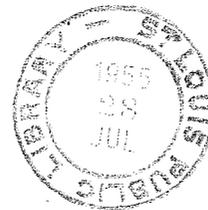


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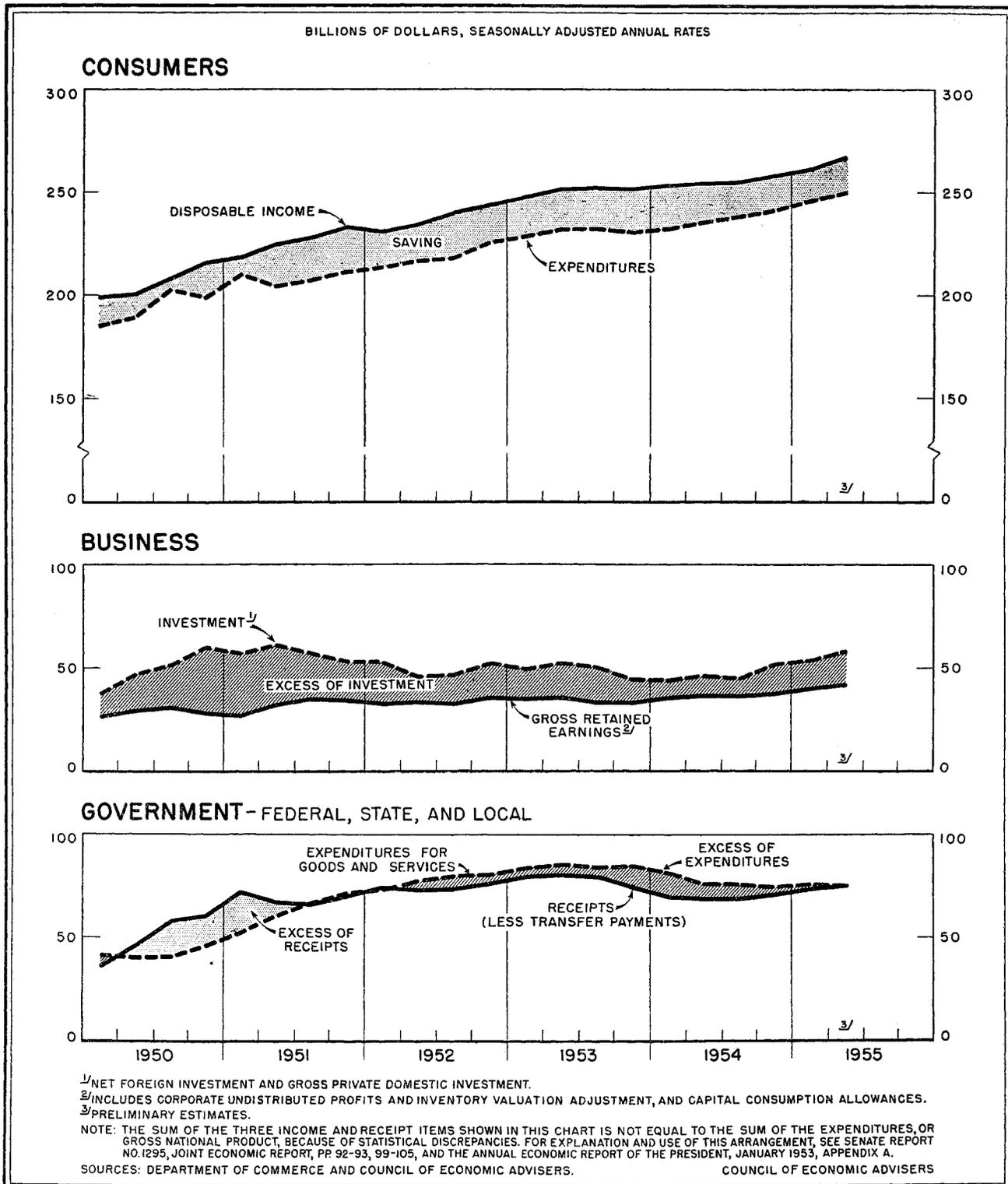
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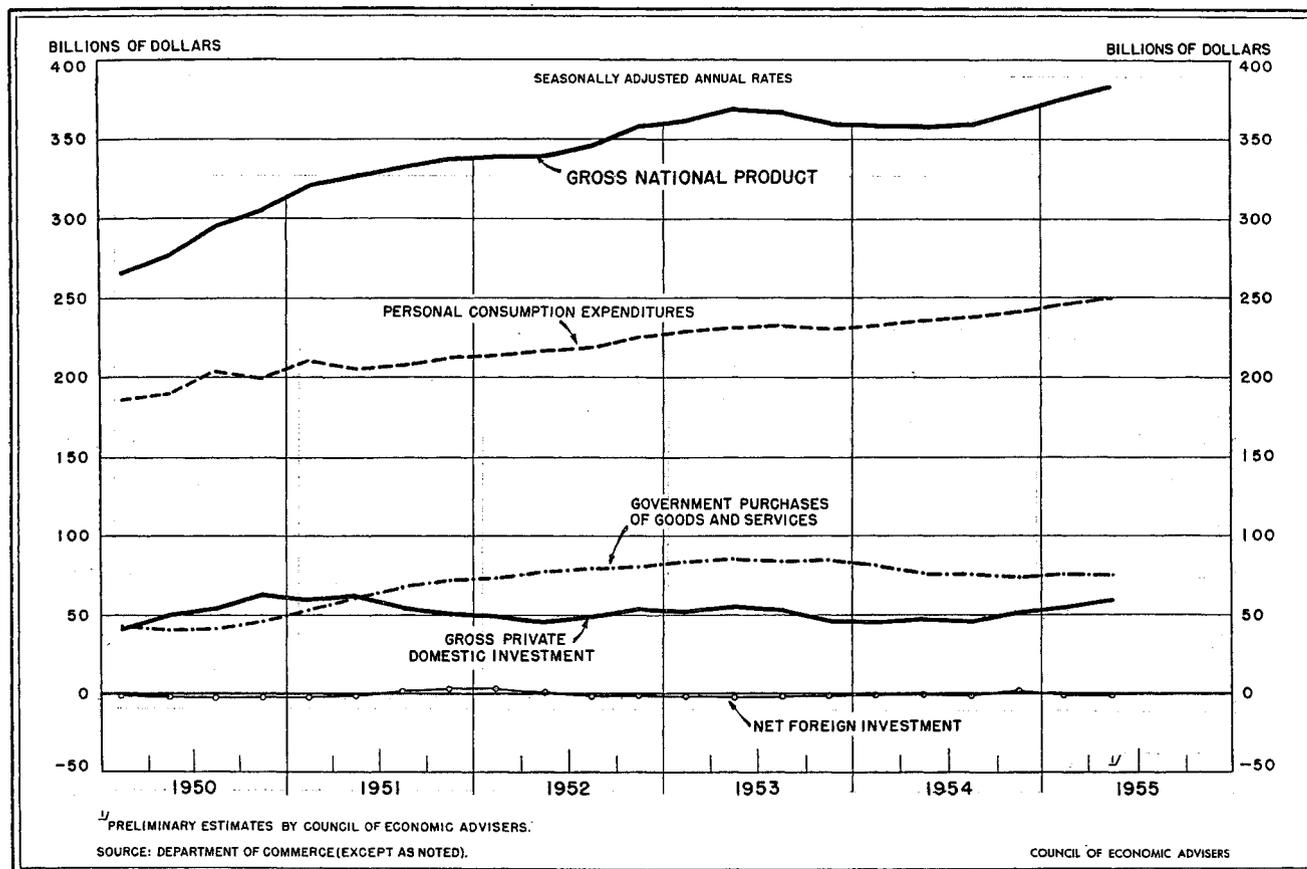
THE NATION'S INCOME, EXPENDITURE, AND SAVING

Preliminary estimates of total income and expenditures for the second quarter of 1955 reflect the continued rise in over-all economic activity.



GROSS NATIONAL PRODUCT OR EXPENDITURE

Recently revised estimates indicate that the gross national product reached an all-time high of \$375 billion (seasonally adjusted annual rate) in the first quarter of this year. Preliminary estimates indicate a further rise of nearly \$8 billion to a new record of \$383 billion in the second quarter.



[Billions of dollars]

Period	Total gross national product	Personal consumption expenditures	Gross private domestic investment	Net foreign investment	Government purchases of goods and services					
					Total ¹	Federal		Other	State and local	
						Total ¹	National security ²			
1939	91.1	67.6	9.3	0.9	13.3	5.2	1.3	3.9	8.2	
1946	209.2	146.6	27.1	4.6	30.9	20.9	21.2	2.5	10.0	
1947	232.2	165.0	29.7	8.9	28.6	15.8	13.3	3.8	12.8	
1948	257.3	177.6	41.2	2.0	36.6	21.0	16.0	5.6	15.6	
1949	257.3	180.6	32.5	.5	43.6	25.4	19.3	6.6	18.2	
1950	285.1	194.0	51.2	-2.2	42.0	22.1	18.5	3.9	19.9	
1951	328.2	208.3	56.9	.2	62.8	41.0	37.3	4.2	21.8	
1952	345.2	218.3	49.6	-.2	77.5	54.3	48.8	5.8	23.2	
1953	364.5	230.6	51.4	-2.0	84.5	59.5	51.4	8.5	25.0	
1954	360.5	236.5	47.2	-.3	77.0	49.2	43.2	6.3	27.8	
Seasonally adjusted annual rates *										
1954: First quarter	358.3	232.2	45.5	-1.1	81.7	54.7	46.8	8.3	27.0	
Second quarter	357.6	235.1	46.9	-.3	75.9	48.6	43.6	5.4	27.3	
Third quarter	358.8	237.9	45.9	-.7	75.8	47.7	42.1	6.1	28.1	
Fourth quarter	367.1	241.0	50.7	.9	74.5	45.7	40.5	5.5	28.7	
1955: First quarter	375.3	245.8	54.1	-.4	75.8	46.4	41.2	5.5	29.4	
Second quarter ³	383.0	249.5	59.0	-.5	75.0	45.3	40.3	5.3	29.7	

¹ Less Government sales.

² Includes expenditures for military services, international security and foreign relations (except foreign loans), development and control of atomic energy, promotion of the merchant marine, promotion of defense production and economic stabilization, and civil defense. For further details, see *Economic Report of the President, January 1955* (p. 137), and *National Income, 1954 Edition* (p. 148). These expenditures are not comparable with the "national security" category in *The Budget of the U. S. Government for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 1955*, and shown on p. 31 of *Economic Indicators*.

³ Preliminary estimates by Council of Economic Advisers.

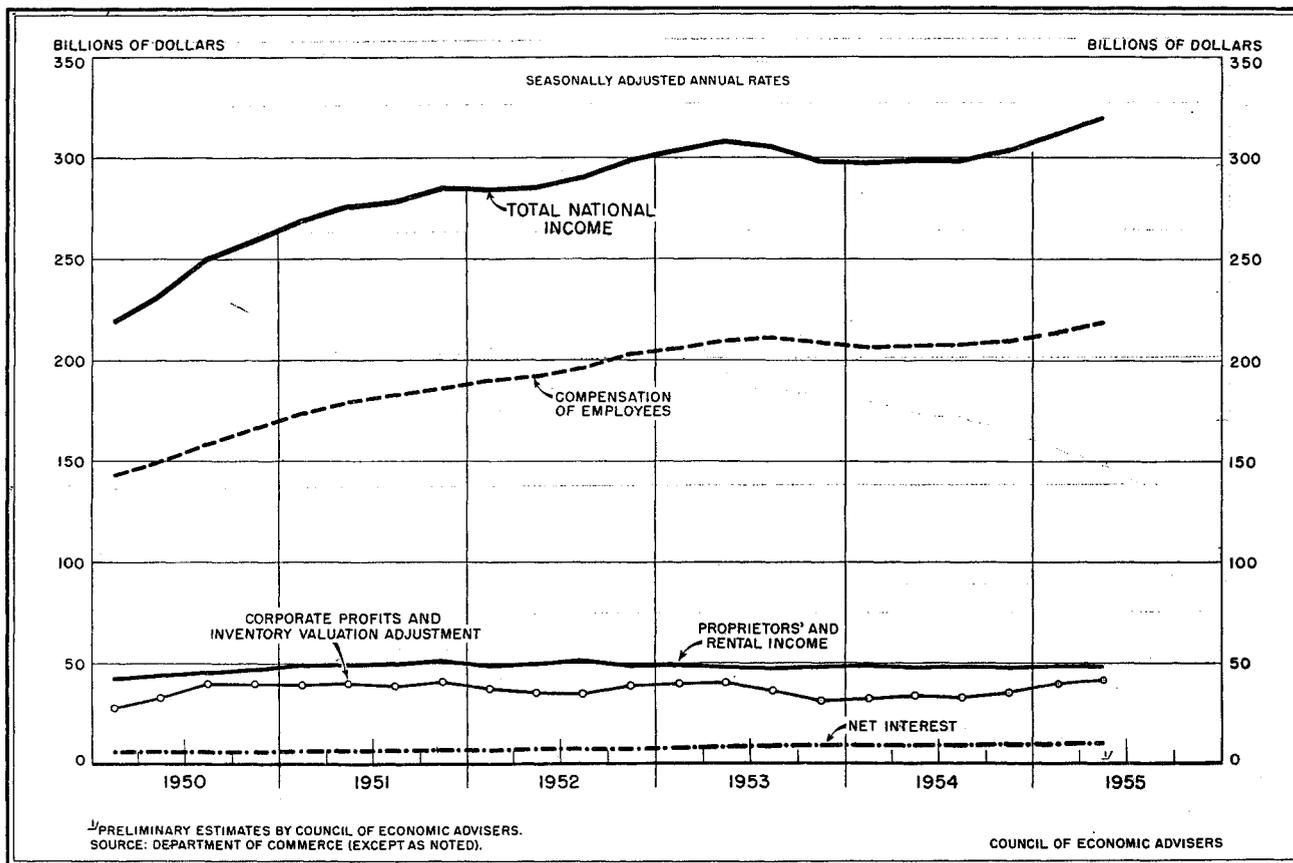
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Source: Department of Commerce (except as noted).

NATIONAL INCOME

The continued increase in general business activity during the second quarter was reflected in a rise of over \$8 billion (seasonally adjusted annual rate) in national income, according to preliminary estimates. Increases in employee compensation and corporate profits accounted for most of the rise.



[Billions of dollars]

Period	Total national income	Compensation of employees ¹	Proprietors' income		Rental income of persons	Net interest	Corporate profits and inventory valuation adjustment		
			Farm	Business and professional			Total	Profits before taxes	Inventory valuation adjustment
1939.....	72.8	48.1	4.3	7.3	2.7	4.6	5.7	6.4	-0.7
1946.....	179.6	117.7	13.9	21.3	6.2	3.1	17.3	22.6	-5.3
1947.....	197.2	128.8	14.5	19.9	6.5	3.8	23.6	29.5	-5.9
1948.....	221.6	140.9	16.7	21.6	7.2	4.5	30.6	32.8	-2.2
1949.....	216.2	140.9	12.7	21.4	7.9	5.2	28.1	26.2	1.9
1950.....	240.0	154.3	13.3	22.9	8.5	5.9	35.1	40.0	-4.9
1951.....	277.0	180.4	16.0	24.8	9.1	6.8	39.9	41.2	-1.3
1952.....	289.5	195.3	14.3	25.7	9.9	7.4	36.9	35.9	1.0
1953.....	303.6	209.2	12.3	25.9	10.3	8.8	37.2	38.3	-1.1
1954.....	299.7	207.9	12.0	25.9	10.5	9.5	33.8	34.0	-0.2
Seasonally adjusted annual rates									
1954: First quarter.....	297.7	206.7	13.2	25.3	10.4	9.4	32.6	32.7	-0.2
Second quarter.....	298.9	207.2	11.9	25.9	10.5	9.5	34.0	33.7	.2
Third quarter.....	298.7	207.8	11.7	26.0	10.6	9.5	33.1	33.5	-0.5
Fourth quarter.....	303.2	209.8	11.2	26.3	10.7	9.7	35.5	36.0	-0.5
1955: First quarter.....	311.4	213.1	11.5	26.6	10.7	9.9	39.6	40.9	-1.3
Second quarter ²	319.8	219.0	11.0	27.1	10.7	10.3	41.7	42.5	-0.8

¹ Includes employer contributions for social insurance. (See also p. 4.)

² Preliminary estimates by Council of Economic Advisers.

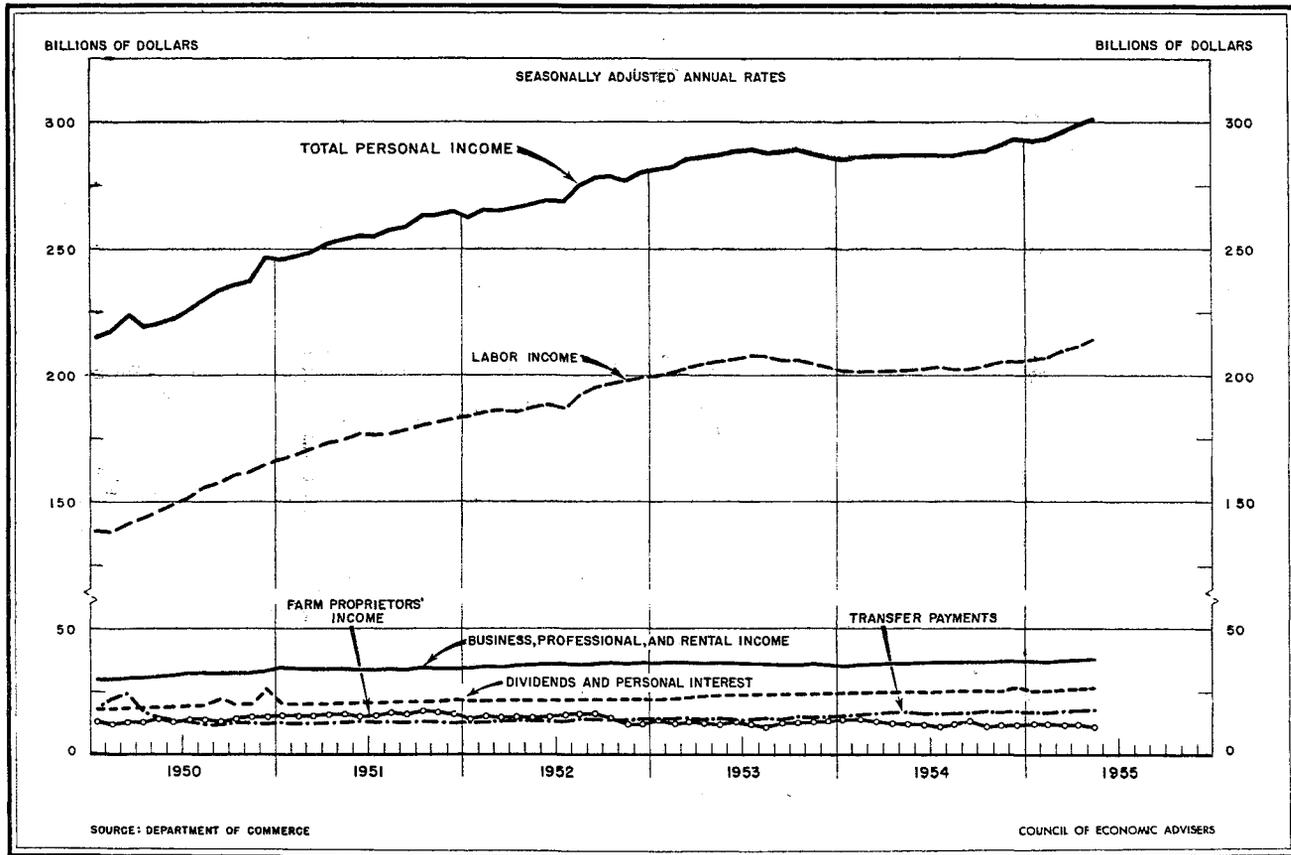
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SOURCES OF PERSONAL INCOME

Total personal income increased \$2 billion (seasonally adjusted annual rate) in May and exceeded the \$300 billion level for the first time in history. Labor income rose materially. Farm income, which fluctuates erratically on a month-to-month basis, declined.



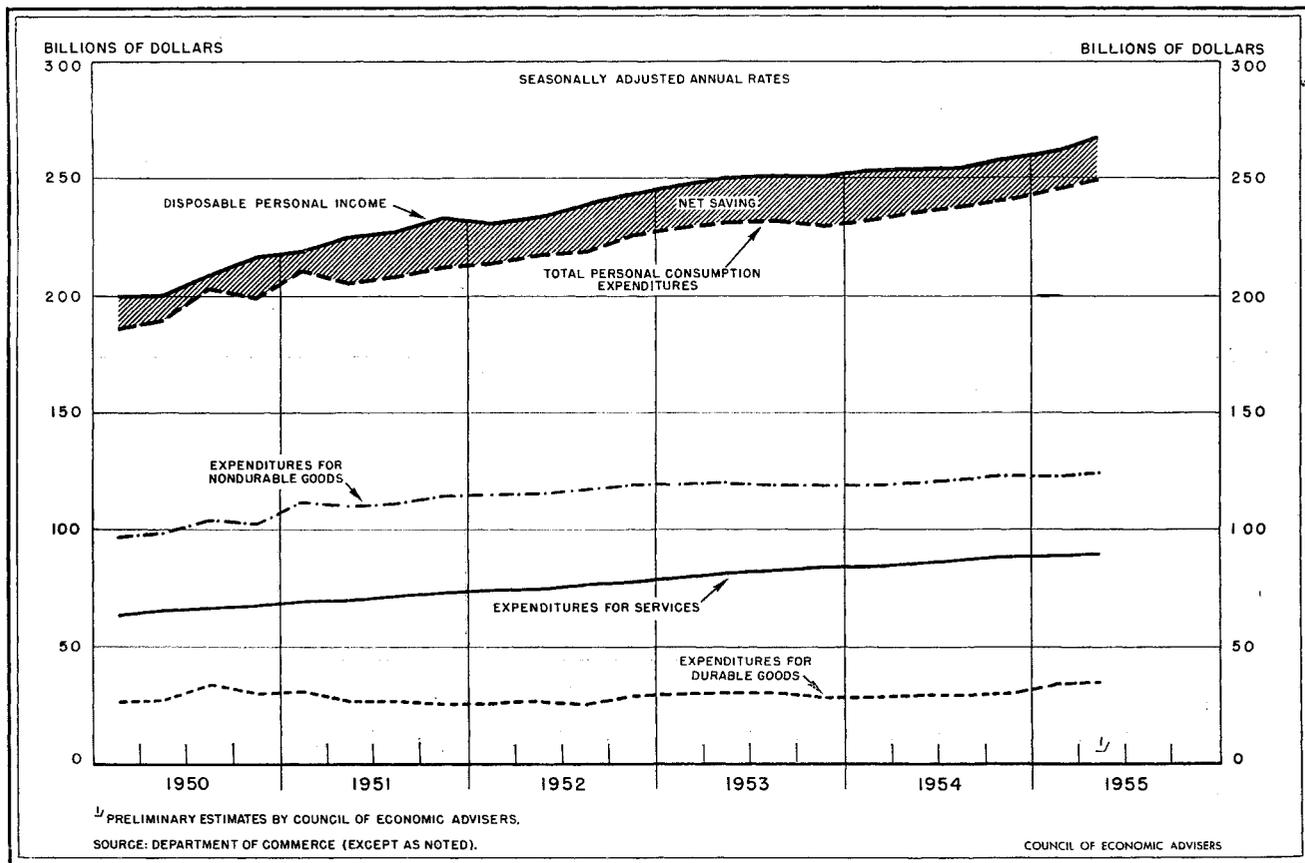
Period	Total personal income	Labor income (wage and salary disbursements and other labor income) ¹	Proprietors' income		Rental income of persons	Dividends	Personal interest income	Transfer payments	Less: Personal contributions for social insurance	Nonagricultural personal income ²
			Farm	Business and professional						
1939	72.9	46.6	4.3	7.3	2.7	3.8	5.8	3.0	0.6	67.1
1946	178.0	113.8	13.9	21.3	6.2	5.8	7.6	11.4	2.0	161.1
1948	208.7	137.9	16.7	21.6	7.2	7.2	9.0	11.3	2.2	188.5
1949	206.8	137.4	12.7	21.4	7.9	7.5	9.8	12.4	2.2	190.8
1950	227.1	150.3	13.3	22.9	8.5	9.2	10.6	³ 15.1	2.9	210.5
1951	255.3	175.6	16.0	24.8	9.1	9.1	11.6	12.6	3.4	235.7
1952	271.1	190.5	14.3	25.7	9.9	9.0	12.3	13.2	3.8	253.1
1953	286.2	204.6	12.3	25.9	10.3	9.3	13.8	14.0	3.9	270.2
1954	287.6	202.8	12.0	25.9	10.5	10.0	14.7	16.2	4.5	271.9
Seasonally adjusted annual rates										
1954: April	286.4	201.7	12.1	25.8	10.5	9.8	14.7	16.4	4.5	270.4
May	286.7	202.2	11.8	25.7	10.5	9.8	14.7	16.5	4.5	271.0
June	286.7	202.4	11.7	26.0	10.5	9.9	14.7	16.0	4.5	272.1
July	287.1	203.2	11.0	26.0	10.6	9.9	14.7	16.1	4.4	272.1
August	286.7	202.4	11.6	25.9	10.6	9.9	14.7	16.1	4.6	271.5
September	287.9	202.4	12.5	26.0	10.6	10.0	14.7	16.3	4.5	272.1
October	288.4	203.5	10.9	26.0	10.7	10.1	14.8	17.0	4.5	273.8
November	290.8	205.3	11.3	26.3	10.7	10.1	14.8	16.8	4.5	275.9
December	293.4	205.5	11.5	26.7	10.7	11.7	14.9	17.1	4.6	278.1
1955: January	292.2	206.1	11.7	26.6	10.7	10.1	14.9	17.0	5.0	276.5
February	293.2	207.1	11.7	26.4	10.7	10.2	15.1	17.0	5.0	277.7
March	295.7	209.4	11.1	26.7	10.7	10.4	15.2	17.4	5.1	280.9
April	298.9	211.5	11.4	26.9	10.6	10.6	15.3	17.6	5.1	283.7
May ⁴	301.1	214.0	10.8	27.2	10.6	10.8	15.4	17.6	5.2	286.6

¹ Compensation of employees (see p. 3) excluding employer contributions for social insurance.
² Personal income exclusive of net income of unincorporated farm enterprises, farm wages, agricultural net interest, and net dividends paid by agricultural corporations.
³ Includes \$2.7 billion National Service Life Insurance dividend, most of which was paid in the first half of the year.
⁴ Preliminary estimates.
 Note.—The figures beginning with 1952 have been revised. For details, see *Survey of Current Business*, July 1955.
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Source: Department of Commerce.

