

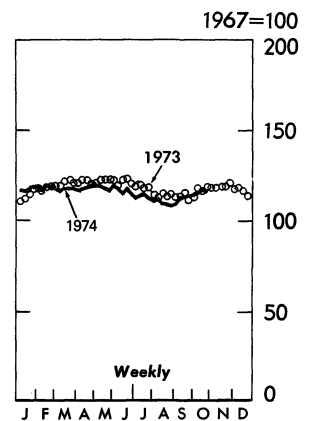
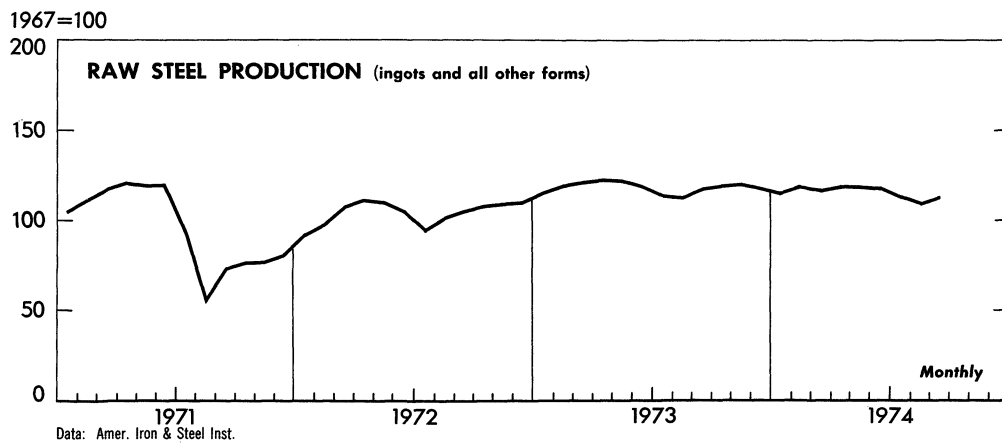
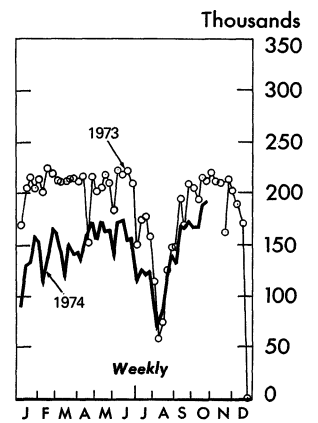
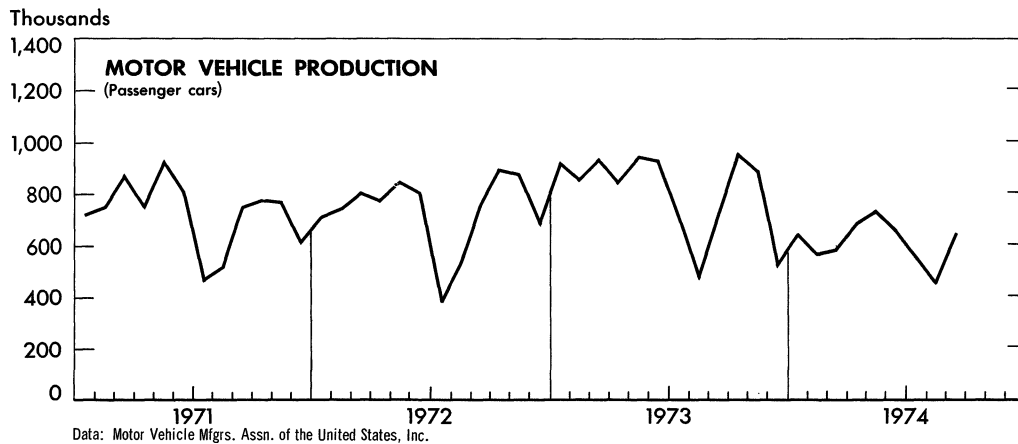
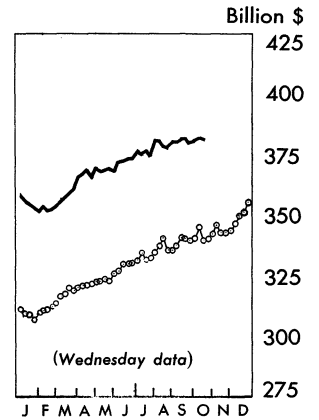
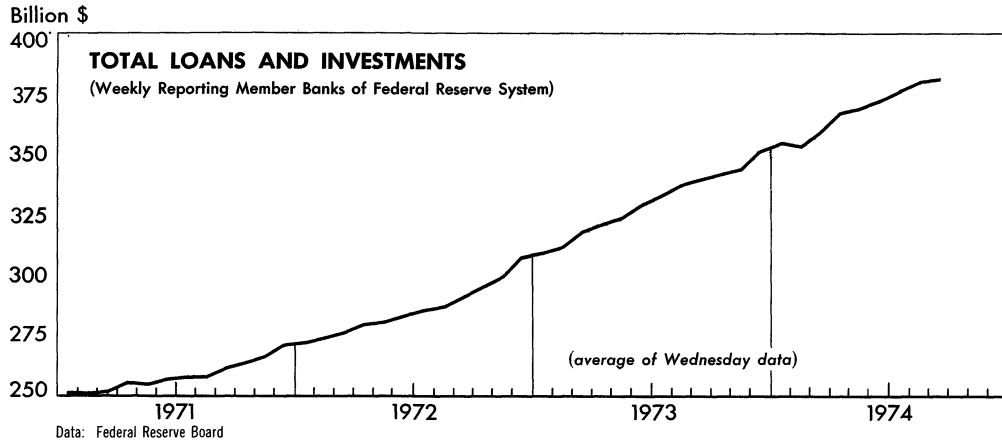


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ITEM	1973		1974			
	Oct. 20	Oct. 27	Oct. 5	Oct. 12	Oct. 19	Oct. 26
WHOLESALE PRICES, 22 COMMODITIES 2/.....1967=100..	193.8	191.1	234.4	232.2	231.5	230.9
9 Foodstuffs.....do....	198.0	194.6	272.8	273.3	277.2	283.1
13 Raw industrials.....do....	190.8	188.6	211.0	207.4	204.2	200.5
ALL RETAIL STORES, SALES.....mil. \$..	9,796	9,810	11,021	10,709	10,489	.....
Nondurable goods stores.....do....	6,504	6,408	7,504	7,365	7,245	.....
INITIAL UNEMPLOYMENT CLAIMS, State programs.....thous..	218	201	325	359	325	.....
INSURED UNEMPLOYMENT, all programs.....do....	1,435	1,487	2,084	2,149	.....	.....
State programs (50 States, D.C., and Puerto Rico)...do....	1,283	1,331	1,790	1,855	.....	.....
FAILURES, INDUST. AND COMMERCIAL (Dun & Bradstreet).number..	150	188	187	240	193	.....
FINANCE:						
Currency in circulation 3/.....mil. \$..	69,156	68,970	74,832	75,327	75,940	75,848
