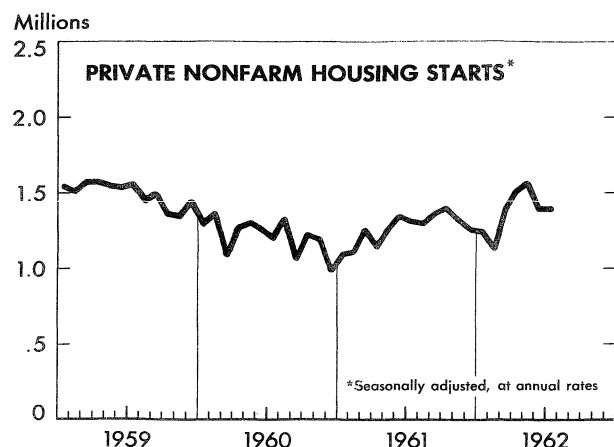
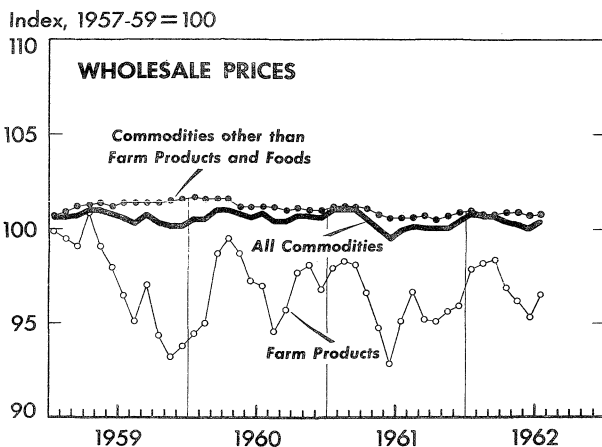
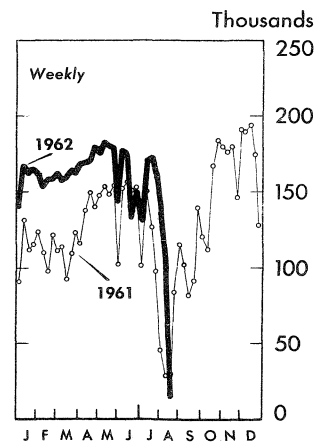
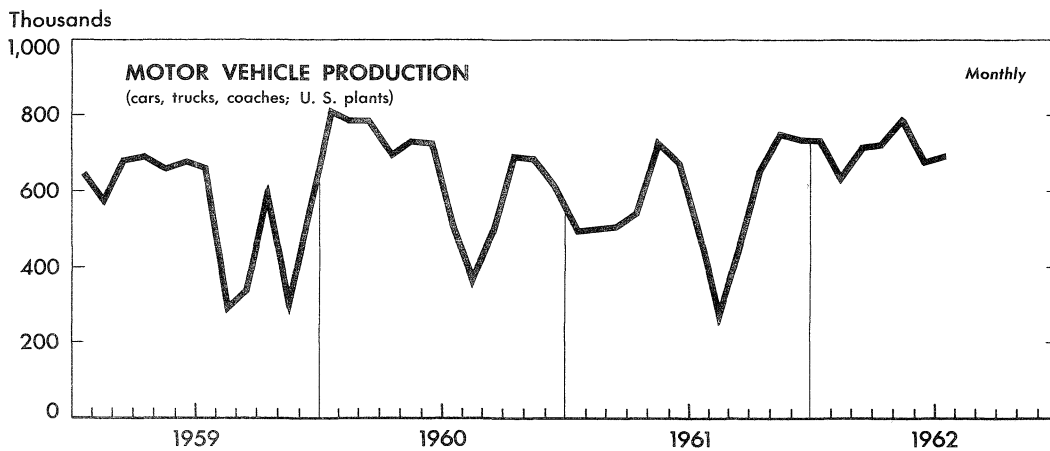
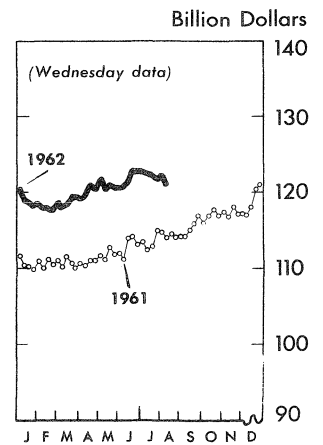
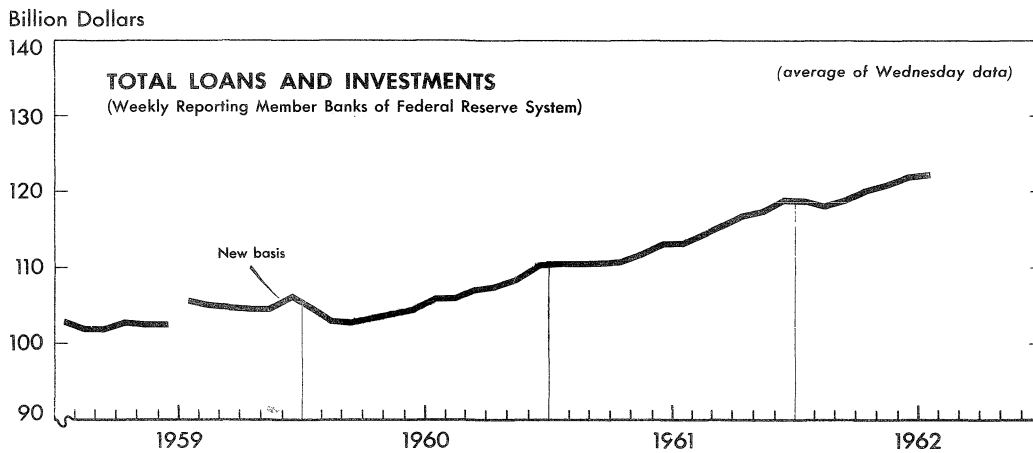