DISPOSITION OF PERSONAL INCOME

Disposable personal income rose by \$6 billion (seasonally adjusted annual rate) in the second quarter of this year, according to preliminary estimates. Consumer expenditures rose less than disposable income, and the rate of consumer saving rose to about the level registered in the last half of 1954.



Period	Personal income	Less:		Equals: Disposable personal income	Less: Personal consumption expenditures				Equals:		Saving as percent of disposable income
		Personal taxes ¹			Total	Durable goods	Non-durable goods	Services	Personal saving		
Billions of dollars											
1939.....	72.9	2.4	70.4	67.6	6.7	35.1	25.8	2.9		4.1	
1946.....	178.0	18.8	159.2	146.6	15.9	84.5	46.2	12.6		7.9	
1947.....	190.5	21.5	169.0	165.0	20.6	93.1	51.3	4.0		2.4	
1948.....	208.7	21.1	187.6	177.6	22.2	98.7	56.7	10.0		5.3	
1949.....	206.8	18.7	188.2	180.6	23.6	96.9	60.1	7.6		4.0	
1950.....	227.1	20.9	206.1	194.0	28.6	100.4	65.0	12.1		5.9	
1951.....	255.3	29.3	226.1	208.3	27.1	111.1	70.1	17.7		7.8	
1952.....	271.1	34.4	236.7	218.3	26.6	116.0	75.7	18.4		7.8	
1953.....	286.2	35.8	250.4	230.6	29.8	118.9	81.8	19.8		7.9	
1954.....	287.6	32.8	254.8	236.5	29.3	120.9	86.4	18.3		7.2	
Billions of dollars, seasonally adjusted annual rates											
1954: First quarter.....	285.8	32.7	253.1	232.2	28.3	119.2	84.7	21.0		8.3	
Second quarter.....	286.6	32.7	253.9	235.1	29.0	120.4	85.7	18.8		7.4	
Third quarter.....	287.3	32.8	254.5	237.9	29.4	121.5	87.0	16.6		6.5	
Fourth quarter.....	290.8	33.1	257.8	241.0	30.4	122.5	88.1	16.8		6.5	
1955: First quarter.....	293.6	32.6	261.0	245.8	34.4	122.4	89.0	15.3		5.9	
Second quarter ²	300.3	33.3	267.0	249.5	35.0	124.5	90.0	17.5		6.6	

¹ Includes such items as fines, penalties, and donations.

² Preliminary estimates by Council of Economic Advisers.

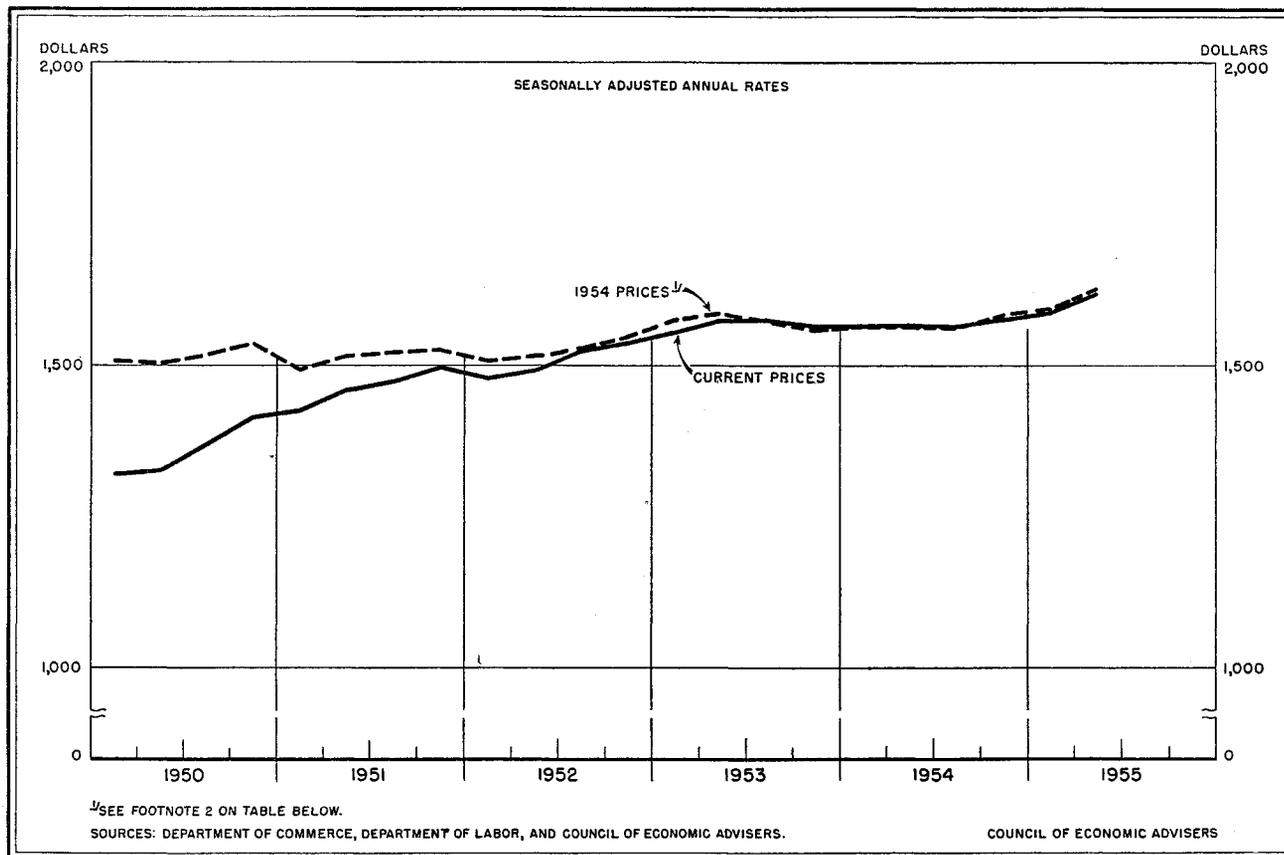
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PER CAPITA DISPOSABLE INCOME

According to preliminary estimates, per capita disposable income (seasonally adjusted) reached another record level in the second quarter of this year. In constant prices, it exceeded that of the corresponding quarter of 1954 by 4 percent.



Period	Total disposable personal income (billions of dollars) ¹		Per capita disposable personal income (dollars) ¹		Population (thousands) ³
	Current prices	1954 prices ²	Current prices	1954 prices ²	
1939.....	70.4	136.3	538	1,041	131,028
1946.....	159.2	219.3	1,126	1,551	141,389
1947.....	169.0	203.1	1,173	1,410	144,126
1948.....	187.6	209.6	1,279	1,429	146,631
1949.....	188.2	212.1	1,261	1,422	149,188
1950.....	206.1	230.3	1,359	1,518	151,683
1951.....	226.1	233.8	1,465	1,515	154,360
1952.....	236.7	239.4	1,508	1,525	157,028
1953.....	250.4	251.1	1,568	1,573	159,643
1954.....	254.8	254.8	1,569	1,569	162,409
Seasonally adjusted annual rates					
1954: First quarter.....	253.1	252.6	1,568	1,565	161,439
Second quarter.....	253.9	253.6	1,567	1,565	162,075
Third quarter.....	254.5	254.2	1,563	1,561	162,806
Fourth quarter.....	257.8	258.6	1,576	1,581	163,582
1955: First quarter.....	261.0	262.0	1,589	1,595	164,262
Second quarter ⁴	267.0	268.3	1,619	1,627	164,911

¹ Income less taxes.

² Dollar estimates in current prices divided by consumer price index on base 1954=100.

³ Includes armed forces overseas. Annual data as of July 1; quarterly data centered in the middle of the period, interpolated from monthly figures.

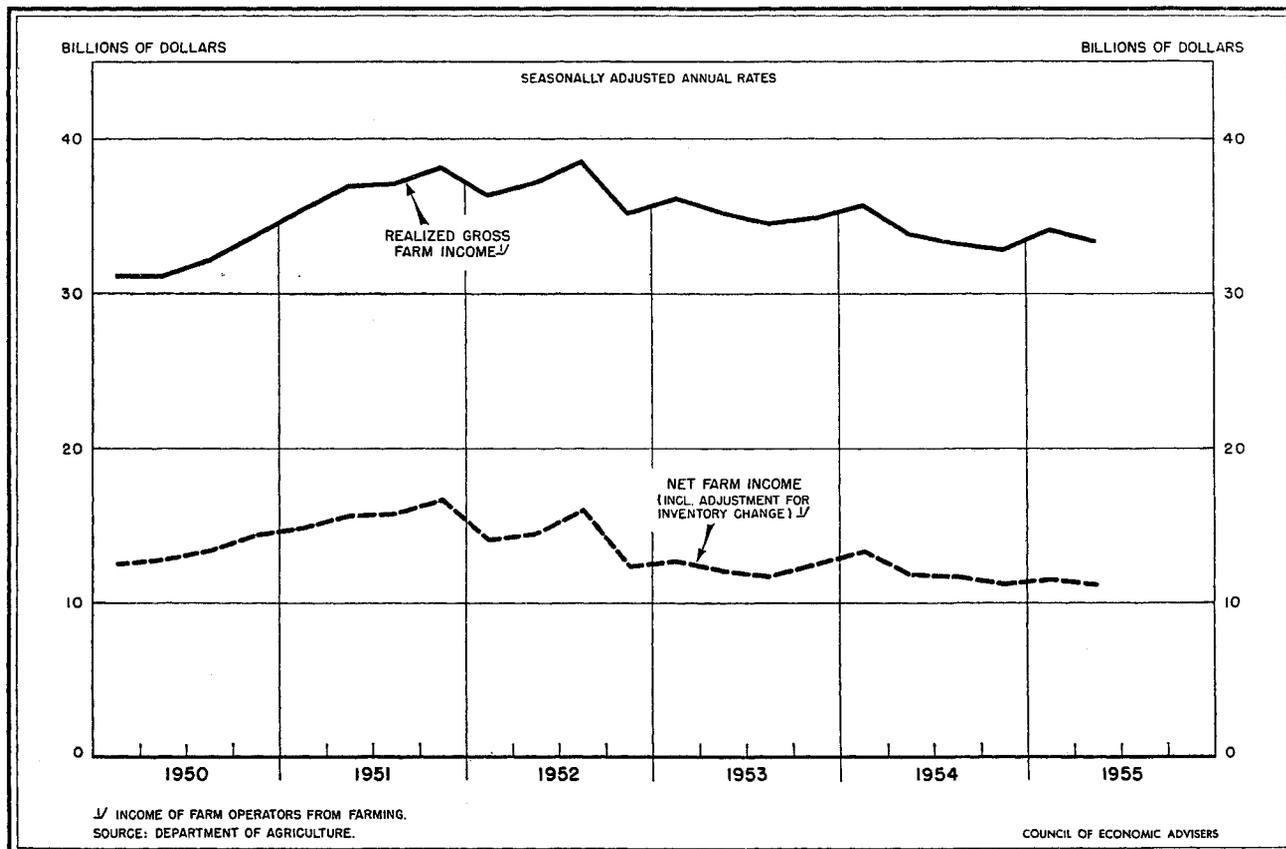
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Sources: Department of Commerce, Department of Labor, and Council of Economic Advisers.

FARM INCOME

According to preliminary estimates, gross and net farm income (seasonally adjusted) declined again in the second quarter.



Period	Farm operators' income						Number of farms (thousands) ⁶
	Realized gross farm income ¹	Farm production expenses	Net income ²		Net income per farm (including adjustment for inventory change)		
			Excluding adjustment for inventory change ³	Including adjustment for inventory change ⁴	Current prices	1954 prices ⁵	
Billions of dollars				Dollars			
1939.....	10.4	6.1	4.3	4.3	670	1,523	6,441
1946.....	39.0	14.8	14.2	13.9	2,353	3,180	5,927
1947.....	34.0	17.2	16.8	14.5	2,466	2,867	5,873
1948.....	34.5	18.9	15.6	16.7	2,884	3,135	5,804
1949.....	31.8	18.2	13.6	12.7	2,222	2,497	5,723
1950.....	32.1	19.7	12.4	13.3	2,352	2,613	5,648
1951.....	36.9	22.4	14.5	15.8	2,819	2,877	5,596
1952.....	36.8	23.2	13.6	14.3	2,579	2,605	5,535
1953.....	35.3	22.4	12.9	12.3	2,235	2,258	5,482
1954.....	34.0	22.4	11.6	12.0	2,212	2,212	5,425
Seasonally adjusted annual rates							
1954: First quarter.....	35.8	22.7	13.1	13.2	2,433	2,458	5,425
Second quarter.....	33.9	22.5	11.4	11.9	2,194	2,194	5,425
Third quarter.....	33.3	22.2	11.1	11.7	2,157	2,136	5,425
Fourth quarter.....	32.9	22.1	10.8	11.2	2,065	2,086	5,425
1955: First quarter.....	34.2	22.7	11.5	11.5	2,144	2,166	⁷ 5,365
Second quarter.....	33.4	22.4	11.0	11.0	2,050	2,050	⁷ 5,365

¹ Includes cash receipts from farm marketings, value of farm products consumed directly in farm households, gross rental value of farm dwellings, and Government payments to farmers.

² Excludes (a) farm wages paid to workers living on farms and (b) any income to farm people from nonfarm sources. These items in 1954 were as follows: (a) 2.1 billion dollars and (b) 5.7 billion dollars.

³ Realized gross income less farm production expenses.

⁴ Same as farm proprietors' income on pages 3 and 4 except for 1951, which includes revisions by the Department of Agriculture not yet incorporated into the national income accounts of the Department of Commerce.

⁵ Dollar estimates in current prices divided by index of prices paid by farmers for items used in family living, on base 1954=100.

⁶ For the quarterly data, the number of farms is held constant within a given year.

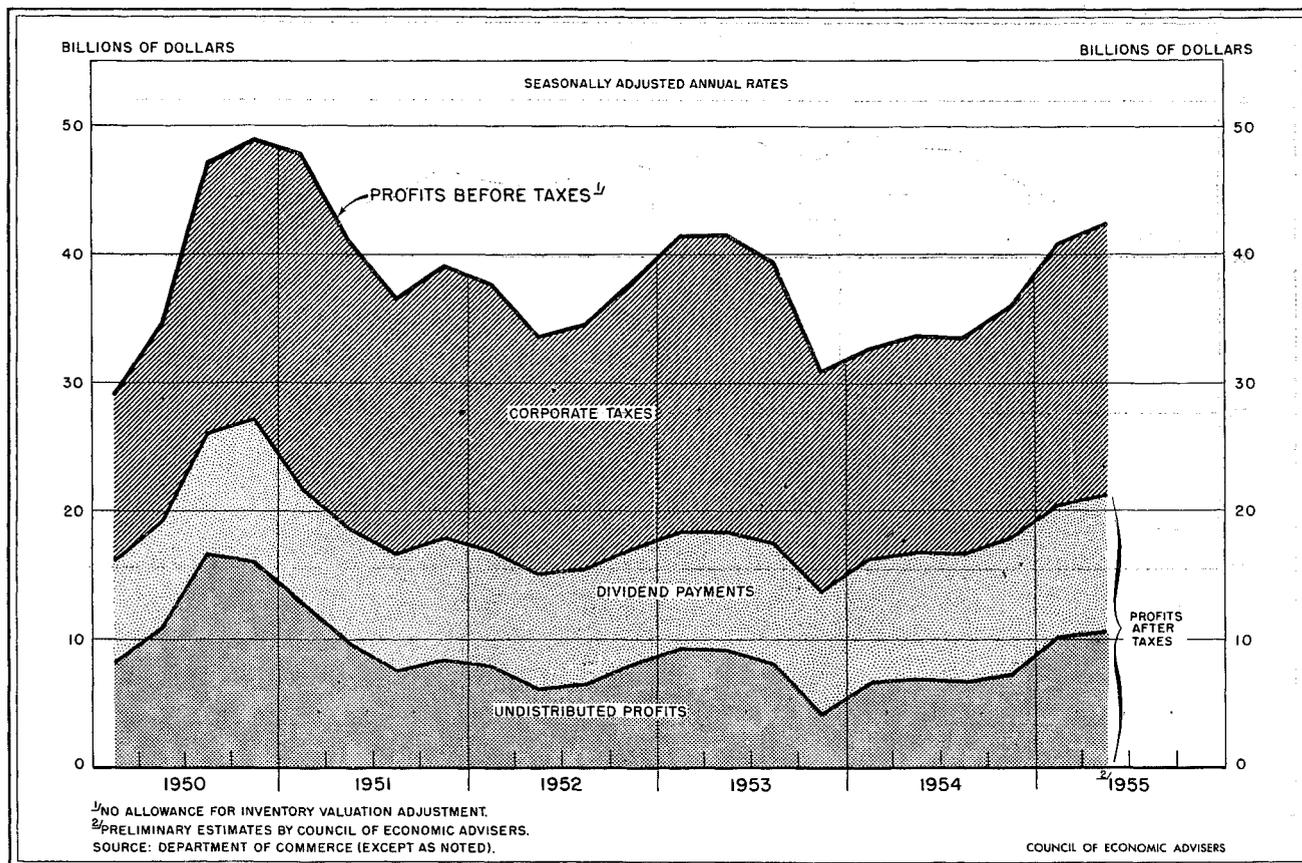
⁷ Estimate by Council of Economic Advisers.

NOTE.—Estimates for 1952-55 reflect interim revisions made in connection with the annual report on national income by the Department of Commerce. Final revisions will be completed by the Department of Agriculture in October.

Source: Department of Agriculture (except as noted).

CORPORATE PROFITS

Corporate profits (seasonally adjusted), both before and after taxes, continued to rise in the second quarter of 1955, according to preliminary estimates.



[Billions of dollars]

Period	Corporate profits before taxes	Corporate tax liability	Corporate profits after taxes		
			Total	Dividend payments	Undistributed profits
1939	6.4	1.4	5.0	3.8	1.2
1946	22.6	9.1	13.4	5.8	7.7
1947	29.5	11.3	18.2	6.5	11.7
1948	32.8	12.5	20.3	7.2	13.0
1949	26.2	10.4	15.8	7.5	8.3
1950	40.0	17.8	22.1	9.2	12.9
1951	41.2	22.5	18.7	9.1	9.6
1952	35.9	19.8	16.1	9.0	7.1
1953	38.3	21.3	17.0	9.3	7.7
1954	34.0	17.1	17.0	10.0	7.0
Seasonally adjusted annual rates					
1954: First quarter	32.7	16.4	16.3	9.7	6.6
Second quarter	33.7	16.9	16.8	9.8	7.0
Third quarter	33.5	16.8	16.7	10.0	6.7
Fourth quarter	36.0	18.1	17.9	10.6	7.3
1955: First quarter	40.9	20.5	20.4	10.2	10.2
Second quarter ¹	42.5	21.3	21.2	10.6	10.6

¹ Preliminary estimates by Council of Economic Advisers.

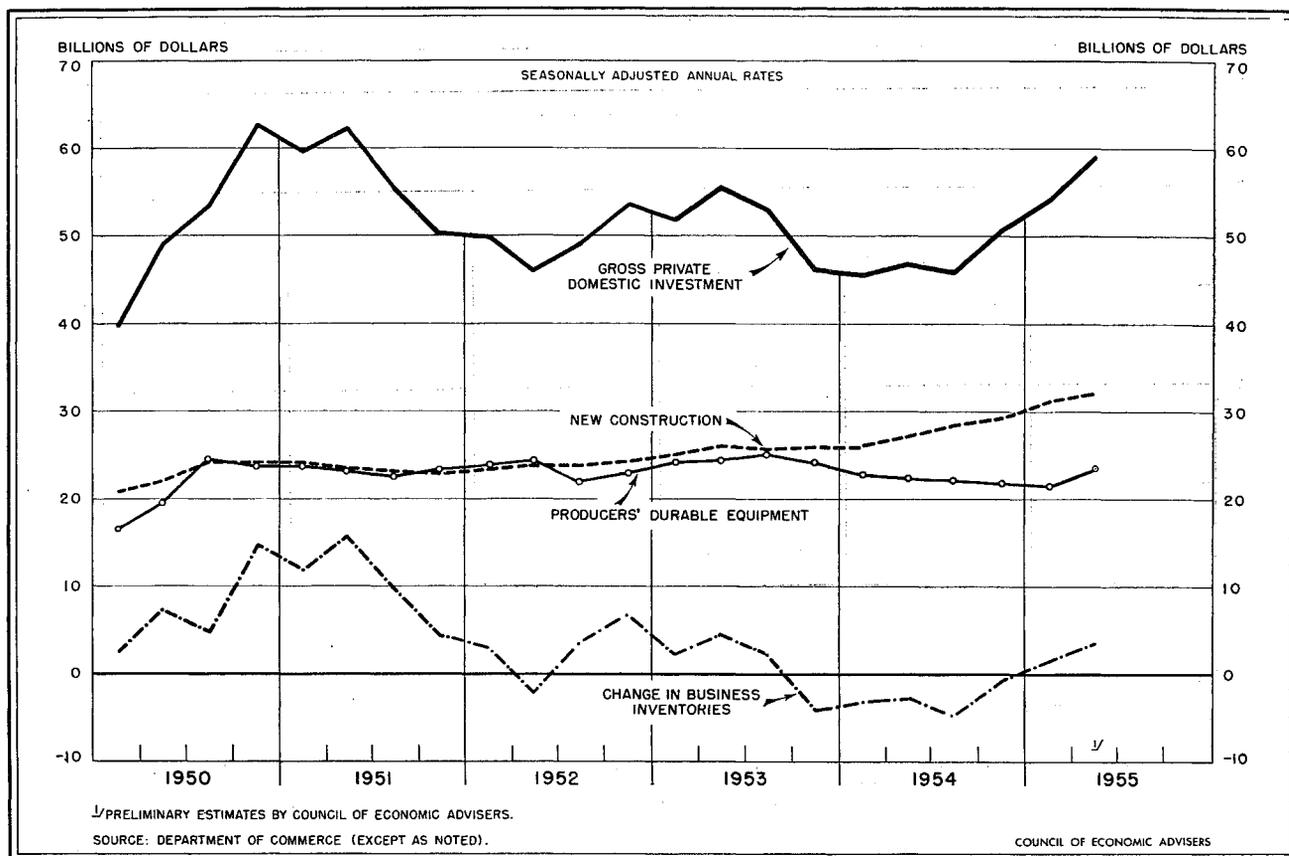
NOTE.—The figures beginning with 1952 have been revised. For details, see *Survey of Current Business*, July 1955. See p. 3 for profits before taxes and after inventory valuation adjustment.

