembled, and published and the arrangement of the series for business cycle studies. Publication is scheduled for around the 22d of the month following the month of data.

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#### ABOUT THE COVER—

Series in this publication are grouped according to their usual timing and shown against the background of contractions and expansions in general business activity. The cover design illustrates this concept. The black vertical bar represents a contraction; the top curve, the Leading Series which usually fall before a contraction has begun and rise before it has ended; the middle curve, the Coincident Series which usually fall with the contraction period; the bottom curve, the Lagging Series which fall after a contraction has begun and rise after it ends.



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■ *A limited number of changes are made from time to time to reflect the change from one stage of the business cycle to another, to show new findings of business cycle research and newly available economic series, or to emphasize the activity of a particular series or series group. Such changes may involve additions or deletions of series used, changes in placement in relation to other series, changes in components of indexes, etc.*

Changes in this issue are as follows:

1. A new index, "Series Finding Guide," which appears on pages 73 and 74, has been substituted for the index previously shown. It is an economic process index with timing designations which can be used to find series in the list of titles and sources on the back cover. The titles on the back cover now include the Roman number designation of the economic process into which a series is grouped in the finding guide.

2. Series 1, 2, 3, and 41 on factory employment have been revised in table 1 for the period beginning January 1963. Basic data for the components of series 1 and 41 (table 5A) and measures based on them (tables 4 and 5B) are revised for the period beginning November 1964. These revisions reflect the source agency's adoption of a new benchmark, March 1964.

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The January issue of BUSINESS CYCLE DEVELOPMENTS is scheduled for release on January 25.

## Computer Programs for

Since October 1965, the Bureau of the Census has been using the X-11 variant of Census Method II as its standard seasonal adjustment program, replacing the X-9 and X-10 variants. The X-11 variant is described in Bureau of the Census Technical Paper No. 15, *The X-11 Variant of the Census Method II Seasonal Adjustment Program*. An abstract of the paper appeared in the October 1965 issue of BUSINESS CYCLE DEVELOPMENTS. A version to adjust quarterly series (X-11Q) is also available.

The X-11 and X-11Q programs have been compiled in Fortran IV on the Univac 1107 and the IBM 7090 and may be adapted for use on other large-scale computers. The X-11 program contains 2,500 Fortran source statements and requires 23,000 36-bit words of core memory on the 1107. The X-11Q contains 1,500 Fortran statements and requires 15,000 words on the 1107. The programs will adjust series as short as 3 years and as long as 30 years in length.

Prospective users, particularly those with machines other than the Univac 1107 and the IBM 7090, should study the detailed description of the program in Technical Paper No. 15 before purchasing it. This program is being adapted for small computers. Information about such adaptations will be provided by the Bureau of the Census upon request when it becomes available. However, the Census Bureau staff will not be available to help resolve problems that arise in the use of these adaptations. Before purchasing the Fortran deck, please be sure it is suitable for your computer.

A program for the computation of diffusion indexes is also available. It contains 450 Fortran statements and requires 16,000 words on the 1107. The program will accept up to 80 component series of up to 20 years in length for each index.

## Data Bank of Business Cycle Series

A punch card file containing data shown in BUSINESS CYCLE DEVELOPMENTS for the principal business cycle series included in table 2, the diffusion indexes in table 4, and the component series (listed in table 5) used to compute 14 of the diffusion indexes is maintained at the Bureau of the Census. Duplicate cards for 85 of the principal series, the 30 diffusion indexes, and 145 of their components are available. (The other series may be obtained only from the sponsoring agencies.) One card is required per series year. (For the few series where data are not available back to 1948, data will be included beginning with the first available year.) The cost for the 85 principal series, from 1948 to date, is \$50. For these principal series plus the 30 diffusion indexes and 145 component series, the cost is \$100 for the same period. The series are available in these two quantities only. The Census Bureau cannot supply special sortings or tabulations of these data.

The Bureau of the Census cannot keep customers' files current. However, the figures required for this purpose are published in BUSINESS CYCLE DEVELOPMENTS each month.

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Copies of the programs, papers, and data may be ordered by using the form on page 75.

# DESCRIPTIONS AND PROCEDURES

Students of economic conditions describe the business cycle as consisting of alternating periods of expansion and contraction in production, employment, income, money flows, prices, and other economic processes. The fluctuations take place in a concerted manner, but not simultaneously. Once an expansion gets underway, it spreads from firm to firm, from industry to industry, from area to area, and from process to process, cumulating until a cyclical peak in aggregate activity is reached. Even while expansion is widespread during the upward phase of the business cycle, some activities continue to move in the opposite direction. Declines begin to spread as the expansion nears its peak and continue to spread even faster after the peak has been passed. But some activities continue to expand during the general contraction. Before long these expansions become stronger and more widespread. When they begin to dominate the situation, the upturn in aggregate activity has arrived and a new expansion is underway. This sequence is recurrent, but not periodic.

The causal relations among these various economic processes are primarily responsible for the cumulative nature of cyclical forces, and explain why expansion eventually turns into recession and recession into expansion. Cyclical fluctuations in production and employment are preceded by fluctuations in measures which relate to future rather than to current production—measures such as new orders for durable goods, the formation of new business enterprises, and accessions to payrolls. They are followed by fluctuations in various types of economic costs, such as labor costs, interest rates, fulfillment of long-term commitments, and holdings of inventories and of debts.

Although this pattern has been characteristic of American economic history, today many economists do not consider it inevitable.

Intensive research by the National Bureau of Economic Research (NBER) over many years has provided a list of those significant series that usually lead, those that usually move with, and those that usually lag behind cyclical movements in aggregate economic ac-

tivity. The series have been grouped and classified by the NBER as “leading”, “roughly coincident”, or “lagging” indicators. These indicators are defined as follows:

*NBER Leading Indicators.*—Series that usually reach peaks or troughs before those in aggregate economic activity as measured by the roughly coincident series (see below). One group of these series pertains to activities in the labor market, another to orders and contracts, and so on.

*NBER Roughly Coincident Indicators.*—Series that are direct measures of aggregate economic activity or move roughly together with it; for example, nonagricultural employment, industrial production, and retail sales.

*NBER Lagging Indicators.*—Series, such as new plant and equipment expenditures and manufacturers’ inventories, that usually reach turning points after they are reached in aggregate economic activity.

Other U.S. series with business cycle significance are included in this report. Some of these series, such as change in money supply, merchandise trade balance, and cash surplus or deficit, represent important factors in the economy, but they have not qualified as indicators for various reasons, such as irregularity in timing. Finally, industrial production indexes for several countries which have important trade relations with the United States are presented.

The list of series covered and sources of the basic data are shown on the back cover of this report. Series numbers are for identification only and do not reflect series relationships or order.

## METHOD OF PRESENTATION

Data are shown in this report in three general categories, as follows:

► *Basic Data* (chart 1 and tables 1 and 2).—Data are shown for business cycle indicators, additional

U.S. series with business cycle significance, and industrial production indexes for selected countries. Together, they provide a broad view of current and prospective business cycle fluctuations in the economy as well as the basis for making an economic interpretation of these fluctuations.

- *Analytical Measures* (chart 2 and tables 3 to 5).—These are measures that aid in forming a judgment of the imminence of a turning point in the business cycle, determining the extent of current changes in different parts of the economy, and pointing to developments in particular industries and places.
- *Cyclical Patterns* (chart 3 and tables 6 and 7).—Current cyclical levels are compared with levels at corresponding stages of earlier cycles. These comparisons are made in different ways depending upon the phase of the business cycle.

In addition to the data shown as part of the regular report, certain appendix materials are presented. These materials include historical data, key information, and adjustment factors.

## DESIGNATION OF BUSINESS CYCLE TURNING POINTS

The business cycle turning dates used in this report are those designated by the NBER. They mark the approximate dates when aggregate economic activity reached its cyclical high or low levels. As a matter of general practice, a business cycle turning date will not be designated until at least 6 months after it has occurred.

Monthly business cycle peaks and troughs have been dated by the NBER for the period 1854-1961. Over this span, expansion has prevailed 61 percent of the time and contraction, 39 percent. If war periods are disregarded, expansion has prevailed 56 percent of the time and contraction, 44 percent.

## SEASONAL AND RELATED STATISTICAL ADJUSTMENTS

Adjustments for normal seasonal fluctuations are often necessary to bring out the underlying cyclical trends of a series. Such adjustments allow for periodic intra-year variations resulting chiefly from normal differences in weather conditions during the year and from various institutional arrangements. Some series contain considerable variation attributable to the number of working or trading days in each month. An additional adjustment is necessary in such cases to reduce this variation. Variations due to holidays are usually accounted for by the seasonal adjustment process; how-

ever, there are some cases in which a separate holiday adjustment is necessary for holidays with variable dates. Such a case is retail sales of apparel which is affected strongly by the date of Easter and, to a lesser degree, by the dates of Labor Day and Thanksgiving.

In general, the seasonal adjustment process is designed to adjust for *average* weather conditions but not for the dispersion about that average. Thus, some seasonally adjusted series, such as housing starts, will tend to be low in months of unusually bad weather and high during unusually good weather. At the Bureau of the Census, studies have been started on some series to determine the effects of abnormal weather. Although it eventually may be possible, Census methods do not at present make any adjustments for such variations.

Most of the series contained in this report are presented in seasonally adjusted form. Unadjusted data are used only for those series which appear to have no pattern of seasonal variation. (Unadjusted series are identified in table 2.) In most cases, the seasonally adjusted data used for a series are the official figures released by the source agency; therefore, several different methods of seasonal adjustment are involved. In addition, for the special purposes of business cycle studies, a number of series that are not ordinarily published in seasonally adjusted form are shown on a seasonally adjusted basis in this report. For these series, seasonal adjustments have been developed by either the NBER or the Census Bureau. The adjustment factors for these series, derived by Census Method II, are shown in appendix D. Factors for series which are the sums of seasonally adjusted components or which are based on unpublished source data are not shown.

## MCD MOVING AVERAGES

MCD (months for cyclical dominance) is an estimate of the appropriate span over which to observe the cyclical movements in a monthly series. This span is usually longer than a single month because month-to-month changes are often dominated by erratic movements, but shorter than the frequently used 12-month span (change from the same month a year ago), and is different for different series (see appendix C for MCD values and method of computation).

MCD is, on average, the first span of months for which the average change for the cyclical factor is greater than that of the irregular factor and remains so. It is small for smooth series and large for irregular series. The month-to-month differences between moving averages of the period equal to MCD are commensurate with the differences between seasonally



adjusted values separated by the same MCD span; thus, the month-to-month differences in a 3-month moving average are commensurate with differences in seasonally adjusted values over 3-month spans. MCD moving averages all have about the same degree of smoothness. Consequently, MCD moving averages of highly irregular series, such as business failures and Federal cash payments, will show their cyclical movements about as clearly as the seasonally adjusted data for such smooth series as industrial production.

MCD moving averages are shown in chart 1 for all series with an MCD of "5" or more. To provide an indication of the variation about these moving averages, seasonally adjusted data are also plotted beginning with 1958. Although not so smooth as more powerful moving averages (such as the weighted 13-term Henderson curve), the MCD curve is more current and has a smaller rounding bias around business cycle peaks and troughs. On balance, the MCD curve seems to offer a reasonable compromise in terms of currency, smoothness, and fidelity to the patterns of business cycle fluctuations.

Because of advance reporting and preliminary seasonal factors, the MCD's for current data are usually larger than those computed from historical series and shown in appendix C. MCD is usually computed for a fairly long period, one covering both expansions and contractions. Since the pace of change varies from phase to phase of the business cycle, such a measure will not provide an accurate estimate of the span over which to estimate cyclically significant changes at all times. Thus, MCD computed for the period 1953-63 is likely to be too high during the early stages of recovery when expansion has usually been rapid and too low during the late stages of expansion when the rate of advance has usually been small. This limitation should be borne in mind when making use of this measure.<sup>1</sup>

## ANALYTICAL MEASURES OF CURRENT CHANGE

Three kinds of analytical measures are presented—timing distributions, diffusion indexes, and directions of change. These measures aid in forming a judgment of the current changes compared to previous changes, the imminence of a turning point in the business cycle, and the extent of current changes in different parts of the economy. They also point to developments in particular industries and places.

<sup>1</sup> For a more complete description of MCD and its use in studying economic series, see *Business Cycle Indicators*, Geoffrey H. Moore, editor; National Bureau of Economic Research, Inc., vol. 1, ch. 18, "Statistics for Short-Term Economic Forecasting," by Julius Shiskin (Princeton University Press: 1961).

## Timing Distributions

Distributions of current "highs" appear to be helpful in appraising the evidence for a prospective business cycle turning point. Each month a timing distribution is constructed. This timing distribution shows the number of series reaching new highs and the percent currently high for each of several recent months (see table 3). Similar distributions of "lows" will be presented during contractions.

To provide historical perspective for interpreting the distribution of current highs, such distributions are also shown for leading and coincident series as they appear 3 months and 6 months before the peak of each of the earlier post-World War II expansions and at their peaks.

To compile timing distributions for the current cyclical phase, the data for the leading and roughly coincident business cycle indicators are scanned each month. During a business cycle expansion, the date of the high value for each series is recorded. (For inverted series—that is, series with negative conformity to the business cycle—dates of low values are taken.) If the values for 2 or more months are equal, the latest date is taken as the high month. In selecting these values, erratic values may be disregarded, although it is, of course, difficult to identify an erratic value, particularly for the current month.

The letter "H" is used in table 2 to identify and highlight the current high values during the expansion. The highs designated during the current cyclical phase will not necessarily be the specific cycle peaks. (See appendix B.) As new high levels are reached during the expansion, the current highs will be moved ahead. Comparisons of the current timing distributions with those for periods around earlier business cycle peaks are helpful for appraising the evidence of a prospective business cycle turning point.

Interpretations of timing distributions must be made in light of the fact that a contraction following a high value reached several months ago may be the result of an erratic fluctuation and that a new high may be reached in some future month. In short, when the percent currently high falls below 50 percent for both the leading and roughly coincident series, this does not necessarily signify that a business cycle peak has occurred. It may do so, but it may simply reflect a short reversal in the upward movement.

## Diffusion Indexes

Diffusion indexes are simple summary measures of groups of economic series. They express, for a given aggregate series, the percent of the series components

which have risen over given spans of time. Their turning points tend to lead the turning points of the aggregate and they measure how widespread a business change is. They vary between the limits of 100 (all components rising) and zero (all components falling). Widespread increases are often associated with rapid growth and widespread declines with sharp reductions in aggregate activity.

The diffusion indexes in this report are grouped according to the timing classification of the NBER. For monthly series, comparisons are made over 1-month spans (January-February, February-March, etc.) and generally for either 6- or 9-month spans, depending upon the irregularity of the series. The indexes based on 1-month spans are more "current" but they are also more irregular than the 6- or 9-month indexes. (See chart 2.) Quarterly series are compared over 1-quarter spans, 3-quarter spans, and 4-quarter spans.

Recent research has shown that the longer-span diffusion indexes are not only smoother, but have systematically larger amplitudes than the 1-month indexes. The 1-month indexes generally have large irregular fluctuations, but the movements may be significant when important changes are taking place, particularly around cyclical turning points. Since the longer-span diffusion indexes are centered, there is an apparent loss in currency equal to one-half the span; for example, 3 months in the case of a 6-month diffusion index. However, the most recent figure for a 6-month or longer-span index does provide the latest available information on changes *over that span*. If a significant reversal has taken place *within that span*, the 1-month indexes are likely to reveal it. Presentation of both 1-month and longer-span diffusion indexes provides an opportunity for the user to take advantage of the best features of each in interpreting current changes.

Series numbers preceded by the letter "D" designate diffusion indexes. When one of these numbers corresponds to the number of a basic indicator series, it means that the diffusion index has been computed from components of the indicator series; for example, the diffusion index numbered "D6" is computed from components of series 6. Diffusion indexes not computed from basic series components are assigned new numbers.

Diffusion indexes that are based on business expectations show what proportion of business enterprises (or industries) are forecasting a rise in activity. Comparisons with indexes based on actual changes show whether there is a generally optimistic bias or a lag in recognition of actual developments.

## Diffusion-Index Components

Many of the component series used to make up the diffusion indexes are shown in table 5. Where possible, recent basic data for the components are shown in part A. In part B, directions of change in these components are indicated for consecutive months and, depending upon the irregularity of the diffusion index, for either 6- or 9-month spans. The directions of change are indicated by "+" for rising, "o" for unchanged, and "-" for falling. (In counting the number of components rising, a "o" is counted as one-half.)

This table provides a convenient view of changing business conditions and is helpful in making an economic interpretation of the movements in the more highly aggregated statistical measures. That is, it shows which economic activities went up, which went down, and how long such movements have persisted. The table also helps to show how a recession or recovery spreads from one sector of the economy to another.

## COMPARISONS OF CYCLICAL PATTERNS

In forming a judgment about the current intensity and probable ultimate character of a cyclical fluctuation, some economists find it helpful to compare the behavior of the various series in the current business cycle phase with their behavior during the corresponding phase of previous business cycles. These comparisons are made in different ways depending upon whether the current cyclical phase is an expansion or contraction.

Expansions are compared in one way by measuring changes from the immediately preceding peak levels. In table 6 of this report, data for the latest month in the current expansion (shown by number of months from the February 1961 trough) are compared with the May 1960 reference peak. For each earlier expansion, data for a like period (same number of months from the trough of the expansion) are compared with the preceding reference peak. This type of comparison is designated as changes computed *from reference peak levels and reference trough dates*. This type of comparison shows whether, and by how much, the current level of activity exceeds or falls short of the level at the preceding business cycle peak, and how the current situation compares, in this respect, with earlier expansions. For those earlier periods of expansion that were shorter than the current one, the comparisons reflect the status at a point after a new contraction had set in.

Expansions are also compared by computing changes from *reference trough levels and reference trough dates* (table 7). For the current expansion, this type of comparison measures the extent of the rise from the trough level (February 1961) to the level at the current month. For each earlier expansion, data for a like period (same number of months from the trough of the expansion) are compared with the level at the trough. The same situation exists here as for the comparisons shown in table 6: For earlier expansions that were shorter than the current one, the comparisons show the status at a point after a new contraction had set in.

Contractions can be compared by computing changes over the span from the most recent business cycle peak to the current month and over equal spans from previous reference peaks. This type of comparison is designated as *changes from reference peak levels and reference peak dates*. These comparisons will be made during a contraction period.

In addition to comparing cyclical fluctuations on the basis of reference dates, which are the same for all series, similar comparisons may be made using the specific peak and trough dates identified for each series. (Appendix B lists specific dates for a selected group of series.) Such comparisons would be based on changes *from specific peak levels and specific trough dates* and on changes *from specific trough levels and specific trough dates*. Although these specific cycle comparisons are not currently included in this report, they have been shown in previous issues.

Nearly all series have undergone changes in definition, coverage, or estimation procedure since 1919; therefore, the historical comparisons are to be considered only approximate. Furthermore, it is sometimes necessary to use data for a closely related series for cycles prior to the period covered by the series used currently. The principal substitutions of this type are as follows:

7. New private nonfarm dwelling units started (prior to 1948: Residential building contracts, floor space, by F. W. Dodge Corp.)
41. Number of employees in nonagricultural establishments (prior to 1929: Factory employment)
52. Personal income (prior to 1929: Quarterly data as published by Barger and Klein)
54. Sales of retail stores (prior to 1929: Department store sales)
62. Index of labor cost per unit of output, total manufacturing (prior to 1948: Production worker wage cost per unit).

Two types of charts are used to highlight the cyclical patterns of the business cycle series: Historical time series and cyclical comparisons.

### Historical Time Series (charts 1 and 2)

These charts show cyclical fluctuations against the background of expansions and contractions in general business activity from 1948 to the current month. Shaded areas on the charts indicate periods of business cycle contractions between business cycle peak dates (beginnings of shaded areas) and business cycle trough dates (ends of shaded areas). The shading for a new contraction will be entered only after a trough has been designated.

Several different ratio and arithmetic scales are used to highlight the cyclical movements of the various series. The scale selected for each series is identified in the margin of the chart. Rates of change of various series can be compared with each other only where scales are identical. See the diagram, page 6, for additional help in using these charts.

### Cyclical Comparisons (chart 3)

This chart compares the movements of selected series during the current business cycle with their movements through the corresponding phases of previous business cycles. Actually, it is an extension of the concept behind table 6. While table 6 makes a comparison at one point in time, chart 3 shows these comparisons over the course of the whole business cycle. These comparisons facilitate judgments on the vigor of the current expansion relative to behavior during the expansions of earlier cycles.

Instead of following the usual date sequence, as in charts 1 and 2, the data in this chart are aligned according to the strategic points of the business cycle. Each of the included series is separated into four segments which encompass the three complete business cycles since 1948 and the current expansion. These segments are aligned so that the trough dates all fall at the same point on the horizontal scale and so that the levels of the preceding peaks all fall at the same point on the vertical scale.

A similar chart, based on specific cycle dates, was previously included in this report but has been discontinued for the present.

**Peak (P)** of cycle indicates end of expansion and beginning of Recession (shaded areas) as designated by NBER.

## CHART 1 — Business Cycle Series

**Trough (T)** of cycle indicates end of recession and beginning of Expansion (white areas) as designated by NBER.

See **back cover** for complete titles and sources of series.

**Solid line** indicates monthly data. (Data may be actual monthly figures or MCD moving averages.\*)

**Broken line** indicates actual monthly data for series where an MCD moving average \* is plotted.

**Parallel lines** indicate a break in continuity (data not available, changes in series definitions, extreme values, etc.)

**Solid line with plotting points** indicates quarterly data.

**Arabic number** indicates latest month for which data are plotted. ("12" = December)

**Roman number** indicates latest quarter for which data are plotted. ("II" = second quarter)

**Dotted line** indicates anticipated data.

**Various scales** are used to highlight the patterns of the individual series. Series plotted to different scales are not directly comparable. "Scale A" is an arithmetic scale, "scale L-1" is a logarithmic scale with 1 cycle in a given distance, "scale L-2" is a logarithmic scale with 2 cycles in that distance, etc.

## CHART 2 — Diffusion Indexes

**Solid line** indicates monthly data over 6- or 9-month spans.

**Broken line** indicates monthly data over 1-month spans.

**Solid line with plotting points** indicates quarterly data over various spans.

\* Many of the more irregular series are shown in terms of their MCD moving averages as well as their actual monthly data. In such cases, the 4-, 5-, or 6-term moving averages are plotted 1½, 2, or 2½ months, respectively, behind the actual data. See page 2 for a description of MCD moving averages.

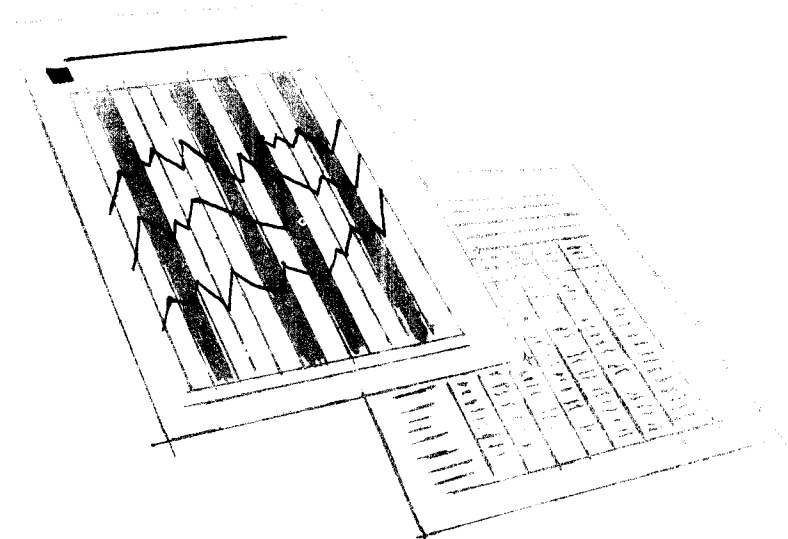
**Scale** shows percent of components rising.

**Arabic number** indicates latest month for which data are used in computing the indexes. ("12" = December)

**Roman number** indicates latest quarter for which data are used in computing the indexes. ("III" = third quarter)

**Broken line with plotting points** indicates quarterly data over various intervals. This line is also used to indicate anticipated quarterly data.

## Section ONE



## BASIC DATA

### charts and tables

#### LEADING INDICATORS

- Sensitive employment and unemployment*
- New investment commitments*
- New businesses and business failures*
- Profits and stock prices*
- Inventory investment, buying policy, and sensitive prices*

#### ROUGHLY COINCIDENT INDICATORS

- Employment and unemployment*
- Production*
- Income and trade*
- Wholesale prices*

#### LAGGING INDICATORS

- Investment expenditures*
- Cost per unit of output*
- Inventories*
- Debt*
- Interest rates*

#### OTHER U.S. SERIES

- Federal budget and military commitments*
- Reserves, money supply, and financing*
- Interest rates*
- Foreign trade*

#### INTERNATIONAL COMPARISONS

- Industrial production indexes for selected foreign countries*

## CHANGES OVER 4 LATEST MONTHS

Series (See complete titles and sources on back cover)	Basic data <sup>1</sup>					Average percent change <sup>2</sup>			Current percent change <sup>2</sup>		
	Unit of measure	Aug. 1965	Sept. 1965	Oct. 1965	Nov. 1965	1953 to 1963 (without sign) <sup>3</sup>	Nov. '64 to date (without sign) <sup>4</sup>	Nov. '64 to date (with sign) <sup>5</sup>	Aug. to Sept. 1965	Sept. to Oct. 1965	Oct. to Nov. 1965
<b>NBER LEADING INDICATORS</b>											
1. Avg. workweek, prod. workers, mfg .....	Hours .....	r41.0	r40.9	r41.3	p41.4	0.5	0.3	+0.1	-0.2	+1.0	+0.2
2. Accession rate, manufacturing .....	Per 100 empl ..	4.2	r4.5	p4.3	(NA)	4.8	5.2	+0.6	+7.1	-4.4	(NA)
30. Nonagri. placements, all industries .....	Thous .....	530	528	553	562	1.8	2.5	+0.2	-0.4	+4.7	+1.6
3. Layoff rate, manufacturing .....	Per 100 empl ..	r1.7	r1.3	p1.2	(NA)	9.4	7.7	+1.5	+23.5	+7.7	(NA)
4. Temporary layoff, all industries .....	Thous .....	119	84	84	120	17.8	22.0	-5.7	+23.6	0.0	-42.9
5. Avg. weekly initial claims, State unemployment insurance .....	..... do .....	248	218	209	212	5.3	4.0	+1.6	+12.1	+4.1	-1.4
6. New orders, durable goods indus .....	Bil. dol .....	21.51	r22.16	r22.39	p22.31	3.8	2.7	+1.2	+3.0	+1.0	-0.4
24. New orders, mach. and equip. indus .....	..... do .....	4.16	r4.15	r4.24	p4.26	4.5	2.3	+0.8	-0.2	+2.2	+0.5
9. Construction contracts, commercial and industrial ..	Mil. sq. ft. ..	49.60	63.48	60.49	(NA)	9.7	11.2	+2.6	+28.0	-4.7	(NA)
10. Contracts and orders, plant, equip .....	Bil. dol .....	4.90	r5.15	p5.11	(NA)	4.9	3.2	+0.4	+5.1	-0.8	(NA)
11. New capital appropriations, mfg <sup>6</sup> .....	..... do .....	p5.80				11.4	8.9	+8.9			
7. Private nonfam housing starts .....	Ann. rate, thous .....	1,409	r1,436	r1,378	p1,518	7.3	4.5	+0.4	+1.9	-4.0	+10.2
29. New bldg. permits, private housing .....	1957-59=100 ..	107.4	104.1	r111.1	p112.4	3.8	3.8	+0.2	-3.1	+6.7	+1.2
38. Index of net business formation .....	..... do .....	104.2	104.8	104.3	(NA)	1.0	0.8	-0.2	+0.6	-0.5	(NA)
13. New business incorporations .....	Number .....	16,957	17,138	16,744	(NA)	2.7	2.0	-0.2	+1.1	-2.3	(NA)
14. Liabilities of business failures .....	Mil. dol .....	128.98	108.56	85.67	66.65	16.9	25.9	-0.6	+15.8	+21.1	+22.2
15. Large business failures .....	No. per week ..	45	43	35	40	13.1	14.2	-1.1	+4.4	+18.6	-14.3
16. Corporate profits after taxes <sup>6</sup> .....	Ann. rate, bil. dol .....	r44.9				5.7	6.1	+6.1			
17. Ratio, price to unit labor cost, mfg .....	1957-59=100 ..	r103.5	r102.8	r103.9	p103.4	0.6	0.5	+0.1	-0.7	+1.1	-0.5
18. Profits per dol. of sales, mfg <sup>6</sup> .....	Cents .....	9.4				6.8	6.3	+2.9			
22. Ratio, profits to income originating, corporate, all industries <sup>6</sup> .....	Percent .....	13.0				4.4	4.2	+3.7			
19. Stock prices, 500 common stocks* .....	1941-43=10 ...	86.49	89.38	91.39	92.15	2.6	1.8	+0.7	+3.3	+2.2	+0.8
21. Change in business inventories, all industries <sup>6,7</sup> ..	Ann. rate, bil. dol .....	+6.1				2.3	1.3	-0.5			
31. Change in book value, manufacturing and trade inventories <sup>7</sup> .....	..... do .....	+8.1	r+3.4	p+7.0	(NA)	3.5	4.6	-0.2	-4.7	+3.6	(NA)
20. Change in book value, mfrs.' inven- tories of materials and supplies <sup>7</sup> .....	..... do .....	+1.4	r+3.1	p-0.3	(NA)	1.5	1.9	-0.4	+1.7	-3.4	(NA)
37. Purchased materials, percent reporting higher inventories .....	Percent .....	60	58	45	47	6.8	5.3	-1.7	-3.3	-22.4	+4.4
26. Buying policy, prod. mtl's., commit- ments 60 days or longer* .....	..... do .....	63	61	63	63	5.8	1.9	-0.1	-3.2	+3.3	0.0
32. Vendor performance, percent reporting slower deliveries* .....	..... do .....	64	62	60	66	7.7	5.5	-0.3	-3.1	-3.2	+10.0
25. Change in unfilled orders, durable goods industries <sup>7</sup> .....	Bil. dol .....	+0.32	r+1.24	r+1.27	p+0.68	0.49	0.33	+0.03	+0.92	+0.03	-0.59
23. Industrial materials prices* .....	1957-59=100 ..	115.2	114.8	115.0	115.5	1.3	0.9	+0.2	-0.3	+0.2	+0.4
<b>NBER ROUGHLY COINCIDENT INDICATORS</b>											
41. Employees in nonagri. establishments ..	Thous .....	r60,621	r60,756	r60,975	p61,268	0.3	0.3	+0.3	+0.2	+0.4	+0.5
42. Total nonagricultural employment .....	..... do .....	67,821	67,777	67,935	68,595	0.4	0.4	+0.3	-0.1	+0.2	+1.0
43. Unemployment rate, total .....	Percent .....	4.5	4.4	4.3	4.2	3.9	3.3	+1.2	+2.2	+2.3	+2.3
40. Unemployment rate, married males .....	..... do .....	2.6	2.2	2.1	2.0	5.6	5.5	+1.3	+15.4	+4.5	+4.8
45. Avg. weekly insured unemploy. rate, State .....	..... do .....	3.0	2.9	2.7	2.6	4.8	3.7	+2.1	+3.3	+6.9	+3.7
46. Help-wanted advertising .....	1957-59=100 ..	152	160	r168	p180	3.1	3.2	+2.5	+5.3	+5.0	+7.1
47. Industrial production .....	..... do .....	r144.5	r143.4	r144.4	p145.5	1.1	0.7	+0.6	-0.8	+0.7	+0.8
50. GNP in 1958 dollars <sup>6</sup> .....	Ann. rate, bil. dol .....	609.7				1.2	1.4	+1.4			
49. GNP in current dollars <sup>6</sup> .....	..... do .....	677.5				1.5	1.9	+1.9			
57. Final sales <sup>6</sup> .....	..... do .....	671.3				1.3	1.9	+1.9			
51. Bank debits, all SMSA's except N.Y. ....	..... do .....	3,018.8	3,022.6	3,068.9	3,178.9	1.5	1.8	+1.3	+0.1	+1.5	+3.6
52. Personal income .....	..... do .....	532.0	545.7	r541.2	p545.6	0.5	0.8	+0.6	+2.6	-0.8	+0.8
53. Labor income in mining, mfg., constr ...	..... do .....	143.3	143.5	r144.9	p146.6	0.8	0.8	+0.7	+0.1	+1.0	+1.2
54. Sales of retail stores .....	Mil. dol .....	23,544	23,774	p23,959	p24,013	0.8	1.4	+0.9	+1.0	+0.8	+0.2
55. Wholesale prices, except farm products and foods .....	1957-59=100 ..	102.8	102.9	102.8	p103.1	0.2	0.1	+0.1	+0.1	-0.1	+0.3

## CHANGES OVER 4 LATEST MONTHS—Continued

Series (See complete titles and sources on back cover)	Basic data <sup>1</sup>					Average percent change <sup>2</sup>			Current percent change <sup>2</sup>		
	Unit of measure	Aug. 1965	Sept. 1965	Oct. 1965	Nov. 1965	1953 to 1963 (without sign) <sup>3</sup>	Nov. '64 to date (without sign) <sup>4</sup>	Nov. '64 to date (with sign) <sup>5</sup>	Aug. to Sept. 1965	Sept. to Oct. 1965	Oct. to Nov. 1965
<b>NBER LAGGING INDICATORS</b>											
61. Business expenditures, new plant and equipment <sup>6</sup>	Ann. rate, bil. dol. ....	52.75	...	...	a54.85	3.2	3.5	+3.5	...	...	+4.0
62. Labor cost per unit of output, mfg. ....	1957-59=100 ..	r99.7	r100.3	r99.9	p100.2	0.6	0.5	+0.1	+0.6	-0.4	+0.3
68. Labor cost per dollar of real corporate GNP <sup>6</sup> .....	..... do.....	r106.5	...	...	...	0.8	0.8	+0.1	...	...	...
64. Book value of mfrs.' inventories .....	Bil. dol. ....	65.8	r66.3	p66.5	(NA)	0.5	0.6	+0.6	+0.8	+0.3	(NA)
65. Book value of mfrs.' inventories of finished goods .....	..... do.....	22.5	22.6	p22.7	(NA)	0.8	0.6	+0.3	+0.4	+0.4	(NA)
66. Consumer installment debt .....	Mil. dol. ....	63,531	64,214	64,803	(NA)	0.8	1.1	+1.1	+1.1	+0.9	(NA)
67. Bank rates on short-term business loans* <sup>9</sup> .....	Percent.....	...	5.00	...	...	2.3	0.4	0.0	+0.2	...	...
<b>OTHER SELECTED U.S. SERIES</b>											
82. Federal cash payments to public .....	Ann. rate, bil. dol. ....	129.5	137.7	p123.9	p145.8	3.7	7.0	+2.5	+6.3	-10.0	+17.7
83. Federal cash receipts from public .....	..... do.....	121.9	121.4	p113.2	p126.7	4.1	6.4	+1.3	-0.4	-6.8	+11.9
84. Federal cash surplus or deficit <sup>7</sup> .....	..... do.....	-7.6	-16.3	p-10.7	p-19.1	4.4	12.0	-1.8	-8.7	+5.6	-8.4
95. Balance, Federal income and product account <sup>6,7</sup> .....	..... do.....	-4.1	...	...	...	2.4	3.6	-1.0	...	...	...
90. Defense Dept. oblig., procurement.....	Mil. dol. ....	1,893	1,619	1,761	(NA)	26.9	47.4	+19.4	-14.5	+8.8	(NA)
91. Defense Dept. obligations, total .....	..... do.....	5,223	5,276	4,962	(NA)	15.1	10.5	+2.4	+1.0	-6.0	(NA)
92. Military contract awards in U.S. ....	..... do.....	2,770	2,465	2,566	(NA)	26.2	15.5	+4.3	-11.0	+4.1	(NA)
99. New orders, defense products .....	Bil. dol. ....	2.81	r3.45	r3.30	p2.62	23.0	12.7	+4.5	+22.8	-4.3	-20.6
93. Free reserves* <sup>7</sup> .....	Mil. dol. ....	-136	-155	-149	p-84	104	58	-4	-19	+6	+65
85. Change in money supply <sup>7</sup> .....	Ann. rate, percent.....	+1.44	+11.76	+9.48	p+0.72	3.06	7.21	-0.13	+10.32	-2.28	-8.76
98. Change in money supply and time deposits <sup>7</sup> .....	..... do.....	+10.80	+12.24	+12.96	p+7.80	2.51	3.40	-0.02	+1.44	+0.72	-5.16
110. Total private borrowing <sup>6</sup> .....	Ann. rate, mil. dol. ....	p63,132	...	...	...	11.6	7.4	+2.8	...	...	...
111. Corporate gross savings <sup>6</sup> .....	..... do.....	p57,216	...	...	...	4.3	5.3	+5.1	...	...	...
112. Change, business loans <sup>7</sup> .....	Ann. rate, bil. dol. ....	+5.53	+4.00	+5.33	p+0.32	1.22	3.20	0.00	-1.53	+1.33	-5.01
113. Change, consumer installment debt <sup>7</sup> ...	..... do.....	+7.31	+8.20	+7.07	(NA)	0.85	1.03	+0.32	+0.89	+1.13	(NA)
114. Treasury bill rate* .....	Percent.....	3.84	3.91	4.03	4.08	7.3	1.7	+1.0	+1.8	+3.1	+1.2
115. Treasury bond yields* .....	..... do.....	4.19	4.25	4.28	4.34	1.8	0.5	+0.4	+1.4	+0.7	+1.4
116. Corporate bond yields* .....	..... do.....	4.66	4.71	4.69	4.75	1.7	0.7	+0.5	+1.1	-0.4	+1.3
117. Municipal bond yields* .....	..... do.....	3.24	3.35	3.40	3.46	2.6	1.7	+0.7	+3.4	+1.5	+1.8
118. Mortgage yields* .....	..... do.....	5.45	5.46	5.49	5.51	0.6	0.1	+0.1	+0.2	+0.5	+0.4
86. Exports, excluding military aid .....	Mil. dol. ....	2,345.7	2,297.7	2,348.6	(NA)	4.6	18.0	+4.5	-2.0	+2.2	(NA)
87. General imports .....	..... do.....	1,725.4	1,786.8	2,002.2	(NA)	3.6	10.3	+2.5	+3.6	+12.1	(NA)
88. Merchandise trade balance <sup>7</sup> .....	..... do.....	+620.3	+510.9	+346.4	(NA)	59.0	277.7	-13.9	-109.4	-164.5	(NA)
89. U.S. balance of payments <sup>6,7</sup> .....	..... do.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
a. Liquidity balance basis .....	..... do.....	p-485	...	...	...	267	782	+294	...	...	...
b. Official settlements basis <sup>8</sup> .....	..... do.....	p+260	...	...	...	(NA)	348	+348	...	...	...
81. Consumer prices .....	1957-59=100 ..	110.0	110.1	110.3	(NA)	0.2	0.2	+0.1	+0.1	+0.2	(NA)
94. Construction contracts, value .....	..... do.....	139	147	147	(NA)	7.0	5.3	+0.4	+5.8	0.0	(NA)
96. Unfilled orders, dur. goods indus. ....	Bil. dol. ....	58.15	r59.38	r60.66	p61.34	1.5	1.2	+1.2	+2.1	+2.2	+1.1
97. Backlog of capital approp., mfg. <sup>9</sup> .....	..... do.....	...	p18.18	...	...	6.6	6.7	+6.7	+6.6	...	...

