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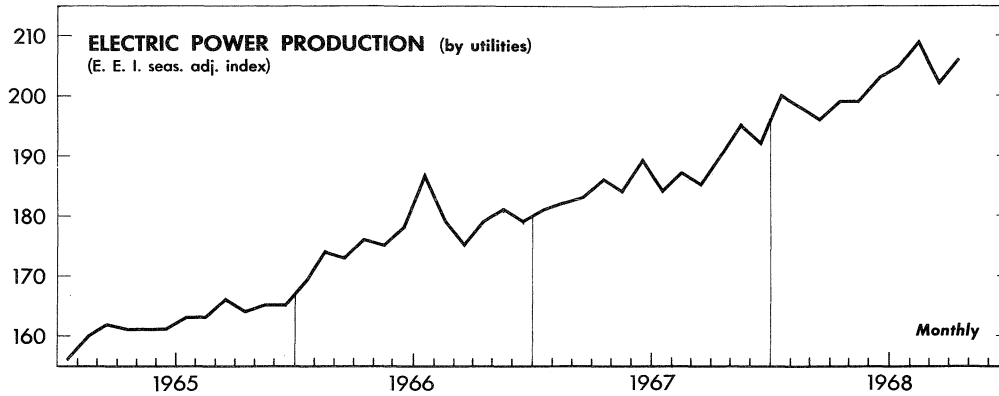


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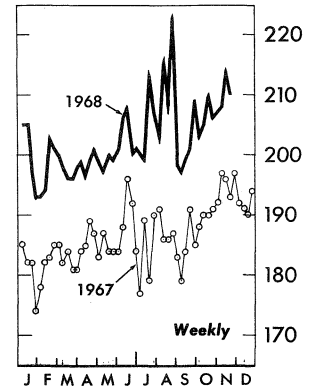
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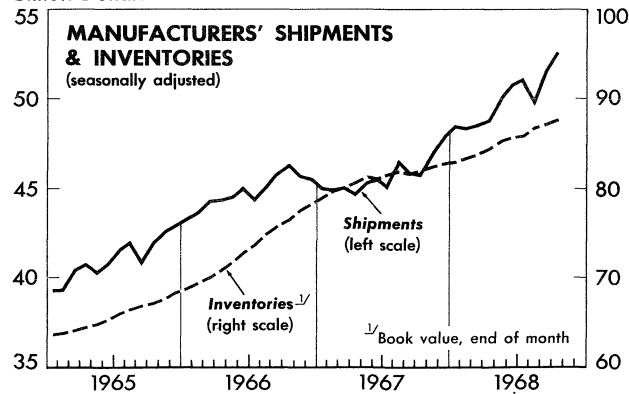
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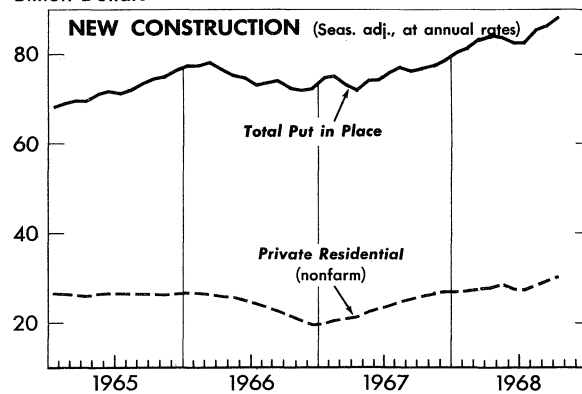
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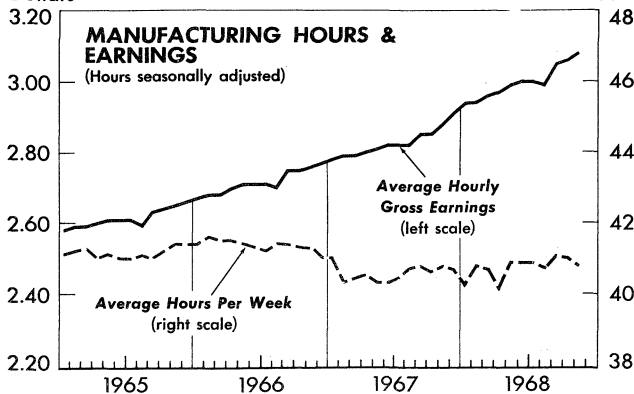
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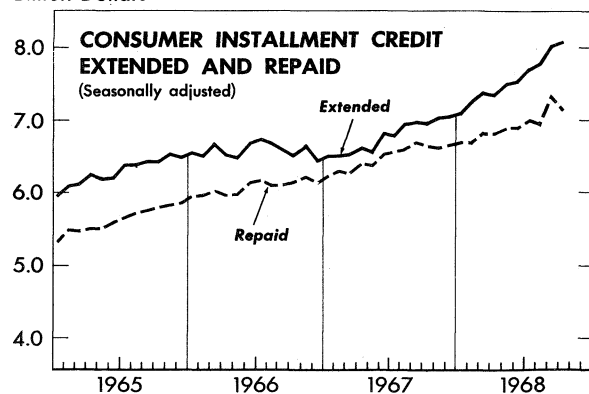
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WEEKLY BUSINESS STATISTICS¹

