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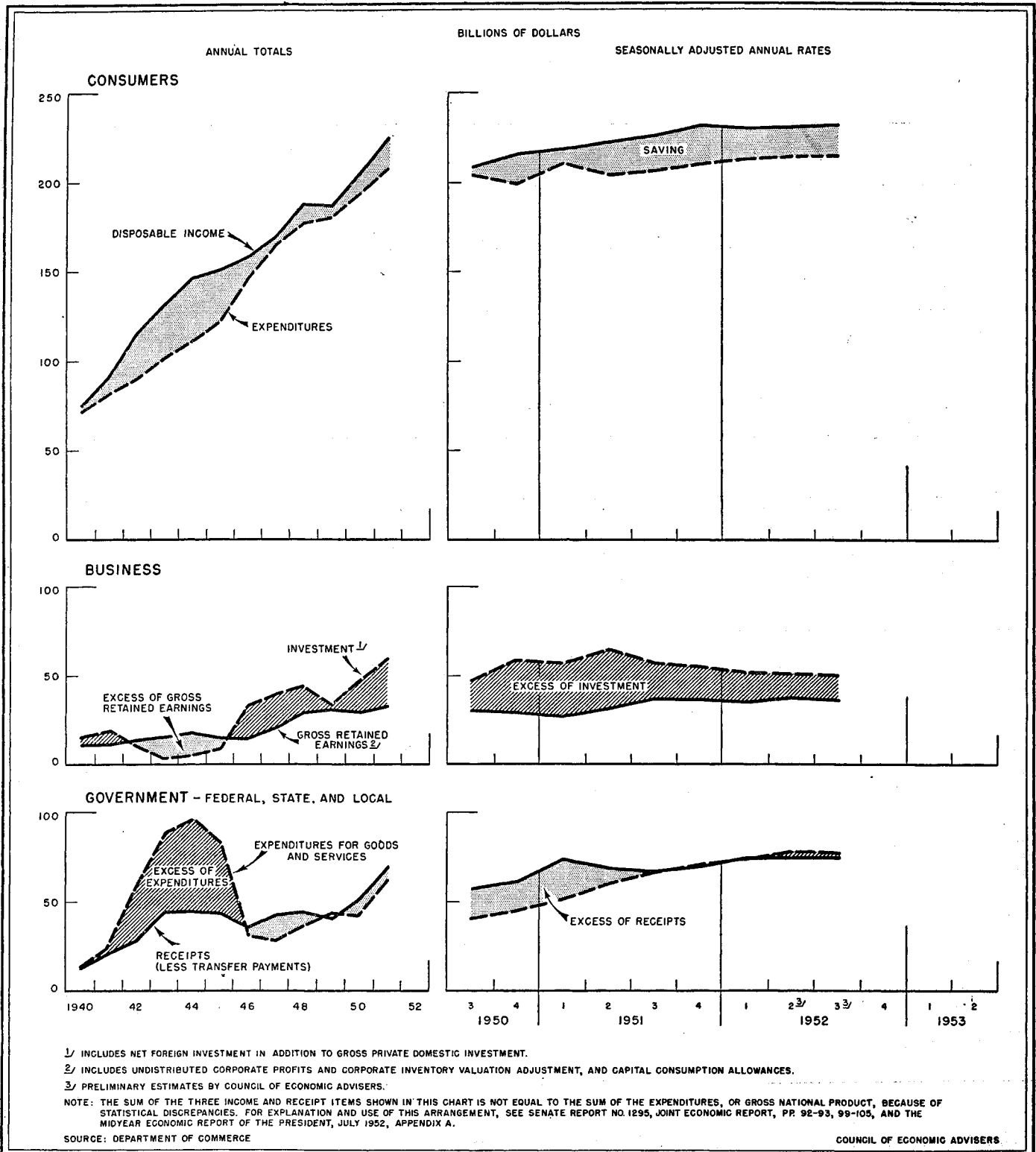
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THE TOTAL OUTPUT OF THE ECONOMY

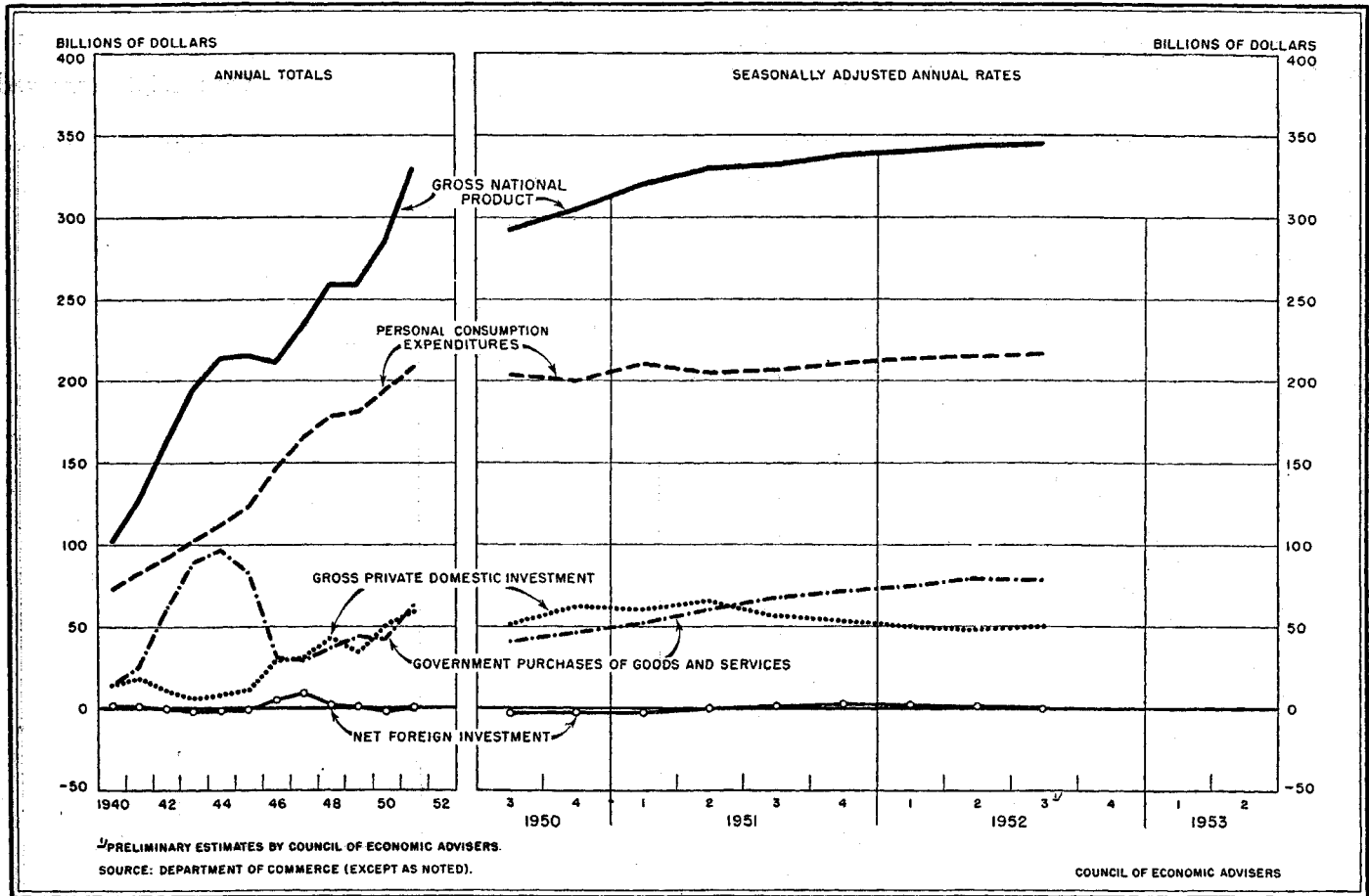
THE NATION'S ECONOMIC ACCOUNTS

On the basis of the income and product accounts, the excess of government expenditures over receipts narrowed during the third quarter.



GROSS NATIONAL PRODUCT

In the third quarter, gross national product continued at about the level of the previous quarter, according to preliminary estimates. National security expenditures did not rise, partly as a result of the impact of the steel strike.



[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							
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.....	343.2	214.9	49.3	.9	78.0	49.9	28.1
Third quarter ³	344.0	216.0	50.0	.0	78.0	49.6	28.4

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 estimates by Council of Economic Advisers.

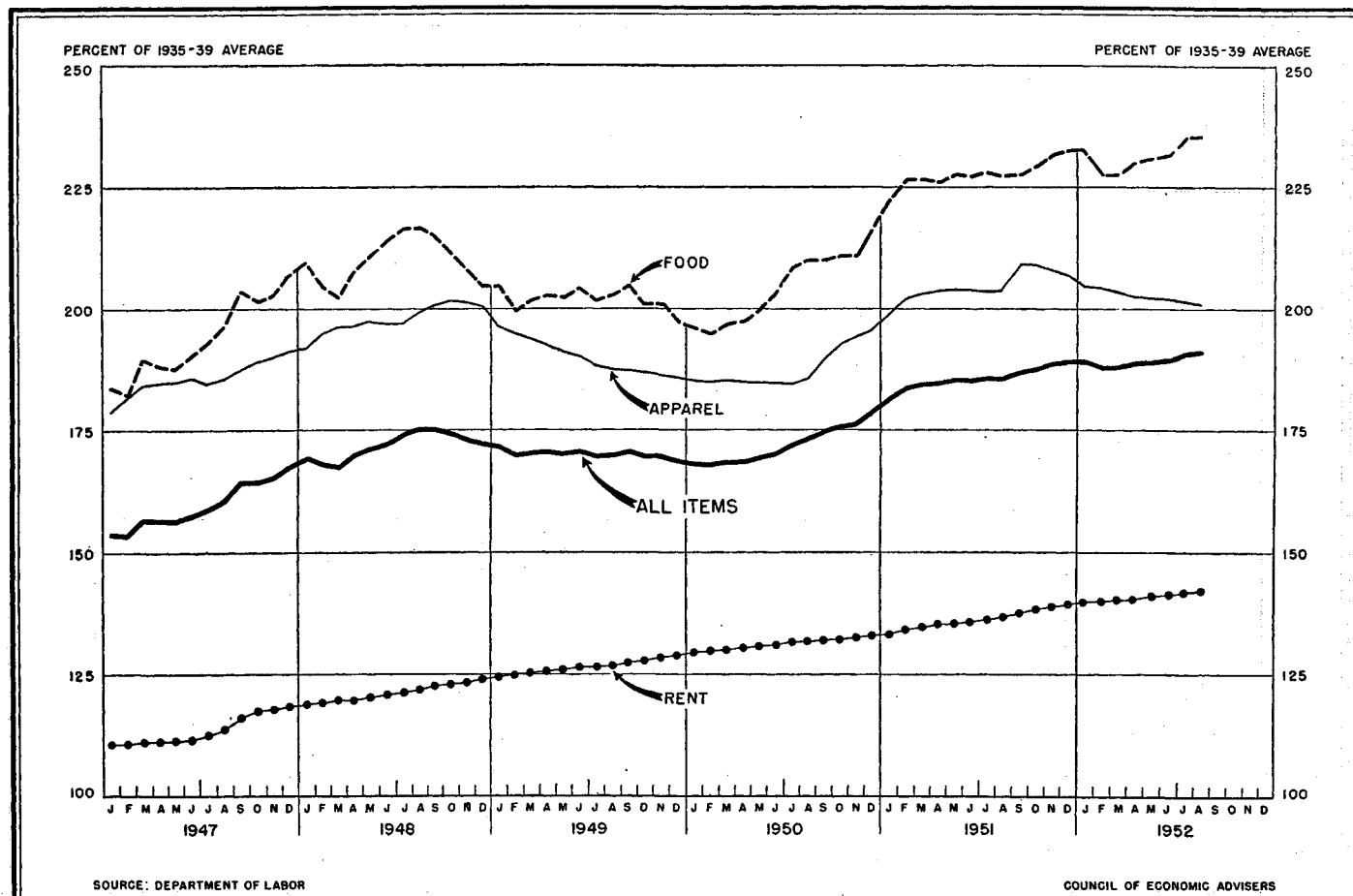
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Source: Department of Commerce (except as noted).

PRICES

CONSUMERS' PRICES

Consumers' prices rose 0.2 percent further from mid-July to mid-August. All major categories of the index except apparel and housefurnishings increased.



[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: 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.....	189.6	231.5	202.0	141.6	144.8	204.4	172.5
July 15.....	190.8	234.9	201.4	141.9	146.4	204.2	173.0
August 15.....	191.1	¹ 235.5	201.1	142.3	147.3	204.2	173.2

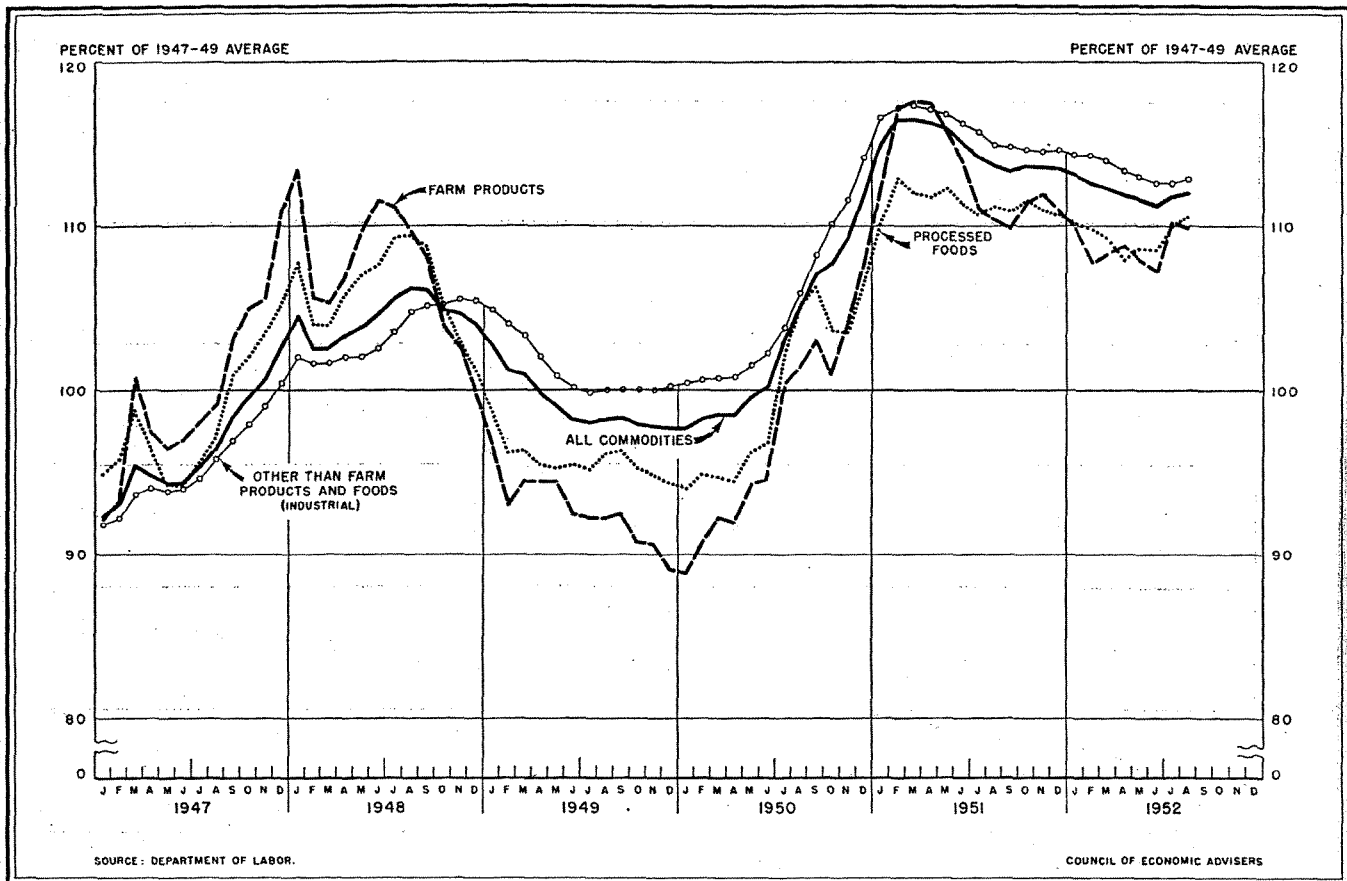
¹ Based on a special survey, the food index for September 15 is estimated at 233.8, or 0.7 percent below August 15.

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

Source: Department of Labor

WHOLESALE PRICES

Wholesale prices rose slightly during August and then fell back. During September, the weekly index of farm prices dropped, largely as a result of expansion in cattle marketings; processed foods were slightly lower in price while industrial prices on the average were practically unchanged.



[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: 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.....	111.2	107.2	108.5	112.6
July.....	111.8	110.2	110.0	112.5
August.....	112.1	109.9	110.5	112.9
Week ended:				
1952: September 2.....	111.7	107.9	110.7	112.8
9.....	111.4	107.2	110.3	112.6
16.....	111.3	106.2	110.0	112.7
23.....	111.1	105.2	109.8	112.7
30.....	111.0	105.9	108.7	112.6

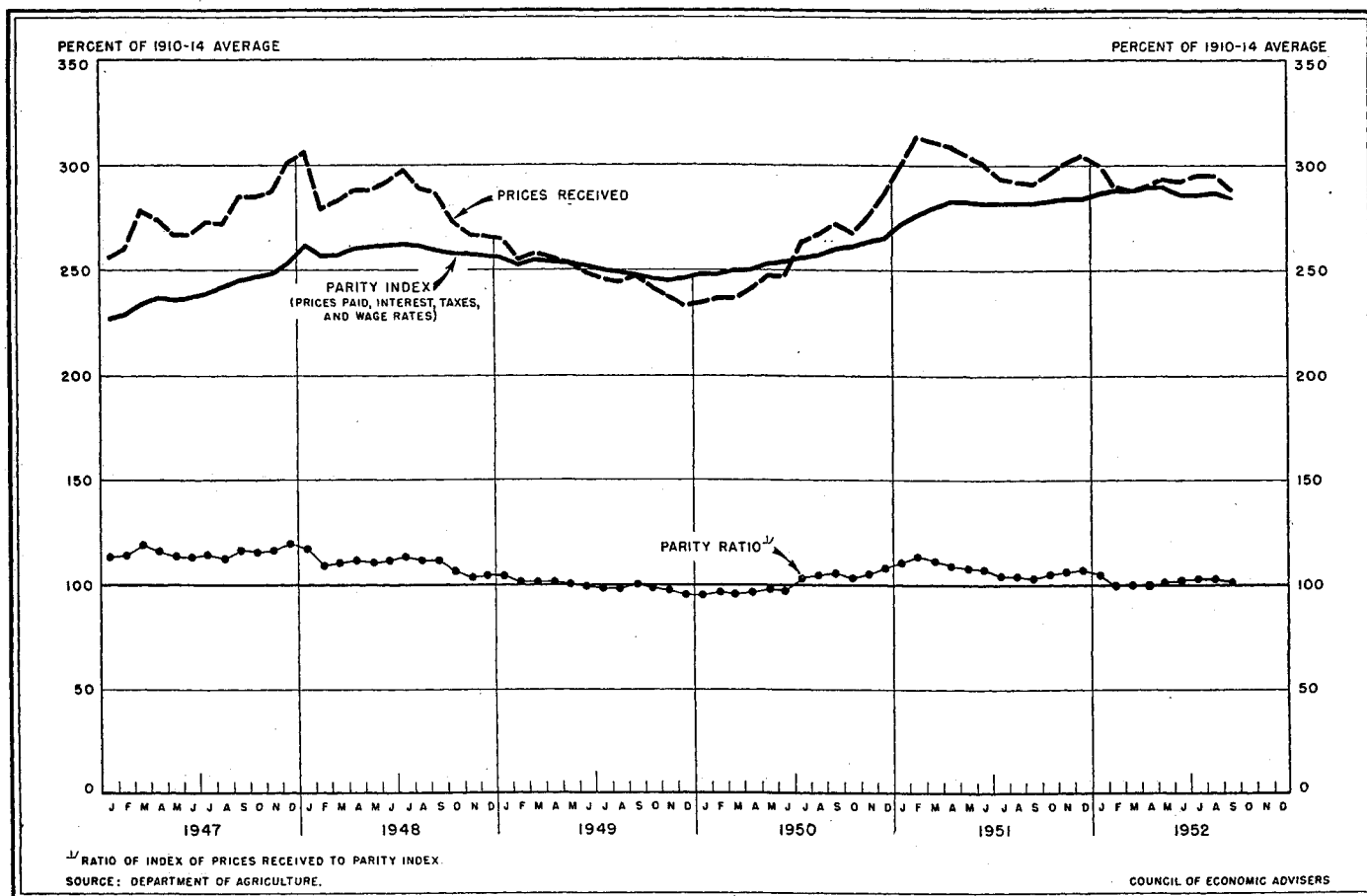
¹ Not available.

