

Economic Indicators

AUGUST 1948

Prepared for the Joint Committee on the Economic Report

by the Council of Economic Advisers

and printed for the use of

the Joint Committee on the Economic Report

UNITED STATES
GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE
WASHINGTON : 1948

JOINT COMMITTEE ON THE ECONOMIC REPORT

(Created pursuant to Sec. 5 (a) of Public Law 304, 79th Cong.)

ROBERT A. TAFT, Ohio, *Chairman*

JESSE P. WOLCOTT, Michigan, *Vice Chairman*

JOSEPH H. BALL, Minnesota
RALPH E. FLANDERS, Vermont
ARTHUR V. WATKINS, Utah
JOSEPH C. O'MAHONEY, Wyoming
FRANCIS J. MYERS, Pennsylvania
JOHN SPARKMAN, Alabama

GEORGE H. BENDER, Ohio
CHRISTIAN A. HERTER, Massachusetts
ROBERT F. RICH, Pennsylvania
EDWARD J. HART, New Jersey
WRIGHT PATMAN, Texas
WALTER B. HUBER, Ohio

CHARLES O. HARDY, *Staff Director*

FRED E. BERQUIST, *Assistant Staff Director*

JOHN W. LEHMAN, *Clerk*

WILLIAM H. MOORE, *Economist*

To the Members of Congress:

From the time the Joint Committee on the Economic Report was established, its members realized that one of its basic needs was a concise and meaningful picture of current economic trends and developments.

Fortunately, the Joint Committee finds that *Economic Indicators*, a set of basic charts and tables compiled monthly by the Council of Economic Advisers, admirably fills this need. While this material was prepared primarily for the use of the President, the Council and other officials in the executive offices, the Council has made it available to the Joint Committee.

Other Members of Congress have also expressed an interest in being able to obtain a quick picture of current economic facts without having to go through voluminous and specialized documents. In addition, businessmen, farm leaders, labor organizations, and representatives of the press and radio have indicated their desire for this information. Since nothing contained

in these charts and tables is of a confidential nature they have urged that the material be made available to the general public.

Accordingly, the Joint Committee has for the past several months provided the Congress and the public with a limited number of copies of *Economic Indicators*. The response to these issues has indicated such widespread interest that the Committee has arranged to release *Economic Indicators* each month as a committee print until action can be taken on authorizing the publication on a more permanent basis.

Comments or suggestions with respect to possible improvements in this presentation will always be welcome.



Chairman, Joint Committee on the Economic Report.

Letter of Transmittal

HON. ROBERT A. TAFT, *Chairman,*
Joint Committee on the Economic Report,
United States Congress, Washington, D. C.

DEAR SENATOR: The Council of Economic Advisers is happy to cooperate with the Joint Committee on the Economic Report in your plans to make Economic Indicators available to the Congress as a whole and to the general public.

In carrying out its mandate under the Employment Act of 1946, the Council has found it desirable to bring together in concise and graphic form the most important facts showing current trends in the Nation's economy. Thus the Executive Office is in a better position to point up the key problems of national economic policy and to promote the improvement and coordination of the Federal Government's widespread statistical services.

We have realized, of course, that this material has a potential usefulness not only to the President, the Council and the executive departments, but also to the Congress. Furthermore, its usefulness to the general public has been impressed upon us, particularly by the representatives of business, labor, agriculture, and consumer organizations with whom we regularly consult.

We believe the Joint Committee will perform a service of real value by giving wide circulation to this material.

Sincerely yours,

Edwin G. Houser *Chairman.*

Leon Keyserling *Vice Chairman.*

John D. Clark

Contents

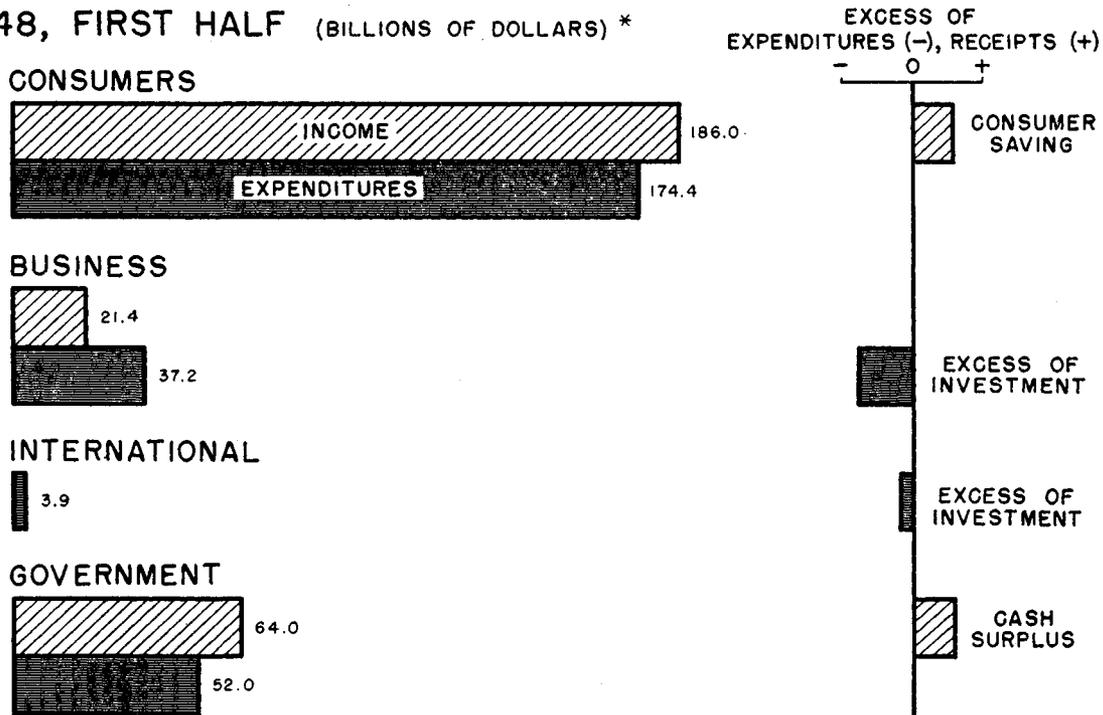
THE NATION'S ECONOMIC BUDGET	Page
The Nation's Economic Budget.....	1
PRICES	
Consumers' Prices.....	2
Wholesale Prices.....	3
Prices Received and Paid by Farmers.....	4
Stock Prices.....	5
EMPLOYMENT	
Labor Force.....	6
Nonagricultural Employment.....	7
Average Weekly Hours.....	8
Work Stoppages.....	9
PRODUCTION AND BUSINESS ACTIVITY	
Industrial Production.....	10
Production of Selected Durable Manufactures.....	11
Production of Selected Nondurable Manufactures.....	12
New Construction.....	13
New Housing Starts.....	14
Expenditures for New Plant and Equipment.....	15
New Corporate Security Issues.....	16
Inventories and Sales.....	17
Exports and Imports.....	18
PURCHASING POWER	
National Income.....	19
Corporate Profits.....	20
Personal Income.....	21
Consumer Income, Spending, and Saving.....	22
Per Capita Income.....	23
Average Hourly Earnings.....	24
Average Weekly Earnings.....	25
Farm Income.....	26
Personal Consumption Expenditures.....	27
Consumer Credit.....	28
MONEY, BANKING, AND FEDERAL FINANCE	
Bank Loans and Investments.....	29
Money Supply.....	30
Federal Cash Receipts From and Payments to the Public.....	31

Section A: THE NATION'S ECONOMIC BUDGET

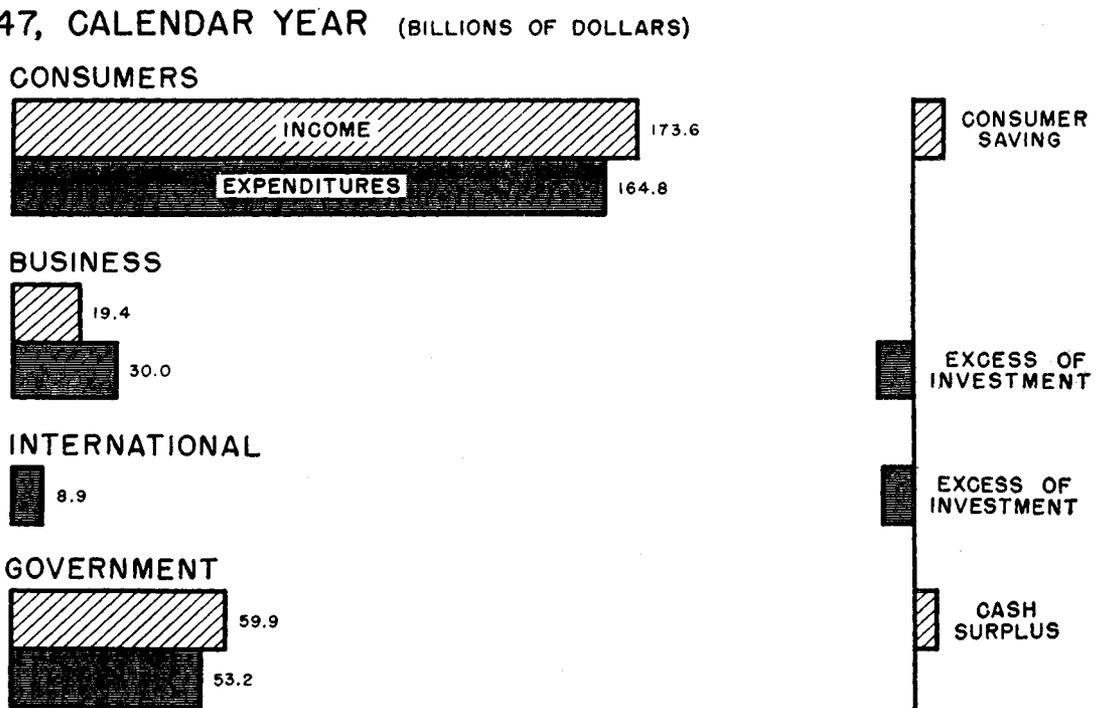
THE NATION'S ECONOMIC BUDGET

Consumer saving and the Government surplus increased between 1947 and first half of 1948, while the excess of business and foreign investment declined.

1948, FIRST HALF (BILLIONS OF DOLLARS) *



1947, CALENDAR YEAR (BILLIONS OF DOLLARS)



* ANNUAL RATES, SEASONALLY ADJUSTED.

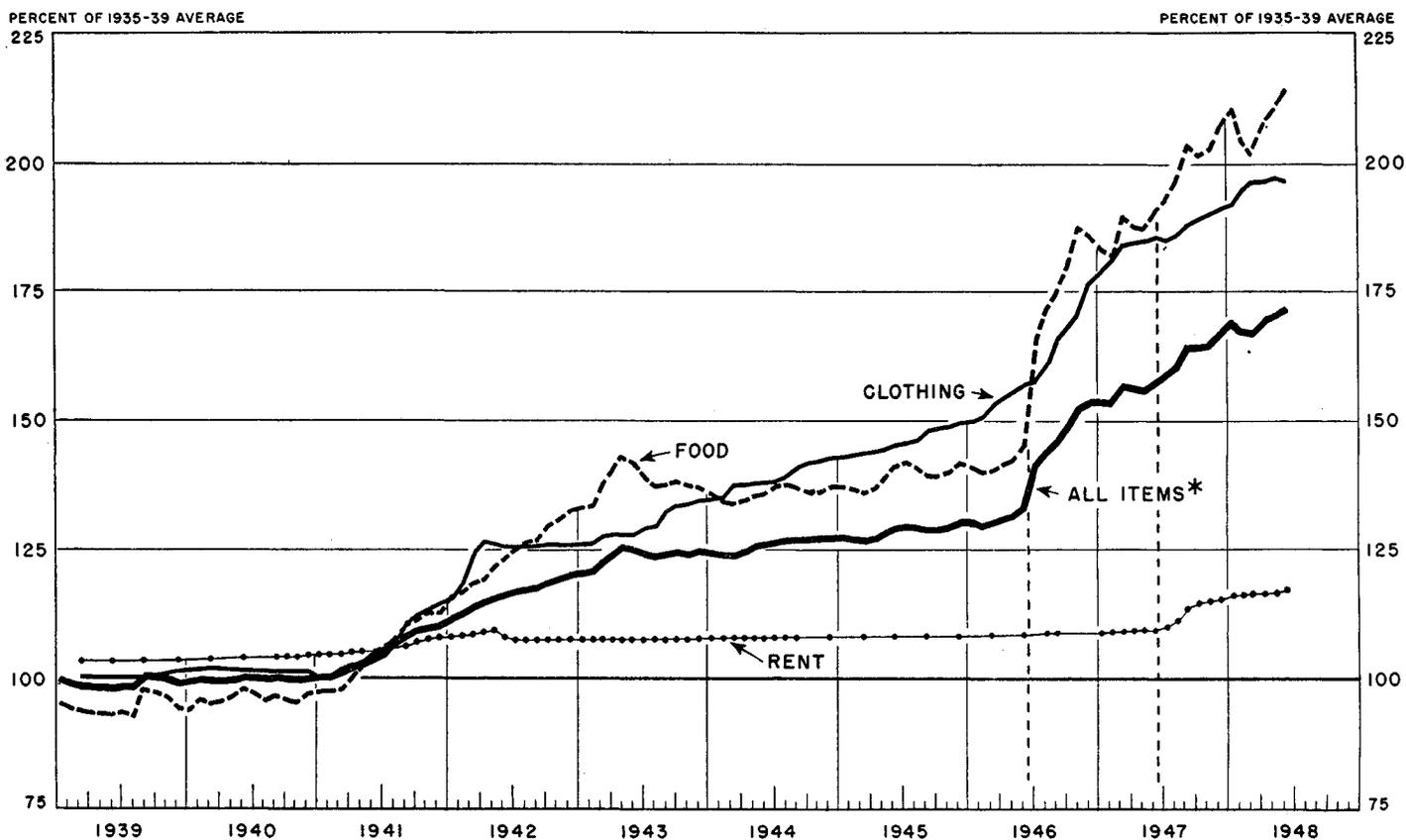
NOTE: THE COMPONENTS DO NOT ADD TO THE GROSS NATIONAL PRODUCT BECAUSE OF CERTAIN ADJUSTMENTS. SEE MIDEAR ECONOMIC REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT, JULY 1948, APPENDIX A.

SOURCE: SEE MIDEAR ECONOMIC REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT, JULY 1948, APPENDIX A.

Section B: PRICES

CONSUMERS' PRICES

Consumers' prices continued to make new all-time highs as retail food prices increased 1.5 percent between May 15 and June 15.



* ALSO INCLUDES HOUSEFURNISHINGS, FUEL, ELECTRICITY, ICE, AND MISCELLANEOUS GOODS AND SERVICES, NOT SHOWN ON CHART.
SOURCE: DEPARTMENT OF LABOR.

COUNCIL OF ECONOMIC ADVISERS

[1935-39=100]

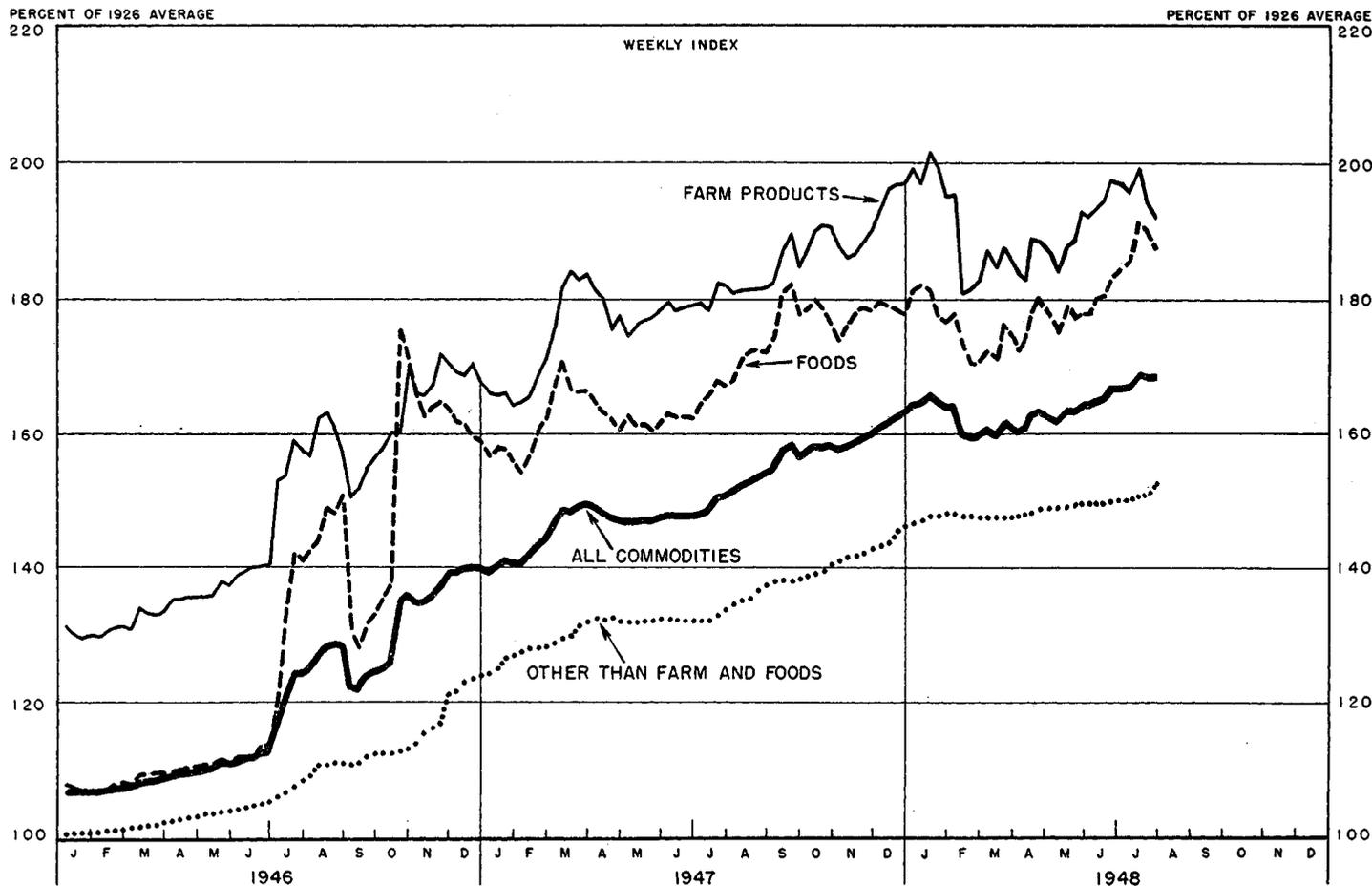
Period	All items ¹	Food	Clothing	Rent
1939 monthly average.....	99.4	95.2	100.5	104.3
1940 monthly average.....	100.2	96.6	101.7	104.6
1941 monthly average.....	105.2	105.5	106.3	106.2
1942 monthly average.....	116.5	123.9	124.2	108.5
1943 monthly average.....	123.6	138.0	129.7	108.0
1944 monthly average.....	125.5	136.1	138.8	108.2
1945 monthly average.....	128.4	139.1	145.9	108.3
1946 monthly average.....	139.3	159.6	160.2	108.6
1947 monthly average.....	159.2	193.8	185.8	111.2
1947: May.....	156.0	187.6	185.0	109.2
June.....	157.1	190.5	185.7	109.2
July.....	158.4	193.1	184.7	110.0
August.....	160.3	196.5	185.9	111.2
September.....	163.8	203.5	187.6	113.6
October.....	163.8	201.6	189.0	114.9
November.....	164.9	202.7	190.2	115.2
December.....	167.0	206.9	191.2	115.4
1948: January.....	168.8	209.7	192.1	115.9
February.....	167.5	204.7	195.1	116.0
March.....	166.9	202.3	196.3	116.3
April.....	169.3	207.9	196.4	116.3
May.....	170.5	210.9	197.5	116.7
June.....	171.7	214.1	196.9	117.0

¹ Also includes housefurnishings, fuel, electricity, ice, and miscellaneous goods and services.

NOTE.—Prices are for moderate-income families in large cities.
Source: Department of Labor.

WHOLESALE PRICES

Wholesale prices of all commodities during the week of July 11-17 exceeded the previous all-time peak of May 1920, but have been lower since mid-July as prices of farm products weakened while prices of other than farm products continued to creep upward.



SOURCE: DEPARTMENT OF LABOR.

