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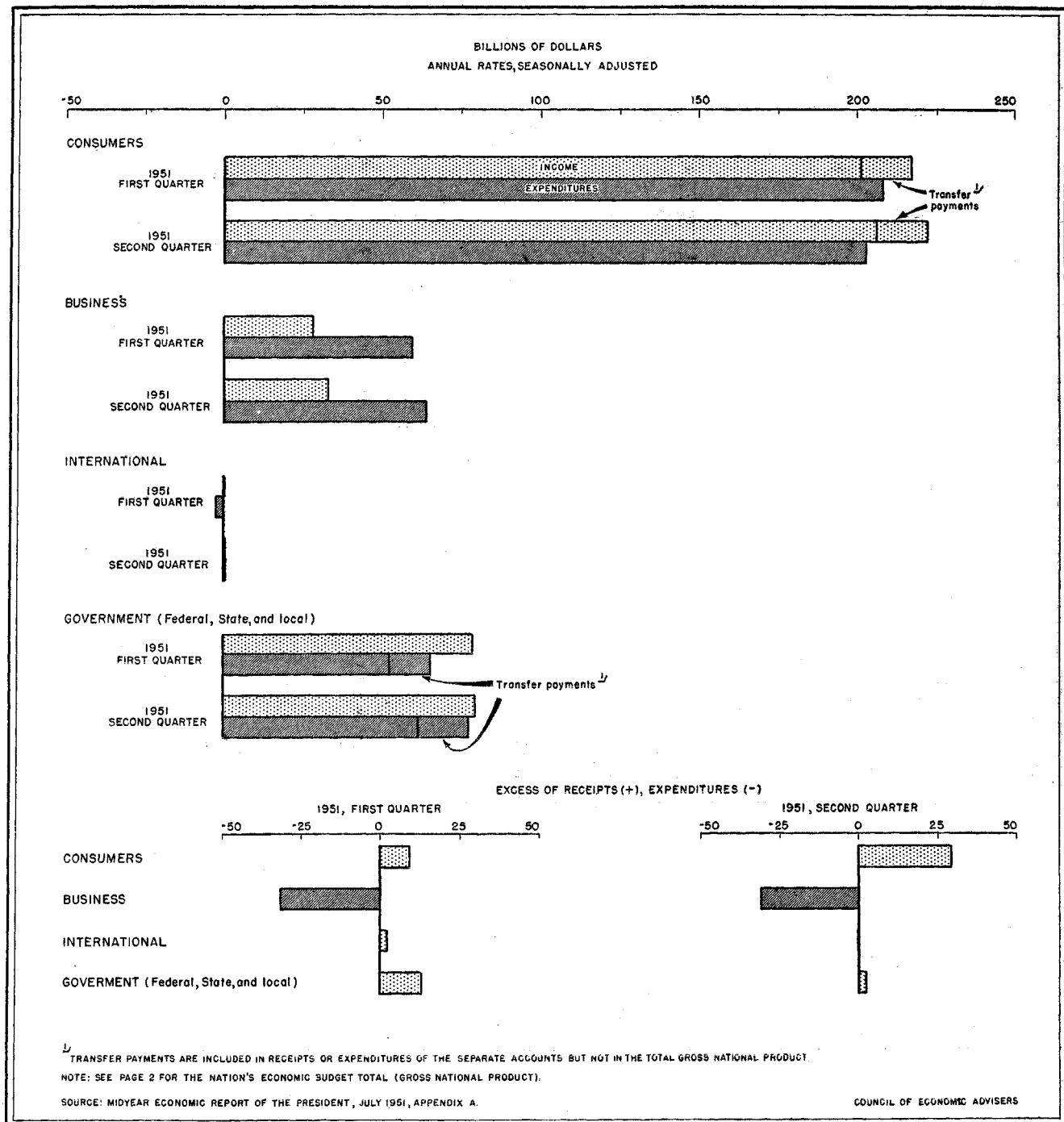
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THE TOTAL OUTPUT OF THE ECONOMY

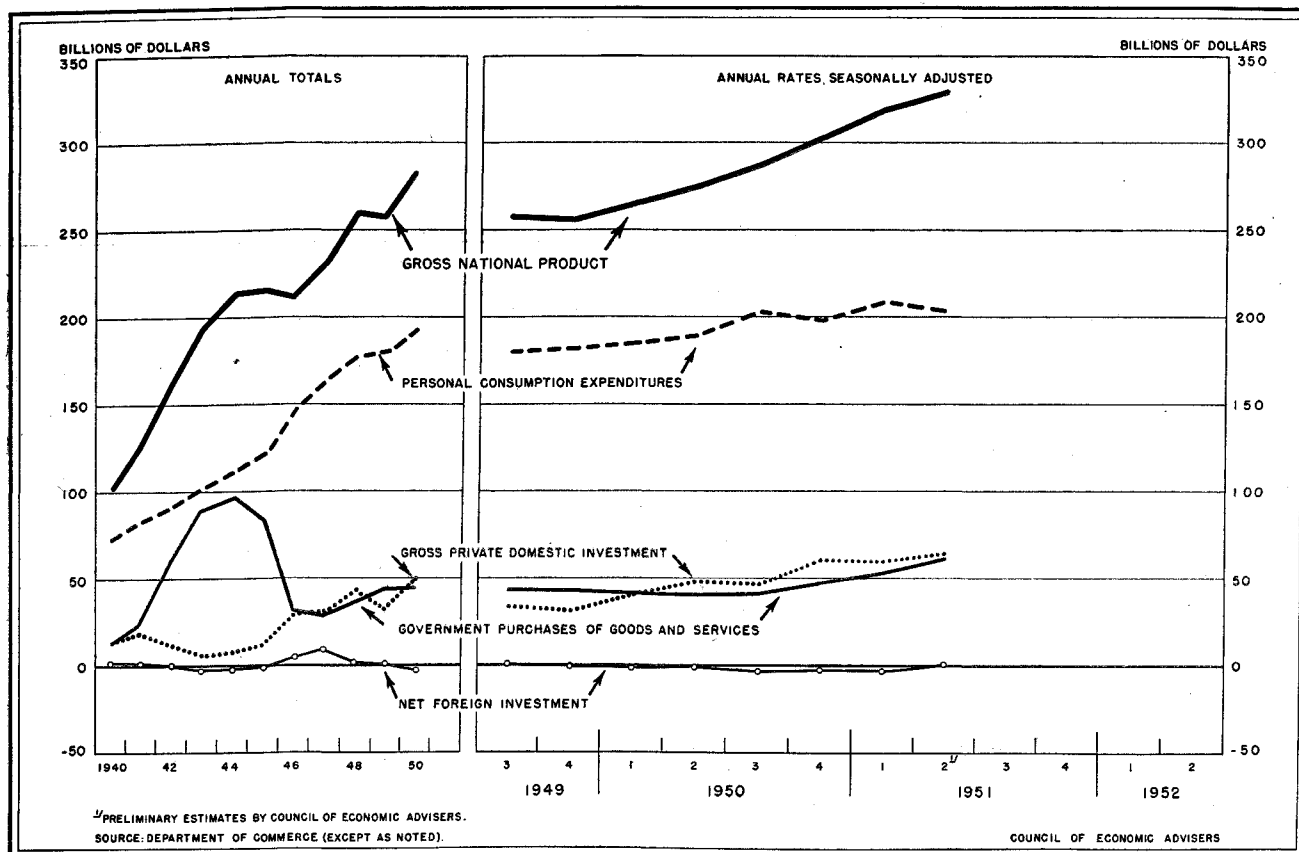
THE NATION'S ECONOMIC BUDGET

Government cash payments rose by \$11.7 billion (annual rate) from the first to the second quarter of 1951. Business investment continued to rise, but consumer expenditures declined despite rising incomes.



GROSS NATIONAL PRODUCT

The gross national product rose from an annual rate of \$318.5 billion in the first quarter of this year to \$329 billion in the second quarter, a gain of about 3.3 percent, according to revised estimates. Since prices were relatively stable between the two quarters, almost all of this gain represented an increase in output of goods and services.



[Billions of dollars]

Period	Total gross national product	Personal consumption expenditures	Gross private domestic investment	Net foreign investment	Government purchases of goods and services		
					Total	National defense ¹	Other ²
1939.....	91.3	67.5	9.9	0.9	13.1	1.3	11.8
1944.....	213.7	111.6	7.7	-2.1	96.5	88.6	7.9
1946.....	211.1	146.9	28.7	4.6	30.9	21.2	9.7
1947.....	233.3	165.6	30.2	8.9	28.6	12.2	16.4
1948.....	259.0	177.9	42.7	1.9	36.6	11.6	25.0
1949.....	257.3	180.2	33.0	.5	43.6	13.5	30.1
1950.....	282.6	193.6	48.9	-2.3	42.5	14.8	27.7
Annual rates, seasonally adjusted							
1949: First quarter.....	259.5	178.4	36.8	1.2	43.1	13.5	29.6
Second quarter.....	257.9	180.0	32.1	1.3	44.5	13.9	30.6
Third quarter.....	256.5	180.0	32.8	.2	43.5	13.5	30.0
Fourth quarter.....	255.5	182.3	30.5	- .5	43.3	13.3	30.0
1950: First quarter.....	264.4	184.7	40.1	-1.7	41.3	12.5	28.8
Second quarter.....	275.0	188.7	47.9	-1.6	40.1	12.4	27.7
Third quarter.....	287.4	202.5	47.3	-3.2	40.8	14.2	26.6
Fourth quarter.....	303.7	198.4	60.2	-2.7	47.8	20.0	27.8
1951: First quarter.....	318.5	208.2	59.6	-2.3	52.9	25.1	27.8
Second quarter ³	329.0	203.0	64.0	.5	61.5	33.1	28.4

¹ Based on Treasury Bulletin break-down of Federal budgetary expenditures adjusted to the concept of purchases of goods and services; includes "national defense and related activities," Atomic Energy, and Mutual Defense Assistance.

² Residual; expenditures by the Federal Government for other than "national defense" and total expenditures by State and local governments.

³ Estimates based on incomplete data; by Council of Economic Advisers.

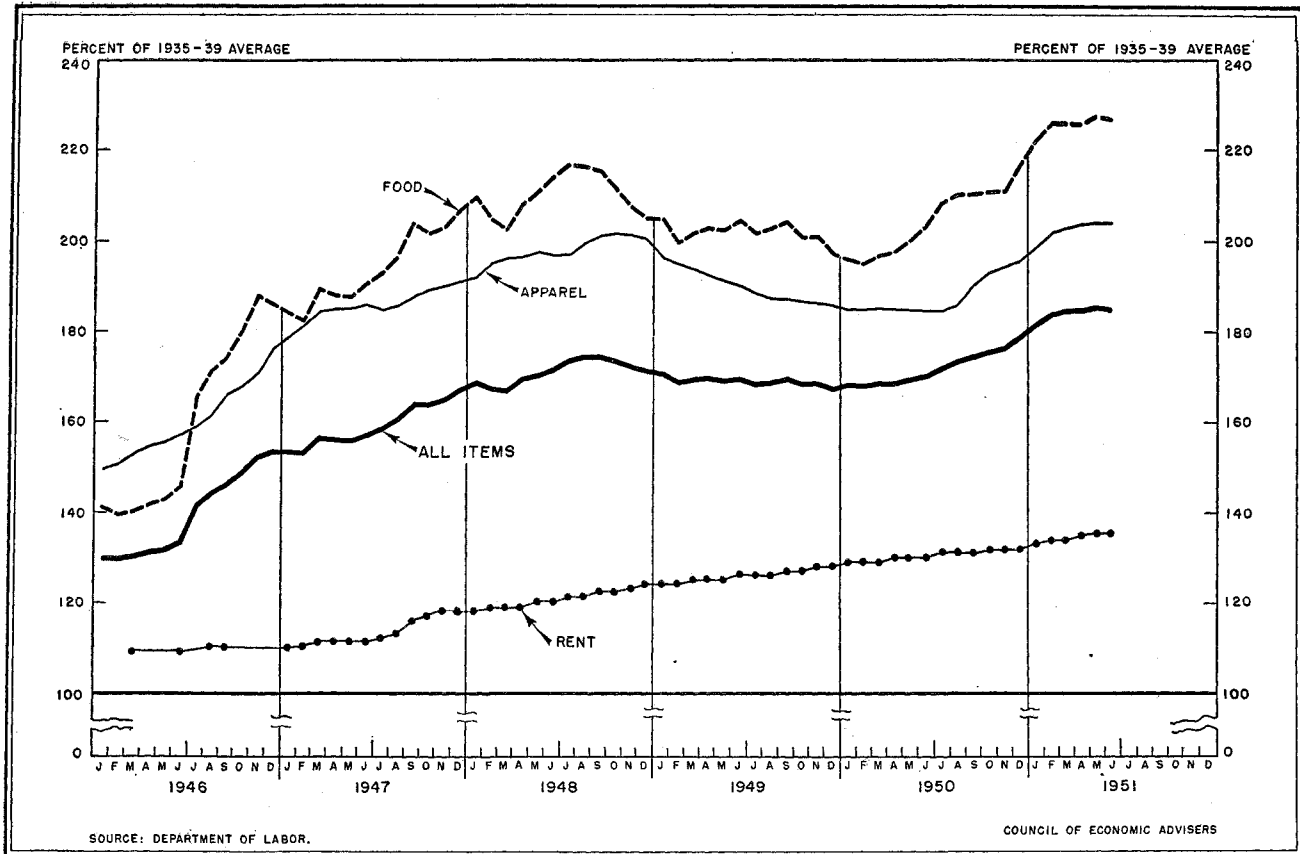
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Source: Department of Commerce (except as noted).

PRICES

CONSUMERS' PRICES

Consumers' prices declined between mid-May and mid-June for the first time in 16 months. The 0.1 percent decrease was primarily due to slightly lower retail food prices.



[1935-39 = 100]

Period	All items	Food	Apparel	Rent	Fuel, electricity, and refrigeration	Housefurnishings	Miscellaneous
1939 monthly average.....	99.4	95.2	100.5	104.3	99.0	101.3	100.7
1943 monthly average.....	123.7	138.0	129.7	108.7	107.7	125.6	115.8
1944 monthly average.....	125.7	136.1	138.8	109.1	109.8	136.4	121.3
1945 monthly average.....	128.6	139.1	145.9	109.5	110.3	145.8	124.1
1946 monthly average.....	139.5	159.6	160.2	110.1	112.4	159.2	128.8
1947 monthly average.....	159.6	193.8	185.8	113.6	121.1	184.4	139.9
1948 monthly average.....	171.9	210.2	198.0	121.2	133.9	195.8	149.9
1949 monthly average.....	170.2	201.9	190.1	126.4	137.5	189.0	154.6
1950 monthly average.....	171.9	204.4	187.7	131.0	140.6	190.2	156.5
1950: June 15.....	170.2	203.1	184.6	130.9	139.1	184.8	154.6
July 15.....	172.0	208.2	184.5	131.3	139.4	186.1	155.2
August 15.....	173.4	209.9	185.7	131.6	140.2	189.1	156.8
September 15.....	174.6	210.0	189.8	131.8	141.2	194.2	157.8
October 15.....	175.6	210.6	193.0	132.0	142.0	198.7	158.3
November 15.....	176.4	210.8	194.3	132.5	142.5	201.1	159.2
December 15.....	178.8	216.3	195.5	132.9	142.8	203.2	160.6
1951: January 15.....	181.5	221.9	198.5	133.2	143.3	207.4	162.1
February 15.....	183.8	226.0	202.0	134.0	143.9	209.7	163.2
March 15.....	184.5	226.2	203.1	134.7	144.2	210.7	164.3
April 15.....	184.6	225.7	203.6	135.1	144.0	211.8	164.6
May 15 ¹	185.4	227.4	204.0	135.4	143.6	212.6	165.0
June 15.....	185.2	226.9	204.0	135.7	143.6	212.5	164.8

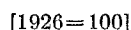
¹ A special survey of food prices indicated little change between May 15 and the end of the month.

NOTE.—Prices are for moderate-income families in large cities.

Source: Department of Labor.

The index has been revised, beginning with January 1940, to correct the downward bias resulting from the failure to take account of the differentials in rent between newly built housing and comparable existing dwellings. Certain changes, starting with January 1950, in commodity coverage and weighting were linked into the index providing an improved and consistent series.

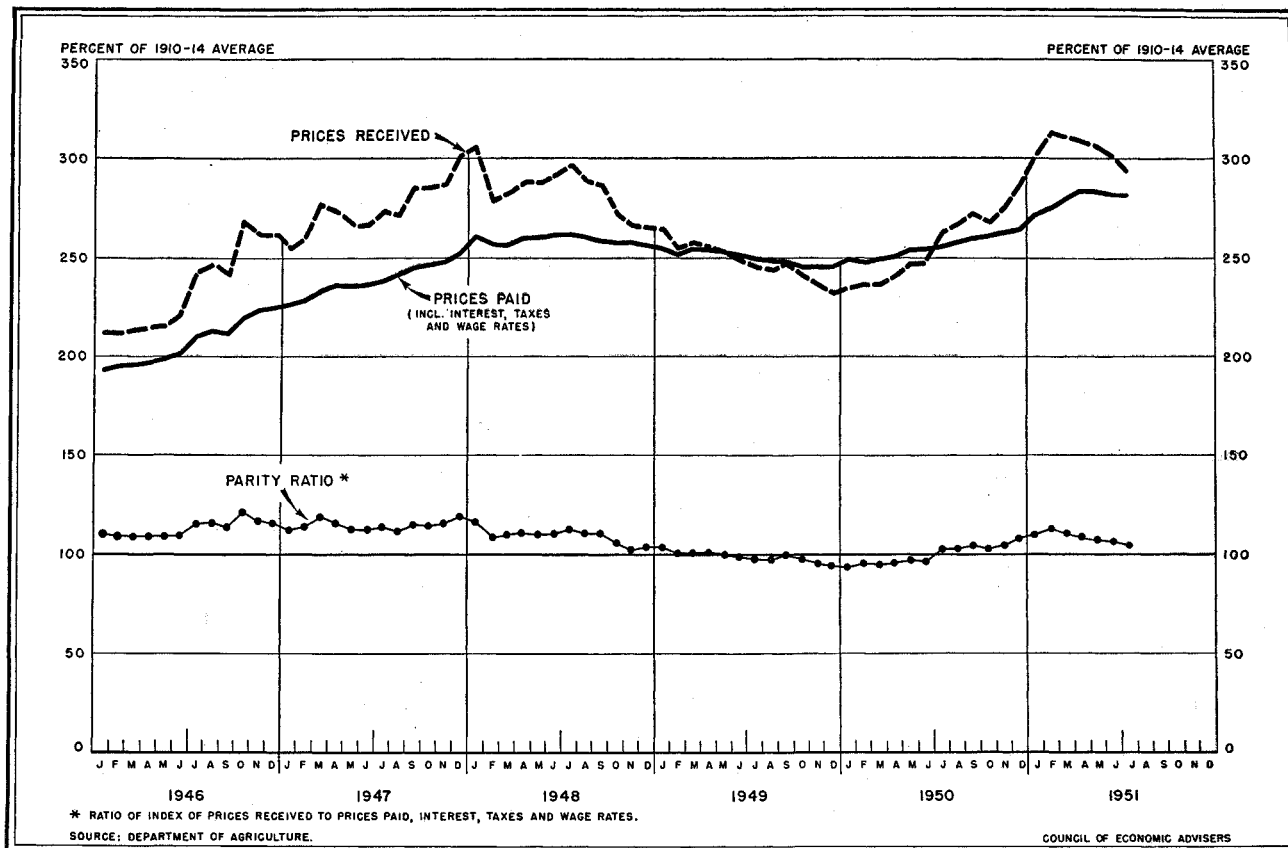
Wholesale prices continued their decline in July. All major components dropped, with the sharpest movement in prices of farm products.



¹ Estimates based on change in weekly data.
Source: Department of Labor.

PRICES RECEIVED AND PAID BY FARMERS

Prices received by farmers decreased over 2 percent in July while the prices they paid were unchanged. Farm prices received and the parity ratio have declined for five successive months. Prices paid, after reaching a post-Korea peak in May, have since decreased slightly.



