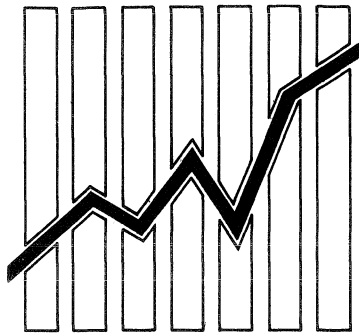


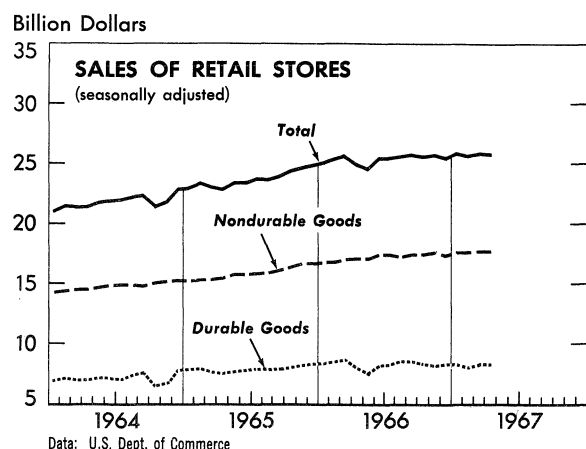
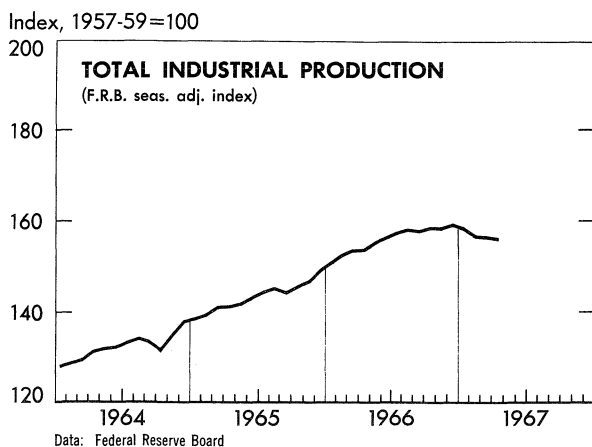
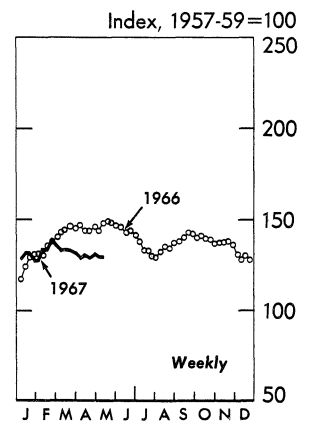
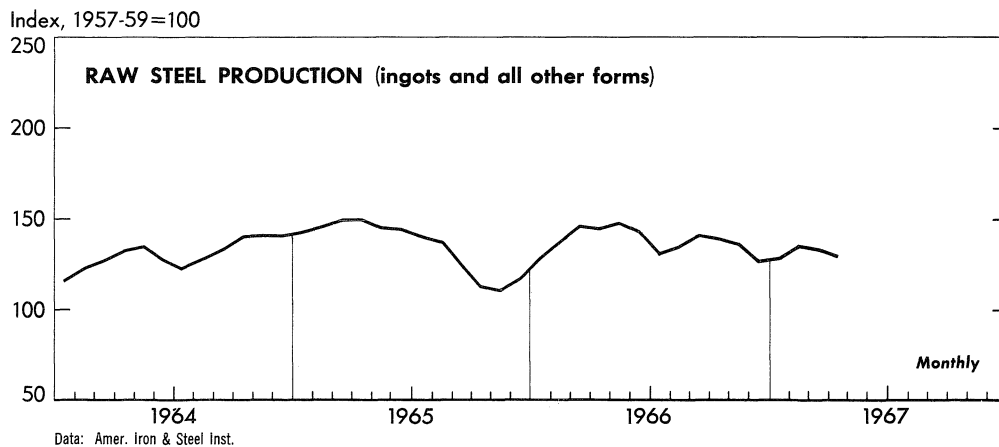
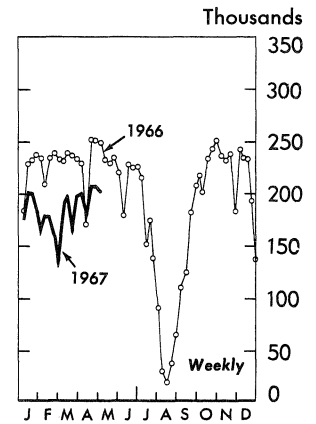
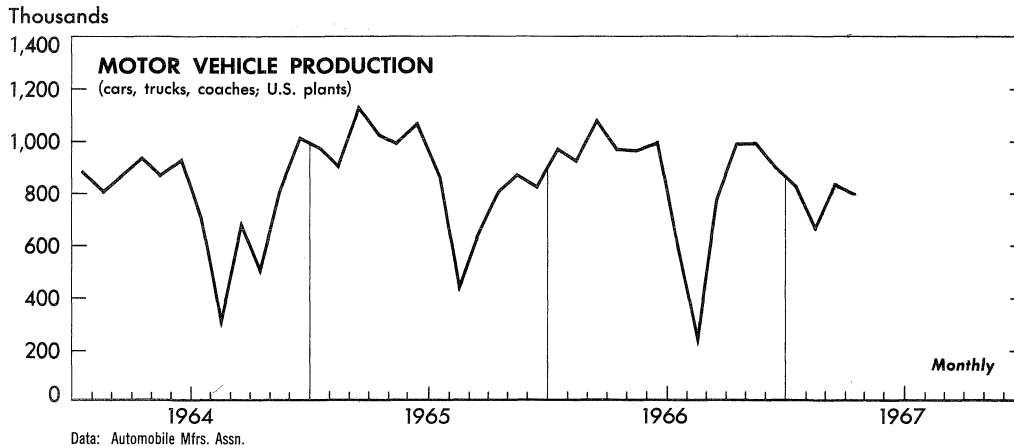
BUSINESS STATISTICS



