



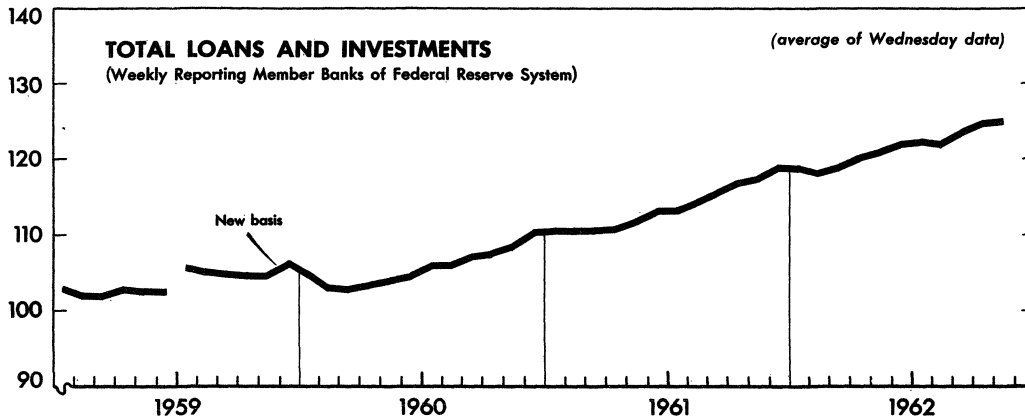
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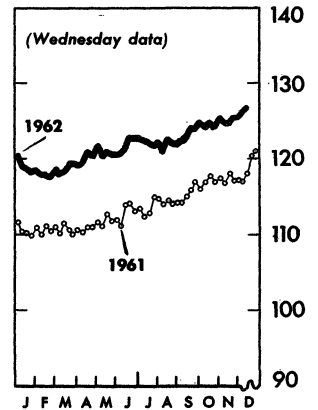
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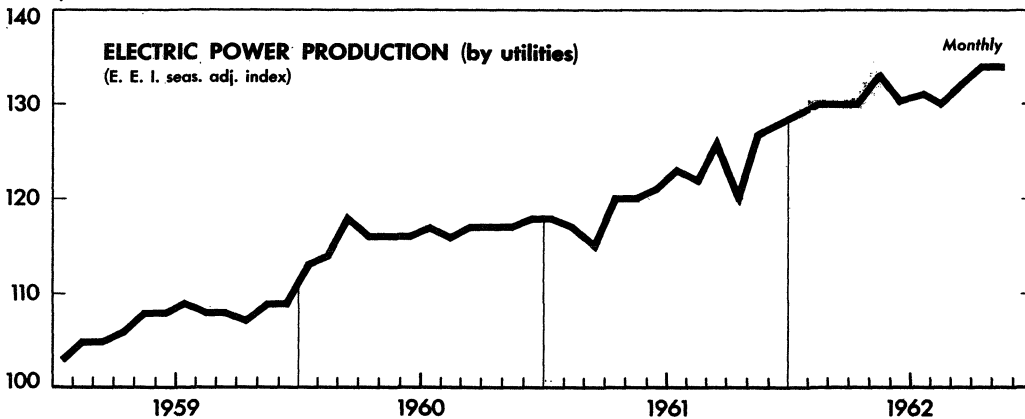
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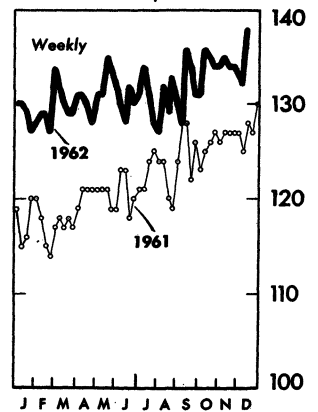
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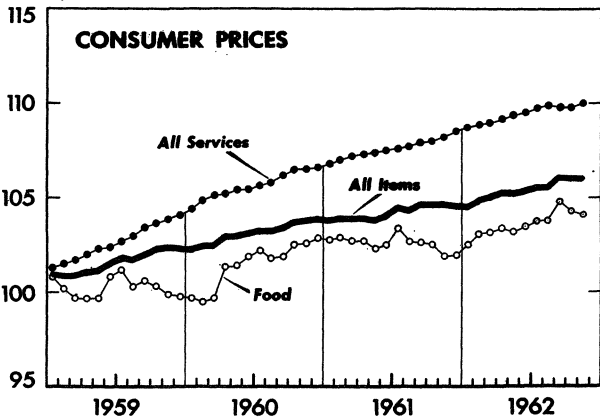
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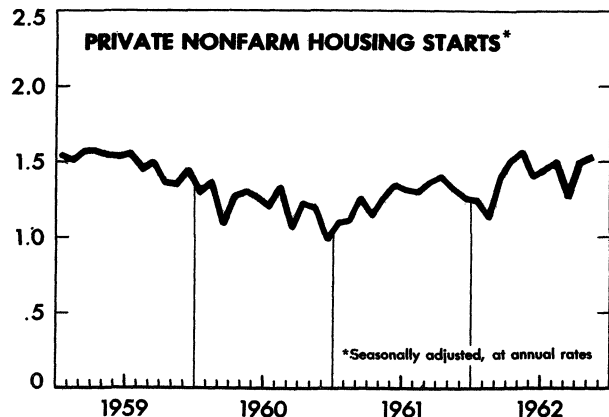
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Millions



