

82d Congress, 2d Session



Economic Indicators

AUGUST 1952

*Prepared for the Joint Committee on the Economic Report
by the Council of Economic Advisers*

UNITED STATES
GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE
WASHINGTON : 1952

JOINT COMMITTEE ON THE ECONOMIC REPORT

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

JOSEPH C. O'MAHONEY, Wyoming, *Chairman*

EDWARD J. HART, New Jersey, *Vice Chairman*

JOHN J. SPARKMAN, Alabama

PAUL H. DOUGLAS, Illinois

WILLIAM BENTON, Connecticut

ROBERT A. TAFT, Ohio

RALPH E. FLANDERS, Vermont

ARTHUR V. WATKINS, Utah

WRIGHT PATMAN, Texas

RICHARD BOLLING, Missouri

CLINTON D. MCKINNON, California

JESSE P. WOLCOTT, Michigan

CHRISTIAN A. HERTER, Massachusetts

J. CALEB BOGGS, Delaware

GROVER W. ENSLEY, *Staff Director*

JOHN W. LEHMAN, *Clerk*

COUNCIL OF ECONOMIC ADVISERS

(Created pursuant to Sec. 4 (a) of Public Law 304, 79th Cong.)

LEON H. KEYSERLING, *Chairman*

JOHN D. CLARK

ROY BLOUGH

[PUBLIC LAW 120—81ST CONGRESS; CHAPTER 237—1ST SESSION]

JOINT RESOLUTION [S. J. Res. 55]

To print the monthly publication entitled "Economic Indicators"

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Joint Committee on the Economic Report be authorized to issue a monthly publication entitled "Economic Indicators," and that a sufficient quantity be printed to furnish one copy to each Member of Congress; the Secretary and the Sergeant at Arms of the Senate; the Clerk, Sergeant at Arms, and Doorkeeper of the House of Representatives; two copies to the libraries of the Senate and House, and the Congressional Library; seven hundred copies to the Joint Committee on the Economic Report; and the required number of copies to the Superintendent of Documents for distribution to depository libraries; and that the Superintendent of Documents be authorized to have copies printed for sale to the public.

Approved June 23, 1949.

Charts drawn by Graphics Unit, Office of the Secretary, Department of Commerce

Contents

THE TOTAL OUTPUT OF THE ECONOMY

Page

The Nation's Economic Accounts.....	1
Gross National Product.....	2

PRICES

Consumers' Prices.....	3
Wholesale Prices.....	4
Prices Received and Paid by Farmers.....	5
Stock Prices.....	6

EMPLOYMENT AND WAGES

Civilian Labor Force.....	7
Nonagricultural Employment—Selected Industries.....	8
Average Weekly Hours—Selected Industries.....	9
Average Hourly Earnings—Selected Industries.....	10
Average Weekly Earnings—Selected Industries.....	11

PRODUCTION AND BUSINESS ACTIVITY

Industrial Production.....	12
Weekly Production—Selected Indicators.....	13
Production of Selected Manufactures.....	14
Gross Private Domestic Investment.....	15
Expenditures for New Plant and Equipment.....	16
New Construction.....	17
New Housing Starts.....	18
Inventories and Sales.....	19
Merchandise Exports and Imports.....	20

PURCHASING POWER

National Income.....	21
Corporate Profits.....	22
Personal Income.....	23
Consumer Income, Spending, and Saving.....	24
Per Capita Disposable Income.....	25
Farm Income.....	26

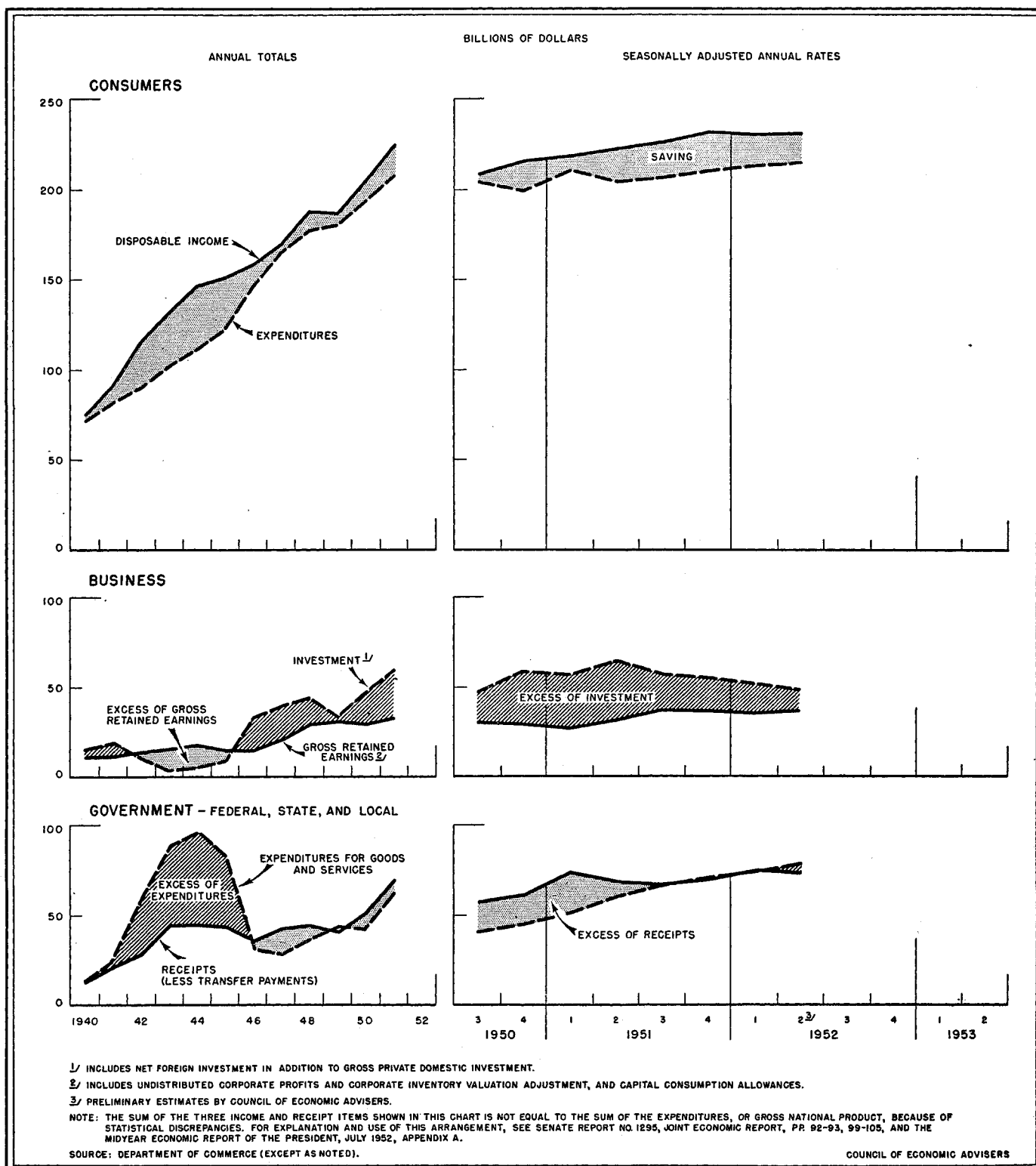
CREDIT, MONEY, AND FEDERAL FINANCE

Bank Loans and Investments.....	27
Consumer Credit.....	28
Bond Yields and Interest Rates.....	29
Money Supply.....	30
Federal Budget Receipts and Expenditures.....	31
Federal Cash Receipts From and Payments to the Public.....	32

THE TOTAL OUTPUT OF THE ECONOMY

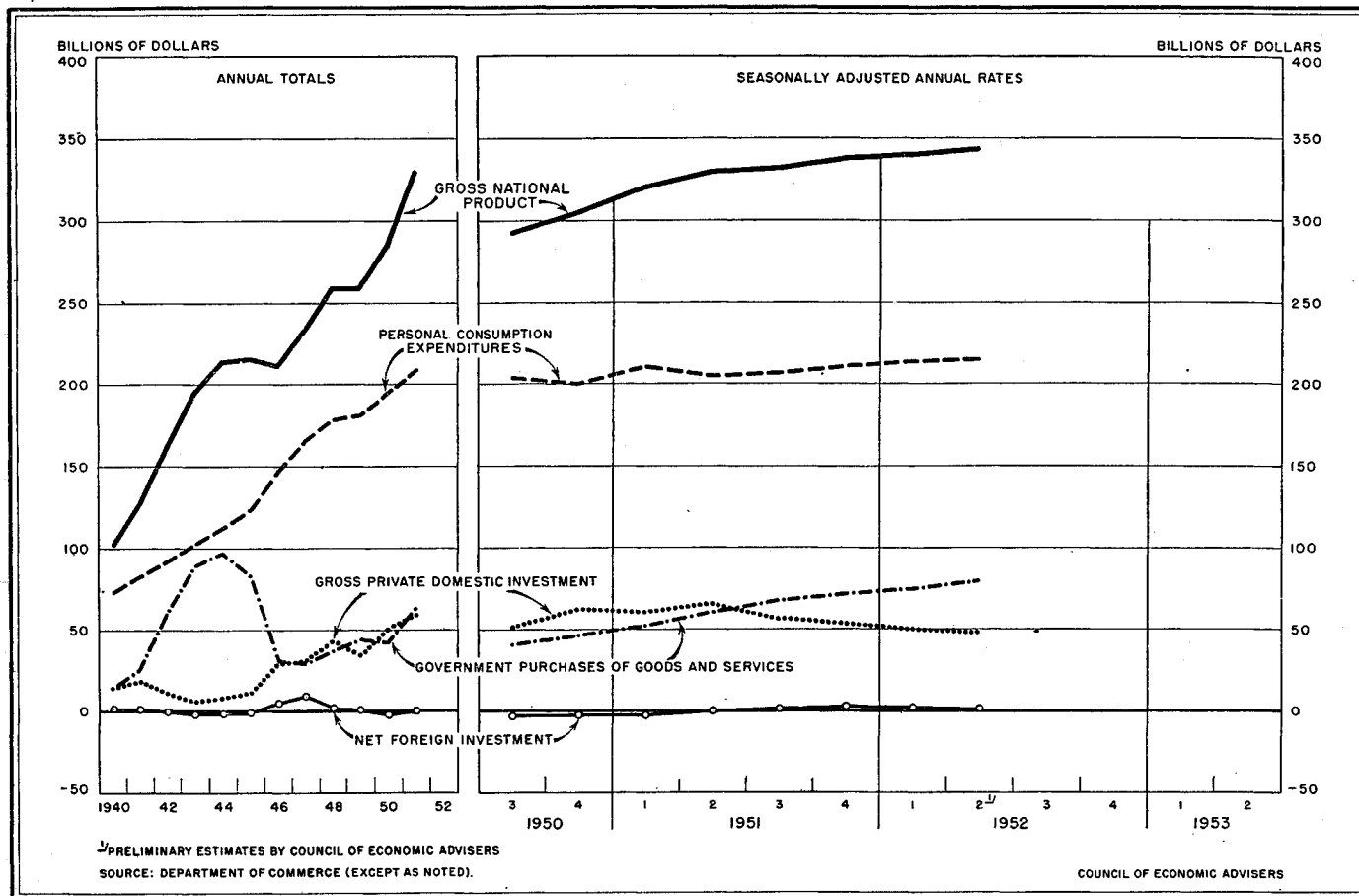
THE NATION'S ECONOMIC ACCOUNTS

On the basis of the income and product accounts, the approximate balance between government expenditures and receipts in the first quarter changed to an excess of expenditures of \$3 billion (seasonally adjusted annual rate) in the second quarter.



GROSS NATIONAL PRODUCT

In the second quarter of 1952, gross national product was almost \$4 billion higher (seasonally adjusted annual rate) than in the previous quarter. National security expenditures increased about \$4 billion, while the rise of about \$2 billion in personal consumption was approximately offset by a decrease in other government expenditures and in investment (domestic and foreign).



[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	1.2	11.9
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	12.0	16.6
1948.....	259.0	177.9	42.7	1.9	36.6	15.5	21.1
1949.....	258.2	180.6	33.5	.5	43.6	18.9	24.7
1950.....	284.2	194.3	50.3	-2.3	41.9	18.3	23.6
1951.....	329.2	208.0	58.5	.2	62.6	36.7	25.9
Seasonally adjusted annual rates							
1950: Fourth quarter.....	304.2	199.4	61.6	-2.7	45.9	22.1	23.8
1951: First quarter.....	319.6	210.5	59.8	-2.7	51.9	27.3	24.6
Second quarter.....	329.3	204.5	65.2	-.2	59.8	34.5	25.3
Third quarter.....	330.9	206.4	56.2	1.1	67.3	41.1	26.2
Fourth quarter.....	337.1	210.5	52.9	2.6	71.2	43.8	27.4
1952: First quarter.....	339.4	213.2	50.0	1.9	74.4	46.0	28.4
Second quarter ³	343.2	214.9	49.3	.9	78.0	49.9	28.1

¹ Includes expenditures for military services, international security and foreign relations (except foreign loans), atomic energy, merchant marine, promotion of defense production and economic stabilization, and civil defense; excludes Federal Government sales. For further detail, see Midyear Economic Report of the President, July 1952 (p. 139), and Survey of Current Business, July 1952 (p. 12).

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

³ Preliminary estimate.

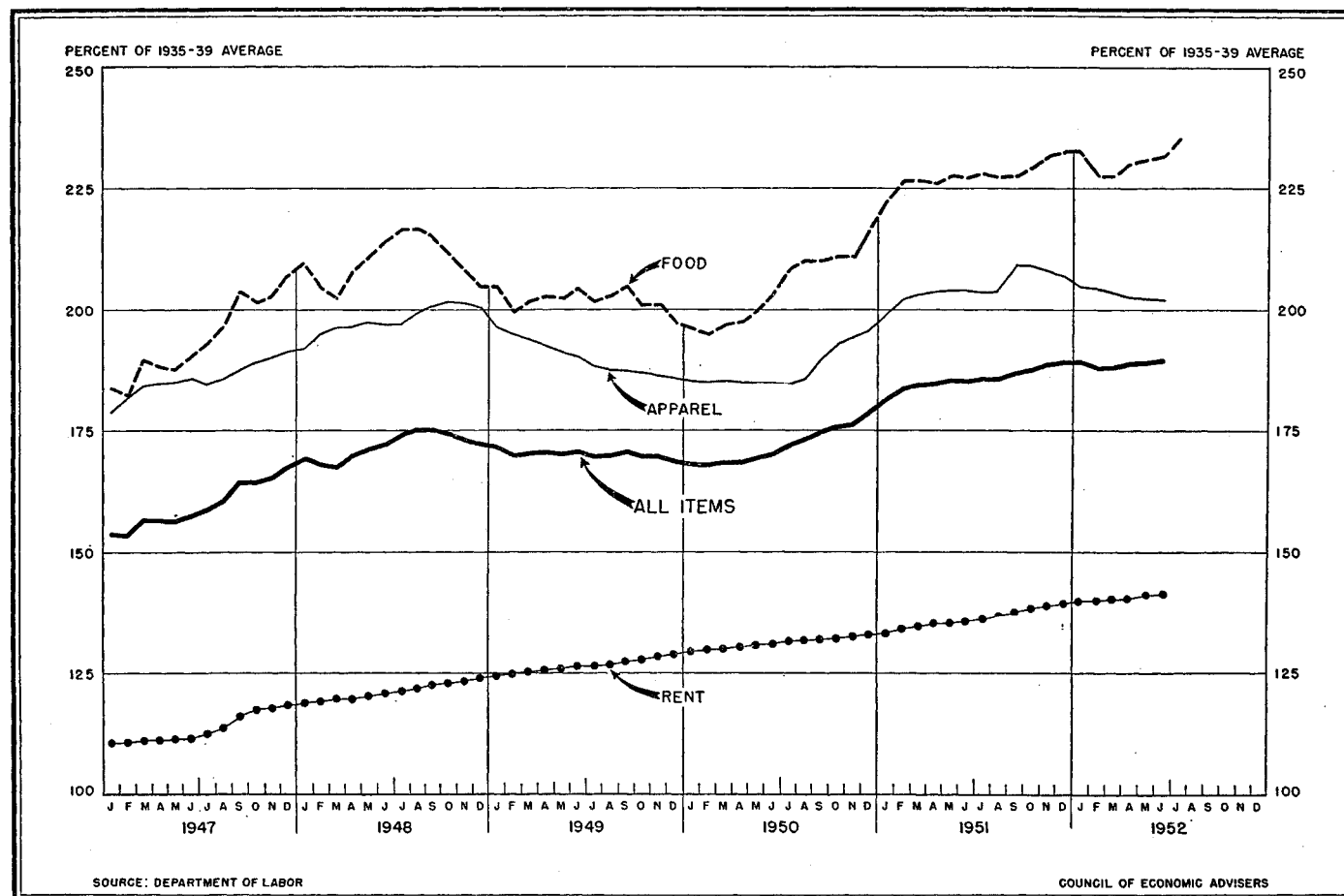
NOTE.—Detail will not necessarily add to totals because of rounding.

Source: Department of Commerce.

PRICES

CONSUMERS' PRICES

In June, consumers' prices reached a new all-time high—0.3 percent above May and 11.4 percent above June 1950.



[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	204.5	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
1951 monthly average.....	185.6	227.4	204.5	136.2	144.1	210.9	165.4
1951: 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.....	187.4	229.2	208.9	138.2	144.6	210.4	166.6
November 15.....	188.6	231.4	207.6	138.9	144.8	210.8	168.4
December 15.....	189.1	232.2	206.8	139.2	144.9	210.2	169.1
1952: January 15.....	189.1	232.4	204.6	139.7	145.0	209.1	169.6
February 15.....	187.9	227.5	204.3	140.2	145.3	208.6	170.2
March 15.....	188.0	227.6	203.5	140.5	145.3	207.6	170.7
April 15.....	188.7	230.0	202.7	140.8	145.3	206.2	171.1
May 15.....	189.0	230.8	202.3	141.3	144.6	205.4	171.4
June 15 ¹	189.6	231.5	202.0	141.6	144.8	204.4	172.5

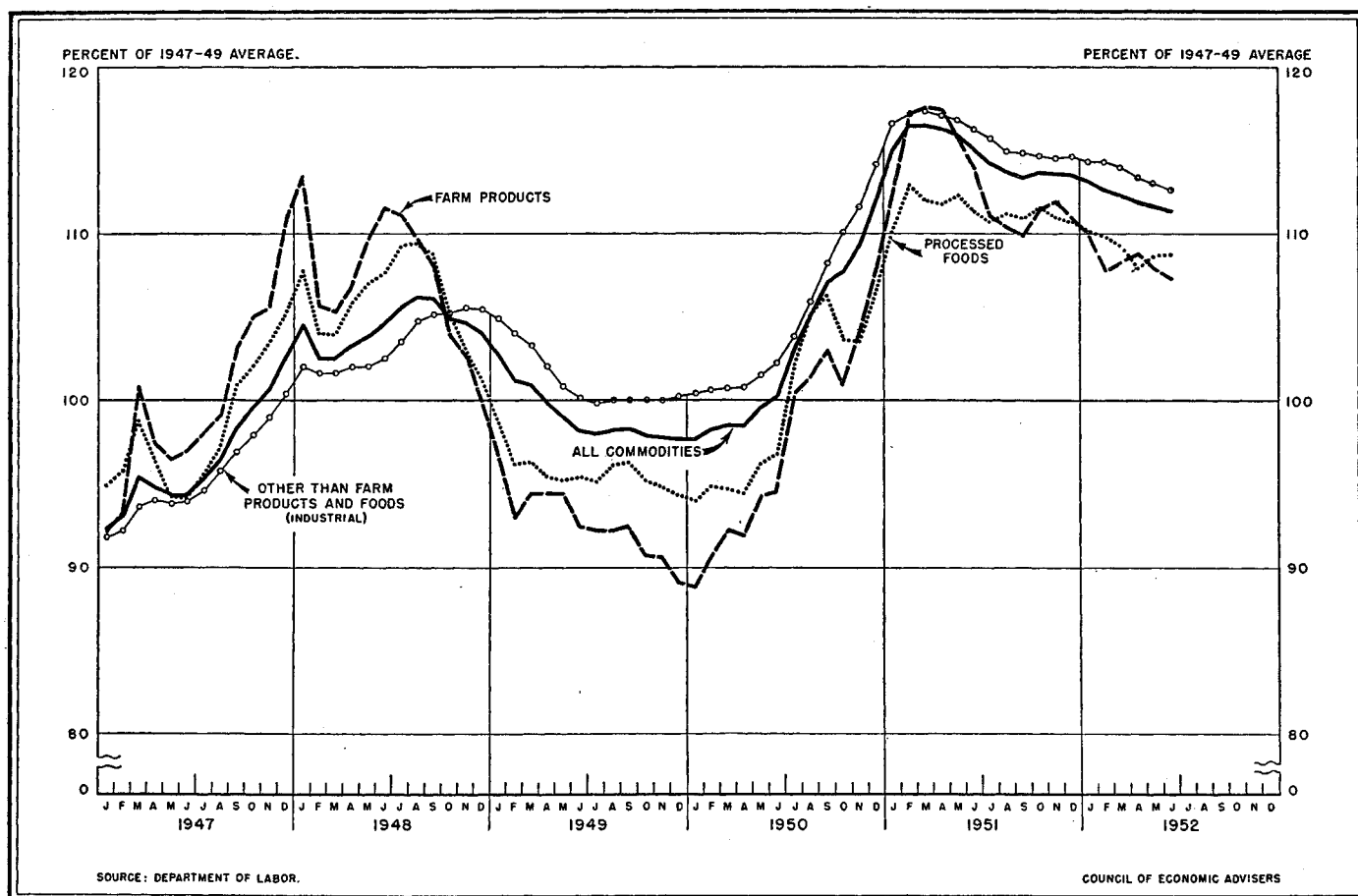
¹ Based on a special survey, the food index for July 15 is estimated at 235.1, or 1.5 percent above June 15.

NOTE.—Revised index of prices for moderate-income families in large cities.

Source: Department of Labor.

WHOLESALE PRICES

Average wholesale prices in June were a little lower than in May as a result of slight declines in farm and industrial prices. Week-to-week changes during July, however, were upward; all three major wholesale price sectors showed increases.



