

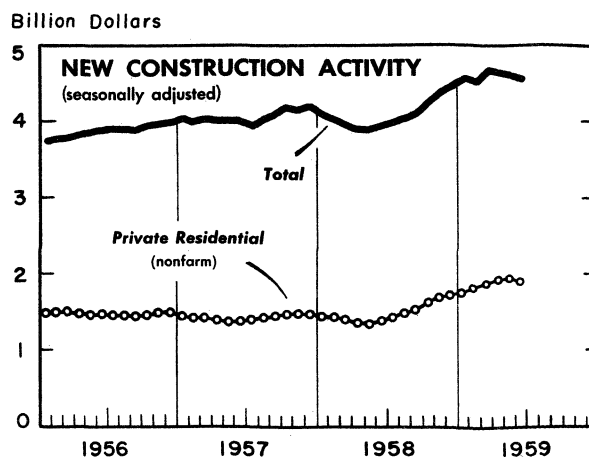
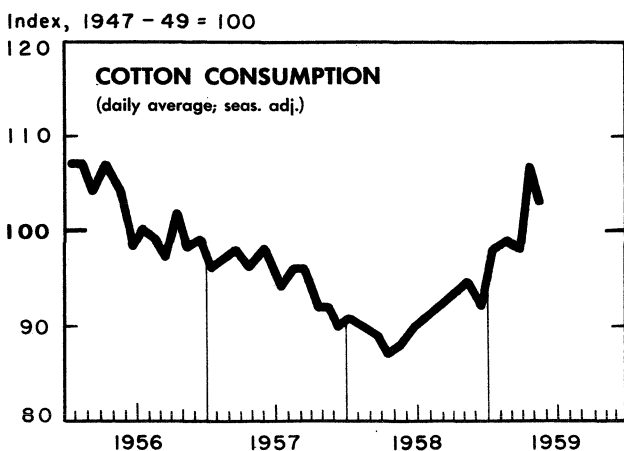
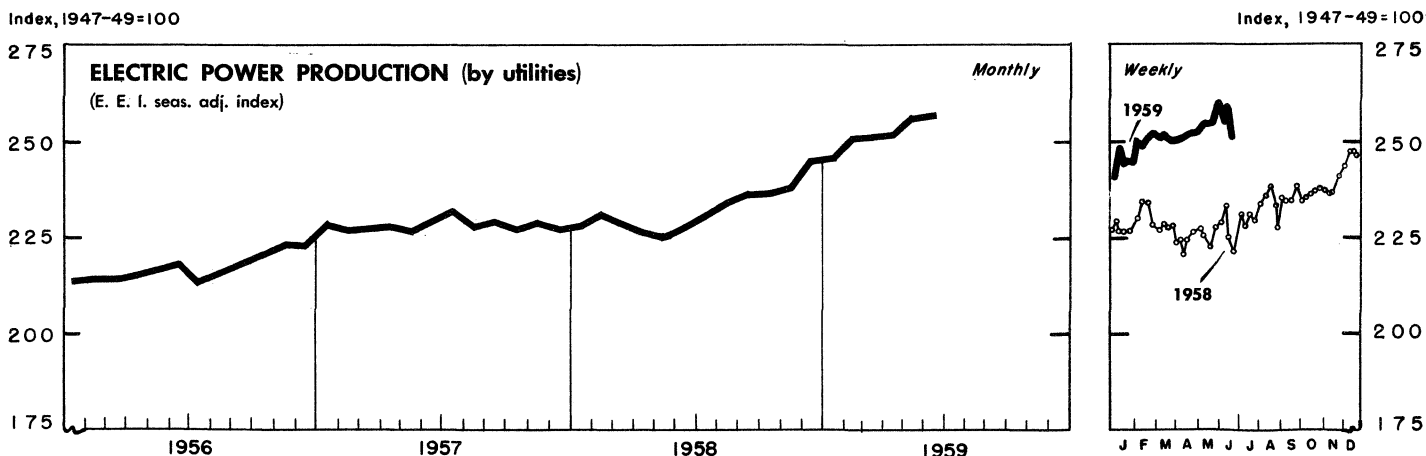
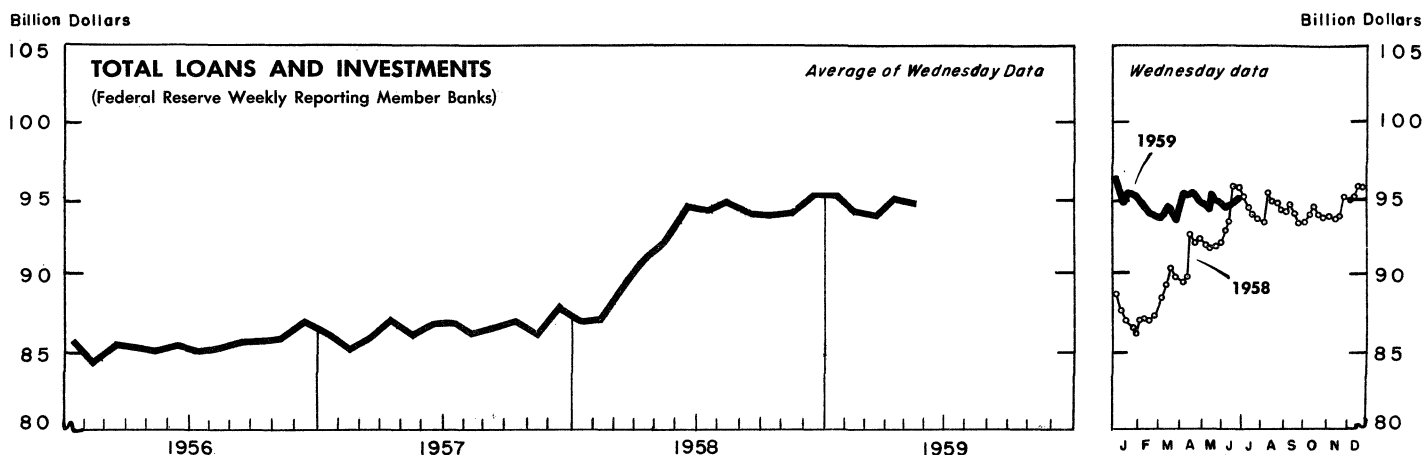


