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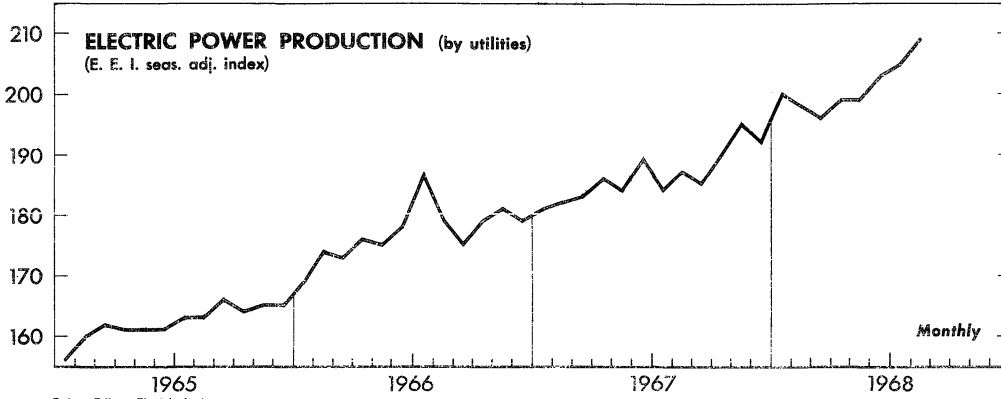


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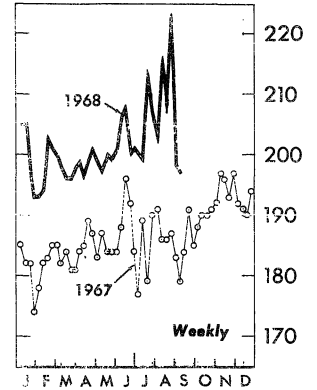
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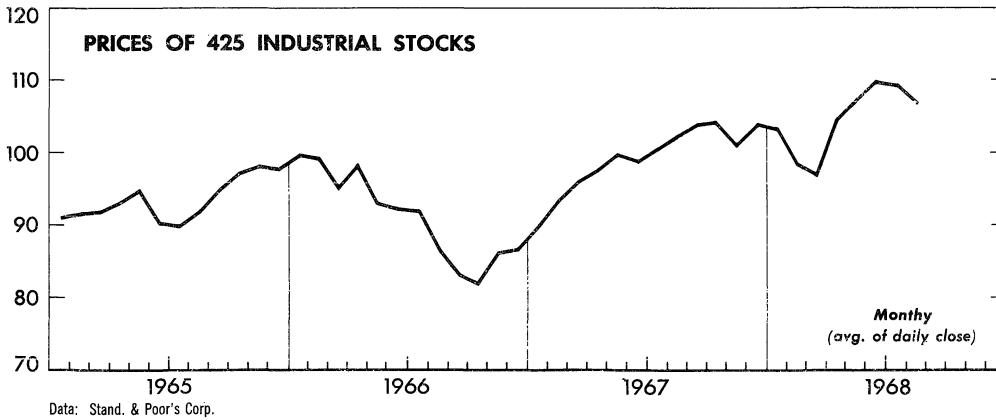
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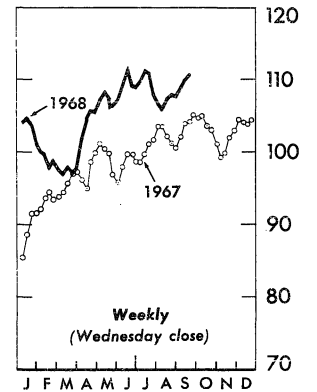
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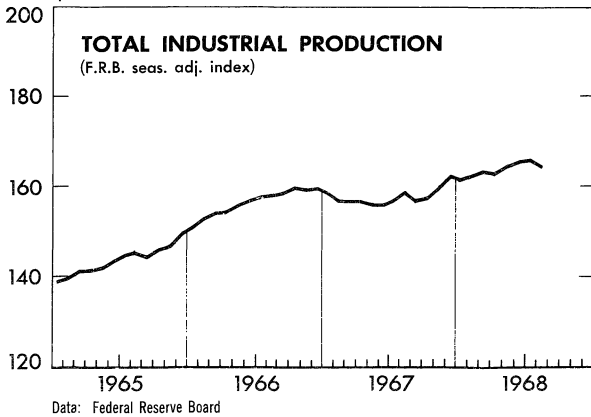
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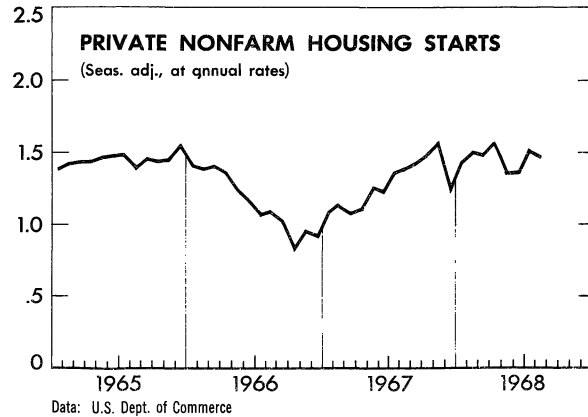
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WEEKLY BUSINESS STATISTICS¹