[1947-49=100]

Period	All commodities	Farm products	Processed foods	Other than farm products and foods (industrial)
1942 monthly average.....	64.2	59.2	(1)	68.3
1946 monthly average.....	78.7	83.2	(1)	78.3
1947 monthly average.....	96.4	100.0	98.2	95.3
1948 monthly average.....	104.4	107.3	106.1	103.4
1949 monthly average.....	99.2	92.8	95.7	101.3
1950 monthly average.....	103.1	97.5	99.8	105.0
June.....	100.2	94.5	96.8	102.2
1951 monthly average.....	114.8	113.4	111.4	115.9
1951: May.....	115.9	115.7	112.3	116.8
June.....	115.1	113.9	111.3	116.2
July.....	114.2	111.1	110.7	115.7
August.....	113.7	110.4	111.2	114.9
September.....	113.4	109.9	110.9	114.8
October.....	113.7	111.5	111.6	114.6
November.....	113.6	112.0	111.0	114.5
December.....	113.5	111.3	110.7	114.6
1952: January.....	113.0	110.0	110.1	114.3
February.....	112.5	107.8	109.5	114.2
March.....	112.3	108.2	109.2	113.8
April.....	111.8	108.7	108.0	113.3
May.....	111.6	107.9	108.6	113.0
June.....	111.3	107.3	108.7	112.6
Week ended:				
1952: July 1.....	110.7	107.7	108.0	111.9
8.....	110.7	107.6	108.1	111.9
15.....	111.1	109.4	109.2	111.9
22.....	111.2	109.6	109.2	112.0
29.....	111.7	109.7	109.7	112.5
August 5.....	111.8	109.6	109.7	112.7

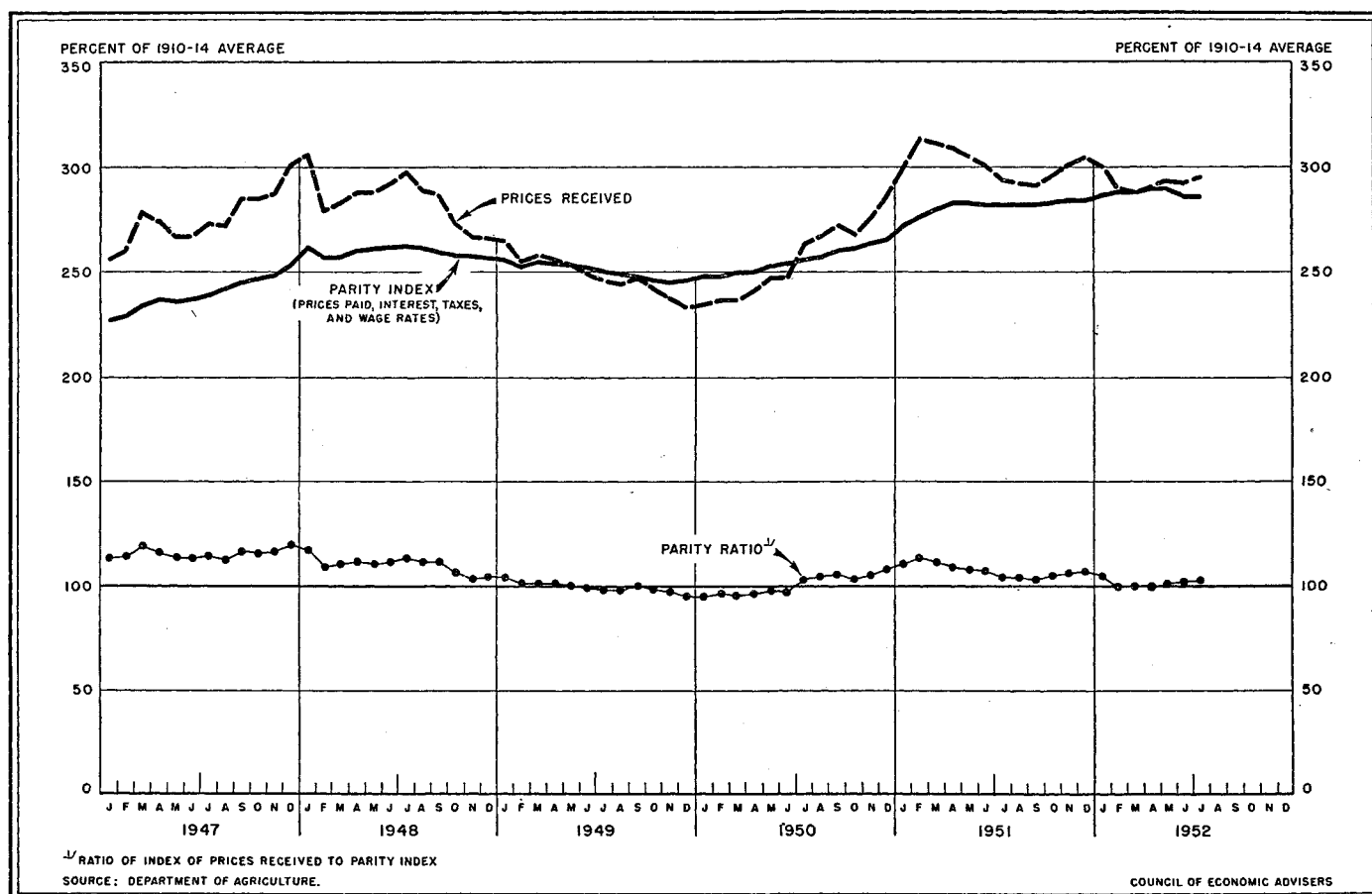
* Not available.

NOTE.—Revised index. For description of the revision see The Monthly Labor Review, February 1952.

Source: Department of Labor.

PRICES RECEIVED AND PAID BY FARMERS

From mid-June to mid-July, prices received by farmers increased 1 percent while prices paid by farmers did not change. Thus the parity ratio rose to 103, its highest level since January.



[1910-14=100]

Period	Prices received by farmers	Parity index (prices paid, interest, taxes, and wage rates)	Parity ratio ¹
1939 monthly average.....	95	122	78
1942 monthly average.....	158	151	105
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
1951 monthly average.....	302	281	107
1951: 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
December 15.....	305	284	107
1952: January 15.....	300	287	105
February 15.....	289	288	100
March 15.....	288	288	100
April 15.....	290	289	100
May 15.....	293	289	101
June 15.....	292	286	102
July 15.....	295	286	103

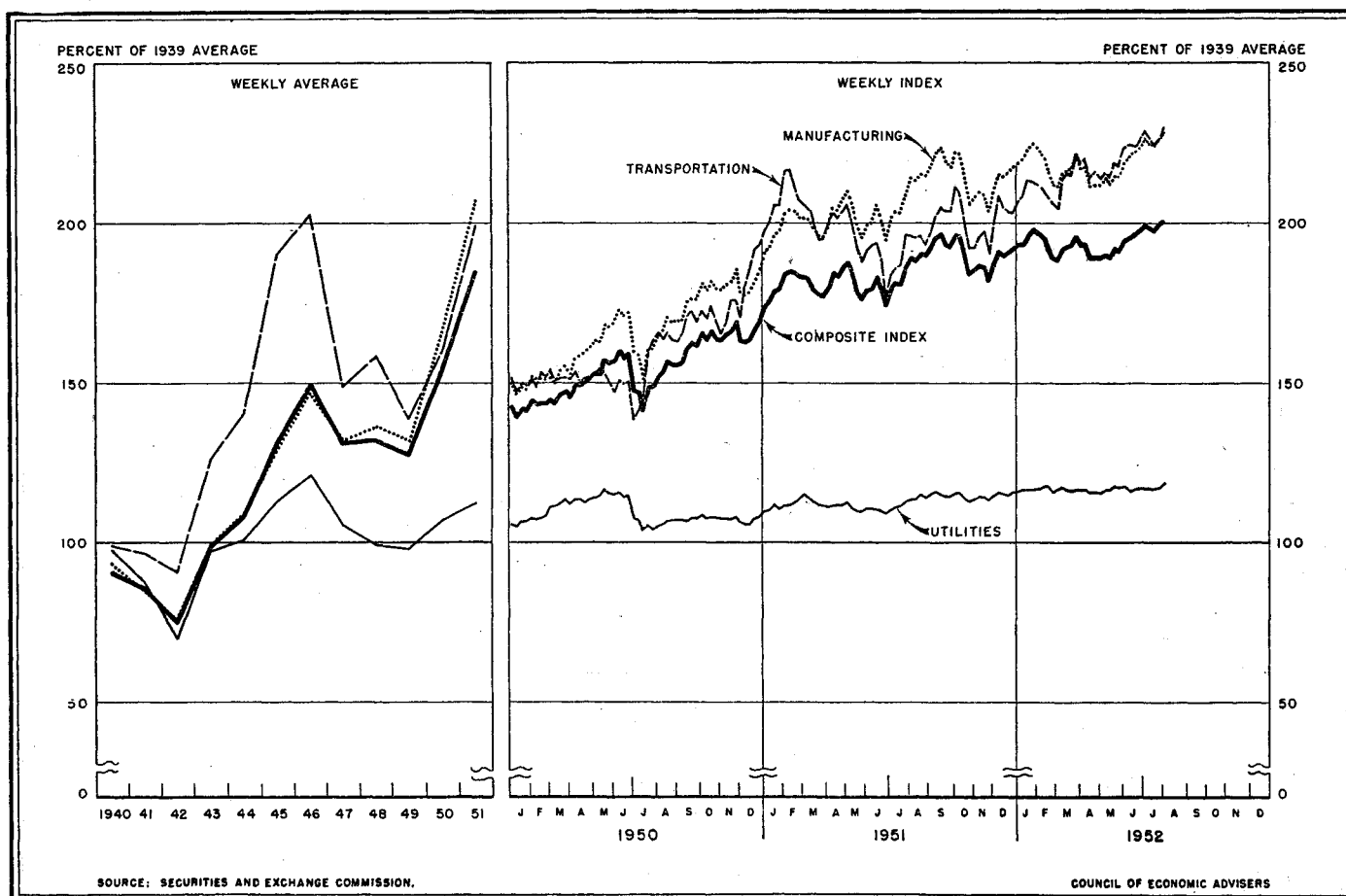
¹ Ratio of index of prices received by farmers to parity index.

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

The trend of stock prices was upward during July, and the monthly average was the highest in recent years. In all groups, except utilities and mining, prices were higher than in June.



[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
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
1951.....	184. 7	206. 6	178. 3	233. 0	199. 2	112. 5	208. 0	204. 9
1951: July.....	181. 8	204. 4	170. 3	236. 3	187. 9	111. 2	202. 2	195. 2
August.....	189. 1	214. 0	177. 7	248. 0	195. 1	113. 9	205. 5	217. 4
September.....	194. 0	219. 9	184. 5	252. 8	202. 3	114. 9	213. 1	229. 4
October.....	191. 4	215. 8	185. 1	244. 3	203. 3	114. 3	214. 0	243. 6
November.....	185. 0	207. 5	178. 4	234. 6	194. 0	113. 8	207. 8	238. 8
December.....	190. 2	214. 5	182. 1	244. 6	203. 6	115. 0	209. 0	238. 1
1952: January.....	195. 3	221. 5	185. 2	255. 1	210. 6	116. 4	209. 1	245. 8
February.....	193. 1	218. 1	182. 6	251. 1	208. 6	116. 8	206. 0	258. 0
March.....	192. 5	216. 3	181. 5	248. 4	214. 0	116. 7	202. 9	294. 9
April.....	191. 1	214. 5	181. 3	245. 0	217. 1	116. 0	202. 5	298. 4
May.....	190. 4	213. 7	181. 7	243. 3	215. 9	116. 7	201. 3	283. 2
June.....	196. 0	221. 6	187. 1	253. 4	224. 6	116. 8	203. 8	290. 5
July.....	198. 7	225. 3	191. 7	256. 3	226. 3	116. 8	208. 3	288. 8
Week ended:								
1952: July 5.....	199. 3	226. 0	191. 8	257. 6	228. 4	116. 8	207. 9	295. 5
12.....	198. 4	224. 7	191. 3	255. 6	226. 2	116. 8	208. 4	290. 2
19.....	197. 5	223. 8	190. 7	254. 3	224. 0	116. 7	207. 9	281. 3
25 ²	199. 7	226. 6	192. 9	257. 8	226. 6	117. 1	208. 9	288. 4
August 1.....	200. 7	228. 2	195. 6	258. 4	229. 9	119. 2	210. 0	285. 9

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.

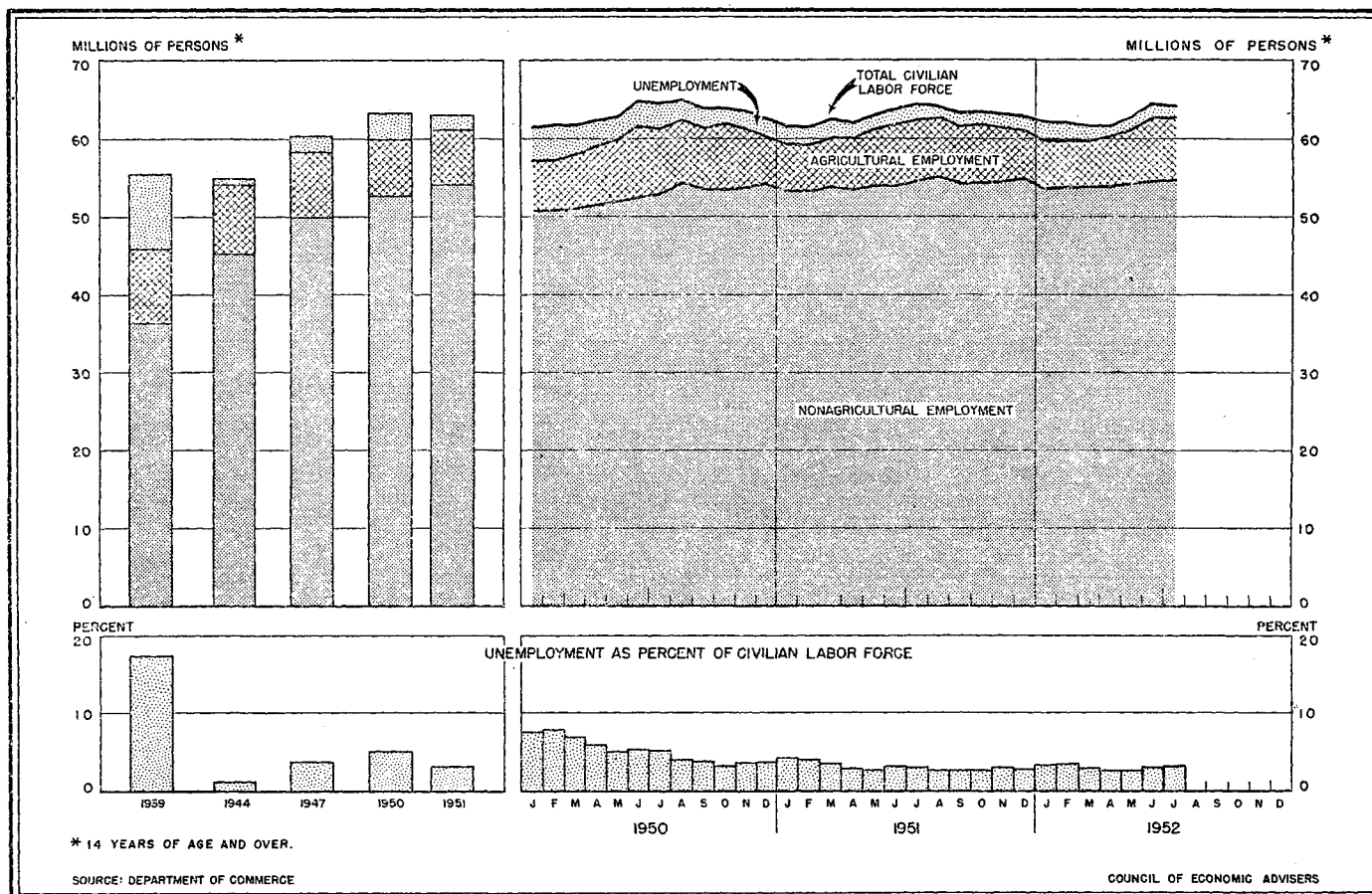
² Beginning with July 25, indexes are computed on the basis of Friday prices since the markets are closed on Saturday.

Source: Securities and Exchange Commission.

EMPLOYMENT AND WAGES

CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE

Total employment declined almost 340,000 in July to 62.2 million. An increase of over 225,000 in nonagricultural employment was not offset—due partially to the steel strike—by a seasonal decrease of about 575,000 workers in agriculture. A rise of about 125,000 in unemployment brought the total to 1.9 million, or 3 percent of the total civilian labor force.



Period	Civilian labor force					Unemployment as percent of total civilian labor force
	Total	Employment ¹			Unemployment	
		Total	Agricultural	Nonagricultural		
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
1951 monthly average.....	62, 884	61, 005	7, 054	53, 951	1, 879	3. 0
1951: 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
December.....	62, 688	61, 014	6, 378	54, 636	1, 674	2. 7
1952: January.....	61, 780	59, 726	6, 186	53, 540	2, 054	3. 3
February.....	61, 838	59, 752	6, 064	53, 688	2, 086	3. 4
March.....	61, 518	59, 714	6, 012	53, 702	1, 804	2. 9
April.....	61, 744	60, 132	6, 412	53, 720	1, 612	2. 6
May.....	62, 778	61, 176	6, 960	54, 216	1, 602	2. 6
June.....	64, 390	62, 572	8, 170	54, 402	1, 818	2. 8
July.....	64, 176	62, 234	7, 598	54, 636	1, 942	3. 0

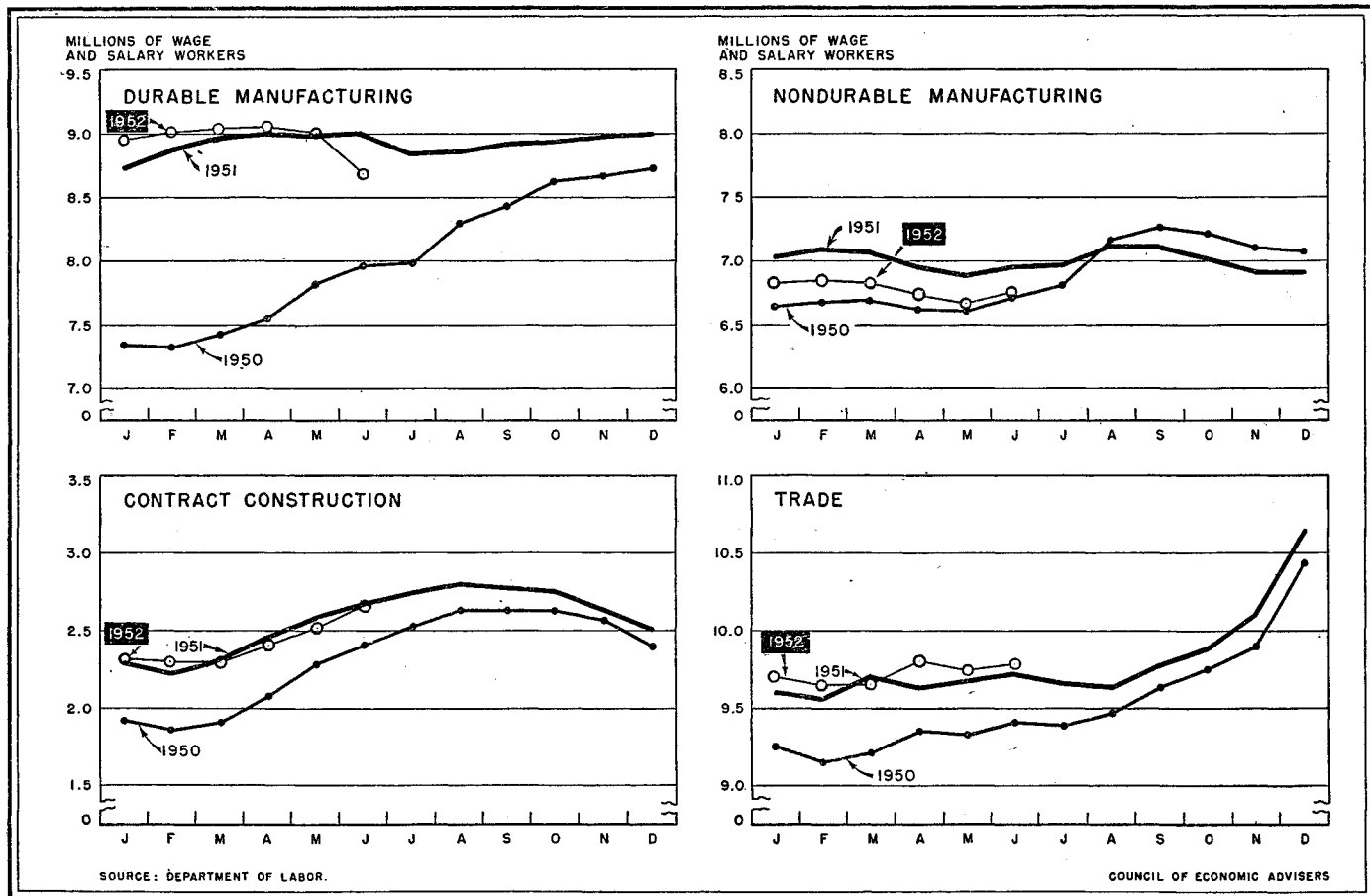
¹ Includes part-time workers and those who had jobs but were not at work for such reasons as vacation, illness, bad weather, temporary lay-off, and industrial disputes.

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

Source: Department of Commerce.

NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT - SELECTED INDUSTRIES

The usual June rise in manufacturing employment did not occur, primarily because of the steel strike.