ITEM	1967		1968			
	Dec. 2	Dec. 9	Nov. 16	Nov. 23	Nov. 30	Dec. 7
WHOLESALE PRICES, 22 COMMODITIES <u>2</u> /.....1957-59=100..	95.6	95.6	98.3	98.5	97.9	97.9
ALL RETAIL STORES, SALES.....mil. \$..	6,937	7,313	6,972	7,062	7,093	.....
Nondurable goods stores.....do....	4,753	5,207	4,760	4,802	4,883	.....
INITIAL UNEMPLOYMENT CLAIMS, State programs.....thous..	228	258	196	212	180	.....
INSURED UNEMPLOYMENT, all programs.....do....	1,162	1,204	982	994	.....	.....
State programs (50 States, D.C., and Puerto Rico).....do....	1,089	1,127	909	.....	.....	.....
FAILURES, INDUST. AND COMMERCIAL (Dun & Bradstreet).....do....	199	215	181	154	137	.....
FINANCE:						
Currency in circulation <u>3</u> /.....mil. \$..	46,347	46,482	49,314	49,475	49,638	50,077
Federal reserve bank credit outstanding, total <u>3</u> /.....do....	50,117	50,721	56,503	56,711	55,814	56,090
Member bank reserve balances <u>3</u> /.....do....	24,658	24,840	27,051	26,924	26,525	26,801
Excess reserves, estimated <u>3</u> /.....do....	384	288	483	182	119	418
Assets and liabilities of large commercial banks: <u>4</u> /						
Demand deposits, adjusted.....mil. \$..	76,777	75,607	78,583	78,381	79,058	.....
Savings deposits.....do....	48,667	48,505	48,589	48,627	48,668	.....
Loans and investments (adjusted), total.....do....	200,011	200,436	220,815	221,184	220,382	.....
U.S. Government obligations.....do....	28,471	28,206	29,272	28,500	28,209	.....
Commercial and industrial loans (gross).....do....	63,784	64,108	70,477	70,908	71,102	.....
Real estate loans (gross).....do....	28,823	28,738	31,612	31,686	31,743	.....
Bond yields, domestic corporate (Moody's) <u>3</u> /.....percent..	6.44	6.49	6.54	6.56	6.63	.....
Stock prices, 500 stocks (Stand. & Poor's) <u>4</u> /...1941-43=100..	94.47	95.64	105.13	*106.14	107.76	*108.02
Industrials, 425 stocks.....do....	102.89	104.35	114.43	*115.43	117.33	*117.79
PRODUCTION:						
Bituminous coal <u>2</u> /.....thous. sh. tons..	1,861	1,808	1,874	1,899	1,897	.....
Electric power, by utilities.....mil. kw.-hr..	24,397	24,381	25,750	25,948	24,612	.....
Motor vehicles (cars, trucks, buses).....number..	239,368	235,257	248,039	259,196	209,081	253,081
Petroleum (crude) and condensate <u>2</u> /.....thous. bbl..	9,030	9,033	9,009	9,006	8,998	.....
Steel, raw.....thous. sh. tons..	2,703	2,723	2,194	2,244	2,356	2,348
Index of production.....1957-59=100..	145.1	146.2	117.8	120.5	126.5	126.0
RAIL FREIGHT, REVENUE TON-MILES.....bil..	14.3	14.4	14.7	15.3	13.4	.....

