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SUMMARY OF CHANGES IN STATISTICAL SERIES SINCE PUBLICATION OF THE 1932 ANNUAL SUPPLEMENT

For convenience there is listed below a tabulation of the changes which have been made in the past 2 years. If back data have been presented for the new series, a reference to the monthly issues in which such statistics appeared may be found in the footnotes which are included on pages 22 to 56, inclusive.

NEW SERIES ADDED DECEMBER 1932	JUNE 1934	JUNE 1933
<p>Auto accessories and parts, composite index of shipments. Canadian statistics, electric-power production index. Chain-store sales index (Chain Store Age). Civil service employment, United States. Convection type radiators, new orders. Department-store sales, Philadelphia. Factory employment, Baltimore, Milwaukee, Maryland, and Massachusetts. Factory pay rolls, Baltimore, Milwaukee, Philadelphia, Maryland, and Massachusetts. Fairchild retail price index. Gas oil and distillates, production and stocks. Gypsum, imports, production and shipments. Hourly earnings, factory (National Industrial Conference Board). Illuminating glassware, new orders, production, shipments and stocks. Mechanical stokers, new orders. Net gold imports, including gold released from earmark. Pyroxylin rods, sheets and tubes, production and shipments. Plumbers' brass, shipments. Plumbing fixtures, wholesale price. Residual fuel oil, production and stocks. Rubber heels and soles, total shipments. Tin consumption in the manufacture of tin andterneplate. Tin and terneplate production. Trade union members employed, by groups. Weekly earnings, factory, Massachusetts. World prices, foodstuffs and raw materials.</p>	<p>Agricultural loans outstanding (six series). Agricultural products, cash income received from marketings of. Beverages: Fermented malt liquors: Production, consumption, and stocks. Distilled spirits: Production, consumption, and stocks in bonded warehouses. Cotton cloth (bleached, dyed, and printed), production and stocks. Factory employment (Bureau of Labor Statistics). Factory pay rolls (Bureau of Labor Statistics). Imports for consumption. Index of new-passenger-car sales. Indexes of variety-store sales (new index). Milk, receipts, Greater New York. Registrations, commercial truck. Silk machinery activity (Silk Code Authority). Sugar, refined, imports and receipts from Hawaii and Puerto Rico. Vacuum cleaners (hand type), shipments.</p>	<p>Bond prices, domestic, United States Liberty (New York Trust Co.). Brick, face, production (brick drawn from kilns). Building costs, by types of construction (American Appraisal Co.). Cotton textiles, production, shipments, stocks, etc. Farm products—price index of dairy and poultry products (combined index). Glass containers, net new orders. Gold, held under earmark for foreign account. Hours of work per week in factories, nominal or full-time week (National Industrial Conference Board). McLellan 5- and 10-cent stores (sales and stores). Rope paper sacks, shipments. Rubber, scrap, stocks at reclaimers. Unemployment, applicants, at employment agencies. Wool-machinery activity, sets of cards.</p>
	JULY 1934	DECEMBER 1933
	<p>Hosiery (Hosiery Code Authority). Restaurant, total sales and stores (three chains). Silk spin-les (machine activity), Code Administration Committee for the Throwing Industry.</p>	<p>Animal glues, production and stocks. Building cost index of electric light and power construction (Richey). Building material costs, frame and brick house. Castings, gray iron, orders, production, receipts, and stocks. Explosives, production, shipments and stocks. Fabricated structural steel, orders and shipments with percent of capacity. Federal-aid highway, work approved for construction and balance of Federal-aid funds available for new construction (new work now paid for by funds appropriated under N.R.A.). F. W. Grand, stores and sales (merged with H. L. Green Co., Inc.). Hoists, electric, orders and shipments. Index, new orders. Index, unfilled orders. Illuminating glassware, percent of full operation of orders, production, and shipments. Isaac Silver & Bros., stores and sales (merged with H. L. Green Co., Inc.). Paper board, production and shipments. Plumbers' woodwork, orders, shipments, and stocks. Pyroxylin products, production and shipments of sheets, rods, and tubes. United States Steel Corporation, unfilled orders. Yarn, carded sales, all series.</p>
