

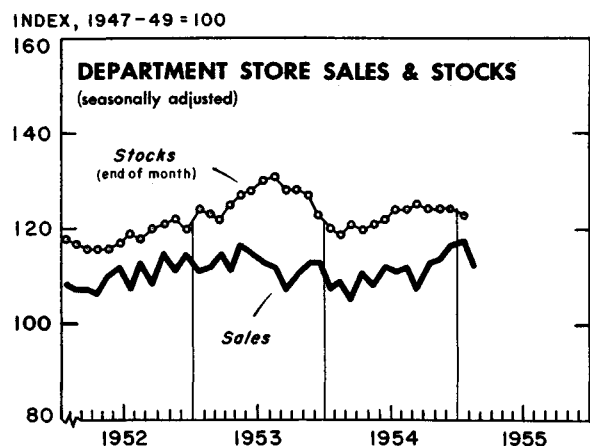
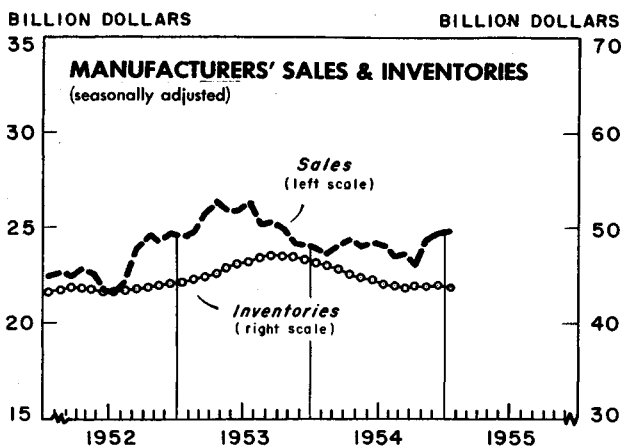
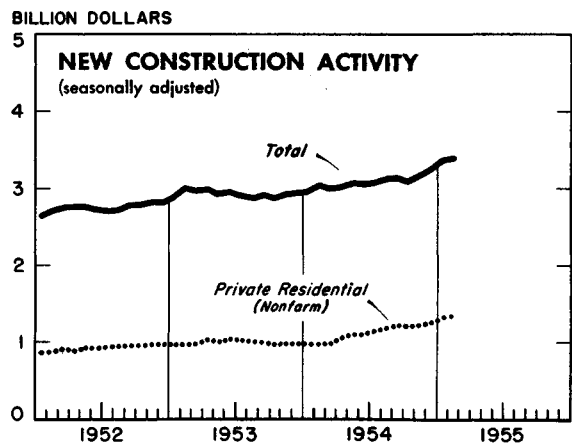
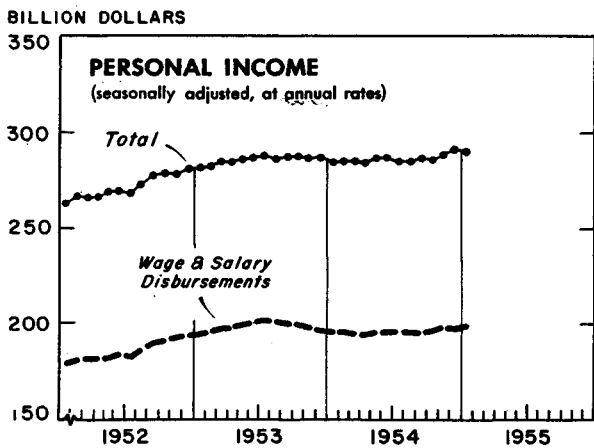
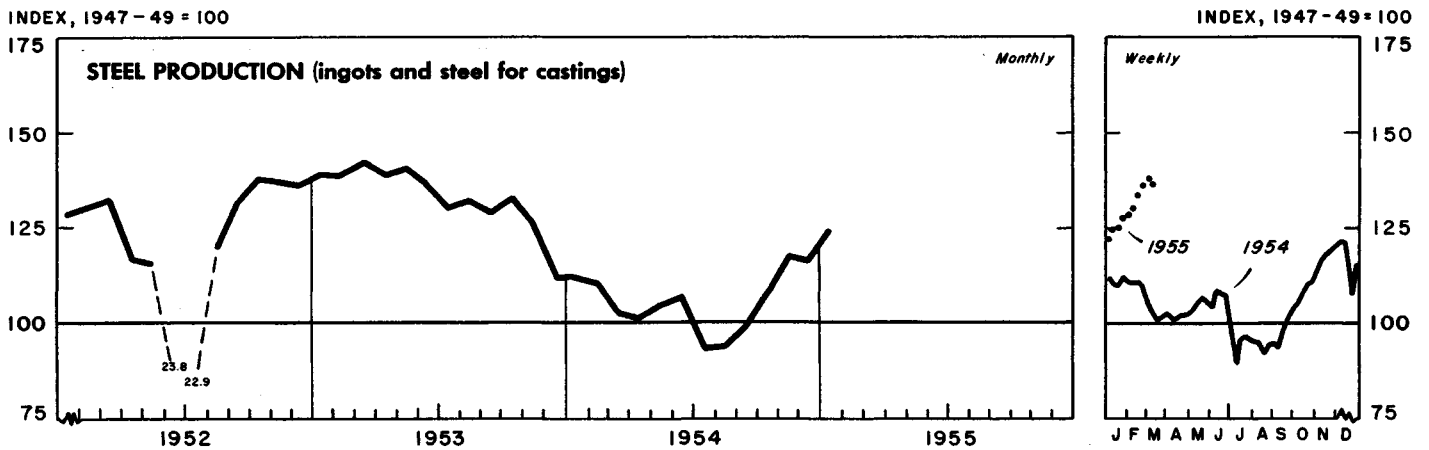
BUSINESS STATISTICS