COUNCIL OF ECONOMIC ADVISERS

[1926=100]

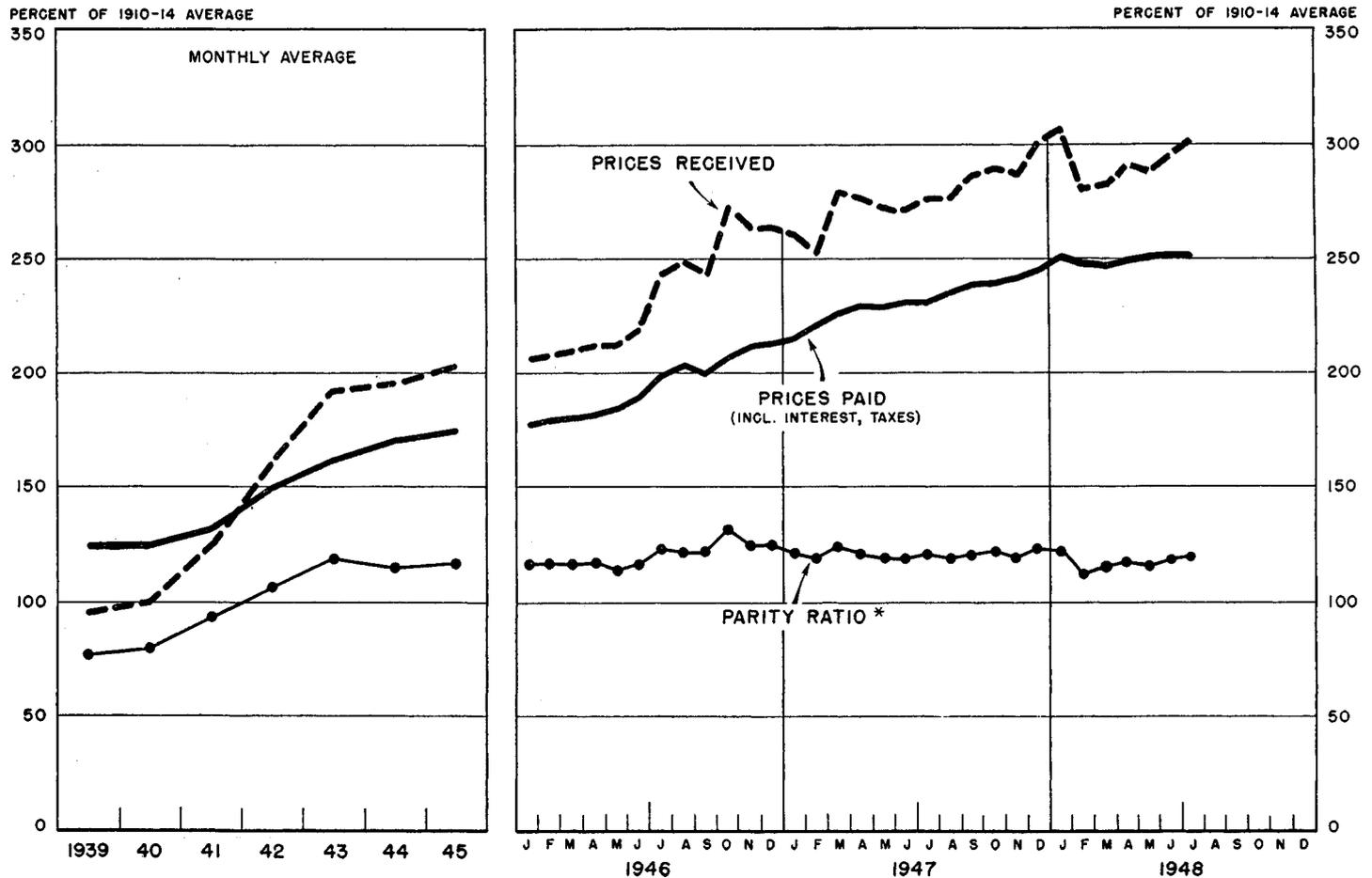
Week ended—	All commodities	Farm products	Foods	Other than farm and foods
1946: Jan. 5.....	106.8	131.3	108.0	100.6
June 29.....	112.7	140.3	113.4	105.4
Sept. 28.....	124.4	156.6	133.0	112.4
Dec. 28.....	139.6	167.7	159.1	123.9
1947: Mar. 29.....	149.4	183.8	166.5	131.9
June 28.....	147.6	179.0	162.2	132.0
Sept. 27.....	156.2	184.7	177.6	138.2
Dec. 27.....	163.0	197.0	177.8	146.0
1948: Jan. 17.....	165.5	201.5	181.2	147.4
Feb. 14.....	159.7	180.9	173.3	147.5
Mar. 20.....	161.5	187.6	176.4	147.3
Apr. 17.....	162.9	189.2	178.8	148.3
May 1.....	162.6	186.9	177.5	148.7
8.....	161.9	184.0	174.8	148.9
15.....	163.5	187.9	178.9	149.0
22.....	163.5	189.2	177.2	149.2
29.....	164.4	193.0	178.0	149.3
June 5.....	164.2	192.4	178.0	149.3
12.....	164.9	193.5	180.1	149.3
19.....	165.3	194.5	180.7	149.5
26.....	166.7	198.4	183.0	149.9
July 3.....	166.7	197.2	184.1	149.8
10.....	166.8	196.1	185.3	149.9
17.....	168.9	198.1	191.2	150.4
24.....	168.2	194.6	190.4	150.6
31.....	168.3	192.2	187.7	152.1
Aug. 7 ¹	169.2	193.6	190.0	152.4

¹ Data became available after chart was prepared.

Source: Department of Labor.

PRICES RECEIVED AND PAID BY FARMERS

Prices received increased from June 15 to July 15, reaching the highest level since January. Prices paid by farmers have been relatively stable since the first of the year.



* RATIO OF PRICES RECEIVED TO PRICES PAID, INTEREST, AND TAXES.
SOURCE: DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE.

COUNCIL OF ECONOMIC ADVISERS

[1910-14=100]

Period	Prices received by farmers ¹	Prices paid by farmers (including interest and taxes)	Parity ratio ²
1939 monthly average.....	95	124	77
1940 monthly average.....	100	125	80
1941 monthly average.....	124	132	94
1942 monthly average.....	159	150	106
1943 monthly average.....	192	162	119
1944 monthly average.....	195	169	115
1945 monthly average.....	202	172	117
1946 monthly average.....	233	193	121
1947 monthly average.....	278	231	120
1947: June.....	271	230	118
July.....	276	230	120
August.....	276	234	118
September.....	286	238	120
October.....	289	239	121
November.....	287	241	119
December.....	301	245	123
1948: January.....	307	251	122
February.....	279	248	112
March.....	283	247	115
April.....	291	249	117
May.....	289	250	116
June.....	295	251	118
July.....	301	251	120

¹ August 1909-July 1914=100.

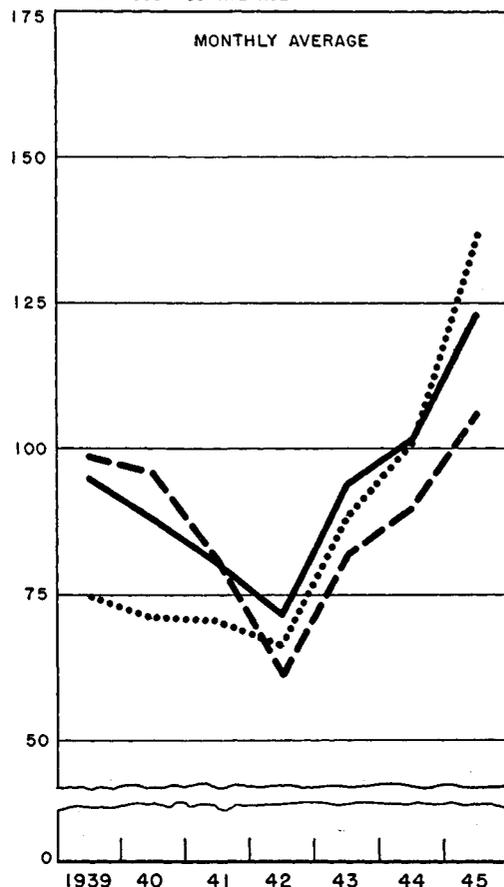
² Ratio of prices received to prices paid, interest, and taxes.

Source: Department of Agriculture.

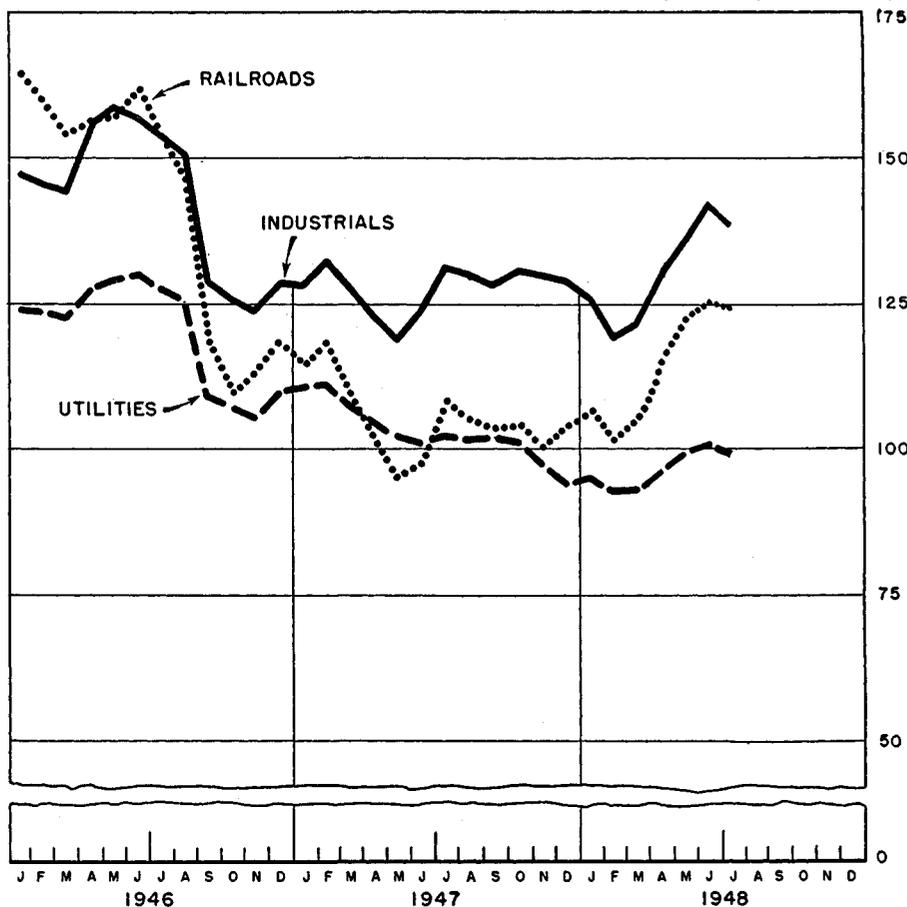
STOCK PRICES

Industrial stock prices averaged lower in July than in June.

PERCENT OF 1935-39 AVERAGE



PERCENT OF 1935-39 AVERAGE



SOURCE: STANDARD AND POOR'S CORPORATION.

COUNCIL OF ECONOMIC ADVISERS

[1935-39=100]

Period	Combined index ¹	Industrials ¹	Railroads ¹	Utilities ¹
1939 monthly average.....	94.2	94.8	74.7	98.6
1940 monthly average.....	88.1	87.9	71.1	95.8
1941 monthly average.....	80.0	80.4	70.6	81.0
1942 monthly average.....	69.4	71.3	66.1	61.3
1943 monthly average.....	91.9	94.1	88.7	82.1
1944 monthly average.....	99.8	101.7	101.0	89.9
1945 monthly average.....	121.5	123.3	136.9	106.1
1946 monthly average.....	139.9	143.4	143.0	120.2
1947 monthly average.....	123.0	128.0	105.3	102.9
1947: June.....	119.1	124.1	97.6	100.8
July.....	126.0	131.7	108.2	102.2
August.....	124.5	130.2	105.2	101.4
September.....	123.1	128.4	103.6	102.0
October.....	125.1	131.1	104.2	101.0
November.....	123.6	130.3	100.1	97.2
December.....	122.4	129.2	103.9	94.0
1948: January.....	120.1	126.0	106.5	95.1
February.....	114.2	119.2	101.9	92.6
March.....	116.4	121.8	105.2	93.0
April.....	124.6	130.8	115.2	96.2
May.....	130.2	136.9	122.6	99.2
June.....	135.1	142.7	125.6	100.6
July.....	131.9	138.9	124.7	99.1

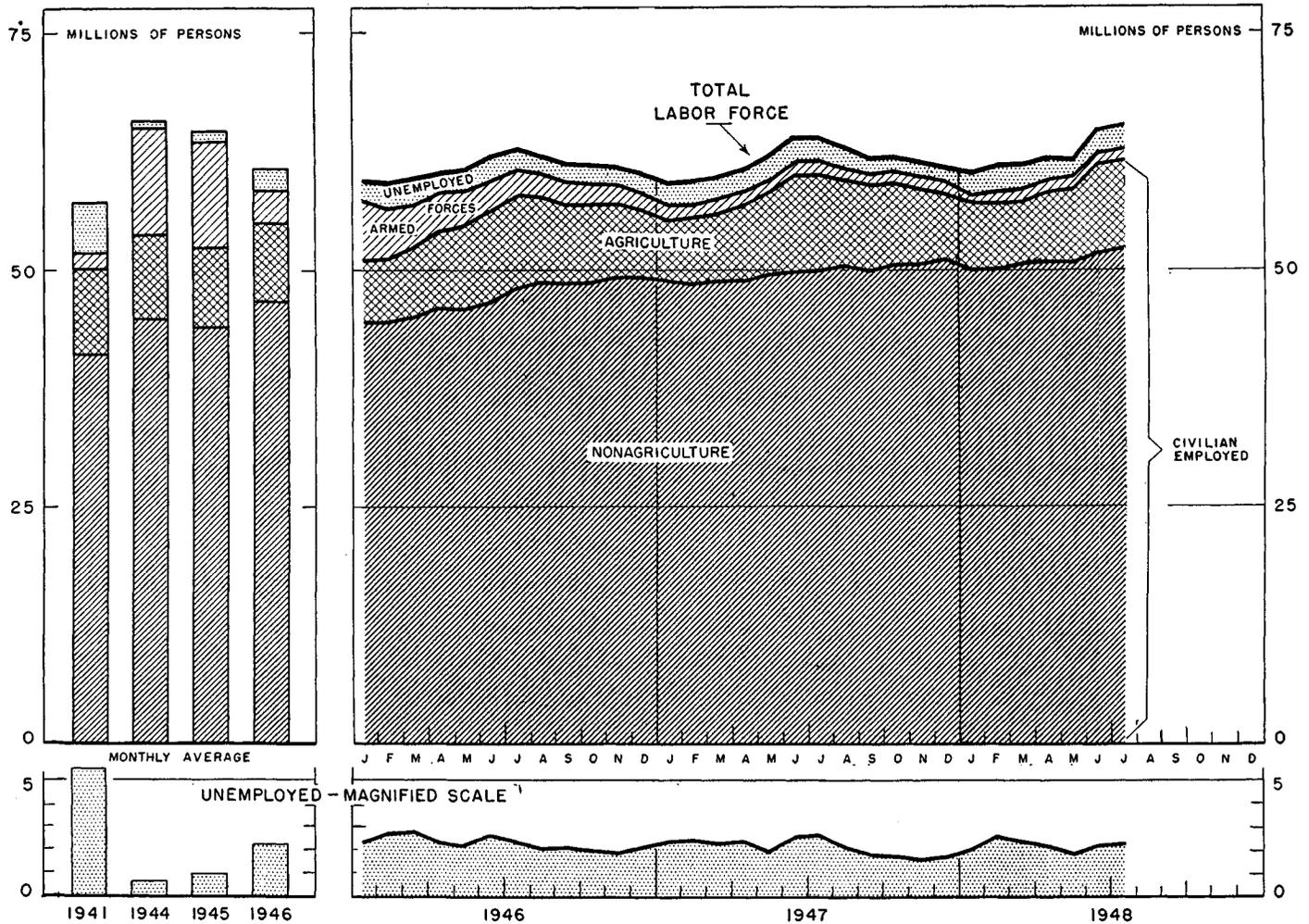
¹ Combined index prior to June 23, 1948, was based on 402 common stocks, and included 354 industrials, 20 railroads, and 28 utilities; thereafter, 416 common stocks are represented, with 365 industrials, 20 railroads and 31 utilities.

Source: Standard & Poor's Corp.

Section C: EMPLOYMENT

LABOR FORCE

Civilian employment remained above 61 million in July as a large number of youths entering the summer labor market were absorbed by agriculture and industry. Due primarily to vacations, the number employed but not at work increased greatly. Unemployment continued at a low level.



SOURCE: DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE.

COUNCIL OF ECONOMIC ADVISERS

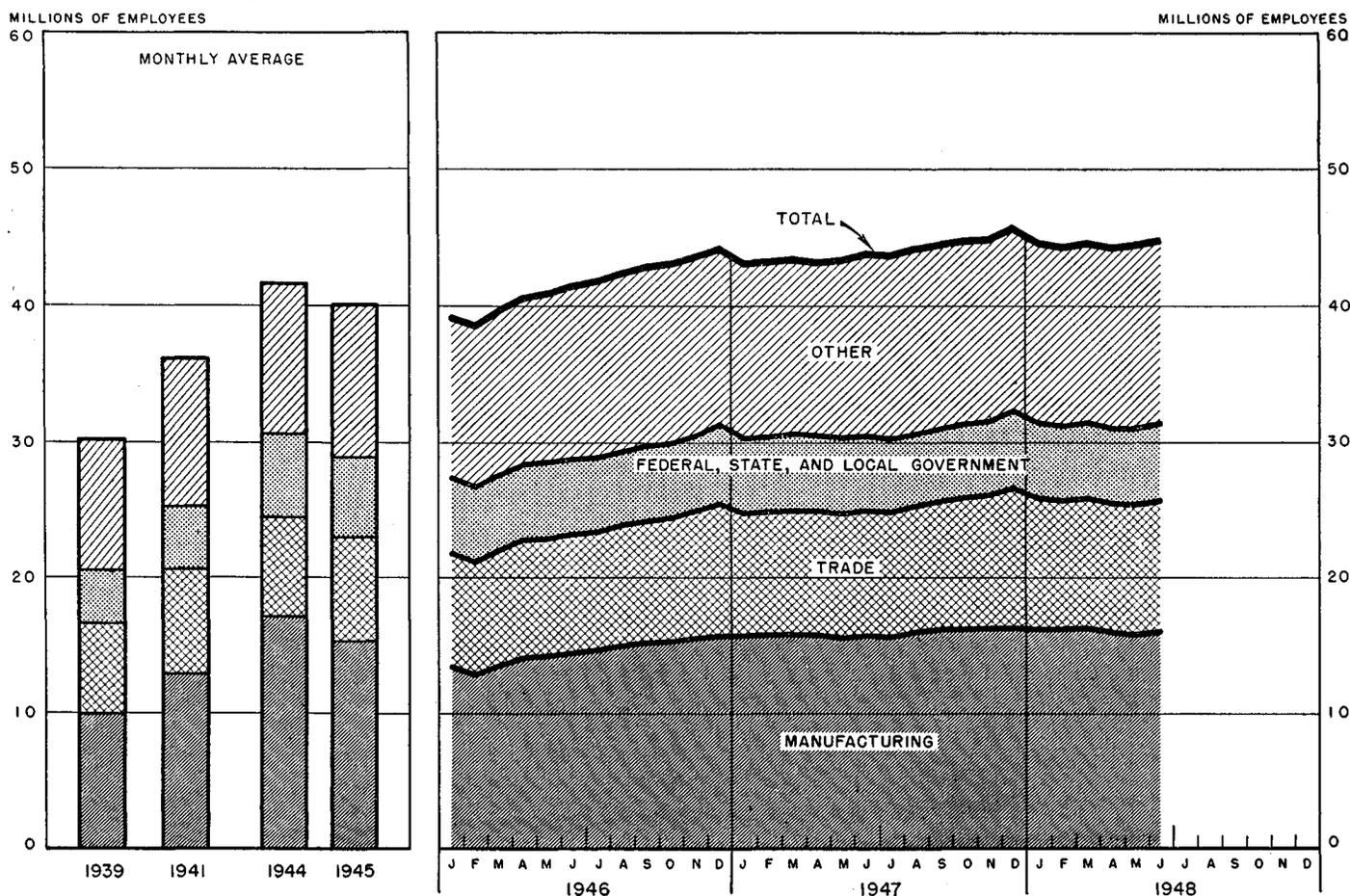
[Thousands of persons 14 years of age and over]

Period	Total labor force, including armed forces	Civilian employed			Armed forces	Unemployed
		Total	In non-agricultural industries	In agriculture		
1941 monthly average	57,380	50,350	41,250	9,100	1,470	5,560
1944 monthly average	65,890	53,960	45,010	8,950	11,260	2,670
1945 monthly average	65,140	52,820	44,240	8,580	11,280	1,040
1946 monthly average	60,820	55,250	46,930	8,320	3,300	2,270
1947 monthly average	61,608	58,027	49,761	8,266	1,440	2,141
1947: May	61,760	58,330	49,370	8,960	1,470	1,960
June	64,007	60,055	49,678	10,377	1,398	2,555
July	64,035	60,079	50,013	10,066	1,371	2,584
August	63,017	59,569	50,594	8,975	1,352	2,096
September	62,130	58,872	50,145	8,727	1,346	1,912
October	62,219	59,204	50,583	8,622	1,327	1,687
November	61,510	58,595	50,609	7,985	1,294	1,621
December	60,870	57,947	50,985	6,962	1,280	1,643
1948: January	60,455	57,149	50,089	7,060	1,242	2,065
February	61,004	57,139	50,368	6,771	1,226	2,639
March	61,005	57,329	50,482	6,847	1,236	2,440
April	61,760	58,330	50,883	7,448	1,237	2,193
May	61,660	58,660	50,800	7,861	1,238	1,761
June	64,740	61,296	51,899	9,396	1,260	2,184
July	65,135	61,615	52,452	9,163	1,293	2,227

NOTE.—Detail will not necessarily add to totals because of rounding.
Source: Department of Commerce.

NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT*

Nonagricultural employment reached the 1948 peak of 44.9 million in June, the highest level since the pre-Christmas record of 1947. Strike settlements and seasonal gains in a number of industries were major contributing factors.



* SEE TABLE, FOOTNOTE 1.

SOURCE: DEPARTMENT OF LABOR.

COUNCIL OF ECONOMIC ADVISERS

[Thousands of employees]

Period	Total wage and salary workers ¹	Manufacturing	Trade	Federal, State, and local government	Other
1939 monthly average.....	30,287	10,078	6,705	3,987	9,517
1941 monthly average.....	36,164	12,974	7,567	4,622	11,001
1944 monthly average.....	41,480	17,111	7,399	6,026	10,944
1945 monthly average.....	40,069	15,302	7,685	5,967	11,115
1946 monthly average.....	41,494	14,515	8,820	5,607	12,552
1947 monthly average.....	43,970	15,901	9,450	5,450	13,170
1947: May.....	43,345	15,569	9,277	5,510	12,989
June.....	43,816	15,672	9,324	5,454	13,366
July.....	43,686	15,580	9,316	5,341	13,449
August.....	44,125	15,962	9,356	5,318	13,489
September.....	44,513	16,175	9,471	5,403	13,464
October.....	44,758	16,209	9,684	5,414	13,451
November.....	44,918	16,256	9,886	5,387	13,389
December.....	45,618	16,354	10,288	5,638	13,338
1948: January.....	44,603	16,267	9,622	5,498	13,216
February.....	44,279	16,183	9,520	5,492	13,084
March.....	44,599	16,269	9,599	5,546	13,185
April.....	44,298	15,945	9,574	5,577	13,202
May.....	44,609	15,893	9,615	5,624	13,477
June ²	44,913	16,058	9,648	5,607	13,600

¹ Includes all full- and part-time wage and salary workers in nonagricultural establishments who worked or received pay during the pay period ending nearest the 15th of the month. Excludes proprietors, self-employed persons, domestic servants, and personnel of the armed forces. Not comparable with estimates of nonagricultural employment of the civilian labor force reported by the Department of Commerce (p. 6) which include proprietors, self-employed persons, and domestic servants; which count persons as employed when they are not at work because of industrial disputes; and which are based on an enumeration of population, whereas the estimates in this table are based on reports from employing establishments.

