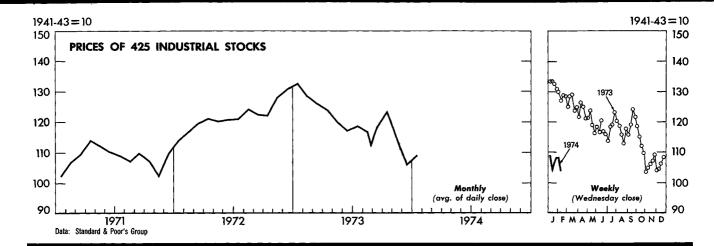
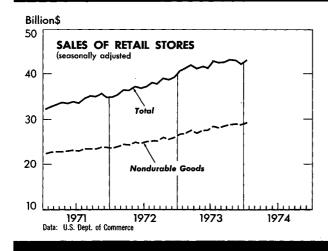


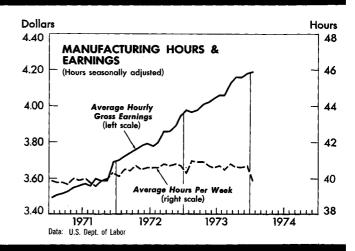
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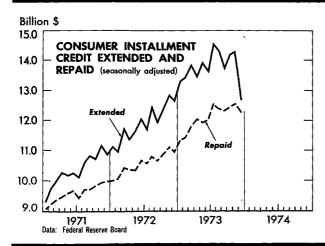
SURVEY OF CURRENT BUSINESS*

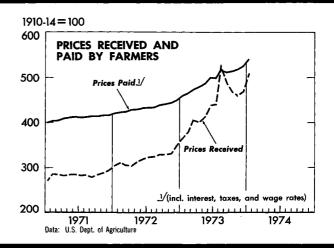
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE/BUREAU OF ECONOMIC ANALYSIS











ITEM	1973		1974				
	Feb. 3	Feb. 10	Jan. 19	Jan. 26	Feb. 2	Feb. 9	
WHOLESALE PRICES, 22 COMMODITIES 2/1967=100	136.1	138.5	214.2	215.1	217.5	221.7	
ALL RETAIL STORES, SALES	8,294 5,374	8,447 5,581	8,739 6,122	8,657 5,885	9,041 6,118	•••••	
INITIAL UNEMPLOYMENT CLAIMS, State programsthous. INSURED UNEMPLOYMENT, all programsdo State programs (50 States, D.C., and Puerto Rico)do FAILURES, INDUST. AND COMMERCIAL (Dun & Bradstreet)number	285 2,274 2,079 219	276 2,248 2,063 170	466 2,798 2,618 257	374 2,739 2,563 179	381 170	198	
FINANCE: Currency in circulation $\underline{3}/$ mil. \$. Federal Reserve bank credit outstanding, total $\underline{3}/$ do Member bank reserve balances $\underline{3}/$ do Excess reserves, estimated $\underline{3}/$	64,229 77,410 32,553 455	64,277 77,180 31,804 118	71,214 86,633 37,642 -509	70,581 86,008 36,581 -94	69,931 85,880 36,151 276	69,935 85,004 35,445 101	
Assets and liabilities of large commercial banks: 4/ Demand deposits, adjusted	97,851 58,405 310,763 29,058 92,492 46,577	97,004 58,175 310,585 27,638 93,339 46,562	103,374 56,956 354,288 26,071 110,212 55,481	98,798 56,918 352,626 26,230 109,632 55,554	99,478 56,873 351,510 25,807 109,448 55,618		
Bond yields, domestic corporate (Moody's) 3/percent Stock prices, 500 stocks (Stand. & Poor's) 4/1941-43=10 Industrial, 425 stocks	7.54 116.03 130.00	7.57 113.66 127.23	8.16 95.67 106.61	8.18 97.07 108.35	8.18 97.06 108.40	8.15 93.26 103.96	
PRODUCTION: Bituminous coal	11,480 36,197 213,564 9,410	10,545 35,799 200,453 9,384	11,640 35,531 133,714 9,152	11,940 34,602 158,889 9,229	12,570 34,363 152,610 9,234	112,920	
Steel, rawthous. sh. tons Index of production1967=100	2,875 117.8	2,886 118.3	2,887 118.3	2,900 118.9	2,900 118.9	2,838 116.3	
RAIL FREIGHT, REVENUE TON-MILESbil.	16.5	15.7	15.9	16.5	16.8	•••••	

 $[\]underline{1}$ / Data do not always cover calendar weeks. $\underline{2}$ / Tuesday price. $\underline{3}$ / Daily average. $\underline{4}$ / Wednesday data.

