

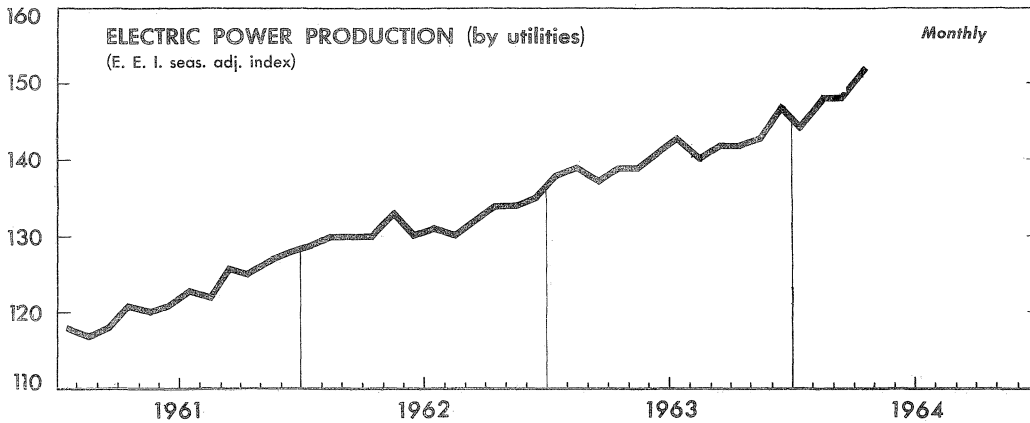
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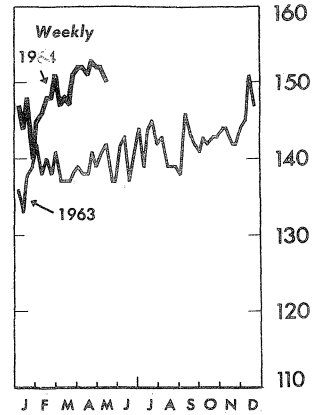
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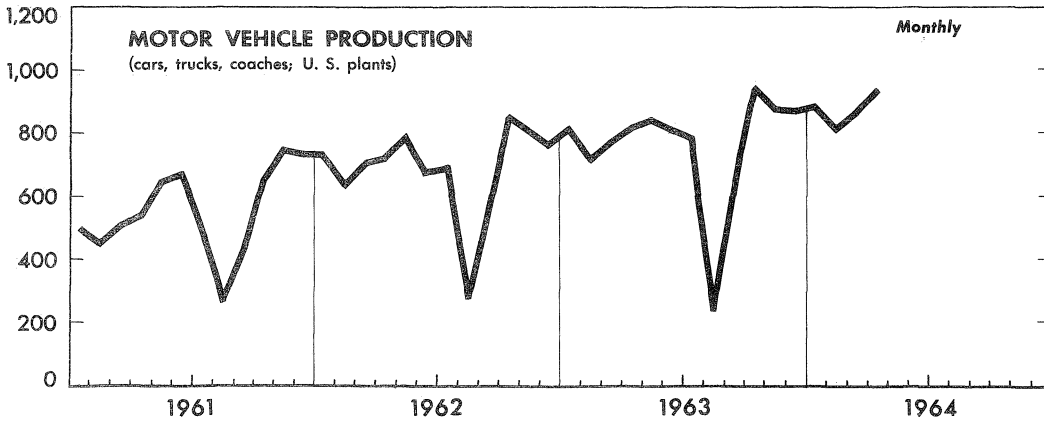
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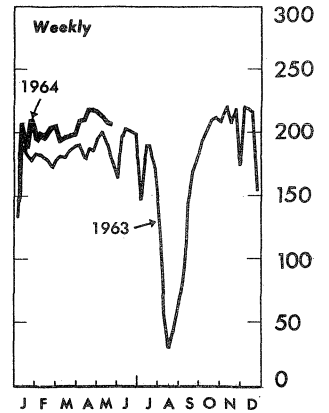
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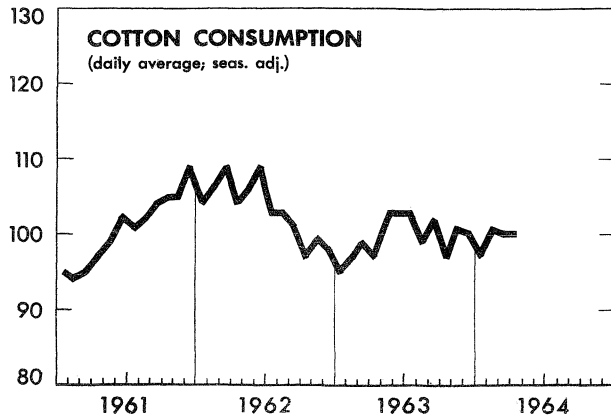
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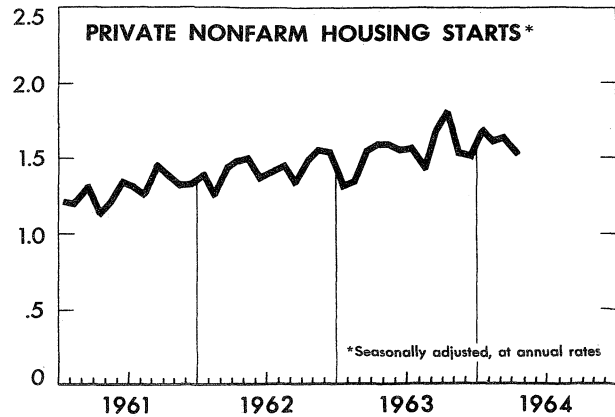
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Millions



