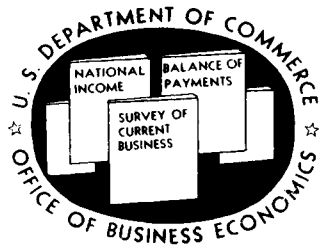


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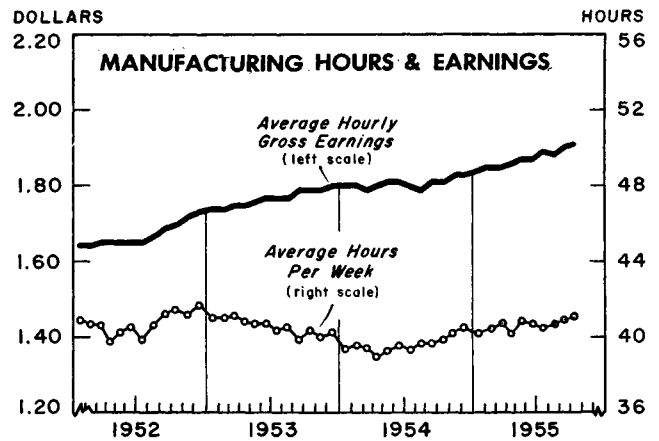
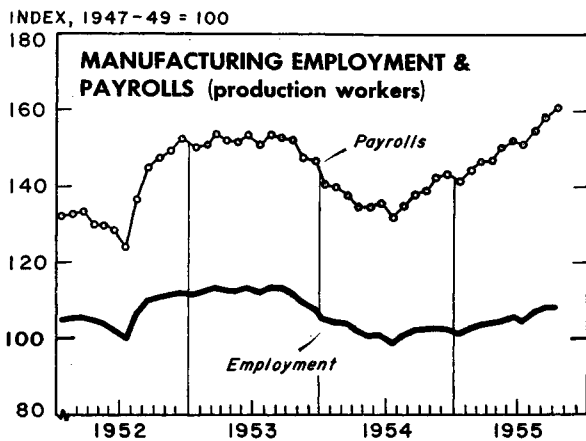
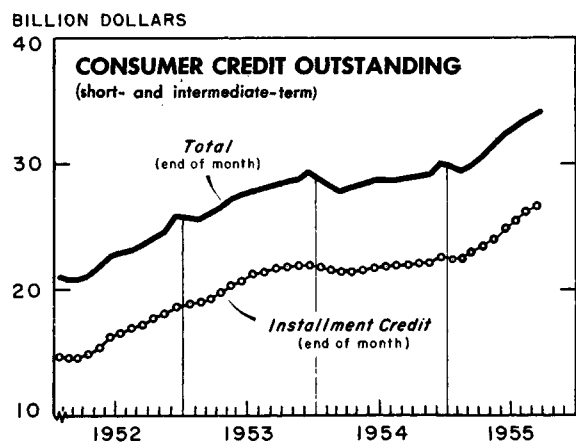
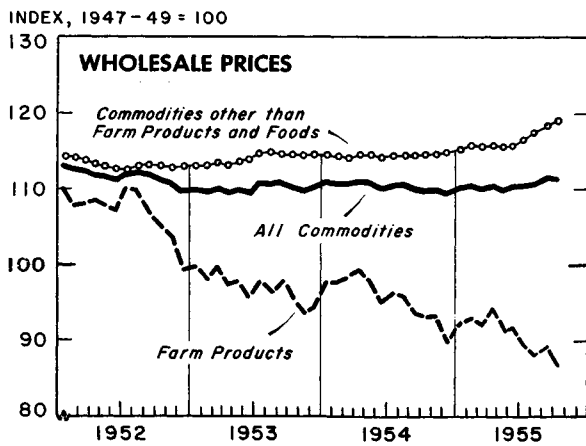
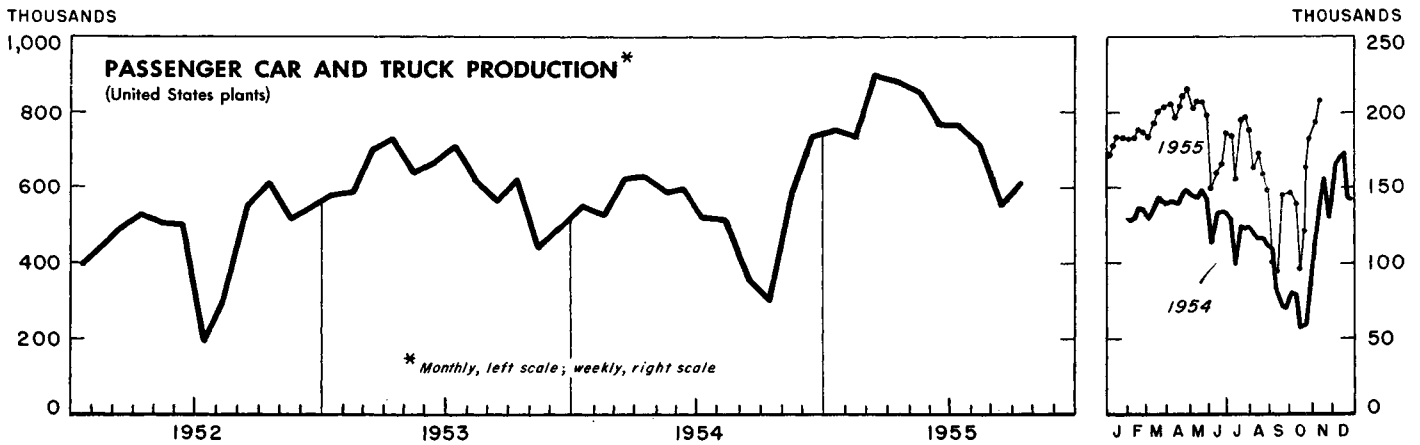


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SELECTED BUSINESS INDICATORS



WEEKLY BUSINESS STATISTICS¹

ITEM	1954		1955			
	Nov. 6	Nov. 13	Oct. 22	Oct. 29	Nov. 5	Nov. 12
Commodity prices, wholesale:						
All commodities.....1947-49=100..		*110.0			111.3	111.2
Farm products.....do.....		*93.2			85.6	85.2
Foods, processed.....do.....		*103.8			99.2	99.0
All other.....do.....		*114.8			119.1	119.1
22 commodities <u>2/</u>.....do.....	90.4	91.6	89.5	88.3	88.5	88.4
Department store sales.....do.....	127	130	133	126	128	
Insured unemployment, total <u>3/</u>.....thous..	1,557	1,664	861	861		
State programs.....do.....	1,390	1,490	781	781		
Finance:						
Currency in circulation <u>4/</u>.....mil. of dol..	30,153	30,260	30,547	30,500	30,577	30,774
Federal Reserve bank credit outstanding, total <u>4/</u>.....do....	25,436	25,701	26,169	25,747	25,748	25,963
Member bank reserve balances <u>4/</u>.....do.....	18,810	19,364	19,119	18,891	18,898	18,899
Excess reserves, estimated <u>4/</u>.....do.....	577	1,120	638	463	497	566
Federal Reserve reporting member banks in leading cities: <u>5/</u>						
Demand deposits, adjusted.....mil. of dol..	55,472	55,573	56,293	57,066	56,394	
