

# BUSINESS STATISTICS

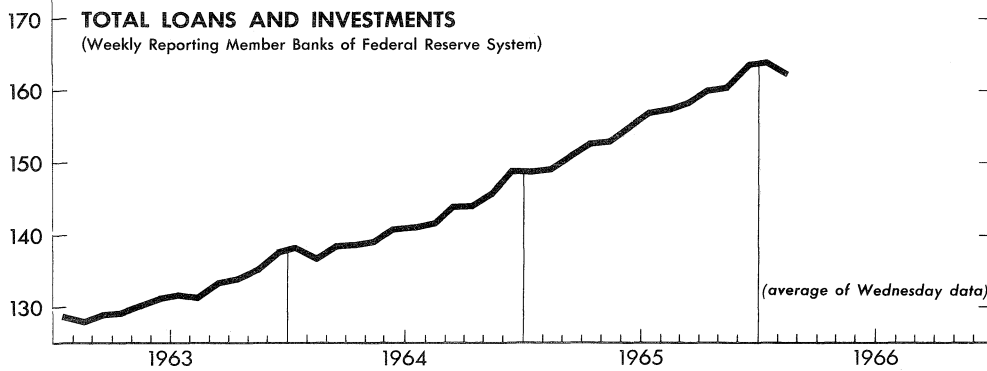


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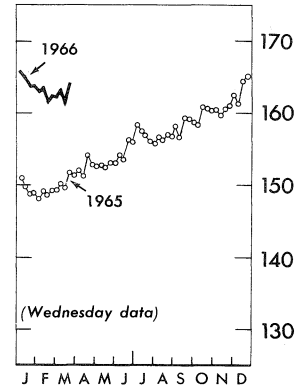
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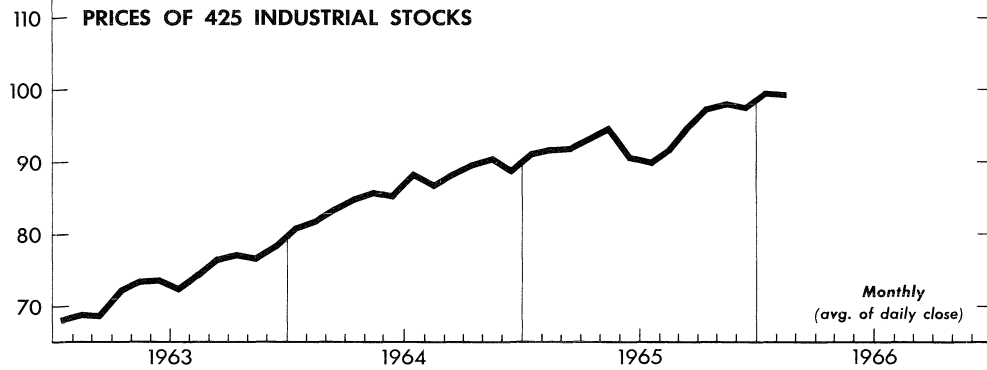


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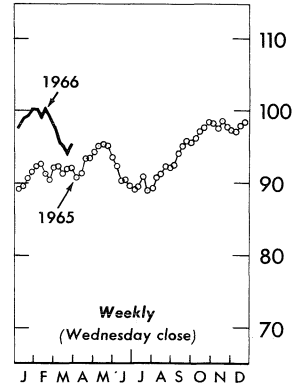


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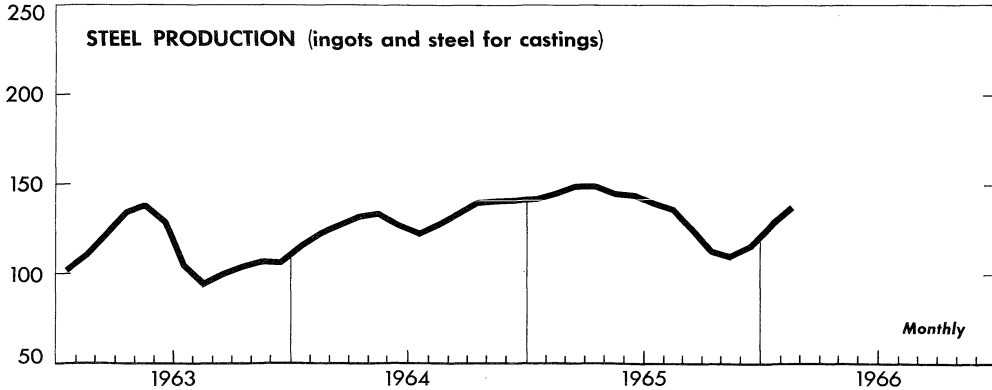


