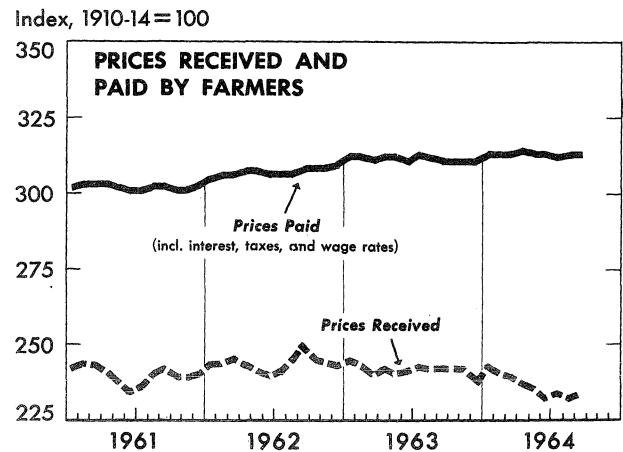
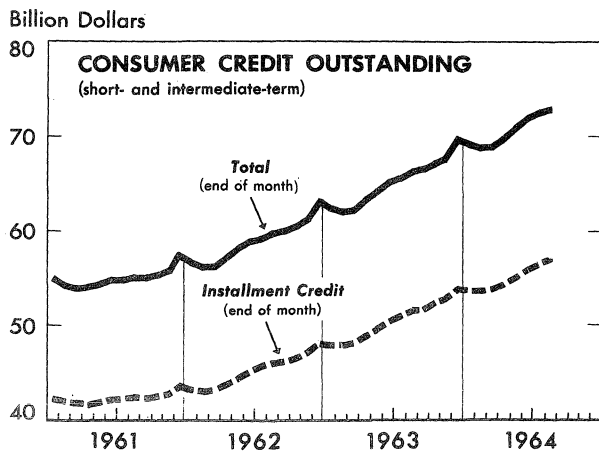
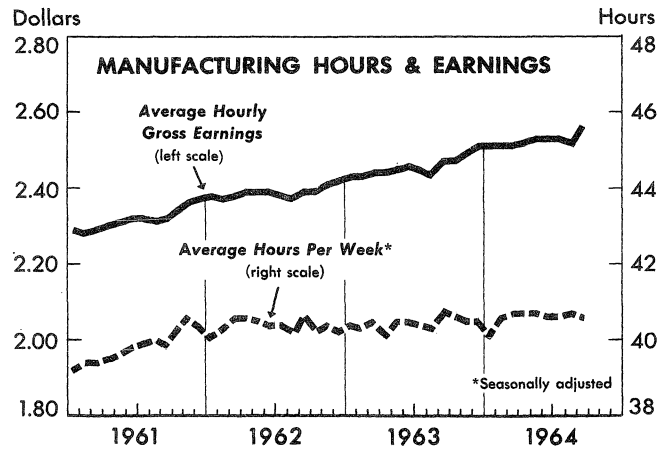
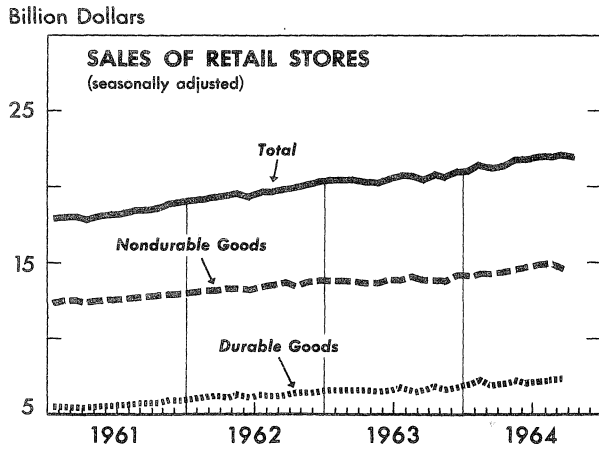
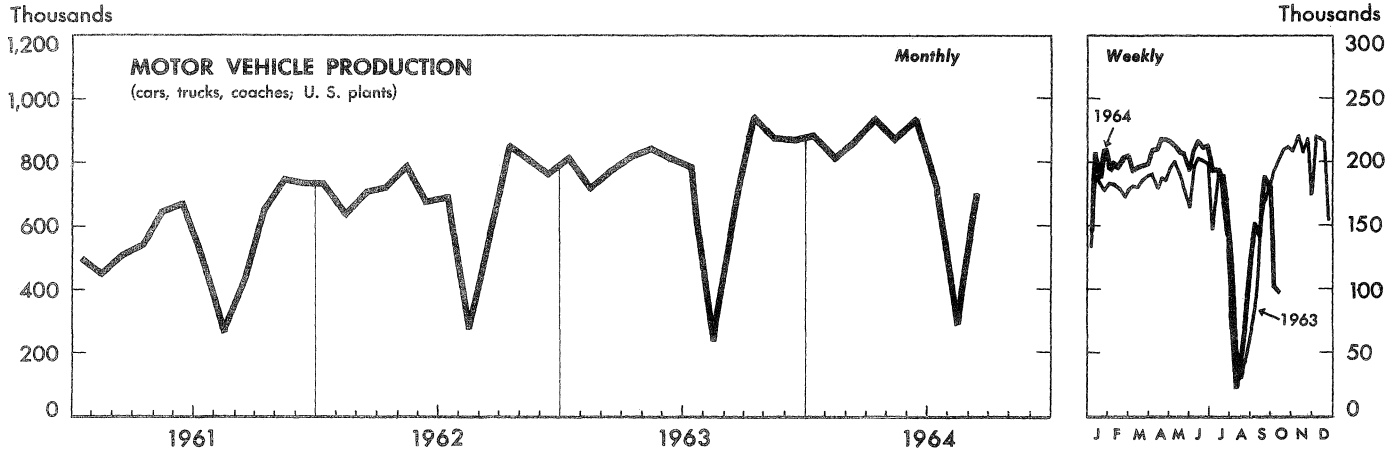


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SELECTED BUSINESS INDICATORS



WEEKLY BUSINESS STATISTICS¹

ITEM	1963		1964			
	Oct. 5	Oct. 12	Sept. 19	Sept. 26	Oct. 3	Oct. 10
COMMODITY PRICES, WHOLESALE:						
All commodities.....1957-59=100..	*100.3	.....	100.7	100.7	100.5	100.6
Farm products.....do....	*95.5	.....	95.6	95.6	94.0	94.5
Foods, processed.....do....	*100.9	.....	102.1	101.9	101.6	101.2
All other.....do....	*100.7	.....	101.1	101.1	101.1	101.3
22 commodities ^{2/}.....do....	94.9	96.0	99.7	100.3	101.1	101.6
ALL RETAIL STORES, SALES.....mil. \$..	4,886	4,817	4,770	4,918	5,258	.....
Nondurable goods stores.....do....	3,257	3,139	3,329	3,213	3,401	.....
INITIAL UNEMPLOYMENT CLAIMS, State programs.....thous..	249	252	201	200	212	.....
INSURED UNEMPLOYMENT, all programs.....do....	1,433	1,452	1,249	1,244	.....	.....
State programs (50 States, D.C., and Puerto Rico).....do....	1,287	1,307	1,118	1,113	.....	.....
FAILURES, INDUST. AND COMMERCIAL (Dun & Bradstreet).....number..	287	257	230	242	268	.....
FINANCE:						
Currency in circulation ^{3/}.....mil. \$..	35,858	36,061	38,425	38,192	38,074	38,209
Federal Reserve bank credit outstanding, total ^{3/}.....do....	34,467	35,030	37,524	37,820	37,487	38,051
Member bank reserve balances ^{3/}.....do....	20,177	20,192	20,731	21,252	21,141	21,253
Excess reserves, estimated ^{3/}.....do....	352	435	361	479	386	426
Reporting member banks (of F.R.System) in leading cities: ^{4/}						
Demand deposits, adjusted.....mil. \$..	61,885	61,752	65,046	62,748	63,709	.....
