

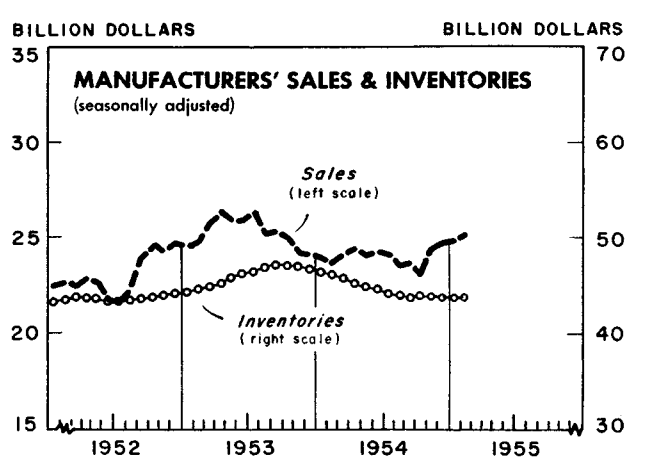
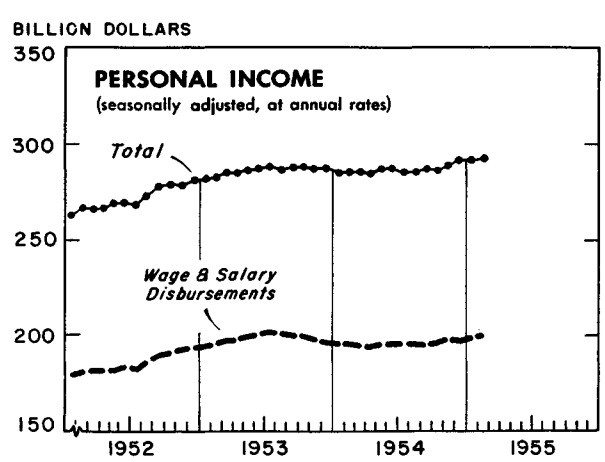