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 August 15 to September 15, prices paid by farmers declined slightly but the prices which they received for their products dropped even more. As a result, the parity ratio fell from 103 to 101.



[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: 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
August 15.....	295	287	103
September 15.....	288	284	101

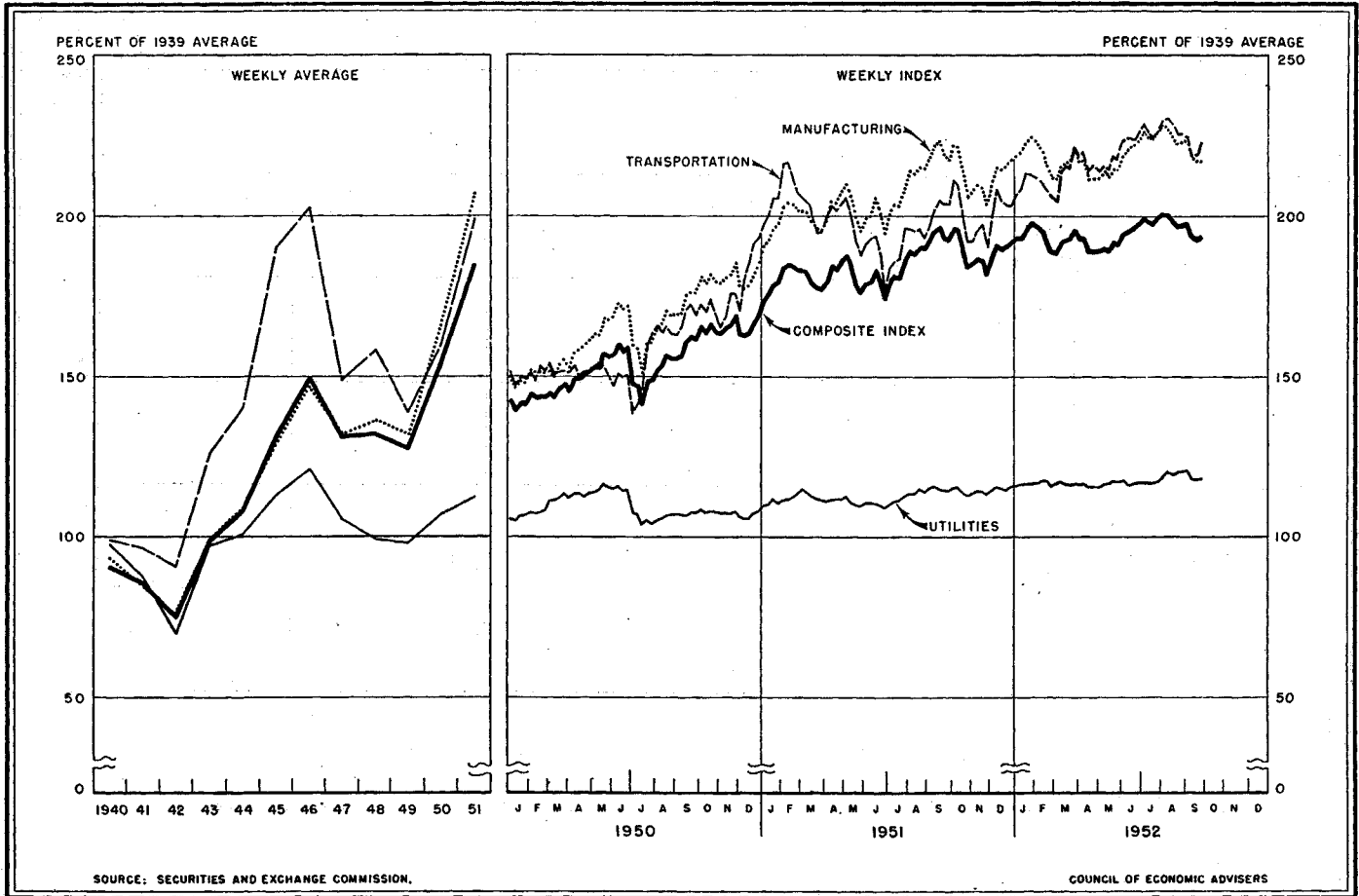
¹ Ratio of index of prices received by farmers to parity index..

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

After the first week in September, the index of stock prices dropped from the high level of the previous 2 months.



[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.....	94.2	93.4	92.5	94.2	99.2	99.9	90.4	75.6
1942.....	74.9	75.5	73.7	77.1	90.8	69.8	71.3	59.7
1946.....	149.4	146.6	138.6	154.4	202.4	121.0	204.3	125.5
1949.....	127.7	132.1	116.1	147.2	136.2	98.1	160.5	129.2
1950.....	154.1	165.7	150.2	187.2	160.0	108.9	185.7	143.5
June.....	158.3	171.1	156.0	185.0	149.5	114.8	182.4	143.0
1951.....	184.9	206.8	178.5	233.1	199.0	112.6	207.7	204.9
1951: September.....	194.2	220.2	185.2	252.8	202.3	114.9	213.3	229.4
October.....	191.7	216.0	185.7	244.3	203.3	114.5	214.2	243.6
November.....	185.3	207.8	179.0	234.6	194.0	114.0	208.0	238.8
December.....	190.5	214.8	182.7	244.6	203.5	115.2	209.1	238.1
1952: January.....	195.8	222.1	186.1	255.4	210.6	116.6	210.0	245.8
February.....	193.6	218.7	182.9	251.5	208.6	117.0	206.8	258.0
March.....	192.9	216.8	182.2	248.8	214.0	116.8	203.7	294.9
April.....	191.3	214.8	181.7	245.2	217.1	116.1	202.9	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	116.9	208.3	288.9
August.....	198.7	225.2	194.3	253.7	227.9	118.6	209.5	278.2
September.....	194.1	219.3	190.9	245.6	221.3	118.3	206.3	274.8
Week ended:								
1952: September 5.....	197.5	223.9	193.9	251.6	224.7	119.5	208.0	275.9
12.....	193.3	218.5	189.9	245.0	218.6	117.9	204.7	274.2
19.....	192.5	217.1	188.6	243.5	219.0	117.7	205.9	273.9
26.....	193.2	217.7	191.2	242.2	222.8	118.2	206.7	275.3
October 3.....	191.6	215.9	190.0	239.9	219.3	118.0	203.9	268.6

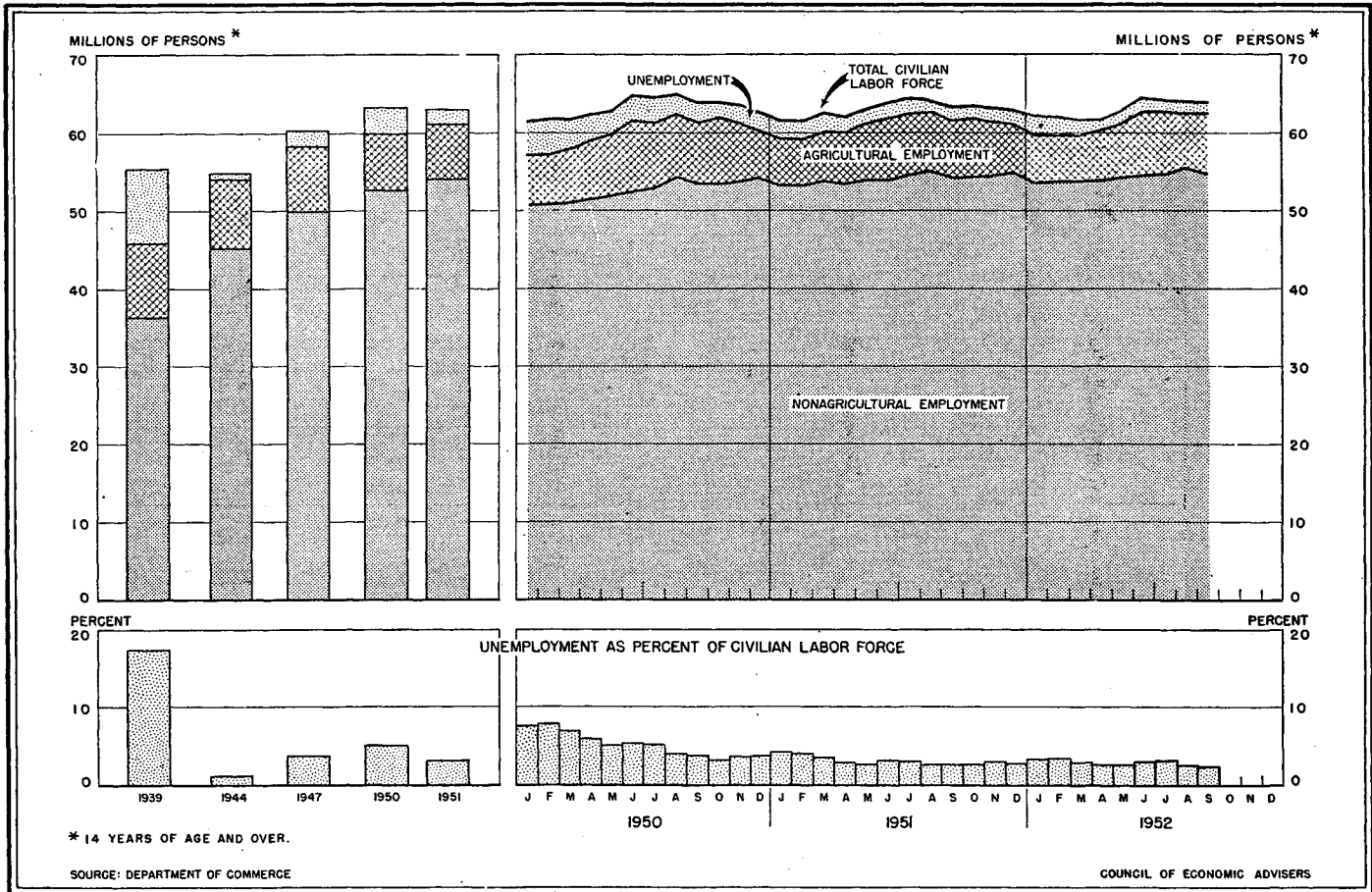
¹ Includes 265 common stocks, distributed as follows: 14 for mining, 98 for durable goods manufacturing, 72 for nondurable goods manufacturing, 21 for transportation, 28 for utilities, and 32 for trade, finance, and service.

Source: Securities and Exchange Commission.

EMPLOYMENT AND WAGES

CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE

Total civilian employment was practically unchanged in September, with an increase in agricultural employment being offset by a decrease in nonagricultural. Unemployment dropped to a postwar low of 1.4 million.



Period	Civilian labor force				Unemployment	Unemployment as percent of total civilian labor force
	Total	Employment ¹		Unemployment		
		Total	Agricultural			
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: 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
August.....	63,958	62,354	6,964	55,390	1,604	2.5
September.....	63,698	62,260	7,548	54,712	1,438	2.3

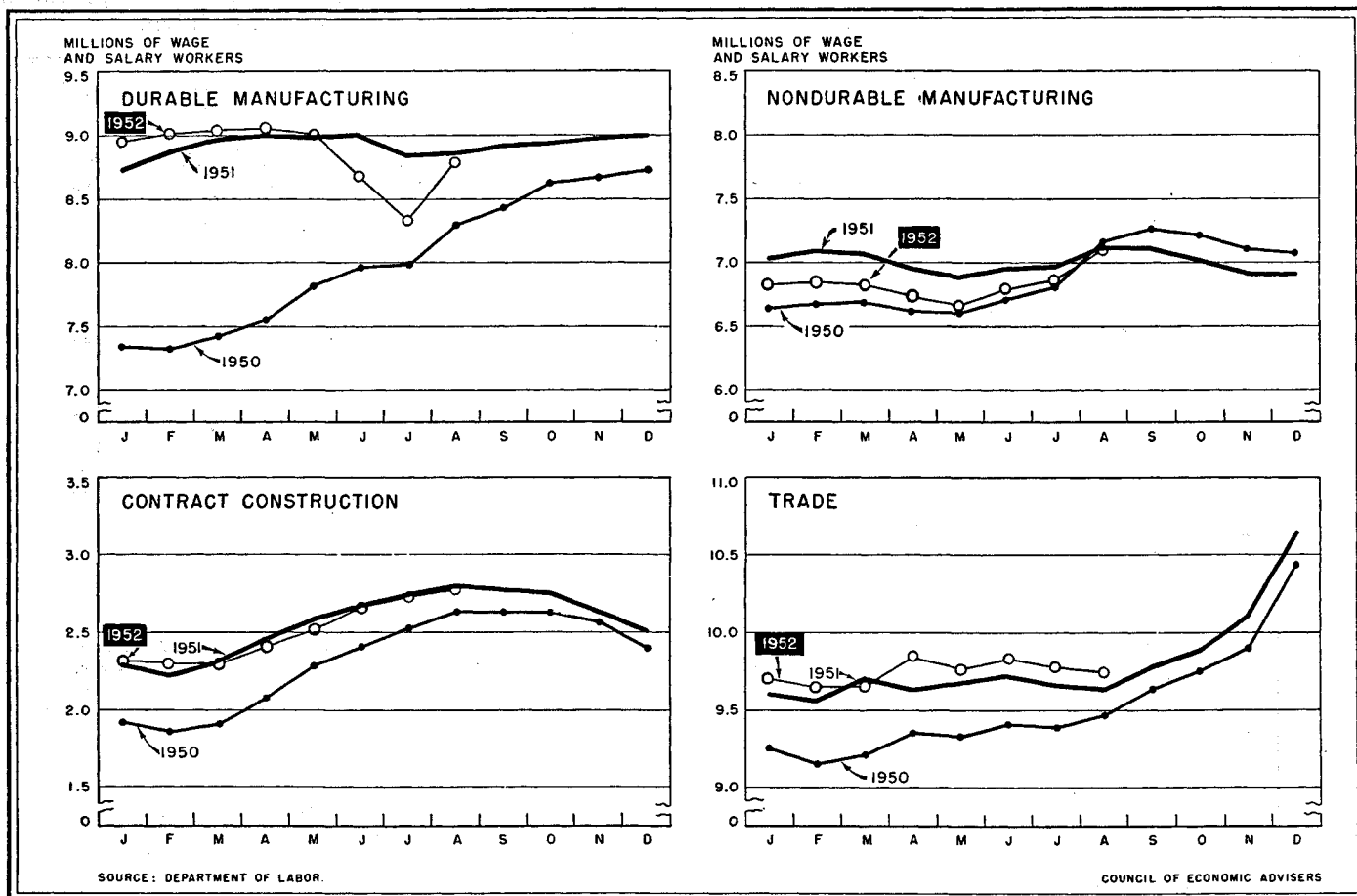
¹ Includes part-time workers and those who had jobs but were not at work for such reasons as vacation, illness, bad weather, temporary lay-off, and industrial disputes.

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

Source: Department of Commerce.

NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT - SELECTED INDUSTRIES

Manufacturing employment increased by 700,000 in August, reflecting recovery in basic steel and metalworking plants, as well as seasonal expansion in textiles, apparel, leather products, and food processing.



