



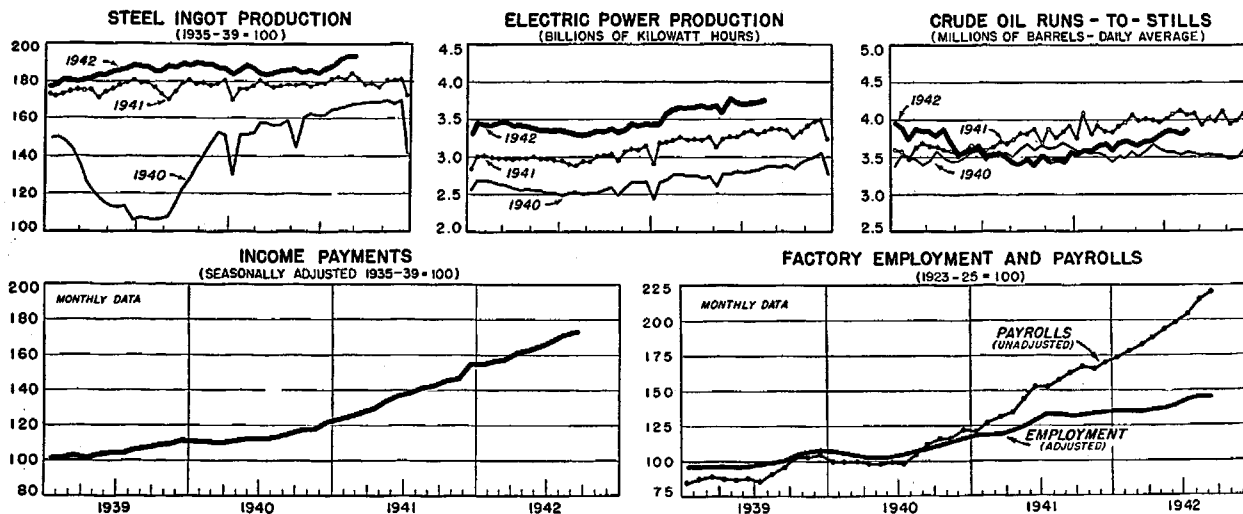
# SURVEY OF CURRENT BUSINESS WEEKLY SUPPLEMENT

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE  
BUREAU OF FOREIGN AND DOMESTIC COMMERCE



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## SELECTED BUSINESS INDICATORS



## WEEKLY BUSINESS STATISTICS •

	1942			1941		ITEM	1942			1941	
	Oct. 31	Oct. 24	Oct. 17	Nov. 1	Oct. 25		Oct. 31	Oct. 24	Oct. 17	Nov. 1	Oct. 25
Commodity prices, wholesale:											
All commodities.....1926=100.....	99.7	99.6	91.6	91.2		Finance—Continued.					
Farm products.....do.....	108.7	107.9	89.5	88.1		Federal Reserve reporting member banks:					
Food.....do.....	103.1	103.1	88.2	87.5		Deposits, demand, adjusted.....mil. of dol.	28,630	28,431	28,183	24,258	24,382
All other.....do.....	95.6	95.6	93.1	93.0		Loans and investments, total.....do.....	37,549	37,714	35,908	29,582	29,618
28 basic commodities○.....August 1939=100.....	169.4	170.0	169.7	153.2	152.2	U. S. Govt. obligations.....do.....	23,788	23,931	22,149	14,648	14,653
Cotton, mid., 1½¢, 10 mks. f.....dol. per lb.	1.90	1.90	1.89	1.62	1.63	Commercial, industrial, and agricul-					
Wheat, No. 2, hd. win. (K. C.).....dol. per bu.	1.20	1.20	1.12	1.13		tural loans.....mil. of dol.	6,316	6,347	6,353	6,554	6,556
Department store sales.....1935-39=100.....	153	152	138	130		Failures, commercial.....number	158	145	132	187	178
Finance:						Bond yields (Moody's).....percent	3.31	3.31	3.30	3.27	3.28
Bank debits, member banks in 101 cities:†						Stock prices (Stan. & Poor)△.....1935-39=100.....	74.3	75.0	74.9	79.0	79.5
Total.....mil. of dol.	10,077	11,363	8,986	9,656	11,216	Production:					
New York City.....do.....	3,659	4,320	3,377	4,252	4,707	Bituminous coal.....thous. of short tons.....	1,892	1,900	1,812	1,863	
Currency in circulation.....do.....	14,142	14,009	13,939	10,335	10,285	Electric power.....mil. of kw-hr.....	3,753	3,717	3,360	3,341	
Federal Reserve bank credit, total.....do.....	4,578	4,494	4,042	2,250	2,291	Petroleum.....thous. of bbl.....	3,917	3,902	4,071	4,090	
Member bank reserve balances.....do.....	12,246	12,304	12,303	12,632	12,749	Steel○.....1935-39=100.....	193.7	193.5	192.0	184.9	181.0
Excess reserves, estimated.....do.....	2,158	2,352	2,713	4,602	4,655	Freight carloadings, total.....thous. of cars.....	903	901	895	914	
						Miscellaneous.....do.....	433	432	401	406	