[1910-14=100]

Period	Prices received by farmers	Prices paid by farmers (including interest, taxes, and wage rates)	Parity ratio ¹
1939 monthly average.....	95	123	77
1942 monthly average.....	158	152	104
1944 monthly average.....	² 196	182	108
1946 monthly average.....	² 234	207	113
1947 monthly average.....	275	239	115
1948 monthly average.....	285	259	110
1949 monthly average.....	249	250	100
1950 monthly average.....	256	255	100
1950: June 15.....	247	254	97
July 15.....	263	256	103
August 15.....	267	257	104
September 15.....	272	260	105
October 15.....	268	261	103
November 15.....	276	263	105
December 15.....	286	265	108
1951: January 15.....	300	272	110
February 15.....	313	276	113
March 15.....	311	280	111
April 15.....	309	283	109
May 15.....	305	283	108
June 15.....	301	282	107
July 15.....	294	282	104

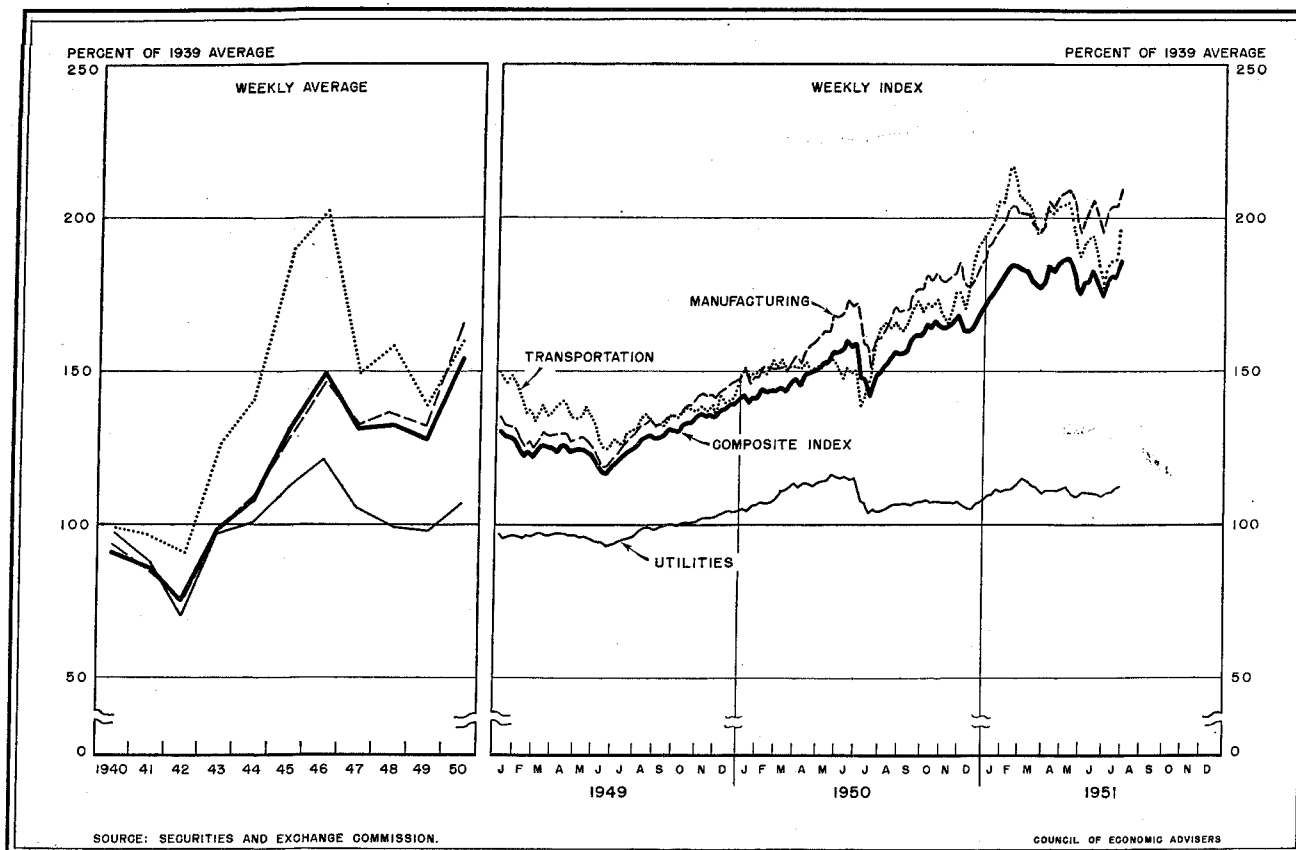
¹ Ratio of index of prices received to index of prices paid, interest, taxes, and wage rates.

² Includes wartime subsidy payments paid on beef cattle, sheep, lambs, milk, and butterfat between October 1943 and June 1946.

Source: Department of Agriculture.

STOCK PRICES

In July the composite index of stock prices rose close to the high reached in May, as all categories advanced over their June levels.



[1939=100]								
Period	Com- posite index ¹	Manufacturing			Trans- portation	Utilities	Trade, finance, and service	Mining
		Total	Durable goods	Non- durable goods				
Weekly average:								
1940.....	90. 6	93. 4	92. 5	94. 2	99. 1	97. 7	86. 7	75. 9
1942.....	74. 9	75. 5	73. 7	77. 1	90. 8	69. 8	71. 3	59. 7
1944.....	108. 0	108. 9	104. 5	109. 1	140. 5	100. 8	117. 1	93. 2
1946.....	149. 6	146. 6	138. 8	154. 4	202. 6	121. 0	204. 3	125. 5
1948.....	132. 3	136. 2	124. 4	147. 0	158. 1	99. 4	156. 9	133. 2
1949.....	127. 6	132. 1	116. 0	147. 2	138. 8	98. 1	160. 5	129. 2
1950.....	154. 1	165. 7	150. 4	180. 2	159. 9	107. 2	183. 8	143. 5
1950: June.....	158. 3	171. 1	156. 0	185. 0	149. 5	114. 8	182. 4	143. 0
July.....	146. 7	157. 9	142. 6	172. 2	150. 0	105. 5	170. 3	133. 7
August.....	154. 4	167. 6	151. 8	182. 2	164. 5	105. 9	176. 6	146. 4
September.....	159. 3	173. 3	157. 5	187. 9	168. 2	107. 1	187. 8	150. 3
October.....	164. 9	180. 3	166. 0	193. 7	171. 4	107. 8	198. 3	154. 5
November.....	165. 9	181. 8	166. 0	196. 5	171. 1	107. 4	200. 8	157. 6
December.....	165. 2	180. 4	161. 7	197. 9	184. 4	106. 5	195. 7	159. 7
1951: January.....	176. 7	194. 2	174. 8	212. 3	202. 0	110. 3	205. 1	175. 9
February.....	184. 0	203. 0	181. 6	222. 8	213. 1	112. 1	213. 2	184. 2
March.....	179. 9	198. 4	178. 2	217. 0	200. 0	112. 9	209. 7	176. 7
April.....	183. 1	203. 8	181. 2	224. 8	201. 9	111. 4	207. 8	183. 4
May.....	181. 6	202. 6	175. 3	228. 1	196. 7	110. 4	206. 0	187. 7
June.....	178. 8	199. 9	168. 9	228. 7	188. 3	109. 9	200. 9	186. 0
July.....	181. 8	204. 4	170. 3	236. 2	187. 9	111. 2	202. 2	195. 2
Week ended:								
1951: July 7.....	179. 2	201. 3	169. 0	231. 4	183. 6	110. 2	200. 9	187. 4
14.....	181. 2	203. 9	171. 3	234. 2	185. 4	110. 9	202. 7	188. 5
21.....	180. 8	203. 1	168. 3	235. 6	186. 5	111. 2	201. 6	192. 2
28.....	186. 1	209. 4	172. 5	243. 8	196. 2	112. 6	203. 6	212. 6
August 4 ²	188. 7	213. 7	176. 0	249. 0	195. 9	113. 2	204. 6	217. 3

¹ Includes 265 common stocks, distributed as follows: 14 for mining, 98 for durable goods manufacturing, 72 for nondurable goods manufacturing, 21 for transportation, 28 for utilities, and 32 for trade, finance, and service.

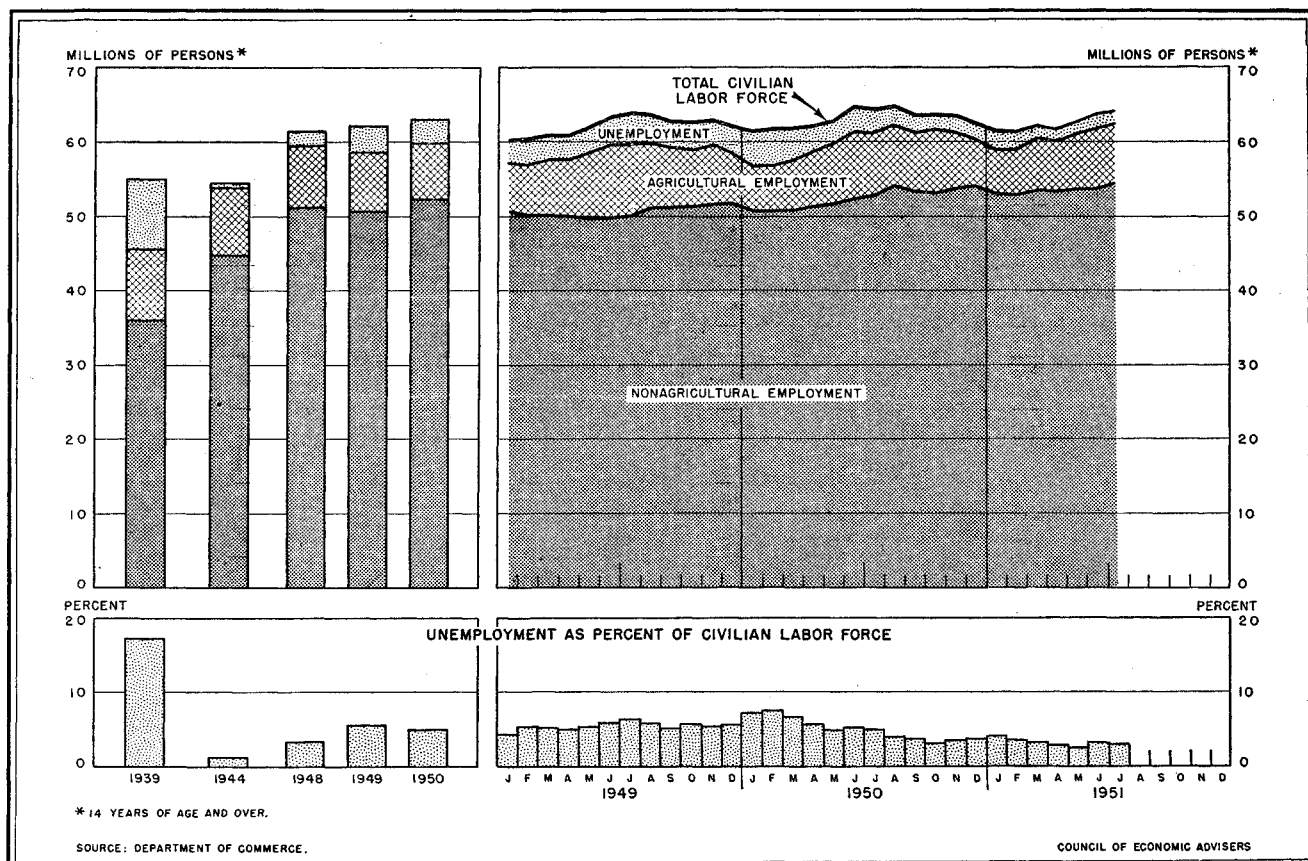
² Data became available after chart was prepared.

Source: Securities and Exchange Commission.

EMPLOYMENT AND WAGES

CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE

Civilian employment increased about 725,000 from June to July, reaching a new high of 62.5 million. Nonagricultural employment rose about 850,000 while agricultural employment declined seasonally. Unemployment decreased about 125,000 to a level just below 1.9 million, a postwar low for the month of July.



Period	Civilian labor force					Unemploy- ment as per- cent of total civilian labor force
	Total	Employment ¹			Unem- ploy- ment	
		Total	Agricul- tural	Nonagri- cultural		
	Thousands of persons, 14 years of age and over					
1939 monthly average.....	55, 230	45, 750	9, 610	36, 140	9, 480	17. 2
1944 monthly average.....	54, 630	53, 960	8, 950	45, 010	670	1. 2
1947 monthly average.....	60, 168	58, 027	8, 266	49, 761	2, 142	3. 6
1948 monthly average.....	61, 442	59, 378	7, 973	51, 405	2, 064	3. 4
1949 monthly average.....	62, 105	58, 710	8, 026	50, 684	3, 395	5. 5
1950 monthly average.....	63, 099	59, 957	7, 507	52, 450	3, 142	5. 0
1950: June.....	64, 866	61, 482	9, 046	52, 436	3, 384	5. 2
July.....	64, 427	61, 214	8, 440	52, 774	3, 213	5. 0
August.....	64, 867	62, 367	8, 160	54, 207	2, 500	3. 9
September.....	63, 567	61, 226	7, 811	53, 415	2, 341	3. 7
October.....	63, 704	61, 764	8, 491	53, 273	1, 940	3. 0
November.....	63, 512	61, 271	7, 551	53, 721	2, 240	3. 5
December.....	62, 538	60, 308	6, 234	54, 075	2, 229	3. 6
1951: January.....	61, 514	59, 010	6, 018	52, 993	2, 503	4. 1
February.....	61, 313	58, 905	5, 930	52, 976	2, 407	3. 9
March.....	62, 325	60, 179	6, 393	53, 785	2, 147	3. 4
April.....	61, 789	60, 044	6, 645	53, 400	1, 744	2. 8
May.....	62, 803	61, 193	7, 440	53, 753	1, 609	2. 6
June.....	63, 783	61, 803	8, 035	53, 768	1, 980	3. 1
July.....	64, 382	62, 526	7, 908	54, 618	1, 856	2. 9

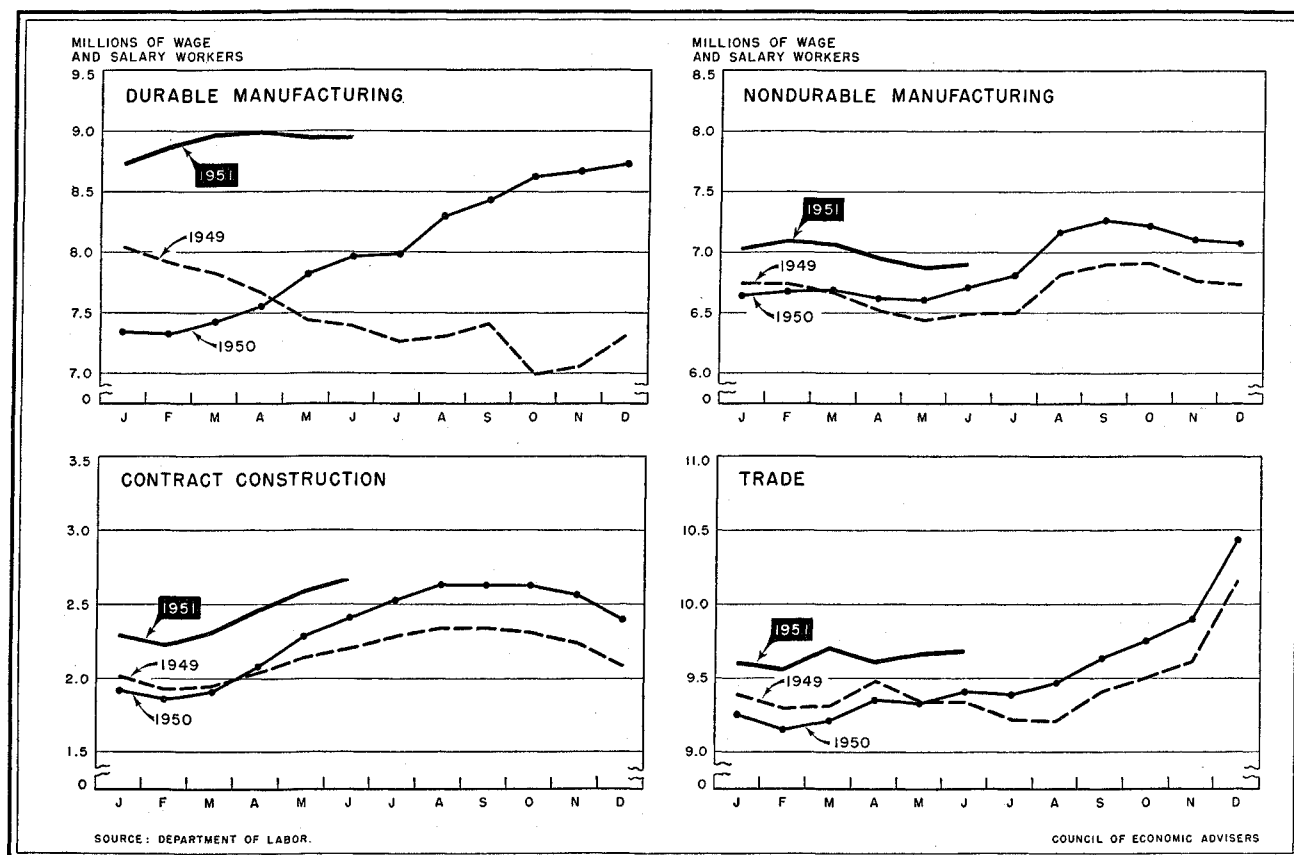
¹ Includes part-time workers and those who had jobs but were not at work for such reasons as vacation, illness, bad weather, temporary lay-off, and industrial disputes.

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

Source: Department of Commerce.

NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT - SELECTED INDUSTRIES

Durable goods manufacturing employment has shown little change recently as declines in employment in consumer durable industries have been offset by increases in defense industries. In June, construction employment rose seasonally to a new all-time high. The small increase in Federal Government employment was offset by a decline in State and local governments.



[Thousands of wage and salary workers ¹]

Period	Manufacturing			Contract construction	Trade	Finance and service	Government (Federal, State, local)	Transportation and public utilities	Mining
	Total	Durable goods	Nondurable goods						
1939 monthly average.....	10, 078	4, 683	5, 394	1, 150	6, 612	4, 703	3, 987	2, 912	845
1943 monthly average.....	17, 381	11, 077	6, 304	1, 567	7, 189	5, 320	6, 049	3, 619	917
1946 monthly average.....	14, 461	7, 739	6, 722	1, 661	8, 612	6, 207	5, 607	4, 023	852
1947 monthly average.....	15, 247	8, 373	6, 874	1, 982	9, 196	6, 427	5, 454	4, 122	943
1948 monthly average.....	15, 286	8, 315	6, 970	2, 165	9, 491	6, 515	5, 613	4, 151	981
1949 monthly average.....	14, 146	7, 465	6, 681	2, 156	9, 438	6, 545	5, 811	3, 979	932
1950 monthly average.....	14, 884	8, 008	6, 876	2, 318	9, 524	6, 573	5, 910	4, 010	904
1950: May.....	14, 413	7, 809	6, 604	2, 245	9, 326	6, 602	5, 900	3, 885	940
June.....	14, 666	7, 964	6, 702	2, 414	9, 411	6, 653	5, 832	4, 023	946
July.....	14, 777	7, 978	6, 799	2, 532	9, 390	6, 672	5, 741	4, 062	922
August.....	15, 450	8, 294	7, 156	2, 629	9, 474	6, 664	5, 793	4, 120	950
September.....	15, 685	8, 423	7, 262	2, 626	9, 641	6, 643	6, 004	4, 139	946
October.....	15, 827	8, 618	7, 209	2, 631	9, 752	6, 578	6, 039	4, 132	939
November.....	15, 765	8, 664	7, 101	2, 571	9, 896	6, 543	6, 037	4, 123	938
December.....	15, 789	8, 717	7, 072	2, 403	10, 443	6, 522	6, 376	4, 125	937
1951: January.....	15, 784	8, 742	7, 042	2, 281	9, 592	6, 497	6, 088	4, 072	932
February.....	15, 978	8, 877	7, 101	2, 228	9, 554	6, 496	6, 122	4, 082	930
March.....	16, 022	8, 969	7, 053	2, 326	9, 713	6, 536	6, 217	4, 112	924
April ²	15, 928	8, 977	6, 951	2, 472	9, 618	6, 608	6, 292	4, 132	910
May ²	15, 839	8, 959	6, 880	2, 592	9, 670	6, 662	6, 377	4, 139	912
June ²	15, 864	8, 960	6, 904	2, 674	9, 695	6, 723	6, 373	4, 164	917

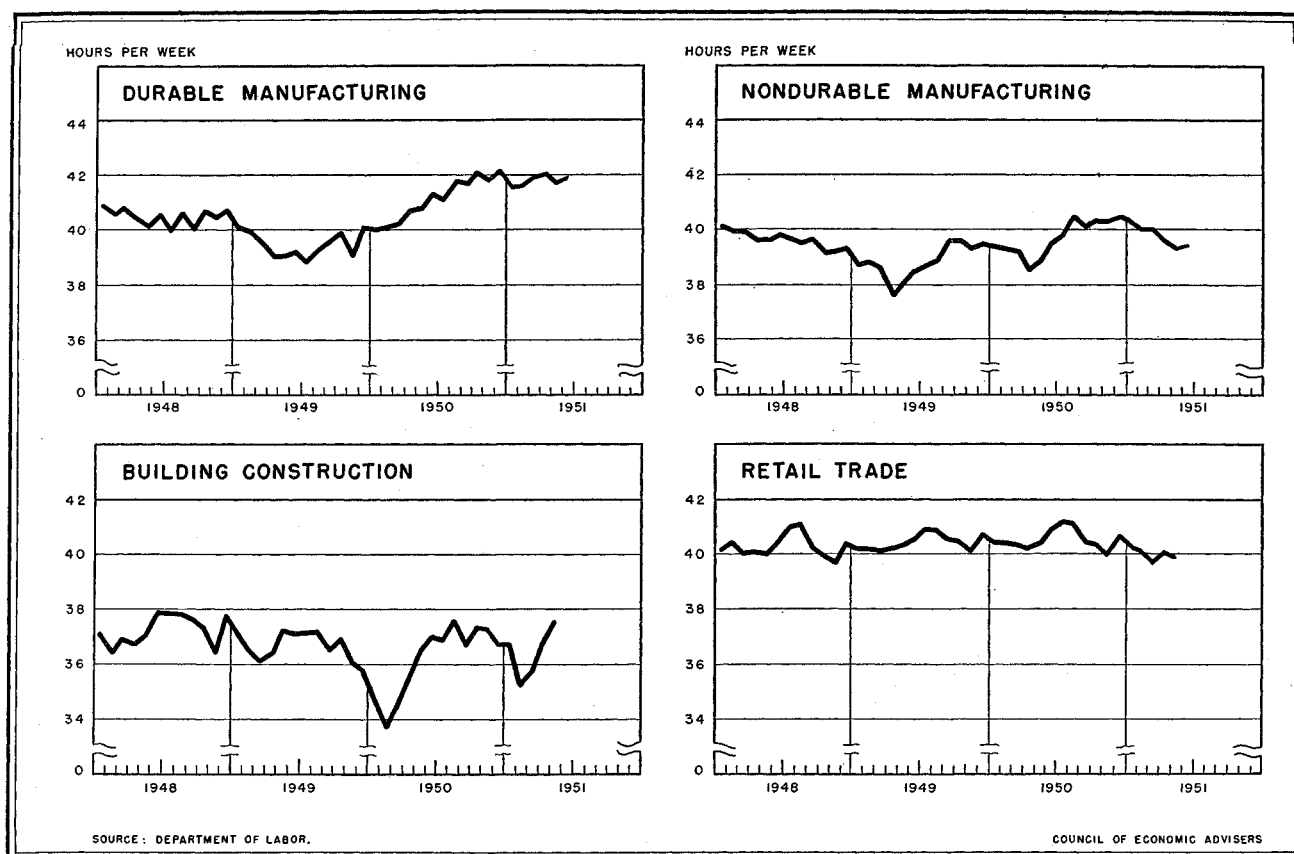
¹ Includes all full- and part-time wage and salary workers in nonagricultural establishments who worked or received pay during the pay period ending nearest the 15th of the month. Excludes proprietors, self-employed persons, domestic servants, and personnel of the armed forces. Total derived from this table not comparable with estimates of nonagricultural employment of the civilian labor force reported by the Department of Commerce (p. 7) 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 estimates.

