

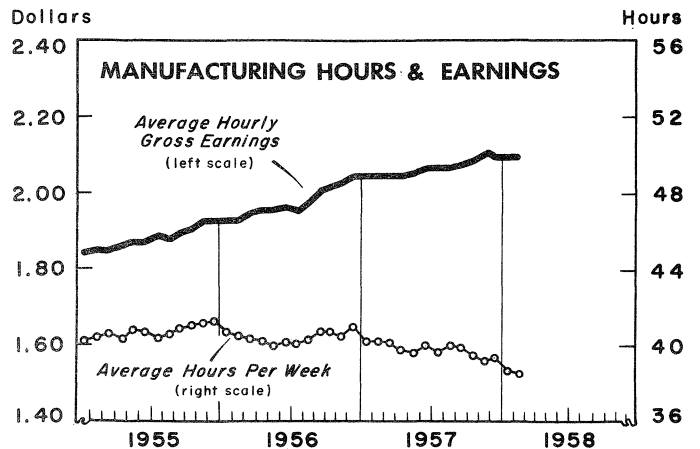
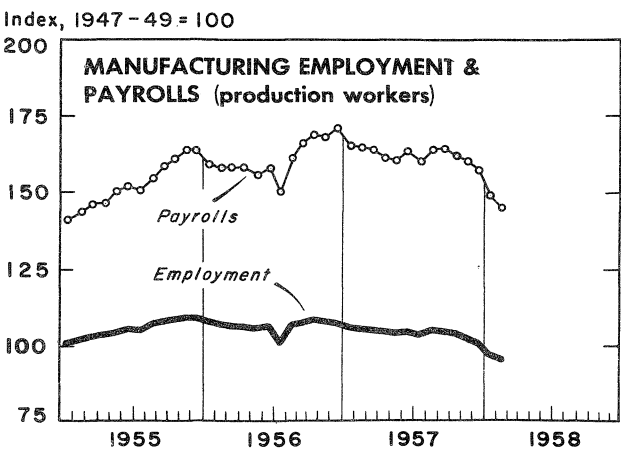
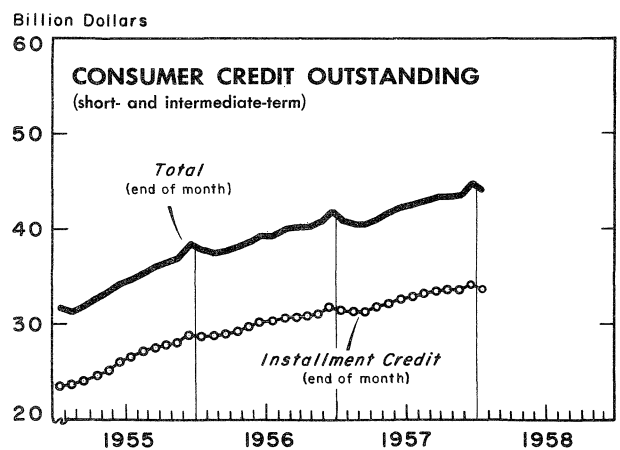
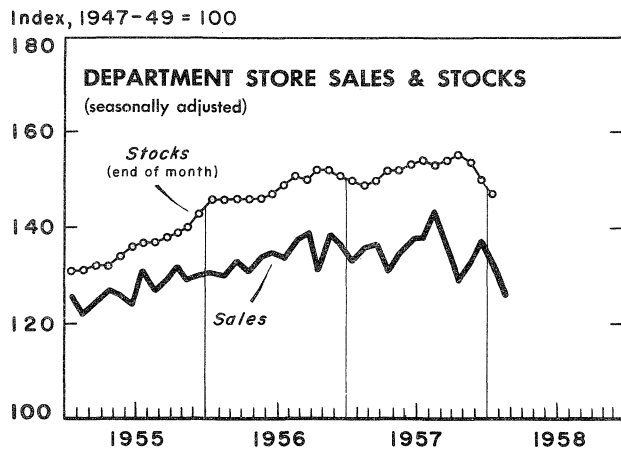
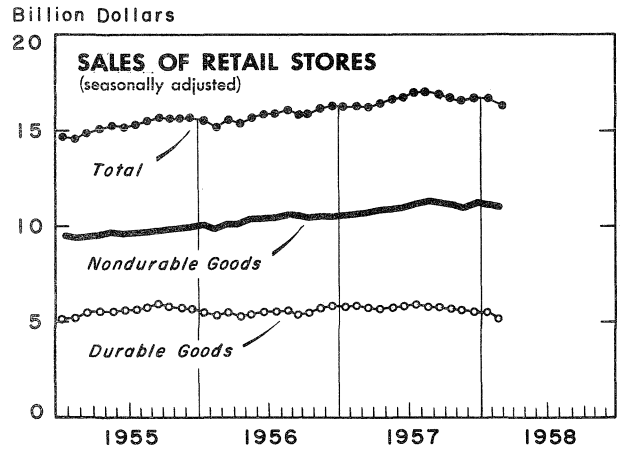
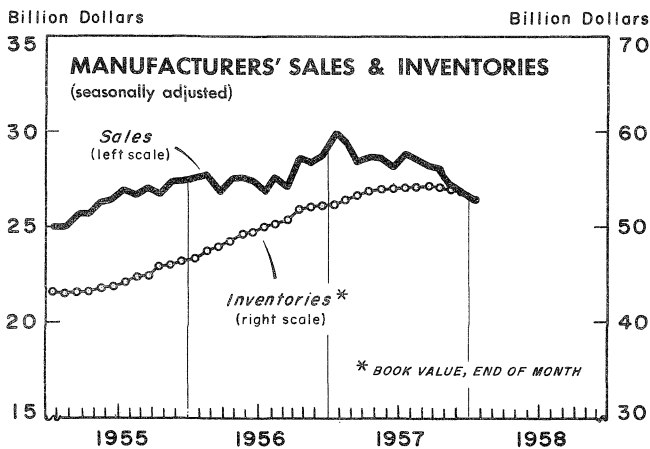
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SELECTED BUSINESS INDICATORS



WEEKLY BUSINESS STATISTICS¹

ITEM	1957		1958			
	Mar. 2	Mar. 9	Feb. 15	Feb. 22	Mar. 1	Mar. 8
Commodity prices, wholesale:						
All commodities.....1947-49=100..		*117.0	118.8	119.1	119.2	119.4
Farm products.....do.....		*88.8	95.4	96.9	97.3	99.0
Foods, processed.....do.....		*103.9	108.9	109.5	109.7	109.5
All other.....do.....		*125.5	125.8	125.8	125.8	125.8
22 commodities 2/.....do.....	88.0	88.6	85.9	86.2	85.7	85.6
Department store sales.....do.....	99	98	96	82	100	.....
Insured unemployment, total.....thous..	1,822	1,776	3,338	3,479	.....	.....
State programs.....do.....	1,684	1,643	3,086	3,223	.....	.....
Failures, industrial and commercial.....number..	284	327	319	317	331	358
Finance:						
Currency in circulation 3/.....mil. of dol..	30,544	30,566	30,675	30,642	30,542	30,562
Federal Reserve bank credit outstanding, total 3/.....do....	24,813	24,871	24,543	24,830	24,527	24,309
Member bank reserve balances 3/.....do.....	18,683	18,721	19,054	19,122	18,909	18,674
Excess reserves, estimated 3/.....do.....	465	490	520	625	454	551
Federal Reserve reporting member banks in leading cities: 4/						
Demand deposits, adjusted.....mil. of dol..	56,370	55,791	55,548	54,882	54,943	.....
Time deposits, except U. S. Government.....do.....	22,621	22,735	25,433	25,604	25,768	.....
Loans and investments (adjusted), total.....do.....	85,038	84,975	87,156	87,027	87,361	.....
U. S. Government obligations.....do.....	25,723	25,532	26,313	26,452	26,856	.....
Commercial, industrial, and agr. loans (gross).....do....	30,314	30,444	30,330	30,451	30,448	.....
Real-estate loans (gross).....do.....	8,762	8,736	8,738	8,737	8,742	.....
