

BUSINESS STATISTICS



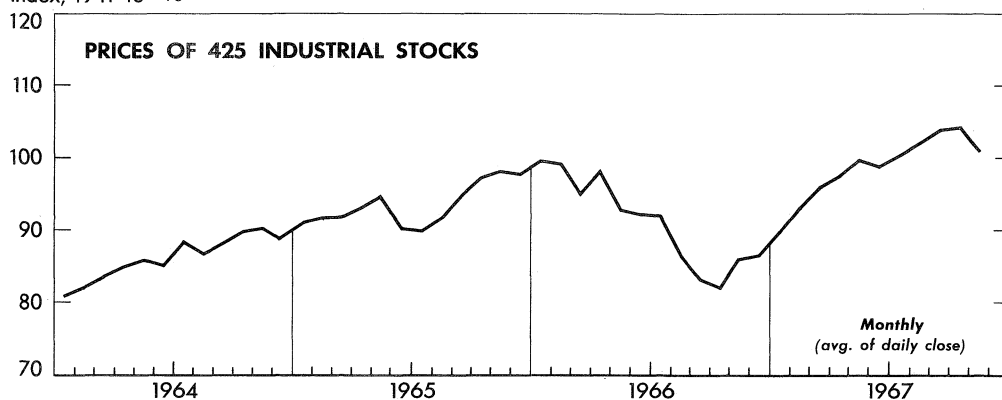
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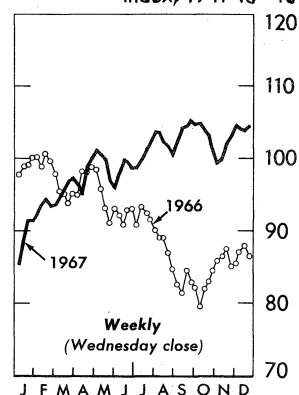
SELECTED BUSINESS INDICATORS

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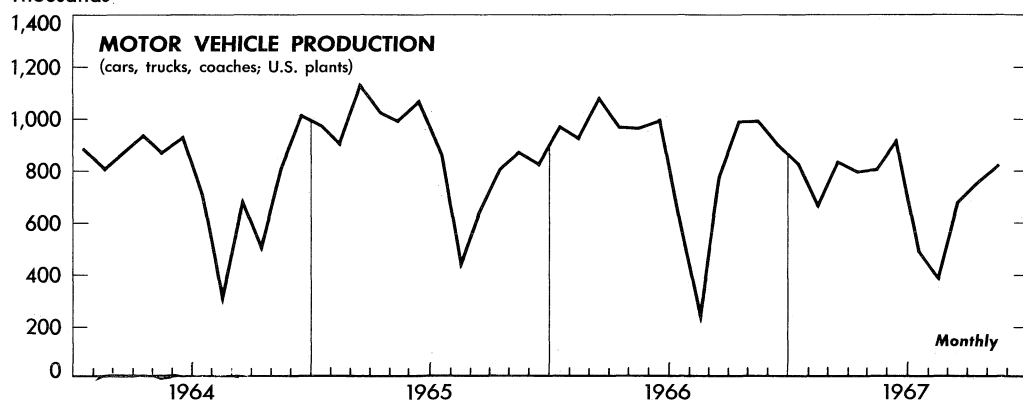


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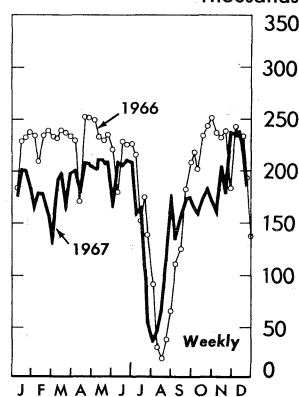


