

BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF THE FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

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STATISTICS SECTION
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BUSINESS INDEXES

1947-49 average = 100	Seasonally adjusted				Unadjusted			
	1958		1957		1958		1957	
	Mar.	Feb.	Jan.	Mar.	Mar.	Feb.	Jan.	Mar.
Industrial production, total	128	130	133	145	129	131	132	148
Manufactures	129	131	134	147	131	133	134	149
Durable	135	137	142	163	137	139	143	166
Non-durable	124	125	126	131	125	126	124	132
Minerals	113	119	122	132	112	118	121	131
Consumer durable goods, total	105	110	113	132	111	115	117	142
Major consumer durables	103	111	117	139	114	120	123	155
Autos	92	107	117	149	106	122	132	172
Other consumer durables	109	107	105	114	105	105	102	111
Utility output, total	e239	p241	p238	226	--	--	--	--
Electricity	e235	p238	236	228	--	--	--	--
Gas	n.a.	p250	p247	221	--	--	--	--
Agricultural exp., total	116.0	116.7	118.2	120.1	114.7	114.8	116.4	118.7
Manufacturing (prod. workers)								
Employment, total	94.1	95.6	98.0	106.0	93.8	95.3	97.3	105.9
Durable	97.2	99.2	102.9	114.8	97.5	99.4	102.6	115.3
Non-durable	90.5	91.4	92.2	95.6	89.5	90.4	91.0	94.7
Payrolls	--	--	--	--	e143.3	145.1	149.3	164.3
Freight carloadings	75	77	82	97	71	70	75	91
Department store sales, value	e130	p124	130	137	e115	p 95	100	114
Department store stocks, value	n.a.	p146	147	150	n.a.	p139	132	155
Construction contracts, value	Without seasonal adjustment							
1956-57 average = 100	1958				1957			
	Feb.		Jan.		Feb.		Jan.	
Total	73.5		77.7		81.3		86.5	
Residential	67.4		72.0		81.1		75.7	
All other	77.7		81.6		81.4		93.9	

Note: Construction contract indexes based on F. W. Dodge data for 48 states.

e--Estimated

p--Preliminary

n.a.--Not available

INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION
(1947-49 average = 100)

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	Seasonally adjusted				Unadjusted			
	1958		1957		1958		1957	
	Mar.	Feb.	Jan.	Mar.	Mar.	Feb.	Jan.	Mar.
DURABLE MANUFACTURES:								
Primary metals	92	95	100	137	97	99	102	114
Metal fabricating	150	153	159	179	154	156	161	184
Fabricated metal products	122	123	129	138	122	123	127	139
Machinery	142	145	151	172	147	148	155	177
Nonelectrical	126	128	130	155	131	132	133	161
Electrical	173	177	192	204	176	181	192	203
Transportation equipment	130	134	191	219	136	190	196	228
Autos, trucks, and parts	91	99	106	131	99	107	111	142
Other transportation equip.	315	311	318	355	318	315	321	359
Instruments	160	162	166	173	161	162	166	174
Clay, glass, and lumber products	118	120	125	134	116	117	117	132
Stone, clay, and glass products	130	133	142	155	129	129	136	153
Lumber and products	n.a.	107	110	115	n.a.	105	100	112
Furniture and miscellaneous	121	120	123	132	121	120	120	131
Furniture and fixtures	111	110	114	119	111	111	113	119
Miscellaneous manufactures	129	126	129	140	128	126	125	139
NONDURABLE MANUFACTURES:								
Textiles and apparel	94	96	97	106	100	103	99	113
Textile mill products	n.a.	91	92	101	n.a.	95	93	105
Apparel and allied products	n.a.	103	103	112	n.a.	112	106	123
Rubber and leather products	105	105	108	124	111	113	112	130
Rubber products	n.a.	114	116	145	n.a.	119	123	149
Leather and products	n.a.	n.a.	100	105	n.a.	n.a.	101	115
Paper and printing	143	144	145	147	147	149	142	151
Paper and allied products	n.a.	n.a.	154	157	n.a.	n.a.	152	163
Printing and publishing	138	139	140	141	141	137	136	144
Newsprint consumption	n.a.	124	126	132	n.a.	121	116	137
Job printing and periodicals	n.a.	147	147	145	n.a.	145	146	147
Chemical and petroleum products	164	165	168	171	166	168	170	174
Chemicals and allied products	n.a.	178	182	182	n.a.	181	183	186
Industrial chemicals	n.a.	191	195	202	n.a.	195	197	206
Petroleum and coal products	129	p128	131	141	128	p130	134	139
Food, beverages, and tobacco	114	114	114	114	105	104	104	105
Food and beverage mfrs.	n.a.	114	114	114	n.a.	104	103	105
Food manufactures	n.a.	112	113	114	n.a.	103	106	104
Beverages	n.a.	n.a.	116	115	n.a.	n.a.	93	111
Tobacco manufactures	n.a.	n.a.	112	111	n.a.	n.a.	112	111
MINERALS:								
Mineral fuels	112	118	121	132	113	121	124	134
Coal	70	68	69	92	67	63	73	85
Crude oil and natural gas	131	142	145	151	135	146	148	146
Crude oil	116	129	130	142	120	131	132	146
Natural gas and gas liquids	n.a.	n.a.	p198	198	n.a.	n.a.	p216	206
Metal, stone, and earth minerals	120	119	127	132	104	103	106	114

