

# BUSINESS STATISTICS

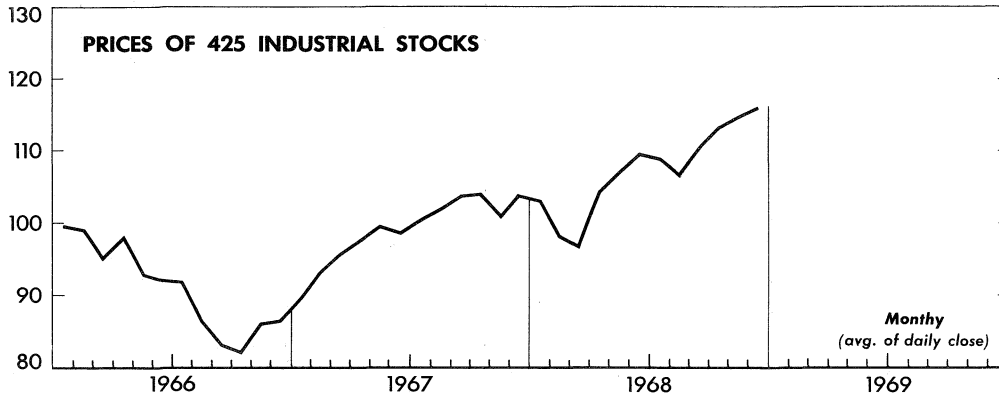


A WEEKLY SUPPLEMENT TO THE SURVEY OF CURRENT BUSINESS\*

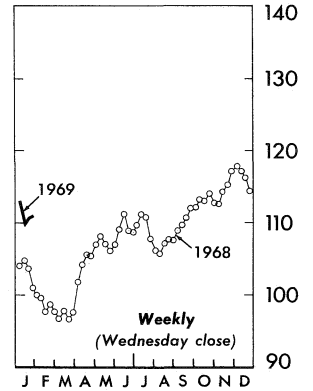
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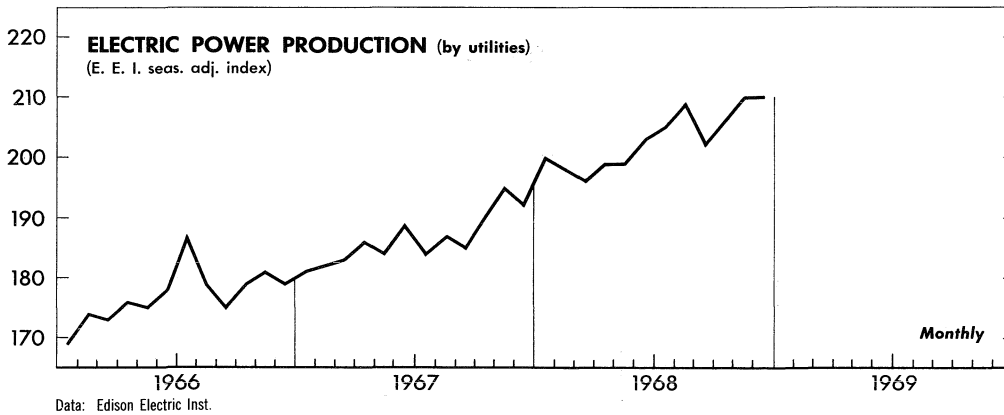
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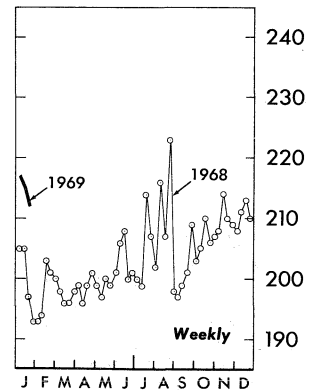
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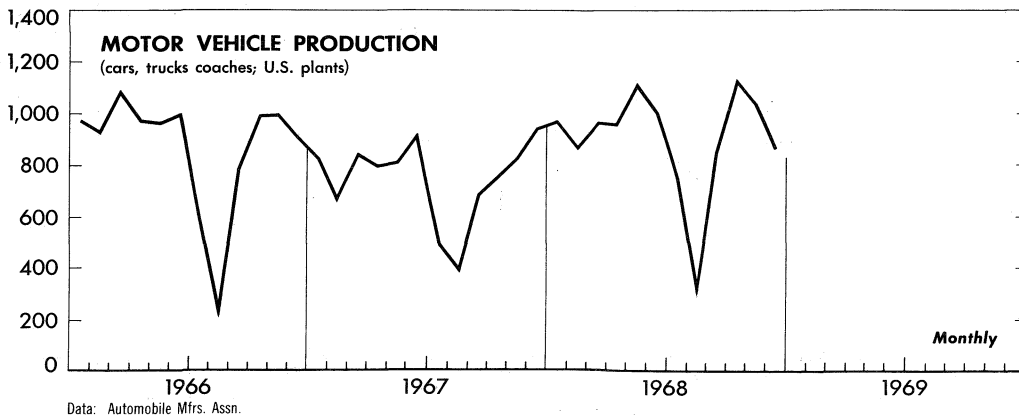
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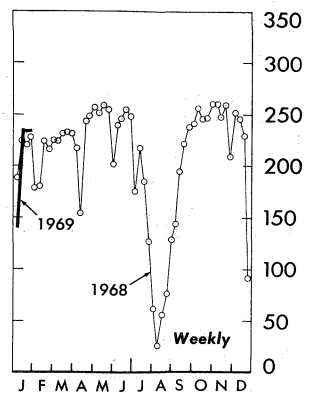
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ITEM	1967		1968			
	Jan. 20	Jan. 27	Jan. 4	Jan. 11	Jan. 18	Jan. 25
WHOLESALE PRICES, 22 COMMODITIES <u>2/</u> .....1957-59=100..	96.1	95.9	98.8	99.8	100.5	101.1
ALL RETAIL STORES, SALES.....mil. \$..	5,562	5,581	6,016	5,935	5,975	.....
Nondurable goods stores.....do....	3,854	3,778	4,231	4,130	4,081	.....
INITIAL UNEMPLOYMENT CLAIMS, State programs.....thous..	294	243	291	337	266	.....
INSURED UNEMPLOYMENT, all programs.....do....	1,745	1,696	1,625	1,603	.....	.....
State programs (50 States, D.C., and Puerto Rico).....do....	1,649	1,602	1,532	1,509	.....	.....
FAILURES, INDUST. AND COMMERCIAL (Dun & Bradstreet).....do....	176	216	82	157	192	162
FINANCE:						
Currency in circulation <u>3/</u> .....mil. \$..	46,493	46,117	50,945	50,472	50,023	49,537
Federal reserve bank credit outstanding, total <u>3/</u> .....do....	51,044	51,186	58,103	57,305	56,768	56,388
Member bank reserve balances <u>3/</u> .....do....	25,571	25,922	28,295	27,963	28,540	28,285
