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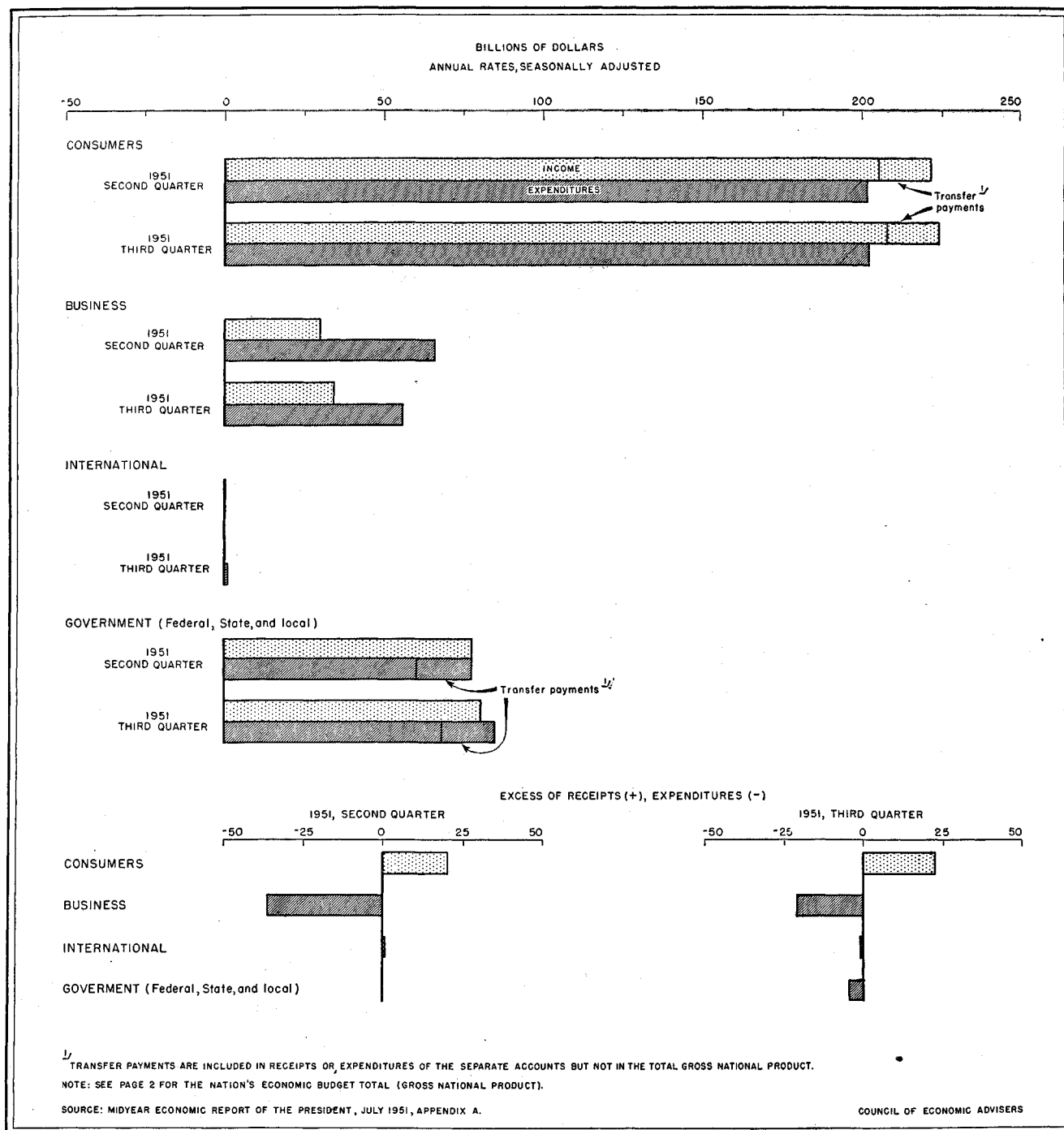
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THE TOTAL OUTPUT OF THE ECONOMY

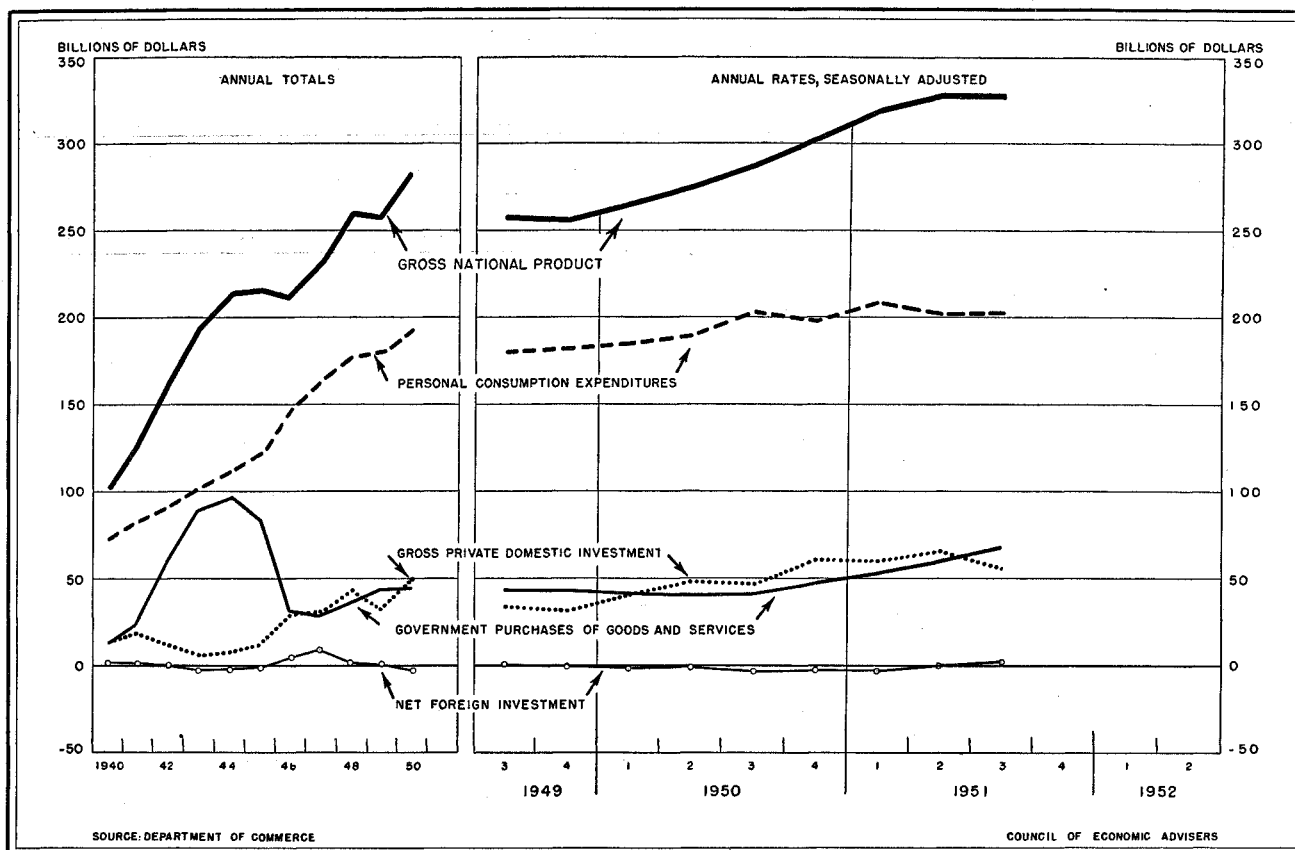
THE NATION'S ECONOMIC BUDGET

In the third quarter, consumer income rose slightly and expenditures remained stable, thus raising the savings ratio above the high level of the second quarter. With much smaller inventory accumulation, business investment dropped \$10 billion at a seasonally adjusted annual rate.



GROSS NATIONAL PRODUCT

According to revised estimates, gross national product in the third quarter remained at its second quarter level. Among the major components, only consumer expenditures were stable. Government expenditures for national security were almost 18 percent above the second quarter. Business investment dropped because of a slower rate of inventory accumulation.



[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 security 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	87.5	9.0
1946.....	211.1	146.9	28.7	4.6	30.9	18.5	12.4
1947.....	233.3	165.6	30.2	8.9	28.6	12.9	15.7
1948.....	259.0	177.9	42.7	1.9	36.6	15.2	21.4
1949.....	257.3	180.2	33.0	.5	43.6	18.5	25.1
1950.....	282.6	193.6	48.9	-2.3	42.5	18.8	23.7
Annual rates, seasonally adjusted							
1950: First quarter.....	264.4	184.7	40.1	-1.7	41.3	16.4	24.9
Second quarter.....	275.0	188.7	47.9	-1.6	40.1	16.2	23.9
Third quarter.....	287.4	202.5	47.3	-3.2	40.8	17.1	23.7
Fourth quarter.....	303.7	198.4	60.2	-2.7	47.8	23.2	24.6
1951: First quarter.....	319.0	208.2	60.1	-2.7	53.4	28.3	25.1
Second quarter.....	327.8	201.7	65.6	.0	60.4	34.8	25.6
Third quarter.....	327.6	202.5	55.7	1.2	68.2	41.0	27.2

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, Mutual Defense Assistance, and other unilateral transfers since 1947; excludes Federal Government sales.

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

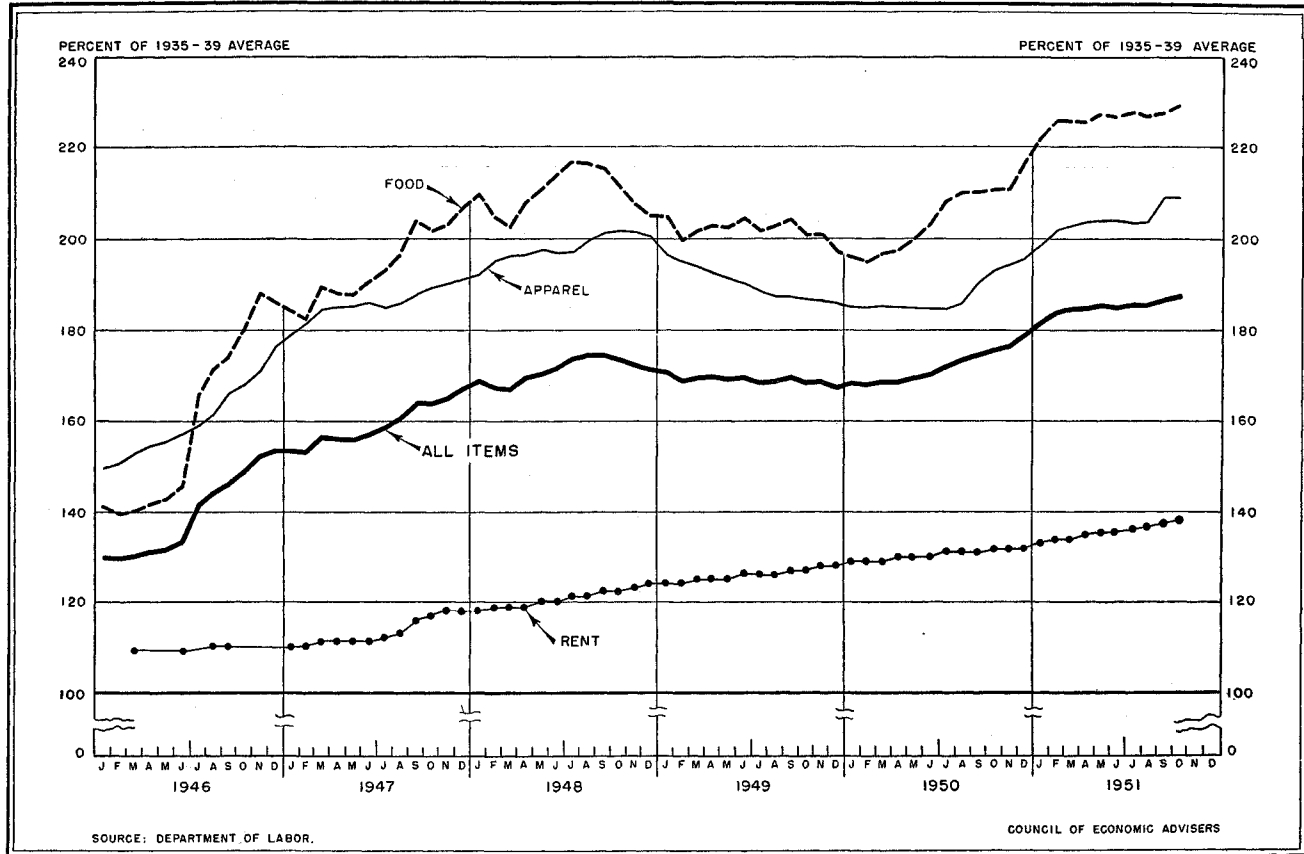
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Source: Department of Commerce.

PRICES

CONSUMERS' PRICES

Higher retail food prices and rents combined to raise the consumers' price index 0.4 percent between mid-September and mid-October. Housefurnishing prices fell slightly and apparel prices were little changed after rising sharply the month before.



[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
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
June 15	170.2	203.1	184.6	130.9	139.1	184.8	154.6
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	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
July 15	185.5	227.7	203.3	136.2	144.0	212.4	165.0
August 15	185.5	227.0	203.6	136.8	144.2	210.8	165.4
September 15	186.6	227.3	209.0	137.5	144.4	211.1	166.0
October 15 ¹	187.4	229.2	208.9	138.2	144.6	210.4	166.6

¹ A special survey of food prices indicated a rise of 0.9 percent between October 15 and November 15.

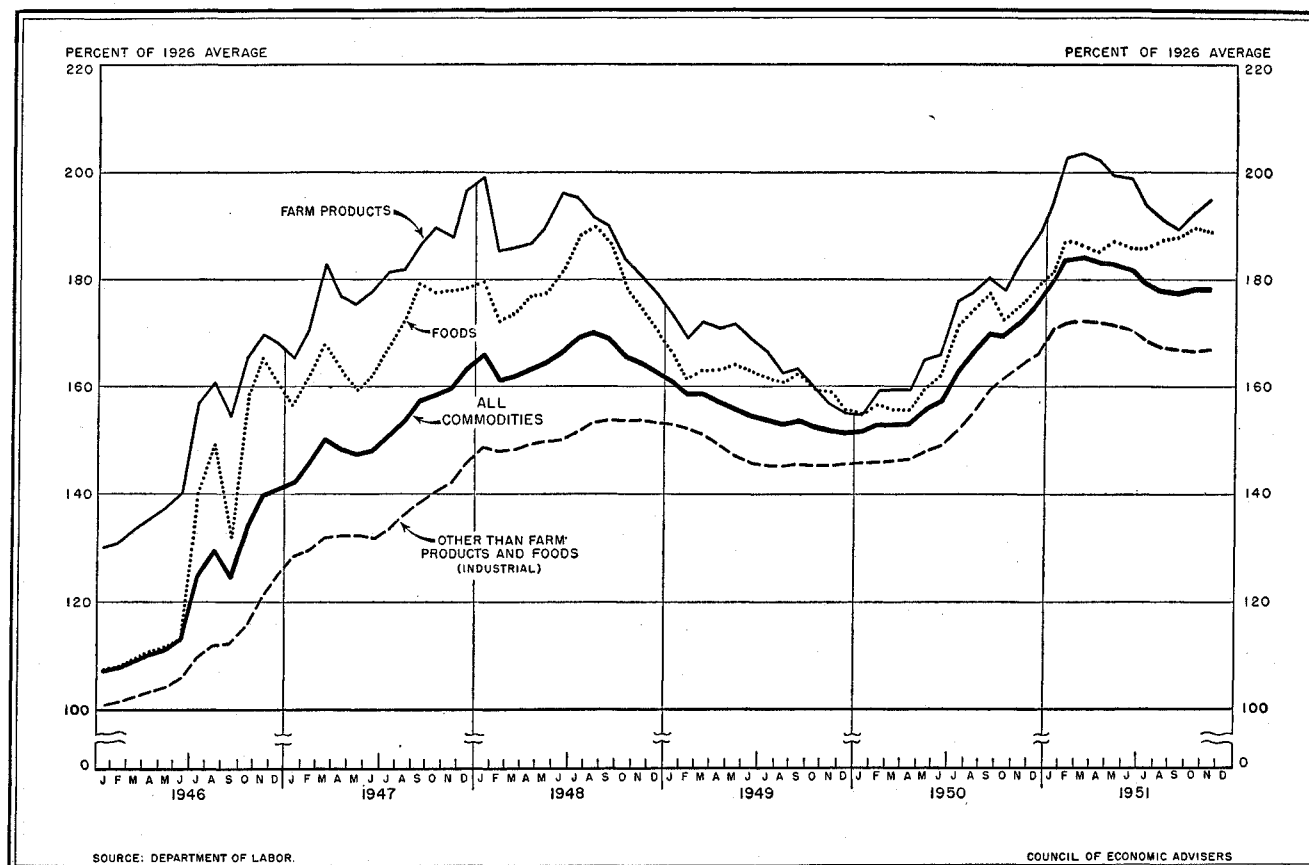
NOTE.—Prices are for moderate-income families in large cities.

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

The all commodity index of wholesale prices was stable in November in spite of small price increases in farm products.



