

US Economic Indicators: Boom-Bust Barometer

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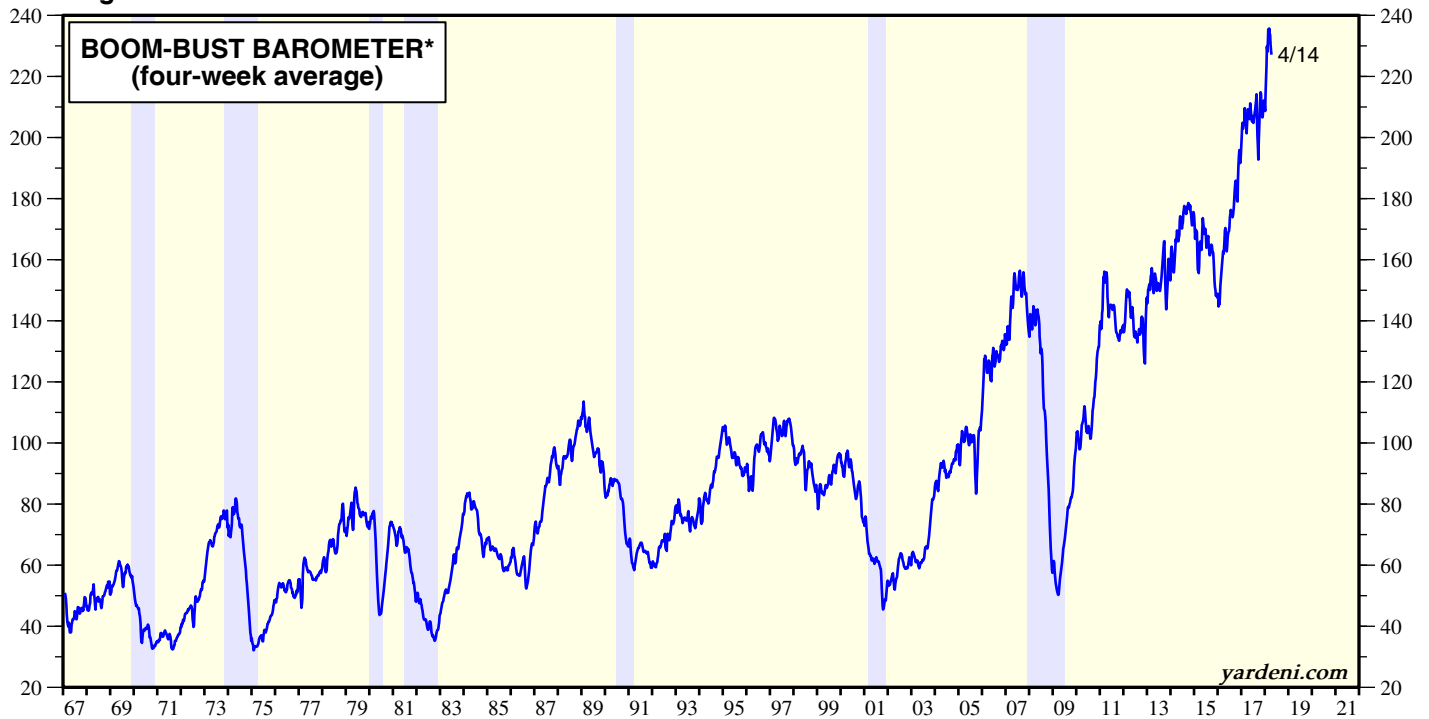
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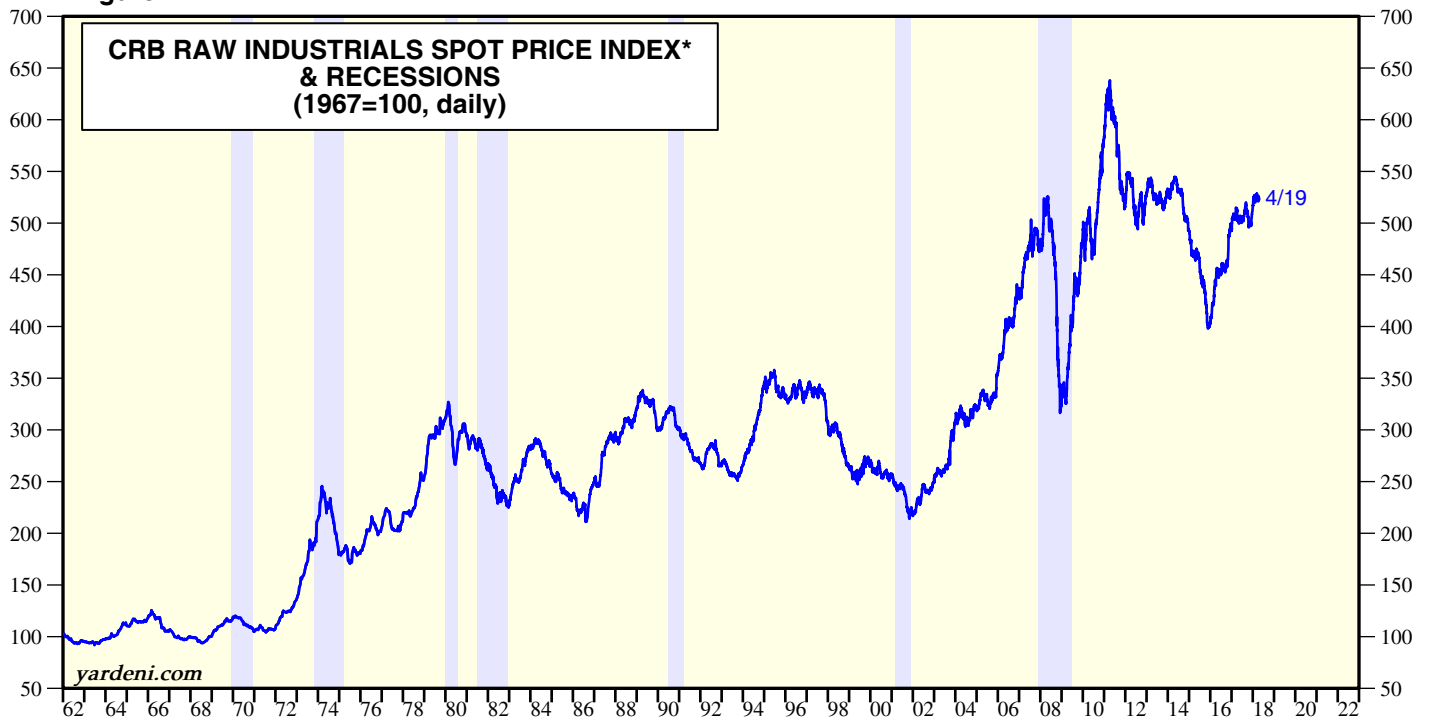
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Figure 1.