MONTHLY BUSINESS STATISTICS

ITEM	1972	1973				
	Dec.	Jan.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.
GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS						
DUSTRIAL AND COMMERCIAL FAILURES (Dun & Bradstreet, Inc.):			Į.	Ì		
Failures, totalnumber.	708	7 72	772	739		
Commercial servicedo	98	90	109	102		
Constructiondo	118	105	139	107		
Manufacturing and miningdo	108	125	117	116		
Retail tradedo	308	376	334	331		
Wholesale tradedo	76	76	73	83		
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Liabilities (current), totalthous. \$	86,786	205,837	185,660	218,673	·	
Commercial servicedo	16,089	17,526	30,201	22,378		
Construction	13,728	20,282	34,791	16,444		
Manufacturing and miningdo	19,266	115,440	60,400	44,707		
Retail tradedo	22,401	37,826	41,487	115,026		• • • • •
Wholesale tradedo	15,302	14,763	18,781	20,118		
Failures annual rate (seas. adj.)No. per 10,000 concerns	37.4	34.9	37.0	34.7		••••
COMMODITY PRICES						
			1			
PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS, ALL FARM PRODUCTS1910-14=100	349	365	468	459	468	5
Cropsdo	287	296	411	408	437	4
Commercial vegetablesdodo	336	402	318	337	328	3:
Cottondo	216	187	370	350	406	4
Feed grains and haydo	221	223	331	330	. 351	3
Food grainsdo	283	283	501	518	570	6
Fruitdo	265	289	351	314	298	3
Tobaccodo	704	708	724	735	7 57	7
Livestock and productsdodo	402	424	518	503	494	5
Dairy productsdo	391	392	482	505	517	5
Meat animalsdo	527	560	670	635	605	6
Poultry and eggsdo	168	192	254	240	250	2
PRICES PAID BY FARMERS:	100	'-	1			
All commodities and servicesdo	386	394	447	452	458	4
Family living itemsdo	410	414	458	470	472	4
Production itemsdo	369	379	439	439	448	4
All commod., services, int., taxes, and wage ratesdo	449	458	514	518	525	5:
PARITY RATIOdo	78	80	91	89	89	

