

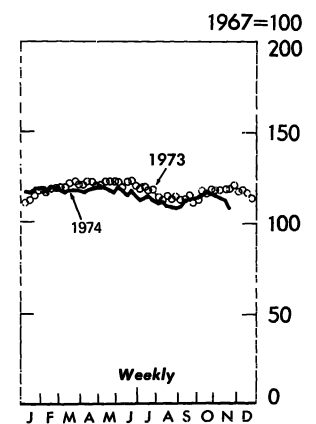
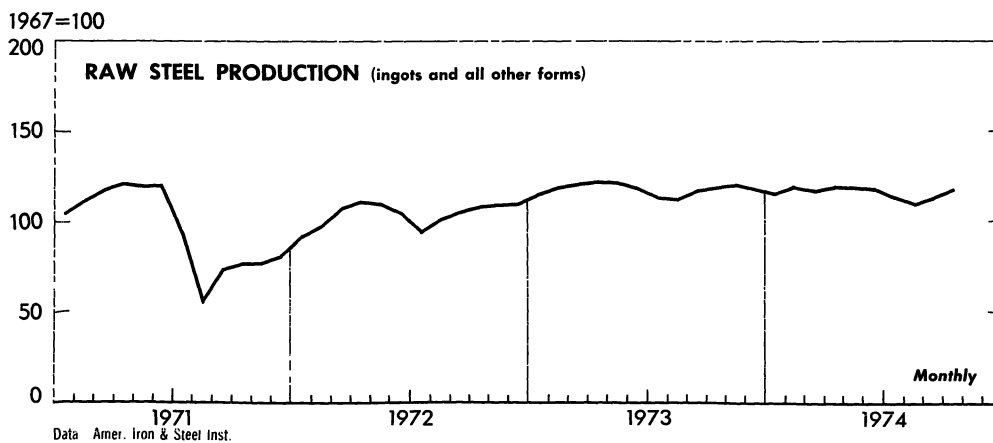
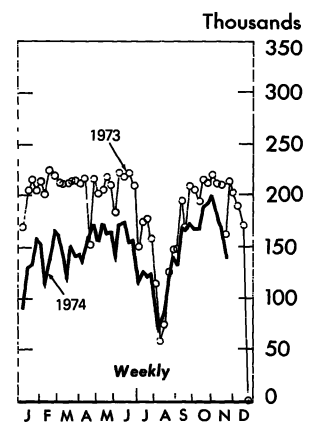
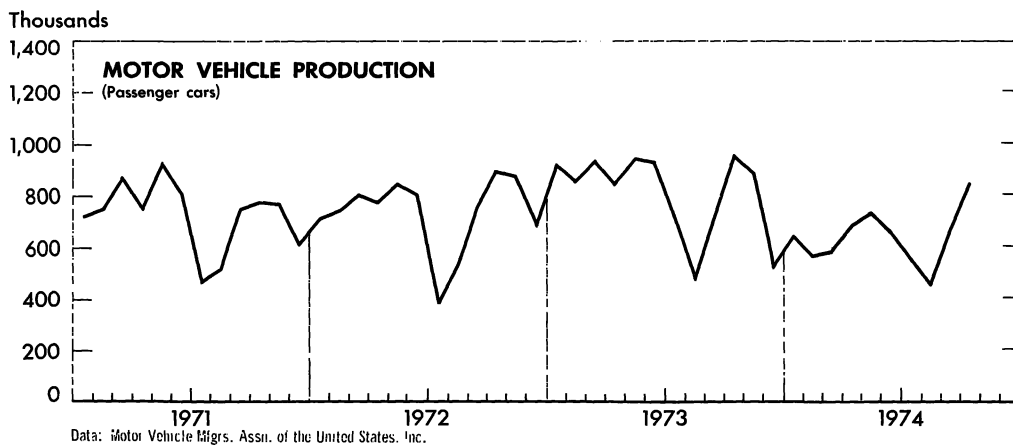
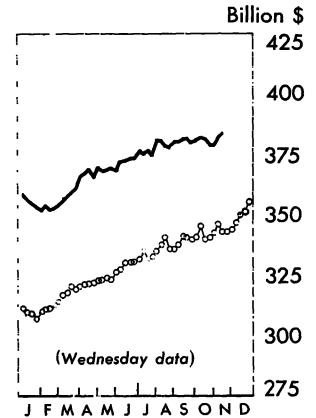
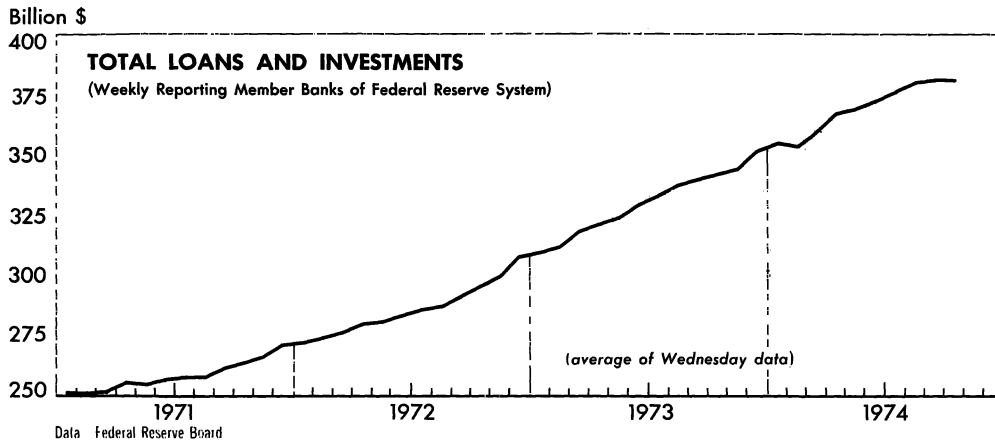


