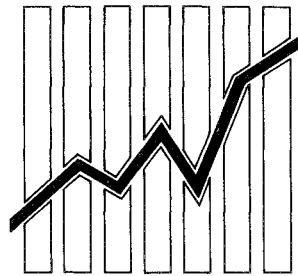


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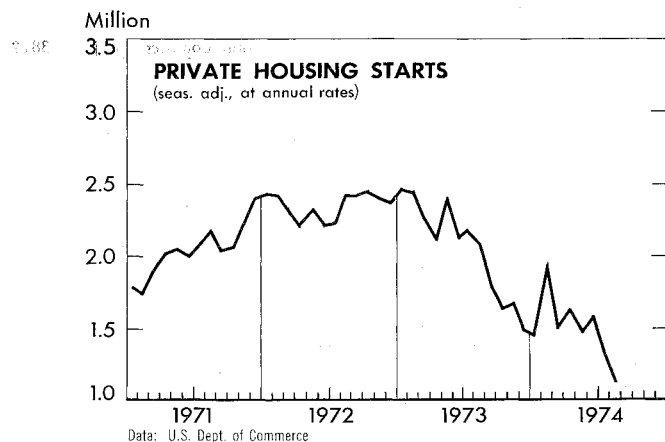
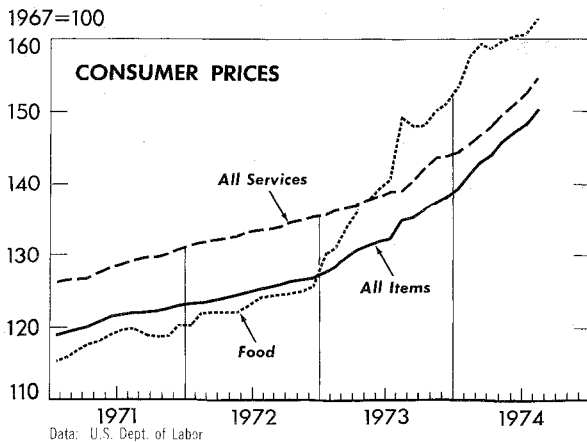
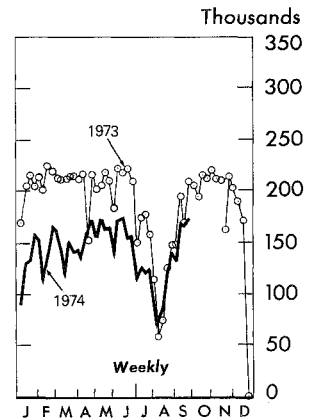
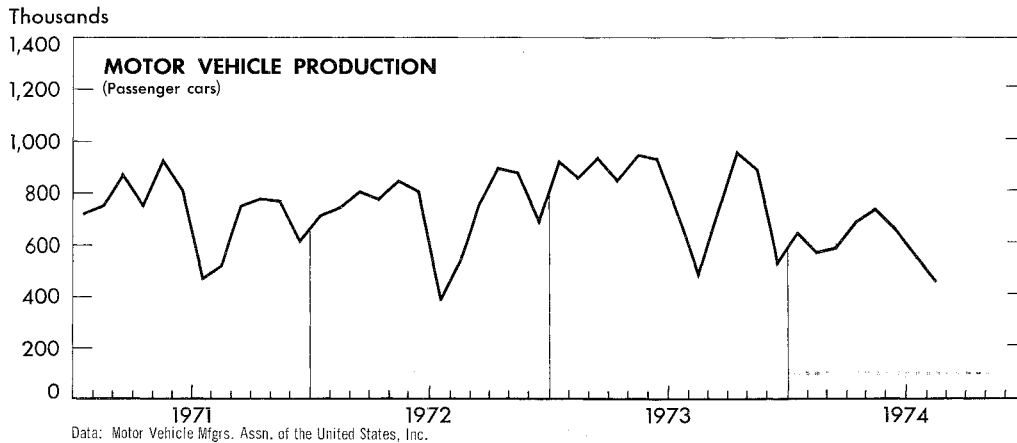
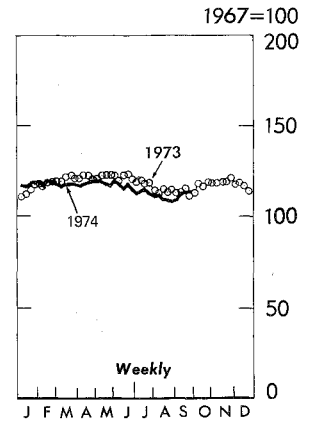
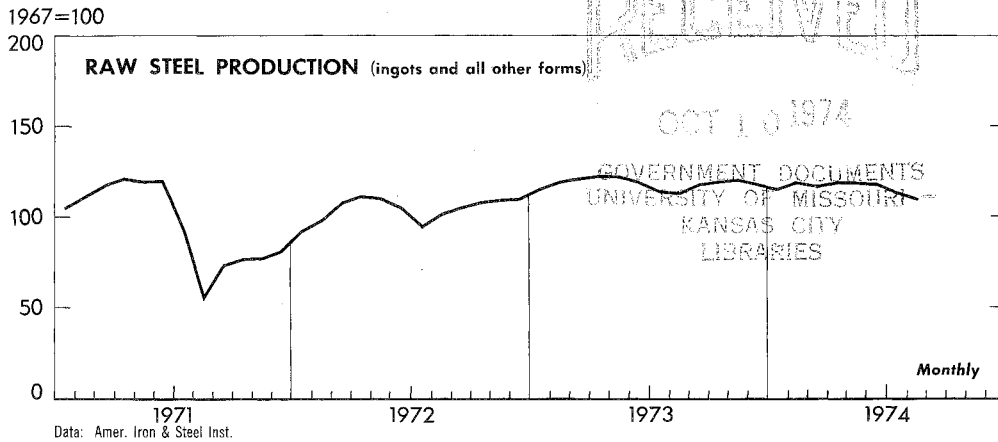


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ITEM	1973		1974			
	Sept. 22	Sept. 29	Sept. 7	Sept. 14	Sept. 21	Sept. 28
WHOLESALE PRICES, 22 COMMODITIES ^{2/}1967=100..	195.6	194.0	230.9	232.2	229.4	231.7
9 Foodstuffs.....do.....	209.3	209.5	253.7	254.0	252.1	261.0
13 Raw industrials.....do.....	186.5	183.8	216.2	218.1	214.7	213.2
ALL RETAIL STORES, SALES.....mil. \$..	9,934	10,172	10,114	10,373	10,196	.....
Nondurable goods stores.....do.....	6,517	6,379	7,176	7,094	6,983	.....
INITIAL UNEMPLOYMENT CLAIMS, State programs.....thous..	188	200	254	271	286	.....
INSURED UNEMPLOYMENT, all programs.....do.....	1,422	1,415	2,118	2,087	.....	.....
State programs (50 States, D. C., and Puerto Rico).....do.....	1,276	1,270	1,815	1,787	.....	.....
FAILURES, INDUST. AND COMMERCIAL (Dun & Bradstreet).....number..	185	174	187	184	178	285
FINANCE:						
Currency in circulation ^{3/}.....mil. \$..	68,716	68,343	74,969	75,399	75,302	74,890
Federal Reserve bank credit outstanding, total ^{3/}.....do.....	81,541	82,261	92,555	90,540	90,901	92,506
Member bank reserve balances ^{3/}.....do.....	33,858	34,143	37,255	36,769	37,119	36,965
Excess reserves, estimated ^{3/}.....do.....	149	84	336	137	109	81
Assets and liabilities of large commercial banks: ^{4/}						
Demand deposits, adjusted.....do.....	96,658	96,619	99,751	101,196	100,806	.....
Savings deposits.....do.....	56,220	56,049	57,062	56,960	56,871	.....
Loans and investments, gross adjusted, total.....do.....	340,954	339,048	380,209	383,371	383,175	.....
U. S. Government obligations.....do.....	22,637	22,249	21,268	21,782	21,129	.....
Commercial and industrial loans (gross).....do.....	108,298	108,286	127,387	127,897	128,555	.....
Real estate loans (gross).....do.....	52,929	52,924	59,437	59,561	59,681	.....
