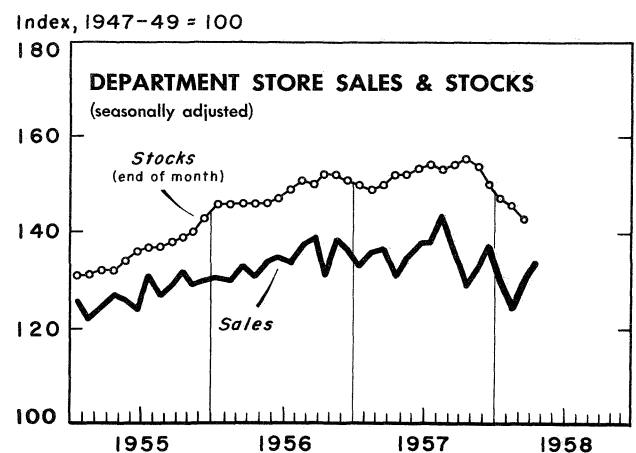
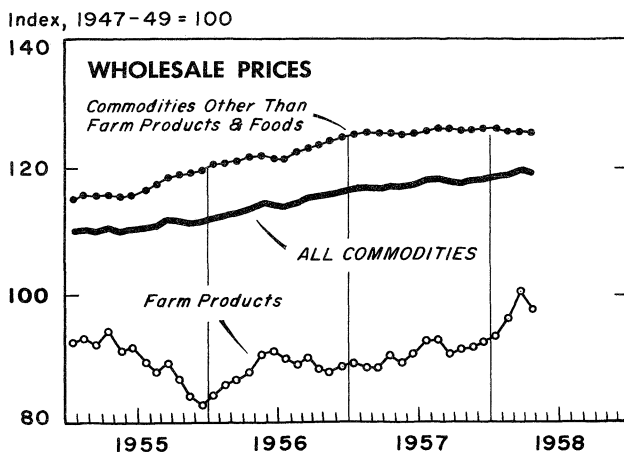
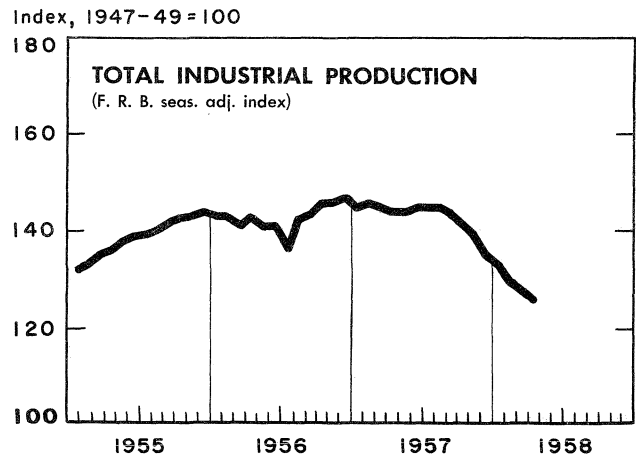
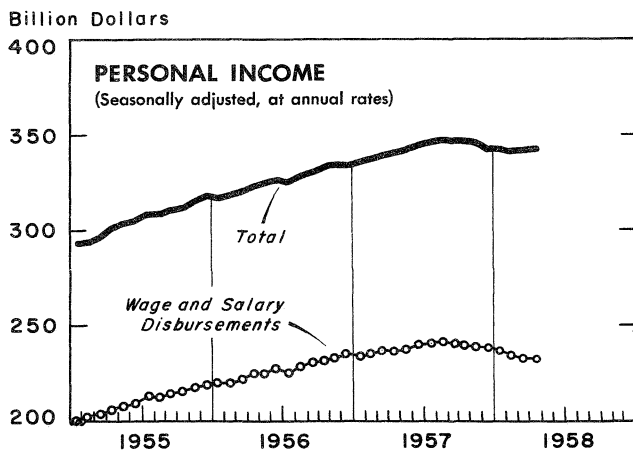
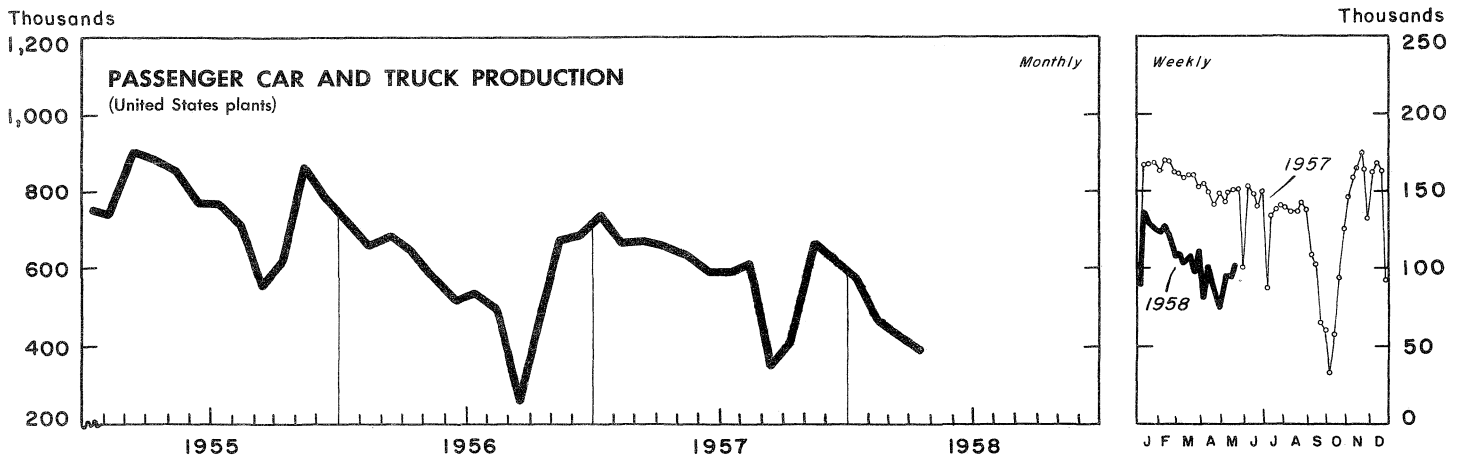


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SELECTED BUSINESS INDICATORS



WEEKLY BUSINESS STATISTICS¹

ITEM	1957		1958			
	May 11	May 18	April 26	May 3	May 10	May 17
Commodity prices, wholesale:						
All commodities.....1947-49=100..		*117.1			119.3	119.5
Farm products.....do.....		*89.5			97.7	98.8
Foods, processed.....do.....		*104.9			112.0	112.9
All other.....do.....		*125.2			125.4	125.4
22 commodities 2/.....do.....	88.2	87.6	84.1	84.1	84.4	85.5
Department store sales 3/.....do.....	143	129	136	132	138	.....
Insured unemployment, total.....thous..	1,451	1,435	3,486	3,414	.....	.....
State programs.....do.....	1,395	1,346	3,226	3,156	.....	.....
Failures, industrial and commercial.....number..	267	264	329	336	279	327
Finance:						
Currency in circulation 4/.....mil. of dol..	30,589	30,654	30,617	30,518	30,659	30,812
Federal Reserve bank credit outstanding, total 4/.....do....	25,177	25,031	24,854	24,566	24,763	24,854
Member bank reserve balances 4/.....do.....	18,984	18,845	18,654	18,249	18,276	18,190
Excess reserves, estimated 4/.....do.....	489	477	715	660	690	720
Federal Reserve reporting member banks in leading cities:5/						
Demand deposits, adjusted.....mil. of dol..	55,273	55,057	56,361	55,699	54,915	.....
Time deposits, except U. S. Government.....do.....	23,213	23,276	27,177	27,295	27,444	.....