Source: Department of Labor.

AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS - SELECTED INDUSTRIES

Weekly hours in durable goods industries have remained relatively constant in recent months. The June level of 39.4 hours in nondurable goods industries is somewhat below seasonal expectations, largely due to declines in textiles, apparel, leather, paper, and chemicals.



[Hours per week, selected industries¹]

Period	Manufacturing			Building construction	Retail trade
	Total	Durable goods	Nondurable goods		
1939 monthly average.....	37.7	38.0	37.4	(2)	(2)
1943 monthly average.....	44.9	46.6	42.5	(2)	(2)
1946 monthly average.....	40.4	40.2	40.5	(2)	(2)
1947 monthly average.....	40.4	40.6	40.1	(2)	40.3
1948 monthly average.....	40.1	40.5	39.6	37.3	40.3
1949 monthly average.....	39.2	39.5	38.8	36.7	40.4
1950 monthly average.....	40.5	41.2	39.7	36.3	40.5
1950: April.....	39.7	40.7	38.5	35.6	40.2
May.....	39.9	40.8	38.9	36.5	40.4
June.....	40.5	41.3	39.5	37.0	40.9
July.....	40.5	41.1	39.8	36.9	41.2
August.....	41.2	41.8	40.5	37.6	41.1
September.....	41.0	41.7	40.1	36.7	40.4
October.....	41.3	42.1	40.3	37.4	40.3
November.....	41.1	41.8	40.3	37.3	40.0
December.....	41.4	42.2	40.5	36.7	40.7
1951: January.....	41.0	41.5	40.2	36.7	40.3
February.....	40.9	41.6	40.0	35.3	40.1
March.....	41.1	41.9	40.0	35.8	39.7
April ³	41.0	42.0	39.6	36.8	40.0
May ³	40.7	41.7	39.3	37.6	39.9
June ³	40.8	41.9	39.4	(2)	(2)

¹ For production and related workers.

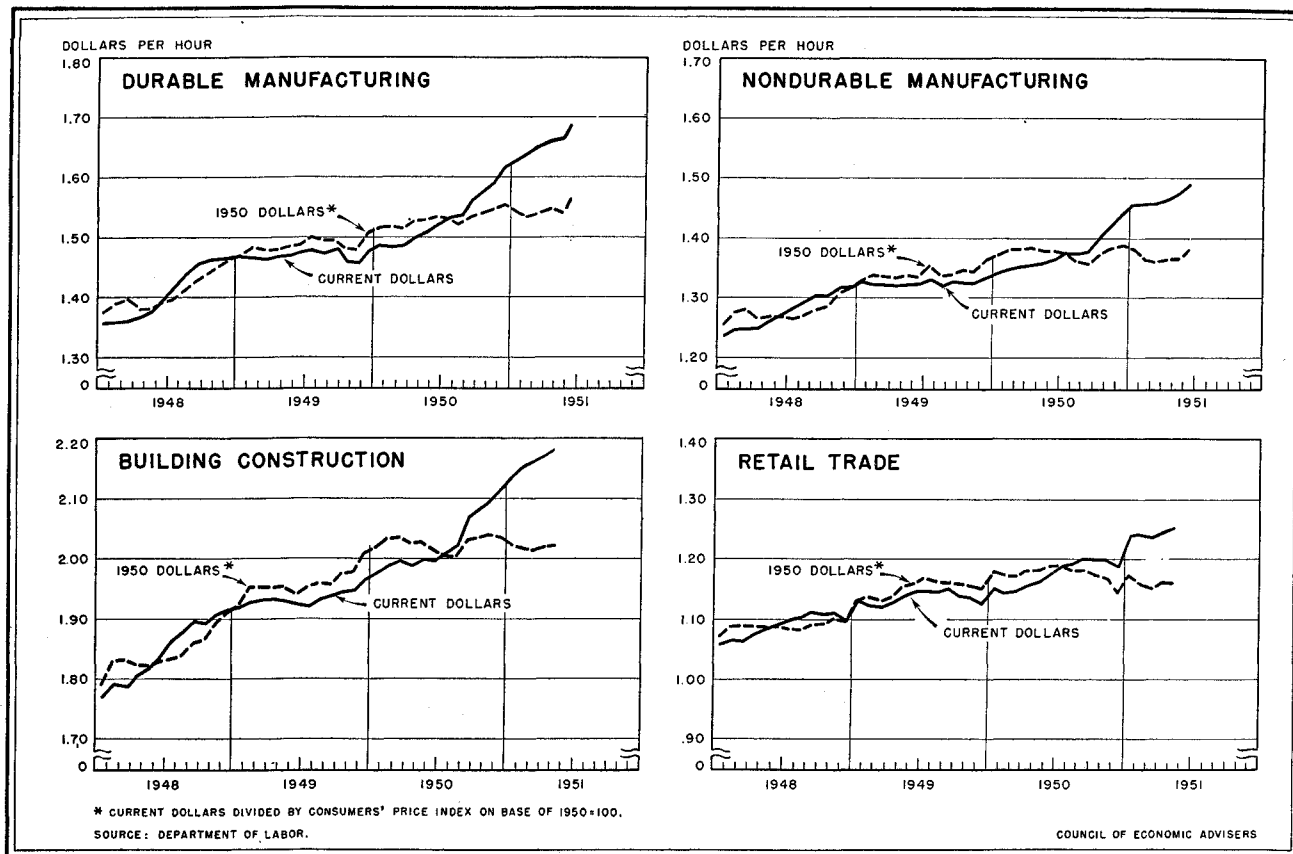
² Not available.

³ Preliminary estimates.

Source: Department of Labor.

AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS - SELECTED INDUSTRIES

Average hourly earnings in both durable and nondurable manufacturing industries rose sharply in June. These increases, the largest this year, reflected higher wage rates (including cost-of-living adjustments) in many industries, and some overtime premiums.



[Production and related workers in selected industries]

Period	All manufacturing		Durable goods manufacturing		Nondurable goods manufacturing		Building construction		Retail trade	
	Current dollars	1950 dollars ¹	Current dollars	1950 dollars ¹	Current dollars	1950 dollars ¹	Current dollars	1950 dollars ¹	Current dollars	1950 dollars ¹
1939 monthly average.....	\$0. 633	\$1. 090	\$0. 698	\$1. 201	\$0. 582	\$1. 002	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)
1943 monthly average.....	. 961	1. 335	1. 059	1. 471	. 803	1. 115	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)
1946 monthly average.....	1. 086	1. 337	1. 156	1. 424	1. 015	1. 250	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)
1947 monthly average.....	1. 237	1. 333	1. 292	1. 392	1. 171	1. 262	(²)	(²)	\$1. 009	\$1. 087
1948 monthly average.....	1. 350	1. 350	1. 410	1. 410	1. 278	1. 278	\$1. 848	\$1. 848	1. 088	1. 088
1949 monthly average.....	1. 401	1. 415	1. 469	1. 484	1. 325	1. 338	1. 935	1. 955	1. 137	1. 148
1950 monthly average.....	1. 465	1. 465	1. 537	1. 537	1. 378	1. 378	2. 031	2. 031	1. 176	1. 176
1950: May.....	1. 442	1. 464	1. 509	1. 532	1. 358	1. 379	1. 998	2. 028	1. 162	1. 180
June.....	1. 453	1. 468	1. 522	1. 537	1. 365	1. 379	1. 995	2. 015	1. 175	1. 187
July.....	1. 462	1. 461	1. 533	1. 531	1. 375	1. 374	2. 006	2. 004	1. 189	1. 188
August.....	1. 464	1. 451	1. 539	1. 525	1. 374	1. 362	2. 021	2. 003	1. 192	1. 181
September.....	1. 479	1. 456	1. 562	1. 537	1. 379	1. 357	2. 067	2. 034	1. 200	1. 181
October.....	1. 501	1. 468	1. 577	1. 543	1. 404	1. 374	2. 082	2. 037	1. 199	1. 173
November.....	1. 514	1. 476	1. 587	1. 547	1. 419	1. 383	2. 093	2. 040	1. 198	1. 168
December.....	1. 543	1. 484	1. 619	1. 557	1. 443	1. 338	2. 120	2. 038	1. 187	1. 141
1951: January.....	1. 555	1. 473	1. 630	1. 544	1. 456	1. 379	2. 135	2. 022	1. 237	1. 171
February.....	1. 561	1. 460	1. 639	1. 533	1. 458	1. 364	2. 157	2. 018	1. 236	1. 156
March.....	1. 571	1. 464	1. 654	1. 541	1. 460	1. 361	2. 163	2. 016	1. 233	1. 149
April ³	1. 579	1. 470	1. 660	1. 546	1. 466	1. 365	2. 170	2. 020	1. 248	1. 162
May ³	1. 586	1. 470	1. 664	1. 542	1. 476	1. 368	2. 182	2. 022	1. 253	1. 161
June ³	1. 604	1. 489	1. 685	1. 565	1. 488	1. 382	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)

¹ Current dollars divided by consumers' price index on base 1950=100.

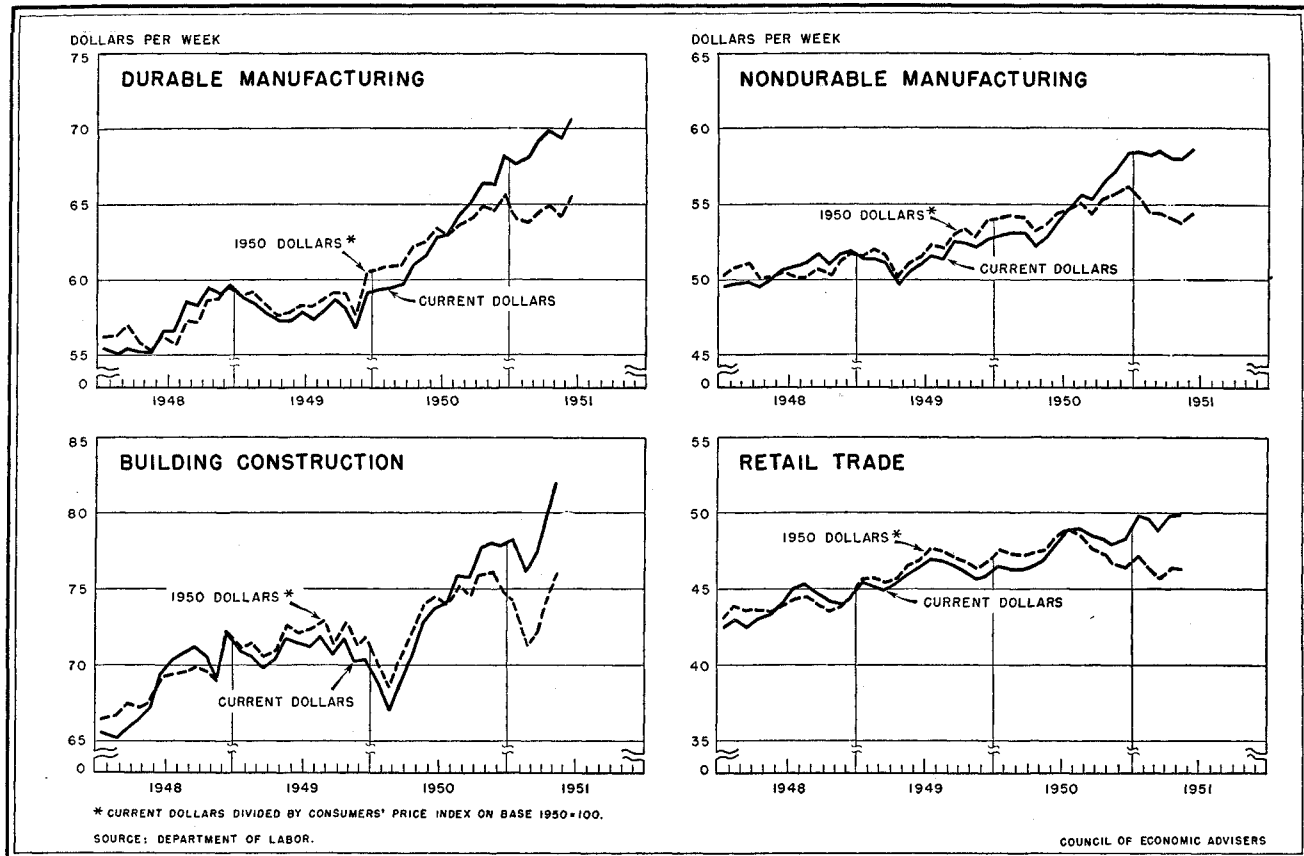
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³ Preliminary estimates.

Source: Department of Labor.

AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS - SELECTED INDUSTRIES

Weekly earnings in both durable and nondurable goods manufacturing industries rose sharply in June:



[Production and related workers in selected industries]

Period	All manufacturing		Durable goods manufacturing		Nondurable goods manufacturing		Building construction		Retail trade	
	Current dollars	1950 dollars ¹	Current dollars	1950 dollars ¹	Current dollars	1950 dollars ¹	Current dollars	1950 dollars ¹	Current dollars	1950 dollars ¹
1939 monthly average.....	\$23.86	\$41.07	\$26.50	\$45.61	\$21.78	\$37.49	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)
1943 monthly average.....	43.14	59.92	49.30	68.47	34.12	47.39	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)
1946 monthly average.....	43.82	53.97	46.49	57.25	41.14	50.67	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)
1947 monthly average.....	49.97	53.85	52.46	56.53	46.96	50.63	(2)	(2)	\$40.66	\$43.81
1948 monthly average.....	54.14	54.14	57.11	57.11	50.61	50.61	\$68.85	\$68.85	43.85	43.85
1949 monthly average.....	54.92	55.47	58.03	58.62	51.41	51.93	70.95	71.67	45.93	46.31
1950 monthly average.....	59.33	59.33	63.32	63.32	54.71	54.71	73.73	73.73	47.63	47.63
1950: May.....	57.54	58.42	61.57	62.51	52.83	53.63	72.93	74.04	46.94	47.65
June.....	58.85	59.44	62.86	63.49	53.92	54.46	73.82	74.57	48.06	48.55
July.....	59.21	59.15	63.01	62.95	54.73	54.68	74.02	73.95	48.99	48.94
August.....	60.32	59.78	64.33	63.76	55.65	55.15	75.99	75.31	48.99	48.55
September.....	60.64	59.68	65.14	64.11	55.30	54.43	75.86	74.67	48.48	47.72
October.....	61.99	60.66	66.39	64.96	56.58	55.36	77.87	76.19	48.32	47.28
November.....	62.23	60.65	66.34	64.66	57.19	55.74	78.07	76.09	47.92	46.71
December.....	63.88	61.42	68.32	65.69	58.44	56.19	77.80	74.81	48.31	46.45
1951: January.....	63.76	60.38	67.65	64.06	58.53	55.43	78.35	74.20	49.85	47.21
February.....	63.84	59.72	68.18	63.78	58.32	54.56	76.14	71.23	49.56	46.36
March.....	64.57	60.18	69.30	64.59	58.40	54.43	77.44	72.17	48.95	45.62
April ³	64.74	60.28	69.72	64.92	58.05	54.05	79.86	74.36	49.92	46.48
May ³	64.55	59.82	69.39	64.31	58.01	53.76	82.04	76.03	49.99	46.33
June ³	65.44	60.76	70.60	65.55	58.63	54.44	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)

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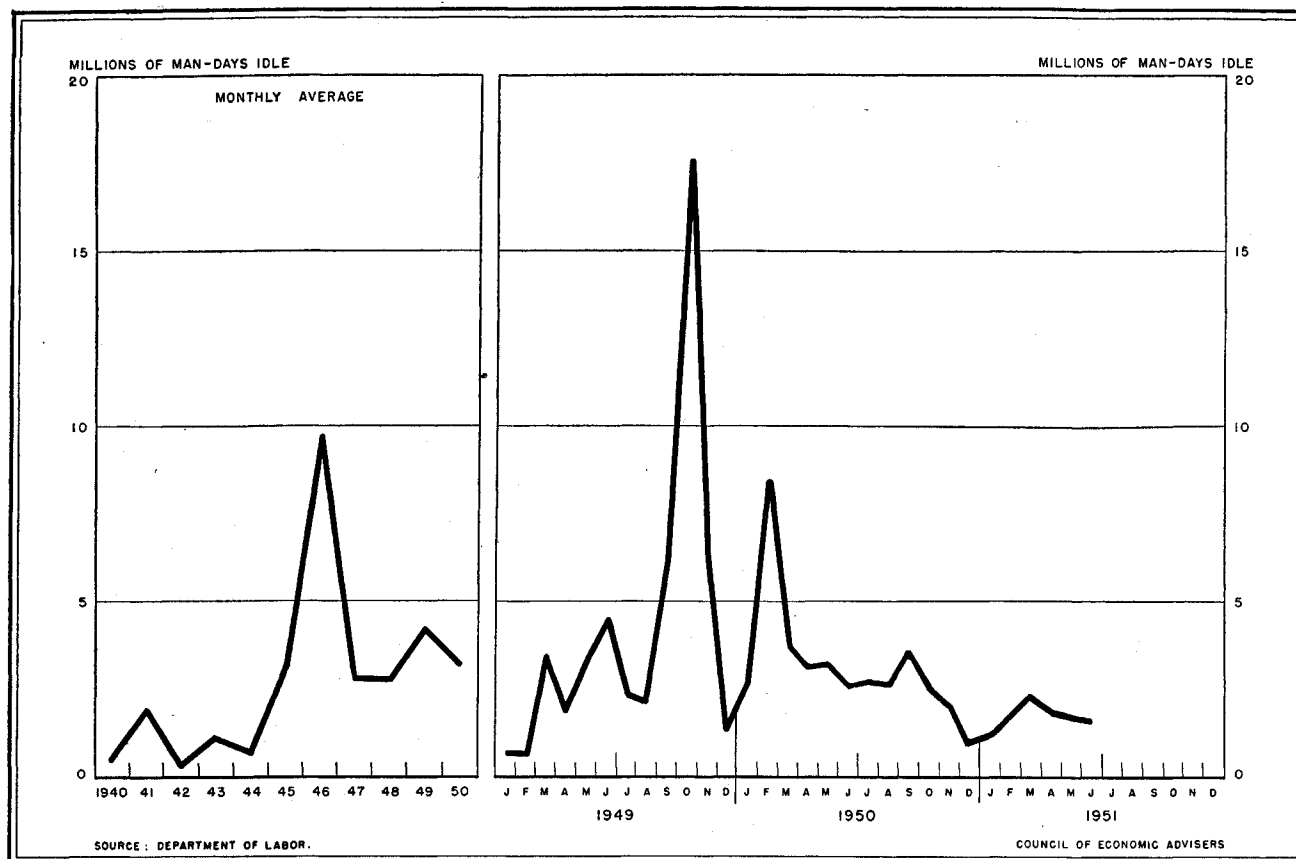
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Source: Department of Labor.

WORK STOPPAGES

Both the number of work stoppages and the man-days of idleness decreased from May to June, despite a few large but brief stoppages resulting in an increase in the number of workers involved.