# BUSINESS STATISTICS

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### SELECTED BUSINESS INDICATORS



WEEKLY BUSINESS STATISTICS<sup>1</sup>

ITEM	1961		1962			
	August 12	August 19	July 28	August 4	August 11	August 18
<b>COMMODITY PRICES, WHOLESALE:</b>						
All commodities.....1957-59=100..	.....	100.1	.....	.....	100.6	100.6
Farm products.....do.....	.....	96.7	.....	.....	97.6	97.6
Foods, processed.....do.....	.....	100.2	.....	.....	101.5	101.5
All other.....do.....	.....	100.6	.....	.....	100.8	100.8
22 commodities <u>2</u> /.....1947-49=100..	84.8	85.5	79.9	80.5	80.3	80.4
ALL RETAIL STORES, SALES.....mil. \$..	.....	.....	4,333	4,446	4,357	.....
DEPARTMENT STORE SALES.....1957-59=100..	94	103	95	99	100	.....
INITIAL UNEMPLOYMENT CLAIMS, State programs.....thous..	279	258	278	297	281	.....
INSURED UNEMPLOYMENT, all programs.....do.....	2,450	2,367	#1,648	1,643	.....	.....
State programs (50 States and Puerto Rico).....do.....	1,821	1,753	1,491	1,486	.....	.....
FAILURES, INDUST. AND COMMERCIAL (DUN & BRADSTREET)..number..	343	366	269	310	306	285
<b>FINANCE:</b>						
Currency in circulation <u>3</u> /.....mil. \$..	32,564	32,664	33,901	33,811	33,938	34,059
Federal Reserve bank credit outstanding, total <u>3</u> /.....do.....	28,777	28,676	31,315	31,066	31,559	31,642
Member bank reserve balances <u>3</u> /.....do.....	19,208	19,197	20,003	19,838	19,818	19,800
Excess reserves, estimated <u>3</u> /.....do.....	557	604	576	436	493	566
Reporting member banks (of F.R.System) in leading cities: <u>4</u> /						
Demand deposits, adjusted.....mil. \$..	61,998	61,017	62,819	62,451	61,308	.....
Savings deposits.....do.....	28,955	28,985	33,014	33,082	33,213	.....
Loans and investments (adjusted), total.....do.....	114,041	114,555	121,657	122,314	121,149	.....
U.S. Government obligations.....do.....	33,327	33,328	31,745	31,638	30,959	.....
Commercial and industrial loans (gross).....do.....	31,359	31,592	32,954	33,146	33,122	.....
Real estate loans (gross).....do.....	12,973	13,002	14,506	14,525	14,542	.....
Bond yields, domestic corporate (Moody's) <u>3</u> /.....percent..	4.73	4.74	4.64	4.65	4.64	4.65
Stock prices, 500 stocks (Stand. & Poor's) <u>4</u> /..1941-43=100..	67.74	67.73	56.46	57.75	57.51	58.66
Industrials, 425 stocks.....do.....	71.69	71.66	59.08	60.46	60.20	61.48
<b>PRODUCTION:</b>						
Bituminous coal <u>3</u> /.....thous. sh. tons..	1,369	1,375	1,384	1,379	1,369	.....
Electric power, by utilities.....mil. kw.-hr..	16,080	15,665	16,635	16,565	17,159	.....
Motor vehicles (cars, trucks, coaches).....number..	28,151	29,817	161,446	136,989	105,177	15,071
Petroleum (crude) and condensate <u>3</u> /.....thous. bbl..	7,045	7,073	7,263	7,239	7,261	.....
Steel.....thous. sh. tons..	1,910	1,944	1,504	1,578	1,578	1,616
Index of production.....1957-59=100..	102.5	104.4	80.7	84.7	84.7	86.7
FREIGHT CARLOADINGS, TOTAL.....thous. cars..	591	595	567	568	566	.....
Miscellaneous.....do.....	291	294	287	289	287	.....

