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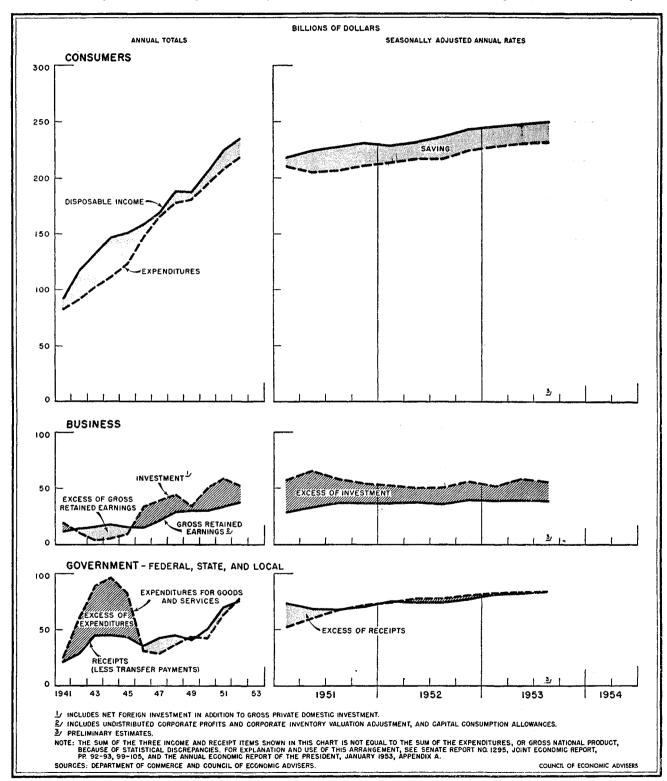
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THE TOTAL OUTPUT OF THE ECONOMY

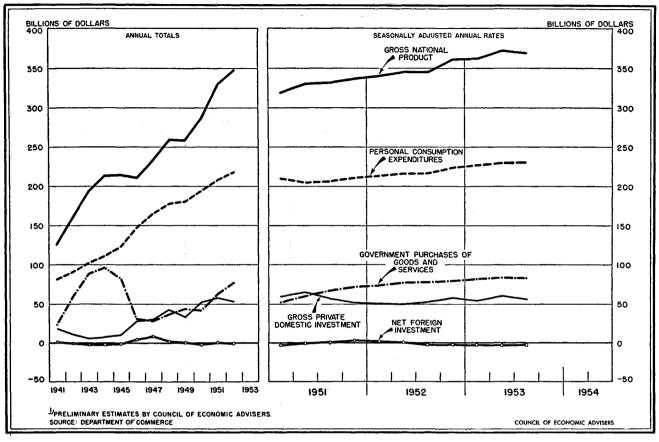
THE NATION'S ECONOMIC ACCOUNTS

Economic activity as measured by over-all expenditures and incomes continued at a high level in the third quarter.



GROSS NATIONAL PRODUCT

Total output of goods and services declined nearly 1 percent in the third quarter, according to recent revisions. A lower rate of business inventory accumulation accounted for most of the decline. Total Government and consumer expenditures were fully maintained at their second quarter levels.



[Billions of dollars]

		Personal	Gross		Go	vernment	purchases	of goods	and servi	ces
	Total	con-	private	Net			Fed	eral		
Period	Period gross national product expenditures domestic investment	foreign invest- ment	Total	Total	National security 1	Other	Less Govern- ment sales	State and local		
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	1 .4	21.8
1952	348. 0	218. 1	52. 5	2	77. 5	54. 2	48.9	5. 8	.5	23. 4
	·		*	Season	ally adjus	sted annu	al rates			
1952: First quarter	340, 4	213. 7	50. 4	2. 1	74. 1	51. 0	46.21	5. 4	.5	23. 1
Second quarter	345. 1	217. 2	49.6	. 5	77. 7	54. 7	49.8	5. 4	.5	23. 0
Third quarter	345. 3	217. 2	52. 3	-2.0	77. 8	54. 6	49.2	6. 0	.6	23. 2
Fourth quarter	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
Third quarter	369. 0	231. 0	56. 5	-2. 1	83. 6	58. 4	52.1	6.8	. 5	25. 2

¹ Includes expenditures for military services, international security and foreign relations (except foreign loans), development 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 Business*, July 1953 (p. 10).

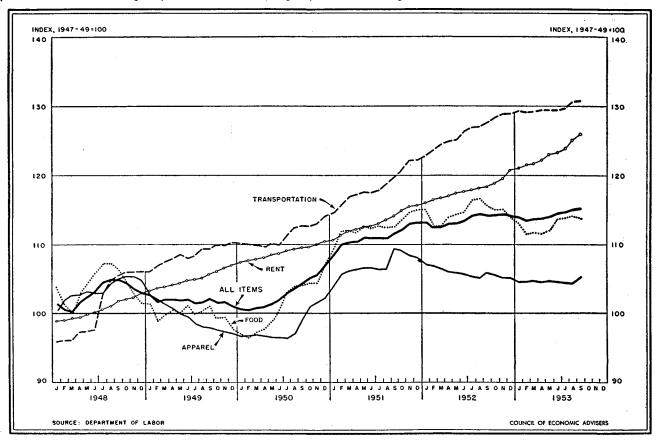
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Source: Department of Commerce.

PRICES

CONSUMER PRICES

The index of consumer prices rose 0.2 percent between August 15 and September 15. A drop of 0.3 percent in food prices failed to offset higher prices for other major groups of consumer goods and services.

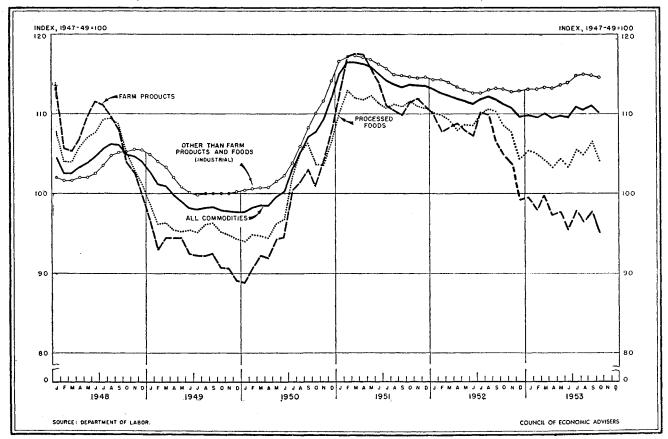


[1947-49=100] 1

Period	All	Food	Hou	sing	Apparel	Trans-		Personal	Reading and	Other goods
	items		Total	Rent		tion	care	care	recrea- tion	and services
1939 monthly average	69. 7 76. 9 83. 4 102. 8 101. 8 102. 8 101. 8 111. 0	47. 1 61. 3 68. 9 79. 0 104. 1 100. 0 101. 2 100. 5 112. 6 114. 6	(e) (f) (f) 101. 7 103. 3 106. 1 104. 9 112. 4 114. 6	86. 6 90. 4 90. 9 91. 4 100. 7 105. 0 108. 8 108. 7 113. 1 117. 9	52. 5 64. 9 76. 3 83. 7 103. 5 99. 4 98. 1 96. 5 106. 9 105. 8	(a) (b) (c) (1) 100. 9 108. 5 111. 3 109. 9 118. 4 126. 2	(a) (b) (c) (a) 100. 9 104. 1 106. 0 105. 4 111. 1 117. 2	(*) (*) (*) 101. 3 101. 1 101. 1 99. 2 110. 5 111. 8	(a) (b) (c) (d) 100. 4 104. 1 103. 4 102. 5 106. 5 107. 0	(2) (3) (4) (100. 5 103. 4 105. 2 103. 7 109. 7 115. 4
1952: August September October November December	114. 3 114. 1 114. 2 114. 3 114. 1	116. 6 115. 4 115. 0 115. 0 113. 8	114. 6 114. 8 115. 2 115. 7 116. 4	118. 2 118. 3 118. 8 119. 5 120. 7	105. 1 105. 8 105. 6 105. 2 105. 1	127. 0 127. 7 128. 4 128. 9 128. 9	118. 1 118. 8 118. 9 118. 9 119. 3	112. 1 112. 1 112. 3 112. 4 112. 5	107. 0 107. 3 107. 6 107. 4 108. 0	115. 9 115. 9 115. 8 115. 8 115. 9
1953: January	113. 9 113. 4 113. 6 113. 7 114. 0 114. 5 114. 7 115. 0 115. 2	113. 1 111. 5 111. 7 111. 5 112. 1 113. 7 113. 8 114. 1 113. 8	116. 4 116. 6 116. 8 117. 0 117. 1 117. 4 117. 8 118. 0 118. 4	121. 1 121. 5 121. 7 122. 1 123. 0 123. 3 123. 8 125. 1 126. 0	104. 6 104. 6 104. 7 104. 6 104. 7 104. 6 104. 4 104. 3 105. 3	129. 3 129. 1 129. 3 129. 4 129. 4 129. 7 130. 6 130. 7	119. 4 119. 3 119. 5 120. 2 120. 7 121. 1 121. 5 121. 8 122. 6	112. 4 112. 5 112. 4 112. 5 112. 8 112. 6 112. 6 112. 7 112. 9	107. 8 107. 5 107. 7 107. 9 108. 0 107. 8 107. 4 107. 6 107. 8	115. 6 115. 8 117. 5 117. 9 118. 0 118. 2 118. 3 118. 4 118. 5

