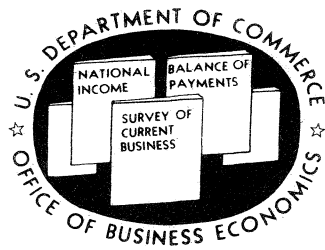


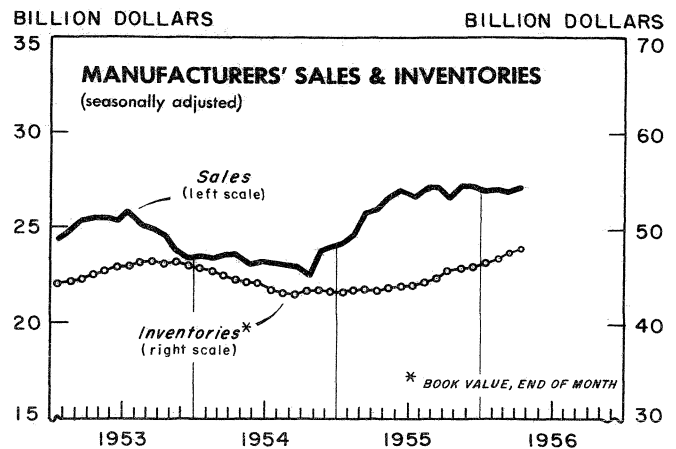
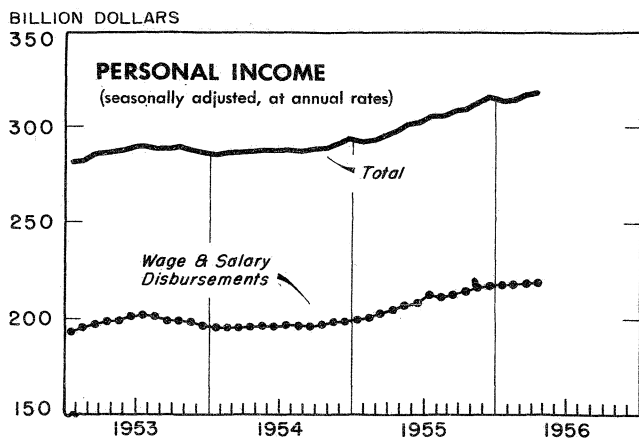
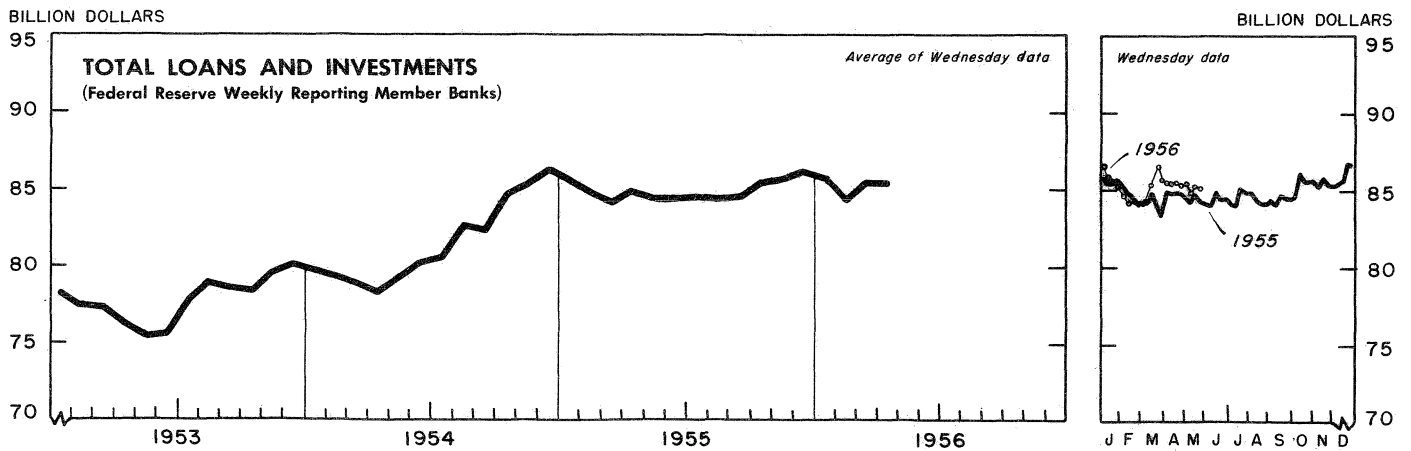
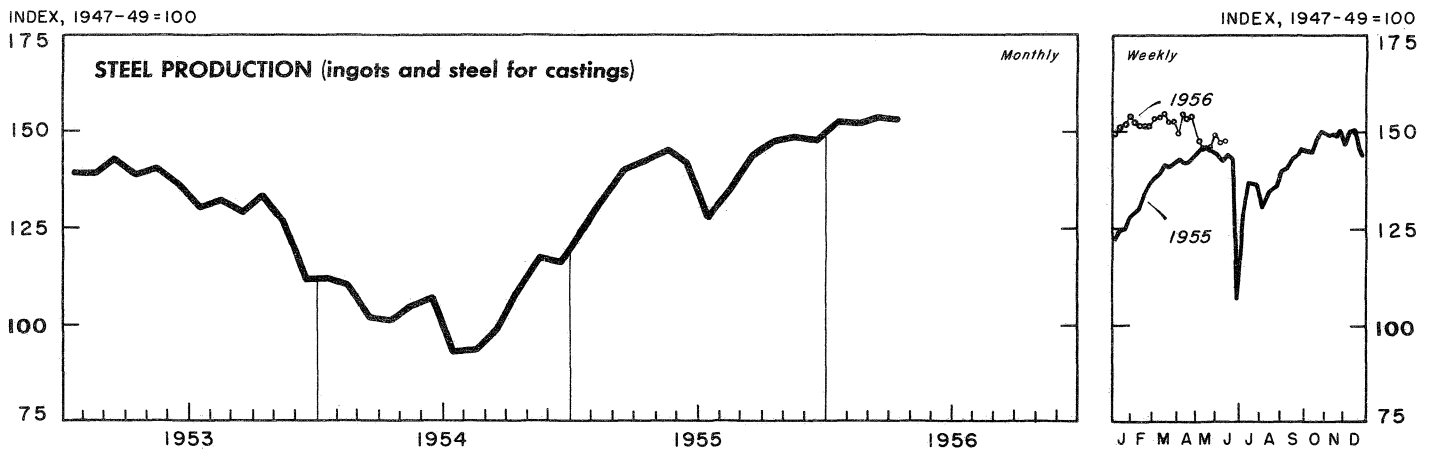
# BUSINESS STATISTICS



