

# BUSINESS STATISTICS

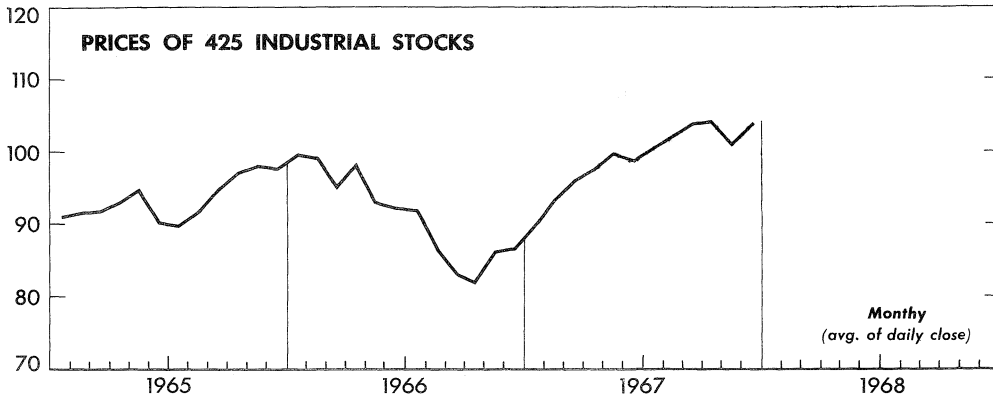


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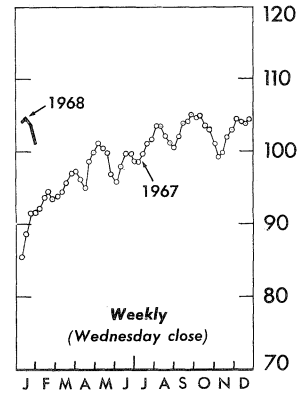
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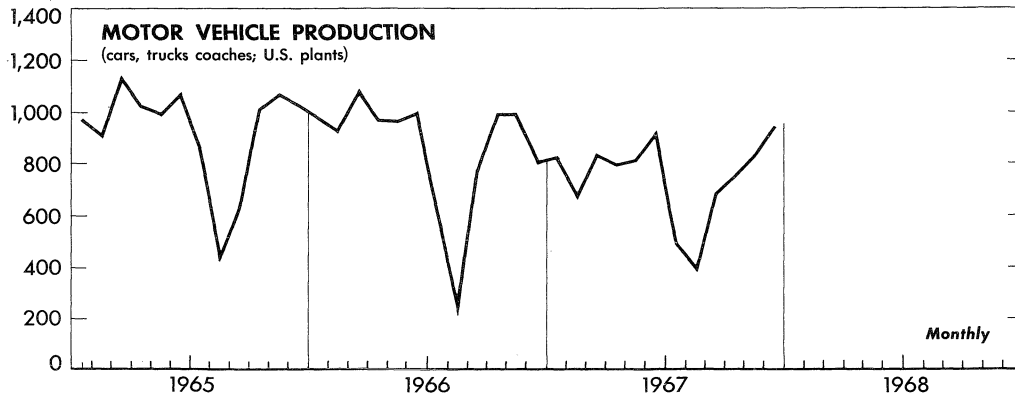
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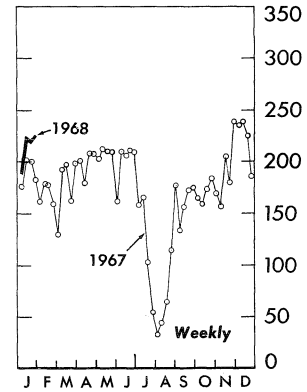
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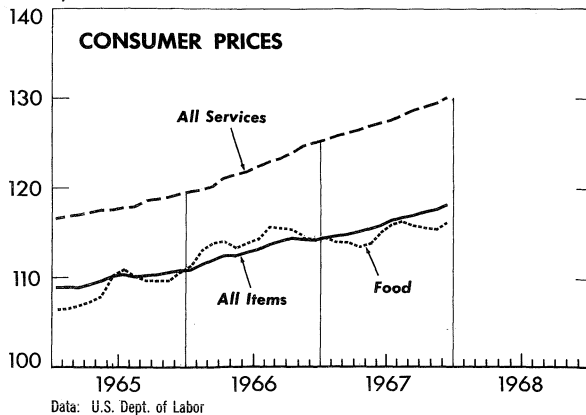
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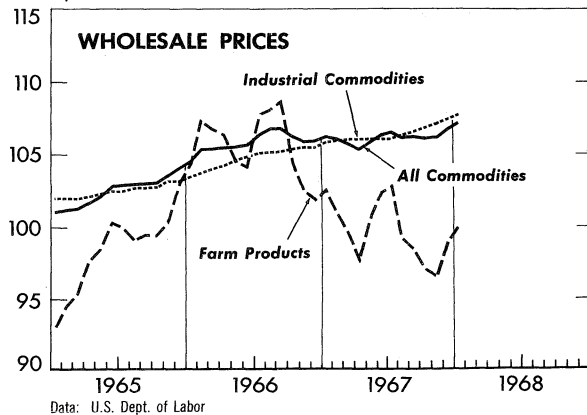
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WEEKLY BUSINESS STATISTICS<sup>1</sup>