	AUGUST 1934	JUNE 1934
	SERIES DROPPED	
JUNE 1933	DECEMBER 1932	
<p>Airplane travel, passengers carried, passenger miles flown. Bond prices, United States Government (Standard Statistics). Building costs, all types (American Appraisal Co.). Employment, miscellaneous—Federal and State highways, construction and maintenance. Face brick, machine production. Factory employment, Chicago. Factory pay rolls, New York and Chicago. Farm products, price indexes of dairy and poultry products. Household furniture, plant operations, all districts. Lard compound, wholesale price, tierces, Chicago. Lard, refined, wholesale price, tierces, Chicago. Leather production (Tanners' Council). Nonmanufacturing employment—banks, brokerage houses, etc.; dyeing and cleaning; and laundries. Nonmanufacturing pay rolls—banks, brokerage houses, etc.; dyeing and cleaning; and laundries. Rope paper sacks, shipments.</p>	<p>Applicants at employment agencies, Western States. Binders' board, production. Construction volume (A.G.C.) Copper: Production, all series. Shipments, domestic, refined. Stocks (North and South America), blister and refined. Enameled sanitary ware, baths, lavatories, sinks, miscellaneous, all series. Enameled sheet-metal ware, shipments. Factory operations, proportion full time worked, miscellaneous group. Galvanized sheet-metal ware, all series. Gas and fuel oil, production and stocks (combined series). Glass containers, unfilled orders. Hides and skins, stocks, all series. Illuminating glassware, orders, production, shipments, and stocks. Industrial production indexes: Copper (mined), metals, nonferrous. Iron and steel, boilers (round and square) and radiators, new orders. Leather, sole and belting, production, stocks, all series. Leather, upper, production, stocks, all series. Lumber, walnut, orders, production, shipments, and stocks. Methanol, stocks: At crude plants. At refineries and in transit. Milk, condensed and evaporated, total exports, production, and stocks. Newsprint, production, percent of capacity. Paints, varnish and lacquer products, unclassified sales, 315 establishments. Pine, North Carolina, production and shipments. Pine-oil stocks. Plumbing fixtures, wholesale price (six pieces). Porcelain, nail knobs, tubes, shipments. Stock indexes, world copper stocks. Stokers, mechanical, large (see new series), new orders.</p>	
<p>Cellulose plastic products, production and shipments of nitrocellulose and cellulose acetate sheets, rods, and tubes. Construction wage rates (E.N.R.). Highway construction under the National Industrial Recovery Act. Home Loan Bank, loans outstanding. H. L. Green Co., Inc., stores and sales. Paper board, production and shipments. Pittsburgh employment index. Pittsburgh pay-roll index. Purchasing power of the dollar. Reconstruction Finance Corporation, loans outstanding. United States Steel Corporation, shipments of finished products.</p>		<p>Bank suspensions. Cotton cloth finishing. Delinquent accounts, electrical trade. Factory employment (adjusted and unadjusted) Federal Reserve Board. Factory operations, proportion of full time worked, Factory pay-roll indexes (Federal Reserve Board). Highway construction under the Federal Highway Act. Indexes of five-and-ten (variety) stores sales (old index). Marketings, forest products. Milk, receipts, Greater New York. Nonmanufacturing employment, canning and preserving. Nonmanufacturing pay rolls, canning and preserving. Paper, stocks, all grades, book paper, writing paper, wrapping paper, and all other grades of paper. Restaurant sales and stores operated: Childs Co. J. R. Thompson Co. Waldorf System, Inc. Rope paper sacks. Sugar, Cuban, raw, receipts at ports and exports. Silk machinery activity (Silk Association of America). Wood-pulp stocks.</p>
		JULY 1934
		<p>Hosiery, Census Bureau series.</p>