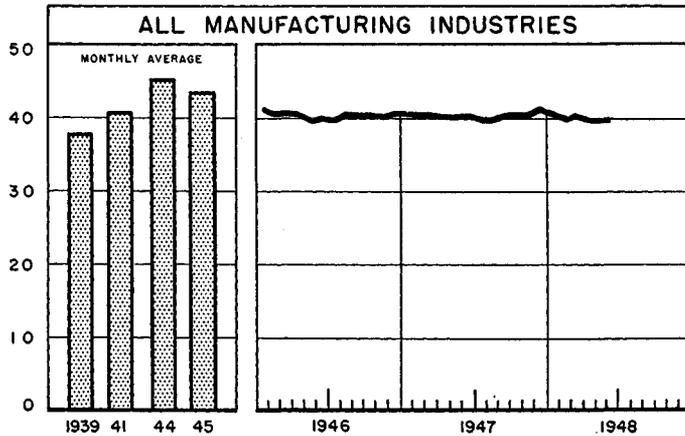
² Preliminary estimate.

Source: Department of Labor.

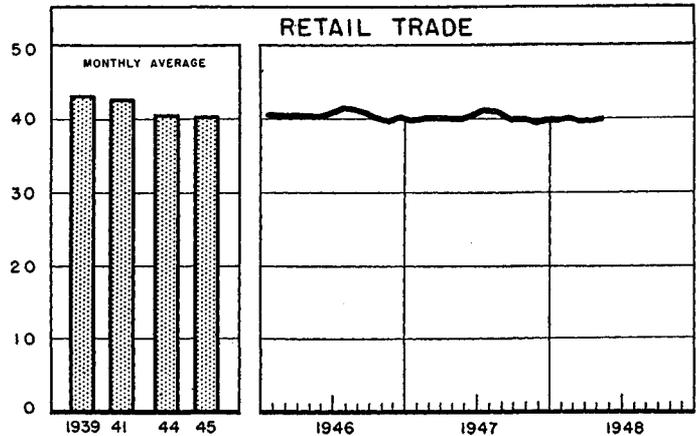
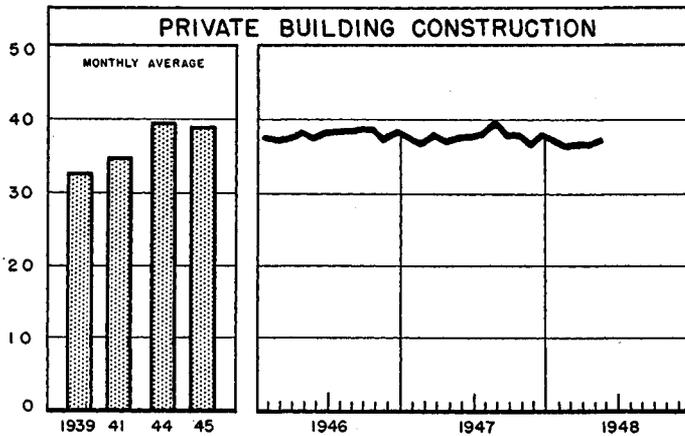
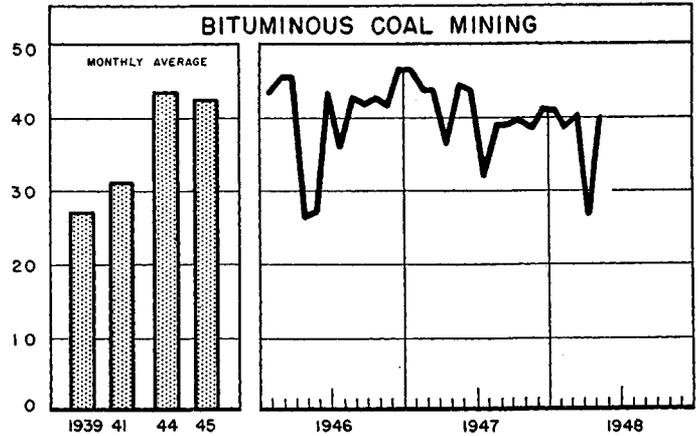
AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS

The 40-hour workweek in bituminous coal mining was resumed in May following termination of the work stoppage. Preliminary data indicate that the June workweek in manufacturing increased a little, reflecting the improved coal supplies and contract settlements.

HOURS PER WEEK



HOURS PER WEEK



SOURCE: DEPARTMENT OF LABOR.

COUNCIL OF ECONOMIC ADVISERS

[Hours per week, selected industries]

Period	All manufacturing industries	Bituminous coal mining	Private building construction ¹	Retail trade
1939 monthly average.....	37.7	27.1	32.6	43.0
1941 monthly average.....	40.6	31.1	34.8	42.5
1944 monthly average.....	45.2	43.4	39.6	40.3
1945 monthly average.....	43.4	42.3	39.0	40.3
1946 monthly average.....	40.4	41.6	38.1	40.5
1947 monthly average.....	40.3	40.7	37.8	40.2
1947: May.....	40.1	44.3	37.7	40.0
June.....	40.2	43.7	37.7	40.8
July.....	39.8	31.8	37.9	41.1
August.....	39.8	39.1	39.7	41.0
September.....	40.4	39.1	38.0	40.0
October.....	40.6	39.9	38.0	40.0
November.....	40.4	38.5	36.6	39.5
December.....	41.2	41.2	37.9	39.7
1948: January.....	40.5	40.9	37.2	39.8
February.....	40.2	38.7	36.7	40.0
March.....	40.4	40.6	37.1	39.8
April.....	40.0	³ 26.9	37.0	39.8
May ²	39.8	40.3	37.2	39.9
June ²	40.0			

¹ Covers only employees at the site of privately financed building projects.

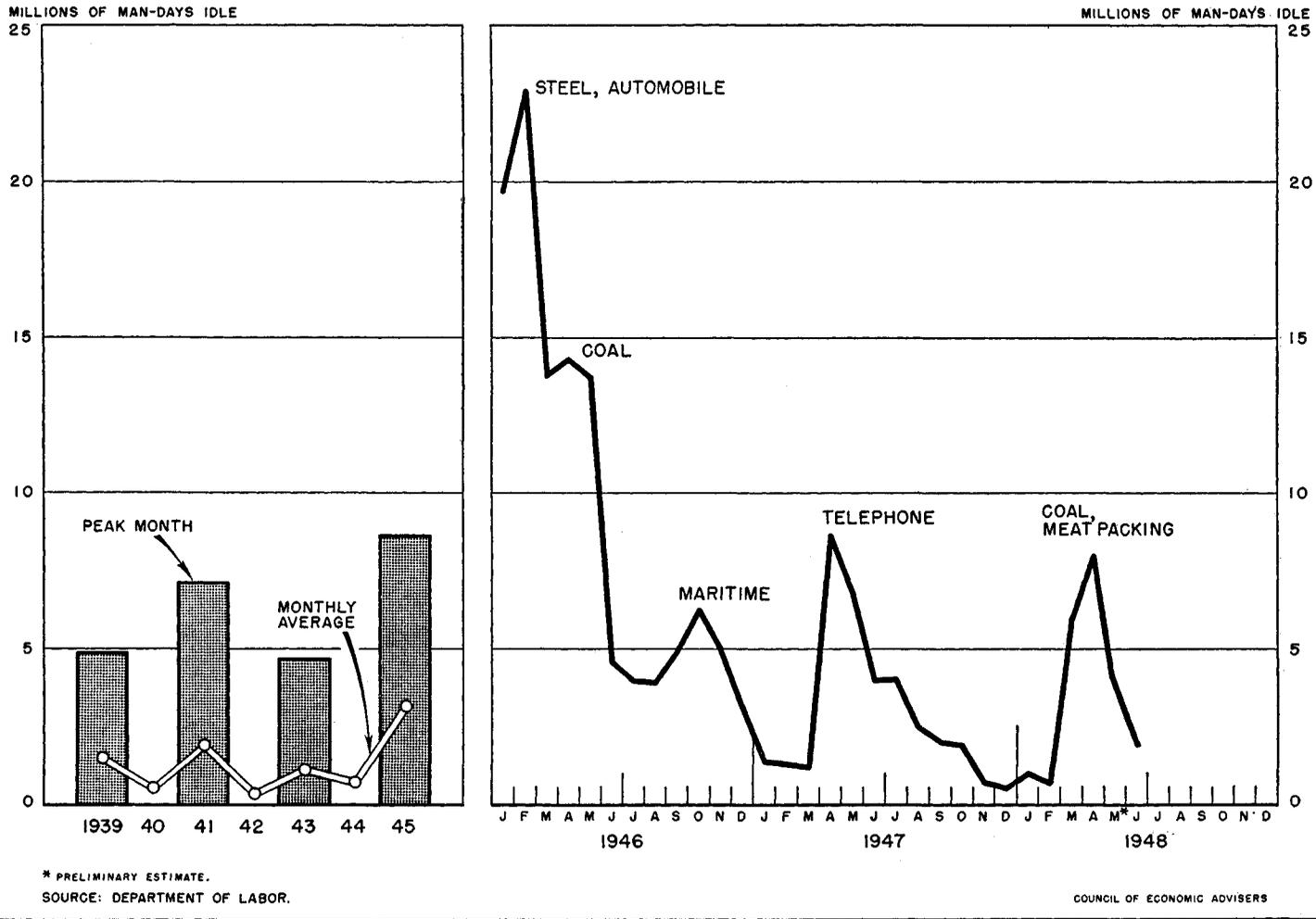
² Preliminary estimate.

³ Based on pay period during coal stoppage.

Source: Department of Labor.

WORK STOPPAGES

Workdays lost because of work stoppages dropped from 4 million in April to 2 million in May.



* PRELIMINARY ESTIMATE.
SOURCE: DEPARTMENT OF LABOR.

COUNCIL OF ECONOMIC ADVISERS

Period	Man-days idle (thousands)	Principal stoppage
1939: Monthly average.....	1,484	
April—peak month.....	4,902	Coal.
1940: Monthly average.....	559	
1941: Monthly average.....	1,921	
April—peak month.....	7,113	Coal.
1942: Monthly average.....	349	
1943: Monthly average.....	1,125	
June—peak month.....	4,699	Coal.
1944: Monthly average.....	727	
1945: Monthly average.....	3,168	
October—peak month.....	8,610	Coal.
1946: Monthly average.....	9,672	
1947: Monthly average.....	2,908	
1947: May.....	6,800	Telephone.
June.....	4,000	
July.....	4,000	
August.....	2,500	
September.....	2,000	
October.....	1,900	
November.....	700	
December.....	500	
1948: January.....	1,000	
February.....	725	
March.....	6,000	Coal, meat packing.
April.....	8,000	Coal, meat packing.
May.....	4,100	
June ¹	2,000	

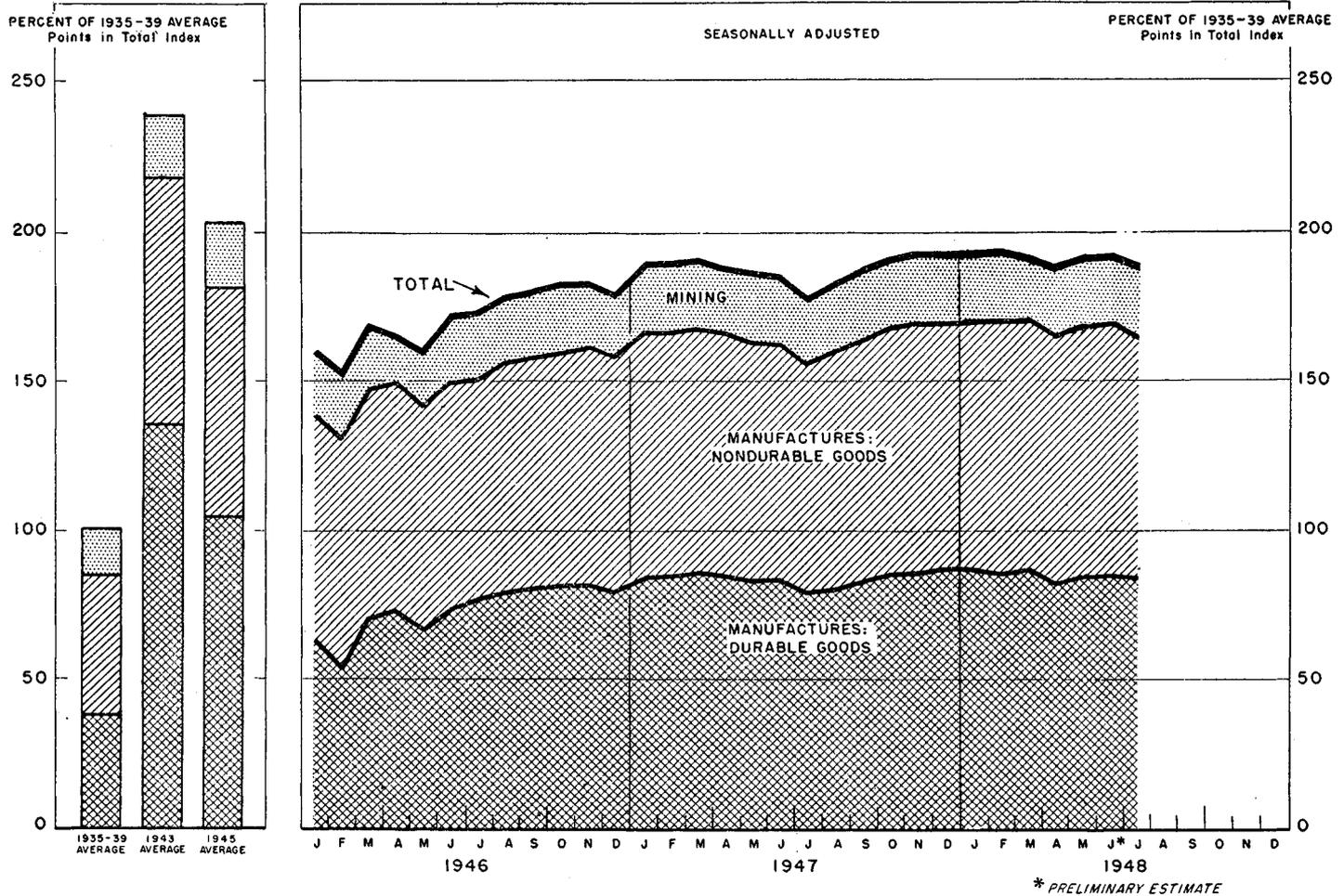
¹ Preliminary estimate.

Source: Department of Labor.

Section D: PRODUCTION AND BUSINESS ACTIVITY

INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION

Industrial production dropped about 2 percent in July. The decline was largely due to the spreading practice of plant-wide vacations, especially in nondurables. The seasonal adjustment factor has not been revised to take account of this.



SOURCE: Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System

Council of Economic Advisers

[1935-39=100, seasonally adjusted]

Period	Indexes, 1935-39=100					Points in total index, 1935-39 average for total=100		
	Total industrial production	Manufactures			Mining	Manufactures		Mining
		Total	Durable goods	Nondurable goods		Durable goods	Nondurable goods	
1935-39 monthly average	100	100	100	100	100	38	47	15
1943 monthly average	239	258	360	176	132	136	83	20
1945 monthly average	203	214	274	166	137	104	78	21
1946 monthly average	170	177	192	165	134	73	77	21
1947 monthly average	187	194	220	172	149	83	81	23
1947: June	184	191	219	168	148	83	79	23
July	176	183	207	163	140	79	76	21
August	182	188	210	169	150	80	79	23
September	187	192	217	172	153	83	80	23
October	190	197	223	176	155	84	83	24
November	192	199	224	179	155	85	84	24
December	192	198	229	173	156	87	81	24
1948: January	193	200	229	178	154	87	83	23
February	194	201	226	180	155	86	84	24
March	191	200	229	177	142	87	83	22
April	188	195	217	177	147	82	83	22
May	191	197	220	178	162	83	83	25
June ¹	192	198	222	178	158	84	83	24
July ¹	188	194	221	171	156	84	80	24

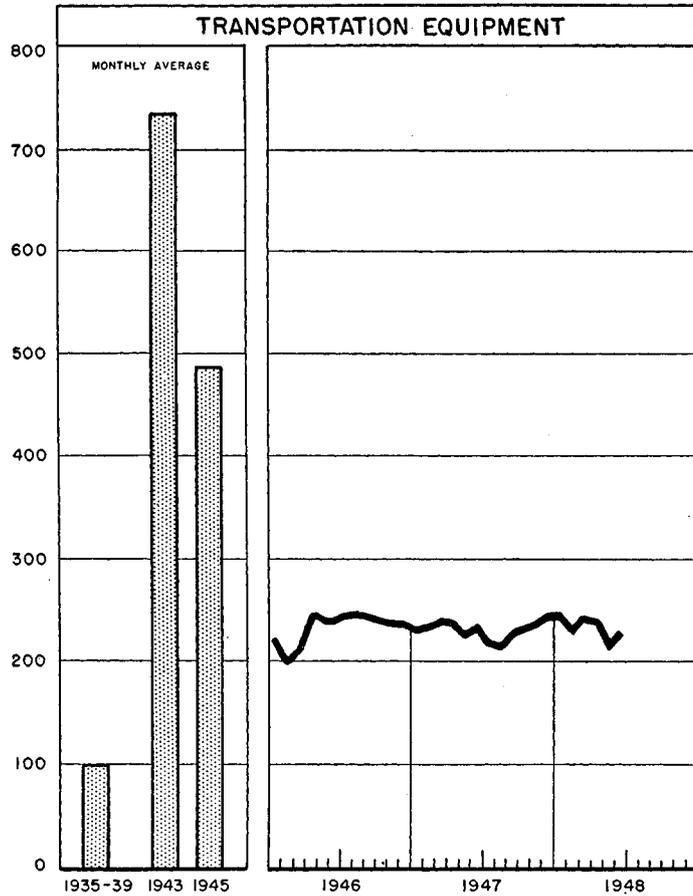
¹ Preliminary estimate.

Source: Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

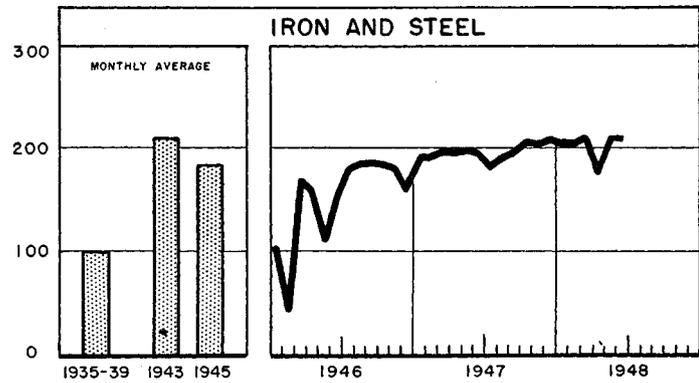
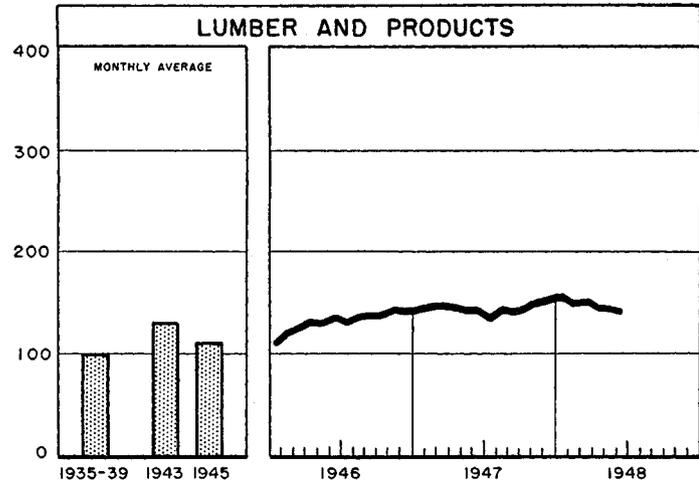
PRODUCTION OF SELECTED DURABLE MANUFACTURES

Production of transportation equipment in June was 6 percent above the May rate. The output of iron and steel showed no change; lumber and products fell again.

PERCENT OF 1935-39 AVERAGE



PERCENT OF 1935-39 AVERAGE



SOURCE: BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF THE FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM.

COUNCIL OF ECONOMIC ADVISERS

[1935-39=100, seasonally adjusted]

Period	Transportation equipment	Lumber and products	Iron and steel
1935-39 monthly average.....	100	100	100
1943 monthly average.....	734	130	208
1945 monthly average.....	487	110	183
1946 monthly average.....	232	130	150
1947 monthly average.....	230	144	195
1947: May.....	225	142	197
June.....	233	142	193
July.....	217	133	181
August.....	213	142	188
September.....	227	140	195
October.....	232	143	204
November.....	234	150	202
December.....	243	153	205
1948: January.....	244	156	203
February.....	232	150	203
March.....	240	151	207
April.....	237	145	177
May.....	215	142	206
June ¹	227	140	206

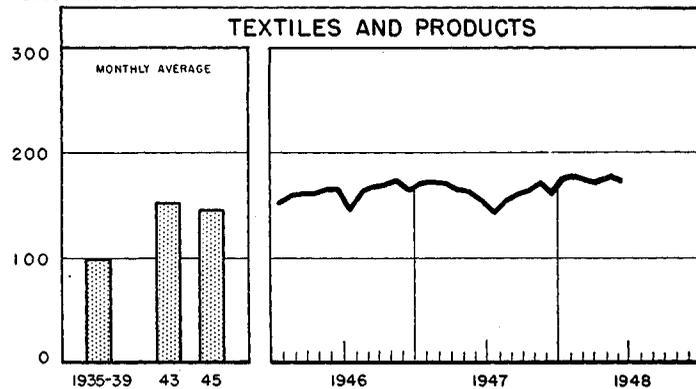
¹ Preliminary estimate.