WHOLESALE PRICES

Wholesale prices of farm products drifted downward throughout October and into November while industrial prices were stable. Prices of processed foods were somewhat lower in October than in September.

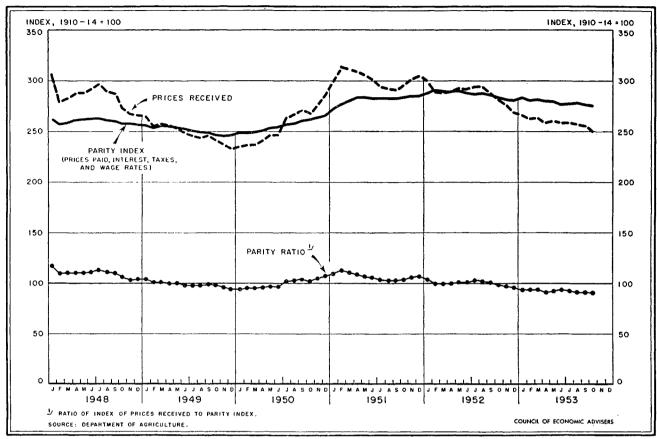


	47 - 49 = 100			
Period	All com- modities	Farm products	Processed foods	Other than farm products and foods (industrial)
1942 monthly average	64. 2 78. 7 96. 4 104. 4 99. 2 103. 1 100. 2	59. 2 83. 2 100. 0 107. 3 92. 8 97. 5	59. 1 77. 6 98. 2 106. 1 95. 7 99. 8	68. 3 78. 3 95. 3 103. 4 101. 3 105. 0 102. 2
June 1951 monthly average 1952 monthly average 1952: August September October November	114. 8 111. 6 112. 2 111. 8 111. 1 110. 7	94. 5 113. 4 107. 0 109. 9 106. 6 104. 9 103. 6	96. 8 111. 4 108. 8 110. 5 110. 3 108. 5 107. 7	115. 9 113. 2 113. 0 113. 2 113. 0 112. 8
December 1953: January February March April May June July August	109. 6 109. 9 109. 6 110. 0 109. 4 109. 8 109. 5 110. 9	99. 2 99. 6 97. 9 99. 8 97. 3 97. 8 95. 4 97. 9	104. 3 105. 5 105. 2 104. 1 103. 2 104. 3 103. 3 105. 5 104. 8	112 9 113. 1 113. 1 113. 4 113. 2 113. 6 113. 9 114. 8 114. 9
September	111. 0 110. 3 110. 1 110. 0 110. 0 109. 9	98. 1 96. 1 95. 1 94. 5 94. 3 93. 4	106. 6 104. 2 104. 2 104. 2 104. 3 104. 3	114. 7 114. 6 114. 6 114. 6 114. 6

¹ Data for week nearest middle of month plotted as estimate for month. Source: Department of Labor.

PRICES RECEIVED AND PAID BY FARMERS

The more than 2 percent drop in prices received by farmers between September 15 and October 15 was due primarily to lower prices for hogs and cattle and a seasonal decline in com prices. These decreases were offset in part by increased prices of milk, eggs, and wheat. Prices paid by farmers were fractionally lower. The parity ratio declined to the lowest level since May 1941.



[1910-14=100]

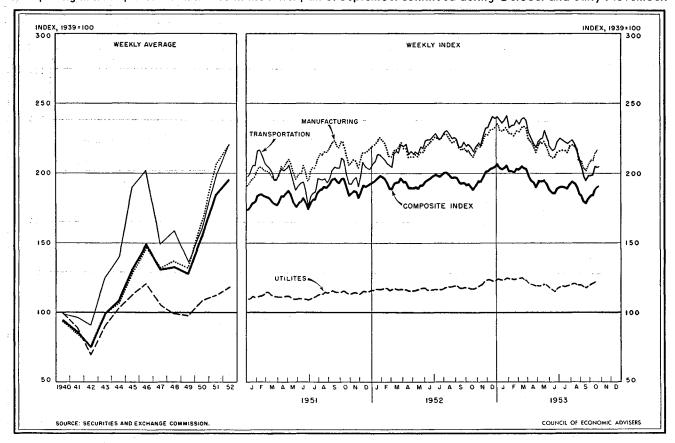
Period		d for items d in	Parity index (prices paid, interest, taxes,	Prices received	Parity ratio ¹
	Living	Production	and wage rates)	by farmers	
1939 monthly average 1942 monthly average 1944 monthly average 1946 monthly average 1948 monthly average 1949 monthly average 1950 monthly average 1951 monthly average 1952 monthly average 1952 monthly average 1952: September 15 October 15 November 15 December 15 1953: January 15 February 15 March 15 April 15 May 15 June 15 July 15 August 15	120 149 175 202 251 243 246 243 268 271 271 269 269 269 269 269 270 271 271 271	121 148 173 191 250 238 246 247 273 274 272 269 266 264 265 261 261 257 257 248 229 249	123 152 182 208 260 251 256 255 282 287 286 284 282 281 284 281 282 280 277 279 279	95 158 2 196 2 234 285 247 302 288 288 282 277 269 267 263 264 259 259 259 259 258	77 104 108 112 110 99 100 97 107 100 101 99 98 96 94 94 94 94 94 94 92 93 94 93 94
September 15October 15	270	246	276	250	91

Source: Department of Agriculture.

Ratio of index of prices received by farmers to parity index.
 Includes wartime subsidy payments paid on beef cattle, sheep, lambs, milk, and butterfat between October 1943 and June 1946.

STOCK PRICES

The upswing in stock prices which started in the latter part of September continued during October and early November.



