

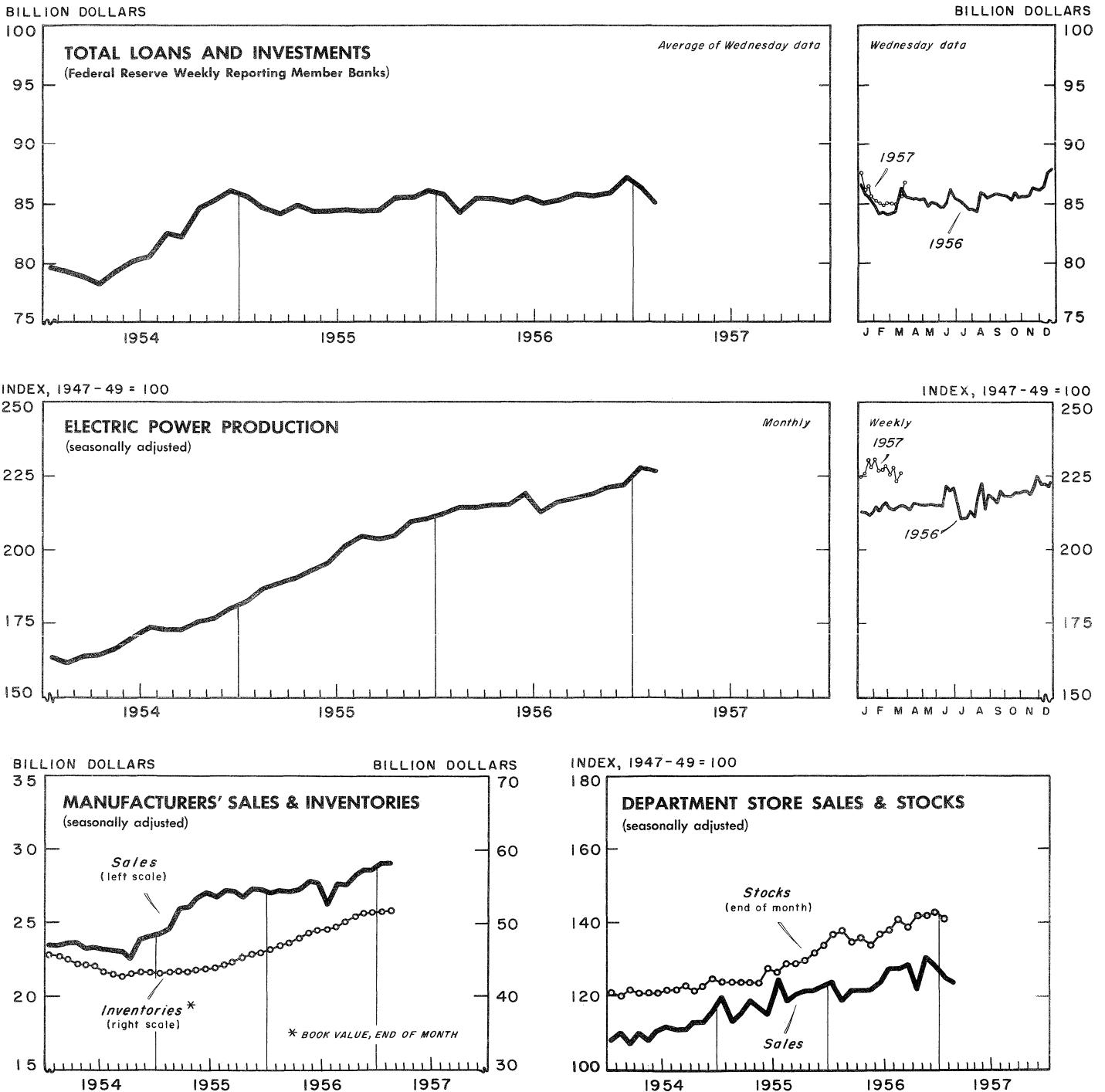
# BUSINESS STATISTICS



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## SELECTED BUSINESS INDICATORS



