

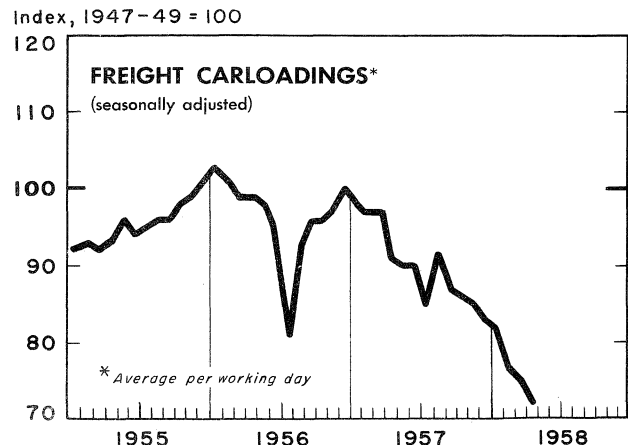
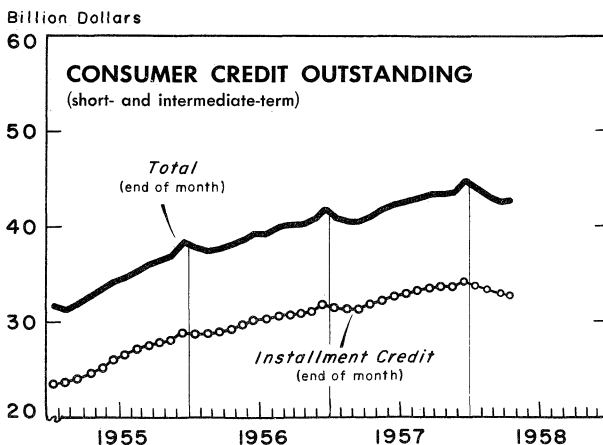
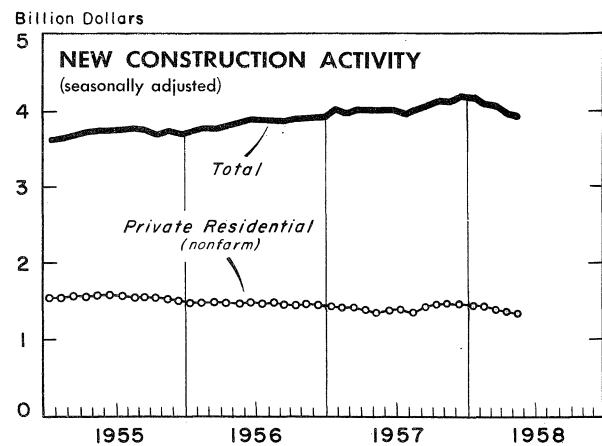
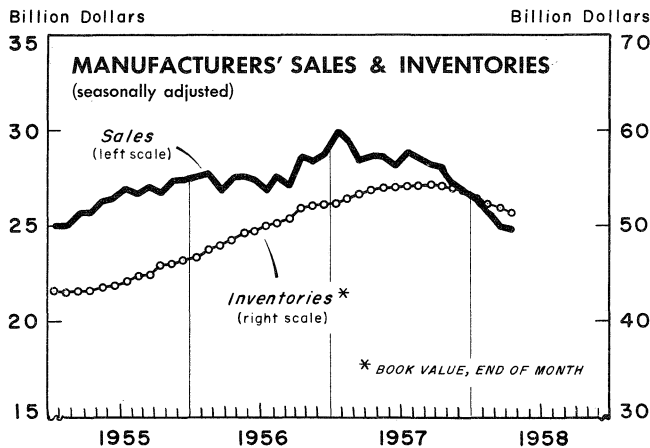
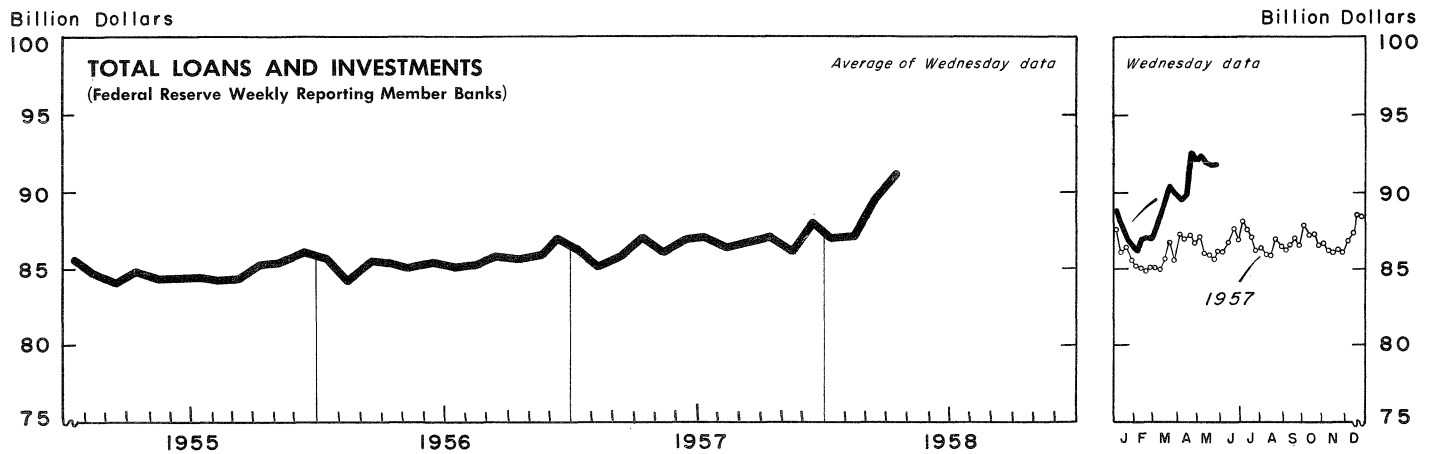


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SELECTED BUSINESS INDICATORS



WEEKLY BUSINESS STATISTICS¹

ITEM	1957		1958			
	May 25	June 1	May 10	May 17	May 24	May 31
Commodity prices, wholesale:						
All commodities.....1947-49=100..		*117.1	119.3	119.5	119.3	119.3
Farm products.....do.....		*89.5	97.7	98.6	97.3	97.4
Foods, processed.....do.....		*104.9	112.0	112.8	113.0	113.2
All other.....do.....		*125.2	125.4	125.4	125.2	125.2
22 commodities <u>2</u> /.....do.....	88.3	88.7	84.4	85.5	85.7	86.3
Department store sales <u>3</u> /.....do.....	124	117	138	126	128	.....
Insured unemployment, total.....thous..	1,357	1,399	3,314	3,231	.....	.....
State programs.....do.....	1,270	1,310	3,064	2,983	.....	.....
Failures, industrial and commercial.....number..	309	225	279	327	337	278
Finance:						
Currency in circulation <u>4</u> /.....mil. of dol..	30,645	30,660	30,659	30,812	30,822	30,813
Federal Reserve bank credit outstanding, total <u>4</u> /.....do....	25,070	24,833	24,763	24,854	25,016	24,994
Member bank reserve balances <u>4</u> /.....do.....	18,818	18,616	18,276	18,190	18,248	18,194
Excess reserves, estimated <u>4</u> /.....do.....	534	352	690	629	648	621
Federal Reserve reporting member banks in leading cities: <u>5</u>/						
Demand deposits, adjusted.....mil. of dol..	55,151	55,149	54,915	54,706	54,671	.....
Time deposits, except U. S. Government.....do.....	23,356	23,506	27,444	27,519	27,634	.....
Loans and investments (adjusted), total.....do.....	85,626	86,242	91,973	91,785	91,803	.....
U. S. Government obligations.....do.....	25,114	25,878	30,496	30,511	30,856	.....
Commercial, industrial, and agr. loans (gross).....do....	31,328	31,077	30,129	30,093	29,928	.....