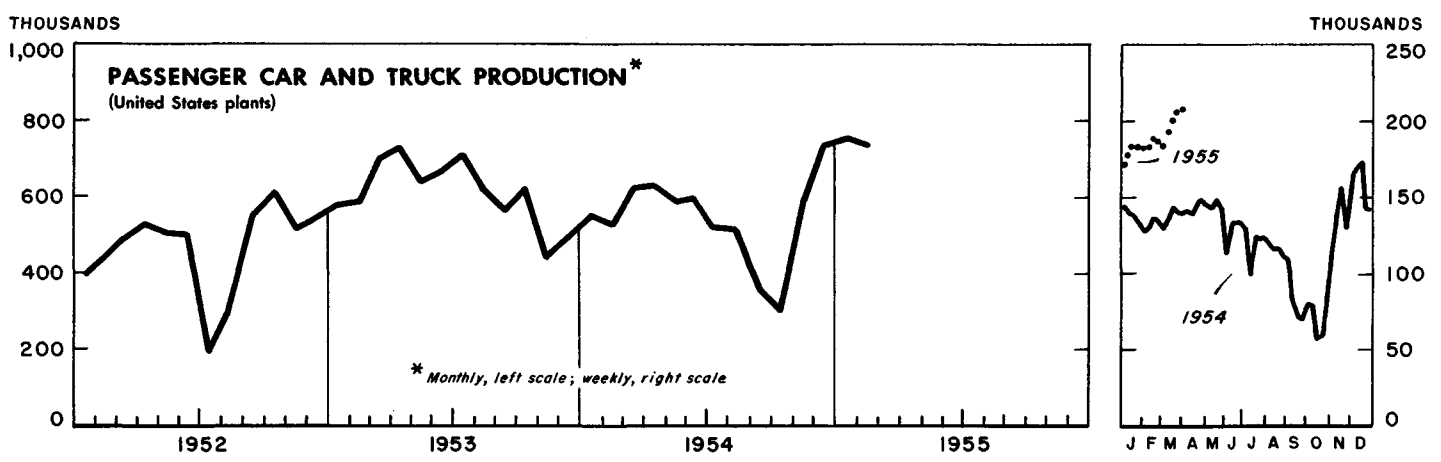
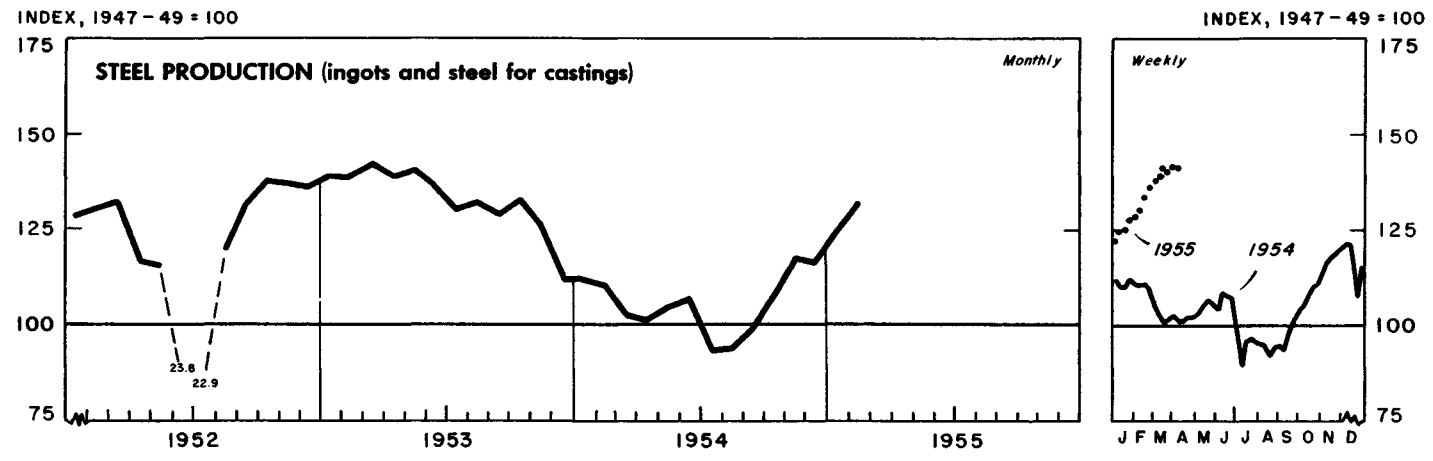


