

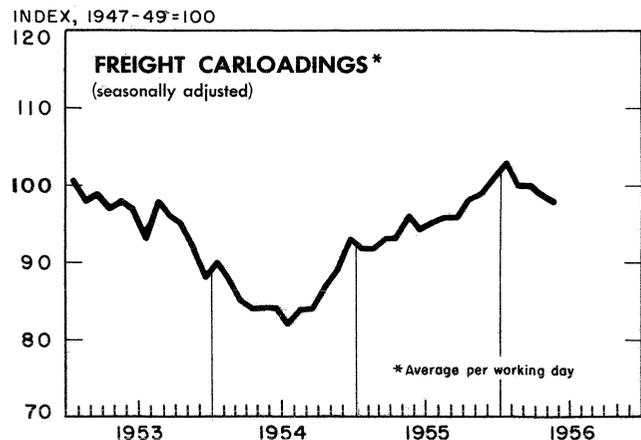
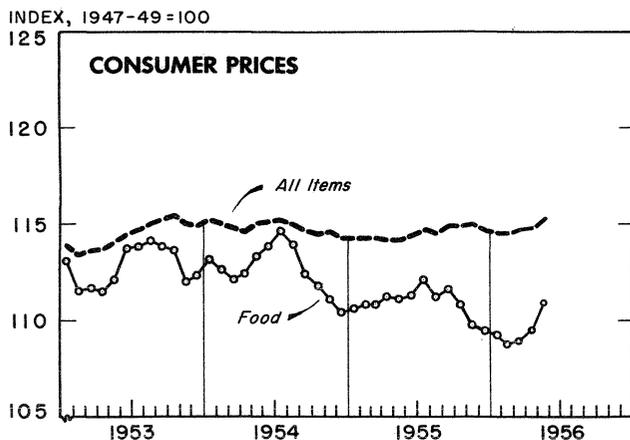
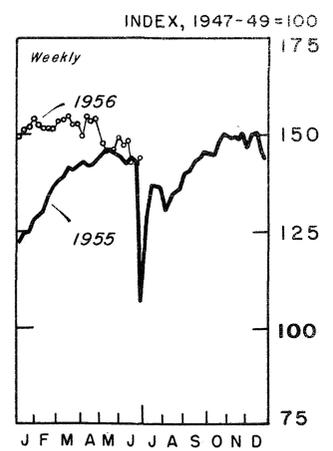
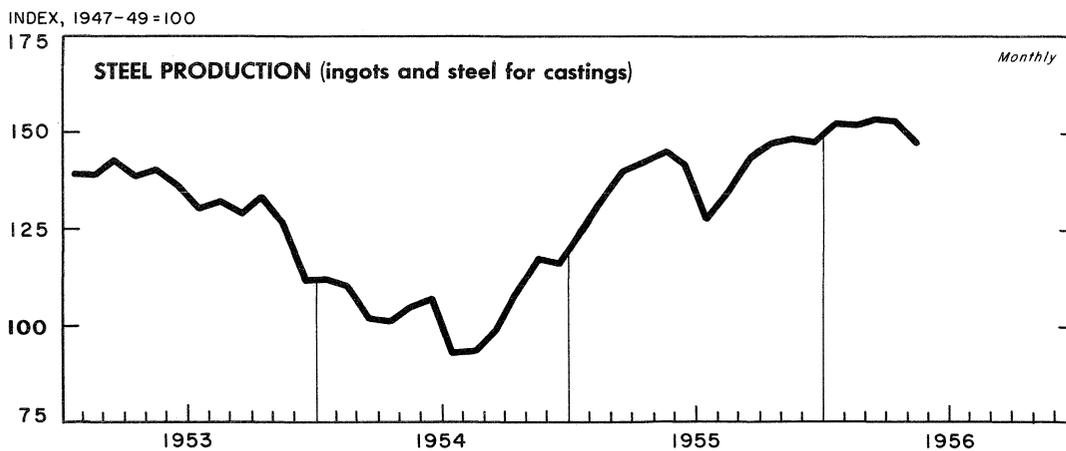
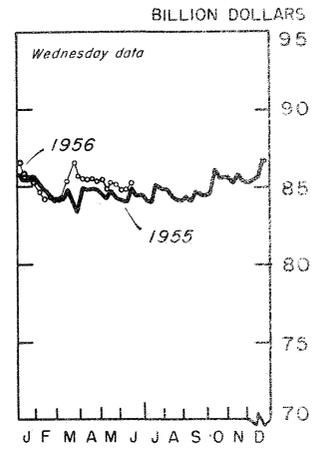
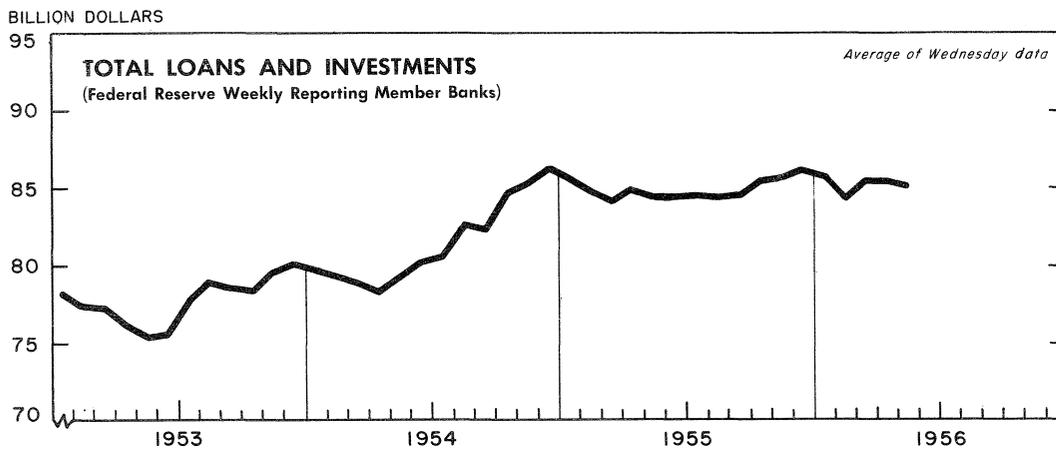


