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PERSONAL INCOME - June 1956

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Personal income in June was at an annual rate of \$324 billion, almost \$1½ billion higher than in May, the Office of Business Economics, U. S. Department of Commerce announced today.

Of the May to June rise in personal income \$1¼ billion was in wages and salaries. Higher dividend and interest receipts accounted for the remainder.

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.

Four-fifths of the June payroll rise occurred in private nonmanufacturing industries where employment advanced in almost all industries. Employment gains were particularly strong in construction and finance.

Manufacturing payrolls increased slightly as the effects of small reductions in employment and hours in a number of industries were more than offset by fairly general increases in pay rates. State and local government payrolls were also higher in June.

Personal income in the first half of 1956 was at an annual rate of \$320 billion, \$21 billion higher than in the first half of 1955. Of the increase wages and salaries accounted for \$16 billion, dividends and interest for \$3 billion, and transfer payments for \$1 billion. Proprietors' and rental income increased only slightly as higher receipts by nonfarm proprietors were largely offset by reductions in farm and rental income.

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

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TOTAL MANUFACTURING AND TRADE INVENTORIES, Monthly
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MANUFACTURERS' SALES AND INVENTORIES, Monthly

PERSONAL INCOME, Monthly
CASH DIVIDEND PAYMENTS, Monthly
NATIONAL INCOME AND PRODUCT, Quarterly

PLANT AND EQUIPMENT SURVEY, Quarterly
FOREIGN GRANTS AND CREDITS, Quarterly
BALANCE OF INTERNATIONAL PAYMENTS, Quarterly

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

	June	May	Apr.	June	May	Apr.	First six months		Full year
	1956	1956	1956	1955	1955	1955	1956	1955	1955
Total personal income.....	324.2	322.8	321.7	306.0	304.3	301.3	320.2	299.5	306.1
Wage and salary disbursements, total.....	224.4	223.2	222.9	210.5	208.8	206.1	221.5	205.0	210.4
Commodity-producing industries <u>1/</u>	97.4	96.8	96.8	91.4	90.8	89.1	95.9	88.5	90.9
Distributive industries <u>1/</u>	59.4	59.1	59.1	55.3	54.7	53.9	58.6	53.8	55.4
Service industries <u>1/</u>	30.2	30.0	29.8	28.1	27.9	27.6	29.8	27.5	28.2
Government.....	37.4	37.3	37.2	35.7	35.4	35.5	37.1	35.2	35.9
Other labor income.....	7.3	7.2	7.2	7.0	6.9	6.9	7.2	6.8	7.0
Proprietors' and rental income.....	49.9	50.1	49.7	49.4	49.7	49.5	49.7	49.1	49.1
Personal interest income and dividends.....	29.7	29.4	29.1	26.7	26.5	26.3	29.0	26.2	27.3
Transfer payments <u>2/</u>	18.7	18.7	18.6	17.6	17.6	17.6	18.5	17.5	17.6
Less personal contributions for social insurance <u>3/</u>	5.8	5.8	5.8	5.2	5.2	5.1	5.7	5.1	5.2
Total nonagricultural income <u>4/</u>	309.4	307.6	306.8	290.4	288.6	285.3	305.2	284.0	290.9
Total agricultural income.....	14.8	15.2	14.9	15.6	15.7	16.0	15.0	15.5	15.2

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.