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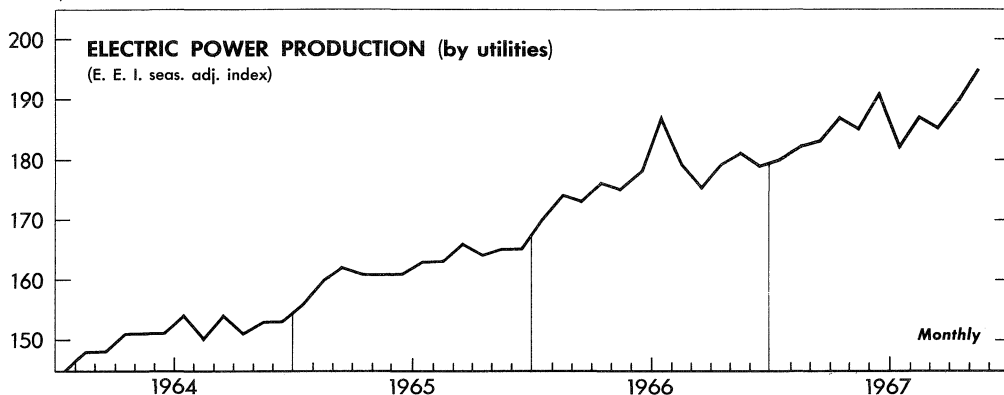


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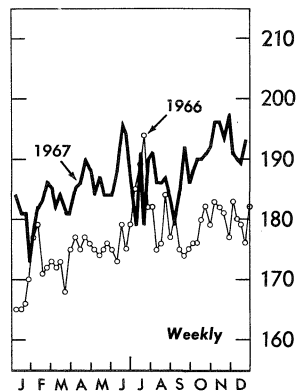
SELECTED BUSINESS INDICATORS

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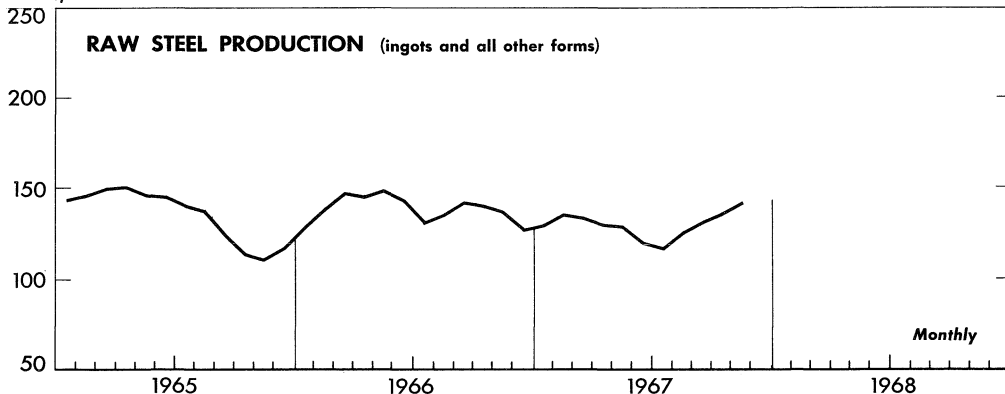


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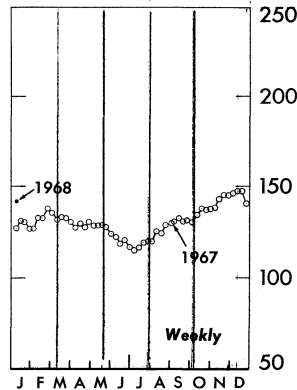