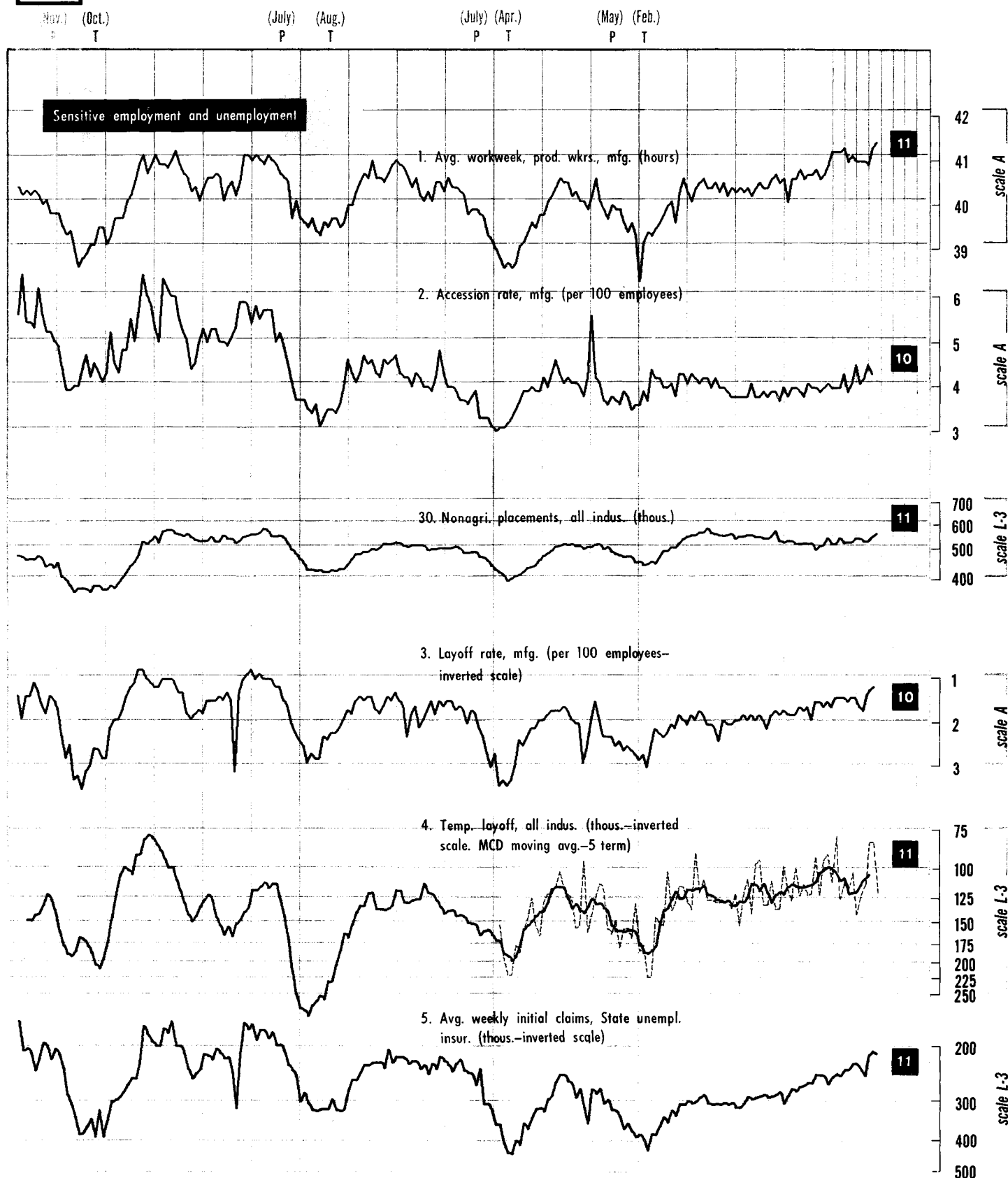
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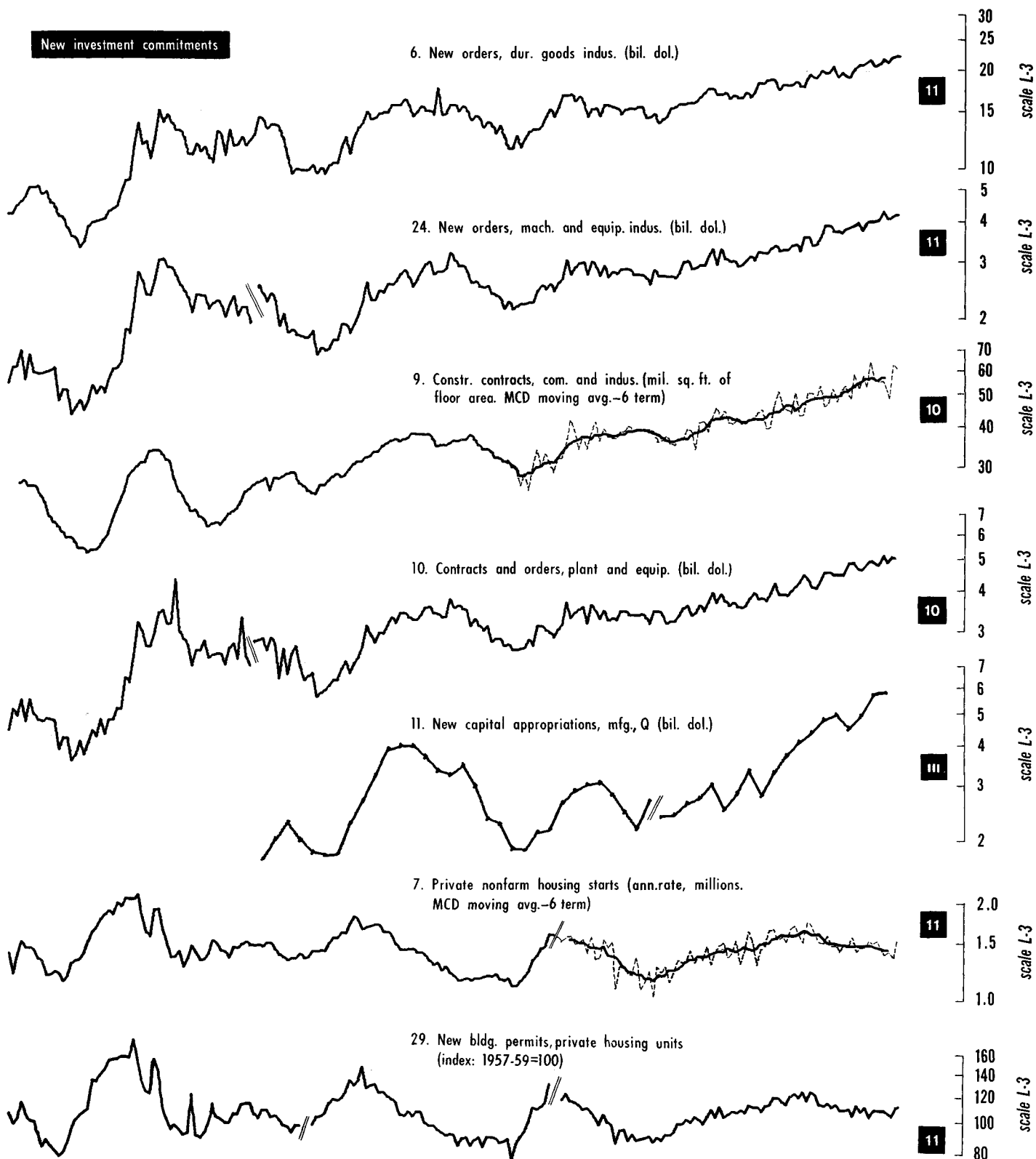
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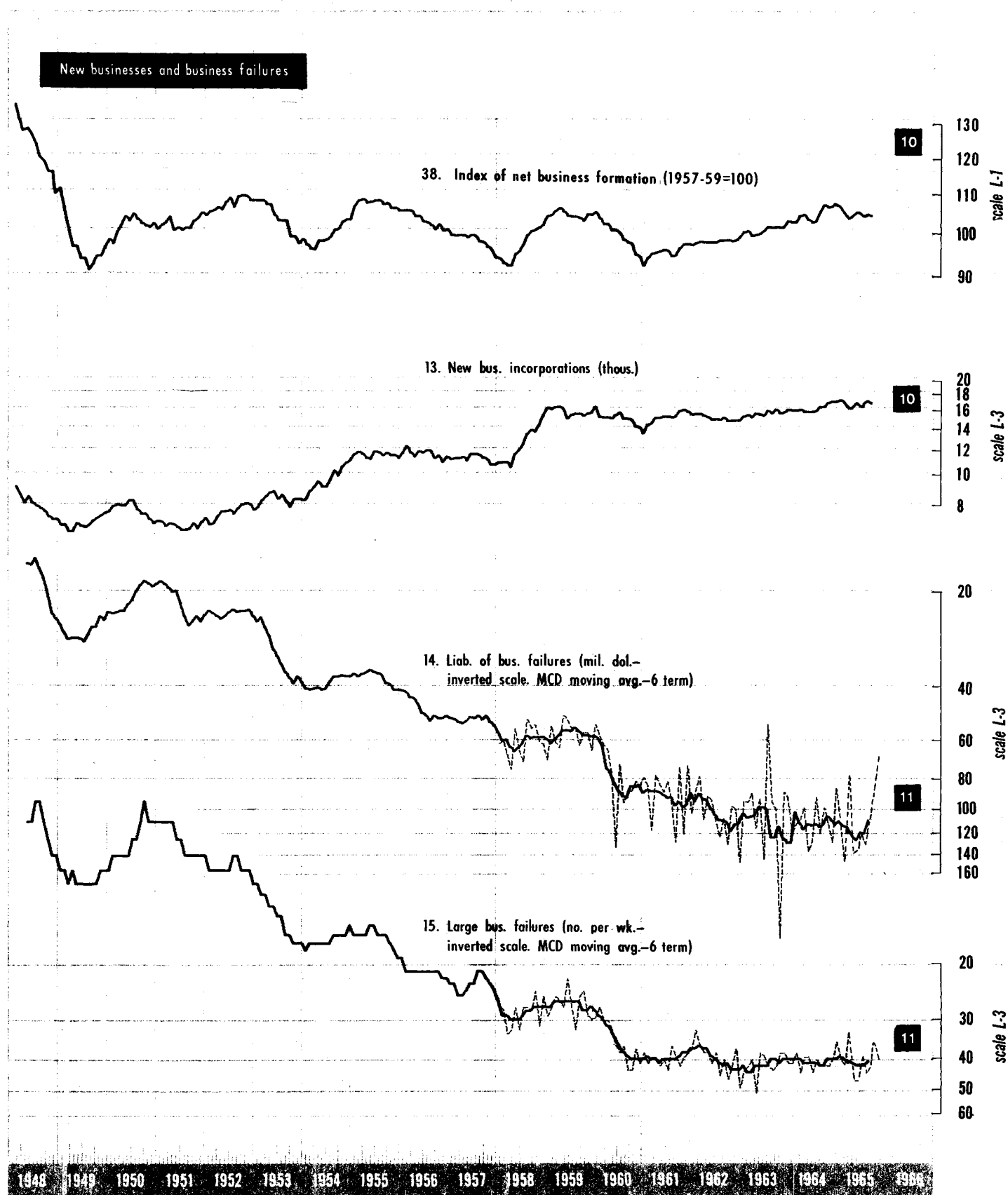


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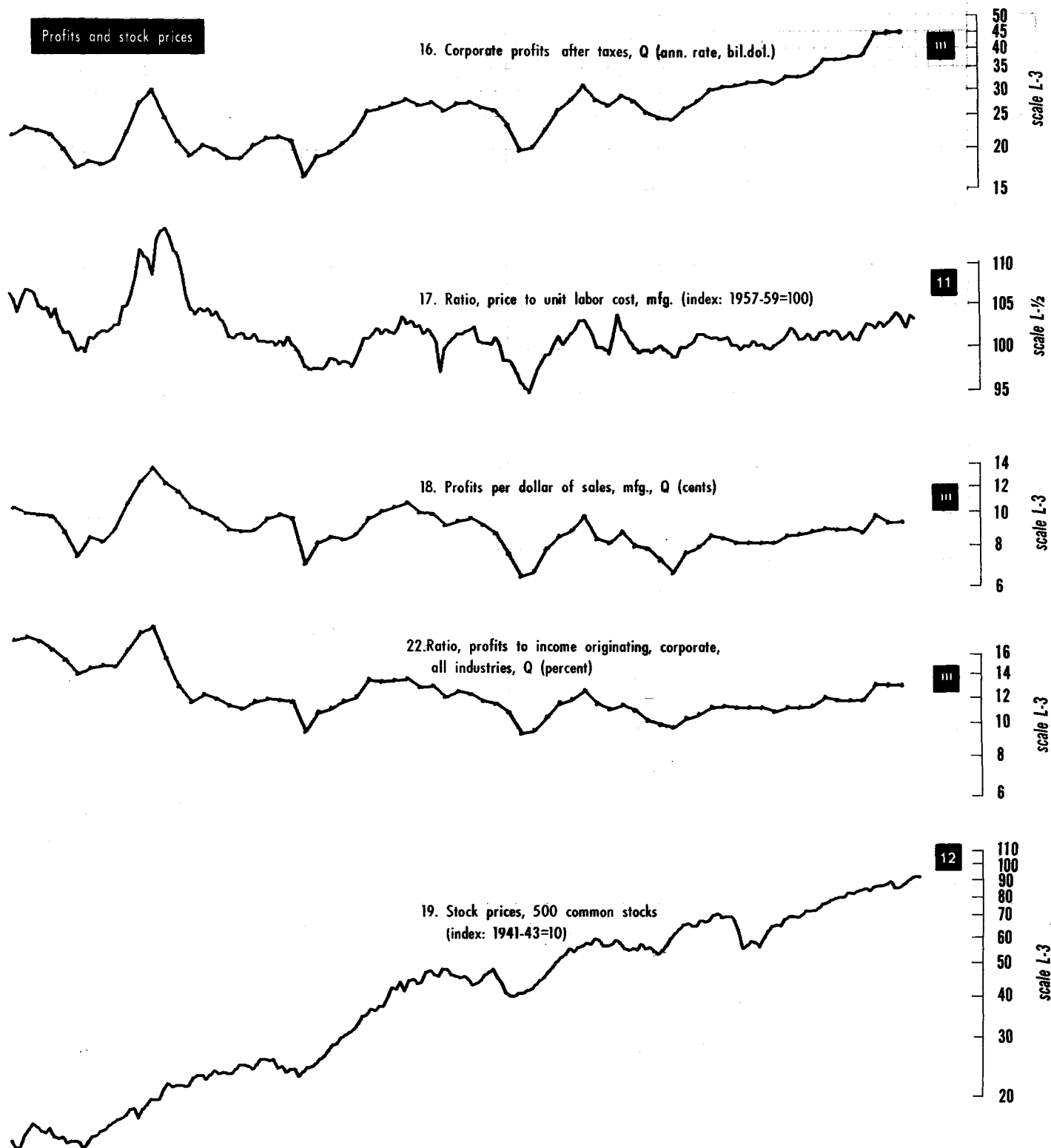
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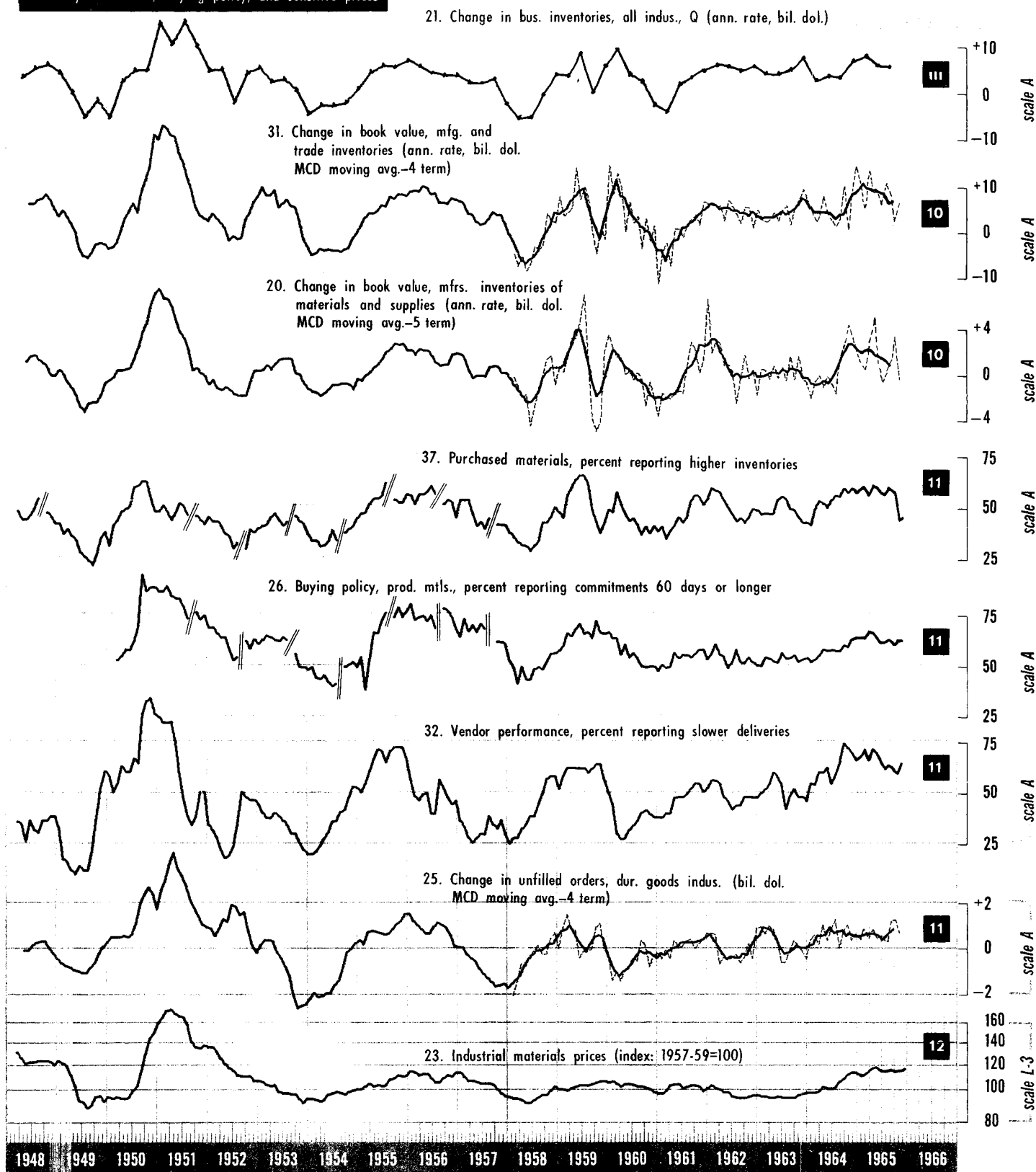
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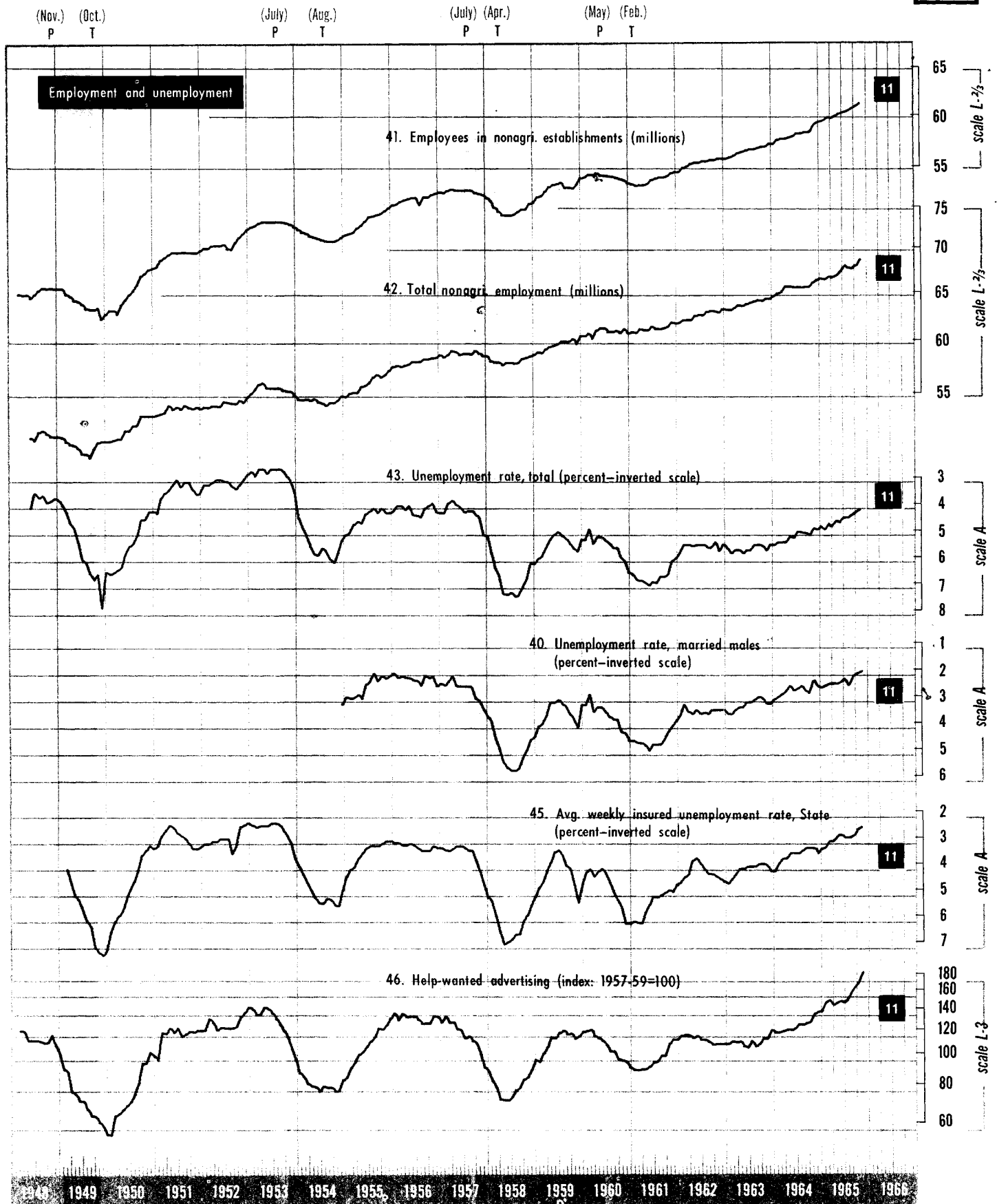
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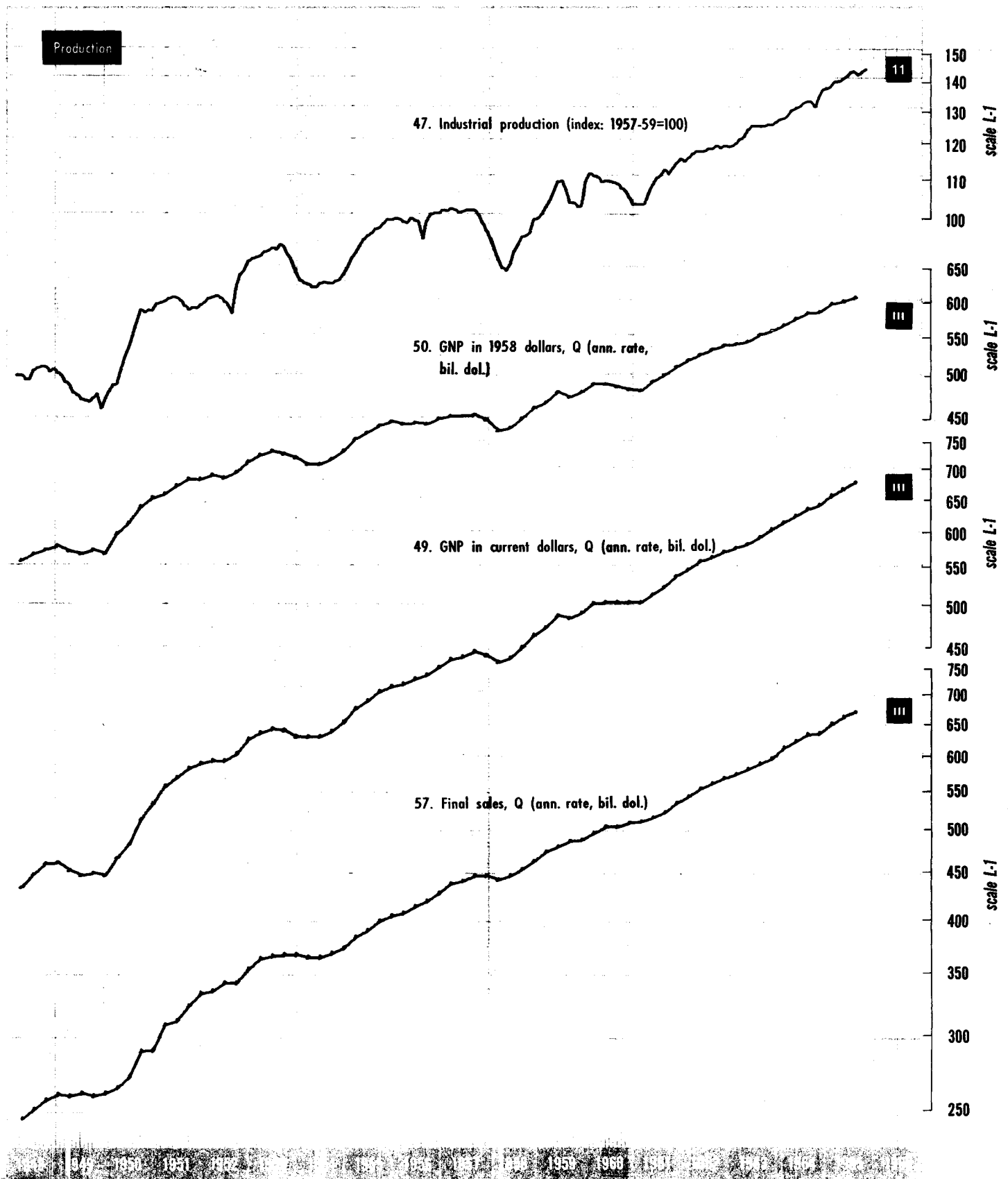


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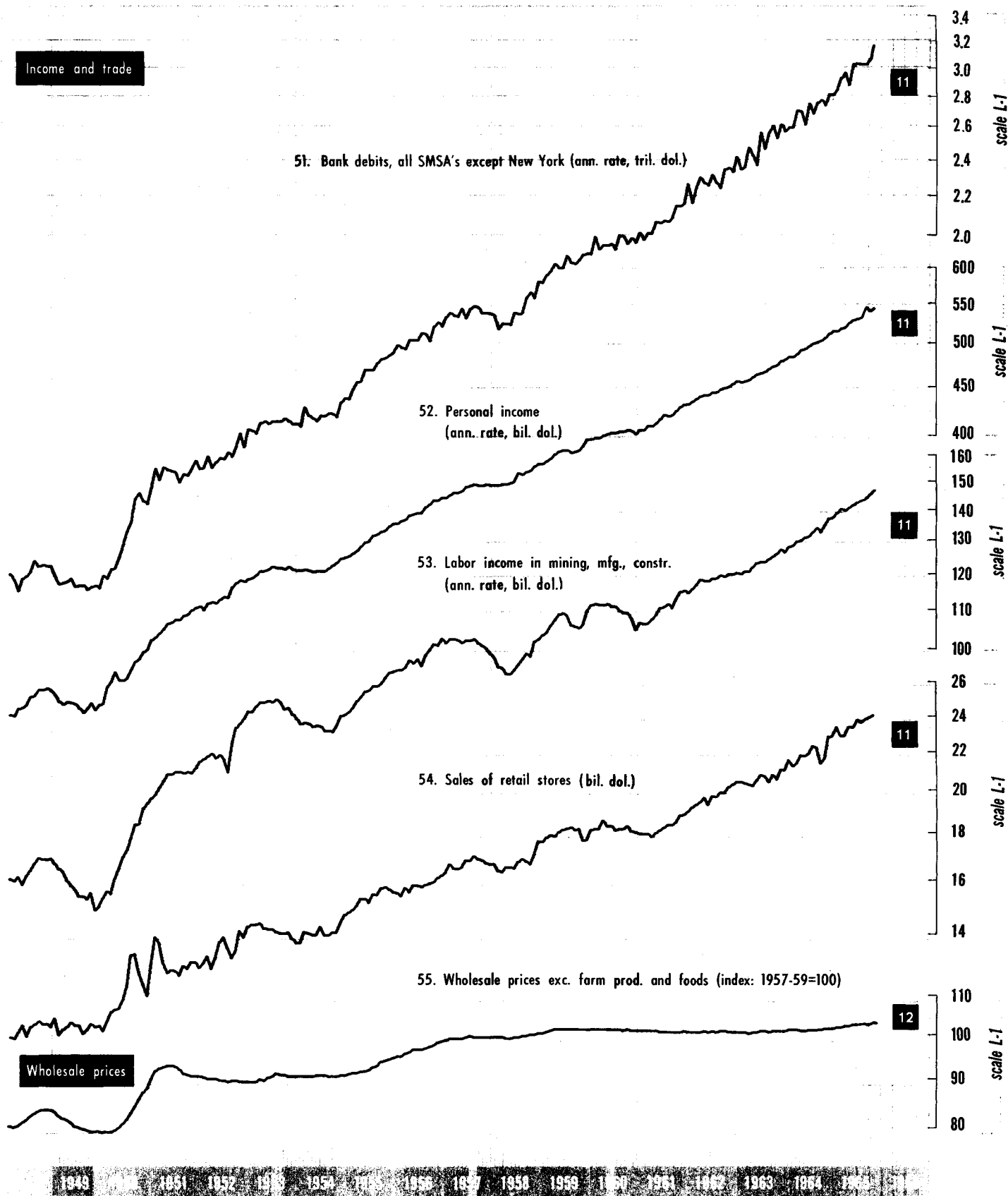
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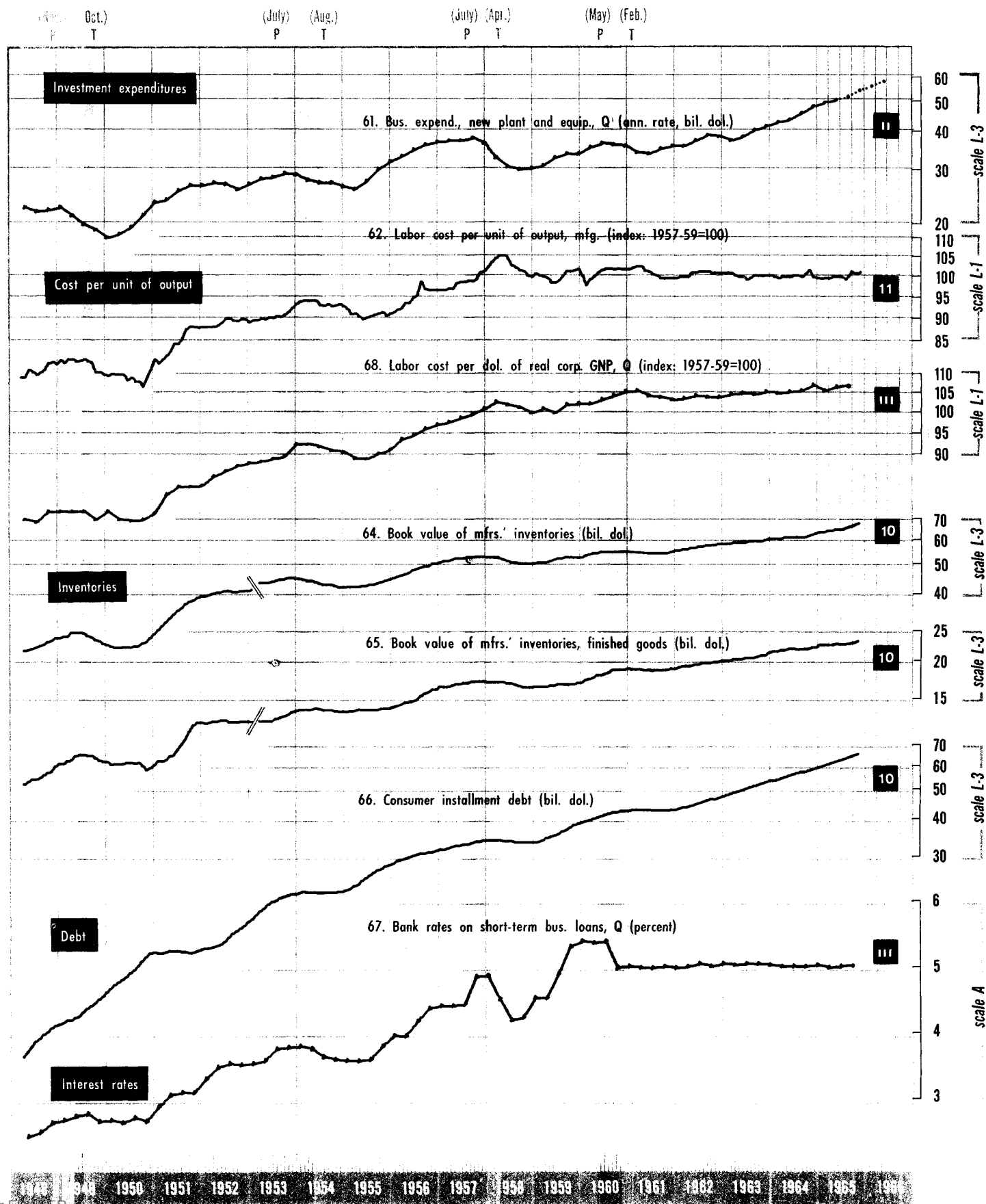