Real-estate loans (gross).....do.....	8,664	8,661	8,757	8,774	8,800	.....
Bond yields, domestic corporate (Moody's) <u>4</u> /.....percent..	4.03	4.06	4.00	4.00	4.00	3.99
Stock prices, 500 stocks (Stand. & Poor's) <u>5</u> /.....1941-43=10..	47.14	47.11	43.93	43.12	43.55	43.85
Industrials, 425 stocks.....do.....	50.53	50.57	46.80	45.84	46.32	46.64
Production:						
Bituminous coal <u>4</u> /.....thous. of short tons..	1,579	1,606	1,042	1,212	1,262	.....
Electric power, by utilities.....mil. of kw.-hr..	11,574	10,936	11,315	11,257	11,316	.....
Passenger cars and trucks (Ward's).....number..	150,835	99,950	95,944	104,162	104,590	81,908
Petroleum (crude) and condensate <u>4</u> /.....thous. of bbl..	7,457	7,418	6,250	6,262	6,256	.....
Steel <u>6</u> /.....thous. of short tons..	2,212	2,252	1,334	1,412	1,523	1,567
Percent of capacity.....do.....	86.4	88.0	#49.4	#52.3	#56.4	#58.1
Freight car loadings, total.....thous. of cars..	723	672	535	561	571	.....
Miscellaneous.....do.....	343	318	288	297	297	.....

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 June 2, 1958: Production, 1,641 thous. short tons; operating rate, 60.8 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						
Manufacturers' sales:						
Value (unadjusted), total.....mil. of dol..	29,815	29,010	25,858	24,495	r25,780	25,031
Durable-goods industries, total <u>1</u> /.....do....	15,033	14,768	12,313	11,560	r12,161	11,852
Primary metal.....do.....	2,592	2,481	1,948	1,665	r1,770	1,742
Fabricated metal.....do.....	1,551	1,642	1,329	1,261	r1,334	1,340
Machinery (including electrical).....do.....	4,485	4,355	3,693	3,702	r3,982	3,875
Transportation equipment (incl. motor vehicles).....do....	3,590	3,489	3,066	2,807	r2,768	2,568
Lumber and furniture.....do.....	1,010	995	814	745	r786	770
Stone, clay, and glass.....do.....	740	728	545	490	r568	598
Nondurable-goods industries, total <u>1</u> /.....do....	14,782	14,242	13,545	12,935	r13,619	13,179
Food and beverage.....do.....	4,347	4,196	4,167	4,056	r4,312	4,243
Tobacco.....do.....	321	347	357	318	r356	359
Textile.....do.....	1,163	1,030	994	995	r1,015	974
Paper.....do.....	901	928	904	842	r912	879
Chemical.....do.....	2,055	2,005	1,888	1,712	r1,882	1,936
Petroleum and coal.....do.....	3,045	2,907	2,913	2,676	r2,649	2,457
Rubber.....do.....	495	500	444	384	412	.....
Value (adjusted), total.....do.....	28,426	28,679	26,350	25,542	r24,931	24,847
Durable-goods industries, total <u>1</u> /.....do....	14,198	14,254	12,646	12,038	r11,670	11,504
Primary metal.....do.....	2,389	2,357	1,952	1,733	r1,635	1,659
Fabricated metal.....do.....	1,514	1,625	1,402	1,354	r1,332	1,326
Machinery (including electrical).....do.....	4,158	4,242	3,847	3,726	r3,685	3,785
Transportation equipment (incl. motor vehicles).....do....	3,406	3,240	3,001	2,876	r2,708	2,402
Lumber and furniture.....do.....	952	989	846	799	r759	774
Stone, clay, and glass.....do.....	747	707	634	583	r586	586
Nondurable-goods industries, total <u>1</u> /.....do....	14,228	14,425	13,704	13,504	r13,261	13,343
Food and beverage.....do.....	4,333	4,322	4,412	4,363	r4,333	4,363
Tobacco.....do.....	349	358	384	361	r387	370
Textile.....do.....	1,144	1,073	989	1,001	999	1,025
Paper.....do.....	858	919	886	877	r885	870
Chemical.....do.....	1,908	1,894	1,836	1,783	r1,745	1,826
Petroleum and coal.....do.....	2,928	3,028	2,774	2,759	r2,597	2,559
Rubber.....do.....	476	490	448	413	396	.....

