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TOTAL OUTPUT, INCOME, AND SPENDING

THE NATION'S INCOME, EXPENDITURE, AND SAVING

Gross national product increased \$24.3 billion in the second quarter to an annual rate of \$1,440.9 billion, according to recently revised figures. This estimate is \$7.5 billion higher than the preliminary estimate made in mid-July. In the first quarter there was a decline of \$14.3 billion.

[Billions of dollars; quarterly data at seasonally adjusted annual rates]

Period	Persons					Government						
	Disposable personal income			Personal consumption expenditures	Personal saving or dis-saving (-)	Net receipts			Expenditures			Surplus or deficit (-), income and product accounts
	Total ¹	Less: Interest paid and transfer payments to foreigners	Equals: Total excluding interest and transfers			Tax and nontax receipts or accruals	Less: Transfers, interest, and subsidies ²	Equals: Net receipts	Total expenditures	Less: Transfers, interest, and subsidies ²	Equals: Purchases of goods and services	
1969-----	634.4	16.7	617.7	579.5	38.2	296.7	77.9	218.8	287.9	77.9	210.0	8.8
1970-----	691.7	17.9	673.8	617.6	56.2	302.5	93.2	209.4	312.7	93.2	219.5	-10.1
1971-----	746.4	18.8	727.6	667.1	60.5	321.6	105.9	215.7	340.2	105.9	234.2	-18.5
1972-----	802.5	20.9	781.6	729.0	52.6	367.0	116.5	250.5	372.1	116.5	255.7	-5.1
1973-----	903.7	24.1	879.6	805.2	74.4	411.5	131.6	279.9	408.0	131.6	276.4	3.5
1974-----	979.7	26.0	953.7	876.7	77.0	455.0	152.0	303.0	461.2	152.0	309.2	-6.3
1974: I-----	950.6	25.6	925.0	840.6	84.4	435.9	139.3	296.5	435.5	139.3	296.3	: 4
II-----	966.5	25.8	940.7	869.1	71.5	450.7	147.4	303.3	451.7	147.4	304.4	-1.0
III-----	993.1	26.2	966.9	901.3	65.5	470.3	157.8	312.4	470.0	157.8	312.3	: 2
IV-----	1,008.8	26.4	982.4	895.8	86.5	463.1	164.0	299.1	487.8	164.0	323.8	-24.6
1975: I-----	1,015.5	26.3	989.2	913.2	75.9	453.7	178.1	275.6	509.8	178.1	331.6	-56.0
II-----	1,078.5	26.1	1,052.4	938.6	113.8	425.8	191.9	233.9	529.8	191.9	338.1	-104.2

Period	Business			International					Total income or receipts	Statistical discrepancy	Gross national product or expenditure
	Gross retained earnings ³	Gross private domestic investment ⁴	Excess of investment (—)	Net transfers to foreigners by persons and Government	Net exports of goods and services			Excess of transfers or of net exports (—) ⁵			
					Exports	Less: Imports	Equals: Net exports				
1969-----	97.0	139.0	—42.0	2.9	55.5	53.6	1.9	1.0	936.3	—6.1	930.3
1970-----	97.0	136.3	—39.3	3.2	62.9	59.3	3.6	—4.4	983.5	—6.4	977.1
1971-----	110.2	153.7	—43.5	3.6	65.4	65.6	—; 2	3.8	1,057.2	—2.3	1,054.9
1972-----	125.9	179.3	—53.5	3.8	72.4	78.4	—6.0	9.8	1,161.8	—3.8	1,158.0
1973-----	136.5	209.4	—72.9	3.9	100.4	96.4	3.9	—1.1	1,299.9	—5.0	1,294.9
1974-----	136.8	209.4	—72.6	3.6	140.2	138.1	2.1	1.5	1,397.1	.4	1,397.4
1974: I-----	139.7	210.5	—70.8	3.7	131.2	119.9	11.3	—7.7	1,365.1	—6.3	1,358.8
II-----	135.7	211.8	—76.1	3.7	138.5	140.0	—1.5	5.2	1,383.5	.3	1,383.8
III-----	130.6	205.8	—75.2	3.3	143.6	146.7	—3.1	6.5	1,413.3	3.0	1,416.3
IV-----	141.0	209.4	—68.4	3.6	147.5	145.7	1.9	1.8	1,426.1	4.8	1,430.9
1975: I-----	146.7	163.1	—16.4	3.6	142.2	133.4	8.8	—5.2	1,415.1	1.6	1,416.6
II-----	155.4	148.1	7.3	3.6	136.0	119.8	16.2	—12.5	1,445.3	—4.4	1,440.9

¹ Personal income (p. 5) less personal tax and nontax payments (fines, penalties, etc.).

² Government transfer payments to persons, foreign net transfers by Government, net interest paid by government, subsidies less current surplus of government enterprises, and disbursements less wage accruals.

³ Capital consumption allowances, corporate inventory valuation adjustment, undistributed corporate profits, and private wage accruals less disbursements. Does not include retained earnings of unincorporated business, which are included in disposable personal income.

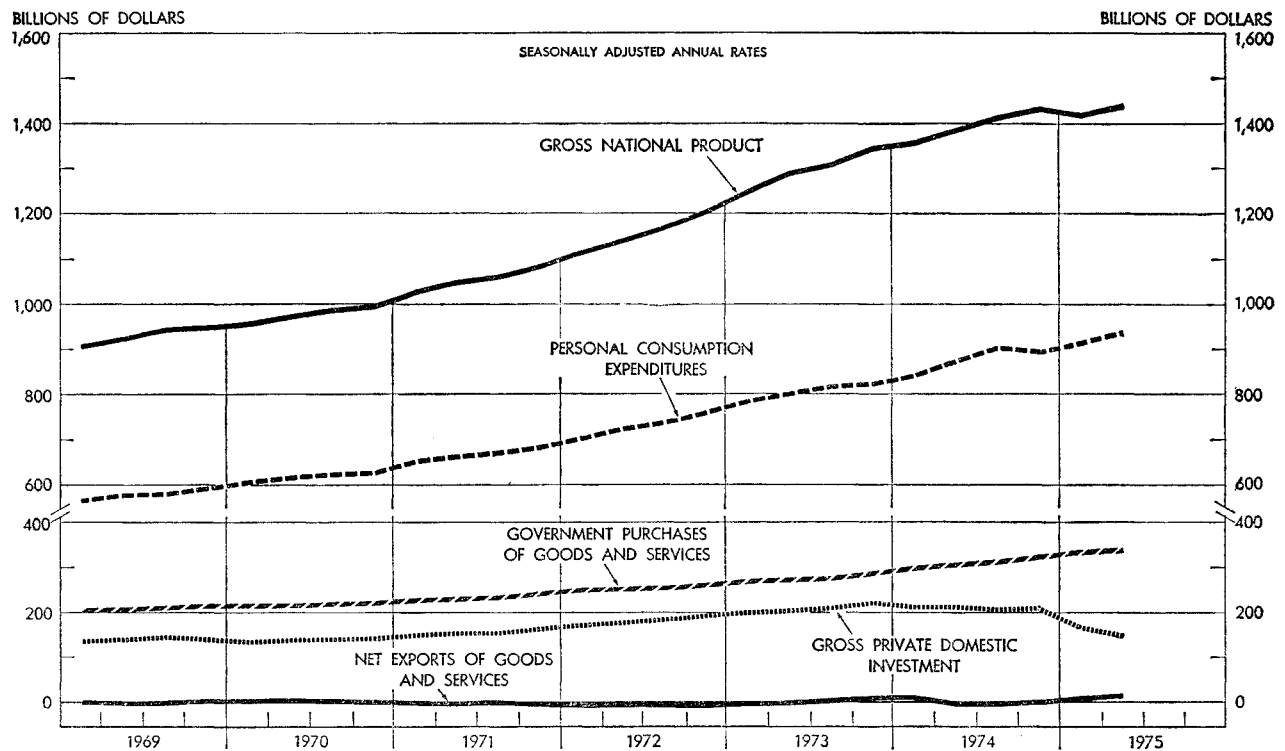
⁴ Private business investment, purchases of capital goods by private nonprofit institutions, and residential housing.

⁵ Net foreign investment less capital grants received by United States, with sign changed.

Source: Department of Commerce, Bureau of Economic Analysis.

GROSS NATIONAL PRODUCT OR EXPENDITURE

In the second quarter, gross national product (revised) rose at an annual rate of 7.0 percent, reflecting an inflation rate of 5.1 percent and a rate of increase of 1.9 percent in real GNP.



SOURCE: DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

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Period	Total gross national product in 1958 dollars	Total gross national product	Personal consumption expenditures	Gross private domestic investment	Net exports of goods and services	Government purchases of goods and services					Implicit price deflator for total GNP, 1958=100 ²
						Total	Federal			State and local	
							Total	National defense ¹	Other		
Billions of dollars; quarterly data at seasonally adjusted annual rates											
1965.....	617.8	684.9	432.8	108.1	6.9	137.0	66.9	50.1	16.8	70.1	110.86
1966.....	658.1	749.9	466.3	121.4	5.3	156.8	77.8	60.7	17.1	79.0	113.94
1967.....	676.2	793.9	492.1	116.6	5.2	180.1	90.7	72.4	18.4	89.4	117.59
1968.....	706.6	864.2	536.2	126.0	2.5	199.6	98.8	78.3	20.5	100.8	122.30
1969.....	725.6	930.3	579.5	139.0	1.9	210.0	98.8	78.4	20.4	111.2	128.20
1970.....	722.5	977.1	617.6	136.3	3.6	219.5	96.2	74.6	21.6	123.3	135.24
1971.....	746.8	1,054.9	667.1	153.7	-2	234.2	97.6	71.2	26.5	136.6	141.35
1972.....	792.5	1,158.0	729.0	179.3	-6.0	255.7	104.9	74.8	30.1	150.8	146.12
1973.....	839.2	1,294.9	805.2	209.4	3.9	276.4	106.6	74.4	32.2	169.8	154.31
1974.....	821.2	1,397.4	876.7	209.4	2.1	309.2	116.9	78.7	38.2	192.3	170.18
1974: I.....	830.5	1,358.8	840.6	210.5	11.3	296.3	111.5	75.8	35.7	184.8	163.61
II.....	827.1	1,383.8	869.1	211.8	-1.5	304.4	114.3	76.6	37.7	190.1	167.31
III.....	823.1	1,416.3	901.3	205.8	-3.1	312.3	117.2	78.4	38.8	195.1	172.07
IV.....	804.0	1,430.9	895.8	209.4	1.9	323.8	124.5	84.0	40.6	199.3	177.97
1975: I.....	780.0	1,416.6	913.2	163.1	8.8	331.6	126.5	84.7	41.8	205.1	181.62
II.....	783.6	1,440.9	938.6	148.1	16.2	338.1	128.4	84.8	43.6	209.7	183.88

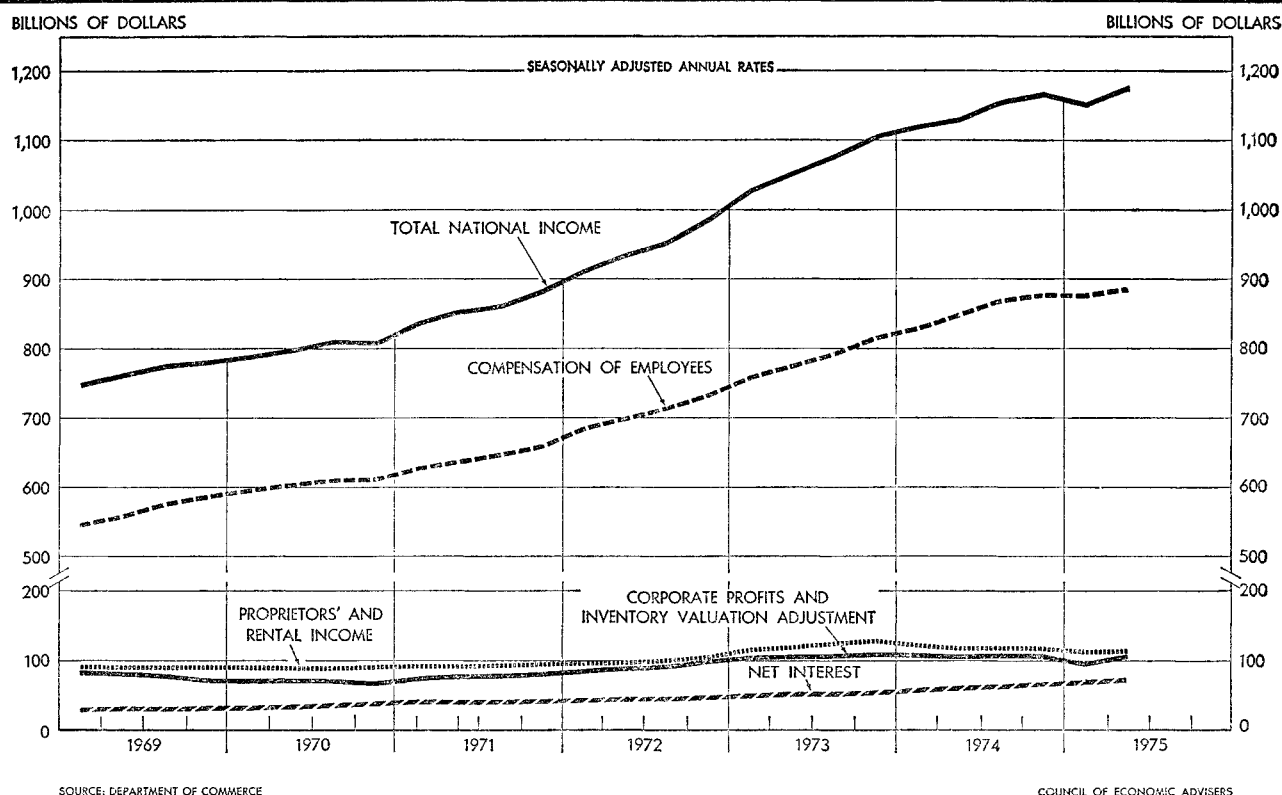
¹ This category corresponds closely with budget outlays for national defense, shown on p. 36.

² Gross national product in current dollars divided by gross national product in 1958 dollars.

Source: Department of Commerce, Bureau of Economic Analysis.

NATIONAL INCOME

National income rose \$24.7 billion (annual rate) in the second quarter. Most of the rise came from compensation of employees (\$9.8 billion) and corporate profits including inventory valuation adjustment (\$10.6 billion). However, other major sources of income also increased.



SOURCE: DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

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[Billions of dollars; quarterly data at seasonally adjusted annual rates]

Period	Total national income	Compensation of employees ¹	Proprietors' income		Rental income of persons	Net interest	Corporate profits and inventory valuation adjustment		
			Farm ²	Business and professional			Total	Profits before taxes	Inventory valuation adjustment
1965.....	564.3	393.8	14.8	42.4	19.0	18.2	76.1	77.8	-1.7
1966.....	620.6	435.5	16.1	45.2	20.0	21.4	82.4	84.2	-1.8
1967.....	653.6	467.2	14.8	47.3	21.1	24.4	78.7	79.8	-1.1
1968.....	711.1	514.6	14.7	49.5	21.2	26.9	84.3	87.6	-3.3
1969.....	766.0	566.0	16.7	50.5	22.6	30.5	79.8	84.9	-5.1
1970.....	800.5	603.9	16.9	50.0	23.9	36.5	69.2	74.0	-4.8
1971.....	857.7	643.1	17.2	52.0	25.2	41.6	78.7	83.6	-4.9
1972.....	946.5	707.1	21.0	54.9	25.9	45.6	92.2	99.2	-7.0
1973.....	1,065.6	786.0	38.5	57.6	26.1	52.3	105.1	122.7	-17.6
1974.....	1,142.5	855.8	31.8	61.2	26.5	61.6	105.6	140.7	-35.1
1974: I.....	1,118.8	828.8	39.1	59.3	26.4	57.5	107.7	135.4	-27.7
II.....	1,130.2	848.3	29.1	60.7	26.3	60.1	105.6	139.0	-33.4
III.....	1,155.5	868.2	29.8	62.3	26.6	62.8	105.8	157.0	-51.2
IV.....	1,165.4	877.7	29.1	62.5	26.8	65.9	103.4	131.5	-28.1
1975: I.....	1,150.7	875.6	22.2	62.7	27.0	68.9	94.3	101.2	-7.0
II.....	1,175.4	885.4	22.7	63.4	27.1	71.9	104.9	113.3	-8.4

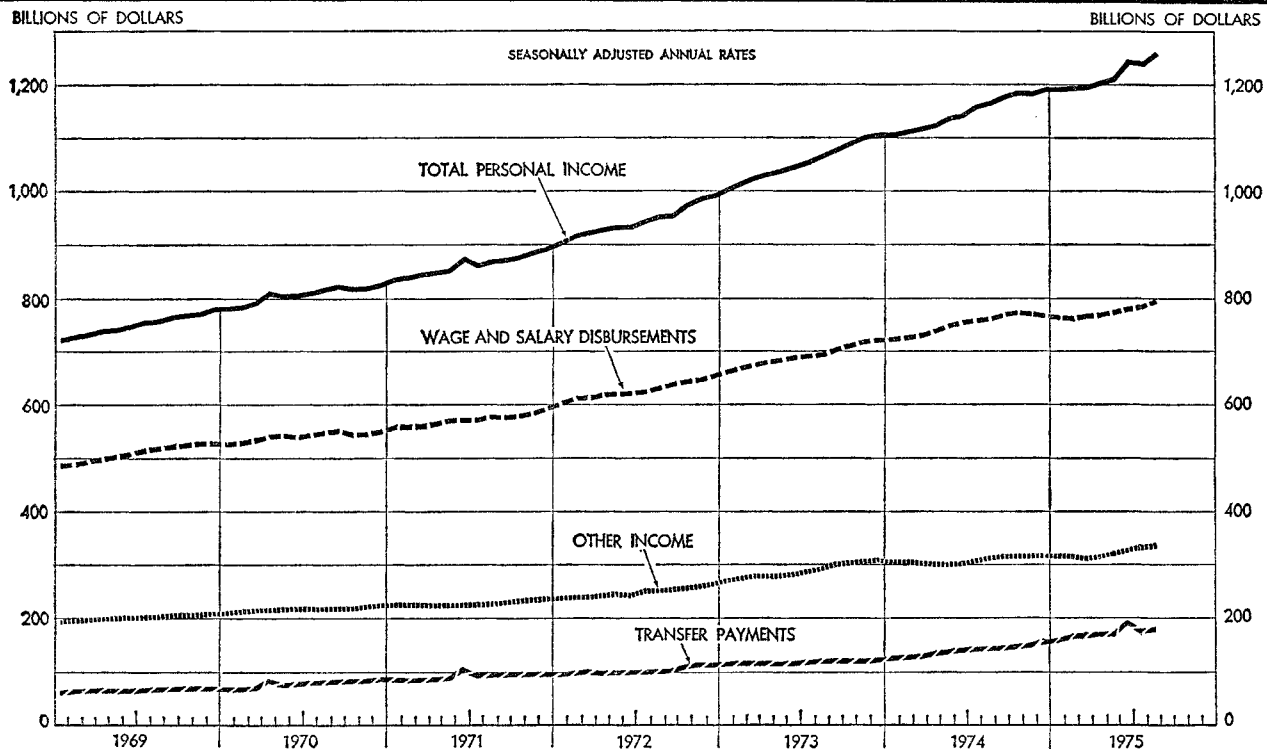
¹Includes employer contributions for social insurance. (See also p. 4.)

²Excludes farm profits of corporations engaged in farming and therefore differs from net farm income (including net inventory change) on p. 6 which includes such profits.

Source: Department of Commerce, Bureau of Economic Analysis.

SOURCES OF PERSONAL INCOME

Personal income rose \$18.0 (annual rate) in August following a \$5.2 billion (revised) decline in July which was affected by one-time special social insurance benefit payments in June and an 8-percent cost-of-living increase in July. Excluding these special factors, personal income rose \$9.5 billion in July.



SOURCE: DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

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[Billions of dollars; monthly data at seasonally adjusted annual rates]

Period	Total personal income	Wage and salary disbursements ¹	Other labor income ^{1,2}	Proprietors' income		Rental income of persons	Dividends	Personal interest income	Transfer payments	Less: Personal contributions for social insurance	Nonagricultural personal income ³
				Farm	Business and professional						
1968-----	688.9	464.9	25.4	14.7	49.5	21.2	23.6	52.9	59.6	22.8	668.8
1969-----	750.9	509.7	28.4	16.7	50.5	22.6	24.3	59.3	65.8	26.3	728.3
1970-----	808.3	542.0	32.2	16.9	50.0	23.9	24.7	67.5	79.1	28.0	784.8
1971-----	864.0	573.0	36.4	17.2	52.0	25.2	25.0	72.8	93.3	30.7	840.0
1972-----	944.9	626.8	41.7	21.0	54.9	25.9	27.3	78.6	103.2	34.5	916.5
1973-----	1,055.0	691.7	46.0	38.5	57.6	26.1	29.6	90.6	117.8	42.8	1,008.0
1974-----	1,150.5	751.2	51.4	31.8	61.2	26.5	32.7	103.8	139.8	47.9	1,109.0
1974: July---	1,159.5	759.7	51.7	28.1	61.9	26.6	33.1	104.4	142.5	48.5	1,121.7
Aug-----	1,167.2	761.6	52.3	30.6	62.5	26.6	33.2	105.3	143.6	48.4	1,126.8
Sept-----	1,178.0	767.7	52.9	30.7	62.5	26.6	33.4	106.9	146.0	48.6	1,137.4
Oct-----	1,185.0	773.0	53.5	29.2	62.5	26.7	33.5	108.0	147.6	48.9	1,145.7
Nov-----	1,184.5	767.8	54.0	29.1	62.5	26.8	33.6	109.5	149.8	48.5	1,145.2
Dec-----	1,191.0	766.6	54.5	29.0	62.5	26.9	32.7	111.1	156.1	48.4	1,151.4
1975: Jan---	1,191.1	765.7	54.9	26.0	62.7	27.0	33.9	111.9	158.6	49.5	1,154.3
Feb-----	1,193.4	763.6	55.3	22.2	62.8	27.0	33.8	112.5	165.5	49.2	1,160.1
Mar-----	1,195.7	766.0	55.7	18.4	62.5	27.0	33.7	113.3	168.3	49.3	1,166.2
Apr-----	1,203.1	768.0	56.2	20.6	63.0	27.1	33.9	114.8	168.9	49.4	1,171.1
May-----	1,214.3	772.9	56.7	23.0	63.4	27.1	34.0	116.9	169.9	49.7	1,179.7
June-----	1,244.1	778.1	57.2	24.5	63.9	27.2	34.0	119.0	190.2	50.0	1,207.9
July-----	1,238.9	782.2	57.7	27.5	64.1	27.2	34.2	119.8	176.3	50.2	1,199.5
Aug ² -----	1,256.9	793.8	58.2	30.5	64.5	27.2	34.5	120.7	178.3	50.8	1,214.4

¹The total of wage and salary disbursements and other labor income differs from compensation of employees (see p. 3) in that it excludes employer contributions for social insurance and the excess of wage accruals over wage disbursements.

²Consists of employer contributions to private pension, health, and welfare

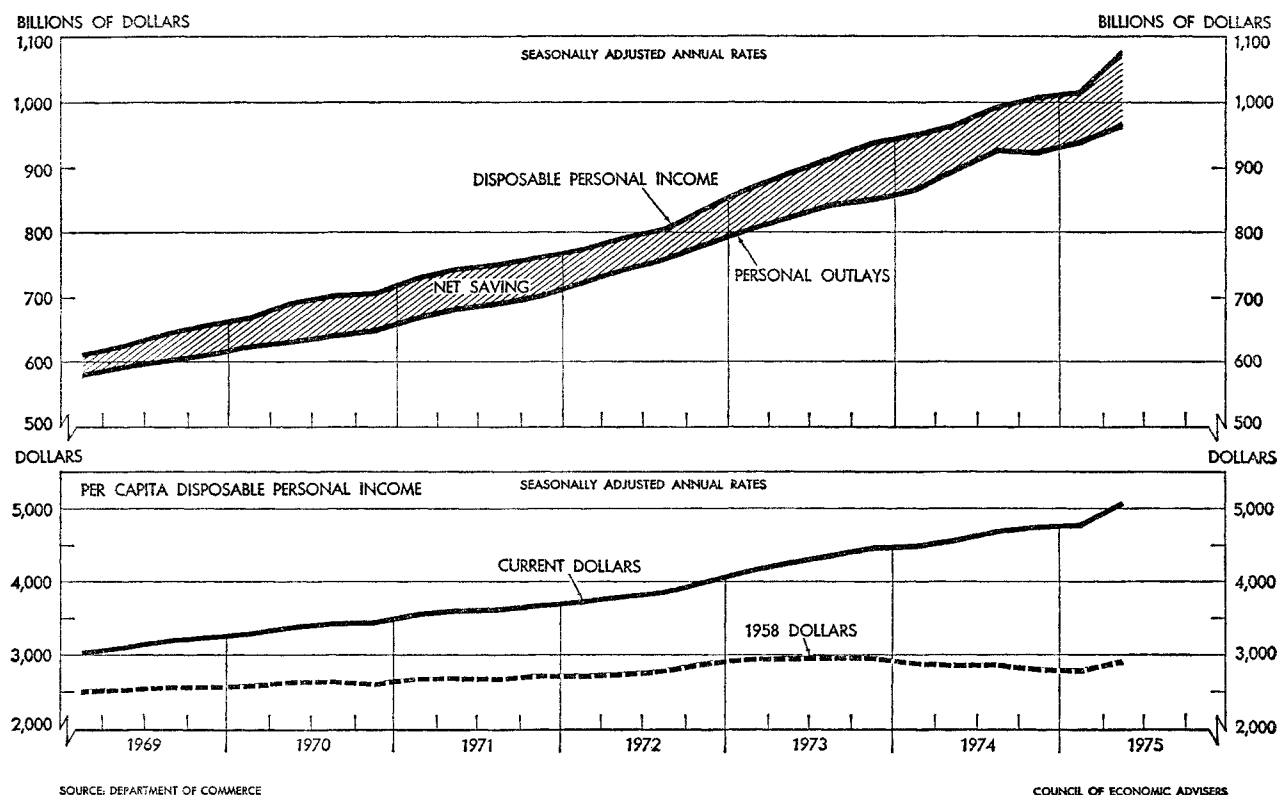
funds; compensation for injuries; directors' fees; military reserve pay; and a few other minor items.

³Personal income exclusive of net income of unincorporated farm enterprises; farm wages, agricultural net interest, and net dividends paid by agricultural corporations.

Source: Department of Commerce, Bureau of Economic Analysis.

DISPOSITION OF PERSONAL INCOME

Personal income rose in the second quarter but disposable personal income rose much more reflecting a decline in taxes most of which was due to the rebate. The saving rate increased sharply to 10.6 percent.