BUSINESS STATISTICS

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SELECTED BUSINESS INDICATORS



WEEKLY BUSINESS STATISTICS¹

ITEM	1958		1959			
	June 21	June 28	June 6	June 13	June 20	June 27
Commodity prices, wholesale:						
All commodities.....1947-49=100..		*119.2		119.4	119.4	119.6
Farm products.....do.....		*95.6		90.6	90.0	90.7
Foods, processed.....do.....		*113.5		107.1	107.8	107.9
All other.....do.....		*125.3		127.9	127.9	127.9
22 commodities 2/.....do.....	85.4	86.1	88.1	88.1	88.2	87.6
Department store sales.....do.....	117	110	150	141	143	.....
Insured unemployment, total.....thous..	2,786	**2,880	**1,541	**1,502	.....	.....
State and UCFE programs.....do.....	2,611	2,552	1,366	1,338	.....	.....
Failures, industrial and commercial.....number..	290	335	314	295	267	256
Finance:						
Currency in circulation 3/.....mil. of dol..	31,070	30,975	31,641	31,803	31,877	31,814
Federal Reserve bank credit outstanding, total 3/.....do....	25,939	26,170	27,650	27,736	27,994	28,147
Member bank reserve balances 3/.....do.....	18,619	18,983	18,324	18,314	18,537	18,627
Excess reserves, estimated 3/.....do.....	635	669	326	429	473	497
Reporting member banks (of F.R.System) in leading cities:4/						
Demand deposits, adjusted.....mil. of dol..	57,434	55,266	56,054	57,387	57,184	.....
Time deposits, except U. S. Government.....do....	28,067	28,259	28,600	28,581	28,561	.....
Loans and investments (adjusted), total.....do....	95,988	95,833	94,452	94,700	95,229	.....
U. S. Government obligations.....do.....	32,399	32,615	28,538	28,453	28,072	.....
Commercial, industrial, and agr. loans (gross).....do....	30,297	30,280	31,614	31,856	32,642	.....
Real-estate loans (gross).....do.....	8,870	8,891	10,099	10,148	10,207	.....
Bond yields, domestic corporate (Moody's) 3/.....percent..	3.96	3.98	4.68	4.69	4.70	4.70
Stock prices, 500 stocks (Stand. & Poor's) 4/.....1941-43=10..	45.16	44.63	58.25	57.19	57.09	57.41
Industrials, 425 stocks.....do.....	48.09	47.46	62.60	61.50	61.40	61.64
Production:						
Bituminous coal 3/.....thous. of short tons..	1,479	1,616	1,417	1,518	1,543	.....
Electric power, by utilities.....mil. of kw.-hr..	11,941	11,757	13,023	13,503	13,331	.....
Motor vehicles (cars, trucks, coaches).....number..	101,588	109,209	152,681	155,120	156,968	157,451
Petroleum (crude) and condensate 3/.....thous. of bbl..	6,345	6,332	7,032	7,010	7,017	.....
Steel 5/.....thous. of short tons..	1,751	1,666	2,653	2,604	2,620	2,486
Percent of capacity.....do.....	#64.9	#61.7	93.7	92.0	92.5	87.8
Freight car loadings, total.....thous. of cars..	628	627	683	709	724	.....
Miscellaneous.....do.....	301	296	343	353	354	.....

