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## THE TOTAL OUTPUT OF I'HE ECUNUIvı

## THE NATION'S ECONOMIC ACCOUNTS

On the basis of the national income and product accounts, the excess of business investment over gross retained earnings increased from the first to the second quarter. There was no change in the excess of government expenditures over receipts. Personal saving dropped slightly.


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Total output of goods and services rose in the second quarter to an annual rate of $\$ 372$ billion, according to recent revisions. Consumer spending increased, as did private domestic investment and government expenditures. But in the governmental sphere, only expenditures for national security programs were at a higher rate.

[Billions of dollars]

| Period | Total gross national product | $\begin{array}{\|c} \text { Personal } \\ \text { con- } \\ \text { sump- } \\ \text { tion } \\ \text { expend- } \\ \text { itures } \end{array}$ | Gross private domestic investment | Net foreign investment | Government purchases of goods and services |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  |  | Total | Federal |  |  |  | State and local |
|  |  |  |  |  |  | Total | National security ${ }^{1}$ | Other | ```Cess``` |  |
| 1939 | 91.3 | 67.5 | 9.9 | 0.9 | 13. 1 | 5.2 | 1.3 | 3. 9 |  | 7.9 |
| 1944 | 213. 7 | 111. 6 | 7.7 | $-2.1$ | 96. 5 | 89.0 | 88. 6 | 1. 6 | 1.2 | 7.5 |
| 1946 | 211. 1 | 146. 9 | 28. 7 | 4. 6 | 30. 9 | 20.9 | 21. 2 | 2. 5 | 2.7 | 10.0 |
| 1947 | 233. 3 | 165. 6 | 30. 2 | 8. 9 | 28. 6 | 15.8 | 13. 3 | 3. 8 | 1.3 | 12. 8 |
| 1948 | 259. 0 | 177. 9 | 42.7 | 1. 9 | 36. 6 | 21. 0 | 16. 1 | 5. 6 | . 6 | 15.6 |
| 1949 | 258. 2 | 180. 6 | 33.5 | . 5 | 43. 6 | 25. 4 | 19.3 | 6. 6 | . 4 | 18. 2 |
| 1950 | 286.8 | 194. 6 | 52.5 | $-2.3$ | 42. 0 | 22.1 | 18. 5 | 3. 9 | . 2 | 19.9 |
| 1951 | 329.8 | 208. 1 | 58.6 | . 3 | 62.9 | 41.1 | 37.4 | 4. 1 | . 4 | 21. 8 |
| 1952 | 348.0 | 218. 1 | 52.5 | $-2$ | 77. 5 | 54.2 | 48. 9 | 5.8 | . 5 | 23.4 |
| 1952: $\begin{aligned} \text { First quarter } \\ \text { Second quart } \\ \text { Third quarte }\end{aligned}$ | Seasonally adjusted annual rates |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | 340.4 | 213.7 | 50.4 | 2.1 | 74.1 | 51.0 | 46.2 | 5. 4 | . 5 | 23.1 |
|  | 345.1 | 217.2 | 49.6 | . 5 | 77.7 | 54.7 | 49.8 | 5.4 | . 5 | 23.0 |
|  | 345.3 | 217. 2 | 52.3 | -2.0 | 77.8 | 54.6 | 49.2 | 6. 0 | . 6 | 23. 2 |
|  | 361.1 | 224.4 | 57.9 | $-1.6$ | 80.4 | 56.4 | 50.5 | 6.3 | . 5 | 24.0 |
| 1953: First quarter | 362.0 | 227.7 | 54.0 | $-2.1$ | 82.4 | 57.4 | 51. 6 | 6.5 | 7 | 24. 9 |
| Second quarter | 372.4 | 230.4 | 61.0 | -2. 5 | 83.5 | 58.9 | 53.5 | 6. 0 | . 7 | 24.6 |

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## PRICES

## CONSUMER PRICES

Consumer prices rose 0.4 percent in June to a new record high, 0.2 percent above the previous peak reached last August and again in November. Mainly responsible for the increase was a rise of 1.4 percent in the food index, resulting largely from a 6 percent advance in fruit and vegetable prices. Changes in other major groups were fractional.


| $[1947-49=100]^{1}$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Period | All items | Food | Housing |  | Apparel | Trans-portation | Medical care | Personal care |  | Other goods and services |
|  |  |  | Total | Rent |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1939 monthly average | 59.4 | 47.1 | (2) | 86.6 | 52.5 | (2) | (2) | (2) | (9) | (2) |
| 1942 monthly average. | 69.7 | 61.3 | (3) | 90.4 | 64.9 | (2) | (2) | (2) | (2) | (2) |
| 1945 monthly average. | 76.9 | 68.9 | (2) | 90.9 | 76. 3 | (2) | (2) | (2) | (2) | (2) |
| 1946 monthly average. | 83. 4 | 79. 0 | (2) | 91.4 | 83.7 | (2) | (2) | (2) | (2) | (2) |
| 1948 monthly average. | 102. 8 | 104. 1 | 101. 7 | 100. 7 | 103. 5 | 100. 9 | 100. 9 | 101.3 | 100. 4 | 100.5 |
| 1949 monthly average. | 101. 8 | 100. 0 | 103.3 | 105. 0 | 99.4 | 108. 5 | 104.1 | 101. 1 | 104. 1 | 103.4 |
| 1950 monthly average. | 102. 8 | 101. 2 | 106. 1 | 108. 8 | 98.1 | 111. 3 | 106. 0 | 101. 1 | 103. 4 | 105. 2 |
| June.- | 101.8 | 100.5 | 104. 9 | 108. 7 | 96.5 | 109. 9 | 105. 4 | 99.2 | 102. 5 | 103. 7 |
| 1951 monthly average. | 111. 0 | 112. 6 | 112.4 | 113. 1 | 106. 9 | 118.4 | 111.1 | 110.5 | 106. 5 | 109. 7 |
| 1952 monthly average. | 113.5 | 114.6 | 114.6 | 117.9 | 105. 8 | 126. 2 | 117.2 | 111.8 | 107.0 | 115. 4 |
| 1952: May | 113.0 | 114.3 | 114.0 | 117.4 | 105. 8 | 125. 1 | 116. 1 | 111.6 | 106. 2 | 115. 8 |
| June | 113. 4 | 114. 6 | 114.0 | 117.6 | 105. 6 | 126. 3 | 117.8 | 111.7 | 106. 8 | 115.7 |
| July - | 114. 1 | 116.3 | 114. 4 | 117.9 | 105. 3 | 126. 8 | 118. 0 | 111.9 | 107.0 | 116.0 |
| August | 114. 3 | 116. 6 | 114.6 | 118. 2 | 105. 1 | 127.0 | 118.1 | 112.1 | 107. 0 | 115.9 |
| September | 114.1 | 115.4 | 114. 8 | 118. 3 | 105. 8 | 127. 7 | 118.8 | 112. 1 | 107.3 | 115.9 |
| October | 114. 2 | 115.0 | 115. 2 | 118. 8 | 105. 6 | 128. 4 | 118.9 | 112.3 | 107.6 | 115.8 |
| November | 114.3 | 115. 0 | 115. 7 | 119.5 | 105. 2 | 128. 9 | 118.9 | 112.4 | 107.4 | 115. 8 |
| December | 114. 1 | 113.8 | 116.4 | 120.7 | 105. 1 | 128. 9 | 119.3 | 112.5 | 108.0 | 115.9 |
| 1953: January | 113. 9 | 113. 1 | 116. 4 | 121. 1 | 104.6 | 129. 3 | 119. 4 | 112.4 | 107.8 | 115.6 |
| Februar | 113. 4 | 111.5 | 116.6 | 121. 5 | 104.6 | 129.1 | 119.3 | 112.5 | 107.5 | 115.8 |
| March | 113. 6 | 111.7 | 116.8 | 121. 7 | 104. 7 | 129.3 | 119.5 | 112.4 | 107. 7 | 117.5 |
| April | 113. 7 | 111. 5 | 117.0 | 122. 1 | 104. 6 | 129. 4 | 120.2 | 112.5 | 107. 9 | 117.9 |
| May | 114.0 | 112. 1 | 117.1 | 123.0 | 104. 7 | 129. 4 | 120.7 | 112.8 | 108. 0 | 118.0 |
| June | 114. 5 | 113.7 | 117.4 | 123.3 | 104.6 | 129. 4 | 121. 1 | 112.6 | 107.8 | 118.2 |

## WHOLESALE PRICES

Average wholesale prices increased during most of July as a result of higher prices for farm products and foods but toward the end of the month these commodity prices dropped somewhat. Industrial prices were higher than in June.


| $[1947-49=100]$ |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Period | All commodities | $\underset{\text { products }}{\text { Farm }}$ | Processed foods | Other than <br> farm products <br> and foods <br> (industrial) |
| 1942 monthly average. | 64.2 | 59.2 | (1) | 68.3 |
| 1946 monthly average. | 78.7 | 83. 2 |  | 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 |
| 1051 June ---.-.-.-- | 100.2 | 94.5 | 96.8 | 102. 2 |
| 1951 monthly average. | 114.8 | 113.4 | 111. 108 | 115.9 113.2 |
| 1952 monthly average | 111.6 | 107. 0 | 108. 8 | 113. 2 |
| 1952: 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 | 112.2 | 109. 9 | 110.5 | 113. 0 |
| September | 111.8 | 106. 6 | 110.3 | 113. 2 |
| October-- | 111. 1 | 104. 9 | 108.5 | 113. 0 |
| November | 110.7 | 103. 6 | 107.7 | 112. 8 |
| December | 109.6 | 99.2 | 104. 3 | 112.9 |
| 1953: January | 109.9 | 99.6 | 105. 5 | 113. 1 |
| February | 109. 6 | 97.9 | 105. 2 | 113. 1 |
| March | 110.0 | 99.8 | 104. 1 | 113. 4 |
| April. | 109. 4 | 97.3 | 103. 2 | 113. 2 |
| May | 109.8 | 97.8 | 104. 3 | 113. 6 |
| June | 109.4 | 95.3 | 103. 3 | 113. 8 |
| Week ended: ${ }^{2}$ |  |  |  |  |
| 1953: July 7 - | 109.8 | 95.1 |  | 114. 4 |
| 14 | 110.5 | 97.4 | 104. 6 | 114.5 |
| 21 | 111.0 | 98. 97 | 106. 3 | 114.5 |
| August ${ }^{28}$ | 110.5 110.3 | 97. 96 | 104.9 104.2 | 114.5 114.5 |

## PRICES RECEIVED AND PAID BY FARMERS

Prices received by farmers were on the average unchanged between mid-June and mid-July. While prices of cattle, hogs, milk, poultry, and eggs were substantially higher than a month earlier, prices of fruit and truck crops were sharply lower. Farmers paid about 1 percent more for wages and commodities, and as a result, the parity ratio fell back to its low April 15 level.