[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, 602	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
1951 monthly average.....	15, 931	8, 926	7, 005	2, 569	9, 804	6, 641	6, 390	4, 144	920
1951: May.....	15, 853	8, 975	6, 878	2, 598	9, 683	6, 663	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.....	16, 008	8, 878	7, 130	2, 809	9, 641	6, 753	6, 401	4, 190	922
September.....	16, 039	8, 913	7, 126	2, 768	9, 781	6, 729	6, 544	4, 178	917
October.....	15, 965	8, 942	7, 023	2, 761	9, 893	6, 668	6, 532	4, 166	917
November.....	15, 890	8, 976	6, 914	2, 633	10, 109	6, 641	6, 497	4, 165	917
December.....	15, 913	9, 000	6, 913	2, 518	10, 660	6, 614	6, 881	4, 161	916
1952: January.....	15, 776	8, 946	6, 830	2, 316	9, 720	6, 580	6, 509	4, 103	909
February.....	15, 859	9, 010	6, 849	2, 308	9, 643	6, 586	6, 490	4, 111	902
March.....	15, 869	9, 035	6, 834	2, 296	9, 668	6, 618	6, 528	4, 118	904
April ²	15, 784	9, 045	6, 739	2, 410	9, 817	6, 701	6, 551	4, 098	897
May ²	15, 671	9, 006	6, 665	2, 517	9, 744	6, 754	6, 602	4, 138	894
June ²	15, 440	8, 682	6, 758	2, 661	9, 787	6, 817	6, 585	4, 170	862

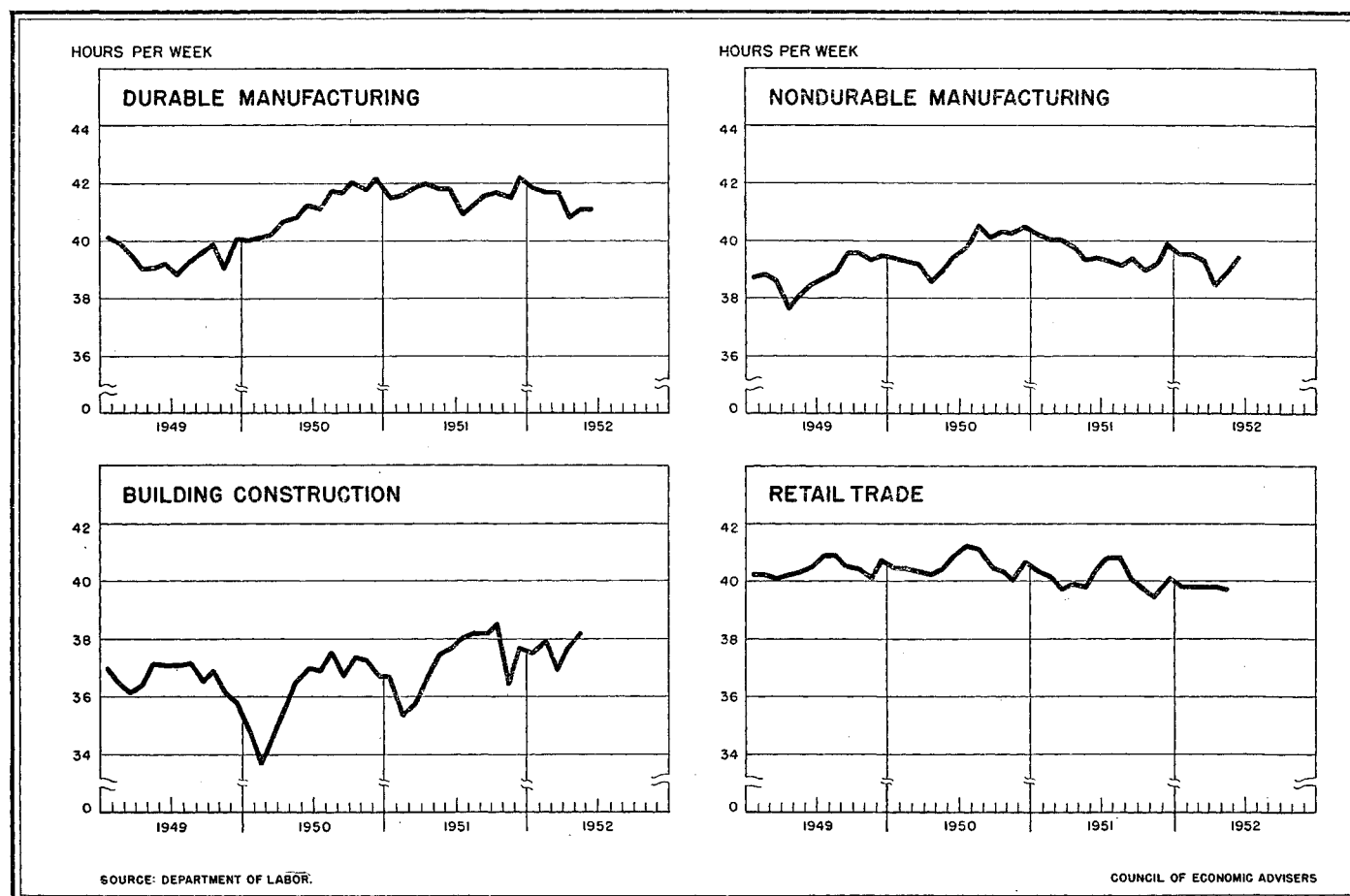
¹ Includes all full- and part-time wage and salary workers in nonagricultural establishments who worked or received pay during the pay period ending nearest the 15th of the month. Excludes proprietors, self-employed persons, domestic servants, and personnel of the armed forces. Total derived from this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

Average weekly hours in manufacturing increased slightly in June. The textile and leather industries showed the most significant gains.



[Hours per week, selected industries ¹]

Period	Manufacturing			Building construction	Retail trade
	Total	Durable goods	Nondurable goods		
1939 monthly average.....	37.7	38.0	37.4	32.6	(²)
1943 monthly average.....	44.9	46.6	42.5	38.4	(²)
1946 monthly average.....	40.4	40.2	40.5	38.1	(²)
1947 monthly average.....	40.4	40.6	40.1	37.6	40.3
1948 monthly average.....	40.1	40.5	39.6	³ 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
1951 monthly average.....	40.7	41.7	39.5	37.3	40.1
1951: 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.....	40.3	41.3	39.1	38.2	40.8
September.....	40.6	41.6	39.4	38.2	40.0
October.....	40.5	41.7	38.9	38.5	39.8
November.....	40.5	41.5	39.2	36.4	39.4
December.....	41.2	42.2	39.9	37.7	40.1
1952: January.....	40.8	41.8	39.5	37.5	39.8
February.....	40.7	41.7	39.5	37.9	39.8
March.....	40.7	41.7	39.3	36.9	39.8
April ⁴	39.8	40.8	38.4	37.7	39.8
May ⁴	40.2	41.1	38.9	38.2	39.7
June ⁴	40.4	41.1	39.4	(²)	(²)

¹ For production and related workers.

² Not available.

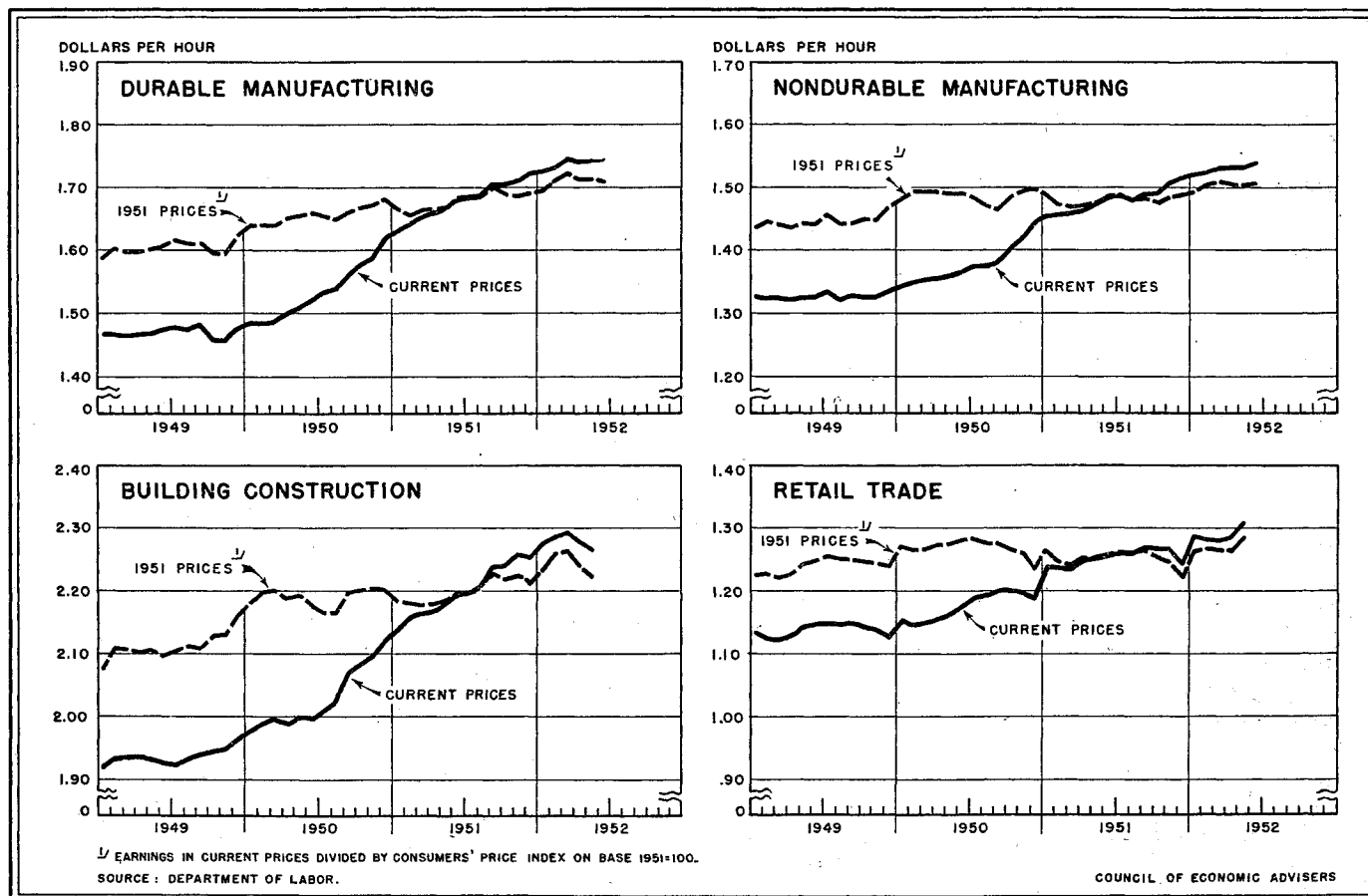
³ Not strictly comparable with previous data.

⁴ Preliminary estimates.

Source: Department of Labor.

AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS - SELECTED INDUSTRIES

Average hourly earnings increased in most industries during June. However, the withdrawal from the payrolls of the relatively high-paid steelworkers caused the average for manufacturing industries to remain unchanged.



[Production and related workers in selected industries]

Period	All manufacturing		Durable goods manufacturing		Nondurable goods manufacturing		Building construction		Retail trade	
	Current prices	1951 prices ¹	Current prices	1951 prices ¹	Current prices	1951 prices ¹	Current prices	1951 prices ¹	Current prices	1951 prices ¹
1939 monthly average.....	\$0. 633	\$1. 181	\$0. 698	\$1. 302	\$0. 582	\$1. 086	\$0. 932	\$1. 739	(²)	(²)
1943 monthly average.....	. 961	1. 443	1. 059	1. 590	. 803	1. 206	1. 252	1. 880	(²)	(²)
1946 monthly average.....	1. 086	1. 444	1. 156	1. 537	1. 015	1. 350	1. 478	1. 965	(²)	(²)
1947 monthly average.....	1. 237	1. 438	1. 292	1. 502	1. 171	1. 362	1. 681	1. 955	\$1. 009	\$1. 173
1948 monthly average.....	1. 350	1. 458	1. 410	1. 523	1. 278	1. 380	1. 848	1. 996	1. 088	1. 175
1949 monthly average.....	1. 401	1. 528	1. 469	1. 602	1. 325	1. 445	1. 935	2. 110	1. 137	1. 240
1950 monthly average.....	1. 465	1. 582	1. 537	1. 660	1. 378	1. 488	2. 031	2. 193	1. 176	1. 270
June.....	1. 453	1. 585	1. 522	1. 660	1. 365	1. 489	1. 995	2. 176	1. 175	1. 281
1951 monthly average.....	1. 594	1. 594	1. 678	1. 678	1. 481	1. 481	2. 201	2. 201	1. 253	1. 253
1951: May.....	1. 586	1. 588	1. 665	1. 667	1. 474	1. 475	2. 182	2. 184	1. 252	1. 253
June.....	1. 599	1. 602	1. 681	1. 684	1. 484	1. 487	2. 194	2. 198	1. 256	1. 259
July.....	1. 598	1. 600	1. 682	1. 684	1. 488	1. 489	2. 195	2. 197	1. 262	1. 263
August.....	1. 596	1. 598	1. 684	1. 686	1. 481	1. 482	2. 207	2. 209	1. 259	1. 260
September.....	1. 613	1. 605	1. 707	1. 699	1. 489	1. 482	2. 236	2. 225	1. 270	1. 264
October.....	1. 615	1. 599	1. 705	1. 688	1. 491	1. 476	2. 239	2. 217	1. 267	1. 254
November.....	1. 626	1. 600	1. 712	1. 685	1. 507	1. 483	2. 260	2. 224	1. 267	1. 247
December.....	1. 636	1. 605	1. 723	1. 691	1. 515	1. 487	2. 253	2. 211	1. 245	1. 222
1952: January.....	1. 640	1. 609	1. 726	1. 694	1. 520	1. 492	2. 276	2. 234	1. 287	1. 263
February.....	1. 644	1. 625	1. 731	1. 710	1. 522	1. 504	2. 285	2. 258	1. 281	1. 266
March.....	1. 656	1. 635	1. 746	1. 724	1. 530	1. 510	2. 292	2. 263	1. 279	1. 263
April ⁴	1. 654	1. 626	1. 741	1. 712	1. 530	1. 504	2. 277	2. 239	1. 285	1. 264
May ⁴	1. 657	1. 628	1. 745	1. 714	1. 531	1. 504	2. 267	2. 227	1. 309	1. 286
June ⁴	1. 658	1. 622	1. 746	1. 708	1. 540	1. 507	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)

¹ Earnings in current prices divided by consumers' price index on base 1951=100.

² Not available.

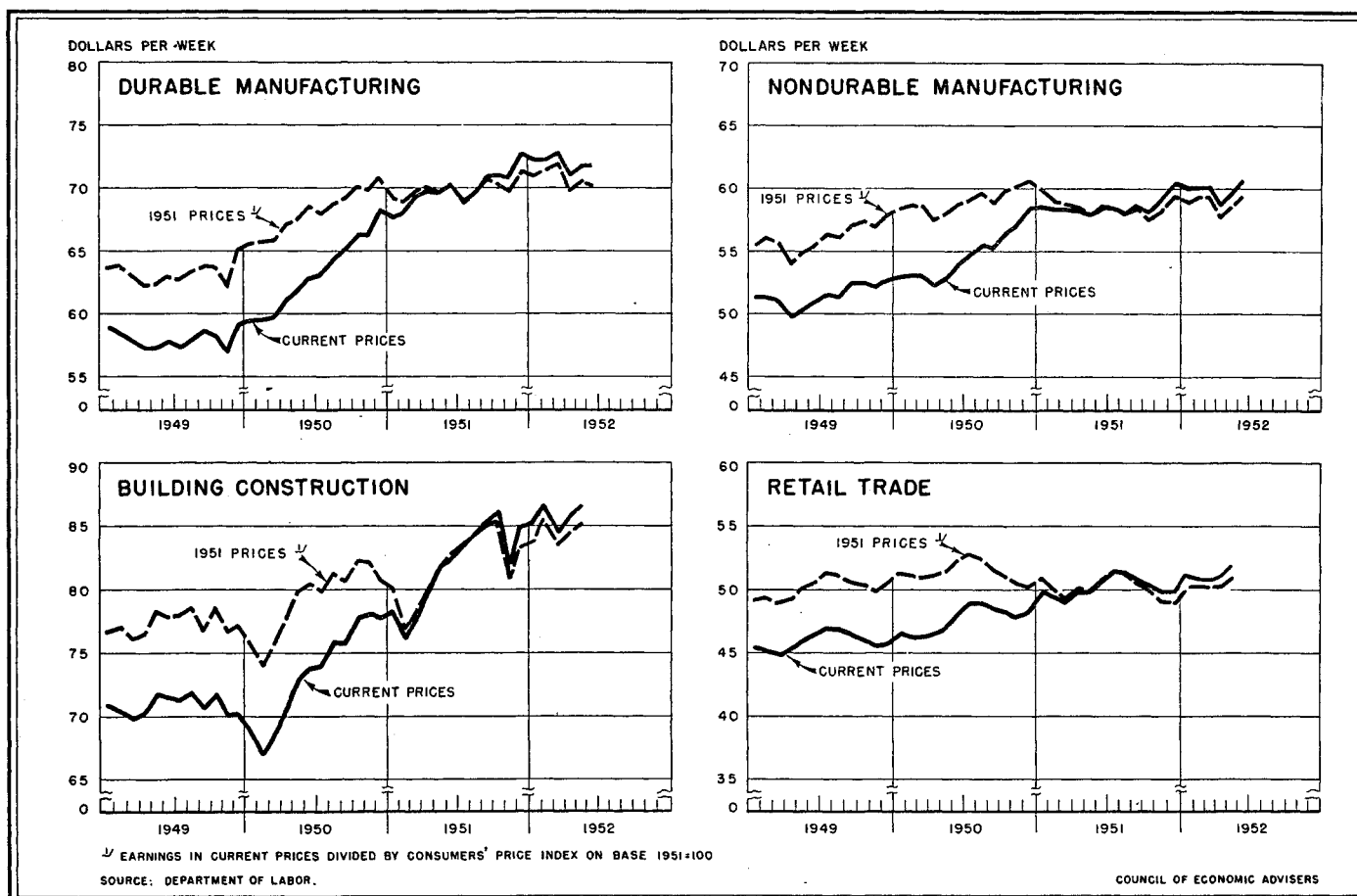
³ Not strictly comparable with previous data.

⁴ Preliminary estimates.

Source: Department of Labor.

AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS - SELECTED INDUSTRIES

Average weekly earnings in manufacturing increased 37 cents in June to \$66.98 because of the increase in the workweek.



[Production and related workers in selected industries]

Period	All manufacturing		Durable goods manufacturing		Nondurable goods manufacturing		Building construction		Retail trade	
	Current prices	1951 prices ¹	Current prices	1951 prices ¹	Current prices	1951 prices ¹	Current prices	1951 prices ¹	Current prices	1951 prices ¹
1939 monthly average	\$23.86	\$44.51	\$26.50	\$49.44	\$21.78	\$40.63	\$30.39	\$56.70	(²)	(²)
1943 monthly average	43.14	64.77	49.30	74.02	34.12	51.23	48.13	72.27	(²)	(²)
1946 monthly average	43.82	58.27	46.49	61.82	41.14	54.71	56.24	74.79	(²)	(²)
1947 monthly average	49.97	58.10	52.46	61.00	46.96	54.60	63.30	73.60	\$40.66	\$47.28
1948 monthly average	54.14	58.47	57.11	61.67	50.61	54.65	\$68.85	\$74.35	43.85	47.35
1949 monthly average	54.92	59.89	58.03	63.28	51.41	56.06	70.95	77.37	45.93	50.09
1950 monthly average	59.33	64.07	63.32	68.38	54.71	59.08	73.73	79.62	47.63	51.44
June	58.85	64.18	62.86	68.55	53.92	58.80	73.82	80.50	48.06	52.41
1951 monthly average	64.88	64.88	69.97	69.97	58.50	58.50	82.10	82.10	50.25	50.25
1951: May	64.55	64.61	69.60	69.67	57.93	57.99	81.83	81.91	49.83	49.88
June	65.08	65.21	70.27	70.41	58.47	58.59	82.71	82.88	50.74	50.84
July	64.24	64.30	68.79	68.86	58.48	58.54	83.63	83.71	51.49	51.54
August	64.32	64.38	69.55	69.62	57.91	57.97	84.31	84.39	51.37	51.42
September	65.49	65.16	71.01	70.66	58.67	58.38	85.42	85.00	50.80	50.55
October	65.41	64.76	71.10	70.40	58.00	57.43	86.20	85.35	50.43	49.93
November	65.85	64.81	71.05	69.93	59.07	58.14	82.26	80.96	49.92	49.13
December	67.40	66.14	72.71	71.35	60.45	59.32	84.94	83.36	49.92	48.99
1952: January	66.91	65.66	72.15	70.80	60.04	58.92	85.35	83.76	51.22	50.26
February	66.91	66.12	72.18	71.32	60.12	59.41	86.60	85.57	50.98	50.38
March	67.40	66.54	72.81	71.88	60.13	59.36	84.57	83.48	50.90	50.25
April ⁴	65.83	64.73	71.03	69.84	58.75	57.77	85.84	84.41	51.14	50.29
May ⁴	66.61	65.43	71.72	70.45	59.56	58.51	86.60	85.07	51.97	51.05
June ⁴	66.98	65.54	71.76	70.22	60.68	59.37	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)

¹ Earnings in current prices divided by consumers' price index on base 1951=100.

² Not available.

Source: Department of Labor

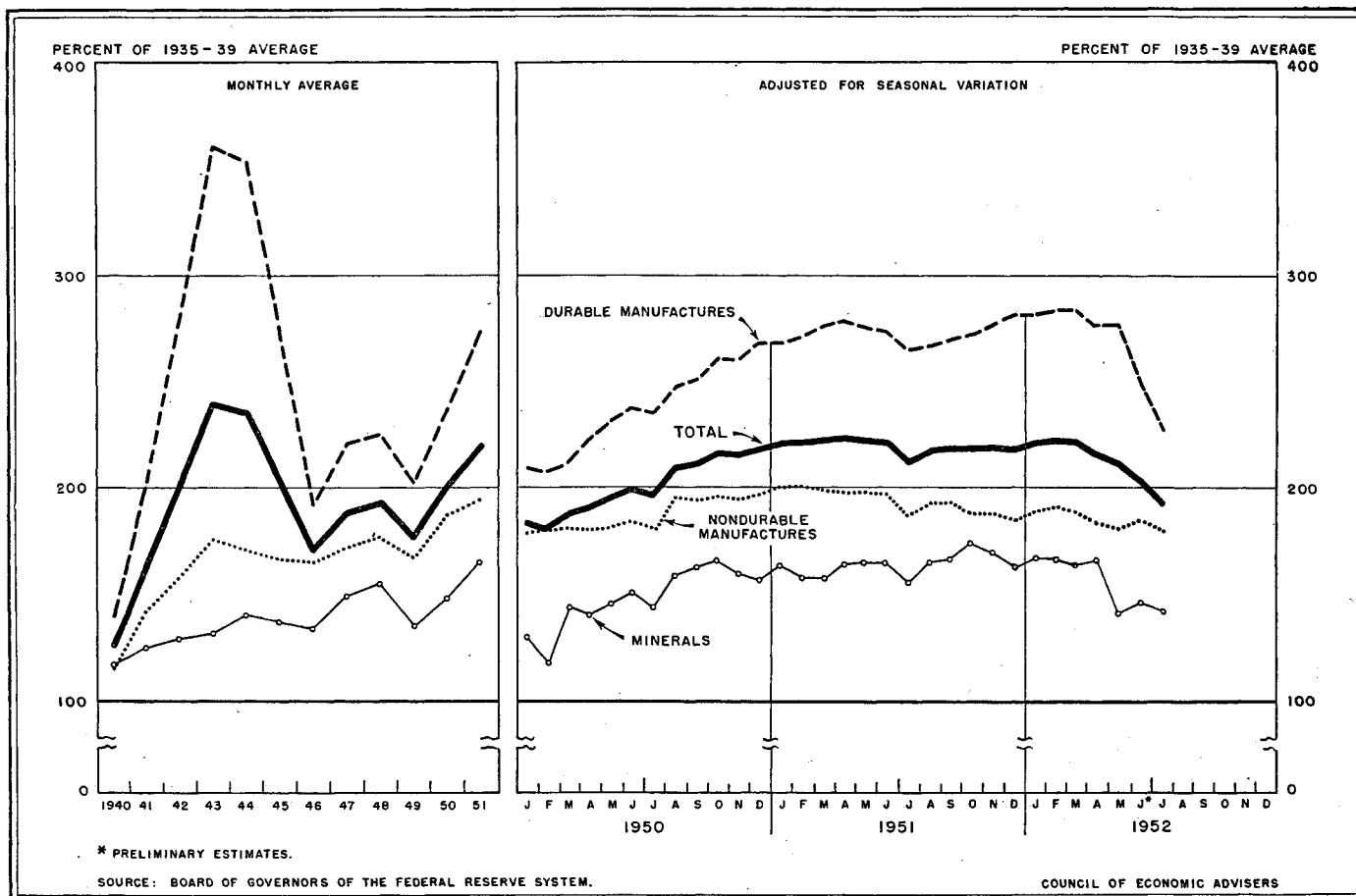
³ Not strictly comparable with previous data.