1/ Data do not always cover calendar weeks. 2/ Tuesday prices. 3/ Daily average. 4/ Wednesday data. 5/ Week beginning June 29, 1959: Production, 2,405 thous. short tons; operating rate, 84.9 percent. *Monthly index for June 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	1958		1959			
	May	June	March	April	May	June
CONSTRUCTION AND REAL ESTATE						
New construction (unadjusted), total 1/.....mil. of dol..	r3,991	r4,343	r3,841	r4,252	r4,645	4,979
Private, total.....do.....	r2,728	r2,934	r2,722	r2,978	r3,239	3,466
Residential (nonfarm).....do.....	r1,420	r1,558	r1,562	r1,779	r1,933	2,052
New dwelling units.....do.....	r1,013	r1,123	r1,230	r1,350	r1,425	1,510
Additions and alterations.....do.....	355	382	r276	r372	r447	477
Nonresidential buildings, total 2/.....do.....	r695	r732	r625	r627	r687	762
Industrial.....do.....	r200	r187	r154	r150	154	161
Commercial.....do.....	r287	r318	r270	r276	320	364
Farm construction.....do.....	r143	r156	r124	r137	r158	175
Public utility.....do.....	r453	r469	r398	r422	r446	460
Public, total.....do.....	r1,263	r1,409	r1,119	r1,274	r1,406	1,513
Nonresidential buildings.....do.....	r387	411	r367	r385	r386	406
Military facilities.....do.....	r107	r126	r100	r112	r125	135
Highway.....do.....	r448	r536	r320	r415	r505	575
New construction (seasonally adjusted), total 1/.....do....	r3,930	r3,956	r4,654	r4,631	r4,612	4,544
Private, total.....do.....	r2,714	r2,729	r3,166	r3,220	r3,244	3,228
Residential (nonfarm).....do.....	r1,406	r1,423	r1,867	r1,931	r1,939	1,893
Nonresidential buildings, total 2/.....do.....	r723	r718	r685	r688	r716	742
Industrial.....do.....	r208	195	r156	r153	r157	163
Commercial.....do.....	r298	r303	r305	r311	r334	344
Farm construction.....do.....	r130	r130	r146	r144	r143	146
Public utility.....do.....	r440	r443	r452	r443	r433	433
Public, total.....do.....	r1,216	r1,227	r1,488	r1,411	r1,358	1,316
Nonresidential buildings.....do.....	r383	r383	r395	r388	r283	380
Military facilities.....do.....	r107	r111	r133	r135	r125	118
Highway.....do.....	r416	r420	r582	r512	r472	449
Highway concrete pavement contract awards: 3/						
Total.....thous. of sq. yd..	r11,641	11,863	7,255	9,171	9,338	.....
Airports.....do.....	r3,689	2,475	981	848	809	.....
Roads.....do.....	4,251	6,450	4,333	5,115	5,015	.....
Streets and alleys.....do.....	3,691	2,938	1,941	3,207	3,515	.....

