



# BUSINESS STATISTICS



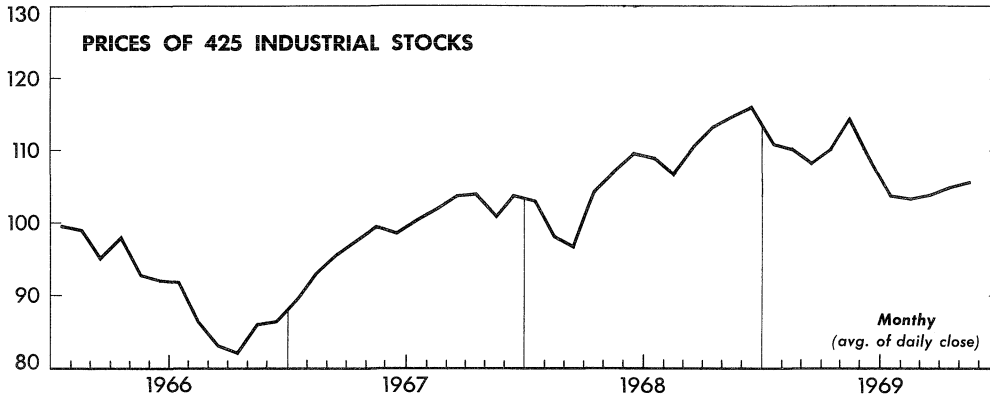
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A WEEKLY SUPPLEMENT TO THE SURVEY OF CURRENT BUSINESS\*

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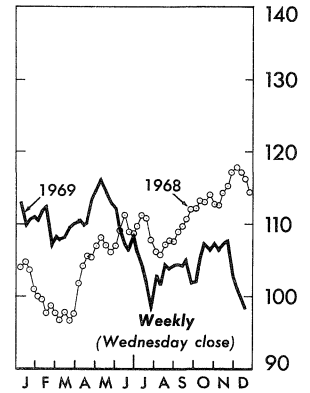
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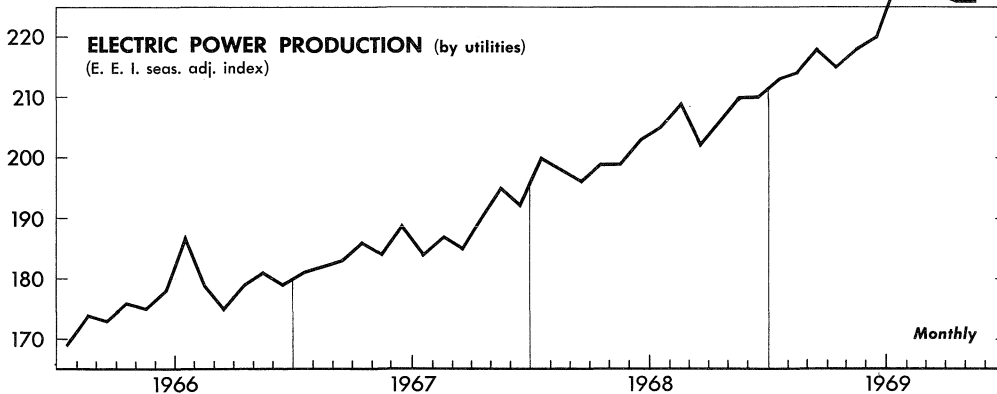


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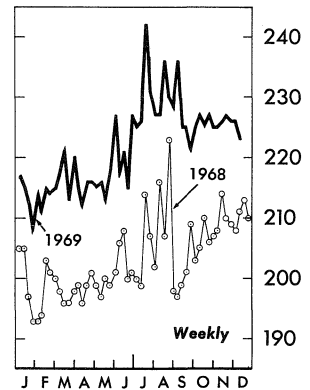


