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The 1969 edition of Business Statistics, the seventeenth in a series of biennial volumes providing important information on the Nation's economy, was released today by the Commerce Department's Office of Business Economics. The 400-page publication is a basic source book for all who analyze economic conditions. It contains historical data for the 2,500 series appearing in the statistical section of the Survey of Current Business, which is published monthly by the Office of Business Economics.

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