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PERSONAL INCOME -- APRIL 1964

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Personal income rose \$2.2 billion in April to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of \$483 billion, the U.S. Department of Commerce announced today.

This rise about equaled the average monthly gain since last summer, according to the Department's Office of Business Economics.

Wages and salaries, at an annual rate of \$327 billion in April, were \$1-1/2 billion higher than in March, accounting for most of the April increase.

Half the payroll advance occurred in manufacturing, with the remainder almost equally divided among the distributive and service industries and Government.

Factory payrolls reached \$103 billion at seasonally adjusted annual rates as employment and earnings advanced. The rise was particularly strong in the durable goods industries. Automotive industry payrolls spurted as employment, hours, and earnings improved. Sizable increases were also noted in the primary metals and electrical machinery industries.

Payrolls in the nondurable goods manufacturing industries showed only a small advance, on balance, as moderate increases in rubber and printing, were offset in part by small declines in chemicals, food, and tobacco.

Payroll increases with rising employment were reported in trade, transportation and finance industries. State and local government payrolls were up in line with recent experience.

The \$1/2 billion aggregate rise in other income components consisted of small gains in interest, transfer payments and dividends. The increase in transfers resulted largely from additional benefit payments to retired persons.

Personal income includes wages and salaries, the net income of proprietorships--farm and nonfarm--dividends, interest, net rents, 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 April and other recent periods are shown in the following table:

MONTHLY PERSONAL INCOME IN THE UNITED STATES

(Seasonally adjusted annual rates in billions of dollars)

	April 1964	Mar. 1964	Feb. 1964	April 1963	Mar. 1963	Feb. 1963	1st 4 Mos. 1964 1963		Full Year 1963
TOTAL PERSONAL INCOME	483.1	480.9	478.8	457.4	454.8	452.9	480.3	454.8	463.0
Wage and salary disbursements, total	326.9	325.3	324.2	308.7	306.1	304.7	324.5	305.6	312.3
Commodity-producing industries	129.7	128.8	128.4	122.5	120.9	120.1	128.5	120.7	123.8
Manufacturing only	103.1	102.3	101.9	97.2	96.3	95.5	102.1	95.9	98.3
Distributive industries	82.4	82.2	82.1	79.2	78.7	78.6	82.1	78.6	79.8
Service industries	51.6	51.4	51.2	48.7	48.5	48.3	51.3	48.3	49.5
Government	63.1	62.8	62.5	58.3	58.0	57.8	62.7	57.9	59.3
Other labor income	12.9	12.9	12.9	12.5	12.5	12.5	12.9	12.5	12.6
Proprietors' income:									
Business and professional	38.7	38.7	38.6	37.3	37.2	37.2	38.6	37.2	37.7
Farm	12.8	12.3	12.1	12.8	13.3	13.5	12.2	13.3	12.8
Rental income of persons	12.5	12.3	12.3	12.0	12.0	12.0	12.3	12.0	12.1
Dividends	19.4	19.3	19.1	17.3	17.2	17.2	19.2	17.2	17.8
Personal interest income	34.8	34.5	34.3	31.9	31.8	31.7	34.4	31.7	32.5
Transfer payments <sup>1/</sup>	38.2	38.0	37.7	36.4	36.2	35.7	38.5	36.9	36.9
Less: Personal contributions for social insurance	12.4	12.4	12.4	11.6	11.5	11.5	12.4	11.5	11.8
Total nonagricultural income <sup>2/</sup>	466.5	464.3	462.4	440.0	437.0	434.9	463.8	436.9	445.7
Total agricultural income	16.6	16.7	16.4	17.3	17.8	18.0	16.6	17.8	17.3

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 interest, and net dividends paid by agricultural corporations.