$[1910-14=100]$

| Period | Prices received by farmers | Parity index (prices paid, interest, taxes, and wage rates | Parity ratio ${ }^{1}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1939 monthly a verage. | 95 | 122 | 78 |
| 1942 monthly average. | 158 | 151 | 105 |
| 1944 monthly average. | ${ }^{2} 196$ | 182 | 108 |
| 1946 monthly average.. | 2234 | 207 | 113 |
| 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 |
| 1952 monthly average... | 288 | 286 | 101 |
| 1952: June 15. | 292 | 286 | 102 |
| July 15-- | 295 | 286 | 103 |
| August 15 | 295 | 287 | 103 |
| September 15 | 288 | 285 | 101 |
| October 15-. | 282 | 282 | 100 |
| November 15-.. | 277 | 281 | 99 |
| December 15... | 269 | 280 | 96 |
| 1953: January 15. | 267 | 282 | 95 |
| February 15 | 263 | 280 | 94 |
| March 15... | 264 | 281 | 94 |
| April 15-- | 259 | $\stackrel{279}{ }$ | 93 |
| May 15... | 261 259 | 279 276 | 94 94 |
| July 15.- | 259 | 278 | 93 |

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

Stock prices moved irregularly during the early weeks of July. During the last week of the month, all groups registered sizable gains, with the composite index reaching the highest level in 2 months.
(1939:100

| Period | Composite index | $[1939=100 \mid$ |  |  |  |  | Trade, finance, and service | Mining |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Manufacturing |  |  | Transportation | Ǔtilities |  |  |
|  |  | Total | Durable goods | Nondurable goods |  |  |  |  |
| Weekly average: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1940 | 94.2 | 93.4 | 92.5 | 94.2 | 99. 2 | 99.9 | 90.4 | 75.6 |
| 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 |
| 1952-- | 195. 0 | 220.2 | 188. 8 | 249.3 | 220. 6 | 117. 9 | 205. 8 | 275.7 |
| 1952: 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 |
| October | 190. 5 | 214.7 | 188. 3 | 239.2 | 218. 9 | 117.6 | 201. 7 | 264.5 |
| November | 196. 8 | 222.6 | 196. 3 | 247.0 | 225. 1 | 121. 2 | 205. 2 | 259. 9 |
| December | 203. 4 | 230.8 | 204. 6 | 254. 9 | 237.7 | 123. 2 | 212. 2 | 266.8 |
| 1953: January | 204.7 | 232.4 | 207.7 | 255.3 | 239.2 | 124. 1 | 211. 9 | 261. 2 |
| February | 201.9 | 228.6 | 203.6 | 251. 7 | 234.8 | 124. 3 | 210.4 | 255. 8 |
| March | 203. 9 | 232.2 | 206. 8 | 255. 6 | 238.1 | 124. 3 | 212. 4 | 262.7 |
| April | 193. 7 | 220.2 | 193.8 | 244.5 | 223. 2 | 120.4 | 207. 0 | 252.0 |
| May | 194.1 | 220.9 | 195. 9 | 243. 8 | 225. 7 | 120.0 | 208. 8 | 247.0 |
| June | 187.3 | 212.7 | 186. 8 | 236. 4 | 219. 2 | 116.6 | 203. 8 | 237.4 |
| Wuty | 190.4 | 216.7 | 188.0 | 242.9 | 223.2 | 118.9 | 205. 5 | 236.8 |
| Week ended: 1953: July | 190.1 | 216. 1 | 188.3 | 241.5 | 225.6 | 118.1 | 205. 7 | 238. 0 |
| 10. | 190.3 | 216. 4 | 188.1 | 242. 2 | 223. 9 | 118. 8 | 204. 8 | 234.2 |
| 17 | 190.1 | 216.2 | 187.8 | 242.1 | 222.5 | 118.6 | 204.7 | 237. 0 |
| 24 | 189.0 | 215.0 | 185. 7 | 241.8 | 221.3 | 119.1 | 205. 2 | 235. 1 |
| 31. | 192.4 | 219.9 | 190.2 | 247.0 | 222.8 | 119.9 | 207.2 | 239.9 |
| August 7 | 193. 2 | 220.4 | 189.9 | 248.3 | 224.0 | 120.9 | 207.8 | 241.3 |

Source: Securities and Exchange Commission.

## EMPLOYMENT AND WAGES

## CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE

There was little change in the civilian labor force in July. Total employment of 63.1 million was at a new hish for the month and close to the all-time peak reached in June. The seasonal drop in agriculture was offset by a small rise in nonagricultural industries. Unemployment, representing 2.4 percent of the civilian labor force, was about the same as in June and one of the lowest on record for July.




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| Period | $\begin{gathered} \text { Total labor } \\ \text { force (in- } \\ \text { cluding } \\ \text { armed } \\ \text { forces) } \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | Civilian labor force |  |  |  |  | Unemployment as percent of total civilian labor force |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Total | Employment ${ }^{1}$ |  |  | Unem-ployment |  |
|  |  |  | Total | $\begin{gathered} \text { Agricul- } \\ \text { tural } \end{gathered}$ | Nonagricultural |  |  |
|  | Thousands of persons, 14 years of age and over |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1939 monthly average | 55, 600 | 55, 230 | 45, 750 | 9,610 | 36, 140 | 9, 480 | 17.2 |
| 1944 monthly average. | 65,890 | 54, 630 | 53, 960 | 8,950 | 45, 010 | 670 | 1.2 |
| 1947 monthly average. | 61, 608 | 60, 168 | 58, 027 | 8,266 | 49, 761 | 2, 142 | 3. 6 |
| 1948 monthly average. | 62, 748 | 61, 442 | 59, 378 | 7,973 | 51, 405 | 2, 064 | 3. 4 |
| 1949 monthly average | 63,571 | 62, 105 | 58, 710 | 8, 026 | 50, 684 | 3, 395 | 5. 5 |
| 1950 monthly average | 64, 599 | 63, 099 | 59, 957 | 7, 507 | 52, 450 | 3, 142 | 5. 0 |
| 1950 June.........- | 66, 177 | 64, 866 | 61, 482 | 9,046 | 52, 436 | 3,384 | 5.2 |
| 1951 monthly average | 65,832 | 62, 884 | 61, 005 | 7, 054 | 53, 951 | 1,879 | 3. 0 |
| 1952 monthly average. | 66, 426 | 62, 9f. 6 | 61, 293 | 6, 805 | 54, 488 | 1,673 | 2. 7 |
| 1952: June.-.-.---- | 67, 884 | 64, 390 | 62, 572 | 8, 170 | 54, 402 | 1,818 | 2. 8 |
| July | 67,624 | 64, 176 | 62, 234 | 7, 598 | 54, 636 | 1,942 | 3. 0 |
| August | 67, 419 | 63, 958 | 62, 354 | 6,964 | 55, 390 | 1, 604 | 2. 5 |
| September | 67,166 | 63, 698 | 62, 260 | 7, 548 | 54, 712 | 1,438 | 2.3 |
| October--- | 66, 566 | 63, 146 | 61, 862 | 7, 274 | 54, 588 | 1,284 | 2. 0 |
| November | 67, 047 | 63, 646 | 62, 228 | 6, 774 | 55, 454 | 1, 418 | 2. 2 |
| December | 66,508 | 62, 921 | 61, 509 | 5, 697 | 55, 812 | 1,412 | 2. 2 |
| 1953: January | 65,959 | 62, 416 | 60, 524 | 5, 452 | 55, 072 | 1, 892 | 3. 6 |
| 1053. February | ${ }^{2}$ 2) | 62, 712 | 60, 924 | 5, 366 | 55, 558 | 1, 788 | 2. 9 |
| March.- | ${ }^{2}$ ) | 63, 134 | 61, 460 | 5, 720 | 55, 740 | 1,674 | 2. 7 |
| April | ${ }^{(2)}$ | 62, 810 | 61, 228 | 6, 070 | 55, 158 | 1,582 | 2. 5 |
| May | ${ }^{2}$ ) | 62, 964 | 61, 658 | 6, 390 | 55, 268 | 1, 306 | 2.1 |
| June | ${ }^{(2)}$ | 64, 734 | 63, 172 | 7,926 | 55, 246 | 1,562 | 2. 4 |
| July --.-.-.- | ${ }^{(2)}$ | 64, 668 | 63, 120 | 7, 628 | 55, 492 | 1,548 | 2.4 |

[^1]Not svailable
Norz.-Detall will not necessarily add to totals because of rounding
Source: Department of Commerce

## NONAGRICULTURAL EMMPLOYMENT - SELECTED INDUSTRIES

Manufacturing employment rose slightly in June, with about $3 / 4$ of the major manufacturing groups being at a postWorld War Il peak for the month. Employment in trade, transportation and public utilities, finance, service, and State and local governments increased to all-time highs for the month. Employment in the construction industry was somewhat below the June record reached in 1951. The number of Federal employees continued to decline.


${ }^{1}$ Revised series; see Employ ment and Payrolls, April 1953. Includes all full- and part-time wage and salary workers in nonagricultural establishments who worked during or received pay for any part of the pay period ending nearest the l5th 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 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 ernploying entablishments.

The average length of the workweek for manufacturing industries in June was 40.7 hours, the same as in May, as overtime work continued to be widespread. This was slightly above June of last year and $1 / 5$ hour more than in June 1950.