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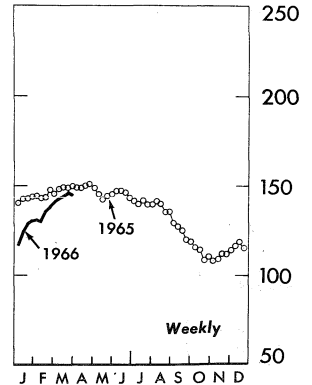


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Index, 1957-59=100



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ITEM	1965		1966			
	Mar. 20	Mar. 27	Mar. 5	Mar. 12	Mar. 19	Mar. 26
<b>COMMODITY PRICES, WHOLESALE:</b>						
All commodities.....1957-59=100.....	.....	*101.3	.....	.....	105.2	105.2
Farm products.....do.....	.....	*95.4	.....	.....	106.2	106.6
Foods, processed.....do.....	.....	*101.8	.....	.....	111.5	111.1
All other.....do.....	.....	*102.0	.....	.....	103.8	103.8
22 commodities <u>2/</u> .....do.....	102.5	103.1	114.5	114.2	114.5	113.0
<b>ALL RETAIL STORES, SALES.....mil. \$.</b>						
Nondurable goods stores.....do.....	4,900	4,976	5,338	5,253	5,471	.....
.....do.....	3,225	3,244	3,615	3,536	3,635	.....
<b>INITIAL UNEMPLOYMENT CLAIMS, State programs.....thous.</b>						
.....do.....	209	213	198	177	162	.....
<b>INSURED UNEMPLOYMENT, all programs.....do.....</b>						
.....do.....	1,861	1,812	1,556	1,459	.....	.....
State programs (50 States, D.C., and Puerto Rico).....do.....	1,698	1,654	1,471	1,376	.....	.....
<b>FAILURES, INDUST. AND COMMERCIAL (Dun &amp; Bradstreet).....number..</b>						
.....do.....	264	303	301	290	245	252
<b>FINANCE:</b>						
Currency in circulation <u>3/</u> .....mil. \$.	38,894	38,796	41,230	41,319	41,480	41,459
Federal Reserve bank credit outstanding, total <u>3/</u> .....do.....	39,484	39,900	42,731	42,987	42,848	43,193
Member bank reserve balances <u>3/</u> .....do.....	21,168	21,512	22,112	22,064	22,118	22,370
Excess reserves, estimated <u>3/</u> .....do.....	325	454	285	377	350	328
<b>Reporting member banks (of F.R.System) in leading cities:<u>4/</u></b>						
Demand deposits, adjusted.....mil. \$.	64,385	62,511	65,231	65,379	67,442	.....
Savings deposits.....do.....	42,028	42,096	45,064	45,100	45,109	.....
Loans and investments (adjusted), total.....do.....	151,742	151,374	163,159	161,395	164,236	.....
U.S. Government obligations.....do.....	25,418	25,140	22,418	21,706	21,863	.....
Commercial and industrial loans (gross).....do.....	44,334	44,310	51,315	51,158	52,410	.....
Real estate loans (gross).....do.....	20,254	20,305	22,730	22,701	22,788	.....
Bond yields, domestic corporate (Moody's) <u>3/</u> .....percent..	4.56	4.56	5.01	5.05	5.12	5.16
Stock prices, 500 stocks (Stand. & Poor's) <u>4/</u> ..1941-43=100..	87.02	87.09	89.15	88.96	87.86	89.13
Industrials, 425 stocks.....do.....	92.00	92.02	95.41	95.14	93.89	95.24
<b>PRODUCTION:</b>						
Bituminous coal <u>3/</u> .....thous. sh. tons..	1,572	1,438	1,685	1,713	1,786	.....
Electric power, by utilities.....mil. kw.-hr..	19,738	19,924	21,399	21,424	20,709	.....
Motor vehicles (cars, trucks, buses).....number..	252,168	250,177	233,128	239,898	237,914	233,358
Petroleum (crude) and condensate <u>3/</u> .....thous. bbl..	7,882	7,883	8,318	8,342	8,337	.....
Steel.....thous. sh. tons..	2,780	2,785	2,660	2,692	2,730	2,709
Index of production.....1957-59=100..	149.2	149.5	142.8	144.5	146.5	145.4
<b>FREIGHT CARLOADINGS, TOTAL.....thous. cars..</b>						
.....do.....	544	541	545	558	573	.....
Miscellaneous.....do.....	316	313	310	318	325	.....

