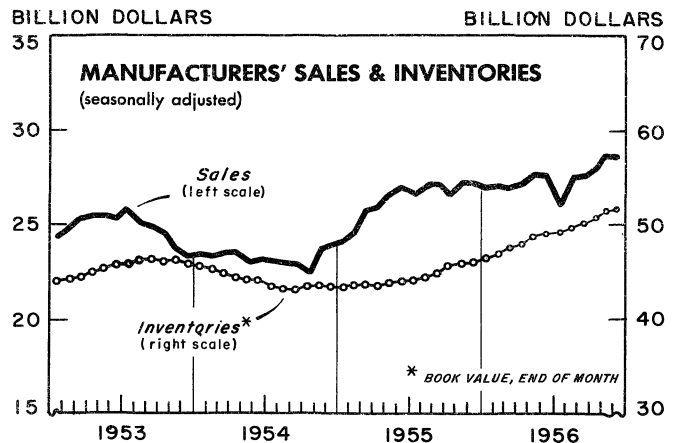
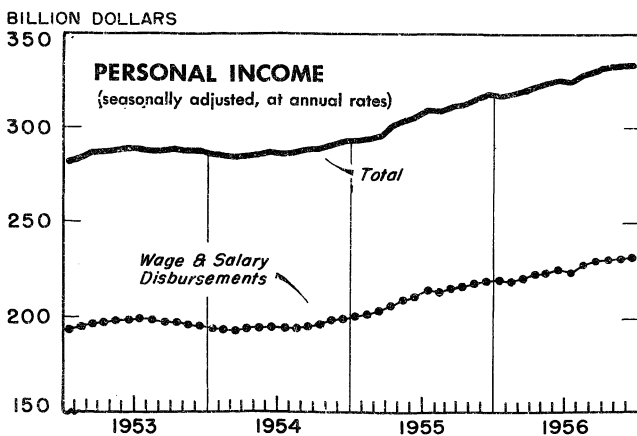
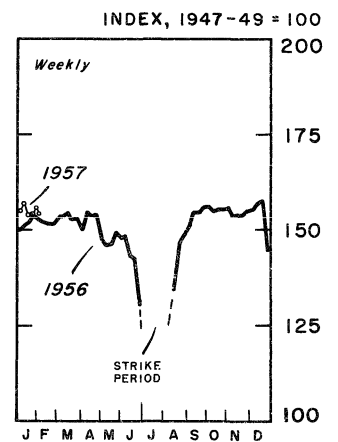
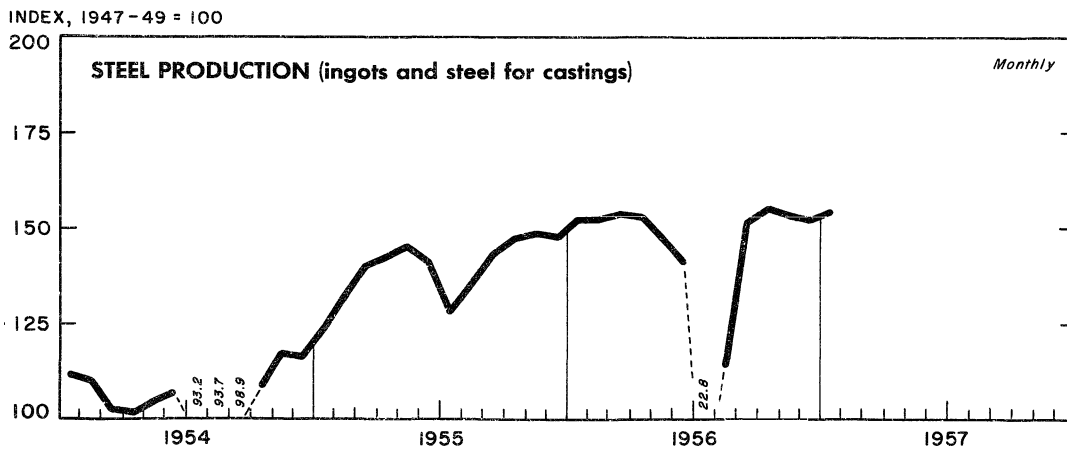
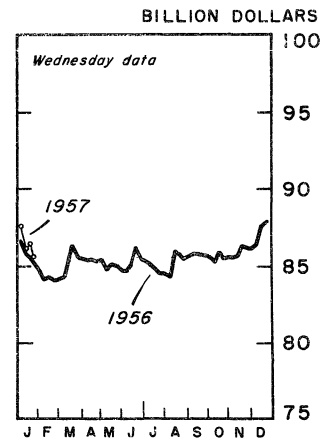
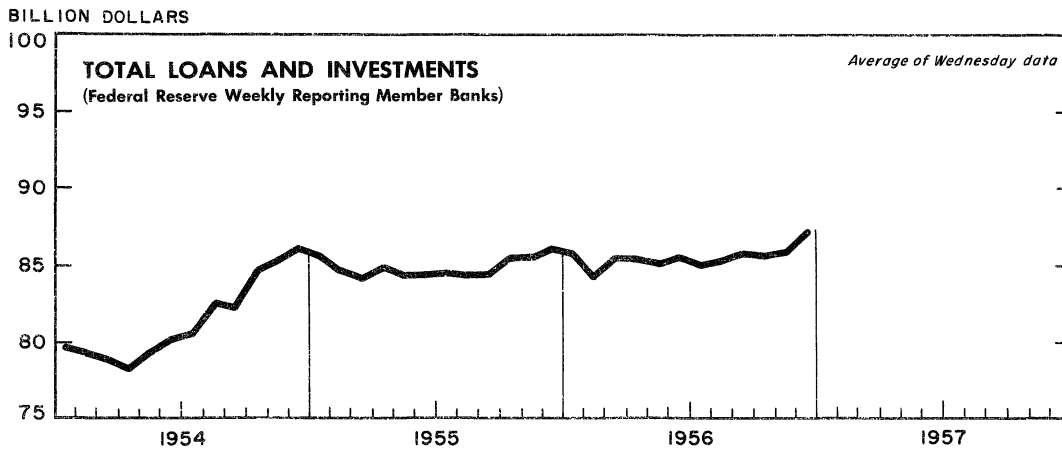


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SELECTED BUSINESS INDICATORS



WEEKLY BUSINESS STATISTICS¹

ITEM	1956		1957			
	Jan. 28	Feb. 4	Jan. 12	Jan. 19	Jan. 26	Feb. 2
Commodity prices, wholesale:						
All commodities.....1947-49=100..		*111.9	116.3	116.7	117.0	116.9
Farm products.....do.....		*84.1	88.2	88.9	89.2	89.4
Foods, processed.....do.....		*98.3	103.5	104.1	104.5	104.3
All other.....do.....		*120.4	124.7	124.9	125.2	125.2
22 commodities 2/.....do.....	88.8	89.5	92.0	92.3	91.3	90.7
Department store sales.....do.....	94	90	107	100	96	.....
Insured unemployment, total.....thous..	1,635	1,658	1,838	1,838	.....	.....
State programs.....do.....	1,491	1,513	1,706	1,705	.....	.....
Finance:						
Currency in circulation 3/.....mil. of dol..	30,361	30,223	31,479	31,108	30,827	30,607
Federal Reserve bank credit outstanding, total 3/.....do....	25,480	25,248	26,809	25,954	25,636	25,087
Member bank reserve balances 3/.....do....	19,017	18,834	19,701	19,300	19,342	18,918
Excess reserves, estimated 3/.....do....	523	484	739	525	559	315
Federal Reserve reporting member banks in leading cities:4/						
Demand deposits, adjusted.....mil. of dol..	58,735	57,607	57,760	58,523	58,296	.....
Time deposits, except U. S. Government.....do....	21,493	21,446	22,204	22,329	22,362	.....
