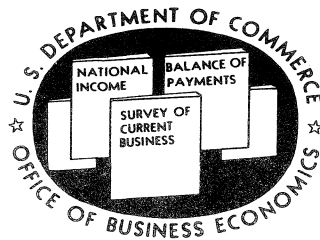


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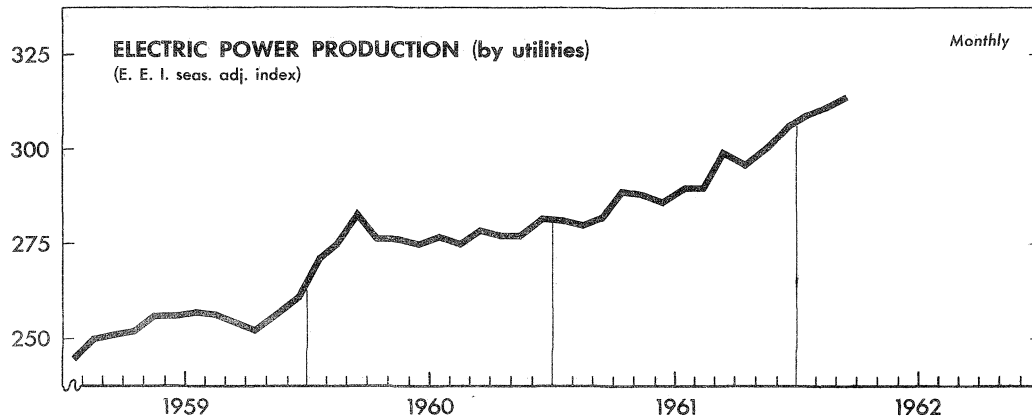


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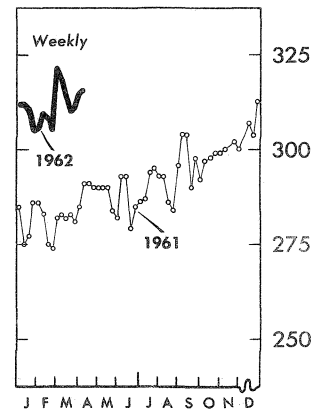
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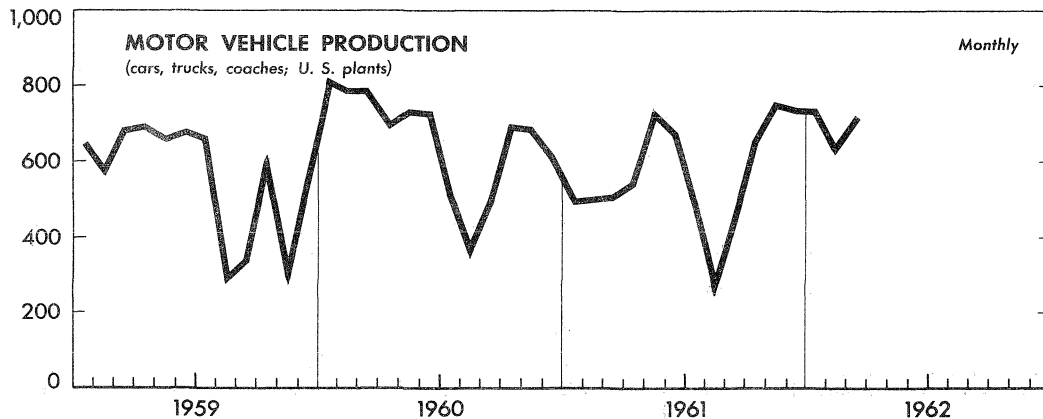
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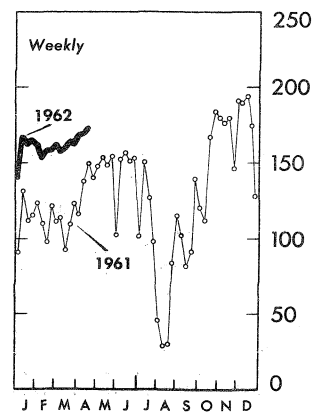
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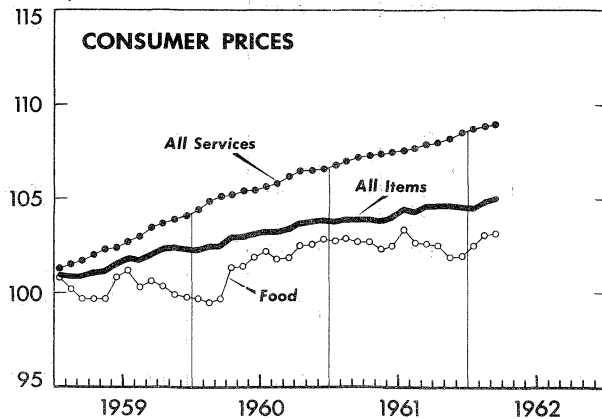
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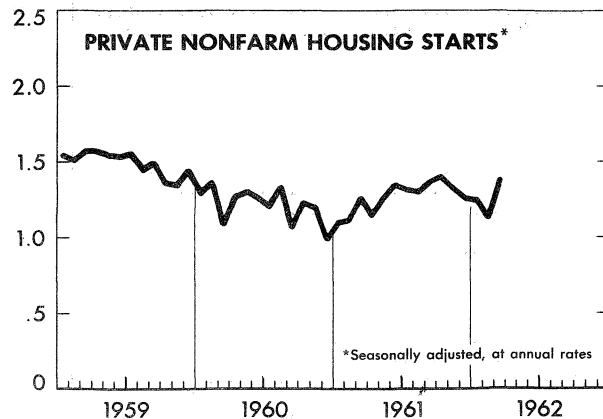
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Millions



WEEKLY BUSINESS STATISTICS<sup>1</sup>

| ITEM   | 1961    |         |         | 1962    |         |         |
|--|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
|  | Apr. 15 | Apr. 22 | Mar. 31 | Apr. 7  | Apr. 14 | Apr. 21 |
| <b>COMMODITY PRICES, WHOLESALE:</b>                                    |         |         |         |         |         |         |
| All commodities.....1957-59=100..                                      | .....   | *100.5  | .....   | 100.6   | 100.6   | 100.5   |
| Farm products.....do.....  | .....   | *96.6   | .....   | 97.6    | 98.0    | 97.5    |
| Foods, processed.....do.....   | .....   | *100.8  | .....   | 100.5   | 100.3   | 100.2   |
| All other.....do.....  | .....   | *101.1  | .....   | 101.0   | 100.9   | 100.9   |
| 22 commodities <u>2</u> /.....1947-49=100..                            | 87.3    | 87.2    | 83.9    | 83.7    | 82.7    | 82.4    |
| DEPARTMENT STORE SALES.....do.....                                     | 130     | 144     | 148     | 156     | 153     | .....   |
| INITIAL UNEMPLOYMENT CLAIMS, State programs.....thous..                | 364     | 328     | 244     | 308     | 261     | .....   |
| INSURED UNEMPLOYMENT, all programs.....do.....                         | 3,534   | 3,597   | 2,509   | 2,399   | .....   | .....   |
| State programs (50 States and Puerto Rico).....do.....                 | 2,838   | 2,724   | 2,035   | 1,956   | .....   | .....   |
| FAILURES, INDUST. AND COMMERCIAL (DUN & BRADSTREET)..number..          | 383     | 320     | 330     | 356     | 377     | 416     |
| <b>FINANCE:</b>  |         |         |         |         |         |         |
| Currency in circulation <u>3</u> /.....mil. \$..                       | 32,007  | 31,980  | 32,951  | 33,050  | 33,274  | 33,356  |
| Federal Reserve bank credit outstanding, total <u>3</u> /.....do....   | 27,978  | 28,009  | 30,121  | 30,361  | 30,603  | 30,622  |
| Member bank reserve balances <u>3</u> /.....do.....                    | 18,782  | 19,026  | 19,646  | 19,662  | 19,507  | 19,669  |
| Excess reserves, estimated <u>3</u> /.....do.....                      | 581     | 681     | 455     | 523     | 443     | 491     |
| Reporting member banks (of F.R.System) in leading cities: <u>4</u> /   |         |         |         |         |         |         |
| Demand deposits, adjusted.....mil. \$..                                | .....   | .....   | 62,229  | 62,012  | 63,723  | .....   |
| Savings deposits.....do.....   | .....   | .....   | 31,621  | 31,726  | 31,749  | .....   |
| Loans and investments (adjusted), total.....do.....                    | 110,546 | 111,084 | 119,538 | 119,202 | 119,628 | .....   |
