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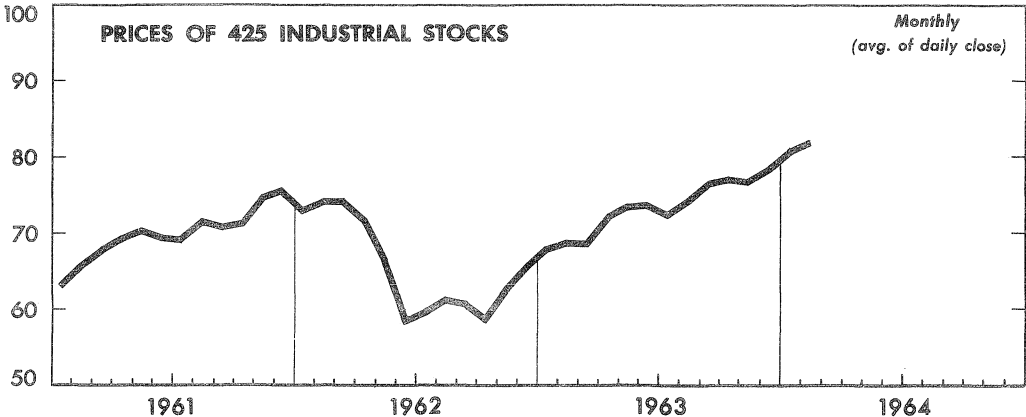
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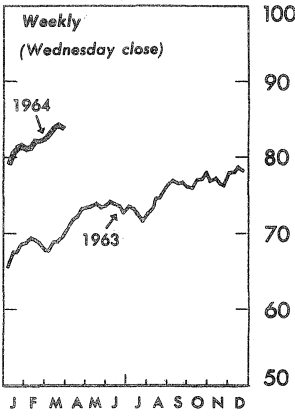
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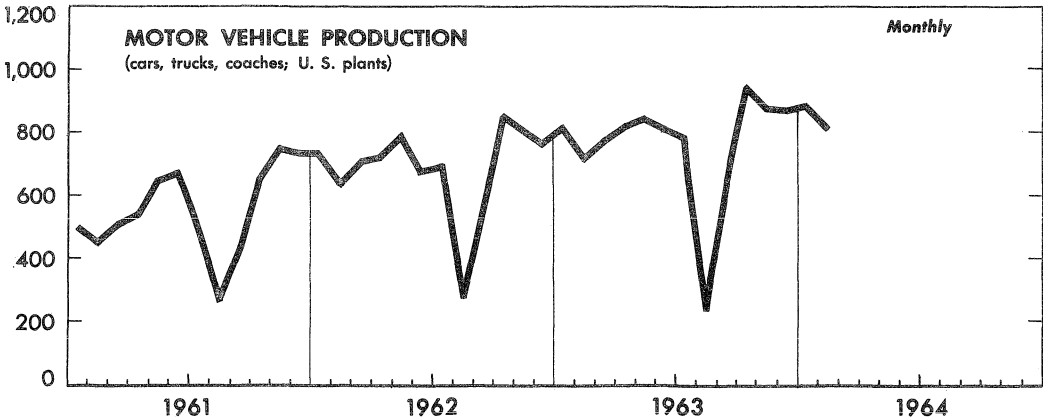
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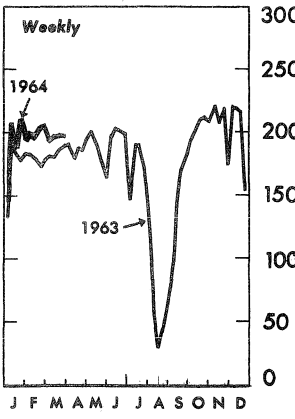
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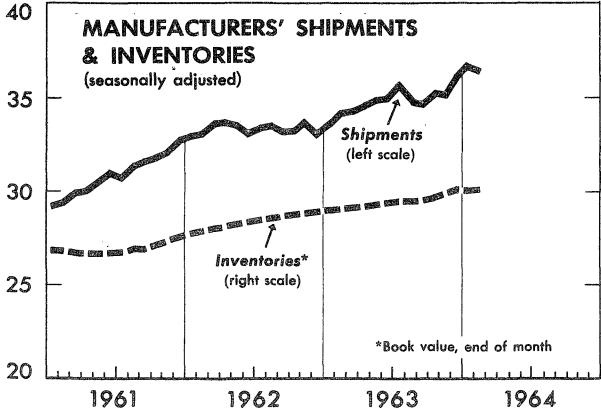
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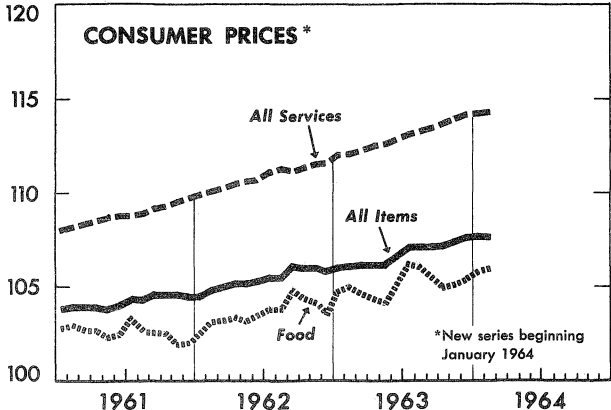
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Index, 1957-59=100



WEEKLY BUSINESS STATISTICS¹

ITEM	1963		1964			
	Mar. 23	Mar. 30	Mar. 7	Mar. 14	Mar. 21	Mar. 28
COMMODITY PRICES, WHOLESALE:						
All commodities.....1957-59=100.....	.....	*99.9	100.4	100.6	100.5	100.5
Farm products.....do.....	.....	*95.4	95.0	95.5	95.3	95.5
Foods, processed.....do.....	.....	*99.0	100.3	100.7	100.8	100.7
All other.....do.....	.....	*100.6	101.2	101.2	101.2	101.2
22 commodities <u>2/</u>.....do.....	91.8	92.1	94.0	94.4	93.9	94.2
ALL RETAIL STORES, SALES.....mil. \$..	4,431	4,822	4,477	4,511	4,637	.....
Nondurable goods stores.....do.....	2,952	3,050	3,143	3,069	3,159	.....
