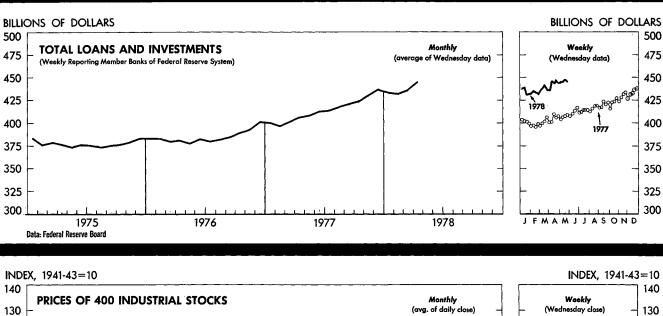


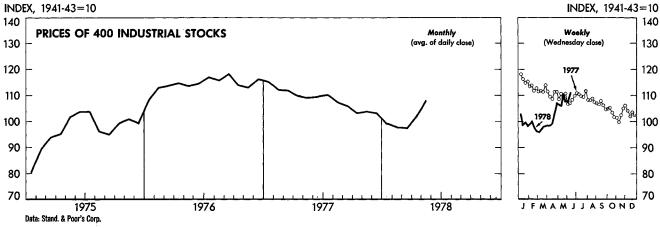
WEEKLY BUSINESS STATISTICS

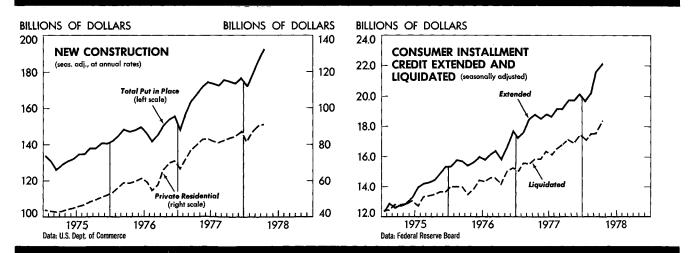


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U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE/BUREAU OF ECONOMIC ANALYSIS







ITEM	1977		1978				
	June 4	June 11	May 20	May 27	June 3	June 10	
WHOLESALE PRICES, 22 COMMODITIES 2/1967=100	215.5	212.7	228.1	229,4	232.0	230.0	
9 Foodstuffsdo 13 Raw industrialsdo	218.6	216.3	244.4	245.9	250.2	244.5	
13 Raw industrialsdo	213.3	210.2	217.3	218.5	220.1	220.3	
ALL RETAIL STORES, SALES	13,496	13,526	14,656	15,001	14,752		
Nondurable goods storesdo	8,678	8,754	9,465	9,635	9,486		
INITIAL UNEMPLOYMENT CLAIMS, State p ogramsthous	284	309	267	256	244		
INSURED UNEMPLOYMENT, all programsdo	3,0 69	2,958	2,373	2,266			
State programs (50 States, D.C., and Puerto Rico)do	2,389	2,302	2,052	1,937			
FAILURES, INDUST. AND COMMERCIAL (Dun & Bradstreet)number	112	159	135	157	84	106	
FINANCE:							
Currency in circulation $3/\ldots$ mil. \$	95,394	95,933	104,497	104,368	104,818	e105,391	
Federal Reserve bank credit outstanding, total 3/do	109,165	104,434	119,918	117,216	116,819	117,423	
Member bank reserve balances 3/do	34,418	33,734	37,429	36,471	37,038	36,353	
Excess reserves, estimated 3/dodo	409	33	21	237	487	71	
Demand deposits, adjusteddo	109,343	107,719	111,016	110,832			
Savings depositsdo	94,412	94,475	93,382	93,488			
Loans and investments, gross adjusted, totaldo	409,836	413,484	447,904	445,893			
U.S. Government obligationsdo	48,273	49,789	43,342	43,165			
Commercial and industrial loans (gross)do	117,982	117,744	132,321	132,417			
Real estate loans (gross)do	66,304	66,472	78,647	78,854			
Bond yields, domestic corporate (Moody's) 3/percent	8.45	8.42	9.02	9.07	9.12	9.13	
Stock prices, 500 stocks (Stand. & Poor's) 4/1941-43=10	96.93	98.20	99.60	97.08	97.24	100.12	
Industrial, 400 stocksdo	106.91	108.26	110.31	107.38	107.51	110.75	
PRODUCTION:							
Bituminous coalthous. sh. tons	14,300	15,055	14,750	15,470	13,875		
Electric power, by utilitiesmil. kwhr	39,557	40,553	39,500	40,944	41,488	••••	
Motor vehicles (passenger cars)number	185,737	213,248	219,635	202,517	169,378	••••	
Petroleum (crude) and condensate 3/thous. bbl	8,262	8,262	8,839	8,839	8,880		
Steel, rawthous. sh. tons	2,732	2,674	2,803	2,805	2,749	2,800	
Rate of capability utilization 5/percent.	87.3	85.5	92.2	92.3	90.5	92.1	
RAIL FREIGHT, REVENUE TON-MILESbil.	15.2	17.3	18.0	18.4	16.4		