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WEEKLY BUSINESS STATISTICS¹

ITEM	1955		1956			
	June 18	June 25	June 2	June 9	June 16	June 23
Commodity prices, wholesale:						
All commodities.....1947-49=100..		*110.3		114.2	114.2	114.0
Farm products.....do.....		*91.8		91.1	91.4	90.7
Foods, processed.....do.....		*103.9		102.9	102.5	101.9
All other.....do.....		*115.6		121.4	121.4	121.4
22 commodities <u>2</u> /.....do.....	90.4	90.8	88.3	88.2	89.0	87.8
Department store sales.....do.....	117	103	109	124	131	.....
Insured unemployment, total.....thous..	1,222	1,193	1,322	1,304	.....	.....
State programs.....do.....	1,117	1,089	1,247	1,228	.....	.....
Finance:						
Currency in circulation <u>3</u> /.....mil. of dol..	30,058	30,035	30,327	30,505	30,542	30,541
Federal Reserve bank credit outstanding, total <u>3</u> /.....do....	24,956	25,055	24,995	25,320	25,251	25,779
Member bank reserve balances <u>3</u> /.....do.....	18,678	18,998	18,569	18,819	18,749	19,116
Excess reserves, estimated <u>3</u> /.....do.....	579	697	347	604	511	606
Federal Reserve reporting member banks in leading cities: <u>4</u> /						
Demand deposits, adjusted.....mil. of dol..	57,726	57,127	55,521	55,641	56,974	.....
Time deposits, except U. S. Government.....do....	21,600	21,629	21,684	21,806	21,851	.....
Loans and investments (adjusted), total.....do....	85,009	84,449	84,724	84,726	85,236	.....
U. S. Government obligations.....do.....	32,842	32,303	26,873	26,719	26,745	.....
Commercial, industrial, and agr. loans (gross).....do....	23,355	23,433	27,784	27,971	28,258	.....
Real-estate loans (gross).....do.....	7,797	7,828	8,503	8,508	8,547	.....
Failures, industrial and commercial.....number..	214	205	238	257	286	245
Bond yields, domestic corporate (Moody's) <u>3</u> /.....percent..	3.23	3.23	3.46	3.46	3.46	3.46
Stock prices, 480 stocks (Stand. & Poor's) <u>4</u> /.....1935-39=100..	302.2	306.7	334.5	335.6	340.7	340.8
Industrials, 420 stocks.....do.....	342.4	348.6	387.0	390.0	396.9	396.9
Production:						
Bituminous coal <u>3</u> /.....thous. of short tons..	1,580	1,703	1,585	1,642	1,713	.....
Electric power, by utilities.....mil. of kw.-hr..	9,987	10,226	10,598	10,951	11,425	.....
Passenger cars and trucks (Ward's).....number..	165,437	180,520	94,917	126,554	121,491	127,957
Petroleum (crude) and condensate <u>3</u> /.....thous. of bbl..	6,626	6,637	7,037	6,998	7,066	.....
Steel <u>2</u> /.....thous. of short tons..	2,316	2,292	2,370	2,380	2,299	2,290
Percent of capacity <u>2</u> /.....do.....	#96.0	#95.0	96.3	96.7	93.4	93.0
Freight carloadings, total <u>6</u> /.....thous. of cars..	785	709	719	787	801	.....
Miscellaneous.....do.....	380	387	352	383	381	.....

