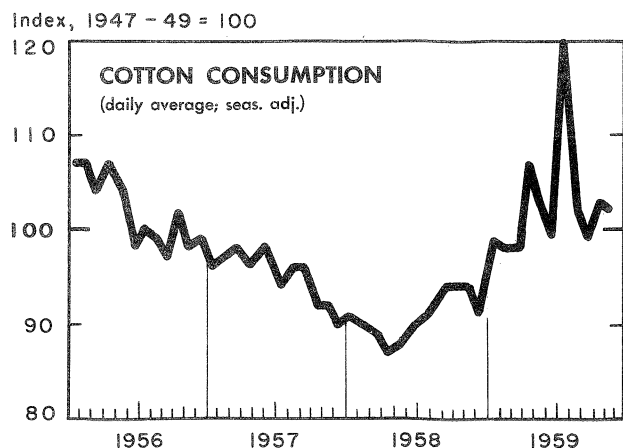
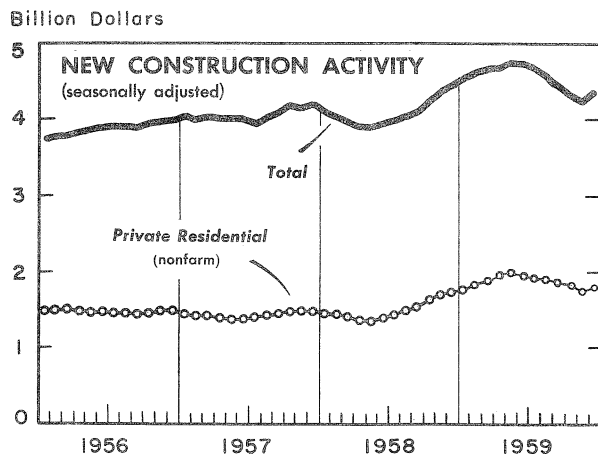
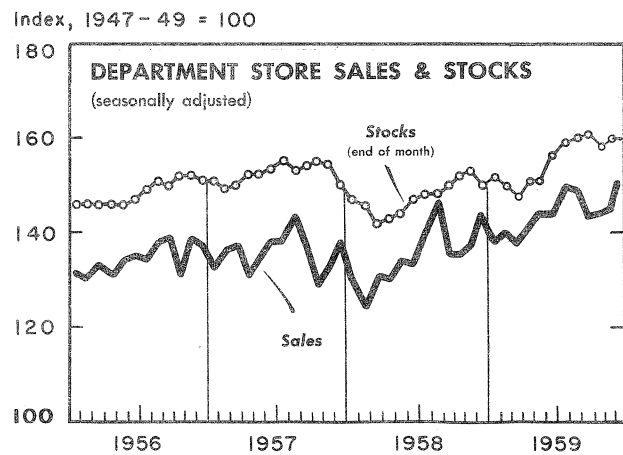
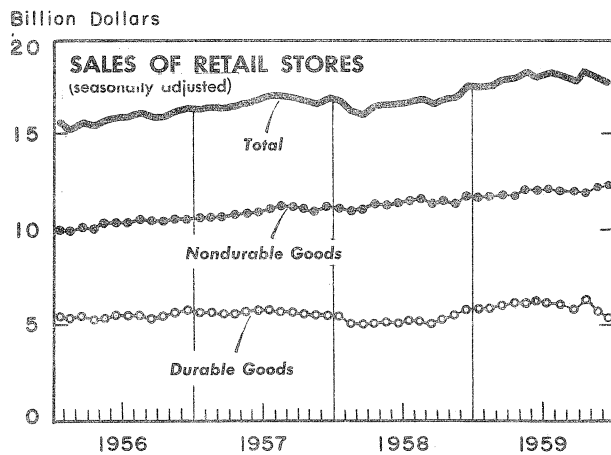
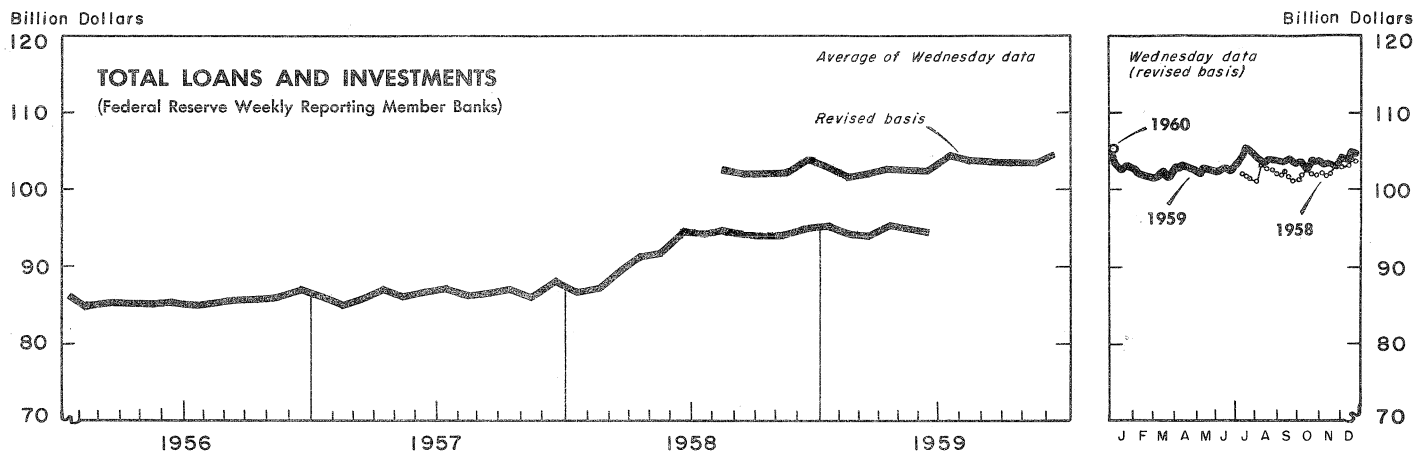


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ITEM	1959				1960	
	Jan. 3	Jan. 10	Dec. 19	Dec. 26	Jan. 2	Jan. 9
Commodity prices, wholesale:						
All commodities.....1947-49=100..		*119.2	118.9	118.8	118.8	118.9
Farm products.....do.....		*90.6	85.7	84.9	85.0	85.1
Foods, processed.....do.....		*108.8	104.9	104.6	104.8	105.2
All other.....do.....		*127.2	128.5	128.5	128.5	128.6
22 commodities 2/.....do.....	85.6	85.6	83.8	82.9	83.2	83.8
Department store sales.....do.....	104	121	318	246	113	.....
Insured unemployment, total 3/.....thous..	2,829	2,835	1,857	2,074	.....	.....
State programs (incl. Alaska and Hawaii).....do.....	2,575	2,572	1,699	1,911	.....	.....
Failures, industrial and commercial.....number..	169	321	285	195	226	242
Finance:						
Currency in circulation 4/.....mil. of dol..	32,458	32,008	32,798	32,924	32,893	32,519
Federal Reserve bank credit outstanding, total 4/.....do.....	28,910	28,275	29,365	29,983	29,629	29,318
Member bank reserve balances 4/.....do.....	19,167	19,131	18,809	19,271	19,030	19,160
Excess reserves, estimated 4/.....do.....	656	543	473	685	485	545
Reporting member banks (of F.R.System) in leading cities: 5/						