^{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

COMMODITY PRICES	Apr.	16000	1			
		May	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May
CES RECEIVED BY FARMERS, ALL FARM PRODUCTS1910-14≈100	478	483	482	501	521	538
ropsdo	r482	r 480	427	445	r468	483
Commercial vegetablesdo	r539	482	518	533	r696	66
Cottondo	577	r564	425	433	r437	44
Feed grains and haydo	359	352	313	325	r337	34
Food grainsdo	277	261	320	328	r344	34
Fruitdo	319	374	441	460	r441	50
Tobaccodo	967	966	1,020	1,006	1,017	1,01
ivestock and productsdo	473	485	539	560	576	59
Dairy productsdo	577	571	624	624	618	61
Meat animalsdo	551	585	661	700	730	77
Poultry and eggsdo	232	220	235	238	245	23
CES PAID BY FARMERS:	1	1				
ll commodities and servicesdo	597	600	611	621	630	63
Family living itemsdo	565	570	593	598	602	60
Production itemsdo	592	594	598	611	621	63
11 commod., services, int., taxes, and wage ratesdo	692	694	717	727	r735	74
ITY RATIOdo	69	70	67	69	71	7
LABOR FORCE, EMPLOYMENT, AND EARNINGS		ŀ		1	į.	
OR FORCE, total, persons 16 years of age and over	1			1		
Not seasonally adjustedthous.	97,958	98.321	100.048	100,565	100,984	101,42
ivilian labor forcedo	95,826	96,193	97,924	98,443	98,866	99,30
Employed, totaldo	89,258	90,042	91,185	91,964	93,180	93,85
Agriculturedo	3,140	3,478	2,771	2,913	3,151	3, 36
Nonagricultural industriesdo	86,118	86,564	88,413	89,051	90,029	90,4
Unemployeddo	6,568	6,151	6,739	6,479	5,685	5,45
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ITEM	1977		1978			
	Apr.	May	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May
LABOR FORCE, EMPLOYMENT, AND EARNINGS Con.						
ABOR FORCE, total, persons 16 years of age and overCon.	1		į			
Civilian labor force, seasonally adjustedthous	96,746	97,161	99,093	99,414	99,784	100,261
Employed, totaldododo	89,877 3,256	90,267 3,335	93,003 3,242	93,266	93,801	94,112 3,235
Nonagricultural industriesdodo	86,621	86,932	89,761	3,310 89,956	3,275 90,526	90,877
Unemployeddo	6,869	6,894	6,090	6,148	5,983	6,143
Long-term, 15 weeks and overdo	1,828	1,869	1,568	1,463	1,384	1,358
Rates (unemployed in each group as percent of total in the group):						
All civilian workers	7.1	7.1	6.1	6.2	6.0	6.1
Men, 20 years and over	5.2	5.3	4.5	4.5	4.2	4.2
Women, 20 years and over	7.0 18.2	6.9 18.1	5.7 17.4	5.8 17.3	5.8 16.9	6.3 16.5
White	6.4	6.3	5.3	5.3	5.2	5.2
Black and other races	12.3	12.9	11.8	12.4	11.8	12.3
Married men, wife present Occupation: White-collar workers	3.7	3.6 4.3	2.9 3.5	3.0 3.4	2.8 3.5	2.9 3.6
Blue-collar workers	7.9	8.0	7.1	7.1	6.5	6.6
Industry: Private nonfarm wage and salary workers	7.1	7.2	6.1	6.0	5.9	5.9
Construction	12.2	12.8 6.5	11.5 5.7	11.3	9.5 5.3	9.2 5.6
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PLOYEES ON PAYROLLS OF NONAGRIC. ESTAB., SEAS. ADJthous Private sectordo	81,620 66,571	81,837 66,730	r84,046 r68,566	r84,555 r69,011	r85,170 r69,556	p85,345 p69,723
Nonmanufacturing industriesdo	47,072	47,164	r48,491	r48,847	r49,347	p49,488
Goods-producingdo	24,176	24,264	24,733	r24,945	r25,331	p25,382
Miningdo Contract constructiondo	847 3,830	845 3,853	711 3,947	r728 r4,053	r896 r4,226	p902 p4,245
Manufacturingdo	19,499	19,566	20,075	20,164	r20,209	p20,235
Durable goodsdo	11,404	11,451	11,909	rl1,965	r11,986	p12,026
Nondurable goodsdo	8,095	8,115	r8,166	r8,199	8,223	8,209
Service-producingdodo Transportation, communication, elec., gas, etcdo	57,444 4,575	57,573 4,586	59,313 4,651	r59,610 r4,672	r59,839 r4,708	p59,963 p4,706
Wholesale and retail tradedo	18,175	18,202	r18,744	r18,849	r18,876	p18,933