| U.S. Government obligations.....do.....                                | 29,761  | 30,327  | 32,214  | 31,923  | 31,851  | .....   |
| Commercial and industrial loans (gross).....do.....                    | 31,982  | 31,870  | 33,014  | 33,064  | 32,970  | .....   |
| Real estate loans (gross).....do.....                                  | 12,756  | 12,759  | 13,620  | 13,624  | 13,703  | .....   |
| Bond yields, domestic corporate (Moody's) <u>3</u> /.....percent..     | 4.54    | 4.56    | 4.65    | 4.65    | 4.63    | 4.62    |
| Stock prices, 500 stocks (Stand. & Poor's) <u>4</u> /.....1941-43=10.. | 66.31   | 65.81   | 70.04   | 68.49   | 68.41   | 68.27   |
| Industrials, 425 stocks.....do.....                                    | 70.17   | 69.69   | 73.93   | 72.14   | 72.01   | 71.88   |
| <b>PRODUCTION:</b>   |         |         |         |         |         |         |
| Bituminous coal <u>3</u> /.....thous. sh. tons..                       | 1,205   | 1,283   | 1,379   | 1,343   | 1,369   | .....   |
| Electric power, by utilities.....mil. kw.-hr..                         | 14,434  | 14,311  | 15,552  | 15,569  | 15,600  | .....   |
| Motor vehicles (cars, trucks, coaches).....number..                    | 137,866 | 149,543 | 162,542 | 168,723 | 169,550 | 173,756 |
| Petroleum (crude) and condensate <u>3</u> /.....thous. bbl..           | 7,249   | 7,245   | 7,353   | 7,397   | 7,406   | .....   |
| Steel.....thous. sh. tons..  | 1,748   | 1,784   | 2,417   | 2,361   | 2,244   | 2,138   |
| Index of production.....1957-59=100..                                  | 93.8    | 95.8    | 129.7   | 126.7   | 120.5   | 114.8   |
| <b>FREIGHT CARLOADINGS, TOTAL.....thous. cars..</b>                    |         |         |         |         |         |         |
| Miscellaneous.....do.....  | 292     | 294     | 316     | 314     | 310     | .....   |

<sup>1</sup>/ Data do not always cover calendar weeks. <sup>2</sup>/ Tuesday prices. <sup>3</sup>/ Daily average. <sup>4</sup>/ Wednesday data. \* Monthly index for Apr. 1961.

## MONTHLY BUSINESS STATISTICS

| ITEM  | 1961     |         |          | 1962    |          |        |
|---|----------|---------|----------|---------|----------|--------|
|   | February | March   | December | January | February | March  |
| <b>GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS</b>                                      |          |         |          |         |          |        |
| <b>NEW BUSINESS INCORPORATIONS (DUN &amp; BRADSTREET, INC.):</b>        |          |         |          |         |          |        |
| Unadjusted.....number..   | 13,281   | 16,783  | 14,802   | 18,343  | 14,365   | 17,196 |
| Seasonally adjusted.....do.....   | 14,601   | 14,658  | 15,818   | 15,124  | 15,809   | 15,713 |
| <b>INDUSTRIAL AND COMMERCIAL FAILURES (DUN &amp; BRADSTREET, INC.):</b> |          |         |          |         |          |        |
| Failures, total.....number..  | 1,449    | 1,610   | 1,278    | 1,447   | 1,353    | 1,490  |
| Commercial service.....do.....  | 116      | 135     | 104      | 114     | 110      | 143    |
| Construction.....do.....  | 262      | 266     | 215      | 231     | 251      | 276    |