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Source: Department of Commerce (except as noted).

GROSS PRIVATE DOMESTIC INVESTMENT

According to preliminary estimates, gross private domestic investment increased by almost \$5 billion (seasonally adjusted annual rate) in the second quarter of 1955. Investment in inventories and producers' equipment rose considerably and construction continued to increase.



[Billions of dollars]

Period	Total gross private domestic investment	Fixed investment					Change in business inventories		
		Total	New construction			Producers' durable equipment	Total	Non-farm	
			Total	Residential nonfarm	Commercial and industrial ¹				All other ²
1939	9.3	8.9	4.8	2.7	1.2	0.8	4.2	0.4	0.3
1946	27.1	21.0	10.3	4.0	4.2	2.1	10.7	6.1	6.4
1947	29.7	30.7	14.0	6.3	4.9	2.8	16.7	-1.0	1.3
1948	41.2	37.0	17.9	8.6	5.7	3.6	19.1	4.2	3.0
1949	32.5	35.3	17.5	8.3	5.3	3.9	17.8	-2.7	-1.9
1950	51.2	43.9	22.7	12.6	5.7	4.5	21.1	7.4	6.4
1951	56.9	46.5	23.3	11.0	7.2	5.1	23.2	10.4	9.0
1952	49.6	46.8	23.7	11.1	7.5	5.2	23.1	2.8	2.1
1953	51.4	50.2	25.8	11.9	8.4	5.4	24.4	1.2	1.9
1954	47.2	50.1	27.8	13.5	8.6	5.7	22.3	-2.9	-3.2
Seasonally adjusted annual rates									
1954: First quarter	45.5	48.8	25.9	11.8	8.5	5.6	22.9	-3.2	-3.4
Second quarter	46.9	49.7	27.3	13.0	8.5	5.8	22.4	-2.7	-3.2
Third quarter	45.9	50.7	28.5	14.2	8.6	5.7	22.2	-4.9	-5.4
Fourth quarter	50.7	51.3	29.4	15.0	8.7	5.7	21.9	-.6	-1.0
1955: First quarter	54.1	52.7	31.2	16.0	9.3	5.9	21.5	1.5	1.5
Second quarter ³	59.0	55.5	32.0	16.3	9.8	5.9	23.5	3.5	3.5

¹ Includes public utility.

² Includes petroleum and natural gas well drilling.

³ Preliminary estimates by Council of Economic Advisers.

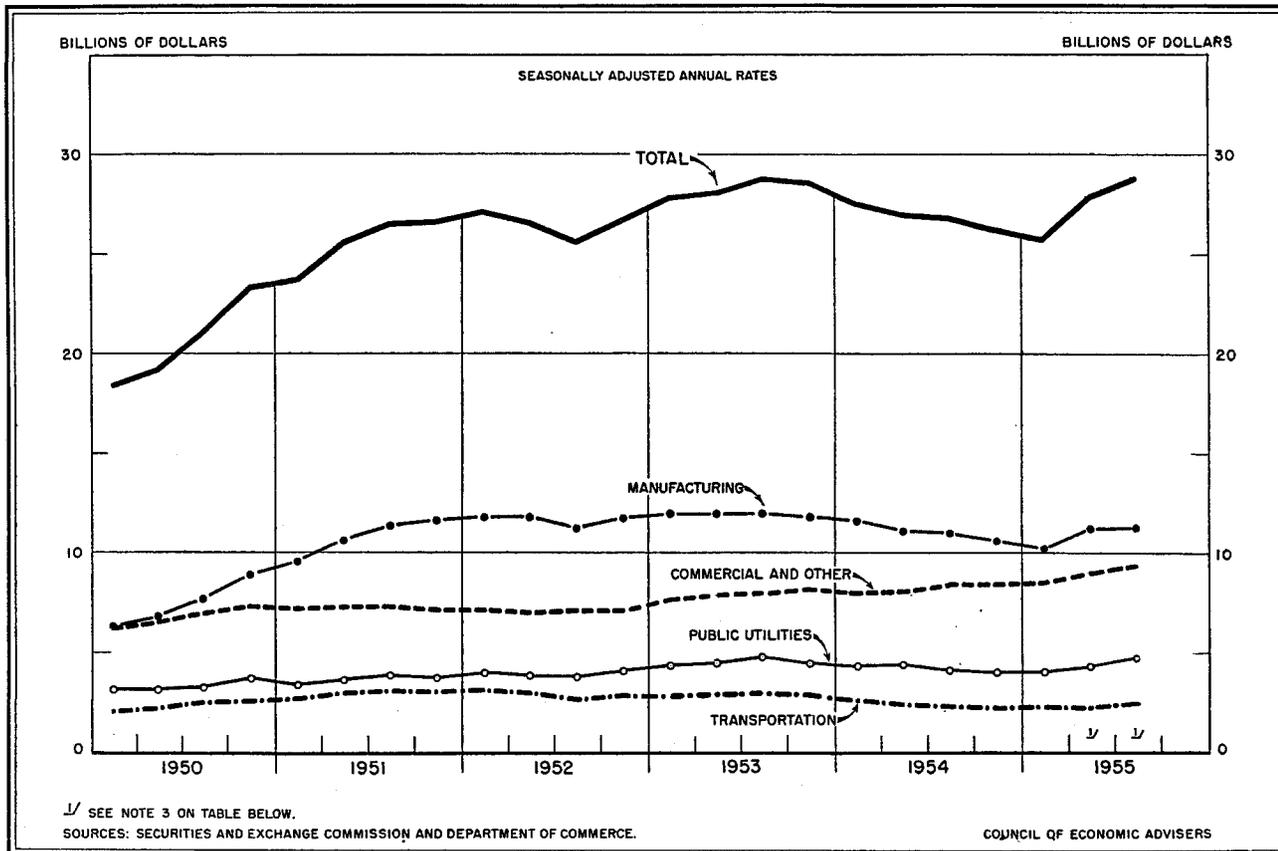
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Source: Department of Commerce (except as noted).

EXPENDITURES FOR NEW PLANT AND EQUIPMENT

According to a survey made in April and May, expenditures for new plant and equipment were expected to increase 9 percent between the first and second quarters—the largest quarterly rise since the last half of 1950. Plans for the third quarter indicated an additional rise of 3 percent to a level of about \$29 billion (seasonally adjusted annual rate), equaling the previous peak in the third quarter of 1953.



[Billions of dollars]

Period	Total ¹	Manufacturing			Mining	Transportation		Public utilities	Commercial and other ²
		Total	Durable goods	Nondurable goods		Railroads	Other		
1939	5.51	1.94	0.76	1.19	0.33	0.28	0.36	0.52	2.08
1946	14.85	6.79	3.11	3.68	.43	.58	.92	.79	5.33
1947	20.61	8.70	3.41	5.30	.69	.89	1.30	1.54	7.49
1948	22.06	9.13	3.48	5.65	.88	1.32	1.28	2.54	6.90
1949	19.28	7.15	2.59	4.56	.79	1.35	.89	3.12	5.98
1950	20.60	7.49	3.14	4.36	.71	1.11	1.21	3.31	6.78
1951	25.64	10.85	5.17	5.68	.93	1.47	1.49	3.66	7.24
1952	26.49	11.63	5.61	6.02	.98	1.40	1.50	3.89	7.09
1953	28.32	11.91	5.65	6.26	.99	1.31	1.56	4.55	8.00
1954	26.83	11.04	5.09	5.95	.98	.85	1.51	4.22	8.23
Seasonally adjusted annual rates									
1954: First quarter	27.46	11.62	5.40	6.22	.94	1.04	1.57	4.33	7.97
Second quarter	26.92	11.09	5.18	5.90	1.04	.91	1.44	4.37	8.07
Third quarter	26.84	10.98	5.06	5.93	1.00	.80	1.51	4.12	8.42
Fourth quarter	26.18	10.58	4.80	5.79	.91	.68	1.53	4.01	8.46
1955: First quarter	25.65	10.17	4.78	5.39	.80	.74	1.46	4.01	8.46
Second quarter ³	27.86	11.22	5.21	6.01	.94	.80	1.58	4.37	8.96
Third quarter ³	28.83	11.30	5.38	5.92	.95	.86	1.62	4.77	9.34

¹ Excludes agriculture.

² Commercial and other includes trade, service, finance, communications, and construction.

³ Estimates based on anticipated capital expenditures as reported by business in April and May 1955.

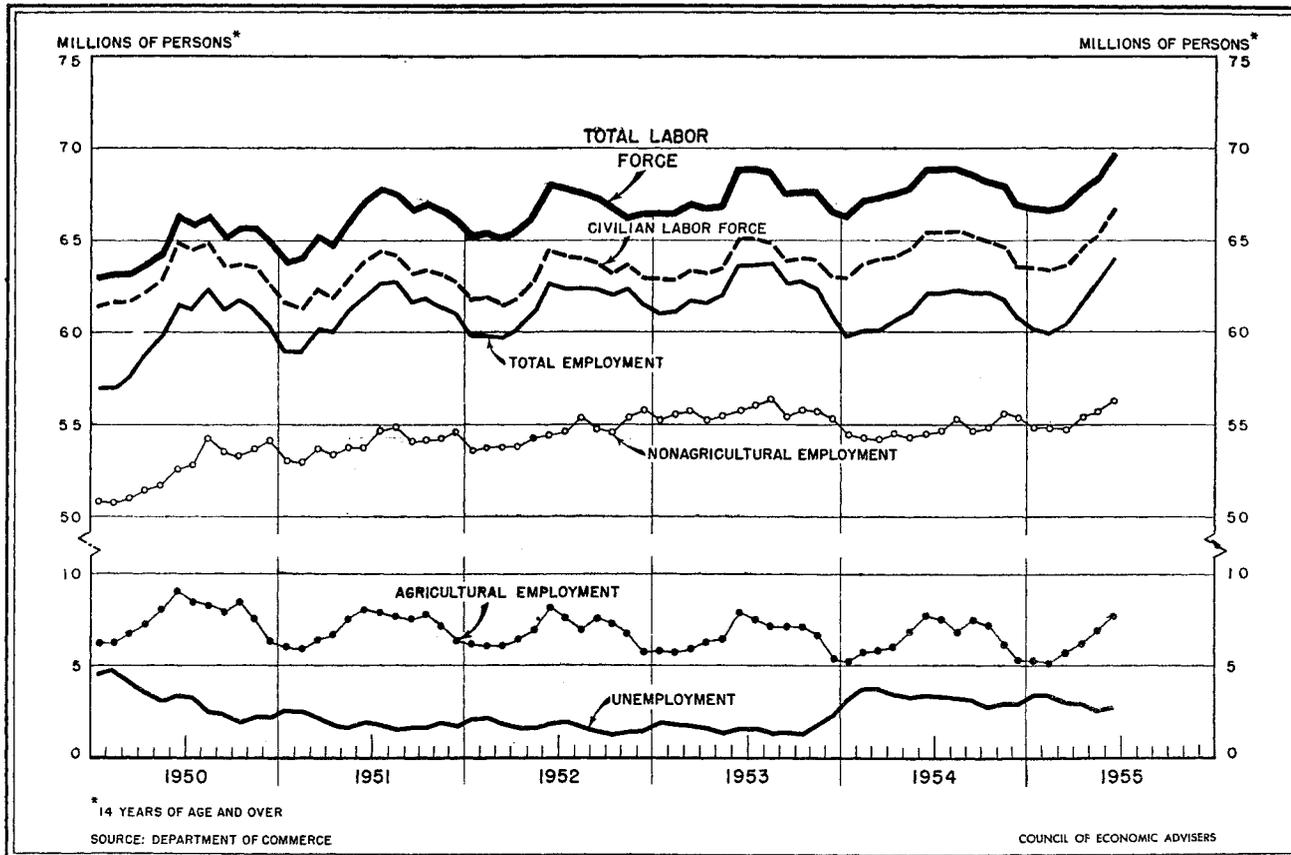
Note.—These figures do not agree with the totals included in the gross national product estimates of the Department of Commerce, principally because the latter cover agricultural investment and also certain equipment and construction outlays charged to current expense.

Detail will not necessarily add to totals because of rounding.

Sources: Securities and Exchange Commission and Department of Commerce.

EMPLOYMENT, UNEMPLOYMENT, AND WAGES STATUS OF THE LABOR FORCE

Employment rose between early May and early June to an all-time high of 64 million. Unemployment rose as young workers sought jobs at the close of school, but the rise was smaller than usual at this time of year.



Period	Total labor force (including armed forces)	Civilian labor force	Employment ¹			Temporary layoffs ²	Unemployment ³		Insured unemployment ⁴	
			Total	Agricultural	Nonagricultural		Number	% of civilian labor force	Thousands of persons (all programs)	% of covered employment (State programs)
Thousands of persons 14 years of age and over										
68-area sample: ⁵										
1939-----	55,600	55,230	45,750	9,610	36,140	-----	9,480	17.2	-----	5.1
1949-----	63,721	62,105	58,710	8,026	50,684	185	3,305	5.5	2,470	6.2
1950-----	64,749	63,099	59,957	7,507	52,450	92	3,142	5.0	1,599	4.6
1951-----	65,982	62,884	61,005	7,054	53,951	117	1,879	3.0	996	2.8
1952-----	66,560	62,966	61,293	6,805	54,488	142	1,673	2.7	1,064	2.9
1953-----	67,362	63,815	62,213	6,562	55,651	142	1,602	2.5	1,058	2.8
230-area sample: ³										
1954-----	67,818	64,468	61,238	6,504	54,734	221	3,230	5.0	2,039	5.2
1954: May-----	67,786	64,425	61,119	6,822	54,297	294	3,305	5.1	2,244	5.7
June-----	68,788	65,445	62,098	7,628	54,470	229	3,347	5.1	2,082	5.3
July-----	68,824	65,494	62,148	7,486	54,661	298	3,347	5.1	2,037	5.1
August-----	68,856	65,522	62,277	6,928	55,349	143	3,245	5.0	1,871	4.6
September-----	68,566	65,244	62,145	7,527	54,618	198	3,100	4.8	1,752	4.3
October-----	68,190	64,882	62,141	7,239	54,902	136	2,741	4.2	1,631	4.0
November-----	67,909	64,624	61,732	6,154	55,577	120	2,893	4.5	1,643	4.0
December-----	66,811	63,526	60,688	5,325	55,363	137	2,838	4.5	1,869	4.6
1955: January-----	66,700	63,497	60,150	5,297	54,853	251	3,347	5.3	2,201	5.5
February-----	66,550	63,321	59,938	5,084	54,854	145	3,383	5.3	2,109	5.2
March-----	66,840	63,654	60,477	5,692	54,785	75	3,176	5.0	1,875	4.7
April-----	67,781	64,647	61,685	6,215	55,470	108	2,962	4.6	1,651	4.1
May-----	68,256	65,192	62,703	6,963	55,740	133	2,489	3.8	1,392	3.6
June-----	69,692	66,696	64,016	7,681	56,335	107	2,679	4.0	⁶ 1,225	3.2

¹ Includes part-time workers and those with jobs but not at work for such reasons as vacations, illness, bad weather, temporary layoff, and industrial disputes; excludes armed forces.

² Shown separately so as to afford a basis for further analysis of employment and unemployment.

³ See footnote 2.

⁴ Weekly average.

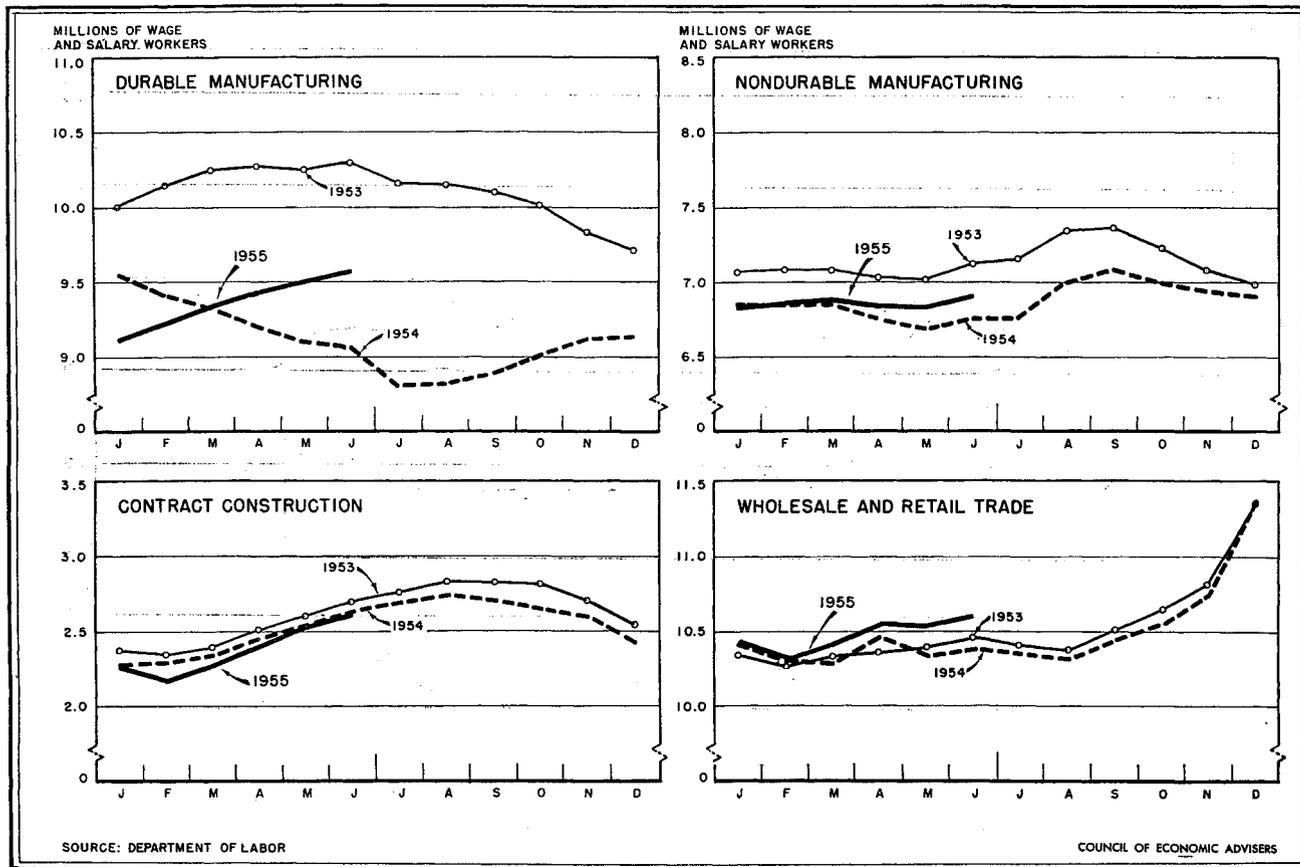
⁵ Pertains to labor force data only.

⁶ Preliminary estimate.

Sources: Department of Commerce (labor force) and Department of Labor (insured unemployment).

NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT

Employment in nonagricultural establishments (seasonally adjusted) rose 116,000 from May to June. Employment rose more than seasonally in durable goods manufacturing and slightly less than seasonally in nondurable goods manufacturing.



[Thousands of wage and salary workers ¹]

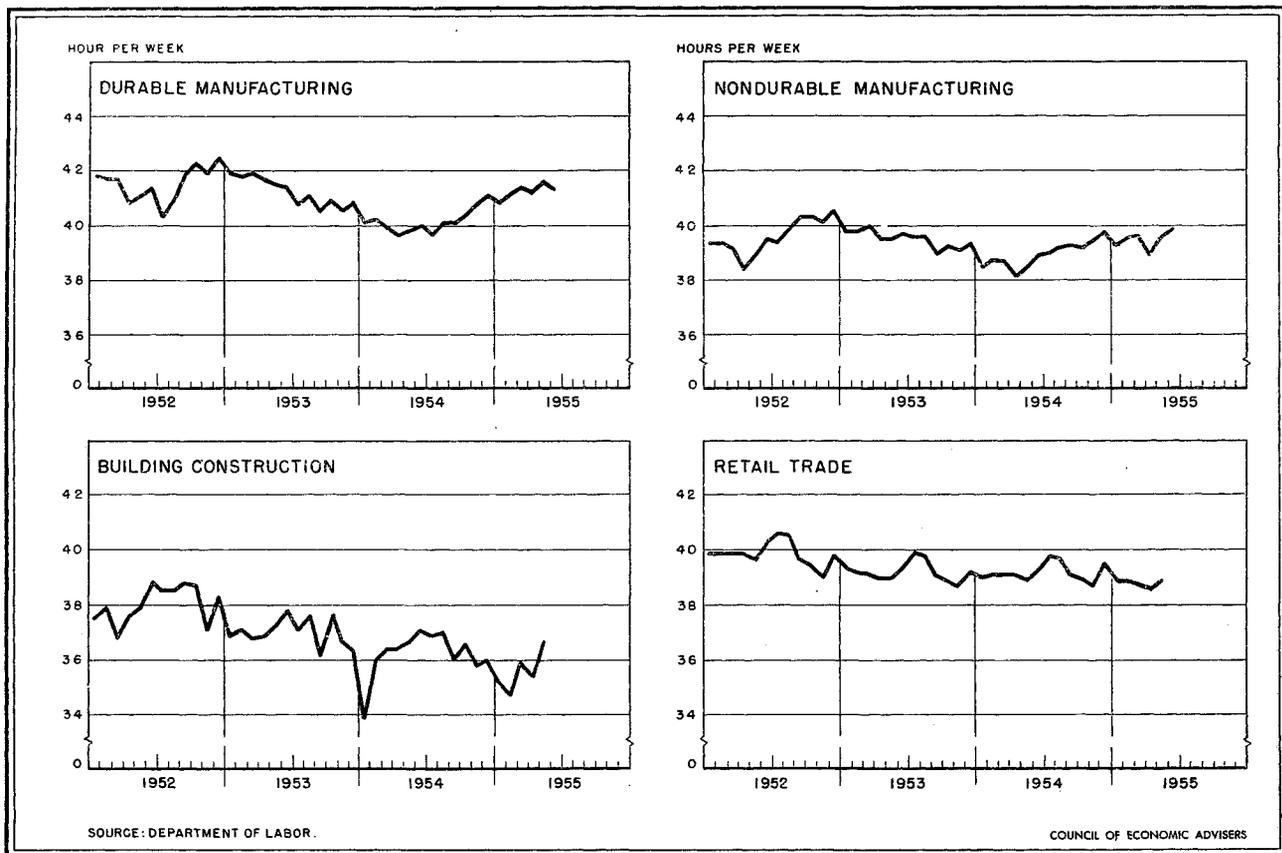
Period	Total adjusted for seasonal variation	Total	Manufacturing			Mining	Contract construction	Wholesale and retail trade	Government (Federal, State, local)	Other
			Total	Durable goods	Nondurable goods					
Not adjusted for seasonal variation										
1939		30,311	10,078	4,683	5,394	845	1,150	6,612	3,995	7,632
1946		41,287	14,461	7,739	6,722	852	1,661	8,602	5,595	10,116
1948		44,448	15,321	8,312	7,010	982	2,169	9,519	5,650	10,807
1949		43,315	14,178	7,473	6,705	918	2,165	9,513	5,856	10,686
1950		44,738	14,967	8,085	6,882	889	2,333	9,645	6,026	10,878
1952		48,303	16,334	9,340	6,994	885	2,634	10,281	6,609	11,563
1953		49,681	17,238	10,105	7,133	852	2,622	10,527	6,645	11,797
1954		48,285	15,989	9,120	6,870	770	2,527	10,498	6,751	11,751
1954: May	48,183	47,939	15,781	9,095	6,686	761	2,542	10,351	6,736	11,768
June	48,170	48,200	15,835	9,066	6,769	771	2,629	10,389	6,716	11,860
July	48,048	47,866	15,584	8,811	6,773	760	2,686	10,351	6,551	11,934
August	48,029	48,123	15,822	8,820	7,002	763	2,735	10,321	6,563	11,919
September	48,020	48,490	15,972	8,887	7,085	744	2,698	10,447	6,746	11,883
October	48,129	48,580	16,007	9,002	7,005	743	2,652	10,548	6,829	11,801
November	48,386	48,808	16,057	9,121	6,936	749	2,598	10,745	6,917	11,742
December	48,380	49,463	16,050	9,144	6,906	747	2,426	10,354	7,166	11,720
1955: January	48,398	47,741	15,925	9,113	6,812	741	2,237	10,419	6,835	11,584
February	48,440	47,753	16,060	9,220	6,840	737	2,169	10,309	6,873	11,605
March	48,766	48,212	16,201	9,323	6,878	739	2,255	10,408	6,922	11,687
April	48,881	48,643	16,255	9,418	6,837	739	2,399	10,549	6,927	11,774
May ²	49,214	48,922	16,333	9,500	6,833	741	2,529	10,534	6,881	11,904
June ²	49,330	49,336	16,481	9,568	6,913	757	2,610	10,598	6,832	12,058

¹ Includes all full- and part-time wage and salary workers in nonagricultural establishments who worked during or received pay for any part of the pay period ending nearest the 15th of the month. Excludes proprietors, self-employed persons, domestic servants, and personnel of the armed forces. Total derived from this table not comparable with estimates of nonagricultural employment of the civilian labor force reported by the Department of Commerce (p. 11) which include proprietors, self-employed persons, and domestic servants; which count persons as employed when they are not at work because of industrial disputes; and which are based on an enumeration of population, whereas the estimates in this table are based on reports from employing establishments.

