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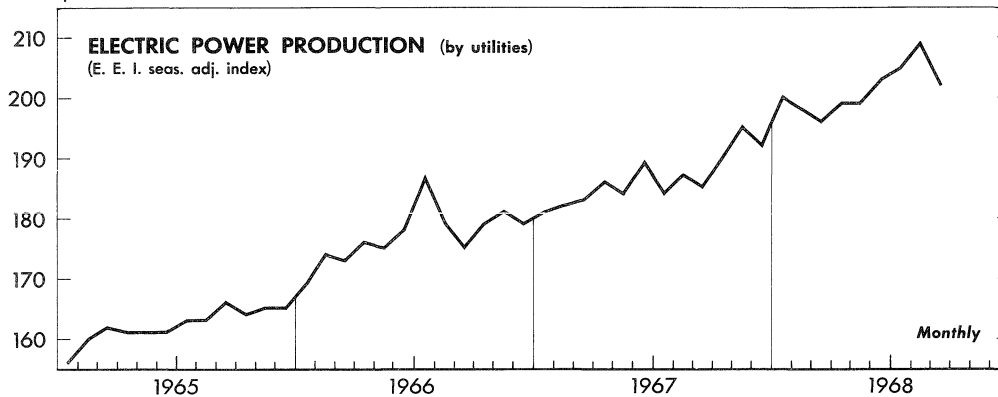


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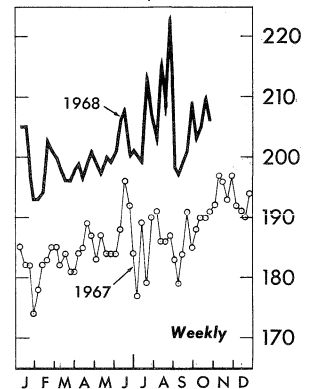
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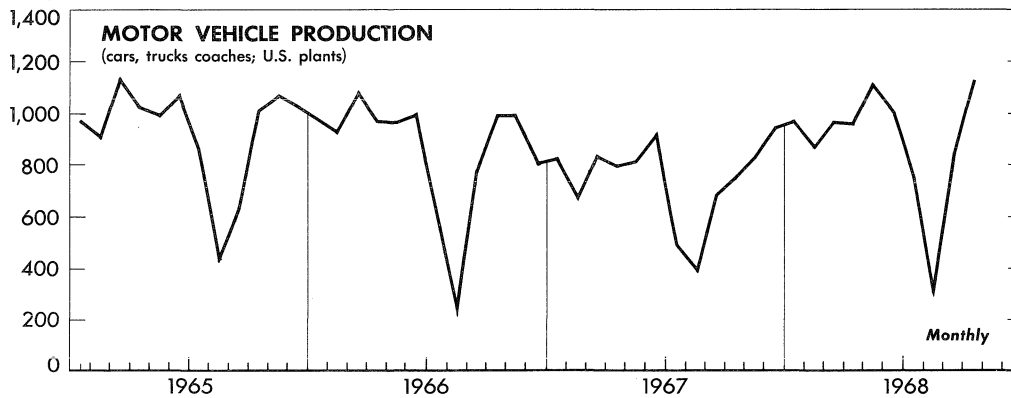
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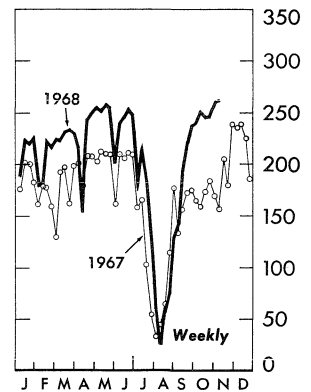
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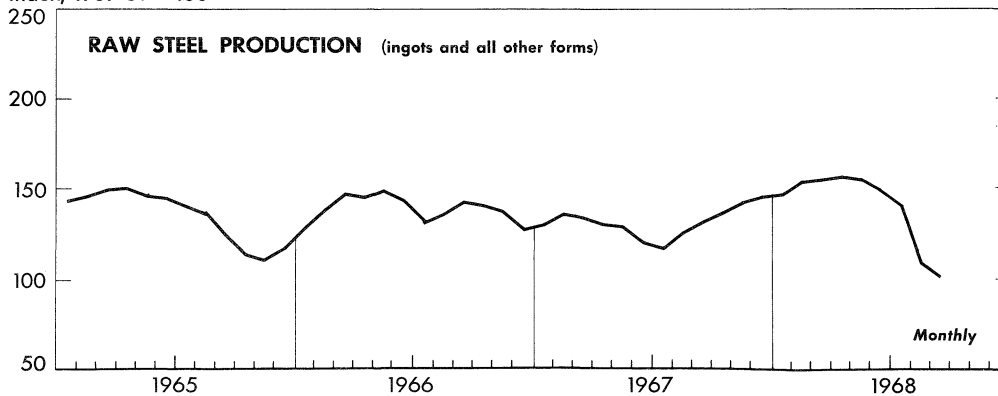
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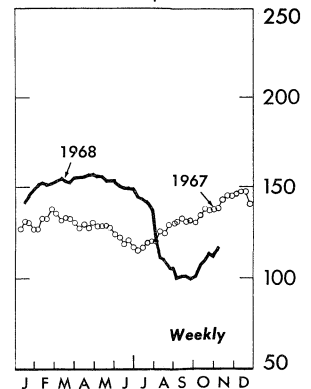
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WEEKLY BUSINESS STATISTICS¹

