

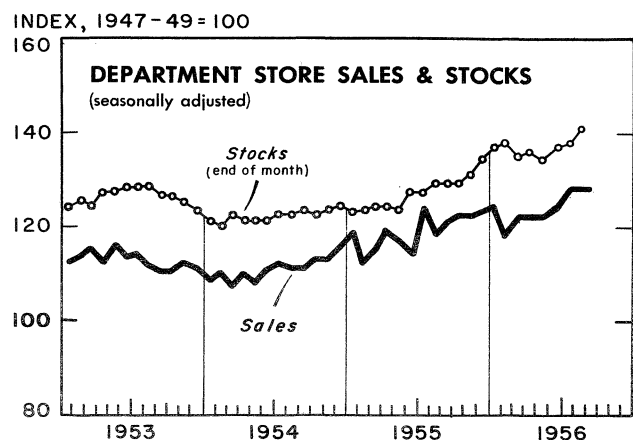
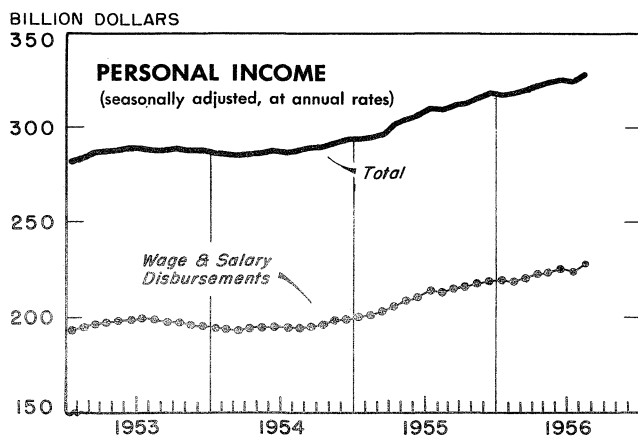
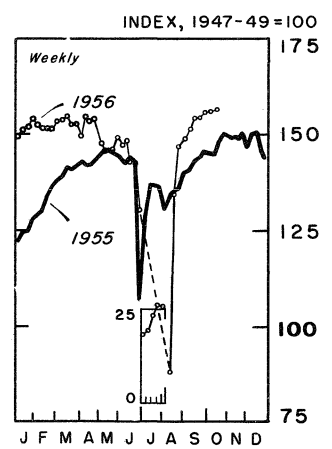
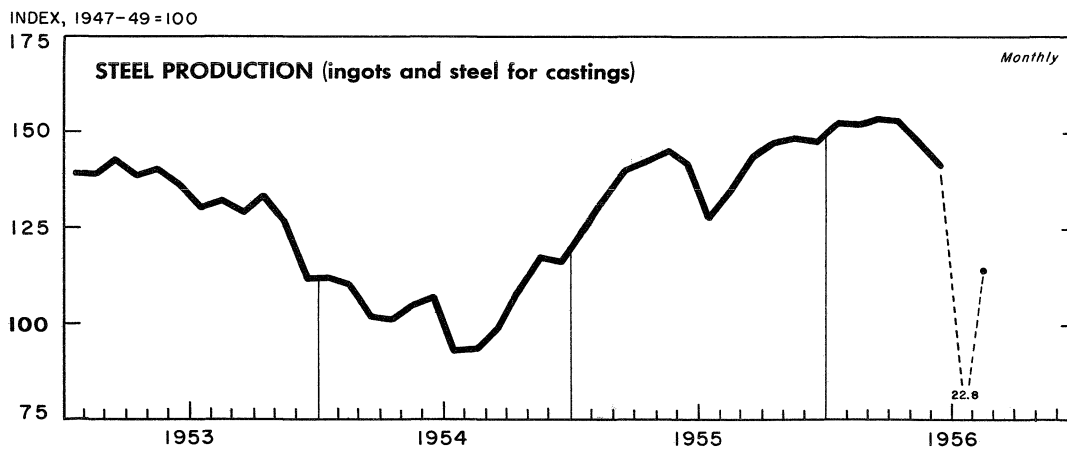
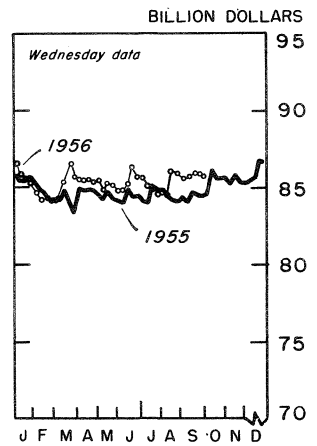
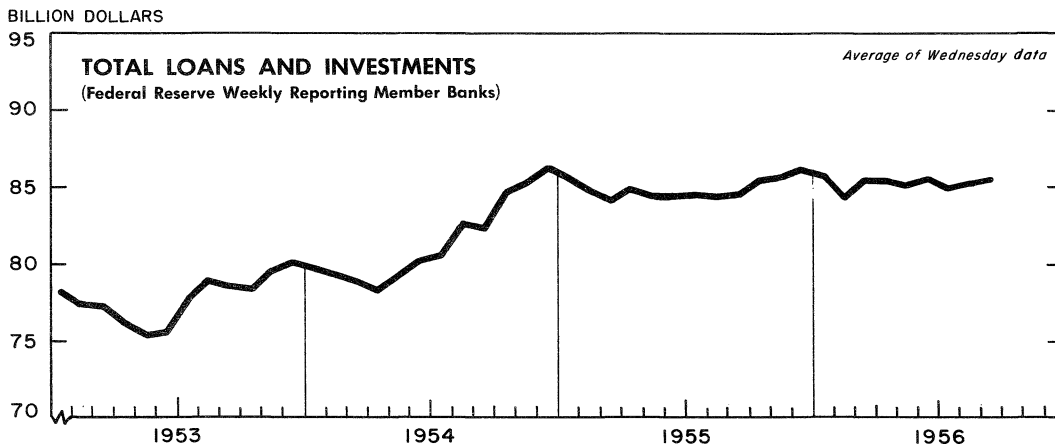


