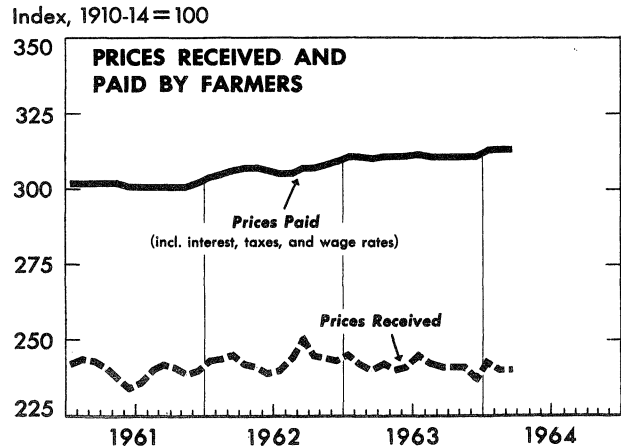
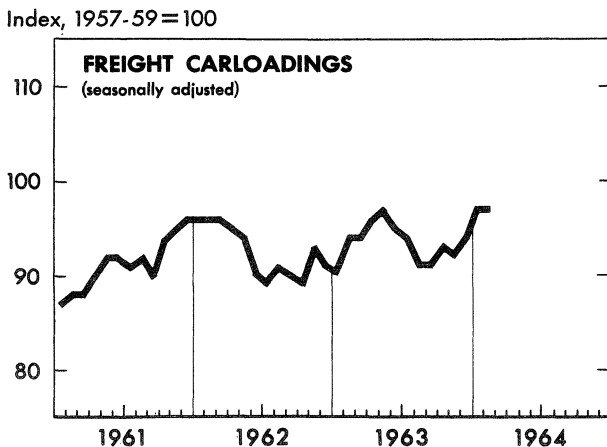
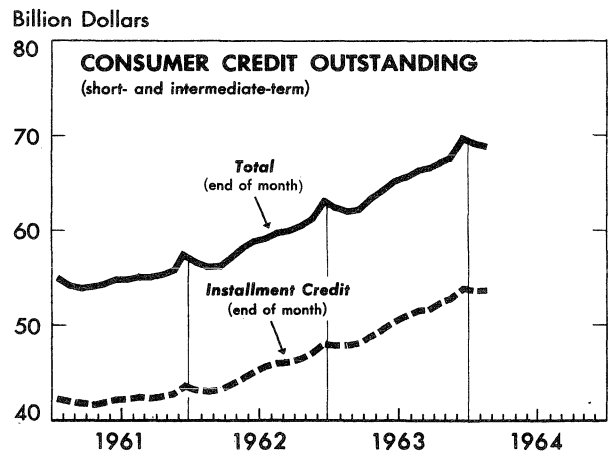
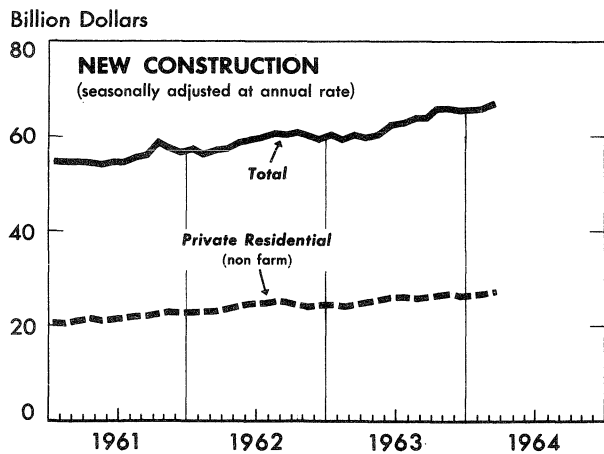
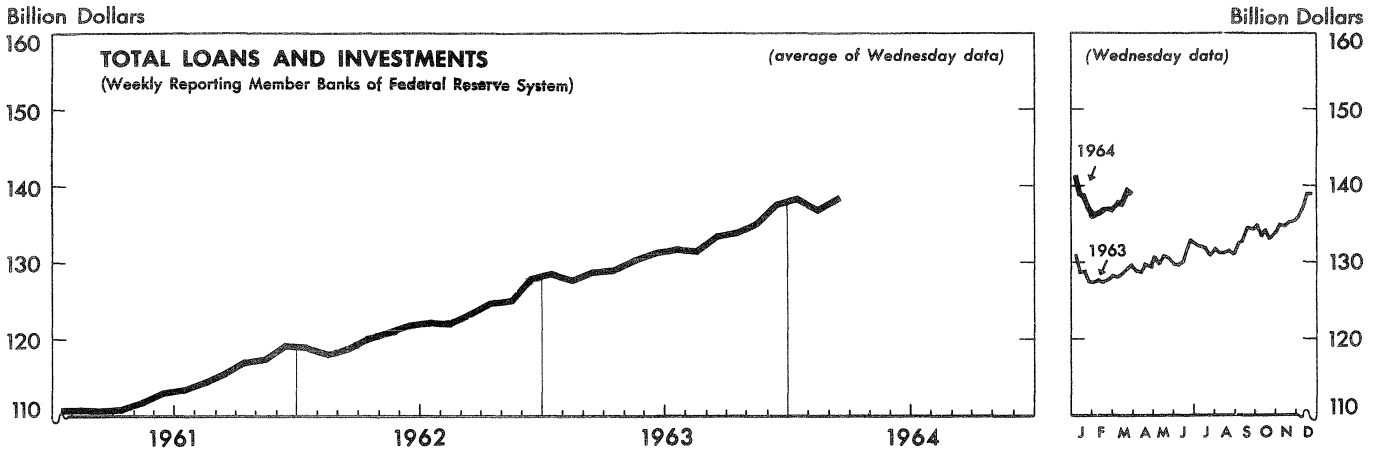


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SELECTED BUSINESS INDICATORS



WEEKLY BUSINESS STATISTICS¹

ITEM	1963		1964			
	Mar. 30	Apr. 6	Mar. 14	Mar. 21	Mar. 28	Apr. 4
COMMODITY PRICES, WHOLESALE:						
All commodities..... 1957-59=100..	*99.9	.....	100.6	100.5	100.5	100.5
Farm products..... do....	*95.4	.....	95.5	95.3	95.5	95.4
Feeds, processed..... do....	*99.0	.....	100.7	100.8	100.7	100.6
All other..... do....	*100.6	.....	101.2	101.2	101.2	101.1
22 commodities 2/..... do....	92.1	92.4	94.4	93.9	94.2	95.5
ALL RETAIL STORES, SALES..... mil. \$.	4,822	4,724	4,511	4,637	4,892	.....
Durable goods stores..... do....	3,050	3,232	3,069	3,159	3,389	.....
INITIAL UNEMPLOYMENT CLAIMS, State programs..... thous.	260	300	265	248	249	.....
ADJUSTED UNEMPLOYMENT, all programs..... do....	2,303	2,188	2,260	2,163	.....	.....
State programs (50 States, D.C., and Puerto Rico)..... do....	2,143	2,032	2,105	2,012	.....	.....
FAILURES, INDUST. AND COMMERCIAL (Dun & Bradstreet)..... number	329	360	306	289	299	267
FINANCE:						
Currency in circulation 2/..... mil. \$.	34,415	34,535	36,538	36,692	36,657	36,732
Federal Reserve bank credit outstanding, total 3/..... do....	32,555	32,506	35,385	35,400	35,750	35,353