Source: Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

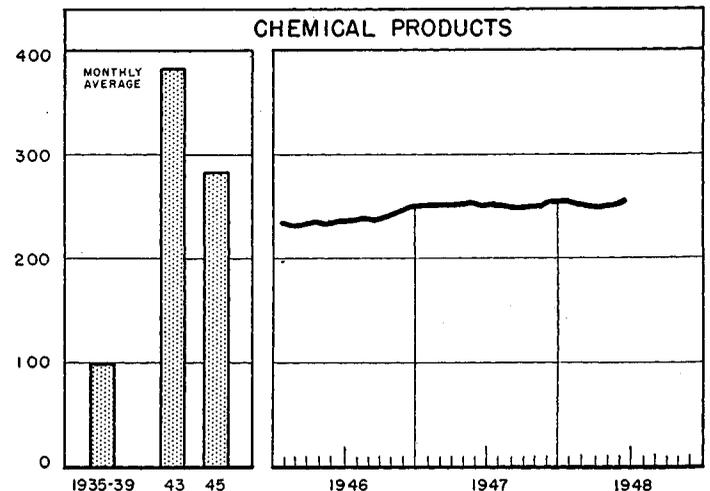
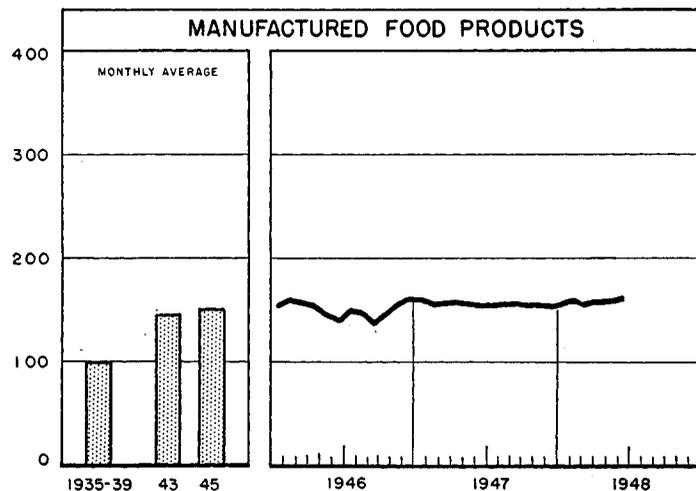
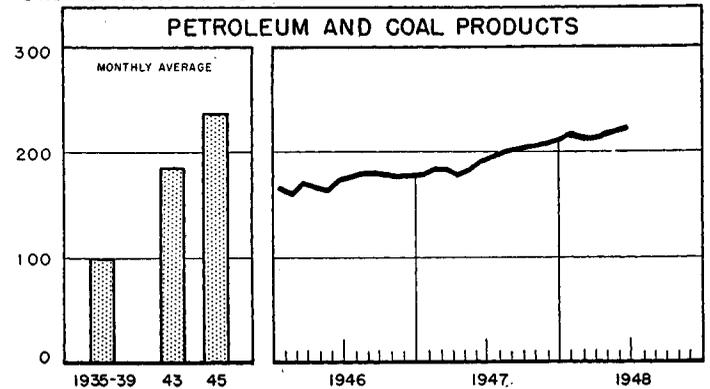
PRODUCTION OF SELECTED NONDURABLE MANUFACTURES

The June output of most nondurable industries continued steady.

PERCENT OF 1935-39 AVERAGE



PERCENT OF 1935-39 AVERAGE



SOURCE: BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF THE FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM.

COUNCIL OF ECONOMIC ADVISERS

[1935-39=100, seasonally adjusted]

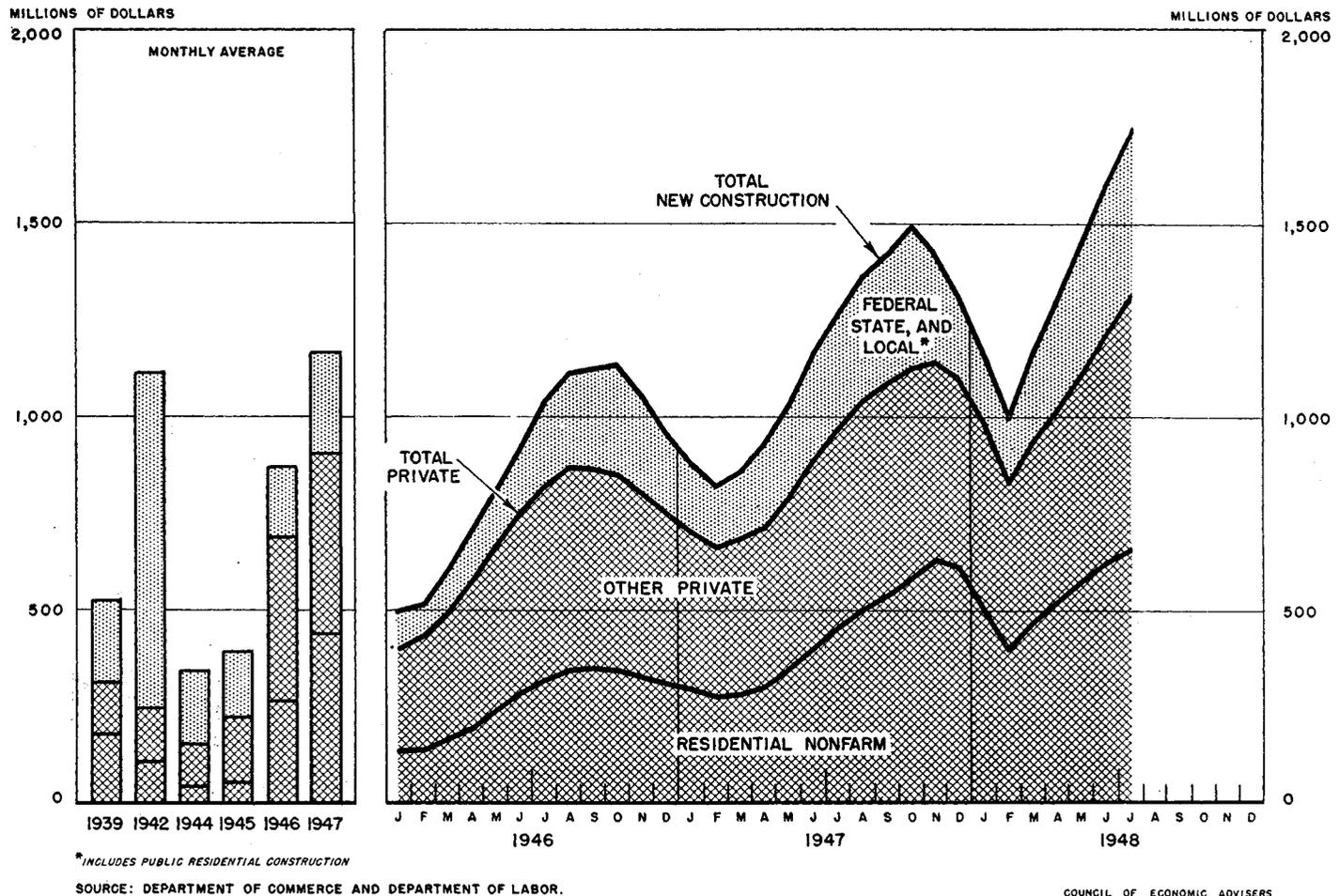
Period	Textiles and products	Petroleum and coal products	Manufactured food products	Chemical products
1935-39 monthly average.....	100	100	100	100
1943 monthly average.....	153	185	145	384
1945 monthly average.....	146	235	151	284
1946 monthly average.....	162	173	150	236
1947 monthly average.....	163	193	157	251
1947: May.....	164	184	155	253
June.....	155	191	154	250
July.....	142	195	155	251
August.....	154	201	157	249
September.....	160	203	158	248
October.....	164	204	156	248
November.....	172	205	158	251
December.....	163	208	157	255
1948: January.....	178	214	158	255
February.....	179	214	160	252
March.....	175	211	159	250
April.....	174	213	158	249
May.....	176	220	159	250
June ¹	173	222	161	254

¹ Preliminary estimate.

Source: Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

NEW CONSTRUCTION

Construction, continuing to increase in July, reached the postwar record dollar volume of \$1.7 billion.



[Millions of dollars]

Period	Total new construction	Private construction			Federal, State, and local ¹
		Total private	Residential (nonfarm)	Other	
1939 monthly average.....	526	317	176	141	208
1942 monthly average.....	1,118	251	110	141	867
1944 monthly average.....	345	152	45	107	193
1945 monthly average.....	401	226	57	169	174
1946 monthly average.....	871	688	265	422	184
1947 monthly average.....	1,165	908	438	469	257
1947: June.....	1,162	885	405	480	277
July.....	1,264	966	455	511	298
August.....	1,364	1,042	500	542	322
September.....	1,423	1,086	540	546	337
October.....	1,497	1,129	590	539	368
November.....	1,432	1,141	630	511	291
December.....	1,320	1,097	610	487	223
1948: January.....	1,157	948	500	448	209
February.....	1,009	837	400	437	172
March.....	1,166	940	475	466	226
April.....	1,302	1,015	525	490	287
May.....	1,455	1,116	585	531	339
June.....	1,605	1,228	633	595	377
July ²	1,724	1,314	667	647	410

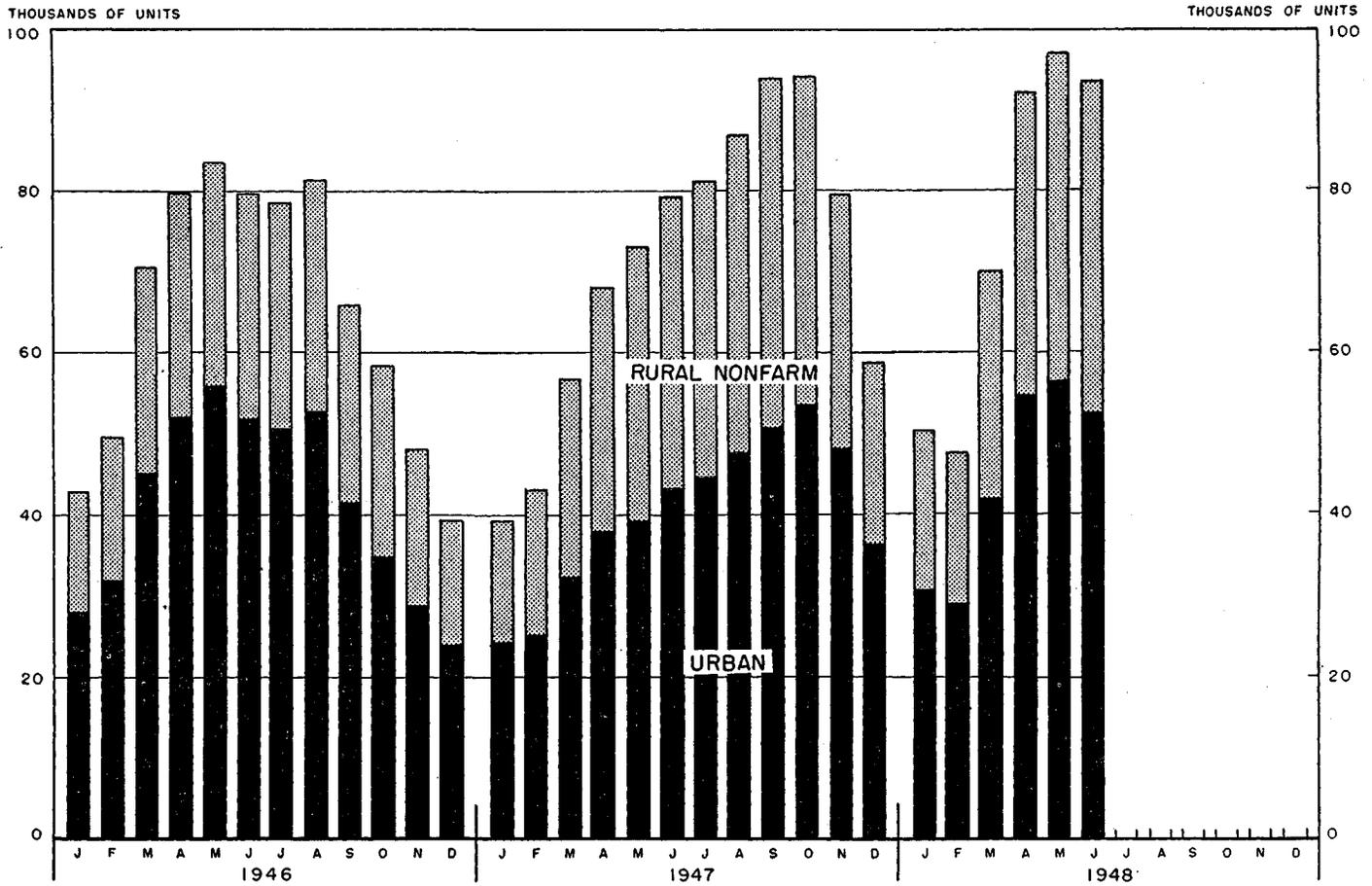
¹ Includes public residential construction.

² Preliminary estimate.

NOTE.—Detail will not necessarily add to totals because of rounding.
Sources: Department of Commerce and Department of Labor.

NEW HOUSING STARTS *

Starts dropped slightly in July but were still near record levels.



* NEW NONFARM FAMILY DWELLING UNITS.
SOURCE: DEPARTMENT OF LABOR.

COUNCIL OF ECONOMIC ADVISERS

Period	New nonfarm units (conventional and prefabricated) ¹		
	Total	Urban	Rural nonfarm
1946 monthly average.....	64,683	41,164	23,520
1947 monthly average.....	71,125	40,125	31,000
1947: January.....	39,300	24,200	15,100
February.....	42,800	25,000	17,800
March.....	56,700	32,300	24,400
April.....	67,900	38,000	29,900
May.....	73,100	39,300	33,800
June.....	79,400	43,000	36,400
July.....	81,100	44,500	36,600
August.....	86,800	47,400	39,400
September.....	93,800	50,300	43,500
October.....	94,000	53,200	40,800
November.....	79,800	48,000	31,800
December.....	58,800	36,300	22,500
1948: January.....	50,000	30,400	19,600
February.....	47,200	28,800	18,400
March.....	70,000	41,800	28,200
April.....	92,000	54,300	37,700
May.....	97,000	56,400	40,600
June ²	96,000	52,900	43,100
July ³	94,000	53,000	41,000

¹ New nonfarm family dwelling units. Temporary units are excluded after 1947 when the program ended.

² Revisions in data were made after chart was prepared.

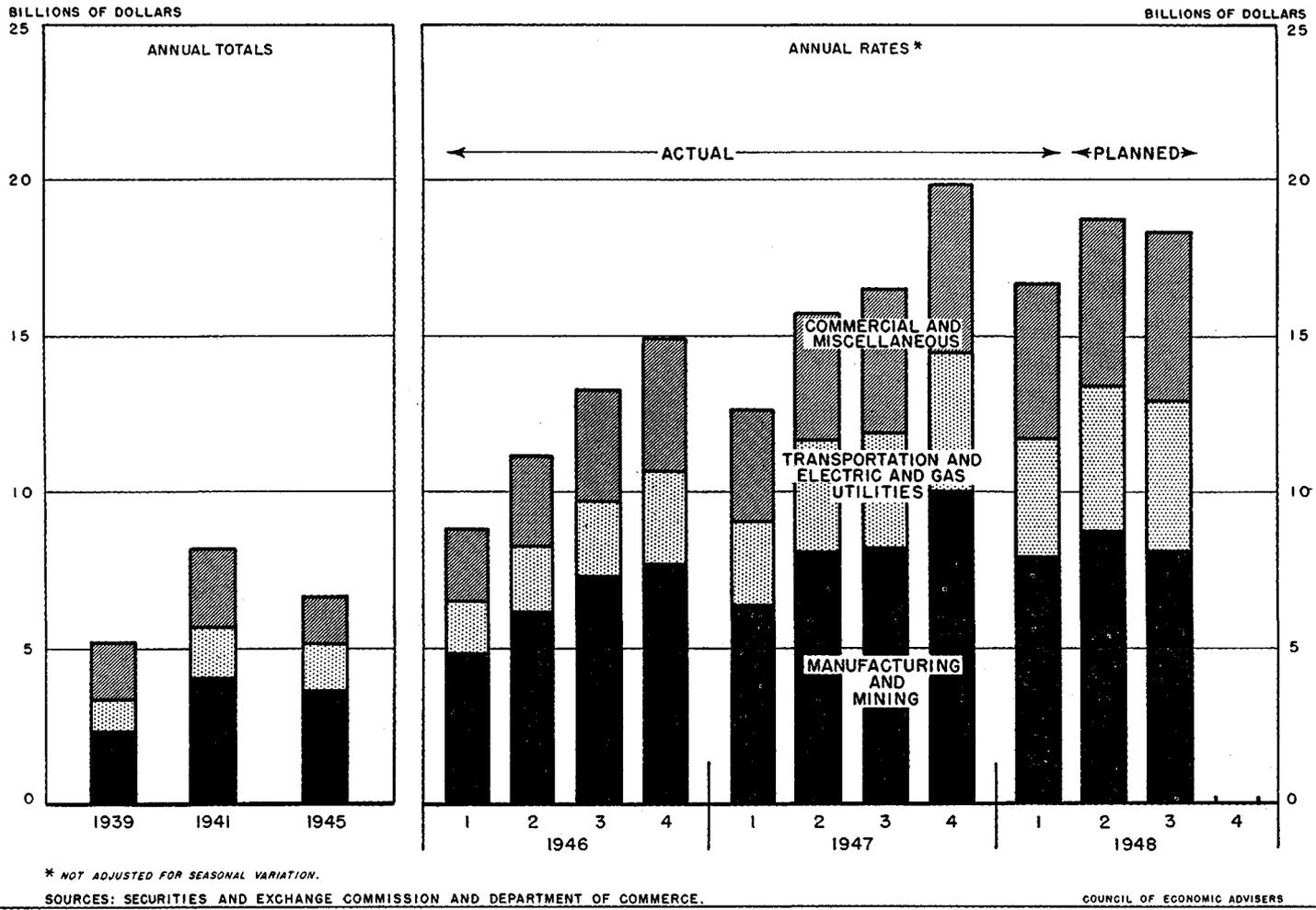
³ Preliminary estimate. Data became available after chart was prepared.

NOTE.—Detail will not necessarily add to totals because of rounding.

Source: Department of Labor.

EXPENDITURES FOR NEW PLANT AND EQUIPMENT

Plans of nonagricultural business for spending \$18.3 billion (annual rate) on new plant and equipment in 3rd quarter 1948, are at about the same level as 2nd quarter, and \$1.7 billion more than actual expenditures a year ago. The anticipated increase over a year ago reflects mainly the upward movement of prices.



[Millions of dollars, annual rates, not adjusted for seasonal]

Period	Total ¹	Manufacturing	Mining	Transportation		Electric and gas utilities	Commercial and miscellaneous ²
				Railroad	Other		
1939.....	5,200	1,930	380	280	280	480	1,850
1941.....	8,190	3,400	680	560	340	710	2,490
1945.....	6,630	3,210	440	550	320	630	1,480
1946.....	12,040	5,910	560	570	660	1,040	3,300
1947.....	16,180	7,460	690	910	800	1,900	4,430
1947: First quarter.....	12,640	5,800	600	640	720	1,320	3,600
Second quarter.....	15,760	7,400	640	880	920	1,800	4,120
Third quarter.....	16,560	7,480	720	920	800	2,000	4,640
Fourth quarter.....	19,760	9,160	840	1,200	760	2,480	5,360
1948: First quarter.....	16,680	7,200	720	1,080	720	2,000	4,960
Second quarter ³	18,760	8,040	720	1,400	840	2,440	5,320
Third quarter ³	18,280	7,400	720	1,520	680	2,600	5,360

¹ Excludes agriculture.

² Includes trade, service, finance, and communication.