<sup>1/</sup> Data do not always cover calendar weeks. <sup>2/</sup> Tuesday price. <sup>3/</sup> Daily average. <sup>4/</sup> Wednesday data. \* Monthly index for Mar. 1965.

## MONTHLY BUSINESS STATISTICS

ITEM	1965				1966	
	Jan.	Feb.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.
<b>GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS</b>						
<b>INDUSTRIAL AND COMMERCIAL FAILURES (Dun &amp; Bradstreet, Inc.):</b>						
Failures, total.....number..	1,137	1,114	1,033	1,090	1,084	946
Commercial service.....do.....	105	103	103	119	101	103
Construction.....do.....	206	199	201	210	203	167
Manufacturing and mining.....do.....	187	185	155	156	160	139
Retail trade.....do.....	525	525	477	492	515	430
Wholesale trade.....do.....	114	102	97	113	105	107
Liabilities (current), total.....thous. \$.	89,272	111,985	71,722	97,575	103,175	95,536
Commercial service.....do.....	4,905	9,111	7,635	7,895	8,021	8,595
Construction.....do.....	24,381	19,881	14,420	22,741	13,877	24,306
Manufacturing and mining.....do.....	26,189	43,269	22,539	24,972	23,029	18,163
Retail trade.....do.....	19,744	28,663	20,606	28,793	42,216	35,165
Wholesale trade.....do.....	14,053	11,061	6,522	13,174	16,032	9,307
Failure annual rate (seas. adj.)..No. per 10,000 concerns..	52.8	51.7	51.4	54.2	50.7	44.1
<b>EMPLOYMENT AND POPULATION</b>						
HELP-WANTED ADVERTISING, SEAS. ADJUSTED.....1957-59=100..	137	145	181	186	184	190
<b>CHEMICALS AND ALLIED PRODUCTS</b>						
<b>ORGANIC CHEMICALS, PRODUCTION:</b>						
Acetic anhydride.....mil. lb..	114.9	114.7	128.8	139.8	123.1	.....
Acetylsalicylic acid (aspirin).....do.....	2.4	2.0	2.6	2.6	2.7	.....
Creosote oil.....mil. gal..	8.2	7.9	8.1	7.9	7.5	.....
DDT.....mil. lb..	10.7	11.3	10.0	13.9	13.4	.....
Ethyl acetate (85%).....do.....	3.3	8.8	9.9	7.8	7.9	.....
Formaldehyde (37% HCHO).....do.....	234.4	229.4	263.4	290.5	278.4	.....
<b>Glycerin, refined, all grades:</b>						
Production.....do.....	31.8	26.2	30.5	28.3	29.0	.....
Stocks, end of month.....do.....	32.6	37.3	28.4	24.7	30.9	.....
Methanol, synthetic and natural.....mil. gal..	36.3	31.8	36.1	42.1	39.4	.....
Phthalic anhydride.....mil. lb..	46.9	42.7	47.1	53.1	55.0	.....