⁴ Preliminary estimates.

PRODUCTION AND BUSINESS ACTIVITY

INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION

In July, the index of total industrial production declined about 10 points to 192 percent of the 1935-39 average, according to preliminary estimates. The decrease reflected curtailments in steel-consuming industries and reduced operations because of vacation schedules in some other industries.



[1935-39=100, seasonally adjusted]

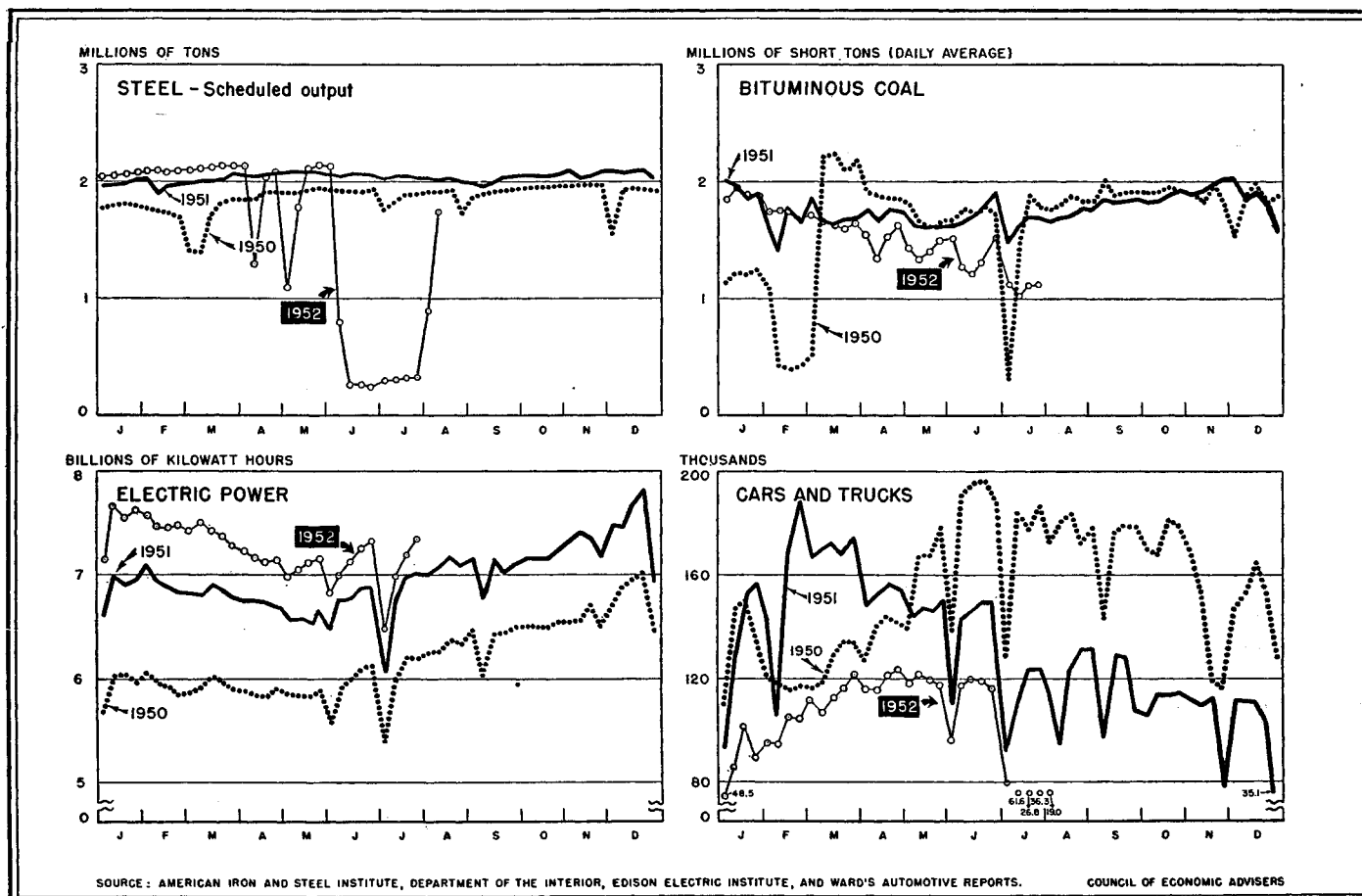
Period	Total industrial production	Manufactures			Minerals
		Total	Durable goods	Nondurable goods	
1943 monthly average.....	239	258	360	176	132
1946 monthly average.....	170	177	192	165	134
1947 monthly average.....	187	194	220	172	149
1948 monthly average.....	192	198	225	177	155
1949 monthly average.....	176	183	202	168	135
1950 monthly average.....	200	209	237	187	148
June.....	199	208	237	184	151
1951 monthly average.....	220	229	273	194	164
1951: June.....	221	231	274	197	165
July.....	212	222	265	187	156
August.....	217	226	267	193	165
September.....	218	228	271	192	167
October.....	218	226	274	188	174
November.....	219	228	277	188	170
December.....	218	228	282	185	163
1952: January.....	221	231	282	189	167
February.....	222	232	284	190	167
March.....	221	231	284	188	164
April.....	216	225	277	183	166
May.....	211	224	277	181	141
June ¹	203	213	248	185	146
July ¹	192	201	227	180	142

¹ Preliminary estimates.

Source: Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

WEEKLY PRODUCTION - SELECTED INDICATORS

The low level of activity in the steel mills was reflected in reduced output of bituminous coal and motor vehicles during July. Generation of electric power continued at a level well above that of last year.



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:					
1950.....	1, 857	96. 9	6, 183	1, 687	154, 214
June.....	1, 898	99. 6	6, 038	1, 707	192, 825
1951.....	2, 016	100. 9	6, 958	1, 777	129, 828
1951: June.....	2, 018	100. 9	6, 804	1, 707	147, 582
July.....	1, 964	98. 2	6, 760	1, 688	112, 786
August.....	1, 971	98. 6	7, 114	1, 748	120, 311
September.....	2, 022	101. 2	7, 012	1, 790	115, 721
October.....	2, 058	102. 9	7, 204	1, 918	112, 300
November.....	2, 050	102. 5	7, 340	1, 990	103, 362
December.....	2, 010	100. 6	7, 464	1, 765	90, 476
1952: January.....	2, 062	99. 3	7, 509	1, 919	82, 195
February.....	2, 091	100. 7	7, 443	1, 751	104, 161
March.....	2, 123	102. 2	7, 382	1, 580	115, 014
April.....	1, 863	89. 7	7, 158	1, 553	119, 700
May.....	1, 851	89. 1	7, 018	1, 383	114, 870
June.....	382	18. 4	7, 176	1, 320	118, 361
July ³	419	20. 2	7, 076	1, 150	44, 764
Week ended:					
1952: July 5.....	276	13. 3	6, 478	1, 120	79, 986
12.....	295	14. 2	6, 988	1, 018	61, 671
19.....	316	15. 2	7, 180	1, 104	26, 784
26.....	317	15. 3	7, 328	1, 117	36, 332
August 2.....	891	42. 9	7, 404	1, 392	19, 045
9.....	1, 737	83. 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 1,843,516 for 1949, 1,906,268 for the first half of 1950, 1,928,721 beginning July 1, 1950, 1,999,034 beginning January 1, 1951, and 2,077,040 beginning January 1, 1952.

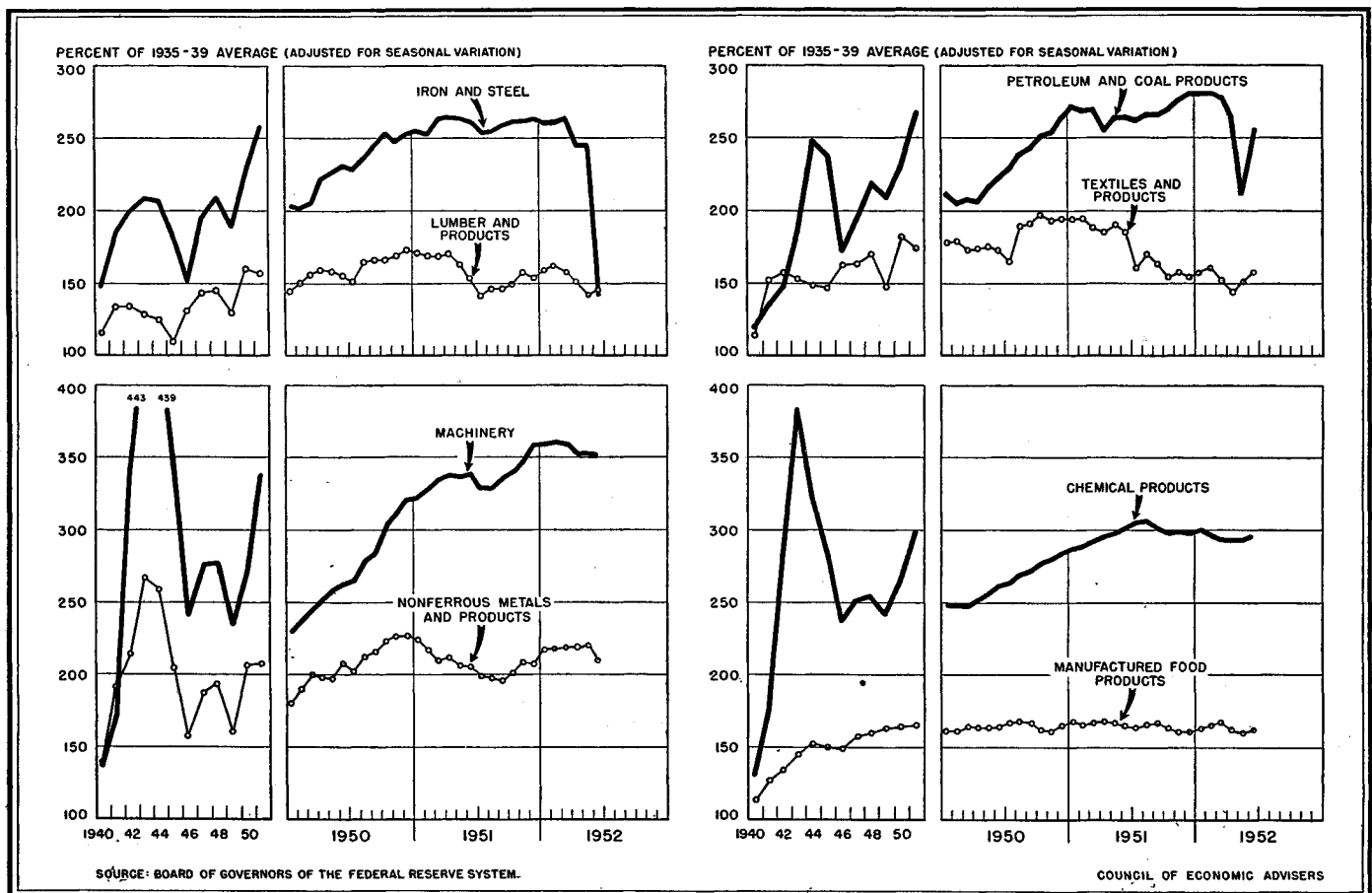
² Daily average for week.

³ Preliminary estimates.

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

PRODUCTION OF SELECTED MANUFACTURES

Output of machinery held steady in June but was slightly below the level of the first quarter of this year. Among the nondurable manufactures, higher output of textiles and petroleum and coal products was noteworthy.



[1935-39=100, seasonally adjusted]

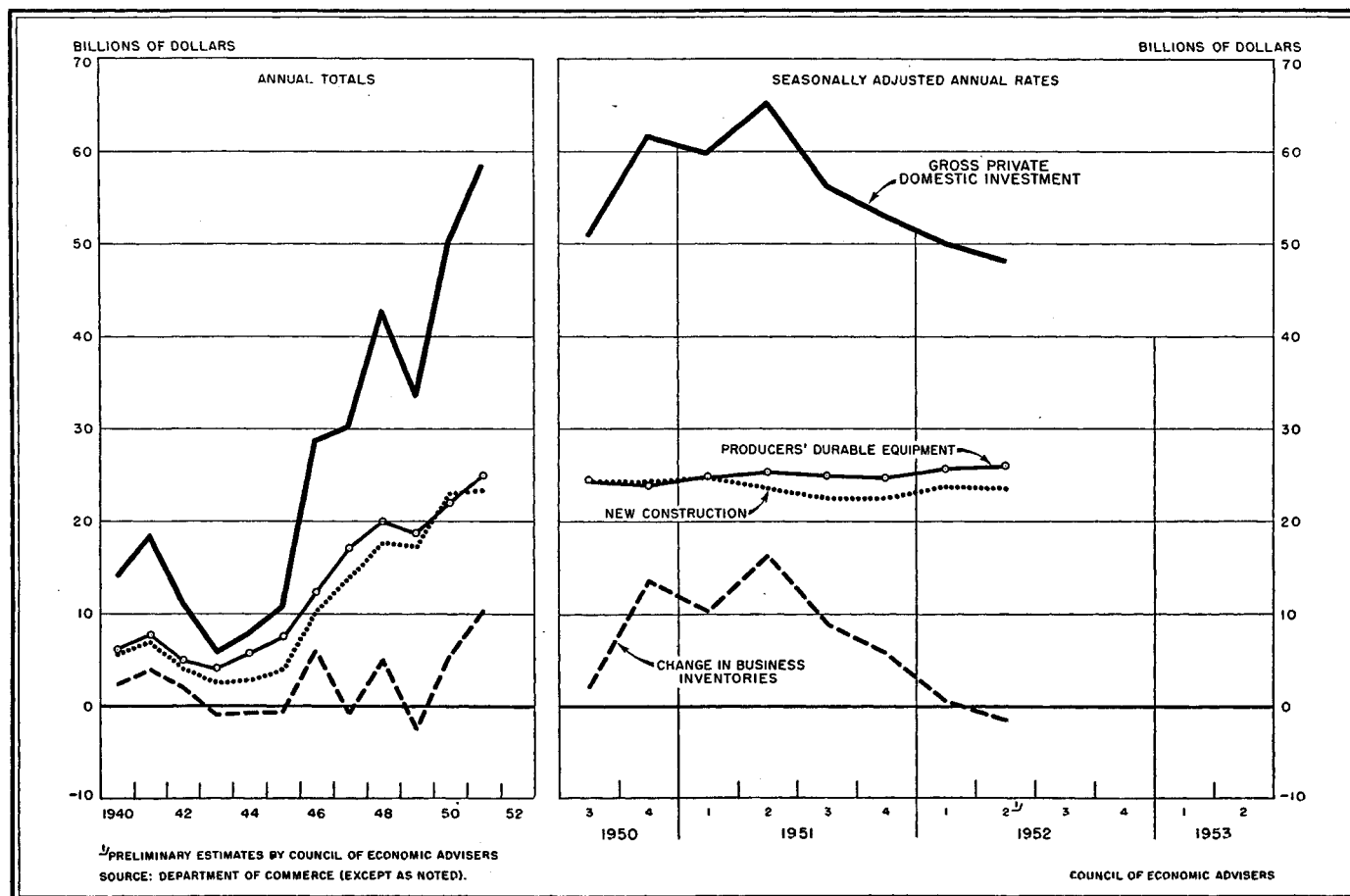
Period	Durable manufactures				Nondurable manufactures			
	Iron and steel	Lumber and products	Machinery	Nonferrous metals and products	Textiles and products	Petroleum and coal products	Manufactured food products	Chemical products
1943 monthly average.....	208	129	443	267	153	185	145	384
1946 monthly 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	160	270	206	182	229	164	264
June.....	231	155	262	207	173	222	164	261
1951 monthly average.....	259	157	336	207	174	268	165	298
1951: May.....	263	163	336	206	190	263	167	298
June.....	261	153	338	205	185	263	165	302
July.....	253	141	328	199	160	262	164	305
August.....	254	146	328	197	170	265	166	306
September.....	258	146	336	196	163	266	167	301
October.....	261	149	340	201	154	269	163	298
November.....	261	157	347	209	157	276	160	299
December.....	263	154	358	207	152	281	160	298
1952: January.....	261	159	359	216	157	281	162	300
February.....	261	162	360	217	160	281	165	297
March.....	263	158	359	218	152	278	166	294
April.....	245	152	352	219	144	266	163	293
May.....	245	141	352	220	151	213	160	293
June ¹	142	145	351	210	158	257	162	297

¹ Preliminary estimates.

Source: Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

GROSS PRIVATE DOMESTIC INVESTMENT

The small decline in total investment from the first to the second quarter was due to a drop in the rate of business inventory accumulation, as other components remained stable.



[Billions of dollars]

Period	Total gross private domestic investment	New construction			Producers' durable equipment	Change in business inventories
		Total	Residential nonfarm	Other		
1939.....	9.9	4.9	2.7	2.1	4.6	0.4
1944.....	7.7	2.8	.8	2.0	5.7	-.8
1946.....	28.7	10.3	4.0	6.3	12.3	6.1
1947.....	30.2	13.9	6.3	7.6	17.1	-.8
1948.....	42.7	17.7	8.6	9.1	19.9	5.0
1949.....	33.5	17.2	8.3	9.0	18.7	-2.5
1950.....	50.3	22.9	12.6	10.3	22.0	5.5
1951.....	58.5	23.3	11.0	12.3	24.9	10.3
Seasonally adjusted annual rates						
1950: Fourth quarter.....	61.6	24.2	13.1	11.2	23.8	13.6
1951: First quarter.....	59.8	24.7	12.8	11.9	24.8	10.3
Second quarter.....	65.2	23.5	10.9	12.6	25.4	16.3
Third quarter.....	56.2	22.4	9.9	12.5	24.9	8.9
Fourth quarter.....	52.9	22.4	10.3	12.1	24.7	5.8
1952: First quarter.....	50.0	23.7	11.0	12.7	25.7	.6
Second quarter ¹	49.3	23.6	11.0	12.6	25.7	.1

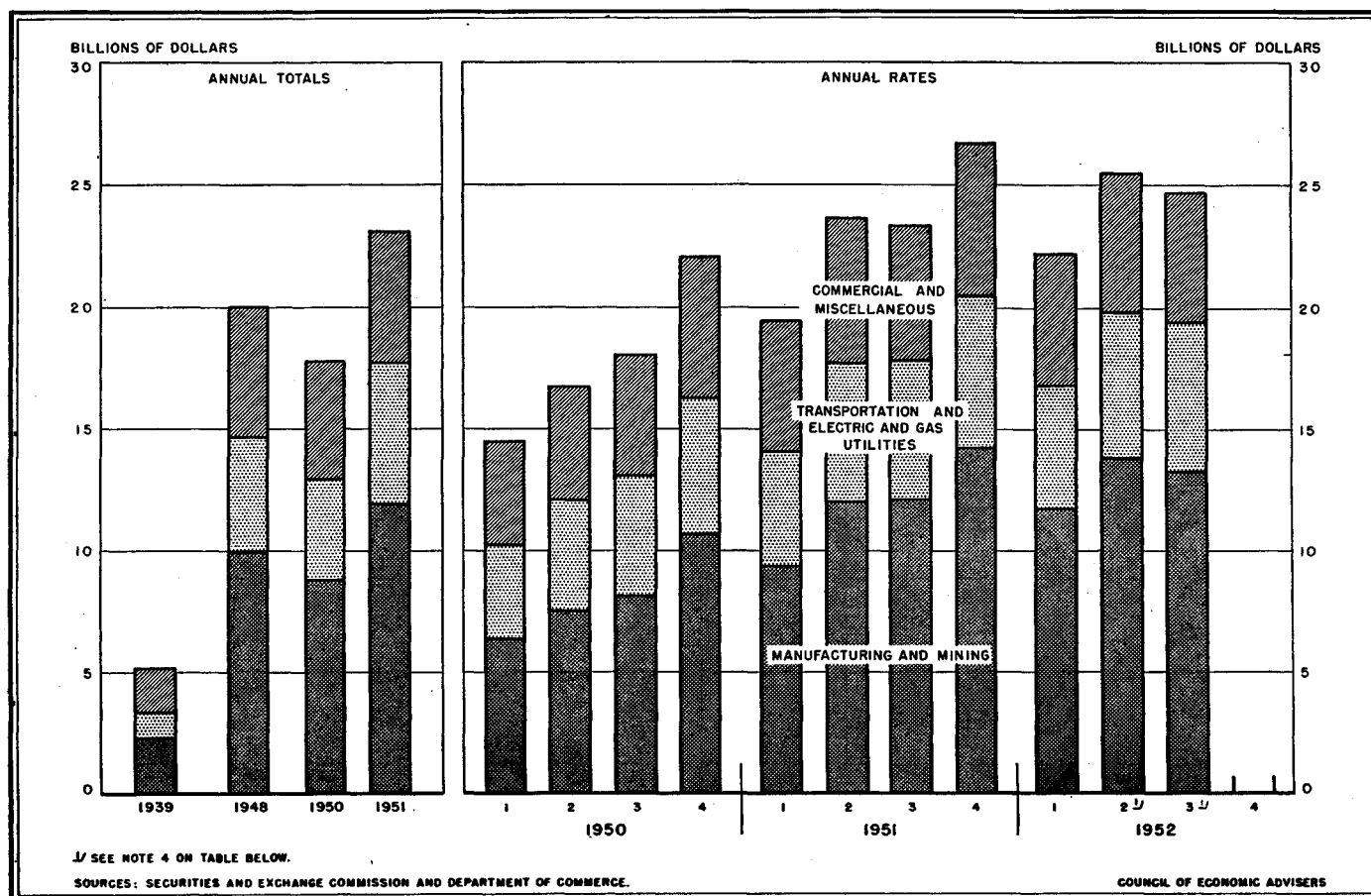
¹ Preliminary estimates. Revised figures became available after chart was prepared.