[1926=100]

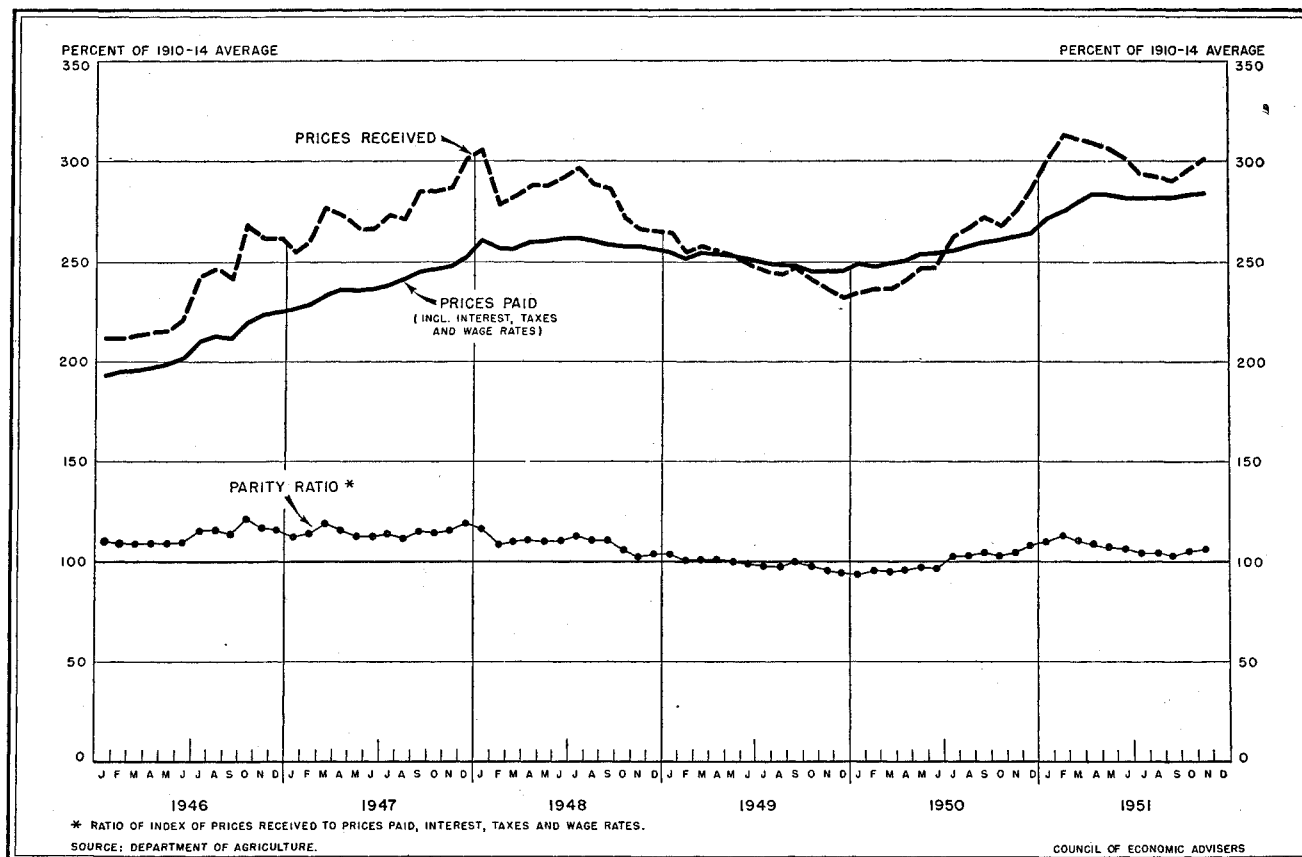
Period	All commodities	Farm products	Foods	Other than farm products and foods
1942 monthly average.....	98.8	105.9	99.6	95.5
1946 monthly average.....	121.1	148.9	130.7	109.5
1947 monthly average.....	152.1	181.2	168.7	135.2
1948 monthly average.....	165.1	188.3	179.1	151.0
1949 monthly average.....	155.0	165.5	161.4	147.3
1950 monthly average.....	161.5	170.4	166.2	153.2
June.....	157.3	165.9	162.1	148.7
October.....	169.1	177.8	172.5	161.5
November.....	171.7	183.7	175.2	163.7
December.....	175.3	187.4	179.0	166.7
1951: January.....	180.1	194.2	182.2	170.3
February.....	183.6	202.6	187.6	171.8
March.....	184.0	203.8	186.6	172.4
April.....	183.6	202.5	185.8	172.3
May.....	182.9	199.6	187.3	171.7
June.....	181.7	198.6	186.3	170.5
July.....	179.4	194.0	186.0	168.6
August.....	178.0	190.6	187.3	167.2
September.....	177.6	189.2	188.0	166.9
October.....	178.2	192.4	189.5	166.7
November ¹	178.2	194.9	188.9	166.9
Week ended:				
1951: November 6.....	177.2	193.3	190.1	165.2
13.....	177.3	195.1	190.4	165.2
20.....	177.2	195.7	189.8	165.1
27.....	177.6	197.7	189.9	165.2

¹ Estimates based on change in weekly data.

Source: Department of Labor.

PRICES RECEIVED AND PAID BY FARMERS

In November, the parity ratio rose for the second month as the increase in prices received by farmers exceeded the increase in prices paid.



[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
June 15.....	247	254	97
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
August 15.....	292	282	104
September 15.....	291	282	103
October 15.....	296	283	105
November 15.....	301	284	106

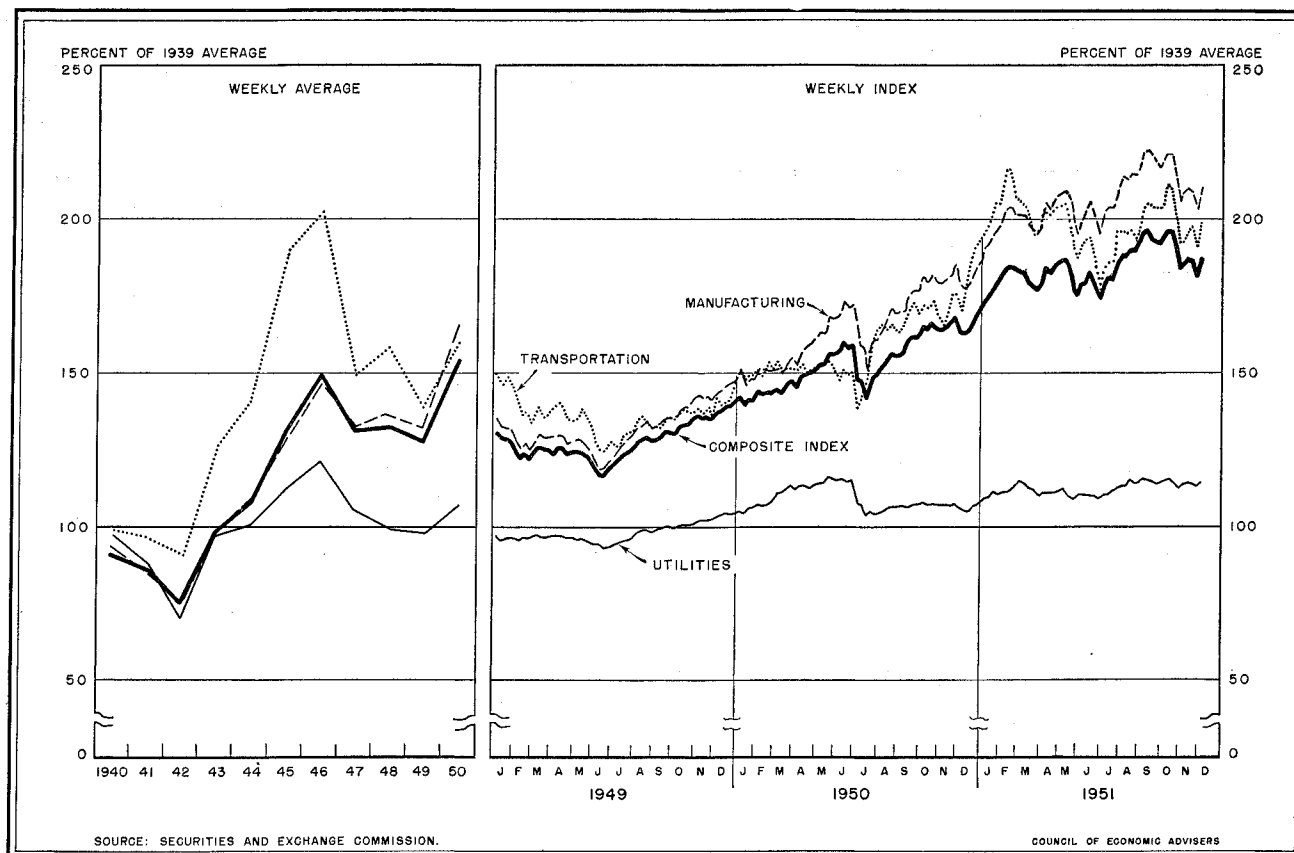
¹ Ratio of index of prices received to index of prices paid, interest, taxes, and wage rates.

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

A substantial recovery movement in the last week of November brought stock prices on December 1 to a level somewhat higher than a month earlier.



[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
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
June-----	158.3	171.1	156.0	185.0	149.5	114.8	182.4	143.0
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
August-----	189.7	214.8	178.5	248.8	195.5	114.1	206.0	218.6
September-----	194.4	220.4	185.2	253.0	203.6	115.0	214.4	230.9
October-----	191.4	215.8	185.1	244.3	203.3	114.3	214.0	233.6
November-----	185.0	207.5	178.4	234.6	194.0	113.8	207.8	238.8
Week ended:								
1951: November 3-----	185.5	208.3	177.3	237.2	192.4	113.5	207.4	246.4
10-----	186.8	209.8	181.0	236.7	195.5	114.3	208.8	242.4
17-----	186.0	208.6	179.4	235.8	197.3	114.1	209.0	239.5
24-----	181.8	203.4	176.0	228.8	190.6	113.1	206.0	226.9
December 1-----	187.0	210.0	180.1	237.8	198.6	114.2	209.5	233.8

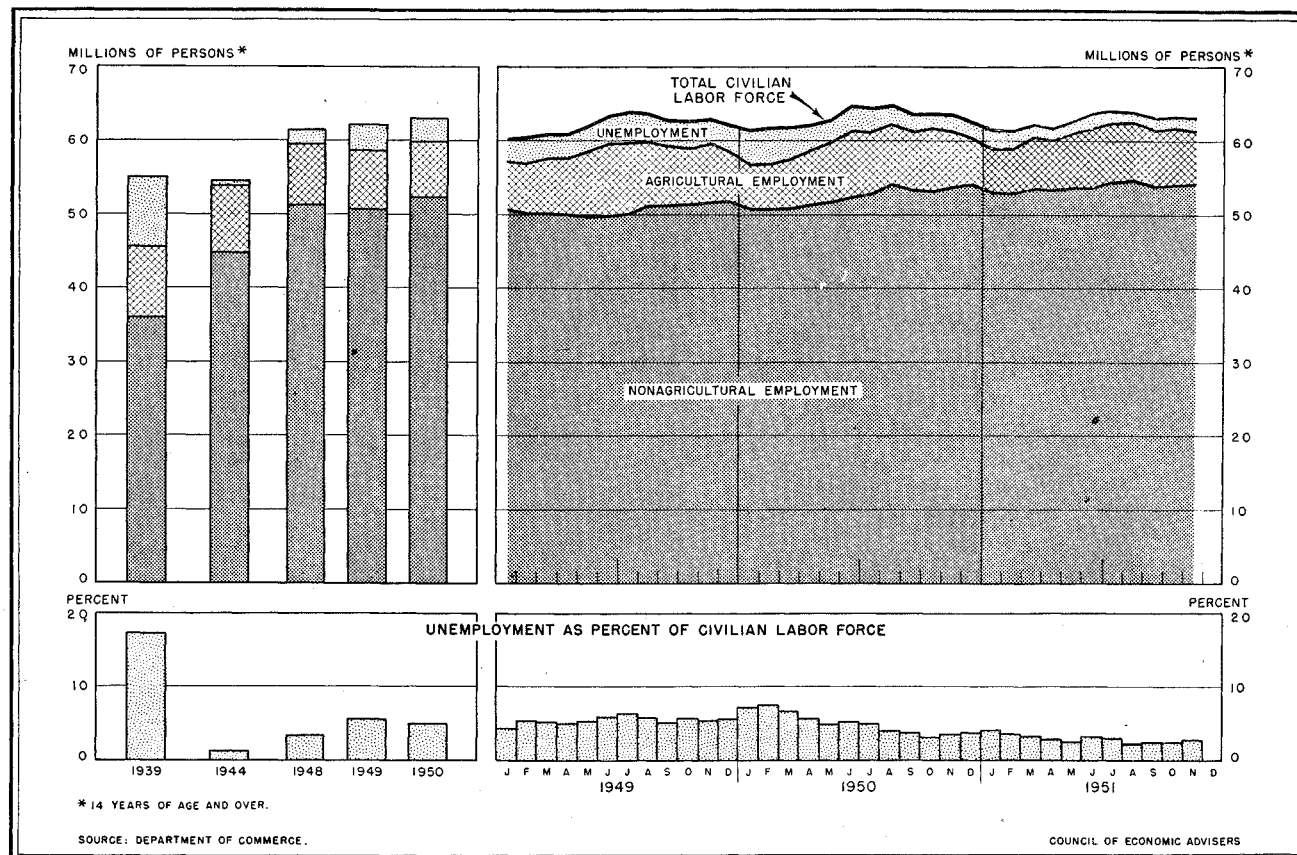
¹ Includes 265 common stocks, distributed as follows: 14 for mining, 98 for durable goods manufacturing, 72 for nondurable goods manufacturing, 21 for transportation, 28 for utilities, and 32 for trade, finance, and service.

Source: Securities and Exchange Commission

EMPLOYMENT AND WAGES

CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE

Nonagricultural employment advanced about 150,000 to 54.3 million in November, almost 600,000 above a year ago. Employment in agriculture declined seasonally to 7.0 million. Unemployment, increasing slightly to 1.8 million, was at the lowest November level since 1947.



Period	Civilian labor force					Unemploy- ment as per- cent of total civilian labor force
	Total	Employment ¹			Unem- plov- 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
June.....	64, 866	61, 482	9, 046	52, 436	3, 384	5. 2
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
August.....	64, 208	62, 630	7, 688	54, 942	1, 578	2. 5
September.....	63, 186	61, 580	7, 526	54, 054	1, 606	2. 5
October.....	63, 452	61, 836	7, 668	54, 168	1, 616	2. 5
November.....	63, 164	61, 336	7, 022	54, 314	1, 828	2. 9

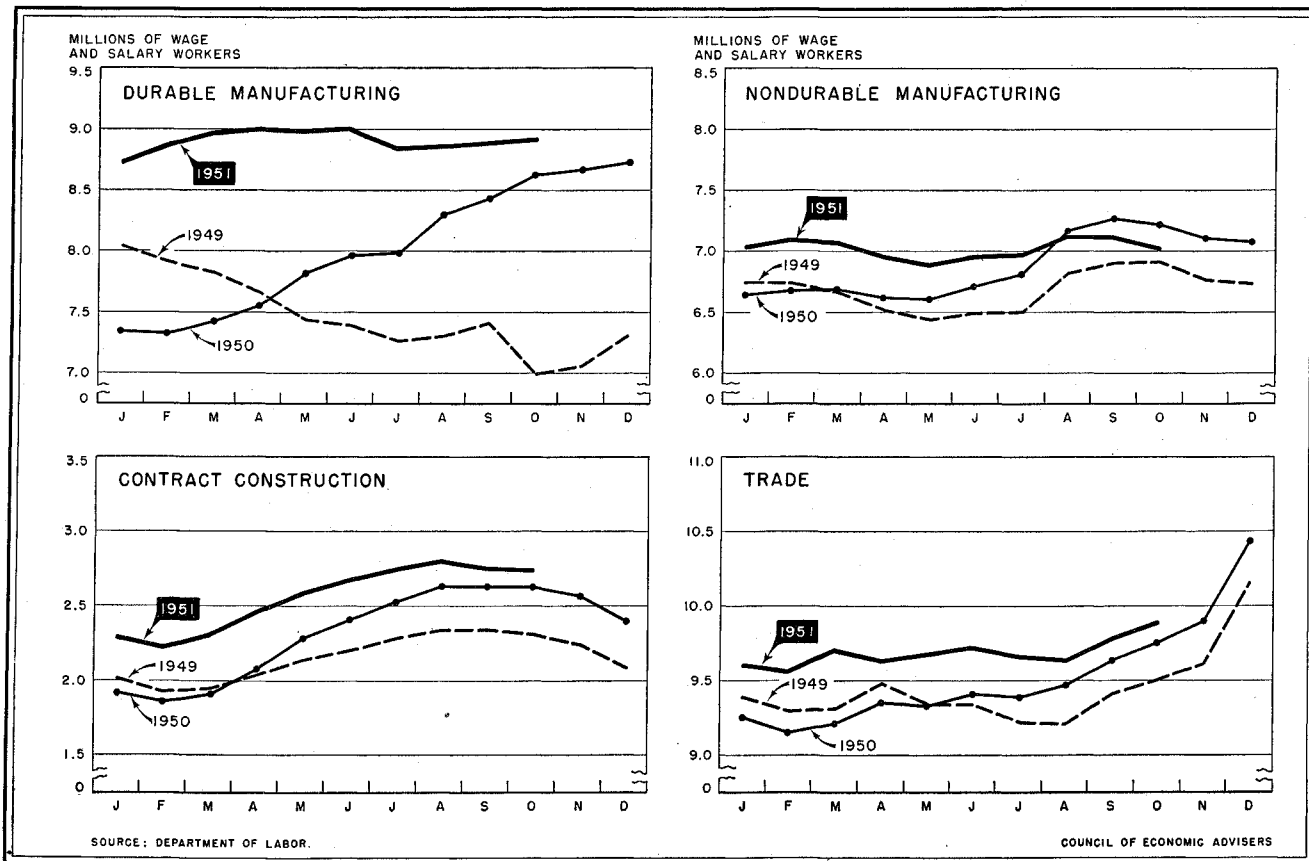
¹ Includes part-time workers and those who had jobs but were not at work for such reasons as vacation, illness, bad weather, temporary lay-off and industrial disputes.

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

Source: Department of Commerce.

NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT - SELECTED INDUSTRIES

Manufacturing employment declined slightly in October but was about 100,000 higher than in October a year ago. Trade employment increased seasonally. Other major industry groups showed minor fluctuations.