WEEKLY BUSINESS STATISTICS¹

ITEM	1963		1964			
	May 18	May 25	May 2	May 9	May 16	May 23
COMMODITY PRICES, WHOLESALE:						
All commodities.....1957-59=100..	.....	*100.0	.....	.....	100.1	100.1
Farm products.....do....	.....	*94.4	.....	.....	93.8	93.8
Foods, processed.....do....	.....	*101.7	.....	.....	99.5	99.5
All other.....do....	.....	*100.5	.....	.....	101.1	101.1
22 commodities ^{2/}.....do....	95.1	95.5	96.1	96.0	95.4	95.1
ALL RETAIL STORES, SALES.....mil. \$.	4,713	4,654	5,118	5,131	5,007	.....
Nondurable goods stores.....do....	3,105	3,027	3,257	3,468	3,300	.....
INITIAL UNEMPLOYMENT CLAIMS, State programs.....thous..	231	244	226	243	217	.....
INSURED UNEMPLOYMENT, all programs.....do....	1,790	1,720	1,764	1,699	.....	.....
State programs (50 States, D.C., and Puerto Rico).....do....	1,616	1,549	1,597	1,535	.....	.....
FAILURES, INDUST. AND COMMERCIAL (Dun & Bradstreet).....number.	268	338	278	257	277	.....
FINANCE:						
Currency in circulation ^{3/}.....mil. \$.	34,933	34,896	36,813	36,908	37,150	37,154
Federal Reserve bank credit outstanding, total ^{3/}.....do....	33,077	33,163	35,083	35,723	36,020	36,179
Member bank reserve balances ^{3/}.....do....	19,660	19,683	19,966	20,277	20,292	20,299
Excess reserves, estimated ^{3/}.....do....	459	453	266	289	401	395
Reporting member banks (of F.R.System) in leading cities: ^{4/}						
Demand deposits, adjusted.....mil. \$.	61,006	61,245	63,959	62,261	61,797	.....
Savings deposits.....do....	35,952	36,014	38,437	38,533	38,571	.....
Loans and investments (adjusted), total.....do....	130,716	130,540	138,680	139,050	138,888	.....
U.S. Government obligations.....do....	30,480	30,225	26,713	26,664	26,440	.....
Commercial and industrial loans (gross).....do....	35,393	35,267	38,057	38,307	38,394	.....
Real estate loans (gross).....do....	16,421	16,502	18,520	18,530	18,606	.....
Bond yields, domestic corporate (Moody's) ^{3/}.....percent..	4.47	4.47	4.59	4.59	4.59	4.59
Stock prices, 500 stocks (Stand. & Poor's) ^{4/}.....1941-43=100..	70.43	70.14	79.70	81.06	80.97	80.66
Industrials, 425 stocks.....do....	73.87	73.54	84.68	86.25	86.08	85.67
PRODUCTION:						
Bituminous coal ^{3/}.....thous. sh. tons..	1,498	1,536	1,509	1,531	1,549	.....
Electric power, by utilities.....mil. kw.-hr..	16,787	16,523	17,663	17,836	17,812	.....
Motor vehicles (cars, trucks, buses).....number..	191,952	177,478	215,845	212,808	207,577	206,481
Petroleum (crude) and condensate ^{3/}.....thous. bbl..	7,515	7,492	7,647	7,642	7,629	.....
Steel.....thous. sh. tons..	2,605	2,626	2,456	2,492	2,503	2,511
Index of production.....1957-59=100..	139.8	141.0	131.8	133.8	134.4	134.8
FREIGHT CARLOADINGS, TOTAL.....thous. cars..						
Miscellaneous.....do....	322	316	312	313	319	.....

