

# BUSINESS STATISTICS



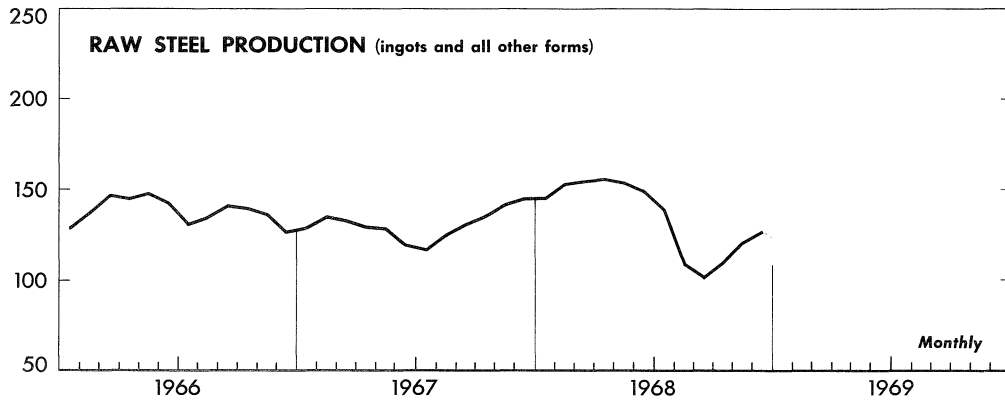
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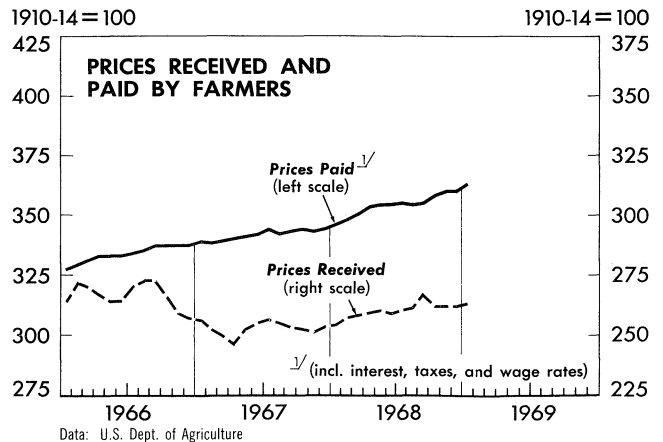
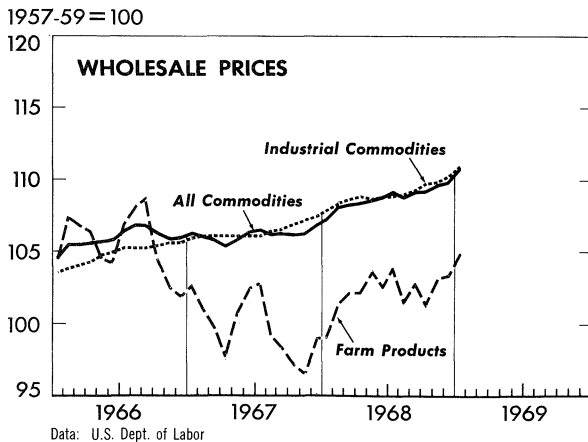
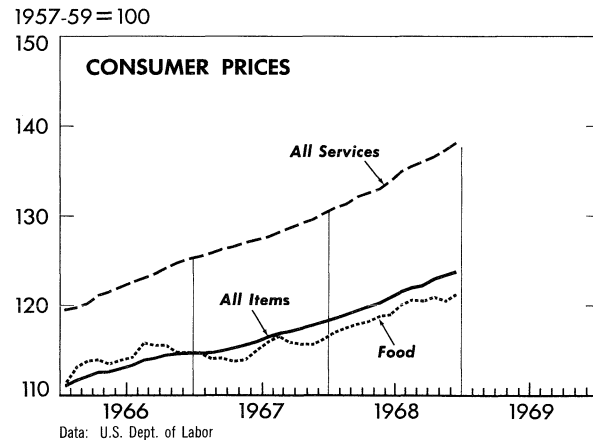
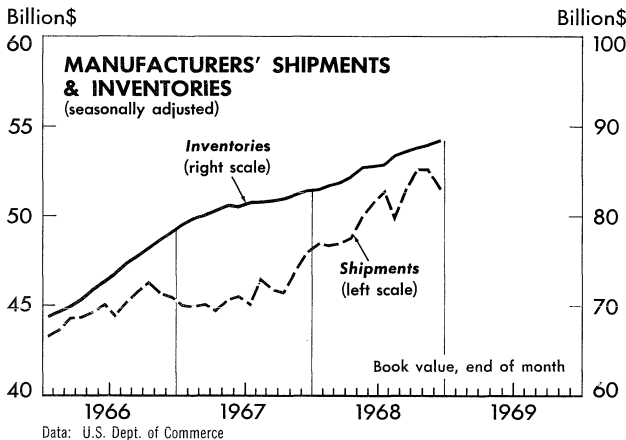
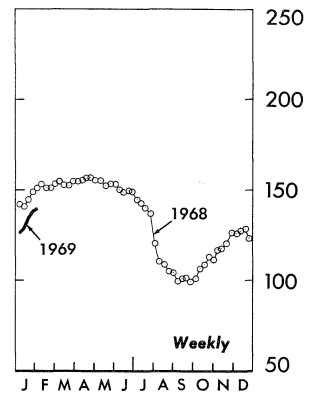
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## SELECTED BUSINESS INDICATORS

