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PERSONAL INCOME - DECEMBER AND YEAR 1974

Personal income increased \$5.2 billion in December to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of \$1,189.7 billion, according to the Bureau of Economic Analysis of the Commerce Department's Social and Economic Statistics Administration. Revised data show that personal income declined \$0.5 billion in November.

Private wage and salary disbursements declined \$3.2 billion in December, compared with \$6.6 billion in November. Payrolls in commodity-producing industries declined \$3.9 billion, compared with \$7.2 billion in November. Service industry payrolls rose \$0.8 billion, compared with \$0.5 billion in November. Payrolls in distributive industries showed little change for the second consecutive month.

Government wages and salaries increased \$0.8 billion in December, with State and local government payrolls accounting for \$0.7 billion of the increase. Government payrolls increased \$1.4 billion in November: \$0.4 billion from a Federal Civilian pay raise and \$0.3 billion from a cost-of-living increase for postal employees; State and local payrolls rose \$0.7 billion.

Manufacturing payrolls, reflecting additional layoffs, declined \$5.0 billion in December, compared with \$5.2 billion in November. Payrolls declined in most industries with the largest losses in primary metals, transportation equipment, machinery, electrical equipment, textiles, apparel and rubber.

Mining industry payrolls increased \$1.0 billion in December, compared with a \$1.2 billion decline in November due to the coal strike.

Transfer payments increased \$6.1 billion in December. About \$3.4 billion of the rise was due to increased benefit payments to veterans; \$2.6 billion of this increase represents payments retroactive to September 1974. Unemployment insurance benefits increased \$1.8 billion in December, compared with \$1.0 billion in November.

Personal Income in 1974

Personal income for the year 1974 amounted to \$1,150.4 billion, a gain of \$95.4 billion or 9.0 percent above 1973. Personal income increased 11.7 percent in 1973.

Wage and salary disbursements increased 8.6 percent in 1974, compared with 10.4 percent in 1973. Farm proprietors' income declined 17.4 percent, compared with an 83.3 percent increase in 1973.

Transfer payments increased 18.7 percent in 1974, compared with 14.1 percent in 1973.

Details of personal income for 1973 and 1974 and for December and other recent periods are shown in the accompanying table; additional data appear each month in the Survey of Current Business, published by the Bureau of Economic Analysis.

The Survey is available from the District Offices of the Department of Commerce or from the Superintendent of Documents, U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C. 20402, at an annual subscription price of \$48.30 including weekly supplements; single copy \$3.00.

PERSONAL INCOME  
(Seasonally adjusted annual rates in billions of dollars)

	Full 1973	Year 1974	Oct. 1973	Nov. 1973	Dec. 1973	Oct. 1974	Nov. 1974	Dec. 1974
TOTAL PERSONAL INCOME.....	1,055.0	1,150.4	1,090.8	1,100.0	1,107.1	1,185.0	1,184.5	1,189.7
Wage and salary disbursements, total...	691.7	751.1	711.0	717.9	722.2	773.0	767.8	765.4
Commodity-producing industries...	251.9	270.9	260.0	263.1	264.5	279.5	272.3	268.4
Manufacturing only.....	196.6	211.3	202.9	205.2	205.8	219.4	214.2	209.2
Distributive industries.....	165.1	178.9	169.1	171.1	170.9	183.8	183.9	183.8
Service industries.....	128.2	142.6	131.5	132.3	134.7	146.9	147.4	148.2
Government.....	146.6	158.8	150.4	151.4	152.1	162.8	164.2	165.0
Other labor income.....	46.0	51.4	47.1	47.6	48.0	53.5	54.0	54.5
Proprietors' income:								
Business and professional.....	57.6	61.2	58.3	58.5	58.4	62.5	62.5	62.5
Farm.....	38.5	31.8	44.9	44.9	44.9	29.2	29.1	29.0
Rental income of persons.....	26.1	26.5	26.4	26.4	26.4	26.7	26.8	26.9
Dividends.....	29.6	32.7	30.2	30.4	31.6	33.5	33.6	32.7
Personal interest income.....	90.6	103.8	94.8	96.0	97.0	108.0	109.5	111.1
Transfer payments <sup>1</sup> .....	117.8	139.8	121.7	122.1	122.6	147.6	149.8	155.9
Less: Personal contributions for social insurance.....	42.8	47.9	43.7	43.8	43.8	48.9	48.5	48.3
Addenda:								
Total nonagricultural income <sup>2</sup> ....	1,008.0	1,108.9	1,037.0	1,046.1	1,052.9	1,145.7	1,145.2	1,150.3
Total agricultural income.....	47.1	41.5	53.8	53.9	54.2	39.3	39.3	39.4

<sup>1</sup> Consist mainly of social insurance benefits, direct relief and veterans' payments.

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

Source: U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of Economic Analysis