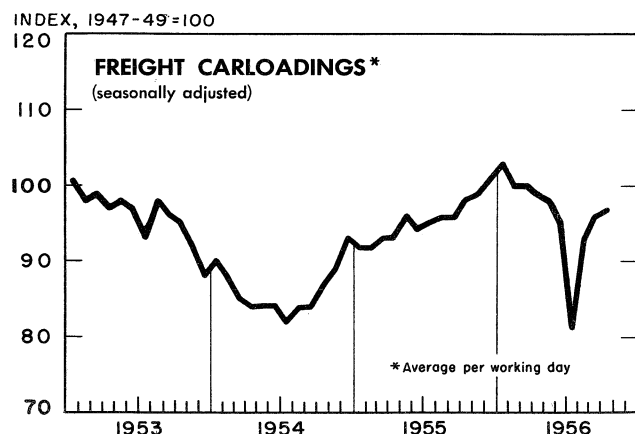
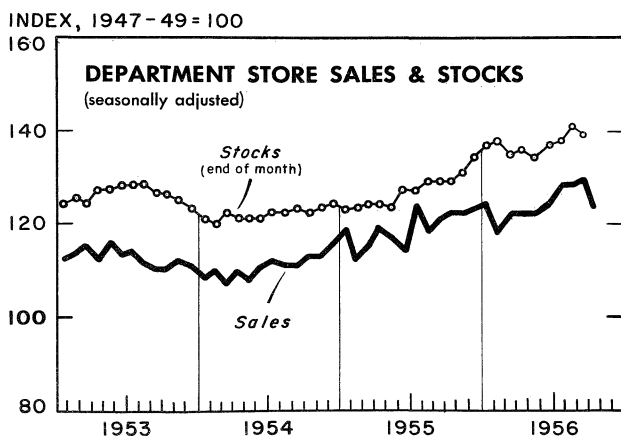
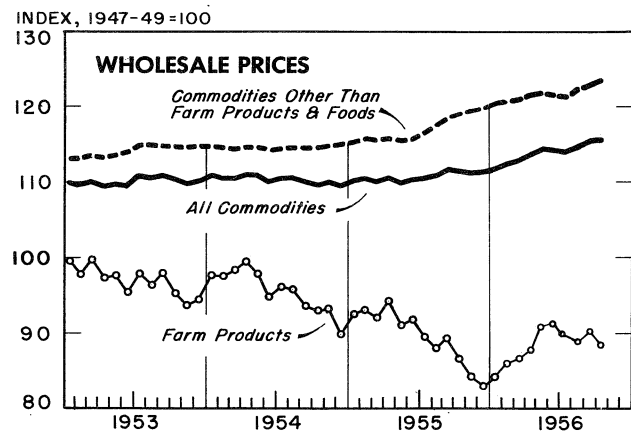
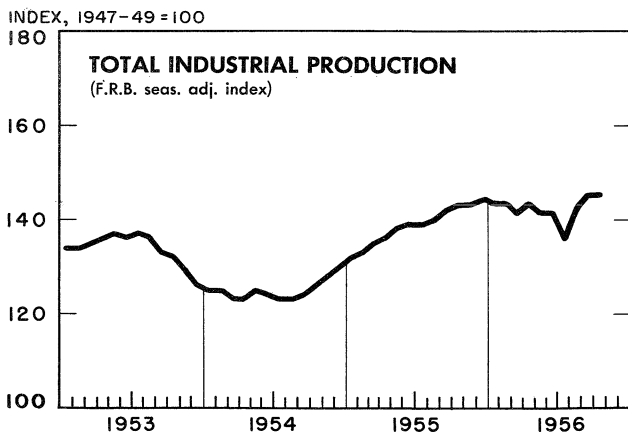
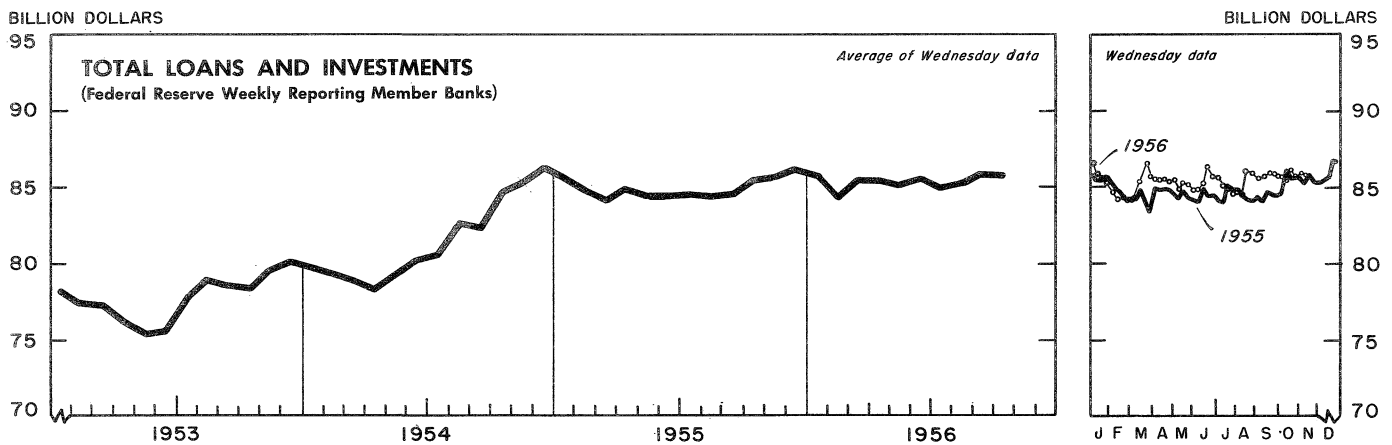