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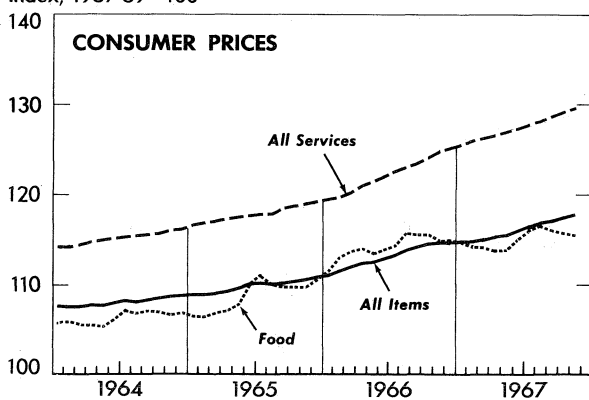


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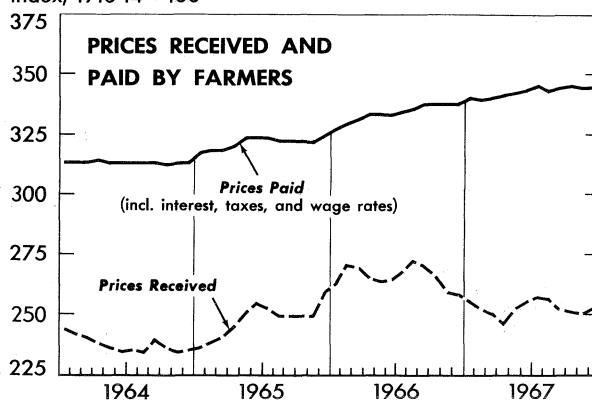


Index, 1957-59=100



Data: U.S. Dept. of Labor

Index, 1910-14=100



Data: U.S. Dept. of Agriculture

WEEKLY BUSINESS STATISTICS¹

ITEM	1966		1967			
	Dec. 24	Dec. 31	Dec. 9	Dec. 16	Dec. 23	Dec. 30
WHOLESALE PRICES, 22 COMMODITIES <u>2/</u>.....1957-59=100..	102.8	102.9	95.6	96.5	96.4	96.2
ALL RETAIL STORES, SALES.....mil. \$..	8,186	5,589	7,232	7,680	8,713	.....
Nondurable goods stores.....do....	6,024	3,914	5,116	5,487	6,416	.....
INITIAL UNEMPLOYMENT CLAIMS, State programs.....thous..	289	374	258	242	290	.....
INSURED UNEMPLOYMENT, all programs.....do....	1,328	1,562	1,204	1,280	.....	.....
State programs (50 States, D.C., and Puerto Rico).....do....	1,269	1,496	1,127	1,201	.....	.....
FAILURES, INDUST. AND COMMERCIAL (Dun & Bradstreet).....number..	222	210	215	200	191	.....
FINANCE:						
Currency in circulation <u>3/</u>.....mil. \$..	44,675	44,773	46,480	46,918	47,093	47,293
Federal Reserve bank credit outstanding, total <u>3/</u>.....do....	46,808	47,468	50,721	50,762	51,112	51,785
Member bank reserve balances <u>3/</u>.....do....	23,892	24,165	24,855	24,701	25,187	25,696
Excess reserves, estimated <u>3/</u>.....do....	204	437	319	327	237	445
Assets and liabilities of large commercial banks: <u>4/</u>						
Demand deposits, adjusted.....mil. \$..	75,420	75,120	75,607	78,289	78,878	.....
Savings deposits.....do....	46,999	47,213	48,505	48,442	48,441	.....
Loans and investments (adjusted), total.....do....	185,500	186,263	200,436	201,171	204,232	.....
U.S. Government obligations.....do....	24,543	24,803	28,206	27,991	28,118	.....
Commercial and industrial loans (gross).....do....	61,143	60,641	64,108	64,119	65,474	.....
Real estate loans (gross).....do....	27,493	27,505	28,738	28,815	28,878	.....
Bond yields, domestic corporate (Moody's) <u>3/</u>.....percent..	5.69	5.69	6.49	6.51	6.53	6.53
Stock prices, 500 stocks (Stand. & Poor's) <u>4/</u> ..1941-43=10..	81.38	80.61	95.64	95.34	95.15	95.91
Industrials, 425 stocks.....do....	86.52	85.57	104.35	104.03	103.77	104.49
PRODUCTION:						
Bituminous coal <u>3/</u>.....thous. sh. tons..	1,900	1,760	1,808	1,733	1,710	.....
Electric power, by utilities.....mil. kw.-hr..	23,130	22,209	24,381	24,769	.....	.....
Motor vehicles (cars, trucks, buses).....number..	194,500	139,487	235,257	238,322	225,075	186,103
Petroleum (crude) and condensate <u>3/</u>.....thous. bbl..	8,588	8,577	9,033	9,004	8,996	.....
Steel, raw.....thous. sh. tons..	2,377	2,220	2,723	2,747	2,747	2,615
Index of production.....1957-59=100..	127.6	119.2	146.2	147.5	147.5	140.4
FREIGHT CARLOADINGS, TOTAL.....thous. cars..	523	416	553	532	501	.....
Miscellaneous.....do....	286	232	315	305	289	.....

