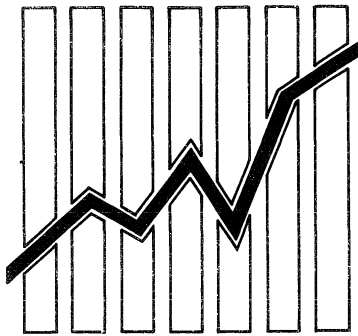


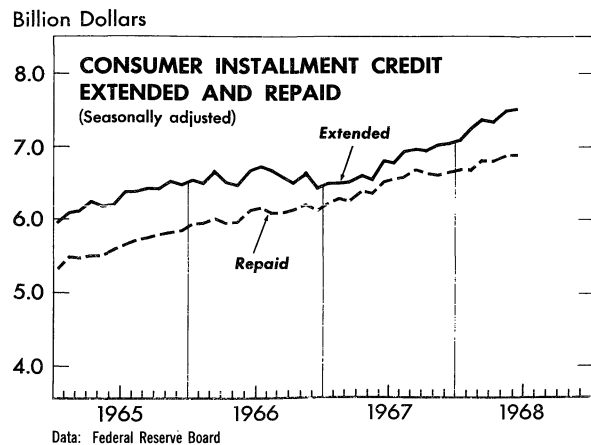
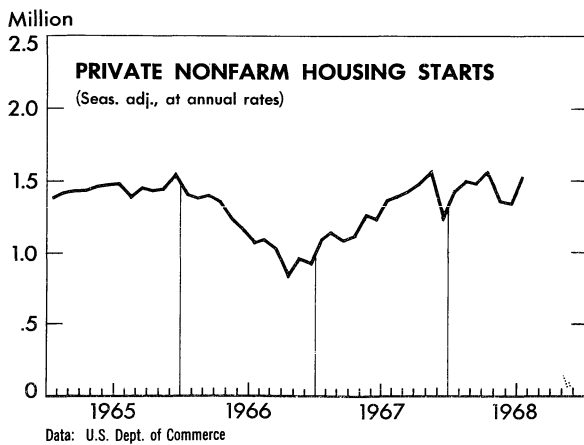
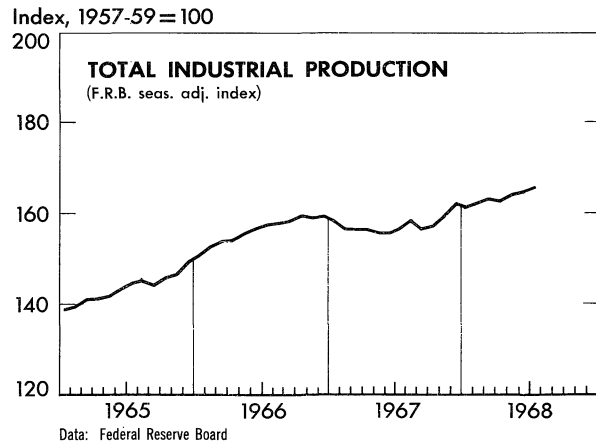
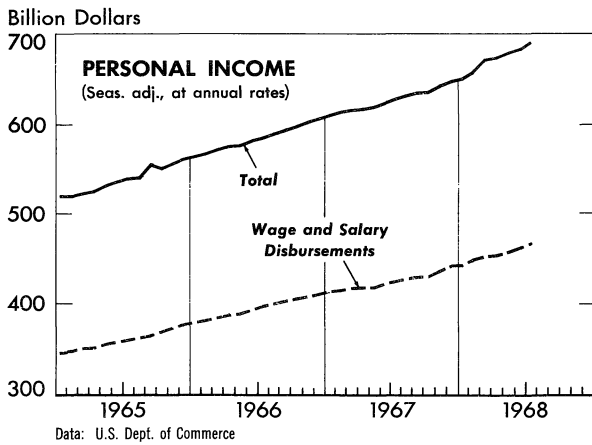
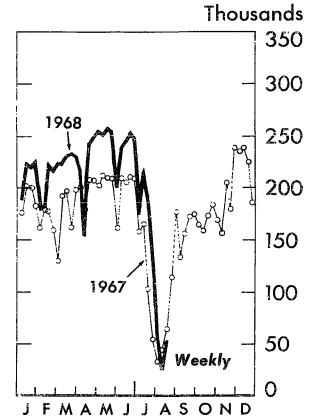
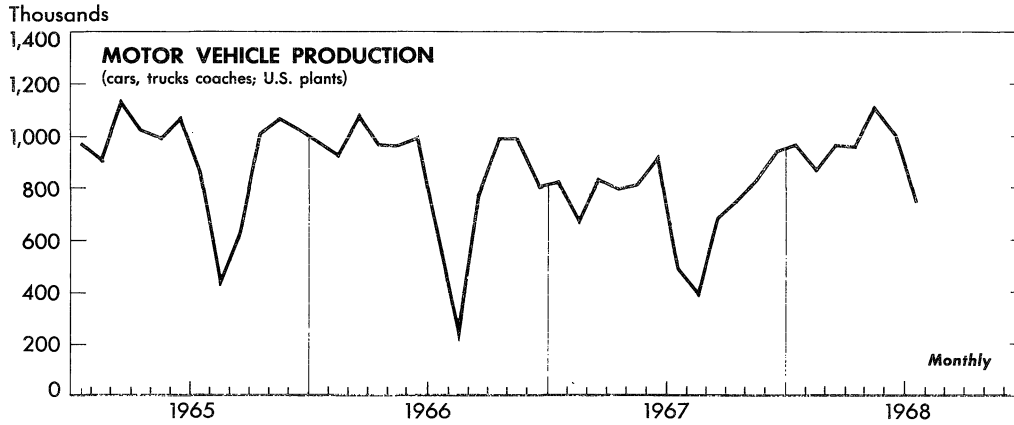
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SELECTED BUSINESS INDICATORS



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WEEKLY BUSINESS STATISTICS¹

ITEM	1967		1968			
	Aug. 12	Aug. 19	July 27	Aug. 3	Aug. 10	Aug. 17
WHOLESALE PRICES, 22 COMMODITIES ^{2/}.....1957-59=100..	96.7	96.5	93.2	93.3	93.3	93.3
ALL RETAIL STORES, SALES						
mil. \$..	5,808	5,844	6,414	6,595	6,385	.....
Nondurable goods stores	3,994	4,009	4,215	4,362	4,324	.....
INITIAL UNEMPLOYMENT CLAIMS, State programs	193	175	238	236	222	.....
INSURED UNEMPLOYMENT, all programs	1,197	1,128	1,044	1,081	.....	.....
State programs (50 States, D.C., and Puerto Rico)	1,132	1,064	975	1,012	.....	.....
FAILURES, INDUST. AND COMMERCIAL (Dun & Bradstreet)..	239	222	201	190	154	222
FINANCE:						
Currency in circulation ^{3/}.....mil. \$..	44,985	45,135	47,849	47,697	47,976	48,289
Federal Reserve bank credit outstanding, total ^{3/}.....do....	48,536	48,292	54,629	54,466	54,971	54,790
Member bank reserve balances ^{3/}	23,960	23,763	26,255	26,185	26,246	25,818
Excess reserves, estimated ^{3/}	371	382	394	340	368	270
Assets and liabilities of large commercial banks: ^{4/}						
Demand deposits, adjusted	72,726	72,863	77,042	78,839	75,898	.....
Savings deposits	48,033	47,908	48,315	48,274	48,284	.....
Loans and investments (adjusted), total	194,370	194,224	210,695	211,942	211,828	.....
U.S. Government obligations	25,529	25,628	26,929	27,070	26,897	.....
Commercial and industrial loans (gross)	62,919	63,056	69,098	69,181	69,000	.....
Real estate loans (gross)	27,923	27,979	30,436	30,434	30,466	.....
