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PERSONAL INCOME - November 1956

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Personal income in November was at an annual rate of \$333 $\frac{1}{2}$  billion, \$1 billion higher than in October, the Office of Business Economics, U. S. Department of Commerce announced today.

The November rise in the personal income total was equal to the rise in wage and salary disbursements. Nonfarm proprietors' income, investment income, and transfer payments together increased by about \$ $\frac{1}{2}$  billion, while farm proprietors' income fell by roughly the same amount, reflecting the decline in soil bank payments from the high October rate.

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.

Of the \$1 billion increase in wages and salaries in November, almost \$ $\frac{3}{4}$  billion occurred in the automobile industry alone, as production of 1957 models was sharply increased. Payrolls also rose in trade, services, and finance. They were roughly stable in mining, construction, transportation, and utilities. In manufacturing, outside of automobiles, payrolls were somewhat lower in November than in the previous month, as decreases in hours worked and employment outweighed increases in wage rates.

Personal income in the first eleven months of 1956 was at an annual rate of \$324 $\frac{1}{2}$  billion, \$20 billion or 6 $\frac{1}{2}$  percent higher than in the first eleven months of 1955.

Details of personal income in November 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)

	Nov.	Oct.	Sept.	Nov.	Oct.	Sept.	First eleven months		Full year
	1956	1956	1956	1955	1955	1955	1956	1955	1955
Total personal income.....	333.6	332.5	329.5	314.5	311.6	311.0	324.6	304.7	306.1
Wage and salary disbursements, total...	230.7	229.7	228.5	217.2	215.3	214.7	224.5	209.6	210.4
Commodity-producing industries 1/.....	101.2	100.6	99.1	94.2	93.3	92.8	97.4	90.5	90.9
Distributive industries 1/.....	60.4	60.2	60.5	57.3	56.7	56.9	59.4	55.1	55.4
Service industries 1/.....	31.1	30.9	30.8	29.3	28.9	28.7	30.2	28.1	28.2
Government.....	38.0	38.0	38.1	36.4	36.4	36.3	37.5	35.8	35.9
Other labor income.....	7.4	7.4	7.3	7.2	7.2	7.2	7.2	7.0	7.0
Proprietors' and rental income.....	52.0	52.3	50.9	49.6	49.1	49.4	50.5	49.1	49.1
Personal interest income and dividends.	30.4	30.2	30.0	28.1	27.9	27.6	29.5	26.8	27.3
Transfer payments 2/.....	19.1	18.9	18.7	17.7	17.4	17.4	18.6	17.5	17.6
Less personal contributions for social insurance 3/.....	6.0	6.0	5.9	5.3	5.3	5.3	5.8	5.2	5.2
Total nonagricultural income 4/.....	317.7	316.3	314.4	299.4	296.9	295.9	309.3	289.5	290.9
Total agricultural income.....	15.9	16.2	15.1	15.1	14.7	15.1	15.3	15.2	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.