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SELECTED BUSINESS INDICATORS



WEEKLY BUSINESS STATISTICS¹

ITEM	1955		1956			
	Oct. 1	Oct. 8	Sept. 15	Sept. 22	Sept. 29	Oct. 6
Commodity prices, wholesale:						
All commodities.....1947-49=100..	.....	*111.7	115.1	115.1	115.2	115.0
Farm products.....do....	.....	*89.3	90.2	90.0	89.3	89.0
Foods, processed.....do....	.....	*101.5	104.0	103.9	104.9	104.0
All other.....do....	.....	*118.5	122.6	122.6	122.6	122.6
22 commodities 2/.....do....	90.4	89.7	91.2	91.9	91.8	91.1
Department store sales.....do....	126	125	130	131	130	.....
Insured unemployment, total.....thous..	895	863	1,099	1,017	.....	.....
State programs.....do....	813	784	1,006	931	.....	.....
Finance:						
Currency in circulation 3/.....mil. of dol..	30,323	30,428	30,910	30,810	30,714	30,767
Federal Reserve bank credit outstanding, total 3/.....do....	25,478	25,525	25,934	25,852	25,694	25,593
Member bank reserve balances 3/.....do....	18,618	18,700	19,088	19,220	18,981	18,935
Excess reserves, estimated 3/.....do....	484	511	717	735	542	517
Federal Reserve reporting member banks in leading cities:4/						
Demand deposits, adjusted.....mil. of dol..	56,306	55,860	55,777	55,908	55,347	.....
Time deposits, except U. S. Government.....do....	21,631	21,672	22,046	22,009	22,025	.....
Loans and investments (adjusted), total.....do....	84,493	84,616	85,868	85,843	85,663	.....
U. S. Government obligations.....do....	30,347	30,282	26,545	26,383	26,096	.....
Commercial, industrial, and agr. loans (gross).....do....	24,660	25,010	29,554	29,694	29,722	.....
Real-estate loans (gross).....do....	8,257	7,972	8,775	8,798	8,804	.....
Failures, industrial and commercial.....number..	186	207	203	262	251	253
Bond yields, domestic corporate (Moody's) 3/.....percent..	3.31	3.30	3.74	3.76	3.78	3.79
Stock prices, 480 stocks (Stand.&Poor's) 4/.....1935-39=100..	319.1	311.1	346.4	339.7	335.0	337.1
Industrials, 480 stocks.....do....	366.4	356.2	405.3	396.5	390.9	393.9
Production:						
Bituminous coal 3/.....thous. of short tons..	1,595	1,641	1,775	1,683	1,743	.....
Electric power, by utilities.....mil. of kw.-hr..	10,627	10,639	11,339	11,482	11,365	.....
Passenger cars and trucks (Ward's).....number..	138,781	95,893	84,426	49,822	56,685	75,452
Petroleum (crude) and condensate 3/.....thous. of bbl..	6,661	6,690	7,049	7,063	7,044	.....
Steel 5/.....thous. of short tons..	2,341	2,334	2,477	2,477	2,502	2,506
Percent of capacity 5/.....do....	#97.0	#96.7	100.6	100.6	101.6	101.8
Freight carloadings, total 6/.....thous. of cars..	816	807	821	822	831	.....
Miscellaneous.....do....	399	392	392	397	403	.....

