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Personal income in September was at a seasonally adjusted annual rate of \$346½ billion, little changed from August, the Office of Business Economics, U. S. Department of Commerce announced today.

The annual rate of individual income flow in the third quarter as a whole was also \$346½ billion. This was about \$4 billion higher than in the preceding quarter and \$18 billion, or 5½ percent, above the third quarter of 1956.

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.

As compared with August, the September figures show a small decline in wages and salaries that was partly offset in other types of income. Most of the decline occurred in automobile manufacturing, where employment was temporarily reduced because of model changeovers. Among manufacturing industries other than autos, wages declined in September in the durable-goods industries but were stable in the nondurables.

Payrolls in private nonmanufacturing industries were generally steady from August to September, though disbursements moved up in the service industries and declined in contract construction and farming. Government payrolls were higher in September as disbursements by State and local governments continued to increase.

For the first nine months of 1957, personal income was at an annual rate of about \$342 billion, 5½ percent larger than in the same months of 1956. With consumer prices averaging 3½ percent higher in the 1957 period, this rise in personal income reflected in part a gain in real purchasing power.

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

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TOTAL MANUFACTURING AND TRADE INVENTORIES, Monthly
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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)

	Sept. 1957	Aug. 1957	July 1957	Sept. 1956	Aug. 1956	July 1956	First nine months		Full year 1956
							1957	1956	
TOTAL PERSONAL INCOME.....	346.5	346.8	346.2	331.1	329.3	325.6	342.3	324.1	326.9
Wage and salary disbursements, total.....	241.2	241.7	240.9	230.4	228.8	225.7	238.5	225.0	227.2
Commodity-producing industries ^{1/}	101.9	102.8	103.0	99.6	98.6	96.3	102.4	97.1	98.3
Distributive industries ^{1/}	64.7	64.7	64.5	60.9	60.5	60.2	63.5	59.6	60.1
Service industries ^{1/}	33.9	33.7	33.4	31.5	31.5	31.2	33.0	30.7	31.1
Government.....	40.7	40.5	40.0	38.4	38.2	38.0	39.6	37.6	37.9
Other labor income.....	8.0	8.0	7.9	7.6	7.6	7.5	7.9	7.5	7.5
Proprietors' and rental income.....	51.1	51.2	51.6	49.9	50.1	49.9	50.8	49.7	49.9
Personal interest income and dividends.....	31.7	31.6	31.4	30.1	29.9	29.7	31.1	29.3	29.5
Transfer payments ^{2/}	21.3	21.2	21.3	18.8	18.7	18.5	20.8	18.3	18.5
Less personal contributions for social insurance ^{3/}	6.8	6.9	6.9	5.7	5.8	5.7	6.8	5.7	5.7
Total nonagricultural income ^{4/}	331.2	331.3	330.5	316.1	314.1	310.7	326.9	309.0	311.7
Total agricultural income.....	15.3	15.5	15.7	15.0	15.2	14.9	15.4	15.1	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.