

# BUSINESS STATISTICS

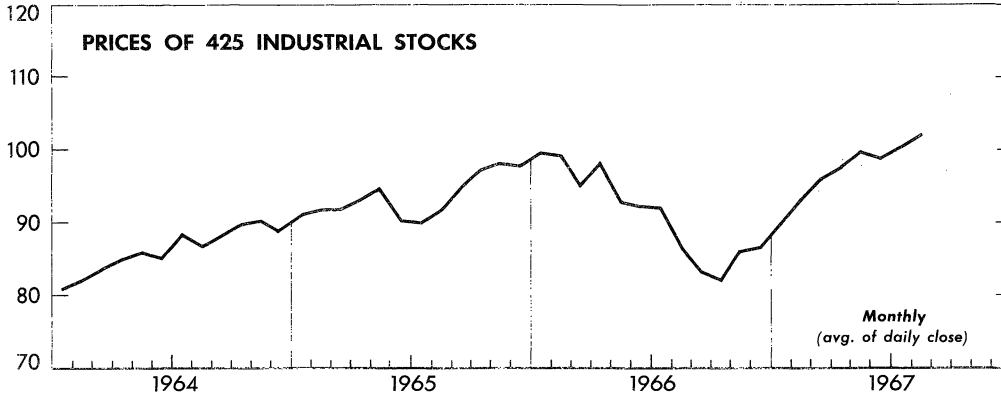


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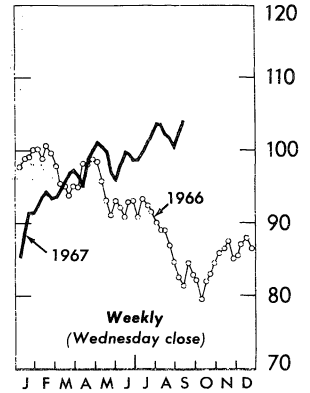
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## SELECTED BUSINESS INDICATORS

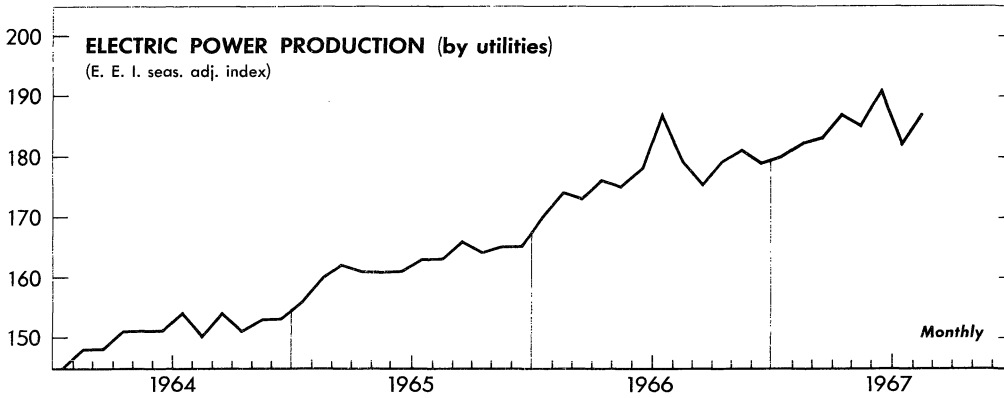
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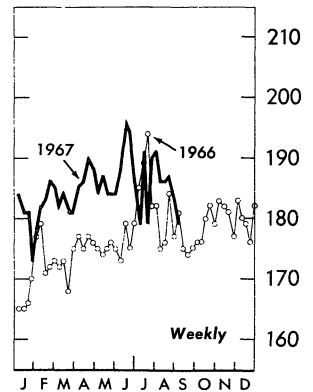
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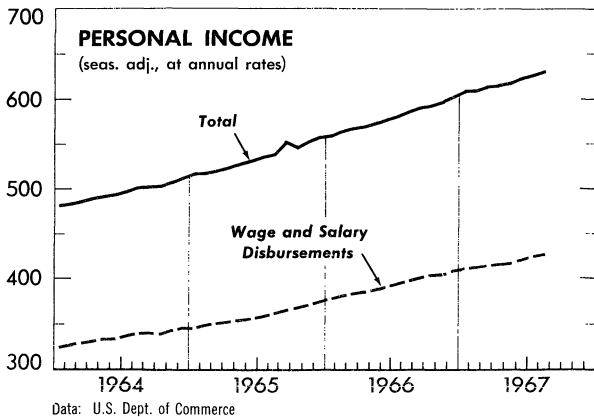
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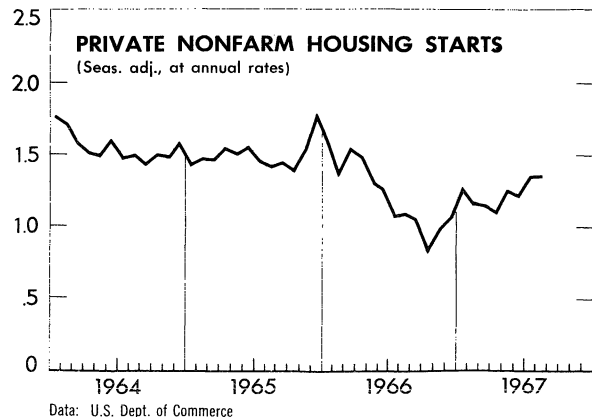
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Billion Dollars