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.
GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS						
MANUFACTURERS' SHIPMENTS:						
NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED, TOTAL.....mil. \$..	47,203	46,694	47,378	47,837	r52,950	54,054
Durable goods industries, total <u>1</u> /.....do....	25,527	24,958	25,612	r26,837	r28,404	29,585
Stone, clay, and glass products.....do....	1,362	1,311	1,297	1,403	r1,449	1,503
Primary metals.....do....	3,709	3,742	4,352	3,536	r3,912	4,146
Fabricated metal products.....do....	2,727	2,730	2,703	2,896	r2,965	3,085
Machinery, except electrical.....do....	4,450	4,300	4,376	4,519	r5,029	5,079
Electrical machinery.....do....	3,720	3,641	3,151	3,389	r3,754	3,682
Transportation equipment.....do....	5,925	5,682	6,086	4,976	r7,067	7,876
Instruments and related products.....do....	890	868	860	955	r1,062	1,033
Nondurable goods industries, total <u>1</u> /.....do....	21,676	21,736	21,766	23,275	r24,546	24,469
Food and kindred products.....do....	7,340	7,267	7,455	7,729	r8,251	8,137
Tobacco products.....do....	402	388	419	438	r423	412
Textile mill products.....do....	1,755	1,827	1,585	1,819	r1,981	1,956
Paper and allied products.....do....	1,805	1,829	1,901	2,041	r2,186	2,172
Chemicals and allied products.....do....	3,688	3,648	3,588	3,940	r4,204	4,137
Petroleum and coal products.....do....	1,781	1,777	1,837	1,884	1,897	1,898
Rubber and plastics products.....do....	1,068	1,134	1,099	1,160	r1,221	1,325
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED, TOTAL.....do....	45,884	45,748	r51,425	r49,825	r51,441	52,590
By industry group:						
Durable goods industries, total <u>1</u> /.....do....	25,171	25,802	r28,211	r26,837	r27,985	28,993
Stone, clay, and glass products.....do....	1,265	1,215	1,280	1,295	r1,347	1,397
Primary metals.....do....	3,765	3,841	4,741	3,662	r3,963	4,240
Fabricated metal products.....do....	2,627	2,661	2,898	2,799	r2,859	3,010
Machinery, except electrical.....do....	4,490	4,388	4,740	4,853	r5,075	5,177
Electrical machinery.....do....	3,498	3,469	3,503	3,503	r3,545	3,530
Transportation equipment.....do....	6,123	5,826	r7,148	r6,906	r7,227	7,593
Instruments and related products.....do....	836	833	926	969	r999	994

r/ Revised. 1/ Includes data for "other industries" not shown.

