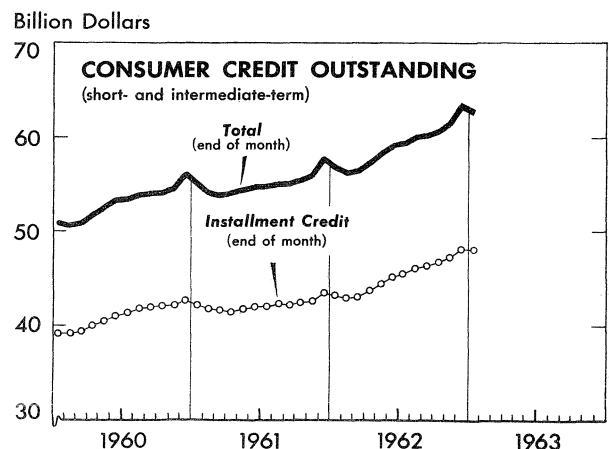
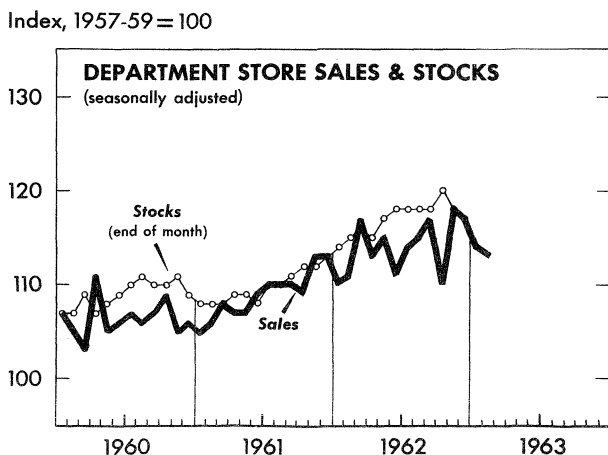
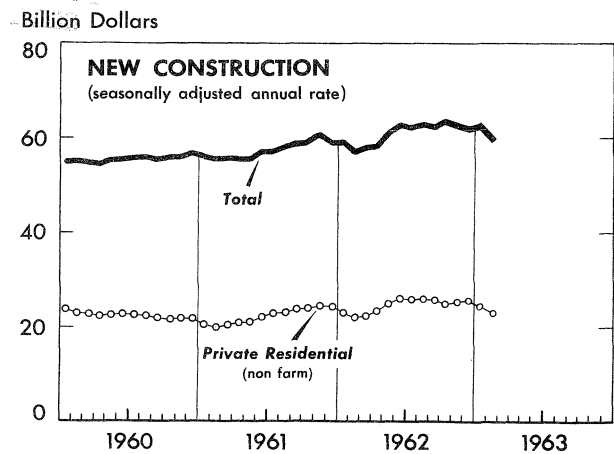
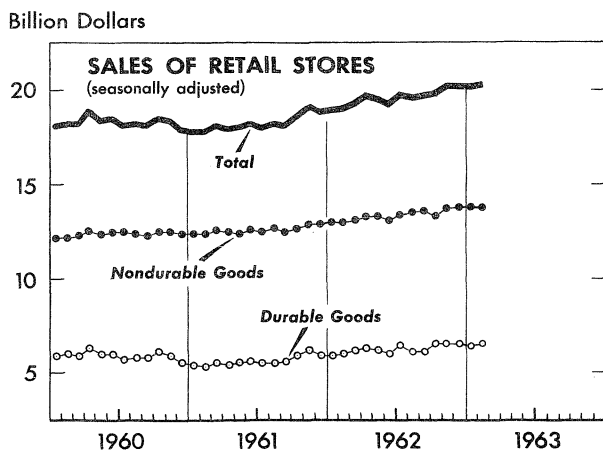
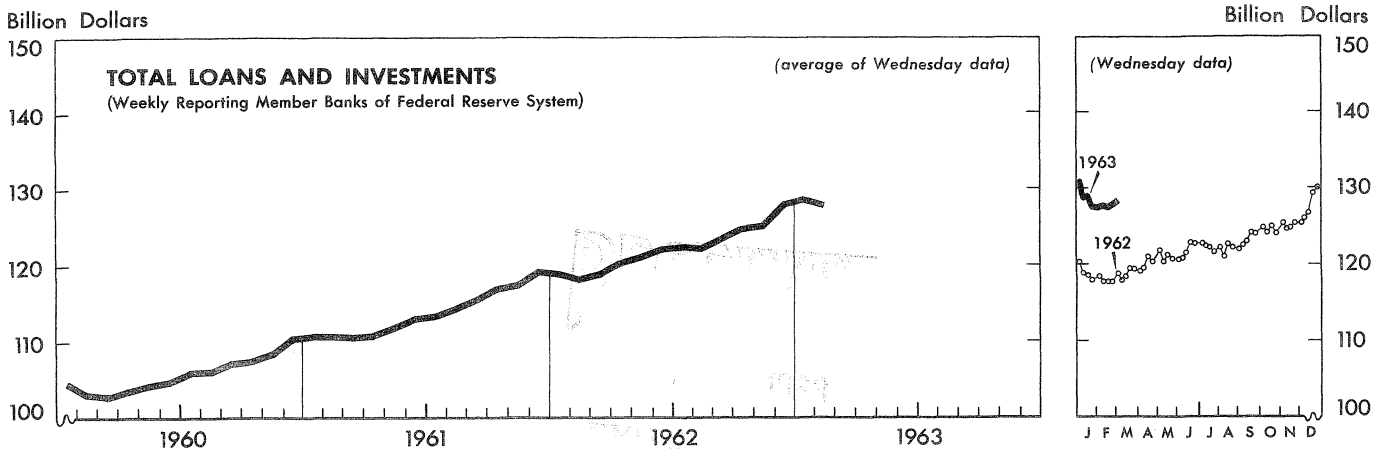


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WEEKLY BUSINESS STATISTICS¹

ITEM	1962		1963			
	Mar. 3	Mar. 10	Feb. 16	Feb. 23	Mar. 2	Mar. 9
COMMODITY PRICES, WHOLESALE:						
All commodities.....1957-59=100..	*100.7	.....	100.1	100.2	100.2	100.1
Farm products.....do....	*98.2	.....	96.2	97.0	96.8	95.9
Foods, processed.....do....	*101.8	.....	100.3	100.2	100.0	99.7
All other.....do....	*100.8	.....	100.6	100.6	100.7	100.7
22 commodities <u>2/</u>.....do....	95.8	96.6	**93.3	93.0	93.2	92.7
ALL RETAIL STORES, SALES.....mil. \$..	.....	.....	4,156	4,137	4,340	.....
DEPARTMENT STORE SALES.....1957-59=100..	85	86	89	89	82	.....
INITIAL UNEMPLOYMENT CLAIMS, State programs.....thous..	315	306	311	291	297	.....
INSURED UNEMPLOYMENT, all programs.....do....	2,891	2,834	2,733	2,717	.....	.....
State programs (50 States and Puerto Rico).....do....	2,397	2,345	2,555	2,537	.....	.....
FAILURES, INDUST. AND COMMERCIAL (Dun & Bradstreet), number..	311	364	311	310	311	302
FINANCE:						
Currency in circulation <u>3/</u>.....mil. \$..	32,857	32,908	34,263	34,293	34,228	34,279
Federal Reserve bank credit outstanding, total <u>3/</u>.....do....	29,778	29,974	32,330	32,312	32,219	32,444
Member bank reserve balances <u>3/</u>.....do....	19,485	19,484	19,622	19,511	19,477	19,526
Excess reserves, estimated <u>3/</u>.....do....	520	446	501	424	467	445
Reporting member banks (of F.R.System) in leading cities: <u>4/</u>						
Demand deposits, adjusted.....mil. \$..	63,104	62,286	62,593	61,958	62,654	.....
Savings deposits.....do....	31,082	31,248	35,328	35,384	35,426	.....