Million



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ITEM	1966		1967			
	Sept. 10	Sept. 17	Aug. 26	Sept. 2	Sept. 9	Sept. 16
WHOLESALE PRICES, 22 COMMODITIES <u>2</u> /.....1957-59=100..	108.7	108.3	97.0	96.4	96.1	95.6
ALL RETAIL STORES, SALES.....mil. \$..	5,417	5,748	6,069	6,380	5,747	.....
Nondurable goods stores.....do....	3,749	3,946	4,158	4,445	4,096	.....
INITIAL UNEMPLOYMENT CLAIMS, State programs.....thous..	135	155	161	163	157	.....
INSURED UNEMPLOYMENT, all programs.....do....	821	804	1,057	990	.....	.....
State programs (50 States, D.C., and Puerto Rico).....do....	773	756	995	931	.....	.....
FAILURES, INDUST. AND COMMERCIAL (Dun & Bradstreet)..number..	195	273	260	260	200	235
<b>FINANCE:</b>						
Currency in circulation <u>3</u> /.....mil. \$..	42,982	43,228	45,020	44,918	45,130	45,398
Federal Reserve bank credit outstanding, total.....do....	45,531	45,791	48,238	47,651	48,247	47,873
Member bank reserve balances <u>3</u> /.....do....	22,669	23,231	23,775	23,464	23,944	23,996
Excess reserves, estimated <u>3</u> /.....do....	337	504	458	241	366	345
Assets and liabilities of large commercial banks: <u>4</u> /						
Demand deposits, adjusted.....mil. \$..	70,165	71,953	71,921	73,321	73,489	.....
Savings deposits.....do....	47,196	47,142	47,931	47,957	48,000	.....
Loans and investments (adjusted), total.....do....	181,623	181,765	193,354	194,809	195,215	.....
U.S. Government obligations.....do....	22,802	22,840	25,581	26,903	26,822	.....
Commercial and industrial loans (gross).....do....	58,338	58,619	62,566	62,189	62,195	.....
Real estate loans (gross).....do....	27,221	27,231	28,042	28,094	28,107	.....
Bond yields, domestic corporate (Moody's) <u>3</u> /.....percent..	5.57	5.72	5.93	5.96	5.98	5.99
Stock prices, 500 stocks (Stand. & Poor's).....1941-43=100..	76.34	79.13	93.61	93.07	94.39	95.99
Industrials, 425 stocks.....do....	81.51	84.55	101.17	100.52	102.03	103.98
<b>PRODUCTION:</b>						
Bituminous coal <u>3</u> /.....thous. sh. tons..	1,977	1,875	1,789	1,847	1,833	.....
Electric power, by utilities.....mil. kw.-hr..	21,674	21,848	24,142	23,831	22,088	.....
Motor vehicles (cars, trucks, buses).....number..	125,685	182,501	115,950	177,106	134,870	159,163
Petroleum (crude) and condensate <u>3</u> /.....thous. bbl..	8,299	8,298	9,401	9,434	9,227	.....
Steel, raw.....thous. sh. tons..	2,615	2,670	2,401	2,428	2,431	2,469
Index of production.....1957-59=100..	140.4	143.3	128.9	130.3	130.5	132.5
FREIGHT CARLOADINGS, TOTAL.....thous. cars..	531	616	551	571	487	.....
Miscellaneous.....do....	275	326	296	311	263	.....

