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## WEEKLY BUSINESS STATISTICS<sup>1</sup>

ITEM	1952	1953				ITEM	1952	1953			
	July 26	July 11	July 18	July 25	July 26		July 11	July 18	July 25		
Commodity prices, wholesale:					Stock prices (480), Standard and Poor's.....1935-39=100	192.1	187.1	184.7	185.0		
All commodities...1947-49=100	*111.8	109.8	110.5	111.0	Industrials (420).....do..	209.7	202.1	199.2	199.4		
Farm products.....do..	*110.2	95.1	97.4	98.9	Production:						
Foods, processed.....do..	*110.0	102.8	104.6	106.3	Bitum.coal <u>3</u> /...thous.sh.tons	**1,102	1,329	1,533	.....		
All other.....do..	*112.5	114.4	114.5	114.5	Electric power, by utilities						
22 commodities <u>2</u> /.....do..	96.3	87.1	87.9	88.2	mil. kw.-hr.	**7,180	8,096	8,209	.....		
Department store sales.....do..	**82	92	84	.....	Motor vehicles (Ward's)....no.	36,332	156,280	163,955	162,397		
Insured unemployment, total					Petroleum, crude <u>3</u> /...thous.bbl.	**5,990	6,396	6,464	.....		
thous.	**1,268	#905	.....	.....	Steel (ingots & for castings, quantity) <u>4</u> /.....1947-49=100	55.5	130.2	132.9	132.5		
State programs.....do..	**1,190	#882	.....	.....	Freight car loadings...thous.cars	**609	721	791	.....		
Failures, ind. & comm...number	137	139	148	184	Miscellaneous.....do..	**302	349	369	.....		
Bond yields, domestic corporate (Moody's) <u>3</u> /.....percent	3.18	3.57	3.54	3.53							

<sup>1</sup>/ Data do not always cover calendar weeks. 2/ Tuesday prices. 3/ Daily averages. 4/ Week ended August 1, 1953. \* Monthly index for July 1952. \*\* For week corresponding to latest. # For preceding week: Total, 857,000; State programs, 808,000.

