

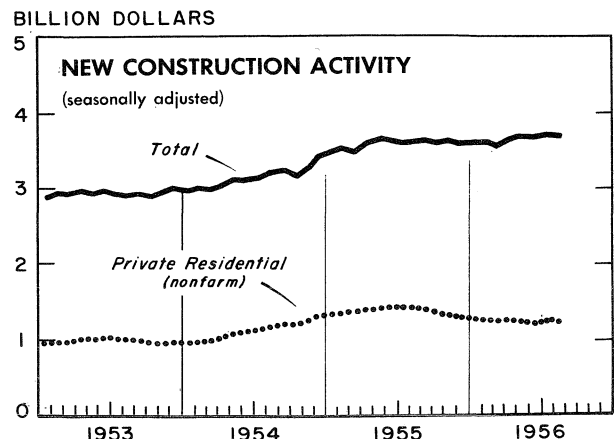
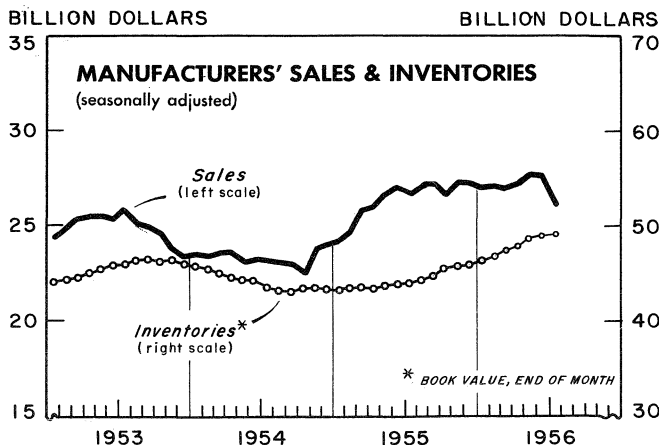
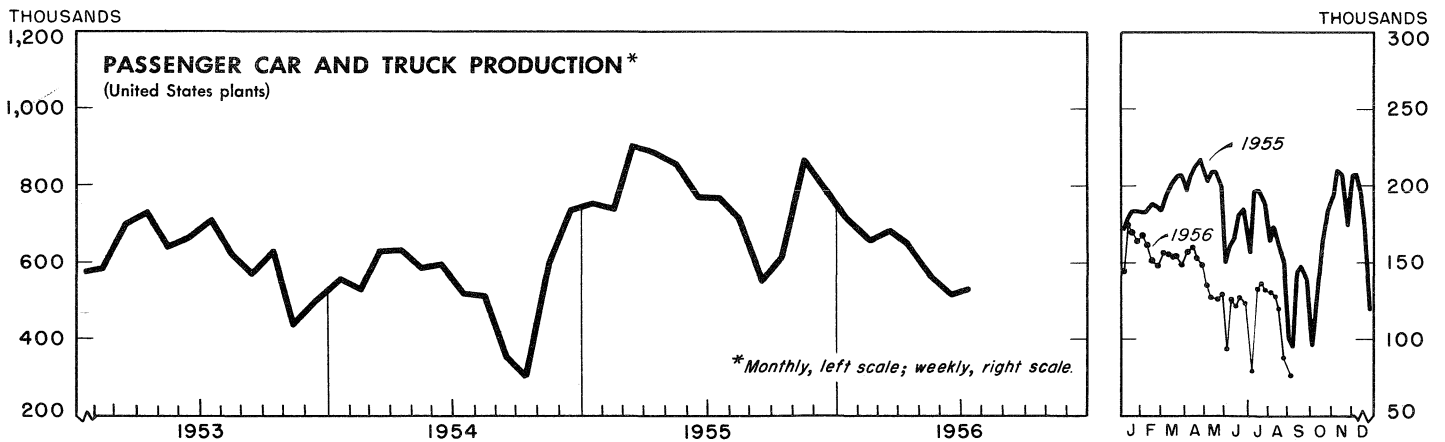
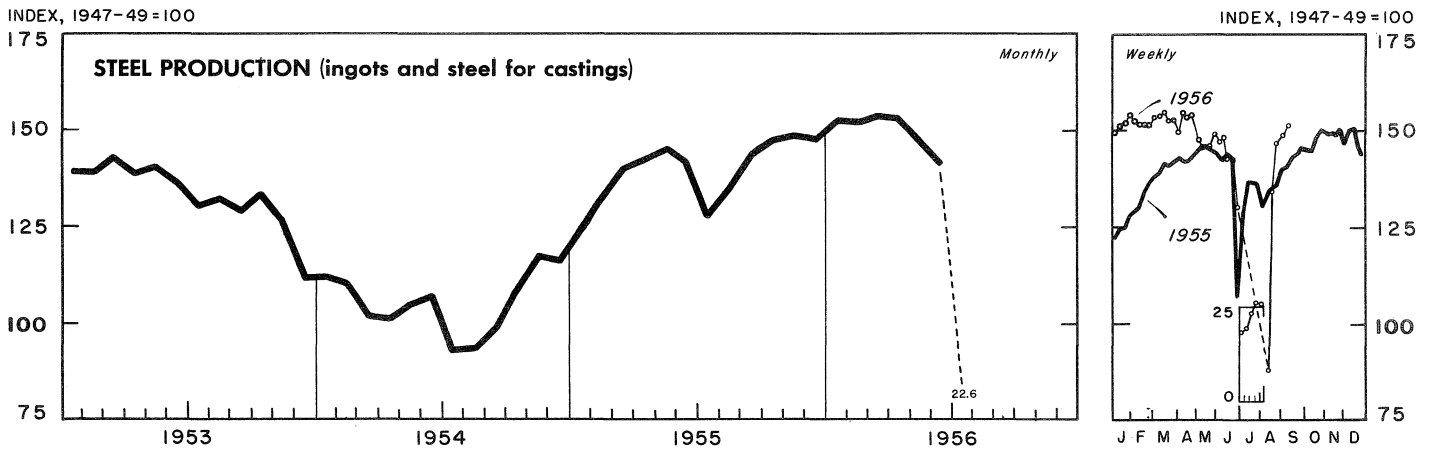