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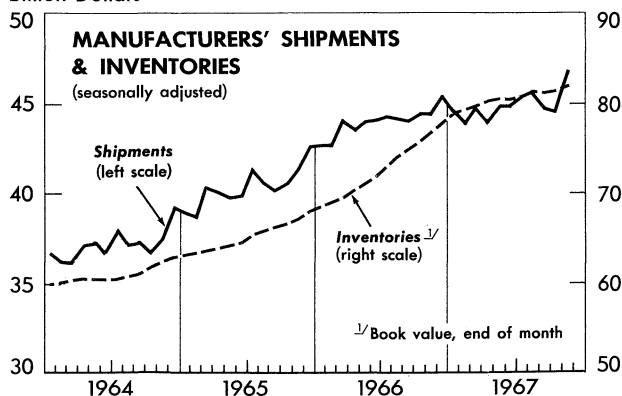


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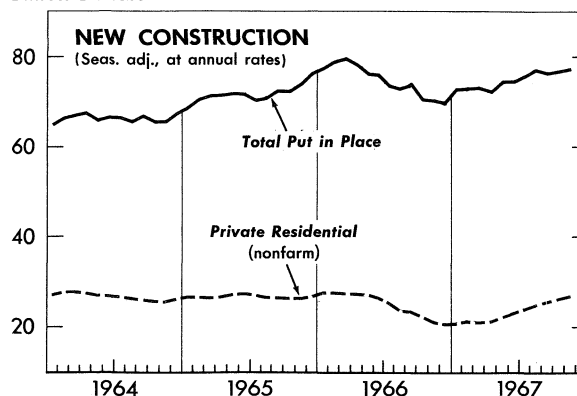


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WEEKLY BUSINESS STATISTICS¹

ITEM	1966	1967				1968
	Dec. 31	Jan. 7	Dec. 16	Dec. 23	Dec. 30	Jan. 6
WHOLESALE PRICES, 22 COMMODITIES <u>2/</u>.....1957-59=100..	102.9	102.5	96.5	96.4	96.2	96.4
ALL RETAIL STORES, SALES.....mil. \$..	5,589	5,032	7,680	8,713	5,866	.....
Nondurable goods stores.....do....	3,914	3,592	5,487	6,416	4,069	.....
INITIAL UNEMPLOYMENT CLAIMS, State programs.....thous..	374	346	242	290	333	.....
INSURED UNEMPLOYMENT, all programs.....do....	1,562	1,679	1,280	1,338	.....	.....
State programs (50 States, D.C., and Puerto Rico).....do....	1,496	1,597	1,201	1,259	.....	.....
FAILURES, INDUST. AND COMMERCIAL (Dun & Bradstreet)..number..	210	189	200	191	168	171
FINANCE:						
Currency in circulation <u>3/</u>.....mil. \$..	44,773	44,670	46,918	47,093	47,293	47,200
Federal Reserve bank credit outstanding, total <u>3/</u>.....do....	47,468	47,491	50,762	51,112	51,785	52,224
Member bank reserve balances <u>3/</u>.....do....	24,165	24,662	24,701	25,187	25,701	26,340
Excess reserves, estimated <u>3/</u>.....do....	437	395	327	237	458	566
Assets and liabilities of large commercial banks: <u>4/</u>						
Demand deposits, adjusted.....mil. \$..	75,120	75,655	78,289	78,734	79,420	.....
Savings deposits.....do....	47,213	47,099	48,442	48,437	48,588	.....
Loans and investments (adjusted), total.....do....	186,263	187,470	201,171	204,335	204,644	.....
U.S. Government obligations.....do....	24,803	25,199	27,991	28,173	28,049	.....
Commercial and industrial loans (gross).....do....	60,779	60,895	64,119	65,536	65,805	.....
Real estate loans (gross).....do....	27,492	27,475	28,815	28,892	28,896	.....
Bond yields, domestic corporate (Moody's) <u>3/</u>.....percent..	5.69	5.67	6.51	6.53	6.53	6.54
Stock prices, 500 stocks (Stand. & Poor's) <u>4/</u> ..1941-43=100..	80.61	80.55	95.34	95.15	95.91	95.67
Industrials, 425 stocks.....do....	85.57	85.45	104.03	103.77	104.49	104.09
PRODUCTION:						
Bituminous coal <u>3/</u>.....thous. sh. tons..	1,798	1,875	1,733	1,730	1,599	.....
Electric power, by utilities.....mil. kw.-hr..	22,209	22,500	24,796	24,819	23,624	.....
Motor vehicles (cars, trucks, buses).....number..	139,487	176,567	238,322	225,105	183,337	.....
Petroleum (crude) and condensate <u>3/</u>.....thous. bbl..	8,577	8,699	9,004	8,996	8,996	.....
Steel, raw.....thous. sh. tons..	2,220	2,380	2,747	2,747	2,615	2,650
Index of production.....1957-59=100..	119.2	127.8	147.5	147.5	140.4	142.2
FREIGHT CARLOADINGS, TOTAL.....thous. cars..	416	451	532	501	396	.....
Miscellaneous.....do....	232	251	305	289	232	.....

