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TOTAL OUTPUT, INCOME, AND SPENDING

THE NATION'S INCOME, EXPENDITURE, AND SAVING

Preliminary estimates indicate the total income and expenditures dropped between the second and third quarters.

[Billions of dollars]

Economic group	1958						1959					
	Year			Third quarter			Second quarter			Third quarter [1]		
	Receipts	Expenditures	Excess of receipts (+) or expenditures (−)	Receipts	Expenditures	Excess of receipts (+) or expenditures (−)	Receipts	Expenditures	Excess of receipts (+) or expenditures (−)	Receipts	Expenditures	Excess of receipts (+) or expenditures (−)
				Seasonally adjusted annual rates								
Consumers:												
Disposable personal income	316.5			320.4			335.3			335.2		
Personal consumption expenditures		293.0			294.4			311.2			313.5	
Personal net saving (+)			23.5			26.0			24.1			21.7
Business:												
Gross retained earnings	44.0			43.3			52.3			(2)		
Gross private domestic investment		54.9			54.2			77.5			69.0	
Excess of investment (−)			−10.9			−10.9			−25.2			(2)
International:												
Foreign net transfers by government	1.3			1.2			1.4			1.5		
Net exports of goods and services		1.2			1.6			−1.8			−.5	
Excess of transfers (+) or of net exports (−)			.1			−.4			3.2			2.0
Government (Federal, State, and local):												
Tax and nontax receipts or accruals	114.9			116.1			131.0			(2)		
Less: Transfers, interest, and subsidies (net)	32.9			33.7			33.5			33.9		
Net receipts	82.0			82.4			97.5			(2)		
Total government expenditures		125.6			127.5			131.2			132.9	
Less: Transfers, interest, and subsidies (net)		32.9			33.7			33.5			33.9	
Purchases of goods and services		92.6			93.8			97.7			99.0	
Surplus (+) or deficit (−) on income and product account			−10.7			−11.4			−.2			(2)
Statistical discrepancy	−2.1		−2.1	−3.3		−3.3	2.0		2.0	(2)		(2)
GROSS NATIONAL PRODUCT	441.7	441.7		444.0	444.0		484.5	484.5		481.0	481.0	

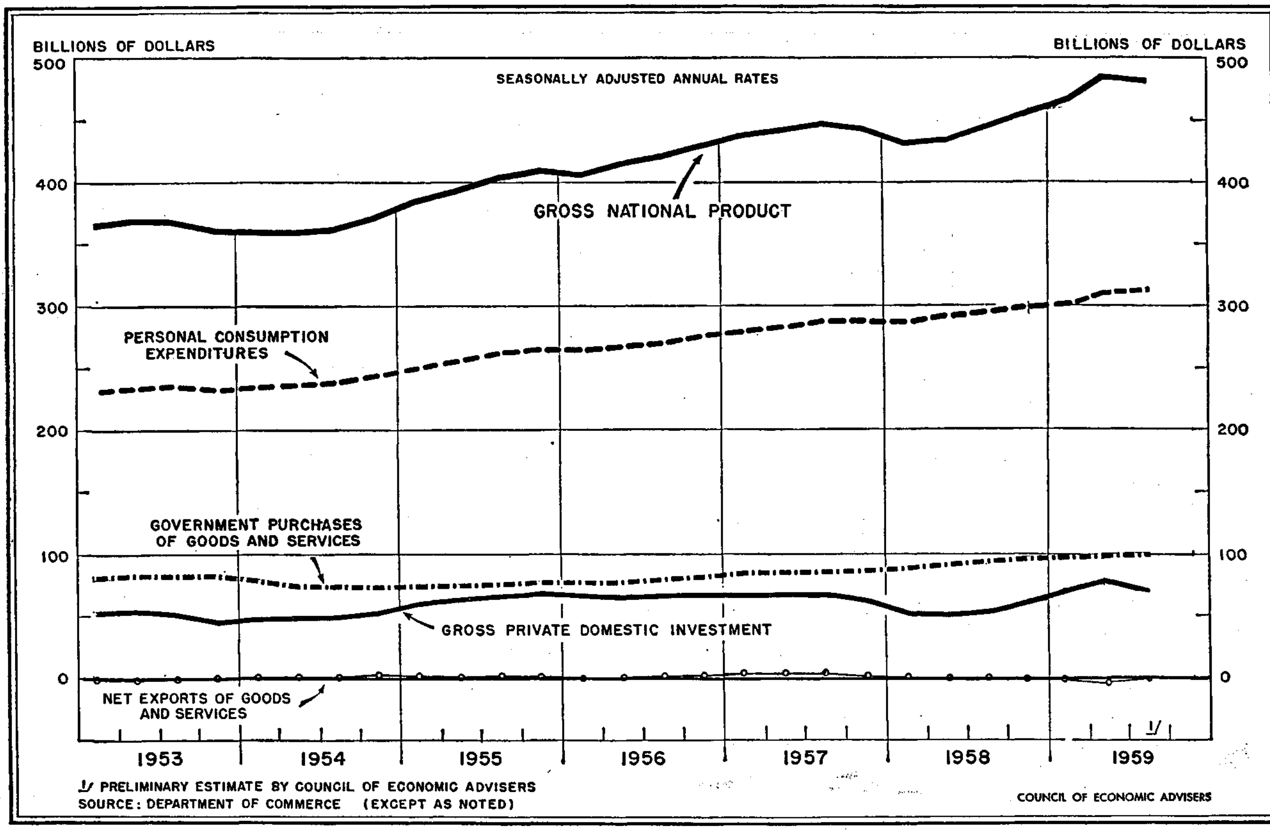
[1] Preliminary estimates by Council of Economic Advisers.
[2] Not available.

Sources: Department of Commerce and Council of Economic Advisers.

NOTE.—For explanation and use of this arrangement, see Senate Report No. 1295, Joint Economic Report, pp. 92–93, 99–105, and *Economic Report of the President*, January 1953, Appendix A.

GROSS NATIONAL PRODUCT OR EXPENDITURE

Gross national product dropped $3.5 billion (seasonally adjusted annual rate) between the second and third quarters, according to preliminary estimates. A drop in private domestic investment was partially offset by increases in other major components.



[Billions of dollars]

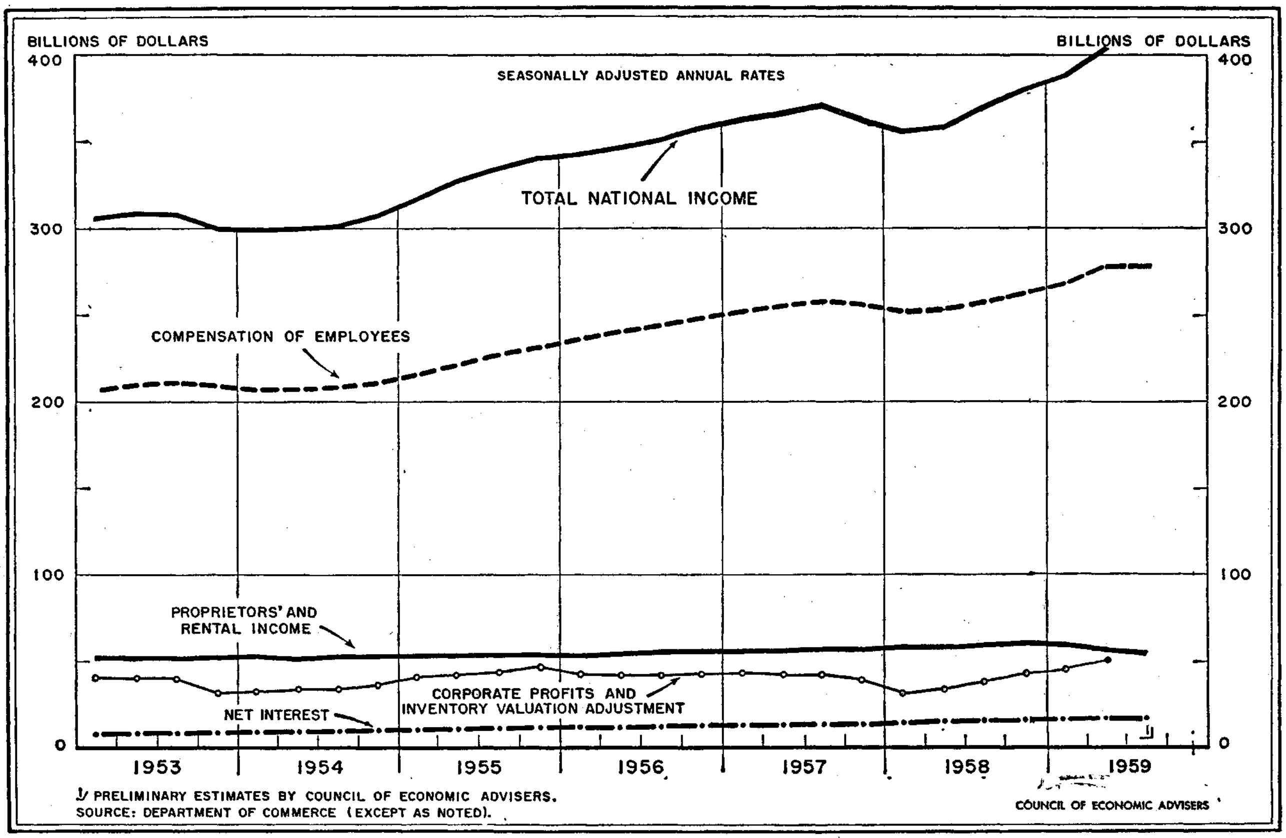
Period	Total gross national product in 1958 prices[1]	Total gross national product	Personal consumption expenditures	Gross private domestic investment	Net exports of goods and services	Government purchases of goods and services: Total	Federal: Total[2]	Federal: National defense[3]	Federal: Other	State and local
1949	323.8	258.1	181.2	33.0	3.8	40.2	22.2	13.6	8.9	17.9
1950	352.2	284.6	195.0	50.0	.6	39.0	19.3	14.3	5.2	19.7
1951	378.6	329.0	209.8	56.3	2.4	60.5	38.8	33.9	5.2	21.7
1952	391.6	347.0	219.8	49.9	1.3	76.0	52.9	46.4	6.7	23.2
1953	408.7	365.4	232.6	50.3	−.4	82.8	58.0	49.3	9.0	24.9
1954	402.1	363.1	238.0	48.9	1.0	75.3	47.5	41.2	6.7	27.7
1955	434.9	397.5	256.9	63.8	1.1	75.6	45.3	39.1	6.6	30.3
1956	443.6	419.2	269.9	67.4	2.9	79.0	45.7	40.4	5.7	33.2
1957	452.0	442.5	284.8	66.6	4.9	86.2	49.4	44.3	5.5	36.8
1958	441.7	441.7	293.0	54.9	1.2	92.6	52.2	44.5	8.1	40.5
	Seasonally adjusted annual rates									
1957: Third quarter	454.2	447.8	288.2	67.9	5.1	86.6	49.7	44.9	5.3	36.9
Fourth quarter	447.2	442.3	288.1	63.2	3.5	87.4	49.1	43.9	5.7	38.3
1958: First quarter	433.2	431.0	287.3	52.4	2.0	89.3	50.1	44.0	6.6	39.2
Second quarter	435.4	434.5	290.9	51.3	1.2	91.1	51.3	44.3	7.5	39.7
Third quarter	444.0	444.0	294.4	54.2	1.6	93.8	53.1	44.5	8.9	40.8
Fourth quarter	454.8	457.1	299.1	61.3	.2	96.5	54.2	45.3	9.4	42.2
1959: First quarter	465.5	470.2	303.9	69.8	−.9	97.4	53.8	45.8	8.3	43.6
Second quarter	477.8	484.5	311.2	77.5	−1.8	97.7	53.9	46.2	8.0	43.8
Third quarter[1]	472.0	481.0	313.5	69.0	−.5	99.0	54.0	46.2	8.0	45.0

[1] Preliminary estimates by Council of Economic Advisers.
[2] Less Government sales.
[3] These expenditures correspond closely with the "major national security" category in *The Budget of the United States Government for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 1960*, shown on p. 31 of *Economic Indicators*.

Source: Department of Commerce (except as noted).

NATIONAL INCOME

Compensation of employees (seasonally adjusted) increased slightly in the third quarter. Business and professional income and net interest also increased slightly but farm income dropped again.



[Billions of dollars]

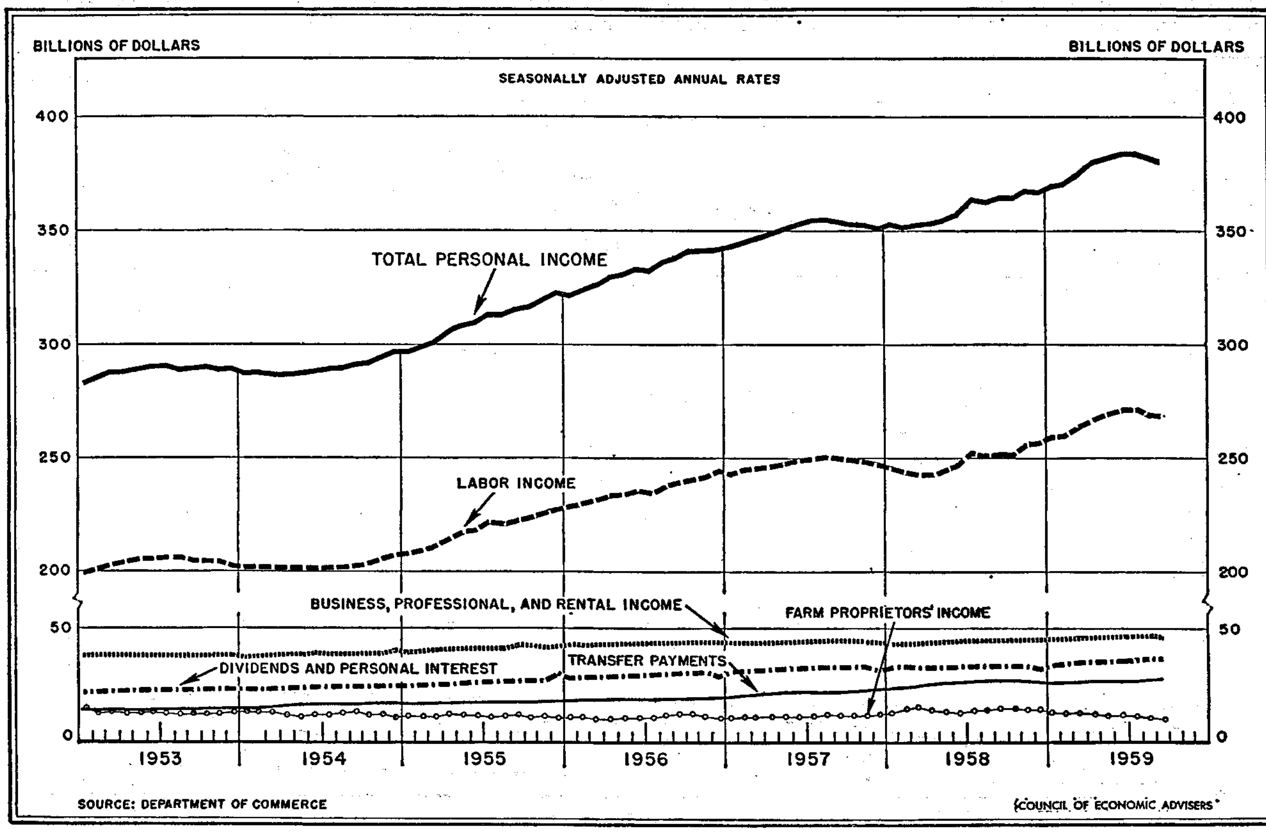
Period	Total national income	Compensation of employees [1]	Proprietors' income: Farm	Proprietors' income: Business and professional	Rental income of persons	Net interest	Corporate profits and inventory valuation adjustment: Total	Profits before taxes	Inventory valuation adjustment
1949	217.7	140.8	12.9	22.7	8.3	4.8	28.2	26.4	1.9
1950	241.9	154.2	14.0	23.5	9.0	5.5	35.7	40.6	−5.0
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	−.3
1955	330.2	223.9	11.8	30.4	10.7	10.4	43.1	44.9	−1.7
1956	350.8	242.5	11.6	32.1	10.9	11.7	42.0	44.7	−2.7
1957	366.5	255.5	11.8	32.7	11.5	13.3	41.7	43.3	−1.5
1958	366.2	256.8	14.2	32.4	11.8	14.3	36.7	37.1	−.4
	Seasonally adjusted annual rates								
1957: Third quarter	371.1	258.1	12.3	32.9	11.5	13.5	42.7	44.0	−1.3
Fourth quarter	364.3	256.0	12.1	32.4	11.7	13.8	38.5	39.4	−.9
1958: First quarter	355.8	252.5	14.6	31.6	11.7	13.9	31.5	32.0	−.4
Second quarter	358.9	253.2	13.9	32.0	11.8	14.1	33.8	33.6	.2
Third quarter	369.5	258.5	14.2	32.6	11.9	14.4	38.0	38.3	−.3
Fourth quarter	380.4	262.9	14.1	33.2	11.9	14.7	43.5	44.6	−1.1
1959: First quarter	389.4	269.9	13.2	33.7	12.0	15.1	45.5	46.5	−.9
Second quarter	403.9	278.9	12.1	34.5	12.0	15.4	51.0	52.6	−1.6
Third quarter [2]	(3)	279.3	10.3	34.8	12.0	15.8	(3)	(3)	(3)

[1] Includes employer contributions for social insurance. (See also p. 4.)
[2] Preliminary estimates by Council of Economic Advisers.
[3] Not available.

Source: Department of Commerce (except as noted).

SOURCES OF PERSONAL INCOME

Personal income (seasonally adjusted) declined slightly in September. Labor and proprietors' income were lower than in August, while personal interest and transfer payments were higher.



[Billions of dollars]

Period	Total personal income	Labor income (wage and salary disbursements and other labor income)[1]	Proprietors' income: Farm	Proprietors' income: Business and professional	Rental income of persons	Dividends	Personal interest income	Transfer payments	Less: Personal contributions for social insurance	Nonagricultural personal income[2]
1950	228.5	150.2	14.0	23.5	9.0	9.2	10.3	15.1	2.9	211.3
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	332.9	235.7	11.6	32.1	10.9	12.1	17.5	18.8	5.8	317.9
1957	350.6	247.7	11.8	32.7	11.5	12.5	19.5	21.7	6.7	335.2
1958	359.0	248.7	14.2	32.4	11.8	12.4	20.4	26.1	7.0	341.1
	Seasonally adjusted annual rates									
1958: August	[3] 362.4	[3] 250.6	14.2	32.6	11.9	12.6	20.5	27.2	7.1	[3] 344.5
September	364.2	251.8	14.3	32.8	11.9	12.6	20.6	27.3	7.1	346.1
October	364.3	251.4	14.2	33.2	11.9	12.6	20.7	27.4	7.1	346.3
November	367.5	255.5	14.1	33.1	11.9	12.6	20.8	26.6	7.1	349.6
December	366.9	256.4	14.2	33.4	11.9	10.8	21.0	26.3	7.1	348.8
1959: January	369.0	258.3	13.5	33.5	12.0	12.7	21.1	26.1	8.1	351.6
February	371.0	259.8	13.2	33.7	12.0	12.8	21.3	26.4	8.1	353.8
March	375.4	263.8	12.9	34.0	12.0	12.8	21.6	26.6	8.2	358.5
April	379.0	267.2	12.2	34.3	12.0	12.9	21.8	26.9	8.3	362.7
May	381.3	269.7	12.0	34.5	12.0	13.0	22.0	26.4	8.3	365.3
June	383.8	271.7	12.1	34.7	12.0	13.1	22.2	26.4	8.4	367.8
July	383.4	271.6	11.4	34.9	12.0	13.2	22.4	26.3	8.4	368.2
August	380.0	268.9	10.0	34.9	12.0	13.4	22.7	26.5	8.4	366.3
September[4]	379.6	268.4	9.6	34.7	12.0	13.5	23.0	26.8	8.3	366.2

[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.

