

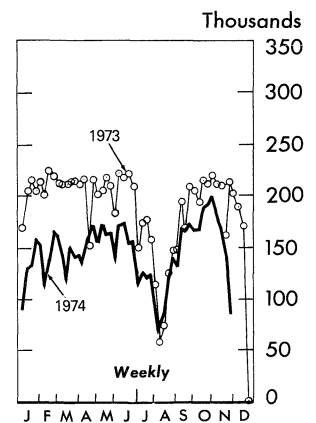
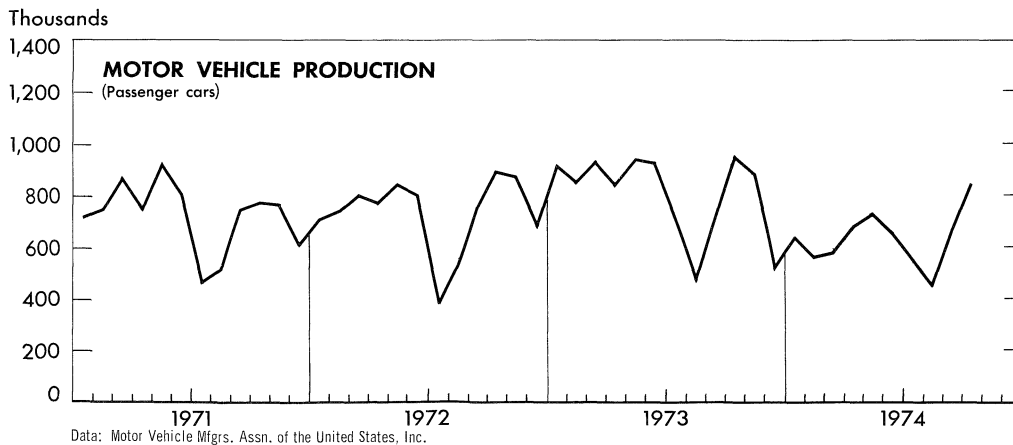
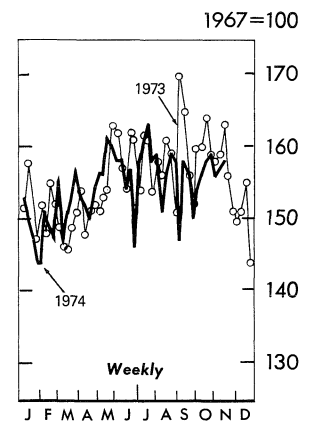
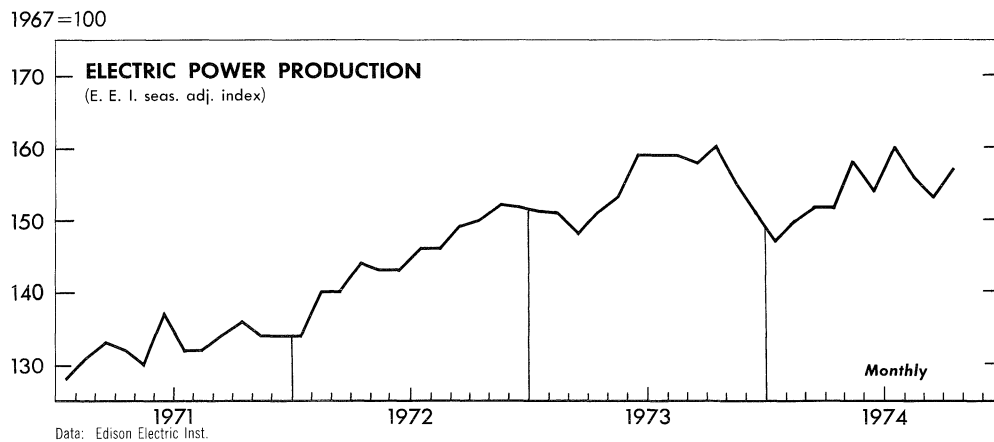
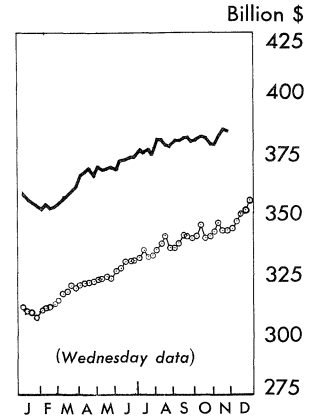
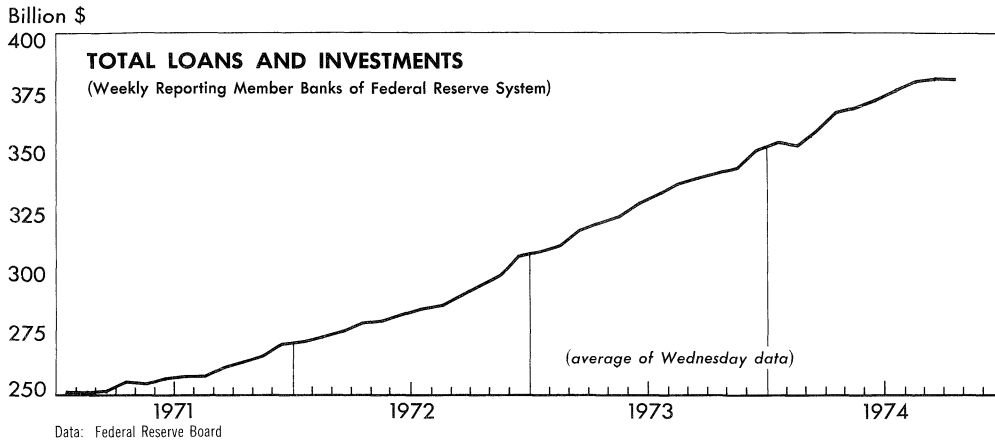


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WEEKLY BUSINESS STATISTICS¹

ITEM	1973		1974			
	Nov. 24	Dec. 1	Nov. 9	Nov. 16	Nov. 23	Nov. 30
WHOLESALE PRICES, 22 COMMODITIES ^{2/}.....1967=100..	193.4	192.1	230.7	232.1	225.1	223.3
9 Foodstuffs.....do.....	190.8	192.9	282.3	290.3	277.9	277.8
13 Raw industrials.....do.....	195.2	191.5	200.4	198.8	194.4	191.9
ALL RETAIL STORES, SALES.....mil. \$..	9,909	10,939	10,444	10,588	10,766	.....
Nondurable goods stores.....do.....	6,959	7,521	7,503	7,587	7,699	.....
INITIAL UNEMPLOYMENT CLAIMS, State programs.....thous..	238	299	435	463	545	.....
INSURED UNEMPLOYMENT, all programs.....do.....	1,768	1,788	2,532	2,761	.....	.....
State programs (50 States, D.C., and Puerto Rico)....do....	1,597	1,621	2,221	2,436	.....	.....
FAILURES, INDUST, AND COMMERCIAL (Dun & Bradstreet)..number..	180	180	229	195	188	134
FINANCE:						
Currency in circulation ^{3/}.....mil. \$..	70,181	70,502	76,052	77,025	77,209	77,330
Federal Reserve Bank credit outstanding, total ^{3/}....do....	85,044	84,440	90,648	90,755	91,701	92,178
Member bank reserve balances ^{3/}.....do.....	35,095	34,438	36,990	36,532	36,847	37,103
Excess reserves, estimated ^{3/}.....do.....	369	66	302	199	66	628
Assets and liabilities of large commercial banks: ^{4/}						
Demand deposits, adjusted.....do.....	98,053	100,178	99,178	102,372	102,276	.....
Savings deposits.....do.....	56,534	56,278	57,586	57,661	57,727	.....
Loans and investments, gross adjusted, total.....do....	343,507	343,117	381,447	384,100	383,870	.....
U. S. Government obligations.....do.....	25,004	24,257	21,605	21,948	22,689	.....
Commercial and industrial loans (gross).....do....	107,737	107,428	129,438	129,296	129,307	.....
Real estate loans (gross).....do.....	54,557	54,509	59,945	60,051	60,115	.....
