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Among the facts on productivity presented here, some are new and some are old. For the old facts, I am obligated to many. For the new facts, and for confirmation of the old, my obligation is especially to the authors of several National Bureau studies, the main results of which I have attempted to weave together. Particular mention must be made of my debt to John W. Kendrick, upon whose work I have been able to draw very freely, and to Thor Hultgren for a similar favor.

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