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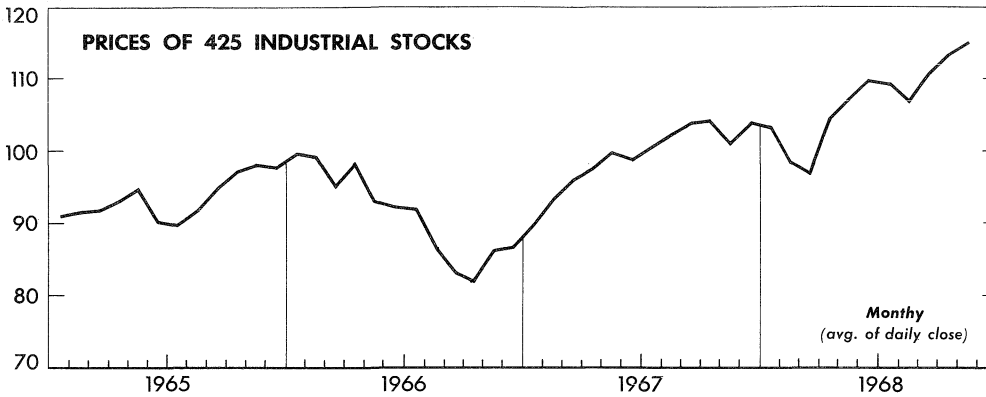


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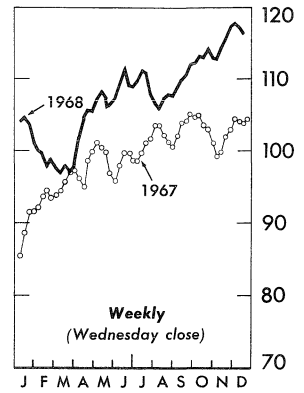
SELECTED BUSINESS INDICATORS

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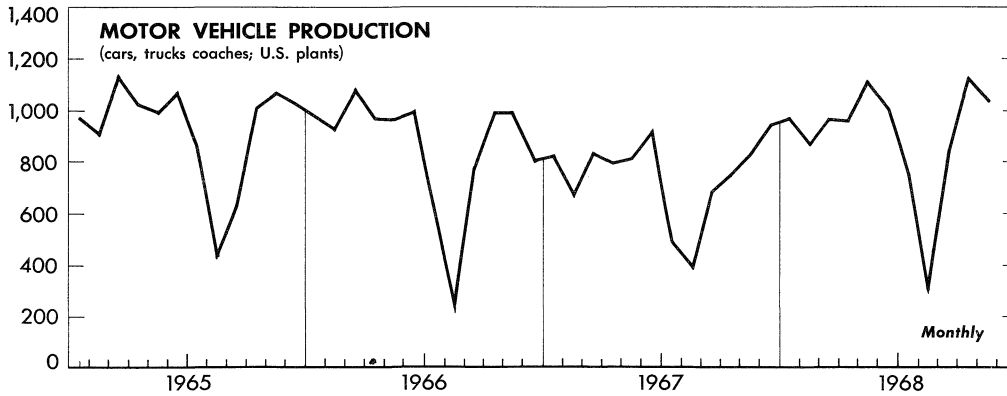


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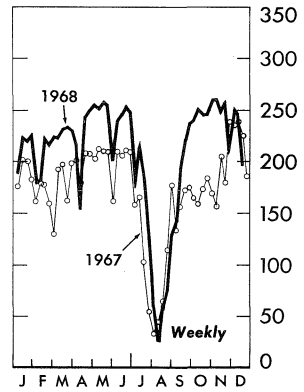


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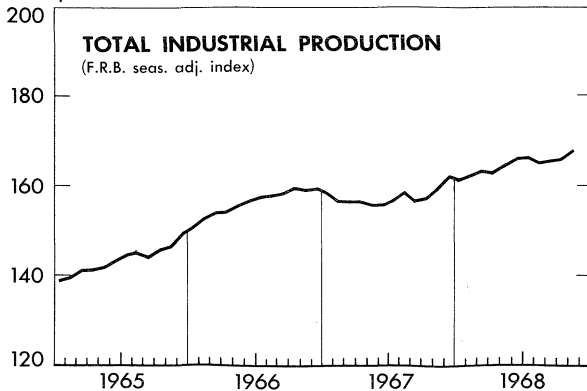


