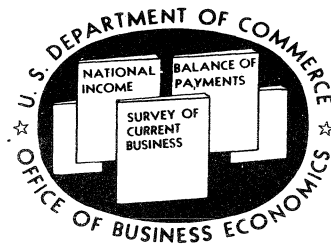


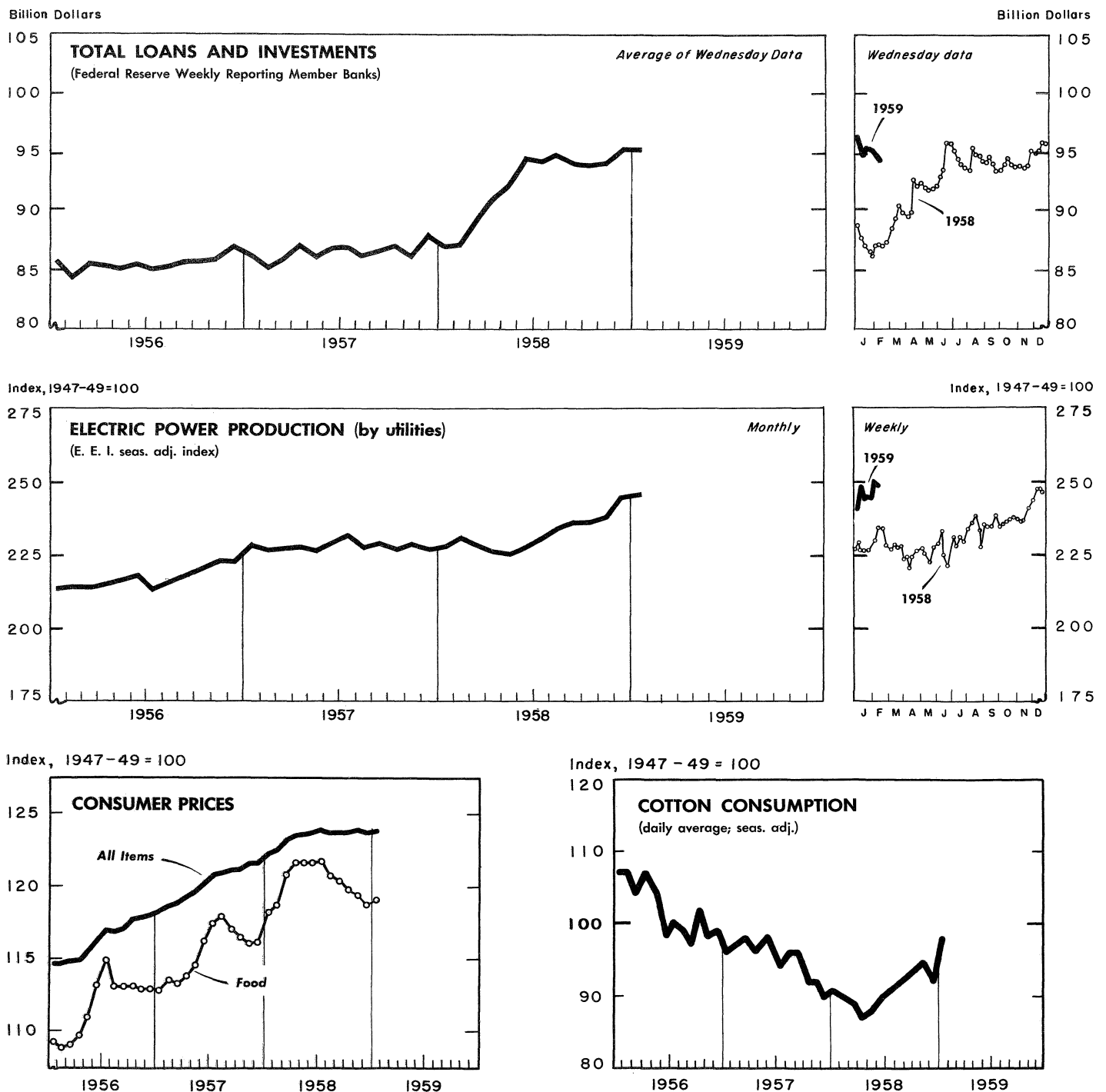
BUSINESS STATISTICS



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SELECTED BUSINESS INDICATORS