ITEM	1967		1968			
	Jan. 21	Jan. 28	Jan. 6	Jan. 13	Jan. 20	Jan. 27
WHOLESALE PRICES, 22 COMMODITIES <u>2/</u> .....1957-59=100..	102.9	102.7	96.4	96.1	95.9	95.8
ALL RETAIL STORES, SALES.....mil. \$..	5,350	5,196	5,233	5,440	5,658	.....
Nondurable goods stores.....do....	3,677	3,497	3,787	3,850	3,940	.....
INITIAL UNEMPLOYMENT CLAIMS, State programs.....+thous..	278	253	358	373	294	.....
INSURED UNEMPLOYMENT, all programs.....do....	1,624	1,606	1,712	1,744	.....	.....
State programs (50 States, D.C., and Puerto Rico).....do....	1,551	1,533	1,618	1,647	.....	.....
FAILURES, INDUST. AND COMMERCIAL (Dun & Bradstreet)..number..	270	317	171	179	176	216
FINANCE:						
Currency in circulation <u>3/</u> .....mil. \$..	44,004	43,567	47,200	46,857	46,493	46,117
Federal Reserve bank credit outstanding, total <u>3/</u> .....do....	46,384	46,581	52,224	51,772	51,044	51,186
Member bank reserve balances <u>3/</u> .....do....	23,661	23,989	26,414	25,924	25,572	25,941
Excess reserves, estimated <u>3/</u> .....do....	125	516	621	585	154	366
Assets and liabilities of large commercial banks: <u>4/</u>						
Demand deposits, adjusted.....mil. \$..	73,937	72,734	81,848	80,346	78,909	.....
Savings deposits.....do....	45,690	46,520	48,864	48,711	48,591	.....
Loans and investments (adjusted), total.....do....	185,478	184,227	205,770	204,359	203,994	.....
U.S. Government obligations.....do....	25,073	24,879	28,371	27,824	28,653	.....
Commercial and industrial loans (gross).....do....	60,869	60,329	66,290	65,928	65,750	.....
Real estate loans (gross).....do....	27,478	27,390	28,988	28,975	28,993	.....
Bond yields, domestic corporate (Moody's) <u>3/</u> .....percent..	5.46	5.37	6.54	6.48	6.41	6.40
Stock prices, 500 stocks (Stand. & Poor's) <u>4/</u> ..1941-43=100..	85.79	85.85	95.67	96.52	95.64	95.17
Industrials, 425 stocks.....do....	91.46	91.49	104.09	104.70	103.71	101.07
PRODUCTION:						
Bituminous coal <u>3/</u> .....thous. sh. tons..	1,808	1,826	1,637	1,646	1,671	.....
Electric power, by utilities.....mil. kw.-hr..	23,595	22,708	24,967	26,414	25,531	.....
Motor vehicles (cars, trucks, buses).....number..	200,408	184,019	188,168	224,226	220,029	226,107
Petroleum (crude) and condensate <u>3/</u> .....thous. bbl..	8,740	8,730	9,194	9,176	9,194	.....
Steel, raw.....thous. sh. tons..	2,443	2,373	2,650	2,635	2,697	2,777
Index of production.....1957-59=100..	131.1	127.4	142.2	141.4	144.8	149.1
FREIGHT CARLOADINGS, TOTAL.....thous. cars..	528	527	417	487	504	.....
Miscellaneous.....do....	295	291	241	279	287	.....

