

National Economic Trends

December 1985

Output per hour in the business sector, a common measure of productivity, has risen at a 1.9 percent annual rate over the past five years, a sharp improvement from the dismal 0.4 percent rate that prevailed from early 1973 to mid-1980. Despite the recent improvement in productivity, the growth of the nation's output of goods and services has shown little improvement. Over the past five years, real GNP has grown at a 2.8 percent rate, only 0.6 percentage points faster than it grew from early 1973 to mid-1980. The principal reason for the smaller increase in the growth of real GNP has been a sharp slowing in the growth of employment. Civilian employment grew at a 1.5 percent rate over the recent five years, down sharply from the 2.3 percent rate of growth of employment from early 1973 to mid-1980. The slowing in employment growth, in turn, has been associated with a slowdown in labor force growth from a 2.7 percent rate in 1973-80 to a 1.5 percent rate recently.

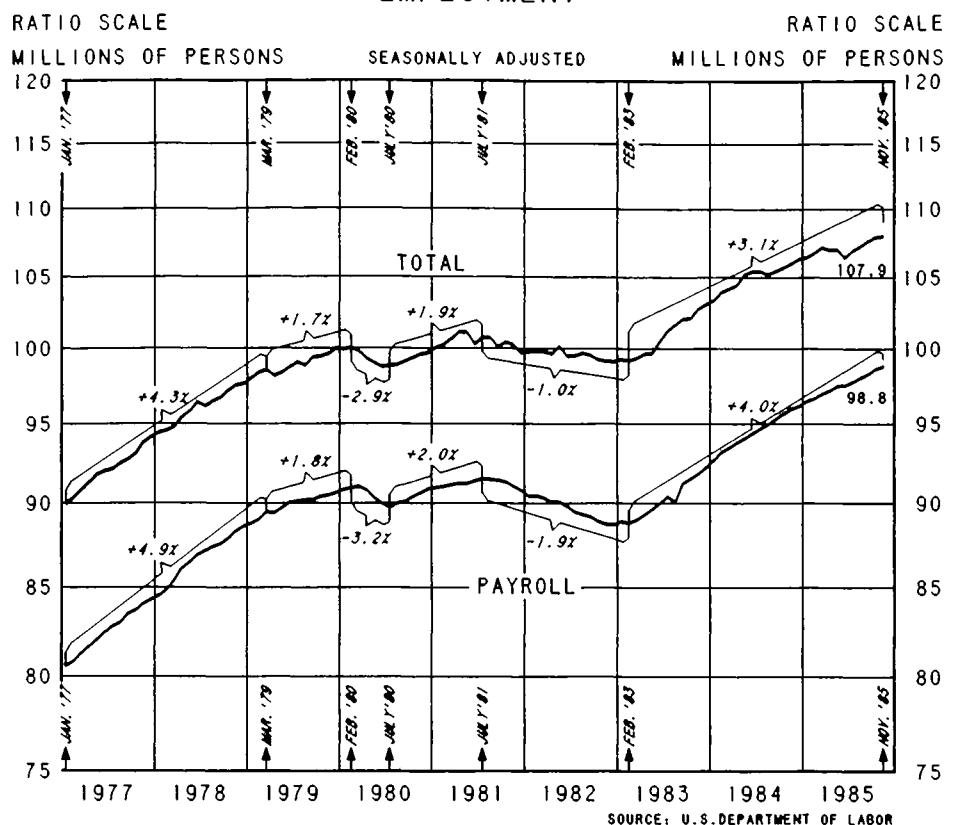
Viewed from a pre-1973 perspective, recent productivity growth has been slow. From 1948 to early 1973, business sector output per hour rose at a 3.1 percent rate, and real GNP grew at a 3.9 percent rate. Yet growth in employment was no different than recently. During this earlier period, however, the net nonresidential private capital stock (structures and equipment at 1972 prices) rose at a 4.9 percent rate, sharply faster than employment. Over the past five years, this capital stock has grown at about the same pace as employment. The lack of growth of the capital stock available per worker is the major factor accounting for the recent slow pace of productivity and real GNP growth when compared with the 1948-73 experience.

—John A. Tatom

A comprehensive revision of the national income and product accounts was released on December 20. This revision incorporates benchmark data, statistical changes, some definitional changes and rebasing of the constant-dollar series and price indexes to 1982. All series have been revised from 1973 to the present, while constant-dollar series and price indexes have been revised from 1929 to reflect the shift in the base period from 1972 to 1982.



EMPLOYMENT

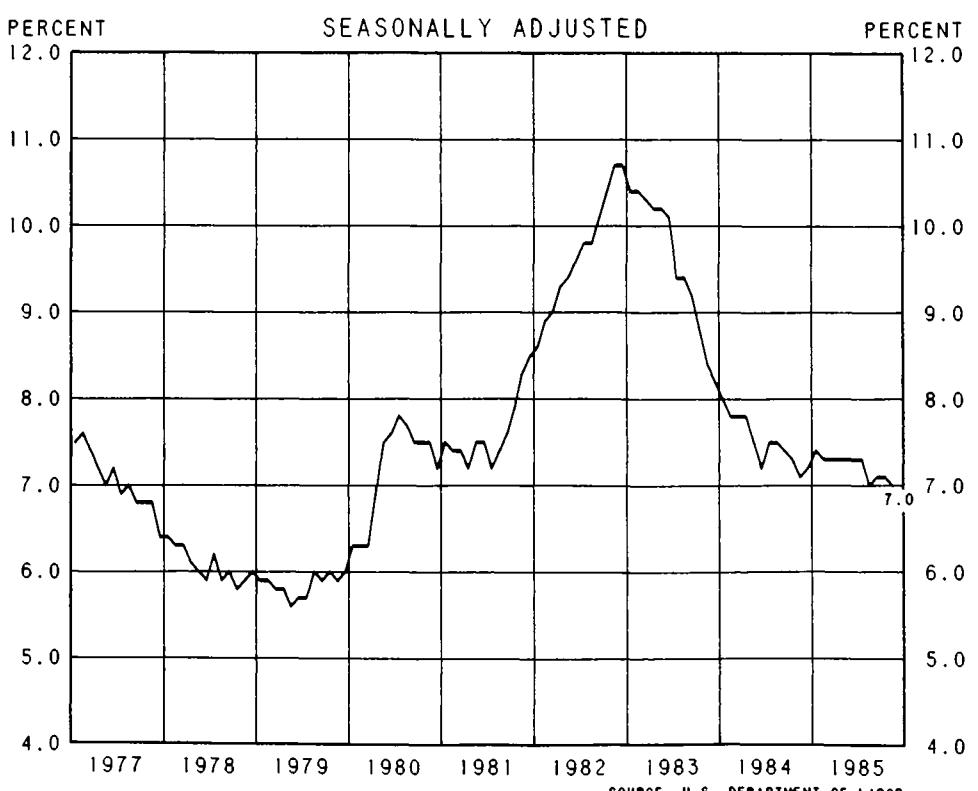


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UNEMPLOYMENT RATE



PERCENT OF CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE
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CONSUMER PRICE INDEX FOR ALL URBAN CONSUMERS, SEASONALLY ADJUSTED
COMPOUNDED ANNUAL RATES OF CHANGE