WEEKLY DATA THROUGH JULY 28, 1934
MONTHLY DATA THROUGH JUNE

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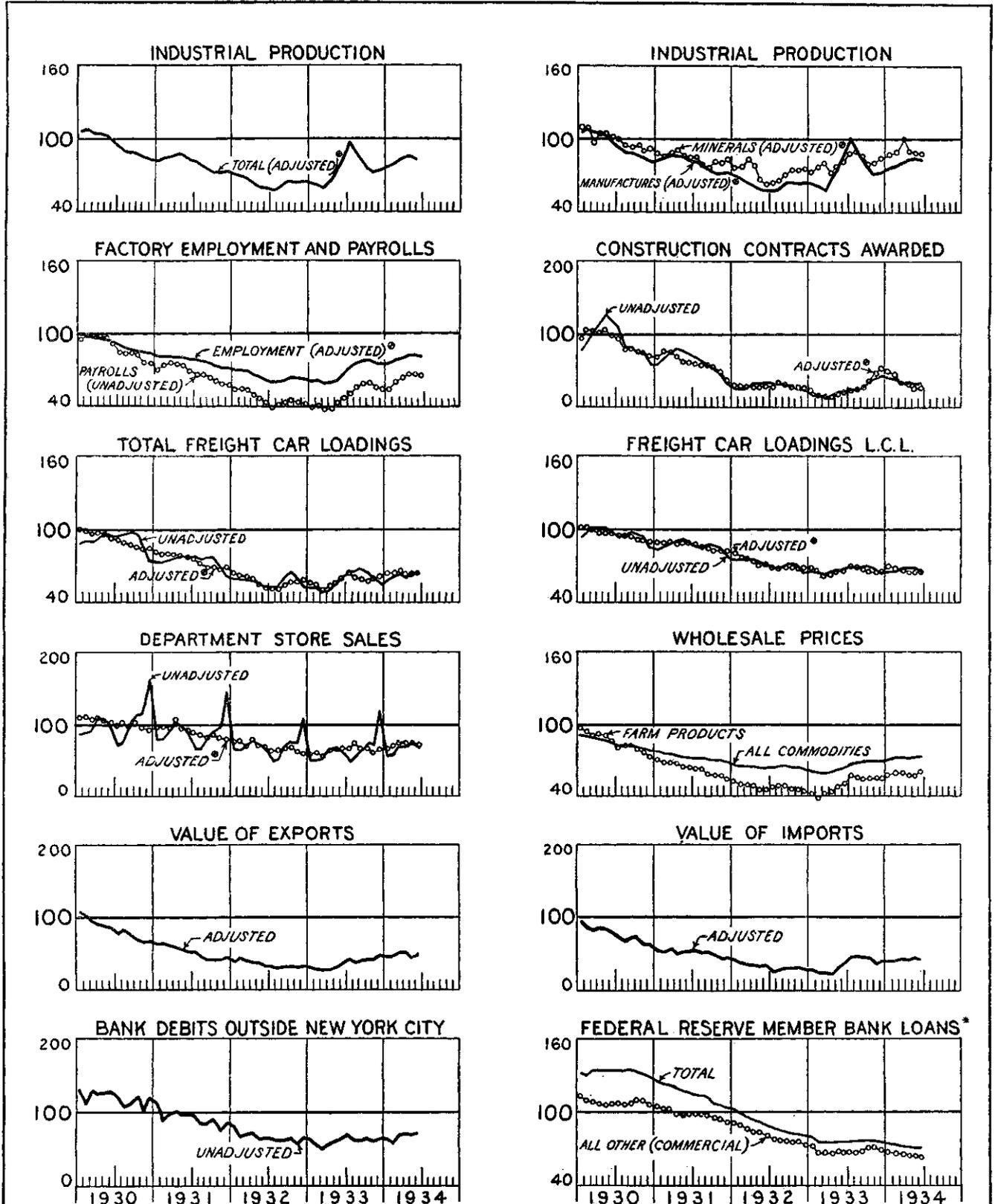
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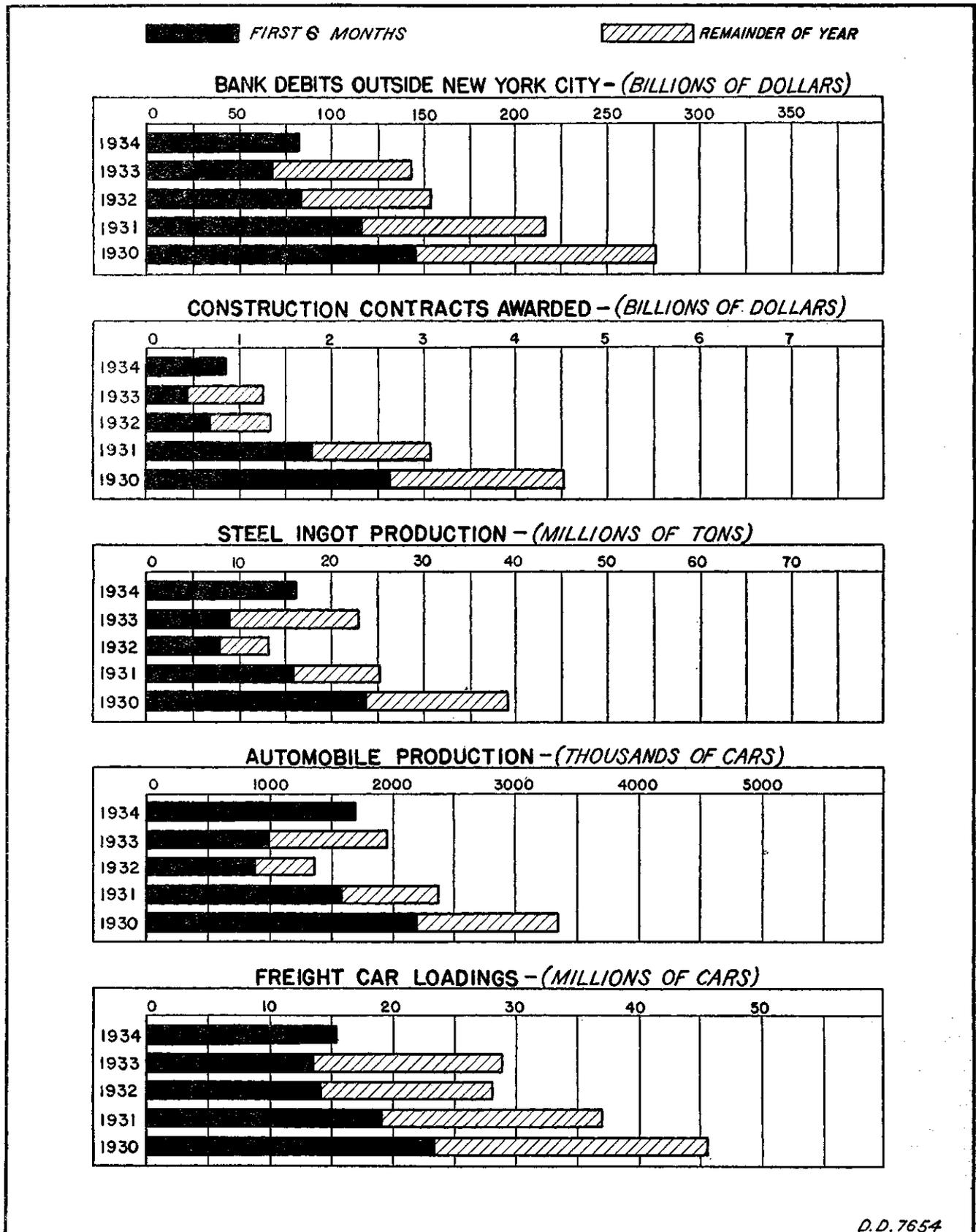
Business Indicators

1923-25 = 100



*ADJUSTED FOR SEASONAL VARIATION * REPORTING MEMBER BANKS

Comparison of Principal Data, 1930-34



WEEKLY BUSINESS INDICATORS

[Weekly average, 1923-25=100]

Main weekly business indicators table with columns for years 1934-1931 and categories like Business activity, Finance, Security prices, and Production.

* Computed normal=100. † Latest week in preliminary. ‡ Weekly average, 1928-30=100. † Daily average. ‡ Temporarily discontinued # Index revised. See weekly supplement on June 1, 1933, for explanation. § 1933-34 indexes are based on reports from 91 cities; earlier data cover 101 cities.

WEEKLY BUSINESS STATISTICS

Detailed weekly business statistics table with columns for years 1934-1930 and sub-sections for Commodity Prices, Finance, and Production & Distribution.

§ Statistics covered 91 cities since Jan. 10, 1934, and 90 cities before; 1 city was added to the series in order to offset the effect of 1 member bank which ceased reporting. Comparable figures not available prior to 1932. * Preliminary.