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

MONTHLY BUSINESS STATISTICS

ITEM	1963		1964			
	Mar.	Apr.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.
GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS						
MANUFACTURERS' SHIPMENTS: ^{1/}						
Value (not seasonally adjusted):						
Durable goods industries, total.....bil. \$.	18.2	18.7	17.6	19.3	19.5	20.3
Value (seasonally adjusted):						
Durable goods industries, total.....do....	17.6	17.9	19.1	19.0	18.9	19.4
MANUFACTURERS' ORDERS: ^{1/}						
New orders, net (not seasonally adjusted):						
Durable goods industries, total.....do....	19.5	19.2	18.6	20.0	20.0	20.8
New orders, net (seasonally adjusted):						
Durable goods industries, total.....do....	18.8	19.0	19.7	19.5	19.3	20.6
Unfilled orders, end of month (unadjusted):						
Durable goods industries, total.....do....	47.2	47.5	47.2	47.9	48.3	48.9
Unfilled orders, end of month (seas. adj.):						
Durable goods industries, total.....do....	46.7	47.5	47.1	47.6	47.8	49.0
CONSTRUCTION AND REAL ESTATE						
NEW HOUSING UNITS STARTED:						
Unadjusted:						
Total, incl. farm (public and private).....thous..	128.1	160.3	100.8	101.1	133.4	154.1
One-family structures.....do....	80.6	105.7	55.3	63.7	83.4	.....
Privately owned.....do....	124.4	158.2	99.6	100.3	130.2	151.1
Total nonfarm (public and private).....do....	126.3	157.5	99.5	98.5	131.6	151.0
In metropolitan areas.....do....	88.9	111.2	75.0	73.8	96.6	103.3
Privately owned.....do....	122.6	155.4	98.3	97.7	128.4	148.0
Seasonally adjusted at annual rates:						
Total, incl. farm (private only).....do....	1,575	1,618	1,718	1,657	1,665	1,558
Total nonfarm (private only).....do....	1,549	1,590	1,688	1,613	1,640	1,526