Excess reserves, estimated <u>3/</u> .....do....	157	376	862	202	206	208
Assets and liabilities of large commercial banks: <u>4/</u>						
Demand deposits, adjusted.....mil. \$..	79,096	77,154	88,930	84,604	84,613	.....
Savings deposits.....do....	48,736	48,521	49,161	48,812	48,523	.....
Loans and investments (adjusted), total.....do....	204,402	201,998	230,171	226,732	225,319	.....
U.S. Government obligations.....do....	28,725	27,928	29,354	28,101	27,811	.....
Commercial and industrial loans (gross).....do....	65,721	65,059	73,988	73,958	73,797	.....
Real estate loans (gross).....do....	29,236	29,034	32,050	32,021	32,137	.....
Bond yields, domestic corporate (Moody's) <u>3/</u> .....percent..	6.41	6.40	6.91	6.91	6.90	6.88
Stock prices, 500 stocks (Stand. & Poor's) <u>4/</u> ...1941-43=100..	95.64	93.17	*103.86	100.80	101.62	101.98
Industrials, 425 stocks.....do....	103.71	101.07	*113.02	109.64	110.63	110.95
PRODUCTION:						
Bituminous coal <u>3/</u> .....thous. sh. tons..	1,659	1,767	1,743	1,725	1,806	.....
Electric power, by utilities.....mil. kw.-hr..	25,531	25,076	26,837	28,057	27,733	.....
Motor vehicles (cars, trucks, buses).....number..	220,095	227,908	139,493	235,215	233,570	234,969
Petroleum (crude) and condensate <u>3/</u> .....thous. bbl..	9,194	9,257	8,937	9,026	9,043	.....
Steel, raw.....thous. sh. tons..	2,697	2,777	2,351	2,405	2,513	2,575
Index of production.....1957-59=100..	144.8	149.1	126.2	129.1	134.9	138.2
RAIL FREIGHT, REVENUE TON-MILES.....bil.	13.8	14.1	11.3	13.5	14.3	.....