[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: 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	15,795	9,054	6,741	2,416	9,845	6,700	6,551	4,096	896
May	15,654	8,991	6,663	2,522	9,773	6,754	6,602	4,131	893
June ²	15,463	8,675	6,788	2,663	9,835	6,817	6,585	4,157	828
July ²	15,196	8,334	6,862	2,722	9,785	6,850	6,558	4,129	797
August ²	15,891	8,789	7,102	2,778	9,752	6,837	6,589	4,201	868

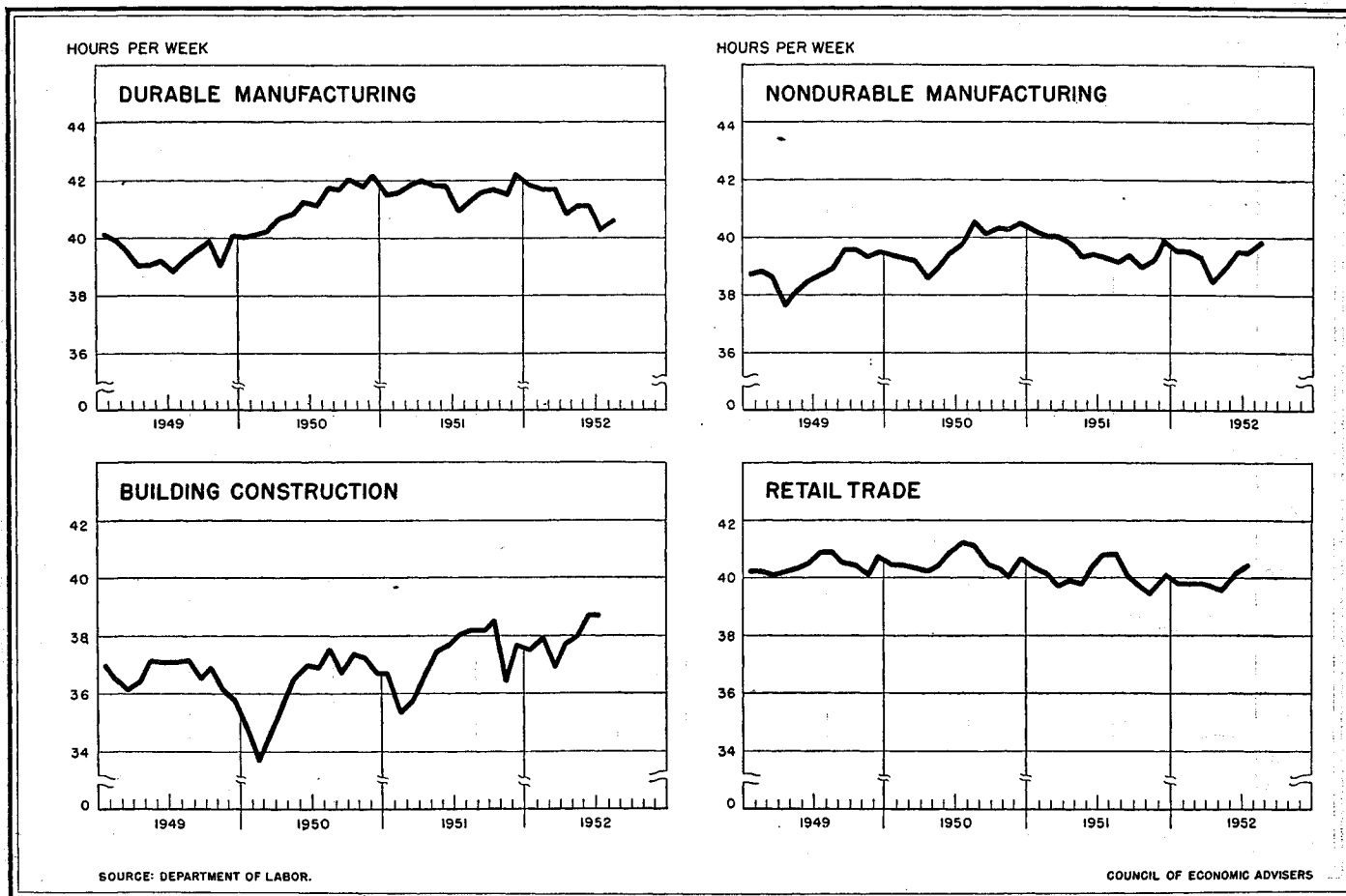
¹ Includes all full- and part-time wage and salary workers in nonagricultural establishments who worked or received pay during the pay period ending nearest the 15th of the month. Excludes proprietors, self-employed persons, domestic servants, and personnel of the armed forces. Total derived from this 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 average workweek in manufacturing increased by three-tenths of an hour from July to August, as plants which had shut down because of vacations or inventory-taking resumed operations. Greater than seasonal gains of an hour or more were reported in the textile; apparel, and leather products industries.



[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	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: 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.....	39.8	40.8	38.4	37.6	39.7
May.....	40.2	41.1	39.0	37.9	39.6
June ⁴	40.4	41.1	39.6	38.7	40.2
July ⁴	39.9	40.3	39.4	38.7	40.4
August ⁴	40.2	40.6	39.8	(²)	(²)

¹ For production and related workers.

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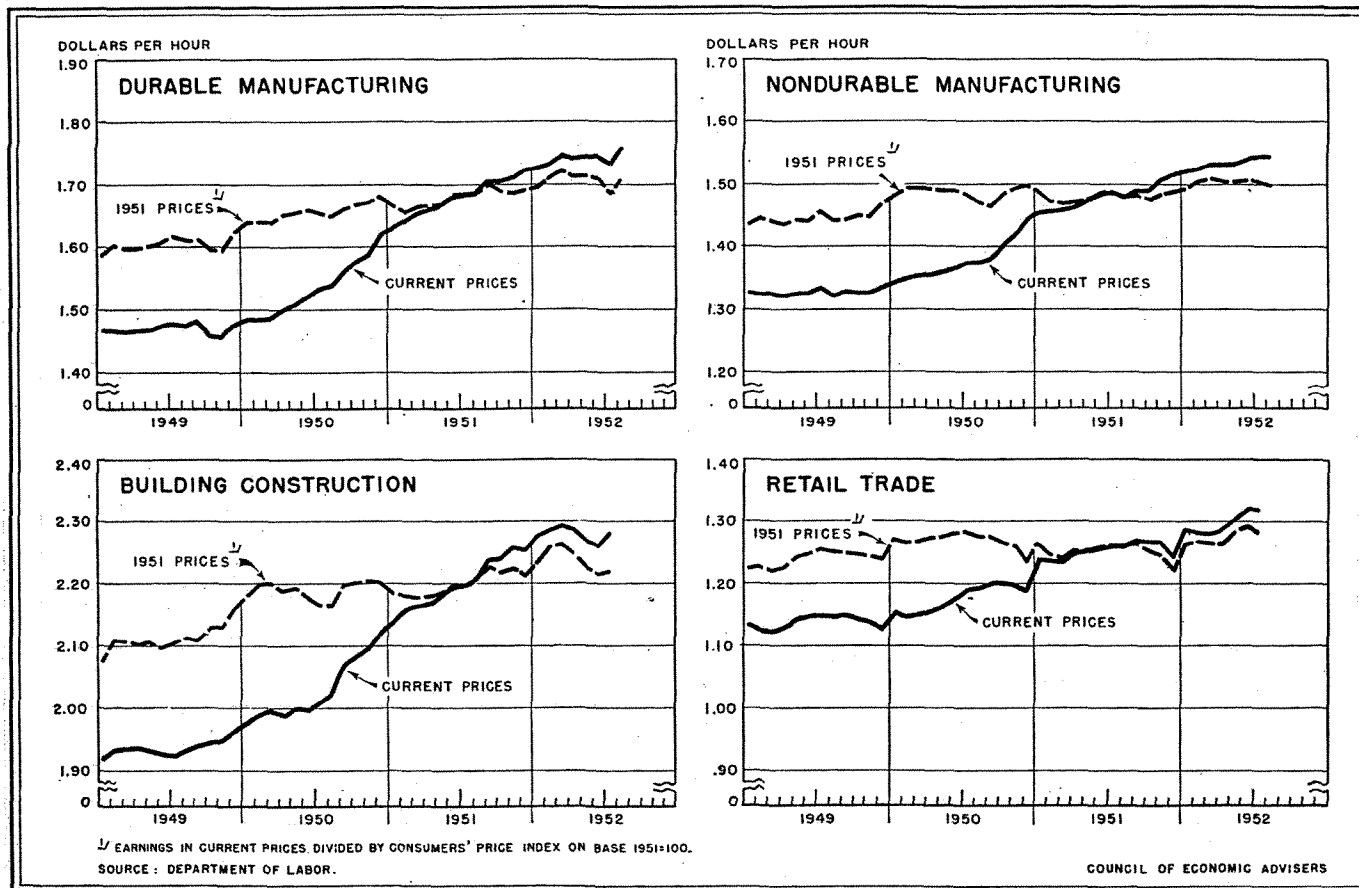
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⁴ Preliminary estimates.

Source: Department of Labor.

AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS - SELECTED INDUSTRIES

Average hourly earnings in manufacturing industries increased by more than 1 cent in August primarily as a result of increased overtime, although higher wage rates in the steel industry also contributed to the rise.



[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	³ 1.848	³ 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: 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	1.655	1.627	1.742	1.713	1.529	1.503	2.285	2.247	1.284	1.263
May	1.658	1.629	1.746	1.715	1.531	1.504	2.270	2.230	1.305	1.282
June ⁴	1.660	1.624	1.749	1.711	1.541	1.508	2.262	2.213	1.319	1.291
July ⁴	1.649	1.604	1.734	1.687	1.545	1.503	2.282	2.220	1.318	1.282
August ⁴	1.663	1.615	1.758	1.707	1.544	1.499	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)

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

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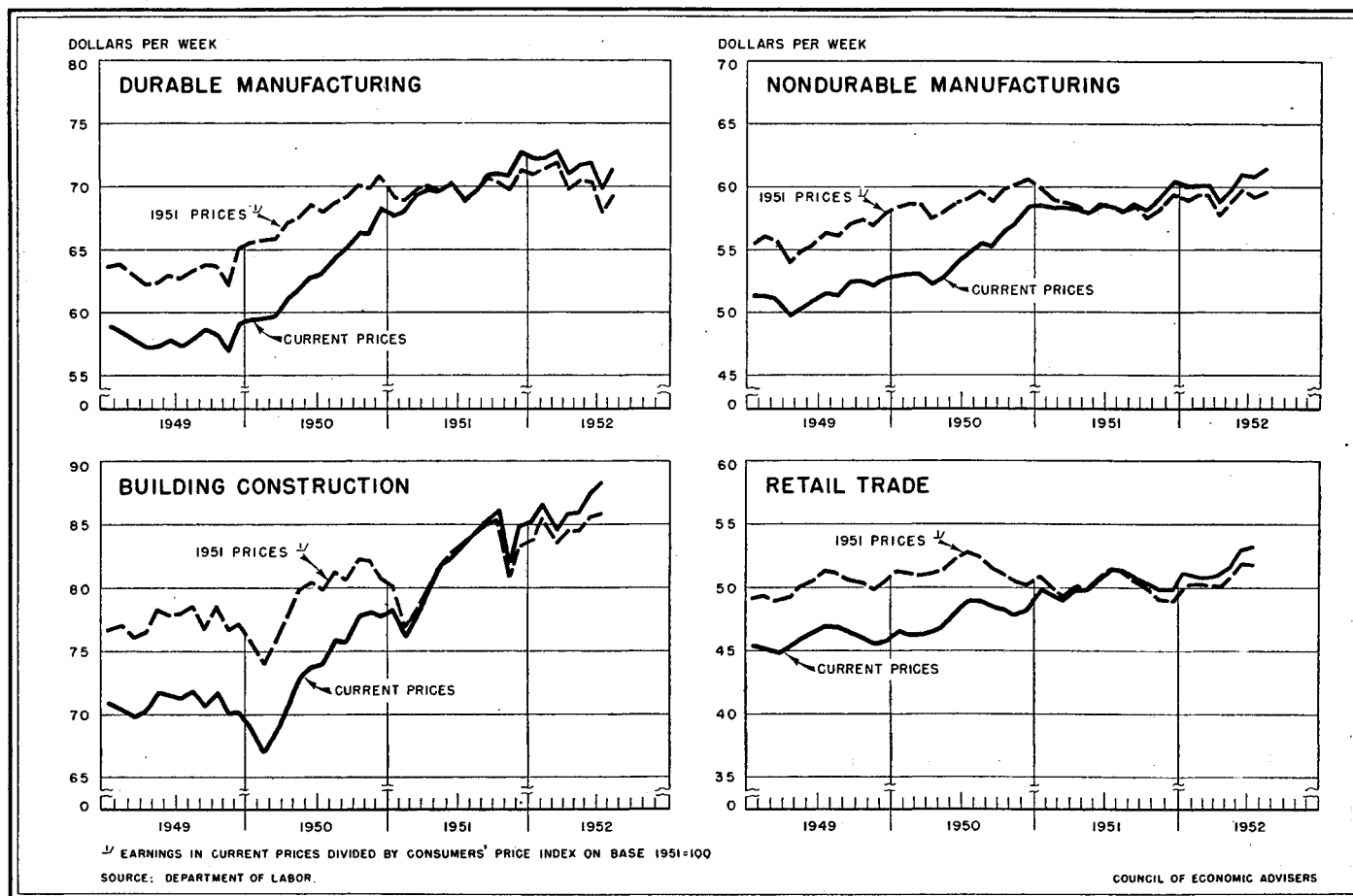
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Source: Department of Labor.

AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS - SELECTED INDUSTRIES

Average weekly earnings went up about \$1.00 in August because of a longer workweek and a slight increase in average hourly earnings.



[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	³ 68.85	³ 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: 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	65.87	64.77	71.07	69.88	58.71	57.73	85.92	84.48	50.97	50.12
May	66.65	65.47	71.76	70.49	59.71	58.65	86.03	84.51	51.68	50.77
June ⁴	67.06	65.62	71.88	70.33	61.02	59.71	87.54	85.66	53.02	51.88
July ⁴	65.80	64.01	69.88	67.98	60.87	59.21	88.31	85.90	53.25	51.80
August ⁴	66.85	64.90	71.37	69.29	61.45	59.66	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)

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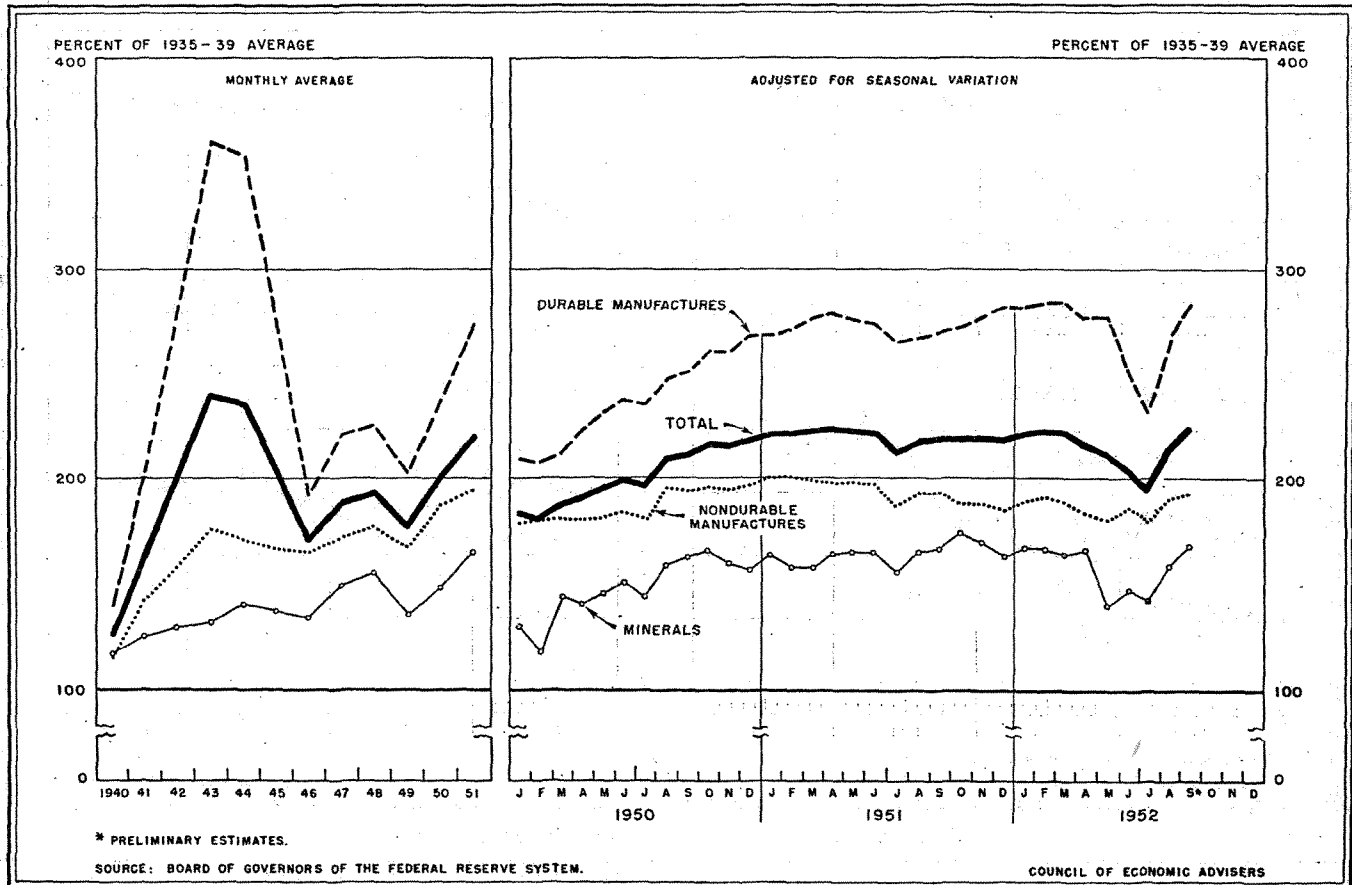
⁴ Preliminary estimates.

Source: Department of Labor.

PRODUCTION AND BUSINESS ACTIVITY

INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION

In September, the total industrial production index recovered from the effects of the steel strike and rose to the previous postwar peak of 223 (1935-39=100). Durable goods industries were primarily responsible for the rise, but the output of nondurables and minerals also increased to peak 1952 levels.



[1935-39=100, seasonally adjusted]

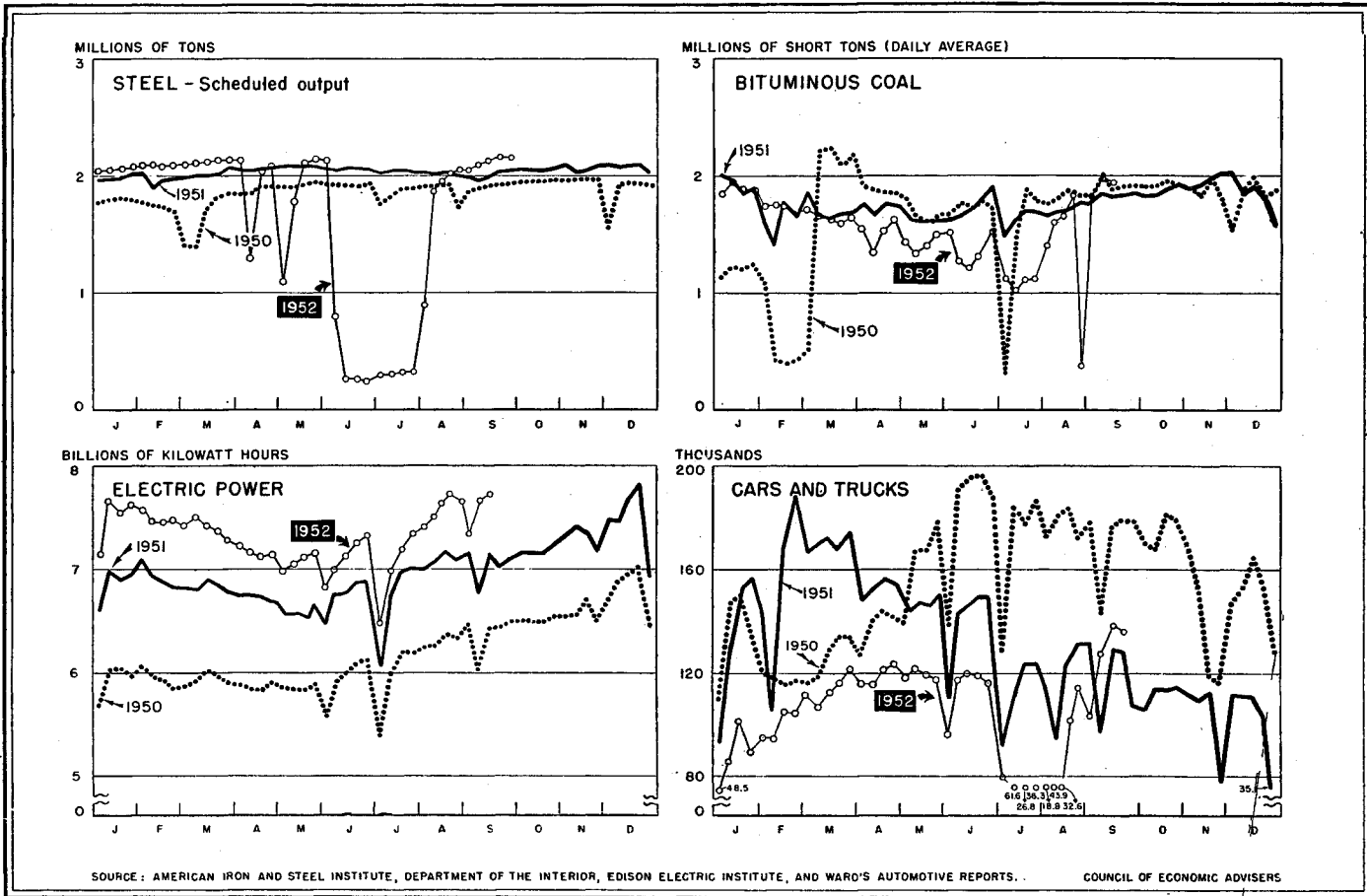
Period	Total industrial production	Manufactures			Minerals
		Total	Durable goods	Nondurable goods	
1943 monthly average.....	239	258	360	176	132
1946 monthly average.....	170	177	192	165	134
1947 monthly average.....	187	194	220	172	149
1948 monthly average.....	192	198	225	177	155
1949 monthly average.....	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: 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 ¹	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	140
June.....	204	214	248	186	147
July.....	193	202	231	179	142
August ¹	215	225	268	190	159
September ¹	223	233	283	192	168

¹ Preliminary estimates.