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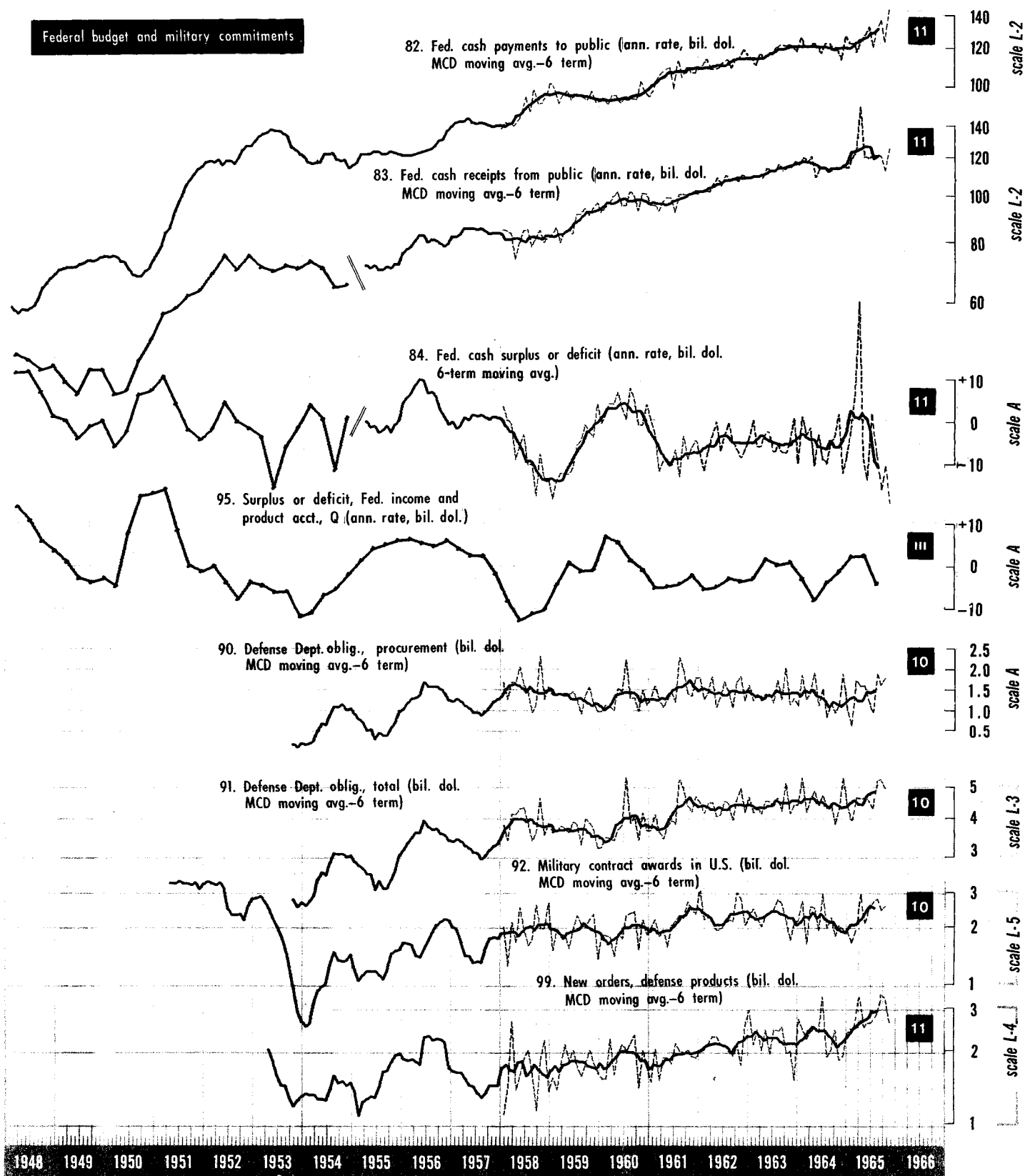
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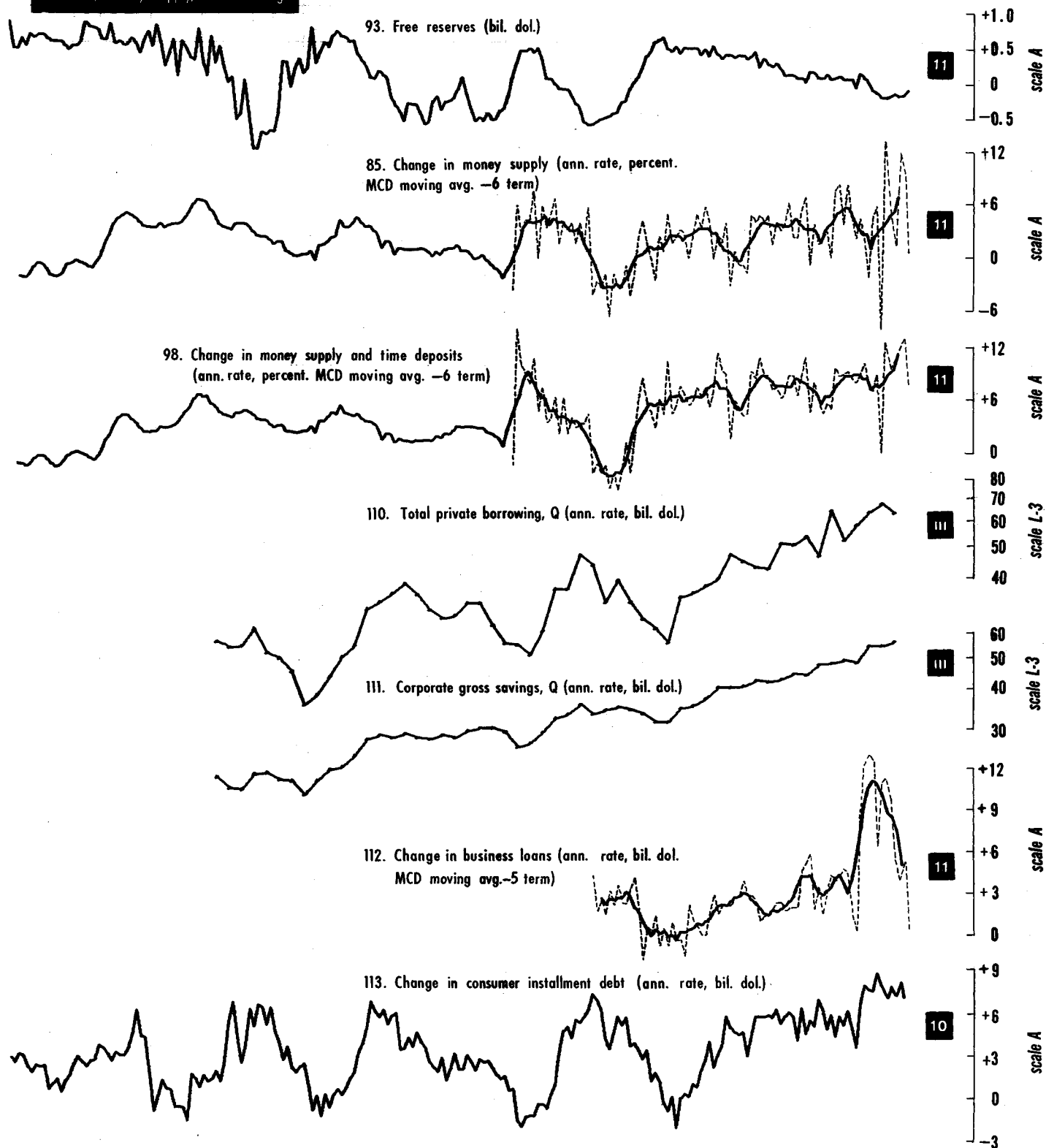
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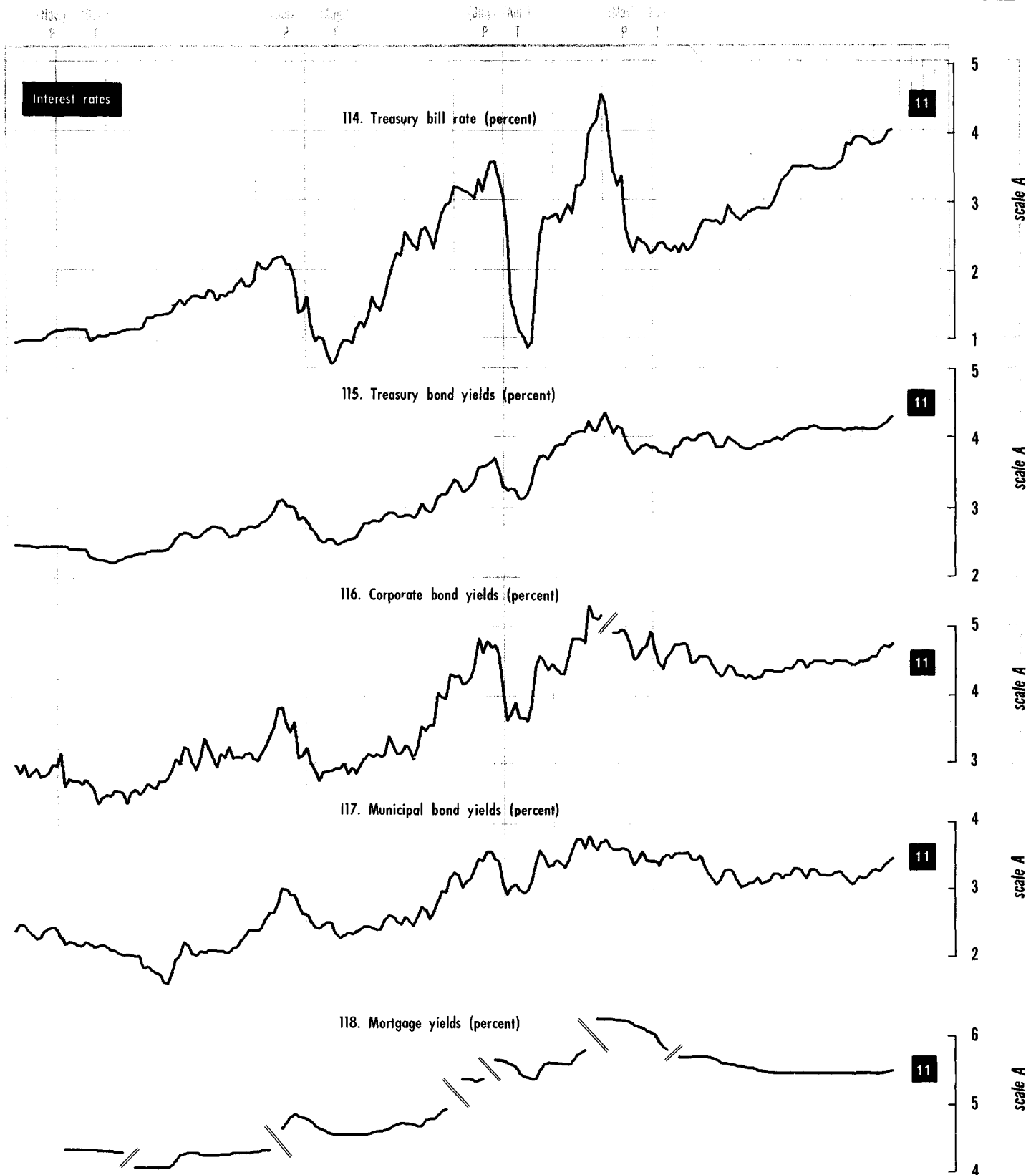
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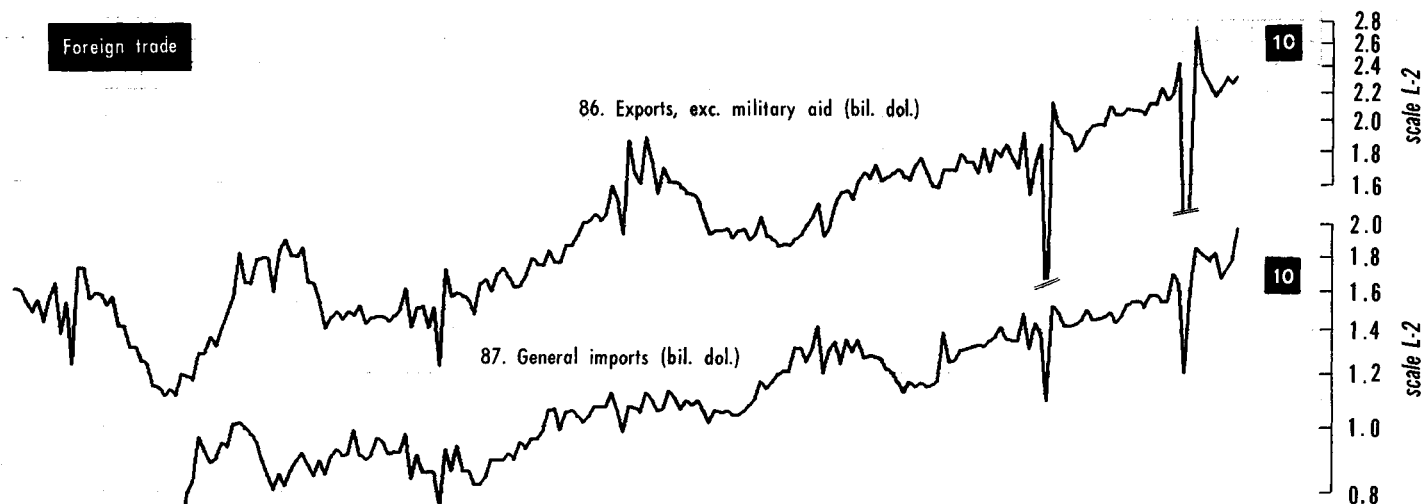
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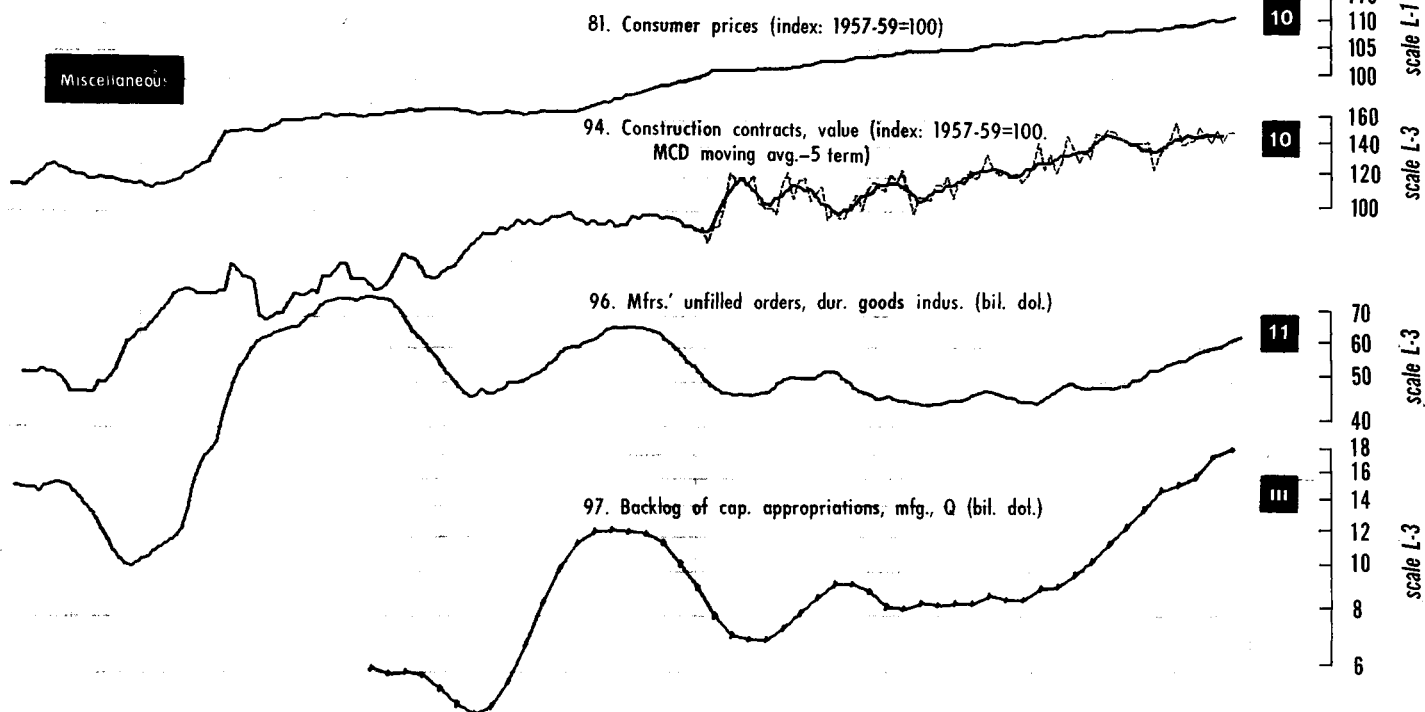
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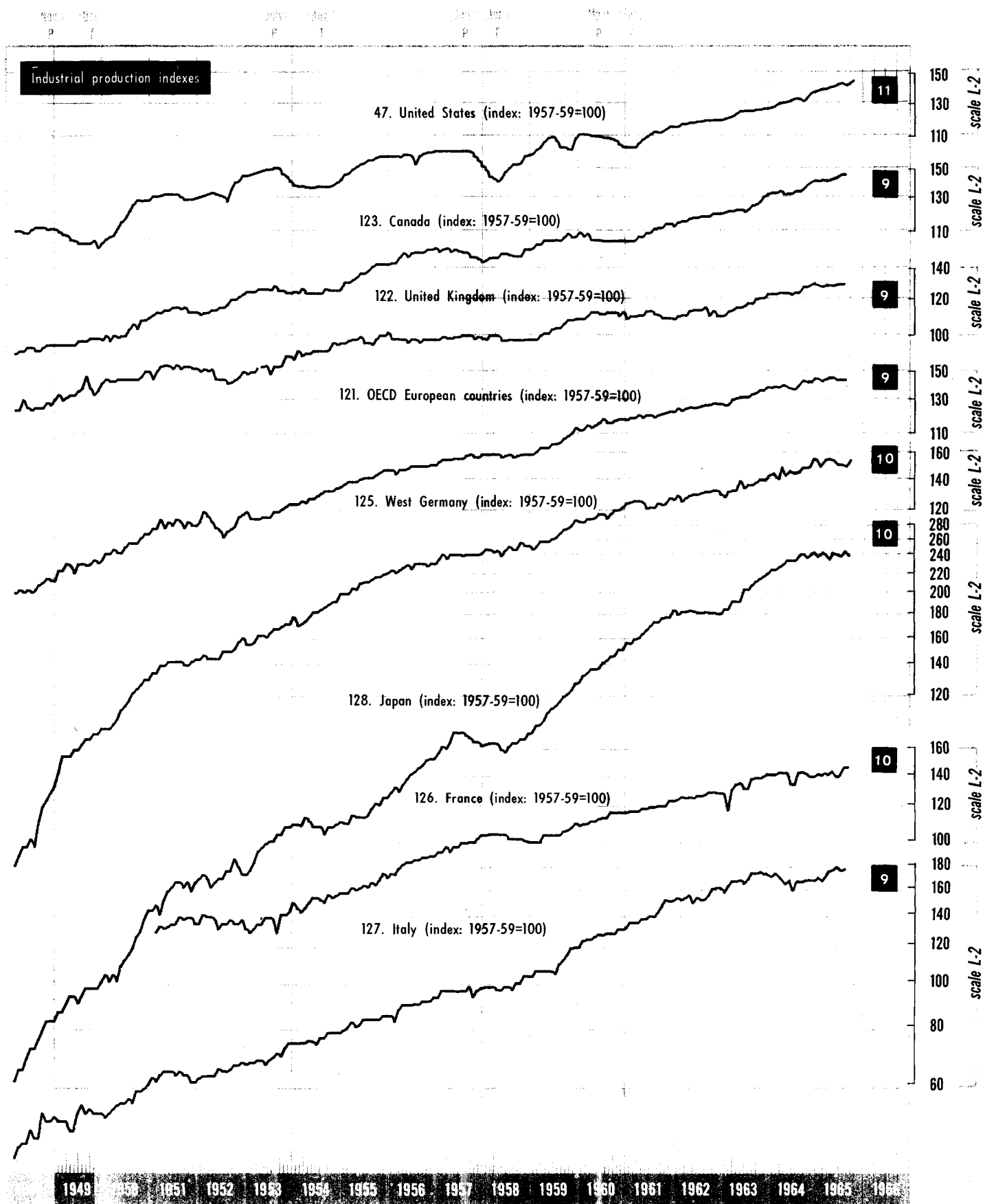


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**International Comparisons**



## NBER Leading Indicators

Year and month	1. Average workweek of production workers, manufacturing	2. Accession rate, manufacturing	30. Nonagricultural placements, all industries	3. Layoff rate, manufacturing	4. Number of persons on temporary layoff, all industries <sup>1</sup>	5. Average weekly initial claims for unemployment insurance, State programs <sup>2</sup>	6. Value of manufacturers' new orders, durable goods industries	24. Value of manufacturers' new orders, machinery and equipment industries
	(Hours) Revised <sup>3</sup>	(Per 100 employees) Revised <sup>3</sup>	(Thous.)	(Per 100 employees) Revised <sup>3</sup>	(Thous.)	(Thous.)	(Bil. dol.)	(Bil. dol.)
<b>1962</b>								
January.....	40.1	4.3	557	1.8	135	301	17.70	3.15
February.....	40.4	4.2	557	1.9	88	295	17.70	3.30
March.....	40.5	4.1	569	1.7	118	287	17.15	2.97
April.....	40.6	4.1	569	1.8	107	283	17.02	3.31
May.....	40.4	4.2	586	2.0	126	301	17.22	3.10
June.....	40.4	4.0	561	2.0	124	304	16.65	3.02
July.....	40.5	4.2	557	2.1	128	303	16.91	3.07
August.....	40.3	4.0	553	2.3	127	305	16.59	2.94
September.....	40.5	3.9	551	1.9	127	300	16.55	2.98
October.....	40.2	3.9	557	2.1	125	304	17.29	3.05
November.....	40.4	3.8	565	2.0	133	299	16.73	3.16
December.....	40.3	3.8	543	1.9	120	310	17.33	3.07
<b>1963</b>								
January.....	40.4	3.8	552	1.9	152	310	18.47	3.25
February.....	40.3	3.8	554	1.8	121	301	18.23	3.21
March.....	40.4	3.8	555	1.9	107	288	18.78	3.22
April.....	40.2	4.1	557	1.8	138	293	19.04	3.35
May.....	40.4	3.8	546	1.9	95	288	18.74	3.42
June.....	40.5	3.8	545	1.8	92	284	17.68	3.29
July.....	40.4	3.9	541	1.9	131	281	18.28	3.33
August.....	40.4	3.8	543	2.1	130	290	18.06	3.31
September.....	40.6	3.9	553	1.8	108	285	18.24	3.42
October.....	40.7	3.9	575	1.7	135	282	18.62	3.44
November.....	40.5	3.7	533	1.8	134	276	18.11	3.27
December.....	40.6	4.0	525	1.7	97	301	17.97	3.61
<b>1964</b>								
January.....	40.1	3.8	534	1.8	116	284	19.74	3.62
February.....	40.6	4.0	532	1.8	125	270	19.50	3.41
March.....	40.6	4.0	522	1.8	98	277	19.26	3.46
April.....	40.8	3.9	519	1.6	122	265	20.46	3.61
May.....	40.6	3.8	526	1.7	111	262	19.94	3.93
June.....	40.7	4.1	520	1.6	121	257	20.02	3.92
July.....	40.7	4.0	523	1.9	118	260	21.25	3.77
August.....	40.8	4.0	502	1.5	91	244	19.34	3.77
September.....	40.6	3.9	516	1.5	121	245	19.91	3.69
October.....	40.7	4.0	519	1.6	92	249	19.62	3.79
November.....	40.9	4.1	549	1.5	89	262	19.45	3.88
December.....	41.2	4.0	518	1.6	109	251	20.72	3.92
<b>1965</b>								
January.....	41.2	4.0	520	1.4	79	243	21.27	3.96
February.....	41.2	4.0	548	1.4	124	248	21.13	3.80
March.....	41.3	4.3	527	1.4	110	237	21.71	4.02
April.....	41.0	3.9	531	1.5	117	237	22.04	4.08
May.....	41.1	4.1	529	1.4	102	224	20.99	4.07
June.....	41.0	4.5	549	1.4	140	224	21.31	4.09
July.....	41.0	4.1	541	1.6	121	231	22.20	4.35
August.....	41.0	4.2	530	1.7	110	248	21.51	4.16
September.....	40.9	4.5	528	1.3	84	218	r22.16	r4.15
October.....	41.3	p4.3	553	p1.2	84	209	r22.39	r4.24
November.....	p41.4	(NA)	562	(NA)	120	212	p22.31	p4.26
December.....								

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<sup>1</sup>Beginning with April 1962, the 1960 Census is used as the benchmark for computing this series. Prior to April 1962, the 1950 Census is used as the benchmark. <sup>2</sup>Data exclude Puerto Rico which is included in figures published by source agency.

<sup>3</sup>See "New Features and Changes for This Issue," page iii.

## LATEST DATA FOR BUSINESS CYCLE SERIES—Continued

## NBER Leading Indicators—Continued

Year and month	9. Construction contracts, commercial and industrial buildings	10. Contracts and orders for plant and equipment	11. Newly approved capital appropriations, 1,000 manufacturing corporations <sup>1</sup>	7. New private nonfarm dwelling units started	29. Index of new private housing units authorized by local building permits	38. Index of net business formation	13. Number of new business incorporations	14. Current liabilities of business failures
	(Mil. sq. ft. floor space)	(Bil. dol.)	(Bil. dol.)	(Ann. rate, thous.)	(1957-59=100)	(1957-59=100)	(Number)	(Mil. dol.)
<b>1962</b>								
January.....	33.70	3.71	...	1,470	103.8	97.2	15,599	101.53
February.....	42.75	3.98	3.03	1,296	109.1	97.8	15,758	86.03
March.....	45.90	3.71	...	1,422	104.0	98.1	15,670	77.40
April.....	42.72	3.96	...	1,494	111.9	97.8	15,372	107.15
May.....	44.64	3.76	2.53	1,515	103.8	97.8	15,245	89.80
June.....	41.16	3.66	...	1,365	106.1	97.6	14,947	93.15
July.....	40.56	3.72	...	1,409	108.7	97.7	15,171	107.98
August.....	42.69	3.61	2.81	1,531	107.1	98.4	15,056	121.85
September.....	40.96	3.56	...	1,300	109.1	98.5	15,249	106.02
October.....	41.08	3.66	...	1,410	107.2	98.5	14,892	129.87
November.....	42.20	3.82	3.35	1,634	113.0	98.0	14,951	96.62
December.....	41.89	3.99	...	1,521	112.0	98.3	14,985	99.61
<b>1963</b>								
January.....	44.61	3.84	...	1,285	111.8	98.9	14,924	146.46
February.....	45.11	3.82	2.80	1,438	108.2	100.2	15,390	93.05
March.....	39.42	3.75	...	1,486	112.9	100.5	15,563	94.12
April.....	40.23	3.98	...	1,652	113.6	99.2	15,305	88.15
May.....	47.00	4.28	3.30	1,676	120.0	99.6	15,682	115.05
June.....	51.39	3.96	...	1,550	119.3	100.0	15,536	91.07
July.....	45.78	3.94	...	1,574	116.5	100.7	15,431	144.50
August.....	44.93	3.91	3.72	1,522	113.5	101.7	16,093	H 52.86
September.....	43.88	4.08	...	1,676	121.0	101.4	15,689	94.52
October.....	50.81	4.17	...	1,706	123.6	101.7	16,275	99.92
November.....	43.73	4.32	4.10	1,592	119.9	101.4	15,759	255.72
December.....	45.43	4.56	...	1,522	123.7	101.8	15,867	87.17
<b>1964</b>								
January.....	51.07	4.38	...	H 1,753	116.8	103.1	16,250	91.69
February.....	51.05	4.14	4.39	1,706	H 124.6	102.8	16,018	119.29
March.....	48.41	4.11	...	1,571	121.7	102.9	15,992	110.67
April.....	53.48	4.36	...	1,506	113.6	104.4	16,180	107.10
May.....	46.22	4.63	4.81	1,496	112.9	104.7	15,917	97.92
June.....	47.82	4.64	...	1,593	115.1	103.2	15,919	136.19
July.....	52.62	4.52	...	1,475	111.5	102.5	15,979	125.14
August.....	47.72	4.53	5.00	1,489	113.4	102.9	16,074	90.99
September.....	51.41	4.51	...	1,422	109.7	105.0	16,605	118.59
October.....	53.75	4.56	...	1,495	109.1	107.0	16,493	97.98
November.....	49.61	4.92	4.52	1,480	110.8	106.4	17,103	111.00
December.....	58.88	4.94	...	1,575	105.4	106.6	17,154	126.49
<b>1965</b>								
January.....	53.20	4.72	...	1,417	112.9	H 107.3	17,275	84.54
February.....	58.12	4.67	4.99	1,468	108.0	106.6	H 17,367	107.57
March.....	54.04	4.84	...	1,465	112.0	105.0	17,112	146.29
April.....	H 64.26	4.98	...	1,532	104.7	103.6	16,504	79.51
May.....	56.13	5.02	r5.79	1,501	109.4	104.3	16,043	139.09
June.....	55.28	4.81	...	1,539	110.6	105.4	16,671	135.66
July.....	55.90	H 5.16	...	1,447	109.7	105.3	16,369	120.64
August.....	49.60	4.90	H p5.80	1,409	107.4	104.2	16,957	128.98
September.....	63.48	r5.15	...	r1,436	104.1	104.8	17,138	108.56
October.....	60.49	p5.11	...	r1,378	r111.1	104.3	16,744	85.67
November.....	(NA)	(NA)	...	p1,518	p112.4	(NA)	(NA)	66.65
December.....								

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<sup>1</sup>Data prior to 1961 not comparable because of "a change in asset accounting basis in machinery, except electrical, and a recalculation of the seasonal pattern for petroleum and coal products." (See NICB publication Investment Statistics - Capital Appropriations: First Quarter 1965.)

## LATEST DATA FOR BUSINESS CYCLE SERIES—Continued

## NBER Leading Indicators—Continued

Year and month	15. Number of business failures with liabilities of \$100,000 and over	16. Corporate profits after taxes	17. Ratio, price to unit labor cost index, manufacturing	18. Profits (before taxes) per dollar of sales, all manufacturing corporations	22. Ratio of profits to income originating, corporate, all industries	19. Index of stock prices, 500 common stocks*	21. Change in business inventories after valuation adjustment, all industries
	(Number per week)	(Ann. rate, bil. dol.)	(1957-59=100)	(Cents)	(Percent)	(1941-43=10)	(Ann. rate, bil. dol.)
<b>1962</b>							
January.....	37	...	100.9	...	...	69.07	...
February.....	$\square$ 32	30.7	101.0	8.4	11.3	70.22	+6.7
March.....	36	...	101.2	...	...	70.29	...
April.....	38	...	100.1	...	...	68.05	...
May.....	38	30.9	100.1	8.1	11.1	62.99	+6.1
June.....	41	...	99.7	...	...	55.63	...
July.....	38	...	100.2	...	...	56.97	...
August.....	45	31.5	100.0	8.1	11.2	58.52	+5.2
September.....	40	...	100.7	...	...	58.00	...
October.....	46	...	100.2	...	...	56.17	...
November.....	42	31.8	100.4	8.1	11.1	60.04	+6.4
December.....	37	...	99.9	...	...	62.64	...
<b>1963</b>							
January.....	49	...	99.7	...	...	65.06	...
February.....	43	31.2	100.1	8.1	10.8	65.92	+4.5
March.....	42	...	100.5	...	...	65.67	...
April.....	40	...	100.8	...	...	68.76	...
May.....	51	32.6	101.3	8.5	11.2	70.14	+4.7
June.....	38	...	102.2	...	...	70.11	...
July.....	39	...	101.7	...	...	69.07	...
August.....	42	32.8	100.9	8.6	11.2	70.98	+5.8
September.....	43	...	101.0	...	...	72.85	...
October.....	42	...	101.5	...	...	73.03	...
November.....	38	33.8	100.8	8.8	11.3	72.62	+8.1
December.....	38	...	100.8	...	...	74.17	...
<b>1964</b>							
January.....	41	...	101.6	...	...	76.45	...
February.....	41	36.7	101.9	9.0	11.9	77.39	+3.3
March.....	38	...	101.3	...	...	78.80	...
April.....	44	...	101.9	...	...	79.94	...
May.....	39	37.0	101.7	8.9	11.7	80.72	+4.1
June.....	39	...	100.8	...	...	80.24	...
July.....	44	...	101.2	...	...	83.22	...
August.....	40	37.5	101.6	9.0	11.7	82.00	+3.8
September.....	42	...	100.8	...	...	83.41	...
October.....	42	...	100.6	...	...	84.85	...
November.....	42	37.8	101.8	8.7	11.7	85.44	+7.5
December.....	40	...	102.6	...	...	83.96	...
<b>1965</b>							
January.....	35	...	102.5	...	...	86.12	...
February.....	40	44.0	102.2	$\square$ 9.8	$\square$ 13.1	86.75	$\square$ +8.7
March.....	42	...	102.8	...	...	86.83	...
April.....	33	...	102.5	...	...	87.97	...
May.....	47	44.4	102.8	9.3	13.0	89.28	+6.7
June.....	47	...	103.3	...	...	85.04	...
July.....	39	...	$\square$ 104.0	...	...	84.91	...
August.....	45	$\square$ r44.9	r103.5	9.4	13.0	86.49	+6.1
September.....	43	...	r102.8	...	...	89.38	...
October.....	35	...	r103.9	...	...	91.39	...
November.....	40	...	p103.4	...	...	$\square$ 92.15	...
December.....						<sup>1</sup> 92.07	

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<sup>1</sup> Average for December 15, 16, and 17.



## LATEST DATA FOR BUSINESS CYCLE SERIES—Continued

## NBER Leading Indicators—Continued

Year and month	31. Change in book value of manufacturing and trade inventories, total	20. Change in book value of manufacturers' inventories of materials and supplies <sup>1</sup>	37. Purchased materials, percent reporting higher inventories	26. Production materials, percent reporting commitments 60 days or longer*	32. Vendor performance, percent reporting slower deliveries*	25. Change in unfilled orders, durable goods industries	23. Index of industrial materials prices*
	(Ann. rate, bil. dol.)	(Ann. rate, bil. dol.)	(Percent reporting)	(Percent reporting)	(Percent reporting)	(Bil. dol.)	(1957-59=100)
1962							
January.....	+6.0	+1.9	60	57	56	+0.63	102.9
February.....	+5.7	+3.0	59	61	56	+0.62	100.6
March.....	+6.0	+2.7	58	56	55	-0.67	100.4
April.....	+2.6	+0.8	54	55	48	-0.34	98.3
May.....	+7.1	+1.0	51	49	46	-0.46	97.8
June.....	+5.6	+0.2	47	52	42	-0.37	95.4
July.....	+3.9	-2.4	44	58	44	-0.25	94.2
August.....	+2.0	-0.3	45	52	44	-0.60	94.5
September.....	+5.6	+1.8	43	52	48	-0.36	94.0
October.....	+5.5	-0.2	46	55	48	+0.21	94.9
November.....	+1.2	+0.5	50	52	48	-0.40	96.4
December.....	+5.1	-1.7	49	51	48	+0.91	95.8
1963							
January.....	+3.1	+0.6	47	50	50	+0.96	95.5
February.....	+2.5	+0.4	48	55	52	+0.68	95.1
March.....	+3.0	-0.2	47	54	54	+0.94	94.4
April.....	+4.6	+0.9	48	53	60	+0.85	94.5
May.....	+2.7	-0.3	55	52	58	+0.33	95.2
June.....	+5.1	+0.7	56	57	54	-0.58	93.9
July.....	+6.0	-0.5	55	54	42	-0.54	94.2
August.....	+1.8	+1.7	50	55	48	-0.05	94.2
September.....	+5.6	-0.4	49	56	52	+0.38	94.1
October.....	+7.1	+1.7	46	53	48	+0.10	96.3
November.....	+9.6	-0.2	43	54	48	-0.09	97.3
December.....	+7.2	-0.7	43	55	46	-0.40	97.7
1964							
January.....	+5.1	-1.9	42	53	55	+0.40	98.5
February.....	+2.3	-0.5	50	54	54	+0.57	98.5
March.....	+3.7	0.0	54	56	60	+0.16	98.9
April.....	+8.0	-1.0	53	59	60	+1.04	102.4
May.....	+4.3	-0.1	51	58	63	+0.38	100.9
June.....	+2.2	-0.7	55	59	55	+0.81	101.4
July.....	+1.2	-1.6	57	58	59	+1.26	102.5
August.....	+2.9	+1.3	56	58	65	+0.06	105.7
September.....	+10.7	+2.6	60	61	$\square$ 74	+0.77	108.2
October.....	+0.4	+4.3	58	60	72	+1.00	112.0
November.....	+9.4	+3.5	60	64	70	+0.27	113.2
December.....	$\square$ +14.6	+2.0	58	65	66	+0.55	112.5
1965							
January.....	+11.2	+1.0	60	65	68	+0.32	110.6
February.....	+5.0	+0.4	61	65	72	+0.81	110.7
March.....	+13.8	+2.5	57	$\square$ 68	66	+0.44	113.2
April.....	+8.7	+5.3	$\square$ 61	67	72	+0.84	116.7
May.....	+9.4	+1.5	60	65	70	+0.50	$\square$ 116.9
June.....	+6.1	-0.5	58	62	66	+0.58	115.3
July.....	+11.6	+0.7	57	62	62	+0.38	114.6
August.....	+8.1	+1.4	60	63	64	+0.32	115.2
September.....	r+3.4	r+3.1	58	61	62	r+1.24	114.8
October.....	p+7.0	p-0.3	45	63	60	$\square$ r+1.27	115.0
November.....	(NA)	(NA)	47	63	66	p+0.68	115.5
December.....							<sup>2</sup> 117.3

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<sup>1</sup>  $\square$  = December 1961.<sup>2</sup> Average for December 14, 15, and 16.

## LATEST DATA FOR BUSINESS CYCLE SERIES—Continued

## NBER Roughly Coincident Indicators

Year and month	41. Number of employees, in non-agricultural establishments	42. Total non-agricultural employment, labor force survey <sup>1</sup>	43. Unemployment rate, total <sup>1</sup>	40. Unemployment rate, married males <sup>1</sup>	45. Average weekly insured unemployment rate, State programs <sup>2</sup>	46. Index of help-wanted advertising in newspapers	47. Index of industrial production
	(Thous.) Revised <sup>3</sup>	(Thous.)	(Percent)	(Percent)	(Percent)	(1957-59=100)	(1957-59=100)
<b>1962</b>							
January.....	54,695	61,948	5.8	3.7	4.7	114	115.0
February.....	55,003	62,162	5.5	3.3	4.5	115	116.4
March.....	55,162	62,234	5.5	3.6	4.4	115	117.5
April.....	55,411	62,167	5.6	3.7	3.9	112	118.0
May.....	55,502	62,565	5.5	3.5	3.8	114	118.2
June.....	55,565	62,693	5.5	3.7	4.0	109	118.1
July.....	55,657	62,623	5.5	3.6	4.2	110	119.0
August.....	55,673	63,015	5.7	3.7	4.4	108	119.0
September.....	55,767	63,147	5.6	3.5	4.4	107	119.7
October.....	55,802	63,070	5.4	3.5	4.5	107	119.1
November.....	55,874	62,921	5.8	3.5	4.6	107	119.8
December.....	55,881	63,336	5.5	3.5	4.7	e107	119.4
<b>1963</b>							
January.....	55,897	63,133	5.7	3.7	4.8	e107	119.8
February.....	56,027	63,230	5.9	3.7	4.6	e109	120.6
March.....	56,142	63,487	5.7	3.5	4.4	e108	121.9
April.....	56,353	63,708	5.7	3.4	4.2	109	122.7
May.....	56,488	63,613	5.9	3.4	4.2	105	124.4
June.....	56,562	63,825	5.7	3.2	4.1	104	125.6
July.....	56,670	64,055	5.7	3.2	4.1	109	125.6
August.....	56,727	64,089	5.5	3.1	4.1	105	125.4
September.....	56,856	64,253	5.5	3.0	4.0	107	125.7
October.....	57,008	64,205	5.6	3.1	4.0	111	126.1
November.....	57,038	64,371	5.8	3.3	4.1	112	126.1
December.....	57,205	64,449	5.5	3.3	4.3	118	127.0
<b>1964</b>							
January.....	57,252	64,685	5.5	3.1	4.3	116	127.9
February.....	57,606	65,051	5.4	3.0	4.0	117	128.4
March.....	57,694	65,175	5.4	2.9	3.8	118	129.3
April.....	57,781	65,695	5.4	2.8	3.8	120	130.8
May.....	57,864	65,790	5.2	2.6	3.6	118	131.8
June.....	58,033	65,519	5.3	2.8	3.6	121	132.0
July.....	58,190	65,632	5.0	2.7	3.6	124	133.3
August.....	58,301	65,641	5.1	2.6	3.5	123	134.0
September.....	58,499	65,650	5.1	2.8	3.4	126	134.0
October.....	58,370	65,658	5.2	2.9	3.4	127	131.6
November.....	58,879	66,084	4.9	2.4	3.4	134	135.4
December.....	59,163	66,463	5.0	2.6	3.6	137	138.1
<b>1965</b>							
January.....	59,295	66,771	4.8	2.7	3.4	137	138.6
February.....	59,581	66,709	5.0	2.6	3.3	145	139.2
March.....	59,814	66,890	4.7	2.5	3.1	148	140.7
April.....	59,846	66,874	4.9	2.5	3.1	143	140.9
May.....	60,032	66,979	4.6	2.5	2.9	145	141.6
June.....	60,290	67,459	4.7	2.4	2.9	146	142.7
July.....	60,501	68,092	4.5	2.3	3.0	145	144.2
August.....	60,621	67,821	4.5	2.6	3.0	152	r144.5
September.....	60,756	67,777	4.4	2.2	2.9	160	r143.4
October.....	60,975	67,935	4.3	2.1	2.7	r168	r144.4
November.....	Ⓜ p61,268	Ⓜ 68,595	Ⓜ 4.2	Ⓜ 2.0	Ⓜ 2.6	Ⓜ p180	Ⓜ p145.5
December.....							