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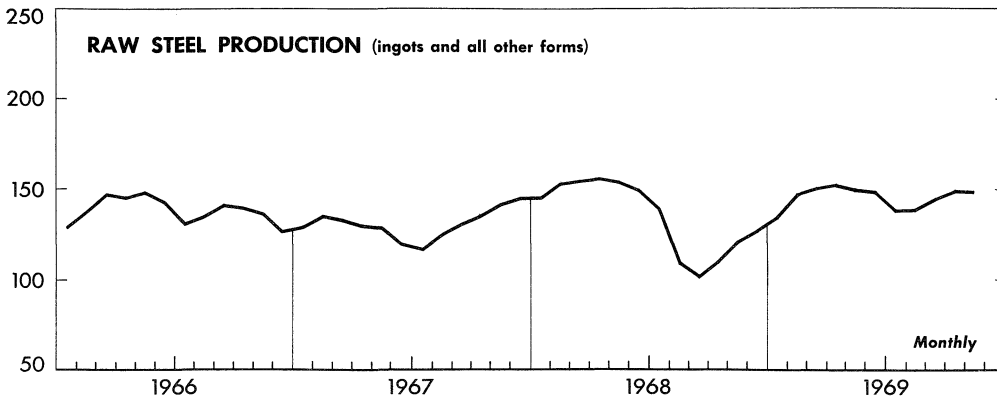


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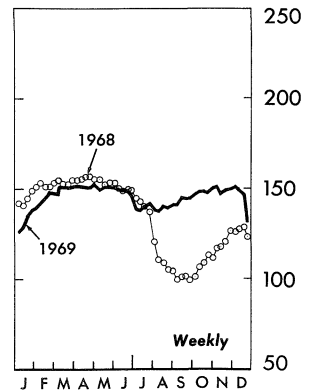


1957-59 = 100



Data: Amer. Iron & Steel Inst.

1957-59 = 100



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ITEM	1968		1969			
	Dec. 21	Dec. 28	Dec. 6	Dec. 13	Dec. 20	Dec. 27
WHOLESALE PRICES, 22 COMMODITIES <u>2</u> /.....1957-59=100..	99.1	99.5	112.1	112.2	112.4	112.1
ALL RETAIL STORES, SALES.....mil. \$..	8,847	7,264	7,748	8,197	8,950	.....
Nondurable goods stores.....do....	6,454	5,257	5,604	5,903	6,526	.....
INITIAL UNEMPLOYMENT CLAIMS, State programs.....thous..	243	334	247	265	289	.....
INSURED UNEMPLOYMENT, all programs.....do....	1,157	1,436	1,277	1,339	.....	.....
State programs (50 States, D.C., and Puerto Rico).....do....	1,083	1,351	1,193	1,251	.....	.....
FAILURES, INDUST. AND COMMERCIAL (Dun & Bradstreet).number..	122	85	199	173	153	103
FINANCE:						
Currency in circulation <u>3</u> /.....mil. \$..	50,616	50,803	53,059	53,287	53,525	53,757
Federal Reserve bank credit outstanding, total <u>3</u> /.....do....	59,104	59,854	63,247	63,621	63,702	64,141
Member bank reserve balances <u>3</u> /.....do....	27,088	27,232	27,710	27,747	27,982	27,813
Excess reserves, estimated <u>3</u> /.....do....	-362	-24	166	-249	56	198
Assets and liabilities of large commercial banks: <u>4</u> /						
Demand deposits, adjusted.....mil. \$..	82,174	.....	79,349	82,449	81,961	.....
Savings deposits.....do....	48,790	.....	46,317	46,216	46,152	.....
Loans and investments, gross adjusted, total.....do....	232,061	.....	228,032	228,545	231,946	.....
U.S. Government obligations.....do....	29,969	.....	23,670	23,974	23,576	.....
Commercial and industrial loans (gross).....do....	73,014	73,033	78,347	78,525	80,272	.....
Real estate loans (gross).....do....	32,069	31,943	34,056	34,050	34,098	.....
Bond yields, domestic corporate (Moody's) <u>3</u> /.....percent..	6.82	6.88	7.97	8.05	8.15	8.26
Stock prices, 500 stocks (Stand. & Poor's) <u>4</u> /1941-43=10..	*106.66	*105.04	91.65	90.48	89.20	.....
Industrials, 425 stocks.....do....	*116.23	*114.35	101.06	99.80	98.38	.....
PRODUCTION:						
Bituminous coal <u>3</u> /.....thous. sh. tons..	1,847	1,590	1,951	1,938	1,949	.....
Electric power, by utilities.....mil. kw.-hr..	27,764	25,718	28,616	28,981	29,513	.....
Motor vehicles (passenger cars).....number..	188,598	76,429	181,415	183,641	178,788	38,846
Petroleum (crude) and condensate <u>3</u> /.....thous. bbl..	8,949	8,936	9,424	9,494	9,502	.....
Steel, raw.....thous. sh. tons..	2,388	2,297	2,777	2,759	2,723	2,454
Index of production.....1957-59=100..	128.2	123.3	149.1	148.1	146.2	131.7
RAIL FREIGHT, REVENUE TON-MILES.....bil..	13.6	10.0	15.3	15.0	.....	.....