[Hours per week ${ }^{1}$ ]

| Period | Manufacturing |  |  | Building construction | Retail trade |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Total | Durable goods | Nondurable goods |  |  |
| 1939 monthly average. | 37. 7 | 38.0 | 37.4 | 32.6 | 42.7 |
| 1943 monthly average.- | 44.9 | 46. 6 | 42.5 | 38. 4 | 40.3 |
| 1946 monthly average. | 40.4 | 40.2 | 40.5 | 38.1 | 40.7 |
| 1947 monthly average_ | 40. 4 | 40.6 | 40. 1 | 37.6 | 40.3 |
| 1948 monthly average. | 40. 1 | 40.5 | 39. 6 | ${ }^{2} 37.3$ | 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 | 41.6 | 39.5 | 37. 2 | 40. 2 |
| 1952 monthly average. | 40.7 | 41.5 | 39.6 | 38.1 | 39.9 |
| 1952: May | 40.2 | 41.1 | 38.9 | 37.9 | 39.7 |
| 1052. June. | 40.5 | 41.2 | 39. 5 | 38. 8 | 40.3 |
| July - | 39. 9 | 40.2 | 39. 4 | 38.5 | 40. 6 |
| August | 40.5 | 41. 0 | 39. 9 | 38.5 | 40. 5 |
| September. | 41.2 | 41. 9 | 40. 3 | 38. 8 | 39.7 |
| October- | 41.4 | 42.2 | 40. 3 | 38.7 | 39.4 |
| November | 41.1 | 41. 9 | 40.1 | 37.1 | 39.0 |
| December- | 41.7 | 42.5 | 40.5 | 38.2 | 39.8 |
| 1953: January | 41.0 | 41.8 | 39.8 | 36.9 | 39.3 |
| February | 40.9 | 41. 7 | 39.8 | 37.1 | 39. 2 |
| March | 41.1 | 41.9 | 40.0 | 36. 8 | 39.2 |
| April ${ }^{3}$ | 40.8 | 41.6 | 39.5 | 36.8 | 39.1 |
| May ${ }^{3}$ | 40. 7 | 41.5 | 39.5 | ${ }^{4}{ }^{37.1}$ | (4) 39.1 |
| June ${ }^{3}$ | 40.7 | 41.5 | 39.6 |  | (4) |

${ }^{1}$ Revised series; see Employments and Payrolls, A pril 1953.
2 Data beginning with January 1948 are not strictly comparable with those for earlier periods. Not available.

Average hourly earnings in manufacturing industries, including overtime, were $\$ 1.77$ in June. The increase over May reflected wage rate increases in the automobile, men's apparel, and chemical industries. (The results of recent wage negotiations in the steel industry were not reflected in the June earnings reports.) Since June 1950, hourly earnings have risen 32 cents.

[Average hourly earnings ${ }^{1}$ ]

| Period | All manufacturing |  | Durable goods manufacturing |  | Nondurable goods manufacturing |  | Building construction |  | Retail trade |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Current prices | $\begin{gathered} 1952 \\ \text { prices } \end{gathered}$ | Current prices | $\underset{\text { prices }}{ }{ }^{1952}$ | Current prices | $\underset{\text { prices }{ }^{2}}{1952}$ | Current prices | $\begin{gathered} 1952 \\ \text { prices }{ }^{2} \end{gathered}$ | Current prices | $\underset{\text { prices }}{ }{ }^{2}$ |
| 1939 monthly average | \$0. 63 | \$1.20 | \$0.70 | \$1.34 | \$0.58 | \$1. 11 | \$0.93 | \$1.78 | \$0.54 | \$1. 03 |
| 1943 monthly average | . 96 | 1. 47 | 1. 06 | 1.63 | . 80 | 1. 23 | 1.25 | 1.92 | . 68 | 1. 04 |
| 1946 monthly average | 1. 09 | 1. 48 | 1.16 | 1. 58 | 1.02 | 1. 39 | 1. 48 | 2.01 | . 89 | 1.21 |
| 1947 monthly average. | 1. 24 | 1. 47 | 1. 29 | 1. 53 | 1.17 | 1. 39 | 1. 68 | 2.00 | 1.01 | 1. 20 |
| 1948 monthly average. | 1. 35 | 1. 49 | 1. 41 | 1.56 | 1. 28 | 1. 41 | ${ }^{3} 1.85$ | 2.04 | 1.09 | 1.20 |
| 1949 monthly average | 1. 40 | 1. 56 | 1.47 | 1. 64 | 1.32 | 1.47 | 1. 94 | 2.16 | 1. 14 | 1.27 |
| 1950 monthly average. | 1. 46 | 1. 61 | 1.54 | 1. 70 | 1. 38 | 1. 52 | 2.03 | 2. 24 | 1.18 | 1. 30 |
| June--------- | 1. 45 | 1. 62 | 1. 52 | 1. 69 | 1. 36 | 1. 52 | 2. 00 | 2. 23 | 1. 18 | 1. 32 |
| 1951 monthly average. | 1. 59 | 1. 63 | 1. 67 | 1. 71 | 1. 48 | 1.51 | 2. 19 | 2.24 | 1.26 | 1. 29 |
| 1952 monthly average. | 1. 67 | 1.67 | 1. 76 | 1. 76 | 1. 54 | 1.54 | 2. 31 | 2.31 | 1. 32 | 1.32 |
| 1952: May | 1.65 | 1. 66 | 1. 74 | 1. 75 | 1.53 | 1.54 | 2.26 | 2.27 | 1.32 | 1. 33 |
| June | 1. 65 | 1.65 | 1.74 | 1. 74 | 1. 53 | 1.53 | 2.25 | 2.25 | 1. 33 | 1. 33 |
| July | 1. 64 | 1. 63 | 1. 73 | 1. 72 | 1. 54 | 1.53 | 2.29 | 2.28 | 1.33 | 1. 32 |
| August | 1. 66 | 1.65 | 1. 76 | 1. 75 | 1.54 | 1.53 | 2.31 | 2. 29 | 1. 33 | 1.32 |
| September | 1. 69 | 1. 68 | 1. 80 | 1. 79 | 1. 54 | 1. 53 | 2. 35 | 2.34 | 1. 34 | 1. 33 |
| October- | 1. 70 | 1. 69 | 1. 81 | 1. 80 | 1. 54 | 1. 53 | 2. 38 | 2. 37 | 1. 35 | 1. 34 |
| Novembe | 1. 71 | 1. 70 | 1. 82 | 1. 81 | 1. 56 | 1. 55 | 2. 39 | 2. 37 | 1.35 | 1. 34 |
| Decembe | 1. 73 | 1. 72 | 1. 83 | 1. 82 | 1. 57 | 1. 56 | 2. 40 | 2.39 | 1.32 | 1. 31 |
| 1953: January | 1. 74 | 1.73 | 1. 84 | 1. 83 | 1.58 | 1. 57 | 2.41 | 2. 40 | 1. 36 | 1. 35 |
| February | 1. 74 | 1. 74 | 1. 85 | 1.85 | 1. 58 | 1.58 | 2. 42 | 2. 42 | 1. 37 | 1. 37 |
| March | 1. 75 | 1.75 | 1.85 | 1.85 | 1. 59 | 1. 59 | 2. 44 | 2. 44 | 1.37 | 1. 37 |
| April ${ }^{4}$ | 1. 75 | 1. 75 | 1.85 | 1. 85 | 1. 59 | 1. 59 | 2. 43 | 2. 43 | 1. 38 | 1. 38 |
| May ${ }^{4}$ | 1. 76 | 1. 75 | 1. 86 | 1. 85 | 1. 60 | 1. 59 | 2. 43 | 2. 42 | 1. 39 | 1. 38 |
| June 4 | 1. 77 | 1. 75 | 1. 87 | 1. 85 | 1. 60 | 1. 59 | ${ }^{(5)}$ | ${ }^{(5)}$ | ${ }^{5}$ ) | (5) |

${ }^{1}$ Revised series; see Employment and Payrolls, A pril 1953.
Earnings in current prices divided by consumer price index on base 1052=100.
Data beginning with January 1048 are not strictly comparable with those for earlier periods.
? Preliminary estimates.

- Not available. Source: Department of Labor.

Average weekly earnings in manufacturing industries increased 41 cents to $\$ 72.04$ in June, primarily as a result of higher wage rates. This represents a gain of $\$ 5.21$ since June of last year and $\$ 13.19$ since June 1950. However, the 3 -year gain has been very largely offset by higher prices and increased income taxes.

[Average weekly earnings ${ }^{1]}$

| Period | All manufacturing |  | Durable goods manufacturing |  | Nondurable goods manufacturing |  | Building construction |  | Retail trade |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Current prices | $\underset{\text { prices }{ }^{2}}{1952}$ | Current prices | $\underset{\text { prices }^{2}}{1952}$ | Current prices | $\underset{\text { prices }{ }^{2}}{1952}$ | Current prices | $\begin{gathered} 1952 \\ \text { prices }{ }^{2} \end{gathered}$ | Current prices | $\begin{gathered} 1952 \\ \text { prices }^{2} \end{gathered}$ |
| 1939 monthly average | \$23. 86 | \$45. 62 | \$26. 50 | \$50.67 | \$21. 78 | \$41. 64 | \$30. 39 | \$58. 11 | \$23. 14 | \$44. 24 |
| 1943 monthly average | 43.14 | 66.17 | 49.30 | 75. 61 | 34. 12 | 52. 33 | 48.13 | 73. 82 | 27.36 | 41. 96 |
| 1946 monthly average | 43. 82 | 59.62 | 46. 49 | 63.25 | 41. 14 | 55. 97 | 56. 24 | 76.52 | 36. 35 | 49. 46 |
| 1947 monthly average | 49. 97 | 59.42 | 52. 46 | 62. 38 | 46. 96 | 55. 84 | 63. 30 | 75. 27 | 40.66 | 48. 35 |
| 1948 monthly average | 54. 14 | 59.76 | 57.11 | 63. 04 | 50.61 | 55. 86 | ${ }^{3} 68.85$ | ${ }^{3} 75.99$ | 43. 85 | 48.40 |
| 1949 monthly average | 54. 92 | 61.23 | 58. 03 | 64. 69 | 51.41 | 57.31 | 70. 95 | 79.10 | 45. 93 | 51.20 |
| 1950 monthly average | 59.33 | 65. 49 | 63. 32 | 69. 89 | 54.71 | 60.39 | 73. 73 | 81. 38 | 47.63 | 52.57 |
| June. | 58. 85 | 65. 61 | 62.86 | 70.08 | 53. 92 | 60.11 | 73. 82 | 82. 30 | 48. 06 | 53.58 |
| 1951 monthly average | 64. 71 | 66. 17 | 69. 47 | 71. 03 | 58.46 | 59.78 | 81. 47 | 83.30 | 50. 65 | 51. 79 |
| 1952 monthly average | 67.97 | 67. 97 | 73. 04 | 73. 04 | 60. 98 | 60. 98 | 88. 01 | 88.01 | 52.67 | 52. 67 |
| 1952: May | 66. 33 | 66. 60 | 71.51 | 71. 80 | 59.52 | 59. 76 | 85.65 | 85.99 | 52. 40 | 52. 61 |
| June | 66. 83 | 66. 90 | 71. 69 | 71. 76 | 60.44 | 60.50 | 87.30 | 87.39 | 53. 60 | 53. 65 |
| July | 65. 44 | 65. 11 | 69. 55 | 69. 20 | 60.68 | 60.38 | 88.17 | 87. 73 | 54. 00 | 53. 73 |
| August | 67.23 | 66. 76 | 72. 16 | 71. 66 | 61. 45 | 61. 02 | 88. 94 | 88.32 | 53. 87 | 53. 50 |
| Septembe | 69. 63 | 69.28 | 75. 42 | 75. 04 | 62. 06 | 61.75 | 91.18 | 90.73 | 53. 20 | 52. 94 |
| October | 70. 38 | 69. 96 | 76.38 | 75. 92 | 62. 06 | 61. 69 | 92.11 | 91.56 | 53. 19 | 52. 87 |
| Novemb | 70. 28 | 69.79 | 76. 26 | 75. 73 | 62. 56 | 62. 13 | 88.67 | 88. 05 | 52. 65 | 52. 28 |
| December | 72. 14 | 71.78 | 77.78 | 77. 39 | 63. 59 | 63.27 | 91.68 | 91.22 | 52. 54 | 52.28 |
| 1953: January | 71. 34 | 71. 06 | 76. 91 | 76. 60 | 62.88 | 62.63 | 88. 93 | 88. 58 | 53. 45 | 53. 24 |
| Februa | 71.17 | 71. 24 | 77.15 | 77.23 | 62. 88 | 62. 94 | 89.78 | 89. 87 | 53.70 | 53.75 |
| March | 71. 93 | 71. 86 | 77. 52 | 77.44 | 63.60 | 63. 54 | 89.79 | 89.70 | 53.70 | 53. 65 |
| April | 71. 40 | 71. 26 | 76. 96 | 76. 81 | 62. 81 | 62.68 | 89.42 | 89.24 | 53. 96 | 53.85 |
| May ${ }^{4}$ | 71.63 | 71. 34 | 77. 19 | 76.88 | 63. 20 | 62. 95 | 90.15 | 89.79 | 54.35 | 54.13 |
| June ${ }^{4}$ | 72. 04 | 71. 40 | 77. 61 | 76. 92 | 63. 36 | 62. 79 | ${ }^{(5)}$ | ${ }^{(5)}$ | (b) | ${ }^{\text {( })}$ |