¹/ Data do not always cover calendar weeks. ²/ Tuesday prices. ³/ Daily average. ⁴/ Wednesday data. ⁵/ Week ended June 30, 1956; Production, 2,314 thous. short tons; operating rate, 94.0 percent. ⁶/ Data for 1956 adjusted to revised classification of class I railroads. * Monthly index for June 1955. # Not comparable with 1956 rates which are based on higher capacity.

MONTHLY BUSINESS STATISTICS

ITEM	1955		1956			
	April	May	February	March	April	May
COMMODITY PRICES						
Consumer price index, all items.....1947-49=100..	114.2	114.2	114.6	114.7	114.9	¹ / 115.4
Apparel.....do.....	103.1	103.3	104.6	104.8	104.8	104.8
Food.....do.....	111.2	111.1	108.8	109.0	109.6	111.0
Dairy products.....do.....	104.6	104.0	107.3	106.9	106.4	107.5
Fruits and vegetables.....do.....	117.5	120.2	113.3	114.8	116.7	121.5
Meats, poultry, and fish.....do.....	103.0	102.1	93.6	92.8	94.0	95.5
Housing.....do.....	119.5	119.4	120.7	120.7	120.8	120.9
Gas and electricity.....do.....	110.3	110.9	111.7	111.7	111.8	111.8
Housefurnishings.....do.....	104.5	103.7	102.5	103.1	102.7	102.6
Rent.....do.....	129.9	130.3	131.5	131.6	131.7	132.2
Medical care.....do.....	127.3	127.5	130.9	131.4	131.6	131.9
Personal care.....do.....	113.7	113.9	118.9	119.2	119.5	119.6
Reading and recreation.....do.....	106.6	106.5	107.5	107.7	108.2	108.2
Transportation.....do.....	125.3	125.5	126.9	126.7	126.4	126.9
Other goods and services.....do.....	119.8	119.9	120.9	121.2	121.4	121.5
Purchasing power of the dollar as measured by—						
Wholesale prices.....1947-49=100..	90.5	91.0	89.0	88.7	88.0	² / 87.5
Consumer prices.....do.....	87.6	87.6	87.3	87.2	87.0	² / 86.7
Retail food prices.....do.....	89.9	90.0	91.9	91.7	91.2	² / 90.1
CONSTRUCTION AND REAL ESTATE						
Construction contracts awarded, 37 States (F.W. Dodge Corp.):						
Total projects.....number..	79,184	75,896	58,056	79,196	81,231	78,801
Total valuation.....mil. of dol..	2,322	2,185	1,860	2,382	2,421	2,480
Building, total.....do.....	1,776	1,737	1,429	1,986	1,966	1,949
Construction cost index (E. H. Boeckh and Associates):						
Apartments, hotels, and office buildings:						
Brick and concrete.....U. S. avg. 1926-29=100..	260.7	261.8	271.6	272.4	274.1	276.8
Brick and steel.....do.....	256.2	257.3	267.7	268.7	270.3	272.5
Brick and wood.....do.....	260.0	261.3	270.5	271.6	273.4	275.4
Commercial and factory buildings:						
Brick and concrete.....do.....	268.5	269.7	279.4	280.4	282.3	285.3
Brick and steel.....do.....	264.5	265.6	277.1	278.4	280.0	282.2