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

MONTHLY BUSINESS STATISTICS

ITEM	1966		1967			
	Oct.	Nov.	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.
GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS						
INDUSTRIAL AND COMMERCIAL FAILURES (Dun & Bradstreet, Inc.):						
Failures, total.....number..	1,150	1,112	1,017	913	949	881
Commercial service.....do....	138	127	98	93	108	102
Construction.....do....	213	214	159	152	197	166
Manufacturing and mining.....do....	154	145	172	145	130	133
Retail trade.....do....	542	526	490	431	426	393
Wholesale trade.....do....	103	100	98	92	88	87
Liabilities (current), total.....thous. \$..	108,046	106,732	108,901	93,943	81,633	69,977
Commercial service.....do....	8,230	6,161	12,310	6,344	11,052	7,025
Construction.....do....	24,399	24,523	12,758	11,536	14,192	15,780
Manufacturing and mining.....do....	34,992	33,768	33,294	29,177	14,705	20,678
Retail trade.....do....	26,043	27,343	37,861	37,769	33,652	19,110
Wholesale trade.....do....	14,382	14,937	12,678	9,117	8,032	7,384
Failure annual rate (seas. adj.)..No. per 10,000 concerns..	57.2	55.6	49.3	49.1	47.4	.....
COMMODITY PRICES						
PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS, ALL FARM PRODUCTS...1910-14=100..						
Crops.....do....	259	257	252	251	250	253
Livestock and products.....do....	230	229	217	224	227	231
Dairy products.....do....	284	281	283	275	269	272
Meat animals.....do....	324	320	312	320	321	321
Poultry and eggs.....do....	324	323	344	330	316	318
PRICES PAID BY FARMERS:						
All commodities and services.....do....	163	158	133	122	122	129
Family living items.....do....	300	300	303	304	303	304
Production items.....do....	318	318	323	324	325	325
All commod., services, int., taxes, and wage rates...do....	286	287	289	289	287	288
PARITY RATIO.....do....	337	337	344	345	344	345
	77	76	73	73	73	73