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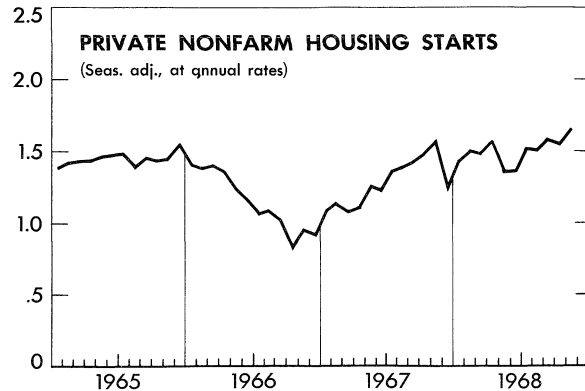


Index, 1957-59=100



Data: Federal Reserve Board

Million



Data: U.S. Dept. of Commerce

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WEEKLY BUSINESS STATISTICS¹

ITEM	1967		1968			
	Dec. 16	Dec. 23	Nov. 30	Dec. 7	Dec. 14	Dec. 21
WHOLESALE PRICES, 22 COMMODITIES ^{2/}.....1957-59=100..	96.4	96.3	97.9	97.9	98.4	99.1
ALL RETAIL STORES, SALES.....mil. \$..	7,782	8,808	7,073	7,662	8,248	.....
Nondurable goods stores.....do....	5,599	6,528	4,839	5,440	5,873	.....
INITIAL UNEMPLOYMENT CLAIMS, State programs.....thous..	242	290	180	224	233	.....
INSURED UNEMPLOYMENT, all programs.....do....	1,280	1,336	1,080	1,111	.....	.....
State programs (50 States, D.C., and Puerto Rico).....do....	1,201	1,259	1,002	1,033	.....	.....
FALLURES, INDUST. AND COMMERCIAL (Dun & Bradstreet).....do....	200	191	137	159	158	.....
FINANCE:						
Currency in circulation ^{3/}.....mil. \$..	46,918	47,093	49,638	50,077	50,383	50,616
Federal reserve bank credit outstanding, total ^{3/}.....do....	50,769	51,119	55,814	56,129	55,566	56,023
Member bank reserve balances ^{3/}.....do....	24,710	25,203	26,525	26,840	26,441	27,022
Excess reserves, estimated ^{3/}.....do....	-349	267	119	-47	24	300
Assets and liabilities of large commercial banks: ^{4/}						
Demand deposits, adjusted.....mil. \$..	78,416	78,734	78,964	80,311	81,871	.....
Savings deposits.....do....	48,576	48,437	48,672	48,679	48,627	.....
Loans and investments (adjusted), total.....do....	201,484	204,335	220,549	223,610	225,123	.....
U.S. Government obligations.....do....	27,882	28,173	28,231	29,579	29,858	.....
Commercial and industrial loans (gross).....do....	64,170	65,536	71,178	71,270	71,682	.....
Real estate loans (gross).....do....	28,884	28,892	31,752	31,687	31,793	.....
Bond yields, domestic corporate (Moody's) ^{3/}.....percent..	6.51	6.53	6.63	6.68	6.76	.....
Stock prices, 500 stocks (Stand. & Poor's) ^{4/}.....1941-43=100..	95.34	95.15	107.76	*108.02	*107.39	*106.66
Industrials, 425 stocks.....do....	104.03	103.77	117.33	*117.79	*117.06	*116.23
PRODUCTION:						
Bituminous coal ^{3/}.....thous. sh. tons..	1,778	1,730	1,933	1,737	1,813	.....
Electric power, by utilities.....mil. kw.-hr..	24,796	24,819	24,612	26,358	27,385	.....
Motor vehicles (cars, trucks, buses).....number..	238,322	225,105	209,473	252,429	246,306	196,500
Petroleum (crude) and condensate ^{3/}.....thous. bbl..	9,004	8,996	8,998	9,008	9,005	.....
Steel, raw.....thous. sh. tons..	2,747	2,747	2,356	2,348	2,369	2,388
Index of production.....1957-59=100..	147.5	147.5	126.5	126.0	127.2	128.2
RAIL FREIGHT, REVENUE TON-MILES.....bil..	13.7	13.1	13.4	14.3	14.4	.....