[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
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
June.....	14, 666	7, 964	6, 702	2, 414	9, 411	6, 653	5, 832	4, 023	946
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.....	15, 955	9, 003	6, 952	2, 471	9, 627	6, 610	6, 292	4, 132	911
May.....	15, 853	8, 975	6, 878	2, 598	9, 683	6, 673	6, 377	4, 137	915
June.....	15, 956	8, 998	6, 958	2, 686	9, 732	6, 728	6, 377	4, 161	927
July.....	15, 813	8, 839	6, 974	2, 754	9, 667	6, 760	6, 356	4, 176	906
August ²	15, 980	8, 866	7, 114	2, 799	9, 637	6, 751	6, 400	4, 187	925
September ²	16, 004	8, 893	7, 111	2, 752	9, 769	6, 723	6, 545	4, 177	917
October ²	15, 926	8, 913	7, 013	2, 738	9, 894	6, 660	6, 532	4, 156	913

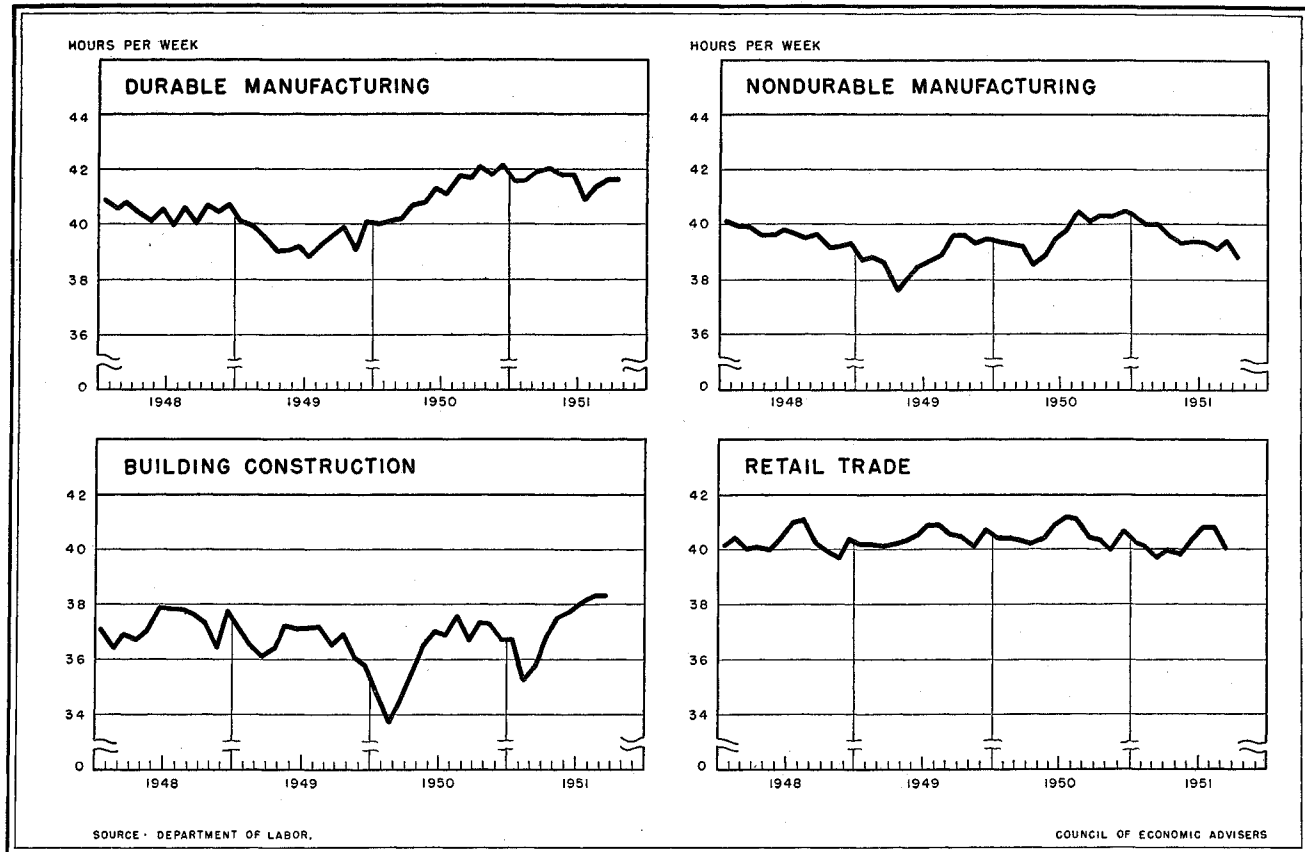
¹ Includes all full- and part-time wage and salary workers in nonagricultural establishments who worked or received pay during the pay period ending nearest the 15th of the month. Excludes proprietors, self-employed persons, domestic servants, and personnel of the armed forces. Total derived from this 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

The workweek in durable manufacturing was unchanged in October but was $\frac{1}{2}$ hour less than a year ago. In non-durable industries, the workweek declined more than $\frac{1}{2}$ hour to a level of $1\frac{1}{2}$ hours below that of a year ago.



[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
June.....	40.5	41.3	39.5	37.0	40.9
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.....	41.0	42.0	39.7	36.8	39.9
May.....	40.7	41.8	39.3	37.5	39.8
June.....	40.7	41.8	39.4	37.7	40.4
July.....	40.2	40.9	39.3	38.1	40.8
August ³	40.4	41.4	39.1	38.3	40.8
September ³	40.6	41.6	39.4	38.3	40.0
October ³	40.4	41.6	38.8	(2)	(2)

¹ For production and related workers.

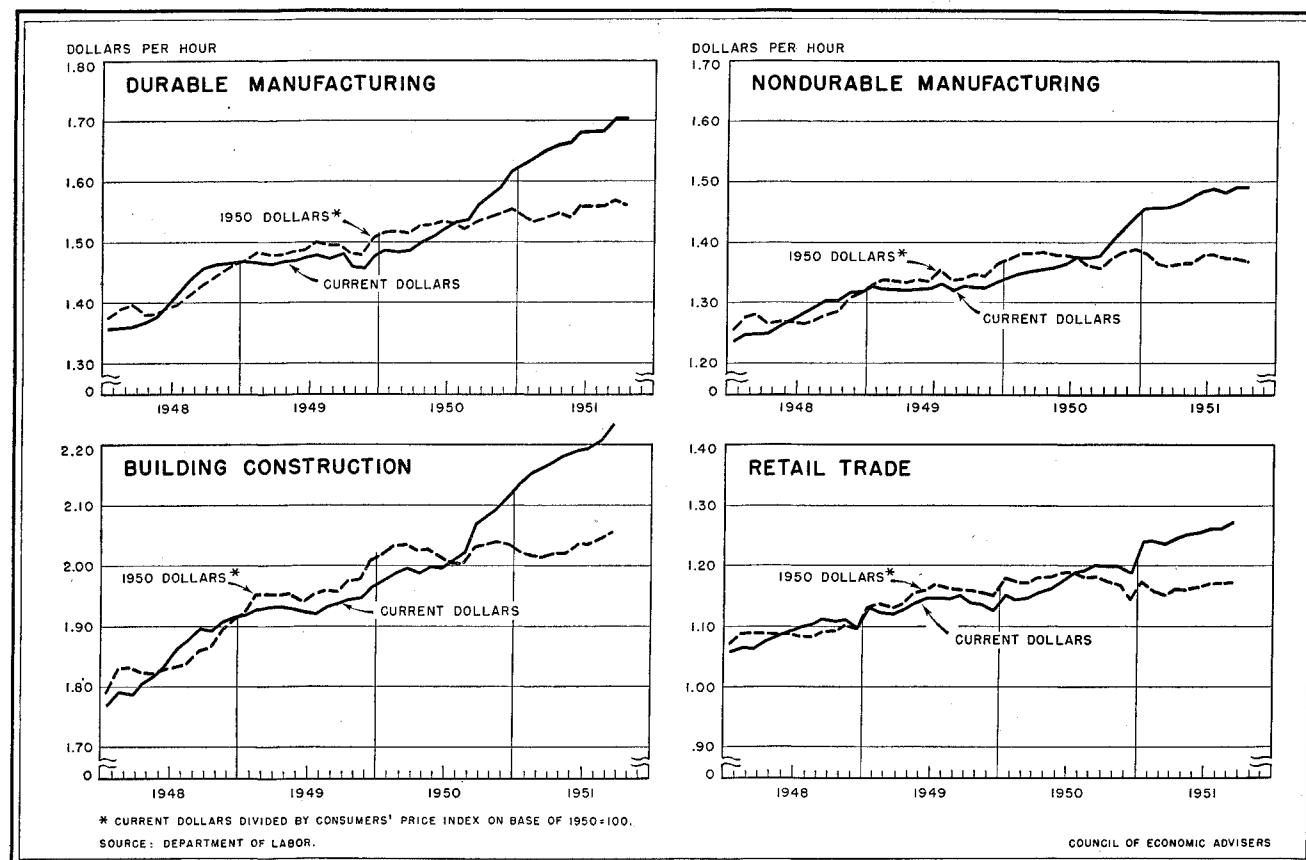
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³ Preliminary estimates.

Source: Department of Labor.

AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS - SELECTED INDUSTRIES

Average hourly earnings in both durable and nondurable goods manufacturing showed practically no change in October. The increase in all manufacturing during the previous 12 months amounted to about 11 cents.



[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. 095	\$0. 698	\$1. 208	\$0. 582	\$1. 007	(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
June	1. 453	1. 468	1. 522	1. 537	1. 365	1. 379	1. 995	2. 015	1. 175	1. 187
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. 469	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	1. 578	1. 469	1. 659	1. 545	1. 465	1. 364	2. 167	2. 018	1. 249	1. 163
May	1. 586	1. 470	1. 665	1. 543	1. 474	1. 366	2. 182	2. 022	1. 252	1. 160
June	1. 599	1. 485	1. 681	1. 561	1. 484	1. 378	2. 194	2. 037	1. 256	1. 166
July	1. 598	1. 481	1. 682	1. 559	1. 488	1. 379	2. 195	2. 034	1. 262	1. 170
August ³	1. 597	1. 480	1. 683	1. 560	1. 482	1. 373	2. 207	2. 045	1. 262	1. 170
September ³	1. 612	1. 484	1. 703	1. 568	1. 491	1. 373	2. 233	2. 056	1. 272	1. 171
October ³	1. 613	1. 480	1. 703	1. 562	1. 491	1. 368	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)

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

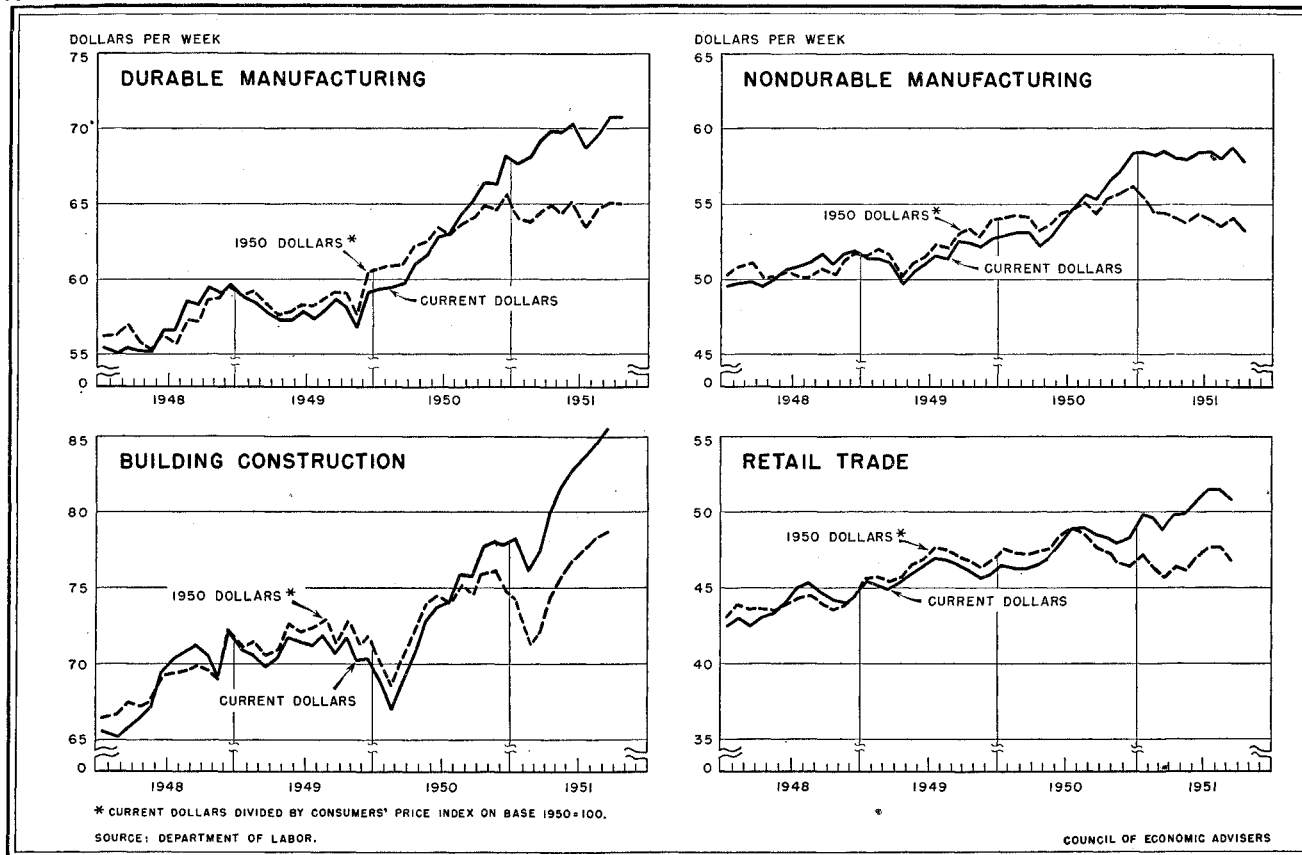
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Source: Department of Labor.

AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS - SELECTED INDUSTRIES

Average weekly earnings in durable manufacturing were at the same level in October as in September—almost \$71. In nondurables, a shorter workweek accounted for a drop of about \$1 in October, bringing average weekly earnings to about \$58.



[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	\$41.28	\$26.50	\$45.85	\$21.78	\$37.68	(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	50.60	(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	46.39
1950 monthly average.....	59.33	59.33	63.32	63.32	54.71	54.71	73.73	73.73	47.63	47.63
June.....	58.85	59.44	62.86	63.49	53.92	54.46	73.82	74.57	48.06	48.55
September.....	60.64	59.69	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.....	64.70	60.24	69.68	64.88	58.16	54.15	79.75	74.26	49.84	46.41
May.....	64.55	59.82	69.60	64.50	57.93	53.69	81.83	75.84	49.83	46.18
June.....	65.08	60.43	70.27	65.25	58.47	54.29	82.71	76.80	50.74	47.11
July.....	64.24	59.54	68.79	63.75	58.48	54.20	83.63	77.51	51.49	47.72
August ³	64.52	59.80	69.68	64.58	57.95	53.71	84.53	78.34	51.49	47.72
September ³	65.45	60.27	70.84	65.23	58.75	54.10	85.52	78.75	50.88	46.85
October ³	65.17	59.79	70.84	64.99	57.85	53.07	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)

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

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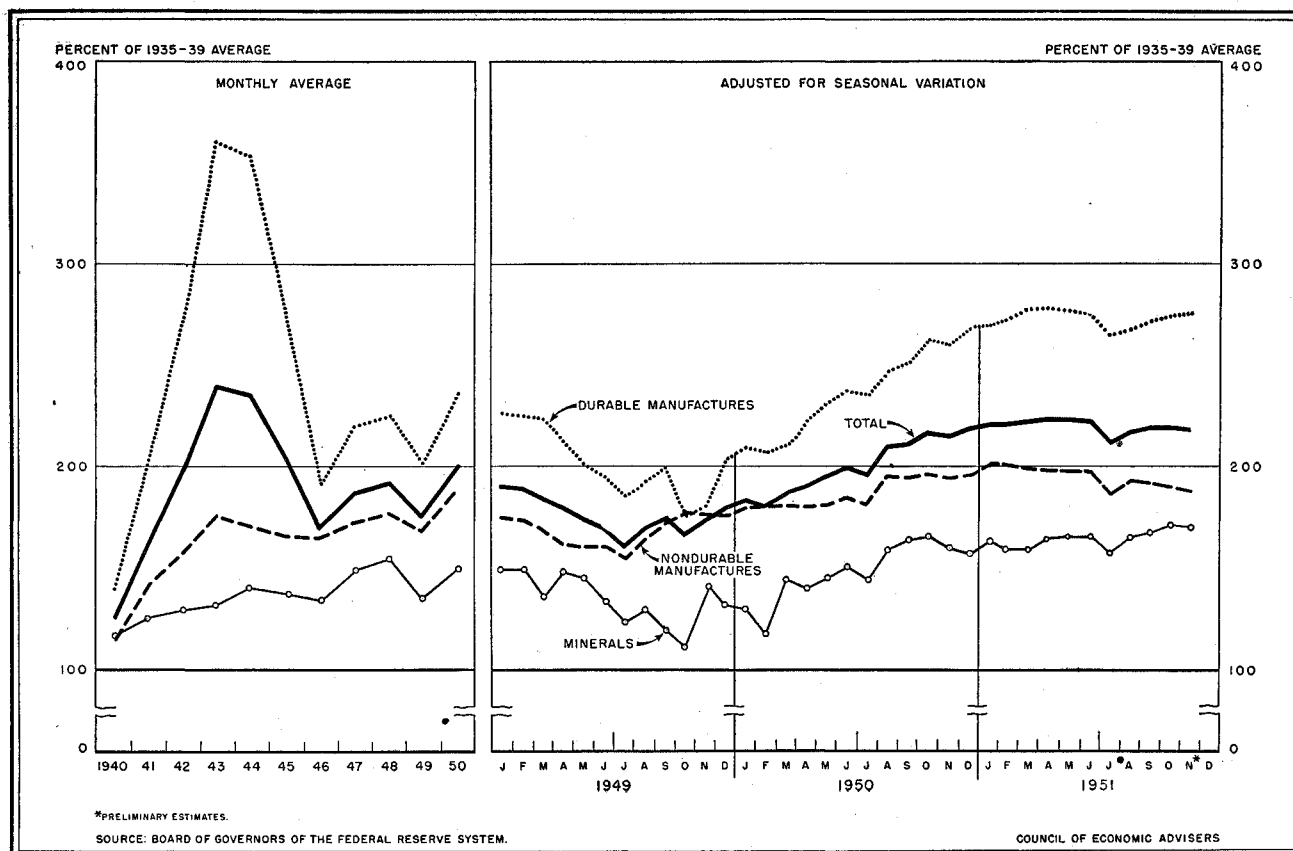
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PRODUCTION AND BUSINESS ACTIVITY

INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION

Total industrial production declined slightly in November after holding steady for the preceding two months. Production of durable goods, under the impact of the defense program, continued its slow advance. Production of nondurables continued to decline and fell to the July level. Textile output suffered most. Crude petroleum production dropped.



