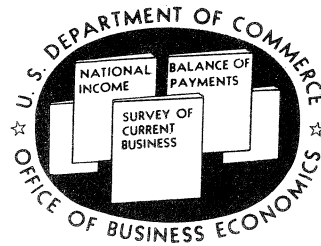


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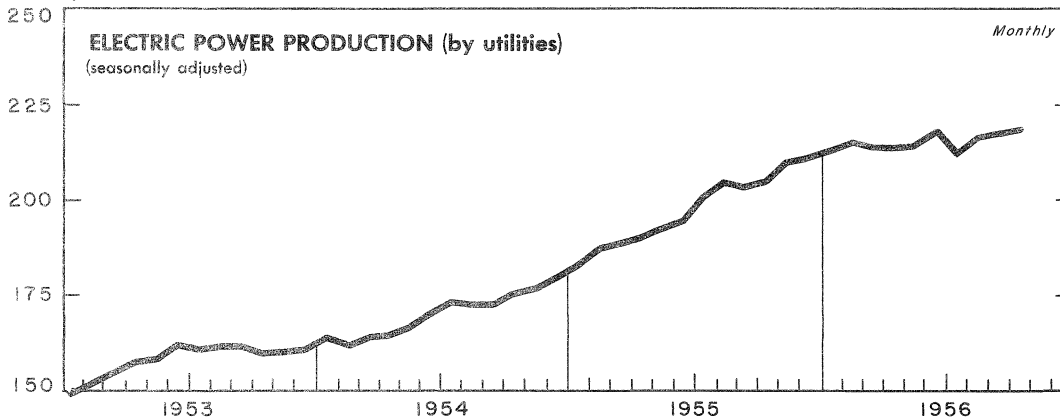


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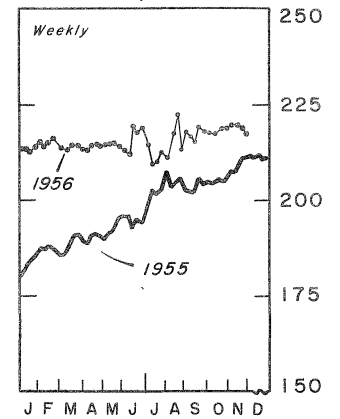
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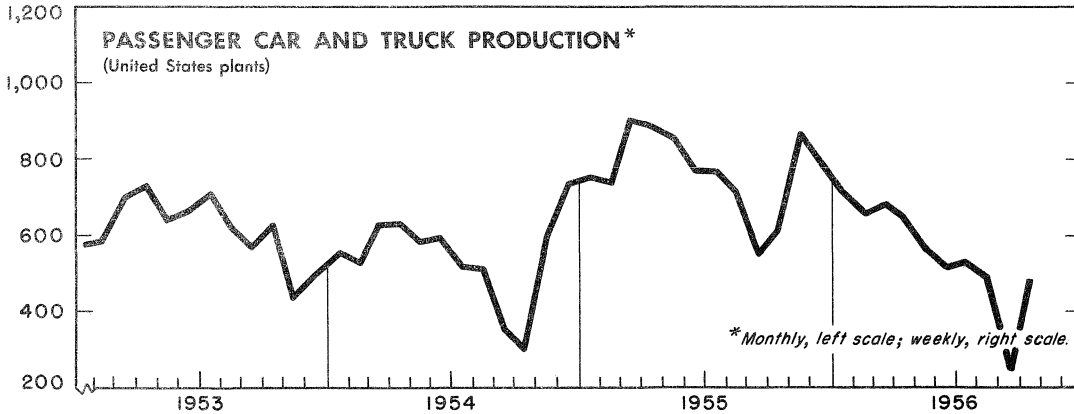
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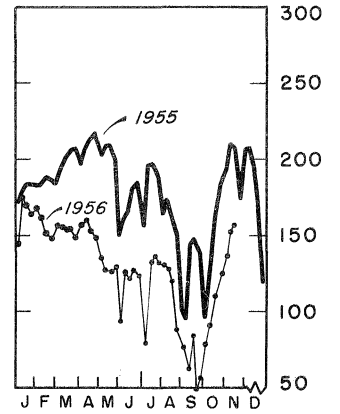
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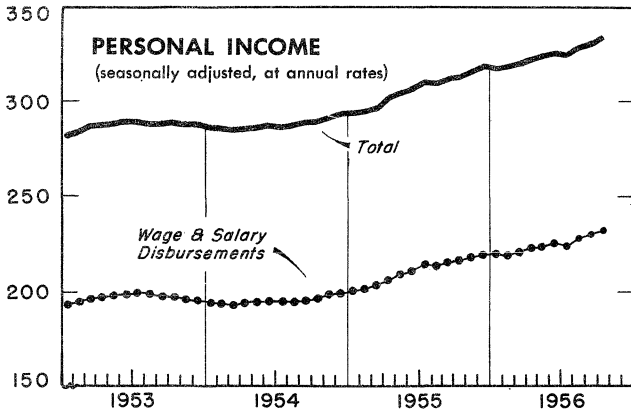
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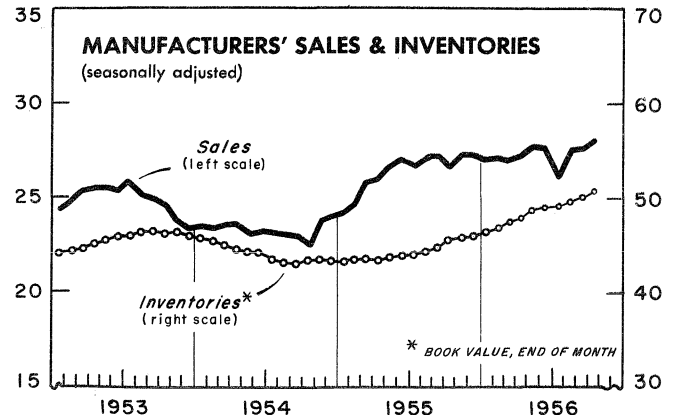
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WEEKLY BUSINESS STATISTICS¹

ITEM	1955		1956			
	Nov. 26	Dec. 3	Nov. 10	Nov. 17	Nov. 24	Dec. 1
Commodity prices, wholesale:						
All commodities.....1947-49=100..		*111.2	115.4	115.7	115.7	115.7
Farm products.....do.....		*84.1	87.9	87.8	87.6	88.5
Foods, processed.....do.....		*98.8	102.6	103.3	103.1	103.2
All other.....do.....		*119.4	123.6	124.0	124.0	124.2
22 commodities <u>2</u> /.....do.....	88.8	89.0	**91.2	92.0	93.0	93.8
Department store sales.....do.....	146	197	137	151	148	.....