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

Source: Department of Commerce.

EXPENDITURES FOR NEW PLANT AND EQUIPMENT

Expenditures for new plant and equipment during the first half of 1952 are estimated to have been about 11 percent above the first half of 1951. Expenditures for the third quarter, while slightly below the second quarter, are expected to exceed the level of the third quarter of last year by about 6 percent.



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

Period	Total ¹	Manufacturing			Mining	Transportation		Electric and gas utilities	Commercial and miscellaneous ²
		Total	Durable goods	Nondurable goods		Railroad	Other		
1939	5,213	1,943	756	1,187	380	280	280	480	1,850
1941	8,190	3,400	(³)	(³)	680	560	340	710	2,490
1945	7,406	3,983	1,590	2,393	443	552	321	630	1,477
1948	20,032	9,134	3,483	5,651	802	1,319	700	2,683	5,394
1949	18,021	7,149	2,594	4,555	738	1,350	525	3,140	5,119
1950	17,832	7,491	3,135	4,356	684	1,136	437	3,167	4,917
1951	23,290	11,130	5,168	5,962	796	1,541	511	3,577	5,735
1950: Third quarter	18,048	7,436	3,088	4,344	720	1,140	492	3,284	4,976
Fourth quarter	22,068	9,896	4,368	5,528	792	1,280	580	3,740	5,780
1951: First quarter	19,452	8,616	3,692	4,920	732	1,212	500	3,012	5,380
Second quarter	23,652	11,208	4,924	6,284	812	1,648	544	3,572	5,868
Third quarter	23,376	11,364	5,452	5,904	796	1,508	480	3,732	5,496
Fourth quarter	26,688	13,340	6,608	6,732	844	1,796	520	3,992	6,196
1952: First quarter	22,208	10,968	5,304	5,664	752	1,504	536	3,044	5,404
Second quarter ⁴	25,424	13,004	6,312	6,692	868	1,624	644	3,736	5,548
Third quarter ⁴	24,672	12,348	5,752	6,596	868	1,560	480	4,144	5,272

¹ Excludes agriculture.

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

³ Not available.

⁴ Estimates based on anticipated capital expenditures of business as reported in a survey made during the second quarter of 1952.

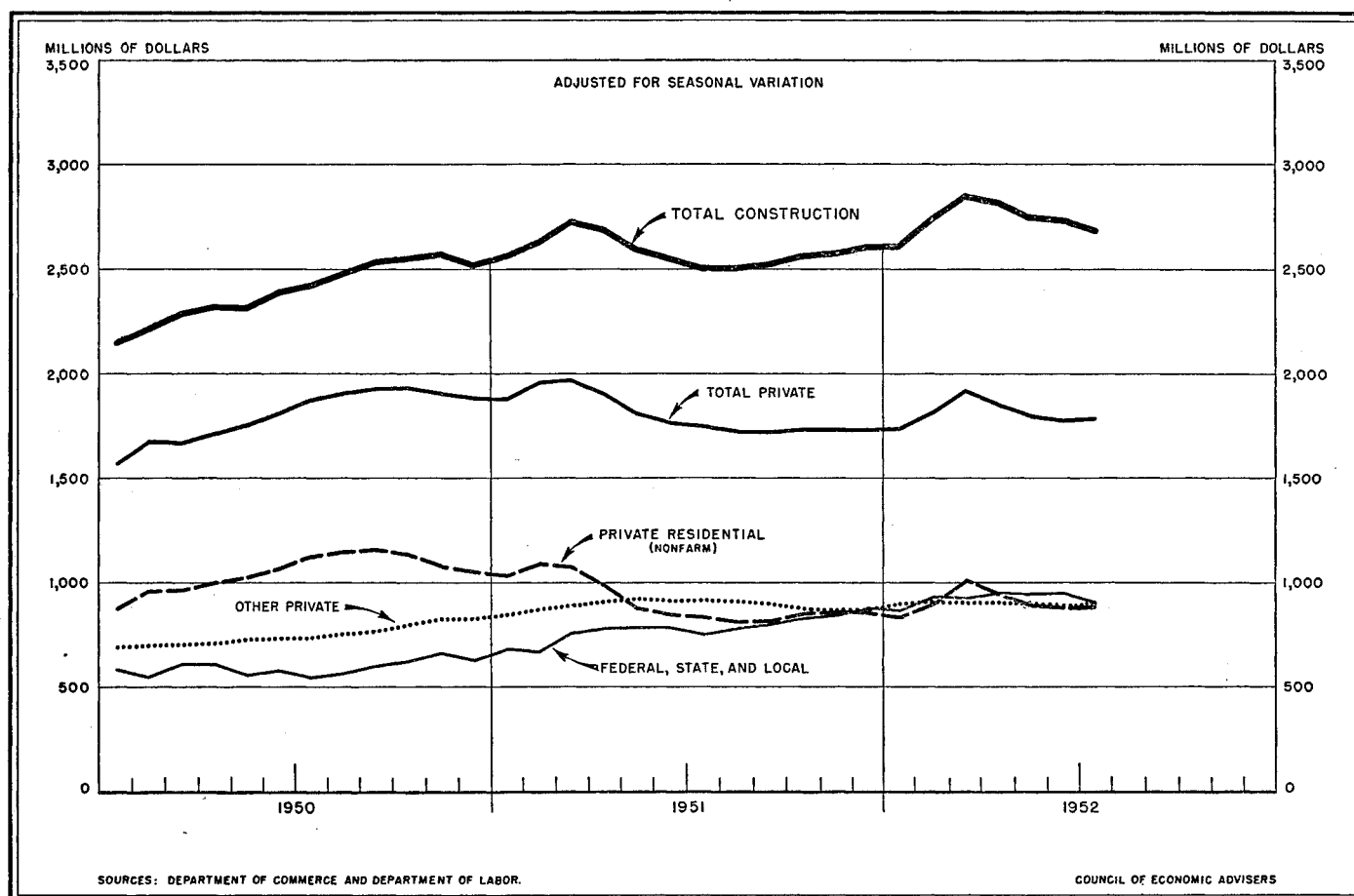
NOTE.—These figures do not agree with the totals included in the gross national product estimates of the Department of Commerce, principally because the latter cover agricultural investment and also certain equipment and construction outlays charged to current expense. Figures for 1939-44 are Federal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

Detail will not necessarily add to totals because of rounding.

Sources: Securities and Exchange Commission and Department of Commerce (except as noted).

NEW CONSTRUCTION

During July, new construction expenditures, seasonally adjusted, continued the moderate decline which had begun in April. All of the drop was accounted for by public construction.



[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.....	1,899	1,365	689	676	534
1950 monthly average.....	2,396	1,801	1,050	751	595
June.....	2,389	1,808	1,072	736	581
1951 monthly average.....	2,585	1,807	914	893	778
1951: June.....	2,551	1,766	850	916	785
July.....	2,502	1,749	834	915	753
August.....	2,505	1,724	812	912	781
September.....	2,523	1,722	821	901	801
October.....	2,561	1,732	855	877	829
November.....	2,577	1,734	864	870	843
December.....	2,607	1,734	862	872	873
1952: January.....	2,609	1,739	837	902	870
February.....	2,743	1,813	901	912	930
March.....	2,854	1,920	1,011	909	934
April.....	2,811	1,859	954	905	952
May.....	2,743	1,801	904	897	942
June.....	2,722	1,775	882	893	947
July ²	2,686	1,784	883	901	902

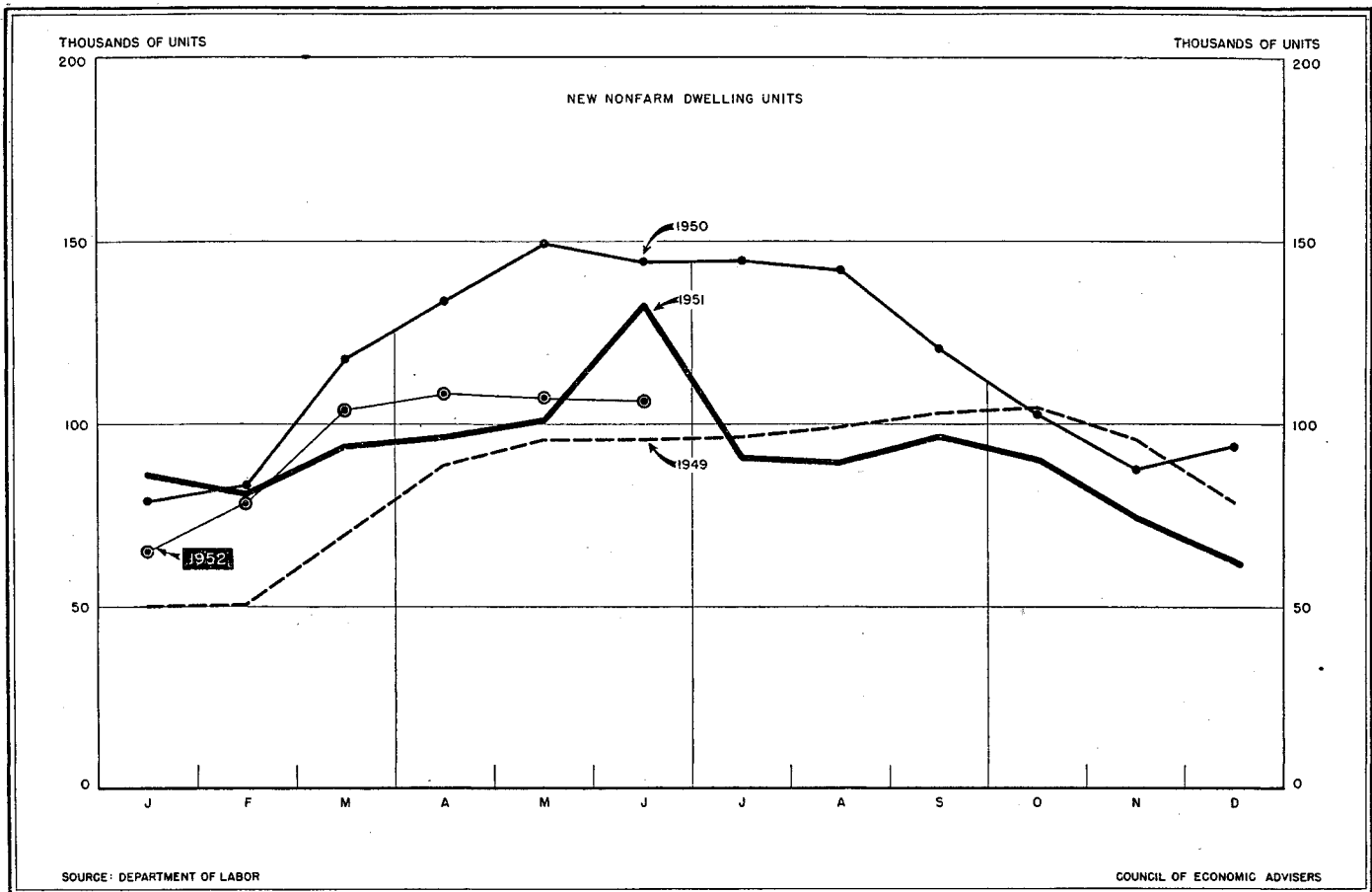
¹ Includes public residential construction.

² Preliminary estimates

Sources: Department of Commerce and Department of Labor.

NEW HOUSING STARTS

New housing starts in June were at about the level of the preceding 3 months, but approximately 20 percent below June 1951, when an unusually large number of public housing starts swelled the total.



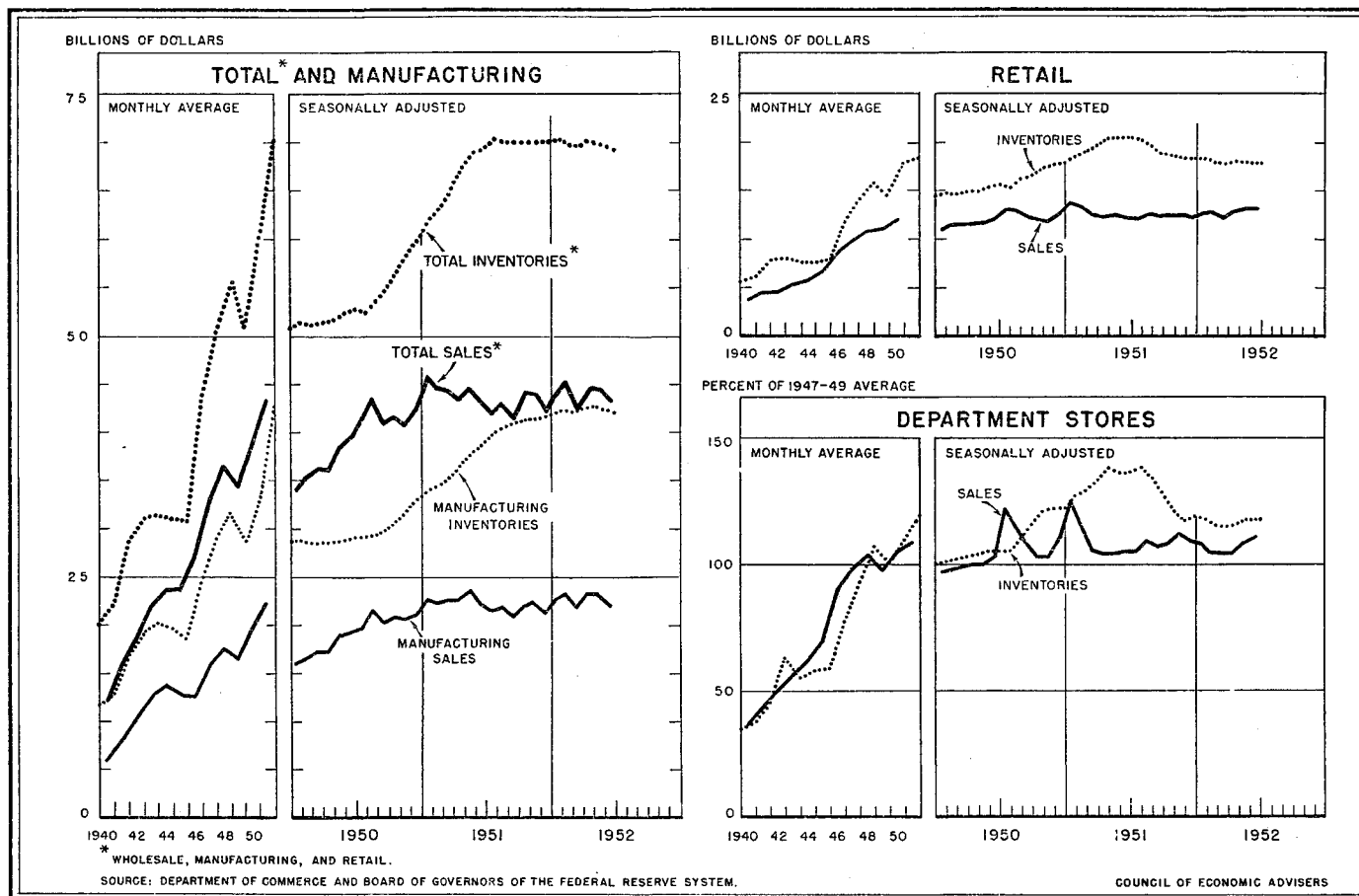
Month	New nonfarm units started					
	1947	1948	1949	1950	1951	1952
January.....	39,300	53,500	50,000	78,700	85,900	64,900
February.....	42,800	50,100	50,400	82,900	80,600	77,700
March.....	56,000	76,400	69,400	117,300	93,800	103,900
April.....	67,100	99,500	88,300	133,400	96,200	¹ 108,000
May.....	72,900	100,300	95,400	149,100	101,000	¹ 107,000
June.....	77,200	97,800	95,500	144,300	132,500	¹ 106,000
July.....	81,100	95,000	96,100	144,400	90,500	-----
August.....	86,300	86,700	99,000	141,900	89,100	-----
September.....	93,800	82,300	102,900	120,600	96,400	-----
October.....	94,000	73,400	104,300	102,500	90,000	-----
November.....	79,700	63,700	95,500	87,300	74,500	-----
December.....	58,800	52,900	78,300	93,600	60,800	-----
Total.....	849,000	931,600	1,025,100	1,396,000	1,091,300	-----
Monthly average.....	70,750	77,600	85,425	116,300	90,900	-----

¹ Preliminary estimates.

Source: Department of Labor.

INVENTORIES AND SALES

In June, total business sales dropped about 3 percent and inventories almost 1 percent. Lower sales were registered at the manufacturing, wholesale, and retail levels, with manufacturing showing the largest drop. The only increase in inventories was at the wholesale level.



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 1947-49=100 seasonally adjusted
1939	20,051	10,803	5,534	3,504	11,465	5,112	(6)	35	35
1943	31,343	21,920	7,561	5,270	20,098	12,820	(6)	55	56
1946	42,942	27,151	11,852	8,541	24,498	12,617	13,694	77	90
1947	50,605	33,157	14,060	9,967	28,920	15,918	15,622	93	98
1948	55,647	36,438	15,828	10,877	31,734	17,630	17,337	107	104
1949	50,921	34,467	14,502	10,893	28,690	16,339	15,791	100	98
1950	60,434	39,109	17,793	11,974	33,253	19,064	20,731	110	105
June	52,828	39,239	15,574	12,059	29,123	19,271	20,922	105	103
1951	70,107	43,455	18,093	12,549	42,014	22,036	23,991	129	109
1951: May	68,981	44,728	20,643	12,411	38,068	23,434	23,582	136	104
June	69,442	43,052	20,282	12,240	39,009	22,133	24,054	135	105
July	70,268	41,691	20,045	12,058	39,908	21,249	22,556	138	105
August	70,124	42,930	19,429	12,429	40,621	21,677	22,962	134	109
September	69,965	41,215	18,761	12,258	41,132	20,591	21,536	128	107
October	70,068	44,175	18,545	12,551	41,424	22,463	24,289	121	108
November	69,991	43,648	18,280	12,492	41,676	22,214	22,627	117	113
December	70,107	41,609	18,093	12,318	42,014	20,761	20,767	119	109
1952: January	70,219	43,989	18,061	12,650	42,206	22,484	22,565	118	108
February	69,899	45,144	17,980	12,862	42,192	23,334	22,071	116	106
March	69,972	42,627	17,887	12,399	42,332	21,914	23,133	115	105
April ⁷	70,185	44,807	18,010	12,711	42,513	23,324	23,113	116	103
May ⁷	69,914	44,637	17,997	13,098	42,450	23,105	21,674	118	108
June ⁷	69,344	43,340	17,737	13,039	42,100	21,900	22,500	118	111

¹ Also includes 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 Index of book value, end of period, except annual data, which are averages of monthly figures.

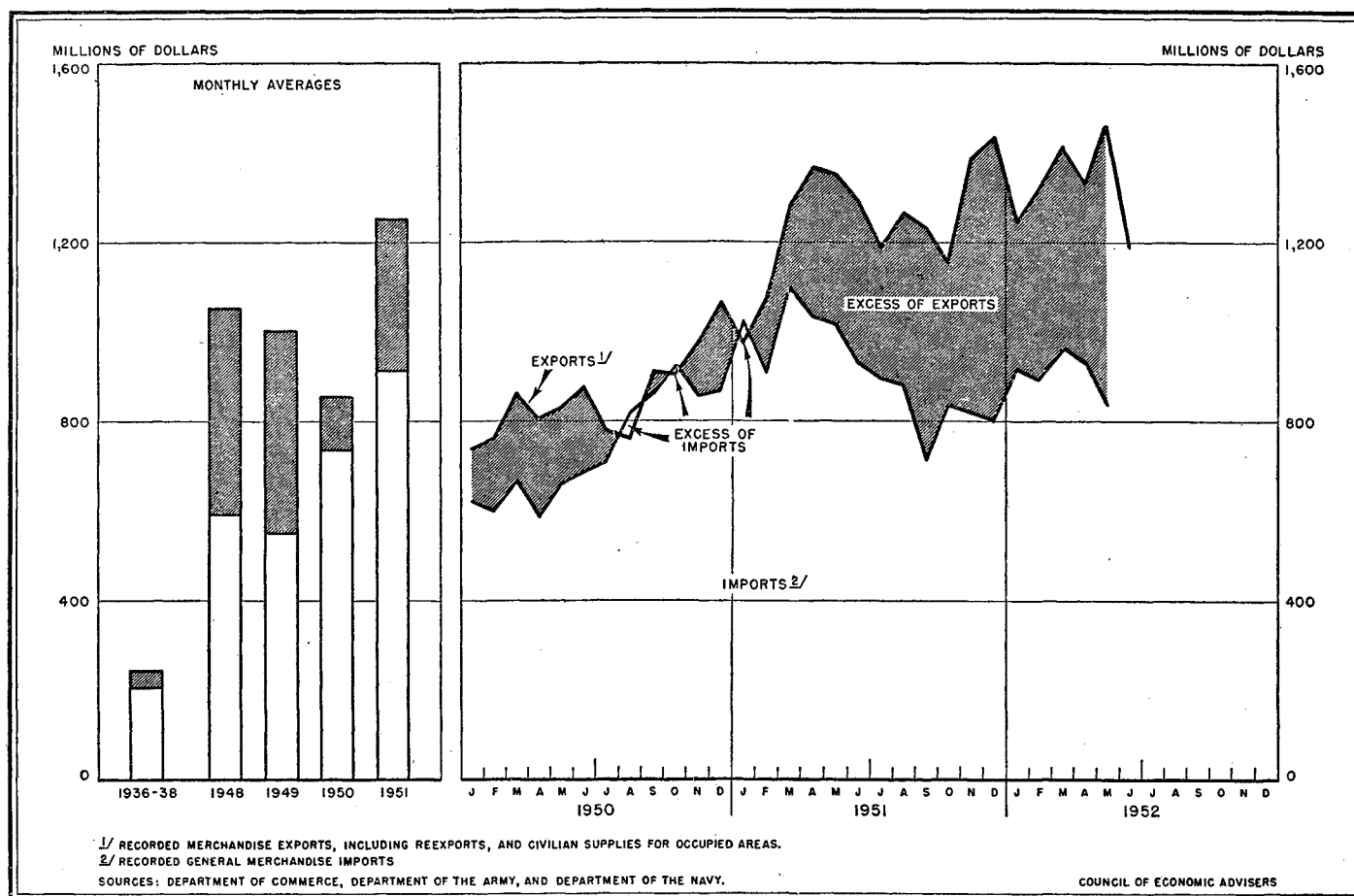
⁶ Not available.