Source: Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

WEEKLY PRODUCTION - SELECTED INDICATORS

In September, steel production regained, and then surpassed, pre-strike levels. Electric power output, coal production, and motor vehicle output all rose to new highs for the year.



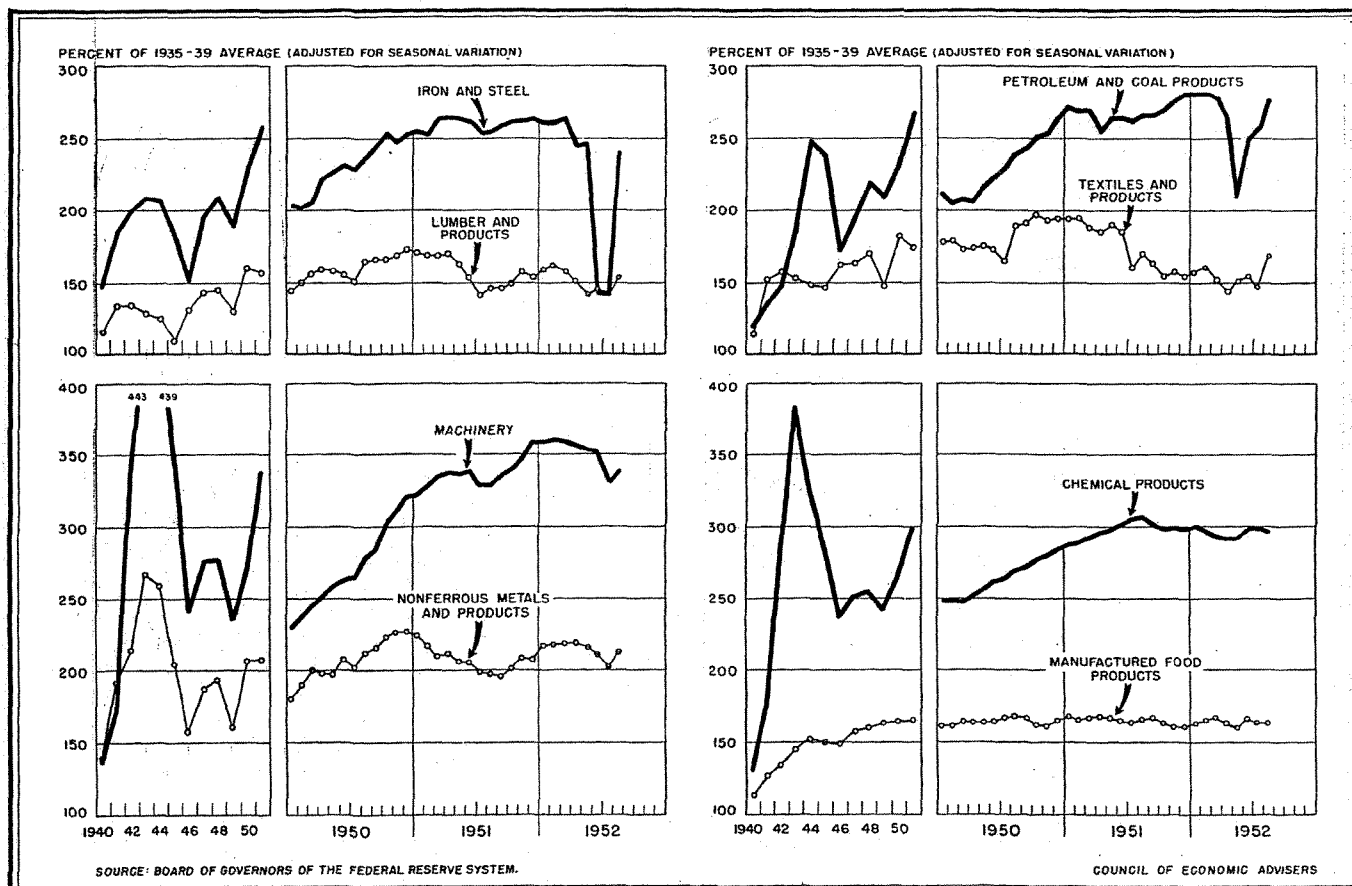
Period	Steel ¹		Electric power, by utilities (millions of kilowatt-hours)	Bituminous coal (thousands of short tons) ²	Cars and trucks (number)
	Thousands of net tons	Percent of theoretical capacity			
Weekly average:					
1950.....	1,857	96.9	6,183	1,687	154,214
June.....	1,898	99.6	6,038	1,707	192,825
1951.....	2,018	100.9	6,958	1,777	129,828
1951: August.....	1,973	98.7	7,114	1,748	120,311
September.....	2,023	101.2	7,012	1,790	115,721
October.....	2,059	103.0	7,204	1,918	112,300
November.....	2,051	102.6	7,340	1,990	103,362
December.....	2,011	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.....	1,852	89.2	7,018	1,383	114,870
June.....	382	18.4	7,176	1,322	118,361
July.....	368	17.7	7,076	1,183	44,587
August.....	1,919	92.4	7,622	1,320	73,216
September ³	2,107	101.4	7,582	1,850	125,516
Week ended:					
1952: September 6.....	2,055	98.9	7,324	1,825	103,365
13.....	2,093	100.8	7,654	1,975	127,685
20.....	2,121	102.1	7,725	1,930	138,390
27.....	2,160	104.0	7,625	1,672	132,624
October 4.....	2,195	105.7			129,889
11.....	2,173	104.6			

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

In August, iron and steel output recovered rapidly from the effects of the steel strike. There were also substantial increases in the output of other major durable goods industries. Expansion of output of nondurable goods was due partly to a greater than seasonal increase in textiles, and to a continued rise in petroleum.



[1935-39=100, seasonally adjusted]

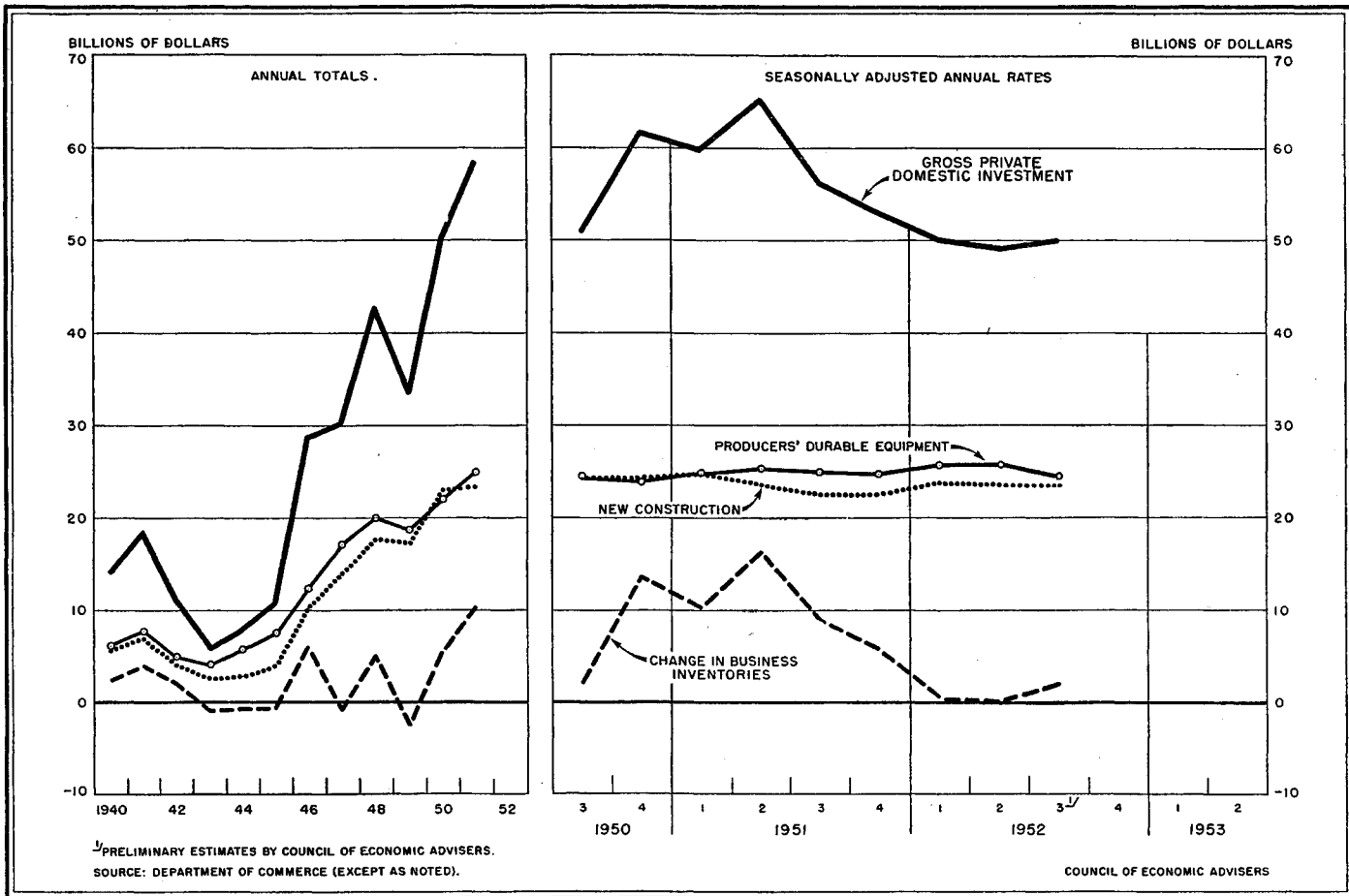
Period	Durable manufactures				Nondurable manufactures			
	Iron and steel	Lumber and products	Machinery	Nonferrous metals and products	Textiles and products	Petroleum and coal products	Manufactured food products	Chemical products
1943 monthly average.....	208	129	443	267	153	185	145	384
1946 monthly 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: 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	354	219	144	263	163	292
May.....	246	142	353	216	151	209	160	292
June.....	142	146	352	210	154	250	166	298
July.....	141	141	331	202	147	257	163	298
August ¹	240	154	338	212	169	277	163	297

¹ Preliminary estimates.

Source: Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

GROSS PRIVATE DOMESTIC INVESTMENT

The rise in total investment during the third quarter was entirely the result of increased inventory accumulation, according to early estimates.



¹PRELIMINARY ESTIMATES BY COUNCIL OF ECONOMIC ADVISERS.
SOURCE: DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE (EXCEPT AS NOTED).

COUNCIL OF ECONOMIC ADVISERS

[Billions of dollars]

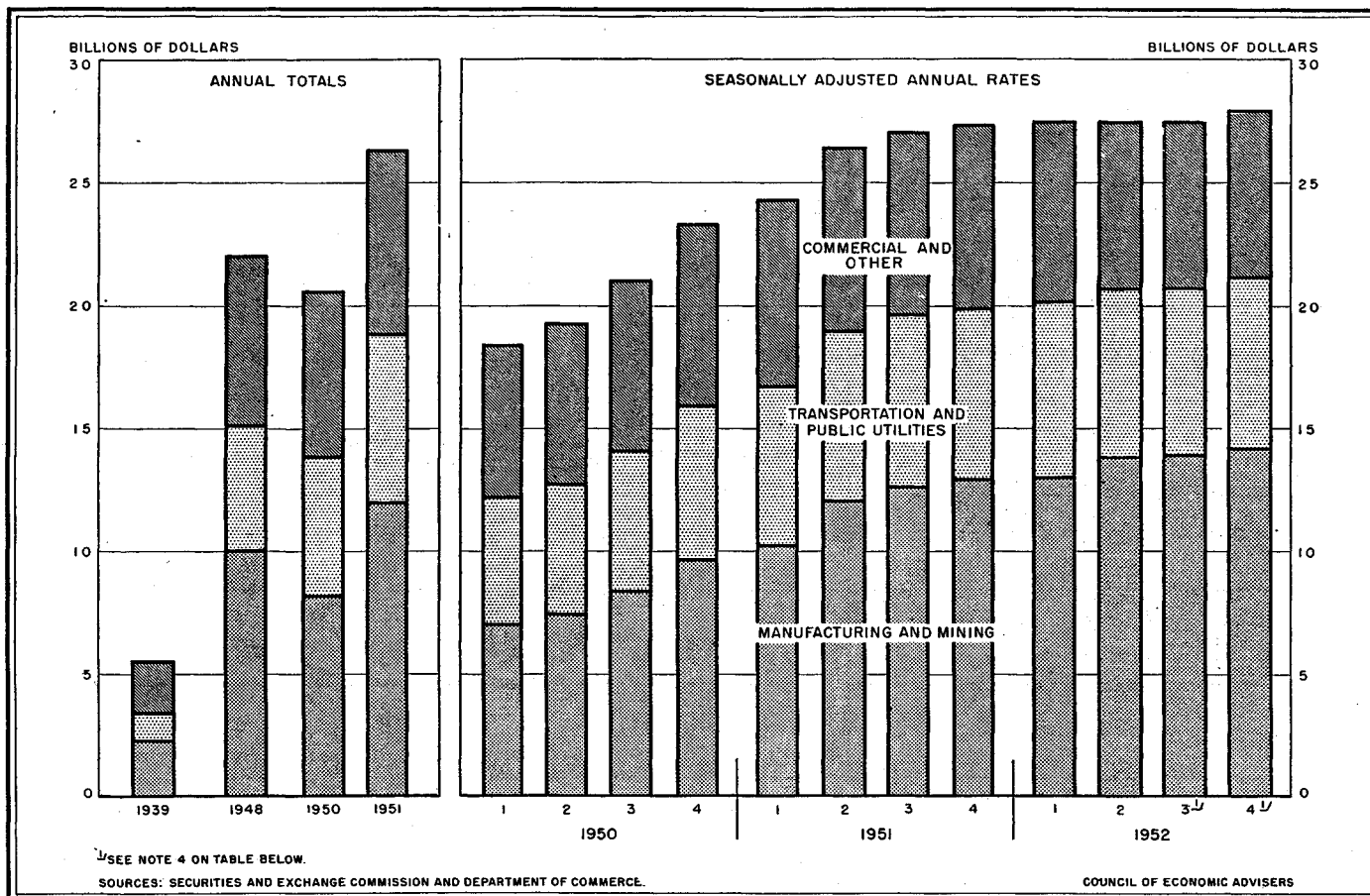
Period	Total gross private domestic investment	New construction			Producers' durable equipment	Change in business inventories
		Total	Residential nonfarm	Other		
1939.....	9.9	4.9	2.7	2.2	4.6	0.4
1944.....	7.7	2.8	.8	2.0	5.7	-.8
1946.....	28.7	10.3	4.0	6.3	12.3	6.1
1947.....	30.2	13.9	6.3	7.6	17.1	-.8
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						
951: 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.....	49.3	23.6	11.0	12.6	25.7	.1
Third quarter ¹	50.0	23.5	11.0	12.5	24.5	2.0

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).

EXPENDITURES FOR NEW PLANT AND EQUIPMENT

Expenditures for new plant and equipment, seasonally adjusted, for the third quarter were at the level of the two previous quarters, according to the survey of business intentions made in August. During the fourth quarter businessmen expect to increase this form of investment. Principal increases are planned in manufacturing, mining, and public utilities.



[Billions of dollars]

Period	Total ¹	Manufacturing			Mining	Transportation		Public utilities	Commercial and other ²
		Total	Durable goods	Nondurable goods		Railroads	Other		
1939	5.51	1.94	0.76	1.19	0.33	0.28	0.36	0.52	2.08
1945	8.69	3.98	1.59	2.39	.38	.55	.57	.50	2.70
1948	22.06	9.13	3.48	5.65	.88	1.32	1.28	2.54	6.90
1949	19.28	7.15	2.59	4.56	.79	1.35	.89	3.12	5.98
1950	20.60	7.49	3.14	4.36	.71	1.11	1.21	3.31	6.78
1951	26.33	11.13	5.17	5.96	.91	1.47	1.49	3.85	7.47
1952 ⁴	27.48	12.81	6.00	6.81	.84	1.45	1.48	4.07	6.84
Seasonally adjusted annual rates									
1951: First quarter	24.29	9.48	(3)	(3)	.82	1.28	1.45	3.70	7.57
Second quarter	26.40	11.08	(3)	(3)	.95	1.53	1.50	3.86	7.48
Third quarter	27.07	11.72	(3)	(3)	.93	1.46	1.50	3.97	7.49
Fourth quarter	27.30	12.02	(3)	(3)	.93	1.60	1.50	3.85	7.40
1952: First quarter	27.43	12.04	(3)	(3)	.93	1.57	1.47	4.14	7.27
Second quarter	27.49	12.95	(3)	(3)	.87	1.48	1.35	3.99	6.85
Third quarter ⁴	27.49	13.07	(3)	(3)	.81	1.26	1.48	4.04	6.84
Fourth quarter ⁴	27.92	13.32	(3)	(3)	.85	1.28	1.48	4.20	6.79

¹ Excludes agriculture.

² Commercial and other includes trade, service, finance, communications, and construction.

³ Not available.

