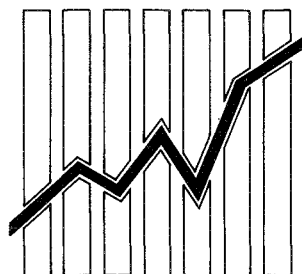




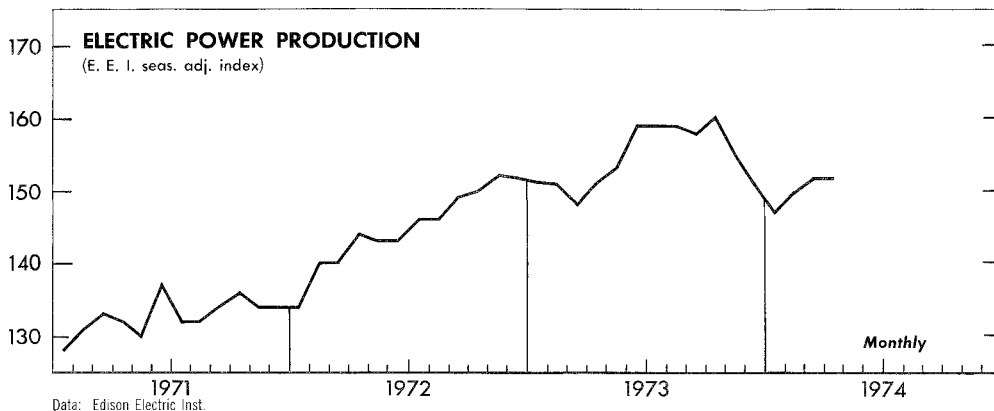
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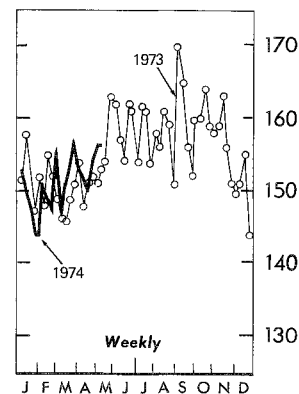
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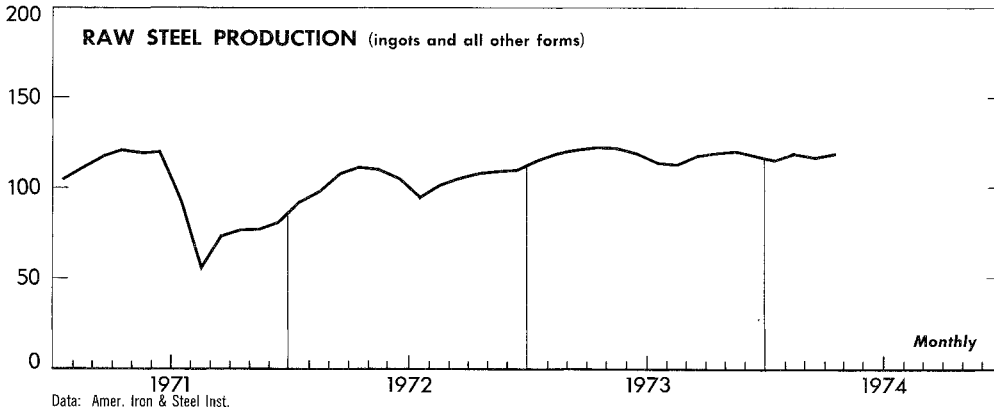
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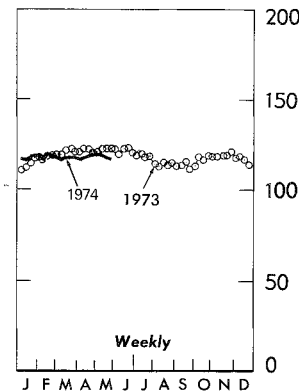
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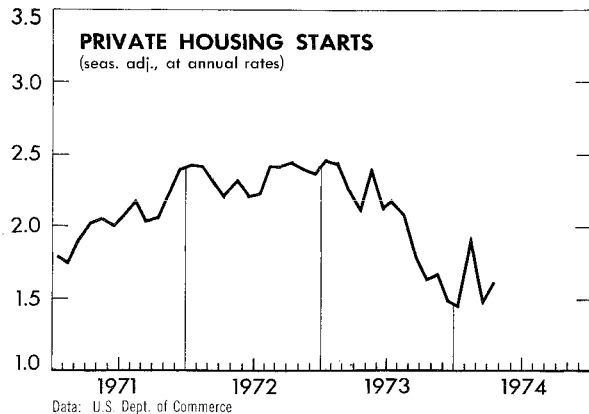
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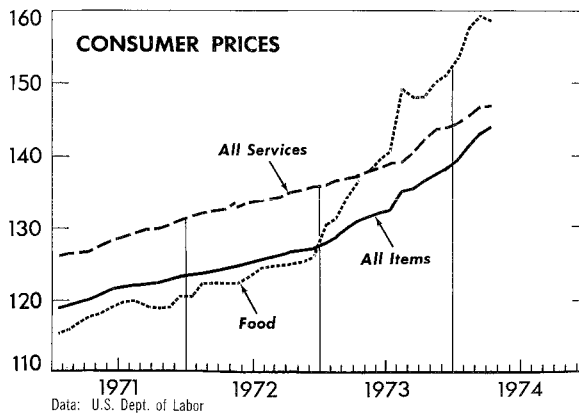
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WEEKLY BUSINESS STATISTICS¹