^{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			
	Oct.	Nov.	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov. ^{p/}
GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS						
INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION (F.R. INDEX OF QUANTITY OUTPUT):						
SEASONALLY ADJ., TOTAL INDEX (INCL. UTIL.).....1957-59=100..	157.2	159.8	r164.6	r165.1	r165.7	167.4
BY INDUSTRY GROUPINGS:						
MANUFACTURING, TOTAL.....do....	158.5	161.3	r165.7	r166.3	r167.2	168.8
Durable manufactures.....do....	160.7	164.1	r167.8	r168.5	r169.0	171.3
Primary metals.....do....	131.7	134.9	r122.8	119.9	r122.0	130
Fabricated metal products.....do....	158.2	159.8	r166.3	r167.6	r171.7	173
Machinery.....do....	179.6	183.2	r183.8	r186.3	r186.4	188
Transportation equipment.....do....	159.2	165.6	r181.7	r180.5	r180.3	180
Instruments and related products.....do....	183.2	185.4	182.6	r184.3	r185.4	187
Clay, glass, and stone products.....do....	139.7	139.2	r147.5	r150.0	r150.4	152
Lumber and products.....do....	117.0	120.6	r114.7	r119.4	r119.8	.....
Furniture and fixtures.....do....	166.6	167.8	r178.6	r179.7	r180.6	181
Nondurable manufactures.....do....	155.8	157.7	r163.0	r163.6	r164.9	165.7
Textile mill products.....do....	144.3	147.1	r151.4	r152.0	r150.7	.....
Apparel products.....do....	146.2	148.6	r149.0	149.5	.....	.....
Leather and products.....do....	109.4	113.0	r109.5	109.8	.....	.....
Paper and products.....do....	154.5	156.1	r164.1	r165.9	166.4	.....
Printing and publishing.....do....	144.3	145.5	151.1	r150.0	r150.4	151
Chemicals and products.....do....	206.4	209.2	r221.0	r222.4	226.9	.....
Petroleum products.....do....	137.1	136.7	r140.7	r142.3	141.4	.....
Rubber and plastics products.....do....	210.6	213.9	r223.1	223.3	.....	.....
Foods and beverages.....do....	132.5	133.5	135.3	r135.4	135.8	.....
Tobacco products.....do....	118.0	115.5	123.1	124.0	.....	.....
MINING.....do....	122.8	124.1	r129.4	r126.9	121.8	126.1
Coal.....do....	115.3	117.2	r121.3	r120.8	r86.6	116
Crude oil and natural gas.....do....	126.0	126.5	r129.3	r126.7	r126.9	126
Metal mining.....do....	94.1	94.6	134.5	r127.7	126.8	.....
UTILITIES.....do....	188.7	191.5	r202.1	r204.8	r208.5	210.5
Electric.....do....	195.8	199.4	r211.5	214.7