# BUSINESS STATISTICS

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## SELECTED BUSINESS INDICATORS



WEEKLY BUSINESS STATISTICS<sup>1</sup>

ITEM	1955		1956			
	Nov. 12	Nov. 19	Oct. 27	Nov. 3	Nov. 10	Nov. 17
<b>Commodity prices, wholesale:</b>						
All commodities.....1947-49=100..		*111.2			115.4	115.6
Farm products.....do....		*84.1			87.9	87.6
Foods, processed.....do....		*98.8			102.6	102.8
All other.....do....		*119.4			123.6	123.9
22 commodities <u>2</u> /.....do....	**88.4	88.6	90.1	90.6	**91.2	92.0
Department store sales.....do....	141	142	128	124	137	
Insured unemployment, total.....thous..	900	917	936	954		
State programs.....do....	813	826	860	878		
<b>Finance:</b>						
Currency in circulation <u>3</u> /.....mil. of dol..	30,656	30,794	30,864	30,793	30,963	31,141
Federal Reserve bank credit outstanding, total <u>3</u> /.....do....	25,963	26,272	25,866	25,466	25,762	25,954
Member bank reserve balances <u>3</u> /.....do....	18,899	18,883	19,137	18,810	19,004	18,996
Excess reserves, estimated <u>3</u> /.....do....	556	681	596	390	575	643
<b>Federal Reserve reporting member banks in leading cities:<sup>4</sup></b>						
Demand deposits, adjusted.....mil. of dol..	55,955	56,027	56,206	56,069	55,588	
Time deposits, except U. S. Government.....do....	21,731	21,628	22,023	22,053	21,983	
Loans and investments (adjusted), total.....do....	85,259	85,781	85,584	85,660	85,602	
U. S. Government obligations.....do....	30,300	30,377	26,057	25,961	25,752	
Commercial, industrial, and agr. loans (gross).....do....	25,485	25,783	29,692	29,931	30,121	
Real-estate loans (gross).....do....	8,106	8,143	8,849	8,857	8,857	
Failures, industrial and commercial.....number..	207	214	267	271	219	240
Bond yields, domestic corporate (Moody's) <u>3</u> /.....percent..	3.28	3.28	3.83	3.83	3.87	3.88
Stock prices, 480 stocks (Stand.& Poor's) <u>4</u> /..1935-39=100..	320.5	327.4	336.0	333.1	343.9	337.8
Industrials, 420 stocks.....do....	368.3	376.8	392.4	388.9	402.3	394.2
<b>Production:</b>						
Bituminous coal <u>3</u> /.....thous. of short tons..	1,674	1,748	1,740	1,765	1,694	
Electric power, by utilities.....mil. of kw.-hr..	10,878	11,149	11,391	11,487	11,522	
Passenger cars and trucks (Ward's).....number..	209,141	206,536	125,967	136,420	153,277	160,214
Petroleum (crude) and condensate <u>3</u> /.....thous. of bbl..	6,808	6,851	6,998	6,981	7,050	
Steel <u>5</u> /.....thous. of short tons..	2,404	2,394	2,491	2,493	2,463	2,466
Percent of capacity <u>5</u> /.....do....	#99.6	#99.2	101.2	101.3	100.1	100.2
Freight car loadings, total <u>6</u> /.....thous. of cars..	792	772	817	800	773	
Miscellaneous.....do....	394	379	394	388	377	