Federal Reserve bank credit outstanding, total 3/...do....	83,886	84,607	92,720	91,041	90,739	90,932
Member bank reserve balances 3/.....do....	35,019	35,118	37,560	36,635	37,445	36,444
Excess reserves, estimated 3/.....do....	-80	407	561	-31	349	157
Assets and liabilities of large commercial banks: 4/						
Demand deposits, adjusted.....do....	98,062	98,046	101,460	100,374	99,339	.....
Savings deposits.....do....	56,409	56,171	57,220	57,380	57,433	.....
Loans and investments, gross adjusted, total.....do....	340,038	339,876	380,630	383,674	381,975	.....
U.S. Government obligations.....do....	23,019	23,108	19,766	20,104	20,520	.....
Commercial and industrial loans (gross).....do....	107,840	107,182	128,787	128,524	129,151	.....
Real estate loans (gross).....do....	53,778	53,667	59,758	59,748	59,834	.....
Bond yields, domestic corporate (Moody's) 3/.....percent..	7.95	7.98	9.81	9.84	9.82	9.77
Stock prices, 500 stocks (Stand. & Poor's)4/.1941-43=100..	109.97	110.27	63.38	67.82	70.33	71.03
Industrial, 425 stocks.....do....	123.65	124.06	70.79	75.64	78.46	79.35
PRODUCTION:						
Bituminous coal.....thous. sh. tons..	11,910	12,280	12,935	13,420	12,960	.....