Insured unemployment, total.....thous..	1,032	1,095	1,005	1,020	.....	.....
State programs.....do.....	932	990	923	937	.....	.....
Finance:						
Currency in circulation <u>3</u> /.....mil. of dol..	30,824	30,963	30,963	31,141	31,269	31,355
Federal Reserve bank credit outstanding, total <u>3</u> /.....do....	26,208	26,012	25,762	25,954	26,266	26,374
Member bank reserve balances <u>3</u> /.....do.....	19,036	18,794	19,004	18,996	19,311	19,375
Excess reserves, estimated <u>3</u> /.....do.....	568	413	575	609	691	695
Federal Reserve reporting member banks in leading cities: <u>4</u> /						
Demand deposits, adjusted.....mil. of dol..	56,386	56,900	55,588	55,882	55,928	.....
Time deposits, except U. S. Government.....do.....	21,616	21,609	21,999	21,832	21,775	.....
Loans and investments (adjusted), total.....do.....	85,369	85,337	85,602	85,630	86,439	.....
U. S. Government obligations.....do.....	29,961	29,643	25,752	25,599	26,254	.....
Commercial, industrial, and agr. loans (gross).....do....	25,833	26,014	30,121	30,439	30,447	.....
Real-estate loans (gross).....do.....	8,181	8,188	8,857	8,870	8,855	.....
