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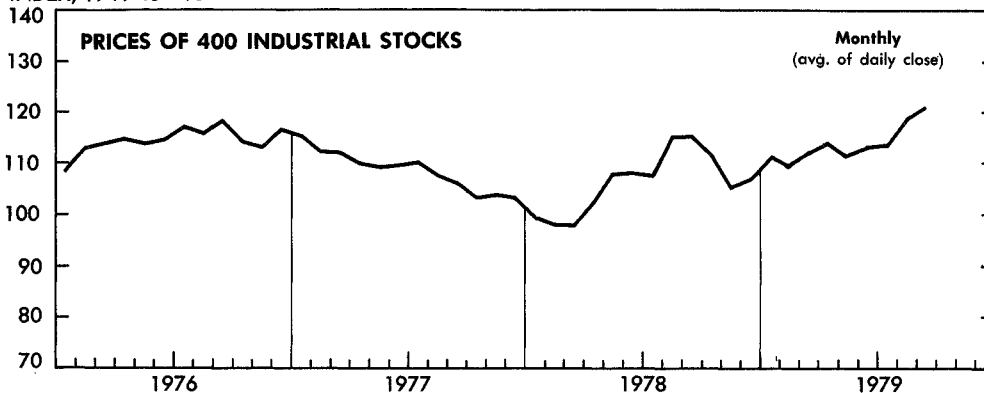


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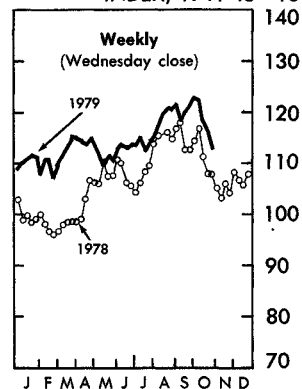
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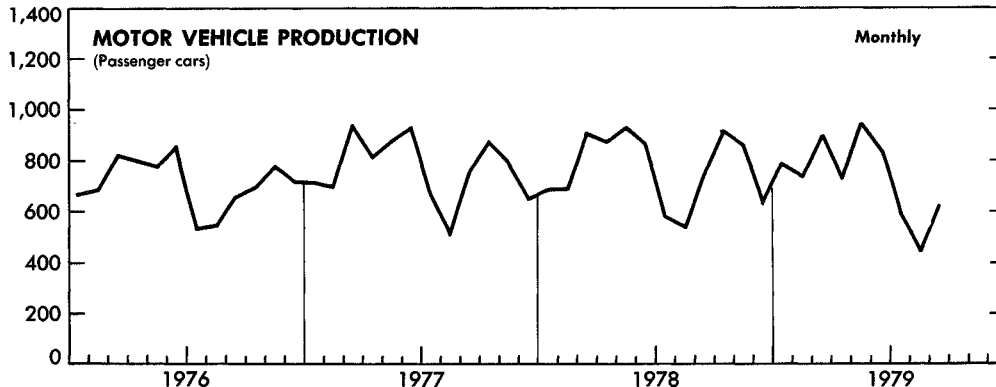


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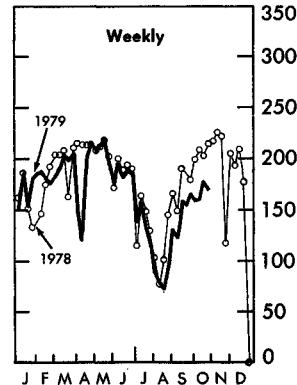


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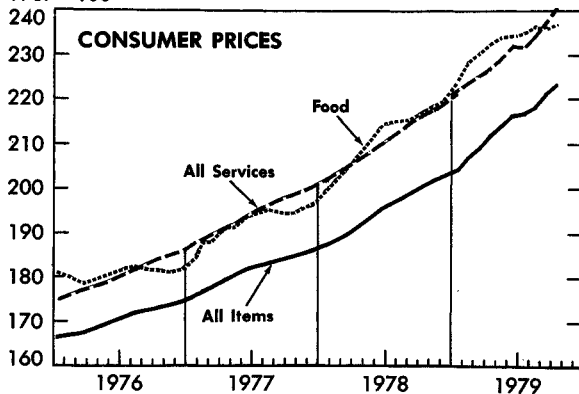


