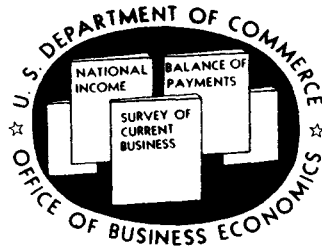


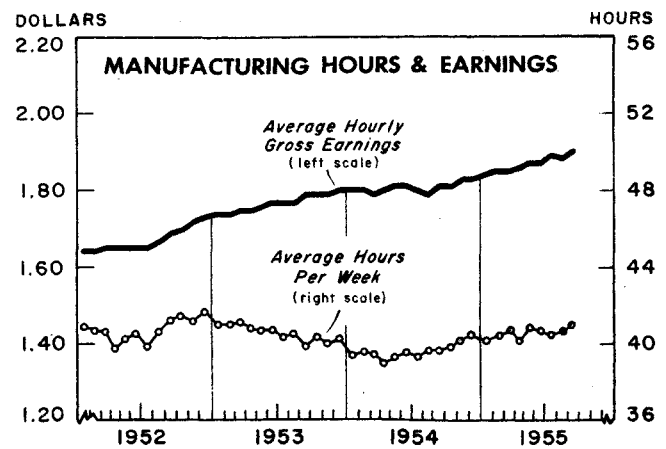
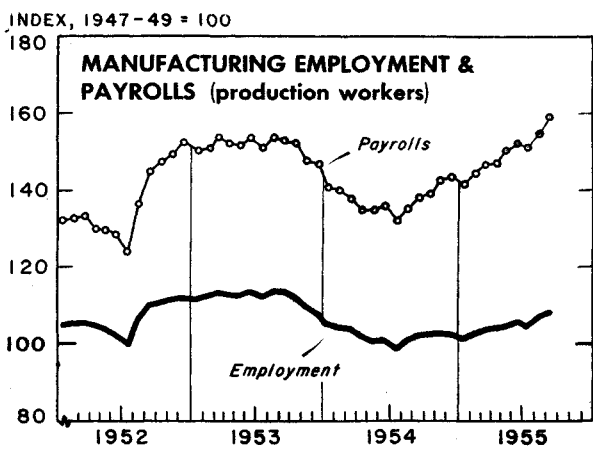
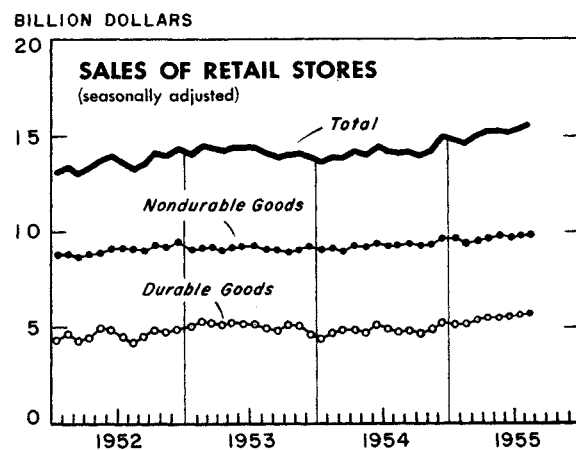
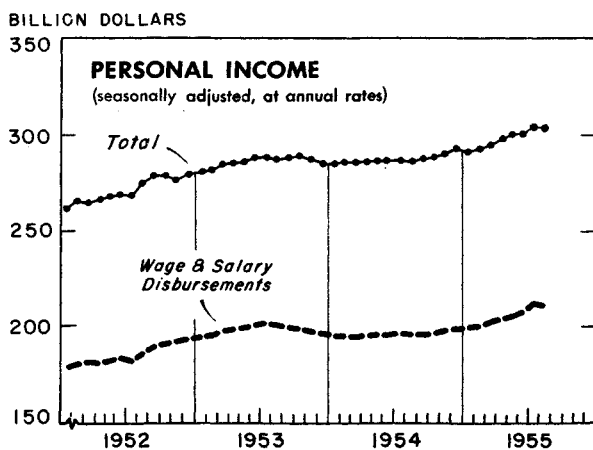
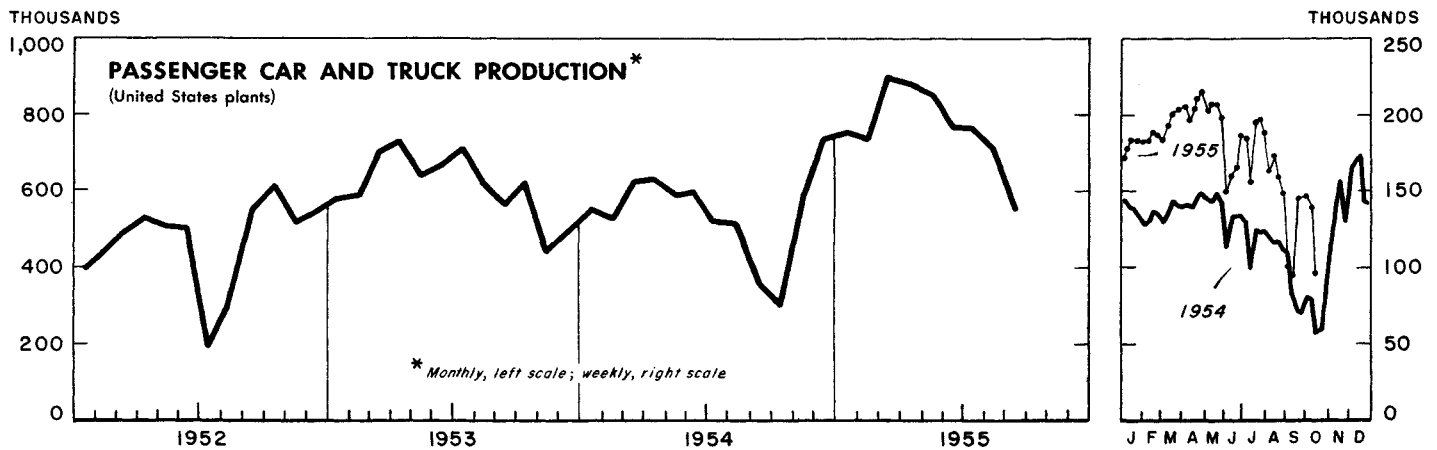
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SELECTED BUSINESS INDICATORS



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ITEM	1954		1955			
	Oct. 2	Oct. 9	Sept. 17	Sept. 24	Oct. 1	Oct. 8
Commodity prices, wholesale:						
All commodities.....1947-49=100..		*109.7			111.4	111.1
Farm products.....do....		*93.1			89.0	87.9
Foods, processed.....do....		*103.7			101.8	101.0
All other.....do....		*114.5			118.0	118.0
22 commodities ^{2/}.....do....	90.4	90.7	89.8	89.6	90.4	89.7
Department store sales.....do....	110	118	125	121	126	.....
Insured unemployment, total ^{3/}.....thous..	1,678	1,622	965	912	.....	.....
State programs.....do....	1,515	1,458	870	824	.....	.....
Finance:						
Currency in circulation ^{4/}.....mil. of dol..	29,953	30,086	30,451	30,344	30,382	30,479
Federal Reserve bank credit outstanding, total ^{4/}.....do....	24,687	25,338	25,577	25,613	25,478	25,525
Member bank reserve balances ^{4/}.....do....	18,250	18,756	18,750	18,767	18,618	18,700
Excess reserves, estimated ^{4/}.....do....	587	862	628	625	522	523
Federal Reserve reporting member banks in leading cities:^{5/}						
Demand deposits, adjusted.....mil. of dol..	55,043	54,276	56,110	56,263	56,306	.....
Time deposits, except Government.....do....	21,270	21,318	21,606	21,640	21,643	.....
Loans and investments (adjusted), total.....do....	82,689	84,803	84,735	84,516	84,503	.....
U. S. Government obligations.....do....	35,696	37,614	30,940	30,546	30,347	.....
Commercial, industrial, and agr. loans (gross).....do....	21,015	21,102	24,400	24,570	24,670	.....
Real-estate loans (gross).....do....	6,902	6,907	8,188	8,216	8,257	.....