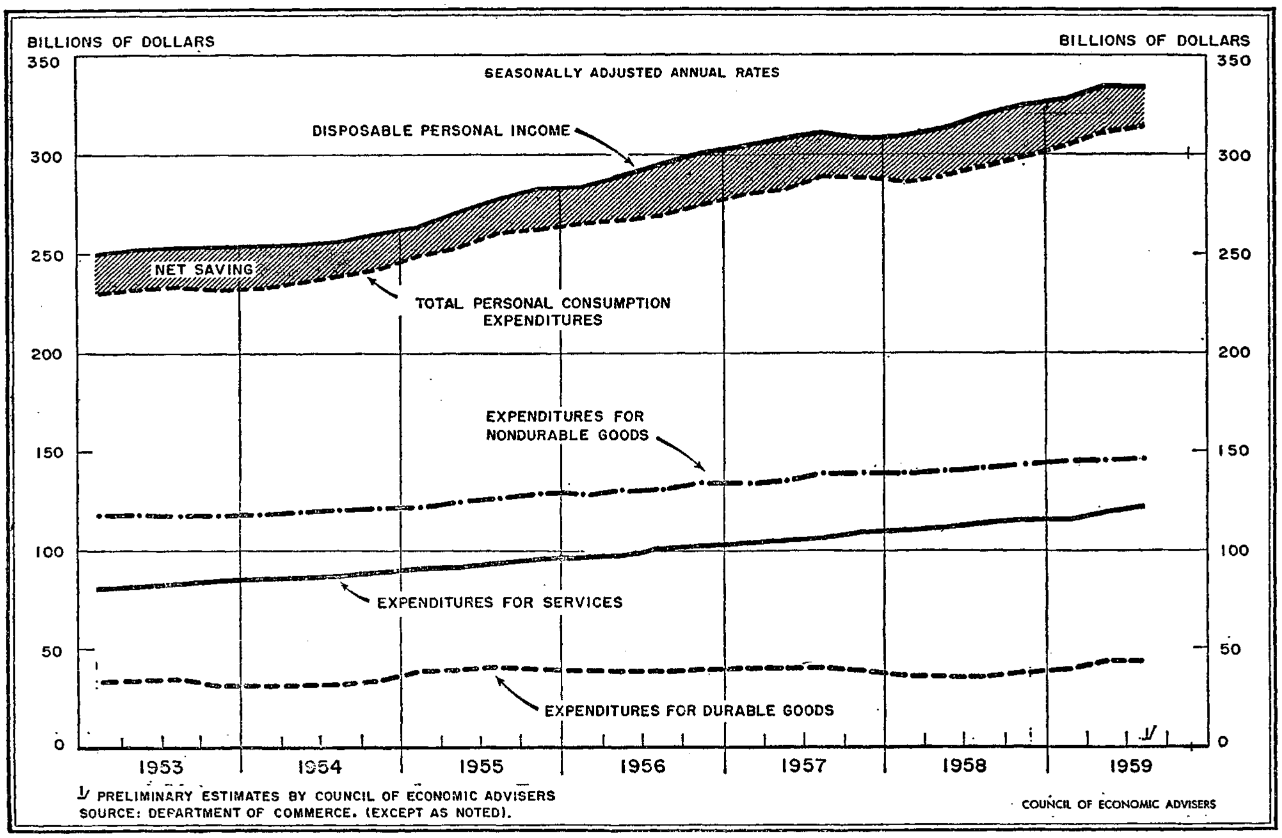
[3] Includes lump-sum retroactive salary payments to Federal employees. At seasonally adjusted annual rates, these amounted to $0.2 billion in June, $3.6 billion in July, and $0.2 billion in August.

[4] Preliminary estimates.

Source: Department of Commerce.

DISPOSITION OF PERSONAL INCOME

Disposable personal income (seasonally adjusted) was unchanged between the second and third quarters, according to preliminary estimates. Total consumption expenditures rose at an annual rate of $2.3 billion.



Period	Personal income	Less: Personal taxes [1]	Equals: Disposable personal income	Less: Personal consumption expenditures: Total	Durable goods	Nondurable goods	Services	Equals: Personal saving	Saving as percent of disposable income
	Billions of dollars								
1949	208.3	18.7	189.7	181.2	24.6	96.6	60.0	8.5	4.5
1950	228.5	20.8	207.7	195.0	30.4	99.8	64.9	12.6	6.1
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	332.9	40.0	292.9	269.9	38.5	131.4	100.0	23.0	7.9
1957	350.6	42.7	307.9	284.8	40.3	137.7	106.7	23.1	7.5
1958	359.0	42.6	316.5	293.0	37.6	141.9	113.4	23.5	7.4
	Seasonally adjusted annual rates								
1957: Third quarter	354.5	43.1	311.5	288.2	40.9	139.7	107.6	23.3	7.5
Fourth quarter	352.8	42.9	309.9	288.1	39.7	139.0	109.4	21.8	7.0
1958: First quarter	352.2	41.9	310.3	287.3	36.9	139.5	111.0	22.9	7.4
Second quarter	355.0	42.1	312.9	290.9	36.7	141.5	112.7	22.0	7.0
Third quarter	363.4	42.9	320.4	294.4	37.1	143.1	114.2	26.0	8.1
Fourth quarter	366.3	43.4	322.9	299.1	39.8	143.6	115.7	23.7	7.3
1959: First quarter	371.8	44.4	327.4	303.9	41.3	145.3	117.4	23.5	7.2
Second quarter	381.1	45.8	335.3	311.2	44.1	147.7	119.4	24.1	7.2
Third quarter [2]	381.0	45.8	335.2	313.5	43.8	148.2	121.5	21.7	6.5

[1] Includes such items as fines, penalties, and donations.
[2] Preliminary estimates by Council of Economic Advisers.

Source: Department of Commerce (except as noted).

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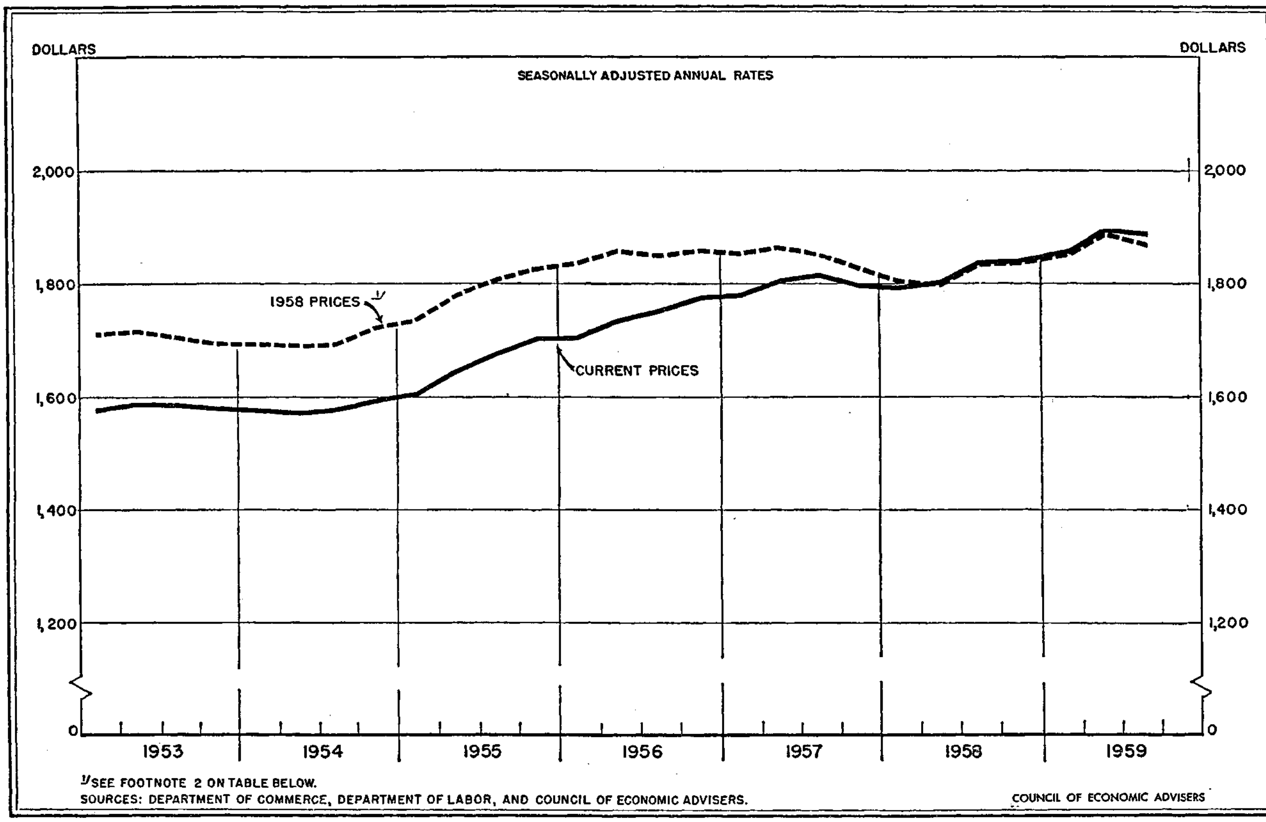
PER CAPITA DISPOSABLE INCOME

Per capita disposable income, measured in both current and constant prices, showed a small decrease in the third quarter.



Period	Total disposable personal income (billions of dollars)[1]		Per capita disposable personal income (dollars)[1]		Population (thousands)[3]
	Current prices	1958 prices[2]	Current prices	1958 prices[2]	
1949	189.7	230.2	1,271	1,542	149,188
1950	207.7	249.6	1,369	1,645	151,683
1951	227.5	253.0	1,474	1,640	154,360
1952	238.7	259.8	1,520	1,654	157,028
1953	252.5	272.7	1,582	1,708	159,636
1954	256.9	276.2	1,582	1,701	162,417
1955	274.4	296.1	1,661	1,792	165,270
1956	292.9	311.3	1,742	1,851	168,176
1957	307.9	316.4	1,798	1,848	171,198
1958	316.5	316.5	1,818	1,818	174,054
	Seasonally adjusted annual rates				
1957: Third quarter	311.5	317.9	1,815	1,852	171,606
Fourth quarter	309.9	315.3	1,798	1,829	172,382
1958: First quarter	310.3	312.2	1,793	1,804	173,038
Second quarter	312.9	312.6	1,801	1,799	173,692
Third quarter	320.4	319.8	1,837	1,833	174,450
Fourth quarter	322.9	322.3	1,843	1,839	175,242
1959: First quarter	327.4	326.7	1,861	1,857	175,926
Second quarter	335.3	333.6	1,899	1,890	176,599
Third quarter[4]	335.2	331.6	1,890	1,869	177,358

[1] Income less taxes.

[2] Dollar estimates in current prices divided by consumer price index on a 1958 base.

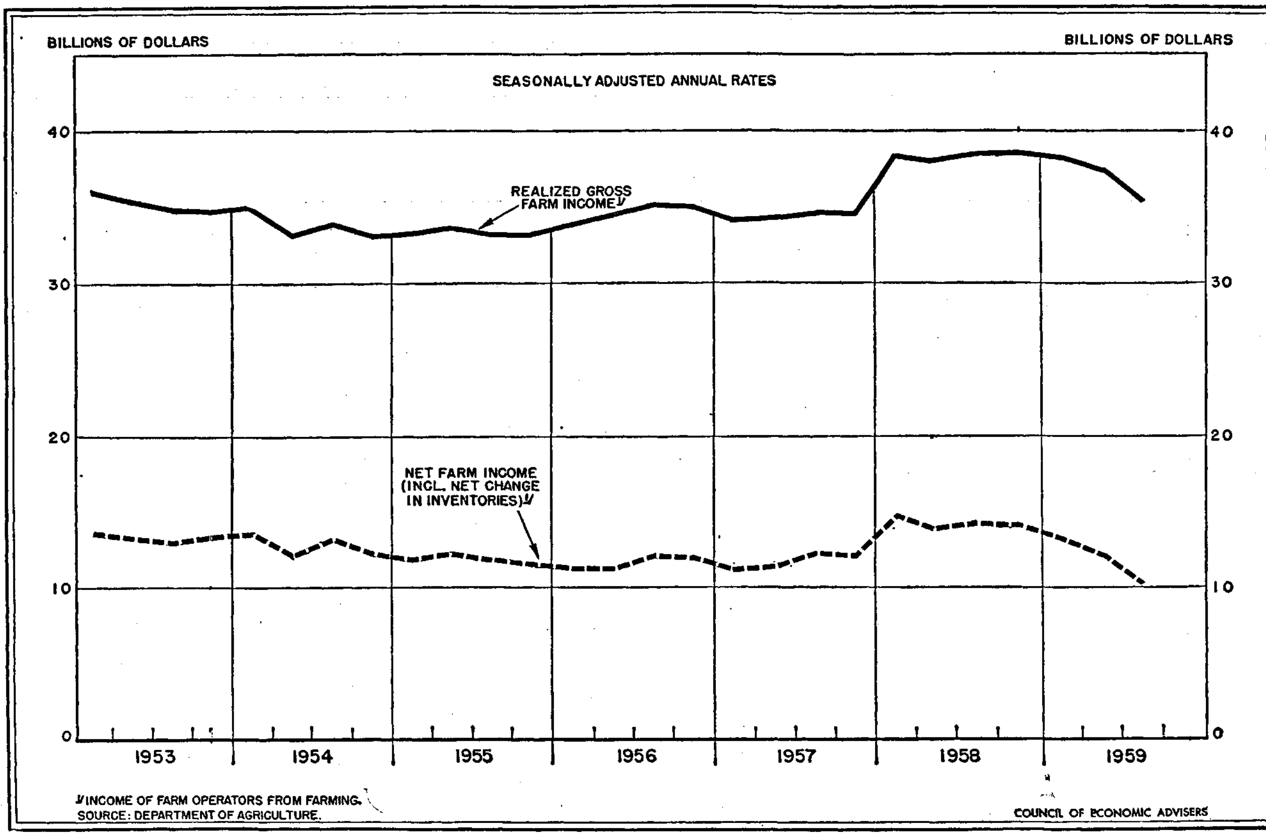
[3] Continental United States, including armed forces overseas. Annual data as of July 1; quarterly data centered in the middle of the period, interpolated from monthly figures.

[4] Preliminary estimates by Council of Economic Advisers.

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

FARM INCOME

Farm operators' net income (seasonally adjusted and including net change in inventories) declined in the third quarter. It was less than a year before, as a smaller 1959 wheat crop and lower prices for hogs and poultry products reduced receipts from those commodities.



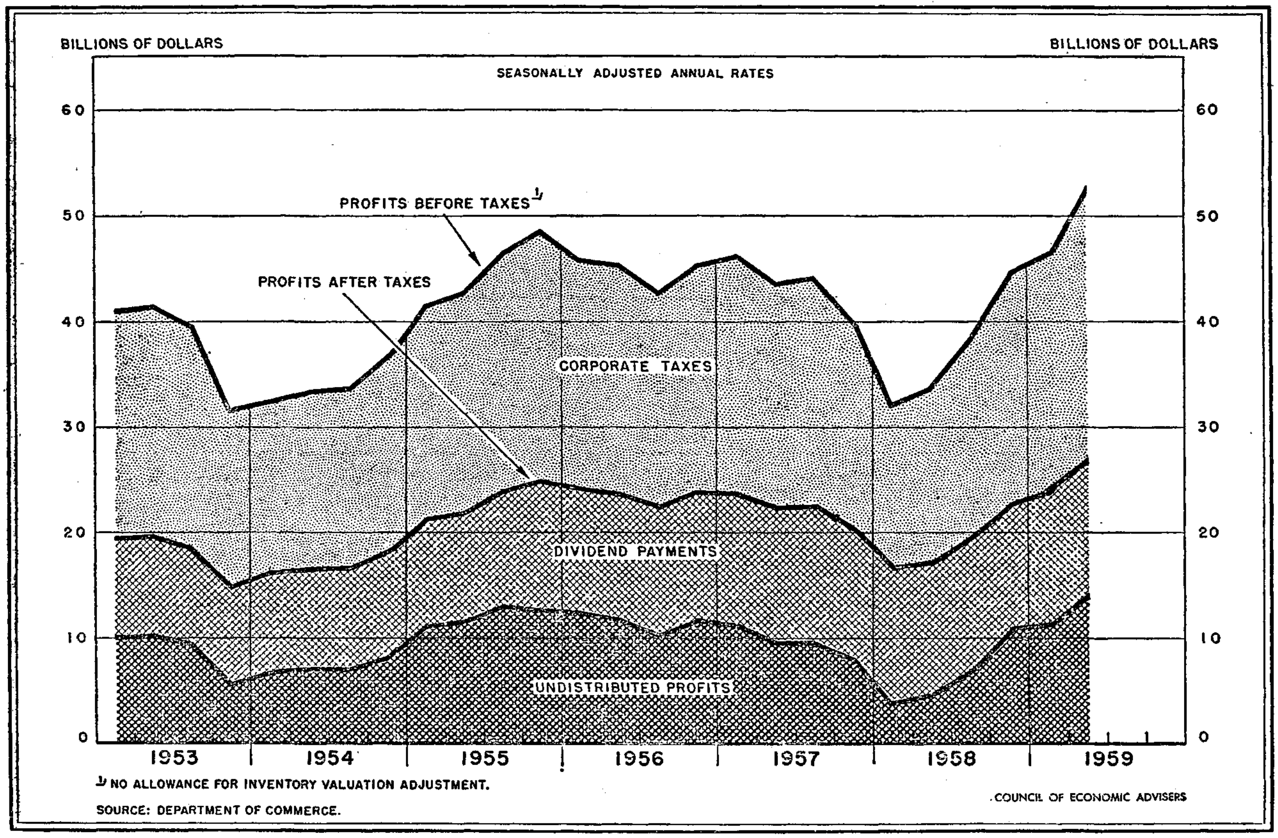
Period	Farm operators' income: Realized gross farm income [1]	Farm production expenses	Net income [2]: Excluding net change in inventories	Net income [2]: Including net change in inventories	Net income per farm including net change in inventories: Current prices	Net income per farm including net change in inventories: 1958 prices [3]	Number of farms (millions) [4]
	Billions of dollars				Dollars		
1949	31.8	18.0	13.8	12.9	2,259	2,658	5.7
1950	32.5	19.3	13.2	14.0	2,479	2,883	5.6
1951	37.3	22.2	15.2	16.3	2,951	3,173	5.5
1952	37.0	22.6	14.4	15.3	2,829	3,010	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	2,596	5.2
1955	33.3	21.9	11.5	11.8	2,313	2,461	5.1
1956	34.6	22.6	12.0	11.6	2,338	2,461	5.0
1957	34.4	23.4	11.0	11.8	2,426	2,476	4.9
1958	38.3	25.2	13.1	14.2	2,990	2,990	4.7
	Seasonally adjusted annual rates						
1957: Third quarter	34.7	23.3	11.4	12.3	2,530	2,560	4.9
Fourth quarter	34.6	23.6	11.0	12.1	2,490	2,520	4.9
1958: First quarter	38.3	24.9	13.4	14.6	3,070	3,070	4.7
Second quarter	38.0	25.2	12.8	13.9	2,930	2,930	4.7
Third quarter	38.4	25.2	13.2	14.2	2,990	2,990	4.7
Fourth quarter	38.5	25.3	13.2	14.1	2,970	2,970	4.7
1959: First quarter	38.2	25.7	12.5	13.2	2,840	2,840	4.6
Second quarter	37.3	25.8	11.5	12.1	2,600	2,600	4.6
Third quarter [5]	35.5	26.0	9.5	10.3	2,220	2,200	4.6

[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 nonfarm sources, which in 1958 amounted to $1.8 billion and $6.2 billion, respectively.
[3] Dollar estimates in current prices divided by the index of prices paid by farmers for items used in family living on a 1958 base.
[4] The number of farms is held constant within a given year.
[5] Preliminary estimates.

Source: Department of Agriculture.

CORPORATE PROFITS

Corporate profits before taxes in the second quarter of 1959 are estimated at $52.6 billion (seasonally adjusted annual rate).



[Billions of dollars]

Period	Corporate profits before taxes	Corporate tax liability	Corporate profits after taxes: Total	Dividend payments	Undistributed profits
1949	26.4	10.4	16.0	7.5	8.5
1950	40.6	17.9	22.8	9.2	13.6
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	44.7	21.2	23.5	12.1	11.3
1957	43.3	21.1	22.2	12.5	9.7
1958	37.1	18.2	18.9	12.4	6.5
	Seasonally adjusted annual rates				
1957: Third quarter	44.0	21.4	22.5	12.8	9.7
Fourth quarter	39.4	19.2	20.2	12.2	8.0
1958: First quarter	32.0	15.7	16.3	12.7	3.6
Second quarter	33.6	16.5	17.1	12.6	4.5
Third quarter	38.3	18.8	19.5	12.6	6.9
Fourth quarter	44.6	21.9	22.7	12.0	10.7
1959: First quarter	46.5	22.6	23.8	12.8	11.0
Second quarter	52.6	25.6	27.0	13.0	14.0
Third quarter	(1)	(1)	(1)	[2] 13.4	(1)

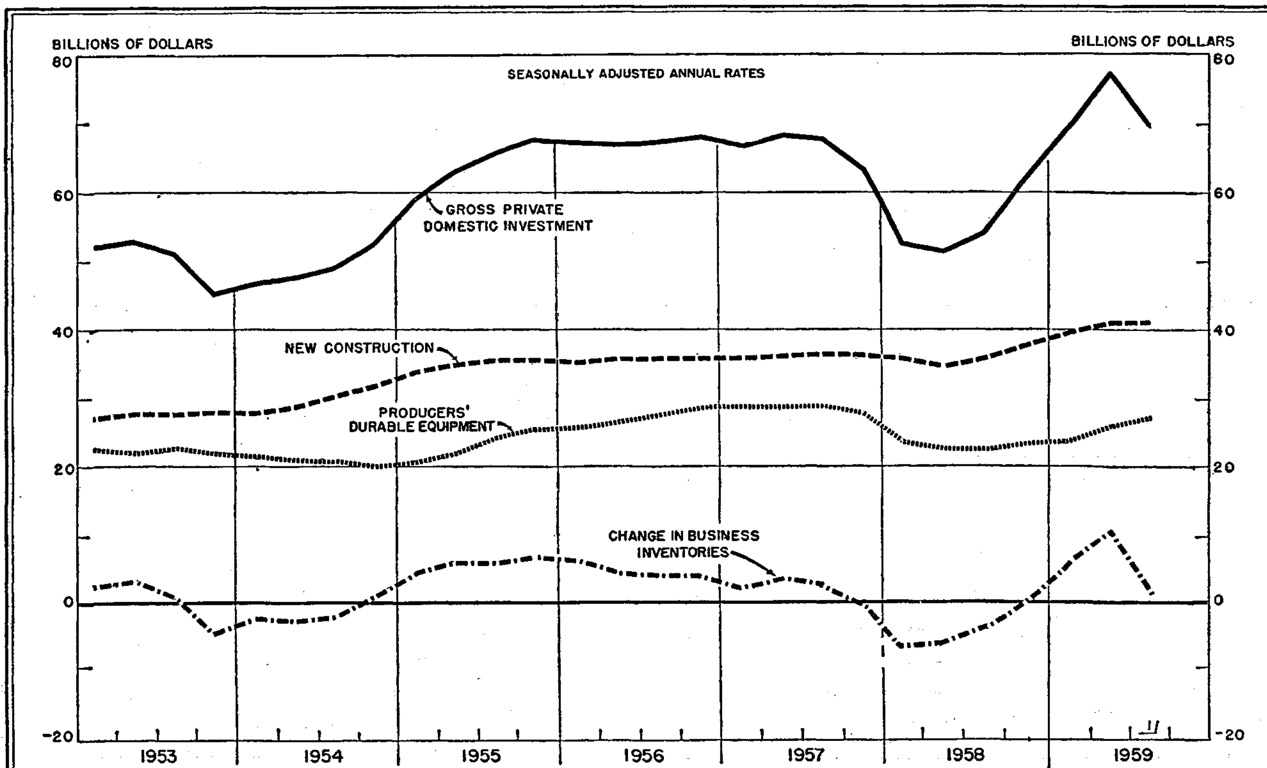
[1] Not available.
[2] Preliminary estimates by Council of Economic Advisers.

