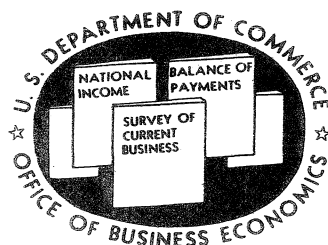


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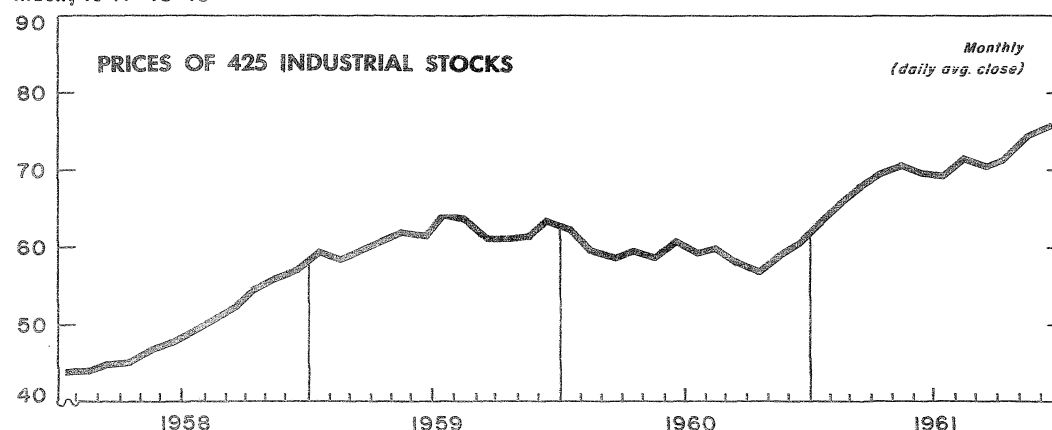
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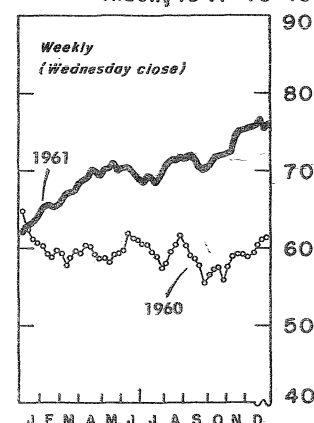
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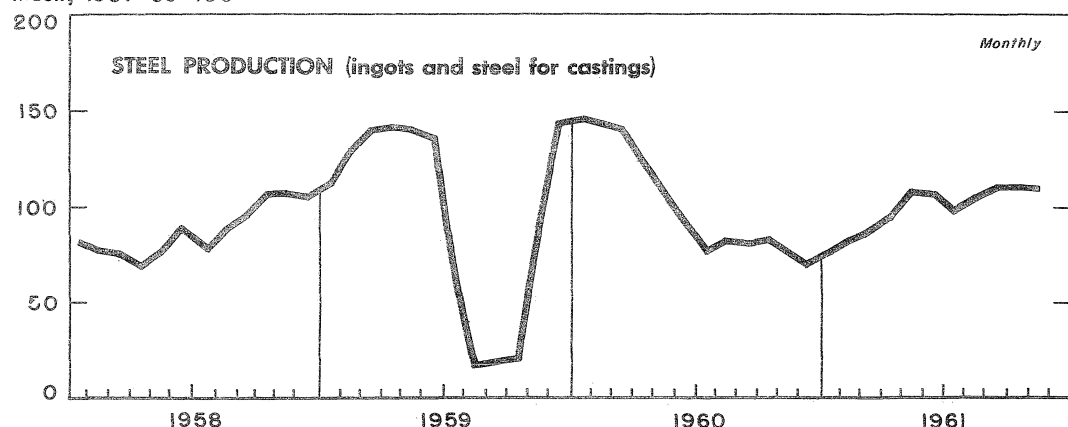
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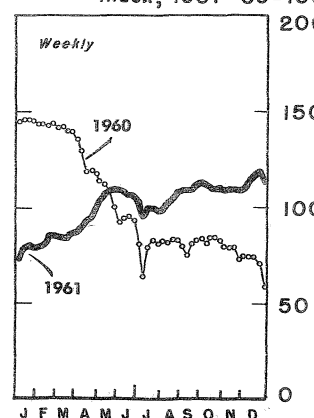
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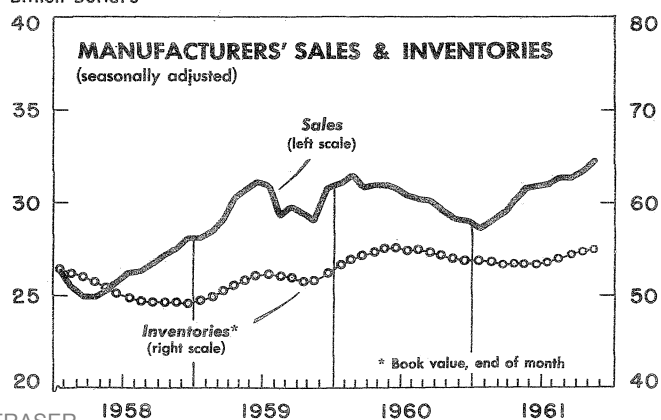
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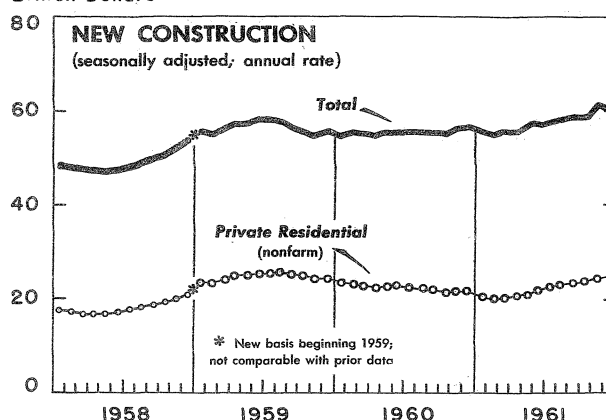
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Billion Dollars