SOURCE: DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

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Period	Personal income	Less: Personal tax and nontax payments	Equals: Disposable personal income	Less: Personal outlays				Equals: Personal saving	Per capita disposable personal income		Saving as percent of disposable personal income (percent)	Population (thousands) *
				Total personal outlays ¹	Personal consumption expenditures ²				Current dollars	1958 dollars		
					Durable goods	Non-durable goods	Services					
Billions of dollars									Dollars			
1967-----	629.3	83.0	546.3	506.0	73.1	215.0	204.0	40.4	2,749	2,403	7.4	198,712
1968-----	688.9	97.9	591.0	551.2	84.0	230.8	221.3	39.8	2,945	2,486	6.7	200,706
1969-----	750.9	116.5	634.4	596.2	90.8	245.9	242.7	38.2	3,130	2,534	6.0	202,677
1970-----	808.3	116.6	691.7	635.5	91.3	263.8	262.6	56.2	3,376	2,610	8.1	204,878
1971-----	864.0	117.6	746.4	685.9	103.9	278.4	284.8	60.5	3,605	2,683	8.1	207,053
1972-----	944.9	142.4	802.5	749.9	118.4	299.7	310.9	52.6	3,843	2,779	6.6	208,846
1973-----	1,055.0	151.3	903.7	829.4	130.3	338.0	336.9	74.4	4,295	2,945	8.2	210,410
1974-----	1,150.5	170.8	979.7	902.7	127.5	380.2	369.0	77.0	4,623	2,845	7.9	211,894
Seasonally adjusted annual rates												
1974: I----	1,112.5	161.9	950.6	866.2	123.9	364.4	352.4	84.4	4,497	2,887	8.9	211,362
II----	1,134.6	168.2	966.5	894.9	129.5	375.8	363.8	71.5	4,565	2,850	7.4	211,699
III----	1,168.2	175.1	993.1	927.6	136.1	389.0	376.2	65.5	4,681	2,842	6.6	212,123
IV----	1,186.9	178.1	1,008.8	922.3	120.7	391.7	383.5	86.5	4,745	2,798	8.6	212,585
1975: I----	1,193.4	178.0	1,015.5	939.5	124.9	398.8	389.5	75.9	4,768	2,775	7.5	212,962
II----	1,220.5	142.0	1,078.5	964.7	130.6	410.1	397.9	113.8	5,055	2,907	10.6	213,362

¹ Includes personal consumption expenditures, interest paid by consumers, and personal transfer payments to foreigners.

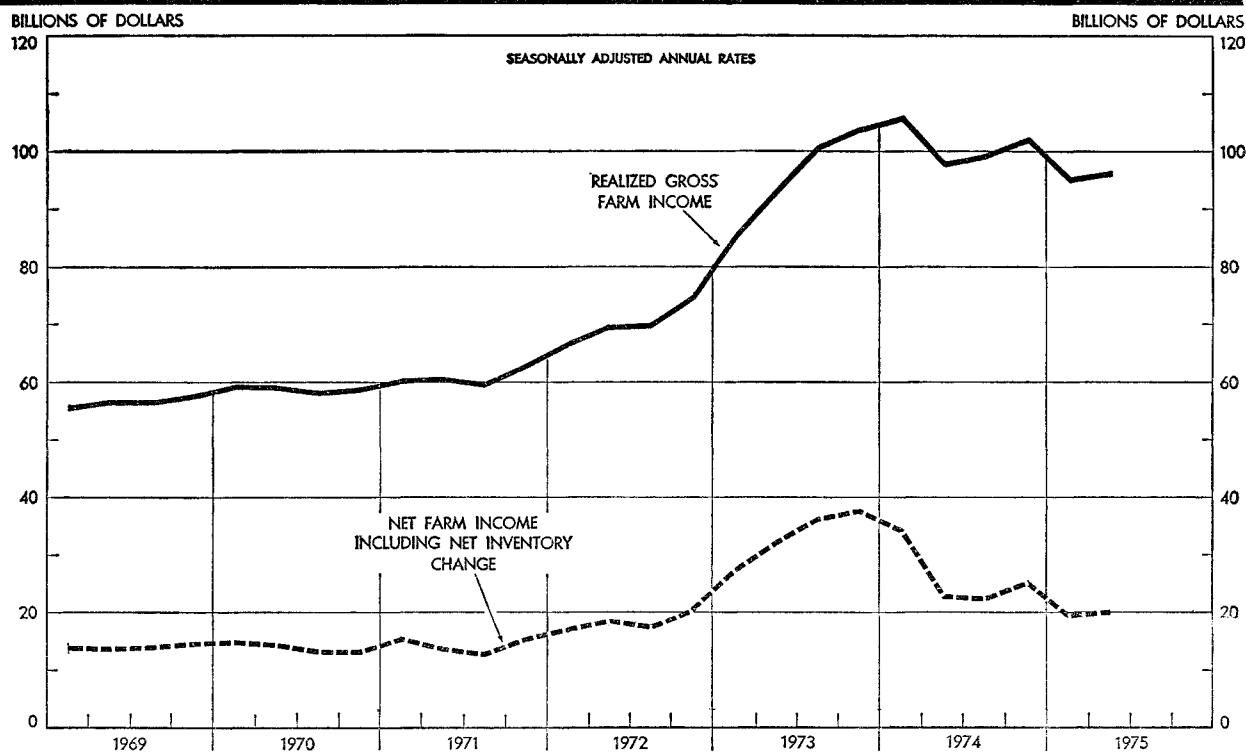
² See p. 2 for total personal consumption expenditures.

³ Includes Armed Forces abroad. Annual data are for July 1; quarterly data are for middle of period, interpolated from monthly data.

Source: Department of Commerce (Bureau of Economic Analysis and Bureau of the Census).

FARM INCOME

Farm income excluding inventory change declined slightly in the second quarter. Including inventory change the was a small increase.



SOURCE: DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

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Period	Personal income received by total farm population			Income received from farming						Net income per farm including net inventory change ³	
	From all sources	From farm sources	From nonfarm sources	Realized gross		Produc- tion ex- penses	Net to farm operators		Net income per farm including net inventory change ³		
				Total ¹	Cash receipts from market- ings		Exclud- ing net in- ventory change	Includ- ing net in- ventory change ²	Current dollars	1967 dollars ⁴	
Billions of dollars									Dollars		
1967-----	22. 6	11. 0	11. 6	49. 9	42. 8	38. 3	11. 6	12. 2	3, 867	3, 867	
1968-----	23. 7	11. 1	12. 7	51. 7	44. 2	39. 7	12. 0	12. 1	3, 949	3, 797	
1969-----	26. 4	12. 7	13. 7	56. 3	48. 2	42. 4	13. 9	14. 0	4, 672	4, 286	
1970-----	26. 8	12. 6	14. 2	58. 6	50. 5	44. 8	13. 8	13. 8	4, 667	4, 094	
1971-----	28. 0	13. 0	15. 0	60. 6	52. 9	47. 8	12. 8	14. 2	4, 879	4, 100	
1972-----	33. 5	16. 3	17. 2	70. 1	61. 2	52. 8	17. 3	18. 2	6, 332	5, 106	
1973-----	47. 7	28. 7	19. 0	95. 3	86. 9	65. 8	29. 5	33. 1	11, 639	8, 434	
1974-----	44. 0	23. 1	20. 9	101. 1	93. 5	73. 4	27. 7	26. 1	9, 211	5, 721	
Seasonally adjusted annual rates											
1974: I-----				105. 8	98. 4	72. 6	33. 2	34. 3	12, 120	7, 920	
II-----				97. 6	90. 1	73. 2	24. 4	22. 8	8, 060	5, 070	
III-----				99. 2	91. 5	73. 8	25. 4	22. 3	7, 880	4, 800	
IV-----				101. 9	94. 1	74. 0	27. 9	25. 0	8, 830	5, 190	
1975: I-----				95. 0	87. 0	74. 0	21. 0	19. 5	6, 920	3, 980	
II-----				96. 1	88. 0	75. 6	20. 5	20. 0	7, 100	4, 060	

¹ Cash receipts from marketings, Government payments, and nonmoney income furnished by farms.

² Inventory of crops and livestock valued at the average price for the year. Also, see footnote 2, p. 8.

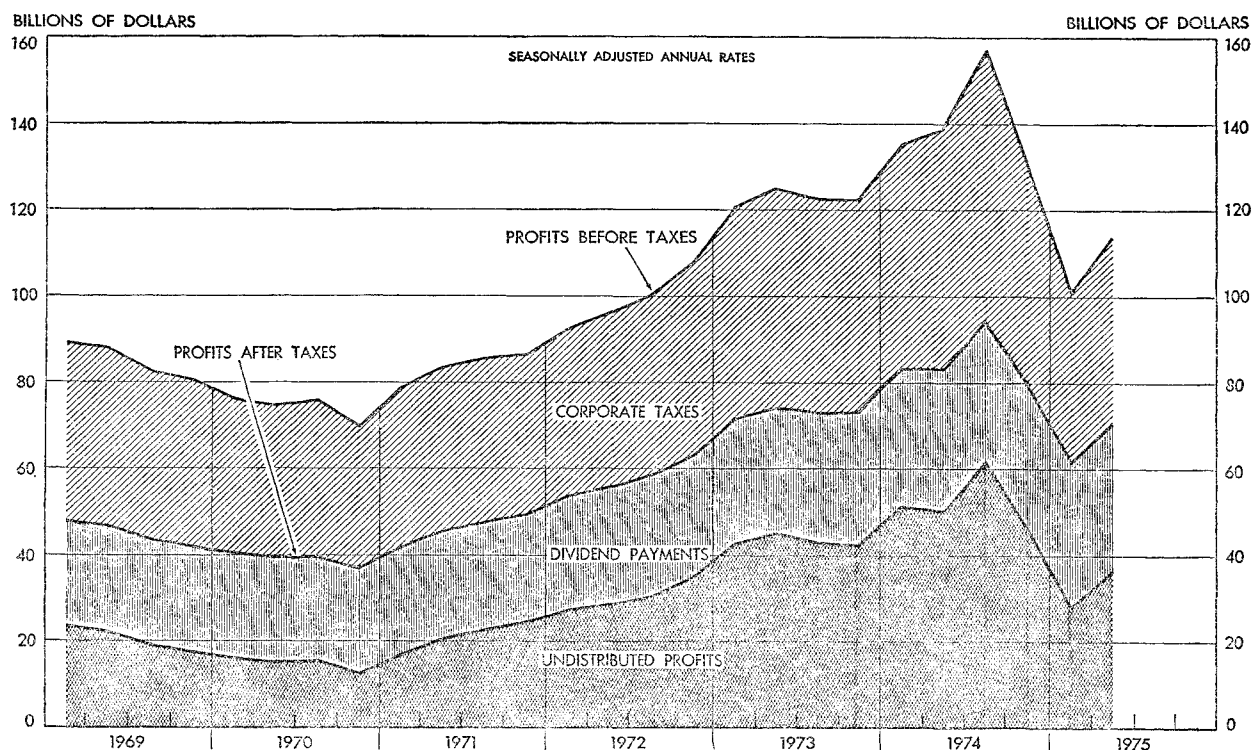
³ Based on Census of Agriculture definition of a farm. The number of farms is held constant within a year.

⁴ Income in current dollars divided by the index of prices paid by farmers for family living items on a 1967 base.

Source: Department of Agriculture.

CORPORATE PROFITS

fore-tax book profits increased \$12.1 billion in the second quarter to an annual rate of \$113.3 billion, according to revised estimates. Profits plus inventory valuation adjustment rose \$10.6 billion to an annual rate of \$104.9 billion.



SOURCE: DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

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[Billions of dollars; quarterly data at seasonally adjusted annual rates]

Period	Corporate profits (before taxes) and inventory valuation adjustment						Corporate profits before taxes	Corporate tax liability	Corporate profits after taxes			Corporate capital consumption allowances ²	Profits plus capital consumption allowances ³
	All industries	Manufacturing			Transportation, communication, and public utilities	All other ¹			Total	Dividend payments	Undistributed profits		
		Total	Durable goods industries	Non-durable goods industries									
1967-----	78.7	38.7	20.7	18.0	10.8	29.1	79.8	33.2	46.6	21.4	25.3	43.0	89.6
1968-----	84.3	41.7	22.4	19.3	10.6	32.0	87.6	39.9	47.8	23.6	24.2	46.8	94.6
1969-----	79.8	36.6	18.8	17.7	10.1	33.1	84.9	40.1	44.8	24.3	20.5	51.9	96.8
1970-----	69.2	27.8	10.5	17.3	7.8	33.7	74.0	34.8	39.3	24.7	14.6	56.0	95.2
1971-----	78.7	32.3	14.5	17.8	8.3	38.1	83.6	37.5	46.1	25.0	21.1	60.4	106.5
1972-----	92.2	40.8	21.8	19.0	9.2	42.2	99.2	41.5	57.7	27.3	30.3	66.3	124.0
1973-----	105.1	47.6	26.1	21.5	9.2	48.3	122.7	49.8	72.9	29.6	43.3	71.2	144.1
1974-----	105.6	47.0	17.0	30.0	7.8	50.9	140.7	55.7	85.0	32.7	52.4	76.7	161.7
1974: I----	107.7	46.2	19.3	26.9	7.1	54.5	135.4	52.2	83.2	31.6	51.6	74.1	157.3
II----	105.6	46.8	17.1	29.7	8.0	50.8	139.0	55.9	83.1	32.5	50.5	75.7	158.8
III----	105.8	48.6	15.3	33.3	8.6	48.7	157.0	62.7	94.3	33.2	61.1	77.6	171.8
IV----	103.4	46.3	16.2	30.1	7.5	49.6	131.5	52.0	79.5	33.3	46.2	79.3	158.8
1975: I----	94.3	41.1	13.8	27.3	6.8	46.4	101.2	39.0	62.3	33.8	28.5	81.2	143.5
II----	104.9	48.3	18.0	30.4	8.1	48.6	113.3	43.0	70.3	34.0	36.3	83.0	153.3

¹Includes all other industries and financial institutions.

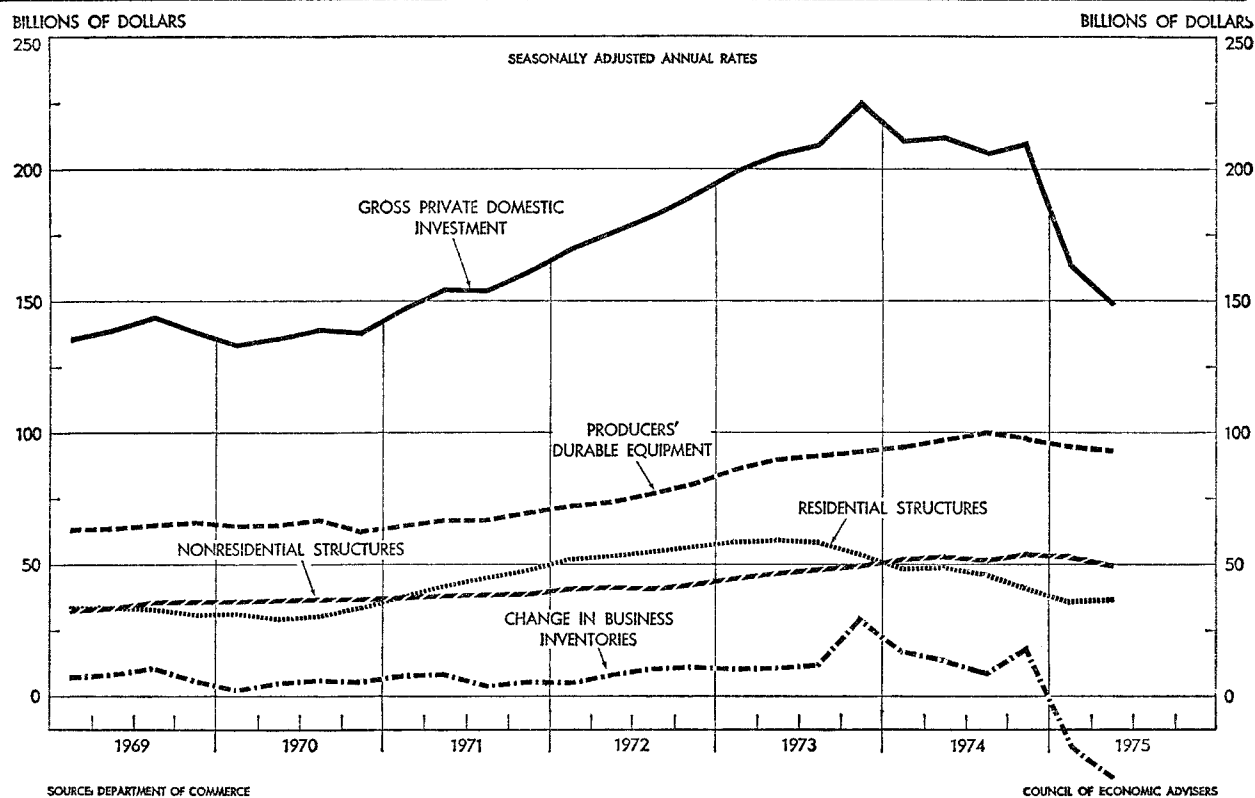
²Includes depreciation and accidental damages.

³Corporate profits after taxes plus corporate capital consumption allowances.

Source: Department of Commerce, Bureau of Economic Analysis.

GROSS PRIVATE DOMESTIC INVESTMENT

Gross private domestic investment declined \$15.0 billion (annual rate) in the second quarter. A drop in inventory investment accounted for most of the decline.



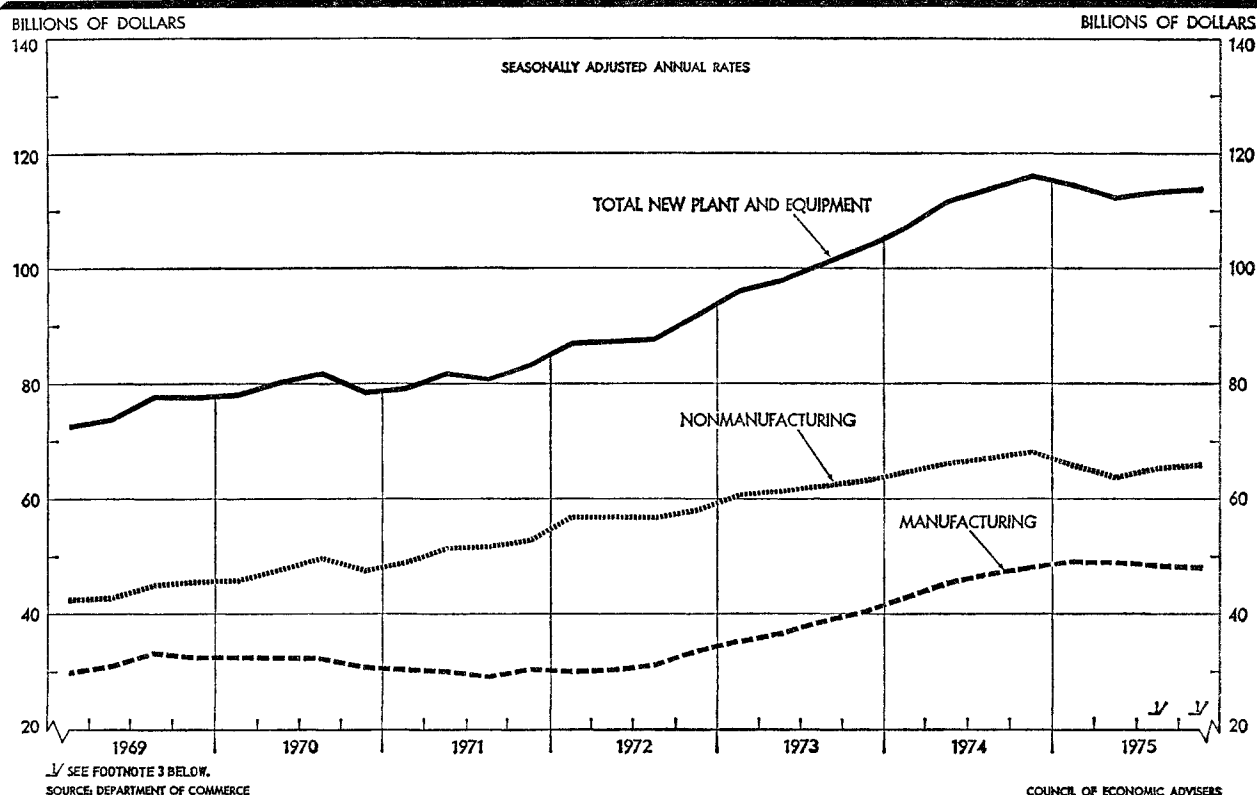
[Billions of dollars; quarterly data at seasonally adjusted annual rates]

Period	Total gross private domestic investment	Fixed investment								Change in business inventories	
		Total	Nonresidential				Residential structures				
			Total	Structures		Producers' durable equipment		Total	Non-farm	Total	Non-farm
				Total	Non-farm	Total	Non-farm				
1965-----	108.1	98.5	71.3	25.5	24.9	45.8	41.6	27.2	26.7	9.6	8.6
1966-----	121.4	106.6	81.6	28.5	27.8	53.1	48.4	25.0	24.5	14.8	15.0
1967-----	116.6	108.4	83.3	28.0	27.3	55.3	50.0	25.1	24.5	8.2	7.5
1968-----	126.0	118.9	88.8	30.3	29.6	58.5	53.6	30.1	29.5	7.1	6.9
1969-----	139.0	131.1	98.5	34.2	33.5	64.3	59.2	32.6	32.0	7.8	7.7
1970-----	136.3	131.7	100.6	36.1	35.3	64.4	58.9	31.2	30.7	4.5	4.3
1971-----	153.7	147.4	104.6	37.9	37.1	66.6	61.1	42.8	42.3	6.3	4.9
1972-----	179.3	170.8	116.8	41.1	40.4	75.7	69.4	54.0	53.4	8.5	7.8
1973-----	209.4	194.0	136.8	47.0	45.7	89.8	81.4	57.2	56.7	15.4	11.4
1974-----	209.4	195.2	149.2	52.0	50.2	97.1	86.5	46.0	45.2	14.2	11.9
1974: I-----	210.5	193.6	145.2	51.3	49.5	93.9	84.6	48.4	47.8	16.9	13.1
II-----	211.8	198.3	149.4	52.2	50.4	97.2	86.9	48.8	48.0	13.5	10.4
III-----	205.8	197.1	150.9	51.0	49.2	99.9	89.2	46.2	45.4	8.7	6.6
IV-----	209.4	191.6	151.2	53.7	51.7	97.5	85.4	40.4	39.7	17.8	17.5
1975: I-----	163.1	182.2	146.9	52.8	50.8	94.2	82.9	35.3	34.8	-19.2	-17.8
II-----	148.1	179.1	142.7	49.1	47.2	93.6	82.1	36.4	35.6	-31.0	-30.6

Source: Department of Commerce, Bureau of Economic Analysis.

EXPENDITURES FOR NEW PLANT AND EQUIPMENT

Businessmen expect to spend \$113.5 billion for plant and equipment in 1975, or 1.0 percent more than in 1974, according to a survey conducted in late July and August. Expected increases of 1.6 percent were reported in June and 3.3 percent in March. The 1.0 percent rise implies a sizable decrease in real terms.



[Billions of dollars; quarterly data at seasonally adjusted annual rates]

Period	Total ¹	Manufacturing			Nonmanufacturing							
		Total	Durable goods	Non-durable goods	Total	Mining	Transportation			Public utilities	Communication	Commercial and other ²
							Railroad	Air	Other			
1968.....	67.76	28.37	14.12	14.25	39.40	1.63	1.45	2.56	1.59	10.20	6.83	15.14
1969.....	75.56	31.68	15.96	15.72	43.88	1.86	1.86	2.51	1.68	11.61	8.30	16.05
1970.....	79.71	31.95	15.80	16.15	47.76	1.89	1.78	3.03	1.23	13.14	10.10	16.59
1971.....	81.21	29.99	14.15	15.84	51.22	2.16	1.67	1.88	1.38	15.30	10.77	18.05
1972.....	88.44	31.35	15.64	15.72	57.09	2.42	1.80	2.46	1.46	17.00	11.89	20.07
1973.....	99.74	38.01	19.25	18.76	61.73	2.74	1.96	2.41	1.66	18.71	12.85	21.40
1974.....	112.40	46.01	22.62	23.39	66.39	3.18	2.54	2.00	2.12	20.55	13.96	22.05
1975 ³	113.51	48.44	22.22	26.21	65.07	3.78	2.56	1.85	2.73	20.25	13.27	20.62
1974: I.....	107.27	42.96	21.43	21.53	64.31	2.80	2.10	2.13	1.63	20.12	13.83	21.69
II.....	111.40	45.32	22.50	22.82	66.08	3.07	2.42	2.21	1.84	20.97	13.94	21.63
III.....	113.99	47.04	23.08	23.96	66.94	3.27	2.68	1.84	2.16	20.16	14.01	22.84
IV.....	116.22	48.08	23.28	24.80	68.14	3.56	3.05	1.81	2.71	20.93	14.04	22.04
1975: I.....	114.57	49.05	22.86	26.20	65.52	3.76	2.39	2.09	2.82	20.28	13.36	20.82
II.....	112.46	48.78	22.59	26.19	63.68	3.78	2.70	1.60	2.75	19.52	12.50	20.83
III ³	113.48	48.13	21.83	26.30	65.35	3.68	2.67	2.18	2.64	20.48	33.69	
IV ³	113.70	48.00	21.80	26.20	65.70	3.89	2.56	1.65	2.56	20.66	34.38	

¹Excludes agricultural business; real estate operators; medical, legal, educational, and cultural service; and nonprofit organizations.

²Includes trade, service, construction, finance, and insurance.

³Estimates based on expected capital expenditures as reported by business in late July and August 1975. Includes adjustments when necessary for cyclical tendencies in expectations data.

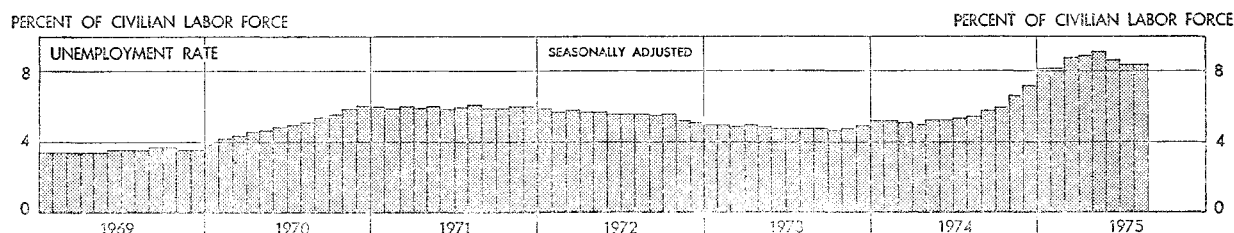
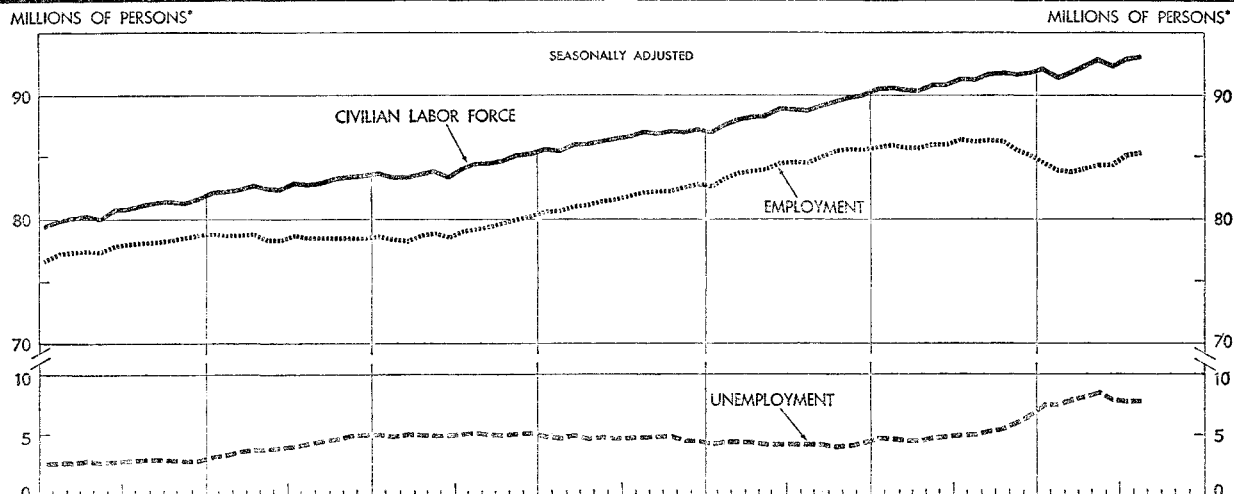
NOTE.—Annual total is the sum of unadjusted expenditures; it does not necessarily coincide with the average of seasonally adjusted figures.