NOTE.—See p. 3 for profits before taxes and after inventory valuation adjustment.

Source: Department of Commerce (except as noted).

GROSS PRIVATE DOMESTIC INVESTMENT

Gross private domestic investment fell $8.5 billion (seasonally adjusted annual rate) between the second and third quarters. The rate of inventory accumulation dropped sharply and fixed investment rose slightly.



1/ PRELIMINARY ESTIMATES BY COUNCIL OF ECONOMIC ADVISERS.
SOURCE: DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE. (EXCEPT AS NOTED).

COUNCIL OF ECONOMIC ADVISERS

[Billions of dollars]

Period	Total gross private domestic investment	Fixed investment: Total	New construction[1]: Total	New construction[1]: Residential nonfarm	New construction[1]: Other	Producers' durable equipment	Change in business inventories: Total	Change in business inventories: Nonfarm
1949	33.0	36.0	18.8	9.6	9.2	17.2	−3.1	−2.2
1950	50.0	43.2	24.2	14.1	10.1	18.9	6.8	6.0
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	67.4	62.7	35.5	17.7	17.8	27.2	4.7	5.1
1957	66.6	64.6	36.1	17.0	19.0	28.5	2.0	1.2
1958	54.9	58.7	35.8	18.0	17.7	22.9	−3.8	−4.9
	Seasonally adjusted annual rates							
1957: Third quarter	67.9	65.2	36.2	17.0	19.3	29.0	2.7	1.7
Fourth quarter	63.2	63.8	36.1	17.1	19.0	27.7	−.6	−1.7
1958: First quarter	52.4	59.3	35.5	17.1	18.4	23.8	−6.9	−8.1
Second quarter	51.3	57.2	34.6	16.9	17.7	22.6	−5.8	−7.0
Third quarter	54.2	57.6	35.4	18.0	17.4	22.2	−3.4	−4.5
Fourth quarter	61.3	60.5	37.3	19.9	17.4	23.2	.8	−.1
1959: First quarter	69.8	63.6	39.7	21.9	17.8	23.9	6.1	5.4
Second quarter	77.5	67.0	41.0	23.1	17.9	26.0	10.4	9.8
Third quarter[2]	69.0	68.0	41.0	22.6	18.3	27.0	1.0	.2

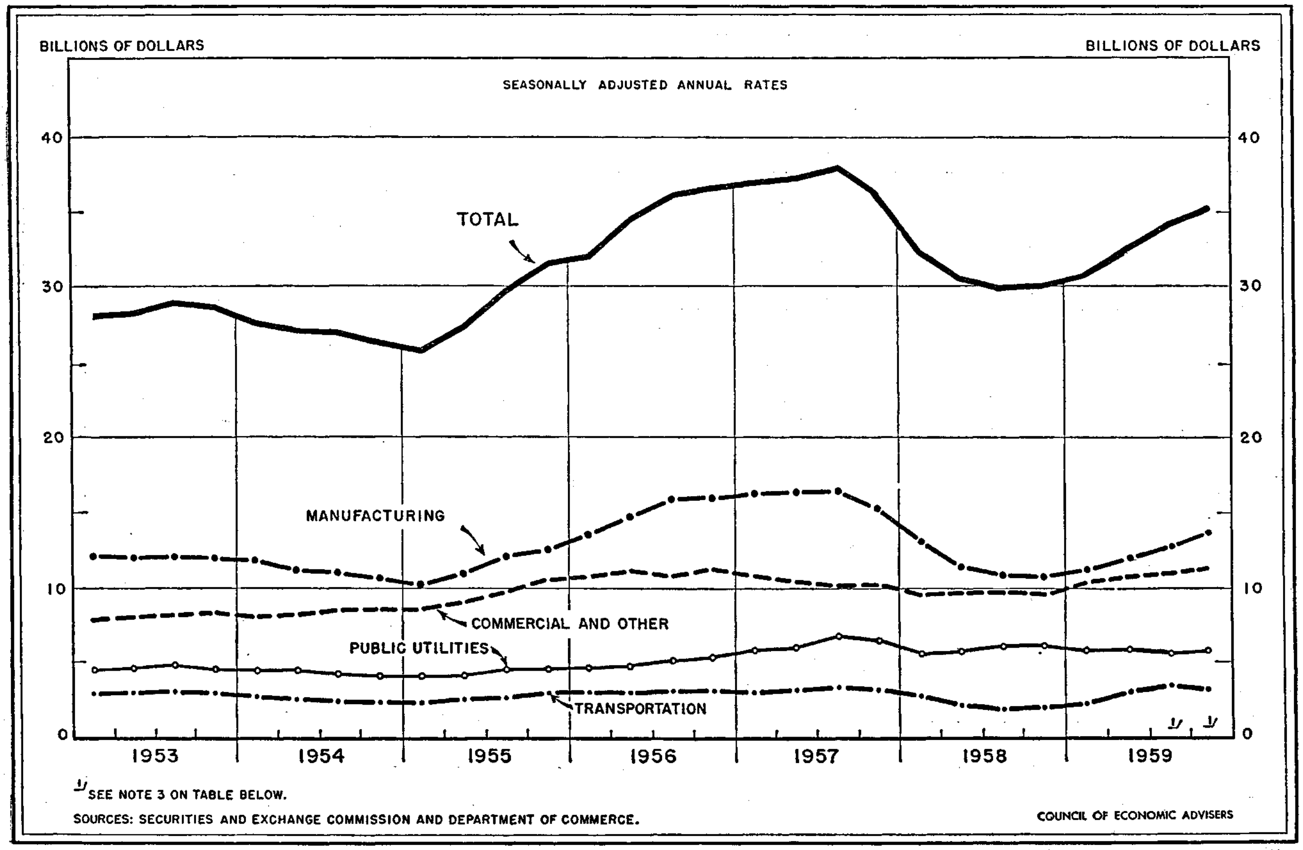
[1] "Other" construction in this series includes petroleum and natural gas well drilling, which are excluded from estimates on p. 19.

[2] Preliminary estimates by Council of Economic Advisers.

Source: Department of Commerce (except as noted).

EXPENDITURES FOR NEW PLANT AND EQUIPMENT

The July-August survey of business expenditures on plant and equipment indicates rising outlays in the third and fourth quarters of 1959. Expenditures for the year 1959 have been raised above earlier anticipations, and are now expected to be 9 percent above actual outlays in 1958.



[Billions of dollars]

Period	Total [1]	Manufacturing: Total	Manufacturing: Durable goods	Manufacturing: Nondurable goods	Mining	Transportation: Railroads	Transportation: Other	Public utilities	Commercial and other [2]
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	30. 53	11. 43	5. 47	5. 96	. 94	. 75	1. 50	6. 09	9. 81
1959 [3]	33. 26	12. 44	6. 02	6. 42	1. 00	1. 03	2. 02	5. 84	10. 92
	Seasonally adjusted annual rates								
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	29. 61	10. 86	5. 16	5. 70	. 88	. 63	1. 29	6. 10	9. 85
Fourth quarter	29. 97	10. 58	4. 86	5. 72	. 97	. 58	1. 62	6. 26	9. 96
1959: First quarter	30. 62	11. 20	5. 26	5. 94	. 95	. 63	1. 71	5. 80	10. 33
Second quarter	32. 51	11. 80	5. 74	6. 06	. 94	1. 00	2. 08	5. 82	10. 87
Third quarter [3]	34. 29	12. 81	6. 28	6. 53	1. 04	1. 41	2. 19	5. 80	11. 04
Fourth quarter [3]	35. 34	13. 72	6. 65	7. 07	1. 06	1. 12	2. 12	5. 93	11. 39

[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 1959. Includes adjustments, when necessary, for systematic tendencies in anticipatory data.

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

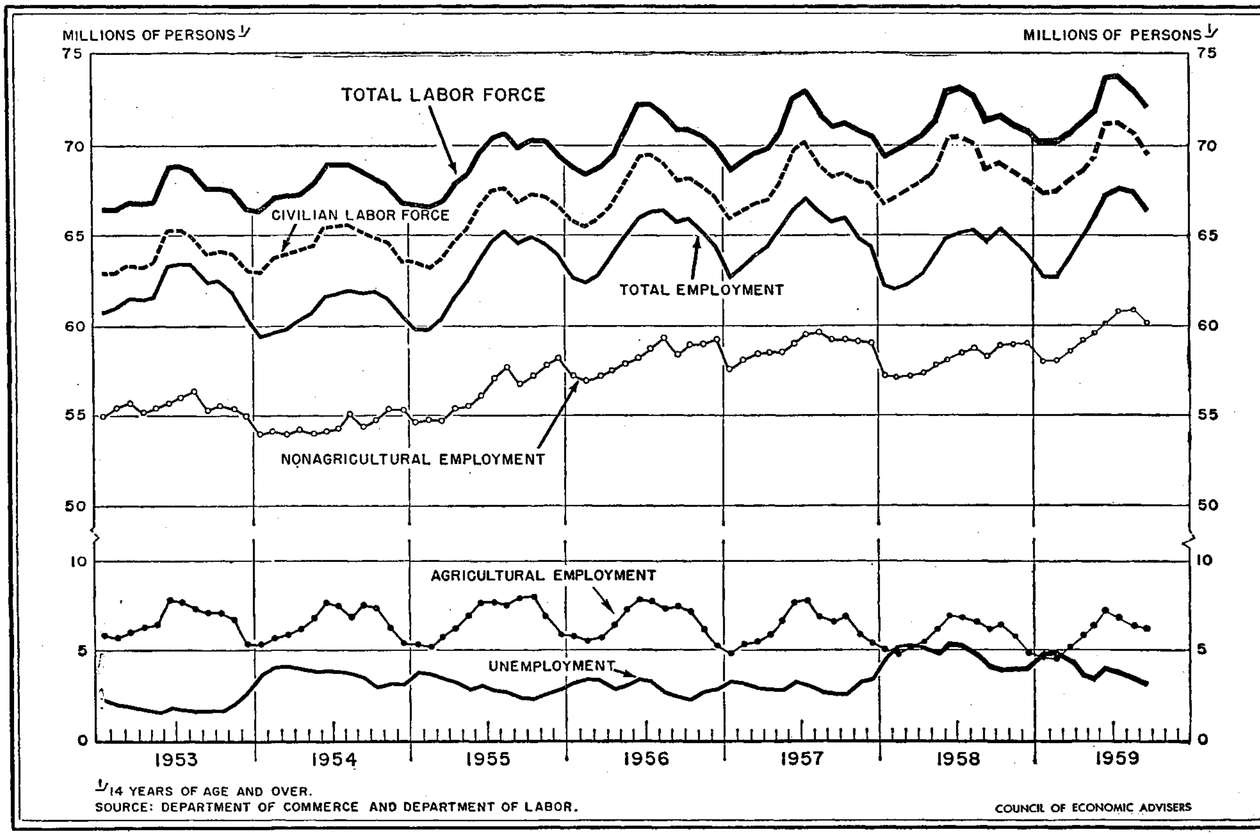
These figures do not agree with the totals included in the gross national product estimates of the Department of Commerce, principally because the latter cover agricultural investment and also certain equipment and construction outlays charged to current expense.

Sources: Securities and Exchange Commission and Department of Commerce.

EMPLOYMENT, UNEMPLOYMENT, AND WAGES

STATUS OF THE LABOR FORCE

Unemployment declined by 200,000 to 3.2 million in September and civilian employment dropped by 900,000 to 66.3 million, as large numbers of students left the labor force to return to school.



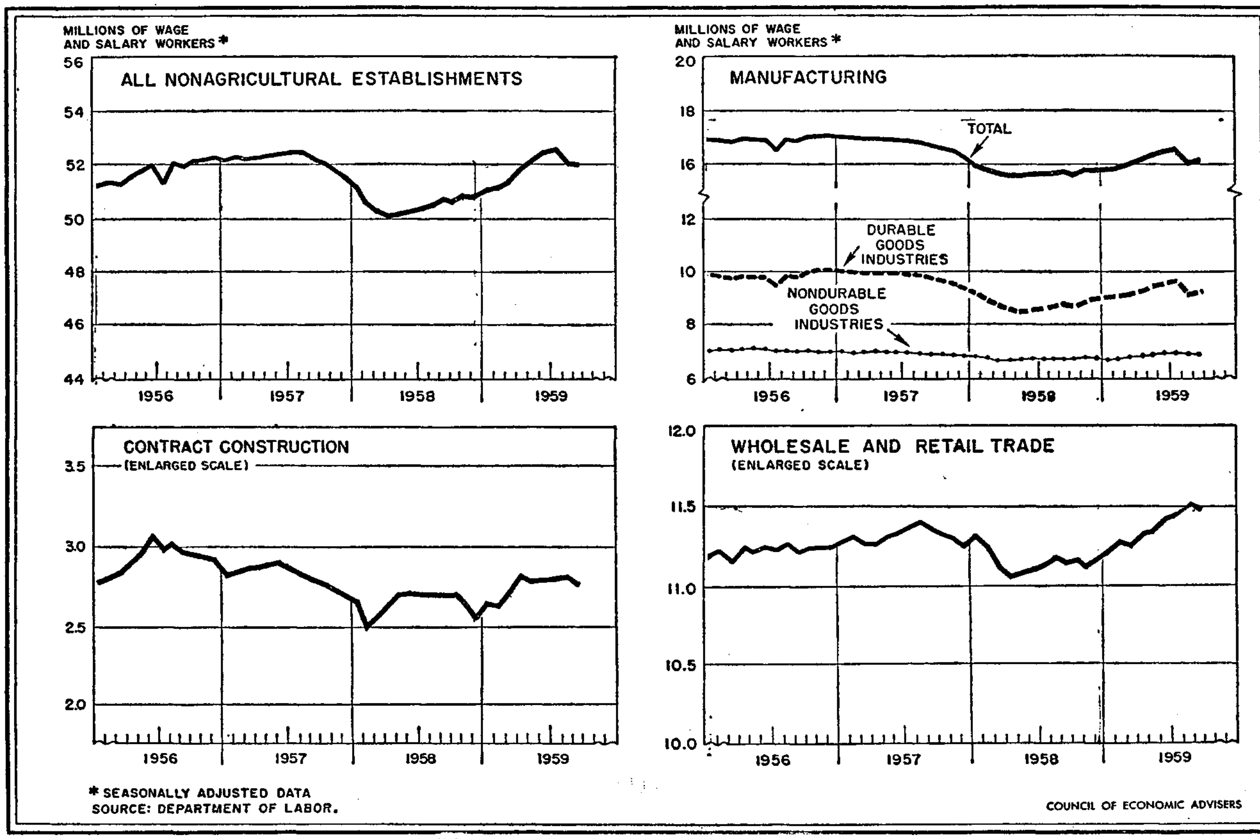
Period	Total labor force (including armed forces) [1]	Civilian labor force [1]	Civilian employment [1]: Total	Civilian employment [1]: Agricultural	Civilian employment [1]: Nonagricultural	Unemployment [1]: Number	Unemployment [1]: % of civilian labor force: Unadjusted	Unemployment [1]: % of civilian labor force: Seas. adj.	Insured unemployment[2]: All programs (thousands of persons)	Insured unemployment[2]: State programs as % of covered employment[3]
	Thousands of persons 14 years of age and over									
New definitions: [1]										
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, 744	67, 946	65, 011	6, 222	58, 789	2, 936	4. 3	------	1, 560	3. 5
1958	71, 284	68, 647	63, 966	5, 844	58, 122	4, 681	6. 8	------	2, 758	6. 1
1958: August	72, 703	70, 067	65, 367	6, 621	58, 746	4, 699	6. 7	*7. 6*	2, 374	5. 2
September	71, 375	68, 740	64, 629	6, 191	58, 438	4, 111	6. 0	*7. 2*	2, 062	4. 5
October	71, 743	69, 111	65, 306	6, 404	58, 902	3, 805	5. 5	*7. 1*	1, 863	4. 1
November	71, 112	68, 485	64, 653	5, 695	58, 958	3, 833	5. 6	*5. 9*	1, 957	4. 3
December	70, 701	68, 081	63, 973	4, 871	59, 102	4, 108	6. 0	*6. 1*	2, 307	5. 1
1959: January	70, 027	67, 430	62, 706	4, 693	58, 013	4, 724	7. 0	*6. 0*	2, 729	6. 0
February	70, 062	67, 471	62, 722	4, 692	58, 030	4, 749	7. 0	*6. 1*	2, 584	5. 7
March	70, 768	68, 189	63, 828	5, 203	58, 625	4, 362	6. 4	*5. 8*	2, 273	5. 0
April	71, 210	68, 639	65, 012	5, 848	59, 163	3, 627	5. 3	*5. 3*	1, 927	4. 4
May	71, 955	69, 405	66, 016	6, 408	59, 608	3, 389	4. 9	*4. 9*	1, 586	3. 6
June	73, 862	71, 324	67, 342	7, 231	60, 111	3, 982	5. 6	*4. 9*	1, 408	3. 3
July	73, 875	71, 338	67, 594	6, 825	60, 769	3, 744	5. 2	*5. 1*	1, 477	3. 5
August	73, 204	70, 667	67, 241	6, 357	60, 884	3, 426	4. 8	*5. 5*	1, 451	3. 4
September	72, 109	69, 577	66, 347	6, 242	60, 105	3, 230	4. 6	*5. 6*	[4] 1, 369	[4] 3. 1

[1] See *Monthly Report on the Labor Force*, Department of Commerce, for definitions, methods of estimation, periods to which data pertain, etc.
[2] Weekly averages. Beginning July 1959, includes Alaska and Hawaii.
[3] Includes program for Federal employees for 1955–June 1959.
[4] Preliminary estimate.

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

NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT

Employment in nonagricultural establishments, seasonally adjusted, declined slightly in September. Employment declines in contract construction, trade, and mining were partially offset by increases in government and manufacturing, which reflected a pickup in the auto and related industries.



[Thousands of wage and salary workers [1]]

Period	Total, unadjusted	Total	Manufacturing: Total	Manufacturing: Durable goods	Manufacturing: Nondurable goods	Mining	Contract construction	Wholesale and retail trade	Government (Federal, State, local)	Other
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
1958	*50, 543*	50, 543	15, 468	8, 743	6, 725	721	2, 648	11, 141	7, 893	12, 672
		Adjusted for seasonal variation								
1958: August	*50, 576*	50, 570	15, 330	8, 605	6, 725	701	2, 711	11, 175	7, 989	12, 664
September	*51, 237*	50, 780	15, 529	8, 801	6, 728	707	2, 698	11, 151	8, 005	12, 690
October	*51, 136*	50, 582	15, 358	8, 625	6, 733	708	2, 698	11, 154	7, 986	12, 678
November	*51, 432*	50, 877	15, 693	8, 937	6, 756	708	2, 690	11, 119	7, 980	12, 687
December	*51, 935*	50, 844	15, 701	8, 956	6, 745	709	2, 550	11, 143	8, 049	12, 692
1959: January	*50, 310*	51, 086	15, 764	9, 007	6, 757	704	2, 650	11, 216	8, 028	12, 724
February	*50, 315*	51, 194	15, 819	9, 049	6, 770	693	2, 626	11, 279	8, 040	12, 737
March	*50, 878*	51, 456	16, 006	9, 192	6, 814	688	2, 719	11, 263	8, 056	12, 724
April	*51, 430*	51, 887	16, 182	9, 319	6, 863	701	2, 829	11, 333	8, 074	12, 768
May	*51, 982*	52, 125	16, 372	9, 462	6, 910	708	2, 787	11, 363	8, 079	12, 816
June	*52, 580*	52, 407	16, 527	9, 573	6, 954	709	2, 799	11, 425	8, 076	12, 871
July	*52, 343*	52, 558	16, 580	9, 635	6, 945	714	2, 800	11, 465	8, 083	12, 916
August [2]	*52, 054*	52, 011	16, 039	9, 110	6, 929	627	2, 809	11, 522	8, 130	12, 884
September [2]	*52, 493*	51, 999	16, 093	9, 193	6, 900	604	2, 759	11, 480	8, 170	12, 893

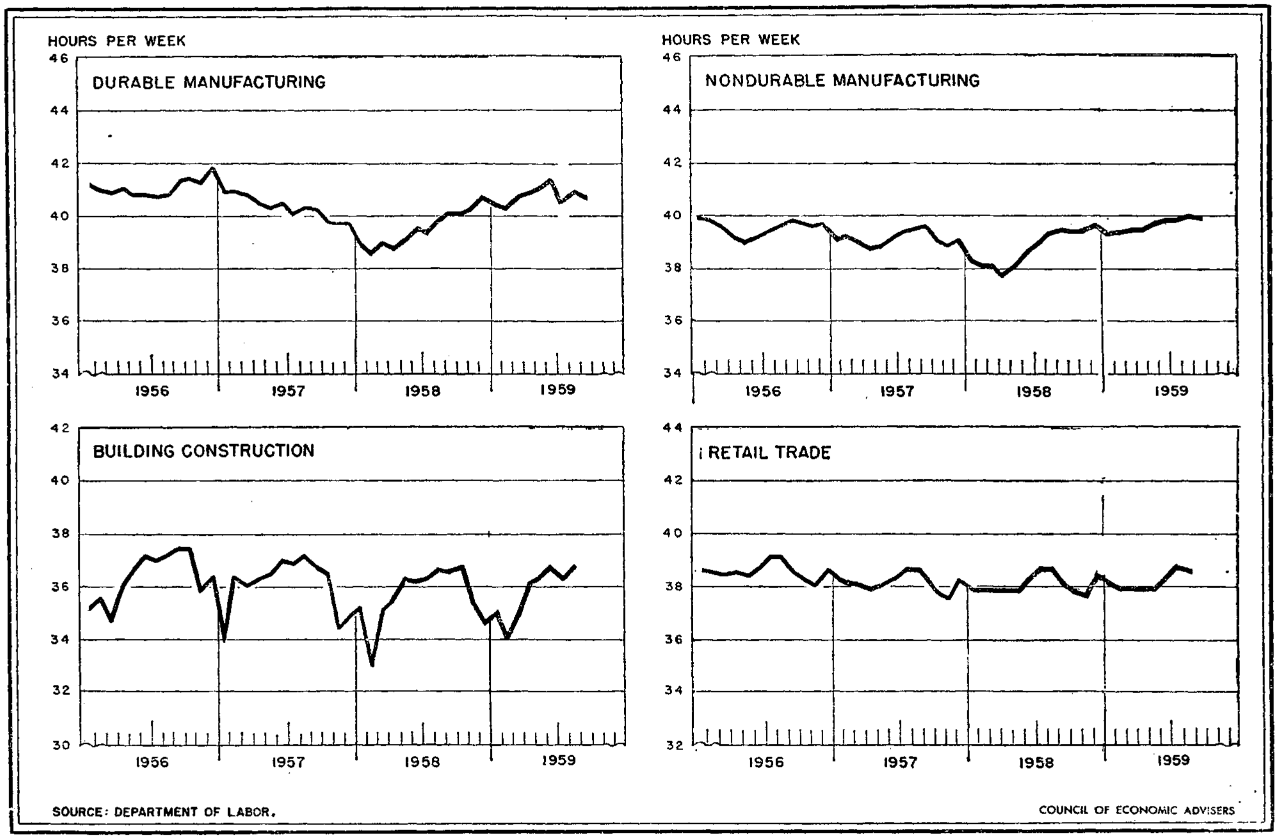
[1] Includes all full- and part-time wage and salary workers in nonagricultural establishments who worked during or received pay for any part of the pay period ending nearest the 15th of the month. Excludes proprietors, self-employed persons, domestic servants, and personnel of the armed forces. Total derived from this table not comparable with estimates of nonagricultural employment of the civilian labor force, shown on 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.