⁷ Preliminary estimates.

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

MERCHANDISE EXPORTS AND IMPORTS

The dollar value of exports dropped almost 20 percent in June, according to preliminary estimates, as both military and nonmilitary items sent abroad decreased.



[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	+799
1946 monthly average.....	812	412	+400
1947 monthly average.....	1,278	480	+799
1948 monthly average.....	1,054	594	+461
1949 monthly average.....	1,003	552	+452
1950 monthly average.....	856	738	+119
June.....	877	687	+190
1951 monthly average.....	1,252	914	+339
1951: March.....	1,295	1,102	+194
April.....	1,370	1,033	+337
May.....	1,354	1,018	+337
June.....	1,297	930	+366
July.....	1,186	894	+292
August.....	1,269	880	+389
September.....	1,232	721	+510
October.....	1,152	834	+318
November.....	1,386	818	+568
December.....	1,438	800	+637
1952: January.....	1,252	922	+330
February.....	1,333	892	+441
March.....	1,421	963	+458
April.....	1,331	933	+402
May.....	1,461	835	+626
June ³	1,190		

¹ Recorded merchandise exports, including reexports, and Department of Defense shipments under the Mutual Security Program.

² Recorded general merchandise imports.

³ Preliminary estimate.

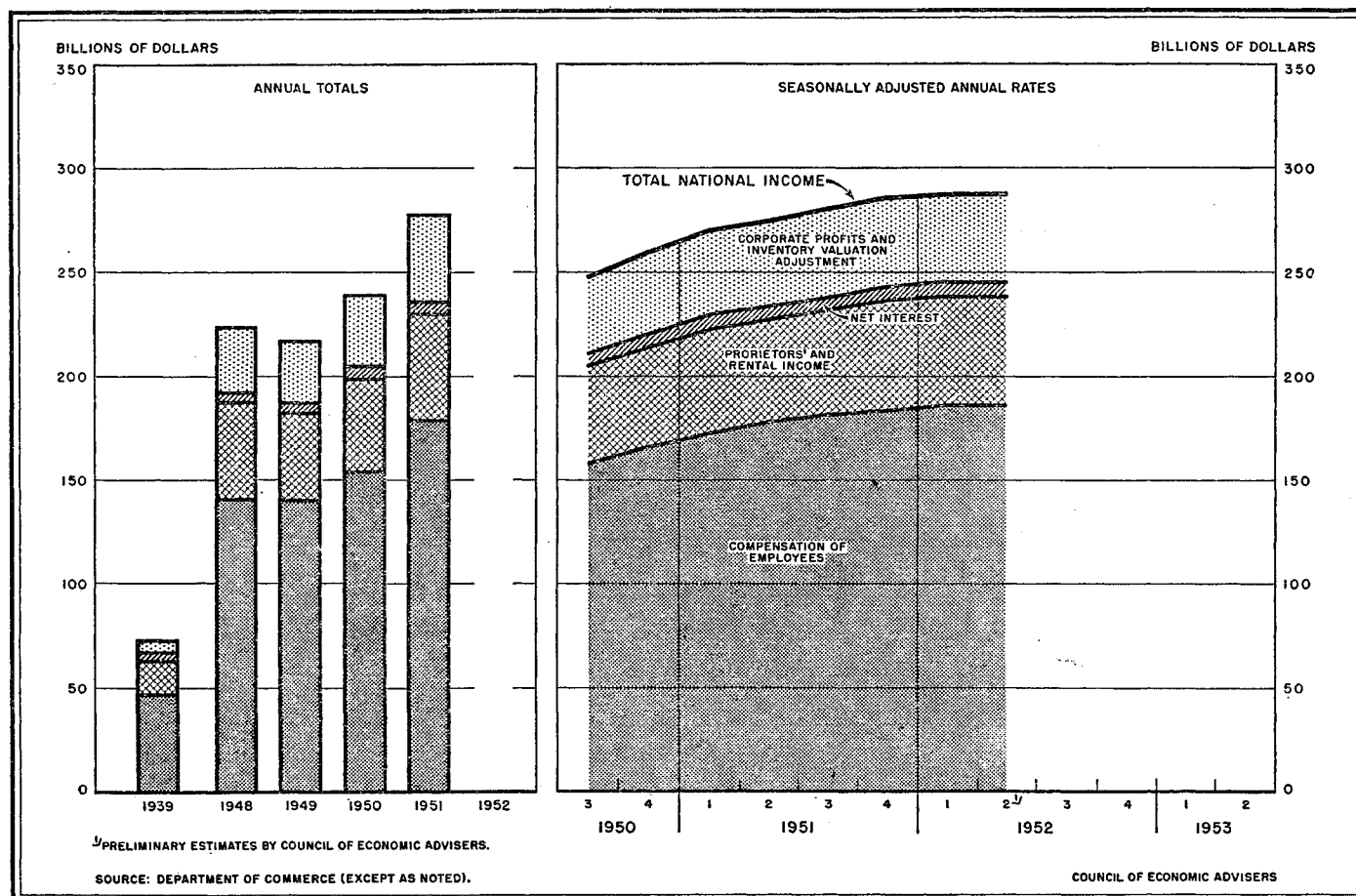
NOTE: Detail will not necessarily add to totals because of rounding.

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

PURCHASING POWER

NATIONAL INCOME

National income rose about \$½ billion (seasonally adjusted annual rate) during the second quarter. Compensation of employees rose by an equal amount, while a small decrease in proprietors' income was offset by an increase in net interest. Corporate profits after adjustment for inventory valuation were unchanged from the first quarter level.



[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	216.3	139.9	42.1	5.0	29.2	27.1	+2.1
1950	239.2	153.4	45.2	5.8	34.8	39.6	-4.8
1951	277.6	178.9	50.6	6.4	41.6	42.9	-1.3
Seasonally adjusted annual rates							
1950: Fourth quarter	259.4	165.4	48.0	6.2	39.8	48.4	-8.6
1951: First quarter	269.6	172.9	49.7	6.3	40.7	50.1	-9.4
1951: Second quarter	274.8	178.2	49.0	6.4	41.2	43.3	-2.1
1951: Third quarter	280.2	181.0	50.8	6.5	41.9	38.6	+3.2
1951: Fourth quarter	285.6	183.4	53.1	6.6	42.5	39.5	+3.0
1952: First quarter	288.0	186.5	52.1	6.7	42.7	42.7	-0.1
1952: Second quarter	288.4	186.9	51.9	6.9	42.7	41.0	+1.7

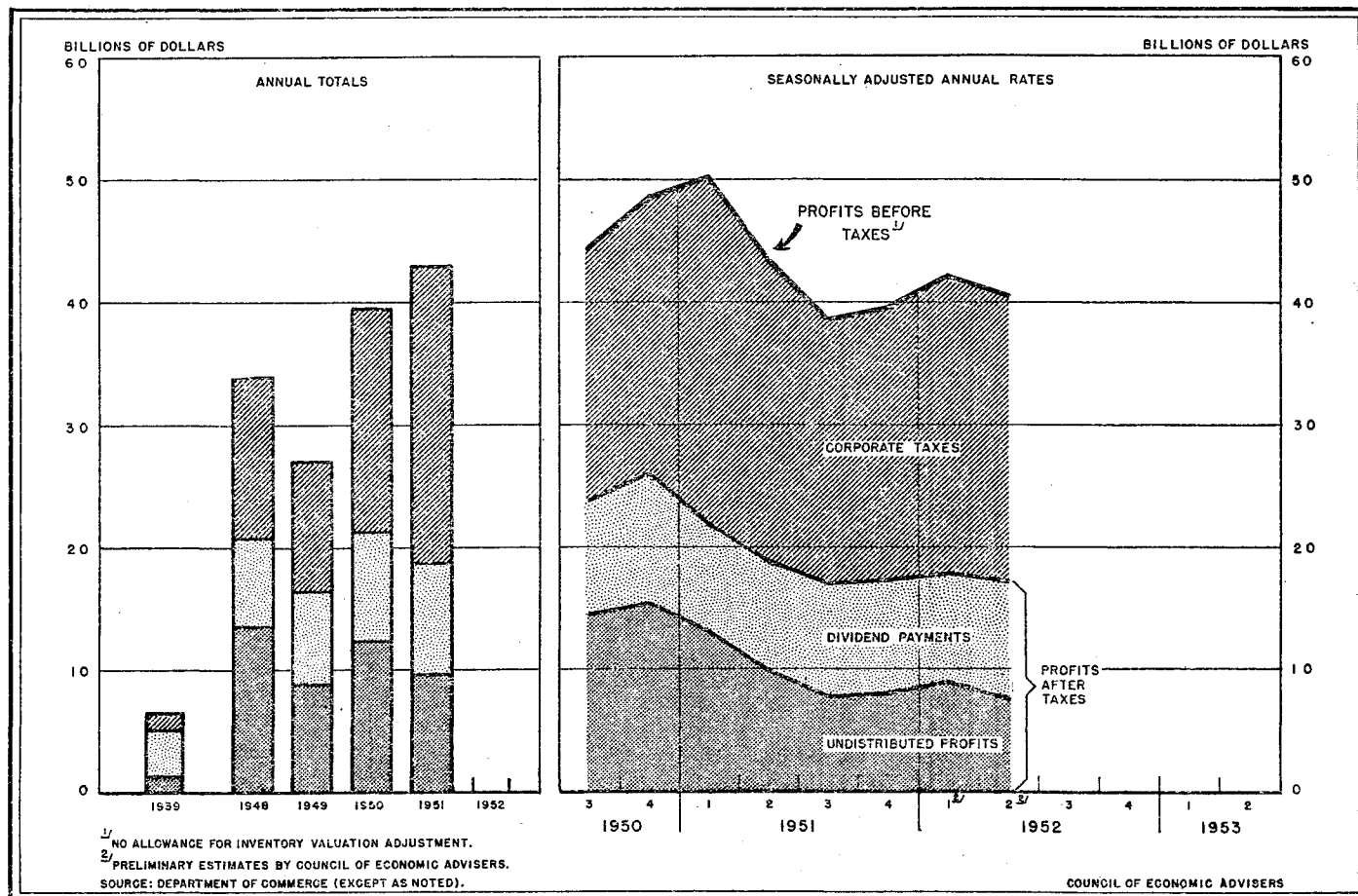
1 Preliminary estimates by Council of Economic Advisers.

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

Source: Department of Commerce (except as noted).

CORPORATE PROFITS

The annual rate of corporate profits before taxes declined about \$1½ billion from the first to the second quarter of this year, according to preliminary estimates. Dividend payments increased, while undistributed profits fell.



[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	27.1	10.8	16.3	7.5	8.8
1950	39.6	18.4	21.2	9.0	12.3
1951	42.9	24.2	18.7	9.0	9.6
Seasonally adjusted annual rates					
1950: Third quarter	44.3	20.6	23.7	9.3	14.4
1950: Fourth quarter	48.4	22.5	26.0	10.7	15.3
1951: First quarter	50.1	28.4	21.7	8.6	13.1
1951: Second quarter	43.3	24.5	18.8	9.0	9.8
1951: Third quarter	38.6	21.8	16.9	9.2	7.7
1951: Fourth quarter	39.5	22.2	17.3	9.3	8.0
1952: First quarter	42.7	24.7	18.1	8.9	9.2
1952: Second quarter ¹	41.0	23.7	17.3	9.6	7.7

¹ Preliminary estimates by Council of Economic Advisers.

NOTE.—Corporate profits tax liability estimates for 1951 have been revised because of changes in the effective rate under 1951 tax legislation as estimated from tax collections.

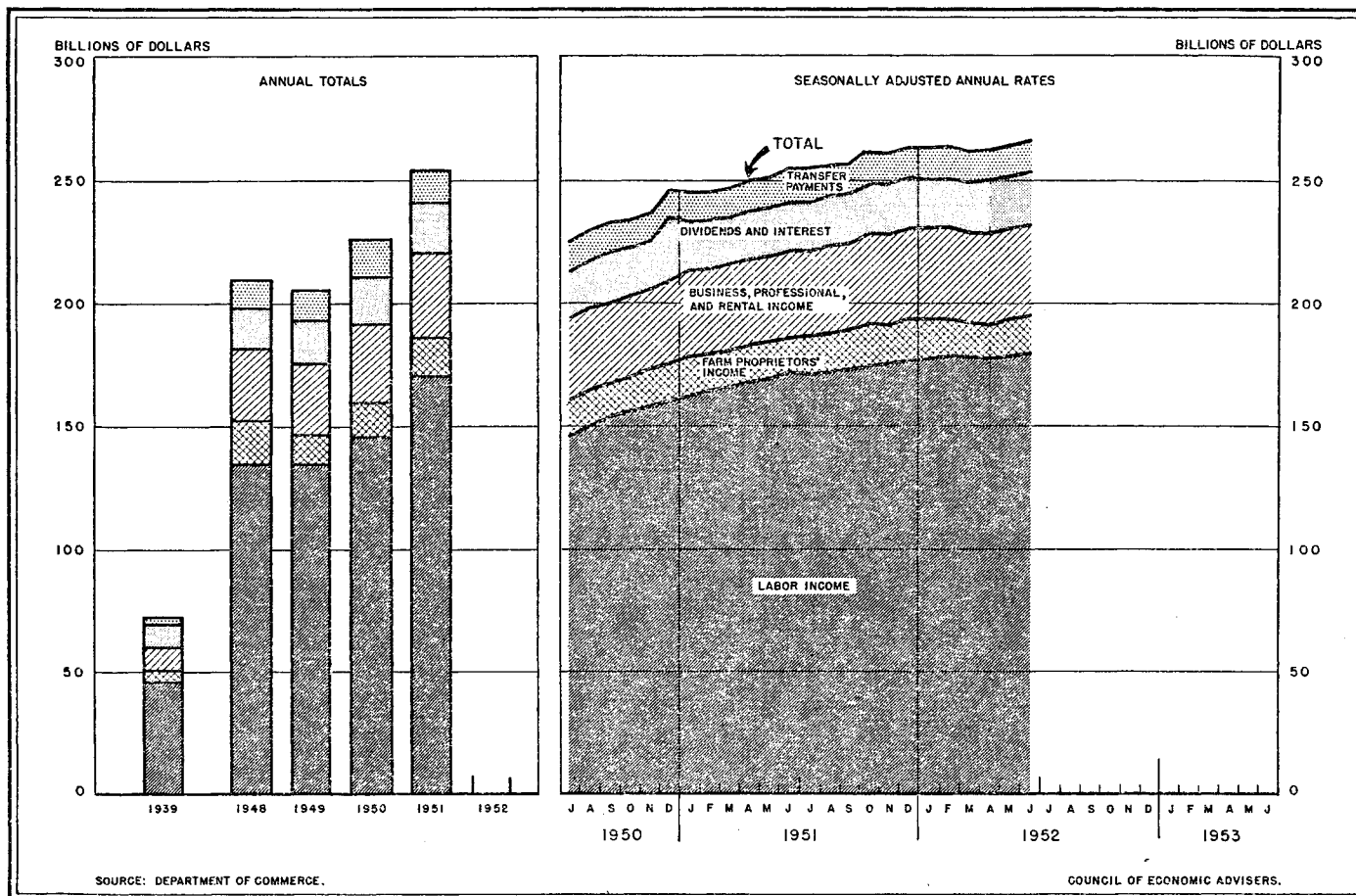
See p. 21 for profits before taxes and inventory valuation adjustment.

Detail will not necessarily add to totals because of rounding.

Source: Department of Commerce (except as noted).

PERSONAL INCOME

In June, personal income rose at an annual rate of \$1½ billion (seasonally adjusted). Farm income accounted for most of the gain. Salaries and wages also increased while other major components were practically unchanged.



[Billions of dollars]

Period	Total personal income	Labor income (salaries, wages, and other labor income) ¹	Proprietors' income ¹		Dividends and personal interest	Transfer payments
			Farm	Business, professional, and rental income		
1939	72.6	45.7	4.5	10.3	9.2	3.0
1944	165.9	116.2	11.8	23.7	10.6	3.6
1948	209.5	134.9	17.7	29.6	16.0	11.3
1949	205.9	134.3	13.0	28.4	17.1	12.4
1950	226.3	146.5	13.3	31.9	19.5	² 15.1
1951	254.1	170.7	15.6	35.0	20.4	12.4
Seasonally adjusted annual rates						
1950: June	221.0	144.9	12.1	31.7	18.7	13.6
1951: April	250.0	168.6	14.7	34.4	20.3	12.0
May	251.4	169.5	14.4	34.6	20.3	12.6
June	254.3	172.4	14.2	34.6	20.4	12.7
July	254.5	171.5	15.4	34.7	20.4	12.5
August	256.7	172.1	16.2	35.3	20.5	12.6
September	257.3	173.0	15.8	35.1	21.0	12.4
October	261.7	174.8	17.4	36.0	20.8	12.7
November	260.9	175.5	16.4	36.1	20.5	12.4
December	263.4	176.9	17.1	36.2	21.1	12.1
1952: January	263.4	177.4	16.6	36.5	20.1	12.8
February	263.5	178.8	15.2	36.6	20.5	12.4
March	261.9	178.2	14.4	35.9	21.0	12.4
April	262.5	177.8	14.4	36.5	21.5	12.3
May	264.5	179.0	14.6	36.8	21.5	12.6
June ³	266.0	179.6	15.5	37.0	21.4	12.5

¹ Excludes employee contributions for social insurance, and self-employed contributions (which became effective January 1952).

² Includes \$2.7 billion National Service Life Insurance dividend, most of which was paid in the first half of the year.

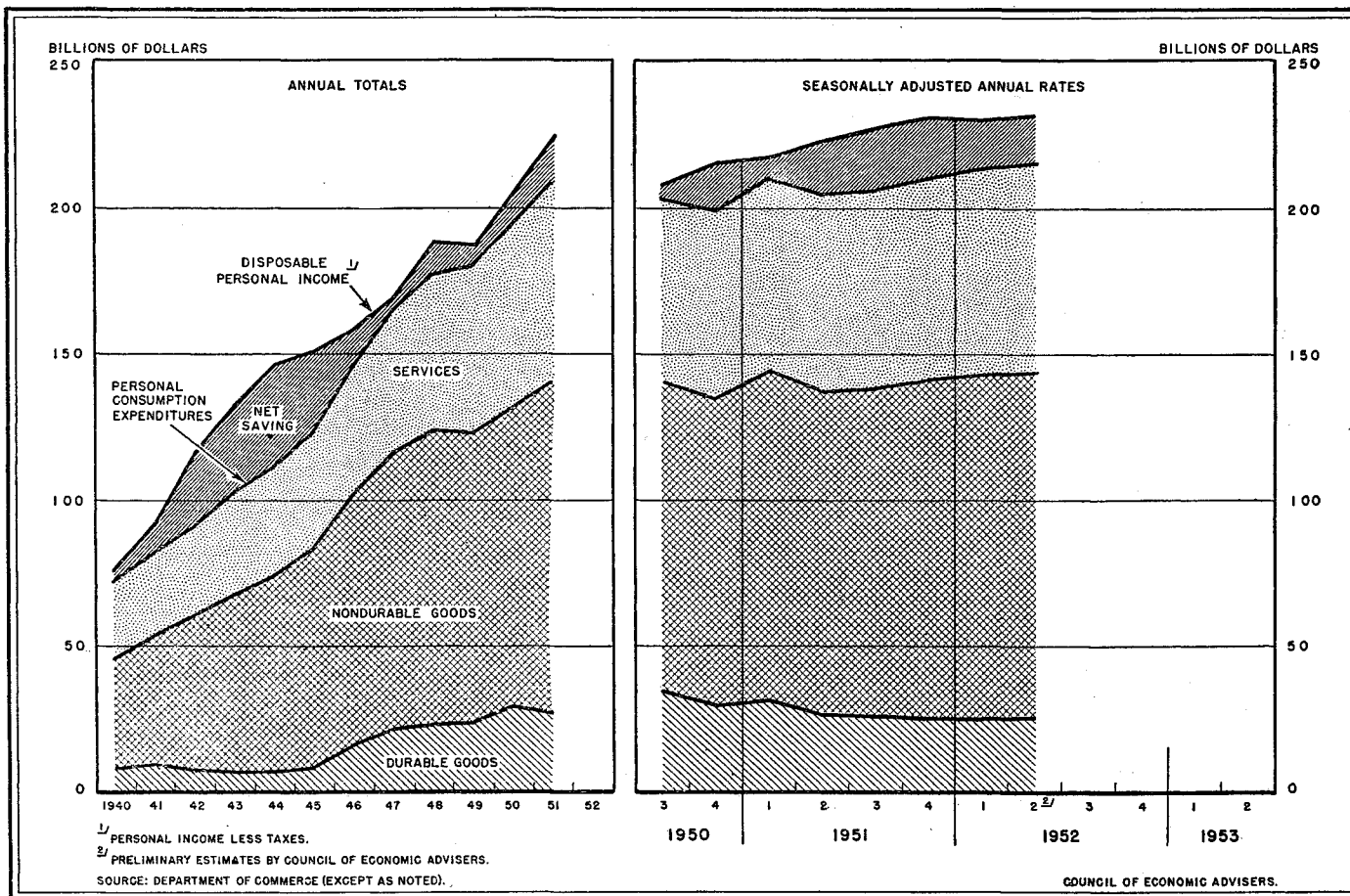
³ Preliminary estimates.

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

Source: Department of Commerce.

CONSUMER INCOME, SPENDING, AND SAVING

Personal consumption expenditures rose slightly more than disposable income in the second quarter, according to preliminary estimates. Consequently, there was a slight decline in the rate of saving.



