

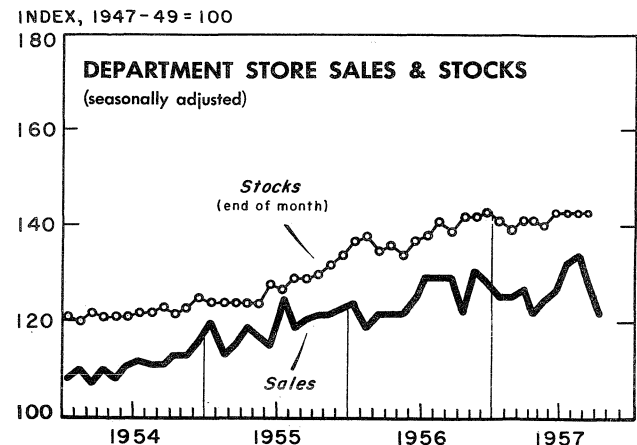
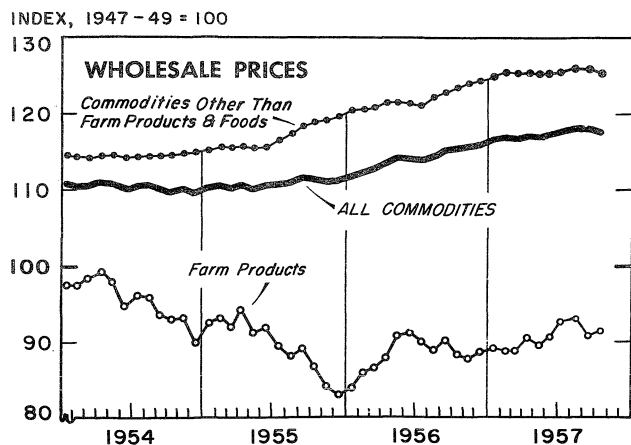
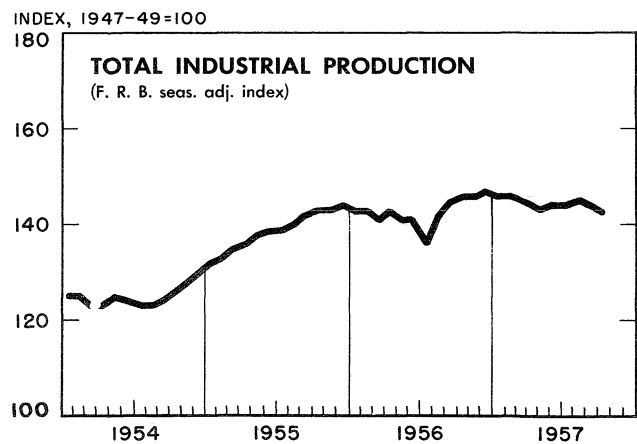
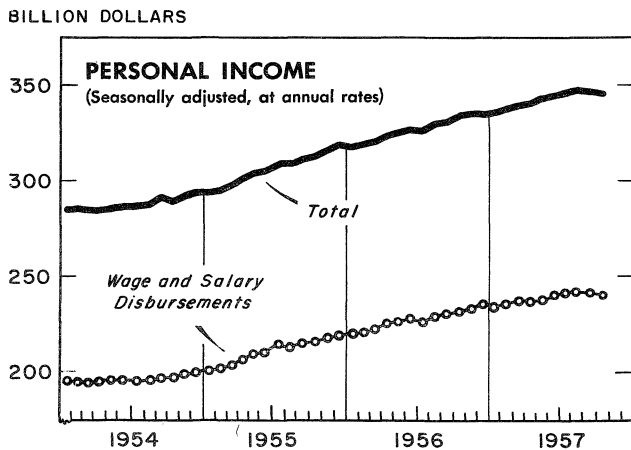
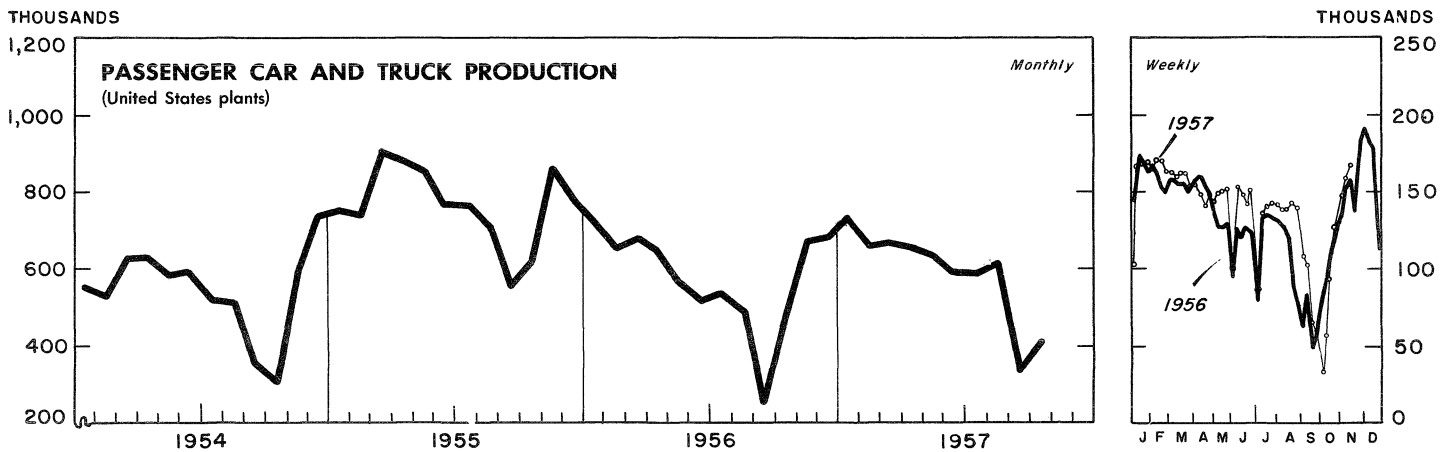


