## SURVEY OF CURRENT BUSINESS WEEKLY SUPPLEMENT

## UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE BUREAU OF FOREIGN AND DOMESTIC COMMERCE

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## SUMMARY OF BUSINESS TRENDS

BUSINESS activity as a whole has been maintained at a better-than-seasonal rate in recent weeks, a continuation of the forward move initiated in May. While retail trade and a number of manufacturing lines have reflected the usual midsummer slackening there has been expansion in such fields as construction. The seasonal peak in construction activity has carried actual operations to a volume much above a year ago and even in excess of the 1937 level. Awards for new work in the first 3 weeks of July were little changed from the daily rate during May and June. Wholesale markets have reflected the increased purchasing by retailers for the fall trade and there have been enlarged industrial commitments. Railway freight increased somewhat more than seasonally in July, and total carloadings were 12 percent higher than a year ago.
Industrial production last month was higher on a seasonally adjusted basis than in June and was one-fifth larger than a year earlier. The contraseasonal rise in steel production was a feature of the month. Print-cloth mills curtsiled output in July
but most textile lines operated at a better-than-seasonal rate. Deliveries of rayon to consuming establishments last month were unusually large. Lumber production increased substantially in the latter half of July and was at a high for the year. For the month lumber output was about one-fifth higher than in July of last year. Activity in other building materials industries was much larger than in the summer of 1938.

The fuel industries operated at high rates during July. Production of electric power was 11 percent larger than a year ago and output of energy in the week ended July 29 has been exceeded in only. 1 previous week. Bituminous-coal production last month increased more than seasonally. Output was in excess of consumption as there were additions to consumers' supplies. Crude petroleum production increased in July while refinery operations were maintained around the June rate. Both crude output and runs-to-stills were substantially higher than a year ago. Gasoline production was exceptionally large last month and consumption was at record levels.

SELECTED BUSINESS INDICATORS


WEEKLY BUSINESS INDICATORS ${ }^{-}$
[Weekly average, 1923-25=100]

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\hline \multirow[b]{2}{*}{tTEM} \& \multicolumn{5}{|c|}{1939} \& \multicolumn{2}{|r|}{1938} \& \multicolumn{2}{|r|}{1937} \& \multirow[b]{2}{*}{TTEM} \& \multicolumn{5}{|c|}{1939} \& \multicolumn{2}{|r|}{1938} \& \multicolumn{2}{|l|}{1937} <br>
\hline \& Aug. \& $$
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\left|\begin{array}{c}
\text { July } \\
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\left|\begin{array}{c}
\mathrm{July} \\
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\end{gathered}\right.
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\mathrm{July}_{31}
$$ \& \& Aug. \& $$
{\underset{20}{29}}^{2}
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\left|\frac{\mathrm{July}}{22}\right|
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\left.\begin{gathered}
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\left\lvert\, \begin{gathered}
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\end{gathered}\right.
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\left.\begin{gathered}
\mathrm{July} \\
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\end{gathered} \right\rvert\,
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\hline Business activity:4 New York Times§ ${ }^{\circ}$ \& \& 91.2 \& 90.4 \& 91. \& \& 83.3 \& 81.6 \& 108.2 \& \multirow[t]{3}{*}{$$
\begin{aligned}
& 107.7 \\
& 110.8 \\
& 120.8
\end{aligned}
$$} \& Financo-Continued.