***		[1939=1001					
Period	Com- posite index 1	Total	anufacturi Durable goods	Non- durable goods	Trans- portation	Utilities	Trade, finance, and service	Mining
Weekly average:								
		93. 4	92. 5	94. 2	99. 2	99. 9	90. 4	75. 6
1946 1949	149. 4	146. 6	138. 6	154. 5	202. 4	121. 0	204. 3	125. 5
1949	127. 7	132. 1	116.0	147. 2	136. 0	98. 1	160. 7	129. 4
1950	154. 1	165. 7	150. 2	180. 2	160. 0	108. 9	183. 8	143. 5
June	156. 1	168. 7	153. 7	182. 6	147. 3	113. 3	180. 4	140. 5
1951	184. 9	206. 8	178. 5	233. 1	199. 0	112. 6	207. 7	204. 9
1952		220. 2	188. 8	249. 3	220. 6	117. 9	205. 8	275. 7
1952: October	190. 5	214. 7	188. 3	239. 2	218. 9	117. 6	201. 7	264. 5
November	196. 8	2 22. 6	196. 3	247. 0	225. 1	121. 2	205. 2	2 59. 9
December	203. 4	2 30. 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
July	190. 4	216. 7	188. 0	242. 9	223. 2	118. 9	205. 5	236. 8
August	190. 2	216. 6	185. 9	244. 7	217. 2	120. 7	205. 8	236. 3
September		205. 0	175. 2	232. 2	198. 9	118.8	197. 5	219. 2
October	187. 1	213. 5	184. 4	240. 2	202. 4	121. 4	200. 8	218.8
Week ended:								
1953: October 2	184.1	209. 3	178. 9	237. 2	198. 6	120. 3	199. 9	216. 3
9	184. 2	209. 2	179. 8	236. 2	199. 1	120. 9	199.8	213. 4
16	188. 0	214. 5	185. 4	241.1	205. 2	121. 9	201. 7	217. 1
23	189. 0	216. 2	187. 6	242. 5	204. 2	122, 2	201. 5	222. 3
30	190. 1	218. 3	190. 3	243. 9	205. 0	121. 6	200. 9	225. 0
November 6 ²	191. 4	219. 5	190. 7	245. 9	206. 0	122. 3	204. 9	227. 3

¹ Includes 265 common stocks, distributed as follows: 14 for mining, 98 for durable goods manufacturing, 72 for nondurable goods manufacturing, 21 for transportation, 25 for utilities, and 32 for trade, finance, and service. Indexes are for weekly closing prices.

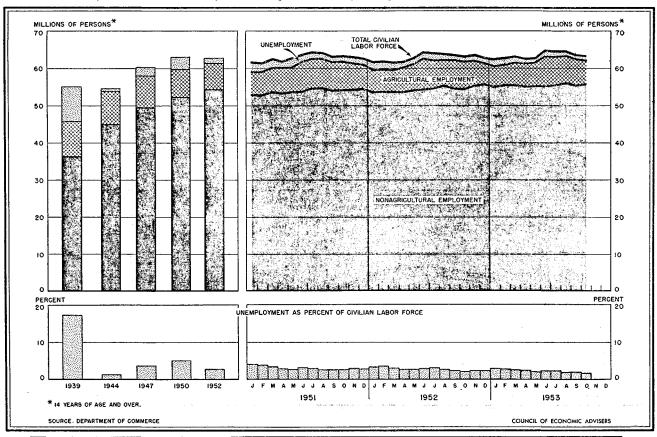
³ Data became available after chart was prepared.

Source: Securities and Exchange Commission.

EMPLOYMENT AND WAGES

CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE

Although nonagricultural employment was practically unchanged from the September level, it was an all-time high for the month. Farm employment was slightly below September. Unemployment of less than 1.2 million, or 1.8 percent of the civilian labor force, was at a new post World War II low. However, the civilian labor force in September was lower, and in October only a little higher, than a year ago.

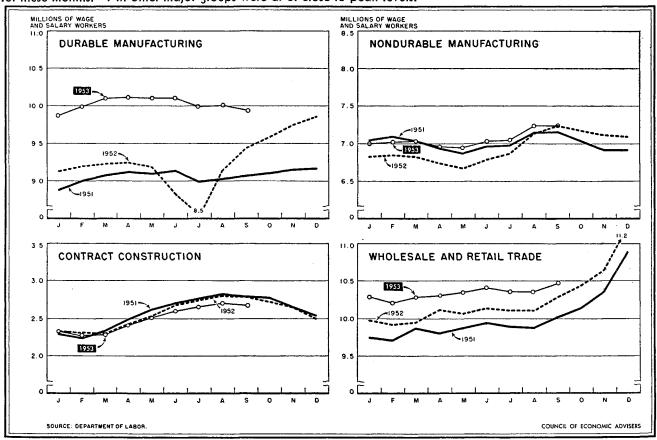


	Total labor force (in-		Civi	lian labor f	orce		Unemploy- ment as per-
Period	cluding	<i>7</i> 73 . 1	E	mployment	; 1	Unem-	cent of total
20//30	armed forces)	Total	Total	Agricul- tural	Nonagri- cultural	ploy- ment	civilian labor force
		Thousands o	of persons, 1		age and over		
1939 monthly average	55, 600	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	1 4.7 1	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	63, 571	62, 105	58, 710	8, 026	50, 684	3, 395	5. 5
1950 monthly average	64, 599	63 , 0 99	59, 957	7, 507	52, 450	3, 142	5. 0
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, 966	61, 293	6, 805	54, 488	1, 673	2. 7
1952: September		6 3 , 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. 0
February	66, 255	62, 712	60, 924	5, 366	55, 558	1, 788	2. 9
March	66, 679	63, 134	61, 460	5, 720	55, 740	1, 674	2. 7
April	66, 338	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) (2) (2) (2)	64, 668	63, 120	7, 628	55, 492	1, 548	2. 4
August	(2)	64, 648	63, 408	7, 274	56, 134	1, 240	1. 9
September	(2)	63, 552	62, 306	7, 262	55, 044	1, 246	2. 0
October	(2)	63, 404	62,242	7, 159	55, 083	1,162	
1 Includes part-time workers and	those who had i	oba but ware n	ot at more for a		reaction illnes	a had maathan	tomporary lay-off
and industrial disputes					•		
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NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT - SELECTED INDUSTRIES

Employment in manufacturing industries failed to show the usual seasonal increase in September and again in October. However, both were above the corresponding months of 1952. Mining employment continued its downtrend. The increase in government employment was at the State and local level. Trade employment rose to an all-time high for these months. All other major groups were at or close to peak levels.



[Thousands of wage and salary workers ¹]											
Period	М	anufacturi	ng	construc- tion	Wholesale and retail	Finance,	Govern- ment (Federal,	Transpor- tation and	Mining		
	Total	Durable goods	Nondu- rable goods		trade	etc.	State, local)	public utilities			
1939 monthly average 1943 monthly average 1948 monthly average 1949 monthly average 1950 monthly average June 1951 monthly average 1952 monthly average 1952 cotober November December	10, 078 17, 381 15, 321 14, 178 14, 967 14, 733 16, 082 16, 209 16, 778 16, 874 16, 952	4, 683 11, 077 8, 312 7, 473 8, 085 8, 035 9, 071 9, 262 9, 594 9, 750 9, 856	5, 394 6, 304 7, 010 6, 705 6, 882 6, 698 7, 011 6, 946 7, 184 7, 124 7, 096	1, 150 1, 567 2, 169 2, 165 2, 333 2, 430 2, 588 2, 572 2, 728 2, 648 2, 497	6, 612 7, 189 9, 519 9, 513 9, 645 9, 534 10, 013 10, 251 10, 442 10, 650 11, 218	4, 703 5, 320 6, 636 6, 736 6, 894 6, 992 7, 068 7, 237 7, 276 7, 239 7, 215	3, 987 6, 049 5, 614 5, 837 5, 992 5, 908 6, 378 6, 633 6, 704 6, 742 7, 095	2, 912 3, 619 4, 141 3, 949 3, 977 3, 984 4, 166 4, 220 4, 296 4, 286 4, 293	845 917 982 918 889 929 913 872 871 871		
1953: January February March April June July August 2 September 2 October 2 3	17, 135	9, 880 9, 989 10, 103 10, 117 10, 096 10, 121 10, 007 10, 019 9, 952 9, 873	7, 004 7, 024 7, 032 6, 960 6, 944 7, 041 7, 062 7, 246 7, 263 7, 138	2, 303 2, 280 2, 301 2, 416 2, 509 2, 608 2, 662 2, 703 2, 700 2, 705	10, 283 10, 214 10, 284 10, 314 10, 348 10, 415 10, 355 10, 340 10, 458 10, 603	7, 161 7, 171 7, 218 7, 321 7, 382 7, 443 7, 488 7, 489 7, 447 7, 386	6, 675 6, 625 6, 666 6, 653 6, 669 6, 478 6, 449 6, 665 6, 754	4, 210 4, 210 4, 235 4, 244 4, 279 4, 315 4, 340 4, 334 4, 323 4, 310	866 856 846 835 835 835 826 826 826 826		

