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BUSINESS INDEXES

1935-39 average = 100 for industrial production and freight carloadings;  
1947-49 average = 100 for all other series

	Seasonally adjusted			Unadjusted		
	1953		1952	1953		1952
	Jan.	Dec.	Jan.	Jan.	Dec.	Jan.
Industrial production <sup>1/</sup>						
Total	p237	235	221	p233	233	217
Manufactures						
Total	p250	247	231	p246	246	227
Durable	p317	314	282	p314	311	280
Nondurable	p196	193	189	p192	192	184
Minerals	p165	168	167	p160	163	162
Major consumer durables						
Total	p142	134	100	p139	127	91
Passenger cars	p138	129	91	p135	116	76
Household goods	p146	139	110	p143	140	108
Construction contracts, value						
Total	n.a.	205	161	n.a.	166	132
Residential	n.a.	193	142	n.a.	156	118
All other	n.a.	219	173	n.a.	172	141
Employment and payrolls						
Nonagricultural employment, total	p109.8	109.8	106.8	p108.5	112.3	105.5
Manufacturing production workers						
Employment, total	p108.9	108.5	103.6	p108.5	109.4	103.2
Durable	p116.8	116.2	108.8	p117.0	117.1	108.9
Nondurable	p 99.6	99.4	97.6	p 98.5	100.2	96.6
Payrolls, total	---	---	---	e146.0	149.6	130.4
Freight carloadings	134	131	141	121	120	128
Department store sales, value	e109	115	108	e 84	194	83
Department store stocks, value	n.a.	119	118	n.a.	108	106

<sup>1/</sup> Estimates, seasonally adjusted, for February 1953; total industrial production, 239; total manufactures, 253; durable manufactures, 321; nondurable manufactures, 197; minerals, 160.

Construction contract indexes based on 3-month moving averages, centered at second month, of F. W. Dodge data for 37 Eastern States.

The unadjusted indexes of employment and payrolls are compiled by or based on data of the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

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INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION  
(1935-39 average=100)

	Seasonally adjusted			Unadjusted		
	1951		1952	1953		1952
	Jan.	Dec.	Jan.	Jan.	Dec.	Jan.
<b>MANUFACTURES</b>						
Iron and steel	p287	287	261	p287	287	261
Fig iron	219	217	229	219	217	229
Steel	p332	335	301	p332	335	301
Open hearth	p235	235	218	p235	235	218
Electric	p023	1022	913	p023	1022	913
Machinery	p391	385	359	p391	385	359
Transportation equipment	p153	398	318	p153	398	318
Automobiles (incl. parts)	p502	293	218	p302	293	218
Nonferrous metals and products	p217	215	216	p217	215	216
Smelting and refining	p265	258	213	p265	259	213
Fabricating	p210	210	206	p210	210	206
Lumber and products	p172	161	159	p172	161	162
Lumber	p163	169	150	p162	168	125
Furniture	p191	195	175	p191	195	175
Stone, clay and glass products	p220	222	217	p207	215	205
Cement	n.a.	251	233	n.a.	231	188
Clay products	p171	163	182	p159	168	169
Textiles and products	p172	169	157	p172	169	157
Cotton consumption	110	111	111	110	111	111
Rayon deliveries	319	337	296	319	337	296
Leather and products	n.a.	107	100	n.a.	107	100
Tanning	n.a.	100	86	n.a.	99	86
Shoes	n.a.	112	110	n.a.	112	110
Manufactured food products	p161	161	162	p152	158	151
Wheat flour	p106	108	122	p106	107	122
Meatpacking	p170	176	162	p199	203	193
Other manufactured foods	p170	165	169	p156	163	157
Processed fruits and vegetables	p110	125	126	p 91	96	83
Paper and products	p199	195	187	p199	195	187
Paperboard	236	235	197	235	235	197
Printing and publishing	p172	168	175	p167	172	170
Newsprint consumption	162	157	159	159	165	112
Petroleum and coal products	p292	290	261	p292	290	251
Gasoline	p209	209	211	p209	209	211
Fuel oil	p213	239	238	p213	239	239
Coke	n.a.	156	149	n.a.	146	188
Chemicals	p310	309	301	p311	311	302
Paints	p160	158	159	p158	158	156
Rayon	p112	351	323	p316	351	323
Industrial chemicals	p395	399	362	p395	399	362
Rubber products	p272	270	218	p272	270	218

INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION  
(1935-39 average = 100)

REC'D IN FIELD SECTION

1952 - 1953

	Seasonally adjusted			Unadjusted		
	1953		1952	1953		1952
	Jan.	Dec.	Jan.	Jan.	Dec.	Jan.
MINERALS						
Fuels	p172	176	175	p172	176	175
Coal	105	115	136	105	115	136
Bituminous coal	116	125	147	116	125	147
Anthracite	60	71	91	60	71	91
Crude petroleum	p205	207	194	p205	207	194
Metals	p123	118	125	p 87	85	88
Iron ore	---	---	---	n.a.	83	94

FREIGHT CARLOADINGS  
(1935-39 average = 100)

Coal	108	111	133	108	111	133
Coke	184	191	203	193	200	214
Grain	128	131	146	128	123	146
Livestock	62	69	67	59	66	64
Forest products	154	152	155	139	135	139
Ore	278	248	256	70	77	64
Miscellaneous	151	144	151	138	135	138
Merchandise, l.c.l.	44	45	46	42	43	44

4.

OUTPUT OF HOUSEHOLD GOODS  
1947-49=100

	Seasonally adjusted				unadjusted			
	1953	1952		1951	1954	1953		1951
	Jan.	Dec.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Dec.	Nov.	Dec.
TOTAL	p146	139	137	131	p143	140	146	145
Carpets	n.a.	94	93	83	n.a.	98	102	64
Furniture	p122	124	120	109	p125	108	114	107
Major appliances	p114	115	114	100	p110	111	115	87
Cooking stoves, total	n.a.	91	91	83	n.a.	87	91	87
Electric, total					n.a.	102	94	101
Standard					n.a.	107	97	104
Apartment					n.a.	86	86	82
Nonelectric, total					n.a.	74	90	88
Gas, total					n.a.	89	101	88
Standard					n.a.	87	103	71
Apartment					n.a.	103	115	107
Range and combination					n.a.	82	87	81
All other					n.a.	26	30	30
Driers	n.a.	762	934	553	n.a.	941	1011	700
Freezers	n.a.	202	232	220	n.a.	191	211	210
Ironers	n.a.	43	46	47	n.a.	43	49	48
Refrigerators, total	n.a.	108	98	88	n.a.	105	93	85
5.4 cubic feet or less					n.a.	81	81	49
5.5-6.4 cubic feet					n.a.	70	41	71
6.5-7.4 cubic feet					n.a.	40	50	47
7.5-8.4 cubic feet					n.a.	74	105	89
8.5 cubic feet or over					n.a.	227	115	270
Vacuum cleaners	100	81	100	81	93	84	102	88
Washing machines, total	n.a.	127	121	100	n.a.	118	110	88
Wringer and spinner					n.a.	61	60	40
Automatic and semiautomatic					n.a.	239	235	169
Radios and television	p276	236	237	130	p268	243	271	134
Radios, total	p 76	57	47	39	p 69	54	51	40
Small					n.a.	77	81	80
Automobile					n.a.	103	88	80
Consoles and combinations					n.a.	37	26	13
AM-FM console combinations					n.a.	16	20	11
Television, total	p690	605	630	319	p600	611	721	320
Table					n.a.	502	557	352
Consoles					n.a.	1040	1227	453
Combinations					n.a.	177	94	110

Note: Annual indexes available on request to Division of Research and Statistics.