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

## MONTHLY BUSINESS STATISTICS

ITEM	1966		1967			
	Nov.	Dec.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS						
INDUSTRIAL AND COMMERCIAL FAILURES (Dun & Bradstreet, Inc.):						
Failures, total.....number..	1,112	1,055	913	949	881	831
Commercial service.....do....	127	111	93	108	102	104
Construction.....do....	214	219	152	197	166	158
Manufacturing and mining.....do....	145	157	145	130	133	133
Retail trade.....do....	526	454	431	426	393	347
Wholesale trade.....do....	100	114	92	88	87	89
Liabilities (current), total.....thous. \$..	106,732	161,481	93,943	81,633	69,977	195,448
Commercial service.....do....	6,161	11,654	6,344	11,052	7,025	45,725
Construction.....do....	24,523	67,110	11,536	14,192	15,780	97,868
Manufacturing and mining.....do....	33,768	29,338	29,177	14,705	20,678	25,988
Retail trade.....do....	27,343	38,631	37,769	33,652	19,110	16,380
Wholesale trade.....do....	14,937	14,748	9,117	8,032	7,384	9,487
Failure annual rate (seas. adj.)..No. per 10,000 concerns..	55.6	52.4	49.1	47.4	42.2	43.2
COMMODITY PRICES						
CONSUMER PRICE INDEX:						
Unadjusted indexes:						
All items.....1957-59=100..	114.6	114.7	117.1	117.5	117.8	118.2
Special group indexes:						
All items less shelter.....do....	114.4	114.3	116.7	117.1	117.5	117.7
All items less food.....do....	114.8	114.9	117.7	118.2	118.7	118.9
Commodities.....do....	110.2	110.1	112.0	112.4	112.6	112.9
Nondurables.....do....	112.9	113.0	114.9	115.1	115.3	115.6
Durables.....do....	103.5	103.1	104.8	105.7	106.0	106.1
New cars.....do....	99.3	98.6	96.1	101.1	101.4	101.3
Used cars.....do....	119.3	114.2	126.2	126.0	125.6	124.8
Commodities less food.....do....	107.8	107.7	110.0	110.6	111.1	111.1
Services.....do....	124.7	125.2	128.7	129.1	129.6	130.1
Service less rent.....do....	127.7	128.3	132.3	132.7	133.2	133.8