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SELECTED BUSINESS INDICATORS



WEEKLY BUSINESS STATISTICS¹

ITEM	1954		1955			
	Mar. 27	Apr. 3	Mar. 12	Mar. 19	Mar. 26	Apr. 2
Commodity prices, wholesale:						
All commodities..... 1947-49=100.....		*110.5	110.1	110.0	110.1	110.5
Farm products.....do.....		*98.4	92.6	92.3	93.0	93.8
Foods, processed.....do.....		*105.3	102.0	101.8	102.2	103.7
All other.....do.....		*114.2	115.5	115.5	115.5	115.5
22 commodities 2/.....do.....	90.3	91.7	88.6	88.9	89.0	89.8
Department store sales.....do.....	100	103	102	108	102	.....
Insured unemployment, total 3/.....thous..	2,372	2,367	1,934	1,866	.....	.....
State programs.....do.....	2,152	2,147	1,721	1,655	.....	.....
Finance:						
Currency in circulation 4/.....mil. of dol..	29,655	29,738	29,832	29,819	29,732	29,770
Federal Reserve bank credit outstanding, total.....do....	25,625	25,316	24,714	25,002	24,904	24,848
Member bank reserve balances.....do.....	19,739	19,194	18,521	19,360	18,588	18,388
Excess reserves, estimated.....do.....	870	505	471	1,022	484	441
Federal Reserve reporting member banks in leading cities:						
Demand deposits, adjusted.....mil. of dol..	53,325	51,812	56,769	57,861	56,282	.....
Time deposits, except Government.....do.....	20,114	20,113	21,540	21,528	21,556	.....
Loans and investments (adjusted), total.....do.....	78,634	77,814	84,242	84,918	83,996	.....
U. S. Government obligations.....do.....	31,609	30,850	34,177	34,374	33,509	.....
Commercial, industrial, and agr. loans (gross).....do....	22,821	22,763	22,375	22,694	22,747	.....
Real-estate loans (gross).....do.....	6,517	6,522	7,373	7,402	7,432	.....
Failures, industrial and commercial.....number..	277	267	257	226	232	237
Bond yields, domestic corporate (Moody's) 4/.....percent..	3.13	3.12	3.21	3.21	3.20	3.20
Stock prices, 480 stocks(Standard and Poor's), 1935-39=100..	203.9	208.3	275.2	273.3	278.1	277.7
Industrials, 420 stocks.....do.....	221.7	227.4	307.8	306.1	312.2	311.5
Production:						
Bituminous coal 4/.....thous. of short tons..	1,137	1,138	1,397	1,342	1,317	.....
Electric power, by utilities.....mil. of kw.-hr..	8,491	8,463	9,726	9,814	9,907	.....
Passenger cars and trucks (Ward's).....number..	139,209	138,591	193,475	201,503	205,459	207,306
Petroleum (crude) and condensate 4/.....thous. of bbl..	6,452	6,486	6,845	6,858	6,863	.....
Steel 5/.....thous. of short tons..	1,624	1,648	2,241	2,273	2,262	2,278
Percent of capacity 5/.....do.....	#68.1	#69.1	92.9	94.2	93.7	94.4
Freight carloadings, total.....thous. of cars..	601	599	667	656	639	.....
Miscellaneous.....do.....	332	339	365	363	352	.....

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 April 9: Production, 2,276 thous. short tons; operating rate, 94.3 percent. * Monthly index for March 1954. # Not comparable with 1955 rates which are based on higher capacity as reported January 1, 1955.

MONTHLY BUSINESS STATISTICS

ITEM	1954				1955	
	January	February	November	December	January	February
GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS						
Personal income, by source:						
Seasonally adjusted, at annual rates:						
Total personal income.....bil. of dol..	284.9	285.0	289.3	291.4	r291.4	292.4
Wage and salary disbursements, total.....do....	194.7	194.7	198.1	197.8	r199.3	199.9
Commodity-producing industries.....do.....	84.5	84.6	84.6	84.4	r85.2	85.8
Distributive industries.....do.....	51.9	51.8	53.0	53.1	r53.5	53.5
Service industries.....do.....	24.8	24.9	26.2	26.1	r26.4	26.4
Government.....do.....	33.5	33.4	34.3	34.2	34.2	34.2
Other labor income.....do.....	6.6	6.6	6.6	6.6	6.6	6.6
Proprietors' and rental income.....do....	49.6	49.6	48.3	48.8	r49.5	49.9
Personal interest income and dividends.....do....	23.9	23.9	24.6	26.2	24.7	24.7
Transfer payments.....do.....	14.8	15.0	16.4	16.7	r16.5	16.4
Less personal contributions for social ins.....do....	4.7	4.8	4.7	4.7	r5.2	5.1
Total nonagricultural income.....do.....	267.9	268.2	274.6	276.5	275.5	276.3
Farm income and marketings:						
Cash receipts from farming, including Government payments, total.....mil. of dol..	2,715	2,020	3,191	2,809	2,571	p1,947
Farm marketings and CCC loans, total.....do....	2,697	2,006	3,172	2,779	2,536	p1,916
Crops.....do.....	1,276	698	1,655	1,474	1,245	p737
Livestock and products, total.....do.....	1,421	1,308	1,517	1,305	1,291	p1,179
Dairy products.....do.....	329	314	320	327	311	p299
Meat animals.....do.....	793	706	885	702	741	p618
Poultry and eggs.....do.....	278	268	298	261	219	p243
Indexes of cash receipts from marketings and CCC loans, unadjusted:						
All commodities..... 1935-39=100..	407	303	479	419	382	p289
Crops.....do.....	451	247	585	521	c/ 440	p260
Livestock and products.....do.....	374	344	399	344	c/ 340	p310
Indexes of volume of farm marketings, unadjusted:						
All commodities.....do.....	165	127	196	176	165	p129
Crops.....do.....	178	106	199	183	167	p106
Livestock and products.....do.....	155	144	193	171	163	p146
Manufacturers' sales:						
Value (unadjusted), total.....mil. of dol..	23,062	22,970	24,407	r24,871	r24,282	24,628
Durable-goods industries.....do.....	10,870	10,968	11,552	12,213	r11,715	12,128
Nondurable-goods industries.....do.....	12,192	12,002	12,855	r12,658	r12,567	12,500