Loans and investments (adjusted), total.....do.....	86,087	85,905	92,052	92,483	91,973	.....
U. S. Government obligations.....do.....	25,552	25,221	30,107	30,548	30,496	.....
Commercial, industrial, and agr. loans (gross).....do....	31,338	31,569	30,252	30,185	30,129	.....
Real-estate loans (gross).....do.....	8,665	8,699	8,735	8,746	8,757	.....
Bond yields, domestic corporate (Moody's) 4/.....percent..	4.01	4.02	4.00	3.99	4.00	4.00
Stock prices, 500 stocks (Stand. & Poor's) 2/..1941-43=10..	46.31	46.83	42.80	43.44	43.93	43.12
Industrials, 425 stocks.....do.....	49.51	50.17	45.54	46.22	46.80	45.84
Production:						
Bituminous coal 4/.....thous. of short tons..	1,600	1,587	1,120	1,058	1,030	.....
Electric power, by utilities.....mil. of kw.-hr..	11,311	11,519	11,206	11,251	11,315	.....
Passenger cars and trucks (Ward's).....number..	149,122	150,528	74,868	96,251	95,944	103,358
Petroleum (crude) and condensate 4/.....thous. of bbl..	7,434	7,511	6,288	6,227	6,220	.....
Steel 6/.....thous. of short tons..	2,220	2,155	1,270	1,289	1,334	1,412
Percent of capacity.....do.....	86.7	84.2	#47.1	#47.8	#49.4	#52.3
Freight car loadings, total.....thous. of cars..	723	723	534	533	535	.....
Miscellaneous.....do.....	352	350	287	292	288	.....

1/ Data do not always cover calendar weeks. 2/ Tuesday prices. 3/ Revised series; not comparable with data in issues prior to May 9, 1958. 4/ Daily average. 5/ Wednesday data. 6/ Week beginning May 19, 1958: Production, 1,481 thous. short tons; operating rate, 54.9 percent. * Monthly index for May 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	1957		1958			
	March	April	January	February	March	April
GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS						
Personal income, by source:						
Seasonally adjusted, at annual rates:						
Total personal income.....bill. of dol..	340.2	341.1	343.6	341.7	r342.2	342.8
Wage and salary disbursements, total.....do....	237.2	237.1	237.0	234.4	r233.8	233.3
Commodity-producing industries.....do.....	102.3	102.4	97.6	95.3	r95.1	94.7
Distributive industries.....do.....	63.0	62.7	64.8	64.3	63.7	63.4
Service industries.....do.....	32.6	32.9	34.2	34.3	34.3	34.4
Government.....do.....	39.3	39.1	40.4	40.5	r40.7	40.8
Other labor income.....do.....	7.8	7.8	7.9	7.8	7.7	7.7
Proprietors' and rental income.....do.....	51.1	51.1	50.5	51.0	51.3	51.3
Personal interest income and dividends.....do....	30.9	31.0	31.7	31.8	r31.7	31.8
Transfer payments.....do.....	20.0	20.8	23.3	23.5	r24.4	25.4
Less personal contributions for social insurance.....do....	6.8	6.7	6.8	6.8	r6.7	6.7
Total nonagricultural income.....do.....	324.5	325.3	327.6	325.2	r325.4	325.8
Industrial production (FRB):						
Unadjusted, combined index.....1947-49=100..	148	145	132	131	r130	p127
Manufactures.....do.....	149	146	134	133	r132	p129
Durable manufactures.....do.....	166	163	143	139	r137	p134
Primary metals.....do.....	144	140	102	r98	r95	p89
Metal fabricating (including ordnance).....do....	184	179	161	156	154	p150
Fabricated metal products.....do.....	138	140	127	r124	r123	p121
Machinery.....do.....	177	169	153	148	r146	p142
Transportation equipment.....do.....	228	223	196	r191	r187	p180
Instruments and related products.....do.....	174	174	166	r163	r162	p160
Furniture and fixtures.....do.....	119	117	113	r112	111	p108
Lumber and products.....do.....	112	117	100	105	106	.....