TERMINAL MONTH	INITIAL MONTH	1967=100
	4-84 5-84 6-84 7-84 8-84 9-84 10-84 11-84 12-84 1-85 2-85 3-85 4-85 5-85 6-85 7-85 8-85 9-85 10-85	
5-84	2.0	309.7
6-84	2.2 2.3	310.3
7-84	2.7 3.1 3.9	311.3
8-84	3.3 3.8 4.5 5.1	312.6
9-84	3.5 3.9 4.5 4.7 5.3	313.7
10-84	3.5 3.8 4.2 4.3 3.9 3.5	314.6
11-84	3.3 3.6 3.8 3.8 3.4 2.9 2.3	315.2
12-84	3.3 3.5 3.7 3.7 3.3 3.0 2.7 3.1	316.0
1-85	3.2 3.4 3.5 3.4 3.1 2.8 2.6 2.7 2.3	316.6
2-85	3.3 3.5 3.6 3.6 3.3 3.1 3.0 3.2 3.3 4.2	317.7
3-85	3.5 3.7 3.8 3.8 3.6 3.5 3.5 3.9 4.1 5.0 5.8	319.2
4-85	3.6 3.8 3.9 3.9 3.8 3.7 4.0 4.2 4.9 5.2 4.6	320.4
5-85	3.5 3.7 3.8 3.8 3.6 3.6 3.6 3.8 3.9 4.3 4.3 3.6 2.7	321.1
6-85	3.5 3.6 3.7 3.7 3.5 3.5 3.5 3.6 3.7 4.0 3.9 3.3 2.7 2.6	321.8
7-85	3.4 3.5 3.6 3.6 3.4 3.3 3.3 3.4 3.5 3.7 3.6 3.0 2.5 2.5 2.3	322.4
8-85	3.3 3.4 3.5 3.5 3.3 3.2 3.2 3.3 3.3 3.5 3.4 2.9 2.5 2.4 2.3 2.3	323.0
9-85	3.3 3.3 3.4 3.4 3.2 3.1 3.2 3.2 3.3 3.2 3.0 2.8 2.4 2.4 2.3 2.3 2.3	323.6
10-85	3.3 3.4 3.4 3.4 3.3 3.2 3.2 3.3 3.3 3.4 3.3 2.9 2.6 2.6 2.6 2.8 3.0 3.8	324.6
11-85	3.5 3.6 3.6 3.6 3.5 3.5 3.5 3.6 3.6 3.7 3.7 3.4 3.2 3.3 3.5 3.8 4.3 5.3 6.9	326.4
	4-84 5-84 6-84 7-84 8-84 9-84 10-84 11-84 12-84 1-85 2-85 3-85 4-85 5-85 6-85 7-85 8-85 9-85 10-85	
INITIAL MONTH		

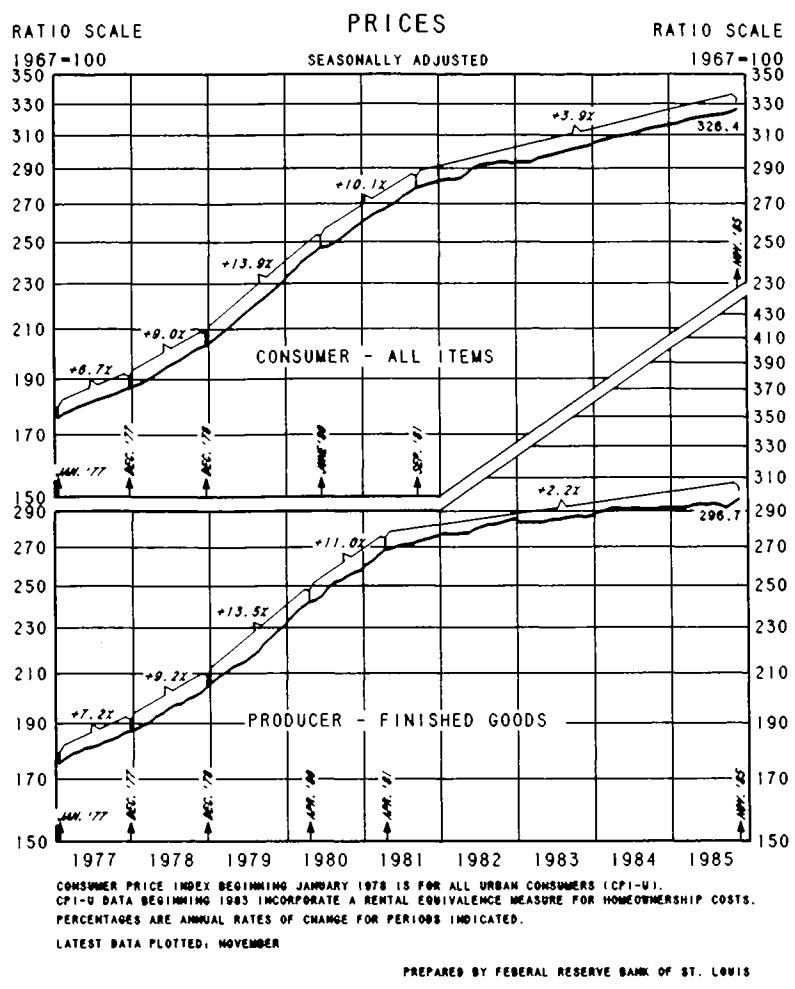
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PRODUCER PRICE INDEX, FINISHED GOODS - SEASONALLY ADJUSTED*
COMPOUNDED ANNUAL RATES OF CHANGE

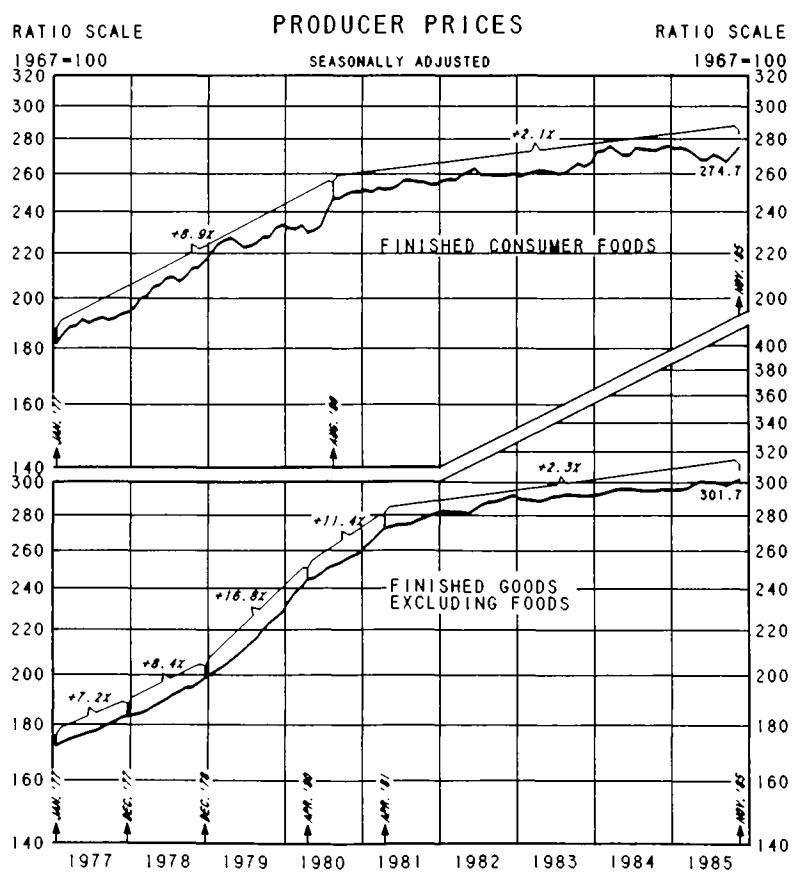
TERMINAL MONTH	INITIAL MONTH	1967 = 100
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5-84	-1.6	291.2
6-84	-0.8 0.0	291.2
7-84	0.3 1.2 2.5	291.8
8-84	-0.4 0.0 0.0 -2.4	291.2
9-84	-0.3 0.0 0.0 -1.2 0.0	291.2
10-84	-0.4 -0.2 -0.2 -1.1 -0.4 -0.8	291.0
11-84	0.2 0.6 0.7 0.2 1.1 1.7 4.2	292.0
12-84	0.2 0.5 0.6 0.2 0.8 1.1 2.1 0.0	292.0
1-85	0.1 0.4 0.4 0.1 0.6 0.7 1.2 -0.2 -0.4	291.9
2-85	0.2 0.4 0.5 0.2 0.6 0.7 1.1 0.1 0.2 0.8	292.1
3-85	0.3 0.5 0.5 0.3 0.7 0.8 1.2 0.4 0.5 1.0 1.2	292.4
4-85	0.7 0.9 1.0 0.8 1.2 1.4 1.8 1.3 1.7 2.3 3.1 5.0	293.6
5-85	0.8 1.0 1.1 0.9 1.3 1.5 1.8 1.4 1.7 2.3 2.8 3.5 2.1	294.1
6-85	0.6 0.8 0.8 0.7 1.0 1.1 1.3 0.9 1.1 1.4 1.5 1.7 0.0 -2.0	293.6
7-85	0.8 0.9 1.0 0.9 1.2 1.3 1.6 1.2 1.4 1.7 1.9 2.1 1.1 0.6 3.3	294.4
8-85	0.5 0.6 0.7 0.5 0.8 0.9 1.0 0.7 0.8 0.9 1.0 0.9 -0.1 -0.8 -0.2 -3.6	293.5
9-85	0.0 0.2 0.2 0.0 0.2 0.3 -0.1 -0.1 -0.1 -0.2 -0.4 -1.5 -2.3 -2.4 -5.2 -6.7	291.8
10-85	0.6 0.8 0.8 0.7 0.9 1.0 1.1 0.9 0.9 1.1 1.1 1.1 0.5 0.2 0.7 -0.1 1.6 10.8	294.3
11-85	1.1 1.3 1.3 1.3 1.5 1.6 1.8 1.6 1.8 2.0 2.1 2.2 1.8 1.8 2.6 2.4 4.4 10.5 10.2	296.7
	4-84 5-84 6-84 7-84 8-84 9-84 10-84 11-84 12-84 1-85 2-85 3-85 4-85 5-85 6-85 7-85 8-85 9-85 10-85	
INITIAL MONTH		

