

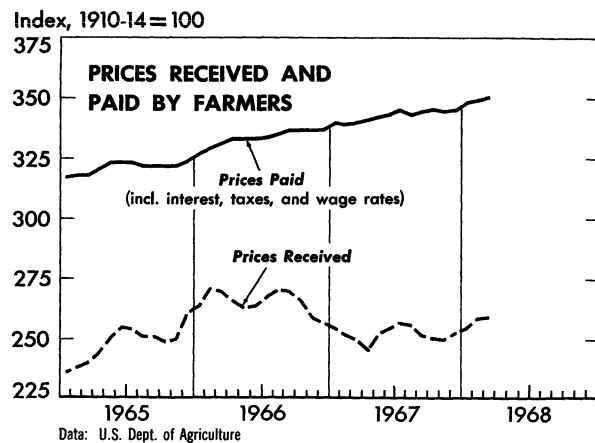
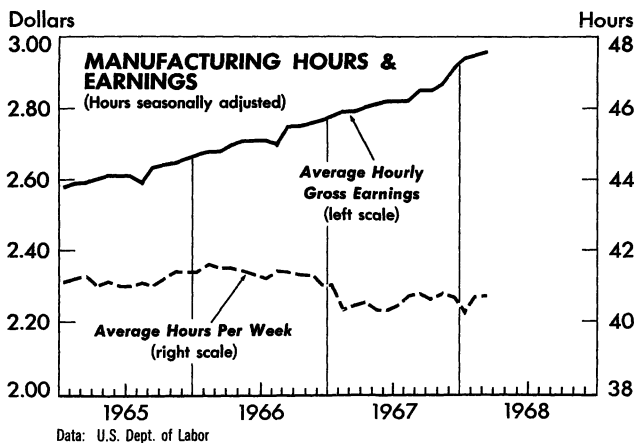
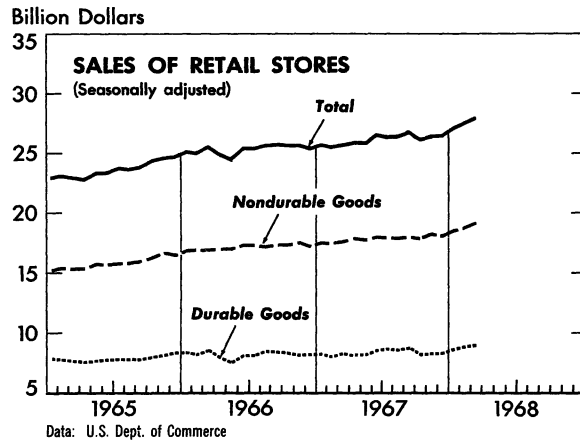
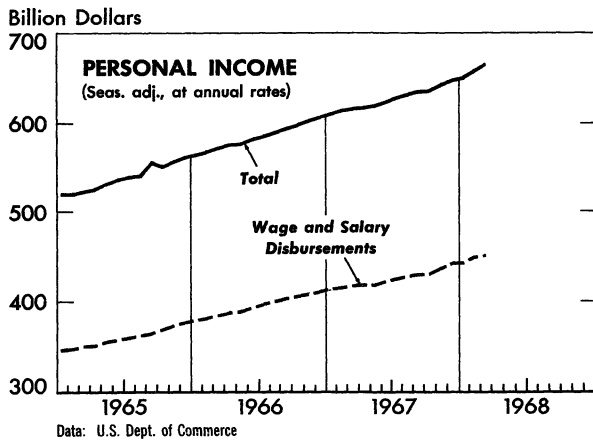
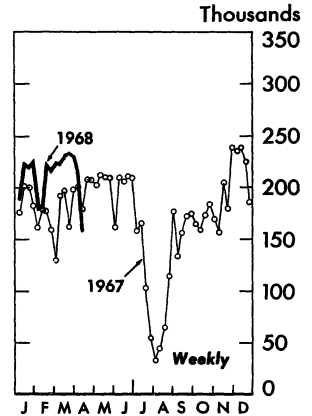
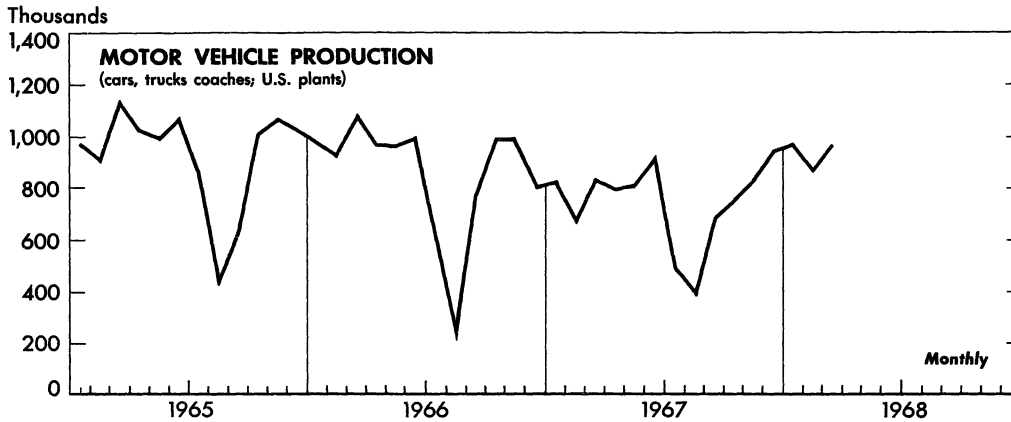
BUSINESS STATISTICS