Source: Department of Labor.

AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS - SELECTED INDUSTRIES

The average workweek of production workers in manufacturing industries declined to 40.4 hours in September. A small increase is usual at this time of year.



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

Period	Manufacturing: Total	Manufacturing: Durable goods	Manufacturing: Nondurable goods	Building construction	Retail trade
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	39.1
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
1958	39.2	39.5	38.8	35.7	38.1
1958: August	39.6	39.8	39.4	36.7	38.7
September	39.9	40.2	39.5	36.5	38.0
October	39.8	40.1	39.4	36.8	37.9
November	39.9	40.3	39.4	35.4	37.7
December	40.2	40.8	39.6	34.6	38.5
1959: January	39.9	40.4	39.3	35.0	38.1
February	40.0	40.3	39.4	34.0	37.9
March	40.2	40.8	39.5	35.0	37.9
April	40.3	40.9	39.5	36.1	37.9
May	40.5	41.1	39.7	36.4	37.9
June	40.7	41.4	39.8	36.8	38.3
July	40.2	40.5	39.8	36.3	38.8
August [1]	40.5	40.9	40.0	36.8	38.6
September [1]	40.4	40.7	39.9	(2)	(2)

[1] Preliminary estimates.
[2] Not available.

Source: Department of Labor.

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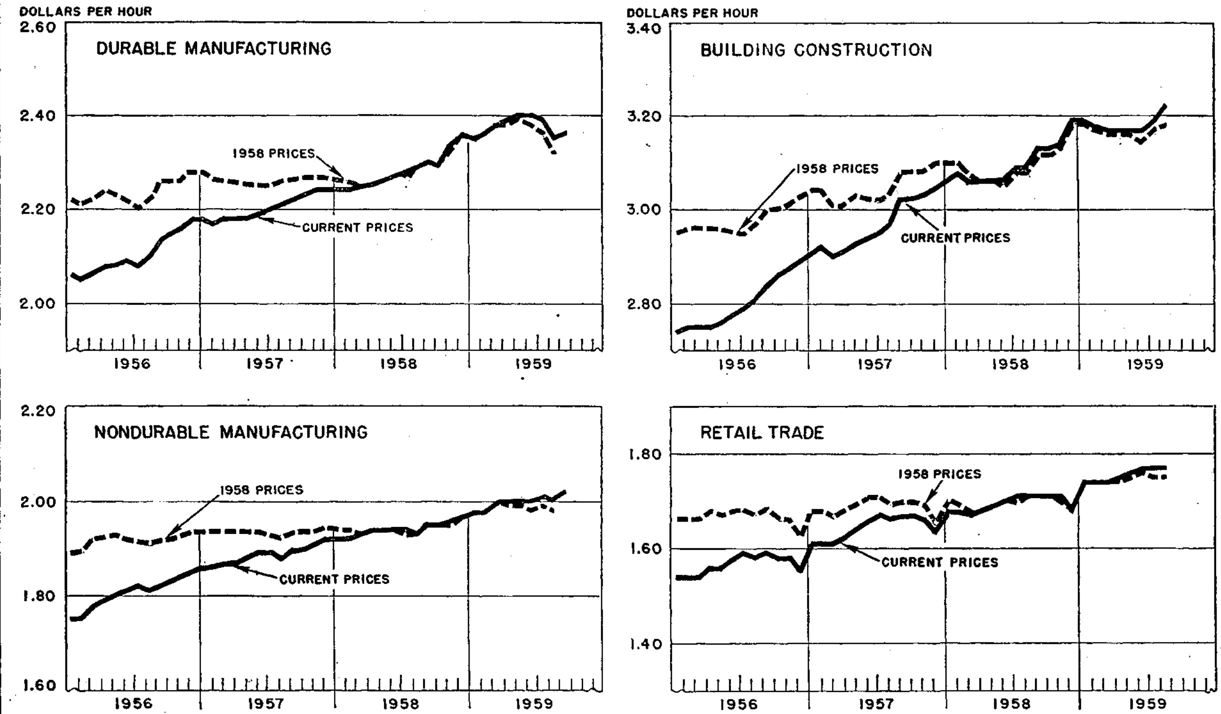
AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS - SELECTED INDUSTRIES

Average hourly earnings of production workers in manufacturing industries rose 2 cents to $2.21 in September. Holiday work at premium pay accounted for the gain.



SOURCE: DEPARTMENT OF LABOR.

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[For production workers or nonsupervisory employees]

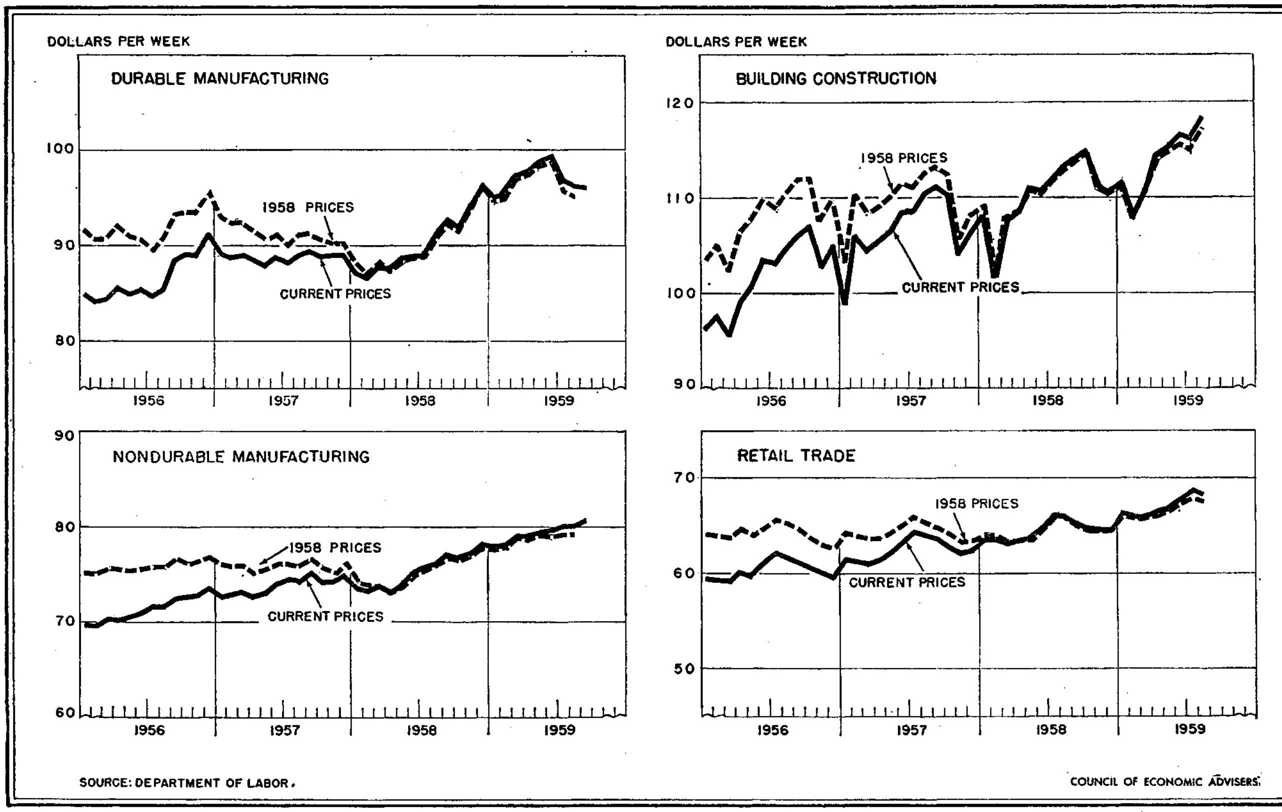
Period	All manufacturing		Durable goods manufacturing		Nondurable goods manufacturing		Building construction		Retail trade	
	Current prices	1958 prices [1]	Current prices	1958 prices [1]	Current prices	1958 prices [1]	Current prices	1958 prices [1]	Current prices	1958 prices [1]
1949	$1.401	$1.700	$1.469	$1.783	$1.325	$1.608	$1.935	$2.348	$1.137	$1.380
1950	1.465	1.761	1.537	1.847	1.378	1.656	2.031	2.441	1.176	1.413
1951	1.59	1.77	1.67	1.86	1.48	1.65	2.19	2.44	1.26	1.40
1952	1.67	1.82	1.77	1.93	1.54	1.68	2.31	2.51	1.32	1.44
1953	1.77	1.91	1.87	2.02	1.61	1.74	2.48	2.68	1.40	1.51
1954	1.81	1.95	1.92	2.06	1.66	1.78	2.60	2.80	1.45	1.56
1955	1.88	2.03	2.01	2.17	1.71	1.84	2.66	2.87	1.50	1.62
1956	1.98	2.10	2.10	2.23	1.80	1.91	2.80	2.98	1.57	1.67
1957	2.07	2.13	2.20	2.26	1.88	1.93	2.96	3.04	1.64	1.69
1958	2.13	2.13	2.28	2.28	1.94	1.94	3.10	3.10	1.70	1.70
1958: August	2.13	2.13	2.29	2.29	1.93	1.93	3.09	3.08	1.71	1.71
September	2.14	2.14	2.30	2.30	1.95	1.95	3.13	3.12	1.71	1.71
October	2.14	2.14	2.29	2.29	1.95	1.95	3.13	3.12	1.71	1.71
November	2.17	2.16	2.34	2.33	1.96	1.95	3.14	3.13	1.71	1.70
December	2.19	2.19	2.36	2.36	1.97	1.97	3.19	3.18	1.68	1.68
1959: January	2.19	2.19	2.35	2.35	1.98	1.98	3.19	3.18	1.74	1.74
February	2.20	2.20	2.36	2.36	1.98	1.98	3.18	3.17	1.74	1.74
March	2.22	2.22	2.38	2.38	2.00	2.00	3.17	3.16	1.74	1.74
April	2.23	2.22	2.39	2.38	2.00	1.99	3.17	3.16	1.75	1.74
May	2.23	2.22	2.40	2.39	2.00	1.99	3.17	3.16	1.76	1.75
June	2.24	2.22	2.40	2.38	2.00	1.98	3.17	3.14	1.77	1.76
July	2.23	2.21	2.39	2.36	2.01	1.99	3.20	3.17	1.77	1.75
August [2]	2.19	2.17	2.35	2.32	2.00	1.98	3.22	3.18	1.77	1.75
September [2]	2.21	(3)	2.36	(3)	2.02	(3)	(3)	(3)	(3)	(3)

[1] Earnings in current prices divided by consumer price index on a 1958 base.
[2] Preliminary estimates.
[3] Not available.

Source: Department of Labor.

AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS - SELECTED INDUSTRIES

Average weekly earnings of production workers in manufacturing industries rose in September by 58 cents to $89.28, because of the rise in average hourly earnings.



[For production workers or nonsupervisory employees]

Period	All manufacturing		Durable goods manufacturing		Nondurable goods manufacturing		Building construction		Retail trade	
	Current prices	1958 prices [1]	Current prices	1958 prices [1]	Current prices	1958 prices [1]	Current prices	1958 prices [1]	Current prices	1958 prices [1]
1949	$54.92	$66.65	$58.03	$70.42	$51.41	$62.39	$70.95	$86.10	$45.93	$55.74
1950	59.33	71.31	63.32	76.11	54.71	65.76	73.73	88.62	47.63	57.25
1951	64.71	71.98	69.47	77.27	58.46	65.03	81.47	90.62	50.65	56.34
1952	67.97	73.96	73.46	79.93	60.98	66.35	88.01	95.77	52.67	57.31
1953	71.69	77.42	77.23	83.40	63.60	68.68	91.76	99.09	54.88	59.27
1954	71.86	77.27	77.18	82.99	64.74	69.61	94.12	101.20	56.70	60.97
1955	76.52	82.55	83.21	89.76	68.06	73.42	96.29	103.87	58.50	63.11
1956	79.99	85.01	86.31	91.72	71.10	75.56	101.92	108.31	60.60	64.40
1957	82.39	84.68	88.66	91.12	73.51	75.55	106.86	109.83	62.48	64.21
1958	83.50	83.50	90.06	90.06	75.27	75.27	110.67	110.67	64.77	64.77
1958: August	84.35	84.18	91.14	90.96	76.04	75.89	113.40	113.17	66.18	66.05
September	85.39	85.22	92.46	92.28	77.03	76.88	114.25	114.02	64.98	64.85
October	85.17	85.00	91.83	91.65	76.83	76.68	115.18	114.95	64.81	64.68
November	86.58	86.32	94.30	94.02	77.22	76.99	111.16	110.83	64.47	64.28
December	88.04	87.86	96.29	96.10	78.01	77.85	110.37	110.15	64.68	64.55
1959: January	87.38	87.21	94.94	94.75	77.81	77.65	111.65	111.43	66.29	66.16
February	88.00	87.82	95.11	94.92	78.01	77.85	108.12	107.90	65.95	65.82
March	89.24	89.06	97.10	96.91	79.00	78.84	110.95	110.73	65.95	65.82
April	89.87	89.60	97.75	97.46	79.00	78.76	114.44	114.10	66.33	66.13
May	90.32	89.96	98.64	98.25	79.40	79.08	115.39	114.93	66.70	66.43
June	91.17	90.45	99.36	98.57	79.60	78.97	116.66	115.73	67.79	67.25
July	89.65	88.67	96.80	95.75	80.00	79.13	116.16	114.90	68.68	67.93
August [2]	88.70	87.73	96.12	95.07	80.00	79.13	118.50	117.21	68.32	67.58
September [2]	89.28	(3)	96.05	(3)	80.60	(3)	(3)	(3)	(3)	(3)

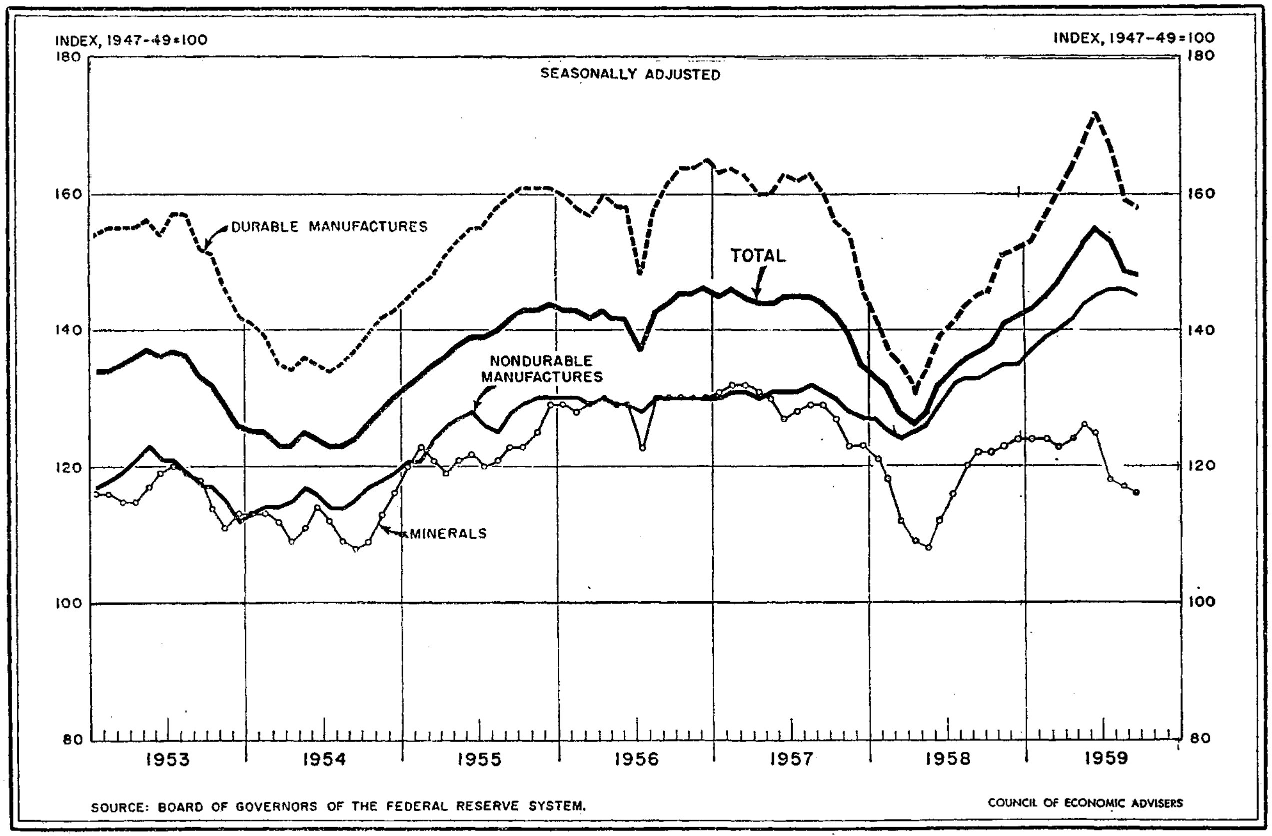
[1] Earnings in current prices divided by consumer price index on a 1958 base.
[2] Preliminary estimates.
[3] Not available.

Source: Department of Labor.

PRODUCTION AND BUSINESS ACTIVITY

INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION

The index of industrial production declined slightly in September, and at 148 (1947–49=100, seasonally adjusted) was 4½ percent below the pre-strike peak in June.



