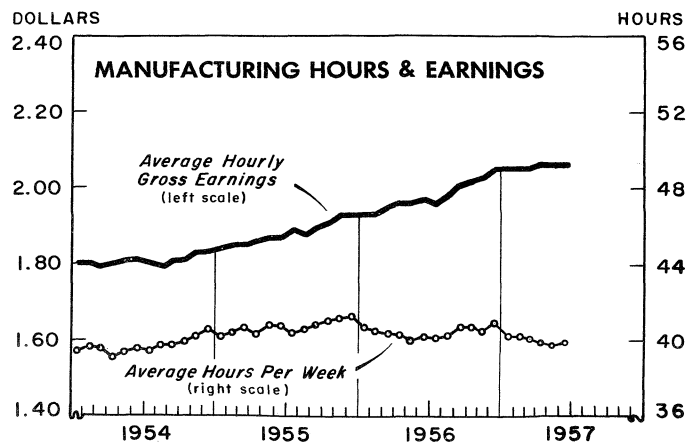
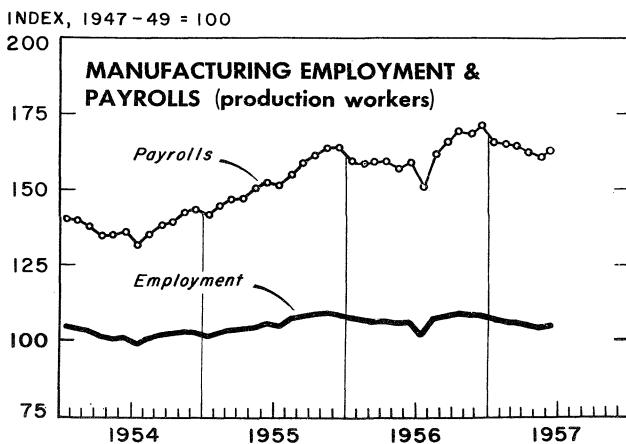
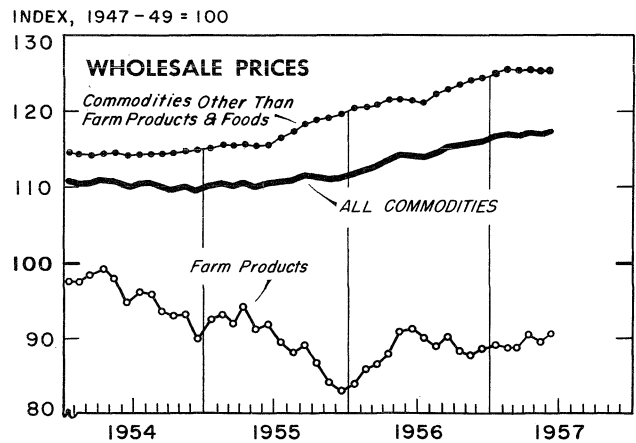
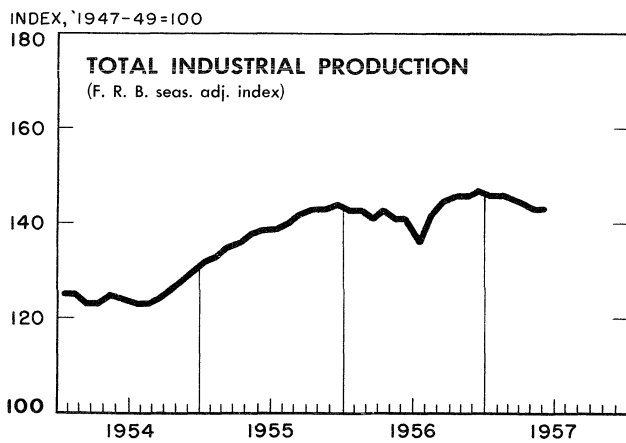
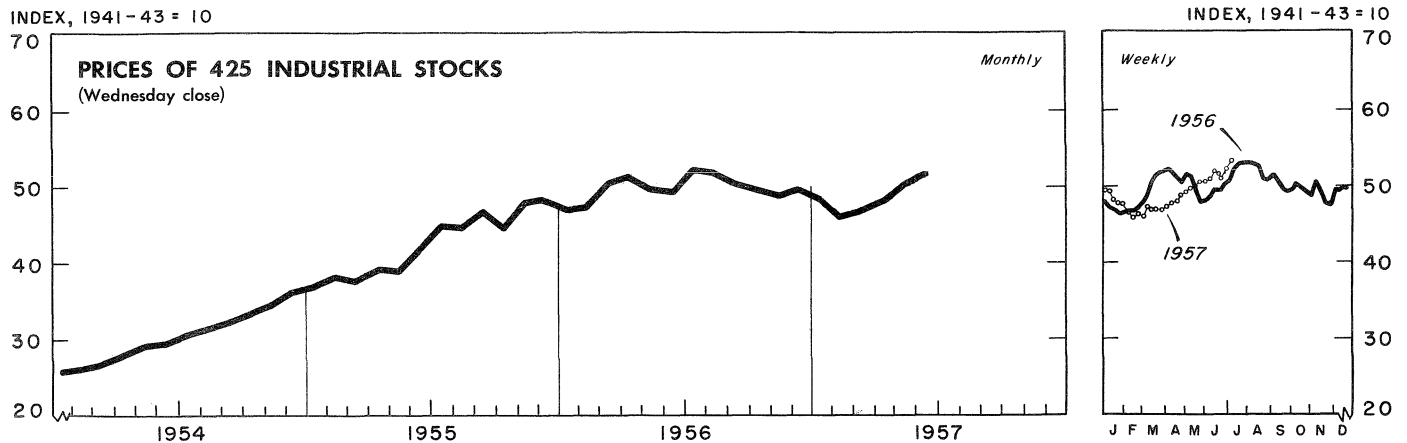


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SELECTED BUSINESS INDICATORS



WEEKLY BUSINESS STATISTICS¹

ITEM	1956		1957			
	July 7	July 14	June 22	June 29	July 6	July 13
Commodity prices, wholesale:						
All commodities.....1947-49=100.....		*114.0	117.3	117.1	117.4	117.8
Farm products.....do.....		*90.0	90.7	90.2	90.4	91.5
Foods, processed.....do.....		*102.2	105.2	105.1	105.7	106.6
All other.....do.....		*121.4	125.3	125.2	125.4	125.5
22 commodities <u>2</u> /.....do.....	87.5	88.4	89.3	89.9	90.1	90.2
Department store sales.....do.....	90	99	119	107	94	.....
Insured unemployment, total.....thous..	1,317	1,358	1,304	1,242	.....	.....
State programs.....do.....	1,211	1,237	1,220	1,160	.....	.....
Finance:						
Currency in circulation <u>3</u> /.....mil. of dol..	30,765	30,923	30,904	30,849	31,146	31,313
Federal Reserve bank credit outstanding, total <u>3</u> /.....do...	25,685	25,903	25,424	25,294	25,387	25,792
Member bank reserve balances <u>3</u> /.....do.....	18,902	19,040	19,148	19,171	18,865	19,308
Excess reserves, estimated <u>3</u> /.....do.....	472	755	592	568	346	581
Federal Reserve reporting member banks in leading cities: <u>4</u> /						
Demand deposits, adjusted.....mil. of dol..	55,248	55,346	56,276	55,729	54,376	.....
Time deposits, except U. S. Government.....do....	21,988	21,916	23,491	23,607	23,558	.....
Loans and investments (adjusted), total.....do....	85,521	85,132	87,670	86,972	88,219	.....
U. S. Government obligations.....do.....	26,559	26,349	25,633	24,917	26,296	.....
Commercial, industrial, and agr. loans (gross).....do...	28,843	28,734	32,463	32,525	32,329	.....