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			
	Nov.	Dec.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS						
MANUFACTURERS' SHIPMENTS: <u>1/</u>						
Value (not seasonally adjusted):						
Durable goods industries, total.....bil. \$..	25.5	26.6	28.4	29.5	r28.8	27.9
Primary metals.....do....	3.8	3.8	3.9	4.1	4.1	3.8
Transportation equipment.....do....	6.4	7.3	7.1	7.8	r7.9	7.5
Value (seasonally adjusted):						
Durable goods industries, total.....do....	25.5	26.6	28.0	29.0	r28.8	28.0
Primary metals.....do....	3.9	4.0	4.0	4.2	4.2	4.1
Transportation equipment.....do....	6.2	6.7	7.2	7.6	7.6	7.0
MANUFACTURERS' ORDERS: <u>1/</u>						
New orders, net (not seasonally adjusted):						
Durable goods industries, total.....do....	24.9	27.5	29.1	30.5	r28.5	28.4
New orders, net (seasonally adjusted):						
Durable goods industries, total.....do....	25.9	28.1	28.4	30.3	r29.3	29.1
Primary metals.....do....	4.1	4.3	4.1	4.4	4.5	4.3
Transportation equipment.....do....	6.5	7.3	7.0	7.8	7.6	7.3
Unfilled orders, end of month (unadjusted):						
Durable goods industries, total.....do....	78.6	79.5	81.3	82.3	r82.0	82.5
Unfilled orders, end of month (seas. adj.):						
Durable goods industries, total.....do....	79.1	80.6	80.6	81.9	r82.4	83.6
Primary metals.....do....	6.7	7.0	5.7	5.8	r6.1	6.4
Transportation equipment.....do....	30.4	31.0	32.7	32.9	32.9	33.2
LABOR FORCE, EMPLOYMENT, AND EARNINGS						
HELP-WANTED ADVERTISING, SEASONALLY ADJUSTED.....1957-59=100..	187	190	219	213	222	p225
FINANCE						
Bank debits to demand deposit accounts, except interbank and U.S. Govt. accounts, annual rates, seas. adj.:						
Total (233 SMSA's).....bil. \$..	6,997.7	7,047.0	8,368.4	8,599.8	8,540.1	8,752.9
New York SMSA.....do....	3,100.8	3,149.7	3,857.8	3,953.7	r3,925.9	4,076.8
Total 232 SMSA's (except N.Y.).....do....	3,896.9	3,897.3	4,510.6	4,646.1	4,614.2	4,676.1
6 other leading SMSA's.....do....	1,557.8	1,515.4	1,840.2	1,904.9	1,094.1	1,902.4
226 other SMSA's.....do....	2,339.1	2,381.9	2,670.4	2,741.2	2,710.1	2,773.7