• Data do not cover calendar weeks in all cases. † Preliminary. ‡ Thursday prices. † Daily average. ‡ Index for week ended November 7, 1909.  
† Debits to demand deposit accounts, except interbank and U. S. Government accounts, in 101 cities. ‡ Direct and guaranteed. ‡ 402 stocks.

## MONTHLY BUSINESS STATISTICS

Earlier data are available in monthly issues of the Survey and the 1940 Supplement	1942	1941	1942		Earlier data are available in monthly issues of the Survey and the 1940 Supplement	1942	1941	1942	
	Sep- tember	Sep- tember	July	August		Sep- tember	Sep- tember	July	August
BUSINESS INDEXES					EMPLOYMENT AND WAGES—Con.				
Income payments:					Employment—Continued.				
Indexes, adjusted:					Employment estimates, unadj.—Continued.				
Total income payments.....1935-39=100.....	173.0	143.1	168.7	171.6	Employees in nonagricultural establishments,				
Salaries and wages.....do.....	191.1	150.1	185.1	188.6	total—Continued.				
Total nonagricultural income.....do.....	169.3	141.3	166.4	168.1	Construction.....thousands.....	2,119	2,184	2,108	2,181
Total.....mil. of dol.	10,128	8,280	9,329	9,157	Transportation and public utilities.....do.....	3,539	3,418	3,519	3,533
Salaries and wages, total.....do.....	6,862	5,431	6,486	6,639	Trade.....do.....	6,562	7,008	6,504	6,496
Commodity-producing industries.....do.....	3,278	2,481	3,089	3,209	Financial service and misc.....do.....	4,391	4,325	4,355	4,371
Work-relief wages.....do.....	30	79	45	35	Government.....do.....	5,546	4,586	5,184	5,323
Direct and other relief.....do.....	85	89	88	86	Manufacturing, unadjusted (U. S. Dept. of				
Soc. sec. benefits and other lab. inc. do.....	162	151	172	167	Labor).....1923-25=100.....	148.2	135.2	142.4	145.9
Dividends and interest.....do.....	1,000	918	827	417	Durable goods.....do.....	168.2	142.1	161.2	165.4
Entr'l inc. and net rents and royal's.....do.....	2,019	1,691	1,758	1,848	Iron and steel, etc., not incl. machy.....do.....	134.4	140.5	135.0	134.8
Total nonagricultural income.....do.....	8,865	7,328	8,341	8,069	Blast fur., steel wks., and roll. mills.....do.....	149.4	148.9	151.6	150.6
EMPLOYMENT AND WAGES					Hardware.....do.....	97.2	116.0	95.4	96.7
Employment:					Struc'l and orn'm'l metal work.....do.....	125.8	109.5	121.4	124.9
Employment estimates, unadj. (U. S. Dept.					Tin cans and other tinware.....do.....	106.0	145.0	107.4	108.4
of Labor):†					Lumber and allied products.....do.....	72.1	80.4	73.4	73.6
Employees in nonagricultural establishments,					Furniture.....do.....	92.4	107.6	93.1	92.4
total.....thousands.....	38,303	36,056	37,234	37,802	Lumber, sawmills.....do.....	63.6	70.4	65.6	65.7
Manufacturing.....do.....	15,235	13,571	14,641	14,980	Machinery, excl. transp. equip.....do.....	220.8	179.3	211.8	217.1
Mining.....do.....	911	984	923	918	Agric'l implements (incl. tractors).....do.....	158.5	170.7	165.4	163.3
					Foundry and machine-shop prod.....do.....	171.4	147.0	167.4	170.7
					Radios and phonographs.....do.....	223.3	212.5	197.4	211.4

• Revised.