Failures, industrial and commercial.....number..	192	230	191	171	186	207
Bond yields, domestic corporate (Moody's) ^{4/}.....percent..	3.14	3.14	3.31	3.31	3.31	3.30
Stock prices, 480 stocks (Standard and Poor's), 1935-39=100..	244.8	246.6	325.8	328.0	319.1	311.1
Industrials, 420 stocks.....do....	272.8	275.1	374.0	377.1	366.4	356.2
Production:						
Bituminous coal ^{4/}.....thous. of short tons..	1,353	1,403	1,662	1,605	1,597	.....
Electric power, by utilities.....mil. of kw.-hr..	9,158	9,193	10,623	10,756	10,627	.....
Passenger cars and trucks (Ward's).....number..	81,027	79,108	143,611	147,195	138,781	95,823
Petroleum (crude) and condensate ^{4/}.....thous. of bbl..	6,145	6,152	6,684	6,671	6,661	.....
Steel ^{6/}.....thous. of short tons..	1,678	1,692	2,309	2,320	2,341	2,334
Percent of capacity ^{6/}.....do....	#70.4	#71.0	95.7	96.1	97.0	96.7
Freight carloadings, total.....thous. of cars..	722	703	822	819	820	.....
Miscellaneous.....do....	358	348	400	399	400	.....

^{1/} Data do not always cover calendar weeks. ^{2/} Tuesday prices. ^{3/} Includes UCFE program beginning January 8, 1955. ^{4/} Daily average. ^{5/} Wednesday data. ^{6/} Week ended October 15: Production, 2,350 thous. short tons; operating rate, 97.4 percent. * Monthly index for October 1954. # Not comparable with 1955 rates which are based on higher capacity as reported January 1, 1955.

MONTHLY BUSINESS STATISTICS

ITEM	1954		1955			
	August	September	June	July	August	September
GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS						
Personal income, by source, seasonally adj., at annual rates:						
Total personal income.....bil. of dol..	286.7	287.9	301.6	r305.3	305.0	.....
Wage and salary disbursements, total.....do....	195.8	195.8	208.0	r212.4	211.6	.....
Commodity-producing industries.....do....	83.1	82.8	90.9	r91.7	92.0	.....
Distributive industries.....do....	52.5	52.5	54.9	r55.7	56.0	.....
Service industries.....do....	26.3	26.3	27.4	r27.8	27.9	.....
Government.....do....	33.9	34.2	34.8	37.2	35.7	.....
Other labor income.....do....	6.6	6.6	6.9	7.0	7.0	.....
Proprietors' and rental income.....do....	48.1	49.0	48.5	r47.9	48.3	.....
Personal interest income and dividends.....do....	24.7	24.7	26.3	r26.4	26.6	.....
Transfer payments.....do....	16.1	16.3	17.1	16.9	16.8	.....
Less personal contributions for social insurance.....do....	4.6	4.5	5.2	5.3	5.3	.....
Total nonagricultural income.....do....	271.5	272.1	287.2	r291.7	290.9	.....
Manufacturers' orders: ^{1/}						
New orders, net (unadj.), total.....mil. of dol..	21,827	23,817	28,314	26,100	ε/ 28,723	.....
Durable-goods industries, total.....do....	9,500	11,087	14,571	13,347	ε/ 14,778	.....
Primary metal.....do....	1,512	1,605	2,328	2,316	ε/ 2,634	.....
Fabricated metal.....do....	1,158	1,052	1,640	1,445	1,669	.....
Machinery (including electrical).....do....	2,441	2,998	3,929	3,639	ε/ 3,774	.....
Transportation equipment (incl. motor vehicles).....do....	1,699	2,672	3,548	3,234	ε/ 3,277	.....
Other durable-goods industries.....do....	2,690	2,760	3,126	2,713	ε/ 3,424	.....
Nondurable-goods industries, total.....do....	12,327	12,730	13,743	12,753	13,945	.....
Industries with unfilled orders.....do....	2,755	3,027	3,403	3,010	3,181	.....
Industries without unfilled orders.....do....	9,572	9,703	10,340	9,743	10,764	.....
New orders, net (adjusted), total.....do....	21,913	23,286	27,795	27,044	ε/ 28,871	.....
Durable-goods industries, total.....do....	9,756	11,153	14,033	13,571	ε/ 15,219	.....