Real-estate loans (gross).....do.....	8,591	8,619	8,675	8,667	8,651	.....
Failures, industrial and commercial.....number..	208	251	241	271	190	256
Bond yields, domestic corporate (Moody's) <u>3</u> /.....percent..	3.48	3.49	4.18	4.21	4.24	4.23
Stock prices, 500 stocks (Stand. & Poor's) <u>4</u> /.....1941-43=10..	47.32	48.69	47.72	47.09	48.46	49.05
Industrials, 425 stocks.....do.....	50.63	52.20	51.53	50.92	52.49	53.15
Production:						
Bituminous coal <u>3</u> /.....thous. of short tons..	1,881	1,405	1,733	2,102	1,875	.....
Electric power, by utilities.....mil. of kw.-hr..	10,391	10,878	12,337	12,111	11,056	.....
Passenger cars and trucks (Ward's).....number..	79,671	133,773	141,084	150,000	87,733	135,296
Petroleum (crude) and condensate <u>3</u> /.....thous. of bbl..	7,086	7,084	7,238	7,190	6,952	.....
Steel <u>5</u> /.....thous. of short tons..	302	317	2,181	2,150	2,009	2,015
Percent of capacity <u>2</u> /.....do.....	#12.3	#12.9	85.2	84.0	78.5	78.7
Freight car loadings, total.....thous. of cars..	478	620	747	732	535	.....
Miscellaneous.....do.....	274	316	354	357	283	.....

¹/ Data do not always cover calendar weeks. 2/ Tuesday prices. 3/ Daily average. 4/ Wednesday data. 5/ Week beginning July 15, 1957: Production, 2,073 thous. short tons; operating rate, 81.0 percent. * Monthly index for July 1956. # Not comparable with 1957 rates, which are based on higher capacity.

MONTHLY BUSINESS STATISTICS

ITEM	1956		1957			
	May	June	March	April	May	June
GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS						
Industrial production (FRB):						
Unadjusted, combined index.....1947-49=100..	141	141	148	144	143	p144
Manufactures.....do.....	142	142	150	146	144	p145
Durable manufactures.....do.....	157	156	166	163	159	p160
Primary metals.....do.....	144	140	144	r140	r136	p134
Metal fabricating (including ordnance).....do....	167	166	184	179	174	p175
Fabricated metal products.....do.....	130	132	138	r140	r136	p140
Machinery.....do.....	168	167	177	r169	166	p167
Transportation equipment.....do.....	189	188	228	222	r213	p211
Instruments and related products.....do.....	163	163	174	r174	171	p172
Furniture and fixtures.....do.....	117	118	119	r117	r115	p119
Lumber and products.....do.....	125	129	112	117	r118	p121
Stone, clay, and glass products.....do.....	162	163	153	r155	r157	p157
Miscellaneous manufactures.....do.....	140	141	139	r136	r137	p138
Nondurable manufactures.....do.....	128	128	133	r128	129	p130
Printing and publishing.....do.....	136	134	144	143	143	.....
