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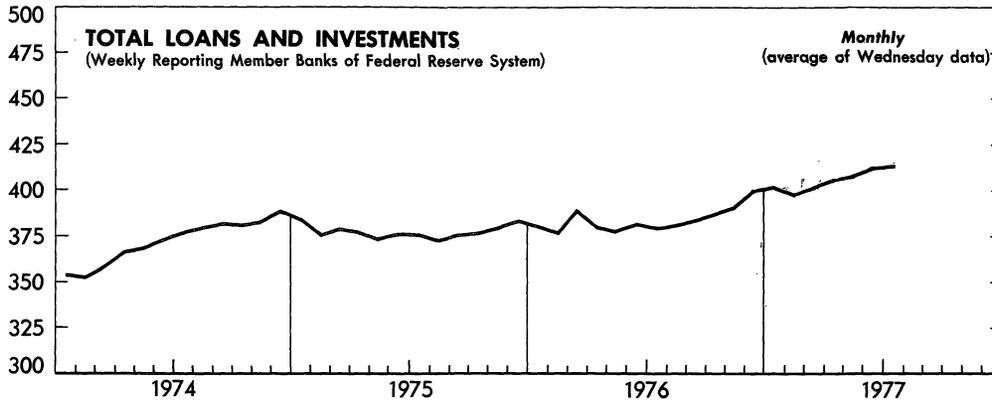