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GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS—Con.						
INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION (F.R. INDEX OF QUANTITY OUTPUT):						
SEASONALLY ADJ., TOTAL INDEX (INCL. UTIL.)—Con.						
BY MARKET GROUPINGS:						
Final products, total.....1957-59=100..	157.0	160.1	r164.8	r165.6	r166.7	167.7
Consumer goods.....do.....	148.2	150.2	r156.8	r157.3	r159.0	159.8
Automotive and home goods.....do.....	157.7	163.2	r175.6	r175.8	r177.9	179
Automotive products.....do.....	145.2	152.4	177.1	r175.6	178.8	180
Autos.....do.....	135.3	144.5	182.4	177.4	r180.3	181
Auto parts and allied products.....do.....	158.2	162.9	r170.2	r173.2	176.8	.....
Apparel and staples.....do.....	145.1	146.1	r150.7	151.4	.....	.....
Equipment, including defense.....do.....	176.0	181.5	r181.9	r183.5	r182.9	184.8
Business equipment.....do.....	176.9	183.5	r182.4	r185.1	r186.7	189
Materials.....do.....	157.7	160.1	r164.2	r164.9	r164.8	167.4
Durable goods materials.....do.....	148.6	152.4	r153.3	r153.2	154.3	157
Nondurable materials.....do.....	167.0	168.1	r175.5	r176.9	r175.5	178
MANUFACTURERS' SHIPMENTS: <u>1</u> /						
Value (not seasonally adjusted):						
Durable goods industries, total.....bil. \$..	25.0	25.5	24.7	28.4	r29.5	29.0
Primary metals.....do.....	3.7	3.8	3.5	3.9	4.1	4.0
Transportation equipment.....do.....	5.7	6.4	5.0	7.1	r7.8	8.0
Value (seasonally adjusted):						
Durable goods industries, total.....do.....	24.8	25.5	26.8	28.0	29.0	28.9
Primary metals.....do.....	3.8	3.9	3.7	4.0	4.2	4.2
Transportation equipment.....do.....	5.8	6.2	6.9	7.2	7.6	7.7
MANUFACTURERS' ORDERS: <u>1</u> /						
New orders, net (not seasonally adjusted):						
Durable goods industries, total.....do.....	25.5	24.9	25.3	29.1	r30.5	28.7
New orders, net (seasonally adjusted):						
Durable goods industries, total.....do.....	25.7	25.9	27.3	28.4	30.3	29.6
Primary metals.....do.....	3.8	4.1	3.5	4.1	4.4	4.5
Transportation equipment.....do.....	6.3	6.5	7.5	7.0	r7.8	7.7
Unfilled orders, end of month (unadjusted):						
Durable goods industries, total.....do.....	79.1	78.6	80.7	81.3	r82.3	82.1
Unfilled orders, end of month (seas. adj.):						
Durable goods industries, total.....do.....	78.8	79.1	80.2	80.6	81.9	82.6
Primary metals.....do.....	6.6	6.7	5.5	5.7	5.8	6.2
Transportation equipment.....do.....	30.1	30.4	32.9	32.7	32.9	33.0
CONSTRUCTION AND REAL ESTATE						
NEW HOUSING UNITS STARTED:						
Unadjusted:						
Total, incl. farm (private and public).....thous..	137.0	120.2	141.0	r139.8	r142.5	125.0
Privately owned.....do.....	135.4	118.4	136.6	r134.3	r140.0	122.7
Total nonfarm (private and public).....do.....	134.6	118.6	138.9	r138.0	r139.8	123.0
Privately owned.....do.....	133.1	116.8	134.5	r132.4	r137.3	120.7
Seasonally adjusted at annual rates:						
Total, incl. farm (private only).....do.....	1,496	1,590	1,518	1,592	r1,562	1,677
Total nonfarm (private only).....do.....	1,478	1,567	1,496	1,570	r1,533	1,649
NEW PRIVATE HOUSING UNITS AUTHORIZED BY BUILDING PERMITS (13,000 permit-issuing places):						
Seasonally adjusted at annual rates:						
Total.....thous..	1,253	1,222	1,290	1,393	r1,378	1,390
One-family structures.....do.....	688	663	673	706	r694	712
FINANCE						
SECURITIES ISSUED:						
Securities and Exchange Commission:						
Estimated gross proceeds, total.....mil. \$..	4,609	8,732	9,821	3,819	6,060	.....
By type of security:						
Bonds and notes, total.....do.....	4,141	8,428	9,426	3,421	5,551	.....
Corporate.....do.....	1,940	1,196	1,037	1,159	1,591	.....
Common stock.....do.....	238	222	303	397	483	.....
Preferred stock.....do.....	231	81	93	1	25	.....
By type of issuer:						
Corporate, total.....do.....	2,409	1,500	1,432	1,557	2,099	.....
Manufacturing.....do.....	930	527	362	453	620	.....
Extractive (mining).....do.....	65	25	21	70	66	.....
Public utility.....do.....	647	410	446	475	676	.....
Railroad.....do.....	7	0	11	5	19	.....
Communication.....do.....	121	83	95	156	106	.....
Financial and real estate.....do.....	392	176	197	142	229	.....
Noncorporate, total.....do.....	2,200	7,232	8,389	2,262	3,960	.....
U.S. Government.....do.....	422	5,054	5,850	361	430	.....
State and municipal.....do.....	991	1,320	1,729	1,423	2,260	.....
TRANSPORTATION AND COMMUNICATION						
SCHEDULED AIRLINES (DOMESTIC TRUNK), OPERATING RESULTS:						
Miles flown (revenue).....millions..	114.1	109.9	133.7	127.5	.....	.....
Express and freight ton-miles flown.....do.....	114.9	110.2	136.3	134.8	.....	.....
Mail ton-miles flown.....do.....	38.8	40.3	43.7	41.1	.....	.....
Passengers originated (revenue).....do.....	8.3	8.0	11.1	8.9
Passenger-miles flown (revenue).....billions..	5.8	5.5	8.6	6.6