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## SELECTED BUSINESS INDICATORS



WEEKLY BUSINESS STATISTICS<sup>1</sup>

ITEM	1955		1956			
	May 28	June 4	May 12	May 19	May 26	June 2
<b>Commodity prices, wholesale:</b>						
All commodities.....1947-49=100..		*109.9	113.9	114.3	114.4	114.2
Farm products.....do....		*91.2	88.8	90.8	91.3	90.7
Foods, processed.....do....		*102.1	100.8	101.8	102.3	102.6
All other.....do....		*115.5	121.8	121.8	121.7	121.5
22 commodities 2/.....do....	89.1	89.0	90.8	90.8	90.4	88.3
Department store sales.....do....	114	102	129	122	117	.....
Insured unemployment, total.....thous..	1,290	1,303	1,324	1,337	.....	.....
State programs.....do....	1,180	1,194	1,242	1,257	.....	.....
<b>Finance:</b>						
Currency in circulation 3/.....mil. of dol..	29,826	29,961	30,296	30,359	30,317	30,327
Federal Reserve bank credit outstanding, total 3/.....do....	24,834	25,001	25,325	25,298	25,310	24,995
Member bank reserve balances 3/.....do....	18,673	18,496	18,848	18,710	18,809	18,569
Excess reserves, estimated 3/.....do....	481	433	546	453	536	341
Federal Reserve reporting member banks in leading cities:4/						
Demand deposits, adjusted.....mil. of dol..	56,437	56,011	55,559	54,999	55,444	.....
Time deposits, except U. S. Government.....do....	21,512	21,527	21,599	21,638	21,687	.....
Loans and investments (adjusted), total.....do....	84,280	84,164	84,887	85,241	85,115	.....
U. S. Government obligations.....do....	33,296	33,026	33,296	27,082	26,877	.....
Commercial, industrial, and agr. loans (gross).....do....	22,641	22,636	28,031	28,203	28,093	.....
Real-estate loans (gross).....do....	7,686	7,719	8,457	8,471	8,494	.....
Failures, industrial and commercial.....number..	204	203	258	279	273	238
Bond yields, domestic corporate (Moody's) 3/.....percent..	3.23	3.23	3.46	3.45	3.46	3.46
Stock prices, 480 stocks (Stand. & Poor's) 4/..1935-39=100..	286.7	289.5	354.4	343.1	335.1	334.5
Industrials, 420 stocks.....do....	321.7	325.4	412.2	397.7	387.5	387.0
<b>Production:</b>						
Bituminous coal 3/.....thous. of short tons..	1,541	1,576	1,670	1,633	1,687	.....
Electric power, by utilities.....mil. of kw.-hr..	9,976	9,537	10,837	10,875	10,927	.....
Passenger cars and trucks (Ward's).....number..	198,282	149,929	127,775	126,771	129,908	94,245
Petroleum (crude) and condensate 3/.....thous. of bbl..	6,655	6,592	7,029	7,071	7,071	.....
Steel 5/.....thous. of short tons..	2,326	2,312	2,343	2,345	2,396	2,370
Percent of capacity 5/.....do....	#96.4	#95.8	95.2	95.3	97.3	96.3
Freight car loadings, total 6/.....thous. of cars..	786	714	778	779	788	.....
Miscellaneous.....do....	393	352	375	383	385	.....