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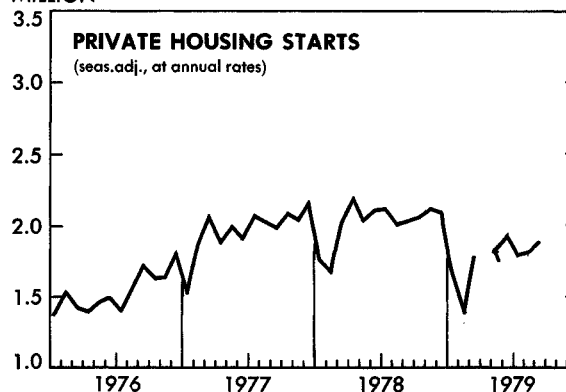


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Data: U.S. Dept. of Labor

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Data: U.S. Dept. of Commerce

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ITEM	1978		1979			
	Oct. 21	Oct. 28	Oct. 6	Oct. 13	Oct. 20	Oct. 27
SPOT MARKET PRICES, 22 COMMODITIES ^{2/}1967=100..	251.3	251.0	289.8	286.9	283.5	280.9
9 Foodstuffs.....do....	254.5	251.1	260.5	256.2	251.5	247.8
13 Raw industrials.....do....	248.9	250.8	311.7	310.2	307.9	306.3
INITIAL UNEMPLOYMENT CLAIMS, State programs.....thous..	287	280	379	335	349	.....
INSURED UNEMPLOYMENT, all programs.....do....	2,011	1,988	2,069	2,252	.....	.....
State programs (50 States, D.C., and Puerto Rico).....do....	1,816	1,844	1,925	2,085	.....	.....
FAILURES, INDUST. AND COMMERCIAL (Dun & Bradstreet)....number..	127	144	171	163	172	155
FINANCE:						
Currency in circulation ^{3/}.....mil. \$..	109,259	108,912	118,880	119,875	120,257	e119,809
Federal Reserve bank credit outstanding, total ^{3/}.....do....	134,274	134,088	135,461	133,011	135,391	135,321
Member bank reserve balances ^{3/}.....do....	38,756	38,068	42,124	41,313	42,571	41,711
Excess reserves, estimated ^{3/}.....do....	-119	37	357	594	1	178
Assets and liabilities of large commercial banks: ^{4/}						
Demand deposits, adjusted.....do....	117,121	112,375	106,031	107,221	.....	.....
Savings deposits.....do....	91,665	91,389	76,773	76,559	.....	.....
Loans and investments, gross adjusted, total.....do....	470,721	470,338	495,341	496,338	.....	.....
U.S. Government obligations.....do....	41,915	41,724	34,204	35,977	.....	.....
Commercial and industrial loans (gross).....do....	138,227	138,826	153,392	153,800	.....	.....
Real estate loans (gross).....do....	87,063	87,302	94,094	94,440	.....	.....
Bond yields, domestic corporate (Moody's) ^{3/}.....percent..	9.21	9.29	10.17	10.45	10.74	11.11
Stock prices, 500 stocks (Stand. & Poor's) ^{4/} ...1941-43=10..	100.49	97.31	109.59	105.30	103.39	100.44
Industrial, 400 stocks.....do....	111.37	107.92	122.53	118.02	115.71	112.57
PRODUCTION:						
Bituminous coal.....thous. sh. tons..	15,460	16,455	16,285	16,740	16,540	.....
Electric power, by utilities.....mil. kw.-hr..	40,108	40,049	41,357	40,940	41,213	.....
Motor vehicles (passenger cars).....number..	202,813	214,791	160,669	160,118	178,852	170,040
Petroleum (crude) and condensate ^{3/}.....thous. bbl..	8,806	8,806	8,614	8,614	8,614	.....
Steel, raw.....thous. sh. tons..	2,730	2,769	2,404	2,412	2,454	2,406
Rate of capability utilization ^{5/}.....percent..	89.7	91.0	83.1	83.4	84.8	83.2
RAIL FREIGHT, REVENUE TON-MILES.....bil..	18.5	18.8	18.4	18.4	18.5	.....