WEEKLY BUSINESS STATISTICS¹

ITEM	1958		1959			
	Feb. 15	Feb. 22	Jan. 31	Feb. 7	Feb. 14	Feb. 21
Commodity prices, wholesale:						
All commodities.....1947-49=100..		*119.0		119.3	119.4	119.4
Farm products.....do....		*96.1		90.8	91.1	91.0
Foods, processed.....do....		*109.9		108.3	107.9	107.8
All other.....do....		*125.7		127.5	127.6	127.6
22 commodities 2/.....do....	85.9	86.2	84.7	84.6	84.7	84.2
Department store sales.....do....	103	88	106	108	111	.....
Insured unemployment, total.....thous..	3,338	3,487	**3,013	**2,949	.....	.....
State and UCFE programs.....do....	3,130	3,268	2,453	2,407	.....	.....
Failures, industrial and commercial.....number..	319	317	322	271	292	.....
Finance:						
Currency in circulation 3/.....mil. of dol..	30,675	30,642	31,150	31,121	31,193	31,205
Federal Reserve bank credit outstanding, total 3/.....do....	24,543	24,830	27,094	27,092	27,136	27,112
Member bank reserve balances 3/.....do....	19,054	19,122	18,817	18,749	18,742	18,562
Excess reserves, estimated 3/.....do....	571	695	375	353	496	382
Reporting member banks (of F.R.System) in leading cities:4/						
Demand deposits, adjusted.....mil. of dol..	55,548	54,882	58,620	57,540	57,510	.....
Time deposits, except U. S. Government.....do....	25,433	25,604	28,320	28,310	28,168	.....
Loans and investments (adjusted), total.....do....	87,156	87,027	95,179	94,863	94,294	.....
U. S. Government obligations.....do....	26,313	26,452	32,126	31,954	31,555	.....
Commercial, industrial, and agr. loans (gross).....do....	30,249	30,370	30,275	30,154	30,156	.....
Real-estate loans (gross).....do....	8,738	8,737	9,665	9,685	9,719	.....
Bond yields, domestic corporate (Moody's) 3/.....percent..	4.01	4.00	4.44	4.44	4.44	4.42
Stock prices, 500 stocks (Stand. & Poor's) 4/..1941-43=10..	40.93	41.15	55.16	55.21	54.35	54.50
Industrials, 425 stocks.....do....	43.66	43.88	58.84	58.70	57.86	57.97
Production:						
Bituminous coal 3/.....thous. of short tons..	1,328	1,132	1,431	1,403	1,374	.....
Electric power, by utilities.....mil. of kw.-hr..	12,417	12,338	13,151	13,292	13,156	.....
Motor vehicles (cars, trucks, coaches).....number..	120,574	107,687	144,787	139,549	140,546	146,726
Petroleum (crude) and condensate 3/.....thous. of bbl..	6,852	6,808	7,107	7,213	7,155	.....
Steel 5/.....thous. of short tons..	1,445	1,373	2,178	2,288	2,371	2,449
Percent of capacity.....do....	#53.5	#50.9	76.9	80.8	83.7	86.5
Freight carloadings, total.....thous. of cars..	533	492	583	565	567	.....
Miscellaneous.....do....	266	250	299	293	294	.....

1/ Data do not always cover calendar weeks. 2/ Tuesday prices. 3/ Daily average. 4/ Wednesday data. 5/ Week beginning February 23, 1959; Production, 2,481 thous. short tons; operating rate, 87.6 percent. * Monthly index for February 1958. ** Includes persons reported under temporary programs (TUC) and under Ex-Servicemen's Unemployment Compensation Act of 1958 (UCX). # Based on January 1, 1958, annual capacity (140,742,570 tons); not comparable with 1959 rates which are based on January 1, 1959, annual capacity (147,633,670 tons).