ITEM	1973		1974			
	May 19	May 26	May 4	May 11	May 18	May 25
WHOLESALE PRICES, 22 COMMODITIES <u>2/</u>.....1967=100..	160.6	164.0	229.4	224.1	225.1	220.6
ALL RETAIL STORES, SALES.....mil. \$.	9,752	9,874	10,632	10,660	10,341	.....
Nondurable goods stores.....do.....	6,274	6,323	7,048	7,175	6,932	.....
INITIAL UNEMPLOYMENT CLAIMS, State programs.....thous..	190	190	244	249	238	.....
INSURED UNEMPLOYMENT, all programs.....do.....	1,610	1,547	2,400	2,324	.....	.....
State programs (50 States, D.C., and Puerto Rico).....do.....	1,465	1,406	2,043	1,980	.....	.....
FAILURES, INDUST. AND COMMERCIAL (Dun & Bradstreet).....number..	173	178	170	240	190	.....
FINANCE:						
Currency in circulation <u>3/</u>.....mil. \$.	66,851	66,768	72,048	72,463	72,997	72,959
Federal Reserve bank credit outstanding, total <u>3/</u>.....do.....	82,461	82,252	88,358	88,317	89,122	89,859
Member bank reserve balances <u>3/</u>.....do.....	32,942	32,270	36,840	36,424	36,708	36,250
Excess reserves, estimated <u>3/</u>.....do.....	340	102	158	213	245	-238
Assets and liabilities of large commercial banks: <u>4/</u>						
Demand deposits, adjusted.....do.....	94,988	94,997	102,010	98,142	99,418	.....
Savings deposits.....do.....	58,409	58,260	57,836	57,926	57,871	.....
Loans and investments, gross adjusted, total.....do.....	324,415	322,918	369,356	367,911	368,698	.....
U.S. Government obligations.....do.....	23,831	23,503	22,960	22,847	22,480	.....
Commercial and industrial loans (gross).....do.....	103,038	103,005	121,575	121,578	121,637	.....
Real estate loans (gross).....do.....	48,779	48,854	56,767	56,880	57,171	.....
Bond yields, domestic corporate (Moody's) <u>3/</u>.....percent..	7.61	7.64	8.62	8.64	8.66	8.71
Stock prices, 500 stocks (Stand. & Poor's) <u>4/</u>.....1941-43=10..	106.43	104.07	92.22	91.64	90.45	87.09
Industrial, 425 stocks.....do.....	118.95	116.29	103.97	103.30	102.23	98.30
PRODUCTION:						
Bituminous coal.....thous. sh. tons..	12,055	11,810	12,760	12,945	12,875	.....
Electric power, by utilities.....mil. kw.-hr..	33,258	34,237	33,520	33,769	35,237	.....
Motor vehicles (passenger cars).....number..	217,638	210,681	155,070	172,049	162,829	168,410
Petroleum (crude) and condensate <u>3/</u>.....thous. bbl..	9,346	9,361	9,001	8,972	8,973	.....
Steel, raw.....thous. sh. tons..	3,015	3,010	2,911	2,915	2,871	2,840
Index of production.....1967=100..	123.6	123.4	119.3	119.5	117.7	116.4
RAIL FREIGHT, REVENUE TON-MILES.....bil.	17.3	17.2	17.3	17.3	17.2	.....