Banking: \& \multirow{3}{*}{1} \& \multirow{3}{*}{85.8} \& \multirow{3}{*}{91.1} \& \multirow{3}{*}{89.0} \& \multirow{3}{*}{108.9} \& \multirow{3}{*}{85.5} \& \multirow{3}{*}{75.5} \& \multirow{3}{*}{88.7} \& \multirow{3}{*}{00.7} <br>
\hline Barron'S ${ }^{\text {® }}$ + \& \& 95.2 \& 93.6 \& 92.4 \& 89.8 \& 72.6 \& 75.2 \& 109.2 \& \& Debits, outside N.Y. O.t--- \& \& \& \& \& \& \& \& \& <br>
\hline Business Week. \& \& 102.4 \& 100.2 \& 99.4 \& 100.7 \& 84.4 \& 84.0 \& 119.9 \& \& Federal Reserve reporting member banks: \& \& \& \& \& \& \& \& \& <br>
\hline Commodity prices, wholesale: \& \& \& \& \& \& \& \& \& \& Leans, total.----. \& 65.3 \& 65.6 \& 64.9 \& 65.1 \& 65.1 \& 65.3 \& 65.3 \& 79.3 \& 78.3 <br>
\hline Dept. of Labor, 1926=100: \& \& \& \& \& \& \& \& \& \& Interest rates: \& 24.2 \& \& \& \& \& \& \& \& <br>
\hline Combined index (13) \& \& 74.8 \& 62.2 \& ${ }_{63 .}{ }^{\text {a }}$ \& 64. 1 \& ${ }_{68 .} 7$ \& 68.6 \& 86.9 \& 87.7 \& Time loanst \& 28.6 \& 28.6 \& 28.6 \& 23:6 \& 28.6 \& 28.6 \& 28.6 \& 28.6 \& 24.2
28.6 <br>
\hline Frod (122) \& \& 66.7 \& 67.5 \& 67.6 \& 68.1 \& 73.5 \& 74.1 \& 86.3 \& 86.5 \& Currency in circulationt \& 145.6 \& 144.6 \& 144.7 \& 145.3 \& 146.1 \& 133.3 \& 132.5 \& 133.5 \& 132.7 <br>
\hline All other (624) \& \& 80.4 \& 30.4 \& \$0.4 \& 80.3 \& 81.7 \& 81.6 \& 86.0 \& 86.2 \& Production: \& \& \& \& \& \& \& \& \& <br>
\hline Fisher's indox, 1926=100: \& \& \& \& \& \& \& \& 01.8 \& \& Automobiles.-.al..............- \& 37.0 \& 73.0 \& ${ }_{69.9}^{62}$ \& 80.8 \& 56.1 \& 19.4 \& 41.8 \& ${ }_{72}^{103.2}$ \& 113.2 <br>
\hline Copmer, electrolytict... \& 73.2 \& 72.5 \& ${ }^{72.5}$ \& 71.7 \& ${ }^{71.0}$ \& 71.0 \& 70.3 \& 100.0 \& 100.0 \& Cotton consumption ${ }^{\text {Bio.-.-....--- }}$ \& \& \& ${ }_{121.2}^{69.9}$ \& 125.4 \& ${ }_{91.9}$ \& 114.4 \& \& 72.7
120.8 \& ${ }^{76.5}$ <br>
\hline Cotton, middling, spot. \& 35.3 \& 35.3 \& 34.6 \& 36.0 \& 36.8 \& 31.3 \& 32.0 \& 41.5 \& 41.2 \& Electric powert \& \& 140.6 \& 137.8 \& 139.5 \& 124.7 \& 127.0 \& 125.7 \& 135. 8 \& 135.4 <br>
\hline Construction contracts $\ddagger$ \& \& \& \& \& \& \& \& \& 89.6 \& Lumber...- \& 187.7 \& 59.4 \& 54.4 \& 47.2 \& ${ }^{359}$ \& 50.2
159.3 \& 50.8
159.8 \& 66.
175.