[1947–49=100, seasonally adjusted]

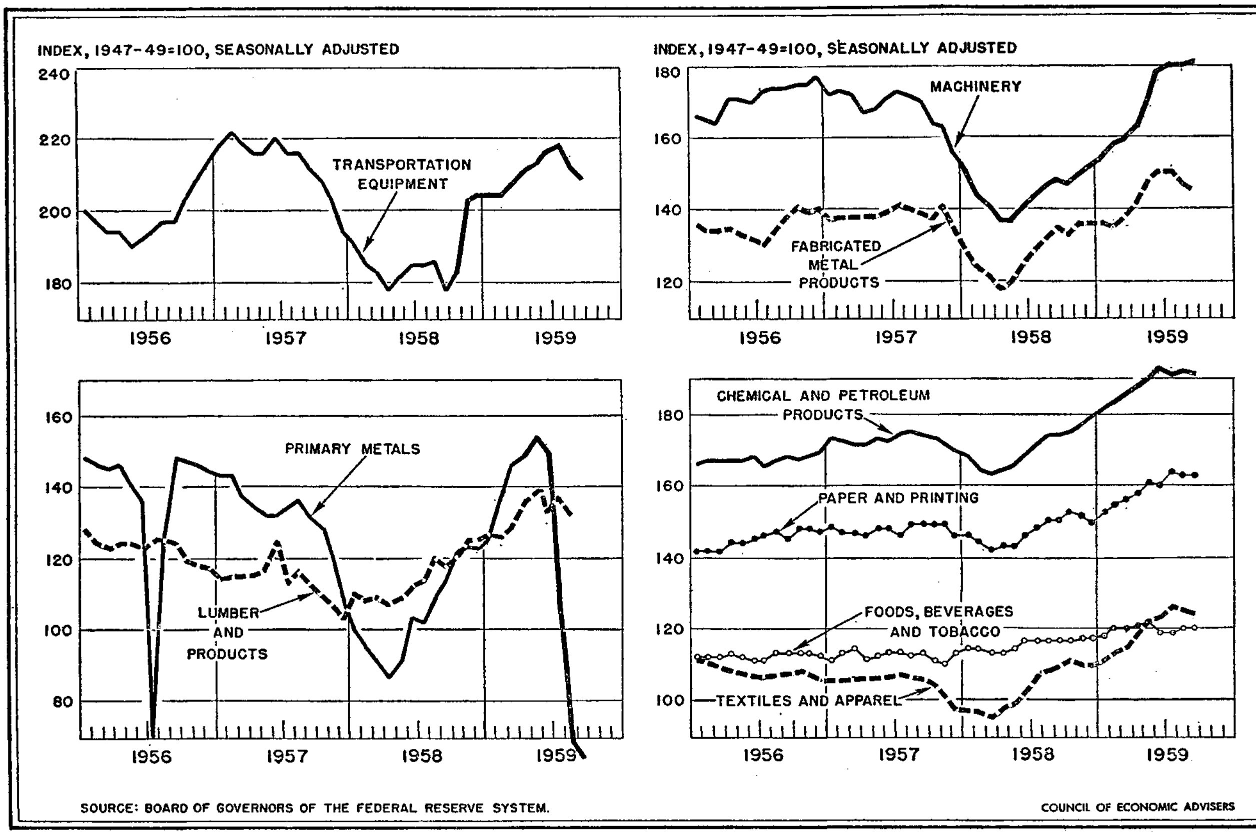
Period	Total industrial production	Manufactures: Total	Manufactures: Durable	Manufactures: Nondurable	Minerals
1949	97	97	95	99	94
1950	112	113	116	111	105
1951	120	121	128	114	115
1952	124	125	136	114	114
1953	134	136	153	118	116
1954	125	127	137	116	111
1955	139	140	155	126	122
1956	143	144	159	129	129
1957	143	145	160	130	128
1958	134	136	141	130	117
1958: August	136	138	144	133	120
September	137	139	145	133	123
October	138	140	146	134	122
November	141	143	151	135	123
December	142	144	152	135	124
1959: January	143	145	153	137	124
February	145	148	157	139	124
March	147	150	160	140	123
April	150	153	164	142	124
May	153	156	169	144	126
June	155	158	172	145	125
July	153	157	167	146	118
August	149	153	159	146	117
September [1]	148	152	158	145	116

[1] Preliminary estimates.

Source: Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

PRODUCTION OF SELECTED MANUFACTURES

In September, output of most durable and nondurable manufactures declined further, as the effects of the steel strike became more widespread.



[1947–49=100, seasonally adjusted]

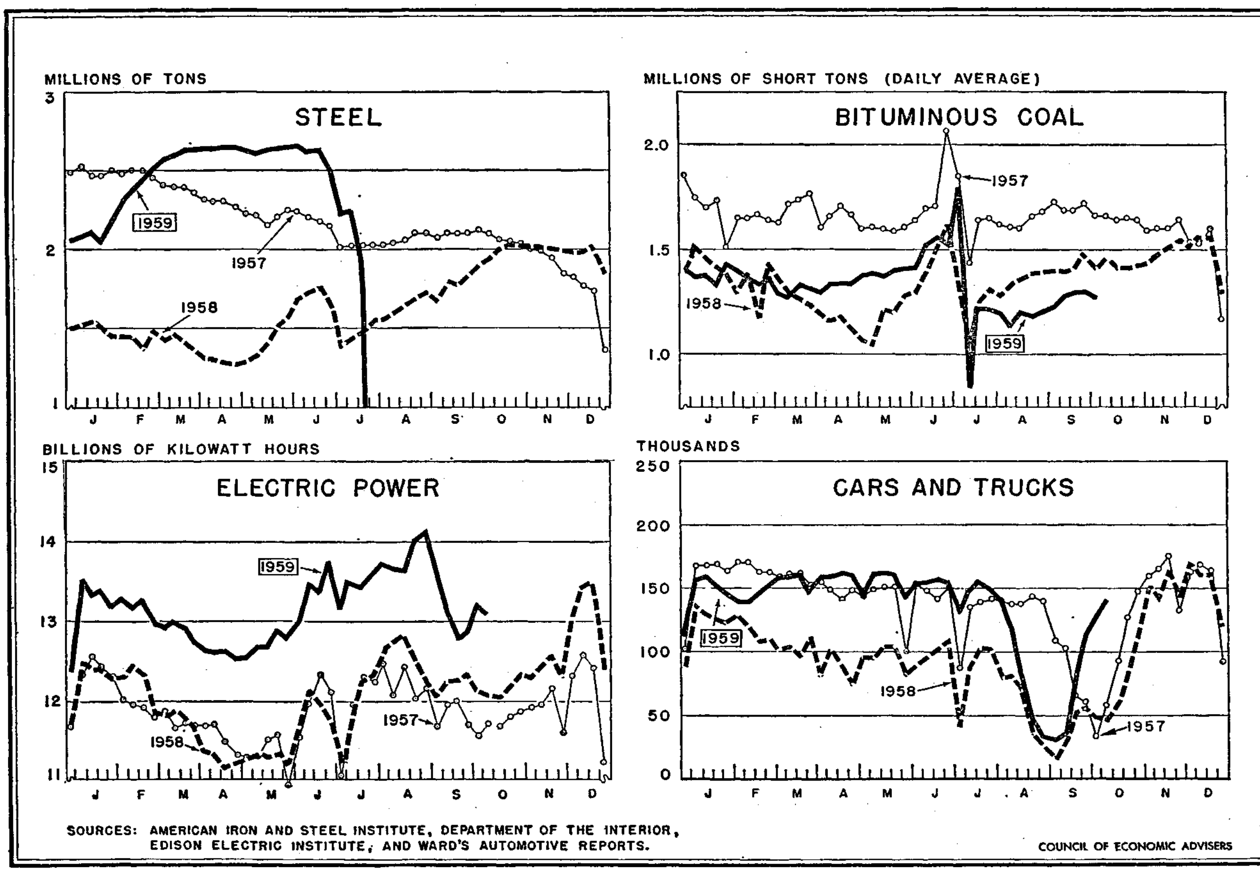
Period	Durable manufactures: Primary metals	Durable manufactures: Fabricated metal products	Durable manufactures: Machinery	Durable manufactures: Transportation equipment	Durable manufactures: Lumber and products	Nondurable manufactures: Textiles and apparel	Nondurable manufactures: Paper and printing	Nondurable manufactures: Chemical and petroleum products	Nondurable manufactures: Foods, beverages, and tobacco	Consumer durable goods
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	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
1958	104	128	145	187	115	103	147	170	115	113
1958: August	109	132	147	186	120	108	150	174	116	115
September	113	135	148	178	118	109	150	174	116	103
October	122	133	147	183	120	111	153	175	116	108
November	123	136	150	203	125	110	152	177	117	133
December	123	136	152	204	125	110	150	180	117	134
1959: January	125	136	154	204	127	112	153	182	118	133
February	138	135	158	204	126	113	155	184	120	132
March	146	138	159	207	129	115	156	187	120	135
April	149	142	163	211	136	119	158	188	121	137
May	151	148	170	214	139	122	161	190	122	141
June	150	150	178	216	133	123	160	193	119	145
July	106	150	180	218	137	126	164	191	119	149
August	67	147	180	212	132	125	163	192	120	142
September [1]	64	145	181	209	(2)	124	163	191	120	139

[1] Preliminary estimates.
[2] Not available.

Source: Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

WEEKLY INDICATORS OF PRODUCTION

Output of cars and trucks increased in September as the new model year got under way. Freight carloadings and bituminous coal mining also increased. Steel production continued at a low level.



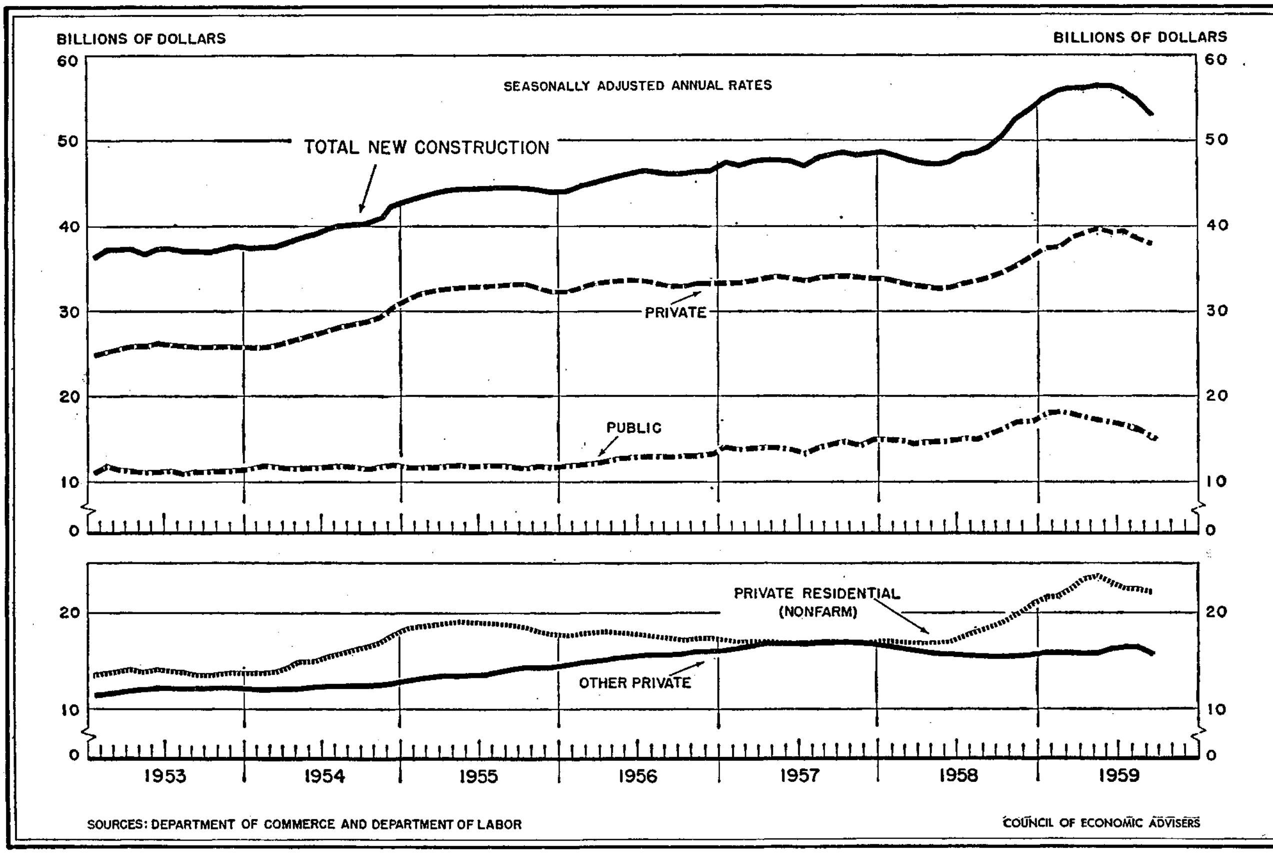
Period	Steel produced [1]: Thousands of net tons	Steel produced [1]: Index (1947–49=100)	Electric power distributed (millions of kilowatt-hours)	Bituminous coal mined (thousands of short tons) [2]	Freight loaded (thousands of cars)	Paperboard produced (thousands of tons)	Cars and trucks assembled (thousands): Total	Cars	Trucks
Weekly average:									
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	1,644	683	272	138.6	117.6	21.0
1958	1,635	101.8	12,314	1,361	581	275	98.4	81.6	16.8
1958: August	1,650	102.7	12,579	1,306	631	296	53.5	42.0	11.5
September	1,783	111.0	12,214	1,478	643	286	39.0	29.0	9.9
October	1,995	124.2	12,146	1,470	682	311	71.9	56.7	15.2
November	1,998	124.3	12,386	1,445	615	304	149.7	126.2	23.5
December	1,971	122.7	12,949	1,514	531	262	144.3	124.8	19.6
1959: January	2,103	130.9	13,356	1,374	569	272	152.6	129.0	23.6
February	2,401	149.5	13,170	1,407	573	304	144.7	119.6	25.1
March	2,611	162.6	12,888	1,339	600	312	156.1	131.3	24.8
April	2,630	163.7	12,583	1,357	633	311	157.3	131.0	26.3
May	2,618	163.0	12,763	1,351	686	320	157.2	130.4	26.8
June	2,543	158.3	13,402	1,494	703	319	154.7	127.2	27.5
July	1,183	73.6	13,479	1,251	559	275	145.6	121.2	24.4
August	325	20.2	13,859	1,155	542	327	70.8	57.8	13.1
September [3]	359	22.4	13,152	1,301	553	316	78.6	60.3	18.4
Week ended:									
1959: September 12	327	20.4	13,109	1,280	481	250	36.2	24.4	11.9
19	356	22.2	12,779	1,297	578	328	82.6	62.7	19.9
26	362	22.5	12,878	1,299	587	336	114.1	91.3	22.8
October 3 [3]	362	22.5	13,234	1,267	573	331	127.5	105.7	21.8
10 [3]	362	22.5	13,086	[4] 1,286	559	331	142.2	118.8	23.4
17 [3]	368	22.9					[4] 159.6	135.3	24.3
24 [3]	371	23.1							

[1] Weekly capacities (net tons) as of January 1 are: 2,413,278 (1955), 2,455,300 (1956), 2,559,631 (1957), 2,699,320 (1958), and 2,831,486 (1959).
[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

Expenditures for both private nonresidential and public construction (seasonally adjusted) declined during September.



[Billions of dollars]

Period	Total new construction	Private: Total private	Private: Residential (nonfarm)	Private: Other	Federal, State, and local	Construction contracts[1]: 48 States[2]	Construction contracts[1]: 37 Eastern States[3]
1952	34.7	23.9	12.8	11.0	10.8	----------	16.8
1953	37.0	25.8	13.8	12.0	11.2	----------	17.4
1954	39.4	27.7	15.4	12.3	11.7	----------	19.8
1955	44.2	32.4	18.7	13.7	11.7	----------	23.7
1956	45.8	33.1	17.7	15.4	12.7	31.6	[3] 24.6
1957	47.8	33.8	17.0	16.8	14.0	32.2	25.3
1958	49.1	33.8	18.0	15.8	15.3	35.4	----------
	Seasonally adjusted annual rates						
1958: August	48.5	33.5	18.0	15.5	15.0	42.6	----------
September	49.3	33.9	18.4	15.4	15.4	36.4	----------
October	50.4	34.5	19.1	15.4	15.9	39.6	----------
November	52.3	35.4	19.8	15.5	16.9	36.6	----------
December	53.4	36.4	20.8	15.6	17.1	29.7	----------
1959: January	55.3	37.4	21.5	15.8	17.9	35.1	----------
February	55.7	37.5	21.7	15.8	18.1	34.5	----------
March	56.2	38.2	22.4	15.8	18.0	39.0	----------
April	56.2	39.1	23.4	15.7	17.1	39.2	----------
May	56.6	39.6	23.8	15.8	17.0	37.1	----------
June	56.5	39.4	23.3	16.2	17.0	40.5	----------
July	55.9	39.5	23.1	16.4	16.4	39.5	----------
August	55.0	38.9	22.5	16.4	16.0	37.5	----------
September[4]	53.0	37.9	22.2	15.7	15.1	----------	----------

[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] 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.

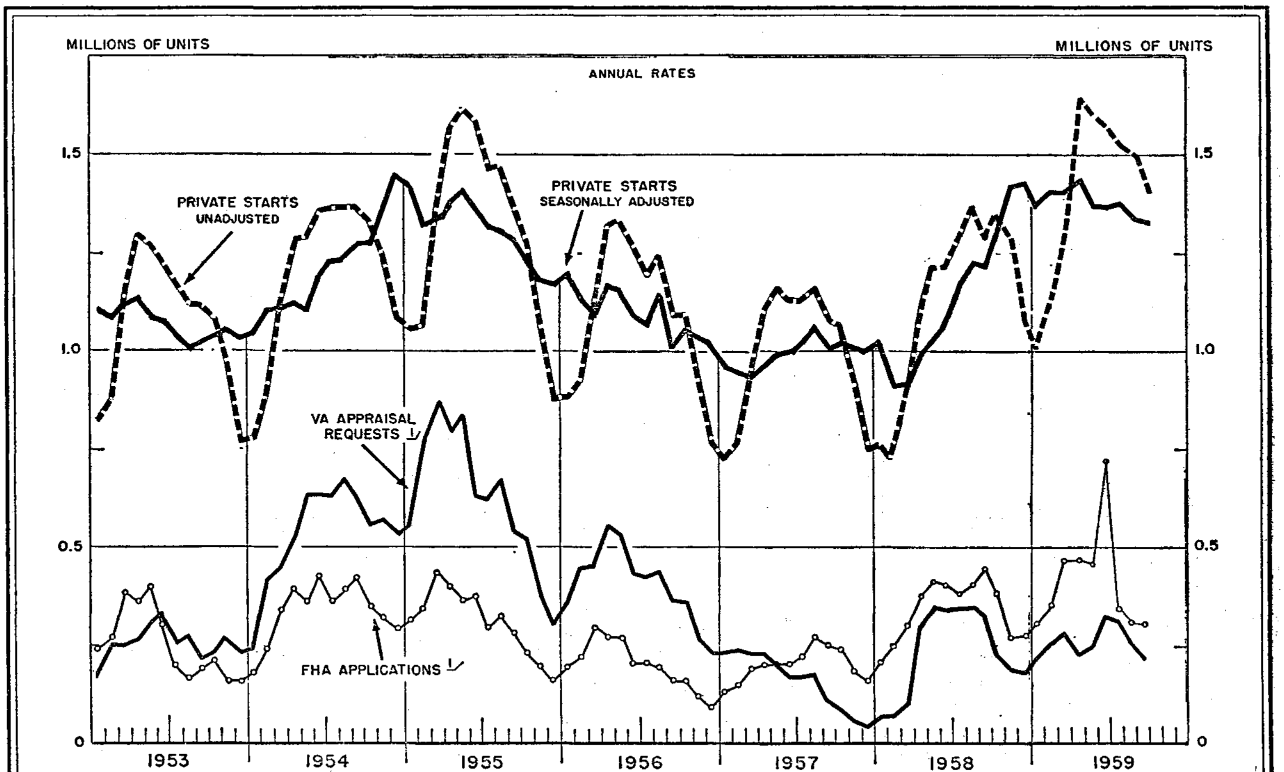
[4] Preliminary estimates.

NOTE.—Series on new construction revised beginning January 1959.

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) declined in September to an annual rate of 1,325,000 units. Both FHA applications and VA appraisal requests decreased.



1/ SEE FOOTNOTE 2 ON TABLE BELOW.
SOURCES: DEPARTMENTS OF LABOR AND COMMERCE, FEDERAL HOUSING ADMINISTRATION (FHA), AND VETERANS ADMINISTRATION (VA). COUNCIL OF ECONOMIC ADVISERS

[Thousands of units]

Period	New nonfarm housing starts							Proposed home construction	
	Total	Publicly financed	Privately financed					Applications for FHA commitments [2]	Requests for VA appraisals [2]
			Total	Government programs			Private, seasonally adjusted annual rates		
				Total [1]	FHA [1]	VA			
Annual total: 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
1958	1,209.4	67.9	1,141.5	397.5	295.4	102.1	----------	341.7	234.2
Monthly average: 1954	101.7	1.6	100.1	48.6	23.0	25.6	----------	28.2	44.6
1955	110.7	1.6	109.1	55.8	23.1	32.7	----------	25.5	51.7
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
1958	100.8	5.7	95.1	33.1	24.6	8.5	----------	28.5	19.5
1958: August	124.0	9.4	114.6	43.6	30.5	13.2	*1,228*	33.6	28.5
September	121.0	10.1	110.9	46.3	31.9	14.4	*1,255*	36.8	26.7
October	115.0	2.1	112.9	49.4	34.7	14.7	*1,303*	31.8	19.1
November	109.4	2.4	107.0	36.8	25.8	11.0	*1,427*	22.3	15.3
December	91.2	1.7	89.5	34.0	25.0	9.0	*1,432*	23.0	14.8
1959: January	87.0	2.9	84.1	26.7	19.8	6.9	*1,364*	25.5	17.9
February	94.5	1.0	93.5	26.1	20.0	6.2	*1,403*	29.5	21.0
March	121.0	2.9	118.1	39.8	30.0	9.7	*1,403*	38.9	23.2
April	142.2	4.8	137.4	44.6	33.5	11.0	*1,434*	39.1	18.9
May	137.0	3.5	133.5	44.6	34.3	10.3	*1,370*	38.2	20.7
June	136.7	5.6	131.1	45.6	34.7	11.0	*1,368*	60.2	27.2
July	128.8	1.6	127.2	42.1	31.4	10.6	*1,375*	29.0	26.0
August	[3] 129.0	[3] 4.2	[3] 124.8	41.0	31.1	9.9	[3] *1,340*	25.6	21.2
September [3]	120.4	3.4	117.0	39.5	29.6	10.0	*1,325*	25.4	17.9

[1] Excludes armed forces housing: 2,837 units in 1956; 18,850 units in 1957; 32,874 units in 1958; and 13,934 units in the first 9 months of 1959. Also excludes starts under Certified Agent Program: 785 units in May–September 1959.