Electric power, by utilities.....mil. kw.-hr..	34,236	33,998	34,393	34,027	34,203	.....
Motor vehicles (passenger cars).....number..	214,100	211,377	166,871	167,603	188,701	192,505
Petroleum (crude) and condensate 3/.....thous. bbl..	9,324	9,330	8,714	8,641	8,640	.....
Steel, raw.....thous. sh. tons..	2,915	2,915	2,820	2,829	2,866	2,850
Index of production.....1967=100..	119.5	119.5	115.6	116.0	117.5	116.8
RAIL FREIGHT, REVENUE TON-MILES.....bil..	18.0	17.5	17.2	17.3	17.7	.....

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

MONTHLY BUSINESS STATISTICS

ITEM	1973		1974			
	Aug.	Sept.	June	July	Aug.	Sept.
GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS						
MANUFACTURERS' SHIPMENTS: 1/						
Value (not seasonally adjusted):						
Durable goods industries, total.....mil. \$..	36,576	40,163	46,661	39,682	r42,282	46,495
Primary metals.....do....	5,846	6,155	8,475	7,483	r8,039	8,518
Transportation equipment.....do....	7,566	9,352	10,040	8,032	r8,080	10,253
Value (seasonally adjusted):						
Durable goods industries, total.....do....	38,902	39,248	42,785	44,122	r44,825	45,023
Primary metals.....do....	6,165	6,266	7,665	8,136	r8,136	8,479
Transportation equipment.....do....	9,550	9,783	8,976	10,045	r10,112	10,222
Supplementary series:						
Household durables.....do....	3,084	3,042	3,281	3,192	r3,200	3,226
Capital goods industries.....do....	10,956	11,118	12,629	12,106	r12,205	12,479
Nondefense.....do....	9,445	9,583	11,033	10,675	r10,708	10,946
Defense.....do....	1,511	1,535	1,596	1,431	r1,497	1,533
MANUFACTURERS' ORDERS: 1/						
New orders, net (not seasonally adjusted):						
Durable goods industries, total.....do....	39,001	41,932	49,061	43,928	r46,332	47,504
New orders, net (seasonally adjusted):						
Durable goods industries, total.....do....	41,983	41,154	46,848	47,709	r49,463	46,300
Primary metals.....do....	7,150	6,325	9,293	8,724	r10,010	8,502
Transportation equipment.....do....	10,242	9,873	9,329	10,729	r11,766	10,667
Supplementary series:						
Household durables.....do....	2,996	3,055	3,247	3,184	r3,133	3,155
Capital goods industries.....do....	12,181	11,727	13,763	14,177	r15,034	13,187
Nondefense.....do....	10,283	10,389	12,011	12,800	r11,805	11,415
Defense.....do....	1,898	1,338	1,752	1,377	r3,229	1,772
Unfilled orders, end of month (unadjusted):						
Durable goods industries, total.....do....	100,225	101,994	124,536	128,786	r132,837	133,849
Unfilled orders, end of month (seasonally adjusted):						
Durable goods industries, total.....do....	101,545	103,450	126,082	129,667	r134,305	135,578
Primary metals.....do....	14,798	14,857	17,316	17,904	r19,438	19,461
Transportation equipment.....do....	28,522	28,612	32,082	32,764	r34,421	34,865

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	Aug.	Sept.	June	July	Aug.	Sept.
GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS--Con.						
MANUFACTURERS' ORDERS--Con. 1/						
Unfilled orders, end of month (seas. adj.)--Con.						
Supplementary series:						
Household durables.....mil. \$..	2,201	2,213	2,337	2,328	r2,261	2,190
Capital goods industries.....do....	56,898	57,505	69,535	71,607	r74,439	75,143
Nondefense.....do.....	36,688	37,492	47,274	49,399	r50,498	50,965
Defense.....do.....	20,210	20,013	22,261	22,208	r23,941	24,178
INDUSTRIAL AND COMMERCIAL FAILURES (Dun & Bradstreet, Inc.):						
Failures, total.....number..	837	717	789	782	709	.....
Commercial service.....do.....	114	105	90	103	94	.....
Construction.....do.....	112	121	152	142	117	.....
Manufacturing and mining.....do....	130	130	112	124	119	.....