Petroleum and coal products.....do.....	137	142	139	r137	r138	p140
Minerals.....do.....	130	131	130	r130	r133	p133
Coal.....do.....	85	84	88	84	83	p88
Crude oil and natural gas.....do.....	149	148	155	r154	r154	p151
Adjusted, combined index.....do.....	141	141	145	r143	143	p143
Manufactures.....do.....	143	142	147	145	145	p145
Durable manufactures.....do.....	157	157	162	r160	r159	p160
Primary metals.....do.....	141	136	137	r134	r133	p130
Metal fabricating (including ordnance).....do....	167	168	179	176	175	p176
Fabricated metal products.....do.....	130	132	137	r140	r136	p140
Machinery.....do.....	171	170	172	r166	r168	p170
Transportation equipment.....do.....	187	188	222	217	r212	p211
Instruments and related products.....do.....	164	163	173	r172	171	p172
Furniture and fixtures.....do.....	123	122	118	121	r121	p122
Lumber and products.....do.....	121	123	111	r113	r115	p116
Stone, clay, and glass products.....do.....	162	161	r155	r155	r157	p155
Miscellaneous manufactures.....do.....	143	144	137	r139	139	p141

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ITEM	1956		1957			
	May	June	March	April	May	June
GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS - Continued						
Industrial production, adjusted index (FRB) - Continued						
Manufactures - Continued						
Nondurable manufactures.....1947-49=100..	129	128	131	r129	130	p130
Printing and publishing.....do.....	135	135	141	141	142	p142
Petroleum and coal products.....do.....	140	140	141	142	r141	p138
Minerals.....do.....	128	129	r132	r130	r131	p131
Coal.....do.....	85	85	93	88	84	p89
Crude oil and natural gas.....do.....	149	149	r151	r150	r154	p152
Consumer durables output (FRB):						
Unadjusted index, total.....do.....	124	124	142	r130	r124	p130
Major consumer durables.....do.....	131	130	155	r140	r131	p140
Autos.....do.....	127	127	171	155	144	p156
Major household goods.....do.....	136	134	143	r128	r122	p128
Other consumer durables.....do.....	108	109	111	r107	r106	p108
Adjusted index, total.....do.....	125	123	134	r124	r124	p128
Major consumer durables.....do.....	132	128	144	r131	r132	p137
Autos.....do.....	118	120	159	141	139	p144
Major household goods.....do.....	141	138	132	r124	r126	p132
Other consumer durables.....do.....	110	110	111	r108	r108	p108
COMMODITY PRICES						
Retail price:						
All commodities (U.S.Dept.of Commerce index)...1935-39=100..	209.8	211.9	214.7	214.9	215.4	.....
Wholesale price index, all commodities.....1947-49=100..	114.4	114.2	116.9	117.2	117.1	117.4
Economic sector:						
Crude materials for further processing.....do.....	96.6	95.7	96.7	97.1	r96.5	98.9
Intermediate materials, supplies, and components.....do.....	122.2	121.7	124.9	125.0	r124.7	124.5
Finished goods.....do.....	115.6	114.0	116.9	117.4	r117.4	117.6
Farm products.....do.....						
Fruits and vegetables, fresh and dried.....do.....	90.9	91.2	88.8	90.6	89.5	90.9
Grains.....do.....	111.8	120.2	94.1	103.0	109.0	105.4
Livestock and live poultry.....do.....	90.5	86.9	87.5	87.3	85.4	83.9
Foods, processed.....do.....	74.4	74.8	76.6	79.3	78.7	83.5
Cereal and bakery products.....do.....	102.4	102.3	103.7	104.3	r104.9	106.1