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PRODUCER PRICE INDEX, FINISHED CONSUMER FOODS - SEASONALLY ADJUSTED*
COMPOUNDED ANNUAL RATES OF CHANGE

TERMINAL MONTH	INITIAL MONTH	1967 = 100
4-84	5-84 6-84 7-84 8-84 9-84 10-84 11-84 12-84 1-85 2-85 3-85 4-85 5-85 6-85 7-85 8-85 9-85 10-85	270.4
5-84	-9.7	270.4
6-84	-5.0 0.0	270.4
7-84	2.7 9.4 19.8	274.5
8-84	1.2 5.1 7.8 -3.0	273.8
9-84	0.6 3.4 4.5 -2.4 -1.7	273.4
10-84	0.2 2.3 2.9 -2.2 -1.7 -1.7	273.0
11-84	1.1 3.1 3.7 0.0 1.0 2.4 6.8	274.5
12-84	1.6 3.3 3.9 1.0 2.0 3.3 5.9 4.9	275.6
1-85	0.8 2.2 2.5 -0.1 0.4 1.0 1.9 -0.4 -5.5	274.3
2-85	0.8 2.1 2.3 0.1 0.6 1.1 1.8 0.1 -2.2 1.3	274.6
3-85	0.3 1.4 1.5 -0.5 -0.2 0.1 0.4 -1.1 -3.0 -1.7 -4.7	273.5
4-85	-0.6 0.2 0.3 -1.7 -1.5 -1.5 -3.0 -4.9 -4.7 -7.6 -10.4	271.0
5-85	-1.6 -0.9 -1.0 -2.9 -2.9 -3.0 -3.2 -4.8 -6.6 -6.8 -9.4 -11.7 -12.9	267.9
6-85	-1.5 -0.9 -1.0 -2.7 -2.6 -2.7 -4.1 -5.6 -5.6 -7.2 -8.1 -6.9 -0.4	267.8
7-85	-0.6 0.1 0.1 -1.4 -1.3 -1.2 -1.2 -2.1 -3.1 -2.7 -3.5 -3.1 -0.6 6.2 13.3	270.6
8-85	-1.0 -0.4 -0.4 -1.8 -1.7 -1.7 -2.6 -3.5 -3.2 -3.9 -3.7 -2.0 2.0 3.2 -6.0	269.2
9-85	-1.6 -1.0 -1.1 -2.4 -2.4 -2.5 -2.5 -3.4 -4.3 -4.1 -4.9 -4.9 -3.8 -1.3 -1.6 -8.3 -10.6	260.7
10-85	-0.5 0.0 0.0 -1.2 -1.0 -1.0 -0.9 -1.6 -2.2 -1.8 -2.2 -1.9 -0.4 2.3 3.1 -0.1 2.9 18.5	270.5
11-85	0.5 1.1 1.1 0.1 0.3 0.4 0.6 0.1 -0.4 0.2 0.0 0.7 2.4 5.1 6.3 4.6 8.4 19.4 20.3	274.7
4-84	5-84 6-84 7-84 8-84 9-84 10-84 11-84 12-84 1-85 2-85 3-85 4-85 5-85 6-85 7-85 8-85 9-85 10-85	

INITIAL MONTH

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PRODUCER PRICE INDEX, FINISHED GOODS, EXCLUDING FOODS - SEASONALLY ADJUSTED*
COMPOUNDED ANNUAL RATES OF CHANGE

