



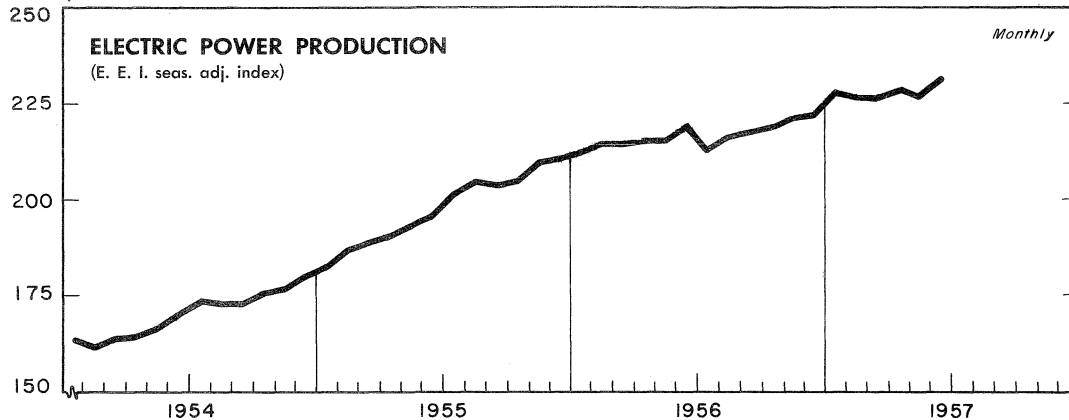
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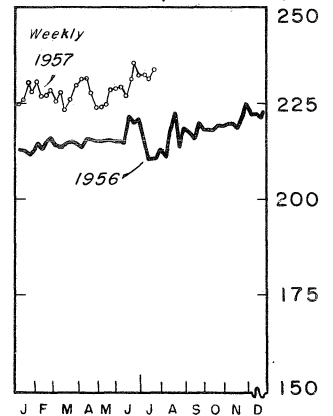
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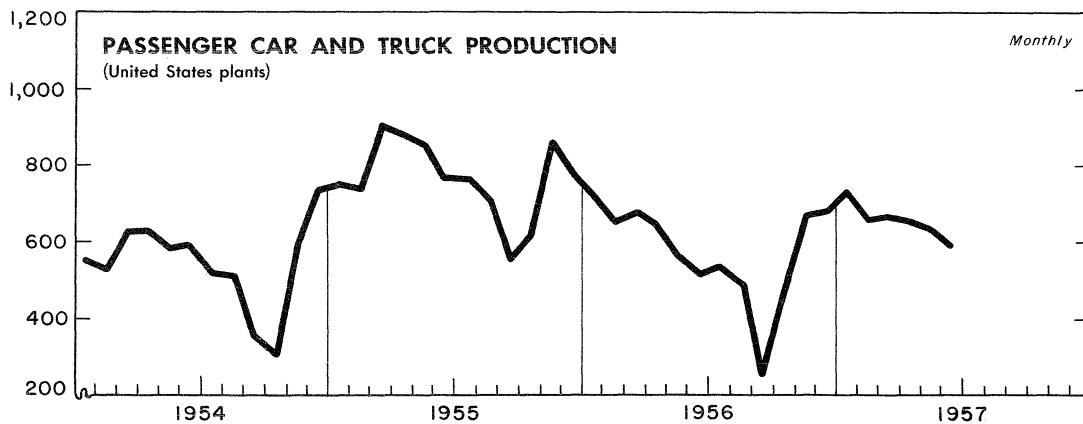
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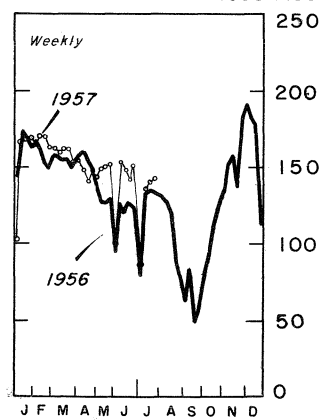
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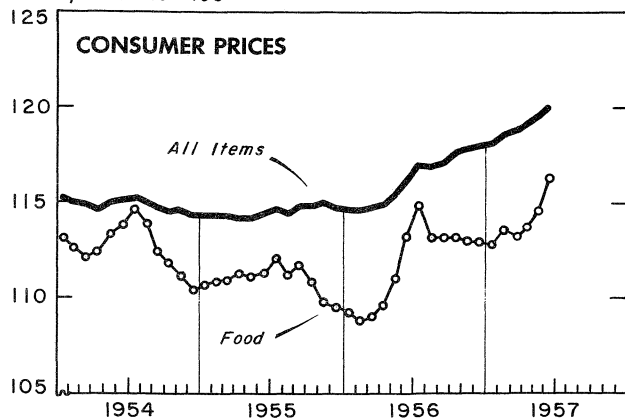
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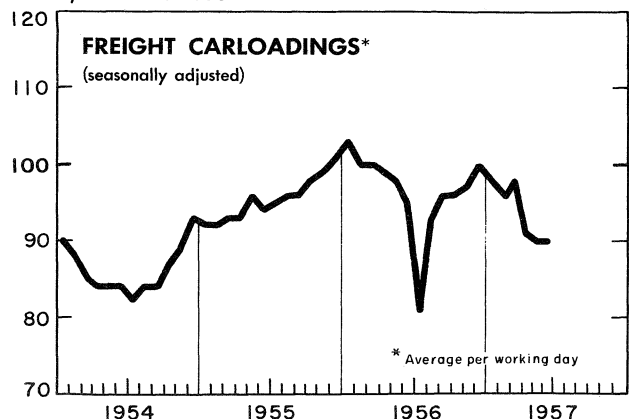
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WEEKLY BUSINESS STATISTICS¹

ITEM	1956		1957			
	July 21	July 28	July 6	July 13	July 20	July 27
Commodity prices, wholesale:						
All commodities.....1947-49=100..		*114.0		117.7	118.0	118.0
Farm products.....do.....		*90.0		91.5	92.9	93.4
Foods, processed.....do.....		*102.2		106.4	107.1	106.6
All other.....do.....		*121.4		125.4	125.5	125.5
22 commodities <u>2</u> /.....do.....	88.8	88.6	90.1	90.2	90.3	90.0
Department store sales.....do.....	96	97	94	104	101	.....
Insured unemployment, total.....thous..	1,331	1,286	1,384	1,440	.....	.....
State programs.....do.....	1,203	1,153	1,283	1,338	.....	.....
Finance:						
Currency in circulation <u>3</u> /.....mil. of dol..	30,808	30,632	31,146	31,313	31,183	30,999
Federal Reserve bank credit outstanding, total <u>3</u> /.....do....	25,769	25,393	25,387	25,792	25,641	25,456
Member bank reserve balances <u>3</u> /.....do.....	18,869	18,744	18,865	19,308	19,200	19,189
Excess reserves, estimated <u>3</u> /.....do.....	629	557	346	563	515	567