Primary metal.....do....	1,543	1,783	2,477	2,339	ε/ 2,687	.....
Fabricated metal.....do....	1,103	992	1,562	1,445	1,590	.....
Machinery (including electrical).....do....	2,524	3,073	3,734	3,656	ε/ 3,902	.....
Transportation equipment (incl. motor vehicles).....do....	1,999	2,545	3,225	3,334	ε/ 3,810	.....
Other durable-goods industries.....do....	2,587	2,760	3,035	2,797	ε/ 3,230	.....
Nondurable-goods industries, total.....do....	12,157	12,133	13,762	13,473	13,652	.....
Industries with unfilled orders.....do....	2,783	2,803	3,336	3,382	3,213	.....
Industries without unfilled orders.....do....	9,374	9,330	10,426	10,091	10,439	.....

^{1/} Revised. ^{ε/} Data for August 1955 have been corrected since publication in the October 7th issue of the Weekly Supplement. ^{ε/} Corrected.

ITEM	1954		1955			
	August	September	June	July	August	September
GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS - Continued						
Manufacturers' orders <u>1</u> - Continued						
Unfilled orders, end of month (unadj.), total..mil. of dol..	47,359	47,504	49,321	50,777	c/ 51,932	.....
Durable-goods industries, total.....do....	44,693	44,828	46,066	47,299	c/ 48,481	.....
Primary metal.....do....	3,182	3,173	5,856	6,297	c/ 6,694	.....
Fabricated metal.....do....	3,317	3,146	3,609	3,760	3,876	.....
Machinery (including electrical).....do....	14,236	14,096	13,736	14,339	c/ 14,746	.....
Transportation equipment (incl. motor vehicles).....do....	19,409	19,876	18,419	18,311	c/ 18,379	.....
Other durable-goods industries.....do....	4,549	4,537	4,446	4,592	c/ 4,786	.....
Nondurable-goods industries, total.....do....	2,666	2,676	3,255	3,478	3,451	.....
COMMODITY PRICES						
Retail price:						
All commodities (U.S. Dept. of Commerce Index)..1935-39=100..	209.0	208.2	207.8	208.6	208.1	.....
DOMESTIC TRADE						
All retail stores:						
Estimated sales (unadjusted), total <u>2</u> /.....mil. of dol..	13,896	14,139	15,734	15,398	r15,622	15,884
Durable-goods stores:						
Automotive group.....do....	2,672	2,536	3,536	3,271	r3,435	3,294
Furniture and appliance group.....do....	730	740	847	825	r854	855
Nondurable-goods stores:						
Apparel group.....do....	681	847	868	756	r740	886
Drug and proprietary stores.....do....	396	392	425	434	r432	422
Eating and drinking places.....do....	1,207	1,156	1,168	1,274	r1,282	1,249
Food group.....do....	3,374	3,475	3,591	3,761	r3,617	3,775
Gasoline service stations.....do....	1,026	975	1,066	1,117	r1,108	1,053
General-merchandise group.....do....	1,424	1,543	1,565	1,412	r1,562	1,643
Estimated inventories (adjusted), total.....do....	22,450	22,420	23,190	r23,370	23,380	.....
Durable-goods stores.....do....	10,290	10,230	10,780	r10,840	10,830	.....
Nondurable-goods stores.....do....	12,160	12,190	12,410	r12,530	12,550	.....
Firms with 11 or more stores, estimated sales:						
Unadjusted.....do....	2,470	2,598	2,778	2,729	2,713	.....
Adjusted.....do....	2,655	2,654	2,784	2,809	2,836	.....
Department store sales, United States total:						
Unadjusted index.....1947-49=100..	98	113	109	98	p105	p121
Adjusted index.....do....	111	111	114	124	p119	p119
Wholesale trade:						
Sales, estimated (unadjusted), total.....mil. of dol..	9,460	9,630	10,110	r9,660	10,540	.....
Durable-goods establishments.....do....	2,980	3,090	3,450	3,190	3,570	.....
Nondurable-goods establishments.....do....	6,480	6,540	6,660	r6,470	6,970	.....
Inventories, estimated (unadjusted), total.....do....	11,630	11,750	11,520	r11,660	11,850	.....
Durable-goods establishments.....do....	5,710	5,640	6,040	5,950	5,970	.....
