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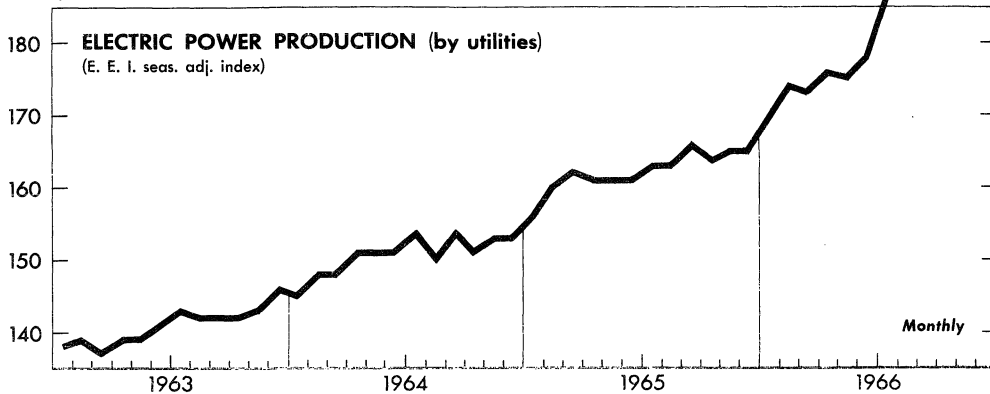


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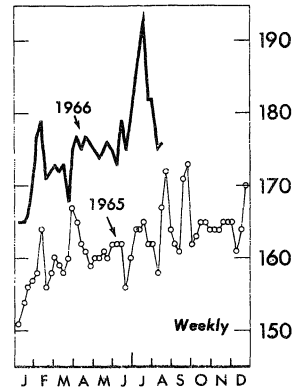
SELECTED BUSINESS INDICATORS

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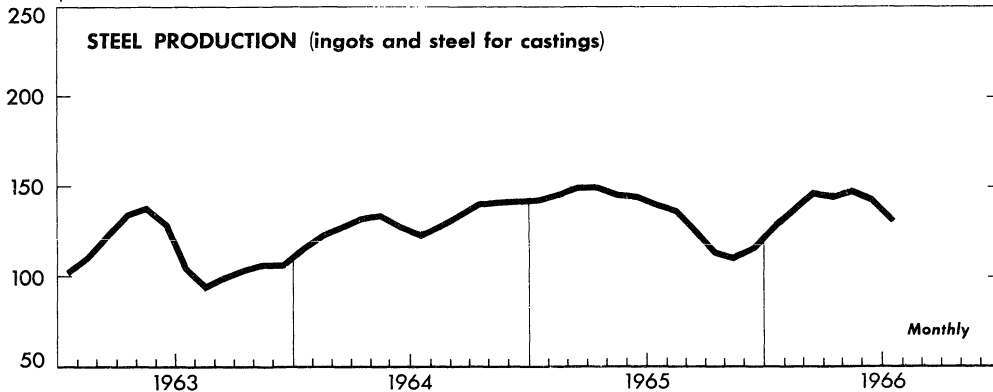


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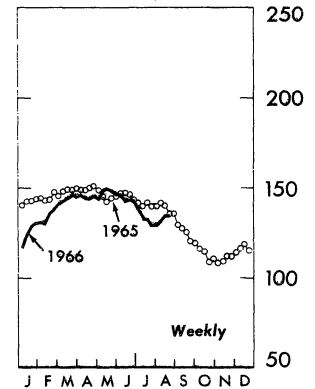