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

## MONTHLY BUSINESS STATISTICS

ITEM	1966		1967			
	July	Aug.	May	June	July	Aug.
<b>GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS</b>						
<b>PERSONAL INCOME BY SOURCE:</b>						
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED, AT ANNUAL RATES:						
Total personal income.....bil. \$..	584.7	589.1	618.2	622.6	r626.7	631.2
Wage and salary disbursements, total.....do....	397.1	399.8	417.2	420.9	r423.1	426.6
Commodity-producing industries.....do....	159.6	161.2	164.3	165.2	r165.8	167.5
Manufacturing.....do....	128.2	130.0	132.2	133.0	r132.9	134.9
Distributive industries.....do....	94.8	94.8	99.3	100.4	r101.3	101.9
Service industries.....do....	63.8	64.3	68.6	69.5	r69.6	70.1
Government.....do....	78.8	79.4	85.0	85.7	r86.4	87.0
Other labor income.....do....	20.9	21.1	22.8	23.1	23.3	23.6
Proprietors' income:						
Business and professional.....do....	43.3	43.3	43.4	43.6	43.7	43.8
Farm.....do....	16.0	15.9	14.4	14.3	r14.7	15.1
Rental income of persons.....do....	19.4	19.4	20.0	20.1	20.2	20.2
Dividends.....do....	21.6	21.5	23.1	23.3	r23.5	23.6
Personal interest income.....do....	42.5	42.8	46.0	46.1	r46.4	46.7
Transfer payments.....do....	42.4	43.8	51.5	51.6	r52.1	52.1
Less personal contributions for soc. insurance...do....	18.3	18.4	20.1	20.3	20.4	20.5
Total nonagricultural income.....do....	563.9	568.3	598.8	603.2	r606.9	610.8
<b>INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION (F. R. INDEX OF QUANTITY OUTPUT):</b>						
SEASONALLY ADJ., TOTAL INDEX (INCL. UTIL.).....1957-59=100..						
BY INDUSTRY GROUPINGS:						
<b>MANUFACTURING, TOTAL.....do....</b>						
Durable manufactures.....do....	159.4	160.1	r157.2	r156.9	r157.9	159.3
Primary metals.....do....	166.1	167.1	162.5	161.7	r162.7	164.3
Fabricated metal products.....do....	148.6	148.7	r128.9	r128.3	128.9	130
Machinery.....do....	162.1	161.4	r160.8	r160.8	r160.7	158
Machinery.....do....	186.6	189.6	180.5	r177.5	r180.5	184
Transportation equipment.....do....	166.0	166.0	r169.0	r170.8	r172.2	173
Instruments and related products.....do....	177.0	177.4	185.3	184.1	r183.2	187
Clay, glass, and stone products.....do....	138.5	140.5	r134.8	r133.5	r133.7	134
Lumber and products.....do....	119.9	111.3	r115.6	r114.9	.....	.....
Furniture and fixtures.....do....	169.7	175.3	166.5	166.3	r163.9	167