Bond yields, domestic corporate (Moody's) ^{3/}.....percent..	8.07	8.02	9.59	9.61	9.69	9.75
Stock prices, 500 stocks (Stand. & Poor's) ^{4/} ..1941-43=10..	105.88	108.83	68.69	68.55	67.72	67.57
Industrial, 425 stocks.....do.....	118.91	122.15	77.31	77.15	76.16	75.68
PRODUCTION:						
Bituminous coal.....thous. sh. tons..	12,580	12,250	11,075	12,555	13,410	.....
Electric power, by utilities.....mil. kw.-hr..	35,044	36,239	34,837	37,294	36,063	.....
Motor vehicles (passenger cars).....number..	169,577	207,720	130,767	168,236	165,746	172,539
Petroleum (crude) and condensate ^{3/}.....thous.bb1..	9,382	9,365	8,906	8,812	8,810	.....
Steel, raw.....thous. sh. tons..	2,848	2,888	2,673	2,731	2,759	2,774
Index of production.....1967=100..	116.7	118.4	109.6	111.9	113.1	113.7
RAIL FREIGHT, REVENUE TON-MILES.....bil..	17.5	17.4	14.2	16.4	16.5	.....

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

MONTHLY BUSINESS STATISTICS

ITEM	1973		1974			
	June	July	Apr.	May	June	July
GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATOR						
INDUSTRIAL AND COMMERCIAL FAILURES (Dun & Bradstreet, Inc.):						
Failures, total.....number..	840	714	802	925	789	782
Commercial service.....do.....	94	89	97	123	90	103
Construction.....do.....	124	120	140	169	152	142
Manufacturing and mining.....do.....	125	120	112	147	112	124
Retail trade.....do.....	411	316	386	397	365	328
Wholesale trade.....do.....	86	69	67	89	70	85
Liabilities (current), total.....thous. \$..	180,209	206,186	209,758	375,693	215,504	242,066
Commercial service.....do.....	9,822	37,197	65,332	18,349	14,169	20,950
Construction.....do.....	16,928	33,800	20,134	28,437	42,814	30,412
Manufacturing and mining.....do.....	89,959	55,995	39,928	67,789	45,826	27,312
Retail trade.....do.....	36,923	42,572	38,726	233,803	87,269	136,479
Wholesale trade.....do.....	26,577	36,622	45,638	27,315	25,426	26,913
Failures annual rate (seas. adj.)..No. per 10,000 concerns.....	38.2	35.7	34.1	39.7	37.0	37.7
CONSTRUCTION AND REAL ESTATE						
NEW HOUSING UNITS STARTED:						
Unadjusted:						
Total (private and public).....thous..	203.2	199.9	149.9	r149.5	r126.6	112.6
Privately owned.....do.....	202.6	197.2	149.0	r147.6	r126.0	109.7
One-family structures.....do.....	114.7	106.8	96.3	r99.3	r89.7	80.8
Seasonally adjusted at annual rates:						
Total privately owned.....do.....	2,152	2,030	1,471	r1,596	r1,331	1,126
One-family structures.....do.....	1,232	1,108	931	r1,014	r948	824
NEW PRIVATE HOUSING UNITS AUTHORIZED BY BUILDING PERMITS (14,000 permit-issuing places):						
Seasonally adjusted at annual rates:						
Total.....do.....	1,814	1,777	1,120	1,106	r1,017	912
One-family structures.....do.....	902	828	671	674	r632	634

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ITEM	1973		1974			
	July	Aug.	May	June	July	Aug.
