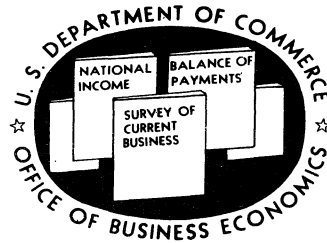


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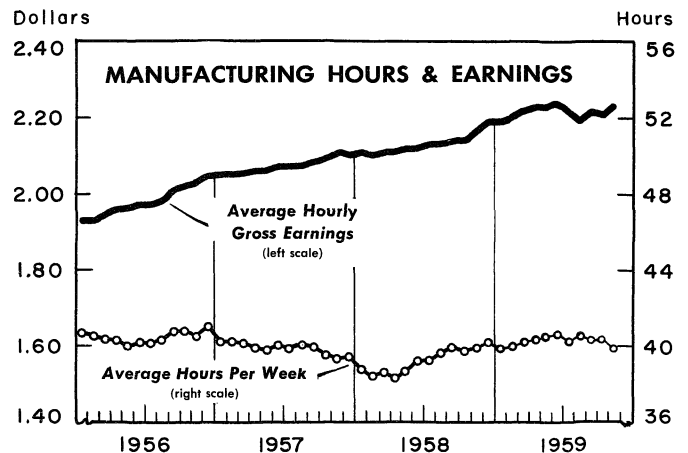
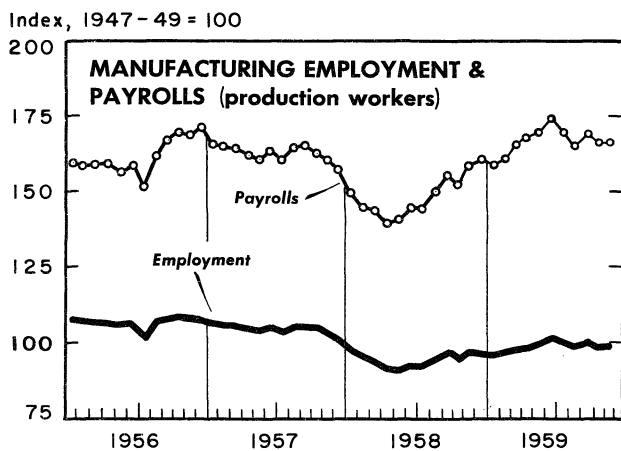
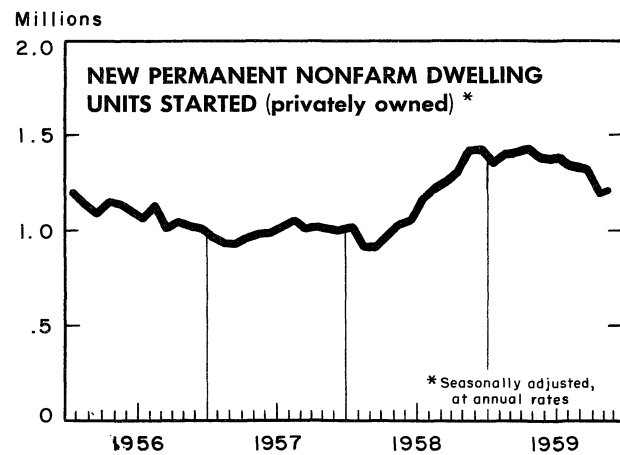
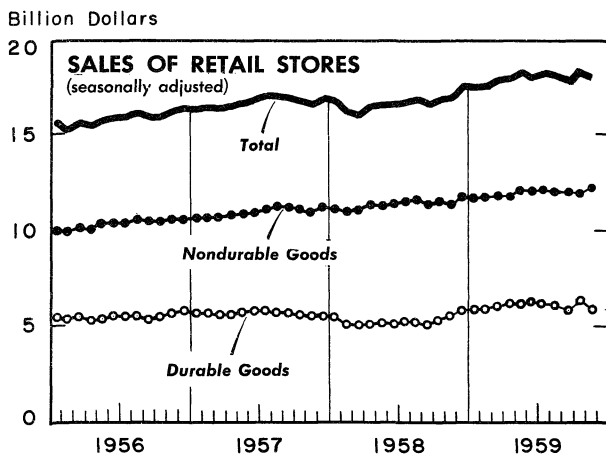
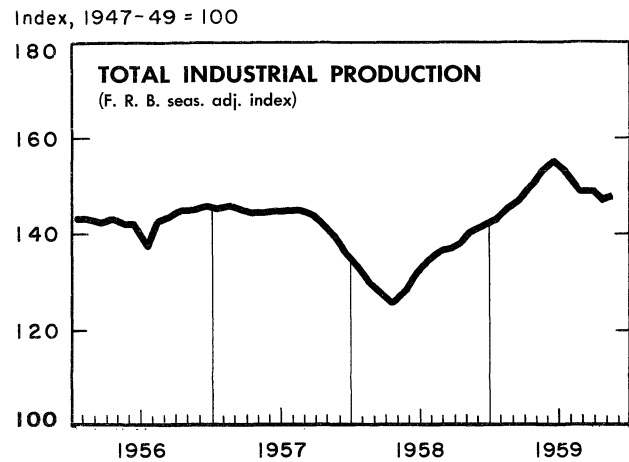
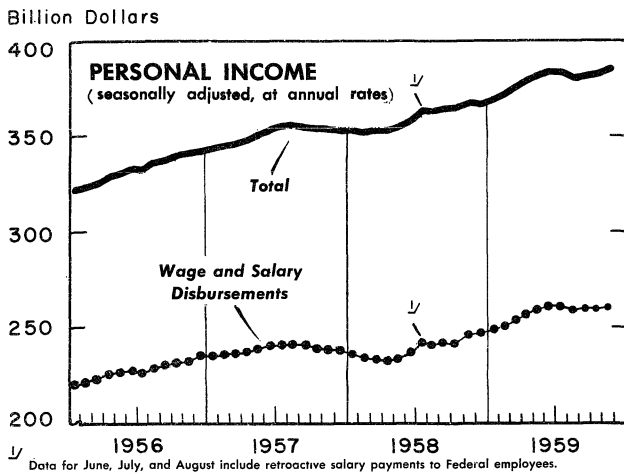


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SELECTED BUSINESS INDICATORS



WEEKLY BUSINESS STATISTICS¹

ITEM	1958		1959			
	Dec. 6	Dec. 13	Nov. 21	Nov. 28	Dec. 5	Dec. 12
Commodity prices, wholesale:						
All commodities.....1947-49=100..		*119.2	118.9	119.0	118.9	119.0
Farm products.....do.....		*92.1	85.1	85.4	84.9	85.3
Foods, processed.....do.....		*109.5	104.9	105.1	105.2	105.3
All other.....do.....		*126.8	128.6	128.7	128.6	128.6
22 commodities 2/.....do.....	87.5	86.7	85.2	84.9	84.7	84.6
Department store sales.....do.....	244	293	182	176	249	.....
Insured unemployment, total 3/.....thous..	2,146	2,227	1,833	1,990	.....	.....
State programs (incl. Alaska and Hawaii).....do.....	1,919	1,999	1,664	1,815	.....	.....
Failures, industrial and commercial.....number..	294	267	287	268	261	248
Finance:						
Currency in circulation 4/.....mil. of dol..	32,057	32,218	32,235	32,269	32,444	32,601
Federal Reserve bank credit outstanding, total 4/.....do.....	27,844	27,847	28,758	28,857	28,867	29,153
Member bank reserve balances 4/.....do.....	18,740	18,629	18,647	18,563	18,396	18,529
Excess reserves, estimated 4/.....do.....	508	469	430	425	376	545
Reporting member banks (of F.R. System) in leading cities: 5/						
Demand deposits, adjusted.....mil. of dol..	61,520	63,298	60,790	61,260	61,017	.....