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SELECTED BUSINESS INDICATORS



WEEKLY BUSINESS STATISTICS¹

ITEM	1954		1955			
	Feb. 27	Mar. 6	Feb. 12	Feb. 19	Feb. 26	Mar. 5
Commodity prices, wholesale:						
All commodities.....1947-49=100..	*110.5	.....	110.3	110.3	110.3	110.1
Farm products.....do....	*97.7	.....	93.4	93.4	93.7	92.8
Foods, processed.....do....	*104.8	.....	103.2	103.2	103.2	102.7
All other.....do....	*114.4	.....	115.5	115.4	115.4	115.3
22 commodities <u>2/</u>.....do....	87.9	87.8	92.0	91.5	90.9	89.9
Department store sales.....do....	90	85	92	90	92	.....
Insured unemployment, total <u>3/</u>.....thous..	2,413	2,409	2,152	2,077	.....	.....
State programs.....do....	2,213	2,201	1,913	1,849	.....	.....
Finance:						
Currency in circulation <u>4/</u>.....mil. of dol..	29,869	29,912	29,790	29,764	29,796	29,804
Federal Reserve bank credit outstanding, total.....do....	25,312	25,689	24,873	25,071	24,668	24,813
Member bank reserve balances.....do....	19,273	19,540	18,838	18,903	18,479	18,555
Excess reserves, estimated.....do....	420	713	542	648	371	359
Federal Reserve reporting member banks in leading cities:						
Demand deposits, adjusted.....mil. of dol..	54,038	53,913	57,394	56,598	56,744	.....
Time deposits, except Government.....do....	19,767	19,894	21,464	21,465	21,470	.....
Loans and investments (adjusted), total.....do....	78,883	78,855	84,859	84,673	84,334	.....
U. S. Government obligations.....do....	32,476	32,292	35,280	35,057	34,750	.....
Commercial, industrial, and agr. loans (gross).....do....	22,446	22,407	22,096	22,251	22,236	.....
Real-estate loans (gross).....do....	6,501	6,478	7,294	7,326	7,342	.....
Failures, industrial and commercial.....number..	204	223	238	205	178	222
Bond yields, domestic corporate (Moody's) <u>4/</u>.....percent..	3.21	3.18	3.17	3.19	3.20	3.21
Stock prices, 480 stocks(Standard and Poor's), 1935-39=100..	198.9	203.0	277.9	279.3	280.4	283.0
Industrials, 420 stocks.....do....	215.5	220.5	312.2	313.9	314.4	316.6
Production:						
Bituminous coal <u>4/</u>.....thous. of short tons..	1,148	1,043	1,448	1,489	1,460	.....
Electric power, by utilities.....mil. of kw.-hr..	8,396	8,586	9,922	9,912	9,725	.....
Passenger cars and trucks (Ward's).....number..	134,615	129,609	182,833	188,435	186,241	183,853
Petroleum (crude) and condensate <u>4/</u>.....thous. of bbl..	6,303	6,433	6,719	6,767	6,789	.....
Steel <u>5/</u>.....thous. of short tons..	1,756	1,686	2,095	2,150	2,191	2,218
Percent of capacity <u>5/</u>	#73.6	#70.7	86.8	89.1	90.8	91.9
Freight car loadings, total.....thous. of cars..	595	591	644	655	635	.....
Miscellaneous.....do....	331	326	336	343	338	.....