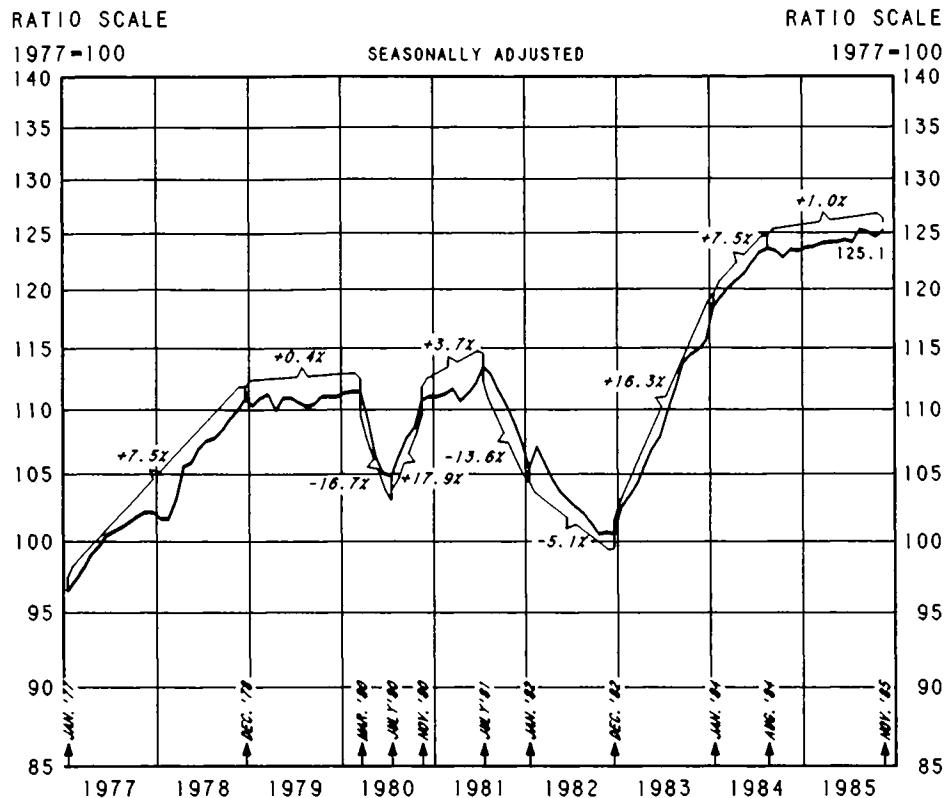
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4-84	5-84 6-84 7-84 8-84 9-84 10-84 11-84 12-84 1-85 2-85 3-85 4-85 5-85 6-85 7-85 8-85 9-85 10-85	295.9
5-84	1.2	295.9
6-84	0.6 0.0	295.9
7-84	-0.4 -1.2 -2.4	295.3
8-84	-0.8 -1.5 -2.2 -2.0	294.8
9-84	-0.6 -1.0 -1.3 -0.8 0.4	294.9
10-84	-0.5 -0.9 -1.1 -0.7 0.0 -0.4	294.8
11-84	0.0 -0.2 -0.2 0.3 1.1 1.4 3.3	295.6
12-84	-0.2 -0.4 -0.5 -0.1 0.4 0.4 0.8 -1.6	295.2
1-85	0.0 -0.2 -0.2 0.1 0.6 0.6 1.0 -0.2 1.2	295.5
2-85	0.0 -0.1 -0.2 0.2 0.5 0.6 0.8 0.0 0.8 0.4	295.6
3-85	0.3 0.2 0.3 0.6 1.0 1.1 1.4 0.9 1.8 2.0 3.7	296.5
4-85	1.1 1.1 1.2 1.6 2.1 2.3 2.8 2.7 3.8 4.7 6.9 10.2	298.9
5-85	1.6 1.6 1.8 2.2 2.7 3.0 3.5 3.5 4.5 5.4 7.1 8.8 7.5	300.7
6-85	1.3 1.3 1.4 1.7 2.1 2.3 2.7 2.6 3.3 3.7 4.5 4.8 2.2 -2.8	300.0
7-85	1.2 1.2 1.3 1.6 2.0 2.1 2.4 2.3 2.9 3.1 3.7 3.7 1.6 -1.2 0.4	300.1
8-85	1.0 0.9 1.0 1.3 1.6 1.7 1.9 1.7 2.1 2.3 2.6 2.4 0.5 -1.7 -1.2 -2.8	299.4
9-85	0.6 0.6 0.6 0.8 1.0 1.1 1.2 1.0 1.3 1.3 1.5 1.1 -0.6 -2.6 -2.5 -3.9 -5.1	298.1
10-85	1.0 1.0 1.0 1.3 1.5 1.6 1.8 1.6 2.0 2.0 2.2 2.0 0.7 -0.6 0.0 -0.1 1.2 7.9	300.0
11-85	1.3 1.3 1.4 1.6 1.9 2.0 2.2 2.1 2.4 2.5 2.8 2.6 1.6 0.7 1.4 1.6 3.1 7.5 7.0	301.7
4-84	5-84 6-84 7-84 8-84 9-84 10-84 11-84 12-84 1-85 2-85 3-85 4-85 5-85 6-85 7-85 8-85 9-85 10-85	

INITIAL MONTH

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INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION



PERCENTAGES ARE ANNUAL RATES OF CHANGE FOR PERIODS INDICATED.

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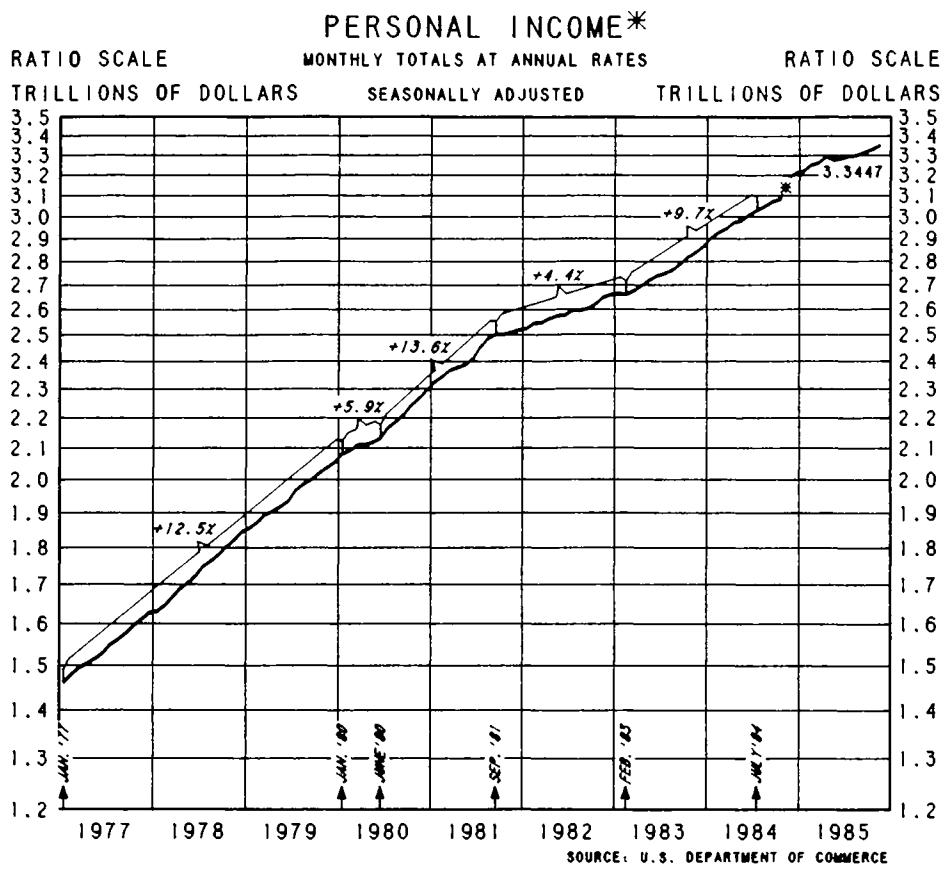
INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION COMPOUNDED ANNUAL RATES OF CHANGE

TERMINAL MONTH	INITIAL MONTH																			1977 = 100
	4-84	5-84	6-84	7-84	8-84	9-84	10-84	11-84	12-84	1-85	2-85	3-85	4-85	5-85	6-85	7-85	8-85	9-85	10-85	
5-84	6.1																			121.3
6-84	8.2	10.4																		122.3
7-84	8.5	9.8	9.2																	123.2
8-84	7.1	7.5	6.0	3.0																123.5
9-84	5.2	5.0	3.3	0.5	-1.9															123.3
10-84	3.3	2.8	1.0	-1.6	-3.8	-5.7														122.7
11-84	3.9	3.5	2.2	0.5	-0.3	0.5	7.1													123.4
12-84	3.2	2.8	1.6	0.2	-0.5	0.0	3.0	-1.0												123.3
1-85	3.2	2.9	1.8	0.7	0.2	0.7	3.0	1.0	3.0											123.6
2-85	3.0	2.6	1.7	0.7	0.3	0.8	2.5	1.0	2.0	1.0										123.7
3-85	3.0	2.7	1.9	1.0	0.7	1.1	2.6	1.5	2.3	2.0	2.9									124.0
4-85	2.8	2.5	1.8	1.0	0.7	1.1	2.3	1.4	2.0	1.6	2.0	1.0								124.1
5-85	2.6	2.3	1.6	0.9	0.6	1.0	2.0	1.1	1.6	1.2	1.3	0.5	0.0							124.1
6-85	2.6	2.3	1.6	1.0	0.8	1.1	2.0	1.3	1.6	1.4	1.5	1.0	1.0	2.0						124.3
7-85	2.2	2.0	1.4	0.7	0.5	0.8	1.5	0.9	1.1	0.8	0.8	0.2	0.0	0.0	-1.9					124.1
8-85	2.8	2.6	2.0	1.5	1.4	1.7	2.4	1.9	2.3	2.2	2.4	2.3	2.7	3.6	4.4	11.2				125.2
9-85	2.5	2.3	1.8	1.3	1.1	1.4	2.0	1.6	1.8	1.7	1.8	1.6	1.7	2.2	2.3	4.4	-1.9			125.0
10-85	2.1	1.9	1.4	0.9	0.8	1.0	1.5	1.1	1.3	1.1	1.1	0.8	0.8	1.0	0.7	1.6	-2.8	3.8		124.6P
11-85	2.3	2.1	1.6	1.2	1.0	1.3	1.8	1.4	1.6	1.5	1.5	1.3	1.4	1.6	1.6	2.4	-0.3	0.5	4.9	125.1P
	4-84	5-84	6-84	7-84	8-84	9-84	10-84	11-84	12-84	1-85	2-85	3-85	4-85	5-85	6-85	7-85	8-85	9-85	10-85	