${ }^{1}$ Revised series; see Employment and Payrolls, April 1953.
Earnings in current prices divided by consumer price Index on base $1952=100$

- Data beginning with January 1948 are not strictly comparable with those for earlier periods.

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## PRODUCTION AND BUSINESS ACTIVITY

## INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION

Industrial production is estimated to have declined about 4 percent in July. This is close to the average July decline of recent years, and reflects plant-wide vacations in many important manufacturing industries and in coal mining (for which adequate seasonal adjustments have not been made).

[1935-39 $=100$, seasonally adjusted]

| Period | Total industrial production | Manufactures |  |  | Minerals |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Total | Durable goods | Nonduraable 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 |
| 1952 monthly average. | 219 | 230 | 280 | 189 | 160 |
| 1952: June. | 204 | 214 | 247 | 186 | 147 |
| July | 193 | 202 | 230 | 179 | 142 |
| August | 215 | 225 | 267 | 191 | 156 |
| September | 228 | 237 | 290 | 194 | 175 |
| October- | 230 | 242 | 300 | 195 | 164 |
| November | 234 | 245 | 304 | 197 | 171 |
| December. | 235 | 247 | 313 | 194 | 168 |
| 1953: January - | 236 | 249 | 316 | 195 | 164 |
| February | 240 | 254 | 322 | 199 | 163 |
| March | 243 | 258 | 328 | 201 | 162 |
| April | 241 | 255 | 325 | 198 | 164 |
| May | 240 | 253 | 321 | 199 | 166 |
| June ${ }^{1}$ | 241 | 253 | 321 | 199 | 170 |
| July ${ }^{1}$ | 232 | 244 | 311 | 190 | 162 |

## WEEKLY PRODUCTION - SELECTED INDICATORS

The steel industry operated from 5 to 8 percent below capacity during July. Auto assemblies were close to the high rates reached earlier in the year, with total output for July being a near record for the month. Truck production partly recovered from the low level in June. Electric power generation continued close to the peak summer rate.


| Period | Steel |  | Electric power, by utilities (millions of kilowatt-hours | Bituminous coal (thousands of short tons)? | Cars and trucks (number) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Thousands of net tons | Percent of theoretical capacity ' |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| June | 1, 898 | 99.6 | 6, 038 | 1, 777 | 192, 825 |
| 1951 | 2, 018 | 100. 9 | 6, 958 | 1,772 | 129, 828 |
| 1952 | 1,782 | 85.8 | 7, 451 | 1,542 | 106, 765 |
| 1952: June | 382 | 18. 4 | 7,176 | 1, 321 | 118, 361 |
| July | 368 | 17. 7 | 7. 076 | 1, 183 | 44. 587 |
| August | 1, 919 | 92.4 | 7, 622 | 1, 314 | 73, 216 |
| September | 2, 118 | 102. 0 | 7,599 | 1, 275 | 127, 345 |
| October- | 2, 214 | 106. 6 | 7, 707 | 1, 213 | 135, 640 |
| November | 2, 200 | 105. 9 | 7. $8+1$ | 1,762 | 127, 234 |
| December | 2, 193 | 105. 6 | 7, 970 | 1,643 | 113, 122 |
| 1953: January - | 2,234 | 99.1 | 8, 156 | 1,510 | 137, 890 |
| February | 2, 233 | 99. 1 | 8, 136 | 1, 413 | 146, 188 |
| March | 2, 295 | 101.8 | 8, 116 | 1,387 | 158, 658 |
| April | 2, 225 | 98.7 | 8,018 | 1,463 | 166, 322 |
| May- | 2, 257 | 100. 1 | 7, 956 | 1,466 | 149, 709 |
|  | 2,226 2,102 | 97.4 93.3 | 8,279 8,238 | 1,623 | 150, 252 |
| Week ended: |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1953: July 4- | 2, 069 | 91.8 | 7, 915 | 1,630 | 132, 005 |
| 11. | 2, 092 | 92.8 | 8, 096 | 1,329 | 156, 280 |
|  | 2, 134 | 94.7 | 8, 209 | 1,525 | 163, 955 |
| 25 | 2, 128 | 94.4 | 8, 460 | 1,527 | 161, 137 |
| August 1 | 2, 087 | 92.6 | 8,512 | 1,533 | 157, 991 |
|  | 2, 189 | 97.1 |  |  | 133, 357 |

1 Percent of capacity based on weekly net ton capacity of $1,906,268$ for the first half of $1950,1,928,721$ beginning July 1, 1950, 1,099,034 beginning January 1, 1951, $2,077,040$ beginning January 1, 1952, and 2,254,459 beginning January 1, 1953 . $\quad 2$ Daily average for week. $\quad$ a Preliminary estimates.

Sources: American Iron and Steel Institute, Edison Electric Institute, Department of the Interior, and Ward's Automotive Reporth.
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## PKODUCTION OF SELECTED MANUFACTURES

Production of durable goods manufacturing industries in June remained stable as there were sufficient gains to offset a small decline in iron and steel. Output of most nondurable goods was maintained at the high May levels, with further increases occurring in petroleum refining and chemical industries.


| [1935-39 $=100$, seasonally adjusted] |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Period | Durable manufactures |  |  |  | Nondurable manufactures |  |  |  |
|  | Iron and steel | $\begin{gathered} \text { Lumber } \\ \text { and } \\ \text { products } \end{gathered}$ | 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 | 267 | 165 | 299 |
| 1952 monthly average | 243 | 154 | 356 | 222 | 161 | 270 | 164 | 301 |
| 1952: May | 246 | 142 | 353 | 216 | 151 | 209 | 160 | 292 |
| June | 140 | 146 | 352 | 210 | 154 | 251 | 166 | 298 |
| July -.. | 139 | 141 | 331 | 201 | 147 | 259 | 162 | 299 |
| August | 244 | 149 | 336 | 213 | 170 | 280 | 164 | 302 |
| September | 270 | 155 | 354 | 225 | 177 | 282 | 168 | 302 |
| Octoher-.. | 281 | 155 | 363 | 237 | 172 | 279 | 165 | 304 |
| $\because$ November | 283 | 161 | 371 | 240 | 176 | 290 | 161 | 308 |
| December | 286 | 165 | 385 | 246 | 169 | 291 | 164 | 309 |
| 1953: January | 287 | 171 | 393 | 249 | 169 | 293 | 165 | 310 |
| February | 290 | 175 | 398 | 259 | 173 | 293 | 165 | 310 |
| March.-- | 297 | 172 | 406 | 259 | 173 | 289 | 168 | 314 |
| April | 292 | 168 | 402 | 263 | 169 | 286 | 164 | 319 |
| May | 291 | 151 | 399 | 263 | 173 | 289 | 163 | 320 |
| June ${ }^{1}$ | 288 | 152 | 400 | 263 | 174 | 300 | 162 | 324 |

${ }^{1}$ Preliminary estimates.
Source: Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve Syatem.

## GROSS PRIVATE DOMESTIC INVESTMEN'I'

Gross private domestic investment rose $\$ 7$ billion (seasonally adjusted annual rate) in the second quarter, according to revised estimates. There was a sharp upturn in the rate of inventory accumulation and asm all increase of investment in producers' durable equipment and in nonresidential construction.



Note.-The figures beginning with 1950 have been revised. For detail, see Survey of Current Busineas, July and August 1953 . Detail will not necessarily add to totals because of rounding.
Source: Department of Commerce.