Member bank reserve balances 3/..... do....	19,590	19,600	19,970	20,214	20,520	20,251
Excess reserves, estimated 4/..... do....	463	454	316	375	520	230
Reporting member banks (of F.R. System) in leading cities: 4/						
Demand deposits, adjusted..... mil. \$.	62,312	61,811	63,457	63,360	62,630	.....
Savings deposits..... do....	35,874	35,956	38,428	38,509	38,566	.....
Loans and investments (adjusted), total..... do....	129,556	128,815	137,589	139,308	138,908	.....
U.S. Government obligations..... do....	31,399	30,857	27,865	27,910	27,802	.....
Commercial and industrial loans (gross)..... do....	35,208	35,256	37,507	38,137	38,172	.....
Real estate loans (gross)..... do....	15,921	15,944	18,217	18,280	18,341	.....
Bond yields, domestic corporate (Moody's) 3/..... percent..	4.46	4.47	4.55	4.56	4.57	4.58
Stock prices, 500 stocks (Stand. & Poor's) 4/..... 1941-43=100..	66.68	67.36	78.95	79.38	78.97	79.24
Industrials, 425 stocks..... do....	69.83	70.60	83.79	84.33	83.87	84.16
PRODUCTION:						
Bituminous coal 3/..... thous. sh. tons..	1,474	1,407	1,315	1,419	1,458	.....
Electric power, by utilities..... mil. kw.-hr.	16,425	16,418	18,240	18,140	17,972	.....
Motor vehicles (cars, trucks, buses)..... number..	189,309	191,165	196,529	197,871	198,675	207,185
Petroleum (crude) and condensate 3/..... thous. bbl..	7,478	7,484	7,626	7,592	7,571	.....