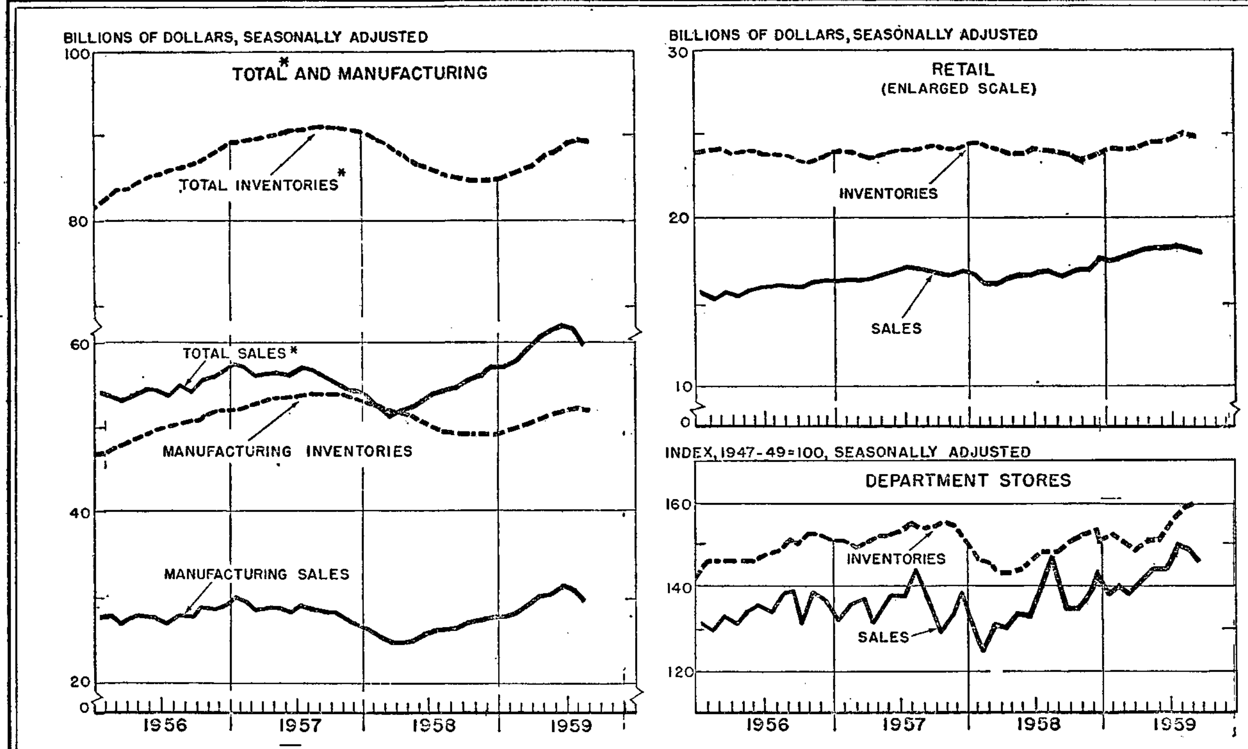
[2] Units represented by mortgage applications for new home construction.

[3] Preliminary estimates.

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

SALES AND INVENTORIES—MANUFACTURING AND TRADE

Manufacturing and trade sales dropped in August. Withdrawals from inventories reduced their total book value by $400 million. Preliminary estimates of September retail sales indicate a further decline.



*MANUFACTURING, RETAIL TRADE, AND WHOLESALE TRADE.
SOURCE: DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AND BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF THE FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM.

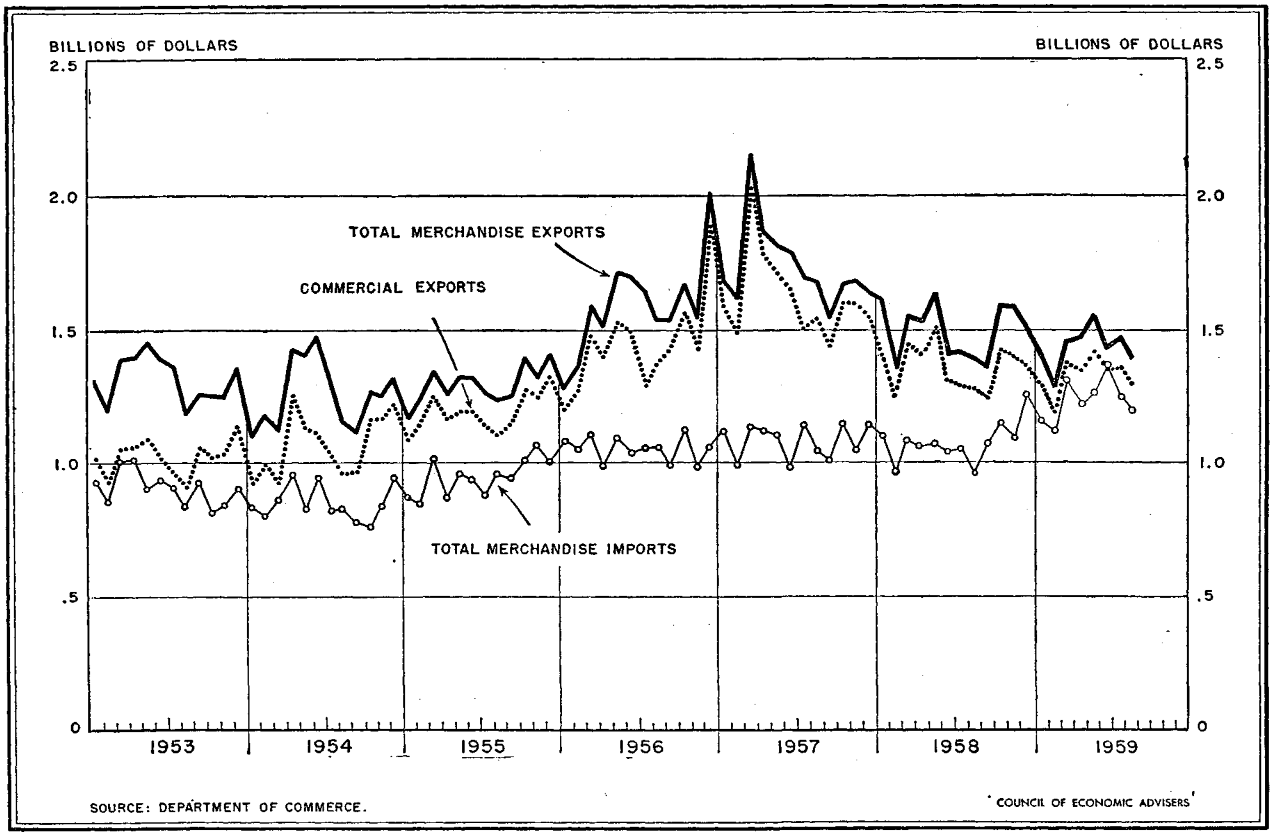
Period	Manufacturing and trade		Manufacturing			Wholesale		Retail		Department stores	
	Sales [1]	Inventories [2]	Sales [1]	Inventories [2]	New orders [1]	Sales [1]	Inventories [2]	Sales [1]	Inventories [2]	Sales [1]	Inventories [3]
	Billions of dollars, seasonally adjusted									Index, 1947–49=100 seasonally adjusted	
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	135	152
1958	54.0	85.1	26.2	49.2	25.9	11.1	12.0	16.7	24.0	136	148
1958: July	54.0	85.9	26.3	49.8	26.4	11.0	12.1	16.7	24.0	140	148
August	54.4	85.4	26.4	49.4	26.1	11.1	12.1	16.9	23.9	147	148
September	54.8	85.0	26.8	49.3	27.0	11.4	12.1	16.6	23.7	135	150
October	55.6	84.9	27.2	49.3	27.9	11.5	12.1	16.9	23.5	135	152
November	56.1	85.0	27.5	49.3	27.8	11.6	12.1	17.0	23.6	137	153
December	57.4	85.1	28.1	49.2	28.4	11.7	12.0	17.6	24.0	143	150
1959: January	57.4	85.5	28.1	49.5	28.5	11.8	11.9	17.5	24.2	138	152
February	58.0	86.0	28.5	49.9	29.7	11.9	11.9	17.6	24.1	140	150
March	59.2	86.6	29.1	50.5	30.2	12.2	12.0	17.9	24.2	138	148
April	60.6	87.6	30.3	51.1	31.2	12.4	12.1	18.0	24.5	141	151
May	61.5	88.3	30.7	51.6	30.5	12.5	12.2	18.2	24.5	144	151
June	62.0	89.3	31.2	52.1	31.4	12.6	12.4	18.2	24.8	144	156
July	61.7	89.8	30.9	52.2	30.8	12.5	12.5	18.3	25.1	150	159
August [4]	59.5	89.4	29.3	52.0	29.1	12.2	12.5	18.1	24.9	149	160
September [4]								17.8		146	

[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 8 months of 1959, commercial exports were 3 percent lower and imports 19 percent higher than in the corresponding period of 1958.



[Millions of dollars]

Period	Merchandise exports: Total	Merchandise exports: Grant-aid shipments [1]	Merchandise exports: Commercial exports	Merchandise imports	Excess of exports over imports: Total	Excess of exports over imports: Excluding grant-aid shipments
1950 monthly average	856	24	833	738	119	95
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	1,738	113	1,625	1,082	656	543
1958 monthly average	1,488	129	1,360	1,069	419	290
1958: July	1,416	129	1,287	1,049	366	238
August	1,396	113	1,283	950	446	333
September	1,361	122	1,239	1,074	287	165
October	1,599	181	1,418	1,142	457	276
November	1,596	188	1,408	1,089	507	319
December	1,514	135	1,379	1,253	260	125
1959: January	1,400	114	1,286	1,154	246	132
February	1,280	97	1,184	1,118	162	65
March	1,456	81	1,375	1,301	155	74
April	1,468	125	1,343	1,221	247	122
May	1,552	141	1,411	1,264	288	147
June	1,426	78	1,348	1,369	56	−22
July	1,469	115	1,354	1,248	220	106
August	1,397	97	1,300	1,190	207	110

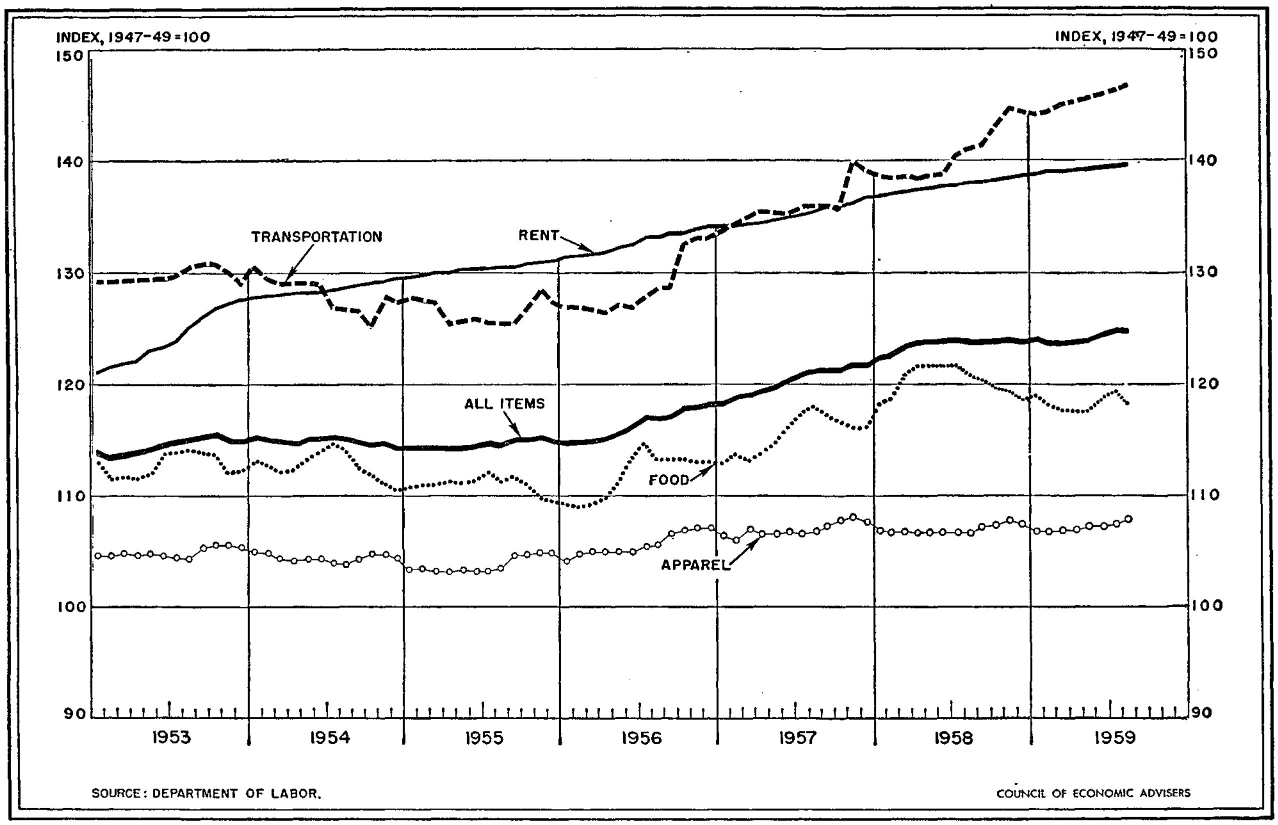
[1] Figures include only Department of Defense shipments of grant-aid military supplies and equipment under the Mutual Security Program. Shipments for the first 6 months of the program (July–December 1950) amounted to $282 million.

Sources: Department of Commerce and Department of Defense.

PRICES

CONSUMER PRICES

Consumer prices fell very slightly in August, as declines in food prices amounting to about 1 percent more than offset increases in other categories.



[1947–49=100]

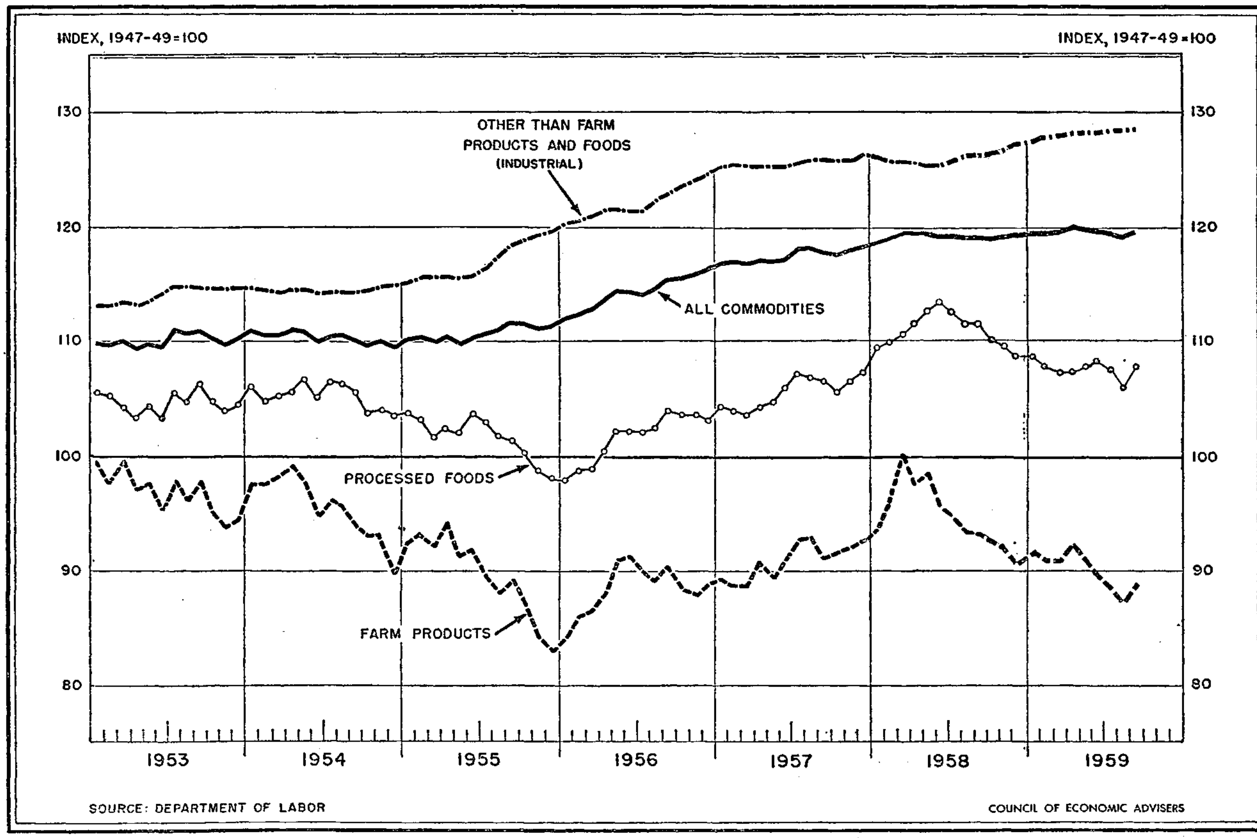
Period	All items	Food	Housing		Apparel	Transportation	Medical care	Personal care	Reading and recreation	Other goods and services
			Total [1]	Rent						
1949	101.8	100.0	103.3	105.0	99.4	108.5	104.1	101.1	104.1	103.4
1950	102.8	101.2	106.1	108.8	98.1	111.3	106.0	101.1	103.4	105.2
1951	111.0	112.6	112.4	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
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
1958	123.5	120.3	127.7	137.7	107.0	140.5	144.6	128.6	116.7	127.2
1958: July	123.9	121.7	127.7	137.8	106.7	140.3	145.0	128.9	116.6	127.2
August	123.7	120.7	127.9	138.1	106.6	141.0	145.3	128.9	116.7	127.1
September	123.7	120.3	127.9	138.2	107.1	141.3	146.5	128.7	116.6	127.1
October	123.7	119.7	127.9	138.3	107.3	142.7	147.1	128.8	116.6	127.2
November	123.9	119.4	128.0	138.4	107.7	144.5	147.4	129.1	117.0	127.3
December	123.7	118.7	128.2	138.7	107.5	144.3	147.6	129.0	116.9	127.3
1959: January	123.8	119.0	128.2	138.8	106.7	144.1	148.0	129.4	117.0	127.3
February	123.7	118.2	128.5	139.0	106.7	144.3	149.0	129.8	117.1	127.4
March	123.7	117.7	128.7	139.1	107.0	144.9	149.2	129.7	117.3	127.3
April	123.9	117.6	128.7	139.3	107.0	145.3	149.6	130.0	117.7	128.2
May	124.0	117.7	128.8	139.3	107.3	145.4	150.2	130.7	117.8	128.4
June	124.5	118.9	128.9	139.5	107.3	145.9	150.6	131.1	118.1	129.2
July	124.9	119.4	129.0	139.6	107.5	146.3	151.0	131.3	119.1	130.8
August	124.8	118.3	129.3	139.8	108.0	146.7	151.4	131.7	119.1	131.1

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

Source: Department of Labor.

WHOLESALE PRICES

Wholesale prices increased 0.4 percent in September, halting a decline that began in May of this year. The September increase was due to higher prices of farm products and processed foods.



[1947–49=100]

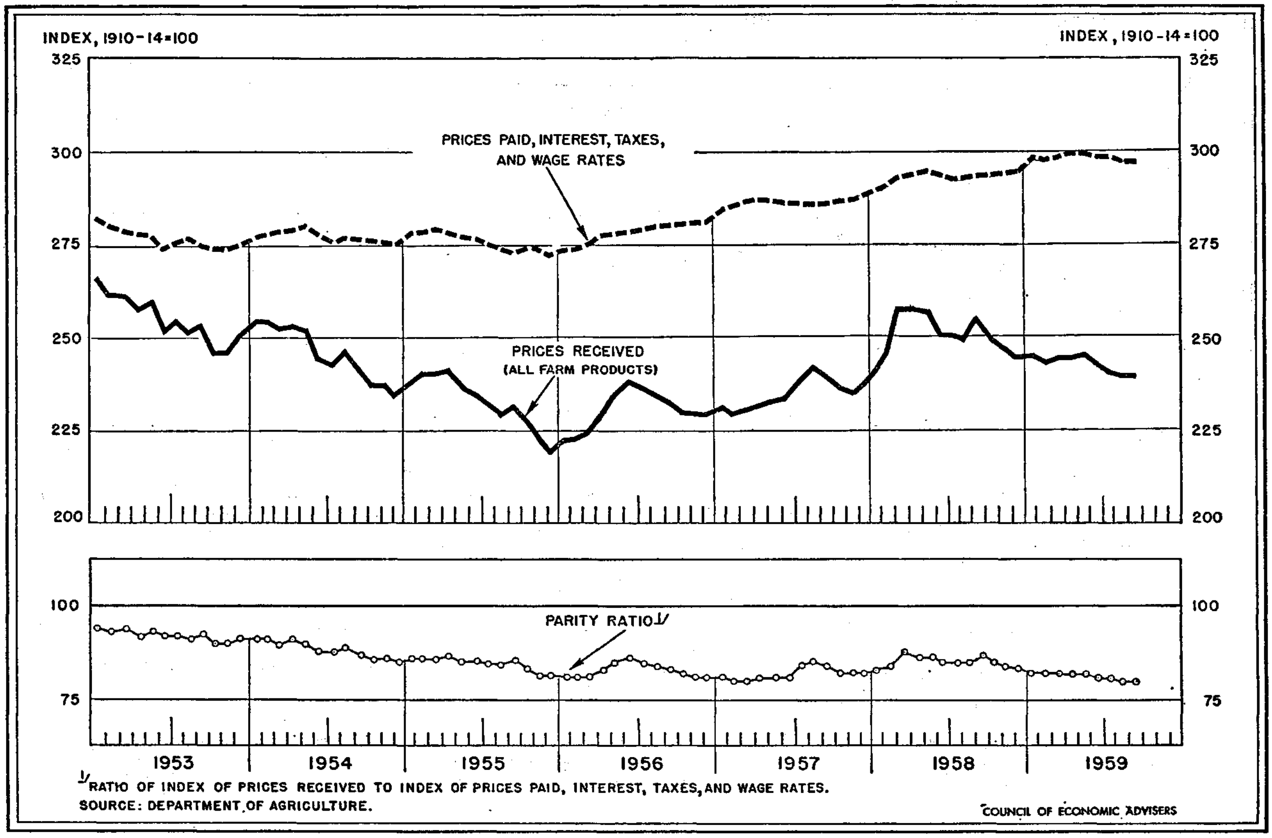
Period	All commodities	Farm products	Processed foods	Other than farm products and foods (industrial)
1949	99. 2	92. 8	95. 7	101. 3
1950	103. 1	97. 5	99. 8	105. 0
1951	114. 8	113. 4	111. 4	115. 9
1952	111. 6	107. 0	108. 8	113. 2
1953	110. 1	97. 0	104. 6	114. 0
1954	110. 3	95. 6	105. 3	114. 5
1955	110. 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
1958	119. 2	94. 9	110. 9	126. 0
1958: August	119. 1	93. 2	111. 3	126. 1
September	119. 1	93. 1	111. 1	126. 2
October	119. 0	92. 3	110. 0	126. 4
November	119. 2	92. 1	109. 5	126. 8
December	119. 2	90. 6	108. 8	127. 2
1959: January	119. 5	91. 5	108. 7	127. 5
February	119. 5	91. 1	107. 6	127. 8
March	119. 6	90. 8	107. 2	128. 1
April	120. 0	92. 4	107. 2	128. 3
May	119. 9	90. 8	107. 7	128. 4
June	119. 7	89. 8	108. 1	128. 2
July	119. 5	88. 4	107. 5	128. 4
August	119. 1	87. 1	105. 8	128. 4
September	119. 6	88. 9	107. 8	128. 4
Week ended:[1]				
1959: October 6	119. 2	86. 8	106. 2	128. 5
13	119. 1	86. 2	106. 0	128. 5

[1] Weekly series based on smaller sample than monthly series.