[1935-39=100, seasonally adjusted]

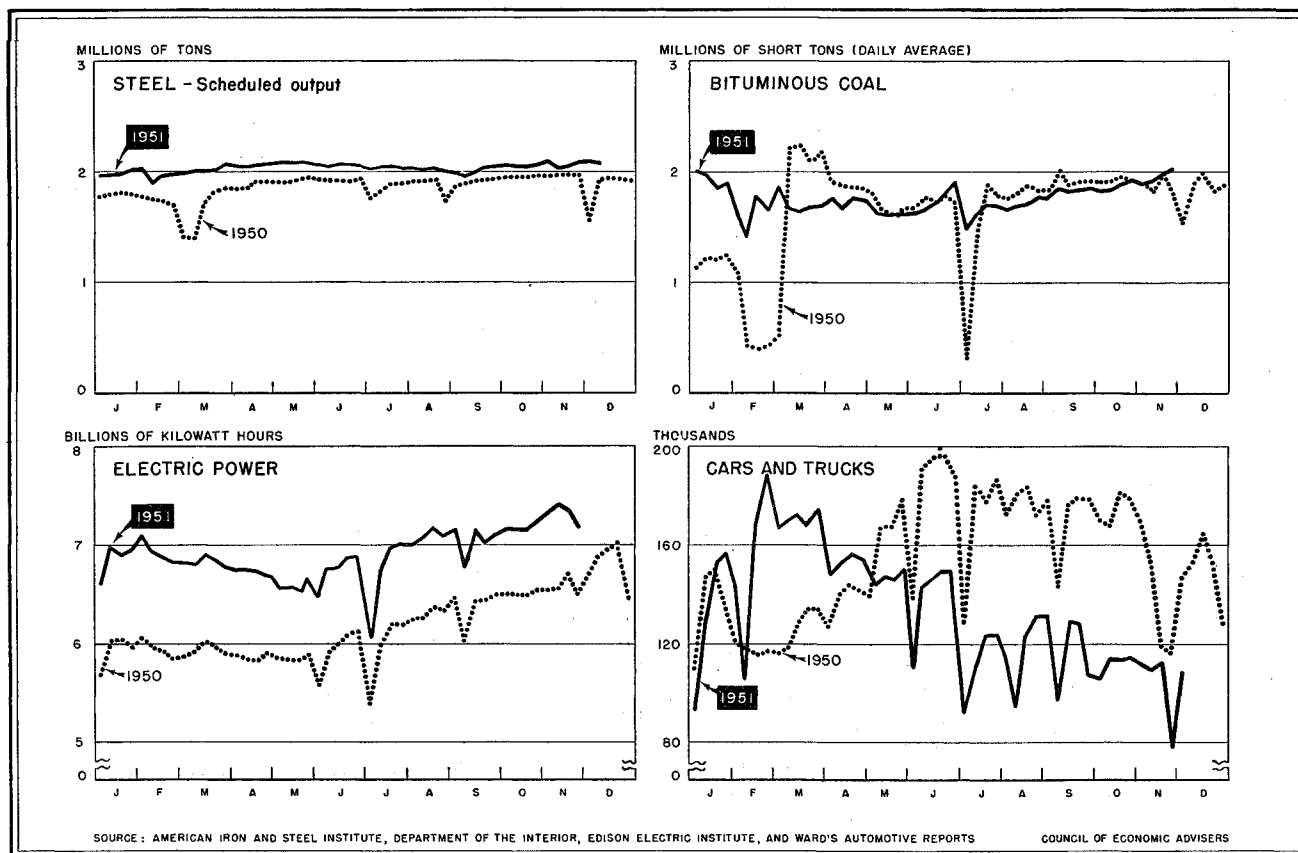
Period	Total industrial production	Manufactures			Minerals
		Total	Durable goods	Nondurable goods	
1943 monthly average.....	239	258	360	176	132
1946 monthly average.....	170	177	192	165	134
1947 monthly average.....	187	194	220	172	149
1948 monthly average.....	192	198	225	177	155
1949 monthly average.....	176	183	202	168	135
1950 monthly average.....	200	209	237	187	148
June.....	199	208	237	184	151
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	279	198	164
May.....	222	233	276	198	165
June.....	221	231	274	197	165
July.....	212	222	265	187	156
August.....	217	226	267	193	165
September.....	219	228	272	192	167
October ¹	219	227	274	189	171
November ¹	218	227	275	187	170

¹ Preliminary estimates.

Source: Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

WEEKLY PRODUCTION - SELECTED INDICATORS

Scheduled production of steel in November was at the highest average weekly rate since April, a record month. Bituminous coal output continued to rise and electric power production reached new highs. The average weekly rate of motor vehicle assemblies declined to the lowest level in two years.



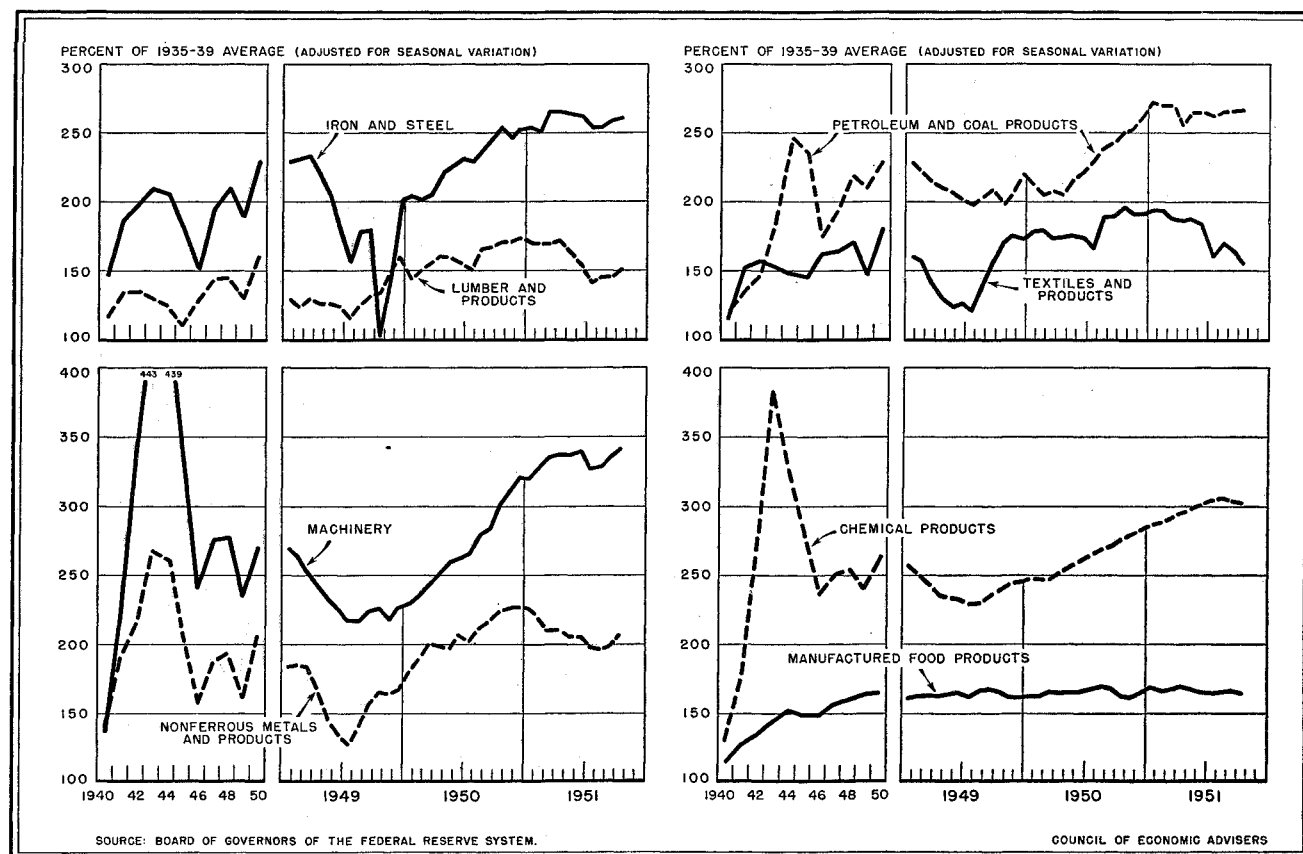
Period	Steel ¹		Electric power, by utilities (millions of kilowatt-hours)	Bituminous coal (thousands of short tons) ²	Cars and trucks (number)
	Thousands of net tons	Percent of theoretical capacity			
Weekly average:					
1948-----	1, 695	94. 1	5, 300	1, 948	82, 340
1949-----	1, 496	81. 0	5, 500	1, 427	120, 350
1950-----	1, 857	96. 9	6, 183	1, 673	153, 546
June-----	1, 898	99. 6	6, 038	1, 762	192, 825
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, 018	100. 9	6, 804	1, 726	147, 582
July-----	1, 964	98. 2	6, 699	1, 706	112, 166
August-----	1, 971	98. 6	7, 092	1, 747	119, 302
September-----	2, 022	101. 2	7, 012	1, 779	115, 721
October-----	2, 053	102. 7	7, 175	1, 909	112, 441
November ³ -----	2, 056	102. 9			104, 287
Week ended:					
1951: November 3-----	2, 089	104. 5	7, 319	1, 877	111, 735
10-----	2, 019	101. 0	7, 396	1, 907	109, 697
17-----	2, 021	101. 1	7, 333	1, 993	112, 817
24-----	2, 073	103. 7	7, 157	2, 018	78, 110
December 1-----	2, 079	104. 0			109, 074
8-----	2, 071	103. 6			

¹ Weekly data are scheduled rates of operation; monthly figures are for actual output except latest month which is an average of the weekly estimates. Percent of capacity based on weekly net ton capacity of 1,749,928 for 1947, 1,802,476 for 1948, 1,843,516 for 1949, 1,906,268 for the first half of 1950, 1,928,721 beginning July 1, 1950, and 1,999,034 beginning January 1, 1951.

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

PRODUCTION OF SELECTED MANUFACTURES

Production of iron and steel, lumber, and nonferrous metals rose in October to about their June levels. Machinery output reached a postwar high. Most nondurable manufactures changed little from September indexes; textiles, however, dropped 5 percent to the lowest point since 1949.



[1935-39=100, seasonally adjusted]

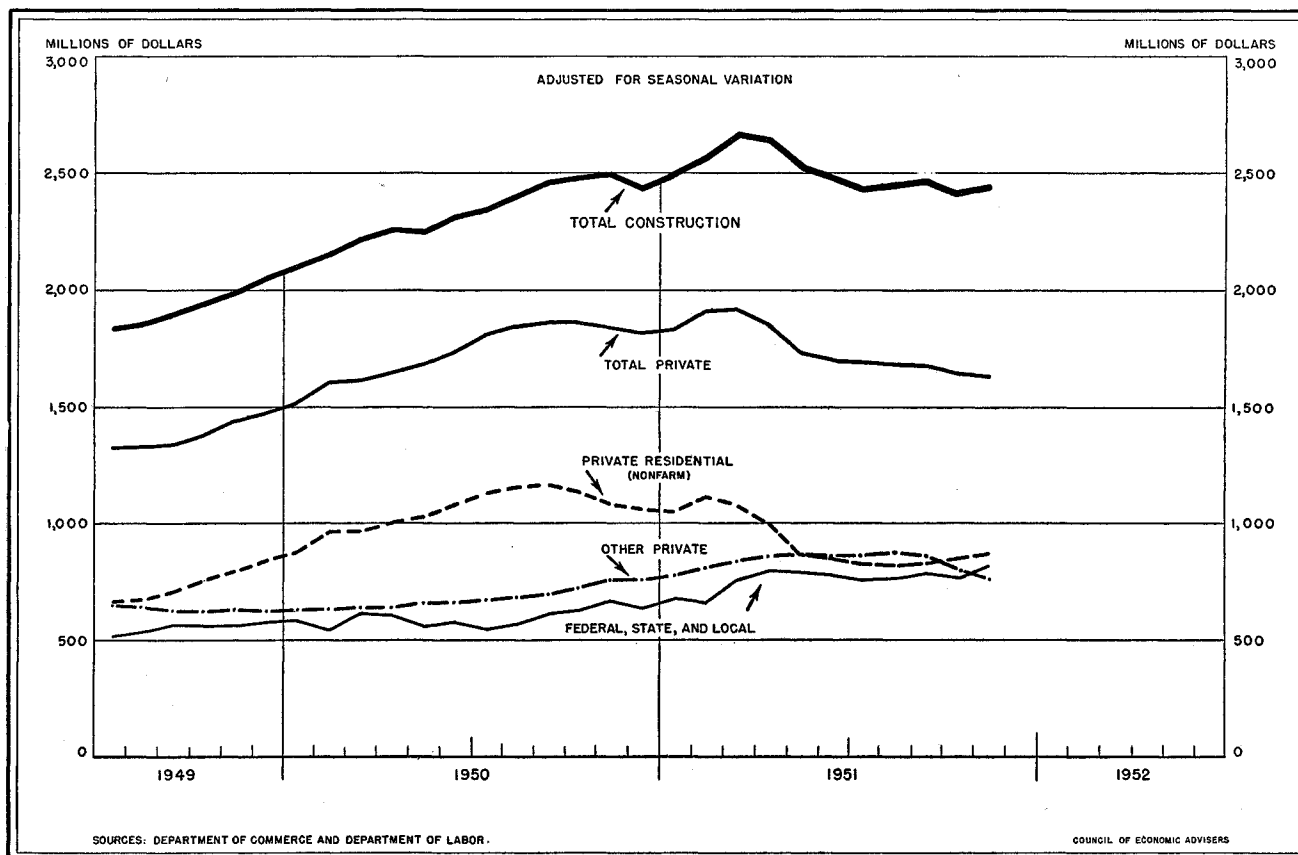
Period	Durable manufactures				Nondurable manufactures			
	Iron and steel	Lumber and products	Machinery	Nonferrous metals and products	Textiles and products	Petroleum and coal products	Manufactured food products	Chemical products
1943 monthly average.....	208	129	443	267	153	185	145	384
1946 monthly 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
June.....	231	155	262	207	173	222	164	261
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.....	255	171	322	224	194	272	168	287
February.....	252	169	328	217	194	269	166	288
March.....	263	169	335	209	188	269	167	292
April.....	264	170	337	211	185	255	168	296
May.....	263	163	336	206	190	263	167	298
June.....	261	153	338	205	185	263	165	302
July.....	253	141	327	199	160	262	164	305
August.....	254	146	328	197	170	265	165	306
September.....	258	146	336	199	164	265	166	303
October ¹	260	151	342	207	155	266	164	302

¹ Preliminary estimates.

Source: Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

NEW CONSTRUCTION

Total new construction (seasonally adjusted) increased by nearly \$30 million in November, principally because of a substantial rise in public construction. Private nonfarm residential construction increased for the third successive month.



[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
June.....	2,316	1,737	1,072	665	579
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.....	2,523	1,733	864	869	790
June.....	2,495	1,717	846	871	778
July.....	2,455	1,705	831	874	750
August.....	2,452	1,685	814	871	767
September.....	2,466	1,682	825	857	784
October.....	2,412	1,642	850	792	770
November ²	2,441	1,626	866	760	815

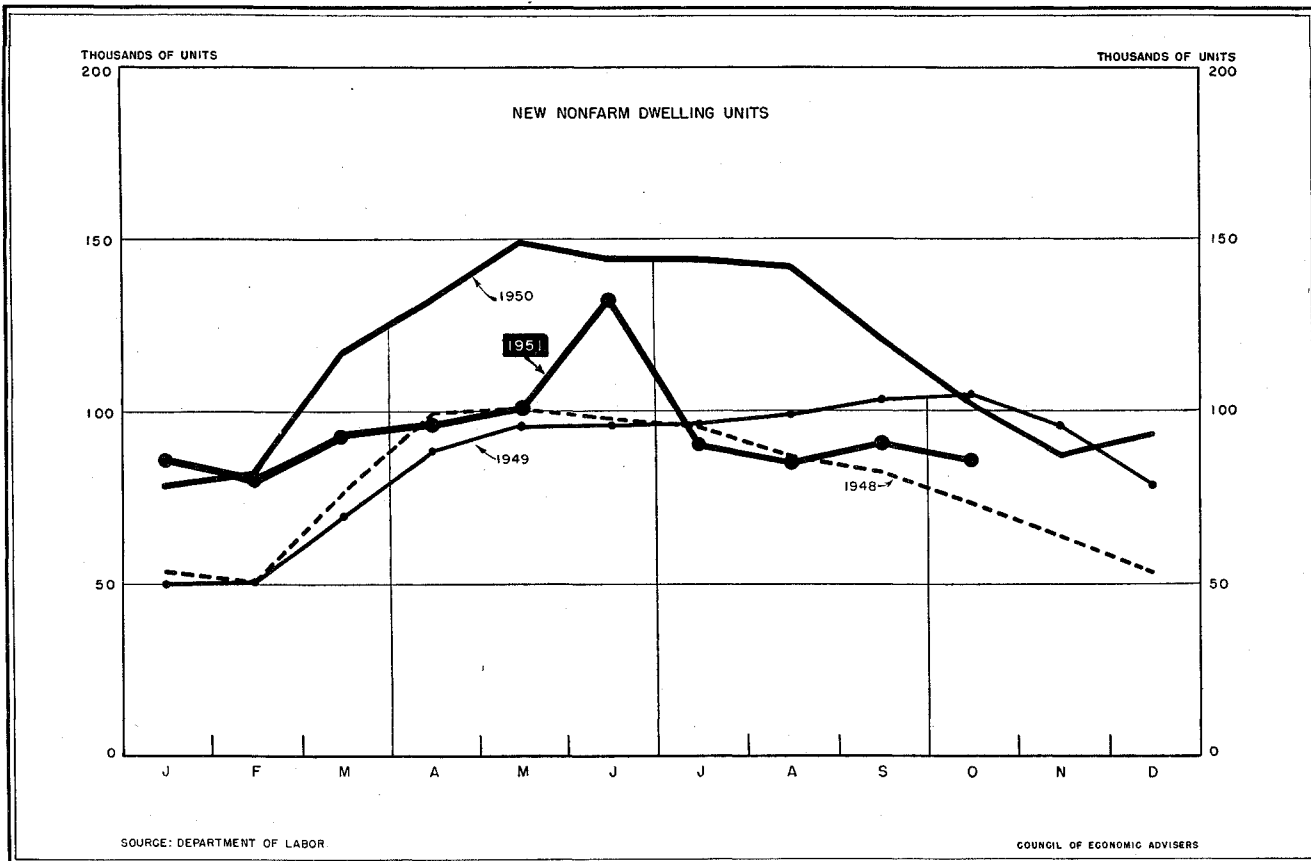
¹ Includes public residential construction.

² Preliminary estimates.

Sources: Department of Commerce and Department of Labor.

NEW HOUSING STARTS

New housing starts dropped by 5,000 in October to 86,000, 16 percent under October of last year. In the first 10 months of this year more than 940,000 units were started, about 22 percent fewer than in the same period of 1950, but more than in the comparable period of any other year.



