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PERSONAL INCOME - June 1955

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Personal income in June was at an annual rate of \$301 billion, the same as in May, the Office of Business Economics, U. S. Department of Commerce announced today.

This stability in the personal income total reflected offsetting changes among components. Wage and salary disbursements and dividend and interest payments were somewhat higher, whereas proprietors' income and transfer payments showed small decreases.

Personal income estimates include wages and salaries, the net income of proprietorships and partnerships -- farm and nonfarm -- as well as dividends and interest, net rents received by landlords, and other types of individual income. The annual rates, which are used to facilitate comparison with previous annual totals, represent the seasonally adjusted dollar totals for each month multiplied by 12.

Most of the moderate May-June advance in wage and salary disbursements occurred in the transportation, mining, and communications industries. Manufacturing payrolls, which had been rising sharply, were virtually stable.

That manufacturing payrolls did not increase from May to June was largely the result of scattered work stoppages in the automobile industry, which also affected hours worked in associated industries. Payrolls rose in June in various manufacturing industries not related to automotive equipment, though increases were not so large or widespread as in May.

The principal factor in the June decline in proprietors' income was a reduction in the income of farm proprietors, which exhibits considerable irregularity when measured on a monthly basis.

Transfer payments were lower in June because of a reduction in unemployment compensation payments.

Personal income in the second quarter of 1955 was at an annual rate of \$300½ billion, 2½ percent higher than in the first quarter and 5 percent higher than in the second quarter of 1954.

Details of personal income in June and other recent periods are shown in the following table.

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MONTHLY PERSONAL INCOME IN THE UNITED STATES
(Seasonally adjusted annual rates in billions of dollars)

	June	May	April	June	May	April	First six months		Full year
	1955	1955	1955	1954	1954	1954	1955	1954	1954
Total personal income.....	301.2	301.4	298.9	286.7	286.7	286.4	297.1	286.3	287.6
Wage and salary disbursements, total.....	207.7	207.3	204.6	195.8	195.7	195.2	203.7	195.4	196.2
Commodity-producing industries ^{1/}	90.6	90.6	88.9	84.2	84.5	84.1	88.3	84.5	84.2
Distributive industries ^{1/}	54.9	54.5	53.6	52.1	52.1	51.9	53.8	51.9	52.3
Service industries ^{1/}	27.4	27.4	27.2	25.8	25.5	25.7	27.1	25.4	25.9
Government.....	34.8	34.8	34.9	33.7	33.6	33.5	34.5	33.6	33.8
Other labor income.....	6.9	6.9	6.9	6.6	6.5	6.5	6.8	6.5	6.6
Proprietors' and rental income.....	48.3	48.8	49.0	48.2	48.0	48.4	48.7	48.6	48.4
Personal interest income and dividends.....	26.3	26.1	25.9	24.6	24.5	24.4	25.7	24.4	24.7
Transfer payments ^{2/}	17.2	17.5	17.6	16.0	16.5	16.4	17.3	15.9	16.2
Less personal contributions for social insurance ^{3/}	5.2	5.2	5.1	4.5	4.5	4.5	5.1	4.5	4.5
Total nonagricultural income ^{4/}	286.8	286.6	283.7	272.1	271.0	270.4	282.0	269.8	271.9
Total agricultural income.....	14.4	14.8	15.2	14.6	15.7	16.0	15.1	16.5	15.7

^{1/} "Commodity-producing industries" consists of agriculture, forestry and fisheries, mining, contract construction, and manufacturing. "Distributive industries" consists of wholesale and retail trade, transportation, and communications and public utilities. "Service industries" comprises finance, insurance, and real estate and services.

^{2/} Consists mainly of veterans' payments and social insurance benefits.

^{3/} Data since January of 1952 represent contributions of both employees and self-employed persons.

^{4/} Equals personal income exclusive of net income of unincorporated farm enterprises, farm wages, agricultural net interest, and net dividends paid by agricultural corporations.