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	Oct.	Nov.	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.
FOREIGN TRADE						
EXPORTS (MDSE.), INCL. REEXPORTS, TOTAL.....mil. \$..	2,693.2	2,627.0	2,487.8	2,549.7	2,485.2	2,797.0
Excl. Department of Defense shipments.....do....	2,624.0	2,571.9	2,396.9	2,504.6	2,440.0	2,760.8
Seasonally adjusted.....do....	2,580.7	2,486.1	2,560.7	2,631.6	2,383.0	2,671.6
GENERAL IMPORTS, TOTAL.....do....	2,276.9	2,252.4	2,165.5	2,111.5	2,342.2	2,435.4
Seasonally adjusted.....do....	2,261.0	2,186.3	2,114.1	2,214.9	2,216.4	2,375.7
TRANSPORTATION AND COMMUNICATIONS						
Panama Canal:						
Total.....thous. lg. tons..	6,962	6,549	7,843	7,179	7,874	7,396
In United States vessels.....do....	863	692	638	763	791	626
Hotels:						
Average sale per occupied room.....dollars..	10.86	10.41	11.12	10.97	11.40	11.24
Rooms occupied.....% of total..	69	60	63	64	68	59
Restaurant sales index.....same mo. 1951=100..	113	108	112	120	112	110
FOOD AND KINDRED PRODUCTS; TOBACCO						
VEGETABLE OILS AND RELATED PRODUCTS:						
Corn oil:						
Production, crude.....mil. lb..	39.5	36.1	38.2	39.1	r38.9	35.0
Cottonseed cake and meal:						
Production.....thous. sh. tons..	237.7	259.9	65.9	49.1	r143.5	229.1
Stocks (at oil mills), end of month.....do....	89.6	91.7	133.2	104.9	r121.6	135.4
Cottonseed oil:						
Production, crude.....mil. lb..	165.6	183.1	45.4	33.5	r100.2	166.9
Linseed oil:						
Production, crude (raw).....do....	45.4	39.0	32.9	37.8	r35.3	32.4
Soybean cake and meal:						
Production.....thous. sh. tons..	1,039.6	1,147.1	1,029.5	972.9	r1,136.9	1,158.1
Stocks (at oil mills), end of month.....do....	130.0	129.0	102.3	109.6	r151.6	166.4
Soybean oil:						
Production, crude.....mil. lb..	482.1	521.9	480.1	459.5	r515.1	514.9
LEATHER AND PRODUCTS						
LEATHER PRODUCTION:						
Calf and whole kip.....thous. skins..	350	397	370	294	374	.....
Cattle hide and side kip.....thous. hides and kips..	2,039	2,016	2,059	1,892	2,102	.....
Goat and kid.....thous. skins..	905	948	624	663	757	.....
Sheep and lamb.....do....	2,089	2,350	2,778	2,557	2,607	.....
METALS AND MANUFACTURES						
Castings, gray iron:						
Orders, unfilled, for sale, end of mo.....thous. sh. tons..	1,012	964	896	r897	913	.....
Shipments, total.....do....	1,346	1,268	1,240	r1,169	1,232	.....
For sale.....do....	757	711	747	703	745	.....
Castings, malleable iron:						
Orders, unfilled, for sale, end of mo.....do....	210	193	137	132	122	.....
Shipments, total.....do....	96	92	85	89	95	.....
For sale.....do....	58	59	51	51	49	.....
Steel castings:						
Orders, unfilled, for sale, end of mo.....do....	626	619	317	319	303	.....
Shipments, total.....do....	179	176	138	138	143	.....
For sale.....do....	149	147	113	r116	118	.....
Fabricated structural steel:						
Orders, new (net).....do....	390	404	621	336	411	478
Shipments.....do....	414	382	449	368	399	358
Backlog, end of month.....do....	3,219	3,234	3,277	3,230	3,279	3,271
Furnaces and ovens (indust.), dom. new orders, net.....mil. \$..	17.6	9.0	14.3	10.7	5.5	10.3
Electric processing.....do....	1.5	1.9	.5	.5	1.1	1.3
Fuel-fired (except for hot rolling steel).....do....	7.1	4.1	9.8	3.6	1.8	6.3
Material handling equipment (industrial):						
Orders (new), index, seasonally adj.....1957-59=100..	218.9	204.2	219.3	201.0	190.8	.....
MACHINE TOOLS:						
Metal cutting tools:						
Orders, new (net), total.....mil. \$..	128.10	103.50	108.60	74.00	72.55	74.45
Domestic.....do....	121.10	93.20	99.15	69.85	r67.35	64.80
Shipments, total.....do....	101.90	96.60	87.25	114.80	r99.60	107.95
Domestic.....do....	91.65	85.20	78.45	102.10	r89.85	95.40
Estimated backlog, end of month.....months..	11.0	11.1	9.5	9.0	r8.7	8.5
Metal forming tools:						
Orders, new (net), total.....mil. \$..	23.75	24.30	13.95	15.65	r17.45	16.15
Domestic.....do....	20.90	22.75	13.30	13.95	r15.80	14.70
Shipments, total.....do....	27.05	28.00	20.55	22.80	r29.40	24.95
Domestic.....do....	25.60	26.45	17.65	21.05	r26.70	22.45
Estimated backlog, end of month.....months..	9.0	8.6	5.7	5.6	r5.3	4.8
PULP, PAPER, AND PAPER PRODUCTS						
NEWSPRINT, CANADA:						
Production.....thous. sh. tons..	726	714	705	641	681	675
Shipments from mills.....do....	717	738	665	660	704	687
Stocks at mills, end of month.....do....	281	258	365	346	323	311