Federal Reserve reporting member banks in leading cities: <u>4</u>/						
Demand deposits, adjusted.....mil. of dol..	55,774	56,114	54,307	54,750	55,167	.....
Time deposits, except U. S. Government.....do....	21,870	21,893	23,560	23,568	23,608	.....
Loans and investments (adjusted), total.....do....	84,905	84,515	88,204	87,581	87,090	.....
U. S. Government obligations.....do.....	26,264	26,050	26,310	26,020	25,642	.....
Commercial, industrial, and agr. loans (gross).....do....	28,657	28,623	32,310	32,186	32,070	.....
Real-estate loans (gross).....do.....	8,627	8,651	8,649	8,645	8,657	.....
Failures, industrial and commercial.....number..	223	274	190	256	266	228
Bond yields, domestic corporate (Moody's) <u>3</u> /.....percent..	3.49	3.52	4.24	4.23	4.25	4.28
Stock prices, 500 stocks (Stand. & Poor's) <u>4</u> /...1941-43=10..	49.30	49.44	48.46	49.05	48.58	48.61
Industrials, 425 stocks.....do.....	52.93	52.96	52.49	53.15	52.61	52.65
Production:						
Bituminous coal <u>3</u> /.....thous. of short tons..	1,508	1,515	1,875	1,452	1,680	.....
Electric power, by utilities.....mil. of kw.-hr..	11,125	11,295	11,056	11,964	12,306	.....
Passenger cars and trucks (Ward's).....number..	135,122	132,673	87,733	134,553	139,198	141,523
Petroleum (crude) and condensate <u>3</u> /.....thous. of bbl..	7,111	7,086	6,952	6,882	6,947	.....
Steel <u>5</u> /.....thous. of short tons..	377	419	2,009	2,015	2,030	2,033
Percent of capacity <u>5</u> /.....	#15.3	#17.0	78.5	78.7	79.3	79.4
Freight car loadings, total.....thous. of cars..	648	650	535	692	743	.....
