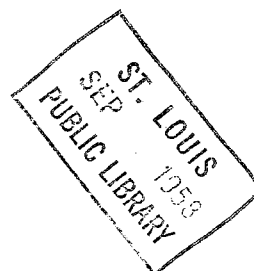


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TOTAL OUTPUT, INCOME, AND SPENDING

THE NATION'S INCOME, EXPENDITURE, AND SAVING

Current estimates show an increase in total income and expenditures between the first and second quarters of 1958.

[Billions of dollars]

Economic group	1957						1958					
	Year			Second quarter			First quarter			Second quarter		
	Re- ceipts	Ex- pend- itures	Excess of re- ceipts (+) or ex- pend- itures (-)	Re- ceipts	Ex- pend- itures	Excess of re- ceipts (+) or ex- pend- itures (-)	Re- ceipts	Ex- pend- itures	Excess of re- ceipts (+) or ex- pend- itures (-)	Re- ceipts	Ex- pend- itures	Excess of re- ceipts (+) or ex- pend- itures (-)
Seasonally adjusted annual rates												
Consumers:												
Disposable personal income.....	305.1			305.7			305.0			307.5		
Personal consumption ex- penditures.....		284.4			282.5			286.2			288.3	
Personal net saving (+).....			20.7			23.2			18.8			19.2
Business:												
Gross retained earnings.....	45.6			45.2			42.4			(1)		
Gross private domestic in- vestment.....		65.3			67.0			49.6			49.2	
Excess of investment (-).....			-19.7			-21.8			-7.2			(1)
International:												
Net foreign investment.....		3.5			4.2			.5			.5	
Excess of receipts (+) or of investment (-).....			-3.5			-4.2			-1.5			-1.5
Government (Federal, State, and local):												
Tax and nontax receipts or accruals.....	116.2			116.3			110.6			(1)		
Less: Transfers, interest, and subsidies (net).....		27.4			27.5			30.4			32.3	
Net receipts.....		88.8			88.8			80.2			(1)	
Total government expendi- tures.....		114.5			115.0			119.9			123.2	
Less: Transfers, interest, and subsidies (net).....			27.4			27.5			30.4			32.3
Purchases of goods and services.....			87.1			87.5			89.5			90.9
Surplus (+) or deficit (-) on income and product account.....			1.7			1.3			-9.3			(1)
Statistical discrepancy.....	.7		.7	1.5		1.5	-1.7		-1.7	(1)		(1)
GROSS NATIONAL PRODUCT.....	440.3	440.3		441.2	441.2		425.8	425.8		429.0	429.0	

¹ Not available.

NOTE.—Revised series beginning 1946. For details, see *Survey of Current Business*, July 1958.

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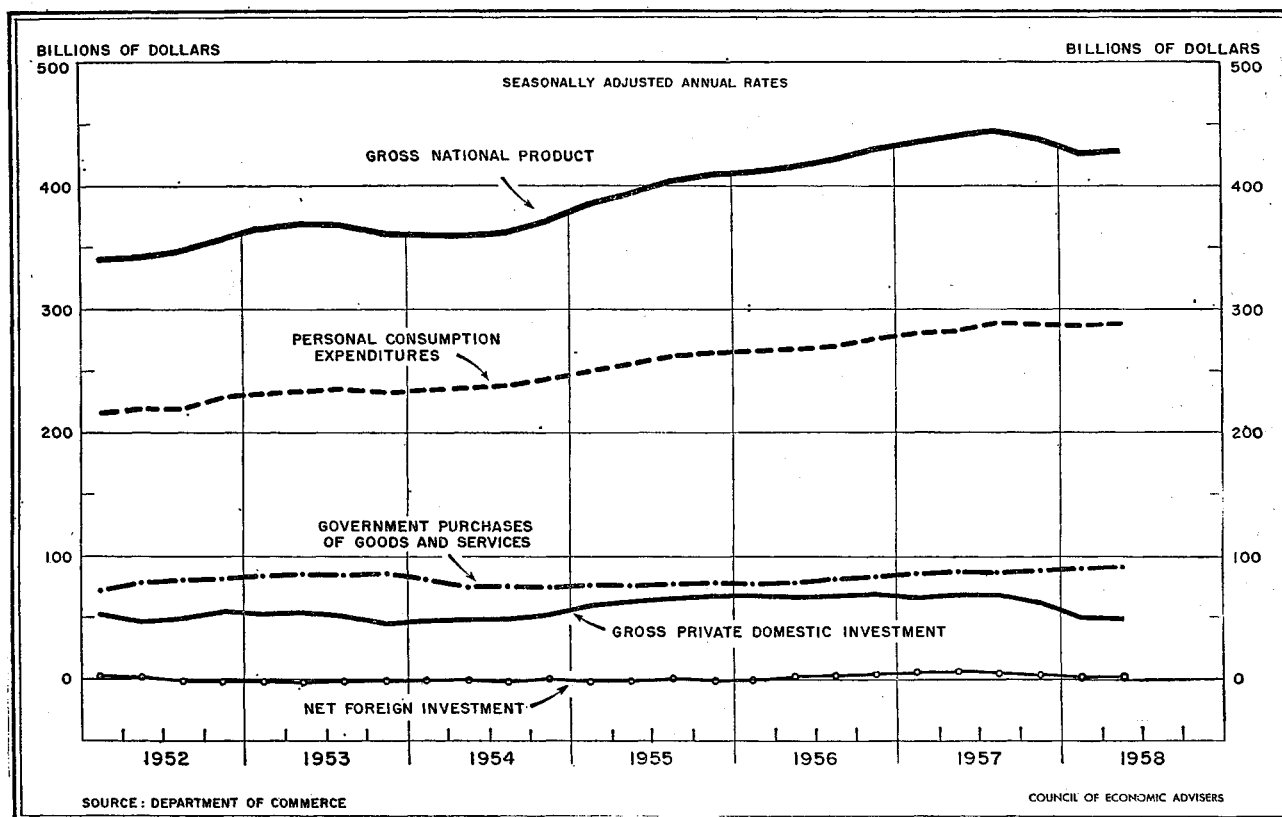
Economic Report, pp. 92-93, 99-105, and *Economic Report of the President*, January 1953, Appendix A.

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Sources: Department of Commerce and Council of Economic Advisers.

GROSS NATIONAL PRODUCT OR EXPENDITURE

Gross national expenditures rose \$3.2 billion (seasonally adjusted annual rate) between the first and second quarters of 1958, according to current estimates. Increases occurred in personal consumption expenditures and government purchases.



[Billions of dollars]

Period	Total gross national product in 1957 prices ¹	Total gross national product	Personal consumption expenditures	Gross private domestic investment	Net foreign investment	Government purchases of goods and services				
						Total ²	Total ²	National security ³	Other	State and local
1939	204.7	91.1	67.6	9.3	0.9	13.3	5.2	1.3	3.9	8.2
1948	317.1	259.4	178.3	43.1	1.9	36.1	20.9	15.8	5.6	15.2
1949	316.6	258.1	181.2	33.0	.5	43.4	25.5	19.3	6.6	17.9
1951	370.1	329.0	209.8	56.3	.2	62.6	40.9	37.2	4.2	21.7
1952	382.6	347.0	219.8	49.9	-.2	77.5	54.3	48.9	5.8	23.2
1953	399.3	365.4	232.6	50.3	-2.0	84.4	59.5	51.5	8.4	24.9
1954	393.0	363.1	238.0	48.9	-.4	76.6	48.9	43.0	6.2	27.7
1955	425.1	397.5	256.9	63.8	-.4	77.1	46.8	41.3	5.9	30.3
1956	435.3	419.2	269.4	68.2	1.4	80.3	47.1	42.5	5.0	33.1
1957	440.3	440.3	284.4	65.3	3.5	87.1	50.8	46.5	4.8	36.3
Seasonally adjusted annual rates										
1957: First quarter		436.3	279.8	65.9	4.2	86.4	50.5	45.8	5.1	35.9
Second quarter		441.2	282.5	67.0	4.2	87.5	51.5	47.4	4.5	36.0
Third quarter		445.6	288.3	66.7	3.6	87.0	50.9	46.9	4.5	36.1
Fourth quarter		438.9	287.2	61.5	1.9	88.3	50.5	46.0	5.0	37.8
1958: First quarter		425.8	286.2	49.6	.5	89.5	50.9	45.6	5.7	38.6
Second quarter		429.0	288.3	49.2	.5	90.9	51.9	46.0	6.2	39.1

¹ Preliminary estimates by Council of Economic Advisers.

² Less Government sales.

³ 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 "major national security" category in *The Budget of the United States Government for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 1959*, and shown on p. 31 of *Economic Indicators*.

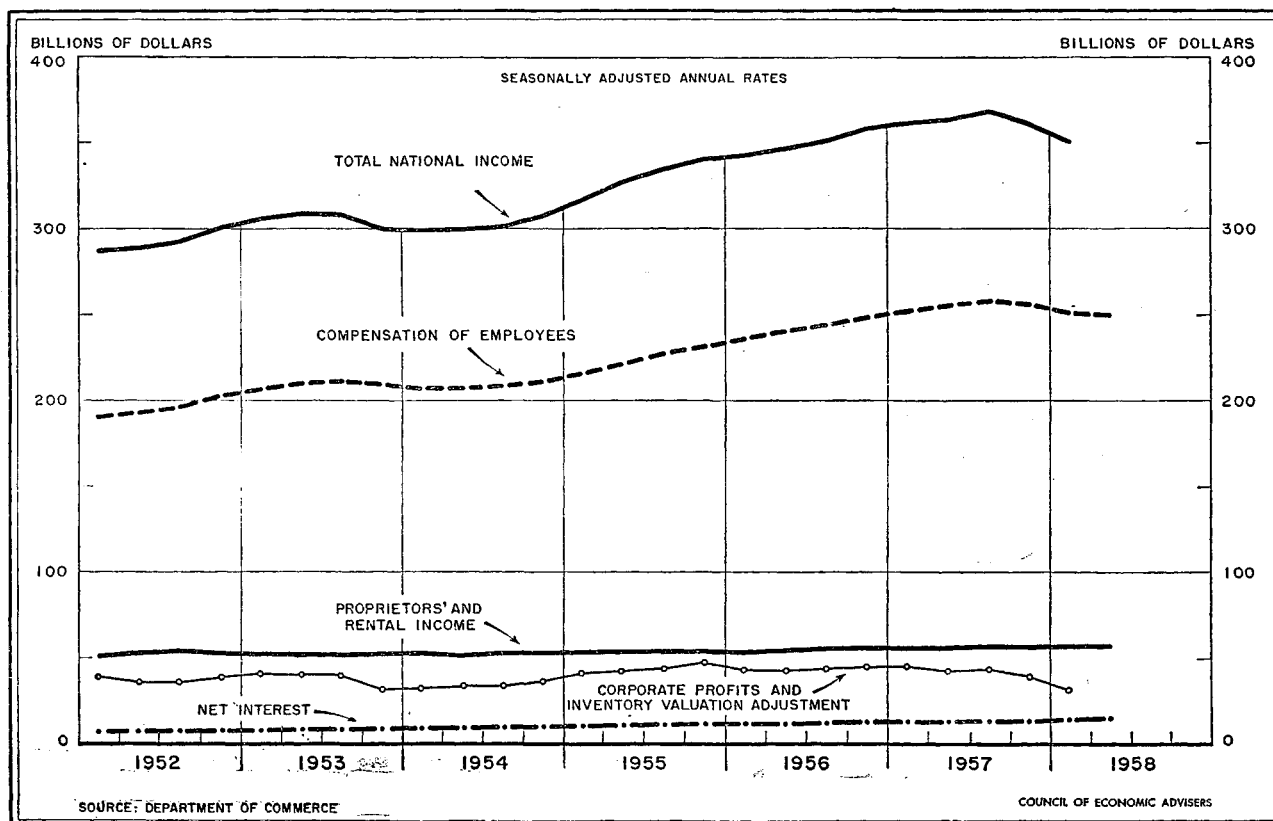
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Source: Department of Commerce (except as noted).

NATIONAL INCOME

Compensation of employees remained virtually unchanged between the first and second quarters of 1958. Farm proprietors' income rose about \$1 billion (seasonally adjusted annual rate).



[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
1948.....	223.5	141.0	17.8	22.4	7.3	4.2	30.8	33.0	-2.2
1949.....	217.7	140.8	12.9	22.7	8.3	4.8	28.2	26.4	1.9
1951.....	279.3	180.3	16.3	26.0	9.4	6.3	41.0	42.2	-1.2
1952.....	292.2	195.0	15.3	26.9	10.2	7.1	37.7	36.7	1.0
1953.....	305.6	208.8	13.3	27.4	10.5	8.2	37.3	38.3	-1.0
1954.....	301.8	207.6	12.7	27.8	10.9	9.1	33.7	34.1	-0.3
1955.....	330.2	223.9	11.8	30.4	10.7	10.4	43.1	44.9	-1.7
1956.....	349.4	241.8	11.6	30.8	10.9	11.3	42.9	45.5	-2.6
1957.....	364.0	254.6	11.6	31.4	11.8	12.6	41.9	43.4	-1.5
Seasonally adjusted annual rates									
1957: First quarter.....	361.5	251.6	11.5	31.1	11.4	12.1	43.7	46.1	-2.4
Second quarter.....	364.1	254.9	11.6	31.4	11.7	12.5	42.0	43.5	-1.5
Third quarter.....	368.7	257.3	11.8	31.7	12.0	12.8	43.1	44.2	-1.1
Fourth quarter.....	361.5	254.8	11.5	31.3	12.2	12.9	38.8	39.9	-1.1
1958: First quarter.....	350.6	250.9	12.6	30.6	12.1	13.0	31.3	31.7	-0.3
Second quarter.....	(²)	250.7	13.4	30.7	12.1	13.1	(²)	(²)	.5

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

² Not available.

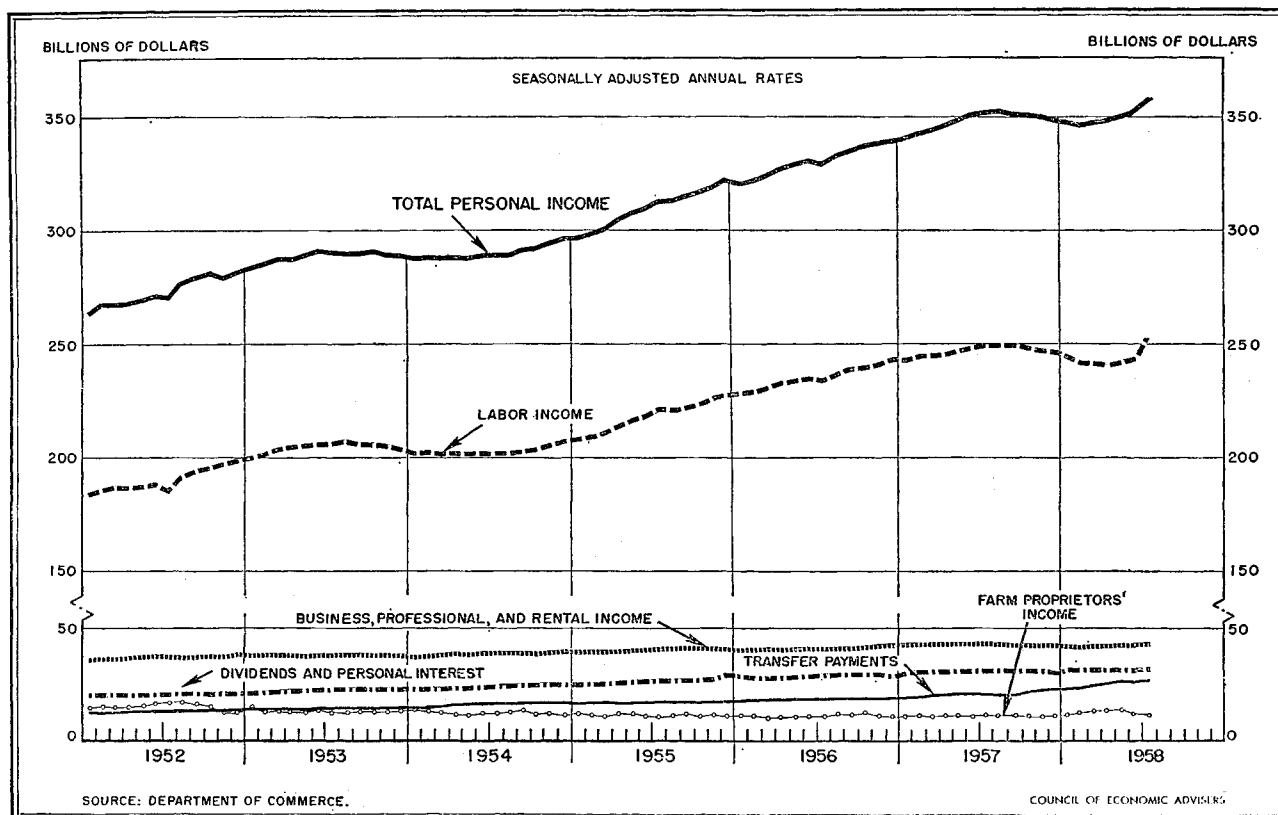
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Source: Department of Commerce.

SOURCES OF PERSONAL INCOME

Personal income in August was about \$1½ billion (seasonally adjusted annual rate) higher than the comparable July total (excluding the lump-sum retroactive salary payments to Federal employees). Wages and salaries accounted for most of the rise.



SOURCE: DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE.

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[Billions of dollars]

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
1949-----	208.3	137.4	12.9	22.7	8.3	7.5	9.4	12.4	2.2	192.1
1951-----	256.7	175.5	16.3	26.0	9.4	9.0	11.2	12.6	3.4	237.0
1952-----	273.1	190.2	15.3	26.9	10.2	9.0	12.1	13.2	3.8	254.3
1953-----	288.3	204.1	13.3	27.4	10.5	9.2	13.4	14.3	3.9	271.5
1954-----	289.8	202.5	12.7	27.8	10.9	9.8	14.6	16.2	4.6	273.8
1955-----	310.2	218.0	11.8	30.4	10.7	11.2	15.8	17.5	5.2	295.0
1956-----	330.5	235.2	11.6	30.8	10.9	12.0	17.0	18.6	5.7	315.4
1957-----	347.9	247.1	11.6	31.4	11.8	12.4	18.8	21.5	6.6	332.7
Seasonally adjusted annual rates										
1957: July-----	351.8	249.6	11.9	31.8	11.9	12.8	18.9	21.7	6.7	336.2
August-----	352.1	249.9	11.8	31.8	12.0	12.8	19.0	21.5	6.7	336.6
September-----	351.4	249.3	11.7	31.6	12.1	12.7	19.1	21.5	6.6	336.1
October-----	350.6	247.8	11.4	31.6	12.1	12.6	19.1	22.6	6.6	335.7
November-----	350.2	247.2	11.4	31.2	12.2	12.6	19.1	23.0	6.6	335.2
December-----	348.4	246.5	11.8	31.2	12.2	10.8	19.2	23.3	6.6	333.0
1958: January-----	348.2	244.2	12.0	30.9	12.2	12.5	19.3	23.9	6.7	332.5
February-----	346.4	242.2	12.7	30.4	12.1	12.4	19.3	23.8	6.7	330.1
March-----	347.1	241.5	13.0	30.5	12.1	12.4	19.3	24.8	6.6	330.5
April-----	348.1	240.9	13.4	30.6	12.1	12.4	19.3	26.1	6.6	331.0
May-----	349.9	242.0	13.7	30.7	12.1	12.4	19.3	26.4	6.7	332.4
June-----	352.0	244.7	13.2	30.8	12.2	12.5	19.3	26.0	6.7	335.1
July-----	³ 358.8	³ 251.2	13.1	31.0	12.2	12.5	19.3	26.5	7.0	³ 342.0
August ⁴ -----	355.6	274.5	12.9	31.2	12.2	12.5	19.4	26.7	6.8	338.9

¹ Compensation of employees (see p. 3) excluding employer contributions for social insurance and the excess of wage accruals over disbursements.

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 lump-sum retroactive salary payments to Federal employees at an annual rate of \$4.6 billion (\$380 million multiplied by 12).

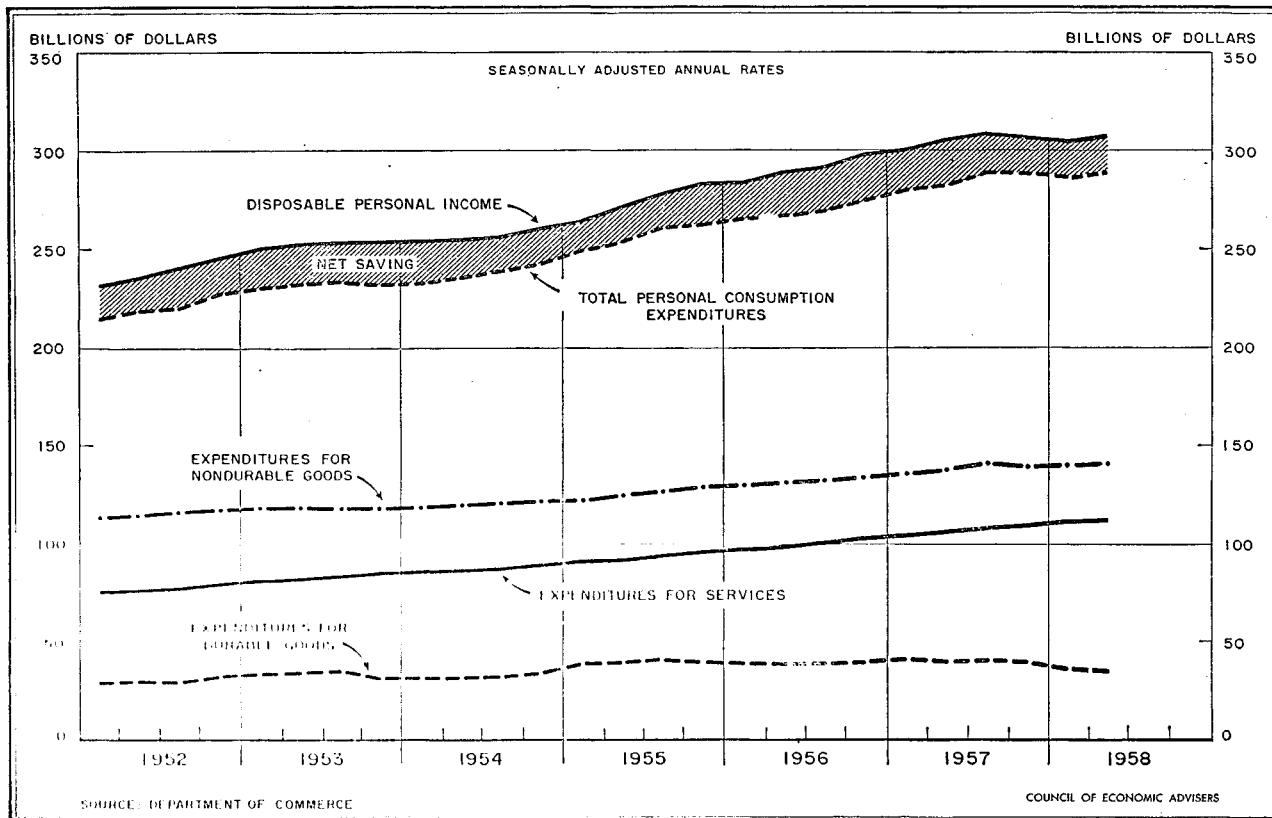
⁴ Preliminary estimates not charted.