						
ITEM	1972		1973			1974
	Dec.	Jan.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan. <u>p</u> /
DOMESTIC TRADE						
RETAIL TRADE, ALL RETAIL STORES: ESTIMATED SALES (UNADJUSTED), TOTAL 1/mil. \$	47,004	35,768	43,721	r44,552	r49,637	37,942
Durable goods storesdo	13,725	12,154	15,171	r14,104	r13,341	11,756
Automotive groupdofurniture and appliance groupdo	7,274 2,330	7,504 1,789	8,982 2,049	r8,083 r2,159	r6,397 r2,543	6,790 1,926
Lumber, building, hardware groupdo	1,664	1,458	2,068	rl,912	1,760	
Nondurable goods storesdodo	33,279	23,614	28,550 2,030	r30,448 r2,214	r36,296 r3,367	26,186
Drug and proprietary storesdo	3,177 1,668	1,608 1,205	1,300	r1,286	r1,708	1,724 1,184
Eating and drinking placesdo	2,910	2,715	3,341	r3,204	r3,291	3,117
Food groupdodododododododododododododododododo	8,948 2,724	7,995 2,589	8,929 2,981	r9,207 r2,996	r9,828 r2,933	9,031 2,793
General merchandise group with nonstoresdo	10,755	4,999	7,172	r8,543	rl1,639	5,427
ESTIMATED SALES (SEAS. ADJ.), TOTAL 1/dodo	39,417 13,640	40,707 14,234	43,070 14,331	r42,976 r14,090	r41,968 r13,217	43,013
Automotive groupdo	8,300	8,507	8,482	r8,183	7,420	13,848
Furniture and appliance groupdo	1,808	1,962	2,005	r2,046	1,968	
Lumber, building, hardware groupdo Nondurable goods storesdo	1,711 25,777	1,915 26,473	1,867 28,739	r1,890 r28,886	1,823 r28,751	29,165
Apparel groupdo	1,899	1,949	2,019	r2,006	2,042	25,105
Drug and proprietary storesdodo	1,236 2,957	1,246 3,057	1,332 3,308	r1,322 r3,331	1,273 3,407	
Food groupdo	8,071	8,476	9,194	r9,135	9,168	
Gasoline service stationsdo	2,713	2,714	3,051	r2,966	2,927	
General merchandise group with nonstoresdo ESTIMATED RETAIL INVENTORIES, END OF MONTH:	6,362	6,590	6,995	r7,213	7,016	
Unadjusted, totaldo	53,283	53,605	60,873	63,102	59,140	
Adjusted, totaldododo	54,700	55,526	59,814	60,928	60,923	•••••
Estimated sales (unadjusted), totaldo	16,906	10,482	13,181	r14,653	18,264	
Estimated sales (seasonally adjusted), totaldo	11,830	12,477	13,332	rl3,332	13,195	*****
LABOR FORCE, EMPLOYMENT, AND EARNINGS		•				}
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED		ł			})
EMPLOYEES ON PAYROLLS of nonagric. estab., totalthous	74,002	74,252	76,363	r76,679	r76,631	76,372
Private sectordo	60,500	60,774	62,617	r62,841	r62,727	62,446
Nonmanufacturing industriesdododo	41,098 23,468	41,311 23,571	42,601 24,349	r42,746 r24,450	r42,636 r24,466	42,480 24,212
Miningdo	607	610	639	r644	r645	645
Contract constructiondodo	3,459 19,402	3,498 19,463	3,694 20,016	r3,711 r20,095	r3,730 r20,091	3,601 19,966
Durable goodsdo	11,270	11,326	11,802	rl1,859	r11,852	11,739
Nondurable goodsdodododododo	8,132 50,534	8,137 50,681	8,214 52,014	r8,236 r52,229	r8,239 52,165	8,227 52,160
Transportation, communication, elec., gas, etcdo	4,558	4,574	4,671	r4,654	r4,639	4,665
Wholesale and retail tradedodo	15,946	16,013	16,465	r16,520	r16,400	16,363
Retail tradedo	3,970 11,976	4,001 12,012	4,137 12,328	r4,163 r12,357	r4,151 r12,249	4,156 12,207
Finance, insurance, and real estatedo	3,991	3,995	4,088	r4,095	r4,098	4,099
Servicesdodo	12,537 13,502	12,621 13,478	13,044 13,746	13,122 rl.3,838	r13,124 r13,904	13,107
Federaldo	2,650	2,634	2,626	2,638	r2,654	2,648
State and localdodo	10,852	10,844	11,120	rl1,200	r11,250	11,278
nonagricultural establishments (seas. adj.):	1	•				ļ
Employees, totalthous	50,105	50,316	51,856	r52,044	r51,912	51,640
Manufacturingdod	14,256 8,266	14,295 8,307	14,720 8,674	r14,774 r8,712	r14,773 r8,707	14,661 8,607
Average weekly hours per worker, seas. adj.:	}			,		
Total privatehours Contract constructiondo	37.0 35.8	36.9 36.1	37.0 36.9	37.1 38.5	37.0 r37.2	36.6 36.2
