

BUSINESS STATISTICS

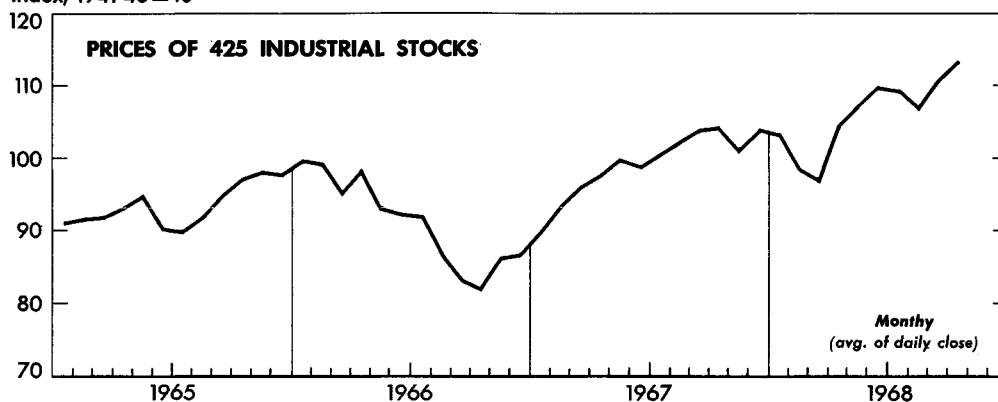


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TO THE
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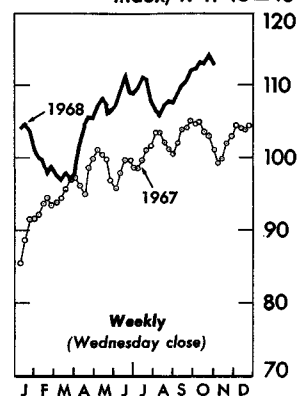
SELECTED BUSINESS INDICATORS

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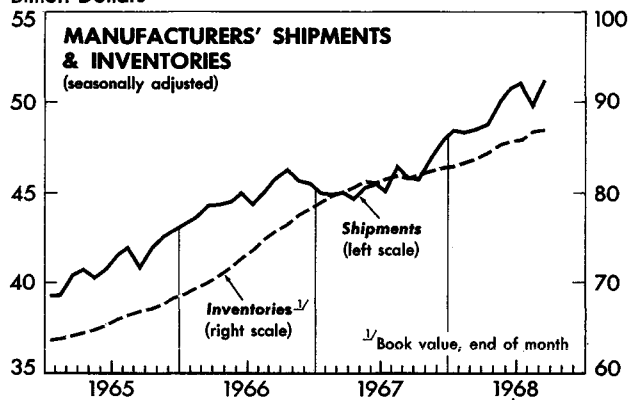


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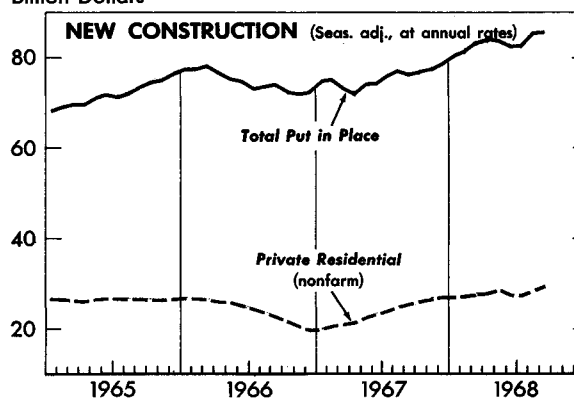