12, \& ${ }^{66.7}$ <br>
\hline Distribution: Carlogdin \& \& E88 \& 68.5 \& 70.3 \& 58 \& -60-9 \& 61.4 \& 79.9 \& 81.3 \& Steel ingots 9 \& \& \& ${ }^{98} 8$ \& \& \& 59 \& 59. \& 17 c .3 \& 172.4 <br>
\hline Distribution: Carloanings \& \& 59.8 \& \& 71.0 \& \& \& 47.8 \& \& 83.5 \& Receipts, primary \& , \& \& ¢0. \& 85.4 \& 66 \& 67.2 \& 62.5 \& 140.4 \& 138.5 <br>
\hline Employment: Detroit, factor \& \& \& \& \& \& \& 47.8 \& \& \$3. 5 \& Receipts, primary \& \& 69.8 \& 70.7 \& 70.7 \& 50.4 \& 74.7 \& 72.1 \& 99.6 \& <br>
\hline Failnres, commercial \& 51.1 \& 55.8 \& 49.1 \& 52.1 \& 39.8 \& 61.2 \& 56.3 \& 40.3 \& 40.3 \& Hogs \& \& 37.4 \& 39.0 \& 40.6 \& 31.5 \& 34. \& 37.5 \& 21.3 \& 22.4 <br>
\hline Rond yieldst. \& ${ }^{62 .} 7$ \& 62.9 \& \& 63.6 \& 64.3 \& 70.9 \& \& ${ }_{137.1} 6$ \& 67.1
136.8 \& Cotton \& 58:3 \& \& \& 33.1 \& \& 22.3 \& 34.6 \& \& 36.2 <br>
\hline Stock priers $\ddagger$.-.-.-.-.-. \& 105.5 \& 105.6 \& 105. 1 \& 100.3 \& 88.3 \& 103.2 \& 103. 4 \& 137.2 \& \& Wheat. \& \& \& \& 414. \& \& 174.4 \& 235.3 \& 34. \& 1312.2 <br>
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WEEKLY BUSINESS STATISTICS*

| ITEM | 1939 |  |  |  |  |  | 1938 |  | 1937 |  | $\frac{1936}{\text { Aug. } 8}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Aug. 5 | July 29 | July 22 | July 15 | July 8 | July 1 | Aug. 6 | July 30 | Aug. 7 | July 31 |  |
| Copper, electrolytic,New Yorkt, WHOLESAL | 0.101 | 0.100 | 0.100 | 0.099 | 0.098 | 0.098 | 0.099 | 0.097 |  |  |  |
|  | $\begin{array}{r} 096 \\ \mathbf{2} 17 \end{array}$ | $\mathrm{i}^{0} 14$ | $\begin{array}{r} .094 \\ 2.14 \end{array}$ | . 2.16 |  | . 2.18 |  | . 0.087 | 0.138 | 0.138 | 0.095 |
|  |  |  |  |  | +100 |  | $\dot{245}$ | 2.47 | 2.90 | 2.88 | $\begin{array}{r} 2.84 \\ 33 \end{array}$ |
| Iron and steel, composite..................dol. per ton- | $\begin{array}{r} 35.90 \\ +67 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 35.87 \\ .62 \end{array}$ | 35.86 | $\begin{array}{r} 35.85 \\ .65 \end{array}$ | 35.81 .69 | $\begin{array}{r} 35.72 \\ .70 \end{array}$ | 36.49 .67 | $\begin{array}{r} 36.43 \\ .68 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 40.32 \\ 1.13 \end{array}$ | 40.271.17 |  |
| Wheat, No. 2 hard winter (Kansas City)_dol. per bu_FINANCE |  |  | . 65 |  | . 69 | $.70$ | . 67 |  |  |  | 38.82 <br> 1.22 |
| Banking: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | $\begin{aligned} & 3,630 \\ & 4,412 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 3,296 \\ & 3,977 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 2,745 \\ & 4,224 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 2,872 \\ & 4,127 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 3,406 \\ & 4,129 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 3,392 \\ & 4,366 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 3,018 \\ & \mathbf{3 , 9 6 5} \end{aligned}$ | 2,8713,503 | 3,6594,576 | 3,5364,207 | 3,5824,288 |