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<sup>1</sup>Beginning with April 1962, the 1960 Census is used as the benchmark for computing this series. Prior to April 1962, the 1950 Census is used as the benchmark. <sup>2</sup>Data exclude Puerto Rico which is included in figures published by source agency.

<sup>3</sup>See "New Features and Changes for This Issue," page iii.

**LATEST DATA FOR BUSINESS CYCLE SERIES—Continued**
**NBER Roughly Coincident Indicators—Continued**

Year and month	50. Gross national product in 1958 dollars	49. Gross national product in current dollars	57. Final sales (series 49 minus series 21)	51. Bank debits, all SMSA's except New York (224 SMSA's)	52. Personal income	53. Labor income in mining, manufacturing, and construction	54. Sales of retail stores	55. Index of wholesale prices except farm products and foods
	(Ann. rate, bil. dol.)	(Ann. rate, bil. dol.)	(Ann. rate, bil. dol.)	(Ann. rate, bil. dol.)	(Ann. rate, bil. dol.)	(Ann. rate, bil. dol.)	(Mil. dol.)	(1957-59=100)
<b>1962</b>								
January.....	...	...	...	2,260.6	430.7	114.3	18,990	100.8
February.....	519.7	547.8	541.1	2,155.9	433.7	115.5	19,139	100.7
March.....	...	...	...	2,233.1	437.2	116.7	19,320	100.7
April.....	...	...	...	2,299.6	439.8	118.3	19,389	100.7
May.....	527.9	557.2	551.1	2,266.6	440.8	118.0	19,585	100.9
June.....	...	...	...	2,249.9	441.8	118.0	19,311	100.8
July.....	...	...	...	2,311.3	443.4	118.8	19,658	100.9
August.....	533.6	564.4	559.2	2,268.8	444.6	118.7	19,671	100.8
September.....	...	...	...	2,236.7	447.0	119.5	19,844	100.9
October.....	...	...	...	2,340.7	447.9	118.9	19,837	100.9
November.....	538.5	572.0	565.6	2,351.5	450.4	119.7	20,112	100.8
December.....	...	...	...	2,324.9	452.6	119.7	20,253	100.7
<b>1963</b>								
January.....	...	...	...	2,416.2	456.6	120.1	20,387	100.5
February.....	541.2	577.0	572.5	2,345.9	454.9	120.0	20,374	100.5
March.....	...	...	...	2,357.2	456.7	120.8	20,350	100.5
April.....	...	...	...	2,472.5	457.2	120.7	20,276	100.4
May.....	544.9	583.1	578.4	2,419.2	460.0	122.0	20,200	100.5
June.....	...	...	...	2,368.2	463.1	123.0	20,486	100.8
July.....	...	...	...	2,561.0	464.8	123.3	20,719	100.9
August.....	553.7	593.1	587.3	2,463.1	467.1	123.4	20,666	100.9
September.....	...	...	...	2,559.0	469.3	124.4	20,426	100.8
October.....	...	...	...	2,605.5	473.2	125.1	20,716	100.9
November.....	560.0	603.6	595.5	2,527.4	474.7	125.7	20,558	100.9
December.....	...	...	...	2,610.2	478.9	127.1	21,019	101.1
<b>1964</b>								
January.....	...	...	...	2,571.5	481.2	126.5	21,000	101.1
February.....	567.1	614.0	610.7	2,590.3	483.2	127.9	21,533	101.2
March.....	...	...	...	2,597.3	484.5	128.3	21,223	101.2
April.....	...	...	...	2,693.8	487.7	129.5	21,392	101.2
May.....	575.9	624.2	620.1	2,688.4	491.2	130.3	21,777	101.1
June.....	...	...	...	2,607.4	492.8	130.9	21,773	101.0
July.....	...	...	...	2,746.7	496.1	131.5	21,935	101.2
August.....	582.6	634.8	631.0	2,681.7	499.5	132.6	22,266	101.2
September.....	...	...	...	2,755.9	501.7	133.8	22,254	101.3
October.....	...	...	...	2,771.5	502.8	132.6	21,383	101.5
November.....	584.7	641.1	633.6	2,730.3	506.6	135.1	21,661	101.6
December.....	...	...	...	2,803.5	512.0	137.3	22,781	101.7
<b>1965</b>								
January.....	...	...	...	2,803.3	515.8	137.8	22,900	101.7
February.....	597.5	656.4	647.6	2,845.1	515.7	139.0	23,317	101.9
March.....	...	...	...	2,923.8	518.4	140.4	22,805	102.1
April.....	...	...	...	2,962.0	520.7	139.7	22,865	102.2
May.....	601.4	665.9	659.2	2,871.5	525.3	140.6	23,352	102.3
June.....	...	...	...	3,019.4	528.8	141.5	23,331	102.6
July.....	...	...	...	3,021.0	530.5	142.5	23,743	102.6
August.....	Ⓜ609.7	Ⓜ677.5	Ⓜ671.3	3,018.8	532.0	143.3	23,544	102.8
September.....	...	...	...	3,022.6	Ⓜ545.7	143.5	23,774	102.9
October.....	...	...	...	3,068.9	r541.2	r144.9	p23,959	102.8
November.....	...	...	...	Ⓜp3,178.9	p545.6	Ⓜp146.6	Ⓜp24,013	Ⓜp103.1
December.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	i103.0

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<sup>1</sup>Week ended December 14.

## LATEST DATA FOR BUSINESS CYCLE SERIES—Continued

## NBER Lagging Indicators

Year and month	61. Business expenditures on new plant and equipment, total	62. Index of labor cost per unit of output, manufacturing	68. Index of labor cost per dollar of real corporate GNP	64. Book value of manufacturers' inventories	65. Book value of manufacturers' inventories of finished goods	66. Consumer installment debt	67. Bank rates on short-term business loans, 19 cities*
	(Ann. rate, bil. dol.)	(1957-59=100)	(1957-59=100)	(Bil. dol.)	(Bil. dol.)	(Mil. dol.)	(Percent)
<b>1962</b>							
January.....	...	99.7	...	55.4	19.0	42,960	...
February.....	35.70	99.7	103.0	55.7	19.1	43,220	...
March.....	...	99.5	...	56.0	19.1	43,532	4.98
April.....	...	100.7	...	56.1	19.2	44,017	...
May.....	36.95	100.8	103.7	56.4	19.3	44,437	...
June.....	...	101.1	...	56.3	19.4	44,826	5.01
July.....	...	100.7	...	56.9	19.5	45,200	...
August.....	38.35	100.9	103.3	57.0	19.5	45,588	...
September.....	...	100.4	...	57.3	19.7	45,838	4.99
October.....	...	100.6	...	57.4	19.7	46,206	...
November.....	37.95	100.3	103.3	57.6	19.8	46,689	...
December.....	...	100.7	...	57.8	19.8	47,174	5.02
<b>1963</b>							
January.....	...	100.6	...	57.9	19.9	47,659	...
February.....	36.95	100.2	104.0	58.0	20.0	48,154	...
March.....	...	99.7	...	58.1	20.0	48,631	5.00
April.....	...	99.5	...	58.3	20.0	49,152	...
May.....	38.05	99.3	104.2	58.5	20.1	49,593	...
June.....	...	98.7	...	58.7	20.3	50,079	5.01
July.....	...	99.3	...	58.9	20.3	50,588	...
August.....	40.00	100.1	103.9	58.9	20.4	51,069	...
September.....	...	99.7	...	59.1	20.6	51,410	5.01
October.....	...	99.8	...	59.3	20.6	51,941	...
November.....	41.20	100.0	104.7	59.8	21.0	52,324	...
December.....	...	100.0	...	60.1	21.2	52,784	5.00
<b>1964</b>							
January.....	...	99.3	...	60.0	21.2	53,212	...
February.....	42.55	99.1	104.2	60.1	21.4	53,791	...
March.....	...	99.7	...	60.3	21.4	54,315	4.99
April.....	...	99.3	...	60.5	21.6	54,727	...
May.....	43.50	99.3	104.6	60.5	21.6	55,220	...
June.....	...	100.0	...	60.4	21.5	55,590	4.99
July.....	...	99.7	...	60.5	21.6	56,073	...
August.....	45.65	99.5	105.1	60.8	21.6	56,508	...
September.....	...	100.3	...	61.0	21.6	57,021	4.98
October.....	...	101.2	...	61.8	21.8	57,431	...
November.....	47.75	99.5	106.3	62.4	21.9	57,732	...
December.....	...	98.9	...	62.9	22.2	58,292	5.00
<b>1965</b>							
January.....	...	98.9	...	63.2	22.4	58,962	...
February.....	49.00	99.5	105.2	63.4	22.4	59,603	...
March.....	...	99.1	...	63.7	22.5	60,240	4.97
April.....	...	99.8	...	64.0	22.3	60,984	...
May.....	50.35	99.8	106.2	64.3	22.4	61,654	...
June.....	...	99.6	...	64.6	22.3	62,256	4.99
July.....	...	98.8	...	65.4	22.5	62,922	...
August.....	52.75	99.7	106.5	65.8	22.5	63,531	...
September.....	...	100.3	...	66.3	22.6	64,214	5.00
October.....	...	99.9	...	66.5	22.7	64,803	...
November.....	a54.85	p100.2	...	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	...
December.....	a56.70	...	...	...	...	...	...

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<sup>1</sup>1st quarter 1966. The anticipated figure for the 2nd quarter 1966 is 58.85.

## LATEST DATA FOR BUSINESS CYCLE SERIES—Continued

## Other Selected U.S. Series

Year and month	82. Federal cash payments to the public	83. Federal cash receipts from the public	84. Federal cash surplus (+) or deficit (-)	95. Surplus (+) or deficit (-), Federal income and product account	90. Defense Department obligations, procurement	91. Defense Department obligations, total	92. Military prime contract awards to U.S. business firms
	(Ann. rate, bil. dol.)	(Ann. rate, bil. dol.)	(Ann. rate, bil. dol.)	(Ann. rate, bil. dol.)	(Mil. dol.)	(Mil. dol.)	(Mil. dol.)
<b>1962</b>							
January.....	109.9	102.2	-7.7	...	1,758	4,434	3,073
February.....	113.5	101.8	-11.7	-5.0	1,228	4,086	2,135
March.....	107.8	101.1	-6.7	...	1,410	4,421	2,225
April.....	108.3	105.2	-3.1	...	1,791	4,477	2,062
May.....	108.6	108.6	0.0	-4.6	1,039	3,999	1,887
June.....	111.5	104.5	-7.0	...	1,311	4,082	1,930
July.....	113.5	110.4	-3.1	...	1,657	4,517	2,017
August.....	108.1	107.7	-0.4	-2.6	1,395	4,385	2,149
September.....	113.4	108.4	-5.0	...	1,040	3,892	2,111
October.....	113.7	107.1	-6.6	...	1,675	4,535	2,983
November.....	118.6	110.1	-8.5	-3.2	1,787	4,920	2,734
December.....	114.9	108.4	-6.5	...	1,205	4,140	1,984
<b>1963</b>							
January.....	112.4	108.6	-3.8	...	1,586	4,632	2,198
February.....	109.6	109.9	+0.3	-2.5	1,206	4,137	2,435
March.....	116.6	110.5	-6.1	...	1,366	4,233	2,154
April.....	113.5	108.0	-5.5	...	1,215	4,078	1,966
May.....	116.3	114.0	-2.3	+1.8	1,358	4,507	2,240
June.....	115.3	112.7	-2.6	...	1,363	4,481	2,334
July.....	120.5	112.9	-7.6	...	1,132	4,349	2,419
August.....	121.9	116.5	-5.4	+0.6	1,700	4,580	2,733
September.....	119.9	112.6	-7.3	...	1,207	4,160	2,578
October.....	122.0	114.7	-7.3	...	2,010	5,112	2,086
November.....	119.3	114.9	-4.4	+1.2	1,094	4,093	1,681
December.....	117.2	118.1	+0.9	...	1,273	4,371	2,079
<b>1964</b>							
January.....	125.9	115.9	-10.0	...	1,075	4,351	2,149
February.....	119.2	120.5	+1.3	-2.6	1,843	5,317	2,689
March.....	120.4	117.1	-3.3	...	1,237	4,133	1,598
April.....	122.6	121.4	-1.2	...	1,389	4,544	2,508
May.....	119.1	108.7	-10.4	-7.6	1,910	4,818	2,454
June.....	116.7	113.8	-2.9	...	1,079	4,349	1,879
July.....	122.8	114.0	-8.8	...	1,494	4,677	2,904
August.....	121.6	111.7	-9.9	-3.6	803	4,237	1,926
September.....	117.9	113.0	-4.9	...	1,141	4,405	2,191
October.....	118.4	115.1	-3.3	...	889	3,773	1,745
November.....	112.9	114.9	+2.0	-1.1	1,089	4,228	2,008
December.....	126.5	114.5	-12.0	...	1,870	5,325	1,883
<b>1965</b>							
January.....	121.8	114.0	-7.8	...	966	4,278	1,830
February.....	121.8	120.1	-1.7	+2.5	603	3,839	1,628
March.....	117.4	124.5	+7.1	...	1,735	4,624	1,874
April.....	125.2	153.5	+28.3	...	1,557	4,593	2,926
May.....	128.8	119.9	-8.9	+2.8	1,567	4,630	2,025
June.....	133.0	119.4	-13.6	...	1,140	4,520	2,438
July.....	120.2	122.1	+1.9	...	954	4,258	2,699
August.....	129.5	121.9	-7.6	-4.1	1,893	5,223	2,770
September.....	137.7	121.4	-16.3	...	1,619	5,276	2,465
October.....	p123.9	p113.2	p-10.7	...	1,761	4,962	2,566
November.....	p145.8	p126.7	p-19.1	...	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
December.....							

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## Other Selected U.S. Series—Continued

Year and month	99. New orders, defense products	93. Free reserves*	85. Change in total U.S. money supply	98. Change in money supply and time deposits	110. Total private borrowing	111. Corporate gross savings	112. Change in business loans
	(Bil. dol.)	(Mil. dol.)	(Ann. rate, percent)	(Ann. rate, percent)	(Ann. rate, mil. dol.)	(Ann. rate, mil. dol.)	(Ann. rate, bil. dol.)
1962							
January.....	1.99	+555	0.00	+7.32	...	...	+2.90
February.....	2.05	+434	+2.52	+11.52	40,120	41,276	+1.51
March.....	2.11	+382	+1.68	+9.36	...	...	+2.23
April.....	2.24	+441	+4.08	+8.76	...	...	+2.09
May.....	2.24	+440	-3.24	+1.56	47,664	41,008	+2.09
June.....	2.08	+391	+0.84	+6.12	...	...	+2.77
July.....	2.07	+440	-0.84	+5.04	...	...	+2.66
August.....	1.94	+439	-0.84	+4.08	45,340	41,732	+3.85
September.....	1.88	+375	-1.68	+4.56	...	...	+2.82
October.....	2.09	+419	+4.92	+9.48	...	...	+2.82
November.....	1.70	+473	+4.08	+8.40	43,756	43,236	+2.28
December.....	2.53	+268	+4.92	+10.80	...	...	+0.95
1963							
January.....	2.89	+375	+4.08	+8.76	...	...	+1.43
February.....	2.09	+301	+4.92	+8.76	43,104	42,668	+1.42
March.....	2.42	+269	+1.56	+7.20	...	...	+1.85
April.....	1.97	+313	+4.08	+7.68	...	...	+2.40
May.....	2.40	+247	+3.24	+6.24	51,508	43,820	+2.35
June.....	1.90	+138	+3.96	+7.08	...	...	+1.74
July.....	2.40	+161	+6.36	+9.00	...	...	+1.97
August.....	2.36	+133	+2.40	+8.88	51,040	45,520	+2.04
September.....	2.47	+91	+2.40	+6.48	...	...	+2.08
October.....	1.92	+94	+5.52	+8.76	...	...	+4.66
November.....	1.97	+33	+7.08	+11.04	53,892	45,224	+5.22
December.....	1.48	+209	-0.84	+4.56	...	...	+5.78
1964							
January.....	2.67	+175	+3.96	+8.16	...	...	+1.79
February.....	2.40	+89	+1.56	+5.88	47,212	48,656	+3.48
March.....	2.18	+99	+2.40	+4.44	...	...	+1.42
April.....	2.37	+167	+3.12	+5.76	...	...	+3.17
May.....	2.48	+82	0.00	+4.92	64,640	49,308	+4.25
June.....	2.34	+120	+7.80	+9.72	...	...	+3.89
July.....	3.29	+135	+8.52	+8.76	...	...	+4.31
August.....	1.86	+83	+3.84	+9.12	52,664	50,196	+4.78
September.....	1.98	+89	+8.40	+9.48	...	...	+4.28
October.....	2.41	+106	+4.56	+8.52	...	...	+1.43
November.....	1.79	-34	+2.28	+8.04	58,460	49,412	+0.32
December.....	1.87	+168	+4.56	+8.88	...	...	+8.62
1965							
January.....	2.37	+103	+2.28	+10.44	...	...	+12.35
February.....	2.44	+32	-2.28	+7.92	63,864	55,648	+13.14
March.....	2.46	-76	+4.56	+6.96	...	...	+12.46
April.....	3.24	-112	+6.00	+9.00	...	...	+6.32
May.....	2.46	-178	-8.16	0.00	67,812	55,520	+11.04
June.....	2.58	-184	+13.44	+12.60	...	...	+11.38
July.....	2.62	-175	+5.16	+9.72	...	...	+10.00
August.....	2.81	-136	+1.44	+10.80	p63,132	p57,216	+5.53
September.....	r3.45	-155	+11.76	+12.24	...	...	+4.00
October.....	r3.30	-149	+9.48	+12.96	...	...	+5.33
November.....	p2.62	p-84	p+0.72	p+7.80	...	...	p+0.32
December.....							

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## LATEST DATA FOR BUSINESS CYCLE SERIES—Continued

## Other Selected U.S. Series—Continued

Year and month	113. Net change in consumer install- ment debt	114. Treasury bill rate*	115. Treasury bond yields*	116. Corporate bond yields*	117. Municipal bond yields*	118. Mortgage yields*	86. Exports ex- cluding military aid shipments, total
	(Ann. rate, bil. dol.)	(Percent)	(Percent)	(Percent)	(Percent)	(Percent)	(Mil. dol.)
1962							
January .....	+2.23	2.75	4.08	4.55	3.34	5.69	1,668.3
February .....	+3.12	2.75	4.09	4.54	3.21	5.68	1,809.3
March .....	+3.74	2.72	4.01	4.42	3.14	5.65	1,672.0
April .....	+5.82	2.74	3.89	4.31	3.06	5.64	1,795.4
May .....	+5.04	2.69	3.88	4.26	3.11	5.60	1,761.7
June .....	+4.67	2.72	3.90	4.30	3.26	5.59	1,835.6
July .....	+4.49	2.94	4.02	4.41	3.28	5.58	1,748.3
August .....	+4.66	2.84	3.98	4.39	3.23	5.57	1,702.5
September .....	+3.00	2.79	3.94	4.28	3.11	5.56	1,907.9
October .....	+4.42	2.75	3.89	4.27	3.02	5.55	1,542.8
November .....	+5.80	2.80	3.87	4.23	3.04	5.54	1,724.6
December .....	+5.82	2.86	3.87	4.28	3.07	5.53	1,838.7
1963							
January .....	+5.82	2.91	3.89	4.22	3.10	5.52	985.7
February .....	+5.94	2.92	3.92	4.25	3.15	5.48	2,123.6
March .....	+5.72	2.90	3.93	4.26	3.05	5.47	1,957.8
April .....	+6.25	2.91	3.97	4.35	3.10	5.46	1,913.7
May .....	+5.29	2.92	3.97	4.35	3.11	5.45	1,895.2
June .....	+5.83	3.00	4.00	4.32	3.21	5.45	1,803.1
July .....	+6.11	3.14	4.01	4.34	3.22	5.45	1,840.8
August .....	+5.77	3.32	3.99	4.33	3.13	5.45	1,922.1
September .....	+4.09	3.38	4.04	4.40	3.20	5.45	1,958.2
October .....	+6.37	3.45	4.07	4.36	3.20	5.45	1,967.5
November .....	+4.60	3.52	4.11	4.42	3.30	5.45	1,965.6
December .....	+5.52	3.52	4.14	4.49	3.27	5.45	2,090.8
1964							
January .....	+5.14	3.53	4.15	4.49	3.22	5.45	2,042.9
February .....	+6.95	3.53	4.14	4.38	3.14	5.45	2,046.2
March .....	+6.29	3.55	4.18	4.45	3.28	5.45	2,074.0
April .....	+4.94	3.48	4.20	4.49	3.28	5.45	2,061.1
May .....	+5.92	3.48	4.16	4.48	3.20	5.45	2,061.8
June .....	+4.44	3.48	4.13	4.49	3.20	5.45	2,034.2
July .....	+5.80	3.48	4.13	4.43	3.18	5.46	2,122.9
August .....	+5.22	3.51	4.14	4.43	3.19	5.46	2,108.8
September .....	+6.16	3.53	4.16	4.49	3.23	5.46	2,235.3
October .....	+4.92	3.58	4.16	4.49	3.25	5.45	2,154.8
November .....	+3.61	3.62	4.12	4.47	3.18	5.45	2,196.8
December .....	+6.72	3.86	4.14	4.47	3.13	5.45	2,430.4
1965							
January .....	+8.04	3.83	4.14	4.44	3.06	5.45	1,217.3
February .....	+7.69	3.93	4.16	4.44	3.09	5.45	1,592.7
March .....	+7.64	3.94	4.15	4.49	3.18	5.45	2,752.7
April .....	+8.93	3.93	4.15	4.48	3.15	5.45	2,380.3
May .....	+8.04	3.90	4.14	4.52	3.17	5.45	2,277.7
June .....	+7.22	3.81	4.14	4.57	3.24	5.44	2,184.8
July .....	+7.99	3.83	4.15	4.57	3.27	5.44	2,262.8
August .....	+7.31	3.84	4.19	4.66	3.24	5.45	2,345.7
September .....	+8.20	3.91	4.25	4.71	3.35	5.46	2,297.7
October .....	+7.07	4.03	4.28	4.69	3.40	5.49	2,348.6
November .....	(NA)	4.08	4.34	4.75	3.46	5.51	(NA)
December .....							

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## LATEST DATA FOR BUSINESS CYCLE SERIES—Continued

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## Other Selected U.S. Series—Continued

Year and month	87. General imports, total	88. Merchandise trade balance (series 86 minus series 87)	89. Excess of receipts (+) or payments (-) in U.S. balance of payments		81. Index of consumer prices	94. Index of construction contracts, value	96. Manufacturers' unfilled orders, durable goods industries	97. Backlog of capital appropriations, manufacturing <sup>2</sup>
			a. Liquidity balance basis	b. Official settlements basis <sup>1</sup>				
	(Mil. dol.)	(Mil. dol.)	(Mil. dol.)	(Mil. dol.)	(1957-59=100)	(1957-59=100)	(Bil. dol.)	(Bil. dol.)
<b>1962</b>								
January.....	1,326.5	+341.8	...	...	104.7	115	45.80	...
February.....	1,319.8	+489.5	-792	(NA)	104.9	119	46.42	...
March.....	1,341.7	+330.3	...	...	105.1	131	45.75	8.44
April.....	1,365.0	+430.4	...	...	105.3	121	45.41	...
May.....	1,404.1	+357.6	-267	(NA)	105.4	117	44.95	...
June.....	1,350.7	+484.9	...	...	105.4	120	44.58	8.32
July.....	1,346.6	+401.7	...	...	105.3	117	44.33	...
August.....	1,345.9	+356.6	-433	(NA)	105.5	118	43.73	...
September.....	1,471.4	+436.5	...	...	105.9	113	43.37	8.26
October.....	1,312.1	+230.7	...	...	105.8	117	43.58	...
November.....	1,424.9	+299.7	-711	(NA)	105.8	123	43.18	...
December.....	1,376.5	+462.2	...	...	105.9	138	44.09	8.81
<b>1963</b>								
January.....	1,099.9	-114.2	...	...	106.1	121	45.06	...
February.....	1,510.4	+613.2	-1,199	(NA)	106.1	130	45.74	...
March.....	1,484.8	+473.0	...	...	106.2	118	46.68	8.88
April.....	1,414.6	+499.1	...	...	106.3	125	47.53	...
May.....	1,416.3	+478.9	-1,108	(NA)	106.4	144	47.86	...
June.....	1,430.9	+372.2	...	...	106.7	135	47.28	9.38
July.....	1,449.5	+391.3	...	...	106.9	126	46.74	...
August.....	1,497.3	+424.8	-210	(NA)	107.1	132	46.70	...
September.....	1,443.3	+514.9	...	...	106.9	128	47.07	10.05
October.....	1,455.4	+512.1	...	...	107.0	146	47.17	...
November.....	1,465.5	+500.1	-153	(NA)	107.2	144	47.08	...
December.....	1,479.8	+611.0	...	...	107.7	148	46.68	11.02
<b>1964</b>								
January.....	1,434.4	+608.5	...	...	107.8	147	47.07	...
February.....	1,460.3	+585.9	-257	-136	107.7	143	47.64	...
March.....	1,519.5	+554.5	...	...	107.8	140	47.80	12.08
April.....	1,540.6	+520.5	...	...	108.0	138	48.84	...
May.....	1,539.4	+522.4	-582	-351	108.1	138	49.22	...
June.....	1,518.4	+515.8	...	...	108.1	138	50.04	13.23
July.....	1,578.1	+544.8	...	...	108.1	140	51.30	...
August.....	1,574.9	+533.9	-593	+46	108.2	121	51.37	...
September.....	1,546.4	+688.9	...	...	108.3	131	52.14	14.54
October.....	1,547.7	+607.1	...	...	108.4	136	53.14	...
November.....	1,697.7	+499.1	-1,366	-783	108.6	143	53.41	...
December.....	1,642.2	+788.2	...	...	108.9	154	53.96	14.97
<b>1965</b>								
January.....	1,206.4	+10.9	...	...	109.0	137	54.28	...
February.....	1,600.5	-7.8	-701	-634	109.0	140	55.09	...
March.....	1,869.0	+883.7	...	...	109.1	141	55.53	15.66
April.....	1,834.7	+545.6	...	...	109.5	152	56.37	...
May.....	1,798.9	+478.8	+247	+210	109.9	145	56.88	...
June.....	1,834.8	+350.0	...	...	110.2	139	57.45	17.06
July.....	1,669.8	+593.0	...	...	110.0	149	57.83	...
August.....	1,725.4	+620.3	p-485	p+260	110.0	139	58.15	...
September.....	1,786.8	+510.9	...	...	110.1	147	r59.38	p18.18
October.....	2,002.2	+346.4	...	...	110.3	147	r60.66	...
November.....	(NA)	(NA)	...	...	(NA)	(NA)	p61.34	...
December.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...

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<sup>1</sup>This balance represents a provisional estimate by the Department of Commerce on the basis of official settlements.

<sup>2</sup>Data prior to 1961 not comparable because of "a change in asset accounting basis in machinery, except electrical, and a recalculation of the seasonal pattern for petroleum and coal products." (See NICB publication Investment Statistics—Capital Appropriations: First Quarter 1965.)



## LATEST DATA FOR BUSINESS CYCLE SERIES—Continued

## International Comparisons

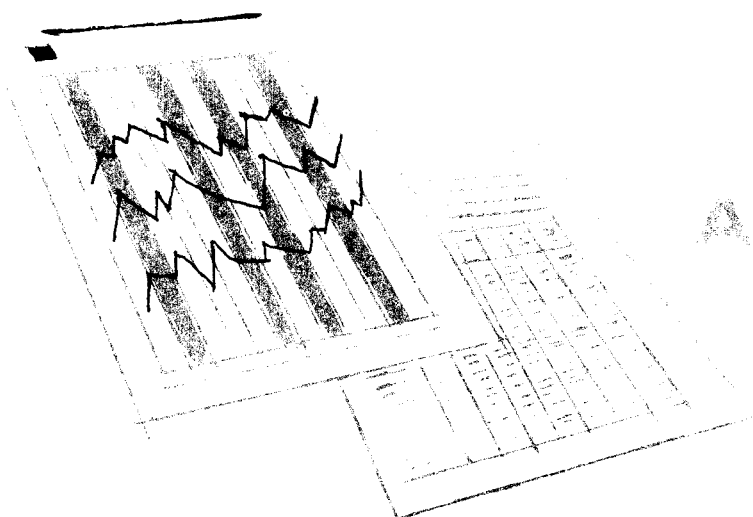
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	(1957-59=100)	(1957-59=100)	(1957-59=100)	(1957-59=100)	(1957-59=100)	(1957-59=100)	(1957-59=100)	(1957-59=100)
1962								
January.....	115	113	108	122	126	122	149	182
February.....	116	115	110	124	129	123	151	178
March.....	118	116	111	123	125	124	149	181
April.....	118	116	110	124	128	123	151	181
May.....	118	117	113	125	129	124	153	182
June.....	118	118	114	124	130	123	147	180
July.....	119	118	113	125	130	125	151	179
August.....	119	119	114	126	131	125	149	180
September.....	120	119	115	127	132	126	150	181
October.....	119	119	110	127	132	128	153	179
November.....	120	120	113	128	133	128	158	179
December.....	119	120	110	127	132	126	160	178
1963								
January.....	120	120	110	127	129	127	158	179
February.....	121	121	111	126	128	125	155	184
March.....	122	122	113	127	132	116	161	184
April.....	123	122	114	123	133	129	165	191
May.....	124	123	115	131	133	133	165	190
June.....	126	123	115	132	139	134	166	191
July.....	126	121	116	132	134	129	163	203
August.....	125	123	118	132	136	129	166	202
September.....	126	125	117	134	136	136	171	207
October.....	126	126	120	135	138	137	171	211
November.....	126	128	121	136	140	136	173	214
December.....	127	131	121	136	139	138	170	217
1964								
January.....	128	133	123	139	142	140	172	219
February.....	128	134	123	139	144	139	169	224
March.....	129	133	123	140	145	139	173	224
April.....	131	135	124	139	140	141	168	226
May.....	132	133	123	141	150	140	166	228
June.....	132	133	123	139	143	141	164	233
July.....	133	134	122	138	147	132	166	232
August.....	134	135	123	137	145	132	156	232
September.....	134	135	123	140	145	141	165	239
October.....	132	136	127	143	149	142	r166	241
November.....	135	139	128	143	149	142	r168	237
December.....	138	140	129	143	149	r138	r168	242
1965								
January.....	139	142	131	146	156	138	166	243
February.....	139	141	129	146	155	140	169	237
March.....	141	143	128	143	149	139	166	242
April.....	141	142	129	145	154	141	169	240
May.....	142	142	129	146	155	140	174	234
June.....	143	143	128	146	154	142	176	243
July.....	144	144	129	r145	151	138	r178	241
August.....	144	146	r129	145	r151	138	175	238
September.....	143	p147	p129	p145	150	146	p176	r243
October.....	144	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	p156	p146	(NA)	p240
November.....	p146				(NA)	(NA)		(NA)
December.....								

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<sup>1</sup>Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development.



## Section TWO



## ANALYTICAL MEASURES

### charts and tables

#### **DISTRIBUTION OF 'HIGHS' FOR CURRENT AND COMPARATIVE PERIODS**

##### **DIFFUSION INDEXES BASED ON HUNDREDS OF COMPONENTS**

**Average workweek—21 industries**

**New orders—36 industries**

**Capital appropriations—17 industries**

**Profits—700 companies**

**Stock prices—80 industries**

**Industrial materials prices—13 materials**

**State unemployment claims—47 areas**

**Nonagricultural employment—30 industries**

**Production—24 industries**

**Wholesale prices—23 industries**

**Retail sales—24 types of stores**

**Net sales—800 companies**

**New orders—400 companies**

**Carloadings—19 commodity groups**

**Plant and equipment expenditures—22 industries**

#### **DIRECTIONS OF CHANGE FOR COMPONENTS OF DIFFUSION INDEXES**

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## DISTRIBUTION OF "HIGHS" FOR CURRENT AND COMPARATIVE PERIODS

Number of months before benchmark date that high was reached	Number of series that reached a high before benchmark dates—							
	Current expansion				Business cycle peak			
	Aug. 1965	Sept. 1965	Oct. 1965	Nov. 1965	Nov. 1948	July 1953	July 1957	May 1960
NBER LEADING INDICATORS								
8 months or more .....	8	10	10	7	15	9	24	16
7 months .....	2	1	1	1	...	1	...	2
6 months .....	1	2	2	1	...	5	...	1
5 months .....	2	2	1	...	4	1	...	2
4 months .....	2	1	...	2	...	2	...	3
3 months .....	2	...	3	...	1	...	...	...
2 months .....	3	4	...	...	...	2	...	...
1 month .....	4	...	1	3	...	...	...	...
Benchmark month .....	...	4	6	2	...	1	...	...
Number of series used .....	24	24	24	16	<sup>1</sup> 20	<sup>2</sup> 21	24	24
Percent of series high on benchmark date .....	0	17	25	12	0	5	0	0
NBER ROUGHLY COINCIDENT INDICATORS								
8 months or more .....	...	...	...	...	2	1	2	1
7 months .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
6 months .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
5 months .....	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	...
4 months .....	...	...	...	...	1	3	3	2
3 months .....	...	...	1	...	3	1	...	3
2 months .....	1	1	1	1	4	...	...	...
1 month .....	3	1	2	...	...	3	1	2
Benchmark month .....	7	9	7	10	...	3	4	3
Number of series used .....	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11
Percent of series high on benchmark date .....	64	82	64	91	0	27	36	27
Number of months before benchmark date that high was reached	3d month before business cycle peak				6th month before business cycle peak			
	Aug. 1948	Apr. 1953	Apr. 1957	Feb. 1960	May 1948	Jan. 1953	Jan. 1957	Nov. 1959
	NBER LEADING INDICATORS							
8 months or more .....	13	4	21	13	9	1	18	6
7 months .....	2	4	...	2	1	1	...	7
6 months .....	...	...	1	...	...	1	1	3
5 months .....	...	2	2	1	5	1	2	2
4 months .....	...	2	...	2	2	4	...	2
3 months .....	...	5	...	1	...	1	1	...
2 months .....	4	1	...	2	...	2	2	1
1 month .....	...	2	...	3	...	3	...	2
Benchmark month .....	1	1	...	...	3	7	...	1
Number of series used .....	<sup>1</sup> 20	<sup>2</sup> 21	24	24	<sup>1</sup> 20	<sup>2</sup> 21	24	24
Percent of series high on benchmark date .....	5	5	0	0	15	33	0	4
NBER ROUGHLY COINCIDENT INDICATORS								
8 months or more .....	2	1	2	1	1	1	2	...
7 months .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
6 months .....	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
5 months .....	...	1	...	...	1	...	...	4
4 months .....	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	2
3 months .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1
2 months .....	1	...	3	...	1	1	...	...
1 month .....	2	5	3	4	3	3	4	1
Benchmark month .....	6	4	2	5	5	6	4	3
Number of series used .....	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11
Percent of series high on benchmark date .....	55	36	18	45	45	55	36	27

NOTE: All quarterly series and 2 monthly series (series 15, a leading indicator, and series 40, a roughly coincident indicator) are omitted from the distribution.

<sup>1</sup>4 series were not available.<sup>2</sup>1 series was not available and 2 series were omitted because their peaks were reached during the Korean War and such peaks were disregarded in this distribution.