Time deposits, except interbank.....do.....	29,878	29,956	30,108	30,147	30,159	.....
Loans and investments (adjusted), total.....do.....	.....	.....	103,251	102,841	104,253	.....
U. S. Government obligations.....do.....	34,891	34,609	27,542	27,232	28,164	.....
Commercial and industrial loans (gross).....do.....	.....	.....	29,912	29,901	30,015	.....
Real estate loans (gross).....do.....	11,374	11,420	12,562	12,578	12,574	.....
Bond yields, domestic corporate (Moody's) 4/.....percent..	4.38	4.38	4.86	4.84	4.85	4.85
Stock prices, 500 stocks (Stand. & Poor's) 5/..1941-43=10..	52.53	53.46	56.99	57.44	58.60	58.97
Industrials, 425 stocks.....do.....	56.06	57.09	61.22	61.75	63.07	63.45
Production:						
Bituminous coal 4/.....thous. of short tons..	1,527	1,572	1,571	1,600	1,508	.....
Electric power, by utilities.....mil. of kw.-hr..	13,017	13,450	13,812	13,173	13,907	.....
Motor vehicles (cars, trucks, coaches).....number..	170,295	161,281	80,427	56,181	67,065	97,538
Petroleum (crude) and condensate 4/.....thous. of bbl..	7,067	7,097	6,935	6,969	7,027	.....
Steel 6/.....thous. of short tons..	1,985	1,985	2,233	2,540	2,650	2,732
Percent of capacity.....do.....	#73.5	#73.5	78.9	89.7	93.6	96.5
Freight car loadings, total.....thous. of cars..	595	589	629	574	650	.....
Miscellaneous.....do.....	310	303	313	290	330	.....

1/ Data do not always cover calendar weeks. 2/ Tuesday prices. 3/ Includes data for Alaska and Hawaii, and for the following programs: State; R.R.; Federal employees; veterans; and ex-servicemen. 4/ Daily average. 5/ Wednesday data. 6/ Week beginning December 14, 1959: Production, 2,729 thous. short tons; operating rate, 96.4 percent. * Monthly index for November 1958. # Based on January 1, 1958, annual capacity (140,742,570 tons); 1959 rates based on January 1, 1959, annual capacity (147,633,670 tons).

MONTHLY BUSINESS STATISTICS

ITEM	1958		1959			
	October	November	August	September	October	November
GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS						
PERSONAL INCOME, BY SOURCE, SEASONALLY ADJ., AT ANNUAL RATES:						
TOTAL PERSONAL INCOME.....bil. of dol..	364.3	367.5	380.0	380.9	r382.3	384.8
Wage and salary disbursements, total.....do.....	242.1	246.1	258.8	259.2	r259.2	260.2
Commodity-producing industries.....do.....	98.7	101.8	106.8	106.8	r106.4	107.0
Manufacturing only.....do.....	76.9	79.7	84.0	84.4	r83.6	83.9
Distributive industries.....do.....	64.1	64.7	68.3	68.3	r68.5	68.5
Service industries.....do.....	35.2	35.3	37.6	37.8	r38.0	38.1
Government.....do.....	44.1	44.3	46.0	46.2	46.4	46.6
Other labor income.....do.....	9.3	9.4	10.1	10.2	10.2	10.3
Proprietors' income:						
Business and professional.....do.....	33.2	33.1	34.9	34.8	r35.0	35.2
Farm.....do.....	14.2	14.1	10.0	9.6	r10.2	10.4
Rental income of persons.....do.....	11.9	11.9	12.0	12.0	12.0	12.0
Dividends.....do.....	12.6	12.6	13.4	13.5	r13.6	13.7
Personal interest income.....do.....	20.7	20.8	22.7	23.0	23.3	23.5
Transfer payments.....do.....	27.4	26.6	26.5	27.0	r27.2	27.9
Less personal contributions for social insurance.....do.....	7.1	7.1	8.4	8.4	8.4	8.4
Total nonagricultural income.....do.....	346.3	349.6	366.3	367.5	r368.1	370.4
INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION (F.R. INDEX OF PHYSICAL VOLUME):						
UNADJUSTED, COMBINED INDEX.....1947-49=100..	143	144	148	151	r152	p150
Manufactures.....do.....	145	146	151	r155	r156	p153
Durable manufactures.....do.....	149	155	153	r159	r160	p158
Primary metals.....do.....	123	124	63	r64	r64	p106
Metal fabricating (including ordnance).....do.....	158	167	173	181	r184	p173
Fabricated metal products.....do.....	136	136	146	151	r141	p136
Machinery.....do.....	150	153	172	r185	186	p177
Transportation equipment.....do.....	184	211	r189	189	207	p184
Instruments and related products.....do.....	171	174	196	202	r205	p204
Furniture and fixtures.....do.....	132	132	147	148	r150	p148
Lumber and products.....do.....	131	126	r145	141	141	.....