Loans and investments (adjusted), total.....do....	118,928	117,995	127,409	127,738	128,344	.....
U.S. Government obligations.....do....	33,510	32,908	31,735	31,716	31,446	.....
Commercial and industrial loans (gross).....do....	32,204	32,203	34,389	34,534	34,564	.....
Real estate loans (gross).....do....	13,497	13,484	15,688	15,748	15,768	.....
Bond yields, domestic corporate (Moody's) <u>3/</u>.....percent..	4.69	4.68	4.48	4.47	4.47	4.47
Stock prices, 500 stocks (Stand. & Poor's) <u>4/</u> , 1941-43=10..	69.96	69.69	66.15	65.83	65.01	64.85
Industrials, 425 stocks.....do....	73.89	73.57	69.11	68.79	67.91	67.77
PRODUCTION:						
Bituminous coal <u>3/</u>.....thous. sh. tons..	1,285	1,334	1,369	1,328	1,385	.....
Electric power, by utilities.....mil. kw.-hr..	16,514	16,418	17,672	17,489	17,505	.....
Motor vehicles (cars, trucks, coaches).....number..	162,593	157,386	179,325	174,660	178,380	181,822
Petroleum (crude) and condensate <u>3/</u>.....thous. bbl..	7,403	7,266	7,441	7,449	7,417	.....
Steel.....thous. sh. tons..	2,361	2,367	2,054	2,086	2,130	2,178
Index of production.....1957-59=100..	126.7	127.1	110.3	112.0	114.3	116.9
FREIGHT CARLOADINGS, TOTAL.....thous. cars..						
Miscellaneous.....do....	291	285	279	267	291	.....

^{1/} Data do not always cover calendar weeks. ^{2/} Tuesday price. ^{3/} Daily average. ^{4/} Wednesday data. * Monthly index for Feb. 1962.
** Wednesday price.

MONTHLY BUSINESS STATISTICS

ITEM	1962				1963	
	Jan.	Feb.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.
CONSTRUCTION AND REAL ESTATE						
NEW CONSTRUCTION PUT IN PLACE (UNADJ.), TOTAL.....mil. \$..	4,082	3,773	5,339	r4,888	r4,304	3,955
Private, total.....do....	2,962	2,769	3,781	r3,535	r3,131	2,900
Residential (nonfarm).....do....	1,629	1,472	2,137	r1,999	r1,734	1,532
New housing units.....do....	1,208	1,078	1,646	r1,541	r1,306	1,140
Additions and alterations.....do....	324	298	380	351	r326	294
Nonresidential buildings, total <u>1/</u>.....do....	863	835	1,010	964	899	864
Industrial.....do....	225	224	244	224	241	235
Commercial.....do....	365	346	454	428	382	368
Stores, restaurants, and garages.....do....	175	163	212	189	155	151
Farm construction.....do....	92	90	113	95	r92	94
Public utilities.....do....	360	355	495	r453	r383	385
Public, total.....do....	1,120	1,004	1,558	1,353	r1,173	1,055
Nonresidential buildings.....do....	385	353	418	r390	r384	355
Military facilities.....do....	54	70	113	104	.....	.....
Highways.....do....	332	241	589	496	338	.....
NEW CONSTRUCTION PUT IN PLACE (SEASONALLY ADJUSTED AT ANNUAL RATES), TOTAL.....mil. \$..	59,166	56,714	62,610	r61,823	r62,451	59,533
Private, total.....do....	41,077	39,909	44,059	r44,134	r43,308	41,656
Residential (nonfarm).....do....	23,187	22,245	25,432	r25,654	r24,633	23,121
Nonresidential buildings, total <u>1/</u>.....do....	10,982	10,849	11,261	11,205	11,348	11,219
Industrial.....do....	2,590	2,592	2,820	2,788	2,773	2,716
Commercial.....do....	4,928	4,756	4,967	4,979	5,086	4,999
Stores, restaurants, and garages.....do....	2,612	2,444	2,245	2,262	2,310	2,256
Farm construction.....do....	1,316	1,284	1,436	1,332	r1,330	1,326
Public utilities.....do....	5,357	5,274	5,637	r5,657	r5,692	5,690
Public, total.....do....	18,089	16,805	18,551	r17,689	r19,143	17,877
Nonresidential buildings.....do....	5,058	5,116	5,216	r5,083	r5,041	5,143
Military facilities.....do....	924	1,211	1,003	1,324	.....	.....