Bond yields, domestic corporate (Moody's) 3/.....percent..	3.98	3.97	4.01	4.00	4.00	4.03
Stock prices, 500 stocks (Stand. & Poor's) 4/...1941-43=10..	43.41	44.33	40.93	41.15	40.92	41.47
Industrials, 425 stocks.....do.....	46.05	47.17	43.66	43.88	43.62	44.25
Production:						
Bituminous coal 3/.....thous. of short tons..	1,610	1,617	1,328	1,132	1,407	.....
Electric power, by utilities.....mil. of kw.-hr..	11,791	11,867	12,417	12,338	11,803	.....
Passenger cars and trucks (Ward's).....number..	162,105	158,996	120,365	107,460	108,959	100,960
Petroleum (crude) and condensate 3/.....thous. of bbl..	7,519	7,813	6,852	6,808	6,841	.....
Steel 5/.....thous. of short tons..	2,456	2,411	1,445	1,373	1,475	1,425
Percent of capacity.....	96.0	94.2	#53.5	#50.9	#54.6	#52.8
Freight car loadings, total.....thous. of cars..	704	672	533	492	554	.....
Miscellaneous.....do.....	365	347	266	250	282	.....

1/ Data do not always cover calendar weeks. 2/ Tuesday prices. 3/ Daily average. 4/ Wednesday data. 5/ Week beginning March 10, 1958: Production, 1,442 thous. short tons; operating rate, 53.4 percent. * Monthly index for February 1957. # Based on January 1, 1958, annual capacity (140,742,570 tons); not comparable with 1957 rates which are based on January 1, 1957, annual capacity (133,459,150 tons).

MONTHLY BUSINESS STATISTICS

ITEM	1956	1957				1958
	December	January	October	November	December	January
GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS						
Manufacturers' sales:						
Value (unadjusted), total.....mil. of dol..	28,070	28,928	29,532	27,270	r26,347	25,729
Durable-goods industries, total 1/.....do....	14,372	14,363	14,386	13,577	r13,152	12,272
Primary metal.....do.....	2,394	2,574	2,336	2,102	r1,954	1,936
Fabricated metal.....do.....	1,332	1,463	1,688	1,433	r1,336	1,314
Machinery (including electrical).....do.....	4,390	4,080	4,406	4,011	r4,131	3,687
Transportation equipment (incl. motor vehicles).....do....	3,699	3,611	3,003	3,463	r3,495	3,076
Lumber and furniture.....do.....	895	989	1,026	854	r769	790
Stone, clay, and glass.....do.....	626	646	761	659	r556	552
Nondurable-goods industries, total 1/.....do....	13,698	14,565	15,146	13,693	r13,195	13,457
Food and beverage.....do.....	4,088	4,260	4,660	4,258	r4,176	4,140
Tobacco.....do.....	343	338	377	358	r380	357
Textile.....do.....	1,072	1,143	1,214	1,085	r954	971
Paper.....do.....	816	923	981	871	r809	882
Chemical.....do.....	1,780	2,002	2,086	1,856	r1,726	1,919
Petroleum and coal.....do.....	3,037	3,273	2,866	2,744	r2,893	2,901
Rubber.....do.....	461	491	524	414	414	.....
Value (adjusted), total.....do.....	28,846	29,956	28,064	27,221	r26,690	26,266
Durable-goods industries, total 1/.....do....	14,526	14,941	13,932	13,548	r13,092	12,639
Primary metal.....do.....	2,462	2,594	2,224	2,156	r2,073	1,967
Fabricated metal.....do.....	1,418	1,594	1,535	1,429	r1,431	1,389
Machinery (including electrical).....do.....	4,241	4,342	4,265	4,175	r3,954	3,846
Transportation equipment (incl. motor vehicles).....do....	3,530	3,570	3,297	3,255	r3,147	3,011
Lumber and furniture.....do.....	1,014	1,039	930	850	r851	822
Stone, clay, and glass.....do.....	746	751	650	659	r654	642
Nondurable-goods industries, total 1/.....do....	14,320	15,015	14,132	13,673	r13,598	13,627
Food and beverage.....do.....	4,278	4,558	4,331	4,257	r4,337	4,384
Tobacco.....do.....	372	363	356	351	r392	384
Textile.....do.....	1,147	1,174	1,029	1,025	r999	967
Paper.....do.....	868	942	917	862	r861	865
Chemical.....do.....	1,936	1,996	2,002	1,941	r1,890	1,866
Petroleum and coal.....do.....	2,786	3,241	2,895	2,717	r2,654	2,763
Rubber.....do.....	474	496	490	431	427	.....