^{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						
MANUFACTURERS' SHIPMENTS:						
NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED, TOTAL.....mil. \$..	46,326	44,711	44,413	46,657	r46,574	47,019
Durable goods industries, total <u>1/</u>.....do....	24,158	23,425	22,089	23,565	r23,019	23,744
Stone, clay, and glass products.....do....	1,075	959	1,083	1,106	r1,067	1,049
Primary metals.....do....	3,851	3,731	3,401	3,449	r3,485	3,505
Fabricated metal products.....do....	2,232	2,142	2,222	2,230	r2,227	2,148
Machinery, except electrical.....do....	3,465	3,270	3,436	3,671	r3,537	3,556
Electrical machinery.....do....	3,641	3,540	3,357	3,668	r3,590	3,722
Transportation equipment.....do....	6,537	6,585	5,023	5,746	r5,509	6,228
Instruments and related products.....do....	874	880	926	998	r967	954
Nondurable goods industries, total <u>1/</u>.....do....	22,168	21,286	22,324	23,092	r23,555	23,275
Food and kindred products.....do....	7,546	7,354	7,634	8,144	r8,465	8,407
Tobacco products.....do....	418	433	454	431	r415	429
Textile mill products.....do....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Paper and allied products.....do....	1,908	1,860	1,918	1,922	r1,945	1,933
Chemicals and allied products.....do....	3,313	3,077	3,581	3,795	r3,762	3,655
Petroleum and coal products.....do....	1,794	1,733	1,789	1,796	r1,791	1,830
Rubber and plastics products.....do....	1,109	1,008	1,112	1,126	r1,195	1,126
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED, TOTAL.....do....	44,487	44,393	45,675	44,723	r44,712	46,848
By industry group:						
Durable goods industries, total <u>1/</u>.....do....	23,451	23,237	23,633	22,949	r22,311	23,654
Stone, clay, and glass products.....do....	971	979	959	1,010	r966	1,072
Primary metals.....do....	3,839	3,812	3,519	3,419	r3,475	3,586
Fabricated metal products.....do....	2,098	2,180	2,092	2,094	r2,094	2,187
Machinery, except electrical.....do....	3,559	3,468	3,672	3,690	r3,631	3,767
Electrical machinery.....do....	3,445	3,386	3,423	3,412	r3,394	3,569
Transportation equipment.....do....	6,389	6,226	6,577	5,909	r5,366	5,947
Instruments and related products.....do....	847	856	965	932	r938	929

^{r/} Revised. ^{1/} Includes data for "other industries" not shown.