Period	Dispos- able per- sonal income ¹	Less: Personal consumption expenditures				Equals: Personal net saving	Net saving as percent of dis- posable income
		Total	Durable goods	Nondur- able goods	Services		
	Billions of dollars						
1939-----	70.2	67.5	6.7	35.3	25.5	2.7	3.8
1941-----	92.0	82.3	9.8	44.0	28.5	9.8	10.7
1942-----	116.7	91.2	7.1	52.9	31.2	25.6	21.9
1944-----	147.0	111.6	7.1	67.1	37.4	35.4	24.1
1946-----	158.9	146.9	16.6	85.8	44.5	12.0	7.6
1947-----	169.5	165.6	21.4	95.1	49.1	3.9	2.3
1948-----	188.4	177.9	22.9	100.9	54.1	10.5	5.6
1949-----	187.2	180.6	23.8	99.2	57.5	6.7	3.6
1950-----	205.5	194.3	29.2	102.8	62.4	11.2	5.5
1951-----	225.0	208.0	27.1	113.5	67.3	17.0	7.6
	Seasonally adjusted annual rates						
1950: Fourth quarter-----	216.0	199.4	29.7	105.3	64.4	16.6	7.7
1951: First quarter-----	218.0	210.5	31.3	113.3	65.9	7.5	3.4
Second quarter-----	223.2	204.5	26.3	111.3	66.9	18.7	8.4
Third quarter-----	227.1	206.4	25.5	113.2	67.6	20.7	9.1
Fourth quarter-----	231.5	210.5	25.3	116.2	69.0	21.1	9.1
1952: First quarter-----	230.5	213.2	25.2	118.0	70.0	17.3	7.5
Second quarter ² -----	231.5	214.9	26.4	117.8	70.8	16.5	7.1

¹ Income less taxes.

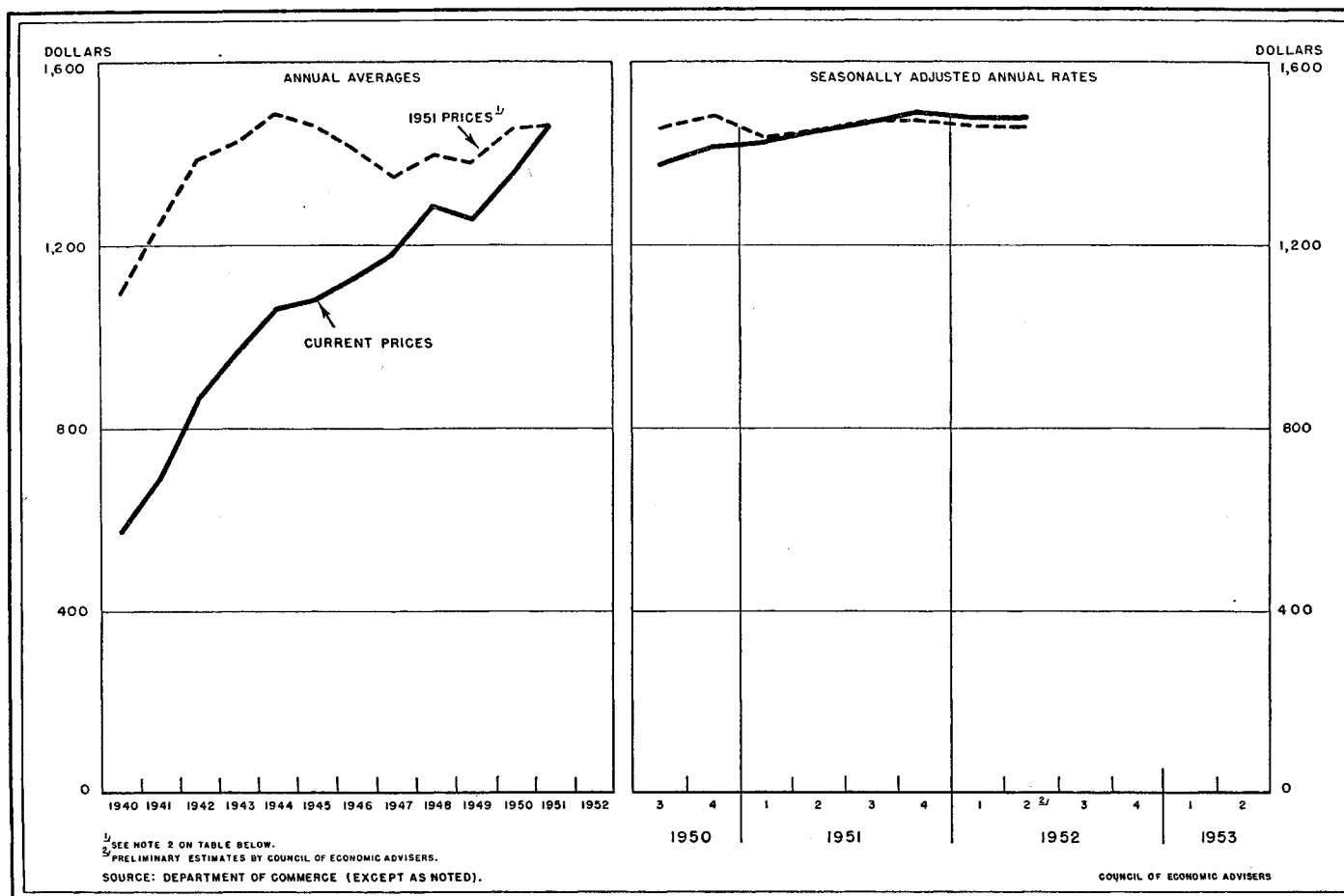
² Preliminary estimates.

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

Source: Department of Commerce.

PER CAPITA DISPOSABLE INCOME

Per capita disposable income, adjusted for price changes, has remained remarkably stable since 1950.



Period	Total disposable personal income (billions of dollars) ¹		Per capita disposable personal income (dollars) ¹		Population (thousands) ²
	Current prices	1951 prices ³	Current prices	1951 prices ³	
1939.....	70.2	135.5	536	1,035	130,880
1941.....	92.0	166.1	690	1,245	133,377
1942.....	116.7	187.3	866	1,390	134,831
1944.....	147.0	205.9	1,062	1,487	138,390
1946.....	158.9	200.4	1,124	1,417	141,398
1947.....	169.5	194.4	1,176	1,349	144,129
1948.....	188.4	204.8	1,285	1,397	146,621
1949.....	187.2	205.7	1,255	1,379	149,149
1950.....	205.5	220.7	1,355	1,455	151,689
1951.....	225.0	225.0	1,458	1,458	154,353
Seasonally adjusted annual rates					
1950: Fourth quarter.....	216.0	226.2	1,414	1,481	152,774
1951: First quarter.....	218.0	219.8	1,421	1,432	153,396
Second quarter.....	223.2	223.6	1,449	1,452	154,011
Third quarter.....	227.1	227.3	1,468	1,469	154,724
Fourth quarter.....	231.5	229.0	1,489	1,473	155,466
1952: First quarter.....	230.5	227.5	1,477	1,458	156,098
Second quarter ⁴	231.5	228.1	1,477	1,455	156,700

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.

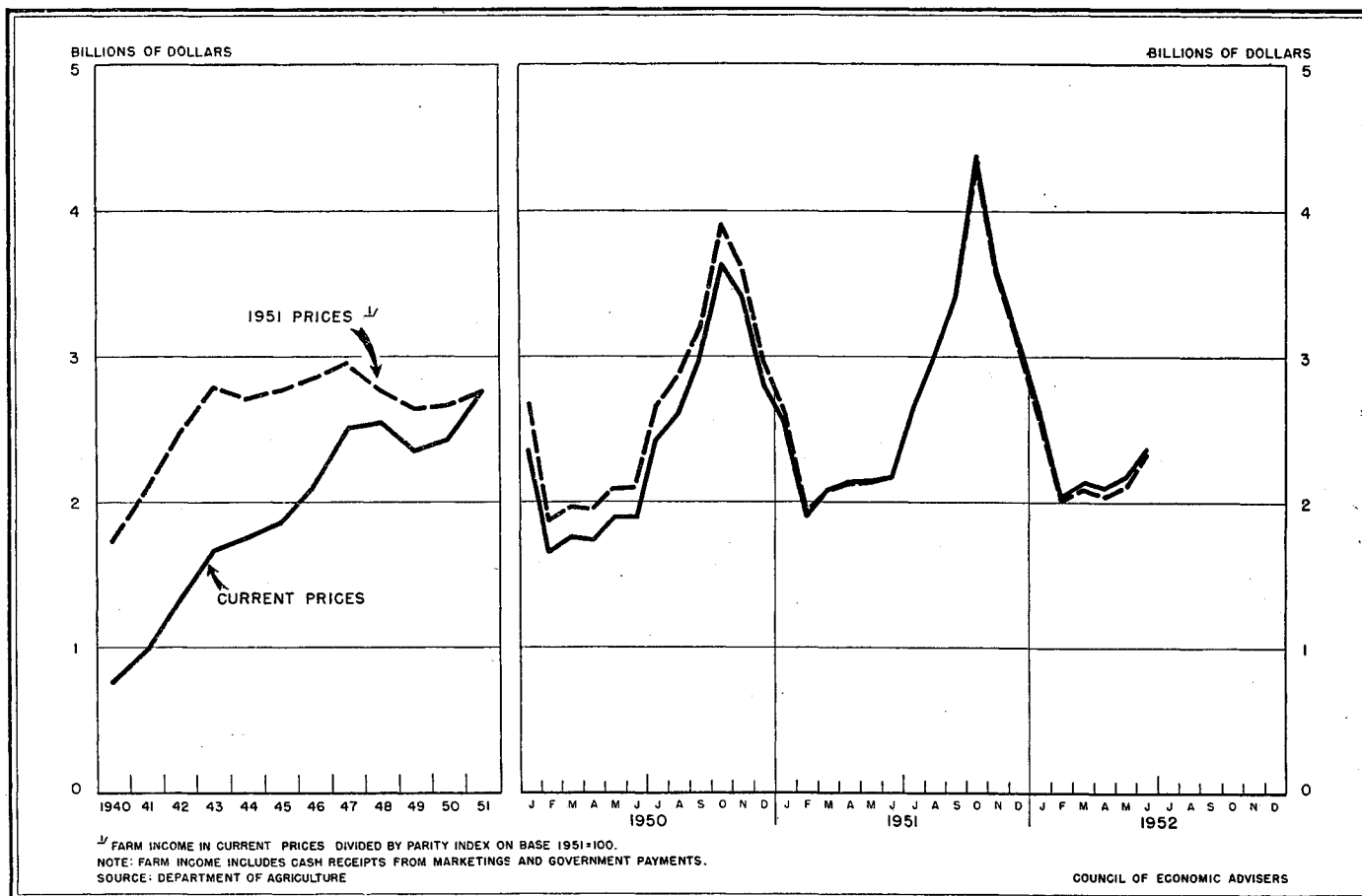
³ Provisional intercensal estimates of the population of the United States including Armed Forces overseas, taking into account the final 1950 Census total population count. Annual data as of July 1; quarterly data centered in the middle of the period, interpolated from monthly figures.

⁴ Preliminary estimates.

Source: Department of Commerce.

FARM INCOME

In June 1952, the increase in farm income was much more pronounced than in June 1951.



Period	Farm income (millions of current dollars)	Parity index (prices paid, interest, taxes, and wage rates) 1951=100 ¹	Farm income (millions of 1951 dollars) ²
1939 monthly average.....	715	43	1,663
1941 monthly average.....	968	47	2,060
1944 monthly average.....	1,763	65	2,712
1946 monthly average.....	2,110	74	2,851
1948 monthly average.....	2,540	92	2,761
1949 monthly average.....	2,350	89	2,640
1950 monthly average.....	2,421	91	2,660
June.....	1,885	90	2,094
1951 monthly average.....	2,756	100	2,756
1951: May.....	2,153	101	2,132
June.....	2,169	100	2,169
July.....	2,652	100	2,652
August.....	2,992	100	2,992
September.....	3,395	100	3,395
October.....	4,355	101	4,312
November.....	3,601	101	3,565
December.....	3,115	101	3,084
1952: January.....	2,642	102	2,590
February.....	2,043	102	2,003
March.....	2,122	102	2,080
April.....	2,100	103	2,039
May ³	2,177	103	2,114
June ³	2,366	102	2,320

¹ Converted from the reported base, 1910-14=100, to the base 1951=100.

² Farm income in current dollars divided by parity index; base 1951=100.

³ Preliminary estimates.

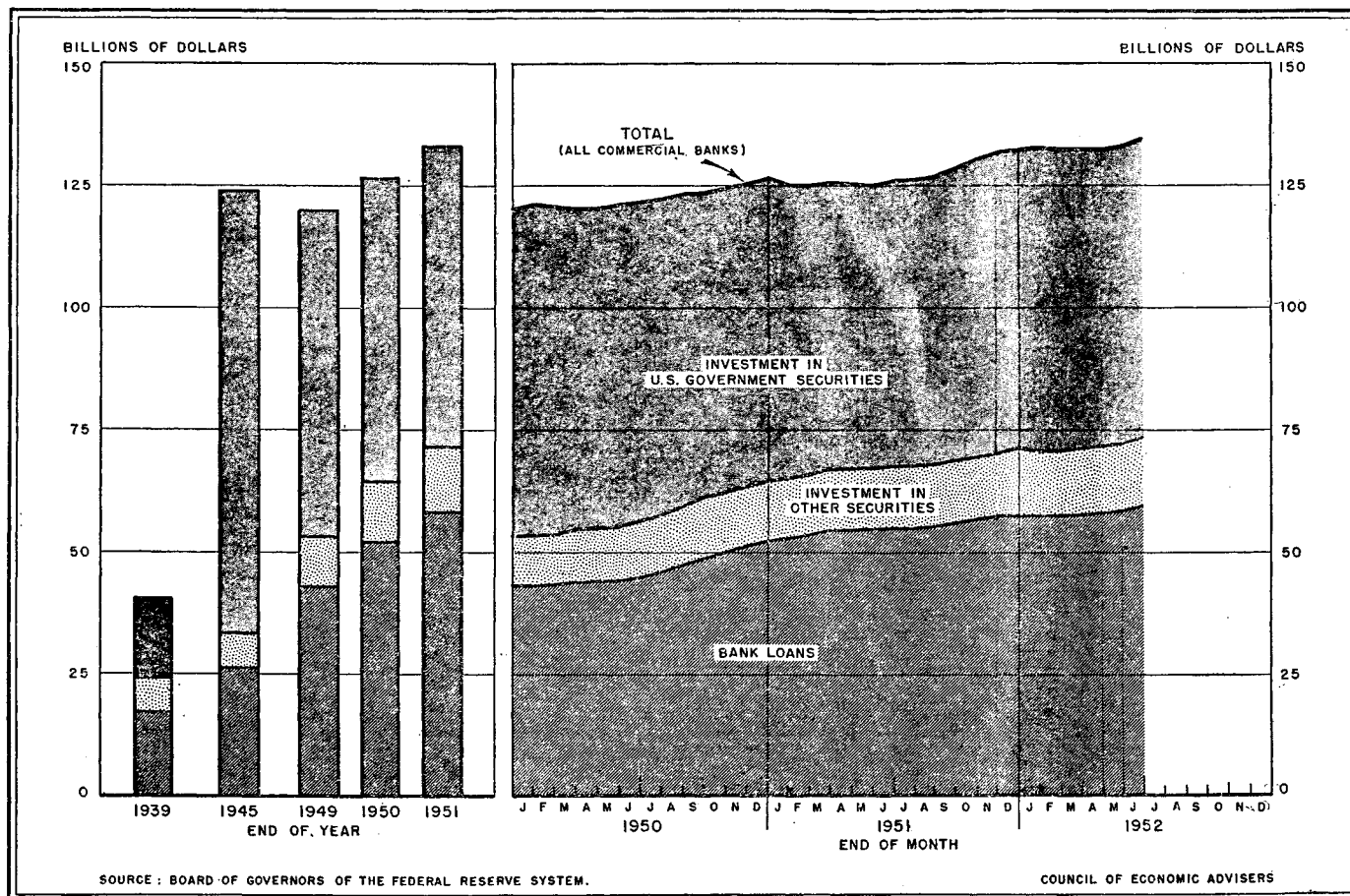
NOTE.—Farm income includes cash receipts from marketings and Government payments.

Source: Department of Agriculture.

CREDIT, MONEY, AND FEDERAL FINANCE

BANK LOANS AND INVESTMENTS

Total bank loans and investments expanded around \$1.7 billion during June. All major components increased, with loans showing the largest rise.



[Billions of dollars]

End of period	All commercial banks					Weekly reporting member banks—Business loans ¹
	Total loans and investments	Bank loans	Total Investments	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
1951.....	132.6	57.7	74.9	61.5	13.3	21.6
1951: 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.....	130.5	56.8	73.7	60.9	12.9	20.6
November.....	131.9	57.3	74.6	61.6	13.0	20.9
December.....	132.6	57.7	74.9	61.5	13.3	21.6
1952: January.....	132.8	57.5	75.3	62.0	13.3	21.2
February.....	132.2	57.6	74.6	61.3	13.4	21.2
March.....	132.5	57.8	74.7	61.1	13.6	21.4
April.....	132.3	58.2	74.1	60.4	13.7	20.9
May.....	133.1	58.5	74.5	60.7	13.8	20.5
June ²	134.8	59.6	75.2	61.2	14.0	20.8
July.....						20.6

¹ Commercial, industrial, and agricultural loans.

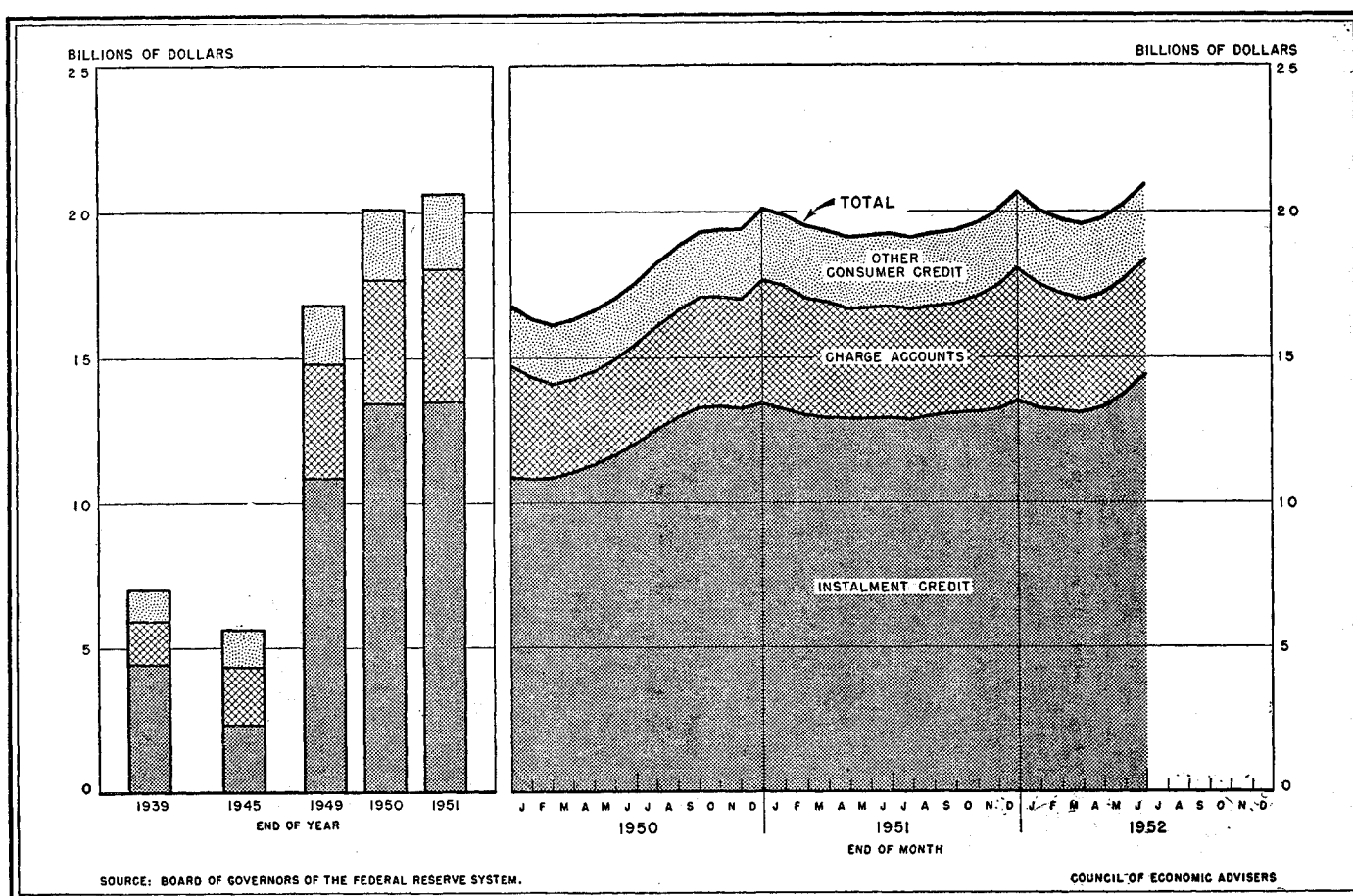
NOTE.—Detail will not necessarily add to totals because of rounding.

² Preliminary estimates.

Source: Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

CONSUMER CREDIT

During June, instalment credit climbed about \$600 million or 4 percent, dollarwise the largest monthly increase on record. In contrast, instalment credit crept up only \$35 million during June 1951.



[Millions of dollars]

End of period	Total consumer credit outstand- ing	Instalment credit					Charge accounts	Other consumer credit ²
		Total instalment credit	Sale credit			Loans ¹		
			Total	Automo- bile sale credit	Other sale credit			
1939-----	7,031	4,424	2,792	1,267	1,525	1,632	1,544	1,063
1943-----	4,600	2,001	882	175	707	1,119	1,498	1,101
1946-----	8,677	4,000	1,648	544	1,104	2,352	3,054	1,623
1949-----	16,809	10,890	6,240	3,144	3,096	4,650	3,909	2,010
1950-----	20,097	13,459	7,904	4,126	3,778	5,555	4,239	2,399
June-----	17,651	12,105	6,995	3,790	3,205	5,110	3,392	2,154
1951-----	20,644	13,510	7,546	4,039	3,507	5,964	4,587	2,547
1951: May-----	19,207	12,920	7,248	3,980	3,268	5,672	3,793	2,494
June-----	19,256	12,955	7,234	4,041	3,193	5,721	3,804	2,497
July-----	19,132	12,903	7,173	4,061	3,112	5,730	3,743	2,486
August-----	19,262	13,045	7,247	4,138	3,109	5,798	3,724	2,493
September-----	19,362	13,167	7,327	4,175	3,152	5,840	3,696	2,499
October-----	19,585	13,196	7,355	4,134	3,221	5,841	3,868	2,521
November-----	19,989	13,271	7,400	4,100	3,300	5,871	4,190	2,528
December-----	20,644	13,510	7,546	4,039	3,507	5,964	4,587	2,547
1952: January-----	20,126	13,314	7,322	3,962	3,360	5,992	4,253	2,559
February-----	19,717	13,185	7,158	3,927	3,231	6,027	3,967	2,565
March-----	19,565	13,156	7,047	3,891	3,156	6,109	3,855	2,554
April-----	19,788	13,319	7,099	3,946	3,153	6,220	3,913	2,556
May ³ -----	20,298	13,811	7,421	4,171	3,250	6,390	3,921	2,566
June ³ -----	20,941	14,404	7,795	4,433	3,362	6,609	3,972	2,565

¹ Includes repair and modernization loans insured by Federal Housing Administration.