1957-59 = 100



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WEEKLY BUSINESS STATISTICS<sup>1</sup>

ITEM	1967		1968			
	Jan. 27	Feb. 3	Jan. 11	Jan. 18	Jan. 25	Feb. 1
WHOLESALE PRICES, 22 COMMODITIES <u>2/</u> .....1957-59=100..	95.9	96.7	99.8	100.5	101.1	101.8
ALL RETAIL STORES, SALES.....mil. \$..	5,581	5,706	5,935	5,975	5,789	.....
Nondurable goods stores.....do....	3,778	3,867	4,130	4,081	3,922	.....
INITIAL UNEMPLOYMENT CLAIMS, State programs.....thous..	243	309	337	266	236	.....
INSURED UNEMPLOYMENT, all programs.....do....	1,696	1,686	1,603	1,564	.....	.....
State programs (50 States, D.C., and Puerto Rico).....do....	1,602	1,591	1,509	1,470	.....	.....
FALLURES, INDUST. AND COMMERCIAL (Dun & Bradstreet).....do....	216	204	157	192	162	178
FINANCE:						
Currency in circulation <u>3/</u> .....mil. \$..	46,117	45,763	50,472	50,023	49,537	49,153
Federal reserve bank credit outstanding, total <u>3/</u> .....do....	51,186	50,751	57,305	56,768	56,419	55,445
Member bank reserve balances <u>3/</u> .....do....	25,922	25,672	27,963	28,540	28,317	27,543
Excess reserves, estimated <u>3/</u> .....do....	376	336	202	206	240	134
Assets and liabilities of large commercial banks: <u>4/</u>						
Demand deposits, adjusted.....mil. \$..	77,341	78,598	84,604	84,613	81,630	.....
Savings deposits.....do....	48,676	48,516	48,812	48,523	48,447	.....
Loans and investments (adjusted), total.....do....	202,397	203,819	226,732	225,293	223,892	.....
U.S. Government obligations.....do....	28,001	28,080	28,101	27,812	28,051	.....
Commercial and industrial loans (gross).....do....	65,029	64,994	73,958	73,836	73,539	.....
Real estate loans (gross).....do....	29,268	29,035	32,021	32,137	32,204	.....
Bond yields, domestic corporate (Moody's) <u>3/</u> .....percent..	6.40	6.40	6.91	6.90	6.88	6.87
Stock prices, 500 stocks (Stand. & Poor's) <u>4/</u> .....1941-43=100..	93.17	92.24	100.80	101.62	101.98	102.51
Industrials, 425 stocks.....do....	101.07	100.00	109.64	110.63	110.95	111.30
PRODUCTION:						
Bituminous coal <u>3/</u> .....thous. sh. tons..	1,767	1,397	1,725	1,817	1,765	.....
Electric power, by utilities.....mil. kw.-hr..	25,076	24,835	28,057	27,733	27,154	.....
Motor vehicles (cars, trucks, buses).....number..	227,908	179,208	235,215	233,525	234,698	229,001
Petroleum (crude) and condensate <u>3/</u> .....thous. bbl..	9,257	9,363	9,026	9,043	9,050	.....
Steel, raw.....thous. sh. tons..	2,777	2,821	2,405	2,513	2,575	2,604
Index of production.....1957-59=100..	149.1	151.4	129.1	134.9	138.2	139.8
RAIL FREIGHT, REVENUE TON-MILES.....bil..	14.4	13.5	13.5	14.3	14.0	.....

<sup>1/</sup> Data do not always cover calendar weeks. <sup>2/</sup> Tuesday price. <sup>3/</sup> Daily average. <sup>4/</sup> Wednesday data.

