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Personal income in January was at a seasonally adjusted annual rate of \$362½ billion, \$2½ billion higher than in December, the Office of Business Economics, U. S. Department of Commerce announced today.

Wage and salary disbursements in January increased by \$1 billion over December. Dividend payments returned to the November level following a December decline that reflected a lower than usual volume of year-end extra and special payments.

Partially offsetting these advances in the income receipts of persons were higher personal contributions for social insurance, which resulted from an increase in the employee contribution rate from 2¼ percent to 2½ percent of taxable wages, and a rise in the taxable earnings base from \$4,200 to \$4,800. Both of these increases were effective January 1, in accordance with last year's amendments to the Social Security Act.

Wages and salaries in construction recovered from the decline experienced in December as a result of unusually severe weather, and moderate advances occurred in the distributive industries and in government. Manufacturing payrolls were little changed from the preceding month.

Transfer payments in January totaled about the same as in December, as the gradual uptrend of payments under the old-age and survivors program offset small declines in unemployment benefits. Payments under both the Temporary Unemployment Compensation Act and regular State unemployment programs declined for the fourth consecutive month.

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.

Details of personal income in January 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

(Seasonally adjusted annual rates in billions of dollars)

	Nov. 1958	Dec. 1958	Jan. 1959	Nov. 1957	Dec. 1957	Jan. 1958	Full year 1958	1957
TOTAL PERSONAL INCOME.....	360.7	359.9	362.3	350.2	348.4	348.8	354.4	347.9
Wage and salary disbursements, total.....	242.0	243.3	244.5	238.0	237.3	235.1	237.1	238.1
Commodity-producing industries.....	100.3	101.0	101.4	101.0	99.8	97.9	97.3	102.2
Manufacturing only.....	79.1	79.9	80.1	79.8	78.6	76.9	76.4	80.6
Distributive industries.....	63.9	64.2	64.6	63.6	63.7	63.5	63.3	63.3
Service industries.....	34.2	34.3	34.4	32.9	33.2	33.1	33.6	32.6
Government.....	43.7	43.9	44.1	40.5	40.6	40.7	42.8	40.1
Other labor income.....	9.3	9.3	9.4	9.2	9.2	9.1	9.1	8.9
Proprietors' income:								
Business and professional.....	31.8	32.0	32.3	31.2	31.2	30.9	31.0	31.4
Farm.....	13.6	13.5	13.3	11.4	11.8	12.6	14.2	11.6
Rental income of persons.....	12.3	12.4	12.4	12.2	12.2	12.2	12.2	11.8
Dividends.....	12.4	10.6	12.5	12.6	10.8	12.5	12.3	12.4
Personal interest income.....	19.5	19.6	19.6	19.1	19.2	19.3	19.4	18.8
Transfer payments ^{1/}	26.6	26.0	26.0	23.0	23.3	23.9	25.9	21.5
Less: Personal contributions for social insurance.....	6.8	6.8	7.6	6.6	6.6	6.7	6.7	6.6
Total nonagricultural income ^{2/}	343.2	342.4	345.1	335.2	333.0	332.5	336.5	332.7
Total agricultural income.....	17.5	17.5	17.2	15.0	15.4	16.2	17.9	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.