Time deposits, except Government.....do.....	21,385	21,361	21,676	21,700	21,673	
Loans and investments (adjusted), total.....do.....	84,932	84,424	85,542	85,571	85,623	
U. S. Government obligations.....do.....	37,358	37,377	30,941	30,922	30,559	
Commercial, industrial, and agr. loans (gross).....do....	21,104	21,133	25,082	25,124	25,303	
Real-estate loans (gross).....do.....	6,997	7,026	8,040	8,049	8,073	
Failures, industrial and commercial.....number..	204	227	239	230	237	207
Bond yields, domestic corporate (Moody's) <u>4/</u>.....percent..	3.13	3.13	3.30	3.30	3.30	3.28
Stock prices, 480 stocks (Standard and Poor's), 1935-39=100..	244.9	250.7	305.5	307.0	307.0	320.5
Industrials, 420 stocks.....do.....	273.3	280.0	349.4	351.0	350.7	368.3
Production:						
Bituminous coal <u>4/</u>.....thous. of short tons..	1,433	1,528	1,627	1,665	1,683	
Electric power, by utilities.....mil. of kw.-hr..	9,357	9,197	10,644	10,659	10,853	
Passenger cars and trucks (Ward's).....number..	113,053	138,233	163,822	182,581	193,561	208,803
Petroleum (crude) and condensate <u>4/</u>.....thous. of bbl..	6,191	6,220	6,753	6,750	6,777	
Steel <u>6/</u>.....thous. of short tons..	1,822	1,874	2,386	2,413	2,400	2,404
Percent of capacity <u>6/</u>.....do.....	#76.4	#78.6	98.9	100.0	99.4	99.6
Freight carloadings, total.....thous. of cars..	696	709	834	835	809	
Miscellaneous.....do.....	349	355	418	417	404	