Bond yields, domestic corporate (Moody's) ^{3/}.....percent..	5.89	5.91	6.59	6.46	6.40	6.36
Stock prices, 500 stocks (Stand. & Poor's) ^{4/} ..1941-43=100..	95.78	94.55	*99.21	*97.74	*97.25	*98.53
Industrials, 425 stocks	103.52	102.15	*107.98	*106.31	*105.79	*107.28
PRODUCTION:						
Bituminous coal ^{3/}.....thous. sh. tons..	1,865	1,819	1,909	1,858	1,872	.....
Electric power by utilities	24,556	24,128	27,761	26,897	28,659	.....
Motor vehicles (cars, trucks, buses)	44,701	64,982	126,977	61,949	26,198	53,994
Petroleum (crude) and condensate ^{3/}.....thous. bbl..	9,392	9,403	9,224	9,270	9,234	.....
Steel, raw	2,338	2,318	2,561	2,235	2,068	2,032
Index of production	125.5	124.4	137.5	120.5	111.0	109.1
RAIL FREIGHT, REVENUE TON MILES	13.9	14.5	14.7	14.4	14.0	.....

^{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	
	I	II	III	IV	I	II
GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS						
NATIONAL INCOME AND PRODUCT:						
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED QUARTERLY TOTALS AT ANNUAL RATES:						
GROSS NATIONAL PRODUCT, TOTAL	772.2	780.2	795.3	811.0	831.2	r851.6
Personal consumption expenditures, total	480.9	490.3	495.5	502.2	519.4	r527.6
Durable goods, total	69.8	73.4	73.1	74.2	79.0	r80.9
Automobiles and parts	28.1	31.2	31.0	31.4	34.6	35.3
Furniture and household equipment	31.1	31.2	31.4	31.8	33.3	r34.0
Nondurable goods, total	212.9	215.3	216.4	218.4	226.5	r228.2
Clothing and shoes	40.9	42.4	42.8	42.3	44.6	r44.8
Food and beverages	108.7	108.9	109.1	110.8	113.6	116.3
Gasoline and oil	17.7	17.8	18.3	18.6	19.7	r19.4
Services, total	198.2	201.6	205.9	209.6	213.9	r218.4
Household operation	28.1	28.7	29.2	29.9	30.3	31.1
Housing	69.7	70.4	71.2	72.2	74.0	r75.4
Transportation	14.7	14.8	15.1	15.5	16.2	16.3
Gross private domestic investment, total	113.0	107.6	114.7	121.8	119.7	r127.4
Fixed investment	104.6	105.4	109.3	113.5	117.6	r117.4
Nonresidential	83.5	82.7	83.3	85.0	88.6	r87.9
Residential structures	21.1	22.7	26.0	28.5	29.1	r29.5
Change in business inventories	8.4	2.3	5.3	8.3	2.1	r10.0
Net exports of goods and services	5.2	5.1	5.4	3.4	1.5	r.9
Exports	45.5	45.5	46.1	46.0	47.5	r49.0
Imports	40.3	40.4	40.6	42.6	46.0	r48.1
Govt. purchases of goods and services, total	173.1	177.3	179.6	183.5	190.5	195.6
Federal	87.4	90.0	91.3	93.5	97.1	100.0
National defense	70.0	72.1	72.9	74.6	76.8	r79.0
State and local	85.8	87.2	88.4	90.0	93.4	r95.6

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	I	II	III	IV	I	II
GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS—Con.						
NATIONAL INCOME AND PRODUCT—Con.						
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED QUARTERLY TOTAL AT ANNUAL RATES—Con.						