WEEKLY BUSINESS STATISTICS<sup>1</sup>

ITEM	1956		1957			
	Mar. 24	Mar. 31	Mar. 9	Mar. 16	Mar. 23	Mar. 30
Commodity prices, wholesale:						
All commodities.....1947-49=100..		*112.8	116.8	116.9	116.9	117.0
Farm products.....do.....		*86.6	88.5	88.7	88.9	89.1
Foods, processed.....do.....		*99.2	103.5	103.7	103.9	104.1
All other.....do.....		*121.0	125.3	125.4	125.3	125.3
22 commodities 2/.....do.....	90.1	90.2	88.6	88.8	88.8	88.6
Department store sales.....do.....	112	122	98	107	113	.....
Insured unemployment, total.....thous..	1,551	1,493	1,776	1,725	.....	.....
State programs.....do.....	1,422	1,370	1,643	1,593	.....	.....
Finance:						
Currency in circulation 3/.....mil. of dol..	30,264	30,249	30,565	30,609	30,589	30,502
Federal Reserve bank credit outstanding, total 3/.....do....	25,754	25,661	24,871	24,791	25,158	24,930
Member bank reserve balances 3/.....do....	19,204	19,028	18,721	18,654	19,204	18,971
Excess reserves, estimated 3/.....do....	617	573	428	427	603	565
Federal Reserve reporting member banks in leading cities:4/						
Demand deposits, adjusted.....mil. of dol..	56,500	55,733	55,791	56,905	55,704	.....
Time deposits, except U. S. Government.....do....	21,595	21,618	22,735	22,929	23,020	.....
Loans and investments (adjusted), total.....do....	86,489	85,631	84,975	85,653	86,747	.....
U. S. Government obligations.....do....	28,654	27,995	25,532	25,676	25,990	.....
Commercial, industrial, and agr. loans (gross).....do....	27,741	27,781	30,444	30,844	31,579	.....
Real-estate loans (gross).....do....	8,320	8,341	8,736	8,740	8,746	.....
Failures, industrial and commercial.....number..	208	263	327	301	318	290
Bond yields, domestic corporate (Moody's) 3/.....percent..	3.31	3.33	3.97	3.97	3.97	3.96
Stock prices, 500 stocks (Stand. & Poor's) 4/.....1941-43=10..	48.23	48.51	44.33	44.04	44.10	44.09
Industrials, 425 stocks.....do....	51.47	51.80	47.17	46.88	46.99	46.97
Production:						
Bituminous coal 3/.....thous. of short tons..	1,660	1,719	1,617	1,704	1,710	.....
Electric power, by utilities.....mil. of kw.-hr..	11,134	10,992	11,867	11,650	11,723	.....
Passenger cars and trucks (Ward's).....number..	154,977	149,863	158,996	161,904	161,866	154,015
Petroleum (crude) and condensate 3/.....thous. of bbl..	7,163	7,149	7,813	7,799	7,818	.....
Steel 5/.....thous. of short tons..	2,449	2,452	2,411	2,401	2,392	2,364
Percent of capacity 5/.....do....	#99.5	#99.6	94.2	93.8	93.5	92.4
Freight carloadings, total.....thous. of cars..	697	725	672	689	686	.....
Miscellaneous.....do....	365	382	347	356	355	.....

1/ Data do not always cover calendar weeks. 2/ Tuesday prices. 3/ Daily average. 4/ Wednesday data; S&P's index on revised basis. 5/ Week beginning April 1, 1957: Production, 2,344 thous. short tons; operating rate, 91.6 percent. \*Monthly index for March 1956. #Not comparable with 1957 rates, which are based on higher capacity.