Demand deposits, adjusted.....mil. of dol..	63,507	62,903	63,446	62,482	63,265	.....
Time deposits, except interbank.....do.....	30,375	30,036	30,230	30,401	30,473	.....
Loans and investments (adjusted), total.....do.....	.....	.....	105,330	104,935	105,398	.....
U. S. Government obligations.....do.....	34,627	34,078	27,783	27,496	27,467	.....
Commercial and industrial loans (gross).....do.....	.....	.....	30,423	30,490	30,485	.....
Real estate loans (gross).....do.....	11,487	11,426	12,651	12,652	12,652	.....
Bond yields, domestic corporate (Moody's) 4/.....percent..	4.40	4.40	4.88	4.89	4.90	4.90
Stock prices, 500 stocks (Stand. & Poor's) 5/.....1941-43=10..	55.21	54.89	58.97	58.96	59.77	60.13
Industrials, 425 stocks.....do.....	58.97	58.51	63.44	63.43	64.38	64.75
Production:						
Bituminous coal 4/.....thous. of short tons..	1,403	1,366	1,564	1,370	1,465	.....
Electric power, by utilities.....mil. of kw.-hr..	12,364	13,554	14,150	13,349	13,425	.....
Motor vehicles (cars, trucks, coaches).....number..	111,519	156,051	174,627	119,519	130,041	190,201
Petroleum (crude) and condensate 4/.....thous. of bbl..	7,122	7,052	7,139	7,109	7,068	.....
Steel 6/.....thous. of short tons..	2,058	2,085	2,726	2,641	2,726	2,715
Percent of capacity.....	#76.2	73.6	96.3	93.3	96.3	#95.3
Freight carloadings, total.....thous. of cars..	468	550	615	469	483	.....