ITEM	1956	1957				1958
	December	January	October	November	December	January
GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS - Continued						
Manufacturers' inventories, end of month:						
Book value (unadjusted), total.....mil. of dol..	52,515	52,941	53,734	53,746	r53,688	53,338
Durable-goods industries, total <u>1/</u>.....do....	30,591	30,835	31,487	31,306	r31,137	30,778
Primary metal.....do....	4,119	4,068	4,488	4,443	r4,466	4,348
Fabricated metal.....do....	3,056	3,106	3,017	3,002	r2,963	2,939
Machinery (including electrical).....do....	10,316	10,408	10,390	10,415	r10,283	10,254
Transportation equipment (incl. motor vehicles).....do....	7,714	7,803	8,115	8,006	r7,885	7,686
Lumber and furniture.....do....	1,855	1,869	1,804	1,794	r1,814	1,820
Stone, clay, and glass.....do....	1,159	1,179	1,197	1,210	r1,257	1,276
Nondurable-goods industries, total <u>1/</u>.....do....	21,924	22,106	22,247	22,440	r22,551	22,560
Food and beverage.....do....	5,061	5,001	4,929	5,026	r4,912	4,828
Tobacco.....do....	1,959	2,131	1,960	1,965	r1,962	2,042
Textile.....do....	2,663	2,739	2,515	2,562	r2,628	2,655
Paper.....do....	1,362	1,362	1,395	1,403	r1,444	1,436
Chemical.....do....	3,633	3,648	3,658	3,720	r3,863	3,878
Petroleum and coal.....do....	3,249	3,102	3,732	3,730	r3,644	3,546
Rubber.....do....	1,049	1,057	1,053	1,079	r1,103	.....
Book value (adjusted), total.....do....	52,295	52,434	54,103	53,871	r53,520	52,948
Durable-goods industries, total <u>1/</u>.....do....	30,660	30,631	31,754	31,511	r31,148	30,630
Primary metal.....do....	3,975	3,962	4,356	4,279	r4,269	4,237
Fabricated metal.....do....	3,183	3,169	3,143	3,095	r3,086	3,030
Machinery (including electrical).....do....	10,409	10,444	10,583	10,517	r10,374	10,286
Transportation equipment (incl. motor vehicles).....do....	7,630	7,632	7,979	7,976	r7,801	7,541
Lumber and furniture.....do....	1,869	1,839	1,880	1,845	r1,827	1,791
Stone, clay, and glass.....do....	1,171	1,156	1,273	1,274	r1,270	1,251
Nondurable-goods industries, total <u>1/</u>.....do....	21,635	21,803	22,349	22,360	r22,372	22,318
Food and beverage.....do....	4,799	4,820	4,725	4,732	r4,689	4,669
Tobacco.....do....	1,884	2,010	1,980	1,965	r1,924	1,926
Textile.....do....	2,713	2,766	2,625	2,628	r2,679	2,682
Paper.....do....	1,349	1,362	1,423	1,417	r1,444	1,436
Chemical.....do....	3,594	3,593	3,732	3,763	r3,820	3,817
Petroleum and coal.....do....	3,249	3,133	3,623	3,657	r3,644	3,618
Rubber.....do....	1,039	1,047	1,097	1,101	r1,092	.....