Savings deposits.....do....	37,342	37,425	39,574	39,640	39,832	.....
Loans and investments (adjusted), total.....do....	134,984	133,423	145,042	144,564	145,839	.....
U.S. Government obligations.....do....	28,367	28,086	26,577	26,594	27,207	.....
Commercial and industrial loans (gross).....do....	36,145	36,121	39,802	39,711	39,932	.....
Real estate loans (gross).....do....	17,455	17,485	19,458	19,509	19,533	.....
Bond yields, domestic corporate (Moody's) ^{3/}.....percent..	4.52	4.53	4.57	4.56	4.56	.....
Stock prices, 500 stocks (Stand. & Poor's) ^{4/}.....1941-43=100..	72.30	72.18	83.24	83.91	84.18	84.80
Industrials, 425 stocks.....do....	76.15	76.07	88.06	88.81	89.12	89.77
PRODUCTION:						
Bituminous coal ^{3/}.....thous. sh. tons..	1,635	1,637	1,692	1,697	1,618	.....
Electric power, by utilities.....mil. kw.-hr..	17,106	17,255	18,498	18,775	18,331	.....
Motor vehicles (cars, trucks, buses).....number..	194,531	203,031	189,003	179,391	101,119	97,674
Petroleum (crude) and condensate ^{3/}.....thous. bbl..	7,596	7,584	7,734	7,747	7,684	.....
Steel.....thous. sh. tons..	1,883	1,915	2,506	2,480	2,563	.....
Index of production.....1957-59=100..	101.1	102.8	134.5	133.1	137.6	.....
FREIGHT CARLOADINGS, TOTAL.....thous. cars..	632	636	632	623	619	.....
Miscellaneous.....do....	333	337	334	332	332	.....

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

MONTHLY BUSINESS STATISTICS

ITEM	1963		1964			
	Aug.	Sept.	June	July	Aug.	Sept.
GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS						
NEW BUSINESS INCORPORATIONS (Dun & Bradstreet, Inc.):						
Unadjusted.....number..	15,277	13,824	16,856	17,145	14,552	.....
Seasonally adjusted.....do....	16,093	15,689	15,797	15,852	16,074	.....
INDUSTRIAL AND COMMERCIAL FAILURES (Dun & Bradstreet, Inc.):						
Failures, total.....number..	1,135	1,051	1,157	1,096	1,169	.....
Commercial service.....do....	108	113	123	82	113	.....
Construction.....do....	210	189	219	214	203	.....
Manufacturing and mining.....do....	187	167	146	192	185	.....
Retail trade.....do....	522	467	563	501	550	.....
Wholesale trade.....do....	108	115	106	107	118	.....
Liabilities (current), total.....thous. \$..	65,233	85,918	144,496	125,642	95,180	.....
Commercial service.....do....	5,304	6,579	80,909	9,037	22,555	.....
Construction.....do....	12,394	21,522	15,349	23,772	17,897	.....
Manufacturing and mining.....do....	18,748	28,149	17,951	23,309	16,079	.....
Retail trade.....do....	19,341	15,644	21,694	20,781	25,715	.....
Wholesale trade.....do....	9,446	14,024	8,593	48,743	12,934	.....
Failure annual rate (seas. adj.)..No. per 10,000 concerns..	54.5	59.4	53.2	54.9	59.1	.....
COMMODITY PRICES						
PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS, ALL FARM PRODUCTS...1910-14=100..						