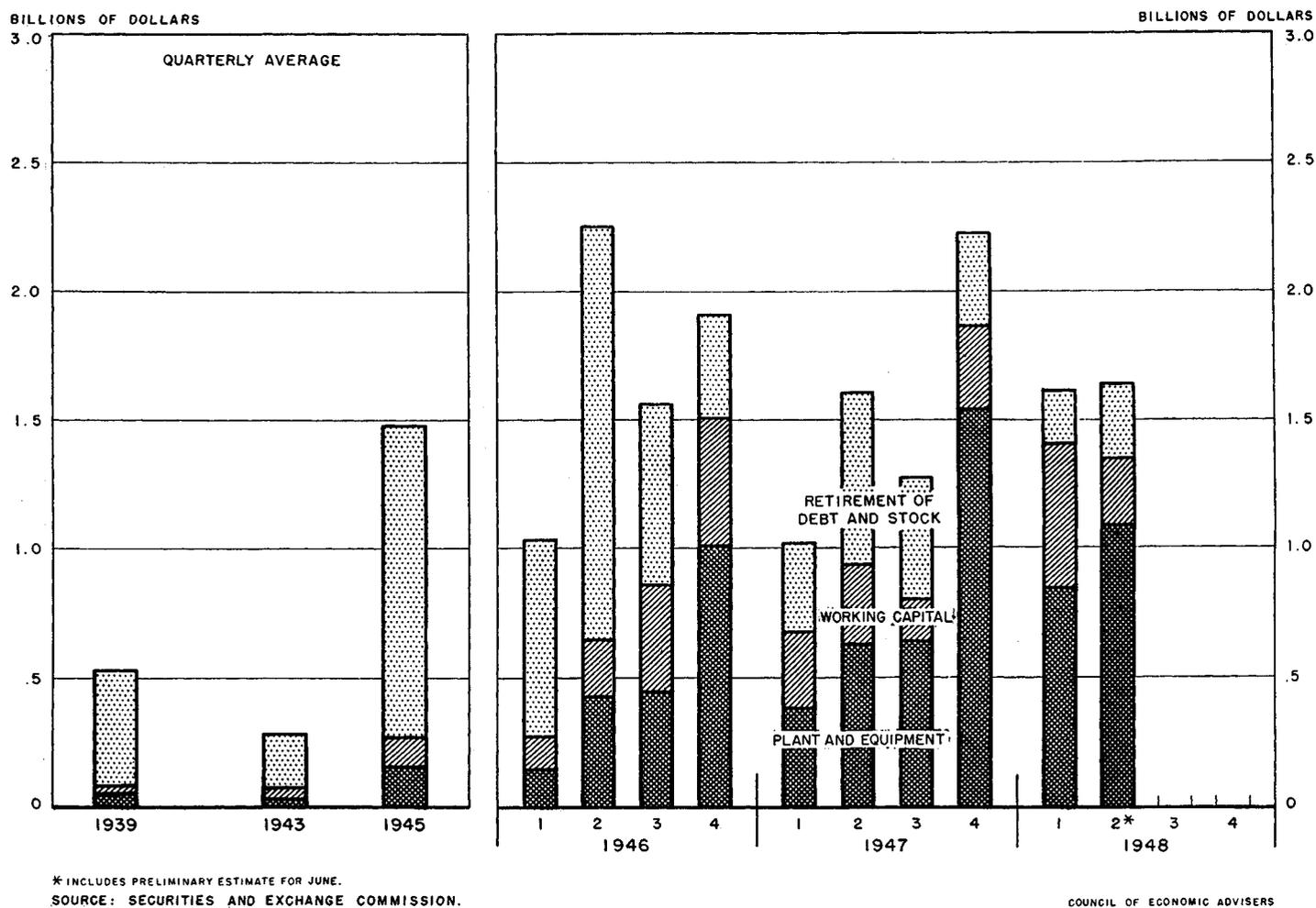
³ Estimates based on anticipated capital expenditures of business.

NOTE.—These figures do not agree with the totals included in the gross national product estimates of the Department of Commerce, principally because the latter cover agricultural investment and also certain equipment and construction outlays charged to current expense. Figures for 1939–44 are Federal Reserve Board estimates based on Securities and Exchange Commission and other data.

Detail will not necessarily add to totals because annual rates are based on quarterly figures rounded to the nearest 10,000,000. Sources: Securities and Exchange Commission and Department of Commerce (except as noted).

NEW CORPORATE SECURITY ISSUES

New issues in 2nd quarter 1948 were slightly higher than in the previous quarter. The proportion of proceeds earmarked for plant and equipment continued to increase.



[Millions of dollars]

Period	Estimated net proceeds	Proposed uses of net proceeds			
		New money			Retirement of debt and stock ¹
		Total	Plant and equipment	Working capital	
1939 quarterly average	529	81	43	39	448
1943 quarterly average	287	77	35	42	210
1945 quarterly average	1,476	270	159	111	1,206
1946 quarterly average	1,689	820	529	291	869
1947 quarterly average	1,528	1,068	806	261	460
1947: First quarter	1,018	673	396	278	344
Second quarter	1,605	932	636	296	672
Third quarter	1,266	797	649	148	469
Fourth quarter	2,223	1,867	1,542	325	354
1948: First quarter	1,614	1,400	845	555	214
Second quarter ²	1,647	1,343	1,080	263	303

¹ Includes small amount for other purposes.

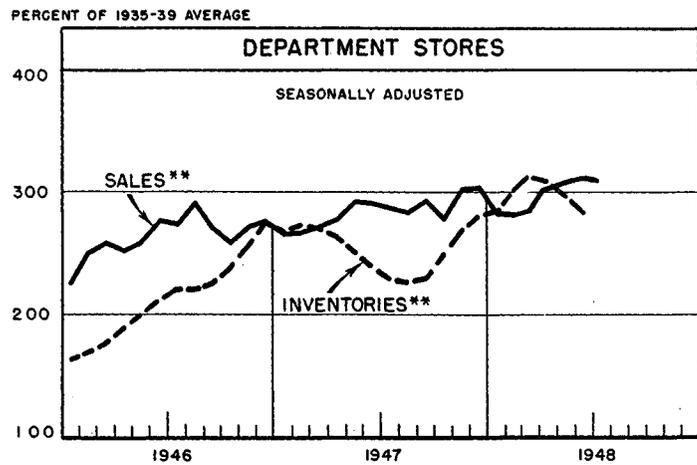
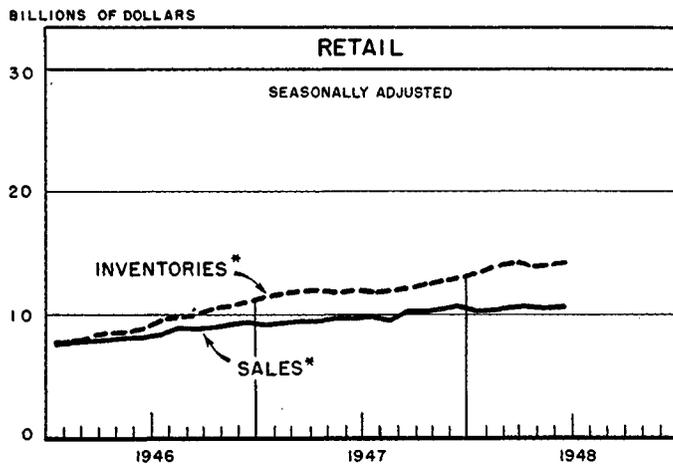
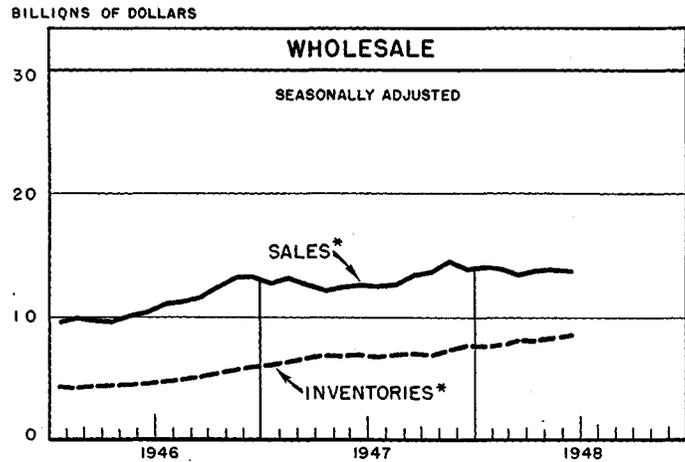
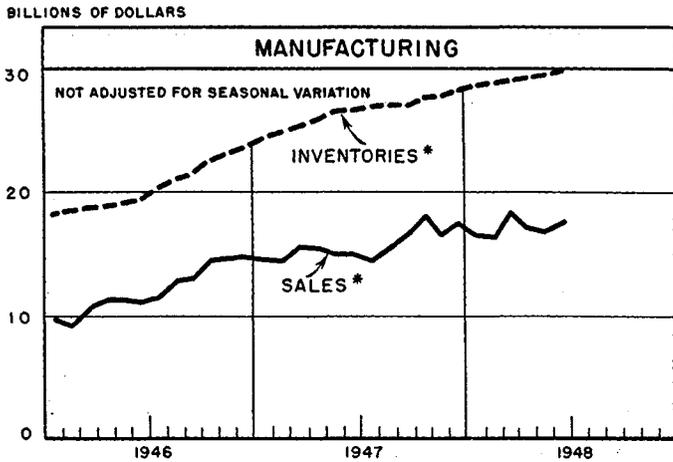
² Includes preliminary estimate for June.

NOTE.—Detail will not necessarily add to totals because of rounding.

Source: Securities and Exchange Commission.

INVENTORIES AND SALES

Sales by retailers and wholesalers showed little change in June.



* SALES ARE TOTAL FOR MONTH AND INVENTORIES ARE BOOK VALUE, END OF MONTH.

** INDEXES COMPUTED FROM DATA ON RETAIL VALUE OF SALES FOR MONTH AND RETAIL BOOK VALUE OF INVENTORIES, END OF MONTH.

SOURCES: DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AND BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF THE FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM.

COUNCIL OF ECONOMIC ADVISERS

Period	Manufacturing ¹		Wholesale ²		Retail ²		Department stores	
	Inventories ³	Sales ⁴	Inventories ³	Sales ⁴	Inventories ³	Sales ⁴	Inventories	Sales
Millions of dollars							1935-39=100, seasonally adjusted ⁵	
46: March.....	18,775	10,712	4,304	9,691	8,023	7,783	177	255
June.....	19,472	11,131	4,578	10,370	8,917	8,101	210	277
September.....	21,502	13,055	5,131	11,402	9,995	8,811	226	271
December.....	23,435	14,635	5,994	13,052	11,049	9,205	274	276
47: January.....	24,213	14,453	6,248	12,683	11,427	9,097	268	265
February.....	24,831	14,175	6,444	12,996	11,653	9,285	274	266
March.....	25,398	15,546	6,611	12,627	11,832	9,399	273	272
April.....	25,853	15,398	6,778	12,218	11,974	9,610	264	277
May.....	26,440	15,048	6,737	12,369	11,772	9,681	252	291
June.....	26,479	15,063	6,864	12,541	11,948	9,743	242	289
July.....	26,846	14,361	6,726	12,403	11,925	9,730	231	286
August.....	27,051	15,257	6,886	12,523	11,944	9,621	227	283
September.....	27,055	16,597	6,997	13,263	12,073	10,162	231	292
October.....	27,397	18,082	6,943	13,615	12,435	10,258	251	277
November.....	27,627	16,554	7,349	14,333	12,621	10,485	273	302
December.....	28,020	17,523	7,577	13,697	12,953	10,653	283	303
48: January.....	28,491	16,549	7,618	14,096	13,384	10,445	288	284
February.....	28,757	16,208	7,754	13,993	13,751	10,381	303	283
March.....	29,053	18,100	8,054	13,426	14,040	10,565	312	284
April.....	29,149	17,212	8,049	13,684	13,907	10,841	308	304
May ⁶	29,450	16,787	8,071	13,847	13,951	10,599	296	310
June ⁶	29,848	17,830	8,239	13,740	14,168	10,715	283	313
July ⁶								312

¹ Not adjusted for seasonal variation.

³ Book value, end of month.

⁵ Indexes computed from data on retail value of sales for month and retail book value of inventories, end of month.

⁴ Adjusted for seasonal variation.

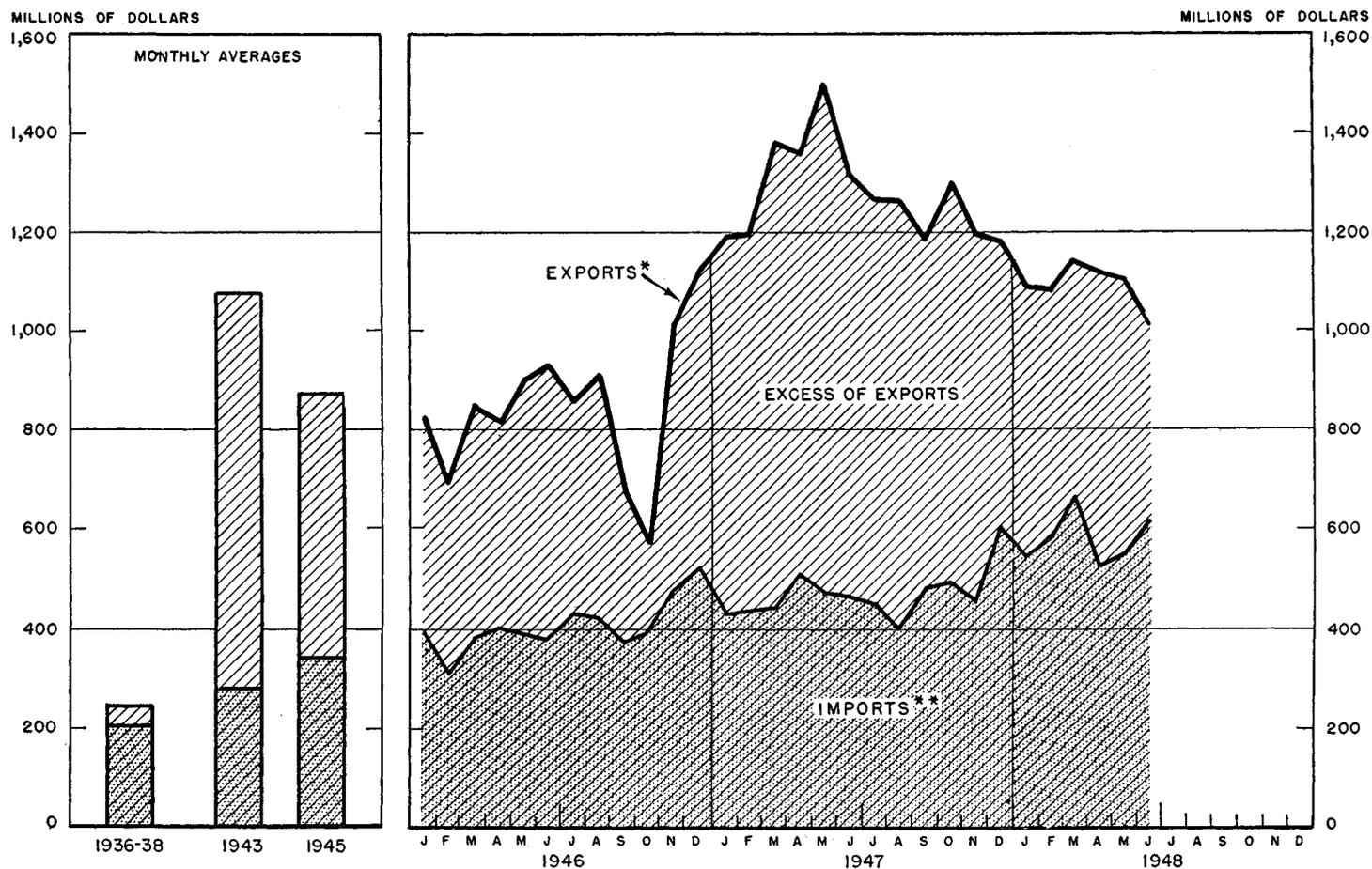
⁴ Total for month.

⁶ Preliminary estimate.

Sources: Department of Commerce and Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

EXPORTS AND IMPORTS

Imports increased again in June. The value of exports continued down.



* RECORDED MERCHANDISE EXPORTS, INCLUDING REEXPORTS, AND CIVILIAN SUPPLIES FOR OCCUPIED AREAS
 ** RECORDED GENERAL MERCHANDISE IMPORTS
 SOURCES: DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY, AND DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY

COUNCIL OF ECONOMIC ADVISERS

[Millions of dollars]

Period	Exports ¹	Imports ²	Excess of exports
1936-38 monthly average.....	247	207	40
1943 monthly average.....	1,080	282	798
1945 monthly average.....	877	346	531
1946 monthly average.....	849	409	440
1947 monthly average.....	1,281	478	803
1947: April.....	1,362	512	850
May.....	1,503	474	1,029
June.....	1,320	463	857
July.....	1,265	450	815
August.....	1,265	400	865
September.....	1,183	481	702
October.....	1,303	492	811
November.....	1,195	455	740
December.....	1,199	601	598
1948: January.....	1,091	546	545
February.....	1,086	582	504
March.....	1,141	666	475
April.....	1,122	527	595
May.....	1,103	549	554
June.....	1,013	616	397

¹ Recorded merchandise exports, including reexports, and civilian supplies for occupied areas.

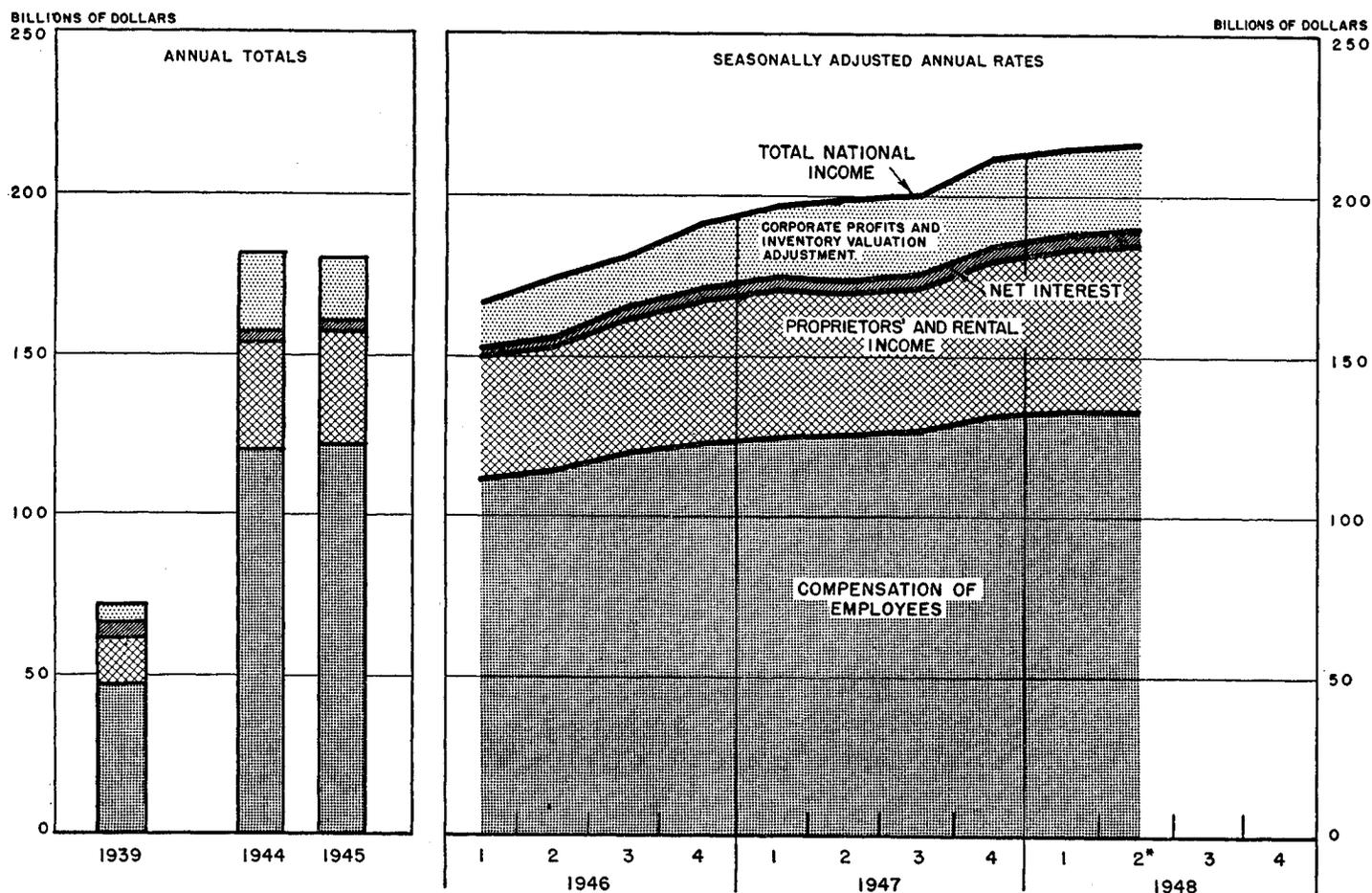
² Recorded general merchandise imports.

Sources: Department of Commerce, Department of the Army, and Department of the Navy.

Section E: PURCHASING POWER

NATIONAL INCOME

National income increased very little in 2nd quarter, the only significant increase being in business and professional income (part of proprietors' income as shown on the chart).