1/ Data do not always cover calendar weeks. 2/ Tuesday prices. 3/ Daily average. 4/ Wednesday data. 5/ Week ended June 9, 1956: Production, 2,373 thous. short tons; operating rate, 96.4 percent. 6/ Data for 1956 adjusted to revised classification of class 1 railroads. \* Monthly index for May 1955. # Not comparable with 1956 rates which are based on higher capacity.

## MONTHLY BUSINESS STATISTICS

ITEM	1955		1956			
	March	April	January	February	March	April
<b>GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS</b>						
Personal income, by source, seasonally adj., at annual rates:						
Total personal income.....bil. of dol..	295.7	298.9	312.7	313.3	r315.2	317.1
Wage and salary disbursements, total.....do....	202.6	204.6	216.2	216.3	r217.5	218.7
Commodity-producing industries.....do....	87.8	88.9	94.1	94.0	r94.4	95.3
Distributive industries.....do....	53.6	53.6	57.3	57.3	r57.7	58.1
Service industries.....do....	27.0	27.2	28.6	28.7	28.9	28.9
Government.....do....	34.2	34.9	36.2	36.3	r36.5	36.4
Other labor income.....do....	6.8	6.9	7.2	7.2	7.3	7.3
Proprietors' and rental income.....do....	48.5	49.0	49.2	49.3	r49.4	49.6
Personal interest income and dividends.....do....	25.5	25.9	28.1	28.4	28.7	29.0
Transfer payments.....do....	17.4	17.6	17.7	17.8	18.0	18.2
Less personal contributions for social insurance.....do....	5.1	5.1	5.7	5.7	5.7	5.7
Total nonagricultural income.....do....	280.9	283.7	298.6	299.0	r301.1	302.5
<b>Manufacturers' sales:</b>						
Value (unadjusted), total.....mil. of dol..	27,550	26,296	26,363	26,536	r28,505	27,403
Durable-goods industries, total 1/.....do....	13,899	13,300	13,112	13,301	r14,290	13,920
Primary metal.....do....	2,225	2,178	2,428	2,393	r2,607	2,505
Fabricated metal.....do....	1,291	1,278	1,343	1,342	r1,427	1,410
Machinery (including electrical).....do....	3,628	3,326	3,503	3,652	r3,949	3,868
Transportation equipment (incl. motor vehicles).....do....	3,852	3,805	3,166	3,169	r3,313	3,248
Lumber and furniture.....do....	1,176	1,100	1,050	1,101	r1,190	1,146
Stone, clay, and glass.....do....	651	643	560	602	r696	701
Nondurable-goods industries, total 1/.....do....	13,651	12,996	13,251	13,235	r14,215	13,483
Food and beverage.....do....	4,117	4,045	3,962	3,977	r4,229	4,067
Tobacco.....do....	309	300	306	304	313	320
Textile.....do....	1,151	1,072	1,078	1,090	r1,168	1,061
Paper.....do....	847	803	883	877	r938	893
Chemical.....do....	2,025	2,006	1,977	1,887	r2,059	2,059
Petroleum and coal.....do....	2,388	2,238	2,549	2,440	r2,618	2,437
Rubber.....do....	475	459	425	423	460	.....
Value (adjusted), total.....do....	25,976	26,025	27,023	27,224	r27,095	27,266
Durable-goods industries, total 1/.....do....	12,860	12,805	13,595	13,593	r13,294	13,492
Primary metal.....do....	2,087	2,133	2,369	2,457	r2,444	2,454
Fabricated metal.....do....	1,253	1,278	1,399	1,413	r1,385	1,410