These figures do not agree with the totals included in the gross national product estimates, principally because the latter cover agricultural investment and also certain equipment and construction outlays charged to current expense.

Source: Department of Commerce, Bureau of Economic Analysis.

EMPLOYMENT, UNEMPLOYMENT, AND WAGES STATUS OF THE LABOR FORCE

Civilian employment (seasonally adjusted) increased in August (274,000) for the fifth consecutive month. Unemployment declined (44,000) for the third straight month. The labor force participation rate increased, but was below the May level.



*16 YEARS OF AGE AND OVER.
SOURCE: DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

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Period	Total labor force (including Armed Forces)	Civilian employment			Total labor force (including Armed Forces)	Civilian labor force	Civilian employment			Unemployment	Unemployment rate (percent of civilian labor force)	Labor force participation rate¹	
		Total	Non-agri-cultural	Unem-employment			Total	Agri-cultural	Non-agri-cultural				
	Thousands of persons 16 years of age and over										Percent		
1971...	86,929	79,120	75,732	4,993	86,929	84,113	79,120	3,387	75,732	4,993	5.9	61.0	
1972*	88,991	81,702	78,230	4,840	88,991	86,542	81,702	3,472	78,230	4,840	5.6	61.0	
1973*	91,040	84,409	80,957	4,304	91,040	88,714	84,409	3,452	80,957	4,304	4.9	61.4	
1974...	93,240	85,936	82,443	5,076	93,240	91,011	85,936	3,492	82,443	5,076	5.6	61.8	
	Unadjusted				Seasonally adjusted						Unad-justed	Seasonally adjusted	
1974:													
July...	95,496	88,015	83,991	5,260	93,503	91,283	86,403	3,433	82,970	4,880	5.6	62.0	
Aug...	94,679	87,575	83,724	4,885	93,419	91,199	86,274	3,451	82,823	4,925	5.3	61.8	
Sept...	93,661	86,242	82,679	5,202	93,922	91,705	86,402	3,489	82,913	5,303	5.7	62.0	
Oct...	94,105	86,847	83,312	5,044	94,057	91,844	86,304	3,440	82,864	5,540	5.5	62.0	
Nov...	93,822	85,924	82,700	5,685	93,921	91,708	85,689	3,375	82,314	6,019	6.2	61.9	
Dec...	93,538	85,220	82,261	6,106	94,015	91,803	85,202	3,339	81,863	6,601	6.7	61.8	
1975:													
Jan...	93,342	82,969	80,082	8,180	94,284	92,091	84,562	3,388	81,179	7,529	9.0	61.9	
Feb...	93,111	82,604	79,714	8,309	93,709	91,511	84,027	3,326	80,701	7,484	9.1	61.5	
Mar...	93,593	83,936	80,048	8,359	94,027	91,829	83,849	3,265	80,584	7,980	9.1	61.6	
Apr...	93,564	83,549	80,377	7,820	94,457	92,262	84,086	3,238	80,848	8,176	8.6	61.8	
May...	93,949	84,146	80,524	7,623	95,121	92,940	84,402	3,512	80,890	8,538	8.3	62.1	
June...	96,191	85,444	81,575	8,569	94,518	92,340	84,444	3,304	81,140	7,896	9.1	61.7	
July...	97,046	86,650	82,560	8,209	95,102	92,916	85,078	3,450	81,628	7,838	8.7	61.9	
Aug...	96,493	86,612	82,726	7,696	95,331	93,146	85,352	3,468	81,884	7,794	8.2	62.0	

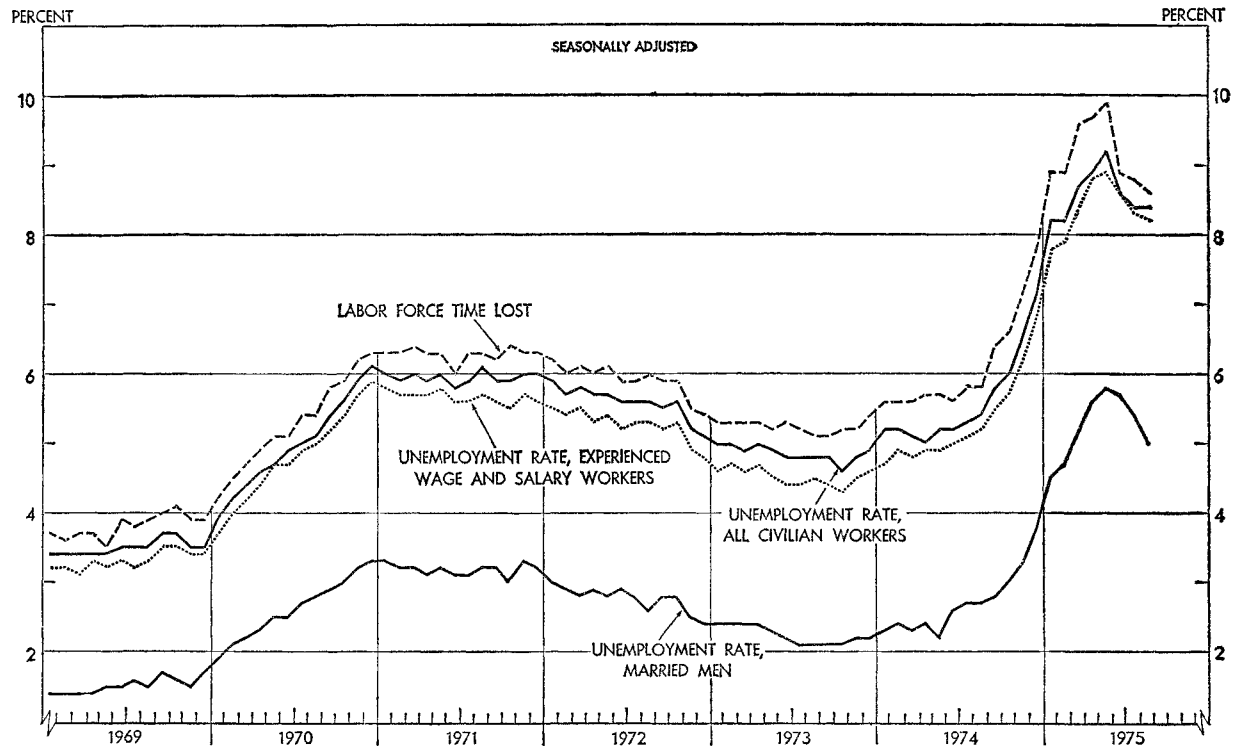
*Data beginning January 1972 not strictly comparable with prior data because of adjustment to 1970 Census data, which added 333,000 to the civilian labor force and 301,000 to civilian employment. A further adjustment in March 1973 added 60,000 to the labor force and to employment.

¹Total labor force as percent of noninstitutional population 16 years of age and over.

Source: Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics.

SELECTED MEASURES OF UNEMPLOYMENT AND PART-TIME EMPLOYMENT

The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate remained at 8.4 percent in August, significantly below the 8.9 percent level in the second quarter. The unemployment rate declined in August for adult men.



SOURCE: DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

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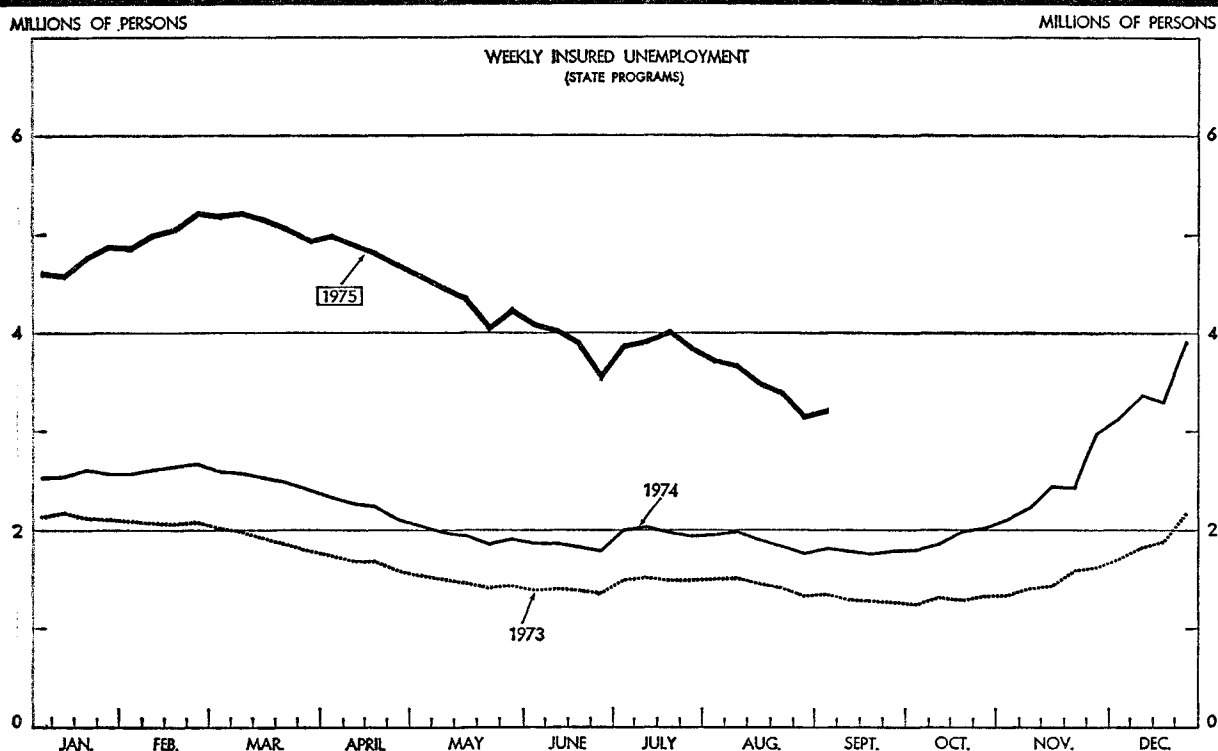
Period	Unemployment rate (percent of civilian labor force in group)			Labor force time lost ¹	Persons at work in nonagricultural industries by hours worked per week ²								
	All workers	Experi- enced wage and salary workers	Married men (wife present)		Over 40 hours	35-40 hours	Total	Under 35 hours					
								Part-time for economic reasons		Part-time for economic reasons			
								Usually full- time ³	Usually part- time ⁴	Usually full- time ³	Usually part- time ⁴		
	Percent				Thousands of persons 16 years of age and over								
1971-----	5.9	5.7	3.2	6.4	19,095	35,752	16,298	1,184	1,256	-----	-----		
1972-----	5.6	5.3	2.8	6.0	20,320	36,794	16,549	1,081	1,327	-----	-----		
1973-----	4.9	4.5	2.3	5.2	21,284	37,426	17,473	1,074	1,237	-----	-----		
1974-----	5.6	5.3	2.7	6.1	20,241	38,767	18,275	1,308	1,401	-----	-----		
	Seasonally adjusted				Unadjusted							Seasonally adjusted	
1974: July-----	5.3	5.1	2.7	5.8	19,702	38,028	15,123	1,124	1,992	1,158	1,292		
Aug-----	5.4	5.2	2.7	5.8	19,842	38,476	14,815	1,323	1,871	1,180	1,377		
Sept-----	5.8	5.5	2.8	6.4	21,653	39,905	16,737	1,280	1,370	1,269	1,539		
Oct-----	6.0	5.7	3.0	6.6	21,737	39,877	17,769	1,283	1,368	1,377	1,552		
Nov-----	6.6	6.2	3.3	7.2	20,257	39,345	19,851	1,516	1,412	1,575	1,605		
Dec-----	7.2	6.9	3.8	7.9	19,787	39,247	19,768	1,746	1,351	1,847	1,528		
1975: Jan-----	8.2	7.8	4.5	8.9	18,583	39,379	18,758	2,123	1,474	2,037	1,800		
Feb-----	8.2	7.9	4.7	8.9	17,802	37,821	20,653	2,086	1,516	2,047	1,700		
Mar-----	8.7	8.4	5.2	9.6	18,481	39,131	19,009	1,906	1,777	1,887	2,029		
Apr-----	8.9	8.8	5.6	9.7	18,461	40,313	18,486	1,825	1,655	1,883	2,001		
May-----	9.2	8.9	5.8	9.9	19,051	39,748	18,195	1,619	1,792	1,764	2,113		
June-----	8.6	8.6	5.7	8.9	18,438	39,485	17,710	1,681	2,371	1,530	1,824		
July-----	8.4	8.3	5.4	8.8	17,443	36,828	16,237	1,443	2,610	1,486	1,693		
Aug-----	8.4	8.2	5.0	8.6	18,119	38,072	15,749	⁵ 1,535	⁵ 2,360	1,369	1,737		

¹ Man-hours lost by the unemployed and persons on part-time for economic reasons as a percent of potentially available labor force man-hours. Differs from total nonagricultural employment (p. 10), which includes persons with jobs but not at work for such reasons as vacation, illness, bad weather, industrial disputes. Includes persons who worked part-time because of slack work, material shortages or repairs, new job started, or job terminated.

² Primarily includes persons who could find only part-time work.
³ Average hours worked: usually full-time, 23.7; usually part-time, 19.3.
Source: Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics.

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE PROGRAMS

In August, insured unemployment under State programs averaged 1.6 million more than a year earlier. The seasonally adjusted insured unemployment rate dropped from 6.0 percent in July to 5.9 percent in August.



SOURCE: DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

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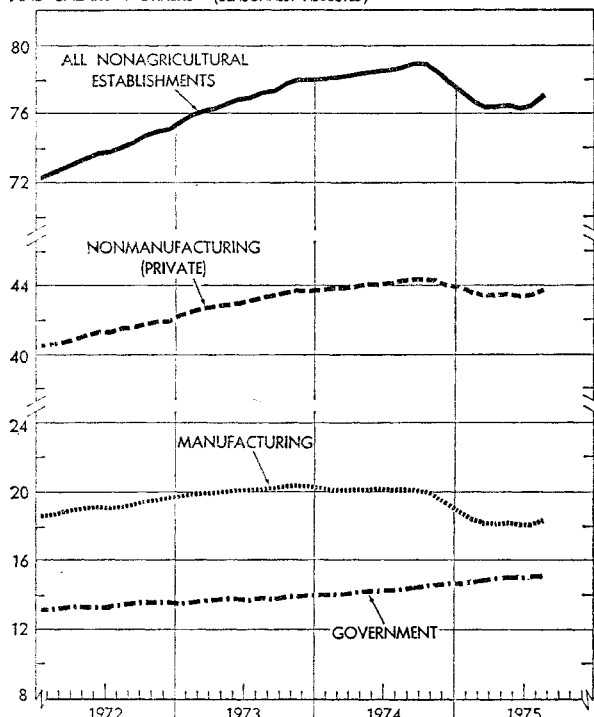
Period	All programs			State programs							
	Covered employment	Insured unemployment (weekly average)	Total benefits paid (millions of dollars) ¹	Insured unemployment	Initial claims	Exhaustions	Insured unemployment as percent of covered employment		Benefits paid		
							Unadjusted	Seasonally adjusted	Total (millions of dollars)	Average weekly check (dollars)	
Thousands			Weekly average, thousands			Percent					
1971.....	59,375	2,313	6,214.9	2,150	295	38	4.1	-----	4,957.0	54.02	
1972.....	66,900	2,185	5,510.5	1,848	261	35	3.5	-----	4,471.0	56.76	
1973 ^a	70,561	1,783	4,527.0	1,632	246	29	2.7	-----	4,007.6	59.00	
1974 ^a		2,578	6,933.9	2,262	363	37	3.5	-----	5,974.9	64.25	
1974: July.....		2,290	541.6	1,989	340	41	3.1	3.3	459.1	62.93	
Aug.....		2,153	530.3	1,874	283	40	2.9	3.3	444.9	64.14	
Sept.....		2,081	463.6	1,783	274	35	2.7	3.5	381.0	64.23	
Oct ^a		2,246	530.3	1,947	348	34	3.0	3.8	442.0	65.20	
Nov ^a		2,825	571.0	2,499	480	36	3.8	4.3	485.0	65.49	
Dec ^a		3,910	848.3	3,550	703	42	5.4	5.0	745.9	67.22	
1975: Jan ^a		5,213	1,256.6	4,752	795	50	7.2	5.5	1,128.2	67.83	
Feb ^a		5,751	1,312.3	5,108	609	58	7.8	6.0	1,164.2	68.73	
Mar ^a		5,886	1,490.4	5,091	510	66	7.7	6.4	1,290.6	69.07	
Apr ^a		5,647	1,530.0	4,775	463	83	7.2	6.8	1,294.2	68.28	
May ^a		5,202	1,355.3	4,281	401	92	6.4	7.0	1,148.1	70.75	
June ^a		4,892	1,259.8	3,878	427	100	5.8	6.7	1,022.8	69.49	
July ^a		4,962	-----	3,813	471	-----	5.7	6.0	-----	-----	
Aug ^a		4,589	-----	3,437	375	-----	5.2	5.9	-----	-----	
Week ended:											
1975: Aug 9.....		4,839	-----	3,675	430	-----	5.5	-----	-----	-----	
16.....		4,667	-----	3,491	367	-----	5.2	-----	-----	-----	
23.....		4,559	-----	3,389	353	-----	5.1	-----	-----	-----	
30.....		4,252	-----	3,146	333	-----	4.7	-----	-----	-----	
Sept 6 ^a		4,385	-----	3,203	331	-----	4.8	-----	-----	-----	
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¹ Beginning January 1973, monthly data include extended benefits.
Source: Department of Labor, Manpower Administration.

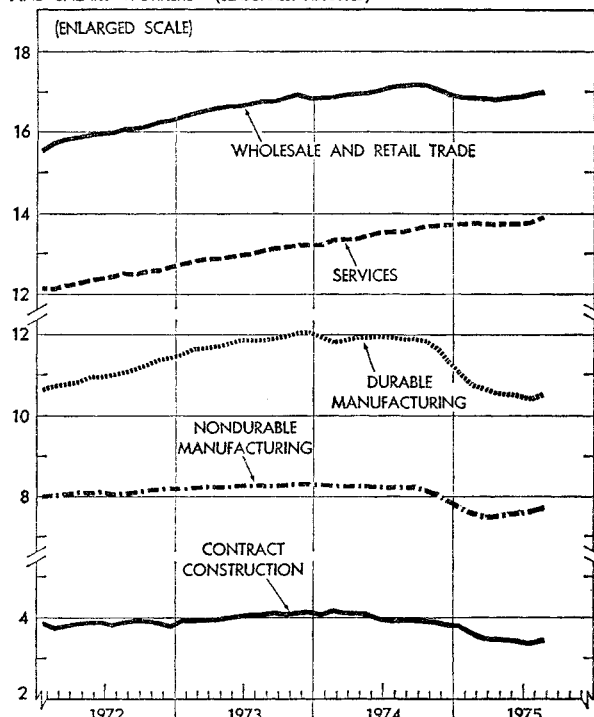
NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT

total nonfarm payroll employment (seasonally adjusted) was 77.0 million in August, 528,000 above the July level, at 1.8 million below the peak in October. Employment increased in all of the major sectors of the economy except mining.

MILLIONS OF WAGE
AND SALARY WORKERS (SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)



MILLIONS OF WAGE
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SOURCE: DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

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[Thousands of wage and salary workers; ¹ seasonally adjusted]

Period	Total	Manufacturing (private)			Nonmanufacturing (private)							Government	
		Total	Durable goods	Non-durable goods	Total	Mining	Contract construction	Transportation and public utilities	Wholesale and retail trade	Finance, insurance, and real estate	Services	Federal	State and local
1970-----	70,920	19,349	11,195	8,154	39,010	623	3,536	4,504	15,040	3,687	11,621	2,731	9,830
1971-----	71,222	18,572	10,597	7,975	39,762	609	3,639	4,457	15,352	3,802	11,903	2,696	10,192
1972-----	73,714	19,090	11,006	8,084	41,284	625	3,831	4,517	15,975	3,943	12,392	2,684	10,656
1973-----	76,833	20,054	11,814	8,240	43,037	638	4,028	4,646	16,665	4,075	12,986	2,663	11,079
1974-----	78,334	20,016	11,837	8,179	44,034	672	3,985	4,699	17,011	4,161	13,506	2,724	11,560
1974: July--	78,479	20,169	11,959	8,210	44,068	675	3,920	4,693	17,107	4,157	13,516	2,735	11,507
Aug--	78,661	20,112	11,899	8,213	44,223	676	3,965	4,701	17,140	4,168	13,573	2,740	11,586
Sept--	78,844	20,112	11,906	8,206	44,289	682	3,939	4,679	17,166	4,176	13,647	2,747	11,696
Oct--	78,865	19,982	11,841	8,141	44,352	692	3,911	4,699	17,160	4,185	13,705	2,748	11,783
Nov--	78,404	19,633	11,611	8,022	44,203	693	3,861	4,697	17,048	4,183	13,721	2,746	11,822
Dec--	77,690	19,146	11,291	7,855	43,956	662	3,798	4,668	16,912	4,182	13,734	2,738	11,850
1975: Jan--	77,227	18,718	11,010	7,708	43,879	700	3,789	4,607	16,863	4,173	13,747	2,733	11,897
Feb--	76,708	18,297	10,722	7,575	43,626	702	3,596	4,561	16,832	4,164	13,771	2,733	12,052
Mar--	76,368	18,146	10,635	7,511	43,414	706	3,486	4,512	16,799	4,157	13,754	2,732	12,076
Apr--	76,349	18,090	10,554	7,536	43,400	703	3,475	4,511	16,794	4,163	13,754	2,729	12,130
May--	76,428	18,118	10,525	7,593	43,417	710	3,472	4,495	16,820	4,161	13,759	2,730	12,163
June--	76,291	18,082	10,480	7,602	43,374	710	3,416	4,474	16,868	4,154	13,752	2,730	12,105
July ² --	76,507	18,053	10,409	7,644	43,472	714	3,390	4,470	16,919	4,151	13,828	2,750	12,232
Aug ² --	77,035	18,264	10,540	7,724	43,705	714	3,435	4,480	16,983	4,159	13,929	2,762	12,304

¹ Includes all full- and part-time wage and salary workers in nonagricultural establishments who worked during or received pay for any part of the pay period which includes the 12th of the month. Excludes proprietors, self-employed persons, domestic servants, and personnel of the Armed Forces. Total derived from this table not comparable with estimates of nonagricultural employment of the civilian labor force, shown on p. 10, which include proprietors, self-employed persons, and domestic servants; which count persons as employed when they

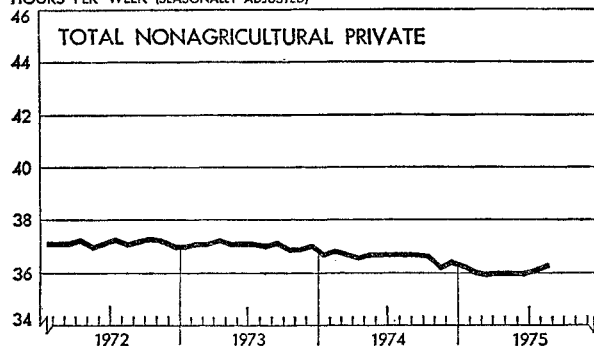
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Sources: Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics.

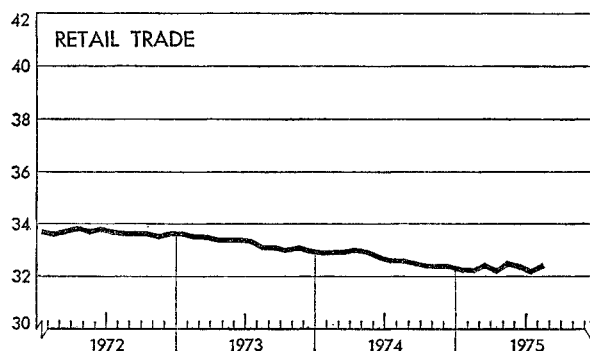
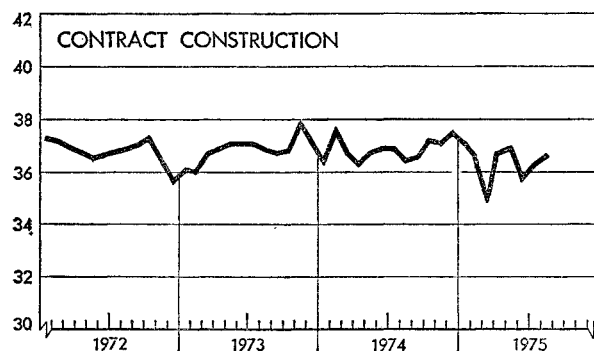
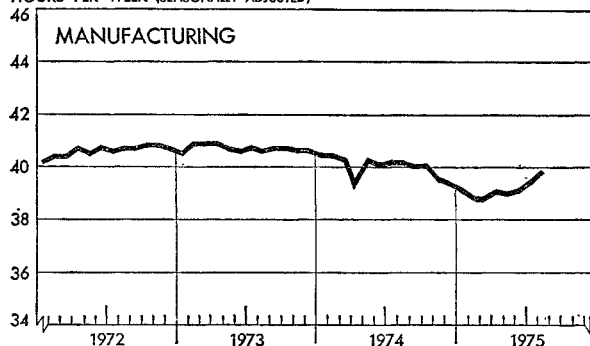
WEEKLY HOURS OF WORK -SELECTED INDUSTRIES

In August, the seasonally adjusted workweek of private nonfarm payroll workers increased 0.2 hour to 36.3 hours, the highest level since last December. Hours increased in nearly every sector, including overtime hours in manufactur

HOURS PER WEEK (SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)



HOURS PER WEEK (SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)



SOURCE: DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

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[Average hours per week¹]

Period	Total nonagri-cultural private ²	Manufac-turing	Contract construc-tion	Retail trade ³	Total nonagri-cultural private ²	Manufac-turing	Contract construc-tion	Retail trade ³
	Unadjusted				Seasonally adjusted			
1966.....	38.6	41.3	37.6	35.9				
1967.....	38.0	40.6	37.7	35.3				
1968.....	37.8	40.7	37.3	34.7				
1969.....	37.7	40.6	37.9	34.2				
1970.....	37.1	39.8	37.3	33.8				
1971.....	37.0	39.9	37.2	33.7				
1972.....	37.1	40.6	36.9	33.7				
1973.....	37.1	40.7	37.0	33.3				
1974.....	36.6	40.0	36.9	32.7				
1974: July.....	37.1	40.0	37.9	33.7	36.7	40.2	36.9	32.6
Aug.....	37.1	40.1	37.6	33.6	36.7	40.2	36.4	32.6
Sept.....	36.8	40.3	37.5	32.6	36.7	40.0	36.5	32.5
Oct.....	36.6	40.1	37.9	32.2	36.6	40.1	37.2	32.4
Nov.....	36.2	39.7	36.5	32.1	36.2	39.5	37.1	32.4
Dec.....	36.5	39.9	36.8	32.7	36.4	39.4	37.5	32.4
1975: Jan.....	35.8	38.7	35.4	31.8	36.2	39.2	37.1	32.3
Feb.....	35.7	38.5	35.3	31.8	36.0	38.8	36.6	32.3
Mar.....	35.7	38.7	34.7	31.9	35.9	38.8	34.9	32.4
Apr.....	35.7	38.9	36.3	31.9	36.0	39.1	36.7	32.2
May.....	35.9	39.0	36.9	32.1	36.0	39.0	36.9	32.5
June.....	36.3	39.4	36.4	32.8	36.0	39.1	35.7	32.4
July ^p	36.5	39.3	37.3	33.3	36.1	39.5	36.3	32.2
Aug ^p	36.7	39.7	37.8	33.4	36.3	39.8	36.6	32.4

¹Data relate to production workers or nonsupervisory employees.

²Also includes other private industry groups shown on p. 13.