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	July	Aug.	May	June	July	Aug.
GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS--Con.						
INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION (F. R. INDEX OF QUANTITY OUTPUT)--Con.						
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED INDEX--Con.						
BY INDUSTRY GROUPINGS--Con.						
MANUFACTURING, TOTAL--Con.						
Nondurable manufactures.....1957-59=100..	151.3	151.3	r150.7	r150.9	r151.7	153.1
Textile mill products.....do....	143.4	142.1	r135.2	r135.3	135.3	.....
Apparel products.....do....	149.7	147.7	r141.2	141.5	.....	.....
Leather and products.....do....	111.1	110.4	105.0	101.9	.....	.....
Paper and products.....do....	156.2	153.1	r151.4	r150.3	148.6	.....
Printing and publishing.....do....	144.8	145.3	147.4	147.8	r148.5	149
Chemicals and products.....do....	194.5	194.4	r199.2	r199.2	200.1	.....
Petroleum products.....do....	126.9	128.5	r132.1	r132.8	131.5	.....
Rubber and plastics products.....do....	188.7	190.3	164.0	169.7	.....	.....
Food and beverages.....do....	128.1	129.2	r132.0	r131.9	131.7	.....
Tobacco products.....do....	116.5	119.9	117.4	123.9	.....	.....
MINING.....do....	122.0	122.1	r120.2	r123.5	r127.7	128.5
Coal.....do....	120.8	120.7	120.1	122.5	r122.6	117
Crude oil and natural gas.....do....	119.2	119.6	r117.5	r121.1	r128.5	132
Metal mining.....do....	134.0	132.1	132.9	r133.9	121.9	.....
UTILITIES.....do....	175.7	179.0	182.5	r183.6	r183.0	183.5
Electric.....do....	182.4	186.5	189.6	190.8	.....	.....
BY MARKET GROUPINGS:						
Final products, total.....do....	155.3	156.4	r156.2	r156.6	r157.4	158.3
Consumer goods.....do....	146.5	147.1	r145.8	r146.6	r147.3	148.3
Automotive and home goods.....do....	162.5	159.6	153.3	r154.5	r158.0	161
Automotive products.....do....	154.5	146.4	145.8	r151.4	r158.4	160
Autos.....do....	151.5	141.7	149.9	156.0	r160.7	164
Auto parts and allied products.....do....	158.6	152.7	140.5	r145.3	155.4	.....
Apparel and staples.....do....	141.4	143.0	r143.5	144.1	.....	.....
Equipment, including defense.....do....	174.4	176.4	r178.5	r178.1	r178.9	178.9
Business equipment.....do....	182.7	184.4	r182.1	r181.2	r181.5	182
Materials.....do....	158.8	159.6	155.0	r155.0	r156.3	157.7
Durable goods materials.....do....	159.1	160.1	150.5	r149.3	r150.3	151
Nondurable materials.....do....	158.6	159.1	r159.7	r160.9	162.5	164
CONSTRUCTION AND REAL ESTATE						
NEW CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS:						
Advance planning (ENR) 1/.....mil. \$..	2,362	3,807	4,293	5,809	6,829	5,506
NEW HOUSING UNITS STARTED:						
Unadjusted:						
Total, incl. farm (public and private).....thous..	100.1	103.7	134.2	r131.6	125.4	127.7
Privately owned.....do....	99.3	101.8	132.0	r125.4	r124.5	124.8
Total nonfarm (public and private).....do....	98.4	101.6	131.9	r129.6	124.2	123.9
Privately owned.....do....	97.6	99.7	129.7	r123.4	123.3	121.1
Seasonally adjusted at annual rates:						
Total, incl. farm (private only).....do....	1,079	1,108	1,274	r1,233	r1,362	1,381
Total nonfarm (private only).....do....	1,061	1,088	1,254	r1,214	r1,349	1,355
NEW PRIVATE HOUSING UNITS AUTHORIZED BY BUILDING PERMITS (12,000 permit-issuing places):						
Seasonally adjusted at annual rates:						
Total.....thous..	921	844	1,033	1,109	r1,093	1,100
One-family structures.....do....	543	491	601	630	626	643
CONSTRUCTION COST INDEXES (EN-R):						
Building.....1957-59=100..	124.6	125.0	127.2	128.1	128.6	*129.4
Construction.....do....	136.1	136.5	139.9	141.1	142.5	*c143.8
FINANCE						
FEDERAL GOVERNMENT FINANCE:						
Public debt and guaranteed obligations:						
Gross debt (direct), end of month, total.....bil. \$..	319.28	324.42	330.89	326.22	330.64	335.85
Interest bearing, total.....do....	314.88	319.70	326.99	322.29	327.13	332.41
Public issues.....do....	264.18	266.46	271.82	266.13	270.92	274.10
Held by U.S. Government investment accts.....do....	15.58	15.96	15.33	19.55	19.16	.....
Special issues.....do....	50.70	53.24	55.17	56.16	56.21	58.31
Noninterest bearing.....do....	4.40	4.72	3.89	3.94	3.50	3.44
Guaranteed obligations not owned by U.S. Treasury, end of month.....do....	.49	.48	.51	.51	.52	.52
GOLD, MONETARY STOCK, U.S., end of month.....mil. \$..	13,332	13,259	13,109	13,110	13,108	13,008
SILVER, PRICE AT NEW YORK.....dol. per fine oz..	1.293	1.293	1.296	1.301	1.593	1.750
SECURITY MARKETS:						
STOCKS:						
Dividend rates, prices, yields, common stocks (Moody's):						
Dividends per share, annual rate, composite....dollars..	8.28	8.30	8.19	8.20	8.21	8.21
Industrials.....do....	9.19	9.22	8.95	8.95	8.96	8.96
Public utilities.....do....	4.12	4.14	4.32	4.38	4.39	4.39
Railroads.....do....	4.44	4.53	4.63	4.63	4.65	4.65
N. Y. banks.....do....	5.14	5.14	5.28	5.29	5.29	5.30
Fire insurance companies.....do....	6.65	6.90	7.81	7.81	7.81	7.81

