

# BUSINESS STATISTICS

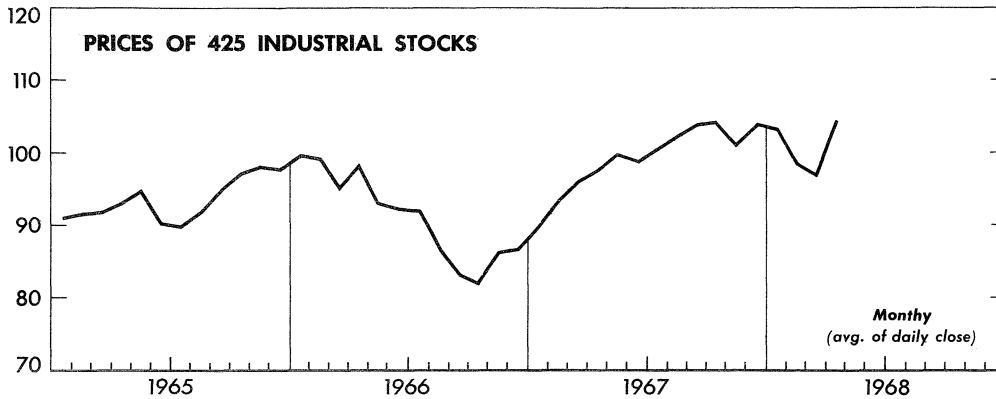


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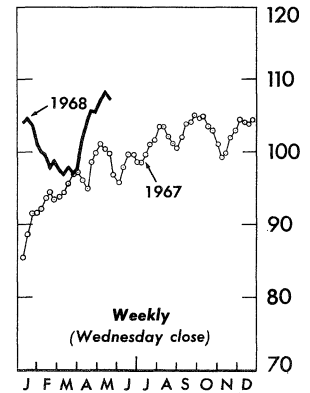
SELECTED BUSINESS INDICATORS

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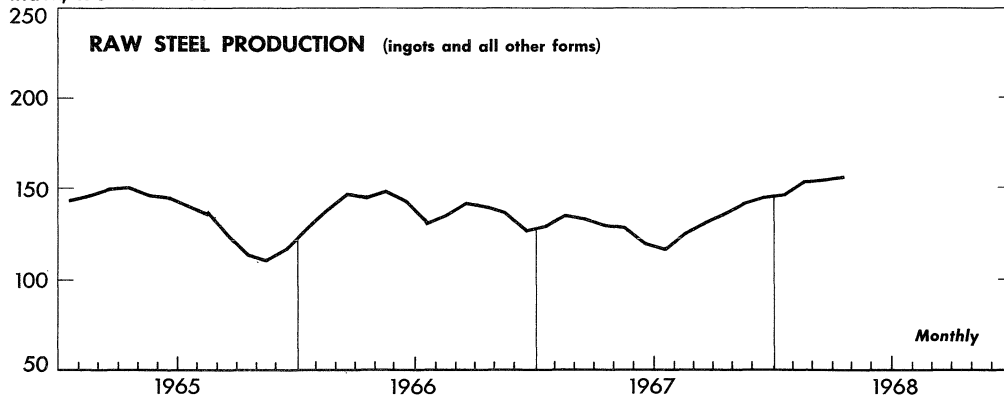


Data: Stand. & Poor's Corp.

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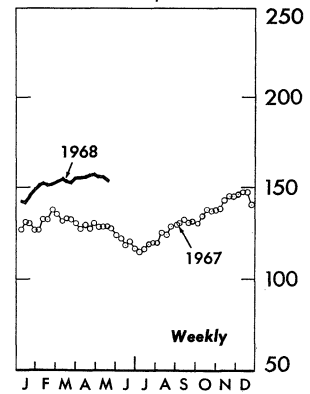


Index, 1957-59=100

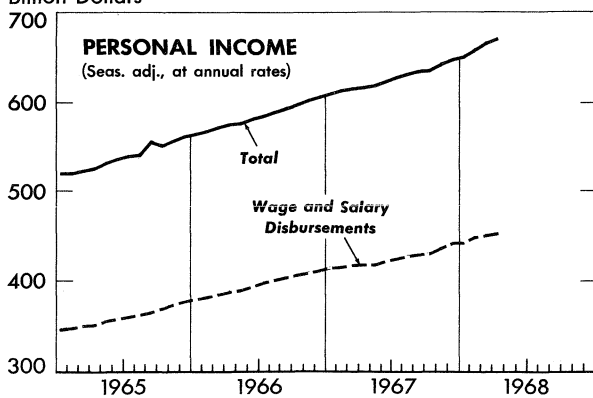


Data: Amer. Iron & Steel Inst.