Highways.....do....	7,250	5,414	6,922	6,343	7,483	.....
CONSTRUCTION COST INDEX:						
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE COMPOSITE.....1947-49=100..	145	147	148	149	149	150

ITEM	1962				1963	
	Jan.	Feb.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb. p/
DOMESTIC TRADE						
RETAIL TRADE, ALL RETAIL STORES:						
ESTIMATED SALES (UNADJUSTED), TOTAL <u>1/</u>.....mil. \$..	r17,007	r16,042	r20,911	r24,127	r18,255	17,050
Durable goods stores.....do....	5,174	4,980	6,742	r6,766	r5,650	5,324
Automotive group.....do....	3,106	2,994	3,869	r3,434	r3,458	3,235
Lumber, building, hardware group.....do....	687	652	976	921	691	.....
Nondurable goods stores.....do....	r11,833	r11,062	r14,169	r17,361	r12,605	11,726
Apparel group.....do....	948	795	1,320	r2,127	r988	831
Eating and drinking places.....do....	1,272	1,185	1,445	r1,479	r1,345	1,250
Food group.....do....	4,470	4,314	4,917	r5,237	r4,752	4,491
General merchandise group.....do....	1,632	1,513	2,711	r4,119	r1,758	1,627
ESTIMATED SALES (SEAS. ADJ.), TOTAL <u>1/</u>.....do....	r18,898	r19,027	r20,230	r20,203	r20,241	20,291
Durable goods stores.....do....	5,920	5,977	6,523	r6,453	r6,429	6,459
Automotive group.....do....	3,348	3,361	3,760	r3,662	3,696	.....
Lumber, building, hardware group.....do....	927	932	961	r955	935	.....
Nondurable goods stores.....do....	r12,978	r13,050	r13,707	r13,750	r13,812	13,832
Apparel group.....do....	1,185	1,170	1,231	r1,219	1,224	.....
Eating and drinking places.....do....	1,387	1,414	1,486	r1,465	1,475	.....
Food group.....do....	4,684	4,732	4,813	r4,928	4,958	.....
General merchandise group.....do....	2,133	2,138	2,393	r2,340	2,322	.....
ESTIMATED INVENTORIES:						
Unadjusted, total.....bil. \$..	25.82	26.56	28.57	r26.56	26.43	.....
Adjusted, total.....do....	26.86	26.90	27.49	r27.43	27.46	.....
RETAIL FIRMS WITH 4 OR MORE STORES:						
Estimated sales (unadjusted), total.....mil. \$..	4,564	4,306	6,044	r7,767	4,852	.....
RETAIL FIRMS WITH 11 OR MORE STORES:						
Estimated sales (unadjusted), total.....do....	3,866	3,673	5,056	6,526	4,075	.....
Apparel group.....do....	224	198	346	546	232	.....
Eating and drinking places.....do....	93	88	99	101	91	.....
General merchandise group.....do....	1,052	965	1,734	2,664	1,120	.....
Grocery stores.....do....	1,784	1,744	2,000	2,103	1,897	.....
Lumber yards, building materials dealers.....do....	42	44	66	52	45	.....
Tire, battery, accessory dealers.....do....	72	64	92	126	69	.....
Estimated sales (seasonally adjusted), total.....do....	4,501	4,523	4,743	4,741	4,731	.....
Apparel group.....do....	314	313	320	309	315	.....
Eating and drinking places.....do....	101	99	102	101	98	.....
General merchandise group.....do....	1,408	1,407	1,523	1,503	1,505	.....