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ITEM	1966		1967			
	Oct.	Nov.	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.
GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS--Con.						
MANUFACTURERS' SHIPMENTS (SEAS. ADJ.)--Con.						
By industry group--Con.						
Nondurable goods industries, total <u>1</u> /.....mil. \$..	21,036	21,156	22,042	21,774	r22,401	23,194
Food and kindred products.....do....	7,220	7,334	7,695	7,690	r8,099	8,387
Tobacco products.....do....	418	416	432	421	r415	411
Textile mill products.....do....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Paper and allied products.....do....	1,841	1,878	1,870	1,839	r1,876	1,950
Chemicals and allied products.....do....	3,216	3,191	3,638	3,578	r3,666	3,808
Petroleum and coal products.....do....	1,781	1,739	1,762	1,780	r1,776	1,836
Rubber and plastics products.....do....	1,029	1,036	1,136	1,088	r1,110	1,156
INVENTORIES, END OF MONTH:						
Book value (unadjusted), total.....do....	75,297	76,383	81,013	80,657	r80,951	81,530
Durable goods industries, total.....do....	47,993	48,764	52,631	52,287	r52,541	52,930
Nondurable goods industries, total.....do....	27,304	27,619	28,382	28,370	r28,410	28,600
Book value (seasonally adjusted), total.....do....	75,788	76,896	81,370	81,176	r81,481	82,083
By industry group:						
Durable goods industries, total <u>1</u> /.....do....	48,352	49,310	52,784	52,572	r52,918	53,505
Stone, clay, and glass products.....do....	1,703	1,722	1,813	1,769	r1,792	1,782
Primary metals.....do....	6,971	7,057	7,482	7,440	r7,464	7,466
Fabricated metal products.....do....	5,109	5,214	5,179	5,230	r5,268	5,341
Machinery, except electrical.....do....	9,665	9,852	10,362	10,451	r10,425	10,591
Electrical machinery.....do....	7,383	7,580	7,765	7,749	r7,830	7,876
Transportation equipment.....do....	10,780	11,091	13,082	12,824	r12,941	13,199
Instruments and related products.....do....	2,150	2,174	2,316	2,328	r2,357	2,351
Nondurable goods industries, total <u>1</u> /.....do....	27,436	27,586	28,586	28,604	r28,563	28,578
Food and kindred products.....do....	6,284	6,383	6,512	6,391	r6,425	6,497
Tobacco products.....do....	2,340	2,307	2,366	2,348	2,338	2,312
Textile mill products.....do....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Paper and allied products.....do....	2,214	2,230	2,307	2,300	r2,279	2,283
Chemicals and allied products.....do....	4,937	5,000	5,400	5,433	r5,407	5,455
Petroleum and coal products.....do....	1,819	1,835	1,923	1,920	1,925	1,932
Rubber and plastics products.....do....	1,386	1,422	1,398	1,389	1,398	1,420
NEW ORDERS, NET (NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED), TOTAL.....do....	46,649	43,927	44,630	47,005	r47,211	46,739
Durable goods industries, total.....do....	24,518	22,738	22,268	23,888	r23,660	23,399
Nondurable goods industries, total.....do....	22,131	21,189	22,362	23,117	r23,551	23,340
NEW ORDERS, NET (SEASONALLY ADJUSTED), TOTAL.....do....	45,243	44,052	45,900	45,274	r45,782	47,088