^{1/} Revised. ^{1/} Data for Apr. 1964 are advance estimates.
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ITEM	1963		1964			
	Mar.	Apr.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.
FINANCE						
AGRICULTURAL LOANS AND DISCOUNTS OUTSTANDING OF AGENCIES SUPERVISED BY THE FARM CREDIT ADM.:						
Total, end of month.....mil. \$..	6,024	6,143	6,460	6,542	6,627	6,727
Farm mortgage loans: Federal land banks.....do....	3,118	3,147	3,333	3,364	3,406	3,445
Loans to cooperatives.....do....	761	745	866	849	815	786
Other loans and discounts.....do....	2,146	2,251	2,261	2,330	2,405	2,496
TRANSPORTATION AND COMMUNICATIONS						
SCHEDULED AIRLINES (DOMESTIC TRUNK), OPERATING RESULTS:						
Miles flown (revenue).....thous..	62,735	62,393	66,274	*62,863	*67,481	.....
Express and freight ton-miles flown.....do....	46,423	46,919	50,710	*50,212	*54,522	.....
Mail ton-miles flown.....do....	14,382	14,191	14,547	*14,051	*15,488	.....
Passengers originated (revenue).....do....	4,264	4,553	4,801	*4,458	*5,008	.....
Passenger-miles flown (revenue).....mil..	2,855	2,986	3,245	*r2,949	*3,316	.....
HOTELS:						
Average sale per occupied room.....dollars..	8.87	9.67	9.09	9.26	8.87	9.86
Rooms occupied.....% of total..	61	63	57	60	59	67
Restaurant sales index.....same mo. 1951=100..	116	107	105	109	108	116
National parks, visits.....thous..	928	1,434	686	790	1,000	1,276
CHEMICALS AND ALLIED PRODUCTS						
PLASTICS AND RESIN MATERIALS, PRODUCTION:						
Cellulose plastic materials.....mil. lb..	13.9	13.2	11.6	13.0	15.1	.....
Thermosetting resins:						
Alkyd resins.....do....	45.0	47.3	44.4	r44.0	49.7	.....
Coumarone-indene and petroleum polymer resins.....do....	29.1	24.3	26.0	r25.0	27.6	.....
Polyester resins.....do....	22.0	23.1	22.7	23.9	25.4	.....
Phenolic and other tar acid resins.....do....	63.3	60.8	66.3	64.0	72.6	.....
Urea and melamine resins.....do....	44.8	43.4	42.8	39.6	43.1	.....
Thermoplastic resins:						
Styrene-type plastic materials (polystyrene).....do....	122.8	123.2	132.3	r136.6	146.1	.....
Vinyl resins (resin content basis).....do....	144.7	147.9	150.5	158.3	173.0	.....
Polyethylene.....do....	189.3	178.5	210.8	208.7	210.1	.....
FOOD AND KINDRED PRODUCTS; TOBACCO						
BEER:						
Production.....mil. bbl..	8.11	9.14	7.63	7.50	8.95	.....
Taxable withdrawals.....do....	7.22	8.12	6.74	6.42	7.80	.....
Stocks, end of month.....do....	10.82	11.27	10.08	10.68	11.30	.....
WINES AND DISTILLING MATERIALS:						
Effervescent wines:						
Production.....mil. wine gal..	.47	.41	.43	.48	.63	.....
Taxable withdrawals.....do....	.24	.28	.34	.27	.34	.....
Stocks, end of month.....do....	2.96	3.07	2.71	2.88	3.14	.....
Still wines:						
Production.....do....	2.95	2.45	2.73	2.97	3.40	.....
Taxable withdrawals.....do....	14.87	r13.05	13.57	13.76	15.96	.....
Stocks, end of month.....do....	191.40	174.43	213.89	201.61	185.83	.....
Distilling materials produced at wineries.....do....	1.95	8.44	5.10	8.38	5.53	.....
VEGETABLE OILS AND RELATED PRODUCTS:						
Coconut oil:						
Production, crude.....mil. lb..	21.0	24.7	30.0	30.0	**	18.6
Corn oil:						
Production, crude.....do....	33.1	31.8	32.7	34.6	37.2	36.6
Cottonseed cake and meal:						
Production.....thous. sh. tons..	r257.5	r197.1	326.5	292.8	259.1	212.9
Stocks (at oil mills), end of month.....do....	r149.6	r200.3	207.5	241.4	259.9	295.7
Cottonseed oil:						
Production, crude.....mil. lb..	182.6	139.0	231.4	207.4	185.8	154.7
Linseed oil:						
Production, crude (raw).....do....	36.6	35.2	35.3	33.6	33.5	31.5
Soybean cake and meal:						
Production.....thous. sh. tons..	960.0	823.3	842.0	807.3	790.7	819.0
Stocks (at oil mills), end of month.....do....	123.3	96.0	152.4	162.4	157.2	143.1
Soybean oil:						
Production, crude.....mil. lb..	451.5	386.4	388.6	376.2	368.9	385.6
LEATHER AND PRODUCTS						
LEATHER PRODUCTION:						
Calf and whole kip.....thous. skins..	418	462	386	414	484	.....
Cattle hide and side kip.....thous. hides and kips..	r1,769	1,798	1,844	1,790	1,840	.....
Goat and kid.....thous. skins..	1,176	1,191	1,325	1,047	1,054	.....
Sheep and lamb.....do....	2,675	2,772	2,552	2,727	2,744	.....
METALS AND MANUFACTURES						
PIG IRON:						
Production (excluding blast furnace production of ferroalloys).....thous. sh. tons..	6,449	6,763	6,291	6,199	6,910	6,973
Barrels and drums, steel, heavy types (for sale):						
Orders, unfilled, end of month.....thous..	1,297	1,288	1,184	1,202	1,389	.....
Shipments.....do....	2,053	2,029	1,858	1,812	1,955	.....
Cans (tinplate), shipments (metal consumed), total for sale and own use.....thous. sh. tons..	340	383	342	r293	341	.....