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Source: Department of Commerce.

DISPOSITION OF PERSONAL INCOME

Disposable personal income rose \$2.5 billion (seasonally adjusted annual rate) between the first and second quarters of 1958. Total consumer expenditures rose \$2.1 billion, though outlays for durable goods continued to fall.



Period	Personal income	Less: Personal taxes ¹	Equals: Disposable personal income	Less: Personal consumption expenditures				Equals: Personal saving	Saving as percent of disposable income
				Total	Durable goods	Non-durable goods	Services		
	Billions of dollars								
1939.....	72.9	2.4	70.4	67.6	6.7	35.1	25.8	2.9	4.1
1948.....	210.4	21.1	189.3	178.3	22.7	98.7	56.9	11.0	5.8
1949.....	208.3	18.7	189.7	181.2	24.6	96.6	60.0	8.5	4.5
1951.....	256.7	29.2	227.5	209.8	29.5	110.1	70.2	17.7	7.8
1952.....	273.1	34.4	238.7	219.8	29.1	115.1	75.6	18.9	7.9
1953.....	288.3	35.8	252.5	232.6	32.9	118.0	81.8	19.8	7.9
1954.....	289.8	32.9	256.9	238.0	32.4	119.3	86.3	18.9	7.3
1955.....	310.2	35.7	274.4	256.9	39.6	124.8	92.5	17.5	6.4
1956.....	330.5	40.1	290.5	269.4	38.4	131.4	99.6	21.1	7.2
1957.....	347.9	42.7	305.1	284.4	39.9	138.0	106.5	20.7	6.8
	Seasonally adjusted annual rates								
1957: First quarter.....	342.3	42.3	300.0	279.8	40.2	135.5	104.1	20.3	6.8
Second quarter.....	348.4	42.7	305.7	282.5	39.5	137.1	105.9	23.2	7.6
Third quarter.....	351.8	43.1	308.7	288.3	40.4	140.5	107.4	20.4	6.6
Fourth quarter.....	349.7	43.0	306.8	287.2	39.6	138.8	108.7	19.6	6.4
1958: First quarter.....	347.3	42.3	305.0	286.2	36.3	139.8	110.1	18.8	6.2
Second quarter.....	349.8	42.3	307.5	288.3	35.6	141.4	111.3	19.2	6.2

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

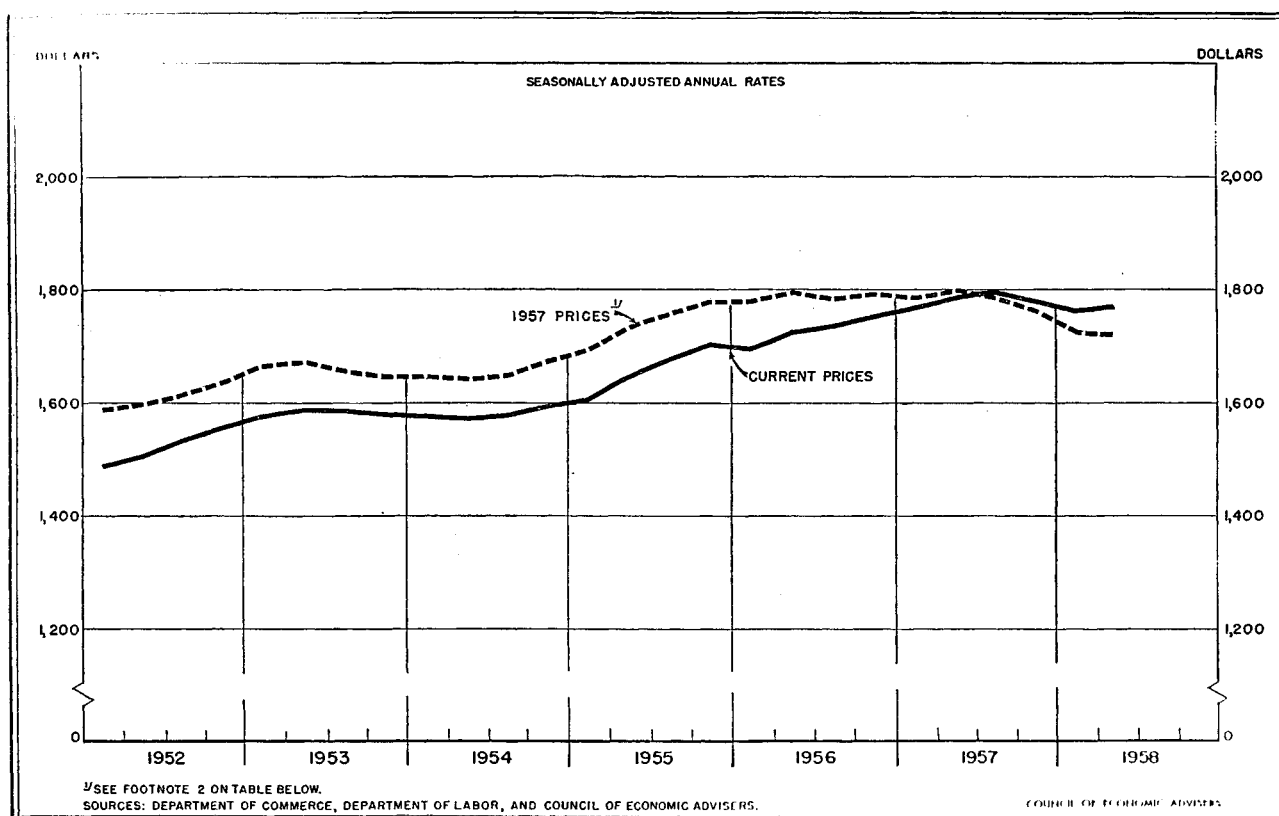
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PER CAPITA DISPOSABLE INCOME

Per capita disposable income, measured in current prices, rose a little in the second quarter, but fell slightly when measured in constant prices.



Period	Total disposable personal income (billions of dollars) ¹		Per capita disposable personal income (dollars) ¹		Population (thousands) ³
	Current prices	1957 prices ²	Current prices	1957 prices ²	
1939.....	70.4	142.6	538	1,089	131,028
1948.....	189.3	221.4	1,291	1,510	146,631
1949.....	189.7	223.9	1,271	1,501	149,188
1951.....	227.5	246.5	1,474	1,597	154,360
1952.....	238.7	252.9	1,520	1,610	157,028
1953.....	252.5	265.2	1,582	1,662	159,636
1954.....	256.9	269.0	1,582	1,657	162,417
1955.....	274.4	288.0	1,661	1,743	165,270
1956.....	290.5	300.4	1,727	1,786	168,176
1957.....	305.1	305.1	1,782	1,782	171,196
Seasonally adjusted annual rates					
1957: First quarter.....	300.0	304.0	1,763	1,786	170,151
Second quarter.....	305.7	306.9	1,789	1,796	170,839
Third quarter.....	308.7	306.6	1,799	1,786	171,612
Fourth quarter.....	306.8	303.8	1,780	1,762	172,393
1958: First quarter.....	305.0	298.7	1,762	1,726	173,054
Second quarter.....	307.5	299.1	1,770	1,722	173,705

¹ Income less taxes.

² Dollar estimates in current prices divided by consumer price index on a 1957 base.

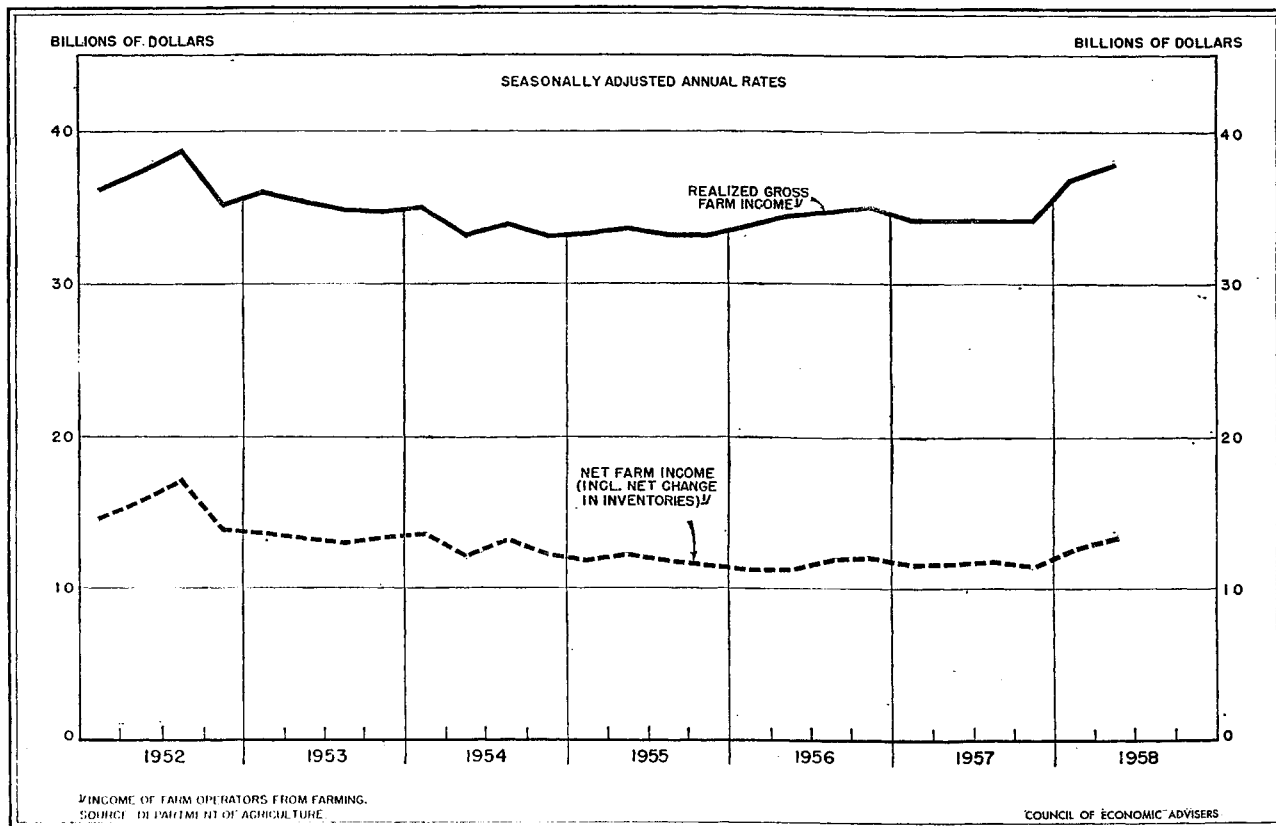
³ Includes armed forces overseas. Annual data as of July 1; quarterly data centered in the middle of the period, interpolated from monthly figures.

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

FARM INCOME

In the second quarter of 1958, farm operators' net income (seasonally adjusted), whether excluding or including inventory change, was 6 percent above the first quarter, according to current estimates.



Period	Farm operators' income						Number of farms (millions) ⁵
	Realized gross farm income ¹	Farm production expenses	Net income ²		Net income per farm including net change in inventories		
			Excluding net change in inventories	Including net change in inventories ³	Current prices	1957 prices ⁴	
	Billions of dollars				Dollars		
1939	10. 6	6. 2	4. 4	4. 5	697	1, 660	6. 4
1948	34. 9	18. 9	16. 1	17. 8	3, 065	3, 483	5. 8
1949	31. 8	18. 0	13. 8	12. 9	2, 259	2, 658	5. 7
1951	37. 3	22. 2	15. 2	16. 3	2, 951	3, 139	5. 5
1952	37. 0	22. 6	14. 4	15. 3	2, 829	2, 978	5. 4
1953	35. 3	21. 4	13. 9	13. 3	2, 502	2, 662	5. 3
1954	33. 9	21. 7	12. 2	12. 7	2, 440	2, 542	5. 2
1955	33. 3	21. 9	11. 5	11. 8	2, 313	2, 435	5. 1
1956	34. 6	22. 5	12. 1	11. 6	2, 341	2, 413	5. 0
1957	34. 3	23. 5	10. 8	11. 6	2, 388	2, 388	4. 9
	Seasonally adjusted annual rates						
1957: First quarter	34. 4	23. 4	11. 0	11. 5	2, 370	2, 390	4. 9
Second quarter	34. 3	23. 6	10. 7	11. 6	2, 390	2, 390	4. 9
Third quarter	34. 3	23. 4	10. 9	11. 8	2, 430	2, 430	4. 9
Fourth quarter	34. 3	23. 6	10. 7	11. 5	2, 370	2, 350	4. 9
1958: First quarter	37. 0	24. 2	12. 8	12. 6	2, 650	2, 600	4. 8
Second quarter	38. 0	24. 4	13. 6	13. 4	2, 820	2, 760	4. 8

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

² Realized gross farm income less farm production expenses. Excludes farm wages paid to workers living on farms and any income to farm people from non-farm sources, which in 1957 amounted to \$1.8 billion and \$6.3 billion, respectively.

³ Data prior to 1946 differ from farm proprietors' income on pages 3 and 4 because of revisions by the Department of Agriculture not yet incorporated into the national income accounts of the Department of Commerce.

⁴ Dollar estimates in current prices divided by the index of prices paid by farmers for items used in family living on a 1957 base.

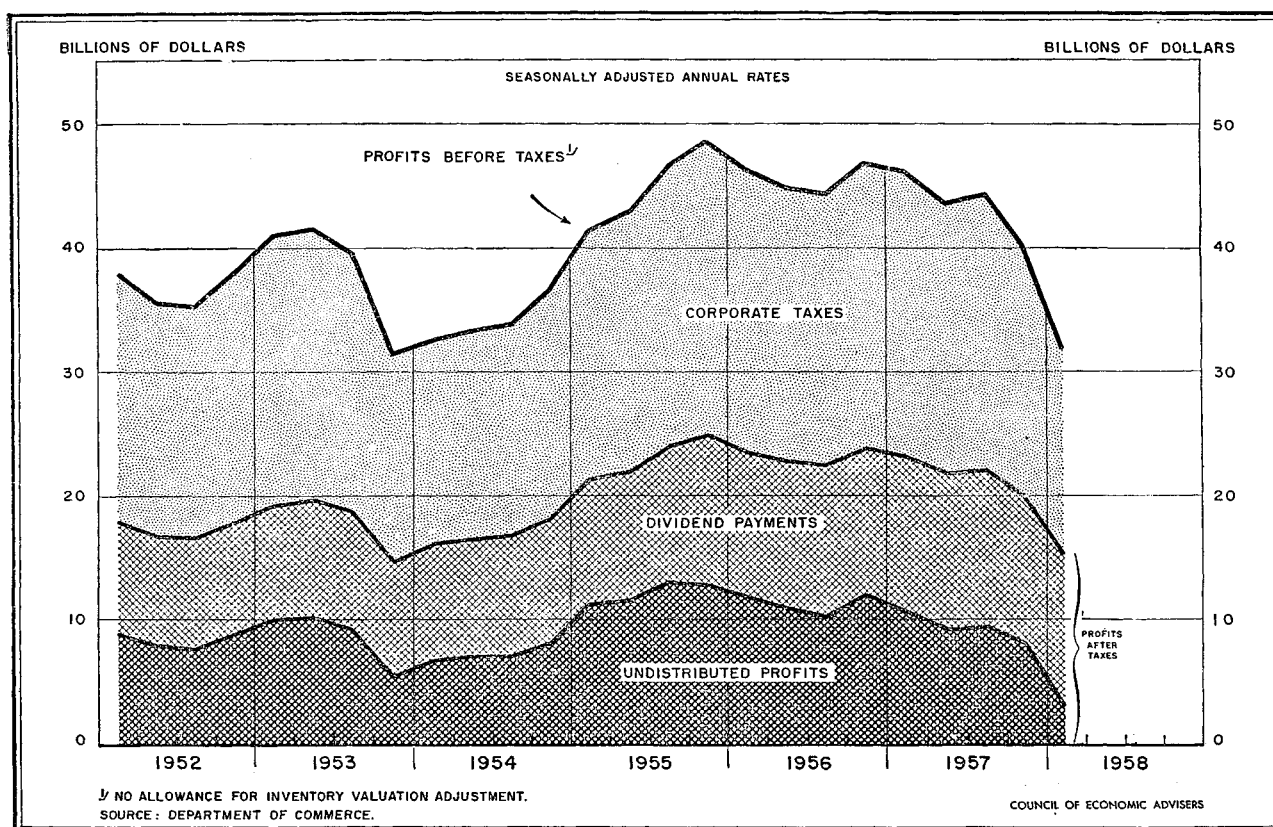
⁵ The number of farms is held constant within a given year.

NOTE.—Revised series beginning 1946. For details, see *Farm Income Situation*, July 15, 1958.

Source: Department of Agriculture.

CORPORATE PROFITS

Corporate profits in the first quarter of 1958 were lower than in the fourth quarter of 1957. Profits before taxes fell \$8.2 billion (seasonally adjusted annual rate); profits after taxes fell \$4.5 billion.



[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
1948.....	33.0	12.5	20.5	7.2	13.3
1949.....	26.4	10.4	16.0	7.5	8.5
1951.....	42.2	22.4	19.7	9.0	10.7
1952.....	36.7	19.5	17.2	9.0	8.3
1953.....	38.3	20.2	18.1	9.2	8.9
1954.....	34.1	17.2	16.8	9.8	7.0
1955.....	44.9	21.8	23.0	11.2	11.8
1956.....	45.5	22.4	23.1	12.0	11.0
1957.....	43.4	21.6	21.8	12.4	9.4
Seasonally adjusted annual rates					
1957: First quarter.....	46.1	23.0	23.1	12.5	10.6
Second quarter.....	43.5	21.7	21.8	12.6	9.2
Third quarter.....	44.2	22.0	22.1	12.7	9.4
Fourth quarter.....	39.9	19.9	20.0	12.0	8.0
1958: First quarter.....	31.7	16.1	15.5	12.5	3.0
Second quarter.....	(1)	(1)	(1)	12.4	(1)

¹ Not available.

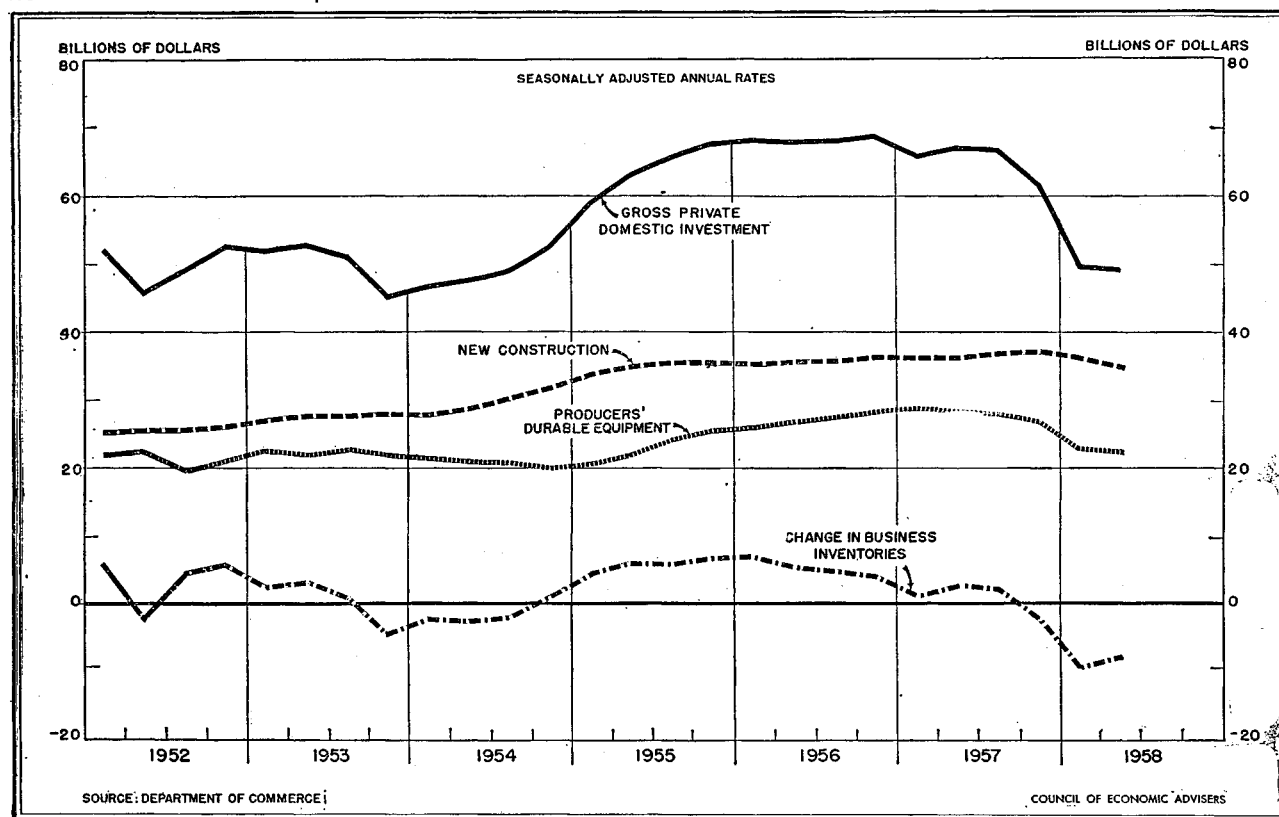
NOTE.—Revised series beginning 1946. For details, see *Survey of Current Business*, July 1958.

See p. 3 for profits before taxes and after inventory valuation adjustment. Detail will not necessarily add to totals because of rounding.

Source: Department of Commerce.

GROSS PRIVATE DOMESTIC INVESTMENT

Gross private domestic investment (seasonally adjusted) dropped slightly in the second quarter of 1958, according to current estimates. All components of fixed investment declined, but business inventories were liquidated at a slower rate than in the first quarter.