^{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	1978		1979			
	Aug.	Sept.	June	July	Aug. ^{r/}	Sept.
GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS						
MANUFACTURERS' SHIPMENTS: ^{1/}						
Value (not seasonally adjusted):						
Durable goods industries, total.....mil. \$..	65,653	71,345	78,976	67,066	71,298	77,244
Primary metals.....do....	10,110	10,643	12,599	10,955	11,482	11,934
Transportation equipment.....do....	13,606	16,544	17,086	13,583	13,139	15,773
Value (seasonally adjusted):						
Durable goods industries, total.....do....	67,972	68,476	72,629	73,516	74,276	74,161
Primary metals.....do....	10,370	10,332	11,494	11,887	11,787	11,582
Transportation equipment.....do....	15,840	16,248	15,429	15,527	15,965	15,508
Supplementary series:						
Household durables.....do....	4,430	4,348	4,661	4,701	4,665	4,580
Capital goods industries.....do....	19,925	20,677	21,791	22,169	22,928	23,206
Nondefense.....do....	17,235	17,912	18,762	19,386	19,936	20,308
Defense.....do....	2,690	2,765	3,029	2,783	2,992	2,898
MANUFACTURERS' ORDERS: ^{1/}						
New Orders, net (not seasonally adjusted):						
Durable goods industries, total.....do....	68,396	73,973	81,410	67,926	71,640	80,332
New orders, net (seasonally adjusted):						
Durable goods industries, total.....do....	70,593	72,399	75,820	72,476	74,385	78,759
Primary metals.....do....	11,089	11,305	11,658	10,937	10,707	11,916
Transportation equipment.....do....	17,176	18,150	17,586	15,805	16,161	18,713
Supplementary series:						
Household durables.....do....	4,555	4,469	4,855	4,530	4,657	4,732
Capital goods industries.....do....	21,574	23,107	24,250	22,536	24,195	26,957
Nondefense.....do....	18,358	19,835	21,753	20,232	21,162	22,293
Defense.....do....	3,216	3,272	2,497	2,304	3,033	4,664
Unfilled orders, end of month (unadjusted):						
Durable goods industries, total.....do....	209,057	211,688	257,179	258,040	258,388	261,468
Unfilled orders, end of month (seasonally adjusted):						
Durable goods industries, total.....do....	208,178	212,101	258,457	257,417	257,526	262,122
Primary metals.....do....	23,871	24,844	31,902	30,953	29,870	30,205
Transportation equipment.....do....	69,826	71,727	95,333	95,610	95,807	99,012

^{r/} Revised. ^{1/} Data for Sept. 1979 are advance estimates.