Period	Man-days of idleness during period		Workers involved in stoppages		Number of stoppages	
	Monthly average (thousands)	Percent of estimated working time	Beginning in period (thousands)	In effect during month (thousands)	Beginning in period	In effect during month
1939.....	1,483	0.28	1,170	-----	2,613	-----
1941.....	1,917	.32	2,360	-----	4,288	-----
1942.....	348	.05	840	-----	2,968	-----
1944.....	727	.09	2,120	-----	4,956	-----
1945.....	3,167	.47	3,470	-----	4,750	-----
1946.....	9,667	1.43	4,600	-----	4,985	-----
1947.....	2,883	.41	2,170	-----	3,693	-----
1948.....	2,842	.37	1,960	-----	3,419	-----
1949.....	4,208	.59	3,030	-----	3,606	-----
1950.....	3,233	.44	2,410	-----	4,843	-----
1950: May.....	3,270	.44	354	508	485	723
June.....	2,630	.34	278	373	483	768
July.....	2,750	.39	224	389	463	732
August.....	2,660	.32	346	441	635	918
September.....	3,510	.48	270	450	521	820
October.....	2,590	.32	197	330	550	801
November.....	2,050	.27	200	308	329	605
December.....	912	.12	61	114	218	423
1951: January ¹	1,200	.15	185	215	400	550
February ¹	1,700	.25	220	300	350	550
March ¹	2,300	.29	140	280	350	550
April ¹	1,850	.25	165	235	350	550
May ¹	1,750	.22	150	250	400	580
June ¹	1,600	.21	190	260	375	560

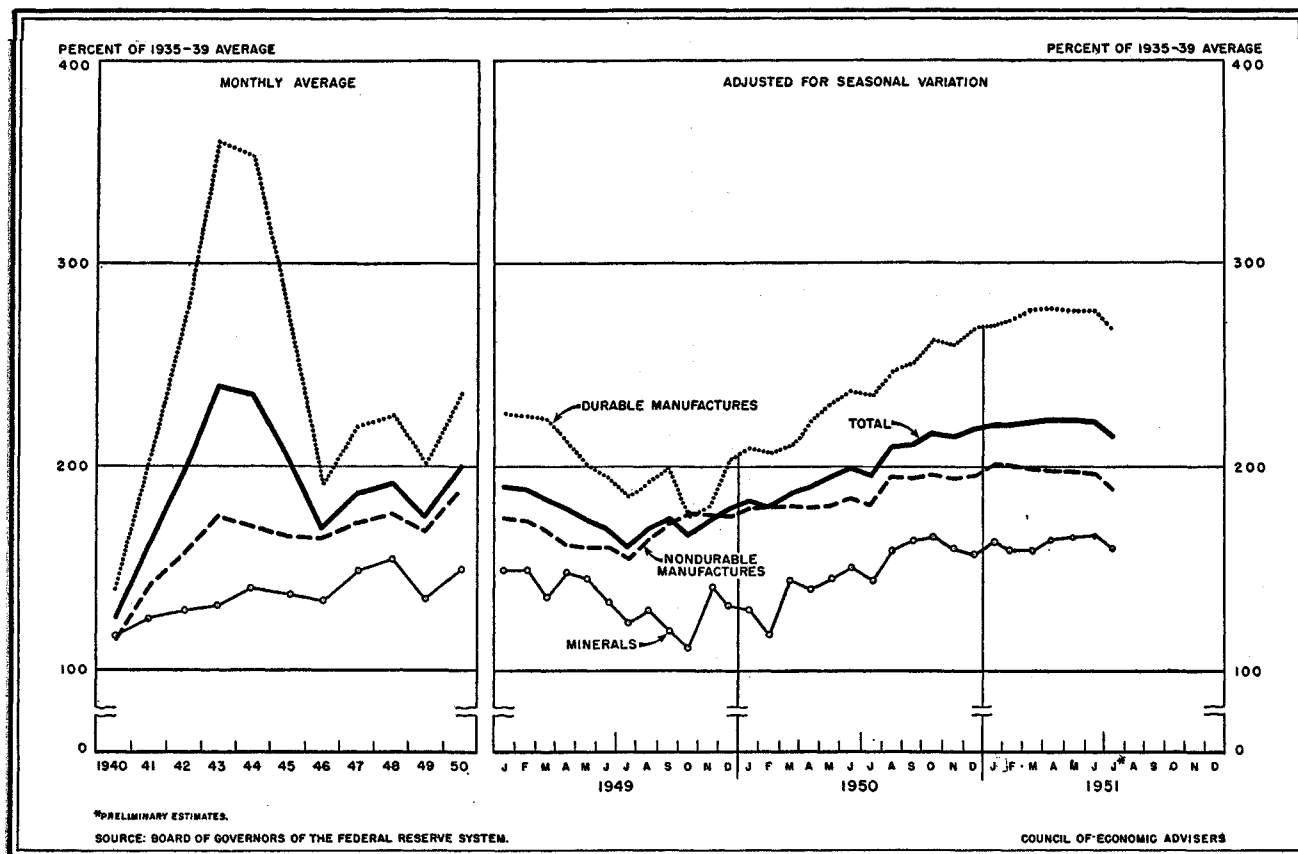
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Source: Department of Labor.

PRODUCTION AND BUSINESS ACTIVITY

INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION

Total industrial production in July declined sharply from the high plateau of the last few months, chiefly because of plant-wide vacations in the nondurable goods industries (for which adequate seasonal adjustment is not yet made). However, the further slackening in the textile markets and curtailment of automobile production were offset by a slight rise in defense production.



[1935-39=100, seasonally adjusted]

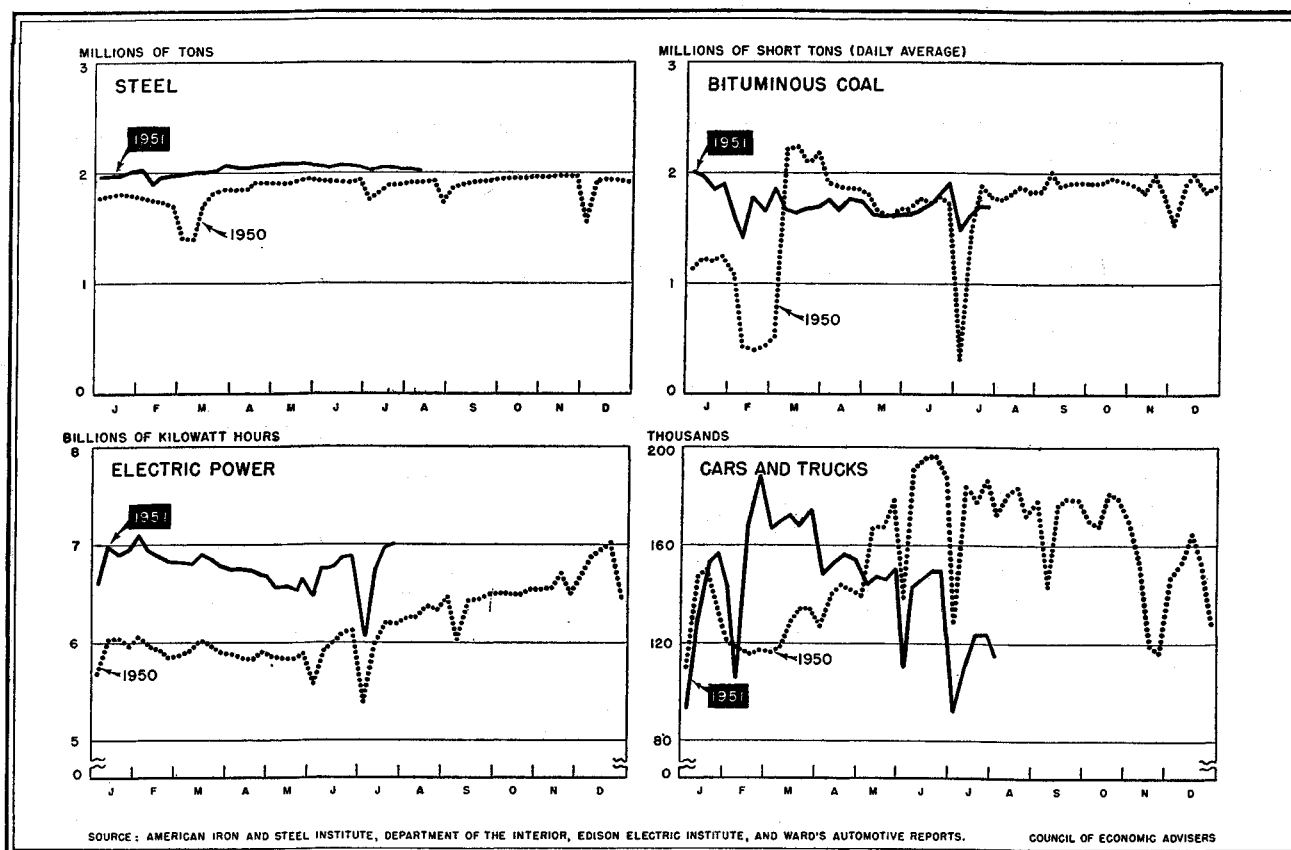
Period	Total industrial production	Manufactures			Minerals
		Total	Durable goods	Nondurable goods	
1943 monthly average.....	239	258	360	176	132
1946 monthly average.....	170	177	192	165	134
1947 monthly average.....	187	194	220	172	149
1948 monthly average.....	192	198	225	177	155
1949 monthly average.....	176	183	202	168	135
1950 monthly average.....	200	209	237	187	148
1950: June.....	199	208	237	184	151
July.....	196	206	235	181	144
August.....	209	218	247	195	159
September.....	211	220	251	194	163
October.....	216	225	262	196	166
November.....	215	224	260	195	160
December.....	218	229	268	197	157
1951: January.....	221	231	268	201	164
February.....	221	232	271	201	158
March.....	222	234	277	199	158
April.....	223	234	278	198	164
May.....	223	233	276	198	165
June ¹	222	232	276	197	167
July ¹	215	224	267	189	160

¹ Preliminary estimates.

Source: Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

WEEKLY PRODUCTION - SELECTED INDICATORS

Production of steel and motor vehicles in July was below the levels prevailing during the second quarter. Output of bituminous coal dropped in early July, as a result of the 10-day vacation period in the coal fields. Electric power production averaged 13 percent above last July.



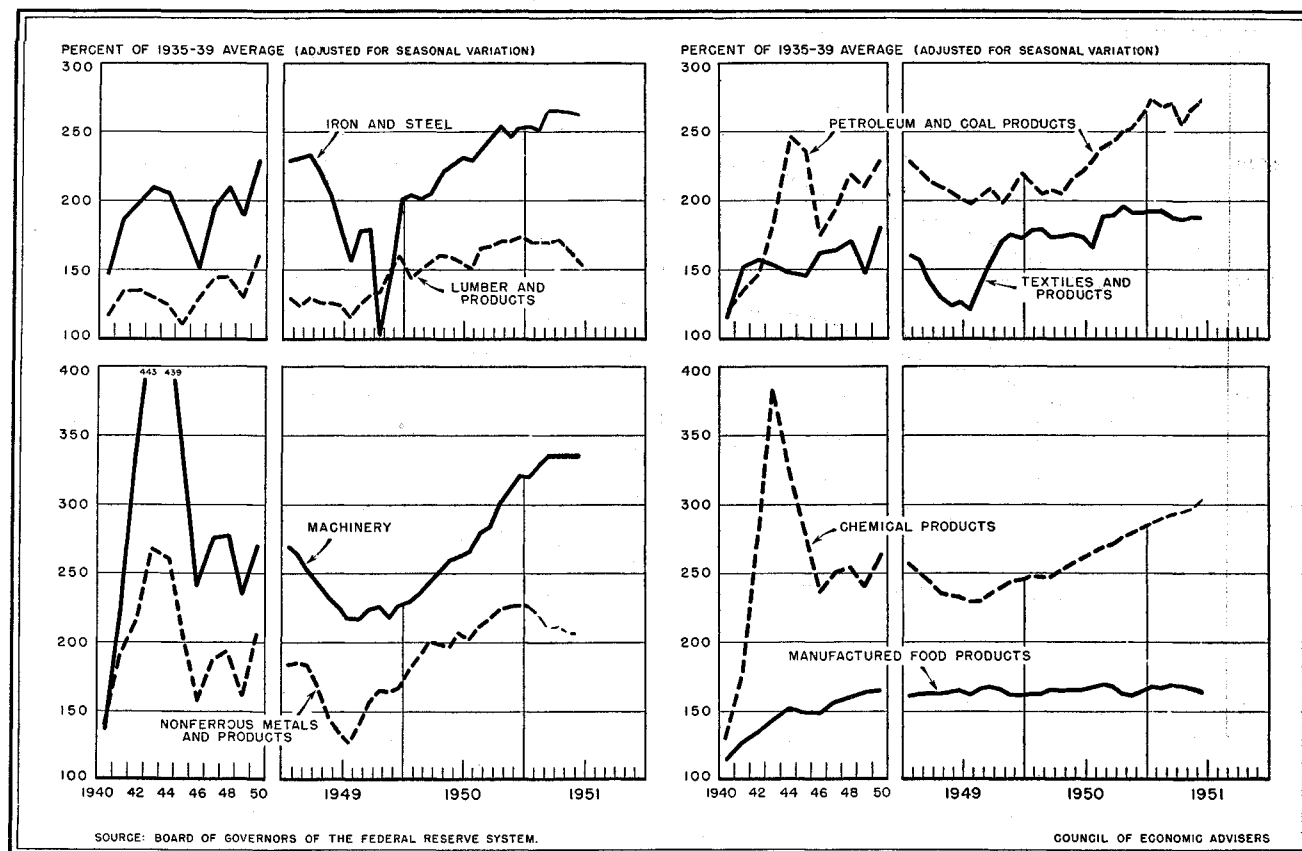
Period	Steel		Electric power, by utilities (millions of kilowatt-hours)	Bituminous coal (thousands of short tons) ²	Cars and trucks (number)
	Thousands of net tons	Percent of theoretical capacity ¹			
Weekly average:					
1947.....	1,628	93.0	4,821	2,058	92,163
1948.....	1,695	94.1	5,300	1,948	82,340
1949.....	1,496	81.0	5,500	1,427	120,350
1950.....	1,857	96.9	6,183	1,673	153,546
1950: June.....	1,898	99.6	6,038	1,762	192,825
July.....	1,829	94.8	5,940	1,404	168,967
August.....	1,861	96.5	6,335	1,855	177,415
September.....	1,917	99.4	6,360	1,892	169,631
October.....	1,976	102.4	6,522	1,976	174,346
November.....	1,870	97.0	6,615	1,820	141,002
December.....	1,890	98.0	6,852	1,900	149,905
1951: January.....	1,996	99.9	6,866	1,980	133,950
February.....	1,941	97.1	6,948	1,685	151,052
March.....	2,048	102.4	6,827	1,662	170,253
April.....	2,061	103.1	6,722	1,734	152,948
May.....	2,053	102.7	6,557	1,638	140,461
June.....	2,061	103.1	6,804	1,726	147,532
July ³	2,027	101.4	6,699	1,630	112,368
Week ended:					
1951: July 7.....	2,015	100.8	6,077	1,480	91,849
14.....	2,029	101.5	6,739	1,623	110,127
21.....	2,037	101.9	6,975	1,713	123,356
28.....	2,027	101.4	7,005	1,704	124,138
August 4.....	2,029	101.5	7,003		114,519
11.....	2,021	101.1			

¹ Based on weekly net ton capacity of 1,740,928 for 1947, 1,802,476 for 1948, 1,843,516 for 1949, 1,906,268 for the first half of 1950, 1,923,721 beginning July 1, 1950, and 1,999,034 beginning January 1, 1951. ² Daily average for week. ³ Preliminary estimates.

14 Sources: American Iron and Steel Institute, Edison Electric Institute, Department of the Interior, and Ward's Automotive Reports.

PRODUCTION OF SELECTED MANUFACTURES

Production of basic metals and machinery in June showed little change from the levels of recent months. Lumber production declined to the lowest level since last July. Among the nondurable goods industries, the decline in textile output reflected further easing of demand. Manufacture of chemicals and petroleum and coal products increased moderately.



[1935-39=100, seasonally adjusted]

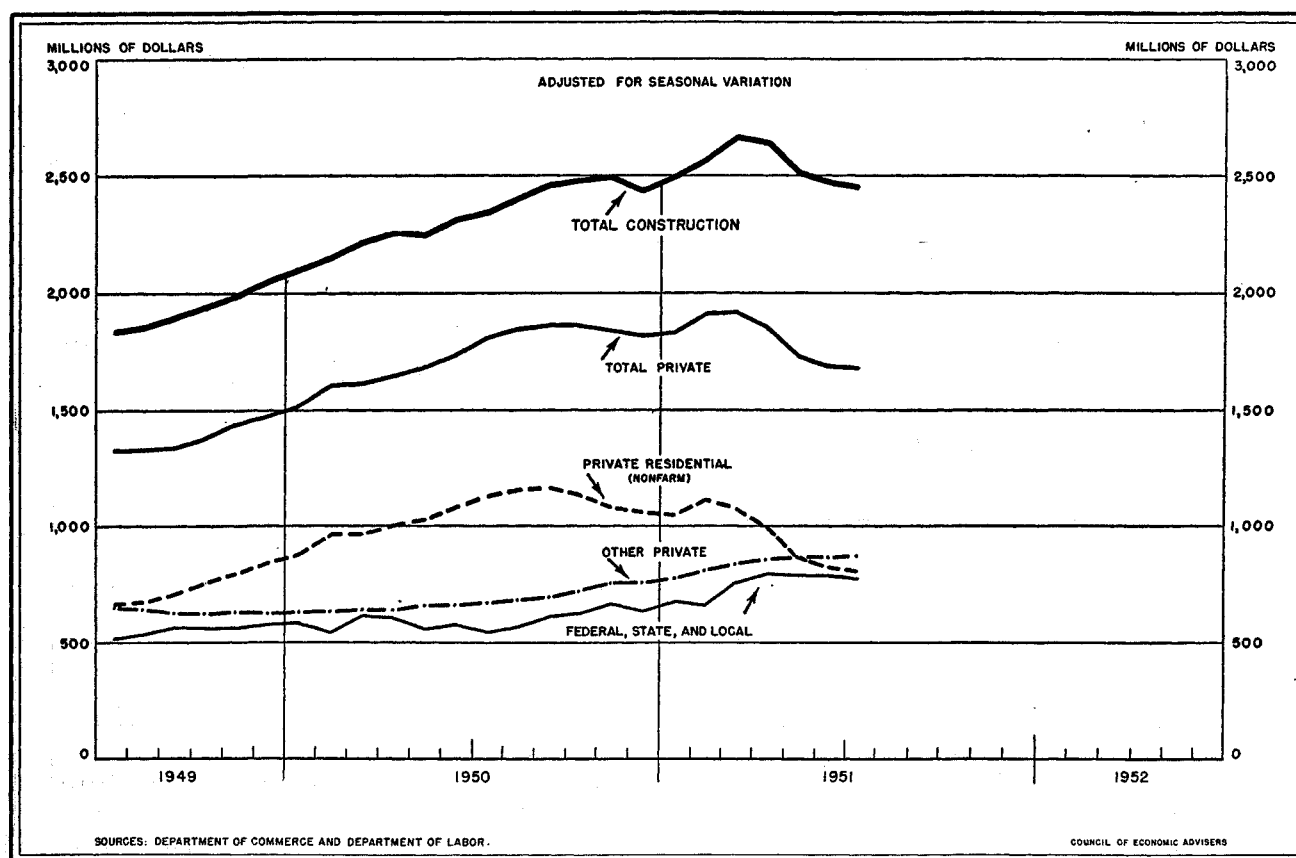
Period	Durable manufactures				Nondurable manufactures			
	Iron and steel	Lumber and products	Machinery	Nonferrous metals and products	Textiles and products	Petroleum and coal products	Manufactured food products	Chemical products
1943 monthly average.....	208	129	443	267	153	185	145	384
1946 monthly average.....	150	131	240	157	162	173	149	236
1947 monthly average.....	195	143	276	187	163	193	157	251
1948 monthly average.....	208	145	277	193	170	218	159	254
1949 monthly average.....	188	130	234	160	147	209	163	241
1950 monthly average.....	229	159	270	207	182	229	164	263
1950: May.....	226	158	258	197	175	216	164	256
June.....	231	155	262	207	173	222	164	261
July.....	228	151	265	202	165	229	167	263
August.....	236	165	279	212	189	238	168	269
September.....	245	166	283	216	191	243	167	271
October.....	253	166	303	223	197	251	162	277
November.....	246	169	311	227	193	253	161	280
December.....	253	173	321	227	194	263	165	283
1951: January.....	254	171	321	224	193	277	167	287
February.....	252	169	328	218	194	268	166	288
March.....	263	169	335	210	188	269	167	292
April.....	264	170	336	211	185	255	168	295
May.....	263	163	336	206	190	265	166	298
June ¹	261	154	336	206	188	273	163	303

¹ Preliminary estimates.

Source: Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

NEW CONSTRUCTION

Total new construction outlays in July (seasonally adjusted) declined for the fourth successive month. Residential nonfarm construction was 28 percent below the level of a year ago, while other private construction and total public construction were substantially higher than last July.