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SELECTED BUSINESS INDICATORS



WEEKLY BUSINESS STATISTICS¹

ITEM	1955		1956			
	Aug. 27	Sept. 3	Aug. 11	Aug. 18	Aug. 25	Sept. 1
Commodity prices, wholesale:						
All commodities.....1947-49=100..		*110.9	114.2	114.5	114.6	114.6
Farm products.....do....		*88.1	89.1	89.0	88.9	88.7
Foods, processed.....do....		*101.9	102.4	102.8	103.0	103.3
All other.....do....		*117.5	121.9	122.2	122.3	122.3
22 commodities 2/.....do....	89.2	89.2	90.6	90.9	90.9	90.4
Department store sales.....do....	111	125	107	111	120	.....
Insured unemployment, total.....thous..	1,051	1,019	1,212	1,169	.....	.....
State programs.....do....	944	914	1,078	1,042	.....	.....
Finance:						
Currency in circulation 3/.....mil. of dol..	30,288	30,268	30,633	30,681	30,654	30,618
Federal Reserve bank credit outstanding, total 3/.....do....	25,425	25,217	25,182	25,254	25,642	25,404
Member bank reserve balances 3/.....do....	18,673	18,614	18,588	18,593	19,117	18,883
Excess reserves, estimated 3/.....do....	573	484	570	559	655	497
Federal Reserve reporting member banks in leading cities:4/						
Demand deposits, adjusted.....mil. of dol..	55,669	55,931	55,428	54,697	55,007	.....
Time deposits, except U. S. Government.....do....	21,532	21,577	21,913	21,897	21,939	.....
Loans and investments (adjusted), total.....do....	84,098	84,412	84,402	86,051	85,857	.....
U. S. Government obligations.....do....	30,972	30,948	25,824	27,199	26,859	.....
Commercial, industrial, and agr. loans (gross).....do....	24,050	24,171	28,727	29,029	29,182	.....
Real-estate loans (gross).....do....	8,100	8,120	8,678	8,716	8,737	.....
Failures, industrial and commercial.....number..	180	215	229	289	215	.....
Bond yields, domestic corporate (Moody's) 3/.....percent..	3.30	3.31	3.59	3.62	3.65	3.68
Stock prices, 480 stocks (Stand. & Poor's) 4/..1935-39=100..	311.9	315.7	363.7	360.2	350.6	348.9
Industrials, 420 stocks.....do....	355.5	360.7	426.2	421.7	409.6	407.6
Production:						
Bituminous coal 3/.....thous. of short tons..	1,607	1,575	1,583	1,647	1,658	.....
Electric power, by utilities.....mil. of kw.-hr..	10,906	10,706	11,530	11,794	11,340	.....
Passenger cars and trucks (Ward's).....number..	149,766	100,663	127,648	120,027	88,621	76,661
Petroleum (crude) and condensate 3/.....thous. of bbl..	6,685	6,662	7,086	7,122	7,127	.....
Steel 5/.....thous. of short tons..	2,186	2,255	1,415	2,154	2,359	2,389
Percent of capacity 5/.....do....	#90.6	#93.4	57.5	87.5	95.8	97.0
Freight car loadings, total 6/.....thous. of cars..	787	794	715	770	770	.....
Miscellaneous.....do....	381	384	344	367	371	.....