^{1/} Data do not always cover calendar weeks. ^{2/} Tuesday price. ^{3/} Daily average. ^{4/} Wednesday data.

MONTHLY BUSINESS STATISTICS

ITEM	1973		1974			
	Mar.	Apr.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.
GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS						
INDUSTRIAL AND COMMERCIAL FAILURES (Dun & Bradstreet, Inc.):						
Failures, total.....number..	874	796	795	797	971	.....
Commercial service.....do.....	117	94	99	99	143	.....
Construction.....do.....	115	119	126	153	161	.....
Manufacturing and mining.....do.....	137	112	135	131	149	.....
Retail trade.....do.....	411	396	361	333	412	.....
Wholesale trade.....do.....	94	75	74	81	106	.....
Liabilities (current), total.....thous. \$.	252,349	119,343	337,284	213,133	204,587	.....
Commercial service.....do.....	37,065	8,071	69,548	20,508	19,652	.....
Construction.....do.....	21,120	19,202	47,237	47,085	36,391	.....
Manufacturing and mining.....do.....	84,669	38,588	88,618	96,031	60,849	.....
Retail trade.....do.....	73,237	33,528	106,240	27,687	65,383	.....
Wholesale trade.....do.....	36,258	19,954	25,641	21,822	22,312	.....
Failures annual rate (seas. adj.)..No. per 10,000 concerns..	35.9	35.2	35.5	37.5	40.8	.....
COMMODITY PRICES						
CONSUMER PRICE INDEXES:						
Unadjusted indexes:						
All items.....1967=100..	129.8	130.7	139.7	141.5	143.1	144.0
Special group indexes:						
All items less food.....do.....	128.4	129.1	135.6	136.8	138.4	139.7
All items less medical care.....do.....	129.5	130.5	139.7	141.5	143.1	144.0
Commodities.....do.....	126.1	127.4	137.0	139.3	141.0	141.9
Nondurables.....do.....	128.3	129.7	142.1	145.2	147.2	147.8
Nondurables less food.....do.....	122.4	123.3	131.3	133.5	136.1	137.7
Durables.....do.....	120.2	121.0	123.3	123.4	124.3	126.1
Services.....do.....	136.6	137.1	144.8	145.8	147.0	147.9
Services less rent.....do.....	139.2	139.6	148.0	149.1	150.4	151.4
Food.....do.....	134.5	136.5	153.7	157.6	159.1	158.6
Meats, poultry, and fish.....do.....	152.7	155.4	169.2	174.2	171.6	164.4
Dairy products.....do.....	121.5	121.8	146.3	149.3	151.5	153.7
Fruits and vegetables.....do.....	136.8	141.8	149.7	155.9	162.5	163.0