Miscellaneous.....do.....	319	321	283	325	336	.....

¹/ Data do not always cover calendar weeks. ²/ Tuesday prices. ³/ Daily average. ⁴/ Wednesday data. ⁵/ Week beginning July 29, 1957: Production, 2,103 thous. short tons; operating rate, 82.2 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						
Business incorporations:						
New incorporations (48 States).....number..	13,142	11,952	11,815	12,078	11,986	11,154
COMMODITY PRICES						
Consumer price index:						
All items.....1947-49=100..	115.4	116.2	118.9	119.3	119.6	¹ /120.2
Apparel.....do.....	104.8	104.8	106.8	106.5	106.5	106.6
Food.....do.....	111.0	113.2	113.2	113.8	114.6	116.2
Dairy products.....do.....	107.5	107.7	110.7	110.5	110.0	110.0
Fruits and vegetables.....do.....	121.5	131.4	116.1	118.7	122.5	126.8
Meats, poultry, and fish.....do.....	95.5	98.0	100.6	102.0	103.7	106.9
Housing.....do.....	120.9	121.4	124.9	125.2	125.3	125.5
Gas and electricity.....do.....	111.8	111.7	112.4	112.4	112.3	112.3
Housefurnishings.....do.....	102.6	102.8	104.9	105.1	104.2	104.6
Rent.....do.....	132.2	132.5	134.4	134.5	134.7	135.0
Medical care.....do.....	131.9	132.0	136.4	136.9	137.3	137.9
Personal care.....do.....	119.6	119.9	122.9	123.3	123.4	124.2
Reading and recreation.....do.....	108.2	107.6	110.5	111.8	111.4	111.8
Transportation.....do.....	127.1	126.8	135.1	135.5	135.3	135.3
Private.....do.....	117.1	116.7	125.2	125.5	125.4	125.4
Public.....do.....	172.5	172.6	175.8	176.8	176.8	176.8
Other goods and services.....do.....	121.5	121.8	124.2	124.2	124.3	124.6
Purchasing power of the dollar as measured by--						
Wholesale prices.....do.....	87.4	87.6	85.5	85.3	85.4	² /85.2
Consumer prices.....do.....	86.7	86.1	84.1	83.8	83.6	² /83.2
Retail food prices.....do.....	90.1	88.3	88.3	87.9	87.3	² /86.1
FINANCE						
Bonds:						
Average price of all listed bonds (N.Y.S.E.) <u>3</u> /...dollars..	96.48	96.39	93.41	92.48	91.62	90.10
Domestic.....do.....	96.75	96.65	93.65	92.72	91.85	90.32
Foreign.....do.....	78.23	78.79	77.04	76.62	78.23	77.28

¹/ Index based on 1935-39=100 is 201.0. ²/ Indexes based on 1935-39=100 are as follows: Measured by--wholesale prices, 44.6; consumer prices, 49.8; retail food, 42.6. ³/ Includes bonds for International Bank for Reconstruction and Development not shown separately.

ITEM	1956		1957			
	May	June	March	April	May	June
FINANCE - Continued						
Bonds - Continued						
Value, issues listed on New York Stock Exchange:						
Market value, all issues <u>l</u>.....mil. of dol..	104,115	104,289	101,605	100,657	100,061	98,483
Domestic.....do.....	102,227	102,394	99,784	98,847	98,060	96,509
Foreign.....do.....	1,259	1,270	1,228	1,227	1,351	1,335
Face value, all issues.....do.....	107,910	108,199	108,769	108,845	109,208	109,299
Domestic.....do.....	105,656	105,942	106,548	106,613	106,765	106,855
Foreign.....do.....	1,609	1,612	1,595	1,602	1,727	1,728
Stocks:						
Cash dividend payments publicly reported:						
Total dividend payments.....do.....	288.9	1,623.3	1,670.7	762.3	300.0	1,679.0
Finance.....do.....	56.9	109.1	107.7	133.4	62.4	107.2
Manufacturing.....do.....	130.1	1,078.3	1,129.1	272.0	130.6	1,120.6
Mining.....do.....	2.1	128.7	127.5	8.1	2.6	125.7
Public utilities:						
Communications.....do.....	1.2	41.0	42.0	140.7	1.3	41.7
Electric and gas.....do.....	75.8	122.8	119.0	107.2	81.2	132.6
Railroad.....do.....	7.2	66.0	74.4	27.0	3.4	73.9
Trade.....do.....	9.4	50.4	45.0	63.6	11.5	51.2
Miscellaneous.....do.....	6.2	27.0	26.0	10.3	7.0	26.1
Shares listed on New York Stock Exchange:						
Market value, all listed shares.....do.....	211,896	218,579	212,329	221,595	228,585	227,928
Number of shares listed.....millions..	4,123	4,260	4,570	4,587	4,656	4,678
ELECTRIC POWER						
Sales to ultimate customers, total (Edison Electric Institute).....mil. of kw.-hr..						
