

Selected National and Railroad Data

Year or month	Index of Industrial Production <sup>1</sup> (2012 = 100)	Consumer Price Index <sup>2</sup> (1982-84 = 100)		Index of Leading Economic Indicators (2016 = 100)	U.S. Civilian Labor Force (millions)		Railroad Labor Force (thousands)			Benefit Payments (\$ millions) <sup>5</sup>		U.S. Rail Total Traffic <sup>8</sup> (thousands)	Railroad Payrolls (\$ billions)			
		CPI-W	CPI-U		Employed	Unemployed	Employed		Unemployed	RRA	RUIA <sup>6,7</sup>		Creditable <sup>9</sup>			
							Number <sup>3</sup>	Percent Change <sup>4</sup>					Total	RRA		
													Total	Tier I	Tier II	RUIA
2008 .....	100.8	211.053	215.303	87.8	145.4	8.9	235	-0.8	3	10,104	81	28,341	17.9	16.20	15.00	3.69
2009 .....	89.2	209.630	214.537	75.7	139.9	14.3	223	-5.1	10	10,661	189	23,689	16.2	15.34	14.28	3.60
2010 .....	94.1	213.967	218.056	81.3	139.1	14.8	221	-0.9	6	10,807	135	26,109	16.3	15.44	14.39	3.55
2011 .....	97.1	221.575	224.939	85.4	139.9	13.7	229	3.6	3	10,990	95	27,052	17.9	16.57	15.26	3.70
2012 .....	100.0	226.229	229.594	87.3	142.5	12.5	234	2.2	3	11,439	91	26,953	19.5	17.35	16.08	3.88
2013 .....	102.0	229.324	232.957	89.8	143.9	11.5	237	1.3	3	11,693	90	27,441	18.7	17.77	16.48	3.99
2014 .....	105.2	232.771	236.736	94.8	146.3	9.6	242	2.1	2	11,975	83	28,687	20.7	19.22	17.68	4.18
2015 .....	104.1	231.810	237.017	98.8	148.8	8.3	247	2.1	3	12,231	93	27,977	21.4	19.99	18.38	4.30
2016 .....	102.1	234.076	240.007	100.0	151.4	7.8	231	-6.5	5	12,385	137	26,588	19.5	18.31	16.92	4.00
2017 .....	104.4	239.051	245.120	104.1	153.3	7.0	225	-2.6	3	12,501	98	27,123		18.51	17.23	4.14
2018 .....	108.6	245.146	251.107	110.1	155.8	6.3	223	-0.9	2	12,752	87	28,114				
2018-January .....	106.3	241.919	247.867	107.8	152.8	7.2	220	-2.2	3	1,064	10					
February .....	106.6	242.988	248.991	108.5	154.4	7.1	220	-2.7	3	1,057	9					
March .....	107.3	243.463	249.554	108.8	154.9	6.7	221	-2.2	3	1,062	9	6,793				
April .....	108.2	244.607	250.546	109.3	155.3	5.9	223	-1.3	2	1,061	7					
May .....	107.4	245.770	251.588	109.4	156.0	5.8	225	-0.4	2	1,059	5					
June .....	108.2	246.196	251.989	110.0	156.5	6.8	223	-1.3	2	1,065	6	7,108				
July .....	108.7	246.155	252.006	110.4	157.0	6.7	224	-0.4	2	1,061	6					
August .....	109.5	246.336	252.146	110.9	155.5	6.4	224	0.0	2	1,114	7					
September .....	109.7	246.565	252.439	111.5	156.2	5.8	224	0.0	2	1,014	7	7,180				
October .....	109.8	247.038	252.885	111.4	157.0	5.8	225	0.4	2	1,064	9					
November .....	110.6	245.933	252.038	111.4	157.0	5.7	226	0.9	2	1,065	7					
December .....	110.5	244.786	251.233	111.3	156.5	6.0	224	0.4	2	1,064	6	7,033				
2019-January .....	110.4	245.133	251.712	111.3	155.0	7.1	222	0.9	3	1,089	9					
February .....	110.5	246.218	252.776	111.5	156.2	6.6	221	0.5	3	1,084	8					

See footnotes at end of table.

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<sup>1</sup> Monthly index numbers are seasonally adjusted. Annual index totals are the average of not seasonally adjusted data.

<sup>2</sup> CPI-W based on wage-clerical worker spending patterns, CPI-U on expanded population sample covering all urban consumers.

<sup>3</sup> Employment data for 2018 and 2019 is preliminary. Monthly data for 2017 was revised in November 2018.

<sup>4</sup> Increase (+) or decrease (-) from previous year or from same month in previous year.

<sup>5</sup> Data provided by the Bureau of Fiscal Operations.

<sup>6</sup> Starting in June 2009, includes temporary extended unemployment benefits authorized by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009. Benefits had to begin by December 31, 2009. Beginning in November 2009, temporary extended unemployment benefits are also being paid under the Worker, Homeownership, and Business Assistance Act of 2009, as amended by the Tax Relief, Unemployment Insurance Reauthorization, and Job Creation Act of 2010, the Temporary Payroll Tax Cut Continuation Act of 2011, the Middle Class Tax Relief and Job Creation Act of 2012, and the American Taxpayer Relief Act of 2012. Benefits had to begin by December 31, 2013.

<sup>7</sup> Amounts reflect a reduction of 9.2% under sequestration for days of unemployment and sickness after February 28, 2013, a reduction of 7.2% for days after September 30, 2013, 7.3% for days after September 30, 2014, 6.8% for days after September 30, 2015, 6.9% after September 30, 2016, 6.6% for days after September 30, 2017, and 6.2% for days after September 30, 2018.

<sup>8</sup> Source: The Association of American Railroads (AAR). U.S. rail total traffic consists of carloads and intermodal units and excludes the U.S. operations of Canadian National and Canadian Pacific. Elgin, Joliet and Eastern Railway Company was included prior to July 2009 when it then was consolidated into CN. Effective 2018, U.S. rail total traffic also excludes the U.S. operations of Grupo México Transportes.

<sup>9</sup> Tier I and Tier II creditable payrolls, which became effective with the Railroad Retirement Act of 1974, have annual earnings bases. RUIA payroll has a monthly earnings base. Tier I payroll includes miscellaneous compensation.

NOTE:---Annual labor force figures are averages of 12 mid-month figures. Mid-month employment count is estimated number of employees in active pay status on carrier reporting date, excluding strikers and other employees whose absence from duty is strike-related, and without regard to whether such excluded employees are qualified for or receiving RUIA unemployment benefits. Railroad unemployed represents number claiming benefits in week including the 15th of month. Benefits are net amounts paid during the month and do not necessarily relate to the period in which accrued. RRA benefits include payments from the Dual Benefits Payments Account. Quarterly figures shown opposite last month of quarter. Changes from preceding month's report reflect revisions based on later data. Detail may not add to totals shown because of rounding.

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