MONTHLY BUSINESS STATISTICS

ITEM	1956				1957	
	January	February	November	December	January	February
GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS						
Manufacturers' sales:						
Value (unadjusted), total.....mil. of dol..	26,363	26,536	28,755	r27,832	r28,924	27,858
Durable-goods industries, total 1/.....do....	13,112	13,301	14,469	14,188	r14,469	13,996
Primary metal.....do....	2,428	2,393	2,473	2,353	r2,540	2,325
Fabricated metal.....do....	1,343	1,342	1,510	1,311	r1,544	1,476
Machinery (including electrical).....do....	3,503	3,652	4,039	4,232	r4,064	4,126
Transportation equipment (incl. motor vehicles).....do....	3,166	3,169	3,647	3,869	r3,814	3,701
Lumber and furniture.....do....	1,050	1,101	1,029	889	r970	931
Stone, clay, and glass.....do....	560	602	720	593	r614	602
Nondurable-goods industries, total 1/.....do....	13,251	13,235	14,286	r13,644	r14,455	13,862
Food and beverage.....do....	3,962	3,977	4,376	4,256	r4,429	4,318
Tobacco.....do....	306	304	353	345	r338	306
Textile.....do....	1,078	1,090	1,184	1,068	r1,122	1,089
Paper.....do....	883	877	910	822	r930	837
Chemical.....do....	1,977	1,887	1,995	1,907	r2,155	1,973
Petroleum and coal.....do....	2,549	2,440	2,655	2,801	r2,969	2,706
Rubber.....do....	425	423	426	443	483	.....
Value (adjusted), total.....do....	27,023	27,224	28,716	r28,691	r29,183	29,179
Durable-goods industries, total 1/.....do....	13,595	13,593	14,321	14,507	r14,642	14,722
Primary metal.....do....	2,369	2,457	2,475	2,348	r2,444	2,385
Fabricated metal.....do....	1,399	1,413	1,541	1,457	r1,560	1,554
Machinery (including electrical).....do....	3,691	3,647	4,162	4,125	r4,205	4,230
Transportation equipment (incl. motor vehicles).....do....	3,194	3,137	3,387	3,862	r3,782	3,885
Lumber and furniture.....do....	1,141	1,147	1,039	999	r1,010	1,023
Stone, clay, and glass.....do....	659	684	706	682	r690	717
Nondurable-goods industries, total 1/.....do....	13,428	13,631	14,395	r14,184	r14,541	14,457
Food and beverage.....do....	4,066	4,180	4,342	4,355	r4,569	4,578
Tobacco.....do....	329	338	350	363	r356	356
Textile.....do....	1,100	1,124	1,184	1,148	r1,100	1,184
Paper.....do....	866	904	910	874	r912	863
Chemical.....do....	1,931	1,940	2,095	2,086	r2,095	2,028
Petroleum and coal.....do....	2,475	2,515	2,682	2,593	r2,883	2,790
Rubber.....do....	415	445	453	461	474	.....