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	July	Aug.	May	June	July	Aug.
<b>FINANCE--Con.</b>						
<b>SECURITY MARKETS--Con.</b>						
<b>STOCKS--Con.</b>						
Price per share, end of mo., composite.....dollars..	227.17	211.05	238.37	242.22	252.69	249.02
Industrials.....do.....	262.90	244.39	277.83	282.15	298.94	295.09
Public utilities.....do.....	101.03	92.51	102.58	100.73	103.04	99.63
Railroads.....do.....	89.63	81.22	94.89	97.92	105.56	104.99
Yields, composite.....percent..	3.64	3.93	3.44	3.39	3.25	3.30
Industrials.....do.....	3.50	3.77	3.22	3.17	3.00	3.04
Public utilities.....do.....	4.08	4.48	4.21	4.35	4.26	4.41
Railroads.....do.....	4.95	5.58	4.88	4.73	4.41	4.43
N. Y. banks.....do.....	4.30	4.85	3.96	3.98	3.68	3.69
Fire insurance companies.....do.....	2.98	3.22	3.51	3.43	3.53	3.54
<b>CHEMICALS AND ALLIED PRODUCTS</b>						
<b>ORGANIC CHEMICALS, PRODUCTION:</b>						
Acetic anhydride.....mil. lb..	116.9	134.0	135.0	135.8	140.1	.....
Acetylsalicylic acid (aspirin).....do.....	2.4	2.4	2.5	1.7	2.2	.....
Creosote oil.....mil. gal..	9.5	10.0	9.1	9.5	.....	.....
DDT.....mil. lb..	12.2	9.9	9.7	7.0	9.6	.....
Ethyl acetate (85%).....do.....	8.7	9.4	12.8	14.2	10.1	.....
Formaldehyde (37% HCHO).....do.....	274.6	320.7	319.5	295.4	281.2	.....
<b>Glycerin, refined, all grades:</b>						
Production.....do.....	25.6	31.5	33.3	28.1	26.8	.....
Stocks, end of month.....do.....	20.4	23.8	27.7	29.4	27.9	.....
Methanol, synthetic and natural.....mil. gal..	39.8	41.2	45.9	45.7	41.9	.....
Phthalic anhydride.....mil. lb..	54.7	56.2	60.4	r55.0	52.8	.....
<b>PLASTICS AND RESIN MATERIALS, PRODUCTION:</b>						
Cellulose plastic materials.....mil. lb..	6.1	15.2	15.1	14.2	11.6	.....
<b>Thermosetting resins:</b>						
Alkyd resins.....do.....	46.4	52.8	52.3	52.8	46.1	.....
Coumarone-indene and petroleum polymer resins.....do.....	25.9	31.2	19.0	r25.4	20.5	.....
Polyester resins.....do.....	34.7	37.0	46.4	41.8	35.7	.....
Phenolic and other tar acid resins.....do.....	73.3	80.6	80.8	r80.0	67.3	.....
Urea and melamine resins.....do.....	41.2	53.9	51.3	56.6	42.8	.....
<b>Thermoplastic resins:</b>						
Styrene-type plastic materials (polystyrene).....do.....	198.1	203.7	208.5	r192.3	169.8	.....
Vinyl resins (resin content basis).....do.....	190.1	223.9	211.8	r212.2	167.7	.....
Polyethylene.....do.....	294.7	311.1	316.1	309.8	299.7	.....
<b>STONE, CLAY, AND GLASS PRODUCTS</b>						
<b>Glass containers:</b>						
Production.....thous. gross..	18,027	19,821	19,170	r19,254	19,147	.....
Shipments, domestic, total.....do.....	17,125	19,768	18,873	r20,129	17,540	.....
<b>General-use food:</b>						
Narrow-neck food.....do.....	1,578	2,533	1,818	r1,909	1,609	.....
Wide-mouth food (incl. packers' tumblers, jelly glasses, and fruit jars).....do.....	3,977	4,982	4,222	r4,400	4,072	.....
Beverage.....do.....	3,236	2,579	3,304	r4,301	3,384	.....
Beer bottles.....do.....	4,190	3,893	4,329	r4,526	4,068	.....
Liquor and wine.....do.....	1,120	1,507	1,602	r1,588	1,136	.....
Medicinal and toilet.....do.....	2,555	3,627	3,074	r2,883	2,809	.....
Chemical, household, and industrial.....do.....	393	544	453	r448	399	.....
Dairy products.....do.....	76	103	71	r74	63	.....
Stocks, end of month.....do.....	32,408	31,926	33,223	r31,679	33,675	.....

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