| Manufacturing and mining.....do.....                                    | 229      | 271     | 232      | 213     | 216      | 228    |
| Retail trade.....do.....  | 693      | 786     | 606      | 749     | 625      | 701    |
| Wholesale trade.....do.....   | 149      | 152     | 121      | 140     | 151      | 142    |
| Liabilities (current), total.....thous. \$..                            | 88,083   | 126,622 | 65,489   | 106,609 | 90,499   | 80,878 |
| Commercial service.....do.....  | 6,941    | 13,344  | 3,453    | 8,858   | 5,134    | 9,998  |
| Construction.....do.....  | 14,943   | 20,283  | 16,743   | 19,017  | 26,495   | 15,612 |
| Manufacturing and mining.....do.....                                    | 23,160   | 26,579  | 19,723   | 39,071  | 25,023   | 22,421 |
| Retail trade.....do.....  | 30,646   | 51,185  | 18,361   | 28,886  | 24,611   | 25,044 |
| Wholesale trade.....do.....   | 12,393   | 15,231  | 7,209    | 10,777  | 9,236    | 7,803  |
| Failure annual rate (seas. adj.)..No. per 10,000 concerns..             | 64.2     | 62.9    | 63.6     | 62.9    | 61.1     | 59.4   |
| <b>COMMODITY PRICES</b>   |          |         |          |         |          |        |
| <b>CONSUMER PRICE INDEX, ALL ITEMS.....1957-59=100..</b>                |          |         |          |         |          |        |
| Special group indexes:  |          |         |          |         |          |        |
| All items less food.....do.....   | 104.3    | 104.4   | 105.5    | 105.3   | 105.5    | 105.7  |
| All items less shelter.....do.....                                      | 103.8    | 103.8   | 104.4    | 104.4   | 104.8    | 105.0  |
| All commodities.....do.....   | 102.3    | 102.2   | 102.4    | 102.3   | 102.7    | 102.8  |
| Nondurables.....do.....   | 102.9    | 102.8   | 102.6    | 102.6   | 103.1    | 103.2  |
| Durables.....do.....  | 99.5     | 99.2    | 101.1    | 100.8   | 100.8    | 100.9  |
| Services.....do.....  | 107.0    | 107.2   | 108.5    | 108.7   | 108.9    | 109.0  |
| Apparel.....do.....   | 102.2    | 102.4   | 103.5    | 101.8   | 102.0    | 102.7  |
| Food.....do.....  | 102.9    | 102.7   | 102.0    | 102.5   | 103.1    | 103.2  |
| Dairy products.....do.....  | 105.1    | 104.7   | 105.6    | 105.6   | 105.1    | 105.0  |
| Fruits and vegetables.....do.....                                       | 102.9    | 103.4   | 99.8     | 100.6   | 102.9    | 104.4  |
| Meats, poultry, and fish.....do.....                                    | 101.4    | 101.0   | 98.5     | 99.8    | 100.6    | 100.6  |

<sup>c</sup>/ Revised. \* Index based on 1947-49=100 is 128.8.

| ITEM  | 1961     |        |          | 1962    |          |         |
|---|----------|--------|----------|---------|----------|---------|
|   | February | March  | December | January | February | March   |
| COMMODITY PRICES--Continued   |          |        |          |         |          |         |
| CONSUMER PRICE INDEX--Continued   |          |        |          |         |          |         |
| Housing.....1957-59=100..   | 103.8    | 103.9  | 104.4    | 104.4   | 104.6    | 104.6   |
| Gas and electricity.....do....  | 108.0    | 108.0  | 107.8    | 107.8   | 107.9    | 107.9   |
| Housefurnishings.....do....   | 99.6     | 99.8   | 99.2     | 98.7    | 99.3     | 99.5    |