## MONTHLY BUSINESS STATISTICS

ITEM	1952	1953				ITEM	1952	1953			
	June	April	May	June	June		April	May	June		
<b>BUSINESS POPULATION</b>					<b>EMPLOYMENT AND WAGES</b>						
Industrial & comm. failures:					Employees in manag. est.,						
Failures, total.....number	671	693	697	817	total, unadj.....thousands	47,418	r48,854	r49,042	p49,361		
Commercial service.....do..	52	48	66	74	Manufacturing.....do..	15,624	r17,081	r17,054	p17,179		
Construction.....do..	78	86	70	99	Mining.....do..	816	833	829	p835		
Manufacturing & mining...do..	128	140	143	145	Contract construction...do..	2,690	r2,410	r2,485	p2,579		
Retail trade.....do..	340	344	344	419	Transp. & pub. util.....do..	4,225	r4,242	r4,281	p4,315		
Wholesale trade.....do..	73	75	74	80	Wholesale & retail trade...do..	10,144	r10,308	r10,332	p10,378		
Liabilities, total...thous. dol.	21,222	27,520	32,789	32,379	Finance, ins. & real est...do..	1,972	2,015	r2,026	p2,048		
Commercial service.....do..	1,971	1,765	3,536	1,759	Service & miscellaneous...do..	5,360	5,312	r5,366	p5,413		
Construction.....do..	2,990	3,748	2,511	3,200	Government.....do..	6,587	r6,653	r6,669	p6,614		
Manufacturing & mining...do..	6,971	10,585	13,981	11,179	Prod. workers in mfg. ind.:						
Retail trade.....do..	7,024	8,497	6,909	12,464	Total.....thousands	12,476	r13,762	r13,718	p13,820		
Wholesale trade.....do..	2,266	2,925	5,852	3,777	Durable-goods.....do..	7,065	r8,212	r8,193	p8,237		
<b>COMMODITY PRICES</b>					Ordinance & acces.....do..	127	r149	r154	p157		
Consumer price index, all items.....1947-49=100	113.4	113.7	114.0	114.5	Lumber & wood prod.....do..	725	r698	r709	p726		
Apparel.....do..	105.6	104.6	104.7	104.6	Furniture & fixtures...do..	298	r328	r322	p318		
Food.....do..	114.6	111.5	112.1	113.7	Stone, clay, etc.....do..	447	r463	r461	p464		
Dairy products.....do..	108.9	109.0	107.8	107.5	Primary metal ind.....do..	681	r1,144	r1,138	p1,143		
Fruits & vegetables...do..	122.4	115.0	115.2	121.7	Fab. metal prod. <u>1</u> /...do..	810	r951	r951	p954		
Meats, poultry & fish...do..	116.5	106.8	109.2	111.3	Machinery (exc. elec.)...do..	1,277	r1,326	r1,309	p1,304		
Housing.....do..	114.0	117.0	117.1	117.4	Electrical machinery...do..	775	926	r920	p912		
Gas & electricity.....do..	104.3	106.5	106.6	106.4	Transportation equip...do..	1,340	r1,572	r1,571	p1,592		
Housefurnishings.....do..	107.7	107.8	107.6	108.0	Instruments, etc.....do..	223	r244	244	p246		
Rent.....do..	117.6	122.1	123.0	123.3	Miscel. mfg. ind.....do..	363	412	r413	p419		
Medical care.....do..	117.8	120.2	120.7	121.1	Nondurable-goods.....do..	5,411	r5,550	r5,525	p5,583		
Personal care.....do..	111.7	112.5	112.8	112.6	Food & kindred prod...do..	1,116	r1,022	r1,048	p1,075		
Reading and recreation...do..	106.8	107.9	108.0	107.8	Tobacco manufactures...do..	85	85	85	p85		
Transportation.....do..	126.3	129.4	129.4	129.4	Textile-mill products...do..	1,068	1,123	r1,116	p1,125		
Other goods & services...do..	115.7	117.9	118.0	118.2	Apparel, etc.....do..	1,008	1,093	r1,067	p1,076		
<b>DOMESTIC TRADE</b>					Paper & allied prod...do..	419	440	r441	p446		
Money orders issued, domestic (50 cities):					Printing, etc.....do..	492	499	r499	p502		
Number.....thousands	6,511	6,946	6,385	6,657	Chemicals, etc.....do..	502	r526	516	p511		
Value.....thous. dol.	122,134	128,270	117,261	126,017	Products of petroleum and coal.....do..	177	r188	188	p191		
					Rubber products.....do..	207	220	r220	p221		
					Leather & leath. prod...do..	337	355	345	p351		

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**MONTHLY BUSINESS STATISTICS—Continued**