## EXPENDITURES FOR NEW PLANT AND EQUIPMENT

Business plans to spend about $\$ 28.7$ billion (annual rate) for new plant and equipment in the third quarter, according to a survey made in May. This is about the same as the total for the second quarter of this year, but about $\$ 3$ billion more than was spent in the third quarter of last year. All major industry groups reported plans for spending more than a year ago.


| Period | [Billions of dollars] |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Total ${ }^{1}$ | Manufacturing |  |  | Mining | Transportation |  | Public utilitiea | Commercial and other ${ }^{2}$ |
|  |  | Total | Durable goods | Nondura ble 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 | 25. 64 | 10. 85 | 5.17 | 5. 68 | . 93 | 1. 47 | 1. 49 | 3. 66 | 7. 24 |
| 1952 | 26. 46 | 11. 99 | 5. 78 | 6. 21 | . 88 | 1. 39 | 1. 36 | 3. 84 | 6. 99 |
|  |  |  |  | asonally a | justed a | nual rates |  |  |  |
| 1951: Third quarter | 26. 49 | 11. 30 | ${ }^{(2)}$ | ${ }^{(3)}$ | 0. 96 | 1. 52 | 1. 58 | 3. 85 | 7. 28 |
| Fourth quarter | 26.56 | 11. 69 | (3) | ${ }^{(3)}$ | . 96 | 1.60 | 1. 43 | 3. 73 | 7. 15 |
| 1952: First quarter. | 26. 72 | 11. 78 | ${ }^{(2)}$ | ${ }^{(2)}$ | . 93 | 1. 56 | 1. 44 | 3. 82 | 7. 19 |
| Second quarter | 26. 58 | 12. 24 | ${ }^{3}$ | ${ }^{3}$ | . 90 | 1. 44 | 1. 36 | 3. 75 | 6. 89 |
| Third quarter | 25. 49 | 11. 64 | ${ }^{(2)}$ | (8) | . 83 | 1. 24 | 1. 27 | 3.71 | 6. 80 |
| Fourth quarter | 26. 96 | 12. 23 | (3) | (3) | . 87 | 1. 32 | 1. 38 | 4.04 | 7. 12 |
| 1953: First quarter.- | 27.18 | 12. 48 | (3) | ${ }^{(3)}$ | . 86 | 1. 38 | 1.27 | 4.20 | 6. 98 |
| Second quarter ${ }^{4}$ | 28. 41 | 12. 90 | ${ }^{(3)}$ | ${ }^{(3)}$ | . 88 | 1. 42 | 1. 27 | 4.67 | 7. 27 |
| Third quarter ${ }^{4}$ - | 28. 68 | 13. 02 | (3) | ${ }^{(3)}$ | . 91 | 1.31 | 1. 36 | 4. 77 | 7. 30 |

[^3]
## NEVV CUNSiKKUTiUN

Although July expenditures for new construction, seasonally adjusted, dropped below the early spring peak, the total for the first 7 months of this year was 8 percent higher than for the like period of 1952 . When adjusted for price changes, the total was slightly above a year ago.

[Millions of dollars, seasonally adjusted]

| Period | Total new construction ${ }^{1}$ | Private construction |  |  | Federal, State, and local ${ }^{2}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Total private | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Residential } \\ & \text { (nonfarm) } \end{aligned}$ | 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, 371 | 1, 788 | 1,050 | 738 | 583 |
| June-.-..--- | 2, 366 | 1, 793 | 1,072 | 721 | 573 |
| 1951 monthly average | 2,575 | 1, 797 | 914 | 883 | 778 |
| 1952 monthly average. | 2, 720 | 1, 818 | 925 | 893 | 902 |
| 1952: June.- | 2,683 | 1, 775 | 894 | 881 | 908 |
| July --- | 2, 659 | 1, 784 | 901 | 883 | 875 |
| August | 2, 658 | 1,784 | 902 | 882 | 874 |
| September | 2, 713 | 1,797 | 908 | 889 | 916 |
| October- | 2, 744 | 1, 832 | 946 | 886 | 912 |
| November. | 2, 781 | 1, 856 | 965 | 891 | 925 |
| December | 2, 774 | 1, 871 | 980 | 891 | 903 |
| 1953: January | 2, 829 | 1, 865 | 949 | 916 | 964 |
| February | 2,985 | 1, 959 | 1,011 | 948 | 1, 026 |
| March | 3, 050 | 2, 057 | 1, 092 | 965 | 993 |
| April | 3,007 | 2, 038 | 1, 061 | 977 | 969 |
| May- | 2,910 | 1,978 | , 987 | 991 | 932 |
| June | 2,923 | 1, 979 | 1,000 | 979 | 944 |
| July ${ }^{\text {a }}$ | 2, 860 | 1,945 | 1,966 | 979 | 915 |

${ }^{1}$ Revised series, beginning with 1950.
2 Includes public residential construction.
Sources: Department of Commerce and Department of Labor.

- Preliminary estimates.

Despite a decline in new nonfarm housing starts in June for the second consecutive month, the total for the first half of this year was 2 percent above the corresponding period in 1952. Private housing starts this year were 5 percent above last year while public housing starts were 37 percent lower.


| Month | New nonfarm units started |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 1949 | 1950 | 1951 | 1952 |  | 1953 |  |
|  |  |  |  | $\underset{\text { total }}{\text { Monthly }}$ | Seasonally adjusted annual rate ${ }^{1}$ | Monthly total | Seasonally adjusted annual rate ${ }^{1}$ |
| January | 50, 000 | 78, 700 | 85, 900 | 64, 900 |  | 72, 100 | 1, 172, 000 |
| February | 50,400 | 82, 900 | 80,600 | 77, 700 |  | 79, 200 | 1, 258, 000 |
| March. | 69, 400 | 117, 300 | 93, 800 | 103, 900 |  | ${ }_{2} 1105,800$ | , 1, 210, 000 |
| May | 95, 400 | 149, 100 | 101, 000 | 109, 600 |  | 2107,000 | $21,067,000$ |
| June. | 95, 500 | 144, 300 | 132, 500 | 103, 500 | 1,040, 000 | 2103,000 | ${ }^{2} 1,063,000$ |
| July | 96, 100 | 144, 400 | 90, 500 | 102, 600 | 1, 073, 000 |  |  |
| August. | 99, 000 | 141, 900 | 89, 100 | 99, 100 | 1, 037, 000 |  |  |
| September | 102, 900 | 120, 600 | 96, 400 | 100, 800 | 1, 122, 000 |  |  |
| October- | 104, 300 | 102, 500 | 90, 000 | 101, 100 | 1, 156, 000 |  |  |
| November | 95, 500 | 87, 300 | 74, 500 | 86, 100 | 1, 159. 000 |  |  |
| December | 78, 300 | 93, 600 | 60, 800 | 71, 500 | 1, 165, 000 |  |  |
| Total. | 1, 025, 100 | 1,396, 000 | 1, 091, 300 | 1, 127, 000 |  |  |  |
| Monthly a | 85, 400 | 116, 300 | 90,900 | 93, 900 |  |  |  |

[^4]Total business inventories, seasonally adjusted, continued to increase in June, while total sales again declined. However, retail sales were slightly higher than in May.


| Period |  | Total business ${ }^{1}$ |  | Retail |  | Manufacturing |  |  | Department stores |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Inventories ${ }^{2}$ | Sales: | Inventories ${ }^{9}$ | Sales ${ }^{2}$ | Inventories: | Sales ${ }^{2}$ | $\underset{\text { New }}{\text { Ners }}$ | Inventories | Sales ${ }^{2}$ |
|  |  | Millions of dollars, seasonally adjusted |  |  |  |  |  |  | Index 1947-49=100, seasonally adjusted |  |
| 1939 |  | 20, 051 | 10, 802 | 5, 534 | 3, 503 | 11, 465 | 5, 112 | 5,354 | 35 | 35 |
| 1943 |  | 31, 343 | 21, 920 | 7,561 | 5, 270 | 20,098 | 12, 820 | 12, 705 | 55 | 56 |
| 1946 |  | 42, 942 | 27, 150 | 11, 852 | 8, 541 | 24, 498 | 12, 617 | 13, 694 | 77 | 90 |
| 1947 |  | 50, 605 | 33, 156 | 14, 060 | 9,967 | 28, 920 | 15, 917 | 15, 622 | 93 | 98 |
| 1948 |  | 55, 647 | 36, 438 | 15, 828 | 10, 877 | 31, 734 | 17,630 | 17, 351 | 107 | 104 |
| 1949 |  | 52, 264 | 34, 664 | 15, 311 | 10, 893 | 28, 973 | 16, 416 | 15, 903 | 100 | 98 |
| 1950 |  | 62, 423 | 39, 425 | 18,652 | 11, 974 | 34, 118 | 19, 312 | 20, 966 | 109 | 105 |
|  |  | 54, 191 | 39, 548 | 16, 139 | 12, 069 | 29, 603 | 19,502 | 20,506 | 105 | 103 |
| 1951 |  | - 74, 059 | - 44, 454 | - 20,754 | ${ }^{5} 13,185$ | 43, 039 | 22, 335 | 24, 431 | 129 | 109 |
| 1952 |  | 74, 757 | 45, 568 | 20, 804 | 13, 674 | 43, 824 | 23, 065 | 23, 606 | 118 | 109 |
| 1952: | May | 73, 074 | 45, 545 | 20, 069 | 13, 850 | 43, 144 | 23, 247 | 22, 748 | 117 | 108 |
|  | June | 72, 913 | 44, 395 | 20, 125 | 14, 014 | 42, 892 | 21, 888 | 25, 042 | 118 | 111 |
|  | July | 72, 765 | 44, 474 | 20, 127 | 13, 667 | 42, 748 | 21, 858 | 23, 434 | 120 | 105 |
|  | August | 72, 714 | 43, 628 | 19,745 | 13, 359 | 43, 107 | 21, 898 | 21, 852 | 118 | 114 |
|  | Septembe | 73, 437 | 46, 288 | 20, 281 | 13, 570 | 43, 224 | 23, 663 | 24, 516 | 120 | 106 |
|  | October | 74, 189 | 48, 344 | 20, 652 | 14, 202 | 43, 415 | 24, 753 | 24, 152 | 120 | 115 |
|  | November | 74, 682 | 46, 229 | 20, 895 | 14, 026 | 43, 596 | 23, 430 | 23, 061 | 120 | 113 |
|  | Decembe | 74, 757 | 48, 023 | 20, 804 | 14, 410 | 43, 824 | 24, 276 | 24, 466 | 119 | 116 |
| 1953: | January | 74, 619 | 47, 383 | 20, 814 | 14, 140 | 43, 766 | 24, 292 | 24, 270 | 123 | 111 |
|  | February | 74, 941 | 48, 827 | 20, 973 | 14, 514 | 43, 848 | 25, 170 | 25, 530 | 122 | 111 |
|  | March | 75, 335 | 49, 104 | 21, 096 | 14, 437 | 44, 056 | 25, 469 | 24, 591 | 121 | 113 |
|  | April | 76, 466 | 49, 977 | 21, 656 | 14, 269 | 44, 566 | 26, 850 | 25, 721 | 126 | 107 |
|  | May | 76, 836 | 49,389 | 21,543 | 14, 450 | 44, 970 | 26, 226 | 25, 606 | 129 | 116 |
|  | June | 77, 550 | 49, 244 | 21,655 | 14, 505 | 45, 496 | 26, 118 | 25, 112 | 129 | 114 |
| 1 Also includes wholesale. not shown separately in this table. <br> ${ }^{2}$ Book value, end of period. <br> B Monthly average for year and total for month. <br> - Book value, end of period, except annual data, which are monthly averages. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Sources: Department of Commerce and Board of Governort of the Federal Reserve Systern. 19 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |


Commercial exports and grant-aid shipments rose in May for the third consecutive month, while imports dropped sharply. As a result, the gap between imports and commercial exports, which has recently been narrowing, widened.


| Period | [Millions of dollars] |  |  | Merchandise imports |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Merchandise exports |  |  |  | Excess of exports ( + ) or imports ( - ) |  |
|  | Total | Grant-aid shipments ${ }^{1}$ | Excluding grant-aid shipments |  | Total | Excluding grant-aid shipments |
| 1936-38 monthly averag | 247 | ${ }^{(2)}$ | ${ }^{(2)}$ | 207 | +40 | ${ }^{(2)}$ |
| 1946 monthly average. | 812 | (2) | (2) | 412 | $+400$ | (2) |
| 1947 monthly average. | 1, 278 | ${ }^{(2)}$ | ${ }^{(2)}$ | 480 | +799 | ${ }^{(2)}$ |
| 1948 monthly average | 1, 054 | ${ }^{2}$ ) | ${ }^{(2)}$ | 594 | +461 | ${ }^{(2)}$ |
| 1949 monthly average. | 1, 003 | ${ }^{(2)}$ | ${ }^{(2)}$ | 552 | $+452$ | ${ }^{(2)}$ |
| 1950 monthly average. | 856 | ${ }^{(2)}$ | ${ }^{(2)}$ | 738 | $+119$ | ${ }^{(2)}$ |
| June_-.-.--- | 877 | ${ }^{(2)}$ | ${ }^{(2)}$ | 687 | $+190$ |  |
| 1951 monthly average | 1,253 | 89 | 1,164 | 914 <br> 893 | +339 +371 | +250 +206 |
| 1952 monthly average | 1, 264 | 165 | 1, 099 | 893 | +371 | $+206$ |
| 1952: May | 1, 474 | 236 | 1,238 | 834 | $+640$ | +404 |
| June.-- | 1,167 | 113 | 1, 053 | 861 | +306 | +193 |
| July --- | 1, 027 | 137 | 890 | 839 | +188 | $+51$ |
| August | 1, 086 | 170 | 916 | 817 | +269 | $+99$ |
| September | 1, 227 | 248 | 980 | 876 | +351 | $+103$ |
| October--- | 1, 215 | 173 | 1, 042 | 918 | +297 | +124 |
| November. | 1, 189 | 195 | , 994 | 804 | $+385$ | +190 |
| December- | 1, 383 | 276 | 1, 107 | 1, 052 | +331 | $+55$ |
| 1953: January | 1, 291 | 277 | 1,014 | 922 | +369 | $+92$ |
| February | 1, 197 | 272 | 924 | . 856 | +341 | +68 |
| March. | 1,388 | 337 | 1, 051 | 1,004 | +384 | +47 |
| April | 1, 394 | 340 | 1, 054 | 1, 012 | +382 | +42 |
| May | 1, 439 | 363 | 1,076 | 902 | $+537$ | +174 |

[^5]
## PURCHASING POWEK

## NATIONAL INCOME

National income (seasonally adjusted) increased in the second quarter, with all major components except proprietors' and rental income participating in the rise. The largest gain was in compensation of employees in private industries, reflecting both higher employment and increased wage rates.



[^6]Nore.-The figures beginning with 1950 have been revised. For detail, see Survey of Current Business, July and August 1953.
Detail will not necessarily add to totals because of rounding.

## CORPORATE PROFITS

Corporate profits, both before and after taxes, during the first half of this year are estimated to have been distinctly higher than in the first half of 1952.

[Billions of dollars]

${ }^{1}$ Preliminary estimates by Council of Economic Advisers.
Note.-See p. 21 for profits before taxes and inventory valuation adjustment. Detail will not necessarily add to totals because of rounding. The figures beginning with 1950 have been revised. For detail, see Survey of Current Business, July and August 1953.
Source: Department of Commerce (except as noted).

Personal income continued to increase in June, reaching a seasonally adjusted annual rate of $\$ 286$ billion, or $\$ 18$ billion higher than in June of last year. Salaries and wages rose again and were also $\$ 18$ billion higher than in June 1952. Farm proprietors' income dropped $\$ 31 / 2$ billion over the year, offsetting the rise in the remaining major income shares.


| Period | [Billions of dollars] |  |  |  |  | Transfer payments |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Total personal income | Labor income (salaries, wages, and other labor income) ${ }^{1}$ | Proprietors' income |  | Dividends and personal interest |  |
|  |  |  | Farm | Business, professional, and rental income ${ }^{1}$ |  |  |
| 1939 | 72.6 | 45.7 | 4.5 | 10.2 | 9.2 | 3.0 |
| 1944 | 165. 9 | 116. 2 | 11.8 | 23.7 | 10.6 | 3. 6 |
| 1948 | 209. 5 | 134. 9 | 17. 7 | 29.6 | 16. 0 | 11.3 |
| 1949 | 205. 9 | 134. 2 | 12.8 | 29.3 | 17. 1 | 12.4 |
| 1950 | 226.7 | 146. 5 | 13.3 | 32.1 | 19.6 | 215.1 |
| 1951 | 254. 3 | 170.7 | 15.5 | 35. 2 | 20.5 | 12. 5 |
| 1952 | 269.7 | 184.9 | 14.8 | 36. 2 | 21.0 | 12.9 |
|  | Seasonally adjusted annual rates |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1950: June | 221.3 | 144.7 | 12. 2 | 32. 1 | 18.7 | 13.6 |
| 1952: June | 268.1 | 182.7 | 15.7 | 36. 2 | 20.9 | 12. 6 |
| July - | 266. 3 | 181. 4 | 15. 1 | 36. 2 | 20.9 | 12.7 |
| August.- | 271. 3 | 186. 6 | 14. 5 | 35. 8 | 21.0 | 13. 4 |
| September | 276. 4 | 189.7 | 15. 9 | 36. 3 | 21.2 | 13.3 |
| October-- | 277. 3 | 191.6 | 14. 4 | 36. 7 | 21.3 | 13. 3 |
| November | 277.2 | 192.9 | 13. 4 | 36. 4 | 21. 4 | 13.1 |
| December | 280.6 | 193.8 | 14.3 | 37.4 | 21.5 | 13. 6 |
| 1953: January -- | 280.5 | 193.9 | 14. 3 | 37.2 | 21.6 | 13. 5 |
| February | 281.0 | 196.0 | 12. 8 | 37. 2 | 21.7 | 13. 3 |
| March .-. | 283.6 | 197.5 | 13.2 | 37.3 | 21. 9 | 13.7 |
| April. | 282.7 | 197.9 | 12. 1 | 37. 1 | 22.0 | 13. 6 |
| May ${ }^{\text {a }}$ | 284.7 | 199. 3 | 12. 5 | 37.3 | 22. 1 | 13. 5 |
| June ${ }^{3}$ - | 285.9 | 200.6 | 12.3 | 37.2 | 22. 3 | 13.5 |

[^7]CONSUMER INCOME, SPENDING, AND SAVING
Consumer spending rose more than disposable income in the second quarter. As a result, personal saving dropped slightly and was about 7 percent of disposable income.



1 Income less taxes.
Note.-The figures beginning with 1950 have been revised. For detail, see Survey of Current Business, July and August 1953. Detail will not necessarily add to totals because of rounding.
Source: Department of Commerce.

## PER CAPITA DISPOSABLE INCOME

In the second quarter, per capita disposable income increased to a new record high. But when adjusted for price changes, it was the same as in the preceding quarter.


| Period | Total disposable personal income (billions of dollars) ${ }^{1}$ |  | Per capita disposable personal income (dollars) ${ }^{1}$ |  | Population (thousands) ${ }^{3}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Current prices | $\begin{gathered} 1952 \\ \text { prices } \end{gathered}$ | Current prices | $\begin{gathered} 1952 \\ \text { prices } 2 \end{gathered}$ |  |
| 1939 | 70.2 | 138.2 | 536 | 1,055 | 131, 028 |
| 1941 | 92.0 | 169. 4 | 690 | 1,271 | 133, 402 |
| 1942 | 116.7 | 191. 3 | 865 | 1, 418 | 134, 860 |
| 1944 | 147. 0 | 210.3 | 1, 062 | 1,519 | 138, 397 |
| 1946 | 158. 9 | 204.2 | 1, 124 | 1, 445 | 141, 389 |
| 1947 | 169.5 | 198.2 | 1, 176 | 1,375 | 144, 126 |
| 1948 | 188. 4 | 208.6 | 1,285 | 1, 423 | 146, 631 |
| 1949 | 187.2 | 209. 9 | 1, 255 | 1, 407 | 149, 188 |
| 1950 | 205. 8 | 225.7 | 1,357 | 1, 488 | 151, 677 |
| 1951 | 225.0 | 229.6 | 1, 458 | 1, 488 | 154, 360 |
| 1952 | 235.0 | 235.0 | 1, 497 | 1, 497 | 156, 981 |
|  | Seasonally adjusted annual rates |  |  |  |  |
| 1952: First quarter. | 228.7 | 230.2 | 1, 465 | 1,475 | 156, 064 |
| Second quarter | 231.7 | 231.7 | 1, 479 | 1,479 | 156, 669 |
| Third quarter- | 236. 6 | 236. 1 | 1,503 | 1,500 | 157, 370 |
| Fourth quarter | 243.0 | 241.8 | 1,537 | 1,529 | 158, 122 |
| 1953: First quarter | 245.4 | 244.4 | 1,546 | 1,540 | 158, 752 |
| Second quarter ${ }^{4}$ | 247.7 | 245.5 | 1, 554 | 1,540 | 159, 366 |

I Income less taxes. Dollar estimates in current prices divided by an over-all-implicit price index for personal consumption expenditures. This price index is based on Department of Commerce data, shifted from a 1839 base.