ITEM	1967		1968			
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<b>FINANCE—Con.</b>						
Turnover of demand deposits except interbank and U.S. Govt., annual rates, seasonally adjusted:						
Total (233 SMSA's).....ratio of debits to deposits..	58.4	58.5	64.7	66.3	66.5	65.9
New York SMSA.....do....	130.2	122.1	144.7	143.1	144.6	147.7
Total 232 SMSA's (except N.Y.).....do....	41.2	41.1	43.8	45.6	44.9	44.5
6 other leading SMSA's.....do....	55.7	54.6	61.3	64.4	63.0	61.1
226 other SMSA's.....do....	34.8	35.3	36.7	37.7	37.4	37.5
<b>ELECTRIC POWER</b>						
PRODUCTION, TOTAL.....mil. kw.-hr..	109,818	115,905	115,832	119,354	118,071	.....
Electric utilities, total.....do....	101,288	107,340	107,154	110,288	109,165	.....
By fuels.....do....	82,781	86,503	91,428	93,636	91,252	.....
By water power.....do....	18,508	20,837	15,726	16,652	17,913	.....
Privately and municipally owned utilities.....do....	82,860	87,361	87,884	91,092	89,477	.....
Other producers (publicly owned).....do....	18,429	19,979	19,270	19,196	19,688	.....
Industrial establishments, total.....do....	8,529	8,565	8,677	9,066	8,906	.....
By fuels.....do....	8,259	8,251	8,457	8,818	8,644	.....
By waterpower.....do....	270	314	220	248	262	.....
<b>FOOD AND KINDRED PRODUCTS; TOBACCO</b>						
<b>BEER:</b>						
Production.....mil. bbl..	8.37	8.47	9.86	10.10	8.46	.....
Taxable withdrawals.....do....	8.12	8.33	9.11	9.28	8.26	.....
Stocks, end of month.....do....	11.30	10.77	12.54	12.48	11.92	.....
<b>VEGETABLE OILS AND RELATED PRODUCTS:</b>						
<b>Corn oil:</b>						
Production, crude.....mil. lb..	35.5	33.8	34.4	41.4	r39.5	37.7
<b>Cottonseed cake and meal:</b>						
Production.....thous. sh. tons..	229.0	196.8	54.5	231.5	240.3	228.1
Stock (at oil mills), end of month.....do....	137.1	146.7	107.6	130.7	145.4	134.6
<b>Cottonseed oil:</b>						
Production, crude.....mil. lb..	167.1	140.8	39.6	162.6	r167.7	162.3
<b>Linseed oil:</b>						
Production, crude (raw).....do....	35.9	24.3	31.6	r35.4	r29.9	25.0
<b>Soybean cake and meal:</b>						
Production.....thous. sh. tons..	1,218.4	1,181.9	893.4	1,257.3	1,281.4	1,207.1
Stocks (at oil mills), end of month.....do....	168.0	199.8	95.4	111.5	112.5	147.8
<b>Soybean oil:</b>						
Production, crude.....mil. lb..	535.3	525.7	408.6	578.8	r584.1	547.4
<b>METALS AND MANUFACTURES</b>						
STEEL (RAW): Production.....thous. sh. tons..	11,299	11,953	8,086	9,006	r9,590	10,421
Index.....daily average 1957-59=100..	141.5	144.9	101.3	109.2	r120.1	126.3
<b>Industrial trucks (electric), shipments:</b>						
Hand (motorized).....number.	903	912	891	1,055	939	.....
Rider-Type.....do....	1,058	1,086	1,007	1,089	1,028	.....
Ind. trucks, tractors (combustion engines), shipments.....do....	2,961	3,406	3,600	4,123	3,473	.....
<b>MACHINE TOOLS:</b>						
<b>Metal cutting type tools:</b>						
Orders, new (net), total.....mil. \$..	77.45	88.35	71.05	78.55	r97.60	108.10
Domestic.....do....	67.65	80.15	62.30	70.45	r88.60	96.05
Shipments, total.....do....	114.25	137.40	115.55	107.75	r103.55	131.10
Domestic.....do....	101.45	121.40	109.15	100.90	r96.50	123.45
Order backlog, end of month.....do....	1,137.5	1,088.5	864.7	835.5	r829.6	806.6
<b>Metal forming type tools:</b>						
Orders, new (net), total.....do....	23.60	33.25	22.75	56.35	r80.20	32.70
Domestic.....do....	21.70	27.20	20.90	54.10	r76.70	31.15
Shipments, total.....do....	34.55	39.45	26.90	32.90	r26.50	37.60
Domestic.....do....	31.15	35.15	24.95	29.15	r23.05	33.30
Order backlog, end of month.....do....	234.5	228.3	175.7	199.2	r252.9	248.0
<b>PULP, PAPER, AND PAPER PRODUCTS</b>						
<b>NEWSPRINT, CANADA:</b>						
Production.....thous. sh. tons..	675	602	576	719	702	683
Shipments from mills.....do....	687	646	622	760	761	742
Stocks at mills, end of month.....do....	311	268	362	320	262	203
<b>NEWSPRINT, UNITED STATES:</b>						
Production.....do....	222	204	240	257	248	233
Shipments from mills.....do....	228	206	240	259	255	249
Stocks at mills, end of month.....do....	41	39	52	50	43	27
Consumption by publishers.....do....	622	587	599	645	652	630
Stocks at and in transit to publishers, end of mo.....do....	673	630	659	660	628	633
<b>TEXTILE PRODUCTS</b>						
<b>COTTON (exclusive of linters): 1/</b>						
Consumption.....thous. bales..	720	825	643	813	r658	580
<b>Manufactures:</b>						
<b>Spindle activity (cotton system spindles):</b>						
Active spindles, last working day, total.....millions..	20.1	20.0	20.2	20.2	r20.0	20.0
Consuming 100 percent cotton.....do....	14.5	14.4	13.3	13.3	13.1	13.1
Spindle hours operated, all fibers, total.....billions..	10.2	11.6	9.9	12.5	r9.9	8.6
Average per working day.....do....	.511	.465	.495	.502	r.495	.428
Consuming 100 percent cotton.....do....	7.3	8.3	6.5	8.3	r6.5	5.6