ITEM	1955		1956			
	April	May	February	March	April	May
CONSTRUCTION AND REAL ESTATE - Continued						
Construction cost index (E. H. Boeckh and Assoc.) - Con.						
Commercial and factory buildings - Con.						
Brick and wood.....U. S. avg. 1926-29=100..	258.1	259.6	269.0	269.9	271.5	273.8
Frame.....do.....	260.3	261.8	270.5	271.4	273.6	275.4
Steel.....do.....	247.4	248.3	261.8	263.3	264.6	266.2
Residences:						
Brick.....do.....	260.7	262.3	271.2	272.1	273.8	276.1
Frame.....do.....	254.9	256.4	265.2	266.2	268.2	269.9
FINANCE						
Federal Government finance:						
Receipts, total.....mil. of dol..	4,941	6,119	7,158	12,499	5,562	7,107
Receipts, net.....do.....	3,732	4,438	6,195	11,313	4,082	5,050
Customs.....do.....	51	56	57	59	59	63
Income and employment taxes.....do.....	3,976	4,849	5,959	11,344	4,461	5,780
Miscellaneous internal revenue.....do.....	795	939	944	963	894	1,014
All other receipts.....do.....	119	276	198	133	147	251
Expenditures, total.....do.....	5,228	5,356	4,950	5,399	5,387	5,467
Interest on public debt.....do.....	355	443	553	559	565	561
Veterans' services and benefits.....do.....	383	381	398	400	p406	p432
Major national security.....do.....	<u>1/</u> 3,382	<u>1/</u> 3,346	3,214	3,284	p3,232	p3,433
All other expenditures.....do.....	1,108	1,187	786	1,156	p1,185	p1,040
CHEMICALS AND ALLIED PRODUCTS						
Organic chemicals, production:						
Acetic acid (synthetic and natural).....thous. of lb..	45,256	41,621	42,662	41,851	45,006	.....
Acetic anhydride.....do.....	72,127	70,477	73,385	79,150	71,802	.....
Acetylsalicylic acid (aspirin).....do.....	1,217	1,413	1,931	1,728	1,412	.....
Creosote oil.....thous. of gal..	10,167	10,681	8,787	<u>2/</u> 10,166	<u>2/</u> 9,162	.....
DDT.....thous. of lb..	9,216	10,703	10,742	11,083	10,967	.....
Ethyl acetate (85%).....do.....	9,006	6,171	7,702	6,791	6,820	.....
Ethylene glycol.....do.....	55,756	72,854	81,911	81,632	80,315	.....
Formaldehyde (37% HCHO).....do.....	104,641	104,700	110,519	121,906	112,692	.....
Methanol:						
Natural (100%).....thous. of gal..	185	192	178	189	204	.....
Synthetic (100%).....do.....	15,886	16,740	17,070	20,703	19,078	.....
Phthalic anhydride.....thous. of lb..	29,263	29,339	28,714	29,625	28,271	.....
Synthetic plastics and resin materials, production:						
Cellulose acetate and mixed ester plastics:						
Sheets, rods, and tubes.....thous. of lb..	3,265	3,247	3,426	4,296	3,606	.....
Molding and extrusion materials.....do.....	7,574	7,758	7,178	8,007	7,376	.....
Nitrocellulose sheets, rods, and tubes.....do.....	427	403	497	501	513	.....
Other cellulose plastics.....do.....	584	561	501	r585	429	.....
Phenolic and other tar acid resins.....do.....	39,448	39,876	42,799	r43,935	42,807	.....
Polystyrene.....do.....	41,824	42,550	40,401	43,272	48,812	.....
Urea and melamine resins.....do.....	23,711	22,636	26,507	25,161	23,360	.....
Vinyl resins.....do.....	56,773	61,731	61,607	66,675	65,487	.....
Alkyd resins.....do.....	38,835	38,444	32,392	33,482	31,403	.....
Rosin modifications.....do.....	12,096	11,820	12,055	11,468	11,819	.....
FOODSTUFFS						
Distilled spirits:						
Production.....thous. of tax gal..	14,962	13,155	16,888	19,181	17,652	.....
Consumption for beverage purposes.....thous. of wine gal..	r15,503	16,130	14,616	11,400	16,257	.....
Tax-paid withdrawals.....thous. of tax gal..	11,422	10,825	11,523	13,528	13,736	.....
Stocks, end of month.....do.....	844,138	844,320	847,965	850,415	851,268	.....
Whisky:						
Production.....do.....	10,122	9,073	10,614	12,268	11,426	.....
Tax-paid withdrawals.....do.....	5,361	5,181	6,130	7,051	6,910	.....
Stocks, end of month.....do.....	713,985	716,078	729,962	731,805	733,530	.....
Rectified spirits and wines, prod.....thous. of proof gal..	6,340	5,657	6,223	6,921	7,219	.....
Whisky.....do.....	5,718	4,909	5,476	6,015	6,230	.....
Rice, California:						
Receipts, domestic, rough.....thous. of lb..	119,108	142,168	59,401	57,841	46,331	50,211
Shipments from mills, milled rice.....do.....	101,451	93,542	38,185	30,936	22,791	35,691
Stocks, rough and cleaned (cleaned basis), end of month.....do.....	67,491	72,047	100,920	103,365	106,868	99,246
METALS AND MANUFACTURES						
Castings, gray iron:						
Orders, unfilled, for sale.....thous. of short tons..	966.1	937.9	1,140.8	1,162.6	1,144.9	.....
Shipments, total.....do.....	1,293.7	1,310.4	1,214.8	1,255.4	r1,218.0	.....
For sale.....do.....	679.9	707.1	680.5	715.2	702.1	.....
Castings, malleable iron:						
Orders, unfilled, for sale.....short tons..	104,091	106,446	113,616	106,491	99,573	.....
Shipments, total.....do.....	101,226	98,397	93,533	86,941	83,320	.....
For sale.....do.....	57,397	57,317	54,466	46,266	47,064	.....
Pig iron, production.....thous. of short tons..	6,385	6,805	6,603	7,149	6,925	6,921
Castings, steel:						
Shipments, total.....short tons..	120,053	122,465	165,398	170,045	r163,708	.....
For sale, total.....do.....	92,237	92,713	128,598	130,836	125,015
Railway specialties.....do.....	16,646	16,810	30,833	31,991	27,475