ITEM	1956				1957	
	January	February	November	December	January	February
GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS - Continued						
Manufacturers' inventories, end of month:						
Book value (unadjusted), total.....mil. of dol..	46,704	47,227	50,981	r51,572	r51,971	52,192
Durable-goods industries, total <u>1/</u> .....do....	26,726	27,149	29,497	29,819	r30,037	30,230
Primary metal.....do....	3,576	3,564	4,249	4,354	r4,325	4,340
Fabricated metal.....do....	2,718	2,803	2,917	2,941	r2,989	3,019
Machinery (including electrical).....do....	8,700	8,960	9,961	10,002	r10,092	10,257
Transportation equipment (incl.motor vehicles).....do....	6,749	6,860	7,415	7,455	r7,526	7,414
Lumber and furniture.....do....	1,871	1,783	1,775	1,800	r1,804	1,824
Stone, clay, and glass.....do....	985	1,015	1,005	1,047	r1,078	1,116
By stages of fabrication:						
Purchased materials.....bil. of dol..	7.2	7.3	8.3	8.4	8.2	8.2
Goods in process.....do....	11.0	11.2	12.3	12.3	r12.5	12.5
Finished goods.....do....	8.5	8.7	8.9	9.1	r9.4	9.6
Nondurable-goods industries, total <u>1/</u> .....mil. of dol..	19,978	20,078	21,484	r21,753	r21,934	21,962
Food and beverage.....do....	4,502	4,434	4,957	4,899	r4,885	4,739
Tobacco.....do....	1,938	1,924	1,865	1,927	r2,097	2,110
Textile.....do....	2,460	2,477	2,579	2,625	r2,645	2,672
Paper.....do....	1,080	1,115	1,220	1,258	r1,258	1,305
Chemical.....do....	3,300	3,377	3,686	3,783	r3,792	3,863
Petroleum and coal.....do....	2,699	2,737	3,151	3,154	r3,022	3,028
Rubber.....do....	963	999	973	1,008	1,015	.....
By stages of fabrication:						
Purchased materials.....bil. of dol..	8.4	8.4	8.7	8.9	r9.0	8.9
Goods in process.....do....	3.0	3.0	3.1	3.1	r3.1	3.2
Finished goods.....do....	8.6	8.7	9.8	9.8	r9.9	9.9
Book value (adjusted), total.....mil. of dol..	46,299	46,897	51,357	r51,373	r51,476	51,805
Durable-goods industries, total <u>1/</u> .....do....	26,590	27,009	29,925	29,935	r29,862	30,087
Primary metal.....do....	3,519	3,570	4,128	4,226	r4,259	4,347
Fabricated metal.....do....	2,718	2,803	3,039	3,064	r3,019	3,019
Machinery (including electrical).....do....	8,678	8,939	10,159	10,100	r10,070	10,231
Transportation equipment (incl.motor vehicles).....do....	6,711	6,816	7,511	7,427	r7,430	7,377
Lumber and furniture.....do....	1,871	1,783	1,811	1,782	r1,804	1,824
Stone, clay, and glass.....do....	966	976	1,058	1,047	r1,057	1,073
By stages of fabrication:						
Purchased materials.....bil. of dol..	7.1	7.3	8.1	8.2	r8.1	8.2
Goods in process.....do....	10.9	11.1	12.5	12.5	r12.4	12.4
Finished goods.....do....	8.5	8.6	9.3	9.3	r9.4	9.5
Nondurable-goods industries, total <u>1/</u> .....mil. of dol..	19,709	19,888	21,432	r21,438	r21,614	21,718
Food and beverage.....do....	4,372	4,361	4,715	4,676	r4,712	4,675
Tobacco.....do....	1,828	1,832	1,847	1,853	r1,942	1,972
Textile.....do....	2,485	2,477	2,632	2,679	r2,672	2,672
Paper.....do....	1,069	1,083	1,232	1,246	r1,258	1,267
Chemical.....do....	3,248	3,339	3,703	3,689	r3,721	3,808
Petroleum and coal.....do....	2,754	2,793	3,089	3,123	r3,113	3,090
Rubber.....do....	935	970	1,024	998	995	.....
By stages of fabrication:						
Purchased materials.....bil. of dol..	8.2	8.2	8.5	8.6	8.7	8.7
Goods in process.....do....	2.9	3.0	3.1	3.1	r3.0	3.1
Finished goods.....do....	8.6	8.7	9.8	9.7	9.9	10.0
Manufacturers' orders:						
New orders, net (unadjusted), total.....mil. of dol..	27,468	27,076	29,091	r28,248	r28,652	27,470
Durable-goods industries, total <u>1/</u> .....do....	14,307	13,931	14,741	14,534	r14,362	13,640
Primary metal.....do....	2,482	2,682	2,615	2,447	r2,293	2,375
Fabricated metal.....do....	1,328	1,444	1,386	1,413	r1,515	1,559
Machinery (including electrical).....do....	3,866	3,908	4,072	4,184	r4,177	3,965
Transportation equipment (incl.motor vehicles).....do....	3,730	3,011	4,015	4,336	r3,669	3,338
Nondurable-goods industries, total <u>1/</u> .....do....	13,161	13,145	14,350	r13,714	r14,290	13,830
New orders, net (adjusted), total.....do....	28,074	27,627	29,438	r28,844	r28,935	28,175
Durable-goods industries, total <u>1/</u> .....do....	14,683	14,107	15,130	14,544	r14,393	13,831
Primary metal.....do....	2,387	2,737	2,672	2,423	r2,316	2,306
Fabricated metal.....do....	1,398	1,520	1,540	1,570	r1,595	1,591
Machinery (including electrical).....do....	3,806	3,953	4,436	4,054	r4,209	4,017
Transportation equipment (incl.motor vehicles).....do....	4,191	3,011	3,718	4,130	r3,669	3,514
Nondurable-goods industries, total.....do....	13,391	13,520	14,308	r14,300	r14,542	14,344
Unfilled orders, end of month (unadjusted), total.....do....	56,596	57,136	61,990	62,406	r62,134	61,746
Durable-goods industries, total <u>1/</u> .....do....	53,314	53,944	59,096	59,442	r59,335	58,979
Primary metal.....do....	7,092	7,381	7,639	7,733	r7,486	7,536
Fabricated metal.....do....	4,074	4,176	4,378	4,480	r4,451	4,534
Machinery (including electrical).....do....	16,567	16,823	19,218	19,170	r19,283	19,122
Transportation equipment (incl.motor vehicles).....do....	21,246	21,088	23,579	24,046	r23,901	23,538
Nondurable-goods industries, total.....do....	3,282	3,192	2,894	2,964	r2,799	2,767
Business incorporations:						
New incorporations (48 States).....number..	13,363	12,503	9,749	10,788	14,632	12,075
Industrial and commercial failures:						
Failures, total.....do....	1,048	1,024	999	982	1,148	1,146
Commercial service.....do....	72	62	86	83	71	93
Construction.....do....	126	141	171	183	177	180
Manufacturing and mining.....do....	209	202	166	172	197	199
Retail trade.....do....	535	511	482	472	612	568
Wholesale trade.....do....	106	108	94	72	91	106
Liabilities (current), total.....thous. of dol..	42,890	49,189	39,886	50,279	54,060	65,406
Commercial service.....do....	2,974	1,920	1,854	3,780	4,086	2,493
Construction.....do....	6,163	9,881	11,099	8,149	10,672	8,440
Manufacturing and mining.....do....	14,442	17,647	11,714	21,785	16,105	33,402
Retail trade.....do....	14,936	14,693	11,476	10,946	17,862	14,780
Wholesale trade.....do....	4,375	5,048	3,743	5,619	5,335	6,291

