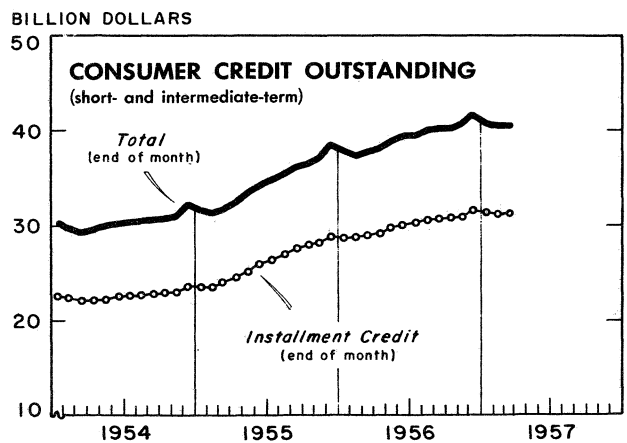
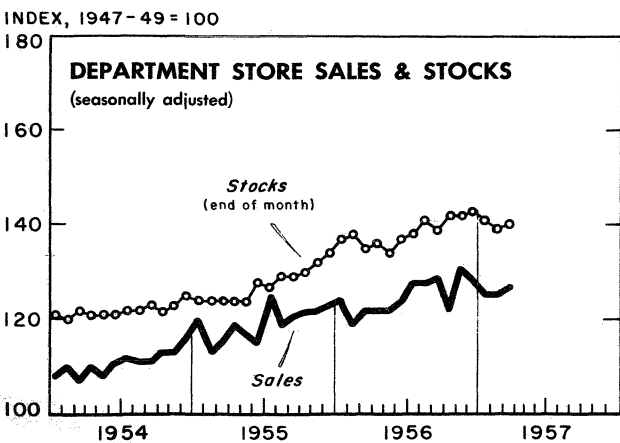
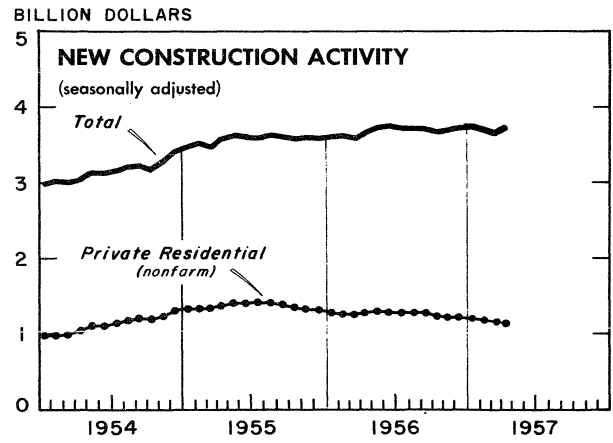
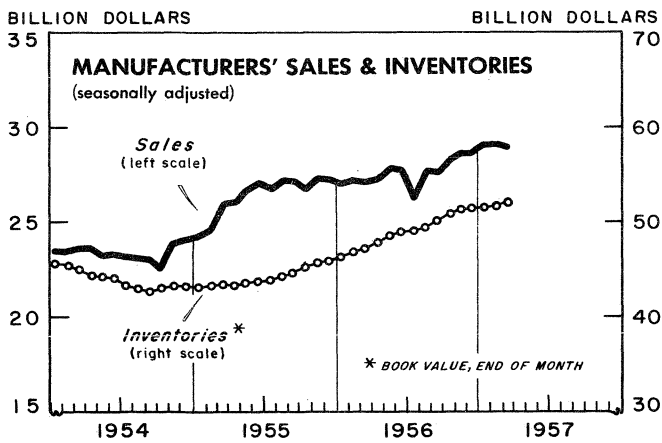
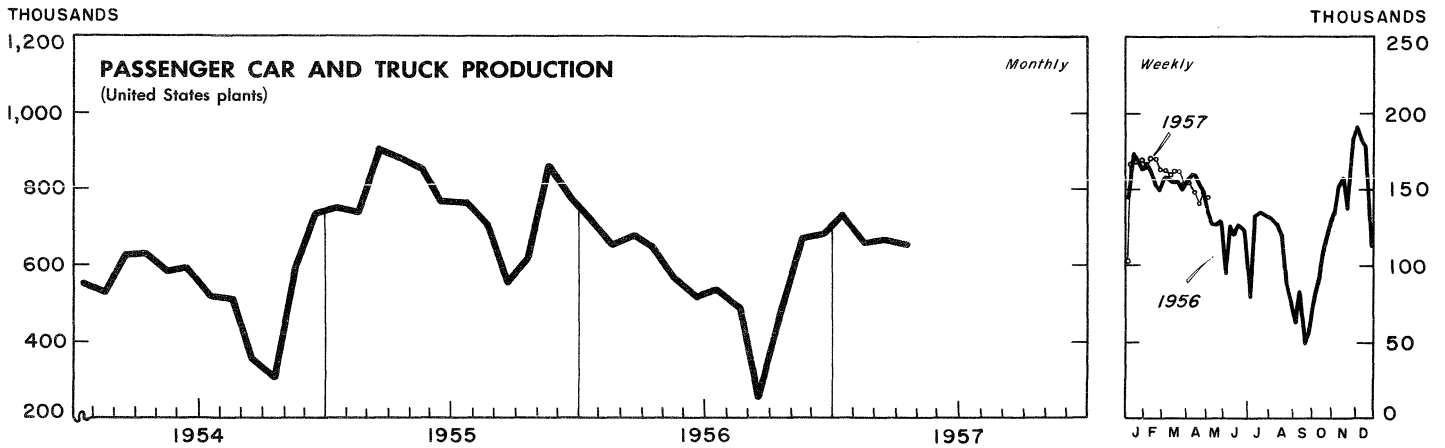