^{1/} Data do not always cover calendar weeks. ^{2/} Tuesday prices. ^{3/} Includes UCFE program beginning January 8, 1955. ^{4/} Daily average. ^{5/} Week ended March 12; Production, 2,198 thous. short tons; operating rate, 91.1 percent. * Monthly index for February 1954. # Not comparable with 1955 rates which are based on higher capacity as reported January 1, 1955.

MONTHLY BUSINESS STATISTICS

ITEM	1953	1954				1955	
	December	January	October	November	December	January	
GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS							
Personal income, by source, seasonally adj., at annual rates:							
Total personal income.....bil. of dol..	287.0	284.9	286.3	289.3	r291.4	290.7	
Wage and salary disbursements, total.....do....	196.0	194.7	196.1	198.1	r197.8	199.0	
Commodity-producing industries.....do....	85.5	84.5	82.9	84.6	r84.4	85.1	
Distributive industries.....do....	52.1	51.9	52.9	53.0	r53.1	53.4	
Service industries.....do....	25.0	24.8	26.1	26.2	r26.1	26.3	
Government.....do....	33.4	33.5	34.2	34.3	34.2	34.2	
Other labor income.....do....	6.7	6.6	6.6	6.6	6.6	6.6	
Proprietors' and rental income.....do....	50.2	49.6	47.2	48.3	r48.8	48.9	
Personal interest income and dividends.....do....	23.8	23.9	24.5	24.6	26.2	24.7	
Transfer payments.....do....	14.4	14.8	16.5	16.4	16.7	16.6	
Less personal contributions for social insurance.....do....	4.1	4.7	4.6	4.7	4.7	5.1	
Total nonagricultural income.....do....	269.6	267.9	272.3	274.6	r276.5	275.5	
Manufacturers' sales:							
Value (unadjusted), total.....mil. of dol..	23,929	23,062	24,335	24,407	r24,881	24,232	
Durable-goods industries.....do....	11,615	10,870	11,090	11,552	r12,213	11,704	
Nondurable-goods industries.....do....	12,314	12,192	13,245	12,855	r12,668	12,528	
Value (adjusted), total.....do....	24,126	23,902	23,141	24,361	r24,803	24,857	
Durable-goods industries, total.....do....	11,576	11,580	10,664	11,569	r11,992	12,294	
Primary metal.....do....	1,645	1,609	1,581	1,707	r1,718	1,805	
Fabricated metal products.....do....	1,076	1,176	1,082	1,145	r1,095	1,109	
Electrical machinery and equipment.....do....	1,349	1,328	1,238	1,294	r1,389	1,335	
Machinery, except electrical.....do....	1,902	1,959	1,778	1,844	r1,816	1,900	
Motor vehicles and equipment.....do....	2,046	2,101	1,340	1,986	r2,406	2,535	
Transportation equipment, n.e.s.....do....	947	1,005	1,046	943	r892	1,028	
Furniture and fixtures.....do....	345	325	320	290	r291	284	
Lumber products, except furniture.....do....	731	659	755	823	r860	798	
Stone, clay, and glass products.....do....	540	517	615	610	r596	600	
Professional and scientific instruments.....do....	423	364	355	359	r356	317	
Other industries, including ordnance.....do....	572	537	554	568	r573	583	
Nondurable-goods industries, total.....do....	12,550	12,322	12,477	12,792	r12,811	12,563	
Food and kindred products.....do....	3,863	3,802	3,704	3,736	r3,818	3,675	
Beverages.....do....	572	626	627	646	r541	580	
Tobacco manufactures.....do....	304	292	288	319	292	284	
Textile-mill products.....do....	1,040	992	992	1,026	r1,040	1,015	
Apparel and related products.....do....	873	857	920	848	r818	792	