Nondurable-goods establishments.....do....	5,920	6,110	5,480	r5,710	5,880	.....
EMPLOYMENT AND WAGES						
Labor force (Bureau of the Census):						
Civilian labor force.....thousands..	65,522	65,244	66,696	67,465	67,726	66,882
Employed.....do....	62,277	62,145	64,016	64,994	65,488	64,733
Agricultural employment.....do....	6,928	7,527	7,681	7,704	7,536	7,875
Nonagricultural employment.....do....	55,349	54,618	56,335	57,291	57,952	56,858
Unemployed.....do....	3,245	3,100	2,679	2,471	2,237	2,149
Employees in nonagricultural establishments:						
Total, unadjusted (U. S. Dept. of Labor).....do....	48,123	48,490	49,508	r49,420	r49,864	p50,300
Manufacturing.....do....	15,822	15,972	16,577	r16,475	r16,819	p16,925
Mining.....do....	763	744	760	r749	r759	p759
Contract construction.....do....	2,735	2,698	2,615	2,701	r2,733	p2,730
Transportation and public utilities.....do....	4,018	4,023	4,081	r4,113	r4,134	p4,152
Wholesale and retail trade.....do....	10,321	10,447	10,643	r10,633	r10,643	p10,793
Finance, insurance, and real estate.....do....	2,151	2,141	2,206	r2,237	r2,240	p2,220
Service and miscellaneous.....do....	5,750	5,775	5,816	r5,816	r5,819	p5,790
Government.....do....	6,563	6,746	6,851	6,696	r6,717	p6,931
Production workers in manufacturing industries:						
Total.....do....	12,418	12,577	13,086	r12,951	r13,281	p13,399
Durable-goods industries.....do....	6,890	6,965	7,630	r7,499	r7,576	p7,623
Ordnance and accessories.....do....	101	102	89	89	88	p87
Lumber and wood products (except furniture).....do....	592	672	727	r720	r730	p728
Furniture and fixtures.....do....	290	298	300	298	r314	p315
Stone, clay, and glass products.....do....	434	437	466	460	r470	p473
Primary metal industries.....do....	967	965	1,115	r1,098	r1,119	p1,134
Fabricated metal products <u>3</u> /.....do....	820	821	884	r863	r879	p894
Machinery (except electrical).....do....	1,095	1,097	1,182	r1,160	r1,152	p1,136
Electrical machinery.....do....	766	785	816	r802	r833	p867
Transportation equipment.....do....	1,238	1,183	1,447	r1,420	r1,383	p1,365
Instruments and related products.....do....	214	218	220	r219	r220	p225
Miscellaneous manufacturing industries.....do....	373	386	385	372	r388	p399
Nondurable-goods industries.....do....	5,528	5,612	5,456	r5,452	r5,705	p5,776
Food and kindred products.....do....	1,238	1,268	1,089	r1,150	r1,248	p1,267
Tobacco manufactures.....do....	102	110	82	79	r106	p118
Textile-mill products.....do....	974	978	974	r954	r982	p986
Apparel and other finished textile products.....do....	1,054	1,059	1,058	r1,025	r1,101	p1,115
Paper and allied products.....do....	439	445	451	r448	r458	p464
Printing, publishing, and allied products.....do....	509	518	521	r518	519	p529
Chemicals and allied products.....do....	520	529	545	r542	r545	p552
Products of petroleum and coal.....do....	179	177	176	r177	r177	p177
Rubber products.....do....	175	196	219	r216	r218	p221
Leather and leather products.....do....	338	331	342	r342	r351	p348

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EMPLOYMENT AND WAGES - Continued						
Manufacturing production-worker indexes:						
Employment: Unadjusted.....1947-49=100..	100.4	101.7	105.8	r104.7	r107.4	p108.3
Adjusted.....do.....	99.4	99.8	106.7	r106.1	r106.4	p106.5
Payrolls, unadjusted.....do.....	134.8	138.0	152.1	r151.0	r154.8	p159.4