Failures, industrial and commercial.....number..	205	209	219	240	207	254
Bond yields, domestic corporate (Moody's) <u>3</u> /.....percent..	3.30	3.31	3.87	3.88	3.92	3.92
Stock prices, 480 stocks (Stand. & Poor's) <u>4</u> /.....1935-39=100..	326.1	326.6	343.9	337.8	328.5	326.8
Industrials, 420 stocks.....do.....	375.1	375.3	402.3	394.2	382.5	380.5
Production:						
Bituminous coal <u>3</u> /.....thous. of short tons..	1,813	1,741	1,713	1,797	1,828	.....
Electric power, by utilities.....mil. of kw.-hr..	10,727	11,359	11,522	11,589	11,439	.....
Passenger cars and trucks (Ward's).....number..	173,943	206,244	153,277	157,151	136,245	.....
Petroleum (crude) and condensate <u>3</u> /.....thous. of bbl..	6,859	6,836	7,050	7,165	7,195	.....
Steel <u>5</u> /.....thous. of short tons..	2,416	2,356	2,463	2,466	2,463	2,489
Percent of capacity <u>5</u> /.....	#100.1	#97.6	100.1	100.2	100.1	101.1
Freight carloadings, total <u>6</u> /.....thous. of cars..	672	728	773	764	651	.....
Miscellaneous.....do.....	340	377	377	375	328	.....

¹/ Data do not always cover calendar weeks. ²/ Tuesday prices. ³/ Daily average. ⁴/ Wednesday data. ⁵/ Week beginning December 3, 1956; Production, 2,473 thous. short tons; operating rate, 100.5 percent. ⁶/ Data for 1956 adjusted to revised classification of class I 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
GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS						
Personal income, by source, seasonally adj., at annual rates:						
Total personal income.....bil. of dol..	311.0	311.6	324.3	328.1	r329.5	332.6
Wage and salary disbursements, total.....do.....	214.7	215.3	224.0	227.1	r228.5	230.2
Commodity-producing industries.....do.....	92.8	93.3	95.9	98.3	r99.1	100.3
Distributive industries.....do.....	56.9	56.7	59.9	60.3	r60.5	60.6
Service industries.....do.....	28.7	28.9	30.4	30.6	30.8	31.0
Government.....do.....	36.3	36.4	37.8	37.9	38.1	38.3
Other labor income.....do.....	7.2	7.2	7.3	7.3	7.3	7.4
Proprietors' and rental income.....do.....	49.4	49.1	50.5	51.0	r50.9	51.9
Personal interest income and dividends.....do.....	27.6	27.9	29.7	29.8	30.0	30.2
Transfer payments.....do.....	17.4	17.4	18.6	18.8	18.7	18.9
Less personal contributions for social insurance.....do....	5.3	5.3	5.8	5.9	5.9	6.0
Total nonagricultural income.....do.....	295.9	296.9	309.4	312.8	r314.4	316.8
Manufacturers' sales:						
Value (unadjusted), total.....mil. of dol..	27,596	27,830	24,122	27,861	r27,713	30,119
Durable-goods industries, total <u>1</u> /.....do.....	13,502	13,656	11,304	13,428	r13,351	14,936
Primary metal.....do.....	2,353	2,369	1,063	1,927	r2,321	2,612
Fabricated metal.....do.....	1,536	1,548	1,271	1,547	r1,513	1,665
Machinery (including electrical).....do.....	3,535	3,577	3,487	3,845	r3,997	4,295
Transportation equipment (incl. motor vehicles).....do....	2,956	3,087	2,838	2,875	r2,481	3,053
Lumber and furniture.....do.....	1,285	1,188	1,014	1,261	r1,210	1,203
Stone, clay, and glass.....do.....	730	738	661	802	r728	875
Nondurable-goods industries, total <u>1</u> /.....do.....	14,094	14,174	12,818	14,433	r14,362	15,183
Food and beverage.....do.....	4,419	4,352	4,077	4,353	r4,536	4,652
Tobacco.....do.....	338	320	355	376	r329	374
Textile.....do.....	1,244	1,246	920	1,176	r1,212	1,343
Paper.....do.....	879	921	794	907	r872	959
Chemical.....do.....	2,058	2,040	1,847	2,074	r2,079	2,169
Petroleum and coal.....do.....	2,346	2,362	2,424	2,572	r2,470	2,611
Rubber.....do.....	451	483	441	449	425	.....
