

BUSINESS STATISTICS

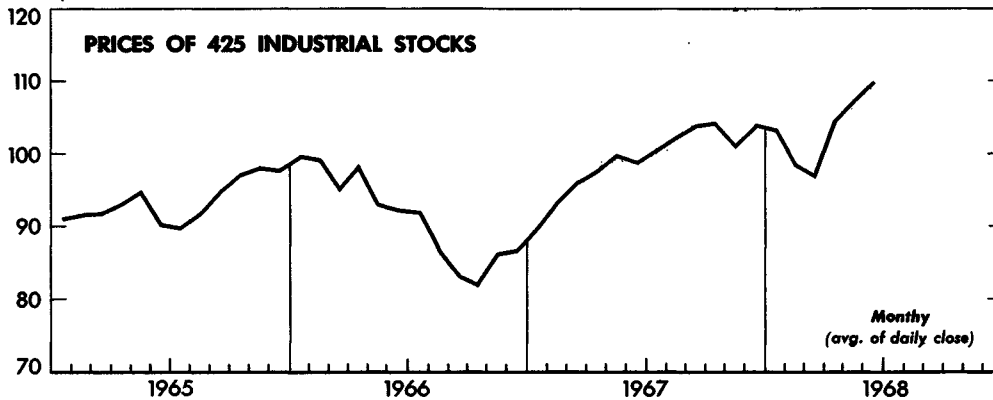


A WEEKLY SUPPLEMENT TO THE SURVEY OF CURRENT BUSINESS*

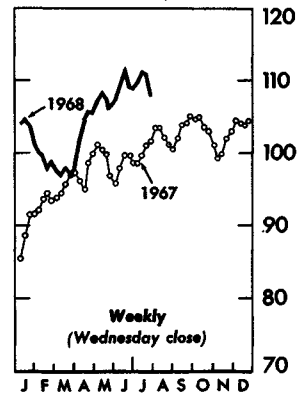
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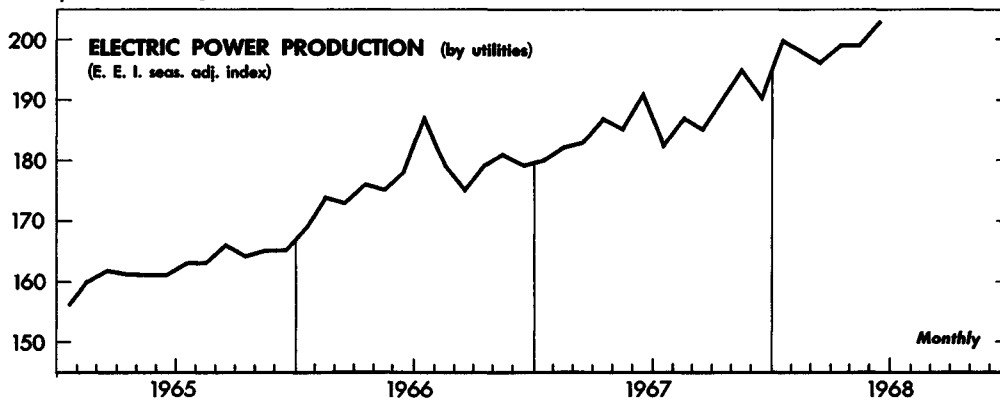
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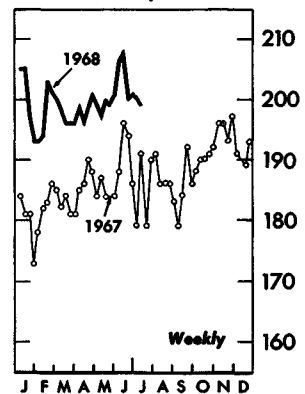
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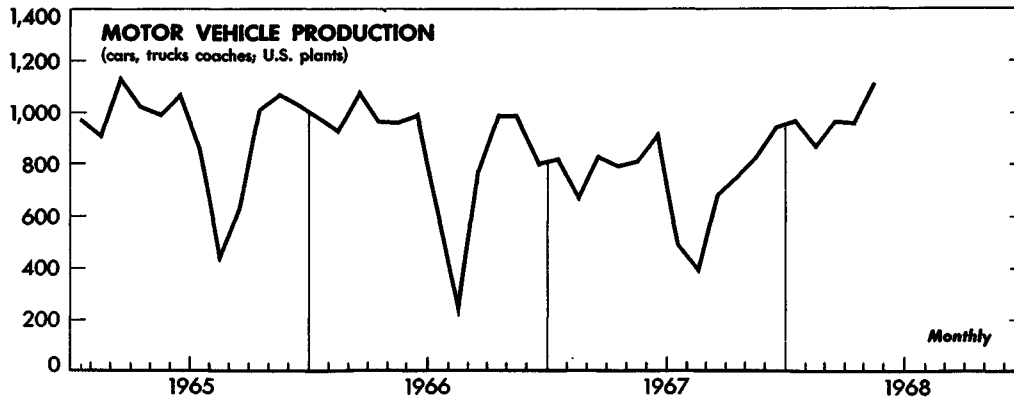
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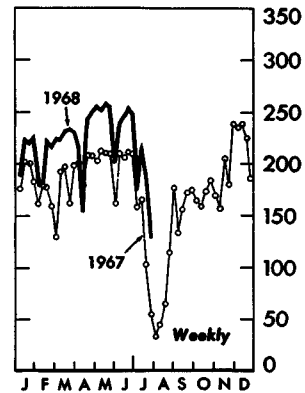
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WEEKLY BUSINESS STATISTICS¹