ITEM	1967		1968			
	Nov. 4	Nov. 11	Oct. 19	Oct. 26	Nov. 2	Nov. 9
WHOLESALE PRICES, 22 COMMODITIES ^{2/}.....1957-59=100..	94.8	94.7	95.3	95.4	96.8	**97.8
ALL RETAIL STORES, SALES .....mil. \$..	6,225	6,171	6,696	6,654	6,858	.....
Nondurable goods stores .....do....	4,255	4,242	4,457	4,435	4,551	.....
INITIAL UNEMPLOYMENT CLAIMS, State programs .....thous..	205	202	152	152	162	.....
INSURED UNEMPLOYMENT, all programs .....do....	986	1,018	860	867	.....	.....
State programs (50 States, D.C., and Puerto Rico)....do....	919	950	791	797	.....	.....
FAILURES, INDUST. AND COMMERCIAL (Dun & Bradstreet) .number..	216	228	184	156	193	163
FINANCE:						
Currency in circulation ^{3/} .....mil. \$..	45,341	45,563	48,764	48,702	48,556	48,806
Federal Reserve bank credit outstanding, total ^{3/}....do....	48,643	49,458	56,105	55,850	55,636	55,461
Member bank reserve balances ^{3/} .....do....	24,705	24,754	26,960	26,459	26,696	26,317
Excess reserves, estimated ^{3/} .....do....	291	330	352	-18	327	152
Assets and liabilities of large commercial banks: ^{4/}						
Demand deposits, adjusted .....mil. \$..	77,311	74,113	77,115	76,390	79,109	.....
Savings deposits .....do....	48,572	48,501	48,512	48,527	48,522	.....
Loans and investments (adjusted), total .....do....	201,207	199,316	218,884	217,263	219,965	.....
U.S. Government obligations .....do....	28,986	28,488	28,516	28,262	30,099	.....
Commercial and industrial loans (gross) .....do....	63,452	63,527	70,353	69,830	69,720	.....
Real estate loans (gross) .....do....	28,600	28,576	31,245	31,455	31,459	.....
Bond yields, domestic corporate (Moody's) ^{3/} .....percent..	6.25	6.30	6.44	6.47	6.48	6.52
Stock prices, 500 stocks (Stand. & Poor's) ^{4/} ..1941-43=10..	92.71	91.14	*103.53	*104.57	*103.30	103.27
Industrials, 425 stocks .....do....	101.05	99.25	*113.01	*114.22	*112.79	112.65
PRODUCTION:						
Bituminous coal ^{3/} .....thous. sh. tons..	1,836	1,939	1,229	1,829	1,965	.....
Electric power, by utilities .....mil. kw.-hr..	23,124	23,631	24,837	24,452	24,822	.....
Motor vehicles (cars, trucks, buses) .....number..	169,909	157,204	246,242	246,511	260,091	262,391
Petroleum (crude) and condensate ^{3/}.....thous. bbl..	8,997	8,945	9,027	9,028	9,026	.....
Steel, raw .....thous. sh. tons..	2,568	2,577	2,026	2,111	2,080	2,175
Index of production .....1957-59=100..	137.8	138.3	108.8	113.3	111.7	116.8
RAIL FREIGHT, REVENUE TON-MILES .....bil..	14.8	14.8	14.9	15.8	16.2	.....

