

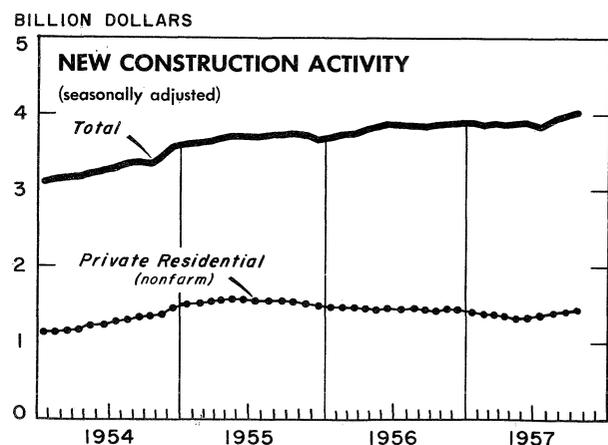
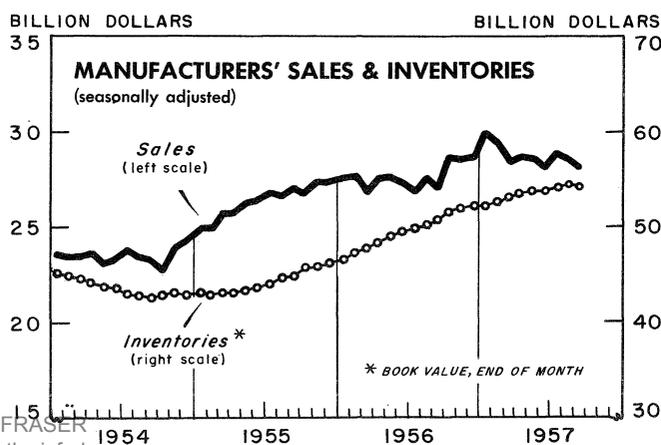
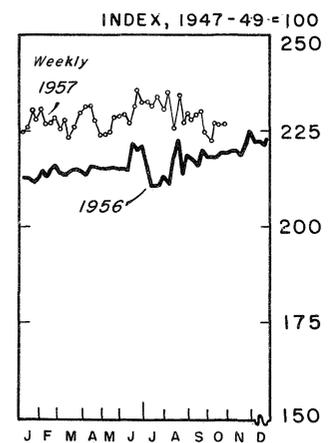
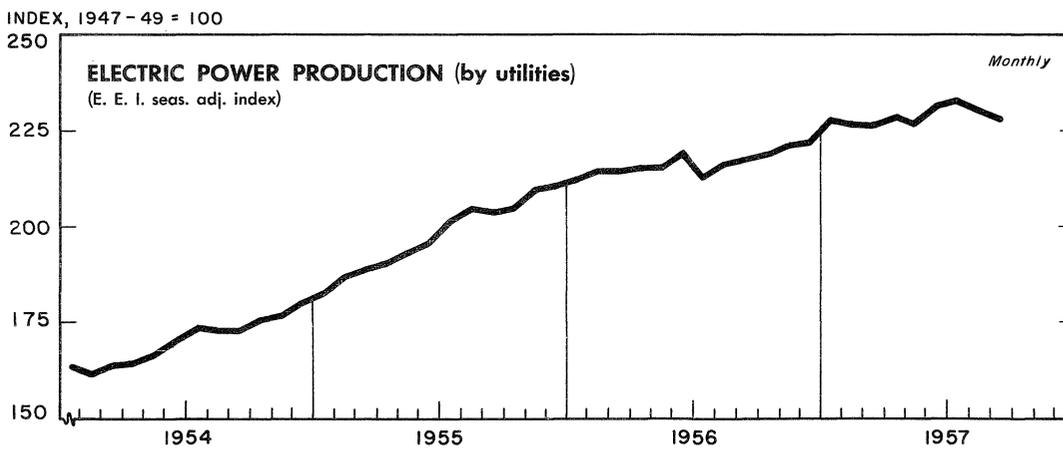
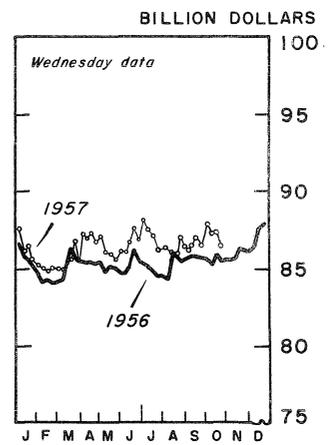
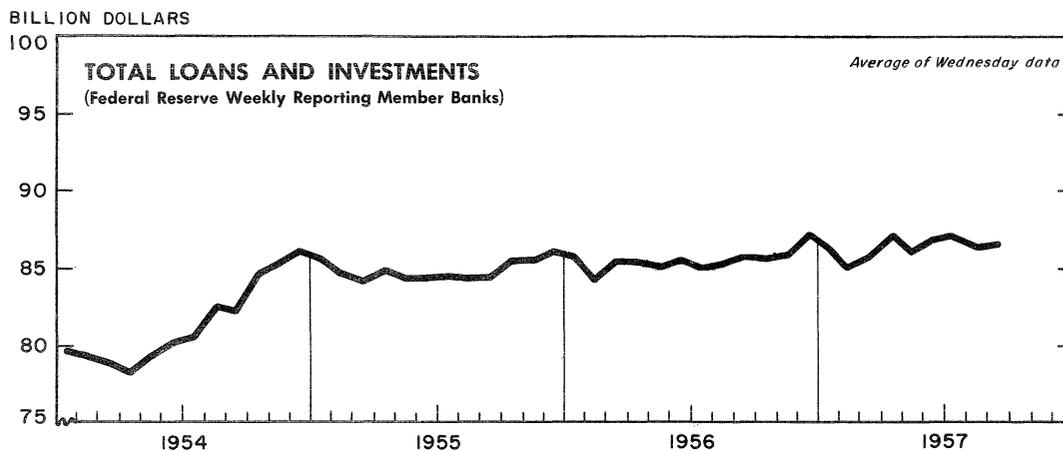
# BUSINESS STATISTICS