1/ Data do not always cover calendar weeks. 2/ Tuesday prices. 3/ Daily average. 4/ Wednesday data. 5/ Week beginning October 8, 1956: Production, 2,511 thous. short tons; operating rate, 102.0 percent. 6/ Data for 1956 adjusted to revised classification of class 1 railroads. *Monthly index for September 1955. # Not comparable with 1956 rates which are based on higher capacity.

MONTHLY BUSINESS STATISTICS

ITEM	1955		1956			
	July	August	May	June	July	August
GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS						
Personal income, by source:						
Seasonally adjusted, at annual rates:						
Total personal income.....bil. of dol..	309.2	308.7	322.8	324.9	r324.3	328.2
Wage and salary disbursements, total.....do....	214.5	213.4	223.2	225.2	224.0	227.1
Commodity-producing industries.....do....	92.1	92.1	96.8	97.5	95.9	98.3
Distributive industries.....do....	56.1	56.5	59.1	59.9	59.9	60.3
Service industries.....do....	28.6	28.7	30.0	30.2	30.4	30.6
Government.....do....	37.7	36.1	37.3	37.6	37.8	37.9
Other labor income.....do....	7.1	7.1	7.2	7.3	7.3	7.3
Proprietors' and rental income.....do....	48.5	49.0	50.1	50.0	r50.5	51.0
Personal interest income and dividends.....do....	26.9	27.1	29.4	29.6	r29.7	29.9
Transfer payments.....do....	17.5	17.4	18.7	18.6	18.6	18.8
Less personal contributions for social insurance.....do....	5.3	5.3	5.8	5.8	5.8	5.9
Total nonagricultural income.....do....	294.7	293.8	307.6	310.3	r309.4	312.9
COMMODITY PRICES						
Retail price:						
All commodities (U.S.Dept.of Commerce index).....1935-39=100..	208.6	208.1	209.8	r211.9	r213.6	212.3
FINANCE						
Consumer credit (short- and intermediate-term):						
Total outstanding, end of month.....mil. of dol..	32,896	33,636	36,574	37,093	37,143	37,503
Installment credit, total.....do....	25,476	26,155	28,591	28,890	29,103	29,427
Installment credit extended and repaid:						
Unadjusted:						
Extended, total.....do....	3,131	3,436	3,281	3,204	3,143	3,315
Repaid, total.....do....	2,569	2,757	2,950	2,905	2,930	2,991
Adjusted:						
Extended, total.....do....	3,136	3,211	3,051	2,951	3,148	3,107
Repaid, total.....do....	2,611	2,713	2,904	2,831	2,978	2,945
Bonds:						
Average price of all listed bonds (N.Y.S.E.) 1/.....dollars..	96.98	96.95	96.48	96.39	95.22	93.86
Domestic.....do....	97.24	97.19	96.75	96.65	95.46	94.10
Foreign.....do....	80.92	82.10	78.23	78.79	78.92	77.61