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SELECTED BUSINESS INDICATORS



WEEKLY BUSINESS STATISTICS¹

ITEM	1956		1957			
	Apr. 28	May 5	Apr. 13	Apr. 20	Apr. 27	May 4
Commodity prices, wholesale:						
All commodities.....1947-49=100.....		*113.6	117.2	117.2	117.3	117.1
Farm products.....do.....		*88.0	90.2	90.7	90.7	89.4
Foods, processed.....do.....		*100.4	104.7	104.6	104.8	104.3
All other.....do.....		*121.6	125.3	125.3	125.4	125.4
22 commodities 2/.....do.....	92.1	92.1	89.2	89.1	88.7	88.2
Department store sales.....do.....	119	125	122	128	123	.....
Insured unemployment, total.....thous..	1,371	1,344	1,577	1,571	.....	.....
State programs.....do.....	1,279	1,257	1,467	1,462	.....	.....
Finance:						
Currency in circulation 3/.....mil. of dol..	30,155	30,181	30,655	30,681	30,610	30,499
Federal Reserve bank credit outstanding, total 3/.....do....	25,374	25,266	25,400	25,520	25,695	25,093
Member bank reserve balances 3/.....do.....	18,884	18,767	19,088	19,107	19,201	19,000
Excess reserves, estimated 3/.....do.....	540	408	547	548	599	406
Federal Reserve reporting member banks in leading cities: 4/						
Demand deposits, adjusted.....mil. of dol..	56,908	55,896	55,588	56,588	56,695	.....
Time deposits, except U. S. Government.....do....	21,590	21,591	23,172	23,097	23,102	.....
Loans and investments (adjusted), total.....do.....	85,340	85,448	86,930	87,268	86,716	.....
U. S. Government obligations.....do.....	27,509	27,357	26,305	26,258	25,972	.....
Commercial, industrial, and agr. loans (gross).....do....	27,842	28,053	31,376	31,524	31,349	.....
Real-estate loans (gross).....do.....	8,424	8,430	8,690	8,699	8,690	.....
Failures, industrial and commercial.....number..	236	277	308	302	263	297
Bond yields, domestic corporate (Moody's) 3/.....percent..	3.46	3.46	3.95	3.96	3.98	3.99
Stock prices, 500 stocks (Stand. & Poor's) 4/.....1941-43=10..	47.09	48.17	44.98	45.08	45.72	46.02
Industrials, 425 stocks.....do.....	50.26	51.55	47.99	48.10	48.82	49.19
Production:						
Bituminous coal 3/.....thous. of short tons..	1,673	1,638	1,650	1,700	1,667	.....
Electric power, by utilities.....mil. of kw.-hr..	10,867	10,815	11,695	11,485	11,310	.....
Passenger cars and trucks (Ward's).....number..	149,143	135,373	148,955	141,693	148,258	145,674
Petroleum (crude) and condensate 3/.....thous. of bbl..	7,146	7,084	7,442	7,551	7,537	.....
Steel 5/.....thous. of short tons..	2,473	2,373	2,310	2,313	2,269	2,226
Percent of capacity 5/.....do.....	#100.5	#96.4	90.3	90.4	88.7	87.0
Freight carloadings, total.....thous. of cars..	780	771	674	687	691	.....
Miscellaneous.....do.....	390	383	345	344	343	.....