1/ Data do not always cover calendar weeks. 2/ Tuesday prices. 3/ Daily average. 4/ Wednesday data. 5/ Week beginning September 3, 1956: Production, 2,429 thous. short tons; operating rate, 98.7 percent. 6/ Data for 1956 adjusted to revised classification of class I railroads. * Monthly index for August 1955. # Not comparable with 1956 rates which are based on higher capacity.

MONTHLY BUSINESS STATISTICS

ITEM	1955		1956			
	June	July	April	May	June	July
GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS						
Manufacturers' sales:						
Value (unadjusted), total.....mil. of dol..	27,394	24,644	27,370	27,830	r27,741	24,097
Durable-goods industries, total 1/.....do....	13,974	12,114	13,944	14,069	r14,235	11,191
Primary metal.....do....	2,349	1,875	2,493	2,502	r2,571	1,087
Fabricated metal.....do....	1,397	1,294	1,434	1,441	r1,484	1,262
Machinery (including electrical).....do....	3,682	3,036	3,876	3,957	r4,057	3,464
Transportation equipment (incl. motor vehicles).....do....	3,529	3,342	3,257	3,181	r3,119	2,755
Lumber and furniture.....do....	1,244	1,034	1,138	1,185	r1,167	986
Stone, clay, and glass.....do....	716	631	698	738	735	656
Nondurable-goods industries, total 1/.....do....	13,420	12,530	13,426	13,761	r13,506	12,906
Food and beverage.....do....	4,377	4,148	4,040	4,322	r4,299	4,124
Tobacco.....do....	343	316	320	367	r337	361
Textile.....do....	1,148	952	1,056	1,046	r1,056	904
Paper.....do....	844	776	902	912	r889	833
Chemical.....do....	1,955	1,753	2,052	2,107	r1,991	1,836
Petroleum and coal.....do....	2,338	2,276	2,424	2,501	r2,501	2,459
Rubber.....do....	488	453	458	459	487	.....
Value (adjusted), total.....do....	27,111	26,731	27,231	27,814	r27,665	26,118
Durable-goods industries, total 1/.....do....	13,527	13,503	13,519	13,754	r13,850	12,501
Primary metal.....do....	2,315	2,138	2,442	2,472	r2,533	1,251
Fabricated metal.....do....	1,383	1,407	1,434	1,486	r1,484	1,372
Machinery (including electrical).....do....	3,547	3,475	3,740	3,935	r3,923	4,006
Transportation equipment (incl. motor vehicles).....do....	3,329	3,615	3,001	2,972	r2,971	2,967
Lumber and furniture.....do....	1,208	1,198	1,105	1,129	r1,155	1,120
Stone, clay, and glass.....do....	688	657	705	716	693	683
Nondurable-goods industries, total 1/.....do....	13,584	13,228	13,712	14,060	r13,815	13,617
Food and beverage.....do....	4,329	4,223	4,245	4,312	r4,295	4,209
Tobacco.....do....	318	316	348	346	r324	344
Textile.....do....	1,148	1,133	1,123	1,125	r1,089	1,063
Paper.....do....	844	834	884	931	r889	895
Chemical.....do....	1,985	1,844	1,970	2,097	r2,028	1,966
Petroleum and coal.....do....	2,386	2,299	2,499	2,633	r2,552	2,484
Rubber.....do....	465	471	445	464	464	.....