ITEM	1955		1956			
	July	August	May	June	July	August
FINANCE - Continued						
Bonds - Continued						
Value, issues listed on New York Stock Exchange:						
Market value, all issues <u>1/</u>.....mil. of dol..	104,002	103,997	104,115	104,289	103,137	101,566
Domestic.....do.....	101,892	101,853	102,227	102,394	101,239	99,703
Foreign.....do.....	1,454	1,496	1,259	1,270	1,276	1,252
Face value, all issues.....do.....	107,237	107,273	107,910	108,199	108,314	108,210
Domestic.....do.....	104,785	104,796	105,656	105,942	106,053	105,952
Foreign.....do.....	1,797	1,822	1,609	1,612	1,616	1,613
Stocks:						
Shares listed on New York Stock Exchange:						
Market value, all listed shares.....do.....	198,228	197,994	211,896	218,579	229,423	221,160
Number of shares listed.....millions..	3,475	3,492	4,123	4,260	4,314	4,333
TRANSPORTATION AND COMMUNICATIONS						
Operations on scheduled airlines:						
Miles flown, revenue.....thousands..	49,180	50,060	52,625	52,823	54,891	.....
Express and freight ton-miles flown.....do....	16,967	20,578	18,560	19,083	18,069	.....
Mail, ton-miles flown.....do.....	6,305	6,827	7,742	7,179	6,810	.....
Passengers carried, revenue.....do.....	3,070	3,064	3,230	3,536	3,097	.....
Passenger-miles flown, revenue.....millions..	1,760	1,748	1,782	2,085	1,878	.....
ELECTRIC POWER						
Electric power:						
Production, total.....mil. of kw.-hr..	r53,352	r56,273	56,041	56,254	55,229	58,576
Electric utilities.....do.....	r46,746	r49,392	49,086	49,451	49,451	52,194
Industrial establishments.....do.....	r6,607	r6,881	6,955	6,804	5,778	6,382
Sales to ultimate customers, total (Edison Electric Institute).....mil. of kw.-hr..	*38,891	**39,654	42,758	43,075	43,010	.....
Commercial and industrial:						
Small light and power.....do.....	*6,586	**7,061	6,785	7,316	7,801	.....
Large light and power.....do.....	*20,836	**20,647	23,089	22,941	21,858	.....
Railways and railroads.....do.....	*351	**335	359	342	328	.....
Residential or domestic.....do.....	*8,975	**9,262	10,361	10,198	10,495	.....
Rural (district rural rates).....do.....	*958	**1,160	876	975	1,201	.....
Street and highway lighting.....do.....	*296	**305	341	322	335	.....
Other public authorities.....do.....	*837	**835	899	929	936	.....
Interdepartmental.....do.....	*52	**49	49	52	57	.....
Revenue from sales to ultimate customers (Edison Electric Institute).....thous. of dol..	*646,951	**661,381	697,745	710,990	719,799	.....
FOODSTUFFS						
Meats; production, total.....mil. of lb..						
Beef and veal.....thous. of lb..	1,596	1,897	1,942	1,865	1,853	1,883
Lamb and mutton.....do.....	878,641	1,032,932	1,006,233	1,001,765	1,020,822	1,025,995
Pork, including lard.....do.....	47,030	54,343	47,254	46,211	50,571	55,246
Lard.....do.....	670,129	809,765	888,730	817,521	781,561	801,478
Coffee, visible supply, United States.....thous. of bags..	128,545	149,419	174,120	159,086	149,603	150,261
	492	527	772	872	981	891
LUMBER AND MANUFACTURES						
Lumber (National Lumber Manufacturers Association)						
Production, total.....mil. of bd.ft..	3,042	3,654	3,423	3,305	3,067	3,537
Softwoods.....do.....	2,465	3,040	2,796	2,665	2,434	2,880
Shipments, total.....do.....	3,236	3,671	3,373	3,160	2,949	3,262
Softwoods.....do.....	2,595	2,968	2,780	2,602	2,438	2,707
Stocks, gross (mill and concentration yards).....do.....	8,455	8,440	8,450	8,598	8,716	8,991
Softwoods.....do.....	4,861	4,934	5,327	5,392	5,388	5,561
METALS AND MANUFACTURES						
Castings, gray iron:						
Orders, unfilled, for sale.....thous. of short tons..	1,050	1,160	1,086	1,041	1,109	.....
Shipments, total.....do.....	1,070	1,226	1,236	1,152	r763	.....
For sale.....do.....	579	688	737	687	488	.....
Castings, malleable iron:						
Orders, unfilled, for sale.....short tons..	115,420	123,473	93,677	86,247	92,078	.....
Shipments, total.....do.....	75,570	82,448	80,138	75,635	r54,340	.....
For sale.....do.....	44,914	48,126	51,053	45,022	31,300	.....
Pig iron, production.....thous. of short tons..	6,391	6,601	6,921	6,435	1,107	5,142
Castings, steel:						
Shipments, total.....short tons..	97,875	126,406	178,227	164,661	117,984	.....
For sale, total.....do.....	71,170	96,290	142,025	129,147	96,350	.....
Railway specialties.....do.....	11,631	20,576	35,949	31,296	19,833	.....
Vacuum cleaners, standard type, sales billed.....thousands..	206.8	252.7	326.0	248.3	259.8	276.9
Washers, domestic, sales.....do.....	245.9	403.8	315.2	340.2	380.2	373.9
Radio sets, production <u>2/</u>.....do.....	718.5	930.1	1,060.2	1,073.8	566.7	990.8
Television sets (incl. combination), production <u>2/</u>.....do.....	344.3	647.9	467.9	553.0	336.9	612.9
RUBBER AND RUBBER PRODUCTS						
Natural rubber:						
Consumption.....long tons..	46,166	48,359	48,342	43,638	r38,353	46,091
Stocks, end of month.....do.....	105,782	109,056	107,324	101,748	r103,301	97,967
Synthetic rubber:						
Production.....do.....	81,472	83,628	93,740	85,296	88,031	86,468
Consumption.....do.....	62,897	72,722	76,396	67,816	r58,196	71,465
Stocks, end of month.....do.....	139,902	137,050	162,682	171,196	r188,813	191,002