† Preliminary.

‡ Revised series. See note on corresponding item in the October 1942 Survey.

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	September	September	July	August		September	September	July	August
<b>EMPLOYMENT AND WAGES—Continued</b>									
Employment—Continued.									
Manufacturing, unadjusted—Continued.									
Durable goods—Continued.									
Metals, nonferrous, and products									
1923-25=100.....do.	150.0	146.4	146.6	* 149.0					
Stone, clay, and glass products.....do.	92.3	101.8	* 92.1	* 92.5					
Brick, tile, and terra cotta.....do.	66.2	79.1	* 69.1	* 68.2					
Glass.....do.	119.1	130.3	* 115.5	* 117.9					
Transportation equipment†.....do.	326.4	191.1	* 292.2	* 311.2					
Automobiles.....do.	103.2	124.1	95.6	* 98.8					
Nondurable goods†.....do.	129.2	128.7	* 124.6	* 127.2					
Chemical, petroleum and coal prod.....do.	163.4	147.6	* 158.4	* 159.9					
Chemicals.....do.	193.2	182.4	* 196.0	* 194.4					
Paints and varnishes.....do.	125.6	143.9	* 126.3	* 125.6					
Petroleum refining.....do.	133.8	128.5	133.9	* 131.5					
Rayon and allied products.....do.	310.6	327.0	309.1	* 307.3					
Food and kindred products.....do.	179.3	163.2	* 156.7	* 167.4					
Baking.....do.	165.3	153.5	* 159.9	* 162.7					
Slaughtering and meat packing.....do.	149.2	123.6	150.7	* 150.2					
Leather and its manufactures.....do.	91.4	98.9	96.2	94.1					
Boots and shoes.....do.	88.2	95.2	93.5	91.6					
Paper and printing.....do.	114.7	124.9	115.6	* 115.0					
Paper and pulp.....do.	118.8	128.4	121.5	* 119.5					
Rubber products.....do.	107.4	111.5	* 101.9	105.1					
Rubber tires and inner tubes.....do.	88.3	86.5	* 82.9	86.3					
Textiles and their products†.....do.	103.8	115.5	108.2	* 109.6					
Fabrics.....do.	102.5	105.3	* 104.1	* 103.4					
Wearing apparel.....do.	118.2	131.3	* 112.6	* 118.9					
Tobacco manufactures.....do.	66.9	63.9	64.5	* 66.3					
Manufacturing, adjusted (Fed. Res.)†.....do.	145.0	132.3	143.7	* 145.0					
Durable goods†.....do.	167.2	141.3	161.8	* 165.7					
Nondurable goods†.....do.	123.8	123.8	126.4	* 125.2					
Pay rolls (U. S. Department of Labor):									
Manufacturing, unadjusted†.....do.									
Durable goods†.....do.	220.5	162.6	* 204.6	* 214.7					
Iron and steel, etc., not incl. mach.....do.	274.9	183.3	* 252.7	* 265.7					
Blast fur., steel wks., and roll. mills.....do.	194.3	170.6	* 188.2	* 192.1					
Hardware.....do.	206.9	178.4	* 202.0	* 202.8					
Struct'l and ornam't'l metal work.....do.	155.1	148.7	150.7	* 153.9					
Tin cans and other tinware.....do.	176.6	123.6	159.0	* 174.6					
Lumber and allied products.....do.	153.3	187.6	146.7	* 152.9					
Furniture.....do.	93.7	90.8	* 92.7	* 97.0					
Lumber, sawmills.....do.	110.9	118.0	109.6	* 112.9					
Machinery, excl. transp. equip.....do.	83.4	77.5	* 83.3	* 87.2					
Agric'l implements (incl. tractors).....do.	375.1	249.6	* 351.1	* 367.1					
Foundry and machine-shop prod.....do.	245.9	230.7	255.4	* 259.5					
Radio and phonographs.....do.	200.1	187.8	250.3	* 261.1					
Metals, nonferrous, and products.....do.	340.0	254.4	293.1	* 313.4					
Stone, clay, and glass products.....do.	236.3	185.6	* 223.1	* 232.0					
Brick, tile, and terra cotta.....do.	103.6	105.4	* 101.0	* 105.5					
Glass.....do.	71.0	76.2	71.9	72.5					
Transportation equipment†.....do.	151.9	160.5	* 145.9	* 157.3					
Automobiles.....do.	555.3	252.9	* 475.3	* 519.1					
Nondurable goods†.....do.	102.3	159.3	147.9	* 157.6					