Stone, clay, and glass products.....do.....	153	155	136	r130	r131	p132
Miscellaneous manufactures.....do.....	139	137	125	126	r127	p124
Non-durable manufactures.....do.....	132	129	r125	126	r126	p124
Printing and publishing.....do.....	144	143	136	137	141	p140
Petroleum and coal products.....do.....	139	137	134	130	r127	p123
Minerals.....do.....	131	131	121	118	r111	p109
Coal.....do.....	88	83	73	r70	r66	p59
Crude oil and natural gas.....do.....	156	155	148	r145	135	p132

ITEM	1957		1958			
	March	April	January	February	March	April
GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS - Continued						
Industrial production (FRB) - Continued						
Adjusted, combined index.....1947-49=100..	145	144	133	130	128	p126
Manufactures.....do.....	147	145	r135	131	r130	p128
Durable manufactures.....do.....	163	160	142	137	135	p133
Primary metals.....do.....	137	134	100	95	r91	p86
Metal fabricating (including ordnance).....do.....	179	176	159	153	150	p148
Fabricated metal products.....do.....	138	138	129	r124	r123	p121
Machinery.....do.....	172	167	151	r144	r141	p140
Transportation equipment.....do.....	219	216	191	r185	r181	p177
Instruments and related products.....do.....	173	172	166	r163	160	p158
Furniture and fixtures.....do.....	119	120	114	r111	111	p110
Lumber and products.....do.....	115	115	110	r108	109	.....
Stone, clay, and glass products.....do.....	155	155	142	r134	r133	p132
Miscellaneous manufactures.....do.....	140	141	129	126	r128	p128
Non-durable manufactures.....do.....	131	130	r127	125	124	p124
Printing and publishing.....do.....	141	140	140	139	138	p137
Petroleum and coal products.....do.....	141	142	131	r129	129	p127
Minerals.....do.....	132	131	122	119	113	p109
Coal.....do.....	92	87	r69	r70	70	p62
Crude oil and natural gas.....do.....	151	151	145	142	131	p130
Consumer durables output (FRB):						
Unadjusted index, total.....do.....	142	130	117	r116	r112	p104
Major consumer durables.....do.....	155	140	123	120	114	p104
Autos.....do.....	171	155	132	122	106	p89
Major household goods.....do.....	143	128	117	r121	124	.....
Other consumer durables.....do.....	111	107	102	105	105	p103
Adjusted index, total.....do.....	132	123	113	110	105	p101
Major consumer durables.....do.....	139	129	117	111	103	p98
Autos.....do.....	149	136	117	107	92	p81
Major household goods.....do.....	132	123	118	116	115	.....