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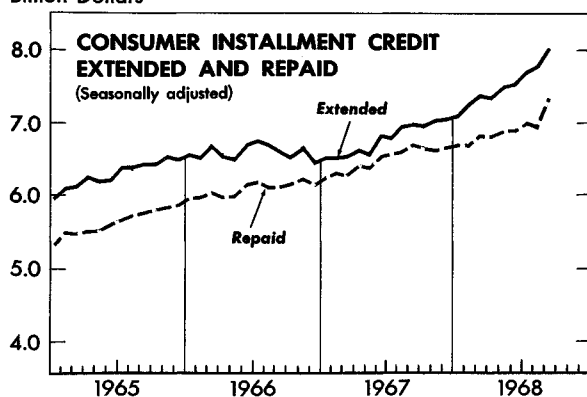
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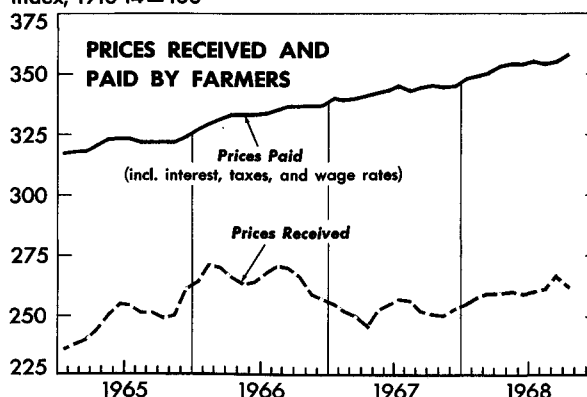
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Index, 1910-14=100



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WEEKLY BUSINESS STATISTICS¹

ITEM	1967		1968			
	Oct. 28	Nov. 4	Oct. 12	Oct. 19	Oct. 26	Nov. 2
WHOLESALE PRICES, 22 COMMODITIES <u>2/</u>.....1957-59=100..	94.5	94.8	94.5	95.3	95.4	96.8
ALL RETAIL STORES, SALES .....mil. \$..	6,056	6,225	6,603	6,696	6,654	.....
Nondurable goods stores .....do....	4,044	4,255	4,424	4,457	4,415	.....
INITIAL UNEMPLOYMENT CLAIMS, State programs .....thous..	174	205	151	152	152	.....
INSURED UNEMPLOYMENT, all programs .....do....	959	986	856	859	.....	.....
State programs (50 States, D.C., and Puerto Rico) ...do....	893	919	790	791	.....	.....
FAILURES, INDUST. AND COMMERCIAL (Dun & Bradstreet)...number..	239	216	189	184	156	.....
FINANCE:						
Currency in circulation <u>3/</u> .....mil. \$..	45,429	45,341	48,550	48,764	48,702	48,556
Federal Reserve bank credit outstanding, total <u>3/</u>....do....	48,773	48,643	55,443	56,105	55,850	55,610
Member bank reserve balances <u>3/</u>.....do....	24,549	24,705	26,455	26,960	26,459	26,670
Excess reserves, estimated <u>3/</u>.....do....	190	291	175	352	-18	301
Assets and liabilities of large commercial banks: <u>4/</u>						
Demand deposits, adjusted .....mil. \$..	75,797	77,183	76,984	77,115	76,387	.....
Savings deposits .....do....	48,562	48,438	48,506	48,512	48,527	.....
Loans and investments (adjusted), total .....do....	199,391	200,894	218,822	218,884	217,265	.....
U.S. Government obligations .....do....	28,729	28,915	28,599	28,516	28,262	.....
Commercial and industrial loans (gross) .....do....	63,134	63,401	69,903	70,353	69,957	.....
Real estate loans (gross) .....do....	28,549	28,531	31,125	31,245	31,316	.....
Bond yields, domestic corporate (Moody's) <u>3/</u>.....percent..	6.22	6.25	6.40	6.44	6.47	.....
Stock prices, 500 stocks (Stand. & Poor's) <u>4/</u> ..1941-43=10..	94.52	92.71	*103.74	*103.53	*104.57	*103.30
Industrials, 425 stocks .....do....	103.00	101.05	*113.27	*113.01	*114.22	*112.79
PRODUCTION:						
Bituminous coal <u>3/</u>.....thous. sh. tons..	1,844	1,798	772	1,340	.....	.....
Electric power, by utilities .....mil. kw.-hr..	22,752	23,124	24,316	24,837	24,452	.....
Motor vehicles (cars, trucks, buses) .....number..	184,589	169,909	252,625	246,242	246,933	259,390
Petroleum (crude) and condensate <u>3/</u> .....thous. bbl..	8,828	8,997	9,049	9,027	9,028	.....
Steel, raw .....thous. sh. tons..	2,561	2,568	1,987	2,026	2,111	2,080
Index of production .....1957-59=100..	137.5	137.8	106.7	108.8	113.3	111.7
RAIL FREIGHT, REVENUE TON-MILES .....bil..	15.2	14.9	14.0	14.9	15.8	.....