ITEM	1978		1979			
	Aug.	Sept.	June	July	Aug.	Sept.
GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS--Con.						
MANUFACTURERS' ORDERS--Con. 1/ Unfilled orders, end of month (seasonally adjusted)--Con.						
Supplementary series:						
Household durables.....mil. \$..	3,675	3,796	4,020	3,847	r3,839	3,992
Capital goods industries.....do....	134,317	136,747	167,963	168,329	r169,598	173,346
Nondefense.....do.....	95,325	97,248	122,825	123,673	r124,901	126,882
Defense.....do.....	38,993	39,499	45,138	44,656	r44,697	46,464
COMMODITY PRICES						
CONSUMER PRICE INDEXES:						
ALL ITEMS, WAGE EARNERS AND CLERICAL WORKERS, REVISED (CPI-W).....1967=100..	197.7	199.1	216.9	219.4	221.5	223.7
ALL ITEMS, ALL URBAN CONSUMERS (CPI-U) 2/.....do....	197.8	199.3	216.6	218.9	221.1	223.4
Special group indexes:						
All items less food.....do....	193.3	195.1	211.8	214.2	216.9	219.6
All items less medical care.....do....	196.3	197.9	215.2	217.6	219.7	222.1
Commodities.....do.....	189.3	190.5	208.4	210.5	212.2	214.1
Nondurables.....do.....	194.4	195.4	215.7	218.3	220.4	223.1
Nondurables less food.....do....	175.4	177.1	197.6	201.1	205.4	209.6
Durables.....do.....	175.9	177.2	191.1	192.6	193.6	194.5
Commodities less food.....do....	176.3	177.8	194.7	197.0	199.5	201.8
Services.....do.....	213.4	215.6	232.1	234.7	237.6	240.7
Services less rent.....do.....	222.2	224.6	242.6	245.6	248.8	252.1
Food.....do.....	215.4	215.6	235.4	236.9	236.3	237.1
Food at home.....do.....	214.5	214.1	234.2	235.5	233.9	234.7
Housing.....do.....	3/205.2	207.5	225.5	228.4	231.5	234.6
Shelter.....do.....	213.3	216.2	236.7	240.1	243.9	247.4
Rent.....do.....	4/165.1	166.4	174.7	175.9	177.5	179.0
Homeownership.....do.....	230.6	234.2	258.8	263.0	267.6	271.9
Fuel and utilities.....do.....	5/218.1	218.8	239.0	243.5	247.2	251.2
Fuel oil and coal.....do.....	6/294.2	295.7	391.2	412.9	438.6	461.6
Gas and electricity.....do.....	236.9	237.9	259.9	264.5	266.5	270.1
Household furnishings and operations.....do....	3/178.9	180.5	190.1	190.4	191.2	192.2
Apparel and upkeep.....do.....	159.6	161.9	165.7	164.3	166.3	169.8
Transportation.....do.....	188.1	188.7	212.6	216.6	219.6	221.4
Private.....do.....	187.7	188.3	213.3	217.4	220.4	222.0
New cars.....do.....	153.8	153.5	166.3	166.7	166.6	166.1
Used cars.....do.....	196.7	195.9	208.9	209.2	207.0	202.9
Public.....do.....	187.6	188.2	194.0	197.1	200.8	205.2
Medical care.....do.....	221.4	222.6	237.7	239.9	241.8	243.7
PURCHASING POWER OF THE DOLLAR AS MEASURED BY--						
Consumer prices.....1967=\$1.00..	\$0.506	\$0.502	\$0.462	\$0.457	\$0.452	\$0.448
CONSTRUCTION AND REAL ESTATE						
NEW HOUSING UNITS STARTED:						
Unadjusted:						
Total (private and public).....thous..	190.9	181.1	192.0	r165.0	r172.9	.....
Privately owned.....do.....	190.9	180.5	191.8	r164.2	r171.8	160.8
One-family structures.....do.....	140.0	124.6	134.5	r117.8	r119.6	105.3
Seasonally adjusted at annual rates:						
Total privately owned.....do.....	2,004	2,024	1,923	r1,788	r1,806	1,881
One-family structures.....do.....	1,431	1,432	1,288	r1,220	r1,240	1,249
NEW PRIVATE HOUSING UNITS AUTHORIZED BY BUILDING PERMITS (16,000 permit-issuing places):						
Seasonally adjusted at annual rates:						
Total.....do.....	1,716	1,838	1,639	1,528	r1,654	1,733
One-family structures.....do.....	1,129	1,184	1,012	1,001	r1,030	1,032
MANUFACTURERS' SHIPMENTS OF MOBILE HOMES:						
Unadjusted.....do.....	28.0	24.1	26.1	22.4	28.9	.....
Seasonally adjusted at annual rates.....do....	267	275	279	282	277	.....
New mortgage loans of all savings and loan associations, estimated total.....mil. \$..						
	10,398	9,305	10,939	r9,399	9,752	.....
By purpose of loan:						
Home construction.....do.....	1,981	1,807	2,132	r1,896	1,905	.....
Home purchase.....do.....	6,830	6,049	7,056	r5,988	6,336	.....
All other purposes.....do.....	1,587	1,449	1,751	r1,515	1,513	.....
FINANCE						
SECURITY MARKETS:						
STOCKS:						
New York Stock Exchange common stock indexes:						
Composite.....12/31/65=50..	58.53	58.58	57.61	58.38	61.19	61.89
Industrial.....do.....	64.07	64.23	63.57	64.24	67.71	69.17
Transportation.....do.....	49.45	50.19	47.53	48.85	52.48	52.21
Utility.....do.....	40.20	39.82	38.44	38.88	39.26	38.39
Finance.....do.....	63.28	63.22	61.87	64.43	68.40	67.21