² Preliminary estimates.

AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS - SELECTED INDUSTRIES

The average workweek of factory production workers declined from 40.8 hours in May to 40.7 hours in June. A rise is usual at this time of year.



[Hours per week, for production workers or nonsupervisory employees]

Period	Manufacturing			Building construction	Retail trade
	Total	Durable goods	Nondurable goods		
1939	37.7	38.0	37.4	32.6	42.7
1946	40.4	40.2	40.5	38.1	40.7
1947	40.4	40.6	40.1	37.6	40.3
1948	40.1	40.5	39.6	¹ 37.3	40.3
1949	39.2	39.5	38.8	36.7	40.4
1950	40.5	41.2	39.7	36.3	40.5
1951	40.7	41.6	39.5	37.2	40.2
1952	40.7	41.5	39.6	38.1	39.9
1953	40.5	41.3	39.5	37.0	39.2
1954	39.7	40.2	39.0	36.2	39.2
1954: May	39.3	39.9	38.5	36.7	38.9
June	39.5	40.0	38.9	37.1	39.3
July	39.4	39.7	39.0	36.9	39.8
August	39.7	40.1	39.2	37.0	39.7
September	39.7	40.1	39.3	36.0	39.1
October	39.9	40.4	39.2	36.6	38.9
November	40.2	40.8	39.5	35.8	38.7
December	40.5	41.1	39.8	36.0	39.5
1955: January	40.2	40.9	39.3	35.1	38.9
February	40.4	41.1	39.5	34.7	38.9
March	40.6	41.4	39.7	35.9	38.8
April	40.3	41.2	39.0	35.4	38.6
May ²	40.8	41.6	39.6	36.7	38.9
June ²	40.7	41.3	39.9	(³)	(³)

¹ Data beginning with January 1948 are not strictly comparable with those for earlier periods.

² Preliminary estimates.

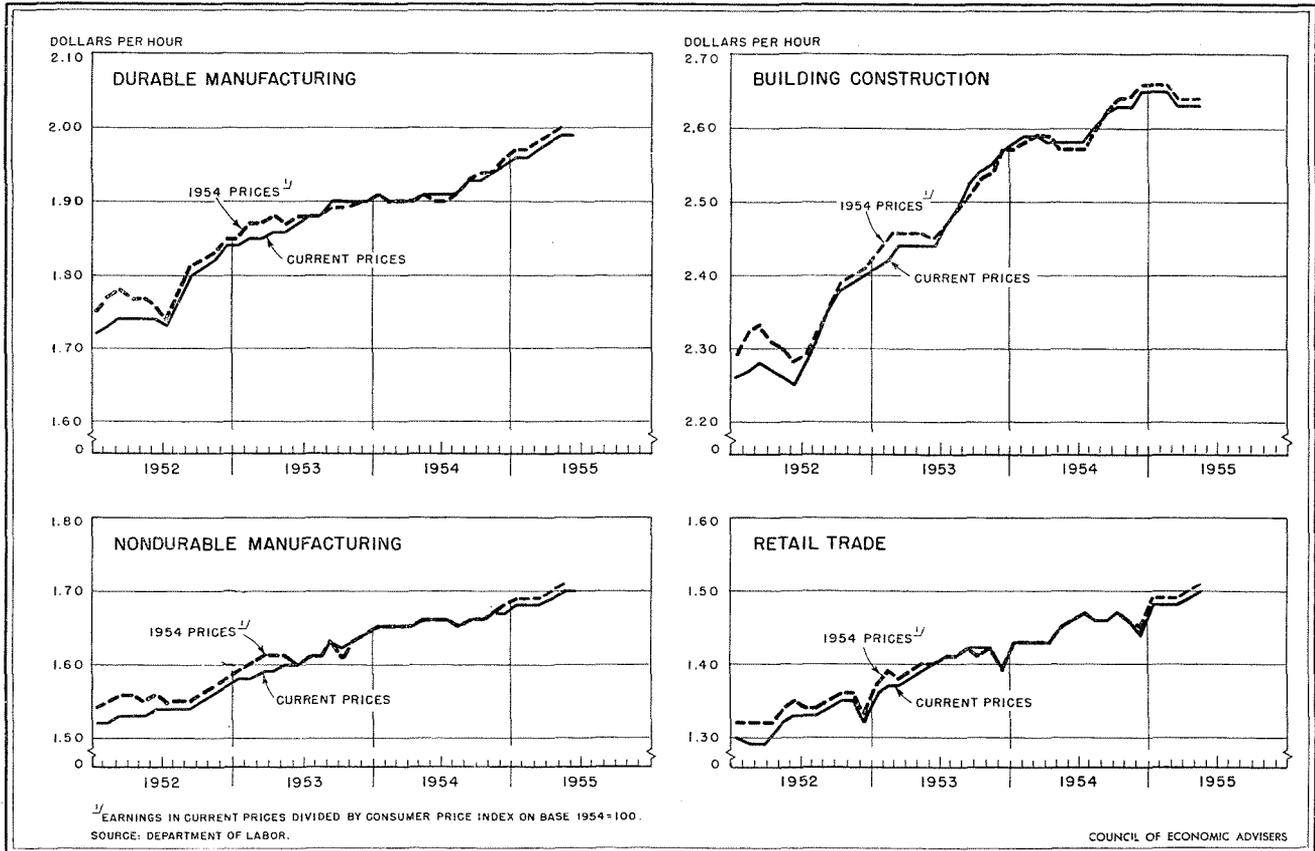
³ Not available.

Note.—Beginning with 1953, data are based on first quarter 1954 benchmark levels of employment.

Source: Department of Labor.

AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS - SELECTED INDUSTRIES

The average hourly earnings of production workers in manufacturing were \$1.87 in June, the same as in May and 6 cents more than in June of last year.



[For production workers or nonsupervisory employees]

Period	All manufacturing		Durable goods manufacturing		Nondurable goods manufacturing		Building construction		Retail trade	
	Current prices	1954 prices ¹	Current prices	1954 prices ¹	Current prices	1954 prices ¹	Current prices	1954 prices ¹	Current prices	1954 prices ¹
1939	\$0.633	\$1.224	\$0.698	\$1.350	\$0.582	\$1.126	\$0.932	\$1.803	\$0.542	\$1.048
1946	1.086	1.496	1.156	1.592	1.015	1.398	1.478	2.036	.893	1.230
1947	1.237	1.487	1.292	1.553	1.171	1.407	1.681	2.020	1.009	1.213
1948	1.350	1.508	1.410	1.575	1.278	1.428	² 1.848	² 2.065	1.088	1.216
1949	1.401	1.579	1.469	1.656	1.325	1.494	1.935	2.182	1.137	1.282
1950	1.465	1.637	1.537	1.717	1.378	1.540	2.031	2.269	1.176	1.314
1951	1.59	1.64	1.67	1.73	1.48	1.53	2.19	2.26	1.26	1.30
1952	1.67	1.69	1.77	1.79	1.54	1.56	2.31	2.34	1.32	1.33
1953	1.77	1.78	1.87	1.88	1.61	1.61	2.48	2.49	1.40	1.40
1954	1.81	1.81	1.92	1.92	1.66	1.66	2.60	2.60	1.45	1.45
1954: May	1.81	1.81	1.91	1.91	1.66	1.66	2.58	2.57	1.45	1.45
June	1.81	1.80	1.91	1.90	1.66	1.66	2.58	2.57	1.46	1.46
July	1.80	1.79	1.91	1.90	1.66	1.66	2.58	2.57	1.47	1.47
August	1.79	1.79	1.91	1.91	1.65	1.65	2.60	2.59	1.46	1.46
September	1.81	1.81	1.93	1.93	1.66	1.66	2.62	2.62	1.46	1.46
October	1.81	1.82	1.93	1.94	1.66	1.66	2.63	2.64	1.47	1.47
November	1.83	1.83	1.94	1.94	1.67	1.67	2.63	2.64	1.46	1.46
December	1.83	1.84	1.95	1.96	1.67	1.68	2.65	2.66	1.44	1.45
1955: January	1.84	1.85	1.96	1.97	1.68	1.69	2.65	2.66	1.48	1.49
February	1.85	1.86	1.96	1.97	1.68	1.69	2.65	2.66	1.48	1.49
March	1.85	1.86	1.97	1.98	1.68	1.69	2.63	2.64	1.48	1.49
April	1.86	1.87	1.98	1.99	1.69	1.70	2.63	2.64	1.49	1.50
May ³	1.87	1.88	1.99	2.00	1.70	1.71	2.63	2.64	1.50	1.51
June ³	1.87	(⁴)	1.99	(⁴)	1.70	(⁴)	(⁴)	(⁴)	(⁴)	(⁴)

¹ Earnings in current prices divided by consumer price index on base 1954=100.

² Data beginning with January 1948 are not strictly comparable with those for earlier periods.

Note.—Beginning with 1953, data are based on first quarter 1954 benchmark levels of employment.

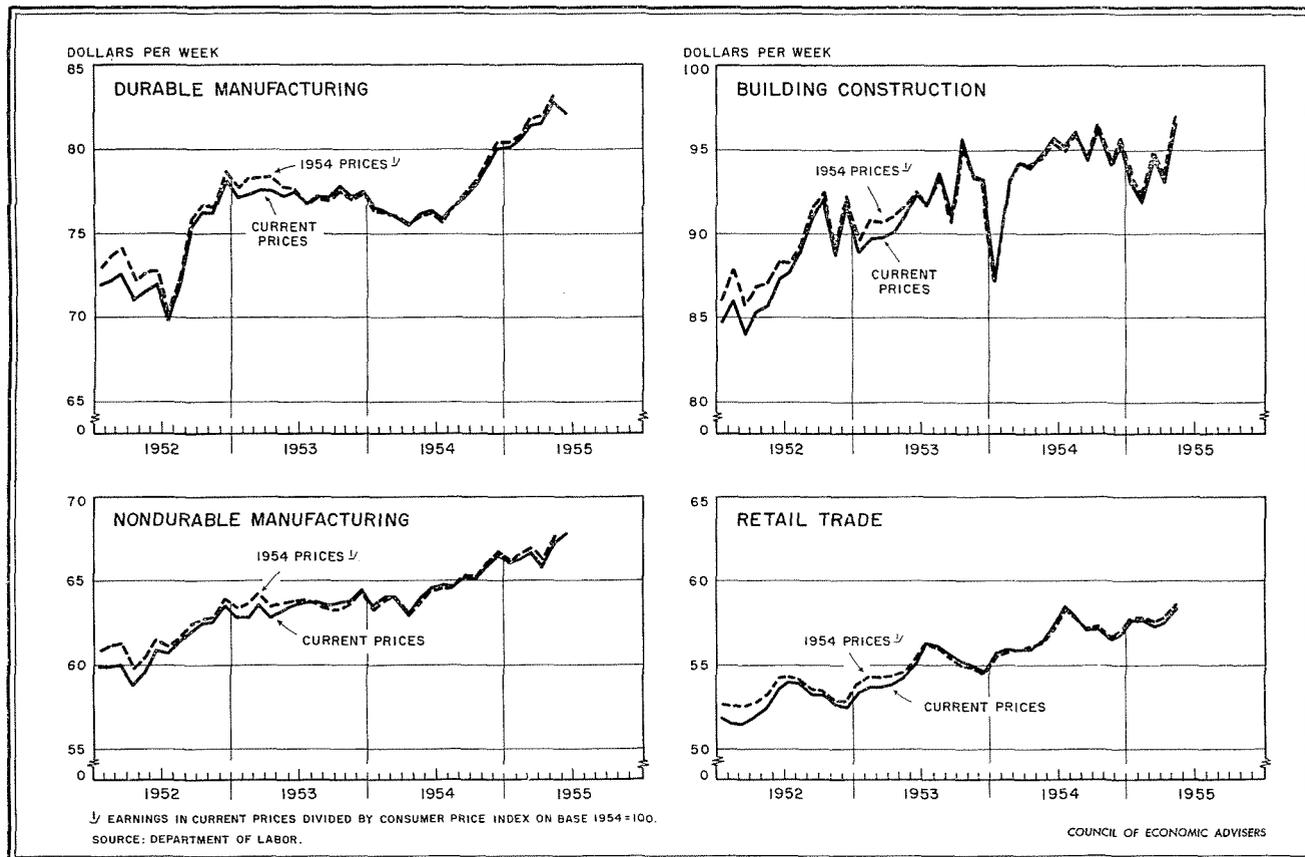
Source: Department of Labor.

³ Preliminary estimates.

⁴ Not available.

AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS - SELECTED INDUSTRIES

The average weekly earnings of factory production workers declined from \$76.30 in May to \$76.11 in June as a result of a slightly shorter workweek. The June figure was \$4.61 higher than a year earlier.



[For production workers or nonsupervisory employees]

Period	All manufacturing		Durable goods manufacturing		Nondurable goods manufacturing		Building construction		Retail trade	
	Current prices	1954 prices ¹	Current prices	1954 prices ¹	Current prices	1954 prices ¹	Current prices	1954 prices ¹	Current prices	1954 prices ¹
1939.....	\$23.86	\$46.15	\$26.50	\$51.26	\$21.78	\$42.13	\$30.39	\$58.78	\$23.14	\$44.76
1946.....	43.82	60.36	46.49	64.04	41.14	56.67	56.24	77.47	36.35	50.07
1947.....	49.97	60.06	52.46	63.05	46.96	56.44	63.30	76.08	40.66	48.87
1948.....	54.14	60.49	57.11	63.81	50.61	56.55	² 68.85	² 76.93	43.85	48.99
1949.....	54.92	61.92	58.03	65.42	51.41	57.96	70.95	79.99	45.93	51.78
1950.....	59.33	66.29	63.32	70.75	54.71	61.13	73.73	82.38	47.63	53.22
1951.....	64.71	66.92	69.47	71.84	58.46	60.46	81.47	84.25	50.65	52.38
1952.....	67.97	68.73	73.46	74.28	60.98	61.66	88.01	88.99	52.67	53.26
1953.....	71.69	71.91	77.23	77.46	63.60	63.79	91.76	92.04	54.88	55.05
1954.....	71.86	71.86	77.18	77.18	64.74	64.74	94.12	94.12	56.84	56.84
1954: May.....	71.13	70.99	76.21	76.06	63.91	63.78	94.69	94.50	56.41	56.30
June.....	71.50	71.29	76.40	76.17	64.57	64.38	95.72	95.43	57.38	57.21
July.....	70.92	70.71	75.83	75.60	64.74	64.55	95.20	94.92	58.51	58.33
August.....	71.06	70.92	76.59	76.44	64.68	64.55	96.20	96.01	57.96	57.84
September.....	71.86	71.93	77.39	77.47	65.24	65.31	94.32	94.41	57.09	57.15
October.....	72.22	72.44	77.97	78.20	65.07	65.27	96.26	96.55	57.18	57.35
November.....	73.57	73.42	79.15	79.31	65.97	66.10	94.15	94.34	56.50	56.61
December.....	74.12	74.42	80.15	80.47	66.47	66.74	95.40	95.78	56.88	57.11
1955: January.....	73.97	74.27	80.16	80.48	66.02	66.29	93.02	93.39	57.57	57.80
February.....	74.74	75.04	80.56	80.88	66.36	66.63	91.96	92.33	57.57	57.80
March.....	75.11	75.41	81.56	81.89	66.70	66.97	94.42	94.80	57.42	57.65
April.....	74.96	75.34	81.58	81.99	65.91	66.24	93.10	93.57	57.51	57.80
May ³	76.30	76.68	82.78	83.20	67.32	67.66	96.52	97.01	58.35	58.64
June ³	76.11	(4)	82.19	(4)	67.83	(4)	(4)	(4)	(4)	(4)

¹ Earnings in current prices divided by consumer price index on base 1954=100.

² Data beginning with January 1948 are not strictly comparable with those for earlier periods.

NOTE.—Beginning with 1953, data are based on first quarter 1954 benchmark levels of employment.

Source: Department of Labor.

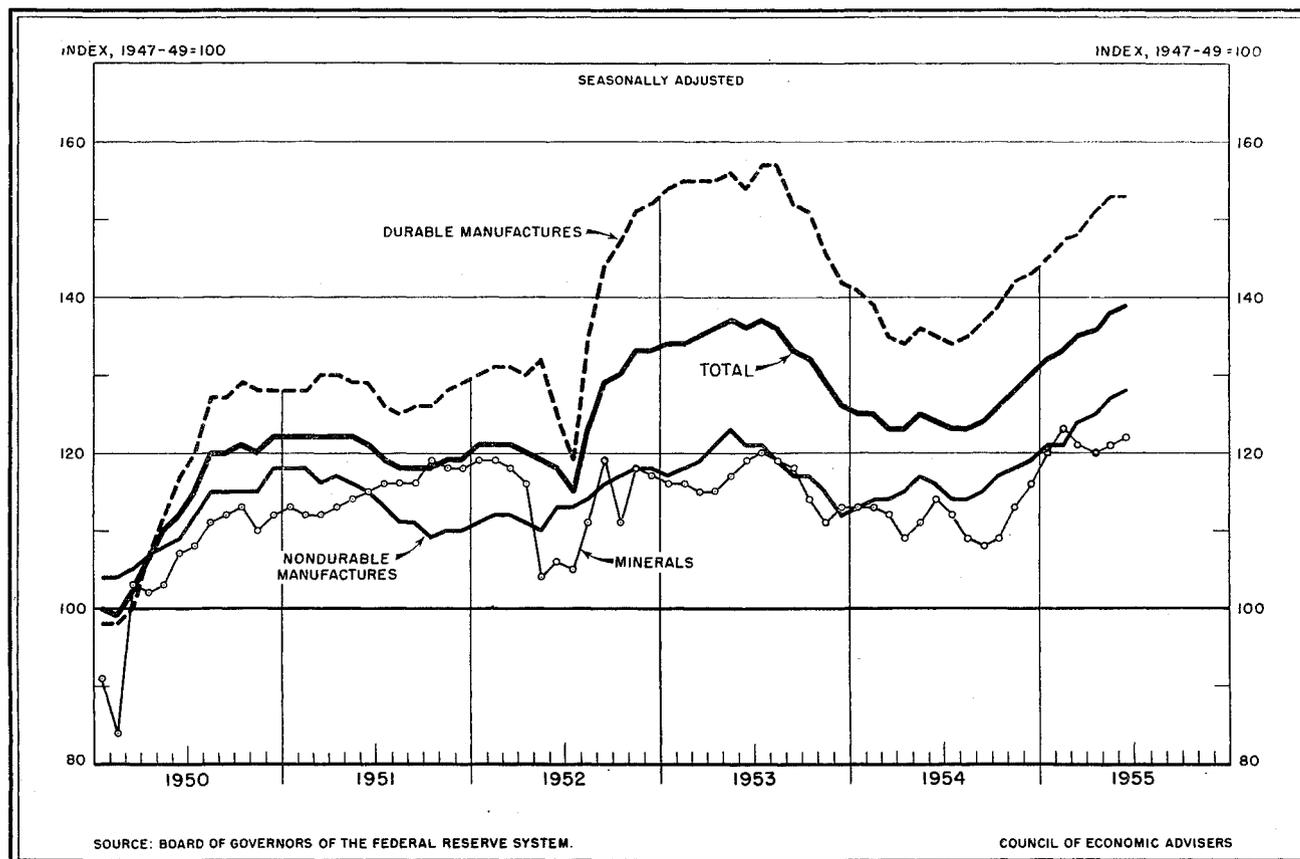
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⁴ Not available.

PRODUCTION AND BUSINESS ACTIVITY

INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION

According to preliminary estimates, the seasonally adjusted index of industrial production reached a new high of 139 (1947-49=100) in June.