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SELECTED BUSINESS INDICATORS



WEEKLY BUSINESS STATISTICS¹

ITEM	1956		1957			
	Nov. 10	Nov. 17	Oct. 26	Nov. 2	Nov. 9	Nov. 16
Commodity prices, wholesale:						
All commodities.....1947-49=100..		*115.9			117.5	117.8
Farm products.....do.....		*87.9			90.5	91.9
Foods, processed.....do.....		*103.6			105.1	106.1
All other.....do.....		*124.2			125.6	125.6
22 commodities <u>2</u> /.....do.....	**91.2	92.0	84.5	84.4	**84.4	84.1
Department store sales.....do.....	137	151	127	122	136	
Insured unemployment, total.....thous..	1,005	1,030	1,339	1,394		
State programs.....do.....	923	937	1,234	1,286		
Finance:						
Currency in circulation <u>3</u> /.....mil. of dol..	30,963	31,141	31,129	31,008	31,114	31,287
Federal Reserve bank credit outstanding, total <u>3</u> /.....do....	25,762	25,954	25,407	24,972	25,225	25,424
Member bank reserve balances <u>3</u> /.....do.....	19,004	18,996	19,137	18,837	18,963	18,911
Excess reserves, estimated <u>3</u> /.....do.....	561	619	552	351	430	527
Federal Reserve reporting member banks in leading cities: <u>4</u> /						
Demand deposits, adjusted.....mil. of dol..	55,588	55,882	55,383	55,805	54,800	
Time deposits, except U. S. Government.....do.....	21,999	21,832	23,972	23,974	23,943	
Loans and investments (adjusted), total.....do.....	85,602	85,630	86,539	86,743	86,277	
U. S. Government obligations.....do.....	25,752	25,599	25,270	25,191	24,959	
Commercial, industrial, and agr. loans (gross).....do....	30,121	30,439	31,807	31,756	31,751	
Real-estate loans (gross).....do.....	8,857	8,870	8,769	8,758	8,751	
Failures, industrial and commercial.....number..	219	240	281	250	266	306
Bond yields, domestic corporate (Moody's) <u>3</u> /.....percent..	3.87	3.88	4.47	4.48	4.51	4.50
Stock prices, 500 stocks (Stand. & Poor's) <u>4</u> /.....1941-43=10..	47.11	46.01	40.73	41.02	40.43	39.55
Industrials, 425 stocks.....do.....	50.49	49.19	43.93	44.21	43.56	42.51
Production:						
Bituminous coal <u>3</u> /.....thous. of short tons..	1,700	1,781	1,647	1,637	1,567	
Electric power, by utilities.....mil. of kw.-hr..	11,522	11,589	11,787	11,860	11,914	
Passenger cars and trucks (Ward's).....number..	153,277	157,151	126,530	147,365	159,385	167,200
Petroleum (crude) and condensate <u>3</u> /.....thous. of bbl..	7,050	7,165	6,766	6,712	6,796	
Steel <u>5</u> /.....thous. of short tons..	2,463	2,466	2,052	2,041	1,996	1,990
Percent of capacity <u>5</u> /.....do.....	#101.1	#100.2	80.2	79.7	78.0	77.0
Freight car loadings, total.....thous. of cars..	773	764	704	714	675	
Miscellaneous.....do.....	377	375	347	353	338	