NATIONAL INCOME, TOTAL	638.6	645.1	656.9	670.9	688.1	p704.7
Compensation of employees, total	456.7	461.8	471.5	482.7	496.8	r507.1
Proprietors' income, total	60.1	60.5	61.2	61.1	61.8	62.6
Business and professional	45.7	46.1	46.6	46.8	47.2	47.8
Farm	14.4	14.4	14.6	14.3	14.6	14.8
Rental income of persons	20.1	20.2	20.4	20.5	20.7	20.9
Corp. profits and inventory valuation adj., total do....	79.5	79.6	80.2	82.3	83.8	p88.4
Corporate profits before tax, total	79.9	80.3	80.8	85.4	88.9	p91.1
Corporate profits after tax	47.1	47.3	47.6	50.3	49.1	p50.3
Net interest	22.2	22.9	23.6	24.3	25.0	25.8
PERSONAL INCOME, quarterly total	614.8	621.6	633.7	645.2	662.7	r678.1
Less: Personal tax and nontax payments	80.5	80.1	83.6	85.6	88.3	r91.8
Equals: Disposable personal income	534.2	541.5	550.0	559.6	574.4	r586.3
Less: Personal outlays	494.6	504.5	509.5	516.1	533.5	r541.9
Equals: Personal saving	39.7	37.0	40.5	43.4	40.8	r44.4
	1967		1968			
	June	July	Apr.	May	June	July p/
PERSONAL INCOME BY SOURCE:						
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED, AT ANNUAL RATES:						
Total personal income	625.8	629.8	r672.6	r678.2	r683.7	689.2
Wage and salary disbursements, total	420.7	423.4	453.2	457.5	r462.2	465.7
Commodity-producing industries, total	164.7	165.9	176.7	179.3	r179.9	180.8
Manufacturing	133.0	133.3	141.6	144.3	r145.6	146.3
Distributive industries	100.5	100.9	106.9	107.4	r109.7	109.7
Service industries	70.0	70.4	75.5	76.1	r77.0	77.7
Government	85.5	86.3	94.2	94.7	r95.5	97.5
Other labor income	23.1	23.4	25.5	25.7	26.0	26.3
Proprietors' income:						
Business and professional	46.5	46.5	47.6	47.8	47.9	48.0
Farm	14.4	14.3	14.8	14.8	14.8	14.8
Rental income of persons	20.3	20.3	20.8	20.9	20.9	21.0
Dividends	23.0	23.5	24.3	24.7	24.3	25.0
Personal interest income	46.4	46.8	r50.8	r51.3	r51.9	52.6
Transfer payments	51.8	52.0	58.1	58.2	58.5	58.9
Less personal contributions for soc. insurance	20.3	20.5	r22.6	r22.8	r22.9	23.1
Total nonagricultural income	606.5	610.5	r652.4	r658.0	r663.4	669.0
INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION (F.R. INDEX OF QUANTITY OUTPUT):						
SEASONALLY ADJ., TOTAL INDEX (INCL. UTIL.) ....1957-59=100..						
BY INDUSTRY GROUPINGS:						
MANUFACTURING, TOTAL	157.0	157.6	163.7	r165.7	r166.2	166.7
Durable manufactures	161.5	162.5	167.2	r169.8	r170.4	171.1
Primary metals	129.0	129.6	143.3	148.2	148.0	151
Fabricated metal products	160.8	159.8	r161.4	r165.2	166.7	166
Machinery	177.5	180.0	179.4	r179.9	180.5	182
Transportation equipment	169.3	170.8	175.3	r180.6	182.5	183
Instruments and related products	184.1	182.9	181.4	r181.2	r181.2	181
Clay, glass, and stone products	133.5	134.1	r146.1	r146.5	143.9	143
Lumber and products	114.9	115.5	r123.9	r122.7	118.6	.....
Furniture and fixtures	166.3	162.7	174.1	r178.9	r178.8	175
Nondurable manufactures	151.4	151.5	r159.5	r160.6	160.9	161.2
Textile mill products	136.6	136.8	r146.3	r147.2	149.0	.....
Apparel products	142.4	144.2	r148.9	149.2	.....	.....
Leather and products	105.4	103.0	r114.6	118.6	.....	.....
Paper and products	151.6	149.0	r159.5	160.9	.....	.....
Printing and publishing	147.8	148.3	145.8	r149.8	149.8	150
Chemicals and products	199.9	201.0	r215.2	r215.9	216.2	.....
Petroleum products	134.4	132.8	r137.3	r139.1	138.8	.....
Rubber and plastics products	166.9	170.1	209.4	214.3	.....	.....
Foods and beverages	131.9	131.5	r135.3	r134.0	134.4	.....