ITEM	1967			1968		
	Sept.	Oct.	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.
GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS--Con.						
MANUFACTURERS' SHIPMENTS (SEAS. ADJ.)--Con.						
By industry group--Con.						
Nondurable goods industries, total 1/.....mil. \$..	20,713	20,946	23,214	22,988	r23,456	23,597
Food and kindred products.....do....	6,968	7,043	7,754	7,721	r7,812	7,891
Tobacco products.....do....	391	396	408	418	r411	420
Textile mill products.....do....	1,637	1,689	1,867	1,746	r1,848	1,806
Paper and allied products.....do....	1,746	1,775	2,056	2,016	r2,117	2,113
Chemicals and allied products.....do....	3,543	3,596	3,881	4,014	r4,061	4,086
Petroleum and coal products.....do....	1,771	1,766	1,824	1,869	r1,884	1,884
Rubber and plastics products.....do....	1,068	1,094	1,210	1,197	r1,221	1,280
INVENTORIES, END OF MONTH:						
Book value (unadjusted), total.....do....	81,041	81,329	85,314	86,247	r86,409	86,926
Durable goods industries, total.....do....	52,280	52,506	55,128	55,897	r56,141	56,292
Nondurable goods industries, total.....do....	28,761	28,823	30,186	30,350	r30,268	30,634
Book value (seasonally adjusted), total.....do....	81,719	81,968	85,829	86,713	r87,109	87,614
By industry group:						
Durable goods industries, total 1/.....do....	52,582	52,867	55,461	56,069	r56,458	56,685
Stone, clay, and glass products.....do....	1,949	1,948	1,997	2,003	r2,029	2,087
Primary metals.....do....	7,580	7,582	7,255	7,433	r7,502	7,450
Fabricated metal products.....do....	5,411	5,454	6,077	6,102	r6,121	6,222
Machinery, except electrical.....do....	10,843	10,832	11,132	11,174	r11,213	11,153
Electrical machinery.....do....	8,121	8,167	8,463	8,448	r8,502	8,520
Transportation equipment.....do....	12,120	12,273	13,494	13,761	r13,889	13,866
Instruments and related products.....do....	1,967	1,988	2,056	2,061	r2,067	2,113
Nondurable goods industries, total 1/.....do....	29,137	29,101	30,368	30,644	r30,651	30,929
Food and kindred products.....do....	7,010	7,047	7,376	7,434	r7,423	7,494
Tobacco products.....do....	2,254	2,221	2,276	2,259	r2,219	2,207
Textile mill products.....do....	3,216	3,183	3,392	3,474	r3,477	3,470
Paper and allied products.....do....	2,225	2,212	2,338	2,327	r2,331	2,357
Chemicals and allied products.....do....	5,528	5,520	5,708	5,751	r5,793	5,872
Petroleum and coal products.....do....	1,933	1,944	2,047	2,066	r2,083	2,113
Rubber and plastics products.....do....	1,589	1,588	1,704	1,748	r1,733	1,733
NEW ORDERS, NET (NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED), TOTAL.....do....						
Durable goods industries, total.....do....	47,414	47,248	46,738	48,449	r53,605	55,027
Nondurable goods industries, total.....do....	25,714	25,518	24,951	25,316	r29,052	30,574
NEW ORDERS, NET (SEASONALLY ADJUSTED), TOTAL.....do....						
Durable goods industries, total 1/.....do....	21,700	21,730	21,787	23,133	r24,553	24,453
Nondurable goods industries, total.....do....	45,942	46,655	r50,181	r50,201	r51,877	53,932
By industry group:						
Durable goods industries, total 1/.....do....	25,177	25,679	r26,925	r27,329	r28,381	30,310
Primary metals.....do....	3,914	3,848	3,859	3,491	r4,092	4,418
Fabricated metal products.....do....	2,646	2,821	2,755	2,917	r3,103	3,305
Machinery, except electrical.....do....	4,391	4,355	4,923	4,766	r5,184	5,387
Electrical machinery.....do....	3,601	3,700	3,476	3,501	r3,668	3,743
Transportation equipment.....do....	5,905	6,312	r6,749	r7,479	r6,996	7,735
Nondurable goods industries, total.....do....	20,765	20,976	23,256	22,872	r23,496	23,622
Industries with unfilled orders.....do....	5,557	5,645	6,304	5,953	r6,434	6,438
Industries without unfilled orders.....do....	15,208	15,331	16,952	16,919	r17,062	17,184
UNFILLED ORDERS, END OF MONTH (UNADJ.), TOTAL.....do....						
Durable goods industries, total.....do....	81,518	82,072	83,220	83,700	r84,358	85,218
Nondurable goods industries with unfilled orders.....do....	78,554	79,114	80,044	80,667	r81,318	82,194
Nondurable goods industries without unfilled orders.....do....	2,964	2,958	3,176	3,033	r3,040	3,024
UNFILLED ORDERS, END OF MONTH (SEAS. ADJ.), TOTAL.....do....						
Durable goods industries, total 1/.....do....	80,912	81,819	82,806	83,184	r83,617	84,958
By industry group:						
Durable goods industries, total 1/.....do....	77,941	78,818	79,684	80,177	r80,572	81,889
Primary metals.....do....	6,573	6,580	5,704	5,533	r5,662	5,841
Fabricated metal products.....do....	8,118	8,278	8,752	8,870	r9,115	9,410
Machinery, except electrical.....do....	14,669	14,636	14,408	14,321	r14,430	14,641
Electrical machinery.....do....	13,234	13,465	12,803	12,801	r12,923	13,136
Transportation equipment.....do....	29,643	30,129	32,368	32,941	r32,709	32,851
Nondurable goods industries with unfilled orders.....do....	2,971	3,001	3,122	3,007	r3,045	3,069
NEW BUSINESS INCORPORATIONS (Dun & Bradstreet, Inc.):						
Unadjusted.....number..	16,222	17,233	19,733	19,052	19,015	21,636
Seasonally adjusted.....do....	18,118	18,000	19,530	20,053	21,237	21,721
CONSTRUCTION AND REAL ESTATE						
NEW CONSTRUCTION PUT IN PLACE (UNADJ.), TOTAL.....mil. \$..						
Private, total.....do....	7,356	7,242	7,825	8,102	r8,104	8,121
Residential (nonfarm).....do....	4,926	4,874	5,068	5,318	r5,343	5,379
New housing units.....do....	2,446	2,375	2,687	2,770	r2,759	2,695
Nonresidential buildings, total 2/.....do....	1,835	1,848	2,075	2,123	2,138	2,130
Industrial.....do....	1,677	1,664	1,535	1,690	r1,716	1,781
Commercial.....do....	590	545	417	485	r508	541
Public, total.....do....	625	662	721	782	r793	799
NEW CONSTRUCTION PUT IN PLACE (SEASONALLY ADJUSTED AT ANNUAL RATES), TOTAL.....bil. \$..						
Private, total.....do....	2,430	2,368	2,757	2,784	r2,761	2,742
Residential (nonfarm).....do....	78.3	78.9	82.7	85.1	r86.1	88.3
Nonresidential buildings, total 2/.....do....	52.8	53.5	54.7	56.5	r57.2	59.0
Industrial.....do....	25.8	26.4	27.4	28.1	29.1	30.0
Commercial.....do....	18.2	18.2	17.6	19.0	r18.6	19.4
Public, total.....do....	6.4	6.2	4.8	5.6	r5.5	6.1
Industrial.....do....	6.7	7.0	8.3	8.6	r8.5	8.5
Commercial.....do....	25.4	25.4	28.0	28.6	28.8	29.3
CONSTRUCTION COST INDEXES:						
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE COMPOSITE.....1957-59=100..	127	126	132	133	134	134