Loans and investments (adjusted), total.....do....	85,209	84,694	86,198	86,503	85,583	.....
U. S. Government obligations.....do....	29,475	28,822	26,272	26,823	26,330	.....
Commercial, industrial, and agr. loans (gross).....do....	26,241	26,290	30,753	30,595	30,349	.....
Real-estate loans (gross).....do....	8,160	8,154	8,832	8,831	8,807	.....
Failures, industrial and commercial.....number..	284	273	256	278	258	320
Bond yields, domestic corporate (Moody's) 3/.....percent..	3.29	3.28	4.06	4.05	4.03	4.01
Stock prices, 480 stocks (Stand.& Poor's) 4/..1935-39=100..	319.6	322.0	339.7	334.0	330.8	330.2
Industrials, 420 stocks.....do....	367.5	369.5	395.5	388.1	383.9	382.4
Production:						
Bituminous coal 3/.....thous. of short tons..	1,737	1,626	1,708	1,654	1,702	.....
Electric power, by utilities.....mil. of kw.-hr..	11,512	11,540	12,327	12,556	12,410	.....
Passenger cars and trucks (Ward's).....number..	162,088	167,272	167,451	167,912	168,329	166,565
Petroleum (crude) and condensate 3/.....thous. of bbl..	6,994	7,081	7,396	7,431	7,396	.....
Steel 5/.....thous. of short tons..	2,472	2,444	2,519	2,467	2,472	2,498
Percent of capacity 5/.....do....	#100.4	#99.3	98.4	96.4	96.6	97.6
Freight car loadings, total.....thous. of cars..	692	681	681	657	666	.....
Miscellaneous.....do....	355	352	349	336	340	.....

1/ Data do not always cover calendar weeks. 2/ Tuesday prices. 3/ Daily average. 4/ Wednesday data. 5/ Week beginning February 4, 1957: Production, 2,472 thous. short tons; operating rate, 96.6 percent. * Monthly index for January 1956. # Not comparable with 1957 rates, which are based on higher capacity.

MONTHLY BUSINESS STATISTICS

ITEM	1955		1956			
	November	December	September	October	November	December
GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS						
Personal income, by source:						
Seasonally adjusted, at annual rates:						
Total personal income.....bil. of dol..	314.5	317.5	329.5	332.5	r333.5	333.5
Wage and salary disbursements, total.....do....	217.2	218.2	228.5	229.7	r231.0	232.5
Commodity-producing industries.....do....	94.2	94.5	99.1	100.6	r101.1	102.1
Distributive industries.....do....	57.3	57.6	60.5	60.2	r60.6	60.9
Service industries.....do....	29.3	29.4	30.8	30.9	31.1	31.2
Government.....do....	36.4	36.7	38.1	38.0	r38.2	38.3
Other labor income.....do....	7.2	7.3	7.3	7.4	7.4	7.4
Proprietors' and rental income.....do....	49.6	49.2	50.9	52.3	r51.7	51.2
Personal interest income and dividends.....do....	28.1	30.2	30.0	30.2	r30.3	29.2
Transfer payments.....do....	17.7	18.0	18.7	18.9	19.1	19.2
Less personal contributions for social insurance.....do....	5.3	5.4	5.9	6.0	6.0	6.0
Total nonagricultural income.....do....	299.4	302.8	314.4	316.3	r317.9	318.3
Manufacturers' sales:						
Value (unadjusted), total.....mil. of dol..	27,292	26,967	27,713	r30,237	r28,747	28,021
Durable-goods industries, total 1/.....do....	13,723	13,716	13,351	14,953	r14,469	14,190
Primary metal.....do....	2,390	2,433	2,321	2,603	r2,473	2,425
Fabricated metal.....do....	1,381	1,306	1,513	1,666	r1,510	1,357
Machinery (including electrical).....do....	3,473	3,777	3,997	4,292	4,039	4,196
Transportation equipment (incl. motor vehicles).....do....	3,635	3,529	2,481	3,049	r3,647	3,754