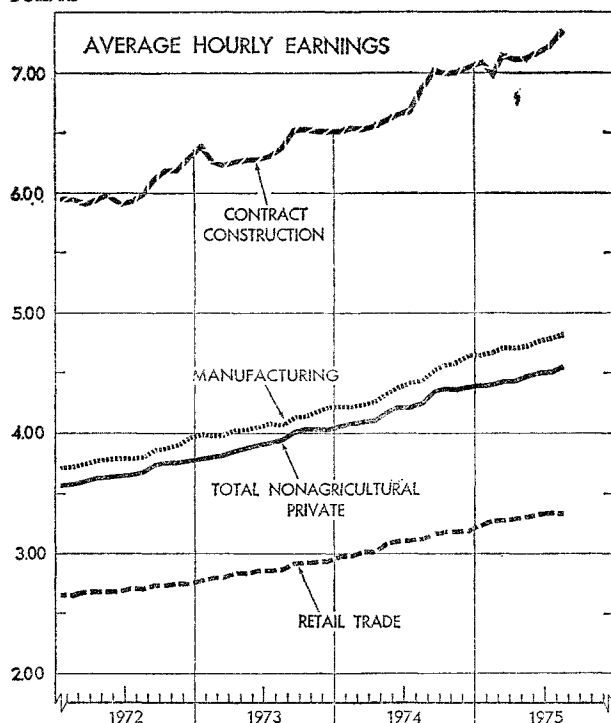
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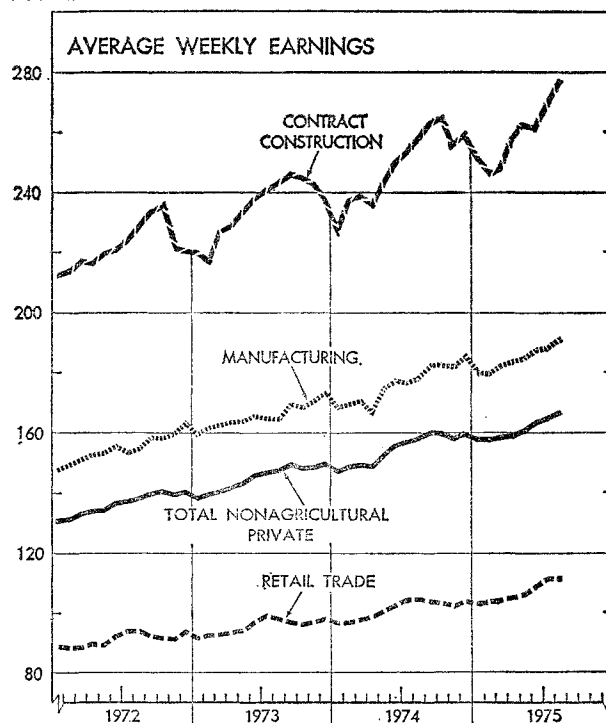
AVERAGE HOURLY AND WEEKLY EARNINGS - SELECTED INDUSTRIES

average hourly earnings of private nonfarm payroll workers increased by 3 cents (8.3 percent annual rate) to \$4.55 in August, and were 29 cents (6.8 percent) above a year earlier. The adjusted average hourly earnings index for manufacturing increased at an annual rate of 8.0 percent in August compared to 9.5 percent over August of last year.

DOLLARS



DOLLARS



SOURCE: DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

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[For production workers or nonsupervisory employees]

Period	Average hourly earnings—current dollars				Average weekly earnings—current dollars				Manufacturing industries	
	Total nonagricultural private ¹	Manufacturing	Contract construction	Retail trade ²	Total nonagricultural private ¹	Manufacturing	Contract construction	Retail trade ²	Adjusted hourly earnings, 1967=100 ³	Average weekly earnings, 1967 dollars ⁴
1966.....	\$2.56	\$2.72	\$3.89	\$1.91	\$98.82	\$112.34	\$146.26	\$68.57	95.6	\$115.58
1967.....	2.68	2.83	4.11	2.01	101.84	114.90	154.95	70.95	100.0	114.90
1968.....	2.85	3.01	4.41	2.16	107.73	122.51	164.49	74.95	106.1	117.57
1969.....	3.04	3.19	4.79	2.30	114.61	129.51	181.54	78.66	112.4	117.95
1970.....	3.22	3.36	5.24	2.44	119.46	133.73	195.45	82.47	119.4	114.99
1971.....	3.44	3.57	5.69	2.57	127.28	142.44	211.67	86.61	127.3	117.43
1972.....	3.67	3.81	6.03	2.70	136.16	154.69	222.51	90.99	135.1	123.46
1973.....	3.92	4.07	6.38	2.87	145.43	165.65	236.06	95.57	143.6	124.46
1974.....	4.22	4.40	6.76	3.10	154.45	176.00	249.44	101.37	156.0	119.16
1974: July.....	4.22	4.42	6.68	3.11	156.56	176.80	253.17	104.81	156.3	119.46
Aug.....	4.26	4.44	6.86	3.12	158.05	178.04	257.94	104.83	157.6	118.77
Sept.....	4.35	4.53	7.01	3.16	160.08	182.56	262.88	103.02	159.6	120.34
Oct.....	4.37	4.56	6.99	3.18	159.94	182.86	264.92	102.40	160.9	119.52
Nov.....	4.36	4.58	7.00	3.18	157.83	181.83	255.50	102.08	162.2	117.84
Dec.....	4.38	4.65	7.05	3.18	159.87	185.54	259.44	103.99	164.2	119.40
1975: Jan.....	4.39	4.65	7.07	3.24	157.16	179.96	250.28	103.03	165.3	115.29
Feb.....	4.41	4.67	6.99	3.27	157.44	179.80	246.75	103.99	166.2	114.38
Mar.....	4.43	4.71	7.14	3.27	158.15	182.28	247.76	104.31	167.6	115.51
Apr.....	4.44	4.71	7.12	3.29	158.51	183.22	258.46	104.95	168.3	115.52
May.....	4.47	4.73	7.12	3.31	160.47	184.47	262.73	106.25	169.4	115.80
June.....	4.50	4.76	7.18	3.33	163.35	187.54	261.35	109.22	170.5	116.77
July.....	4.52	4.79	7.22	3.34	164.98	188.25	269.31	111.22	171.5	115.99
Aug.....	4.55	4.82	7.34	3.33	166.99	191.35	277.45	111.22	172.6	117.54

¹ Includes other private industry groups shown on p. 13.

² Includes eating and drinking places.

³ Adjusted to exclude the effects of overtime and interindustry shifts.

⁴ Earnings in current dollars divided by the consumer price index.

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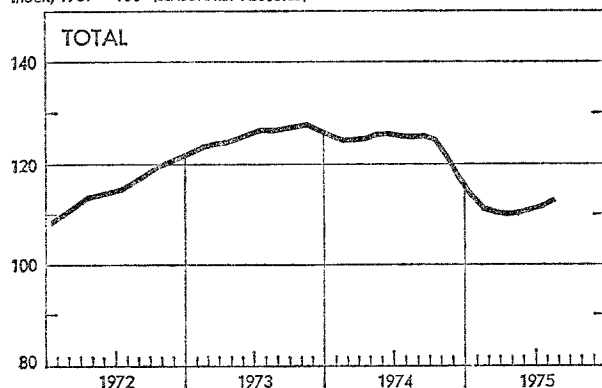
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PRODUCTION AND BUSINESS ACTIVITY

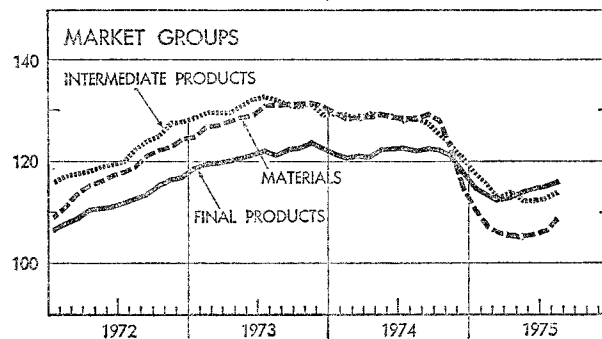
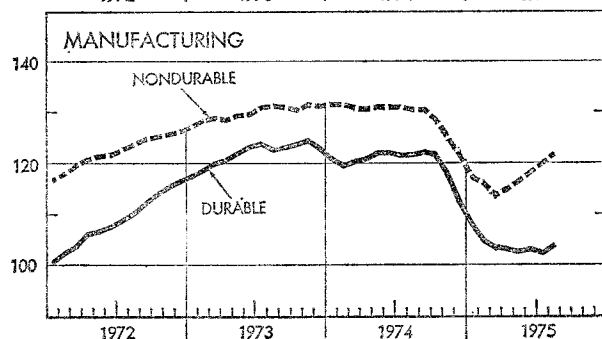
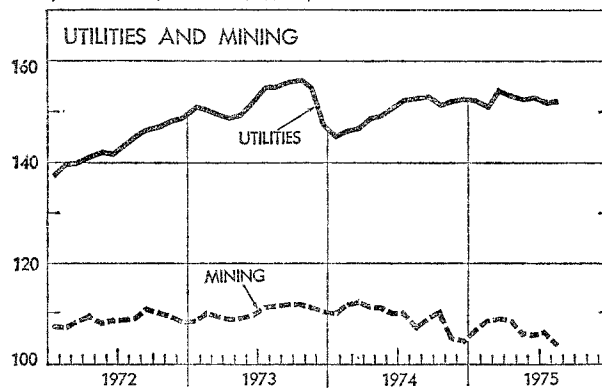
INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION

The industrial production index rose 1.3 percent in August to 112.9 (1967=100), the highest level since last January. This was the fourth straight monthly advance, bringing the increase since the low point in April to 2.7 percent. August advances were wide-spread among final products and materials, with business equipment increasing for the first time in almost a year.

Index, 1967 = 100 (SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)



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SOURCE: BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF THE FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

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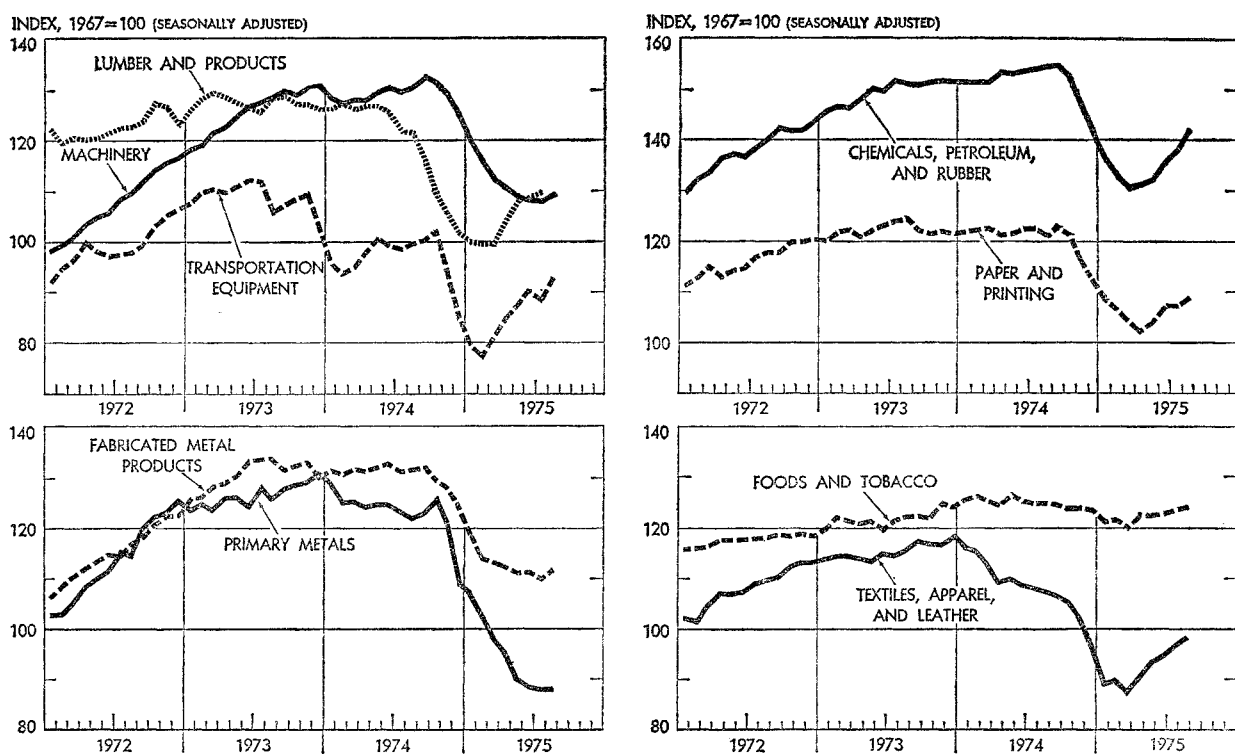
[1967 = 100, seasonally adjusted]

Period	Total industrial production	Industry					Market				
		Manufacturing			Mining	Utilities	Final products			Intermediate products	Materials
		Total	Durable	Non-durable			Total	Consumer goods	Equipment		
1968.....	105.7	105.7	105.5	106.0	103.9	109.4	105.8	106.6	104.7	105.7	105.7
1969.....	110.7	110.5	110.0	111.1	107.2	119.5	109.0	111.1	106.1	112.0	112.4
1970.....	106.6	105.2	101.4	110.6	109.7	128.3	104.5	110.3	98.3	111.7	107.7
1971.....	106.8	105.2	99.4	113.5	107.0	133.9	104.7	115.7	89.4	112.5	107.4
1972.....	115.2	114.0	108.4	122.1	108.8	143.4	111.9	123.6	95.5	121.1	117.4
1973.....	125.6	125.1	122.0	129.7	110.2	152.6	121.3	131.7	106.7	131.0	129.3
1974.....	124.8	124.4	120.7	129.7	109.3	149.9	121.7	128.8	111.7	128.3	127.4
1974: July.....	125.5	125.2	121.6	130.8	110.2	152.4	122.8	130.0	113.0	127.8	128.0
Aug.....	125.2	125.2	121.6	130.4	107.3	152.7	122.1	129.8	111.4	128.6	128.5
Sept.....	125.6	125.5	122.1	130.5	109.2	153.1	122.6	128.8	113.8	127.6	129.3
Oct.....	124.8	124.6	121.6	128.9	110.5	151.2	122.3	128.2	114.0	125.3	128.1
Nov.....	121.7	120.9	117.9	125.4	105.0	152.3	120.9	126.3	113.2	123.0	122.1
Dec.....	117.4	116.1	112.2	121.9	104.4	152.6	118.2	123.4	110.7	120.5	114.8
1975: Jan.....	113.7	111.8	108.2	117.2	107.0	152.1	114.9	120.1	107.8	117.6	110.5
Feb.....	111.2	109.3	104.8	115.6	108.6	150.9	113.4	118.9	105.3	115.1	107.4
Mar.....	110.0	107.7	103.5	113.7	108.9	154.1	112.2	118.2	103.9	112.7	105.9
Apr.....	109.9	107.9	103.3	114.8	108.5	153.1	112.6	119.7	103.0	113.4	105.2
May.....	110.1	108.2	102.5	116.1	105.9	152.3	113.7	121.2	102.9	112.4	104.9
June.....	110.9	109.2	102.9	118.2	105.8	152.6	114.5	123.1	102.3	112.4	105.6
July.....	111.5	109.3	102.3	119.7	106.1	151.7	114.9	124.3	101.8	112.7	106.6
Aug.....	112.9	111.0	103.8	121.7	103.7	152.2	116.0	125.6	102.9	113.9	108.6

Source: Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

PRODUCTION OF SELECTED MANUFACTURES

Production of most durable and all nondurable manufactures rose in August. Only production in the aerospace and defense industries declined.



SOURCE: BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF THE FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

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[1967=100, seasonally adjusted]

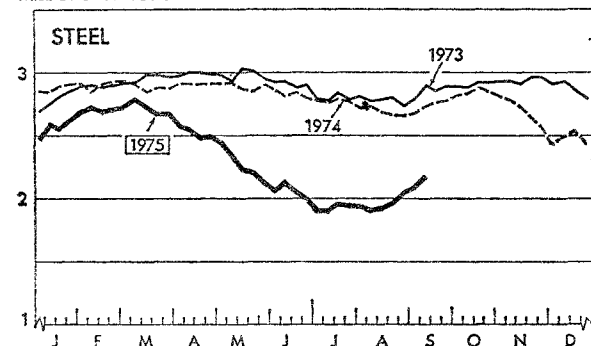
Period	Durable manufactures					Nondurable manufactures			
	Primary metals	Fabricated metal products	Machinery	Transportation equipment	Lumber and products	Textiles, apparel, and leather	Paper and printing	Chemicals, petroleum, and rubber	Food and tobacco
1967	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
1968	103.2	106.3	101.9	109.7	104.8	104.9	104.2	109.6	103.6
1969	114.1	113.6	106.8	107.6	108.6	105.9	109.1	118.4	107.5
1970	106.9	109.4	100.3	90.4	106.3	100.2	107.8	118.2	110.8
1971	100.9	107.4	98.2	92.9	113.9	100.7	107.8	124.7	113.7
1972	113.1	114.8	107.5	99.0	122.4	108.1	116.1	137.8	117.6
1973	127.0	130.5	125.8	109.1	127.9	115.0	122.2	149.3	121.9
1974	124.1	131.4	128.1	96.9	120.1	108.9	121.0	151.7	124.8
1974: July	123.2	131.1	129.9	98.7	121.6	108.1	122.4	153.9	124.8
Aug	121.9	131.6	130.5	99.9	121.5	107.4	121.0	154.4	124.8
Sept	123.0	132.0	132.5	100.4	116.6	106.5	122.7	154.7	124.3
Oct	126.0	129.6	131.1	102.1	109.3	105.1	120.8	152.4	123.7
Nov	121.0	128.2	128.9	93.7	105.2	101.9	115.7	146.5	123.8
Dec	108.6	124.1	124.8	83.6	101.3	96.3	112.3	141.6	123.5
1975: Jan	107.2	118.2	110.6	78.9	99.9	88.9	108.2	136.5	121.1
Feb	102.1	113.7	115.6	77.1	99.6	89.6	106.6	132.4	121.3
Mar	93.1	112.9	112.2	31.0	99.8	87.5	104.2	130.2	120.0
Apr	95.0	112.4	110.8	84.7	104.1	90.4	102.4	131.0	122.5
May	89.9	110.9	109.0	87.6	108.0	93.2	103.9	132.5	122.4
June	88.7	111.1	108.4	90.5	109.0	94.6	107.1	135.7	122.7
July	88.2	109.9	108.2	88.4	109.6	96.8	107.1	138.1	123.5
Aug	88.4	111.8	109.5	92.8	-----	98.5	108.9	141.8	124.0

Source: Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

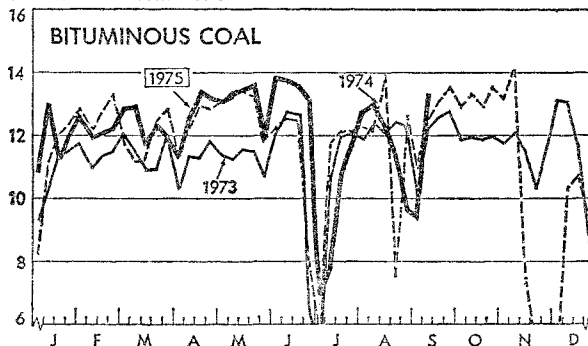
WEEKLY INDICATORS OF PRODUCTION

Weekly indicators of production (not seasonally adjusted) increased in August.

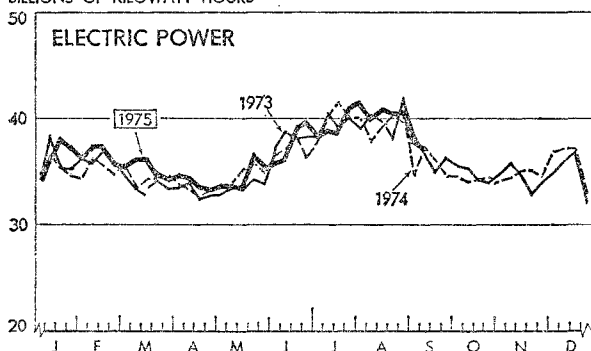
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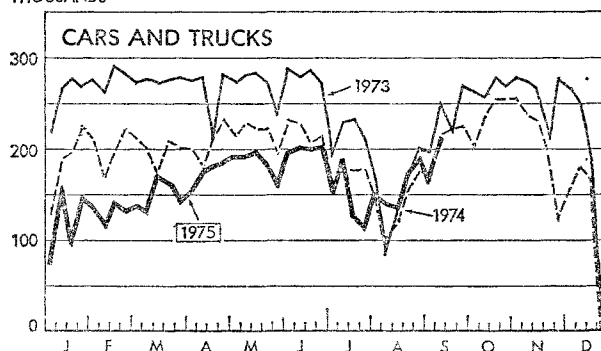
MILLIONS OF SHORT TONS



BILLIONS OF KILOWATT HOURS



THOUSANDS



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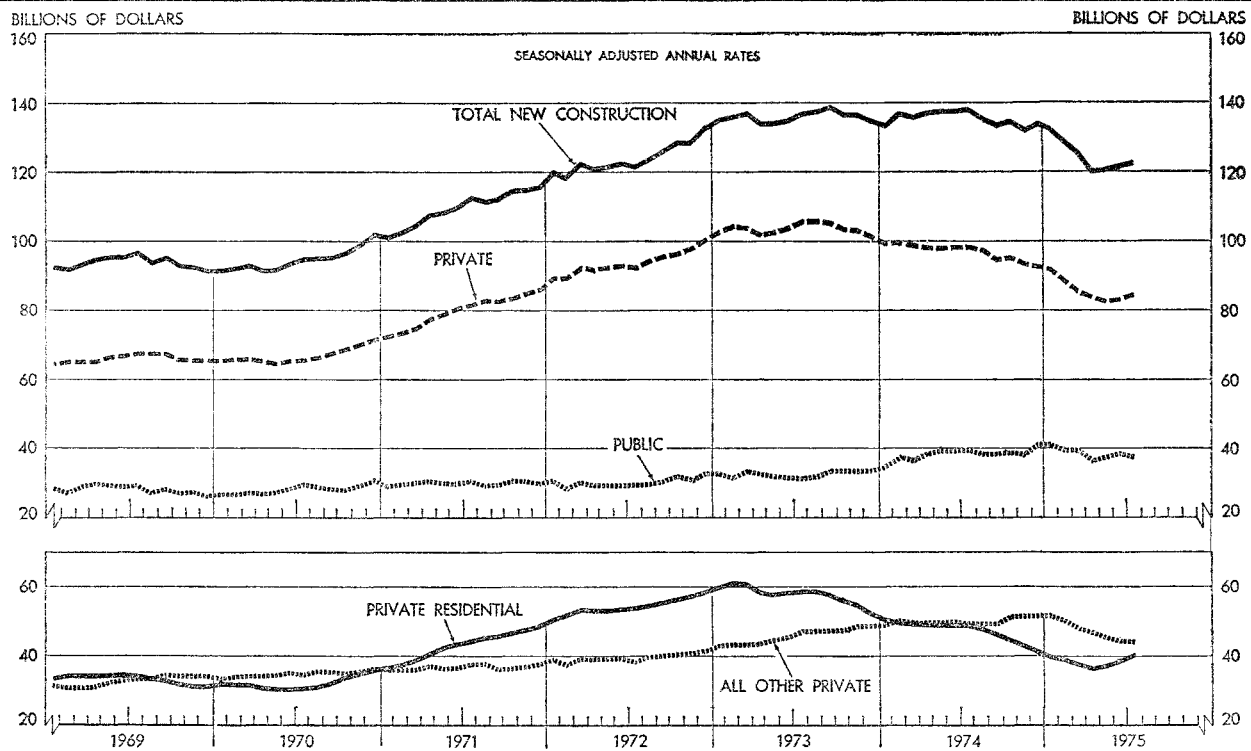
Period	Steel produced		Electric power distributed (millions of kilowatt-hours)	Bituminous coal mined (thousands of short tons) ¹	Freight loaded (thousands of cars)	Paperboard produced (thousands of tons)	Cars and trucks assembled (thousands)		
	Thousands of net tons	Index (1967=100)					Total	Cars	Trucks
Weekly average:									
1968.....	2,515	103.1	25,244	10,485	543	479	207.6	170.1	37.5
1969.....	2,709	111.0	27,588	10,779	543	507	195.8	158.1	37.8
1970.....	2,522	103.4	29,317	11,595	522	489	158.9	125.9	33.0
1971.....	2,310	94.7	30,923	10,619	486	501	204.8	165.0	39.8
1972.....	2,549	104.5	33,540	11,450	502	548	217.3	169.6	47.6
1973.....	2,892	118.5	35,834	11,380	526	569	243.5	185.8	57.7
1974.....	2,795	114.6	35,839	11,558	508	556	192.0	140.2	51.8
1974: July.....	2,750	112.7	39,982	10,907	497	546	166.6	115.9	50.6
Aug.....	2,672	109.5	39,269	11,569	505	586	137.9	103.3	34.5
Sept.....	2,768	113.5	35,692	12,511	514	531	208.6	159.1	49.5
Oct.....	2,848	116.7	34,233	13,179	546	562	239.7	181.7	58.0
Nov.....	2,707	111.0	34,839	7,588	464	525	196.5	142.4	54.1
Dec.....	2,480	101.6	36,039	9,995	413	395	126.1	88.8	37.3
1975: Jan.....	2,615	107.2	36,360	11,929	433	356	122.7	88.2	34.5
Feb.....	2,715	111.3	36,423	12,261	442	471	131.8	92.5	39.3
Mar.....	2,704	110.8	35,260	12,198	435	427	151.9	115.7	36.2
Apr.....	2,487	101.9	33,912	12,684	445	439	177.2	134.5	42.7
May.....	2,227	91.3	34,714	13,088	448	474	182.7	138.5	44.2
June.....	2,038	83.5	37,711	13,579	468	482	200.6	150.6	50.0
July.....	1,894	77.6	39,623	9,990	416	419	146.1	107.6	38.5
Aug ²	1,949	79.9	40,498	11,558	453	512	159.7	119.1	40.7
Week ended:									
1975: Aug 9.....	1,914	78.5	39,841	13,040	451	501	140.1	99.7	40.4
16.....	1,915	78.5	40,896	12,215	457	529	134.8	103.6	31.2
23.....	1,962	80.4	40,489	11,400	454	524	172.7	128.3	44.4
30.....	2,038	83.5	40,767	9,575	450	495	191.3	144.6	46.6
Sept 6.....	2,078	85.2	37,797	9,375	388	362	163.0	122.9	40.0
13 ²	2,174	89.1	37,047	13,300	482	488	215.0	161.8	53.1
20 ²	*2,245	92.0					*212.9	160.7	52.3

¹Includes data for Alaska.
²Not charted.

Sources: American Iron and Steel Institute, Edison Electric Institute, Department of the Interior, Association of American Railroads, American Paper Institute, and Ward's Automotive Reports.

NEW CONSTRUCTION

According to preliminary estimates, expenditures for new construction increased about $\frac{1}{2}$ percent in July. An increase in private construction was almost offset by a decline in public construction.