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

## MONTHLY BUSINESS STATISTICS

ITEM	1968		1969			
	Nov.	Dec.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
COMMODITY PRICES						
WHOLESALE PRICE INDEX:						
All commodities.....1957-59=100..	109.6	109.8	113.6	114.0	114.7	p115.0
Farm products.....do....	103.1	103.3	108.4	107.9	111.1	p111.6
Processed foods and feeds.....do....	114.7	114.7	121.3	121.6	121.8	p122.4
Industrial commodities.....do....	109.9	110.2	113.2	113.8	114.2	p114.5
PURCHASING POWER OF THE DOLLAR AS MEASURED BY--						
Wholesale prices.....1957-59=\$1.00..	\$0.912	\$0.911	\$0.880	\$0.877	\$0.872	p\$0.870
LABOR FORCE, EMPLOYMENT, AND EARNINGS						
EMPLOYMENT SERVICE AND UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE:						
Nonfarm placements.....thous..	540	426	471	503	462	.....
Unemployment insurance programs:						
Insured unemployment, all programs.....do....	861	984	1,015	902	929	.....
State programs:						
Initial claims.....do....	701	788	731	655	744	.....
Insured unemployment, weekly average.....do....	794	913	948	r840	864	.....
Percent of covered employment:						
Unadjusted.....do....	1.6	1.8	1.8	1.6	1.6	.....
Seasonally adjusted.....do....	2.1	2.1	2.2	2.2	2.2	.....
Beneficiaries, weekly average.....thous..	644	680	832	706	686	.....
Benefits paid.....mil. \$..	126.0	122.5	156.7	136.2	139.5	.....
Federal employees, insured unemployment, weekly average.....thous..	20	21	18	17	18	.....
Veterans' program (UCX):						
Initial claims.....do....	26	26	27	26	29	.....
Insured unemployment, weekly average.....do....	27	32	37	32	32	.....
Beneficiaries, weekly average.....do....	24	26	35	30	28	.....
Benefits paid.....mil. \$..	5.2	5.3	7.2	6.5	6.3	.....