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ITEM	1955		1956			
	April	May	February	March	April	May
METALS AND MANUFACTURES - Continued						
Steel forgings (for sale):						
Orders, unfilled, total.....thous. of short tons..	474.5	488.0	r589.0	577.7	569.4	.....
Shipments, total.....do....	149.6	147.0	151.7	158.9	r150.0	.....
Drop and upset.....do....	113.5	109.4	118.1	122.2	114.8	.....
Press and open hammer.....do....	36.2	37.7	33.6	36.8	35.2	.....
Zinc:						
Imports (general):						
Ores and concentrates.....short tons..	41,262	34,134	55,729	40,916	43,453	.....
Metal (slab, blocks).....do....	15,696	13,048	17,238	12,178	14,081	.....
Slab zinc:						
Production (primary smelter), from domestic and foreign ores.....short tons..	78,399	81,173	80,987	85,050	82,638	.....
Secondary (redistilled) production, total.....do....	5,387	5,004	5,342	6,640	6,026	.....
Consumption, fabricators', total.....do....	91,312	94,913	89,762	r91,782	87,222	.....
Exports.....do....	413	3,053	671	554	1,083	.....
Stocks, end of month:						
Producers', smelter (AZI).....do....	74,579	63,184	39,833	40,038	47,907	59,577
Consumers'.....do....	103,304	104,003	125,171	r127,236	128,355	.....
Furnaces, industrial, new orders, net:						
Electric processing.....thous. of dol..	2,234	1,813	1,768	2,221	1,924	2,035
Fuel-fired (except for hot rolling steel).....do....	5,032	3,801	9,770	3,526	6,182	1,178
Machine tools (metal-cutting types):						
New orders (net), total.....mil. of dol..	50.25	68.70	81.30	89.50	r79.30	p86.05
Domestic.....do....	44.75	64.25	72.35	80.05	r74.00	p78.60
Shipments, total.....do....	53.25	53.50	64.60	74.15	71.80	p76.75
Domestic.....do....	48.65	46.55	58.70	67.85	65.00	p70.50
Estimated backlog.....months..	4.5	4.7	8.5	8.6	8.4	p8.2
Washers, domestic, sales billed.....thousands..	313.5	341.8	405.6	405.7	324.2	315.2
RUBBER AND RUBBER PRODUCTS						
Tires and tubes:						
Pneumatic casings:						
Production.....thousands..	9,153	9,949	8,897	9,193	8,834	.....
Shipments, total.....do....	9,937	9,865	7,473	8,627	9,119	.....
Original equipment.....do....	4,457	4,352	3,342	3,466	3,217	.....
Stocks, end of month.....do....	14,890	14,936	20,933	21,562	21,132	.....
Inner tubes:						
Production.....do....	2,836	3,005	2,969	3,347	3,094	.....
Shipments.....do....	3,250	3,233	2,921	2,962	2,797	.....
Stocks, end of month.....do....	7,963	7,735	6,547	6,848	7,312	.....
TEXTILE PRODUCTS						
Men's apparel, cuttings: <u>1</u> /						
Tailored garments:						
Suits.....thous. of units..	1,636	1,816	1,860	2,285	1,796	1,812
Overcoats and topcoats.....do....	372	496	288	410	452	540
Trousers (separate), dress and sport.....do....	5,856	5,328	5,664	5,940	5,328	5,184
Shirts (woven fabrics), dress and sport.....thous. of doz..	1,908	1,744	2,060	2,285	1,812	1,836
Work clothing:						
Dungarees and waistband overalls.....do....	416	424	380	345	328	308
Shirts.....do....	360	360	416	450	408	408

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