Lumber and furniture.....do....	1,133	1,045	1,210	1,198	r1,029	890
Stone, clay, and glass.....do....	668	613	728	860	r720	636
Non-durable-goods industries, total 1/.....do....	13,569	13,251	14,362	r15,284	r14,278	13,831
Food and beverage.....do....	4,084	4,016	4,536	4,663	r4,376	4,335
Tobacco.....do....	334	327	329	366	353	351
Textile.....do....	1,221	1,115	1,212	1,345	r1,184	1,089
Paper.....do....	886	838	872	983	r910	838
Chemical.....do....	1,919	1,801	2,079	2,193	r1,995	1,928
Petroleum and coal.....do....	2,454	2,695	2,470	2,591	2,655	2,875

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ITEM	1955		1956			
	November	December	September	October	November	December
GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS - Continued						
Manufacturers' sales - Continued						
Value (adjusted), total.....mil. of dol...	27,343	27,289	27,624	r28,329	r28,707	28,688
Durable-goods industries, total <u>1</u> /.....do....	13,721	13,688	13,692	14,199	r14,321	14,390
Primary metal.....do....	2,393	2,341	2,392	2,529	r2,475	2,344
Fabricated metal.....do....	1,395	1,375	1,427	1,461	r1,541	1,459
Machinery (including electrical).....do....	3,553	3,648	3,945	4,115	r4,162	4,084
Transportation equipment (incl. motor vehicles).....do....	3,576	3,460	3,035	3,181	r3,387	3,748
Lumber and furniture.....do....	1,144	1,124	1,186	1,079	r1,039	1,000
Stone, clay, and glass.....do....	655	674	668	717	r706	731
Nondurable-goods industries, total <u>1</u> /.....do....	13,622	13,601	13,932	r14,130	r14,386	14,298
Food and beverage.....do....	4,047	4,095	4,378	4,311	r4,342	4,402
Tobacco.....do....	327	337	323	342	350	382
Textile.....do....	1,197	1,126	1,122	1,140	r1,184	1,146
Paper.....do....	886	873	863	936	r910	873
Chemical.....do....	2,014	1,959	2,031	2,081	r2,095	2,098
Petroleum and coal.....do....	2,479	2,495	2,520	2,565	2,682	2,662
Manufacturers' inventories, end of month:						
Book value (unadjusted), total.....do....	45,317	46,123	49,662	r50,418	r50,979	51,633
Durable-goods industries, total <u>1</u> /.....do....	25,670	26,235	28,423	29,098	r29,497	29,890
Primary metal.....do....	3,600	3,603	3,975	4,133	r4,249	4,351
Fabricated metal.....do....	2,649	2,658	2,871	2,886	r2,917	3,019
Machinery (including electrical).....do....	8,232	8,412	9,677	9,802	r9,961	10,045
Transportation equipment (incl. motor vehicles).....do....	6,388	6,624	6,898	7,331	r7,415	7,440
Lumber and furniture.....do....	1,806	1,855	1,786	1,784	r1,775	1,775
Stone, clay, and glass.....do....	901	956	988	978	1,005	1,027
By stages of fabrication:						
Purchased materials.....bil. of dol..	7.1	7.1	7.9	8.1	r8.3	8.4
Goods in process.....do....	10.6	10.8	11.9	12.2	r12.3	12.3
Finished goods.....do....	8.0	8.3	8.6	8.8	r8.9	9.2
Nondurable-goods industries, total <u>1</u> /.....mil. of dol..	19,647	19,888	21,239	r21,320	r21,482	21,743
Food and beverage.....do....	4,661	4,584	4,821	4,892	r4,957	4,889
Tobacco.....do....	1,797	1,867	1,801	1,830	r1,865	1,917
Textile.....do....	2,377	2,422	2,573	2,559	r2,579	2,613
Paper.....do....	1,031	1,063	1,215	1,207	r1,220	1,261
Chemical.....do....	3,142	3,280	3,571	3,636	r3,686	3,786
Petroleum and coal.....do....	2,823	2,758	3,164	3,196	r3,151	3,167
By stages of fabrication:						