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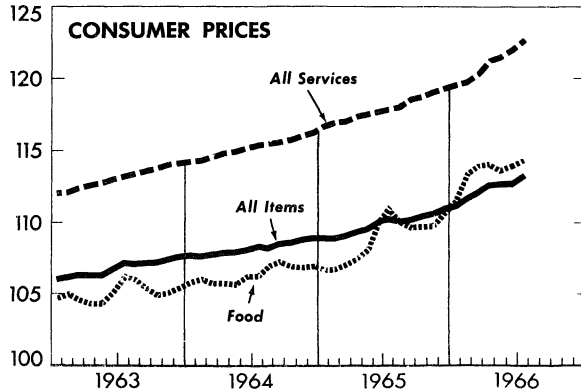


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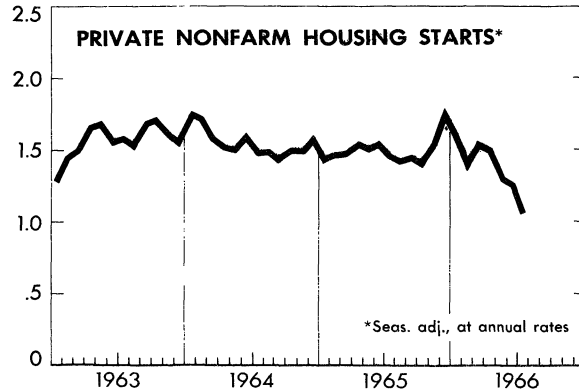


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Data: U.S. Dept. of Labor

Millions



Data: U.S. Dept. of Commerce

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WEEKLY BUSINESS STATISTICS¹

ITEM	1965		1966			
	Aug. 14	Aug. 21	July 30	Aug. 6	Aug. 13	Aug. 20
COMMODITY PRICES, WHOLESALE:						
All commodities.....1957-59=100.....	.....	*102.9	.....	.....	106.4	106.5
Farm products.....do.....	.....	*99.1	.....	.....	107.8	107.2
Foods, processed.....do.....	.....	*106.7	.....	.....	112.1	112.8
All other.....do.....	.....	*102.7	.....	.....	105.1	105.1
22 commodities <u>2/</u>.....do.....	104.6	105.2	113.3	111.1	111.1	111.7
ALL RETAIL STORES, SALES.....mil. \$.	5,223	5,199	5,877	5,755	5,700	.....
Nondurable goods stores.....do.....	3,555	3,546	3,850	3,970	3,900	.....
INITIAL UNEMPLOYMENT CLAIMS, State programs.....thous.	219	211	226	227	180	.....
INSURED UNEMPLOYMENT, all programs.....do.....	1,233	1,225	1,039	1,075	.....	.....
State programs (50 States, D.C., and Puerto Rico).....do.....	1,116	1,111	985	1,020	.....	.....
FAILURES, INDUST. AND COMMERCIAL (Dun & Bradstreet).....number..	245	245	255	285	235	251
FINANCE:						
Currency in circulation <u>3/</u>.....mil. \$.	40,125	40,202	42,747	42,744	42,908	43,000
Federal Reserve bank credit outstanding, total <u>3/</u>.....do.....	41,786	41,434	45,396	45,713	45,743	45,305
Member bank reserve balances <u>3/</u>.....do.....	21,600	21,514	22,934	22,987	22,898	22,611
Excess reserves, estimates <u>3/</u>.....do.....	423	329	248	362	481	264
Large Commercial Banks in leading cities: <u>4/</u>						
Demand deposits, adjusted.....do.....	68,637	.....	71,117	70,654	69,922	.....
Savings deposits.....do.....	48,869	.....	47,453	47,396	47,386	.....
Loans, net (adjusted) and investments, total.....do.....	169,230	.....	181,842	182,172	181,337	.....
U.S. Government obligations.....do.....	25,761	.....	22,575	22,287	22,141	.....
Commercial and industrial loans (gross).....do.....	49,041	.....	58,693	59,008	58,963	.....
Real estate loans (gross).....do.....	24,445	.....	26,840	26,868	26,953	.....
Bond yields, domestic corporate (Moody's) <u>3/</u>.....percent..	4.64	4.66	5.41	5.43	5.45	5.50
Stock prices, 500 stocks (Stand. & Poor's) <u>4/</u>.....1941-43=100..	86.13	86.99	84.10	83.15	83.11	81.18
Industrials, 425 stocks.....do.....	91.26	92.23	90.02	89.03	89.01	86.99
PRODUCTION:						
Bituminous coal <u>3/</u>.....thous. sh. tons..	1,775	1,759	1,883	1,774	1,791	.....
Electric power, by utilities.....mil. kw.-hr.	21,461	22,043	23,976	23,064	23,244	.....
Motor vehicles (cars, trucks, buses).....number..	121,911	78,471	92,192	31,747	19,760	37,843
Petroleum (crude) and condensate <u>3/</u>.....thous. bbl..	7,786	7,781	8,259	8,257	8,251	.....
Steel.....thous. sh. tons..	2,617	2,526	2,413	2,454	2,509	2,501
Index of production.....1957-59=100..	140.5	135.6	129.5	131.7	134.7	134.3
FREIGHT CARLOADINGS, TOTAL.....thous. cars..	589	597	593	583	581	.....
Miscellaneous.....do.....	299	305	299	296	297	.....