Other consumer durables.....do.....	114	110	105	107	r108	p106
COMMODITY PRICES						
Wholesale price index, all commodities <u>1</u> /.....1947-49=100..	116.9	117.2	118.9	119.0	119.7	119.4
Farm products.....do.....	88.8	90.6	93.7	96.1	100.5	97.9
Fruits and vegetables, fresh and dried.....do.....	94.1	103.0	121.2	127.9	r143.1	130.5
Grains.....do.....	87.5	87.3	79.0	79.9	82.2	85.7
Livestock and live poultry.....do.....	76.6	79.3	86.2	91.1	95.8	94.5
Foods, processed.....do.....	103.7	104.3	109.5	109.9	110.7	111.4
Cereal and bakery products.....do.....	116.7	116.8	118.0	118.1	117.8	118.4
Dairy products and ice cream.....do.....	111.3	111.4	114.2	114.2	113.4	111.4
Fruits and vegetables, canned and frozen.....do.....	105.9	104.9	105.6	105.7	106.8	107.0
Meats, poultry, and fish.....do.....	84.6	88.2	101.7	102.7	105.9	108.5
Commodities other than farm products and foods.....do.....	125.4	125.4	126.1	125.7	125.7	125.6
Chemicals and allied products.....do.....	108.8	109.1	110.8	110.6	r110.7	110.9
Chemicals, industrial.....do.....	122.9	123.6	123.9	123.6	r123.7	124.3
Drugs and pharmaceuticals.....do.....	93.2	93.5	93.6	93.6	r94.0	93.9
Fats and oils, inedible.....do.....	57.9	58.2	63.1	62.9	64.2	62.2
Fertilizer materials.....do.....	106.8	107.5	110.7	110.4	110.3	110.3
Prepared paint.....do.....	124.1	124.1	128.4	128.4	128.4	128.4
Fuel, power, and lighting materials.....do.....	119.2	119.5	116.1	113.6	r112.4	111.0
Coal.....do.....	123.6	123.2	126.1	126.2	126.2	120.1
Electricity.....do.....	94.9	96.6	<u>1</u> /100.0	<u>1</u> /100.1	<u>1</u> /100.1	<u>1</u> /100.0
Gas.....do.....	118.4	118.4	<u>1</u> /101.0	<u>1</u> /101.5	r <u>1</u> /101.1	<u>1</u> /98.1
Petroleum and products.....do.....	130.7	130.4	123.0	118.9	117.0	115.8
Furniture, other household durables.....do.....	121.9	121.5	123.8	123.6	123.5	123.4
Appliances, household.....do.....	106.8	105.4	105.4	105.3	105.3	105.3
Furniture, household.....do.....	122.2	122.4	123.1	123.3	122.8	122.8
Radio receivers.....do.....	91.1	91.1	93.0	92.5	92.6	92.6
Television receivers.....do.....	69.5	69.5	71.2	70.7	70.7	70.7
Hides, skins, and leather products.....do.....	98.4	98.6	99.5	99.6	r99.5	99.7
Footwear.....do.....	120.7	121.1	122.1	122.2	122.1	122.1
Hides and skins.....do.....	51.0	51.8	50.5	51.2	51.2	53.3
Leather.....do.....	88.6	88.6	90.7	90.6	91.0	91.1
Lumber and wood products.....do.....	120.1	120.2	116.3	115.8	r115.5	115.7
Lumber.....do.....	121.2	121.2	116.5	116.2	r115.9	115.9
Machinery and motive products.....do.....	144.8	145.0	149.4	149.3	r149.2	149.4
Agricultural machinery and equipment.....do.....	132.2	132.1	138.4	138.3	136.3	138.3
Construction machinery and equipment.....do.....	156.7	157.5	165.6	165.6	165.4	165.4
Electrical machinery and equipment.....do.....	147.5	147.8	151.2	151.3	151.3	151.7
Motor vehicles.....do.....	134.6	134.7	139.1	139.1	139.1	139.1
Metals and metal products.....do.....	151.0	150.1	149.8	r150.1	r149.8	148.9
Heating equipment.....do.....	121.6	121.6	121.8	121.6	r121.0	121.2
Iron and steel.....do.....	163.8	161.9	166.6	167.6	167.3	166.4
Nonferrous metals.....do.....	143.2	142.5	128.7	127.8	127.0	124.2
Nonmetallic minerals, structural.....do.....	133.2	134.6	136.4	136.5	r135.3	135.3
Clay products.....do.....	150.8	155.0	155.4	r155.5	r155.5	155.5
Concrete products.....do.....	125.7	126.6	127.8	127.9	128.0	127.8
Gypsum products.....do.....	127.1	127.1	127.1	127.1	133.1	133.1

r/ Revised. 1/ Revised beginning January 1958 to incorporate revised weighting structure reflecting 1954 values. Figures are directly comparable with data for December 1957, with the exception of the electricity and gas indexes (now termed electric power and gas fuels). The electric power and gas fuels indexes reflect a major change in pricing methods for gas and electricity and publication on the new base, January 1958=100.