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WEEKLY BUSINESS STATISTICS¹

ITEM	1960		1961			
	Dec. 24	Dec. 31	Dec. 9	Dec. 16	Dec. 23	Dec. 30
COMMODITY PRICES, WHOLESALE:						
All commodities.....1947-49=100..	.....	*119.5	118.8	119.1	119.2	.....
Farm products.....do.....	.....	*88.7	86.9	87.6	87.7	.....
Foods, processed.....do.....	.....	*109.2	108.2	108.9	109.5	.....
All other.....do.....	.....	*127.9	127.5	127.7	127.7	.....
22 commodities <u>2</u> /.....do.....	81.5	81.5	84.3	84.6	84.9	84.9
DEPARTMENT STORE SALES.....do.....	319	116	299	333	356	.....
INITIAL UNEMPLOYMENT CLAIMS, State programs.....thous..	492	595	359	380	410	.....
INSURED UNEMPLOYMENT, all programs.....do.....	2,905	3,265	2,367	2,460	.....	.....
State programs (50 States and, in 1961, Puerto Rico).do....	2,699	3,044	1,849	1,943	.....	.....
FAILURES, INDUST. AND COMMERCIAL (DUN & BRADSTREET)..number..	253	276	295	306	173	.....
FINANCE:						
Currency in circulation <u>3</u> /.....mil. \$..	33,174	33,195	33,578	33,938	34,092	34,171
Federal Reserve bank credit outstanding, total <u>3</u> /....do....	29,316	29,336	30,631	30,780	31,401	31,685
Member bank reserve balances <u>3</u> /.....do.....	19,460	19,447	19,765	19,742	20,223	20,390
Excess reserves, estimated <u>3</u> /.....do.....	754	694	544	568	574	643
Reporting member banks (of F.R.System) in leading cities: <u>4</u> /						
Demand deposits, adjusted.....mil. \$..	.....	.....	63,369	65,987	66,247	.....
Savings deposits.....do.....	.....	.....	29,853	29,894	29,940	.....
Loans and investments (adjusted), total.....do.....	111,774	111,763	117,116	117,968	120,105	.....
U. S. Government obligations.....do.....	30,178	30,547	33,813	33,931	34,370	.....
Commercial and industrial loans (gross).....do.....	32,358	32,156	32,025	32,232	32,723	.....
Real estate loans (gross).....do.....	12,827	12,824	13,352	13,386	13,407	.....
Bond yields, domestic corporate (Moody's) <u>3</u> /.....percent..	4.67	4.67	4.69	4.71	4.72	4.73
Stock prices, 500 stocks (Stand. & Poor's) <u>4</u> /..1941-43=100..	57.55	57.78	71.99	72.53	71.12	71.65
Industrials, 425 stocks.....do.....	61.06	61.18	75.97	76.60	75.22	75.93
PRODUCTION:						
Bituminous coal <u>3</u> /.....thous. sh. tons..	1,301	1,391	1,404	1,439	1,408	.....
Electric power, by utilities.....mil. kw.-hr..	15,535	14,357	16,084	16,695	16,630	.....
Motor vehicles (cars, trucks, coaches).....number..	134,393	101,495	189,476	193,792	174,570	125,126
Petroleum (crude) and condensate <u>2</u> /.....thous. bbl..	7,139	7,173	7,397	7,355	7,300	.....
Steel.....thous. sh. tons..	1,325	1,103	2,158	2,200	2,225	2,106
Index of production.....1957-59=100..	71.1	59.2	115.8	118.1	119.4	113.0
FREIGHT CARLOADINGS, TOTAL.....thous. cars..	470	406	561	533	520	.....
Miscellaneous.....do.....	252	219	304	285	272	.....