Stone, clay, and glass products.....do.....	155	153	177	r176	r174	p165
Miscellaneous manufactures.....do.....	147	144	156	163	r166	p163
Nondurable manufactures.....do.....	142	138	149	151	r151	p147
Printing and publishing.....do.....	147	146	147	r156	158	p159
Petroleum and coal products.....do.....	137	140	134	r133	p131	p144

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GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS - Continued						
Industrial production (F.R. index of physical volume) - Con. Unadjusted Index - Continued						
Minerals.....1947-49=100..	124	123	116	116	117	p123
Coal.....do.....	75	75	63	65	70	p74
Crude oil and natural gas.....do.....	144	147	144	145	p145	p148
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED, COMBINED INDEX.....do.....	138	141	149	149	r147	p148
Manufactures.....do.....	140	143	r153	152	r150	p150
Durable manufactures.....do.....	146	151	r159	158	r156	p156
Primary metals.....do.....	122	123	67	r65	r63	p105
Metal fabricating (including ordnance).....do.....	156	163	182	183	r181	p171
Fabricated metal products.....do.....	133	136	144	145	r138	p136
Machinery.....do.....	147	150	179	r182	r181	p176
Transportation equipment.....do.....	183	203	211	205	205	p178
Instruments and related products.....do.....	169	173	198	200	r203	p202
Furniture and fixtures.....do.....	127	129	145	144	145	p145
Lumber and products.....do.....	120	125	r134	130	130	.....
Stone, clay, and glass products.....do.....	149	151	174	172	r167	p164
Miscellaneous manufactures.....do.....	138	137	155	155	r157	p155
Nondurable manufactures.....do.....	134	135	146	147	r144	p144
Printing and publishing.....do.....	142	142	152	r153	154	p154
Petroleum and coal products.....do.....	137	139	133	r130	p131	p143
Minerals.....do.....	122	123	117	116	117	p123
Coal.....do.....	69	72	61	r62	64	p71
Crude oil and natural gas.....do.....	148	147	148	r149	p149	p148
DOMESTIC TRADE						
ALL RETAIL STORES: 1/						
ESTIMATED SALES (UNADJUSTED), TOTAL.....mil. of dol..	17,360	17,039	18,054	17,570	r19,095	17,902
Durable goods stores.....do.....	5,379	5,343	6,240	5,709	r6,420	5,660
Automotive group.....do.....	2,613	2,756	3,410	2,878	r3,520	2,890
Furniture and appliance group.....do.....	932	937	942	921	r988	1,002
Lumber, building, hardware group.....do.....	1,083	929	1,092	1,093	1,104	.....
Nondurable goods stores.....do.....	11,981	11,696	11,814	11,861	r12,675	12,242
Apparel group.....do.....	1,135	1,119	958	1,120	r1,197	1,160
Drug and proprietary stores.....do.....	556	541	587	591	r608	582
Eating and drinking places.....do.....	1,280	1,204	1,458	1,378	r1,374	1,294
Food group.....do.....	4,344	4,188	4,295	4,215	r4,594	4,134
Gasoline service stations.....do.....	1,384	1,338	1,504	1,419	r1,462	1,447
General merchandise group.....do.....	1,932	2,018	1,843	1,917	r2,107	2,201
ESTIMATED SALES (SEASONALLY ADJUSTED), TOTAL.....do.....	16,941	16,961	18,109	17,783	r18,341	18,087
Durable goods stores.....do.....	5,374	5,521	6,095	5,774	r6,360	5,840
Automotive group.....do.....	2,819	2,906	3,350	3,105	3,690	.....