Steel..... thous. sh. tons..	2,387	2,413	2,315	2,362	2,406	2,447
Index of production..... 1957-59=100..	128.1	129.5	124.3	126.8	129.2	131.4
FREIGHT CARLOADINGS, TOTAL..... thous. cars..						
Miscellaneous..... do....	316	317	300	309	303	.....

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		
	Feb.	Mar.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.
GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS						
NEW BUSINESS INCORPORATIONS (Dun & Bradstreet, Inc.):						
Unadjusted..... number..	14,059	16,310	15,472	18,825	15,495	.....
Seasonally adjusted..... do....	15,390	15,563	15,867	16,193	16,086	.....
COMMODITY PRICES						
PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS, ALL FARM PRODUCTS... 1910-14=100..						
Crops..... do....	242	240	237	243	240	240
Commercial vegetables..... do....	231	238	241	243	242	243
Cotton..... do....	252	237	241	261	278	299
Cotton..... do....	251	270	264	254	249	259
Feed grains and hay..... do....	161	161	164	166	164	166
Food grains..... do....	234	234	226	230	229	215
Fruit..... do....	227	268	309	306	298	295
Oil-bearing crops..... do....	258	258	265	268	263	260
Potatoes (including dry edible beans)..... do....	155	151	144	150	156	167
Tobacco..... do....	501	501	488	489	490	490
Livestock and products..... do....	251	242	234	242	238	237
Dairy products..... do....	256	249	268	265	261	254
Meat animals..... do....	294	281	259	274	269	273
Poultry and eggs..... do....	157	155	144	154	147	144
Wool..... do....	264	274	266	274	281	295
PRICES PAID BY FARMERS:						
All commodities and services..... do....	284	283	282	283	283	283
Family living items..... do....	298	297	298	298	299	299
Production items..... do....	274	274	270	273	271	272
All commod., services, int., taxes, and wage rates..... do....	312	311	311	313	313	313
FAMILY RATIO..... do....						
	78	77	76	78	77	77
CONSTRUCTION AND REAL ESTATE						
NEW CONSTRUCTION PUT IN PLACE (UNADJ.), TOTAL..... mil. \$..						
Private, total..... do....	3,808	4,148	5,294	4,582	4,266	4,658
Residential (nonfarm)..... do....	2,753	2,938	3,780	3,278	3,091	3,309
Residential (nonfarm)..... do....	1,484	1,646	2,143	1,805	1,655	1,846
New housing units..... do....	1,161	1,281	1,734	1,452	1,314	1,464

ITEM	1963			1964		
	Feb.	Mar.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.
CONSTRUCTION AND REAL ESTATE--Continued						
NEW CONSTRUCTION PUT IN PLACE (UNADJ.)--Continued						
Private--Continued						
Nonresidential buildings, total <u>1/</u>.....mil. \$..	875	861	1,096	1,041	1,020	1,005
Industrial.....do.....	239	232	306	304	300	292
Commercial.....do.....	375	371	463	427	418	416
Stores, restaurants, and garages.....do.....	147	152	191	162	158	161
Farm construction.....do.....	97	98	100	96	94	95
Public utilities.....do.....	277	312	419	r316	r301	340
Public, total.....do.....	1,055	1,210	1,514	r1,304	r1,175	1,349
Nonresidential buildings.....do.....	352	416	458	r435	r423	471
Military facilities.....do.....	91	87	.....	.....	.....	.....
Highways.....do.....	270	335	544	361	272	.....
Other types.....do.....	332	312	386	392	318	.....
NEW CONSTRUCTION PUT IN PLACE (SEASONALLY ADJUSTED AT ANNUAL RATES), TOTAL.....mil. \$..	59,154	60,114	65,522	r65,641	r65,785	67,020
Private, total.....do.....	41,376	41,526	45,867	r45,610	r46,121	46,556
Residential (nonfarm).....do.....	24,273	24,353	26,613	r26,710	r26,939	27,258
Nonresidential buildings, total <u>1/</u>.....do.....	11,111	11,192	12,863	12,760	12,865	13,001
Industrial.....do.....	2,771	2,774	3,577	3,469	3,472	3,492
Commercial.....do.....	4,902	4,963	5,412	5,400	5,448	5,569
Stores, restaurants, and garages.....do.....	2,078	2,138	2,252	2,250	2,221	2,270
Farm construction.....do.....	1,274	1,269	1,241	1,241	1,237	1,231
Public utilities.....do.....	4,434	4,438	4,852	r4,647	r4,768	4,765
Public, total.....do.....	17,778	18,588	19,655	r20,031	r19,664	20,464
Nonresidential buildings.....do.....	5,230	5,394	6,051	r5,781	r6,126	6,130
Military facilities.....do.....	1,405	1,255	.....	.....	.....	.....