¹/ Data do not always cover calendar weeks. ²/ Tuesday prices. ³/ Daily average. ⁴/ Wednesday data; figures for member banks in leading cities are on revised basis. * Monthly index for Dec. 1960.

MONTHLY BUSINESS STATISTICS

ITEM	1960		1961			
	October	November	August	September	October	November
GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS						
MANUFACTURERS' SALES:						
VALUE (UNADJUSTED), TOTAL.....bil. \$..	31.06	29.65	32.04	32.06	r33.46	32.23
Durable goods industries, total <u>1</u> /.....do.....	14.71	14.14	14.70	15.12	r15.99	r15.70
Primary metal.....do.....	1.91	1.80	2.20	2.18	r2.26	2.16
Fabricated metal.....do.....	1.68	1.54	2.02	1.88	r1.89	1.72
Machinery (including electrical).....do.....	4.76	4.58	4.93	5.07	r5.26	5.08
Transportation equipment (incl. motor vehicles).....do....	3.54	3.62	2.50	3.07	r3.54	3.88
Lumber and furniture.....do.....	.86	.79	.98	.89	.89	.84
Stone, clay, and glass.....do.....	.78	.70	.91	.83	.89	.80
Nondurable goods industries, total <u>1</u> /.....do.....	16.35	15.52	17.34	16.95	r17.47	16.53
Food and beverage.....do.....	4.97	4.70	4.89	4.98	r5.12	4.86
Tobacco.....do.....	.40	.43	.46	.42	r.44	.45
Textile.....do.....	1.28	1.21	1.35	1.33	r1.38	1.32
Paper.....do.....	1.10	1.05	1.27	1.22	r1.27	1.21
Chemical.....do.....	2.36	2.17	2.65	2.67	r2.75	2.56
Petroleum and coal.....do.....	3.16	3.17	3.33	3.13	r3.24	3.17
Rubber.....do.....	.53	.46	.52	.50	r.56	.50
VALUE (SEASONALLY ADJUSTED), TOTAL.....do.....	29.60	29.25	31.41	31.41	r31.79	32.23
Durable goods industries, total <u>1</u> /.....do.....	14.08	13.81	15.05	14.98	r15.29	r15.66
Primary metal.....do.....	1.79	1.79	2.22	2.21	r2.16	2.19
Fabricated metal.....do.....	1.53	1.57	1.74	1.70	r1.75	1.79
Machinery (including electrical).....do.....	4.59	4.61	4.99	4.98	r5.08	5.17
Transportation equipment (incl. motor vehicles).....do....	3.63	3.30	3.36	3.34	r3.53	3.66
Lumber and furniture.....do.....	.78	.79	.87	.82	.82	.84
Stone, clay, and glass.....do.....	.70	.70	.79	.79	.81	.83
Nondurable goods industries, total <u>1</u> /.....do.....	15.52	15.44	16.35	16.43	r16.50	16.56
Food and beverage.....do.....	4.70	4.66	4.69	4.82	r4.80	4.80
Tobacco.....do.....	.39	.42	.43	.42	r.44	.43
Textile.....do.....	1.15	1.13	1.23	1.27	r1.25	1.28
Paper.....do.....	1.04	1.05	1.18	1.18	r1.20	1.24
Chemical.....do.....	2.26	2.22	2.57	2.53	r2.63	2.65
Petroleum and coal.....do.....	3.23	3.19	3.22	3.21	r3.28	3.18
Rubber.....do.....	.49	.50	.52	.52	r.51	.54