## MONTHLY BUSINESS STATISTICS

ITEM	1967		1968			
	Nov.	Dec.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS						
MANUFACTURERS' SHIPMENTS:						
NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED, TOTAL.....mil. \$..	46,799	46,923	52,950	54,016	r52,495	50,227
Durable goods industries, total <u>1/</u> .....do....	25,455	26,644	28,404	29,541	r28,831	27,693
Stone, clay, and glass products.....do....	1,226	1,182	1,449	1,496	r1,325	1,240
Primary metals.....do....	3,798	3,766	3,912	4,125	r4,051	3,939
Fabricated metal products.....do....	2,627	2,673	2,965	3,079	r2,852	2,700
Machinery, except electrical.....do....	4,301	4,748	5,029	5,094	r4,968	5,097
Electrical machinery.....do....	3,695	3,717	3,754	3,681	r3,692	3,635
Transportation equipment.....do....	6,366	7,295	7,067	7,835	r7,932	7,293
Instruments and related products.....do....	854	862	1,062	1,025	r1,043	1,031
Nondurable goods industries, total <u>1/</u> .....do....	21,344	20,279	24,546	24,475	r23,664	22,534
Food and kindred products.....do....	7,128	6,967	8,251	8,115	r7,997	7,818
Tobacco products.....do....	403	399	423	412	r420	413
Textile mill products.....do....	1,758	1,637	1,981	1,956	r1,863	1,718
Paper and allied products.....do....	1,811	1,776	2,186	2,174	r2,077	1,989
Chemicals and allied products.....do....	3,527	3,218	4,204	4,109	r3,923	3,578
Petroleum and coal products.....do....	1,822	1,773	1,897	1,905	r1,910	1,870
Rubber and plastics products.....do....	1,061	1,007	1,221	1,321	r1,239	1,250
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED, TOTAL.....do....	46,955	47,961	51,441	52,560	r52,548	51,514
By industry group:						
Durable goods industries, total <u>1/</u> .....do....	25,538	26,610	27,985	28,960	r28,786	27,787
Stone, clay, and glass products.....do....	1,234	1,319	1,347	1,390	r1,334	1,378
Primary metals.....do....	3,941	4,027	3,963	4,220	r4,180	4,182
Fabricated metal products.....do....	2,671	2,786	2,859	3,005	r2,896	2,807
Machinery, except electrical.....do....	4,493	4,693	5,075	5,194	r5,185	4,992
Electrical machinery.....do....	3,569	3,624	3,545	3,529	r3,586	3,554
Transportation equipment.....do....	6,170	6,686	7,227	7,555	r7,568	6,840
Instruments and related products.....do....	841	816	999	989	r1,028	974