A WEEKLY SUPPLEMENT TO THE SURVEY OF CURRENT BUSINESS*

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SELECTED BUSINESS INDICATORS



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ITEM	1967		1968			
	Apr. 8	Apr. 15	Mar. 23	Mar. 30	Apr. 6	Apr. 13
WHOLESALE PRICES, 22 COMMODITIES <u>2</u> /.....1957-59=100..	98.4	97.9	97.1	96.7	96.7	96.7
ALL RETAIL STORES, SALES						
mil. \$..	5,927	5,866	6,103	6,519	6,255	.....
Nondurable goods stores	3,993	3,936	4,093	4,234	4,336	.....
INITIAL UNEMPLOYMENT CLAIMS, State programs	251	289	176	165	184	.....
INSURED UNEMPLOYMENT, all programs	1,475	1,451	1,444	1,371	.....	.....
State programs (50 States, D. C., and Puerto Rico)....do....	1,410	1,387	1,358	1,288	.....	.....
FAILURES, INDUST. AND COMMERCIAL (Dun & Bradstreet)....number..	296	208	278	245	246	241
FINANCE:						
Currency in circulation <u>3</u> /.....mil. \$..	43,673	43,914	46,233	46,153	46,358	46,647
Federal Reserve bank credit outstanding, total <u>3</u> /.....do....	46,677	46,763	52,312	51,855	52,103	52,564
Member bank reserve balances <u>3</u> /.....do....	23,389	23,162	25,665	25,323	25,463	25,448
Excess reserves, estimated <u>3</u> /.....do....	447	226	406	148	330	473
Assets and liabilities of large commercial banks: <u>4</u> /						
Demand deposits, adjusted	72,946	73,560	76,048	76,657	76,244	.....
Savings deposits	47,224	46,965	48,928	49,120	49,006	.....
Loans and investments (adjusted), total.....do....	189,803	189,083	204,189	203,449	203,560	.....
U. S. Government obligations	26,149	26,106	27,596	27,065	27,208	.....
Commercial and industrial loans (gross).....do....	61,948	61,795	66,409	66,513	67,015	.....
Real estate loans (gross).....do....	27,150	27,094	29,218	29,264	29,267	.....
Bond yields, domestic corporate (Moody's) <u>3</u> /.....percent..	5.41	5.41	6.43	6.49	6.44	6.52
Stock prices, 500 stocks (Stand. & Poor's) <u>4</u> /...1941-43=100..	89.79	88.78	88.98	89.66	93.47	95.67
Industrials, 425 stocks	96.24	94.98	96.72	97.61	101.96	104.37
PRODUCTION:						
Bituminous coal <u>3</u> /.....thous. sh. tons..	1,819	1,839	1,852	1,973	1,833	.....
Electric power, by utilities	21,815	21,896	23,938	23,579	23,510	.....
Motor vehicles (cars, trucks, buses)	200,851	179,660	232,785	231,357	216,890	158,411
Petroleum (crude) and condensate <u>3</u> /.....thous. bbl..	8,615	8,589	9,438	9,472	9,368	.....
Steel, raw	2,385	2,428	2,842	2,885	2,885	2,893
Index of production	128.0	130.3	152.6	154.9	154.9	155.3
RAIL FREIGHT, REVENUE TON MILES	14.1	14.1	14.1	14.7	14.0	.....