INITIAL MONTH

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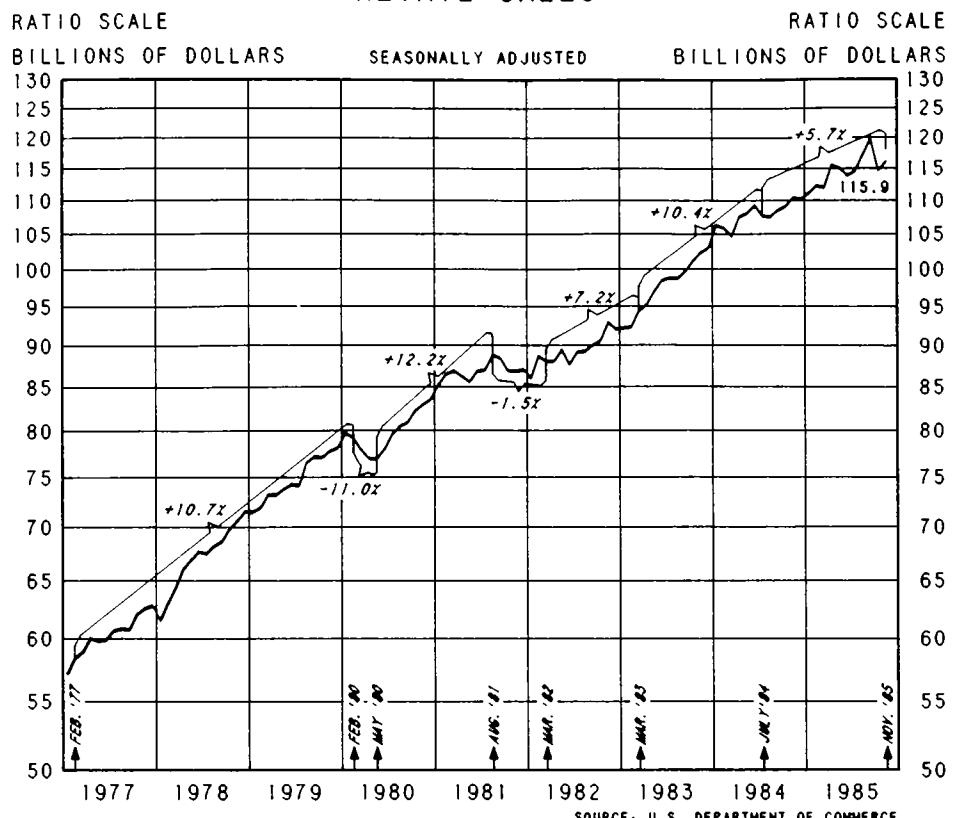
PERSONAL INCOME*
COMPOUNDED ANNUAL RATES OF CHANGE

TERMINAL MONTH	INITIAL MONTH										BILLIONS OF DOLLARS ANNUAL RATES	
	11-84	12-84	1-85	2-85	3-85	4-85	5-85	6-85	7-85	8-85	9-85	
12-84	9.2											3,207.4
1-85	6.4	3.8										3,217.3
2-85	8.2	7.7	11.7									3,247.2
3-85	7.2	6.5	7.9	4.1								3,258.2
4-85	8.1	7.8	9.2	7.9	11.8							3,288.6
5-85	5.6	4.8	5.1	3.0	2.4	-6.2						3,271.2
6-85	5.3	4.6	4.8	3.1	2.8	-1.5	3.5					3,280.5
7-85	5.0	4.5	4.6	3.2	3.0	0.2	3.5	3.5				3,290.0
8-85	4.7	4.1	4.2	3.0	2.8	0.6	3.0	2.8	2.0			3,295.5
9-85	4.8	4.3	4.3	3.3	3.2	1.6	3.6	3.6	3.7	5.4		3,309.9
10-85	4.9	4.5	4.5	3.7	3.6	2.3	4.1	4.2	4.5	5.7	6.1	3,326.2
11-85	5.0	4.7	4.8	4.0	4.0	2.9	4.5	4.8	5.1	6.1	6.5	3,344.7P
	11-84	12-84	1-85	2-85	3-85	4-85	5-85	6-85	7-85	8-85	9-85	10-85

*DATA IN PROCESS OF REVISION BY SOURCE AGENCY.
P- PRELIMINARY

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RETAIL SALES



PERCENTAGES ARE ANNUAL RATES OF CHANGE FOR PERIODS INDICATED.