1/ Revised. 1/ Includes data for "other industries" not shown.

ITEM	1955		1956			
	March	April	January	February	March	April
GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS - Continued						
Manufacturers' sales, value (adjusted) - Continued						
Durable-goods industries - Continued						
Machinery (including electrical).....mil. of dol..	3,318	3,193	3,691	3,647	r3,630	3,731
Transportation equipment (incl. motor vehicles)...do....	3,486	3,546	3,194	3,137	r3,021	2,991
Lumber and furniture.....do....	1,069	1,048	1,141	1,147	r1,102	1,113
Stone, clay, and glass.....do....	632	637	659	684	r676	708
Nondurable-goods industries, total <u>1/</u> .....do....	13,116	13,220	13,428	13,631	r13,801	13,774
Food and beverage.....do....	4,113	4,246	4,066	4,180	r4,284	4,274
Tobacco.....do....	303	326	329	338	r323	348
Textile.....do....	1,096	1,117	1,100	1,124	r1,123	1,129
Paper.....do....	807	787	866	904	r893	875
Chemical.....do....	1,902	1,912	1,931	1,940	r1,939	1,978
Petroleum and coal.....do....	2,341	2,284	2,475	2,515	r2,567	2,512
Rubber.....do....	466	445	415	445	r451	.....
Manufacturers' inventories, end of month:						
Book value (unadjusted), total.....mil. of dol..	43,483	43,344	46,704	47,227	r47,674	48,177
Durable-goods industries, total <u>1/</u> .....do....	24,268	24,352	26,726	27,149	r27,592	27,985
Primary metal.....do....	3,166	3,126	3,576	3,564	r3,524	3,546
Fabricated metal.....do....	2,486	2,546	2,718	2,803	r2,935	2,983
Machinery (including electrical).....do....	7,898	7,955	8,700	8,960	r9,222	9,416
Transportation equipment (incl. motor vehicles)...do....	5,940	5,922	6,749	6,860	r6,875	6,917
Lumber and furniture.....do....	1,731	1,736	1,871	1,783	r1,792	1,842
Stone, clay, and glass.....do....	914	915	985	1,015	r1,040	1,056
By stages of fabrication:						
Purchased materials.....bil. of dol..	6.2	6.2	7.2	7.3	r7.4	7.4
Goods in process.....do....	10.0	10.0	11.0	11.2	r11.4	11.6
Finished goods.....do....	8.1	8.2	8.5	8.7	r8.8	9.0
Nondurable-goods industries, total <u>1/</u> .....mil. of dol..	19,215	18,992	19,978	20,078	r20,082	20,192
Food and beverage.....do....	4,391	4,228	4,502	4,434	r4,323	4,293
Tobacco.....do....	1,901	1,857	1,938	1,924	r1,926	1,887
Textile.....do....	2,396	2,404	2,460	2,477	r2,506	2,546
Paper.....do....	1,057	1,044	1,080	1,115	r1,139	1,143
Chemical.....do....	3,022	2,967	3,300	3,377	r3,406	3,436
Petroleum and coal.....do....	2,587	2,605	2,699	2,737	r2,729	2,783
Rubber.....do....	821	824	963	999	r1,018	.....
By stages of fabrication:						
Purchased materials.....bil. of dol..	7.8	7.7	8.4	8.4	8.4	8.3
Goods in process.....do....	2.9	2.9	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.1
Finished goods.....do....	8.5	8.4	8.6	8.7	8.7	8.8
Book value (adjusted), total.....mil. of dol..	43,332	43,264	46,299	46,897	r47,433	47,927
Durable-goods industries, total <u>1/</u> .....do....	24,112	24,159	26,590	27,009	r27,432	27,722
Primary metal.....do....	3,288	3,266	3,519	3,570	r3,677	3,698
Fabricated metal.....do....	2,461	2,496	2,718	2,803	r2,877	2,924