¹/ Revised. 1/ Includes data for "other industries" not shown.

ITEM	1960		1961			
	October	November	August	September	October	November
GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS--Continued						
MANUFACTURERS' INVENTORIES, END OF MONTH:						
BOOK VALUE (UNADJUSTED), TOTAL.....bil. \$..	54.34	54.22	53.62	53.76	r54.23	54.57
Durable goods industries, total <u>1</u> /.....do....	31.40	31.18	30.59	30.65	r30.86	31.05
Primary metal.....do....	4.71	4.68	4.55	4.62	r4.74	4.83
Fabricated metal.....do....	3.12	3.04	3.05	3.03	r2.98	2.98
Machinery (including electrical).....do....	10.33	10.33	10.13	10.08	r10.15	10.22
Transportation equipment (incl.motor vehicles).....do....	7.28	7.20	6.87	6.92	r7.01	7.05
Lumber and furniture.....do....	1.92	1.90	1.83	1.84	1.82	1.81
Stone, clay, and glass.....do....	1.39	1.39	1.43	1.43	1.41	1.42
Nondurable goods industries, total <u>1</u> /.....do....	22.94	23.04	23.03	23.11	r23.37	23.52
Food and beverage.....do....	5.24	5.26	5.12	5.23	r5.39	5.48
Tobacco.....do....	2.02	2.00	1.87	1.99	2.07	2.12
Textile.....do....	2.53	2.58	2.71	2.65	r2.61	2.63
Paper.....do....	1.61	1.62	1.66	1.64	1.65	1.66
Chemical.....do....	4.09	4.14	4.16	4.10	4.16	4.22
Petroleum and coal.....do....	3.42	3.41	3.43	3.49	3.50	3.44
Rubber.....do....	1.13	1.13	1.09	1.10	r1.10	1.09
BOOK VALUE (SEASONALLY ADJUSTED), TOTAL.....do....	54.38	54.01	54.03	54.44	r54.78	54.98
Durable goods industries, total <u>1</u> /.....do....	31.43	31.07	30.80	31.10	r31.40	31.56
Primary metal.....do....	4.57	4.52	4.63	4.67	r4.73	4.72
Fabricated metal.....do....	3.18	3.10	3.02	3.12	r3.14	3.16
Machinery (including electrical).....do....	10.44	10.35	10.19	10.23	r10.36	10.42
Transportation equipment (incl.motor vehicles).....do....	7.10	7.02	6.95	6.97	r7.01	7.10
Lumber and furniture.....do....	1.96	1.93	1.81	1.85	1.86	1.85
Stone, clay, and glass.....do....	1.46	1.43	1.48	1.49	1.49	1.49
Nondurable goods industries, total <u>1</u> /.....do....	22.95	22.93	23.23	23.34	r23.38	23.42
Food and beverage.....do....	5.01	4.96	5.12	5.15	r5.15	5.22
Tobacco.....do....	2.03	2.02	2.00	2.05	2.06	2.12
Textile.....do....	2.64	2.66	2.74	2.74	r2.74	2.74
Paper.....do....	1.65	1.65	1.68	1.70	1.70	1.70
Chemical.....do....	4.18	4.18	4.24	4.20	4.20	4.20
Petroleum and coal.....do....	3.28	3.30	3.38	3.42	r3.39	3.36
Rubber.....do....	1.16	1.14	1.13	1.12	r1.13	1.10
MANUFACTURERS' ORDERS:						
New orders, net (unadjusted), total.....do....	30.04	29.02	32.45	32.23	r33.60	32.40
Durable goods industries, total <u>1</u> /.....do....	13.80	13.59	15.14	15.31	r16.15	r15.95
Primary metal.....do....	1.74	1.77	2.35	2.13	r2.23	2.37
Fabricated metal.....do....	1.62	1.46	1.99	1.92	1.87	1.72
Machinery (including electrical).....do....	4.45	4.27	4.94	5.42	r5.42	5.20