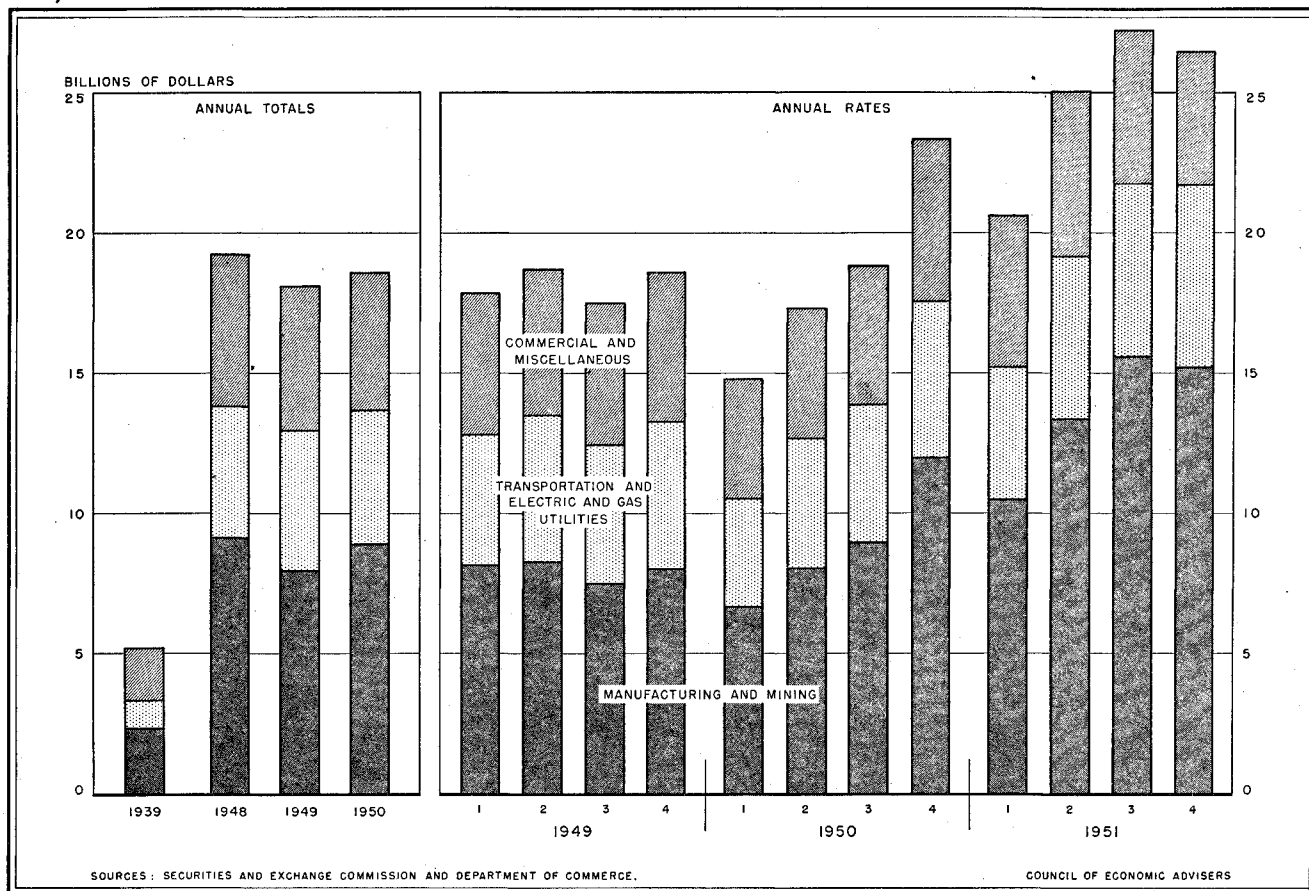
Month	New nonfarm units started				
	1947	1948	1949	1950	1951
January.....	39,300	53,500	50,000	78,700	85,900
February.....	42,800	50,100	50,400	82,900	80,600
March.....	56,000	76,400	69,400	117,300	93,800
April.....	67,100	99,500	88,300	133,400	96,200
May.....	72,900	100,300	95,400	149,100	101,000
June.....	77,200	97,800	95,500	144,300	132,500
July.....	81,100	95,000	96,100	144,400	90,500
August.....	86,300	86,700	99,000	141,900	¹ 85,000
September.....	93,800	82,300	102,900	120,600	¹ 91,000
October.....	94,000	73,400	104,300	102,500	¹ 86,000
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 third quarter of 1951 are estimated at an all-time high, 45 percent above the third quarter of 1950, with manufacturing facilities outlays 78 percent above those of the third quarter last year.



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

Period	Total ¹	Manufac- turing	Mining	Transportation		Electric and gas utilities	Commercial and miscel- laneous 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
1951 ³	24,830	12,830	870	1,580	520	3,680	5,360
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	20,660	9,820	730	1,210	500	3,010	5,380
Second quarter	25,010	12,560	810	1,650	540	3,570	5,870
Third quarter ³	27,200	14,610	980	1,600	470	4,100	5,430
Fourth quarter ³	26,440	14,320	940	1,860	540	4,030	4,740

¹ Excludes agriculture.

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

³ Estimates for third and fourth quarters based on anticipated capital expenditures of business as reported in a survey made in late July and during August.

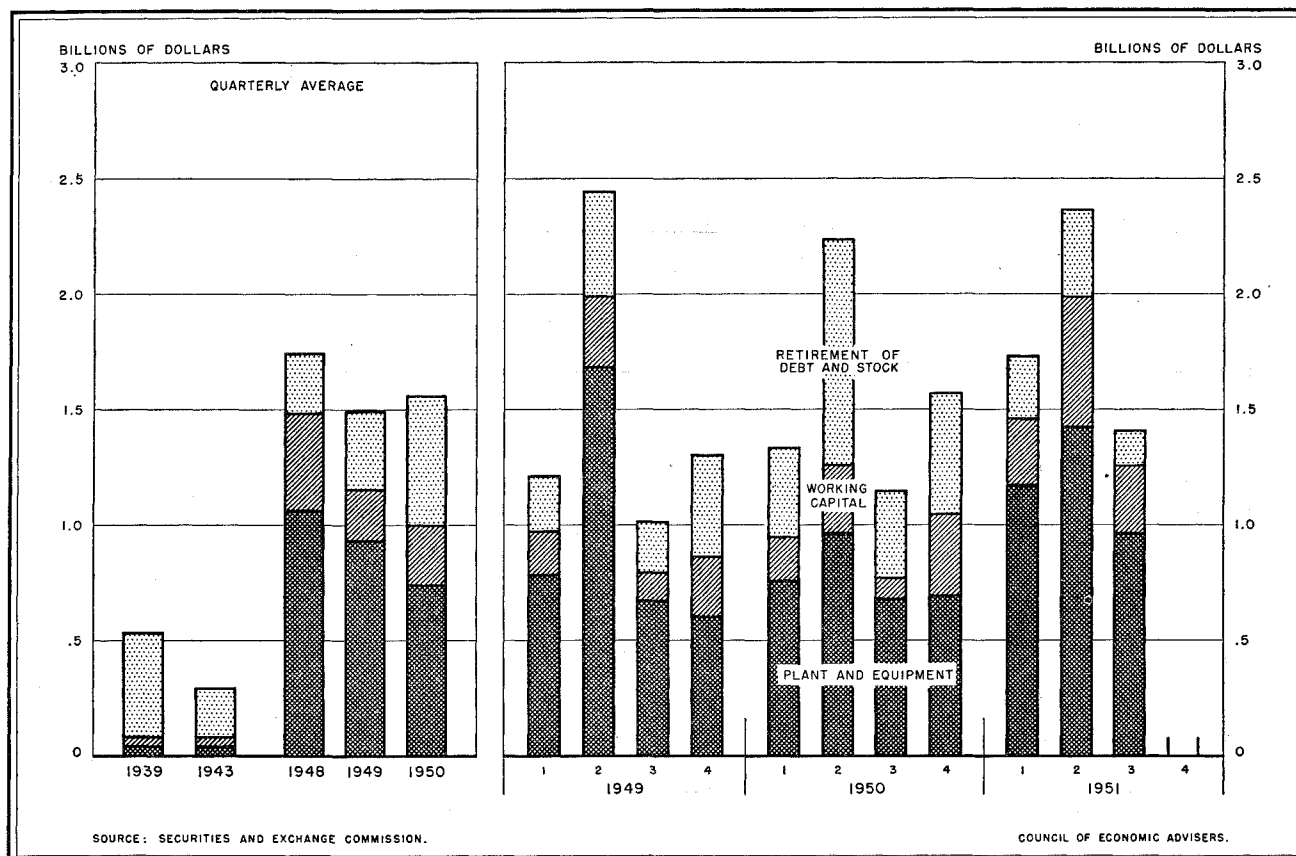
NOTE.—These figures do not agree with the totals included in the gross national product estimates of the Department of Commerce, principally because the latter cover agricultural investment and also certain equipment and construction outlays charged to current expense. Figures for 1939-44 are Federal 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 third quarter of 1951, total net proceeds from new security issues declined seasonally. The total, however, was almost 25 percent above the corresponding period of a year ago.



[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.....	1,565	1,002	741	260	564
1949: 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.....	1,730	1,461	1,167	293	270
Second quarter.....	2,361	1,987	1,422	565	374
Third quarter ²	1,413	1,260	970	290	153

¹ Includes small amount for other purposes.

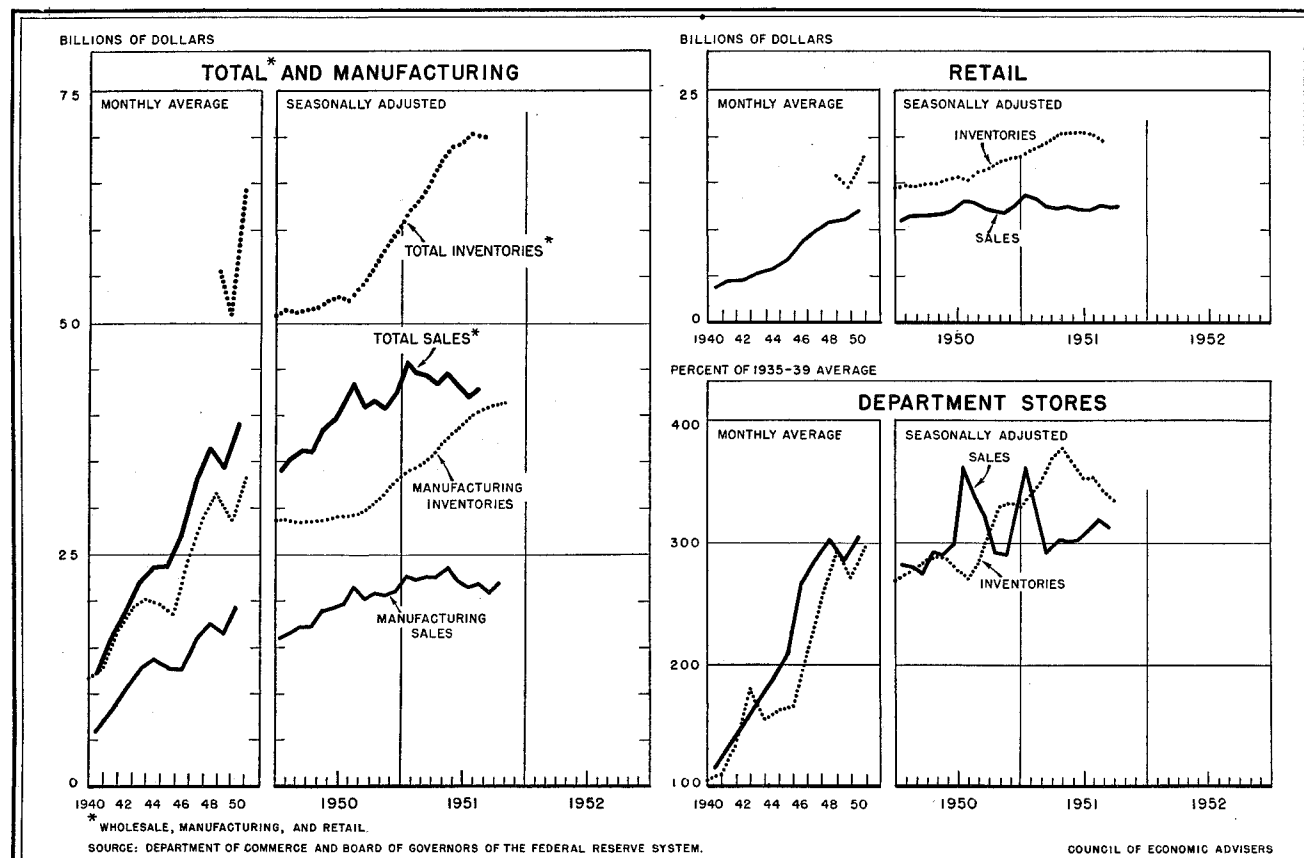
² Preliminary estimates.

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

Source: Securities and Exchange Commission.

INVENTORIES AND SALES

In October retail sales, seasonally adjusted, were 1½ percent above the September level and nearly 4 percent above sales in October 1950. Department store sales, dropped 3 percent in October.



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 ³
	Millions of dollars, seasonally adjusted							(millions of dollars) ⁴	Index 1935-39=100 seasonally adjusted
1939-----	(⁶)	10, 803	(⁶)	3, 504	11, 465	5, 112	(⁶)	102	106
1943-----	(⁶)	21, 920	(⁶)	5, 270	20, 098	12, 820	(⁶)	155	168
1945-----	(⁶)	23, 852	(⁶)	6, 503	18, 390	12, 873	(⁶)	166	207
1946-----	(⁶)	27, 151	(⁶)	8, 541	24, 498	12, 617	13, 694	213	264
1947-----	(⁶)	33, 157	(⁶)	9, 967	28, 920	15, 918	15, 622	255	286
1948-----	55, 647	36, 438	15, 828	10, 877	31, 734	17, 630	17, 337	291	302
1949-----	50, 921	34, 467	14, 502	10, 893	28, 690	16, 339	15, 791	270	286
1950-----	60, 434	39, 096	17, 793	11, 962	33, 253	19, 069	20, 643	295	304
June-----	52, 828	39, 229	15, 574	12, 059	29, 123	19, 271	20, 698	276	298
September-----	55, 146	40, 800	16, 599	12, 362	30, 123	20, 101	23, 485	309	320
October-----	57, 112	41, 197	17, 390	12, 032	30, 947	20, 684	23, 744	329	291
November-----	58, 954	40, 611	17, 704	11, 767	32, 245	20, 524	21, 367	332	290
December-----	60, 434	42, 246	17, 793	12, 603	33, 253	21, 048	22, 792	329	325
1951: January-----	62, 050	45, 899	18, 455	13, 578	34, 120	22, 560	27, 940	338	362
February-----	63, 416	44, 796	19, 044	13, 313	34, 657	22, 261	25, 554	349	326
March-----	65, 240	44, 205	19, 743	12, 616	35, 557	22, 605	28, 220	368	291
April-----	67, 361	43, 440	20, 346	12, 277	36, 908	22, 479	23, 517	377	302
May-----	68, 981	44, 737	20, 643	12, 420	38, 068	23, 434	22, 830	365	301
June-----	69, 442	43, 073	20, 282	12, 261	39, 009	22, 133	22, 361	353	302
July-----	70, 254	41, 793	20, 045	12, 085	39, 894	21, 324	20, 790	353	309
August ⁷ -----	70, 083	43, 066	19, 429	12, 466	40, 580	21, 776	22, 809	342	319
September ⁷ -----	69, 931	41, 358	18, 761	12, 292	41, 098	20, 700	21, 283	335	312
October ⁷ -----	70, 062	43, 611	18, 661	12, 485	41, 300	22, 000	23, 700	(⁶)	303

¹ Also includes wholesale, not shown separately in this table.

² Book value, end of period. Revised trade data not available prior to 1948.

³ Monthly average for year and total for month.

⁴ Data for new orders not adjusted for seasonal variation.

⁵ Index of book value, end of period.

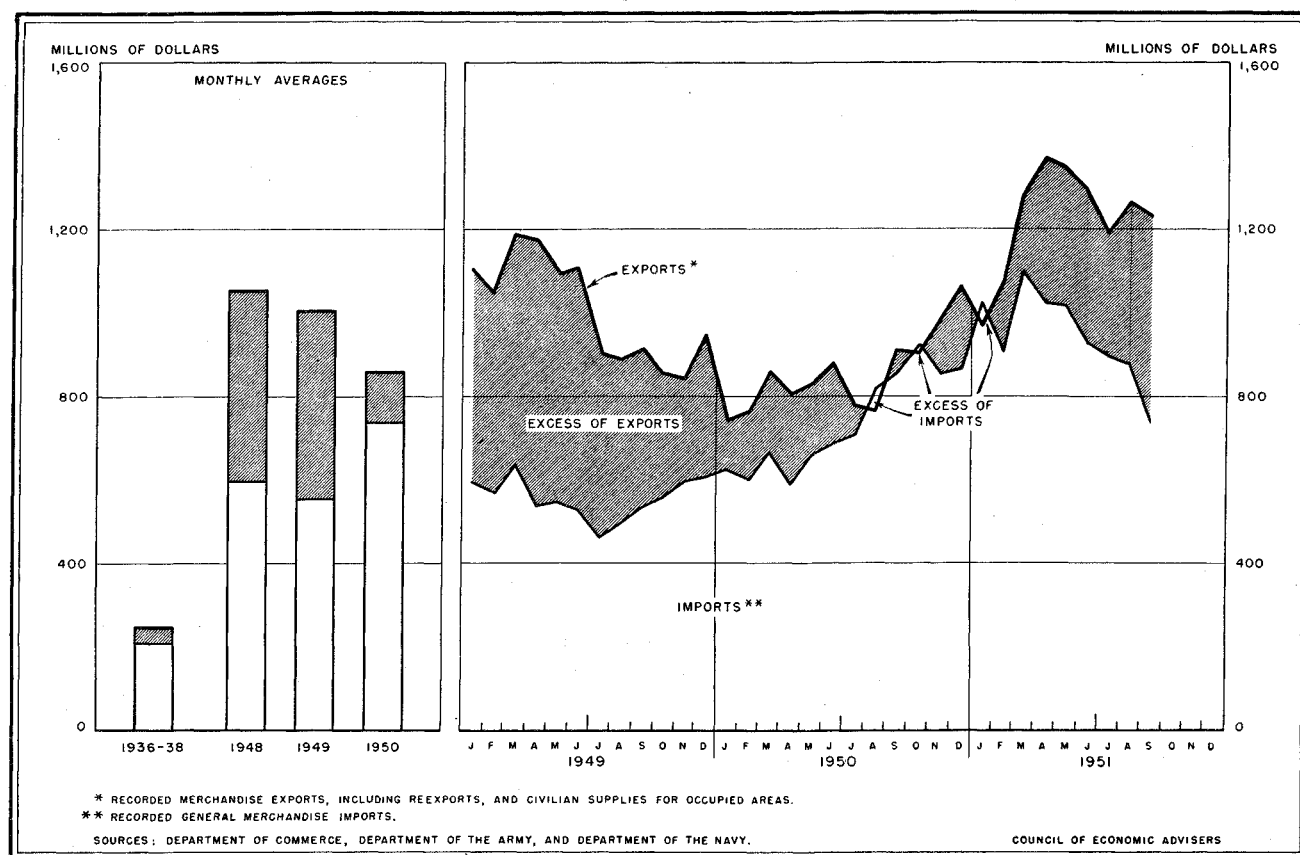
⁶ Not available.