ITEM	1967		1968			
	July 22	July 29	July 6	July 13	July 20	July 27
WHOLESALE PRICES, 22 COMMODITIES ^{2/} 1957-59 100..	97.0	96.9	93.9	93.9	93.5	93.2
ALL RETAIL STORES, SALES .....mil. \$..	5,936	5,968	6,324	6,532	6,542	.....
Nondurable goods stores .....do....	3,947	3,911	4,316	4,341	4,304	.....
INITIAL UNEMPLOYMENT CLAIMS, State programs .....thous..	283	244	267	243	217	.....
INSURED UNEMPLOYMENT, all programs .....do....	1,248	1,271	1,046	1,088	.....	.....
State programs (50 States, D.C., and Puerto Rico) .....do....	1,184	1,204	982	1,022	.....	.....
FAILURES, INDUST. AND COMMERCIAL (Dun & Bradstreet).....number..	214	202	134	228	147	201
FINANCE:						
Currency in circulation ^{3/} .....mil. \$..	45,085	44,864	47,644	48,114	48,104	47,849
Federal Reserve bank credit outstanding, total ^{3/}.....do....	48,455	48,479	54,656	54,800	54,467	54,622
Member bank reserve balances ^{3/} .....do....	23,889	24,021	25,832	25,839	26,004	26,227
Excess reserves, estimated ^{3/} .....do....	236	432	185	451	276	332
Assets and liabilities of large commercial banks: ^{4/}						
Demand deposits, adjusted .....mil. \$..	72,955	73,581	76,164	77,211	76,909	.....
Savings deposits .....do....	47,956	47,817	48,597	48,465	48,412	.....
Loans and investments (adjusted), total .....do....	195,223	194,253	208,778	208,053	210,858	.....
U.S. Government obligations .....do....	26,645	26,169	25,327	25,209	27,299	.....
Commercial and industrial loans (gross) .....do....	63,854	63,708	69,222	69,192	69,348	.....
Real estate loans (gross) .....do....	27,798	27,780	30,226	30,280	30,373	.....
Bond yields, domestic corporate (Moody's) ^{3/} .....percent..	5.85	5.86	6.61	6.61	6.58	6.59
Stock prices, 500 stocks (Stand. & Poor's) ^{4/} 1941-43-10..	93.65	94.06	100.91	*102.23	*101.70	*99.21
Industrials, 425 stocks .....do....	101.08	101.56	109.80	*111.33	*110.76	*107.98
PRODUCTION:						
Bituminous coal ^{3/} .....thous. sh. tons..	1,832	1,862	2,379	2,138	1,884	.....
Electric power by utilities .....mil. kw.-hr..	23,494	25,227	24,485	25,960	28,055	.....
Motor vehicles (cars, trucks, buses) .....number..	104,357	54,900	175,005	216,460	184,638	130,142
Petroleum (crude) and condensate ^{3/} .....thous. bbl..	9,213	9,227	9,249	9,215	9,231	.....
Steel, raw .....thous. sh. tons..	2,220	2,231	2,697	2,667	2,621	2,561
Index of production .....1957-59 100..	119.2	119.8	144.8	143.2	140.7	137.5
RAIL FREIGHT, REVENUE TON MILES .....bil..	12.1	13.9	11.8	14.4	14.7	.....