<sup>1</sup>/ Data do not always cover calendar weeks. <sup>2</sup>/ Tuesday price. <sup>3</sup>/ Daily average. <sup>4</sup>/ Wednesday data. \* Monthly index for Aug. 1961.  
# Revised total for week of July 21, 1962 (thous.): 1,672.

## MONTHLY BUSINESS STATISTICS

ITEM	1961		1962			
	June	July	April	May	June	July
<b>GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS</b>						
<b>MANUFACTURERS' SALES: <u>1</u>/</b>						
Value (unadjusted):						
Durable goods industries, total.....bil. \$..	15.8	13.2	16.4	17.2	16.9	15.0
Value (seasonally adjusted):						
Durable goods industries, total.....do.....	14.7	14.8	16.4	16.4	15.9	16.4
<b>MANUFACTURERS' ORDERS: <u>1</u>/</b>						
New orders, net (unadjusted):						
Durable goods industries, total.....do.....	15.9	14.0	r15.7	r16.5	16.4	15.6
New orders, net (seasonally adjusted):						
Durable goods industries, total.....do.....	14.9	15.0	r15.7	r16.0	15.3	16.1
Unfilled orders, end of month (unadjusted):						
Durable goods industries, total.....do.....	42.8	43.7	r45.3	44.6	44.2	44.7
<b>COMMODITY PRICES</b>						
<b>WHOLESALE PRICE INDEX:</b>						
ALL COMMODITIES.....1957-59=100..	99.5	99.9	100.4	100.2	r100.0	100.4
By stage of processing:						
Crude materials for further processing.....do.....	93.7	94.8	96.5	95.8	95.2	96.5
Intermediate materials, supplies, and components.....do.....	100.0	99.9	100.5	100.4	r100.2	100.3
Finished goods.....do.....	100.7	101.2	101.4	101.2	r101.1	101.4
By durability of product:						
Nondurable goods.....do.....	98.2	98.9	99.7	99.5	99.3	99.8
Durable goods.....do.....	101.4	101.4	101.2	101.1	101.0	100.9
Farm products.....do.....	92.9	95.1	96.9	96.2	95.3	96.5
Fruits and vegetables, fresh and dried.....do.....	97.4	98.3	99.3	107.5	98.3	91.7
Grains.....do.....	92.4	96.9	98.5	101.0	99.9	99.1
Livestock and live poultry.....do.....	87.6	87.7	94.1	91.4	91.6	95.8
Foods, processed.....do.....	98.9	99.7	100.0	99.5	r99.7	100.7
Cereal and bakery products.....do.....	104.8	105.0	108.0	107.5	107.8	108.1
Dairy products and ice cream.....do.....	106.0	106.6	106.0	104.5	r105.0	105.6
Fruits and vegetables, canned and frozen.....do.....	101.1	101.5	99.0	98.6	99.1	99.0
Meats, poultry, and fish.....do.....	90.9	93.5	95.6	95.5	95.7	99.0