ITEM	1966		1967			
	Nov.	Dec.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
COMMODITY PRICES--Con.						
CONSUMER PRICE INDEX--UNADJ.--Con.						
Food.....1957-59=100..	114.8	114.8	115.9	115.7	115.6	116.2
Meats, poultry, and fish.....do...	111.8	110.9	113.4	112.3	111.4	111.2
Dairy products.....do.....	116.7	116.5	117.3	117.9	117.8	118.1
Fruits and vegetables.....do.....	114.9	114.3	115.6	115.3	116.7	119.6
Housing.....do.....	112.6	113.0	115.0	115.3	115.5	116.0
Shelter.....do.....	115.8	116.4	118.7	119.0	119.4	119.9
Rent.....do.....	111.2	111.3	112.8	113.0	113.2	113.5
Homeownership.....do.....	117.8	118.6	121.1	121.5	121.9	122.6
Fuel and utilities.....do.....	108.3	108.4	109.4	109.4	109.3	109.3
Fuel oil and coal.....do.....	108.9	110.2	112.3	112.5	112.7	113.1
Gas and electricity.....do.....	108.1	107.9	108.9	108.9	109.0	108.7
Household furnishings and operation.....do.....	106.5	106.7	108.8	109.1	109.3	109.7
Apparel and upkeep.....do.....	112.0	112.3	115.1	116.0	116.6	116.8
Transportation.....do.....	114.5	113.8	116.8	117.7	118.3	117.9
Private.....do.....	112.6	111.7	114.8	115.7	116.2	115.8
Public.....do.....	129.6	129.8	133.0	133.0	134.6	134.9
Health and recreation.....do.....	120.8	121.0	124.9	125.5	126.2	126.6
Medical care.....do.....	131.3	131.9	138.5	139.0	139.7	140.4
Personal care.....do.....	113.4	113.7	116.4	116.5	116.9	117.2
Reading and recreation.....do.....	118.3	118.4	120.5	121.4	122.0	122.2
Seasonally adjusted indexes:						
Food.....do.....	115.3	115.3	115.6	115.8	116.1	116.5
Apparel and upkeep.....do.....	111.3	111.7	114.9	115.4	115.9	116.2
Transportation.....do.....	114.0	113.3	117.0	117.3	117.8	117.7
CONSTRUCTION AND REAL ESTATE						
CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS IN 48 STATES (F. W. Dodge Co.):						
TOTAL VALUATION.....mil. \$..	3,461	3,189	4,695	5,053	4,258	3,996
Index (seasonally adjusted).....1957-59=100..	130	133	168	171	168	166
Building, total.....mil. \$..	2,500	2,262	3,526	3,761	3,302	2,954
FINANCE						
FEDERAL GOVERNMENT FINANCE:						
Budget receipts, total.....mil. \$..	9,819	12,815	15,090	8,979	10,225	12,711
Receipts, net <u>1</u> /.....do.....	7,394	10,606	12,404	6,823	7,529	10,616
Customs.....do.....	179	161	163	179	193	160
Individual income taxes.....do.....	5,303	4,217	7,100	4,468	5,463	4,828
Corporation income taxes.....do.....	580	4,636	4,032	913	588	4,224
Employment taxes.....do.....	1,868	1,655	2,106	1,390	2,107	1,565
Other internal revenue and receipts.....do.....	1,888	2,146	1,689	2,029	1,872	1,935
Budget expenditures, total <u>1</u> /.....do.....	10,386	9,512	12,468	11,530	11,730	10,084
Interest on public debt.....do.....	1,100	1,160	1,145	1,154	1,174	1,234
Veterans' services and benefits.....do.....	555	610	543	599	586	417
National defense.....do.....	5,500	5,911	6,586	6,628	6,405	6,016
All other expenditures.....do.....	3,233	1,861	4,257	3,391	3,576	2,437
SECURITY MARKETS:						
BONDS:						
Sales, excl. U.S. Govt. bonds (SEC):						
All registered exchanges:						
Market value.....mil. \$..	312.46	366.38	494.25	634.15	567.12	531.62
Face value.....do.....	313.01	356.22	439.68	559.18	536.43	519.14
New York Stock Exchange:						
Market value.....do.....	293.69	348.01	438.28	553.63	496.10	440.43
Face value.....do.....	293.70	335.45	385.75	494.43	475.48	446.45
STOCKS:						
Sales (SEC):						
Total on all registered exchanges:						
Market value.....do.....	8,102	9,538	13,092	14,499	14,478	14,919
Shares sold.....millions..	219	266	369	409	381	412
On New York Stock Exchange:						
Market value.....mil. \$..	6,638	7,662	9,964	11,006	11,193	11,186
Shares sold.....millions..	162	189	228	249	242	262
TRANSPORTATION AND COMMUNICATION						
SCHEDULED AIRLINES (DOMESTIC TRUNK), OPERATING RESULTS:						
Miles flown (revenue).....millions..	91.7	97.3	109.4	114.1	.....	.....
Express and freight ton-miles flown.....do.....	101.2	104.4	113.4	114.9	.....	.....
Mail ton-miles flown.....do.....	26.3	36.5	33.5	38.8	.....	.....
Passenger originated (revenue).....do.....	7.1	7.5	8.3	8.3	.....	.....
Passenger-miles flown (revenue).....billions..	4.7	5.5	6.0	5.8	.....	.....
Hotels:						
Average sale per occupied room.....dollars..	10.41	9.35	10.97	11.40	11.24	9.91
Rooms occupied.....% of total..	60	49	64	68	59	48
Restaurant sales index.....same mo. 1951=100..	108	118	120	112	110	119
METALS AND MANUFACTURES						
PIG IRON:						
Production (excl. ferroalloys).....thous. sh. tons..	7,470	7,350	7,055	7,530	7,626	8,182
Castings, gray iron:						
Orders, unfilled, for sale, end of mo.....do.....	964	962	897	909	851	.....
Shipments, total.....do.....	1,268	1,214	1,169	1,235	1,261	.....
For sale.....do.....	711	669	703	742	715	.....