Value (adjusted), total.....do.....	27,224	26,637	26,158	27,632	r27,624	28,235
Durable-goods industries, total <u>1</u> /.....do.....	13,692	13,261	12,627	13,665	r13,692	14,193
Primary metal.....do.....	2,394	2,324	1,224	1,982	r2,392	2,538
Fabricated metal.....do.....	1,436	1,382	1,382	1,446	r1,427	1,460

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

ITEM	1955		1956			
	September	October	July	August	September	October
GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS - Continued						
Manufacturers' sales, value (adjusted) - Continued						
Durable-goods industries - Continued						
Machinery (including electrical).....mil. of dol..	3,474	3,472	4,032	4,022	r3,945	4,120
Transportation equipment (incl. motor vehicles)..do....	3,438	3,252	3,058	3,165	r3,035	3,190
Lumber and furniture.....do....	1,236	1,131	1,152	1,212	r1,186	1,084
Stone, clay, and glass.....do....	670	665	689	723	r668	729
Nondurable-goods industries, total <u>1</u>.....do....	13,532	13,376	13,531	13,967	r13,932	14,042
Food and beverage.....do....	4,249	4,104	4,161	4,251	r4,378	4,305
Tobacco.....do....	319	327	338	345	r323	350
Textile.....do....	1,131	1,112	1,082	1,109	r1,122	1,138
Paper.....do....	870	877	854	898	r863	913
Chemical.....do....	2,010	1,939	1,979	2,094	r2,031	2,059
Petroleum and coal.....do....	2,346	2,339	2,448	2,572	r2,520	2,585
Rubber.....do....	456	447	459	436	r420	.....
Manufacturers' inventories, end of month:						
Book value (unadjusted), total.....do....	44,266	44,959	49,180	49,130	r49,662	50,326
Durable-goods industries, total <u>1</u>.....do....	24,901	25,377	28,220	28,006	r28,423	29,000
Primary metal.....do....	3,379	3,512	3,704	3,835	r3,975	4,154
Fabricated metal.....do....	2,674	2,617	2,864	2,871	r2,871	2,884
Machinery (including electrical).....do....	7,996	8,093	9,652	9,580	r9,677	9,842
Transportation equipment (incl. motor vehicles)..do....	6,066	6,346	6,690	6,600	r6,898	7,173
Lumber and furniture.....do....	1,777	1,806	1,877	1,841	r1,786	1,784
Stone, clay, and glass.....do....	887	900	1,067	1,028	988	979
By stages of fabrication:						
Purchased materials.....bil. of dol..	7.0	7.1	8.0	7.8	r7.9	8.1
Goods in process.....do....	10.2	10.5	11.5	11.5	11.9	12.2
Finished goods.....do....	7.7	7.8	8.7	8.6	r8.6	8.7
Nondurable-goods industries, total <u>1</u>.....mil. of dol..	19,365	19,582	20,960	21,124	r21,239	21,326
Food and beverage.....do....	4,475	4,656	4,492	4,694	r4,821	4,851
Tobacco.....do....	1,728	1,777	1,749	1,763	r1,801	1,839
Textile.....do....	2,373	2,349	2,612	2,606	r2,573	2,565
Paper.....do....	1,016	1,028	1,213	1,217	r1,215	1,206
Chemical.....do....	3,063	3,101	3,557	3,546	r3,571	3,630
Petroleum and coal.....do....	2,815	2,880	3,041	3,096	r3,164	3,240
Rubber.....do....	830	848	957	947	957	.....