* PRELIMINARY ESTIMATE
SOURCE: DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

COUNCIL OF ECONOMIC ADVISERS

[Billions of dollars]

Period	Total National Income	Compensation of employees	Proprietors' and rental income	Net interest	Corporate profits and inventory valuation adjustment
1939.....	72.5	47.8	14.7	4.2	5.8
1944.....	182.4	121.1	34.1	3.1	24.0
1945.....	181.7	122.9	36.0	3.0	19.8
1946.....	179.3	117.3	41.8	3.4	16.8
1947.....	202.5	127.5	46.0	4.3	24.7
Annual rates, seasonally adjusted					
1947: First quarter.....	197.3	125.0	46.4	4.1	21.8
Second quarter.....	199.3	125.3	44.6	4.2	25.2
Third quarter.....	200.6	127.6	44.4	4.4	24.3
Fourth quarter.....	212.8	132.2	48.6	4.5	27.5
1948: First quarter.....	215.5	134.0	50.6	4.6	26.3
Second quarter ¹	217.1	134.0	51.6	4.6	26.9

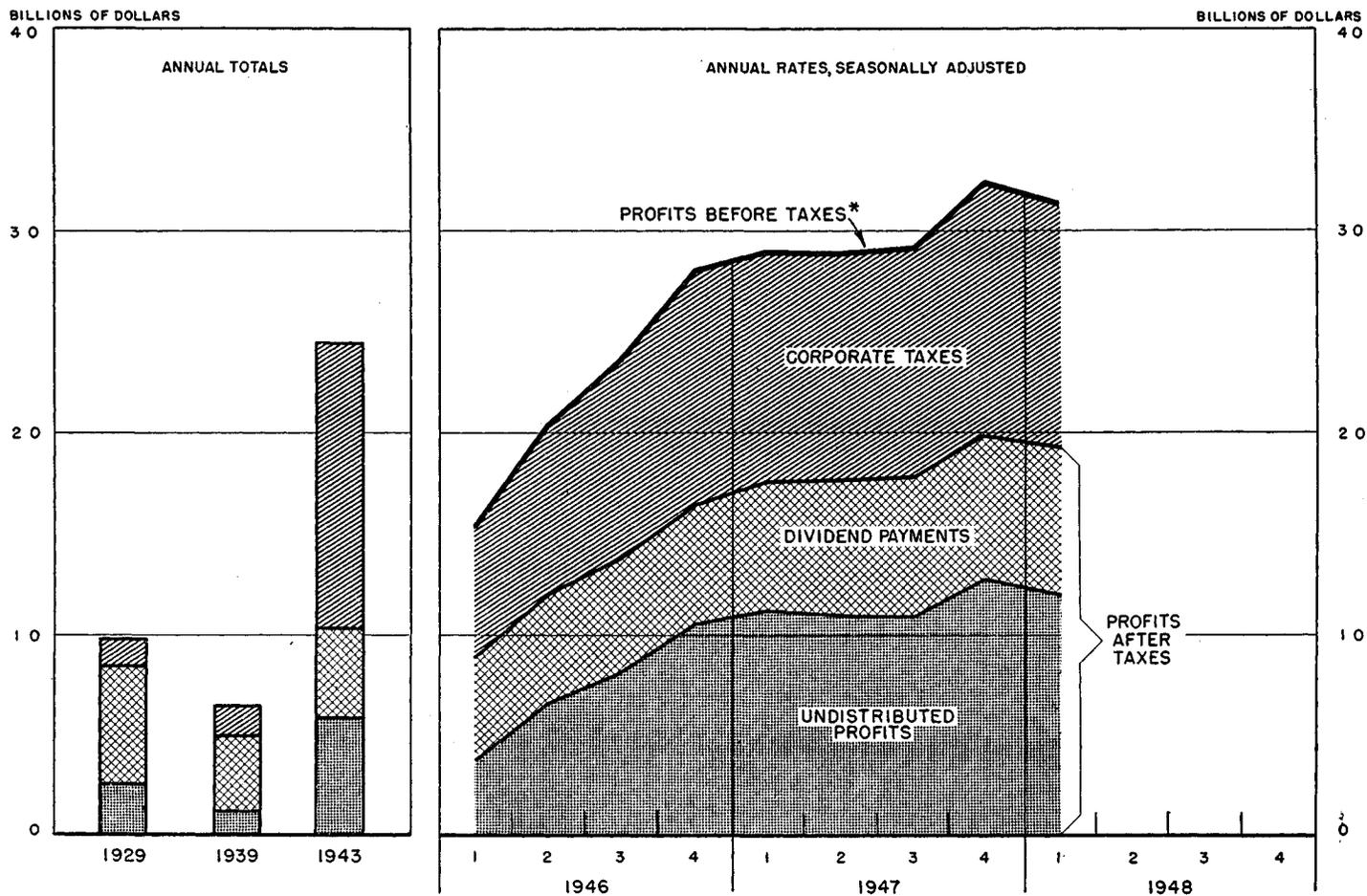
¹ Preliminary estimate.

NOTE.—Figures for 1944-48 are revised and do not agree with previously published data.
Detail will not necessarily add to totals because of rounding.

Source: Department of Commerce.

CORPORATE PROFITS

Corporate profits for 1st. quarter of this year were just below the peak reached in 4th. quarter 1947.



* NO ALLOWANCE FOR INVENTORY VALUATION ADJUSTMENT.

SOURCE: DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE.

COUNCIL OF ECONOMIC ADVISERS

[Billions of dollars]

Period	Corporate profits before taxes	Corporate tax liability	Corporate profits after taxes		
			Total	Dividend payments	Undistributed profits
1929.....	9.8	1.4	8.4	5.8	2.6
1939.....	6.5	1.5	5.0	3.8	1.2
1943.....	24.5	14.2	10.4	4.5	5.9
1946.....	21.8	9.0	12.8	5.6	7.2
1947.....	29.8	11.7	18.1	6.9	11.2
Annual rates, seasonally adjusted					
1947: First quarter.....	28.9	11.4	17.5	6.4	11.1
Second quarter.....	28.8	11.3	17.5	6.7	10.8
Third quarter.....	29.1	11.4	17.7	6.9	10.8
Fourth quarter.....	32.4	12.7	19.7	7.1	12.6
1948: First quarter ¹	31.4	12.2	19.2	7.3	11.9

¹ Preliminary estimate.

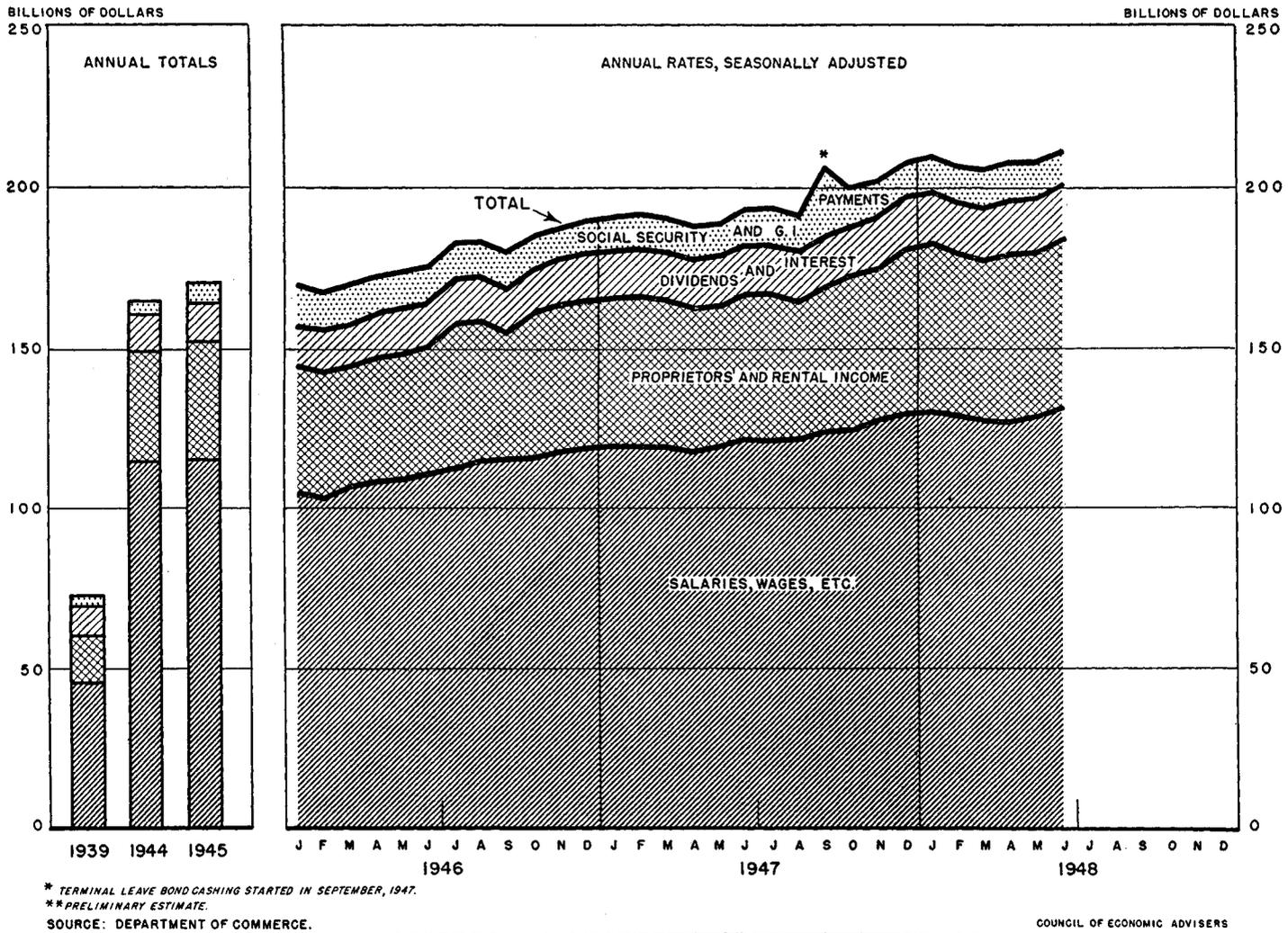
NOTE.—Figures for 1944-48 are revised and do not agree with previously published data. No allowance has been made for inventory valuation adjustment. (See p. 19 for profits after taxes and inventory valuation adjustment.)

Detail will not necessarily add to totals because of rounding.

Source: Department of Commerce.

PERSONAL INCOME

Wage increases and a further rise in farm income (part of proprietors' income shown on chart) pushed personal income in June to the record level of \$211.7 billion (annual rate)—\$4.5 billion higher than the May rate.



[Billions of dollars]

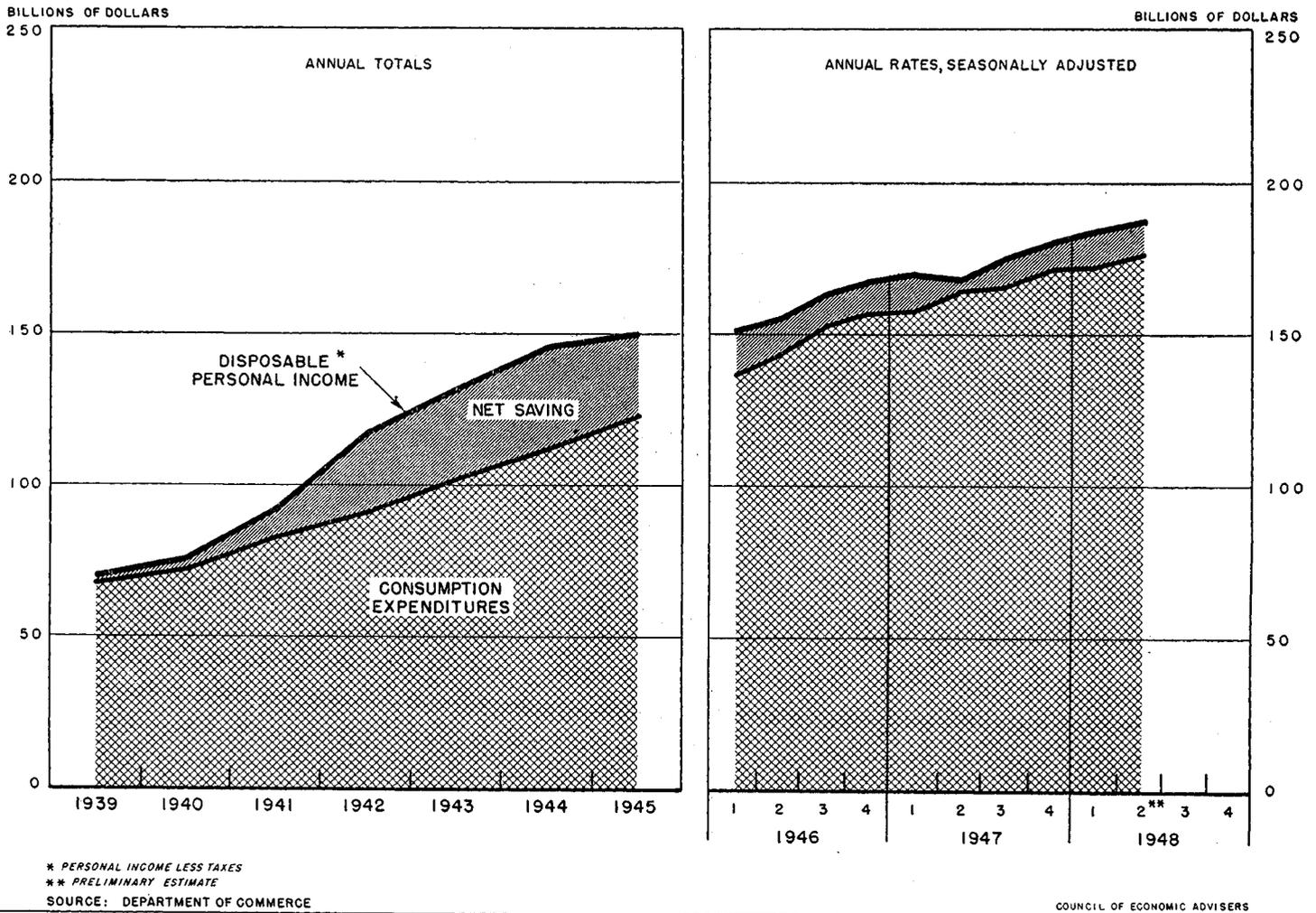
Period	Total personal income	Salaries, wages, and other labor income	Proprietors' and rental income	Dividends and interest	Social security and GI payments
1939.....	72.6	45.6	14.7	9.2	3.0
1944.....	164.5	116.1	34.1	10.6	3.6
1945.....	170.3	116.8	36.0	11.4	6.2
1946.....	178.1	111.4	41.8	13.5	11.4
1947.....	195.2	121.9	46.0	15.6	11.7
Annual rates, seasonally adjusted					
1947: May.....	188.6	118.8	44.2	15.3	10.3
June.....	192.4	121.4	45.1	15.4	10.5
July.....	193.2	121.2	45.3	15.6	11.1
August.....	190.8	121.9	42.8	15.6	10.5
September.....	206.2	123.8	45.0	16.2	21.2
October.....	200.0	124.6	47.5	15.9	12.0
November.....	201.4	127.4	47.1	16.1	10.8
December.....	207.7	129.3	51.3	16.2	10.9
1948: January.....	209.4	129.4	52.4	16.5	11.1
February.....	206.8	128.9	50.0	16.6	11.3
March.....	205.6	127.6	49.3	16.6	12.1
April.....	207.4	127.0	51.9	16.7	11.8
May.....	207.2	128.8	50.7	16.8	10.9
June.....	211.9	131.3	53.0	16.8	11.0

NOTE.—Figures for 1944–48 are revised and do not agree with previously published data. Detail will not necessarily add to totals because of rounding.

Source: Department of Commerce.

CONSUMER INCOME, SPENDING, AND SAVING

Consumption expenditures increased more than income in the 2nd quarter. There was a lower rate of saving.



[Billions of dollars]

Period	Disposable personal income ¹	Less: Personal consumption expenditures	Equals: Personal saving
1939.....	70.2	67.5	2.7
1940.....	75.7	72.1	3.7
1941.....	92.0	82.3	9.8
1942.....	116.2	90.8	25.4
1943.....	131.6	101.6	30.0
1944.....	145.6	111.4	34.2
1945.....	149.4	122.8	26.6
1946.....	159.2	147.4	11.8
1947.....	173.6	164.8	8.8
Annual rates, seasonally adjusted			
1947: First quarter.....	169.7	158.1	11.6
Second quarter.....	168.2	164.2	4.1
Third quarter.....	175.0	165.6	9.4
Fourth quarter.....	180.9	171.1	9.7
1948: First quarter.....	184.1	172.3	11.8
Second quarter ²	187.8	176.5	11.3

¹ Income less taxes.

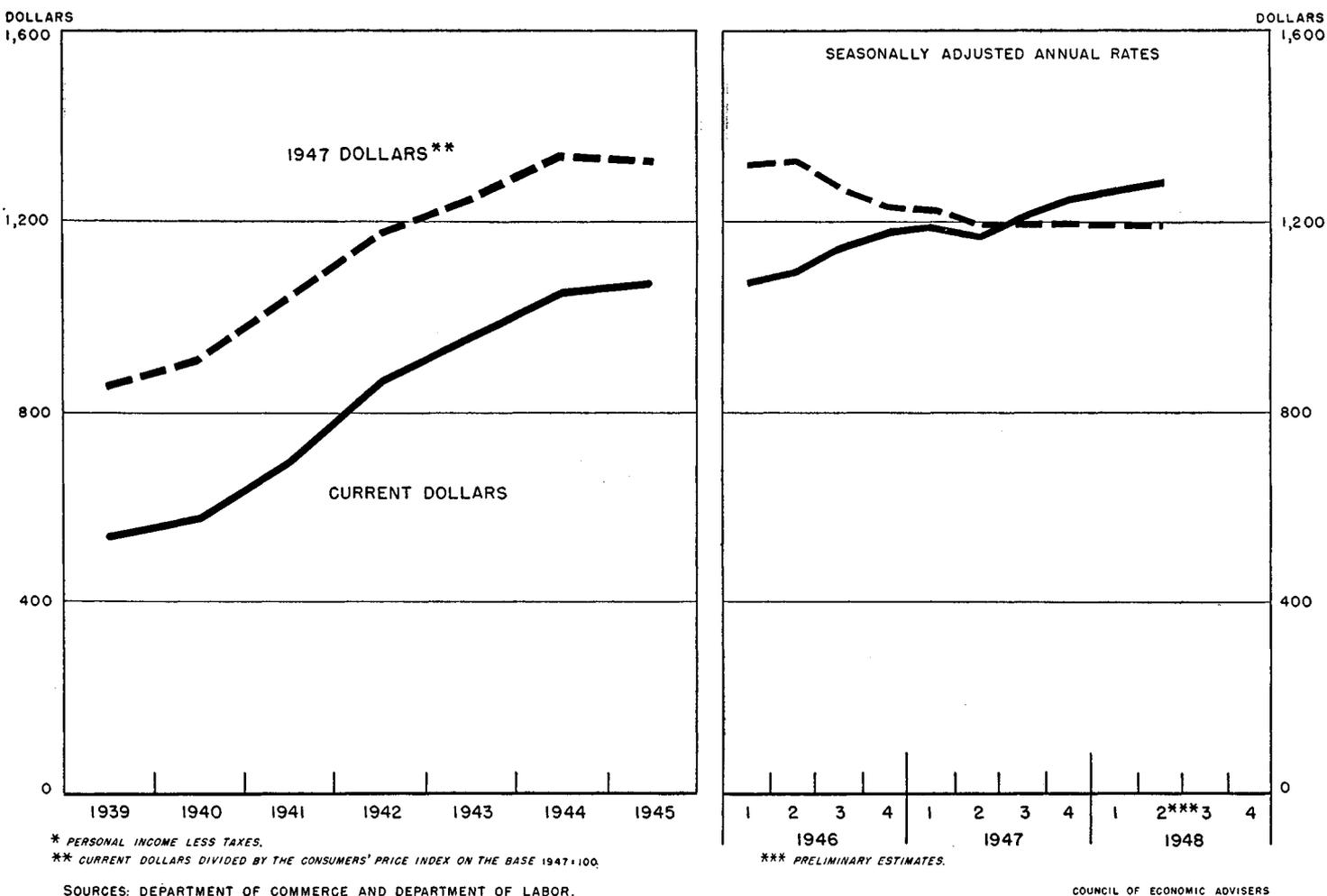
² Preliminary estimate.

NOTE.—Figures for 1944–48 are revised and do not agree with previously published data. Detail will not necessarily add to totals because of rounding.

Source: Department of Commerce.

PER CAPITA INCOME *

Real purchasing power per capita has been stationary for a year.



Period	Per capita disposable personal income ¹		Consumers' price index, 1947=100
	Current dollars	1947 dollars ²	
1939.....	\$536	\$859	62.4
1940.....	574	913	62.9
1941.....	691	1,045	66.1
1942.....	863	1,179	73.2
1943.....	964	1,242	77.6
1944.....	1,054	1,338	78.8
1945.....	1,070	1,326	80.7
1946.....	1,127	1,288	87.5
1947.....	1,205	1,205	100.0
	Annual rates, seasonally adjusted		Not adjusted for seasonal variation
1947: First quarter.....	1,186	1,224	96.9
Second quarter.....	1,170	1,191	98.2
Third quarter.....	1,212	1,200	101.0
Fourth quarter.....	1,246	1,200	103.8
1948: First quarter.....	1,263	1,199	105.3
Second quarter ³	1,283	1,199	107.0

¹ Income less taxes.

² Current dollars divided by the consumers' price index on the base 1947=100.

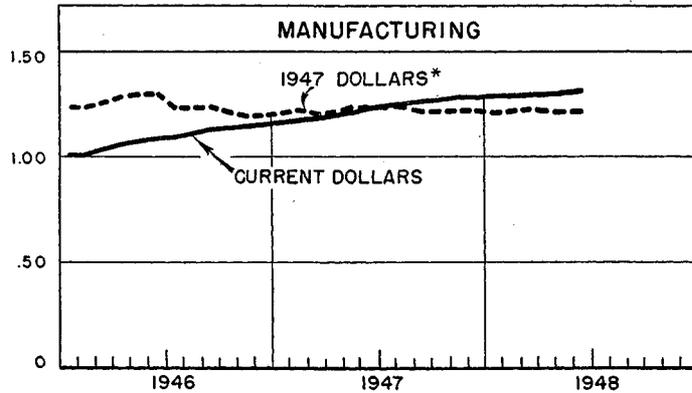
³ Preliminary estimate.

NOTE.—Figures for income for 1944–48 are revised and do not agree with previously published data.
Sources: Department of Commerce and Department of Labor.