⁷ Preliminary estimates.

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

MERCHANDISE EXPORTS AND IMPORTS

In September merchandise imports fell sharply. With this sixth consecutive monthly decline, imports reached the lowest point in 15 months, 35 percent below the post-Korean high of last March. With exports falling only slightly, the merchandise export surplus rose to over \$500 million.



[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.....	812	411	+400
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	738	+119
June.....	877	687	+190
September.....	911	859	+52
October.....	906	922	-16
November.....	977	855	+122
December.....	1,065	867	+198
1951: January.....	974	1,023	-49
February.....	1,076	909	+167
March.....	1,284	1,100	+184
April.....	1,372	1,033	+339
May.....	1,355	1,018	+337
June.....	1,292	929	+362
July.....	1,189	894	+295
August.....	1,267	880	+387
September.....	1,230	718	+512

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

² Recorded general merchandise imports.

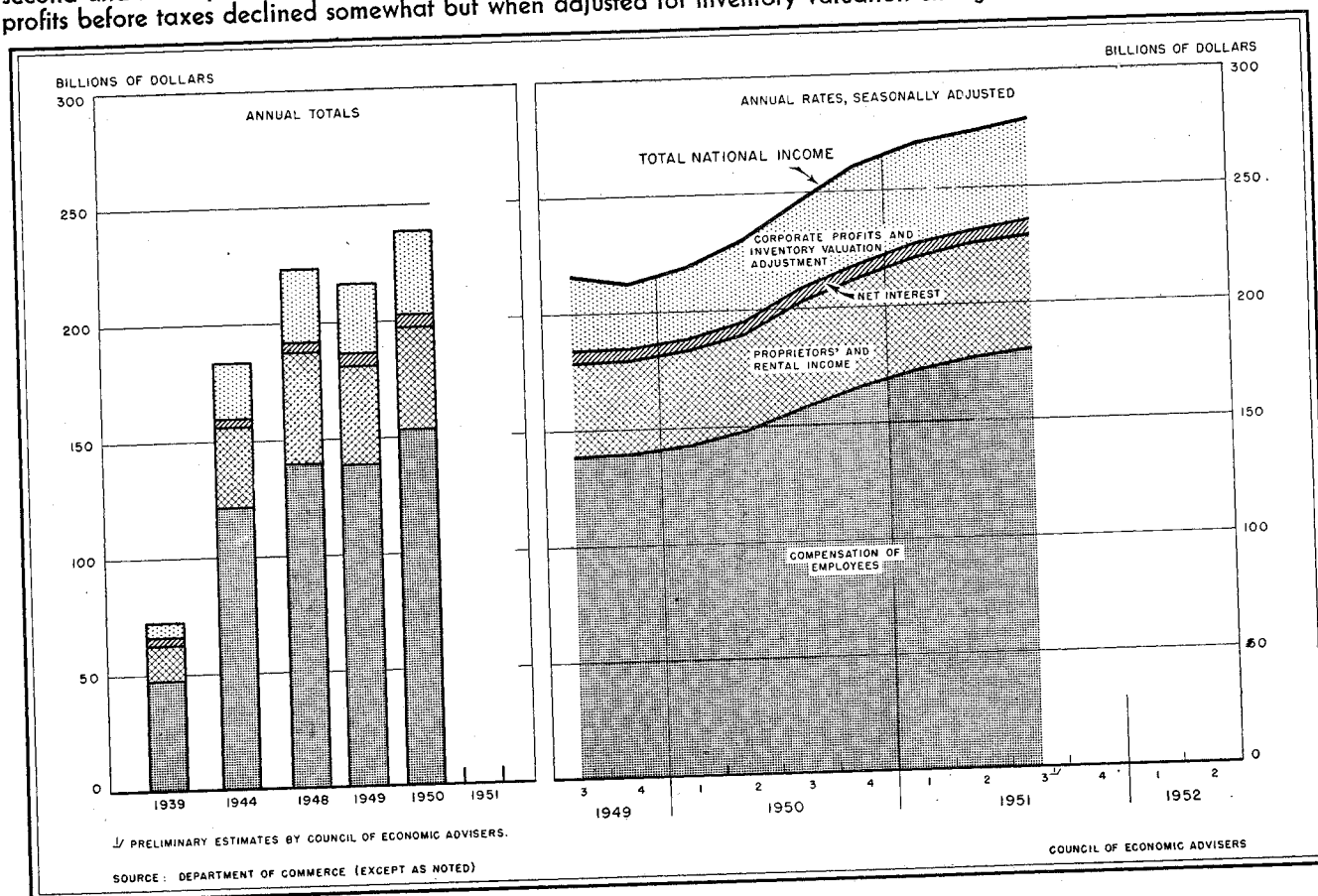
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SOURCES: Department of Commerce, Department of the Army, and Department of the Navy.

PURCHASING POWER

NATIONAL INCOME

National income advanced about 2 percent to almost \$280 billion (seasonally adjusted annual rate) between the second and third quarters under the impetus of increased wages and salaries and entrepreneurial income. Corporate profits before taxes declined somewhat but when adjusted for inventory valuation changes increased slightly.



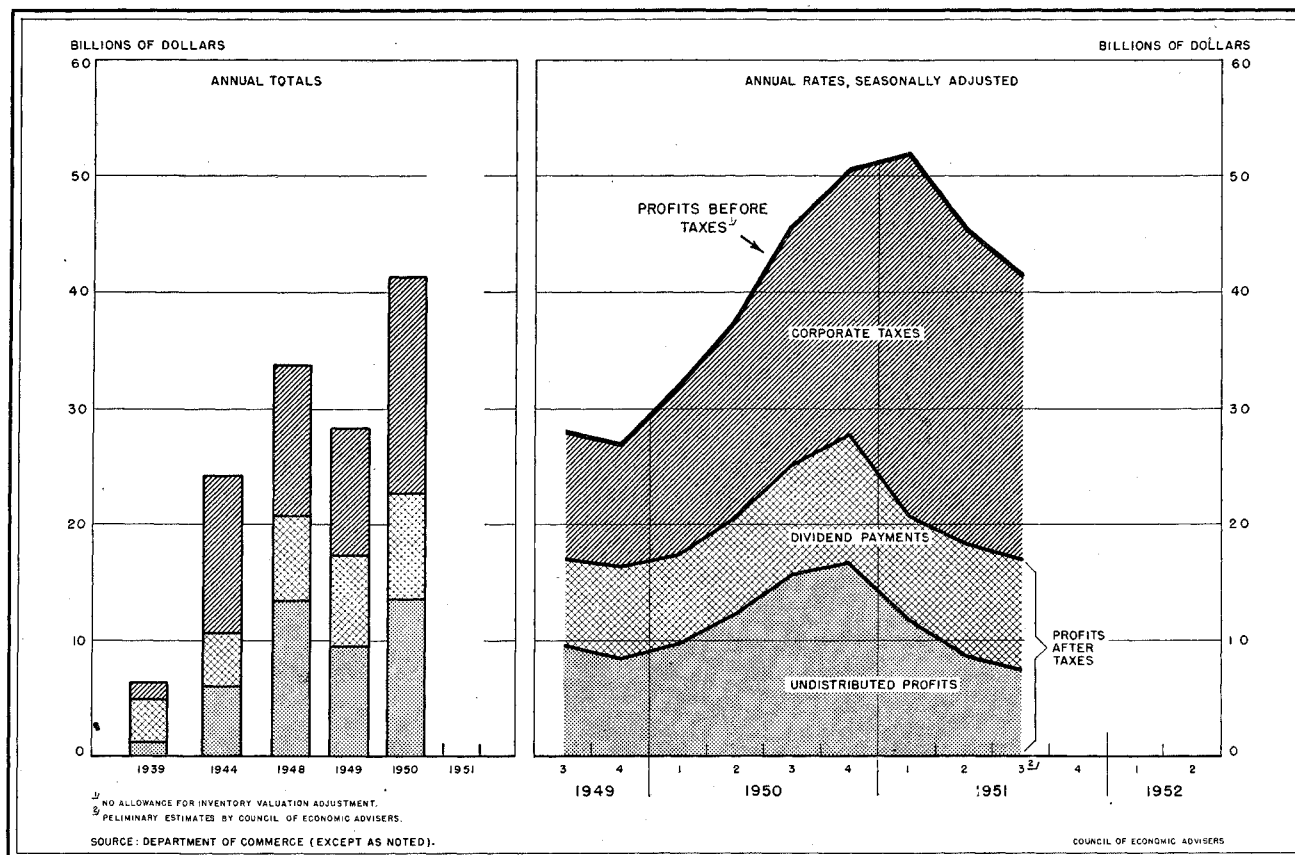
Period	Total national income	Compensation of employees	Proprietors' (business, professional, farm) and rental income	Net interest	Corporate profits and inventory valuation adjustment		
					Total	Profits before taxes	Inventory valuation adjustment
1939	72.5	47.8	14.7	4.2	5.8	6.5	-0.7
1944	183.8	121.2	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							
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	274.3	177.4	48.1	5.7	43.0	45.4	-2.3
1951: Third quarter	279.6	180.4	49.1	5.8	44.3	41.5	+2.8

1 Estimates based on incomplete data; by Council of Economic Advisers.
NOTE.—Detail will not necessarily add to totals because of rounding.

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 (and before adjustment for inventory valuation changes), according to preliminary indications, turned downward in the second and third quarters.



[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	13.5
1949	28.3	11.0	17.3	7.6	9.8
1950	41.4	18.6	22.8	9.2	13.6
Annual rates, seasonally adjusted					
1950: First quarter	31.9	14.4	17.5	7.8	9.7
Second quarter	37.5	16.9	20.6	8.4	12.2
Third quarter	45.7	20.5	25.2	9.4	15.8
Fourth quarter	50.3	22.5	27.8	11.1	16.7
1951: First quarter	51.8	31.1	20.7	8.8	11.9
Second quarter	45.4	27.0	18.4	9.6	8.8
Third quarter ¹	41.5	24.5	17.0	9.6	7.4

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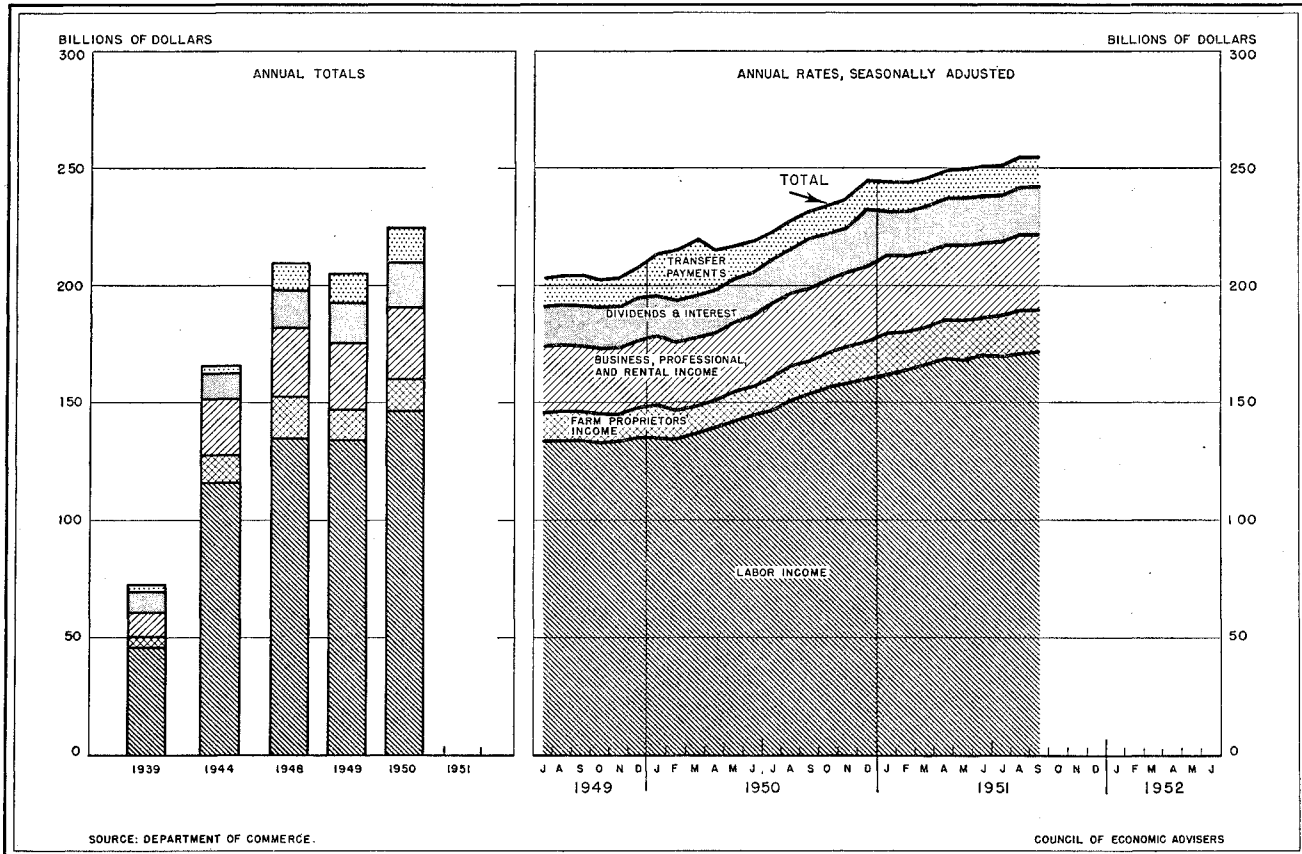
NONE.—No allowance has been made for inventory valuation adjustment. See p. 21 for profits before taxes and inventory valuation adjustment.

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Source: Department of Commerce (except as noted).

PERSONAL INCOME

Personal income advanced at an annual rate of \$4 billion in October, the largest monthly increase since last December. The rise in labor income reflected the retroactive pay increase of Federal workers, about one-half of which was paid in October. Farm income reached the highest level since 1948 as marketings of crops and livestock rose.



[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	15.1
Annual rates, seasonally adjusted						
1950: June.....	219.0	144.6	12.3	30.2	18.4	13.5
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.....	251.0	170.2	16.2	31.8	20.0	12.8
July.....	252.4	170.9	17.3	31.9	19.7	12.6
August.....	253.7	171.2	17.6	32.1	20.1	12.7
September.....	253.6	172.1	16.8	31.5	20.7	12.5
October ²	257.5	173.7	18.2	32.0	20.8	12.8

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

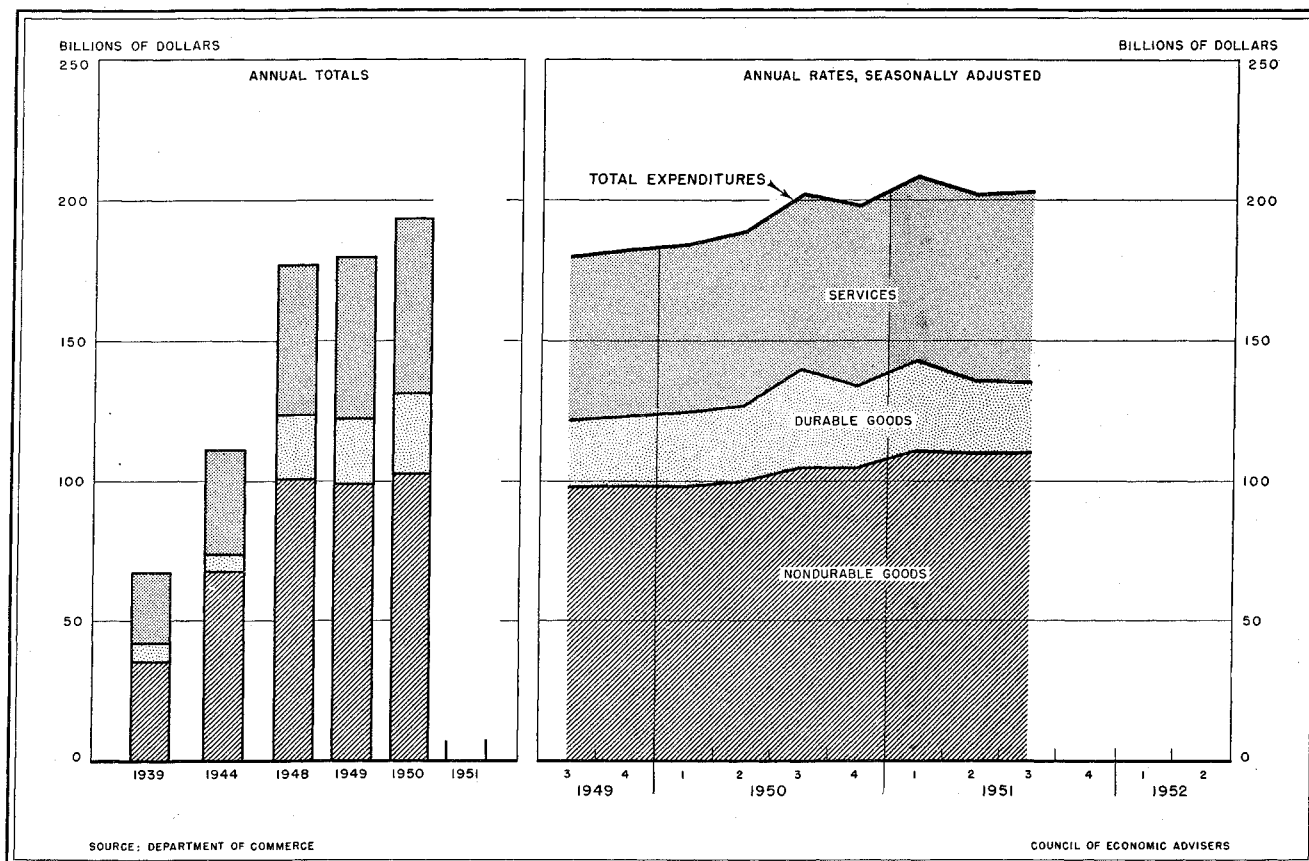
² Preliminary estimates. Data became available after chart was prepared.