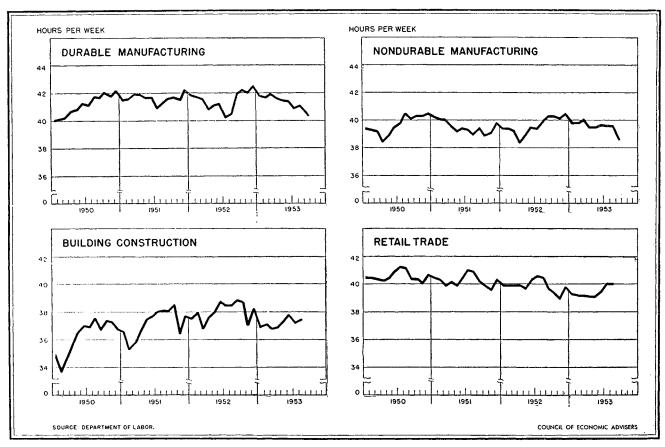
Revised series; see Employment and Payrolls, April 1953. Includes all full- and part-time wage and salary workers in nonagricultural establishments who worked during or received pay for any part of the pay period ending nearest the 15th of the month. Excludes proprietors, self-employed persons, domestic 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 Not charted.

Source: Department of Labor

AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS - SELECTED INDUSTRIES

The average workweek in manufacturing declined sharply in September, largely due to the fact that Labor Day and religious holidays occurred within the survey reporting period. In October the workweek rose $\frac{1}{2}$ hour to 40.4 hours but was an hour lower than a year ago.



[Hours per week, for production workers or nonsupervisory employees 1]

		Manufacturing	g		
Period	Total	Durable goods	Nondurable goods	Building construction	Retail trade
1939 monthly average 1943 monthly average 1946 monthly average 1947 monthly average 1948 monthly average 1949 monthly average 1950 monthly average June 1951 monthly average 1952 monthly average 1952: September October November December 1953: January February March April May June July	44. 9 40. 4 40. 1 39. 2 40. 5 40. 7 40. 7 41. 2 41. 4 41. 1 41. 7 41. 0 40. 9 41. 1 40. 8 40. 7	38. 0 46. 6 40. 2 40. 6 40. 5 39. 5 41. 2 41. 3 41. 6 41. 5 41. 9 42. 2 41. 9 42. 2 41. 9 42. 1 41. 6 41. 5	37. 4 42. 5 40. 5 40. 1 39. 6 38. 8 39. 7 39. 5 39. 5 40. 3 40. 3 40. 1 40. 5 39. 8 40. 0 39. 5 39. 5 39. 5	32. 6 38. 4 38. 1 37. 6 237. 3 36. 7 36. 3 37. 2 38. 1 38. 8 38. 7 37. 1 36. 8 36. 9 37. 3 37. 1	42. 7 40. 3 40. 3 40. 3 40. 4 40. 5 40. 9 40. 2 39. 9 39. 4 39. 0 39. 8 39. 2 39. 2 39. 2 39. 1 39. 0 39. 9
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¹ Revised series; see *Employments and Payrolls*, April 1953.

² Data beginning with January 1948 are not strictly comparable with those for earlier periods.

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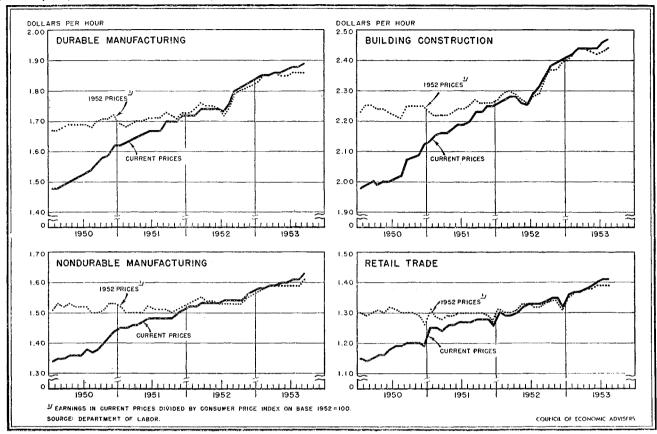
Source: Department of Labor.

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AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS - SELECTED INDUSTRIES

Average hourly earnings in manufacturing industries rose 1 cent in September to \$1.78 and continued at this level in October. Recently negotiated wage agreements and cost-of-living adjustments in existing wage contracts were primarily responsible for the rise in September.



[For production workers or nonsupervisory employees 1]

Period	manu	facturing	Durable manufa	e goods cturing	Nondura manufa	ble goods cturing	Buile constr		Retail	trade
Cur	rrent ices	1952 prices ²	Current prices	1952 prices ²	Current prices	1952 prices ²	Current prices	1952 prices ²	Current prices	1952 prices ²
1943 monthly average 1946 monthly average 1947 monthly average 1948 monthly average 1949 monthly average 1950 monthly average 1951 monthly average 1952 monthly average 1952 monthly average 1952: September October November December 1953: January February March April May June July August 4 September 4	0. 63 . 96 1. 09 1. 24 1. 35 1. 46 1. 45 1. 59 1. 67 1. 67 1. 71 1. 73 1. 74 1. 75 1. 76 1. 77 1. 78	\$1. 20 1. 47 1. 48 1. 47 1. 49 1. 56 1. 61 1. 62 1. 63 1. 67 1. 68 1. 69 1. 70 1. 72 1. 73 1. 74 1. 75 1. 75	\$0. 70 1. 06 1. 16 1. 29 1. 41 1. 52 1. 67 1. 76 1. 80 1. 81 1. 83 1. 84 1. 85 1. 85 1. 86 1. 88 1. 88 1. 88 1. 88 1. 88 1. 88 1. 88 1. 88 1. 88 1. 88	\$1. 34 1. 63 1. 58 1. 53 1. 56 1. 64 1. 70 1. 79 1. 80 1. 81 1. 82 1. 83 1. 85 1. 85 1. 86 1. 86 1. 86 (6)	\$0. 58 1. 02 1. 17 1. 28 1. 32 1. 38 1. 48 1. 54 1. 54 1. 55 1. 58 1. 58 1. 58 1. 59 1. 60 1. 61 1. 61 1. 62 1. 62	\$1. 11 1. 23 1. 39 1. 39 1. 41 1. 47 1. 52 1. 51 1. 54 1. 53 1. 55 1. 56 1. 57 1. 58 1. 59 1. 59 1. 59 1. 59 1. 59 1. 59 1. 60 (6)	\$0. 93 1. 25 1. 48 1. 68 2. 1. 85 1. 94 2. 03 2. 00 2. 19 2. 31 2. 35 2. 38 2. 39 2. 40 2. 41 2. 42 2. 44 2. 44 2. 44 2. 44 2. 44 2. 44 2. 44 2. 44 2. 44 2. 48 (6)	\$1. 78 1. 92 2. 01 2. 00 2. 04 2. 16 2. 24 2. 23 2. 24 2. 31 2. 34 2. 37 2. 39 2. 40 2. 44 2. 44 2. 44 2. 44 2. 44 5 2. 45 [6]	\$0. 54 . 89 1. 01 1. 09 1. 14 1. 18 1. 26 1. 32 1. 34 1. 35 1. 35 1. 35 1. 37 1. 37 1. 37 1. 37 1. 37 1. 38 1. 40 1. 41 1. 41 1. 41 1. 41 1. 42 (*)	\$1. 03 1. 04 1. 21 1. 20 1. 20 1. 27 1. 30 1. 32 1. 32 1. 33 1. 34 1. 34 1. 34 1. 37 1. 37 1. 38 1. 39 1. 39 1. 39 1. 39 1. 39 1. 39 1. 39 1. 39 1. 39 1. 40 (6)

Revised series; see Employment and Payrolls, April 1953.
 Earnings in current prices divided by consumer price index on base 1952=100.
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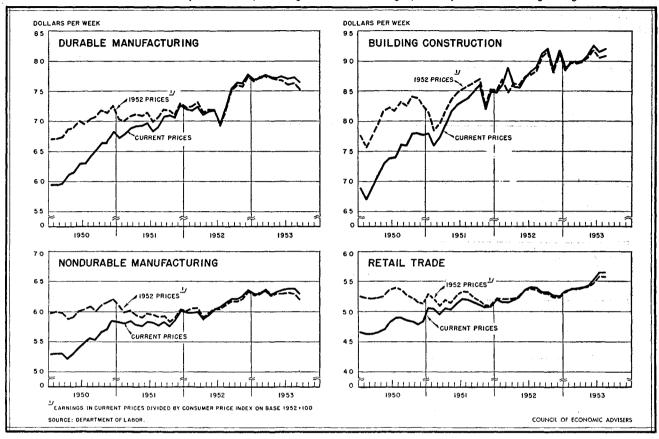
⁴ Preliminary estimates. ⁶ Not available.