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 May 6, 1957: Production, 2,240 thous. short tons; operating rate, 87.5 percent. *Monthly index for April 1956. #Not comparable with 1957 rates, which are based on higher capacity.

MONTHLY BUSINESS STATISTICS

ITEM	1956			1957		
	February	March	December	January	February	March
GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS						
Manufacturers' sales:						
Value (unadjusted), total.....mil. of dol..	26,536	28,505	27,832	28,924	r27,798	29,960
Durable-goods industries, total 1/.....do....	13,301	14,290	14,188	14,469	r13,999	15,095
Primary metal.....do.....	2,393	2,607	2,353	2,540	r2,335	2,551
Fabricated metal.....do.....	1,342	1,427	1,311	1,544	r1,467	1,549
Machinery (including electrical).....do....	3,652	3,949	4,232	4,064	r4,120	4,486
Transportation equipment (incl. motor vehicles).....do....	3,169	3,313	3,869	3,814	r3,666	3,805
Lumber and furniture.....do.....	1,101	1,190	889	970	r945	1,025
Stone, clay, and glass.....do.....	602	696	593	614	r599	729
Nondurable-goods industries, total 1/.....do....	13,235	14,215	13,644	14,455	r13,799	14,865
Food and beverage.....do.....	3,977	4,229	4,256	4,429	r4,249	4,533
Tobacco.....do.....	304	313	345	338	r312	316
Textile.....do.....	1,090	1,168	1,068	1,122	r1,096	1,131
Paper.....do.....	877	938	822	930	r844	901
Chemical.....do.....	1,887	2,059	1,907	2,155	r1,968	2,212
Petroleum and coal.....do.....	2,440	2,618	2,801	2,969	r2,649	2,837
Rubber.....do.....	423	460	443	483	452	.....
Value (adjusted), total.....do.....	27,224	27,095	28,691	29,183	r29,130	28,933
Durable-goods industries, total 1/.....do....	13,593	13,294	14,507	14,642	r14,726	14,470
Primary metal.....do.....	2,457	2,444	2,348	2,444	r2,396	2,389
Fabricated metal.....do.....	1,413	1,385	1,457	1,560	r1,544	1,504
Machinery (including electrical).....do....	3,647	3,630	4,125	4,205	r4,225	4,202
Transportation equipment (incl. motor vehicles).....do....	3,137	3,021	3,862	3,782	r3,847	3,714
Lumber and furniture.....do.....	1,147	1,102	999	1,010	r1,038	995
Stone, clay, and glass.....do.....	684	676	682	690	r713	744
Nondurable-goods industries, total 1/.....do....	13,631	13,801	14,184	14,541	r14,404	14,463
Food and beverage.....do.....	4,180	4,284	4,355	4,569	r4,520	4,595
Tobacco.....do.....	338	323	363	356	r363	340
Textile.....do.....	1,124	1,123	1,148	1,100	r1,191	1,120
Paper.....do.....	904	893	874	912	r870	858
Chemical.....do.....	1,940	1,939	2,086	2,095	r2,023	2,080
Petroleum and coal.....do.....	2,515	2,567	2,593	2,883	r2,731	2,728
Rubber.....do.....	445	451	461	474	476	.....