Crops.....do....	242	242	232	234	232	236
Commercial vegetables.....do....	232	232	241	234	226	228
Cotton.....do....	194	189	240	237	217	217
Feed grains and hay.....do....	271	276	274	274	258	258
Food grains.....do....	168	171	168	163	163	170
Fruit.....do....	206	213	170	162	161	164
Oil-bearing crops.....do....	274	264	301	272	283	293
Potatoes (including dry edible beans).....do....	255	253	246	247	243	254
Tobacco.....do....	200	161	322	307	247	202
Livestock and products.....do....	479	498	489	489	487	482
Dairy products.....do....	250	250	224	234	237	244
Meat animals.....do....	251	262	234	243	252	262
Poultry and eggs.....do....	303	294	264	275	274	282
Wool.....do....	142	149	133	139	145	146
	260	256	299	293	288	284

ITEM	1963		1964			
	Aug.	Sept.	June	July	Aug.	Sept.
COMMODITY PRICES—Continued						
PRICES PAID BY FARMERS:						
All commodities and services.....1910-14=100..	283	283	282	282	282	282
Family living items.....do....	298	297	300	300	300	299
Production items.....do....	273	273	269	269	269	270
All commod., services, int., taxes, and wage rates.....do....	312	311	313	312	313	313
PARITY RATIO.....do....	78	78	74	75	74	75
DOMESTIC TRADE						
RETAIL TRADE, ALL RETAIL STORES:						
ESTIMATED SALES (UNADJUSTED), TOTAL <u>l</u> /.....mil. \$..	21,018	19,267	22,242	r22,156	r21,786	21,102
Durable goods stores.....do....	6,556	5,999	7,719	r7,399	r7,002	6,848
Automotive group.....do....	3,529	2,990	4,387	r4,159	r3,828	3,686
Furniture and appliance group.....do....	992	980	1,112	1,098	r1,112	1,056
Lumber, building, hardware group.....do....	1,138	1,055	1,129	r1,109	1,049	.....
Nondurable goods stores.....do....	14,462	13,268	14,523	r14,757	r14,784	14,254
Apparel group.....do....	1,167	1,161	1,238	r1,118	r1,214	1,273
Drug and proprietary stores.....do....	680	647	705	r707	r705	687
Eating and drinking places.....do....	1,698	1,526	1,711	r1,796	r1,810	1,615
Food group.....do....	5,318	4,684	5,114	r5,495	r5,280	5,093
Gasoline service stations.....do....	1,730	1,599	1,754	r1,820	r1,806	1,629
General merchandise group.....do....	2,444	2,275	2,491	r2,380	r2,606	2,544
ESTIMATED SALES (SEAS. ADJ.), TOTAL <u>l</u> /.....do....	20,666	20,426	21,773	r21,946	r22,268	22,027
Durable goods stores.....do....	6,562	6,606	7,002	r7,060	r7,311	7,449
Automotive group.....do....	3,733	3,717	3,885	r3,989	4,230	.....
Furniture and appliance group.....do....	939	985	1,108	r1,107	1,095	.....
Lumber, building, hardware group.....do....	992	975	992	r954	935	.....
Nondurable goods stores.....do....	14,104	13,820	14,771	r14,886	r14,957	14,578
Apparel group.....do....	1,259	1,204	1,322	r1,316	1,369	.....
Drug and proprietary stores.....do....	685	688	721	r726	719	.....
Eating and drinking places.....do....	1,519	1,470	1,623	r1,642	1,638	.....
Food group.....do....	4,996	4,897	5,202	r5,272	5,230	.....
Gasoline service stations.....do....	1,612	1,605	1,683	r1,701	1,694	.....
General merchandise group.....do....	2,475	2,390	2,620	r2,686	2,749	.....
ESTIMATED INVENTORIES: <u>l</u> /						
Unadjusted, total.....do....	28,024	28,400	30,118	r29,851	29,201	.....
Adjusted, total.....do....	28,615	28,752	30,180	r30,129	29,942	.....
RETAIL FIRMS WITH 4 OR MORE STORES:						
Estimated sales (unadjusted), total.....do....	6,094	5,546	6,109	r6,168	6,193	.....
RETAIL FIRMS WITH 11 OR MORE STORES:						
Estimated sales (unadjusted), total.....do....	5,107	4,611	5,107	5,180	5,202	.....
Apparel group.....do....	310	309	335	292	329	.....
