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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
	July	June	July	July	June	July
Industrial production 1/						
Total	p233	210	193	p235	241	194
Manufactures						
Total	p245	253	202	p247	254	203
Durable	p312	320	230	p313	321	232
Nondurable	p192	198	179	p193	199	131
Minerals	p165	169	c139	p170	172	c141
Major consumer durables						
Total	p144	143	71	p132	143	62
Passenger cars	p158	158	47	p158	163	47
Household goods	p129	127	98	p103	121	80
Construction contracts, value						
Total	n.a.	169	177	n.a.	197	194
Residential	n.a.	174	196	n.a.	192	199
All other	n.a.	166	165	n.a.	201	191
Employment and payrolls 2/						
Nonagricultural employment, total	p113.7	113.1	108.3	p113.0	113.0	107.7
Manufacturing production workers						
Employment, total	p113.0	112.7	103.6	p111.0	111.5	98.9
Durable	p123.6	123.4	103.0	p121.4	122.8	101.1
Nondurable	p100.5	100.2	97.8	p 98.8	98.1	96.2
Payrolls, total	---	---	---	e150.0	150.8	122.2
Freight carloadings	123	128	102	128	133	104
Department store sales, value	p112	115	r107	p 89	108	84
Department store stocks, value	n.a.	p128	r119	n.a.	p122	r111

1/ Estimates, seasonally adjusted, for August 1953; total industrial production 238; total manufactures, 250; durable manufactures, 315; nondurable manufactures, 198; minerals, 170.

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 to Division of Research and Statistics.

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

p--Preliminary o--Corrected r--Revised n.a.--Not available

INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION
(1935-39 average=100)

	Seasonally adjusted			Unadjusted		
	1953		1952	1953		1952
	July	June	July	July	June	July
MANUFACTURES						
Iron and steel	p279	288	139	p279	288	139
Pig iron	247	250	33	247	250	33
Steel	313	328	83	313	328	83
Open hearth	229	231	36	229	231	36
Electric	958	1022	118	958	1022	118
Machinery	p385	393	331	p385	393	331
Transportation equipment	p407	407	287	p407	407	287
Automobiles (incl. parts)	p302	304	162	p302	304	162
Nonferrous metals and products	p252	258	201	p252	258	201
Smelting and refining	p237	285	242	p237	284	241
Fabricating	p239	217	151	p239	217	151
Lumber and products	p146	154	141	p155	163	150
Lumber	p130	139	128	p143	153	143
Furniture	p177	182	165	p177	182	165
Stone, clay and glass products	p223	233	214	p230	246	218
Cement	n.a.	242	215	n.a.	259	236
Clay products	p158	165	158	p159	164	160
Textiles and products	p156	174	147	p156	174	147
Cotton consumption	113	142	111	113	142	111
Rayon deliveries	361	367	343	361	367	343
Leather and products	n.a.	104	91	n.a.	103	90
Tanning	n.a.	97	81	n.a.	95	77
Shoes	n.a.	103	93	n.a.	103	93
Manufactured food products	p163	163	162	p174	183	174
Wheat flour	p111	109	109	p110	104	109
Meatpacking	p156	157	147	p143	156	137
Other manufactured foods	p169	170	171	p176	161	179
Processed fruits and vegetables	p135	144	133	p176	111	179
Paper and products	p185	207	160	p184	208	159
Paperboard	215	250	182	215	250	182
Printing and publishing	p173	179	157	p161	173	145
Newsprint consumption	169	170	164	145	168	141
Petroleum and coal products	p298	296	259	p293	296	259
Gasoline	p243	233	225	p243	233	225
Fuel oil	p230	230	231	p230	230	231
Coke	n.a.	189	67	n.a.	189	67
Chemicals	p328	324	299	p325	323	295
Paints	p166	160	157	p165	165	155
Rayon	p371	382	325	p371	382	325
Industrial chemicals	p646	627	565	p646	627	565
Rubber products	p270	270	225	p270	270	225

INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION
(1935-39 average=100)

	Seasonally adjusted			Unadjusted		
	1953		1952	1953		1952
	July	June	July	July	June	July
MINERALS						
Fuels	p169	173	c151	p169	173	c151
Coal	94	106	c 73	94	106	c 73
Bituminous coal	103	116	c 76	103	116	c 76
Anthracite	57	66	57	57	66	57
Crude petroleum	p207	206	190	p207	206	190
Metals	p138	145	65	p172	171	81
Iron ore	---	---	---	---	407	71

FREIGHT CARLOADINGS
(1935-39 average=100)

Coal	94	105	75	94	105	75
Coke	167	179	57	162	176	56
Grain	138	155	153	166	158	183
Livestock	60	60	56	46	52	45
Forest products	146	145	146	147	151	147
Ore	213	212	46	341	328	73
Miscellaneous	139	142	115	141	146	116
Merchandise, l.o.l.	42	43	43	42	43	43

OUTPUT OF HOUSEHOLD GOODS
1947-49=100

	Seasonally adjusted				Unadjusted			
	1953		1952		1953		1952	
	July	June	May	June	July	June	May	June
TOTAL	p129	127	132	101	p103	121	128	96
Carpets	n.a.	n.a.	87	44	n.a.	n.a.	85	48
Furniture	p123	124	126	110	p113	118	120	104
Major appliances	p108	116	122	89	p 94	114	118	87
Cooking stoves, total	n.a.	n.a.	103	69	n.a.	n.a.	104	68
Electric, total	n.a.	128	128	67	n.a.	135	131	70
Standard					n.a.	142	130	73
Apartment					n.a.	67	137	46
Nonelectric, total	n.a.	n.a.	88	71	n.a.	n.a.	88	66
Gas, total	n.a.	n.a.	102	84	n.a.	n.a.	104	79
Standard					n.a.	n.a.	103	77
Apartment					n.a.	n.a.	107	93
Bungalow and combination					n.a.	n.a.	48	37
All other					n.a.	n.a.	33	21
Driers	679	572	687	576	442	457	481	461
Freezers	n.a.	201	335	186	n.a.	235	268	190
Ironers	31	41	31	59	24	33	26	47
Refrigerators	85	96	99	66	77	99	105	69
5.4 cubic feet or less					20	10	36	20
5.5-6.4 cubic feet					19	8	28	16
6.5-7.4 cubic feet					49	34	79	30
7.5-8.4 cubic feet					67	40	29	72
8.5 cubic feet or over					159	291	261	146
Vacuum cleaners	63	78	97	85	53	68	92	75
Washing machines, total	114	126	122	111	89	121	117	106
Wringer and spinner					34	55	59	66
Automatic and semiautomatic					181	233	215	175
Radios and television	204	182	182	136	124	162	187	120
Radios, total	57	55	62	46	42	55	66	44
Small					39	61	71	53
Automobile					117	141	173	71
Consoles and combinations					8	13	14	20
AM-FM console combinations					9	8	9	19
Television, total	508	444	428	322	293	382	438	275
Table					207	303	350	216
Consoles					557	688	797	491
Combinations					51	51	37	43