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	June	April	May	June		June	April	May	June
<b>EMPLOYMENT AND WAGES - Con.</b>					<b>TRANSPORTATION - Con.</b>				
Manufacturing production- worker employment indexes:					Freight-car surplus and shortage, daily averages:				
Unadjusted.....1947-49=100	100.9	111.3	110.9	p111.7	Car surplus.....number	28,136	58,597	40,222	25,302
Adjusted.....do..	102.0	112.4	112.7	p113.0	Box cars.....do..	14,669	5,584	12,461	7,511
Manufacturing production- worker payroll index, un- adjusted.....1947-49=100	127.3	150.1	r150.1	p151.8	Gondolas & open hoppers.do..	6,372	43,375	16,278	7,400
Hours and earnings:					Car shortage.....do..	2,933	1,501	2,269	4,129
Average weekly hours per worker, all mfg.....hours	40.5	40.8	r40.7	p40.7	Box cars.....do..	1,865	602	1,385	3,111
Durable-goods.....do..	41.2	41.6	r41.5	p41.5	Gondolas & open hoppers.do..	717	341	527	673
Nondurable-goods.....do..	39.5	39.5	39.5	p39.6	<b>METALS AND MANUFACTURES</b>				
Average weekly earnings, all manufacturing...dollars	66.83	71.40	r71.63	p72.04	Iron ore (Lake Superior dis.): Consumption by furnaces				
Durable-goods.....do..	71.69	76.96	r77.19	p77.61	thous. l. tons	1,405	7,764	8,358	8,056
Nondurable-goods.....do..	60.44	62.81	63.20	p63.36	Stocks, end of mo., total..do..	27,170	21,572	26,247	32,070
Average hourly earnings, all manufacturing.....do..	1.65	1.75	r1.76	p1.77	At furnaces.....do..	22,611	18,816	23,198	28,526
Durable-goods.....do..	1.74	1.85	r1.86	p1.87	On Lake Erie docks.....do..	4,559	2,757	3,049	3,544
Ordnance & acces.....do..	1.79	r1.88	r1.90	p1.91	Pig iron, prod...thous.sh.tons	1,068	6,231	6,587	6,373
Lumber & wood prod.....do..	1.55	1.59	1.62	p1.64	Steel forgings: 2/ Orders, unf., total.....do..	#1,319	1,082	1,239	.....
Furniture & fixtures.....do..	1.46	1.53	1.53	p1.53	Shipments, for sale, total				
Stone, clay, etc.....do..	1.59	1.71	r1.72	p1.72	sh. tons	#155,840	195,441	191,199	.....
Primary metal ind.....do..	1.82	r2.02	r2.02	p2.04	Drop and upset.....do..	#114,271	140,510	134,686	.....
Fab. metal prod. 1/.....do..	1.71	1.83	1.83	p1.83	Press and open hammer...do..	#41,569	55,931	56,503	.....
Machinery (exc. elec.).....do..	1.85	1.95	r1.95	p1.96	Steel products, net shipments:				
Electrical machinery.....do..	1.67	1.74	1.74	p1.75	Total.....thous.sh.tons	#5,947	7,182	7,209	.....
Transportation equip...do..	1.94	2.06	r2.05	p2.09	Bars, hot rolled:				
Instruments, etc.....do..	1.71	1.75	r1.77	p1.77	All grades.....do..	#740	838	873	.....
Miscel. mfg. ind.....do..	1.49	r1.56	1.57	p1.57	Reinforcing.....do..	#158	155	159	.....
Nondurable-goods.....do..	1.53	1.59	1.60	p1.60	Semimanufactures.....do..	#305	357	352	.....
Food & kindred prod....do..	1.52	1.60	1.61	p1.62	Pipes and tubes.....do..	#723	880	828	.....
Tobacco manufactures...do..	1.21	1.27	r1.27	p1.28	Plates.....do..	#637	650	698	.....
Textile-mill products...do..	1.35	1.37	1.37	p1.37	Rails.....do..	#133	150	161	.....
Apparel, etc.....do..	1.27	1.30	1.29	p1.33	Sheets.....do..	#1,484	2,007	2,003	.....
Paper & allied prod....do..	1.60	r1.67	r1.68	p1.69	Strip: Cold rolled.....do..	#140	194	187	.....
Printing, etc.....do..	2.10	2.19	r2.20	p2.20	Hot rolled.....do..	#156	206	214	.....
Chemicals, etc.....do..	1.71	r1.79	r1.81	p1.83	Structural shapes.....do..	#361	414	417	.....
Products of petroleum and coal.....do..	2.08	2.18	r2.18	p2.17	Tin plate & terneplate..do..	#334	442	459	.....
Rubber products.....do..	#1.81	1.93	1.94	.....	Wire & wire prod.....do..	#403	447	449	.....
Leather & leath. prod...do..	1.31	r1.37	1.38	p1.37	Copper:				
<b>TRANSPORTATION</b>					Production:				
Freight car loadings:					Mine or smelter.....sh. tons	80,392	95,890	r93,197	84,728
Federal Reserve indexes, total, adj.....1935-39=100	108	129	130	128	Refinery.....do..	92,151	112,660	117,929	124,480
Coal.....do..	96	96	106	105	Deliveries, ref., dom....do..	98,416	142,282	r146,215	139,520
Coke.....do..	69	178	183	179	Stocks, ref., end of mo....do..	70,856	48,382	52,762	58,126
Forest products.....do..	139	144	137	145	Lead, refined (primary ref.): Production.....sh. tons	38,987	46,729	43,187	36,880
Grain & grain prod.....do..	161	133	141	155	Shipments (domestic)....do..	39,503	39,487	48,914	44,140
Livestock.....do..	56	66	65	64	Stocks, end of month.....do..	58,190	69,608	63,879	56,569
Ore.....do..	53	237	237	212	<b>PAPER</b>				
Merchandise, l.c.l.....do..	44	44	45	43	Paperboard:				
Miscellaneous.....do..	119	148	146	142	Orders, new.....thous.sh.tons	850.3	1,101.8	1,040.1	1,152.1
					Orders, unfilled, end of month.....thous.sh.tons	352.9	539.0	459.8	567.0
					Production, total.....do..	832.8	1,071.2	1,073.4	1,092.0
					Percent of activity.....	82	95	96	93

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