Highways.....do.....	6,170	6,960	6,761	7,150	6,262	.....
CONSTRUCTION COST INDEX:						
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE COMPOSITE.....1957=50=100..	108	106	111	111	111	111
EMPLOYMENT						
CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE, TOTAL, UNADJUSTED.....thous..	71,275	71,650	72,461	71,793	72,527	72,810
EMPLOYED.....do.....	66,358	67,148	68,615	67,228	68,002	68,517
Agricultural employment.....do.....	4,049	4,337	4,039	3,993	3,931	4,017
Nonagricultural employment.....do.....	62,309	62,812	64,576	63,234	64,071	64,500
UNEMPLOYED (ALL CIVILIAN WORKERS).....do.....	4,918	4,501	3,846	4,565	4,524	4,293
Long-term (15 weeks and over).....do.....	1,303	1,386	928	1,106	1,163	1,322
Percent of civilian labor force.....do.....	6.9	6.3	5.3	6.4	6.2	5.9
CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE, TOTAL, SEAS. ADJUSTED.....thous..	72,429	72,460	73,224	73,667	73,835	73,760
EMPLOYED.....do.....	68,122	68,364	69,205	69,567	69,832	69,807
Agricultural employment.....do.....	4,895	4,886	4,890	4,936	4,797	4,600
Nonagricultural employment.....do.....	63,227	63,478	64,315	64,631	65,035	65,207
UNEMPLOYED (ALL CIVILIAN WORKERS).....do.....	4,307	4,096	4,019	4,100	4,003	3,953
Long-term (15 weeks and over).....do.....	1,128	1,097	1,022	1,105	1,007	1,047
Percent of civilian labor force.....do.....	5.9	5.7	5.5	5.6	5.4	5.4
FINANCE						
CONSUMER CREDIT (SHORT- AND INTERMEDIATE-TERM):						
Total outstanding, end of month.....mil. \$..	61,989	62,149	69,890	r69,203	68,786	.....
Installment credit, total.....do.....	47,852	48,075	53,745	r53,591	53,552	.....
Installment credit extended and repaid:						
Unadjusted:						
Extended, total.....do.....	4,083	4,702	5,974	r4,784	4,552	.....
Repaid, total.....do.....	4,151	4,479	4,924	r4,932	4,597	.....
Seasonally adjusted:						
Extended, total.....do.....	4,957	4,973	5,272	r5,276	5,421	.....
Repaid, total.....do.....	4,462	4,496	4,812	r4,848	4,842	.....
FEDERAL GOVERNMENT FINANCE:						
Receipts, total.....mil. \$..	10,997	13,093	10,379	6,580	12,235	.....
Receipts, net <u>2/</u>.....do.....	7,305	9,663	8,803	5,853	8,047	.....
Customs.....do.....	103	107	103	101	87	.....
Individual income taxes.....do.....	6,706	3,927	3,582	3,873	6,975	.....
Corporation income taxes.....do.....	422	6,081	3,726	583	451	.....
Employment taxes.....do.....	2,596	1,428	1,147	404	2,835	.....
Other internal revenue and receipts.....do.....	1,671	1,550	1,820	1,619	1,887	.....
Expenditures, total <u>2/</u>.....do.....	6,763	7,806	8,289	8,492	7,521	.....
Interest on public debt.....do.....	809	825	903	925	880	.....
Veterans' services and benefits.....do.....	445	405	455	r481	451	.....
National defense.....do.....	4,102	4,523	r4,315	4,348	4,369	.....
All other expenditures.....do.....	1,432	2,056	r2,442	r2,819	1,941	.....
CHEMICALS AND ALLIED PRODUCTS						
ORGANIC CHEMICALS, PRODUCTION:						
Acetic anhydride.....mil. lb..	84.6	106.9	121.0	111.8	101.6	.....
Acetylsalicylic acid (aspirin).....do.....	2.2	2.5	2.0	2.0	2.0	.....
Creosote oil.....mil. gal..	6.7	7.1	8.8	r8.2	7.1	.....
DDT.....mil. lb..	15.6	17.7	9.4	11.4	12.8	.....
Ethyl acetate (85%).....do.....	11.3	8.0	9.4	8.8	10.8	.....
Ethylene glycol.....do.....	116.9	113.8	123.4	r121.8	109.1	.....
Formaldehyde (37% HCHO).....do.....	186.9	214.0	220.4	207.0	205.3	.....