¹/ Data do not always cover calendar weeks. ²/ Tuesday prices. ³/ Daily average. ⁴/ Wednesday data. ⁵/ Week beginning November 18, 1957: Production, 1,965 thous. short tons; operating rate, 76.8 percent. * Monthly index for November 1956. ** Wednesday price. # Not comparable with 1957 rates, which are based on higher capacity.

MONTHLY BUSINESS STATISTICS

ITEM	1956		1957			
	September	October	July	August	September	October
GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS						
National income and product:						
Seasonally adjusted quarterly totals at annual rates:						
National income, total.....bil. of dol..	344.5		*358.1			
Compensation of employees, total.....do.....	242.7		*254.0		257.0	
Wages and salaries, total.....do.....	228.3		*238.6		241.3	
Private.....do.....	190.1		*199.1		200.9	
Military.....do.....	9.7		*9.7		9.8	
Government civilian.....do.....	28.5		*29.7		30.6	
Supplements to wages and salaries.....do....	14.4		*15.4		15.7	
Proprietors' and rental income, total.....do....	50.0		*50.7		51.3	
Business and professional.....do.....	28.2		*28.7		29.1	
Farm.....do.....	11.5		*11.7		11.8	
Rental income of persons.....do.....	10.4		*10.4		10.4	
Corp. profits and inventory valuation adj., total.....do....	39.8		*40.7			
Corporate profits before tax, total.....do....	40.8		*42.0			
Corporate profits tax liability.....do.....	20.8		*21.4			
Corporate profits after tax.....do.....	19.9		*20.5			
Inventory valuation adjustment.....do.....	-1.0		*-1.3		-.9	
Net interest.....do.....	12.0		*12.7		13.0	
Gross national product, total.....do.....	416.7		*434.3		439.0	
Personal consumption expenditures, total.....do....	268.6		*278.9		283.6	
Durable goods.....do.....	35.0		*35.0		35.0	
Nondurable goods.....do.....	134.4		*139.1		142.5	
Services.....do.....	101.1		*104.9		106.1	
Gross private domestic investment, total.....do....	65.5		*65.0		65.5	
New construction.....do.....	33.2		*32.7		33.0	
Producers' durable equipment.....do.....	29.0		*30.5		30.5	
Change in business inventories.....do.....	3.3		*1.7		2.0	
Net foreign investment.....do.....	2.0		*3.5		3.2	
Gov't purchases of goods and services, total.....do....	80.6		*86.9		86.7	
Federal (less Government sales).....do.....	47.3		*51.1		50.6	
National security.....do.....	42.7		*46.3		45.8	
State and local.....do.....	33.3		*35.8		36.1	