By industry group:						
Durable goods industries, total <u>1</u> /.....do....	24,244	23,027	23,726	23,416	r23,381	23,843
Primary metals.....do....	3,817	3,588	3,470	3,612	r3,467	3,758
Fabricated metal products.....do....	2,231	2,275	2,254	2,009	r2,246	2,379
Machinery, except electrical.....do....	3,647	3,675	3,945	3,679	r3,588	3,869
Electrical machinery.....do....	3,579	3,507	3,640	3,554	r3,473	3,399
Transportation equipment.....do....	6,860	5,714	5,950	6,019	r6,241	5,769
Nondurable goods industries, total.....do....	20,999	21,025	22,174	21,858	r22,401	23,245
Industries with unfilled orders.....do....	5,822	5,799	6,152	5,966	r6,044	6,167
Industries without unfilled orders.....do....	15,177	15,226	16,022	15,892	r16,357	17,078
UNFILLED ORDERS, END OF MONTH (UNADJ.), TOTAL.....do....	79,537	78,753	80,400	80,749	r81,385	81,109
Durable goods industries, total.....do....	76,033	75,346	77,187	77,510	r78,150	77,808
Nondurable goods industries with unfilled orders.....do....	3,504	3,407	3,213	3,239	r3,235	3,301
UNFILLED ORDERS, END OF MONTH (SEAS. ADJ.), TOTAL.....do....	79,923	79,581	79,985	80,537	r81,610	81,849
By industry group:						
Durable goods industries, total <u>1</u> /.....do....	76,382	76,170	76,801	77,268	r78,340	78,526
Primary metals.....do....	7,350	7,125	5,886	6,078	r6,070	6,242
Fabricated metal products.....do....	5,989	6,084	6,277	6,193	r6,345	6,537
Machinery, except electrical.....do....	12,611	12,818	12,699	12,688	r12,645	12,746
Electrical machinery.....do....	12,189	12,310	12,558	12,700	r12,779	12,609
Transportation equipment.....do....	32,590	32,078	33,826	33,935	r34,811	34,633
Nondurable goods industries with unfilled orders.....do....	3,541	3,411	3,184	3,269	r3,270	3,323
CONSTRUCTION AND REAL ESTATE						
NEW CONSTRUCTION PUT IN PLACE (UNADJ.), TOTAL.....mil. \$..	6,656	6,281	7,398	r7,135	r7,065	6,736
Private, total.....do....	4,378	4,178	4,696	4,778	r4,757	4,610
Residential (nonfarm).....do....	1,948	1,770	2,384	2,377	r2,345	2,323
New housing units.....do....	1,443	1,298	1,810	1,835	r1,848	1,855
Nonresidential buildings, total <u>2</u> /.....do....	1,670	1,672	1,589	1,678	r1,665	1,576
Industrial.....do....	587	609	530	592	r547	494
Commercial.....do....	635	624	597	626	r663	642
Public, total.....do....	2,276	2,103	2,702	r2,357	r2,308	2,126
NEW CONSTRUCTION PUT IN PLACE (SEASONALLY ADJUSTED AT ANNUAL RATES), TOTAL.....bil. \$..	72.3	72.0	77.0	r76.3	r76.9	77.2
Private, total.....do....	47.9	47.1	50.2	51.7	r52.2	52.1
Residential (nonfarm).....do....	21.6	20.3	24.6	25.3	r26.0	26.6
Nonresidential buildings, total <u>2</u> /.....do....	18.3	18.7	17.6	18.4	r18.3	17.6
Industrial.....do....	6.7	6.9	6.0	6.6	r6.2	5.6
Commercial.....do....	6.7	6.7	6.4	6.7	r7.0	6.9
Public, total.....do....	24.4	24.9	26.9	r24.6	r24.7	25.1
CONSTRUCTION COST INDEXES:						
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE COMPOSITE.....1957-59=100..	122	122	r129	r129	r130	130