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ITEM	1968		1969			
	Oct.	Nov.	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.
LABOR FORCE, EMPLOYMENT, AND EARNINGS--Con.						
EMPLOYMENT SERVICE AND UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE--Con.						
Unemployment insurance programs--Con.						
Railroad program:						
Applications.....thous..	9	6	7	6	10	5
Insured unemployment, weekly average.....do....	20	18	13	r13	15	14
Benefits paid.....mil. \$..	4.0	3.4	2.4	2.5	2.9	2.5
CHEMICALS AND ALLIED PRODUCTS						
INORGANIC CHEMICALS, PRODUCTION:						
Acetylene.....mil. cu. ft..	1,275	1,208	1,140	1,203	1,242	.....
Ammonia, synthetic anhydrous (commercial).thous. sh. tons..	951.2	942.0	1,007.1	r1,037.3	1,122.9	.....
Carbon dioxide, liquid, gas, and solid.....do....	88.8	91.7	r110.4	99.4	93.5	.....
Chlorine, gas.....do....	735.4	722.5	r808.6	786.4	808.4	.....
Hydrochloric acid.....do....	157.9	156.2	r151.0	150.2	154.3	.....
Nitric acid.....do....	496.1	487.0	479.6	r519.3	541.3	.....
Oxygen (high purity).....mil. cu. ft..	19,345	20,291	r23,123	22,151	24,021	.....
Phosphoric acid.....thous. sh. tons..	415.7	403.1	379.7	r410.7	439.1	.....
Sodium carbonate (soda ash), synthetic.....do....	402.1	363.6	374.9	368.8	410.4	.....
Sodium bichromate and chromate.....do....	12.4	12.0	12.4	12.2	13.5	.....
Sodium hydroxide.....do....	777.2	766.7	r824.4	793.8	840.1	.....
Sodium silicate, anhydrous.....do....	62.2	63.8	50.5	49.4	61.0	.....
Sodium sulfate, anhydrous.....do....	129.0	120.7	r113.0	119.7	131.0	.....
Sulfuric acid.....do....	2,365.0	2,357.0	2,252.5	r2,280.4	2,518.8	.....
ELECTRIC POWER						
PRODUCTION, TOTAL.....mil. kw.-hr..	119,676	118,040	142,630	128,515	129,414	.....
Electric utilities, total.....do....	110,560	109,108	133,319	119,469	119,980	.....
By fuels.....do....	93,918	91,260	112,485	101,164	101,040	.....
By waterpower.....do....	16,642	17,848	20,834	18,304	18,940	.....
Privately and municipally owned utilities.....do....	91,262	89,395	108,870	97,968	98,711	.....
Other producers (publicly owned).....do....	19,297	19,713	24,449	21,501	21,269	.....
Industrial establishments, total.....do....	9,116	8,932	9,311	9,046	9,434	.....
By fuels.....do....	8,868	8,669	9,050	8,813	9,184	.....
By waterpower.....do....	248	263	261	233	250	.....
FOOD AND KINDRED PRODUCTS; TOBACCO						
BEER:						
Production.....mil. bbl..	10.10	8.46	11.98	11.61	10.81	.....
Taxable withdrawals.....do....	9.28	8.26	11.44	10.80	10.14	.....
Stocks, end of month.....do....	12.48	11.92	13.12	13.05	12.81	.....
VEGETABLE OILS AND RELATED PRODUCTS:						
Coconut oil, production, crude.....mil. lb..	27.5	41.7	35.4	35.8	38.2	35.3
Corn oil:						
Production, crude.....mil. lb..	41.4	39.5	38.5	r39.2	41.2	37.8
Cottonseed cake and meal:						
Production.....thous. sh. tons..	231.5	240.3	57.0	r74.9	221.5	233.1
Stocks (at oil mills), end of month.....do....	130.7	145.4	99.2	r64.9	61.4	79.0
Cottonseed oil:						
Production, crude.....mil. lb..	162.6	167.7	37.2	r51.0	156.3	165.8
Linseed oil:						
Production, crude (raw).....do....	35.4	29.9	16.1	39.5	31.2	26.7
Soybean cake and meal:						
Production.....thous. sh. tons..	1,257.3	1,281.4	1,123.8	r1,096.0	1,416.2	1,418.2
Stocks (at oil mills), end of month.....do....	111.5	112.5	130.8	r108.6	120.2	139.4
Soybean oil:						
Production, crude.....mil. lb..	578.8	584.1	526.9	r511.8	660.3	657.4
METAL AND MANUFACTURES						
STEEL (RAW): Production.....thous. sh. tons..	9,006	9,590	11,421	11,523	12,324	11,916
Index.....daily average 1957-59=100..	109.2	120.1	138.4	144.3	149.4	149.3
Aluminum shipments:						
Ingot and mill products (net).....mil. lb..	r829.3	807.0	849.5	r933.3	932.5	.....
Mill products, total.....do....	625.7	583.7	606.5	r640.7	648.1	.....
Plate and sheet (excluding foil).....do....	284.8	268.4	297.5	r300.7	298.9	.....
Tin:						
Recovery from scrap, total (tin cont.).....lg. tons..	2,165	1,930	1,775	1,895	.....	.....
As metal.....do....	245	255	260	195	.....	.....
Consumption, pig, total.....do....	7,510	6,495	6,455	6,625	7,105	.....
Primary.....do....	5,070	4,555	4,665	4,695	4,925	.....
Stocks, pig (industrial), end of period.....do....	16,360	16,270	13,645	16,045	16,250	.....
Zinc:						
Mine production, recoverable zinc.....thous. sh. tons..	47.0	44.2	46.6	r46.5	46.5	.....
Consumption (recoverable zinc content):						
Ores.....do....	10.7	11.4	10.3	12.3	13.0	.....
Scrap.....do....	19.8	19.9	19.0	19.2	20.4	.....
Slab zinc:						
Production (primary smelter), from domestic and foreign ores.....thous. sh. tons..	89.5	91.9	88.6	90.0	88.0	.....
Secondary (redistilled) production.....do....	6.3	6.5	4.8	4.6	6.5	.....
Consumption, fabricators'.....do....	123.7	116.7	110.8	116.0	122.0	.....
Stocks, consumers', end of period.....do....	74.0	73.9	104.0	r105.7	100.8	.....