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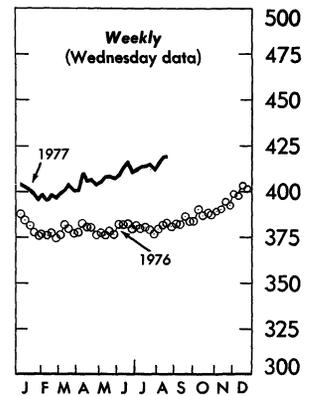
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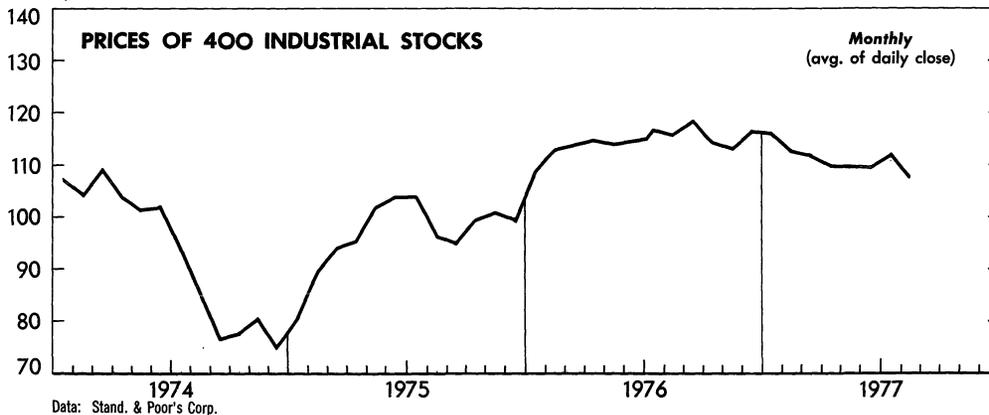
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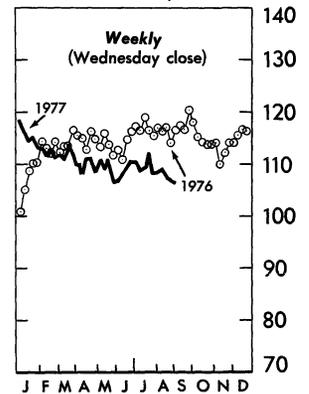
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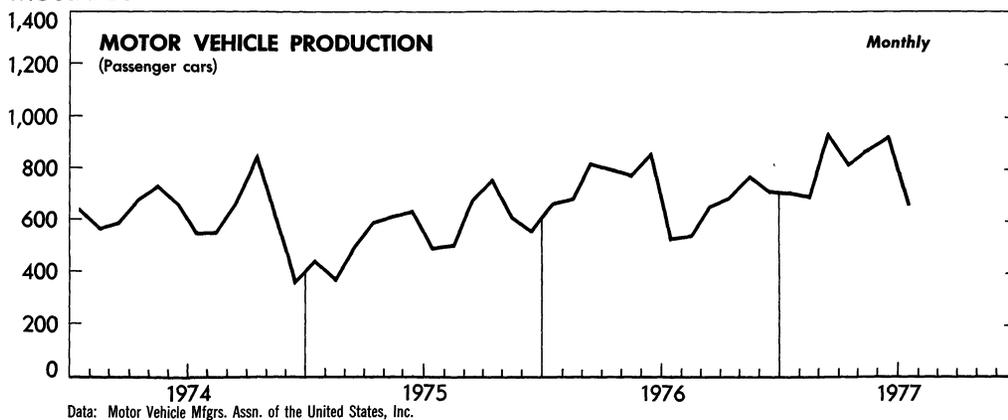
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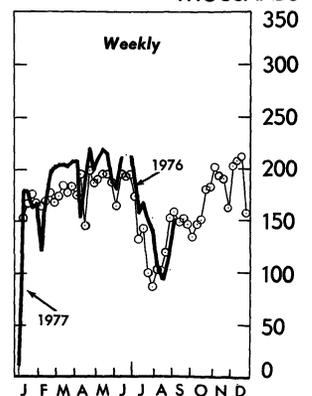
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ITEM	1976		1977			
	Aug. 28	Sept. 4	Aug. 13	Aug. 20	Aug. 27	Sept. 3
WHOLESALE PRICES, 22 COMMODITIES ^{2/}1967=100..	206.7	204.9	201.4	200.2	201.2	200.9
9 Foodstuffs.....do....	202.0	201.0	199.0	196.9	199.3	197.9
13 Raw industrials.....do....	209.8	207.6	203.0	202.4	202.4	202.9
ALL RETAIL STORES, SALES.....mil. \$..	12,511	13,046	13,742	13,825	14,079	.....
Nondurable goods stores.....do....	8,356	8,740	8,936	8,992	9,032	.....
INITIAL UNEMPLOYMENT CLAIMS, State programs.....thous..	301	322	320	299	293	.....
INSURED UNEMPLOYMENT, all programs.....do....	3,385	3,164	2,847	2,768	.....	.....
State programs (50 States, D.C., and Puerto Rico).....do....	2,588	2,412	2,413	2,343	.....	.....
FAILURES, INDUST. AND COMMERCIAL (Dun & Bradstreet)...number..	164	157	162	179	163	.....
FINANCE:						
Currency in circulation ^{3/}.....mil. \$..	89,484	89,273	97,906	98,080	97,719	e97,470
Federal Reserve bank credit outstanding, total ^{3/}.....do....	107,745	107,748	110,262	110,198	111,237	110,773
Member bank reserve balances ^{3/}.....do....	33,818	34,052	34,910	35,433	34,826	35,348
Excess reserves, estimated ^{3/}.....do....	118	290	106	225	37	379
Assets and liabilities of large commercial banks: ^{4/}						
Demand deposits, adjusted.....do....	102,571	105,588	110,175	110,812	.....	.....
Savings deposits.....do....	80,778	80,938	94,301	94,123	.....	.....
Loans and investments, gross adjusted, total.....do....	380,927	382,355	418,476	418,617	.....	.....
U.S. Government obligations.....do....	43,385	45,141	45,950	47,144	.....	.....
Commercial and industrial loans (gross).....do....	110,699	111,165	119,043	118,908	.....	.....
Real estate loans (gross).....do....	61,929	62,078	69,243	69,382	.....	.....
Bond yields, domestic corporate (Moody's) ^{3/}.....percent..	8.80	8.78	8.35	8.35	8.34	.....
Stock prices, 500 stocks (Stand. & Poor's) ^{4/}.....1941-43=10..	102.03	104.06	98.92	97.74	97.23	96.77
Industrial, 400 stocks.....do....	114.17	116.50	108.73	107.53	107.01	106.58
PRODUCTION:						
Bituminous coal.....thous. sh. tons..	14,565	14,190	11,850	11,355	12,450	.....
Electric power, by utilities.....mil. kw.-hr..	43,758	40,198	45,551	42,789	47,072	.....
Motor vehicles (passenger cars).....number..	152,411	159,830	95,867	102,104	123,310	151,261
Petroleum (crude) and condensate ^{3/}.....thous. bbl..	8,165	8,281	8,583	8,583	8,583	.....
Steel, raw.....thous. sh. tons..	2,480	2,466	2,329	2,331	2,389	.....
Rate of capability utilization ^{5/}.....percent..	81.7	81.2	76.6	76.7	78.6	.....
RAIL FREIGHT, REVENUE TON-MILES.....bil..	16.3	16.4	15.0	15.0	15.6	.....