Index, 1957-59=100

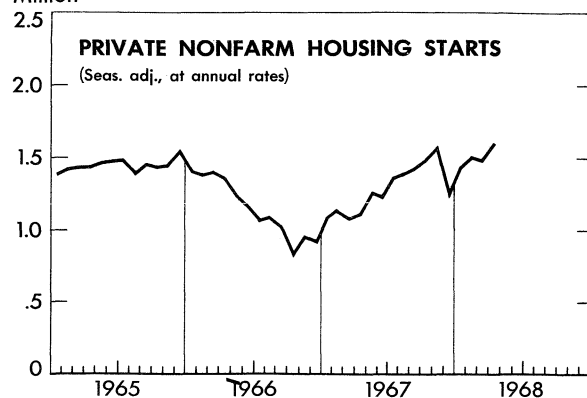


Billion Dollars



Data: U.S. Dept. of Commerce

Million



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WEEKLY BUSINESS STATISTICS<sup>1</sup>

ITEM	1967		1968			
	May 13	May 20	Apr. 27	May 4	May 11	May 18
WHOLESALE PRICES, 22 COMMODITIES <sup>2/</sup> .....1957-59=100..	98.6	98.9	95.6	95.0	94.4	94.9
ALL RETAIL STORES, SALES .....	6,093	6,009	6,318	6,563	6,625	.....
Nondurable goods stores .....	4,100	4,002	4,203	4,387	4,504	.....
INITIAL UNEMPLOYMENT CLAIMS, State programs .....	189	178	216	181	164	.....
INSURED UNEMPLOYMENT, all programs .....	1,225	1,183	1,178	1,105	.....	.....
State programs (50 States, D.C., and Puerto Rico)....	1,169	1,129	1,112	1,040	.....	.....
FAILURES, INDUST. AND COMMERCIAL (Dun & Bradstreet)..	294	233	182	197	178	215
FINANCE:						
Currency in circulation <sup>3/</sup> .....mil. \$..	44,015	44,136	46,608	46,481	46,668	46,920
Federal Reserve bank credit outstanding, total <sup>3/</sup> ....	47,567	47,326	52,490	52,458	53,030	52,802
Member bank reserve balances <sup>3/</sup> .....do....	23,413	23,386	25,501	25,514	25,717	25,376
Excess reserves, estimated <sup>3/</sup> .....do....	329	404	116	267	412	404
Assets and liabilities of large commercial banks: <sup>4/</sup>						
Demand deposits, adjusted .....	70,979	70,721	77,113	78,384	74,460	.....
Savings deposits .....	47,200	47,122	48,420	48,386	48,424	.....
Loans and investments (adjusted), total .....	189,515	189,235	204,779	205,757	204,849	.....
U.S. Government obligations .....	25,235	24,982	26,120	26,005	26,293	.....
Commercial and industrial loans (gross) .....	62,236	62,261	67,573	67,757	67,440	.....
Real estate loans (gross) .....	27,221	27,232	29,507	29,543	29,586	.....
Bond yields, domestic corporate (Moody's) <sup>3/</sup> .....percent..	5.52	5.57	6.54	6.58	6.59	6.59
Stock prices, 500 stocks (Stand. & Poor's) <sup>4/</sup> ..1941-43=10..	93.35	92.78	96.62	97.97	98.91	98.07
Industrials, 425 stocks .....	100.43	99.77	105.52	107.17	108.25	107.27
PRODUCTION:						
Bituminous coal <sup>3/</sup> .....thous. sh. tons..	1,847	1,793	1,923	1,845	1,901	.....
Electric power, by utilities .....	22,134	22,033	23,587	23,270	23,408	.....
Motor vehicles (cars, trucks, buses) .....	212,025	210,627	249,850	256,582	251,118	257,876
Petroleum (crude) and condensate <sup>3/</sup> .....thous. bbl..	8,494	8,531	9,304	9,256	9,256	.....
Steel, raw .....	2,403	2,408	2,922	2,904	2,896	2,844
Index of production .....	129.0	129.3	156.8	155.9	155.5	152.7
RAIL FREIGHT, REVENUE TON MILES .....	14.6	14.6	14.9	15.1	15.4	.....