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

MONTHLY BUSINESS STATISTICS

ITEM	1967		1968			
	Sept.	Oct.	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.
CONSTRUCTION AND REAL ESTATE						
CONSTRUCTION COST INDEXES:						
Associated General Contractors (bldg. only)....1957-59=100..	133	134	140	141	142	142
LABOR FORCE, EMPLOYMENT, AND EARNINGS						
LABOR FORCE, total, 16 years of age and over, not seasonally adjusted thous..	80,982	81,595	84,550	83,792	82,137	82,477
Civilian labor force .....do....	77,526	78,132	80,964	80,203	78,546	78,874
Employed, total .....do....	74,631	75,181	77,746	77,432	75,939	76,364
Nonagricultural employment .....do....	70,700	71,148	73,270	73,325	72,103	72,596
Agricultural employment .....do....	3,931	4,033	4,476	4,107	3,836	3,767
Unemployed (all civilian workers) .....do....	2,895	2,951	3,217	2,772	2,606	2,511
Civilian labor force, seasonally adjusted .....do....	77,807	78,072	78,985	78,690	78,831	78,804
Employed, total .....do....	74,638	74,735	76,038	75,929	75,957	75,952
Nonagricultural employment .....do....	70,941	71,017	72,202	72,196	72,355	72,471
Agricultural employment .....do....	3,697	3,718	3,836	3,733	3,602	3,481
Unemployed (all civilian workers) .....do....	3,169	3,337	2,947	2,761	2,874	2,852
Long-term, 15 weeks and over .....do....	440	475	453	398	369	388
Rates (unemployed in each group as percent of total in that group):						
All civilian workers .....do....	4.1	4.3	3.7	3.5	3.6	3.6
Men, 20 years and over .....do....	2.3	2.5	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.3
Women, 20 years and over .....do....	4.9	4.8	3.9	3.7	3.9	3.8
Both sexes, 16-19 years .....do....	13.4	14.8	13.6	12.0	12.6	12.7
Married men .....do....	1.8	1.9	1.6	1.6	1.6	1.7
Nonwhite workers .....do....	8.0	8.8	6.9	6.2	6.7	7.4
White workers .....do....	3.6	3.7	3.3	3.2	3.2	3.2
Occupation: White-collar workers .....do....	2.4	2.4	2.1	2.0	2.1	2.0
Blue-collar workers .....do....	4.6	4.9	4.3	4.2	4.1	4.1
Industry: Private wage and salary workers .....do....	4.2	4.4	3.8	3.6	3.6	3.7
Constructiondo....	5.4	6.9	7.0	6.9	5.5	6.1
Manufacturingdo....	4.0	4.1	3.3	3.4	3.4	3.4
Durable goodsdo....	3.7	3.6	2.8	3.1	3.3	3.2