[Billions of dollars]

Period	Total gross private domestic investment	Fixed investment					Change in business inventories	
		Total	New construction ¹			Producers' durable equipment	Total	Nonfarm
			Total	Residential nonfarm	Other			
1939.....	9.3	8.9	4.8	2.7	2.1	4.2	0.4	0.3
1948.....	43.1	38.4	19.5	10.1	9.3	18.9	4.7	3.0
1949.....	33.0	36.0	18.8	9.6	9.2	17.2	-3.1	-2.2
1951.....	56.3	46.1	24.8	12.5	12.3	21.3	10.2	9.1
1952.....	49.9	46.8	25.5	12.8	12.7	21.3	3.1	2.1
1953.....	50.3	49.9	27.6	13.8	13.8	22.3	.4	1.1
1954.....	48.9	50.5	29.7	15.4	14.3	20.8	-1.6	-2.1
1955.....	63.8	58.1	34.9	18.7	16.2	23.1	5.8	5.5
1956.....	68.2	62.7	35.7	17.7	18.1	27.0	5.4	5.9
1957.....	65.3	64.3	36.5	17.0	19.5	27.9	1.0	.2
Seasonally adjusted annual rates								
1957: First quarter.....	65.9	64.8	36.1	17.2	18.9	28.7	1.1	.6
Second quarter.....	67.0	64.2	36.1	16.5	19.6	28.1	2.9	2.0
Third quarter.....	66.7	64.6	36.6	16.9	19.7	28.0	2.2	1.3
Fourth quarter.....	61.5	63.8	37.1	17.6	19.6	26.7	-2.3	-3.1
1958: First quarter.....	49.6	59.2	36.3	17.1	19.2	22.9	-9.5	-9.3
Second quarter.....	49.2	57.2	34.9	16.2	18.7	22.3	-8.0	-7.8

¹ "Other" construction in this series includes petroleum and natural gas well drilling, which are excluded from estimates on p. 19.

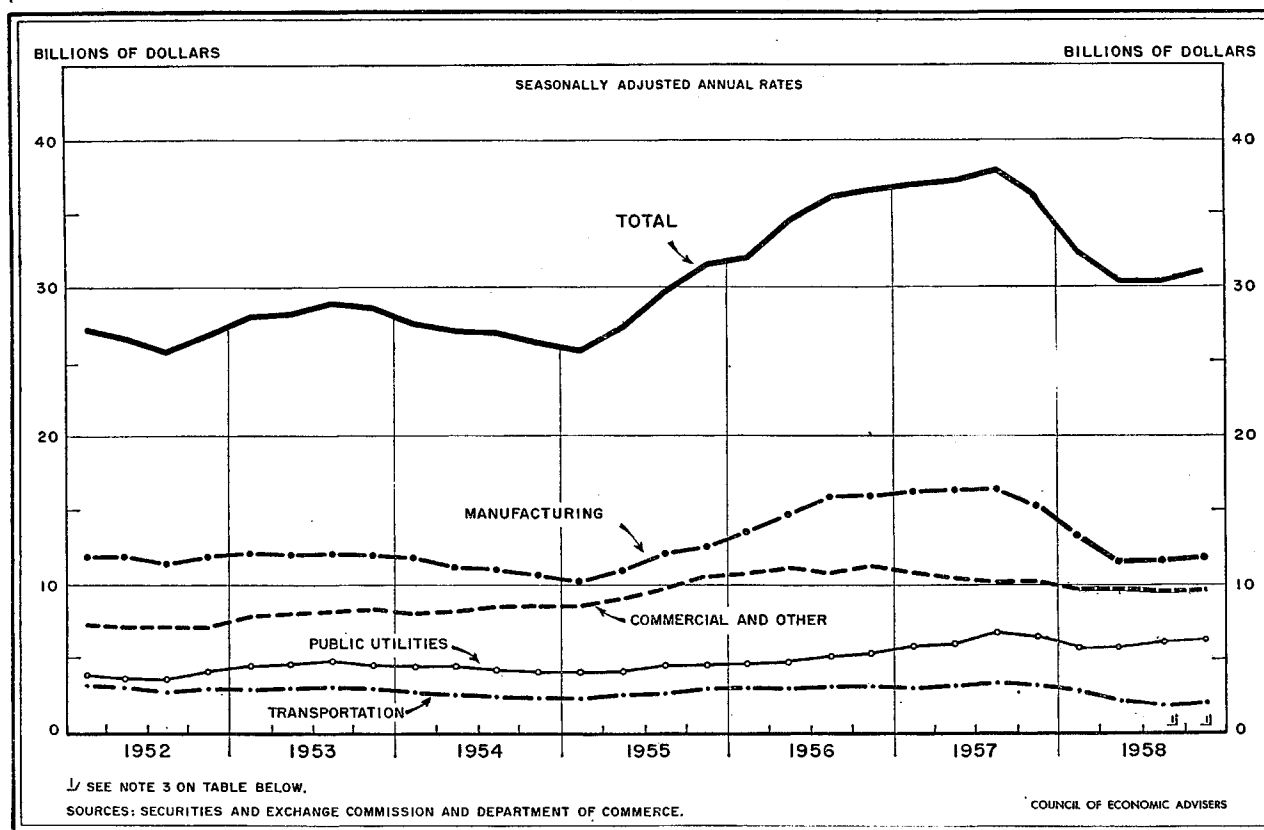
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Detail will not necessarily add to totals because of rounding.

Source: Department of Commerce.

EXPENDITURES FOR NEW PLANT AND EQUIPMENT

The July-August survey of business expenditures on plant and equipment indicates that anticipated capital outlays in the third quarter will be \$30.3 billion (seasonally adjusted annual rate), the same as expenditures in the second quarter. A moderate rise to \$31.0 billion in the last quarter of the year is expected.



[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
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
1955	28.70	11.44	5.44	6.00	.96	.92	1.60	4.31	9.47
1956	35.08	14.95	7.62	7.33	1.24	1.23	1.71	4.90	11.05
1957	36.96	15.96	8.02	7.94	1.24	1.40	1.77	6.20	10.40
1958 ³	30.98	12.03	5.78	6.25	.93	.75	1.50	6.28	9.48
Seasonally adjusted annual rates									
1957: Third quarter	37.75	16.37	8.23	8.14	1.24	1.54	1.81	6.64	10.15
Fourth quarter	36.23	15.27	7.57	7.70	1.15	1.26	1.91	6.43	10.21
1958: First quarter	32.41	13.20	6.58	6.62	1.00	1.02	1.69	5.87	9.63
Second quarter	30.32	11.53	5.57	5.96	.92	.77	1.40	5.97	9.73
Third quarter ³	30.32	11.57	5.48	6.09	.91	.67	1.37	6.20	9.60
Fourth quarter ³	31.02	11.86	5.54	6.32	.96	.50	1.55	6.38	9.77

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 late July and August 1958.

NOTE.—Annual total is the sum of unadjusted expenditures; it does not necessarily coincide with the average of seasonally adjusted figures, which include

adjustments, when necessary, for systematic tendencies in anticipatory data. 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.

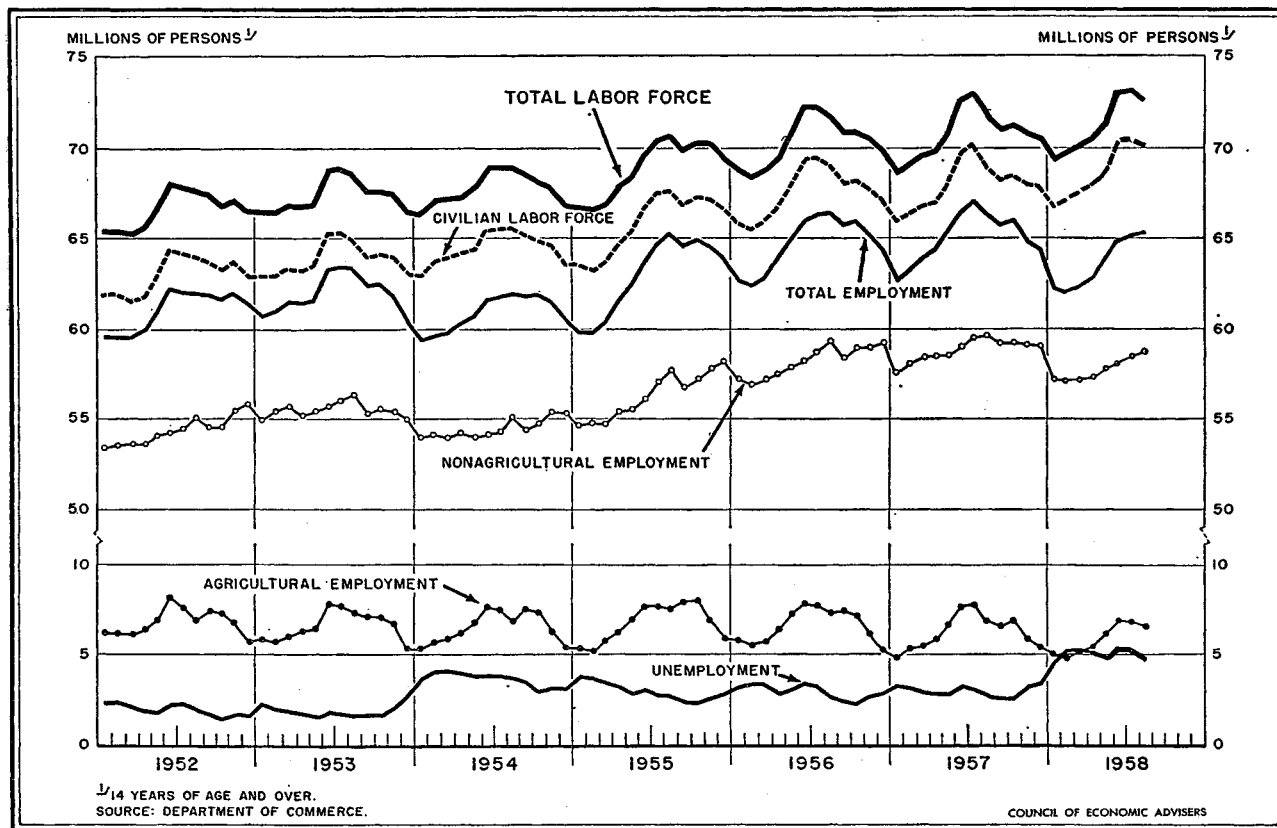
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Sources: Securities and Exchange Commission and Department of Commerce

EMPLOYMENT, UNEMPLOYMENT, AND WAGES

STATUS OF THE LABOR FORCE

Total employment increased by 200,000 in August, a better than usual rise for the month. Unemployment declined by 600,000 to 4.7 million.



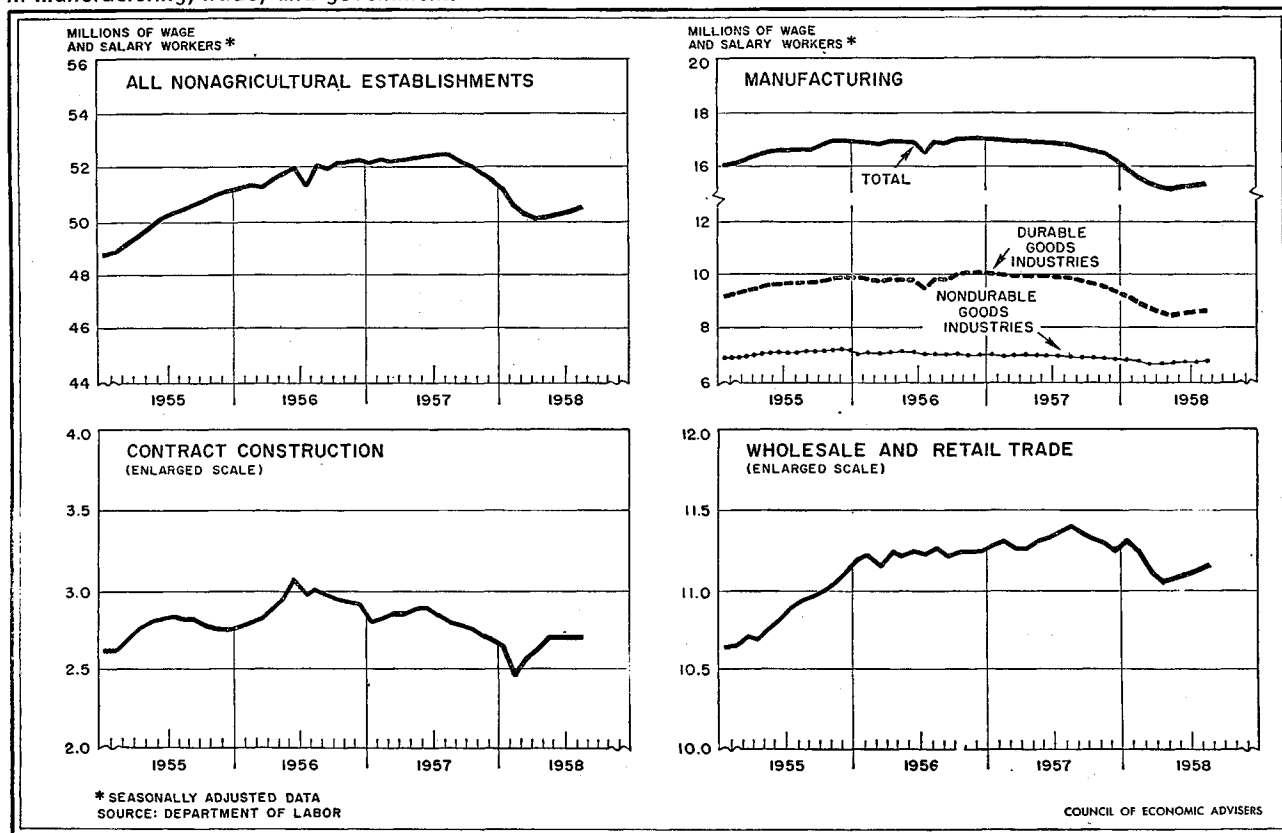
Period	Total labor force (including armed forces) ¹	Civilian labor force ¹	Civilian employment ¹			Unemployment ¹		Insured unemployment ²	
			Total	Agricul- tural	Nonagri- cultural	Number	% of civilian labor force	All pro- grams (thousands of persons)	State pro- grams as % of covered employment
							Unad-justed		
	Thousands of persons 14 years of age and over								
1939	55, 600	55, 230	45, 750	9, 610	36, 140	9, 480	17. 2		5. 1
<i>New definitions: ¹</i>									
1952	66, 560	62, 966	61, 035	6, 792	54, 243	1, 932	3. 1	1, 064	2. 9
1953	67, 362	63, 815	61, 945	6, 555	55, 390	1, 870	2. 9	1, 058	2. 8
1954	67, 818	64, 468	60, 890	6, 495	54, 395	3, 578	5. 6	2, 039	5. 2
1955	68, 896	65, 848	62, 944	6, 718	56, 225	2, 904	4. 4	1, 388	3. 4
1956	70, 387	67, 530	64, 708	6, 572	58, 135	2, 822	4. 2	1, 312	3. 1
1957	70, 746	67, 946	65, 011	6, 222	58, 789	2, 936	4. 3	1, 560	3. 5
1957: July	73, 051	70, 228	67, 221	7, 772	59, 449	3, 007	4. 3	1, 368	3. 1
August	71, 833	68, 994	66, 385	6, 823	59, 562	2, 609	3. 8	1, 228	2. 8
September	71, 044	68, 225	65, 674	6, 518	59, 156	2, 552	3. 7	1, 240	2. 8
October	71, 299	68, 513	66, 005	6, 837	59, 168	2, 508	3. 7	1, 314	3. 0
November	70, 790	68, 061	64, 873	5, 817	59, 057	3, 188	4. 7	1, 623	3. 6
December	70, 458	67, 770	64, 396	5, 385	59, 012	3, 374	5. 0	2, 256	5. 1
1958: January	69, 379	66, 732	62, 238	4, 998	57, 240	4, 494	6. 7	3, 065	6. 9
February	69, 804	67, 160	61, 988	4, 830	57, 158	5, 173	7. 7	3, 375	7. 6
March	70, 158	67, 510	62, 311	5, 072	57, 239	5, 198	7. 7	3, 505	7. 9
April	70, 681	68, 027	62, 907	5, 558	57, 349	5, 120	7. 5	3, 527	7. 9
May	71, 603	68, 965	64, 061	6, 272	57, 789	4, 904	7. 1	3, 184	7. 1
June	73, 049	70, 418	64, 981	6, 900	58, 081	5, 437	7. 7	2, 847	6. 3
July	73, 104	70, 473	65, 179	6, 718	58, 461	5, 294	7. 5	2, 717	6. 0
August	72, 703	70, 067	65, 367	6, 621	58, 746	4, 699	6. 7	³ 2, 374	³ 5. 2

¹ See *Monthly Reports on the Labor Force*, Department of Commerce, for definitions, methods of estimation, periods to which data pertain, etc.
² Weekly averages.

³ Preliminary estimate.
Sources: Department of Commerce, Department of Labor, and Council of Economic Advisers.

NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT

Employment in nonagricultural establishments rose by 100,000 (seasonally adjusted) in August, led by increases in manufacturing, trade, and government.



[Thousands of wage and salary workers ¹]

Period	Total, unad-justed	Total	Manufacturing			Mining	Contract construction	Wholesale and retail trade	Government (Federal, State, local)	Other
			Total	Durable goods	Nondurable goods					
1939-----	30,311	30,311	10,078	4,683	5,394	845	1,150	6,612	3,995	7,632
1952-----	48,303	48,303	16,334	9,340	6,994	885	2,634	10,281	6,609	11,563
1953-----	49,681	49,681	17,238	10,105	7,133	852	2,622	10,527	6,645	11,797
1954-----	48,431	48,431	15,995	9,122	6,873	777	2,593	10,520	6,751	11,795
1955-----	50,056	50,056	16,563	9,549	7,014	777	2,759	10,846	6,914	12,197
1956-----	51,766	51,766	16,903	9,835	7,068	807	2,929	11,221	7,277	12,629
1957-----	52,162	52,162	16,782	9,821	6,961	809	2,808	11,302	7,626	12,835
Adjusted for seasonal variation										
1957: July-----	52,229	52,464	16,876	9,893	6,983	828	2,847	11,368	7,638	12,907
August-----	52,477	52,457	16,826	9,863	6,963	820	2,805	11,402	7,694	12,910
September-----	52,692	52,224	16,678	9,726	6,952	814	2,782	11,349	7,685	12,916
October-----	52,570	52,015	16,604	9,681	6,923	802	2,763	11,315	7,674	12,857
November-----	52,316	51,758	16,455	9,562	6,893	789	2,710	11,290	7,671	12,843
December-----	52,610	51,516	16,252	9,393	6,859	784	2,679	11,237	7,747	12,817
1958: January-----	50,477	51,223	15,965	9,155	6,810	766	2,652	11,305	7,754	12,781
February-----	49,777	50,575	15,648	8,895	6,753	747	2,455	11,235	7,766	12,724
March-----	49,690	50,219	15,389	8,717	6,672	733	2,573	11,116	7,788	12,620
April-----	49,726	50,054	15,243	8,566	6,677	723	2,624	11,050	7,816	12,598
May-----	49,949	50,147	15,202	8,498	6,704	718	2,698	11,087	7,835	12,607
June-----	50,413	50,315	15,275	8,556	6,719	713	2,698	11,105	7,877	12,647
July ² -----	50,202	50,431	15,319	8,601	6,718	711	2,699	11,123	7,900	12,679
August ² -----	50,541	50,529	15,354	8,619	6,735	705	2,699	11,171	7,935	12,665

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.

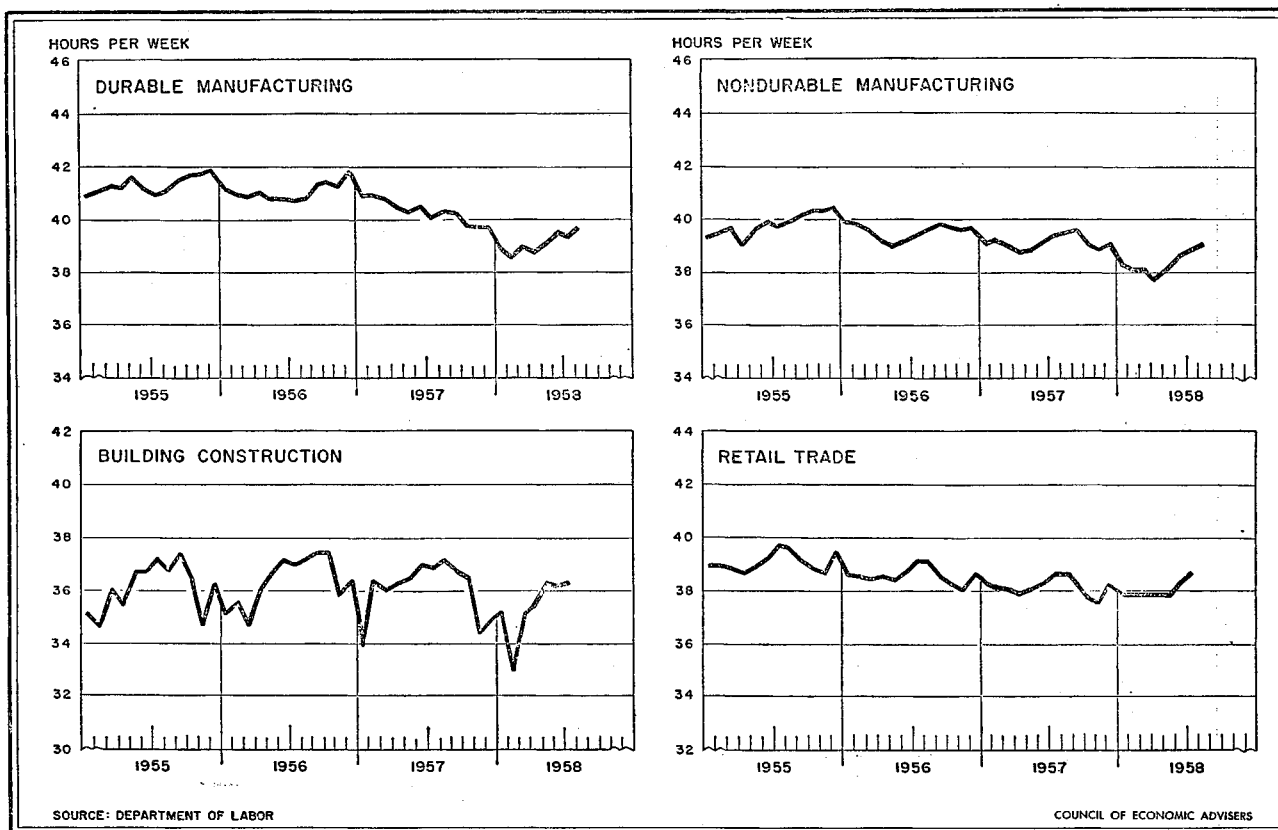
² Preliminary estimates.