Tobacco products	123.9	123.6	112.1	120.0	.....	.....
MINING	123.8	128.0	r127.1	r127.1	r128.2	129.4
Coal	122.5	122.6	124.4	120.4	r121.0	121
Crude oil and natural gas	121.6	129.1	r124.8	r126.9	r128.2	130
Metal mining	133.9	119.7	r139.9	r131.4	129.8	.....
UTILITIES	183.7	184.6	195.8	r196.1	r197.4	197.3
Electric	190.3	191.4	204.9	205.0	.....	.....
BY MARKET GROUPINGS:						
Final products, total	156.8	157.1	161.7	r163.0	r164.3	164.3
Consumer goods	146.9	147.1	r153.5	r154.6	r155.6	155.6
Automotive and home goods	154.3	156.4	169.5	r173.5	r174.9	175
Automotive products	151.2	155.2	168.7	r178.1	180.6	182
Autos	156.0	160.7	166.8	182.3	r183.5	184
Auto parts and allied products	144.8	148.0	171.2	r172.6	176.8	.....
Apparel and staples	144.6	144.1	r148.3	148.6	.....	.....
Equipment, including defense	178.1	178.4	179.4	r181.1	r182.9	183.1
Business equipment	181.3	180.8	r180.9	r182.5	r183.9	184
Materials	154.9	156.1	r163.1	r165.2	r165.7	166.5
Durable goods materials	148.9	149.7	r157.1	r159.3	159.3	161
Nondurable materials	161.1	162.6	r169.3	r171.3	r172.2	173

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MONTHLY BUSINESS STATISTICS—Continued

ITEM	1967		1968			
	June	July	Apr.	May	June	July
CONSTRUCTION AND REAL ESTATE						
NEW CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS:						
Advance planning (ENR) 1/	5,809	6,829	2,835	4,663	3,267	2,800
NEW HOUSING UNITS STARTED:						
Unadjusted:						
Total, incl. farm (private and public)	131.6	126.1	165.2	r145.1	r141.3	143.1
Privately owned	125.4	125.3	162.0	r140.9	r136.2	140.4
Total nonfarm (private and public)	129.6	124.9	162.2	r143.3	r139.4	140.6
Privately owned	123.4	124.0	159.1	r139.0	r134.3	137.9
Seasonally adjusted at annual rates:						
Total, incl. farm (private only)	1,233	1,369	1,591	r1,364	r1,349	1,539
Total nonfarm (private only)	1,214	1,356	1,562	r1,345	r1,332	1,515
NEW PRIVATE HOUSING UNITS AUTHORIZED BY BUILDING PERMITS (13,000 permit-issuing places):						
Seasonally adjusted at annual rates:						
Total	r1,156	r1,144	1,340	1,280	r1,281	1,236
One-family structures	r657	r654	675	659	r641	648
CONSTRUCTION COST INDEXES:						
American Appraisal Co., The:						
Average, 30 cities	909	915	945	958	973	979
Atlanta	982	995	1,053	1,064	1,065	1,075
New York	997	1,013	1,048	1,052	1,056	1,087
San Francisco	891	923	944	948	958	968
St. Louis	912	912	927	962	964	964
Associated General Contractors (bldg. only)	131	133	135	136	138	140
E. H. Boeckh and Associates, Inc.:						
Average, 20 cities:						
All types combined	130.1	131.9	135.3	137.3	139.6	.....
Apartments, hotels, office buildings	131.2	133.0	136.2	138.4	140.8	.....
Commercial and factory buildings	130.2	132.2	135.5	137.5	139.8	.....
Residences	127.9	129.4	133.3	135.2	137.4	.....
Engineering News-Record:						
Building	127.3	127.8	132.9	134.8	136.2	*136.7
Construction	140.5	141.9	147.6	150.2	151.9	*152.4
FINANCE						
GOLD MONETARY STOCK, U.S., end of month	13,110	13,108	10,484	10,384	10,367	10,367
SILVER, PRICE AT NEW YORK	1.301	1.593	2.203	2.377	2.464	2.314

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