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

MONTHLY BUSINESS STATISTICS

ITEM	1967			1968		
	Feb.	Mar.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.
GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS						
PERSONAL INCOME BY SOURCE:						
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED, AT ANNUAL RATES:						
Total personal income	612.6	615.6	649.3	650.9	r659.3	666.0
Wage and salary disbursements, total	414.2	416.2	443.1	442.4	r449.0	451.1
Commodity-producing industries, total	165.2	165.6	173.3	173.3	r176.8	177.3
Manufacturing	132.7	132.9	139.2	319.6	r141.5	141.8
Distributive industries	98.6	99.1	103.9	105.1	r106.7	106.9
Service industries	66.9	67.6	72.8	73.1	r73.8	74.4
Government	83.4	84.0	93.1	90.9	r91.6	92.4
Other labor income	22.2	22.4	24.6	24.9	25.2	25.5
Proprietors' income:						
Business and professional	43.2	43.1	44.2	44.3	44.4	44.5
Farm	14.6	14.3	15.3	15.3	r15.4	15.6
Rental income of persons	19.8	19.9	20.4	20.5	20.5	20.6
Dividends	22.3	22.6	21.0	22.9	r23.2	23.6
Personal interest income	45.2	45.5	48.5	48.9	r49.4	49.9
Transfer payments	51.1	51.7	53.1	54.0	r54.7	58.0
Less personal contributions for soc. insurance....do....	20.0	20.1	21.1	22.3	22.6	22.7
Total nonagricultural income	593.0	596.2	628.8	630.3	r638.6	645.0
CONSTRUCTION AND REAL ESTATE						
CONSTRUCTION COST INDEXES:						
Associated General Contractors (bldg. only)....1957-59=100..	129.1	129.1	133.7	134.3	134.3	135.0
E. H. Boeckh and Associates, Inc.:						
Average, 20 cities:						
All types combined	125.4	125.5	133.9	133.7	134.1	.....
Apartments, hotels, office buildings	126.3	126.3	134.7	134.6	135.1	.....
Commercial and factory buildings	125.8	125.8	134.4	134.2	134.6	.....
Residences	123.0	123.1	131.2	131.1	131.6	.....
Engineering News-Record:						
Building	124.7	125.1	130.4	131.4	131.8	*132.5
Construction	136.9	137.3	144.5	145.7	146.5	*147.0

