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BUSINESS STATISTICS



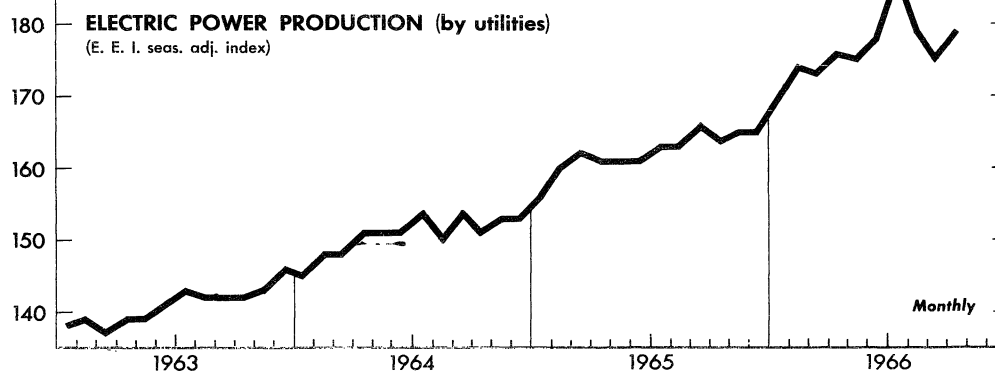
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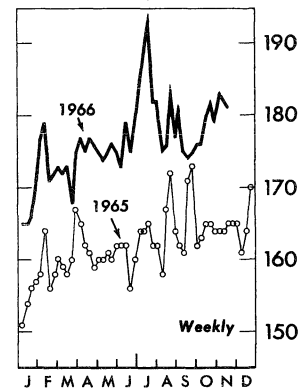
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ELECTRIC POWER PRODUCTION (by utilities) (E. E. I. seas. adj. index)



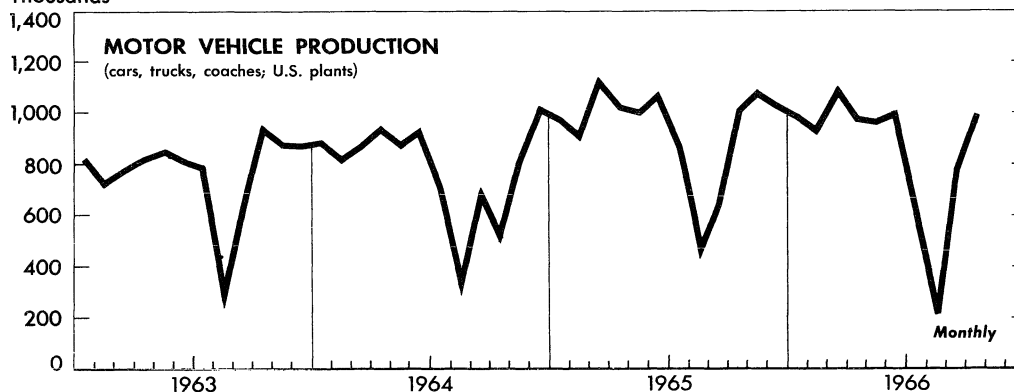
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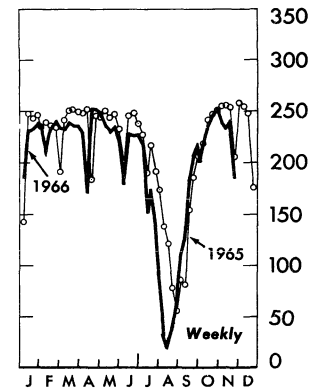
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MOTOR VEHICLE PRODUCTION (cars, trucks, coaches; U.S. plants)