| Debits, outside New York City (140 cities) .....-do...- |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | $\begin{array}{r} 2,476 \\ 2,453 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 2,512 \\ 2,488 \end{array}$ | 2,537 | $\begin{aligned} & 2,569 \\ & 2,535 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 2,569 \\ & 2,551 \end{aligned}$ | 2,5672,551 | $\begin{aligned} & 2,574 \\ & 2,564 \end{aligned}$ | 2, 5832,564 | 2,561 | 2,560 | 2,4632,430 |
| U. S. Government securities --------------- do--- |  |  | 2,515 |  |  |  |  |  | 2, 626 | 2,526 |  |
| Member bank reserve balances......-----.---- do-..- | $\begin{array}{r} 10,413 \\ 4,462 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 10,436 \\ 4,485 \end{array}$ | 10,412 | 10,350 | 10,151 | 10, 116 | 8,074 | 8,188 | 6, 636 | 6,776 | 6,0053,051 |
| Excess reserves, estimated.--.-.-.-.-.-.-. |  |  | 4,485 | 4,447 | 4,292 | 4,243 | 2,924 | 3,036 | 704 | 813 |  |
| Federal Reserve reporting member banks: |  |  | $\begin{array}{r} 17,387 \\ 5,223 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 17,368 \\ 5,224 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 17,109 \\ 5,229 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 17,220 \\ 5,237 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 14,951 \\ 6,193 \end{array}$ |  |  | 15, 033 | 14,681 |
|  | 17,462 5,243 | 17,601 |  |  |  |  |  | $\begin{array}{r} 15,160 \\ 5,200 \end{array}$ | 14,877 5,244 |  |  |
|  | 14,243 | 13,941 | $\begin{array}{r} 13,909 \\ 8,505 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 13,892 \\ 8,493 \end{array}$ | $13,858$ | $\begin{array}{r} 5,237 \\ 13,862 \end{array}$ | $12,395$ | 12,395 | 12,470 | 12,499 | 14,029 |
| U. S. Government direct obligations-*-.-. do..- | 8,515 | 8,514 |  |  | 8,485 | 8,423 | 7,655 | 7,659 | 8,242 | 8,283 | 9,442 |
| Obligations fully guaranteed by U. S. Govern- |  |  | 2,i59 | 2,153 | 2,150 |  | 1,646 | 1,640 |  | 1,188 | 1,271 |
|  | $\begin{aligned} & 2,241 \\ & 8,166 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 2,168 \\ & 8,194 \end{aligned}$ | 8,116 | 8,131 | 8,142 | 8,089 | 8,165 | 8,161 | $\begin{aligned} & 1,190 \\ & 9,908 \end{aligned}$ | 0,784 | 8,316 |
| Commercial, industrial, and agricultural loans mil. of dol- | $\begin{array}{r} 3,887 \\ 1.00 \end{array}$ | 3,8991.00 | 3,8831.00 | $\begin{array}{r} 3,887 \\ 1,00 \end{array}$ |  |  |  | 3,869 |  | 4,425 |  |
|  |  |  |  |  | 8,872 1.00 | 3,833 1.00 | 3,865 1.00 | 1.00 | 4,489 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 |
|  |  | 1.25 | 1. 25 | 1.25 | 1.25 | 1.25 | 1.25 | 1.25 | 1.25 | 1.25 | 1. 25 |
|  | $2.649$ | 2.649 | $\begin{aligned} & 2.649 \\ & 4.682 \end{aligned}$ | 2.649 | 2.649 | 2.649 | 2.7474.899 | $\begin{array}{r} 2.762 \\ .4 .920 \end{array}$ | 3.752 | 3. 746 | 6.5885.0191486.181 |
|  |  | 4.681 |  | 4.682 | 4. 681 |  |  |  | 4.983 | 4. 977 |  |
| Failures, commercial...-...........-....--- | 7208 | 227 | 200 | 212 | 162 | 233 | . 249 | 229 | 164 | 164 |  |
| Currency in circulation $\$$-------------------mil. of dol.- | 7,068 | 7,020 | 7,029 | 7,054 | 7,096 | 7,005 | 6,475 | 6, 436 | 6,481 | 6,445 |  |
| Security markets: ${ }_{\text {Bond }}$ sales ( $N$, S, E.) ....thous, of dol. par value.- | 27, 120 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 32,130 |  |  |