^{1/} Data do not always cover calendar weeks. ^{2/} Tuesday price. ^{3/} Daily average. ^{4/} Wednesday data. * Monthly index for August 1965.

MONTHLY BUSINESS STATISTICS

ITEM	1965		1966			
	June	July	Apr.	May	June	July
GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS						
MANUFACTURERS' SHIPMENTS: <u>1/</u>						
Value (not seasonally adjusted):						
Durable goods industries, total.....bil. \$.	22.3	19.6	23.9	23.6	24.6	20.7
Primary metals.....do.....	3.6	3.3	4.1	4.0	4.1	3.6
Transportation equipment.....do.....	6.1	5.1	6.5	6.4	6.6	4.9
Value (seasonally adjusted):						
Durable goods industries, total.....do.....	20.7	21.8	22.7	22.9	22.8	23.1
Primary metals.....do.....	3.4	3.8	3.8	3.8	3.8	4.1
Transportation equipment.....do.....	5.7	5.9	5.9	6.2	6.1	5.7
MANUFACTURERS' ORDERS: <u>1/</u>						
New orders, net (not seasonally adjusted):						
Durable goods industries, total.....do.....	22.7	20.4	25.2	24.0	25.8	22.2
New orders, net (seasonally adjusted):						
Durable goods industries, total.....do.....	21.3	22.2	24.2	24.3	24.3	24.0
Primary metals.....do.....	3.5	3.5	3.9	4.3	4.1	4.1
Transportation equipment.....do.....	5.9	6.4	6.6	6.5	6.8	6.3
Unfilled orders, end of month (unadjusted):						
Durable goods industries, total.....do.....	57.1	57.9	69.0	69.4	70.6	72.1
Unfilled orders, end of month (seas. adj.):						
Durable goods industries, total.....do.....	57.5	57.8	68.2	69.6	71.1	72.0
Primary metals.....do.....	6.6	6.3	6.5	7.0	7.3	7.3
Transportation equipment.....do.....	23.1	23.6	28.3	28.6	29.3	29.9
INDUSTRIAL AND COMMERCIAL FAILURES (Dun & Bradstreet, Inc.):						
Failures, total.....number..	1,094	1,074	1,106	997	1,077	1,017
Commercial service.....do.....	90	82	121	108	100	94
Construction.....do.....	205	205	206	210	212	186
Manufacturing and mining.....do.....	172	157	154	121	157	144
Retail trade.....do.....	510	514	509	459	511	492
Wholesale trade.....do.....	117	116	116	99	97	101
Liabilities (current), total.....thous. \$.	144,607	121,485	110,141	96,376	123,575	69,876
Commercial service.....do.....	54,207	4,891	20,761	26,400	27,123	4,459
Construction.....do.....	35,601	53,372	35,024	23,832	20,736	18,233
Manufacturing and mining.....do.....	22,435	31,145	22,011	20,164	28,330	19,230
Retail trade.....do.....	22,353	21,352	22,444	17,054	32,528	18,757
Wholesale trade.....do.....	10,011	10,725	9,901	8,926	14,858	9,197
Failure annual rate (seas. adj.) No. per 10,000 concerns...	50.1	52.8	47.4	45.8	49.4	52.3

^{1/} Data for July 1966 are advance estimates.