SOURCE: DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

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Period	Total new construction expenditures	Private						Federal, State, and local	Construction contracts ²	
		Total	Residential		Commercial and industrial	Other	Total value index, (1967=100)		Commercial and industrial floor space (millions of square feet)	
			Total ¹	New housing units						
Billions of dollars										
1969-----	93.9	66.0	33.2	25.9	16.2	16.6	28.0	123.7	883	
1970-----	94.9	66.8	31.9	24.3	16.3	18.6	28.1	123.1	743	
1971-----	110.0	80.1	43.3	35.1	17.0	19.8	29.9	145.4	727	
1972-----	124.1	93.9	54.3	44.9	18.1	21.5	30.2	165.3	854	
1973-----	136.0	103.4	57.6	47.9	21.7	24.1	32.5	179.9	1,021	
1974-----	135.5	97.1	47.0	37.3	23.8	26.2	38.4	168.6	860	
Seasonally adjusted annual rates								Seasonally adjusted	Seasonally adjusted annual rates	
1974: May-----	137.4	98.1	48.6	40.0	23.5	26.1	39.2	188	936	
June-----	137.4	98.3	48.5	39.5	23.8	25.9	39.1	166	910	
July-----	138.0	98.3	48.6	38.8	23.2	26.4	39.7	177	920	
Aug-----	135.6	97.1	47.7	37.4	23.4	26.0	38.5	170	936	
Sept-----	133.3	94.9	45.9	35.6	23.4	25.6	38.4	187	884	
Oct-----	134.5	95.6	44.2	33.9	25.1	26.3	38.9	148	750	
Nov-----	131.9	93.8	42.5	32.1	24.8	26.5	38.2	154	681	
Dec-----	134.0	92.5	41.1	30.5	24.8	26.6	41.5	176	651	
1975: Jan-----	122.5	91.4	39.8	28.8	24.1	27.5	41.1	135	653	
Feb-----	129.0	89.1	38.7	27.4	23.7	26.8	39.8	139	558	
Mar-----	125.2	85.4	37.7	26.9	20.9	26.8	39.8	153	476	
Apr-----	120.0	83.7	36.8	26.8	20.3	26.7	36.3	189	683	
May-----	120.3	82.8	37.3	27.6	20.3	25.2	37.4	182	537	
June-----	121.8	83.1	38.6	28.9	19.4	25.1	38.7	174	606	
July-----	122.3	84.5	40.3	30.5	18.9	25.3	37.8	165	631	

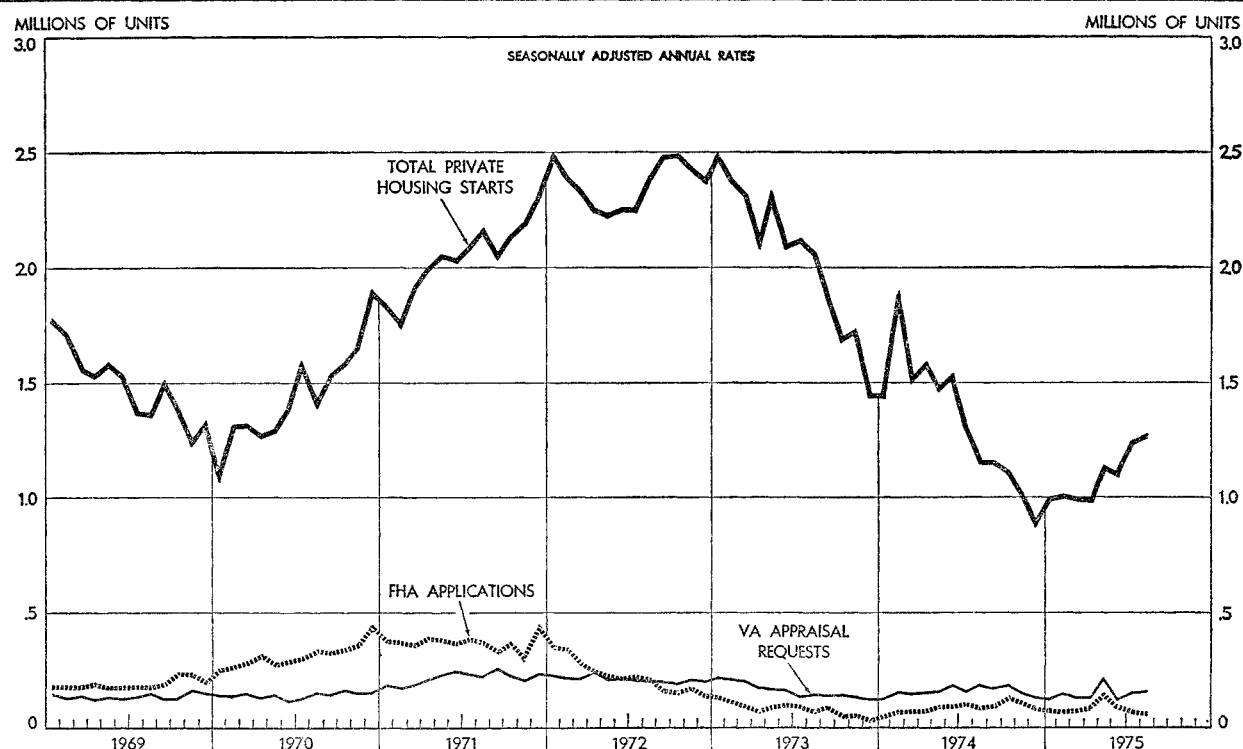
¹Includes nonhousekeeping residential construction and additions and alterations, not shown separately.
²F. W. Dodge series. Relates to 50 States beginning 1969 for value index and beginning 1971 for floor space.

NOTE.—New construction expenditures series revised beginning 1947.

Sources: Department of Commerce (Bureau of the Census) and McGraw Hill Information Systems Company, F. W. Dodge Division.

NEW HOUSING STARTS AND APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCING

Private housing starts rose 1.7 percent in August to an annual rate of 1,260,000 units. Permits for future housing which had been rising since March, declined 5.5 percent.



SOURCES: DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT, AND VETERANS ADMINISTRATION

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[Thousands of units]

Period	Housing starts							New private housing units authorized ²	Proposed home construction ³	
	Total private and public (including farm)	Total private (including farm)	Private						Applications for FHA commitments ¹	Requests for VA appraisals
			Total (including farm)			Government home programs (nonfarm)				
			Total	One unit	Two or more units	FHA ¹	VA			
1969.....	1,499.5	1,466.8	1,466.8	810.6	656.2	153.6	51.2	1,323.7	187.6	138.2
1970.....	1,469.0	1,433.6	1,433.6	812.9	620.7	233.5	61.0	1,351.5	315.0	143.7
1971.....	2,084.5	2,052.2	2,052.2	1,151.0	901.2	301.2	94.0	1,924.6	366.8	217.9
1972.....	2,378.5	2,356.6	2,356.6	1,309.2	1,047.5	198.4	104.0	2,218.9	225.2	209.4
1973.....	2,057.5	2,045.3	2,045.3	1,132.0	913.3	73.6	86.1	1,819.5	83.2	161.9
1974.....	1,352.5	1,337.7	1,337.7	888.1	449.7	56.8	72.8	1,074.4	87.1	160.1
Seasonally adjusted annual rates										
1974: July.....	127.2	126.6	1,314	920	394	53	71	1,040	103	160
Aug.....	114.0	111.1	1,156	826	329	57	68	928	85	185
Sept.....	99.6	98.3	1,157	845	313	67	76	853	95	169
Oct.....	97.2	96.7	1,106	792	314	73	81	811	133	185
Nov.....	75.6	75.1	1,017	802	215	69	74	770	111	157
Dec.....	55.4	55.1	880	682	198	69	78	837	79	132
1975: Jan.....	56.9	56.1	999	739	260	71	68	689	72	126
Feb.....	56.2	54.7	1,000	733	267	62	64	761	64	144
Mar.....	81.1	80.2	985	775	210	57	63	677	72	128
Apr.....	98.4	97.9	980	762	218	62	73	837	86	131
May.....	117.0	116.1	1,130	887	243	64	81	912	142	216
June.....	110.9	110.3	1,094	884	210	72	88	949	84	120
July ^p	120.6	119.8	1,239	932	307	70	73	1,042	70	156
Aug ^p	117.8	116.3	1,260	977	283	69	82	985	67	157

¹ For 1- to 4-unit structures.

² Authorized by issuance of local building permit: in 14,000 permit-issuing places beginning 1972; 12,000 for 1967-71; 12,000 for 1963-66; and 10,000 prior to 1963.

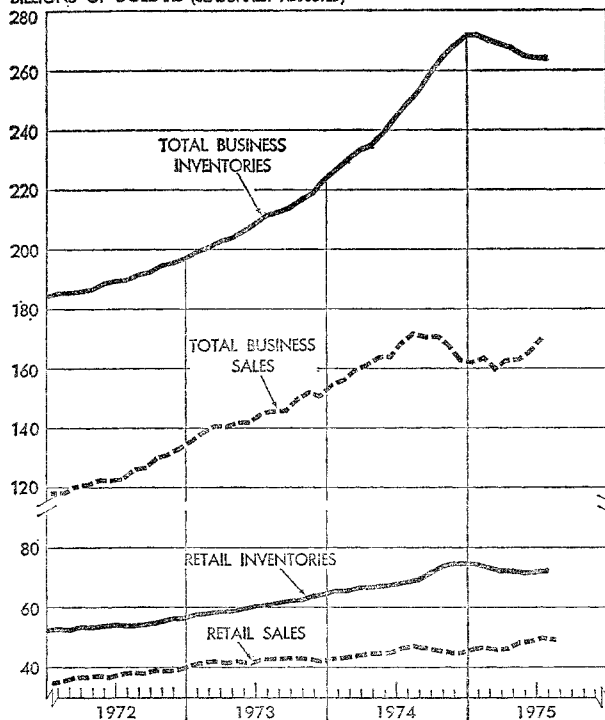
³ Units represented by mortgage applications or appraisal requests for new home construction.

Sources: Department of Commerce (Bureau of the Census), Department of Housing and Urban Development, and Veterans Administration.

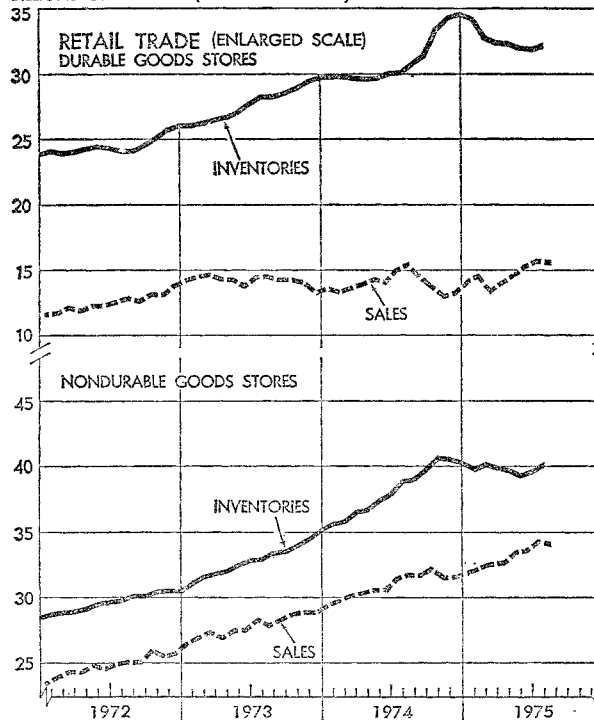
BUSINESS SALES AND INVENTORIES—TOTAL AND TRADE

Business inventories decreased \$0.5 billion in July, slightly more than in June (revised). Total business sales increased 4 percent in July. Advance reports of August retail sales showed a decline of 0.8 percent, following a 2.4 percent increase in July.

BILLIONS OF DOLLARS (SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)



BILLIONS OF DOLLARS (SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)



SOURCE: DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

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Period	Total business ¹		Wholesale		Retail					
	Sales ²	Inven- tories ³	Sales ²	Inven- tories ³	Sales ²			Inventories ³		
					Total	Durable goods stores	Non- durable goods stores	Total	Durable goods stores	Non- durable goods stores
Millions of dollars, seasonally adjusted										
1969-----	163, 134	167, 360	19, 756	24, 910	29, 824	9, 626	20, 197	45, 376	20, 647	24, 729
1970-----	104, 736	175, 561	20, 583	27, 290	31, 294	9, 524	21, 770	46, 626	20, 345	26, 281
1971-----	112, 315	184, 401	22, 327	29, 695	34, 071	10, 985	23, 086	52, 261	23, 808	28, 453
1972-----	124, 244	197, 087	24, 862	32, 817	37, 365	12, 472	24, 893	56, 551	26, 034	30, 517
1973-----	143, 742	224, 004	30, 400	38, 302	41, 943	14, 190	27, 754	64, 832	29, 646	35, 186
1974-----	163, 882	271, 840	37, 344	46, 504	44, 815	13, 943	30, 872	74, 872	34, 605	40, 267
1974: June-----	163, 405	243, 831	37, 293	42, 347	44, 593	14, 049	30, 544	67, 943	30, 002	37, 941
July-----	168, 533	248, 775	38, 449	43, 171	46, 356	14, 963	31, 393	63, 873	30, 069	38, 804
Aug-----	171, 365	253, 308	38, 823	43, 704	47, 056	15, 381	31, 675	69, 877	30, 806	39, 071
Sept-----	170, 674	258, 622	38, 748	44, 500	46, 177	14, 419	31, 758	71, 147	31, 354	39, 793
Oct-----	170, 956	264, 612	37, 751	45, 642	45, 803	13, 645	32, 153	73, 908	33, 390	40, 518
Nov-----	167, 858	267, 947	37, 714	45, 976	44, 469	12, 975	31, 404	74, 836	34, 376	40, 460
Dec-----	162, 659	271, 840	37, 501	46, 564	44, 821	13, 266	31, 555	74, 872	34, 605	40, 267
1975: Jan-----	161, 864	271, 845	36, 675	46, 197	45, 955	14, 075	31, 880	74, 024	34, 192	39, 832
Feb-----	163, 153	270, 862	37, 120	45, 951	46, 819	14, 569	32, 250	72, 918	32, 790	40, 128
Mar-----	159, 023	268, 994	35, 590	45, 527	45, 923	13, 353	32, 573	72, 273	32, 315	39, 958
Apr-----	162, 273	267, 490	35, 228	45, 303	46, 712	14, 064	32, 648	72, 063	32, 291	39, 712
May-----	162, 989	264, 883	35, 442	44, 553	48, 124	14, 654	33, 470	71, 274	32, 016	39, 358
June-----	165, 765	264, 458	36, 186	44, 850	48, 779	15, 166	33, 613	71, 549	31, 912	39, 637
July ^a -----	169, 661	263, 969	36, 811	44, 622	49, 948	15, 606	34, 342	72, 158	32, 148	40, 010
Aug ^a -----					49, 548	15, 454	34, 094			

¹The term "business" also includes manufacturing (see page 22).

²Monthly average for year and total for month.

³Book value, end of period, seasonally adjusted.

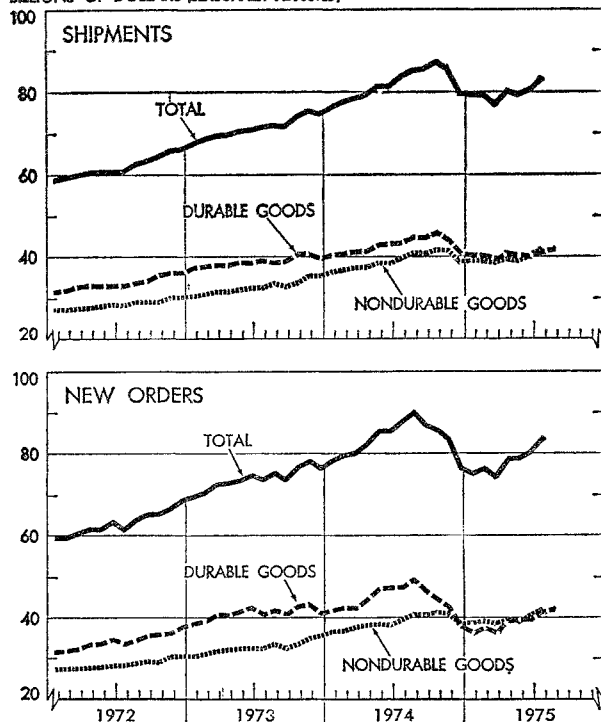
NOTE.—Total business (and manufacturing) sales revised beginning January 1972.

SOURCE: Department of Commerce (Bureau of Economic Analysis and Bureau of the Census).

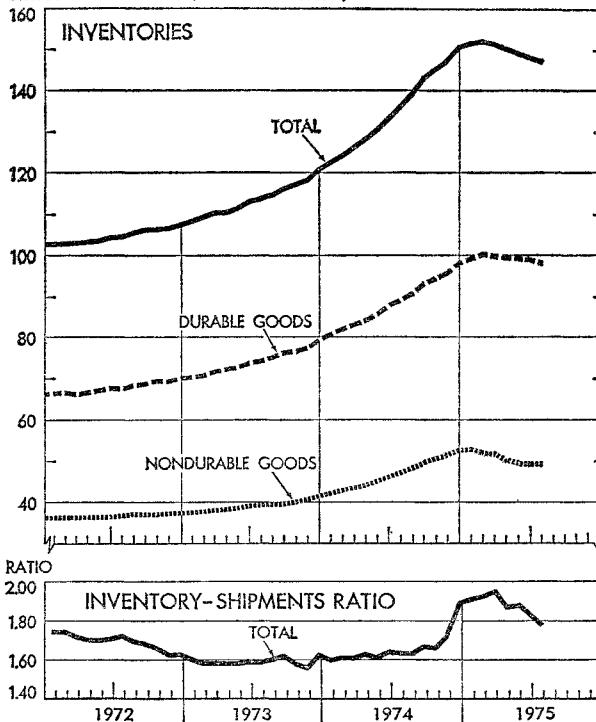
MANUFACTURERS' SHIPMENTS, INVENTORIES, AND NEW ORDERS

Manufacturers' shipments rose 2.7 percent in July while inventories fell almost \$1 billion for their fifth consecutive monthly decline. New orders were up 4.1 percent with increases occurring in all major industries.

BILLIONS OF DOLLARS (SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)



BILLIONS OF DOLLARS (SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)



SOURCE: DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

COUNCIL OF ECONOMIC ADVISERS

Period	Manufacturers' shipments ¹			Manufacturers' inventories ²			Manufacturers' new orders ¹				Manu- fac- turers' inventory— ship- ments ratio ³
	Total	Durable goods	Non- durable goods	Total	Durable goods	Non- durable goods	Total	Durable goods		Non- durable goods	
								Total	Capital goods industries, nondefense		
Millions of dollars, seasonally adjusted											
1969.....	53,555	29,459	24,096	97,074	63,371	33,703	53,646	29,549	7,694	24,097	1.76
1970.....	52,859	28,229	24,629	101,645	66,768	34,877	52,118	27,486	7,055	24,632	1.89
1971.....	55,917	29,948	25,969	102,445	66,050	36,395	55,726	29,745	7,324	25,981	1.82
1972.....	62,017	33,443	28,573	107,719	70,218	37,501	62,922	34,274	8,487	28,648	1.69
1973.....	71,398	38,724	32,674	120,870	79,441	41,429	73,836	41,098	10,310	32,738	1.58
1974.....	81,723	42,635	39,089	150,404	97,967	52,437	83,297	44,289	11,494	39,009	1.65
1974: July.....	83,728	43,831	39,897	136,731	89,286	47,445	87,226	47,418	12,800	39,808	1.63
Aug.....	85,481	44,546	40,935	139,727	91,004	48,723	90,114	49,184	11,805	40,930	1.63
Sept.....	85,749	44,828	40,921	142,975	93,184	49,791	86,959	46,214	11,832	40,745	1.67
Oct.....	87,402	45,857	41,545	145,062	94,680	50,382	85,678	44,393	11,383	41,285	1.66
Nov.....	85,675	44,275	41,400	147,135	95,787	51,348	83,805	42,705	10,623	41,100	1.72
Dec.....	79,737	40,799	38,938	150,404	97,967	52,437	76,704	38,092	10,459	38,612	1.89
1975: Jan.....	79,234	40,247	38,987	151,624	99,124	52,500	75,068	36,172	10,077	38,896	1.91
Feb.....	79,214	39,992	39,222	151,993	100,082	51,911	76,478	37,362	9,970	39,116	1.92
Mar.....	77,509	39,124	38,385	151,194	99,879	51,315	74,363	35,973	9,522	38,390	1.95
Apr.....	80,333	40,851	39,482	150,184	99,803	50,381	78,600	38,983	10,309	39,617	1.87
May.....	79,423	40,183	39,240	148,951	99,378	49,573	78,753	39,428	10,302	39,325	1.88
June.....	80,740	40,458	40,282	148,059	98,796	49,263	80,237	39,730	10,138	40,507	1.83
July ^p	82,902	41,227	41,675	147,189	98,189	49,000	83,550	41,681	10,728	41,869	1.78
Aug ^p		41,673						41,815	10,228		

¹ Monthly average for year and total for month.

² Book value, end of period, seasonally adjusted.

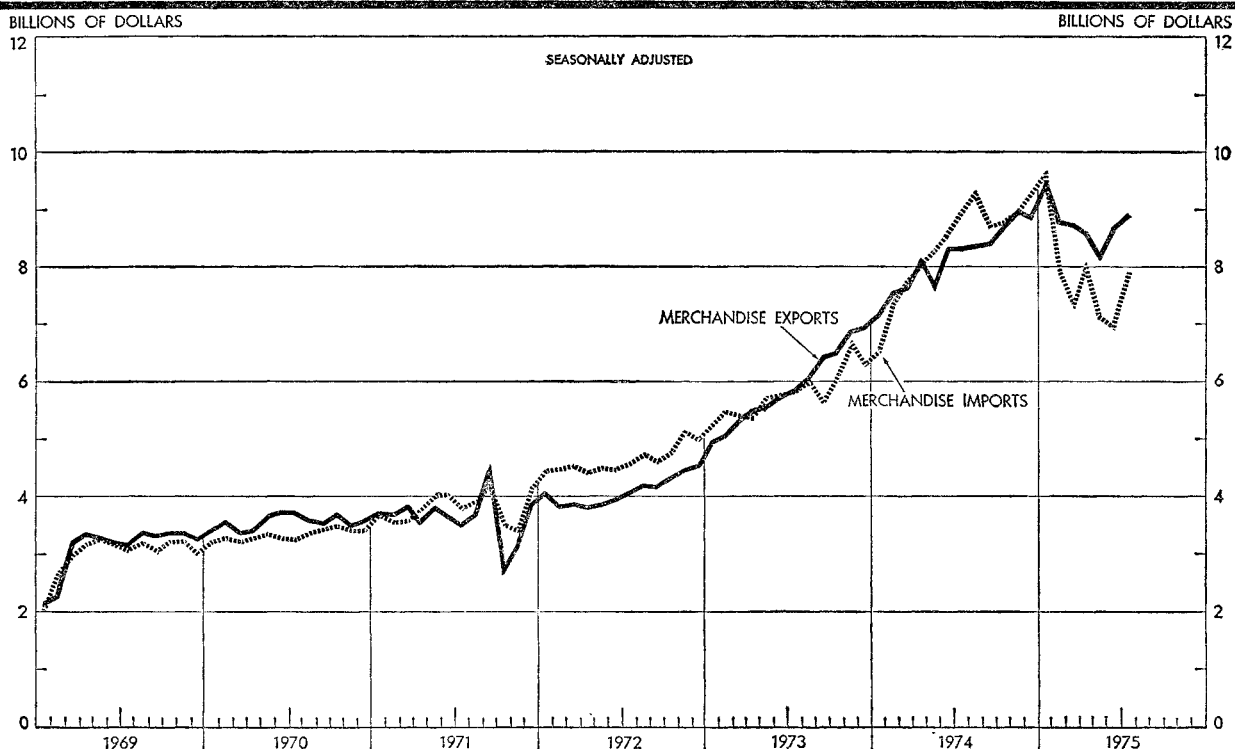
³ For annual periods, ratio of weighted average inventories to average monthly shipments; for monthly data, ratio of inventories at end of month to shipments for month.

NOTE.—Total and durable shipments and new orders revised beginning January 1972.

Source: Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census.

MERCHANDISE EXPORTS AND IMPORTS

The U.S. trade account (f.a.s.) was again in surplus in July. The balance, though large, was significantly reduced from the June level. Exports increased slightly, while imports, boosted by a large rise in fuel imports, rose nearly 14 percent.



SOURCE: DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

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[Millions of dollars; monthly data seasonally adjusted]

Period	Merchandise exports					Merchandise imports					Merchandise trade balance		
	Total (in- cluding reex- ports)	Domestic exports				General imports ³				Total (c.i.f. value) ⁴	Ex- ports (f.a.s.) less im- ports (customs value)	Ex- ports (f.a.s.) less im- ports (f.a.s.)	Exports (f.a.s.) less im- ports (c.i.f.)
		Total ^{1 2}	Food, bever- ages, and to- bacco	Crude mate- rials and fuels	Manu- fac- tured goods	Total ²	Food, bever- ages, and to- bacco	Crude mate- rials and fuels	Manu- fac- tured goods				
Monthly average:	F.a.s. value ⁵					Customs value ⁶							
1971-----	3, 629	3, 576	423	537	2, 537	3, 797	534	606	2, 535	-----	-168	-----	-----
1972-----	4, 100	4, 033	547	591	2, 812	4, 632	615	737	3, 147	-----	-532	-----	-----
1973-----	5, 902	5, 811	1, 078	895	3, 728	5, 790	770	1, 120	3, 750	-----	112	-----	-----
1974-----	8, 159	8, 045	1, 269	1, 317	5, 294	8, 416	892	2, 653	4, 684	9, 000	-257	-195	-841
						F.a.s. value ⁵							
1974: July-----	8, 159	8, 045	1, 269	1, 317	5, 294	8, 354	892	2, 672	4, 602	9, 000	-257	-195	-841
Aug-----	8, 307	-----	1, 236	1, 381	5, 387	8, 922	942	2, 948	4, 834	9, 612	-659	-615	-1, 395
Sept-----	8, 379	-----	1, 182	1, 318	5, 602	9, 267	899	3, 103	5, 092	10, 000	-964	-888	-1, 620
Oct-----	8, 399	-----	1, 102	1, 224	5, 659	8, 696	783	2, 860	4, 952	9, 372	-369	-297	-972
Nov-----	8, 673	-----	1, 250	1, 266	5, 889	8, 773	716	3, 007	4, 961	9, 451	-193	-100	-779
Dec-----	8, 973	-----	1, 396	1, 560	5, 845	8, 973	940	3, 003	5, 044	9, 656	-100	0	-683
1975: Jan-----	8, 862	-----	1, 378	1, 332	5, 812	9, 257	943	2, 985	5, 062	9, 943	-460	-395	-1, 081
Feb-----	9, 412	-----	1, 735	1, 595	5, 747	9, 622	796	3, 589	4, 793	10, 365	-257	-211	-953
Mar-----	8, 789	-----	1, 526	1, 319	5, 658	7, 872	794	2, 417	4, 286	8, 441	-----	917	348
Apr-----	8, 716	-----	1, 388	1, 356	5, 573	7, 336	821	1, 864	4, 441	7, 894	-----	1, 380	822
May-----	8, 570	-----	1, 368	1, 184	5, 732	8, 013	777	2, 951	4, 051	8, 800	-----	557	-230
June-----	8, 145	-----	1, 146	1, 197	5, 467	7, 093	728	2, 441	3, 828	7, 631	-----	1, 052	514
July-----	8, 692	-----	1, 177	1, 154	6, 044	6, 954	893	1, 967	3, 951	7, 491	-----	1, 737	1, 200
	8, 885	-----	1, 267	1, 248	6, 097	7, 903	830	2, 714	4, 191	8, 494	-----	977	391

Total excludes Department of Defense shipments of grant-aid military supplies and equipment under the Military Assistance Program.
Total includes commodities and transactions not classified according to kind.
Total arrivals of imported goods other than intransit shipments.
¹ C.i.f. (cost, insurance, and freight) import value at first port of entry in the United States.

² F.a.s. (free alongside ship) value basis: at U.S. port of exportation for exports and at foreign port of exportation for imports.