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## SELECTED BUSINESS INDICATORS



WEEKLY BUSINESS STATISTICS<sup>1</sup>

ITEM	1956		1957			
	Oct. 27	Nov. 3	Oct. 12	Oct. 19	Oct. 26	Nov. 2
<b>Commodity prices, wholesale:</b>						
All commodities.....1947-49=100..		*115.6	117.6	117.7	117.7	117.5
Farm products.....do.....		*38.4	91.3	91.7	91.7	90.9
Foods, processed.....do.....		*103.6	105.0	105.2	105.0	105.1
All other.....do.....		*123.6	125.7	125.7	125.6	125.6
22 commodities <sup>2/</sup> .....do.....	90.1	90.6	85.2	84.6	84.5	84.4
Department store sales.....do.....	128	124	132	128	127	.....
Insured unemployment, total.....thous..	936	952	1,288	1,288	.....	.....
State programs.....do.....	860	878	1,193	1,191	.....	.....
<b>Finance:</b>						
Currency in circulation <sup>3/</sup> .....mil. of dol..	30,864	30,795	31,129	31,191	31,129	31,008
Federal Reserve bank credit outstanding, total <sup>3/</sup> .....do....	25,866	25,466	25,563	25,451	25,407	24,972
Member bank reserve balances <sup>3/</sup> .....do.....	19,137	18,810	19,189	19,068	19,137	18,837
Excess reserves, estimated <sup>3/</sup> .....do.....	563	359	553	479	552	348
Federal Reserve reporting member banks in leading cities: <sup>4/</sup>						
Demand deposits, adjusted.....mil. of dol..	56,206	56,069	54,344	54,774	55,383	.....
Time deposits, except U. S. Government.....do....	22,023	22,053	23,956	23,975	23,972	.....
Loans and investments (adjusted), total.....do....	85,584	85,660	87,267	87,292	86,539	.....
U. S. Government obligations.....do.....	26,057	25,961	25,324	25,346	25,270	.....
Commercial, industrial, and agr. loans (gross).....do....	29,692	29,931	32,137	32,103	31,807	.....
Real-estate loans (gross).....do.....	8,849	8,857	8,729	8,759	8,769	.....
Failures, industrial and commercial.....number..	267	271	244	258	281	250
Bond yields, domestic corporate (Moody's) <sup>3/</sup> .....percent..	3.83	3.86	4.44	4.45	4.47	4.48
Stock prices, 500 stocks (Stand. & Poor's) <sup>4/</sup> .....1941-43=10..	45.93	45.58	41.99	41.33	40.73	41.02
Industrials, 425 stocks.....do.....	49.14	48.74	45.22	44.47	43.93	44.21
<b>Production:</b>						
Bituminous coal <sup>3/</sup> .....thous. of short tons..	1,739	1,758	1,652	1,638	1,647	.....
Electric power, by utilities.....mil. of kw.-hr..	11,391	11,487	11,709	11,684	11,787	.....
Passenger cars and trucks (Ward's).....number..	125,967	136,420	57,486	93,244	126,530	149,802
Petroleum (crude) and condensate <sup>3/</sup> .....thous. of bbl..	6,998	6,981	6,729	6,747	6,766	.....
Steel <sup>5/</sup> .....thous. of short tons..	2,491	2,493	2,105	2,070	2,052	2,041
Percent of capacity <sup>5/</sup> .....	#101.2	#101.3	82.2	80.9	80.2	79.7
Freight carloadings, total.....thous. of cars..	817	800	742	727	704	.....
Miscellaneous.....do.....	394	388	358	356	347	.....