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MONTHLY BUSINESS STATISTICS—Continued

ITEM	1953		1954			1955	
	December	January	October	November	December	January	
GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS - Continued							
Manufacturers' sales, value (adjusted) - Continued							
Nondurable-goods industries - Continued							
Leather and leather products.....mil. of dol..	267	259	302	308	r317	283	
Paper and allied products.....do....	701	680	735	719	r734	721	
Printing and publishing.....do....	774	748	814	816	r757	809	
Chemicals and allied products.....do....	1,601	1,569	1,710	1,815	r1,812	1,779	
Petroleum and coal products.....do....	2,186	2,149	2,053	2,171	r2,264	2,207	
Rubber products.....do....	369	348	332	388	418	.....
Manufacturers' inventories, end of month:							
Book value (unadjusted), total.....do....	46,947	46,772	43,394	43,493	r44,017	44,050	
Durable-goods industries.....do....	26,697	26,598	24,060	24,055	r24,391	24,417	
Nondurable-goods industries.....do....	20,250	20,174	19,334	19,438	r19,626	19,633	
By stages of fabrication:							
Purchased materials.....do....	16,419	16,023	14,664	14,806	r15,020	14,843	
Goods in process.....do....	13,304	13,512	12,544	12,438	r12,676	12,793	
Finished goods.....do....	17,224	17,237	16,186	16,249	r16,321	16,414	
Book value (adjusted), total.....do....	46,722	46,382	43,819	43,811	r43,748	43,645	
Durable-goods industries, total.....do....	26,752	26,526	24,384	24,441	r24,426	24,351	
Primary metal.....do....	3,425	3,388	3,069	3,116	r3,223	3,243	
Fabricated metal products.....do....	3,131	3,012	2,765	2,777	r2,713	2,676	
Electrical machinery and equipment.....do....	3,440	3,342	3,007	3,001	r2,930	2,890	
Machinery, except electrical.....do....	5,647	5,551	4,979	4,983	r4,919	4,899	
Motor vehicles and equipment.....do....	3,396	3,482	3,004	3,064	r2,926	2,924	
Transportation equipment, n.e.s.....do....	2,769	2,784	2,845	2,828	r2,989	2,942	
Furniture and fixtures.....do....	642	661	664	653	r650	662	
Lumber products, except furniture.....do....	1,033	1,022	970	997	r1,018	1,044	
Stone, clay, and glass products.....do....	890	907	872	857	r869	876	
Professional and scientific instruments.....do....	882	895	837	820	r828	839	
Other industries, including ordnance.....do....	1,497	1,482	1,372	1,345	r1,361	1,356	
Nondurable-goods industries, total.....do....	19,970	19,856	19,435	19,370	r19,322	19,294	
Food and kindred products.....do....	3,525	3,524	3,384	3,410	r3,456	3,507	
Beverages.....do....	1,155	1,162	1,138	1,120	r1,117	1,122	
Tobacco manufactures.....do....	1,812	1,842	1,856	1,855	r1,856	1,850	
Textile-mill products.....do....	2,513	2,464	2,328	2,337	r2,352	2,313	
Apparel and related products.....do....	1,901	1,872	1,710	1,668	r1,697	1,738	
Leather and leather products.....do....	582	581	573	579	r594	611	
Paper and allied products.....do....	1,044	1,034	1,050	1,053	r1,039	1,045	
Printing and publishing.....do....	752	769	715	724	r692	678	
Chemicals and allied products.....do....	3,093	3,067	3,060	3,076	r3,063	3,026	