1/ Revised. 2/ Preliminary. 3/ Includes data for "other industries" not shown.

ITEM	1955		1956			
	June	July	April	May	June	July
GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS						
Manufacturers' inventories, end of month:						
Book value (unadjusted), total.....mil. of dol..	43,976	43,855	48,170	48,834	r49,295	49,023
Durable-goods industries, total <u>1/</u>.....do....	24,755	24,574	27,955	28,446	r28,521	28,099
Primary metal.....do....	3,116	3,201	3,536	3,658	r3,638	3,678
Fabricated metal.....do....	2,716	2,656	2,962	3,037	r3,052	2,953
Machinery (including electrical).....do....	8,078	8,009	9,458	9,655	r9,771	9,642
Transportation equipment (incl. motor vehicles).....do....	5,998	5,865	6,877	6,889	r6,795	6,647
Lumber and furniture.....do....	1,747	1,773	1,830	1,868	r1,870	1,855
Stone, clay, and glass.....do....	906	906	1,053	1,057	r1,072	1,070
By stages of fabrication:						
Purchased materials.....bil. of dol..	6.5	6.6	7.4	7.6	7.9	8.0
Goods in process.....do....	10.1	10.0	11.5	11.7	11.6	11.6
Finished goods.....do....	8.2	7.9	9.0	9.2	9.0	8.7
Nondurable-goods industries, total <u>1/</u>.....mil. of dol..	19,221	19,281	20,215	20,388	r20,774	20,924
Food and beverage.....do....	4,108	4,221	4,303	4,238	r4,337	4,458
Tobacco.....do....	1,764	1,722	1,884	1,829	r1,785	1,767
Textile.....do....	2,450	2,422	2,542	2,602	r2,618	2,622
Paper.....do....	1,034	1,052	1,145	1,144	r1,181	1,211
Chemical.....do....	3,053	3,051	3,434	3,477	r3,545	3,561
Petroleum and coal.....do....	2,686	2,753	2,789	2,856	r2,924	3,017
Rubber.....do....	875	827	1,019	1,024	1,015	.....
By stages of fabrication:						
Purchased materials.....bil. of dol..	7.6	7.6	8.3	8.2	r8.2	8.2
Goods in process.....do....	2.9	2.9	3.0	3.1	r3.1	3.1
Finished goods.....do....	8.7	8.7	8.9	9.1	r9.5	9.6
Book value (adjusted), total.....mil. of dol..	43,779	43,938	47,958	48,466	r49,090	49,108
Durable-goods industries, total <u>1/</u>.....do....	24,457	24,563	27,723	28,123	r28,174	28,085
Primary metal.....do....	3,188	3,197	3,688	3,770	r3,718	3,673
Fabricated metal.....do....	2,587	2,604	2,933	2,920	r2,907	2,895
Machinery (including electrical).....do....	7,905	8,010	9,292	9,523	r9,563	9,645
Transportation equipment (incl. motor vehicles).....do....	5,961	5,905	6,781	6,830	r6,755	6,688
Lumber and furniture.....do....	1,747	1,755	1,812	1,850	r1,870	1,837
Stone, clay, and glass.....do....	897	906	1,022	1,036	r1,061	1,070
By stages of fabrication:						
Purchased materials.....bil. of dol..	6.6	6.6	7.7	7.8	r8.0	7.9
Goods in process.....do....	10.0	10.1	11.4	11.6	r11.5	11.5
Finished goods.....do....	7.9	7.8	8.7	8.7	8.6	8.6
Nondurable-goods industries, total <u>1/</u>.....mil. of dol..	19,322	19,375	20,235	20,443	r20,916	21,023
Food and beverage.....do....	4,344	4,358	4,448	4,467	r4,587	4,599