Retail trade.....do.....	396	301	365	328	318	.....
Wholesale trade.....do.....	85	60	70	85	61	.....
Liabilities (current), total.....thous. \$..	190,147	189,473	215,504	r53,403	232,681	.....
Commercial service.....do.....	17,188	21,054	14,169	20,950	12,060	.....
Construction.....do.....	21,225	44,024	42,814	30,412	17,826	.....
Manufacturing and mining.....do....	55,207	54,955	45,826	27,312	78,931	.....
Retail trade.....do.....	68,438	46,552	87,269	r47,816	109,839	.....
Wholesale trade.....do.....	28,089	22,908	25,426	26,913	14,025	.....
Failures annual rate (seas. adj.)..No. per 10,000 concerns..	39.1	38.6	37.0	37.7	33.4	.....
COMMODITY PRICES						
CONSUMER PRICE INDEXES:						
Unadjusted indexes:						
All items.....1967=100..	135.1	135.5	147.1	148.3	150.2	151.9
Special group indexes:						
All items less food.....do....	130.9	131.8	143.3	144.7	146.5	148.1
All items less medical care.....do....	135.0	135.4	147.1	148.2	150.0	151.8
Commodities.....do.....	132.8	132.8	145.2	146.1	148.0	149.9
Nondurables.....do.....	136.6	136.5	150.4	150.9	153.0	154.8
Nondurables less food.....do....	124.7	125.5	141.0	141.8	143.7	145.3
Durables.....do.....	122.6	122.6	131.2	133.0	134.8	136.5
Services.....do.....	139.3	140.6	150.9	152.5	154.2	155.9
Services less rent.....do.....	141.9	143.4	154.7	156.6	158.4	160.3
Food.....do.....	149.4	148.3	160.3	160.5	162.8	165.0
Meats, poultry, and fish.....do....	184.0	180.2	155.1	154.6	162.1	166.3
Dairy products.....do.....	126.6	130.3	153.8	151.6	150.7	151.1
Fruits and vegetables.....do.....	152.6	137.3	183.1	178.7	168.2	162.9
Housing.....do.....	135.2	136.6	149.2	150.9	152.8	154.9
Shelter.....do.....	141.1	142.9	152.8	154.4	156.1	158.1
Rent.....do.....	125.0	125.4	129.8	130.3	130.9	131.4
Homeownership.....do.....	147.0	149.2	161.2	163.2	165.4	167.9
Fuel and utilities.....do.....	126.3	126.8	149.4	150.9	152.6	154.0
Fuel oil and coal.....do.....	132.8	133.6	214.2	218.5	220.9	222.7
Gas and electricity.....do.....	125.8	126.5	144.5	146.2	148.5	150.2
Household furnishings and operation.....do....	125.3	126.1	139.2	141.4	143.9	146.6
Apparel and upkeep.....do.....	126.5	128.3	135.7	135.3	138.1	139.9
Transportation.....do.....	124.5	123.9	140.7	142.6	143.4	144.3
Private.....do.....	122.3	121.6	139.8	141.9	142.8	143.8
New cars.....do.....	110.6	109.1	116.4	118.0	118.1	118.4
Used cars.....do.....	121.3	120.3	133.6	140.2	144.7	148.8
Public.....do.....	144.9	145.5	148.6	148.6	148.7	148.8
Health and recreation.....do.....	130.5	131.1	139.4	141.0	142.6	144.0
Medical care.....do.....	137.6	138.3	149.4	151.4	153.7	155.2
Personal care.....do.....	125.7	126.3	136.5	137.8	139.3	141.2
Reading and recreation.....do.....	126.1	126.8	133.5	134.6	135.2	137.0
PURCHASING POWER OF THE DOLLAR AS MEASURED BY--						
Consumer prices.....1967=\$1.00..	\$0.740	\$0.738	\$0.680	\$0.674	\$0.666	\$0.658
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..	147.6	149.0	158.5	159.3	r160.6	p162.1
1967 dollars.....do.....	109.4	109.9	107.9	107.6	r107.0	p106.7
Gross average weekly earnings:						
Current dollars, seasonally adjusted.....	145.04	147.31	154.14	r154.87	r155.55	p157.87
1967 dollars, seasonally adjusted.....	107.48	108.72	104.90	r104.61	r103.68	p103.93