[1947-49=100, seasonally adjusted]

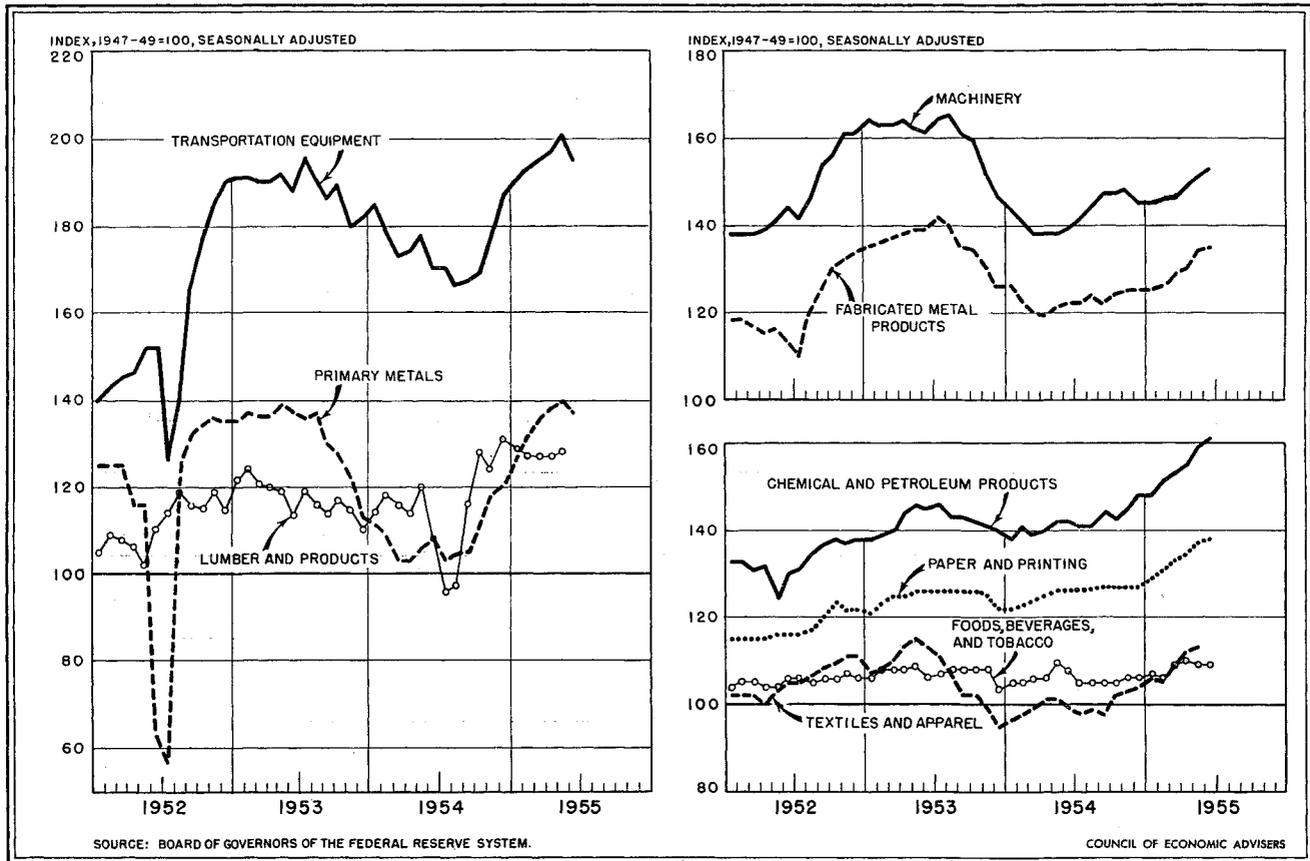
Period	Total industrial production	Manufactures			Minerals
		Total	Durable	Nondurable	
1939.....	58	57	49	66	68
1946.....	90	90	86	95	91
1947.....	100	100	101	99	100
1948.....	104	103	104	102	106
1949.....	97	97	95	99	94
1950.....	112	113	116	111	105
1951.....	120	121	128	114	115
1952.....	124	125	136	114	114
1953.....	134	136	153	118	116
1954 ¹	125	127	137	116	111
1954: May.....	125	126	136	117	111
June.....	124	125	135	116	114
July.....	123	124	134	114	112
August.....	123	125	135	114	109
September.....	124	126	137	115	108
October.....	126	128	139	117	109
November.....	128	130	142	118	113
December.....	130	131	143	119	116
1955: January.....	132	133	145	121	120
February.....	133	134	147	121	123
March.....	135	136	148	124	121
April.....	136	138	151	125	120
May.....	138	140	153	127	121
June ¹	139	141	153	128	122

¹ Preliminary estimates.

Source: Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

PRODUCTION OF SELECTED MANUFACTURES

Production of nondurable goods industries in June equaled or exceeded the May levels. Some durable goods industries continued to show advances, while others declined.



[1947-49=100, seasonally adjusted]

Period	Durable manufactures					Nondurable manufactures				Consumer durable goods
	Primary metals	Fabricated metal products	Machinery	Transportation equipment	Lumber and products	Textiles and apparel	Paper and printing	Chemical and petroleum products	Foods, beverages, and tobacco	
1939	53		38	48	80	80				
1947	103	103	103	96	101	99	96	97	101	98
1948	107	104	104	102	106	103	103	103	100	102
1949	90	93	93	102	93	97	101	100	100	101
1950	115	115	114	120	113	110	114	118	103	133
1951	126	122	130	135	113	106	118	132	105	114
1952	116	121	147	154	111	105	118	133	106	105
1953	132	136	160	189	118	107	125	142	107	127
1954 ¹	108	123	142	175	115	100	125	142	106	116
1954: May	106	121	138	178	120	101	126	142	110	119
June	108	122	139	170	108	99	126	142	108	118
July	103	122	141	170	96	98	126	141	105	116
August	105	124	144	166	97	99	126	141	105	115
September	105	122	147	167	116	98	127	144	105	114
October	111	124	147	169	128	102	127	143	105	112
November	118	125	148	175	124	103	127	145	106	119
December	121	125	145	187	131	104	127	148	106	125
1955: January	127	125	145	191	129	106	129	148	107	131
February	131	126	146	193	127	105	130	151	106	135
March	136	129	146	195	127	109	133	153	109	139
April	138	130	149	197	127	112	134	155	110	144
May	140	134	151	201	128	113	137	159	109	145
June ¹	137	135	153	195	(²)	114	138	161	109	145

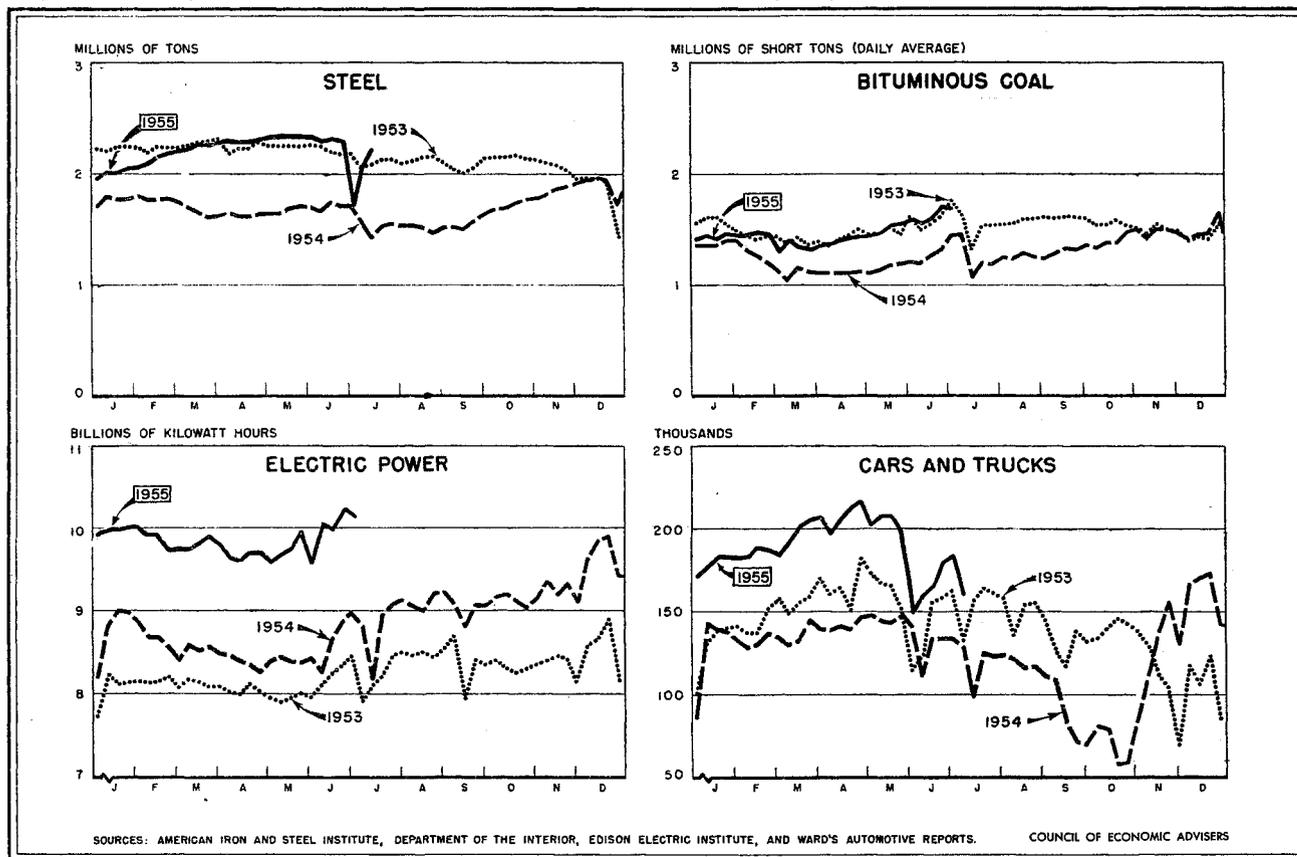
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Source: Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

WEEKLY INDICATORS OF PRODUCTION

According to several weekly indicators, production continued at a high level during June and early July. Production of electric power and paperboard was at record levels. Bituminous coal mining increased. Steel production and freight carloadings declined slightly. Car and truck assemblies fell, partly as a result of strikes.



Period	Steel produced		Electric power distributed (millions of kilowatt-hours)	Bituminous coal mined (thousands of short tons) ²	Freight loaded (thousands of cars)	Paperboard produced (thousands of tons)	Cars and trucks assembled (thousands)		
	Thousands of net tons	Percent of theoretical capacity ¹					Total	Cars	Trucks
Weekly average:									
1950.....	1,857	96.9	6,183	1,687	748	214	154.2	128.4	25.9
1951.....	2,018	100.9	6,958	1,772	779	229	129.8	102.7	27.2
1952.....	1,782	85.8	7,451	1,548	727	213	106.8	83.4	23.4
1953.....	2,141	94.9	8,244	1,521	735	241	141.1	118.0	23.2
1954.....	1,694	71.0	8,883	1,304	652	236	125.6	100.0	19.7
1954: June.....	1,716	72.0	8,684	1,317	670	239	128.2	109.1	19.2
July.....	1,499	62.9	8,841	1,184	658	199	117.6	100.3	17.3
August.....	1,505	63.1	9,122	1,288	677	246	116.4	99.8	16.5
September.....	1,591	66.7	9,040	1,379	687	235	82.8	67.5	15.3
October.....	1,738	72.9	9,124	1,410	726	254	70.8	55.8	15.0
November.....	1,886	79.1	9,240	1,498	671	254	134.2	113.7	20.5
December.....	1,875	78.6	9,645	1,502	610	227	159.4	138.9	20.5
1955: January.....	1,995	82.7	9,936	1,444	631	243	178.9	156.9	22.0
February.....	2,124	88.0	9,902	1,463	644	260	185.0	169.2	15.8
March.....	2,253	93.4	9,796	1,376	656	270	198.1	174.1	23.9
April.....	2,288	94.8	9,658	1,366	693	263	207.6	177.0	30.6
May.....	2,331	96.6	9,741	1,523	766	275	204.2	173.3	30.9
June ³	2,269	94.0	9,986	1,617	756	278	168.1	141.8	26.2
Week ended:									
1955: June 4.....	2,312	95.8	9,537	1,598	714	263	149.9	125.0	24.9
11.....	2,286	94.7	10,041	1,558	787	283	159.7	134.7	25.0
18.....	2,316	96.0	9,987	1,607	785	286	165.4	139.7	25.7
25.....	2,292	95.0	10,226	1,732	799	281	180.5	151.2	29.3
July 2 ³	1,716	71.1	10,138	1,723	697	279	184.7	158.4	26.3
9 ³	2,073	85.9	4 ⁹ 9,759	4 ⁴ 1,468	653	156	155.7	134.1	21.6
16 ³	2,233	92.5					195.2	167.4	27.8

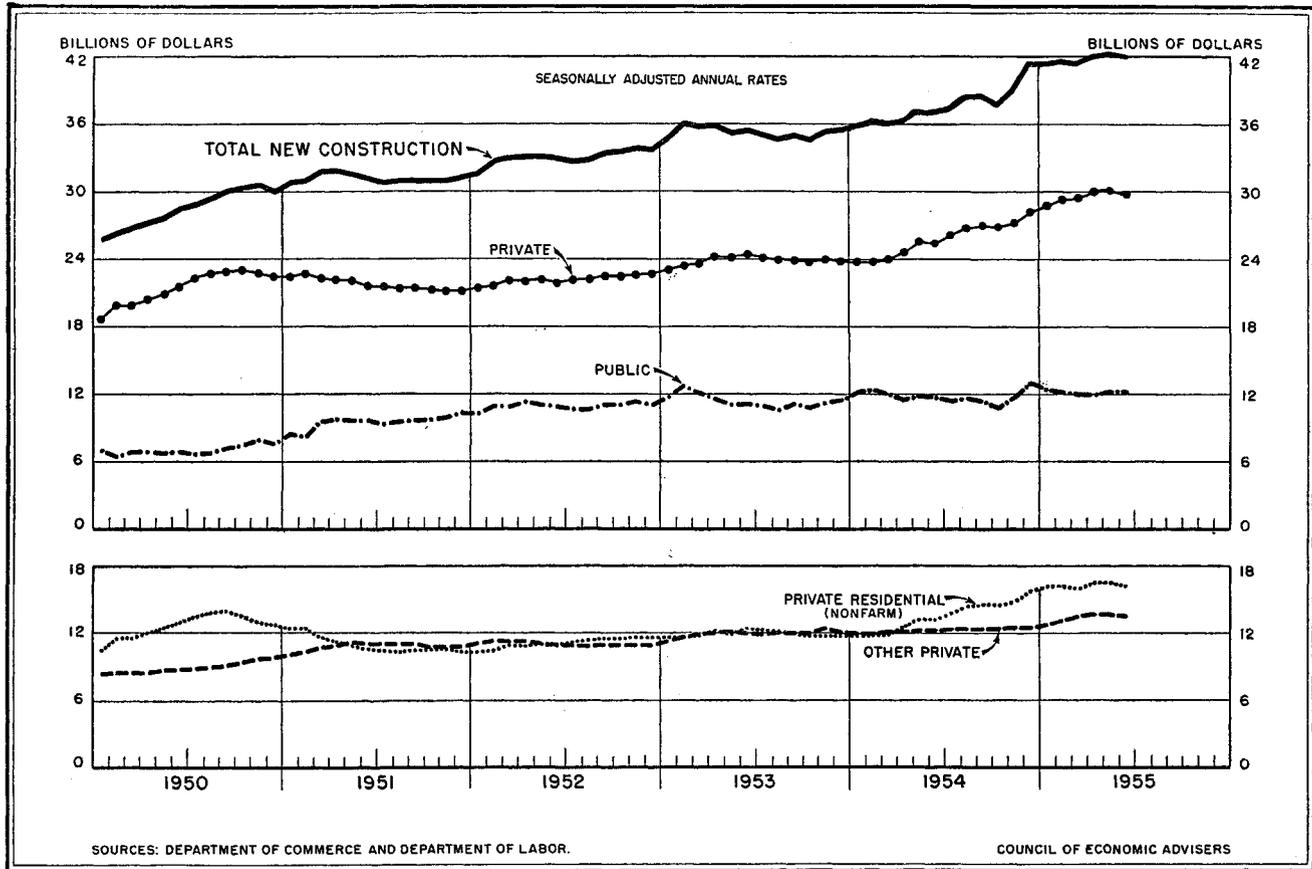
¹ Percent of capacity based on weekly net ton capacity of 1,906,268 for the first half of 1950; 1,928,721 beginning July 1, 1950; 1,999,034 beginning January 1, 1951; 2,077,040 beginning January 1, 1952; 2,254,459 beginning January 1, 1953; 2,384,549 beginning January 1, 1954; and 2,413,278 beginning January 1, 1955.

² Daily average for week. ³ Preliminary estimates. ⁴ Not plotted.

Sources: American Iron and Steel Institute, Edison Electric Institute, Department of the Interior, Association of American Railroads, National Paperboard Association, and Ward's Automotive Reports.

NEW CONSTRUCTION

Expenditures for total new construction, seasonally adjusted, continued at near record levels in June. Construction contracts awarded, seasonally adjusted, were 10 percent higher than in May.



[Billions of dollars]

Period	Total new construction	Private			Federal, State, and local ¹	Construction contracts awarded in 37 Eastern States ²	
		Total private	Residential (nonfarm)	Other		Un-adjusted	Seasonally adjusted
1939	8.2	4.4	2.7	1.7	3.8	3.6	
1946	12.0	9.6	4.0	5.6	2.4	7.5	
1947	16.7	13.3	6.3	6.9	3.4	7.8	
1948	21.7	16.9	8.6	8.3	4.8	9.4	
1949	22.8	16.4	8.3	8.1	6.4	10.4	
1950	28.5	21.5	12.6	8.9	7.0	14.5	
1951	31.2	21.8	11.0	10.8	9.4	15.8	
1952	33.0	22.1	11.1	11.0	10.9	16.8	
1953	35.3	23.9	11.9	11.9	11.4	17.4	
1954	37.6	25.8	13.5	12.3	11.8	19.8	
Seasonally adjusted annual rates						Annual rates	
1954: May	37.4	25.5	13.2	12.3	11.9	23.1	20.1
June	37.3	25.5	13.2	12.3	11.8	20.8	19.3
July	37.6	26.2	13.8	12.4	11.4	22.0	19.3
August	38.4	26.7	14.3	12.4	11.7	18.9	18.3
September	38.4	27.0	14.6	12.4	11.4	21.8	18.9
October	37.6	26.9	14.5	12.3	10.8	23.6	23.4
November	39.0	27.2	14.7	12.5	11.8	18.0	20.9
December	41.1	28.2	15.7	12.5	12.9	21.9	22.9
1955: January	41.1	28.8	16.0	12.7	12.4	18.0	24.4
February	41.4	29.2	16.1	13.1	12.2	19.0	25.6
March	41.3	29.4	16.0	13.4	12.0	25.6	26.1
April	41.9	30.0	16.4	13.6	11.9	27.9	24.4
May	42.4	30.0	16.4	13.6	12.3	26.2	22.8
June ²	42.0	29.7	16.1	13.5	12.3	27.1	25.1

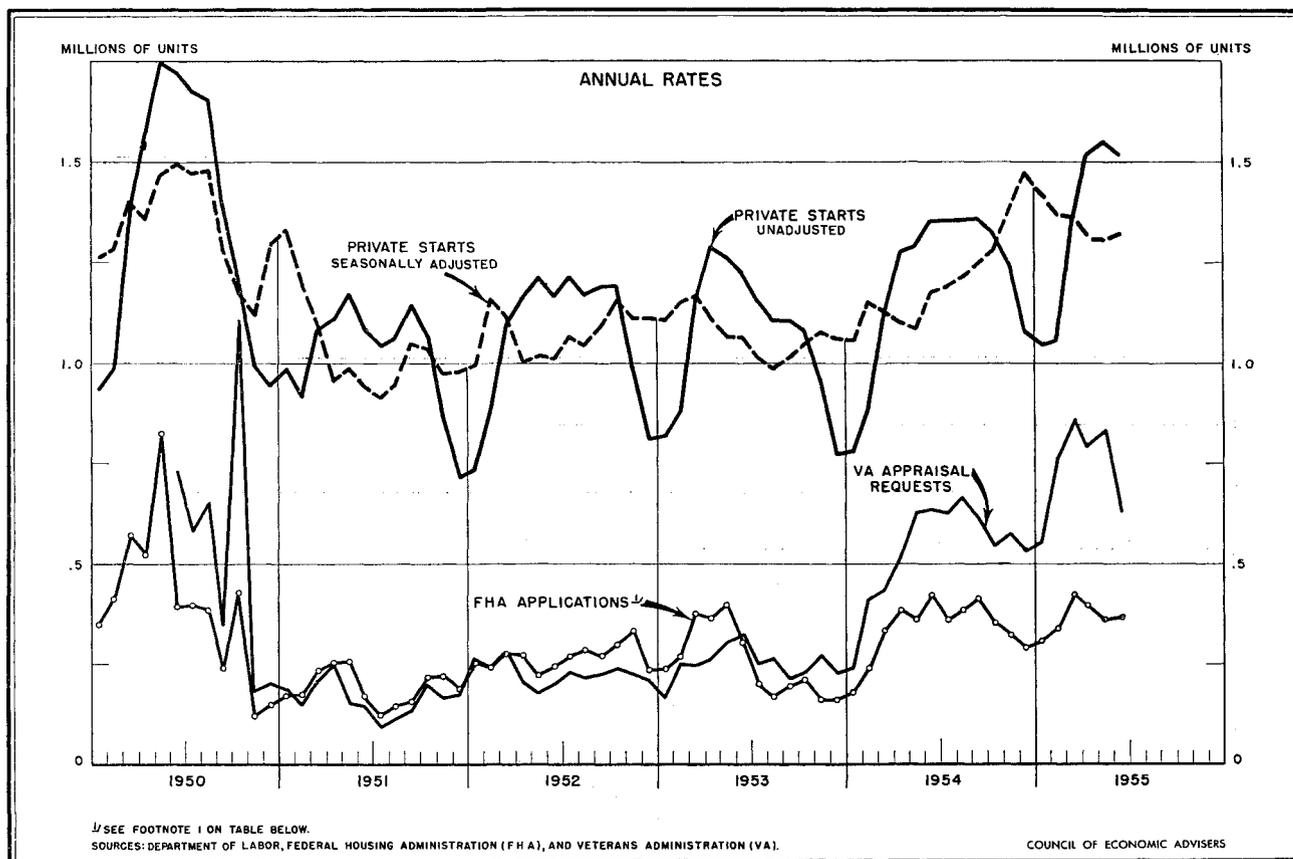
¹ Compiled by F. W. Dodge Corporation; seasonally adjusted by the National Bureau of Economic Research. Omits small contracts, and covers rural areas less fully than urban.

² Preliminary estimates.

Sources: Department of Commerce, Department of Labor, and F. W. Dodge Corporation (except as noted)

HOUSING STARTS AND APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCING

In June, the number of private nonfarm housing starts continued at a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 1.3 million units,



[Thousands of units]

Period	New nonfarm housing starts						Proposed home construction		
	Total	Publicly financed	Privately financed			Private, seasonally adjusted annual rates	Applications for FHA commitments ¹	Requests for VA appraisals	
			Total	Government underwritten					
			Total	FHA	VA				
Annual total: 1939	515.0	56.6	458.4	158.1	158.1		167.8		
1946	670.5	8.0	662.5	152.0	69.0	² 83.0	121.7	(3)	
1948	931.6	18.1	913.5	396.1	294.1	² 102.0	293.2	(3)	
1949	1,025.1	36.3	988.8	468.8	363.8	² 105.0	327.0	(3)	
1950	1,396.0	43.8	1,352.2	686.7	486.7	² 200.0	397.7	(3)	
1951	1,091.3	71.2	1,020.1	412.2	263.5	148.6	192.8	164.4	
1952	1,127.0	58.5	1,068.5	421.2	279.9	141.3	267.9	226.3	
1953	1,103.8	35.5	1,068.3	408.6	252.0	156.6	253.7	251.4	
1954	1,220.4	18.7	1,201.7	583.3	276.3	307.0	338.6	535.4	
Monthly average: 1950	116.3	3.6	112.7	57.2	40.6	16.7	33.1	(3)	
1953	92.0	3.0	89.0	34.0	21.0	13.1	21.1	21.0	
1954	101.7	1.6	100.1	48.6	23.0	25.6	28.2	44.6	
1954: May	108.5	1.1	107.4	49.0	24.0	25.0	30.3	52.2	
June	116.5	3.9	112.6	55.6	27.7	27.9	35.2	52.7	
July	116.0	3.1	112.9	52.2	25.4	26.8	30.1	52.3	
August	114.3	1.3	113.0	60.3	27.0	33.3	32.2	55.4	
September	115.7	2.3	113.4	59.8	25.9	33.9	34.8	51.3	
October	110.7	.2	110.5	58.2	24.7	33.5	29.3	45.6	
November	103.6	.3	103.3	62.4	26.3	36.0	26.9	47.7	
December	90.6	.7	89.9	50.7	21.5	29.1	24.3	44.3	
1955: January	87.6	.3	87.3	46.1	20.0	26.1	25.6	46.2	
February	89.9	2.0	87.9	45.3	17.2	28.0	28.3	64.2	
March	113.8	1.0	112.8	53.6	23.8	29.8	35.6	71.9	
April	⁴ 127.0	⁴ 1.5	⁴ 126.5	60.3	25.8	34.5	⁴ 1,309	33.1	65.9
May	⁴ 132.0	⁴ 2.5	⁴ 129.5	65.8	28.0	37.8	⁴ 1,306	30.1	69.3
June ⁴	129.0	2.5	126.5	71.6	32.0	39.5	1,320	30.7	52.4

¹ Units represented by mortgage applications for new home construction.