^{1/} Data do not always cover calendar weeks. ^{2/} Wednesday prices. ^{3/} Includes UCFE program beginning January 8, 1955. ^{4/} Daily average. ^{5/} Wednesday data. ^{6/} Week ended November 19; Production, 2,384 thous. short tons; operating rate, 98.8 percent. * Monthly index for November 1954. # Not comparable with 1955 rates which are based on higher capacity as reported January 1, 1955.

MONTHLY BUSINESS STATISTICS

ITEM	1954		1955			
	September	October	July	August	September	October
GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS						
Farm income and marketings:						
Cash receipts from farming, including Government payments, total.....mil. of dol..	3,213	3,586	2,071	2,436	3,067	
Farm marketings and CCC loans, total.....do.....	3,201	3,577	2,061	2,426	3,054	
Crops.....do.....	1,803	2,082	868	1,095	1,678	
Livestock and products, total.....do.....	1,398	1,495	1,193	1,331	1,376	
Dairy products.....do.....	326	334	371	r354	337	
Meat animals.....do.....	801	867	543	685	707	
Poultry and eggs.....do.....	256	279	259	r279	318	
Indexes of cash receipts from marketings and CCC loans: <u>1/</u>						
All commodities.....1935-39=100..	483	540	311	366	461	
Crops.....do.....	637	736	307	387	593	
Livestock and products.....do.....	368	394	314	350	362	
Indexes of volume of farm marketings: <u>1/</u>						
All commodities.....do.....	204	226	143	165	203	
Crops.....do.....	240	270	127	157	240	
Livestock and products.....do.....	177	193	156	171	175	
COMMODITY PRICES						
Retail price:						
All commodities (U.S. Dept. of Commerce index), 1935-39=100..	208.2	207.6	208.6	208.1	208.8	
Wholesale price index, all commodities.....1947-49=100..						