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	Without seasonal adjustment					
	1956			1957		
	Mar.	Feb.	Jan.	Dec.	Feb.	Jan.
Primary metals						
Ferrous metals		91	95	102	119	117
Pig iron		91	98	107	119	118
Steel	92	93	99	107	160	160
Carbon steel		92	96	107	159	157
Alloy steel		100	111	108	167	170
Castings and forgings		84	85	87	121	118
Nonferrous metals		122	121	117	148	143
Fabricated metal products						
Structural metal parts	136	138	146	154	149	148
Staples and misc. metal products	101	105	111	120	130	130
Electrical machinery						
Farm machinery		80	80	80	89	86
Industrial and commercial machinery	130	133	137	143	164	163
Lathes, mills and presses		134	144	153	204	203
Mechanical machinery						
Electrical apparatus and parts	180	183	190	197	210	210
Trucks, traction equipment						
Trucks	106	122	132	151	178	174
Tractors	87	92	91	95	113	93
Aircraft and parts	566	561	570	571	630	624
Buses and cars		56	66	59	86	77
Stone, clay, and glass products						
Glass and pottery products		128	130	134	145	143
Cement		92	109	132	116	113
Leather and products						
Leathers		87	81	75	98	89
Furwork and plywood		189	181	155	181	167
Textile products						
Cotton and synthetic fabrics		104	102	97	111	108
Cotton manufacturing		94	94	84	101	99
Synthetic fabrics		108	110	115	129	129
Wool textiles		61	55	55	81	74
Wool goods		98	94	92	105	103
Apparel and allied products						
Men's outerwear		101	94	90	111	110
Women's outerwear		126	105	80	130	108
Hosiery, apparel, etc.		114	112	117	117	112

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	Without seasonal adjustment					
	1958			1957		
	Mar.	Feb.	Jan.	Dec.	Feb.	Jan.
Rubber products						
Tires and tubes	112	106	106	136	126	
Leather and products						
Leather	n.a.	83	80	99	89	
Paper and allied products						
Wood pulp	n.a.	176	153	131	182	
Paper and board	n.a.	140	131	151	149	
Paperboard	n.a.	142	134	155	154	
Printing and publishing						
Newsprint consumption	121	116	129	124	123	
Job printing and periodicals	145	146	149	144	143	
Chemicals and allied products						
Industrial chemicals	195	197	198	207	205	
Synthetic fibers	185	189	194	202	205	
Faints	110	111	113	114	121	122
Petroleum and coal products						
Petroleum refining	p144	143	153	154	160	
Gasoline	p156	159	165	157	164	
Fuel oil	p138	146	150	164	170	
Coke	75	79	85	110	110	
Food and beverage manufactures						
Food manufactures	103	106	109	104	104	
Meat products	121	134	131	133	138	
Dairy products	97	92	88	102	91	
Canned and frozen foods	85	87	99	84	87	
Grain mill products	101	100	97	100	100	
Bakery products	97	98	101	96	95	
Beverages	n.a.	93	99	97	90	
Alcoholic beverages	n.a.	88	89	93	86	
Beer and ale	n.a.	87	81	86	88	
Coal						
Bituminous coal		72	77	79	93	90
Crude oil and natural gas						
Crude oil	120	131	132	133	147	149
Metal mining						
Iron ore	n.a.	66	83	82	98	91
Stone and earth minerals						
	120	130	138	129	128	

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

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

	Seasonally adjusted				Unadjusted			
	1958		1957		1958		1957	
	Feb.	Jan.	Dec.	Feb.	Feb.	Jan.	Dec.	Feb.
MAJOR HOUSEHOLD GOODS	116	118	124	135	120	117	118	110
Furniture and floor coverings	106	110	112	114	108	108	114	116
Furniture	112	116	119	118	112	114	122	118
Floor coverings/	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Appliances and heaters	n.a.	106	115	136	n.a.	103	102	144
Major appliances	n.a.	110	119	144	n.a.	111	109	158
Ranges	n.a.	86	87	103	n.a.	86	79	116
Refrigeration appliances	129	121	125	153	137	113	106	162
Laundry appliances	142	142	152	183	161	140	156	208
Heating apparatus	n.a.	93	103	112	n.a.	78	80	100
Radio and television sets	151	181	188	192	159	187	176	201
Radio sets	55	66	66	81	56	66	76	83
Television sets	335	401	419	403	355	417	365	427
OTHER CONSUMER DURABLE GOODS:								
Auto parts and tires	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	114	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	110
Misc. home and personal goods	104	105	109	114	104	101	110	114

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

	Without seasonal adjustment				
	1958		1957		
	Feb.	Jan.	Dec.	Feb.	Jan.
Even carpets	70	62	61	92	86
Gas ranges	n.a.	81	64	102	71
Electric ranges	109	93	106	140	132
Refrigerators	89	67	65	104	85
Freezers	116	118	96	171	117
Washing machines	135	105	115	168	160
Driers and ironers	398	454	521	563	624
Vacuum cleaners	88	90	84	117	94
Furnaces	85	64	72	91	82
Water heaters	n.a.	118	104	126	105
Auto radios	95	124	135	185	185
Household radios	45	50	60	55	42
Table model TV	328	382	345	473	479
Console model TV	380	448	383	385	444

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.