ITEM	1961		1962			
	Dec. 16	Dec. 23	Dec. 1	Dec. 8	Dec. 15	Dec. 22
COMMODITY PRICES, WHOLESALE:						
All commodities.....1957-59=100..	.....	*100.4	.....	100.4	100.4	100.5
Farm products.....do.....	.....	*95.9	.....	97.4	97.5	98.6
Foods, processed.....do.....	.....	*101.0	.....	100.7	101.0	100.8
All other.....do.....	.....	*100.9	.....	100.7	100.7	100.7
22 commodities <u>2/</u>.....do.....	97.5	97.8	92.9	93.1	92.4	92.5
ALL RETAIL STORES, SALES.....mil. \$..	.....	.....	5,172	5,366	5,765	.....
DEPARTMENT STORE SALES.....1957-59=100..	240	259	168	212	246	.....
INITIAL UNEMPLOYMENT CLAIMS, State programs.....thous..	380	410	343	368	444	.....
INSURED UNEMPLOYMENT, all programs.....do.....	2,458	2,530	1,906	1,984	.....	.....
State programs (50 States and Puerto Rico).....do.....	1,944	2,027	1,748	1,825	.....	.....
FAILURES, INDUST. AND COMMERCIAL (Dun & Bradstreet).....number..	306	285	322	294	252	.....
FINANCE:						
Currency in circulation <u>3/</u>.....mil. \$..	33,937	34,072	34,803	34,854	35,226	35,366
Federal Reserve bank credit outstanding, total <u>3/</u>.....do.....	30,780	31,401	32,259	32,373	32,629	33,163
Member bank reserve balances <u>3/</u>.....do.....	19,742	20,234	19,619	19,527	19,526	19,945
Excess reserves, estimated <u>3/</u>.....do.....	566	578	539	376	447	516
Reporting member banks (of F.R. System) in leading cities: <u>4/</u>						
Demand deposits, adjusted.....mil. \$..	65,987	66,185	63,007	62,762	65,029	.....
Savings deposits.....do.....	29,894	29,944	34,459	34,535	34,572	.....
Loans and investments (adjusted), total.....do.....	117,860	120,361	125,472	126,133	126,817	.....
U.S. Government obligations.....do.....	33,931	34,501	31,124	31,277	31,231	.....
Commercial and industrial loans (gross).....do.....	32,233	32,733	34,680	34,779	34,807	.....
Real estate loans (gross).....do.....	13,386	13,419	15,399	15,415	15,470	.....
Bond yields, domestic corporate (Moody's) <u>3/</u>.....percent..	4.71	4.72	4.54	4.54	4.53	.....
Stock prices, 500 stocks (Stand. & Poor's) <u>4/</u> ..1941-43=10..	72.53	71.12	62.12	62.89	62.63	62.58
Industrials, 425 stocks.....do.....	76.60	75.22	65.13	65.95	65.60	65.52
PRODUCTION:						
Bituminous coal <u>3/</u>.....thous. sh. tons..	1,473	1,471	1,483	1,282	1,260	.....
Electric power, by utilities.....mil. kw.-hr..	16,695	16,630	16,699	17,005	18,009	.....
Motor vehicles (cars, trucks, coaches).....number..	193,863	174,591	202,396	197,327	204,616	.....
Petroleum (crude) and condensate <u>3/</u>.....thous. bbl..	7,355	7,300	7,313	7,335	7,341	.....
Steel.....thous. sh. tons..	2,200	2,225	1,876	1,858	1,832	.....
Index of production.....1957-59=100..	118.1	119.4	100.7	99.7	98.3	.....
FREIGHT CARLOADINGS, TOTAL.....thous. cars..						
Miscellaneous.....do.....	285	272	306	303	283	.....