r/ Revised. 1/ Data for Sept. 1979 are advance estimates. 2/ Beginning Jan. 1978, data are for consumer price index all urban consumers
3/ Includes TV and sound equipment and repairs formerly in "health and recreation." 4/ Residential. 5/ Includes additional items not
previously priced. 6/ Includes bottled gas.

ITEM	1978		1979			
	Aug.	Sept.	June	July	Aug.	Sept.
FEDERAL RESERVE BANKS, CONDITION, END OF MONTH:						
Assets, total.....mil. \$..	148,947	153,075	158,096	155,056	r158,082	158,377
Reserve bank credit outstanding, total.....do....	126,311	129,675	125,206	126,233	r127,678	130,040
Time loans.....do....	954	1,365	1,558	852	1,572	1,157
U.S. Government securities.....do....	111,739	115,279	109,737	111,445	113,027	115,458
Gold certificate account.....do....	11,679	11,668	11,323	11,290	11,259	11,228
Liabilities, total.....do....	148,947	153,075	158,096	155,056	r158,082	158,377
Deposits, total.....do....	40,773	44,430	39,637	34,053	r34,023	38,136
Member-bank reserve balances.....do....	27,705	26,830	30,407	30,279	r29,493	29,485
Federal Reserve notes in circulation.....do....	96,534	96,572	104,794	105,957	106,900	106,683
Large commercial banks of Federal Reserve System condition, Wednesday nearest end of the month:						
Deposits:						
Demand, adjusted 1/.....mil. \$..	114,813	113,870	99,351	103,728	101,955	106,031
Demand, total 2/.....do....	186,539	191,858	178,718	187,361	177,448	195,696
Individuals, partnerships, and corp.....do....	135,136	135,128	124,620	130,490	124,242	134,947
State and local governments.....do....	5,592	5,802	4,632	5,420	4,341	4,501
U.S. Government.....do....	1,031	5,970	1,837	826	570	2,651
Domestic commercial banks.....do....	27,563	28,666	30,529	32,234	30,740	33,583
Time, total 2/.....do....	270,102	272,480	247,812	249,153	252,134	258,431
Individuals, partnerships, and corp:						
Savings.....do....	91,590	91,633	77,123	77,635	77,129	76,773
Other time.....do....	137,422	139,485	137,975	139,860	143,119	149,250
Loans (adjusted), total 2/.....do....	348,636	353,784	364,478	372,906	376,078	390,007
Commercial and industrial.....do....	134,981	136,710	143,728	147,415	147,616	153,392
For purchasing or carrying securities.....do....	12,490	12,865	11,573	12,035	11,651	11,174
To nonbank financial institutions.....do....	23,576	24,022	24,040	25,506	25,663	25,845
Real estate loans.....do....	84,410	85,882	88,235	90,444	92,045	94,094
Other loans.....do....	113,853	114,813	117,715	118,715	120,015	128,643
Investments, total.....do....	110,888	112,020	103,616	103,616	104,463	105,333
U.S. Government securities, total.....do....	42,777	42,917	35,531	35,228	34,676	34,204
Other securities.....do....	68,111	69,103	68,085	68,388	69,787	71,129

r/ Revised. 1/ Other than domestic interbank and U.S. Gov't., less cash items in process of collection. 2/ Includes data not shown separately.

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