## MONTHLY BUSINESS STATISTICS—Continued

ITEM	1966		1967			
	Nov.	Dec.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
<b>METALS AND MANUFACTURES--Con.</b>						
Castings, malleable iron:						
Orders, unfilled, for sale, end of mo.....thous. sh. tons..	193	182	132	122	121	.....
Shipments, total.....do....	92	89	89	95	89	.....
For sale.....do....	59	56	51	49	51	.....
Steel castings:						
Orders, unfilled, for sale, end of mo.....do....	619	590	319	303	299	.....
Shipments, total.....do....	176	179	138	143	146	.....
For sale.....do....	147	148	116	118	120	.....
<b>MACHINE TOOLS: 1/</b>						
Metal cutting type tools:						
Orders, new (net), total.....mil. \$..	110.15	120.35	78.80	77.25	77.45	88.10
Domestic.....do....	99.25	107.35	74.40	71.75	67.65	79.70
Shipments, total.....do....	103.05	135.50	122.40	106.20	114.25	139.25
Domestic.....do....	90.85	120.95	108.85	95.80	101.45	122.75
Order backlog, end of month.....do....	1,321.9	1,306.7	1,203.3	1,174.3	1,137.5	1,086.4
Metal forming type tools:						
Orders, new (net), total.....mil. \$..	33.54	22.75	21.60	24.10	23.60	33.85
Domestic.....do....	31.35	19.05	19.20	21.75	21.70	27.55
Shipments, total.....do....	39.15	40.20	31.90	41.15	34.55	38.65
Domestic.....do....	36.95	38.70	29.40	37.30	31.15	34.20
Order backlog, end of month.....do....	411.8	394.4	262.5	245.4	234.5	229.7
	1966	1967				1968
	Dec.	Jan.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan. p/
<b>COMMODITY PRICES</b>						
<b>WHOLESALE PRICE INDEX:</b>						
ALL COMMODITIES.....1957-59=100..	105.9	106.2	106.1	106.2	r106.8	107.1
Farm products.....do....	101.3	102.6	97.1	96.4	r98.9	99.1
Foods and feeds, processed.....do....	112.8	112.8	111.7	110.9	r111.5	112.1
Industrial commodities.....do....	105.5	105.8	106.8	107.1	r107.4	107.7
Chemicals and allied products.....do....	98.2	98.4	98.2	98.2	98.4	.....
Fuels and related products, and power.....do....	102.4	102.6	103.0	102.8	102.6	.....
Furniture and household durables.....do....	100.4	100.4	101.7	102.0	102.1	.....
Hides, skins, and leather products.....do....	117.3	117.9	114.8	115.4	116.0	.....
Lumber and wood products.....do....	102.5	102.6	107.3	106.7	107.6	.....
Machinery and equipment.....do....	110.7	111.1	112.2	112.6	113.2	.....
Metals and metal products.....do....	109.0	109.4	109.8	110.5	111.0	.....
Nonmetallic mineral products.....do....	103.3	103.6	104.9	105.1	105.3	.....
Pulp, paper, and allied products.....do....	103.0	103.1	104.3	104.6	104.8	.....
Rubber and products.....do....	95.0	95.6	98.8	99.1	99.2	.....
Textile products and apparel.....do....	101.8	102.0	102.2	103.0	103.8	.....
Miscellaneous products.....do....	107.5	107.9	110.5	110.6	110.7	.....
<b>PURCHASING POWER OF THE DOLLAR AS MEASURED BY--</b>						
Wholesale prices.....1957-59=\$1.00..	\$0.944	\$0.942	\$0.943	\$0.942	r\$0.936	\$0.934
Consumer prices.....do....	.872	.872	.851	.849	.846	.....

1/ Revised. p/ Preliminary. 1/ Data have been adjusted to new benchmarks back to January 1956; the revised data reflect new companies as well as types of machines now classified as machine tools.  
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