<sup>1/</sup> Data do not always cover calendar weeks. <sup>2/</sup> Tuesday prices. <sup>3/</sup> Daily average. <sup>4/</sup> Wednesday data. <sup>5/</sup> Week beginning November 4, 1957; Production, 2,015 thous. short tons; operating rate, 78.7 percent. \* Monthly index for October 1956. # Not comparable with 1957 rates, which are based on higher capacity.

MONTHLY BUSINESS STATISTICS

ITEM	1956		1957			
	August	September	June	July	August	September
<b>GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS</b>						
<b>Manufacturers' sales:</b>						
Value (unadjusted), total.....mil. of dol..	28,221	27,478	28,278	27,196	r29,063	28,226
Durable-goods industries, total <sup>1/</sup> .....do....	13,696	13,351	14,590	13,336	r14,231	13,683
Primary metal.....do.....	2,055	2,389	2,484	2,068	r2,262	2,195
Fabricated metal.....do.....	1,614	1,514	1,552	1,491	r1,632	1,621
Machinery (including electrical).....do....	3,999	4,081	4,459	3,970	r4,134	4,201
Transportation equipment (incl. motor vehicles).....do....	2,741	2,260	3,187	3,193	r3,256	2,893
Lumber and furniture.....do.....	1,241	1,197	1,027	868	r1,031	1,009
Stone, clay, and glass.....do.....	848	767	763	721	r793	678
Nondurable-goods industries, total <sup>1/</sup> .....do....	14,525	14,127	13,688	13,860	r14,832	14,543
Food and beverage.....do.....	4,339	4,323	4,291	4,362	r4,499	4,496
Tobacco.....do.....	374	325	382	398	r386	378
Textile.....do.....	1,212	1,215	1,022	939	r1,137	1,085
Paper.....do.....	929	855	886	833	r952	924
Chemical.....do.....	1,946	1,987	1,886	1,848	r1,988	2,031
Petroleum and coal.....do.....	2,711	2,558	2,780	2,931	r2,920	2,724
Rubber.....do.....	473	440	481	509	r519	.....
Value (adjusted), total.....do.....	27,588	27,146	28,142	29,030	r28,638	28,236
Durable-goods industries, total <sup>1/</sup> .....do....	13,723	13,449	14,207	14,573	r14,297	14,114
Primary metal.....do.....	2,144	2,334	2,289	2,447	r2,362	2,177
Fabricated metal.....do.....	1,503	1,440	1,492	1,605	r1,520	1,538
Machinery (including electrical).....do....	4,143	4,058	4,259	4,447	r4,281	4,220
Transportation equipment (incl. motor vehicles).....do....	2,912	2,696	3,241	3,251	r3,448	3,513
Lumber and furniture.....do.....	1,150	1,122	1,076	957	r925	953
Stone, clay, and glass.....do.....	751	727	741	736	r708	652
Nondurable-goods industries, total <sup>1/</sup> .....do....	13,865	13,697	13,935	14,457	r14,341	14,122
Food and beverage.....do.....	4,182	4,109	4,183	4,323	r4,357	4,282
Tobacco.....do.....	328	329	382	375	r354	382
Textile.....do.....	1,128	1,125	1,063	1,089	r1,072	1,022
Paper.....do.....	891	859	877	896	r915	924
Chemical.....do.....	1,931	1,875	1,894	2,008	r2,008	1,969
Petroleum and coal.....do.....	2,671	2,629	2,780	2,991	r2,920	2,808
Rubber.....do.....	467	461	458	514	r514	.....