[Millions of dollars, seasonally adjusted]

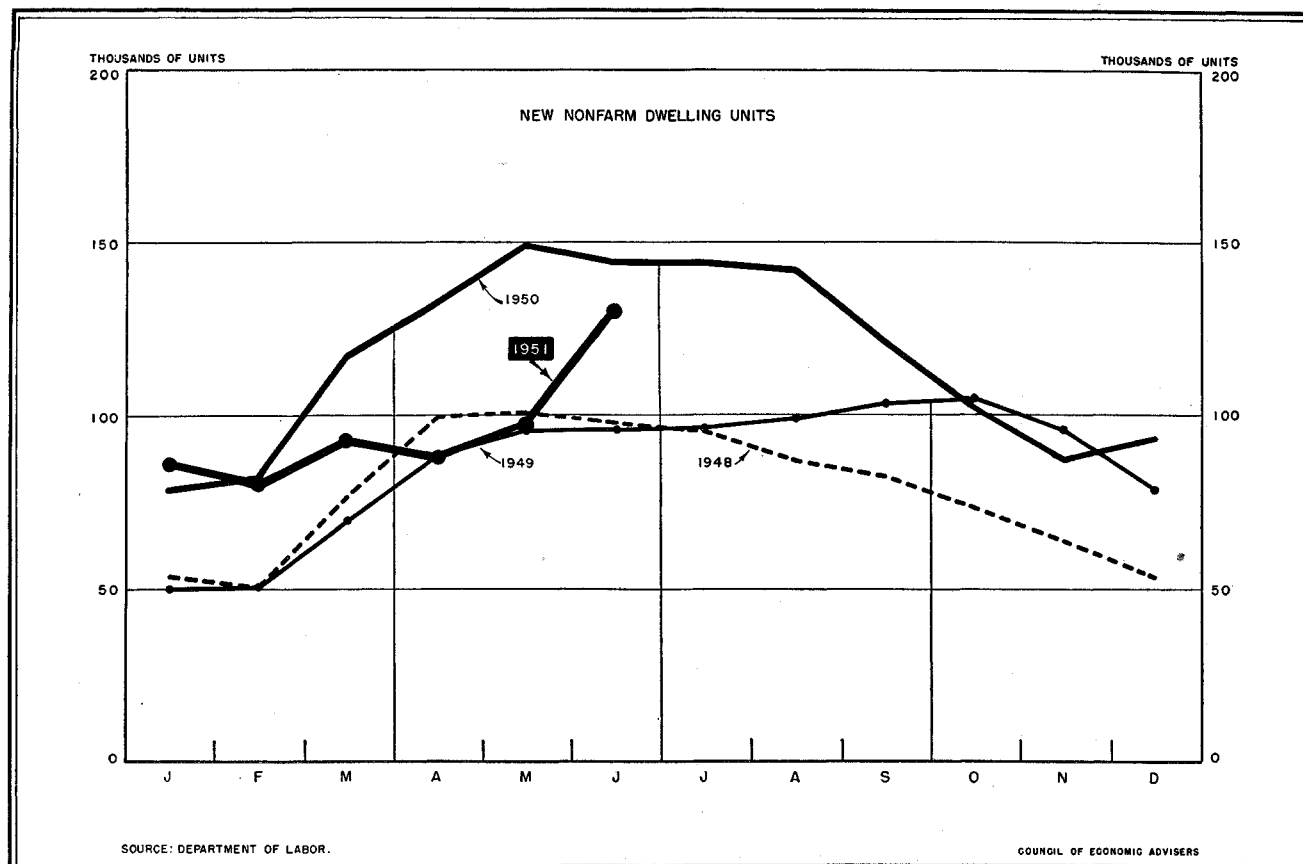
Period	Total new construction	Private construction			Federal, State, and local ¹
		Total private	Residential (nonfarm)	Other	
1939 monthly average.....	683	366	223	142	317
1942 monthly average.....	1, 173	285	143	142	888
1944 monthly average.....	438	182	68	114	256
1946 monthly average.....	1, 000	803	335	469	197
1948 monthly average.....	1, 798	1, 389	715	674	409
1949 monthly average.....	1, 883	1, 350	691	659	532
1950 monthly average.....	2, 325	1, 732	1, 050	682	593
1950: June.....	2, 316	1, 737	1, 072	665	579
July.....	2, 347	1, 801	1, 124	677	546
August.....	2, 407	1, 840	1, 151	689	567
September.....	2, 461	1, 860	1, 161	699	601
October.....	2, 479	1, 860	1, 134	726	619
November.....	2, 498	1, 833	1, 078	755	665
December.....	2, 439	1, 807	1, 055	752	632
1951: January.....	2, 501	1, 825	1, 049	776	676
February.....	2, 572	1, 908	1, 103	805	664
March.....	2, 672	1, 916	1, 078	838	756
April.....	2, 645	1, 846	991	855	799
May.....	2, 518	1, 728	864	864	790
June.....	2, 471	1, 684	823	861	787
July ²	2, 451	1, 673	809	864	778

¹ Includes public residential construction.
² Preliminary estimates.

Sources: Department of Commerce and Department of Labor.

NEW HOUSING STARTS

New housing starts in June, boosted by the large volume of public housing units started during the month, increased one-third over May. Private starts were 7 percent below the previous month.



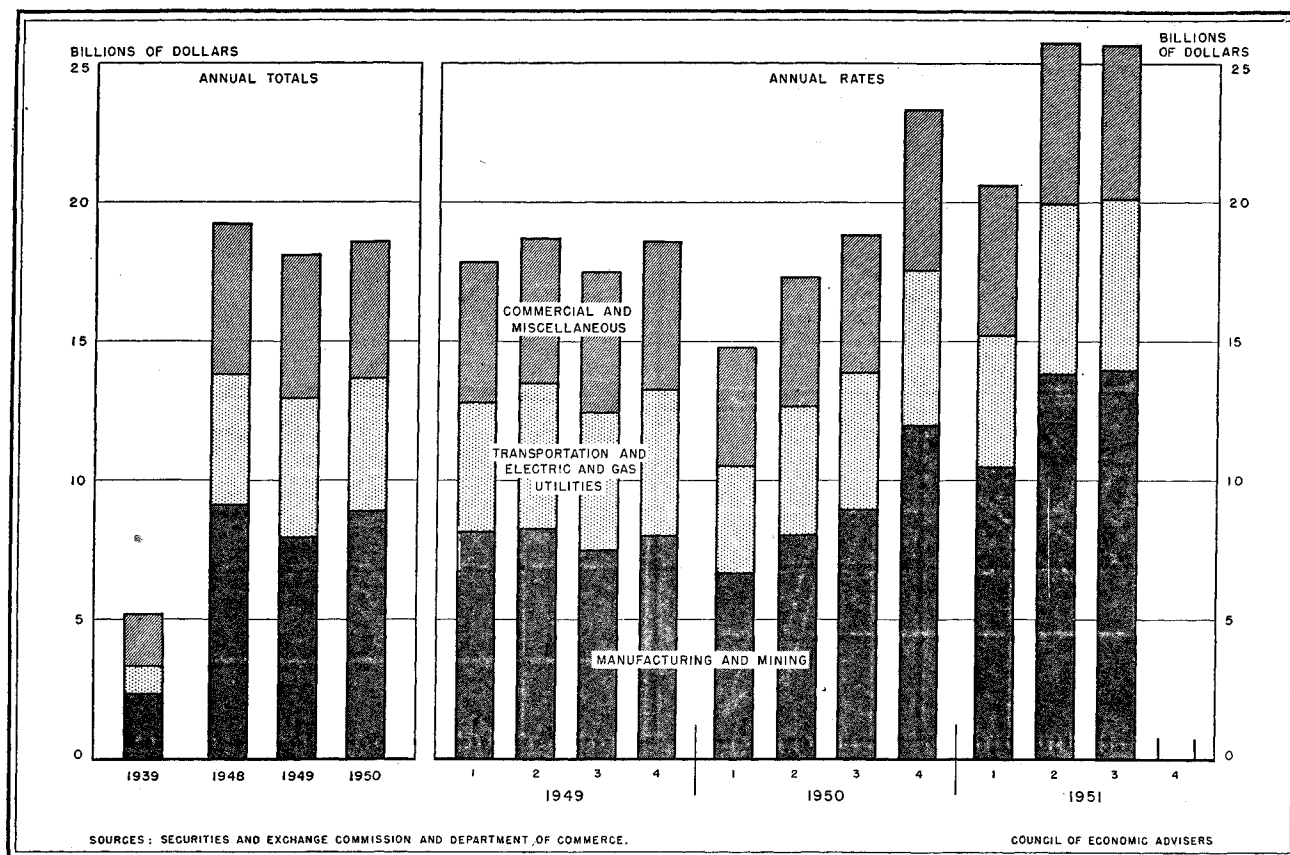
Month	New nonfarm units started				
	1947	1948	1949	1950	1951
January.....	39,300	53,500	50,000	78,700	85,900
February.....	42,800	50,100	50,400	82,900	80,600
March.....	56,000	76,400	69,400	117,300	93,800
April.....	67,100	99,500	88,300	133,400	¹ 88,000
May.....	72,900	100,300	95,400	149,100	¹ 97,000
June.....	77,200	97,800	95,500	144,300	¹ 130,000
July.....	81,100	95,000	96,100	144,400	-----
August.....	86,300	86,700	99,000	141,900	-----
September.....	93,800	82,300	102,900	120,600	-----
October.....	94,000	73,400	104,300	102,500	-----
November.....	79,700	63,700	95,500	87,300	-----
December.....	58,800	52,900	78,300	93,600	-----
Total.....	849,000	931,600	1,025,100	1,396,000	-----
Monthly average.....	70,750	77,600	85,425	116,300	-----

¹ Preliminary estimates.

Source: Department of Labor.

EXPENDITURES FOR NEW PLANT AND EQUIPMENT

Nonfarm plant and equipment expenditures in the second quarter of 1951 are estimated at an all-time high, 48 percent above the second quarter of 1950, with manufacturing facilities outlays 74 percent above the second quarter of last year. Business plans to continue investment at about this record level through the third quarter.



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

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
1948	19,230	8,340	800	1,320	700	2,680	5,390
1949	18,120	7,250	740	1,350	520	3,140	5,120
1950	18,560	8,220	680	1,140	440	3,170	4,920
1949: First quarter	17,850	7,410	760	1,420	520	2,710	5,020
Second quarter	18,640	7,520	770	1,530	550	3,120	5,150
Third quarter	17,470	6,770	720	1,240	540	3,180	5,030
Fourth quarter	18,530	7,300	700	1,210	480	3,550	5,280
1950: First quarter	14,800	6,100	580	930	320	2,610	4,260
Second quarter	17,310	7,440	640	1,190	360	3,030	4,650
Third quarter	18,800	8,190	720	1,140	490	3,280	4,980
Fourth quarter	23,330	11,160	790	1,280	580	3,740	5,780
1951: First quarter	20,650	9,820	730	1,210	500	3,010	5,380
Second quarter ³	25,700	12,970	890	1,770	560	3,810	5,700
Third quarter ³	25,610	13,100	860	1,660	510	4,010	5,470

¹ Excludes agriculture.

² Commercial and miscellaneous composed of trade, service, finance, and communication.

³ Estimates based on anticipated capital expenditure of business as reported in a survey made during May and June of this year.

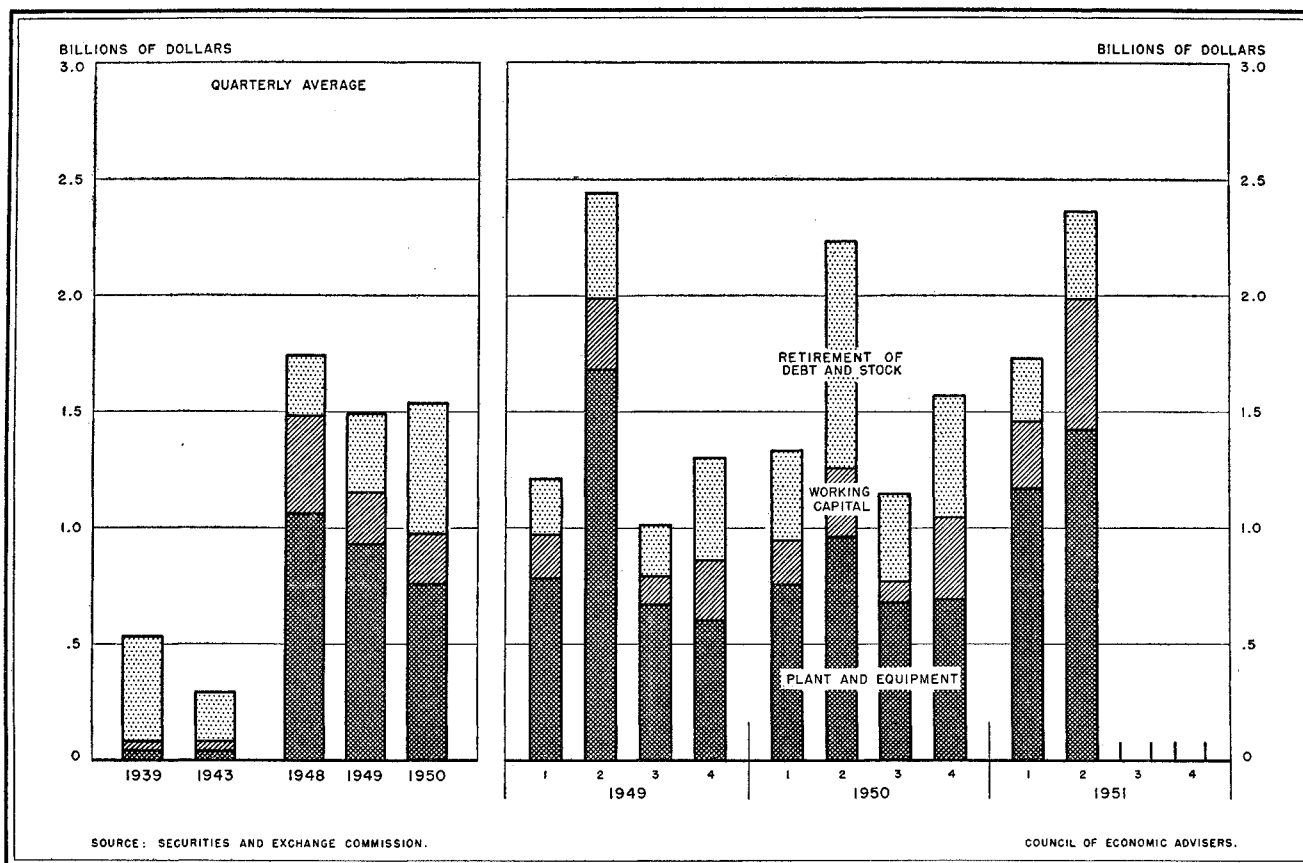
NOTE.—These figures do not agree with the totals included in the gross national product estimates of the Department of Commerce, principally because the latter cover agricultural investment and also certain equipment and construction outlays charged to current expense. Figures for 1939-44 are Federal 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

In the second quarter of 1951, net proceeds from new security issues again increased sharply, to almost \$2.4 billion. Three-fifths of this amount was used for plant expansion.



[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
1946 quarterly average.....	1,689	820	529	291	869
1947 quarterly average.....	1,617	1,148	852	296	469
1948 quarterly average.....	1,740	1,482	1,055	427	258
1949 quarterly average.....	1,490	1,152	931	220	338
1950 quarterly average.....	1,535	971	741	230	564
1948: Fourth quarter.....	2,051	1,870	1,469	401	182
1949: First quarter.....	1,210	970	784	186	240
Second quarter.....	2,441	1,986	1,675	312	456
Third quarter.....	1,009	789	669	120	219
Fourth quarter.....	1,299	862	596	265	438
1950: First quarter.....	1,325	941	759	182	384
Second quarter.....	2,222	1,251	948	302	971
Third quarter.....	1,145	771	571	200	374
Fourth quarter.....	1,569	1,044	687	356	525
1951: First quarter ²	1,730	1,461	1,167	293	270
Second quarter ²	2,361	1,987	1,422	565	374

¹ Includes small amount for other purposes.

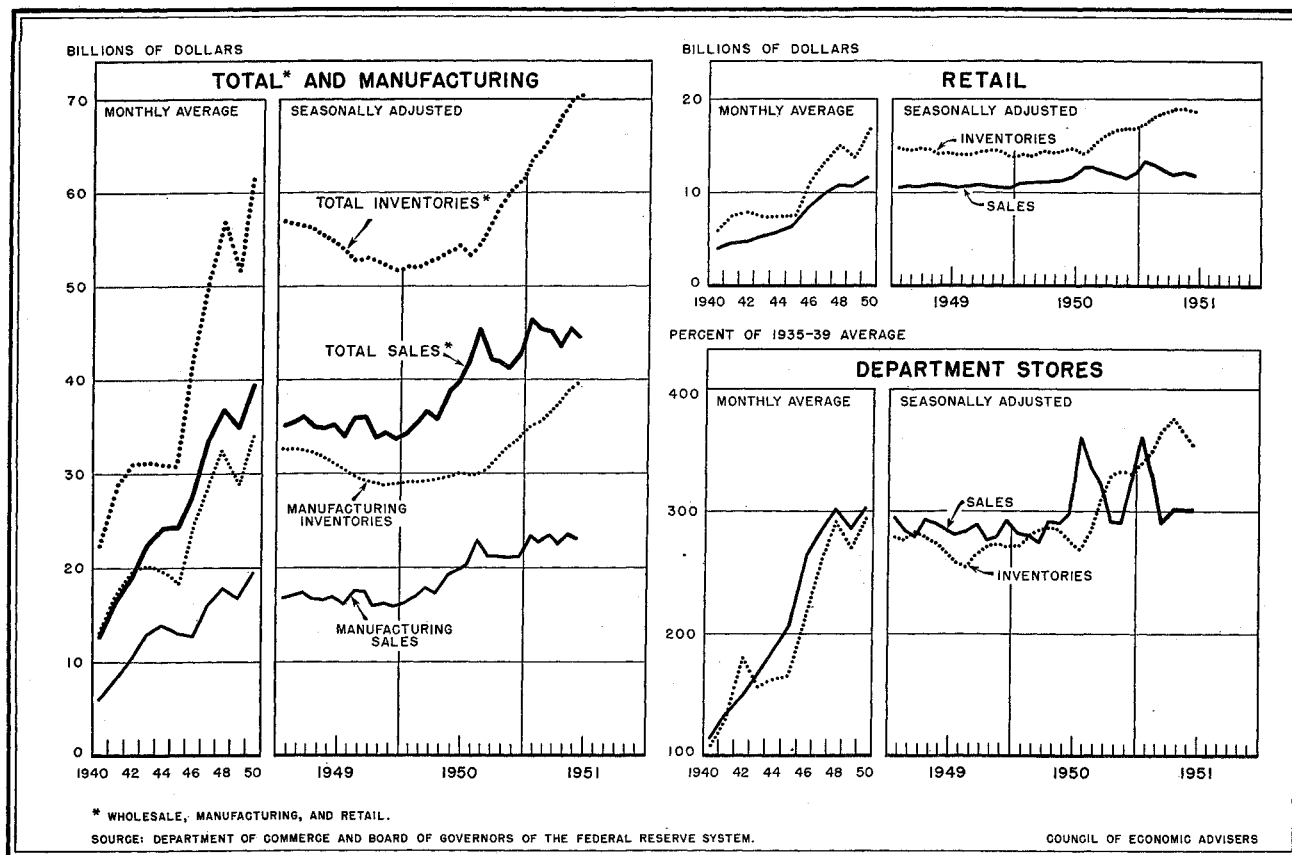
² Preliminary estimates.

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

Source: Securities and Exchange Commission.

INVENTORIES AND SALES

Manufacturing inventories, primarily in defense industries, increased \$900 million in June while wholesale and retail inventories dropped. Sales at all levels—retail, wholesale, and manufacturing—were lower than in May. All comparisons are based on seasonally adjusted data.



Period	Total business ¹		Retail		Manufacturing			Department stores	
	Inven- tories ²	Sales ³	Inven- tories ²	Sales ³	Inven- tories ²	Sales ³	New orders	Inven- tories ⁵	Sales ⁵
	Millions of dollars, seasonally adjusted						(millions of dollars) ⁴	1935-39=100, season- ally adjusted	
1939.....	20, 172	11, 109	5, 532	3, 504	11, 465	5, 100	(⁶)	102	106
1943.....	31, 143	22, 372	7, 361	5, 277	20, 098	12, 822	(⁶)	155	168
1945.....	30, 571	24, 181	7, 543	6, 315	18, 390	12, 883	(⁶)	166	207
1946.....	42, 389	27, 559	11, 226	8, 358	24, 498	12, 617	13, 694	213	264
1947.....	50, 794	33, 571	13, 221	9, 909	28, 920	15, 918	15, 622	255	286
1948.....	56, 756	37, 023	14, 969	10, 837	32, 276	17, 811	17, 504	291	302
1949.....	51, 594	34, 886	13, 698	10, 682	28, 865	16, 666	16, 102	270	286
1950.....	61, 569	39, 611	16, 754	11, 670	34, 061	19, 605	21, 099	294	303
1950: May.....	53, 553	38, 652	14, 416	11, 327	29, 659	19, 309	19, 097	285	290
June.....	54, 241	39, 896	14, 720	11, 699	30, 028	19, 838	20, 666	276	297
July.....	53, 243	41, 982	14, 125	12, 700	29, 830	20, 269	22, 223	269	362
August.....	54, 496	45, 275	15, 076	12, 682	29, 858	22, 956	27, 323	284	335
September.....	56, 404	42, 142	15, 793	12, 133	30, 732	21, 154	23, 760	309	320
October.....	58, 660	41, 821	16, 697	11, 759	31, 770	21, 246	24, 704	329	291
November.....	60, 269	41, 318	16, 787	11, 387	33, 007	21, 112	22, 371	332	290
December.....	61, 569	42, 472	16, 754	12, 194	34, 061	21, 284	23, 160	329	325
1951: January.....	63, 388	46, 655	17, 422	13, 307	34, 928	23, 166	28, 860	338	362
February.....	64, 424	45, 356	17, 817	13, 075	35, 474	22, 646	25, 403	349	326
March.....	66, 458	45, 196	18, 642	12, 324	36, 415	23, 399	28, 574	366	291
April ⁷	68, 579	43, 546	18, 977	12, 025	37, 849	22, 389	23, 927	377	302
May ⁷	69, 885	45, 546	18, 958	12, 065	38, 939	23, 838	23, 318	365	301
June ⁷	70, 402	44, 464	18, 738	11, 865	39, 800	23, 000	23, 400	353	301

¹ Total business includes manufacturing, retail, and wholesale (not shown separately in this table).