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MONTHLY BUSINESS STATISTICS—Continued

ITEM	1954				1955	
	January	February	November	December	January	February
GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS - Continued						
Manufacturers' sales - Continued						
Value (adjusted), total.....mil. of dol..	23,902	23,620	24,361	r24,826	r24,910	25,230
Durable-goods industries, total.....do....	11,580	11,278	11,569	r12,026	r12,306	12,442
Primary metal.....do....	1,609	1,580	1,707	1,718	r1,814	1,951
Fabricated metal products.....do....	1,176	1,132	1,145	1,095	1,109	1,147
Electrical machinery and equipment.....do....	1,328	1,269	1,294	1,389	1,335	1,297
Machinery, except electrical.....do....	1,959	1,968	1,844	r1,850	1,900	1,952
Motor vehicles and equipment.....do....	2,101	1,962	1,986	2,406	r2,490	2,361
Transportation equipment, n.e.s.....do....	1,005	942	943	892	r1,076	1,045
Furniture and fixtures.....do....	325	309	290	291	284	285
Lumber products, except furniture.....do....	659	659	823	860	798	843
Stone, clay, and glass products.....do....	517	573	610	596	600	616
Professional and scientific instruments.....do....	364	348	359	356	317	331
Nondurable-goods industries, total.....do....	12,322	12,342	12,792	r12,800	r12,604	12,788
Food and kindred products.....do....	3,802	3,681	3,736	3,818	r3,729	3,796
Beverages.....do....	626	648	646	541	580	572
Tobacco manufactures.....do....	292	291	319	292	284	282
Textile-mill products.....do....	992	1,035	1,026	1,040	1,015	1,081
Apparel and related products.....do....	857	825	848	818	792	821
Leather and leather products.....do....	259	274	308	317	283	281
Paper and allied products.....do....	680	676	719	734	721	729
Printing and publishing.....do....	748	832	816	757	809	774
Chemicals and allied products.....do....	1,569	1,590	1,815	1,812	1,779	1,812
Petroleum and coal products.....do....	2,149	2,139	2,171	2,264	2,207	2,235
Rubber products.....do....	348	351	388	r407	405	.....
Manufacturers' inventories, end of month:						
Book value (unadjusted), total.....do....	46,772	46,355	43,493	r44,029	r44,025	43,885
Durable-goods industries.....do....	26,598	26,235	24,055	24,391	r24,438	24,489
Nondurable-goods industries.....do....	20,174	20,120	19,438	r19,638	r19,587	19,396
Book value (adjusted), total.....do....	46,382	46,115	43,811	r43,760	r43,625	43,643
Durable-goods industries, total.....do....	26,526	26,168	24,441	24,426	r24,372	24,439
Primary metal.....do....	3,388	3,344	3,116	3,223	r3,240	3,264
Fabricated metal products.....do....	3,012	2,948	2,777	2,713	r2,667	2,658
Electrical machinery and equipment.....do....	3,342	3,326	3,001	2,930	2,890	2,936
Machinery, except electrical.....do....	5,551	5,512	4,983	4,919	4,899	4,903
Motor vehicles and equipment.....do....	3,482	3,380	3,064	2,926	r2,920	2,958
Transportation equipment, n.e.s.....do....	2,784	2,732	2,828	2,989	r2,979	2,964
Furniture and fixtures.....do....	661	666	653	650	662	644
Lumber products, except furniture.....do....	1,022	1,015	997	1,018	1,044	1,054
Stone, clay, and glass products.....do....	907	917	857	869	876	914
Professional and scientific instruments.....do....	895	883	820	828	839	828