Transportation equipment (incl.motor vehicles).....do....	3.31	3.52	2.85	2.97	r3.57	3.89
Nondurable goods industries, total.....do....	16.24	15.42	17.31	16.92	r17.45	16.46
New orders, net (seasonally adjusted), total.....do....	29.21	29.02	32.13	32.26	r32.67	32.68
Durable goods industries, total <u>1</u> /.....do....	13.74	13.60	15.65	15.76	r16.08	16.20
Primary metal.....do....	1.64	1.75	2.41	2.31	r2.32	2.34
Fabricated metal.....do....	1.48	1.56	1.82	1.78	r1.75	1.86
Machinery (including electrical).....do....	4.40	4.59	5.07	5.42	5.46	5.56
Transportation equipment (incl.motor vehicles).....do....	3.69	3.06	3.61	3.49	r3.62	3.61
Nondurable goods industries, total.....do....	15.47	15.42	16.48	16.50	r16.59	16.48
Unfilled orders, end of month (unadjusted), total.....do....	46.44	45.80	47.24	47.40	r47.54	47.72
Durable goods industries, total <u>1</u> /.....do....	43.77	43.23	44.10	44.30	r44.46	r44.70
Primary metal.....do....	3.50	3.47	4.14	4.09	r4.06	4.27
Fabricated metal.....do....	2.94	2.86	2.90	2.95	r2.93	2.93
Machinery (including electrical).....do....	17.94	17.62	17.59	17.95	r18.10	18.22
Transportation equipment (incl.motor vehicles).....do....	14.93	14.83	14.75	14.65	r14.68	14.68
Nondurable goods industries, total.....do....	2.66	2.57	3.13	3.11	r3.09	3.02
NEW BUSINESS INCORPORATIONS (DUN & BRADSTREET, INC.):						
Unadjusted.....number..	13,783	12,435	15,079	13,616	r15,492	14,045
Seasonally adjusted.....do....	14,982	14,131	15,873	16,405	r16,658	15,960
INDUSTRIAL AND COMMERCIAL FAILURES (DUN & BRADSTREET, INC.):						
Failures, total.....number..	1,344	1,311	1,604	1,285	1,446	1,335
Commercial service.....do....	132	111	129	139	118	122
Construction.....do....	231	228	262	183	221	206
Manufacturing and mining.....do....	229	231	260	182	217	258
Retail trade.....do....	613	617	789	614	731	624
Wholesale trade.....do....	139	124	164	167	159	125
Liabilities (current), total.....thous. \$..	81,508	84,463	102,693	116,664	70,257	119,214
Commercial service.....do....	16,644	7,309	6,358	10,950	3,485	5,070
Construction.....do....	17,877	16,683	27,716	10,048	14,583	18,883
Manufacturing and mining.....do....	16,104	28,887	26,175	66,737	17,930	35,237
Retail trade.....do....	20,894	22,493	29,384	17,927	21,524	23,494
Wholesale trade.....do....	9,989	9,091	13,060	11,002	12,735	36,530
Failure annual rate (seas. adj.)..No. per 10,000 concerns..	63.3	62.0	74.4	67.5	69.5	63.8
TRANSPORTATION EQUIPMENT						
Truck trailers, production:						
Complete trailers, total.....number..	3,771	3,656	4,858	4,360	5,323	.....
Vans.....do....	2,164	2,218	3,018	2,782	3,653	.....
Chassis, van bodies, for sale separately <u>2</u> /.....do....	184	99	406	245	272	.....

1/ Revised. 2/ Includes data for "other industries" not shown. 2/ Data for Oct. and Nov. 1960 exclude figures for van bodies.