^{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			
	Aug.	Sept.	June	July	Aug.	Sept.
GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS						
MANUFACTURERS' SHIPMENTS:						
NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED, TOTAL .....mil. \$..	44,823	47,203	53,163	47,378	r47,967	52,855
Durable goods industries, total <u>1/</u> .....do....	23,843	25,527	29,606	25,612	r24,692	28,448
Stone, clay, and glass products .....do....	1,332	1,362	1,402	1,297	r1,403	1,472
Primary metals .....do....	3,652	3,709	4,852	4,352	r3,536	3,887
Fabricated metal products .....do....	2,717	2,727	3,015	2,703	r2,896	2,971
Machinery, except electrical .....do....	4,156	4,450	5,165	4,376	r4,519	5,000
Electrical machinery .....do....	3,397	3,720	3,717	3,151	r3,389	3,744
Transportation equipment .....do....	5,077	5,925	7,466	6,086	r4,976	7,166
Instruments and related products .....do....	828	890	994	860	r955	1,050
Nondurable goods industries, total <u>1/</u>.....do....	20,980	21,676	23,557	21,766	r23,275	24,407
Food and kindred products .....do....	6,899	7,340	7,680	7,455	r7,729	8,269
Tobacco products .....do....	424	402	437	419	r438	418
Textile mill products .....do....	1,650	1,755	1,892	1,585	r1,819	1,892
Paper and allied products .....do....	1,797	1,805	2,123	1,901	r2,041	2,183
Chemicals and allied products .....do....	3,523	3,688	4,127	3,588	r3,940	4,192
Petroleum and coal products .....do....	1,772	1,781	1,955	1,837	r1,884	1,897
Rubber and plastics products .....do....	1,054	1,068	1,252	1,099	r1,160	1,227
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED, TOTAL .....do....	46,471	45,884	50,729	r51,308	r49,708	51,196
By industry group:						
Durable goods industries, total <u>1/</u>.....do....	25,759	25,171	27,633	r28,094	r26,720	27,860
Stone, clay, and glass products .....do....	1,229	1,265	1,263	1,280	r1,295	1,368
Primary metals .....do....	3,775	3,765	4,603	4,741	r3,662	3,937
Fabricated metal products .....do....	2,630	2,627	2,811	2,898	r2,799	2,865
Machinery, except electrical .....do....	4,469	4,490	4,749	4,740	r4,853	5,045
Electrical machinery .....do....	3,495	3,498	3,601	3,503	r3,503	3,535
Transportation equipmentdo....	6,787	6,123	6,801	r7,031	r6,789	7,158
Instruments and related productsdo....	842	836	944	926	r969	988