Nondurable-goods industries, total.....do....	19,856	19,947	19,370	r19,334	r19,253	19,204
Food and kindred products.....do....	3,524	3,589	3,410	3,456	r3,485	3,471
Beverages.....do....	1,162	1,161	1,120	1,117	1,122	1,123
Tobacco manufactures.....do....	1,842	1,840	1,855	1,856	1,850	1,847
Textile-mill products.....do....	2,464	2,455	2,337	2,352	2,313	2,319
Apparel and related products.....do....	1,872	1,863	1,668	1,697	1,738	1,783
Leather and leather products.....do....	581	573	579	594	611	583
Paper and allied products.....do....	1,034	1,048	1,053	1,039	1,045	1,053
Printing and publishing.....do....	769	762	724	692	678	663
Chemicals and allied products.....do....	3,067	3,080	3,076	3,063	3,026	2,990
Petroleum and coal products.....do....	2,697	2,719	2,729	2,639	2,587	2,574
Rubber products.....do....	844	857	819	r829	798	.....
Manufacturers' new orders, net:						
Unadjusted, total.....do....	20,882	21,526	23,906	r24,694	r24,976	25,314
Durable-goods industries.....do....	8,687	9,495	10,864	11,947	r12,273	12,689
Nondurable-goods industries.....do....	12,195	12,031	13,042	r12,747	r12,703	12,625
Adjusted, total.....do....	20,749	22,016	24,366	r25,339	r24,817	25,686
Durable-goods industries, total.....do....	8,475	9,629	11,521	12,284	r12,118	12,748
Primary metal.....do....	1,205	1,278	1,814	2,123	r2,056	2,404
Fabricated metal products.....do....	746	932	1,406	1,249	r1,062	1,272
Electrical machinery and equipment.....do....	987	1,264	1,349	1,050	1,216	1,305
Machinery, except electrical.....do....	1,378	1,599	1,766	1,865	1,903	2,010
Transportation equipment <u>1</u> /.....do....	2,198	2,255	2,496	3,294	r3,205	3,208
Nondurable-goods industries, total.....do....	12,274	12,387	12,845	r13,055	r12,699	12,938
Industries with unfilled orders.....do....	2,631	2,862	2,779	3,103	2,923	3,015
Industries without unfilled orders.....do....	9,643	9,525	10,066	r9,952	r9,776	9,923
Manufacturers' unfilled orders, end of month (unadjusted),						
total.....mil. of dol..	56,128	54,684	47,399	47,222	r47,916	48,602
Durable-goods industries, total.....do....	53,776	52,303	44,766	44,500	r45,058	45,619
Primary metal.....do....	4,729	4,448	3,479	3,842	r4,156	4,667
Fabricated metal products.....do....	4,435	4,201	3,154	3,140	r3,184	3,302
Electrical machinery and equipment.....do....	10,059	9,962	7,967	7,597	7,566	7,481
Machinery, except electrical.....do....	7,770	7,435	5,699	5,647	5,834	5,921
Transportation equipment <u>1</u> /.....do....	22,322	21,740	20,416	20,299	r20,055	19,930
Nondurable-goods industries, total.....do....	2,352	2,381	2,633	2,722	2,858	2,983
FINANCE						
Consumer credit (short- and intermediate-term):						
Total outstanding, end of month.....mil. of dol..	28,724	28,140	29,209	30,125	r29,760	29,518
Installment credit, total.....do....	21,836	21,582	22,014	22,467	22,436	22,508
Installment credit extended and repaid:						
Unadjusted: Extended, total.....do....	1,947	1,956	2,554	3,046	2,389	2,416
Repaid, total.....do....	2,298	2,210	2,492	2,593	2,420	2,344
Adjusted: Extended, total.....do....	2,306	2,357	2,612	2,762	2,823	2,898
Repaid, total.....do....	2,368	2,377	2,500	2,488	2,496	2,521

r/ Revised. 1/ Including motor vehicles and parts.