ITEM	1958		1959			
	April	May	February	March	April	May
DOMESTIC TRADE						
Magazine advertising:						
Cost, total.....thous. of dol..	69,727	66,070	56,400	70,080	73,862	73,922
Apparel and accessories.....do....	5,424	5,035	2,935	4,888	5,244	5,042
Automotive, including accessories.....do....	6,505	5,861	4,644	7,428	7,973	8,437
Building materials.....do....	3,372	3,894	2,783	3,317	4,635	3,724
Drugs and toiletries.....do....	6,241	6,618	5,827	6,723	6,038	6,501
Foods, soft drinks, confectionery.....do....	7,517	6,713	9,071	9,145	8,042	8,316
Beer, wine, liquors.....do....	3,475	3,215	2,965	4,326	3,931	4,195
Household equip., supplies, furnishings.....do....	7,711	6,540	3,681	5,306	7,674	7,797
Industrial materials.....do....	4,914	5,042	2,894	3,816	4,409	4,690
Soaps, cleansers, etc.....do....	1,226	1,003	880	1,322	1,392	1,046
Smoking materials.....do....	2,051	1,786	2,290	2,426	2,082	2,366
EMPLOYMENT						
Labor turnover in manufacturing establishments:						
Accession rates, total.....monthly rate per 100 employees..	2.5	3.0	3.3	3.6	r3.5	p3.5
New hires.....do....	.9	1.0	1.7	1.9	r2.0	p2.2
Separation rates, total.....do....	4.1	3.6	2.6	2.8	r3.0	p2.7
Quits.....do....	.7	.8	.8	1.0	r1.1	p1.3
Layoffs.....do....	3.0	2.4	1.3	1.3	r1.3	p1.0
TRANSPORTATION AND COMMUNICATIONS						
Operations on scheduled airlines:						
Miles flown, revenue.....thousands..	58,833	60,353	56,018	64,024	62,214	.....
Express and freight ton-miles flown.....do....	21,063	22,613	23,237	28,043	26,675	.....
Mail ton-miles flown.....do....	8,693	8,622	8,630	9,875	9,459	.....
Passengers originated, revenue.....do....	3,339	3,274	3,077	3,644	3,680	.....
Passenger-miles flown, revenue.....millions..	2,028	1,963	1,913	2,295	2,250	.....
CHEMICALS AND ALLIED PRODUCTS						
Vegetable oils, oilseeds, and byproducts:						
Copra:						
Consumption.....short tons..	27,108	31,006	22,500	22,500	30,000	28,200
Stocks.....do....	9,602	13,226	4,400	3,800	8,400	13,000
Coconut or copra oil:						
Production, crude.....thous. of lb..	35,238	40,162	28,900	28,900	38,400	36,500
Cottonseed:						
Receipts at mills.....thous. of short tons..	12	5	r59	r29	r6	7
Consumption (crush).....do....	255	180	r440	r433	r324	179
Stocks at mills, end of month.....do....	516	341	1,126	723	406	233
Cottonseed cake and meal:						
Production.....short tons..	117,320	81,357	r201,800	r195,200	r151,500	85,900
Stocks.....do....	189,776	182,734	103,800	139,800	166,400	170,500
Cottonseed oil:						
Production, crude.....thous. of lb..	87,224	61,675	r152,600	r148,900	r116,500	65,400
Flaxseed:						
Oilmills: Consumption.....thous. of bu..	1,684	1,585	1,664	1,886	1,129	1,671
Stocks.....do....	2,127	1,644	2,164	1,004	489	2,093
Linseed oil, raw:						
Production.....thous. of lb..	32,888	30,597	33,400	37,300	22,400	33,500
Soybeans:						
Consumption.....thous. of bu..	31,477	32,208	33,967	36,010	34,583	36,387
Stocks, end of month.....do....	51,747	40,879	86,450	73,993	61,543	50,673
Soybean oil:						
Production, crude.....thous. of lb..	335,600	347,301	355,300	380,800	365,600	385,500
FOODSTUFFS						
Distilled spirits:						
Production.....thous. of tax gal..	18,886	16,538	20,431	r22,076	23,407	.....
Tax-paid withdrawals.....do....	11,590	13,158	11,545	12,978	13,354	.....
Stocks, end of month.....do....	863,089	862,770	866,203	872,725	878,849	.....
Whisky:						
Production.....do....	11,710	10,337	13,994	14,468	15,509	.....
Tax-paid withdrawals.....do....	5,734	6,511	6,311	6,635	6,611	.....
Stocks, end of month.....do....	751,881	752,486	763,704	768,349	774,235	.....
Rectified spirits and wines, prod.....thous. of proof gal..	5,642	6,443	6,144	6,304	6,379	.....
Whisky.....do....	4,523	5,094	5,013	5,046	5,069	.....
Grains:						
Receipts, interior primary markets:						
Corn.....thous. of bu..	43,900	26,039	33,166	36,402	42,520	28,388
Oats.....do....	5,174	4,125	5,741	7,206	6,474	9,140
Rye.....do....	206	1,047	830	1,001	557	1,042
Wheat.....do....	24,153	20,509	30,387	37,079	20,453	31,988
Meats:						
Production, total.....mil. of lb..	1,804.4	1,775.8	1,861.8	1,949.5	2,013.4	1,890.4
Beef and veal.....do....	859.0	885.5	783.1	855.4	912.3	898.2
Lamb and mutton.....do....	57.8	54.8	55.1	57.5	54.9	48.1
Pork, including lard.....do....	907.7	835.5	1,023.5	1,036.6	1,046.2	944.0
Lard.....do....	165.2	158.2	183.7	191.5	193.5	179.1
METALS AND MANUFACTURES						
Furnaces, industrial, new orders, net:						
Electric processing.....thous. of dol..	879	709	919	945	1,230	1,037
Fuel-fired (except for hot rolling steel).....do....	2,248	-488	1,921	3,342	6,924	2,526