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ITEM	1967		1968			
	Aug.	Sept.	June	July	Aug.	Sept.
GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS—Con.						
MANUFACTURERS' SHIPMENTS (SEAS. ADJ.)—Con.						
By industry group—Con.						
Nondurable goods industries, total 1/.....mil. \$..	20,712	20,713	23,096	23,214	r22,988	23,336
Food and kindred products .....do....	6,883	6,968	7,499	7,754	r7,721	7,833
Tobacco products .....do....	404	391	399	408	r418	407
Textile mill products .....do....	1,592	1,637	1,804	1,867	r1,746	1,765
Paper and allied products .....do....	1,771	1,746	2,045	2,056	r2,016	2,114
Chemicals and allied products .....do....	3,582	3,543	3,966	3,881	r4,014	4,051
Petroleum and coal products .....do....	1,758	1,771	1,911	1,824	r1,869	1,883
Rubber and plastics products.....do....	1,088	1,068	1,182	1,210	r1,197	1,227
INVENTORIES, END OF MONTH:						
Book value (unadjusted), total .....do....	81,395	81,041	85,775	85,314	r86,247	86,172
Durable goods industries, total .....do....	52,630	52,280	55,756	55,128	r55,897	55,850
Nondurable goods industries, total .....do....	28,765	28,761	30,019	30,186	r30,350	30,322
Book value (seasonally adjusted), total .....do....	81,853	81,719	85,582	85,829	r86,713	86,880
By industry group:						
Durable goods industries, total 1/ .....do....	52,801	52,582	55,442	55,461	r56,069	56,175
Stone, clay, and glass products .....do....	1,971	1,949	1,957	1,997	r2,003	2,070
Primary metals .....do....	7,590	7,580	7,506	7,255	r7,433	7,502
Fabricated metal products .....do....	5,418	5,411	5,963	6,077	r6,102	6,151
Machinery, except electrical .....do....	10,821	10,843	11,107	11,132	r11,174	11,207
Electrical machinery .....do....	8,136	8,121	8,352	8,463	r8,448	8,390
Transportation equipment .....do....	12,330	12,120	13,603	13,494	r13,761	13,669
Instruments and related products .....do....	1,959	1,967	2,042	2,056	r2,061	2,076
Nondurable goods industries, total 1/ .....do....	29,052	29,137	30,140	30,368	r30,644	30,705
Food and kindred products .....do....	7,034	7,010	7,262	7,376	r7,434	7,405
Tobacco products .....do....	2,263	2,254	2,278	2,276	r2,259	2,219
Textile mill products .....do....	3,186	3,216	3,440	3,392	r3,474	3,523
Paper and allied products .....do....	2,228	2,225	2,326	2,338	r2,327	2,340
Chemicals and allied products .....do....	5,500	5,528	5,664	5,708	r5,751	5,787
Petroleum and coal products .....do....	1,922	1,933	2,021	2,047	r2,066	2,081
Rubber and plastics products .....do....	1,591	1,589	1,693	1,704	r1,748	1,731
NEW ORDERS, NET (NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED), TOTAL .....do....	45,094	47,414	52,469	46,738	r48,449	53,488
Durable goods industries, total .....do....	24,082	25,714	28,866	24,951	r25,316	29,093
Nondurable goods industries, total .....do....	21,012	21,700	23,603	21,787	r23,133	24,395
NEW ORDERS, NET (SEASONALLY ADJUSTED), TOTAL .....do....	46,654	45,942	49,850	r50,064	r50,084	51,610
By industry group:						
Durable goods industries, total 1/ .....do....	25,879	25,177	26,701	r26,808	r27,212	28,258
Primary metals .....do....	3,950	3,914	3,867	3,859	r3,491	4,056
Fabricated metal products .....do....	2,864	2,646	2,824	2,755	r2,917	3,137
Machinery, except electrical .....do....	4,455	4,391	4,810	4,923	4,766	5,156
Electrical machinery .....do....	3,633	3,601	3,725	3,476	r3,501	3,726
Transportation equipment .....do....	6,318	5,905	6,259	r6,632	r7,362	6,806
Nondurable goods industries, total .....do....	20,775	20,765	23,149	23,256	r22,872	23,352
Industries with unfilled orders .....do....	5,579	5,557	6,271	6,304	r5,953	6,362
Industries without unfilled orders .....do....	15,196	15,208	16,878	16,952	r16,919	16,990
UNFILLED ORDERS, END OF MONTH (UNADJ.), TOTAL .....do....	81,307	81,518	83,861	83,220	r83,700	84,334
Durable goods industries, total .....do....	78,367	78,554	80,706	80,044	r80,667	81,314
Nondurable goods industries with unfilled orders .....do....	2,940	2,964	3,155	3,176	r3,033	3,020
UNFILLED ORDERS, END OF MONTH (SEAS. ADJ.), TOTAL .....do....	80,854	80,912	84,048	82,806	r83,184	83,598
By industry group:						
Durable goods industries, total 1/ .....do....	77,935	77,941	80,970	79,684	r80,177	80,576
Primary metals .....do....	6,424	6,573	6,586	5,704	r5,533	5,651
Fabricated metal products .....do....	8,099	8,118	8,895	8,752	r8,870	9,143
Machinery, except electrical .....do....	14,768	14,669	14,225	14,408	r14,321	14,432
Electrical machinery .....do....	13,131	13,234	12,829	12,803	r12,801	12,992
Transportation equipment .....do....	29,861	29,643	32,767	32,368	r32,941	32,589
Nondurable goods industries with unfilled orders .....do....	2,919	2,971	3,078	3,122	r3,007	3,022
INDUSTRIAL AND COMMERCIAL FAILURES (Dun & Bradstreet, Inc.):						
Failures, total .....number..	1,017	913	751	810	734	705
Commercial service .....do....	98	93	92	88	87	68
Construction .....do....	159	152	140	134	129	112
Manufacturing and mining .....do....	172	145	128	119	105	126
Retail trade .....do....	490	431	317	380	344	320
Wholesale trade .....do....	98	92	74	89	69	79
Liabilities (current), total .....thous. \$..	108,901	93,943	74,657	90,269	65,766	58,651
Commercial service .....do....	12,310	6,344	6,885	9,942	6,525	5,857
Construction .....do....	12,758	11,536	25,378	31,275	14,595	15,703
Manufacturing and mining .....do....	33,294	29,177	15,368	20,589	22,113	15,951
Retail trade .....do....	37,861	37,769	14,415	19,740	14,098	13,721
Wholesale trade .....do....	12,678	9,117	12,611	8,723	8,435	7,419
Failure annual rate (seas. adj.)..No. per 10,000 concerns..	49.3	49.1	36.9	41.0	36.5	40.3
CONSTRUCTION AND REAL ESTATE						
NEW CONSTRUCTION PUT IN PLACE (UNADJ.), TOTAL..... mil. \$..	7,297	7,356	7,565	7,825	r8,102	8,055
Private, total .....do....	4,863	4,926	4,914	5,068	r5,318	5,300
Residential (nonfarm) .....do....	2,471	2,446	2,579	2,687	r2,770	2,759
New housing units .....do....	1,810	1,835	2,015	2,075	r2,123	2,138
Nonresidential buildings, total 2/ .....do....	1,589	1,677	1,523	1,535	r1,690	1,680
Industrial .....do....	528	590	429	417	r485	498
Commercial .....do....	596	625	689	721	r782	749
Public, total .....do....	2,434	2,430	2,651	2,757	r2,784	2,755