Farm products.....do.....	110.0	109.7	110.5	110.9	r111.7	111.5
Fruits and vegetables, fresh and dried.....do.....	93.6	93.1	89.5	88.1	89.3	86.7
Grains.....do.....	99.8	101.9	98.7	99.5	102.1	92.9
Livestock and live poultry.....do.....	93.6	92.9	86.7	78.6	81.4	82.4
Foods, processed.....do.....	80.7	77.5	79.4	75.5	75.5	71.8
Cereal and bakery products.....do.....	105.5	103.7	103.1	101.9	r101.5	100.2
Dairy products and ice cream.....do.....	113.8	114.5	117.6	115.1	114.4	114.8
Fruits and vegetables, canned and frozen.....do.....	106.6	108.7	106.0	107.8	104.3	105.0
Meats, poultry, and fish.....do.....	105.0	105.5	104.6	105.0	r106.8	107.4
Commodities other than farm products and foods.....do....	92.0	85.8	88.5	86.3	87.5	81.7
Chemicals and allied products.....do.....	114.4	114.5	116.5	117.5	r118.5	119.0
Chemicals, industrial.....do.....	106.8	106.9	106.0	105.9	r106.0	106.5
Fuel, power, and lighting materials.....do.....	117.4	117.6	118.2	118.1	r118.2	118.9
Petroleum and products.....do.....	106.9	106.9	106.4	107.2	r108.0	108.2
	109.4	109.3	111.6	113.0	114.0	114.2

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ITEM	1954		1955			
	September	October	July	August	September	October
COMMODITY PRICES - Continued						
Wholesale price index - Continued						
Commodities other than farm products and foods - Continued						
Furniture, other household durables.....1947-49=100..	115.3	115.6	115.5	116.0	116.4	116.9
Appliances, household.....do....	109.4	109.5	106.5	106.6	106.2	106.1
Hides, skins, and leather products.....do....	93.0	92.4	93.7	93.8	94.0	95.3
Lumber and wood products.....do....	119.3	119.8	124.1	125.1	r125.7	125.5
Lumber.....do....	119.0	119.5	125.1	126.4	r127.1	126.9
Machinery and motive products.....do....	124.4	124.3	127.5	128.5	r130.0	131.3
Electrical machinery and equipment.....do....	125.6	125.2	126.7	127.7	r130.6	130.8
Motor vehicles.....do....	118.9	118.6	122.0	122.0	122.0	124.5
Metals and metal products.....do....	129.1	129.7	136.7	139.5	r141.9	142.3
Iron and steel.....do....	134.1	135.0	143.1	144.9	r145.0	145.6
Nonmetallic minerals, structural.....do....	121.7	121.9	125.3	126.1	r126.4	126.8
Pulp, paper, and allied products.....do....	116.3	116.3	119.0	119.7	r120.5	122.8
Paper.....do....	126.5	126.5	130.7	130.5	131.0	131.2
Rubber and products.....do....	126.9	128.5	143.4	148.7	r151.7	147.9
Textile products and apparel.....do....	95.3	95.4	95.3	95.3	r95.4	95.5
Apparel.....do....	98.6	98.6	98.6	98.6	r98.6	98.7
Tobacco manufactures and bottled beverages.....do....	121.5	121.5	121.6	121.7	121.7	121.7
Miscellaneous.....do....	99.1	96.7	90.8	89.8	90.3	91.6
DOMESTIC TRADE						
All retail stores:						
Estimated sales (unadjusted), total <u>l</u> /.....mil. of dol..	14,139	14,665	15,398	15,622	r15,905	15,793
Durable-goods stores:						
Automotive group.....do....	2,536	2,491	3,271	3,435	r3,367	3,040
Furniture and appliance group.....do....	740	812	825	854	r822	885
Nondurable-goods stores:						
Apparel group.....do....	847	911	756	740	r910	959
Drug and proprietary stores.....do....	392	406	434	432	r425	447
Eating and drinking places.....do....	1,156	1,139	1,274	1,282	r1,220	1,204
Food group.....do....	3,475	3,661	3,761	3,617	r3,766	3,731
Gasoline service stations.....do....	975	1,017	1,117	1,108	r1,049	1,088
General-merchandise group.....do....	1,543	1,686	1,412	1,562	r1,674	1,826
Estimated inventories (adjusted), total.....do....	22,420	22,000	23,370	r23,350	23,230	.....
Durable-goods stores.....do....	10,230	9,980	10,840	r10,850	10,720	.....
Nondurable-goods stores.....do....	12,190	12,020	12,530	r12,500	12,510	.....
Firms with 11 or more stores, estimated sales:						
Unadjusted.....do....	2,598	2,802	2,729	2,713	2,896	.....
Adjusted.....do....	2,654	2,607	2,809	2,836	2,875	.....