INITIAL UNEMPLOYMENT CLAIMS, State programs.....thous..	263	260	272	265	248	.....
INSURED UNEMPLOYMENT, all programs.....do.....	2,406	2,303	2,320	2,262	.....	.....
State programs (50 States, D.C., and Puerto Rico).....do....	2,241	2,143	2,161	2,105	.....	.....
FAILURES, INDUST. AND COMMERCIAL (Dun & Bradstreet).....number..	295	329	300	306	289	299
FINANCE:						
Currency in circulation <u>3/</u>.....mil. \$..	34,511	34,415	36,345	36,538	36,692	36,657
Federal Reserve bank credit outstanding, total <u>3/</u>.....do....	32,441	32,555	35,204	35,385	35,480	35,750
Member bank reserve balances <u>3/</u>.....do.....	19,502	19,598	20,185	19,978	20,214	20,489
Excess reserves, estimated <u>3/</u>.....do.....	370	463	493	316	375	512
Reporting member banks (of F.R.System) in leading cities: <u>4/</u>						
Demand deposits, adjusted.....mil. \$..	61,936	62,312	62,353	63,457	63,360	.....
Savings deposits.....do.....	35,751	35,874	38,360	38,428	38,509	.....
Loans and investments (adjusted), total.....do.....	129,106	129,556	137,748	137,589	139,308	.....
U.S. Government obligations.....do.....	30,912	31,399	28,197	27,865	27,910	.....
Commercial and industrial loans (gross).....do.....	35,289	35,208	37,599	37,507	38,137	.....
Real estate loans (gross).....do.....	15,872	15,921	18,163	18,217	18,280	.....