| Rent.....do....   | 104.1    | 104.1  | 105.0    | 105.1   | 105.2    | 105.3   |
| Medical care.....do....   | 110.3    | 110.4  | 112.5    | 112.6   | 113.0    | 113.6   |
| Personal care.....do....  | 104.4    | 104.3  | 105.2    | 105.6   | 105.8    | 105.9   |
| Reading and recreation.....do....   | 106.0    | 106.6  | 108.2    | 108.5   | 109.1    | 109.2   |
| Transportation.....do....   | 103.8    | 103.4  | 106.0    | 106.0   | 106.0    | 105.9   |
| Private.....do....  | 102.8    | 102.4  | 104.9    | 104.8   | 104.7    | 104.6   |
| Public.....do....   | 110.5    | 110.5  | 113.3    | 114.7   | 114.8    | 114.9   |
| Other goods and services.....do....   | 104.1    | 104.1  | 104.9    | 104.9   | 105.0    | 105.1   |
| PURCHASING POWER OF THE DOLLAR AS MEASURED BY--   |          |        |          |         |          |         |
| Consumer prices.....do....  | 96.2     | 96.2   | 95.7     | 95.7    | 95.4     | *95.2   |
| CONSTRUCTION AND REAL ESTATE  |          |        |          |         |          |         |
| NEW HOUSING UNITS STARTED:  |          |        |          |         |          |         |
| Unadjusted:   |          |        |          |         |          |         |
| Total, incl. farm (public and private).....thous..  | 81.0     | 109.7  | 86.7     | r83.0   | r77.4    | 115.7   |
| Privately owned.....do....  | 75.8     | 104.6  | 82.4     | r80.6   | r75.9    | 114.0   |
| Total nonfarm (public and private).....do....   | 77.7     | 107.3  | 84.5     | r81.7   | r76.3    | 113.9   |
| Privately owned.....do....  | 72.5     | 102.2  | 80.2     | r79.3   | r74.8    | 112.2   |
| Seasonally adjusted at annual rates:  |          |        |          |         |          |         |
| Total, incl. farm (private only).....do....   | 1,169    | 1,296  | 1,297    | r1,273  | r1,149   | 1,409   |
| Total nonfarm (private only).....do....   | 1,115    | 1,262  | 1,257    | r1,247  | r1,131   | 1,383   |
| FINANCE   |          |        |          |         |          |         |
| AGRICULTURAL LOANS AND DISCOUNTS OUTSTANDING OF AGENCIES SUPERVISED BY THE FARM CREDIT ADM.:        |          |        |          |         |          |         |
| Total.....mil. \$..   | 4,936    | 5,023  | 5,277    | 5,320   | 5,411    | 5,502   |
| Farm mortgage loans: Federal land banks.....do....  | 2,605    | 2,640  | 2,828    | 2,848   | 2,868    | 2,899   |
| Loans to cooperatives.....do....  | 683      | 665    | 697      | 716     | 730      | 728     |
| Other loans and discounts.....do....  | 1,648    | 1,718  | 1,752    | 1,757   | 1,812    | 1,875   |
| BANK DEBITS:  |          |        |          |         |          |         |
| Unadjusted:   |          |        |          |         |          |         |
| Total (344 centers).....bil. \$..   | 222.7    | 265.4  | 286.6    | 294.7   | 239.5    | 293.3   |
| New York City.....do....  | 89.8     | 110.5  | 120.3    | 118.1   | 94.3     | 124.7   |
| 6 other leading centers.....do....  | 44.9     | 53.4   | 57.5     | 61.4    | 49.0     | 59.7    |
| Seasonally adjusted:  |          |        |          |         |          |         |
| Total (344 centers).....do....  | 244.6    | 251.0  | 273.7    | 277.8   | 263.0    | 283.6   |
| New York City.....do....  | 98.4     | 102.2  | 114.0    | 110.3   | 103.3    | 118.1   |