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Source: Department of Commerce.

PERSONAL CONSUMPTION EXPENDITURES

Consumer expenditures changed little from the second to the third quarter of this year, according to revised estimates. The largest change was an increase of \$1.0 billion in the estimated annual rate of expenditures for services.



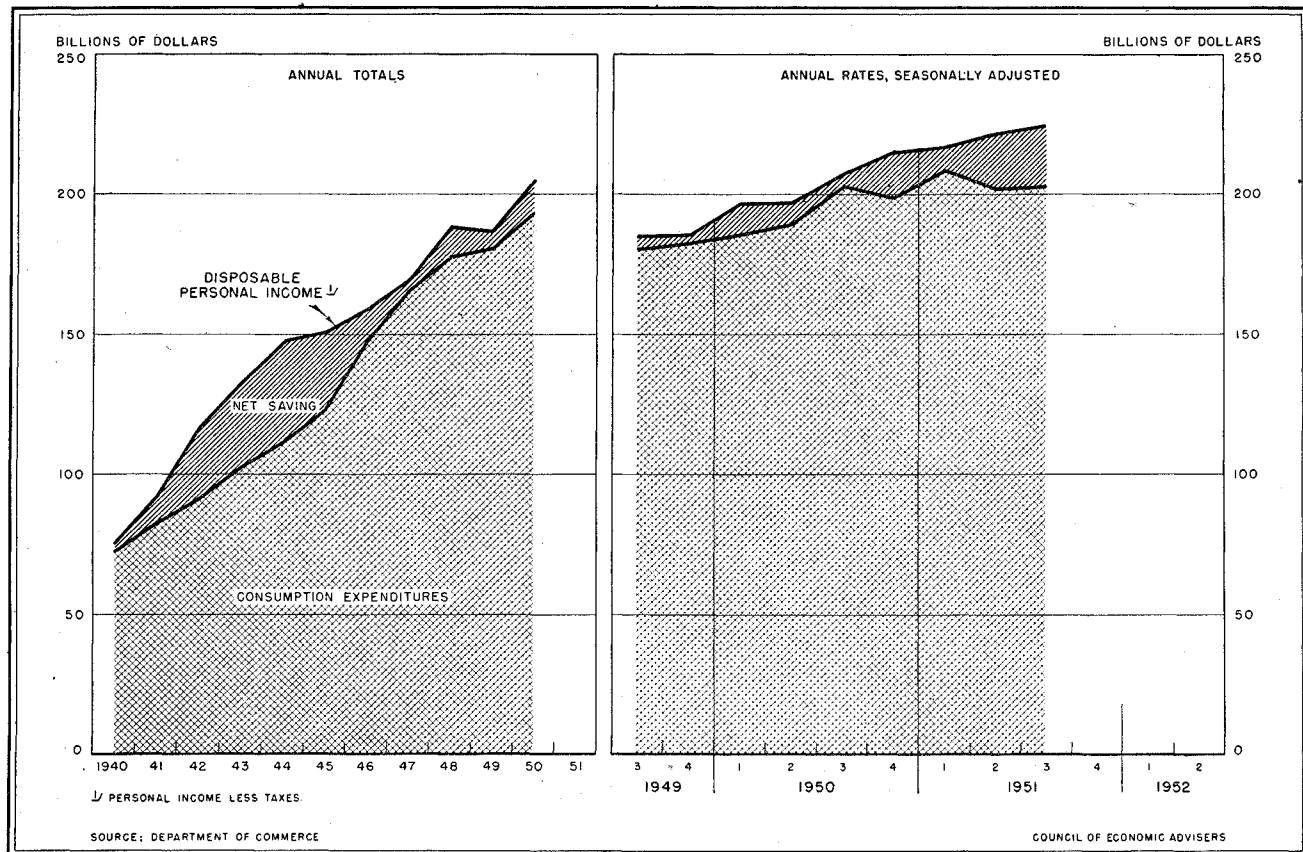
[Billions of dollars]

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				
1950: First quarter.....	184.7	98.4	26.3	60.1
Second quarter.....	188.7	100.4	26.6	61.6
Third quarter.....	202.5	105.5	34.3	62.7
Fourth quarter.....	198.4	104.9	29.4	64.0
1951: First quarter.....	208.2	111.5	31.5	65.2
Second quarter.....	201.7	109.5	25.9	66.2
Third quarter.....	202.5	110.0	25.3	67.2

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

CONSUMER INCOME, SPENDING, AND SAVING

Personal saving absorbed almost 10 percent of disposable income in the third quarter. This was almost twice the rate of saving in 1950 as a whole.



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				
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.....	216.8	208.2	8.5	3.9
Second quarter.....	221.8	201.7	20.1	9.1
Third quarter.....	224.7	202.5	22.2	9.9

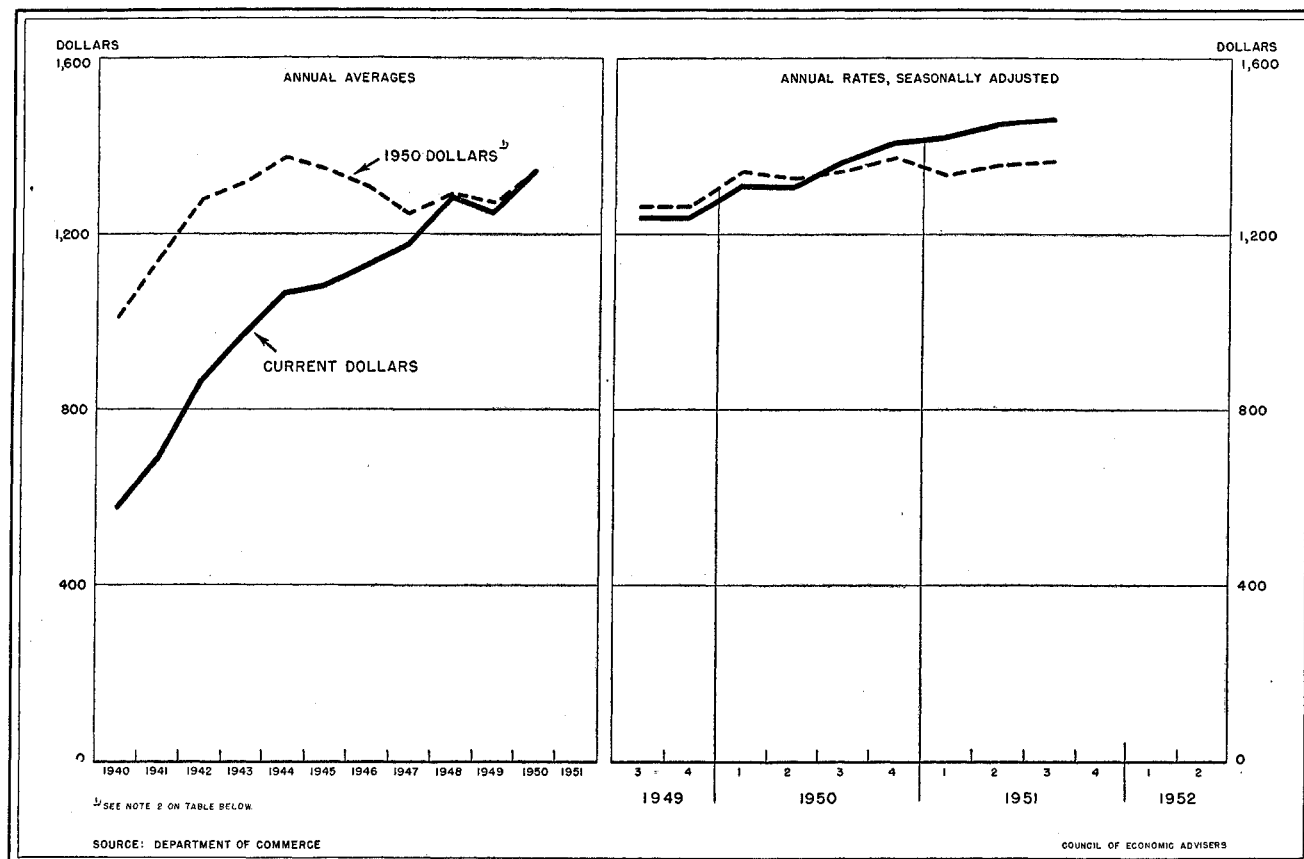
¹ Income less taxes.

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

Source: Department of Commerce.

PER CAPITA DISPOSABLE INCOME

Per capita disposable income gained about 1 percent in both current and constant prices from the second to the third quarter, according to revised estimates.



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	189.6	1,250	1,271	149,149
1950.....	204.3	204.3	1,347	1,347	151,689
Annual rates, seasonally adjusted					
1950: First quarter.....	197.3	202.4	1,308	1,342	150,847
Second quarter.....	197.5	200.5	1,305	1,324	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.....	216.8	203.6	1,413	1,327	153,396
Second quarter.....	221.8	207.9	1,440	1,350	154,010
Third quarter.....	224.7	211.2	1,452	1,365	154,724

¹ Income less taxes.

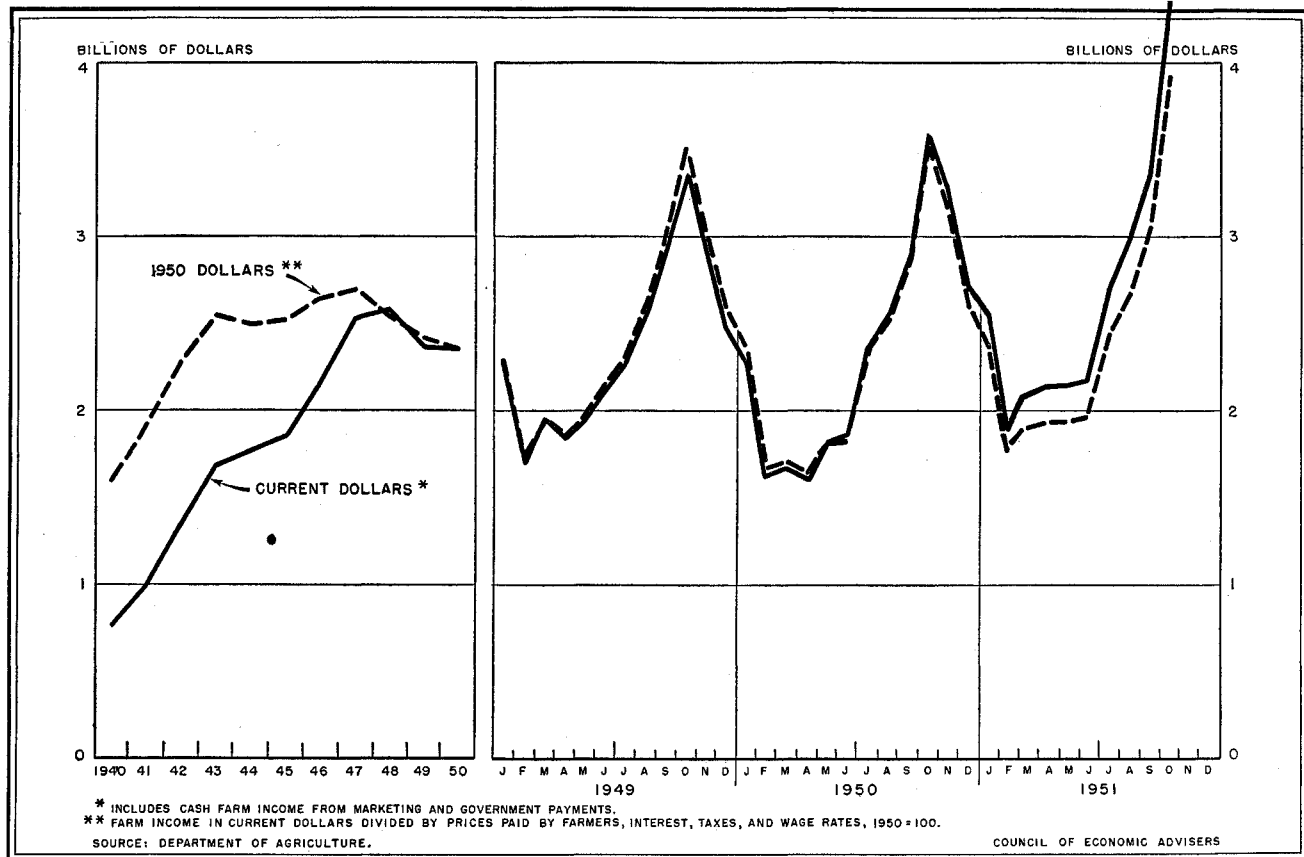
² Dollar estimates in current prices divided by the price index of personal consumption expenditures. This price index was based on the Department of Commerce data, shifted from 1939 base.

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.

Source: Department of Commerce.

FARM INCOME

The farmers' dollar income in October was about 20 percent ahead of a year ago, with real income more than 10 percent ahead.



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
1948 monthly average.....	2,567	101	2,542
1949 monthly average.....	2,359	98	2,407
1950 monthly average.....	2,349	100	2,349
June.....	1,859	100	1,859
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.....	2,153	111	1,940
June.....	2,169	111	1,954
July.....	2,652	111	2,389
August.....	2,992	111	2,695
September ⁴	3,395	111	3,059
October ⁴	4,350	111	3,919

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.

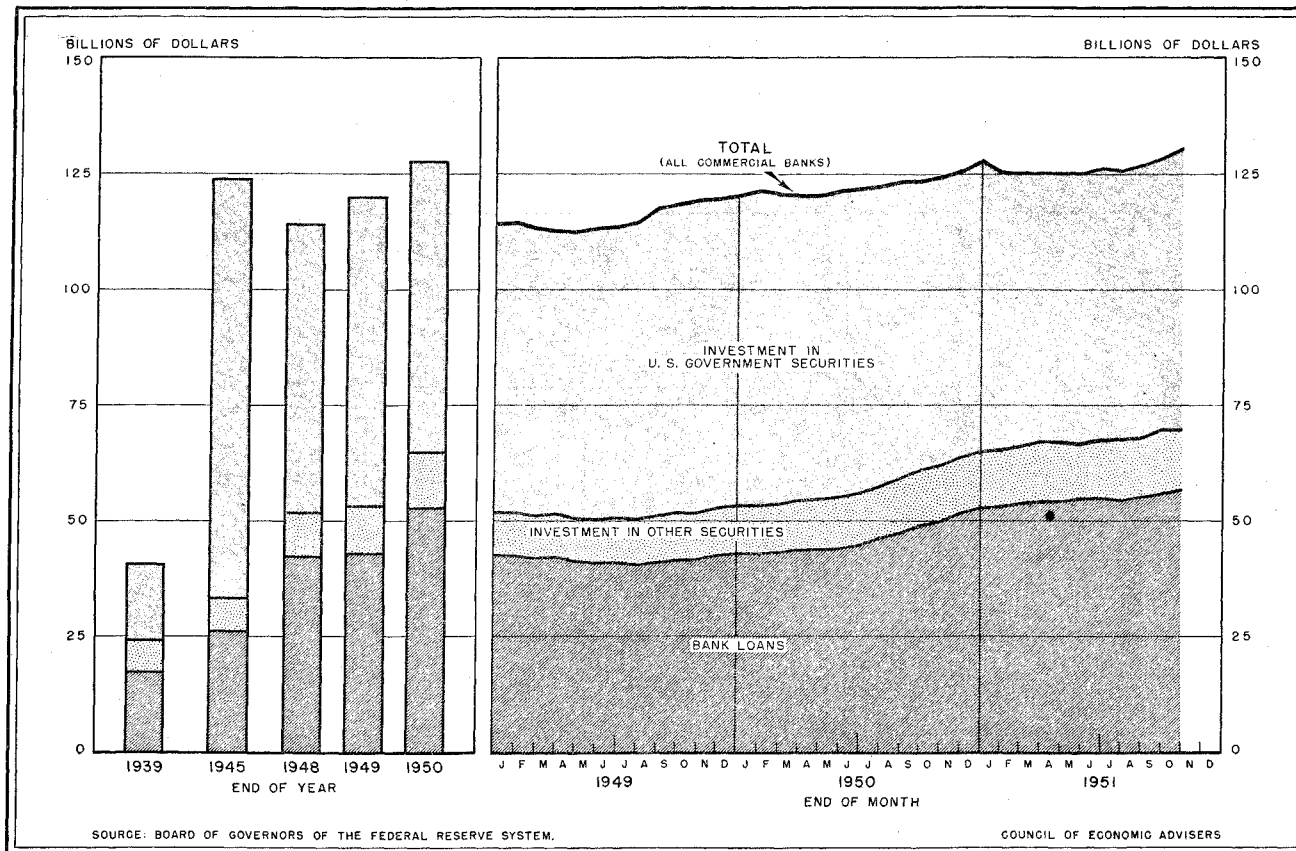
⁴ Preliminary estimates.

Source: Department of Agriculture.

CREDIT, MONEY, AND FEDERAL FINANCE

BANK LOANS AND INVESTMENTS

Total loans and investments increased \$1.9 billion during October compared with \$1.6 billion in September. Loans expanded \$800 million, the same as in September, while holdings of U. S. Government securities jumped \$1.1 billion.



[Billions of dollars]

End of period	All commercial banks					Weekly reporting member banks—Business loans ¹
	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	4.4
1945 -----	124.0	26.1	97.9	90.6	7.3	7.3
1947 -----	116.3	38.1	78.2	69.2	9.0	14.6
1948 -----	114.3	42.5	71.8	62.6	9.2	15.6
1949 -----	120.2	43.0	77.2	67.0	10.2	13.9
1950 -----	126.7	52.2	74.4	62.0	12.4	17.8
June -----	121.8	44.8	77.0	65.8	11.2	13.6
September -----	123.6	48.9	74.6	62.5	12.1	15.7
October -----	124.4	49.8	74.6	62.5	12.1	16.3
November -----	125.4	51.5	73.9	61.7	12.1	17.1
December -----	126.7	52.2	74.4	62.0	12.4	17.8
1951: January -----	125.0	52.7	72.3	60.0	12.4	18.1
February -----	125.0	53.5	71.5	59.1	12.4	18.7
March -----	125.7	54.4	71.3	58.8	12.6	19.2
April -----	125.4	54.4	71.0	58.5	12.6	19.1
May -----	125.1	54.5	70.6	58.1	12.5	19.0
June -----	126.0	54.8	71.2	58.5	12.7	19.2
July -----	126.1	54.6	71.5	58.7	12.8	19.0
August -----	127.0	55.2	71.9	59.1	12.7	19.5
September -----	128.6	56.0	72.6	59.7	12.9	20.1
October ² -----	130.5	56.8	73.6	60.8	12.9	20.6
November -----						20.9

¹ Commercial, industrial, and agricultural loans.