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	Feb.	Mar.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar. p/
DOMESTIC TRADE						
RETAIL TRADE, ALL RETAIL STORES:						
ESTIMATED SALES (UNADJUSTED), TOTAL <u>1</u> /.....mil. \$..	21,648	25,679	32,589	r24,269	r24,232	26,943
Durable goods stores	6,801	8,234	8,984	r7,546	r7,791	8,772
Automotive group	4,010	4,989	4,503	r4,594	r4,718	5,412
Furniture and appliance group	1,101	1,192	1,785	r1,204	r1,232	1,273
Lumber, building, hardware group	741	905	1,074	r833	r887	1,118
Nondurable goods stores	14,847	17,445	23,605	r16,723	r16,441	18,171
Apparel group	1,042	1,512	2,614	r1,288	r1,162	1,418
Drug and proprietary stores	818	893	1,261	r914	r882	912
Eating and drinking places	1,726	1,940	2,163	r1,980	r1,988	2,181
Food group	5,407	6,096	6,848	r5,940	r5,860	6,369
Gasoline service station	1,722	1,901	2,067	r1,988	r1,924	2,050
General merchandise group	2,400	3,197	6,371	r2,721	r2,761	3,325
ESTIMATED SALES (SEAS. ADJ.), TOTAL <u>1</u> /.....do....	25,470	25,739	26,470	r27,065	r27,482	28,009
Durable goods stores.....do....	7,955	8,150	8,327	r8,523	r8,760	8,919
Automotive group	4,394	4,602	4,678	r4,892	5,049	.....
Furniture and appliance group	1,308	1,278	1,358	r1,360	1,394	.....
Lumber, building, hardware group	1,058	1,049	1,088	r1,084	1,184	.....
Nondurable goods stores	17,515	17,589	18,143	r18,542	r18,722	19,090
Apparel group	1,476	1,443	1,476	r1,548	1,588	.....
Drug and proprietary stores	883	889	949	r954	926	.....
Eating and drinking places	2,026	2,046	2,144	r2,173	2,254	.....
Food group	5,942	6,041	6,179	r6,249	6,191	.....
Gasoline service stations	1,968	1,964	2,017	r2,095	2,117	.....
General merchandise group	3,361	3,327	3,577	r3,610	3,720	.....
ESTIMATED INVENTORIES:						
Unadjusted, total	36,349	37,108	35,459	35,837	36,736	.....
Adjusted, total	36,644	36,526	36,682	37,130	37,094	.....
RETAIL FIRMS WITH 11 OR MORE STORES:						
Estimated sales (unadjusted), total	5,550	6,855	10,604	6,352	6,387	.....
Estimated sales (seasonally adjusted), total	6,907	6,852	7,282	7,483	7,683	.....
LABOR FORCE, EMPLOYMENT, AND EARNINGS						
Labor force, total, 16 years of age and over, not seasonally adjusted.....thous..	79,107	78,949	81,527	79,811	80,869	80,938
Civilian labor force	75,689	75,513	78,057	76,347	77,402	77,447
Employed, total	72,506	72,560	75,338	73,273	74,114	74,517
Nonagricultural employment	69,225	69,149	71,793	69,908	70,653	70,980
Agricultural employment	3,281	3,410	3,545	3,366	3,462	3,537
Unemployed (all civilian workers)	3,183	2,954	2,719	3,074	3,288	2,929
Civilian labor force, seasonally adjusted	76,921	76,676	78,473	77,923	78,672	78,658
Employed, total	74,063	73,822	75,577	75,167	75,731	75,802
Nonagricultural employment	70,187	69,964	71,361	71,164	71,604	71,788
Agricultural employment	3,876	3,858	4,216	4,003	4,127	4,014
Unemployed (all civilian workers)	2,858	2,854	2,896	2,756	2,941	2,856
Long-term, 15 weeks and over	447	436	445	488	455	448
Rates (unemployed in each group as percent of total in that group):						
All civilian workers	3.7	3.7	3.7	3.5	3.7	3.6
Men, 20 years and over	2.2	2.3	2.2	2.3	2.3	2.2
Women, 20 years and over	4.0	4.1	4.1	3.9	4.0	3.7
Both sexes, 16-19 years	12.6	11.8	12.8	11.3	12.6	13.0
Married men	1.7	1.8	1.7	1.6	1.7	1.7
Nonwhite workers	7.2	7.4	6.9	6.4	7.2	6.9
White workers	3.3	3.2	3.3	3.2	3.3	3.2
Occupation: White-collar workers	2.0	2.1	2.1	2.0	2.2	1.9
Blue-collar workers	4.2	4.2	4.3	4.3	4.3	4.4
Industry: Private wage and salary workers	3.7	3.7	3.8	3.6	3.8	3.6
Construction	7.7	7.4	6.1	8.3	7.4	8.0
Manufacturing	3.4	3.6	3.5	3.3	3.6	3.5
Durable goods	2.9	3.1	3.5	2.8	3.4	3.1
EMPLOYEES ON PAYROLLS (NONAGRICULTURAL ESTABLISHMENTS):						
Total, seasonally adjusted	65,692	65,749	67,126	r67,137	r67,712	67,855
Mining	624	624	598	r598	r602	602
Contract construction	3,352	3,313	3,353	r3,175	r3,461	3,442
Manufacturing	19,507	19,445	19,491	r19,511	r19,525	19,527
Durable goods industries	11,482	11,434	11,399	r11,444	r11,422	11,417
Nondurable goods industries	8,025	8,011	8,092	r8,067	8,103	8,105
Transportation, communication, electric, gas, etc...do....	4,247	4,246	4,290	r4,294	r4,321	4,321
Wholesale and retail trade.....do....	13,541	13,557	13,870	r13,915	r14,047	14,111
Wholesale trade	3,521	3,535	3,598	r3,609	r3,643	3,650
Retail trade	10,020	10,022	10,272	r10,306	r10,404	10,461
Finance, insurance, and real estate	3,165	3,179	3,304	r3,308	3,321	3,330
Services	9,883	9,946	10,332	r10,358	r10,409	10,436
Government	11,373	11,439	11,888	r11,978	r12,026	12,091
Federal	2,673	2,685	2,708	2,721	r2,719	2,727
State and local	8,700	8,754	9,180	r9,257	r9,307	9,364
PRODUCTION WORKERS (MFG. PAYROLLS), TOTAL, seas. adj. thous...	14,436	14,358	14,317	r14,325	r14,340	14,322
Durable goods industries	8,459	8,407	8,313	r8,346	r8,330	8,314
Nondurable goods industries	5,977	5,951	6,004	r5,979	r6,010	6,008