ITEM	1956		1957			
	September	October	July	August	September	October
GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS - Continued						
National income and product - Continued						
Seasonally adjusted <u>quarterly</u> totals at annual rates - Con.						
Personal income, total.....bil. of dol..	328.7	.....	*342.8	.....	346.5	.....
Less: Personal tax and nontax payments.....do....	39.8	.....	*42.9	.....	43.6	.....
Equals: Disposable personal income.....do....	288.8	.....	*299.9	.....	302.9	.....
Personal saving.....do.....	20.3	.....	*21.0	.....	19.3	.....
Personal income, by source, seasonally adj., at annual rates:						
Total personal income.....bil. of dol..	331.1	334.1	346.2	346.8	r346.6	345.6
Wage and salary disbursements, total.....do....	230.4	231.8	240.9	241.7	r241.5	239.9
Commodity-producing industries.....do.....	99.6	100.8	103.0	102.8	r102.2	100.8
Distributive industries.....do.....	60.9	60.8	64.5	64.7	r64.8	64.6
Service industries.....do.....	31.5	31.8	33.4	33.7	r33.9	33.9
Government.....do.....	38.4	38.4	40.0	40.5	r40.6	40.6
Other labor income.....do.....	7.6	7.7	7.9	8.0	8.0	8.0
Proprietors' and rental income.....do....	49.9	51.3	51.6	51.2	51.1	51.0
Personal interest income and dividends.....do....	30.1	30.2	31.4	31.6	r31.6	31.7
Transfer payments.....do.....	18.8	18.9	21.3	21.2	r21.2	21.8
Less personal contributions for social insurance.....do....	5.7	5.8	6.9	6.9	6.8	6.8
Total nonagricultural income.....do.....	316.1	317.7	330.5	331.3	r331.3	330.3
Industrial production (FRB):						
Unadjusted, combined index.....1947-49=100..	146	151	135	r145	r145	p147
Manufactures.....do.....	148	153	136	146	147	p149
Durable manufactures.....do.....	161	168	150	159	158	p159
Primary metals.....do.....	145	149	118	128	r128	p128
Metal fabricating (including ordnance).....do....	172	180	167	173	r172	p172
Fabricated metal products.....do.....	144	145	134	141	144	p142
Machinery.....do.....	177	182	158	r166	r172	p169
Transportation equipment.....do.....	181	202	203	r207	r190	p198
Instruments and related products.....do....	171	173	168	r172	r175	p173
Furniture and fixtures.....do.....	125	127	116	124	r125	p124
Lumber and products.....do.....	133	130	105	125	r121	.....
Stone, clay, and glass products.....do.....	157	165	r150	r163	r163	p163
Miscellaneous manufactures.....do.....	150	154	131	144	r150	p149
Nondurable manufactures.....do.....	134	137	122	133	136	p138
Printing and publishing.....do.....	139	145	134	r136	r145	p149
Petroleum and coal products.....do.....	145	140	139	144	147	p143
Minerals.....do.....	132	132	123	130	r129	p128
Coal.....do.....	90	93	65	r86	86	p87
Crude oil and natural gas.....do.....	147	147	145	146	r145	p144
Adjusted, combined index.....do.....	144	146	144	145	144	p142
Manufactures.....do.....	146	147	146	147	146	p143
Durable manufactures.....do.....	162	163	161	162	159	p155
Primary metals.....do.....	148	147	r132	136	r130	p126
Metal fabricating (including ordnance).....do....	174	176	177	177	174	p170
Fabricated metal products.....do.....	139	140	141	140	140	p136
Machinery.....do.....	175	175	173	r173	r170	p163
Transportation equipment.....do.....	193	203	210	r210	r205	p203
Instruments and related products.....do....	171	172	173	r175	r175	p171
Furniture and fixtures.....do.....	122	122	124	r122	r121	p119
Lumber and products.....do.....	126	120	114	r120	r114	.....
Stone, clay, and glass products.....do.....	154	157	155	r160	r160	p155
Miscellaneous manufactures.....do.....	146	146	141	144	r145	p140
Nondurable manufactures.....do.....	130	131	130	131	132	p132
Printing and publishing.....do.....	137	140	140	141	r142	p145
Petroleum and coal products.....do.....	143	140	139	r141	145	p143
Minerals.....do.....	131	131	127	r129	r128	p127
Coal.....do.....	86	85	83	r84	82	p79
Crude oil and natural gas.....do.....	151	151	147	150	r149	p148
Consumer durables output (FRB):						
Unadjusted index, total.....do.....	113	128	116	132	r119	p120
Major consumer durables.....do.....	111	132	121	139	r118	p121
Autos.....do.....	59	105	134	148	84	p88
Major household goods.....do.....	158	158	110	133	150	.....
Other consumer durables.....do.....	118	118	106	116	119	p120
Adjusted index, total.....do.....	123	123	129	133	r128	p122
Major consumer durables.....do.....	127	129	137	141	r134	p127
Autos.....do.....	106	117	134	145	129	p118
Major household goods.....do.....	148	142	142	r138	141	.....
Other consumer durables.....do.....	113	110	111	114	115	p111
COMMODITY PRICES						
Wholesale price index, all commodities.....1947-49=100..	115.5	115.6	118.2	118.4	118.0	117.7
Farm products.....do.....	90.1	88.4	92.8	93.0	r91.0	91.5
Fruits and vegetables, fresh and dried.....do....	95.3	97.6	108.0	106.3	98.9	107.5
Grains.....do.....	90.7	84.0	82.7	82.4	81.2	80.6
Livestock and live poultry.....do.....	75.7	73.0	86.5	86.7	81.5	78.4
Foods, processed.....do.....	104.0	103.6	107.2	106.8	106.5	105.5
Cereal and bakery products.....do.....	114.6	115.3	117.7	116.7	116.7	117.3
Dairy products and ice cream.....do.....	109.7	110.9	108.2	110.3	112.4	113.7
Fruits and vegetables, canned and frozen.....do....	106.8	106.4	102.3	102.1	r102.5	103.5
Meats, poultry, and fish.....do.....	89.3	85.7	99.2	97.7	95.7	91.6