| Bond yields (Moody's) ( 120 bonds) t-.....percent. - | 3.62 | $\begin{array}{r} 81,350 \\ 3.63 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 36,710 \\ 3.65 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 27,860 \\ 3.67 \end{array}$ | 17,840 | $\begin{array}{r} 28,970 \\ \mathbf{3 . 7 1} \end{array}$ | 28,0.09 | 4, 4.11 | 32,130 3.87 | 32,870 3.87 | 37,300 3.86 |
| Stock sales ( $N, Y, S, E$. . | 4,267 | $\begin{array}{r} 944 \\ 102.59 \end{array}$ | $\begin{gathered} 1_{r} 256 \\ 102.06 \end{gathered}$ | 3,31797.38 | 1,442 | 3,125 | 4,830 | 7,961 | 4.379 | 4,117 | 7,046 |
| Stock prices ( $N$, Y, Timet) | 102.46 |  |  |  |  |  | 100, 19 | 100.37 | 133.28 | 13285 | 133. 19 |
| Stock prices (Standard Statitict) (420)...... 1926-100.. | 90.0 | $\begin{array}{r} 80.9 \\ 104.9 \end{array}$ | $88.8$ | 85.7100.0 | 83.3 | 94.63 82.8 |  | 88.9 | 121.5 | 120.3 | 112.6 |
|  | 104.9 |  |  |  | 97.3 | 96.7 | 107.7 | 106.9 | 144.3 | 142.2 | 127.9 |
|  | 89.9 | 88.5 | 86.1 | 85.3 | 829 | 81.9 | 74.9 | 75.5 | 98.6 | 09.8 | 109.4 |
|  | 27.1 | 27.4 | 26.8 | 25.4 | 24.7 | 24.4 | 27.3 | 27.9 | 62.0 | 51.9 | 53.4 |
| PRODUCTION, CONSTRUCTION, AND DISTRIBUTION |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Production: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| A utomobilesf. | 28,250 | 40,595 | 47,420 | 61, 610 | 42,784 | 70,663 | 14,771 | 31,890 | 78,736 | 86,403 | 84, 153 |
| Bituminous coalt..--.......--...-thous, of short tons.- |  | 1,243 | 1, 191 | 1,190 | 1,194 | 1,123 | 968 | 986 | 1,238 | 1,302 | 1,287 |
| Flectric power. -.-----------------mill. of kw . hr --- |  | 2,342 | 2,295 | 2,324 | 2,078 | 2,300 | 2,116 | 2,094 | 2,262 | 2,256 | 2,079 |
| fetroleum $\ddagger$-------------------------1hous. of bbl.- | 3,909 | 3,539 | 3,584 | 3,530 | 3,530 | 3,463 | 3,318 | 3,316 | 3,651 | 3,592 | 2.964 |
|  | 69.3 | 60.6 | 56.4 13,401 | 49.7 | 38.5 | 154.3 | 39.8 | 37.0 | 85.6 | 84.3 | 71.4 |
| Construction-contract awards $\ddagger$........--..-thous. of dol |  |  | 13,401 | 11,384 |  | 16,592 |  | 12,643 |  | 14,392 |  |
|  |  | 659, 764 | 656, 341 | 673,812 | 659, 109 | 665, 528 | 584, 050 | 588,697 | 766, 182 | 779,091 | 728, 371 |
| Coal and coke |  | 123, 739 | 117,535 | 116,813 | 95, 232 | 114,738 | 95, 414 | 104, 152 | 121, 220 | 128.823 | 122,974 |
|  |  | 32,451 | 32, 521 | 31, 426 | 22,030 | 32,988 | 28,895 | 27,870 | 40,960 | 42,526 | 35, 183 |
| Grains and grain prod |  | 40,822 | 46,632 | 59,265 | 53,456 | 51, 484 | 51,519 | 50,706 | 45,936 | 51, 255 | 46, 446 |
| Livestock |  | 11, 591 | 11, 524 | 11,845 | 9,422 | 10,415 | 11, 276 | 10,829 | 13,505 | 11, 269 | 14,717 |
|  |  | 152, 324 | 152, 109 | 150,488 | 127, 682. | 153, 461 | 149,243 | 147,928 | 188, 598 | 166,975 | 165, 722 |
|  |  | 43, 564 | 42, 617 | 44,877 | 36,423 | 44, 102 | 22,998 | 23,123 | 75, 561 | 73, 679 | 54, 206 |
| Miscellaneous |  | 255, 273 | 253, 403 | 259,098 | 214,884 | 258, 340 | 224,705 | 224,089 | 300, 402 | 304, 564 | 289, 123 |
|  |  | 221 | 223 | 223 | 159 | 192 | 236 | 228 | 315 | 248 | 333 |
|  |  | 243 | 253 | 263 | 205 | 235 | 221 | 243 | 138 | 145 | 294 |
|  | 151 | 114 | 117 | 86 | 75 | 81 | 58 | 90 | 93 | 94 | 89 |
| Wheat, at primary markets.............thous. of bu_. | 8,773 | 11,819 | 23,610 | 32,976 | 26,084 | 18,332 | 13,873 | 18,717 | 18,651 | 24, 839 | 10, 196 |