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ITEM	1955		1956			
	August	September	June	July	August	September
CONSTRUCTION AND REAL ESTATE						
Construction cost index:						
The American Appraisal Co., average, 30 cities...1913=100..	613	614	634	638	641	642
Atlanta.....do....	664	665	679	692	695	696
New York.....do....	641	642	660	667	681	681
San Francisco.....do....	573	575	596	596	597	597
St. Louis.....do....	605	606	635	635	637	637
DOMESTIC TRADE						
Department store sales, United States total:						
Unadjusted index.....1947-49=100..	105	123	119	101	p 113	p 130
Adjusted index.....do....	r 119	121	124	128	p 128	p 128
EMPLOYMENT AND WAGES						
Labor force (Bureau of the Census):						
Civilian labor force.....thousands..	67,726	66,882	69,430	69,489	68,947	68,069
Employed.....do....	65,488	64,733	66,503	66,655	66,752	66,071
Agricultural employment.....do....	7,536	7,875	7,876	7,700	7,265	7,388
Nonagricultural employment.....do....	57,952	56,858	58,627	58,955	59,487	58,683
Unemployed.....do....	2,237	2,149	2,927	2,833	2,195	1,998
FINANCE						
Federal Government finance:						
Gross debt (direct), end of month, total.....mil. of dol..	278,309	277,476	272,751	272,645	275,565	274,261
Interest bearing, total.....do....	275,711	274,879	269,883	269,972	272,959	271,660
Public issues.....do....	231,472	230,988	224,769	224,618	226,905	225,827
Special issues.....do....	44,238	43,891	45,114	45,353	46,054	45,834
Noninterest bearing.....do....	2,598	2,597	2,868	2,674	2,606	2,601
Obligations guaranteed by U.S. Government, end of mo.	43	48	74	74	79	85
Bonds, domestic municipal (15 bonds), Stand. and Poor's Corp.:						
Price.....dol. per \$100 bond..	120.5	121.3	119.2	118.6	116.0	113.8
Yield.....percent..	2.67	2.63	2.75	2.78	2.94	3.07
Stocks:						
Dividend yields, preferred stocks, 14 high-grade,						
Standard and Poor's Corp.....do....	4.01	4.06	4.17	4.16	r 4.24	4.39
Prices:						
Dow-Jones & Co., Inc. (65 stocks).....dol. per share..	164.94	169.99	173.76	180.77	180.38	173.96
Industrial (30 stocks).....do....	457.29	476.43	485.33	509.76	511.69	495.01
Public utility (15 stocks).....do....	65.87	65.36	66.24	69.70	70.00	67.67
Railroad (20 stocks).....do....	155.19	160.08	165.97	168.35	165.00	157.98
Standard and Poor's Corporation:						
Combined index (480 stocks).....1935-39=100..	311.0	323.2	340.5	356.5	357.3	343.6
Industrial (420 stocks).....do....	354.2	371.1	396.6	417.3	418.0	401.6
Capital goods (129 stocks).....do....	361.6	380.3	390.9	414.8	419.4	404.3
Consumers' goods (195 stocks).....do....	269.1	282.8	271.5	283.7	284.1	278.6
Public utility (40 stocks).....do....	155.9	154.8	154.4	157.4	159.0	154.7
Railroad (20 stocks).....do....	250.0	257.0	257.2	259.9	253.9	240.1
TRANSPORTATION EQUIPMENT						
Motor vehicles, factory sales, total.....number..						
Coaches, total.....do....	716,163	559,962	538,052	522,123	503,276	.....
Domestic.....do....	434	223	503	307	429	.....
Passenger cars, total.....do....	410	198	471	220	397	.....
Domestic.....do....	620,610	467,845	445,758	440,980	417,020	.....
Trucks, total.....do....	602,959	459,073	433,859	429,813	410,164	.....
Domestic.....do....	95,119	91,894	91,791	80,836	85,827
.....do....	80,077	76,851	73,463	63,149	68,809

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