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

ITEM	1956			1957		
	February	March	December	January	February	March
GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS - Continued						
Manufacturers' inventories, end of month:						
Book value (unadjusted), total.....mil. of dol..	47,227	47,674	51,572	51,971	r52,291	52,600
Durable-goods industries, total <u>1</u> /.....do....	27,149	27,592	29,819	30,037	r30,337	30,637
Primary metal.....do.....	3,564	3,524	4,354	4,325	r4,335	4,270
Fabricated metal.....do.....	2,803	2,935	2,941	2,989	r3,044	3,083
Machinery (including electrical).....do.....	8,960	9,222	10,002	10,092	r10,219	10,299
Transportation equipment (incl. motor vehicles).....do.....	6,860	6,875	7,455	7,526	r7,552	7,693
Lumber and furniture.....do.....	1,783	1,792	1,800	1,804	r1,810	1,835
Stone, clay, and glass.....do.....	1,015	1,040	1,047	1,078	r1,117	1,137
By stages of fabrication:						
Purchased materials.....bil. of dol..	7.3	7.4	8.4	8.2	r8.1	8.0
Goods in process.....do.....	11.2	11.4	12.3	12.5	r12.6	12.9
Finished goods.....do.....	8.7	8.8	9.1	9.4	r9.6	9.8
Nondurable-goods industries, total <u>1</u> /.....mil. of dol..	20,078	20,082	21,753	21,934	r21,954	21,963
Food and beverage.....do.....	4,434	4,323	4,899	4,885	r4,768	4,673
Tobacco.....do.....	1,924	1,926	1,927	2,097	r2,103	2,082
Textile.....do.....	2,477	2,506	2,625	2,645	r2,655	2,666
Paper.....do.....	1,115	1,139	1,258	1,258	r1,302	1,363
Chemical.....do.....	3,377	3,406	3,783	3,792	r3,850	3,882
Petroleum and coal.....do.....	2,737	2,729	3,154	3,022	r3,022	3,034
Rubber.....do.....	999	1,018	1,008	1,015	1,015	.....
By stages of fabrication:						
Purchased materials.....bil. of dol..	8.4	8.4	8.9	8.9	8.9	8.9
Goods in process.....do.....	3.0	3.0	3.1	3.1	r3.1	3.2
Finished goods.....do.....	8.7	8.7	9.8	9.9	r9.9	9.9
Book value (adjusted), total.....mil. of dol..	46,897	47,433	51,373	51,498	r51,903	52,239
Durable-goods industries, total <u>1</u> /.....do....	27,009	27,432	29,935	29,884	r30,190	30,378
Primary metal.....do.....	3,570	3,677	4,226	4,259	r4,342	4,403
Fabricated metal.....do.....	2,803	2,877	3,064	3,019	r3,044	3,023
Machinery (including electrical).....do.....	8,939	9,094	10,100	10,070	r10,193	10,155
Transportation equipment (incl. motor vehicles).....do.....	6,816	6,800	7,427	7,430	r7,511	7,584
Lumber and furniture.....do.....	1,783	1,792	1,782	1,804	r1,810	1,835
Stone, clay, and glass.....do.....	976	1,010	1,047	1,057	r1,074	1,104
By stages of fabrication:						
Purchased materials.....bil. of dol..	7.3	7.5	8.2	8.1	8.2	8.1
Goods in process.....do.....	11.1	11.2	12.5	12.4	r12.5	12.7
Finished goods.....do.....	8.6	8.7	9.3	9.4	r9.5	9.6
Nondurable-goods industries, total <u>1</u> /.....mil. of dol..	19,888	20,001	21,438	21,614	r21,713	21,861
Food and beverage.....do.....	4,361	4,391	4,676	4,712	r4,706	4,779
Tobacco.....do.....	1,832	1,870	1,853	1,942	r1,965	2,002