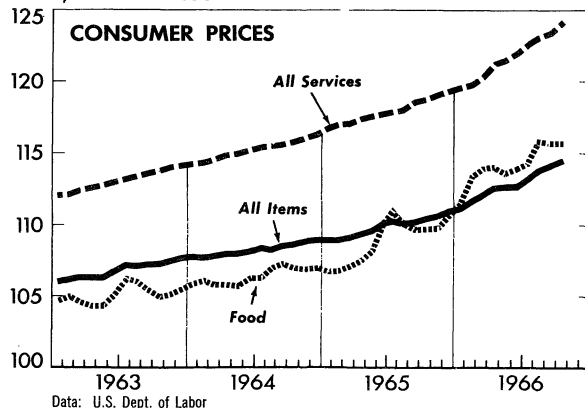
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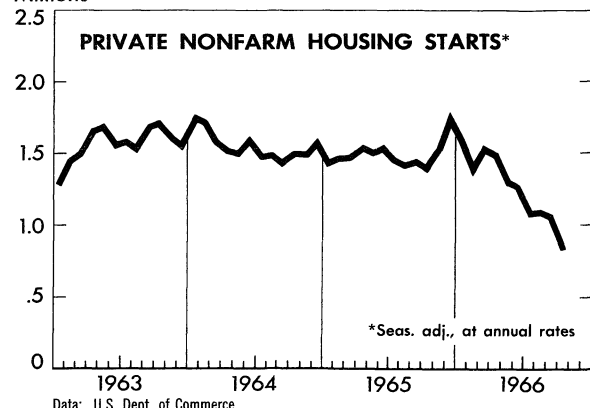
CONSUMER PRICES



Data: U.S. Dept. of Labor

Millions

PRIVATE NONFARM HOUSING STARTS*



Data: U.S. Dept. of Commerce

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WEEKLY BUSINESS STATISTICS¹

ITEM	1965		1966			
	Nov. 20	Nov. 27	Nov. 5	Nov. 12	Nov. 19	Nov. 26
COMMODITY PRICES, WHOLESALE:						
All commodities.....1957-59=100..	.....	*103.5	.....	105.8	105.8	105.8
Farm products.....do....	.....	*100.3	.....	102.4	102.8	102.9
Foods, processed.....do....	.....	*107.6	.....	111.2	111.0	110.7
All other.....do....	.....	*103.2	.....	105.2	105.2	105.3
22 commodities 2/.....do....	106.2	106.1	102.3	102.7	102.7	102.6
ALL RETAIL STORES, SALES.....mil. \$..	5,944	5,710	6,051	5,981	6,143	.....
Nondurable goods stores.....do....	3,946	3,867	4,135	4,075	4,218	.....
INITIAL UNEMPLOYMENT CLAIMS, State programs.....thous..	257	229	190	194	217	.....
INSURED UNEMPLOYMENT, all programs.....do....	1,115	1,231	825	907	.....	.....
State programs (50 States, D.C., and Puerto Rico).....do....	1,027	1,138	778	857	.....	.....
FAILURES, INDUST. AND COMMERCIAL (Dun & Bradstreet).....number..	247	202	273	234	293	204
FINANCE:						
Currency in circulation 3/.....mil. \$..	41,389	41,520	43,084	43,406	43,765	43,876
Federal Reserve bank credit outstanding, total 3/.....do....	42,605	42,501	45,472	46,100	46,165	45,967
Member bank reserve balances 3/.....do....	21,877	21,750	23,378	23,377	23,353	22,918
Excess reserves, estimates 3/.....do....	316	236	278	416	549	178
Assets and liabilities of large commercial banks: 4/						
Demand deposits, adjusted.....do....	70,588	.....	72,472	69,396	71,687	.....
Savings deposits.....do....	50,290	.....	46,962	47,014	46,977	.....
Loans, net (adjusted) and investments, total.....do....	173,676	.....	181,564	180,566	180,815	.....
U.S. Government obligations.....do....	25,647	.....	22,810	22,482	22,507	.....
Commercial and industrial loans (gross).....do....	60,101	.....	59,702	59,797	60,201	.....
Real estate loans (gross).....do....	25,396	.....	27,446	27,458	27,513	.....
Bond yields, domestic corporate (Moody's) 3/.....percent..	4.75	4.77	5.64	5.64	5.64	5.67
Stock prices, 500 stocks (Stand. & Poor's) 4/..1941-43=10..	92.60	91.94	80.88	81.38	82.37	80.21
Industrials, 425 stocks.....do....	98.54	97.80	85.90	86.52	87.61	85.20
PRODUCTION:						
Bituminous coal 3/.....thous. sh. tons..	1,921	1,937	1,888	1,865	1,901	.....
Electric power, by utilities.....mil. kw.-hr..	20,542	19,669	22,089	21,952	22,033	.....
Motor vehicles (cars, trucks, buses).....number..	254,043	205,658	237,862	233,815	240,144	185,453
Petroleum (crude) and condensate 3/.....thous. bbl..	8,003	7,990	8,451	8,475	8,458	.....
Steel.....thous. sh. tons..	2,084	2,064	2,546	2,560	2,565	2,528
Index of production.....1957-59=100..	111.9	110.8	136.7	137.4	137.7	135.7
FREIGHT CARLOADINGS, TOTAL.....thous. cars..						
Miscellaneous.....do....	322	281	335	328	332	.....