MONTHLY BUSINESS STATISTICS—Continued

ITEM	1973		1974			
	Mar.	Apr.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.
COMMODITY PRICES--Con.						
CONSUMER PRICE INDEXES--Con.						
Unadjusted indexes--Con.						
Housing.....1967=100..	132.4	132.8	142.2	143.4	144.9	146.0
Shelter.....do.....	137.7	138.1	147.4	148.3	149.4	150.2
Rent.....do.....	122.8	123.2	127.3	128.0	128.4	128.8
Homeownership.....do.....	143.2	143.6	154.8	155.8	157.2	158.2
Fuel and utilities.....do.....	124.6	125.1	140.8	143.5	144.9	147.0
Fuel oil and coal.....do.....	127.8	128.3	194.6	202.0	201.5	206.5
Gas and electricity.....do.....	125.0	125.5	134.3	137.3	140.0	142.0
Household furnishings and operation.....do.....	123.0	123.6	129.0	130.1	132.6	134.0
Apparel and upkeep.....do.....	124.8	125.8	128.8	130.4	132.2	133.6
Transportation.....do.....	121.5	122.6	128.1	129.3	132.0	134.4
Private.....do.....	119.1	120.3	126.2	127.5	130.4	133.1
New cars.....do.....	110.8	111.1	112.9	112.7	112.8	113.3
Used cars.....do.....	113.7	117.3	107.0	103.0	102.2	110.7
Public.....do.....	144.5	143.9	146.0	146.2	146.6	146.3
Health and recreation.....do.....	128.6	129.2	133.7	134.5	135.4	136.3
Medical care.....do.....	135.8	136.2	142.2	143.4	144.8	145.6
Personal care.....do.....	123.1	123.8	129.8	130.8	131.8	133.1
Reading and recreation.....do.....	124.5	125.2	128.3	128.9	129.5	130.4
PURCHASING POWER OF THE DOLLAR AS MEASURED BY--						
Consumer prices.....1967=\$1.00..	\$0.770	\$0.765	\$0.716	\$0.707	\$0.699	\$0.694
ELECTRIC POWER						
SALES TO ULTIMATE CUSTOMERS, TOTAL (Edison Electric Institute).....mil. kw.-hr..						
Commercial and industrial:	136,747	131,897	143,201	137,340	.....	.....
Small light and power.....do.....	30,646	29,848	31,271	30,295	.....	.....
Large light and power.....do.....	55,627	55,753	55,695	55,022	.....	.....
Railways and railroads.....do.....	397	325	375	367	.....	.....
Residential or domestic.....do.....	45,126	41,142	50,794	46,797	.....	.....
Street and highway lighting.....do.....	1,078	1,021	1,234	1,139	.....	.....
Other public authorities.....do.....	3,447	3,381	3,377	3,277	.....	.....
Interdepartmental.....do.....	426	426	456	444	.....	.....
REVENUE FROM SALES TO ULTIMATE CUSTOMERS (Edison Electric Institute).....mil. \$..						
	2,472.6	2,403.4	2,829.6	2,817.6	.....	.....
LUMBER AND PRODUCTS						
National Forest Products Association:						
Production, total.....mil. bd. ft..	3,456	3,272	2,741	2,945	.....	.....
Hardwoods.....do.....	567	510	468	518	.....	.....
Softwoods.....do.....	2,890	2,763	2,272	2,427	.....	.....
Shipments, total.....do.....	3,474	3,386	2,647	2,850	.....	.....
Hardwoods.....do.....	642	620	496	529	.....	.....
Softwoods.....do.....	2,832	2,766	2,151	2,321	.....	.....
Stocks (gross), mill, end of period, total.....do.....	3,802	3,896	4,499	4,596	.....	.....
Hardwoods.....do.....	224	222	443	435	.....	.....
Softwoods.....do.....	3,677	3,674	4,056	4,161	.....	.....
METALS AND MANUFACTURES						
STEEL (RAW): Production.....thous. sh. tons..						
Index.....daily average 1967=100..	13,088	12,789	12,726	11,598	r12,758	p12,440
	121.1	122.3	117.8	118.8	118.1	p119.0
STEEL PRODUCTS, NET SHIPMENTS:						
Total (all grades).....thous. short tons..	9,861	9,163	9,779	8,714	10,303	.....
Semifinished products.....do.....	529	460	504	470	513	.....
Structural shapes (heavy), steel piling.....do.....	562	604	630	552	703	.....
Plates.....do.....	821	785	908	841	1,034	.....
Rails and accessories.....do.....	167	146	153	153	166	.....
Bars and tool steel, total.....do.....	1,667	1,522	1,592	1,454	1,703	.....
Bars:						
Hot rolled (incl. light shapes).....do.....	1,033	937	945	842	999	.....
Reinforcing.....do.....	434	396	447	428	483	.....
Cold finished.....do.....	190	179	189	174	211	.....
Pipe and tubing.....do.....	776	737	802	770	908	.....
Wire and wire products.....do.....	318	293	276	253	297	.....
Tin mill products.....do.....	486	483	733	671	636	.....
Sheets and strip (incl. electrical), total.....do.....	4,535	4,134	4,182	3,550	4,343	.....
Sheets: Hot rolled.....do.....	1,568	1,388	1,503	1,278	1,525	.....
Cold rolled.....do.....	1,883	1,744	1,697	1,416	1,764	.....
ALUMINUM PRODUCTS:						
Ingots and mill products (net shipments).....mil. lb..	r1,257.3	1,182.4	1,240.6	1,192.6	.....	.....
Mill products, total.....do.....	951.3	910.2	986.7	902.6	.....	.....
Plate and sheet.....do.....	502.0	479.1	537.3	484.4
Inventories, total (ingots, mill prod., and scrap).....do.....	4,696	4,622	4,276	4,290