Hours and earnings:						
Average weekly hours per worker, all manufacturing..hours..	39.7	39.7	40.7	40.4	r40.6	p41.0
Durable-goods industries.....do.....	40.1	40.1	r41.2	40.9	r41.1	p41.6
Nondurable-goods industries.....do.....	39.2	39.3	39.9	39.7	39.9	p40.1
Average weekly earnings, all manufacturing.....dollars..	71.06	71.86	76.11	76.36	r76.33	p77.90
Durable-goods industries.....do.....	76.59	77.39	r81.99	82.21	r82.61	p84.45
Nondurable-goods industries.....do.....	64.68	65.24	67.83	67.89	67.83	p68.57
Average hourly earnings, all manufacturing.....do.....	1.79	1.81	1.87	1.89	r1.88	p1.90
Durable-goods industries.....do.....	1.91	1.93	1.99	2.01	r2.01	p2.03
Ordnance and accessories.....do.....	2.00	2.01	2.04	2.04	r2.04	p2.05
Lumber and wood products (except furniture).....do.....	1.58	1.66	1.72	1.72	r1.75	p1.75
Furniture and fixtures.....do.....	1.57	1.58	1.61	1.61	1.63	p1.63
Stone, clay, and glass products.....do.....	1.77	1.79	r1.85	1.87	r1.86	p1.89
Primary metal industries.....do.....	2.10	2.14	r2.20	2.27	r2.27	p2.31
Fabricated metal products <u>1/</u>.....do.....	1.90	1.91	r1.96	1.99	r2.00	p2.01
Machinery (except electrical).....do.....	2.01	2.03	2.08	2.08	r2.08	p2.10
Electrical machinery.....do.....	1.81	1.82	r1.87	1.87	r1.88	p1.89
Transportation equipment.....do.....	2.13	2.16	r2.19	2.24	r2.24	p2.26
Instruments and related products.....do.....	1.83	1.85	1.91	1.90	1.91	p1.92
Miscellaneous manufacturing industries.....do.....	1.59	1.61	1.64	1.66	1.65	p1.67
Nondurable-goods industries.....do.....	1.65	1.66	1.70	1.71	1.70	p1.71
Food and kindred products.....do.....	1.64	1.65	1.72	1.72	r1.73	p1.73
Tobacco manufactures.....do.....	1.29	1.24	1.41	1.41	r1.28	p1.21
Textile-mill products.....do.....	1.36	1.36	r1.38	1.37	1.37	p1.40
Apparel and other finished textile products.....do.....	1.35	1.36	1.33	1.33	r1.35	p1.36
Paper and allied products.....do.....	1.76	1.77	1.83	1.84	r1.85	p1.86
Printing, publishing, and allied industries.....do.....	2.27	2.29	2.35	2.35	2.35	p2.37
Chemicals and allied products.....do.....	1.93	1.93	2.00	2.03	r2.01	p2.02
Products of petroleum and coal.....do.....	2.27	2.32	r2.36	2.41	r2.38	p2.42
Rubber products.....do.....	1.94	1.97	r2.10	2.10	2.10	p2.09
Leather and leather products.....do.....	1.37	1.38	r1.41	1.38	r1.40	p1.41
Labor turnover in manufacturing establishments:						
Accession rate.....monthly rate per 100 employees..	3.3	3.4	4.3	3.4	p4.4	.....
Separation rate, total.....do.....	3.5	3.9	3.2	r3.2	p4.1	.....
Discharge.....do.....	.2	.2	.3	.3	p.3	.....
Lay-off.....do.....	1.7	1.7	1.2	r1.1	p1.4	.....
Quit.....do.....	1.4	1.8	1.5	1.6	p2.2	.....
Military and miscellaneous.....do.....	.3	.3	.2	.2	p.2	.....
FINANCE						
Consumer credit (short- and intermediate-term):						
Total outstanding, end of month.....mil. of dol..	28,736	28,856	32,471	32,896	33,636	.....
Installment credit, total.....do.....	21,901	21,935	24,914	25,476	26,155	.....
Installment credit extended and repaid:						
Unadjusted: Extended, total.....do.....	2,477	2,441	3,443	3,131	3,436	.....
Repaid, total.....do.....	2,425	2,407	2,678	2,569	2,757	.....
Adjusted: Extended, total.....do.....	2,409	2,474	3,165	3,122	3,200
Repaid, total.....do.....	2,480	2,404	2,612	2,602	2,714

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