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METALS AND MANUFACTURES						
Radiators and convectors, shipments:						
Cast-iron.....mil. sq. ft. radiation..	.7	.6	.5	.6
Nonferrous.....do.....	9.8	8.0	8.6	73.7	.....	.....
Oil burners: Shipments.....thous..	74.9	61.9	r63.7	.....	.....	.....
Stocks, end of month.....do.....	29.7	28.9	r35.1	23.4	.....	.....
Stoves, gas, domestic heating, shipments.....do.....	136.4	92.7	r105.4	128.6	.....	.....
Warm-air furnaces, shipments, total.....do.....	168.9	126.8	r149.6	184.2	.....	.....
Gas.....do.....	126.7	96.9	113.3	137.5	.....	.....
Water heaters, gas, shipments.....do.....	233.3	197.1	r218.1	209.4	.....	.....
TEXTILE PRODUCTS						
Woven fabrics (gray goods), weaving mills:						
Production, total.....mil. linear yd..	971	969	907	925	.....	.....
Cotton.....do.....	656	649	573	576	.....	.....
Stocks, total, end of month.....do.....	1,338	1,330	1,235	1,227	.....	.....
Cotton.....do.....	849	850	756	749	.....	.....
Orders, unfilled, total, end of month.....do.....	2,957	3,202	r2,909	2,771	.....	.....
Cotton.....do.....	1,941	2,099	1,596	1,500	.....	.....
COTTON (exclusive of linters): <u>1</u> /						
Consumption.....thous. bales..	744	720	665	643	r813	657
Manufactures:						
Spindle activity (cotton system spindles):						
Active spindles, last working day, total.....millions..	20.1	20.1	20.2	20.2	20.2	20.1
Consuming 100 percent cotton.....do.....	14.7	14.5	13.5	13.3	13.3	13.1
Spindle hours operated, all fibers, total.....billions..	10.3	10.2	10.1	9.9	r12.5	10.0
Average per working day.....do.....	.513	.511	.504	.495	r.502	.502
Consuming 100 percent cotton.....do.....	7.4	7.3	6.6	6.5	r8.3	6.6
TRANSPORTATION EQUIPMENT						
MOTOR VEHICLES:						
FACTORY SALES, TOTAL.....thous..	751.9	807.7	292.1	816.9	1,125.2	.....
Domestic.....do.....	706.9	761.8	274.7	769.4	1,065.2	.....
Passenger cars, total.....do.....	645.4	683.0	193.1	656.4	935.2	.....
Domestic.....do.....	608.8	645.2	182.6	620.0	889.5	.....
Trucks and buses, total.....do.....	106.5	124.7	99.0	160.5	190.0
Domestic.....do.....	98.1	116.5	92.1	149.4	175.8

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