Tobacco.....do....	1,857	1,832	1,865	1,866	r1,879	1,880
Textile.....do....	2,426	2,398	2,492	2,526	r2,618	2,596
Paper.....do....	1,034	1,063	1,134	1,144	r1,181	1,223
Chemical.....do....	3,024	3,039	3,407	3,479	r3,512	3,544
Petroleum and coal.....do....	2,713	2,753	2,817	2,828	r2,953	3,017
Rubber.....do....	850	853	970	985	.....	.....
By stages of fabrication:						
Purchased materials.....bil. of dol..	7.8	7.8	8.3	8.3	r8.4	8.4
Goods in process.....do....	2.9	2.9	3.0	3.0	r3.1	3.1
Finished goods.....do....	8.6	8.6	9.0	9.1	r9.4	9.5
Manufacturers' orders:						
New orders, net (unadjusted), total.....mil. of dol..	28,314	26,100	27,556	27,945	r28,810	25,997
Durable-goods industries, total <u>1/</u>.....do....	14,571	13,347	14,257	14,223	r15,236	13,123
Primary metal.....do....	2,328	2,316	2,146	2,488	r2,180	2,143
Fabricated metal.....do....	1,640	1,445	1,609	1,492	r1,401	1,315
Machinery (including electrical).....do....	3,929	3,639	4,335	4,187	r4,613	3,850
Transportation equipment (incl. motor vehicles).....do....	3,548	3,234	3,188	3,052	r3,842	3,111
Nondurable-goods industries.....do....	13,743	12,753	13,299	13,722	r13,574	12,874
New orders, net (adjusted), total.....do....	27,795	27,044	27,752	28,803	r27,897	27,064
Durable-goods industries, total <u>1/</u>.....do....	14,033	13,571	14,073	14,732	r14,185	13,497
Primary metal.....do....	2,477	2,335	2,146	2,392	r2,319	2,304
Fabricated metal.....do....	1,562	1,445	1,577	1,538	r1,334	1,315
Machinery (including electrical).....do....	3,734	3,656	4,122	4,460	r4,311	3,979
Transportation equipment (incl. motor vehicles).....do....	3,225	3,334	3,188	3,213	r3,202	3,111
Nondurable-goods industries, total.....do....	13,762	13,473	13,679	14,071	r13,712	13,567
Unfilled orders, end of month (unadjusted), total.....do....	49,321	50,777	57,410	57,525	r58,594	60,494
Durable-goods industries, total <u>1/</u>.....do....	46,066	47,299	54,524	54,678	r55,679	57,611
Primary metal.....do....	5,856	6,297	7,040	7,026	r6,635	7,691
Fabricated metal.....do....	3,609	3,760	4,462	4,513	r4,430	4,483
Machinery (including electrical).....do....	13,736	14,339	17,495	17,725	r18,281	18,667
Transportation equipment (incl. motor vehicles).....do....	18,419	18,311	20,879	20,750	r21,473	21,829
Nondurable-goods industries, total.....do....	3,255	3,478	2,886	2,847	r2,915	2,883
TRANSPORTATION EQUIPMENT						
Motor vehicles, factory sales, total.....number..	767,182	768,621	654,333	570,486	538,052	522,123
Coaches, total.....do....	309	296	371	362	503	307
Domestic.....do....	237	256	360	304	471	220
Passenger cars, total.....do....	647,658	658,736	552,881	474,010	445,758	440,980
Domestic.....do....	629,185	643,402	529,945	459,070	433,859	429,813
Trucks, total.....do....	119,215	109,589	101,081	96,114	91,791	80,836
Domestic.....do....	101,625	93,739	82,400	77,593	73,463	63,149