Eating and drinking places.....do....	115	107	131	134	138	.....
General merchandise group.....do....	1,641	1,526	1,698	1,605	1,756	.....
Grocery stores.....do....	2,137	1,825	1,981	2,169	2,021	.....
Lumber yards, building materials dealers.....do....	76	71	79	81	75	.....
Tire, battery, accessory dealers.....do....	94	83	115	108	101	.....
Estimated sales (seasonally adjusted), total.....do....	4,983	4,871	5,240	5,322	5,366	.....
Apparel group.....do....	341	316	349	351	369	.....
Eating and drinking places.....do....	107	105	127	126	130	.....
General merchandise group.....do....	1,646	1,605	1,759	1,791	1,830	.....
Grocery stores.....do....	2,007	1,970	2,066	2,095	2,083	.....
Lumber yards, building materials dealers.....do....	63	63	67	67	64	.....
Tire, battery, accessory dealers.....do....	88	89	100	96	100	.....
EMPLOYMENT, HOURS, AND EARNINGS						
CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE, TOTAL, UNADJUSTED.....thous..						
EMPLOYED.....do....	74,418	73,062	76,645	76,218	75,758	74,122
Agricultural employment.....do....	5,496	5,326	5,853	5,819	5,400	5,230
Nonagricultural employment.....do....	65,065	64,220	66,100	66,586	66,704	65,575
UNEMPLOYED (ALL CIVILIAN WORKERS).....do....	3,857	3,516	4,692	3,813	3,654	3,317
Long-term (15 weeks and over).....do....	949	886	1,007	857	790	764
Percent of civilian labor force.....do....	5.2	4.8	6.1	5.0	4.8	4.5
CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE, TOTAL, SEAS. ADJUSTED.....thous..						
EMPLOYED.....do....	72,988	73,091	74,340	74,230	74,315	74,159
Agricultural employment.....do....	68,941	69,044	70,387	70,591	70,488	70,334
Nonagricultural employment.....do....	4,872	4,877	4,838	4,885	4,810	4,800
UNEMPLOYED (ALL CIVILIAN WORKERS).....do....	64,069	64,167	65,549	65,706	65,678	65,534
Long-term (15 weeks and over).....do....	4,047	4,047	3,953	3,639	3,827	3,825
Long-term (15 weeks and over).....do....	1,083	1,078	1,070	958	902	929
Percent of civilian labor force.....do....	5.5	5.5	5.3	4.9	5.1	5.2
EMPLOYEES ON PAYROLLS (NONAGRICULTURAL ESTABLISHMENTS):						
TOTAL, SEASONALLY ADJUSTED.....thous..	57,344	57,453	58,782	r58,912	r58,936	p59,039
Manufacturing.....do....	17,033	17,076	17,367	r17,409	r17,390	p17,450
Mining.....do....	635	632	638	643	r634	p635
Contract construction.....do....	3,083	3,071	3,179	r3,187	r3,177	p3,127
Transportation and public utilities.....do....	3,941	3,950	3,964	r3,985	r4,003	p4,007
Wholesale and retail trade.....do....	11,907	11,922	12,268	r12,300	r12,310	p12,304
Finance, insurance, and real estate.....do....	2,873	2,873	2,937	2,944	r2,945	p2,950
Services and miscellaneous.....do....	8,373	8,377	8,596	r8,655	r8,681	p8,681
Government.....do....	9,499	9,552	9,833	r9,789	r9,796	p9,885

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EMPLOYMENT, HOURS, AND EARNINGS—Continued						
PRODUCTION WORKERS ON MANUFACTURING PAYROLLS:						
TOTAL, UNADJUSTED.....thous..	12,705	12,923	12,892	r12,814	r13,008	13,255
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED.....do....	12,579	12,611	12,864	12,892	r12,885	12,949
Durable goods industries, unadjusted.....do....	6,995	7,193	7,332	r7,268	r7,254	7,470