ITEM	1961		1962			
	June	July	April	May	June	July
COMMODITY PRICES--Continued						
WHOLESALE PRICE INDEX--Continued						
COMMODITIES OTHER THAN FARM PROD. AND FOODS...1957-59=100..	100.6	100.6	100.9	100.9	r100.7	100.8
Chemicals and allied products.....do....	99.4	99.0	97.9	97.7	97.6	97.2
Chemicals, industrial.....do....	98.8	97.9	96.5	96.3	96.2	96.1
Drugs and pharmaceuticals.....do....	98.8	98.9	97.0	97.0	97.0	95.1
Fats and oils, inedible.....do....	89.8	86.7	79.3	77.1	r73.4	73.5
Fertilizer materials.....do....	104.7	104.2	103.7	103.6	103.6	101.0
Prepared paint.....do....	103.7	103.7	103.7	103.8	103.8	103.8
Fuel and related products, and power.....do....	100.1	100.4	100.2	99.7	99.6	100.1
Coal.....do....	95.4	96.3	95.3	94.6	r94.6	95.3
Electric power.....January 1958=100..	102.3	102.5	103.0	102.9	102.8	102.8
Gas fuels.....do....	115.4	115.6	115.3	116.6	113.8	119.7
Petroleum products, refined.....1957-59=100..	98.9	99.3	98.9	97.9	98.1	98.0
Furniture, other household durables.....do....	99.6	99.5	98.9	99.0	r98.9	98.8
Appliances, household.....do....	95.1	95.1	94.7	94.3	94.3	94.2
Furniture, household.....do....	102.6	102.6	103.4	103.7	r103.9	104.1
Radio receivers and phonographs.....do....	92.7	91.8	86.8	87.2	r84.8	85.4
Television receivers.....do....	97.1	97.9	93.7	95.5	r94.9	93.8
Hides, skins, and leather products.....do....	105.1	106.1	106.9	107.2	r108.0	107.4
Footwear.....do....	106.9	106.9	108.7	108.7	108.7	108.7
Hides and skins.....do....	100.4	112.4	103.3	105.4	108.5	104.2
Leather.....do....	104.6	104.6	109.5	110.6	110.0	108.4
Lumber and wood products.....do....	97.4	96.9	96.8	97.1	97.3	97.4
Lumber.....do....	96.1	95.9	96.8	97.5	97.6	98.0
Machinery and motive products.....do....	102.4	102.2	102.3	102.3	102.2	102.2
Agricultural machinery and equipment.....do....	107.3	107.3	109.2	109.3	r109.5	109.5
Construction machinery and equipment.....do....	107.4	107.5	107.7	107.7	107.7	107.7
Electrical machinery and equipment.....do....	99.9	100.0	98.9	98.9	r98.7	98.5
Motor vehicles.....do....	100.8	100.8	100.1	100.1	100.1	100.1
Metals and metal products.....do....	100.9	100.9	100.3	100.2	r99.8	99.8
Heating equipment.....do....	94.9	94.9	94.0	93.1	r92.9	92.9
Iron and steel.....do....	100.8	100.6	99.6	99.2	98.9	98.9
Nonferrous metals.....do....	101.1	101.5	99.8	99.9	99.3	99.1
Nonmetallic mineral products.....do....	101.6	101.7	102.4	102.1	101.9	101.6
Clay products.....do....	103.0	103.0	103.6	103.6	103.6	103.6