Revised. 1/ Data for Dec. 1967 and Oct. 1968 cover 5 weeks; other months, 4 weeks.

## MONTHLY BUSINESS STATISTICS—Continued

ITEM	1967		1968			
	Oct.	Nov.	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.
TEXTILE PRODUCTS—Con.						
Men's apparel, cuttings:						
Tailored garments:						
Suits.....thous. units..	1,852	1,919	1,856	1,836	r2,352	1,870
Overcoats and topcoats.....do....	432	419	408	420	395	304
Coats (separate), dress and sport.....do....	1,210	1,256	1,208	1,074	r1,367	1,306
Trousers (separate), dress and sport.....do....	12,042	12,010	14,418	13,417	r14,594	13,038
Shirts (woven fabrics), dress and sport.....thous. doz..	2,126	2,020	1,992	1,858	r2,312	1,982
Work clothing:						
Dungarees and waistband overalls.....do....	675	510	544	676	r629	672
Shirts.....do....	330	329	259	268	340	297
TRANSPORTATION EQUIPMENT						
Aircraft (complete):						
Shipments.....mil. \$..	273.2	296.6	340.3	311.6	r337.7	413.7
Airframe weight.....thous. lb..	5,239	5,367	6,005	5,668	r5,782	6,845
MOTOR VEHICLES:						
FACTORY SALES, TOTAL.....thous..						
Domestic.....do....	751.9	807.7	292.1	816.9	1,125.2	1,040.7
Domestic.....do....	706.9	761.8	274.7	769.4	1,065.2	984.3
Passenger cars, total.....do....	645.4	683.0	193.1	656.4	935.2	876.6
Domestic.....do....	608.8	645.2	182.6	620.0	889.5	831.0
Trucks and buses, total.....do....	106.5	124.7	99.0	160.5	190.0	164.1
Domestic.....do....	98.1	116.5	92.1	149.4	175.8	153.3
Truck trailers, shipments:						
Complete trailers and chassis.....number..	8,787	7,884	9,526	9,544	r9,980	9,803
Vans.....do....	5,549	5,161	6,439	6,475	r7,036	6,922
Trailer bodies, chassis, sold separately.....do....	1,787	2,326	2,308	3,703	r3,769	3,969

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