LABOR FORCE, EMPLOYMENT, AND EARNINGS						
Earnings per production or nonsupervisory worker on pay-rolls of private nonfarm establishments:						
Average hourly earnings index, seasonally adjusted:						
Current dollars.....1967=100..	146.9	147.6	156.1	r158.5	r159.3	P160.8
1967 dollars.....do.....	110.9	109.4	107.3	r107.9	r107.6	P107.2
Gross average weekly earnings:						
Current dollars, seasonally adjusted.....	145.45	145.04	152.35	r154.14	r155.30	P155.98
1967 dollars, seasonally adjusted.....	109.80	107.48	104.68	r104.90	r104.90	p103.97
Spendable average weekly earnings (married worker with three dependents):						
Current dollars, seasonally adjusted.....	127.42	127.11	132.75	r134.13	r135.02	p135.55
1967 dollars, seasonally adjusted.....	96.19	94.19	91.21	r91.28	r91.20	p 90.35
HELP-WANTED ADVERTISING, SEAS. ADJUSTED INDEX.....1967=100..	131	126	115	116	119	e114
LABOR TURNOVER IN MANUFACTURING ESTABLISHMENTS:						
Unadjusted for seasonal variation:						
Accession rate, total.....mo. rate per 100 employees..	5.1	6.2	5.1	5.4	r4.8	p5.6
New hires.....do.....	4.1	5.0	3.9	4.3	r3.7	p4.3
Separation rate, total.....do.....	5.1	6.5	4.4	4.2	r4.9	p6.3
Quit.....do.....	2.8	4.5	2.6	2.5	r2.5	p4.0
Layoff.....do.....	1.4	.8	.8	.7	1.4	p1.1
Seasonally adjusted:						
Accession rate, total.....do.....	4.8	4.7	4.9	4.1	r4.5	p4.2
New hires.....do.....	3.9	3.8	3.9	3.1	r3.5	p3.3
Separation rate, total.....do.....	4.5	5.1	4.8	4.5	r4.4	p4.9
Quit.....do.....	2.8	3.0	2.7	2.5	r2.5	p2.7
Layoff.....do.....	1.0	.9	1.0	.9	1.0	p1.2
WORK STOPPAGES: 1/						
Number of stoppages:						
Beginning in month.....number..	510	500	740	640	730	540
In effect during month.....do.....	860	860	1,060	1,050	1,130	1,070
Workers involved in stoppages:						
Beginning in month.....thous..	210	160	391	474	364	225
In effect during month.....do.....	320	310	638	790	769	516
Man-days idle during month.....do.....	2,996	2,571	6,267	7,345	7,881	5,926
FINANCE						
AGRICULTURAL LOANS AND DISCOUNTS OUTSTANDING OF AGENCIES SUPERVISED BY THE FARM CREDIT ADM.:						
Total, end of month.....mil. \$..	20,856	21,206	24,041	24,606	25,364	25,754
Farm mortgage loans: Federal land banks.....do.....	10,256	10,441	12,142	12,400	12,684	12,941
Loans to cooperatives.....do.....	2,811	2,865	2,694	2,733	3,008	3,026
Other loans and discounts.....do.....	7,789	7,899	9,205	9,473	9,672	9,788
MONEY AND INTEREST RATES:						
Home mortgage rates (conventional 1st mortgages): 2/						
New home purchase (U.S. average).....percent..	7.87	7.94	8.74	r8.85	r8.96	p/9.04
Existing home purchase (U.S. average).....do.....	7.84	8.01	8.67	8.84	9.00	9.11
SECURITY MARKETS:						
BONDS:						
Sales, excl. U.S. Govt. bonds (SEC):						
All registered exchanges:						
Market value.....mil. \$..	604.89	766.20	562.00	501.82	471.31	.....
Face value.....do.....	701.33	852.43	682.12	610.61	632.60	.....
New York Stock Exchange:						
Market value.....do.....	579.43	744.67	536.18	485.02	450.30	.....
Face value.....do.....	663.75	807.02	645.94	584.12	597.55	.....
STOCKS:						
Sales (Securities and Exchange Commission):						
Total on all registered exchanges:						
Market value.....mil. \$..	11,927	12,659	10,090	8,870	8,860	.....
Shares sold.....millions..	399	424	392	336	366	.....
On New York Stock Exchange:						
Market value.....mil. \$..	9,717	10,342	8,439	7,471	7,477	.....
Shares sold.....millions..	306	330	311	264	291	.....
FOREIGN TRADE						
EXPORTS (MDSE.), INCL. REEXPORTS, TOTAL.....mil. \$..						
Excl. Department of Defense Shipments.....do.....	r5,397.1	r5,817.1	8,488.1	8,384.4	7,695.7	7,998.9
Seasonally adjusted.....do.....	r5,331.0	r5,785.2	8,427.0	8,327.5	7,655.9	7,929.7
By commodity groups and principal commodities:	r5,865.3	r6,042.0	7,629.7	8,356.7	8,307.2	8,370.0
Food and live animals.....do.....						