² Estimated.

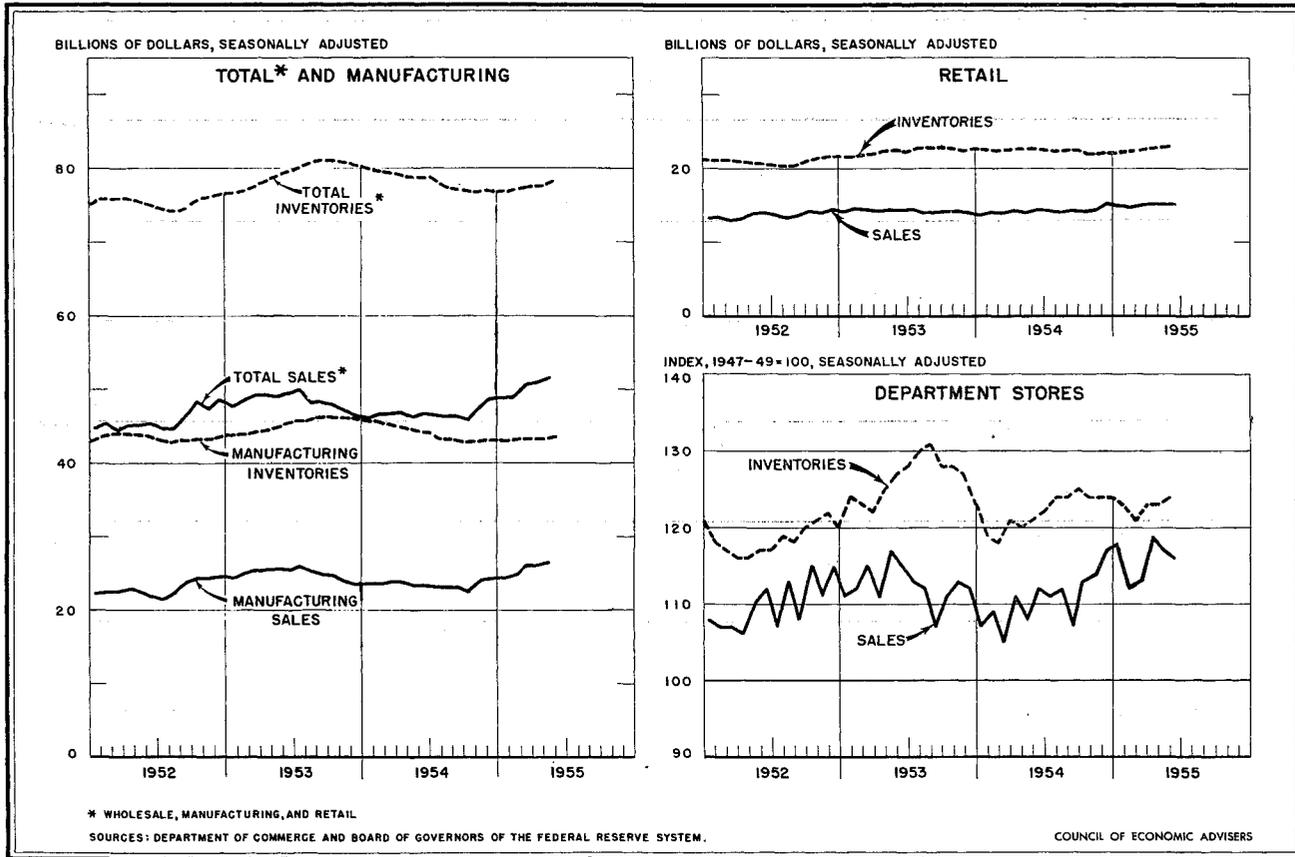
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⁴ Preliminary estimates.

Sources: Department of Labor, Federal Housing Administration (FHA), and Veterans Administration (VA).

SALES AND INVENTORIES - MANUFACTURING AND TRADE

Total sales (seasonally adjusted) increased about 1 percent in May, largely as the result of increased sales by manufacturers. Inventories of manufacturers and distributors also increased during the month. Manufacturers' new orders rose substantially. In June, retail sales continued at the record level reached in April.



Period	Manufacturing and trade		Manufacturing			Wholesale		Retail		Department stores	
	Sales ¹	Inven- tories ²	Sales ¹	Inven- tories ²	New orders ¹	Sales ¹	Inven- tories ²	Sales ¹	Inven- tories ²	Sales ¹	Inven- tories ³
Billions of dollars, seasonally adjusted										Index 1947-49=100, seasonally adjusted	
1939	10.8	20.1	5.1	11.5	5.4	2.2	3.1	3.5	5.5	35	35
1946	27.2	42.9	12.6	24.5	13.7	6.0	6.6	8.5	11.9	90	77
1948	36.4	55.6	17.6	31.7	17.4	7.9	8.1	10.9	15.8	104	107
1949	34.7	52.1	16.4	28.9	15.9	7.4	7.9	10.9	15.3	98	100
1950	39.9	64.1	19.3	34.3	21.0	8.7	10.5	12.0	19.3	105	109
1951	⁴ 44.9	⁴ 75.2	22.3	42.8	24.5	9.4	11.1	⁴ 13.2	⁴ 21.2	109	129
1952	45.9	76.7	22.8	43.8	23.6	9.4	11.3	13.7	21.6	110	118
1953	48.4	80.3	24.9	45.9	23.4	9.3	11.7	14.2	22.7	112	126
1954	46.7	76.9	23.4	43.3	22.4	9.1	11.5	14.2	22.1	111	122
1954: April	46.9	78.8	23.7	44.5	22.3	9.0	11.6	14.2	22.7	111	120
May	46.1	78.9	23.2	44.3	21.9	8.9	11.8	14.0	22.8	108	121
June	46.9	78.6	23.3	44.2	22.0	9.1	11.9	14.4	22.6	112	122
July	46.6	77.6	23.2	43.4	21.4	9.1	11.8	14.3	22.4	111	124
August	46.3	77.3	23.1	43.1	21.9	9.1	11.8	14.2	22.5	112	124
September	46.4	77.0	23.0	42.9	23.3	9.2	11.7	14.2	22.4	108	125
October	45.6	76.9	22.5	43.2	22.9	9.0	11.7	14.1	22.0	113	124
November	47.6	77.1	24.0	43.3	23.1	9.3	11.7	14.4	22.1	114	124
December	48.7	76.9	24.1	43.3	24.8	9.5	11.5	15.1	22.1	117	124
1955: January	48.7	76.9	24.3	43.2	24.6	9.5	11.5	14.9	22.2	118	123
February	48.9	77.3	24.6	43.3	24.8	9.5	11.7	14.8	22.4	112	121
March	50.7	77.5	26.0	43.3	26.5	9.7	11.6	15.1	22.6	113	123
April	50.9	77.7	26.0	43.3	26.1	9.6	11.7	15.3	22.8	119	123
May ⁵	51.6	78.3	26.5	43.5	27.7	9.7	11.8	15.3	23.0	117	124
June ⁵								15.3		116	

¹ Monthly average for year and total for month.

² Book value, end of period.

³ Book value, end of period, except annual data, which are monthly averages.

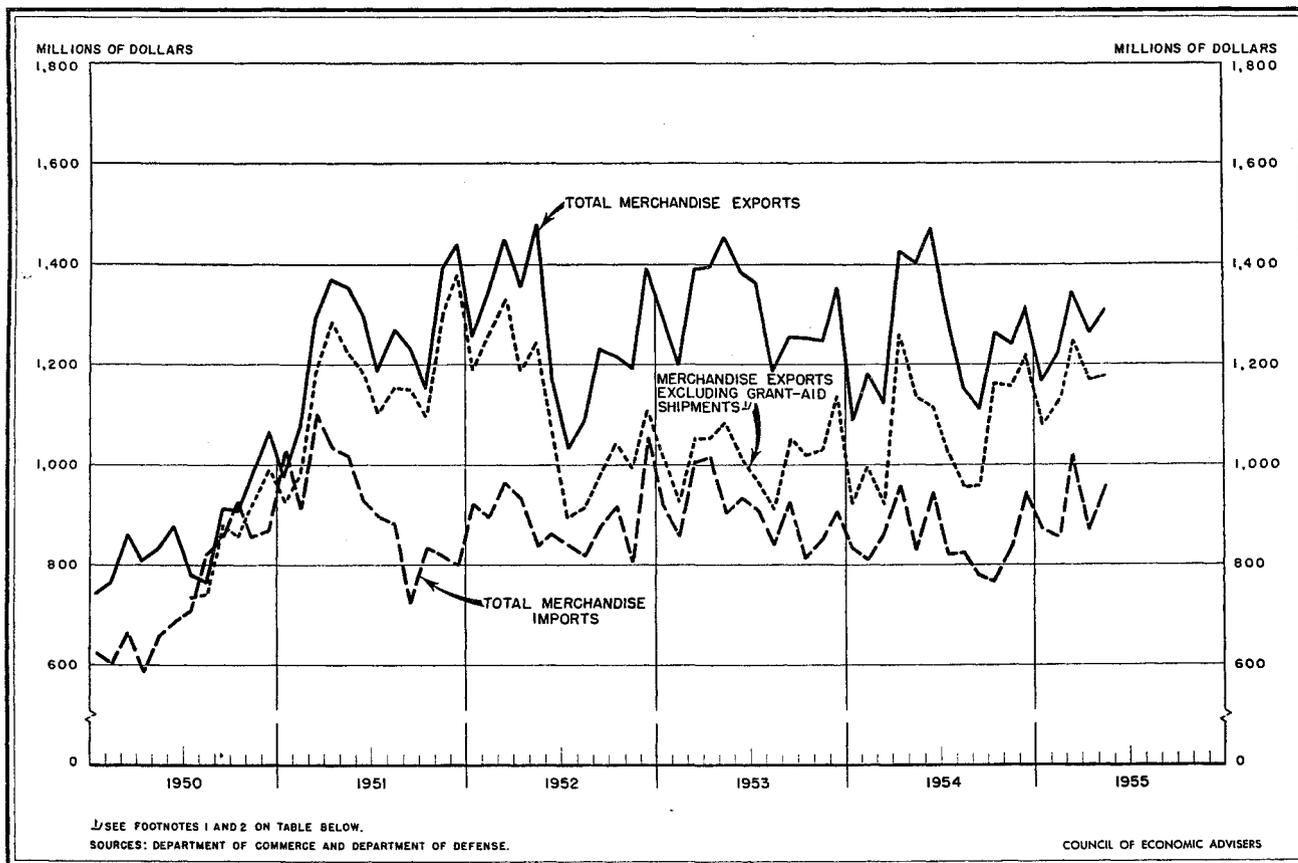
⁴ New series on retail trade beginning with 1951; not comparable with previous data. See *Survey of Current Business*, September and November 1952, for detail.

⁵ Preliminary estimates.

Sources: Department of Commerce and Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

MERCHANDISE EXPORTS AND IMPORTS

For the first 5 months of the year, commercial exports were 11 percent higher and imports 6 percent higher than in the corresponding period of 1954.



[Millions of dollars]

Period	Merchandise exports			Merchandise imports	Excess of exports (+) or imports (-)	
	Total	Grant-aid shipments ¹	Excluding grant-aid shipments		Total	Excluding grant-aid shipments
1936-38 monthly average	247	(²)	(²)	207	+40	(²)
1946 monthly average	812	54	757	412	+400	+345
1947 monthly average	1,278	96	1,182	480	+798	+702
1948 monthly average	1,054	(²)	(²)	594	+460	(²)
1949 monthly average	1,003	(²)	(²)	552	+452	(²)
1950 monthly average	856	24	833	738	+118	+95
1951 monthly average	1,253	89	1,164	914	+339	+250
1952 monthly average	1,266	166	1,100	893	+373	+207
1953 monthly average	1,314	293	1,022	906	+408	+116
1954 monthly average	1,258	188	1,070	851	+407	+219
1954: April	1,426	167	1,258	957	+468	+301
May	1,401	264	1,136	829	+572	+307
June	1,474	359	1,115	946	+528	+168
July	1,291	268	1,024	822	+469	+202
August	1,156	200	955	825	+331	+131
September	1,112	153	960	780	+332	+179
October	1,265	104	1,162	764	+502	+398
November	1,249	85	1,164	839	+410	+325
December	1,318	98	1,220	942	+376	+278
1955: January	1,165	85	1,080	870	+295	+209
February	1,233	95	1,138	850	+384	+289
March	1,342	92	1,250	1,019	+324	+231
April	1,263	94	1,169	871	+392	+298
May	1,308	131	1,176	956	+351	+220

¹ Beginning with 1950, figures include only Department of Defense shipments of grant-aid military supplies and equipment under the Mutual Security Program. Shipments for the first 6 months of the program (July-December 1950) amounted to 282 million dollars.

² Not available.

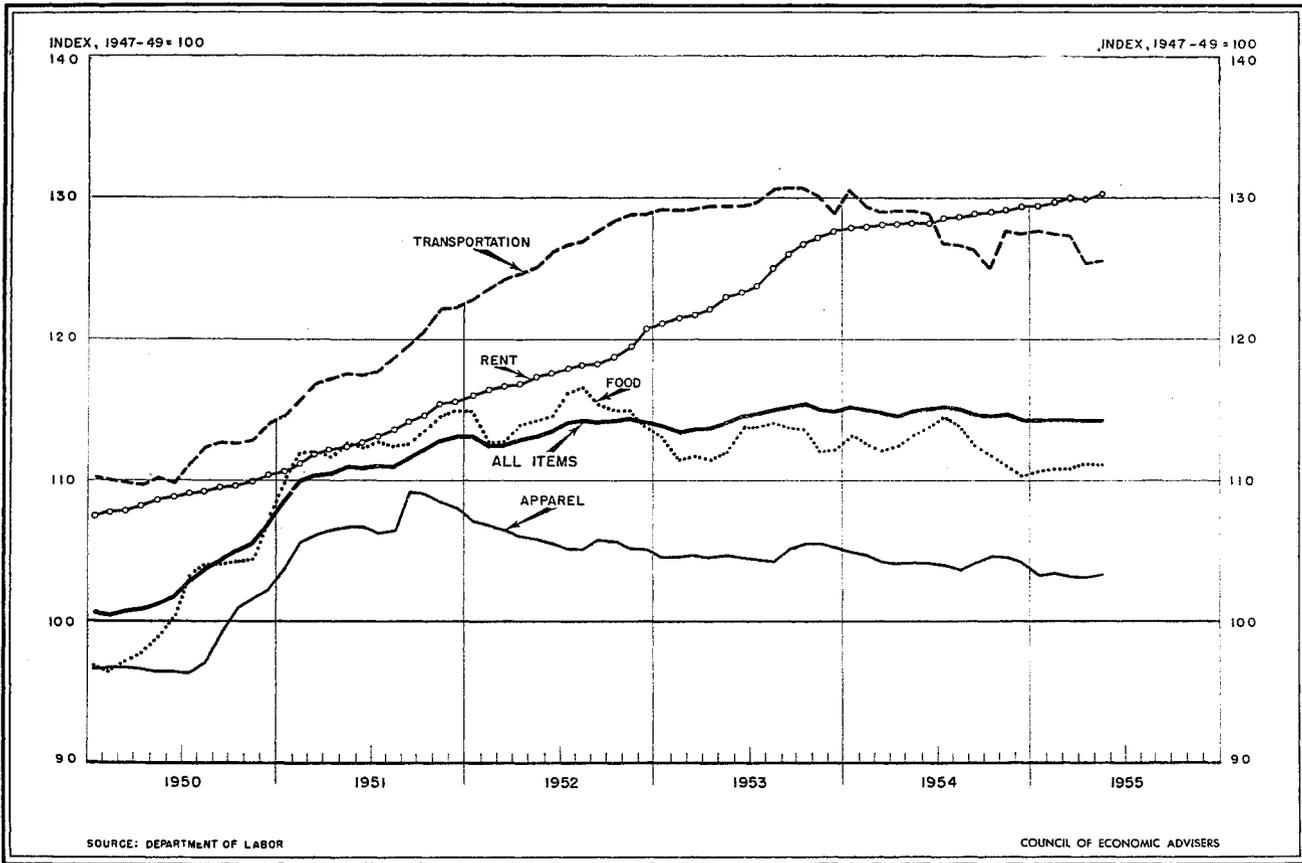
NOTE—Detail will not necessarily add to totals because of rounding.

Sources: Department of Commerce and Department of Defense.

PRICES

CONSUMER PRICES

The average of consumer prices was unchanged in May.



[1947-49=100]

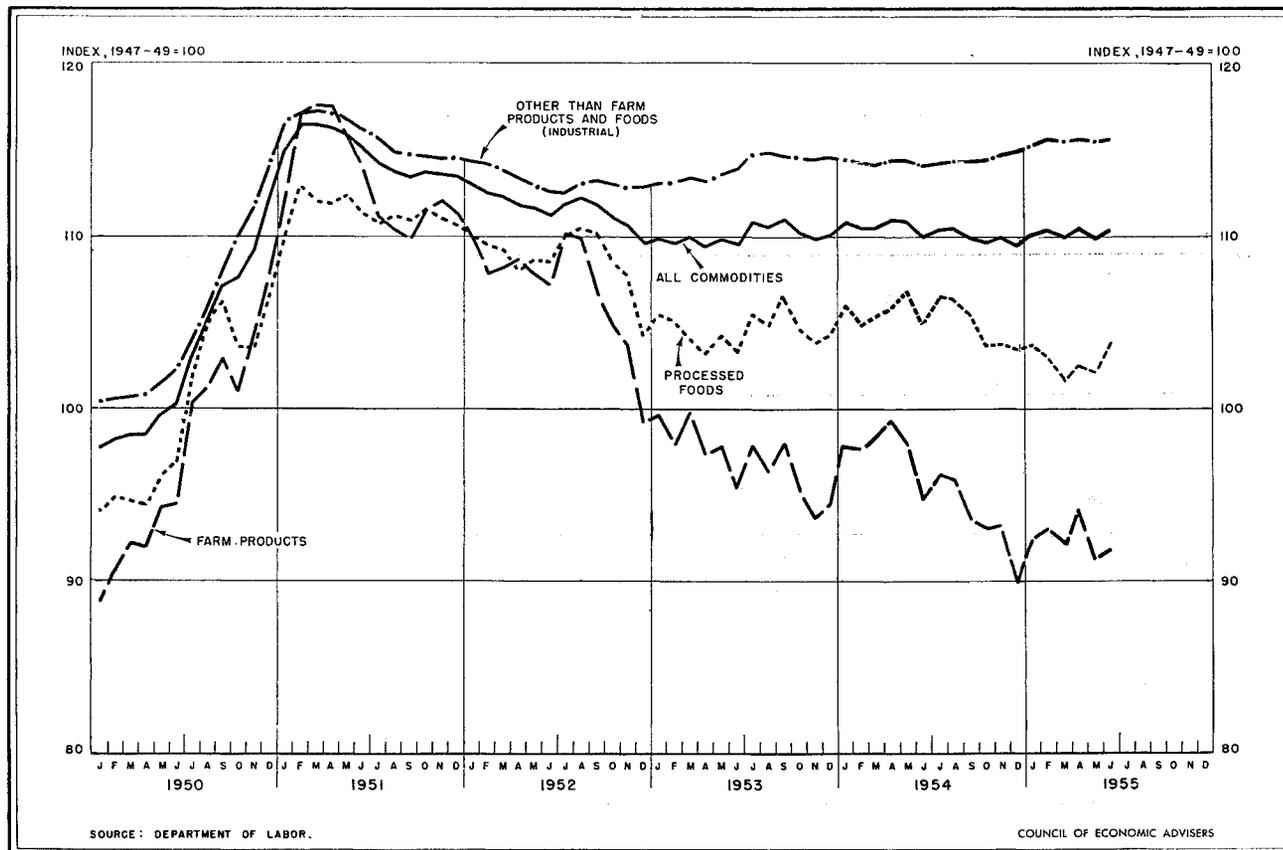
Period	All items	Food	Housing		Apparel	Transportation	Medical care	Personal care	Reading and recreation	Other goods and services
			Total	Rent						
1939-----	59.4	47.1	(1)	86.6	52.5	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)
1946-----	83.4	79.0	(1)	91.4	83.7	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)
1947-----	95.5	95.9	95.0	94.4	97.1	90.6	94.9	97.6	95.5	96.1
1948-----	102.8	104.1	101.7	100.7	103.5	100.9	100.9	101.3	100.4	100.5
1949-----	101.8	100.0	103.3	105.0	99.4	108.5	104.1	101.1	104.1	103.4
1950-----	102.8	101.2	106.1	108.8	98.1	111.3	106.0	101.1	103.4	105.2
1951-----	111.0	112.6	112.4	113.1	106.9	118.4	111.1	110.5	106.5	109.7
1952-----	113.5	114.6	114.6	117.9	105.8	126.2	117.2	111.8	107.0	115.4
1953-----	114.4	112.8	117.7	124.1	104.8	129.7	121.3	112.8	108.0	118.2
1954-----	114.8	112.6	119.1	128.5	104.3	128.0	125.2	113.4	107.0	120.1
1954: April-----	114.6	112.4	118.5	128.2	104.1	129.1	124.9	112.9	106.5	120.2
May-----	115.0	113.3	118.9	128.3	104.2	129.1	125.1	113.0	106.4	120.1
June-----	115.1	113.8	118.9	128.3	104.2	128.9	125.1	112.7	106.4	120.1
July-----	115.2	114.6	119.0	128.5	104.0	126.7	125.2	113.3	107.0	120.3
August-----	115.0	113.9	119.2	128.6	103.7	126.6	125.5	113.4	106.6	120.2
September-----	114.7	112.4	119.5	128.8	104.3	126.4	125.7	113.5	106.5	120.1
October-----	114.5	111.8	119.5	129.0	104.6	125.0	125.9	113.4	106.9	120.1
November-----	114.6	111.1	119.5	129.2	104.6	127.6	126.1	113.8	106.8	120.0
December-----	114.3	110.4	119.7	129.4	104.3	127.3	126.3	113.6	106.6	119.9
1955: January-----	114.3	110.6	119.6	129.5	103.3	127.6	126.5	113.7	106.9	119.9
February-----	114.3	110.8	119.6	129.7	103.4	127.4	126.8	113.5	106.4	119.8
March-----	114.3	110.8	119.6	130.0	103.2	127.3	127.0	113.5	106.6	119.8
April-----	114.2	111.2	119.5	129.9	103.1	125.3	127.3	113.7	106.6	119.8
May-----	114.2	111.1	119.4	130.3	103.3	125.5	127.5	113.9	106.5	119.9

¹ Not available.

Source: Department of Labor.

WHOLESALE PRICES

Wholesale prices increased slightly in June.