By stages of fabrication:						
Purchased materials.....bil. of dol..	7.7	7.9	8.3	8.3	8.4	8.5
Goods in process.....do....	3.0	3.0	3.1	3.1	3.1	3.1
Finished goods.....do....	8.6	8.7	9.5	9.7	r9.8	9.7
Book value (adjusted), total.....mil. of dol..	44,703	45,356	49,238	49,535	r50,126	50,737
Durable-goods industries, total <u>1</u>.....do....	25,182	25,659	28,179	28,178	r28,728	29,314
Primary metal.....do....	3,305	3,426	3,698	3,809	r3,912	4,059
Fabricated metal.....do....	2,757	2,726	2,885	2,893	r2,960	3,004
Machinery (including electrical).....do....	8,110	8,240	9,654	9,684	r9,814	10,021
Transportation equipment (incl. motor vehicles)..do....	6,136	6,331	6,730	6,639	r6,946	7,151
Lumber and furniture.....do....	1,795	1,843	1,858	1,823	r1,804	1,820
Stone, clay, and glass.....do....	914	947	1,067	1,049	1,019	1,030
By stages of fabrication:						
Purchased materials.....bil. of dol..	6.9	7.0	7.9	7.8	7.9	8.0
Goods in process.....do....	10.2	10.5	11.6	11.6	r11.9	12.2
Finished goods.....do....	8.0	8.2	8.6	8.7	8.9	9.1
Nondurable-goods industries, total <u>1</u>.....mil. of dol..	19,521	19,697	21,059	21,357	r21,398	21,423
Food and beverage.....do....	4,392	4,497	4,634	4,698	r4,713	4,651
Tobacco.....do....	1,763	1,759	1,861	1,876	r1,838	1,821
Textile.....do....	2,397	2,397	2,586	2,632	r2,599	2,617
Paper.....do....	1,026	1,049	1,225	1,255	r1,227	1,231
Chemical.....do....	3,188	3,190	3,540	3,618	3,714	3,734
Petroleum and coal.....do....	2,787	2,824	3,041	3,065	r3,133	3,176
Rubber.....do....	874	902	987	1,007	1,007	.....
By stages of fabrication:						
Purchased materials.....bil. of dol..	7.9	8.0	8.5	8.6	8.5	8.5
Goods in process.....do....	3.0	3.0	3.1	3.1	3.1	3.1
Finished goods.....do....	8.6	8.7	9.5	9.6	r9.8	9.8
Manufacturers' orders:						
New orders, net (unadjusted), total.....mil. of dol..	28,744	28,213	25,936	29,240	r28,134	29,516
Durable-goods industries, total <u>1</u>.....do....	14,766	14,061	13,143	14,973	r13,818	14,196
Primary metal.....do....	2,406	2,302	2,014	2,322	r2,039	2,370
Fabricated metal.....do....	1,617	1,540	1,366	1,481	r1,639	1,650
Machinery (including electrical).....do....	4,029	3,882	4,007	4,045	r4,080	4,302
Transportation equipment (incl. motor vehicles)..do....	3,733	3,434	3,001	4,050	r3,156	2,749
Nondurable-goods industries, total.....do....	13,978	14,152	12,793	14,267	r14,316	15,320
New orders, net (adjusted), total.....do....	28,301	27,466	26,998	29,099	r28,072	28,750
Durable-goods industries, total <u>1</u>.....do....	14,936	14,094	13,513	15,166	r14,266	14,535
Primary metal.....do....	2,532	2,373	2,166	2,322	r2,192	2,443
Fabricated metal.....do....	1,525	1,540	1,366	1,346	r1,576	1,650
Machinery (including electrical).....do....	4,165	3,929	4,140	4,195	r4,200	4,354
Transportation equipment (incl. motor vehicles)..do....	3,733	3,434	3,001	4,402	r3,394	3,054
Nondurable-goods industries, total.....do....	13,365	13,372	13,485	13,933	r13,806	14,215
Unfilled orders, end of month (unadjusted), total.....do....	52,957	53,340	60,408	61,787	r62,227	61,605
Durable-goods industries, total <u>1</u>.....do....	49,649	50,054	57,518	59,063	r59,549	58,790
Primary metal.....do....	6,686	6,619	7,586	7,981	r7,699	7,457
Fabricated metal.....do....	3,942	3,934	4,525	4,459	r4,585	4,570
Machinery (including electrical).....do....	15,199	15,504	18,801	19,001	r19,084	19,091