Miscellaneous.....do.....	244	279	324	250	265	.....

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 January 11, 1960: Production, 2,715 thous. short tons; operating rate, 95.3 percent. * Monthly index for December 1958. # Based on January 1, 1958, annual capacity (140,742,570 tons); subsequent rates through January 2, 1960, based on January 1, 1959, annual capacity (147,633,670 tons). ## Beginning January 9, 1960, rates are based on January 1, 1960, annual capacity (148,570,970).

MONTHLY BUSINESS STATISTICS

ITEM	1958		1959			
	November	December	September	October	November	December
CONSTRUCTION AND REAL ESTATE						
NEW CONSTRUCTION PUT IN PLACE (UNADJ.), TOTAL.....mil. of dol..						
Private, total.....do.....	4,503	4,109	r5,102	r4,880	r4,435	4,116
Residential (nonfarm).....do.....	3,100	2,900	r3,574	r3,460	r3,318	3,108
New dwelling units.....do.....	1,788	1,679	r2,105	r2,036	r1,919	1,758
Additions and alterations.....do.....	1,375	1,329	r1,619	r1,565	r1,457	1,320
Nonresidential buildings, total 1/.....do.....	354	291	r416	r403	r393	366
Industrial.....do.....	754	716	773	r770	790	789
Commercial.....do.....	170	168	166	r171	r185	200
Farm construction.....do.....	331	310	352	348	r354	341
Public utility.....do.....	107	94	183	155	r136	121
Public, total.....do.....	434	395	493	477	r450	417
Nonresidential buildings.....do.....	1,403	1,209	1,528	r1,420	r1,117	1,008
Military facilities.....do.....	386	367	380	r368	r321	321
Highway.....do.....	166	118	129	r117	r108	101
Highway concrete pavement contract awards: 2/	507	399	625	568	370	286
NEW CONSTRUCTION PUT IN PLACE (SEAS, ADJ.), TOTAL.....do.....						
Private, total.....do.....	4,328	4,424	r4,427	r4,313	r4,234	4,380
Residential (nonfarm).....do.....	2,907	2,988	r3,196	r3,129	r3,100	3,198
Nonresidential buildings, total 1/.....do.....	1,653	1,733	r1,855	r1,811	1,762	1,808
Industrial.....do.....	702	699	734	r718	731	769
Commercial.....do.....	167	166	168	r169	r180	196
Farm construction.....do.....	298	300	329	318	r317	331
Public utility.....do.....	124	126	153	155	158	161
Public, total.....do.....	410	412	436	423	r425	434
Nonresidential buildings.....do.....	1,421	1,436	1,231	r1,184	r1,134	1,182
Military facilities.....do.....	395	400	345	r358	r350	347
Highway.....do.....	160	135	102	r95	r104	115
Highway concrete pavement contract awards: 2/	523	539	443	418	381	381
CONSTRUCTION COST INDEX:						
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, COMPOSITE.....1947-49=100..	139	139	143	142	143	.....

ITEM	1958		1959			
	November	December	September	October	November	December
DOMESTIC TRADE						
Newspaper advertising:						
Linage (52 cities), total.....thousands of lines..	252,862	230,978	246,914	271,255	259,509	.....
Classified.....do.....	53,268	45,796	64,199	64,780	59,382	.....
Display, total.....do.....	199,594	185,182	182,715	206,474	200,127	.....
Automotive.....do.....	13,565	8,458	12,245	18,409	9,757	.....
Financial.....do.....	3,672	4,264	4,014	4,780	4,286	.....
General.....do.....	33,309	24,451	32,411	38,403	32,927	.....
Retail.....do.....	149,047	148,008	134,045	144,882	153,158	.....
ALL RETAIL STORES: 1/						
ESTIMATED SALES (UNADJUSTED), TOTAL.....mil. of dol..	17,039	21,174	17,570	19,095	r17,635	21,657
Durable goods stores.....do.....	5,343	6,390	5,709	6,420	r5,502	6,106
Automotive group.....do.....	2,756	3,214	2,878	3,520	r2,807	2,790
Furniture and appliance group.....do.....	937	1,176	921	988	r992	1,258
Lumber, building, hardware group.....do.....	929	919	1,093	1,104	956	.....