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LABOR FORCE, EMPLOYMENT, AND EARNINGS—Con.						
EMPLOYEES ON PAYROLLS (NONAGRICULTURAL ESTABLISHMENTS):						
Total, seasonally adjusted	66,123	66,286	68,170	r68,314	r68,389	p68,525
Mining	606	603	638	638	r637	p592
Contract construction	3,182	3,184	3,189	r3,195	r3,246	p3,261
Manufacturing	19,285	19,302	19,776	r19,748	r19,754	p19,806
Durable goods industries	11,272	11,264	11,619	r11,563	r11,569	p11,613
Nondurable goods industries	8,013	8,038	8,157	r8,185	r8,185	p8,193
Transportation, communication, electric, gas, etc.	4,278	4,267	4,346	r4,358	r4,372	p4,368
Wholesale and retail trade	13,684	13,729	14,117	r14,181	r14,222	p14,269
Wholesale trade	3,554	3,560	3,680	r3,683	r3,691	p3,701
Retail trade	10,130	10,169	10,437	r10,498	r10,531	p10,568
Finance, insurance, and real estate	3,251	3,261	3,350	r3,376	r3,385	p3,398
Services	10,139	10,171	10,498	r10,548	r10,546	p10,569
Government	11,698	11,769	12,256	r12,270	r12,227	p12,262
Federal	2,718	2,718	2,788	r2,751	r2,716	p2,701
State and local	8,980	9,051	9,468	r9,519	r9,511	p9,561
PRODUCTION WORKERS (MFG. PAYROLLS), TOTAL, seas. adj.	14,116	14,138	14,512	r14,474	r14,479	p14,524
Durable goods industries	8,179	8,174	8,458	r8,399	r8,407	p8,438
Nondurable goods industries	5,937	5,964	6,054	6,075	r6,072	p6,086
HOURS (GROSS), AVG. WEEKLY PER PROD. WORKER (MFG. PAYROLLS):						
Manufacturing, seasonally adjusted	40.9	40.7	40.9	r40.7	r41.1	p41.0
Overtime hours	3.4	3.4	3.6	3.5	r3.7	p3.6
Durable goods industries	41.4	41.2	41.5	r41.1	r41.7	p41.6
Overtime hours	3.6	3.5	3.8	r3.7	r3.9	p3.9
Nondurable goods industries	40.0	39.7	39.9	39.9	40.1	p39.9
Overtime hours	3.3	3.2	3.4	3.3	r3.4	p3.2
MAN-HOUR INDEXES, AGGREGATE WEEKLY, seas. adjusted:						
Manufacturing	114.9	114.6	118.3	r117.3	r118.6	p118.6
Durable goods industries	119.5	118.9	123.8	r122.0	r123.7	p123.8
Nondurable goods industries	108.9	109.0	111.0	r111.2	r111.9	p111.8
HOURLY EARNINGS, AVERAGE PER PROD. WORKER (MFG. PAYROLLS):						
Manufacturing, not seasonally adjusted	2.85	2.85	3.00	2.99	r3.04	p3.05
Excluding overtime	2.73	2.73	2.88	2.86	2.90	p2.91
Durable goods industries	3.03	3.03	3.18	3.17	r3.23	p3.24
Excluding overtime	2.89	2.90	3.05	3.03	r3.08	p3.08
Nondurable goods industries	2.61	2.61	2.75	2.75	2.78	p2.78
Excluding overtime	2.50	2.50	2.63	2.64	2.66	p2.67
FINANCE						
FEDERAL GOVERNMENT FINANCE:						
Budget receipts, expenditures, and net lending:						
Expenditure account:						
Receipts (net)	r11,556	r14,896	19,476	11,706	13,195	18,746
Expenditure (excl. net lending)	14,839	14,374	14,486	13,961	16,161	16,024
Expend. acct. surplus or deficit (-)	-3,283	522	4,990	-2,255	-2,966	2,722
Loan account:						
Net lending	-335	83	-984	-313	-189	207
Budget surplus or deficit (-)	-3,619	439	4,006	-2,567	-3,155	2,515
Budget financing:						
Borrowing from the public	r3,150	r-219	-3,769	4,055	2,841	-4,525
Reduction in cash balances	-531	-220	-237	-1,488	314	2,010
Total, budget financing	3,619	-439	-4,006	2,567	3,155	-2,515
Gross amount of debt outstanding	r351,506	351,322	369,776	373,356	378,018	372,616
Held by the public	r275,672	276,040	290,576	294,631	297,472	292,947
Budget receipts by source and outlays by agency:						
Receipts (net), total	r11,556	r14,896	19,476	11,706	13,195	18,746
Individual income taxes (gross)	r5,373	r7,097	7,781	5,164	6,472	9,247
Corporation income taxes (gross)	642	4,032	2,259	2,259	654	5,133
Employment taxes (gross)	r2,555	2,067	2,547	2,087	2,880	2,380
Other	r3,244	r1,895	2,100	2,450	3,439	2,117
Expenditures and net lending, total	15,174	14,458	15,470	14,274	16,349	16,231
Agriculture Department	966	965	276	599	1,270	1,645
Defense Department, military	6,548	6,307	7,115	5,543	6,449	6,438
Health, Education, and Welfare Department	3,185	2,994	4,120	3,527	3,771	3,764
Treasury Department	1,073	1,176	1,422	1,348	1,364	1,353
National Aeronautics and Space Adm.	410	377	451	277	434	342
Veterans Administration	547	596	588	590	599	622
LIFE INSURANCE:						
Life Insurance Agency Management Association:						
Insurance written (new paid-for insurance):						
Value, estimated total	10,626	10,140	11,416	11,407	12,295	11,161
Ordinary (incl. mass-marketed ord.)	7,926	7,362	8,435	8,433	8,470	8,101
Group	2,134	2,213	2,431	2,451	3,305	2,533
Industrial	566	565	550	523	520	527
FOREIGN TRADE						
EXPORTS (MDSE.), INCL. REEXPORTS, TOTAL						
Excl. Department of Defense shipments	2,478.5	2,545.5	2,731.2	2,699.5	2,840.5	2,984.7
Seasonally adjusted	2,396.5	2,500.3	2,681.5	2,640.5	2,786.8	2,941.5
Seasonally adjusted	2,549.1	2,638.3	2,759.3	2,803.0	2,915.8	3,245.9
GENERAL IMPORTS, TOTAL						
Seasonally adjusted	2,165.7	2,111.8	2,648.8	2,812.0	2,739.1	2,869.3
Seasonally adjusted	2,125.3	2,208.5	2,839.3	2,664.4	2,827.3	2,963.7