Bond yields, domestic corporate (Moody's) ^{3/}.....percent..	8.02	8.01	9.67	9.61	9.56	9.54
Stock prices, 500 stocks (Stand. & Poor's) ^{4/}.....1941-43=10..	99.76	97.65	74.75	73.35	67.90	69.94
Industrial, 425 stocks.....do.....	112.14	109.72	83.68	82.00	75.77	78.12
PRODUCTION:						
Bituminous coal.....thous. sh. tons..	10,300	11,690	14,360	7,355	4,570	.....
Electric power, by utilities.....mil. kw.-hr..	32,884	33,968	34,484	35,078	35,040	.....
Motor vehicles (passenger cars).....number..	162,187	213,127	176,321	168,657	139,573	85,994
Petroleum (crude) and condensate ^{3/}.....thous. bbl..	9,092	9,045	8,652	8,606	8,668	.....
Steel, raw.....thous. sh. tons..	2,959	2,961	2,780	2,751	2,642	2,563
Index of production.....1967=100..	121.3	121.4	113.9	112.8	108.4	105.1
RAIL FREIGHT, REVENUE TON-MILES.....bil..	15.0	16.9	17.3	15.9	15.3	.....

^{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.
CONSTRUCTION AND REAL ESTATE						
NEW CONSTRUCTION PUT IN PLACE (UNADJ.), TOTAL.....mil. \$..	12,486	12,280	12,403	r12,408	r12,141	11,931
Private, total.....do.....	9,357	9,287	8,830	r8,717	r8,508	8,526
Residential (incl. farm).....do.....	5,287	5,017	4,480	r4,373	r4,123	3,865
New housing units.....do.....	4,418	4,149	3,581	r3,488	r3,277	3,040
Nonresidential buildings, total ^{1/}.....do....	2,473	2,576	2,545	2,524	r2,590	2,770
Industrial.....do.....	580	617	645	r666	r661	765
Commercial.....do.....	1,395	1,441	1,397	r1,361	r1,425	1,490
Public, total.....do.....	3,129	2,993	3,573	r3,691	r3,633	3,405
NEW CONSTRUCTION PUT IN PLACE (SEASONALLY ADJUSTED AT ANNUAL RATES), TOTAL.....bil. \$..	137.3	136.4	138.0	r134.0	r133.2	132.7
Private, total.....do.....	104.1	103.3	98.1	r95.8	r94.5	94.6
Residential (incl. farm).....do.....	58.0	56.3	48.5	r47.2	r45.0	43.3
New housing units.....do.....	48.2	46.2	38.9	r37.5	r35.4	33.6
Nonresidential buildings, total ^{1/}.....do....	27.9	28.4	29.0	28.4	r29.1	30.6
Industrial.....do.....	6.8	6.7	7.2	r7.6	7.7	8.6
Commercial.....do.....	15.5	15.8	16.0	r15.0	r15.7	16.2
Public, total.....do.....	33.2	33.2	40.0	r38.2	r38.7	38.1
CONSTRUCTION COST INDEXES:						
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE COMPOSITE.....1967=100..	156	156	174	175	r177	178
New mortgage loans of all savings and loan associations, estimated total.....mil. \$..						
By purpose of loan:	3,174	2,786	3,816	3,593	r2,681	p2,402
Home construction.....do.....	571	532	603	542	r426	p407
Home purchase.....do.....	1,836	1,547	2,387	2,338	r1,657	p1,462
All other purposes.....do.....	767	707	826	713	r598	p533

^{r/} Revised. ^{p/} Preliminary. ^{1/} Except farm and public utilities, 61,825

ITEM	1973		1974			
	Sept.	Oct.	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.
FINANCE						
MONEY AND INTEREST RATES:						
Home mortgage rates (conventional 1st mortgages): 1/						
New home purchase (U. S. average).....percent..	8.17	8.31	8.96	9.09	r9.19	p9.17
Existing home purchase (U. S. average).....do....	8.26	8.50	9.00	9.13	r9.33	p9.51
FEDERAL GOVERNMENT FINANCE:						
Budget receipts and outlays:						
Receipts (net).....mil. \$..	24,843	17,637	20,938	23,620	28,377	.....
Outlays (net).....do....	20,670	23,092	24,411	25,408	24,712	.....