[^0]MONTHLY BUSINESS STATISTICS

| Monthly statistics through December 1 37, together with explanatory notes and references to the sources of the data may. be found in the 1088 Supplement to the Survey | 1939 | 1938 |  |  |  |  |  | 1939 |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | July | July | August | September | October | November | December | January | February | March | April | May | June |
| COMMODITY PRICES <br> Page 11 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Prices received by farmers (U. S. Department of Agriculture): |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Chickens and eggs | 89 | 103 | 105 | ${ }_{118}^{95}$ | 124 | 131 | 127 | 97 | 92 | 88 | 87 | 85 | 83 |
| Cotton and cottonseed.-.......-.-......do | 73 | 71 | 69 | 69 | 72 | 73 | 70 | 71 | 70 | 71 | 70 | 72 | 73 |
|  | 96 | 101 | 102 | 104 | 107 | 109 | 112 | 109 | 107 | 100 | 95 | 92 | 94 |
|  | 80 | 79 | 78 | 75 | 70 | 71 | 73 | 76 | 78 | 81 | 82 | 85 | 93 |
| Grains | 66 107 | 123 | 115 | 63 117 | 111 | 111 | 109 | 112 | 116 | 118 | 114 | 112 | 107 |
| Truck crops | 101 | 99 | 92 | 107 | 107 | 102 | 108 | 96 | 108 | 114 | 102 | 110 | -105 |
|  | 89 | 87 | 99 | 98 | 107 | 95 | 108 | 109 | 92 | 83 | 86 | 83 | 81 |
| DOMESTIC TRADE Pages 27,28 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Retail"trade: Chain-store sales: Variety-store sales: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| H. Sales...................thous. of dol.- | 2,502 | 2,366 | 2,315 | 2,513 | 2,833 | 2,819 | 5,952 | 1,898 | 1,959 | 2,442 | 2,869 | 2,733 | 2,712 |
| S. S. Kresge Co.: - thous of dol |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | 10,369 685 | 10,004 681 | 10,179 682 | 11, 125 | 12,353 685 | 11,972 686 | 24, 114 | 8,801 680 | ${ }_{6,088} 68$ | 10,606 683 | 11,940 683 | $\begin{array}{r}11,408 \\ \hline 682\end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r}11,293 \\ \hline 683\end{array}$ |
| S. H. Kress \& Co.: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Sales.......-.......-.-.thous. of dol.-- | 6,225 240 | $\begin{array}{r}5,822 \\ \hline 239\end{array}$ | 6,336 238 | 6.179 238 | $\begin{array}{r}6,827 \\ 238 \\ \hline\end{array}$ | 6,613 238 | $\begin{array}{r}14,429 \\ \hline 238\end{array}$ | 5,055 238 | 5,163 238 | $\begin{array}{r}5,969 \\ \hline 238\end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r}6,315 \\ \hline 239\end{array}$ | 6,818 239 | 6,406 239 |
|  | 3,158 | 2,046 |  | 2,955 | 3,294 | 3,186 | 7,003 | 2,535 | 2,738 | 3,196 | 3,648 | 3,300 | 3,420 |
| G. O. Murphy Co.:- | 3,158 | 2,846 | 2,800 | 2,95 | 3, 294 | 3,188 |  |  |  | 3,10 | 3,048 |  | 3,420 |
| Sales .-.-------------thous. of dol - | 3,564 | 3,301 | 3,087 | 3,308 | 3,811 | 3,594 | 7,273 | 2,686 | 2,752 | 3,205 | 3,848 | 3,741 | 3,758 |
| Stores operated.-......-...---number-- | 201 | 201 | 201 | 201 | 201 | 201 | 201 | 201 | 201 | 201 | 201 | 201 | 201 |
| F. W. Woolworth Co.: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | 24,340 2,015 | 22,733 2,010 | 22,566 2,011 | 23,491 2,013 | 28,774 2,017 | 25,295 2,018 | 50,370 2,017 | 19,653 2,014 | 20,688 2,011 | 23,104 2,012 | 25,919 2,008 | 24,725 2,005 | 24,662 $\mathbf{2 , 0 1 3}$ |