Nondurable goods stores.....do.....	11,696	14,784	11,861	12,675	r12,133	15,551
Apparel group.....do.....	1,119	1,854	1,120	1,197	r1,170	1,970
Drug and proprietary stores.....do.....	541	738	591	608	r575	793
Eating and drinking places.....do.....	1,204	1,243	1,378	1,374	r1,276	1,346
Food group.....do.....	4,188	4,475	4,215	4,594	r4,173	4,758
Gasoline service stations.....do.....	1,338	1,369	1,419	1,462	r1,433	1,403
General merchandise group.....do.....	2,018	3,358	1,917	2,107	r2,191	3,612
ESTIMATED SALES (SEASONALLY ADJUSTED), TOTAL.....do.....	16,961	17,603	17,783	18,341	r17,840	17,644
Durable goods stores.....do.....	5,521	5,825	5,774	6,360	r5,681	5,399
Automotive group.....do.....	2,906	3,256	3,105	3,690	2,961	.....
Furniture and appliance group.....do.....	883	868	928	924	935	.....
Lumber, building, hardware group.....do.....	942	919	964	951	972	.....
Nondurable goods stores.....do.....	11,440	11,778	12,009	11,981	r12,159	12,245
Apparel group.....do.....	1,033	1,101	1,111	1,079	1,119	.....
Drug and proprietary stores.....do.....	565	580	618	609	607	.....
Eating and drinking places.....do.....	1,232	1,243	1,319	1,335	1,306	.....
Food group.....do.....	4,215	4,242	4,267	4,294	4,390	.....
Gasoline service stations.....do.....	1,342	1,356	1,411	1,435	1,438	.....
General merchandise group.....do.....	1,777	1,887	1,958	1,940	1,966	.....
Estimated inventories:						
Unadjusted, total.....do.....	24,840	23,210	24,270	r25,140	25,190	.....
Durable goods stores.....do.....	10,620	10,640	10,660	r11,130	10,950	.....
Nondurable goods stores.....do.....	14,220	12,570	13,610	r14,010	14,240	.....
Adjusted, total.....do.....	23,600	23,980	24,770	r24,730	24,230	.....
Durable goods stores.....do.....	10,460	10,810	11,500	r11,590	11,020	.....
Nondurable goods stores.....do.....	13,140	13,170	13,270	r13,140	13,210	.....
Retail firms with 4 or more stores:						
Estimated sales (unadjusted), total.....do.....	4,483	6,023	4,371	4,836	4,559	.....
Retail firms with 11 or more stores:						
Estimated sales (unadjusted), total.....do.....	3,865	5,178	3,833	4,243	3,995	.....
Apparel group.....do.....	258	434	267	273	269	.....
Drug and proprietary stores.....do.....	92	149	99	101	98	.....
Eating and drinking places.....do.....	73	75	84	83	76	.....
Furniture, homefurnishings stores.....do.....	47	47	38	39	41	.....
General merchandise group.....do.....	1,260	2,093	1,199	1,318	1,370	.....
Grocery stores.....do.....	1,567	1,659	1,562	1,807	1,558	.....
Lumber, building-materials dealers.....do.....	69	55	80	77	65	.....
Tire, battery, accessory stores.....do.....	72	101	78	88	78	.....
Estimated sales (seasonally adjusted), total.....do.....	3,698	3,789	3,929	r3,921	3,939	.....
Apparel group.....do.....	240	258	259	248	258	.....
Drug and proprietry stores.....do.....	97	100	103	101	104	.....
Eating and drinking places.....do.....	74	72	81	79	79	.....
Furniture, homefurnishings stores.....do.....	42	39	39	34	37	.....
General merchandise group.....do.....	1,102	1,135	1,211	1,214	1,214	.....
Grocery stores.....do.....	1,573	1,597	1,649	1,654	1,652	.....
Lumber, building-materials dealers.....do.....	71	65	68	66	67	.....
Tire, battery, accessory stores.....do.....	76	72	82	86	83	.....
DEPARTMENT STORE SALES, UNITED STATES TOTAL:						
Unadjusted index.....1947-49=100..	166	251	145	150	rp176	p264
Adjusted index.....do.....	137	143	143	144	pl45	p151
WHOLESALE TRADE:						
Sales, estimated (unadjusted), total.....bil. of dol..	11.5	12.0	13.0	13.0	12.5	.....
Durable goods establishments.....do.....	4.2	4.2	4.9	4.8	4.6	.....
Nondurable goods establishments.....do.....	7.3	7.8	8.1	8.1	7.9	.....
Inventories, estimated (unadjusted), total.....do.....	12.0	11.6	12.6	12.8	12.8	.....
Durable goods establishments.....do.....	6.1	6.0	6.5	6.5	6.4	.....