Budget surplus or deficit (-).....do....	4,170	-5,455	-3,472	-1,787	3,666	.....
Budget financing, total.....do....	-4,173	5,455	3,472	1,787	-3,666	.....
Borrowing from the public.....do....	567	1,395	1,644	2,283	569	.....
Reduction in cash balances.....do....	-4,740	4,060	1,828	-496	-4,235	.....
Gross amount of debt outstanding.....do....	472,078	473,139	487,239	493,622	493,130	.....
Held by the public.....do....	342,338	343,727	347,706	349,980	350,549	.....
Budget receipts by source and outlays by agency:						
Receipts (net), total.....do....	24,843	17,637	20,938	23,620	28,377	.....
Individual income taxes (net).....do....	11,709	9,230	10,806	10,485	13,947	.....
Corporation income taxes (net).....do....	5,247	1,053	1,485	828	5,647	.....
Social insurance taxes and contributions (net).....do....	5,408	4,712	5,781	9,544	6,120	.....
Other.....do....	2,479	2,641	2,867	2,763	2,675	.....
Expenditures and net lending, total.....do....	20,670	23,092	24,411	25,408	24,712	.....
Agriculture Department.....do....	249	799	384	346	616	.....
Defense Department, military.....do....	6,119	6,523	6,313	7,062	6,745	.....
Health, Education, and Welfare Department.....do....	7,232	7,415	8,688	8,808	8,846	.....
Treasury Department.....do....	2,552	3,763	4,267	2,552	2,907	.....
National Aeronautics and Space Adm.....do....	246	249	216	247	267	.....
Veterans Administration.....do....	968	1,056	1,256	1,234	1,145	.....
SECURITY MARKETS:						
BONDS:						
Yields:						
Domestic corporate (Moody's).....percent..	8.06	7.96	9.10	9.36	9.67	9.80
By rating:						
Aaa.....do....	7.63	7.60	8.72	9.00	9.24	9.27
Aa.....do....	7.86	7.84	8.76	9.05	9.35	9.40
A.....do....	8.11	7.98	9.35	9.61	9.90	10.10
Baa.....do....	8.63	8.41	9.55	9.77	10.12	10.41
By group:						
Industrials.....do....	7.89	7.76	8.95	9.16	9.44	9.53
Public utilities.....do....	8.09	8.04	9.35	9.70	10.11	10.31
Railroads.....do....	8.37	8.24	9.08	9.30	9.46	9.64
FOREIGN TRADE						
EXPORTS (MDSE.), INCL. REEXPORTS, TOTAL.....mil. \$..						
Excl. Department of Defense Shipments.....do....	6,021.2	6,784.9	7,695.7	7,998.9	7,672.8	8,994.1
Seasonally adjusted.....do....	5,964.6	6,750.7	7,655.9	7,929.7	7,611.7	8,926.2
Seasonally adjusted.....do....	6,419.8	6,585.4	8,307.2	8,370.0	8,286.2	8,664.5
By commodity groups and principal commodities:						
Food and live animals.....do....	1,191.6	1,216.7	1,081.5	1,020.7	1,000.1	1,170.6
Beverages and tobacco.....do....	93.0	110.6	90.0	97.6	83.7	124.1
Crude materials, inedible, exc. fuels.....do....	506.3	747.5	768.4	777.8	647.3	787.3
Mineral fuels, lubricants, etc.....do....	121.6	177.1	305.7	338.7	332.2	449.4
Animal and vegetable oils, fats, waxes.....do....	66.0	59.1	164.3	110.6	86.9	112.2
Chemicals.....do....	505.6	552.9	798.5	812.0	729.1	728.7
Manufactured goods.....do....	648.8	709.2	936.1	999.1	885.2	1,017.9
Machinery and transport equipment, total.....do....	2,324.5	2,555.6	2,809.9	3,019.6	3,139.5	3,768.3
Electrical.....do....	429.9	488.9	569.1	625.7	597.7	669.4
Transport equipment, total.....do....	890.9	924.2	906.2	953.1	1,183.1	1,495.9
Miscellaneous manufactured articles.....do....	336.9	378.5	417.1	461.6	439.9	473.3
Commodities not classified.....do....	147.7	162.3	222.0	233.1	224.6	216.0
GENERAL IMPORTS, TOTAL.....do....						