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RETAIL SALES COMPOUNDED ANNUAL RATES OF CHANGE

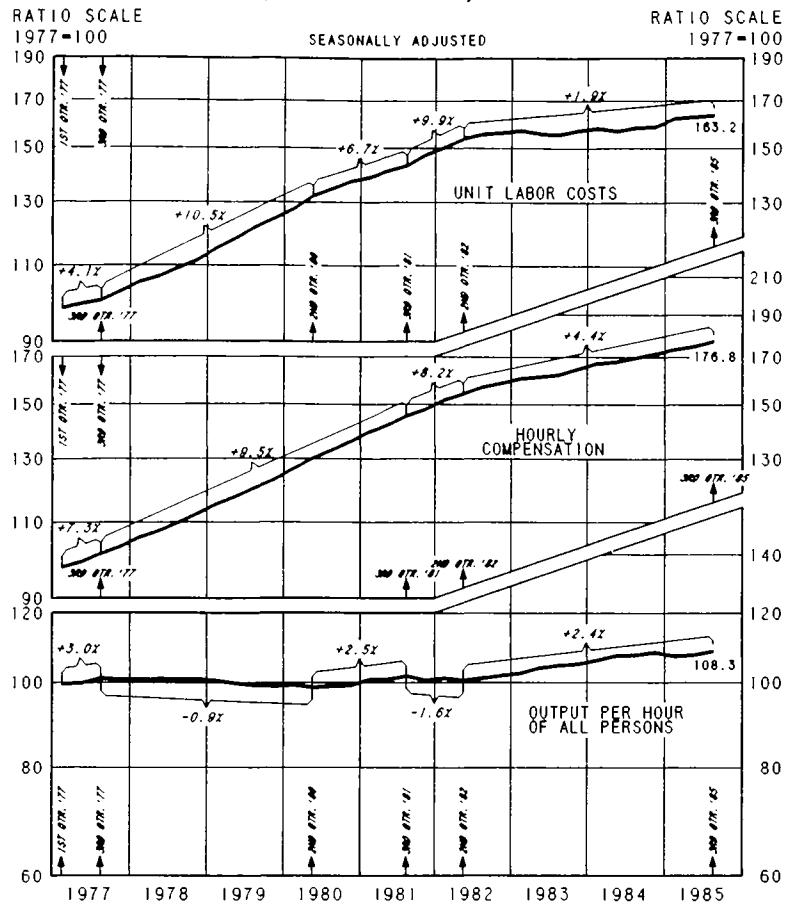
TERMINAL MONTH	INITIAL MONTH																				MILLIONS OF DOLLARS
	4-84	5-84	6-84	7-84	8-84	9-84	10-84	11-84	12-84	1-85	2-85	3-85	4-85	5-85	6-85	7-85	8-85	9-85	10-85		
5-84	5.7																				107,941
6-84	9.5	13.5																			109,085
7-84	0.4	-2.1	-15.5																		107,563
8-84	-0.1	-2.0	-8.9	-1.8																	107,396
9-84	2.1	1.2	-2.6	4.6	11.5																108,373
10-84	2.9	2.3	-0.3	5.4	9.1	6.9															108,974
11-84	4.5	4.3	2.6	7.7	11.1	10.9	15.1														110,255
12-84	3.7	3.4	1.8	5.6	7.6	6.3	6.0	-2.3													110,042
1-85	4.4	4.2	3.0	6.4	8.2	7.4	7.5	4.0	10.6												110,972
2-85	5.2	5.2	4.2	7.3	8.9	8.4	8.8	6.8	11.7	12.9											112,096
3-85	4.5	4.4	3.4	6.0	7.2	6.5	6.5	4.4	6.8	4.9	-2.6										111,954
4-85	7.4	7.5	6.9	9.8	11.3	11.3	12.0	11.5	15.2	16.7	18.7	14.7									115,351
5-85	6.4	6.4	5.8	8.2	9.4	9.1	9.5	8.6	10.9	11.0	10.3	17.4	-4.8								114,884
6-85	5.0	4.9	4.3	6.3	7.1	6.6	6.6	5.5	6.8	6.1	4.4	6.9	-8.1	-11.4							113,730
7-85	5.2	5.1	4.5	6.4	7.2	6.7	6.7	5.7	6.9	6.3	5.0	7.0	-3.2	-2.4	7.5						114,417
8-85	6.6	6.6	6.2	8.1	8.9	8.7	8.9	8.2	9.6	9.5	8.9	11.3	4.3	7.5	18.4	30.4					116,977
9-85	7.8	8.0	7.6	9.5	10.4	10.3	10.6	10.2	11.7	11.8	11.6	14.2	8.9	12.7	22.0	30.0	29.7			119,538	
10-85	4.4	4.3	3.7	5.2	5.7	5.2	5.1	4.3	4.9	4.3	3.3	4.2	-1.4	-0.7	2.2	0.5	-11.8	-40.1		114,546P	
11-85	4.9	4.8	4.3	5.7	6.3	5.9	5.8	5.1	5.8	5.3	4.5	5.4	0.7	1.7	4.5	3.8	-3.8	-17.1	14.6	115,854E	
	4-84	5-84	6-84	7-84	8-84	9-84	10-84	11-84	12-84	1-85	2-85	3-85	4-85	5-85	6-85	7-85	8-85	9-85	10-85		

INITIAL MONTH

P- PRELIMINARY
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PRODUCTIVITY, COMPENSATION, AND LABOR COSTS



SOURCE: U.S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

PERCENTAGES ARE ANNUAL RATES OF CHANGE FOR PERIODS INDICATED.

LATEST DATA PLOTTED: 3RD QUARTER

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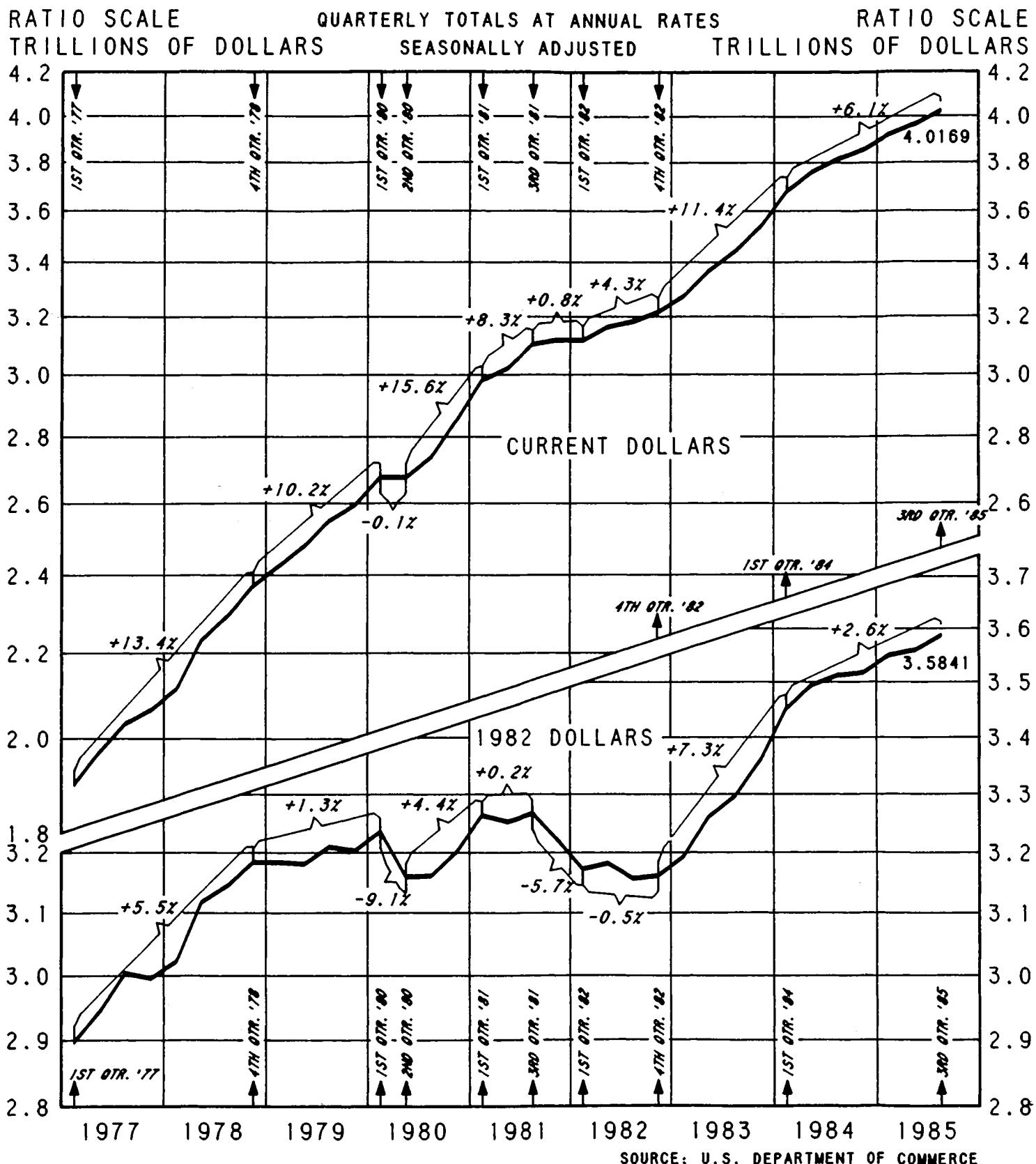
UNIT LABOR COSTS, BUSINESS SECTOR COMPOUNDED ANNUAL RATES OF CHANGE