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ITEM	1966		1967			
	Oct.	Nov.	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.
PULP, PAPER, AND PAPER PRODUCTS--Con.						
NEWSPRINT, UNITED STATES:						
Production.....thous. sh. tons..	211	214	225	209	228	222
Shipments from mills.....do....	210	215	212	211	226	228
Stocks at mills, end of month.....do....	28	28	46	44	47	41
Consumption by publishers.....do....	641	626	544	568	634	622
Stocks at and in transit to publishers, end of mo....do....	700	705	726	707	698	673
TEXTILE PRODUCTS						
Woven fabrics (gray goods), weaving mills:						
Cloth woven, total $\frac{1}{2}$.....mil. linear yd..	1,001	1,001	918	r1,151	970	.....
Cotton $\frac{1}{2}$.....do....	705	722	631	781	656	.....
Stocks, total, end of month.....do....	1,219	1,257	1,390	r1,357	1,338	.....
Cotton.....do....	702	730	865	845	849	.....
Orders, unfilled, total, end of month.....do....	3,727	3,382	2,864	r2,835	2,861	.....
Cotton.....do....	2,839	2,533	1,928	1,882	1,845	.....
COTTON (exclusive of linters): $\frac{1}{2}$						
Consumption.....thous. running bales..	781	759	721	850	744	720
Manufactures:						
Spindle activity (cotton system spindles):						
Active spindles, last working day, total.....millions..	19.5	19.5	20.0	20.0	20.1	20.1
Consuming 100 percent cotton.....do....	15.1	15.1	14.9	14.7	14.7	14.5
Spindle hours operated, all fibers, total.....billions..	10.5	10.2	9.8	12.0	10.3	10.2
Average per working day.....do....	.527	.508	.491	.481	.513	.511
Consuming 100 percent cotton.....do....	8.3	7.9	7.2	8.8	7.4	7.3
Men's apparel, cuttings:						
Tailored garments:						
Suits.....thous. units..	1,826	1,736	1,639	r1,659	1,761	.....
Overcoats and topcoats.....do....	330	283	361	r290	358	.....
Coats (separate), dress and sport.....do....	1,079	1,055	1,039	1,104	1,113	.....
Shirts (woven fabrics), dress and sport.....thous. doz..	2,392	2,446	2,255	r2,087	2,411	.....
TRANSPORTATION EQUIPMENT						
Truck trailers, shipments:						
Complete trailers and chassis.....number..	9,603	8,794	7,485	r7,871	8,603	.....
Vans.....do....	6,468	5,961	4,336	r4,619	5,373	.....
Trailer bodies and chassis (detachable), sold separately number..	975	1,454	2,784	1,869	* / 1,575	.....
ELECTRIC POWER						
SALES TO ULTIMATE CUSTOMERS, TOTAL (Edison Electric Insti- tute).....mil. kw.-hr..						
Commercial and industrial:	93,376	91,519	90,587	94,197	97,963	95,646
Small light and power.....do....	21,995	21,329	20,343	22,196	23,056	22,310
Large light and power.....do....	40,212	40,355	40,991	40,130	41,913	31,507
Railways and railroads.....do....	355	341	337	336	351	338
Residential or domestic.....do....	27,667	26,351	25,510	28,166	29,130	27,948
Street and highway lighting.....do....	714	746	702	713	754	794
Other public authorities.....do....	2,266	2,239	2,405	2,341	2,437	2,436
Interdepartmental.....do....	166	158	301	315	321	314
REVENUE FROM SALES TO ULTIMATE CUSTOMERS (Edison Electric Institute).....mil. \$..						
	1,453.1	1,427.6	1,416.3	1,481.4	1,523.6	1,496.5

r/ Revised. $\frac{1}{2}$ Data for September 1957 cover 5 weeks; other months, 4 weeks. * Data exclude shipments of detachable trailer chassis sold separately.
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