ITEM	1967		1968			
	Sept. 16	Sept. 23	Aug. 31	Sept. 7	Sept. 14	Sept. 21
WHOLESALE PRICES, 22 COMMODITIES ^{2/}.....1957-59=100..	95.6	96.3	94.1	93.9	94.2	94.7
ALL RETAIL STORES, SALES	5,934	5,955	6,864	6,228	6,411	.....
Nondurable goods stores	4,117	4,012	4,709	4,434	4,466	.....
INITIAL UNEMPLOYMENT CLAIMS, State programs	166	156	139	136	142	.....
INSURED UNEMPLOYMENT, all programs	954	939	910	901	.....	.....
State programs (50 States, D.C., and Puerto Rico)	891	878	845	836	.....	.....
FAILURES, INDUST. AND COMMERCIAL (Dun & Bradstreet).....	235	204	191	150	180	180
FINANCE:						
Currency in circulation ^{3/}	45,398	45,223	48,190	48,424	48,685	48,567
Federal Reserve bank credit outstanding, total ^{3/}	47,880	47,971	54,810	55,180	54,930	54,224
Member bank reserve balances ^{3/}	24,039	24,316	25,782	25,871	26,196	25,911
Excess reserves, estimated ^{3/}	386	408	167	272	538	312
Assets and liabilities of large commercial banks: ^{4/}						
Demand deposits, adjusted	74,678	73,713	76,793	77,318	77,376	.....
Savings deposits	48,161	48,109	48,269	48,283	48,298	.....
Loans and investments (adjusted), total	196,154	197,842	212,744	214,102	216,768	.....
U.S. Government obligations	27,209	27,423	27,781	28,029	28,908	.....
Commercial and industrial loans (gross)	62,336	63,149	68,123	68,182	68,514	.....
Real estate loans (gross)	28,271	28,286	30,740	30,760	30,845	.....
Bond yields, domestic corporate (Moody's) ^{3/}	5.99	5.99	6.33	6.33	6.34	6.35
Stock prices, 500 stocks (Stand. & Poor's) ^{4/}	95.99	96.13	*98.81	100.02	*100.73	*101.50
Industrials, 425 stocks	103.98	104.25	*107.58	109.02	*109.80	*110.73
PRODUCTION:						
Bituminous coal ^{3/}	1,833	1,869	1,943	1,940	1,926	.....
Electric power, by utilities	23,123	23,518	25,839	24,261	24,918	.....
Motor vehicles (cars, trucks, buses)	156,388	172,862	128,788	144,038	195,133	209,000
Petroleum (crude) and condensate ^{3/}	9,211	9,281	9,235	9,099	9,036	.....
Steel, raw	2,469	2,440	1,948	1,862	1,881	1,886
Index of production	132.5	131.0	104.6	99.9	101.0	101.2
RAIL FREIGHT, REVENUE TON-MILES	14.2	14.5	14.7	12.7	15.0	.....