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

MONTHLY BUSINESS STATISTICS

ITEM	1965		1966			
	Sept.	Oct.	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.
GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS						
INDUSTRIAL AND COMMERCIAL FAILURES (Dun & Bradstreet, Inc.):						
Failures, total.....number..	1,100	1,047	1,017	1,249	1,042	1,150
Commercial service.....do....	124	110	94	112	123	138
Construction.....do....	205	212	186	276	195	213
Manufacturing and mining.....do....	172	145	144	191	159	154
Retail trade.....do....	479	490	492	567	470	542
Wholesale trade.....do....	120	90	101	103	95	103
Liabilities (current), total.....thous. \$..	104,976	82,066	69,876	178,088	129,162	108,046
Commercial service.....do....	23,039	10,381	4,459	38,358	14,435	8,230
Construction.....do....	19,007	19,139	18,233	33,193	24,513	24,399
Manufacturing and mining.....do....	24,880	17,862	19,230	43,497	50,411	34,992
Retail trade.....do....	27,463	27,876	18,757	30,488	23,928	26,043
Wholesale trade.....do....	10,587	6,808	9,197	32,552	15,875	14,382
Failure annual rate (seas. adj.)..No. per 10,000 concerns..	59.7	51.5	52.3	60.8	56.6	57.2
COMMODITY PRICES						
CONSUMER PRICE INDEX:						
Unadjusted indexes:						
All items.....1957-59=100..	110.2	110.4	113.3	113.8	114.1	114.5
Special group indexes:						
All items less shelter.....do....	110.0	110.2	113.1	113.6	113.9	114.3
All items less food.....do....	110.6	110.9	113.2	113.4	113.8	114.4
Commodities.....do....	106.6	106.9	109.3	109.8	110.0	110.3
Nondurables.....do....	108.6	108.7	111.8	112.5	112.9	113.1
Durables.....do....	101.7	102.1	103.0	103.0	102.7	103.5
New cars.....do....	95.6	97.7	96.7	95.8	94.4	98.4
Used cars.....do....	118.9	119.4	120.3	122.1	120.1	120.8
Commodities less food.....do....	104.9	105.3	106.7	106.6	107.0	107.6
Services.....do....	118.5	118.7	122.6	123.0	123.5	124.1
Services less rent.....do....	120.7	121.0	125.5	125.9	126.5	127.1
Food.....do....	109.7	109.7	114.3	115.8	115.6	115.6
Meats, poultry, and fish.....do....	109.8	108.9	114.3	114.5	114.8	113.8
Dairy products.....do....	105.3	105.5	111.0	114.8	116.0	117.1
Fruits and vegetables.....do....	108.5	108.5	121.5	122.3	116.6	115.3