TERMINAL QUARTER	INITIAL QUARTER																		1977=100	
	4-80	1-81	2-81	3-81	4-81	1-82	2-82	3-82	4-82	1-83	2-83	3-83	4-83	1-84	2-84	3-84	4-84	1-85	2-85	
1-81	4.1																		138.5	
2-81	5.6	7.1																	140.9	
3-81	5.7	6.5	5.8																142.9	
4-81	7.3	8.4	9.0	12.3															147.1	
1-82	7.5	8.3	8.7	10.2	8.1														150.0	
2-82	7.8	8.5	8.9	9.9	8.7	9.4													153.4	
3-82	7.4	7.9	8.1	8.7	7.5	7.2	5.0												155.3	
4-82	6.6	7.0	7.0	7.2	6.0	5.3	3.3	1.6											155.9	
1-83	6.1	6.4	6.3	6.4	5.2	4.5	3.0	1.9	2.3										156.8	
2-83	5.1	5.3	5.0	4.9	3.7	2.9	1.3	0.1	-0.6	-3.5									155.4	
3-83	4.6	4.6	4.4	4.2	3.1	2.3	0.9	-0.1	-0.7	-2.2	-0.8								155.1	
4-83	4.6	4.6	4.4	4.2	3.2	2.6	1.5	0.8	0.5	0.0	1.8	4.5							156.8	
1-84	4.4	4.4	4.2	4.0	3.1	2.5	1.6	1.0	0.9	0.6	2.0	3.4	2.3						157.7	
2-84	3.9	3.8	3.6	3.4	2.5	1.9	1.0	0.4	0.3	-0.2	0.7	1.2	-0.4	-3.0					156.5	
3-84	3.9	3.8	3.6	3.4	2.6	2.1	1.3	0.9	0.8	0.5	1.3	1.9	1.0	0.4	3.9				158.0	
4-84	3.7	3.6	3.4	3.2	2.5	2.0	1.3	0.9	0.8	0.6	1.3	1.7	1.0	0.6	2.4	1.0			158.4	
1-85	4.0	4.0	3.8	3.6	3.0	2.6	2.0	1.7	1.7	1.6	2.4	2.9	2.6	2.7	4.6	5.0	9.1		161.9	
2-85	3.9	3.8	3.6	3.5	2.9	2.5	2.0	1.7	1.7	1.6	2.3	2.7	2.5	2.5	3.9	3.9	5.4	1.7	162.6	
3-85	3.7	3.7	3.5	3.4	2.8	2.4	1.9	1.7	1.7	1.6	2.2	2.6	2.3	2.3	3.4	3.3	4.1	1.6	1.5	163.2
4-80	1-81	2-81	3-81	4-81	1-82	2-82	3-82	4-82	1-83	2-83	3-83	4-83	1-84	2-84	3-84	4-84	1-85	2-85		

INITIAL QUARTER

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GROSS NATIONAL PRODUCT*



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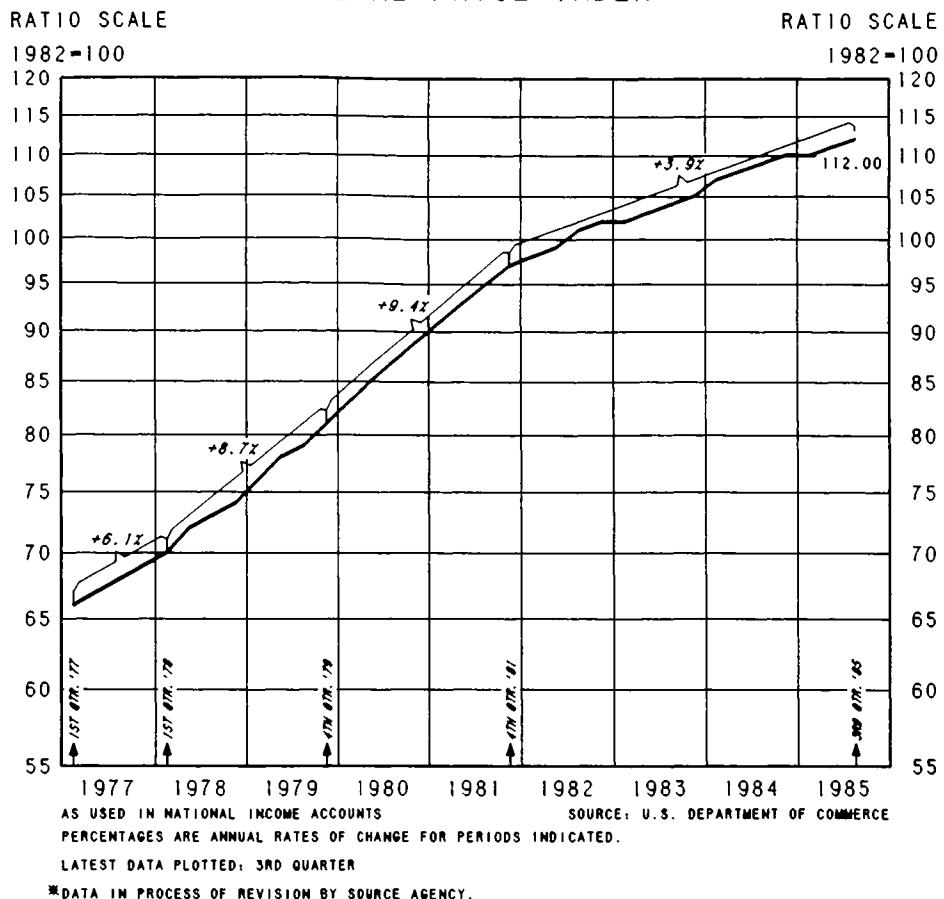
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GENERAL PRICE INDEX*



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IMPLICIT PRICE DEFLATOR FOR GROSS NATIONAL PRODUCT*

COMPOUNDED ANNUAL RATES OF CHANGE

TERMINAL QUARTER	INITIAL QUARTER																1982 = 100	
	4-80	1-81	2-81	3-81	4-81	1-82	2-82	3-82	4-82	1-83	2-83	3-83	4-83	1-84	2-84	3-84	4-84	1-85
1-81	9.3																	91.00
2-81	9.2	9.1																93.00
3-81	9.1	9.0	8.9															95.00
4-81	9.0	8.9	8.8	8.7														97.00
1-82	8.0	7.7	7.2	6.4	4.2													98.00
2-82	7.4	7.0	6.5	5.7	4.2	4.1												99.00
3-82	7.5	7.2	6.8	6.3	5.5	6.2	8.3											101.00
4-82	7.1	6.7	6.4	5.9	5.2	5.5	6.2	4.0										102.00
1-83	6.2	5.9	5.4	4.9	4.1	4.1	4.1	2.0	0.0									102.00
2-83	6.0	5.7	5.2	4.7	4.1	4.1	4.0	2.6	2.0	4.0								103.00
3-83	5.8	5.5	5.1	4.6	4.1	4.0	4.0	3.0	2.6	4.0	3.9							104.00
4-83	5.7	5.3	5.0	4.5	4.0	4.0	4.0	3.2	2.9	3.9	3.9	3.9						105.00
1-84	5.8	5.5	5.2	4.9	4.5	4.5	3.9	3.9	4.9	5.2	5.9	7.8						107.00
2-84	5.7	5.4	5.1	4.8	4.4	4.4	3.9	3.9	4.7	4.9	5.2	5.8	3.8					108.00
3-84	5.6	5.3	5.0	4.7	4.3	4.4	3.9	3.9	4.5	4.6	4.8	5.1	3.8	3.8				109.00
4-84	5.4	5.2	4.9	4.6	4.3	4.3	3.9	3.8	4.4	4.5	4.6	4.8	3.8	3.7	3.7			110.00
1-85	5.1	4.9	4.6	4.3	3.9	3.9	3.5	3.4	3.8	3.8	3.8	3.8	2.8	2.5	1.8	0.0		110.00
2-85	5.0	4.8	4.5	4.2	3.9	3.9	3.5	3.4	3.8	3.8	3.8	3.8	3.0	2.8	2.5	1.8	3.7	111.00
3-85	5.0	4.7	4.5	4.2	3.9	3.9	3.5	3.5	3.8	3.8	3.8	3.8	3.1	3.0	2.8	2.4	3.7	112.00
4-80	1-81	2-81	3-81	4-81	1-82	2-82	3-82	4-82	1-83	2-83	3-83	4-83	1-84	2-84	3-84	4-84	1-85	2-85