Not charted.

Source: Department of Labor.

AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS - SELECTED INDUSTRIES

Average weekly earnings in manufacturing industries dropped slightly in September to \$71.02, reflecting the effect of holidays on hours. In October a longer workweek brought average weekly earnings to \$71.91. Although October hours were lower than a year earlier, earnings were \$1.53 larger, mainly because of high wage rates.



[For production workers or nonsupervisory employees 1]

D : 1	All manu	facturing	Durabl manufa	le goods cturing		ble goods cturing		ding uction	Retail	trade
Period	Current prices	1952 prices ²	Current prices	1952 prices ²	Current prices	1952 prices ²	Current prices	1952 prices?	Current prices	1952 prices 2
1939 monthly average 1943 monthly average 1946 monthly average 1947 monthly average 1948 monthly average 1949 monthly average 1950 monthly average 1951 monthly average 1952 monthly average 1952 monthly average 1953: September October November December 1953: January February March April May June July August 4 September 4 October 4 5	43. 82 49. 97 54. 14 54. 92 59. 33 58. 85 64. 71 67. 97 69. 63 70. 28 72. 14 71. 17 71. 93 71. 40 71. 63	\$45. 62 66. 17 59. 62 59. 42 59. 76 61. 23 65. 49 65. 61 66. 17 67. 97 69. 28 69. 96 69. 79 71. 78 71. 86 71. 24 71. 86 71. 24 71. 34 70. 99 70. 73 70. 77 69. 97	\$26. 50 49. 30 46. 49 52. 46 57. 11 58. 03 63. 32 62. 86 69. 47 73. 04 75. 42 76. 38 77. 15 77. 52 77. 38 77. 19 77. 42 76. 89 77. 27 76. 55 78. 28	\$50. 67 75. 61 63. 25 62. 38 63. 04 64. 69 69. 89 70. 08 71. 03 73. 04 75. 92 75. 73 77. 39 76. 60 77. 23 77. 44 77. 23 76. 88 76. 73 76. 05 76. 28 75. 42 (6)	\$21. 78 34. 12 41. 14 46. 96 50. 61 51. 41 54. 71 53. 92 58. 46 60. 98 62. 06 62. 56 63. 59 62. 88 63. 60 62. 81 63. 20 63. 76 63. 76 63. 18 63. 67	\$41. 64 52. 33 55. 97 55. 84 55. 86 57. 31 60. 39 60. 11 59. 78 60. 98 61. 75 61. 69 62. 13 63. 27 62. 63 62. 94 63. 54 62. 68 62. 95 63. 07 62. 95 63. 07 62. 25	\$30. 39 48. 13 56. 24 63. 30 68. 85 70. 95 73. 73 73. 82 81. 47 88. 01 91. 18 92. 11 88. 67 91. 68 88. 93 89. 78 89. 79 90. 04 91. 08 92. 63 91. 64 93. 00 5 90. 39 (6)	\$58. 11 73. 82 76. 52 75. 27 75. 99 79. 10 81. 38 82. 30 83. 30 88. 01 90. 73 91. 56 88. 05 91. 22 88. 58 89. 70 89. 86 90. 72 91. 80 90. 64 91. 81	\$23. 14 27. 36 36. 35 40. 66 43. 85 45. 93 47. 63 48. 06 50. 65 52. 67 53. 20 52. 65 52. 54 53. 70 53. 70 53. 70 53. 70 54. 21 55. 16 56. 26 56. 40 56. 40 5	\$44. 24 41. 96 49. 46 48. 35 48. 40 51. 25 53. 58 51. 79 52. 67 52. 28 52. 28 53. 24 53. 75 53. 65 53. 85 54. 67 55. 68 54. 67

¹ Revised series; see Employment and Payrolls, April 1953.

Earnings in current prices divided by consumer price index on base 1952-100.

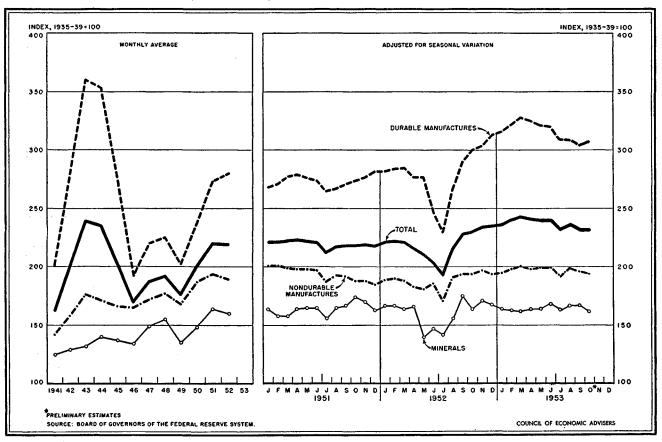
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⁴ Preliminary estimates. 5 I 6 Not available. Source: Department of Labor.

PRODUCTION AND BUSINESS ACTIVITY

INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION

The index of industrial production in October remained at the September level, according to preliminary estimates. Increased output of durable goods, particularly steel and cars, was offset by a slight decline in the nondurable goods sector and a rather substantial drop in minerals production.



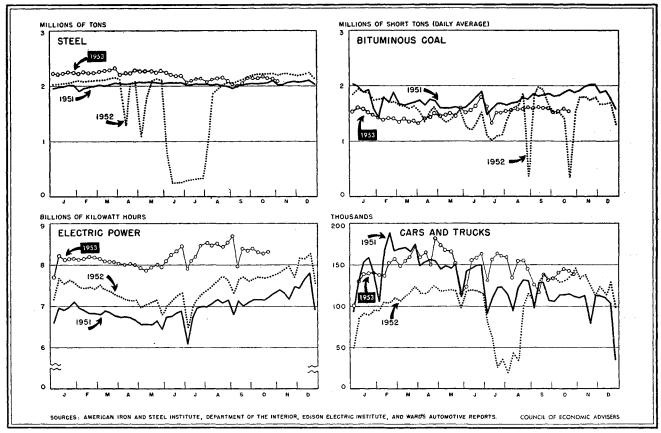
[1935-39=100, seasonally adjusted]

_	Total	1	Manufacture	s		
Period	industrial production	Total	Durable goods	Nondura- ble goods	Minerals	
1943 monthly average	187 192 176 200 199 220	258 177 194 198 183 209 208 229	360 192 220 225 202 237 237 273	176 165 172 177 168 187 184 194	132 134 149 155 135 148 151	
1952: September October November December	219 228 230 234 235	230 237 242 245 247	280 290 300 304 313	189 194 195 197 194	160 175 164 171 168	
1953: January February March April May June July August September 1 October 1	236 240 243 241 240 232 235 235 232 232	249 254 258 255 254 253 244 247 243 245	316 322 328 325 321 320 310 309 303 307	195 199 201 198 199 191 198 195 194	164 163 162 164 164 167 167	

Preliminary estimates.