[1947-49=100]

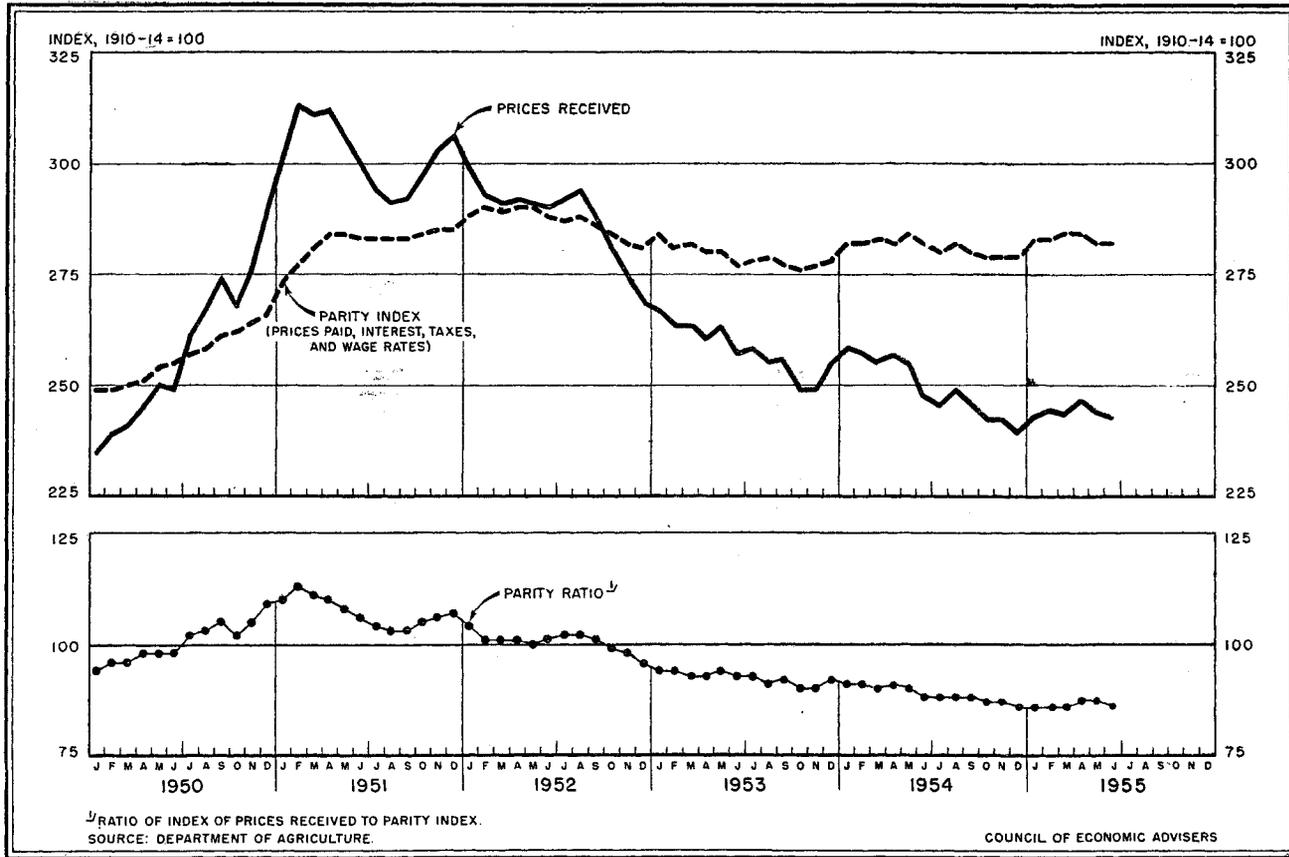
Period	All commodities	Farm products	Processed foods	Other than farm products and foods (industrial)
1939	50.1	36.5	43.3	58.1
1946	78.7	83.2	77.6	78.3
1947	96.4	100.0	98.2	95.3
1948	104.4	107.3	106.1	103.4
1949	99.2	92.8	95.7	101.3
1950	103.1	97.5	99.8	105.0
1951	114.8	113.4	111.4	115.9
1952	111.6	107.0	108.8	113.2
1953	110.1	97.0	104.6	114.0
1954	110.3	95.6	105.3	114.5
1954: May	110.9	97.9	106.8	114.5
June	110.0	94.8	105.0	114.2
July	110.4	96.2	106.5	114.3
August	110.5	95.8	106.4	114.4
September	110.0	93.6	105.5	114.4
October	109.7	93.1	103.7	114.5
November	110.0	93.2	103.8	114.8
December	109.5	89.9	103.5	114.9
1955: January	110.1	92.5	103.8	115.2
February	110.4	93.1	103.2	115.7
March	110.0	92.1	101.6	115.6
April	110.5	94.2	102.5	115.7
May	109.9	91.2	102.1	115.5
June	110.3	91.8	103.9	115.6
Week ended: ¹				
1955: July 5	110.0	89.8	102.9	115.8
12	110.3	89.1	103.0	116.2

¹ Weekly series based on a smaller sample than the monthly series.

Source: Department of Labor.

PRICES RECEIVED AND PAID BY FARMERS

The index of prices received by farmers declined 0.4 percent during the month ended June 15. The index of prices paid by farmers was unchanged, and the parity ratio declined slightly. This ratio has been at the relatively low level of 86 or 87 percent since October 1954.



Period	Prices paid by farmers for items used in		Parity index (prices paid, interest, taxes, and wage rates)	Prices received by farmers	Parity ratio ¹
	Family living	Production			
	Index, 1910-14 = 100				
1939.....	120	121	123	95	77
1946.....	202	191	208	² 236	113
1947.....	237	224	240	276	115
1948.....	251	250	260	287	110
1949.....	243	238	251	250	100
1950.....	246	246	256	258	101
1951.....	268	273	282	302	107
1952.....	271	274	287	288	100
1953.....	270	253	279	258	92
1954.....	274	252	281	249	89
1954: May 15.....	276	256	284	255	90
June 15.....	276	252	282	247	88
July 15.....	277	247	280	245	88
August 15.....	277	250	282	249	88
September 15.....	273	251	280	246	88
October 15.....	273	250	279	242	87
November 15.....	272	251	279	242	87
December 15.....	272	250	279	239	86
1955: January 15.....	273	254	283	243	86
February 15.....	271	256	283	244	86
March 15.....	273	256	284	243	86
April 15.....	274	254	284	247	87
May 15.....	274	251	282	244	87
June 15.....	273	250	282	243	86

¹ Percentage ratio of index of prices received by farmers to parity index.

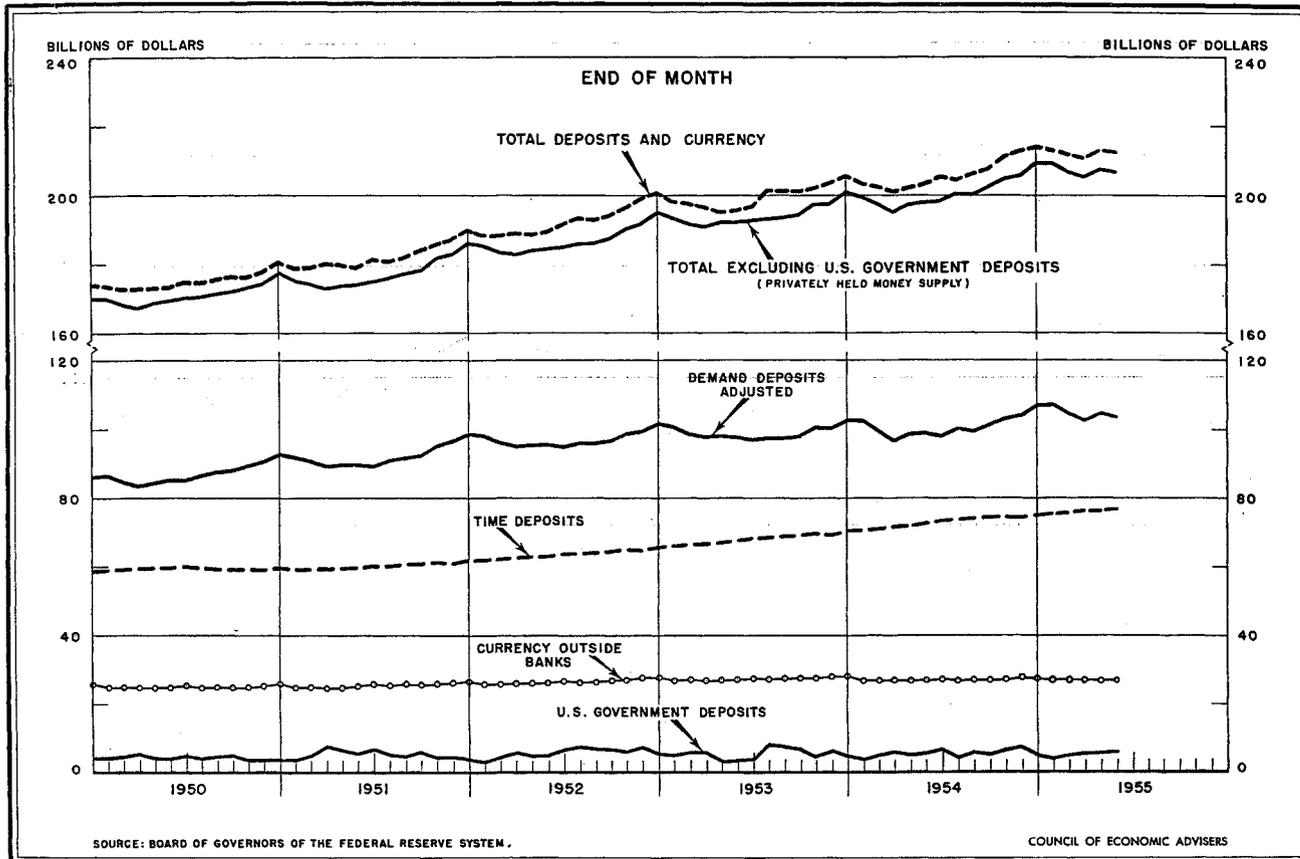
² Includes wartime subsidies paid on beef cattle, sheep, lambs, milk, and butterfat between October 1943 and June 1946.

Source: Department of Agriculture.

CURRENCY, CREDIT, AND SECURITY MARKETS

CURRENCY AND DEPOSITS

Demand deposits declined \$1.1 billion during May. The decline was larger than is usual at this time of year. At the end of May, total deposits (excluding Government) and currency were 4.4 percent higher than a year earlier.



[Billions of dollars]

End of period	Total deposits and currency	U. S. Government deposits ¹	Total excluding U. S. Government deposits (privately held money supply)			
			Total	Currency outside banks	Demand deposits adjusted ²	Time deposits ³
1946	167.5	3.5	164.0	26.7	83.3	54.0
1947	172.3	2.3	170.0	26.5	87.1	56.4
1948	172.7	3.6	169.1	26.1	85.5	57.5
1949	173.9	4.1	169.8	25.4	85.8	58.6
1950	180.6	3.7	176.9	25.4	92.3	59.2
1951	189.9	3.9	186.0	26.3	98.2	61.4
1952	200.4	5.6	194.8	27.5	101.5	65.8
1953	205.7	4.8	200.9	28.1	102.5	70.4
1954	214.8	5.1	209.7	27.9	106.6	75.3
1954: April	202.3	5.0	197.3	26.7	98.6	72.0
May	203.6	5.6	198.0	26.8	98.7	72.5
June	205.3	6.8	198.5	27.1	98.1	73.3
July	204.8	4.4	200.4	26.8	100.0	73.7
August	206.3	6.0	200.3	26.9	99.4	74.0
September	207.7	5.2	202.5	26.9	101.2	74.4
October	211.3	6.6	204.7	26.9	103.1	74.8
November	213.3	7.5	205.8	27.5	104.0	74.3
December	214.8	5.1	209.7	27.9	106.6	75.3
1955: January ⁴	213.4	4.2	209.2	26.8	107.0	75.4
February ⁴	212.0	5.1	206.9	26.8	104.5	75.7
March ⁴	210.6	5.3	205.3	26.7	102.4	76.2
April ⁴	213.0	5.6	207.4	26.7	104.5	76.2
May ⁴	212.6	5.9	206.7	26.8	103.4	76.5

¹ Includes U. S. Government deposits at Federal Reserve banks and commercial and savings banks, and U. S. Treasurer's time deposits, open account.

² Includes demand deposits, other than interbank and U. S. Government, less cash items in process of collection.

³ Includes deposits in commercial banks, mutual savings banks, and Postal Savings System, but excludes interbank deposits.

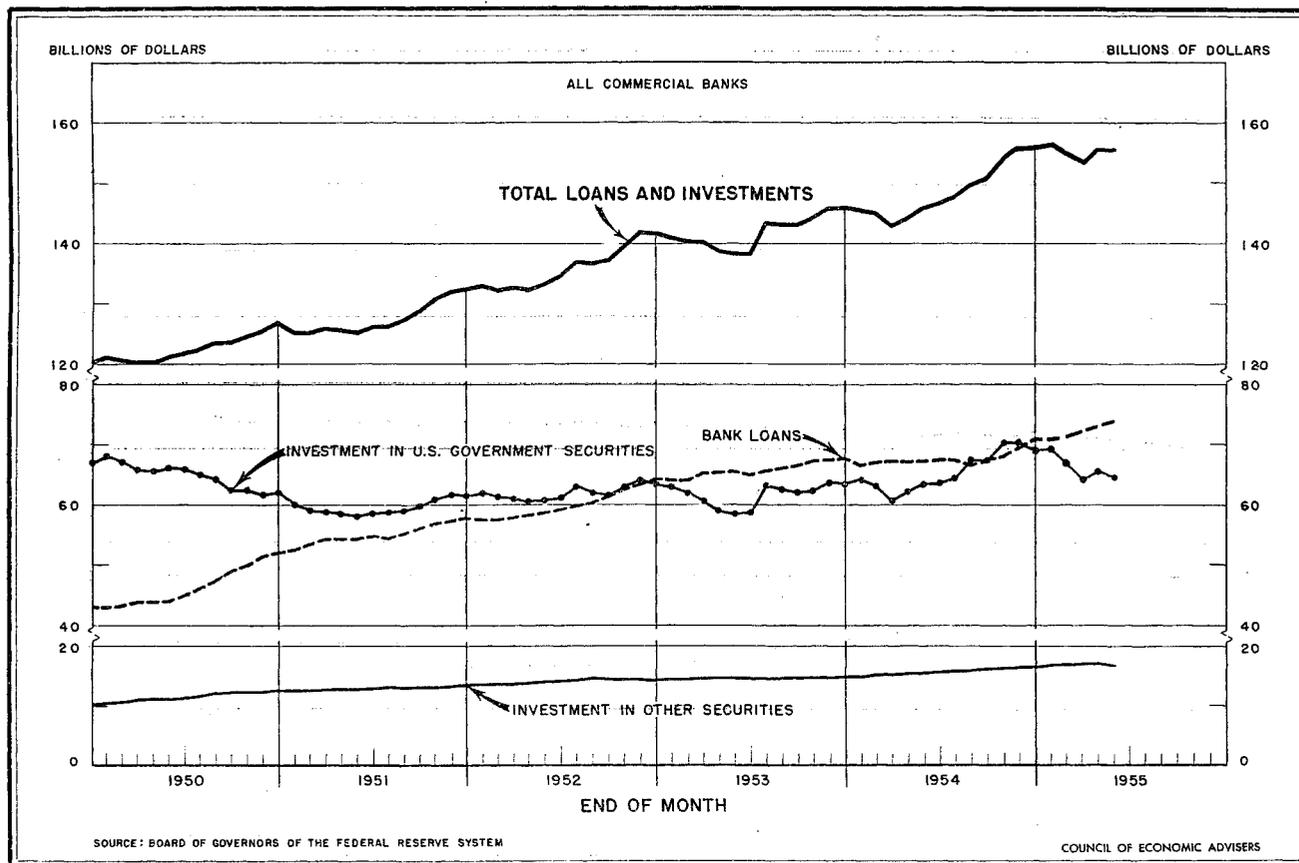
⁴ Preliminary estimates

26 Note.—Detail will not necessarily add to totals because of rounding.

Source: Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve Board.

BANK LOANS, INVESTMENTS, AND RESERVES

Total loans and investments of commercial banks were unchanged between the end of April and the end of May. A rise of \$1 billion in loans was offset by declines of \$0.7 billion in holdings of U. S. Government securities and \$0.3 billion of other securities. Loans appear to have continued to rise during June.



[Billions of dollars]

End of period	All commercial banks					Weekly reporting member banks ^{1 2}	All member banks ^{1 3}		
	Total loans and investments	Loans	Investments				Business loans ²	Reserve balances	
			Total	U. S. Government securities	Other securities	Required		Excess	
1949	120.2	43.0	77.2	67.0	10.2	13.9	17.0	.8	.1
1950	126.7	52.2	74.4	62.0	12.4	17.9	15.6	.8	.1
1951	132.6	57.7	74.9	61.5	13.3	21.6	18.5	.8	.3
1952	141.6	64.2	77.5	63.3	14.1	23.4	19.6	.7	.8
1953	145.7	67.6	78.1	63.4	14.7	23.4	19.3	.7	.8
1954	155.9	70.6	85.3	69.0	16.3	22.4	18.5	.8	.1
1954: April	144.1	66.8	77.4	62.1	15.2	22.2	18.6	.8	.1
May	145.7	67.1	78.6	63.3	15.3	21.9	18.8	.7	.2
June	146.4	67.3	79.0	63.5	15.5	21.9	18.8	.9	.1
July	147.3	67.3	80.0	64.3	15.7	21.5	18.3	.8	.1
August	149.5	66.5	83.0	67.3	15.7	20.8	17.6	.8	.1
September	150.6	67.3	83.3	67.3	16.0	21.0	17.6	.8	.1
October	154.0	67.7	86.3	70.2	16.1	21.0	18.2	.7	.1
November	155.7	69.4	86.3	70.1	16.2	22.1	18.4	.8	.2
December	155.9	70.6	85.3	69.0	16.3	22.4	18.6	.7	.2
1955: January ⁴	156.2	70.6	85.7	69.0	16.7	22.0	18.4	.7	.3
February ⁴	154.8	71.2	83.6	66.8	16.8	22.1	18.2	.6	.4
March ⁴	153.5	72.3	81.2	64.2	17.0	22.6	18.0	.6	.5
April ⁴	155.5	72.9	82.6	65.6	17.0	22.5	18.2	.6	.5
May ⁴	155.5	73.9	81.6	64.9	16.7	22.6	18.2	.6	.4
June ⁴						23.5	18.1	.6	.4

¹ Member banks include, besides all national banks, those State banks that have taken membership in the Federal Reserve System.

² Commercial, industrial, and agricultural loans; revised series beginning January 1952. Such loans by weekly reporting member banks represent approximately 70 percent of business loans by all commercial banks.

³ Data are averages of daily figures on balances and borrowings during the period.

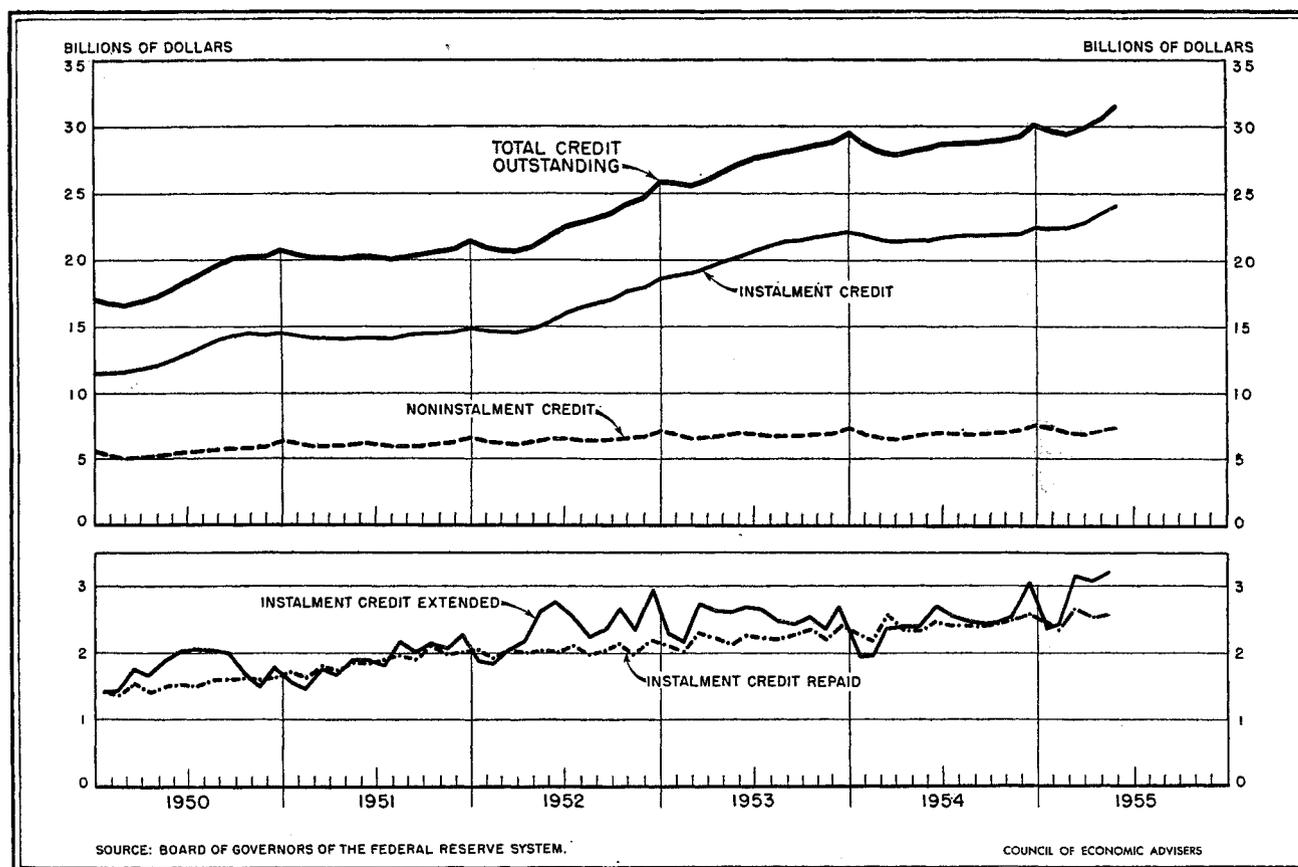
⁴ Preliminary estimates.

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Source: Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

CONSUMER CREDIT

Total consumer credit outstanding rose by more than \$900 million during May to a record level of \$31.6 billion. Increased instalment financing of automobile purchases again accounted for most of the rise.



[Millions of dollars]

End of period	Total consumer credit outstanding	Instalment credit outstanding				Noninstalment credit outstanding		Instalment credit extended ³	Instalment credit repaid ³	
		Total	Auto- mobile paper ¹	Other consumer goods paper ¹	Repair and moderniza- tion loans ²	Personal loans	Total			Charge accounts
1939	7,222	4,503	1,497	1,620	298	1,088	2,719	1,414		
1946	8,384	4,172	981	1,290	405	1,496	4,212	2,076	8,495	6,785
1947	11,570	6,695	1,924	2,143	718	1,910	4,875	2,353	12,713	10,190
1948	14,411	8,968	3,054	2,842	843	2,229	5,443	2,713	15,540	13,267
1949	17,104	11,516	4,699	3,486	887	2,444	5,588	2,680	18,002	15,454
1950	20,813	14,490	6,342	4,337	1,006	2,805	6,323	3,006	21,256	18,282
1951	21,468	14,837	6,242	4,270	1,090	3,235	6,631	3,096	22,791	22,444
1952	25,827	18,684	8,099	5,328	1,406	3,851	7,143	3,342	28,397	24,550
1953	29,537	22,187	10,341	5,831	1,649	4,366	7,350	3,411	30,321	26,818
1954	30,125	22,467	10,396	5,668	1,616	4,787	7,658	3,518	29,304	29,024
1954: April	28,095	21,426	9,942	5,413	1,617	4,454	6,669	2,723	2,400	2,355
May	28,372	21,487	10,002	5,370	1,634	4,481	6,885	2,786	2,397	2,336
June	28,666	21,717	10,168	5,367	1,635	4,547	6,949	2,819	2,703	2,473
July	28,725	21,849	10,298	5,328	1,637	4,586	6,876	2,773	2,549	2,417
August	28,736	21,901	10,349	5,294	1,642	4,616	6,835	2,734	2,477	2,425
September	28,856	21,935	10,365	5,287	1,642	4,641	6,921	2,807	2,441	2,407
October	28,975	21,952	10,340	5,324	1,637	4,651	7,023	2,892	2,454	2,437
November	29,209	22,014	10,296	5,308	1,631	4,689	7,195	3,042	2,554	2,492
December	30,125	22,467	10,396	5,668	1,616	4,787	7,658	3,518	3,046	2,593
1955: January	29,760	22,436	10,459	5,609	1,574	4,794	7,324	3,225	2,389	2,420
February	29,518	22,508	10,641	5,484	1,550	4,833	7,010	2,831	2,416	2,344
March	29,948	22,974	11,053	5,479	1,530	4,912	6,974	2,735	3,159	2,693
April	30,655	23,513	11,482	5,492	1,534	5,005	7,142	2,859	3,089	2,550
May	31,568	24,149	11,985	5,555	1,546	5,063	7,419	3,011	3,206	2,570

¹ Includes all consumer credit extended for the purpose of purchasing automobiles and other consumer goods and secured by the items purchased.