NOTE.—Data beginning 1956 are the revised series.

Source: Department of Labor.

AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS - SELECTED INDUSTRIES

The average workweek in manufacturing rose seasonally by 0.2 hours to 39.4 hours in August.



[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
1948.....	40.1	40.5	39.6	37.3	40.3
1949.....	39.2	39.5	38.8	36.7	40.4
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	39.1
1955.....	40.7	41.4	39.8	36.2	39.0
1956.....	40.4	41.1	39.5	36.4	38.6
1957.....	39.8	40.3	39.1	36.1	38.1
1957: July.....	39.8	40.0	39.4	36.8	38.6
August.....	40.0	40.3	39.5	37.2	38.6
September.....	39.9	40.2	39.6	36.8	38.1
October.....	39.5	39.8	39.0	36.5	37.6
November.....	39.3	39.7	38.8	34.4	37.5
December.....	39.4	39.7	39.0	34.9	38.3
1958: January.....	38.7	38.9	38.3	35.2	37.8
February.....	38.4	38.6	38.1	33.0	37.8
March.....	38.6	39.0	38.1	35.2	37.8
April.....	38.3	38.8	37.7	35.5	37.8
May.....	38.7	39.1	38.1	36.3	37.8
June.....	39.2	39.6	38.7	36.2	38.2
July ²	39.2	39.4	38.9	36.3	38.7
August ²	39.4	39.7	39.1	(³)	(³)

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

NOTE.—Data beginning 1956 are the revised series.

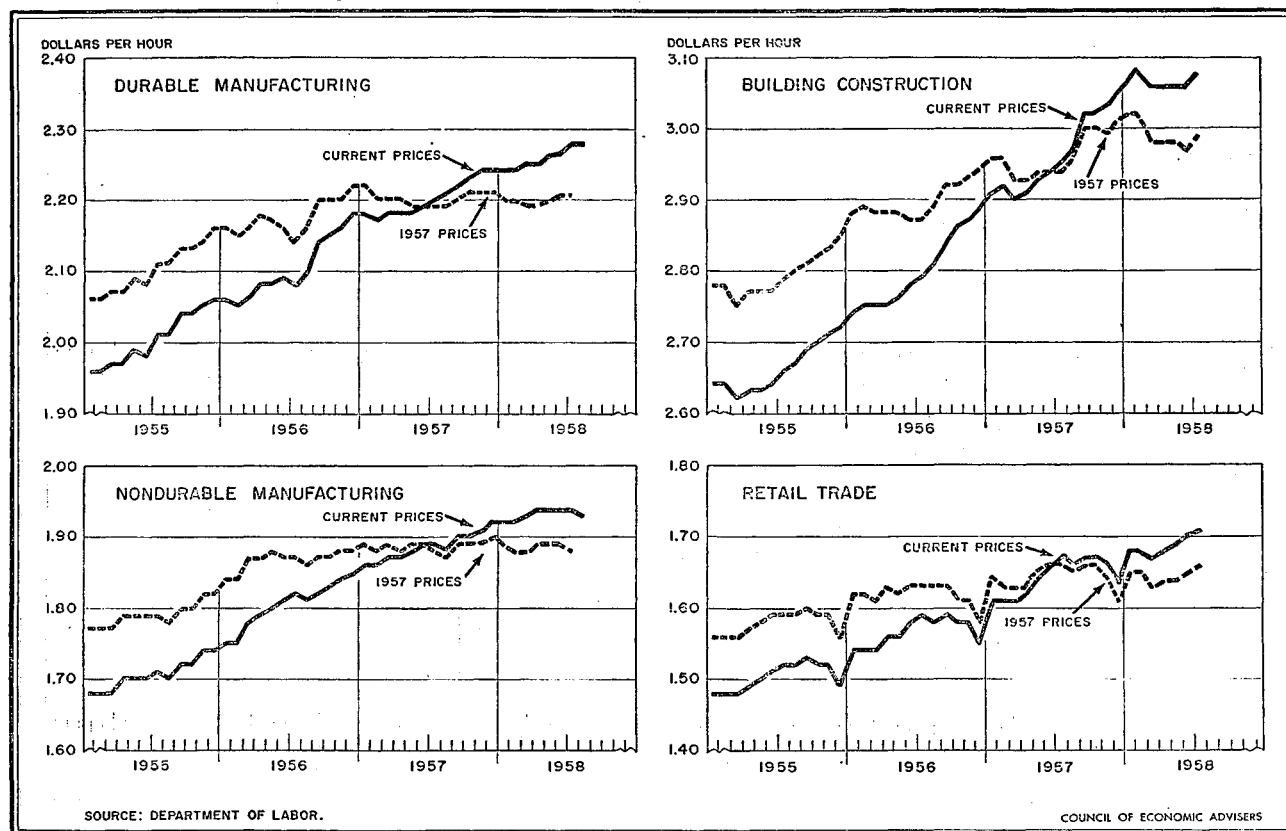
² Preliminary estimates.

³ Not available.

Source: Department of Labor.

AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS - SELECTED INDUSTRIES

Average hourly earnings of production workers in manufacturing were \$2.12 in August, 1 cent below the previous month and 5 cents above August 1957.



[For production workers or nonsupervisory employees]

Period	All manufacturing		Durable goods manufacturing		Nondurable goods manufacturing		Building construction		Retail trade	
	Current prices	1957 prices ¹	Current prices	1957 prices ¹	Current prices	1957 prices ¹	Current prices	1957 prices ¹	Current prices	1957 prices ¹
1939.....	\$0. 633	\$1. 281	\$0. 698	\$1. 413	\$0. 582	\$1. 178	\$0. 932	\$1. 887	\$0. 542	\$1. 097
1948.....	1. 350	1. 579	1. 410	1. 649	1. 278	1. 495	² 1. 848	² 2. 161	1. 088	1. 273
1949.....	1. 401	1. 654	1. 469	1. 734	1. 325	1. 564	1. 935	2. 285	1. 137	1. 342
1951.....	1. 59	1. 72	1. 67	1. 81	1. 48	1. 60	2. 19	2. 37	1. 26	1. 37
1952.....	1. 67	1. 77	1. 77	1. 88	1. 54	1. 63	2. 31	2. 45	1. 32	1. 40
1953.....	1. 77	1. 86	1. 87	1. 96	1. 61	1. 69	2. 48	2. 61	1. 40	1. 47
1954.....	1. 81	1. 90	1. 92	2. 01	1. 66	1. 74	2. 60	2. 72	1. 45	1. 52
1955.....	1. 88	1. 97	2. 01	2. 11	1. 71	1. 79	2. 66	2. 79	1. 50	1. 57
1956.....	1. 98	2. 05	2. 10	2. 17	1. 80	1. 86	2. 80	2. 90	1. 57	1. 62
1957.....	2. 07	2. 07	2. 20	2. 20	1. 88	1. 88	2. 96	2. 96	1. 64	1. 64
1957: July.....	2. 07	2. 06	2. 20	2. 19	1. 89	1. 88	2. 95	2. 94	1. 67	1. 66
August.....	2. 07	2. 06	2. 21	2. 19	1. 88	1. 87	2. 97	2. 95	1. 66	1. 65
September.....	2. 08	2. 07	2. 22	2. 20	1. 90	1. 89	3. 02	3. 00	1. 67	1. 66
October.....	2. 09	2. 08	2. 23	2. 21	1. 90	1. 89	3. 02	3. 00	1. 67	1. 66
November.....	2. 11	2. 08	2. 24	2. 21	1. 91	1. 89	3. 03	2. 99	1. 66	1. 64
December.....	2. 10	2. 08	2. 24	2. 21	1. 92	1. 90	3. 05	3. 01	1. 63	1. 61
1958: January.....	2. 11	2. 07	2. 24	2. 20	1. 92	1. 89	3. 07	3. 02	1. 68	1. 65
February.....	2. 10	2. 06	2. 24	2. 20	1. 92	1. 88	3. 08	3. 02	1. 68	1. 65
March.....	2. 11	2. 06	2. 25	2. 19	1. 93	1. 88	3. 06	2. 98	1. 67	1. 63
April.....	2. 11	2. 05	2. 25	2. 19	1. 94	1. 89	3. 06	2. 98	1. 68	1. 64
May.....	2. 12	2. 06	2. 26	2. 20	1. 94	1. 89	3. 06	2. 98	1. 69	1. 64
June.....	2. 12	2. 06	2. 27	2. 21	1. 94	1. 89	3. 06	2. 97	1. 70	1. 65
July ³	2. 13	2. 07	2. 28	2. 21	1. 94	1. 88	3. 08	2. 99	1. 71	1. 66
August ³	2. 12	(⁴)	2. 28	(⁴)	1. 93	(⁴)	(⁴)	(⁴)	(⁴)	(⁴)

¹ Earnings in current prices divided by consumer price index on a 1957 base.

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

³ Preliminary estimates.

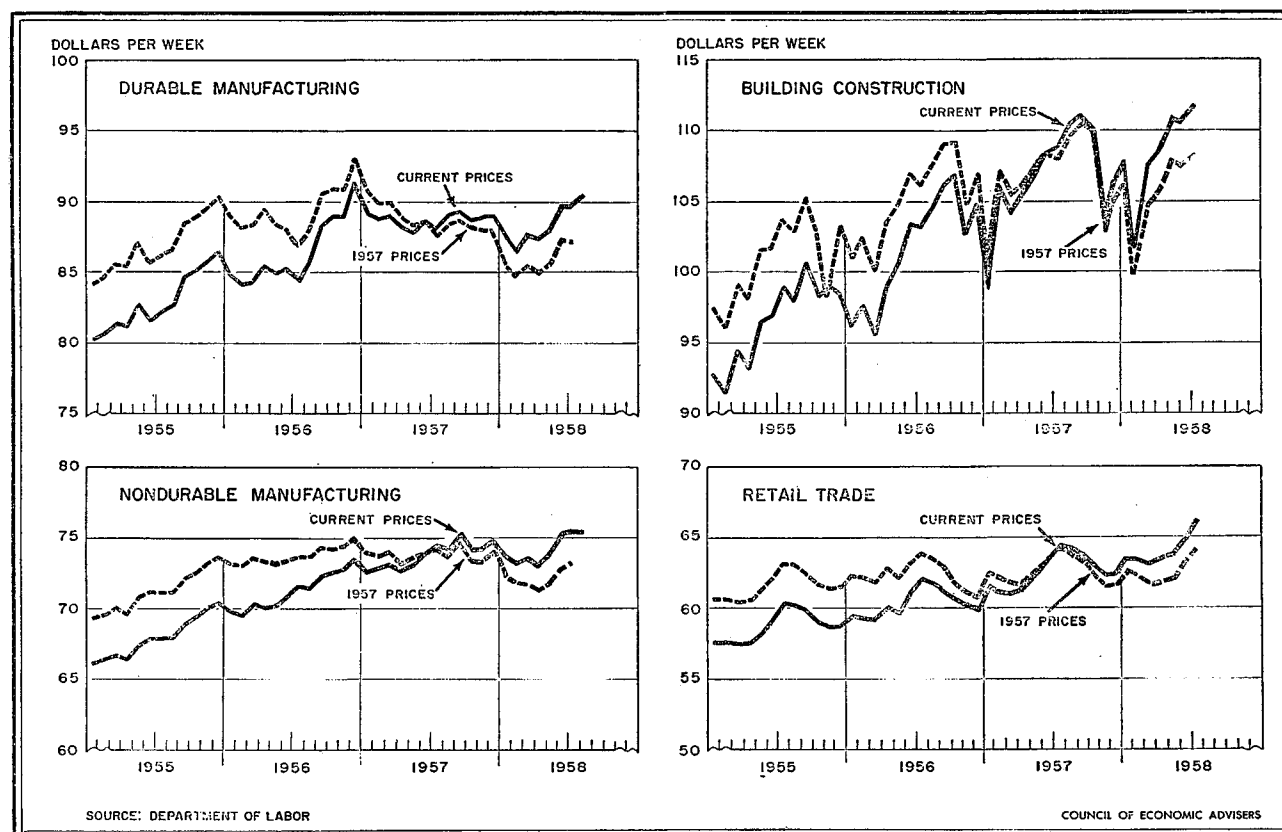
⁴ Not available.

NOTE.—Data beginning 1956 are the revised series.

Source: Department of Labor.

AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS - SELECTED INDUSTRIES

Average weekly earnings in manufacturing in August were about the same as in July and 73 cents above the year-ago level.



[For production workers or nonsupervisory employees]

Period	All manufacturing		Durable goods manufacturing		Nondurable goods manufacturing		Building construction		Retail trade	
	Current prices	1957 prices ¹	Current prices	1957 prices ¹	Current prices	1957 prices ¹	Current prices	1957 prices ¹	Current prices	1957 prices ¹
1939.....	\$23.86	\$48.30	\$26.50	\$53.64	\$21.78	\$44.09	\$30.39	\$61.52	\$23.14	\$46.84
1948.....	54.14	63.32	57.11	66.80	50.61	59.19	² 68.85	² 80.53	43.85	51.29
1949.....	54.92	64.84	58.03	68.51	51.41	60.70	70.95	83.77	45.93	54.23
1951.....	64.71	70.11	69.47	75.27	58.46	63.34	81.47	88.27	50.65	54.88
1952.....	67.97	72.00	73.46	77.82	60.98	64.60	88.01	93.23	52.67	55.79
1953.....	71.69	75.30	77.23	81.12	63.60	66.81	91.76	96.39	54.88	57.65
1954.....	71.86	75.25	77.18	80.82	64.74	67.79	94.12	98.55	56.70	59.37
1955.....	76.52	80.29	83.21	87.31	68.06	71.42	96.29	101.04	58.50	61.39
1956.....	79.99	82.72	86.31	89.26	71.10	73.53	101.92	105.40	60.60	62.67
1957.....	82.39	82.39	88.66	88.66	73.51	73.51	106.86	106.86	62.48	62.48
1957: July.....	82.39	81.98	88.00	87.56	74.47	74.10	108.56	108.02	64.46	64.14
August.....	82.80	82.22	89.06	88.44	74.26	73.74	110.48	109.71	64.08	63.63
September.....	82.99	82.41	89.24	88.62	75.24	74.72	111.14	110.37	63.63	63.19
October.....	82.56	81.99	88.75	88.13	74.10	73.58	110.23	109.46	62.79	62.35
November.....	82.92	81.94	88.93	87.88	74.11	73.23	104.23	102.99	62.25	61.51
December.....	82.74	81.76	88.93	87.88	74.88	73.99	106.45	105.19	62.43	61.69
1958: January.....	81.66	80.29	87.14	85.68	73.54	72.31	108.06	106.25	63.50	62.44
February.....	80.64	79.14	86.46	84.85	73.15	71.79	101.64	99.74	63.50	62.32
March.....	81.45	79.39	87.75	85.53	73.53	71.67	107.71	104.98	63.13	61.53
April.....	80.81	78.69	87.30	85.00	73.14	71.22	108.63	105.77	63.50	61.83
May.....	82.04	79.81	88.37	85.96	73.91	71.90	111.08	108.05	63.88	62.14
June.....	83.10	80.76	89.89	87.36	75.08	72.96	110.77	107.65	64.94	63.11
July ³	83.50	80.99	89.83	87.13	75.47	73.20	111.80	108.44	66.18	64.19
August ³	83.53	(4)	90.52	(4)	75.46	(4)	(4)	(4)	(4)	(4)

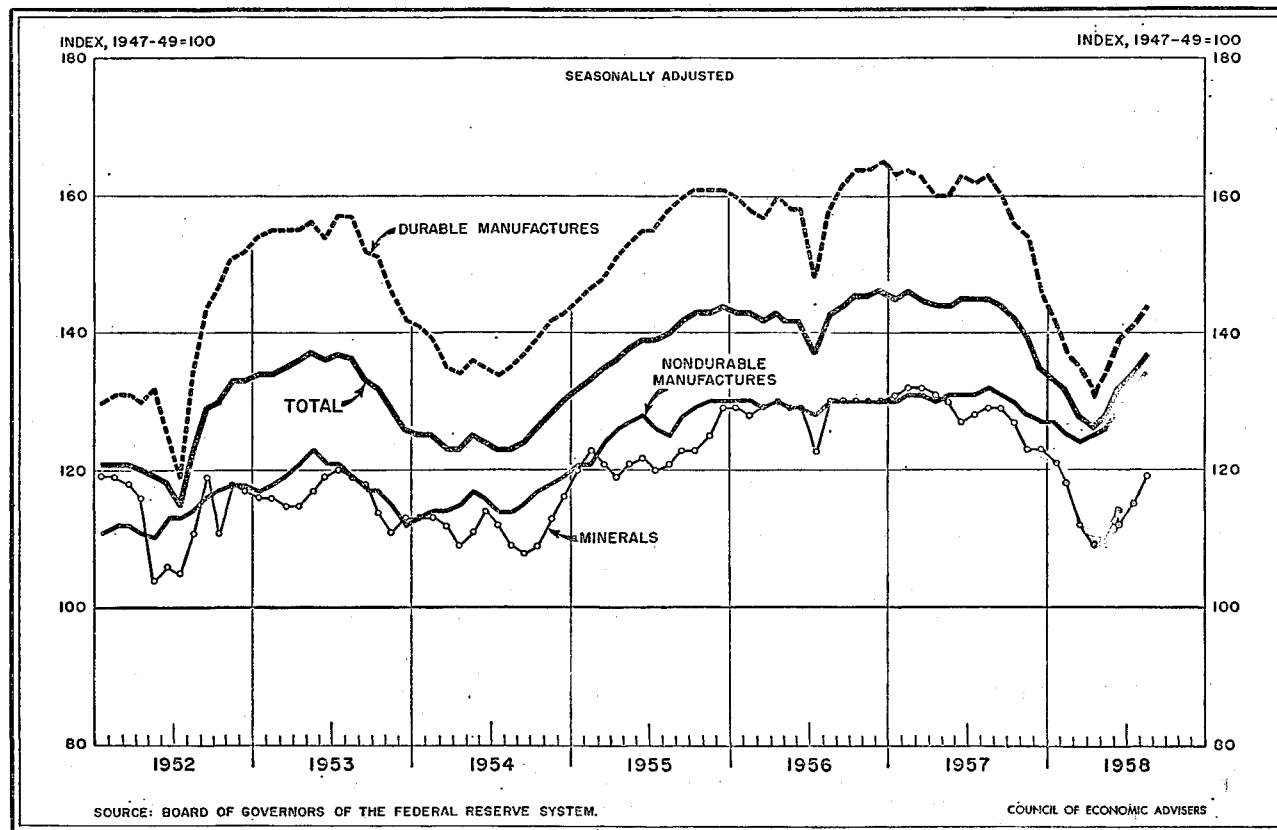
¹ Earnings in current prices divided by consumer price index on a 1957 base.
² Data beginning with January 1948 are not strictly comparable with those for earlier periods.
³ Preliminary estimates.

⁴ Not available.
 NOTE.—Data beginning 1956 are the revised series.
 Source: Department of Labor.

PRODUCTION AND BUSINESS ACTIVITY

INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION

The index of industrial production (seasonally adjusted) increased 3 points in August to 137 (1947-49=100). The index has recovered about three-fifths of the 1957-58 decline.



[1947-49=100, seasonally adjusted]

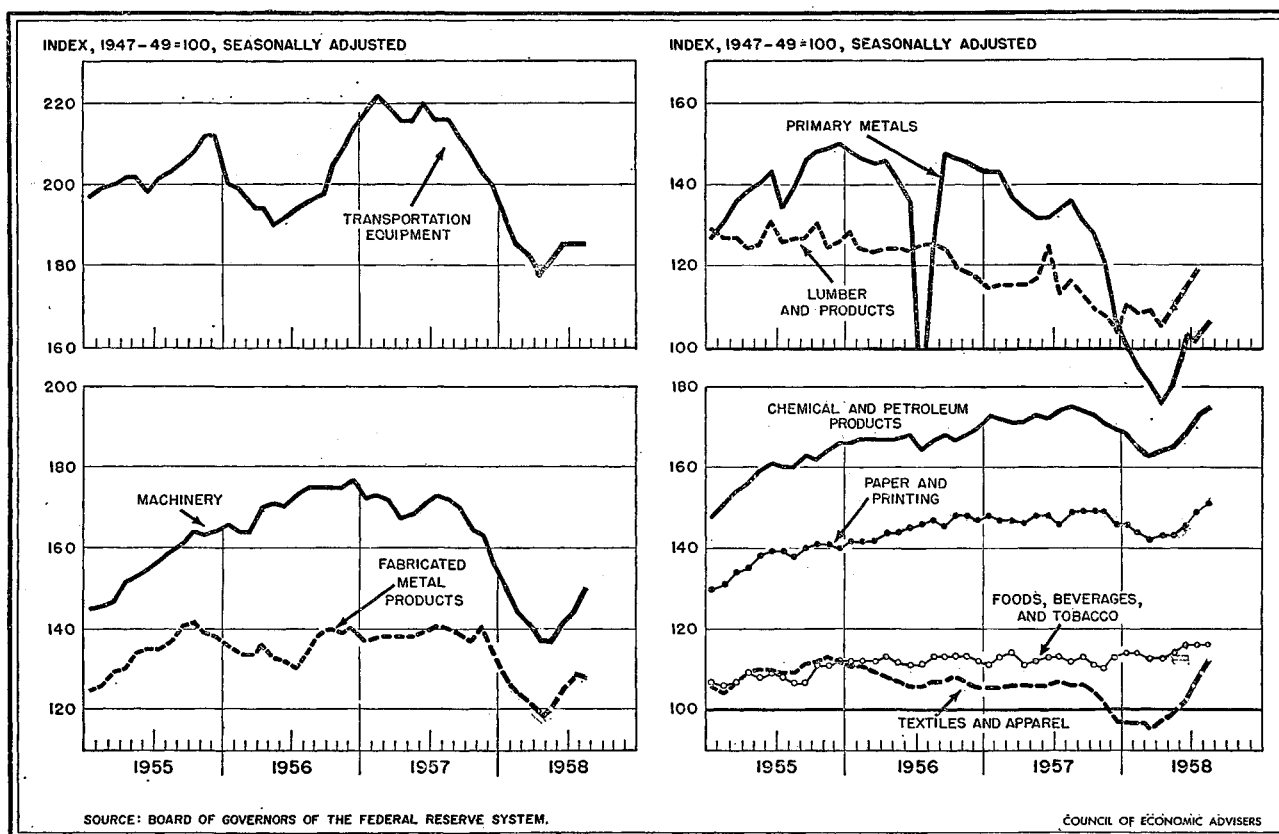
Period	Total industrial production	Manufactures			Minerals
		Total	Durable	Nondurable	
1939	58	57	49	66	68
1948	104	103	104	102	106
1949	97	97	95	99	94
1951	120	121	128	114	115
1952	124	125	136	114	114
1953	134	136	153	118	116
1954	125	127	137	116	111
1955	139	140	155	126	122
1956	143	144	159	129	129
1957	143	145	160	130	128
1957: July	145	147	162	131	128
August	145	147	163	132	129
September	144	146	160	131	129
October	142	143	156	130	127
November	139	141	154	128	123
December	135	137	146	127	123
1958: January	133	135	142	127	121
February	130	131	137	125	118
March	128	129	135	124	112
April	126	128	131	125	109
May	128	130	134	126	109
June	132	134	139	129	112
July	134	137	141	132	115
August ¹	137	139	144	134	119

¹ Preliminary estimates.