⁴ Estimates for third and fourth quarters based on anticipated capital expenditures as reported by business in August.

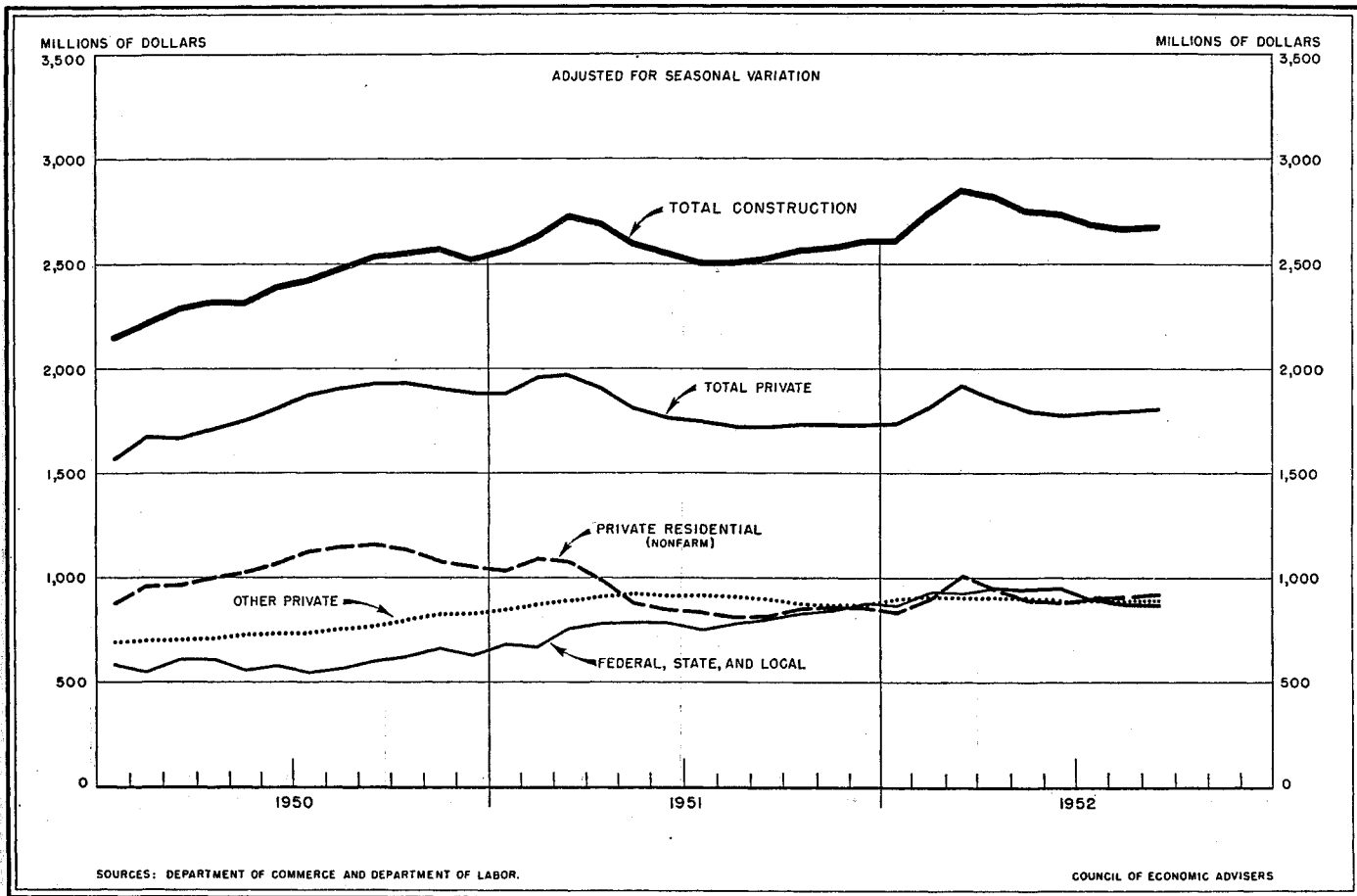
NOTE.—Revised series; see Survey of Current Business, August 1952. These figures do not agree with the totals included in the gross national product estimates of the Department of Commerce, principally because the latter cover agricultural investment and also certain equipment and construction outlays charged to current expense.

Detail will not necessarily add to totals because of rounding.

Sources: Securities and Exchange Commission and Department of Commerce.

NEW CONSTRUCTION

Construction, seasonally adjusted, increased slightly in September, ending a downward trend which began last April. The entire September increase came in private nonfarm residential 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	143	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	468	197
1943 monthly average.....	1,806	1,404	715	689	402
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: 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.....	2,675	1,787	897	890	888
August.....	2,665	1,792	903	889	873
September ²	2,676	1,802	916	886	873

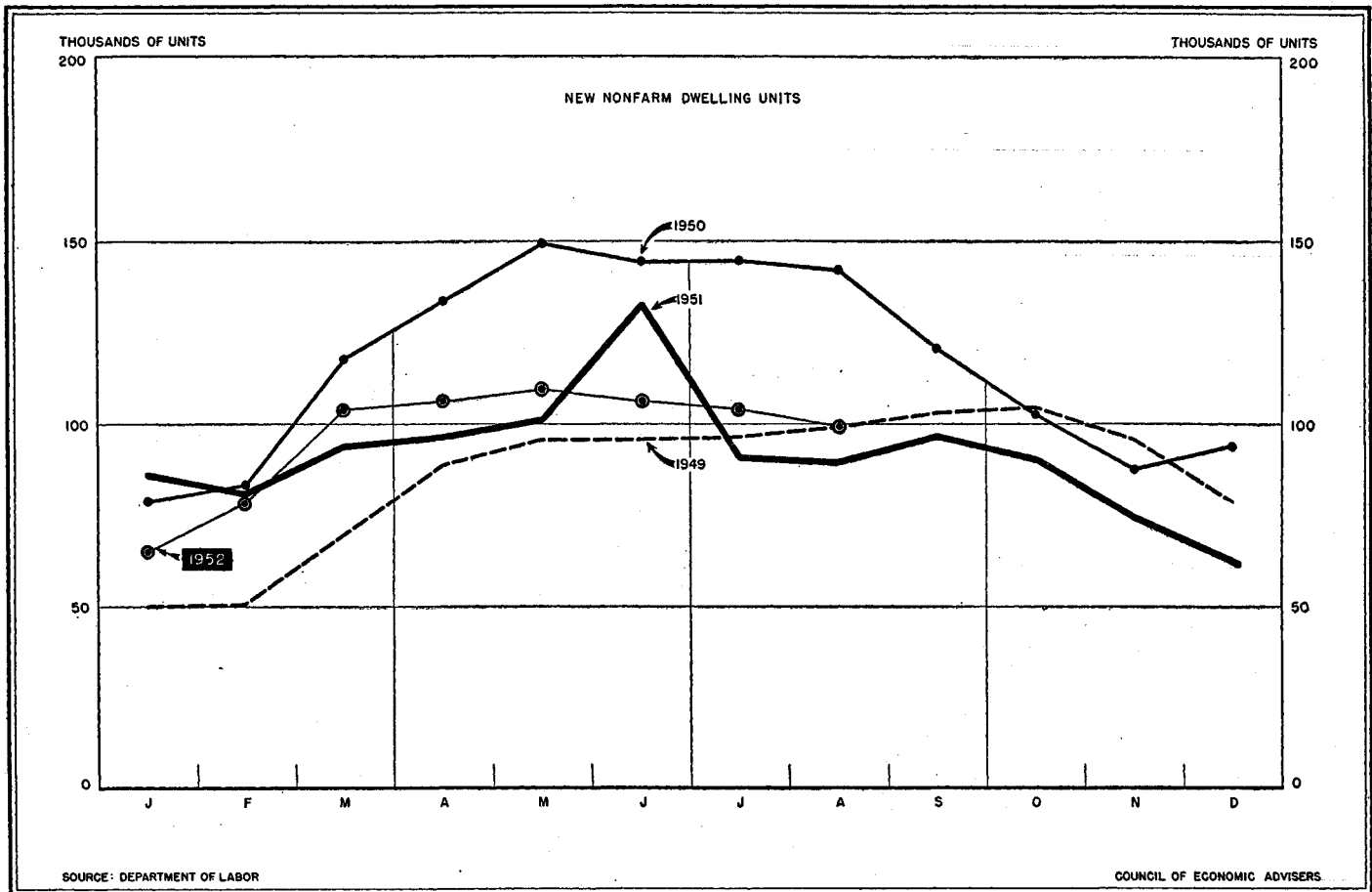
¹ Includes public residential construction.

² Preliminary estimates.

Sources: Department of Commerce and Department of Labor.

NEW HOUSING STARTS

New housing starts in August dropped to 99,000, the lowest monthly level since February. This marked the third successive monthly decline from the May peak of 109,600.

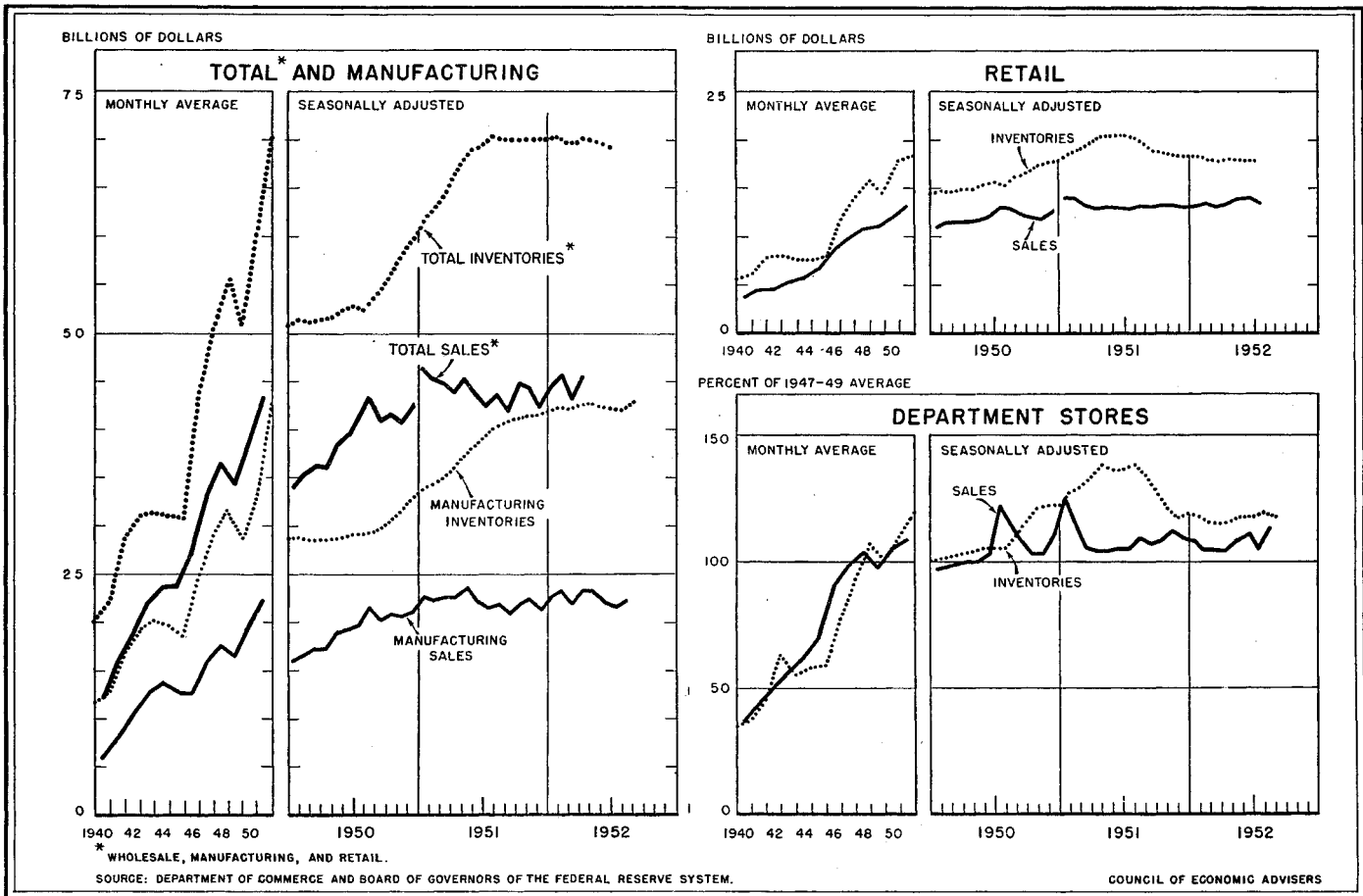


Month	New nonfarm units started					
	1947	1948	1949	1950	1951	1952
January	39,300	53,500	50,000	78,700	85,900	64,900
February	42,800	50,100	50,400	82,900	80,600	77,700
March	56,000	76,400	69,400	117,300	93,800	103,900
April	67,100	99,500	88,300	133,400	96,200	106,200
May	72,900	100,300	95,400	149,100	101,000	109,600
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	¹ 104,000
August	86,300	86,700	99,000	141,900	89,100	¹ 99,000
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

During August, total business inventories and sales, seasonally adjusted, showed little change. Increases at the manufacturers' level were approximately offset by declines at the retail and wholesale levels.



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 (millions of dollars)	Inven- tories ⁴	Sales ³
Millions of dollars, seasonally adjusted									
1939.....	20,051	10,803	5,534	3,504	11,465	5,112	(⁵)	35	35
1943.....	31,343	21,920	7,561	5,270	20,098	12,820	(⁵)	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	⁶ 44,089	18,093	⁶ 13,185	42,014	22,036	23,991	129	109
1951: July.....	70,268	42,429	20,045	12,796	39,908	21,249	22,556	137	105
August.....	70,124	43,575	19,429	13,074	40,621	21,677	22,962	134	109
September.....	69,965	41,949	18,761	12,992	41,132	20,591	21,536	128	107
October.....	70,068	44,854	18,545	13,230	41,424	22,463	24,289	121	108
November.....	69,991	44,395	18,280	13,239	41,676	22,214	22,627	117	113
December.....	70,107	42,358	18,093	13,067	42,014	20,761	20,767	119	109
1952: January.....	70,219	44,493	18,061	13,154	42,206	22,484	22,565	118	108
February.....	69,899	45,688	17,980	13,406	42,192	23,334	22,071	116	106
March.....	69,972	43,248	17,887	13,020	42,332	21,914	23,133	115	105
April.....	70,185	45,444	18,010	13,348	42,513	23,324	23,113	116	103
May.....	69,914	45,377	17,997	13,838	42,450	23,105	21,674	118	108
June ⁷	69,541	44,318	17,847	14,000	42,213	21,848	24,772	118	111
July ⁷	69,377	44,193	17,810	13,646	42,128	21,700	22,574	120	105
August ⁷	69,481	44,053	17,284	13,391	42,859	22,163	23,700	118	114

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 Book value, end of period, except annual data, which are monthly averages.

⁵ Not available.

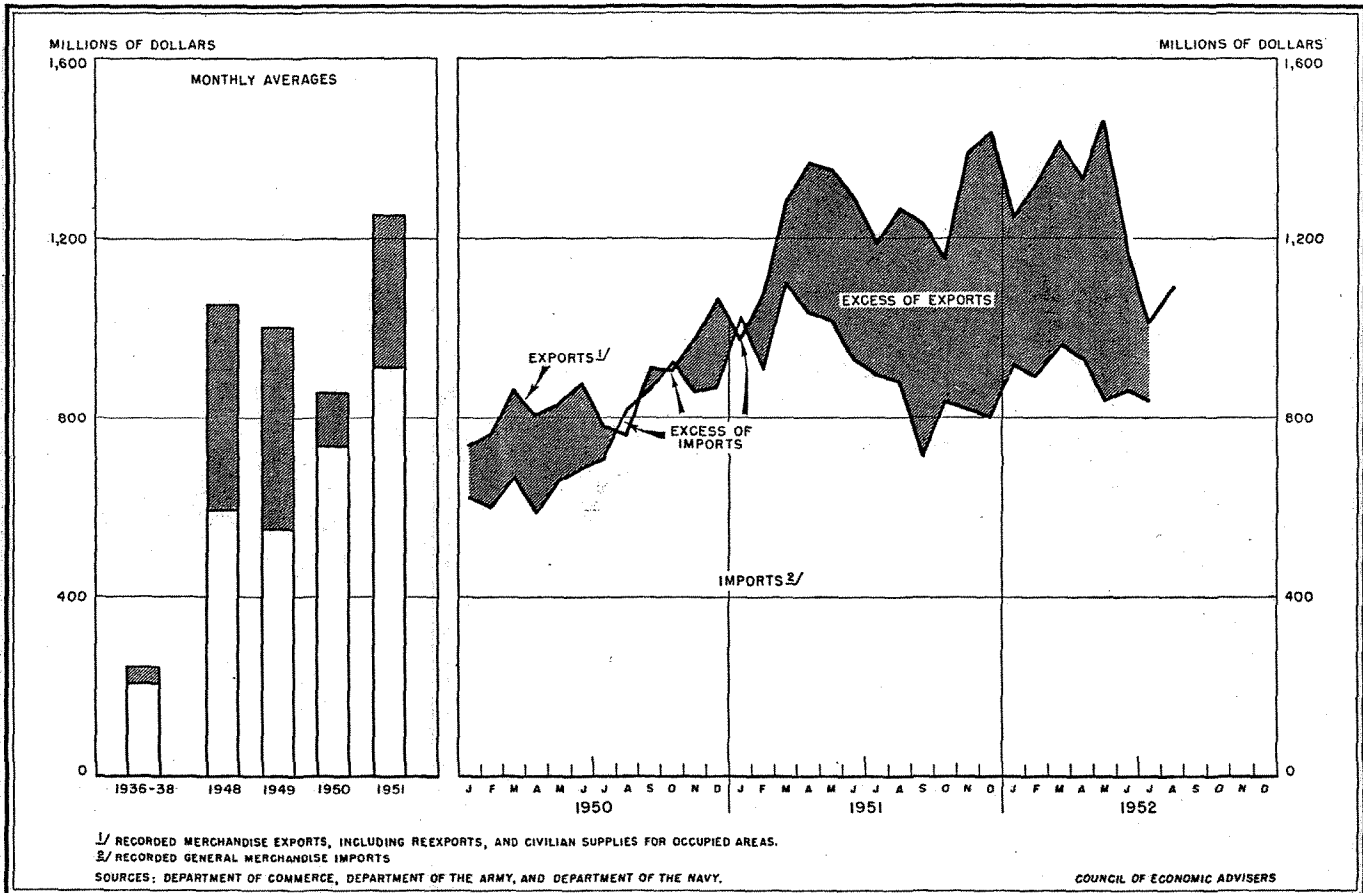
⁶ Revised series beginning with 1951; not comparable with previous sales data, nor with inventories since 1951. See Survey of Current Business, September 1952, for detail.

⁷ Preliminary estimates.