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ITEM	1973		1974			
	Nov. 17	Nov. 24	Nov. 2	Nov. 9	Nov. 16	Nov. 23
WHOLESALE PRICES, 22 COMMODITIES ^{2/}1967=100..	190.8	193.4	228.6	230.7	232.1	225.1
9 Foodstuffs.....do.....	189.3	190.8	278.5	282.3	290.3	277.9
13 Raw Industrials.....do.....	191.8	195.2	199.2	200.4	198.8	194.4
ALL RETAIL STORES, SALES..... mil. \$..	10,410	9,909	10,719	10,444	10,588	.....
Nondurable goods stores.....do.....	7,093	6,959	7,379	7,503	7,587	.....
INITIAL UNEMPLOYMENT CLAIMS, State programs.....thous..	261	238	375	435	451	.....
INSURED UNEMPLOYMENT, all programs.....do.....	1,576	1,768	2,408	2,525	.....	.....
State programs (50 States, D.C., and Puerto Rico).....do.....	1,428	1,597	2,103	2,213	.....	.....
FAILURES, INDUST. AND COMMERCIAL (Dun & Bradstreet).....number..	189	180	262	229	195	188
FINANCE:						
Currency in circulation ^{3/}.....mil. \$..	69,834	70,181	75,624	76,052	77,025	77,215
Federal Reserve bank credit outstanding, total ^{3/}.....do.....	82,749	85,044	90,844	90,648	90,755	91,703
Member bank reserve balances ^{3/}.....do.....	34,871	35,095	36,894	36,990	36,532	36,844
Excess reserves, estimated ^{3/}.....do.....	146	369	315	302	199	63
Assets and liabilities of large commercial banks: ^{4/}						
Demand deposits, adjusted.....do.....	98,366	97,967	101,052	99,178	102,114	.....
Savings deposits.....do.....	56,481	56,315	57,468	57,586	57,668	.....
Loans and investments, gross adjusted, total.....do.....	343,262	342,713	378,920	381,447	383,395	.....
U. S. Government obligations.....do.....	24,261	24,872	20,522	21,605	21,950	.....
Commercial and industrial loans (gross).....do.....	107,460	107,381	128,525	129,438	129,376	.....
Real estate loans (gross).....do.....	54,338	54,416	59,965	59,945	60,037	.....
Bond yields, domestic corporate (Moody's) ^{3/}.....percent..	8.02	8.02	9.73	9.67	9.61	9.56
Stock prices, 500 stocks (Stand & Poor's) ^{4/}.....1941-43=100..	102.45	99.76	74.31	74.75	73.35	67.90
Industrial, 425 stocks.....do.....	115.16	112.14	83.29	83.68	82.00	75.77
PRODUCTION:						
Bituminous coal.....thous. sh. tons..	11,560	10,575	13,285	14,360	7,340	.....
Electric power, by utilities.....mil. kw.-hr..	34,712	32,884	34,075	34,484	35,078	.....
Motor vehicles (passenger cars).....number..	208,673	162,187	199,361	176,321	168,657	139,573
Petroleum (crude) and condensate ^{3/}.....thous. bbl..	9,053	9,092	8,653	8,652	8,606	.....
Steel, raw.....thous. sh. tons..	2,907	2,959	2,814	2,780	2,751	2,642
Index of production.....1967=100..	119.2	121.3	115.3	113.9	112.8	108.4
RAIL FREIGHT, REVENUE TON-MILES.....bil..	17.4	15.0	17.8	17.3	15.9	.....