# ANALYTICAL MEASURES

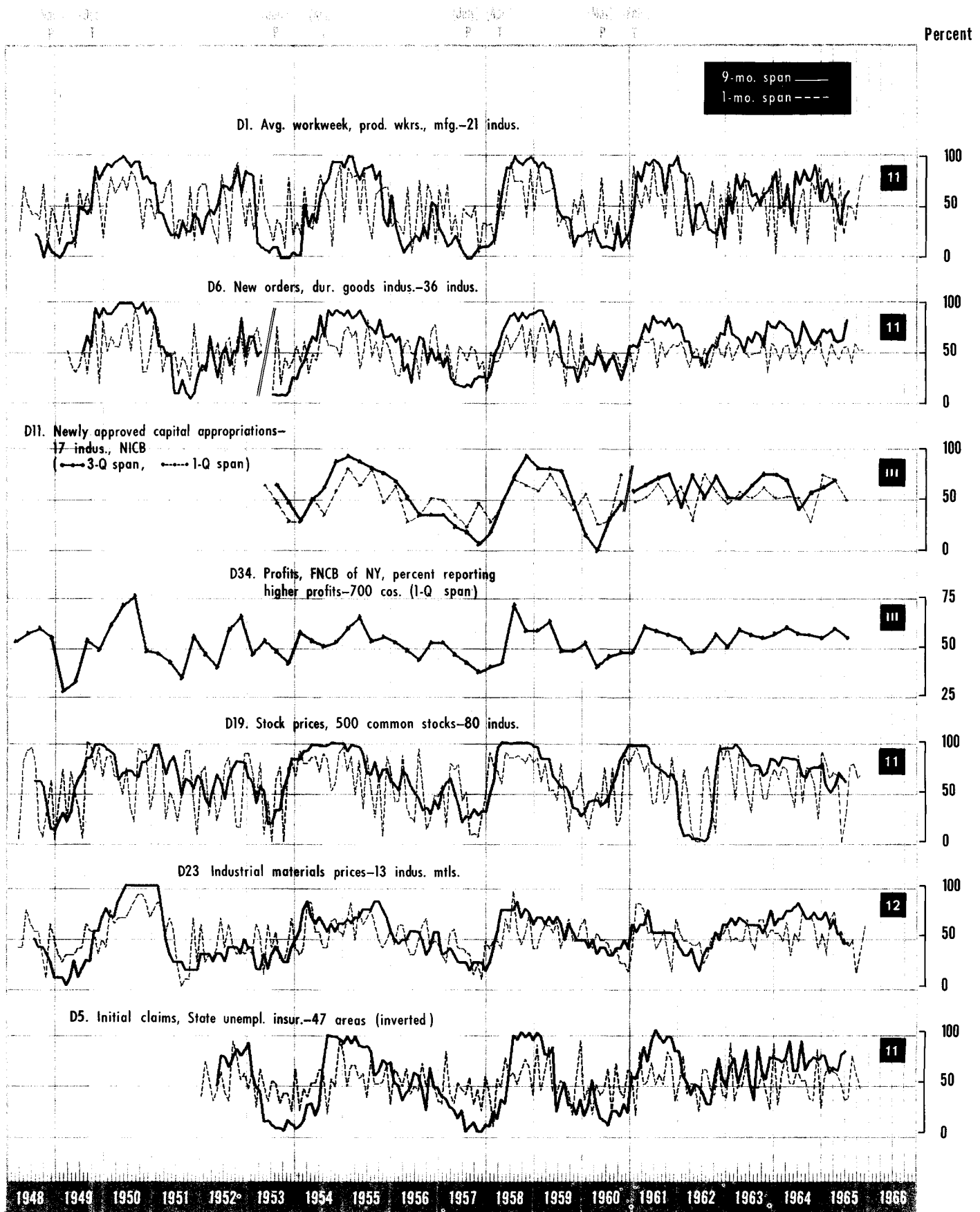
DIFFUSION INDEXES FROM 1948 TO PRESENT

NBER Leading Indicators

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DIFFUSION INDEXES FROM 1948 TO PRESENT—Continued  
NBER Roughly Coincident Indicators

Percent

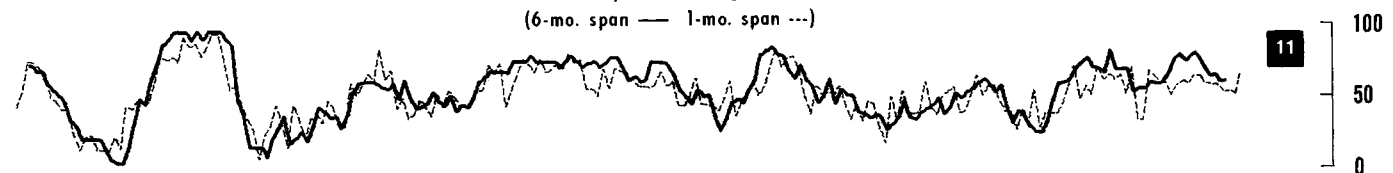
D41. Employees in nonagr. establishments—30 indus.  
(6-mo. span — 1-mo. span ---)



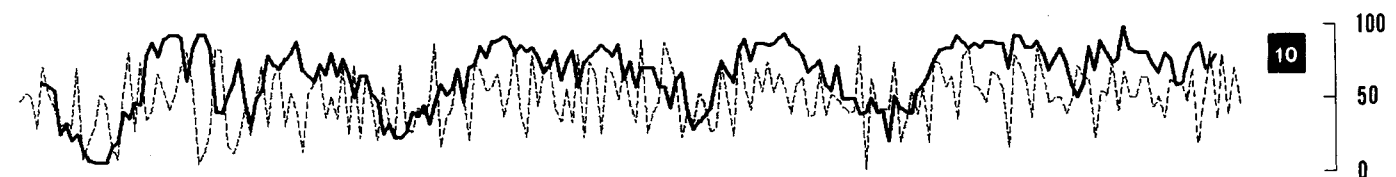
D47. Industrial production—24 indus.  
(6-mo. span — 1-mo. span ---)



D58. Wholesale prices, mfrd. goods—23 indus.  
(6-mo. span — 1-mo. span ---)



D54. Sales of retail stores—24 types of stores  
(9-mo. span — 1-mo. span ---)

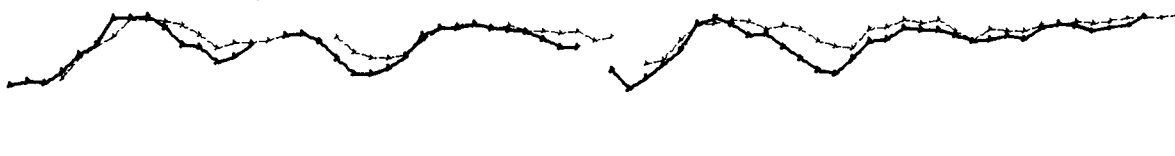


# DIFFUSION INDEXES FROM 1948 TO PRESENT—Continued Actual and Anticipated Indexes

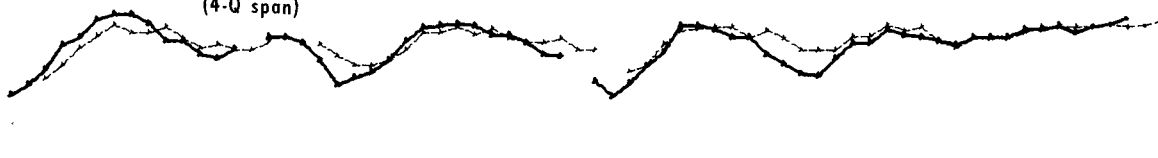
Percent

Actual ———  
Anticipated - - - - -

D35. Net sales, all mfrs.—800 cos.  
(4-Q span)



D36. New orders, dur. goods mfrs.—400 cos.  
(4-Q span)



D48. Carloadings—19 mfrd. commodity groups  
(4-Q span)



D48. Change in total carloadings  
(millions of cars—4-Q span)



D61. New plant and equipment expend.—17-22 indus.  
(1-Q span)



Data are centered within spans. Latest data are as follows:

Series number and date of survey	Actual	Anticipated
D35, D36 (Oct. 1965)	3rd Q 1964 - 3rd Q 1965	1st Q 1965 - 1st Q 1966
D48 (Sept. 1965)	4th Q 1963 - 4th Q 1964	4th Q 1964 - 4th Q 1965
D61 (Nov. 1965)	2nd Q 1965 - 3rd Q 1965	4th Q 1965 - 1st Q 1966

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## LATEST DATA FOR DIFFUSION INDEXES

## NBER Leading Indicators

Year and month	D1. Average workweek, manufacturing (21 industries)		D6. Value of manufacturers' new orders, durable goods industries (36 industries)		D11. Newly approved capital appropriations, NICB (17 industries) <sup>1</sup>	
	1-month span	9-month span	1-month span	9-month span	1-quarter span	3-quarter span
	Revised <sup>2</sup>	Revised <sup>2</sup>				
1962						
January.....	21.4	85.7	63.9	77.8	65	47
February.....	61.9	83.3	52.8	63.9	...	...
March.....	85.7	50.0	36.1	63.9	...	...
April.....	76.2	23.8	51.4	47.2	29	76
May.....	28.6	52.4	56.9	47.2	...	...
June.....	31.0	54.8	37.5	45.8	...	...
July.....	38.1	42.9	56.9	36.1	76	53
August.....	54.8	28.6	36.1	52.8	...	...
September.....	78.6	26.2	48.6	59.7	...	...
October.....	9.5	23.8	68.1	56.9	59	74
November.....	64.3	40.5	50.0	70.8	...	...
December.....	35.7	19.0	47.2	69.4	...	...
1963						
January.....	76.2	61.9	63.9	88.9	47	53
February.....	50.0	45.2	43.1	69.4	...	...
March.....	61.9	83.3	54.2	66.7	...	...
April.....	14.3	69.0	63.9	63.9	59	53
May.....	85.7	78.6	52.8	52.8	...	...
June.....	54.8	76.2	47.2	66.7	...	...
July.....	47.6	61.9	51.4	62.5	53	65
August.....	57.1	64.3	52.8	72.2	...	...
September.....	59.5	52.4	52.8	69.4	...	...
October.....	71.4	64.3	69.4	58.3	65	76
November.....	21.4	66.7	33.3	83.3	...	...
December.....	83.3	73.8	62.5	77.8	...	...
1964						
January.....	4.8	85.7	55.6	76.4	53	76
February.....	88.1	50.0	44.4	83.3	...	...
March.....	40.5	52.4	58.3	80.6	...	...
April.....	66.7	73.8	61.1	75.0	56	71
May.....	42.9	33.3	44.4	72.2	...	...
June.....	26.2	85.7	50.0	58.3	...	...
July.....	54.8	73.8	63.9	63.9	53	44
August.....	71.4	88.1	40.3	83.3	...	...
September.....	14.3	78.6	54.2	72.2	...	...
October.....	76.2	78.6	58.3	63.9	32	59
November.....	64.3	95.2	55.6	61.1	...	...
December.....	97.6	59.5	68.1	68.1	...	...
1965						
January.....	57.1	76.2	48.6	77.8	76	r65
February.....	61.9	81.0	38.9	75.0	...	...
March.....	59.5	59.5	63.9	77.8	...	...
April.....	19.0	59.5	50.0	68.1	71	p71
May.....	78.6	33.3	44.4	r66.7	...	...
June.....	23.8	r59.5	58.3	66.7	...	...
July.....	52.4	p66.7	59.7	p88.9	p53	...
August.....	50.0		41.7			...
September.....	38.1		r61.1			...
October.....	71.4		r54.2			...
November.....	p83.3		p55.6			...
December.....						...

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<sup>1</sup>Data prior to 1961 not comparable because of "a change in asset accounting basis in machinery, except electrical, and a recalculation of the seasonal pattern for petroleum and coal products." (See NICB publication Investment Statistics - Capital Appropriations: First Quarter 1965.)

<sup>2</sup>See "New Features and Changes for This Issue," page iii.



## LATEST DATA FOR DIFFUSION INDEXES—Continued

## NBER Leading Indicators—Continued

Year and month	D34. Profits, manufacturing, FNCB (around 700 corporations)	D19. Index of stock prices, 500 common stocks (80 industries) <sup>1</sup>		D23. Index of industrial materials prices (13 industrial materials)		D5. Initial claims for unemployment insurance, State programs, week ended nearest the 22d (47 areas)	
	1-quarter span	1-month span	9-month span	1-month span	9-month span	1-month span	9-month span
1962							
January .....	54	25.6	17.5	53.8	38.5	46.2	30.9
February .....	...	75.0	6.2	46.2	30.8	76.6	55.3
March .....	...	47.5	7.5	46.2	30.8	38.3	48.9
April .....	47	6.7	3.1	42.3	38.5	48.9	36.2
May .....	...	1.2	3.7	42.3	23.1	46.8	46.8
June .....	...	1.2	2.5	46.2	15.4	19.1	44.7
July .....	48	69.4	1.2	23.1	30.8	63.8	38.3
August .....	...	78.1	3.7	30.8	38.5	61.7	27.7
September .....	...	36.2	18.7	50.0	38.5	42.6	27.7
October .....	56	8.1	67.5	53.8	53.8	36.2	53.2
November .....	...	98.7	93.7	53.8	46.2	72.3	74.5
December .....	...	44.4	95.0	53.8	61.5	36.2	53.2
1963							
January .....	50	97.5	95.0	61.5	61.5	34.0	44.7
February .....	...	78.7	95.0	46.2	69.2	89.4	66.0
March .....	...	43.7	98.7	50.0	61.5	31.9	72.3
April .....	59	91.2	95.0	46.2	69.2	47.9	48.9
May .....	...	85.0	89.1	46.2	65.4	46.8	63.8
June .....	...	51.9	84.6	69.2	61.5	63.1	80.9
July .....	56	29.4	78.2	46.2	61.5	44.7	46.8
August .....	...	75.0	79.5	38.5	61.5	44.7	31.9
September .....	...	76.9	77.6	69.2	61.5	44.7	85.1
October .....	55	44.9	69.2	69.2	53.8	59.6	60.6
November .....	...	44.9	71.2	50.0	61.5	40.4	53.2
December .....	...	68.4	84.4	57.7	76.9	23.4	73.4
1964							
January .....	57	74.7	83.1	53.8	61.5	89.4	73.4
February .....	...	65.2	78.2	53.8	69.2	27.7	72.3
March .....	...	78.5	86.5	46.2	69.2	57.4	70.2
April .....	60	75.6	85.9	65.4	76.9	77.7	74.5
May .....	...	52.6	84.6	30.8	76.9	43.9	89.4
June .....	...	35.3	84.6	53.8	80.8	43.9	60.6
July .....	57	89.7	81.8	46.2	84.6	63.8	61.7
August .....	...	41.0	68.8	76.9	76.9	51.1	89.4
September .....	...	76.3	65.6	69.2	69.2	53.2	61.7
October .....	56	73.1	75.3	73.1	69.2	34.0	70.2
November .....	...	59.6	76.6	61.5	76.9	31.9	74.5
December .....	...	24.0	76.6	38.5	69.2	83.0	72.3
1965							
January .....	55	92.2	80.5	53.8	69.2	24.5	78.7
February .....	...	81.8	58.4	30.8	76.9	57.4	72.7
March .....	...	64.3	51.9	69.2	61.5	66.0	59.6
April .....	59	70.8	58.4	76.9	69.2	61.7	66.0
May .....	...	66.9	72.7	53.8	53.8	59.6	61.7
June .....	...	0.0	67.5	57.7	53.8	51.1	78.7
July .....	55	24.7	61.0	46.2	46.2	34.0	80.9
August .....	...	79.9	...	42.3	<sup>2</sup> 46.2	38.3	...
September .....	...	81.2	...	50.0	...	78.7	...
October .....	...	66.9	...	15.4	...	57.4	...
November .....	...	70.1	...	34.6	...	44.7	...
December .....	...	...	...	<sup>2</sup> 61.5	...	...	...

NOTE: Figures are the percent of series components rising and are centered within spans: 1-month indexes are placed on latest month and 9-month indexes are placed on the 6th month of span; 1-quarter indexes are placed on the 1st month of the 2d quarter. Seasonally adjusted components are used except in indexes D19 which requires no adjustment and D34 which is adjusted only for the index. Table 5 identifies the components for most of the indexes shown. The "r" indicates revised; "p", preliminary; and "NA", not available.

<sup>1</sup>The diffusion index is based on 82 components through February 1963; on 80 components, March 1963 to August 1963; on 79 components, September 1963 to March 1964; on 72 components, April 1964 to November 1964; and on 77 components thereafter.

<sup>2</sup>Average for December 14, 15, and 16.

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## LATEST DATA FOR DIFFUSION INDEXES—Continued

## NBER Roughly Coincident Indicators

Year and month	D41. Number of employees in nonagricultural establishments (30 industries)		D47. Index of industrial production (24 industries)		D54. Sales of retail stores (24 types of stores)		D58. Index of wholesale prices (23 manufacturing industries)	
	1-month span	6-month span	1-month span	6-month span	1-month span	9-month span	1-month span	6-month span
	Revised <sup>1</sup>	Revised <sup>1</sup>						
1962								
January.....	65.0	86.7	25.0	83.3	58.3	87.5	67.4	60.9
February.....	75.0	88.3	87.5	79.2	50.0	91.7	52.2	63.0
March.....	75.0	81.7	87.5	70.8	70.8	91.7	58.7	58.7
April.....	86.7	78.3	75.0	91.7	68.8	89.6	60.9	54.3
May.....	60.0	73.3	64.6	77.1	58.3	89.6	47.8	58.7
June.....	53.3	71.7	66.7	83.3	18.8	72.9	41.3	43.5
July.....	61.7	51.7	52.1	66.7	83.3	95.8	41.3	32.6
August.....	51.7	45.0	58.3	77.1	75.0	95.8	28.3	41.3
September.....	51.7	41.7	83.3	60.4	64.6	87.5	43.5	37.0
October.....	50.0	35.0	29.2	47.9	39.6	87.5	32.6	30.4
November.....	48.3	43.3	68.8	72.9	87.5	91.7	56.5	26.1
December.....	43.3	50.0	35.4	62.5	66.7	83.3	30.4	26.1
1963								
January.....	65.0	60.0	79.2	83.3	50.0	70.8	41.3	32.6
February.....	46.7	65.0	66.7	91.7	54.2	79.2	41.3	47.8
March.....	71.7	65.0	83.3	95.8	52.1	85.4	41.3	58.7
April.....	76.7	68.3	54.2	91.7	41.7	77.1	47.8	60.9
May.....	75.0	68.3	83.3	91.7	52.1	60.4	58.7	63.0
June.....	63.3	71.7	75.0	83.3	75.0	52.1	73.9	69.6
July.....	78.3	73.3	72.9	91.7	66.7	62.5	50.0	71.7
August.....	53.3	60.0	68.8	77.1	64.6	87.5	58.7	78.3
September.....	56.7	66.7	58.3	79.2	25.0	70.8	52.2	71.7
October.....	66.7	60.0	64.6	77.1	58.3	91.7	69.6	69.6
November.....	53.3	73.3	50.0	83.3	54.2	83.3	63.0	67.4
December.....	80.0	73.3	77.1	85.4	77.1	77.1	71.7	82.6
1964								
January.....	53.3	75.0	62.5	91.7	43.8	79.2	63.0	69.6
February.....	83.3	75.0	75.0	95.8	70.8	100.0	69.6	69.6
March.....	66.7	80.0	75.0	87.5	52.1	85.4	52.2	69.6
April.....	63.3	83.3	87.5	91.7	52.1	83.3	71.7	56.5
May.....	65.0	73.3	66.7	87.5	66.7	83.3	34.8	56.5
June.....	73.3	75.0	62.5	89.6	66.7	83.3	34.8	56.5
July.....	66.7	75.0	83.3	70.8	45.8	75.0	69.6	60.9
August.....	51.7	91.7	64.6	70.8	52.1	68.8	65.2	60.9
September.....	73.3	86.7	45.8	87.5	37.5	83.3	60.9	60.9
October.....	46.7	80.0	68.8	79.2	64.6	81.2	56.5	69.6
November.....	88.3	90.0	79.2	91.7	62.5	60.4	56.5	78.3
December.....	75.0	90.0	81.2	91.7	62.5	62.5	60.9	82.6
1965								
January.....	75.0	83.3	66.7	83.3	50.0	75.0	63.0	76.1
February.....	75.0	76.7	66.7	85.4	72.9	87.5	60.9	80.4
March.....	81.7	80.0	79.2	83.3	20.8	91.7	67.4	82.6
April.....	60.0	78.3	58.3	83.3	62.5	68.8	67.4	76.1
May.....	60.0	76.7	70.8	83.3	83.3	79.2	60.9	67.4
June.....	80.0	76.7	81.2	r66.7	39.6	p83.3	60.9	69.6
July.....	85.0	85.0	81.2	83.3	81.2	(NA)	60.9	r60.9
August.....	56.7	p90.0	r66.7	p87.5	41.7	(NA)	54.3	p60.9
September.....	63.3		r52.1		72.9		54.3	
October.....	83.3		r77.1		p47.9		r52.2	
November.....	p88.3		p89.6		(NA)		p67.4	
December.....								

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<sup>1</sup> See "New Features and Changes for This Issue," page iii.

## LATEST DATA FOR DIFFUSION INDEXES—Continued

## Actual and Anticipated Indexes

Year and month	D35. Net sales, manufactures (800 companies)		D36. New orders, durable manu- factures (400 companies)		D48. Freight carloadings (19 manufactured commodity groups)			D61. New plant and equipment expenditures (16 industries)	
	4-quarter span		4-quarter span		4-quarter span			1-quarter span	
	Actual	Anticipated	Actual	Anticipated	Actual	Anticipated	Change in total (000)	Actual	Anticipated
<b>1962</b>									
January .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	65.6	62.5
February .....	80	88	76	84	57.9	94.7	-68	...	...
March .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
April .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	68.8	68.8
May .....	76	80	74	74	63.2	89.5	-96	...	...
June .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
July .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	65.6	65.6
August .....	72	74	71	70	42.1	68.4	-67	...	...
September .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
October .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	46.9	68.8
November .....	74	82	76	76	63.2	63.2	+29	...	...
December .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
<b>1963</b>									
January .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	40.6	50.0
February .....	76	80	77	76	73.7	78.9	+39	...	...
March .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
April .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	65.6	75.0
May .....	74	80	76	76	57.9	68.4	+44	...	...
June .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
July .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	75.0	71.9
August .....	82	84	82	80	78.9	78.9	+21	...	...
September .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
October .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	71.9	75.0
November .....	84	85	82	84	68.4	73.7	-39	...	...
December .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
<b>1964</b>									
January .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	71.9	50.0
February .....	83	87	84	84	84.2	68.4	+11	...	...
March .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
April .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	62.5	50.0
May .....	82	86	81	84	73.7	94.7	r+50	...	...
June .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
July .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	84.4	75.0
August .....	83	87	84	84	(NA)	89.5	+51	...	...
September .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
October .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	96.9	68.8
November .....	84	88	84	85	...	89.5	+49	...	...
December .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
<b>1965</b>									
January .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	56.2	65.6
February .....	90	88	90	84	...	84.2	+23	...	...
March .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
April .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	75.0	68.8
May .....	...	88	...	84	...	84.2	p+5	...	...
June .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
July .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	87.5	65.6
August .....	...	90	...	87	...	...	...	...	...
September .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
October .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	r84.4
November .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
December .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	<sup>1</sup> 56.2

NOTE: Figures are the percent of series components rising and are centered within spans: 4-quarter indexes are centered in the middle quarter; 1-quarter indexes are placed in the 1st month of the 2d quarter. Seasonally adjusted components are used for series D61; other indexes, based on 4-quarter spans (same quarter a year ago), require no seasonal adjustment. The "r" indicates revised; "p", preliminary; and "NA", not available.

<sup>1</sup>1st quarter 1966.

## ANALYTICAL MEASURES

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## SELECTED DIFFUSION INDEXES AND COMPONENTS

## Basic Data

Diffusion index title and components	1964			1965		1965				
	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	July	Aug.	Sept. <sup>f</sup>	Oct.	Nov. <sup>p</sup>
Average weekly hours										
<b>D1. AVERAGE WORKWEEK OF PRODUCTION WORKERS, MANUFACTURING<sup>1</sup></b> (21 industry components)										
All manufacturing industries <sup>2</sup> .....	40.5	40.9	41.2	41.2	41.2	41.0	41.0	40.9	41.3	41.4
Durable goods industries:										
Ordnance and accessories .....	40.6	40.5	40.7	41.0	41.2	42.7	42.1	41.9	42.2	42.8
Lumber and wood products .....	39.7	40.6	40.8	40.7	40.3	40.5	40.7	40.5	41.1	41.6
Furniture and fixtures .....	41.2	41.6	41.7	41.6	41.9	41.3	41.3	40.9	41.5	41.8
Stone, clay, and glass products .....	41.5	41.8	42.4	42.1	42.1	41.7	41.8	41.9	41.8	42.0
Primary metal industries .....	41.9	42.2	42.2	42.3	42.3	42.4	42.1	41.8	41.4	41.4
Fabricated metal products .....	41.4	42.0	42.2	42.2	42.3	41.8	41.7	41.6	42.3	42.4
Machinery, except electrical .....	42.0	42.9	43.0	43.1	43.1	42.9	42.7	43.0	43.5	43.7
Electrical machinery .....	40.7	40.8	41.0	41.0	41.1	40.6	40.8	40.5	41.0	41.1
Transportation equipment .....	40.5	41.9	42.9	43.4	43.3	42.3	42.2	41.8	43.5	43.5
Instruments and related products .....	40.9	41.0	41.2	41.2	41.3	41.3	41.3	41.5	41.6	41.6
Miscellaneous manufacturing industries .....	39.7	39.8	39.9	39.9	39.8	39.7	40.0	39.8	40.2	40.3
Nondurable goods industries:										
Food and kindred products .....	41.0	41.1	41.3	41.4	41.2	41.4	41.1	40.7	41.0	41.2
Tobacco manufactures .....	39.3	38.4	39.2	38.5	38.9	38.1	37.4	37.8	37.6	38.5
Textile mill products .....	41.4	41.5	41.8	42.0	41.9	41.4	41.8	41.7	41.8	41.9
Apparel and related products .....	36.2	36.4	36.5	36.5	36.6	36.3	36.2	36.0	36.4	36.5
Paper and allied products .....	42.9	42.5	43.0	43.1	43.1	42.9	42.9	43.0	43.4	43.5
Printing and publishing .....	38.6	38.5	38.6	38.6	38.6	38.6	38.6	38.6	38.4	38.8
Chemicals and allied products .....	41.6	41.6	41.7	41.8	41.9	41.6	41.8	42.2	41.9	41.9
Petroleum and related products .....	41.6	41.8	42.0	41.5	41.9	42.1	42.7	42.7	42.3	42.3
Rubber and plastic products .....	41.6	41.4	41.6	42.2	42.2	41.8	41.9	41.6	42.4	42.6
Leather and leather products .....	38.5	38.0	38.2	37.7	38.2	37.9	37.9	38.4	38.6	38.5
Millions of dollars										
<b>D6. VALUE OF MANUFACTURERS' NEW ORDERS, DURABLE GOODS INDUSTRIES<sup>1</sup></b> (36 industry components)										
All durable goods industries .....	19,623	19,454	20,720	21,271	21,130	22,195	21,509	22,163	r22,392	22,308
Primary metals .....	3,767	3,663	3,821	3,739	3,802	3,493	3,119	2,908	r3,148	3,402
Blast furnaces, steel mills .....	2,203	2,072	2,243	2,232	2,291	1,851	1,465	1,276	p1,451	(NA)
Nonferrous metals .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Iron and steel foundries .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Other primary metals .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Fabricated metal products .....	1,991	2,011	2,089	2,068	2,110	2,058	1,974	2,013	p2,043	(NA)
Metal cans, barrels, and drums .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Hardware, structural metal and wire products .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Other fabricated metal products .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Machinery, except electrical .....	2,994	2,971	3,098	3,092	3,050	3,140	3,318	3,315	p3,335	(NA)
Steam engines and turbines* .....	175	175	175	209	185	149	283	242	p152	(NA)
Internal combustion engines* .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Farm machinery and equipment .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Construction, mining, and material handling* .....	566	592	526	525	575	603	596	620	p673	(NA)
Metalworking machinery* .....	221	201	239	234	267	242	309	229	p292	(NA)
Miscellaneous equipment* .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Machine shops .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Special industry machinery* .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
General industrial machinery* .....	202	233	237	237	234	248	250	248	p259	(NA)
Office and store machines* .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Service industry machinery* .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...

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Features and Changes for This Issue," page iii.

<sup>2</sup>Aggregate and component series revised by the source agency. See "New

## SELECTED DIFFUSION INDEXES AND COMPONENTS—Continued

## Directions of Change

Diffusion index title and components	1-month spans										9-month spans									
	1965										1965									
	Jan-Feb	Feb-Mar	Mar-Apr	Apr-May	May-Jun	Jun-Jul	Jul-Aug	Aug-Sep	Sep-Oct	Oct-Nov	May-Feb	Jun-Mar	Jul-Apr	Aug-May	Sep-Jun	Oct-Jul	Nov-Aug	Dec-Sep	Jan-Oct	Feb-Nov
<b>D1. AVERAGE WORKWEEK OF PRODUCTION WORKERS, MANUFACTURING</b> (21 industry components)																				
Percent rising .....	62	60	19	79	24	52	50	38	71	83	79	95	60	76	81	60	60	33	60	67
All manufacturing industries <sup>1</sup> .....	o	+	-	+	-	o	o	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+
Durable goods industries:																				
Ordnance and accessories .....	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Lumber and wood products .....	-	+	-	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+
Furniture and fixtures .....	+	-	-	+	-	o	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	-
Stone, clay, and glass products .....	o	-	-	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	o	-	-	-	-
Primary metal industries .....	o	o	+	-	o	+	-	-	-	o	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	-	-	-
Fabricated metal products .....	+	+	-	+	-	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	o	+	+	+	-	-	+	+
Machinery, except electrical .....	o	+	-	+	o	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	o	+	+	+
Electrical machinery .....	+	+	-	+	-	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	o	-	o	o	o
Transportation equipment .....	-	+	-	+	-	-	-	-	+	o	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Instruments and related products .....	+	+	-	+	-	-	o	+	+	o	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Miscellaneous manufacturing industries .....	-	o	-	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	-	+	+
Nondurable goods industries:																				
Food and kindred products .....	-	-	-	o	o	+	-	-	+	+	o	+	+	+	+	+	o	-	-	o
Tobacco manufactures .....	+	-	-	+	-	+	-	+	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	-	-
Textile mill products .....	-	o	-	o	-	o	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	o	o
Apparel and related products .....	+	o	-	+	+	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	o	-	-	-	-	-
Paper and allied products .....	o	o	-	+	-	-	o	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	o	+	o	+	+
Printing and publishing .....	o	o	-	o	o	+	o	o	-	+	o	+	+	+	o	-	+	o	-	+
Chemicals and allied products .....	+	o	+	-	-	-	+	+	-	o	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	o
Petroleum and related products .....	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	o	-	o	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+
Rubber and plastic products .....	o	o	-	+	+	o	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	o	+	o	+	+
Leather and leather products .....	+	o	+	+	-	+	o	+	+	-	o	+	+	+	o	-	-	+	+	+
<b>D6. VALUE OF MANUFACTURERS' NEW ORDERS, DURABLE GOODS INDUSTRIES</b> (36 industry components)																				
Percent rising .....	39	64	50	44	58	60	42	61	54	56	64	61	68	78	75	78	68	67	67	89
All durable goods industries .....	-	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Primary metals:																				
Blast furnaces, steel mills .....	+	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nonferrous metals .....	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Iron and steel foundries .....	-	+	-	+	-	+	+	+	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	+	+	+	+
Other primary metals .....	-	+	-	+	+	o	-	-	+	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Fabricated metal products:																				
Metal cans, barrels, and drums .....	+	-	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	+
Hardware, structural metal and wire products .....	-	-	+	+	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	+
Other fabricated metal products .....	+	+	-	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+
Machinery, except electrical:																				
Steam engines and turbines* .....	+	-	-	+	+	-	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	+	+
Internal combustion engines* .....	-	o	+	-	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	-	o	-	+	+	+	+	-	+
Farm machinery and equipment .....	+	-	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Construction, mining, and material handling* .....	+	+	-	+	-	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Metalworking machinery* .....	+	-	+	-	-	+	+	-	+	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	-
Miscellaneous equipment* .....	-	+	+	-	+	-	-	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Machine shops .....	-	+	-	+	-	+	-	+	o	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Special industry machinery* .....	-	+	+	-	+	-	+	-	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
General industrial machinery* .....	-	+	+	-	-	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Office and store machines* .....	-	-	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Service industry machinery* .....	-	+	-	-	+	+	-	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	+

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<sup>1</sup>Aggregate and component series revised by source agency. See "New Features and Changes for This Issue," page iii.

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## SELECTED DIFFUSION INDEXES AND COMPONENTS—Continued

## Basic Data—Continued

Diffusion index title and components	1964			1965		1965					
	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec. <sup>1</sup>
Millions of dollars											
D6. VALUE OF MANUFACTURERS' NEW ORDERS, DURABLE GOODS INDUSTRIES <sup>2</sup> —Continued											
Electrical machinery .....	2,542	2,763	2,637	2,891	2,597	3,099	3,000	r2,995	p2,967	(NA)	
Electrical transmission, distr. equipment* .....	585	620	604	649	586	672	690	r622	p658	(NA)	
Electrical industrial apparatus* .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Household appliances .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Radio and TV .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Communication equipment .....	549	655	484	731	523	752	655	r733	p581	(NA)	
Electronic components .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Other electrical machinery* .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Transportation equipment .....	4,544	4,283	5,172	5,546	5,690	6,363	6,141	r6,853	r6,970	p6,048	
Motor vehicle parts .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Motor vehicle assembly operations .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Complete aircraft .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Aircraft parts .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Shipbuilding and railroad equipment* .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Other transportation equipment .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Instruments, total .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Lumber, total .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Furniture, total .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Stone, clay, and glass, total .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Other durable goods, total .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
D23. INDEX OF INDUSTRIAL MATERIALS PRICES <sup>3</sup> (13 industrial materials components)	Index: 1957-59 = 100										
Industrial materials price index .....	112.0	113.2	112.5	110.6	110.7	114.6	115.2	114.8	115.0	115.5	117.3
Dollars											
Copper scrap (lb.) .....	.402	.417	.393	.334	.352	.418	.444	.466	.497	.506	.478
Lead scrap (lb.) .....	.062	.065	.073	.074	.073	.075	.074	.072	.071	.070	.073
Steel scrap (ton) .....	38.322	41.534	39.824	36.165	36.060	35.677	31.469	29.918	29.872	33.188	33.831
Tin (lb.) .....	2.075	1.889	1.629	1.614	1.564	1.867	1.911	1.930	1.874	1.748	1.702
Zinc (lb.) .....	.145	.149	.148	.149	.150	.150	.149	.150	.150	.149	.148
Burlap (yd.) .....	.125	.125	.125	.126	.130	.145	.148	.160	.158	.156	.163
Cotton (lb.), 15-market average .....	.310	.309	.308	.307	.306	.304	.303	.302	.301	.299	.298
Print cloth (yd.), average .....	.190	.191	.194	.196	.194	.212	.211	.211	.210	.210	.205
Wool tops (lb.) .....	1.746	1.691	1.667	1.623	1.612	1.695	1.712	1.743	1.747	1.702	1.738
Hides (lb.) .....	.142	.138	.137	.138	.138	.164	.186	.167	.162	.167	.181
Rosin (100 lb.) .....	11.826	11.838	12.018	12.080	11.779	11.919	11.581	11.523	11.488	11.512	11.663
Rubber (lb.) .....	.264	.270	.258	.266	.264	.260	.254	.250	.238	.234	.246
Tallow (lb.) .....	.073	.074	.082	.080	.083	.080	.074	.074	.074	.072	.075
D54. SALES OF RETAIL STORES <sup>2</sup> (24 retail store components)	Millions of dollars										
All retail sales .....	21,383	21,661	22,781	22,900	23,317	23,743	23,544	23,774	p23,959	p24,013	
Grocery stores .....	4,736	4,774	4,913	4,714	4,841	5,015	4,996	p5,100	(NA)	(NA)	
Other food stores .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Eating and drinking places .....	1,637	1,609	1,653	1,704	1,720	1,814	1,775	p1,805	(NA)	(NA)	
Department stores .....	1,568	1,580	1,600	1,715	1,712	1,757	1,740	p1,768	(NA)	(NA)	
Mail order houses (department store merchandise) .....	198	191	196	193	196	216	207	p220	(NA)	(NA)	
Variety stores .....	429	466	442	439	456	467	468	p476	(NA)	(NA)	
Other general merchandise stores .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Men's and boys' wear stores .....	259	261	257	258	265	260	267	p266	(NA)	(NA)	

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## SELECTED DIFFUSION INDEXES AND COMPONENTS—Continued

## Directions of Change—Continued

Diffusion index title and components	1-month spans											9-month spans										
	1965											1965										
	Jan-Feb	Feb-Mar	Mar-Apr	Apr-May	May-Jun	Jun-Jul	Jul-Aug	Aug-Sep	Sep-Oct	Oct-Nov	Nov-Dec <sup>1</sup>	May-Feb	Jun-Mar	Jul-Apr	Aug-May	Sep-Jun	Oct-Jul	Nov-Aug	Dec-Sep	Jan-Oct	Feb-Nov	Mar-Dec <sup>1</sup>
D6. VALUE OF MANUFACTURERS' NEW ORDERS, DURABLE GOODS INDUSTRIES — Continued																						
Electrical machinery:																						
Electrical transmission, distr. equipment *	-	o	-	-	+	+	+	-	+	-		+	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	+		
Electrical industrial apparatus*	-	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	-	+		-	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	
Household appliances	+	-	+	-	-	+	-	+	+	-		+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	
Radio and TV	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+		-	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	
Communication equipment	-	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	-	+		-	-	-	+	+	+	o	+	+	+	
Electronic components	+	+	+	-	-	+	-	-	+	+		+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	
Other electrical machinery*	-	+	-	-	+	+	-	+	+	-		+	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	+	
Transportation equipment:																						
Motor vehicle parts	-	+	-	+	-	+	-	+	-	-		+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	
Motor vehicle assembly operations	+	+	-	-	+	+	-	-	+	-		+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	
Complete aircraft	+	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	-		-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	
Aircraft parts	-	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	+		+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	
Shipbuilding and railroad equipment*	-	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	+		-	-	+	+	+	+	-	-	-	+	
Other transportation equipment	-	+	-	+	+	-	+	-	-	+		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	
Instruments, total	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	-	-	+		+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	
Lumber, total	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+		+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	
Furniture, total	-	+	-	+	-	-	+	+	-	+		-	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	
Stone, clay, and glass, total	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	+	-	+		+	+	+	+	+	-	-	-	-	+	
Other durable goods, total	+	-	+	-	-	+	-	+	-	+		+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	
D23. INDEX OF INDUSTRIAL MATERIALS PRICES <sup>2</sup> (13 industrial materials components)																						
Percent rising	31	69	77	54	58	46	42	50	15	35	62	69	77	69	69	77	62	69	54	54	46	46
Industrial materials price index	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Copper scrap (lb.)	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Lead scrap (lb.)	-	+	+	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	-	-	-
Steel scrap (ton)	-	+	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Tin (lb.)	-	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Zinc (lb.)	+	+	+	-	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-
Burlap (yd.)	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Cotton (lb.), 15-market average	-	-	-	-	o	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Print cloth (yd.), average	-	+	+	+	+	+	o	o	-	o	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Wool tops (lb.)	-	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+
Hides (lb.)	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Rosin (100 lb.)	-	+	-	-	+	+	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-
Rubber (lb.)	-	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	-
Tallow (lb.)	+	-	+	-	-	+	-	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	-	-	-
D54. SALES OF RETAIL STORES (24 retail store components)																						
Percent rising	73	21	62	83	40	81	42	73	48	NA		81	60	62	75	88	92	69	79	83	NA	
All retail sales	+	-	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	+		+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	
Grocery stores	+	-	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	+		+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	
Other food stores	+	-	-	+	+	+	-	+	-	-		+	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	
Eating and drinking places	+	-	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	+		+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	
Department stores	-	-	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	+		+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	
Mail order houses (department store merchandise)	+	+	-	+	-	+	-	+	-	-		+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	
Variety stores	+	-	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	+		+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	
Other general merchandise stores	-	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	o		+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	-	-	
Men's and boys' wear stores	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	-	-	-		+	+	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	

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<sup>1</sup>Average for December 14, 15, and 16.