A WEEKLY SUPPLEMENT TO THE SURVEY OF CURRENT BUSINESS*

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE / OFFICE OF BUSINESS ECONOMICS

SELECTED BUSINESS INDICATORS



WEEKLY BUSINESS STATISTICS¹

ITEM	1966		1967			
	May 7	May 14	Apr. 22	Apr. 29	May 6	May 13
WHOLESALE PRICES, 22 COMMODITIES <u>2</u> /.....1957-59=100..	110.4	110.3	97.8	98.1	98.5	98.6
ALL RETAIL STORES, SALES.....mil. \$..	5,909	5,655	5,852	6,027	5,899	.....
Nondurable goods stores.....do....	4,060	3,798	3,898	3,888	4,015	.....
INITIAL UNEMPLOYMENT CLAIMS, State programs.....thous..	164	151	218	217	222	.....
INSURED UNEMPLOYMENT, all programs.....do....	977	938	1,402	1,363	.....	.....
State programs (50 States, D.C., and Puerto Rico)...do....	917	882	1,342	1,302	.....	.....
FAILURES, INDUST. AND COMMERCIAL (Dun & Bradstreet), number..	213	288	281	301	228	294
FINANCE:						
Currency in circulation <u>3</u> /.....mil. \$..	41,605	41,834	43,894	43,754	43,792	44,015
Federal Reserve bank credit outstanding, total <u>3</u> /...do....	43,560	43,831	47,024	46,888	47,369	47,567
Member bank reserve balances <u>3</u> /.....do....	22,735	22,593	23,572	23,383	23,627	23,436
Excess reserves, estimated <u>3</u> /.....do....	286	340	470	240	399	323
Assets and liabilities of large commercial banks: <u>4</u> /						
Demand deposits, adjusted.....mil. \$..	72,051	.....	72,487	72,576	71,347	.....
Savings deposits.....do....	48,748	.....	46,845	46,868	46,961	.....
Loans and investments (adjusted), total.....do....	180,179	.....	190,843	189,670	190,171	.....
U.S. Government obligations.....do....	24,090	.....	25,920	25,320	25,326	.....
Commercial and industrial loans (gross).....do....	55,652	.....	62,441	62,345	62,608	.....
Real estate loans (gross).....do....	26,236	.....	27,111	27,139	27,090	.....
Bond yields, domestic corporate (Moody's) <u>3</u> /.....percent..	5.16	5.17	5.41	5.43	5.47	5.52
Stock prices, 500 stocks (Stand. & Poor's)...1941-43=100..	89.39	87.23	91.94	93.02	93.91	93.35
Industrials, 425 stocks.....do....	95.75	93.34	98.62	99.95	101.12	100.43
PRODUCTION:						
Bituminous coal <u>3</u> /.....thous. sh. tons..	1,747	1,778	1,873	1,880	1,877	.....
Electric power, by utilities.....mil. kw.-hr..	20,443	20,726	22,080	22,020	21,505	.....
Motor vehicles (cars, trucks, buses).....number..	234,062	229,741	207,764	207,601	202,873	.....
Petroleum (crude) and condensate <u>3</u> /.....thous. bbl..	8,384	8,365	8,591	8,603	8,577	.....
Steel, raw.....thous. sh. tons..	2,765	2,776	2,385	2,447	2,401	2,403
Index of production.....1957-59=100..	148.4	149.0	128.0	131.4	128.9	129.0