MONTHLY BUSINESS STATISTICS—Continued

ITEM	1954			1955		
	February	March	December	January	February	March
COMMODITY PRICES						
Prices received and paid by farmers:						
Prices received, all farm products.....1910-14=100..	258	256	239	244	245	244
Crops.....do.....	237	239	241	248	245	245
Food grains.....do.....	236	238	239	241	240	239
Feed grains and hay.....do.....	208	208	202	204	203	198
Tobacco.....do.....	443	443	430	425	436	437
Cotton.....do.....	258	263	276	275	268	269
Fruit.....do.....	210	212	207	222	210	205
Commercial vegetables, fresh market.....do.....	233	246	216	263	258	274
Oil-bearing crops.....do.....	269	275	279	274	270	264
Livestock and products.....do.....	277	271	237	240	244	243
Meat animals.....do.....	315	316	257	263	264	260
Dairy products.....do.....	267	257	264	258	253	249
Poultry and eggs.....do.....	208	188	156	163	190	199
Prices paid:						
All commodities and services.....do.....	263	264	261	264	264	265
Family living items.....do.....	271	272	272	273	271	272
Production items.....do.....	254	255	250	254	256	256
All commodities and services, interest, taxes, and wage rates.....do.....	282	283	279	283	283	284
Parity ratio.....do.....	91	90	86	86	87	86
CONSTRUCTION AND REAL ESTATE						
New construction (unadjusted), total.....mil. of dol..	2,346	2,567	2,985	2,787	r2,644	2,919
Private, total.....do.....	1,637	1,779	2,202	2,061	1,986	2,151
Residential (nonfarm).....do.....	758	863	1,214	1,111	1,034	1,145
New dwelling units.....do.....	675	770	1,115	1,020	950	1,050
Additions and alterations.....do.....	61	71	77	70	63	74
Nonresidential building, total <u>1/</u>.....do.....	474	469	534	541	r548	559
Industrial.....do.....	176	173	172	185	r187	186
Commercial.....do.....	157	154	186	188	r198	208
Farm construction.....do.....	106	114	93	93	97	105
Public utility.....do.....	292	326	349	302	294	328
Public, total.....do.....	709	788	783	726	r658	768
Nonresidential building.....do.....	345	365	339	330	r304	340
Military facilities.....do.....	69	75	83	82	r78	85
Highway.....do.....	125	160	185	145	r125	170
Other types.....do.....	170	188	176	169	r151	173
New construction (seasonally adjusted), total.....do.....	3,051	3,005	3,262	3,379	r3,426	3,409
Private, total.....do.....	2,004	2,011	2,292	2,398	2,433	2,423
Residential (nonfarm).....do.....	980	989	1,262	1,323	1,326	1,301
Nonresidential building <u>1/</u>.....do.....	516	514	524	565	r600	616
Farm construction.....do.....	135	134	124	124	124	123
Public utility.....do.....	365	366	368	368	368	368
Public, total.....do.....	1,047	994	970	981	r993	986
Nonresidential building.....do.....	409	387	380	375	r362	362
Highway.....do.....	327	300	305	302	r329	321
New permanent nonfarm dwelling units started, unadjusted:						
Total, privately and publicly owned.....thousands..	75.2	95.2	91.0	88.0	ε/ 90.0	.....
Privately owned, total.....do.....	73.9	93.2	89.6	87.8	88.6	.....
In metropolitan areas.....do.....	52.2	69.2	67.1	65.4	63.4	.....
Publicly owned.....do.....	1.3	2.0	1.4	.2	1.4	.....
Construction cost index:						
Department of Commerce composite.....1947-49=100..	121.0	121.2	123.0	r123.4	123.4

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