Machinery (including electrical).....do....	7,788	7,816	8,678	8,939	r9,094	9,250
Transportation equipment (incl. motor vehicles)...do....	5,883	5,864	6,711	6,816	r6,800	6,820
Lumber and furniture.....do....	1,714	1,719	1,871	1,783	r1,792	1,824
Stone, clay, and glass.....do....	887	888	966	976	r1,010	1,025
By stages of fabrication:						
Purchased materials.....bil. of dol..	6.3	6.5	7.1	7.3	7.5	7.7
Goods in process.....do....	9.9	9.9	10.9	11.1	11.2	11.4
Finished goods.....do....	7.9	7.8	8.5	8.6	8.7	8.7
Nondurable-goods industries, total <u>1/</u> .....mil. of dol..	19,220	19,105	19,709	19,888	r20,001	20,205
Food and beverage.....do....	4,442	4,400	4,372	4,361	r4,391	4,437
Tobacco.....do....	1,846	1,839	1,828	1,832	r1,870	1,868
Textile.....do....	2,396	2,380	2,485	2,477	r2,457	2,496
Paper.....do....	1,036	1,034	1,069	1,083	r1,117	1,132
Chemical.....do....	2,982	2,943	3,248	3,339	r3,361	3,409
Petroleum and coal.....do....	2,667	2,658	2,754	2,793	r2,785	2,811
Rubber.....do....	805	784	935	970	r979	.....
By stages of fabrication:						
Purchased materials.....bil. of dol..	7.7	7.7	8.2	8.2	8.2	8.2
Goods in process.....do....	2.8	2.8	2.9	3.0	2.9	3.0
Finished goods.....do....	8.7	8.6	8.6	8.7	8.9	9.0
Manufacturers' orders:						
New orders, net (unadjusted), total.....mil. of dol..	28,310	26,043	27,468	27,076	r28,593	27,341
Durable-goods industries, total <u>1/</u> .....do....	14,596	13,132	14,307	13,931	r14,557	13,962
Primary metal.....do....	2,896	2,504	2,482	2,682	r2,613	2,217
Fabricated metal.....do....	1,463	1,218	1,328	1,444	r1,538	1,573
Machinery (including electrical).....do....	3,656	3,345	3,866	3,908	r4,162	4,192
Transportation equipment (incl. motor vehicles)...do....	3,658	3,337	3,730	3,011	r3,173	3,043
Nondurable-goods industries.....do....	13,714	12,911	13,161	13,145	r14,036	13,379
New orders, net (adjusted), total.....do....	26,482	26,116	28,074	27,627	r26,912	27,416
Durable-goods industries, total <u>1/</u> .....do....	13,353	12,879	14,683	14,107	r13,337	13,679
Primary metal.....do....	2,586	2,385	2,387	2,737	r2,333	2,111
Fabricated metal.....do....	1,306	1,194	1,398	1,520	r1,373	1,542
Machinery (including electrical).....do....	3,404	3,179	3,806	3,953	r3,877	3,986
Transportation equipment (incl. motor vehicles)...do....	3,325	3,337	4,191	3,011	r2,884	3,043
Nondurable-goods industries, total.....do....	13,129	13,237	13,391	13,520	r13,575	13,737
Unfilled orders, end of month (unadjusted), total.....do....	48,231	47,978	56,596	57,136	r57,224	57,162
Durable-goods industries, total <u>1/</u> .....do....	45,274	45,106	53,314	53,944	r54,211	54,253
Primary metal.....do....	5,279	5,605	7,092	7,381	r7,387	7,099
Fabricated metal.....do....	3,387	3,327	4,074	4,176	r4,287	4,450
Machinery (including electrical).....do....	13,531	13,550	16,567	16,823	r17,036	17,360
Transportation equipment (incl. motor vehicles)...do....	18,792	18,324	21,246	21,088	r20,948	20,743
Nondurable-goods industries, total.....do....	2,957	2,872	3,282	3,192	r3,013	2,909

1/ Revised. 1/ Includes data for "other industries" not shown.