Source: Department of Labor.

PRICES RECEIVED AND PAID BY FARMERS

The indexes of prices received by farmers and of prices paid (parity index) remained unchanged in the month ended September 15. The parity ratio was also unchanged.



Period	Prices received by farmers: All farm products	Prices received by farmers: Crops	Prices received by farmers: Livestock and products	Prices paid by farmers: All items, interest, taxes and wage rates (parity index)	Prices paid by farmers: Family living items	Prices paid by farmers: Production items	Parity ratio [1]
	Index, 1910–14=100						
1949	250	224	272	251	243	238	100
1950	258	233	280	256	246	246	101
1951	302	265	336	282	268	273	107
1952	288	267	306	287	271	274	100
1953	255	240	268	277	269	256	92
1954	246	242	249	277	270	255	89
1955	232	231	234	276	270	251	84
1956	230	235	226	278	274	250	83
1957	235	225	244	286	282	257	82
1958	250	223	273	293	287	264	85
1958: August 15	248	221	272	293	287	264	85
September 15	255	228	278	294	286	265	87
October 15	249	221	274	294	287	265	85
November 15	247	218	273	294	288	263	84
December 15	244	213	270	295	287	265	83
1959: January 15	245	215	270	298	288	268	82
February 15	243	218	265	297	288	267	82
March 15	244	220	264	298	287	267	82
April 15	244	223	261	299	287	269	82
May 15	245	230	258	299	288	268	82
June 15	242	229	252	298	288	267	81
July 15	240	226	252	298	289	266	81
August 15	239	221	254	297	288	266	80
September 15	239	220	256	297	289	264	80

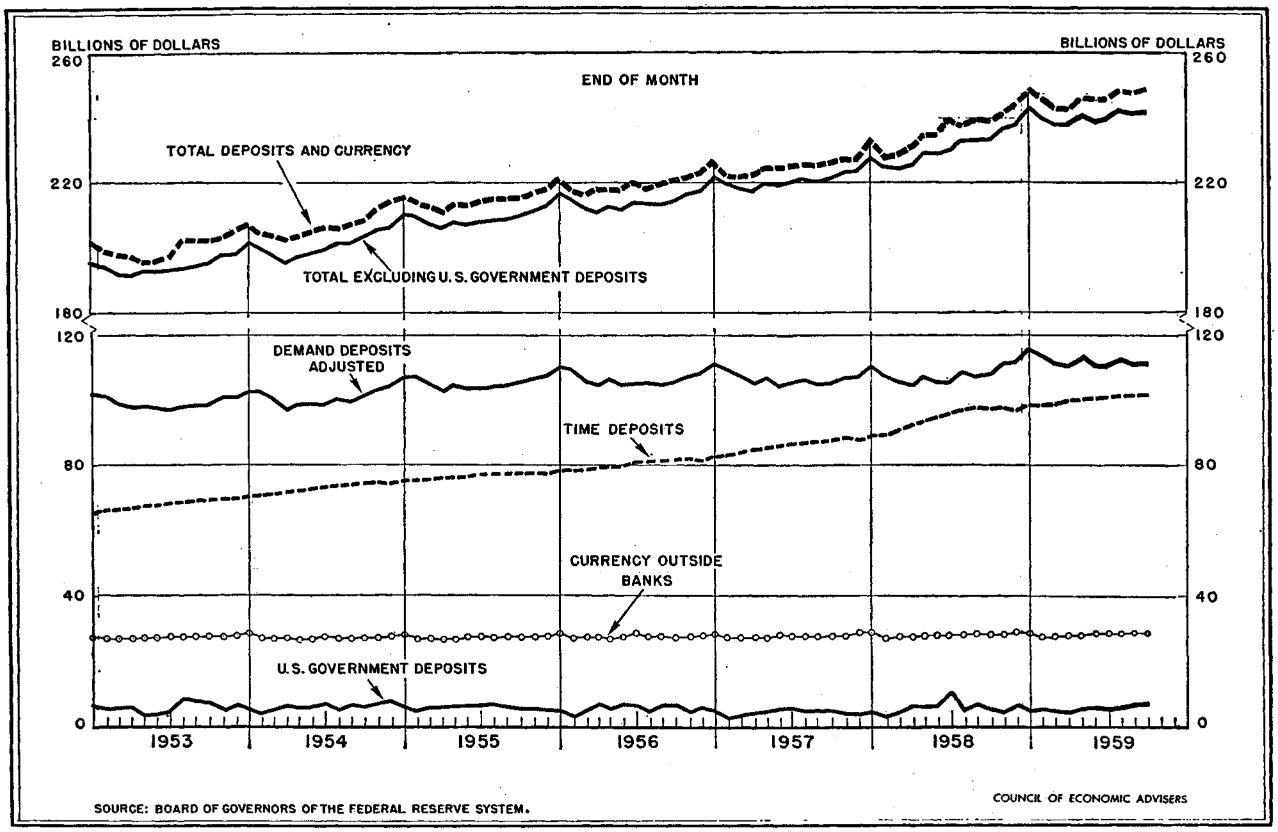
[1] Percentage ratio of index of prices received by farmers to index of prices paid, interest, taxes, and wage rates.

Source: Department of Agriculture.

CURRENCY, CREDIT, AND SECURITY MARKETS

CURRENCY AND DEPOSITS

The total of demand deposits and currency changed little in September, although a seasonal rise is normal.



[Billions of dollars]

End of period	Total deposits and currency	U. S. Government deposits [1]	Total excluding U. S. Government deposits: Total	Time deposits [2]	Demand deposits and currency: Total	Demand deposits adjusted [3]	Currency outside banks	Demand deposits and currency, seasonally adjusted: Total	Demand deposits adjusted	Currency outside banks
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			
1958	247.5	4.9	242.6	98.3	144.2	115.5	28.7			
1958: September	238.1	5.0	233.1	97.2	135.9	108.1	27.9	*136.7*	*108.9*	*27.8*
October	240.7	4.3	236.4	97.5	139.0	111.0	28.0	*138.1*	*110.2*	*27.9*
November	243.8	6.4	237.5	96.8	140.7	111.9	28.8	*138.8*	*110.6*	*28.2*
December	247.5	4.9	242.6	98.3	144.2	115.5	28.7	*139.4*	*111.3*	*28.1*
1959: January	245.1	5.3	239.8	98.4	141.4	113.8	27.6	*138.5*	*110.7*	*27.8*
February	242.6	4.9	237.7	98.7	139.0	111.3	27.7	*139.1*	*111.2*	*27.9*
March	242.1	4.4	237.6	99.5	138.2	110.3	27.9	*140.3*	*112.2*	*28.1*
April	245.4	5.1	240.3	99.9	140.4	112.5	27.9	*140.7*	*112.5*	*28.2*
May	245.0	5.7	239.3	100.4	138.9	110.7	28.1	*140.9*	*112.6*	*28.3*
June	245.4	5.3	240.1	101.0	139.1	110.7	28.3	*140.9*	*112.5*	*28.4*
July [4]	247.6	5.6	242.0	100.9	141.1	112.7	28.4	*142.7*	*114.2*	*28.5*
August [4]	247.3	6.6	240.8	101.2	139.6	111.1	28.5	*141.4*	*112.9*	*28.5*
September [4]	248.4	7.1	241.3	101.6	139.7	111.3	28.5	*140.4*	*112.1*	*28.3*

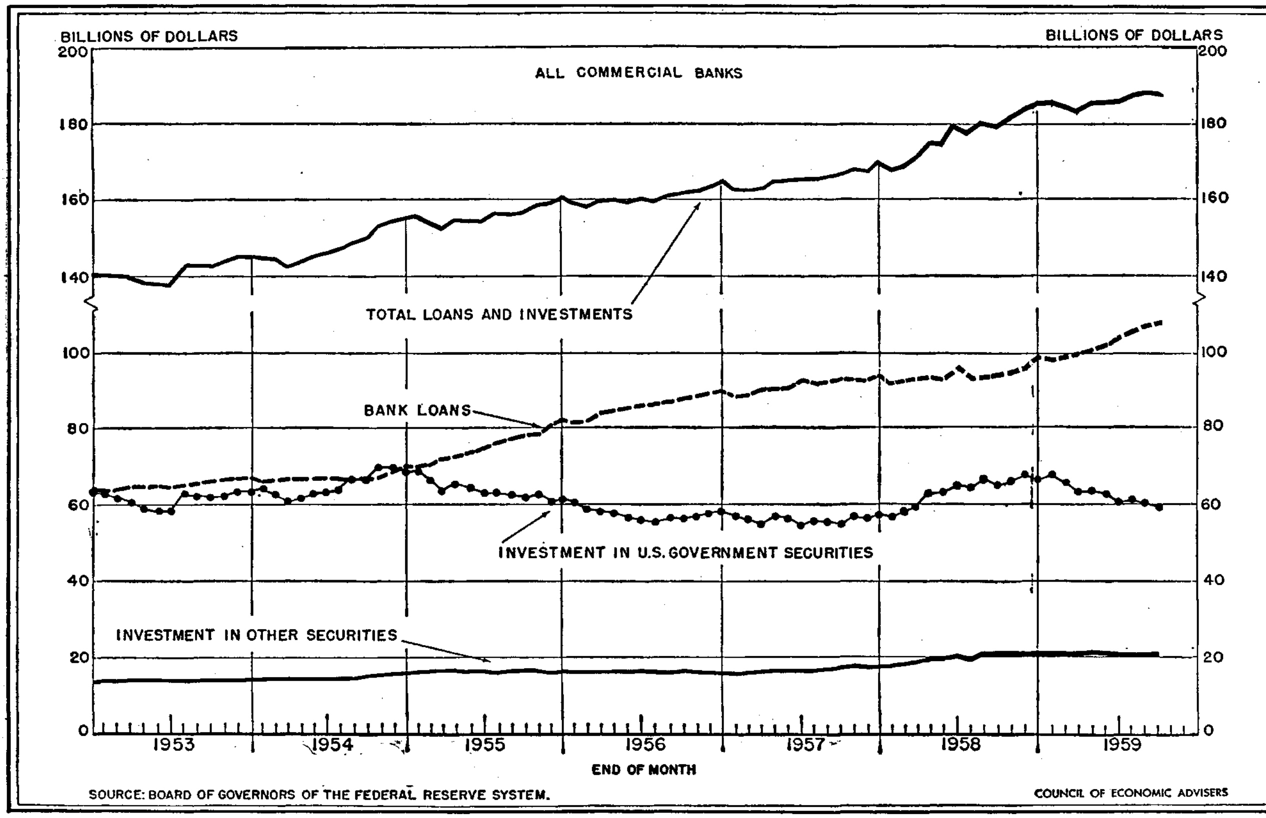
[1] U. S. Government deposits at Federal Reserve Banks and commercial and savings banks, and U. S. Treasurer's time deposits, open account.
[2] Deposits in commercial banks, mutual savings banks, and Postal Savings System; excludes interbank deposits.
[3] Demand deposits, other than interbank and U. S. Government, less cash items in process of collection.
[4] Preliminary estimates.

NOTE.—See Note, p. 27. Monthly data are for the last Wednesday of the month.

Source: Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

BANK LOANS, INVESTMENTS, AND RESERVES

Commercial bank loans increased $400 million in September, about the same as in September 1958. Borrowings at Federal Reserve Banks exceeded excess reserves by about the same amount as in recent months.



[Billions of dollars]

End of period	All commercial banks					Weekly reporting member banks [1]	All member banks [1]		
	Total loans and investments	Loans	Investments			Business loans [2]	Reserve balances [3]		Borrowings at Federal Reserve Banks [3]
			Total	U. S. Government securities	Other securities		Required	Excess	
1951	132. 6	57. 7	74. 9	61. 5	13. 3	21. 6	18. 5	0. 8	0. 3
1952	141. 6	64. 2	77. 5	63. 3	14. 1	[2] 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	[2] 26. 7	18. 3	. 6	. 6
1956	165. 1	90. 3	74. 8	58. 6	16. 3	30. 8	18. 4	. 6	. 8
1957	170. 1	93. 9	76. 2	58. 2	17. 9	31. 8	18. 5	. 5	. 8
1958	185. 2	98. 2	87. 0	66. 4	20. 6	30. 8	18. 1	. 6	. 3
1958: August	180. 0	93. 8	86. 2	66. 1	20. 2	29. 3	17. 9	. 6	. 3
September	179. 5	94. 2	85. 3	64. 7	20. 6	29. 7	17. 9	. 6	. 5
October	181. 7	95. 0	86. 7	66. 2	20. 5	29. 7	18. 0	. 5	. 4
November	184. 1	96. 1	88. 0	67. 7	20. 3	30. 0	18. 0	. 5	. 5
December	185. 2	98. 2	87. 0	66. 4	20. 6	30. 8	18. 4	. 5	. 6
1959: January	185. 6	97. 7	87. 9	67. 5	20. 4	29. 7	18. 4	. 5	. 6
February	183. 8	97. 9	86. 0	65. 5	20. 4	29. 7	18. 1	. 5	. 5
March	182. 9	99. 2	83. 8	63. 2	20. 6	30. 6	18. 0	. 5	. 6
April	185. 7	101. 2	84. 5	63. 6	20. 9	30. 6	18. 2	. 4	. 7
May	185. 8	102. 4	83. 4	62. 6	20. 8	31. 0	18. 1	. 4	. 8
June	185. 9	104. 5	81. 5	60. 9	20. 6	32. 0	18. 0	. 4	. 9
July [4]	187. 7	105. 9	81. 7	61. 1	20. 6	[2] 28. 6	18. 3	. 4	1. 0
August [4]	188. 2	107. 4	80. 8	60. 3	20. 5	29. 0	18. 1	. 5	1. 0
September [4]	187. 7	107. 8	79. 9	59. 2	20. 7	29. 5	18. 2	. 5	. 9

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

[2] Commercial and industrial loans and, prior to 1956, agricultural loans. Series revised beginning January 1952, October 1955, and July 1959.

[3] Averages of daily figures on balances and borrowings during the period.

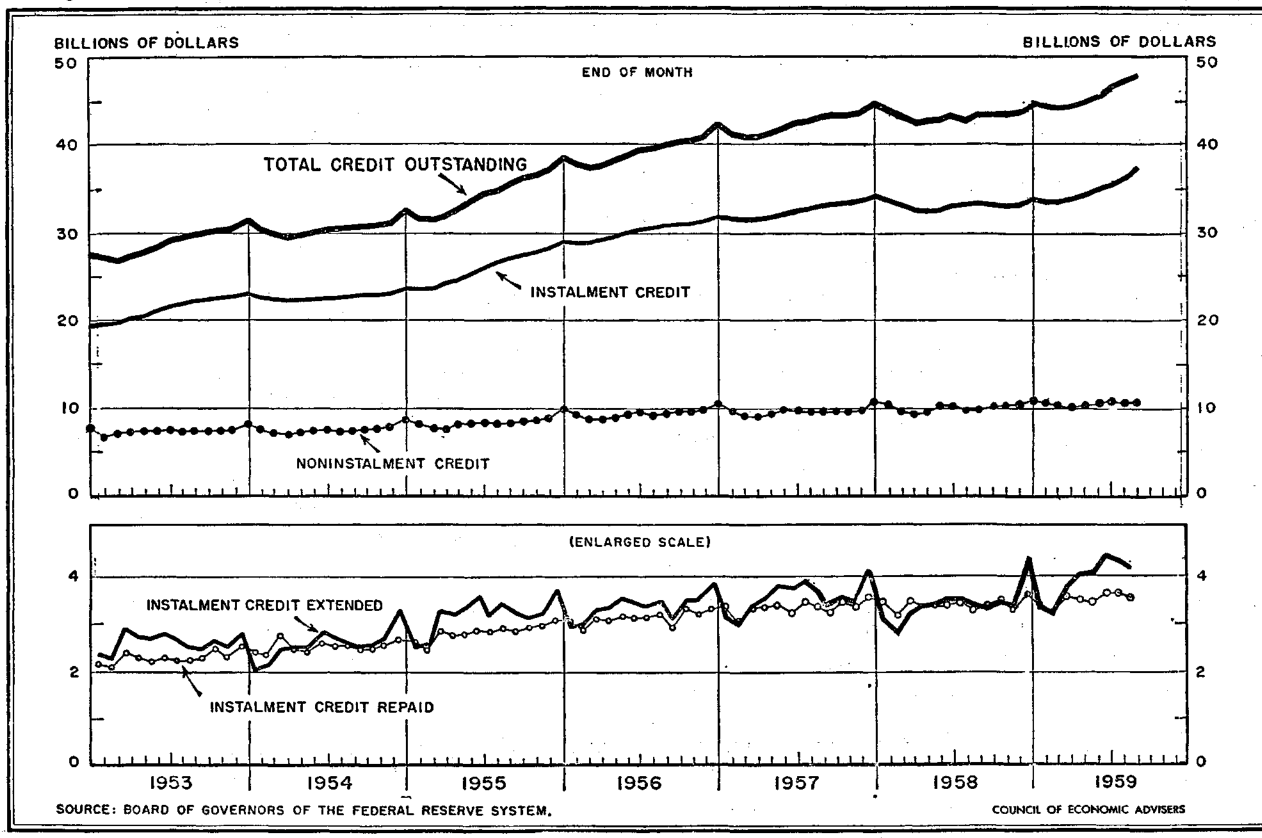
[4] Preliminary estimates.

NOTE.—Between January and August 1959, these series (except that for weekly reporting member banks) were expanded to include data for all banks in Alaska and Hawaii.

Source: Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

CONSUMER CREDIT

Consumer credit outstanding rose about $650 million in August, compared with an increase of about $200 million in August 1958.