| Other chsins: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| W. T. Grant \& Co.: | 7,298 | -6,969 | 6,834 | 7,653 | 8,970 | 8,635 | 17,096 | 8, 531 | 5,748 | 7,164 | 8,376 | 8,496 | 8,386 |
| Stores operated.-.-...............number-- | ${ }_{493}$ | ${ }_{4} 84$ | 484 | 484 | 487 | 489 | 491 | 489 | 489 | 489 | 489 | 491 | 493 |
| J. C. Penny Co.: Sales. thous. of dol.. | 19,502 | 18, 262 | 19,088 | 22,381 | 26,820 | 27,196 | 38,988 | 16,523 | 14,613 | 18,736 | 21,281 | 22, 233 | 22,235 |
| EMPLOYMENT CONDITIONS AND' |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| All trades.....................-. Building | ${ }_{77}^{88}$ | 82 65 | ${ }_{64}^{83}$ | 88 | 85 68 |  | 85 67 | ${ }_{84}^{84}$ | 85 | 86 68 | 87 | 88 75 | 89 |
| Metal | 84 | 75 | 75 | 73 | 74 | 76 | 78 | 78 | 79 | 82 | 83 | 83 | 84 |
|  | 00 | 87 | 87 | 88 | 88 | 88 | 88 | 88 | 87 | 88 | 90 | 90 | 90 |
|  | 91 | 86 | 88 | 88 | 89 | 89 | 89 | 89 | ${ }_{60} 9$ | 91 | 91 | ${ }_{70}^{91}$ | 92 |
| On full time (all trades) --..............-do..- | 70 | 62 | 63 | 65 | 66 | 64 | 65 | 65 | 66 | 67 | 69 |  |  |
| FINANCE <br> Pages 54, 62, 65, 75, 76, 77 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Federal Reserve banks, condition, end ofmonth:Assets (resources) total |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Reserve bank credit outstanding, total mil. of dol. | 17,34 | 14,285 | 14,261 | 14,573 | 14,861 | 15,293 | 15,581 | 15,639 | 15,862 | 16,186 | 16,766 | 16,922 | 17,172 |
|  | 2,4861 | 2,589 | 2,585 | 2,600 | 2,586 | 2,584 | 2,601 | 2,607 | 2,5981 | 2,687 | 2,595 | 2,573 | 2,579 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Bills discounted -.-...-.-............ do...- | 2488 |  |  | ${ }^{8} 8$ | ${ }^{7} 8$ | - 7 | ${ }^{4} 5$ | - 5 | ${ }_{2}{ }^{4}$ |  |  |  |  |
| United States securities..........---do...- | 2,488 | 2,564 | 2,564 | 2,563 | 2,564 | 2, 564 | 2,564 | 2,574 | 2,564 | 22564 | 2,571 | 2, 564 | 2,551 |
| Reserves, total | 14,230. | 11,049 10,642 | 11,026-10 | 11, 10.985 | -11, 11.238 | -11, ${ }^{11} 1813$ | - 112.798 | 11,948 | 12, 125 | -12,51. | -13, 103 | -13, 326 | 13,874 13,524 |
| Liabilities, total | 17, 348 | 14,285 | 14,261 | 14,573 | 14,861 | 15,293 | 15,581 | 15,639 | 15, 862 | 16, 186 | 16,766 | 16, 922 | 17, 172 |
| Deposits, totalMember bank reserve balances, ${ }^{\text {dotal }}$ total | 11,952 | 9,270 | 9,212 | 9,406 | 9,672 | 8,935 | 10,088 | 10, 420 | 10,571 | 10,919 | 11,376 | 11,535 | 11,701 |
|  |  |  |  |  | $\begin{aligned} & 8,713 \\ & 3,227 \end{aligned}$ |  | 8,7243,205 | $\begin{aligned} & 9,215 \\ & 3,644 \end{aligned}$ | 8,9363,387 | 9,1573,559 | 9,9004,098 | 10,0294,218 | 10,0184,140 |
| Excess reserves (estimated) --...do...- | 10,507 4,553 | $\begin{aligned} & 8,164 \\ & 3,022 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \mathbf{8 , 1 7 9} \\ & \mathbf{2 , 9 4 1} \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 8,198 \\ & 2,869 \end{aligned}$ |  | $\begin{array}{r} 8,876 \\ 3,383 \end{array}$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Federal Reserve notes in circulation |  |  |  |  |  | 4,385 |  |  |  |  |  |  | 4,511 |