^{1/} Data do not always cover calendar weeks. ^{2/} Tuesday price. ^{3/} Daily average. ^{4/} Wednesday data. * Monthly index for Dec. 1961.

MONTHLY BUSINESS STATISTICS

ITEM	1961		1962			
	Oct.	Nov.	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.
GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS						
MANUFACTURERS' SALES: <u>1/</u>						
Value (unadjusted):						
Durable goods industries, total.....bil. \$..	16.0	15.7	16.0	16.0	r17.5	16.6
Value (seasonally adjusted):						
Durable goods industries, total.....do.....	15.3	15.6	16.4	r16.3	r16.2	16.6
MANUFACTURERS' ORDERS: <u>1/</u>						
New orders, net (unadjusted):						
Durable goods industries, total.....do.....	16.1	15.9	15.5	r15.4	r17.2	16.2
New orders, net (seasonally adjusted):						
Durable goods industries, total.....do.....	16.1	16.1	15.9	r15.9	r16.4	16.5
Unfilled orders, end of month (unadjusted):						
Durable goods industries, total.....do.....	44.5	44.7	44.5	r44.0	r43.6	43.3
NEW BUSINESS INCORPORATIONS (Dun & Bradstreet, Inc.):						
Unadjusted.....number..	15,492	14,045	14,955	12,777	r15,318	12,914
Seasonally adjusted.....do.....	16,286	16,149	15,104	15,249	r15,373	14,849
COMMODITY PRICES						
CONSUMER PRICE INDEX, ALL ITEMS.....1957-59=100..	104.6	104.6	105.5	106.1	106.0	*106.0
Special group indexes:						
All items less food.....do.....	105.5	105.6	106.2	106.6	106.7	106.7
All items less shelter.....do.....	104.7	104.5	105.5	106.1	106.1	106.0
All commodities.....do.....	102.9	102.6	103.2	104.1	104.0	103.9
Nondurables.....do.....	103.0	102.7	103.5	104.7	104.4	104.2
Durables.....do.....	101.7	101.6	101.7	101.6	102.0	102.2
Services.....do.....	108.0	108.2	109.9	109.8	109.8	110.0
Apparel.....do.....	103.9	103.7	102.5	104.6	104.9	104.3
Food.....do.....	102.5	101.9	103.8	104.8	104.3	104.1
Dairy products.....do.....	105.1	105.5	103.9	104.2	104.3	104.2
Fruits and vegetables.....do.....	99.4	98.4	105.2	102.2	102.0	102.1
Meats, poultry, and fish.....do.....	99.5	98.5	102.6	106.3	104.1	103.5
Housing.....do.....	104.1	104.2	104.8	104.9	105.0	105.1
Gas and electricity.....do.....	107.8	107.8	108.0	108.0	108.0	108.1
Housefurnishings.....do.....	99.5	99.3	98.5	98.7	98.8	98.7
Rent.....do.....	104.8	104.9	105.8	105.9	106.1	106.2