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

MONTHLY BUSINESS STATISTICS

ITEM	1973		1974			
	Sept.	Oct.	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.
GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS						
MANUFACTURERS' SHIPMENTS: ^{1/}						
Value (not seasonally adjusted):						
Durable goods industries, total.....mil. \$..	40,163	41,608	39,682	42,282	r46,389	47,421
Primary metals.....do.....	6,155	6,345	7,483	8,039	r8,251	8,462
Transportation equipment.....do.....	9,352	10,481	8,032	8,080	r10,199	11,099
Value (seasonally adjusted):						
Durable goods industries, total.....do.....	39,248	40,879	44,122	44,825	r45,071	46,815
Primary metals.....do.....	6,266	6,730	8,136	8,474	r8,415	9,017
Transportation equipment.....do.....	9,783	10,121	10,045	10,112	r10,324	10,713
Supplementary series:						
Household durables.....do.....	3,042	3,152	3,192	3,200	r3,287	3,273
Capital goods industries.....do.....	11,118	11,408	12,106	12,205	r12,648	13,059
Nondefense.....do.....	9,583	9,783	10,675	10,708	r11,010	11,386
Defense.....do.....	1,535	1,625	1,431	1,497	r1,638	1,673
MANUFACTURERS' ORDERS: ^{1/}						
New orders, net (not seasonally adjusted):						
Durable goods industries, total.....do.....	41,932	43,829	43,928	46,332	r47,622	46,022
New orders, net (seasonally adjusted):						
Durable goods industries, total.....do.....	41,154	43,304	47,709	49,463	r46,591	45,727
Primary metals.....do.....	6,325	6,868	8,724	10,010	r8,611	8,524
Transportation equipment.....do.....	9,873	10,635	10,729	11,766	r10,623	10,458
Supplementary series:						
Household durables.....do.....	3,055	3,220	3,184	3,133	r3,128	3,266
Capital goods industries.....do.....	11,727	12,755	14,177	15,034	r13,510	12,679
Nondefense.....do.....	10,389	10,928	12,800	11,805	r11,832	11,350
Defense.....do.....	1,338	1,827	1,377	3,229	r1,678	1,329
Unfilled orders, end of month (unadjusted):						
Durable goods industries, total.....do.....	101,994	104,221	128,786	132,837	r134,069	132,674
Unfilled orders, end of month (seasonally adjusted):						
Durable goods industries, total.....do.....	103,450	105,874	129,667	134,305	r135,828	134,737
Primary metals.....do.....	14,857	14,996	17,904	19,438	r19,636	19,144
Transportation equipment.....do.....	28,612	29,126	32,764	34,421	r34,721	34,464

