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PERSONAL INCOME - NOVEMBER 1970

Personal income rose \$2-1/2 billion in November to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of \$812-1/2 billion, the Commerce Department's Office of Business Economics announced today. This compares with a \$2 billion decline in October when payrolls dropped sharply, reflecting the first full month's impact of the automobile strike.

Wage and salary disbursements reached an annual rate of \$543-1/2 billion, a \$1-3/4 billion increase compared with a \$4-3/4 billion loss in October. The November gain was in the nonmanufacturing industries. Payrolls advanced in service industries -- \$1 billion, distributive industries -- \$1/4 billion, and State and local Governments -- \$1/2 billion.

Manufacturing payrolls declined again in November for the fourth consecutive month as higher hourly earnings were more than offset by lower employment; weekly hours per worker were stable. The \$1/2 billion decline was probably attributable to further effects of the automobile strike. The

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heaviest losses were in primary metals, machinery, and electrical equipment industries.

Transfer payments in November showed little change after the unusually high October increase of \$2 billion, which included a retroactive payment to railroad retirees. If the retroactive payment is excluded from October, an increase of about \$1 billion would show for November -- half of it from continued growth in social security benefits and increased unemployment insurance payments. Special assistance payments under State and local Government transfers have also shown strong gains in recent months. Except for farm income, which declined for the fourth straight month, all other nonwage components moved up by small amounts.

Personal income for January through November 1970 was at a seasonally adjusted annual rate of \$799-1/2 billion. This is an increase of \$53 billion or 7 percent from the corresponding period last year. In 1969, the year-to-year gain for the comparable period was \$60-1/2 billion, or 8-3/4 percent.

Details of personal income in November and selected recent periods are shown in the accompanying table; additional data appear each month in the Survey of Current Business, the monthly magazine published by the Office of Business Economics.

The Survey is available from field offices of the Department of Commerce or from the Superintendent of Documents, U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, D. C. 20402, at an annual subscription price of \$9, including weekly supplements; single copy, \$1.

PERSONAL INCOME
(Seasonally adjusted annual rates in billions of dollars)

	<u>First 11 months</u>		Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.
	1969	1970	1969	1969	1969	1970	1970	1970
TOTAL PERSONAL INCOME	746.6	799.5	763.1	766.7	770.6	811.9	810.0	812.4
Wage and salary disbursements, total	507.3	539.2	520.0	522.7	525.2	546.6	541.8	543.6
Commodity-producing industries	196.9	201.1	200.9	201.8	201.9	201.5	196.8	196.8
Manufacturing only	157.2	158.9	160.4	160.9	160.0	159.5	154.3	153.9
Distributive industries	119.4	128.1	122.2	123.1	124.1	130.2	130.6	130.8
Service industries	87.3	96.3	89.6	90.0	91.0	97.9	98.8	99.9
Government	103.7	113.7	107.3	107.7	108.1	117.0	115.6	116.1
Other labor income	27.5	30.3	28.2	28.3	28.5	31.1	31.3	31.5
Proprietors' income:								
Business and professional	50.5	51.3	51.0	50.8	50.5	51.8	51.9	52.0
Farm	16.4	16.4	16.7	16.7	16.6	16.0	15.9	15.7
Rental income of persons	22.0	22.7	22.1	22.2	22.3	22.8	22.8	22.9
Dividends	24.6	25.3	25.2	25.2	25.3	25.5	25.6	25.7
Personal interest income.....	59.4	65.1	60.5	61.2	62.0	66.8	67.0	67.2
Transfer payments ¹	64.8	77.1	65.9	66.3	66.9	79.6	81.7	81.9
Less: Personal contributions for social insurance	26.0	27.8	26.5	26.7	26.7	28.2	28.0	28.1
Addenda:								
Total nonagricultural income ²	724.4	776.9	740.6	744.1	747.9	789.7	787.9	790.5
Total agricultural income	22.2	22.6	22.5	22.6	22.7	22.2	22.1	22.0

1. Consist mainly of social insurance benefits and veterans' payments.

2. Equal personal income exclusive of net income of unincorporated farm enterprises, farm wages, agricultural net interest, and net dividends paid by agricultural corporations.

Source: U. S. Department of Commerce, Office of Business Economics.

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