Department store sales, United States total:						
Unadjusted index.....do....1947-49=100..	113	118	98	105	p123	e128
Adjusted index.....do....	111	112	124	r118	p121	e122
Wholesale trade:						
Sales, estimated (unadjusted), total.....mil. of dol..	9,630	9,470	9,660	10,540	10,760	.....
Durable-goods establishments.....do....	3,090	3,100	3,190	3,570	3,640	.....
Nondurable-goods establishments.....do....	6,540	6,370	6,470	6,970	7,120	.....
Inventories, estimated (unadjusted), total.....do....	11,750	11,940	11,660	r11,870	12,150	.....
Durable-goods establishments.....do....	5,640	5,640	5,950	5,970	6,000	.....
Nondurable-goods establishments.....do....	6,110	6,300	5,710	r5,900	6,150	.....
EMPLOYMENT AND WAGES						
Employees in nonagricultural establishments:						
Total, unadjusted (U. S. Dept. of Labor).....thousands..	48,490	48,580	49,420	r49,858	r50,309	p50,393
Manufacturing.....do....	15,972	16,007	16,475	r16,807	r16,916	p16,929
Mining.....do....	744	743	749	r754	r758	p754
Contract construction.....do....	2,698	2,652	2,701	r2,746	r2,745	p2,691
Transportation and public utilities.....do....	4,023	4,005	4,113	r4,137	r4,151	p4,118
Wholesale and retail trade.....do....	10,447	10,548	10,633	r10,638	r10,813	p10,919
Finance, insurance, and real estate.....do....	2,141	2,136	2,237	r2,241	r2,224	p2,215
Service and miscellaneous.....do....	5,719	5,660	5,816	r5,818	r5,791	p5,725
Government.....do....	6,746	6,829	6,696	6,717	r6,911	p7,042
Production workers in manufacturing industries:						
Total.....do....	12,577	12,612	12,951	r13,262	r13,378	p13,381
Durable-goods industries.....do....	6,965	7,081	7,499	r7,533	7,623	p7,694
Ordnance and accessories.....do....	102	100	89	88	r86	p83
Lumber and wood products (except furniture).....do....	672	692	720	r731	r723	p720
Furniture and fixtures.....do....	298	301	298	r313	r319	p321
Stone, clay, and glass products.....do....	437	438	460	r472	r480	p480
Primary metal industries.....do....	965	969	1,098	r1,112	r1,136	p1,138
Fabricated metal products <u>2</u> /.....do....	821	829	863	r877	894	p900
Machinery (except electrical).....do....	1,097	1,093	1,160	r1,155	r1,147	p1,176
Electrical machinery.....do....	785	800	802	r818	r858	p883
Transportation equipment.....do....	1,185	1,249	1,420	r1,379	r1,357	p1,365
Instruments and related products.....do....	218	218	219	220	r222	p224
Miscellaneous manufacturing industries.....do....	386	393	372	388	r400	p405
Nondurable-goods industries.....do....	5,612	5,531	5,452	r5,709	r5,755	p5,687
Food and kindred products.....do....	1,268	1,180	1,150	r1,250	r1,246	p1,167
Tobacco manufactures.....do....	110	112	79	r105	r114	p113
Textile-mill products.....do....	978	979	954	r986	r990	p994
Apparel and other finished textile products.....do....	1,059	1,057	1,025	1,101	r1,117	p1,117
Paper and allied products.....do....	445	444	448	r459	r462	p463
Printing, publishing, and allied products.....do....	518	520	518	r520	r531	p534

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ITEM	1954		1955			
	September	October	July	August	September	October
EMPLOYMENT AND WAGES - Continued						
Production workers in manufacturing industries - Continued						
Nondurable-goods industries - Continued						
Chemicals and allied products.....thousands..	529	534	542	r543	r554	p556