<sup>2</sup>Directions of change are computed before figures are rounded.

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## SELECTED DIFFUSION INDEXES AND COMPONENTS—Continued

## Basic Data—Continued

Diffusion index title and components	1964			1965		1965				
	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	July	Aug.	Sept. <sup>p</sup>	Oct.	Nov.
Millions of dollars										
D54. SALES OF RETAIL STORES <sup>1</sup> —Continued										
Women's apparel, accessory stores .....	512	517	518	531	531	527	511	511	(NA)	(NA)
Family and other apparel stores .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Shoe stores .....	210	229	226	223	219	213	208	217	(NA)	(NA)
Furniture, home furnishings stores .....	703	701	702	748	715	765	742	714	(NA)	(NA)
Household appliance, TV, radio stores .....	385	397	411	355	366	370	390	422	(NA)	(NA)
Lumber yards, building materials dealers .....	741	721	742	805	756	804	778	771	(NA)	(NA)
Hardware stores .....	242	261	262	245	235	245	247	253	(NA)	(NA)
Farm equipment dealers .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Passenger car and other automotive dealers ....	3,265	3,428	4,344	4,470	4,608	4,474	4,387	4,341	(NA)	(NA)
Tire, battery, accessory dealers .....	230	257	244	239	247	246	252	253	(NA)	(NA)
Gasoline service stations .....	1,722	1,738	1,755	1,749	1,798	1,835	1,826	1,834	(NA)	(NA)
Drug and proprietary stores .....	739	724	731	734	745	776	779	807	(NA)	(NA)
Jewelry stores .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Liquor stores .....	503	509	508	499	515	522	509	530	(NA)	(NA)
Other durable-goods stores .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Other nondurable-goods stores .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Thousands of employees										
D41. NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES IN NONAGRICULTURAL ESTABLISHMENTS <sup>1</sup> (30 industry components)										
All nonagricultural establishments <sup>2</sup> .....	59,295	59,581	59,814	59,846	60,032	60,501	60,621	60,756	60,975	61,268
Ordinance and accessories .....	99	99	99	98	99	102	104	105	107	109
Lumber and wood products .....	528	531	541	532	529	528	530	527	529	532
Furniture and fixtures .....	349	351	354	356	356	357	354	357	358	362
Stone, clay, and glass products .....	501	498	502	498	491	495	495	500	500	502
Primary metal industries .....	1,050	1,050	1,052	1,050	1,050	1,077	1,079	1,068	1,048	1,051
Fabricated metal products .....	951	962	943	966	968	983	977	983	986	1,004
Machinery .....	1,161	1,164	1,174	1,176	1,181	1,208	1,208	1,218	1,226	1,239
Electrical equipment .....	1,085	1,097	1,109	1,119	1,127	1,149	1,152	1,163	1,180	1,193
Transportation equipment .....	1,185	1,192	1,210	1,218	1,227	1,238	1,280	1,267	1,262	1,270
Instruments and related products .....	238	240	240	241	239	250	248	251	252	253
Miscellaneous manufacturing industries .....	329	331	333	334	332	334	342	342	345	348
Food and kindred products .....	1,160	1,155	1,155	1,136	1,141	1,141	1,135	1,129	1,141	1,160
Tobacco manufactures .....	76	75	74	74	74	75	68	68	70	68
Textile mill products .....	809	812	815	818	817	822	823	825	828	832
Apparel and related products .....	1,189	1,186	1,193	1,197	1,198	1,196	1,195	1,205	1,212	1,208
Paper and allied products .....	492	493	493	494	493	500	497	499	499	502
Printing and publishing .....	612	613	615	615	615	622	622	621	626	629
Chemicals and allied products .....	535	537	540	538	538	548	548	546	545	547
Petroleum and related products .....	110	110	110	110	108	111	110	111	110	110
Rubber and plastic products .....	347	352	356	358	357	361	363	362	365	371
Leather and leather products .....	310	310	312	310	312	308	310	310	311	311
Mining .....	634	634	632	629	627	633	627	617	623	625
Contract construction .....	3,185	3,211	3,238	3,145	3,188	3,154	3,189	3,186	3,198	3,251
Transportation and public utilities .....	3,926	3,985	4,017	4,013	4,020	4,031	4,049	4,067	4,070	4,079
Wholesale trade .....	3,209	3,217	3,231	3,241	3,252	3,281	3,273	3,281	3,285	3,298
Retail trade .....	9,165	9,206	9,229	9,253	9,280	9,338	9,327	9,360	9,396	9,426

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**SELECTED DIFFUSION INDEXES AND COMPONENTS—Continued**
**Directions of Change—Continued**

Diffusion index title and components	1-month spans										9-month spans									
	1965										1965									
	Jan-Feb	Feb-Mar	Mar-Apr	Apr-May	May-Jun	Jun-Jul	Jul-Aug	Aug-Sep	Sep-Oct	Oct-Nov	May-Feb	Jun-Mar	Jul-Apr	Aug-May	Sep-Jun	Oct-Jul	Nov-Aug	Dec-Sep	Jan-Oct	Feb-Nov
<b>D54. SALES OF RETAIL STORES — Continued</b>																				
Women's apparel, accessory stores .....	o	-	-	+	-	+	-	o	+		+	-	-	o	+	+	-	-	+	+
Family and other apparel stores .....	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	-		o	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+
Shoe stores .....	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	+		-	-	-	o	+	+	+	-	-	+
Furniture, home furnishings stores .....	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	+		+	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Household appliance, TV, radio stores .....	+	+	+	-	o	+	+	+	-		-	+	-	+	-	-	-	+	+	+
Lumber yards, building materials dealers .....	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	-	-		+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Hardware stores .....	-	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	+		+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Farm equipment dealers .....	+	-	+	+	-	-	+	-	+		-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Passenger car and other automotive dealers .....	+	-	-	+	+	+	-	-	-		+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	-
Tire, battery, accessory dealers .....	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	-		+	o	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+
Gasoline service stations .....	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+		+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Drug and proprietary stores .....	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+		+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Jewelry stores .....	+	-	-	+	+	+	-	-	+		+	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+
Liquor stores .....	+	-	+	-	-	-	-	+	-		+	+	+	+	+	+	o	+	+	+
Other durable-goods stores .....	+	+	+	-	+	o	-	+	+		+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+
Other nondurable-goods stores .....	+	-	+	+	-	-	+	+	-		-	-	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	+
<b>D41. NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES IN NONAGRICULTURAL ESTABLISHMENTS (30 industry components)</b>																				
Percent rising .....	75	82	60	60	80	85	57	63	83	88	90	90	83	77	80	78	77	77	85	90
All nonagricultural establishments <sup>1</sup> .....	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Ordnance and accessories .....	o	o	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+
Lumber and wood products .....	+	+	-	-	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	o	-	-	-	+
Furniture and fixtures .....	+	+	+	o	o	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Stone, clay, and glass products .....	-	+	+	-	-	+	+	o	+	o	+	+	+	+	-	-	-	-	+	+
Primary metal industries .....	o	+	-	o	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+
Fabricated metal products .....	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Machinery .....	+	+	+	+	+	+	o	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Electrical equipment .....	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Transportation equipment .....	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Instruments and related products .....	+	o	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Miscellaneous manufacturing industries .....	+	+	+	-	o	+	+	o	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Food and kindred products .....	-	o	-	+	-	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	+
Tobacco manufactures .....	-	-	o	o	+	o	-	o	+	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Textile mill products .....	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Apparel and related products .....	-	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Paper and allied products .....	+	o	+	-	+	+	-	+	o	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Printing and publishing .....	+	+	o	o	+	+	o	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Chemicals and allied products .....	+	+	+	o	+	+	+	o	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Petroleum and related products .....	o	o	o	-	+	+	-	+	-	o	-	-	-	-	o	+	o	+	o	+
Rubber and plastic products .....	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Leather and leather products .....	o	+	-	+	-	-	+	o	+	o	+	+	+	+	o	-	o	-	+	-
Mining .....	o	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	+	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Contract construction .....	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Transportation and public utilities .....	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Wholesale trade .....	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Retail trade .....	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+

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<sup>1</sup>Aggregate and component series revised by the source agency. See "New Features and Changes for This Issue," page iii.

## ANALYTICAL MEASURES

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## SELECTED DIFFUSION INDEXES AND COMPONENTS—Continued

## Basic Data—Continued

Diffusion index title and components	1965					1965				
	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct. <sup>1</sup>	Nov. <sup>2</sup>
Thousands of employees										
<b>D41. NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES IN NONAGRICULTURAL ESTABLISHMENTS<sup>1</sup>—Con.</b>										
Finance, insurance, real estate .....	3,003	3,013	3,023	3,024	3,032	3,049	3,053	3,061	3,067	3,074
Service and miscellaneous .....	8,732	8,771	8,794	8,814	8,843	8,929	8,946	8,967	9,011	9,040
Federal government .....	2,342	2,338	2,342	2,344	2,345	2,376	2,379	2,379	2,386	2,385
State and local government .....	7,461	7,503	7,546	7,580	7,610	7,678	7,706	7,740	7,780	7,818
<b>D47. INDEX OF INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION<sup>1</sup></b> (24 industry components)	Index: 1957-59 = 100									
All industrial production .....	138.6	139.2	140.7	140.9	141.6	144.2	r144.5	r143.4	144.4	145.5
Durable goods:										
Primary and fabricated metals .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Primary metal products .....	139.6	136.9	140.4	141.4	140.2	148.7	r146.5	r130.6	122.9	121
Fabricated metal products .....	140.6	145.0	145.2	147.4	146.0	148.0	r147.5	r147.0	151.0	154
Machinery and related products .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Machinery, except electrical .....	151.3	152.7	153.8	155.2	157.0	161.7	162.4	r162.4	165.7	168
Electrical machinery .....	150.0	152.3	154.1	155.8	156.8	159.2	160.1	r162.1	165.1	167
Transportation equipment .....	141.4	139.7	144.4	144.6	147.3	149.8	151.5	149.4	153.5	155
Instruments and related products .....	142.7	145.3	146.9	145.5	147.0	152.1	152.6	155.7	157.7	158
Clay, glass, and lumber .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	129
Clay, glass, and stone products .....	132.4	131.8	129.2	129.9	130.3	132.6	133.5	133.8	134.5	135
Lumber and products .....	111.9	115.6	120.5	114.2	117.1	115.4	117.2	r116.2	pl17.5	(NA)
Furniture and miscellaneous .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Furniture and fixtures .....	150.6	154.3	154.3	155.6	156.5	155.8	156.3	156.8	159.9	161
Miscellaneous .....	139.6	140.8	142.4	143.2	143.6	143.5	146.6	147.1	149.6	151
Nondurable goods:										
Textiles, apparel, and leather .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	134.9	136
Textile mill products .....	131.7	132.0	131.5	132.2	131.6	133.8	r134.8	r135.7	pl37.2	(NA)
Apparel products .....	142.2	143.7	144.0	144.3	145.3	143.8	r141.9	pl43.7	(NA)	(NA)
Leather and products .....	108.7	106.6	106.1	105.0	110.9	107.7	107.0	pl08.2	(NA)	(NA)
Paper and printing .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	138
Paper and products .....	139.1	137.5	139.0	140.0	140.9	142.1	r141.1	r143.9	pl41.9	(NA)
Printing and publishing .....	126.8	127.7	128.5	128.3	129.3	131.3	133.0	129.3	131.4	134
Chemicals, petroleum, and rubber .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	167.4	169
Chemicals and products .....	166.7	167.8	169.5	169.2	169.3	172.8	r174.2	r176.6	pl77.0	(NA)
Petroleum products .....	119.0	121.5	122.2	121.5	122.9	124.5	125.8	r125.1	pl25.9	(NA)
Rubber and plastics products .....	164.7	171.1	172.6	167.7	168.2	170.2	r168.1	pl71.2	(NA)	(NA)
Foods, beverages, and tobacco .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	122.8	123
Foods and beverages .....	124.3	123.4	123.4	122.5	121.9	123.1	r122.4	r123.2	pl23.0	(NA)
Tobacco products .....	122.2	123.5	127.2	120.9	116.5	119.9	120.7	pl20.6	(NA)	(NA)
Minerals:										
Coal .....	107.7	103.2	103.1	107.9	113.0	117.1	115.2	106.7	116.8	116
Crude oil and natural gas .....	109.8	110.6	111.4	112.0	111.9	113.0	r114.2	r110.4	112.1	112
Metal, stone, and earth minerals .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	128
Metal mining .....	126.7	123.4	124.6	125.8	121.6	126.4	r130.2	r122.4	pl24.4	(NA)
Stone and earth minerals .....	120.8	122.9	124.1	118.2	123.9	127.3	129.1	127.4	pl26.0	(NA)
<b>D58. INDEX OF WHOLESALE PRICES, ALL MANUFACTURING<sup>2</sup></b> (23 manufacturing industries)										
All manufacturing industries .....	101.6	101.8	102.0	102.4	102.6	103.0	103.3	103.2	103.4	103.7
Durable goods:										
Lumber and wood products .....	102.1	101.7	100.9	100.2	99.6	99.5	101.0	101.6	101.8	102.3
Furniture and other household durables .....	98.3	98.2	98.3	98.0	98.0	97.8	97.7	97.7	97.9	98.1
Nonmetallic mineral products .....	101.8	101.7	101.8	101.7	101.8	101.9	101.7	101.7	101.6	101.7
Iron and steel .....	101.1	101.1	101.4	101.5	101.3	101.6	101.3	101.4	101.1	101.1

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## SELECTED DIFFUSION INDEXES AND COMPONENTS—Continued

## Directions of Change—Continued

Diffusion index title and components	1-month spans										6-month spans									
	1965										1965									
	Jan-Feb	Feb-Mar	Mar-Apr	Apr-May	May-Jun	Jun-Jul	Jul-Aug	Aug-Sep	Sep-Oct	Oct-Nov	Aug-Feb	Sep-Mar	Oct-Apr	Nov-May	Dec-Jun	Jan-Jul	Feb-Aug	Mar-Sep	Apr-Oct	May-Nov
<b>D41. NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES IN NONAGRICULTURAL ESTABLISHMENTS—Con.</b>																				
Finance, insurance, real estate .....	+	+	o	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Service and miscellaneous .....	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Federal government .....	+	+	+	o	+	+	+	+	o	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
State and local government .....	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
<b>D47. INDEX OF INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION (24 industry components)</b>																				
Percent rising <sup>1</sup> .....	67	79	58	71	81	81	67	52	77	90	92	92	83	85	83	83	83	67	83	88
All industrial production .....	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
<b>Durable goods:</b>																				
Primary and fabricated metals .....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Primary metal products .....	-	+	+	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	-
Fabricated metal products .....	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Machinery and related products .....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Machinery, except electrical .....	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	o	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Electrical machinery .....	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Transportation equipment .....	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Instruments and related products .....	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Clay, glass, and lumber .....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	+	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	+
Clay, glass, and stone products .....	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Lumber and products .....	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	-	+	NA	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	NA
Furniture and miscellaneous .....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Furniture and fixtures .....	+	o	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Miscellaneous .....	+	+	+	+	o	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
<b>Nondurable goods:</b>																				
Textiles, apparel, and leather .....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	-	+	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	+	+	+
Textile mill products .....	+	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	NA	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	NA
Apparel products .....	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	NA	NA	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	NA	NA	NA
Leather and products .....	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	+	NA	NA	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	NA	NA	NA
Paper and printing .....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	+	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	+
Paper and products .....	-	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	-	NA	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	NA
Printing and publishing .....	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Chemicals, petroleum, and rubber .....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	+	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	+
Chemicals and products .....	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	NA	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	NA
Petroleum products .....	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	NA	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	NA
Rubber and plastics products .....	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	NA	NA	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	NA	NA	NA
Foods, beverages, and tobacco .....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	-	+	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	+	+	+
Foods and beverages .....	-	o	-	-	+	+	-	+	-	NA	+	+	+	-	-	-	-	+	NA	NA
Tobacco products .....	+	+	-	-	+	-	+	-	NA	NA	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	NA	NA	NA
<b>Minerals:</b>																				
Coal .....	-	-	+	+	+	o	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Crude oil and natural gas .....	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+
Metal, stone, and earth minerals .....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	+	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	+
Metal mining .....	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	NA	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	-	NA	NA
Stone and earth minerals .....	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	-	NA	+	+	-	o	+	+	+	+	+	NA
<b>D58. INDEX OF WHOLESALE PRICES, ALL MANUFACTURING (23 manufacturing industries)</b>																				
Percent rising .....	61	67	67	61	61	61	54	54	52	67	78	83	76	80	83	76	67	70	61	61
All manufacturing industries .....	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
<b>Durable goods:</b>																				
Lumber and wood products .....	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	-	-	+	+	+	+
Furniture and other household durables .....	-	+	-	o	o	-	-	o	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	+
Nonmetallic mineral products .....	-	+	-	+	+	-	-	o	-	+	-	-	-	o	+	+	o	-	-	-
Iron and steel .....	o	+	+	-	o	+	-	+	-	o	o	+	+	+	+	+	+	o	-	-

+ = rising; o = unchanged; - = falling. NA Not available.

<sup>1</sup>The percent rising is based on 24 industry components. Where actual data for separate industries are not available, estimates are used to compute the percent rising. Directions of change for the most recent spans are computed before figures for the current month are rounded.

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## SELECTED DIFFUSION INDEXES AND COMPONENTS—Continued

## Basic Data—Continued

Diffusion index title and components	1965					1965				
	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct. <sup>r</sup>	Nov. <sup>p</sup>
	Index: 1957-59 = 100									
D58. INDEX OF WHOLESALE PRICES, ALL MANUFACTURING <sup>1</sup> —Continued										
Durable goods—Continued										
Nonferrous metals .....	111.6	112.1	112.3	112.9	114.9	115.8	116.6	117.2	116.8	119.0
Fabricated structural metal products .....	100.1	100.1	100.4	101.0	101.4	101.4	101.7	101.7	101.7	101.8
Fabricated nonstructural metal products .....	107.8	108.6	109.0	109.1	109.5	109.3	110.2	110.0	109.7	109.8
General purpose machinery and equipment .....	103.9	104.3	104.4	104.3	104.7	104.7	105.7	105.9	106.0	106.1
Miscellaneous machinery .....	105.2	105.1	105.0	105.4	105.6	105.2	105.2	104.8	104.8	105.1
Electrical machinery and equipment .....	96.8	96.9	97.3	97.3	96.6	97.3	96.7	96.6	96.5	96.2
Motor vehicles .....	100.8	101.0	100.7	101.0	100.5	100.5	100.7	100.7	100.3	100.3
Miscellaneous products .....	107.9	108.4	109.1	111.0	110.8	113.3	112.2	110.8	110.5	113.4
Nondurable goods:										
Processed foods .....	101.3	102.2	102.0	102.9	104.1	106.3	107.0	106.1	106.1	106.9
Tobacco products and bottled beverages .....	107.4	108.0	108.0	108.5	108.4	107.2	107.1	107.4	107.4	107.5
Cotton products .....	99.1	99.2	99.3	99.5	100.1	100.9	100.8	100.9	101.0	100.6
Wool products .....	103.0	102.9	102.7	102.8	103.8	104.7	105.1	105.5	105.9	105.5
Manmade fiber textile products .....	97.0	96.4	96.2	96.0	95.8	95.6	94.8	94.4	93.3	92.6
Apparel .....	103.3	103.3	103.4	103.5	103.4	103.6	103.7	103.9	104.1	104.1
Pulp, paper, and allied products .....	98.6	98.7	99.3	99.6	100.1	100.2	100.3	100.3	100.5	100.8
Chemicals and allied products .....	97.0	97.4	97.3	97.5	97.5	97.5	97.3	97.4	97.6	97.4
Petroleum products, refined .....	94.1	94.0	94.5	94.4	95.5	95.5	97.4	96.7	96.8	98.3
Rubber and rubber products .....	92.0	92.0	92.1	92.2	93.2	93.5	93.4	93.5	93.1	93.0
Hides, skins, leather, and leather products .....	105.1	105.9	106.7	106.4	107.3	108.4	112.0	111.2	112.6	113.0

p = preliminary. r = revised.

<sup>1</sup>Data are seasonally adjusted by the Bureau of the Census. (See "Seasonal and Related Statistical Adjustments", page 2.)

Basic data for components of diffusion index D19, Index of stock prices, 500 common stocks, and of diffusion index D5, Initial claims for unemployment insurance, State programs, are not available from the Census Bureau.

## SELECTED DIFFUSION INDEXES AND COMPONENTS—Continued

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## Directions of Change—Continued

Diffusion index title and components	1-month spans										6-month spans									
	1965										1965									
	Jan-Feb	Feb-Mar	Mar-Apr	Apr-May	May-Jun	Jun-Jul	Jul-Aug	Aug-Sep	Sep-Oct	Oct-Nov	Aug-Feb	Sep-Mar	Oct-Apr	Nov-May	Dec-Jun	Jan-Jul	Feb-Aug	Mar-Sep	Apr-Oct	May-Nov
<b>D58. INDEX OF WHOLESALE PRICES, ALL MANUFACTURING—Continued</b>																				
Durable goods—Continued																				
Nonferrous metals .....	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Fabricated structural metal products .....	0	+	+	+	-	+	+	0	0	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Fabricated nonstructural metal products .....	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
General purpose machinery and equipment .....	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	0	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Miscellaneous machinery .....	-	-	+	+	0	-	0	-	0	+	+	+	+	+	+	0	+	-	-	-
Electrical machinery and equipment .....	+	+	0	-	+	+	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	0	-	-
Motor vehicles .....	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	0	-	0	+	0	+	-	-	+	0	-	-	-
Miscellaneous products .....	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+
Nondurable goods:																				
Processed foods .....	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	0	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Tobacco products and bottled beverages .....	+	0	-	+	+	+	-	-	0	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	-	-	+
Cotton products .....	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Wool products .....	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Manmade fiber textile products .....	0	+	+	-	+	0	+	+	+	0	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Apparel .....	0	+	+	-	+	0	+	+	+	0	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Pulp, paper, and allied products .....	+	+	+	+	0	+	+	0	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Chemicals and allied products .....	+	-	+	0	-	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-
Petroleum products, refined .....	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Rubber and rubber products .....	0	+	+	+	+	0	+	+	-	-	0	0	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-
Hides, skins, leather, and leather products .....	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
<b>D19. INDEX OF STOCK PRICES, 500 COMMON STOCKS<sup>1</sup> (23 industry components)<sup>2</sup></b>																				
Percent rising <sup>3</sup> .....	82	64	71	67	0	25	80	81	67	70	75	77	77	80	58	52	58	73	68	61
Index of 500 stock prices .....	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Coal, bituminous .....	+	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	-	-	+	+
Food composite .....	+	-	+	+	-	-	+	0	0	-	+	+	+	+	0	-	-	+	+	+
Tobacco (cigarette manufacturers) .....	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	-	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+
Textile products .....	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Paper .....	-	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	-	-	-	-
Publishing .....	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Chemicals .....	+	-	-	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-
Drugs .....	+	+	0	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Oil composite .....	-	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Building materials composite .....	+	+	0	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Steel .....	0	+	+	-	-	-	+	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	-
Metal fabricating .....	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Machinery composite .....	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Office and business equipment .....	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Electric household appliances .....	+	+	-	+	-	-	-	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Electronics .....	+	+	-	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Automobiles .....	-	+	+	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Radio and television broadcasters .....	+	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Telephone companies .....	-	-	+	+	-	-	0	+	+	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	+	+	-
Electric companies .....	+	-	+	+	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Natural gas distributors .....	+	+	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Retail stores composite .....	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Life insurance .....	+	-	+	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

+ = rising; 0 = unchanged; - = falling.

<sup>1</sup>Data are not seasonally adjusted.<sup>2</sup>The 23 components shown here include 18 of the more important industries and 5 composites representing an additional 23 of the industries used in computing the diffusion index in table 4.<sup>3</sup>Based on 78 components to November 1964 and on 77 components thereafter.

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## SELECTED DIFFUSION INDEXES AND COMPONENTS—Continued

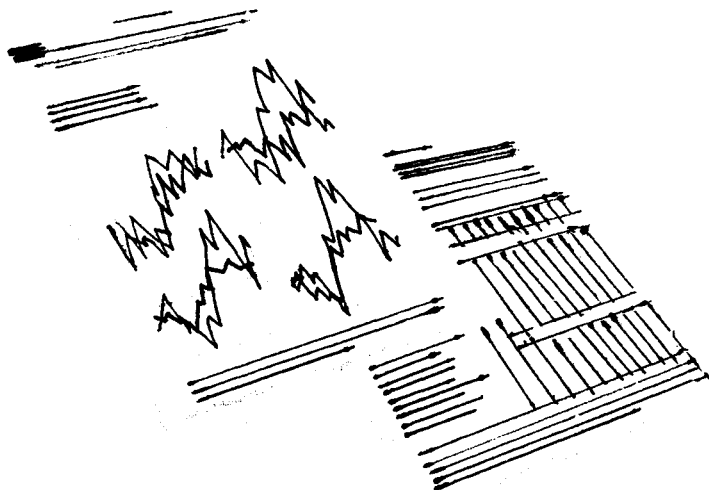
## Directions of Change—Continued

Diffusion index title and components	1-month spans										9-month spans									
	1965										1965									
	Jan-Feb	Feb-Mar	Mar-Apr	Apr-May	May-Jun	Jun-Jul	Jul-Aug	Aug-Sep	Sep-Oct	Oct-Nov	May-Feb	Jun-Mar	Jul-Apr	Aug-May	Sep-Jun	Oct-Jul	Nov-Aug	Dec-Sep	Jan-Oct	Feb-Nov
D5. INITIAL CLAIMS FOR UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE, STATE PROGRAMS <sup>1</sup> (26 area components)																				
Percent rising .....	57	66	62	60	51	34	38	79	57	45	70	74	72	79	79	60	66	62	79	81
47 labor market areas .....	-	+	-	+	+	-	-	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Northeast region:																				
Boston (7) .....	+	+	-	-	+	-	-	+	-	-	+	+	+	-	+	-	-	+	+	+
Buffalo (19) .....	-	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	-	+	-	-	+	-	+	-	+
Newark (11) .....	-	+	-	+	+	-	-	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+
New York (1) .....	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Paterson (20) .....	-	+	-	+	-	-	+	-	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	+
Philadelphia (4) .....	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Pittsburgh (9) .....	+	-	+	-	-	+	+	-	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	-
Providence (25) .....	+	-	-	+	+	-	-	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+
North Central region:																				
Chicago (2) .....	-	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Cincinnati (21) .....	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	-	-	-	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	+
Cleveland (10) .....	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+
Columbus (26) .....	+	-	+	-	+	-	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Detroit (5) .....	+	+	-	+	-	-	-	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+
Indianapolis (23) .....	+	-	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+
Kansas City (18) .....	-	+	-	-	+	-	+	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+
Milwaukee (15) .....	-	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	-	-	+	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	+
Minneapolis (13) .....	-	+	-	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	+
St. Louis (8) .....	-	-	+	-	+	-	-	+	-	+	-	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	+
South region:																				
Atlanta (17) .....	-	+	-	-	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	-	-	+
Baltimore (12) .....	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	-
Dallas (16) .....	-	+	-	-	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Houston (14) .....	-	+	+	-	-	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	+
West region:																				
Los Angeles (3) .....	+	-	+	+	+	-	-	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-
Portland (24) .....	-	+	-	+	-	+	-	-	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+
San Francisco (6) .....	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	+	-	-	+	+	-	+	-	-	+	+	+	-
Seattle (22) .....	-	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+

- = rising; o = unchanged; + = falling. The signs are reversed because this series usually rises when general business activity falls and falls when business rises. Data used are for the week ending nearest the 22d of the month.

<sup>1</sup>Series components are seasonally adjusted by the Bureau of the Census before the direction of change is determined. (See "Seasonal and Related Statistical Adjustments", page 2.) The percent rising is based on 47 labor market areas. Directions of change are shown separately for only the 26 largest areas. The number in parentheses indicates the size rank for each labor market area.

## Section THREE



charts and tables

### **REFERENCE CYCLES**

***Current expansion compared with expansions in  
earlier business cycles***

### **PERCENT CHANGES FOR CURRENT AND EARLIER EXPANSIONS**

***Percent of reference peak levels***

***Percent change from reference trough levels***

## CYCLICAL COMPARISONS

## COMPARISONS OF REFERENCE CYCLES

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## PERIOD COVERED

— Nov. 1948 to Aug. 1954 (Reference trough: Oct. 1949)

..... July 1953 to Apr. 1958 (Reference trough: Aug. 1954)

----- July 1957 to Feb. 1961 (Reference trough: Apr. 1958)

— May 1960 to present (Reference trough: Feb. 1961)

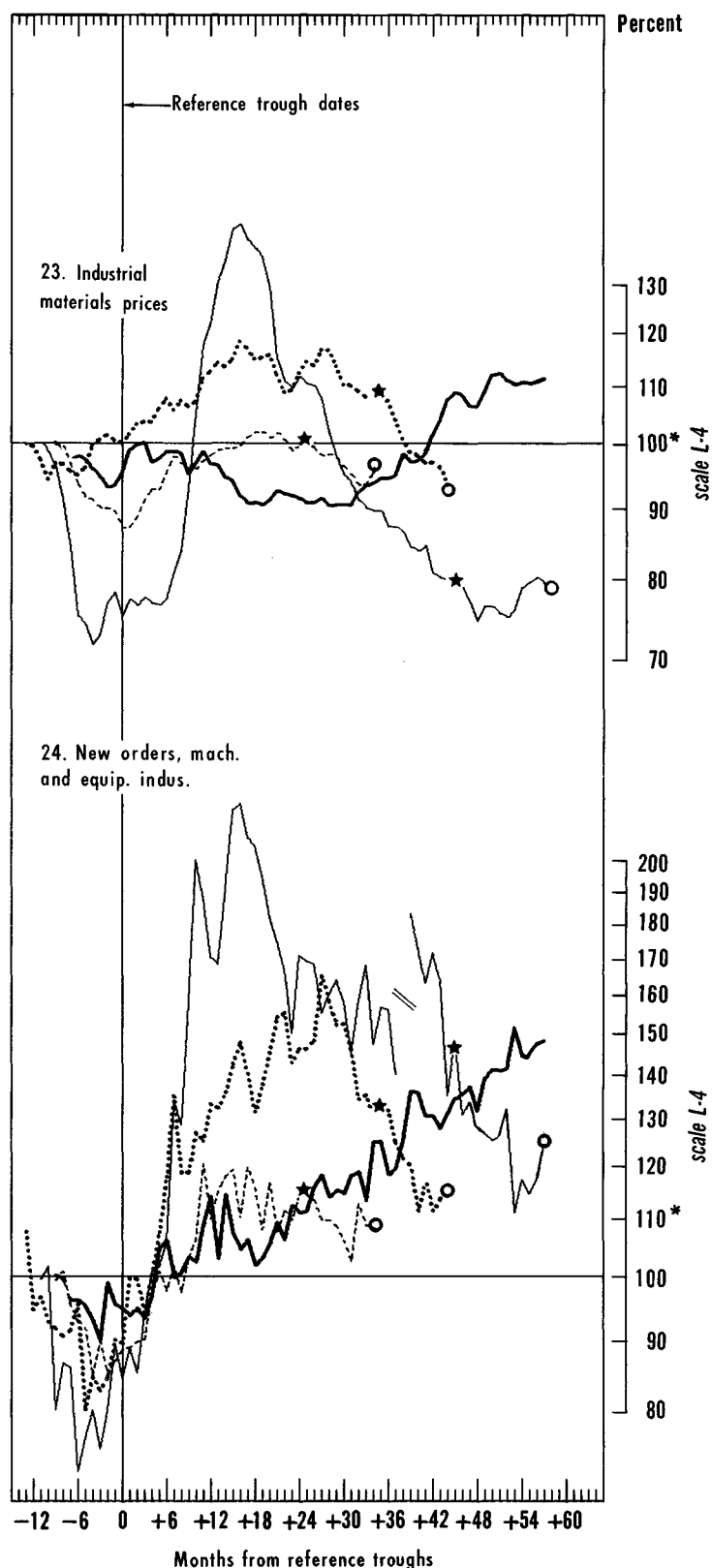
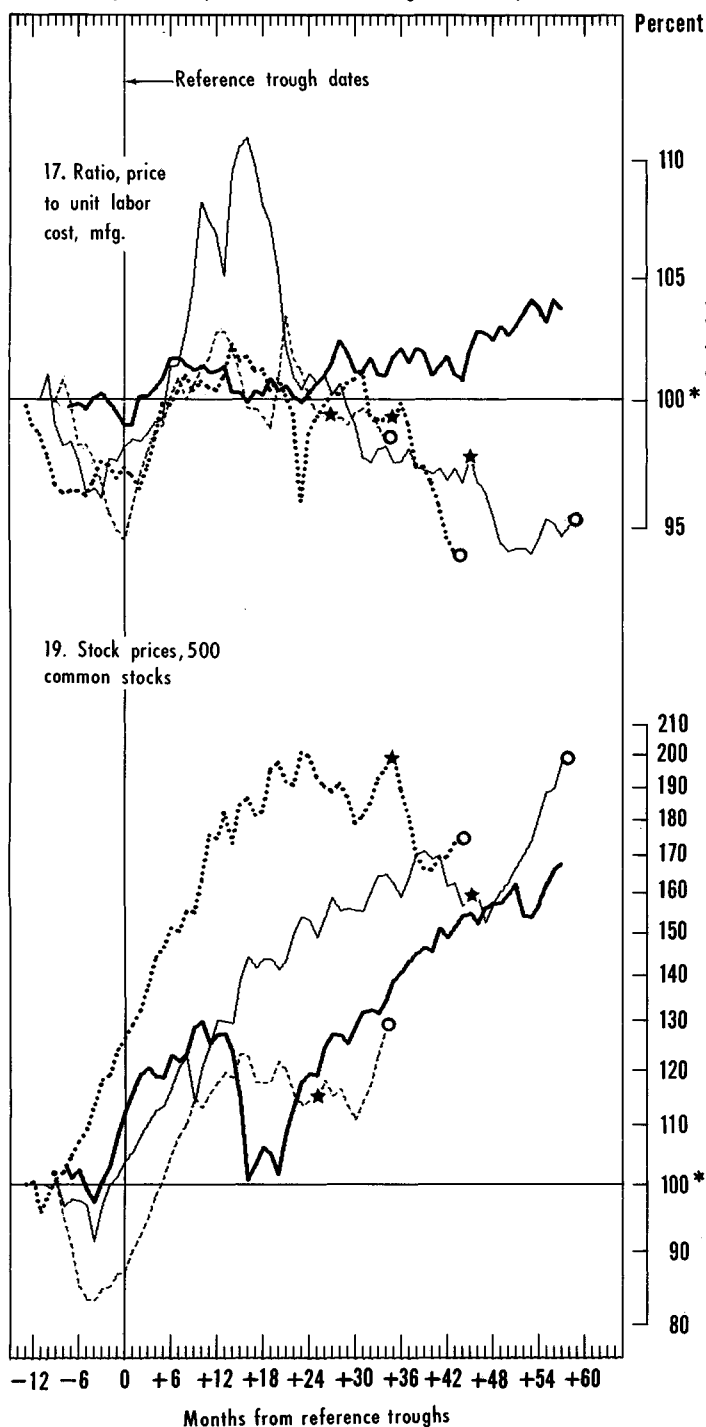


Table 2 shows latest month in current (1961) expansion. Changes for this month and comparable months of previous expansions are shown in table 6. Various scales are used. Scale L-1 is a logarithmic scale with 1 cycle in a given distance; scale L-2 is a logarithmic scale with 2 cycles in that distance, etc.

\*Reference peak level. ★Point at which this expansion reached a new reference peak. ○Point at which a new reference trough was reached.