Chemical, petroleum, and coal prod.....do.	159.6	139.5	* 150.8	* 153.6					
Chemicals.....do.	246.0	188.5	* 233.4	* 237.4					
Paints and varnishes.....do.	307.4	250.9	* 313.8	* 339.1					
Petroleum refining.....do.	163.6	169.9	161.6	* 162.8					
Rayon and allied products.....do.	198.7	160.4	186.5	* 189.6					
Food and kindred products.....do.	402.5	374.3	392.6	* 400.4					
Baking.....do.	209.3	170.5	186.5	* 196.7					
Slaughtering and meat packing.....do.	189.5	157.4	* 181.9	* 186.7					
Leather and its manufactures.....do.	186.4	145.8	188.1	* 185.9					
Boots and shoes.....do.	110.5	101.6	110.2	* 107.4					
Paper and printing.....do.	105.7	95.3	103.4	* 101.9					
Paper and pulp.....do.	130.3	133.3	* 128.3	* 129.9					
Rubber products.....do.	163.6	163.0	162.3	165.1					
Rubber tires and inner tubes.....do.	157.6	154.8	* 147.0	* 154.0					
Textiles and their products†.....do.	140.6	107.3	* 131.0	* 135.4					
Fabrics.....do.	128.9	123.4	124.3	* 131.1					
Wearing apparel†.....do.	132.1	118.0	129.9	* 133.4					
Tobacco manufactures.....do.	114.7	126.3	* 105.7	* 118.6					
Finance	83.7	70.4	* 78.3	* 84.1					
<b>FINANCE</b>									
Commercial failures:†									
Grand total.....number	556	735	764	698					
Commercial service, total.....do.	27	46	52	47					
Construction, total.....do.	54	39	63	66					
Manufacturing and mining, total.....do.	77	123	120	119					
Retail trade, total.....do.	355	460	465	405					
Wholesale trade, total.....do.	43	67	64	61					
Liabilities, grand total.....thous. of dol.	5,473	9,393	8,548	6,781					
Commercial service, total.....do.	268	447	* 915	538					
Construction, total.....do.	646	594	584	520					
Manufacturing and mining, total.....do.	1,661	4,189	2,078	2,249					
Retail trade, total.....do.	2,276	3,239	3,950	2,475					
Wholesale trade, total.....do.	622	924	1,021	999					
<b>TRANSPORTATION</b>									
Financial operations (class I steam railways):									
Operating revenues, total.....thous. of dol.	697,792	488,979	665,182	683,807					
Freight.....do.	546,791	411,241	533,086	537,412					
Passenger.....do.	104,971	43,521	91,939	103,463					
Operating expenses.....do.	399,706	312,288	390,477	399,292					
Net railway operating income.....do.	154,632	* 104,358	133,001	135,264					
<b>FOODSTUFFS</b>									
Fermented malt liquors:									
Production.....thous. of bbl.	6,587	* 5,341	6,803	6,984					
Tax-paid withdrawals.....do.	0,208	* 5,296	6,814	0,864					
Stocks.....do.	8,593	8,381	8,651	8,487					
<b>FOODSTUFFS—Continued</b>									
Distilled spirits:									
Production.....thous. of tax gallons.	* 6,526	21,201	* 7,968	* 6,893					
Tax-paid withdrawals.....do.	15,129	* 11,985	12,801	15,380					
Stocks.....do.	* 521,243	547,678	* 537,737	* 529,089					
Whisky:									
Production.....do.	4,945	* 9,543	7,039	5,744					
Tax-paid withdrawals.....do.	10,068	* 9,204	8,585	10,144					
Stocks.....do.	500,147	499,503	515,947	507,943					
Rectified spirits and wines, production, total									
thous. of proof gal.....do.	7,756	* 6,401	6,199	7,548					
Whisky.....do.	6,753	* 4,830	5,499	6,652					
<b>FUELS AND BYPRODUCTS</b>									
Coal:									
Bituminous:									
Industrial consumption, total									
thous. of short tons.....do.	35,055	31,928	34,306	* 34,686					
Stocks, industrial and retail dealers, end of									
month, total.....thous. of short tons.	87,297	56,994	77,583	* 82,686					
Industrial, total.....do.	77,247	48,044	69,003	* 73,186					