¹/ Revised. ¹/ Includes data for "other industries" not shown. CORRECTION: See note c/ on p. 4.

ITEM	1957		1958			
	March	April	January	February	March	April
GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS - Continued						
Manufacturers' inventories, end of month:						
Book value (unadjusted), total.....mil. of dol..	53,670	53,827	53,298	52,829	r52,318	51,633
Durable-goods industries, total <u>1/</u>.....do....	31,512	31,778	30,770	30,494	r30,163	29,689
Primary metal.....do....	4,018	3,962	4,384	4,303	r4,246	4,175
Fabricated metal.....do....	3,242	3,286	2,989	2,980	r2,947	2,931
Machinery (including electrical).....do....	10,614	10,662	10,188	10,169	r10,054	9,907
Transportation equipment (incl. motor vehicles).....do....	7,951	8,124	7,669	7,414	r7,226	6,975
Lumber and furniture.....do....	1,945	1,922	1,801	1,826	r1,824	1,826
Stone, clay, and glass.....do....	1,233	1,257	1,262	1,299	r1,295	1,286
By stages of fabrication:						
Purchased materials.....bil. of dol..	8.5	8.3	8.3	8.2	r7.9	7.8
Goods in process.....do....	13.3	13.6	12.5	12.3	r12.1	11.8
Finished goods.....do....	9.7	9.8	10.0	10.1	r10.1	10.1
Nondurable-goods industries, total <u>1/</u>.....mil. of dol..	22,158	22,049	22,528	22,335	r22,155	21,944
Food and beverage.....do....	4,754	4,622	4,786	4,694	r4,574	4,505
Tobacco.....do....	2,105	2,075	2,027	2,007	r1,960	1,911
Textile.....do....	2,748	2,698	2,667	2,679	r2,682	2,668
Paper.....do....	1,455	1,453	1,443	1,468	r1,483	1,488
Chemical.....do....	3,725	3,750	3,886	3,911	r3,929	3,852
Petroleum and coal.....do....	3,157	3,202	3,543	3,436	r3,405	3,389
Rubber.....do....	1,071	1,062	1,111	1,109	r1,112	.....
By stages of fabrication:						
Purchased materials.....bil. of dol..	8.9	8.8	9.1	9.0	r9.0	8.8
Goods in process.....do....	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0	r3.0	2.9
Finished goods.....do....	10.2	10.3	10.5	10.3	r10.2	10.2
Book value (adjusted), total.....mil. of dol..	53,334	53,663	52,911	52,445	r52,009	51,527
Durable-goods industries, total <u>1/</u>.....do....	31,185	31,462	30,625	30,266	r29,864	29,429
Primary metal.....do....	4,102	4,114	4,273	4,297	r4,342	4,352
Fabricated metal.....do....	3,210	3,222	3,081	3,041	r2,918	2,874
Machinery (including electrical).....do....	10,478	10,509	10,222	10,101	r9,920	9,764
Transportation equipment (incl. motor vehicles).....do....	7,825	8,016	7,529	7,285	r7,113	6,882
Lumber and furniture.....do....	1,914	1,890	1,772	1,803	r1,794	1,795
Stone, clay, and glass.....do....	1,174	1,209	1,237	1,249	r1,233	1,237
By stages of fabrication:						
Purchased materials.....bil. of dol..	8.7	8.6	8.3	8.3	r8.1	8.0
Goods in process.....do....	13.0	13.4	12.4	12.1	r11.9	11.7
Finished goods.....do....	9.4	9.4	9.9	9.9	r9.8	9.7
Nondurable-goods industries, total <u>1/</u>.....mil. of dol..	22,149	22,201	22,286	22,179	r22,145	22,098
Food and beverage.....do....	4,872	4,876	4,627	4,660	r4,685	4,755
Tobacco.....do....	2,024	2,054	1,912	1,911	r1,885	1,892
Textile.....do....	2,692	2,628	2,694	2,638	r2,627	2,600
Paper.....do....	1,426	1,439	1,443	1,453	r1,454	1,473
Chemical.....do....	3,676	3,730	3,824	3,848	r3,877	3,832
Petroleum and coal.....do....	3,255	3,267	3,615	3,542	r3,510	3,458
Rubber.....do....	1,030	1,031	1,100	1,087	r1,069	.....