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

ITEM	1955		1956			
	July	August	May	June	July	August
COMMODITY PRICES						
Prices received and paid by farmers:						
Prices received, all farm products.....1910-14=100..	236	232	242	247	244	237
Crops.....do....	236	228	252	263	258	236
Commercial vegetables, fresh market.....do....	206	208	272	310	286	230
Cotton.....do....	271	277	270	273	274	263
Feed grains and hay.....do....	190	178	192	192	194	197
Food grains.....do....	222	214	226	218	216	218
Fruit.....do....	236	208	233	266	225	210
Oil-bearing crops.....do....	257	246	265	259	250	249
Potatoes <u>1</u> /.....do....	171	145	283	338	387	203
Tobacco.....do....	435	436	454	453	453	451
Livestock and products.....do....	236	236	233	232	232	238
Dairy products.....do....	242	249	247	247	253	256
Meat animals.....do....	259	251	251	252	246	259
Poultry and eggs.....do....	179	191	178	171	174	171
Wool.....do....	249	240	231	231	233	232
Prices paid:						
All commodities and services.....do....	262	r261	264	264	266	267
Family living items.....do....	274	273	278	280	282	281
Production items.....do....	248	247	250	248	248	250
All commod., services, int., taxes, and wage rates.do....	281	r280	286	286	287	288
Parity ratio.....do....	84	83	85	86	85	82
CONSTRUCTION AND REAL ESTATE						
New construction (unadjusted), total.....mil. of dol..	4,085	4,205	3,714	4,008	r4,194	4,261
Private, total.....do....	2,862	2,893	2,550	2,730	r2,829	2,842
Residential (nonfarm).....do....	1,590	1,587	1,270	1,362	r1,410	1,402
New dwelling units.....do....	1,430	1,435	1,105	1,180	r1,225	1,220
Additions and alterations.....do....	127	119	128	142	142	140
Nonresidential building, total <u>2</u> /.....do....	668	686	704	759	786	786
Industrial.....do....	199	205	251	261	268	273
Commercial.....do....	277	286	266	290	301	294
Farm construction.....do....	169	172	139	150	159	161
Public utility.....do....	419	434	427	448	462	481
Public, total.....do....	1,223	1,312	1,164	1,278	r1,365	1,419
Nonresidential building.....do....	384	380	337	357	r381	386
Military facilities.....do....	123	131	113	127	r134	134
Highway.....do....	491	569	470	535	r575	615
New construction (seasonally adjusted), total.....do....	3,598	3,638	3,686	3,678	r3,691	3,689
Private, total.....do....	2,607	2,620	2,559	2,555	r2,587	2,580
Residential (nonfarm).....do....	1,435	1,433	1,257	1,250	r1,270	1,263
Nonresidential building, total <u>2</u> /.....do....	641	658	744	748	758	756
Farm construction.....do....	133	132	126	125	125	124
Public utility.....do....	385	385	423	423	424	426
Public, total.....do....	991	1,018	1,127	1,123	r1,104	1,109
Nonresidential building.....do....	342	335	327	340	r340	342
Highway.....do....	343	376	443	425	r408	413
Construction cost index:						
Department of Commerce composite.....1947-49=100..	125.6	125.7	r130.3	r130.8	131.3	.....

1/ Revised. 2/ Includes sweetpotatoes and dry edible beans. 3/ Except farm and public utility.

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