Manufacturers' orders:						
New orders, net (unadjusted), total.....do....	28,839	28,765	26,730	26,056	r25,067	24,083
Durable-goods industries, total <u>1/</u>.....do....	15,068	14,374	11,788	12,385	r11,890	10,624
Primary metal.....do....	2,452	2,453	2,027	1,758	r1,563	1,630
Fabricated metal.....do....	1,458	1,424	1,517	1,144	r1,189	1,142
Machinery (including electrical).....do....	4,304	4,210	3,798	3,431	r3,520	3,220
Transportation equipment (incl. motor vehicles).....do....	4,575	3,452	1,776	3,616	r3,669	2,480
Nondurable-goods industries, total.....do....	13,771	14,391	14,942	13,671	r13,177	13,459
New orders, net (adjusted), total.....do....	29,005	28,927	26,226	r26,030	r25,060	24,193
Durable-goods industries, total <u>1/</u>.....do....	14,543	14,176	12,154	r12,362	r11,399	10,576
Primary metal.....do....	2,372	2,345	2,081	1,686	r1,512	1,566
Fabricated metal.....do....	1,488	1,468	1,459	1,243	r1,213	1,190
Machinery (including electrical).....do....	4,127	4,246	3,943	r3,652	r3,422	3,274
Transportation equipment (incl. motor vehicles).....do....	3,843	3,282	2,079	3,345	r2,932	2,394
Nondurable-goods industries, total.....do....	14,462	14,751	14,072	13,668	r13,661	13,617
Unfilled orders, end of month (unadjusted), total.....do....	64,210	64,047	53,191	51,977	r50,697	49,051
Durable-goods industries, total <u>1/</u>.....do....	61,015	61,026	50,581	49,389	r48,127	46,479
Primary metal.....do....	7,144	7,023	5,531	5,187	r4,796	4,490
Fabricated metal.....do....	4,526	4,487	3,919	3,630	r3,483	3,311
Machinery (including electrical).....do....	20,083	20,213	18,311	17,731	r17,120	16,653
Transportation equipment (incl. motor vehicles).....do....	24,584	24,425	18,423	18,576	r18,750	18,154
Nondurable-goods industries, total.....do....	3,195	3,021	2,610	2,588	r2,570	2,572
FINANCE						
Consumer credit (short- and intermediate-term):						
Total outstanding, end of month.....mil. of dol..	42,097	41,138	43,274	43,530	r44,776	43,966
Installment credit, total.....do....	31,827	31,568	33,504	33,596	r34,105	33,737
Installment credit extended and repaid:						
Unadjusted: Extended, total.....do....	3,824	3,090	3,545	3,439	r4,069	3,108
Repaid, total.....do....	3,237	3,349	3,456	3,347	r3,560	3,476
Adjusted: Extended, total.....do....	3,451	3,473	3,541	3,559	r3,615	3,504
Repaid, total.....do....	3,241	3,292	3,358	3,394	r3,498	3,421
DOMESTIC TRADE						
All retail stores: <u>2/</u>						
Estimated sales (unadjusted), total.....mil. of dol..	14,740	14,058	17,133	19,853	r15,286	13,889
Durable-goods stores:						
Automotive group.....do....	2,996	2,948	2,977	3,009	r2,810	2,549
Furniture and appliance group.....do....	776	754	962	1,144	r777	684
Nondurable-goods stores:						
Apparel group.....do....	785	694	1,140	1,790	r854	684
Drug and proprietary stores.....do....	488	467	532	690	r538	513
Eating and drinking places.....do....	1,096	1,055	1,205	1,247	r1,133	1,010
Food group.....do....	3,690	3,480	4,233	4,258	r4,126	3,755
Gasoline service stations.....do....	1,137	1,067	1,262	1,286	r1,209	1,136
General-merchandise group.....do....	1,328	1,276	2,008	3,095	r1,376	1,246
Revised. <u>1/</u> Includes data for "other industries" not shown. <u>2/</u> Data for February 1958 are advance estimates.						

MONTHLY BUSINESS STATISTICS—Continued

ITEM	1957				1958	
	January	February	November	December	January	February
DOMESTIC TRADE - Continued						
All retail stores - Continued						
Estimated sales (seasonally adjusted), total <u>1</u> /mil. of dol..	16,295	16,356	16,562	16,855	r16,718	16,209
Durable-goods stores.....do....	5,706	5,747	5,606	5,588	r5,538	5,148
Nondurable-goods stores.....do....	10,588	10,608	10,956	11,266	r11,180	11,061
Estimated inventories:						
Unadjusted, total.....do....	22,890	23,650	25,280	r23,430	23,400	.....
Durable-goods stores.....do....	10,380	10,800	11,060	r10,880	11,000	.....