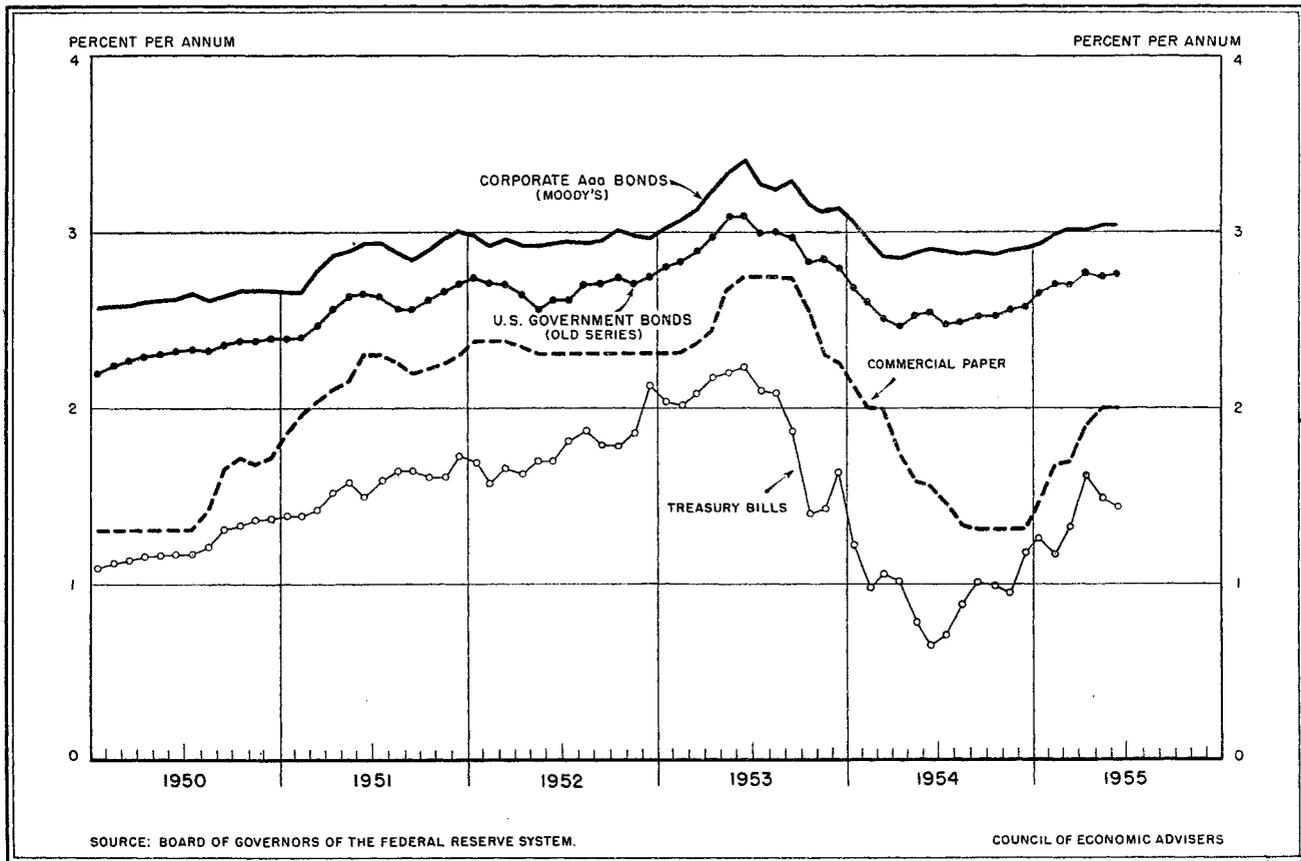
² Includes only such loans held by financial institutions; those held by retail outlets are included in "other consumer goods paper."

³ Credit extended or repaid during the period.

Source: Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

BOND YIELDS AND INTEREST RATES

Yields of Federal and municipal securities increased in the latter part of June and early July. There was little change in corporate bond yields. Rates on prime commercial paper rose in early July.



[Percent per annum]

Period	U. S. Government security yields			High-grade municipal bonds ⁵	Corporate bonds (Moody's)		Prime commercial paper, 4-6 months
	3-month Treasury bills ¹	Taxable bonds ²			Aaa	Baa	
		Old series ³	New series ⁴				
1939	0.023			2.76	3.01	4.96	0.59
1948	1.040	2.44		2.40	2.82	3.47	1.44
1949	1.102	2.31		2.21	2.66	3.42	1.49
1950	1.218	2.32		1.98	2.62	3.24	1.45
1951	1.552	2.57		2.00	2.86	3.41	2.16
1952	1.766	2.68		2.19	2.96	3.52	2.33
1953	1.931	2.93	3.16	2.72	3.20	3.74	2.52
1954	.953	2.53	2.70	2.37	2.90	3.51	1.58
1954: June	.650	2.54	2.70	2.48	2.90	3.49	1.56
July	.710	2.47	2.62	2.31	2.89	3.50	1.45
August	.892	2.48	2.60	2.23	2.87	3.49	1.33
September	1.007	2.51	2.64	2.29	2.89	3.47	1.31
October	.987	2.52	2.65	2.32	2.87	3.46	1.31
November	.948	2.55	2.68	2.29	2.89	3.45	1.31
December	1.174	2.57	2.68	2.33	2.90	3.45	1.31
1955: January	1.257	2.65	2.76	2.39	2.93	3.45	1.47
February	1.177	2.72	2.92	2.42	2.99	3.47	1.68
March	1.335	2.71	2.92	2.45	3.02	3.48	1.69
April	1.620	2.77	2.92	2.43	3.01	3.49	1.90
May	1.491	2.75	2.91	2.41	3.04	3.50	2.00
June	1.432	2.76	2.91	2.48	3.05	3.51	2.00
Week ended:							
1955: June 4	1.434	2.74	2.90	2.45	3.05	3.50	2.00
11	1.390	2.74	2.89	2.45	3.04	3.50	2.00
18	1.514	2.75	2.90	2.46	3.05	3.51	2.00
25	1.420	2.78	2.93	2.48	3.05	3.51	2.00
July 2	1.401	2.81	2.94	2.55	3.05	3.51	2.00
9	1.541	2.82	2.94	2.60	3.05	3.51	2.05
16	1.606	2.83	2.94	2.62	3.05	3.52	2.06

¹ Rate on new issues within period.

² Bonds in this classification were first issued in March 1941.

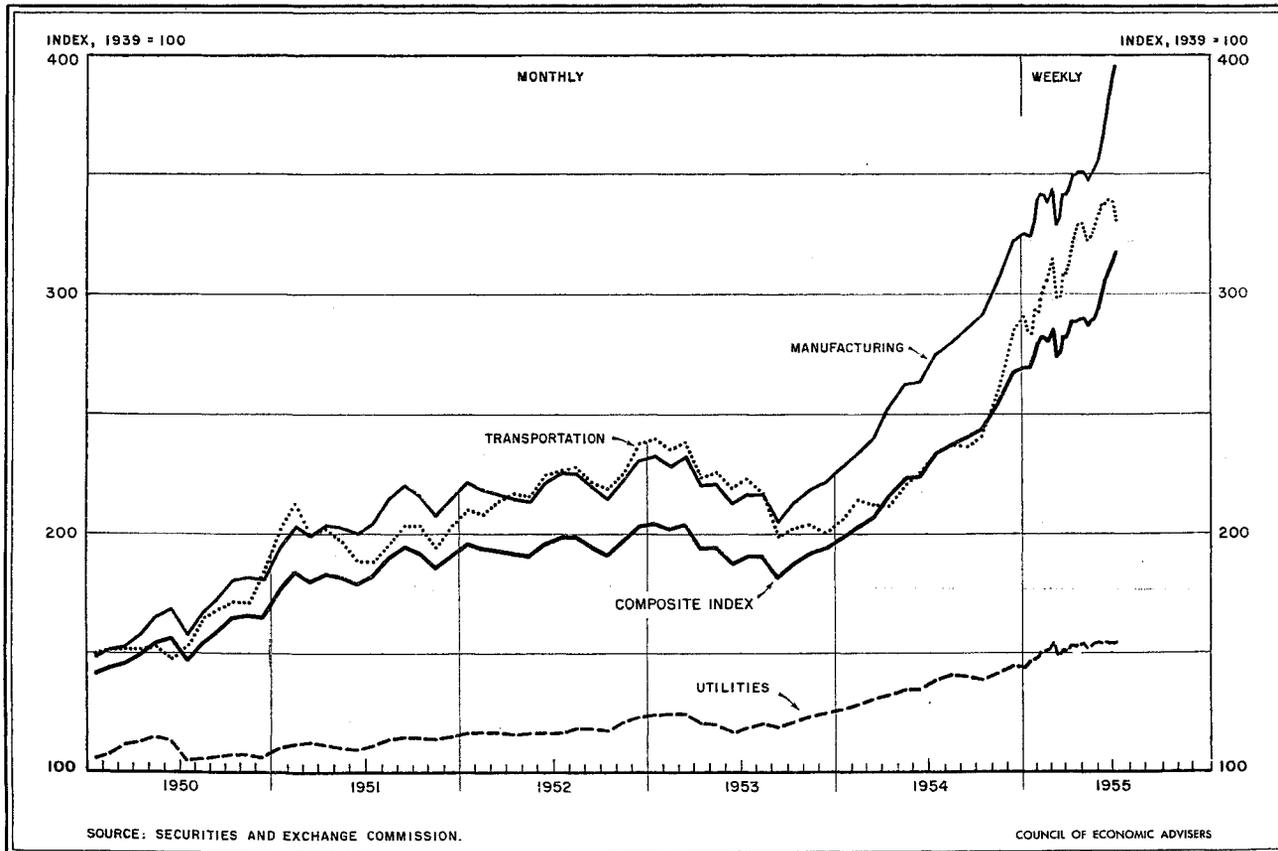
³ Beginning April 1952, 2½-percent bonds first callable after 12 years. Prior to that, only bonds due or callable after 15 years were included.

⁴ 3¼-percent bonds of 1978-83, issued in May 1953; and 3-percent bonds of 1995, issued in February 1955.

⁵ Standard and Poor's. Weekly data are Wednesday figures. Source: Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

STOCK PRICES

Stock prices increased sharply in June and early July.



[1939 = 100]

Period	Com- posite index ¹	Manufacturing			Trans- portation	Utilities	Trade, finance, and service	Mining
		Total	Durable goods	Nondura- ble goods				
Weekly average:								
1946.....	149.4	146.6	138.6	154.5	202.4	121.0	204.3	125.5
1947.....	130.9	132.4	119.9	144.6	149.1	105.5	162.8	117.2
1948.....	132.7	136.8	124.3	148.6	158.1	99.3	156.9	133.0
1949.....	127.7	132.1	116.0	147.2	136.0	98.1	160.7	129.4
1950.....	154.1	165.7	150.2	180.2	160.0	108.9	183.8	143.5
1951.....	184.9	206.8	178.5	233.1	199.0	112.6	207.9	204.9
1952.....	195.0	220.2	188.8	249.3	220.6	117.9	206.0	275.7
1953.....	193.3	220.1	192.6	245.2	218.7	121.5	207.1	240.5
1954.....	229.8	271.3	245.2	295.2	232.6	135.8	235.6	267.0
1954: July.....	233.0	275.3	254.3	294.4	233.5	138.6	236.0	257.2
August.....	237.1	280.0	257.0	301.0	237.1	140.8	243.1	262.6
September.....	240.4	285.6	260.2	308.8	236.0	139.8	247.2	267.8
October.....	243.6	291.2	267.4	312.8	240.4	138.2	248.6	269.4
November.....	254.4	305.2	284.4	324.0	259.4	141.2	260.4	277.9
December.....	267.7	322.7	298.3	345.0	284.8	144.1	267.5	310.3
1955: January.....	270.6	326.4	306.9	344.0	288.1	145.3	269.8	314.4
February.....	281.0	340.0	320.0	358.2	300.3	150.0	276.0	314.6
March.....	279.6	336.9	318.2	353.8	305.4	150.9	274.6	315.1
April.....	286.8	347.0	326.8	365.3	320.5	152.1	277.3	311.3
May.....	289.0	349.6	324.5	372.4	326.0	153.5	280.5	302.6
June.....	302.9	370.1	344.4	393.4	336.5	154.3	294.2	313.8
Week ended:								
1955: June 3.....	294.3	356.6	332.1	378.8	333.9	154.6	287.8	305.3
10.....	299.7	365.0	340.2	387.6	336.4	154.2	290.9	315.3
17.....	306.5	375.6	351.6	397.4	336.7	154.4	297.6	317.6
24.....	311.1	383.1	353.6	410.0	339.1	154.0	300.5	317.2
July 1.....	314.2	388.3	355.4	418.3	338.0	154.1	299.6	323.1
8.....	318.5	395.0	363.2	424.1	331.1	154.6	307.6	313.3
15 ²	318.2	393.4	365.4	418.9	332.6	157.0	305.4	315.8

¹ Includes 265 common stocks; 98 for durable goods manufacturing, 72 for nondurable goods manufacturing, 21 for transportation, 29 for utilities, 31 for trade, finance, and service, and 14 for mining. Indexes are for weekly closing prices.

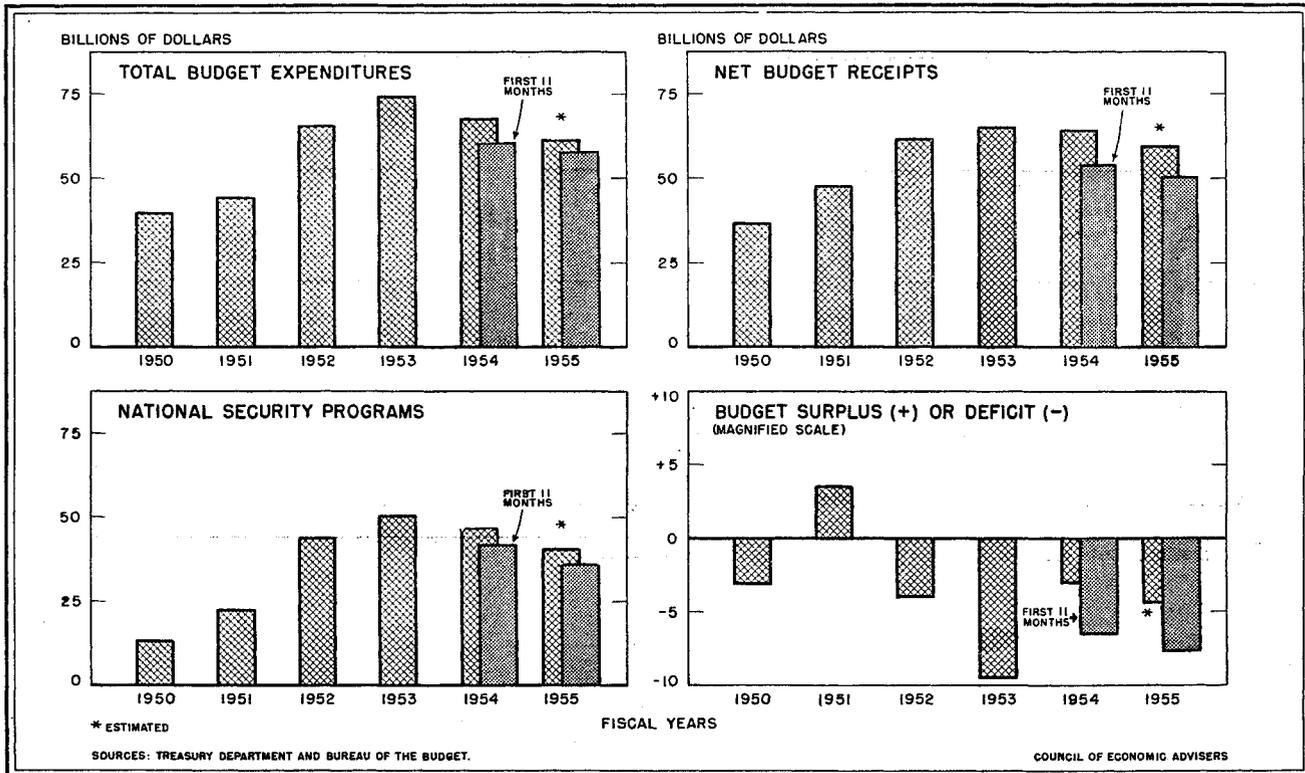
² Data became available after chart was prepared.

Source: Securities and Exchange Commission.

FEDERAL FINANCE

BUDGET RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES

The cumulative budget deficit of the Federal Government through May of the fiscal year 1955 was \$7.6 billion, compared with \$6.5 billion at the same time last year.



[Billions of dollars]

Period	Net budget receipts	Budget expenditures		Budget surplus (+) or deficit (-)	Public debt (end of period) ²
		Total	National security ¹		
Fiscal year 1944	43.6	95.1	75.8	-51.4	202.6
Fiscal year 1947	39.8	39.0	14.4	+8.8	258.4
Fiscal year 1948	41.5	33.1	11.8	+8.4	252.4
Fiscal year 1949	37.7	39.5	12.9	-1.8	252.8
Fiscal year 1950	36.5	39.6	13.0	-3.1	257.4
Fiscal year 1951	47.6	44.1	22.3	+3.5	255.3
Fiscal year 1952	61.4	65.4	43.8	-4.0	259.2
Fiscal year 1953	64.8	74.3	50.3	-9.4	266.1
Fiscal year 1954	64.7	67.8	46.5	-3.1	271.3
Fiscal year 1955 (estimated)	59.0	63.5	40.6	-4.5	274.4
1954: April	2.8	5.3	3.7	-2.5	271.1
May	3.6	5.2	3.3	-1.6	273.6
June	10.6	7.3	4.5	+3.3	271.3
July	2.8	4.8	3.2	-2.0	271.0
August	3.9	6.7	3.4	-2.8	275.0
September	5.0	5.0	3.3	-.1	274.8
October	2.6	4.9	3.3	-2.2	278.8
November	4.2	3.8	3.3	+4	278.9
December	3.7	6.3	3.7	-2.5	278.8
1955: January	4.7	4.9	3.2	-.3	278.5
February	5.4	4.8	3.1	+6	278.2
March	9.7	5.9	3.5	+3.8	274.1
April	3.7	5.2	3.3	-1.5	276.7
May	4.4	5.4	3.3	-.9	277.5
Cumulative totals for first 11 months:					
Fiscal year 1954	54.0	60.5	42.0	-6.5	273.6
Fiscal year 1955	50.3	57.8	36.5	-7.6	277.5

¹ Revised to include the items classified as "national security" in *The Budget of The United States Government for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 1955*. These expenditure items are: Military functions of Defense Department, mutual military program, development and control of atomic energy, and allocation of critical and strategic materials.

² Includes guaranteed securities, except those held by the Treasury. Not all of total shown is subject to statutory debt limitation.

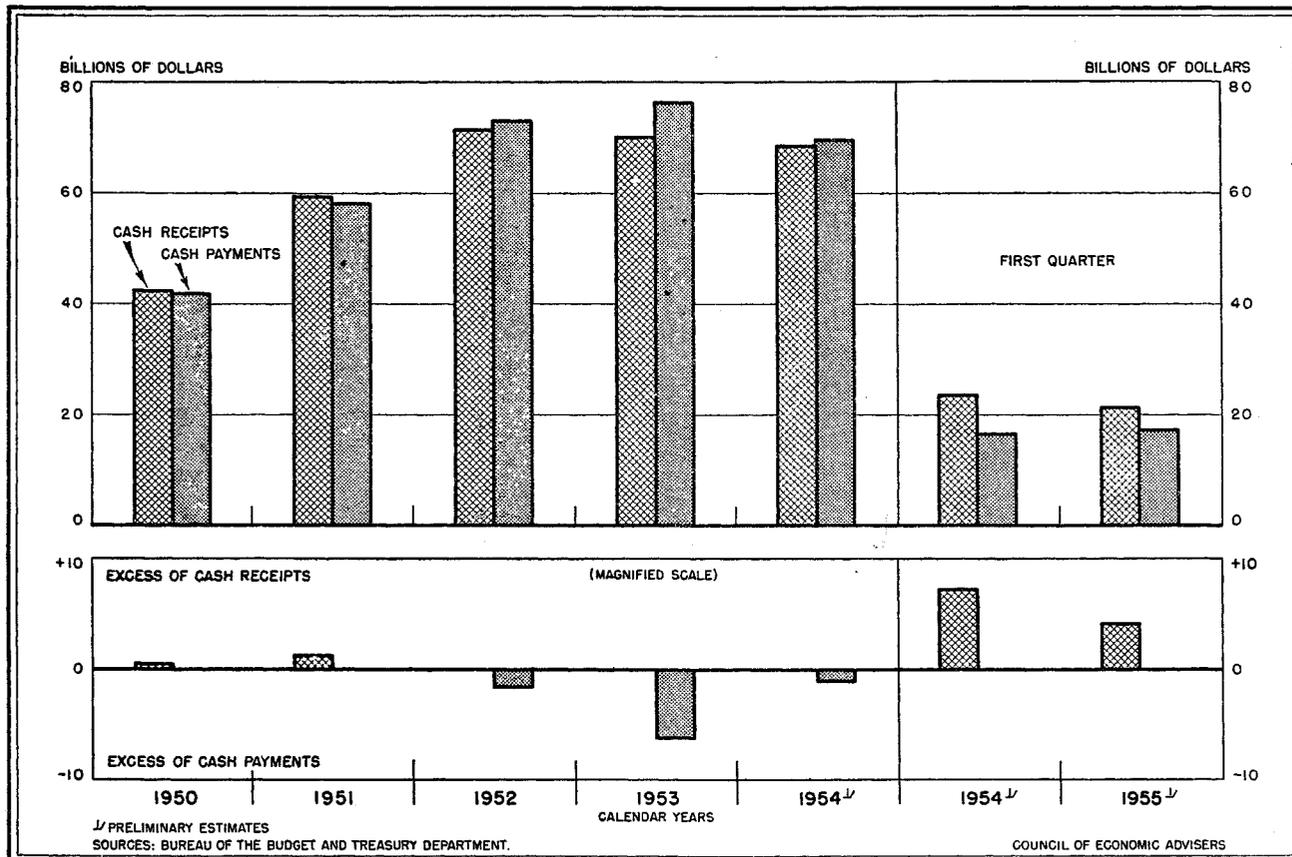
NOTE.—Beginning with February 1954, the reporting of budget receipts and expenditures is on a basis consistent with that used in preparing budget estimates. The figures shown above for fiscal years 1953 and 1954 are those published by the Treasury Department on the new basis.

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Sources: Treasury Department and Bureau of the Budget.

CASH RECEIPTS FROM AND PAYMENTS TO THE PUBLIC

Federal cash receipts exceeded cash payments by \$4.1 billion in the first quarter of this year. Because of the heavy concentration of corporate tax payments in March, a substantial cash surplus is usual at this time of year.



[Millions of dollars]

Calendar year	Cash receipts from the public	Cash payments to the public	Excess of receipts (+) or payments (-)
Calendar year total:			
1946	41,441	41,399	+42
1947	44,282	38,616	+5,666
1948	44,922	36,897	+8,027
1949	41,346	42,642	-1,295
1950	42,419	41,969	+450
1951	59,278	58,034	+1,244
1952	71,339	72,980	-1,641
1953	70,041	76,194	-6,153
1954 ¹	68,562	69,622	-1,060
Quarterly totals, not adjusted for seasonal variation:			
1953: First quarter	22,539	18,166	+4,373
1953: Second quarter	18,674	21,049	-2,375
1953: Third quarter	15,357	18,870	-3,513
1953: Fourth quarter	13,471	18,109	-4,638
1954: ¹ First quarter	23,693	16,459	+7,234
1954: ¹ Second quarter	19,115	18,431	+684
1954: ¹ Third quarter	13,501	18,582	-5,082
1954: ¹ Fourth quarter	12,253	16,172	-3,918
1955: ¹ First quarter	21,287	17,161	+4,126

¹ Preliminary estimates.

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Sources: Bureau of the Budget and Treasury Department.

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