ITEM	1965		1966			
	June	July	Apr.	May	June	July
COMMODITY PRICES						
CONSUMER PRICE INDEX:						
Unadjusted indexes:						
All items.....1957-59=100..	110.1	110.2	112.5	112.6	112.9	113.3
Special group indexes:						
All items less shelter.....do....	110.0	110.1	112.4	112.4	112.6	113.1
All items less food.....do....	110.3	110.2	112.2	112.5	112.8	113.2
Commodities.....do....	106.9	106.9	108.8	108.8	109.0	109.3
Nondurables.....do....	108.6	108.7	111.4	111.3	111.5	111.8
Durables.....do....	102.6	102.3	102.3	102.5	102.6	103.0
New cars.....do....	97.4	97.2	97.4	97.0	96.8	96.7
Used cars.....do....	122.7	123.0	117.4	117.5	118.2	120.3
Commodities less food.....do....	105.1	104.7	106.0	106.3	106.4	106.7
Services.....do....	117.6	117.8	121.1	121.5	122.0	122.6
Services less rent.....do....	119.7	120.0	123.6	124.1	124.8	125.5
Food.....do....	110.1	110.9	114.0	113.5	113.9	114.3
Meats, poultry, and fish.....do....	106.4	109.2	115.6	113.9	114.2	114.3
Dairy products.....do....	104.0	104.3	108.9	109.3	109.6	111.0
Fruits and vegetables.....do....	125.9	124.3	119.8	119.2	121.7	121.5
Housing.....do....	108.2	108.3	110.3	110.7	111.1	111.3
Shelter.....do....	110.3	110.6	113.0	113.5	114.1	114.4
Rent.....do....	108.8	108.9	110.1	110.2	110.2	110.3
Homeownership.....do....	111.0	111.2	114.3	115.0	115.8	116.2
Fuel and utilities.....do....	106.9	106.6	108.3	108.2	108.0	107.9
Fuel oil and coal.....do....	103.4	103.2	108.5	108.0	107.0	107.0
Gas and electricity.....do....	107.8	106.9	108.3	108.2	108.1	108.1
Household furnishings and operation.....do....	103.1	102.9	104.4	104.6	104.8	105.1
Apparel and upkeep.....do....	106.9	106.1	108.7	109.3	109.4	109.2
Transportation.....do....	111.2	111.5	112.0	112.0	112.2	113.5
Private.....do....	109.7	110.0	110.5	110.5	110.7	111.5
Public.....do....	121.3	121.4	122.1	122.1	122.8	129.1
Health and recreation.....do....	115.7	115.3	118.1	118.4	118.7	119.1
Medical care.....do....	122.2	122.7	125.8	126.3	127.0	127.7
Personal care.....do....	111.0	108.7	111.6	112.0	112.2	112.5
Reading and recreation.....do....	115.7	114.6	116.8	116.8	117.0	117.2
Seasonally adjusted indexes:						
Food.....do....	.....	.....	114.3	114.0	114.0	113.2
Apparel and upkeep.....do....	.....	.....	108.8	109.4	109.5	109.6
Transportation.....do....	.....	.....	112.3	112.0	112.3	113.4
PURCHASING POWER OF THE DOLLAR AS MEASURED BY--						
Consumer prices.....1957-59=\$1.00..	\$0.908	\$0.907	\$0.889	\$0.888	\$0.886	\$0.883
CONSTRUCTION AND REAL ESTATE						
NEW CONSTRUCTION PUT IN PLACE (UNADJ.), TOTAL.....mil. \$..						
Private, total.....do....	4,647	4,587	4,308	r4,497	r4,755	4,745