<sup>1</sup>/ Data do not always cover calendar weeks. <sup>2</sup>/ Tuesday prices. <sup>3</sup>/ Daily average. <sup>4</sup>/ Wednesday data. <sup>5</sup>/ Week beginning November 19, 1956; Production, 2,458 thous. short tons; operating rate, 99.8 percent. <sup>6</sup>/ Data for 1956 adjusted to revised classification of class 1 railroads. \* Monthly index for November 1955. \*\* Wednesday price. # Not comparable with 1956 rates which are based on higher capacity.

MONTHLY BUSINESS STATISTICS

ITEM	1955		1956			
	September	October	July	August	September	October
<b>GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS</b>						
<b>Industrial production (FRB):</b>						
Unadjusted, combined index.....1947-49=100..	142	147	128	142	r146	p150
Manufactures.....do....	144	150	129	143	r147	p152
Durable manufactures.....do....	157	164	139	155	r162	p168
Primary metals.....do....	143	149	62	118	r145	p149
Metal fabricating (including ordnance).....do....	165	173	160	168	r172	p180
Fabricated metal products.....do....	142	145	124	135	r143	p147
Machinery.....do....	161	169	157	r167	r175	p181
Transportation equipment.....do....	185	200	187	r188	r182	p199
Instruments and related products.....do....	155	158	162	r168	r173	p176
Furniture and fixtures.....do....	127	128	115	r123	r125	p126
Lumber and products.....do....	136	138	116	135	r134	p131
Stone, clay, and glass products.....do....	158	161	156	164	r158	p163
Miscellaneous manufactures.....do....	149	154	135	145	r151	p155
Nondurable manufactures.....do....	130	135	119	131	r133	p136
Printing and publishing.....do....	131	135	125	r129	134	
Petroleum and coal products.....do....	136	138	132	r142	r144	p140
Minerals.....do....	126	127	119	130	r131	p132
Coal.....do....	83	88	62	87	91	p93
Crude oil and natural gas.....do....	142	143	149	150	r146	p147
Adjusted, combined index.....do....	142	143	136	142	r145	p145
Manufactures.....do....	144	145	137	r144	r147	p147
Durable manufactures.....do....	160	161	147	r158	r164	p165
Primary metals.....do....	146	148	68	124	r148	p148
Metal fabricating (including ordnance).....do....	170	173	169	r172	r176	p178
Fabricated metal products.....do....	141	142	129	r134	r142	p144
Machinery.....do....	161	164	172	r174	176	p176
Transportation equipment.....do....	205	208	190	195	r198	p202
Instruments and related products.....do....	155	156	167	171	r173	p175
Furniture and fixtures.....do....	125	124	124	124	r124	p121
Lumber and products.....do....	127	130	125	r129	r126	p124
Stone, clay, and glass products.....do....	155	153	160	r160	r154	p155
Miscellaneous manufactures.....do....	145	145	145	148	146	p146