FREIGHT CARLOADINGS, TOTAL.....thous. cars..	602	611	558	566	562	.....
Miscellaneous.....do....	328	330	316	318	310	.....

1/ Data do not always cover calendar weeks. 2/ Tuesday price. 3/ Daily average. 4/ Wednesday data.

MONTHLY BUSINESS STATISTICS

ITEM	1966		1967			
	Mar.	Apr.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr. <u>p</u> /
GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS						
INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION (F. R. INDEX OF QUANTITY OUTPUT):						
SEASONALLY ADJ., TOTAL INDEX (INCL. UTIL.)...1957-59=100..	153.7	153.9	r 158.1	r 156.4	156.4	155.9
BY INDUSTRY GROUPINGS:						
MANUFACTURING, TOTAL.....do....						
Durable manufactures.....do....	155.9	156.6	r 160.1	r 158.3	158.3	157.6
Primary metals.....do....	161.9	162.9	r 165.5	r 163.0	r 163.2	162.7
Fabricated metal products.....do....	141.8	142.4	r 131.9	r 131.6	131.1	130
Machinery.....do....	161.7	161.4	r 166.6	r 165.3	r 163.6	161
Transportation equipment.....do....	176.1	178.6	r 189.2	r 186.3	r 183.7	181
Instruments and related products.....do....	166.1	165.9	164.6	r 159.4	164.3	169
Clay, glass, and stone products.....do....	171.9	174.6	186.2	r 183.4	r 185.9	186
Lumber and products.....do....	143.0	141.9	r 137.2	136.9	136.1	135
Furniture and fixtures.....do....	129.3	130.7	115.7	r 116.9	119.4	.....
Nondurable manufactures.....do....	168.8	169.6	172.1	170.6	r 166.6	164
Textile mill products.....do....	148.5	148.7	153.3	r 152.4	r 152.1	151.3
Apparel products.....do....	142.0	143.5	r 139.3	136.7	136.0	.....
Leather and products.....do....	149.4	150.3	r 150.2	146.4	.....	.....
Paper and products.....do....	112.2	115.5	r 107.7	103.6	.....	.....
Printing and publishing.....do....	150.2	150.2	154.0	r 152.4	150.5	.....
Chemicals and products.....do....	139.8	138.6	145.5	r 146.1	147.2	148
Petroleum products.....do....	187.8	187.7	r 198.6	200.0	200.5	.....
Rubber and plastics products.....do....	125.6	127.7	r 128.7	r 126.7	128.9	.....
Food and beverages.....do....	184.5	186.9	r 198.8	196.3	.....	.....
Tobacco products.....do....	127.5	127.8	131.9	131.3	130.8	.....
Mining.....do....	126.8	115.8	118.5	120.2	.....	.....
MINING.....do....						
Coal.....do....	120.0	115.6	r 123.0	r 123.1	r 122.5	122.9
Crude oil and natural gas.....do....	117.7	85.3	120.7	115.7	115.1	120
Metal mining.....do....	116.5	117.0	r 119.3	r 120.6	r 119.6	120
UTILITIES.....do....						
Electric.....do....	134.5	139.7	140.3	r 142.1	144.2
.....do....	168.8	169.1	179.6	r 178.2	r 179.5	179.5
.....do....	174.0	174.1	185.7	183.7