Seasonally adjusted.....do....	5,307.4	6,402.9	9,003.1	9,166.4	8,441.1	9,186.0
Seasonally adjusted.....do....	5,643.8	5,996.3	9,035.6	9,501.8	8,519.5	8,635.1
By commodity groups and principal commodities:						
Food and live animals.....do....	616.4	708.6	774.6	766.4	650.1	657.8
Beverages and tobacco.....do....	91.0	128.1	126.5	112.7	111.6	113.4
Crude materials, inedible, exc. fuels.....do....	390.0	493.1	532.8	536.3	496.7	504.1
Mineral fuels, lubricants, etc.....do....	701.2	797.7	2,407.4	2,498.7	2,115.6	2,268.3
Animal and vegetable oils and fats.....do....	21.4	26.3	70.3	44.3	54.2	79.6
Chemicals.....do....	190.5	209.4	350.8	380.5	386.8	427.5
Manufactured goods.....do....	970.8	1,140.4	1,529.4	1,711.0	1,575.9	1,886.5
Machinery and transport equipment.....do....	1,511.8	1,953.6	2,131.2	1,993.4	2,011.7	2,126.5
Miscellaneous manufactured articles.....do....	668.7	785.2	885.5	935.5	837.6	906.8
Commodities not classified.....do....	145.6	160.5	194.5	187.6	200.9	215.5

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	Sept.	Oct.	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.
METALS AND MANUFACTURES						
STEEL PRODUCTS, NET SHIPMENTS:						
Total (all grades).....thous. sh. tons..	8,905	9,892	8,843	9,084	8,601	.....
Plates.....do....	801	879	873	953	882	.....
Bars and tool steel, total.....do....	1,470	1,649	1,490	1,507	1,484	.....
Pipe and tubing.....do....	729	864	755	814	792	.....
Tin mill products.....do....	565	609	687	608	561	.....
Sheets and strip (incl. electrical), total.....do....	3,871	4,307	3,612	3,785	3,506	.....
Sheets, cold rolled.....do....	1,606	1,730	1,492	1,567	1,444	.....
MACHINE TOOLS:						
Metal cutting type tools:						
Orders, new (net), total.....mil. \$..	168.70	184.05	190.80	130.10	144.10	p127.10
Domestic.....do....	138.80	165.35	163.30	112.60	118.20	p98.60
Shipments, total.....do....	95.75	98.45	105.00	89.35	151.35	p129.20
Domestic.....do....	79.45	85.65	88.00	75.45	127.55	p108.90
Order backlog, end of month.....do....	1,238.9	1,324.5	2,135.8	2,176.6	2,169.4	p2,167.3
Metal forming type tools:						
Orders, new (net), total.....do....	61.55	71.40	56.60	32.55	49.60	p44.55
Domestic.....do....	53.50	64.45	48.90	25.20	44.45	p35.40
Shipments, total.....do....	36.40	38.80	47.10	40.25	45.10	p63.75
Domestic.....do....	32.40	32.45	42.40	35.10	40.30	p57.80
Order backlog, end of month.....do....	567.1	599.7	646.1	638.4	642.9	p623.7
TRANSPORTATION EQUIPMENT						
RETAIL SALES, NEW PASSENGER CARS:						
Total, not seasonally adjusted.....thous..	875	979	812	811	726	757
Domestics.....do....	754	858	691	668	591	628
Imports.....do....	121	122	121	143	134	129
Total, seasonally adjusted at annual rates.....mil..	11.7	9.9	9.7	11.1	10.1	7.8
Domestics.....do....	10.2	8.4	8.4	9.5	8.4	6.3
Imports.....do....	1.5	1.5	1.3	1.6	1.7	1.5
Retail inventories, new cars (domestics), end of month:						
Not seasonally adjusted.....thous..	1,360	1,479	1,496	1,294	1,385	1,595
Seasonally adjusted.....do....	1,478	1,664	1,400	1,388	1,385	1,610
Inventory-sales ratio, new cars (domestics).....ratio..	1.7	2.4	2.0	1.8	2.0	3.1

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