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

MERCHANDISE EXPORTS AND IMPORTS

Although exports during August were 8 percent above the July level, they were 19 percent below the level of the first quarter, according to preliminary estimates. While part of the decline was seasonal, it also reflected the effort of foreign countries to adjust their purchases to current dollar receipts.



[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: June	1,297	930	+366
July	1,186	894	+292
August	1,269	881	+388
September	1,232	721	+510
October	1,152	834	+318
November	1,387	818	+568
December	1,438	801	+637
1952: January	1,253	922	+331
February	1,338	892	+446
March	1,424	963	+461
April	1,337	932	+405
May	1,467	834	+633
June	1,164	860	+304
July	1,013	836	+177
August ³	1,090		

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

² Recorded general merchandise imports.

³ Preliminary estimate.

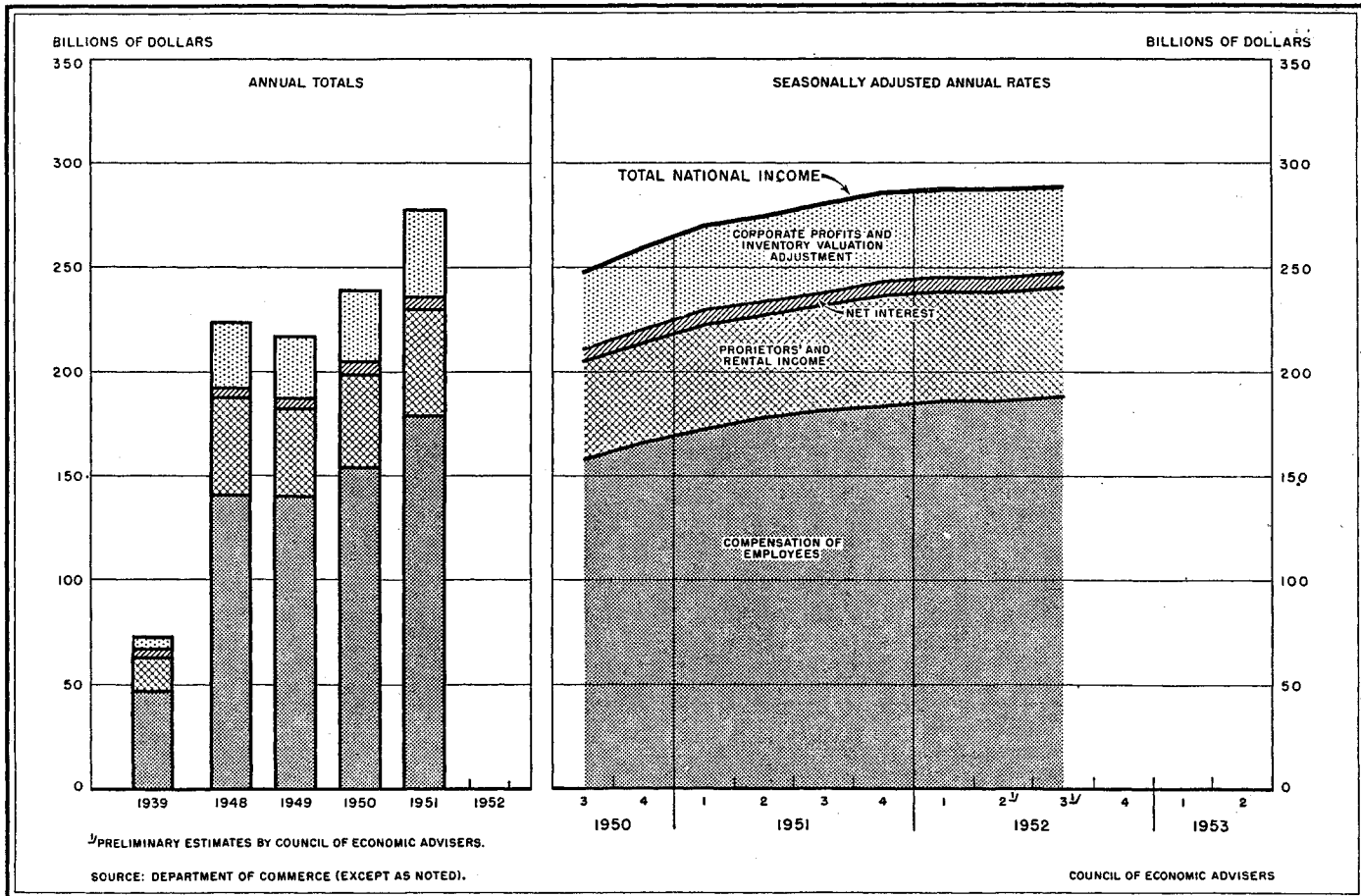
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SOURCES: Department of Commerce, Department of the Army, and Department of the Navy.

PURCHASING POWER

NATIONAL INCOME

National income rose about \$¼ billion (seasonally adjusted annual rate) during the third quarter. Compensation of employées, proprietors' and rental income, and net interest increased while corporate profits, after adjustment for inventory valuation, dropped.



[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							
1951: First quarter	269.6	172.9	49.7	6.3	40.7	50.1	-9.4
Second quarter	274.8	178.2	49.0	6.4	41.2	43.3	-2.1
Third quarter	280.2	181.0	50.8	6.5	41.9	38.6	+3.2
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
Second quarter	¹ 287.4	186.9	51.9	6.9	¹ 41.7	¹ 40.0	+1.7
Third quarter ¹	288.2	188.2	52.2	7.1	40.7	40.0	+0.7

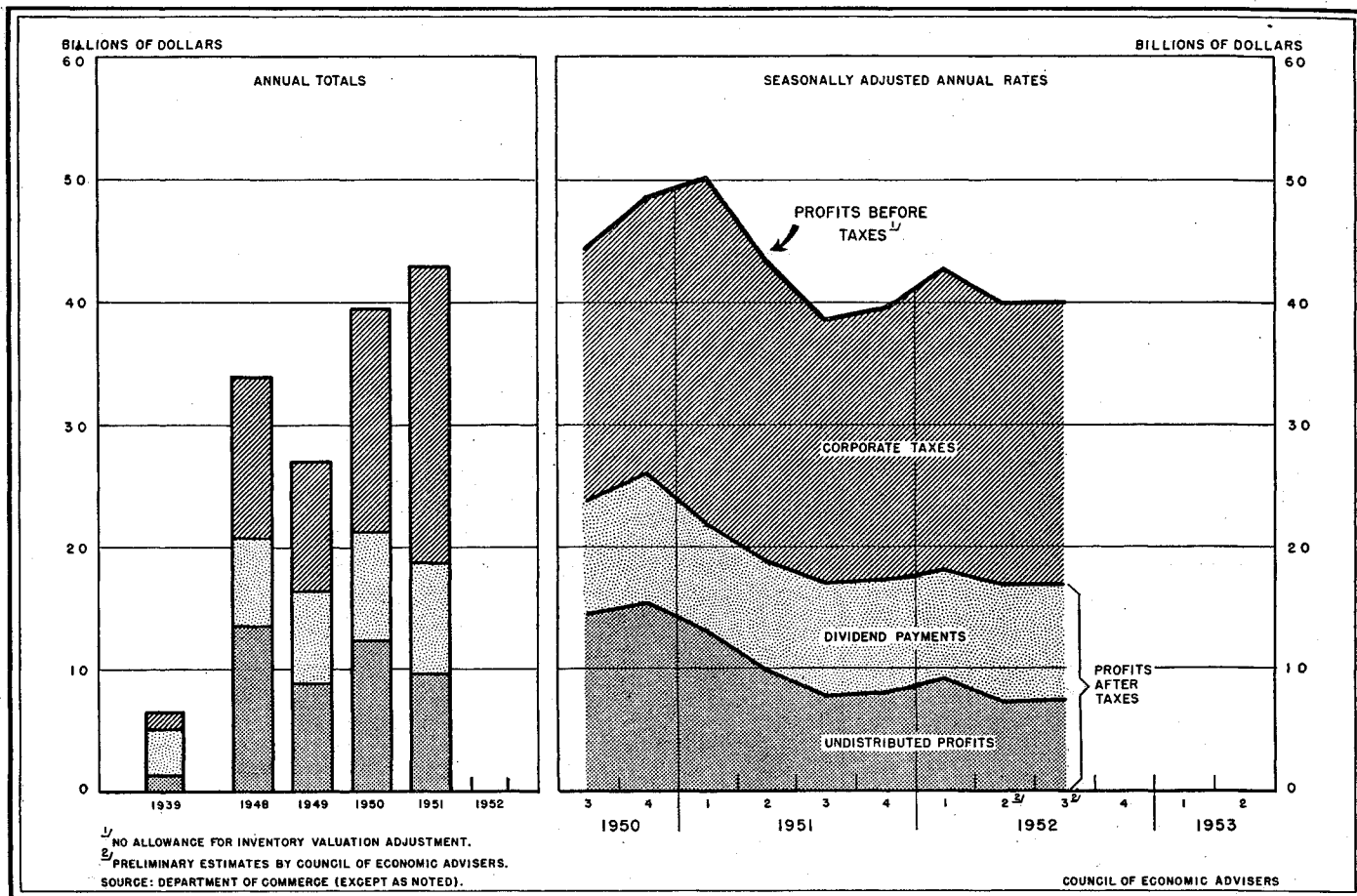
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Source: Department of Commerce (except as noted).

CORPORATE PROFITS

There was no change in corporate profits (seasonally adjusted annual rate) during the third quarter, according to preliminary estimates.



[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					
1951: First quarter	50.1	28.4	21.7	8.6	13.1
Second quarter	43.3	24.5	18.8	9.0	9.8
Third quarter	38.6	21.8	16.9	9.2	7.7
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
Second quarter ¹	40.0	23.0	17.0	9.6	7.4
Third quarter ¹	40.0	23.0	17.0	9.5	7.5

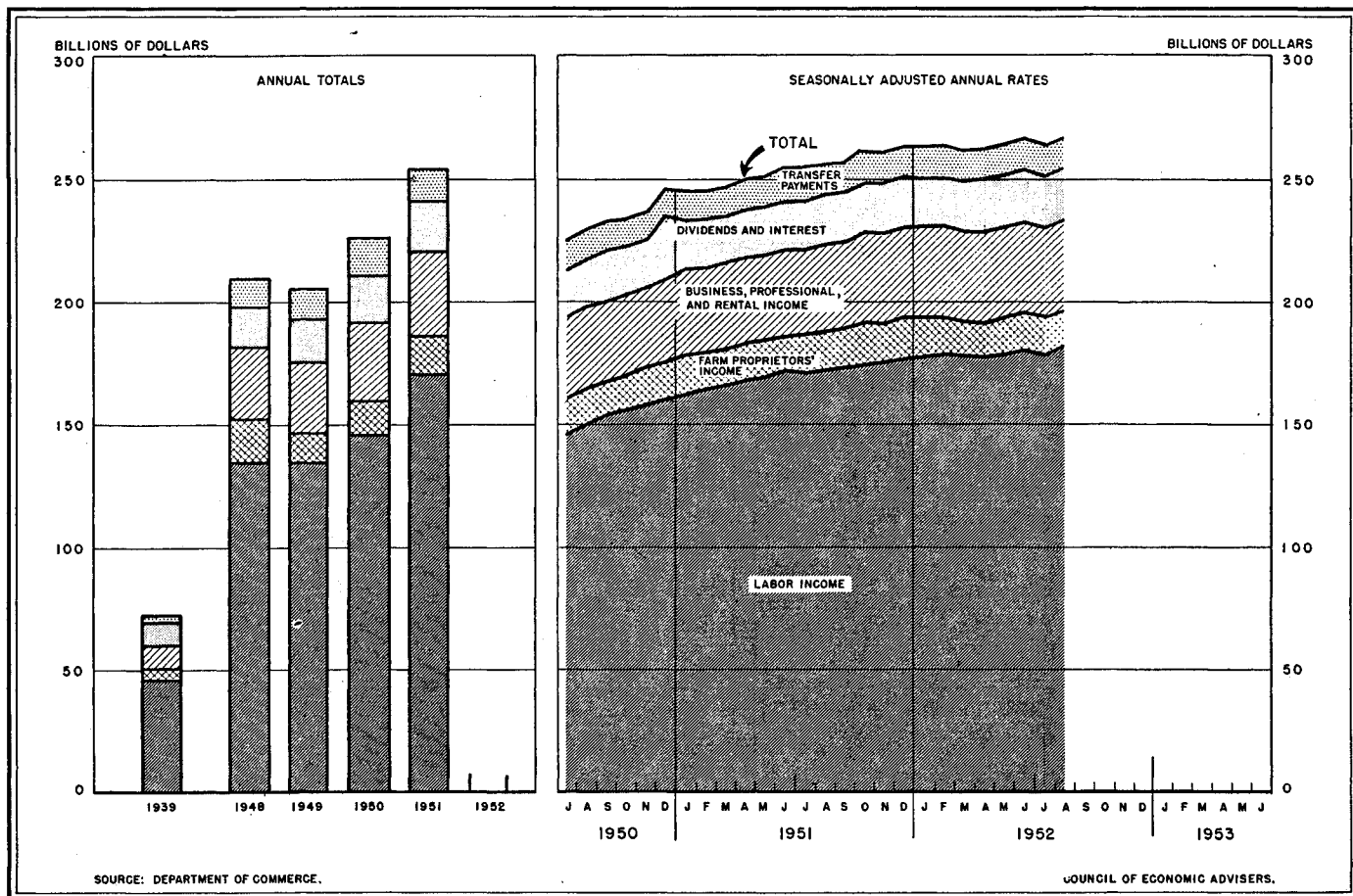
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NOTE.—See p. 21 for profits before taxes and inventory valuation adjustment. Detail will not necessarily add to totals because of rounding.

Source: Department of Commerce (except as noted).

PERSONAL INCOME

The annual rate of personal income rose \$3 billion in August. All of the gain was in salaries and wages, largely reflecting increased employment following settlement of the steel strike.



[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: 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.....	266.7	180.3	15.5	37.0	21.4	12.5
July.....	263.9	178.4	15.0	36.8	21.3	12.4
August ³	267.1	182.0	14.8	36.8	21.4	12.1

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.

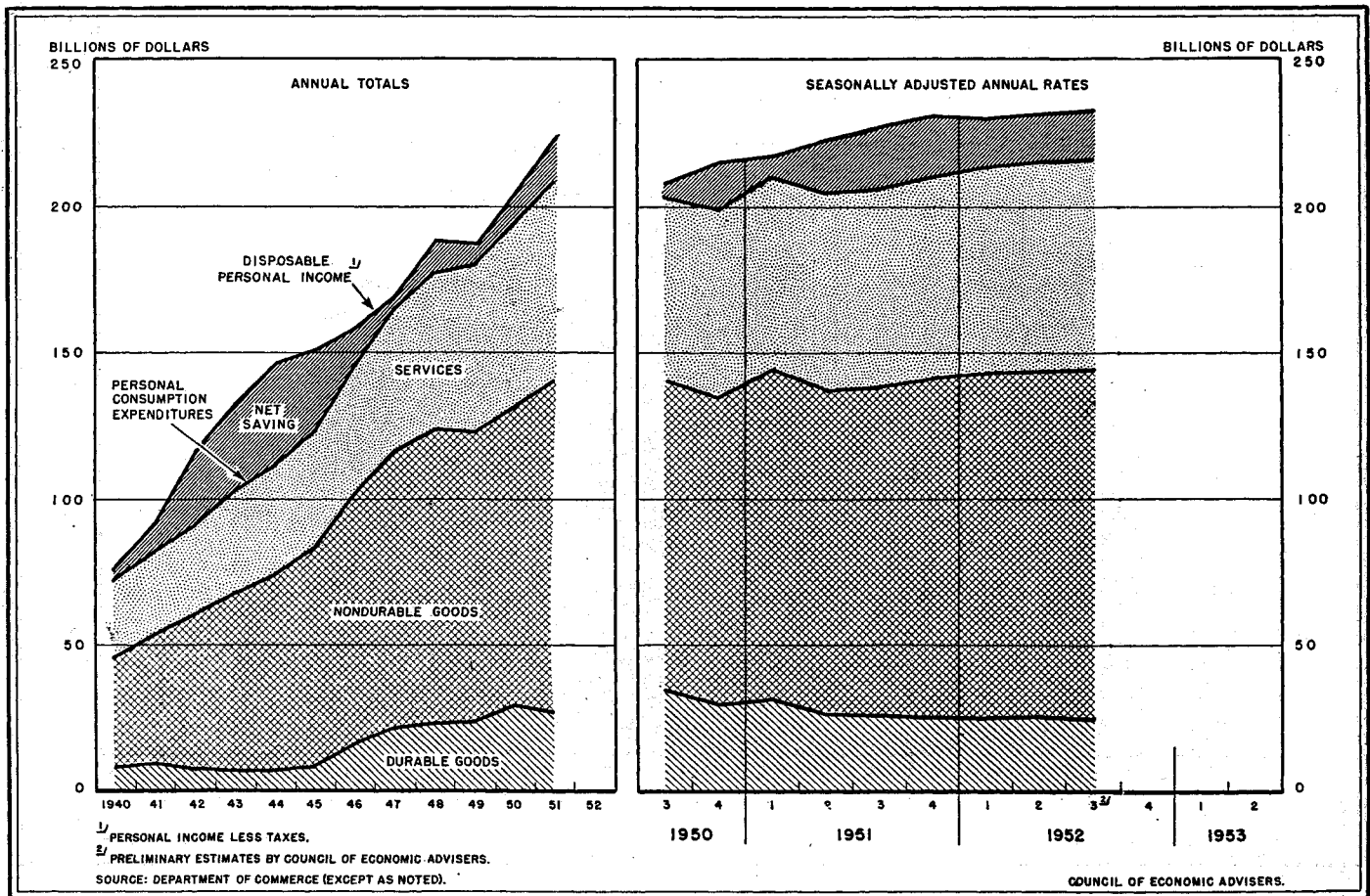
³ Preliminary estimates.

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Source: Department of Commerce.

CONSUMER INCOME, SPENDING, AND SAVING

The rate of personal saving continued at about 7 percent of disposable income during the third quarter, according to preliminary estimates. The annual rate of both disposable income and consumption expenditures rose more than \$1 billion.



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	Nondu- rable goods		
Billions of dollars						
1939.....	70.2	67.5	6.7	35.3	2.7	3.8
1941.....	92.0	82.3	9.8	44.0	9.8	10.7
1942.....	116.7	91.2	7.1	52.9	25.6	21.9
1944.....	147.0	111.6	7.1	67.1	35.4	24.1
1946.....	158.9	146.9	16.6	85.8	12.0	7.6
1947.....	169.5	165.6	21.4	95.1	3.9	2.3
1948.....	188.4	177.9	22.9	100.9	10.5	5.6
1949.....	187.2	180.6	23.8	99.2	6.7	3.6
1950.....	205.5	194.3	29.2	102.8	11.2	5.5
1951.....	225.0	208.0	27.1	113.5	17.0	7.6
Seasonally adjusted annual rates						
1951: First quarter.....	218.0	210.5	31.3	113.3	7.5	3.4
Second quarter.....	223.2	204.5	26.3	111.3	18.7	8.4
Third quarter.....	227.1	206.4	25.5	113.2	20.7	9.1
Fourth quarter.....	231.5	210.5	25.3	116.2	21.1	9.1
1952: First quarter.....	230.5	213.2	25.2	118.0	70.0	7.5
Second quarter.....	231.5	214.9	26.4	117.8	70.8	7.1
Third quarter ²	233.0	216.0	25.0	119.5	17.0	7.3

¹ Income less taxes.