MONTHLY BUSINESS STATISTICS—Continued

ITEM	1967		1968			
	Aug.	Sept.	June	July	Aug.	Sept.
CONSTRUCTION AND REAL ESTATE—Con.						
NEW CONSTRUCTION PUT IN PLACE (SEASONALLY ADJUSTED AT ANNUAL RATES), TOTAL	76.7	78.3	82.5	82.7	r85.1	85.5
Private, total	51.6	52.8	54.5	54.7	r56.5	56.8
Residential (nonfarm)	25.0	25.8	27.7	27.4	r28.1	29.1
Nonresidential buildings, total <u>1</u> /	17.8	18.2	17.7	17.6	r19.0	18.2
Industrial	6.1	6.4	4.9	4.8	r5.6	5.4
Commercial	6.6	6.7	8.1	8.3	r8.6	8.1
Public, total	25.1	25.4	28.0	28.0	28.6	28.8
CONSTRUCTION COST INDEXES:						
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE COMPOSITE .....1957-59=100..	126	127	132	132	133	134
FINANCE						
CONSUMER CREDIT (SHORT- AND INTERMEDIATE-TERM):						
Total outstanding, end of month .....mil. \$..	95,684	95,886	101,467	102,439	103,775	104,322
Installment credit, total	75,889	76,039	80,363	81,308	82,455	82,940
Installment credit, extended and repaid:						
Unadjusted:						
Extended, total	7,223	6,590	7,693	8,206	8,070	7,330
Repaid, total	6,682	6,440	6,600	7,261	6,923	6,845
Seasonally adjusted:						
Extended, total	6,929	6,973	7,516	7,683	7,788	8,023
Repaid, total	6,585	6,689	6,884	7,001	6,935	7,334
COMMODITY PRICES						
PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS, ALL FARM PRODUCTS.....1910-14=100..	253	252	260	261	267	262
Crops	218	225	221	226	230	228
Livestock and products	283	276	294	291	299	291
Dairy products	314	320	307	315	329	335
Meat animals	343	331	364	353	352	340
Poultry and eggs	132	122	142	144	165	148
PRICES PAID BY FARMERS:						
All commodities and services	302	r303	311	310	r311	312
Family living items	323	r325	336	337	r338	339
Production items	287	r287	293	291	292	292
All commod., services, int., taxes, and wage rates	343	344	355	354	r355	358
PARITY RATIO	74	73	73	74	75	73

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