Residential (nonfarm).....do....	2,630	2,591	2,191	r2,367	r2,519	2,449
New housing units.....do....	1,935	2,019	1,620	r1,734	r1,833	1,883
Nonresidential buildings, total <u>1</u> /.....do....	1,423	1,397	1,546	r1,533	1,602	.....
Industrial.....do....	440	422	565	r557	577	.....
Commercial.....do....	560	548	550	r537	578	.....
Farm construction.....do....	102	109	91	96	102	111
Public utilities.....do....	456	454	431	458	r495	482
Public, total.....do....	2,121	2,181	1,758	r2,026	r2,318	2,426
Buildings (excl. military).....do....	708	696	678	r783	r855	848
Residential.....do....	40	44	41	r42	r47	48
Military facilities.....do....	83	78	66	56	.....	.....
Highways and streets.....do....	778	880	538	r675	r807	910
NEW CONSTRUCTION PUT IN PLACE (SEASONALLY ADJUSTED AT ANNUAL RATES), TOTAL.....mil. \$..						
Private, total.....do....	50,317	49,122	54,347	r52,284	r51,711	51,045
Residential (nonfarm).....do....	27,224	26,983	27,437	r27,023	r25,996	25,500
Nonresidential buildings, total <u>1</u> /.....do....	16,300	15,406	19,572	r18,227	18,475	.....
Industrial.....do....	5,426	4,907	7,175	r6,856	7,116	.....
Commercial.....do....	6,199	5,882	7,097	r6,126	6,398	.....
Farm construction.....do....	1,196	1,188	1,197	1,201	1,205	1,210
Public utilities.....do....	5,187	5,185	5,458	5,301	r5,617	5,498
Public, total.....do....	21,439	21,236	22,497	r23,506	r23,528	23,611
Buildings (excl. military).....do....	7,315	7,382	8,149	r8,959	r8,899	8,944
Residential.....do....	451	471	535	r521	r527	527
Military facilities.....do....	834	980	887	650	.....	.....
Highways and streets.....do....	7,523	7,499	7,360	r7,853	r7,801	7,750
NEW HOUSING UNITS STARTED:						
Unadjusted:						
Total, incl. farm (public and private).....thous..	162.3	143.9	149.2	r139.3	r129.6	102.7
Privately owned.....do....	155.5	141.3	147.1	r135.4	r126.3	101.9
Total nonfarm (public and private).....do....	159.7	141.6	146.9	r136.1	r127.2	101.0
Privately owned.....do....	152.8	139.0	144.8	r132.2	r123.9	100.2
Seasonally adjusted at annual rates:						
Total, incl. farm (private only).....do....	1,566	1,473	1,502	r1,318	r1,273	1,064
Total nonfarm (private only).....do....	1,539	1,447	1,481	r1,287	r1,249	1,044
NEW PRIVATE HOUSING UNITS AUTHORIZED BY BUILDING PERMITS (12,000 permit-issuing places):						
Seasonally adjusted at annual rates:						
Total.....thous..	1,245	1,234	1,185	1,098	r954	902
One-family structures.....do....	698	710	660	596	574	551
CONSTRUCTION COST INDEX:						
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE COMPOSITE.....1957-59=100..	116	116	119	r120	r121	121