By stages of fabrication:						
Purchased materials.....bil. of dol..	8.7	8.7	8.8	8.8	r8.8	8.7
Goods in process.....do....	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0	r2.9	2.9
Finished goods.....do....	10.4	10.6	10.5	10.4	r10.4	10.5
Manufacturers' orders:						
New orders, net (unadjusted), total.....mil. of dol..	29,291	27,673	24,264	23,228	r25,448	23,875
Durable-goods industries, total <u>1/</u>.....do....	14,611	13,349	10,749	10,369	r11,848	10,670
Primary metal.....do....	2,597	2,103	1,619	1,461	r1,547	1,446
Fabricated metal.....do....	1,538	1,500	1,189	1,117	r1,234	1,302
Machinery (including electrical).....do....	4,450	4,091	3,276	3,547	r3,761	3,676
Transportation equipment (incl. motor vehicles).....do....	3,181	2,936	2,448	2,141	r3,065	1,936
Nondurable-goods industries, total.....do....	14,680	14,324	13,515	12,859	r13,600	13,205
New orders, net (adjusted), total.....do....	28,066	27,940	24,369	r24,110	r24,758	24,175
Durable-goods industries, total <u>1/</u>.....do....	13,853	13,234	10,704	r10,688	r11,488	10,640
Primary metal.....do....	2,330	2,197	1,556	1,369	r1,371	1,532
Fabricated metal.....do....	1,398	1,500	1,239	1,176	r1,175	1,276
Machinery (including electrical).....do....	4,205	3,850	3,336	3,545	r3,511	3,551
Transportation equipment (incl. motor vehicles).....do....	3,236	2,968	2,356	r2,361	r3,517	1,971
Nondurable-goods industries, total.....do....	14,213	14,706	13,665	13,422	r13,270	13,535
Unfilled orders, end of month (unadjusted), total.....do....	63,194	61,857	49,103	47,836	r47,504	46,348
Durable-goods industries, total <u>1/</u>.....do....	60,341	58,922	46,563	45,372	r45,059	43,877
Primary metal.....do....	7,149	6,771	4,467	4,263	r4,040	3,744
Fabricated metal.....do....	4,497	4,355	3,343	3,199	r3,099	3,061
Machinery (including electrical).....do....	20,195	19,931	16,703	16,548	r16,327	16,128
Transportation equipment (incl. motor vehicles).....do....	23,506	22,953	18,132	17,466	r17,763	17,131
Nondurable-goods industries, total.....do....	2,853	2,935	2,540	2,464	r2,445	2,471
Industrial and commercial failures:						
Failures, total.....number..	1,336	1,175	1,279	1,238	1,495	1,458
Commercial service.....do....	99	118	78	79	121	116
Construction.....do....	205	172	176	177	202	209
Manufacturing and mining.....do....	239	190	219	208	281	257
Retail trade.....do....	672	580	676	662	750	737
Wholesale trade.....do....	121	115	130	112	141	139
Liabilities (current), total.....thous. of dol..	55,833	57,103	64,442	65,295	71,555	83,977
Commercial service.....do....	3,833	3,878	3,364	3,309	4,470	13,497
Construction.....do....	10,424	9,090	9,868	8,747	11,921	9,612
Manufacturing and mining.....do....	17,760	16,286	24,917	24,331	23,311	29,538
Retail trade.....do....	17,816	15,994	20,788	23,038	23,531	23,657
Wholesale trade.....do....	6,000	11,855	5,505	5,870	8,322	7,673

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MONTHLY BUSINESS STATISTICS—Continued

ITEM	1957		1958			
	March	April	January	February	March	April
FINANCE						
Consumer credit (short- and intermediate-term):						
Total outstanding, end of month.....mil. of dol..	40,735	41,247	43,966	43,043	42,562	42,665
Installment credit, total.....do.....	31,524	31,786	33,737	33,302	32,983	32,932
Installment credit extended and repaid:						
Unadjusted: Extended, total.....do.....	3,347	3,594	3,108	2,754	3,164	3,345
Repaid, total.....do.....	3,311	3,332	3,476	3,189	3,483	3,396
Adjusted: Extended, total.....do.....	3,426	3,470	3,504	3,235	3,193	3,278
Repaid, total.....do.....	3,255	3,284	3,421	3,401	3,373	3,401
TRANSPORTATION EQUIPMENT						
Manufacturers of complete aircraft:						
Aircraft, engines, propellers, parts, etc.:						
Orders, new (net), quarterly total.....mil. of dol..	2,115	*3,222	.....	.....	c2,651	.....