## PERIOD COVERED

- Nov. 1948 to Aug. 1954 (Reference trough: Oct. 1949)  
 ..... July 1953 to Apr. 1958 (Reference trough: Aug. 1954)  
 - - - - July 1957 to Feb. 1961 (Reference trough: Apr. 1958)  
 — May 1960 to present (Reference trough: Feb. 1961)

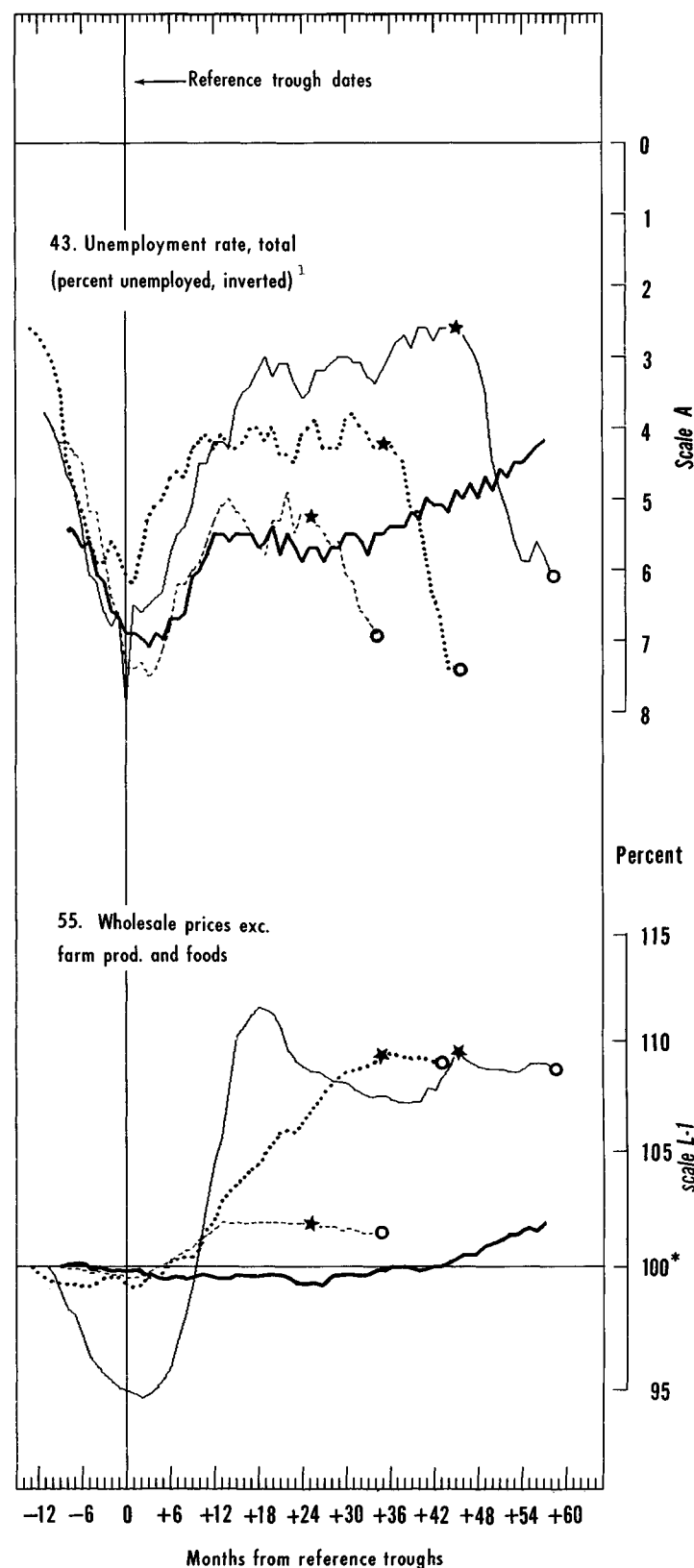
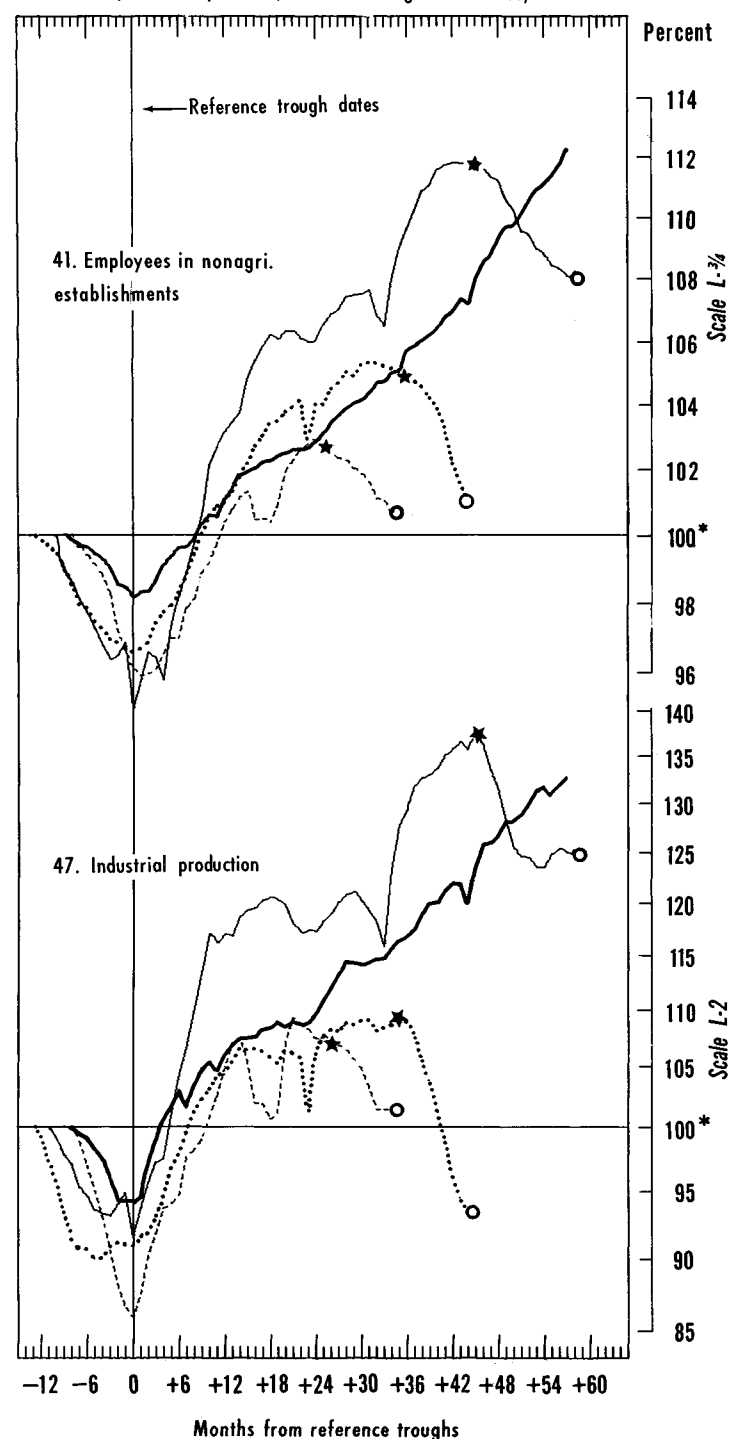


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\*Reference peak level. ★ Point at which this expansion reached a new reference peak. ○ Point at which a new reference trough was reached.

## CYCLICAL COMPARISONS

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## COMPARISONS OF REFERENCE CYCLES—Continued

## PERIOD COVERED

- 4th Q. 1948 to 3rd Q. 1954 (Reference trough: 4th Q. 1949)  
 ..... 2nd Q. 1953 to 2nd Q. 1958 (Reference trough: 3rd Q. 1954)  
 - - - - 3rd Q. 1957 to 1st Q. 1961 (Reference trough: 2nd Q. 1958)  
 — 2nd Q. 1960 to present (Reference trough: 1st Q. 1961)

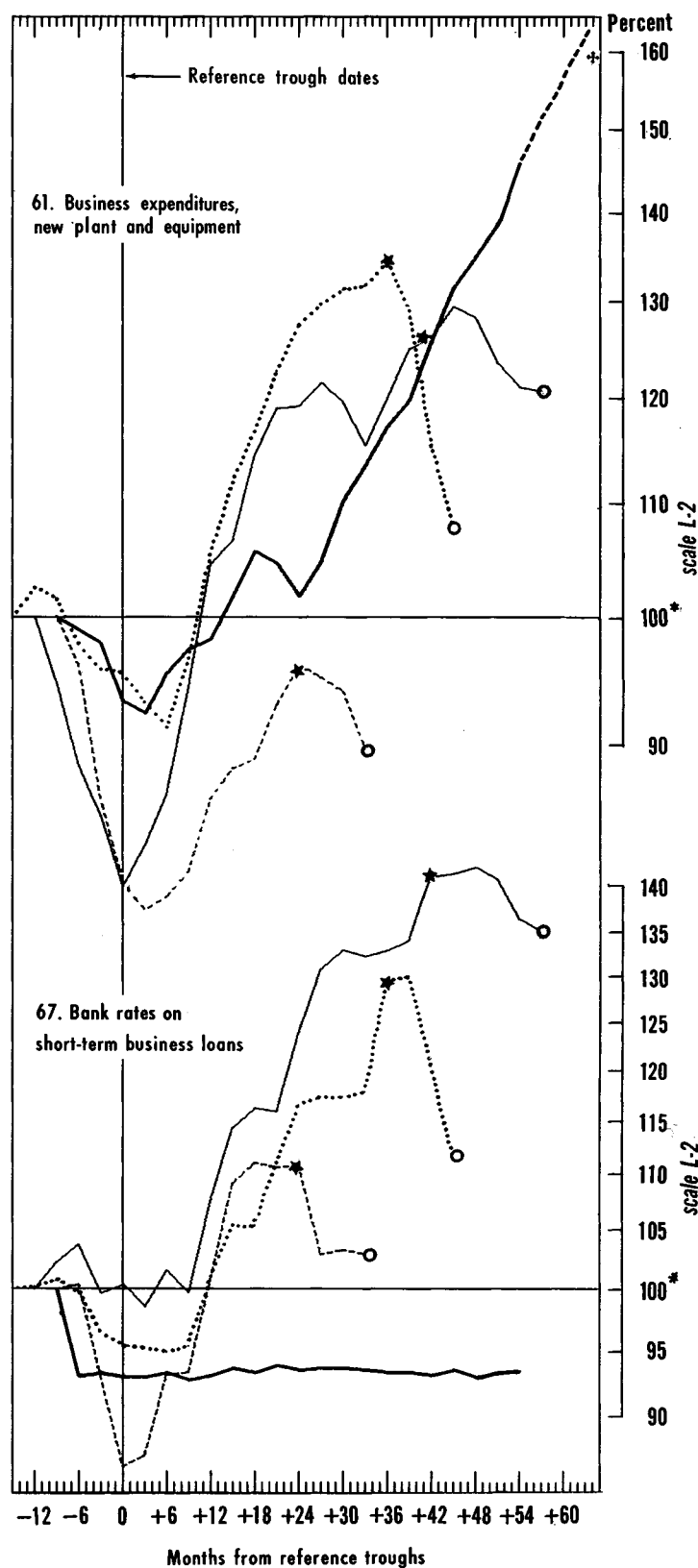
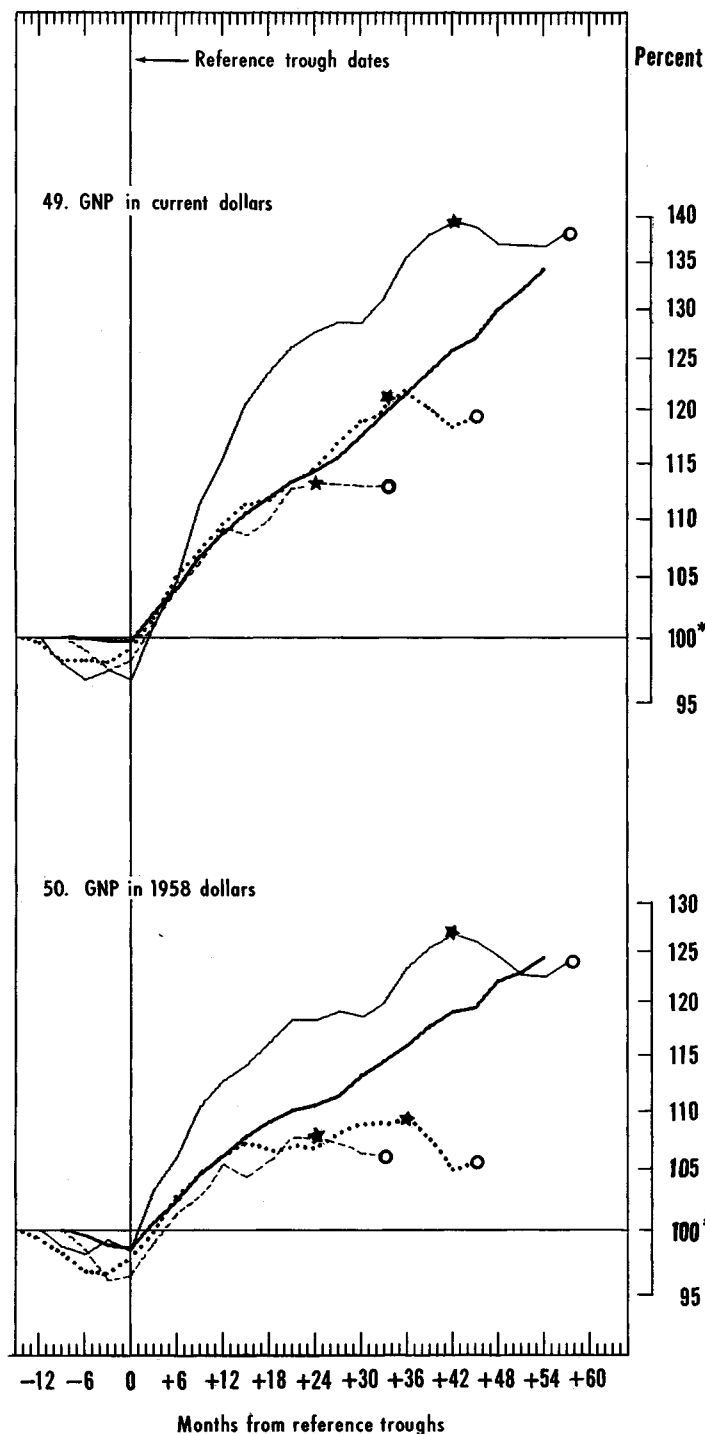


Table 2 shows latest quarter in current (1961) expansion. Changes for this quarter and comparable quarters of previous expansions are shown in table 6. Various scales are used. Scale L-1 is a logarithmic scale with 1 cycle in a given distance; scale L-2 is a logarithmic scale with 2 cycles in that distance, etc. + Latest data anticipated.

\*Reference peak level. ★ Point at which this expansion reached a new reference peak. ○ Point at which a new reference trough was reached.

## PERIOD COVERED

- Nov. 1948 to Aug. 1954 (Reference trough: Oct. 1949)  
 ..... July 1953 to Apr. 1958 (Reference trough: Aug. 1954)  
 - - - - July 1957 to Feb. 1961 (Reference trough: Apr. 1958)  
 — May 1960 to present (Reference trough: Feb. 1961)

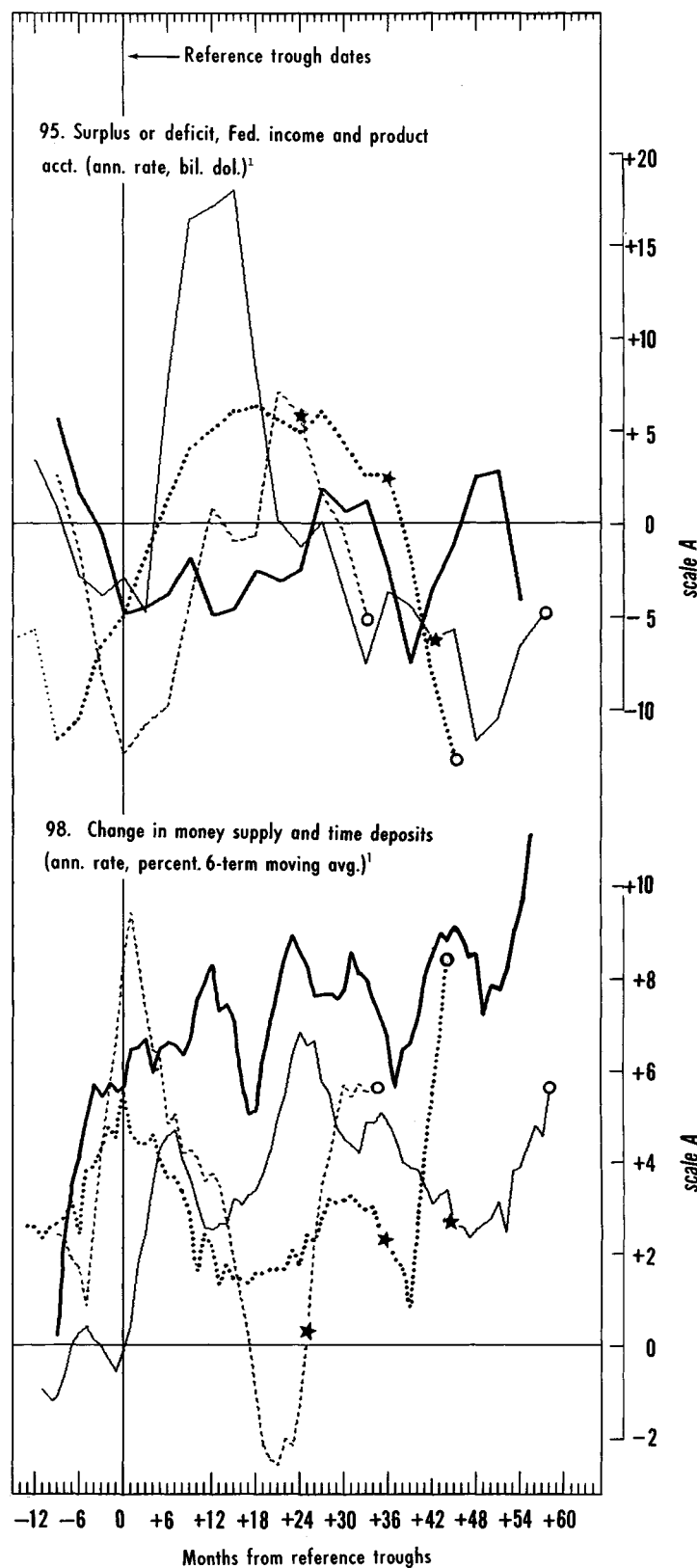
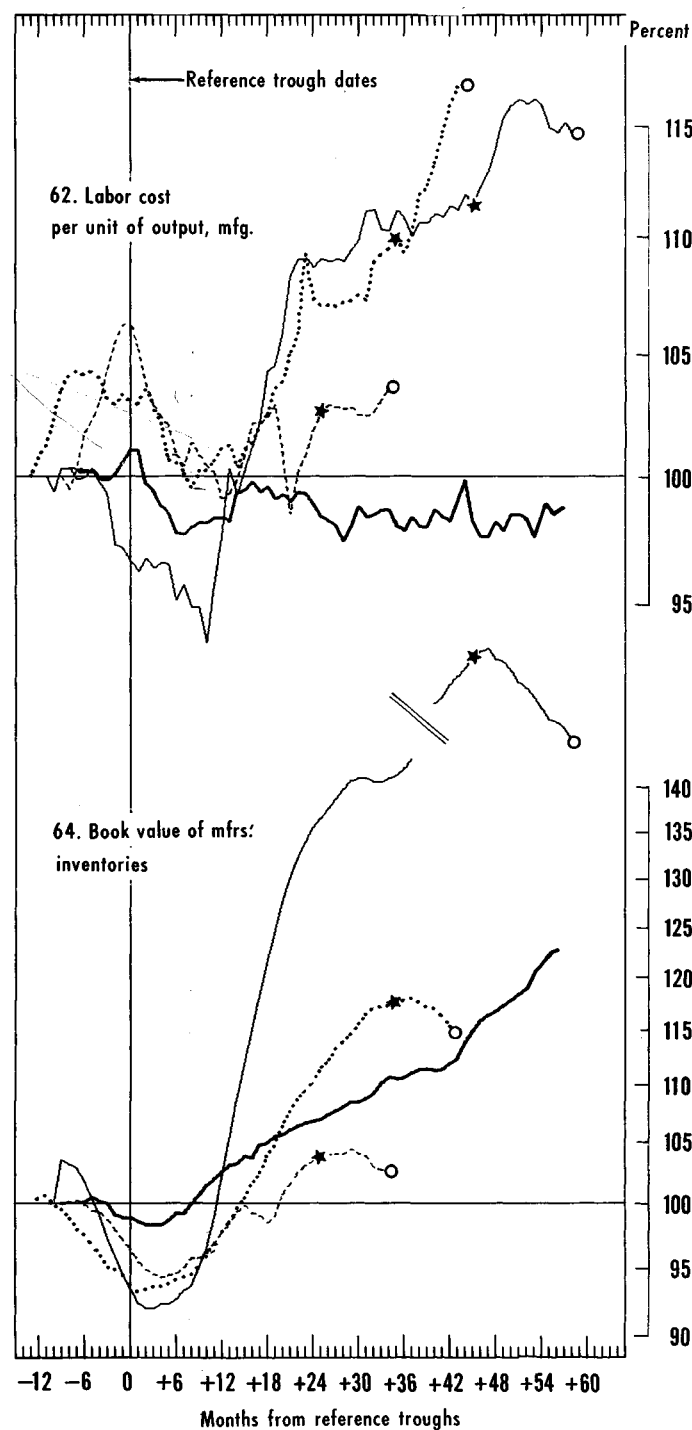


Table 2 shows latest month in current (1961) expansion. Changes for this month and comparable months of previous expansions are shown in table 6. Various scales are used. Scale L-1 is a logarithmic scale with 1 cycle in a given distance; scale L-2 is a logarithmic scale with 2 cycles in that distance, etc. <sup>1</sup>Lines represent actual data rather than percentages of reference peak levels.

\*Reference peak level. ★Point at which this expansion reached a new reference peak. ○Point at which a new reference trough was reached.

## CYCLICAL COMPARISONS

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## COMPARISONS FROM REFERENCE PEAK LEVELS AND REFERENCE TROUGH DATES

Selected series	Month after reference trough <sup>1</sup>	Percent of reference peak prior to reference expansion beginning in—								
		Feb. 1961	Apr. 1958	Aug. 1954	Oct. 1949	June 1938	Mar. 1933	Nov. 1927	July 1924	July 1921
NBER LEADING INDICATORS										
1. Average workweek of production workers, manufacturing .....	57th	103.5	101.3	99.8	99.7	111.5	64.1	66.7	97.2	(NA)
2. Accession rate, manufacturing .....	56th	116.2	103.6	88.4	73.4	214.0	25.2	35.0	48.0	41.2
3. Layoff rate, manufacturing (inverted) .....	56th	197.2	98.2	84.3	76.4	338.9	25.8	31.9	44.9	12.1
6. New orders, durable goods industries .....	57th	146.4	132.9	134.2	130.4	303.3	50.3	22.6	113.1	171.9
7. Private nonfarm housing starts .....	57th	121.4	108.3	109.7	129.8	79.1	43.2	13.3	129.4	201.9
9. Construction contracts, commercial and industrial, floor space <sup>2</sup> .....	56th	153.4	119.6	136.8	137.6	165.4	31.9	14.4	123.0	47.9
13. New business incorporations .....	56th	109.0	128.4	195.8	128.0	38.4	59.7	90.9	114.1	77.7
14. Liabilities of business failures (inverted) .....	57th	135.8	33.2	71.8	80.3	211.5	(NA)	45.7	115.2	21.1
16. Corporate profits after taxes (Q) .....	54th	161.5	122.3	128.4	88.7	209.3	52.9	(NA)	111.5	94.0
17. Ratio, price to unit labor cost, manufacturing ..	57th	103.6	99.3	101.9	94.7	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
19. Stock prices, 500 common stocks .....	57th	166.9	134.1	238.6	197.1	68.1	36.6	57.8	291.6	130.0
23. Industrial materials prices .....	57th	111.0	92.0	106.7	79.4	111.5	76.9	41.7	81.5	60.2
24. New orders, machinery and equipment industries	57th	147.6	128.1	150.3	124.4	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
29. New building permits, private housing .....	57th	121.6	127.1	116.7	139.3	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
NBER ROUGHLY COINCIDENT INDICATORS										
41. Employees in nonagricultural establishments ...	57th	112.6	105.5	106.0	108.0	132.6	91.5	61.1	101.0	87.4
43. Unemployment rate (percent), total (inverted) <sup>3</sup> ..	57th	+1.0	-1.5	-2.5	-2.0	(NA)	-15.9	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
47. Industrial production .....	57th	132.4	117.2	116.5	124.9	192.9	77.4	56.3	121.0	115.8
49. GNP in current dollars (Q) .....	54th	134.2	128.2	129.0	136.6	191.1	92.1	65.5	125.8	(NA)
50. GNP in 1958 dollars (Q) .....	54th	124.5	118.3	112.5	122.3	(NA)	106.5	87.5	128.0	(NA)
51. Bank debits, all SMSA's except N.Y. ....	57th	163.0	145.5	145.0	145.3	168.7	62.5	57.6	137.3	110.6
52. Personal income .....	57th	135.8	129.0	132.5	134.0	194.9	79.9	60.8	125.8	(NA)
54. Sales of retail stores .....	57th	131.1	121.4	127.7	125.4	132.4	84.9	62.2	108.8	112.5
55. Wholesale prices except farm products and foods .....	57th	101.9	100.9	111.5	109.0	111.8	91.7	70.1	86.2	64.9
NBER LAGGING INDICATORS										
61. Business expenditures, new plant and equipment (Q):										
a. Actual .....	54th	145.3	100.5	108.9	120.9	(NA)	83.3	25.4	118.5	66.7
b. Anticipated <sup>4</sup> .....	63d	162.1	106.0	119.6	115.2	(NA)	48.4	20.3	123.2	69.0
62. Labor cost per unit of output, manufacturing ...	57th	98.9	101.8	109.2	115.1	135.8	101.7	71.2	85.9	74.4
64. Book value of manufacturers' inventories .....	56th	122.5	110.5	115.1	147.2	157.5	115.3	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
66. Consumer installment debt .....	56th	159.4	144.0	159.2	264.8	70.4	130.3	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
67. Bank rates on short-term business loans (Q) ...	54th	93.5	103.9	120.9	136.4	(NA)	53.3	100.6	106.0	83.4
OTHER SELECTED U.S. SERIES										
95. Surplus or deficit, etc. (Q) <sup>3</sup> .....	54th	-9.7	-5.8	+2.0	-10.0	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
98. Change in money supply and time deposits <sup>3,5</sup> ..	55th	+10.82	+5.30	+1.00	+5.30	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)

NOTE: For series with a "months for cyclical dominance" (MCD) of "1" or "2" (series 1, 17, 19, 23, 41, 43, 47, 52, 54, 55, 62, 64, and 66), the value for the month indicated in the 1st column (month after reference trough) is divided by the value for the reference peak month. Similarly, the reference peak quarter is used as the percentage base for quarterly series (series 16, 49, 50, 61, and 67). For series with an MCD of "3" or more (series 2, 3, 6, 7, 9, 13, 14, 24, 29, and 51), the average of the 3 months centered on the reference peak month is used as the base. See MCD footnote to appendix C. For all earlier expansions except the one beginning in June 1938, the peak had been passed and a reference contraction was underway by the month indicated in the 1st column. See appendix A for the reference peak dates. NA Not available.

<sup>1</sup>Based on period from February 1961 (current trough) to latest month for which data are available. Measures for shorter time spans can be found in earlier issues of BUSINESS CYCLE DEVELOPMENTS. <sup>2</sup>Except for 1961, changes are computed in a 3-term moving average of the seasonally adjusted series. <sup>3</sup>Measures are differences from the reference peak levels. <sup>4</sup>Anticipated expenditures (2d quarter 1966) are used for computing the entry shown for the current expansion only. Actual expenditures are used for all other entries. <sup>5</sup>Changes are computed in a 6-term moving average of the seasonally adjusted series.

## COMPARISONS FROM REFERENCE TROUGH LEVELS AND REFERENCE TROUGH DATES

Selected series	Month after reference trough <sup>1</sup>	Percent change from reference trough of expansion beginning in—								
		Feb. 1961	Apr. 1958	Aug. 1954	Oct. 1949	June 1938	Mar. 1933	Nov. 1927	July 1924	July 1921
NBER LEADING INDICATORS										
1. Average workweek of production workers, manufacturing.....	57th	+5.1	+4.7	+2.0	+0.5	+27.9	-5.0	-32.1	+6.4	+4.4
2. Accession rate, manufacturing.....	56th	+7.5	+14.0	+22.9	-17.3	+139.6	-38.5	-52.2	+123.7	+258.5
3. Layoff rate, manufacturing (inverted).....	56th	+125.0	+70.2	+27.5	+13.9	(NA)	-30.1	-55.1	+44.9	(NA)
6. New orders, durable goods industries.....	57th	+56.4	+50.6	+49.8	+50.6	(NA)	+162.1	-77.4	+1.0	+143.5
7. Private nonfarm housing starts .....	57th	+21.3	+11.6	-6.3	-7.4	-15.8	+185.9	-87.3	+30.7	+106.3
9. Construction contracts, commercial and industrial, floor space <sup>2</sup> .....	56th	+64.7	+52.2	+41.2	+59.4	+235.1	+166.7	-83.4	+77.1	+75.8
13. New business incorporations.....	56th	+17.3	+34.5	+65.8	+22.4	-55.4	-24.6	-12.4	+54.1	+7.3
14. Liabilities of business failures (inverted) ....	57th	+38.9	-55.8	-24.6	-31.5	+187.5	(NA)	-50.4	+27.7	+25.0
16. Corporate profits after taxes (Q) .....	54th	+84.0	+57.4	+34.0	+8.8	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	+107.1	(NA)
17. Ratio, price to unit labor cost, manufacturing..	57th	+4.7	+5.1	+4.7	-3.5	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
19. Stock prices, 500 common stocks.....	57th	+48.2	+53.7	+88.6	+89.6	+8.4	+76.9	-55.9	+180.0	+75.8
23. Industrial materials prices .....	57th	+16.3	+5.9	+6.7	+5.7	+64.7	+85.3	-57.2	-2.8	+43.8
24. New orders, machinery and equipment industries	57th	+55.7	+45.1	+61.3	+41.9	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
29. New building permits, private housing .....	57th	+25.4	+25.0	-2.4	-13.0	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
NBER ROUGHLY COINCIDENT INDICATORS										
41. Employees in nonagricultural establishments ..	57th	+14.8	+9.8	+9.8	+13.8	+48.0	+33.7	-36.3	+16.3	+26.9
43. Unemployment rate (percent), total (inverted) <sup>3</sup> .	57th	+2.7	+1.7	+1.0	+2.1	(NA)	+9.5	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
47. Industrial production.....	57th	+40.4	+36.4	+28.1	+36.4	+182.4	+60.4	-40.2	+47.3	+69.6
49. GNP in current dollars (Q) .....	54th	+34.5	+30.5	+30.0	+41.3	+117.0	+82.7	-34.7	+28.8	+44.8
50. GNP in 1958 dollars (Q) .....	54th	+26.3	+22.5	+15.1	+24.4	(NA)	+47.9	-14.4	+28.4	+41.8
51. Bank debits, all SMSA's except N.Y. ....	57th	+59.2	+50.2	+42.7	+51.3	+102.0	+64.0	-47.0	+41.7	+42.6
52. Personal income.....	57th	+34.5	+28.8	+32.5	+40.6	+118.8	+62.3	-39.7	+25.8	+47.0
54. Sales of retail stores .....	57th	+33.7	+23.3	+28.6	+25.4	+62.4	+61.3	-37.8	+8.8	+20.0
55. Wholesale prices except farm products and foods.....	57th	+2.0	+1.4	+12.4	+14.8	+18.4	+26.6	-24.6	-5.6	+2.5
NBER LAGGING INDICATORS										
61. Business expenditures, new plant and equipment (Q):										
a. Actual.....	54th	+55.8	+25.2	+14.0	+51.2	(NA)	+385.5	-71.1	+69.8	+94.3
b. Anticipated <sup>4</sup> .....	63d	+73.9	+31.9	+25.2	+44.0	(NA)	+182.1	-76.8	+76.5	+101.0
62. Labor cost per unit of output, manufacturing...	57th	-2.1	-4.4	+6.2	+19.1	+30.9	+38.6	-27.7	-16.4	-17.3
64. Book value of manufacturers' inventories.....	56th	+23.8	+14.7	+23.1	+57.7	+66.4	+94.6	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
66. Consumer installment debt.....	56th	+54.2	+42.8	+54.0	+111.5	-24.5	+172.7	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
67. Bank rates on short-term business loans (Q)...	54th	+0.6	+20.4	+26.7	+35.8	(NA)	-31.6	+4.5	+20.8	-22.6
OTHER SELECTED U.S. SERIES										
95. Surplus or deficit, etc. (Q) <sup>3</sup> .....	54th	+0.8	+9.2	+0.8	-3.7	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
98. Change in money supply and time deposits <sup>3,5</sup>	55th	+5.34	-0.76	-2.00	+4.48	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)

NOTE: For series with a "months for cyclical dominance" (MCD) of "1" or "2" (series 1, 17, 19, 23, 41, 43, 47, 52, 54, 55, 62, 64, and 66), the value for the month indicated in the 1st column (month after reference trough) is divided by the value for the reference trough month. Similarly, the reference trough quarter is used as the percentage base for quarterly series (series 16, 49, 50, 61, and 67). For series with an MCD of "3" or more (series 2, 3, 6, 7, 9, 13, 14, 24, 29, and 51), the average of the 3 months centered on the reference trough month is used as the base. See MCD footnote to appendix C. For all earlier expansions except the one beginning in June 1938, the peak had been passed and a reference contraction was underway by the month indicated in the 1st column. See appendix A for the reference peak dates. NA Not available.

<sup>1</sup>Based on period from February 1961 (current trough) to latest month for which data are available. Measures for shorter time spans can be found in earlier issues of BUSINESS CYCLE DEVELOPMENTS. <sup>2</sup>Except for 1961, changes are computed in a 3-term moving average of the seasonally adjusted series. <sup>3</sup>Measures are differences from the reference trough levels. <sup>4</sup>Anticipated expenditures (2d quarter 1966) are used for computing the entry shown for the current expansion only. Actual expenditures are used for all other entries. <sup>5</sup>Changes are computed in a 6-term moving average of the seasonally adjusted series.



# APPENDIXES

Appendix A.—BUSINESS CYCLE EXPANSIONS AND CONTRACTIONS IN THE UNITED STATES: 1854 TO 1961

Business cycle reference dates		Duration in months			
		Contraction (trough from previous peak)	Expansion (trough to peak)	Cycle	
				Trough from previous trough	Peak from previous peak
Trough	Peak				
December 1854.....	June 1857.....	(X)	30	(X)	(X)
December 1858.....	October 1860.....	18	22	48	40
June 1861.....	April 1865.....	8	46	30	54
December 1867.....	June 1869.....	<u>32</u>	18	<u>78</u>	50
December 1870.....	October 1873.....	18	34	36	52
March 1879.....	March 1882.....	65	36	99	101
May 1885.....	March 1887.....	38	22	74	60
April 1888.....	July 1890.....	13	27	35	40
May 1891.....	January 1893.....	10	20	37	30
June 1894.....	December 1895.....	17	18	37	35
June 1897.....	June 1899.....	18	24	36	42
December 1900.....	September 1902.....	18	21	42	39
August 1904.....	May 1907.....	23	33	44	56
June 1908.....	January 1910.....	13	19	46	32
January 1912.....	January 1913.....	24	12	43	36
December 1914.....	August 1918.....	23	44	35	67
March 1919.....	January 1920.....	<u>7</u>	10	<u>51</u>	17
July 1921.....	May 1923.....	18	22	28	40
July 1924.....	October 1926.....	14	27	36	41
November 1927.....	August 1929.....	13	21	40	34
March 1933.....	May 1937.....	43	50	64	93
June 1938.....	February 1945.....	13	80	63	93
October 1945.....	November 1948.....	<u>8</u>	37	<u>88</u>	45
October 1949.....	July 1953.....	11	45	48	56
August 1954.....	July 1957.....	<u>13</u>	35	<u>58</u>	48
April 1958.....	May 1960.....	9	25	44	34
February 1961.....		9	(X)	34	(X)
Average, all cycles:					
26 cycles, 1854-1961.....		19	30	49	<sup>1</sup> 49
10 cycles, 1919-1961.....		15	35	50	<sup>2</sup> 54
4 cycles, 1945-1961.....		10	36	46	<sup>3</sup> 46
Average, peacetime cycles:					
22 cycles, 1854-1961.....		20	26	45	<sup>4</sup> 46
8 cycles, 1919-1961.....		16	28	45	<sup>5</sup> 48
3 cycles, 1945-1961.....		10	32	42	<sup>6</sup> 42

NOTE: Underscored figures are the wartime expansions (Civil War, World Wars I and II, and Korean War), the postwar contractions, and the full cycles that include the wartime expansions.

<sup>1</sup>25 cycles, 1857-1960.

<sup>3</sup>4 cycles, 1945-1960.

<sup>5</sup>7 cycles, 1920-1960.

<sup>2</sup>9 cycles, 1920-1960.

<sup>4</sup>21 cycles, 1857-1960.

<sup>6</sup>3 cycles, 1945-1960.

Source: National Bureau of Economic Research, Inc.