Petroleum and coal products.....do....	2,725	2,697	2,763	2,729	r2,639	2,587	
Rubber products.....do....	868	844	838	819	817	.....
Manufacturers' new orders, net:							
Unadjusted, total.....do....	21,448	20,882	24,579	23,906	r24,704	25,220	
Durable-goods industries.....do....	9,347	8,687	11,401	10,864	r11,947	12,556	
Nondurable-goods industries.....do....	12,101	12,195	13,178	13,042	r12,757	12,634	
Adjusted, total.....do....	22,026	20,749	23,858	24,366	r25,350	25,066	
Durable-goods industries, total.....do....	9,567	8,475	11,478	11,521	r12,284	12,408	
Primary metal.....do....	1,450	1,205	1,656	1,814	r2,123	2,059	
Fabricated metal products.....do....	1,045	746	1,161	1,406	r1,249	1,103	
Electrical machinery and equipment.....do....	949	987	1,142	1,349	r1,050	1,216	
Machinery, except electrical.....do....	1,613	1,378	1,774	1,766	r1,865	1,903	
Transportation equipment <u>1</u> /.....do....	2,289	2,198	3,177	2,496	r3,294	3,451	
Other industries, including ordnance.....do....	2,221	1,961	2,690	2,568	r2,703	2,676	
Nondurable-goods industries, total.....do....	12,459	12,274	12,380	12,845	r13,066	12,658	
Industries with unfilled orders.....do....	2,691	2,631	2,746	2,779	r3,103	2,923	
Industries without unfilled orders.....do....	9,768	9,643	9,634	10,066	r9,963	9,735	
Manufacturers' unfilled orders, end of month (unadjusted), total.....mil. of dol..							
Durable-goods industries, total.....do....	58,308	56,128	48,245	47,399	r47,222	48,210	
Primary metal.....do....	55,959	53,776	45,571	44,766	r44,500	45,352	
Fabricated metal products.....do....	5,108	4,729	3,356	3,479	r3,842	4,169	
Electrical machinery and equipment.....do....	4,643	4,435	3,136	3,154	r3,140	3,227	
Machinery, except electrical.....do....	10,317	10,059	8,094	7,967	r7,597	7,566	
Transportation equipment <u>1</u> /.....do....	8,156	7,770	5,836	5,699	r5,647	5,834	
Nondurable-goods industries, total.....do....	23,044	22,322	20,992	20,416	r20,299	20,293	
Industries with unfilled orders.....do....	2,349	2,352	2,674	2,633	r2,722	2,858	
ELECTRIC POWER							
Electric power, production, total.....mil. of kw.-hr..	45,118	45,478	46,709	46,464	49,887	50,404	
Utilities.....do....	39,083	39,423	40,456	40,217	43,427	43,955	
Industrial establishments.....do....	6,035	6,055	6,253	6,247	6,460	6,448	
METALS AND MANUFACTURES							
Steel products, net shipments, total...thous. of short tons..	5,685	5,728	5,035	5,240	5,449	6,010	
Bars: Hot rolled, all grades.....do....	586	569	530	577	619	623	
Reinforcing.....do....	125	111	150	140	123	116	
Semimanufactures.....do....	190	169	141	171	200	203	
Pipes and tubes.....do....	714	664	662	579	497	578	
Plates.....do....	633	572	395	398	421	439	
Rails.....do....	185	178	59	49	40	97	
Sheets.....do....	1,674	1,738	1,633	1,857	2,054	2,229	
Strip: Cold rolled.....do....	140	123	110	126	128	133	
Hot rolled.....do....	116	127	130	144	160	158	
Structural shapes.....do....	481	473	344	331	347	336	
Tin plate and terneplate.....do....	266	411	273	261	270	419	
Wire and wire products.....do....	264	297	360	366	352	393	