<sup>r/</sup> Revised. <sup>1/</sup> Includes data for "other industries" not shown.  
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ITEM	1967		1968				
	Nov.	Dec.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	
GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS—Con.							
MANUFACTURERS' SHIPMENTS (SEAS. ADJ.)—Con.							
By industry group—Con.							
Nondurable goods industries, total <u>l</u> /.....mil. \$..	21,417	21,351	23,456	23,600	r23,762	23,727	
Food and kindred products.....do....	7,132	7,141	7,812	7,869	r8,003	8,019	
Tobacco products.....do....	401	405	411	421	r418	420	
Textile mill products.....do....	1,692	1,742	1,848	1,805	r1,788	1,822	
Paper and allied products.....do....	1,822	1,855	2,117	2,112	r2,089	2,073	
Chemicals and allied products.....do....	3,709	3,586	4,061	4,061	r4,139	4,000	
Petroleum and coal products.....do....	1,831	1,774	1,884	1,890	r1,919	1,875	
Rubber and plastics products.....do....	1,097	1,046	1,221	1,276	r1,279	1,296	
INVENTORIES, END OF MONTH:							
Book value (unadjusted), total.....do....	81,899	82,561	86,409	86,887	r87,382	88,092	
Durable goods industries, total.....do....	52,889	53,217	56,141	56,265	r56,497	56,938	
Nondurable goods industries, total.....do....	29,010	29,344	30,268	30,622	r30,885	31,154	
Book value (seasonally adjusted), total.....do....	82,389	82,819	87,109	87,566	r87,947	88,438	
By industry group:							
Durable goods industries, total <u>l</u> /.....do....	53,283	53,540	56,458	56,657	r56,953	57,329	
Stone, clay, and glass products.....do....	1,950	1,952	2,029	2,064	r2,153	2,200	
Primary metals.....do....	7,616	7,644	7,502	7,426	r7,504	7,558	
Fabricated metal products.....do....	5,467	5,465	6,121	6,229	r6,229	6,329	
Machinery, except electrical.....do....	10,886	10,905	11,213	11,147	r11,222	11,312	
Electrical machinery.....do....	8,186	8,157	8,502	8,524	r8,528	8,488	
Transportation equipment.....do....	12,498	12,679	13,889	13,891	r13,844	13,947	
Instruments and related products.....do....	1,997	2,013	2,067	2,105	r2,122	2,168	
Nondurable goods industries, total <u>l</u> /.....do....	29,106	29,279	30,651	30,909	r30,994	31,109	
Food and kindred products.....do....	7,026	7,094	7,423	7,491	r7,417	7,372	
Tobacco products.....do....	2,243	2,269	2,219	2,211	r2,231	2,261	
Textile mill products.....do....	3,172	3,232	3,477	3,470	r3,425	3,517	
Paper and allied products.....do....	2,220	2,190	2,331	2,359	r2,351	2,310	
Chemicals and allied products.....do....	5,547	5,600	5,793	5,871	r5,882	5,904	
Petroleum and coal products.....do....	1,941	1,971	2,083	2,114	r2,136	2,129	
Rubber and plastics products.....do....	1,593	1,601	1,733	1,731	r1,833	1,793	
NEW ORDERS, NET (NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED), TOTAL.....do....							
Durable goods industries, total.....do....	46,311	47,838	53,605	55,022	r52,136	51,165	
Nondurable goods industries, total.....do....	24,920	27,545	29,052	30,536	r28,471	28,725	
NEW ORDERS, NET (SEASONALLY ADJUSTED), TOTAL.....do....	21,391	20,293	24,553	24,486	r23,665	22,440	
By industry group:							
Durable goods industries, total <u>l</u> /.....do....	47,320	49,463	51,877	53,931	r53,100	53,118	
Primary metals.....do....	25,852	28,056	28,381	30,280	r29,325	29,458	
Fabricated metal products.....do....	4,094	4,313	4,092	4,397	r4,475	4,387	
Machinery, except electrical.....do....	2,820	3,335	3,103	3,271	r3,225	3,176	
Electrical machinery.....do....	4,497	4,604	5,184	5,403	r5,134	5,183	
Transportation equipment.....do....	3,265	3,698	3,668	3,751	r3,505	3,718	
Nondurable goods industries, total.....do....	6,481	7,277	6,996	7,764	r7,589	7,598	
Industries with unfilled orders.....do....	21,468	21,407	23,496	23,651	r23,775	23,660	
Industries without unfilled orders.....do....	5,772	5,893	6,434	6,518	r6,447	6,398	
UNFILLED ORDERS, END OF MONTH (UNADJ.), TOTAL.....do....	15,696	15,514	17,062	17,133	r17,328	17,262	
Durable goods industries, total.....do....	81,584	82,499	84,358	85,357	r85,003	85,944	
Nondurable goods industries with unfilled orders.....do....	78,579	79,480	81,318	82,307	r81,951	82,984	
UNFILLED ORDERS, END OF MONTH (SEAS. ADJ.), TOTAL.....do....	3,005	3,019	3,040	3,050	r3,052	2,960	
By industry group:							
Durable goods industries, total <u>l</u> /.....do....	82,184	83,686	83,617	84,991	r85,539	87,149	
Primary metals.....do....	79,132	80,578	80,572	81,894	r82,429	84,105	
Fabricated metal products.....do....	6,733	7,019	5,662	5,840	r6,133	6,339	
Machinery, except electrical.....do....	8,427	8,976	9,155	9,381	r9,711	10,080	
Electrical machinery.....do....	14,640	14,551	14,430	14,637	r14,589	14,780	
Transportation equipment.....do....	13,161	13,235	12,923	13,148	r13,065	13,230	
Nondurable goods industries with unfilled orders.....do....	30,440	31,031	32,709	32,918	r32,936	33,694	
INDUSTRIAL AND COMMERCIAL FAILURES (Dun & Bradstreet, Inc.):	3,052	3,108	3,045	3,097	r3,110	3,044	
Failures, total.....number..	881	831	705	768	696	563	
Commercial service.....do....	102	104	68	92	87	73	
Construction.....do....	166	158	112	151	115	93	
Manufacturing and mining.....do....	133	133	126	111	97	90	
Retail trade.....do....	393	347	320	347	341	256	
Wholesale trade.....do....	87	89	79	67	56	51	
Liabilities (current), total.....thous. \$..	69,977	195,448	58,651	65,384	58,651	83,414	
Commercial service.....do....	7,025	45,725	5,857	6,631	7,979	5,862	
Construction.....do....	15,780	97,868	15,703	18,001	8,157	11,394	
Manufacturing and mining.....do....	20,678	25,988	15,951	13,512	20,482	48,285	
Retail trade.....do....	19,110	16,380	13,721	17,594	16,908	12,252	
Wholesale trade.....do....	7,384	9,487	7,419	9,646	5,155	5,621	
Failure annual rate (seas. adj.).....No. per 10,000 concerns..	42.2	43.2	40.3	37.5	35.7	29.9	
	1967		1968				1969
	Dec.	Jan.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	
COMMODITY PRICES							
PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS, ALL FARM PRODUCTS.....1910-14=100..	253	254	262	262	262	263	
PRICES PAID BY FARMERS:							
All commodities and services.....do....	303	304	312	314	315	315	
All commod., services, int., taxes, and wage rates.....do....	344	r347	358	r360	360	363	
PARITY RATIO.....do....	74	r73	73	73	73	72	