ITEM	1956		1957			
	August	September	June	July	August	September
GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS - Continued						
Manufacturers' inventories, end of month:						
Book value (unadjusted), total.....mil. of dol..	49,882	50,480	54,043	53,762	r53,576	53,533
Durable-goods industries, total <u>1/</u> .....do....	28,722	29,154	31,749	31,450	r31,225	31,233
Primary metal.....do....	3,620	3,761	4,043	4,173	r4,314	4,421
Fabricated metal.....do....	2,938	2,938	3,292	3,240	r3,151	3,081
Machinery (including electrical).....do....	9,913	9,975	10,760	10,584	r10,481	10,455
Transportation equipment (incl. motor vehicles).....do....	6,902	7,195	7,899	7,781	r7,713	7,737
Lumber and furniture.....do....	1,862	1,827	1,877	1,871	r1,853	1,849
Stone, clay, and glass.....do....	1,112	1,084	1,267	1,239	r1,186	1,192
By stages of fabrication:						
Purchased materials.....bil. of dol..	8.3	8.4	8.5	8.5	8.5	8.5
Goods in process.....do....	11.9	12.3	13.3	13.2	r13.3	13.2
Finished goods.....do....	8.5	8.5	9.9	9.7	9.5	9.5
Nondurable-goods industries, total <u>1/</u> .....mil. of dol..	21,160	21,326	22,294	22,312	r22,351	22,300
Food and beverage.....do....	4,790	4,988	4,524	4,629	r4,830	4,863
Tobacco.....do....	1,801	1,814	1,981	1,936	r1,923	1,924
Textile.....do....	2,582	2,577	2,691	2,678	r2,623	2,565
Paper.....do....	1,304	1,307	1,442	1,430	r1,415	1,396
Chemical.....do....	3,438	3,414	3,744	3,716	r3,679	3,657
Petroleum and coal.....do....	3,183	3,264	3,451	3,529	r3,587	3,710
Rubber.....do....	984	996	1,058	1,024	1,010	.....
By stages of fabrication:						
Purchased materials.....bil. of dol..	8.1	8.2	8.7	8.7	8.7	8.8
Goods in process.....do....	2.9	2.9	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0
Finished goods.....do....	10.1	10.2	10.6	10.6	r10.7	10.5
Book value (adjusted), total.....mil. of dol..	50,378	50,842	53,853	54,093	r54,203	54,112
Durable-goods industries, total <u>1/</u> .....do....	29,120	29,451	31,438	31,696	r31,742	31,741
Primary metal.....do....	3,632	3,687	4,207	4,245	r4,326	4,365
Fabricated metal.....do....	2,938	3,002	3,077	3,146	r3,151	3,144
Machinery (including electrical).....do....	10,008	10,089	10,601	10,622	r10,609	10,638
Transportation equipment (incl. motor vehicles).....do....	7,141	7,280	7,919	8,038	r8,035	7,935
Lumber and furniture.....do....	1,880	1,870	1,845	1,857	r1,872	1,894
Stone, clay, and glass.....do....	1,135	1,129	1,254	1,239	r1,210	1,242
By stages of fabrication:						
Purchased materials.....bil. of dol..	8.2	8.2	8.4	8.4	8.4	8.4
Goods in process.....do....	12.2	12.3	13.3	13.5	r13.6	13.4
Finished goods.....do....	8.8	8.9	9.7	9.8	9.8	9.9
Nondurable-goods industries, total <u>1/</u> .....mil. of dol..	21,258	21,391	22,415	22,397	r22,461	22,371
Food and beverage.....do....	4,768	4,831	4,882	4,804	r4,805	4,711
Tobacco.....do....	1,896	1,870	2,064	2,038	r2,024	1,984
