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PERSONAL INCOME -- July 1959

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Personal income in July was at a seasonally adjusted annual rate of \$384 billion, about the same as in June, the Office of Business Economics, U.S. Department of Commerce announced today.

Wage and salary disbursements were off $\$ \frac{1}{2}$ billion at an annual rate. The effects of the steel strike which began in mid-July were felt mainly in reduced payrolls in steel, mining and transportation. Increases elsewhere offset the larger part of the decline in these strike-affected industries. Limited advances were also recorded for the month in proprietors' income, interest and dividends, in line with recent trends.

Payrolls in manufacturing showed increases for rubber, lumber, and machinery which were substantially outweighed by declines in primary and fabricated metals. Aside from mining and transportation, all major nonmanufacturing divisions showed payroll gains from June to July. The largest advances occurred in construction, trade, and State and local government.

Total transfer payments have held level during the past three months. Benefit payments under the Temporary Unemployment Compensation Act and regular State unemployment programs have declined with the drop in unemployment. The decline in these, however, has been about matched by increases authorized under amendments to the Railroad Retirement and Railroad Unemployment Insurance Acts. These amendments upped retirement benefits by about 10 percent, increased both unemployment and sickness payments, and gave to railroad employees the additional coverage provided other workers last year under the Temporary Unemployment Compensation Act.

Details of personal income in July 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)

	July 1959	June 1959	May 1959	July 1958	June 1958	May 1958	First 7 months 1959	7 months 1958	Full Year 1958
TOTAL PERSONAL INCOME.....	384.1	383.8	381.3	363.5	357.1	354.6	377.7	355.0	359.0
Wage and salary disbursements, total.....	261.2	261.7	259.8	243.2	237.9	234.9	256.1	236.1	239.4
Commodity-producing industries.....	109.8	110.9	109.8	97.2	96.7	95.5	107.4	96.2	97.8
Manufacturing only.....	86.7	87.7	86.7	76.1	75.7	74.7	84.7	75.5	76.7
Distributive industries.....	68.2	68.0	67.5	63.8	63.5	63.2	67.0	63.3	63.8
Service industries.....	37.3	37.2	37.1	34.8	34.6	34.3	36.6	34.1	34.6
Government.....	45.9	45.6	45.4	47.4	43.1	41.9	45.1	42.5	43.2
Other labor income.....	10.1	10.0	9.9	9.3	9.3	9.3	9.8	9.3	9.3
Proprietors' income:									
Business and professional.....	34.8	34.7	34.5	32.4	32.3	32.0	34.2	31.9	32.4
Farm.....	12.2	12.1	12.0	14.1	13.4	13.8	12.6	14.2	14.2
Rental income of persons.....	12.0	12.0	12.0	11.8	11.8	11.8	12.0	11.8	11.8
Dividends.....	13.3	13.1	13.0	12.6	12.6	12.6	12.9	12.6	12.4
Personal interest income.....	22.4	22.2	22.0	20.4	20.4	20.3	21.8	20.3	20.4
Transfer payments <u>1/</u>	26.5	26.4	26.4	26.8	26.4	26.8	26.5	25.7	26.1
Less: Personal contributions for social insurance.....	8.4	8.4	8.3	7.2	7.0	6.8	8.3	6.9	7.0
Total nonagricultural income <u>2/</u>	368.1	367.8	365.3	345.7	339.9	337.1	361.1	337.2	341.1
Total agricultural income.....	16.0	16.0	16.0	17.8	17.2	17.5	16.6	17.8	17.9

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.