Nondurable goods establishments.....do.....	5.9	5.7	6.1	6.3	6.4	.....
EMPLOYMENT						
LABOR TURNOVER IN MANUFACTURING ESTABLISHMENTS:						
Accession rate, total.....monthly rate per 100 employees..	2.8	2.4	3.9	r3.1	p2.8	.....
New hires.....do.....	1.3	1.1	2.6	2.0	pl.4	.....
Separation rate, total.....do.....	2.8	2.8	4.3	r4.7	p4.1	.....
Quit.....do.....	.8	.7	2.2	1.4	pl.0	.....
Layoff.....do.....	1.6	1.8	1.5	r2.8	p2.7	.....

MONTHLY BUSINESS STATISTICS — Continued

ITEM	1958		1959			
	October	November	August	September	October	November
TRANSPORTATION AND COMMUNICATIONS						
OPERATING RESULTS ON SCHEDULED AIRLINES (DOMESTIC TRUNK): <u>1/</u>						
Miles flown, revenue.....thousands..	59,370	49,046	66,548	63,321	64,247	.....
Express and freight ton-miles flown.....do....	29,487	24,262	29,342	31,231	32,789	.....
Mail ton-miles flown.....do....	9,123	8,347	8,997	9,310	10,138	.....
Passengers originated, revenue.....do....	3,563	2,957	4,193	4,034	3,988	.....
Passenger-miles flown, revenue.....millions..	2,101	1,777	2,735	2,515	2,385
ELECTRIC POWER						
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Production, total.....mil. of kw.-hr..	r62,360	r60,880	69,562	64,846	65,499	65,275
Electric utilities.....do....	r55,260	r53,893	63,084	58,585	59,032	58,433
Industrial establishments.....do....	r7,100	r6,987	6,478	6,261	6,467	6,842
Sales to ultimate customers, total (Edison Electric Institute).....mil. of kw.-hr..	48,338	47,845	53,658	54,079	52,061	.....
Commercial and industrial:						
Small light and power.....do....	8,699	8,364	10,611	10,687	9,810	.....
Large light and power.....do....	r24,333	23,817	25,297	25,354	25,191	.....
Railways and railroads.....do....	r301	304	363	364	380	.....
Residential or domestic.....do....	12,462	12,898	14,190	14,581	13,916	.....
Rural (distinct rural rates).....do....	900	794	1,499	1,343	978	.....
Street and highway lighting.....do....	493	526	446	478	524	.....
Other public authorities.....do....	1,096	1,094	1,193	1,211	1,210	.....
Interdepartmental.....do....	53	48	60	60	51	.....
Revenue from sales to ultimate customers (Edison Electric Institute).....mil. of dol..	821.5	814.7	906.9	921.5	891.1	.....
LUMBER AND MANUFACTURES						
LUMBER (NATIONAL LUMBER MANUFACTURERS ASSOCIATION):						
Production, total.....mil. of bd. ft..	3,272	2,731	3,171	3,324	3,304	2,892
Softwoods.....do....	2,679	2,132	2,528	2,689	2,671	2,299
Shipments, total.....do....	3,266	2,660	3,137	3,119	3,145	2,639
Softwoods.....do....	2,667	2,049	2,530	2,553	2,518	2,075
Stocks (gross), mill, end of month, total.....do....	9,025	9,096	8,816	9,022	9,212	9,465
Softwoods.....do....	5,484	5,567	5,099	5,235	5,419	5,643
METALS AND MANUFACTURES						
Foundry equipment (new), new orders, net mo. avg. shipments, 1947-49=100..	118.9	83.3	134.1	131.3	140.8	131.2
Industrial trucks (electric), shipments:						
Hand (motorized).....number..	467	426	355	433	621	561
Rider-type.....do....	295	238	273	386	400	443
Industrial trucks and tractors (gasoline-powered), shipments.....do....	1,368	1,407	2,161	2,226	2,520	2,462
TRANSPORTATION EQUIPMENT						
MOTOR VEHICLES, FACTORY SALES, TOTAL.....number..						
Coaches, total.....do....	342,324	605,334	316,060	309,117	632,420	321,977
Domestic.....do....	149	167	82	134	268	180
Passenger cars, total.....do....	149	124	58	134	268	170
Domestic.....do....	272,241	511,885	255,831	229,410	537,159	267,829
Trucks, total.....do....	263,491	497,218	252,556	220,621	523,500	259,633
Domestic.....do....	69,934	93,282	60,147	79,573	94,993	53,968
Domestic.....do....	55,865	79,618	47,959	64,568	81,652	37,999

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