Grocery stores.....do....	1,865	1,890	1,937	1,965	1,965	.....
Lumber yards, building materials dealers.....do....	56	63	65	64	61	.....
Tire, battery, accessory dealers.....do....	92	88	94	98	88	.....
DEPARTMENT STORE SALES, UNITED STATES TOTAL:						
Unadjusted index.....1957-59=100..	83	83	141	r212	p86	85
Seasonally adjusted index.....do....	110	r111	118	117	p114	113
WHOLESALE TRADE:						
Sales, estimated (unadjusted), total.....bil. \$..	12.33	11.57	13.89	r13.13	12.44	.....
Durable goods establishments.....do....	4.14	3.96	4.62	r4.26	4.27	.....
Nondurable goods establishments.....do....	8.19	7.61	9.27	r8.87	8.17	.....
Inventories, estimated (unadjusted), total.....do....	13.59	13.56	14.15	r13.81	13.83	.....
Durable goods establishments.....do....	6.72	6.79	6.95	6.83	6.81	.....
Nondurable goods establishments.....do....	6.87	6.77	7.20	r6.98	7.02	.....
EMPLOYMENT						
CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE, TOTAL, UNADJUSTED.....thous..						
EMPLOYED.....do....	69,721	70,332	71,782	71,378	70,607	71,275
Agricultural employment.....do....	65,058	65,789	67,981	67,561	65,935	66,358
Nonagricultural employment.....do....	4,417	4,578	4,883	4,066	4,206	4,049
UNEMPLOYED.....do....	60,641	61,211	63,098	63,495	61,730	62,309
Percent of civilian labor force.....do....	4,663	4,543	3,801	3,817	4,672	4,918
	6.7	6.5	5.3	5.3	6.6	6.9
CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE, TOTAL, SEAS. ADJUSTED.....thous..						
EMPLOYED.....do....	r71,434	r71,713	r71,827	r72,084	r72,348	72,501
Agricultural employment.....do....	r67,262	r67,629	r67,691	r68,091	r68,171	68,086
Nonagricultural employment.....do....	r5,380	r5,481	r4,983	r4,843	r5,183	4,841
UNEMPLOYED.....do....	r61,882	r62,148	r62,708	r63,248	r62,988	63,245
Percent of civilian labor force.....do....	r4,172	r4,084	r4,136	r3,993	r4,177	4,415
	5.8	r5.7	5.8	r5.5	5.8	6.1
LABOR TURNOVER IN MANUFACTURING ESTABLISHMENTS:						
Accession rate, total.....monthly rate per 100 employees..	4.1	3.5	3.0	r2.4	p3.5	.....
Seasonally adjusted.....do....	4.4	4.1	3.6	r3.5	p3.8	.....
New hires.....do....	2.2	2.0	1.8	1.2	p1.9	.....
Separation rate, total.....do....	3.9	3.4	4.0	3.8	p3.8	.....
Seasonally adjusted.....do....	3.9	3.9	3.9	3.9	p3.8	.....
Quit.....do....	1.1	1.1	1.1	.8	p1.1	.....
Layoff.....do....	2.1	1.7	2.3	2.5	p2.1	.....
FINANCE						
CONSUMER CREDIT (SHORT- AND INTERMEDIATE-TERM):						
Total outstanding, end of month.....mil. \$..	56,711	56,093	61,473	r63,458	62,741	.....
Installment credit, total.....do....	43,265	43,074	47,274	r48,243	48,143	.....
Installment credit extended and repaid:						
Unadjusted: Extended, total.....do....	3,878	3,611	4,932	r5,379	4,381	.....
Repaid, total.....do....	4,140	3,802	4,380	r4,410	4,481	.....
Adjusted: Extended, total.....do....	4,327	4,356	4,961	r4,829	4,893	.....
Repaid, total.....do....	4,048	4,084	4,380	r4,371	4,376	.....
GOLD, MONETARY STOCK, U. S., end of month.....do....	16,815	16,790	15,977	15,978	i5,928	15,878
SILVER, price at New York.....dol. per fine oz..	1.043	1.025	*1.192	*1.199	*1.244	*1.256

ITEM	1961	1962				1963
	Dec.	Jan.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.