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	Mar.	Apr.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr. <u>p</u> /
GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS--Con.						
INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION (F. R. INDEX OF QUANTITY OUTPUT)--Con.						
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED INDEX--Con.						
BY MARKET GROUPINGS:						
Final products, total.....1957-59=100..	152.5	152.9	158.1	156.2	r 156.5	156.5
Consumer goods.....do....	146.2	146.4	r 147.8	r 145.2	145.8	146.1
Automotive and home goods.....do....	166.6	168.4	r 157.7	151.5	r 154.1	155
Automotive products.....do....	170.0	168.4	147.0	r 135.7	r 144.6	150
Autos.....do....	180.5	178.9	141.3	120.5	r 136.5	150
Auto parts and allied products.....do....	156.2	154.6	154.4	r 155.7	155.3	.....
Apparel and staples.....do....	139.7	139.4	r 144.2	143.2	.....	.....
Equipment, including defense.....do....	166.2	166.9	r 180.2	r 180.0	r 179.4	178.9
Business equipment.....do....	175.4	175.9	r 187.4	r 186.5	r 184.6	184
Materials.....do....	154.4	154.5	r 158.0	156.2	r 155.9	155.4
Durable goods materials.....do....	155.6	156.7	r 153.9	r 152.0	152.4	152
Nondurable materials.....do....	153.1	152.3	r 161.7	r 160.5	r 159.5	159
NEW BUSINESS INCORPORATIONS (Dun & Bradstreet, Inc.):						
Unadjusted.....number..	20,156	17,299	18,714	15,225	19,036	.....
Seasonally adjusted.....do....	17,266	17,057	16,703	15,987	16,244	.....
CONSTRUCTION AND REAL ESTATE						
NEW CONSTRUCTION PUT IN PLACE (UNADJ.), TOTAL.....mil. \$..						
Private, total.....do....	5,544	6,228	r 4,857	r 4,421	5,107	.....
Residential (nonfarm).....do....	3,861	4,308	r 3,307	r 3,061	3,389	.....
New housing units.....do....	1,873	2,191	1,379	r 1,244	1,504	.....
Nonresidential buildings, total <u>1</u> /.....do....	1,443	1,620	1,033	r 947	1,085	.....
Industrial.....do....	1,452	1,546	r 1,404	1,327	1,341	.....
Commercial.....do....	511	565	r 492	482	479	.....
Public, total.....do....	530	550	r 529	490	506	.....
Public, total.....do....	1,683	1,920	r 1,550	r 1,360	1,718	.....
NEW CONSTRUCTION PUT IN PLACE (SEASONALLY ADJUSTED AT ANNUAL RATES), TOTAL.....bil. \$..						
Private, total.....do....	79.5	78.6	r 72.9	r 73.4	72.9	.....
Residential (nonfarm).....do....	55.1	54.3	r 48.3	r 49.0	48.2	.....
Nonresidential buildings, total <u>1</u> /.....do....	27.3	27.4	20.7	21.2	21.8	.....
Industrial.....do....	20.5	19.6	r 20.3	20.3	19.0	.....
Commercial.....do....	7.1	7.2	r 6.7	7.1	6.6	.....
Public, total.....do....	7.7	7.1	r 8.1	7.9	7.3	.....
Public, total.....do....	24.4	24.2	r 24.7	r 24.4	24.7	.....
CONSTRUCTION COST INDEXES:						
Associated General Contractors (bldg. only)....1957-59=100..	124	125	129	129	129	129
DOMESTIC TRADE						
RETAIL TRADE, ALL RETAIL STORES:						