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## MONTHLY BUSINESS STATISTICS—Continued

ITEM	1968		1969			
	Oct.	Nov.	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.
<b>METALS AND MANUFACTURES—Con.</b>						
Oil burners: Shipments.....thous..	82.6	68.3	63.1	66.1	71.2	.....
Stocks, end of month.....do....	27.3	27.0	28.3	23.7	20.6	.....
Ranges, gas, domestic cooking, shipments.....do....	217.0	201.0	221.2	230.3	.....	.....
Top burner sections (4-burner equiv.), shipments.....do....	18.4	16.7	15.8	18.3	.....	.....
Stoves, domestic heating, shipments, total.....do....	197.7	143.7	176.4	r172.0	189.3	.....
Gas.....do....	144.4	108.7	133.5	r132.1	143.8	.....
Warm-air furnaces, shipments, total.....do....	230.4	174.2	172.3	r202.3	220.4	.....
Gas.....do....	177.3	134.6	136.3	153.9	170.7	.....
<b>MACHINE TOOLS:</b>						
Metal cutting type tools:						
Orders, new (net), total.....mil. \$..	78.55	97.60	66.70	82.00	r89.00	78.90
Domestic.....do....	70.45	88.60	56.45	58.50	r77.40	67.55
Shipments, total.....do....	107.75	103.55	74.05	108.40	r104.60	91.70
Domestic.....do....	100.90	96.50	63.15	96.65	r94.00	83.25
Order backlog, end of month.....do....	835.5	829.6	903.0	876.6	r861.0	848.2
Metal forming type tools:						
Orders, new (net), total.....do....	56.35	80.20	38.60	27.70	r45.00	30.30
Domestic.....do....	54.10	76.70	33.30	23.95	r36.25	26.10
Shipments, total.....do....	32.90	26.50	30.70	34.85	r43.20	39.25
Domestic.....do....	29.15	23.05	28.05	32.80	r40.40	34.05
Order backlog, end of month.....do....	199.2	252.9	402.8	395.7	r397.5	388.5
<b>TEXTILE PRODUCTS</b>						
<b>COTTON (exclusive of linters): 1/</b>						
Consumption.....thous. bales..	813	658	629	634	r810	643
Manufactures:						
Spindle activity (cotton system spindles):						
Active spindles, last working day, total.....millions..	20.2	20.0	19.8	19.7	19.7	19.7
Consuming 100 percent cotton.....do....	13.3	13.1	12.8	12.7	r12.6	12.6
Spindle hours operated, all fibers, total.....billions..	12.5	9.9	9.6	9.6	r12.1	9.5
Average per working day.....do....	.502	.495	.480	.480	r.483	.475
Consuming 100 percent cotton.....do....	8.3	6.5	6.2	6.1	r7.7	6.1
Women's, misses', juniors' outerwear, cuttings:						
Coats.....thous. units..	2,222	1,899	1,727	r1,804	2,107	.....
Dresses.....do....	22,984	19,371	20,068	r20,391	21,842	.....
Suits.....do....	622	514	496	r497	487	.....
Blouses, waists, and shirts.....thous. doz..	1,389	1,205	1,074	r1,119	1,425	.....
Skirts.....do....	773	545	738	r683	716	.....

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