Commercial and industrial:	*r43,906	**r43,179	46,167	45,671	.....	.....
Small light and power.....do.....	*6,893	**6,776	7,440	7,324	.....	.....
Large light and power.....do.....	*r22,930	**r22,731	23,509	23,679	.....	.....
Railways and railroads.....do.....	*405	**380	379	361	.....	.....
Residential or domestic.....do.....	*11,541	**11,038	12,618	11,970	.....	.....
Rural (district rural rates).....do.....	*778	**955	773	922	.....	.....
Street and highway lighting.....do.....	*398	**362	429	393	.....	.....
Other public authorities.....do.....	*910	**888	965	969	.....	.....
Interdepartmental.....do.....	*51	**49	54	53	.....	.....
Revenue from sales to ultimate customers (Edison Electric Institute).....thous. of dol..	*r712,949	**r702,697	762,232	751,690	.....	.....
FOODSTUFFS						
Meats:						
Production, total.....mil. of lb..	1,942.2	1,865.5	1,932.0	1,866.0	1,963.0	1,721.3
Beef and veal.....do.....	1,006.2	1,001.8	918.1	906.1	999.1	904.7
Lamb and mutton.....do.....	47.3	46.2	49.5	50.6	52.6	46.7
Pork, including lard.....do.....	888.7	817.5	964.4	909.2	911.3	770.0
Lard.....do.....	174.1	159.1	190.8	182.1	186.3	154.2
LEATHER AND PRODUCTS						
Leather production:						
Calf and whole kip.....thous. of skins..	701	644	813	r744	800	.....
Cattle hide and side kip.....thous. of hides and kips..	2,382	2,093	2,164	2,114	2,159	.....
Goat and kid.....thous. of skins..	2,547	2,068	1,951	1,959	2,005	.....
Sheep and lamb.....do.....	2,505	2,222	2,359	r2,369	2,453	.....
METALS AND MANUFACTURES						
Iron and steel scrap:						
Production and receipts, total.....thous. of short tons..	7,586	6,595	7,110	r6,524	p6,376	.....
Home scrap produced.....do.....	3,947	3,677	3,959	r3,764	p3,849	.....
Purchased scrap received (net).....do.....	3,639	2,918	3,151	r2,759	p2,527	.....
Consumption, total.....do.....	7,271	6,714	7,049	r6,514	p6,443	.....
Stocks, consumers', end of month.....do.....	7,054	6,934	7,361	r7,376	p7,307	.....
Barrels and drums, steel, heavy types (for sale):						
Orders, unfilled, end of month.....thousands..	2,334	2,502	2,444	2,326	2,285	.....
Shipments.....do.....	2,469	2,659	2,179	2,160	2,207	.....
Stocks, end of month.....do.....	69	65	68	78	77	.....
Radiators and convectors, cast iron:						
Shipments.....thous. of sq. ft..	1,577	1,618	1,803	1,723	1,507	.....
Stocks, end of month.....do.....	6,912	7,519	4,750	4,887	5,435	.....
Oil burners:						
Shipments.....number..	51,650	66,498	43,619	46,782	46,081	.....
Stocks, end of month.....do.....	80,563	75,128	62,532	65,070	73,106	.....
Stoves and ranges, domestic cooking, excluding electrical:						
Shipments, total.....number..	178,069	179,899	178,695	164,877	152,657	.....
Coal and wood.....do.....	4,159	4,154	4,000	4,716	4,669	.....
Gas (including bungalow and combination).....do.....	166,627	169,539	163,668	153,207	140,339	.....
Kerosene, gasoline, and fuel oil.....do.....	7,283	6,206	11,027	6,954	7,649	.....
Stoves, domestic heating, shipments, total.....do.....	166,167	206,637	105,041	103,585	143,356	.....
Coal and wood.....do.....	18,511	24,269	9,870	14,232	17,406	.....
Gas.....do.....	99,159	132,474	43,011	55,323	78,250	.....
Kerosene, gasoline, and fuel oil.....do.....	48,497	49,894	41,160	34,030	47,700	.....
Warm-air furnaces, shipments, total.....do.....						