ITEM	1965				1966	
	Jan.	Feb.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.
CHEMICALS AND ALLIED PRODUCTS--Continued						
Alcohol, denatured:						
Production.....mil. wine gal..	25.6	23.4	26.3	25.6	27.2	.....
Consumption (withdrawals).....do....	26.4	22.8	27.2	25.5	29.2	.....
Stocks, end of month.....do....	3.3	4.0	4.4	5.4	3.4	.....
PLASTICS AND RESIN MATERIALS, PRODUCTION:						
Cellulose plastic materials.....mil. lb..	10.3	12.1	14.0	13.5	13.1	.....
Thermosetting resins:						
Alkyd resins.....do....	41.9	44.4	43.6	45.0	52.5	.....
Coumarone-indene and petroleum polymer resins.....do....	24.8	25.4	26.5	27.1	24.3	.....
Polyester resins.....do....	24.5	28.9	34.3	36.7	35.7	.....
Phenolic and other tar acid resins.....do....	69.2	68.8	82.9	84.8	84.0	.....
Urea and melamine resins.....do....	43.0	43.6	58.4	62.2	52.2	.....
Thermoplastic resins:						
Styrene-type plastic materials (polystyrene).....do....	159.8	145.5	172.0	180.7	179.0	.....
Vinyl resins (resin content basis).....do....	182.2	168.8	203.2	218.7	215.6	.....
Polyethylene.....do....	229.1	216.2	267.6	282.2	279.9	.....
FOOD AND KINDRED PRODUCTS; TOBACCO						
DISTILLED SPIRITS (TOTAL):						
Production.....mil. tax gal..	15.04	13.96	20.02	19.65	17.32	.....
Taxable withdrawals.....do....	9.82	9.85	15.05	10.06	9.40	.....
Stocks, end of month.....do....	864.86	866.37	865.82	872.90	877.94	.....
Whisky:						
Production.....do....	11.36	10.66	13.16	12.92	13.28	.....
Taxable withdrawals.....do....	6.71	6.95	10.47	6.58	6.20	.....
Stocks, end of month.....do....	834.46	835.64	832.11	835.85	840.16	.....
Rectified spirits and wines, prod., total.....mil. proof gal..	6.37	6.47	10.84	6.97	6.40	.....
VEGETABLE OILS AND RELATED PRODUCTS:						
Coconut oil:						
Production, crude.....mil. lb..	36.7	32.4	38.2	36.8	r27.6	21.2
Corn oil:						
Production, crude.....do....	35.1	34.2	36.5	36.0	r35.4	34.3
Cottonseed cake and meal:						
Production.....thous. sh. tons..	315.4	284.0	338.4	332.8	334.4	305.3
Stocks (at oil mills), end of month.....do....	150.6	177.0	96.1	80.9	r94.6	116.1
Cottonseed oil:						
Production, crude.....mil. lb..	227.3	205.9	236.5	230.9	r232.6	213.1
Linseed oil:						
Production, crude (raw).....do....	34.7	31.9	33.5	40.9	37.5	37.3
Soybean cake and meal:						
Production.....thous. sh. tons..	1,001.9	877.5	1,125.6	1,135.2	r1,163.8	1,040.3
Stocks (at oil mills), end of month.....do....	186.8	199.0	104.3	74.6	r105.0	115.2
Soybean oil:						
Production, crude.....mil. lb..	463.3	408.5	510.1	519.8	r533.2	477.4
TOBACCO, MANUFACTURED PRODUCTS:						
Production, total.....thous. lb..	13,583	12,677	13,666	11,799	.....	.....
Consumption (withdrawals):						
Cigarettes, small:						
Tax-exempt.....millions..	2,088	3,380	3,694	4,053	4,088	.....
Taxable.....do....	39,086	40,210	43,446	37,720	39,356	.....
Cigars (large), taxable.....do....	602	554	696	445	571	.....
Manufactured tobacco, taxable.....thous. lb..	13,098	12,101	12,651	9,958	.....	.....
METALS AND MANUFACTURES						
PIG IRON:						
Production (excluding production of ferroalloys)						
.....thous. sh. tons..	8,013	7,312	5,880	6,327	6,910	6,834
Furnaces (industrial) and ovens, etc., new orders						
(domestic), net.....mil. \$..	13.8	11.9	13.8	14.2	16.3	13.7
Electric processing.....do....	1.3	1.9	2.0	2.6	1.6	1.8
Fuel-fired (except for hot rolling steel).....do....	5.1	5.5	7.7	7.9	6.8	6.1
Material handling equipment (industrial):						
Orders (new), index, seas. adj.....1957-59=100..	139.9	184.9	202.2	242.2	199.1	.....
MACHINE TOOLS:						
Metal cutting tools:						
Orders, new (net), total.....mil. \$..	81.85	91.40	110.50	128.50	r126.50	134.65
Domestic.....do....	72.95	78.00	100.25	116.50	r115.50	120.25
Shipments, total.....do....	68.10	70.35	77.95	109.10	r79.30	82.25
Domestic.....do....	58.55	60.45	67.25	98.15	r70.20	73.25
Estimated backlog, end of month.....months..	6.5	6.7	7.7	7.6	r8.2	8.7
Metal forming tools:						
Orders, new (net), total.....mil. \$..	20.00	22.50	27.15	27.60	r29.75	28.55
Domestic.....do....	18.45	20.55	25.05	23.95	r26.10	27.55
Shipments, total.....do....	21.20	24.55	22.95	30.30	r23.35	28.15
Domestic.....do....	19.60	22.80	19.55	27.55	r22.25	25.55
Estimated backlog, end of month.....months..	10.5	10.2	10.4	9.9	10.0	10.4
PULP, PAPER, AND PAPER PRODUCTS						
PULPWOOD:						
Receipts.....thous. cords (128 cu. ft.)..	4,180	3,789	4,228	4,441	4,247	.....
Consumption.....do....	4,234	3,925	4,383	4,072	4,574	.....
Stocks, end of month.....do....	4,893	4,818	5,317	5,770	5,412	.....

