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Personal income in October was at a seasonally adjusted annual rate of \$357½ billion, little changed from the high September rate, the Office of Business Economics, U. S. Department of Commerce announced today.

Wage and salary disbursements in October were \$3/4 billion below the annual rate for September, as a result of work stoppages slowing operations temporarily in several durable goods manufacturing industries. The reduction in payrolls was largely offset in the personal income total by an increase in the net income of proprietors.

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.

The October decrease in wages and salaries was centered in the durable goods manufacturing industries. Roughly half of the decline in payrolls resulted from fewer hours worked and the other half from lower employment. Industrial disputes in the automotive, fabricated metals, machinery, electrical machinery, and glass industries were largely responsible for these declines. Higher payrolls were reported in October for the primary metals industry.

Aggregate payrolls for nondurable goods industries were up slightly from September as most of the industries registered small gains. Nonmanufacturing payrolls showed little change.

Nonfarm proprietors' income was at a higher rate in October, reflecting larger sales in retail trade and the services.

Transfer payments were off fractionally as unemployment benefits under both the Temporary Unemployment Compensation Act and regular State programs declined.

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

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

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

PLANT AND EQUIPMENT SURVEY, Quarterly
BALANCE OF INTERNATIONAL PAYMENTS, Quarterly

MONTHLY PERSONAL INCOME IN THE UNITED STATES

(Seasonally adjusted annual rates in billions of dollars)

	Aug. 1958	Sept. 1958	Oct. 1958	Aug. 1957	Sept. 1957	Oct. 1957	First ten months 1958	First ten months 1957	Full year 1957
TOTAL PERSONAL INCOME.....	356.1	357.8	357.5	352.1	351.4	350.6	352.2	347.8	347.9
Wage and salary disbursements, total....	238.5	239.4	238.6	240.8	240.2	238.6	236.1	238.2	238.1
Commodity-producing industries.....	97.7	98.4	97.5	103.1	102.4	101.5	96.7	102.6	102.2
Distributive industries.....	63.6	63.6	63.7	64.2	64.2	63.5	63.2	63.2	63.3
Service industries.....	33.8	33.9	33.9	32.9	32.9	32.9	33.5	32.5	32.6
Government.....	43.4	43.5	43.6	40.6	40.7	40.7	42.7	40.0	40.1
Other labor income.....	9.1	9.2	9.2	9.1	9.1	9.2	9.0	8.9	8.9
Proprietors' and rental income.....	56.6	57.0	57.4	55.6	55.4	55.1	56.2	54.8	54.8
Personal interest and dividends.....	31.9	31.9	32.0	31.8	31.8	31.8	31.8	31.3	31.1
— Transfer payments <u>1/</u>	26.8	27.0	26.9	21.5	21.5	22.6	25.8	21.2	21.5
Less personal contributions for social insurance.....	6.8	6.8	6.7	6.7	6.6	6.6	6.7	6.6	6.6
Total nonagricultural income <u>2/</u>	339.2	340.9	340.5	336.6	336.1	335.7	335.4	332.6	332.7
Total agricultural income.....	16.9	16.9	17.0	15.5	15.3	14.9	16.8	15.2	15.2

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

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