Gas.....do.....	93,590	104,167	74,608	74,084	73,906	.....
Oil.....do.....	63,751	70,204	51,030	50,125	50,208	.....
Solid fuel.....do.....	26,585	30,434	21,540	21,793	21,946	.....
Water heaters, gas, shipments.....do.....	3,254	3,529	2,038	2,166	1,752
Water heaters, gas, shipments.....do.....	231,388	236,758	221,764	232,705	228,198

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ITEM	1956		1957			
	May	June	March	April	May	June
METALS AND MANUFACTURES - Continued						
Foundry equipment (new), new orders, net mo. avg. shipments, 1947-49=100..	207.0	156.7	127.0	101.1	136.2	.....
Furnaces, industrial, new orders, net:						
Electric processing.....thous. of dol..	2,035	2,555	1,809	1,089	1,279	1,261
Fuel-fired (except for hot rolling steel).....do....	1,178	1,432	6,794	1,665	2,048	1,320
Machine tools (metal-cutting):						
New orders (net), total.....mil. of dol..	87.10	61.85	58.90	51.30	r41.40	p42.85
Domestic.....do....	79.45	55.65	51.30	45.70	r37.95	p39.85
Shipments, total.....do....	76.80	76.25	89.10	87.80	r78.50	p83.05
Domestic.....do....	70.50	69.55	78.80	77.65	r70.90	p72.90
Estimated backlog.....months..	8.2	7.8	5.5	5.0	4.6	p4.2
Vacuum cleaners, standard type, sales billed.....thousands..	326.0	248.3	312.7	281.6	231.2	207.3
Washers, domestic, sales billed <u>1</u> /.....do....	315.2	340.2	286.2	230.7	254.2	282.3
PULP, PAPER, AND PRINTING						
Wood pulp:						
Production, total, all grades.....thous. of short tons..	1,954.4	1,863.9	1,893.7	r1,840.4	1,897.1	.....
Dissolving and special alpha.....do....	87.8	79.5	92.0	93.9	93.2	.....
Sulfate.....do....	1,069.2	1,026.8	1,037.3	993.1	1,047.5	.....
Sulfite.....do....	229.1	219.1	220.9	225.5	211.1	.....
Groundwood.....do....	268.0	256.4	267.2	r263.6	261.7	.....
Defibrated or exploded.....do....	106.3	102.1	96.7	r95.4	95.6	.....
Soda, semichem., screenings, damaged, etc.....do....	194.0	180.2	179.6	r168.8	188.0	.....
Stocks, end of month, total, all mills.....do....	797.6	813.2	869.8	r859.8	883.3	.....
Pulp mills.....do....	190.5	200.4	206.9	209.2	221.6	.....
Paper and board mills.....do....	504.9	518.2	561.1	r544.0	557.1	.....
Nonpaper mills.....do....	102.2	100.6	101.8	106.6	104.5	.....
All paper and board mills, production:						
Paper and board, total.....do....	r2,762	2,655	2,655	2,602	2,674	.....
Paper.....do....	r1,197	1,165	1,183	1,169	1,181	.....
Paperboard.....do....	1,274	1,210	1,224	1,180	1,236	.....
Wet-machine board.....do....	13	13	13	13	14	.....
Construction paper and board.....do....	r278	267	235	240	243	.....
Newsprint, United States:						
Consumption by publishers.....do....	464.1	422.4	463.3	442.3	466.0	433.9
Stocks, end of month:						
At publishers.....do....	348.7	376.1	580.2	592.6	589.7	585.6
In transit to publishers.....do....	98.5	112.2	107.8	100.9	96.5	101.8
STONE, CLAY, AND GLASS PRODUCTS						
Glass containers:						
Production.....thous. of gross..	12,376	12,567	12,617	11,695	12,505	12,747
Shipments.....do....	11,962	11,988	11,109	11,021	12,611	12,081
Stocks, end of month.....do....	15,825	16,130	17,318	17,793	17,439	17,860
TEXTILE PRODUCTS						
Rayon and acetate:						
Production:						
Filament yarn.....mil. of lb..	63.9	54.9	63.9	63.6	62.2	56.7
Staple (incl. tow).....do....	32.0	31.6	34.2	34.6	34.1	30.4
Stocks, producers', end of month, total.....do....	110.6	118.9	111.3	116.7	r122.7	125.3
Filament yarn.....do....	61.0	64.0	62.6	64.3	r67.2	69.4
Staple (incl. tow).....do....	49.6	54.9	48.7	52.4	55.5	55.9

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