Seasonally adjusted.....do....	7,051	7,097	7,278	r7,311	r7,315	7,376
Lumber and wood products.....do....	547	551	554	558	r560	552
Furniture and fixtures.....do....	331	333	337	336	r345	347
Stone, clay, and glass products.....do....	516	510	521	r522	528	527
Primary metal industries.....do....	946	942	1,000	r998	r1,005	1,018
Fabricated metal products.....do....	889	909	927	r908	r933	959
Machinery.....do....	1,044	1,055	1,124	1,114	r1,113	1,129
Electrical equipment and supplies.....do....	1,048	1,067	1,047	r1,046	r1,059	1,086
Transportation equipment.....do....	984	1,125	1,146	1,121	r1,027	1,156
Instruments and related products.....do....	240	240	239	238	242	246
Miscellaneous manufacturing industries.....do....	332	341	330	r321	r339	346
Nondurable goods industries, unadjusted.....do....	5,710	5,730	5,560	r5,546	r5,754	5,785
Seasonally adjusted.....do....	5,524	5,514	5,586	r5,581	r5,570	5,573
Food and kindred products.....do....	1,272	1,285	1,119	r1,164	r1,253	1,259
Textile mill products.....do....	803	803	808	r794	r810	813
Apparel and related products.....do....	1,183	1,180	1,181	r1,152	r1,214	1,218
Paper and allied products.....do....	495	495	498	r492	r499	504
HOURS AND EARNINGS PER PRODUCTION WORKER ON PAYROLLS OF MANUFACTURING ESTABLISHMENTS:						
Average weekly gross hours, mfg. indus., unadj.....hours..	40.5	40.7	40.9	r40.7	40.9	40.6
Seasonally adjusted.....do....	40.3	40.7	40.6	r40.6	40.7	40.6
Durable goods industries, unadjusted.....do....	41.0	41.3	41.7	41.3	r41.5	41.6
Seasonally adjusted.....do....	41.0	41.3	41.4	41.4	r41.5	41.6
Nondurable goods industries, unadjusted.....do....	40.0	39.9	39.9	39.8	r40.1	39.3
Seasonally adjusted.....do....	39.6	39.7	39.7	39.5	r39.7	39.1
Avg. hourly gross earnings, mfg. industries.....dollars..	2.43	2.47	2.53	2.53	2.52	2.56
Durable goods industries.....do....	2.61	2.65	2.71	2.71	2.70	2.74
Nondurable goods industries.....do....	2.21	2.24	2.28	2.29	2.28	2.31
LABOR TURNOVER IN MANUFACTURING ESTABLISHMENTS:						
Accession rate, total.....monthly rate per 100 employees..	4.8	4.8	5.1	r4.4	p4.9	.....
Seasonally adjusted.....do....	3.7	3.9	4.1	r4.1	p3.8	.....
New hires.....do....	3.2	3.1	3.6	2.9	p3.2	.....
Separation rate, total.....do....	4.7	4.9	3.5	r4.3	p4.1	.....
Seasonally adjusted.....do....	4.2	3.9	3.9	r4.2	p3.6	.....
Quit.....do....	2.1	2.4	1.4	1.5	p2.0	.....
Layoff.....do....	1.9	1.8	1.3	r2.1	p1.3	.....
Seasonally adjusted.....do....	2.0	1.8	1.6	r2.0	p1.4	.....
FINANCE						
CONSUMER CREDIT (SHORT- AND INTERMEDIATE-TERM):						
Total outstanding, end of month.....mil. \$..	66,308	66,538	71,907	72,456	73,069	.....
Installment credit, total.....do....	51,526	51,718	55,914	56,496	57,055	.....
Installment credit extended and repaid:						
Unadjusted:						
Extended, total.....do....	5,242	4,755	5,949	5,747	5,519	.....
Repaid, total.....do....	4,610	4,563	5,155	5,165	4,960	.....
Seasonally adjusted:						
Extended, total.....do....	5,100	5,093	5,399	5,541	5,529
Repaid, total.....do....	4,619	4,752	5,029	5,058	5,094

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