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	Sept.	Oct.	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.
GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS--Con.						
MANUFACTURERS' ORDERS--Con. 1/ Unfilled orders, end of month (seas. adj.)--Con.						
Supplementary series:						
Household durables.....mil. \$..	2,213	2,281	2,328	2,261	r2,100	2,094
Capital goods industries.....do....	57,505	58,854	71,607	74,439	r75,302	74,916
Nondefense.....do.....	37,492	38,639	49,399	50,498	r51,323	51,280
Defense.....do.....	20,013	20,215	22,208	23,941	r23,979	23,636
NEW BUSINESS INCORPORATIONS (Dun & Bradstreet, Inc.):						
Unadjusted.....number..	23,158	26,931	29,168	24,992	23,895	.....
Seasonally adjusted.....do....	26,240	26,809	28,036	26,139	26,143	.....
COMMODITY PRICES						
CONSUMER PRICE INDEXES:						
Unadjusted indexes:						
All items.....1967=100..	135.5	136.6	148.3	150.2	151.9	153.2
Special group indexes:						
All items less food.....do....	131.8	133.1	144.7	146.5	148.1	149.5
All items less medical care.....do....	135.4	136.4	148.2	150.0	151.8	153.1
Commodities.....do.....	132.8	133.5	146.1	148.0	149.9	151.1
Nondurables.....do.....	136.5	137.4	150.9	153.0	154.8	155.8
Nondurables less food.....do....	125.5	127.0	141.8	143.7	145.3	146.1
Durables.....do.....	122.6	123.2	133.0	134.8	136.5	138.5
Services.....do.....	140.6	142.2	152.5	154.2	155.9	157.3
Services less rent.....do....	143.4	145.2	156.6	158.4	160.3	161.9
Food.....do.....	148.3	148.4	160.5	162.8	165.0	166.1
Meats, poultry, and fish.....do....	180.2	170.7	154.6	162.1	166.3	163.7
Dairy products.....do.....	130.3	137.3	151.6	150.7	151.1	151.7
Fruits and vegetables.....do....	137.3	138.8	178.7	168.2	162.9	162.4
Housing.....do.....	136.6	138.1	150.9	152.8	154.9	156.7
Shelter.....do.....	142.9	144.7	154.4	156.1	158.1	159.9
Rent.....do.....	125.4	125.9	130.3	130.9	131.4	132.2
Homeownership.....do.....	149.2	151.5	163.2	165.4	167.9	170.1
Fuel and utilities.....do.....	126.8	128.6	150.9	152.6	154.0	155.2
Fuel oil and coal.....do.....	133.6	141.1	218.5	220.9	222.7	225.5
Gas and electricity.....do.....	126.5	127.4	146.2	148.5	150.2	151.5
Household furnishings and operation.....do....	126.1	126.7	141.4	143.9	146.6	149.0
Apparel and upkeep.....do.....	128.3	129.6	135.3	138.1	139.9	141.1
Transportation.....do.....	123.9	125.0	142.6	143.4	144.3	145.1
Private.....do.....	121.6	122.9	141.9	142.8	143.8	144.6
New cars.....do.....	109.1	111.9	118.0	118.1	118.4	123.7
Used cars.....do.....	120.3	118.5	140.2	144.7	148.8	152.3
Public.....do.....	145.5	145.2	148.6	148.7	148.8	148.8
Health and recreation.....do....	131.1	132.1	141.0	142.6	144.0	145.2
Medical care.....do.....	138.3	140.6	151.4	153.7	155.2	156.3
Personal care.....do.....	126.3	127.3	137.8	139.3	141.2	143.0
Reading and recreation.....do....	126.8	127.2	134.6	135.2	137.0	137.8
PURCHASING POWER OF THE DOLLAR AS MEASURED BY--						
Consumer prices.....1967=\$1.00..	\$0.738	\$0.732	\$0.674	\$0.666	\$0.658	\$0.653
CONSTRUCTION AND REAL ESTATE						
NEW HOUSING UNITS STARTED:						
Unadjusted:						
Total (private and public).....thous..	148.9	149.5	127.2	r114.0	r98.0	98.7
Privately owned.....do.....	148.4	147.1	126.6	r111.1	r96.7	98.2
One-family structures.....do.....	84.5	86.0	90.7	r79.8	r72.7	70.3
Seasonally adjusted at annual rates:						
Total privately own.....do....	1,844	1,674	1,338	r1,134	r1,132	1,124
One-family structures.....do....	990	957	958	r812	837	787
NEW PRIVATE HOUSING UNITS AUTHORIZED BY BUILDING PERMITS (14,000 permit-issuing places):						
Seasonally adjusted at annual rates:						
Total.....do.....	1,656	1,379	1,017	900	r823	802
One-family structures.....do....	807	676	632	618	r577	541
LABOR FORCE, EMPLOYMENT, AND EARNINGS						
Earnings per production or nonsupervisory worker on payrolls of private nonfarm establishments:						
Average hourly earnings index, seasonally adjusted:						
Current dollars.....1967=100..	149.0	149.6	159.3	160.6	162.1	p163.3
1967 dollars.....do.....	109.9	109.5	107.6	r107.1	106.7	p106.6
Gross average weekly earnings:						
Current dollars, seasonally adjusted.....	147.31	147.26	154.87	155.55	r157.44	p158.48
1967 dollars, seasonally adjusted.....	108.72	107.80	104.61	103.68	r103.65	p103.45
Spendable average weekly earnings (married worker with three dependents):						
Current dollars, seasonally adjusted.....	128.86	128.82	134.69	135.22	r136.67	p137.48
1967 dollars, seasonally adjusted.....	95.10	94.30	90.98	90.13	r89.97	p89.74
WORK STOPPAGES: 2/						
Number of stoppages:						
Beginning in month.....number..	r541	r523	730	540	440	.....
In effect during month.....do....	r883	r885	1,130	1,070	800	.....
Workers involved in stoppages:						
Beginning in month.....thous..	r269	r194	364	225	151	.....
In effect during month.....do....	r368	r297	769	516	284
Man-days idle during month.....do....	2,954	2,484	7,881	5,926	2,770