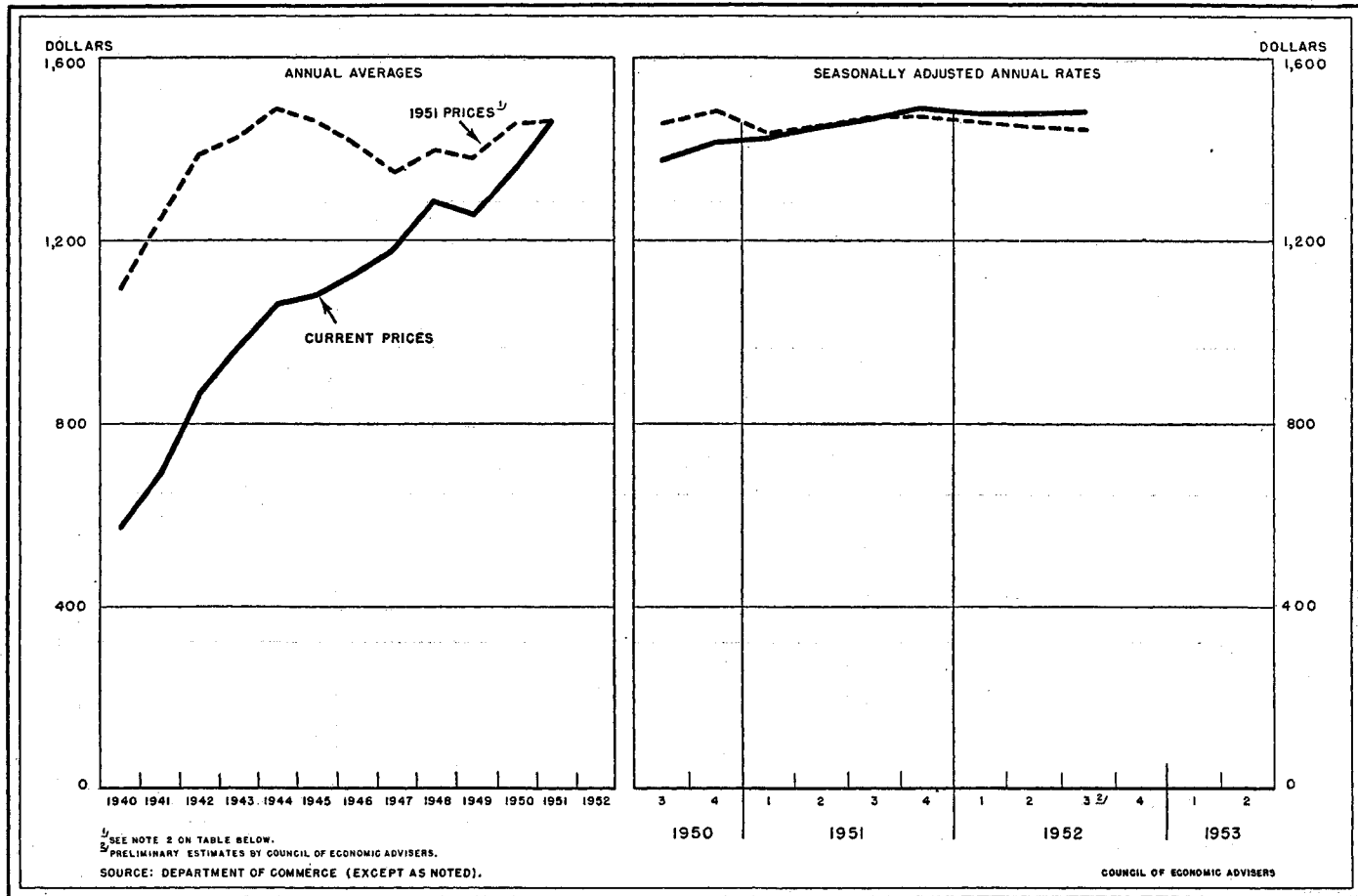
² Preliminary estimates by Council of Economic Advisers.

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Source: Department of Commerce (except as noted).

PER CAPITA DISPOSABLE INCOME

There was a slight rise in per capita disposable income during the third quarter, according to preliminary estimates. When adjusted for price changes, however, there was a decline.



Period	Total disposable personal income (billions of dollars) ¹		Per capita disposable personal income (dollars) ¹		Population (thousands) ²
	Current prices	1951 prices ²	Current prices	1951 prices ²	
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					
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	227.3	1,477	1,457	156,097
Second quarter	231.5	227.0	1,477	1,448	156,703
Third quarter ⁴	233.0	226.9	1,480	1,441	157,400

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.

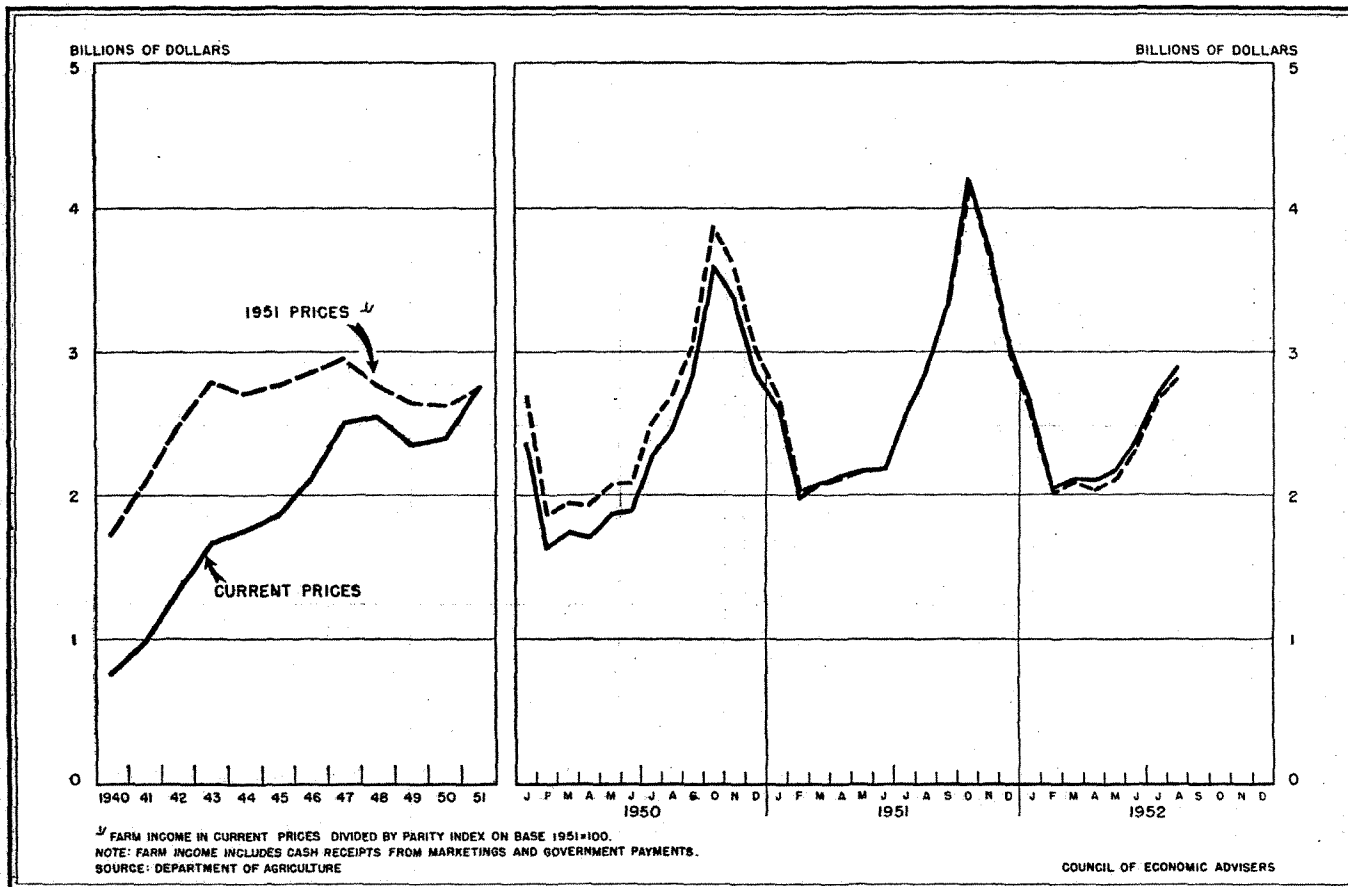
³ Provisional intercensal estimates of the population of the United States including Armed Forces overseas, taking into account the final 1950 Census total population count. Annual data as of July 1; quarterly data centered in the middle of the period, interpolated from monthly figures.

⁴ Preliminary estimates by Council of Economic Advisers.

Source: Department of Commerce (except as noted).

FARM INCOME

During August, the seasonal increase in farm income was less than in the corresponding period of last year. In both current and 1951 dollars, the level of income fell slightly below that of a year ago.



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	2,384	91	2,620
June	1,889	90	2,099
1951 monthly average	2,742	100	2,742
1951: July	2,557	100	2,557
August	2,886	100	2,886
September	3,348	100	3,348
October	4,216	101	4,174
November	3,712	101	3,675
December	3,012	101	2,982
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	2,176	103	2,113
June	2,381	102	2,334
July ³	2,711	102	2,658
August ³	2,882	102	2,825

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

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

³ Preliminary estimates.

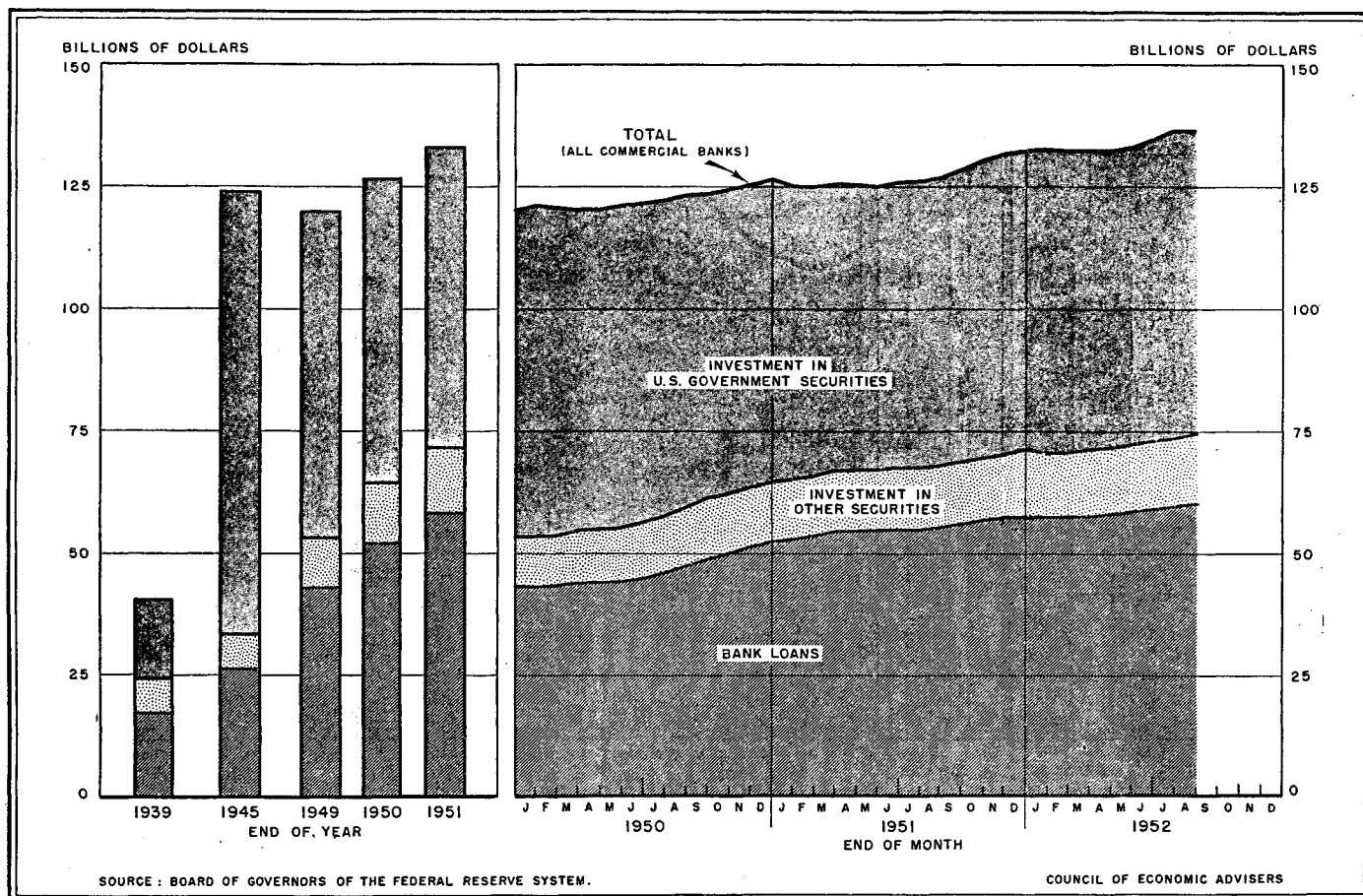
NOTE.—Farm income includes cash receipts from marketings and Government payments.

Source: Department of Agriculture.

CREDIT, MONEY, AND FEDERAL FINANCE

BANK LOANS AND INVESTMENTS

Bank loans expanded in August at about the same rate as in July. However, the rise in loans was more than offset by a decline in investments, reflecting a decrease in holdings of U. S. Government securities.



[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
1951.....	132.6	57.7	74.9	61.5	13.3	21.6
1951: 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.....	134.4	59.2	75.2	61.2	14.0	20.8
July.....	136.8	59.7	77.0	62.9	14.1	20.6
August ²	136.6	60.2	76.3	62.0	14.4	20.9
September.....						21.6

¹ Commercial, industrial, and agricultural loans.

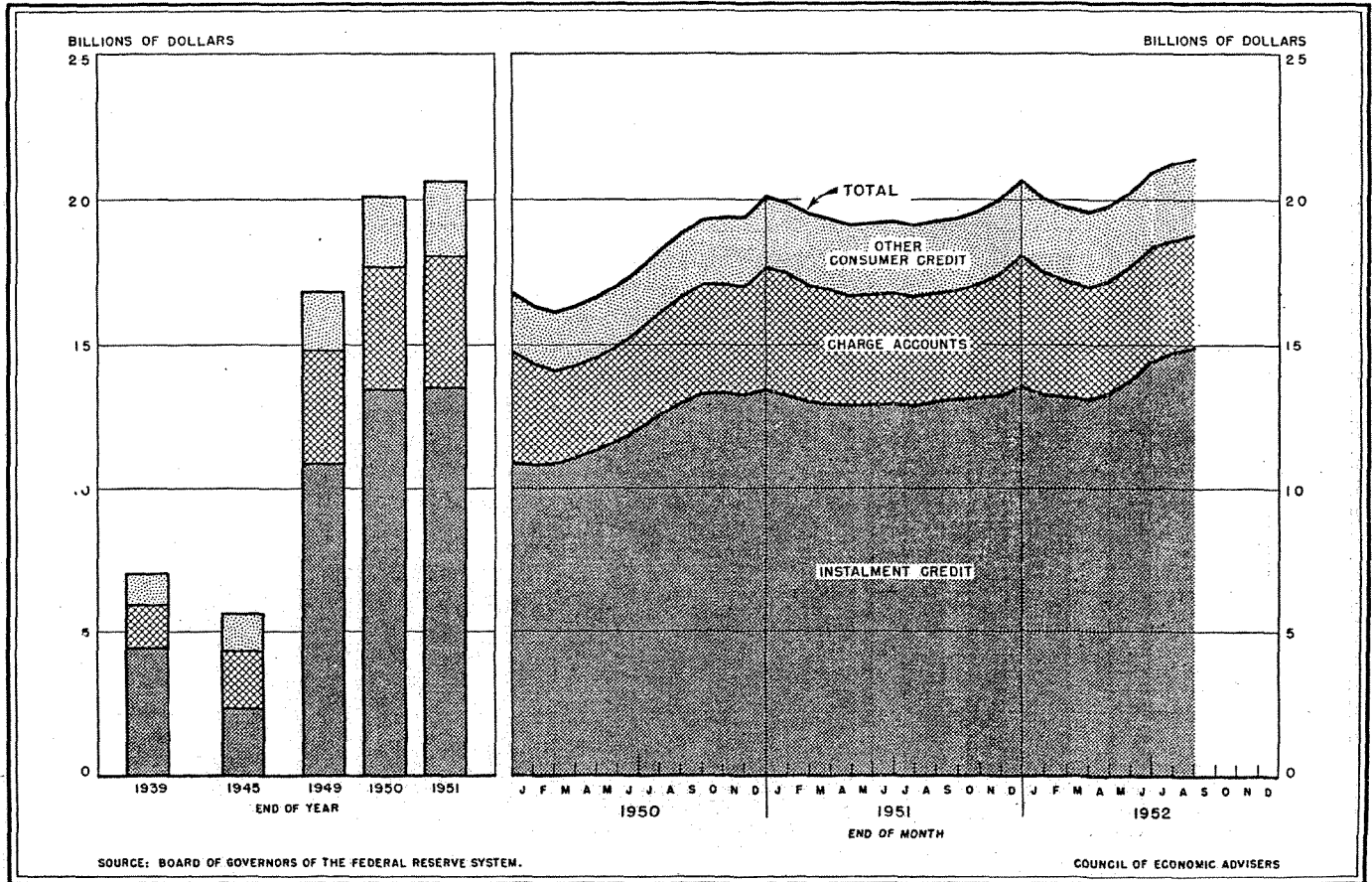
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² Preliminary estimates.

Source: Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

CONSUMER CREDIT

Instalment credit expanded about \$150 million during August, which was considerably less than in any other month since the suspension of instalment credit regulations. Other forms of consumer credit did not change significantly.