Source: Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

PRODUCTION OF SELECTED MANUFACTURES

Production of almost all major groups of durable and nondurable manufactures increased further in August.



[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.....	54	52	38	47	80	80	66	49	65	-----
1948.....	107	104	104	102	106	103	103	103	100	102
1949.....	90	93	93	102	93	97	101	100	100	101
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.....	108	123	142	175	115	100	125	142	106	116
1955.....	140	134	155	203	127	109	137	159	109	147
1956.....	138	135	171	199	123	108	145	167	112	131
1957.....	131	139	168	213	114	105	148	172	112	130
1957: July.....	134	141	173	216	113	107	146	174	113	132
August.....	136	140	172	216	116	106	149	175	112	135
September.....	131	139	170	212	112	106	149	174	113	134
October.....	128	137	164	208	109	104	149	173	111	129
November.....	121	141	163	203	107	101	149	171	110	128
December.....	107	135	156	194	103	97	146	169	113	119
1958: January.....	100	129	151	191	110	97	146	168	114	113
February.....	95	124	144	185	108	97	144	164	114	110
March.....	91	122	141	183	109	95	142	163	113	104
April.....	86	118	137	178	105	98	143	164	113	97
May.....	91	120	137	182	110	99	143	165	114	105
June.....	103	125	141	185	114	102	146	168	116	111
July.....	102	129	144	185	119	108	149	173	116	114
August ¹	107	128	150	185	(2)	112	151	175	116	114

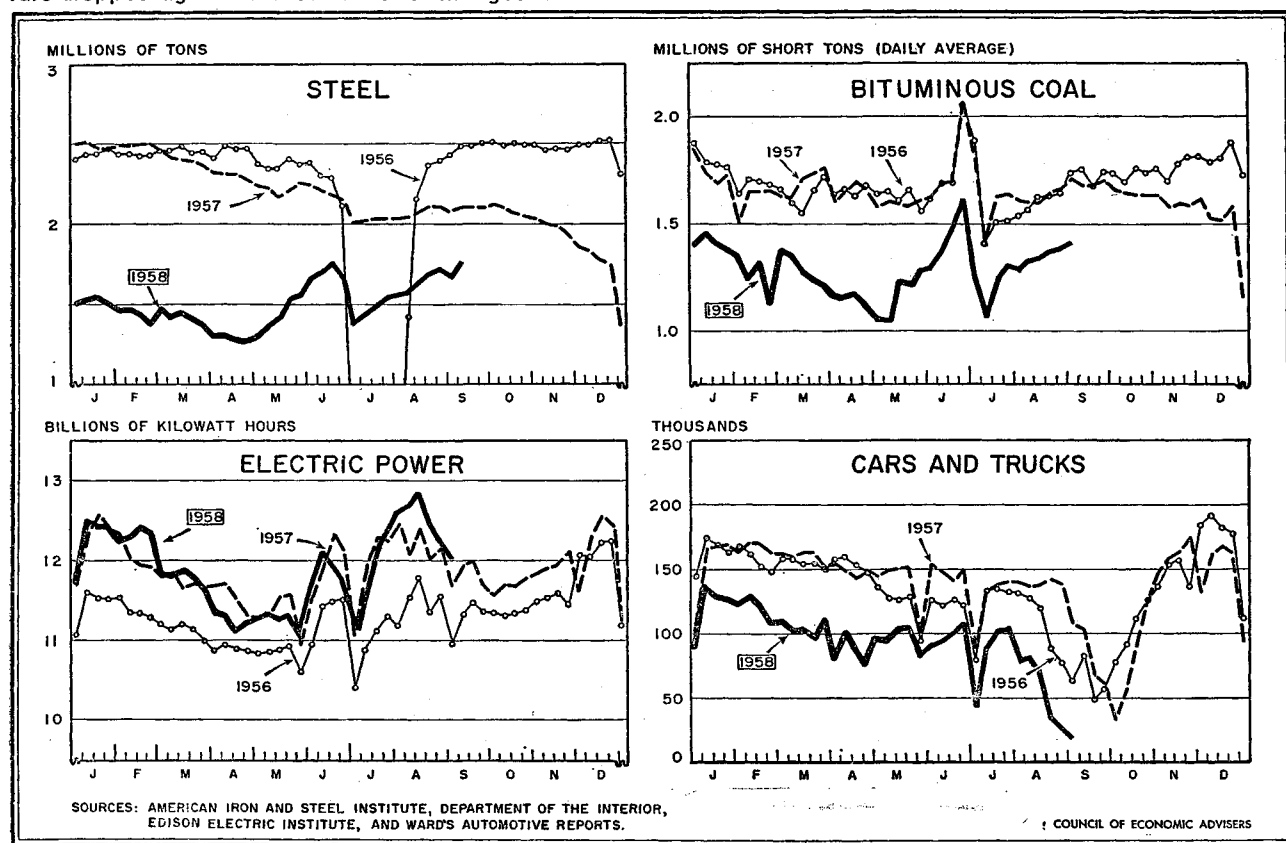
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² Not available.

Source: Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

WEEKLY INDICATORS OF PRODUCTION

Most weekly indicators of production continued to rise during August and early September. The auto assembly rate dropped again because of model changeovers.



Period	Steel produced ¹		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	Index (1947-49=100)					Total	Cars	Truc ks
Weekly average:									
1954-----	1, 694	105. 4	8, 883	1, 303	652	236	125. 6	106. 0	19. 7
1955-----	2, 245	139. 7	10, 318	1, 542	724	269	176. 7	152. 7	24. 0
1956-----	2, 204	137. 2	11, 292	1, 693	728	274	132. 8	111. 6	21. 2
1957-----	2, 162	134. 6	11, 873	1, 635	683	272	138. 5	117. 6	20. 9
1957: July-----	2, 016	125. 5	12, 009	1, 632	690	228	128. 7	108. 4	20. 3
August-----	2, 084	129. 8	12, 162	1, 594	749	287	139. 5	119. 5	19. 9
September-----	2, 098	130. 6	11, 828	1, 698	713	278	84. 3	70. 1	14. 2
October-----	2, 076	129. 2	11, 721	1, 684	727	299	91. 7	72. 8	18. 9
November-----	1, 956	121. 8	11, 904	1, 551	627	286	157. 9	136. 3	21. 6
December-----	1, 679	104. 5	12, 129	1, 480	555	263	146. 5	126. 4	20. 1
1958: January-----	1, 525	94. 9	12, 247	1, 450	543	224	120. 9	103. 7	17. 2
February-----	1, 446	90. 0	12, 212	1, 310	528	262	116. 3	98. 0	18. 3
March-----	1, 412	87. 9	11, 764	1, 228	537	270	103. 2	86. 2	17. 0
April-----	1, 290	80. 3	11, 239	1, 183	528	257	88. 8	71. 9	16. 9
May-----	1, 422	88. 5	11, 261	1, 139	549	260	96. 6	79. 8	16. 8
June-----	1, 661	103. 4	11, 872	1, 419	622	272	99. 0	82. 1	16. 9
July-----	1, 453	90. 4	12, 051	1, 327	552	234	82. 8	68. 4	14. 4
August ³ -----	1, 644	102. 4	12, 579	1, 315	631	296	53. 5	42. 0	11. 5
Week ended:									
1958: August 9-----	1, 586	98. 7	12, 707	1, 328	619	289	81. 1	65. 6	15. 4
16-----	1, 632	101. 6	12, 851	1, 346	626	294	72. 7	59. 7	13. 0
23-----	1, 690	105. 2	12, 486	1, 380	634	294	34. 8	25. 9	8. 9
30-----	1, 715	106. 8	12, 272	1, 382	645	308	25. 6	16. 8	8. 8
Sept. 6 ³ -----	1, 666	103. 7	12, 025	1, 416	563	219	16. 5	12. 0	4. 5
13 ³ -----	1, 780	110. 8					⁴ 31. 2	24. 9	6. 3
20 ³ -----	⁴ 1, 797	111. 9							

¹ Weekly capacities (net tons) as of January 1 are: 2,384,549 (1954), 2,413,278 (1955), 2,455,300 (1956), 2,559,631 (1957), and 2,699,320 (1958).

² Daily average for week.

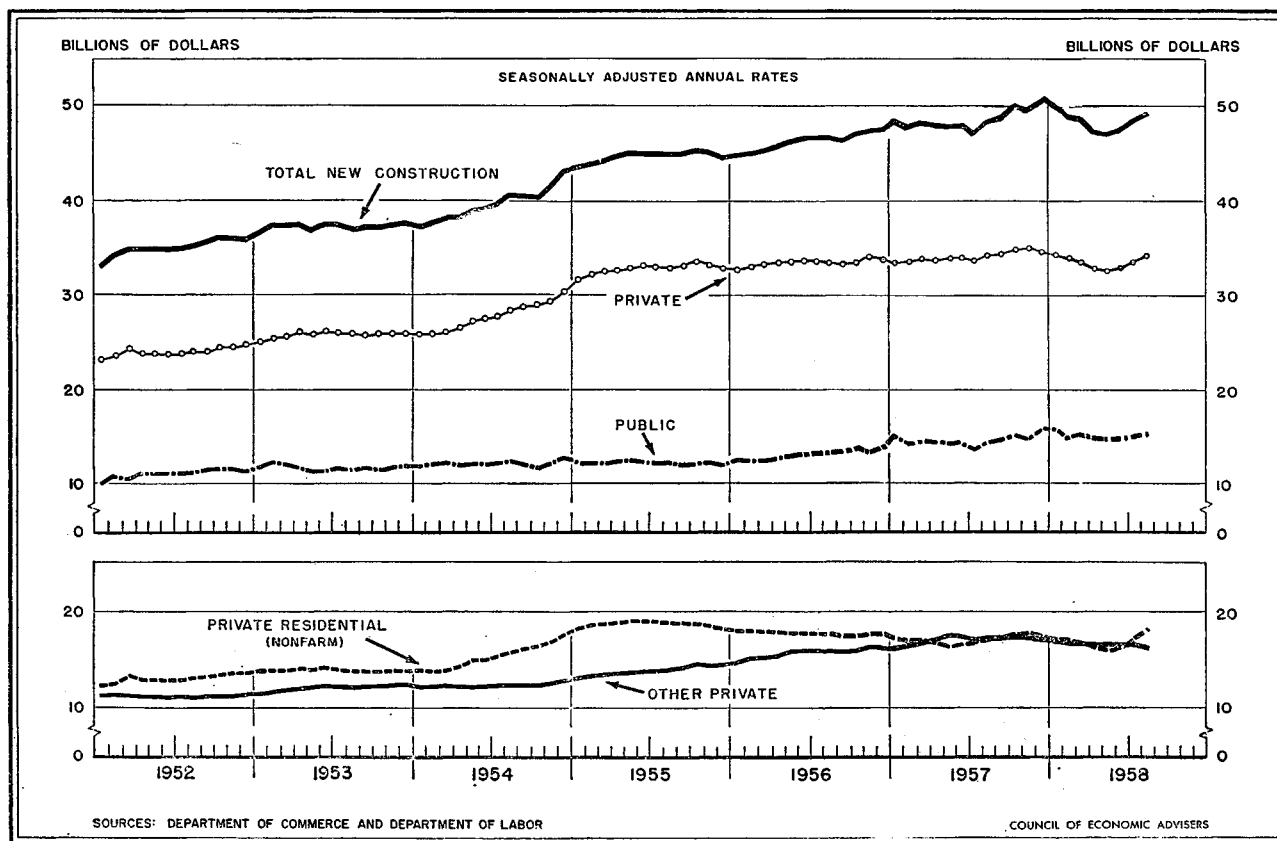
³ Preliminary.

⁴ Not charted.

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

The seasonally adjusted annual rate of private residential construction expenditures continued to rise during August, while private nonresidential outlays dropped. Public construction expenditures again increased somewhat.



[Billions of dollars]

Period	Total new construction	Private			Federal, State, and local	Construction contracts ¹	
		Total private	Residential (nonfarm)	Other		48 States ²	37 Eastern States ³
1939	8.2	4.4	2.7	1.7	3.8		3.6
1952	34.8	23.8	12.8	11.0	10.9		16.8
1953	37.1	25.7	13.8	11.9	11.4		17.4
1954	39.6	27.7	15.4	12.3	11.9		19.8
1955	44.6	32.6	18.7	13.9	12.0		23.7
1956	46.3	33.3	17.7	15.6	13.0	31.6	³ 24.6
1957	48.5	34.1	17.0	17.1	14.4	32.2	25.3
Seasonally adjusted annual rates							
1957: July	47.2	33.7	16.6	17.1	13.5	31.2	24.7
August	48.4	31.2	16.9	17.3	14.2	34.5	28.0
September	48.9	31.4	17.2	17.3	14.5	28.7	23.8
October	50.0	34.9	17.5	17.4	15.0	31.3	23.5
November	49.6	35.0	17.7	17.3	14.6	33.5	26.5
December	50.5	34.7	17.5	17.2	15.8	25.3	20.3
1958: January	49.9	34.4	17.3	17.0	15.5	31.2	(³)
February	48.9	34.0	17.3	16.7	14.9	29.6	
March	48.6	33.5	16.8	16.7	15.1	32.1	
April	47.5	32.8	16.2	16.6	14.7	30.1	
May	47.1	32.6	16.0	16.6	14.6	35.9	
June	47.6	32.9	16.4	16.5	14.7	41.8	
July	48.7	33.6	17.2	16.5	15.0	38.8	
August ⁴	49.4	34.3	18.1	16.2	15.2		

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 Series begins January 1956. The 37 Eastern States data are probably indicative of the 48 States trend for other periods.

³ Revised series beginning January 1956; not comparable with prior data. Series discontinued beginning January 1958.

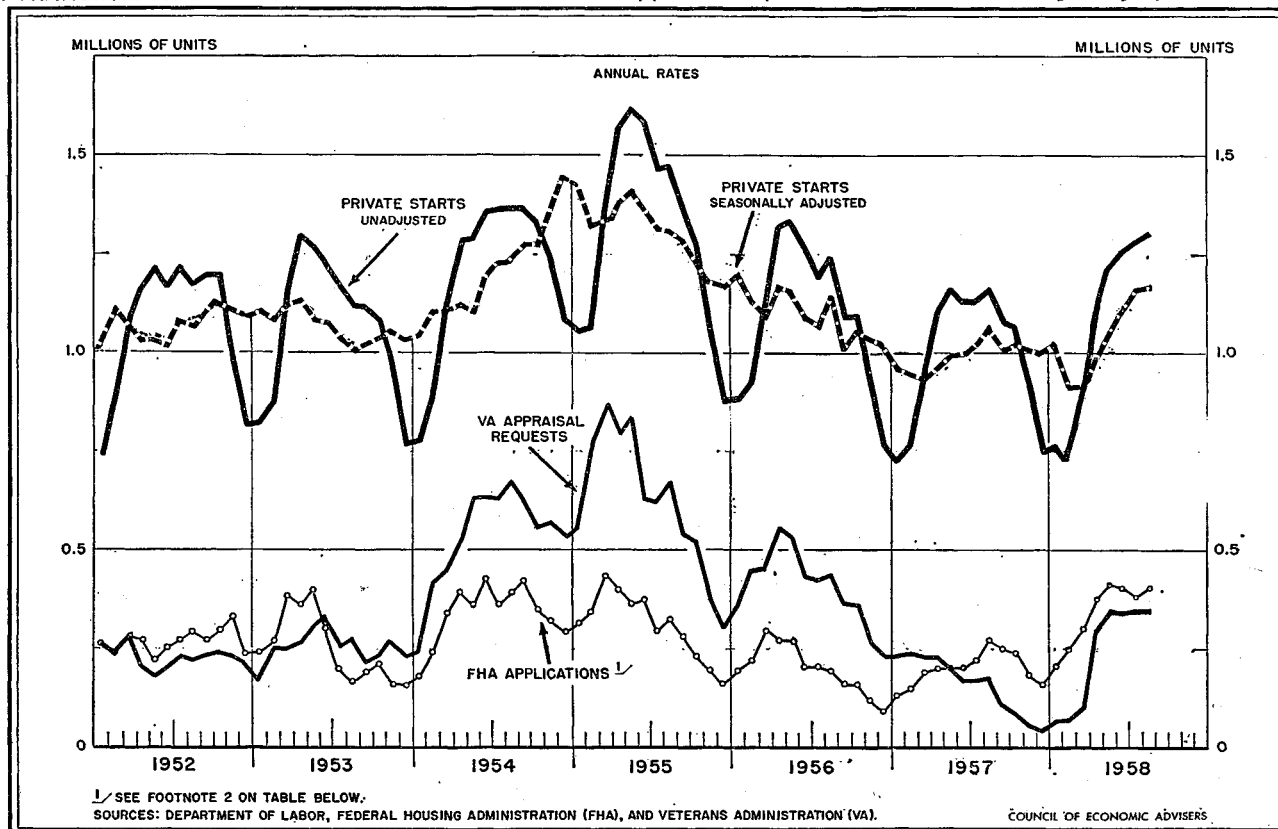
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Sources: Department of Commerce, Department of Labor, and F. W. Dodge Corporation (except as noted).

HOUSING STARTS AND APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCING

Private nonfarm housing starts (seasonally adjusted) rose slightly in August to an annual rate of 1,170,000 units. Applications for FHA commitments increased and VA appraisal requests were the same as in June-July.



[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 ²	Requests for VA appraisals
			Total	Government programs				
				Total ¹	FHA ¹			
Annual total: 1950 ----	1,396.0	43.8	1,352.2	686.7	486.7	³ 200.0	397.7	(⁴)
1953 ----	1,103.8	35.5	1,068.3	408.6	252.0	156.5	253.7	251.4
1954 ----	1,220.4	18.7	1,201.7	583.3	276.3	307.0	338.6	535.4
1955 ----	1,328.9	19.4	1,309.5	669.6	276.7	392.9	306.2	620.8
1956 ----	1,118.1	24.2	1,093.9	460.0	189.3	270.7	197.7	401.5
1957 ----	1,041.9	49.1	992.8	296.7	168.4	128.3	198.8	159.4
Monthly average: 1950 ----	116.3	3.6	112.7	57.2	40.6	16.7	33.1	(⁴)
1953 ----	92.0	3.0	89.0	34.0	21.0	13.0	21.1	21.0
1956 ----	93.2	2.0	91.2	38.3	15.8	22.6	16.5	33.5
1957 ----	86.8	4.1	82.7	24.7	14.0	10.7	16.6	13.3
1957: July ----	97.8	3.9	93.9	28.0	15.7	12.3	1,015	18.4
August ----	100.0	3.2	96.8	29.3	17.7	11.6	1,056	22.3
September ----	91.9	1.7	90.2	28.2	16.4	11.8	1,012	20.4
October ----	97.0	8.6	88.4	28.4	18.7	9.7	1,020	20.2
November ----	78.2	2.5	75.7	21.4	15.0	6.4	1,009	14.7
December ----	63.4	.9	62.5	18.9	14.2	4.6	1,000	13.6
1958: January ----	67.9	5.0	62.9	17.4	13.3	4.1	1,020	17.3
February ----	66.1	5.1	61.0	14.1	11.3	2.8	915	20.6
March ----	81.4	4.1	77.3	19.6	16.5	3.1	918	25.0
April ----	99.1	4.9	94.2	27.4	22.7	4.8	983	31.6
May ----	108.5	7.2	101.3	32.0	26.0	6.0	1,039	34.6
June ----	⁵ 115.0	⁵ 10.5	⁵ 104.5	36.5	28.0	8.5	⁵ 1,090	33.4
July ----	⁵ 111.0	⁵ 3.7	⁵ 107.3	40.3	29.7	10.6	⁵ 1,160	31.8
August ⁵ ----	119.0	10.2	108.8	43.7	30.5	13.2	1,170	33.6

¹ Excludes armed forces housing: 2,837 units in 1956, 16,539 units in 1957, and 11,373 units in the first 8 months of 1958.

² Units represented by mortgage applications for new home construction.

³ Partly estimated.

⁴ Not available.

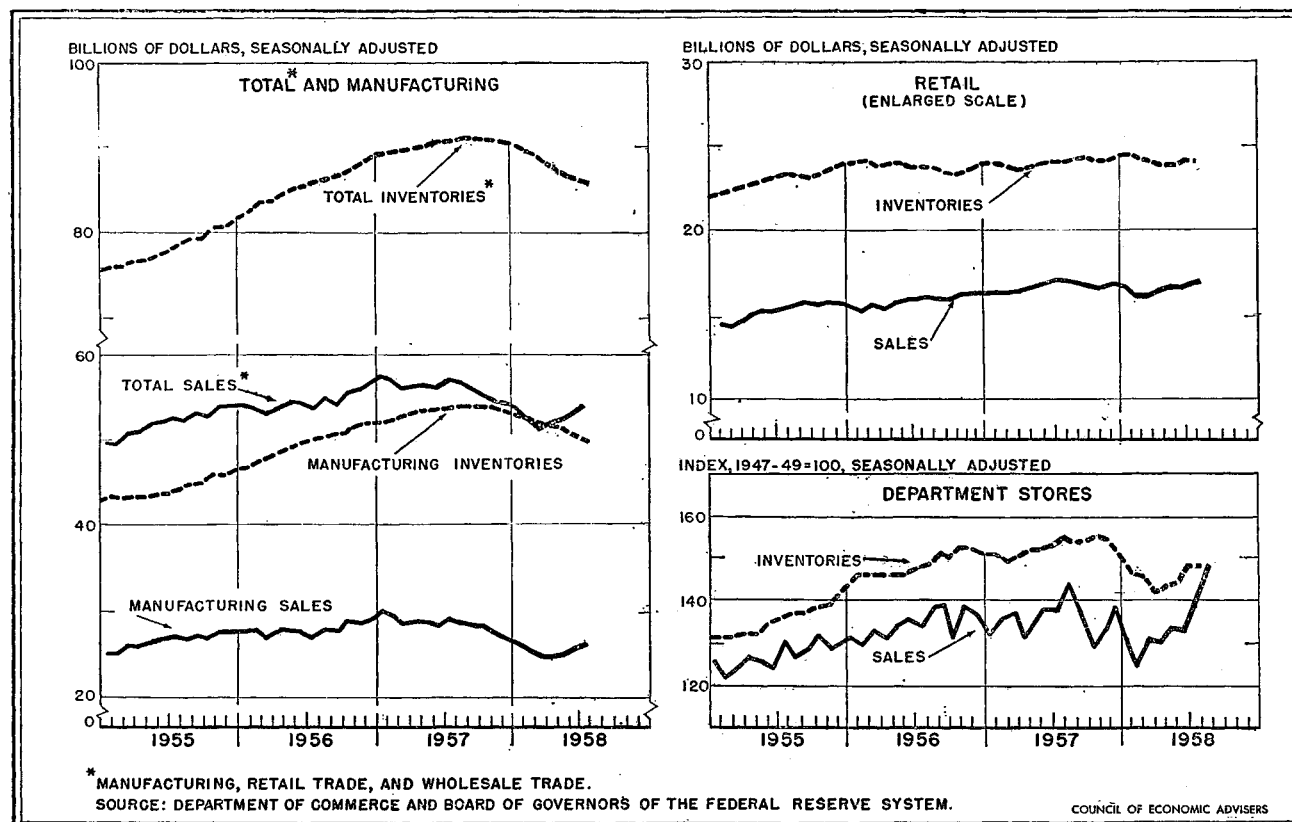
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Sources: Department of Labor, Federal Housing Administration (FHA), and Veterans Administration (VA).