| 6 other leading centers.....do....  | 49.7     | 50.2   | 55.0     | 58.2    | 54.4     | 57.5    |
| 337 other centers.....do....  | 96.5     | 98.5   | 104.8    | 109.4   | 105.4    | 108.1   |
| FEDERAL GOVERNMENT FINANCE:   |          |        |          |         |          |         |
| Receipts, total.....mil. \$..   | 9,153    | 11,878 | 8,980    | 5,959   | 9,773    | 12,354  |
| Receipts, net <u>1</u> /.....do....   | 6,537    | 8,524  | 7,967    | 5,357   | 6,729    | 9,104   |
| Customs.....do....  | 70       | 88     | 88       | 100     | 85       | 104     |
| Individual income taxes.....do....  | 5,567    | 3,171  | 3,363    | 3,570   | 5,910    | 3,728   |
| Corporation income taxes.....do....   | 444      | 5,799  | 3,322    | 466     | 400      | 5,879   |
| Employment taxes.....do....   | 1,814    | 1,348  | 505      | 353     | 2,080    | 1,188   |
| Other internal revenue and receipts.....do....  | 1,258    | 1,472  | 1,701    | 1,470   | 1,298    | 1,456   |
| Expenditures, total <u>1</u> /.....do....   | 6,236    | 7,012  | 7,160    | 7,395   | 6,858    | 7,749   |
| Interest on public debt.....do....  | 719      | 726    | 781      | 803     | 755      | 733     |
| Veterans' services and benefits.....do....  | 431      | 480    | 471      | 471     | p499     | p556    |
| Major national security.....do....  | 3,778    | 4,279  | 4,258    | 4,316   | p4,093   | p4,634  |
| All other expenditures.....do....   | 1,344    | 1,528  | 1,836    | 1,890   | p1,576   | p1,828  |
| TURNOVER OF DEMAND DEPOSITS EXCEPT INTERBANK AND U.S. GOVERNMENT, ANNUAL RATE, SEASONALLY ADJUSTED: |          |        |          |         |          |         |
| Total (344 centers).....ratio of debits to deposits..   | 36.5     | 37.7   | 39.8     | 39.7    | p38.5    | p41.7   |
| New York City.....do....  | 64.7     | 67.9   | 73.4     | 70.9    | 68.1     | 78.2    |
| 6 other centers.....do....  | 35.5     | 36.1   | 38.7     | 40.6    | p38.4    | p40.9   |
| 337 other reporting centers.....do....  | 25.5     | 26.1   | 26.8     | 27.8    | p27.1    | p27.6   |
| TRANSPORTATION AND COMMUNICATIONS   |          |        |          |         |          |         |
| HOTELS:   |          |        |          |         |          |         |
| Average sale per occupied room.....dollars..  | 9.08     | 8.70   | 8.81     | 9.00    | 9.17     | 8.87    |
| Rooms occupied.....% of total..   | 64       | 64     | 49       | 61      | 63       | 63      |
| Restaurant sales index.....same mo. 1951=100..  | 113      | 118    | 111      | 109     | 114      | 123     |
| METALS AND MANUFACTURES   |          |        |          |         |          |         |
| PIG IRON, production (excl. ferroalloys)....thous. sh. tons..                                       |          |        |          |         |          |         |
| STEEL INGOTS AND STEEL FOR CASTINGS:  |          |        |          |         |          |         |
| PRODUCTION.....do....   | 6,239    | 7,086  | 9,569    | 10,353  | 9,698    | r10,584 |
| Index.....1957-59=100..   | 83.7     | 85.9   | 116.0    | 125.5   | 130.1    | r128.3  |
| Material handling equipment (industrial), new orders index  |          |        |          |         |          |         |
| 1954=100..  | 114.4    | 137.0  | 116.3    | 130.7   | 132.6    | .....   |