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	Sept.	Oct.	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.
COMMODITY PRICES--Con.						
CONSUMER PRICE INDEX--Con.						
Unadjusted indexes--Con.						
Housing.....1957-59=100..	108.6	109.0	111.3	111.5	111.8	112.2
Shelter.....do....	110.8	111.2	114.4	114.6	115.0	115.5
Rent.....do....	109.1	109.2	110.3	110.6	110.7	111.0
Homeownership.....do....	111.6	112.1	116.2	116.4	116.8	117.4
Fuel and utilities.....do....	107.4	107.7	107.9	107.9	108.0	108.1
Fuel oil and coal.....do....	104.3	106.9	107.0	107.0	107.4	108.3
Gas and electricity.....do....	107.9	107.9	108.1	108.1	108.1	108.0
Household furnishings and operation.....do....	103.1	103.3	105.1	105.2	105.7	106.1
Apparel and upkeep.....do....	107.2	107.8	109.2	109.2	110.7	111.5
Transportation.....do....	111.0	111.2	113.5	113.5	113.3	114.3
Private.....do....	109.5	109.7	111.5	111.6	111.3	112.3
Public.....do....	121.6	121.6	129.1	129.2	129.5	129.6
Health and recreation.....do....	115.8	116.2	119.1	119.5	119.9	120.4
Medical care.....do....	122.8	123.0	127.7	128.4	129.4	130.4
Personal care.....do....	109.2	109.2	112.5	112.7	113.0	113.3
Reading and recreation.....do....	114.8	115.2	117.2	117.4	117.5	118.0
Seasonally adjusted indexes:						
Food.....do....	.....	.....	113.2	115.5	115.3	115.6
Apparel and upkeep.....do....	.....	.....	109.6	109.6	110.5	110.8
Transportation.....do....	.....	.....	113.4	113.5	113.5	113.8
PURCHASING POWER OF THE DOLLAR AS MEASURED BY--						
Consumer prices.....1957-59=\$1.00..	\$0.907	\$0.906	\$0.883	\$0.879	\$0.876	\$0.873
CONSTRUCTION AND REAL ESTATE						
CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS IN 48 STATES (F. W. Dodge Co.):						
TOTAL VALUATION.....mil. \$..	4,153	4,356	4,774	4,302	4,083	4,106
Index (seasonally adjusted).....1957-59=100..	147	147	146	139	146	139
Building, total.....mil. \$..	3,220	3,479	3,274	3,222	2,937	3,020
EMPLOYMENT AND POPULATION						
HELP-WANTED ADVERTISING, SEAS. ADJUSTED.....1957-59=100..	160	168	186	189	189	p193
FINANCE						
Money and interest rates:						
Home mortgage rates (conventional 1st mortgages):						
New home purchase (U.S. avg.).....percent..	5.75	5.75	6.12	6.18	6.22	6.32
Existing home purchase (U.S. avg.).....do....	5.89	5.87	6.24	6.35	6.40	6.49
FOOD AND KINDRED PRODUCTS; TOBACCO						
BEER:						
Production.....mil. bbl..	r9.09	7.81	11.32	10.99	9.00	.....
Taxable withdrawals.....do....	r8.50	7.50	10.59	10.44	8.95	.....
Stocks, end of month.....do....	11.58	11.28	12.48	12.25	11.62	.....
DISTILLED SPIRITS (TOTAL):						
Production.....mil. tax gal..	15.84	19.11	9.24	12.94	14.31	.....
Taxable withdrawals.....do....	11.84	16.26	9.89	12.31	12.57	.....
Stocks, end of month.....do....	r865.68	865.32	r887.20	885.41	883.87	.....
Whisky:						
Production.....do....	10.91	11.85	4.94	7.61	8.72	.....
Taxable withdrawals.....do....	7.94	11.12	6.00	7.46	8.68	.....
Stocks, end of month.....do....	r836.17	833.24	849.98	847.65	844.37	.....
Rectified spirits and wines, prod., total....mil. proof gal..	8.26	10.96	5.93	8.46	9.21	.....
Whisky.....do....	5.78	8.11	3.83	5.72	6.40	.....
WINES AND DISTILLING MATERIALS:						
Effervescent wines:						
Production.....mil. wine gal..	.52	.59	.47	.73	.58	.....
Taxable withdrawals.....do....	.58	.73	.38	.54	.73	.....
Stocks, end of month.....do....	3.54	3.31	4.55	4.66	4.46	.....
Still wines:						
Production.....do....	r49.81	112.90	1.52	9.63	72.94	.....
Taxable withdrawals.....do....	15.33	15.85	9.81	13.10	13.93	.....
Stocks, end of month.....do....	r171.63	266.87	178.58	171.88	225.04	.....
Distilling materials produced at wineries.....do....	r129.62	200.11	2.37	31.96	145.40	.....
Sugar, U. S., deliveries and supply (raw basis):						
Production.....thous. sh. tons..	120	612	48	60	128	.....
Entries from off-shore, total.....do....	355	316	589	817	500	387
Hawaii and Puerto Rico.....do....	141	114	188	163	113	136
Deliveries, total.....do....	1,023	826	1,038	1,032	1,073	.....
For domestic consumption.....do....	1,007	815	1,028	1,020	1,058	.....
Stocks, raw and refined, end of mo.....do....	1,291	1,552	1,670	1,300	r1,007	p1,372
METALS AND MANUFACTURES						
ALUMINUM:						
Production, primary.....thous. sh. tons..	218.7	237.2	252.8	239.8	245.9	p258.0
Stocks, primary, end of month.....do....	71.0	76.8	70.0	61.9	62.2	.....
Foundry equipment (new), new orders, net						
mo. avg. shipments, 1957-59=100..	316.9	295.0	319.5	243.9	326.9	379.8