Purchased materials.....bil. of dol..	8.2	8.4	8.4	8.5	r8.7	8.9
Goods in process.....do....	2.9	2.9	3.1	3.1	3.1	3.0
Finished goods.....do....	8.5	8.6	9.8	9.7	9.8	9.8
Book value (adjusted), total.....mil. of dol..	45,669	45,923	50,106	r50,830	r51,355	51,442
Durable-goods industries, total <u>1</u> /.....do....	26,050	26,317	28,708	29,408	r29,925	29,978
Primary metal.....do....	3,491	3,494	3,892	4,037	r4,128	4,224
Fabricated metal.....do....	2,759	2,740	2,960	3,006	r3,039	3,112
Machinery (including electrical).....do....	8,397	8,494	9,814	9,979	r10,159	10,143
Transportation equipment (incl. motor vehicles).....do....	6,475	6,603	6,946	7,308	r7,511	7,413
Lumber and furniture.....do....	1,843	1,837	1,804	1,820	r1,811	1,757
Stone, clay, and glass.....do....	948	956	1,019	1,029	1,058	1,027
By stages of fabrication:						
Purchased materials.....bil. of dol..	6.9	7.0	7.9	8.0	8.1	8.1
Goods in process.....do....	10.8	10.9	11.9	12.2	12.5	12.5
Finished goods.....do....	8.3	8.4	8.9	9.2	9.3	9.4
Nondurable-goods industries, total <u>1</u> /.....mil. of dol..	19,619	19,606	21,398	r21,422	r21,430	21,464
Food and beverage.....do....	4,450	4,382	4,713	4,696	r4,715	4,705
Tobacco.....do....	1,779	1,795	1,838	1,812	r1,847	1,843
Textile.....do....	2,426	2,471	2,599	2,611	r2,632	2,666
Paper.....do....	1,041	1,052	1,227	1,232	r1,232	1,249
Chemical.....do....	3,157	3,199	3,714	3,740	r3,703	3,691
Petroleum and coal.....do....	2,768	2,731	3,133	3,133	r3,089	3,136
By stages of fabrication:						
Purchased materials.....bil. of dol..	8.1	8.2	8.5	8.5	8.5	8.6
Goods in process.....do....	3.1	2.9	3.1	3.1	3.1	3.1
Finished goods.....do....	8.4	8.5	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.7
Manufacturers' orders:						
New orders, net (unadjusted), total.....mil. of dol..	27,726	28,684	28,134	r29,683	r29,083	28,068
Durable-goods industries, total <u>1</u> /.....do....	14,026	15,478	13,818	14,247	r14,741	14,238
Primary metal.....do....	2,613	2,629	2,039	2,401	r2,615	2,497
Fabricated metal.....do....	1,412	1,430	1,639	1,583	r1,386	1,334
Machinery (including electrical).....do....	3,682	4,268	4,080	4,393	r4,072	4,161
Transportation equipment (incl. motor vehicles).....do....	3,726	4,634	3,156	2,774	r4,015	3,958
Nondurable-goods industries, total.....do....	13,700	13,206	14,316	r15,436	r14,342	13,830
New orders, net (adjusted), total.....do....	28,315	29,295	28,072	r28,906	r29,429	28,817
Durable-goods industries, total <u>1</u> /.....do....	14,680	15,605	14,266	14,591	r15,130	14,439
Primary metal.....do....	2,751	2,528	2,192	2,475	r2,672	2,472
Fabricated metal.....do....	1,569	1,589	1,576	1,583	r1,540	1,482
Machinery (including electrical).....do....	4,006	4,118	4,200	4,445	r4,436	4,013
Transportation equipment (incl. motor vehicles).....do....	3,653	4,634	3,394	3,082	r3,718	3,958
Nondurable-goods industries, total.....do....	13,635	13,690	13,806	r14,315	r14,299	14,378
Unfilled orders, end of month (unadjusted), total.....do....	53,774	55,491	62,227	61,654	r61,990	62,037
Durable-goods industries, total <u>1</u> /.....do....	50,357	52,119	59,549	58,824	r59,096	59,144
Primary metal.....do....	6,842	7,038	7,699	7,497	r7,639	7,711
Fabricated metal.....do....	3,965	4,089	4,585	4,502	r4,378	4,355
