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BUSINESS INDEXES  
1947-49 average = 100

	Seasonally adjusted				Unadjusted			
	1955		1954		1955		1954	
	pMar.	Feb.	Jan.	Mar.	pMar.	Feb.	Jan.	Mar.
Industrial production								
Total	135	133	132	123	137	135	131	126
Manufactures								
Total	136	134	133	125	139	136	133	128
Durable	150	147	146	135	155	151	147	140
Nondurable	122	121	120	114	123	122	119	115
Minerals	123	123	120	112	119	119	117	109
Consumer durable goods								
Total	139	135	131	111	155	151	142	119
Major consumer durables	196	151	145	119	179	175	163	130
Autos	179	172	160	133	215	210	195	142
Household	137	135	133	109	151	146	137	120
Other consumer durables	99	98	98	94	99	97	95	94
Construction contracts, value								
Total	n.a.	261	261	191	n.a.	228	215	194
Residential	n.a.	297	288	205	n.a.	266	241	216
All other	n.a.	238	243	182	n.a.	204	198	180
Employment and payrolls								
Nonagricultural emp., total	111.5	111.0	110.8	110.8	110.4	109.3	109.3	109.5
Manufacturing prod. workers								
Employment, total	103.9	102.7	102.0	103.8	103.8	102.5	101.5	103.6
Durable	111.1	109.6	108.4	111.0	111.5	109.7	108.2	111.3
Nondurable	95.5	94.7	94.6	95.4	94.8	94.1	93.6	94.6
Payrolls, total	--	--	--	--	147.7	144.0	141.8	138.4
Freight carloadings	93	92	92	85	87	85	83	79
Department store sales, value	e112	112	118	105	e 99	88	91	89
Department store stocks, value	n.a.	121	123	121	n.a.	117	111	126

Note: Construction contract indexes based on 3-month moving averages, centered at second month, of F. W. Dodge data for 37 Eastern States. Employment and payrolls indexes are compiled by the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

e--Estimated

p--Preliminary

n.a.--Not available

**INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION**  
(1947-49 average = 100)

	Seasonally adjusted				Unadjusted			
	1955			1954	1955			1954
	pMar.	Feb.	Jan.	Mar.	pMar.	Feb.	Jan.	Mar.
<b>DURABLE MANUFACTURES:</b>								
Primary metals	136	131	127	103	143	136	129	108
Metal fabricating	159	157	156	147	166	162	159	153
Fabricated metal products	127	126	125	120	128	126	124	121
Machinery	147	146	145	138	155	152	148	145
Nonelectrical	127	125	124	125	133	129	126	132
Electrical	186	187	187	163	197	196	191	172
Transportation equipment	200	196	194	173	212	204	200	182
Instruments	144	142	141	144	145	142	141	145
Clay, glass and lumber prod.	138	134	133	123	137	131	125	122
Stone, clay and glass prod.	142	139	136	130	139	135	132	128
Lumber and products	n.a.	129	129	116	n.a.	126	118	117
Furniture and miscellaneous	126	124	122	119	128	126	121	121
Furniture and fixtures	112	110	109	104	114	113	109	106
Miscellaneous manufactures	136	133	132	130	137	134	129	131
<b>NONDURABLE MANUFACTURES:</b>								
Textiles and apparel	107	105	106	99	113	112	108	105
Textile mill products	n.a.	103	103	91	n.a.	108	104	95
Apparel and allied products	n.a.	107	108	108	n.a.	116	113	116
Rubber and leather products	121	118	122	103	128	125	122	108
Rubber products	n.a.	136	141	113	n.a.	141	143	118
Leather and products	n.a.	104	105	93	n.a.	112	105	100
Paper and printing	132	131	129	124	135	131	127	127
Paper and allied products	n.a.	p143	140	131	n.a.	p147	140	135
Printing and publishing	123	123	122	119	126	121	118	121
Chemicals and petroleum prod.	151	150	148	139	154	154	150	142
Chemicals and allied prod.	n.a.	156	154	146	n.a.	161	157	150
Petroleum and coal products	134	134	131	122	133	134	132	121
Food, beverages and tobacco	107	106	107	106	99	97	99	98
Food and beverage mfrs.	n.a.	106	107	106	n.a.	97	98	98
Tobacco manufactures	n.a.	n.a.	107	103	n.a.	n.a.	105	101
<b>MINERALS:</b>								
Mineral fuels	122	123	120	112	122	123	121	112
Coal	72	79	74	62	72	79	77	61
Crude oil and natural gas	146	144	142	137	146	144	142	137
Metal, stone and earth min.	124	119	118	110	105	99	97	93

p--Preliminary

n.a.--Not available.

**INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION**  
(1947-49 average = 100)

	Without seasonal adjustment				
	1955		1954		
	Feb.	Jan.	Dec.	Feb.	Jan.
Primary metals					
Ferrous metals	132	124	115	111	111
Pig iron	122	117	113	108	113
Steel	138	130	121	114	115
Carbon steel	134	125	118	113	115
Alloy steel	165	155	145	119	115
Castings and forgings	121	113	101	106	103
Nonferrous metals	149	146	124	120	118
Fabricated metal products					
Structural metal parts	128	127	130	127	129
Stampings and misc. metal products	125	124	124	124	127
Nonelectrical machinery					
Farm machinery	90	85	80	80	76
Industrial and commercial machinery	126	124	125	136	138
Machine tools and presses	149	148	149	181	181
Electrical machinery					
Electrical apparatus and parts	167	165	165	167	169
Transportation equipment					
Autos	210	195	174	138	135
Trucks	86	98	94	103	103
Aircraft and parts	476	479	478	489	483
Railroad cars	25	20	20	42	49
Stone, clay and glass products					
Glass and pottery products	129	126	120	120	115
Cement	n.a.	119	131	110	104
Lumber and products					
Lumber	108	101	100	109	98
Millwork and plywood	n.a.	195	186	160	140
Textile mill products					
Cotton and synthetic fabrics	116	114	104	101	97
Cotton consumption	106	105	95	101	100
Synthetic fabrics	138	132	127	98	89
Wool textiles	72	70	70	58	58
Knit goods	112	105	103	109	103
Apparel and allied products					
Men's outerwear	113	115	96	117	111
Women's outerwear	127	120	93	126	113
Misc. apparel, etc.	109	103	106	104	98

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(1947-49 average = 100)

	Without seasonal adjustment				
	1955		1954		
	Feb.	Jan.	Dec.	Feb.	Jan.
Rubber products					
Tires and tubes	134	130	116	112	96
Leather and products					
Leather	98	94	88	95	87
Paper and allied products					
Wood pulp	n.a.	158	142	145	142
Paper and board	n.a.	132	120	127	122
Paperboard	n.a.	136	122	130	128
Printing and publishing					
Newsprint consumption	121	114	123	114	108
Job printing and periodicals	122	120	124	120	121
Chemicals and allied products					
Industrial chemicals	175	169	166	150	145
Synthetic fibers	178	171	173	135	133
Paints	117	116	118	115	114
Petroleum and coal products					
Petroleum refining	144	142	140	136	134
Gasoline	146	146	146	141	140
Fuel oil	151	146	140	135	131
Coke	98	96	93	90	97
Food and beverage manufactures					
Food manufactures	99	102	104	98	101
Meat products	124	138	136	111	126
Dairy products	92	85	79	97	86
Canned and frozen foods	72	77	87	72	76
Grain mill products	102	103	101	104	106
Bakery products	95	94	98	97	95
Beverages	n.a.	84	88	89	82
Alcoholic beverages	n.a.	80	84	86	78
Beer and ale	n.a.	85	83	86	79
Coal					
Bituminous coal	82	81	77	69	75
Crude oil and natural gas					
Crude oil	130	130	123	122	120
Metal mining					
Iron ore	86	79	76	76	74
Iron ore	n.a.	36	37	42	39
Stone and earth minerals	112	115	122	113	108

Note.--Groups and subgroups include individual series not published separately.

n.a.--Not available.

OUTPUT OF CONSUMER DURABLE GOODS  
(1947-49 average = 100)

	Seasonally adjusted				Unadjusted			
	1955		1954		1955		1954	
	Feb.	Jan.	Dec.	Feb.	Feb.	Jan.	Dec.	Feb.
<b>MAJOR HOUSEHOLD GOODS:</b>								
Furniture and floor coverings	107	107	105	99	111	108	109	103
Furniture	113	110	110	103	115	110	115	105
Floor coverings <sup>1/</sup>	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Appliances and heaters	132	128	115	110	138	124	108	117
Major appliances	136	133	119	116	150	134	116	130
Ranges	97	79	82	84	104	81	77	91
Refrigeration appliances	n.a.	137	117	128	n.a.	147	112	145
Laundry appliances	181	190	181	140	207	177	177	159
Heating apparatus	n.a.	115	100	89	n.a.	93	84	75
Radio and television sets	226	222	242	142	272	260	258	170
Radio sets	68	73	70	47	74	73	67	51
Television sets	527	507	571	325	648	618	623	397
<b>OTHER CONSUMER DURABLE GOODS:</b>								
Auto parts and tires	97	100	94	90	93	95	89	87
Misc. home and personal goods	99	97	97	102	100	95	98	103

<sup>1/</sup> Publication suspended pending revision of data back to 1952.

OUTPUT OF MAJOR HOUSEHOLD GOODS  
(1947-49 average = 100)

	Without seasonal adjustment				
	1955		1954		
	Feb.	Jan.	Dec.	Feb.	Jan.
Woven carpets	83	84	71	85	76
Gas ranges	91	71	63	71	74
Electric ranges	125	98	102	124	66
Refrigerators	109	108	81	98	82
Freezers	n.a.	149	119	120	83
Washing machines	173	141	154	144	112
Driers and ironers	507	494	383	292	343
Vacuum cleaners	102	93	73	77	82
Furnaces	90	84	79	62	64
Water heaters	n.a.	119	98	114	99
Auto radios	212	204	153	118	140
Household radios	36	37	43	32	35
Table model TV	673	568	604	385	378
Console model TV	625	663	640	408	404

Note.--For description and back figures see Federal Reserve Bulletin for May 1954 pp. 438-452, reprint available on request. Back figures, not in Bulletin, on individual indexes for major household goods, without seasonal adjustment, also available on request to Division of Research and Statistics.

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