² Includes loans by pawnbrokers, service credit, and unclassified single-payment loans under \$3,000 made by commercial banks.

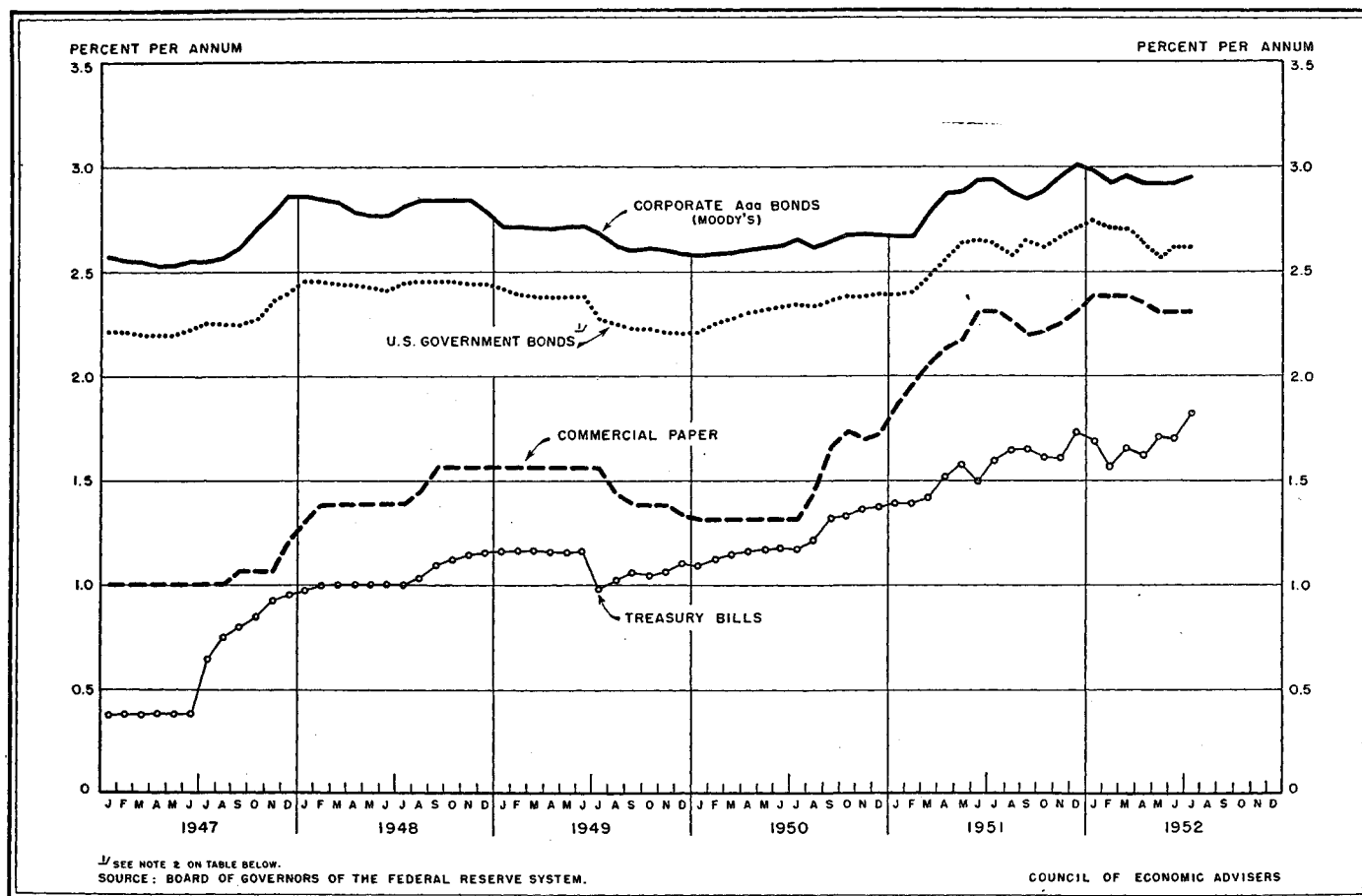
³ Preliminary estimates.

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

Source: Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

BOND YIELDS AND INTEREST RATES

During July, a sharp climb in yields on new issues of Treasury bills resulted in the highest monthly average since March 1933. The rate on commercial paper and yields on long-term Government bonds were unchanged; yields on corporate bonds rose slightly.



[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 ²		
Average:				
1939.....	0.023	(*)	3.01	0.59
1946.....	.375	2.19	2.53	.81
1947.....	.594	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
1951.....	1.552	2.57	2.86	2.17
1951: 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	2.56	2.84	2.19
October.....	1.608	2.61	2.89	2.21
November.....	1.608	2.66	2.96	2.25
December.....	1.731	2.70	3.01	2.31
1952: January.....	1.688	2.74	2.98	2.38
February.....	1.574	2.71	2.93	2.38
March.....	1.658	2.70	2.96	2.38
April.....	1.623	2.64	2.93	2.35
May.....	1.710	2.57	2.93	2.31
June.....	1.700	2.61	2.93	2.31
July.....	1.824	2.61	2.95	2.31

¹ Rate on new issues within period.

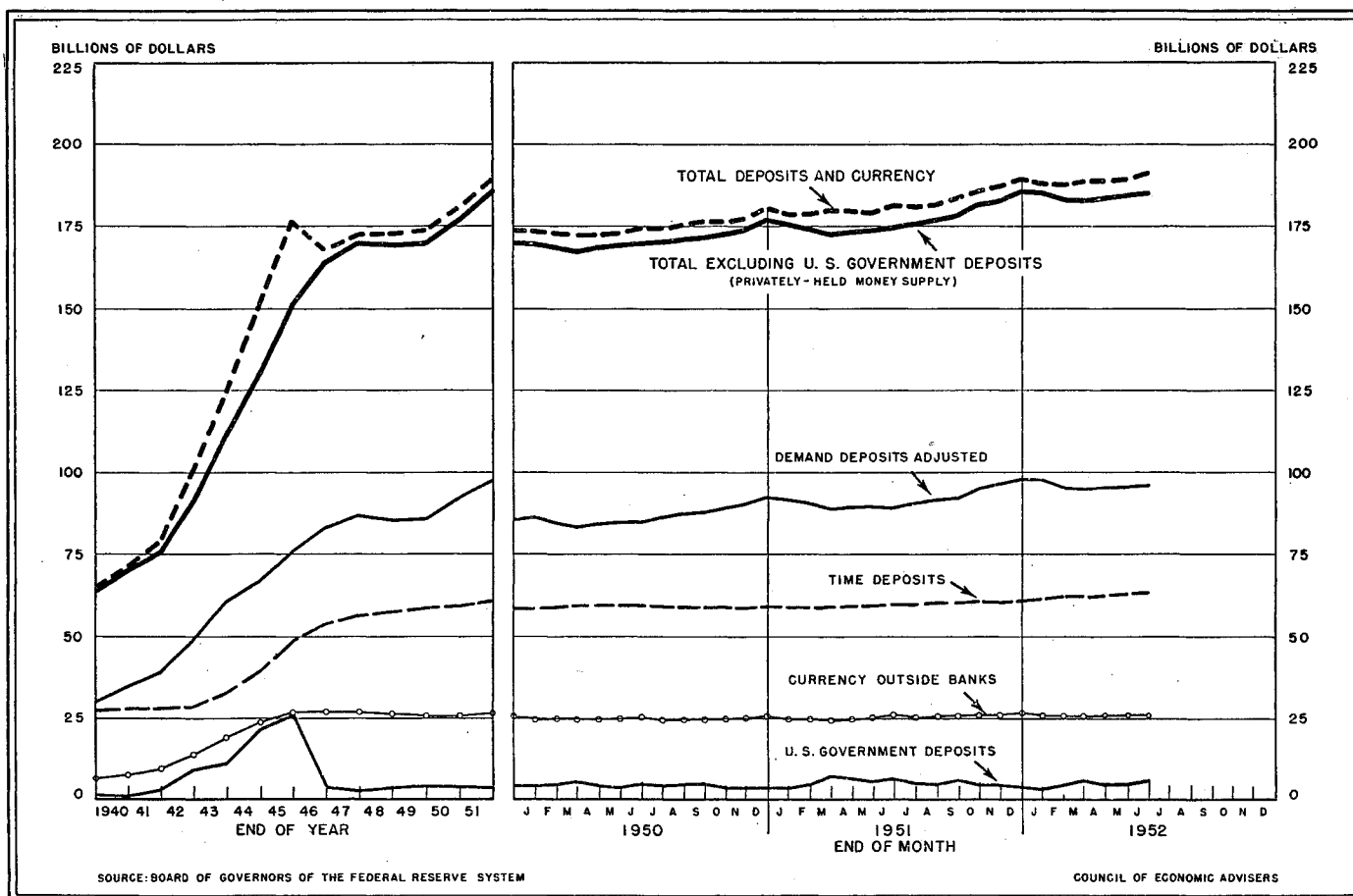
² 15 years and over prior to April 1952; 12 years and over beginning in April.

³ Bonds in this classification were first issued in March 1941.

Source: Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

MONEY SUPPLY

The total money supply reached a new high during June, with a rise of \$2.1 billion. The gain was divided about equally between U. S. Government deposits and privately-held demand and time accounts.



SOURCE: BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF THE FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

COUNCIL OF ECONOMIC ADVISERS

[Billions of dollars]

End of period	Total deposits and currency	U. S. Government deposits ¹	Total excluding U. S. Government deposits (privately-held money supply)			
			Total	Currency outside banks	Demand deposits adjusted ²	Time deposits ³
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
1951.....	189.8	3.9	186.0	26.3	98.2	61.4
1951: May.....	179.1	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	60.1
August.....	181.6	4.6	177.0	25.3	91.4	60.4
September.....	183.8	5.9	177.9	25.4	92.0	60.5
October.....	185.8	4.2	181.6	25.7	95.0	60.9
November.....	187.1	4.4	182.7	25.8	96.3	60.6
December.....	189.8	3.9	186.0	26.3	98.2	61.4
1952: January.....	188.2	3.0	185.2	25.6	97.9	61.7
February.....	188.0	4.6	183.4	25.6	95.7	62.0
March.....	188.7	5.8	182.9	25.7	94.8	62.5
April.....	188.7	4.9	183.8	25.9	95.1	62.8
May.....	189.3	4.9	184.4	26.0	95.3	63.0
June ⁴	191.4	6.1	185.3	26.0	95.8	63.5

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

² Includes demand deposits, other than interbank and U. S. Government, less cash items in process of collection.

³ Includes deposits in commercial banks, mutual savings banks, and Postal Savings System, but excludes interbank deposits.

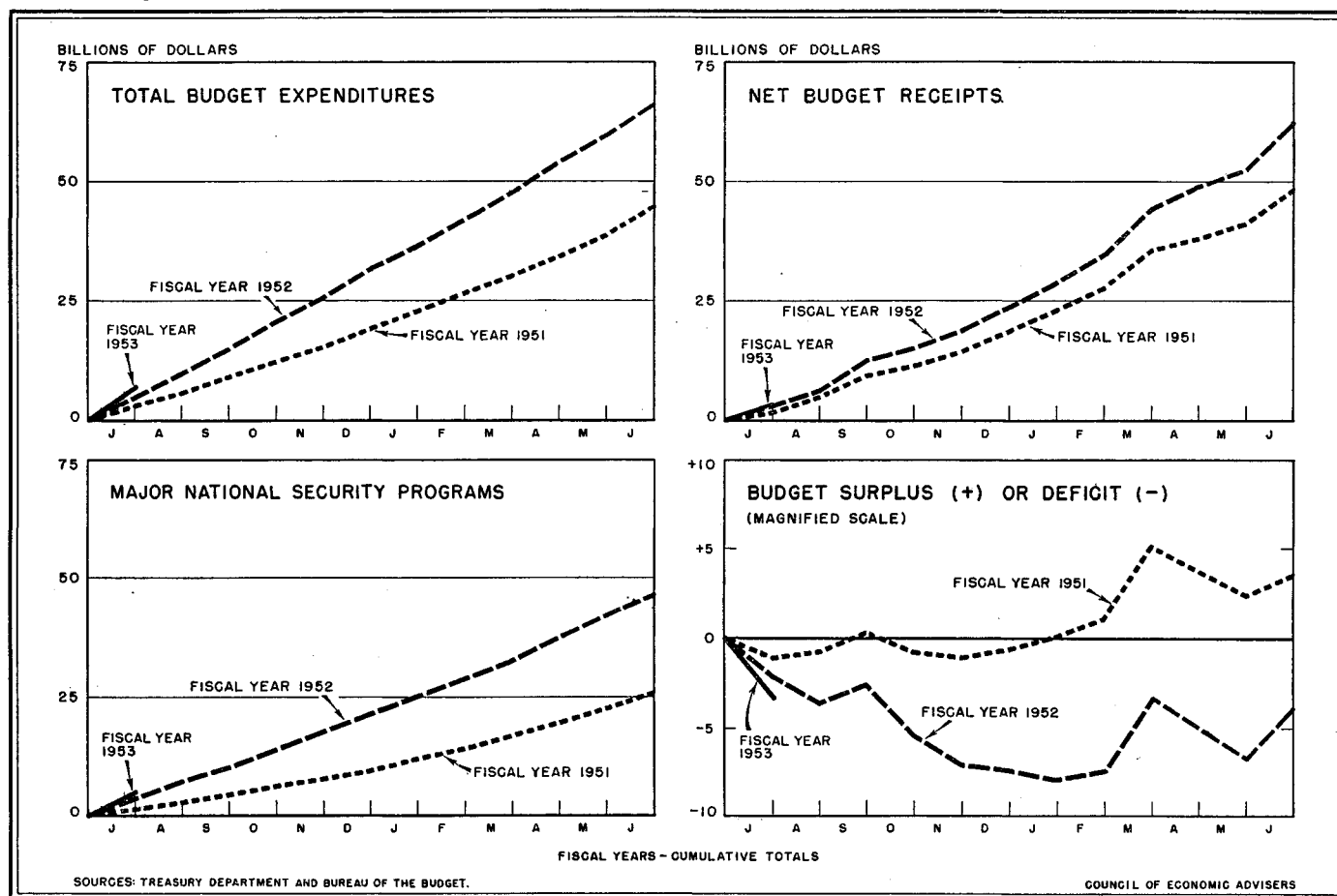
⁴ Preliminary estimates.

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

Source: Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

FEDERAL BUDGET RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES

Total budget expenditures declined from June to July. The large seasonal drop in interest payments was partly offset by the increase in spending for national security. Spending for the latter purpose was almost 40 percent higher than in July 1951. July receipts were seasonally low, but higher than a year ago. The public debt rose to \$263 billion during the month.



[Billions of dollars]

Period	Budget expenditures				Net budget receipts		Budget surplus (+) or deficit (-)		Public debt (end of period) ²
	Total		Major national security programs ¹		Total for period	Cumula- tive fiscal year totals	Total for period	Cumula- tive fiscal year totals	
	Total for period	Cumula- tive fiscal year totals	Total for period	Cumula- tive fiscal year totals					
Fiscal year 1939-----	9.0	-----	1.1	-----	5.1	-----	-3.9	-----	45.9
Fiscal year 1944-----	95.3	-----	88.2	-----	43.9	-----	-51.4	-----	202.6
Fiscal year 1948-----	33.8	-----	16.4	-----	42.2	-----	+8.4	-----	252.4
Fiscal year 1950-----	40.2	-----	17.8	-----	37.0	-----	-3.1	-----	257.4
Fiscal year 1951-----	44.6	-----	* 26.4	-----	48.1	-----	+3.5	-----	255.3
Fiscal year 1952-----	66.1	-----	46.2	-----	62.1	-----	-4.0	-----	259.2
1951: June-----	6.0	44.6	3.5	26.2	7.1	48.1	+1.1	+3.5	255.3
July-----	4.7	4.7	3.4	3.4	2.6	2.6	-2.2	-2.2	255.7
August-----	5.1	9.8	3.6	7.0	3.6	6.2	-1.5	-3.7	256.7
September-----	5.2	15.0	3.1	10.1	6.2	12.4	+1.0	-2.6	257.4
October-----	5.5	20.5	3.7	13.8	2.6	15.0	-2.8	-5.5	258.3
November-----	5.2	25.6	3.6	17.4	3.5	18.5	-1.7	-7.1	259.6
December-----	5.6	31.3	3.7	21.1	5.3	23.8	-3	-7.5	259.5
1952: January-----	5.5	36.7	3.9	25.0	5.0	28.8	-5	-8.0	259.8
February-----	5.1	41.8	3.8	28.8	5.6	34.3	+4	-7.5	260.4
March-----	5.7	47.5	4.1	32.8	9.9	44.2	+4.2	-3.3	258.1
April-----	6.0	53.6	4.5	37.3	4.3	48.5	-1.7	-5.0	258.3
May-----	5.7	59.2	4.5	41.9	3.8	52.3	-1.9	-6.9	260.0
June-----	6.9	66.1	4.3	46.2	9.8	62.1	+2.9	-4.0	259.2
July-----	6.7	6.7	4 4.7	4 4.7	3.3	3.3	-3.4	-3.4	263.1

¹ Includes expenditures for military services, international security and foreign relations, development and control of atomic energy, promotion of the merchant marine, promotion of defense production and economic stabilization, and civil defense.

² Includes guaranteed securities, except those held by the Treasury.

³ Data for fiscal year not strictly comparable with monthly figures.

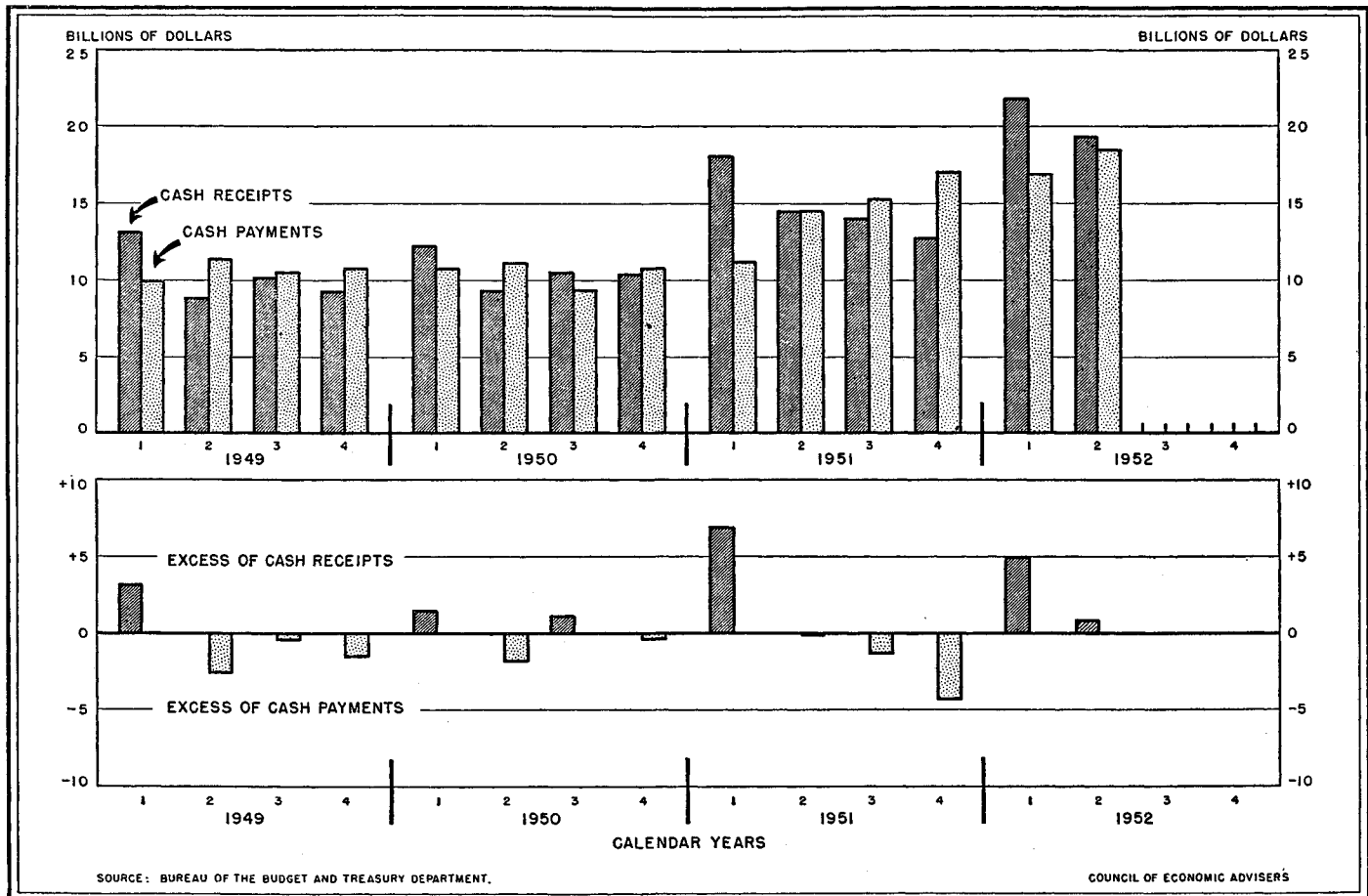
NOTE.—Detail will not necessarily add to totals because of rounding.

⁴ Preliminary estimates.

Sources: Treasury Department and Bureau of the Budget.

FEDERAL CASH RECEIPTS FROM AND PAYMENTS TO THE PUBLIC

The \$0.7 billion excess of cash receipts over payments in the second quarter, which was the closing quarter for fiscal year 1952, was sufficient to bring about a small cash surplus for the fiscal year.



[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
1951	59,276	58,034	+1,245
Quarterly total, not adjusted for seasonal variation:			
1950: First quarter	12,235	10,760	+1,475
1950: Second quarter	9,303	11,105	-1,803
1950: Third quarter	10,494	9,351	+1,143
1950: Fourth quarter	10,387	10,754	-367
1951: First quarter	18,051	11,179	+6,874
1951: Second quarter	14,462	14,521	-59
1951: Third quarter	13,993	15,270	-1,277
1951: Fourth quarter	12,770	17,064	-4,295
1952: First quarter	21,874	16,921	+4,953
1952: Second quarter	19,389	18,701	+688

NOTE.—Detail will not necessarily add to totals because of rounding.
Sources: Treasury Department and Bureau of the Budget.

For sale by the Superintendent of Documents, U. S. Government Printing Office, Washington 25, D. C.
Price 20 cents per copy; \$2.00 per year; \$2.50 foreign.