ITEM	1955		1956			
	March	April	January	February	March	April
<b>EMPLOYMENT</b>						
Labor turnover in manufacturing establishments:						
Accession rate.....monthly rate per 100 employees..	3.6	3.5	3.3	3.1	3.1	p3.3
Separation rate, total.....do....	3.0	3.1	3.6	3.6	r3.5	p3.4
Discharge.....do....	.2	.3	.3	.3	.3	p.3
Lay-off.....do....	1.3	1.2	1.7	1.8	1.6	p1.4
Quit.....do....	1.3	1.5	1.4	1.3	1.4	p1.5
Military and miscellaneous.....do....	.2	.2	.2	.2	.2	p.2
<b>FINANCE</b>						
Stocks, cash dividend payments publicly reported:						
Total dividend payments.....mil. of dol..	1,340.4	669.0	808.7	323.6	1,607.1	707.1
Finance.....do....	91.0	118.8	164.5	110.3	102.7	125.6
Manufacturing.....do....	869.2	235.2	269.5	98.1	1,088.5	248.3
Mining.....do....	100.1	7.1	9.7	3.6	115.0	9.2
Public utilities:						
Communications.....do....	39.3	126.4	136.5	1.5	41.1	138.8
Electric and gas.....do....	111.0	85.1	87.0	75.2	120.3	92.9
Railroad.....do....	64.5	23.9	40.1	12.4	68.5	23.6
Trade.....do....	38.7	57.0	91.5	18.1	42.3	61.3
<b>ELECTRIC POWER</b>						
Electric power, production, total.....mil. of kw.-hr..	51,153	48,376	58,092	54,630	57,404	54,300
Electric utilities.....do....	44,449	42,035	51,120	47,988	50,344	47,489
Industrial establishments.....do....	6,703	6,341	6,972	6,642	7,060	6,812
<b>PAPER AND PRINTING</b>						
Newsprint, Canada (including Newfoundland):						
Production.....thous. of short tons..	539.1	518.6	523.3	514.7	552.9	518.4
Shipments from mills.....do....	512.0	540.5	502.3	501.6	534.8	508.4
Stocks, at mills, end of month.....do....	191.9	170.0	101.1	114.1	132.2	142.2
Newsprint, United States:						
Consumption by publishers.....do....	438.9	431.8	402.3	397.8	446.1	461.8
Production.....do....	127.3	122.7	139.5	130.5	149.0	138.3
Shipments from mills.....do....	126.9	122.9	140.5	132.0	147.3	136.3
Stocks, end of month:						
At mills.....do....	7.6	7.4	7.3	5.8	7.4	9.4
At publishers.....do....	383.1	369.2	360.0	366.1	366.3	342.3
In transit to publishers.....do....	82.6	78.8	112.0	107.2	103.9	93.8
<b>RUBBER AND RUBBER PRODUCTS</b>						
Natural rubber:						
Consumption.....long tons..	58,472	52,963	53,751	50,285	r50,040	46,961
Stocks, end of month.....do....	102,058	101,620	r111,943	111,832	r109,974	108,840
Synthetic rubber:						
Production.....do....	78,757	75,604	93,522	90,488	94,389	91,602
Consumption.....do....	77,173	72,123	78,480	75,240	r77,888	73,691
Stocks, end of month.....do....	143,587	141,444	r141,732	145,906	r150,995	153,998
<b>TRANSPORTATION EQUIPMENT</b>						
Industrial trucks and tractors:						
Trucks, electric, shipments:						
Hand (motorized).....number..	507	476	570	603	671	624
Rider-type.....do....	425	406	409	491	503	503
Trucks and tractors, gasoline-powered, shipments.....do....	1,808	1,647	1,777	1,765	2,170	2,232

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