SALES AND INVENTORIES—MANUFACTURING AND TRADE

Manufacturers' sales and new orders (seasonally adjusted) continued to rise in July and the rate of inventory liquidation was reduced. Distributors' sales rose slightly. In August, retail sales were up 1 percent, according to preliminary estimates; department store sales again increased sharply.



Period	Manufacturing and trade		Manufacturing			Wholesale		Retail		Department stores	
	Sales ¹	Inventories ²	Sales ¹	Inventories ²	New orders ¹	Sales ¹	Inventories ²	Sales ¹	Inventories ²	Sales ¹	Inventories ³
	Billions of dollars, seasonally adjusted										Index, 1947-49=100 seasonally adjusted
1951-----	44.7	73.8	22.3	42.8	24.5	9.4	9.7	13.0	21.2	112	131
1952-----	45.9	75.4	22.8	43.8	23.6	9.6	10.0	13.5	21.6	114	121
1953-----	48.4	78.6	24.5	45.4	23.1	9.8	10.5	14.1	22.7	118	131
1954-----	47.4	75.5	23.5	43.0	22.5	9.7	10.4	14.1	22.1	118	128
1955-----	52.3	81.7	26.3	46.4	27.2	10.6	11.4	15.3	23.9	128	136
1956-----	54.8	89.1	27.7	52.3	28.3	11.3	13.0	15.8	23.9	135	148
1957-----	56.3	90.7	28.4	53.5	27.3	11.3	12.7	16.7	24.5	136	152
1957: June-----	56.4	90.7	28.1	53.9	27.1	11.4	12.7	16.8	24.1	138	153
July-----	57.4	91.0	29.0	54.1	27.3	11.4	12.7	17.0	24.1	138	155
August-----	57.0	91.3	28.6	54.2	27.3	11.4	12.8	17.0	24.3	144	153
September-----	56.3	91.3	28.2	54.2	26.6	11.2	12.8	16.9	24.4	136	154
October-----	55.7	91.1	28.1	54.1	26.2	11.0	12.8	16.7	24.2	129	155
November-----	54.7	91.0	27.2	53.9	26.0	10.9	12.8	16.6	24.3	133	154
December-----	54.5	90.7	26.7	53.5	25.1	10.9	12.7	16.8	24.5	138	150
1958: January-----	53.8	90.0	26.4	52.9	24.4	10.7	12.6	16.7	24.5	130	147
February-----	52.1	89.3	25.5	52.4	24.1	10.5	12.5	16.1	24.3	124	146
March-----	51.3	88.5	24.9	52.0	24.8	10.3	12.4	16.1	24.1	131	142
April-----	52.1	87.6	24.9	51.5	24.5	10.7	12.2	16.5	23.9	130	143
May-----	52.4	86.9	25.2	50.9	25.0	10.7	12.1	16.6	23.9	134	144
June-----	53.2	86.4	25.7	50.2	25.8	10.9	12.1	16.6	24.1	133	148
July ⁴ -----	54.0	85.9	26.3	49.8	26.3	11.0	12.1	16.7	24.0	140	148
August ⁴ -----								16.9		148	

¹ Monthly average for year and total for month.

² Book value, end of period, seasonally adjusted.

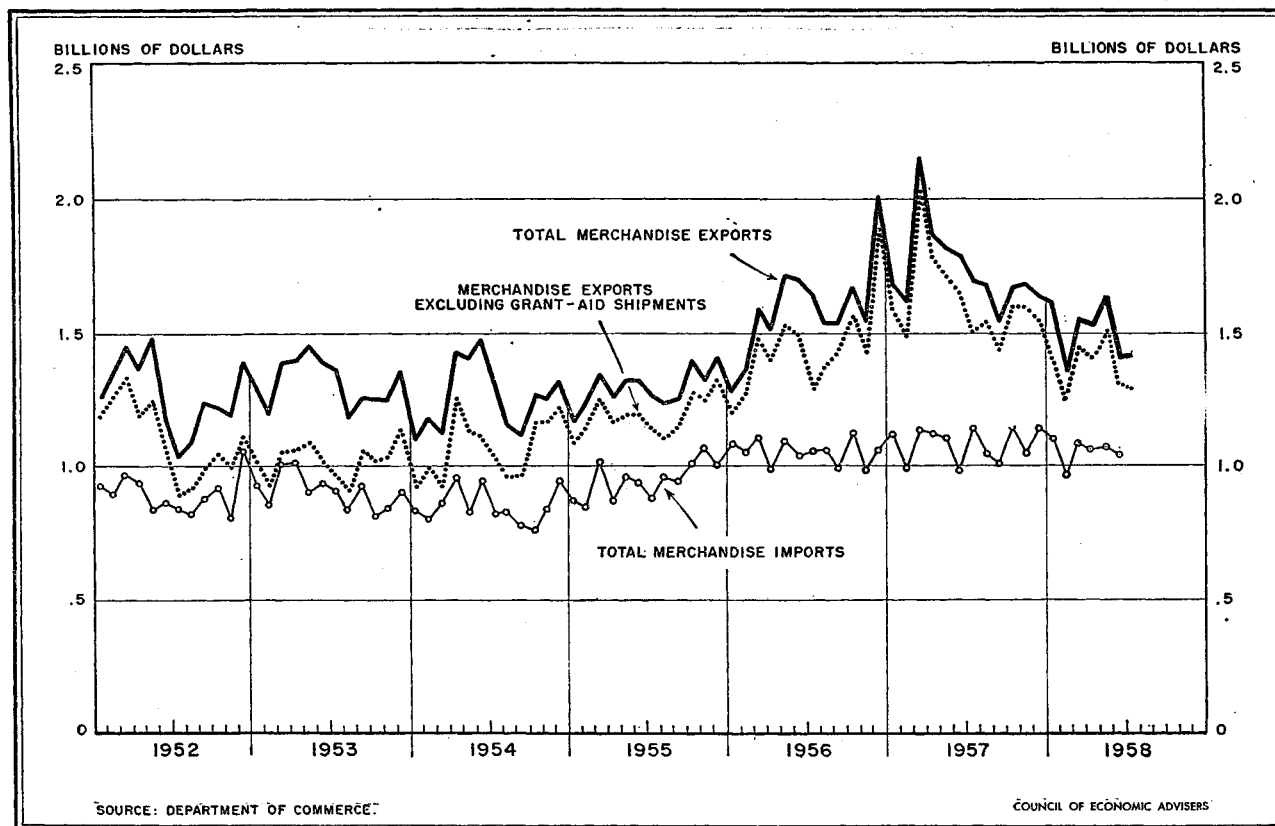
³ Book value, end of period, except annual data, which are monthly averages.

⁴ Preliminary estimates.

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

MERCHANDISE EXPORTS AND IMPORTS

In the first 7 months of 1958, commercial exports (merchandise exports excluding grant-aid shipments) were 18 percent lower than in the corresponding period of 1957. In the first 6 months, imports were 3 percent lower than a year earlier.



[Millions of dollars]

Period	Merchandise exports			Merchandise imports	Excess of exports over 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)
1949 monthly average.....	1,004	(²)	(²)	552	452	(²)
1951 monthly average.....	1,253	89	1,164	914	339	250
1952 monthly average.....	1,267	166	1,100	893	374	207
1953 monthly average.....	1,314	293	1,022	906	408	116
1954 monthly average.....	1,259	188	1,071	851	408	220
1955 monthly average.....	1,296	105	1,191	949	347	242
1956 monthly average.....	1,591	146	1,444	1,051	540	393
1957 monthly average.....	1,734	113	1,621	1,082	653	540
1957: June.....	1,786	134	1,652	984	802	668
July.....	1,692	187	1,505	1,146	546	359
August.....	1,677	141	1,536	1,042	635	494
September.....	1,540	103	1,437	1,009	532	428
October.....	1,674	74	1,600	1,148	526	452
November.....	1,683	87	1,596	1,043	640	553
December.....	1,639	95	1,543	1,141	498	402
1958: January.....	1,511	109	1,402	1,095	416	307
February.....	1,345	100	1,245	962	383	284
March.....	1,557	114	1,442	1,072	485	371
April.....	1,531	122	1,409	1,057	473	352
May.....	1,638	131	1,506	1,063	575	444
June.....	1,408	99	1,309	1,037	371	273
July.....	1,419	129	1,290			

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.

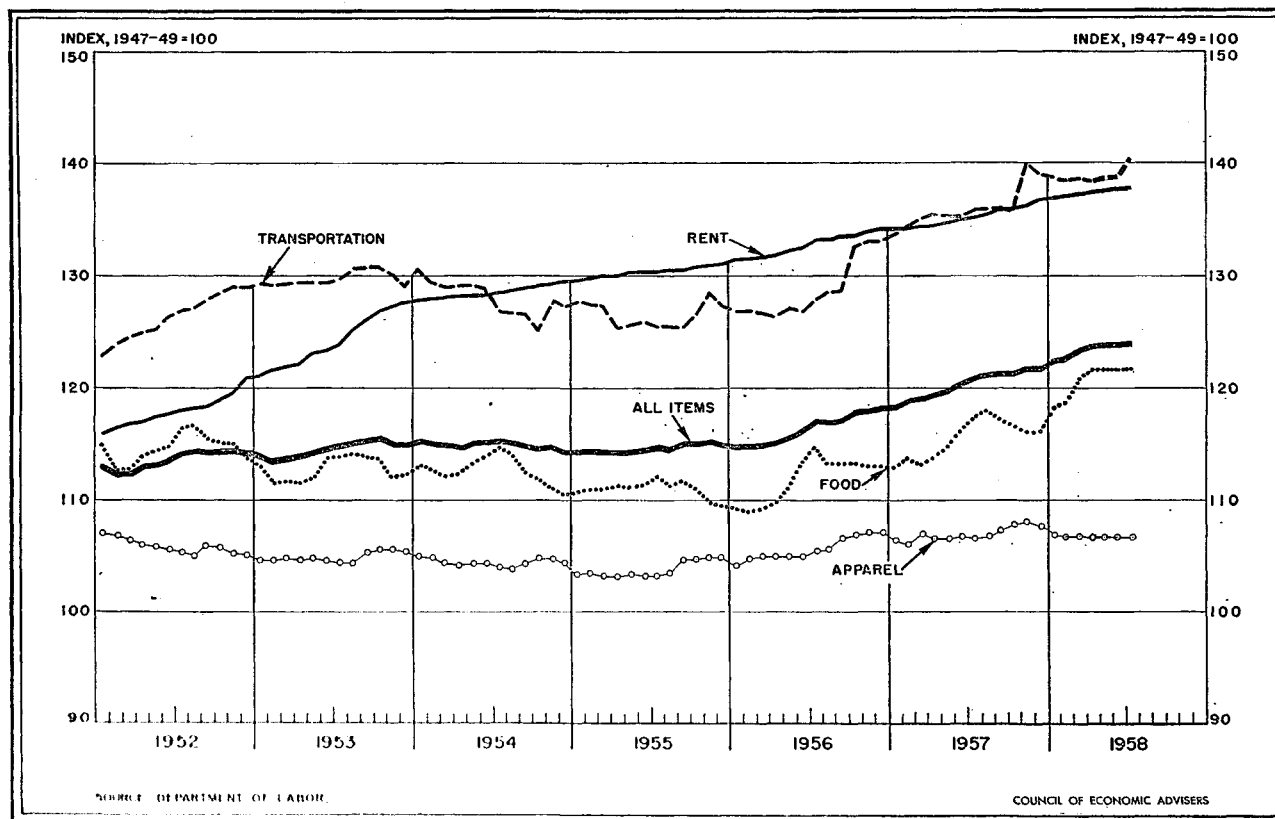
² Not available.

NOTE.—Detail will not necessarily add to totals because of rounding.
Sources: Department of Commerce and Department of Defense.

PRICES

CONSUMER PRICES

The consumer price index rose slightly in July. Increases in the transportation and medical care components of the index were the main contributors to the rise.



[1947-49=100]

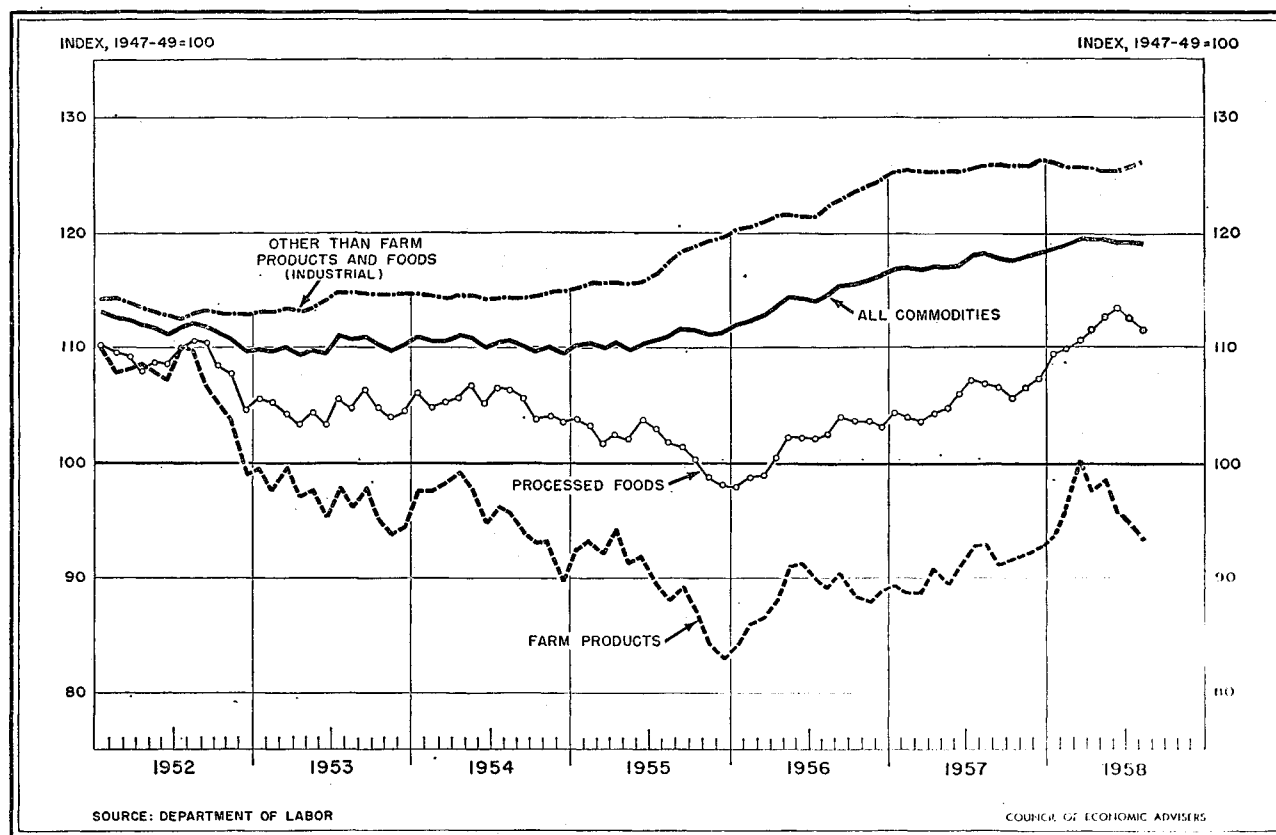
Period	All items	Food	Housing		Apparel	Transportation	Medical care	Personal care	Reading and recreation	Other goods and services
			Total ¹	Rent						
1939.....	59.4	47.1	76.1	86.6	52.5	70.2	72.6	59.6	63.0	70.6
1948.....	102.8	104.1	101.7	100.7	103.5	100.9	100.9	101.3	100.4	100.5
1949.....	101.8	100.0	103.3	105.0	99.4	108.5	104.1	101.1	104.1	103.4
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
1955.....	114.5	110.9	120.0	130.3	103.7	126.4	128.0	115.3	106.6	120.2
1956.....	116.2	111.7	121.7	132.7	105.5	128.7	132.6	120.0	108.1	122.0
1957.....	120.2	115.4	125.6	135.2	106.9	136.0	138.0	124.4	112.2	125.5
1957: June.....	120.2	116.2	125.5	135.0	106.6	135.3	137.9	124.2	111.8	124.6
July.....	120.8	117.4	125.5	135.2	106.5	135.8	138.4	124.7	112.4	126.6
August.....	121.0	117.9	125.7	135.4	106.6	135.9	138.6	124.9	112.6	126.7
September.....	121.1	117.0	126.3	135.7	107.3	135.9	139.0	125.1	113.3	126.7
October.....	121.1	116.4	126.6	136.0	107.7	135.8	139.7	126.2	113.4	126.8
November.....	121.6	116.0	126.8	136.3	107.9	140.0	140.3	126.7	114.4	126.8
December.....	121.6	116.1	127.0	136.7	107.6	138.9	140.8	127.0	114.6	126.8
1958: January.....	122.3	118.2	127.1	136.8	106.9	138.7	141.7	127.8	116.6	127.0
February.....	122.5	118.7	127.3	137.0	106.8	138.5	141.9	128.0	116.6	127.0
March.....	123.3	120.8	127.5	137.1	106.8	138.7	142.3	128.3	117.0	127.2
April.....	123.5	121.6	127.7	137.3	106.7	138.3	142.7	128.5	117.0	127.2
May.....	123.6	121.6	127.8	137.5	106.7	138.7	143.7	128.5	116.6	127.2
June.....	123.7	121.6	127.8	137.7	106.7	138.9	143.9	128.6	116.7	127.2
July.....	123.9	121.7	127.7	137.8	106.7	140.3	144.6	128.9	116.6	127.2

¹ Includes, in addition to rent, homeowner costs, utilities, housefurnishings, etc.

Source: Department of Labor.

WHOLESALE PRICES

The average of prices in primary markets declined fractionally in August. Prices for farm products and processed foods were lower, while industrial prices rose.



[1947-49=100]

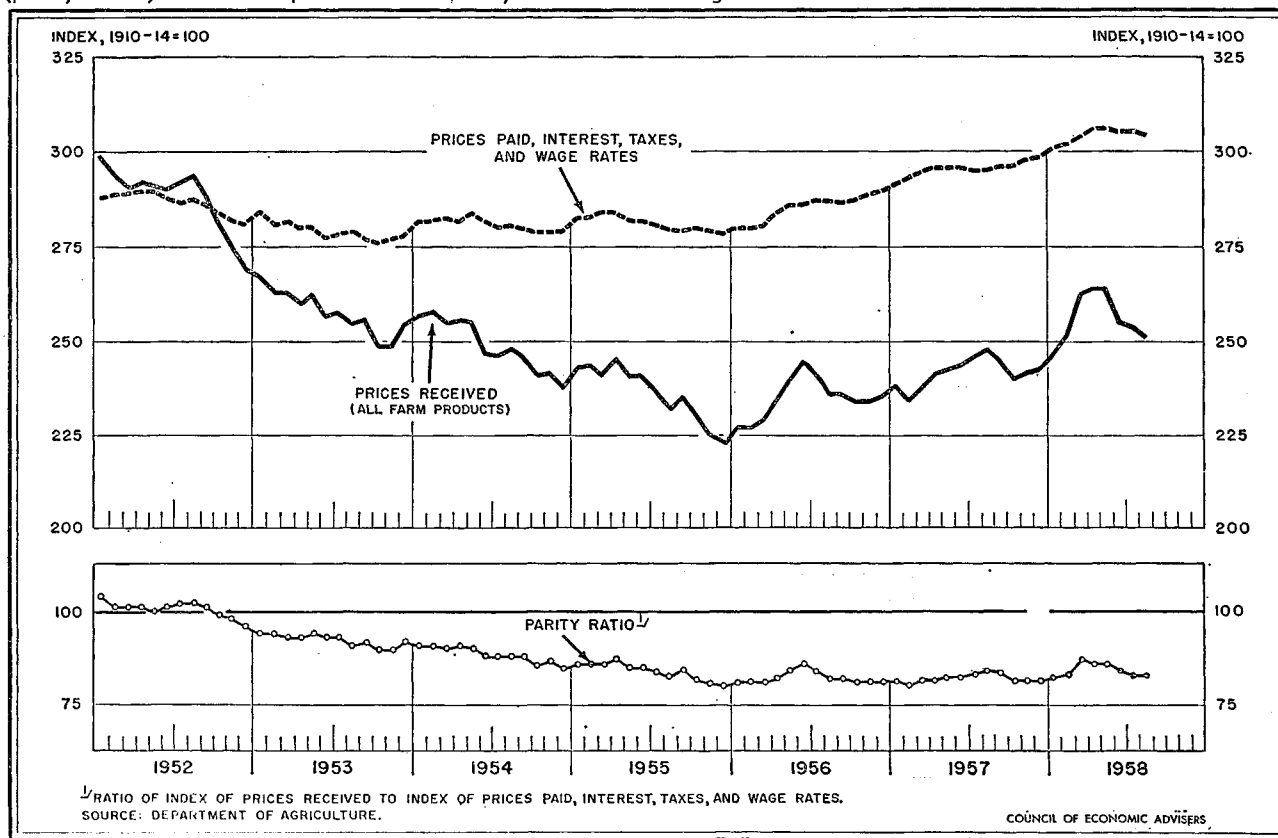
Period	All commodities	Farm products	Processed foods	Other than farm products and foods (industrial)
1939.....	50.1	36.5	43.3	58.1
1948.....	104.4	107.3	106.1	103.4
1949.....	99.2	92.8	95.7	101.3
1951.....	114.8	113.4	111.4	115.9
1952.....	111.6	107.0	108.8	113.2
1953.....	110.1	97.0	104.6	114.0
1954.....	110.3	95.6	105.3	114.5
1955.....	110.7	89.6	101.7	117.0
1956.....	114.3	88.4	101.7	122.2
1957.....	117.6	90.9	105.6	125.6
1957: July.....	118.2	92.8	107.2	125.7
August.....	118.4	93.0	106.8	126.0
September.....	118.0	91.0	106.5	126.0
October.....	117.8	91.5	105.5	125.8
November.....	118.1	91.9	106.5	125.9
December.....	118.5	92.6	107.4	126.1
1958: January.....	118.9	93.7	109.5	126.1
February.....	119.0	96.1	109.9	125.7
March.....	119.7	100.5	110.7	125.7
April.....	119.3	97.7	111.5	125.5
May.....	119.5	98.5	112.9	125.3
June.....	119.2	95.6	113.5	125.3
July.....	119.2	95.0	112.7	125.6
August.....	119.1	93.2	111.3	126.1
Week ended: ¹				
1958: September 2.....	118.8	92.6	110.2	126.1
9.....	119.0	93.4	110.8	126.0

¹ Weekly series based on smaller sample than monthly series.