1/ Revised. 1/ Includes data for "other industries" not shown. 2/ Except farm and public utilities.

ITEM	1966		1967			
	Oct.	Nov.	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.
FINANCE						
CONSUMER CREDIT (SHORT- AND INTERMEDIATE-TERM):						
Total outstanding, end of mo.....mil. \$..	91,899	92,498	95,684	95,886	96,094	96,802
Installment credit, total.....do.....	73,073	73,491	75,889	76,039	76,223	76,680
Automobile paper.....do.....	30,852	30,937	31,455	31,296	31,237	31,217
Other consumer goods paper.....do.....	18,714	18,945	19,755	19,914	20,042	20,340
Repair and modernization loans.....do.....	3,770	3,772	3,743	3,742	3,746	3,748
Personal loans.....do.....	19,737	19,837	20,936	21,087	21,198	21,375
By type of holder:						
Financial institutions, total.....do.....	64,792	65,046	67,273	67,376	67,513	67,763
Commercial banks.....do.....	31,878	31,978	33,536	33,637	33,723	33,819
Sales finance companies.....do.....	16,771	16,790	16,755	16,701	16,698	16,722
Credit unions.....do.....	8,391	8,480	8,991	9,026	9,054	9,113
Consumer finance companies.....do.....	5,863	5,881	6,036	6,067	6,086	6,138
Other.....do.....	1,889	1,917	1,955	1,945	1,952	1,971
Retail outlets, total.....do.....	8,281	8,445	8,616	8,663	8,710	8,917
Automobile dealers.....do.....	489	490	508	507	506	506
Noninstallment credit, total.....do.....	18,826	19,007	19,795	19,847	19,871	20,122
Single-payment loans, total.....do.....	7,768	7,807	8,136	8,179	8,189	8,237
Commercial banks.....do.....	6,656	6,678	6,950	6,994	7,001	7,034
Other financial institutions.....do.....	1,112	1,129	1,186	1,185	1,188	1,203
Charge accounts, total.....do.....	6,107	6,199	6,368	6,387	6,471	6,614
Credit cards.....do.....	898	878	1,057	1,083	1,056	1,046
Service credit.....do.....	4,951	5,001	5,291	5,281	5,211	5,271
Installment credit extended and repaid:						
Unadjusted:						
Extended, total.....do.....	6,403	6,611	7,223	6,590	6,912	7,032
Automobile paper.....do.....	2,369	2,346	2,392	2,042	2,355	2,222
Other consumer goods paper.....do.....	1,949	2,044	2,229	2,205	2,215	2,375
All other.....do.....	2,085	2,221	2,602	2,343	2,342	2,435
Repaid, total.....do.....	6,159	6,193	6,682	6,440	6,728	6,575
Automobile paper.....do.....	2,310	2,261	2,301	2,201	2,414	2,242
Other consumer goods paper.....do.....	1,799	1,813	2,081	2,046	2,087	2,077
All other.....do.....	2,050	2,119	2,300	2,193	2,227	2,256
Seasonally adjusted:						
Extended, total.....do.....	6,522	6,657	6,929	6,973	6,942	7,032
Automobile paper.....do.....	2,378	2,461	2,285	2,322	2,321	2,305
Other consumer goods paper.....do.....	1,941	1,947	2,212	2,234	2,165	2,242
All other.....do.....	2,203	2,249	2,432	2,417	2,456	2,485
Repaid, total.....do.....	6,142	6,213	6,585	6,689	6,631	6,614
Automobile paper.....do.....	2,244	2,255	2,240	2,280	2,301	2,240
Other consumer goods paper.....do.....	1,820	1,836	2,079	2,106	2,093	2,105
All other.....do.....	2,078	2,122	2,266	2,303	2,237	2,269
Life Insurance Agency Management Association:						
Insurance written (new paid-for insurance):						
Value, estimated total.....do.....	9,880	10,095	10,825	10,351	11,815	11,446
Ordinary.....do.....	7,412	7,698	8,042	7,484	8,659	8,658
Group and mass-marketed ordinary.....do.....	1,878	1,835	2,241	2,325	2,572	2,238
Industrial.....do.....	590	562	542	542	584	550
SECURITY MARKETS:						
STOCKS, PRICES:						
Dow-Jones averages (65 stocks).....	273.35	285.23	329.62	330.87	321.30	*303.88
Industrial (30 stocks).....	778.10	806.55	912.46	923.45	907.54	*865.43
Public utility (15 stocks).....	129.70	136.43	132.43	131.33	126.08	\$ 123.05
Railroad (20 stocks).....	192.07	201.94	262.85	261.79	250.55	*230.74

*Indexes for Dec. 1967: 65 stocks, 309.77; industrial, 887.20; public utility, 125.19; railroad, 233.20.
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