Methanol, synthetic.....mil. gal..	26.6	26.4	30.8	29.6	29.9	.....
Phthalic anhydride.....mil. lb..	32.6	41.0	39.5	r37.4	37.0	.....

MONTHLY BUSINESS STATISTICS—Continued

ITEM	1963				1964	
	Jan.	Feb.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.
CHEMICALS AND ALLIED PRODUCTS--Continued						
ALCOHOL:						
Ethyl alcohol and spirits:						
Production.....mil. tax gal..	61.0	52.2	58.7	58.9	60.5	.....
Stocks, end of month.....do....	165.1	167.3	169.8	177.3	179.5	.....
Used for denaturation.....do....	46.5	43.2	43.9	45.5	49.5	.....
Taxable withdrawals.....do....	5.0	4.2	5.8	4.3	4.9	.....
Denatured alcohol:						
Production.....mil. wine gal..	25.0	23.2	23.6	24.5	26.6	.....
Consumption (withdrawals).....do....	25.3	22.8	24.5	23.8	26.4	.....
Stocks, end of month.....do....	3.1	3.5	2.0	3.3	3.2	.....
PLASTICS AND RESIN MATERIALS, PRODUCTION:						
Cellulose plastic materials.....mil. lb..	11.3	11.7	13.8	12.1	11.6	.....
Thermosetting resins:						
Alkyd resins.....do....	42.2	39.3	40.5	37.7	44.4	.....
Coumarone-indene and petroleum polymer resins.....do....	25.7	20.1	24.9	25.9	26.0	.....
Polyester resins.....do....	18.8	18.4	21.2	20.4	22.7	.....
Phenolic and other tar acid resins.....do....	61.2	53.0	62.0	61.7	66.3	.....
Urea and melamine resins.....do....	42.0	40.5	41.5	38.0	42.7	.....
Thermoplastic resins:						
Styrene-type plastic materials (polystyrene).....do....	98.3	100.5	133.2	127.8	132.3	.....
Vinyl resins (resin content basis).....do....	134.4	129.4	160.5	153.0	150.9	.....
Polyethylene.....do....	156.3	159.5	200.0	210.1	210.8	.....
METALS AND MANUFACTURES						
STEEL MILL PRODUCTS, INVENTORIES, END OF MO.:						
Consumers (manufacturers only).....mil. sh. tons..	8.5	8.6	9.5	9.3	r9.4	p9.4
Receipts during month.....do....	4.6	4.3	4.3	4.6	r5.2	p4.8
Consumption during month.....do....	4.5	4.2	4.8	4.8	5.1	p4.8
Warehouses (service centers).....do....	3.2	3.2	3.5	3.5	r3.4	p3.5
Producing mills:						
In process (ingots, semifinished, etc.).....do....	7.4	7.3	7.4	7.8	7.8	p8.0
Finished (sheets, plates, bars, pipe, etc.).....do....	6.9	7.1	6.9	7.2	7.2	p7.3
FABRICATED STRUCTURAL STEEL:						
Orders, new (net).....thous. sh. tons..	328	286	262	440	356	247
Shipments.....do....	235	244	324	321	310	304
Backlog, end of month.....do....	2,609	2,708	2,238	2,322	2,306	2,270
Foundry equipment (new), new orders, net						
mo. avg. shipments, 1957-59=100..	127.6	124.6	127.1	129.6	235.8	251.8
Furnaces, industrial, new orders, net:						
Electric processing.....mil. \$..	.8	1.8	.9	1.0	.8	1.0
Fuel-fired (except for hot rolling steel).....do....	.8	3.4	4.3	3.0	2.4	6.3
Material handling equipment (industrial):						
Orders (new), index, seas. adj.....1957-59=100..	130.0	95.0	136.6	156.2	146.5	.....
Industrial trucks (electric), shipments:						
Hand (motorized).....number..	573	483	523	590	491	515
Rider-type.....do....	536	600	598	630	484	609
Industrial trucks and tractors (gasoline-powered), shipments						
number..	1,730	1,765	2,738	2,830	2,543	2,518
Vacuum cleaners, sales billed.....thous..	322.9	356.9	382.6	349.7	324.7	365.0
Washers, sales (domestic and export) <u>1</u> /.....do....	293.3	300.8	336.9	273.5	302.5	330.0
Driers (elec., gas), sales (domestic and export).....do....	129.2	115.7	180.3	153.2	142.8	135.8

r/ Revised. p/ Preliminary. 1/ Excludes combination washer-driers; such shipments (excluding export sales) totaled 1,900 in Feb. 1964.
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