[Millions of dollars]

End of period	Total consumer credit outstanding	Instalment credit					Charge accounts	Other consumer credit ²
		Total instalment credit	Sale credit			Loans ¹		
			Total	Automobile sale credit	Other sale credit			
1939	7,031	4,424	2,792	1,267	1,525	1,632	1,063	
1943	4,600	2,001	882	175	707	1,119	1,101	
1946	8,677	4,000	1,648	544	1,104	2,352	1,623	
1949	16,809	10,890	6,240	3,144	3,096	4,650	2,010	
1950	20,097	13,459	7,904	4,126	3,778	5,555	2,399	
June	17,651	12,105	6,995	3,790	3,205	5,110	2,154	
1951	20,644	13,510	7,546	4,039	3,507	5,964	2,547	
1951: July	19,132	12,903	7,173	4,061	3,112	5,730	2,486	
August	19,262	13,045	7,247	4,138	3,109	5,798	2,493	
September	19,362	13,167	7,327	4,175	3,152	5,840	2,499	
October	19,585	13,196	7,355	4,134	3,221	5,841	2,521	
November	19,989	13,271	7,400	4,100	3,300	5,871	2,528	
December	20,644	13,510	7,546	4,039	3,507	5,964	2,547	
1952: January	20,126	13,314	7,322	3,962	3,360	5,992	2,559	
February	19,717	13,185	7,158	3,927	3,231	6,027	2,565	
March	19,565	13,156	7,047	3,891	3,156	6,109	2,554	
April	19,788	13,319	7,099	3,946	3,153	6,220	2,556	
May	20,293	13,806	7,421	4,171	3,250	6,385	2,566	
June	20,961	14,409	7,820	4,446	3,374	6,589	2,572	
July ³	21,220	14,751	8,048	4,606	3,442	6,703	2,578	
August ³	21,393	14,907	8,129	4,620	3,509	6,778	2,595	

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.

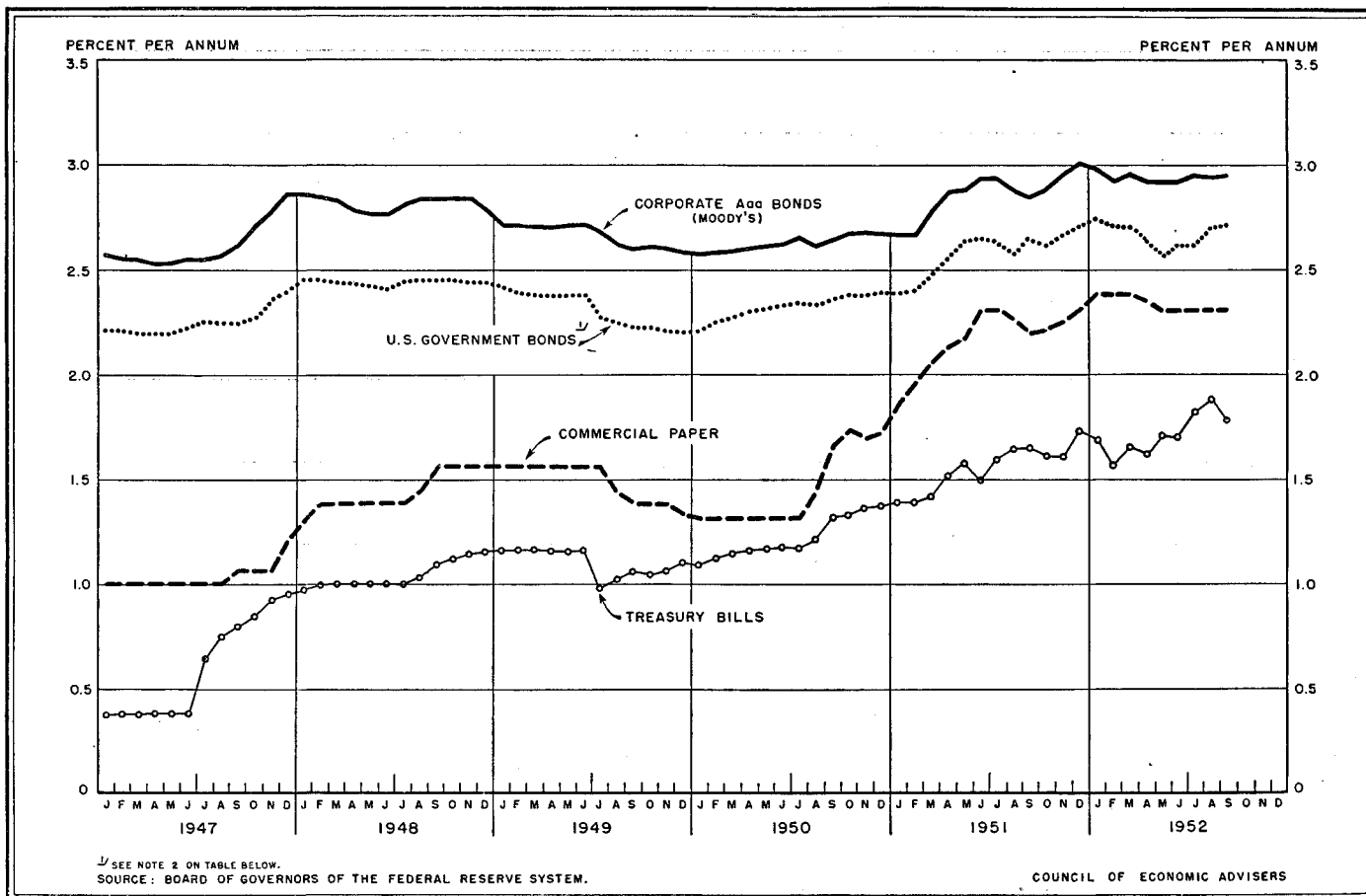
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Source: Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

BOND YIELDS AND INTEREST RATES

The average yield on new issues of 3-month Treasury bills fell substantially during September, while the rate on prime commercial paper and Government and corporate bonds remained at or very near the August levels.



[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)	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: 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
August	1.876	2.70	2.94	2.31
September	1.786	2.71	2.95	2.31

¹ Rate on new issues within period.

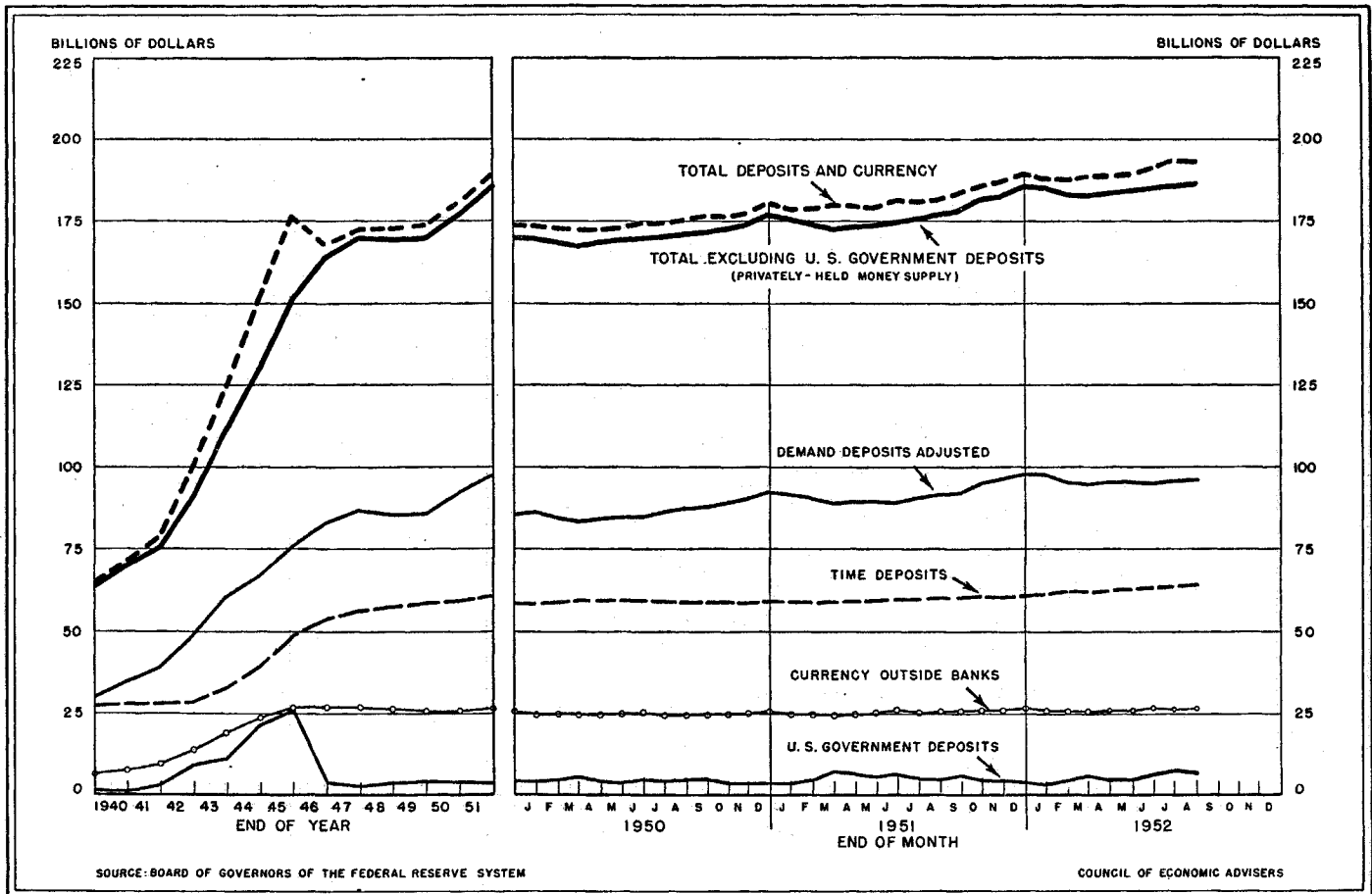
² 15 years and over prior to April 1952; 12 years and over beginning in April.

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

Source: Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

MONEY SUPPLY

During August, the total money supply showed the first monthly decline in 6 months. A drop of \$700 million in U. S. Government deposits was accompanied by a rise of only \$400 million in the privately-held money supply.



SOURCE: BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF THE FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

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[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: 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.....	191.4	6.5	184.9	26.5	94.8	63.7
July.....	193.4	7.6	185.8	26.2	95.7	63.8
August ⁴	193.1	6.9	186.2	26.3	95.8	64.1

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.

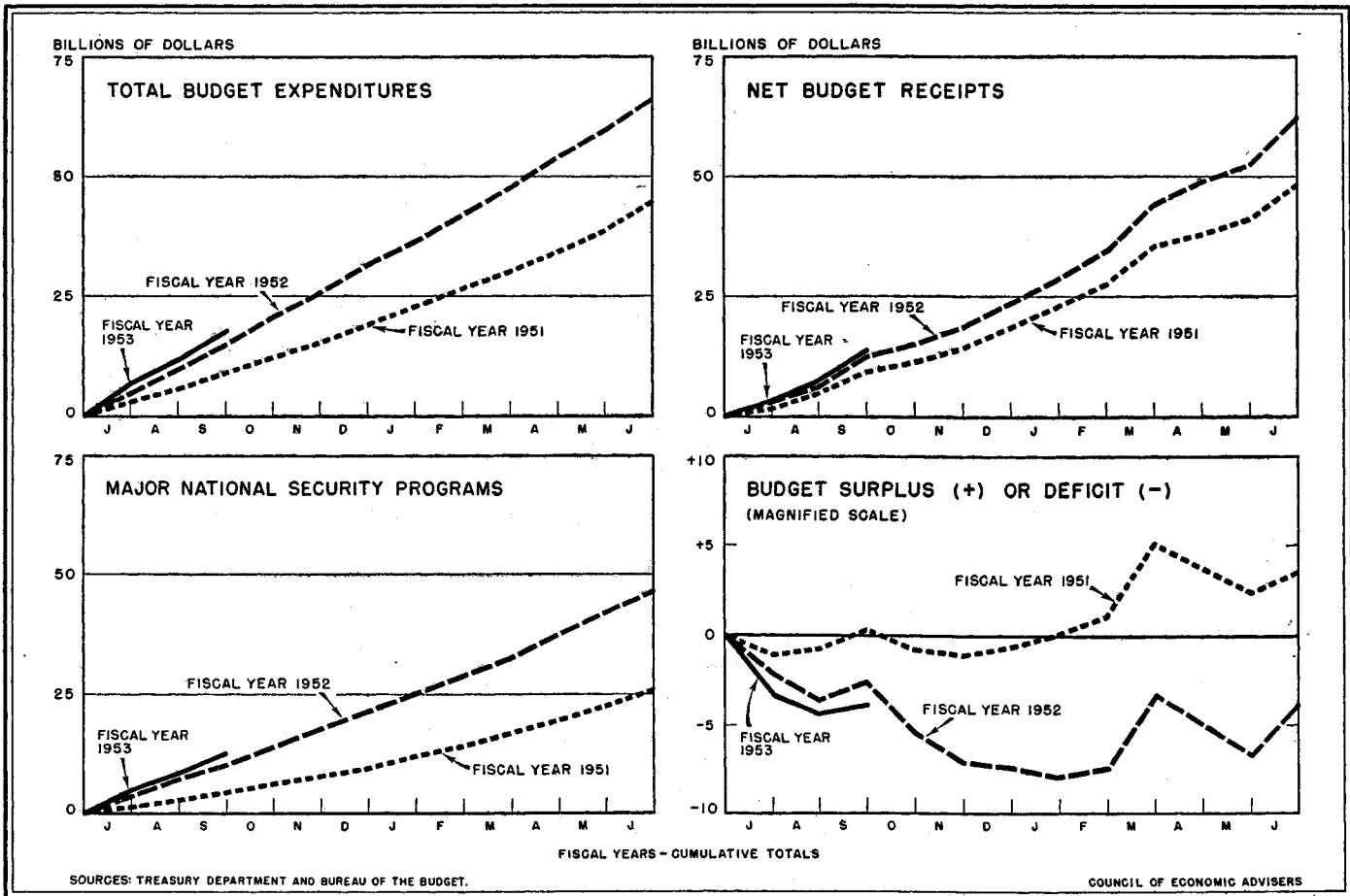
⁴ Preliminary estimates.

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

Expenditures for national security, which had declined in August, increased in September. The total of \$13.0 billion for the July-September quarter compares with \$13.3 billion in the April-June quarter. The budget deficit of \$3.9 billion for the first 3 months of the fiscal year contrasts with a deficit of \$2.6 billion for the same period last year.



[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	Cumulative fiscal year totals	Total for period	Cumulative fiscal year totals	
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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		46.3		62.1		-4.0		259.2
1951: 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	4.7	4.7	3.3	3.3	-3.4	-3.4	263.1
August	5.0	11.8	3.8	8.5	4.0	7.4	-1.0	-4.4	263.2
September	6.1	17.8	4.5	13.0	6.6	14.0	+5	-3.9	262.7

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.

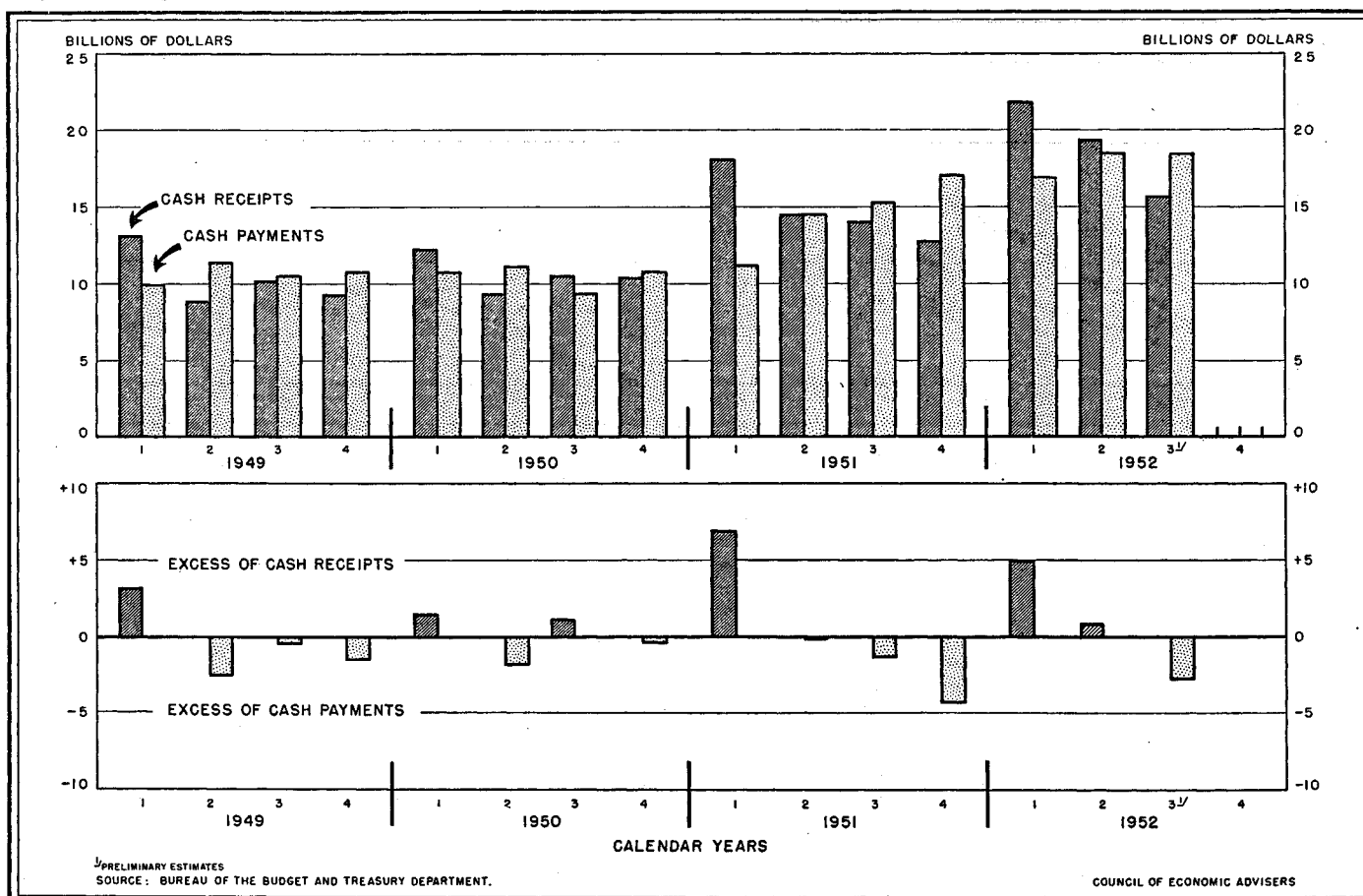
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Sources: Treasury Department and Bureau of the Budget.

FEDERAL CASH RECEIPTS FROM AND PAYMENTS TO THE PUBLIC

In the third quarter, cash payments exceeded cash receipts by \$2.2 billion, compared with a cash deficit of \$1.3 billion in the corresponding quarter of 1951. Cash payments were 17 percent higher than last year and cash receipts were 12 percent higher.



[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: 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.....	13,993	15,270	-1,277
Fourth quarter.....	12,770	17,064	-4,295
1952: First quarter.....	21,874	16,921	+4,953
Second quarter.....	19,389	18,701	+688
Third quarter ¹	15,700	17,900	-2,200

¹ Preliminary estimate.

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