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MONTHLY BUSINESS STATISTICS—Continued

ITEM	1956		1957			
	September	October	July	August	September	October
COMMODITY PRICES - Continued						
Wholesale price index - Continued						
Commodities other than farm products and foods, 1947-49=100..	123.1	123.6	125.7	126.0	r126.0	125.7
Chemicals and allied products.....do....	107.1	107.7	109.5	109.8	110.2	110.4
Fuel, power, by lighting materials.....do....	111.1	111.7	116.4	116.3	r116.1	115.7
Furniture, other household durables.....do....	119.7	121.0	122.4	122.6	r122.3	122.5
Hides, skins, and leather products.....do....	100.2	99.7	100.7	100.5	r100.3	100.4
Lumber and wood products.....do....	123.6	122.0	119.3	118.6	117.8	117.5
Machinery and motive products.....do....	139.7	141.1	145.8	146.2	r146.9	147.2
Metals and metal products.....do....	151.9	152.2	152.4	153.2	r152.2	150.8
Nonmetallic minerals, structural.....do....	131.1	131.5	135.2	135.3	r135.2	135.3
Pulp, paper, and allied products.....do....	127.9	128.1	129.5	129.9	130.1	130.9
Rubber and products.....do....	145.7	145.8	144.9	146.9	r146.5	146.2
Textile products and apparel.....do....	94.8	95.3	95.4	95.4	95.4	95.1
Tobacco manufactures and bottled beverages.....do....	122.8	123.1	127.7	127.7	127.7	127.7
CONSTRUCTION AND REAL ESTATE						
Construction contracts awarded, 48 States (F. W. Dodge Corp.):						
Total valuation.....mil. of dol..	2,575	2,443	2,901	2,818	2,625	.....
Building, total.....do....	1,978	.....	2,248	2,292	2,092	.....
New permanent nonfarm dwelling units started:						
Unadjusted: Total, privately and publicly owned, thousands..	93.9	93.6	r99.9	95.0	90.0	95.0
Privately owned, total.....do....	90.7	91.2	r93.9	92.6	88.0	87.0
In metropolitan areas.....do....	60.8	63.4	r62.1	64.2	58.8	58.7
Publicly owned.....do....	3.2	2.4	r6.0	2.4	2.0	8.0
Seasonally adjusted at annual rate:						
Privately owned, total.....do....	1,008.0	1,052.0	r1,015.0	1,010.0	r990.0	1,000.0
METALS AND MANUFACTURES						
Industrial trucks (electric), shipments:						
Hand (motorized).....number..	577	682	611	354	476	.....
Rider-type.....do....	442	491	420	242	302	.....
Industrial trucks and tractors (gasoline-powered), shipments.....number..	2,141	2,191	1,651	1,926	1,661	.....
PULP, PAPER, AND PRINTING						
Wood pulp:						
Production, total, all grades.....thous. of short tons..	1,728.7	1,940.7	1,590.2	1,894.9	1,744.1	.....
Dissolving and special alpha.....do....	76.6	79.9	74.7	80.1	78.8	.....
Sulfate.....do....	950.7	1,071.5	857.5	1,063.2	969.5	.....
Sulfite.....do....	197.8	238.0	182.3	210.2	192.1	.....
Groundwood.....do....	243.3	262.8	232.0	251.3	227.4	.....
Defibrated or exploded.....do....	95.4	100.3	88.3	100.4	96.5	.....
Soda, semichemical, screenings, damaged, etc.....do....	164.9	188.2	155.5	189.8	179.6	.....
Stocks, end of month, total, all mills.....do....						
Pulp mills.....do....	885.4	909.0	879.1	r873.0	852.4	.....
Paper and board mills.....do....	196.4	199.4	213.0	r213.7	200.2	.....
Paper and board mills.....do....	584.2	603.4	559.7	556.1	553.7	.....
Nonpaper mills.....do....	104.9	106.3	106.3	103.3	98.5	.....
All paper and board mills, production:						
Paper and board, total.....do....	r2,477	2,746	2,243	r2,668	2,512	.....
Paper.....do....	r1,113	1,227	998	r1,151	1,059	.....
Paperboard.....do....	r1,110	1,248	1,005	r1,238	1,186	.....
Wet-machine board.....do....	12	13	10	r16	13
Construction paper and board.....do....	243	257	231	r263	254

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