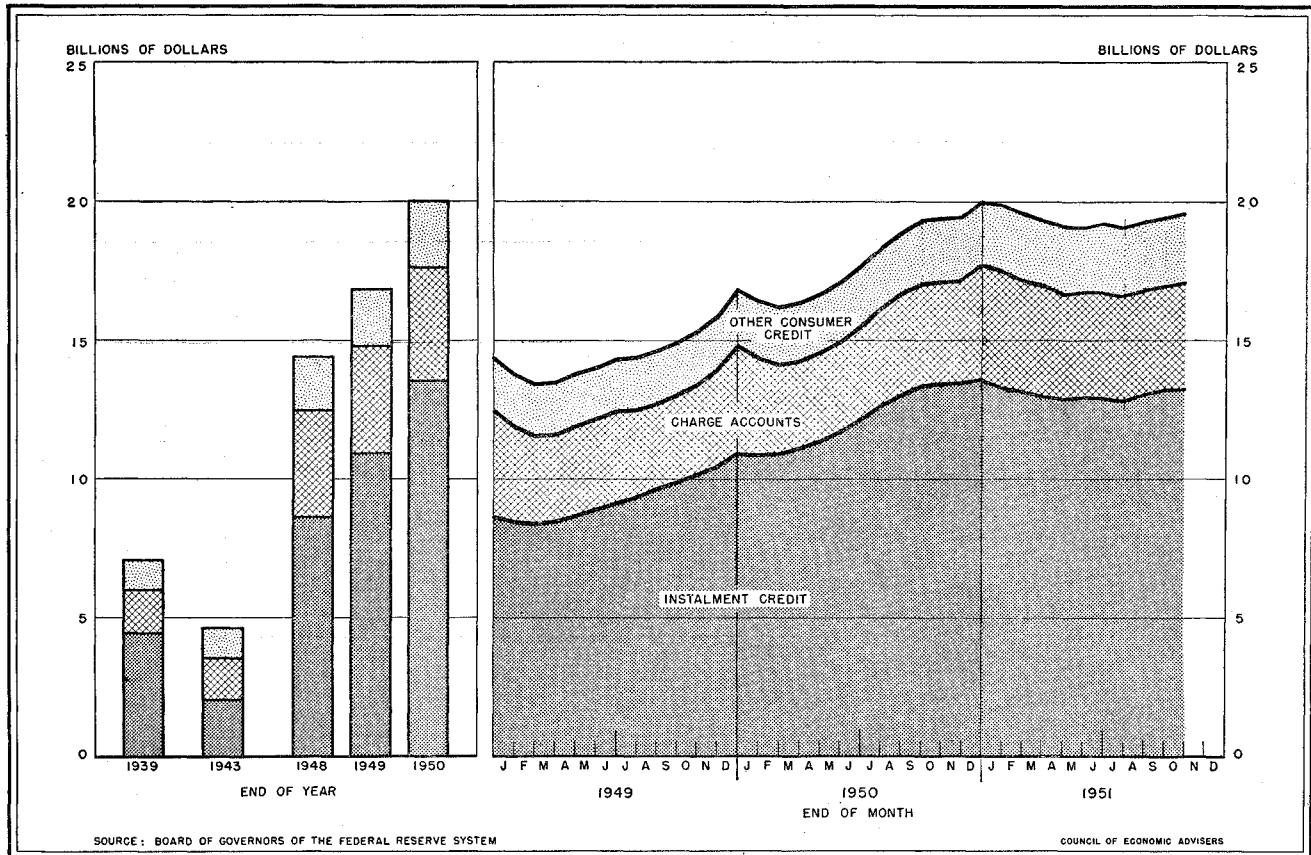
² Preliminary estimates.

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Source: Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

CONSUMER CREDIT

Consumer credit outstanding expanded about \$180 million during October. Most of the gain was in charge accounts with instalment credit showing only a nominal rise.



[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
1948.....	14,366	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
June.....	17,651	12,105	3,790	8,315	3,392	2,154
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.....	19,126	12,904	3,934	8,970	3,744	2,478
May.....	19,207	12,920	3,980	8,940	3,793	2,494
June.....	19,256	12,955	4,041	8,914	3,804	2,497
July.....	19,132	12,903	4,061	8,842	3,743	2,486
August.....	19,262	13,045	4,138	8,907	3,724	2,493
September ²	19,350	13,163	4,175	8,988	3,688	2,499
October ²	19,528	13,167	4,129	9,038	3,844	2,517

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.

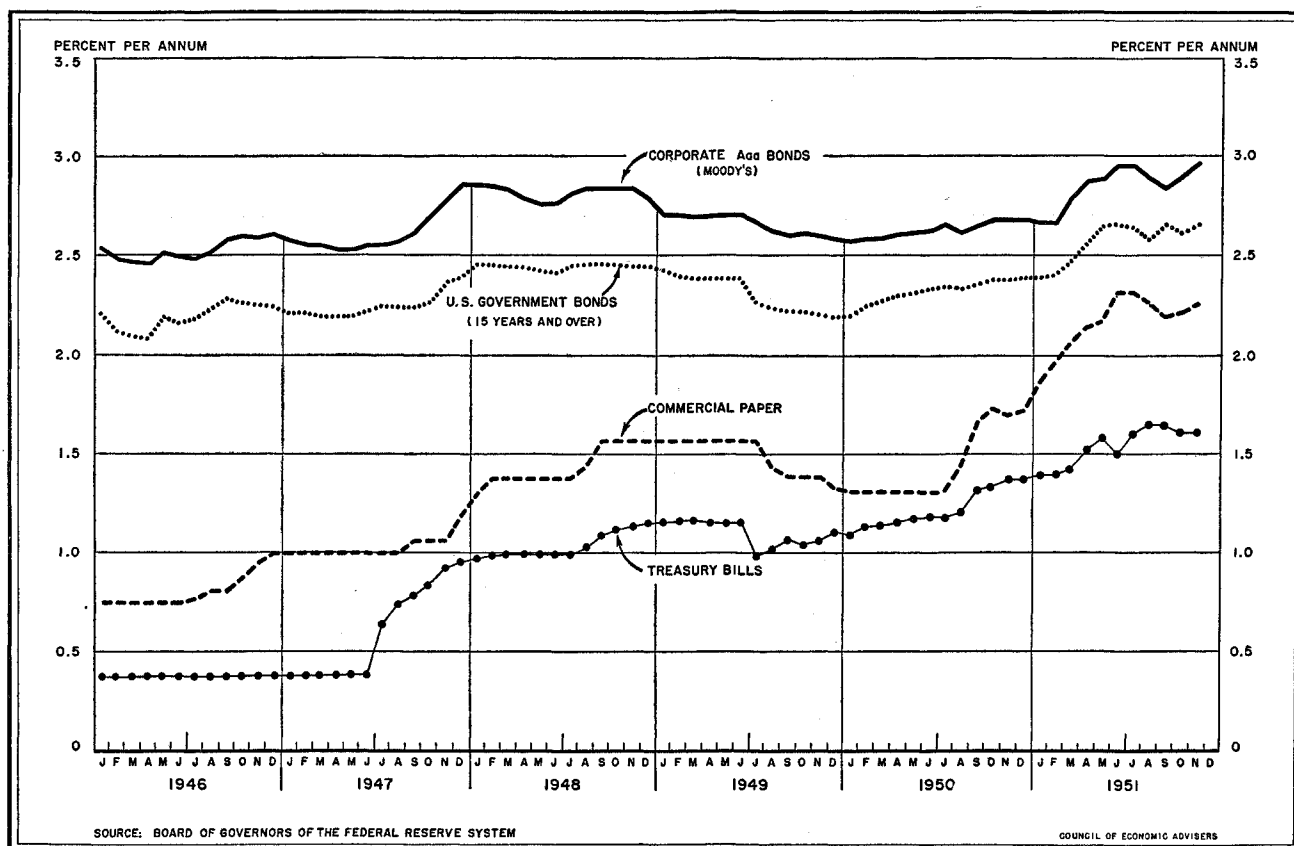
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Source: Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

BOND YIELDS AND INTEREST RATES

Yields on Treasury bills remained steady during November. Yields on long-term Government and corporate bonds and interest rates on commercial paper rose moderately.



[Percent per annum]

Period	U. S. Government security yields		Corporate Aaa bonds (Moody's)	Prime commercial paper, 4-6 months
	3-month Treasury bills ¹	Taxable bonds, 15 years and over		
Average:				
1939.....	0. 023	(²)	3. 01	0. 59
1945.....	. 375	2. 37	2. 62	. 75
1946.....	. 375	2. 19	2. 53	. 81
1947.....	. 595	2. 25	2. 61	1. 03
1948.....	1. 040	2. 44	2. 82	1. 44
1949.....	1. 102	2. 31	2. 66	1. 48
1950.....	1. 218	2. 32	2. 62	1. 45
June.....	1. 174	2. 33	2. 62	1. 31
September.....	1. 315	2. 36	2. 64	1. 66
October.....	1. 329	2. 38	2. 67	1. 73
November.....	1. 364	2. 38	2. 67	1. 69
December.....	1. 367	2. 39	2. 67	1. 72
1951: January.....	1. 387	2. 39	2. 66	1. 86
February.....	1. 391	2. 40	2. 66	1. 96
March.....	1. 422	2. 47	2. 78	2. 06
April.....	1. 520	2. 56	2. 87	2. 13
May.....	1. 578	2. 63	2. 88	2. 17
June.....	1. 499	2. 65	2. 94	2. 31
July.....	1. 593	2. 63	2. 94	2. 31
August.....	1. 644	2. 57	2. 88	2. 26
September.....	1. 646	2. 65	2. 84	2. 19
October.....	1. 608	2. 61	2. 89	2. 21
November.....	1. 608	2. 66	2. 96	2. 25

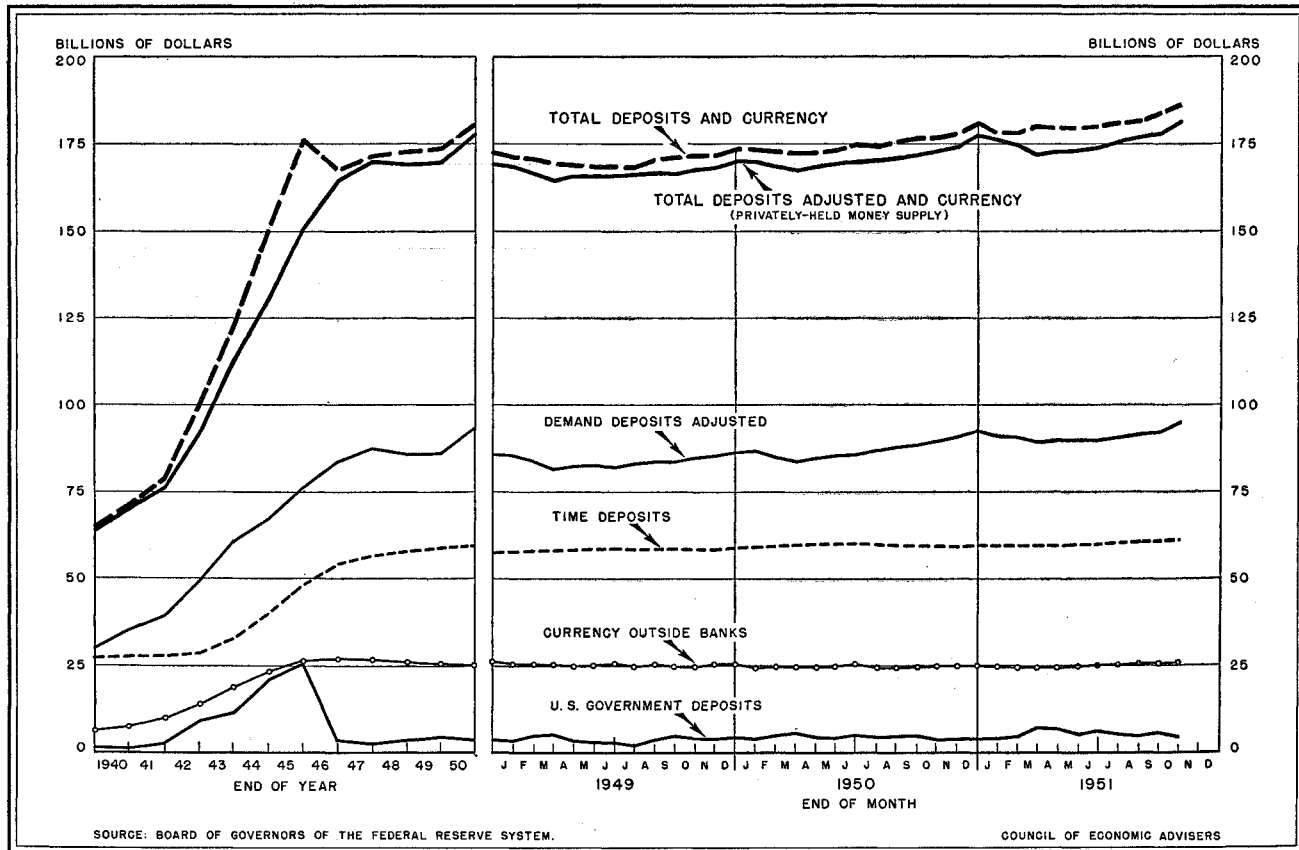
¹ Rate on new issues within period.

² Bonds in this classification were first issued in March 1941.

Source: Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

MONEY SUPPLY

The privately-held money supply soared \$3.7 billion during October, the largest monthly increase in the postwar period. Principal factors contributing to the rise were the growth in commercial bank loans and investments and the Treasury cash deficit, which resulted in heavy transfers from Government deposits.



[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
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
June.....	174.7	4.8	170.0	25.2	85.0	59.7
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.....	181.3	6.6	174.7	25.8	89.0	59.9
July.....	180.8	5.0	175.8	25.1	90.7	60.0
August.....	181.6	4.6	177.0	25.3	91.4	60.3
September.....	183.8	5.9	177.9	25.4	92.0	60.5
October ⁵	185.8	4.2	181.6	25.7	95.0	60.9

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.

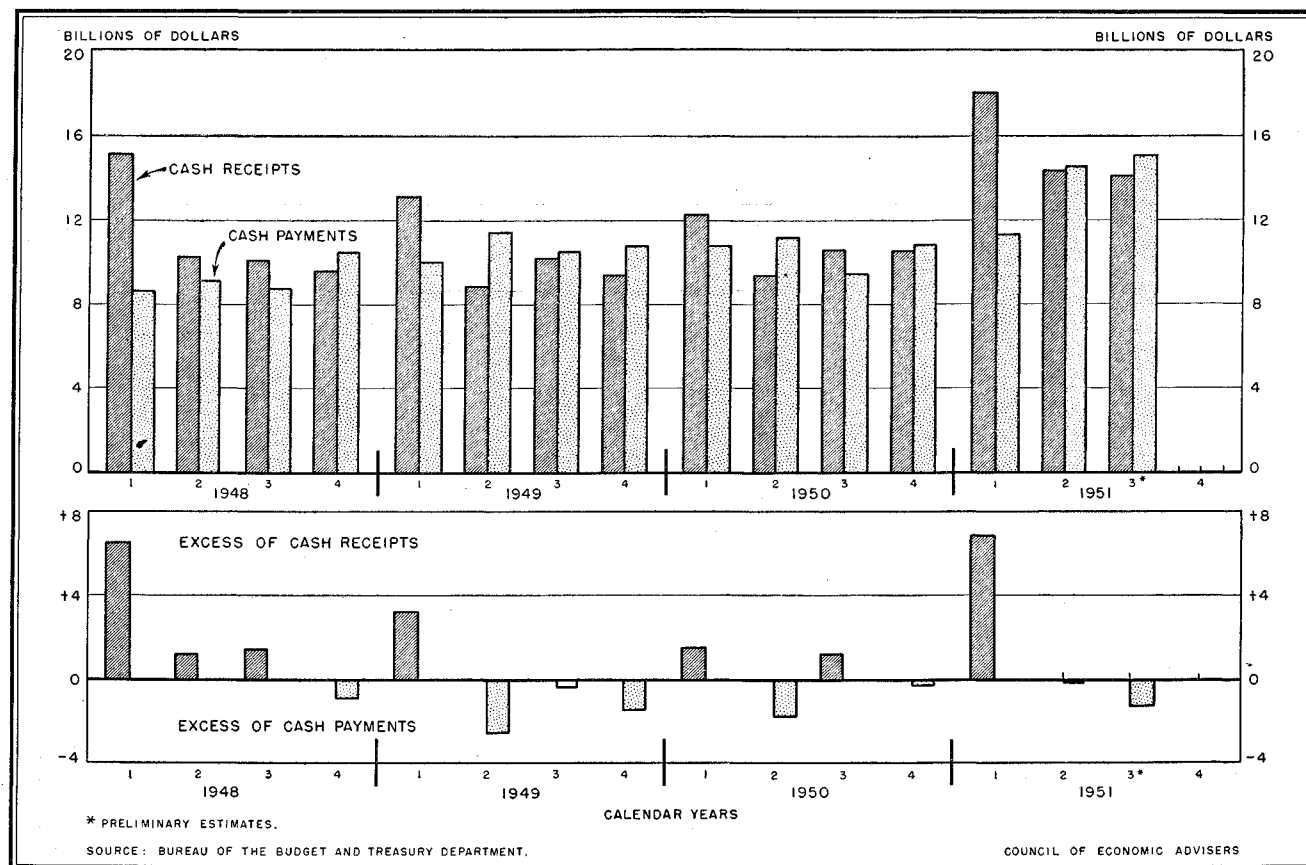
⁵ Preliminary estimates.

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 cash deficit in the third quarter resulted from a seasonal decline in cash receipts and a counter-seasonal rise in payments. The dominant influence on the payments side was the expansion in the national security programs.



[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:			
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	14,462	14,521	-59
Third quarter ¹	13,993	15,270	-1,277

¹ Preliminary estimates based on incomplete data.

Sources: Treasury Department and Bureau of the Budget.

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