Furniture and appliance group.....do.....	871	883	952	928	924	.....
Lumber, building, hardware group.....do.....	940	942	988	964	951	.....
Nondurable goods stores.....do.....	11,567	11,440	12,014	12,009	r11,981	12,247
Apparel group.....do.....	1,068	1,033	1,096	1,111	1,079	.....
Drug and proprietary stores.....do.....	568	565	600	618	609	.....
Eating and drinking places.....do.....	1,244	1,232	1,295	1,319	1,335	.....
Food group.....do.....	4,187	4,215	4,305	4,267	4,294	.....
Gasoline service stations.....do.....	1,358	1,342	1,392	1,411	1,435	.....
General merchandise group.....do.....	1,805	1,777	1,989	1,958	1,940	.....
Estimated inventories:						
Unadjusted, total.....do.....	24,180	24,840	24,520	r24,270	25,180	.....
Durable goods stores.....do.....	10,110	10,620	11,370	10,660	11,090	.....
Nondurable goods stores.....do.....	14,070	14,220	13,150	r13,610	14,090	.....
Adjusted, total.....do.....	23,490	23,600	24,800	r24,770	24,760	.....
Durable goods stores.....do.....	10,250	10,460	11,620	11,500	11,550	.....
Nondurable goods stores.....do.....	13,240	13,140	13,180	r13,270	13,210	.....
Retail firms with 4 or more stores:						
Estimated sales (unadjusted), total.....do.....	4,533	4,483	4,298	4,371	4,836	.....
Retail firms with 11 or more stores:						
Estimated sales (unadjusted), total.....do.....	3,907	3,865	3,777	3,833	4,243	.....
Apparel group.....do.....	251	258	215	267	273	.....
Drug and proprietary stores.....do.....	93	92	98	99	101	.....
Eating and drinking places.....do.....	76	73	87	84	83	.....
Furniture, home furnishings stores.....do.....	47	47	39	38	39	.....
General merchandise group.....do.....	1,216	1,260	1,164	1,199	1,318	.....
Grocery stores.....do.....	1,648	1,567	1,580	1,562	1,807	.....
Lumber, building-materials dealers.....do.....	78	69	81	80	77	.....
Tire, battery, accessory stores.....do.....	76	72	86	78	88	.....
Estimated sales (seasonally adjusted), total.....do.....	3,695	3,698	3,972	3,929	3,931	.....
Apparel group.....do.....	235	240	254	259	248	.....
Drug and proprietary stores.....do.....	94	97	103	103	101	.....
Eating and drinking places.....do.....	73	74	81	81	79	.....
Furniture, home furnishings stores.....do.....	40	42	39	39	34	.....
General merchandise group.....do.....	1,134	1,102	1,273	1,211	1,214	.....
Grocery stores.....do.....	1,570	1,573	1,635	1,649	1,654	.....
Lumber, building-materials dealers.....do.....	67	71	71	68	66
Tire, battery, accessory stores.....do.....	74	76	82	82	86

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DOMESTIC TRADE - Continued						
WHOLESALE TRADE:						
Sales, estimated (unadjusted), total.....bil. of dol..	12.8	11.5	12.2	13.0	13.0
Durable goods establishments.....do....	4.7	4.2	4.7	4.9	4.9	.....
Nondurable goods establishments.....do....	8.1	7.3	7.5	8.1	8.1	.....
Inventories, estimated (unadjusted), total.....do....	11.9	12.0	12.4	r12.6	12.8	.....