Bond yields, domestic corporate (Moody's) <u>3/</u>.....percent..	4.47	4.46	4.55	4.55	4.56	4.57
Stock prices, 500 stocks (Stand. & Poor's) <u>4/</u> ..1941-43=100..	65.95	66.68	78.07	78.95	79.38	78.97
Industrials, 425 stocks.....do.....	69.02	69.83	82.79	83.79	84.33	83.87
PRODUCTION:						
Bituminous coal <u>3/</u>.....thous. sh. tons..	1,333	1,474	1,318	1,315	1,408	.....
Electric power, by utilities.....mil. kw.-hr..	16,860	16,425	18,226	18,240	18,140	.....
Motor vehicles (cars, trucks, buses).....number..	186,505	189,309	193,670	196,529	197,871	197,841
Petroleum (crude) and condensate <u>3/</u>.....thous. bbl..	7,461	7,478	7,631	7,626	7,592	.....
Steel.....thous. sh. tons..	2,330	2,387	2,312	2,315	2,362	2,406
Index of production.....1957-59=100..	125.1	128.1	124.1	124.3	126.8	129.2
FREIGHT CARLOADINGS, TOTAL.....thous. cars..						
Miscellaneous.....do.....	299	316	295	300	309	.....

^{1/} Data do not always cover calendar weeks. ^{2/} Tuesday price. ^{3/} Daily average. ^{4/} Wednesday data. * Monthly index for Mar. 1963.

MONTHLY BUSINESS STATISTICS

ITEM	1963				1964	
	Jan.	Feb.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.
GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS						
MANUFACTURERS' SHIPMENTS:						
NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED, TOTAL.....mil. \$..	31,223	34,718	35,377	34,594	r34,110	36,922
Durable goods industries, total <u>1/</u>.....do....	15,930	17,832	18,457	18,118	r17,595	19,265
Stone, clay, and glass products.....do.....	724	799	960	798	r788	839
Primary metals.....do.....	2,665	2,919	2,852	2,745	r2,967	3,154
Fabricated metal products.....do.....	1,636	1,759	1,881	1,807	r1,777	1,930
Machinery, except electrical.....do.....	2,153	2,504	2,470	2,577	r2,489	2,836
Electrical machinery.....do.....	2,106	2,423	2,484	2,490	r2,254	2,542
Transportation equipment.....do.....	4,471	4,931	5,221	5,237	r4,940	5,297
Instruments and related products.....do.....	510	587	610	636	r537	595
Nondurable goods industries, total <u>1/</u>.....do....	15,293	16,886	16,920	16,476	r16,515	17,657
Food and kindred products.....do.....	5,397	5,815	5,983	5,913	r5,946	6,140
Tobacco products.....do.....	344	359	394	393	r333	336
Textile mill products.....do.....	1,158	1,383	1,456	1,356	r1,315	1,480
Paper and allied products.....do.....	1,270	1,372	1,359	1,304	r1,302	1,402
Chemicals and allied products.....do.....	2,340	2,539	2,509	2,369	r2,573	2,735
Petroleum and coal products.....do.....	1,424	1,492	1,424	1,521	r1,492	1,513
Rubber and plastics products.....do.....	687	756	763	784	r767	855
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED, TOTAL.....do.....	33,542	34,114	35,004	36,021	r36,677	36,338
By industry group:						
Durable goods industries, total <u>1/</u>.....do....	17,301	17,636	18,272	18,476	r19,144	19,085
Stone, clay, and glass products.....do.....	934	947	977	953	r1,018	996
Primary metals.....do.....	2,753	2,803	2,892	2,981	r3,067	3,030
Fabricated metal products.....do.....	1,842	1,854	1,913	1,910	r1,994	2,030
Machinery, except electrical.....do.....	2,369	2,404	2,582	2,652	r2,737	2,726
Electrical machinery.....do.....	2,311	2,361	2,369	2,432	r2,479	2,482
Transportation equipment.....do.....	4,607	4,699	4,966	4,909	r5,117	5,067
Instruments and related products.....do.....	573	579	594	591	r606	589

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

ITEM	1963				1964	
	Jan.	Feb.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.
GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS--Continued						
MANUFACTURERS' SHIPMENTS (SEAS. ADJ.)--Continued						
By industry group--Continued						
Nondurable goods industries, total <u>1/</u>.....mil. \$..	16,241	16,478	16,732	17,545	r17,533	17,253
Food and kindred products.....do....	5,670	5,695	5,961	6,193	r6,247	6,021
Tobacco products.....do....	377	374	379	403	r365	350
Textile mill products.....do....	1,289	1,335	1,400	1,466	r1,465	1,428
Paper and allied products.....do....	1,334	1,336	1,366	1,415	r1,368	1,366
Chemicals and allied products.....do....	2,456	2,534	2,578	2,640	r2,703	2,726
Petroleum and coal products.....do....	1,385	1,454	1,409	1,475	r1,455	1,485
Rubber and plastics products.....do....	728	757	781	836	r815	855
By market category:						
Home goods and apparel.....do....	3,309	3,308	3,169	3,473	r3,519	3,396
Consumer staples.....do....	7,108	7,145	7,382	7,672	r7,686	7,476
Equipment and defense products, excl. auto.....do....	4,055	4,114	4,286	4,435	r4,566	4,522
Automotive equipment.....do....	3,397	3,497	3,635	3,538	r3,710	3,731
Construction materials and supplies.....do....	2,692	2,824	2,907	2,811	r3,002	3,105
Other materials and supplies.....do....	12,981	13,226	13,625	14,092	r14,194	14,108
INVENTORIES, END OF YEAR OR MONTH:						
Book value (unadjusted), total.....do....	57,970	58,366	59,445	59,738	r60,094	60,448
Durable goods industries, total.....do....	34,292	34,696	35,359	35,565	r35,875	36,159
Nondurable goods industries, total.....do....	23,678	23,670	24,086	24,173	r24,219	24,289
Book value (seasonally adjusted), total.....do....	57,883	58,021	59,780	60,147	r59,991	60,074
By industry group:						
Durable goods industries, total <u>1/</u>.....do....	34,390	34,496	35,704	36,028	r35,955	35,935
Stone, clay, and glass products.....do....	1,501	1,501	1,535	1,544	r1,539	1,538
Primary metals.....do....	5,850	5,848	5,903	5,918	r5,908	5,900
Fabricated metal products.....do....	3,846	3,826	3,917	3,999	r3,971	3,979
Machinery, except electrical.....do....	6,531	6,559	6,839	6,910	r6,926	6,858
Electrical machinery.....do....	4,929	4,907	5,066	5,055	r5,073	5,095
Transportation equipment.....do....	6,775	6,849	7,220	7,331	r7,272	7,352
Instruments and related products.....do....	1,373	1,375	1,452	1,468	r1,480	1,469
Nondurable goods industries, total <u>1/</u>.....do....	23,493	23,525	24,076	24,119	r24,036	24,139
Food and kindred products.....do....	6,049	6,020	6,060	6,028	r6,052	6,138
Tobacco products.....do....	2,419	2,451	2,345	2,314	r2,357	2,371
Textile mill products.....do....	2,624	2,620	2,895	2,886	r2,846	2,819
Paper and allied products.....do....	1,686	1,689	1,772	1,800	r1,792	1,797
Chemicals and allied products.....do....	3,630	3,625	3,769	3,818	r3,872	3,881
Petroleum and coal products.....do....	1,808	1,797	1,795	1,736	r1,775	1,774
Rubber and plastics products.....do....	1,127	1,150	1,167	1,157	r1,125	1,136
By market category:						
Home goods and apparel.....do....	5,997	5,994	6,321	6,389	r6,242	6,235
Consumer staples.....do....	9,492	9,538	9,571	9,525	r9,597	9,717
Equipment and defense products, excl. auto.....do....	11,865	11,950	12,277	12,363	r12,303	12,249
Automotive equipment.....do....	2,996	3,030	3,200	3,245	r3,241	3,308
Construction materials and supplies.....do....	5,070	5,043	5,189	5,290	r5,311	5,311
Other materials and supplies.....do....	22,463	22,466	23,222	23,335	r23,297	23,254
NEW ORDERS, NET (NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED), TOTAL.....do....						