Textile.....do.....	2,477	2,457	2,679	2,672	r2,655	2,614
Paper.....do.....	1,083	1,117	1,246	1,258	r1,264	1,311
Chemical.....do.....	3,339	3,361	3,689	3,721	r3,796	3,829
Petroleum and coal.....do.....	2,793	2,785	3,123	3,113	r3,084	3,096
Rubber.....do.....	970	979	998	995	985	.....
By stages of fabrication:						
Purchased materials.....bil. of dol..	8.2	8.2	8.6	8.7	r8.6	8.7
Goods in process.....do.....	3.0	2.9	3.1	3.1	3.1	3.1
Finished goods.....do.....	8.7	8.9	9.7	9.9	10.0	10.1
Manufacturers' orders:						
New orders, net (unadjusted), total.....mil. of dol..	27,076	28,593	28,248	28,652	r27,438	29,484
Durable-goods industries, total <u>1</u> /.....do....	13,931	14,557	14,534	14,362	r13,713	14,812
Primary metal.....do.....	2,682	2,613	2,447	2,293	r2,446	2,640
Fabricated metal.....do.....	1,444	1,538	1,413	1,515	r1,509	1,524
Machinery (including electrical).....do.....	3,908	4,162	4,184	4,177	r4,147	4,351
Transportation equipment (incl. motor vehicles).....do.....	3,011	3,173	4,336	3,669	r3,139	3,591
Nondurable-goods industries, total.....do.....	13,145	14,036	13,714	14,290	r13,725	14,672
New orders, net (adjusted), total.....do.....	27,627	26,912	28,844	28,935	r28,228	27,818
Durable-goods industries, total <u>1</u> /.....do....	14,107	13,337	14,544	14,393	r13,979	13,602
Primary metal.....do.....	2,737	2,333	2,423	2,316	r2,375	2,357
Fabricated metal.....do.....	1,520	1,373	1,570	1,595	r1,540	1,398
Machinery (including electrical).....do.....	3,953	3,877	4,054	4,209	r4,212	4,053
Transportation equipment (incl. motor vehicles).....do.....	3,011	2,884	4,130	3,669	r3,304	3,265
Nondurable-goods industries, total.....do.....	13,520	13,575	14,300	14,542	r14,249	14,216
Unfilled orders, end of month (unadjusted), total.....do....	57,136	57,224	62,406	62,134	r61,774	61,298
Durable-goods industries, total <u>1</u> /.....do....	53,944	54,211	59,442	59,335	r59,049	58,766
Primary metal.....do.....	7,381	7,387	7,733	7,486	r7,597	7,686
Fabricated metal.....do.....	4,176	4,287	4,480	4,451	r4,493	4,468
Machinery (including electrical).....do.....	16,823	17,036	19,170	19,283	r19,310	19,175
Transportation equipment (incl. motor vehicles).....do.....	21,088	20,948	24,046	23,901	r23,374	23,160
Nondurable-goods industries, total.....do....	3,192	3,013	2,964	2,799	r2,725	2,532
FINANCE						
Consumer credit (short- and intermediate-term):						
Total outstanding, end of month.....mil. of dol..	37,474	37,761	41,863	40,916	40,513	40,503
Installment credit, total.....do.....	28,915	29,112	31,552	31,298	31,233	31,273
Installment credit extended and repaid:						
Unadjusted:						
Extended, total.....do.....	2,918	3,305	3,735	3,079	2,954	3,319
Repaid, total.....do.....	2,889	3,108	3,207	3,333	3,019	3,279
Adjusted:						
Extended, total.....do.....	3,317	3,167	3,368	3,512	3,496	3,299
Repaid, total.....do.....	2,946	2,894	3,185	3,311	3,214	3,160

