US Economic Indicators: Boom-Bust Barometer

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Figure 1.

BOOM-BUST BAROMETER*
(four-week average)

* 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.

Figure 2.

CRB RAW INDUSTRIALS SPOT PRICE INDEX*
(1967=100, daily)

* 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.
Figure 3.

INITIAL UNEMPLOYMENT CLAIMS
(thousands, sa)

Note: Shaded areas denote recessions according to the National Bureau of Economic Research.

Figure 4.

BOOM-BUST BAROMETER*
(four-week average, ratio scale)

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