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## MONTHLY BUSINESS STATISTICS—Continued

ITEM	1967		1968			
	Nov.	Dec.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
COMMODITY PRICES--Con.						
CONSUMER PRICE INDEX:						
Unadjusted indexes:						
All items.....1957-59=100..	117.8	118.2	122.2	122.9	123.4	123.7
Special group indexes:						
All items less shelter.....do....	117.5	117.7	121.5	122.2	122.5	122.7
All items less food.....do....	118.7	118.9	123.0	123.8	124.4	124.7
Commodities.....do....	112.6	112.9	116.1	116.8	117.1	117.2
Nondurables.....do....	115.3	115.6	119.6	120.2	120.3	120.7
Durables.....do....	106.0	106.1	107.6	108.5	109.3	108.7
New cars.....do....	101.4	101.3	98.4	102.8	103.8	102.7
Used cars.....do....	125.6	124.8	126.7	.....	.....	118.7
Commodities less food.....do....	111.1	111.1	113.9	114.7	115.3	115.2
Services.....do....	129.6	130.1	136.0	136.6	137.4	138.1
Services less rent.....do....	133.2	133.8	140.5	141.2	142.0	142.9
Food.....do....	115.6	116.2	120.4	120.9	120.5	121.2
Housing.....do....	115.5	116.0	120.4	120.9	121.7	122.3
Shelter.....do....	119.4	119.9	125.3	126.0	126.9	127.6
Rent.....do....	113.2	113.5	115.7	116.0	116.3	116.7
Homeownership.....do....	121.9	122.6	129.1	130.0	131.1	132.0
Fuel and utilities.....do....	109.3	109.3	110.5	110.4	111.3	111.5
Household furnishings and operation.....do....	109.3	109.7	113.9	114.2	114.8	115.1
Apparel and upkeep.....do....	116.6	116.8	122.2	123.3	124.0	124.3
Transportation.....do....	118.3	117.9	119.5	120.6	121.2	120.2
Private.....do....	116.2	115.8	117.2	118.4	118.9	117.5
Public.....do....	134.6	134.9	138.7	138.7	139.4	143.3
Health and recreation.....do....	126.2	126.6	131.1	131.9	132.4	132.8
Medical care.....do....	139.7	140.4	146.4	147.4	148.2	149.1
Seasonally adjusted indexes:						
Food.....do....	116.1	116.4	120.0	120.9	121.0	121.4
Apparel and upkeep.....do....	115.9	116.2	122.1	122.7	123.3	123.7
Transportation.....do....	117.8	117.7	119.7	120.4	120.7	120.2
WHOLESALE PRICE INDEX:						
All commodities.....do....	106.2	106.8	109.1	109.1	109.6	*109.8
Farm products.....do....	96.4	98.9	102.8	101.2	103.1	*103.3
Processed foods and feeds.....do....	110.9	111.5	115.3	114.4	114.7	*114.7
Industrial commodities.....do....	107.1	107.4	109.2	109.7	109.9	r*110.3
PURCHASING POWER OF THE DOLLAR AS MEASURED BY—						
Wholesale prices.....1957-59=\$1.00..	\$0.942	\$0.936	\$0.917	\$0.917	\$0.912	*\$0.911
Consumer prices.....do....	.849	.846	.818	.814	.810	.808

r/ Revised. \* Preliminary Jan. 1969 data: All commodities, 110.7; farm products, 104.9; processed foods and feeds, 115.9; industrial commodities, 110.9; purchasing power of the dollar, \$0.903.  
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