Wholesale tradedo	4,371	4,379	4,510	r4,540	4,552	p4,561
Retail tradedo Finance, insurance, and real estatedo	13,804 4,463	13,823 4,481	14,234 4,647	r14,309 r4,670	r14,324 r4,687	p14,372 p4,711
Servicesdo	15,182	15,197	r15,791	r15,875	r15,954	p15,991
Governmentdodo	15,049 2,721	15,107 2,725	15,480	r15,544	r15,614	p15,622
State and localdo	12,328	12,382	2,736 12,744	r2,736 r12,808	r2,744 r12,870	p2,744 p12,878
	1977		1978		8	
CONCERNICATION AND DEAT DOMARTS	Mar.	Apr.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.
CONSTRUCTION AND REAL ESTATE	11 770	12 141	12 (00	11 447	-17 704	
EW CONSTRUCTION PUT IN PLACE (UNADJ.), TOTALmil. \$ Private, totaldo	11,739 9,300	13,141 10,382	11,600 9,374	r11,447 9,245	r13,384 r10,818	15,092 11,973
Residential (incl. farm)dodo	5,353	6,216	5,321	r5,252	r6,283	7,085
New housing unitsdo	4,351	4,839	4,309	4,271	r5,145	5,673
Nonresidential buildings, total 1/do Industrialdo	2,078 544	2,204 582	2,074 554	2,095 565	r2,463 r720	2,733 768
Commercialdo	1,051	1,108	1,081	1,097	r1,242	1,402
Public, totaldo	2,439	2,759	2,226	r2,202	r2,567	3,120
EW CONSTRUCTION PUT IN PLACE (SEASONALLY ADJUSTED AT ANNUAL						
RATES), TOTALbil. \$ Private, totaldo	163.8 128.4	167.5 131.3	171.3 137.3	r178.1 143.6	r185.8 r149.5	192.1 151.7
Residential (incl. farm)do	76.7	79.5	81.1	86.9	90.0	90.8
New housing unitsdo	62.2	63.5	65.4	70.6	73.5	74.4
Nonresidential buildings, total 1/do	26.7	27.4	28.5	28.4	r31.7	34.0
Industrialdo	7.2	7.3	7.5	7.6	r9.3	9,6
Commercialdo Public, totaldo	13.7 35.4	13.9 36.2	15.0 33.9	15.0 r34.5	r16.2 r36.3	17.6 40.4
NSTRUCTION CONTRACTS IN 50 STATES, (F.W. DODGE):			i			
TOTAL VALUATIONmil. \$	9,937	12,079	9,390	9,695	12,345	13,189
Index (seasonally adjusted)1967=100	207	250	270	266	254	279
Building, total	8,152	8,156	6,693	6,766	9,568	10,325
Nonresidentialdo	3,003	2,890	2,809	2,905	3,429	3,470
Residentialdo	5,149	5,266	3,884	3,862	6,139	6,854
Non-building constructiondo	1,785	3,922	2,697	2,929	2,776	2,864
NSTRUCTION COST INDEXES:						
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE COMPOSITE1972=100	150.9	152.7	166.6	167.0	167.5	168.8
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	Mar.	Apr.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	
FINANCE							
CONSUMER CREDIT (SHORT- AND INTERMEDIATE-TERMS) Installment credit extended and liquidated: Unadjusted:	:						
Extended, total 1/	18,899	18,733	16,718	16,688	21,976	21,339	
	6,711	6,304	5,031	5,469	7,541	7,175	
	453	493	329	343	518	506	
	652	690	452	558	785	761	
Liquidated, total 1/	16,888	15,790	17,365	16,321	19,067	17,803	
	5,334	4,856	5,006	4,860	5,860	5,353	
	428	417	365	348	431	411	
	509	498	501	494	590	550	
Seasonally adjusted: do Extended, total 1/	18,496	18,784	19,586	20,179	21,595	22,117	
	6,199	6,106	6,263	6,400	6,822	7,248	
	445	479	449	406	502	508	
	648	668	618	710	770	753	
Liquidated, total 1/	15,525	15,886	17,162	17,518	17,527	18,398	
	4,816	4,901	5,078	5,296	5,300	5,520	
	391	414	398	383	394	413	
	480	480	514	539	553	541	
Total installment credit outstanding, end of year or month 1/do	186,776	189,720	215,925	216,297	219,203	222,737	
Automobile	67,850	69,298	79,376	79,984	81,666	83,490	
	14,447	14,521	14,978	14,973	15,062	15,156	
	11,122	11,315	12,904	12,968	13,162	13,375	
By holder: do Commercial	90,585	92,377	105,466	105,663	107,166	109,336	
	39,188	39,561	43,970	44,107	44,486	45,182	
	31,448	31,912	36,851	37,217	38,185	38,750	
	17,585	17,734	20,525	20,060	19,920	19,941	
	7,971	8,136	9,114	9,250	9,446	9,528	

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