MONTHLY BUSINESS STATISTICS—Continued

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FINANCE--Continued						
SECURITY MARKETS:						
BONDS:						
Prices (Stand. & Poor's Corporation):						
Industrial, utility, and railroad (AAA issues):						
Composite .....dol. per \$100 bond..	80.0	78.5	76.1	78.1	78.4	77.0
Domestic municipal (15 bonds) .....do....	98.0	95.8	95.2	95.9	93.9	92.7
Yields:						
Domestic municipal, Standard & Poor's Corporation						
(15 bonds) .....dol. per \$100 bond..	4.15	4.31	4.36	4.31	4.47	4.56
STOCKS:						
Dividend yields, preferred stocks, 10 high-grade						
(Standard & Poor's Corporation) .....percent..	5.41	5.59	5.74	5.63	5.63	5.76
Prices:						
Dow-Jones averages (65 stocks) .....do....	330.87	321.30	327.41	318.15	329.15	340.25
Industrial (30 stocks) .....do....	923.45	907.54	905.32	883.72	922.80	955.47
Public utility (15 stocks) .....do....	131.33	126.08	133.11	131.15	130.80	130.40
Railroad (20 stocks) .....do....	261.79	250.55	259.95	249.52	258.53	270.41
Standard & Poor's Corporation:						
Industrial, public utility, and railroad:						
Combined index (500 stocks) .....1941-43-10..	95.81	95.66	100.30	98.11	101.34	103.76
Industrial, total (425 stocks) .....do....	103.84	104.16	109.16	106.77	110.53	113.29
Capital goods (130 stocks) .....do....	104.17	106.64	108.12	104.92	107.57	108.48
Consumers' goods (181 stocks) .....do....	84.62	83.60	88.38	85.73	88.46	91.36
Public utility (55 stocks) .....do....	67.45	64.93	67.55	66.60	66.77	66.93
Railroad (20 stocks) .....do....	49.27	46.28	51.01	48.80	51.11	54.26
Banks:						
New York City (9 stocks) .....do....	38.39	37.83	48.58	47.38	46.99	49.65
Outside New York City (16 stocks) .....do....	67.99	67.43	85.91	84.74	84.59	89.83
Fire and casualty insurance (16 stocks) .....do....	60.84	58.66	78.11	78.11	82.97	96.19
New York Stock Exchange common stock indexes:						
Composite .....12/31/65=50..	53.23	53.13	56.41	55.04	56.80	58.32
Industrial .....do....	55.28	55.62	59.12	57.59	59.57	61.07
Transportation .....do....	54.89	51.56	51.59	49.01	51.94	55.24
Utilitydo....	44.57	43.33	44.69	44.09	44.53	45.22
Financedo....	52.98	52.69	68.90	68.19	71.77	77.50

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