MONTHLY BUSINESS STATISTICS

ITEM	1957	1958				1959
	December	January	October	November	December	January
GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS						
Farm income and marketings:						
Cash receipts from farming, including Government payments, total.....mil. of dol..	2,850	2,753	r4,052	3,544	3,087	.....
Farm marketings and CCC loans, total.....do....	2,801	2,708	r3,935	3,478	3,034	.....
Crops.....do....	1,312	1,171	r2,083	1,832	1,516	.....
Livestock and products, total.....do....	1,489	1,537	r1,852	1,646	1,518	.....
Dairy products.....do....	374	377	r360	364	363	.....
Meat animals.....do....	812	886	r1,173	958	881	.....
Poultry and eggs.....do....	288	246	r304	310	260	.....
Indexes of cash receipts from marketings and CCC loans, unadjusted:						
All commodities.....1947-49=100..	115	111	r162	143	125	.....
Crops.....do....	122	109	r194	171	141	.....
Livestock and products.....do....	109	113	r136	121	111	.....
Indexes of volume of farm marketings, unadjusted:						
All commodities.....do....	127	126	178	156	139	.....
Crops.....do....	133	131	218	191	155	.....
Livestock and products.....do....	123	122	148	129	126	.....
Industrial and commercial failures:						
Failures, total.....number..	1,080	1,279	1,271	1,121	1,082	1,273
Commercial service.....do....	88	78	99	97	88	96
Construction.....do....	174	176	176	176	176	188
Manufacturing and mining.....do....	208	219	215	190	185	215
Retail trade.....do....	514	676	657	550	515	642
Wholesale trade.....do....	96	130	124	108	118	132
Liabilities (current), total.....thous. of dol..	45,325	64,442	47,268	56,718	57,069	73,564
Commercial service.....do....	3,072	3,364	5,306	5,881	3,590	6,559
Construction.....do....	5,713	9,868	6,771	9,483	10,058	8,274
Manufacturing and mining.....do....	14,985	24,917	12,141	19,496	18,411	17,062
Retail trade.....do....	16,028	20,788	16,103	16,549	14,397	33,197
Wholesale trade.....do....	5,527	5,505	6,947	5,309	10,613	8,472