Retail dealers, total.....do.	10,050	8,950	8,580	9,500					
Coke:									
Production:									
Beehive.....do.	692	606	688	692					
Byproduct.....do.	5,163	4,811	5,278	5,315					
Stocks, end of month:									
Byproduct plants, total.....do.	1,614	1,580	1,469	1,564					
At furnace plants.....do.	1,021	881	999	1,026					
At merchant plants.....do.	593	699	470	539					
<b>LEATHER AND PRODUCTS</b>									
Production, boots, shoes, and slippers:									
Total.....thous. of pairs.	36,906	43,815	41,689	* 38,796					
Athletic.....do.	432	512	459	424					
All fabric (satin, canvas, etc.).....do.	237	277	146	175					
Part fabric and part leather.....do.	716	1,017	671	611					
High and low cut, leather, total.....do.	30,921	35,558	35,912	* 33,046					
Government shoes.....do.	3,283	1,324	3,678	* 3,879					
Civilian shoes:									
Boys' and youths'.....do.	1,419	1,812	1,562	* 1,392					
Infants'.....do.	2,074	2,403	2,151	2,125					
Misses' and children's.....do.	3,050	4,025	3,602	* 3,224					
Men's.....do.	7,498	10,473	8,578	* 7,446					
Women's.....do.	13,596	15,522	16,341	* 14,980					
Slippers and moccasins for housewears.....do.	4,217	6,019	3,850	* 4,080					
All other footwear.....do.	362	436	650	* 460					
<b>METALS AND MANUFACTURES</b>									
Steel manufactured products:									
Boilers, steel, new orders:									
Area.....thous. of sq. ft.	3,960	* 1,566	2,316	* 1,832					
Quantity.....number	2,346	* 1,106	1,091	* 906					
Foundry equipment:†									
New orders, net total.....1937-39=100.	446.4	* 363.8	800.8	510.8					
New equipment.....do.	452.4	372.0	909.1	536.7					
Repairs.....do.	428.4	339.2	474.0	433.0					
<b>PAPER AND PRINTING</b>									
Wood pulp:									
Production, total, all grades.....short tons.	751,412	797,725	753,629	796,070					
Sulphate, total.....do.	360,614	360,776	361,272	385,750					
Unbleached.....do.	302,746	312,949	310,525	323,767					
Sulphite, total.....do.	225,966	243,713	225,818	241,701					
Bleached.....do.	133,068	142,000	132,651	145,693					
Soda.....do.	44,662	50,008	41,684	44,651					
Groundwood.....do.	119,270	137,228	124,955	123,968					
Stocks, end of month, total, all grades.....do.	180,522	95,622	173,728	190,631					
Sulphate, total.....do.	76,128	15,921	41,340	64,881					
Unbleached.....do.	69,372	11,480	37,383	60,293					
Sulphite, total.....do.	42,041	38,599	42,313	43,568					
Bleached.....do.	26,427	24,151	27,332	32,356					
Soda.....do.	5,104	4,456	4,325	5,013					
Groundwood.....do.	57,249	36,646	85,750	72,169					
<b>TEXTILE PRODUCTS</b>									
Cotton manufactures:									
Finished cotton cloth, production:									
Bleached, plain.....thous. of yd.	179,363	185,786	189,214	178,185					
Dyed, colors.....do.	167,074	138,437	150,832	149,169					
Dyed, black.....do.	5,472	6,369	5,730	5,121					
Printed.....do.	65,606	98,757	55,732	60,073					
Rayon:									
Deliveries (consumption), yarn.....mil. of lb.	38.3	37.0	40.0	* 38.1					
Stocks, yarn, end of mo.....do.	7.8	4.9	6.6	7.4					
<b>TRANSPORTATION EQUIPMENT</b>									
Railway equipment (Assn. of Amer. R. R.):									
Freight cars, end of month:									
Number owned.....thousands	1,737	1,676	1,737	1,737					
Undergoing or awaiting cl. rep.....do.	46	73	55	53					
Percent of total on line.....do.	2.7		3.2	3.1					
Orders, unfilled.....cars.	35,637	86,943	35,442	34,195					
Equipment manufacturers.....do.	28,352	63,607	24,974	24,626					
Railroad shops.....do.	7,285	23,336	10,468	9,					