Textile.....do....	2,608	2,648	2,612	2,642	r2,649	2,634
Paper.....do....	1,317	1,320	1,442	1,430	r1,429	1,410
Chemical.....do....	3,475	3,504	3,692	3,728	r3,737	3,757
Petroleum and coal.....do....	3,121	3,169	3,486	3,494	r3,517	3,602
Rubber.....do....	1,047	1,038	1,027	1,045	1,074	.....
By stages of fabrication:						
Purchased materials.....bil. of dol..	8.4	8.4	9.0	9.0	9.0	9.0
Goods in process.....do....	2.9	2.9	3.0	2.9	3.0	3.0
Finished goods.....do....	9.9	10.0	10.5	10.5	r10.5	10.4
Manufacturers' orders:						
New orders, net (unadjusted), total.....mil. of dol..	29,897	27,038	27,538	26,155	r27,568	26,597
Durable-goods industries, total <u>1/</u> .....do....	15,470	13,007	13,716	12,318	r12,881	12,182
Primary metal.....do....	2,441	2,140	2,217	1,938	r2,063	2,013
Fabricated metal.....do....	1,640	1,600	1,427	1,522	r1,468	1,499
Machinery (including electrical).....do....	4,176	4,019	4,512	3,904	r3,905	3,681
Transportation equipment (incl. motor vehicles).....do....	3,888	2,375	2,609	2,256	r2,554	2,335
Nondurable-goods industries, total.....do....	14,427	14,031	13,822	13,837	r14,687	14,415
New orders, net (adjusted), total.....do....	31,078	26,767	27,055	27,276	r27,325	26,742
Durable-goods industries, total <u>1/</u> .....do....	17,342	13,042	13,249	13,005	r13,160	12,603
Primary metal.....do....	2,460	2,341	2,306	2,241	r2,078	2,175
Fabricated metal.....do....	1,491	1,524	1,486	1,522	r1,372	1,428
Machinery (including electrical).....do....	4,360	4,104	4,103	4,065	r4,124	3,812
Transportation equipment (incl. motor vehicles).....do....	5,981	2,284	2,544	2,396	r2,884	2,611
Nondurable-goods industries, total.....do....	13,736	13,725	13,806	14,271	r14,165	14,139
Unfilled orders, end of month (unadjusted), total.....do....	64,056	63,616	60,329	59,288	r57,793	56,164
Durable-goods industries, total <u>1/</u> .....do....	60,831	60,487	57,164	56,146	r54,796	53,295
Primary metal.....do....	7,453	7,204	6,330	6,200	r6,001	5,819
Fabricated metal.....do....	4,638	4,724	4,283	4,314	r4,150	4,028
Machinery (including electrical).....do....	19,914	19,852	19,695	19,629	r19,400	18,880
Transportation equipment (incl. motor vehicles).....do....	23,415	23,530	22,060	21,123	r20,421	19,863
Nondurable-goods industries, total.....do....	3,225	3,129	3,165	3,142	r2,997	2,869
FINANCE						
Consumer credit (short- and intermediate-term):						
Total outstanding, end of month.....mil. of dol..	39,878	40,074	42,245	42,365	42,881	43,011
Installment credit, total.....do....	30,644	30,707	32,344	32,699	33,045	33,159
Installment credit extended and repaid:						
Unadjusted:						
Extended, total.....do....	3,504	2,981	3,638	3,797	3,682	3,358
Repaid, total.....do....	3,157	2,918	3,195	3,442	3,336	3,244
Adjusted:						
Extended, total.....do....	3,350	3,153	3,412	3,539	3,614	3,564
Repaid, total.....do....	3,145	3,085	3,251	3,350	3,344	3,432