Spendable average weekly earnings (married worker with three dependents):						
Current dollars, seasonally adjusted.....	127.11	128.86	134.13	r134.69	r135.22	p137.01
1967 dollars, seasonally adjusted.....	94.19	95.10	91.28	r90.98	r90.13	p90.20
FINANCE						
MONEY AND INTEREST RATES:						
Home mortgage rates (conventional 1st mortgages): 2/						
New home purchase (U.S. average).....percent..	7.94	8.17	8.85	8.96	r9.09	p/ 9.20
Existing home purchase (U.S. average).....do....	8.01	8.26	8.84	9.00	r9.13	p/ 9.34
FOREIGN TRADE						
EXPORTS (MDSE.), INCL. REEXPORTS, TOTAL.....mil. \$..	5,817.1	6,021.2	8,384.4	7,695.7	7,998.9	7,672.8
Excl. Department of Defense Shipments.....do....	5,785.2	5,964.6	8,327.5	7,655.9	7,929.7	7,611.7
Seasonally adjusted.....do.....	6,042.0	6,419.8	8,356.7	8,307.2	8,370.0	8,286.2
GENERAL IMPORTS, TOTAL.....do.....	6,016.5	5,307.4	8,556.5	9,003.1	9,166.4	8,441.1
Seasonally adjusted.....do.....	6,010.5	5,643.8	8,612.5	9,035.6	9,501.8	8,519.5

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ITEM	1973		1974			
	Aug.	Sept.	June	July	Aug.	Sept.
METALS AND MANUFACTURES						
Industrial trucks (electric), shipments:						
Hand (motorized).....number..	1,765	1,890	2,064	1,582	1,705	....
Rider-type.....do.....	1,737	1,876	2,316	1,944	1,953	....
Ind. trucks, tractors (combustion engines), shipments <u>1</u> /..do....	3,869	4,484	r4,540	r4,001	4,722	....
MACHINE TOOLS:						
Metal cutting type tools:						
Orders, new (net), total.....mil. \$..	127.35	168.70	198.65	190.80	r130.10	p145.25
Domestic.....do.....	111.45	138.80	168.60	163.30	r112.60	p118.90
Shipments, total.....do.....	76.90	95.75	125.75	105.00	r89.35	p152.35
Domestic.....do.....	64.85	79.45	111.15	88.00	r75.45	p128.45
Order backlog, end of month.....do.....	1,165.9	1,238.9	2,050.0	2,135.8	r2,176.6	2,169.5
Metal forming type tools:						
Orders, new (net), total.....do.....	58.30	61.55	45.55	56.60	32.55	p50.50
Domestic.....do.....	52.50	53.50	37.85	48.90	25.20	p45.50
Shipments, total.....do.....	33.85	36.40	61.45	47.10	40.25	p45.55
Domestic.....do.....	29.35	32.40	56.65	42.40	35.10	p40.60
Order backlog, end of month.....do.....	541.9	567.1	636.6	646.1	638.4	p643.4
TRANSPORTATION EQUIPMENT						
RETAIL SALES, NEW PASSENGER CARS:						
Total, not seasonally adjusted.....thous..	838	875	812	812	r811	726
Domestic.....do.....	686	754	698	691	668	591
Imports.....do.....	152	121	114	121	143	134
Total, seasonally adjusted at annual rates.....mil..	11.5	11.7	9.0	9.7	11.1	10.1
Domestic.....do.....	9.9	10.2	7.8	8.4	9.5	8.4
Imports.....do.....	1.7	1.5	1.2	1.3	1.6	1.7
Retail inventories, new cars (domestics), end of month:						
Not seasonally adjusted.....thous..	1,387	1,360	1,638	1,496	1,294	1,385
Seasonally adjusted.....do.....	1,553	1,478	1,420	1,400	r1,388	1,385
Inventory-sales ratio, new cars (domestics).....ratio..	1.9	1.7	2.2	2.0	1.8	2.0
REGISTRATIONS (new vehicles): <u>2</u>/						
Passenger cars.....thous..	979.6	815.9	r800.9	r842.6	814.0	....
Import cars (incl. domestically sponsored).....do.....	151.1	132.6	r107.9	r123.0	124.9
Trucks.....do.....	275.0	240.8	r260.6	r267.1	253.9

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