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LABOR FORCE, EMPLOYMENT, AND EARNINGS--Con.						
HOURS (GROSS), AVG. WEEKLY PER PROD. WORKER ON PAYROLLS:						
Manufacturing, seasonally adjusted	40.3	40.4	40.7	40.2	40.7	p40.7
Overtime hours	3.4	3.3	3.4	3.5	r3.4	p3.4
Durable goods industries	41.0	41.1	41.4	r41.0	r41.4	p41.4
Overtime hours	3.7	3.5	3.6	r3.7	r3.7	p3.6
Nondurable goods industries	39.5	39.5	39.8	r39.2	40.0	p39.7
Overtime hours	3.1	3.2	3.3	3.3	3.2	p3.3
HOURLY EARNINGS, AVERAGE PER PRODUCTION WORKER ON PAYROLLS:						
Manufacturing, <u>not</u> seasonally adjusted.....	2.79	2.79	2.91	r2.94	2.95	p2.96
Excluding overtime	2.68	2.69	2.79	2.83	2.83	p2.84
Durable goods industries	2.96	2.96	3.10	3.13	3.13	p3.14
Excluding overtime	2.84	2.85	2.96	3.00	3.00	p3.01
Nondurable goods industries	2.53	2.54	2.64	2.67	r2.68	p2.69
Excluding overtime	2.44	2.45	2.54	2.57	2.58	p2.59
FINANCE						
FEDERAL GOVERNMENT FINANCE:						
Public debt and quaranteed obligations:						
Gross debt (direct), end of month, total.....bil. \$..	329.62	330.95	344.66	346.26	351.56	349.47
Interest bearing, total	325.69	327.01	341.19	342.81	348.31	346.14
Public issues	274.20	274.95	283.96	286.88	291.07	289.42
Held by U.S. Government investment accts.....	18.04	18.51	18.70	18.70	19.08	.....
Special issues	51.49	52.06	57.23	55.93	57.24	56.71
Noninterest bearing	3.93	3.94	3.47	3.45	3.24	3.34
Guaranteed obligations not owned by U.S. Treasury, end of month .....	.51	.51	.55	.55	.55	.56
LIFE INSURANCE:						
Premiums collected (LIAMA):						
Total life insurance premiums	1,284	1,459	1,721	1,421	1,425	.....
Ordinary	965	1,114	1,157	1,088	1,088	.....
Group and mass-marketed ordinary	226	244	328	230	241	.....
Industrial	93	101	235	103	97	.....
GOLD MONETARY STOCK, U.S., end of month	13,107	13,107	11,982	11,984	11,882	10,484
SILVER, PRICE AT NEW YORK.....dol. per fine oz..	1.293	1.293	2.066	1.990	1.855	2.180

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