**Appendix B.—SPECIFIC TROUGH AND PEAK DATES FOR SELECTED BUSINESS INDICATORS**

Selected series	Specific trough dates for reference expansions beginning in—								
	Feb. 1961	Apr. 1958	Aug. 1954	Oct. 1949	June 1938	Mar. 1933	Nov. 1927	July 1924	July 1921
<b>NBER LEADING INDICATORS</b>									
1. Average workweek, production workers, mfg...	Dec. '60	Apr. '58	Apr. '54	Apr. '49	Jan. '38	June '32	Apr. '28	July '24	Feb. '21
9. Construction contracts, commercial and industrial.....	May '61	June '58	(NSC)	Aug. '49	Sep. '38	Oct. '32	Sep. '27	July '24	Mar. '21
13. New business incorporations.....	Jan. '61	Nov. '57	(NSC)	Feb. '49	Sep. '39	Dec. '34	Dec. '26	June '24	Jan. '21
17. Ratio, price to unit labor cost, mfg.....	Mar. '61	Apr. '58	Mar. '54	July '49	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
19. Stock prices, 500 common stocks.....	Oct. '60	Dec. '57	Sep. '53	June '49	Apr. '38	June '32	(NSC)	Oct. '23	Aug. '21
23. Industrial materials prices.....	Dec. '60	Apr. '58	Feb. '54	June '49	June '38	July '32	Aug. '28	June '24	July '21
24. New orders, machinery and equipment indus...	Nov. '60	Feb. '58	Mar. '54	Apr. '49	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
29. New building permits, private housing.....	Dec. '60	Feb. '58	Sep. '53	Jan. '49	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
<b>NBER ROUGHLY COINCIDENT INDICATORS</b>									
41. Employees in nonagricultural establishments.	Feb. '61	May '58	Aug. '54	Oct. '49	June '38	Mar. '33	Jan. '28	July '24	July '21
43. Unemployment rate, total (inverted).....	May '61	July '58	Sep. '54	Oct. '49	June '38	May '33	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
47. Industrial production.....	Feb. '61	Apr. '58	Apr. '54	Oct. '49	May '38	July '32	Nov. '27	July '24	Apr. '21
49. GNP in current dollars (Q).....	4thQ '60	1stQ '58	2ndQ '54	4thQ '49	2ndQ '38	1stQ '33	(NSC)	(NSC)	4thQ '21
50. GNP in 1958 dollars (Q).....	1stQ '61	1stQ '58	2ndQ '54	2ndQ '49	1stQ '38	3rdQ '32	(NSC)	(NSC)	(NA)
52. Personal income.....	(NSC)	Feb. '58	Apr. '54	July '49	May '38	Mar. '33	4thQ '26	2ndQ '24	2ndQ '21
53. Labor income in mining, mfg., construction..	Dec. '60	May '58	Sep. '54	Oct. '49	June '38	Mar. '33	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
54. Sales of retail stores.....	Apr. '61	Mar. '58	Jan. '54	(NSC)	May '38	Mar. '33	(NSC)	(NSC)	Mar. '22
<b>NBER LAGGING INDICATORS</b>									
61. Business expenditures, new plant and equip..	2ndQ '61	3rdQ '58	1stQ '55	4thQ '49	3rdQ '38	1stQ '33	4thQ '27	3rdQ '24	4thQ '21
62. Labor cost per unit of output, manufacturing.	Sep. '61	Apr. '59	Apr. '55	Aug. '50	June '40	July '33	(NSC)	(NSC)	Apr. '22
64. Book value of manufacturers' inventories....	June '61	Aug. '58	Sep. '54	Jan. '50	June '39	May '33	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
67. Bank rates on short-term business loans (Q).	4thQ '61	2ndQ '58	1stQ '55	1stQ '50	2ndQ '40	3rdQ '31	4thQ '27	4thQ '24	3rdQ '22
Selected series	Specific peak dates for reference contractions beginning in—								
	May 1960	July 1957	July 1953	Nov. 1948	May 1937	Aug. 1929	Oct. 1926	May 1923	Jan. 1920
<b>NBER LEADING INDICATORS</b>									
1. Average workweek, production workers, mfg...	Apr. '59	Nov. '55	Mar. '53	(NSC)	Dec. '36	Oct. '29	Nov. '25	Nov. '22	(NA)
9. Construction contracts, commercial and industrial.....	June '60	Mar. '56	(NSC)	Mar. '46	July '37	Jan. '29	Sep. '25	Aug. '22	Dec. '19
13. New business incorporations.....	Apr. '59	Feb. '56	(NSC)	July '46	Dec. '36	Jan. '29	Oct. '25	Apr. '23	Dec. '19
17. Ratio, price to unit labor cost, mfg.....	May '59	Oct. '55	Feb. '51	May '48	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
19. Stock prices, 500 common stocks.....	July '59	July '56	Jan. '53	June '48	Feb. '37	Sep. '29	(NSC)	Mar. '23	July '19
23. Industrial materials prices.....	Nov. '59	Dec. '55	Feb. '51	Jan. '48	Mar. '37	Mar. '29	Nov. '25	Mar. '23	Apr. '20
24. New orders, machinery and equipment indus...	July '59	Nov. '56	Feb. '51	Apr. '48	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
29. New building permits, private housing.....	Nov. '58	Feb. '55	July '50	Oct. '47	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
<b>NBER ROUGHLY COINCIDENT INDICATORS</b>									
41. Employees in nonagricultural establishments.	Apr. '60	Mar. '57	June '53	Sep. '48	July '37	Aug. '29	Jan. '26	June '23	Jan. '20
43. Unemployment rate, total (inverted).....	Feb. '60	Mar. '57	July '53	Jan. '48	July '37	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
47. Industrial production.....	Jan. '60	Feb. '57	July '53	July '48	May '37	July '29	Mar. '27	May '23	Feb. '20
49. GNP in current dollars (Q).....	2ndQ '60	3rdQ '57	2ndQ '53	4thQ '48	3rdQ '37	3rdQ '29	(NSC)	(NSC)	(NA)
50. GNP in 1958 dollars (Q).....	1stQ '60	3rdQ '57	2ndQ '53	4thQ '48	3rdQ '37	3rdQ '29	(NSC)	(NSC)	(NA)
52. Personal income.....	(NSC)	Aug. '57	Oct. '53	Oct. '48	June '37	Aug. '29	2ndQ '26	1stQ '24	(NA)
53. Labor income in mining, mfg., construction..	May '60	Aug. '57	July '53	Aug. '48	May '37	Sep. '29	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
54. Sales of retail stores.....	Apr. '60	Aug. '57	Mar. '53	(NSC)	Sep. '37	Sep. '29	(NSC)	(NSC)	July '20
<b>NBER LAGGING INDICATORS</b>									
61. Business expenditures, new plant and equip..	2ndQ '60	3rdQ '57	3rdQ '53	4thQ '48	3rdQ '37	2ndQ '29	4thQ '26	2ndQ '23	2ndQ '20
62. Labor cost per unit of output, manufacturing.	Mar. '61	Apr. '58	Mar. '54	May '49	Dec. '37	(NSC)	(NSC)	Oct. '23	Nov. '20
64. Book value of manufacturers' inventories	Sep. '60	Sep. '57	Sep. '53	Jan. '49	Oct. '37	Jan. '30	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
67. Bank rates on short-term business loans (Q).	4thQ '59	4thQ '57	4thQ '53	2ndQ '49	3rdQ '32	3rdQ '29	4thQ '26	3rdQ '23	4thQ '20

NOTE: Specific trough and peak dates are the actual dates when individual series reached a trough or peak as distinguished from reference dates which are those dates designated as the trough or peak of business activity as a whole. This table shows, for selected indicators, the specific dates corresponding to reference dates in 9 recent business cycles.

NA Not available. NSC No specific cycle corresponding to reference date.



**Appendix C.—AVERAGE CHANGES AND RELATED MEASURES FOR BUSINESS CYCLE SERIES**

**Part 1.—Average Percentage Changes**

Monthly series	CI	I	C	I/C	MCD	I/C for MCD span	Average duration of run (ADR)			
							CI	I	C	MCD
NBER LEADING INDICATORS										
1. Average workweek of production workers, manufacturing.	0.49	0.42	0.21	2.00	2	0.95	2.15	1.65	10.58	4.06
2. Accession rate, manufacturing.....	4.80	4.52	1.63	2.77	3	.91	2.17	1.74	9.93	4.42
30. Nonagricultural placements, all industries.....	1.82	1.29	1.18	1.09	2	.59	2.27	1.63	9.77	5.25
3. Layoff rate, manufacturing.....	9.35	8.52	3.88	2.20	3	.70	2.17	1.74	8.18	5.96
4. Temporary layoff, all industries.....	17.76	17.12	3.99	4.29	5	.89	1.63	1.44	6.35	3.08
5. Average weekly initial claims, State unemployment insurance.....	5.29	4.62	2.49	1.86	2	.86	1.72	1.51	9.77	3.94
6. New orders, durable goods industries.....	3.79	3.25	1.61	2.02	3	.59	1.67	1.54	8.33	4.56
24. New orders, machinery and equipment industries.....	4.47	4.01	1.61	2.49	3	.84	1.76	1.51	12.50	3.62
9. Construction contracts, commercial and industrial.....	9.66	9.43	1.67	5.65	6	(1)	1.70	1.54	6.63	3.03
10. Contracts and orders for plant and equipment.....	4.93	4.61	1.47	3.14	4	.82	1.82	1.59	10.75	3.71
7. Private nonfarm housing starts.....	7.34	7.31	1.14	6.41	6	(1)	1.53	1.53	6.13	2.32
29. New building permits, private housing.....	3.82	3.39	1.48	2.29	3	.68	1.89	1.53	14.38	3.32
38. Index of net business formation.....	1.00	.78	.65	1.19	2	.66	2.50	1.60	14.60	4.90
13. New business incorporations.....	2.68	2.36	1.10	2.15	3	.77	2.10	1.70	6.30	3.02
14. Liabilities of business failures.....	16.86	16.36	2.52	6.49	6	(1)	1.48	1.32	5.77	2.26
15. Large business failures.....	13.09	12.81	2.11	6.07	6	(1)	1.53	1.37	9.77	5.30
17. Ratio, price to unit labor cost, manufacturing.....	.60	.48	.29	1.66	2	.97	2.23	1.77	6.18	3.38
19. Stock prices, 500 common stocks.....	2.65	1.86	1.67	1.11	2	.68	2.35	1.67	12.70	3.94
37. Purchased materials, percent reporting higher inventories.....	6.81	5.29	3.10	1.71	3	.66	2.54	1.76	10.58	4.63
26. Buying policy production materials, commitments 60 days or longer.....	5.81	5.32	2.14	2.49	3	.76	1.87	1.63	12.70	3.91
32. Vendor performance, percent reporting slower deliveries.....	7.68	5.54	4.73	1.17	2	.79	3.53	2.12	9.77	4.20
23. Industrial materials prices.....	1.32	1.04	.74	1.41	2	.95	2.44	2.05	11.55	4.06
NBER ROUGHLY COINCIDENT INDICATORS										
41. Employees in nonagricultural establishments.....	.30	.15	.24	.63	1	.63	5.15	1.96	15.44	5.15
42. Total nonagricultural employment.....	.36	.29	.19	1.53	2	.79	1.96	1.54	15.89	3.64
43. Unemployment rate, total.....	3.94	3.08	2.29	1.34	2	.71	2.75	1.79	11.00	3.84
40. Unemployment rate, married males.....	5.63	4.16	2.74	1.52	2	.86	2.88	1.89	11.00	4.80
45. Average weekly insured unemployment, State.....	4.82	2.56	3.56	.72	1	.72	3.74	2.12	9.07	3.74
46. Help-wanted advertising.....	3.11	1.88	2.35	.80	1	.80	3.47	1.60	9.62	3.47
47. Industrial production.....	1.09	.58	.79	.73	1	.73	3.53	2.05	9.77	3.53
51. Bank debits, all SMSA's except New York.....	1.48	1.44	.60	2.40	3	.54	1.69	1.53	18.14	4.31
52. Personal income.....	.50	.27	.43	.63	1	.63	4.55	1.81	30.00	4.55
53. Labor income in mining, manufacturing, construction...	.85	.57	.61	.93	1	.93	2.63	1.65	16.67	2.63
54. Sales of retail stores.....	.78	.63	.44	1.43	2	.85	2.53	1.80	9.54	3.62
55. Wholesale prices except farm products and foods.....	.17	.10	.13	.77	1	.77	3.53	2.65	11.55	3.53
NBER LAGGING INDICATORS										
62. Labor cost per unit of output, manufacturing.....	.56	.41	.30	1.37	2	.82	2.40	1.77	7.45	3.70
64. Book value of manufacturers' inventories.....	.54	.19	.49	.39	1	.39	8.33	2.02	13.89	8.33
65. Book value of manufacturers' inventories of finished goods.....	.80	.54	.49	1.10	2	.53	2.40	1.42	15.63	5.17
66. Consumer installment debt.....	.83	.17	.78	.22	1	.22	11.45	2.29	18.00	11.45
OTHER U.S. SERIES WITH BUSINESS CYCLE SIGNIFICANCE										
82. Federal cash payments to public.....	3.73	3.57	.61	5.85	6	(1)	1.45	1.38	9.15	2.53
83. Federal cash receipts from public.....	4.10	4.02	.74	5.43	6	(1)	1.59	1.43	8.50	3.26
90. Defense Department obligations, procurement.....	26.87	26.37	4.09	6.45	6	(1)	1.51	1.46	5.93	2.27
91. Defense Department obligations, total.....	15.12	14.78	2.70	5.47	6	(1)	1.47	1.43	6.61	2.48
92. Military contract awards in U.S.....	26.25	26.21	6.12	4.28	6	(1)	1.58	1.47	5.95	2.86
99. New orders, defense products.....	23.00	23.02	3.60	6.39	6	(1)	1.51	1.45	5.56	2.53
114. Treasury bill rate.....	7.33	5.69	4.71	1.21	2	.81	2.47	2.00	9.71	3.55
115. Treasury bond yields.....	1.80	1.39	1.04	1.34	2	.95	2.72	2.13	10.46	3.75
116. Corporate bond yields.....	1.68	1.50	.58	2.59	4	.93	2.26	1.79	8.67	4.90
117. Municipal bond yields.....	2.57	2.17	1.12	1.94	3	.86	2.63	1.90	8.56	3.55
118. Mortgage yields.....	.58	.27	.52	.52	1	.52	9.13	2.63	17.13	9.13

See footnotes at end of table.

## Appendix C.—AVERAGE CHANGES AND RELATED MEASURES FOR BUSINESS CYCLE SERIES—Continued

## Part 1.—Average Percentage Changes—Continued

Monthly series	$\overline{CI}$	$\overline{I}$	$\overline{C}$	$\overline{I/C}$	MCD	$\overline{I/C}$ for MCD span	Average duration of run (ADR)			
							CI	I	C	MCD
OTHER U.S. SERIES WITH BUSINESS CYCLE SIGNIFICANCE—Con.										
86. Exports, excluding military aid.....	4.59	4.39	1.11	3.95	4	0.96	1.77	1.66	7.06	2.75
87. General imports.....	3.61	3.47	.97	3.58	4	.85	1.59	1.51	7.53	2.97
81. Consumer prices.....	.15	.10	.13	.77	1	.77	6.00	2.25	25.20	6.00
94. Construction contracts, value.....	7.03	6.69	1.69	3.96	5	.84	1.52	1.45	7.88	3.59
96. Unfilled orders, durable goods industries.....	1.51	.57	1.34	.43	1	.43	5.95	1.87	13.89	5.95
INTERNATIONAL COMPARISONS OF INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION										
123. Canada.....	.90	.77	.52	1.48	2	.72	3.47	2.12	15.63	8.27
122. United Kingdom.....	1.14	1.09	.47	2.32	3	.81	2.40	1.87	8.93	5.59
121. OECD European countries.....	.86	.83	.50	1.66	2	.89	3.47	2.40	31.25	7.75
125. West Germany.....	1.42	1.18	.69	1.71	2	.93	2.86	2.14	18.00	5.43
126. France.....	1.36	1.20	.68	1.76	2	.89	3.21	2.08	25.00	11.27
127. Italy.....	1.44	1.41	.74	1.91	3	.64	2.70	1.82	31.00	6.42
128. Japan.....	1.70	1.07	1.23	.87	1	.87	2.91	1.52	17.86	2.91
Quarterly series	$\overline{CI}$	$\overline{I}$	$\overline{C}$	$\overline{I/C}$	QCD	$\overline{I/C}$ for QCD span	Average duration of run (ADR)			
							CI	I	C	QCD
NBER LEADING INDICATORS										
11. New capital appropriations, manufacturing.....	11.35	7.11	7.31	0.97	1	0.97	2.42	1.48	5.11	2.42
16. Corporate profits after taxes.....	5.70	3.47	3.89	.89	1	.89	3.27	1.44	4.90	3.27
18. Profits per dollar of sales, manufacturing.....	6.76	4.80	4.17	1.15	2	.56	2.47	1.40	5.25	2.73
22. Ratio, profits to income originating, corporate, all industries.....	4.43	3.17	2.64	1.20	2	.56	2.33	1.32	4.08	4.00
NBER ROUGHLY COINCIDENT INDICATORS										
50. GNP in 1958 dollars.....	1.23	.36	1.08	.33	1	.33	3.27	1.48	5.44	3.27
49. GNP in current dollars.....	1.47	.37	1.34	.28	1	.28	5.44	1.26	7.00	5.44
57. Final sales.....	1.29	.36	1.20	.30	1	.30	9.80	1.20	9.80	9.80
NBER LAGGING INDICATORS										
61. Business expenditures, new plant and equipment.....	3.15	1.26	2.64	.48	1	.48	4.67	1.83	4.67	4.67
63. Labor cost per dollar of real corporate GNP.....	.85	.43	.68	.63	1	.63	2.88	1.20	5.44	2.88
67. Bank rates on short-term business loans.....	2.31	1.57	2.00	.79	1	.79	2.47	1.56	4.67	2.47
OTHER U.S. SERIES WITH BUSINESS CYCLE SIGNIFICANCE										
110. Total private borrowing.....	11.61	8.33	7.58	1.10	2	.43	2.59	1.33	4.00	4.30
111. Corporate gross savings.....	4.32	2.86	2.90	.99	1	.99	2.30	1.48	4.60	2.30
97. Backlog of capital appropriations, manufacturing.....	6.57	1.47	6.15	.24	1	.24	3.21	1.61	7.50	3.21

NOTE: For most series, measures are computed for a period of at least 10 years. Figures for series 7, 86, 87, and 116 are based on shorter periods.

<sup>1</sup>Not computed for series when MCD is "6" or more.

The following are brief definitions of the measures shown in this table. More complete explanations appear in Electronic Computers and Business Indicators, by Julius Shiskin, issued as Occasional Paper 57 by the National Bureau of Economic Research, 1957 (reprinted from Journal of Business, October 1957).

" $\overline{CI}$ ", is the average month-to-month (or quarter-to-quarter) percentage change, without regard to sign, in the seasonally

adjusted series. " $\overline{I}$ " is the same for the irregular component, obtained by dividing the cyclical component into the seasonally adjusted series. " $\overline{C}$ " is the same for the cyclical component, a smooth, flexible moving average of the seasonally adjusted series.

"MCD" (months for cyclical dominance) provides an estimate of the appropriate time span over which to observe cyclical movements in a monthly series. It is small for smooth series and large for irregular series. In deriving MCD, percentage changes are computed separately for the irregular component and the cyclical component over 1-month spans (Jan.-Feb., Feb.-Mar., etc.), 2-month spans (Jan.-Mar., Feb.-Apr., etc.), up to 5-month spans. Averages, without regard to sign, are then computed for the changes over each span. MCD is the shortest span in months for which the average percentage change (without regard to sign) in the cyclical component is larger than the average percentage change (without regard to sign) in the

irregular component, and remains so. Thus, it indicates the point at which fluctuations in the seasonally adjusted series become dominated by cyclical rather than irregular movements. Since changes are not computed for spans greater than 5 months, all series with an MCD greater than "5" are shown as "6". Similarly, "QCD" provides an estimate of the appropriate time span over which to observe cyclical movements in quarterly series. It is the shortest span (in quarters) for which the average percentage change (without regard to sign) in the cyclical component is larger than the average percentage change (without regard to sign) in the irregular component, and remains so.

" $\bar{I}/\bar{C}$ " is a measure of the relative smoothness (small values) or irregularity (large values) of the seasonally adjusted series. For monthly series, it is shown for 1-month spans and for spans of the period of MCD. When MCD is "6", no  $\bar{I}/\bar{C}$  ratio is shown for the MCD period. For quarterly series,  $\bar{I}/\bar{C}$  is shown for 1-quarter spans and QCD spans.

"Average Duration of Run" (ADR) is another measure of smoothness and is equal to the average number of consecutive monthly changes in the same direction in any series of observations. When there is no change between 2 months, a change in the same direction as the preceding change is assumed. The ADR is shown for the seasonally adjusted series CI, irregular component I, cyclical component C, and the MCD curve. The MCD

curve is a moving average (with the number of terms equal to MCD) of the seasonally adjusted series.

A comparison of these measures of ADR with the expected ADR of a random series gives an indication of whether the changes approximate those of a random series. Over 1-month intervals in a random series, the expected value of the ADR is 1.5. The actual value of ADR falls between 1.36 and 1.75 about 95 percent of the time. Over 1-month intervals in a moving average (MCD) of a random series, the expected value of ADR is 2.0. For example, the ADR of CI is 1.67 for the series on new orders, durable goods industries (series 6). This indicates that 1-month changes in the seasonally adjusted series, on the average, reverse sign about as often as expected in a random series. The ADR measures shown in the next two columns, 1.54 for I and 8.33 for C, suggest that the seasonally adjusted series has been successfully separated into an essentially random component and a cyclical (nonrandom) component. Finally, ADR is 4.56 for the MCD moving average. This indicates that a 3-month moving average of the seasonally adjusted series (3 months being the MCD span) reverses direction, on the average, about every 4 to 5 months. The increase in the ADR from 1.67 for CI to 4.56 for the MCD moving average indicates that, for this series, month-to-month changes in the MCD moving average usually reflect the underlying cyclical-trend movements of the series, whereas the month-to-month changes in the seasonally adjusted series usually do not.

#### Appendix C.—AVERAGE CHANGES AND RELATED MEASURES FOR BUSINESS CYCLE SERIES—Continued

##### Part 2.—Average Unit Changes

Monthly series	Unit of measure	$\bar{CI}$	$\bar{I}$	$\bar{C}$	$\bar{I}/\bar{C}$	MCD	$\bar{I}/\bar{C}$ for MCD span	Average duration of run (ADR)			
								CI	I	C	MCD
31. Change in book value, manufacturing and trade inventories.....	Ann. rate, bil. dol..	3.50	3.37	0.85	3.96	4	0.94	1.47	1.44	7.94	3.22
20. Change in book value of manufacturers' inventories of materials, supplies.....	.....do.....	1.52	1.45	.37	3.93	5	.92	1.64	1.46	6.05	3.15
25. Change in unfilled orders, durable goods.	Bil. dol...	.49	.46	.16	2.93	4	.79	1.79	1.58	7.44	3.45
84. Federal cash surplus or deficit.....	Ann. rate, bil. dol..	4.39	4.31	.82	5.27	5	.91	1.81	1.40	7.00	2.61
93. Free reserves.....	Mil. dol...	104.23	82.19	52.77	1.56	2	.95	2.03	1.52	10.31	3.17
85. Change in money supply.....	Ann. rate, percent...	3.06	3.07	.30	10.37	6	( <sup>1</sup> )	1.36	1.36	10.71	2.64
98. Change in money supply and time deposits.	.....do.....	2.51	2.53	.29	8.76	6	( <sup>1</sup> )	1.44	1.42	9.38	2.42
112. Change in business loans.....	Ann. rate, bil. dol..	1.22	1.19	.26	4.51	5	.93	1.47	1.47	6.22	2.48
113. Change in consumer installment debt.....	.....do.....	.85	.75	.34	2.19	3	.78	1.71	1.55	9.00	3.24
88. Merchandise trade balance.....	Mil. dol...	58.96	56.60	17.50	3.23	3	.93	1.82	1.61	11.30	2.64
Quarterly series	Unit of measure	$\bar{CI}$	$\bar{I}$	$\bar{C}$	$\bar{I}/\bar{C}$	QCD	$\bar{I}/\bar{C}$ for QCD span	Average duration of run (ADR)			
								CI	I	C	QCD
21. Change in business inventories, all industries.....	Ann. rate, bil. dol..	2.32	1.60	1.40	1.15	2	.54	1.75	1.36	3.77	2.82
95. Balance, Fed. income and product account.	.....do.....	2.40	1.39	1.70	.82	1	.82	2.23	1.48	3.77	2.23
89. U.S. balance of payments.....	Mil. dol...	266.91	222.40	125.72	1.77	2	.77	1.68	1.24	3.13	2.71

NOTE: For most series, measures are computed for a period of at least 10 years. Figures for series 88 and 112 are based on shorter periods.

<sup>1</sup>Not computed for series when MCD is "6" or more.

The measures in the above table are computed by an additive method to avoid the distortion caused by zero and negative data. Thus, "CI" is the average month-to-month (or quarter-

to-quarter) change in the seasonally adjusted series. This average is computed without regard to sign and is expressed in the same unit of measure as the series itself. "C" is the same for the cyclical component, which is a moving average of the seasonally adjusted series. "I" is the same for the irregular component, which is determined by subtracting the cyclical component from the seasonally adjusted series.

All other measures shown above have the same meaning as in part 1.

Appendix D.—CURRENT ADJUSTMENT FACTORS FOR BUSINESS CYCLE SERIES (NOV. 1964 TO DEC. 1965)

Series	1964		1965											
	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
4. Temporary layoff, all industries.....	89.0	94.6	157.0	105.5	91.6	87.4	77.6	73.8	107.2	140.3	86.9	90.4	89.9	94.6
5. Average weekly initial claims, State unemployment insurance.....	104.5	137.4	144.9	107.2	92.7	91.8	82.3	83.8	105.3	83.9	77.4	88.6	104.5	137.4
13. New business incorporations <sup>1</sup> .....	82.4	101.8	105.2	91.9	115.6	107.3	103.1	105.8	102.6	95.0	93.1	94.9	82.4	101.8
14. Liabilities of business failures.....	107.5	77.7	105.6	104.1	100.2	104.7	95.7	106.6	100.7	104.7	96.7	95.8	107.6	77.7
15. Large business failures.....	94.8	86.0	112.9	114.1	112.0	113.3	99.5	102.3	86.3	95.7	91.3	94.6	95.0	86.0
17. Ratio, price to unit labor cost, mfg.	100.6	97.5	98.1	99.5	100.2	100.9	101.3	102.5	96.3	98.8	101.8	102.7	100.6	97.5
18. Profits per dollar of sales, mfg. <sup>2</sup> ...	101.4	...	...	95.2	...	...	106.3	...	...	96.9	...	...	101.4	...
30. Nonagri. placements, all industries <sup>1</sup> .	92.5	83.6	80.1	76.9	93.1	104.4	108.2	111.1	102.4	113.8	122.0	110.6	94.4	83.6
37. Purchased materials, percent reporting higher inventories.....	93.1	95.1	104.9	108.6	108.2	113.4	107.1	99.0	94.8	92.9	92.7	90.2	93.0	95.1
55. Wholesale prices except farm products and foods.....	100.0	100.1	100.2	100.0	99.9	99.9	100.0	99.9	99.9	99.9	99.8	100.0	100.0	100.1
62. Labor cost per unit of output, mfg....	99.5	102.6	102.3	100.6	99.7	98.9	98.6	97.7	104.1	101.2	98.3	97.0	99.5	102.6
81. Consumer prices.....	100.1	99.9	99.9	99.9	99.9	99.8	99.7	99.9	100.2	100.0	100.1	100.1	100.1	99.9
82. Federal cash payments to public <sup>1</sup> ....	99.8	103.1	89.6	94.4	97.6	100.4	98.4	104.0	97.0	114.2	96.9	101.9	101.4	105.8
83. Federal cash receipts from public <sup>1</sup> ...	101.8	107.8	67.7	113.0	126.8	81.2	117.5	152.3	49.1	114.4	124.9	45.4	101.6	107.9
90. Defense Dept. oblig., procurement....	96.0	93.3	86.3	97.5	78.6	87.9	83.9	197.9	103.4	80.1	99.7	98.4	96.0	93.3
91. Defense Dept. obligations, total.....	91.5	91.8	92.8	88.6	96.3	95.8	88.6	143.1	115.2	92.4	99.7	106.3	91.5	91.8
92. Military contract awards in U.S.....	79.4	92.1	100.6	88.9	125.1	84.7	90.2	171.9	72.8	88.4	103.9	101.1	79.4	92.1
112. Change in business loans <sup>3</sup> .....	101.2	102.0	100.6	99.7	100.3	100.3	100.0	99.6	98.9	98.5	99.3	99.9	101.3	102.0
128. Japan, industrial production index...	99.2	102.1	94.0	102.1	108.1	99.5	100.1	99.8	100.0	96.4	99.5	99.6	99.2	102.1

NOTE: These data are not published by the source agency in seasonally adjusted form. Seasonal adjustments were made by the Bureau of the Census or the National Bureau of Economic Research, Inc. They are kept current by the Bureau of the Census. Seasonally adjusted data prepared by the source agency will be substituted whenever they are published.

<sup>1</sup>Factors are products of seasonal and trading-day factors. Seasonally adjusted data resulting from the application of these combined factors may differ slightly from those obtained by separate applications of seasonal and trading-day factors.

<sup>2</sup>Quarterly series; figures are placed in middle month of quarter.

<sup>3</sup>Factors apply to total series before month-to-month changes are computed.

Appendix E.—PERCENT CHANGE FOR SELECTED SERIES OVER CONTRACTION AND EXPANSION PERIODS OF BUSINESS CYCLES: 1920 TO 1961

Contractions: Reference peak to reference trough	Percent change: Reference peak to reference trough							43. Unemployment rate, total		
	41. Em- ployees in non- agri. es- tablish- ments	47. Index of indus- trial produc- tion	50. GNP in 1958 dollars (Q) <sup>1</sup>	49. GNP in cur- rent dollars (Q) <sup>1</sup>	51. Bank debts, all SMSA's except New York	52. Per- sonal income	54. Sales of retail stores	Change in rate, peak to trough	Rate at peak	Rate at trough
Jan. 1920-July 1921.....	(NA)	-31.6	(NA)	-19.7	-22.5	-21.9	-6.2	<sup>2</sup> +7.9	<sup>2</sup> 4.0	<sup>2</sup> 11.9
May 1923-July 1924.....	(NA)	-18.0	-0.3	-2.3	-3.1	0.0	0.0	<sup>2</sup> +2.3	<sup>2</sup> 3.2	<sup>2</sup> 5.5
Oct. 1926-Nov. 1927.....	(NA)	-5.9	+2.3	+0.4	+8.7	+0.9	0.0	<sup>2</sup> +2.2	<sup>2</sup> 1.9	<sup>2</sup> 4.1
Aug. 1929-Mar. 1933.....	-31.6	-51.8	-28.0	-49.6	-61.9	-50.8	-47.4	+25.4	<sup>3</sup> 0.0	25.4
May 1937-June 1938.....	-10.4	-31.7	-8.9	-11.9	-16.5	-10.9	-18.5	+8.8	11.2	20.0
Feb. 1945-Oct. 1945 <sup>4</sup> .....	-7.8	-31.4	(NA)	-10.9	-1.0	-4.0	+9.9	+2.2	1.1	3.3
Nov. 1948-Oct. 1949.....	-5.1	-8.5	-1.6	-3.4	-4.0	-4.7	0.0	+4.1	<sup>3</sup> 3.8	7.9
July 1953-Aug. 1954 <sup>5</sup> .....	-3.4	-9.1	-2.2	-0.8	+1.6	0.0	-0.7	+3.5	2.6	6.1
July 1957-Apr. 1958.....	-3.9	-14.1	-3.4	-1.8	-3.1	+0.2	-1.6	+3.2	4.2	7.4
May 1960-Feb. 1961.....	-1.9	-5.7	-1.4	-0.2	+2.4	+0.9	-1.9	+1.7	5.2	6.9
Median: <sup>6</sup>										
All contractions.....	-5.6	-16.0	-1.9	-2.8	-3.1	-2.0	-1.2	+3.4	3.5	7.2
Excluding postwar con- tractions.....	-6.5	-16.0	-2.1	-2.8	-3.6	-2.4	-1.8	+3.6	3.9	7.6
4 contractions since 1948.	-3.6	-8.8	-1.9	-1.3	-0.8	+0.1	-1.2	+3.4	4.0	7.2

Expansions: Reference trough to reference peak	Percent change: Reference trough to reference peak							43. Unemployment rate, total		
	41. Em- ployees in non- agri. es- tablish- ments	47. Index of indus- trial produc- tion	50. GNP in 1958 dollars (Q) <sup>1</sup>	49. GNP in cur- rent dollars (Q) <sup>1</sup>	51. Bank debts, all SMSA's except New York	52. Per- sonal income	54. Sales of retail stores	Change in rate, trough to peak	Rate at trough	Rate at peak
July 1921-May 1923.....	(NA)	+64.2	(NA)	+25.1	+23.5	+29.6	+13.3	<sup>2</sup> -8.7	<sup>2</sup> 11.9	<sup>2</sup> 3.2
July 1924-Oct. 1926.....	(NA)	+30.4	+12.4	+14.7	+18.9	+13.2	+8.8	<sup>2</sup> -3.6	<sup>2</sup> 5.5	<sup>2</sup> 1.9
Nov. 1927-Aug. 1929.....	(NA)	+24.1	+12.6	+13.3	+20.4	+12.2	+2.7	<sup>2</sup> -0.9	<sup>2</sup> 4.1	<sup>2</sup> 3.2
Mar. 1933-May 1937.....	+40.2	+119.9	+42.1	+73.9	+78.4	+76.3	+85.6	-14.2	25.4	11.2
June 1938-Feb. 1945 <sup>4</sup> .....	+45.9	+183.3	(NA)	+169.6	+131.7	+157.3	+102.0	-18.9	20.0	1.1
Oct. 1945-Nov. 1948.....	+17.2	+21.9	+3.3	+34.9	+51.5	+28.5	+59.7	+0.3	3.3	<sup>3</sup> 3.6
Oct. 1949-July 1953 <sup>5</sup> .....	+17.8	+50.0	+28.8	+44.1	+49.3	+41.4	+26.3	-5.3	7.9	2.6
Aug. 1954-July 1957.....	+8.9	+19.7	+11.8	+22.4	+28.6	+22.1	+20.0	-1.9	6.1	4.2
Apr. 1958-May 1960.....	+6.8	+25.2	+11.4	+15.1	+21.2	+13.3	+10.8	-2.2	7.4	5.2
Median: <sup>6</sup>										
All expansions.....	+17.5	+35.2	+12.3	+27.5	+33.8	+26.7	+19.9	-3.7	7.1	3.3
Excluding wartime expan- sions.....	+13.0	+26.6	+12.1	+20.9	+24.4	+21.3	+14.7	-2.6	6.3	3.7
4 expansions since 1945...	+13.0	+23.6	+11.6	+28.6	+39.0	+25.3	+23.2	-2.0	6.8	3.9

NOTE: For series with a "months for cyclical dominance" (MCD) of "1" or "2" (series 41, 43, 47, 52, and 54), the figure for the reference peak (trough) month is used as the base. For series with an MCD of "3" or more (series 51), the average of the 3 months centered on the reference peak (trough) month is used as the base. The base for quarterly series (series 49 and 50) is the reference peak (trough) quarter. See also MCD footnote to appendix C.

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<sup>1</sup>The most recent quarterly reference dates are as follows: 2d quarter 1958 (trough); 2d quarter 1960 (peak); and 1st quarter 1961 (trough). For earlier dates, see *Business Cycle Indicators* (NBER) vol. 1, p. 670.

<sup>2</sup>Based on average for the calendar year.

<sup>3</sup>Differs from figure for same date in expansion (contraction) part of table because of change in series used.

<sup>4</sup>World War II contraction or expansion period.

<sup>5</sup>Korean War contraction or expansion period.

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- \*1. Average workweek of production workers, manufacturing (M,I).--Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics
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- \*6. Value of manufacturers' new orders, durable goods industries (M,III).--Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census
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- \*9. Construction contracts awarded for commercial and industrial buildings, floor space (M,III).--F. W. Dodge Corporation; seasonal adjustment by Bureau of the Census and National Bureau of Economic Research, Inc.
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11. Newly approved capital appropriations, 1,000 manufacturing corporations (Q,III).--National Industrial Conference Board; component industries are seasonally adjusted and added to obtain seasonally adjusted total
13. Number of new business incorporations (M,III).--Dun and Bradstreet, Inc.; seasonal adjustment by Bureau of the Census and National Bureau of Economic Research, Inc.
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- \*16. Corporate profits after taxes (Q,V).--Department of Commerce, Office of Business Economics
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18. Profits (before taxes) per dollar of sales, all manufacturing corporations (Q,V).--Federal Trade Commission and Securities and Exchange Commission; seasonal adjustment by Bureau of the Census
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- \*43. Unemployment rate, total (M,I).--Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, and Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census
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- ... United States, index of industrial production (M,II).--See series 47.

### DIFFUSION INDEXES

The "D" preceding a number indicates a diffusion index. Diffusion indexes and corresponding business cycle series bear the same number and are obtained from the same sources. See sources above for D1, D5, D6, D11, D19, D23, D41, D47, D54, and D61. Sources for other diffusion indexes are as follows:

- D34. Profits, manufacturing, FNCB (Q).--First National City Bank of New York; no seasonal adjustment of series components. Diffusion indexes are seasonally adjusted by National Bureau of Economic Research, Inc.
- D35. Net sales, total manufactures (Q).--Dun and Bradstreet, Inc.; no seasonal adjustment
- D36. New orders, durable manufactures (Q).--Dun and Bradstreet, Inc.; no seasonal adjustment
- D48. Freight carloadings (Q).--Association of American Railroads; no seasonal adjustment
- D58. Wholesale prices, manufacturing (M).--Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics; seasonal adjustment by Bureau of the Census