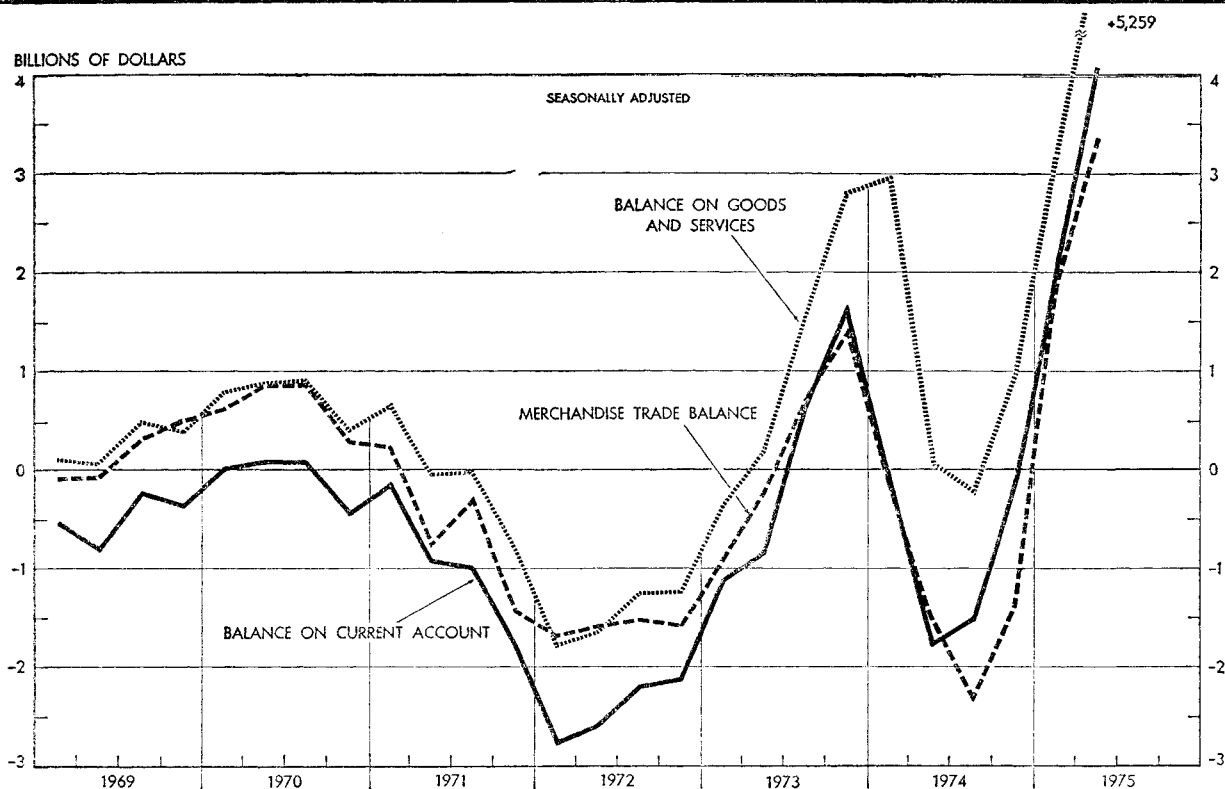
³ See Note.

NOTE.—Customs value imports have been discontinued. For 1974 monthly data on this basis, see *Economic Indicators*, February 1975.

Source: Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census.

U.S. BALANCES ON GOODS, SERVICES, AND TRANSFERS

The current account surplus rose by \$2.1 billion to \$4.1 billion in the second quarter. The increase was largely due the rise in the merchandise trade surplus which resulted from a stronger decline in import than in export values.



SOURCE: DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

COUNCIL OF ECONOMIC ADVISERS

[Millions of dollars]

Period	Merchandise ^{1 2}			Military transactions			Net investment income		Net travel and transportation expenditures	Other services, net ³	Balance on goods and services ¹	Remittances, pensions, and other unilateral transfers ¹	Balance on current account
	Exports	Imports	Net balance	Direct expenditures	Sales	Net balance	Private ³	U.S. Government					
1969.....	36,414	-35,807	607	-4,856	1,528	-3,328	3,471	156	-1,763	1,878	1,020	-2,976	-1,956
1970.....	42,469	-39,86	2,603	-4,855	1,501	-3,355	3,631	-112	-2,023	2,220	2,966	-3,248	-281
1971.....	43,311	-45,57	-2,268	-4,819	1,926	-2,893	5,659	-956	-2,315	2,537	-237	-3,642	-3,879
1972.....	49,388	-55,79	-6,409	-4,784	1,163	-3,621	6,208	-1,888	-3,024	2,803	-5,930	-3,779	-9,710
1973.....	71,379	-70,42	955	-4,658	2,342	-2,317	8,188	-3,009	-2,862	3,222	4,177	-3,841	335
1974.....	98,309	-103,586	-5,277	-5,103	2,944	-2,158	13,351	-3,229	-2,692	3,830	3,825	-7,182	-3,357
Seasonally adjusted													
1974: I.....	22,464	-22,587	-123	-1,166	663	-503	4,014	-769	-513	886	2,992	-2,966	26
II.....	24,218	-25,677	-1,459	-1,324	678	-646	2,745	-781	-717	936	78	-1,865	-1,787
III.....	25,034	-27,349	-2,315	-1,279	766	-513	3,161	-807	-721	960	-235	-1,265	-1,500
IV.....	26,593	-27,973	-1,380	-1,335	837	-498	3,431	-872	-741	1,049	989	-1,088	-99
1975: I.....	27,188	-25,358	1,830	-1,303	954	-349	2,165	-989	-572	1,093	3,178	-1,175	2,003
II.....	25,694	-22,349	3,345	-1,216	804	-412	2,447	-818	-419	1,116	5,259	-1,198	4,061

¹ Excludes military grants.

² Adjusted from Census data for differences in timing and coverage.

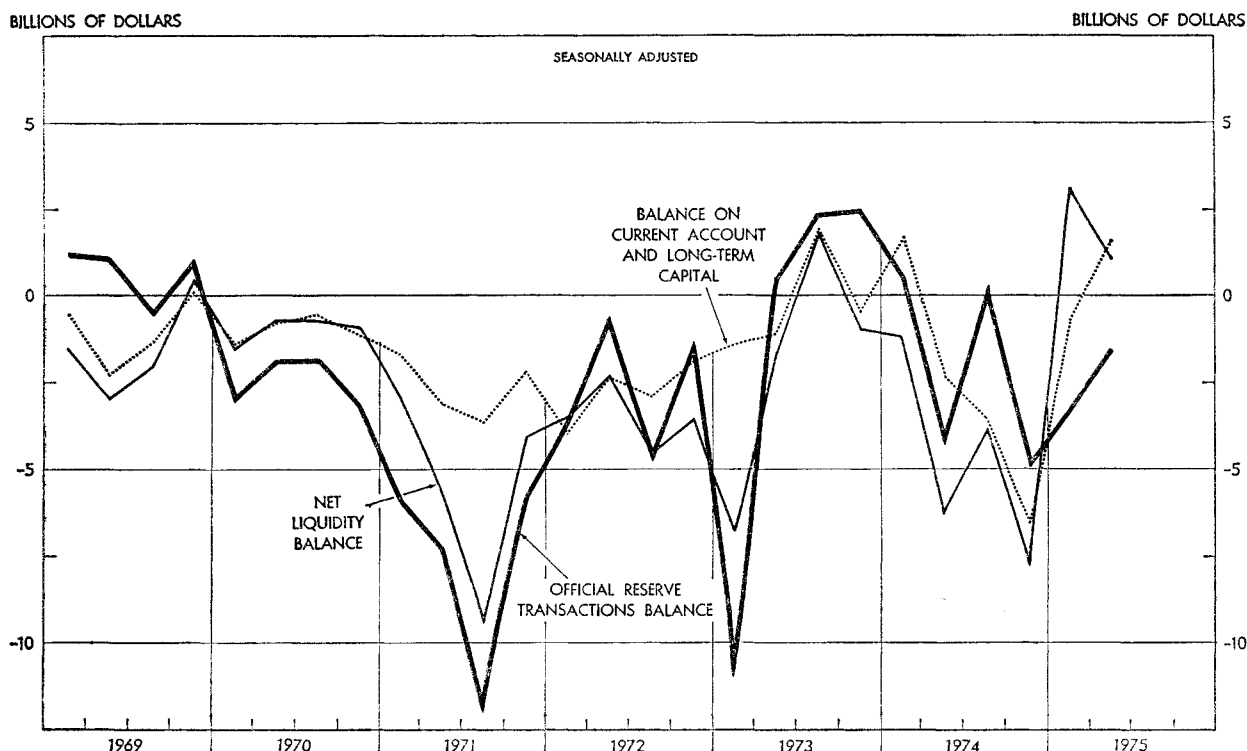
³ Fees and royalties from U.S. direct investments abroad or from foreign direct investments in the United States are excluded from net investment income and included in other services, net.

NOTE.—Data on pp. 24 and 25 have been revised beginning 1974.

Source: Department of Commerce, Bureau of Economic Analysis.

U.S. OVERALL BALANCES ON INTERNATIONAL TRANSACTIONS

In the second quarter, the balance on current account and long-term capital showed an improvement of \$2.3 billion over the first quarter level largely because of the strength in the merchandise trade account. Net liquid private capital outflows declined but this movement was in part offset by other short-term capital outflows.



SOURCE: DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

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(Millions of dollars)

Period	Long-term capital flows, net		Balance on current account and long-term capital	Non-liquid short-term private capital flows net ²	Allocations of special drawing rights (SDR)	Errors and omissions, net	Net liquidity balance	Liquid private capital flows, net ²	Official reserve transactions balance	Changes in liabilities to foreign official agencies, net ³	Changes in U.S. official reserve assets, net ⁴	U.S. official reserve assets, net (end of period) ⁵
	U.S. Government ¹	Private ²										
1969-----	-1,949	-44	-3,949	-640	-----	-1,492	-6,081	8,820	2,739	-1,552	-1,187	16,964
1970-----	-2,045	-1,434	-3,760	-482	867	-476	-3,851	-5,988	-9,839	7,362	2,477	14,487
1971-----	-2,376	-4,383	-10,637	-2,347	717	-9,698	-21,965	-7,788	-29,753	27,405	2,348	12,167
1972-----	-1,334	-69	-11,113	-1,542	710	-1,884	-13,829	3,475	-10,354	10,322	32	13,151
1973-----	-1,490	177	-977	-4,238	-----	-2,436	-7,651	2,343	-5,308	5,099	209	14,378
1974-----	1,118	-8,447	-10,686	-12,949	-----	4,593	-19,043	10,669	-8,374	9,808	-1,434	15,883
Seasonally adjusted												Unad-
1974: I-----	1,411	264	1,701	-3,908	-----	1,007	-1,200	1,751	551	-341	-210	14,588
II-----	484	-999	-2,302	-5,248	-----	1,332	-6,218	2,020	-4,198	4,556	-358	14,946
III-----	83	-2,157	-3,574	-1,462	-----	1,126	-3,910	4,028	118	885	-1,003	15,893
IV-----	-860	-5,554	-6,513	-2,331	-----	1,127	-7,717	2,870	-4,847	4,710	137	15,883
1975: I-----	-474	-2,202	-673	1,911	-----	1,870	3,108	-6,375	-3,267	3,593	-326	16,256
II-----	-365	-2,085	1,611	-1,036	-----	451	1,026	-2,642	-1,616	1,667	-51	16,242

¹ Excludes liabilities to foreign official reserve agencies.

² Private foreigners exclude the IMF, but include other international and regional organizations.

³ Includes liabilities to foreign official agencies reported by U.S. Government and U.S. banks and U.S. liabilities to the IMF arising from reversible gold sales and gold deposits with the United States.

⁴ Consists of gold, special drawing rights (SDR), convertible currencies, and U.S. gold tranche position in the IMF. Minus sign indicates increase.

⁵ Includes increases (in millions) as follows: 1969, \$87 due to revaluation of the German mark in Oct. 1969; 1971, \$28 due to dollar value of foreign currencies revalued to reflect market exchange rates as of Dec. 31, 1971; 1972, \$1,016 due to

change in par value of the dollar on May 8, 1972; and 1973, \$1,436 due to change in par value of the dollar on Oct. 18, 1973.

Beginning July 1974, SDR and reserve position in the IMF based on new method of valuation. On a pre-July basis, reserve assets for Sept. 30, 1974 are \$15,949 million, for Dec. 31, 1974 \$15,812 million, for Mar. 31, 1975 \$16,106 million, and for June 30, 1975 \$16,157 million.

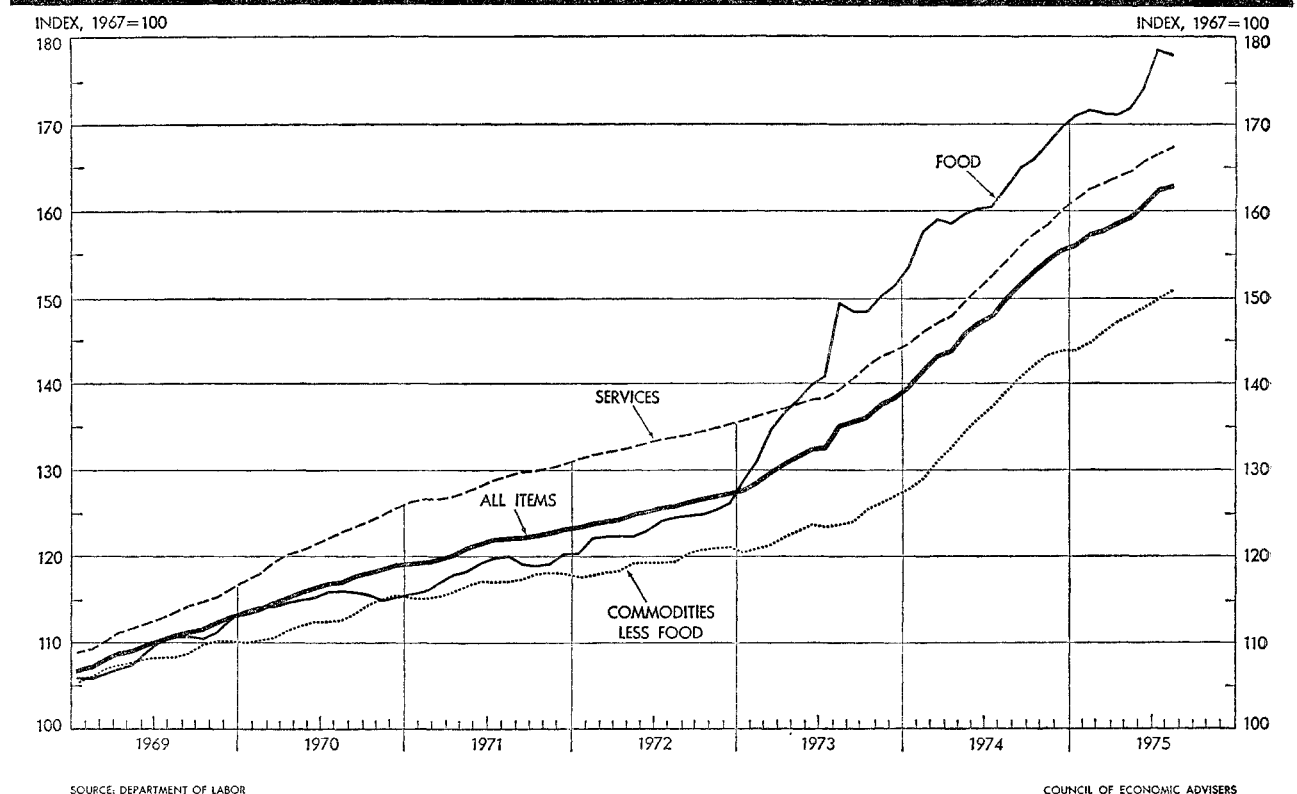
NOTE.—See Note, p. 24.

Sources: Department of Commerce (Bureau of Economic Analysis) and Department of the Treasury.

PRICES

CONSUMER PRICES

In August, the consumer price index rose 0.3 percent (0.2 percent seasonally adjusted). Food prices declined 0.3 percent (unchanged seasonally adjusted). Nonfood commodity prices rose 0.5 percent (also 0.5 percent seasonally adjusted) and services prices rose 0.5 percent.



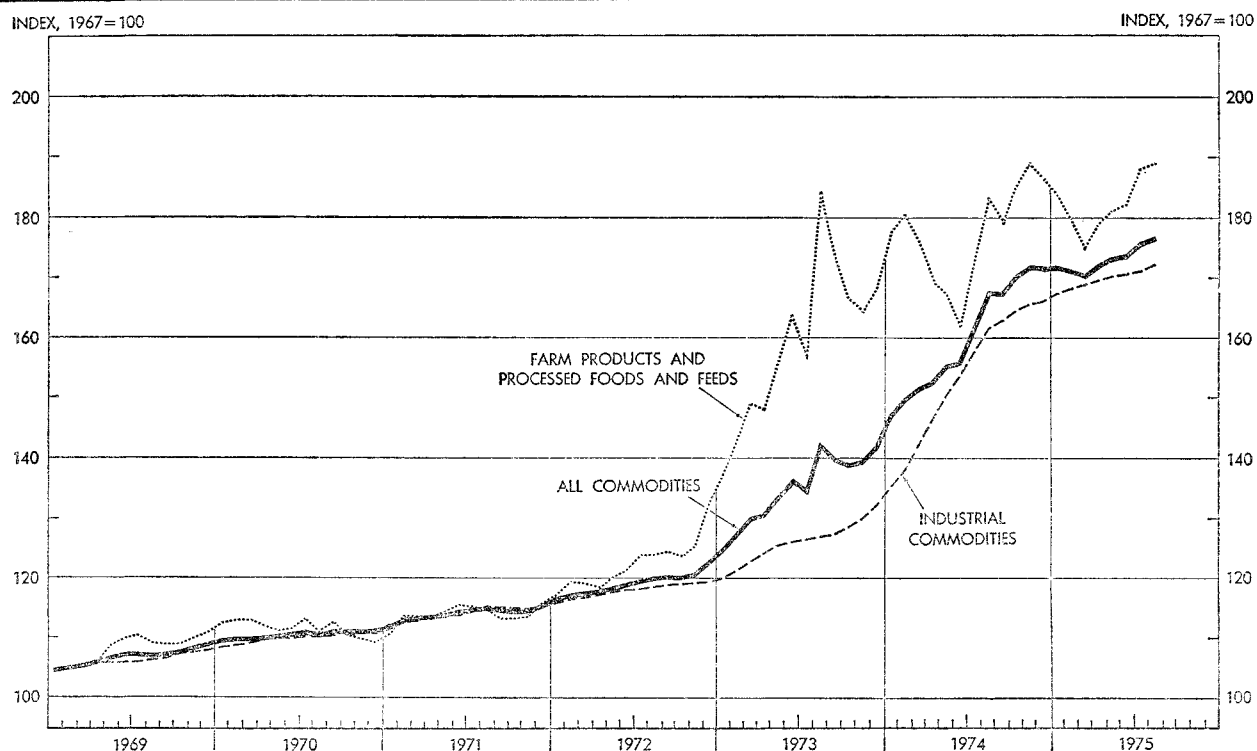
[1967=100]

Period	All items	Commodities					Services		
		All commodities	Food	Commodities less food			All services	Rent	Services less rent
				All	Durable	Non-durable			
1966-----	97.2	98.2	99.1	97.5	98.5	97.0	95.8	98.2	95.3
1967-----	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
1968-----	104.2	103.7	103.6	103.7	103.1	104.1	105.2	102.4	105.7
1969-----	109.8	108.4	108.9	108.1	107.0	108.8	112.5	105.7	113.8
1970-----	116.3	113.5	114.9	112.5	111.8	113.1	121.6	110.1	123.7
1971-----	121.3	117.4	118.4	116.8	116.5	117.0	128.4	115.2	130.8
1972-----	125.3	120.9	123.5	119.4	118.9	119.8	133.3	119.2	135.9
1973-----	133.1	129.9	141.4	123.5	121.9	124.8	139.1	124.3	141.8
1974-----	147.7	145.5	161.7	136.6	130.6	140.9	152.0	130.2	156.0
1974: July-----	148.0	145.6	160.5	137.5	131.5	141.8	152.6	130.6	156.6
Aug-----	149.9	147.6	162.8	139.3	133.2	143.7	154.2	131.2	158.4
Sept-----	151.7	149.4	165.0	140.9	134.8	145.3	156.0	131.8	160.3
Oct-----	153.0	150.7	166.1	142.2	136.8	146.1	157.3	132.5	161.9
Nov-----	154.3	152.0	167.8	143.3	138.0	147.2	158.7	133.1	163.3
Dec-----	155.4	153.0	169.7	143.9	138.8	147.7	160.1	133.7	164.8
1975: Jan-----	156.1	153.4	170.9	143.9	139.3	147.2	161.3	134.5	166.2
Feb-----	157.2	154.4	171.6	144.9	140.3	148.2	162.6	135.1	167.5
Mar-----	157.8	155.0	171.3	146.0	142.1	148.8	163.2	135.5	168.3
Apr-----	158.6	155.7	171.2	147.2	143.6	149.8	164.1	135.9	169.2
May-----	159.3	156.5	171.8	148.1	144.8	150.5	164.5	136.4	169.6
June-----	160.6	157.9	174.4	148.9	145.8	151.2	165.7	136.9	170.9
July-----	162.3	160.1	178.6	149.9	146.9	152.2	166.6	137.3	171.9
Aug-----	162.8	160.4	178.1	150.7	147.5	153.0	167.4	138.0	172.7

Source: Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics.

WHOLESALE PRICES

The wholesale price index rose 0.6 percent in August (0.8 percent after seasonal adjustment). Prices of farm products and processed foods and feeds increased 0.4 percent (declined 0.7 percent seasonally adjusted). Industrial commodity prices were up 0.6 percent (also 0.6 percent seasonally adjusted).



SOURCE: DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

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[1967 = 100]

Period	All com- modi- ties	Farm products and processed foods and feeds				Indus- trial commodi- ties	Special groupings				
		Total	Farm prod- ucts	Proces- sed foods and feeds	Crude mate- rials ¹		Inter- mediate mate- rials ²	Produc- er fin- ished goods	Consumer fin- ished goods ex- cluding foods		
									Dur- able	Non- durable	
1966.....	99.8	103.5	105.9	101.2	98.5	104.5	98.9	96.8	98.5	97.8	
1967.....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	
1968.....	102.5	102.4	102.5	102.2	102.5	102.0	102.6	103.5	102.2	102.2	
1969.....	106.5	108.0	109.1	107.3	106.0	110.6	106.1	106.9	104.0	105.0	
1970.....	110.4	111.7	111.0	112.1	110.0	118.8	110.0	111.9	107.0	108.3	
1971.....	113.9	113.8	112.9	114.3	114.0	122.7	114.3	116.6	110.9	111.3	
1972.....	119.1	122.4	125.0	120.8	117.9	131.1	118.9	119.5	113.2	113.6	
1973.....	134.7	159.1	176.3	148.1	125.9	155.2	128.1	123.5	115.8	120.5	
1974.....	160.1	177.4	187.7	170.9	153.8	219.1	159.5	141.0	126.3	146.8	
1974: July.....	161.7	172.7	180.8	167.6	157.8	228.9	164.5	141.5	126.8	150.6	
Aug.....	167.4	183.4	189.2	179.7	161.6	229.5	169.6	145.2	127.3	153.0	
Sept.....	167.2	179.1	182.7	176.8	162.9	229.8	170.6	148.0	128.4	154.2	
Oct.....	170.2	185.1	187.5	183.5	164.8	229.0	172.1	151.9	133.1	155.7	
Nov.....	171.9	189.0	187.8	189.7	165.8	228.7	173.0	154.1	133.8	156.2	
Dec.....	171.5	186.5	183.7	188.2	166.1	221.2	173.2	155.3	135.3	156.9	
1975: Jan.....	171.8	183.8	179.7	186.4	167.5	219.4	175.0	157.4	135.9	158.2	
Feb.....	171.3	179.5	174.6	182.6	168.4	221.0	175.9	158.3	136.3	158.8	
Mar.....	170.4	174.9	171.1	177.3	168.9	218.4	176.4	159.7	136.9	158.9	
Apr.....	172.1	178.8	177.7	179.4	169.7	222.7	177.3	160.7	137.0	159.5	
May.....	173.2	181.2	184.5	179.0	170.3	225.8	177.7	161.2	137.0	160.4	
June.....	173.7	182.3	186.2	179.7	170.7	226.3	177.8	161.7	137.3	161.6	
July.....	175.7	188.2	193.7	184.6	171.2	223.4	178.3	162.4	137.4	163.2	
Aug.....	176.7	189.0	193.2	186.3	172.2	225.8	179.3	163.0	137.4	165.1	

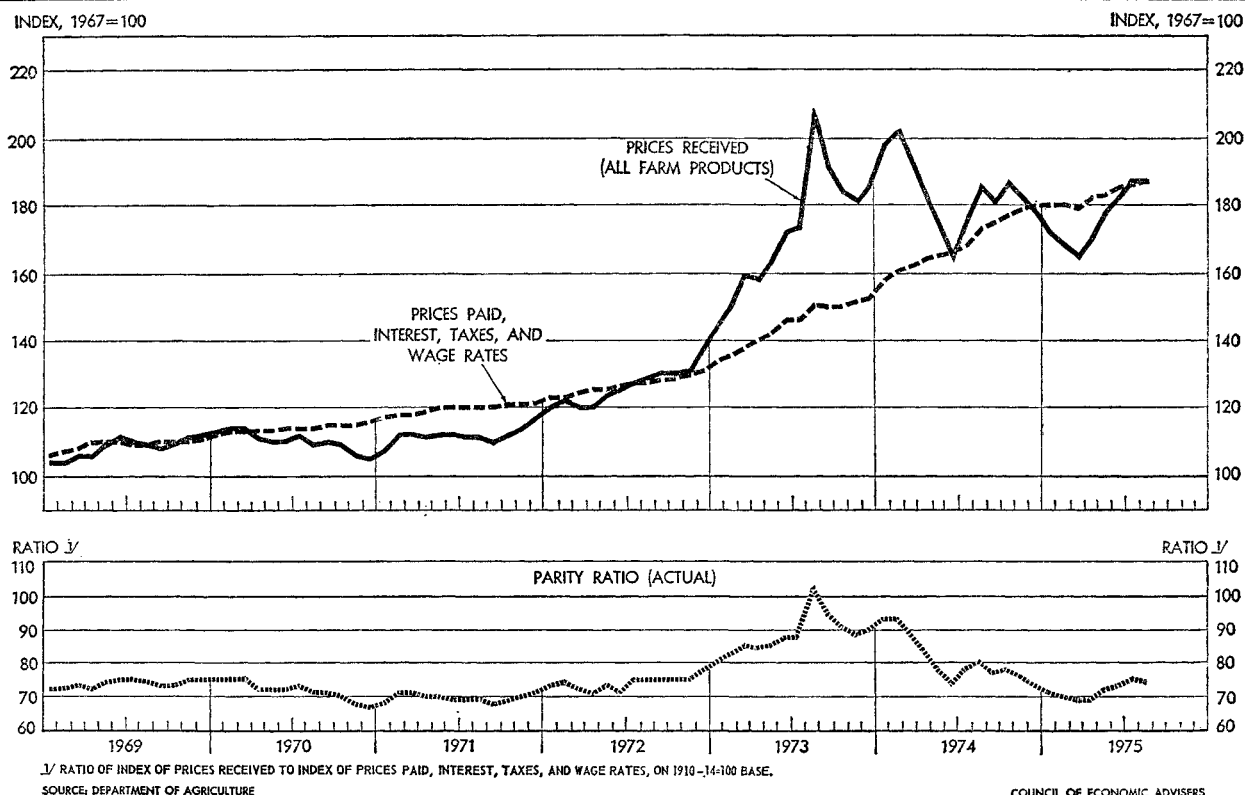
Excludes: crude foodstuffs and feedstuffs, plant and animal fibers, oilseeds, and tobacco.

² Excludes intermediate materials for food manufacturing and manufactured animal feeds.

Source: Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics.