Products of petroleum and coal.....do....	177	175	177	r176	r174	p173
Rubber products.....do....	196	202	216	r217	r223	p225
Leather and leather products.....do....	331	330	342	351	r346	p345
Manufacturing production-worker indexes:						
Employment: Unadjusted.....1947-49=100..	101.7	102.0	104.7	r107.2	r108.2	p108.2
Adjusted.....do....	99.8	100.6	106.1	r106.2	r106.4	p106.8
Payrolls, unadjusted.....do....	138.0	139.1	151.0	r154.6	r158.8	p160.8
Hours and earnings:						
Average weekly hours per worker, all manufacturing...hours..	39.7	39.9	40.4	40.6	r40.9	p41.2
Durable-goods industries.....do....	40.1	40.4	40.9	41.1	r41.5	p41.6
Nondurable-goods industries.....do....	39.3	39.2	39.7	39.9	r40.2	p40.5
Average weekly earnings, all manufacturing.....dollars..	71.86	72.22	76.36	76.33	r77.71	p78.69
Durable-goods industries.....do....	77.39	77.97	r82.62	82.61	r84.25	p84.86
Nondurable-goods industries.....do....	65.24	65.07	67.89	67.83	r69.14	p69.66
Average hourly earnings, all manufacturing.....do....	1.81	1.81	1.89	1.88	1.90	p1.91
Durable-goods industries.....do....	1.93	1.93	r2.02	2.01	2.03	p2.04
Ordnance and accessories.....do....	2.01	2.01	2.05	2.04	r2.08	p2.10
Lumber and wood products (except furniture).....do....	1.66	1.68	1.72	1.75	r1.74	p1.74
Furniture and fixtures.....do....	1.58	1.58	1.60	1.63	1.63	p1.64
Stone, clay, and glass products.....do....	1.79	1.78	1.87	1.86	r1.88	p1.89
Primary metal industries.....do....	2.14	2.13	2.28	2.27	r2.33	p2.30
Fabricated metal products <u>1</u> /.....do....	1.91	1.92	1.99	2.00	r2.00	p2.02
Machinery (except electrical).....do....	2.03	2.03	2.08	2.08	r2.11	p2.12
Electrical machinery.....do....	1.82	1.84	1.88	1.88	1.89	p1.90
Transportation equipment.....do....	2.16	2.16	2.23	2.24	2.26	p2.28
Instruments and related products.....do....	1.85	1.85	1.90	1.91	r1.93	p1.94
Miscellaneous manufacturing industries.....do....	1.61	1.61	1.65	1.65	1.67	p1.68
Nondurable-goods industries.....do....	1.66	1.66	1.71	1.70	r1.72	p1.72
Food and kindred products.....do....	1.65	1.67	1.72	1.73	r1.75	p1.77
Tobacco manufactures.....do....	1.24	1.24	1.41	1.28	r1.25	p1.25
Textile-mill products.....do....	1.36	1.37	1.37	1.37	1.40	p1.41
Apparel and other finished textile products.....do....	1.36	1.34	r.33	1.35	r1.35	p1.35
Paper and allied products.....do....	1.77	1.78	1.84	1.85	1.86	p1.86
Printing, publishing, and allied industries.....do....	2.29	2.29	2.35	2.35	2.37	p2.37
Chemicals and allied products.....do....	1.93	1.91	2.02	2.01	r2.03	p2.02
Products of petroleum and coal.....do....	2.32	2.28	2.41	2.38	2.42	p2.41
Rubber products.....do....	1.97	2.01	2.09	2.10	r2.10	p2.10
Leather and leather products.....do....	1.38	1.39	1.39	1.40	1.41	p1.43
FINANCE						
Consumer credit (short- and intermediate-term):						
Total outstanding, end of month.....mil. of dol..	28,856	28,975	32,896	33,636	34,293	.....
Installment credit, total.....do....	21,935	21,952	25,476	26,155	26,699	.....
Installment credit extended and repaid:						
Unadjusted: Extended, total.....do....	2,441	2,454	3,131	3,436	3,241	.....
Repaid, total.....do....	2,407	2,437	2,569	2,757	2,697	.....
Adjusted: Extended, total.....do....	2,474	2,461	3,122	3,200	3,279
Repaid, total.....do....	2,404	2,424	2,602	2,714	2,691

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