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## MONTHLY BUSINESS STATISTICS—Continued

ITEM	1965				1966	
	Jan.	Feb.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.
PULP, PAPER, AND PAPER PRODUCTS--Continued						
Waste paper:						
Consumption.....thous. sh. tons..	789	784	842	r804	844	.....
Stocks, end of month.....do....	506	498	512	r573	485	.....
WOOD PULP:						
Production:						
Total, all grades.....do....	2,781	2,585	2,894	2,626	2,918	.....
Dissolving and special alpha.....do....	120	117	119	124	141	.....
Sulfate.....do....	1,699	1,584	1,811	1,606	1,808	.....
Sulfite.....do....	230	215	232	217	230	.....
Groundwood.....do....	335	305	339	320	337	.....
Defibrated or exploded.....do....	125	122	119	113	121	.....
Soda and semichemical.....do....	c272	242	275	247	281	.....
Stocks, end of month:						
Total, all mills.....do....	743	747	739	r730	705	.....
Pulp mills.....do....	276	294	300	253	265	.....
Paper and board mills.....do....	387	373	366	r395	366	.....
Nonpaper mills.....do....	80	80	73	r82	75	.....
PAPER AND BOARD:						
Production (Bu. of the Census):						
All grades, total, unadjusted.....do....	3,537	3,370	3,751	r3,624	3,912	.....
Paper.....do....	1,598	1,493	1,627	r1,573	1,702	.....
Paperboard.....do....	1,660	1,603	1,789	r1,754	1,882	.....
Wet-machine board.....do....	12	11	11	12	11	.....
Construction paper and board.....do....	267	262	324	r286	316	.....
TEXTILE PRODUCTS						
COTTON: <u>1</u> /						
Consumption.....thous. bales..	729	741	751	831	753	753
Manufactures:						
Spindle activity (cotton system spindles):						
Active spindles, last working day, total.....millions..	18.7	18.8	19.1	18.9	18.9	18.8
Consuming 100 percent cotton.....do....	15.3	15.3	15.0	14.7	14.7	14.6
Spindle hours operated, all fibers, total.....billions..	9.9	10.0	10.4	11.8	10.4	10.5
Average per working day.....do....	.495	.502	.522	.470	.522	.525
Consuming 100 percent cotton.....do....	8.1	8.2	8.3	9.3	8.2	8.2
MANMADE FIBERS:						
Production:						
Filament yarn (rayon and acetate).....mil. lb..	66.1	63.0	68.2	69.5	67.6	62.8
Staple, incl. tow (rayon).....do....	53.0	52.4	51.8	54.2	56.3	52.2
Stocks, producers', end of month:						
Filament yarn (rayon and acetate).....do....	33.9	32.4	55.6	59.8	61.6	61.1
Staple, incl. tow (rayon).....do....	49.3	49.0	60.3	55.8	58.7	56.7
TRANSPORTATION EQUIPMENT						
MOTOR VEHICLES:						
FACTORY SALES, TOTAL.....thous..	936.6	905.9	1,058.1	1,043.0	950.1	.....
Domestic.....do....	910.7	873.2	1,015.6	1,006.7	921.1	.....
Passenger cars, total.....do....	798.0	774.7	908.5	883.8	798.0	.....
Domestic.....do....	782.8	753.1	878.7	861.3	780.4	.....
Trucks and buses, total.....do....	138.6	131.2	149.6	159.2	152.1	.....
Domestic.....do....	127.9	120.2	136.9	145.4	140.7	.....

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