Durable goods establishments.....do....	6.1	6.1	6.6	6.5	6.5	.....
Nondurable goods establishments.....do....	5.8	5.9	5.9	r6.1	6.3	.....
EMPLOYMENT AND WAGES						
CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE, TOTAL.....thousands..	69,111	68,485	70,667	69,577	70,103	69,310
EMPLOYED.....do....	65,306	64,653	67,241	66,347	66,831	65,640
Agricultural employment.....do....	6,404	5,695	6,357	6,242	6,124	5,601
Nonagricultural employment.....do....	58,902	58,958	60,884	60,105	60,707	60,040
Unemployed.....do....	3,805	3,833	3,426	3,230	3,272	3,670
EMPLOYEES IN NONAGRICULTURAL ESTABLISHMENTS (UNADJUSTED):						
TOTAL.....thousands..	51,136	51,432	52,066	r52,648	r52,561	p52,658
Manufacturing.....do....	15,536	15,795	16,169	r16,367	r16,193	p16,209
Mining.....do....	708	712	639	r620	r622	p667
Contract construction.....do....	2,887	2,784	3,107	r3,043	r2,962	p2,810
Transportation and public utilities.....do....	3,897	3,885	3,922	r3,927	r3,909	p3,911
Wholesale and retail trade.....do....	11,225	11,382	11,360	r11,464	r11,551	p11,714
Finance, insurance, and real estate.....do....	2,380	2,374	2,474	r2,452	r2,442	p2,440
Service and miscellaneous.....do....	6,463	6,426	6,582	r6,617	r6,609	p6,571
Government.....do....	8,040	8,074	7,813	r8,158	r8,273	p8,336
PRODUCTION WORKERS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES (UNADJ.):						
TOTAL.....do....	11,721	11,981	12,173	r12,373	r12,209	p12,222
Durable goods industries.....do....	6,421	6,742	6,679	r6,847	r6,791	p6,875
Nondurable goods industries.....do....	5,300	5,239	5,494	r5,526	r5,418	p5,347
Manufacturing production-worker indexes:						
Employment: Unadjusted.....1947-49=100..	94.8	96.9	98.4	r100.0	r98.7	p98.8
Seasonally adjusted.....do....	93.4	96.0	97.4	r98.3	r97.3	p98.0
Payrolls, unadjusted.....do....	152.5	158.4	164.9	r169.1	r166.1	p166.1
Hours and earnings:						
Average weekly hours per worker, all manufacturing..hours..	39.8	39.9	40.5	40.3	40.3	p39.9
Durable goods industries.....do....	40.1	40.3	40.8	r40.8	r40.9	p40.3
Nondurable goods industries.....do....	39.4	39.4	40.1	39.8	r39.5	p39.4
Average weekly gross earnings, all manufacturing..dollars..	85.17	86.58	88.70	89.47	89.06	p88.98
Durable goods industries.....do....	91.83	94.30	95.88	r96.70	r96.52	p95.91
Nondurable goods industries.....do....	76.83	77.22	80.20	80.79	r79.79	p79.59
Average hourly gross earnings, all manufacturing.....do....	2.14	2.17	2.19	2.22	2.21	p2.23
Durable goods industries.....do....	2.29	2.34	2.35	r2.37	2.36	p2.38
Nondurable goods industries.....do....	1.95	1.96	2.00	2.03	2.02	p2.02
LUMBER AND MANUFACTURES						
LUMBER (NATIONAL LUMBER MANUFACTURERS ASSOCIATION):						
Production, total.....mil. of bd. ft..	3,272	2,731	3,171	3,324	3,304	.....
Softwoods.....do....	2,679	2,132	2,528	2,689	2,671	.....
Shipments, total.....do....	3,266	2,660	3,137	3,119	3,145	.....
Softwoods.....do....	2,667	2,049	2,530	2,553	2,518	.....
Stocks (gross), mill, end of month, total.....do....	9,025	9,096	8,816	9,022	9,212
Softwoods.....do....	5,484	5,567	5,099	5,235	5,419

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