Transportation equipment (incl. motor vehicles)..do....	19,137	19,484	21,636	22,811	r23,486	23,182
Nondurable-goods industries, total.....do....	3,308	3,286	2,890	2,724	r2,678	2,815

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ITEM	1955		1956			
	October	November	August	September	October	November
COMMODITY PRICES						
Prices received and paid by farmers:						
Prices received, all farm products.....1910-14=100..	229	224	237	236	234	234
Crops.....do.....	222	224	236	234	232	239
Commercial vegetables, fresh market.....do.....	208	231	230	178	203	264
Cotton.....do.....	278	274	263	275	270	270
Feed grains and hay.....do.....	167	164	197	196	178	182
Food grains.....do.....	220	220	218	222	225	232
Fruit.....do.....	189	194	210	233	232	218
Oil-bearing crops.....do.....	227	228	249	234	249	262
Potatoes <u>1</u> /.....do.....	127	140	203	161	141	154
Tobacco.....do.....	443	438	451	455	453	443
Livestock and products.....do.....	235	224	238	238	236	230
Dairy products.....do.....	264	267	256	264	272	277
Meat animals.....do.....	239	214	259	254	c245	231
Poultry and eggs.....do.....	195	194	171	172	167	164
Wool.....do.....	225	223	232	231	238	249
Prices paid:						
All commodities and services.....do.....	261	259	267	266	265	267
Family living items.....do.....	274	273	281	279	279	281
Production items.....do.....	246	244	250	252	250	252
All commod., services, int., taxes, and wage rates.....do.....	280	279	288	287	287	289
Parity ratio.....do.....	82	80	82	82	82	81
CONSTRUCTION AND REAL ESTATE						
New construction (unadjusted), total <u>2</u> /.....mil. of dol.,	4,037	3,702	4,286	4,250	4,126	3,806
Private, total.....do.....	2,810	2,663	2,873	2,833	2,751	2,650
Residential (nonfarm).....do.....	1,509	1,419	1,431	1,405	1,350	1,297
New dwelling units.....do.....	1,360	1,280	1,250	1,225	1,175	1,135
Additions and alterations.....do.....	116	107	140	140	134	120
Nonresidential building, total <u>3</u> /.....do.....	721	715	788	788	793	794
Industrial.....do.....	219	224	276	276	274	271
Commercial.....do.....	306	297	293	288	287	288
Farm construction.....do.....	132	111	161	148	122	103
Public utility.....do.....	437	407	481	480	474	445
Public, total.....do.....	1,227	1,039	1,413	1,417	1,375	1,156
Nonresidential building.....do.....	350	321	389	379	371	341
Military facilities.....do.....	136	116	139	139	143	134
Highway.....do.....	524	405	600	615	585	430
New construction (seasonally adjusted), total.....do.....	3,598	3,601	3,714	3,693	3,661	3,715
Private, total.....do.....	2,594	2,551	2,608	2,587	2,537	2,536
Residential (nonfarm).....do.....	1,375	1,342	1,289	1,277	1,227	1,224
Nonresidential building, total <u>2</u> /.....do.....	685	678	758	750	752	755
Farm construction.....do.....	132	131	124	123	122	121
Public utility.....do.....	391	389	426	425	423	424
Public, total.....do.....	1,004	1,050	1,106	1,106	1,124	1,179
Nonresidential building.....do.....	326	337	344	345	347	359
Construction cost index:						
Department of Commerce composite.....1947-49=100..	126.4	126.5	r 132.4	r 132.5	132.4	.....
American Appraisal Co., The, average, 30 cities..1913=100..	616	618	641	642	642	.....
Atlanta.....do.....	665	666	695	696	696	.....
New York.....do.....	642	643	681	681	681
San Francisco.....do.....	577	578	597	597	596
St. Louis.....do.....	607	608	637	637	636

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