^{1/} Data do not always cover calendar weeks. ^{2/} Tuesday price. ^{3/} Daily average. ^{4/} Wednesday data. * Tuesday averages.

MONTHLY BUSINESS STATISTICS

ITEM	1967		1968			
	May	June	Mar.	Apr.	May	June
CONSTRUCTION AND REAL ESTATE						
CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS IN 48 STATES (F. W. Dodge Co.):						
TOTAL VALUATION .....mil. \$..	5,095	5,414	5,417	4,878	6,170	5,589
Index (seasonally adjusted) .....1957-59-100..	154	164	176	146	172	160
Building, total .....mil. \$..	3,810	4,070	4,055	3,834	4,770	4,273
CONSTRUCTION COST INDEXES:						
American Appraisal Co., The:						
Average, 30 cities .....1913-100..	899	909	940	945	958	973
Atlanta .....do....	982	982	1,047	1,053	1,064	1,065
New York .....do....	997	997	1,044	1,048	1,052	1,056
San Francisco .....do....	890	891	943	944	948	958
St. Louis .....do....	912	912	923	927	962	964
FINANCE						
SECURITY MARKETS:						
BONDS:						
Sales, excl. U.S. Govt. bonds (SEC):						
All registered exchanges:						
Market value .....mil. \$..	534.32	539.46	434.68	523.16	549.78	445.94
Face value .....do....	451.62	464.38	432.90	499.30	520.63	429.15
New York Stock Exchange:						
Market value .....do....	484.92	463.58	356.71	383.18	394.65	336.37
Face value .....do....	433.73	406.43	367.88	386.64	404.34	335.50
STOCKS:						
Sales (Securities and Exchange Commission):						
Total on all registered exchanges:						
Market value .....do....	14,411	13,891	12,632	17,571	20,012	18,582
Shares sold .....millions..	397	374	336	453	568	510
On New York Stock Exchange:						
Market value .....mil. \$..	11,335	10,801	9,672	13,310	14,341	13,548
Shares sold .....millions..	257	243	221	298	333	305
FOREIGN TRADE						
EXPORTS (MDSE.), INCL. REEXPORTS, TOTAL .....mil. \$..	2,725.5	2,667.2	2,673.8	2,983.4	2,968.1	2,731.2
Excl. Department of Defense shipmentsdo....	2,683.2	2,617.9	2,639.1	2,944.2	2,944.4	2,681.5
Seasonally adjusteddo....	2,546.9	2,576.5	2,454.7	2,888.5	2,719.7	2,759.3