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

## MONTHLY BUSINESS STATISTICS—Continued

ITEM	1956		1957			
	September	October	July	August	September	October
<b>COMMODITY PRICES</b>						
Prices received and paid by farmers:						
Prices received, all farm products.....1910-14=100..	236	234	247	248	245	240
Crops.....do.....	233	231	239	233	228	224
Commercial vegetables, fresh market.....do.....	181	208	288	248	221	221
Cotton.....do.....	275	270	273	278	279	273
Feed grains and hay.....do.....	196	178	170	169	163	156
Food grains.....do.....	222	225	218	217	217	219
Fruit.....do.....	225	221	219	200	193	187
Oil-bearing crops.....do.....	235	249	261	252	244	231
Potatoes (including dry edible beans).....do.....	163	143	167	172	159	154
Tobacco.....do.....	455	453	460	469	484	483
Livestock and products.....do.....	239	236	254	260	259	254
Dairy products.....do.....	266	274	252	260	269	277
Meat animals.....do.....	254	243	297	301	291	274
Poultry and eggs.....do.....	172	167	155	167	174	180
Wool.....do.....	233	249	312	305	290	279
Prices paid:						
All commodities and services.....do.....	266	265	273	273	r273	273
Family living items.....do.....	279	279	287	287	r287	286
Production items.....do.....	252	250	257	257	258	258
All commod., services, int., taxes, and wage rates.....do.....	287	r288	295	295	296	296
Parity ratio.....do.....	82	r81	84	84	83	81
<b>CONSTRUCTION AND REAL ESTATE</b>						
New construction (unadjusted), total <u>1</u> /.....mil. of dol..	4,425	4,302	r4,352	r4,558	r4,565	4,452
Private, total.....do.....	3,073	3,003	r3,037	r3,121	r3,102	3,050
Residential (nonfarm).....do.....	1,640	1,580	r1,547	r1,571	r1,565	1,535
New dwelling units.....do.....	1,240	1,195	r1,115	r1,140	1,140	1,120
Additions and alterations.....do.....	360	344	r392	r387	r378	367
Nonresidential building, total.....do.....	787	797	r778	805	802	802
Industrial.....do.....	278	278	262	266	260	256
Commercial.....do.....	313	320	r311	319	322	332
Farm construction.....do.....	156	130	r169	r173	159	133
Public utilities.....do.....	478	484	526	553	558	563
Public, total.....do.....	1,352	1,299	r1,315	r1,437	r1,463	1,402
Nonresidential building.....do.....	381	371	r389	414	r413	403
Military facilities.....do.....	146	141	117	r138	r134	128
Highway.....do.....	543	512	r505	r550	r580	555
Other types.....do.....	282	275	r304	r335	r336	316
New construction (seasonally adjusted), total <u>1</u> /.....do.....	3,857	3,890	r3,824	r3,940	r3,977	4,028
Private, total.....do.....	2,768	2,778	r2,730	r2,785	r2,793	2,825
Residential (nonfarm).....do.....	1,459	1,451	r1,349	r1,377	r1,392	1,414
Nonresidential building, total.....do.....	744	753	r751	767	757	757
Farm construction.....do.....	130	130	r133	r133	133	133
Public utility.....do.....	423	432	483	491	494	504
Public, total.....do.....	1,089	1,112	r1,094	r1,155	r1,184	1,203
Nonresidential building.....do.....	349	356	r356	r372	r377	385
Highway.....do.....	368	381	r366	r374	r392	414
Construction cost index:						
Department of Commerce composite.....1947-49=100..	133	133	138	138	138	.....

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