Beverages and tobacco.....do.....	r907.4	r1,216.7	1,083.4	1,074.6	1,081.5	1,020.7
Crude materials, inedible, exc. fuels.....do.....	72.1	77.3	111.3	106.9	90.0	97.6
Mineral fuels, lubricants, etc.....do.....	r563.6	r553.2	1,013.8	912.2	768.4	777.8
Animal and vegetable oils, fats, waxes.....do.....	152.3	154.1	281.0	309.3	305.7	338.7
Chemicals.....do.....	r58.9	r59.6	131.7	138.2	164.3	110.6
Manufactured goods.....do.....	r467.8	r516.3	711.9	775.9	798.5	812.0
Machinery and transport equipment, total.....do.....	r556.7	r607.6	1,036.3	983.3	936.1	999.1
Electrical.....do.....	r2,054.3	r2,071.0	3,268.6	3,267.2	2,809.9	3,019.6
Transport equipment, total.....do.....	397.8	414.1	590.8	593.1	569.1	625.7
Miscellaneous manufactured articles.....do.....	r671.3	r668.9	1,259.0	1,313.3	906.2	953.1
Commodities not classified.....do.....	308.9	331.0	500.6	474.1	417.1	461.6
	193.2	126.8	218.5	226.7	222.0	235.1

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ITEM	1973		1974			
	July	Aug.	May	June	July	Aug.
FOREIGN TRADE -- Con.						
GENERAL IMPORTS, TOTAL.....mil. \$..	r5,659.1	r6,016.5	8,899.2	8,556.5	9,003.1	9,166.4
Seasonally adjusted.....do.....	r5,828.7	r6,010.5	8,406.6	8,612.5	9,035.6	9,501.8
By commodity groups and principal commodities:						
Food and live animals.....do.....	r599.3	r697.4	822.6	772.4	774.6	766.4
Beverages and tobacco.....do.....	r94.8	91.2	116.5	127.8	126.5	112.7
Crude materials, inedible, exc. fuels.....do.....	r431.1	r409.7	556.9	561.6	532.8	536.3
Mineral fuels, lubricants, etc.....do.....	r557.4	r786.4	2,285.5	2,086.3	2,407.4	2,498.7
Animal and vegetable oils and fats.....do.....	18.9	23.5	42.2	26.6	70.3	44.3
Chemicals.....do.....	r186.4	r207.0	333.8	330.5	350.8	380.5
Manufactured goods.....do.....	r1,193.9	r1,137.3	1,494.5	1,514.2	1,529.4	1,711.0
Machinery and transport equipment.....do.....	r1,701.8	r1,686.6	2,303.8	2,153.6	2,131.2	1,993.4
Miscellaneous manufactured articles.....do.....	r721.4	r821.4	770.2	800.4	885.5	935.5
Commodities not classified.....do.....	r154.0	r156.0	173.2	183.0	194.5	187.6
METALS AND MANUFACTURES						
MACHINE TOOLS:						
Metal cutting type tools:						
Orders, new (net), total.....do.....	131.30	127.35	233.80	198.65	r190.80	p129.45
Domestic.....do.....	108.20	111.45	205.85	168.60	r163.30	p111.90
Shipments, total.....do.....	72.65	76.90	119.90	125.75	r105.00	p89.25
Domestic.....do.....	63.15	64.85	104.50	111.15	r88.00	p75.35
Order backlog, end of month.....do.....	1,115.4	1,165.9	1,977.1	2,050.0	r2,135.8	p2,176.0
Metal forming type tools:						
Orders, new (net), total.....do.....	52.90	58.30	55.35	45.55	r56.60	p32.55
Domestic.....do.....	48.40	52.50	45.95	37.85	r48.90	p25.20
Shipments, total.....do.....	30.05	33.85	52.70	61.45	r47.10	p40.25
Domestic.....do.....	27.45	29.35	44.75	56.65	r42.40	p35.10
Order backlog, end of month.....do.....	517.4	541.9	652.5	636.6	r646.1	p638.4

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