ITEM	1955		1956			
	September	October	July	August	September	October
GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS - Continued						
Industrial production (FRB) - Continued						
Adjusted index - Continued						
Manufactures - Continued						
Nondurable manufactures.....1947-49=100..	128	129	127	r129	129	p130
Printing and publishing.....do....	130	131	133	134	133	.....
Petroleum and coal products.....do....	135	137	132	r139	r143	p138
Minerals.....do....	123	123	122	128	r128	p128
Coal.....do....	80	80	77	.87	87	p85
Crude oil and natural gas.....do....	142	143	149	150	r146	p147
Consumer durables output (FRB):						
Unadjusted index, total.....do....	136	146	117	r120	r112	p132
Major consumer durables.....do....	145	157	121	r123	r110	p136
Autos.....do....	130	153	127	109	59	p105
Major household goods.....do....	159	162	r117	r137	156	.....
Other consumer durables.....do....	115	120	106	r115	r116	p121
Adjusted index, total.....do....	154	152	129	r127	127	p128
Major consumer durables.....do....	172	168	137	r134	133	p134
Autos.....do....	195	194	122	125	119	p118
Major household goods.....do....	156	148	153	r144	149	.....
Other consumer durables.....do....	111	114	110	113	r113	p115
COMMODITY PRICES						
Wholesale price index, all commodities.....1947-49=100..	111.7	111.6	114.0	r114.7	r115.5	115.5
Economic sector:						
Crude materials for further processing.....do....	94.9	93.2	95.0	96.4	96.7	95.0
Intermediate materials, supplies, and components.....do....	118.6	119.1	121.3	122.6	r123.0	123.5
Finished goods <u>1/</u> .....do....	111.5	111.3	114.0	114.1	r115.3	115.6
Farm products.....do....						
Fruits and vegetables, fresh and dried.....do....	89.3	86.8	90.0	89.1	r90.1	88.4
Grains.....do....	102.1	92.9	111.8	94.8	95.3	97.6
Livestock and live poultry.....do....	81.4	82.4	88.4	88.8	90.7	84.0
Foods, processed.....do....	75.5	71.8	72.9	76.0	75.7	73.0
Cereal and bakery products.....do....	101.5	100.2	102.2	102.6	104.0	103.6
Dairy products and ice cream.....do....	114.4	114.8	114.8	114.5	r114.9	115.1
Fruits and vegetables, canned and frozen.....do....	104.3	105.0	107.9	108.9	r109.7	110.9
Meats, poultry, and fish.....do....	106.8	107.4	109.3	107.3	r106.8	106.4
Commodities other than farm products and foods.....do....	87.5	81.6	83.7	85.1	89.3	85.7
Chemicals and allied products.....do....	118.5	119.0	121.4	122.5	r123.1	123.6
Chemicals, industrial.....do....	106.0	106.5	107.3	107.3	107.1	107.7
Fuel, power, and lighting materials.....do....	118.2	118.9	122.1	122.1	121.9	122.6
Petroleum and products.....do....	108.0	108.0	110.7	110.9	r111.1	111.6
Furniture, other household durables.....do....	114.0	114.2	118.8	118.3	118.4	118.3
Appliances, household.....do....	116.4	116.9	118.3	119.1	119.7	120.6
Hides, skins, and leather products.....do....	106.2	106.1	104.4	105.0	105.5	106.3
Lumber and wood products.....do....	94.0	95.3	100.1	100.0	100.2	99.6
Lumber.....do....	125.7	125.4	126.6	125.2	r123.6	122.0
Machinery and motive products.....do....	127.1	126.8	128.5	127.1	r125.2	123.6
Electrical machinery and equipment.....do....	130.0	131.4	136.9	137.7	r139.7	140.9
Motor vehicles.....do....	130.6	130.7	137.4	138.0	r142.0	143.2
Metals and metal products.....do....	122.0	124.7	129.1	129.1	129.4	130.7
Iron and steel.....do....	141.9	142.4	144.9	150.2	r151.9	151.9
Nonmetallic minerals, structural.....do....	145.0	145.7	149.9	159.4	r161.5	161.1
Pulp, paper, and allied products.....do....	126.4	126.8	130.6	130.8	131.1	131.5
Paper.....do....	120.5	122.8	127.7	127.9	r127.9	128.0
Rubber and products.....do....	131.0	131.2	138.2	138.2	r138.9	138.9
Textile products and apparel.....do....	151.7	147.8	143.3	146.9	r145.7	145.8
Apparel.....do....	95.4	95.4	94.9	94.8	94.8	95.4
Tobacco manufactures and bottled beverages.....do....	98.6	98.7	99.8	99.7	99.7	99.7
	121.7	121.7	121.7	122.5	122.8	123.1
CONSTRUCTION AND REAL ESTATE						
Engineering construction:						
Contract awards (ENR) <u>2/</u> .....mil. of dol..	1,786	1,526	1,835	1,828	1,480	1,878
Highway concrete pavement contract awards: <u>3/</u>						
Total.....thous. of sq. yd..	5,798	5,999	4,795	8,398	5,267	7,302
Airports.....do....	490	1,052	408	1,486	695	953
Roads.....do....	2,246	2,413	1,893	3,219	1,911	3,524
Streets and alleys.....do....	3,062	2,534	2,494	3,693	2,661	2,825
New permanent nonfarm dwelling units started:						
Unadjusted:						
Total, privately and publicly owned.....thousands..	114.9	105.8	r101.1	101.0	93.0	93.0
Privately owned, total.....do....	113.6	104.8	r99.0	100.5	89.9	90.8
In metropolitan areas.....do....	82.2	75.8	r68.1	69.0	60.8	62.5
Publicly owned.....do....	1.3	1.0	r2.1	.5	3.1	2.2
Seasonally adjusted at annual rate:						
Privately owned, total.....do....	1,262.0	1,209.0	1,070.0	1,110.0	1,000.0	1,050.0
Construction cost indexes:						
Associated General Contractors (all types).....1913=100..	441	444	467	467	470	470
Engineering News-Record: Building <u>4/</u> .....1947-49=100..	142.0	141.8	145.3	147.9	147.7	148.0
Construction <u>4/</u> .....do....	148.8	148.6	153.7	155.6	155.4	155.4