ESTIMATED SALES (UNADJUSTED), TOTAL <u>2</u> /.....mil. \$..						
Durable goods stores.....do....	24,712	25,477	22,567	r 21,648	r 25,713	24,924
Automotive group.....do....	8,606	8,372	7,018	r 6,801	r 8,258	8,288
Furniture and appliance group.....do....	5,430	5,138	4,197	r 4,010	r 5,003	4,998
Lumber, building, hardware group.....do....	1,150	1,097	1,136	r 1,101	r 1,191	1,142
Nondurable goods stores.....do....	980	1,038	777	r 741	909	.....
Apparel group.....do....	16,106	17,105	15,549	r 14,847	r 17,455	16,636
Drug and proprietary stores.....do....	1,277	1,456	1,224	r 1,042	r 1,516	1,333
Eating and drinking places.....do....	798	824	837	r 818	r 896	842
Food group.....do....	1,809	1,901	1,845	r 1,726	r 1,931	1,933
Gasoline service stations.....do....	5,808	6,075	5,548	r 5,407	r 6,081	5,756
General merchandise group.....do....	1,827	1,898	1,827	r 1,722	r 1,872	1,836
ESTIMATED SALES (SEAS. ADJ.), TOTAL <u>2</u> /.....do....	2,887	3,080	2,511	r 2,400	r 3,227	3,120
Durable goods stores.....do....	25,536	24,949	25,687	r 25,470	r 25,771	25,667
Automotive group.....do....	8,649	7,939	8,200	r 7,955	r 8,170	8,164
Furniture and appliance group.....do....	5,121	4,580	4,604	r 4,394	4,614	.....
Lumber, building, hardware group.....do....	1,249	1,202	1,312	r 1,308	1,277	.....
Nondurable goods stores.....do....	1,150	1,034	1,062	r 1,058	1,054	.....
Apparel group.....do....	16,887	17,010	17,487	r 17,515	r 17,601	17,503
Drug and proprietary stores.....do....	1,377	1,389	1,514	r 1,476	1,448	.....
Eating and drinking places.....do....	816	843	877	r 883	892	.....
Food group.....do....	1,935	1,924	2,036	r 2,026	2,037	.....
Gasoline service stations.....do....	5,917	5,981	5,911	r 5,942	6,026	.....
General merchandise group.....do....	1,907	1,927	1,931	r 1,968	1,934	.....
ESTIMATED INVENTORIES:	3,225	3,194	3,419	r 3,361	3,358	.....
Unadjusted, total.....do....	35,840	36,280	35,856	r 36,349	37,108	.....
Adjusted, total.....do....	35,101	35,346	36,924	r 36,644	36,526	.....
RETAIL FIRMS WITH 11 OR MORE STORES:						
Estimated sales (unadjusted), total.....do....	6,214	6,661	5,695	5,550	6,838	.....
Estimated sales (seasonally adjusted), total.....do....	6,610	6,574	6,885	6,907	6,834	.....
FINANCE						
FEDERAL GOVERNMENT FINANCE:						
Public debt and guaranteed obligations:						
Gross debt (direct), end of month, total.....bil. \$..	321.00	319.58	328.87	329.62	330.95	327.80
Interest bearing, total.....do....	316.58	315.22	324.94	325.69	327.01	323.88
Public issues.....do....	270.62	270.30	273.69	274.20	274.95	272.23
Held by U.S. Government investment accts.....do....	15.64	15.47	16.90	18.04	18.51	.....
Special issues.....do....	45.96	44.92	51.25	51.49	52.06	51.65
Noninterest bearing.....do....	4.42	4.36	3.93	3.93	3.94	3.93
Guaranteed obligations not owned by U.S. Treasury, end of month.....do....	.46	.47	.50	.51	.51	.51