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FOREIGN TRADE—Con.						
GENERAL IMPORTS, TOTAL	2,222.0	2,269.8	2,558.2	2,755.3	2,814.6	2,655.5
Seasonally adjusted	2,139.9	2,227.3	2,612.4	2,640.5	2,751.9	2,846.5
TRANSPORTATION AND COMMUNICATION						
SCHEDULED AIRLINES (DOMESTIC TRUCK), OPERATING RESULTS:						
Miles flown (revenue)	105.2	105.4	120.5	120.4	.....	.....
Express and freight ton-miles flown	114.4	117.4	119.6	122.0	.....	.....
Mail ton-miles flown	29.4	28.9	45.3	43.6	.....	.....
Passengers originated (revenue)	7.9	9.2	9.0	9.3	.....	.....
Passenger-miles flown (revenue)	5.4	6.7	6.4	6.7	.....	.....
HOTELS:						
Average sale per occupied room	10.41	11.06	10.48	11.64	11.14	11.94
Rooms occupied	64	63	64	63	63	63
Restaurant sales index	128	123	129	117	134	125
CHEMICALS AND ALLIED PRODUCTS						
Paints, varnish, and lacquer:						
Factory shipments, total	231.7	250.4	206.4	229.2	242.8	.....
Trade products	34.4	46.7	114.7	135.8	142.5	.....
Industrial finishes	97.3	103.7	91.6	93.3	100.3	.....
FOOD AND KINDRED PRODUCTS; TOBACCO						
BEER:						
Production	11.26	11.21	10.10	10.84	11.48	.....
Taxable withdrawals	10.20	10.51	8.95	9.45	10.19	.....
Stocks, end of month	13.04	12.83	12.36	12.88	13.17	.....
DISTILLED SPIRITS (TOTAL):						
Production	20.27	16.50	17.63	21.21	25.14	.....
Taxable withdrawals	13.46	12.95	10.52	13.95	12.59	.....
Stocks, end of month	899.46	900.43	917.15	920.51	929.85	.....
Whisky:						
Production	15.47	10.98	14.36	16.28	20.51	.....
Taxable withdrawals	8.21	7.60	7.24	8.62	7.88	.....
Stocks, end of month	854.57	855.37	868.98	873.77	883.23	.....
Rectified spirits and wines, prod., total	9.67	9.38	7.60	10.30	9.37	.....
Whisky	5.93	5.82	4.31	6.30	5.77	.....
WINES AND DISTILLING MATERIALS:						
Effervescent wines:						
Production .....	.81	.94	1.12	1.17	.88	.....
Taxable withdrawals .....	.65	.68	.78	.63	.78	.....
Stocks, end of month	4.69	4.87	5.35	5.82	5.85	.....
Still wines:						
Production	2.63	3.14	2.92	2.94	3.01	.....
Taxable withdrawals	13.82	14.94	18.42	13.48	14.05	.....
Stocks, end of month	201.75	187.41	227.77	214.48	203.34	.....
Distilling materials produced at wineries	10.65	7.41	3.84	3.99	3.52	.....
VEGETABLE OILS AND RELATED PRODUCTS:						
Corn oil:						
Production, crude	38.5	40.2	38.5	39.0	40.7	39.2
Cottonseed cake and meal:						
Production	63.3	67.5	140.2	107.8	73.8	50.7
Stocks (at oil mills), end of month	160.9	157.8	170.6	192.4	200.5	188.9
Cottonseed oil:						
Production, crude	43.5	49.6	99.1	76.1	52.6	37.2
Linseed oil:						
Production, crude (raw)	32.5	35.4	25.8	23.4	24.3	23.2
Soybean cake and meal:						
Production	1,107.6	1,103.6	1,124.1	1,028.9	1,128.2	1,090.9
Stocks (at oil mills), end of month	111.7	122.1	196.3	150.8	123.8	151.6
Soybean oil:						
Production, crude	530.9	527.9	510.9	472.8	520.5	506.6
TOBACCO, MANUFACTURED PRODUCTS:						
Consumption (withdrawals):						
Cigarettes, small:						
Tax-exempt	4,321	5,262	4,144	3,954	4,923	.....
Taxable	48,101	48,123	41,839	40,015	47,305	.....
Cigars (large), taxable	639	529	536	569	641	.....
METALS AND MANUFACTURES						
PIG IRON:						
Production (excl. ferroalloys)	7,321	6,639	8,476	8,443	8,706	8,244
STEEL (RAH):						
PRODUCTION	10,577	9,576	12,721	12,450	12,700	11,906
Index	128.2	119.9	154.2	155.9	153.9	149.1
Radiators and convectors, shipments:						
Cast iron .....	.5	.7	.7	.4	.5	.....
Nonferrous	5.7	6.9	7.7	.....	.....	.....
Oil burners: Shipments						
.....	46.2	55.6	42.2	51.3	43.3	.....
Stocks, end of month	40.4	42.4	32.1	33.2	36.7	.....
Ranges, gas, domestic cooking, shipments						
.....	172.4	194.5	201.1	175.9	.....	.....
Stoves, gas, domestic heating, shipments	68.2	81.8	48.9	53.7	72.9	.....
Warm-air furnaces, shipments, total	98.7	107.0	125.0	122.0	113.2	.....
Gas	78.7	81.3	103.1	102.0	93.5	.....
Water heaters, gas, shipments	199.2	203.3	209.7	241.4	.....	.....