Manufacturingdo	40.7	40.3	40.6	r40.6	40.7	39.9
Overtime hoursdo	3.8	3.7	3.7	3.8	3.7	3.3
Durable goodsdodododo	41.5 4.0	41.3	41.3	41.4 4.0	r41.3 r3.9	40.3 3.4
Nondurable goodsdo	39.6	39.1	39.7	r39.7	39.7	39.4
Overtime hoursdo	3.4 33.6	3.4 33.4	3.3	r3.5	r3.3	3.1
Hourly earnings, average, seasonally adjusted:	33.0	33.4	33.0	r33.1	33.0	32.8
Total private nonfarm payrollsdollars	3.75	3.77	3.98	3.99	4.02	4.02
Contract constructiondodododododo	6.29 3.93	6.37 3.97	6.59 4.16	r6.63 4.16	r6.69 r4.18	6.73 4.19
Wholesale and retail tradedo	3.09	3.09	3.27	r3.29	3.31	3.32
Finance, insurance, and real estatedodo	3.53 3.27	3.53 3.26	3.65 3.43	r3.67 3.44	r3.72 3.48	3.74 3.47
Indexes of average hourly earnings, seasonally adjusted:		3.20	, ,,43	3.44	3.40	J•4/
Private nonfarm economy: Current dollars1967=100	141.9	142.3	1/0 6	-150 3	151 2	161 0
Miningdo	140.9	142.4	149.6 148.4	r150.3 r150.2	r151.3 r152.5	151.8 153.7
Contract constructiondo	151.8	154.0	159.2	r160.3	r161.7	161.0
Manufacturingdo Transportation, communication, electric, gas, etcdo	138.8 150.1	139.5 150.4	146.5 159.8	147.0 r160.0	r147.9 r160.8	148.7 161.5
Wholesale and retail tradedo	138.4	138.7	146.2	r146.9	r147.5	148.5
Finance, insurance, and real estatedodo	136.5 142.0	136.8 142.2	142.7 149.1	r143.6	r145.3	145.9
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ITEM	1972		1973				
	Nov.	Dec.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	
FINANCE							
Bank debits to demand deposit accounts, except interbank	Ī		i	Ì		l	
and U.S. Govt. accounts, annual rates, seas. adj.:		l	ł	1		Į.	
Total (233 SMSA's)bil. \$	15,154.7	14,783.7	17,914.5	18,388.6	r19,050.0	18,618.3	
New York SMSAdo	6,979.3	6,604.8	8,025.3	8,137.2	8,437.9	8,097.7	
Total 232 SMSA's (except N.Y.)do	8,175.3	8,178.9	9,889.1	10,251.3	r10,612.0	10,520.6	
6 other leading SMSA'sdo	3,411.9	3,495.4	4,192.1	4,413.5	r4,515.5	4,433.1	
226 other SMSA'sdo	4,763.5	4,683.5	5,697.1	5,837.8	r6,096.5	6,087.5	
Total outstanding, end of monthmil. \$	152,968	157,564	173,035	174,840	176,969	180,486	
Installment credit, totaldo		127,332	142,093	143,610	145,400	147,437	
Installment credit, extended and repaid: Unadjusted:	,	}		ĺ			
Extended, totaldo	12,806	13,643	12,624	14,454	14,098	14,117	
Repaid, totaldo	10,986	10,636	11,341	12,937	12,308	12,080	
Extended, totaldo	12,846	12,627	13,691	14,149	14,275	12,677	
Repaid, totaldo		10,964	12,332	12,449	12,549	12,267	
Turnover of demand deposits except interbank and U.S. Govt., annual rates, seasonally adjusted:	ĺ	<u> </u>	, ·	ĺ			
Total (233 SMSA's)ratio of debits to deposits	93.5	90.7	107.4	109.5	r113.2	109.9	
New York SMSAdo		215.7	266.4	265.3	274.9	269.8	
Total 232 SMSA's (except N.Y.)do		61.8	72.4	74.7	r77.1	75.5	
6 other leading SMSA'sdo		95.6	111.5	116.3	r118.5	113.5	
226 other SMSA'sdo	50.0	48.9	57.5	58.8	61.3	60.6	
STOCKS:		ł					
Prices:		1	i]		
Dow-Jones average (65 stocks)	322,19	332.15	277.54	295.03	272.02	*259.84	
Industrial (30 stocks).		1,020.32	909.98	967.62	878.98	*824.08	
Public utility (15 stocks)		121.47	99.96	101.67	93.18	* 87.42	
Transportation (20 stocks)		232.74	166.82	182.75	175.93	*177.96	
New York Stock Exchange common stock indexes:	227.007	232.74	100.02	102	1/31/3		
Composite12/31/65=50	62.99	64.26	56.71	59.26	54.59	50.39	
Industrialdo	68.29	69.96	62.25	65.29	60.15	55.12	
Transportationdo	47.50	48.44	35.82	39.03	36.31	34.69	
Utilitydo	41.81	42.28	36.79	37.47	34.73	33.47	
Financedo	84.57	83.45	72.23	74.98	67.85	62.49	

r/ Revised. */ Indexes for Jan. 1974: 65 stocks, 273.50; industrial, 857.24; public utility, 93.16; transportation, 191.05. USCOMM--DC--11,574

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