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MONTHLY BUSINESS STATISTICS—Continued

ITEM	1954				1955	
	January	February	November	December	January	February
COMMODITY PRICES						
Prices received and paid by farmers:						
Prices received, all farm products.....1910-14=100..	259	258	244	239	244	245
Crops.....do....	240	237	244	241	248	245
Food grains.....do....	233	236	239	239	241	240
Feed grains and hay.....do....	207	208	199	202	204	203
Tobacco.....do....	420	443	438	430	425	436
Cotton.....do....	254	258	281	276	275	268
Fruit.....do....	222	210	206	207	222	210
Commercial vegetables, fresh market.....do....	271	233	237	216	263	258
Oil-bearing crops.....do....	268	269	277	279	274	270
Livestock and products.....do....	277	277	243	237	240	244
Meat animals.....do....	309	315	266	257	263	264
Dairy products.....do....	274	267	266	264	258	253
Poultry and eggs.....do....	213	208	159	156	163	190
Prices paid:						
All commodities and services.....do....	263	r263	262	261	264	264
Family living items.....do....	271	271	272	272	273	271
Production items.....do....	254	r254	251	250	254	256
All commodities and services, interest, taxes, and wage rates.....do....	282	282	279	279	283	283
Parity ratio.....do....	92	91	87	86	86	87
CONSTRUCTION AND REAL ESTATE						
New construction (unadjusted), total.....mil. of dol..	2,444	2,346	3,285	2,985	r2,787	2,636
Private, total.....do....	1,710	1,637	2,347	2,202	r2,061	1,986
Residential (nonfarm).....do....	816	758	1,292	1,214	r1,111	1,034
New dwelling units.....do....	730	675	1,175	1,115	r1,020	950
Additions and alterations.....do....	63	61	95	77	70	63
Nonresidential building, total <u>1</u> /.....do....	486	474	551	534	r541	547
Industrial.....do....	179	176	169	172	r185	184
Commercial.....do....	164	157	200	186	r188	197
Farm construction.....do....	102	106	106	93	93	97
Public utility.....do....	299	292	386	349	302	294
Public, total.....do....	734	709	938	783	r726	650
Nonresidential building.....do....	354	345	358	339	r330	312
Military facilities.....do....	73	69	90	83	r82	76
Highway.....do....	130	125	300	185	145	110
Other types.....do....	177	170	190	176	r169	153
New construction (seasonally adjusted), total.....do....	2,965	3,051	3,192	3,262	r3,379	3,393
Private, total.....do....	1,995	2,004	2,259	2,292	r2,398	2,433
Residential (nonfarm).....do....	978	980	1,228	1,262	r1,323	1,326
Nonresidential building <u>1</u> /.....do....	507	516	526	524	r565	599
Farm construction.....do....	136	135	125	124	124	124
Public utility.....do....	365	365	368	368	368	368
Public, total.....do....	970	1,047	933	970	r981	960
Nonresidential building.....do....	401	409	376	380	r375	371
Highway.....do....	270	327	288	305	302	289
Construction cost index:						
Department of Commerce composite.....1947-49=100..	121.9	121.0	123.0	123.0	123.5	.....
DOMESTIC TRADE						
Department store sales, United States total:						
Unadjusted index.....1947-49=100..	83	86	137	r200	p91	e88
Adjusted index.....do....	107	109	114	r117	p118	e112

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