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| ITEM  | 1961     |        |          | 1962    |          |        |
|---|----------|--------|----------|---------|----------|--------|
|   | February | March  | December | January | February | March  |
| <b>PETROLEUM, COAL, AND PRODUCTS</b>                          |          |        |          |         |          |        |
| Bituminous coal:  |          |        |          |         |          |        |
| Indust. cons. and retail del., total.....thous. sh. tons..    | 30,230   | 30,470 | 37,294   | r39,437 | 34,467   | .....  |
| Electric power utilities.....do.....                          | 14,730   | 14,773 | 17,007   | 17,723  | 15,443   | .....  |
| Manufacturing and mining industries, total.....do.....        | 12,403   | 13,421 | 16,623   | r17,120 | 15,482   | .....  |
| Coke plants (oven and beehive).....do.....                    | 4,792    | 5,345  | 7,395    | r7,641  | 7,038    | .....  |
| Retail deliveries to other consumers.....do.....              | 3,097    | 2,273  | 3,645    | 4,593   | 3,541    | .....  |
| Stocks, industrial and retail dealers', end of month,         |          |        |          |         |          |        |
| total.....thous. sh. tons..                                   | 66,463   | 65,183 | 71,418   | r66,940 | 64,515   | .....  |
| Electric power utilities.....do.....                          | 45,245   | 44,627 | 48,609   | 45,298  | 43,596   | .....  |
| Manufacturing and mining industries, total.....do.....        | 20,683   | 20,158 | 22,283   | r21,184 | 20,513   | .....  |
| Oven-coke plants.....do.....                                  | 9,789    | 9,551  | 10,393   | 9,779   | 9,400    | .....  |
| Retail dealers.....do.....                                    | 535      | 398    | 526      | 458     | 406      | .....  |
| <b>PAPER AND PRINTING</b>                                     |          |        |          |         |          |        |
| <b>NEWSPRINT, CANADA (INCLUDING NEWFOUNDLAND):</b>            |          |        |          |         |          |        |
| Production.....thous. sh. tons..                              | 512      | 572    | 528      | 554     | 515      | 578    |
| Shipments from mills.....do.....                              | 469      | 528    | 560      | 498     | 469      | 532    |
| Stocks at mills, end of month.....do.....                     | 219      | 263    | 167      | 223     | 268      | 315    |
| <b>NEWSPRINT, UNITED STATES:</b>                              |          |        |          |         |          |        |
| Production.....do.....  | 163      | 186    | 163      | 185     | 169      | 187    |
| Shipments from mills.....do.....                              | 168      | 178    | 167      | 175     | 170      | 186    |
| Stocks at mills, end of month.....do.....                     | 39       | 47     | 33       | 43      | 42       | 43     |
| Consumption by publishers.....do.....                         | 392      | 469    | 473      | 434     | 415      | 481    |
| Stocks at and in transit to publishers, end of mo.....do..... | 648      | 611    | 584      | 585     | 586      | 587    |
| <b>TEXTILE PRODUCTS</b>                                       |          |        |          |         |          |        |