1/ Revised. 1/ Excludes farm and public utilities.

ITEM	1965		1966			
	June	July	Apr.	May	June	July
FINANCE						
LIFE INSURANCE (Institute of Life Insurance):						
ASSETS, TOTAL, ALL U.S. COMPANIES.....bil. \$..	153.50	154.42	161.48	162.04	162.51	.....
Bonds (book value), total.....do.....	69.16	69.63	71.15	71.18	71.10	.....
Stocks (book value), total.....do.....	6.74	6.75	7.28	7.31	7.33	.....
Mortgage loans, total.....do.....	57.38	57.66	61.71	62.10	62.55	.....
Nonfarm.....do.....	52.81	53.04	56.65	56.98	57.38	.....
Real estate.....do.....	4.61	4.64	4.73	4.74	4.74	.....
Policy loans and premium notes.....do.....	7.41	7.46	7.96	8.05	8.16	.....
Cash.....do.....	1.23	1.28	.90	1.01	1.00	.....
Other assets.....do.....	6.97	7.00	7.74	7.65	7.63	.....
PAYMENTS TO POLICYHOLDERS AND BENEFICIARIES IN U.S.:						
TOTAL.....mil. \$..	950.2	911.6	984.2	978.7	1,081.1	.....
Death benefits.....do.....	399.3	388.0	418.1	425.1	450.0	.....
Matured endowments.....do.....	80.9	71.1	82.3	80.9	88.0	.....
Disability payments.....do.....	14.8	12.3	13.6	14.0	15.2	.....
Annuity payments.....do.....	89.0	84.6	90.9	92.5	95.7	.....
Surrender values.....do.....	162.9	157.1	178.6	178.2	189.4	.....
Policy dividends.....do.....	203.3	198.5	200.7	188.0	242.8	.....
SECURITIES ISSUED:						
Securities and Exchange Commission:						
Estimated gross proceeds, total.....do.....	4,297	2,936	r3,668	r3,182	5,072	.....
By type of security:						
Bonds and notes, total.....do.....	3,988	2,814	r3,457	r3,114	4,261	.....
Corporate.....do.....	1,729	1,322	r1,372	r1,037	1,616	.....
Common stock.....do.....	154	78	r182	56	737	.....
Preferred stock.....do.....	155	44	28	r13	74	.....
By type of issuer:						
Corporate, total.....do.....	2,038	1,443	r1,582	r1,106	2,427	.....
Manufacturing.....do.....	484	454	r703	r392	1,168	.....
Extractive (mining).....do.....	14	43	r15	r50	53	.....
Public utility.....do.....	195	228	r371	r277	330	.....
Railroad.....do.....	16	27	35	47	16	.....
Communication.....do.....	99	154	77	r44	279	.....
Financial and real estate.....do.....	1,045	206	r122	r157	283	.....
Noncorporate, total.....do.....	2,260	1,492	r2,086	r2,076	2,645	.....
U.S. Government.....do.....	362	388	426	412	397	.....
State and municipal.....do.....	1,000	1,055	1,181	r877	1,118	.....
New corporate security issues:						
Estimated net proceeds, total.....mil. \$..	2,018	1,427	r1,559	r1,095	2,391	.....
Proposed uses of proceeds:						
New money, total.....do.....	1,665	1,168	r1,399	r1,000	2,245	.....
Plant and equipment.....do.....	651	735	r1,137	r746	1,786	.....
Working capital.....do.....	1,014	433	r262	r254	459	.....
Retirement of securities.....do.....	72	137	r7	r38	27	.....
Other purposes.....do.....	281	122	r154	r58	119	.....
TEXTILE PRODUCTS						
COTTON: <u>1</u> /						
Manufactures:						
Spindle activity (cotton system spindles):						
Active spindles, last working day, total.....millions..	18.7	18.8	19.2	19.3	19.3	19.3
Consuming 100 percent cotton.....do.....	15.0	15.0	14.7	14.7	14.8	14.8
Spindle hours operated, all fibers, total.....billions..	12.3	8.3	10.5	10.7	12.9	8.6
Average per working day.....do.....	.492	.417	.525	.536	.515	.430
Consuming 100 percent cotton.....do.....	9.8	6.7	8.0	8.2	9.9	6.6

1/ Revised. 1/ Data for June 1965 and June 1966 cover 5 weeks; other months, 4 weeks.
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