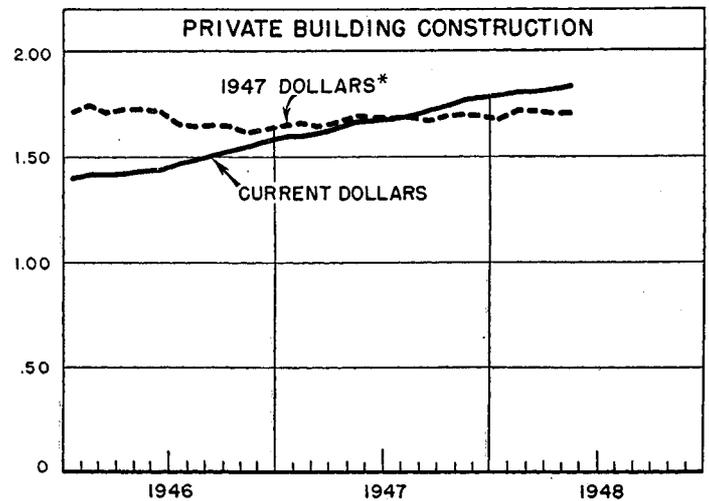
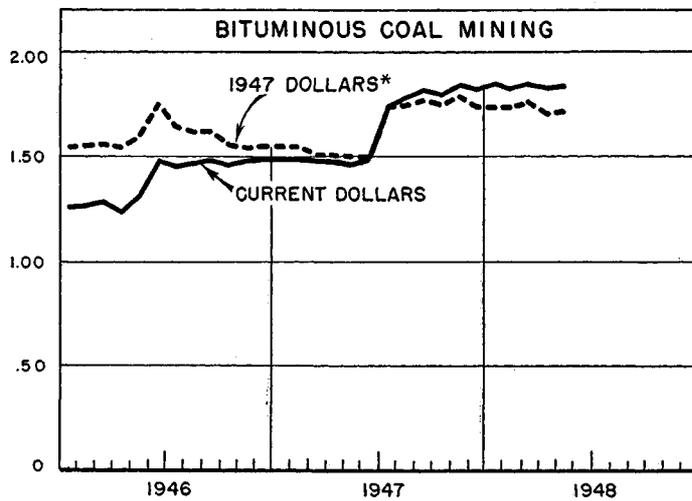
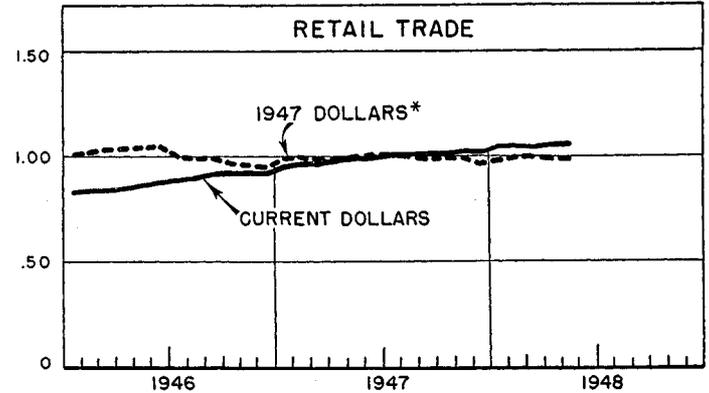
AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS

Average hourly earnings continued to increase generally in May, reflecting further wage-increase settlements. Preliminary data for manufacturing indicate this trend continued in June.

DOLLARS PER HOUR



DOLLARS PER HOUR



* CURRENT DOLLARS DIVIDED BY CONSUMERS' PRICE INDEX ON THE BASE 1947=100.
SOURCE: DEPARTMENT OF LABOR.

COUNCIL OF ECONOMIC ADVISERS

[Selected industries]

Period	Manufacturing		Retail trade		Bituminous coal mining		Private building construction ¹	
	Current dollars	1947 dollars ²	Current dollars	1947 dollars ²	Current dollars	1947 dollars ²	Current dollars	1947 dollars
1939 monthly average.....	\$0. 633	\$1. 014	\$0. 536	\$0. 859	\$0. 886	\$1. 420	\$0. 932	
1941 monthly average.....	. 729	1. 103	. 568	. 859	. 993	1. 502	1. 010	
1944 monthly average.....	1. 019	1. 293	. 724	. 919	1. 186	1. 505	1. 319	
1945 monthly average.....	1. 023	1. 268	. 773	. 958	1. 240	1. 537	1. 379	
1946 monthly average.....	1. 084	1. 239	. 878	1. 003	1. 401	1. 601	1. 478	
1947 monthly average.....	1. 221	1. 221	. 991	. 991	1. 644	1. 644	1. 676	
1947: May.....	1. 207	1. 232	. 985	1. 005	1. 470	1. 500	1. 656	
June.....	1. 226	1. 242	. 996	1. 009	1. 489	1. 509	1. 661	
July.....	1. 230	1. 236	1. 003	1. 008	1. 740	1. 749	1. 669	
August.....	1. 236	1. 227	1. 003	. 996	1. 787	1. 775	1. 689	
September.....	1. 249	1. 214	1. 012	. 983	1. 819	1. 768	1. 718	
October.....	1. 258	1. 223	1. 013	. 986	1. 798	1. 747	1. 738	
November.....	1. 268	1. 224	1. 025	. 989	1. 851	1. 787	1. 765	
December.....	1. 278	1. 218	1. 016	. 969	1. 826	1. 741	1. 774	
1948: January.....	1. 285	1. 212	1. 044	. 985	1. 847	1. 742	1. 781	
February.....	1. 287	1. 223	1. 050	. 998	1. 826	1. 736	1. 806	
March.....	1. 289	1. 230	1. 044	. 996	1. 841	1. 758	1. 805	
April.....	1. 292	1. 215	1. 055	. 992	1. 822	1. 715	1. 818	
May ³	1. 301	1. 215	1. 064	. 993	1. 841	1. 719	1. 833	
June ⁴	1. 319	1. 222						

¹ Covers only employees at the site of privately financed building projects.

² Current dollars divided by consumers' price index on the base 1947=100.

³ Preliminary estimate.

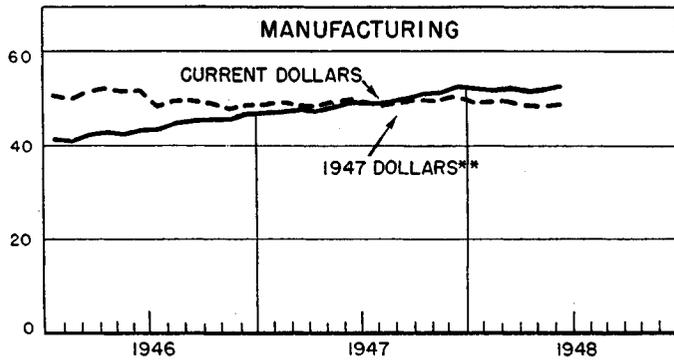
⁴ Based on pay period during coal stoppage.

Source: Department of Labor.

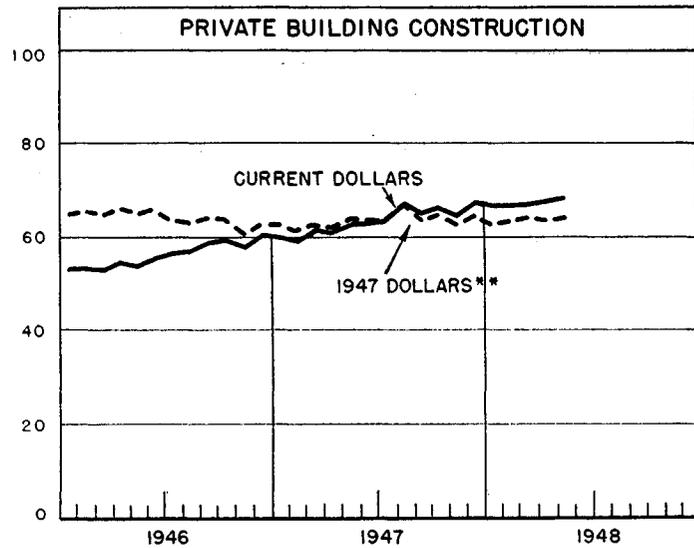
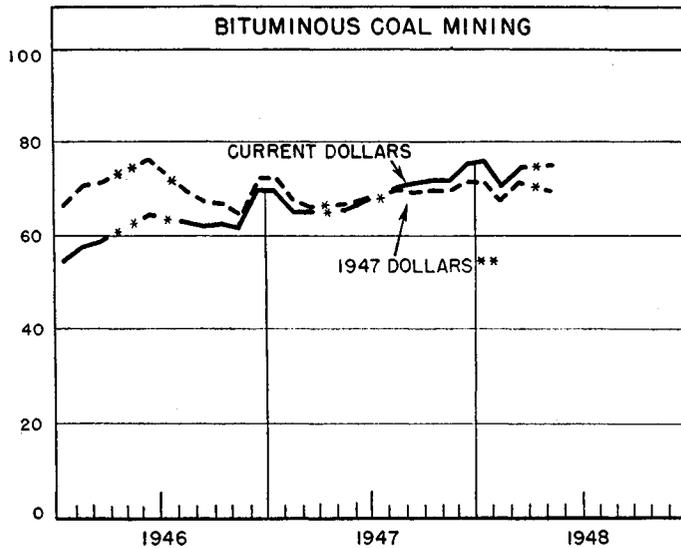
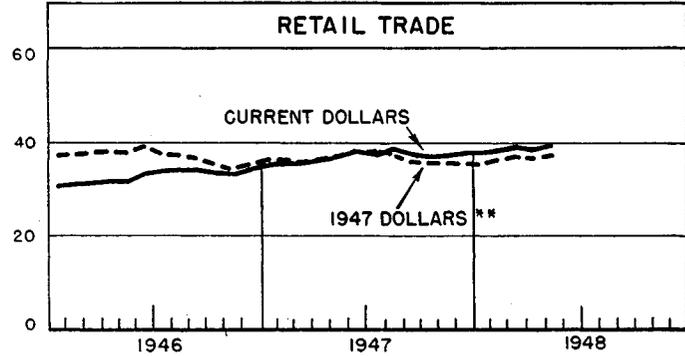
AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS

Average weekly dollar earnings in June passed last December's peak, but weekly real earnings (1947 dollars) have fallen over \$1.00 in the same period, according to preliminary data.

DOLLARS PER WEEK



DOLLARS PER WEEK



* EARNINGS DATA DISTORTED DURING THESE MONTHS BECAUSE OF WORK STOPPAGES OR VACATIONS. ** CURRENT DOLLARS DIVIDED BY CONSUMER'S PRICE INDEX ON BASE OF 1947=100
SOURCE: DEPARTMENT OF LABOR.

COUNCIL OF ECONOMIC ADVISERS

[Selected industries]

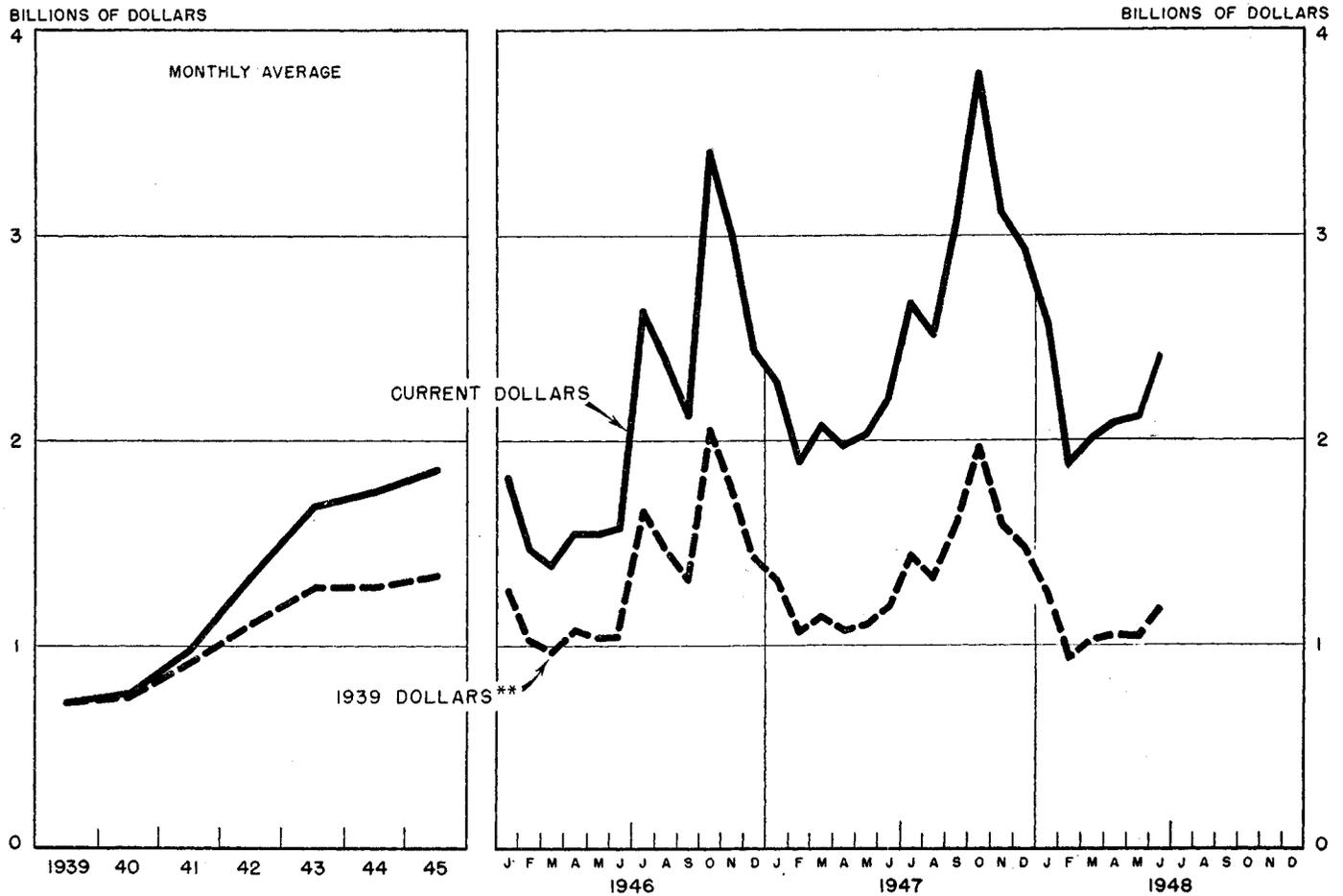
Period	Manufacturing		Retail trade		Bituminous coal mining		Private building construction ¹	
	Current dollars	1947 dollars ²	Current dollars	1947 dollars ²	Current dollars	1947 dollars ²	Current dollars	1947 dollars ²
1939 monthly average...	\$23.86	\$38.24	\$21.17	\$33.93	\$23.88	\$38.27	\$30.39	\$48.70
1941 monthly average...	29.58	44.75	21.94	33.19	30.86	46.69	35.14	53.16
1944 monthly average...	46.08	58.48	26.58	33.73	51.27	65.06	52.18	66.22
1945 monthly average...	44.39	55.01	28.31	35.08	52.25	64.75	53.73	66.58
1946 monthly average...	43.74	49.99	32.55	37.20	58.03	66.32	56.24	64.27
1947 monthly average...	49.25	49.25	36.67	36.67	66.86	66.86	63.30	63.30
1947: May	48.44	49.43	36.50	37.24	65.51	66.85	62.38	63.65
June	49.33	49.98	37.82	38.32	67.09	67.97	62.68	63.51
July	48.98	49.23	37.99	38.18	54.87	55.15	63.30	63.62
August	49.17	48.83	38.14	37.87	70.23	69.74	66.97	66.50
September	50.47	49.05	37.06	36.02	71.19	69.18	65.22	63.38
October	51.05	49.61	36.74	35.70	71.91	69.88	66.14	64.28
November	51.29	49.51	37.14	35.85	71.77	69.28	64.55	62.31
December	52.69	50.23	37.51	35.76	75.22	71.71	67.31	64.17
1948: January	52.07	49.12	37.62	35.49	75.78	71.49	66.28	62.53
February	51.75	49.19	38.33	36.44	70.54	67.05	66.31	63.03
March	52.07	49.69	38.89	37.11	74.84	71.41	66.89	63.83
April	51.71	48.65	39.27	36.94	⁴ 49.33	⁴ 46.41	67.31	63.32
May ³	51.76	48.33	39.84	37.20	74.09	69.18	68.15	63.63
June ³	52.81	48.94						

¹ Covers only employees at the site of privately financed building projects.
² Current dollars divided by consumers' price index on the base 1947=100.
³ Preliminary estimate.
⁴ Based on pay period during coal stoppage.

Source: Department of Labor.

FARM INCOME*

The increase in dollar farm income from May to June reflected particularly the sharp rise in the prices received for meat animals.



* CASH RECEIPTS FROM MARKETING AND GOVERNMENT PAYMENTS.
 ** FARM INCOME IN CURRENT DOLLARS DIVIDED BY THE INDEX OF PRICES PAID, INTEREST, AND TAXES ON THE BASE 1939=100.
 SOURCE: DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE.

COUNCIL OF ECONOMIC ADVISERS.

Period	Farm income (millions of current dollars) ¹	Prices paid by farmers (incl. interest and taxes) 1939= 100 ²	Farm income, (millions of 1939 dollars) ³
1939 monthly average.....	723	100.0	723
1940 monthly average.....	761	100.8	755
1941 monthly average.....	981	106.5	921
1942 monthly average.....	1,340	121.0	1,107
1943 monthly average.....	1,678	130.6	1,285
1944 monthly average.....	1,753	136.3	1,286
1945 monthly average.....	1,857	138.7	1,339
1946 monthly average.....	2,110	155.6	1,356
1947 monthly average.....	2,543	186.3	1,365
1947: May.....	2,026	183.9	1,102
June.....	2,211	185.5	1,192
July.....	2,662	185.5	1,435
August.....	2,517	188.7	1,334
September.....	3,060	191.9	1,595
October.....	3,773	192.7	1,958
November.....	3,109	194.4	1,599
December.....	2,927	197.6	1,481
1948: January.....	2,581	202.4	1,275
February.....	1,866	200.0	933
March.....	2,001	199.2	1,005
April.....	2,096	200.8	1,044
May.....	2,103	201.6	1,043
June ⁴	2,413	202.4	1,192

¹ Includes cash farm income from marketings and Government payments.

² Converted from the reported base, 1910-14=100, to the base 1939=100.

³ Farm income in current dollars divided by prices paid by farmers, interest, and taxes, 1939=100.

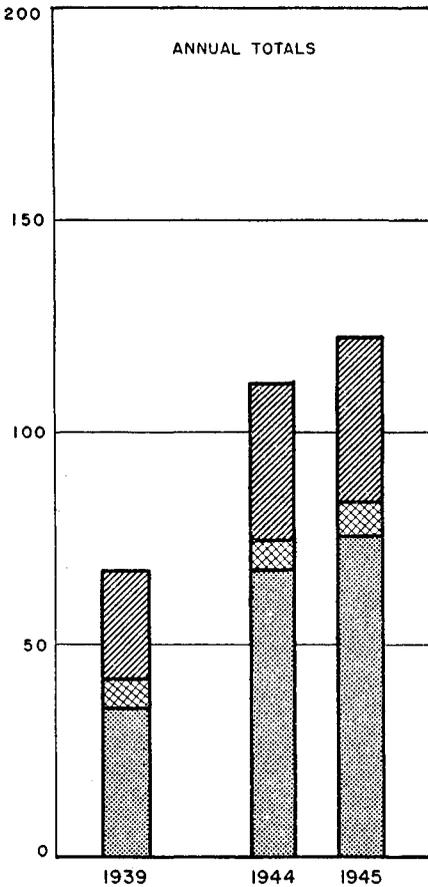
⁴ Preliminary.

Source: Department of Agriculture.

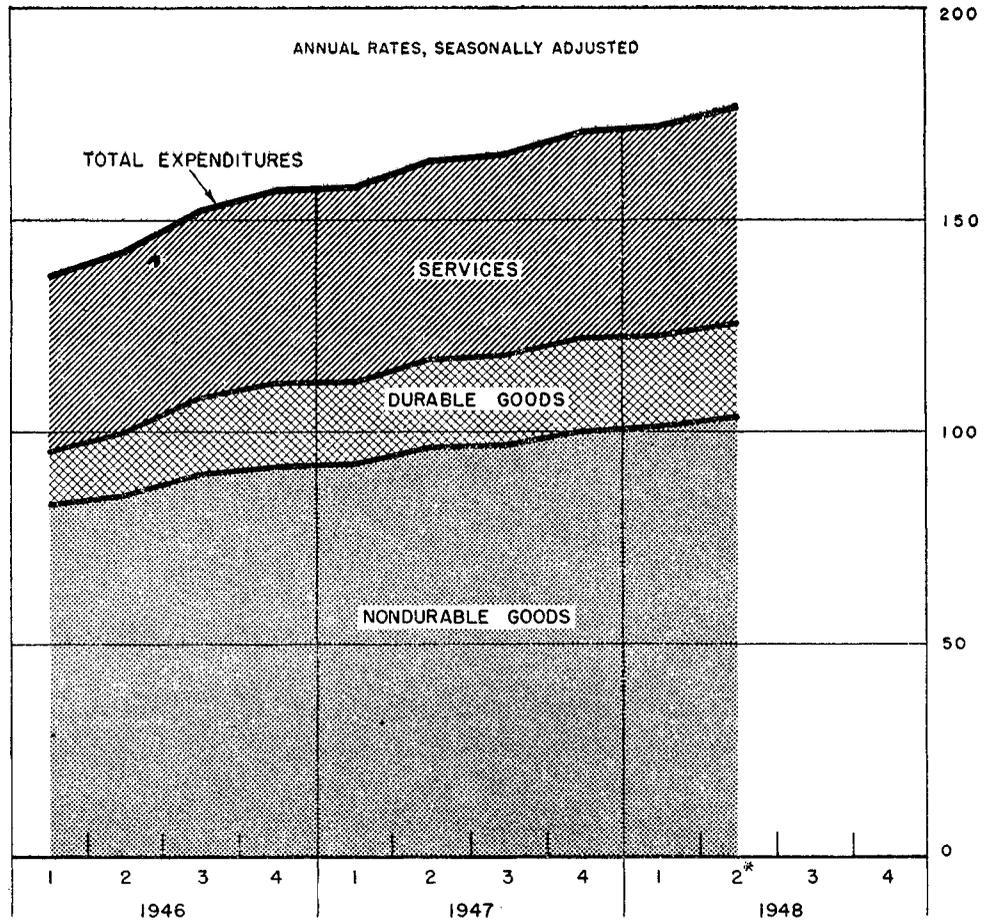
PERSONAL CONSUMPTION EXPENDITURES

In 2nd quarter, durable purchases more than recovered from their 1st quarter drop; services and nondurables continued up.

BILLIONS OF DOLLARS



BILLIONS OF DOLLARS



*PRELIMINARY ESTIMATE

SOURCE: DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE.