² Book value, end of period.

³ Monthly average for year and total for month.

⁴ Data for new orders not adjusted for seasonal variation.

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

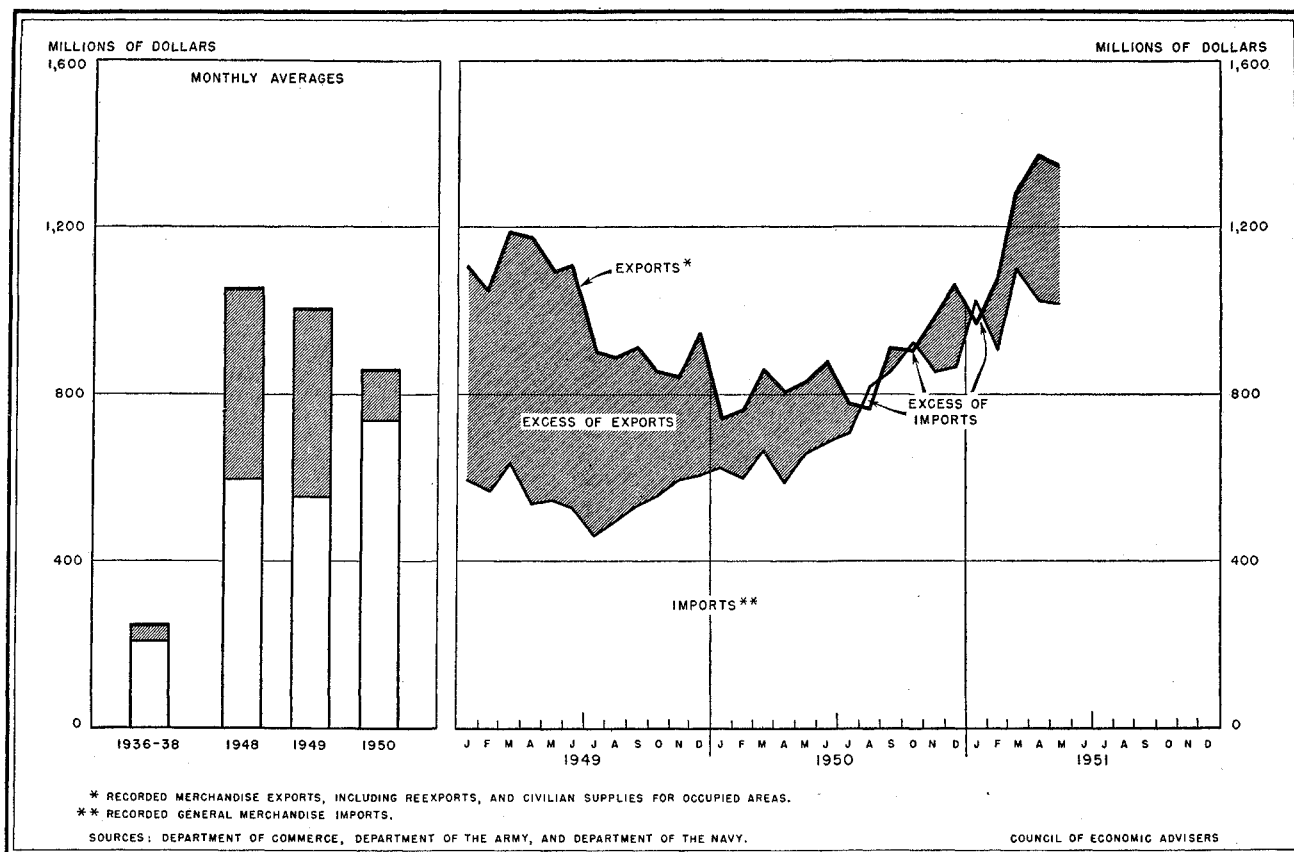
⁶ Not available.

⁷ Preliminary estimates.

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

MERCHANDISE EXPORTS AND IMPORTS

In May, exports declined slightly for the first time since January. Imports and the export surplus were not significantly changed from April.



[Millions of dollars]

Period	Exports ¹	Imports ²	Excess of exports (+), imports (-)
1936-38 monthly average.....	247	207	+40
1943 monthly average.....	1,080	282	+798
1946 monthly average.....	849	410	+439
1947 monthly average.....	1,278	480	+799
1948 monthly average.....	1,054	594	+461
1949 monthly average.....	1,003	552	+451
1950 monthly average.....	856	737	+119
1950: May.....	829	659	+170
June.....	878	687	+191
July.....	779	709	+70
August.....	762	820	-58
September.....	911	861	+50
October.....	906	922	-17
November.....	977	853	+124
December.....	1,064	866	+198
1951: January.....	972	1,023	-51
February.....	1,076	908	+167
March.....	1,284	1,099	+185
April.....	1,374	1,024	+350
May.....	1,350	1,018	+333

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

² Recorded general merchandise imports.

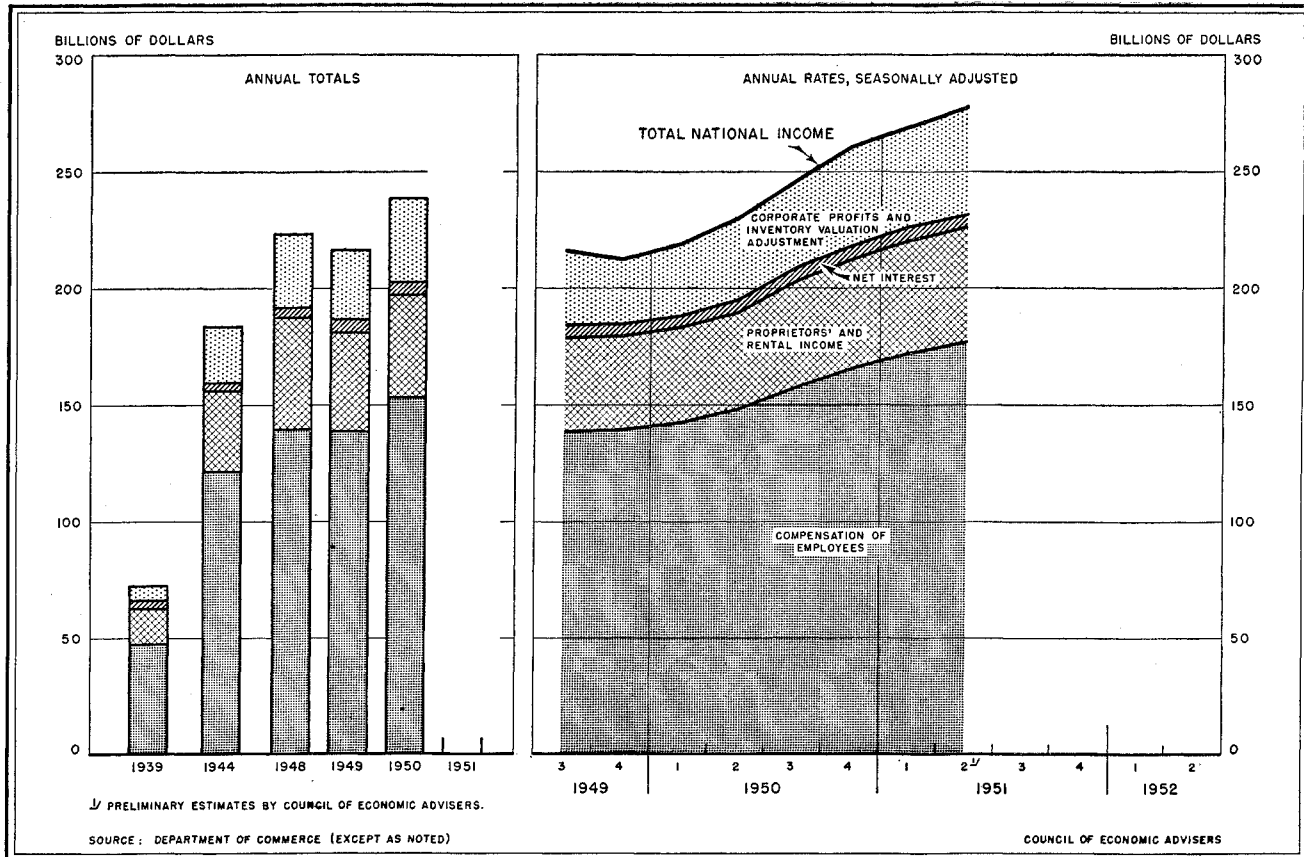
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Sources: Department of Commerce, Department of the Army, and Department of the Navy.

PURCHASING POWER

NATIONAL INCOME

National income continued its rapid expansion from the first to the second quarter of this year, rising at an annual rate of about \$8½ billion. Wages and salaries and farm income gained substantially, while the decline in corporate profits before taxes was less than the increase in the adjustment for inventory valuation.



[Billions of dollars]

Period	Total national income	Compensation of employees	Proprietors' (business, professional, farm) and rental income	Net interest	Corporate profits and inventory valuation adjustment		
					Total	Profits before taxes	Inventory valuation adjustment
1939-----	72.5	47.8	14.7	4.2	5.8	6.5	-0.7
1944-----	183.8	121.2	35.5	3.1	24.0	24.3	-0.3
1946-----	180.3	117.1	42.0	2.9	18.3	23.5	-5.2
1947-----	198.7	128.0	42.4	3.5	24.7	30.5	-5.8
1948-----	223.5	140.2	47.3	4.3	31.7	33.8	-2.1
1949-----	216.7	139.9	41.4	4.9	30.5	28.3	+2.1
1950-----	239.0	153.3	44.0	5.4	36.2	41.4	-5.1
Annual rates, seasonally adjusted							
1949: First quarter-----	221.5	141.0	43.5	4.8	32.2	31.8	+0.4
1949: Second quarter-----	216.8	139.8	41.6	4.9	30.5	26.7	+3.8
1949: Third quarter-----	216.1	139.3	40.3	5.0	31.5	28.0	+3.6
1949: Fourth quarter-----	212.6	139.5	40.4	5.0	27.7	27.0	+0.7
1950: First quarter-----	219.3	142.2	41.4	5.2	30.5	31.9	-1.4
1950: Second quarter-----	230.6	148.6	41.8	5.3	34.8	37.5	-2.7
1950: Third quarter-----	245.8	157.3	45.6	5.5	37.4	45.7	-8.3
1950: Fourth quarter-----	260.1	165.2	47.2	5.6	42.2	50.3	-8.2
1951: First quarter-----	269.4	172.1	48.8	5.6	42.9	51.8	-8.9
1951: Second quarter ¹ -----	277.8	177.1	49.0	5.7	46.0	48.5	-2.5

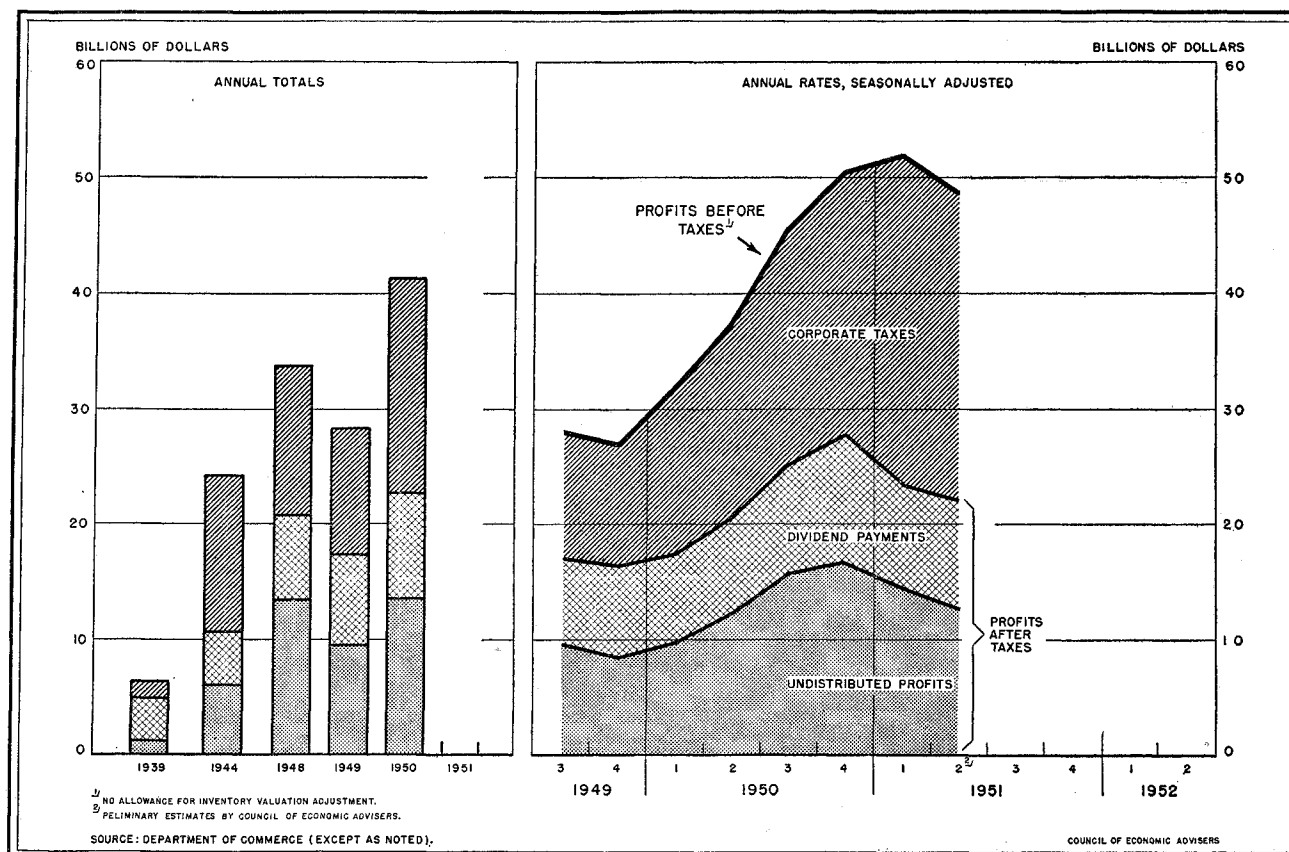
¹ Estimates based on incomplete data; by Council of Economic Advisers.

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Source: Department of Commerce (except as noted).

CORPORATE PROFITS

After reaching an all-time peak in the first quarter of 1951, corporate profits before taxes, according to preliminary indications, turned downward in the second quarter.



[Billions of dollars]

Period	Corporate profits before taxes	Corporate tax liability	Corporate profits after taxes		
			Total	Dividend payments	Undistributed profits
1939	6.5	1.5	5.0	3.8	1.2
1944	24.3	13.5	10.8	4.7	6.1
1946	23.5	9.6	13.9	5.8	8.1
1947	30.5	11.9	18.5	6.6	12.0
1948	33.8	13.0	20.7	7.2	13.6
1949	28.3	11.0	17.3	7.6	9.7
1950	41.4	18.6	22.8	9.2	13.6
Annual rates, seasonally adjusted					
1949: First quarter	31.8	12.3	19.4	7.4	12.0
1949: Second quarter	26.7	10.3	16.4	7.5	8.9
1949: Third quarter	28.0	10.9	17.1	7.4	9.7
1949: Fourth quarter	27.0	10.5	16.5	8.0	8.5
1950: First quarter	31.9	14.4	17.5	7.8	9.7
1950: Second quarter	37.5	16.9	20.6	8.4	12.2
1950: Third quarter	45.7	20.5	25.2	9.4	15.8
1950: Fourth quarter	50.3	22.5	27.8	11.1	16.7
1951: First quarter	51.8	28.5	23.3	8.8	14.5
1951: Second quarter ¹	48.5	26.5	22.0	9.5	12.5

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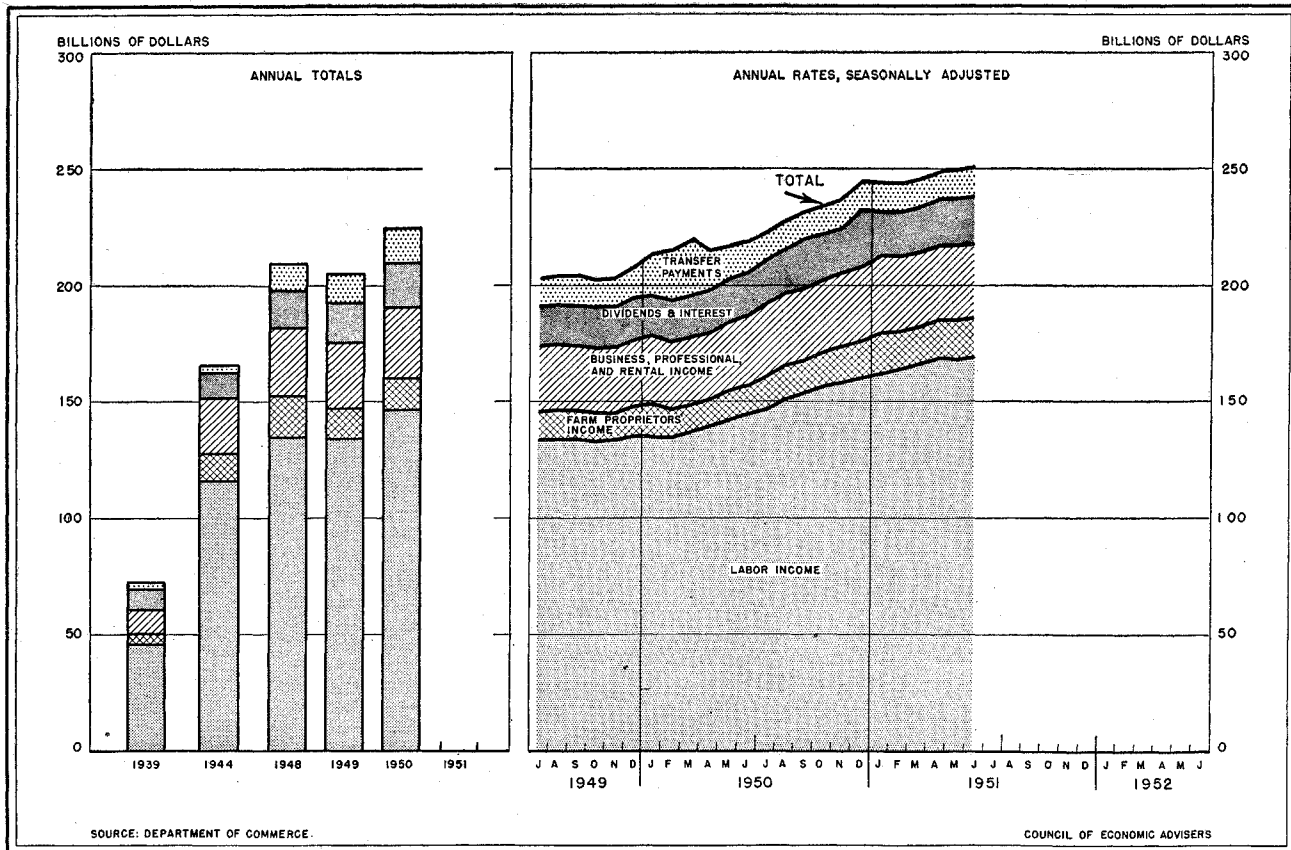
NOTE.—No allowance has been made for inventory valuation adjustment. See p. 22 for profits before taxes and inventory valuation adjustment.

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Source: Department of Commerce (except as noted).

PERSONAL INCOME

Personal income rose by \$1.3 billion (seasonally adjusted annual rate) from May to June. Most of the rise was due to a moderate gain in labor income.



[Billions of dollars]

Period	Total personal income	Labor income (salaries, wages, and other labor income)	Proprietors' income		Dividends and personal interest	Transfer payments
			Farm	Business, professional, and rental income		
1939-----	72.6	45.7	4.5	10.2	9.2	3.0
1944-----	165.9	116.2	11.8	23.7	10.6	3.6
1947-----	191.0	122.3	15.6	26.8	14.5	11.8
1948-----	209.5	134.9	17.7	29.6	16.0	11.3
1949-----	205.1	134.2	13.0	28.4	17.1	12.4
1950-----	224.7	146.4	13.7	30.3	19.3	¹ 15.1
Annual rates, seasonally adjusted						
1950: May-----	216.9	141.8	12.7	29.7	18.4	14.3
June-----	219.0	144.6	12.3	30.2	18.4	13.5
July-----	222.7	146.8	14.1	31.2	18.4	12.2
August-----	227.7	150.8	14.5	31.6	18.9	11.9
September-----	231.5	153.3	14.3	31.0	21.6	11.3
October-----	234.1	156.0	15.1	31.2	19.7	12.1
November-----	236.4	157.9	16.0	31.2	19.5	11.8
December-----	244.4	159.6	16.3	31.8	25.0	11.7
1951: January-----	243.6	161.7	17.5	33.0	18.8	12.6
February-----	243.3	163.8	15.9	32.3	19.2	12.1
March-----	245.5	166.0	15.8	31.9	19.7	12.1
April-----	249.0	168.6	16.4	31.7	20.2	12.1
May-----	249.8	168.9	16.2	31.8	20.2	12.7
June ² -----	251.1	169.8	16.4	31.8	20.2	12.8

¹ Includes \$2.7 billion National Service Life Insurance dividend, most of which was paid in the first half of the year.