| Reserve ratio .-...-...........-- mil. of dol. | 4,530 86.3 | 4, 135 82.4 | 4,169 82.4 | 4,253 82.7 | 4,315 83.2 |  | 4,452 83.7 | 4,339 83.9 | 4,353 84.2 | 4,380 84.7 | 4,458 85.1 | 4,477 |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Argentina.----.-.-.-.dol. per paper peso-- | 0.312 | 0. 329 | 0.325 | 0.320 | 0.318 | 0.314 | 0.311 |  | 0.312 | 0. 312 | 0.312 |  |  |
|  | . 170 | . 169 | . 169 | . 169 | - 169 | . 169 | . 169 | . 1992 | . 1695 | . 1096 | . 1695 | . 996 | . 170 |
| Canada...--.-......dol. per Canadian dol. . | . 998 | . 028 | . 027 | . 027 | . 027 |  |  |  | . 026 |  |  |  | . 026 |
| Franco....----...--- dermany dol per franc.- | . 026 |  |  |  |  | . 026 | . 026 | . 026 |  | . 026 | . 026 | . 026 |  |
|  | . 401 | . 458 | - 401 | - 400 | . 400 | - 400 | . 6401 | - 401 | .401 | . 401 | - 401 | . 536 | .532.2414.682 |
| Sweden-.-.-.-.-.-.-.-.-.....dol. per krona.. | . 241 | . 254 | . 252 | . 248 | . 246 | . 243 | . 241 | . 240 | . 241 | . 241 | .241 | .241 |  |
| United Kinpdom.-.-..............dol. per E.- | 4. 681 | 4.929 | 4.881 | 4. 804 | 4. 768 | 4.708 | 4.670 | 4. 669 | 4.686 | 4.685 | 4. 681 | 4. 681 |  |
| Publin finance (Federal): |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Publie issues: | 40,661 | 37, 194 | 37, 596 | 38,395 | 38,426 | 38,607 | 39,439 | 39,641 | 38,864 | - 39,890 | 40,063 | 40,282 | 40,440 |
| Interest bearing*---.-..............-do.... | 36, 196 | 33,834549 | 34, 112 | 34,920543 | 34,950 | 34,981 | $\begin{array}{r}35,785 \\ \hline 588\end{array}$ | 35,892534 | 35,949533 | $\begin{array}{r} \times 35,994 \\ 543 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 36,033 \\ 538 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 36,085 \\ 531 \end{array}$ | 36, 116 |
| Noninterst buaring*-...---....-. do.... |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Special issues to gov't. agencies and trust funds* $\qquad$ mil. of dol.. | $\begin{array}{r} 3,918 \\ 25,528 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 2,810 \\ 23,101 \end{array}$ | 2,94328,673 | 2,93328,590 | 2,94930,797 |  |  | 3,215 | 3,382 | 3,454 | 3,492 | 3,666 | 3,770 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  | $\begin{array}{r} 3,090 \\ 27,388 \end{array}$ | $25,121$ | 24, 318 | 22, 361 | 29, 266 | 29,437 | 25,318 | 24,517 |
| Security markets: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Stocks: ${ }^{\text {d }}$, |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Dividend declarations (N. Y. Times): | 181, 033 | 167,170 | 240,965 | 185, 428 | 180,505 | 509, 160 | 247, 569 | 194, 118 | 303,839 | 186, 095 | 154,076 | 377, 394 | 220, 175 |
| Industrials and miscelianeous...do... | 167, 167 | 157, 175 | 230,994 | 182, 735 | 169,001 | 486, 306 | 229,916 | 181, 480 | 289, 412 | 182, 522 | 147, 635 | 358,417 | 200, 698 |
| Railroads --......-----...........-do-. | 13,866 | 9,895 | 9,970 | 2693 | 10,605 | 22,765 | 17, 653 | 12,638 | 14, 427 | 3, 573 | 6,440 | 18,976 | 19,477 |

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[^0]:    \&No longer strictly comparable; for an explanation, see the corresponding data on p. 30 of the April 1939 issue of the Survey.