MONTHLY BUSINESS STATISTICS—Continued

ITEM	1965		1966			
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METALS AND MANUFACTURES--Cont.						
Furnaces and ovens (indust.), dom. new orders, net....mil. \$..	12.6	11.4	15.8	15.5	12.2	17.6
Electric processing.....do....	2.0	1.3	3.5	1.6	1.3	1.5
Fuel-fired (except for hot rolling steel).....do....	7.2	6.8	7.6	9.3	8.1	7.1
MACHINE TOOLS:						
Metal cutting tools:						
Orders, new (net), total.....mil. \$..	99.85	99.25	120.75	113.05	r 137.70	131.40
Domestic.....do....	87.00	93.00	109.10	107.10	r 126.50	124.20
Shipments, total.....do....	80.80	91.05	79.30	80.95	r 104.05	102.95
Domestic.....do....	70.90	75.60	72.70	74.40	r 93.65	92.55
Estimated backlog, end of month.....months..	7.6	7.6	10.2	10.3	r 10.8	11.0
Metal forming tools:						
Orders, new (net), total.....mil. \$..	25.60	35.20	27.95	24.65	r 19.90	23.00
Domestic.....do....	24.00	33.45	26.60	22.70	r 17.95	20.20
Shipments, total.....do....	21.20	24.30	24.00	26.70	r 29.60	26.60
Domestic.....do....	18.95	21.90	23.30	24.40	r 27.60	25.30
Estimated backlog, end of month.....months..	9.8	10.3	9.8	9.7	9.4	8.9
Washers, sales (domestic and export).....thous..	430.6	397.2	384.7	446.5	422.7	407.6
Driers (elec., gas), sales (domestic and export).....do....	274.2	279.1	161.9	262.0	292.0	297.9
Electron tubes and semiconductors, factory sales.....mil. \$..	72.4	70.0	57.8	72.7	80.0	.....
PULP, PAPER AND PAPER PRODUCTS						
NEWSPRINT, CANADA:						
Production.....thous. sh. tons..	637	686	703	730	677	726
Shipments from mills.....do....	637	694	666	709	703	717
Stocks at mills, end of month.....do....	225	217	278	299	272	281
NEWSPRINT, UNITED STATES:						
Production.....do....	160	182	194	211	192	211
Shipments from mills.....do....	167	178	186	207	195	210
Stocks at mills, end of month.....do....	20	23	26	30	27	28
Consumption by publishers.....do....	509	591	522	547	582	641
Stocks at and in transit to publishers, end of mo....do....	626	580	688	729	737	700
TRANSPORTATION EQUIPMENT						
MOTOR VEHICLES:						
FACTORY SALES, TOTAL.....thous..	592.0	1,010.2	625.3	211.9	747.2	.....
Domestic.....do....	567.4	967.9	605.6	196.3	709.9	.....
Passenger cars, total.....do....	452.9	855.6	488.4	143.8	621.8	.....
Domestic.....do....	438.5	825.4	480.0	136.4	592.4	.....
Trucks and buses, total.....do....	139.0	154.6	136.9	68.1	125.5	.....
Domestic.....do....	129.0	142.5	125.6	59.9	117.5	.....
RAILROAD EQUIPMENT (American Railway Car Institute):						
Freight cars:						
Shipments.....number..	6,345	7,112	6,799	8,385	7,436	7,787
Equipment manufacturers, total.....do....	4,429	4,883	4,820	6,251	5,982	6,503
New orders.....do....	7,821	6,429	r 6,288	8,401	7,720	6,173
Equipment manufacturers, total.....do....	6,441	5,691	r 4,550	5,164	5,922	5,425
Unfilled orders, end of month.....do....	42,373	41,735	59,874	59,750	59,508	57,883
Equipment manufacturers, total.....do....	30,291	31,140	48,082	46,861	46,407	45,328

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