PRICES RECEIVED AND PAID BY FARMERS

Prices received by farmers were unchanged in the month ended August 15. Higher prices for wheat, milk, hogs, corn, soybeans, cotton, and eggs were offset primarily by lower prices for cattle, potatoes, and tomatoes. Prices paid went up ½ percent. The actual parity ratio declined 1 point while the adjusted ratio was unchanged.



Period	Prices received by farmers			Prices paid by farmers			Parity ratio ¹	
	All farm products	Crops	Livestock and products	All items, interest, taxes, and wage rates	Family living items	Production items	Actual	Adjusted ²
Index, 1967=100								
1967.....	100	100	100	100	100	100	74	80
1968.....	103	101	104	104	104	102	73	79
1969.....	108	97	117	109	109	106	74	80
1970.....	110	100	118	114	114	110	72	77
1971.....	112	107	116	120	119	115	70	74
1972.....	126	116	134	126	124	122	74	79
1973.....	172	164	179	145	138	146	88	91
1974.....	184	214	164	169	161	172	81	81
1974: July 15.....	176	206	156	168	161	171	78	78
Aug 15.....	185	220	161	173	164	179	80	80
Sept 15.....	181	219	155	175	166	182	77	77
Oct 15.....	186	230	156	177	167	183	78	78
Nov 15.....	182	225	153	179	171	183	76	76
Dec 15.....	178	214	153	180	173	184	73	74
1975: Jan 15.....	172	201	153	180	173	182	71	71
Feb 15.....	168	192	151	180	175	180	70	70
Mar 15.....	165	185	152	179	173	179	69	69
Apr 15.....	170	188	157	182	173	185	69	70
May 15.....	178	189	171	183	175	187	72	72
June 15.....	182	192	176	185	176	190	73	74
July 15.....	187	199	180	186	178	190	75	75
Aug 15.....	187	201	179	187	179	192	74	75

¹ Percentage ratio of index of prices received by farmers to index of prices paid, interest, taxes, and wage rates on 1910-14=100 base.

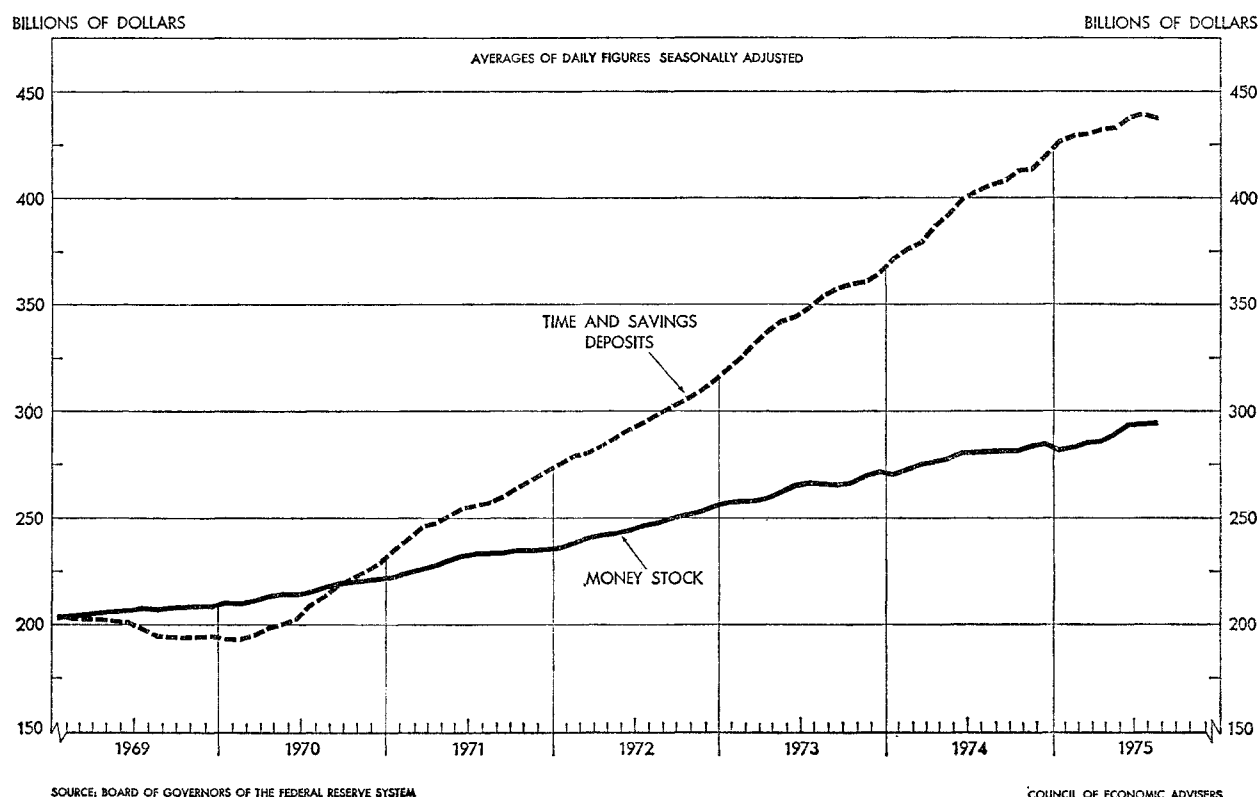
² The adjusted parity ratio reflects Government payments made directly to farmers.

Source: Department of Agriculture.

MONEY, CREDIT, AND SECURITY MARKETS

MONEY STOCK

The seasonally adjusted money stock grew at a rate of 5.0 percent over the past year, August to August. The annual rate of growth over the latest 6 months, February to August, was 8.7 percent.



[Averages of daily figures, billions of dollars]

Period	Money stock				Money stock				U.S. Government demand deposits ¹
	Total	Currency outside banks	Demand deposits ¹	Time and savings deposits ¹	Total	Currency outside banks	Demand deposits ¹	Time and savings deposits ¹	
	Seasonally adjusted				Unadjusted				
1969: Dec.....	208.7	46.1	162.7	194.5	214.7	46.9	167.7	193.2	5.6
1970: Dec.....	221.4	49.1	172.3	229.3	227.6	50.0	177.7	228.1	7.3
1971: Dec.....	235.3	52.6	182.7	271.2	241.9	53.5	188.4	269.8	6.9
1972: Dec.....	255.8	56.9	198.9	313.8	263.0	57.9	205.1	311.8	7.4
1973: Dec.....	271.5	61.6	209.9	364.5	279.1	62.7	216.4	362.2	6.3
1974: Dec.....	284.4	67.9	216.5	419.3	292.3	69.0	223.3	416.7	4.9
1974: July.....	280.4	64.8	215.6	402.8	280.0	65.3	214.7	402.0	5.4
Aug.....	280.5	65.5	215.0	405.2	277.3	65.7	211.6	408.2	4.0
Sept.....	280.7	65.9	214.8	407.5	278.9	65.8	213.1	410.1	5.5
Oct.....	281.6	66.5	215.2	412.1	281.2	66.4	214.7	413.3	3.7
Nov.....	283.6	67.4	216.2	413.5	285.1	67.9	217.3	411.7	3.4
Dec.....	284.4	67.9	216.5	419.3	292.3	69.0	223.3	416.7	4.9
1975: Jan.....	281.6	68.2	213.4	426.0	288.6	67.8	220.9	424.0	4.0
Feb.....	282.4	68.7	213.7	428.8	279.4	67.8	211.6	426.5	3.3
Mar.....	285.0	69.4	215.6	429.9	282.2	68.8	213.4	430.5	3.8
Apr.....	285.8	69.5	216.3	431.5	287.3	69.1	218.2	431.8	4.0
May.....	288.5	70.2	218.3	432.9	283.7	70.0	213.7	434.5	4.1
June.....	293.0	71.1	221.9	437.1	291.1	71.2	219.9	436.7	4.1
July.....	293.5	71.3	222.1	439.1	293.0	71.9	221.1	438.3	3.3
Aug ²	294.4	71.9	222.5	437.4	291.1	72.2	218.9	440.2	2.6

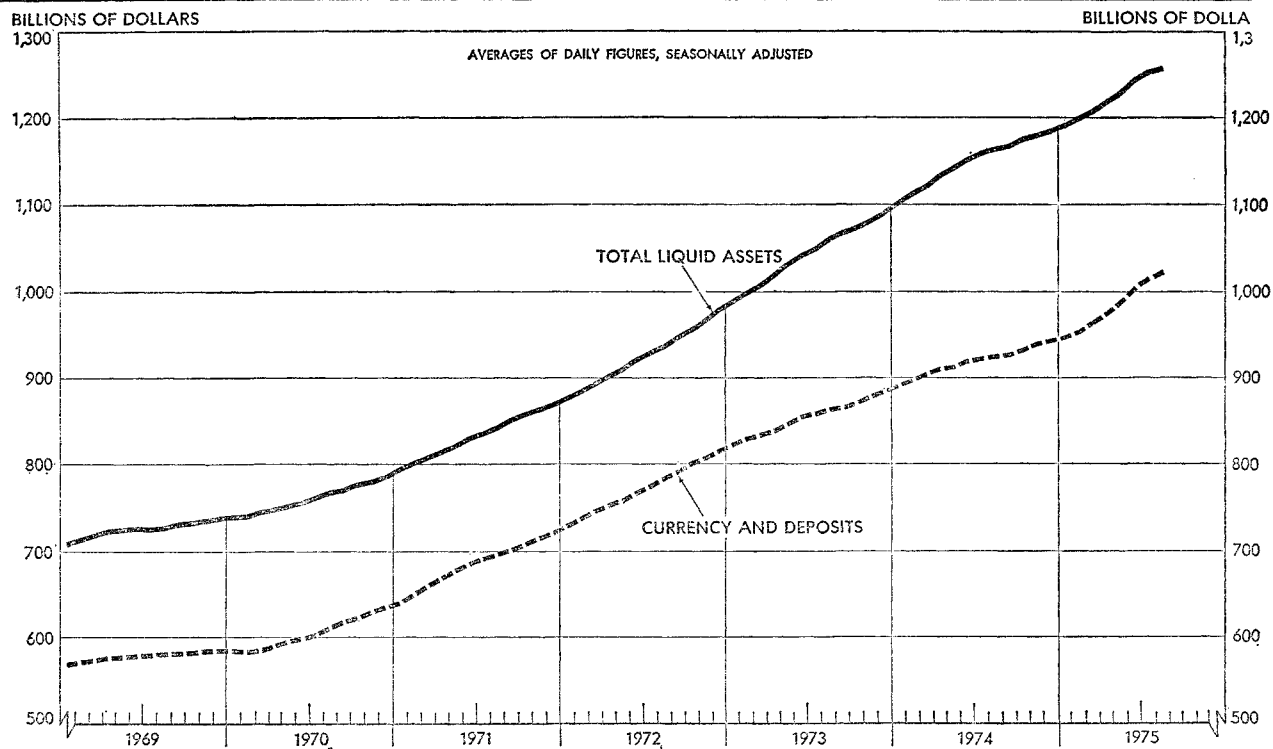
Deposits at commercial banks.

Source: Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

NOTE.—Series revised beginning October 1974.

PRIVATE LIQUID ASSET HOLDINGS - NONFINANCIAL INVESTORS

Private nonfinancial investors increased their holdings of liquid assets by \$4.7 billion in August. This represents the smallest increase since last December.



SOURCE: BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF THE FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

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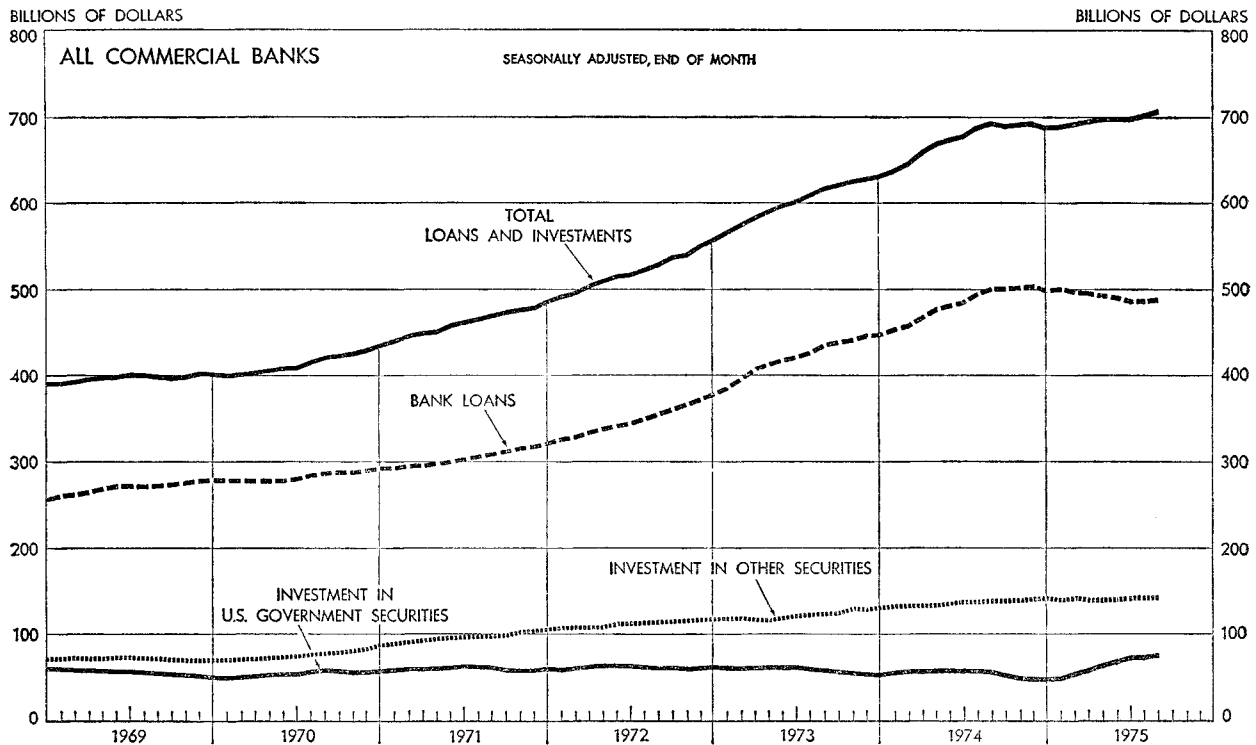
[Averages of daily figures; billions of dollars, seasonally adjusted]

Period	Total liquid assets	Currency and deposits					U.S. Govern- ment securities		Negotiable certifi- cates of deposit	Com- mercial paper
		Total	Curren- cy	Demand deposits	Time deposits		Savings bonds	Short- term market- able se- curities		
					Com- mercial banks	Nonbank thrift institu- tions				
1968: Dec.....	704.1	564.5	43.4	140.1	174.3	206.7	51.4	46.8	22.5	18.8
1969: Dec.....	737.1	583.0	46.1	144.7	177.3	215.0	51.1	64.9	9.1	28.9
1970: Dec.....	786.7	634.4	49.1	153.2	199.2	232.9	51.3	53.2	23.1	24.7
1971: Dec.....	868.7	721.1	52.6	161.7	233.6	273.2	53.7	39.6	30.3	24.0
1972: Dec.....	980.2	816.0	56.9	175.2	264.7	319.1	57.0	39.8	39.9	27.6
1973: Dec.....	1,093.5	885.3	61.6	181.5	294.8	347.4	59.9	52.1	58.1	38.3
1974: Dec.....	1,184.3	941.7	67.9	183.4	322.1	368.3	62.8	60.3	79.8	39.6
1974: June.....	1,152.7	918.7	64.6	184.6	310.8	358.6	61.2	57.1	75.0	40.7
July.....	1,159.8	922.0	64.8	184.7	312.5	360.0	61.5	58.4	76.4	41.5
Aug.....	1,164.0	924.6	65.5	184.1	314.3	360.7	61.7	59.1	75.9	42.6
Sept.....	1,167.8	926.5	65.9	183.6	315.4	361.7	62.0	59.7	76.3	43.3
Oct.....	1,175.7	932.0	66.5	183.8	318.6	363.1	62.3	60.9	77.2	43.4
Nov.....	1,179.7	939.0	67.4	184.8	320.8	366.0	62.6	60.8	76.0	41.4
Dec.....	1,184.3	941.7	67.9	183.4	322.1	368.3	62.8	60.3	79.8	39.6
1975: Jan.....	1,192.2	946.4	68.2	181.1	325.6	371.5	63.2	61.1	82.4	39.1
Feb.....	1,199.9	954.5	68.8	181.9	328.6	375.2	63.5	60.3	82.2	39.3
Mar.....	1,208.4	965.3	69.5	183.5	331.4	380.9	63.8	59.2	80.4	39.7
Apr.....	1,218.3	974.8	69.6	184.5	333.9	386.8	64.1	60.2	79.3	40.0
May.....	1,227.2	986.7	70.3	185.7	338.3	392.4	64.4	60.2	75.7	40.2
June.....	1,243.9	1,003.7	71.2	188.8	344.5	399.2	64.7	61.2	73.9	40.3
July.....	1,253.7	1,014.6	71.5	189.1	348.6	405.4	65.1	61.8	72.0	40.2
Aug.....	1,258.4	1,023.8	72.0	189.7	351.7	410.4	65.4	61.2	68.0	40.0

Source: Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

BANK LOANS, INVESTMENTS, DEBITS, AND RESERVES

Commercial bank loans and investments increased by \$4.0 billion during August. Of this gain, \$2.3 billion was in the form of increased bank holdings of Government securities.



SOURCE: BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF THE FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

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End of period	All commercial banks (seasonally adjusted data)					Bank debits outside New York City (232 centers), seasonally adjusted annual rates ¹	All member banks ²			
	Total loans and invest- ments	Loans		Investments			Total reserves ³	Excess reserves ³	Borrow- ings at Federal Reserve Banks ⁴	Free reserves ³
		Total, exclud- ing inter- bank	Com- mercial and indus- trial	U.S. Gov- ernment securities	Other securi- ties					
	Billions of dollars						Millions of dollars			
1969-----	401. 7	279. 1	105. 7	51. 5	71. 1	5,150	28,031	257	1,086	-829
1970-----	435. 5	291. 7	110. 0	57. 9	85. 9	5,717	29,265	272	321	-49
1971-----	484. 8	320. 3	115. 9	60. 1	104. 4	6,443	31,329	165	107	58
1972-----	556. 4	377. 8	129. 7	61. 9	116. 7	7,530	31,353	219	1,049	-830
1973-----	630. 3	447. 3	155. 8	52. 8	130. 2	9,632	35,068	262	1,298	-1,036
1974-----	⁵ 687. 1	498. 2	182. 6	48. 8	140. 1	11,673	36,941	339	703	-364
1974: Aug-----	693. 9	501. 5	181. 0	55. 3	137. 1	12,241	37,029	178	3,351	-3,173
Sept-----	689. 9	500. 2	181. 4	52. 3	137. 4	12,047	37,076	191	3,287	-3,096
Oct-----	690. 8	502. 0	183. 2	49. 8	139. 0	12,078	36,796	91	1,793	-1,702
Nov-----	⁵ 692. 5	503. 8	184. 3	49. 1	139. 6	12,380	36,837	258	1,285	-1,027
Dec-----	687. 1	498. 2	182. 6	48. 8	140. 1	12,261	36,941	339	703	-364
1975: Jan ^p -----	689. 3	500. 7	183. 9	48. 8	139. 8	11,698	37,492	-64	390	-454
Feb ^p -----	691. 0	497. 6	182. 1	53. 3	140. 1	12,035	35,565	232	147	85
Mar ^p -----	694. 7	496. 4	180. 4	58. 7	139. 6	11,942	34,779	266	106	160
Apr ^p -----	696. 2	492. 4	179. 8	64. 5	139. 3	11,897	35,134	120	110	10
May ^p -----	698. 3	489. 6	178. 2	68. 8	139. 9	11,914	34,492	-1	60	-61
June ^p -----	698. 8	484. 5	175. 3	73. 0	141. 3	11,892	34,976	548	271	277
July ^p -----	702. 1	485. 8	176. 0	74. 0	142. 3	12,101	34,655	-32	261	-293
Aug ^p -----	706. 1	486. 9	175. 8	76. 3	142. 9		34,481	214	210	

¹ Debits during period to demand deposit accounts except interbank and U.S. Government.

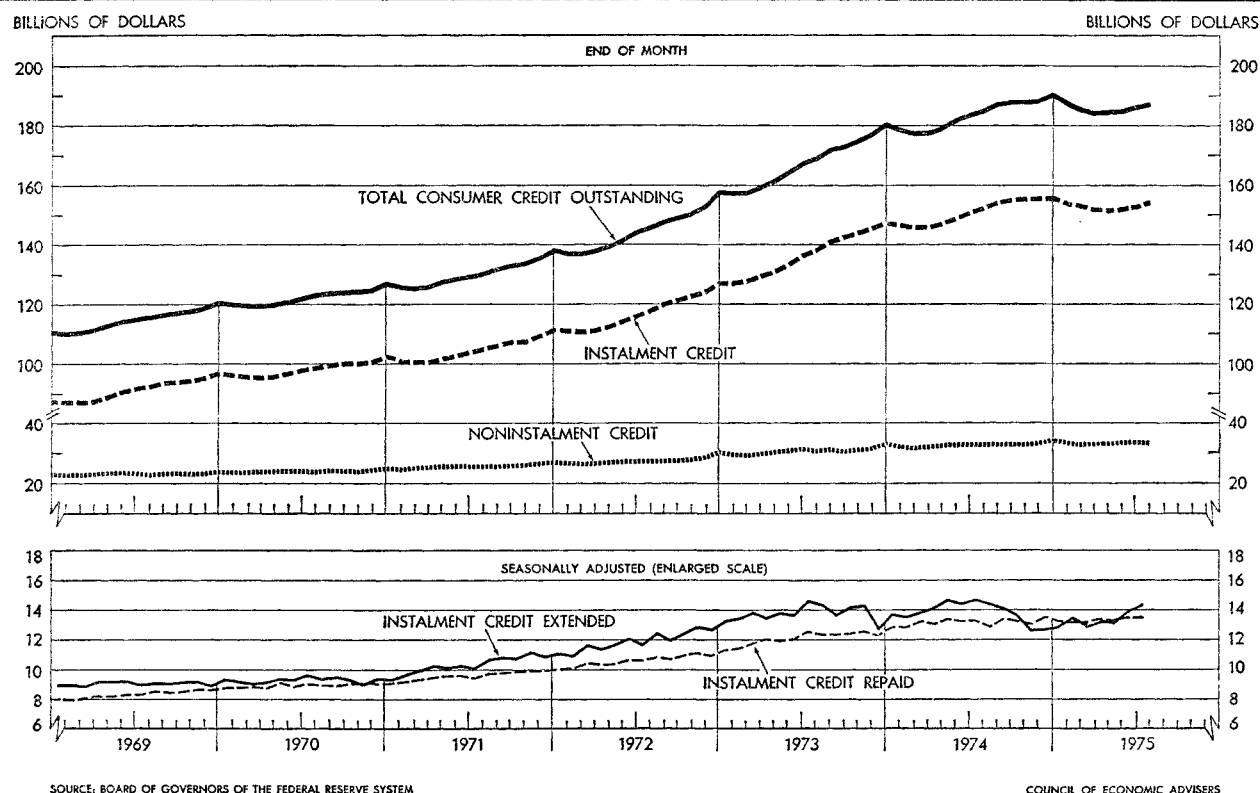
² Averages of daily figures. Annual data are for December.
Beginning November 1972, adjusted to include certain reserve deficiencies which penalties could be waived for a transition period in connection with option to Regulation J. Transition period ended after June 1974.
³ Beginning April 1973, includes seasonal borrowings.

⁴ Beginning June 1974, a bank merger increased total loans and investments by \$0.6 billion, and beginning November 1974, liquidation of a large bank reduced total loans and investments by \$1.5 billion. For effect on other categories, see Federal Reserve Bulletin.

Source: Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

CONSUMER AND REAL ESTATE CREDIT

Consumer credit (seasonally unadjusted) increased by \$1.1 billion during July. The increase over a year earlier was \$2.4 billion. Seasonally adjusted consumer instalment credit rose \$0.9 billion in July, the largest increase since August 1974.



[Millions of dollars]										
Period	Consumer credit outstanding (end of period; unadjusted)					Consumer instalment credit extended and repaid (seasonally adjusted)				Mortgage debt out- standing, nonfarm 1- to 4- family houses ³
	Total	Instalment			Non- instal- ment ²	Total		Automobile paper		
		Total ¹	Auto- mobile paper	Personal loans		Extended	Repaid	Extended	Repaid	
1967-----	100,783	79,428	29,796	23,235	21,355	87,171	83,988	26,320	26,534	236,060
1968-----	110,770	87,745	32,948	25,932	23,025	99,984	91,667	31,083	27,931	251,241
1969-----	121,146	97,105	35,527	28,652	24,041	109,146	99,786	32,553	29,974	266,823
1970-----	127,163	102,064	35,184	30,345	25,099	112,158	107,199	29,794	30,137	280,175
1971-----	138,394	111,295	38,664	32,865	27,099	124,281	115,050	34,873	31,393	307,200
1972-----	157,564	127,332	44,129	36,922	30,232	142,951	126,914	40,194	34,729	345,384
1973-----	180,486	147,437	51,130	41,425	33,049	165,083	144,978	46,453	39,452	386,240
1974-----	190,121	156,124	51,689	44,264	33,997	166,478	157,791	42,756	42,197	414,950
1974: June-----	183,425	150,615	51,641	42,945	32,810	14,387	13,301	3,731	3,577	402,131
July-----	184,805	152,142	52,082	43,400	32,663	14,635	13,310	3,812	3,563	-----
Aug-----	187,369	154,472	52,772	44,164	32,897	14,394	12,882	3,887	3,443	-----
Sept-----	187,906	155,139	52,848	44,375	32,767	14,089	13,412	3,835	3,604	410,175
Oct-----	188,023	155,328	52,736	44,319	32,695	13,626	13,224	3,369	3,470	-----
Nov-----	188,084	155,166	52,325	44,180	32,918	12,609	13,009	3,062	3,423	-----
Dec-----	190,121	156,124	51,689	44,264	33,997	12,702	13,516	3,205	3,668	414,950
1975: Jan-----	187,080	153,952	50,947	43,815	33,128	12,859	13,260	3,348	3,534	-----
Feb-----	185,381	152,712	50,884	43,726	32,669	13,465	13,228	3,856	3,605	-----
Mar-----	184,253	151,477	50,452	43,709	32,776	12,797	13,234	3,419	3,772	418,663
Apr-----	184,344	151,271	50,360	43,784	33,073	13,181	13,423	3,454	3,719	-----
May-----	185,010	151,610	50,465	43,908	33,400	13,149	13,274	3,467	3,625	-----
June-----	186,099	152,668	50,927	44,249	33,431	13,959	13,537	3,752	3,728	428,710
July-----	187,211	153,930	51,556	44,697	33,281	14,378	13,509	4,073	3,690	-----

¹ Also includes other consumer goods paper, and home improvement loans, not shown separately.