Dairy products and ice cream.....do.....	115.5	115.3	116.7	116.8	116.5	117.0
Fruits and vegetables, canned and frozen.....do.....	107.9	108.0	111.3	111.4	110.7	108.1
Meats, poultry, and fish.....do.....	109.3	109.7	105.9	104.9	r103.5	102.0
Commodities other than farm products and foods.....do.....	82.1	83.1	84.6	88.2	91.5	96.6
Chemicals and allied products.....do.....	121.7	121.5	125.4	125.4	r125.2	125.2
Fuel, power, and lighting materials.....do.....	106.9	107.1	108.8	109.1	109.1	109.3
Furniture, other household durables.....do.....	110.8	110.5	119.2	119.5	r118.5	117.7
Hides, skins, and leather products.....do.....	118.0	118.1	121.9	121.5	r121.6	121.6
Lumber and wood products.....do.....	100.0	100.2	98.4	98.8	r99.0	100.0
Machinery and motive products.....do.....	128.0	127.3	120.1	120.2	119.7	119.7
Metals and metal products.....do.....	136.5	136.8	144.8	145.0	r145.1	145.2
Nonmetallic minerals, structural.....do.....	146.8	145.8	151.0	150.1	150.0	150.5
Pulp, paper, and allied products.....do.....	128.6	128.9	133.2	134.6	r135.0	135.1
Rubber and products.....do.....	127.3	127.4	128.7	128.6	128.9	129.0
Textile products and apparel.....do.....	143.5	142.8	144.3	144.5	144.7	145.1
Tobacco manufactures and bottled beverages.....do.....	94.9	94.9	95.4	95.3	95.4	95.5
	121.6	121.6	124.1	124.5	124.5	124.6
CONSTRUCTION AND REAL ESTATE						
New permanent nonfarm dwelling units started:						
Unadjusted:						
Total, privately and publicly owned.....thous..	113.7	107.4	r87.0	92.0	102.0	97.0
Privately owned, total.....do.....	110.8	104.6	r79.3	89.5	96.0	92.0
In metropolitan areas.....do.....	76.3	72.8	r55.8	62.3	66.7	64.2
Publicly owned.....do.....	2.9	2.8	r7.7	2.5	6.0	5.0
Seasonally adjusted at annual rate:						
Privately owned, total.....do.....	1,146.0	1,091.0	r933.0	940.0	r980.0	970.0
DOMESTIC TRADE						
Retail trade:						
Estimated inventories:						
Unadjusted, total.....mil. of dol..	24,450	23,510	24,340	24,510	24,430	.....
Durable-goods stores.....do.....	11,490	10,860	11,040	11,220	11,170	.....
Nondurable-goods stores.....do.....	12,960	12,650	13,300	13,290	13,260	.....
Adjusted, total.....do.....	23,900	23,830	23,700	23,670	23,920	.....
Durable-goods stores.....do.....	11,030	10,750	10,670	10,590	10,710	.....
Nondurable-goods stores.....do.....	12,870	13,080	13,030	13,080	13,210	.....
Firms with 11 or more stores, estimated sales:						
Unadjusted.....do.....	3,277	3,434	3,276	3,412	3,551	.....
Adjusted.....do.....	3,295	3,332	3,416	3,427	3,493	.....
Department store sales, United States total:						
Unadjusted index.....1947-49=100..	121	119	106	122	p123	p122
Adjusted index.....do.....	122	124	127	122	p125	p127
Wholesale trade:						
Sales, estimated (unadjusted), total.....mil. of dol..	10,650	10,500	10,380	r10,430	10,740	.....
Durable-goods establishments.....do.....	3,790	3,790	3,510	3,560	3,710	.....
Nondurable-goods establishments.....do.....	6,860	6,710	6,870	6,860	7,040	.....
Inventories, estimated (unadjusted), total.....do.....	12,500	12,370	13,140	12,960	12,740	.....
Durable-goods establishments.....do.....	6,760	6,710	6,960	6,950	6,900	.....
Nondurable-goods establishments.....do.....	5,740	5,660	6,180	6,010	5,840	.....