| <b>COTTON: <u>1</u>/</b>                                      |          |        |          |         |          |        |
| Consumption.....thous. bales..                                | 638      | 795    | 664      | 868     | 717      | 730    |
| Manufactures:   |          |        |          |         |          |        |
| Spindle activity (cotton system spindles):                    |          |        |          |         |          |        |
| Active spindles, last working day.....thous..                 | 19,063   | 19,058 | 19,009   | 18,971  | 18,990   | 18,978 |
| Consuming 100 percent cotton.....do.....                      | 17,451   | 17,430 | 17,181   | 17,120  | 17,127   | 17,105 |
| Spindle hours operated, all fibers, total...millions..        | 8,940    | 11,196 | 8,875    | 11,661  | 9,574    | 9,597  |
| Average per working day.....do.....                           | 447      | 448    | 444      | 466     | 479      | 480    |
| Consuming 100 percent cotton.....do.....                      | 8,190    | 10,253 | 8,019    | 10,513  | 8,615    | 8,622  |
| <b>MANMADE FIBERS (RAYON AND ACETATE):</b>                    |          |        |          |         |          |        |
| Production:   |          |        |          |         |          |        |
| Filament yarn.....mil. lb..                                   | 45.2     | 53.0   | 61.5     | 64.1    | 59.0     | 65.0   |
| Staple, incl. tow (rayon).....do.....                         | 27.4     | 32.1   | 43.7     | 42.1    | 39.8     | 41.1   |
| Stocks, producers', end of mo.: Filament yarn.....do.....     | 59.8     | 57.8   | 47.8     | 47.4    | 48.0     | 51.4   |
| Staple (rayon).....do.....                                    | 58.4     | 61.3   | 41.4     | 42.8    | 45.4     | 49.5   |
| <b>TRANSPORTATION EQUIPMENT</b>                               |          |        |          |         |          |        |
| <b>RAILROAD EQUIPMENT, AMERICAN RAILWAY CAR INSTITUTE:</b>    |          |        |          |         |          |        |
| Freight cars:   |          |        |          |         |          |        |
| Shipments.....number..  | 2,050    | 3,895  | 1,940    | 2,128   | 2,690    | 4,077  |
| Equipment manufacturers, total.....do.....                    | 849      | 2,202  | 1,066    | 1,250   | 1,772    | 3,076  |
| Railroad shops, domestic.....do.....                          | 1,201    | 1,693  | 874      | 878     | 918      | 1,001  |
| New orders.....do.....  | 1,607    | 1,768  | 5,735    | 5,336   | r1,467   | 1,608  |
| Equipment manufacturers, total.....do.....                    | 509      | 1,762  | 2,818    | 2,729   | r1,128   | 1,550  |
| Railroad shops, domestic.....do.....                          | 1,098    | 6      | 2,917    | 2,607   | 339      | 58     |
| Unfilled orders, end of month.....do.....                     | 18,429   | 15,807 | 15,761   | 19,011  | 17,737   | 15,265 |
| Equipment manufacturers, total.....do.....                    | 4,669    | 4,284  | 7,134    | 8,611   | 7,970    | 6,441  |
| Railroad shops, domestic.....do.....                          | 13,760   | 11,523 | 8,627    | 10,400  | 9,767    | 8,824  |

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