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COMMODITY PRICES						
Consumer price index:						
All items.....1947-49=100..	121.6	122.3	123.7	123.9	123.7	*123.8
Apparel.....do....	107.6	106.9	107.3	107.7	107.5	106.7
Food.....do....	116.1	118.2	119.7	119.4	118.7	119.0
Dairy products.....do....	114.6	114.6	114.5	114.5	114.3	114.1
Fruits and vegetables.....do....	113.9	121.9	121.0	121.1	120.1	121.7
Meats, poultry, and fish.....do....	106.0	110.2	114.6	113.5	113.0	113.8
Housing.....do....	127.0	127.1	127.9	128.0	128.2	128.2
Gas and electricity.....do....	114.3	115.7	118.1	118.1	118.2	118.2
Housefurnishings.....do....	104.9	104.2	103.4	103.5	103.6	103.2
Rent.....do....	136.7	136.8	138.3	138.4	138.7	138.8
Medical care.....do....	140.8	141.7	146.7	147.0	147.3	147.6
Personal care.....do....	127.0	127.8	128.8	129.1	129.0	129.4
Reading and recreation.....do....	114.6	116.6	116.6	117.0	116.9	117.0
Transportation.....do....	138.9	138.7	142.7	144.5	144.3	144.1
Private.....do....	128.6	128.4	131.8	133.6	133.3	133.1
Public.....do....	182.4	182.4	190.4	191.1	191.8	191.8
Other goods and services.....do....	126.8	127.0	127.2	127.3	127.3	127.3
Purchasing power of the dollar as measured by--						
Wholesale prices.....do....	84.4	84.1	84.0	83.9	83.9	**83.7
Consumer prices.....do....	82.2	81.8	80.8	80.7	80.8	**80.8
FINANCE						
Federal Government finance:						
Receipts, total.....mil. of dol..	6,611	5,243	3,446	5,979	6,848	4,956
Receipts, net.....do....	5,956	4,786	2,769	4,962	6,180	4,528
Customs.....do....	63	69	82	72	78	76
Individual income taxes.....do....	2,477	3,034	1,387	3,735	2,512	2,944
Corporation income and profits taxes.....do....	2,277	486	374	319	2,419	424
Employment taxes.....do....	432	385	386	816	441	321
Other internal revenue and receipts.....do....	1,363	1,270	1,217	1,038	1,397	1,192
Expenditures.....do....	5,809	6,011	7,144	6,237	7,080	6,776
Interest on public debt.....do....	674	693	600	607	647	675
All other expenditures.....do....	5,136	5,318	6,544	5,629	6,433	6,101
Life Insurance (Institute of Life Insurance):						
Payments to policyholders and beneficiaries, estimated						
total.....mil. of dol..	681.2	652.5	594.0	536.6	746.2	.....
Death benefits.....do....	255.4	258.1	244.4	214.8	264.5	.....
Matured endowments.....do....	67.2	67.7	60.4	65.4	88.8	.....
Disability payments.....do....	8.8	11.4	10.2	9.2	10.0	.....
Annuity payments.....do....	40.3	67.1	53.6	46.5	47.2	.....
Surrender values.....do....	119.1	119.3	120.2	103.7	135.8	.....
Policy dividends.....do....	190.4	128.9	105.2	97.0	199.9	.....
CHEMICALS AND ALLIED PRODUCTS						
Organic chemicals, production:						
Acetic acid (synthetic and natural).....thous. of lb..	48,829	47,517	54,087	57,309	.....	.....
Acetic anhydride.....do....	86,675	80,808	89,683	79,908	92,145	.....
Acetylsalicylic acid (aspirin).....do....	2,034	2,144	1,990	1,745	1,530	.....
Creosote oil.....thous. of gal..	9,729	8,506	11,152	8,620	9,081	.....
DDT.....thous. of lb..	8,870	10,451	12,745	12,387	13,041	.....
Ethyl acetate (85%).....do....	9,074	6,281	8,681	9,121	7,189	.....
Ethylene glycol.....do....	103,997	106,806	99,042	85,493	90,277	.....
Formaldehyde (37% HCHO).....do....	104,466	111,467	148,011	135,867	128,716	.....
Methanol:						
Natural (100%).....thous. of gal..	148	165	135	113	.....	.....
Synthetic (100%).....do....	19,588	18,197	21,698	21,295	22,179	.....
Phthalic anhydride.....thous. of lb..	31,913	25,436	27,570	28,844	29,571	.....
Synthetic plastics and resin materials, production:						
Cellulose acetate and mixed ester plastics:						
Sheets, rods, and tubes.....thous. of lb..	3,885	3,564	#3,717	#3,475	#4,238	.....
Molding and extrusion materials.....do....	7,778	6,138	#10,035	#8,542	#8,432	.....
Other cellulose plastics.....do....	259	874	#	#	#	.....
Nitrocellulose sheets, rods, and tubes.....do....	360	348	271	227	161	.....
Phenolic and other tar acid resins.....do....	34,379	38,813	46,205	43,786	44,295	.....
Polystyrene.....do....	45,903	41,701	58,823	62,560	61,003	.....
Urea and melamine resins.....do....	23,094	25,630	30,108	27,692	26,503	.....
Vinyl resins.....do....	66,458	68,977	88,551	85,649	81,563	.....
Alkyd resins.....do....	24,059	27,927	32,558	26,262	26,901	.....
Rosin modifications.....do....	7,590	10,340	11,327	10,382	10,145	.....
Polyester resins.....do....	6,546	7,533	12,433	9,246	10,842	.....
Polyethylene resins.....do....	68,510	69,522	79,309	78,666	83,692	.....
METALS AND MANUFACTURES						
Aluminum shipments:						
Mill products and pig and ingot (net).....mil. of lb..	r290.2	269.8	347.4	r302.4	332.3	.....
Mill products, total.....do....	r177.7	193.7	254.0	r216.2	236.0	.....
Plate and sheet.....do....	90.0	102.0	130.4	r114.5	121.7	.....
Castings.....do....	53.1	57.8	55.7	55.8	59.5	.....
Foundry equipment (new), new orders, net						
mo. avg. shipments, 1947-49=100..	61.4	57.9	118.9	83.3	137.0	