r/ Revised. p/ Preliminary. 1/ Excludes farm and public utilities. 2/ Data for April 1967 are advance estimates.

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FINANCE--Continued						
LIFE INSURANCE:						
Premiums collected (LIAMA):						
Total life insurance premiums.....mil. \$..	1,380	1,265	1,328	1,272	1,446
Ordinary.....do.....	1,058	957	1,026	953	1,104	.....
Group and wholesale.....do.....	221	206	196	226	242	.....
Industrial.....do.....	101	102	106	93	99	.....
GOLD, MONETARY STOCK, U.S., end of month.....do....	13,634	13,632	13,157	13,107	13,107	13,109
SILVER, PRICE AT NEW YORK.....dol. per fine oz..	1.293	1.293	1.293	1.293	1.293	1.293
SECURITY MARKETS:						
Bond yields:						
Domestic corporate (Moody's).....percent..	5.10	5.16	5.50	5.35	5.43	5.42
By ratings:						
Aaa.....do.....	4.92	4.96	5.20	5.03	5.13	5.11
Aa.....do.....	5.05	5.10	5.30	5.18	5.23	5.26
A.....do.....	5.12	5.18	5.53	5.38	5.49	5.46
Baa.....do.....	5.32	5.41	5.97	5.82	5.85	5.83
By groups:						
Industrial.....do.....	5.06	5.09	5.45	5.33	5.39	5.37
Public utility.....do.....	5.08	5.21	5.42	5.25	5.37	5.37
Railroad.....do.....	5.18	5.19	5.63	5.48	5.51	5.51
STOCKS:						
Dividend rates, prices, yields, common stocks (Moody's):						
Dividends per share, annual rate, composite..dollars..	8.23	8.23	8.29	8.30	8.32	8.33
Industrials.....do.....	9.17	9.18	9.15	9.16	9.17	9.18
Public utilities.....do.....	4.08	4.08	4.18	4.20	4.27	4.27
Railroads.....do.....	4.35	4.35	4.63	4.63	4.63	4.63
N. Y. banks.....do.....	4.94	4.94	5.22	5.28	5.28	5.28
Fire insurance companies.....do.....	6.65	6.65	7.53	7.81	7.81	7.81
Price per share, end of mo., composite.....do....	244.95	246.67	233.54	233.23	242.02	251.52
Industrials.....do.....	286.15	288.13	266.77	267.35	278.90	293.28
Public utilities.....do.....	105.41	106.33	108.12	105.18	106.81	108.90
Railroads.....do.....	102.01	102.66	93.13	92.56	93.52	93.60
Yields, composite.....percent..	3.36	3.34	3.55	3.56	3.44	3.31
Industrials.....do.....	3.20	3.19	3.43	3.43	3.29	3.13
Public utilities.....do.....	3.87	3.84	3.87	3.99	4.00	3.92
Railroads.....do.....	4.26	4.24	4.97	5.00	4.95	4.95
N. Y. banks.....do.....	3.81	4.03	3.79	3.94	3.84	3.83
Fire insurance companies.....do.....	2.95	2.82	2.93	3.17	3.28	3.31
Sales (SEC):						
Total on all registered exchanges:						
Market value.....mil. \$..	13,051	12,895	11,653	11,181	14,515	.....
Shares sold.....millions..	337	356	320	316	418	.....
On New York Stock Exchange:						
Market value.....mil. \$..	10,451	9,893	9,320	8,792	11,465	.....
Shares sold.....millions..	224	221	224	216	268	.....
Shares listed, New York Stock Exchange, end of month:						
Market value, all listed shares.....bil. \$..	523.93	536.36	522.75	527.04	549.49	572.64
Number of shares listed.....millions..	10,245	10,276	10,989	11,046	11,073	11,114

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