Revised. * Reflects substitution of data for one intra-Alaskan carrier in Feb. 1964 and for two such carriers in Mar. 1964. ** Not available.

ITEM	1963		1964			
	Mar.	Apr.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.
METALS AND MANUFACTURES--Continued						
Foundry equipment (new), new orders, net mo. avg. shipments, 1957-59=100..	87.9	107.3	235.8	251.8	272.9	242.6
Furnaces (industrial) and ovens, etc., new orders (domestic), net.....mil. \$..	15.0	8.1	5.8	r9.7	10.5	7.4
Electric processing.....do....	1.0	1.9	.8	1.0	1.3	1.2
Fuel-fired.....do.....	5.5	3.1	2.4	r5.7	6.8	3.8
Material handling equipment (industrial): Orders (new), index, seas. adj.....1957-59=100..	116.5	136.5	146.5	153.3	170.8	.....
MACHINE TOOLS:						
Metal cutting tools:						
Orders, new (net), total.....mil. \$..	61.55	62.20	80.15	74.50	r77.70	91.20
Domestic.....do.....	49.55	48.50	60.60	60.45	r61.40	79.05
Shipments, total.....do.....	50.00	46.55	50.35	51.25	r63.80	65.25
Domestic.....do.....	41.65	39.35	39.85	39.10	r48.45	52.55
Estimated backlog.....months..	5.0	5.2	6.2	6.3	6.4	6.7
Metal forming tools:						
Orders, new (net), total.....mil. \$..	12.85	16.05	48.80	20.30	r24.10	46.55
Domestic.....do.....	11.85	11.55	47.40	18.85	r19.35	44.25
Shipments, total.....do.....	17.35	14.35	15.00	19.15	r16.90	18.95
Domestic.....do.....	14.60	11.60	12.40	16.15	r15.40	17.85
Estimated backlog.....months..	4.7	4.7	7.6	7.7	r8.0	9.0
TEXTILE PRODUCTS						
COTTON: <u>1</u> /						
Consumption.....thous. bales..	666	809	814	683	673	831
Manufactures:						
Spindle activity (cotton system spindles):						
Active spindles, last working day, total.....thous..	18,630	18,586	18,591	18,543	18,492	18,484
Consuming 100 percent cotton.....do.....	15,995	15,890	15,596	15,521	15,440	15,381
Spindle hours operated, all fibers, total...millions..	9,394	11,482	11,579	9,494	9,294	11,503
Average per working day.....do.....	470	459	463	475	465	460
Consuming 100 percent cotton.....do.....	8,043	9,771	9,742	7,978	7,798	9,609
MANMADE FIBERS (RAYON AND ACETATE):						
Production:						
Filament yarn.....mil. lb..	57.2	58.8	65.7	59.0	r64.9	62.9
Staple, incl. tow (rayon).....do.....	45.7	46.6	56.6	50.4	r55.2	52.6
Stocks, producers', end of month:						
Filament yarn.....do.....	60.2	59.1	44.7	43.6	41.0	37.9
Staple, incl. tow (rayon).....do.....	36.8	36.2	40.3	41.9	48.3	52.5
Men's apparel, cuttings:						
Tailored garments:						
Suits.....thous. units..	1,965	2,026	1,934	1,771	1,664	.....
Overcoats and topcoats.....do....	268	388	189	209	225	.....
Coats (separate), dress and sport.....do....	1,181	1,262	1,169	1,030	1,021	.....
Trousers (separate), dress and sport.....do....	9,229	9,659	9,560	9,587	9,698	.....
Shirts (woven fabrics), dress and sport.....thous. doz..	2,235	2,237	2,138	2,101	2,020	.....
Women's, misses', juniors' outerwear, cuttings:						
Coats.....thous. units..	2,155	826	r2,247	r2,445	1,584	.....
Dresses.....do.....	27,320	30,486	21,920	r24,866	28,149	.....
Suits.....do.....	1,041	682	r1,259	r1,362	868	.....
Blouses, waists, and shirts.....thous. doz..	1,538	1,617	1,428	1,511	1,460
Skirts.....do.....	776	896	741	r776	761

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