Source: Department of Labor.

PRICES RECEIVED AND PAID BY FARMERS

In the month ended August 15, the index of prices received by farmers declined 3 points. The index of prices paid (parity index) declined 1 point and the parity ratio was unchanged.



Period	Prices received by farmers			Prices paid by farmers			Parity ratio ¹
	All farm products	Crops	Livestock and products	All items, interest, taxes, and wage rates (parity index)	Family living items	Production items	
	Index, 1910-14=100						
1939.....	95	82	107	123	120	121	77
1948.....	287	255	315	260	251	250	110
1949.....	250	224	272	251	243	238	100
1951.....	302	265	336	282	268	273	107
1952.....	288	268	306	287	271	274	100
1953.....	258	242	272	279	270	253	92
1954.....	249	242	255	281	274	252	89
1955.....	236	236	236	281	273	249	84
1956.....	235	240	230	285	278	249	82
1957.....	242	233	249	296	286	258	82
1957: July 15.....	246	237	254	295	287	257	83
August 15.....	247	232	261	295	287	257	84
September 15.....	245	227	260	296	287	258	83
October 15.....	241	225	255	296	286	258	81
November 15.....	242	223	258	298	289	260	81
December 15.....	243	219	263	299	289	263	81
1958: January 15.....	247	224	267	301	289	264	82
February 15.....	252	229	273	302	290	265	83
March 15.....	263	245	280	304	293	269	87
April 15.....	264	252	275	306	293	271	86
May 15.....	264	246	280	306	294	271	86
June 15.....	255	232	275	305	293	270	84
July 15.....	254	228	277	305	293	270	83
August 15.....	251	225	275	304	291	269	83

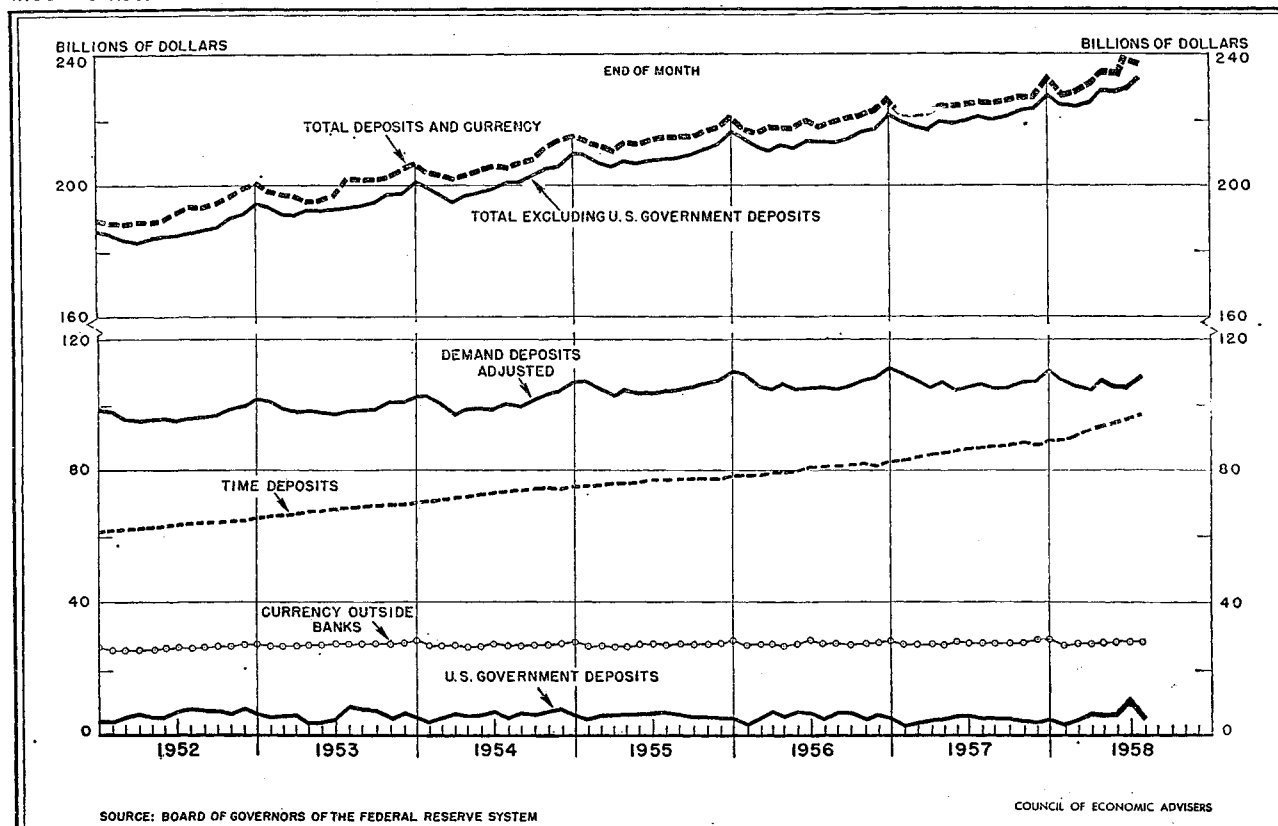
¹ Percentage ratio of index of prices received by farmers to index of prices paid, interest, taxes, and wage rates.

Source: Department of Agriculture.

CURRENCY, CREDIT, AND SECURITY MARKETS

CURRENCY AND DEPOSITS

The total of demand deposits and currency increased somewhat more than seasonally in July. Time deposits continued to rise.



[Billions of dollars]

End of period	Total deposits and currency	U. S. Government deposits ¹	Total excluding U. S. Government deposits ²					Demand deposits and currency, seasonally adjusted		
			Total	Time deposits ³	Demand deposits and currency			Total	Demand deposits adjusted	Currency outside banks
					Total	Demand deposits adjusted ⁴	Currency outside banks			
1951	189.9	3.9	186.0	61.5	124.5	98.2	26.3			
1952	200.4	5.6	194.8	65.8	129.0	101.5	27.5			
1953	205.7	4.8	200.9	70.4	130.5	102.5	28.1			
1954	214.8	5.1	209.7	75.3	134.4	106.6	27.9			
1955	221.0	4.4	216.6	78.4	138.2	109.9	28.3			
1956	226.4	4.5	222.0	82.2	139.7	111.4	28.3			
1957	232.3	4.7	227.7	89.1	138.6	110.3	28.3			
1957: July	225.2	4.2	221.0	86.7	134.3	106.6	27.8	136.0	108.0	28.0
August	225.0	4.9	220.0	87.1	132.9	105.1	27.8	134.7	106.8	27.9
September	225.4	4.5	220.9	87.7	133.3	105.5	27.8	133.9	106.2	27.7
October	226.9	3.9	223.0	88.1	134.9	107.2	27.8	134.2	106.5	27.7
November	227.0	3.8	223.3	87.6	135.7	107.2	28.5	134.0	105.9	28.1
December	232.3	4.7	227.7	89.1	138.6	110.3	28.3	133.2	105.1	28.1
1958: January ⁵	227.7	2.9	224.8	89.8	135.0	107.6	27.3	132.2	104.7	27.5
February ⁵	228.0	4.2	223.9	90.9	133.0	105.6	27.4	133.1	105.5	27.6
March ⁵	230.9	6.4	224.5	92.5	132.0	104.6	27.4	134.0	106.4	27.6
April ⁵	234.4	6.0	228.4	93.6	134.8	107.2	27.6	135.0	107.2	27.8
May ⁵	234.2	6.1	228.1	94.6	133.5	105.8	27.8	135.5	107.6	27.9
June ⁵	239.6	10.2	229.4	95.9	133.5	105.7	27.8	135.4	107.4	28.0
July ⁵	237.5	4.8	232.7	96.7	136.0	108.2	27.8	137.6	109.6	28.0

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 deposits and currency held by State and local governments.

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

⁴ Includes demand deposits, other than interbank and U. S. Government, less cash items in process of collection.

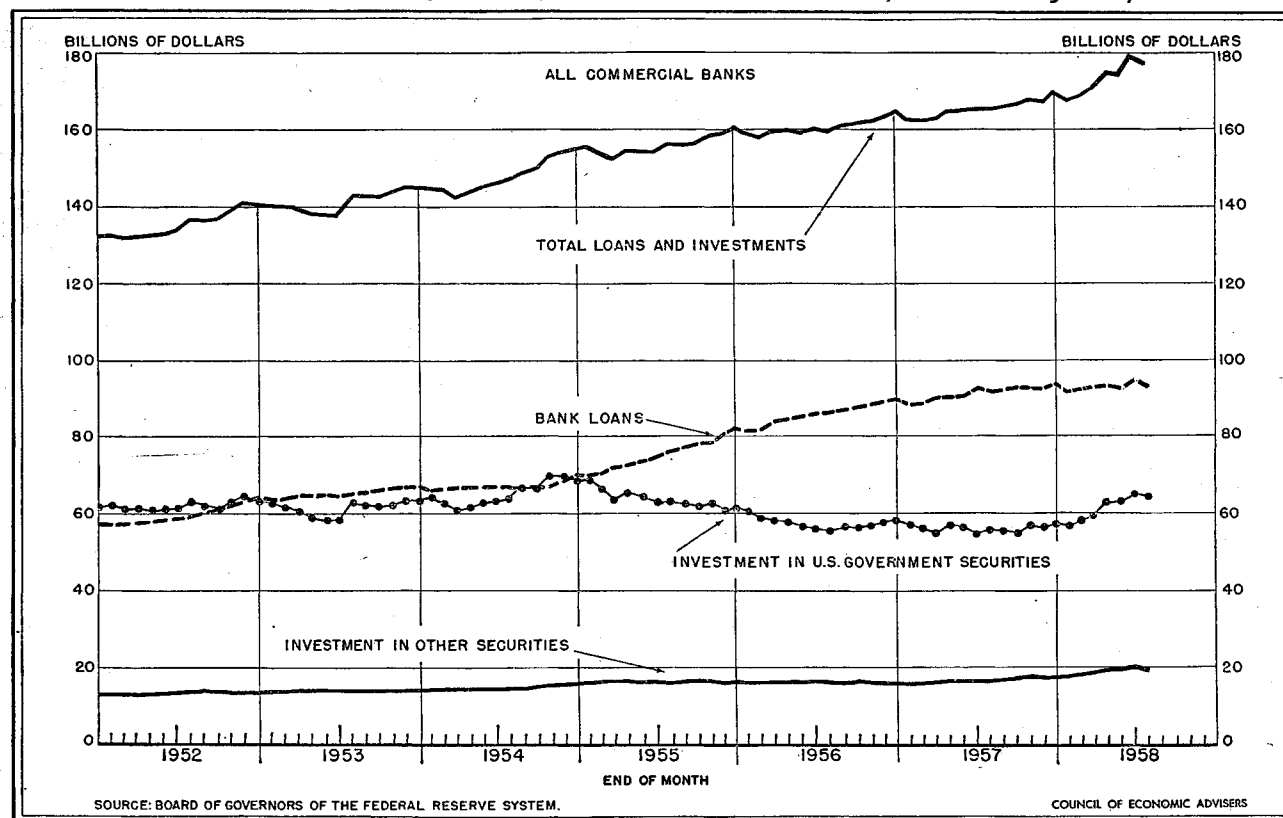
⁵ Preliminary estimates.

NOTE.—Monthly data are for the last Wednesday of the month, except the unadjusted data for December 1957, which are for the last day of the month. Detail will not necessarily add to totals because of rounding.

Source: Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

BANK LOANS, INVESTMENTS, AND RESERVES

Commercial bank loans dropped \$1.5 billion in July, compared to \$1.0 billion in July 1957. Excess reserves were greater than borrowings again in August but by a smaller amount than in any month since January.



[Billions of dollars]

End of period	All commercial banks					Weekly reporting member banks ¹	All member banks ^{1 3}		
	Total loans and investments	Loans	Investments				Reserve balances		Borrowings at Federal Reserve Banks
			Total	U. S. Gov- ernment securities	Other securities	Required	Excess		
								Business loans ²	
1949-----	120. 2	43. 0	77. 2	67. 0	10. 2	13. 9	17. 0	0. 8	0. 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
1955-----	160. 9	82. 6	78. 3	61. 6	16. 7	26. 7	18. 3	. 6	. 6
1956-----	165. 1	90. 3	74. 8	58. 6	16. 3	31. 3	18. 4	. 6	. 8
1957-----	170. 1	93. 9	76. 2	58. 2	17. 9	32. 2	18. 5	. 5	. 8
1957: June-----	165. 6	93. 3	72. 3	55. 5	16. 8	32. 5	18. 5	. 5	1. 0
July-----	165. 4	92. 3	73. 0	56. 3	16. 8	31. 7	18. 6	. 5	. 9
August-----	165. 9	92. 8	73. 1	56. 2	16. 9	32. 0	18. 3	. 5	1. 0
September-----	166. 3	93. 4	72. 9	55. 9	17. 1	32. 4	18. 4	. 5	1. 0
October-----	167. 9	93. 0	74. 9	57. 3	17. 6	31. 8	18. 6	. 5	. 8
November-----	167. 3	92. 9	74. 3	56. 9	17. 4	31. 5	18. 4	. 5	. 8
December-----	170. 1	93. 9	76. 2	58. 2	17. 9	32. 2	18. 8	. 6	. 7
1958: January ⁴ -----	167. 7	92. 0	75. 6	57. 7	17. 9	30. 6	18. 7	. 6	. 5
February ⁴ -----	168. 6	92. 1	76. 5	58. 3	18. 2	30. 4	18. 4	. 6	. 2
March ⁴ -----	171. 4	93. 0	78. 4	59. 6	18. 9	31. 0	18. 1	. 6	. 1
April ⁴ -----	175. 6	93. 5	82. 1	62. 8	19. 3	30. 2	17. 8	. 6	. 1
May ⁴ -----	175. 4	92. 8	82. 6	63. 2	19. 4	29. 8	17. 6	. 7	. 1
June ⁴ -----	179. 7	94. 9	84. 7	64. 7	20. 0	30. 4	18. 0	. 6	. 1
July ⁴ -----	177. 6	93. 4	84. 2	64. 3	19. 8	29. 5	18. 0	. 7	. 1
August ⁴ -----						29. 9	17. 9	. 6	. 3

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 and again October 1955. 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.

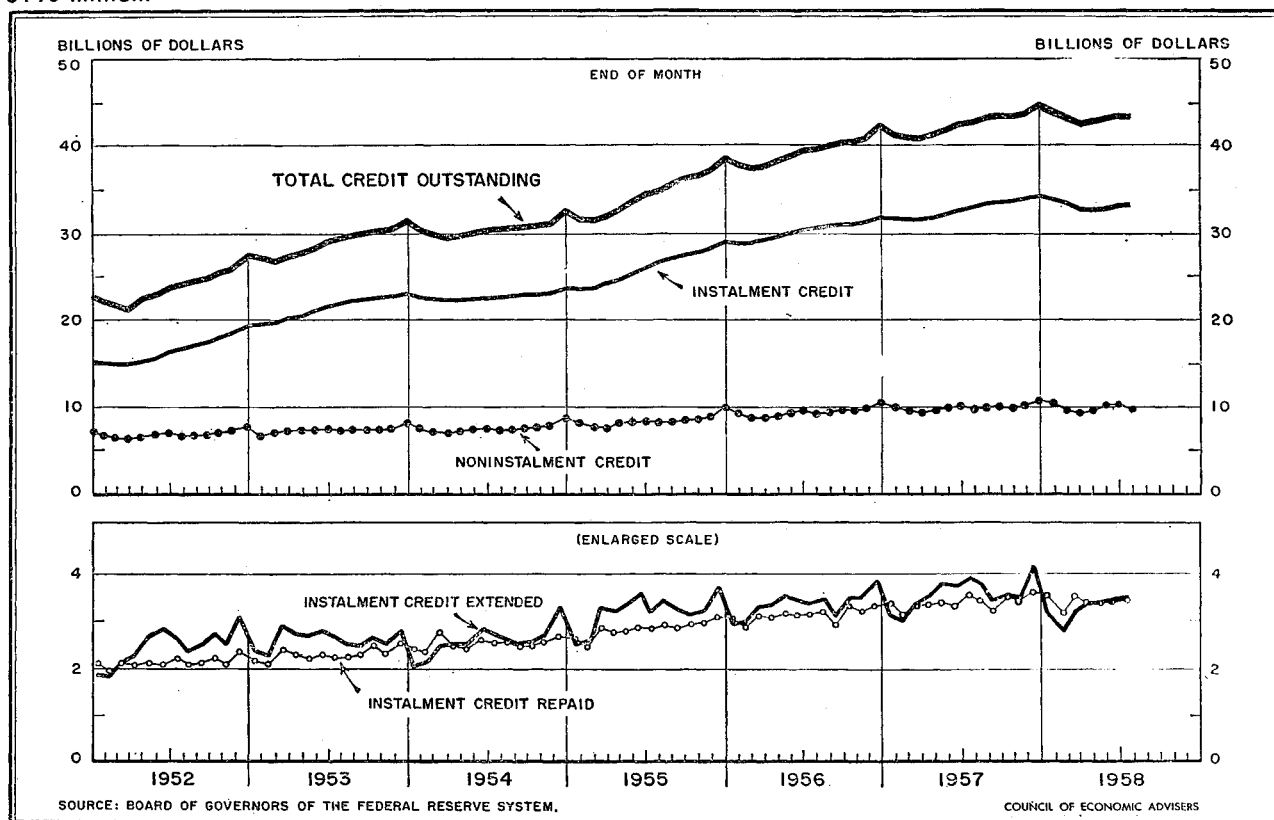
⁴ Preliminary estimates.

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Source: Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

CONSUMER CREDIT

In July, consumer credit outstanding decreased about \$100 million; in July 1957 there was an increase of about \$175 million.