^{1/} Data do not always cover calendar weeks. ^{2/} Tuesday price. ^{3/} Daily average. ^{4/} Wednesday data. ^{5/} Capability for a full order book based on current availability of raw materials, fuels, supplies, and industry facilities. ^{e/} Estimated.

MONTHLY BUSINESS STATISTICS

ITEM	1976		1977			
	June	July	Apr.	May	June	July
GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS						
MANUFACTURERS' SHIPMENTS:						
NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED, TOTAL.....mil. \$..	103,803	91,832	111,242	110,762	r116,861	102,898
Durable goods industries, total.....do....	54,777	46,359	58,171	58,405	62,574	52,636
Stone, clay, and glass products.....do....	2,739	2,473	2,904	2,991	r3,249	2,869
Primary metals.....do....	8,318	7,110	8,630	8,661	9,070	7,438
Fabricated metal products.....do....	7,242	6,284	7,496	7,397	r7,924	6,693
Machinery, except electrical.....do....	9,840	8,556	10,222	10,096	r10,911	9,291
Electrical machinery.....do....	6,236	5,385	6,601	6,493	r7,166	6,195
Transportation equipment.....do....	12,541	9,615	13,806	14,186	15,155	12,283
Instruments and related products.....do....	2,179	1,973	2,271	2,295	2,452	13,139
Nondurable goods industries, total ^{1/}.....do....	49,025	45,473	53,071	52,357	r54,287	50,262
Food and kindred products.....do....	15,035	14,292	15,429	15,028	r15,817	14,974
Tobacco products.....do....	691	649	696	723	738	684
Textile mill products.....do....	3,385	2,612	3,543	3,571	r3,725	3,101
Paper and allied products.....do....	4,395	3,951	4,683	4,570	r4,822	4,260
Chemicals and allied products.....do....	8,750	7,701	10,069	9,783	r9,807	8,457
Petroleum and coal products.....do....	6,952	6,992	7,838	8,055	r8,131	8,160
Rubber and plastics products.....do....	2,848	2,491	3,140	3,142	r3,294	2,798
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED, TOTAL.....do....	98,597	98,932	109,640	109,458	r110,884	109,494
By industry group:						
Durable goods industries, total ^{1/}.....do....	50,606	51,090	56,764	56,717	57,774	56,654
Stone, clay, and glass products.....do....	2,538	2,517	2,842	2,860	r3,010	2,920
Primary metals.....do....	7,727	7,764	8,136	8,296	8,428	8,124
Fabricated metal products.....do....	6,821	6,633	7,370	7,253	r7,461	7,074
Machinery, except electrical.....do....	8,940	9,377	10,017	10,060	r9,920	10,198
Electrical machinery.....do....	5,881	5,974	6,602	6,555	r6,753	6,854
Transportation equipment.....do....	11,491	11,540	13,341	13,325	13,862	13,229
Instruments and related products.....do....	2,065	2,143	2,323	2,321	r2,324	2,323

^{r/} Revised. ^{1/} Includes data for "other industries" not shown.