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ITEM	1961		1962			
	Oct.	Nov.	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.
COMMODITY PRICES--Continued						
CONSUMER PRICE INDEX--Continued						
Medical care.....1957-59=100..	112.3	112.4	114.6	114.7	114.9	115.0
Personal care.....do....	104.6	104.8	106.8	106.8	106.9	107.1
Reading and recreation.....do....	108.3	108.1	110.3	110.0	109.5	110.1
Transportation.....do....	106.7	106.8	107.4	107.8	108.1	108.3
Private.....do....	105.8	105.9	106.2	106.7	106.9	107.2
Public.....do....	112.5	112.7	115.7	115.7	116.0	115.4
Other goods and services.....do....	105.0	105.0	105.5	105.6	105.6	105.6
PURCHASING POWER OF THE DOLLAR AS MEASURED BY--						
Consumer prices.....do....	95.6	95.6	94.8	94.3	94.3	*94.3
CONSTRUCTION AND REAL ESTATE						
NEW HOUSING UNITS STARTED:						
Unadjusted:						
Total, incl. farm (public and private).....thous..	129.9	106.1	147.8	r115.3	r136.2	118.7
Privately owned.....do....	124.8	103.0	146.1	r113.6	r133.4	117.1
Total nonfarm (public and private).....do....	127.4	104.4	144.7	r112.7	r132.3	117.9
Privately owned.....do....	122.3	101.3	143.0	r111.0	r129.5	116.3
Seasonally adjusted at annual rates:						
Total, incl. farm (private only).....do....	1,443	1,368	1,529	r1,289	r1,548	1,544
Total nonfarm (private only).....do....	1,413	1,345	1,500	r1,261	r1,502	1,533
FINANCE						
AGRICULTURAL LOANS AND DISCOUNTS OUTSTANDING OF AGENCIES SUPERVISED BY THE FARM CREDIT ADM.:						
Total, end of month.....mil. \$..	5,313	5,252	5,833	5,814	5,762	5,719
Farm mortgage loans: Federal land banks.....do....	2,800	2,812	3,003	3,021	3,031	3,037
Loans to cooperatives.....do....	679	695	680	690	738	746
Other loans and discounts.....do....	1,834	1,745	2,150	2,103	1,993	1,936
BANK DEBITS: Unadjusted:						
Total (344 centers).....bil. \$..	274.7	272.6	281.1	263.3	308.7	288.2
New York City.....do....	113.7	112.5	110.8	109.7	127.5	116.5
6 other leading centers.....do....	54.3	54.2	57.5	53.4	64.1	59.4
Seasonally adjusted:						
Total (344 centers).....do....	272.4	273.8	283.9	286.6	r299.2	296.4
New York City.....do....	113.6	115.2	115.8	120.9	124.5	122.2
6 other leading centers.....do....	54.0	54.4	57.4	58.1	62.3	61.1
337 other centers.....do....	104.7	104.2	110.7	107.6	112.4	113.1
CHEMICALS AND ALLIED PRODUCTS						
INORGANIC CHEMICALS, PRODUCTION:						
Acetylene.....mil. cu. ft..	1,101	1,115	1,089	1,128	1,092	.....
Ammonia, synthetic anhydrous (commercial).....thous. sh. tons..	425.5	435.4	464.2	r470.5	489.1	.....
Carbon dioxide, liquid, gas, and solid.....do....	78.8	69.3	107.8	r92.1	89.8	.....
Chlorine, gas.....do....	409.5	411.4	441.1	428.2	444.9	.....
Hydrochloric acid.....do....	83.0	86.9	89.6	r90.0	92.5	.....
Nitric acid.....do....	297.5	298.8	299.7	303.7	314.7	.....
Oxygen (high purity).....mil. cu. ft..	7,626	7,667	8,103	8,129	8,800	.....
Phosphoric acid.....thous. sh. tons..	195.6	184.9	195.5	195.0	210.3	.....
Sodium carbonate (soda ash), synthetic.....do....	408.1	410.2	390.4	378.4	391.4	.....
Sodium bichromate and chromate.....do....	11.6	10.5	9.6	9.5	11.1	.....
Sodium hydroxide.....do....	443.8	433.7	469.7	451.2	474.6	.....
Sodium silicate (soluble silicate glass), anhydrous.....do....	54.6	58.9	44.8	r42.3	53.7	.....
Sodium sulfate (anhydrous, refined; Glauber's salt; crude salt cake).....do....	97.4	105.2	100.6	99.2	103.5	.....
Sulfuric acid.....do....	1,543.5	1,556.9	1,499.9	r1,466.8	1,628.1	.....
SYNTHETIC PLASTICS AND RESIN MATERIALS, PRODUCTION:						
Cellulose acetate (sheets, rods, and tubes and molding and extrusion materials) and nitrocellulose (sheets, rods, and tubes).....mil. lb..	14.1	13.9	12.9	13.0	14.2	.....
Phenolic and other tar acid resins.....do....	57.2	54.6	60.1	57.9	61.4	.....
Polystyrene.....do....	98.1	92.7	102.3	r105.1	107.3	.....
Urea and melamine resins.....do....	37.6	36.0	40.7	42.0	44.1	.....
Vinyl resins.....do....	116.8	110.9	131.9	133.9	138.9	.....
Alkyd resins.....do....	37.2	34.4	44.3	r38.1	42.3	.....
Polyester resins.....do....	15.2	15.5	18.3	15.1	18.6	.....
Polyethylene resins.....do....	146.2	148.4	170.8	170.1	176.6	.....
METALS AND MANUFACTURES						
Iron and steel scrap:						
Production and receipts, total.....thous. sh. tons..	6,151	5,798	4,890	r4,706	p5,530	.....
Home scrap produced.....do....	3,658	3,533	3,046	r2,985	p3,241	.....
Purchased scrap received (net).....do....	2,493	2,265	1,845	1,721	p2,289	.....
Consumption, total.....do....	5,851	5,655	4,967	r5,025	p5,508	.....
Stocks, consumers', end of month.....do....	8,967	9,108	9,199	r8,884	p8,917	.....
Pig iron:						
Consumption.....do....	6,327	6,051	4,757	4,825	p5,213	.....
Stocks (consumers' and suppliers'), end of mo.....do....	3,057	3,147	3,368	r3,266	p3,145