* Weekly average of CRB raw industrials spot price index divided by initial unemployment claims, showing four-week average.
 Note: Shaded areas denote recessions according to the National Bureau of Economic Research.
 Source: Commodity Research Bureau and Bureau of Labor Statistics.

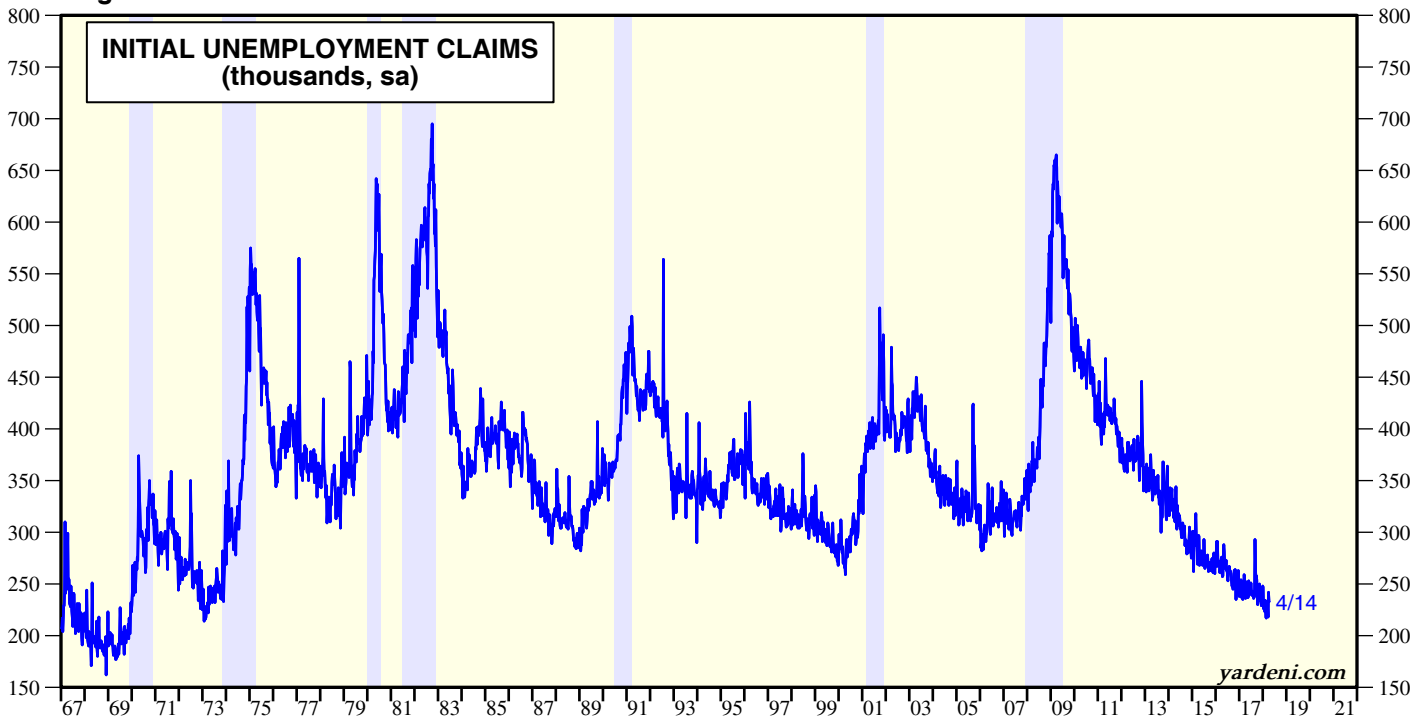
Figure 2.