1/ Revised. 1/ Includes data for "other industries" not shown. 2/ Excludes farm and public utilities.

MONTHLY BUSINESS STATISTICS—Continued

ITEM	1967		1968			
	Oct.	Nov.	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov. p/
LABOR FORCE, EMPLOYMENT, AND EARNINGS						
EMPLOYEES ON PAYROLLS (NONAGRICULTURAL ESTABLISHMENTS):						
Total, seasonally adjusted.....thous..	66,286	66,778	68,314	r68,382	r68,640	68,803
Mining.....do.....	603	603	638	r639	r590	638
Contract construction.....do.....	3,184	3,214	3,195	r3,252	r3,280	3,260
Manufacturing.....do.....	19,302	19,518	19,748	r19,755	r19,794	19,819
Durable goods industries.....do.....	11,264	11,463	11,563	r11,577	r11,592	11,636
Nondurable goods industries.....do.....	8,038	8,055	8,185	r8,178	r8,202	8,183
Transportation, communication, electric, gas, etc.....do.....	4,267	4,297	4,358	r4,365	r4,362	4,383
Wholesale and retail trade.....do.....	13,729	13,791	14,181	14,222	r14,306	14,314
Wholesale trade.....do.....	3,560	3,584	3,683	r3,695	r3,707	3,718
Retail trade.....do.....	10,169	10,207	10,498	r10,527	r10,599	10,596
Finance, insurance, and real estate.....do.....	3,261	3,273	3,376	r3,387	r3,409	3,418
Services.....do.....	10,171	10,270	10,548	r10,545	r10,601	10,690
Government.....do.....	11,769	11,812	12,270	r12,217	r12,298	12,281
Federal.....do.....	2,718	2,692	2,751	2,716	r2,705	2,700
State and local.....do.....	9,051	9,120	9,519	r9,501	r9,593	9,581
HOURS (GROSS), AVG. WEEKLY PER PROD. WORKER (MFG. PAYROLLS):						
Manufacturing, seasonally adjusted.....hours..	40.7	40.7	40.7	41.1	41.0	40.8
Overtime hours.....do.....	3.4	3.3	3.5	3.7	r3.7	3.7
Durable goods industries.....do.....	41.2	41.2	41.1	41.7	41.6	41.6
Overtime hours.....do.....	3.5	3.4	3.7	3.9	r4.0	4.0
Nondurable goods industries.....do.....	39.7	39.9	39.9	40.1	39.9	39.6
Overtime hours.....do.....	3.2	3.2	3.3	r3.5	r3.3	3.3
HOURLY EARNINGS, AVERAGE PER PROD. WORKER (MFG. PAYROLLS):						
Manufacturing, not seasonally adjusted.....dollars..	2.85	2.88	2.99	r3.05	r3.06	3.08
Excluding overtime.....do.....	2.73	2.76	2.86	2.90	r2.92	2.94
Durable goods industries.....do.....	3.03	3.05	3.17	3.23	r3.25	3.27
Excluding overtime.....do.....	2.90	2.93	3.03	3.08	r3.09	3.12
Nondurable goods industries.....do.....	2.61	2.62	2.75	2.78	r2.79	2.80
Excluding overtime.....do.....	2.50	2.52	2.64	2.66	2.67	2.69
FINANCE						
CONSUMER CREDIT (SHORT- AND INTERMEDIATE-TERM):						
Total outstanding, end of month.....mil. \$..	96,094	96,802	103,775	104,322	105,339	.....
Installment credit, total.....do.....	76,223	76,680	82,455	82,940	83,832	.....
Installment credit, extended and repaid:						
Unadjusted:						
Extended, total.....do.....	6,912	7,032	8,070	7,330	8,232	.....
Repaid, total.....do.....	6,728	6,575	6,923	6,845	7,340	.....
Seasonally adjusted:						
Extended, total.....do.....	6,942	7,032	7,788	8,023	8,074
Repaid, total.....do.....	6,631	6,614	6,935	7,334	7,142

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