Sales (net), quarterly total.....do.....	2,670	*3,133	.....	.....	c2,858	.....
Backlog of orders, total, end of quarter.....do.....	17,795	*r14,531	.....	.....	14,324	.....
For U. S. military customers.....do.....	11,801	*r8,942	.....	.....	8,689	.....
CONSTRUCTION AND REAL ESTATE						
	April	May	February	March	April	May
New construction (unadjusted), total <u>1</u> /.....mil. of dol..	r3,748	r4,127	r3,153	r3,400	r3,703	4,066
Private, total.....do.....	r2,658	r2,882	r2,301	r2,442	r2,583	2,770
Residential (nonfarm).....do.....	r1,326	r1,426	r1,083	r1,177	r1,288	1,403
New dwelling units.....do.....	r965	r1,020	r815	r890	r945	1,000
Additions and alterations.....do.....	327	r379	219	r239	r295	352
Nonresidential buildings, total.....do.....	r748	r783	r705	r689	r677	698
Industrial.....do.....	r306	r306	r252	r235	r218	204
Commercial.....do.....	r262	r286	r258	r262	r263	285
Farm construction.....do.....	126	146	105	114	127	147
Public utilities.....do.....	r441	r497	r397	r450	r478	505
Public, total.....do.....	r1,090	r1,245	r852	r958	r1,120	1,296
Nonresidential buildings.....do.....	r376	r382	308	r347	r370	379
Military facilities.....do.....	r94	r108	r73	r77	r80	88
Highway.....do.....	r360	r470	r240	r265	r375	515
New construction (seasonally adjusted), total <u>1</u> /.....do.....	r4,006	r4,003	r4,079	r4,053	r3,960	3,940
Private, total.....do.....	r2,811	r2,824	r2,834	r2,792	r2,734	2,714
Residential (nonfarm).....do.....	r1,388	r1,360	r1,441	r1,397	r1,350	1,331
Nonresidential buildings, total.....do.....	r806	r820	r748	r742	r733	733
Industrial.....do.....	r312	r315	r252	r240	r222	210
Commercial.....do.....	r294	r303	r281	r288	r294	302
Farm construction.....do.....	133	133	135	134	134	134
Public utility.....do.....	r465	r493	r497	r505	r503	500
Public, total.....do.....	r1,195	r1,179	r1,245	r1,261	r1,226	1,226
Nonresidential buildings.....do.....	r382	r371	355	r370	r376	369
Military facilities.....do.....	r103	r110	r96	r95	r88	90
Highway.....do.....	r444	r423	r500	r500	r463	464
Construction cost index:						
Department of Commerce, composite.....1947-49=100..	r136	r137	137	137	138	.....

1/ Revised. * Data for 4th quarter 1957. c/ Corrected (wool consumption figures incorrectly printed as aircraft orders and sales on p. S-40 of May 1958 SURVEY). 1/ Revised beginning January 1957; revisions for months not shown will be published later.
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