[Millions of dollars]

End of period	Total consumer credit outstanding	Installment credit outstanding					Non installment credit outstanding		Installment credit extended ³	Installment credit repaid ³
		Total	Auto-mobile paper ¹	Other consumer goods paper ¹	Repair and modernization loans ²	Personal loans	Total	Charge accounts		
1939.....	7, 222	4, 503	1, 497	1, 620	298	1, 088	2, 719	1, 414	6, 872	6, 060
1948.....	14, 398	8, 996	3, 018	2, 901	853	2, 224	5, 402	2, 673	15, 585	13, 284
1949.....	17, 305	11, 590	4, 555	3, 706	898	2, 431	5, 715	2, 795	18, 108	15, 514
1951.....	22, 617	15, 294	5, 972	4, 880	1, 085	3, 357	7, 323	3, 605	23, 576	22, 985
1952.....	27, 401	19, 403	7, 733	6, 174	1, 385	4, 111	7, 998	4, 011	29, 514	25, 405
1953.....	31, 243	23, 005	9, 835	6, 779	1, 610	4, 781	8, 238	4, 124	31, 558	27, 956
1954.....	32, 292	23, 568	9, 809	6, 751	1, 616	5, 392	8, 724	4, 308	31, 051	30, 488
1955.....	38, 670	28, 958	13, 472	7, 634	1, 689	6, 163	9, 712	4, 579	39, 039	33, 649
1956.....	42, 097	31, 827	14, 459	8, 510	1, 895	6, 963	10, 270	4, 735	40, 063	37, 194
1957.....	44, 776	34, 105	15, 496	8, 687	1, 984	7, 938	10, 671	4, 760	42, 411	40, 133
1957: June.....	42, 491	32, 608	15, 127	8, 165	1, 905	7, 411	9, 883	3, 948	3, 674	3, 224
July.....	42, 668	32, 968	15, 329	8, 189	1, 921	7, 529	9, 700	3, 886	3, 837	3, 477
August.....	43, 101	33, 303	15, 490	8, 229	1, 954	7, 630	9, 798	3, 925	3, 704	3, 369
September.....	43, 270	33, 415	15, 556	8, 228	1, 969	7, 662	9, 855	3, 942	3, 388	3, 276
October.....	43, 274	33, 504	15, 579	8, 236	1, 988	7, 701	9, 770	3, 991	3, 545	3, 456
November.....	43, 530	33, 596	15, 542	8, 300	1, 996	7, 758	9, 934	4, 135	3, 439	3, 347
December.....	44, 776	34, 105	15, 496	8, 687	1, 984	7, 938	10, 671	4, 760	4, 069	3, 560
1958: January.....	43, 966	33, 737	15, 326	8, 499	1, 963	7, 949	10, 229	4, 264	3, 108	3, 476
February.....	43, 043	33, 302	15, 122	8, 277	1, 936	7, 967	9, 741	3, 710	2, 754	3, 189
March.....	42, 562	32, 983	14, 889	8, 192	1, 915	7, 987	9, 579	3, 528	3, 164	3, 483
April.....	42, 665	32, 932	14, 788	8, 134	1, 914	8, 096	9, 733	3, 694	3, 345	3, 396
May.....	43, 027	32, 957	14, 713	8, 176	1, 933	8, 135	10, 070	3, 956	3, 386	3, 361
June.....	43, 122	33, 054	14, 691	8, 203	1, 942	8, 218	10, 068	3, 949	3, 484	3, 387
July.....	43, 026	33, 133	14, 673	8, 220	1, 952	8, 288	9, 893	3, 901	3, 494	3, 415

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

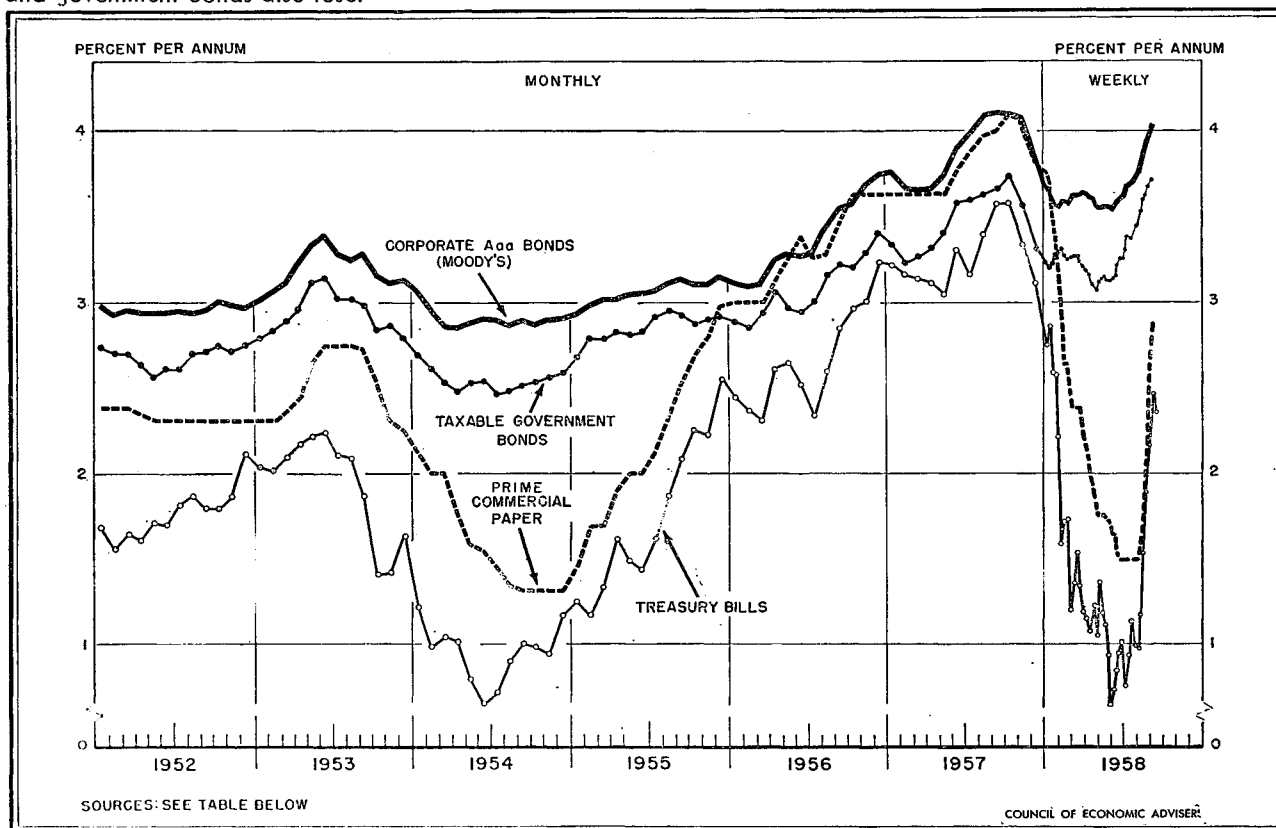
² Includes only such loans held by financial institutions; those held by retail outlets are included in "other consumer goods paper."

³ Credit extended or repaid during the period.

Source: Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

BOND YIELDS AND INTEREST RATES

Rates on Treasury bills and prime commercial paper rose sharply in August and early September. Yields on corporate and government bonds also rose.



Period	U. S. Government security yields		High-grade municipal bonds (Standard & Poor's) ³	Corporate bonds (Moody's)		Prime commercial paper, 4-6 months
	3-month Treasury bills ¹	Taxable bonds ²		Aaa	Baa	
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	2.94	2.72	3.20	3.74	2.52
1954.....	.953	2.55	2.37	2.90	3.51	1.58
1955.....	1.753	2.84	2.53	3.06	3.53	2.18
1956.....	2.658	3.08	2.93	3.36	3.88	3.31
1957.....	3.267	3.47	3.60	3.89	4.71	3.81
1957: August.....	3.404	3.63	3.91	4.10	4.82	3.98
September.....	3.578	3.66	3.90	4.12	4.93	4.00
October.....	3.591	3.73	3.79	4.10	4.99	4.10
November.....	3.337	3.57	3.76	4.08	5.09	4.07
December.....	3.102	3.30	3.47	3.81	5.03	3.81
1958: January.....	2.598	3.24	3.32	3.60	4.83	3.49
February.....	1.562	3.28	3.37	3.59	4.66	2.63
March.....	1.354	3.25	3.45	3.63	4.68	2.33
April.....	1.126	3.12	3.31	3.60	4.67	1.90
May.....	1.046	3.14	3.25	3.57	4.62	1.71
June.....	.881	3.20	3.26	3.57	4.55	1.54
July.....	.962	3.36	3.45	3.67	4.53	1.50
August.....	1.686	3.60	3.74	3.85	4.67	1.96
Week ended:						
1958: August 16.....	1.524	3.61	3.68	3.83	4.66	1.68
23.....	1.895	3.62	3.76	3.89	4.71	2.14
30.....	2.162	3.67	3.88	3.94	4.74	2.63
September 6.....	2.462	3.72	3.95	4.03	4.80	2.88
13.....	2.359	⁴ 3.75	3.98	⁴ 4.07	4.85	⁴ 2.88
20.....	⁴ 2.605					

¹ Rate on new issues within period.

² First issued in 1941. Series includes: October 1941-March 1952, bonds due or callable after 15 years; April 1952-March 1953, bonds due or callable after 12 years; April 1953 to date, bonds due or callable 10 years and after.

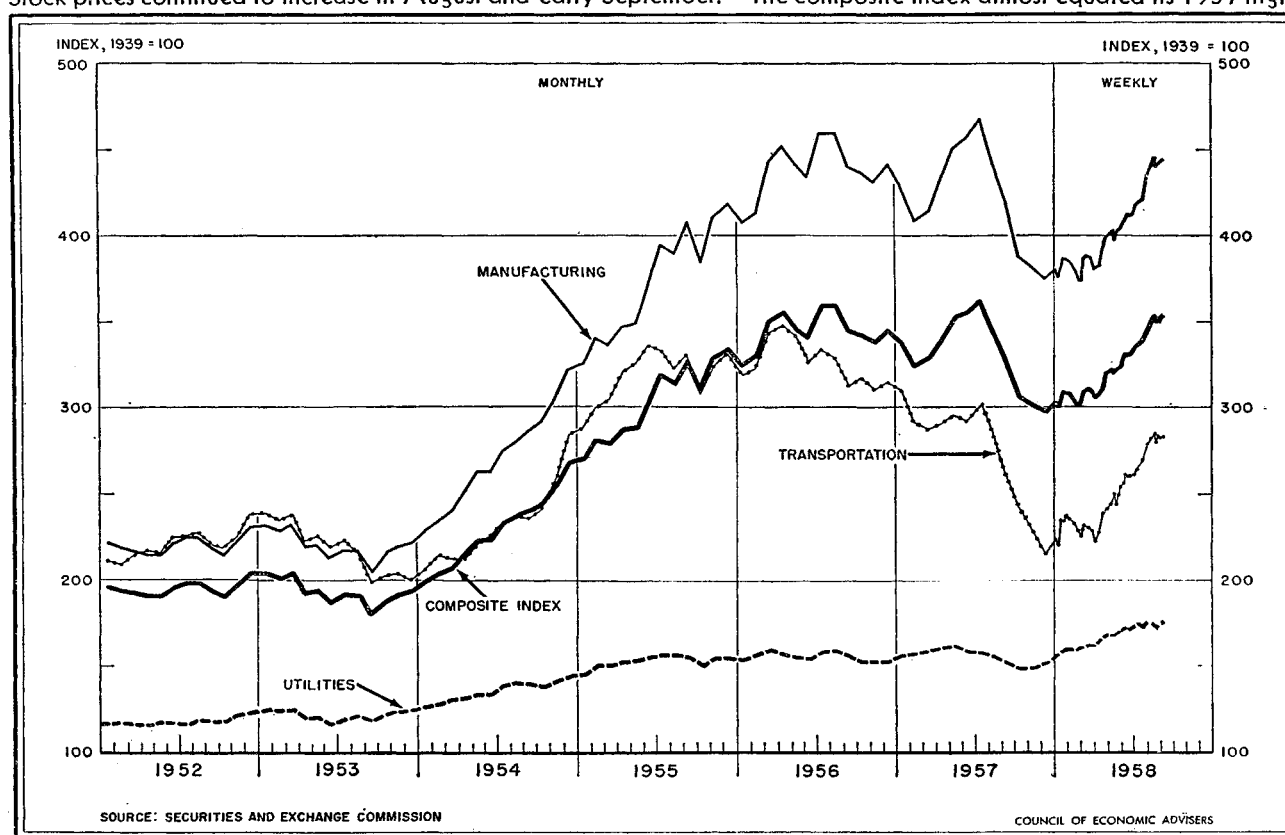
³ Weekly data are Wednesday figures.

⁴ Not charted.

Sources: Treasury Department and Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System (except as noted).

STOCK PRICES

Stock prices continued to increase in August and early September. The composite index almost equaled its 1957 high.



[1939=100]

Period	Com- posite index ¹	Manufacturing			Trans- portation	Utilities	Trade, finance, and service	Mining
		Total	Durable goods	Nondura- ble goods				
Weekly average:								
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
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
1955.....	304. 6	374. 4	352. 4	394. 4	320. 0	152. 9	296. 9	312. 9
1956.....	345. 0	438. 6	409. 8	465. 1	327. 1	155. 8	306. 3	357. 5
1957.....	331. 4	422. 1	391. 2	450. 7	275. 4	156. 0	277. 5	342. 4
1957: August.....	343. 2	441. 2	408. 1	471. 6	285. 5	155. 2	281. 6	353. 9
September.....	327. 9	419. 1	385. 8	449. 7	263. 3	152. 6	277. 2	334. 5
October.....	306. 4	388. 2	356. 9	417. 0	240. 9	148. 8	266. 5	296. 9
November.....	301. 8	381. 9	350. 1	411. 1	227. 8	149. 3	262. 0	284. 2
December.....	298. 5	376. 1	335. 6	413. 2	214. 7	152. 3	257. 9	274. 5
1958: January.....	304. 7	381. 6	346. 6	413. 6	230. 2	157. 8	269. 7	272. 1
February.....	304. 0	378. 1	345. 8	407. 7	231. 3	160. 5	277. 5	266. 8
March.....	310. 8	388. 2	351. 6	421. 6	230. 6	161. 7	283. 4	283. 2
April.....	311. 9	387. 4	339. 8	425. 7	233. 1	165. 7	285. 6	287. 0
May.....	322. 9	401. 4	353. 2	438. 4	249. 0	168. 9	301. 0	300. 1
June.....	330. 6	411. 7	362. 2	449. 6	259. 2	171. 3	305. 1	318. 9
July.....	339. 2	423. 6	376. 5	458. 9	268. 8	173. 4	311. 9	330. 7
August.....	351. 7	442. 0	399. 4	472. 9	282. 6	173. 9	324. 6	341. 1
Week ended:								
1958: August 8.....	354. 1	446. 1	401. 6	478. 6	285. 6	173. 8	320. 5	346. 2
15.....	350. 0	439. 9	397. 0	471. 0	279. 0	173. 2	323. 0	341. 4
22.....	351. 9	441. 9	399. 6	472. 5	284. 2	173. 5	331. 6	341. 0
29.....	352. 3	442. 2	399. 7	472. 9	282. 4	174. 0	330. 6	337. 4
September 5.....	353. 7	443. 8	401. 9	473. 9	282. 6	175. 3	334. 8	341. 6
12 ²	357. 6	449. 6	409. 8	477. 6	284. 7	176. 0	335. 2	338. 1

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

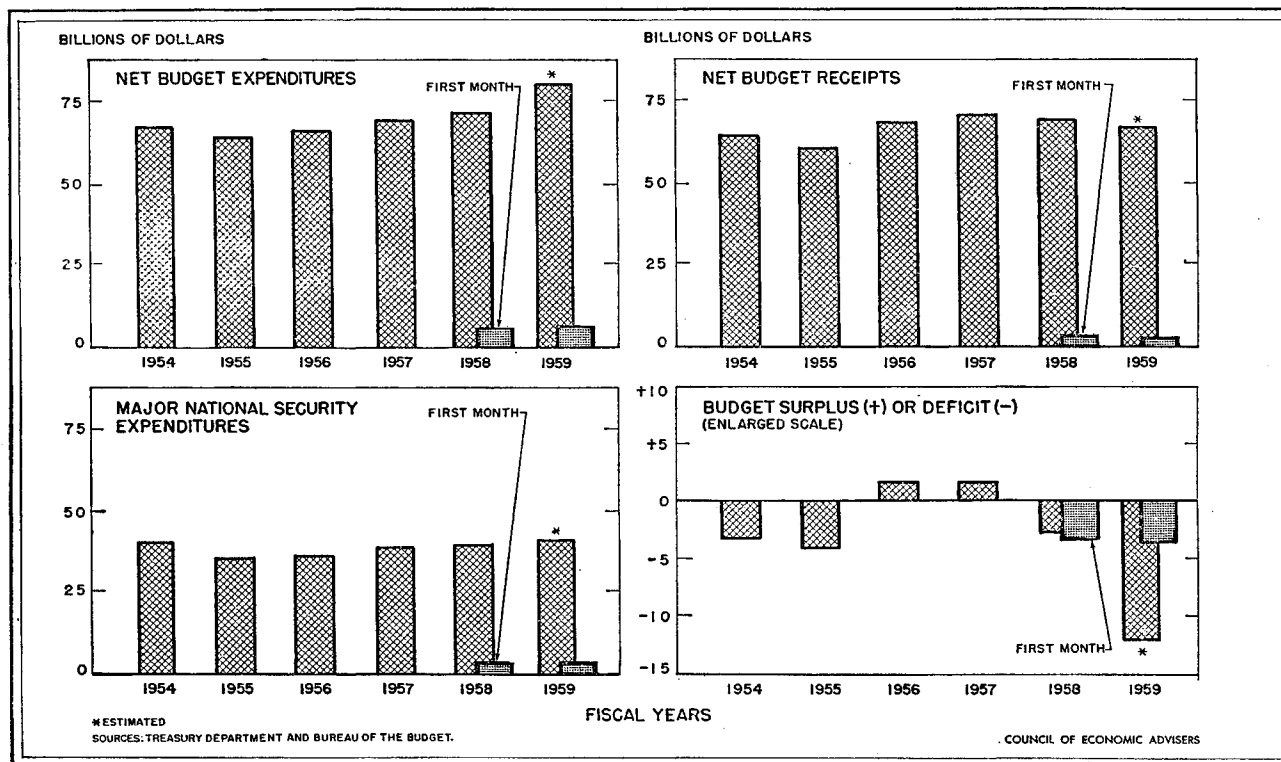
² Not charted.

Source: Securities and Exchange Commission.

FEDERAL FINANCE

BUDGET RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES

The budget deficit for the first 2 months of the current fiscal year was \$5.0 billion. For the same period of last year, the deficit amounted to \$4.1 billion.



[Billions of dollars]

Period	Net budget receipts	Net budget expenditures			Budget surplus (+) or deficit (-)	Public debt (end of period) ²
		Total	Major national security ¹			
			Total	Department of Defense military functions		
Fiscal year 1944	43.6	95.1	76.8	76.1	-51.4	202.6
Fiscal year 1953	64.8	74.3	51.8	43.6	-9.4	266.1
Fiscal year 1954	64.7	67.8	47.9	40.3	-3.1	271.3
Fiscal year 1955	60.4	64.6	42.1	35.5	-4.2	274.4
Fiscal year 1956	68.2	66.5	41.8	35.8	+1.6	272.8
Fiscal year 1957	71.0	69.4	44.4	38.4	+1.6	270.6
Fiscal year 1958 ³	69.1	71.9	45.0	39.0	-2.8	276.4
Fiscal year 1959 ⁴	67.0	79.2	46.8	40.8	-12.2	283.1
1957: ³ July	3.1	6.3	3.7	3.2	-3.3	272.6
August	5.1	5.9	4.0	3.5	-0.8	274.0
September	7.2	5.7	3.5	3.0	+1.6	274.5
October	3.1	6.5	3.7	3.2	-3.4	274.2
November	4.8	5.8	3.5	3.1	-1.0	274.9
December	6.0	5.8	3.8	3.3	+1.1	275.0
1958: ³ January	4.8	6.0	3.8	3.1	-1.2	274.7
February	6.3	5.5	3.6	3.2	+0.8	274.8
March	9.5	5.7	3.7	3.1	+3.8	272.7
April	3.5	6.1	3.7	3.2	-2.6	275.2
May	4.9	5.8	3.7	3.2	-0.9	275.7
June	10.8	6.6	4.3	3.9	+4.2	276.4
July	2.9	6.6	3.8	3.2	-3.7	275.9
August	4.8	6.2	3.7	3.2	-1.4	278.6
Cumulative totals for first 2 months:						
Fiscal year 1958	8.2	12.3	7.7	6.7	-4.1	274.0
Fiscal year 1959	7.8	12.8	7.5	6.4	-5.0	278.6

¹ Includes military functions of Department of Defense, military assistance and defense support portions of the mutual security programs, Atomic Energy Commission, and stockpiling and defense production expansion.

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

³ Preliminary. Cumulative totals for first 2 months, not charted.

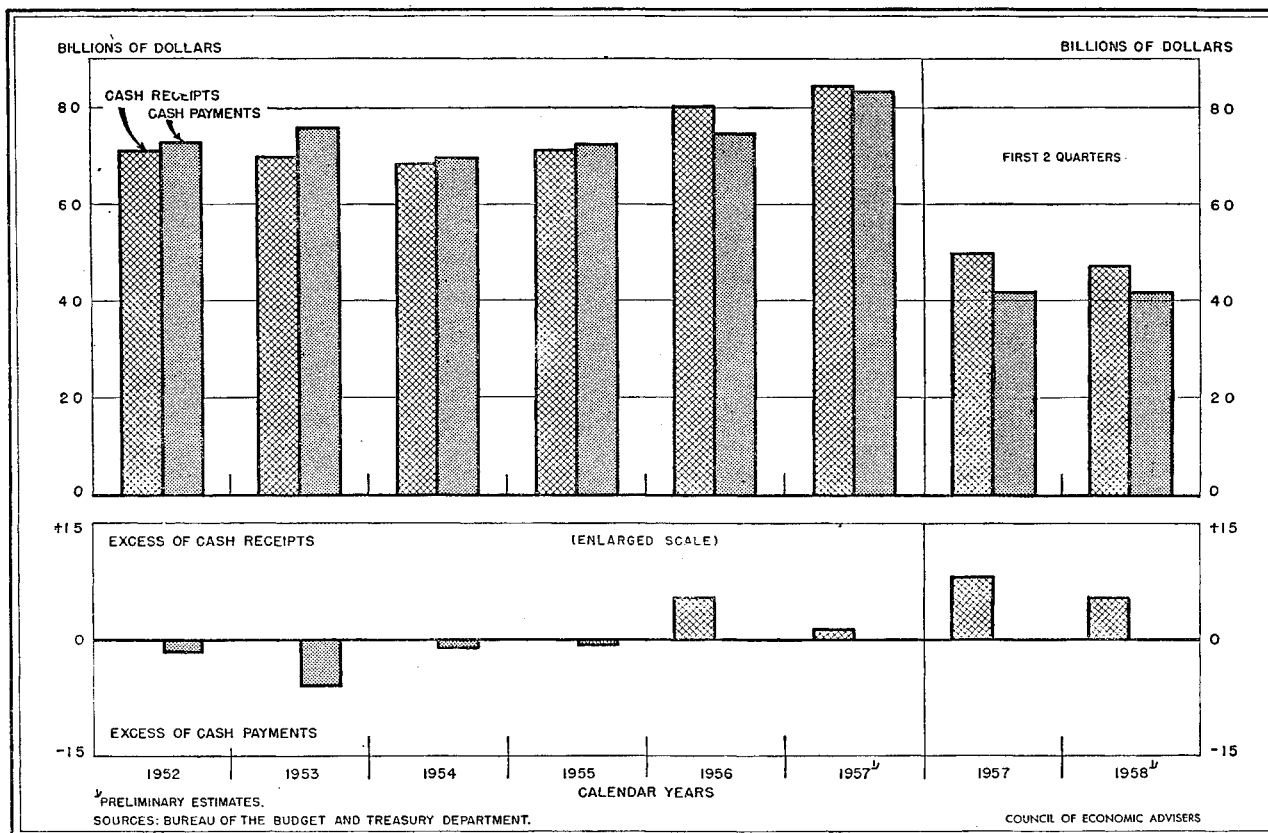
⁴ Estimate, "1959 Federal Budget Midyear Review," September 11, 1958.

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

Sources: Treasury Department and Bureau of the Budget.

CASH RECEIPTS FROM AND PAYMENTS TO THE PUBLIC

According to preliminary estimates, Federal cash payments to the public in the fiscal year 1958 exceeded Federal cash receipts by \$1.5 billion. Current estimates for fiscal year 1959 indicate a cash deficit of \$13.7 billion.



[Millions of dollars]

Period	Cash receipts from the public	Cash payments to the public	Excess of receipts (+) or payments (-)
Fiscal year total:			
1955.....	67,836	70,538	-2,702
1956.....	77,088	72,617	+4,471
1957.....	82,107	80,008	+2,099
1958 ¹	81,855	83,328	-1,472
1959 ²	80,357	94,066	-13,709
Calendar year total:			
1954.....	68,589	69,661	-1,072
1955.....	71,448	72,188	-740
1956.....	80,330	74,807	+5,524
1957 ¹	84,520	83,326	+1,194
Quarterly total, not adjusted for seasonal variation:			
1957: First quarter.....	24,617	19,814	+4,802
Second quarter.....	24,846	21,574	+3,273
Third quarter ¹	18,653	21,099	-2,447
Fourth quarter ¹	16,404	20,839	-4,435
1958: First quarter ¹	23,618	19,626	+3,992
Second quarter ¹	23,180	21,764	+1,417

¹ Preliminary.

² Estimate, "1959 Federal Budget Midyear Review," September 11, 1958.

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