Including armed forces overseas. Annual data as of July 1; guarterly dats centered in the middle of the period, interpolated from monthly figures.
Preliminary estimates.
Note.-The income figures beginning with 1950 have been revised. For detail, see Survey of Current Business, July and August 1953.
Sources: Department of Commerce and Council of Economic Advisers.

Although farm income increased in June, it continued to be well below the corresponding month in 1952 and 1951.


| Period | Farm income (millions of current dollars) | Parity index (prices paid, interest, taxes, and wage rates) $1952=100^{1}$ | Farm income (millions of 1952 dollars) ${ }^{2}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1939 monthiy average. | 715 | 43 | 1,663 |
| 1941 monthly average. | 968 | 46 | 2, 104 |
| 1944 monthly average. | 1, 763 | 64 | 2, 755 |
| 1946 monthly average. | 2,111 | 72 | 2, 932 |
| 1948 monthly average | 2,539 | 91 | 2,790 |
| 1949 monthly average. | 2, 344 | 87 | 2, 694 |
| 1950 monthly average. | 2, 384 | 89 | 2, 679 |
| June -...------ | 1, 889 | 89 | 2, 122 |
| 1951 monthly average. | 2, 742 | 98 | 2, 798 |
| 1952 monthly average. | 2, 785 | 100 | 2, 785 |
| 1952: May | 2, 176 | 101 | 2, 154 |
| June... | 2, 381 | 100 | 2, 381 |
| July---- | 2,711 | 100 | 2, 7.11 |
| August.-- | 2, 882 | 100 | 2, 882 |
| September-- | 3, 620 | 100 | 3, 620 |
| October-..-- | 4, 123 | 99 | 4,165 |
| November | 3, 546 | 98 | 3, 618 |
| December | 3, 072 | 98 | 3, 135 |
| 1953: January | 2, 742 | 99 | 2, 770 |
| February | 1, 889 | 98 | 1, 928 |
| March.-- | 2, 025 | 98 | 2, 066 |
| April | 1,934 | 98 | 1, 973 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { May }^{3}{ }^{\mathbf{3}}{ }^{-} \end{aligned}$ | 1,979 | 98 96 | 2, $\mathbf{2}, 171$ |

${ }^{1}$ Converted from the reported base, $1910-14=100$, to the base $1952=100$.

1. Farm income in current dollars divided by parity index on base 1952 $=100$.

- Preliminary estimates.

Notr.-Farm income includes cash receipts from marketings and Government paymentsi Source: Department of Agriculture.

# CREDIT, MONEY, AND FEDERAL FINANCE BANK LOANS AND INVESTMENTS 

Bank loans in June were the same as in May. Holdings of U. S. Government securities increased $\$ 200$ million, the first rise since November 1952, while investment in other securities declined by a like amount.

[Billions of dollars]

| End of period |  | All commercial banks |  |  |  |  | Weekly reporting member banksbusiness 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 |
| 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 |
| 1952 |  | 141.6 | 64.2 | 77.5 | 63.3 | 14. 1 | 23.4 |
| 1952: | May | 133. 1 | 58.5 | 74.5 | 60.7 | 13.8 | 20.7 |
|  | June. | 134. 4 | 59. 2 | 75. 2 | 61.2 | 14. 0 | 21.0 |
|  | July --- | 136. 8 | 59.7 | 77.0 | 62.9 | 14. 1 | 20. 8 |
|  | August | 136.6 | 60.2 | 76. 3 | 62.0 | 14. 4 | 21.1 |
|  | September | 137. 1 | 61.2 | 75.9 | 61. 6 | 14. 3 | 21. 8 |
|  | October--- | 139. 4 | 62. 4 | 77.0 78.3 | 62. 9 | 14.2 <br> 14.2 <br>  | 22. 5 |
|  | November | 141. 7 | 63.4 | 78.3 | 64.1 63.3 | ${ }_{14.2}^{14}$ | 23. 1 |
|  | December. | 141.6 | 64.2 | 77.5 | 63.3 | 14.1 | 23.4 |
| 1953: | January | 140. 8 | 63.9 | 76.9 | 62.8 | 14. 2 | 23.0 |
|  | February | 140. 1 | 64.1 | 76. 0 | 61.9 | 14. 1 | 22.8 |
|  | March.-- | 140.0 | 65.2 | 74. 8 | 60.5 | 14.3 | 23.3 |
|  | April. | 138.4 | 65.3 | 73. 1 | 58.8 | 14. 4 | 23. 1 |
|  | May ${ }^{\text {J }}$ | 138. 138.1 | 65.5 65.5 | 72.6 72.6 | 58.2 58.4 | 14.4 14.2 | 22.88, |
|  | July ${ }^{\text {2 }}$ |  |  |  |  |  | 22.0 |

[^8]${ }^{2}$ Prelliminary estimates. Source: Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

## CONSUMER CREDIT

Consumer credit increased about $\$ 350$ million in June to reach $\$ 27.1$ billion at the month-end. All types of instalment credit rose, with the increase in automobile credit again accounting for the major part of the gain. Noninstalment credit decreased.


| End of period |  | [Millions of dollars] |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Total consumer credit outstanding | Instalment credit |  |  |  |  | Noninstalment credit |  |  |
|  |  | Total | Automobile paper ${ }^{1}$ | Other consumer goods paper ${ }^{1}$ | Repair and modernization loans ${ }^{2}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Personal } \\ \text { loans } \end{gathered}$ | Total | Charge accounts | Other ${ }^{3}$ |
| 1939 |  |  | 7, 222 | 4, 503 | 1,497 | 1, 620 | 298 | 1, 088 | 2, 719 | 1, 414 | 1,305 |
| 1945 |  | 5, 665 | 2, 462 | , 455 | , 816 | 182 | 1,009 | 3, 203 | 1, 612 | 1,591 |
| 1950 |  | 20, 813 | 14, 490 | 6, 342 | 4, 337 | 1,006 | 2, 805 | 6, 323 | 3, 006 | 3,317 |
|  | Jun | 18, 417 | 12, 931 | 5, 724 | 3, 679 | 912 | 2, 616 | 5, 486 | 2, 350 | 3, 136 |
| 1951 |  | 21, 468 | 14, 837 | 6, 242 | 4, 270 | 1,090 | 3, 235 | 6,631 | 3, 096 | 3, 535 |
| 1952 |  | 25, 705 | 18, 639 | 8, 110 | 5, 301 | 1,386 | 3,842 | 7, 066 | 3, 313 | 3, 753 |
| 1952: | May | 21, 705 | 15, 308 | 6, 539 | 4, 169 | 1, 138 | 3, 462 | 6, 397 | 2,659 | 3, 738 |
|  |  | 22, 446 | 16, 032 | 6,974 | 4, 324 | 1,178 | 3, 556 | 6, 414 | 2, 661 | 3, 753 |
|  | July | 22, 751 | 16, 465 | 7, 200 | 4, 433 | 1, 221 | 3, 611 | 6, 286 | 2,573 2,579 | 3, 713 |
|  | August | 23,030 23,414 | 16,728 17,047 | 7,272 7,388 | 4,539 4,669 | 1, 1,358 | 3,659 <br> 3,690 | 6, 302 | 2, 579 | 3, 723 |
|  | October | 24, 050 | 17, 572 | 7, 639 | 4, 871 | 1,347 | 3, 715 | 6,478 | 2, 776 | 3, 702 |
|  | Novembe | 24, 525 | 17, 927 | 7, 866 | 4, 943 | 1, 376 | 3, 742 | 6,598 | 2, 826 | 3, 772 |
|  | December | 25, 705 | 18, 639 | 8, 110 | 5, 301 | 1,386 | 3, 842 | 7, 066 | 3,313 | 3, 753 |
| 1953: | January | 25, 508 | 18, 785 | 8, 273 | 5, 256 | 1,378 | 3, 878 | 6, 723 | 2,956 | 3, 767 |
|  | February | 25, 262 | 18, 860 | 8, 470 | 5, 131 | 1,377 | 3, 882 | 6, 402 | 2, 662 | 3, 740 |
|  | March_ | 25, 676 | 19, 267 | 8,778 | 5, 154 | 1,383 | 3, 952 | 6, 409 | 2, 602 | 3, 807 |
|  | April | 26, 172 | 19, 656 | 9, 074 | 5, 185 | 1, 401 | 3, 996 | 6, 516 | 2, 677 | 3, 839 |
|  | May | 26, 715 | 20, 078 | 9, 379 | 5, 231 | 1, 426 | 4, 042 | 6, 637 | 2,760 | 3, 877 |
|  | June ${ }^{4}$ | 27, 051 | 20, 489 | 9,630 | 5, 289 | 1,454 | 4, 116 | 6,562 | 2, 784 | 3,778 |

${ }^{1}$ Includes all consumer credit extended for the purpose of purchasing automobiles and other consumer goods and secured by the items purchased.
${ }_{2}$ Includes all consumer credit extended for the purpose of purchasing automobiles and other consumer goods and secured by the ite
i Single-payment loans and service credit.
Note.-Revised series; see Federal Reserve Bulletin, April 1953. Detail will not necessarily add to totals because of rounding.
Source: Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

Yields on 3-month Treasury bills and long-term Government bonds averaged lower in July than in June, with some increase occurring during the last of the month. Yields on high-grade corporate bonds declined throughout July.


| [Percent per annum] |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Period | U. S. Government security yields |  | Corporate Aba bonds (Moody's) | Prime commercial paper, 4-6 months |
|  | 3-month Treasury bills ${ }^{1}$ | Taxable bonds ${ }^{2}$ |  |  |
| Average: |  |  |  |  |
| 1939 | 0. 023 | (3) 219 | 3. 01 | 0.59 |
| 1946 | - 375 | 2. 19 | 2.53 | . 81 |
| 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 |
| 1952.- | 1. 766 | 2. 68 | 2. 96 | 2. 33 |
| 1952: July | 1. 824 | 2. 61 | 2.95 | 2. 31 |
| 1952. August. | 1. 876 | 2. 70 | 2. 94 | 2. 31 |
| September | 1. 786 | 2. 71 | 2. 95 | 2. 31 |
| October-. | 1. 783 | 2. 74 | 3. 01 | 2. 31 |
| November- | 1. 862 | 2. 71 | 2. 98 | 2. 31 |
| December- | 2. 126 | 2.75 | 2. 97 | 2. 31 |
| 1953: January-- | 2. 042 | 2. 80 | 3. 02 | 2. 31 |
| February | 2. 018 | 2. 83 | 3. 07 | 2. 81 |
| March -- | 2. 082 | 2. 89 | 3. 12 | 2. 36 |
| April.... | 2. 2177 | 2. 97 3. 09 | 3. 23 | 2. 288 |
| June.-- | 2. 231 | 3. 09 | 3. 40 | 2.76 |
| July------...- | 2. 101 | 2. 99 | 3. 28 | 2. 75 |
| Week ended: |  |  |  |  |
| 1953: July ${ }_{\text {4, }}^{4}$ | 2. 1007 | 3. 01 | 3. 36 3.31 3.3 | 2.75 3.78 |
| 18 | 2. 106 | 2. 98 | 3. 28 | 2.76 |
| 25 | 2. 126 | 2.98 | 3. 26 | 2.75 |
| August 1 | 2. 157 | 3.01 | 3.24 | 2.16 |

[^9]${ }^{1}$ Bonds in this classification were first haved in Mafil 164. Source: Board of Governors of the Federal literve Bywn.