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ITEM	1956		1957			
	March	April	January	February	March	April
COMMODITY PRICES						
Prices received and paid by farmers:						
Prices received, all farm products.....1910-14=100..	228	235	238	234	237	241
Crops.....do.....	236	245	239	233	236	239
Commercial vegetables, fresh market.....do.....	258	260	249	225	236	261
Cotton.....do.....	267	275	256	255	252	258
Feed grains and hay.....do.....	174	185	187	181	181	180
Food grains.....do.....	223	229	236	235	235	233
Fruit.....do.....	211	218	227	221	237	237
Oil-bearing crops.....do.....	245	253	266	260	265	264
Potatoes <u>1</u> /.....do.....	196	234	162	153	148	145
Tobacco.....do.....	453	453	457	458	459	459
Livestock and products.....do.....	221	227	237	234	238	242
Dairy products.....do.....	250	246	269	266	260	253
Meat animals.....do.....	221	237	254	249	263	275
Poultry and eggs.....do.....	187	180	155	157	150	150
Wool.....do.....	224	226	262	267	274	286
Prices paid:						
All commodities and services.....do.....	261	r262	269	271	272	273
Family living items.....do.....	274	274	283	284	284	285
Production items.....do.....	246	248	255	256	r258	260
All commod., services, int., taxes, and wage rates.....do.....	281	284	292	294	295	296
Parity ratio.....do.....	81	83	82	80	80	81
CONSTRUCTION AND REAL ESTATE						
New construction (unadjusted), total.....mil. of do!..	3,071	3,421	r3,053	r2,888	r3,136	3,459
Private, total.....do.....	2,260	2,424	r2,190	r2,088	r2,228	2,365
Residential (nonfarm).....do.....	1,116	1,232	1,017	926	r1,018	1,088
New dwelling units.....do.....	1,000	1,090	900	810	890	940
Additions and alterations.....do.....	86	109	79	80	r94	114
Nonresidential building, total <u>2</u> /.....do.....	655	665	721	705	709	713
Industrial.....do.....	226	239	269	270	269	271
Commercial.....do.....	257	252	246	r240	249	253
Farm construction.....do.....	109	121	91	96	105	119
Public utility.....do.....	373	398	350	r349	r383	430
Public, total.....do.....	811	997	863	800	r908	1,094
Nonresidential building.....do.....	301	314	331	304	345	375
Military facilities.....do.....	89	104	93	86	r90	100
Highway.....do.....	225	355	220	205	240	360
New construction (seasonally adjusted), total.....do.....	3,570	3,683	r3,742	r3,712	r3,654	3,726
Private, total.....do.....	2,528	2,582	r2,502	r2,501	r2,487	2,519
Residential (nonfarm).....do.....	1,268	1,297	1,211	1,187	r1,157	1,145
Nonresidential building, total <u>2</u> /.....do.....	705	731	730	741	761	781
Farm construction.....do.....	128	127	121	123	124	125
Public utility.....do.....	419	419	r427	r436	r430	453
Public, total.....do.....	1,042	1,101	1,240	1,211	r1,167	1,207
Nonresidential building.....do.....	320	314	376	362	367	375
Highway.....do.....	395	436	489	466	429	450
Construction cost index:						
Department of Commerce composite.....1947-49=100..	128.7	129.4	133.0	r133.2	133.6	.....

r/ Revised. 1/ Includes sweetpotatoes and dry edible beans. 2/ Except farm and public utility.

NOTE: Figures for floor area covered by construction contracts (as published on p. S-7 of the April 1957 SURVEY) were inadvertently shown in millions instead of thousands of square feet.

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