Concrete products.....do....	102.5	102.5	102.8	102.6	102.6	102.8
Gypsum products.....do....	102.9	102.9	105.0	105.0	105.0	105.0
Pulp, paper, and products.....do....	96.6	96.6	101.3	100.8	100.5	100.3
Paper.....do....	102.4	102.4	103.1	103.1	103.1	103.1
Rubber and products.....do....	96.3	95.9	92.9	93.2	93.0	92.8
Tires and tubes.....do....	93.0	92.9	86.1	86.4	86.4	86.4
Textile products and apparel.....do....	99.0	99.2	100.5	100.7	100.8	100.9
Apparel.....do....	100.8	100.8	101.3	101.4	r101.5	101.7
Cotton products.....do....	99.2	99.4	102.4	102.1	102.0	101.9
Manmade fiber textile products.....do....	92.6	92.6	93.7	94.5	94.6	94.7
Silk products.....do....	112.4	112.8	121.6	126.4	130.7	130.2
Wool products.....do....	97.1	97.3	98.6	98.9	r99.1	99.2
Tobacco products and bottled beverages.....do....	102.8	103.1	104.0	105.1	105.1	105.0
Beverages, alcoholic.....do....	100.6	100.5	100.8	103.4	103.4	103.1
Cigarettes.....do....	101.4	101.4	101.4	101.4	101.4	101.4
Miscellaneous.....do....	103.4	103.0	106.0	106.0	105.4	107.5
Toys, sporting goods.....do....	100.7	100.8	100.5	100.5	100.5	100.5
PURCHASING POWER OF THE DOLLAR AS MEASURED BY--						
Wholesale prices.....do....	100.5	100.1	99.6	99.8	r100.0	*99.6
CONSTRUCTION AND REAL ESTATE						
ENGINEERING CONSTRUCTION:						
Contract awards (ENR) <u>1</u> /.....mil. \$..	2,392	1,883	1,687	2,252	1,821	1,908
Highway concrete pavement contract awards: <u>2</u> /						
Total.....thous. sq. yds..	11,216	9,041	8,888	9,796	10,846	8,861
Airports.....do....	582	938	848	787	727	1,017
Roads.....do....	6,119	4,328	5,694	4,973	6,445	4,443
Street and alleys.....do....	4,514	3,774	2,346	4,037	3,674	3,402
NEW HOUSING UNITS STARTED:						
Unadjusted:						
Total, incl. farm (public and private).....thous..	138.3	128.5	151.6	r156.4	r138.3	133.2
Privately owned.....do....	132.4	125.2	147.0	r154.2	r135.3	130.6
Total nonfarm (public and private).....do....	135.3	126.0	149.5	r154.9	r135.8	131.4
Privately owned.....do....	129.5	122.7	144.9	r152.7	r132.8	128.8
Seasonally adjusted at annual rates:						
Total, incl. farm (private only).....do....	1,381	1,343	1,542	r1,579	r1,415	1,407
Total nonfarm (private only).....do....	1,351	1,318	1,521	r1,566	r1,389	1,389
CONSTRUCTION COST INDEXES:						
Engineering News-Record: <u>3</u> /						
Building.....1957-59=100..	108.2	108.5	109.2	109.8	109.8	**110.5
Construction.....do....	111.9	112.3	113.6	114.5	114.7	**115.2