MONTHLY BUSINESS STATISTICS—Continued

ITEM	1958		1959			
	April	May	February	March	April	May
METALS AND MANUFACTURES - Continued						
Machine tools (metal-cutting and metal-forming):						
New orders (net), total.....mil. of dol..	28.30	28.05	45.40	51.55	r53.20	p48.10
Domestic.....do....	20.85	23.85	40.05	46.70	46.90	p45.00
Shipments, total.....do....	50.90	50.10	36.05	45.75	r45.00	p41.25
Domestic.....do....	44.20	41.70	29.85	39.40	r38.25	p36.25
Estimated backlog.....months..	2.6	2.5	3.8	3.9	3.9	p3.9
Electrical equipment:						
Radio sets, production <u>1</u> /.....thousands..	697.3	654.8	1,125.4	1,347.6	1,040.2	1,039.6
Television sets (incl. combination), production <u>1</u> /..do....	302.6	267.0	459.5	494.0	389.3	431.9
Vacuum cleaners, standard type, sales billed.....do....	247.3	218.8	271.4	346.6	317.4	257.3
Washers, sales billed (domestic and export) <u>2</u> /.....do....	224.9	263.0	297.8	329.7	274.4	277.9
PAPER AND PRINTING						
Paper, excluding building paper, newsprint, and paperboard:						
Orders, new.....thous. of short tons..	786.5	803.0	r900.0	r969.9	*922.9	.....
Orders, unfilled, end of month.....do....	639.1	623.1	r669.6	r704.1	*696.1	.....
Production.....do....	994.5	966.3	r1,000.2	r1,082.6	*866.0	.....
Shipments.....do....	804.6	805.2	r836.3	r903.7	*863.0	.....
Stocks, end of month.....do....	528.9	518.2	r542.4	r532.0	*468.7	.....
Fine paper:						
Orders, new.....do....	120.9	127.0	r146.9	r157.7	165.0	.....
Orders, unfilled, end of month.....do....	71.7	73.3	r89.7	r101.5	110.6	.....
Production.....do....	132.8	131.2	r135.9	r147.9	155.0	.....
Shipments.....do....	122.3	125.5	r137.5	r148.1	151.6	.....
Stocks, end of month.....do....	139.2	138.7	r129.6	r128.6	129.9	.....
Printing paper:						
Orders, new.....do....	341.6	344.1	r370.4	r418.2	440.0	.....
Orders, unfilled, end of month.....do....	412.4	397.5	r360.8	r391.3	433.0	.....
Production.....do....	342.8	348.3	r329.1	r370.6	385.0	.....
Shipments.....do....	344.0	345.9	r326.8	r369.6	384.0	.....
Stocks, end of month.....do....	216.1	218.5	r238.8	r239.8	241.0	.....
Coarse paper:						
Orders, new.....do....	277.0	285.2	r327.1	r332.9	317.9	.....
Orders, unfilled, end of month.....do....	119.8	115.4	r168.1	r159.8	152.5	.....
Production.....do....	297.4	279.7	r311.7	r328.6	326.0	.....
Shipments.....do....	288.3	288.8	r316.2	r325.6	327.4	.....
Stocks, end of month.....do....	115.3	103.3	r103.2	r97.9	97.8	.....
STONE, CLAY, AND GLASS PRODUCTS						
Glass containers:						
Production.....thous. of gross..	11,091	12,159	11,416	12,518	13,226	13,330
Shipments, domestic, total.....do....	10,848	12,208	10,347	11,929	12,384	13,213
General-use food:						
Narrow-neck food.....do....	1,082	1,157	1,065	1,208	1,240	1,301
Wide-mouth food (incl. packers' tumblers, jelly glasses, and fruit jars).....do....	3,210	3,511	3,101	3,375	3,271	3,547
Beverage.....do....	696	966	549	961	1,119	1,378
Beer bottles.....do....	1,079	1,498	643	872	1,328	1,670
Liquor and wine.....do....	1,045	1,157	1,097	1,247	1,222	1,238
Medicinal and toilet.....do....	2,668	2,750	2,724	3,000	2,882	2,838
Chemical, household and industrial.....do....	940	1,032	1,025	1,130	1,178	1,101
Dairy products.....do....	128	137	143	136	144	140
Stocks, end of month.....do....	19,031	18,741	18,938	19,341	19,943	19,832

1/ Revised. 2/ Preliminary. * April data exclude estimates for tissue and miscellaneous papers. 1/ Data for March 1959 cover 5 weeks; other months, 4 weeks. 2/ Data exclude sales of combination washer-dryer units; sales of such types totaled 11,600 units in May 1959.

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