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CORPORATE PROFITS AFTER TAXES*
COMPOUNDED ANNUAL RATES OF CHANGE

TERMINAL QUARTER	INITIAL QUARTER																				BILLIONS OF DOLLARS ANNUAL RATES
	4-80	1-81	2-81	3-81	4-81	1-82	2-82	3-82	4-82	1-83	2-83	3-83	4-83	1-84	2-84	3-84	4-84	1-85	2-85		
1-81	11.4																				154.3
2-81	-10.9	-28.7																			141.8
3-81	-5.1	-12.4	7.5																		144.4
4-81	-6.1	-11.3	-1.1	-9.1																	141.0
1-82	-23.5	-30.3	-30.9	-44.6	-66.2																107.5
2-82	-20.2	-25.4	-24.5	-32.9	-42.4	-1.8															107.0
3-82	-17.5	-21.5	-20.0	-25.7	-30.5	-0.4	1.1														107.3
4-82	-16.7	-20.1	-18.5	-22.9	-26.0	-3.9	-5.0	-10.7													104.3
1-83	-13.6	-16.3	-14.3	-17.5	-19.1	0.7	1.5	1.7	15.8												108.2
2-83	-6.8	-8.6	-5.7	-7.5	-7.2	13.5	17.8	23.9	45.9	83.9											126.0
3-83	-2.2	-3.5	-0.2	-1.1	0.1	20.0	24.9	31.7	49.9	70.5	58.2										141.3
4-83	-1.5	-2.6	0.5	-0.2	0.9	18.0	21.7	26.3	37.7	45.6	29.9	6.7									143.6
1-84	-0.4	-1.3	1.6	1.1	2.3	17.5	20.5	24.1	32.5	37.1	24.3	10.2	13.7								148.3
2-84	-0.7	-1.5	1.1	0.6	1.6	14.8	17.1	19.6	25.5	27.6	16.4	5.1	4.4	-4.2							146.7
3-84	-1.8	-2.7	-0.3	-1.0	-0.2	11.2	12.8	14.3	18.5	18.9	9.0	-0.7	-3.1	-10.5	-16.3						140.3
4-84	-1.6	-2.4	-0.2	-0.8	-0.1	10.3	11.5	12.8	16.1	16.1	7.6	-0.4	-2.1	-6.9	-8.1	0.9					140.6
1-85	-2.2	-3.0	-1.0	-1.6	-1.0	8.3	9.3	10.1	12.7	12.4	4.7	-2.2	-3.9	-7.9	-9.1	-5.2	-10.9				136.6
2-85	-2.1	-2.9	-1.0	-1.5	-0.9	7.6	8.4	9.1	11.3	10.8	4.0	-2.0	-3.4	-6.5	-7.0	-3.7	-5.9	-0.6			136.4
3-85	-1.3	-2.0	-0.1	-0.6	0.0	8.1	8.9	9.6	11.6	11.2	5.2	-0.1	-1.0	-3.3	-3.1	0.6	0.5	6.7	14.5		141.1
4-80	1-81	2-81	3-81	4-81	1-82	2-82	3-82	4-82	1-83	2-83	3-83	4-83	1-84	2-84	3-84	4-84	1-85	2-85			

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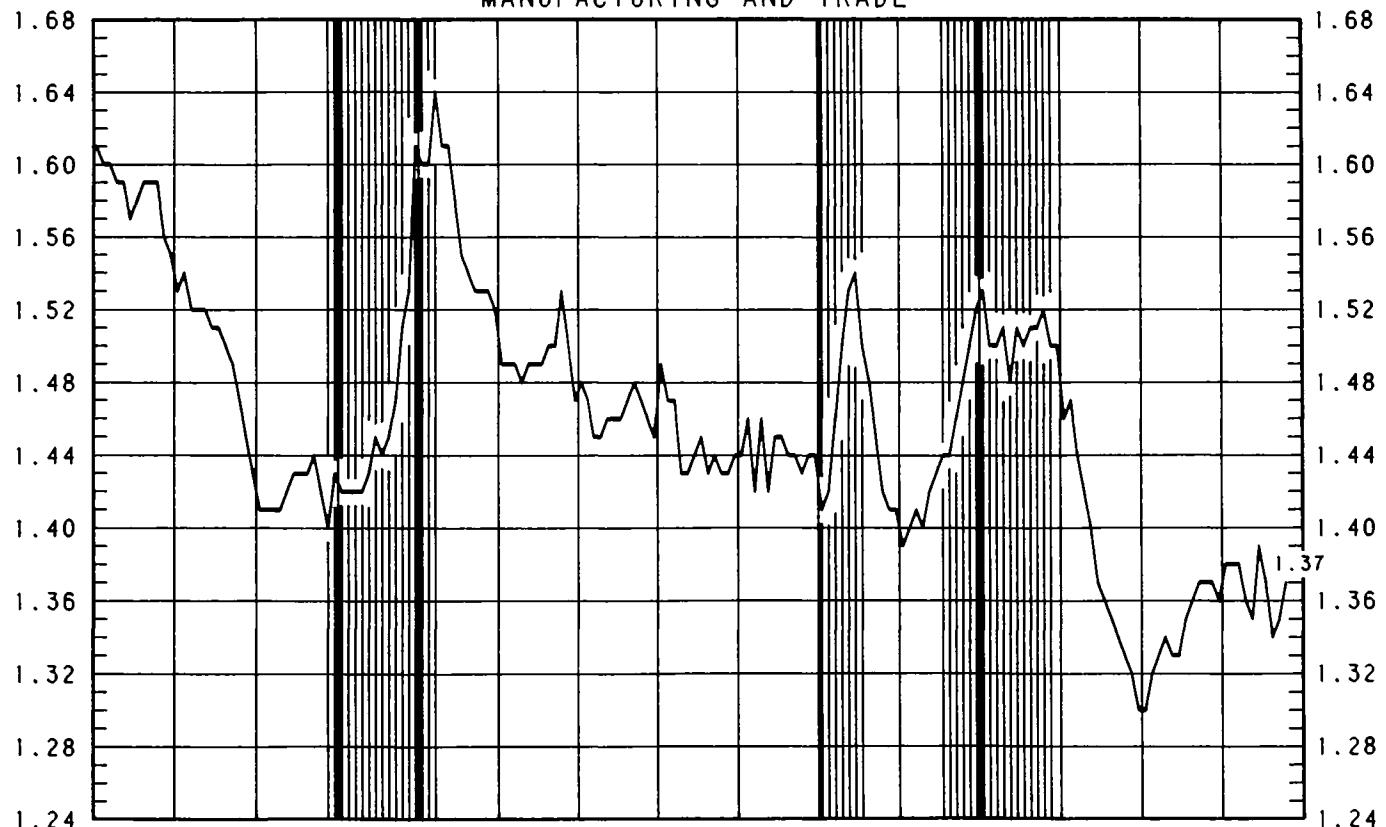
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INVENTORIES COMPARED WITH MONTHLY SALES*
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