Nondurable-goods stores.....do....	12,510	12,840	14,220	r12,550	12,400	.....
Adjusted, total.....do....	24,010	23,910	24,330	r24,470	24,490	.....
Durable-goods stores.....do....	10,770	10,850	r11,220	11,420	11,330	.....
Nondurable-goods stores.....do....	13,240	13,060	r13,110	r13,050	13,160	.....
Wholesale trade:						
Sales, estimated (unadjusted), total.....bil. of dol..	11.4	10.4	11.1	10.7	10.4	.....
Durable-goods establishments.....do....	4.3	4.0	3.9	3.7	3.5	.....
Nondurable-goods establishments.....do....	7.1	6.4	7.1	7.0	6.9	.....
Inventories, estimated (unadjusted), total.....do....	12.9	12.8	13.0	12.5	12.5	.....
Durable-goods establishments.....do....	6.4	6.5	6.6	6.4	6.4	.....
Nondurable-goods establishments.....do....	6.5	6.3	6.4	6.1	6.1	.....
EMPLOYMENT AND WAGES						
Labor force (Bureau of the Census):						
Civilian labor force, total.....thousands..	65,821	66,311	68,061	67,770	66,732	67,160
Employed.....do....	62,578	63,190	64,873	64,396	62,238	61,988
Agricultural employment.....do....	4,935	5,195	5,817	5,385	4,998	4,830
Nonagricultural employment.....do....	57,643	57,996	59,057	59,012	57,240	57,158
Unemployed.....do....	3,244	3,121	3,188	3,374	4,494	5,173
Employees in nonagricultural establishments:						
Total, unadjusted (U. S. Department of Labor).....do....	51,716	51,704	52,789	r53,084	r50,987	p50,314
Manufacturing.....do....	16,959	16,945	16,573	r16,316	15,880	p15,586
Mining.....do....	832	833	829	r825	r807	p793
Contract construction.....do....	2,667	2,673	3,059	r2,850	r2,610	p2,391
Transportation and public utilities.....do....	4,126	4,120	4,123	4,100	r3,997	p3,962
Wholesale and retail trade.....do....	11,298	11,225	11,840	r12,365	r11,456	p11,302
Finance, insurance, and real estate.....do....	2,293	2,301	2,355	r2,349	r2,343	p2,344
Service and miscellaneous.....do....	6,239	6,273	6,512	r6,473	r6,393	p6,398
Government.....do....	7,302	7,334	7,498	r7,806	r7,501	p7,538
Production workers in manufacturing industries:						
Total.....do....	13,150	13,114	12,703	r12,458	r12,050	p11,780
Durable-goods industries.....do....	7,740	7,721	7,305	r7,136	r6,860	p6,628
Nondurable-goods industries.....do....	5,410	5,393	5,398	r5,322	r5,190	p5,152
Manufacturing production-worker indexes:						
Employment: Unadjusted.....1947-49=100..	106.3	106.0	102.7	r100.7	97.4	p95.2
Adjusted.....do....	107.0	106.4	101.8	r100.3	98.1	p95.6
Payrolls, unadjusted.....do....	165.5	165.0	160.9	r157.4	r149.2	p145.4
Hours and earnings:						
Average weekly hours per worker, all manufacturing..hours..	40.2	40.2	39.3	39.4	r38.6	p38.5
Durable-goods industries.....do....	40.9	40.9	39.7	39.7	r38.9	p38.8
Nondurable-goods industries.....do....	39.1	39.3	38.8	39.0	r38.3	p38.2
Average weekly earnings, all manufacturing.....dollars..	82.41	82.41	82.92	82.74	r81.06	p80.85
Durable-goods industries.....do....	89.16	88.75	88.93	88.93	r87.14	p86.52
Nondurable-goods industries.....do....	72.73	73.10	74.50	74.88	r73.54	p73.34
Average hourly earnings, all manufacturing.....do....	2.05	2.05	2.11	2.10	2.10	p2.10
Durable-goods industries.....do....	2.18	2.17	2.24	2.24	2.24	p2.23
Nondurable-goods industries.....do....	1.86	1.86	1.92	1.92	1.92	p1.92

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