CHEMICALS AND ALLIED PRODUCTS						
ORGANIC CHEMICALS, PRODUCTION:						
Acetic anhydride.....mil. lb..	117.3	96.5	105.1	99.5	114.6	98.7
Acetylsalicylic acid (aspirin).....do....	2.3	2.0	2.5	2.7	2.4	2.0
Alcohol, ethyl:						
Production.....mil. proof gal..	55.3	53.7	65.5	52.6	58.7	.....
Stocks, end of month, total.....do....	141.1	145.9	150.7	r144.7	156.8	.....
Used for denaturation.....do....	43.7	43.9	43.5	41.4	41.6	.....
Taxable withdrawals.....do....	4.2	4.3	7.7	6.4	4.6	.....
Alcohol, denatured:						
Production.....mil. wine gal..	23.5	23.7	23.8	22.8	22.9	.....
Consumption (withdrawals).....do....	24.2	23.6	23.4	21.9	22.7	.....
Stocks, end of month.....do....	5.2	5.4	2.1	3.0	3.2	.....
Creosote oil.....mil. gal..	6.4	6.1	7.9	7.5	8.1	7.6
DDT.....mil. lb..	12.9	10.3	15.5	14.7	13.5	14.9
Ethyl acetate (85%).....do....	7.3	9.6	7.6	10.7	6.3	6.9
Ethylene glycol.....do....	97.3	91.3	112.9	114.4	117.9	121.9
Formaldehyde (37% HCHO).....do....	156.6	155.8	188.3	179.0	169.8	167.8
Methanol, synthetic.....mil. gal..	27.7	26.4	29.2	27.8	29.2	27.0
Phthalic anhydride.....mil. lb..	30.9	28.7	36.1	35.8	38.4	35.2
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	12.8	14.2	12.7	12.0	.....
Phenolic and other tar acid resins.....do....	52.5	58.0	61.4	r58.9	55.4	.....
Polystyrene.....do....	95.9	99.9	109.0	106.1	99.6	.....
Urea and melamine resins.....do....	32.2	39.2	44.1	39.6	38.0	.....
Vinyl resins.....do....	108.5	113.3	138.9	132.1	128.8	.....
Alkyd resins.....do....	31.0	37.0	42.3	r38.4	35.4	.....
Polyester resins.....do....	13.3	15.9	18.6	15.7	14.5	.....
Polyethylene resins.....do....	153.2	150.6	176.6	170.3	170.8	.....
METALS AND MANUFACTURES						
STEEL PRODUCTS, NET SHIPMENTS:						
Total (all grades).....thous. sh. tons..	5,787	6,906	5,579	5,499	5,001	5,731
Structural shapes (heavy), steel piling.....do....	404	402	394	375	330	354
Plates.....do....	590	648	453	483	460	484
Bars and tool steel, total.....do....	868	1,028	915	881	778	878
Pipe and tubing.....do....	448	506	595	485	394	440
Tin mill products.....do....	357	614	376	337	303	539
Sheets and strip (incl. electrical), total.....do....	2,564	3,080	2,297	2,401	2,257	2,491
FABRICATED STRUCTURAL STEEL:						
Orders, new (net).....do....	373	314	301	324	478	328
Shipments.....do....	296	284	357	315	282	235
Backlog, end of month.....do....	2,723	2,596	2,351	2,475	2,624	2,609
Barrels and drums, steel, heavy types (for sale):						
Orders, unfilled, end of month.....thous..	1,510	1,491	1,277	1,266	1,285	.....
Shipments.....do....	1,607	1,887	1,924	1,816	1,537	.....
Industrial trucks (electric), shipments:						
Hand (motorized).....number..	336	333	527	525	576	573
Rider-type.....do....	383	327	503	504	538	536
Industrial trucks and tractors (gasoline-powered), shipments number..	981	1,328	2,881	2,249	2,195	1,730

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