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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
	Mar.	Feb.	Mar.	Mar.	Feb.	Mar.
Industrial production 1/						
Total	p242	240	221	p239	236	217
Manufactures						
Total	p257	254	231	p254	250	228
Durable	p327	322	285	p325	319	283
Nondurable	p200	198	188	p196	194	184
Minerals	p160	163	164	p155	158	158
Major consumer durables						
Total	p148	148	104	p154	150	110
Passenger cars	p151	146	103	p157	148	108
Household goods	p144	150	106	p151	151	112
Construction contracts, value						
Total	p148	173	164	p151	151	166
Residential	p154	182	174	p163	163	183
All other	p145	167	157	p143	143	155
Employment and payrolls 2/						
Nonagricultural employment, total	p112.4	112.4	109.1	p111.3	110.7	107.8
Manufacturing production workers employment, total	p111.8	111.2	104.9	p111.6	111.0	104.7
Durable	p122.3	121.2	111.7	p122.8	121.6	112.1
Nondurable	p 99.6	99.4	97.1	p 98.5	98.5	96.0
Payrolls, total	---	---	---	e152.0	149.2	132.5
Freight carloadings	132	130	133	122	119	124
Department store sales, value	p113	111	105	p103	p 87	92
Department store stocks, value	---	p122	115	---	p119	120

1/ Estimates, seasonally adjusted, for April 1953: total industrial production, 242; total manufactures, 257; durable manufactures, 329; nondurable manufactures, 198; minerals, 160.

2/ The unadjusted indexes of employment and payrolls are compiled by or based on data of the Bureau of Labor Statistics and incorporate the Bureau's revision for recent years to new benchmark levels which was announced April 17. Back figures will be available upon request in the very near future.

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

INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION
(1935-39 average=100)

	Seasonally adjusted			Unadjusted		
	1953		1952	1953		1952
	Mar.	Feb.	Mar.	Mar.	Feb.	Mar.
MANUFACTURES						
Iron and steel	p297	290	263	p297	290	263
Pig iron	253	247	239	253	247	239
Steel	348	337	309	348	337	309
Open hearth	241	234	225	241	234	225
Electric	1113	1071	911	1113	1071	911
Machinery	p404	396	359	p404	396	359
Transportation equipment	p413	405	327	p413	405	327
Automobiles (incl. parts)	p308	301	222	p308	301	222
Nonferrous metals and products	p259	259	218	p259	259	218
Smelting and refining	p298	293	232	p298	293	232
Fabricating	p243	245	204	p243	245	204
Lumber and products	p173	175	158	p173	175	158
Lumber	p161	166	149	p161	166	149
Furniture	p196	192	175	p196	192	175
Stone, clay and glass products	p233	233	222	p233	233	222
Cement	n.a.	279	244	n.a.	212	200
Clay products	p171	166	175	p171	159	167
Textiles and products	p173	173	152	p173	173	152
Cotton consumption	148	149	141	148	149	141
Rayon deliveries	349	338	288	349	338	288
Leather and products	n.a.	119	108	n.a.	122	108
Tanning	n.a.	101	86	n.a.	108	86
Shoes	n.a.	131	122	n.a.	131	122
Manufactured food products	p168	165	146	p168	149	148
Wheat flour	p109	108	103	p109	109	101
Wheatpacking	p179	174	179	p166	166	165
Other manufactured foods	p173	171	172	p155	155	153
Processed fruits and vegetables	p147	141	150	p 81	89	82
Paper and products	p207	207	192	p207	208	192
Paperboard	249	245	205	249	245	205
Printing and publishing	p182	180	177	p185	178	180
Newsprint consumption	173	167	164	180	164	171
Petroleum and coal products	p288	293	278	p288	293	278
Gasoline	p225	231	210	p225	231	210
Fuel oil	p234	236	227	p234	236	227
Coke	n.a.	188	204	n.a.	188	204
Chemicals	p315	310	294	p319	314	298
Paints	p158	159	155	p158	157	155
Rayon	p354	336	269	p354	336	269
Industrial chemicals	p604	597	563	p604	597	563
Rubber products	p276	268	242	p276	268	242

INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION
(1935-39 average = 100)

	Seasonally adjusted			Unadjusted		
	1953		1952	1953		1952
	Mar.	Feb.	Mar.	Mar.	Feb.	Mar.
MINERALS						
Fuels	p167	170	170	p167	170	170
Coal	96	99	111	96	99	111
Bituminous coal	107	109	122	107	109	122
Anthracite	51	60	68	51	60	68
Crude petroleum	p202	205	199	p202	205	199
Metals	p120	123	125	p 85	86	90
Iron ore	---	---	---	n.a.	91	94

FREIGHT CARLOADINGS
(1935-39 average=100)

Coal	92	97	111	92	97	111
Coke	184	181	196	186	191	198
Grain	130	114	139	119	112	128
Livestock	60	57	66	47	46	53
Forest products	142	146	141	142	140	141
Ore	273	275	257	79	69	75
Miscellaneous	154	149	149	146	140	142
Merchandise, l.c.l.	45	45	47	45	43	48

OUTPUT OF HOUSEHOLD GOODS
1947-49=100

	Seasonally adjusted				Unadjusted			
	1953		1952		1953		1952	
	Mar.	Feb.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Feb.	Jan.	Feb.
TOTAL	p144	150	149	138	p151	151	145	109
Carpets	n.a.	104	103	75	n.a.	108	102	78
Furniture	p125	122	120	103	p129	126	123	106
Major appliances	p131	126	123	95	p135	129	119	97
Cooking stoves, total	n.a.	96	99	77	n.a.	96	94	77
Electric, total					n.a.	109	107	90
Standard					n.a.	115	113	93
Apartment					n.a.	45	40	61
Nonelectric, total					n.a.	88	87	69
Gas, total					n.a.	105	101	79
Standard					n.a.	101	97	73
Apartment					n.a.	131	129	120
Bungalow and combination					n.a.	38	49	44
All other					n.a.	38	37	34
Driers	707	820	839	589	707	902	923	648
Freezers	n.a.	249	261	161	n.a.	249	251	161
Ironers	40	60	81	45	41	64	85	48
Refrigerators, total	137	119	107	89	137	121	108	90
5.4 cubic feet or less					18	16	19	12
5.5-6.4 cubic feet					4	16	19	14
6.5-7.4 cubic feet					74	58	41	33
7.5-8.4 cubic feet					83	58	76	97
8.5 cubic feet or over					350	325	275	198
Vacuum cleaners	98	90	100	82	114	94	93	86
Washing machines, total	121	133	129	99	131	136	113	103
Wringer and spinner					73	70	54	53
Automatic and semiautomatic					228	254	212	187
Radios and television	226	273	279	158	243	266	261	154
Radios, total	73	74	72	49	74	71	65	47
Small					82	60	74	58
Automobile					182	171	156	99
Consoles and combinations					22	21	22	14
AM-FM console combinations					13	12	9	11
Television, total	542	685	705	394	592	670	665	376
Table					490	520	475	290
Consoles					979	1191	1253	653
Combinations					178	145	123	111

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