WEEKLY PRODUCTION - SELECTED INDICATORS

There was some pick-up in steel production for the month of October. Assemblies of cars increased while truck assemblies dropped because of model changeovers. Electric power generation and bituminous coal mining showed declines for the month.



	St	eel	Electric power,		Cars and
Period	Thousands of net tons	Percent of theoretical capacity 1	by utilities (millions of kilowatt-hours)	coal (thousands of short tons) 2	trucks (number)
Weekly average: 1950 June 1951 1952 1952: September October November December	2, 018 1, 782 2, 118 2, 214 2, 200	96. 9 99. 6 100. 9 85. 8 102. 0 106. 6 105. 9 105. 6	6, 183 6, 038 6, 958 7, 451 7, 599 7, 707 7, 841 7, 970	1, 687 1, 777 1, 772 1, 542 1, 875 1, 213 1, 762 1, 643	154, 214 192, 825 129, 828 106, 765 127, 345 135, 640 127, 234 113, 122
1953: January February March April May June July August September October 3	2, 295 2, 225 2, 257 2, 192 2, 099 2, 123	99. 1 99. 1 101. 8 98. 7 100. 1 97. 2 93. 1 94. 2 92. 4 95. 3	8, 156 8, 136 8, 116 8, 018 7, 956 8, 279 8, 238 8, 488 8, 352 8, 331	1, 510 1, 413 1, 387 1, 463 1, 463 1, 536 1, 549 1, 644 1, 506	137, 890 146, 188 158, 658 166, 322 149, 709 150, 252 154, 274 147, 542 128, 375 140, 317
Week ended: 1953: October 3	$\begin{array}{c} 2,142 \ 2,132 \end{array}$	95. 3 95. 2 96. 3 95. 0 94. 6 93. 0	8, 414 8, 307 8, 265 8, 306 8, 362	1, 538 1, 546 1, 586 1, 546 1, 520	134, 400 140, 402 145, 697 142, 716 138, 370 131, 433

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, 1,999,034 beginning January 1, 1951, 2,077,040 beginning January 1, 1952, and 2,254,459 beginning January 1, 1953.

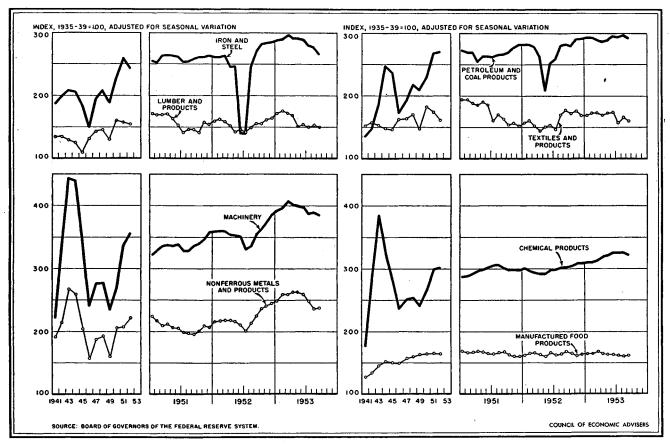
1 Daily average for week.

2 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 September there was a reduction in the output of major manufacturing industries. Exceptions were nonferrous metals and manufactured food products industries, with slightly higher production.



[1935-39=100, seasonally adjusted]

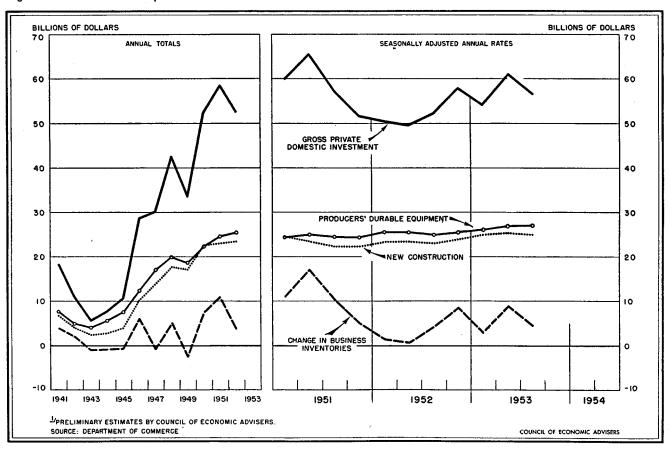
		Durable m	anufactures		1	Nondurable :	manufacture	
Period	Iron and steel	Lumber and products	Machinery	Nonferrous metals and products	Textiles and products	Petroleum and coal products	Manufac- tured food products	Chemical products
1943 monthly average	208 150 195 208 188 229 231 259	129 131 143 145 130 160 155	443 240 276 277 234 270 262 336	267 157 187 193 160 206 207 207	153 162 163 170 147 182 173 174	185 173 193 218 209 229 222 267	145 149 157 159 163 164 164	384 236 251 254 241 264 261 299
1952: August September October	243 244 270 281	154 149 155 155	356 336 354 363	222 213 225 237	161 170 177 172	270 280 282 279	164 164 168 165	302 302 302 304
November December 1953: January February March	283 286 287 290 297	161 165 171 175 172	371 385 393 398 406	240 246 249 259 259	176 169 169 173 173	290 291 293 293 289	161 164 165 165 168	308 309 310 310 314
April May June July August September 1	292 291 288 279 277 266	168 151 154 150 153 150	402 400 398 388 389 385	263 262 259 249 236 237	169 173 174 157 166 161	286 288 295 294 297 292	165 164 164 162 160 162	319 321 325 325 325 325

¹ Preliminary estimates.

Source: Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

GROSS PRIVATE DOMESTIC INVESTMENT

Gross private domestic investment decreased \$4½ billion (seasonally adjusted annual rate), according to revised estimates. A lower inventory accumulation rate accounted for most of the drop. Residential construction was slightly lower, while both nonresidential construction and investment in producers' durable equipment were maintained at the high levels of the second quarter.



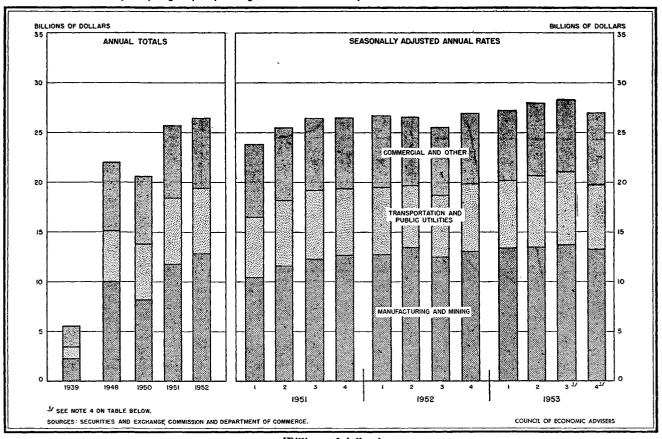
[Billions of dollars]

	Total gross	N	ew construction	on	Producers'	Change in	
Period	private domestic investment	Total	Residential nonfarm	Other	durable equipment	business inventories	
1939 1944 1946 1947 1948 1949 1950 1951	28. 7 30. 2 42. 7 33. 5 52. 5 58. 6	4. 9 2. 8 10. 3 13. 9 17. 7 17. 2 22. 7 23. 1 23. 4	2. 7 . 8 4. 0 6. 3 8. 6 8. 3 12. 6 11. 0 11. 1	2. 2 2. 0 6. 3 7. 6 9. 1 9. 0 10. 1 12. 2 12. 3	4. 6 5. 7 12. 3 17. 1 19. 9 18. 7 22. 3 24. 6 25. 4	0. 4 8 6. 1 8 5. 0 -2. 5 7. 5 10. 9 3. 7	
		Se	easonally adjus	ted annual rat	es		
1952: First quarter	49. 6 52. 3	23. 3 23. 4 23. 1 23. 9	11. 0 11. 0 10. 8 11. 6	12. 4 12. 4 12. 3 12. 3	25. 6 25. 6 24. 9 25. 5	1. 5 . 7 4. 2 8. 5	
1953: First quarter Second quarter Third quarter	61. 0	25. 0 25. 3 24. 9	12. 2 12. 0 11. 5	12. 8 13. 4 13. 4	26. 2 26. 9 27. 1	2. 9 8. 8 4. 5	

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

EXPENDITURES FOR NEW PLANT AND EQUIPMENT

A new high of \$28.4 billion (seasonally adjusted annual rate) may have been reached in new plant and equipment expenditures for the third quarter. According to present indications, the 1953 total will run 5 percent above 1952. Railroads are the only major group reporting a decline for the year.