Durable goods industries, total.....do....	32,715	35,559	35,174	34,045	r35,010	37,740
Nondurable goods industries, total.....do....	17,338	18,686	18,140	17,623	r18,558	20,064
NEW ORDERS, NET (SEASONALLY ADJUSTED), TOTAL.....do....	15,377	16,873	17,034	16,422	r16,452	17,676
NEW ORDERS, NET (SEASONALLY ADJUSTED), TOTAL.....do....	34,742	34,636	34,953	35,619	r37,148	36,835
By industry group:						
Durable goods industries, total <u>1/</u>.....do....	18,466	18,228	18,113	17,974	r19,740	19,624
Primary metals.....do....	2,763	3,057	2,964	2,938	r3,147	3,102
Fabricated metal products.....do....	1,888	1,903	1,858	1,914	r2,043	2,044
Machinery, except electrical.....do....	2,489	2,512	2,617	2,741	r2,808	2,776
Electrical machinery.....do....	2,426	2,309	2,477	2,463	r2,687	2,638
Transportation equipment.....do....	5,289	4,901	4,680	4,327	r5,433	5,230
Nondurable goods industries, total.....do....	16,276	16,408	16,840	17,645	r17,408	17,211
Industries with unfilled orders.....do....	4,243	4,198	4,635	4,835	r4,531	4,544
Industries without unfilled orders.....do....	12,033	12,210	12,205	12,810	r12,877	12,667
By market category:						
Home goods and apparel.....do....	3,376	3,303	3,136	3,503	r3,444	3,451
Consumer staples.....do....	7,118	7,142	7,371	7,682	r7,700	7,469
Equipment and defense products, excl. auto.....do....	4,929	4,257	4,289	4,133	r4,991	4,697
Automotive equipment.....do....	3,421	3,587	3,611	3,475	r3,728	3,715
Construction materials and supplies.....do....	2,672	2,895	2,807	2,723	r2,967	3,085
Other materials and supplies.....do....	13,226	13,452	13,739	14,103	r14,318	14,418
UNFILLED ORDERS, END OF YEAR OR MONTH (UNADJ.), TOTAL.....do....						
Durable goods industries, total.....do....	47,789	48,574	49,696	49,149	r50,049	50,851
Nondurable goods industries with unfilled orders.....do....	45,126	45,923	46,684	46,193	r47,154	47,939
Nondurable goods industries without unfilled orders.....do....	2,663	2,651	3,012	2,956	r2,895	2,912
UNFILLED ORDERS, END OF YR. OR MO. (SEAS.ADJ.), TOTAL.....do....						
Durable goods industries, total <u>1/</u>.....do....	47,809	48,424	50,132	49,796	r50,083	50,675
By industry group:						
Durable goods industries, total <u>1/</u>.....do....	45,057	45,736	47,076	46,676	r47,072	47,719
Primary metals.....do....	3,768	4,090	3,930	3,930	r4,022	4,200
Fabricated metal products.....do....	3,972	4,025	4,059	4,062	r4,081	4,106
Machinery, except electrical.....do....	6,394	6,441	6,933	7,027	r7,069	7,036
Electrical machinery.....do....	6,953	6,979	7,111	7,114	r7,153	7,384
Transportation equipment.....do....	18,757	18,942	19,869	19,368	r19,724	19,866
Nondurable goods industries with unfilled orders.....do....	2,752	2,688	3,056	3,120	r3,011	2,956

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ITEM	1963				1964	
	Jan.	Feb.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.
GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS--Continued						
INDUSTRIAL AND COMMERCIAL FAILURES (Dun & Bradstreet, Inc.):						
Failures, total.....number..	1,258	1,304	1,115	998	1,217	1,241
Commercial service.....do....	113	112	129	91	109	109
Construction.....do....	183	228	198	198	201	204
Manufacturing and mining.....do....	244	199	186	176	205	211
Retail trade.....do....	582	629	479	433	570	572
Wholesale trade.....do....	136	136	123	100	132	145
Liabilities (current), total.....thous. \$..	160,963	94,715	262,112	68,427	96,731	123,935
Commercial service.....do....	7,738	7,198	4,171	3,764	5,721	7,238
Construction.....do....	31,113	22,530	20,325	13,935	22,166	14,933
Manufacturing and mining.....do....	56,054	26,971	197,942	22,662	29,649	26,260
Retail trade.....do....	29,552	26,098	26,832	16,849	27,376	22,680
Wholesale trade.....do....	36,506	11,918	12,842	11,217	11,819	52,824
Failure annual rate (seas. adj.)..No. per 10,000 concerns..	55.2	60.7	55.1	51.2	53.9	55.3
COMMODITY PRICES						
CONSUMER PRICE INDEX, ALL ITEMS.....1957-59=100..	106.0	106.1	107.4	107.6	#107.6	#107.6
Special group indexes:					**107.7	**107.6
All items less shelter.....do....	105.9	106.1	107.4	107.5	107.6	107.5
All items less food.....do....	106.5	106.6	108.4	108.5	108.4	108.4
Commodities.....do....	103.4	103.6	104.7	104.9	104.9	104.8
Nondurables.....do....	104.3	104.5	105.4	105.6	105.7	105.6
Durables.....do....	101.2	101.2	103.1	103.0	102.9	102.9
New cars.....do....	102.1	101.7	103.2	102.1	102.3	102.2
Used cars.....do....	108.2	110.7	121.0	120.3	119.6	119.0
Commodities less food.....do....	102.6	102.7	104.5	104.5	104.3	104.1
Services.....do....	112.0	112.1	113.9	114.1	114.2	114.3
Food.....do....	104.7	105.0	105.1	105.4	105.8	106.0
Meats, poultry, and fish.....do....	102.5	102.1	99.7	99.2	98.3	98.3
Dairy products.....do....	103.8	103.6	104.8	105.0	105.0	104.8
Fruits and vegetables.....do....	106.4	109.4	108.2	109.8	112.4	113.9
Housing.....do....	105.4	105.4	106.6	106.9	106.9	106.9
Shelter.....do....	106.2	106.2	107.7	108.0	108.1	108.3
Rent.....do....	106.3	106.4	107.2	107.3	107.3	107.5
Homeownership.....do....	106.1	106.1	108.0	108.4	108.5	108.8
Fuel and utilities.....do....	106.9	106.8	107.5	107.6	107.7	106.8
Household furnishings and operation.....do....	101.8	102.1	102.7	102.9	102.7	102.7
Apparel and upkeep.....do....	103.7	104.0	106.1	106.1	105.0	105.0
Transportation.....do....	106.6	106.8	109.1	108.9	109.4	108.6
Private.....do....	105.3	105.3	107.8	107.5	108.0	107.2
Public.....do....	115.7	116.3	117.6	118.3	118.3	118.4
Health and recreation.....do....	110.1	110.1	112.4	112.7	112.7	112.9
Medical care.....do....	115.8	115.9	117.9	117.9	118.2	118.5
Personal care.....do....	107.4	107.3	108.4	108.8	108.5	108.4
Reading and recreation.....do....	110.2	110.0	112.8	113.1	113.1	113.3
PURCHASING POWER OF THE DOLLAR AS MEASURED BY--						
Consumer prices.....do....	94.3	94.3	93.1	92.9	92.9	#92.9
FOREIGN TRADE						
GENERAL IMPORTS, TOTAL.....mil. \$..	1,117.0	1,385.9	1,425.1	1,529.9	1,455.0	1,337.7
Seasonally adjusted.....do....	1,091.6	1,497.4	1,465.3	1,477.7	1,429.9	1,445.3

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