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MONTHLY BUSINESS STATISTICS—Continued

ITEM	1973		1974			
	Sept.	Oct.	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.
FINANCE						
FEDERAL RESERVE BANKS, CONDITION, END OF MONTH:						
Assets, total.....mil. \$..	101,944	107,422	110,269	111,915	r111,208	p110,625
Reserve bank credit outstanding, total.....do....	81,123	85,454	88,034	91,070	r89,930	87,030
Discounts and advances.....do....	1,558	2,198	3,589	4,320	2,920	1,120
U. S. Government securities.....do....	76,165	78,491	78,103	81,131	81,035	79,351
Gold certificate account.....do....	10,303	11,460	11,460	11,460	11,460	11,460
Liabilities, total.....do....	101,944	107,422	110,269	111,915	r111,208	p110,625
Deposits, total.....do....	30,919	34,886	32,697	34,576	r33,616	31,909
Member-bank reserve balances.....do....	28,240	31,787	27,376	30,247	r29,266	29,888
Federal Reserve notes in circulation.....do....	61,628	62,120	67,131	67,706	67,775	68,520
SECURITY MARKETS:						
STOCKS:						
Dividend rates, prices, yields, common stocks (Moody's):						
Dividends per share, annual rate, composite.....dollars..	9.62	9.73	10.72	10.93	10.93	11.01
Industrials.....do....	10.58	10.75	12.05	12.15	12.15	12.27
Public utilities.....do....	5.03	5.03	4.82	4.82	4.82	4.83
Railroads.....do....	4.06	4.09	4.34	4.40	4.40	4.47
N.Y. banks.....do....	7.54	7.55	8.13	8.13	8.13	8.13
Property and casualty insurance companies.....do....	11.88	11.88	13.22	13.22	13.22	13.50
Price per share, end of mo., composite.....do....	287.99	288.50	214.84	196.82	173.29	200.62
Industrials.....do....	357.90	361.44	267.87	243.55	210.45	243.12
Public utilities.....do....	72.38	68.21	44.90	39.93	39.01	42.91
Railroads.....do....	77.35	80.73	74.85	68.49	62.50	76.17
Yields, composite.....percent..	3.34	3.37	4.99	5.55	6.31	5.49
Industrials.....do....	2.96	2.97	4.50	4.99	5.77	5.05
Public utilities.....do....	6.95	7.37	10.74	12.07	12.36	11.26
Railroads.....do....	5.25	5.07	5.80	6.42	7.04	5.87
N.Y. banks.....do....	2.75	2.70	4.45	5.01	5.47	4.39
Property and casualty insurance companies.....do....	3.20	3.28	6.42	7.33	7.35	5.63
Prices:						
Dow-Jones average (65 stocks).....do....	277.54	295.03	236.19	223.13	199.29	c202.89
Industrial (30 stocks).....do....	909.98	967.62	783.00	729.30	651.28	638.62
Public utility (15 stocks).....do....	99.96	101.67	68.47	66.23	60.80	66.58
Transportation (20 stocks).....do....	166.82	182.75	158.36	151.68	134.60	143.43

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