[Billions of dollars]

		М	anufacturi	ng	Transports		rtation		
Period	Total ¹	Total	Durable goods	Nondura- ble goods	Mining	Railroads	Other	Public utilities	cial and other 1
1939 1945 1948 1949 1950 1951 1952 1953	5. 51 8. 69 22. 06 19. 28 20. 60 25. 64 26. 46 27. 82	1. 94 3. 98 9. 13 7. 15 7. 49 10. 85 11. 99 12. 69	0. 76 1. 59 3. 48 2. 59 3. 14 5. 17 5. 78 5. 96	1, 19 2, 39 5, 65 4, 56 4, 36 5, 68 6, 21 6, 74	0. 33 . 38 . 88 . 79 . 71 . 93 . 88 . 89	0. 28 . 55 1. 32 1. 35 1. 11 1. 47 1. 39 1. 29	0. 36 . 57 1. 28 . 89 1. 21 1. 49 1. 36 1. 36	0. 52 . 50 2. 54 3. 12 3. 31 3. 66 3. 84 4. 43	2. 08 2. 70 6. 90 5. 98 6. 78 7. 24 6. 99 7. 16
			s	easonally a	djusted a	nnual rates			
1952: First quarter Second quarter Third quarter Fourth quarter	26. 72 26. 58 25. 49 26. 96	11. 78 12. 24 11. 64 12. 23	(*) (*) (*)	(*) (*)	. 93 . 90 . 83 . 87	1. 56 1. 44 1. 24 1. 32	1. 44 1. 36 1. 27 1. 38	3. 82 3. 75 3. 71 4. 04	7. 19 6. 89 6. 80 7. 12
1953: First quarter Second quarter Third quarter Fourth quarter	27. 18 28. 06 28. 42 27. 08	12. 48 12. 66 12. 78 12. 18	(3) (3) (3) (8)	(3) (2) (3) (3)	. 86 . 84 . 96 . 97	1. 38 1. 32 1. 30 1. 08	1. 27 1. 28 1. 48 1. 41	4. 20 4. 59 4. 58 4. 14	6. 98 7. 37 7. 32 7. 31

Sources: Securities and Exchange Commission and Department of Commerce.

Excludes agriculture.
 Commercial and other includes trade, service, finance, communications, and construction.
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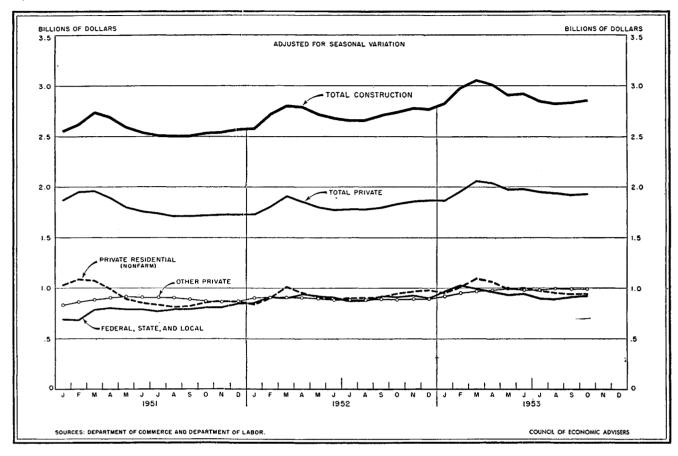
^{*} Estimates for third and fourth quarters based on anticipated capital expenditures reported by business in August 1953.

Note.—These figures do not agree with the totals included in the gross national product estimates of the Department of Commerce, principally because the 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.

NEW CONSTRUCTION

There was another small increase in October both in private and public expenditures for new construction, seasonally adjusted.



[Millions of dollars, seasonally adjusted]

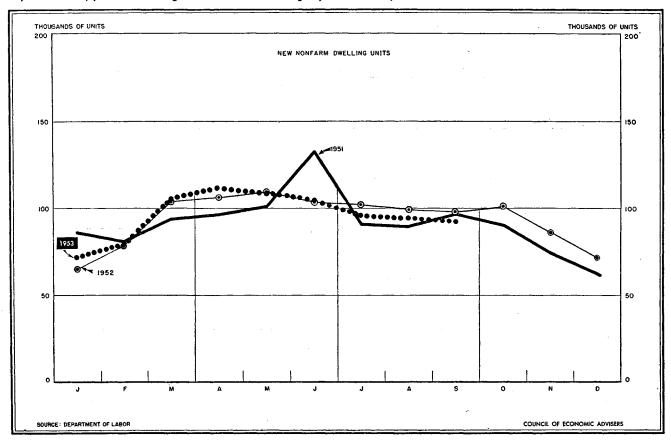
	Total new		ion	Federal,	
Period	construction 1	Total private	Residential (nonfarm)	Other	State, and local 2
1939 monthly average	683 1, 173 438 1, 000 1, 806 1, 899 2, 371 2, 366 22, 575 2, 720 2, 713 2, 744 22, 781 22, 774 22, 829 2, 985 3, 050 3, 007 2, 910 2, 923 2, 854 2, 825 2, 828	private 366 285 182 803 1, 404 1, 365 1, 788 1, 793 1, 797 1, 818 1, 797 1, 832 1, 856 1, 871 1, 865 1, 959 2, 057 2, 038 1, 978 1, 979 1, 953 1, 940 1, 921 1, 933	(nonfarm) 223 143 68 335 715 689 1, 050 1, 072 914 925 908 946 965 980 949 1, 011 1, 092 1, 061 987 1, 000 975 953 937	143 142 114 468 689 676 738 721 883 893 889 886 891 891 916 948 965 977 991 979 978 987 984	local 2 317 888 256 197 402 534 583 573 778 902 916 911 916 917 903 964 1,026 993 969 993 969 993 969 993 969 993 969 993 994

Revised series, beginning with 1950.
 Includes public residential construction.
 Preliminary estimates.

Sources: Department of Commerce and Department of Labor.

NEW HOUSING STARTS

Housing units started in September totaled 92,000. This is 2,000 less than in August and 8,800 below the September 1952 level. The declines were in private housing, which were offset in part by a rise in public. On a seasonally adjusted basis, private housing units started were slightly above the previous month.



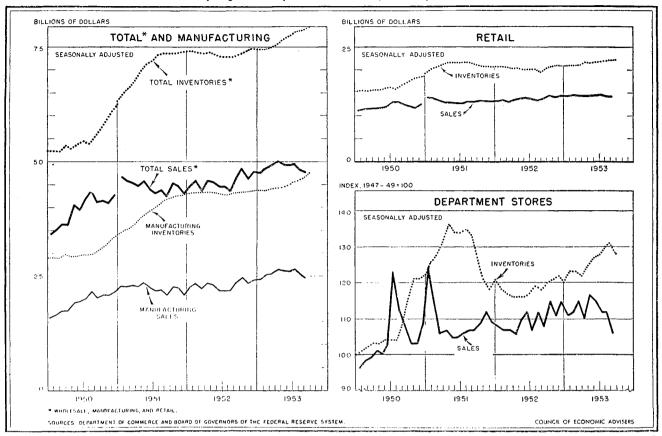
	All new no	onfarm housing u	nits started	Seasonally ad-	
Period	Total	Public	Private	justed annual rates: private	
Annual totals: 1949	1, 025, 100 1, 396, 000 1, 091, 300 1, 127, 000 85, 400 116, 300 90, 900 93, 900 99, 100 100, 800 101, 100	36, 300 43, 800 71, 200 58, 500 3, 600 5, 900 4, 900 1, 700 1, 600 1, 900	988, 800 1, 352, 200 1, 020, 100 1, 068, 500 82, 400 112, 700 85, 000 89, 000 97, 400 99, 200 99, 200	1, 016, 000 1, 102, 000 1, 134, 000	
November December	86, 100 71, 500	3, 800 3, 900	82, 300 67, 600	1, 122, 000 1, 127, 000	
1953: January February March April May June July ¹ August ¹ September ¹	72, 100 79, 200 105, 800 111, 400 108, 300 104, 600 96, 000 94, 000 92, 000	3, 900 5, 400 9, 700 4, 000 2, 700 2, 600 400 1, 000 3, 000	68, 200 73, 800 96, 100 107, 400 105, 600 102, 000 95, 600 93, 000 89, 000	1, 137, 000 1, 213, 000 1, 165, 000 1, 141, 000 1, 039, 000 1, 037, 000 998, 000 970, 000 989, 000	

¹ Preliminary estimates.