ITEM	1957		1958			
	March	April	January	February	March	April
COMMODITY PRICES - Continued						
Wholesale price index - Continued						
Commodities other than farm products and foods - Continued						
Pulp, paper, and allied products.....1947-49=100..	128.7	128.6	130.8	130.8	130.5	130.5
Paper.....do....	140.1	140.7	143.2	143.1	r143.0	142.9
Rubber and products.....do....	144.3	144.5	145.1	144.6	144.6	144.4
Tires and tubes.....do....	149.0	149.0	152.1	152.1	152.1	152.1
Textile products and apparel.....do....	95.4	95.3	94.6	94.1	r94.0	93.7
Apparel.....do....	99.6	99.6	99.4	99.2	r99.3	99.2
Cotton products.....do....	91.1	90.8	90.2	89.3	89.0	88.5
Silk products.....do....	123.0	124.8	119.5	117.5	116.1	116.5
Synthetic textiles.....do....	81.7	81.5	81.3	81.2	81.0	80.5
Wool products.....do....	109.0	109.9	105.1	103.8	102.8	101.6
Tobacco manufactures and bottled beverages.....do....	124.1	124.5	128.1	128.1	r128.0	128.0
Beverages, alcoholic.....do....	119.0	119.6	120.3	120.3	120.3	120.3
Cigarettes.....do....	124.0	124.0	134.8	134.8	134.8	134.8
Miscellaneous.....do....	92.0	91.4	88.3	89.3	r94.3	97.9
Toys, sporting goods.....do....	117.5	117.5	119.4	119.5	r119.1	119.5
CONSTRUCTION AND REAL ESTATE						
Engineering construction:						
Contract awards (ENR) <u>1</u> /.....mil. of dol..	1,468	1,460	1,259	1,175	1,398	1,583
Construction cost indexes:						
American Appraisal Co., The, average, 30 cities..1913=100..	654	655	673	673	674	675
Atlanta.....do....	710	712	729	732	737	737
New York.....do....	704	704	730	730	730	730
San Francisco.....do....	610	610	621	620	619	619
St. Louis.....do....	644	644	667	667	667	666
Associated General Contractors (all types).....do....	472	473	493	493	493	494
Engineering News-Record:						
Building <u>2</u> /.....1947-49=100..	148.3	148.8	152.5	152.6	152.8	153.3
Construction <u>2</u> /.....do....	156.6	158.0	164.2	164.3	164.6	165.9
FINANCE						
Bank debits, total (344 centers).....mil. of dol..						
New York City.....do....	197,231	192,701	r212,868	r181,696	203,834	204,100
6 other centers.....do....	74,786	72,328	84,355	72,803	84,409	85,510
Turnover of demand deposits except interbank and U. S. Government, annual rate:	42,113	40,182	41,988	36,185	40,360	39,354
New York City.....ratio of debits to deposits..	48.7	46.9	54.6	55.4	56.2	56.6
6 other centers.....do....	32.0	30.3	30.0	r30.1	31.3	p30.3
337 other reporting centers.....do....	22.5	22.4	23.3	r22.9	21.8	p22.5
Stocks:						
Cash dividend payments publicly reported:						
Total dividend payments.....mil. of dol..	1,670.7	762.3	793.5	345.5	1,682.8	728.1
Finance.....do....	107.7	133.4	172.6	107.2	106.4	130.8
Manufacturing.....do....	1,129.1	272.0	261.1	115.4	1,138.5	258.7
Mining.....do....	127.5	8.1	8.6	2.4	118.2	8.8
Public utilities:						
Communications.....do....	42.0	140.7	142.1	1.2	42.4	144.7
Electric and gas.....do....	119.0	107.2	85.3	83.7	141.3	95.0
Railroad.....do....	74.4	27.0	28.6	6.4	62.5	21.8
Trade.....do....	45.0	63.6	85.3	22.5	43.5	62.5

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