MONTHLY BUSINESS STATISTICS—Continued

ITEM	1976		1977			
	June	July	Apr.	May	June	July
GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS--Con.						
MANUFACTURERS' SHIPMENTS (SEAS. ADJ.)--Con:						
By industry group--Con.						
Nondurable goods industries, total 1/.....mil. \$..	47,990	47,842	52,876	52,741	r53,110	52,840
Food and kindred products.....do....	15,037	15,088	15,778	15,261	r15,822	15,802
Tobacco products.....do....	651	637	728	709	r695	671
Textile mill products.....do....	3,148	2,994	3,593	3,558	r3,464	3,552
Paper and allied products.....do....	4,186	4,149	4,702	4,593	r4,586	4,474
Chemicals and allied products.....do....	8,525	8,162	9,480	9,364	r9,554	8,938
Petroleum and coal products.....do....	6,776	6,954	7,884	8,159	r7,921	8,115
Rubber and plastics products.....do....	2,704	2,669	2,995	3,116	r3,120	2,996
INVENTORIES, END OF MONTH:						
Book value (unadjusted), total.....do....	160,512	160,588	171,886	173,087	r173,022	173,117
Durable goods industries, total.....do....	102,553	102,273	109,218	109,925	r110,229	110,199
Nondurable goods industries, total.....do....	57,959	58,315	62,668	63,162	r62,793	62,918
Book value (seasonally adjusted), total.....do....	161,118	162,144	170,747	172,629	r173,818	174,772
By industry group:						
Durable goods industries, total 1/.....do....	102,429	102,856	108,190	109,154	r110,421	111,058
Stone, clay, and glass products.....do....	3,885	3,934	4,193	4,258	r4,251	4,343
Primary metals.....do....	15,995	16,225	17,332	17,584	r17,645	17,756
Fabricated metal products.....do....	12,529	12,603	13,332	13,396	r13,472	13,694
Machinery, except electrical.....do....	23,409	23,420	24,476	24,566	r24,871	24,998
Electrical machinery.....do....	13,569	13,634	14,741	15,088	r15,343	15,328
Transportation equipment.....do....	19,781	19,705	19,594	19,735	r20,370	20,418
Instruments and related products.....do....	4,386	4,428	4,721	4,785	r4,735	4,845
Nondurable goods industries, total 1/.....do....	58,689	59,288	62,557	63,475	r63,397	63,714
Food and kindred products.....do....	14,873	15,220	16,530	16,819	r16,360	16,036
Tobacco products.....do....	3,569	3,615	3,549	3,582	r3,596	3,635
Textile mill products.....do....	5,078	5,104	5,426	5,473	r5,473	5,481
Paper and allied products.....do....	5,045	5,085	5,439	5,534	r5,568	5,622
Chemicals and allied products.....do....	12,332	12,609	13,038	13,152	r13,306	13,595
Petroleum and coal products.....do....	4,835	4,872	5,252	5,467	r5,546	5,712
Rubber and plastics products.....do....	3,673	3,616	4,016	4,087	r4,104	4,154
-NEW ORDERS, NET (NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED), TOTAL.....do....	104,530	93,995	113,054	111,066	r117,795	103,611
Durable goods industries, total.....do....	55,728	48,750	59,824	58,899	r63,571	53,262
Nondurable goods industries, total.....do....	48,803	45,244	53,230	52,167	r54,224	50,349
NEW ORDERS, NET (SEASONALLY ADJUSTED), TOTAL.....do....	99,135	98,811	111,547	111,693	r111,702	108,379
By industry group:						
Durable goods industries, total 1/.....do....	51,249	51,180	58,652	59,176	58,556	55,552
Primary metals.....do....	8,158	7,918	7,904	9,079	7,959	8,235
Fabricated metal products.....do....	7,089	6,733	7,363	7,337	r7,236	6,874
Machinery, except electrical.....do....	8,836	9,572	9,791	10,143	r10,572	10,230
Electrical machinery.....do....	6,491	5,894	6,941	7,163	r6,866	6,752
Transportation equipment.....do....	10,968	11,214	15,128	14,179	14,725	12,255
Nondurable goods industries, total.....do....	47,886	47,631	52,895	52,517	r53,146	52,827
Industries with unfilled orders.....do....	10,412	10,132	11,789	11,484	r11,787	11,764
Industries without unfilled orders.....do....	37,475	37,499	41,106	41,033	r41,359	41,063
UNFILLED ORDERS, END OF MONTH (UNADJ.), TOTAL.....do....	170,832	172,994	180,255	180,563	r181,495	182,207
Durable goods industries, total.....do....	162,550	164,942	171,526	172,024	173,019	173,644
Nondurable goods industries with unfilled orders.....do....	8,282	8,052	8,729	8,539	r8,476	8,563
UNFILLED ORDERS, END OF MONTH (SEAS. ADJ.), TOTAL.....do....	172,059	171,938	180,065	182,301	r183,125	182,006
By industry group:						
Durable goods industries, total 1/.....do....	163,965	164,055	171,587	174,047	174,834	173,727
Primary metals.....do....	16,692	16,846	16,890	17,673	17,205	17,315
Fabricated metal products.....do....	22,992	23,092	23,494	23,577	r23,353	23,151
Machinery, except electrical.....do....	44,123	44,318	44,133	44,215	r44,869	44,898
Electrical machinery.....do....	22,510	22,430	23,772	24,383	r24,497	24,398
Transportation equipment.....do....	49,693	49,366	54,517	55,371	56,234	55,260
Nondurable goods industries with unfilled orders.....do....	8,094	7,883	8,478	8,254	r8,291	8,279
CONSTRUCTION AND REAL ESTATE						
NEW CONSTRUCTION PUT IN PLACE (UNADJ.), TOTAL.....mil. \$..	13,557	13,378	13,022	r14,406	r15,493	15,690
Private, total.....do....	9,877	9,836	10,263	r11,205	r11,856	12,182
Residential (incl. farm).....do....	5,699	5,745	6,088	r6,893	r7,360	7,729
New housing units.....do....	4,215	4,497	4,839	r5,518	r6,045	6,396
Nonresidential buildings, total 2/.....do....	2,216	2,195	2,204	2,254	r2,394	2,463
Industrial.....do....	613	568	582	600	602	593
Commercial.....do....	1,069	1,105	1,108	1,142	r1,265	1,316
Public, total.....do....	3,680	3,542	2,759	3,201	r3,636	3,508
NEW CONSTRUCTION PUT IN PLACE (SEASONALLY ADJUSTED AT ANNUAL RATES), TOTAL.....bil. \$..	149.6	145.8	166.1	r170.1	r171.7	170.7
Private, total.....do....	109.7	107.1	130.0	r131.6	r132.4	132.1
Residential (incl. farm).....do....	61.0	59.2	78.0	r80.2	r79.6	79.8
New housing units.....do....	45.8	46.3	63.5	r65.8	r66.1	66.1
Nonresidential buildings, total 2/.....do....	26.0	25.7	27.4	27.0	r28.5	28.8
Industrial.....do....	7.2	6.6	7.3	7.2	7.1	6.9
Commercial.....do....	12.6	13.0	13.9	13.7	r15.3	15.4
Public, total.....do....	39.9	38.7	36.2	38.4	r39.3	38.6
CONSTRUCTION COST INDEXES:						
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE COMPOSITE.....1972=100..	143.6	143.9	150.5	151.7	r152.6	153.9