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

## MONTHLY BUSINESS STATISTICS

ITEM	1966	1967				1968
	IV	I	II	III	IV	I
GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS						
NATIONAL INCOME AND PRODUCT:						
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED QUARTERLY TOTALS AT ANNUAL RATES:						
GROSS NATIONAL PRODUCT, TOTAL .....	762.1	766.3	775.1	791.2	807.3	r826.7
Personal consumption expenditures, total.....	473.8	480.2	489.7	495.3	501.8	r518.7
Durable goods, total .....	70.6	69.4	72.5	72.7	73.8	r78.4
Automobiles and parts .....	29.6	27.3	29.7	29.9	30.1	r33.2
Furniture and household equipment .....	30.6	31.4	31.9	32.1	32.6	r34.2
Nondurable goods, total .....	210.3	214.2	217.2	218.5	220.3	r228.1
Clothing and shoes .....	40.8	41.5	43.2	43.7	43.1	r45.4
Food and beverages .....	107.2	109.3	110.1	110.9	112.2	r115.1
Gasoline and oil .....	16.6	17.1	17.5	17.5	17.8	r18.6
Services, total .....	192.9	196.6	200.0	204.1	207.7	r212.1
Household operation .....	27.7	27.8	28.1	28.1	28.8	29.1
Housing .....	68.5	69.6	70.6	71.9	73.3	r75.0
Transportation .....	14.0	14.4	14.6	14.8	15.1	r15.5
Gross private domestic investment, total .....	122.2	110.4	105.1	112.2	120.8	r118.0
Fixed investment .....	103.7	103.3	104.6	108.4	111.6	r115.4
Nonresidential .....	82.8	81.9	81.5	82.8	84.0	87.2
Residential structures .....	20.9	21.4	23.1	25.6	27.6	r28.2
Change in business inventories .....	18.5	7.1	.5	3.8	9.2	r2.7
Net exports of goods and services .....	4.3	5.3	5.3	5.4	3.0	r1.7
Exports .....	44.0	45.3	45.1	45.6	45.4	r47.2
Imports .....	39.7	39.9	39.8	40.2	42.4	r45.5
Govt. purchases of goods and services, total .....	161.7	170.4	175.0	178.2	181.7	r188.3
Federal .....	81.5	87.1	89.5	90.9	92.2	r96.2
National defense .....	65.6	70.2	72.5	73.3	74.2	r76.7
State and local .....	80.2	83.3	85.4	87.4	89.5	r92.1

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## MONTHLY BUSINESS STATISTICS—Continued

ITEM	1967		1968			
	Mar.	Apr.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.
CONSTRUCTION AND REAL ESTATE						
NEW CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS:						
Advance planning (ENR) 1/..... mil. \$..	4,781	3,359	3,492	5,040	3,930	2,835
NEW HOUSING UNITS STARTED:						
Unadjusted:						
Total, incl. farm (private and public) .....thous..	92.9	115.9	82.7	r87.2	r127.8	167.9
Privately owned .....do....	91.5	113.7	80.5	r84.6	r125.7	164.4
Total nonfarm (private and public) .....do....	90.7	114.2	82.0	r85.3	r125.1	164.9
Privately owned .....do....	89.2	112.0	79.8	r82.8	r123.0	161.4
Seasonally adjusted at annual rates:						
Total, incl. farm (private only) .....do....	1,094	1,116	1,456	r1,537	r1,500	1,620
Total nonfarm (private only) .....do....	1,067	1,099	1,430	r1,499	r1,468	1,590
NEW PRIVATE HOUSING UNITS AUTHORIZED BY BUILDING PERMITS (12,000 permit-issuing places):						
Seasonally adjusted at annual rates:						
Total .....thous..	928	1,028	1,102	1,360	r1,376	1,297
One-family structures .....do....	558	578	630	690	r697	647
CONSTRUCTION COST INDEXES:						
American Appraisal Co., The:						
Average, 30 cities .....1913=100..	891	891	937	938	940	945
Atlanta .....do....	970	972	1,033	1,033	1,047	1,053
New York .....do....	997	997	1,044	1,044	1,044	1,048
San Francisco .....do....	890	890	941	943	943	944
St. Louis .....do....	883	882	923	923	923	927
E. H. Boeckh and Associates, Inc.:						
Average, 20 cities:						
All types combined .....1957-59=100..	125.5	125.8	133.7	134.1	134.6	.....
Apartments, hotels, office buildings .....do....	126.3	126.6	134.6	135.1	135.5	.....
Commercial and factory buildings .....do....	125.8	126.1	134.2	134.6	134.9	.....
Residences .....do....	123.1	123.3	131.1	131.6	132.4	.....
Engineering News-Record:						
Building .....do....	125.1	125.1	131.4	131.8	132.5	*132.9
Construction .....do....	137.3	137.3	145.7	146.5	147.0	*147.6

1/ Revised. 1/ Data for Mar. 1967 and Feb. 1968 are for 5 weeks; other months, 4 weeks. \*Indexes for May 1968: Building, 134.8; construction, 150.2.

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