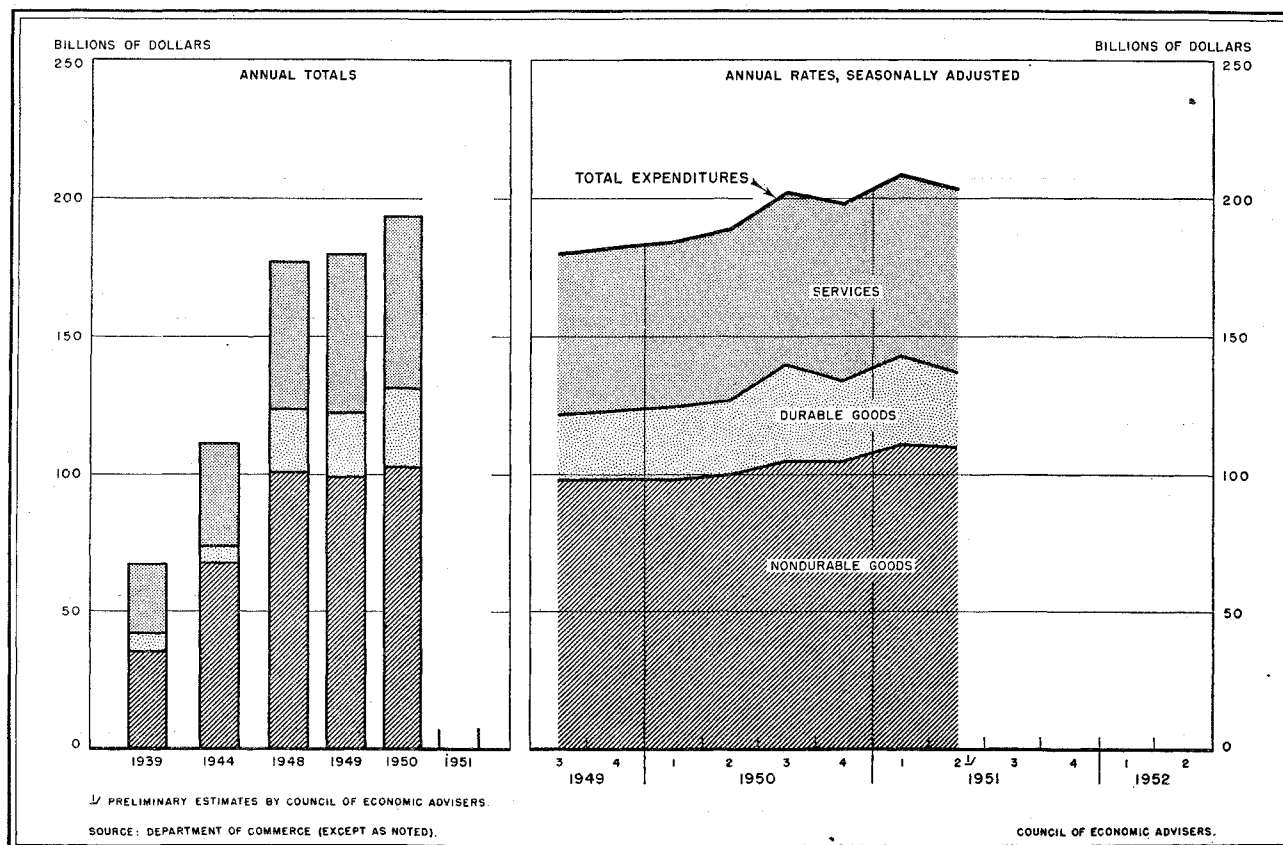
² Preliminary estimates.

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Source: Department of Commerce.

PERSONAL CONSUMPTION EXPENDITURES

Second quarter sales of durable consumer goods, seasonally adjusted, were the lowest of any quarter since the Korean outbreak. Expenditures for nondurable goods were below those of the first quarter, while those for services continued to rise.



[Billions of dollars]

Period	Personal consumption expenditures			
	Total	Nondurable goods	Durable goods	Services
1939	67.5	35.3	6.7	25.5
1944	111.6	67.1	7.1	37.4
1946	146.9	85.8	16.6	44.5
1947	165.6	95.1	21.4	49.1
1948	177.9	100.9	22.9	54.1
1949	180.2	98.7	23.9	57.6
1950	193.6	102.3	29.2	62.1
Annual rates, seasonally adjusted				
1949: First quarter	178.4	99.6	22.4	56.3
1949: Second quarter	180.0	99.4	23.6	57.1
1949: Third quarter	180.0	97.6	24.6	57.9
1949: Fourth quarter	182.3	98.3	25.1	58.9
1950: First quarter	184.7	98.4	26.3	60.1
1950: Second quarter	188.7	100.4	26.6	61.6
1950: Third quarter	202.5	105.5	34.3	62.7
1950: Fourth quarter	198.4	104.9	29.4	64.0
1951: First quarter	208.2	111.5	31.5	65.2
1951: Second quarter ¹	203.0	110.0	27.0	66.0

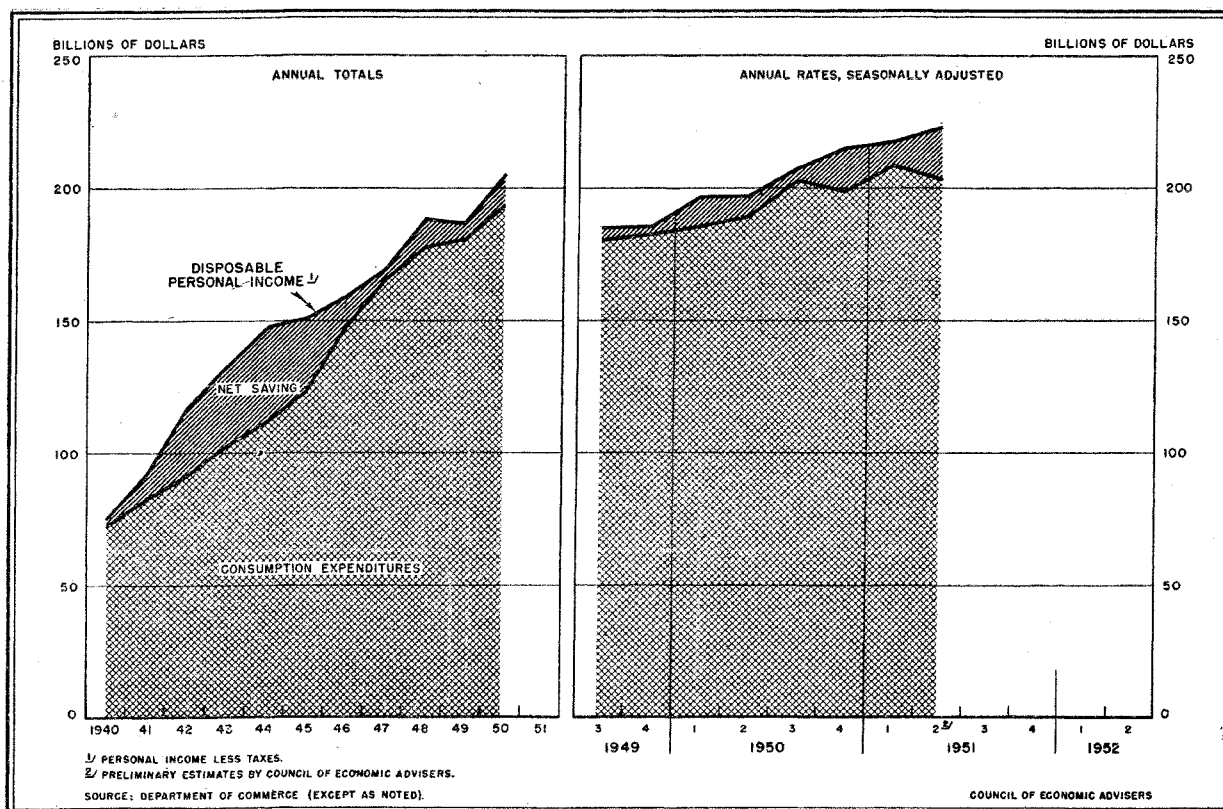
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SOURCE: DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE (EXCEPT AS NOTED).

CONSUMER INCOME, SPENDING, AND SAVING

With disposable personal income rising during the second quarter and consumption expenditures dropping, personal saving increased.



Period	Disposable personal income ¹	Less: Personal consumption expenditures	Equals: Personal net saving	Net saving as percent of disposable income
Billions of dollars				
1939.....	70.2	67.5	2.7	3.8
1941.....	92.0	82.3	9.8	10.7
1942.....	116.7	91.2	25.6	21.9
1944.....	147.0	111.6	35.4	24.1
1946.....	158.9	146.9	12.0	7.6
1947.....	169.5	165.6	3.9	2.3
1948.....	188.4	177.9	10.5	5.6
1949.....	186.4	180.2	6.3	3.4
1950.....	204.3	193.6	10.7	5.2
Annual rates, seasonally adjusted				
1949: First quarter.....	188.6	178.4	10.3	5.5
Second quarter.....	186.7	180.0	6.7	3.6
Third quarter.....	184.8	180.0	4.8	2.6
Fourth quarter.....	185.7	182.3	3.4	1.8
1950: First quarter.....	197.3	184.7	12.5	6.3
Second quarter.....	197.5	188.7	8.9	4.5
Third quarter.....	207.1	202.5	4.6	2.2
Fourth quarter.....	215.2	198.4	16.8	7.8
1951: First quarter.....	217.5	208.2	9.3	4.3
Second quarter ²	222.8	203.0	19.8	8.9

¹ Income less taxes.

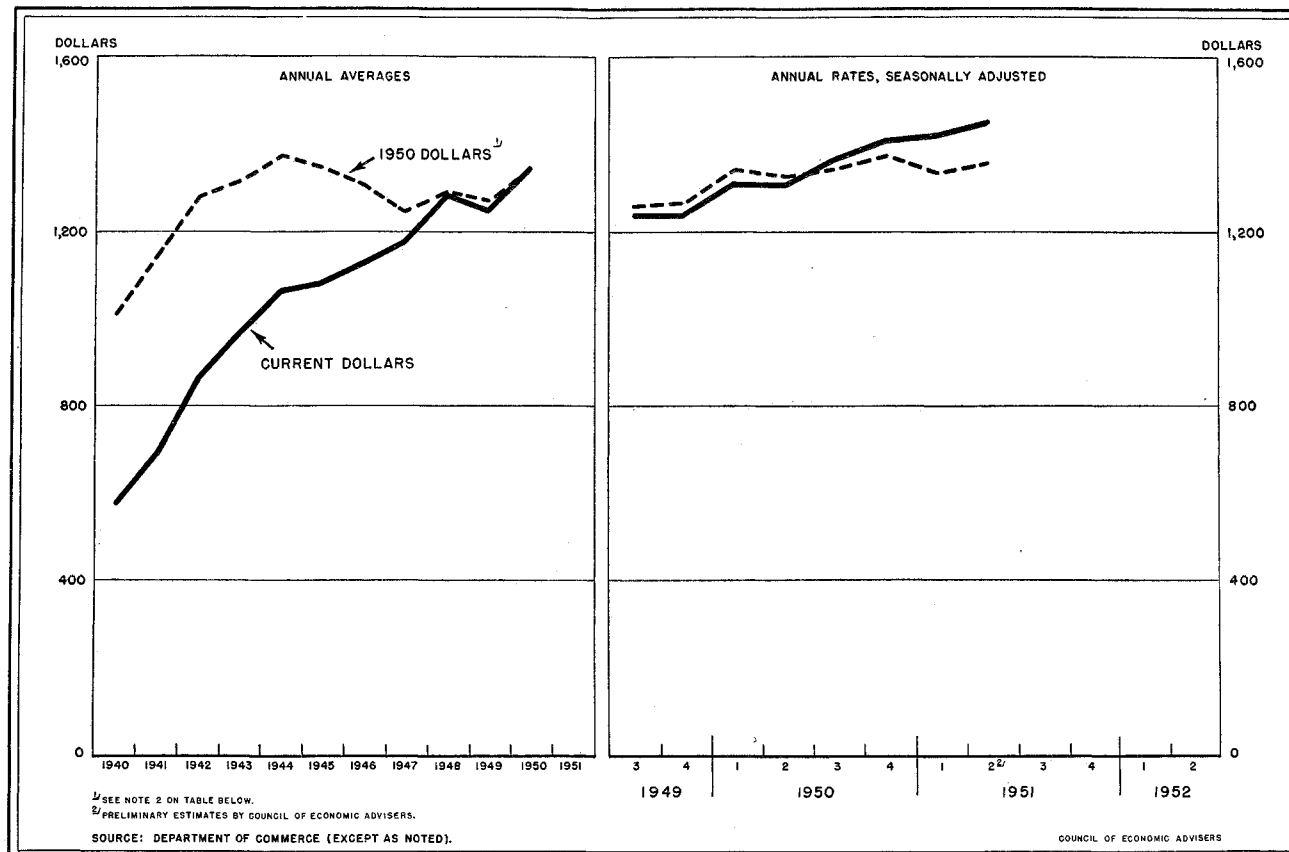
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Source: Department of Commerce (except as noted).

PER CAPITA DISPOSABLE INCOME

Per capita disposable income in constant prices rose about 2 percent from the first to the second quarter, bringing the level slightly above the average for 1950.



Period	Total disposable personal income (billions of dollars) ¹		Per capita disposable personal income (dollars) ¹		Population (thousands) ³
	Current prices	1950 prices ²	Current prices	1950 prices ²	
1939.....	70.2	124.9	536	954	130,880
1941.....	92.0	152.6	690	1,144	133,377
1942.....	116.7	172.6	866	1,280	134,831
1944.....	147.0	190.4	1,062	1,376	138,390
1946.....	158.9	184.3	1,124	1,303	141,398
1947.....	169.5	179.2	1,176	1,243	144,129
1948.....	188.4	189.0	1,285	1,289	146,621
1949.....	186.4	189.4	1,250	1,270	149,149
1950.....	204.3	204.3	1,347	1,347	151,689
Annual rates, seasonally adjusted					
1949: First quarter.....	188.6	191.1	1,272	1,289	148,282
Second quarter.....	186.7	189.4	1,254	1,272	148,862
Third quarter.....	184.8	188.0	1,236	1,257	149,522
Fourth quarter.....	185.7	189.7	1,236	1,263	150,234
1950: First quarter.....	197.3	202.4	1,308	1,342	150,847
Second quarter.....	197.5	200.7	1,305	1,326	151,390
Third quarter.....	207.1	204.2	1,362	1,343	152,068
Fourth quarter.....	215.2	209.7	1,409	1,373	152,774
1951: First quarter.....	217.5	204.2	1,418	1,331	153,396
Second quarter ⁴	222.8	208.8	1,447	1,356	154,010

¹ Income less taxes.

² Dollar estimates in current prices divided by the price index of personal consumption expenditures. This price index was based on the Department of Commerce data, shifted from 1939 base.

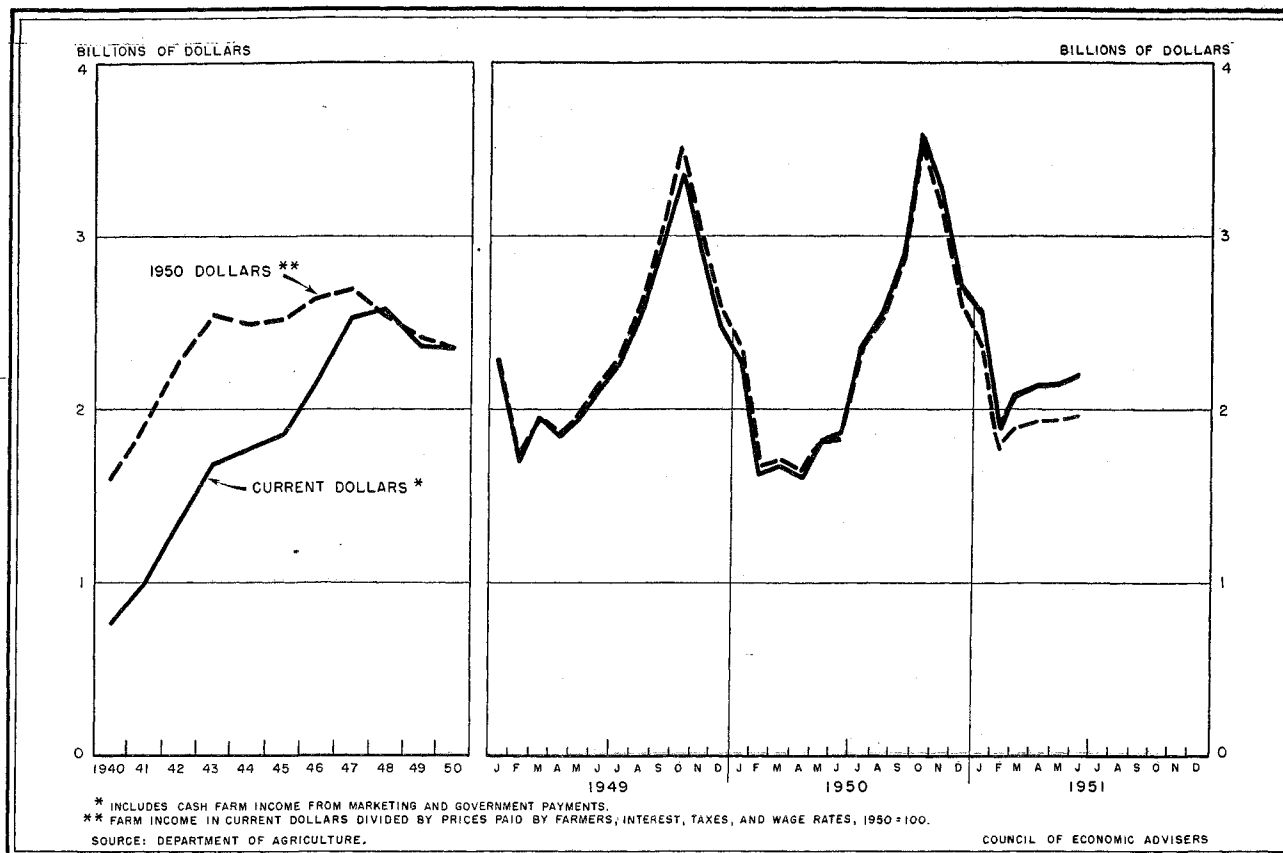
³ Provisional intercensal estimates of the population of the United States including Armed Forces overseas, taking into account the final 1950 Census total population count. Annual data as of July 1; quarterly data centered in the middle of the period, interpolated from monthly figures.

⁴ Estimates based on incomplete data; by Council of Economic Advisers.

Source: Department of Commerce (except as noted).

FARM INCOME

In current dollars, farm income in June was 18 percent above June 1950. Allowing for higher prices paid by farmers, their real income was 6 percent above that of a year earlier.



Period	Farm income (millions of current dollars) ¹	Prices paid by farmers (incl. interest, taxes, and wage rates) 1950=100 ²	Farm income (millions of 1950 dollars) ³
1939 monthly average.....	724	48	1,508
1941 monthly average.....	981	52	1,887
1944 monthly average.....	1,764	71	2,484
1946 monthly average.....	2,136	81	2,637
1947 monthly average.....	2,527	94	2,688
1948 monthly average.....	2,567	101	2,542
1949 monthly average.....	2,359	98	2,407
1950 monthly average.....	2,349	100	2,349
1950: May.....	1,819	100	1,819
June.....	1,859	100	1,859
July.....	2,356	100	2,356
August.....	2,551	101	2,526
September.....	2,913	102	2,856
October.....	3,584	102	3,514
November.....	3,277	103	3,182
December.....	2,692	104	2,588
1951: January.....	2,539	107	2,373
February.....	1,899	108	1,758
March.....	2,071	110	1,883
April.....	2,137	111	1,925
May ⁴	2,153	111	1,940
June ⁴	2,193	111	1,976

¹ Includes cash farm income from marketings and Government payments.

² Converted from the reported base, 1910-14=100, to the base 1950=100.