ITEM	1961		1962			
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METALS AND MANUFACTURES--Continued						
Radiators and convectors, cast iron:						
Shipments.....mil. sq. ft. radiation..	1.5	1.3	1.3	1.4	1.6
Stocks, end of month.....do....	2.9	2.7	2.7	2.5	2.1	.....
Oil burners:						
Shipments.....thous..	62.4	46.1	50.1	62.0	62.7	.....
Stocks, end of month.....do....	41.8	41.4	62.2	55.2	52.7	.....
Stoves and ranges, dom. cooking (exc. electric):						
Shipments, total (excl. liquid-fuel types) <u>1</u> /.....do....	189.7	164.6	182.0	r186.5	195.9	.....
Stoves, domestic heating (exc. electric), shipments.....do....	290.3	167.8	277.2	r251.8	281.4	.....
Warm-air furnaces, shipments.....do....	152.4	99.6	134.5	154.4	153.2	.....
Water heaters, gas, shipments.....do....	214.6	193.7	226.1	194.4	255.6	.....
PETROLEUM, COAL, AND PRODUCTS						
Bituminous coal:						
Indust. cons. and retail del., total.....thous. sh. tons..	33,367	34,018	r30,070	29,371	31,960	.....
Electric power utilities.....do....	15,352	15,734	16,288	14,995	15,968	.....
Manufacturing and mining industries, total.....do....	15,052	15,396	r12,236	12,223	13,436	.....
Coke plants (oven and beehive).....do....	7,069	6,989	r5,358	5,350	5,574	.....
Retail deliveries to other consumers.....do....	2,860	2,789	1,455	2,065	2,464	.....
Stocks, industrial and retail dealers', end of month, total.....thous. sh. tons..	72,612	73,851	68,489	r70,241	72,818	.....
Electric power utilities.....do....	50,268	50,421	47,340	49,274	51,442	.....
Manufacturing and mining industries, total.....do....	21,714	22,808	20,619	r20,445	20,867	.....
Oven-coke plants.....do....	9,813	10,454	8,277	r8,180	8,622	.....
Retail dealers.....do....	630	622	530	522	509	.....
TEXTILE PRODUCTS						
Men's apparel, cuttings: <u>2</u> /						
Tailored garments:						
Suits.....thous. units..	1,744	1,835	2,002	1,750	2,126	.....
Overcoats and topcoats.....do....	360	345	533	442	452	.....
Coats (separate), dress and sport.....do....	1,076	1,160	1,354	1,093	1,302	.....
Trousers (separate), dress and sport.....do....	7,936	7,445	10,028	8,247	8,915	.....
Shirts (woven fabrics), dress and sport.....thous. doz..	2,020	2,285	2,208	2,021	2,216	.....
Work clothing:						
Dungarees and waistband overalls.....do....	320	310	387	302	321	.....
Shirts.....do....	320	350	334	289	341	.....
COTTON: <u>3</u> /						
Consumption.....thous. bales..	716	875	693	661	823	667
Manufactures:						
Spindle activity (cotton system spindles):						
Active spindles, last working day.....thous..	19,089	19,017	18,798	18,689	18,712	18,730
Consuming 100 percent cotton.....do....	17,313	17,205	16,731	16,543	16,495	16,395
Spindle hours operated, all fibers, total.....millions..	9,685	11,872	9,432	9,131	11,565	9,253
Average per working day.....do....	484	475	472	457	463	463
Consuming 100 percent cotton.....do....	8,782	10,753	8,382	8,034	10,134	8,035
MANMADE FIBERS (RAYON AND ACETATE):						
Production:						
Filament yarn.....mil. lb..	57.5	59.2	63.2	59.0	62.6	60.3
Staple, incl. tow (rayon).....do....	33.6	37.6	41.4	38.0	r45.9	46.4
Stocks, producers', end of mo.:						
Filament yarn.....do....	48.6	45.9	54.0	57.1	58.4	59.7
Staple, incl. tow (rayon).....do....	43.4	40.3	54.4	52.9	r48.4	41.7

1/ Revised. 2/ Excludes shipments of cooking tops; such shipments totaled 32,100 units in Oct. 1962. 3/ Data for Oct. 1961 and Nov. 1961 cover 4 and 5 weeks, respectively; 1962 figures are for calendar months. 4/ Data for Nov. 1961 and Oct. 1962 cover 5 weeks; other months, 4 weeks.

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