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## MONTHLY BUSINESS STATISTICS—Continued

ITEM	1955		1956			
	September	October	July	August	September	October
<b>FINANCE</b>						
Stocks, cash dividend payments publicly reported:						
Total dividend payments.....mil. of dol..	1,488.4	669.0	731.8	292.8	1,591.4	749.8
Finance.....do....	108.5	128.5	147.9	64.3	105.3	142.6
Manufacturing.....do....	985.7	234.9	254.1	122.9	1,080.9	269.6
Mining.....do....	113.2	9.1	8.0	3.3	117.9	9.5
Public utilities:						
Communications.....do....	38.9	128.5	140.5	1.2	40.9	140.5
Electric and gas.....do....	114.2	87.2	94.7	76.3	120.3	96.1
Railroad.....do....	58.6	17.4	16.6	6.5	59.9	19.3
Trade.....do....	41.1	55.7	61.7	10.3	42.3	61.9
Miscellaneous.....do....	28.2	7.7	8.3	8.0	23.9	10.3
<b>METALS AND MANUFACTURES</b>						
Iron and steel scrap:						
Production and receipts, total.....thous. of short tons..	6,786	7,248	2,304	r6,127	p6,726	.....
Home scrap produced.....do....	3,921	4,002	989	r3,270	p3,754	.....
Purchased scrap received (net).....do....	2,865	3,245	1,315	r2,857	p2,971	.....
Consumption, total.....do....	6,788	7,217	2,225	r6,108	p6,980	.....
Stocks, consumers', end of month.....do....	7,355	7,385	7,013	r7,027	p6,785	.....
Iron ore (Lake Superior district):						
Shipments from upper lake ports.....thous. of long tons..	12,757	12,244	2,666	8,045	12,745	12,628
Steel ingots and steel for castings:						
Production.....thous. of short tons..	9,882	10,501	1,622	8,123	r10,423	11,032
Percent of capacity.....	96	98	15	75	99	101
<b>RUBBER AND RUBBER PRODUCTS</b>						
Natural rubber:						
Consumption.....long tons..	50,963	54,995	38,353	r46,700	43,623	.....
Stocks, end of month.....do....	113,185	110,795	103,301	r99,668	96,162	.....
Synthetic rubber:						
Production.....do....	83,257	89,060	88,031	86,468	90,602	.....
Consumption.....do....	76,375	80,389	58,196	r72,537	68,492	.....
Stocks, end of month.....do....	136,035	134,753	188,813	r192,486	199,011	.....
Tires and tubes:						
Pneumatic casings:						
Production.....thousands..	9,125	9,555	6,741	8,050	7,800	.....
Shipments, total.....do....	8,453	8,117	9,298	8,644	6,952	.....
Original equipment.....do....	3,142	3,495	2,833	2,302	1,553	.....
Stocks, end of month.....do....	14,674	16,163	17,394	16,794	17,648	.....
Inner tubes:						
Production.....do....	3,169	3,119	2,300	2,795	2,773	.....
Shipments.....do....	3,261	3,004	3,384	3,295	2,777	.....
Stocks, end of month.....do....	5,966	6,286	6,418	5,962	6,056	.....
<b>TEXTILE PRODUCTS</b>						
Cotton: <u>1</u> /						
Consumption.....bales..	873,738	r736,860	549,520	686,275	822,180	732,319
Manufactures:						
Spindle activity (cotton system spindles):						
Active spindles, last working day, total....thousands..	20,804	r20,881	20,552	20,465	20,308	20,351
Consuming 100 percent cotton.....do....	19,243	19,302	19,022	18,912	18,780	18,839
Spindle hours operated, all fibers, total..mil. of hr..	12,295	r10,295	7,713	9,544	11,436	9,847
Average per working day.....do....	492	r515	386	477	457	492
Consuming 100 percent cotton.....do....	11,363	9,512	7,128	8,849	10,678	9,162

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