1/ Revised. \* Index on 1947-49=100 is 83.9. \*\* Data for Aug. 1962: Building cost, 111.1; construction cost, 116.0. 2/ Data for June 1961 and May 1962 are for 5 weeks; other months, 4 weeks. 3/ Data for May and July 1962 are for 5 weeks; other months, 4 weeks. 3/ Revised to reflect data as of 1st of indicated month and shift to 1957-59=100 reference base.

ITEM	1961		1962			
	May	June	March	April	May	June
<b>FINANCE</b>						
LIFE INSURANCE (INSTITUTE OF LIFE INSURANCE):						
ASSETS, TOTAL, ALL U.S. COMPANIES.....bil. \$..	122.46	122.86	128.11	128.57	128.93	129.14
Bonds (book value), domestic and foreign, total....do....	59.74	59.86	62.06	62.38	62.63	62.73
U.S. Government.....do....	6.55	6.40	6.26	6.35	6.32	6.23
State, county, municipal (U.S.).....do....	3.77	3.78	4.08	4.06	4.05	4.06
Public utility (U.S.).....do....	15.99	16.03	16.29	16.30	16.32	16.37
Railroad (U.S.).....do....	3.70	3.69	3.64	3.63	3.62	3.61
Industrial and miscellaneous (U.S.).....do....	25.76	25.97	27.48	27.67	r27.82	29.18
Stocks (book value), domestic and foreign, total....do....	4.34	4.34	4.89	4.93	4.97	4.95
Preferred (U.S.).....do....	2.02	2.04	2.12	2.13	2.14	2.17
Common (U.S.).....do....	2.25	2.24	2.69	2.71	2.74	2.70
Mortgage loans, total.....do....	42.72	42.90	44.64	44.75	44.95	45.14
Nonfarm.....do....	39.67	39.83	41.42	41.52	41.68	41.86
Real estate.....do....	3.84	3.86	3.99	4.01	4.02	4.04
Policy loans and premium notes.....do....	5.51	5.55	5.83	5.88	5.93	5.98
Cash.....do....	1.30	1.27	1.20	1.21	1.22	1.20
Other assets.....do....	5.02	5.07	5.49	5.41	5.22	5.10
<b>CHEMICALS AND ALLIED PRODUCTS</b>						
INORGANIC CHEMICALS, PRODUCTION:						
Acetylene.....mil. cu. ft..	984	896	1,159	1,102	r1,133	1,066
Ammonia, synthetic anhydrous (commercial), thous. sh. tons..	477.5	442.5	494.8	508.3	510.7	496.0
Carbon dioxide, liquid, gas, and solid.....do....	83.1	95.5	73.5	75.4	r96.9	100.6
Chlorine, gas.....do....	399.6	375.1	437.5	423.1	r432.8	427.5
Hydrochloric acid.....do....	77.6	73.2	89.9	89.1	89.1	91.0
Nitric acid.....do....	274.7	254.6	300.9	292.3	r305.9	277.9
Oxygen (high purity).....mil. cu. ft..	5,918	5,988	9,161	8,577	r8,083	7,574
Phosphoric acid.....thous. sh. tons..	209.2	181.8	212.2	209.4	r232.5	188.4
Sodium carbonate (soda ash), synthetic.....do....	400.8	372.2	400.7	394.1	404.1	400.4
Sodium bichromate and chromate.....do....	10.4	10.9	11.0	11.5	11.1	10.8
Sodium hydroxide.....do....	434.3	394.9	466.3	454.9	464.3	459.5
Sodium silicate (soluble silicate glass), anhydrous.....do....	55.5	37.0	47.8	51.6	55.1	42.7
Sodium sulfate (anhydrous, refined; Glauber's salt; crude salt cake).....thous. sh. tons..	92.2	92.8	113.7	106.2	r106.5	94.2
Sulfuric acid.....do....	1,574.0	1,446.3	1,725.6	1,675.9	1,692.3	1,500.3
<b>PETROLEUM, COAL, AND PRODUCTS</b>						
Bituminous coal:						
Indust. cons. and retail del., total.....thous. sh. tons..	28,443	27,966	35,775	30,889	r29,852	28,444
Electric power utilities.....do....	13,574	13,722	16,172	14,137	15,134	14,987
Manufacturing and mining industries, total.....do....	13,587	13,137	16,431	14,919	r13,828	12,571
Coke plants (oven and beehive).....do....	6,206	6,153	7,697	7,194	r6,437	5,479
Retail deliveries to other consumers.....do....	1,193	1,010	3,169	1,794	798	796
Stocks, industrial and retail dealers', end of month, total.....thous. sh. tons..	67,893	70,698	63,222	64,185	66,402	69,327
Electric power utilities.....do....	46,937	48,360	42,194	43,171	44,965	46,782
Manufacturing and mining industries, total.....do....	20,502	21,788	20,726	20,718	21,039	22,079
Oven-coke plants.....do....	9,852	9,931	9,405	9,431	9,666	10,355
Retail dealers.....do....	454	550	302	296	398	466

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