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

MONTHLY BUSINESS STATISTICS

ITEM	1967		1968			
	July	Aug.	May	June	July	Aug. p/
GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS						
INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION (F.R. INDEX OF QUANTITY OUTPUT):						
SEASONALLY ADJ., TOTAL INDEX (INCL. UTIL.)...1957-59=100..	156.6	158.1	r164.2	r165.2	r165.6	164.0
BY INDUSTRY GROUPINGS:						
MANUFACTURING, TOTAL						
Durable manufactures	157.6	159.4	r165.8	r166.7	r166.9	165.1
Primary metals	162.5	163.6	169.8	r170.7	r171.2	168.1
Fabricated metal products	129.6	129.3	r148.5	r148.9	r150.4	130
Machinery	159.8	159.1	r165.0	r166.1	166.3	164
Transportation equipment	180.0	182.8	179.9	r181.0	r181.8	183
Instruments and related products	170.8	171.9	r180.4	r182.6	183.0	183
Clay, glass, and stone products	182.9	183.2	181.2	r181.3	181.2	180
Lumber and products	134.1	136.9	r146.4	r145.0	143.1	142
Furniture and fixtures	115.5	109.2	122.7	r122.5	123.5	.....
Nondurable manufactures	162.7	164.8	178.9	r177.7	175.2	175
Textile mill products	151.5	154.0	r160.8	r161.6	r161.5	161.4
Apparel products	136.8	138.7	147.2	r149.6	150.7	.....
Leather and products	144.2	146.4	r149.6	150.4	.....	.....
Paper and products	103.0	106.5	r118.0	117.1	.....	.....
Printing and publishing	149.0	152.8	r161.1	161.8	162.0	.....
Chemicals and products	148.3	148.6	149.8	r149.6	r149.4	150
Petroleum products	201.0	200.7	r216.6	r216.8	217.5	.....
Rubber and plastics products	132.8	133.2	r139.9	r140.7	139.0	.....
Foods and beverages	170.1	203.1	214.3	215.8	.....	.....
Tobacco products	131.5	131.7	134.0	r134.3	134.5	.....
MINING	123.6	121.4	120.0	122.8	.....	.....
Coal	128.0	127.8	r126.9	r128.9	r130.5	130.3
Crude oil and natural gas	122.6	117.2	120.4	r126.7	r126.6	122
Metal mining	129.1	131.2	r126.6	128.2	r129.7	130
UTILITIES	119.7	105.7	131.4	r130.5	137.5	.....
Electric	184.6	185.4	196.1	r197.7	r198.2	197.7
	191.4	192.1	205.0	207.0	.....	.....

ITEM	1967		1968			
	July	Aug.	May	June	July	Aug.
GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS--Con.						
INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION (F.R. INDEX OF QUANTITY OUTPUT)--Con.						
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED INDEX--Con.						
BY MARKET GROUPINGS:						
Final products, total .....1957-59=100..	157.1	158.2	163.0	r164.7	r164.7	p164.8
Consumer goods .....do....	147.1	148.6	154.6	r156.2	r156.3	p156.1
Automotive and home goods .....do....	156.4	162.5	r173.6	r175.5	175.1	p175
Automotive products .....do....	155.2	161.1	178.1	r180.7	r180.5	p180
Autos .....do....	160.7	163.7	182.3	183.5	r183.7	p182
Auto parts and allied products .....do....	148.0	157.8	172.6	r177.1	176.3	.....
Apparel and staples .....do....	144.1	144.2	148.6	150.2	.....	.....
Equipment, including defense .....do....	178.4	178.9	181.1	r183.0	r182.6	183.5
Business equipment .....do....	180.8	180.6	182.5	r184.0	r183.3	184
Materials .....do....	156.1	157.9	165.2	r166.2	r167.0	163.0
Durable goods materials .....do....	149.7	151.8	r159.4	r159.9	r160.9	154
Nondurable materials .....do....	162.6	164.2	r171.2	r172.6	173.3	172
CONSTRUCTION AND REAL ESTATE						
NEW HOUSING UNITS STARTED:						
Unadjusted:						
Total, incl. farm (private and public) .....thous..	126.1	130.2	145.1	r142.9	r142.6	140.1
Privately owned .....do....	125.3	127.4	140.9	r137.9	r139.9	135.7
Total nonfarm (private and public) .....do....	124.9	126.5	143.3	r141.1	r140.1	137.9
Privately owned .....do....	124.0	123.6	139.0	r136.0	r137.4	133.5
Seasonally adjusted at annual rates:						
Total, incl. farm (private only) .....do....	1,369	1,407	1,364	r1,365	r1,532	1,508
Total nonfarm (private only) .....do....	1,356	1,381	1,345	r1,348	r1,508	1,486
NEW PRIVATE HOUSING UNITS AUTHORIZED BY BUILDING PERMITS (13,000 permit-issuing places):						
Seasonally adjusted at annual rates:						
Total .....thous..	1,144	1,169	1,280	1,281	r1,289	1,246
One-family structures .....do....	654	664	659	641	r663	663
CONSTRUCTION COST INDEXES:						
American Appraisal Co., The:						
Average, 30 cities .....1913=100..	915	917	958	973	979	986
Atlanta .....do....	995	998	1,064	1,065	1,075	1,081
New Yorkdo....	1,013	1,015	1,052	1,056	1,087	1,090
San Franciscodo....	923	924	948	958	968	979
St. Louisdo....	912	912	962	964	964	967
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CHEMICALS AND ALLIED PRODUCTS.						
Paints, varnish, and lacquer:						
Factory shipments, totalmil. \$..	240.0	206.3	229.2	241.7	239.0	231.6
Trade products .....do....	141.7	129.6	135.8	141.4	139.8	140.5
Industrial finishes .....do....	98.3	76.7	93.3	100.3	99.2	91.1
ELECTRIC POWER						
PRODUCTION, TOTAL mil. kw.-hr..						
Electric utilities, total.....do....	111,704	114,428	109,234	114,607	119,340	127,472
By fuels .....do....	103,007	106,019	100,340	105,522	110,645	118,870
By water power .....do....	84,505	87,106	81,341	85,998	91,708	99,841
Privately and municipally owned utilities .....do....	18,502	18,914	18,999	19,524	18,936	19,029
Other producers (publicly owned) .....do....	83,772	85,836	80,976	85,251	90,318	97,308
Industrial establishments, total .....do....	19,235	20,184	19,364	20,271	20,326	21,562
By fuels .....do....	8,697	8,409	8,895	9,084	8,695	8,603
By waterpower .....do....	8,408	8,183	8,578	8,758	8,378	8,338
SALES TO ULTIMATE CUSTOMERS, TOTAL (Edison Electric Institute) mil. kw.-hr..	289	226	317	327	317	265
Commercial and industrial:						
Small light and power .....do....	r90,632	94,197	94,620	94,367	97,169	.....
Large light and power .....do....	20,343	22,196	20,029	20,621	22,064	.....
Railways and railroads .....do....	40,991	40,130	42,488	43,488	43,354	.....
Residential or domestic .....do....	337	336	358	351	336	.....
Street and highway lighting .....do....	25,510	28,166	28,118	26,239	27,676	.....
Other public authorities .....do....	r712	713	815	775	750	.....
Interdepartmental .....do....	r2,440	2,341	2,527	2,586	2,685	.....
REVENUE FROM SALES TO ULTIMATE CUSTOMERS (Edison Electric Institute) .....mil. \$..	301	315	284	307	304	.....
FOOD AND KINDRED PRODUCTS; TOBACCO						
BEER:						
Production .....mil. bbl..	11.21	10.64	10.84	11.48	11.37	12.30
Taxable withdrawals .....do....	10.51	9.63	9.45	10.19	10.30	11.58
Stocks, end of month .....do....	12.83	13.03	12.88	13.17	13.31	13.02
TOBACCO, MANUFACTURED PRODUCTS:						
Consumption (withdrawals):						
Cigarettes, small:						
Tax-exempt .....millions..	5,262	4,141	3,954	4,923	4,659	4,788
Taxable .....do....	48,123	41,376	40,015	47,305	43,407	44,093
Cigars (large), taxable .....do....	529	485	569	641	535	.....