COUNCIL OF ECONOMIC ADVISERS

[Billions of dollars]

Period	Personal consumption expenditures			
	Total	Nondurable goods	Durable goods	Services
1939.....	67.5	35.3	6.7	25.5
1944.....	111.4	67.5	6.9	37.0
1945.....	122.8	75.4	8.3	39.2
1946.....	147.4	87.5	16.2	43.6
1947.....	164.8	96.5	21.0	47.3
Annual rates, seasonally adjusted				
1947: First quarter.....	158.1	92.5	19.6	46.0
Second quarter.....	164.2	96.3	21.1	46.7
Third quarter.....	165.6	96.8	21.1	47.7
Fourth quarter.....	171.1	100.2	22.1	48.8
1948: First quarter.....	172.3	101.3	21.4	49.6
Second quarter ¹	176.5	103.5	22.5	50.5

¹ Preliminary estimate.

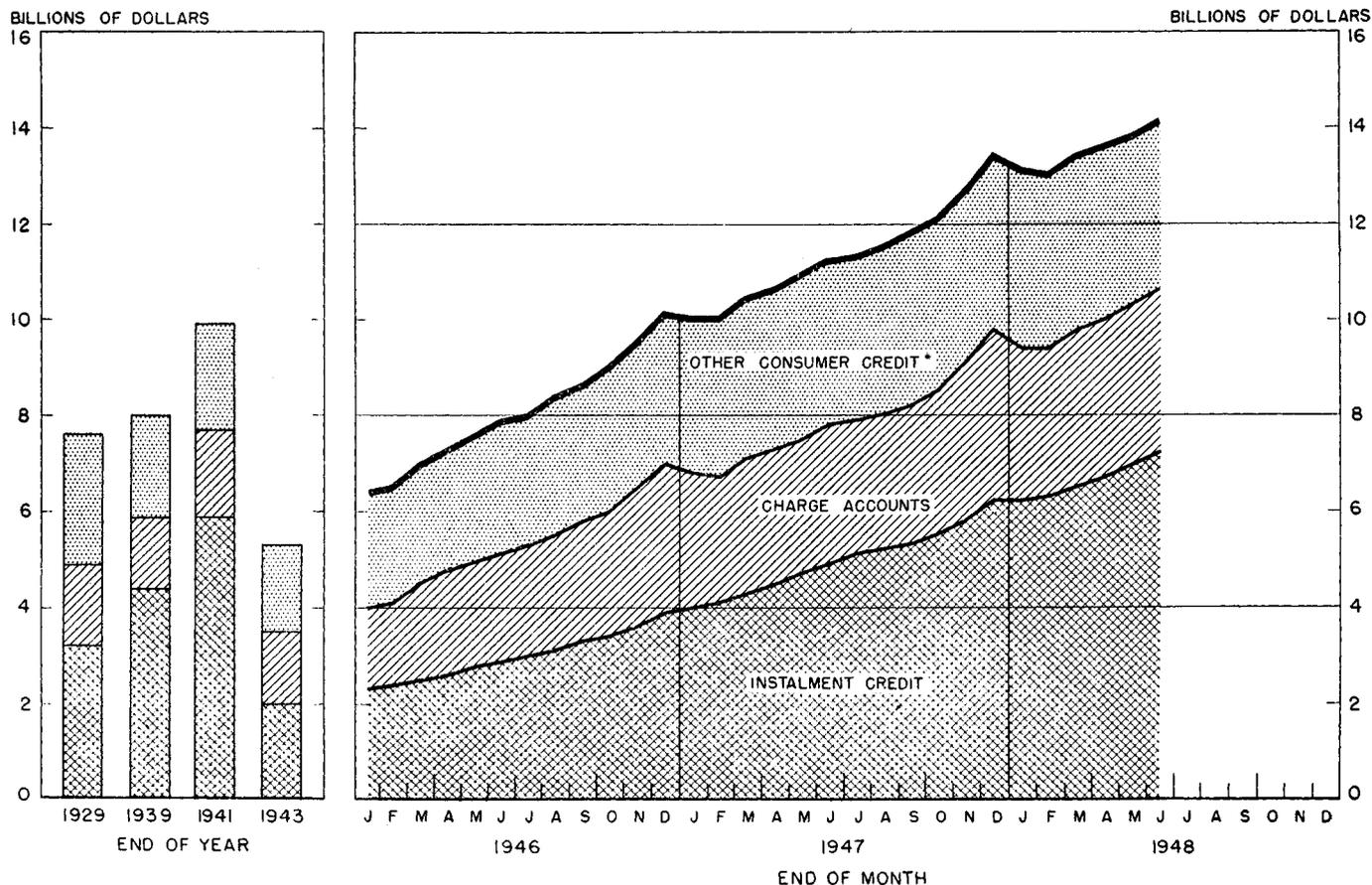
NOTE.—Figures for 1944-48 are revised and do not agree with previously published data.

Detail will not necessarily add to totals because of rounding.

Source: Department of Commerce.

CONSUMER CREDIT

Consumer credit increased about 2 percent from May to June. Approximately two-thirds of the increase was attributable to further gains in instalment credit.



SOURCE: Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System

* SINGLE PAYMENT LOANS AND SERVICE CREDIT

Council of Economic Advisers

[Billions of dollars]

End of period	Total consumer credit outstanding	Instalment credit ¹	Charge accounts	Other consumer credit ²
1929.....	7.6	3.2	1.7	2.7
1939.....	8.0	4.4	1.5	2.0
1941.....	9.9	5.9	1.8	2.2
1943.....	5.3	2.0	1.5	1.9
1945.....	6.6	2.4	2.0	2.3
1946.....	10.2	3.9	3.1	3.1
1947.....	13.4	6.2	3.6	3.6
1947: May.....	10.9	4.7	2.8	3.4
June.....	11.2	4.9	2.9	3.4
July.....	11.3	5.1	2.8	3.4
August.....	11.5	5.2	2.8	3.5
September.....	11.7	5.3	2.9	3.5
October.....	12.1	5.5	3.0	3.6
November.....	12.7	5.8	3.3	3.6
December.....	13.4	6.2	3.6	3.6
1948: January.....	13.1	6.2	3.2	3.6
February.....	13.0	6.3	3.1	3.6
March.....	13.4	6.5	3.3	3.6
April.....	13.6	6.7	3.3	3.6
May.....	13.8	7.0	3.3	3.6
June.....	14.1	7.2	3.4	3.5

¹ Includes automobile and other sale credit and repair and modernization loans insured by Federal Housing Administration.

² Includes single-payment loans of commercial banks and pawnbrokers and service credit.

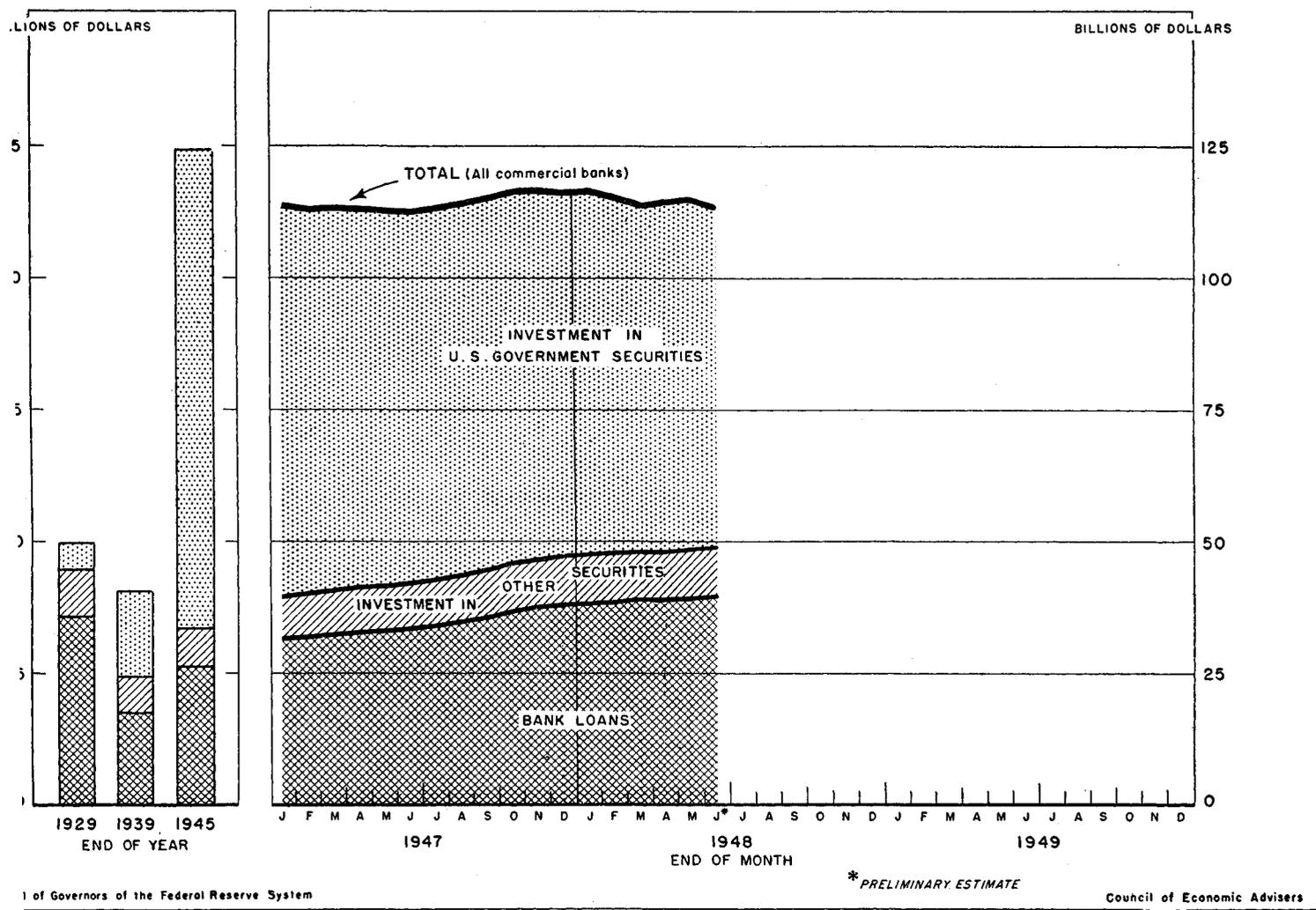
NOTE.—Detail will not necessarily add to totals because of rounding.

Source: Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

Section F: MONEY, BANKING, AND FEDERAL FINANCE

BANK LOANS AND INVESTMENTS

Bank investments in Government securities dropped \$1.1 billion from May to June.



Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System

* PRELIMINARY ESTIMATE

Council of Economic Advisers

[Billions of dollars]

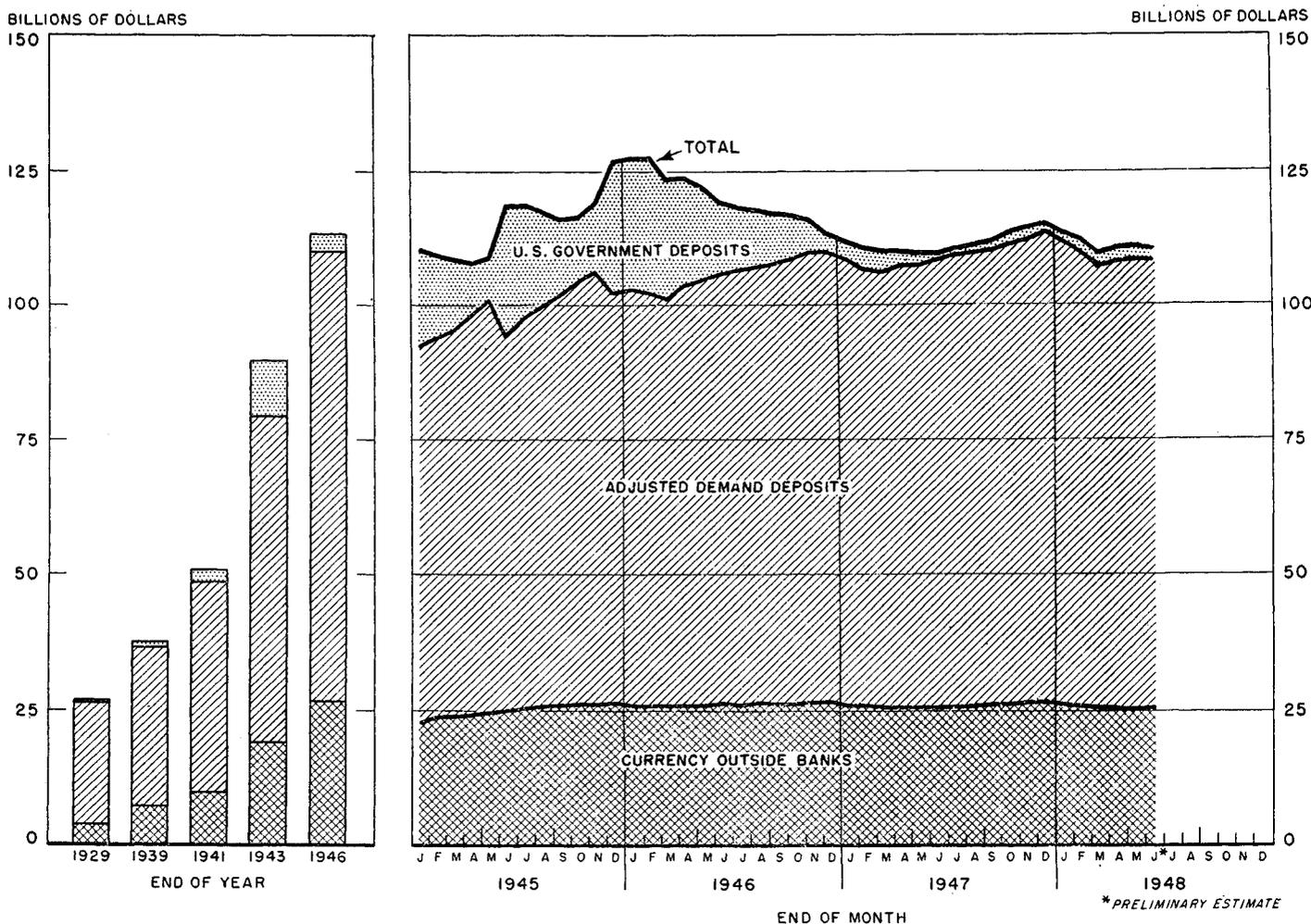
End of period	Loans and investments, all commercial banks				
	Total	Bank loans	Investments		
			Total	U. S. Government securities	Other securities
1929.....	49.5	36.0	13.5	4.8	8.7
1939.....	40.7	17.2	23.4	16.3	7.1
1945.....	124.0	26.1	97.9	90.6	7.3
1946.....	114.0	31.1	82.9	74.8	8.1
1947.....	116.4	38.1	78.3	69.3	9.0
1947: May.....	112.9	33.1	79.8	71.5	8.3
June.....	112.8	33.7	79.1	70.5	8.5
July.....	113.4	34.0	79.4	70.7	8.7
August.....	114.0	34.9	79.1	70.3	8.8
September.....	115.2	35.5	79.7	70.8	8.9
October.....	116.3	36.8	79.5	70.5	9.0
November.....	116.6	37.6	79.0	70.1	8.9
December.....	116.3	38.1	78.2	69.2	9.0
1948: January.....	116.6	38.2	78.4	69.4	9.0
February.....	115.5	38.7	76.9	67.9	9.0
March.....	113.6	38.9	74.7	65.5	9.3
April.....	114.3	38.8	75.5	66.3	9.2
May.....	114.5	39.4	75.1	65.9	9.2
June ¹	113.7	39.7	74.0	64.8	9.2

¹ Preliminary estimate.

NOTE.—Detail will not necessarily add to totals because of rounding.
Source: Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

MONEY SUPPLY

There was no significant change in money supply in June.



SOURCE: Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System

Council of Economic

[Billions of dollars]

End of period	Total money supply	Currency outside banks	Adjusted demand deposits ¹	U. S. Government deposits ²
1929.....	26.5	3.6	22.8	0.2
1939.....	37.0	6.4	29.8	.8
1941.....	50.5	9.6	39.0	1.9
1943.....	90.1	18.8	60.8	10.4
1945.....	126.9	26.5	75.9	24.6
1946.....	113.1	26.7	83.3	3.1
1947.....	115.1	26.5	87.1	1.5
1947: May.....	109.8	26.1	81.5	2.2
June.....	109.8	26.3	82.1	1.4
July.....	110.6	26.0	83.2	1.4
August.....	111.3	26.2	83.4	1.7
September.....	112.5	26.4	84.2	1.9
October.....	113.5	26.3	85.4	1.8
November.....	114.4	26.6	85.9	1.9
December.....	115.1	26.5	87.1	1.5
1948: January.....	113.7	25.8	86.6	1.3
February.....	112.0	25.7	84.6	1.8
March.....	109.6	25.6	81.6	2.4
April.....	110.9	25.4	83.0	2.5
May.....	111.0	25.4	83.2	2.4
June ³	110.8	25.6	83.0	2.2

¹ Includes demand deposits, other than interbank and U. S. Government, less cash items in process of collection.

² Beginning December 1938, includes U. S. Treasurer's time deposits, open account.

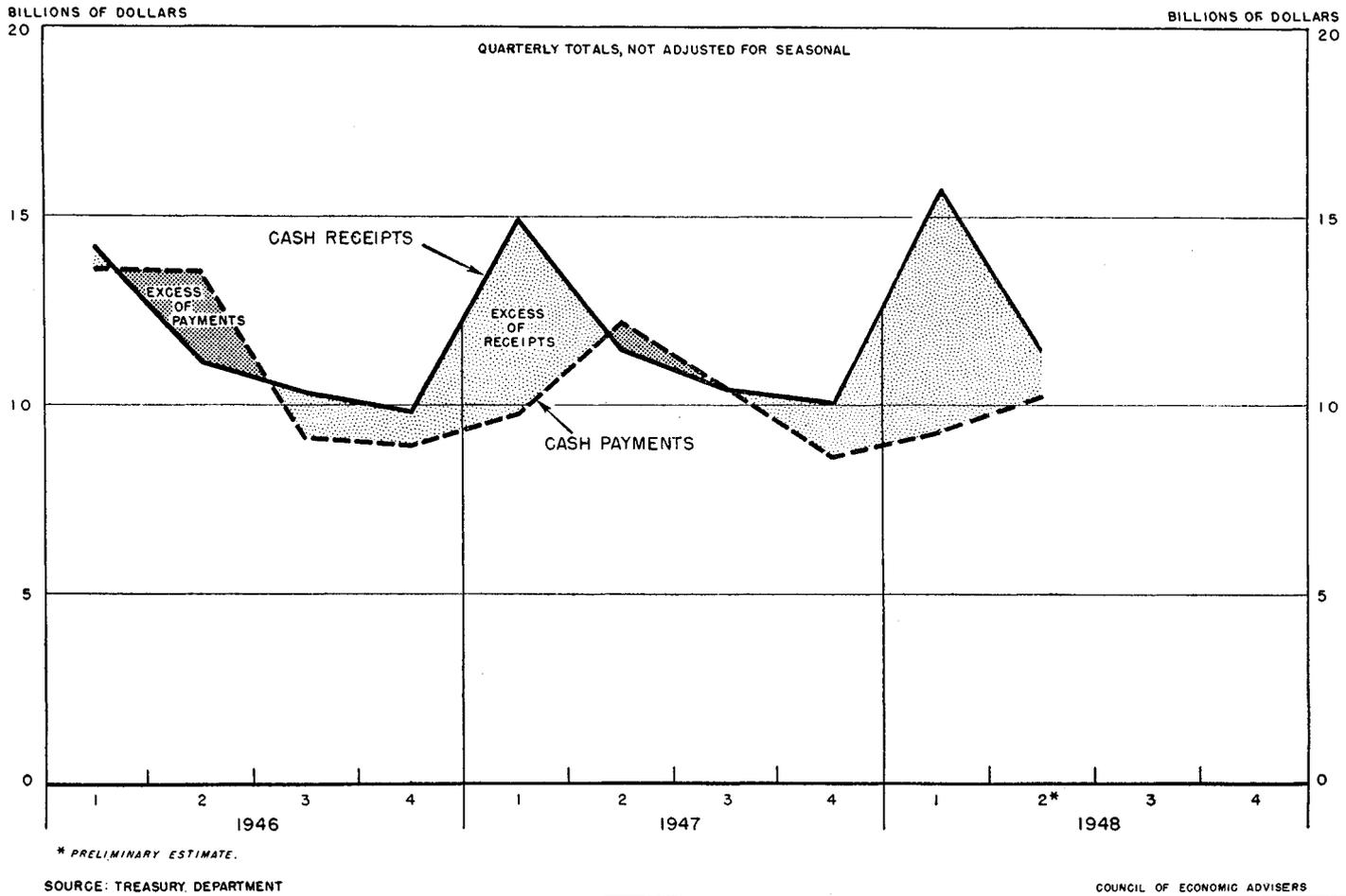
³ Preliminary estimate.

NOTE.—Detail will not necessarily add to totals because of rounding.

Source: Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

FEDERAL CASH RECEIPTS FROM AND PAYMENTS TO THE PUBLIC

The excess of Federal cash receipts over cash payments for the 1st half of 1948 was \$ 7.6 billion. Preliminary estimates for the last half of 1948 indicate a close balance.



[Millions of dollars]

Calendar year by quarters	Federal cash receipts from the public	Federal cash payments to the public	Excess of receipts (+) or payments (-)
1946: First quarter.....	14, 153	13, 648	+ 505
Second quarter.....	11, 098	13, 599	- 2, 501
Third quarter.....	10, 377	9, 106	+ 1, 271
Fourth quarter.....	9, 870	8, 909	+ 961
1947: First quarter.....	14, 962	9, 772	+ 5, 190
Second quarter.....	11, 430	12, 198	- 768
Third quarter.....	10, 470	10, 503	- 33
Fourth quarter.....	10, 011	8, 666	+ 1, 345
1948: First quarter.....	15, 732	9, 322	+ 6, 410
Second quarter ¹	11, 467	10, 313	+ 1, 154

¹ Preliminary estimate.

Source: Treasury Department.

U. S. GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE: 1948

For sale by the Superintendent of Documents, U. S. Government Printing Office, Washington 25, D. C.
Price 15 cents