MONTHLY BUSINESS STATISTICS—Continued

ITEM	1967		1968			
	May	June	Mar.	Apr.	May	June
METALS AND MANUFACTURES—Con.						
Foundry equipment (new), new orders, not no. emp. shipments 1957-59 100..	255.0	323.9	380.5	210.4	196.2	197.3
Furnaces and ovens (indust.), dom. new orders, not mil. \$..	9.7	14.1	4.4	9.3	10.4	8.5
Electric processing	1.8	1.2	.5	.9	.9	.8
Fuel-fired (except for hot rolling steel).....	4.0	8.4	1.1	5.6	4.6	4.0
Material handling equipment (industrial):						
Orders (new), index, seasonally adj.... 1957-59 100..	170.8	203.5	243.7	242.8	227.1	.....
MACHINE TOOLS:						
Metal cutting type tools:						
Orders, new (net), total	101.00	110.80	94.15	90.10	r93.30	97.90
Domestic	90.85	100.05	84.90	78.40	r86.15	81.75
Shipments, total	118.30	129.80	139.75	105.90	r121.30	128.20
Domestic	107.35	115.50	125.40	89.35	r109.60	115.35
Order backlog, end of month	1,252.0	1,233.0	986.4	970.6	r942.6	912.3
Metal forming type tools:						
Orders, new (net), total	21.70	28.50	22.80	19.70	22.50	29.35
Domestic	18.20	23.65	20.40	17.05	18.15	26.25
Shipments, total	40.40	46.70	32.15	28.15	r29.10	35.05
Domestic	37.00	37.70	27.95	24.90	r25.50	29.10
Order backlog, end of month	304.8	286.6	203.7	195.3	r188.7	183.0
PETROLEUM, COAL, AND PRODUCTS						
BITUMINOUS COAL:						
Induct. cons. and retail del., total.....thous. sh. tons..	38,150	37,590	43,186	r38,734	39,276	.....
Electric power utilities	21,543	22,318	24,346	21,929	22,574	.....
Manufacturing and mining industries, total	15,845	14,770	17,107	r15,989	16,174	.....
Coke plants (oven and boshive)	7,836	7,327	8,211	r8,004	8,258	.....
Retail deliveries to other consumers	693	433	1,730	773	471	.....
Stocks, industrial and retail dealers', end of month, total	80,209	85,234	82,724	87,773	92,171	.....
Electric power utilities	58,156	61,831	60,750	64,121	68,213	.....
Manufacturing and mining industries, total	21,855	23,175	21,894	23,552	23,833	.....
Cven-coke plants	10,596	11,019	10,492	11,882	11,994
Retail dealers	198	228	80	100	125

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