* Includes copper scrap, lead scrap, steel scrap, tin, zinc, burlap, cotton, print cloth, wool tops, hides, rosin, rubber, and tallow.
 Note: Shaded areas denote recessions according to the National Bureau of Economic Research. Weekly from 1962 to 1982, daily thereafter.
 Source: Commodity Research Bureau.

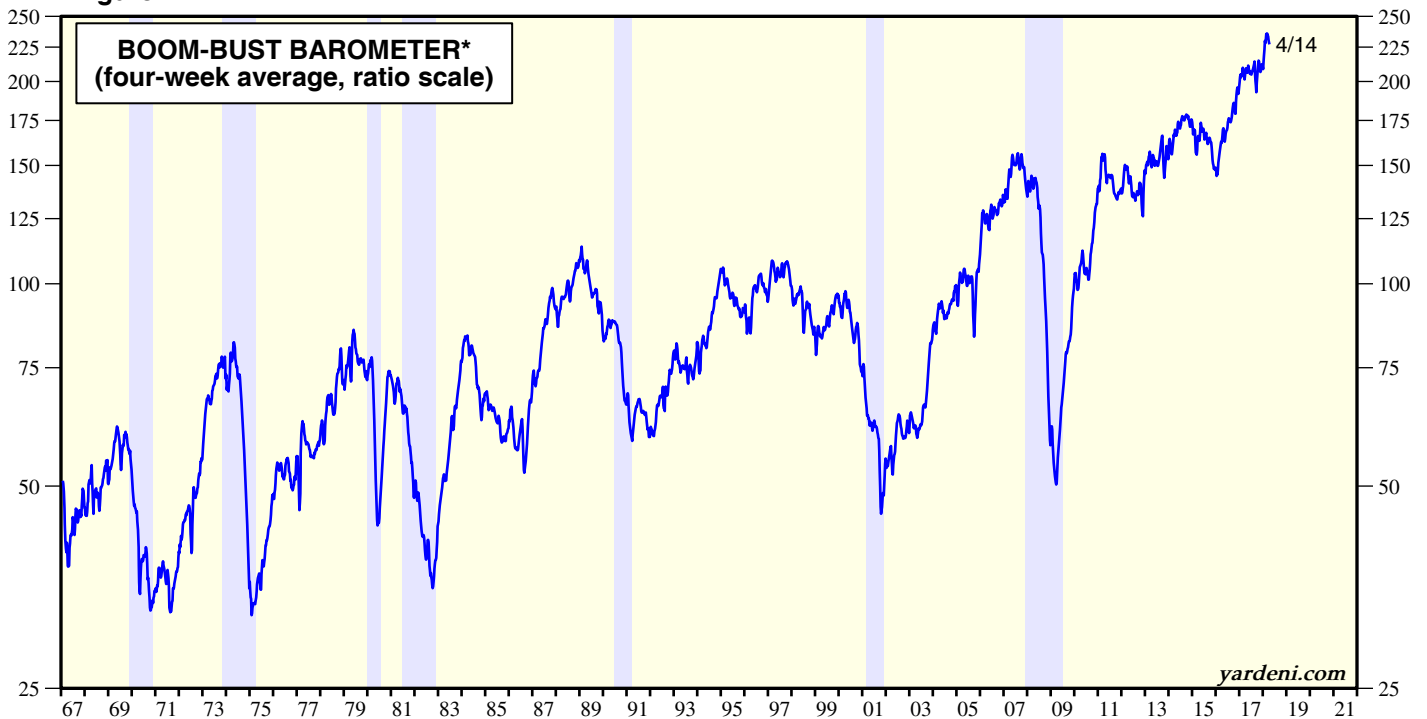
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Figure 3.



Note: Shaded areas denote recessions according to the National Bureau of Economic Research.
Source: US Department of Labor.

Figure 4.



* Weekly average of CRB raw industrial spot price index divided by initial unemployment claims, showing four-week average.
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Source: Commodity Research Bureau and Bureau of Labor Statistics.

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