MONEY SUPPLY
The privately held money supply rose about $\$ 300$ million in June as time deposits continued to expand. U.S. Government deposits also increased.

[Billions of dollare]

| End of period | Total deposite and currency | U. S. Government deposite ${ }^{1}$ | Total excluding U. S. Government deposits (privately held money supply) |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | Total | Currency outside banke | Demand deposits adjusted ${ }^{2}$ | Time deposits ${ }^{2}$ |
| 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 |
| 1952 | 200.4 | 5. 6 | 194.8 | 27.5 | 101. 5 | 65.8 |
| 1952: 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. | 193. 1 | 6. 9 | 186. 2 | 26.3 | 95.8 | 64.1 |
| September | 194. 2 | 6. 8 | 187. 4 | 26. 6 | 96.4 | 64.5 |
| October--- | 196. 1 | 5. 9 | 190.2 | 26. 7 | 98.6 | 64.9 |
| November | 198. 9 | 7. 3 | 191. 6 | 27.4 | 99. 4 | 64.8 |
| December. | 200.4 | 5. 6 | 194.8 | 27.5 | 101.5 | 65.8 |
| 1953: January_- | 198.2 | 4. 9 | 193.3 | 26. 8 | 100.5 | 66.1 |
| February | 197.4 | 5. 8 | 191.6 | 26. 9 | 98.3 | 66.4 |
| March | 196. 9 | 5. 8 | 191. 0 | 26. 9 | 97.4 | 66. 8 |
| ApriL | 195. 4 | 3. 2 | 192. 2 | 27.0 | 98.0 | 67.2 |
| May | 195. 4 | 3. 3 | 192. 1 | 27.0 | 97.5 | 67.6 |
| June | 196. 2 | 3.8 | 192. 4 | 27.1 | 97.2 | 68.1 |

${ }^{1}$ Includes U. B. Government deposits at Federaj Reserve banks and commercial and eavings banks, and U. S. Treasurer's time deposits, open account
${ }^{2}$ Includes demand deposits, other than interbank and U. S. Qovernment, less casb items in process of collection
${ }^{2}$ Includes deposits in commercial banks, mutual savings banks, and Postal Ssvings System, but excludes interbank deposits.

- Preliminary estimates.

Note.-Detall will not necessarily add to totals because of roundingt
Source: Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

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Total budget expenditures declined from June to July, primarily due to a large seasonal drop in interest payment and a slightly lower rate of spending for national security. Spending for all purposes was almost $\$ 700$ million less than in July 1952. Budget receipts, while seasonally lower than in June, totaled the same as a year ago. The public debt rose to $\$ 273$ billion during the month.





> SOURCES: TREASURY DEPARTMENT AND BUREAU OF THE BUOGET. COUNCIL OF ECONOMIC ADVISERS

| Period | \|Biliona of dollars |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Budget expenditures |  |  |  | Net budget receipts |  | $\begin{gathered} \text { Budget surplus } \\ \text { or deficit }(-) \end{gathered}$ |  | Public debt (end of period) ${ }^{2}$ |
|  | Total |  | Major nationalsecurity programs ${ }^{1}$ |  | Total for period | Cumulative fiscal year totals | Total for period | Cumulative fiscal year totals |  |
|  | Total for period | $\|$Cumula- <br> tive fiscal <br> year totals | Total for period | Cumula- tive fiscal year totals |  |  |  |  |  |
| Fiscal year 1944 | 95.3 |  | 88.2 |  | 43. 9 |  | -51. 4 |  | 202.6 |
| Fiscal year 1947 | 39.3 |  | 20.9 |  | 40.0 |  | +. 8 |  | 258.4 |
| Fiscal year 1948 | 33.8 |  | 16. 4 |  | 42.2 |  | +8.4 |  | 252.4 |
| Fiscal year 1949 | 40. 1 |  | 19.1 |  | 38.2 |  | -1.8 |  | 252.8 |
| 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 |  | 47. 2 |  | 62.1 |  | $-4.0$ |  | 259. 2 |
| Fiscal year 1953 | 74.6 |  | ${ }^{3} 52.7$ |  | 65. 2 |  | -9.4 |  | 266.1 |
| 1952: 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 |
| October-- | 6. 4 | 24.2 | 4. 4 | 17. 4 | 3. 1 | 17.0 | -3. 3 | -7.2 | 265.0 |
| November- | 5.2 | 29.4 | 3. 9 | 21. 2 | 4. 2 | 21.2 | $-1.0$ | -8. 2 | 267.5 |
| December. | 7. 1 | 36.5 | 4.6 | 25. 9 | 6. 0 | 27.2 | -1.1 | -9.3 | 267.4 |
| 1953: January | 5. 7 | 42.2 | 4. 2 | 30.1 | 5. 1 | 32.3 | -. 7 | -10.0 | 267.5 |
| February | 5. 6 | 47.8 | 4.2 | 34. 2 | 5. 5 | 37.7 | $-1$ | -10.1 | 267.6 |
| March | 6. 2 | 54.0 | 4. 7 | 38. 9 | 10. 5 | 48.2 | +4.3 | -5.8 | 264.5 |
| April | 6. 4 | 60.4 | 4. 6 | 43. 5 | 2. 8 | 51. 1 | -3.5 | -9.3 | 264.6 |
| May | 6.2 | 66. 6 | 4. 5 | 47. 9 | 4. 4 | 55.5 | -1.9 | -11. 1 | 266. 6 |
| June. | 8.0 | 74.6 | 4.8 | 52.7 | 9.7 | 65.2 | +1.8 | -9.4 | 266.1 |
| July- | 6.1 | 6. 1 | 44.6 | 44.6 | 3. 3 | 3. 3 | -2.8 | $-2.8$ | 272.7 |

Includes expenditures for military services, international security and foreign relations, development and control of atomic energy, promotion of the merchant

## AND PAYMENTS TO THE PUBLIC

The $\$ 2.4$ billion excess of cash payments over receipts in the second quarter, the closing quarter of the fiscal year 1953, brought the total cash deficit for the fiscal year to $\$ 5.3$ billion.

[Millions of dollars]

| Calendar year | Federal cash receipts from the public | Federal cash payments to the public | Excess of receipte (+) or payments (-) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Calendar year total: |  |  |  |
|  | 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, 278 | 58, 034 | +1,244 |
| 1952 | 71, 339 | 72, 979 | -1, 641 |
| Quarterly totals, not adjusted for seasonal variation: |  |  |  |
| 1951: 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 |
| 1052. Second quarter | 19, 389 | 18, 701 | +688 |
| Third quarter. | 15, 354 | 17, 921 | -2, 567 |
| Fourth quarter. | 14, 722 | 19, 436 | -4, 715 |
| 1953: First quarter |  |  |  |
| Second quarter | $18,674$ | 21, 049 | -2,375 |

Norm.-Detail will not necessarily add to totals becsuse of rounding.
Bonrces: Bureau of the Budget and Treasury Deparment.

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


[^0]:    1 Includes expenditures for military services, international security and foreign relations (except foreign loans), deveiopment and control of atomic energy, promotion of the merchant marine, promotion of defense production and economic stabilization, and civil defense. For further details, see Annual Economic Report of the President, January 1953 (p. 165), and Survey of Current Rusiness, July 1953 (p. 10).

    Nork.-The figures beginning with 1950 have been reviced. For detail see Survey of Current Rusiness, July and a ugust 1953.
    Detail will not necessarily add to totals becanse of rounding. Source: Department of Commerce.

[^1]:    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 oft,
    and industrial disnutes.

[^2]:    © Prellminary estimates.
    Not avallable.
    Souroe: Department of Labor

[^3]:    1 Excludes agriculture.
    Commercial and other includes trade, service, finance, commanications, and construction.

    - Not available.
    - Estimates based on anticipated capital expenditures reported by business in May 1953.

    Note.-These figures do not agree with the totals included in the gross national product estimates of the Department of Commerce, principally because the ater cover agricultural investment and also certain equipment and construction outlays charged to current expense. Detail will not necessarily add to totals because of rounding.

[^4]:    Seasonally adjusted annual rate data are shown monthly beginning with June 1952, the frst month used in determining "periods of residential credit control relaxation" pursuant to the provisions of the Defense Production Act Amendments of 1952 (sec. 607). For method of computing seasonally adjusted annual rates, see special release of August 28, 1952, by the Department of Labor.

    - Prellminary estimates.

    Sourco: Department of Labor.

[^5]:    1 Department of Defense shipments of grant-aid military equipment and supplies under the Mutual Security Program.
    , Shipments began in July 1950. For the year 1950, trital grant-aid shipments amounted to 282 million dollars.
    Notr.-Detail will not necessarily add to totals hecause of rounding.
    sources: Department of Commerce and Dapartment of Defense.

[^6]:    ${ }^{1}$ Preliminary estimates by Council of Economic Advisers.

[^7]:    Excludes social insurance contributions of employees and, beginning January 1952, of self-employed persons.
    Includes $\$ 2.7$ billion National Bervice Life Insurance dividend, most of which was paid in the first balf of the year.
    3 Preliminary estimates.
    Note.-The figures beginning with 1950 have been revised. For detail, see Survey of Current Business, July and August 1953.
    Detail will not necessarily add to totals because of rounding.
    Source: Department of Commerce:

[^8]:    1 Commercial, industrial, and agricultural loans; revised series beginning January 1952.
    Notz.-Detall will not necessarily add to totals because of reunding.

[^9]:    ${ }^{1}$ Rate on new issues withtn period.
    ${ }^{2} 15$ years and over prior to April 1952; 12 years and over beginning in April.