r/ Revised. 1/ Includes data for "other industries" not shown. 2/ Except farm and public utilities.

MONTHLY BUSINESS STATISTICS—Continued

ITEM	1976		1977			
	July	Aug.	May	June	July	Aug.
LABOR FORCE, EMPLOYMENT, AND EARNINGS						
LABOR FORCE, total, persons 16 years of age and over, not seasonally adjusted.....thous..	99,325	98,837	98,321	101,264	101,449	101,210
Civilian labor force.....do.....	97,185	96,690	96,193	99,135	99,314	99,073
Employed, total.....do.....	89,608	89,367	90,042	91,682	92,372	92,315
Agriculture.....do.....	3,931	3,842	3,478	3,820	3,790	3,682
Nonagricultural industries.....do.....	85,677	85,525	86,564	87,862	88,582	88,633
Unemployed.....do.....	7,577	7,322	6,151	7,453	6,941	6,757
Civilian labor force, seasonally adjusted.....do.....	95,189	95,351	97,158	97,641	97,305	97,697
Employed, total.....do.....	87,783	87,834	90,408	90,679	90,561	90,771
Agriculture.....do.....	3,333	3,372	3,386	3,338	3,213	3,252
Nonagricultural industries.....do.....	84,450	84,462	87,022	87,341	87,348	87,519
Unemployed.....do.....	7,406	7,517	6,750	6,962	6,744	6,926
Long-term, 15 weeks and over.....do.....	2,247	2,341	1,836	1,737	1,834	1,808
Rates (unemployed in each group as percent of total in the group):						
All civilian workers.....	7.8	7.9	6.9	7.1	6.9	7.1
Men, 20 years and over.....	6.1	5.9	5.3	5.0	5.1	5.2
Women, 20 years and over.....	7.6	7.8	6.6	7.2	6.9	7.1
Both sexes, 16-19 years.....	18.2	19.6	17.9	18.6	17.4	17.5
White.....	7.1	7.1	6.2	6.3	6.1	6.1
Black and other races.....	12.9	13.6	12.9	13.2	13.2	14.5
Married men, wife present.....	4.4	4.3	3.6	3.4	3.4	3.5
Occupation: White-collar workers.....	4.7	4.9	4.3	4.2	4.0	4.2
Blue-collar workers.....	9.7	9.8	7.9	7.7	8.2	8.4
Industry: Private nonfarm wage and salary workers.....	8.0	8.2	7.1	6.9	6.8	7.0
Construction.....	17.0	16.5	13.0	12.6	12.1	11.5
Manufacturing.....	7.8	8.1	6.2	6.3	6.7	7.0

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