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	Feb.	Mar.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.
PETROLEUM, COAL, AND PRODUCTS						
BITUMINOUS COAL:						
Indust. cons. and retail del., total.....thous. sh. tons..	44,652	44,814	50,130	50,415	45,122	46,398
Electric power utilities.....do.....	30,425	30,533	33,886	34,468	30,020	31,010
Manufacturing and mining industries, total.....do.....	13,299	13,596	15,228	14,637	14,002	14,545
Coke plants (oven and beehive).....do.....	7,182	7,950	8,048	7,977	7,307	7,660
Retail deliveries to other consumers.....do.....	928	683	1,009	1,310	1,100	840
Stocks, industrial and retail dealers', end of month, total.....thous. sh. tons..	106,422	109,065	99,022	96,005	93,970	97,445
Electric power utilities.....do.....	89,516	92,246	85,512	83,366	80,910	83,250
Manufacturing and mining industries, total.....do.....	16,601	16,499	13,220	12,339	12,670	13,765
Oven-coke plants.....do.....	8,381	8,439	6,875	6,269	6,090	6,255
Retail dealers.....do.....	305	320	290	300	390	430
PULP, PAPER, AND PAPER PRODUCTS						
PULFWOOD:						
Receipts.....thous. cords (128 cu. ft.)..	5,693	5,994	5,876	6,068	6,027	.....
Consumption.....do.....	5,707	6,044	5,796	6,307	6,023	.....
Stocks, end of month.....do.....	4,734	4,636	5,092	4,805	4,640	.....
Waste paper:						
Consumption.....thous. sh. tons..	950	1,078	977	r1,069	999	.....
Stocks, end of month.....do.....	575	546	516	r537	543	.....
WOOD PULP:						
Stocks, end of month:						
Total, all mills.....do.....	791	788	725	r702	685	.....
Pulp mills.....do.....	350	341	296	310	309	.....
Paper and board mills.....do.....	376	381	348	r329	314	.....
Nonpaper mills.....do.....	65	66	81	r63	63	.....
PAPER AND BOARD:						
Production (Bu. of the Census):						
All grades, total, unadjusted.....do.....	4,856	5,416	4,710	r5,258	4,911	.....
Paper.....do.....	2,076	2,312	2,077	r2,277	2,110	.....
Paperboard.....do.....	2,338	2,605	2,210	r2,547	2,372	.....
Wet-machine board.....do.....	11	11	10	r12	12
Construction paper and board.....do.....	432	488	412	r421	418

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