[Millions of dollars]

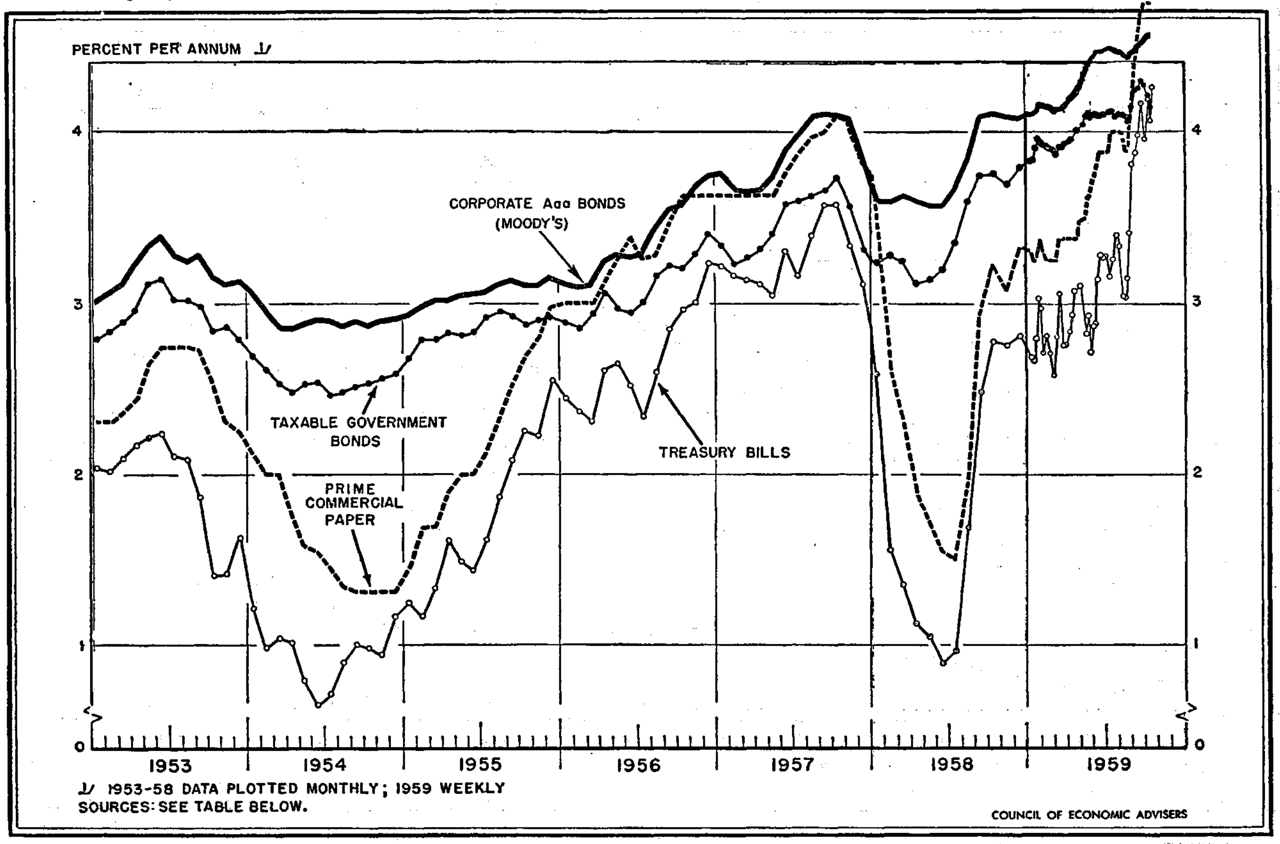
End of period	Total consumer credit outstanding	Instalment credit outstanding: Total	Automobile paper [1]	Other consumer goods paper [1]	Repair and modernization loans [2]	Personal loans	Noninstalment credit outstanding: Total	Charge accounts	Instalment credit extended [3]	Instalment credit repaid [3]
1949	17, 305	11, 590	4, 555	3, 706	898	2, 431	5, 715	2, 795	18, 108	15, 514
1950	21, 395	14, 703	6, 074	4, 799	1, 016	2, 814	6, 692	3, 291	21, 558	18, 445
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, 774	34, 095	15, 409	8, 692	2, 091	7, 903	10, 679	4, 829	42, 426	40, 158
1958	45, 065	33, 865	14, 131	9, 007	2, 145	8, 582	11, 200	5, 018	40, 497	40, 727
1958: July	42, 923	33, 074	14, 567	8, 197	2, 061	8, 249	9, 849	3, 927	3, 483	3, 417
August	43, 128	33, 165	14, 514	8, 254	2, 091	8, 306	9, 963	3, 956	3, 385	3, 294
September	43, 144	33, 079	14, 332	8, 312	2, 107	8, 328	10, 065	4, 033	3, 297	3, 383
October	43, 164	33, 052	14, 164	8, 411	2, 128	8, 349	10, 112	4, 191	3, 475	3, 502
November	43, 464	33, 126	14, 066	8, 528	2, 146	8, 386	10, 338	4, 297	3, 338	3, 264
December	45, 065	33, 865	14, 131	9, 007	2, 145	8, 582	11, 200	5, 018	4, 350	3, 611
1959: January	44, 415	33, 768	14, 155	8, 881	2, 125	8, 607	10, 647	4, 504	3, 321	3, 418
February	44, 071	33, 751	14, 223	8, 767	2, 116	8, 645	10, 320	4, 004	3, 247	3, 264
March	44, 203	33, 943	14, 375	8, 721	2, 127	8, 720	10, 260	3, 883	3, 786	3, 594
April	44, 916	34, 453	14, 686	8, 777	2, 149	8, 841	10, 463	3, 997	4, 022	3, 512
May	45, 790	35, 029	14, 991	8, 911	2, 198	8, 929	10, 761	4, 220	4, 053	3, 477
June	46, 716	35, 810	15, 419	9, 077	2, 240	9, 074	10, 906	4, 318	4, 432	3, 651
July	47, 256	36, 449	15, 780	9, 183	2, 282	9, 204	10, 807	4, 272	4, 292	3, 653
August	47, 910	37, 049	16, 082	9, 314	2, 323	9, 330	10, 861	4, 243	4, 139	3, 539

[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 continued to increase in recent weeks. Yields on U.S. Government and municipal bonds have declined slightly from peak rates in September. Corporate bond yields rose in September and early October.



[Percent per annum]

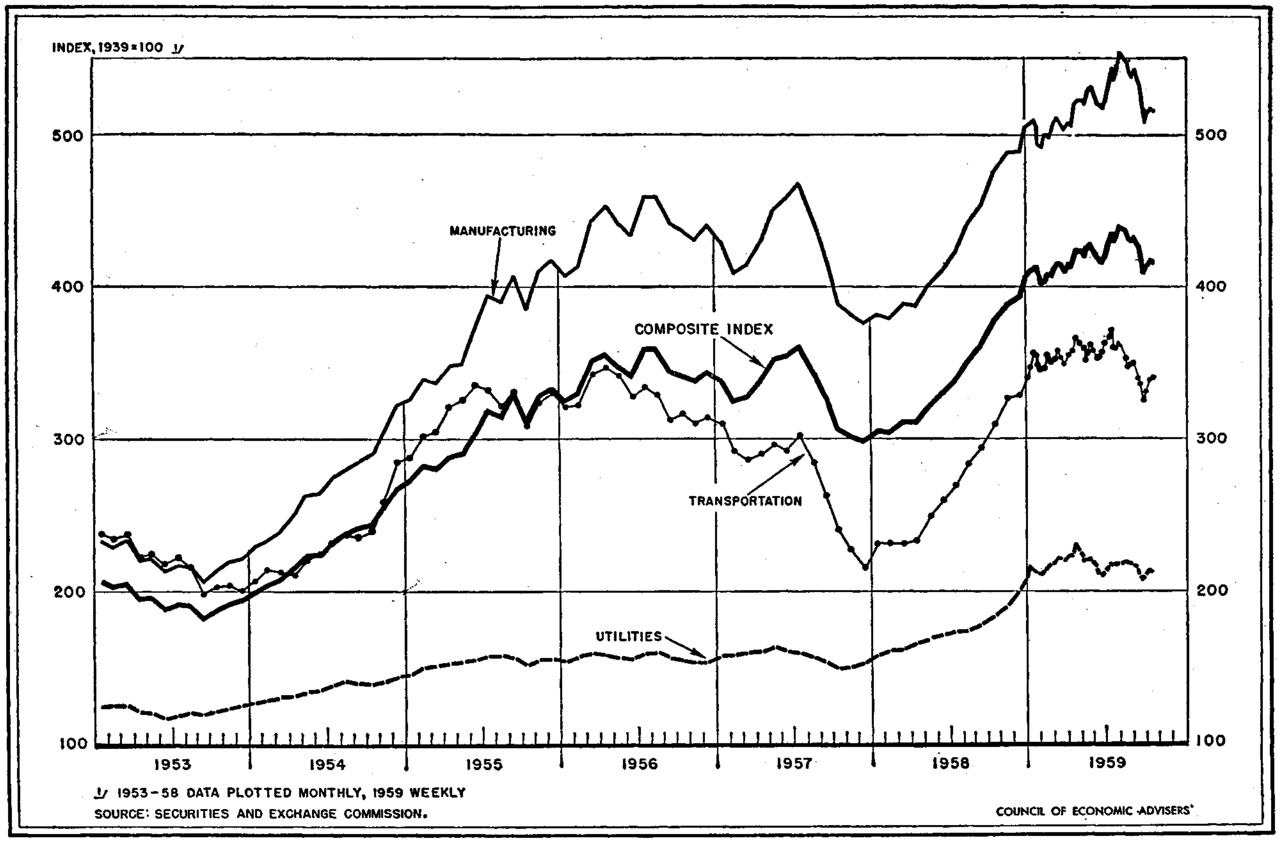
Period	U. S Government security yields: 3-month Treasury bills [1]	U. S Government security yields: Taxable bonds [2]	High-grade municipal bonds (Standard & Poor's) [3]	Corporate bonds (Moody's): Aaa	Corporate bonds (Moody's): Baa	Prime commercial paper, 4–6 months
1952	1.766	2.68	2.19	2.96	3.52	2.33
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
1958	1.839	3.43	3.56	3.79	4.73	2.46
1958: September	2.484	3.75	3.96	4.09	4.87	2.93
October	2.793	3.76	3.94	4.11	4.92	3.23
November	2.756	3.70	3.84	4.09	4.87	3.08
December	2.814	3.80	3.84	4.08	4.85	3.33
1959: January	2.837	3.91	3.87	4.12	4.87	3.30
February	2.712	3.92	3.85	4.14	4.89	3.26
March	2.852	3.92	3.76	4.13	4.85	3.35
April	2.960	4.01	3.84	4.23	4.86	3.42
May	2.851	4.08	3.97	4.37	4.96	3.56
June	3.247	4.09	4.04	4.46	5.04	3.83
July	3.243	4.11	4.04	4.47	5.08	3.98
August	3.358	4.10	3.96	4.43	5.09	3.97
September	4.037	4.26	4.13	4.52	5.18	4.63
Week ended:						
1959: September 12	3.979	4.25	4.11	4.49	5.15	4.50
19	4.166	4.30	4.16	4.52	5.18	4.70
26	3.958	4.27	4.16	4.54	5.22	4.75
October 3	4.194	4.21	4.12	4.57	5.26	4.75
10	4.007	4.14	4.07	4.57	5.28	4.75
17	4.262	[4] 4.13	4.01	[4] 4.56	5.29	[4] 4.75
24	[4] 4.099					

[1] Rate on new issues within period.
[2] Series includes: April 1953 to date, bonds due or callable 10 years and after; April 1952–March 1953, bonds due or callable after 12 years; October 1941–March 1952, bonds due or callable after 15 years.
[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 have changed little since mid-September.



[1939=100]

Period	Composite index[1]	Manufacturing: Total	Manufacturing: Durable goods	Manufacturing: Nondurable goods	Transportation	Utilities	Trade, finance, and service	Mining
Weekly average:								
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
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
1958	340.9	426.4	385.3	458.0	270.2	173.3	314.5	313.8
1958: September	360.5	452.9	412.9	481.1	292.2	177.5	337.2	340.6
October	376.4	474.2	437.2	499.2	310.6	183.4	345.5	343.9
November	387.8	487.4	448.0	514.3	327.0	189.8	361.9	341.4
December	392.8	489.8	451.4	515.6	329.8	198.7	374.9	339.0
1959: January	409.9	507.6	473.6	529.0	349.9	212.7	393.6	348.1
February	403.9	495.7	465.6	513.8	349.9	214.9	400.5	345.3
March	413.9	508.5	475.0	529.5	353.0	221.0	405.0	347.5
April	419.4	514.4	480.6	535.5	360.0	226.3	405.2	340.2
May	425.3	527.3	495.0	546.8	357.7	221.3	408.9	334.0
June	419.0	520.9	495.8	533.9	357.1	212.8	417.5	325.6
July	434.3	542.6	521.8	551.2	364.3	217.8	429.4	321.4
August	433.9	542.5	516.1	556.3	349.4	219.0	425.4	324.4
September	417.2	520.3	499.8	529.0	333.0	211.2	424.5	305.4
Week ended:								
1959: September 11	418.7	522.7	502.2	531.3	335.8	211.2	423.8	311.2
18	409.1	509.5	489.4	518.1	324.8	207.1	425.0	302.1
25	413.8	515.7	497.4	522.6	331.6	210.3	422.1	291.6
October 2	416.6	517.3	497.7	525.2	339.1	213.8	428.6	290.4
9	415.8	516.0	498.4	522.1	340.4	213.6	428.1	289.5
16[2]	418.2	518.9	502.5	524.0	344.2	214.4	431.9	293.8

[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.

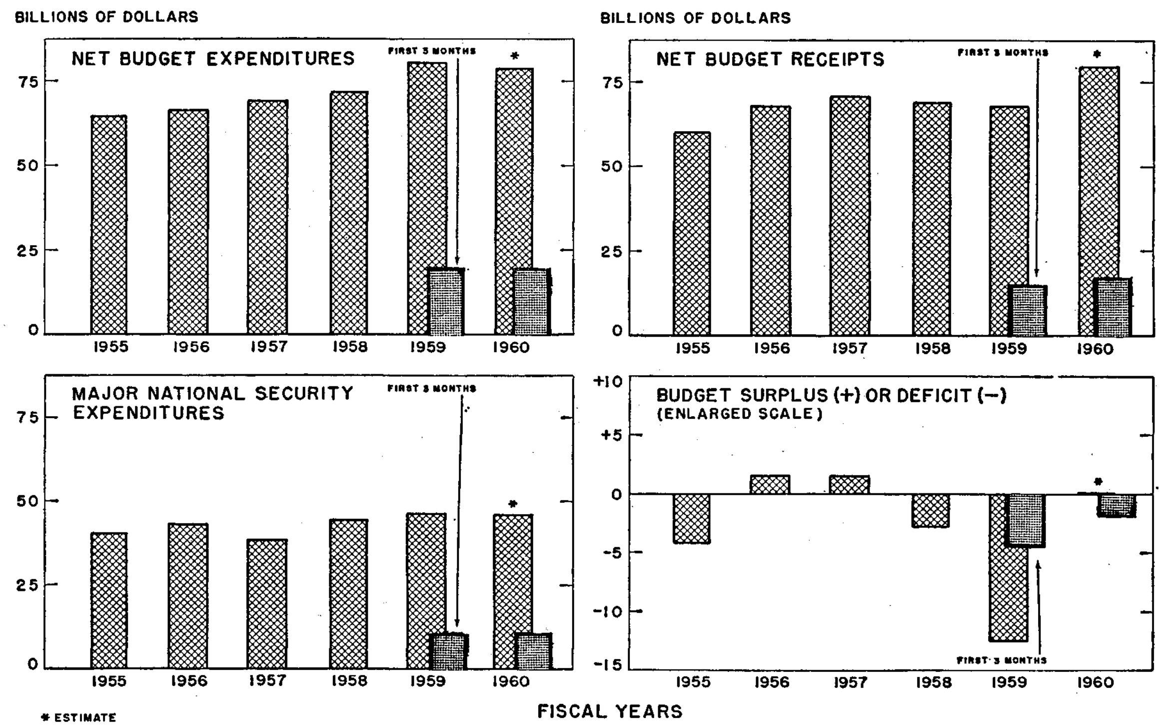
[2] Not charted.

Source: Securities and Exchange Commission.

FEDERAL FINANCE

BUDGET RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES

For the first 3 months of the current fiscal year, there was a budget deficit of $1.8 billion. For the same period last year, the deficit amounted to $4.5 billion.



* ESTIMATE
SOURCES: TREASURY DEPARTMENT AND BUREAU OF THE BUDGET.

[Billions of dollars]

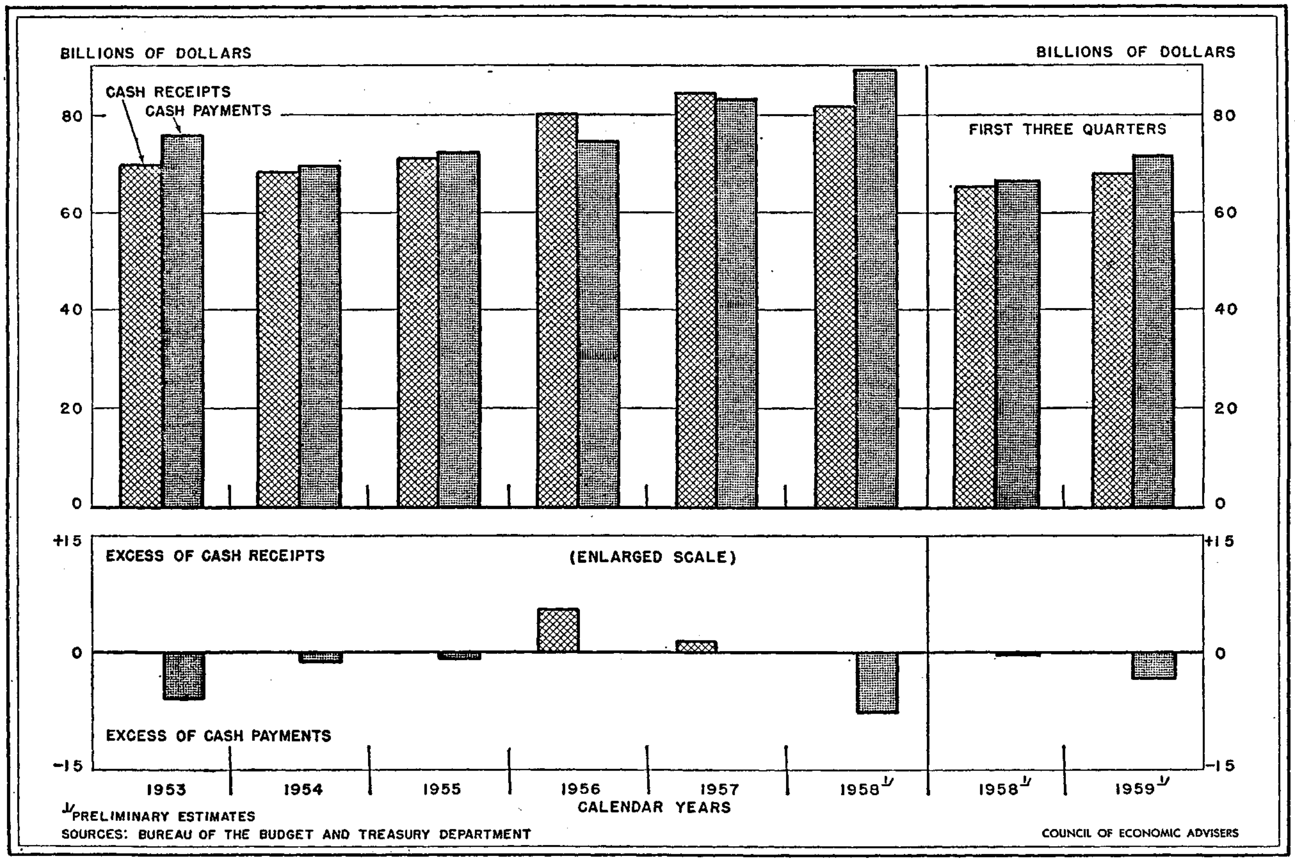
Period	Net budget receipts	Net budget expenditures: Total	Major national security[1]: Total	Major national security[1]: Department of Defense military functions	Budget surplus (+) or deficit (−)	Public debt (end of period)[2]
Fiscal year 1954	64.7	67.8	46.9	40.3	−3.1	271.3
Fiscal year 1955	60.4	64.6	40.6	35.5	−4.2	274.4
Fiscal year 1956	68.2	66.5	40.6	35.8	+1.6	272.8
Fiscal year 1957	71.0	69.4	43.3	38.4	+1.6	270.6
Fiscal year 1958	69.1	71.9	44.1	39.1	−2.8	276.4
Fiscal year 1959[3]	68.2	80.7	46.4	41.2	−12.5	284.8
Fiscal year 1960[4]	79.0	78.9	45.7	40.9	+.1	284.8
1958: August[3]	4.8	6.2	3.6	3.2	−1.4	278.6
September[3]	7.2	6.6	3.9	3.5	+.6	276.8
October[3]	2.8	7.1	4.2	3.8	−4.4	280.3
November[3]	5.0	6.2	3.6	3.2	−1.3	283.2
December[3]	6.2	7.1	4.2	3.7	−.9	283.0
1959: January[3]	4.5	6.8	3.7	3.3	−2.2	285.9
February[3]	6.6	6.3	3.6	3.2	+.2	285.2
March[3]	8.4	6.5	3.9	3.4	+2.0	282.2
April[3]	4.3	6.4	3.9	3.5	−2.2	285.5
May[3]	5.4	6.2	3.6	3.2	−.7	286.4
June[3]	10.0	8.6	4.5	3.9	+1.4	284.8
July[3]	3.2	6.6	3.8	3.4	−3.3	288.8
August[3]	5.7	6.3	3.7	3.4	−.6	290.5
September[3]	8.5	6.4	3.8	3.4	+2.1	288.4
Cumulative totals for first 3 months:[3]						
Fiscal year 1959	15.0	19.4	11.2	9.9	−4.5	276.8
Fiscal year 1960	17.4	19.2	11.3	10.2	−1.8	288.4

[1] Includes military functions of Department of Defense, military assistance portion of the mutual security program, Atomic Energy Commission, 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.
[4] Estimates (*1960 Federal Budget Midyear Review*, September 1959).

Sources: Treasury Department and Bureau of the Budget.

CASH RECEIPTS FROM AND PAYMENTS TO THE PUBLIC

In the third quarter of calendar year 1959, cash payments to the public exceeded cash receipts by $3 billion. This compares with an excess of payments of $5.5 billion in the third quarter of calendar 1958.



[Millions of dollars]

Period	Cash receipts from the public	Cash payments to the public	Excess of receipts (+) or payments (−)
Fiscal year total:			
1956	77, 088	72, 617	+4, 471
1957	82, 107	80, 008	+2, 099
1958	81, 893	83, 413	−1, 520
1959 [1]	81, 530	94, 537	−13, 007
1960 [2]	95, 209	95, 037	+172
Calendar year total:			
1955	71, 448	72, 188	−740
1956	80, 330	74, 807	+5, 524
1957	84, 520	83, 326	+1, 194
1958 [1]	81, 729	89, 015	−7, 288
Quarterly total, not adjusted for seasonal variation:			
1957: Third quarter	18, 653	21, 099	−2, 447
Fourth quarter	16, 404	20, 839	−4, 435
1958: First quarter	23, 618	19, 626	+3, 993
Second quarter	23, 219	21, 850	+1, 368
Third quarter [1]	18, 274	23, 789	−5, 516
Fourth quarter [1]	16, 618	23, 750	−7, 133
1959: First quarter [1]	22, 628	22, 734	−107
Second quarter [1]	24, 015	24, 267	−253
Third quarter [1]	21, 386	24, 400	−3, 013

[1] Preliminary. [2] Estimates (*1960 Federal Budget Midyear Review*, September 1959).

Sources: Bureau of the Budget and Treasury Department.

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