ITEM	1960		1961			
	November	December	September	October	November	December
COMMODITY PRICES						
PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS, ALL FARM PRODUCTS...1910-14=100..	241	242	242	240	238	240
Crops.....do....	219	217	229	226	223	224
Commercial vegetables.....do....	219	220	198	195	213	213
Cotton.....do....	254	243	277	286	280	269
Feed grains and hay.....do....	136	141	156	154	149	150
Food grains.....do....	204	204	214	217	218	219
Fruit.....do....	262	248	257	228	209	217
Oil-bearing crops.....do....	213	217	242	242	248	250
Potatoes (including dry edible beans).....do....	181	181	148	134	134	130
Tobacco.....do....	517	517	542	537	530	544
Livestock and products.....do....	260	263	252	252	250	255
Dairy products.....do....	282	278	266	274	275	273
Meat animals.....do....	288	298	303	297	291	299
Poultry and eggs.....do....	182	178	138	141	140	146
Wool.....do....	219	226	230	228	228	229
PRICES PAID BY FARMERS:						
All commodities and services.....do....	274	275	276	276	276	277
Family living items.....do....	291	291	291	291	291	292
Production items.....do....	262	265	266	265	265	267
All commod., services, int., taxes, and wage rates <u>1</u> /.....do....	297	298	301	301	301	302
PARITY RATIO <u>2</u> /.....do....	81	81	80	80	79	79
CONSTRUCTION AND REAL ESTATE						
NEW CONSTRUCTION PUT IN PLACE (UNADJ.), TOTAL.....mil. \$..	4,771	4,482	5,473	r5,325	r5,201	4,741
Private, total.....do....	3,395	3,170	3,740	r3,698	r3,613	3,409
Residential (nonfarm).....do....	1,840	1,698	2,122	r2,094	r2,062	1,954
New housing units.....do....	1,392	1,267	1,602	r1,607	r1,571	1,477
Additions and alterations.....do....	361	340	417	r383	r389	379
Nonresidential buildings, total <u>3</u> /.....do....	946	925	949	954	948	908
Industrial.....do....	261	264	218	221	221	221
Commercial.....do....	402	387	421	425	424	398
Stores, restaurants, and garages.....do....	201	186	220	224	228	203
Farm construction.....do....	103	87	147	r127	r113	100
Public utilities.....do....	479	437	503	504	472	430
Public, total.....do....	1,376	1,312	1,733	r1,627	r1,588	1,332
Nonresidential buildings.....do....	408	391	463	r459	r418	396
Military facilities.....do....	156	122	138	r78	r167	95
Highways.....do....	450	470	685	651	r603	472
NEW CONSTRUCTION PUT IN PLACE (SEASONALLY ADJUSTED AT ANNUAL RATES), TOTAL.....do....	56,079	56,650	58,910	r58,905	r61,180	59,953
Private, total.....do....	39,624	39,639	41,709	r41,767	r42,172	42,696
Residential (nonfarm).....do....	22,016	21,916	23,782	r24,026	r24,625	25,191
Nonresidential buildings, total <u>3</u> /.....do....	10,562	10,751	10,711	10,656	10,540	10,564
Industrial.....do....	3,025	3,025	2,610	2,608	2,554	2,537
Commercial.....do....	4,378	4,519	4,718	4,681	4,608	4,641
Stores, restaurants, and garages.....do....	2,123	2,226	2,398	2,388	2,413	2,434
Farm construction.....do....	1,298	1,242	1,590	r1,472	r1,426	1,370
Public utilities.....do....	5,452	5,458	5,422	r5,404	5,377	5,368
Public, total.....do....	16,455	17,011	17,201	r17,138	r19,008	17,257
Nonresidential buildings.....do....	5,055	5,072	5,091	r5,105	r5,161	5,154
Military facilities.....do....	1,678	1,531	1,404	r793	r1,792	1,184
Highways.....do....	5,243	5,953	5,960	6,340	r7,099	5,989
CONSTRUCTION COST INDEXES:						
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE COMPOSITE.....1947-49=100..	144	143	145	145	r144	145

1/ Revised. 2/ Parity index. 3/ Ratio of prices received to prices paid (including interest, taxes, and wage rates). 4/ Except farm and public utilities.
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