MONTHLY BUSINESS STATISTICS—Continued

ITEM	1967		1968			
	June	July	Apr.	May	June	July
LABOR FORCE, EMPLOYMENT, AND EARNINGS						
Man-hours in nonfarm establishments, all employees, seasonally adjusted, annual rate .....bil. man-hours..	131.39	131.52	134.01	134.68	r135.46	*r135.93
METALS AND MANUFACTURES						
Castings, gray iron:						
Orders, unfilled, for sale, end of month.....thous. sh. tons..	886	882	1,026	r1,031	r986	965
Shipments, total .....do.....	1,256	934	1,352	r1,455	r1,291	1,147
For sale .....do.....	709	581	802	r835	r774	700
Castings, malleable iron:						
Orders, unfilled, for sale, end of month .....do.....	131	132	117	112	r113	121
Shipments, total .....do.....	88	64	94	102	r91	79
For sale .....do.....	53	41	50	55	r48	44
Steel castings:						
orders, unfilled, for sale, end of month .....do.....	342	328	300	283	262	279
Shipments, total .....do.....	168	124	153	155	r144	129
For sale .....do.....	142	105	125	125	r118	109
Steel products, net shipments:						
By market classification:						
Total .....do.....	7,029	6,221	9,035	9,718	9,492	10,368
Service centers and distributors .....do.....	1,260	1,131	1,641	1,613	1,550	1,919
Construction, incl. maintenance .....do.....	1,069	948	1,223	1,339	1,296	1,412
Contractors' products .....do.....	403	371	485	527	524	581
Automotive .....do.....	1,297	1,209	1,945	2,089	2,084	2,033
Rail Transportation .....do.....	273	206	293	310	293	306
Machinery, industrial equip., tools .....do.....	386	329	556	597	568	608
Containers, packaging, ship. materials .....do.....	660	587	727	914	954	1,040
Other .....do.....	1,680	1,441	2,164	2,329	2,223	2,470
TEXTILE PRODUCTS						
Women's, misses', juniors' outerwear, cuttings:						
Coats .....thous. units..	1,776	1,759	1,209	1,588	r1,749	1,938
Dresses .....do.....	23,693	19,256	28,394	24,049	r21,034	19,135
Suits .....do.....	702	592	622	526	r643	662
Blouses, waists, and shirts .....thous. doz..	1,179	961	1,410	1,455	r1,271	1,167
Skirtsdo.....	808	801	714	649	r742	870

r/ Revised. * Preliminary Aug. 1968 estimate, 136.49 bil. man-hours.
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