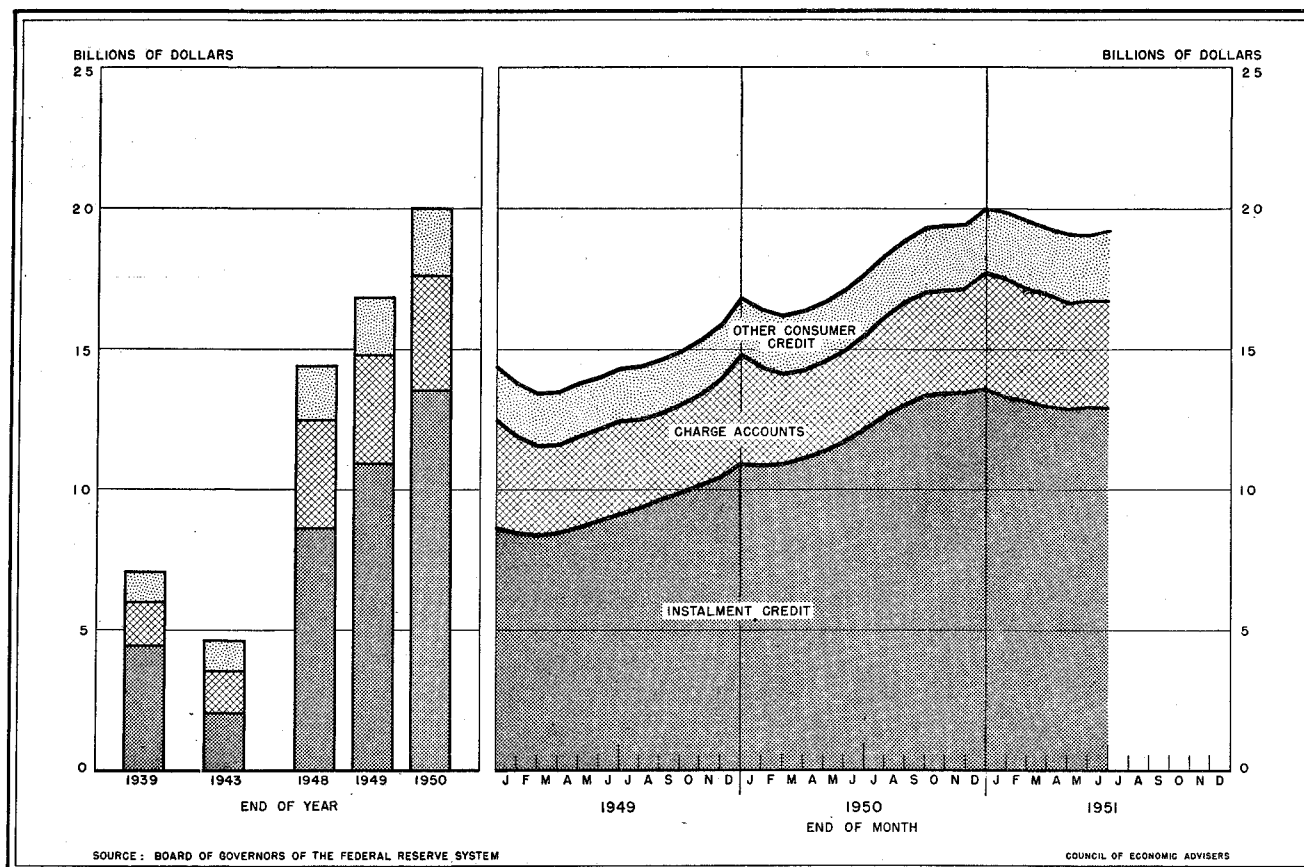
³ Farm income in current dollars divided by prices paid by farmers, interest, taxes, and wage rates, 1950=100.

⁴ Preliminary estimates.

Source: Department of Agriculture.

CONSUMER CREDIT

Consumer credit outstanding rose slightly from May to June as charge accounts and automobile sale credit expanded. Other types of instalment credit and loans declined for the sixth successive month.



[Millions of dollars]

End of period	Total consumer credit outstanding	Instalment credit			Charge accounts	Other consumer credit ¹
		Total	Automobile sale credit	Other sale credit and loans		
1939.....	7,031	4,424	1,267	3,157	1,544	1,063
1943.....	4,600	2,001	175	1,826	1,498	1,101
1946.....	8,677	4,000	544	3,456	3,054	1,623
1947.....	11,862	6,434	1,151	5,283	3,612	1,816
1948.....	14,866	8,600	1,961	6,639	3,854	1,912
1949.....	16,809	10,890	3,144	7,746	3,909	2,010
1950.....	20,097	13,459	4,126	9,333	4,239	2,399
1950: May.....	17,077	11,667	3,600	8,067	3,290	2,120
June.....	17,651	12,105	3,790	8,315	3,392	2,154
July.....	18,295	12,598	3,994	8,604	3,527	2,170
August.....	18,842	13,009	4,107	8,902	3,636	2,197
September.....	19,329	13,344	4,213	9,131	3,741	2,244
October.....	19,398	13,389	4,227	9,162	3,703	2,306
November.....	19,405	13,306	4,175	9,131	3,739	2,360
December.....	20,097	13,459	4,126	9,333	4,239	2,399
1951: January.....	19,937	13,252	4,056	9,196	4,248	2,437
February.....	19,533	13,073	3,990	9,083	4,010	2,450
March.....	19,379	12,976	3,946	9,030	3,938	2,465
April.....	19,124	12,902	3,934	8,968	3,744	2,478
May ²	19,193	12,906	3,980	8,926	3,793	2,494
June ²	19,224	12,925	4,041	8,884	3,812	2,487

¹ Includes loans by pawnbrokers, service credit, and single-payment loans under \$3,000 made by commercial banks. The single-payment loan item was revised in November to exclude loans over \$3,000. See Federal Reserve Bulletin for November 1950, pages 1465-6.

² Preliminary estimates.

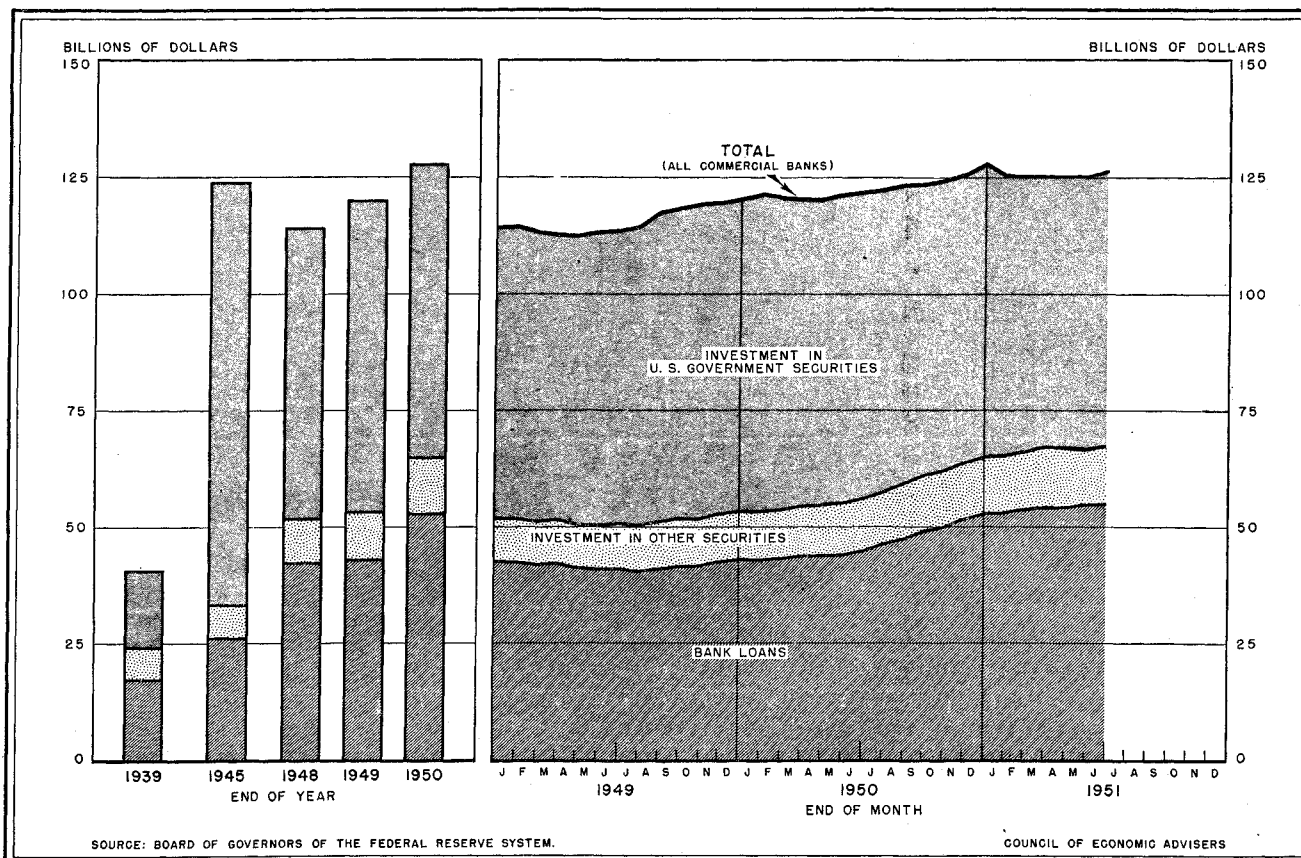
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Source: Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

MONEY, BANKING, AND FEDERAL FINANCE

BANK LOANS AND INVESTMENTS

Bank loans and investments expanded \$1.1 billion during June, compared with a decline of \$300 million during May. Loans increased \$500 million and holdings of U. S. Government securities, which had been declining steadily since December 1950, rose by the same amount.



[Billions of dollars, all commercial banks]

End of period	Total loans and investments	Bank loans	Investments		
			Total	U. S. Government securities	Other securities
1939.....	40.7	17.2	23.4	16.3	7.1
1945.....	124.0	26.1	97.9	90.6	7.3
1947.....	116.3	38.1	78.2	69.2	9.0
1948.....	114.3	42.5	71.8	62.6	9.2
1949.....	120.2	43.0	77.2	67.0	10.2
1950.....	126.7	52.2	74.4	62.0	12.4
1950: May.....	121.2	44.1	77.1	66.1	11.0
June.....	121.8	44.8	77.0	65.8	11.2
July.....	122.3	46.0	76.3	65.0	11.4
August.....	123.3	47.3	76.0	64.2	11.8
September.....	123.6	48.9	74.6	62.5	12.1
October.....	124.4	49.8	74.6	62.5	12.1
November.....	125.4	51.5	73.9	61.7	12.1
December.....	126.7	52.2	74.4	62.0	12.4
1951: January.....	125.0	52.7	72.3	60.0	12.4
February.....	125.0	53.5	71.5	59.1	12.4
March.....	125.7	54.4	71.3	58.8	12.6
April.....	125.4	54.4	71.0	58.5	12.6
May.....	125.1	54.5	70.6	58.1	12.5
June ¹	126.2	55.0	71.2	58.6	12.6

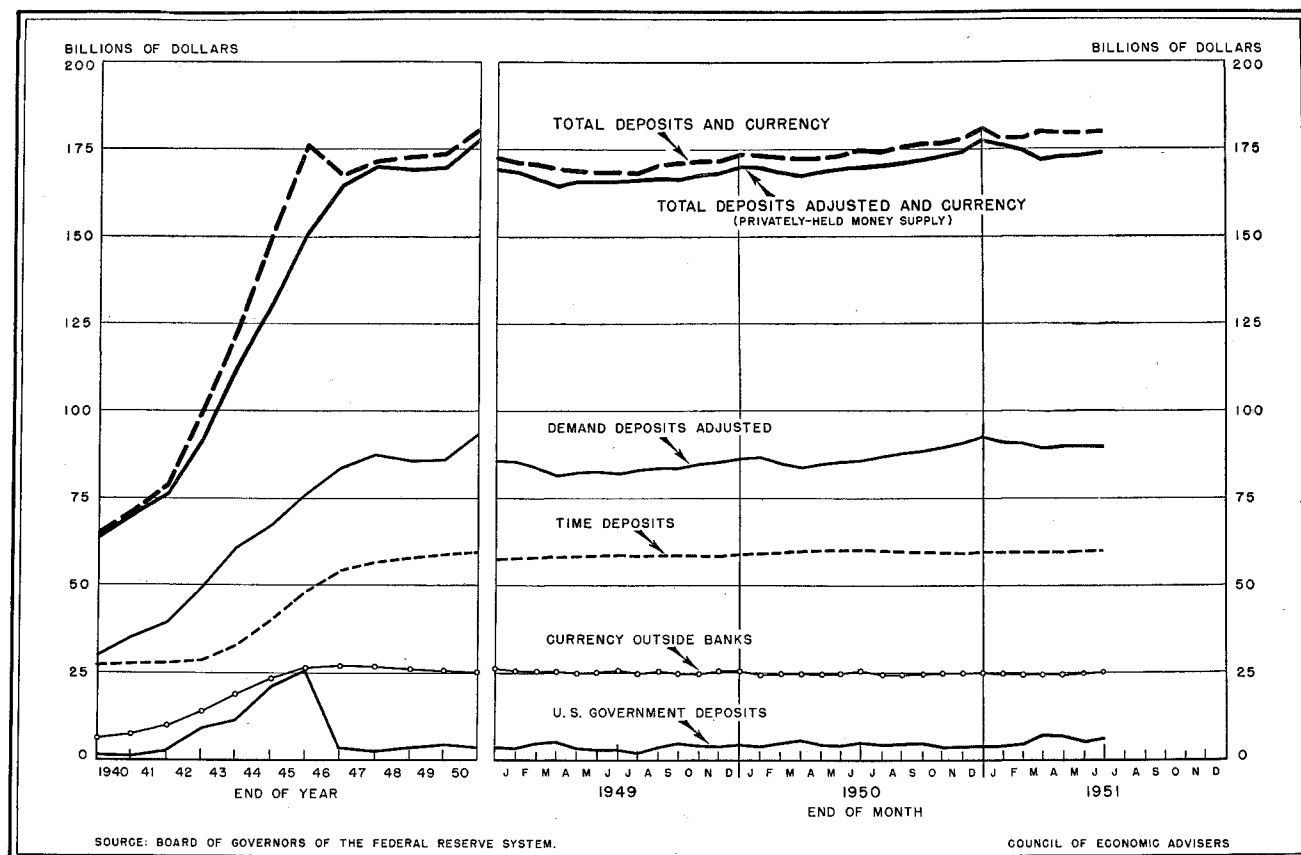
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MONEY SUPPLY

The privately held money supply increased \$500 million during June. Most of the expansion was in time deposits, which surpassed the previous high of June 1950, from which they had been drawn down as much as \$1 billion during the post-Korean buying wave.



[Billions of dollars]

End of period	Total deposits and currency	U. S. Government deposits ¹	Deposits adjusted and currency (privately held money supply) ²			
			Total	Currency outside banks	Adjusted demand deposits ³	Time deposits ⁴
1939.....	64.7	1.5	63.3	6.4	29.8	27.1
1945.....	176.4	25.6	150.8	26.5	75.9	48.5
1946.....	167.5	3.5	164.0	26.7	83.3	54.0
1947.....	172.3	2.3	170.0	26.5	87.1	56.4
1948.....	172.7	3.6	169.1	26.1	85.5	57.5
1949.....	173.9	4.1	169.8	25.4	85.8	58.6
1950.....	180.6	3.7	176.9	25.4	92.3	59.2
1950: May.....	173.0	3.8	169.2	24.7	85.0	59.5
June.....	174.7	4.8	170.0	25.2	85.0	59.7
July.....	174.4	4.1	170.2	24.4	86.5	59.4
August.....	175.5	4.5	171.0	24.5	87.4	59.1
September.....	176.3	4.8	171.6	24.5	88.0	59.0
October.....	176.3	3.5	172.8	24.6	89.2	59.0
November.....	177.4	3.5	173.9	24.9	90.3	58.7
December.....	180.6	3.7	176.9	25.4	92.3	59.2
1951: January.....	178.8	3.6	175.2	24.6	91.6	59.0
February.....	178.9	4.7	174.2	24.6	90.6	59.0
March.....	179.9	7.4	172.5	24.4	89.0	59.1
April.....	179.8	6.5	173.3	24.6	89.5	59.2
May.....	179.2	5.4	173.7	24.9	89.5	59.3
June ⁵	180.8	6.6	174.2	25.0	89.5	59.8

¹ Includes U. S. Government deposits at Federal Reserve banks, commercial and savings banks, and U. S. Treasurer's time deposits, open account.

² Includes deposits and currency held by State and local governments.

³ Includes demand deposits, other than interbank and U. S. Government, less cash items in process of collection.

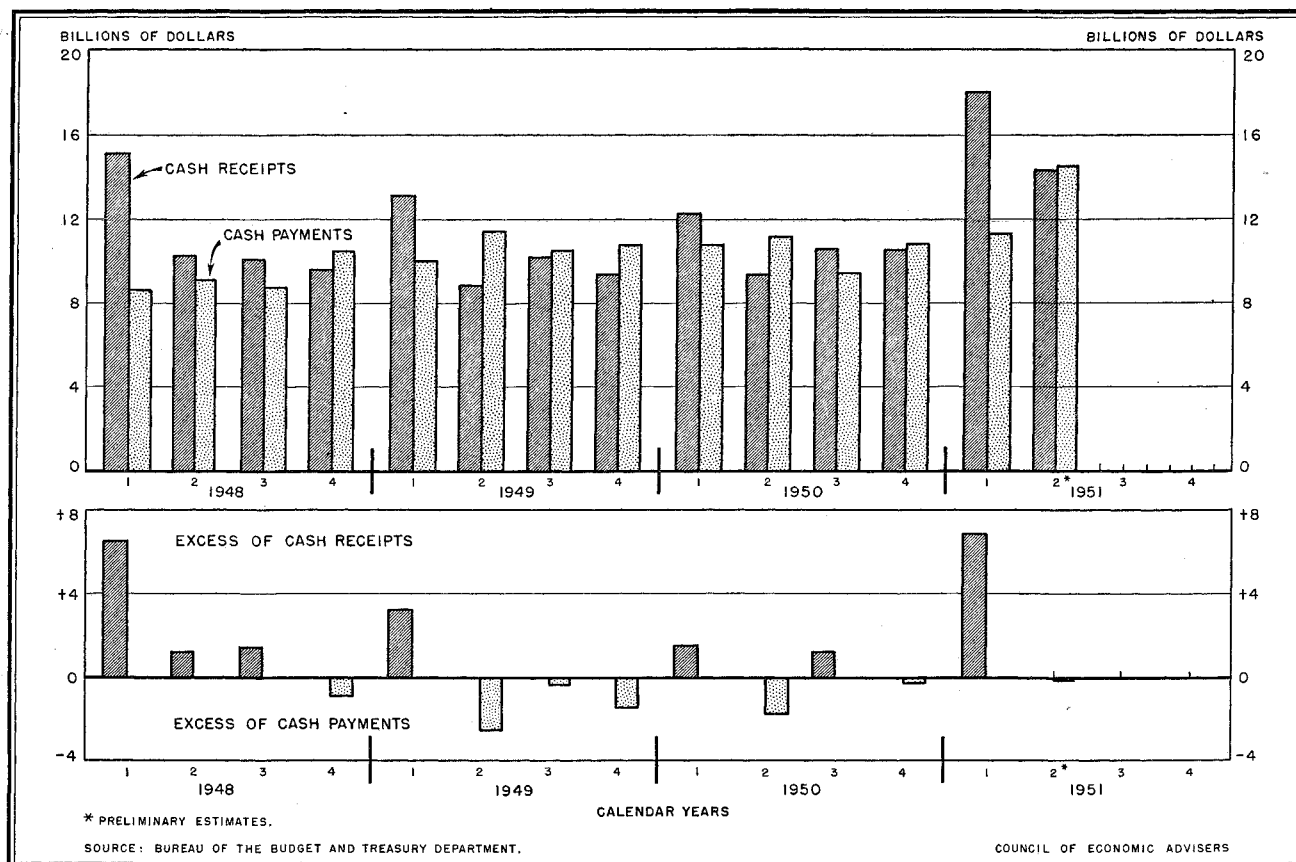
⁴ Includes deposits in commercial banks, mutual savings banks, and Postal Savings System, but excludes interbank deposits.

⁵ Preliminary estimates.

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FEDERAL CASH RECEIPTS FROM AND PAYMENTS TO THE PUBLIC

Cash receipts declined seasonally from the first to the second quarter, while payments jumped by \$3.3 billion, reflecting the progress of the defense effort. For the fiscal year 1951, the cash surplus amounted to \$7.6 billion.



[Millions of dollars]

Calendar year	Federal cash receipts from the public	Federal cash payments to the public	Excess of receipts (+) or payments (-)
Calendar year total:			
1946.....	41,441	41,399	+42
1947.....	44,282	38,616	+5,666
1948.....	44,922	36,897	+8,027
1949.....	41,346	42,642	-1,295
1950.....	42,419	41,969	+450
Quarterly total, not adjusted for seasonal variation:			
1948: First quarter.....	15,037	8,641	+6,399
Second quarter.....	10,239	9,033	+1,205
Third quarter.....	10,085	8,735	+1,349
Fourth quarter.....	9,560	10,488	-926
1949: First quarter.....	13,122	9,964	+3,159
Second quarter.....	8,814	11,389	-2,574
Third quarter.....	10,143	10,528	-386
Fourth quarter.....	9,267	10,762	-1,495
1950: First quarter.....	12,235	10,760	+1,475
Second quarter.....	9,303	11,105	-1,803
Third quarter.....	10,494	9,351	+1,143
Fourth quarter.....	10,387	10,754	-367
1951: First quarter.....	18,051	11,179	+6,874
Second quarter ¹	14,462	14,521	-59

¹ Preliminary estimates based on incomplete data.

Sources: Treasury Department and Bureau of the Budget.

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