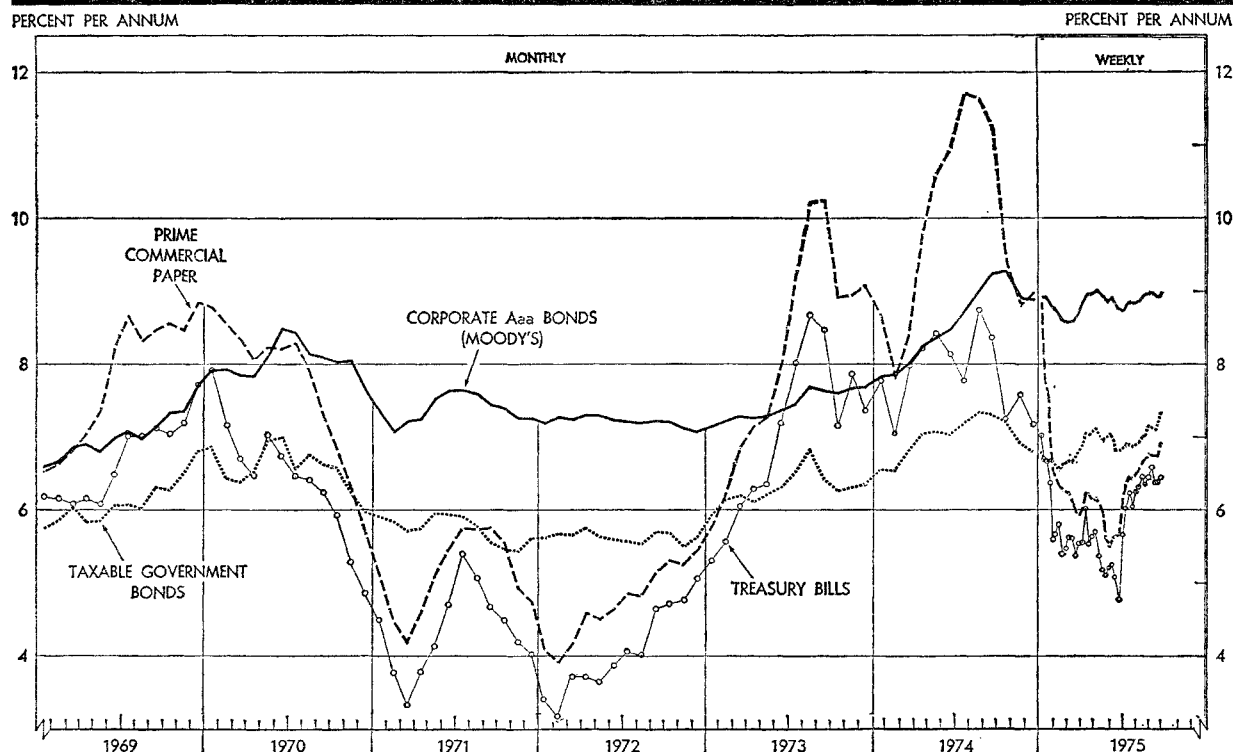
² Consists of single-payment loans, charge accounts, and service credit.

³ End of period, unadjusted.

Source: Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

BOND YIELDS AND INTEREST RATES

ring August and September interest rates continued to rise from the low levels reached during June.



SOURCE: SEE TABLE BELOW

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[Percent per annum]								
Period	U.S. Government security yields			High-grade municipal bonds (Standard & Poor's) ⁴	Corporate bonds (Moody's)		Prime commercial paper, 4-6 months	FHA new home mortgage yields ⁵
	3-month Treasury bills ¹	3-5 year issues ²	Taxable bonds ³		Aaa	Baa		
1969.....	6.677	6.85	6.10	5.81	7.03	7.81	7.83	8.19
1970.....	6.458	7.37	6.59	6.51	8.04	9.11	7.72	9.05
1971.....	4.348	5.77	5.74	5.70	7.39	8.56	5.11	7.78
1972.....	4.071	5.85	5.63	5.27	7.21	8.16	4.69	7.53
1973.....	7.041	6.92	6.30	5.18	7.44	8.24	8.15	8.08
1974.....	7.886	7.81	6.99	6.09	8.57	9.50	9.87	9.47
1974: Oct.....	7.244	7.98	7.22	6.46	9.27	10.41	9.36	10.38
Nov.....	7.585	7.65	6.93	6.47	8.90	10.50	8.81	10.13
Dec.....	7.179	7.22	6.78	6.93	8.89	10.55	8.98	-----
1975: Jan.....	6.493	7.29	6.68	6.66	8.83	10.62	7.30	9.51
Feb.....	5.583	6.85	6.61	6.30	8.62	10.43	6.33	8.99
Mar.....	5.544	7.00	6.73	6.61	8.67	10.29	6.06	8.84
Apr.....	5.694	7.76	7.03	6.83	8.95	10.34	6.15	8.69
May.....	5.315	7.49	6.99	6.81	8.90	10.46	5.82	-----
June.....	5.193	7.26	6.86	6.76	8.77	10.40	5.79	9.16
July.....	6.164	7.72	6.89	6.94	8.84	10.33	6.44	9.06
Aug.....	6.463	8.12	7.06	7.02	8.95	10.35	6.70	9.13
Sept.....	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	9.33
Week ended:	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
1975: Aug 15.....	6.349	8.13	7.01	7.03	8.95	10.35	6.68	-----
22.....	6.452	8.20	7.14	7.01	8.96	10.36	6.75	-----
29.....	6.593	8.12	7.12	7.00	8.96	10.37	6.75	-----
Sept 5.....	6.381	8.07	7.11	7.13	8.93	10.37	6.75	-----
12.....	6.389	8.26	7.25	7.16	8.94	10.36	6.75	-----
19.....	6.444	8.34	7.34	7.28	8.98	10.39	6.93	-----
26.....	⁶ 6.316	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----

¹ Rate on new issues within period.

² Selected note and bond issues.

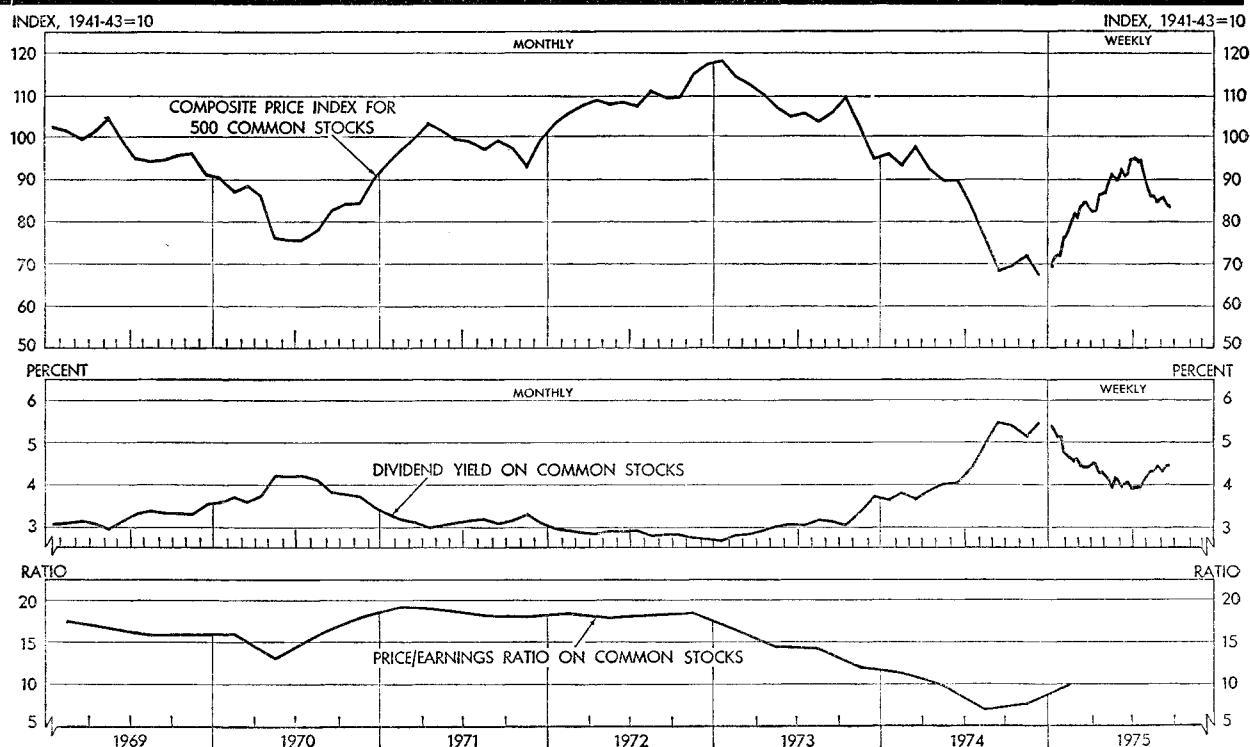
⁴ Not charted.

April 1953 to date, bonds due or callable 10 years and after.
Weekly data are Wednesday figures.
Data for first of the month, based on the maximum permissible interest rate 5 percent beginning April 28, 1975) and 30-year mortgages paid in 15 years.

Sources: Department of Housing and Urban Development, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, Moody's Investors Service, and Standard & Poor's Corporation.

COMMON STOCK PRICES, YIELD, AND EARNINGS

Stock prices remained fairly stable from mid-August to mid-September after falling from mid-July to mid-August.



SOURCE: STANDARD & POOR'S CORPORATION

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Period	Price index ¹						Dividend yield ² (percent)	Price/ earnings ratio
	Total	Industrials			Public utilities	Railroads		
		Total	Capital goods	Consumers' goods				
1941-43=10								
1969-----	97.84	107.13	103.75	87.06	62.64	45.95	3.24	16.48
1970-----	83.22	91.29	87.87	80.22	54.48	32.13	3.83	15.69
1971-----	98.29	108.35	102.80	99.78	59.33	41.94	3.14	18.50
1972-----	109.20	121.79	119.39	113.91	56.90	44.11	2.84	18.20
1973-----	107.43	120.44	118.57	107.13	53.47	38.01	3.06	14.22
1974-----	82.85	92.91	92.84	78.08	38.91	37.53	4.47	8.94
1974: Aug-----	76.03	85.51	86.99	70.14	34.00	35.06	4.90	-----
Sept-----	68.12	76.54	76.03	63.51	30.93	31.55	5.45	6.97
Oct-----	69.44	77.57	77.49	62.79	33.80	33.70	5.38	-----
Nov-----	71.74	80.17	79.35	65.84	34.45	35.95	5.13	-----
Dec-----	67.07	74.80	74.06	62.51	32.85	34.81	5.43	7.71
1975: Jan-----	72.56	80.50	77.10	67.91	38.19	37.31	5.07	-----
Feb-----	80.10	89.29	88.50	75.06	40.37	37.80	4.61	-----
Mar-----	83.78	93.90	92.78	80.42	39.55	38.35	4.42	9.85
Apr-----	84.72	95.27	96.76	80.75	38.19	38.55	4.34	-----
May-----	90.10	101.56	101.96	85.15	39.69	38.90	4.08	-----
June-----	92.40	103.68	101.15	85.98	43.67	38.94	4.02	-----
July-----	92.49	103.84	101.15	86.58	43.67	38.04	4.02	-----
Aug-----	85.71	96.21	93.05	78.29	40.61	35.13	4.36	-----
Week ended:								
1975: Aug 8-----	86.39	96.94	94.46	79.69	41.15	35.26	4.30	-----
15-----	86.32	96.93	93.60	79.08	40.72	35.23	4.31	-----
22-----	84.34	94.67	91.06	76.29	39.89	35.01	4.44	-----
29-----	85.35	95.81	93.09	78.10	40.38	34.88	4.38	-----
Sept 5-----	85.83	96.31	95.01	79.38	40.88	35.11	4.30	-----
12-----	84.21	94.39	92.94	76.23	40.62	34.65	4.42	-----
19-----	83.46	93.59	91.38	75.19	39.98	34.42	4.50	-----

¹ Includes 500 common stocks: 425 Industrials, 55 public utilities, and 20 railroads. Weekly indexes for capital and consumer goods are Wednesday figures; all other weekly indexes are averages of daily figures.

² Aggregate cash dividends (based on latest known annual rate) divided by the aggregate monthly market value of the stocks in the group. Annual yields

are averages of monthly data. Weekly data are Wednesday figures.

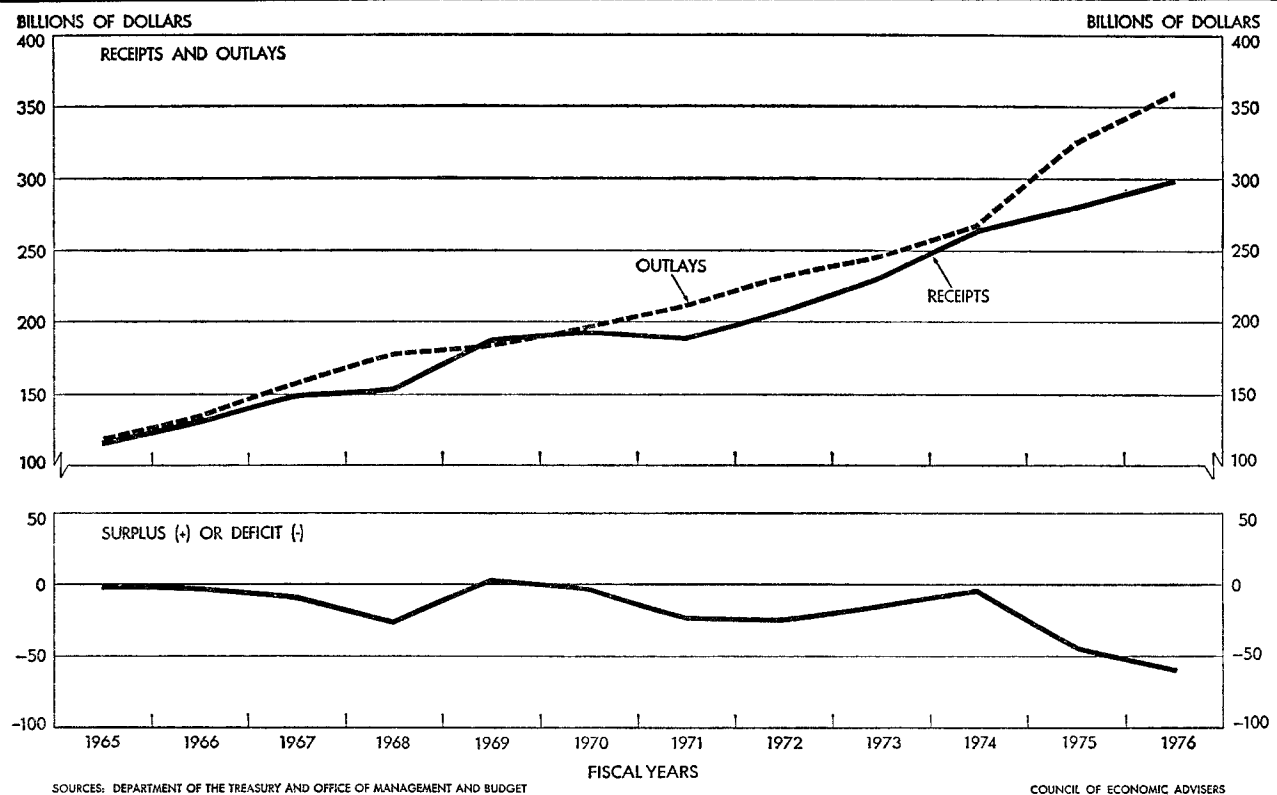
³ Ratio of price index for last day of quarter to quarterly earnings (seasonally adjusted annual rate). Annual ratios are averages of quarterly data.

Source: Standard & Poor's Corporation.

FEDERAL FINANCE

FEDERAL BUDGET RECEIPTS AND OUTLAYS AND DEBT

in fiscal 1975 there was a deficit of \$43.6 billion compared to a deficit of \$3.5 billion in fiscal 1974.



[Billions of dollars]

Period	Receipts	Outlays	Surplus or deficit (-)	Federal debt (end of period)	
				Total ¹	Held by the public
Fiscal year:					
1965.....	116.8	118.4	-1.6	323.2	261.6
1966.....	130.9	134.7	-3.8	329.5	264.7
1967.....	149.6	158.3	-8.7	341.3	267.5
1968.....	153.7	178.8	-25.2	369.8	290.6
1969.....	187.8	184.5	3.2	367.1	279.5
1970.....	193.7	196.6	-2.8	382.6	284.9
1971.....	188.4	211.4	-23.0	409.5	304.3
1972.....	208.6	231.9	-23.2	437.3	323.8
1973.....	232.2	246.5	-14.3	468.4	343.0
1974.....	264.9	268.4	-3.5	486.2	346.1
1975.....	281.9	324.6	-43.6	544.1	396.9
1976 ²	299.0	358.9	-59.9	617.5	470.9
First month:					
Fiscal year 1975.....	20.9	24.3	-3.3	487.2	347.7
Fiscal year 1976.....	20.2	31.2	-11.1	549.2	404.7

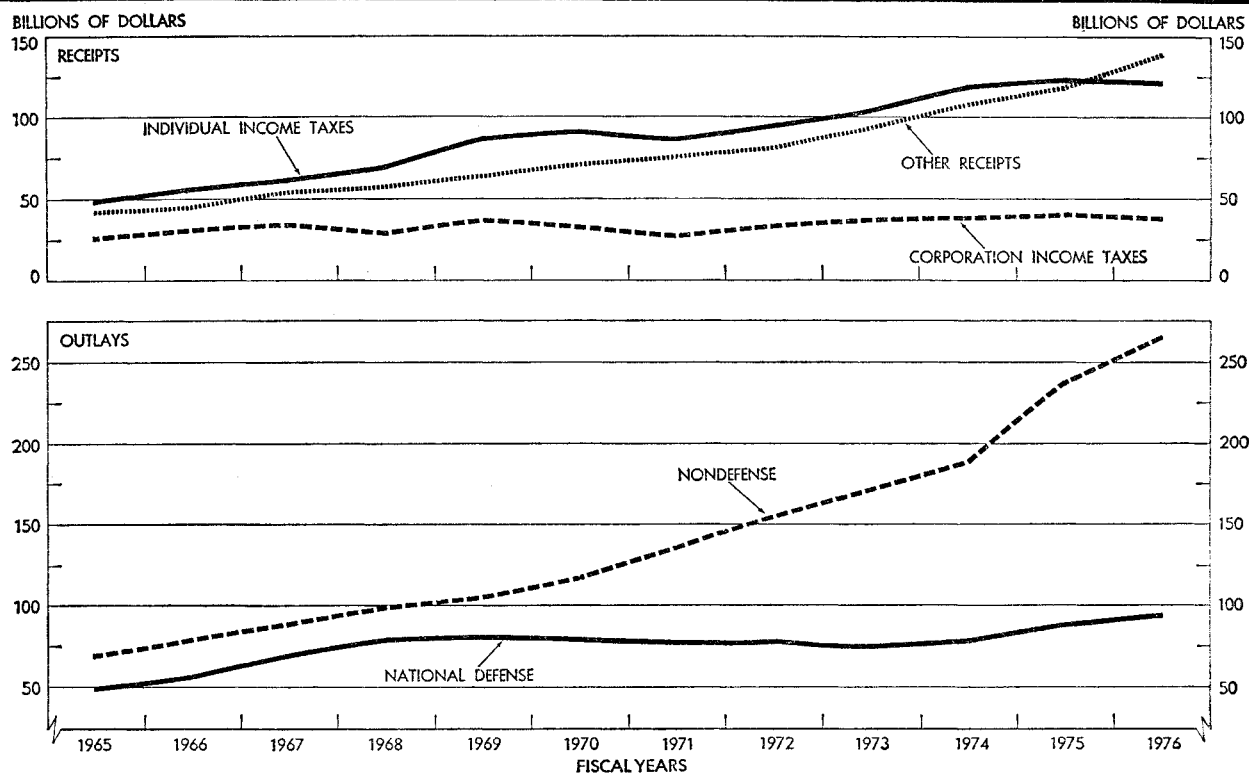
¹ Excludes non-interest-bearing public debt securities held by IMF.

² Estimates as of May 30, 1975.

Sources: Department of the Treasury and Office of Management and Budget.

FEDERAL BUDGET RECEIPTS BY SOURCE AND OUTLAYS BY FUNCTION

In fiscal 1975, there was an increase of \$16.1 billion in receipts and \$56.2 billion in outlays over a year earlier.



SOURCES: DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY AND OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET

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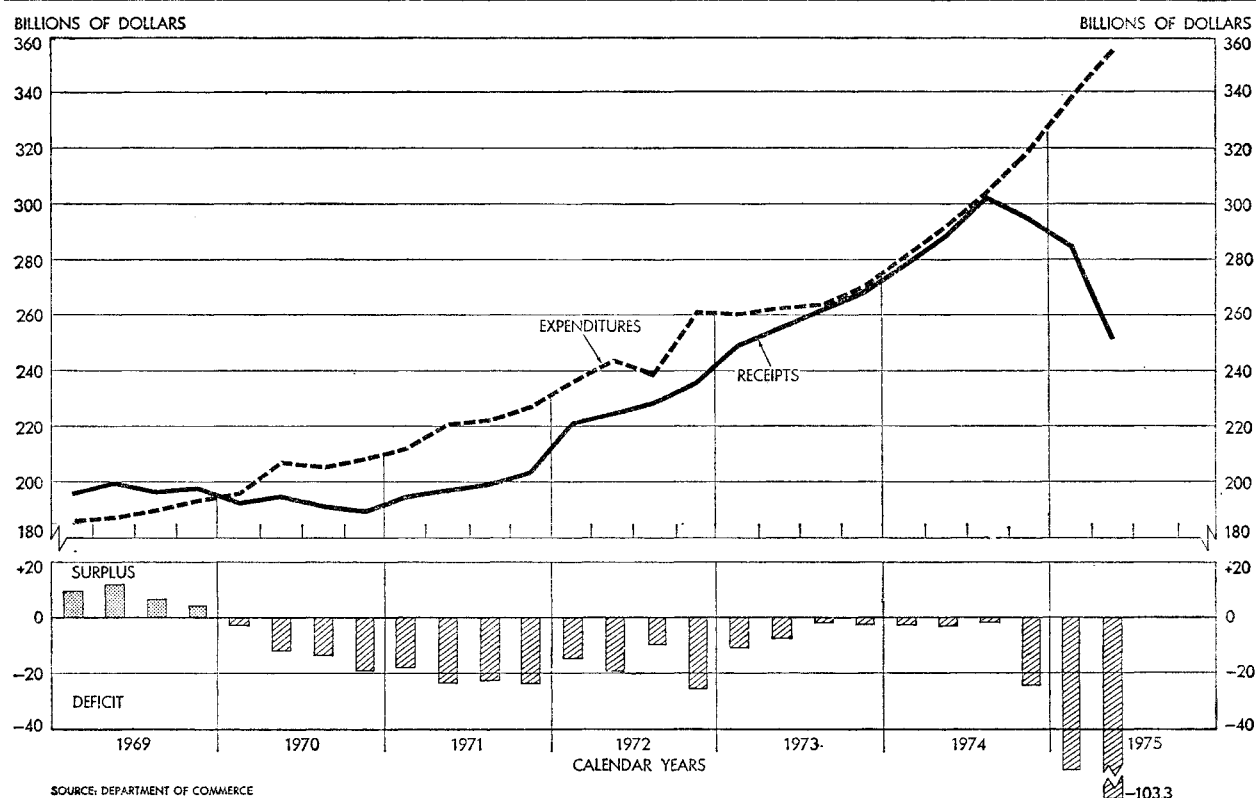
Period	Receipts				Outlays						
	Total	Individual income taxes	Corporation income taxes	Other	Total	National defense		International affairs	Health and income security	Interest	Other
						Total	Department of Defense, military				
Fiscal year:											
1965.....	116.8	48.8	25.5	42.6	118.4	48.6	46.0	4.1	27.5	10.4	27.8
1966.....	130.9	55.4	30.1	45.3	134.7	55.9	54.2	4.6	31.5	11.3	31.4
1967.....	149.6	61.5	34.0	54.1	158.3	69.1	67.5	4.7	37.6	12.5	34.3
1968.....	153.7	68.7	28.7	56.3	178.8	79.4	77.4	4.6	43.4	13.8	37.7
1969.....	187.8	87.2	36.7	63.9	184.5	80.2	77.9	3.8	49.0	15.8	35.7
1970.....	193.7	90.4	32.8	70.5	196.6	79.3	77.2	3.6	56.1	18.3	39.3
1971.....	188.4	86.2	26.8	75.4	211.4	76.8	74.5	3.1	70.1	19.6	41.8
1972.....	208.6	94.7	32.2	81.7	231.9	77.4	75.2	3.7	81.4	20.6	48.8
1973.....	232.2	103.2	36.2	92.8	246.5	75.1	73.3	3.0	91.8	22.8	53.9
1974.....	264.9	119.0	38.6	107.4	268.4	78.6	77.6	3.6	106.5	28.1	51.7
1975.....	281.0	122.4	40.6	118.0	324.6	86.7	85.4	4.2	136.3	31.0	66.4
1976 ¹	299.0	121.3	37.8	139.9	358.9	94.1	91.1	5.5	151.8	34.4	73.1
First month:											
Fiscal year 1975....	20.9	10.8	1.5	8.6	24.3	5.7	6.2	.4	10.1	2.5	5.6
Fiscal year 1976....	20.2	9.6	1.4	9.2	31.2	7.3	7.1	.5	13.1	2.6	7.7

¹ Estimates as of May 30, 1975.

Sources: Department of the Treasury and Office of Management and Budget

FEDERAL SECTOR, NATIONAL INCOME ACCOUNTS BASIS

In the second quarter, there was an increase of \$16.5 billion in Federal expenditures and a decline of \$32.3 billion receipts, due entirely to the one-time tax rebate. As a result, the Federal Government deficit rose sharply to 103.3 billion (all annual rates).



[Billions of dollars, quarterly data at seasonally adjusted annual rates]

Period	Federal Government receipts					Federal Government expenditures							Surplus or deficit (-), income and product accounts
	Total	Personal tax and nontax receipts	Corporate profits tax accruals	Indirect business tax and nontax accruals	Contributions for social insurance	Total	Purchases of goods and services	Transfer payments	Grants-in-aid to State and local governments	Net interest paid	Subsidies less current surplus of Government enterprises	Less: Wage accruals less disbursements	
Fiscal year:													
1972.....	213.2	100.7	34.1	20.0	58.5	232.9	103.2	78.6	32.6	13.4	5.3	0.0	-19.7
1973.....	240.4	106.8	41.2	20.7	71.7	255.4	105.3	89.4	40.2	14.5	6.7	.5	-15.0
1974.....	273.6	123.1	45.6	21.6	83.3	278.3	110.3	104.2	41.5	17.4	4.7	-.2	-4.7
1975 ¹	282.9	126.7	43.2	22.9	90.1	329.4	124.1	134.1	47.8	19.9	3.0	-.4	-46.4
1976 ²	312.1	127.0	37.8	50.7	96.8	371.4	136.9	152.9	54.3	23.2	4.1	.0	-59.3
Calendar year:													
1970.....	192.0	92.2	31.0	19.3	49.5	203.9	96.2	63.2	24.4	14.6	5.5	.0	-11.9
1971.....	198.5	89.9	33.4	20.4	54.6	220.3	97.6	74.9	29.0	13.6	5.2	.0	-21.9
1972.....	227.2	108.2	36.6	20.0	62.5	244.7	104.9	82.8	37.4	13.5	6.6	.5	-17.5
1973.....	258.5	114.1	43.7	21.2	79.5	264.2	106.6	95.5	40.5	16.3	5.3	.0	-5.6
1974.....	291.1	131.3	49.1	22.0	88.7	299.1	116.9	117.0	43.8	18.8	2.1	-.5	-8.1
1974: I.....	278.1	124.1	45.9	21.5	86.7	281.0	111.5	106.5	42.9	17.9	2.2	.0	-2.8
II.....	288.6	129.4	49.2	21.9	88.1	291.6	114.3	113.6	43.2	18.7	1.3	-.6	-3.0
III.....	302.8	134.8	55.4	22.5	90.0	304.7	117.2	120.8	43.4	19.1	2.7	-1.5	-1.9
IV.....	294.7	136.8	45.7	22.2	90.0	319.3	124.5	127.2	45.5	19.7	2.3	.0	-24.5
1975: I.....	284.1	136.2	34.1	22.9	90.9	338.5	126.5	138.5	50.2	19.7	3.5	.0	-54.4
II.....	251.8	99.1	37.5	23.8	91.3	355.0	128.4	149.9	52.2	21.1	3.5	.0	-103.3

¹Preliminary; based on seasonally adjusted data.
²Estimates as of May 30, 1975.

Source: Department of Commerce, Bureau of Economic Analysis.

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