ITEM	1956		1957			
	May	June	March	April	May	June
EMPLOYMENT AND WAGES						
Labor force (Bureau of the Census): <u>1</u> /						
Civilian labor force, total.....thousands..	67,846	69,430	66,746	66,951	67,893	69,842
Employed.....do....	65,238	66,503	63,865	64,261	65,178	66,504
Agricultural employment.....do....	7,146	7,876	5,434	5,755	6,659	7,534
Nonagricultural employment.....do....	58,092	58,627	58,431	58,506	58,519	58,970
Unemployed.....do....	2,608	2,927	2,882	2,690	2,715	3,337
Employees in nonagricultural establishments:						
Total, unadjusted (U. S. Department of Labor).....do....	51,578	r52,135	51,894	r52,245	r52,420	p52,727
Manufacturing.....do....	16,730	r16,825	16,933	r16,822	r16,748	p16,826
Mining.....do....	806	r833	831	833	r836	p851
Contract construction.....do....	2,970	r3,237	2,756	r2,906	r3,080	p3,210
Transportation and public utilities.....do....	4,149	r4,191	4,147	r4,153	r4,157	p4,170
Wholesale and retail trade.....do....	11,126	r11,236	11,265	r11,428	r11,401	p11,448
Finance, insurance, and real estate.....do....	2,299	r2,328	2,310	r2,320	r2,331	p2,357
Service and miscellaneous.....do....	6,282	r6,320	6,317	r6,432	r6,511	p6,547
Government.....do....	7,216	r7,165	7,335	r7,351	r7,356	p7,318
Production workers in manufacturing industries:						
Total.....do....	13,063	r13,108	13,085	r12,960	r12,886	p12,935
Durable-goods industries.....do....	7,648	r7,636	7,693	r7,635	r7,587	p7,575
Ordnance and accessories.....do....	83	83	79	78	r76	p76
Lumber and wood products (except furniture).....do....	683	r713	593	r612	r635	p659
Furniture and fixtures.....do....	313	r312	312	r312	308	p311
Stone, clay, and glass products.....do....	473	r477	451	r455	456	p455
Primary metal industries.....do....	1,118	r1,119	1,112	r1,101	1,090	p1,091
Fabricated metal products.....do....	882	r871	898	889	r883	p882
Machinery (except electrical).....do....	1,280	r1,274	1,291	1,277	r1,255	p1,233
Electrical machinery.....do....	866	r862	869	853	r845	p846
Transportation equipment.....do....	1,324	r1,299	1,474	r1,446	r1,431	p1,413
Instruments and related products.....do....	228	r229	231	r230	227	p225
Nondurable-goods industries.....do....	5,415	r5,472	5,392	r5,325	r5,299	5,360
Food and kindred products.....do....	1,042	r1,094	989	r990	r1,005	p1,045
Tobacco manufactures.....do....	78	r78	77	74	73	p73
Textile-mill products.....do....	969	r966	929	r919	r913	p911
Apparel and other finished textile products.....do....	1,046	r1,050	1,098	r1,069	r1,038	p1,050
Paper and allied products.....do....	464	r467	467	467	r465	p471
Printing, publishing, and allied products.....do....	547	r549	559	r559	r556	p559
Chemicals and allied products.....do....	556	r549	550	r549	r546	p538
Products of petroleum and coal.....do....	172	r175	173	r173	r175	p179
Rubber products.....do....	211	r203	211	r191	r205	p201
Leather and leather products.....do....	331	r340	341	334	r325	p333
Manufacturing production-worker indexes:						
Employment: Unadjusted.....1947-49=100..	105.6	r106.0	105.8	r104.8	r104.2	p104.6
Adjusted.....do....	107.1	r106.5	106.0	r105.9	r105.7	p105.1
Payrolls, unadjusted.....do....	156.4	r158.5	164.3	r161.5	r160.9	p163.1
Hours and earnings:						
Average weekly hours per worker, all manufacturing...hours..	40.0	40.2	40.1	39.8	39.7	p39.9
Durable-goods industries.....do....	40.8	40.8	40.8	40.5	40.2	p40.5
Nondurable-goods industries.....do....	39.0	39.2	39.1	r38.9	r38.9	p39.1
Average weekly earnings, all manufacturing.....dollars..	78.40	79.19	82.21	r81.59	81.78	p82.59
Durable-goods industries.....do....	84.86	85.27	88.94	88.29	r87.64	p88.70
Nondurable-goods industries.....do....	70.20	70.95	73.12	r72.74	r73.13	p73.90
Average hourly earnings, all manufacturing.....do....	1.96	1.97	2.05	r2.05	2.06	p2.07
Durable-goods industries.....do....	2.08	2.09	2.18	2.18	r2.18	p2.19
Nondurable-goods industries.....do....	1.80	1.81	1.87	1.87	1.88	p1.89

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