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ITEM	1957	1958				1959
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PAPER AND PRINTING						
Newsprint, Canada (including Newfoundland):						
Production.....thous. of short tons..	435.3	498.3	544.1	518.1	476.2	491.1
Shipments from mills.....do....	471.4	474.8	555.1	527.7	494.3	465.9
Stocks at mills, end of month.....do....	132.5	155.9	212.3	202.7	184.7	209.9
Newsprint, United States:						
Production.....do....	138.7	157.0	154.8	152.6	144.7	165.7
Shipments from mills.....do....	135.1	158.8	158.7	150.6	148.8	155.1
Stocks at mills, end of month.....do....	19.3	17.6	18.6	20.6	16.5	27.1
Consumption by publishers.....do....	436.3	385.9	470.0	465.2	394.3	394.9
Stocks at and in transit to publishers, end of month.....do....	675.0	710.1	655.3	632.8	651.7	651.8
TEXTILE PRODUCTS						
Cotton: 1/						
Consumption.....bales..	569,873	797,774	833,366	672,838	727,410	687,360
Manufactures:						
Spindle activity (cotton system spindles):						
Active spindles, last working day.....thousands..	19,727	r19,601	19,279	19,269	19,276	19,283
Consuming 100 percent cotton.....do....	18,144	17,950	17,650	17,611	17,616	17,636
Spindle hours operated, all fibers, total..mil. of hr..	7,960	r11,055	11,447	9,180	10,427	9,352
Average per working day.....do....	398	r442	458	459	417	468
Consuming 100 percent cotton.....do....	7,309	10,199	10,496	8,389	9,453	8,552
TRANSPORTATION EQUIPMENT						
Motor vehicles:						
Factory sales, total.....number..	642,856	558,533	r342,324	r605,334	709,078	.....
Coaches, total.....do....	287	327	149	167	208	.....
Domestic.....do....	253	295	149	124	165	.....
Passenger cars, total.....do....	555,242	478,416	272,241	511,885	608,730	.....
Domestic.....do....	536,369	462,674	263,491	497,218	594,188	.....
Trucks, total.....do....	87,327	79,790	r69,934	r93,282	100,140	.....
Domestic.....do....	72,030	64,020	r55,865	r79,618	82,688	.....
Truck trailers, production, total.....do....	3,780	3,567	4,982	4,412	5,051	.....
Complete trailers.....do....	3,460	3,282	4,720	4,154	4,782	.....
Vans.....do....	1,891	1,774	2,816	2,430	2,871	.....
Railway equipment, American Railway Car Institute:						
Freight cars:						
Shipments, total.....number..	6,507	7,371	1,811	2,256	2,763	1,972
Equipment manufacturers, total.....do....	3,802	4,988	759	1,319	1,584	1,014
Domestic.....do....	3,469	4,836	606	905	1,442	982
Railroad and private-line shops, domestic.....do....	2,705	2,383	1,052	937	1,179	958
New orders, total.....do....	3,467	401	666	6,525	r3,706	4,328
Equipment manufacturers, total.....do....	3,088	375	606	4,628	r2,004	1,390
Domestic.....do....	3,064	375	606	4,398	r2,004	1,069
Railroad and private-line shops, domestic.....do....	379	26	60	1,897	r1,702	2,938
Unfilled orders, end of month.....do....	56,676	49,370	24,059	28,167	27,659	29,822
Equipment manufacturers, total.....do....	24,496	19,797	4,648	7,996	8,467	8,800
Domestic.....do....	23,761	19,214	4,259	7,791	8,404	8,448
Railroad and private-line shops, domestic.....do....	32,180	29,573	19,411	20,171	19,192	21,022
Passenger cars (equipment manufacturers):						
Shipments, total.....do....	37	39	10	4	8	0
Domestic.....do....	37	39	10	4	2	0
Unfilled orders, end of month, total.....do....	97	80	43	44	36	36
Domestic.....do....	97	80	37	38	36	36

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