Machinery (including electrical).....do....	15,713	16,204	19,084	19,185	r19,218	19,183
Transportation equipment (incl. motor vehicles).....do....	19,577	20,682	23,486	23,211	r23,579	23,783
Nondurable-goods industries, total.....do....	3,417	3,372	2,678	2,830	r2,894	2,893

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MONTHLY BUSINESS STATISTICS—Continued

ITEM	1955	1956				1957
	December	January	October	November	December	January
COMMODITY PRICES						
Prices received and paid by farmers:						
Prices received, all farm products.....1910-14=100..	222	226	234	234	237	238
Crops.....do....	226	231	232	239	240	239
Commercial vegetables, fresh market.....do....	217	248	203	264	277	249
Cotton.....do....	264	259	270	270	262	256
Feed grains and hay.....do....	170	171	178	182	185	187
Food grains.....do....	221	220	225	232	234	236
Fruit.....do....	208	225	232	218	216	227
Oil-bearing crops.....do....	232	236	249	262	264	266
Potatoes <u>1</u> /.....do....	143	161	141	154	158	162
Tobacco.....do....	455	452	453	443	461	457
Livestock and products.....do....	219	221	236	230	234	237
Dairy products.....do....	266	261	272	277	275	269
Meat animals.....do....	201	207	245	231	239	254
Poultry and eggs.....do....	204	205	167	164	165	155
Wool.....do....	217	220	238	249	256	262
Prices paid:						
All commodities and services.....do....	259	259	265	267	r268	269
Family living items.....do....	273	272	279	281	r283	283
Production items.....do....	243	246	250	252	r252	255
All commod., services, int., taxes, and wage rates.....do....	278	281	287	289	r290	292
Parity ratio.....do....	80	80	82	81	82	82
CONSTRUCTION AND REAL ESTATE						
New construction (unadjusted), total.....mil. of dol..	3,258	2,947	4,133	3,800	3,370	3,046
Private, total.....do....	2,435	2,176	2,766	2,666	2,472	2,185
Residential (nonfarm).....do....	1,279	1,080	1,365	1,313	1,202	1,014
New dwelling units.....do....	1,160	980	1,195	1,145	1,060	895
Additions and alterations.....do....	88	70	129	126	102	81
Nonresidential building, total <u>2</u> /.....do....	679	650	793	794	768	719
Industrial.....do....	223	223	274	271	270	268
Commercial.....do....	270	251	287	288	272	244
Farm construction.....do....	98	97	122	103	90	91
Public utility.....do....	369	341	474	445	402	350
Public, total.....do....	823	771	1,367	1,134	898	861
Nonresidential building.....do....	286	293	373	338	311	324
Military facilities.....do....	97	87	140	118	108	97
Highway.....do....	263	215	575	420	250	220
New construction (seasonally adjusted), total.....do....	3,580	3,625	3,665	3,699	3,729	3,733
Private, total.....do....	2,519	2,505	2,551	2,551	2,542	2,496
Residential (nonfarm).....do....	1,322	1,287	1,241	1,239	1,239	1,207
Nonresidential building, total <u>2</u> /.....do....	665	662	752	755	748	728
Farm construction.....do....	131	130	122	121	120	121
Public utility.....do....	389	416	423	424	423	427
Public, total.....do....	1,061	1,120	1,114	1,148	1,187	1,237
Nonresidential building.....do....	321	334	350	357	350	368
Highway.....do....	432	470	390	417	455	489
Construction cost index:						
Department of Commerce composite.....1947-49=100..	126.6	127.1	132.5	132.6	132.8

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