## MONTHLY BUSINESS STATISTICS—Continued

ITEM	1956				1957	
	January	February	November	December	January	February
<b>EMPLOYMENT</b>						
Labor turnover in manufacturing establishments:						
Accession rate.....monthly rate per 100 employees..	3.3	3.1	3.0	2.3	r3.2	p2.8
Separation rate, total.....do....	3.6	3.6	3.3	2.8	3.3	p3.0
Discharge.....do....	.3	.3	.3	.2	.2	p.2
Lay-off.....do....	1.7	1.8	1.5	1.4	1.5	p1.4
Quit.....do....	1.4	1.3	1.3	1.0	1.3	p1.2
Military and miscellaneous.....do....	.2	.2	.2	.2	.3	p.2
<b>ELECTRIC POWER</b>						
Electric power, production, total.....mil. of kw.-hr..	r58,355	r54,859	57,820	60,055	62,938	55,374
Electric utilities.....do....	51,120	47,988	50,645	52,875	55,503	48,666
Industrial establishments.....do....	r7,235	r6,871	7,175	7,180	7,435	6,708
<b>FOODSTUFFS</b>						
Meats, production, total.....mil. of lb..	2,311.7	2,018.4	2,256.3	2,063.9	2,199.0	1,843.3
Beef and veal.....do....	1,034.8	909.9	1,041.7	987.0	1,111.7	902.5
Lamb and mutton.....do....	64.0	56.9	52.2	50.3	64.8	53.9
Pork, including lard.....do....	1,212.8	1,051.6	1,162.5	1,026.6	1,022.6	886.9
Lard.....do....	240.9	203.2	218.9	198.6	196.4	172.8
<b>METALS AND MANUFACTURES</b>						
Iron ore (Lake Superior district):						
Consumption by furnaces.....thous. of long tons..	.....	.....	7,485	7,840	7,892	.....
Stocks, end of month, total.....do....	.....	.....	50,537	45,508	37,484	.....
At furnaces.....do....	.....	.....	45,947	41,231	33,580	.....
On Lake Erie docks.....do....	.....	.....	4,591	4,277	3,905	.....
Radiators and convectors, cast iron:						
Shipments.....thous. of sq. ft..	2,018	2,236	2,589	1,756	1,712	.....
Stocks, end of month.....do....	4,866	5,013	4,074	3,878	4,139	.....
Oil burners:						
Shipments.....number..	49,759	44,697	64,881	38,729	45,934	.....
Stocks, end of month.....do....	55,144	63,952	50,162	50,329	54,460	.....
Stoves and ranges, domestic cooking, excluding electrical:						
Shipments, total.....number..	167,435	192,953	161,070	134,878	146,360	.....
Coal and wood.....do....	5,084	5,039	5,537	4,387	4,178	.....
Gas (including bungalow and combination).....do....	153,516	178,441	149,675	125,139	136,248	.....
Kerosene, gasoline, and fuel oil.....do....	8,835	9,473	5,858	5,352	5,934	.....
Stoves, domestic heating, shipments, total.....do....	90,755	106,293	242,322	85,536	75,948	.....
Coal and wood.....do....	6,896	10,245	30,905	10,537	6,379	.....
Gas.....do....	57,044	58,849	160,611	56,140	42,657	.....
Kerosene, gasoline, and fuel oil.....do....	26,815	37,199	50,806	18,859	26,912	.....
Warm-air furnaces, shipments, total.....do....	87,497	78,906	99,543	71,305	75,659	.....
Gas.....do....	56,782	51,025	62,987	47,479	49,156	.....
Oil.....do....	27,859	25,417	32,303	21,201	23,737	.....
Solid fuel.....do....	2,856	2,464	4,253	2,625	2,766	.....
Water heaters, gas, shipments.....do....	224,004	246,098	182,266	153,198	209,953	.....
Foundry equipment (new), new orders, net						
mo. avg. shipments, 1947-49=100..	195.6	169.0	121.0	115.6	117.9	.....
Vacuum cleaners, standard type, sales billed.....thousands..	302.2	286.4	300.4	281.0	276.7	300.9
Washers, domestic, sales billed.....do....	393.7	405.6	357.9	298.4	349.9	339.9
Radio sets, production <u>1</u> /.....do....	1,078.6	1,093.5	1,381.8	1,715.2	1,085.5	r1,264.8
Television sets (incl. combination), production <u>1</u> /.....do....	588.3	576.3	680.0	627.0	450.2	r464.7

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