Source: Department of Labor.

INVENTORIES AND SALES

Total business inventories, seasonally adjusted, rose in September at about the same rate as in August, with increases at all distribution levels. Total sales declined again, but less than half as much as they had fallen in August. Manufacturers' new orders were fractionally higher in September but conspicuously lower than in recent months.



	Total bu	siness 1	Ret	ail	M	anufacturir	ıg	Departme	nt stores
Period	Inven- tories 2	Sales *	Inven- tories 2	Sales *	Inven- tories 2	Sales 3	New orders*	Inven- tories 4	Sales 3
		Mi	llions of do	llars, seaso	nally adjus	ted		Index 1947 seasonally	
1939	54, 191 54, 059 74, 059 74, 757 72, 714 73, 437 74, 682 74, 757 74, 619 74, 941 75, 335 76, 466 76, 836 77, 511 78, 310 78, 748 79, 331	10, 802 27, 150 33, 156 36, 438 34, 664 39, 548 44, 454 45, 568 43, 628 46, 288 46, 288 46, 288 47, 383 47, 383 48, 827 49, 104 49, 988 49, 406 49, 250 49, 614 48, 195 47, 552	5, 534 11, 852 14, 060 15, 828 15, 311 18, 652 16, 139 20, 754 20, 804 19, 745 20, 281 20, 652 20, 895 20, 894 20, 814 20, 973 21, 096 21, 656 21, 543 21, 572 22, 088 22, 115 22, 262	3, 503 8, 541 9, 967 10, 877 10, 893 11, 974 12, 069 \$13, 185 13, 570 14, 202 14, 026 14, 410 14, 140 14, 144 14, 437 14, 489 14, 467 14, 473 14, 039	11, 465 24, 498 28, 920 31, 734 28, 973 34, 118 29, 603 43, 039 43, 824 43, 107 43, 596 43, 824 43, 415 43, 596 43, 848 44, 056 44, 565 44, 970 45, 525 45, 792 46, 195 46, 438	5, 112 12, 617 15, 917 17, 630 16, 416 19, 312 19, 502 22, 335 23, 065 21, 898 23, 663 24, 753 23, 430 24, 276 24, 292 25, 170 25, 469 26, 850 26, 226 26, 172 26, 514 25, 398 24, 876	5, 354 13, 694 15, 622 17, 351 15, 903 20, 966 24, 431 23, 606 21, 852 24, 516 24, 152 23, 061 24, 466 24, 270 25, 530 24, 591 25, 721 25, 306 25, 447 22, 419 22, 430	35 77 93 107 100 109 104 129 118 118 120 121 122 120 123 123 123 123 127 128	35 90 98 104 98 105 103 109 110 115 111 115 111 112 115 110 117 115 1112 115

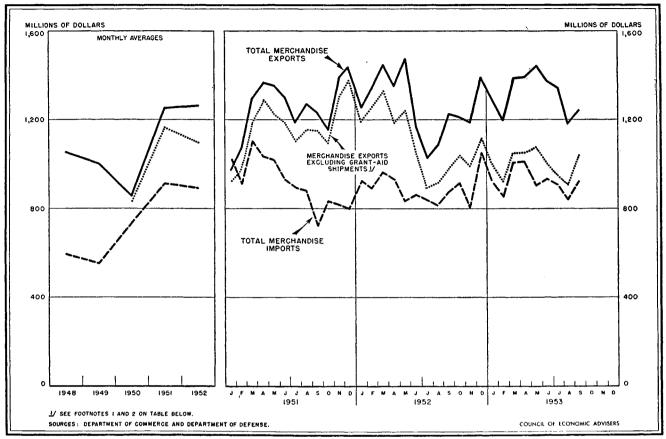
Also includes wholesale, not shown separately in this table.

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 Revised series beginning with 1951; not comparable with previous data. See Survey of Current Business, September and November 1952, for detail.
⁶ Preliminary estimates.

MERCHANDISE EXPORTS AND IMPORTS

In August exports and imports declined, while in September both increased. Grant-aid shipments fell in August and in September. The gap between commercial exports and imports widened in both months.



		[Millions of do	llars]			
	Me	erchandise expe	orts			exports (+) orts (-)
Period	Total	Grant-aid shipments ¹	Excluding grant-aid shipments	Merchandise imports	Total	Excluding grant-aid shipments
1936-38 monthly average	1,054 $1,003$	(2) (2) (2) (2) (2) (2) (3) (2) (2) (2) (3) (4) (4) (5) (6) (7) (7) (7) (7) (7) (7) (7) (7) (7) (7	(2) (2) (2) (2) (2) (2) (2) (1, 164 1, 099 916 980 1, 045 1, 015 996 1, 107 1, 015 924 1, 057 1, 081 1, 066 952 908 1, 040	207 412 594 552 738 687 914 893 818 876 918 805 1,052 922 856 1,004 1,013 902 934 908 841	+40 +400 +460 +452 +118 +190 +339 +372 +269 +352 +297 +386 +384 +341 +384 +444 +444 +444 +444 +321	(2) (2) (3) (2) (2) (2) (2) (2) (2) (2) (2) (2) (3) (4) (4) (5) (6) (7) (7) (8) (7) (8) (8) (9) (9) (9) (10) (10) (10) (10) (10) (10) (10) (10

Department of Defense shipments of grant-aid military equipment and supplies under the Army Civilian Supply and Mutual Security Programs.

Prior to 1948, shipments under the various foreign aid programs are excluded from export data. For 1948, shipments under the Army Civilian Supply Program are shown. For 1949 and the first 6 months of 1950, aid shipments data are included in the total but separate statistics are not available. Shipments under the Mutual Security Program began in July 1950 and amounted to 282 million dollars for July-December 1950.

Preliminary estimates.

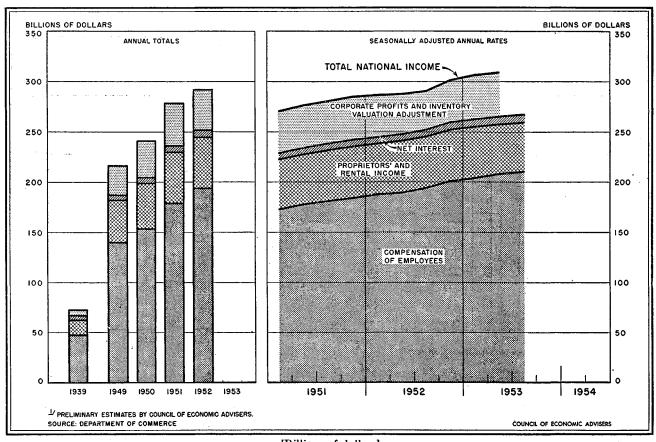
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Sources: Department of Commerce and Department of Defense.

PURCHASING POWER

NATIONAL INCOME

Continued high employment and increased wage rates in private industries accounted for the third quarter rise in compensation of employees, according to recent estimates. There was also a small rise in net interest receipts and in rental income, and little change in independent business and professional incomes. The income of farm proprietors was lower.



[Billions of dollars]

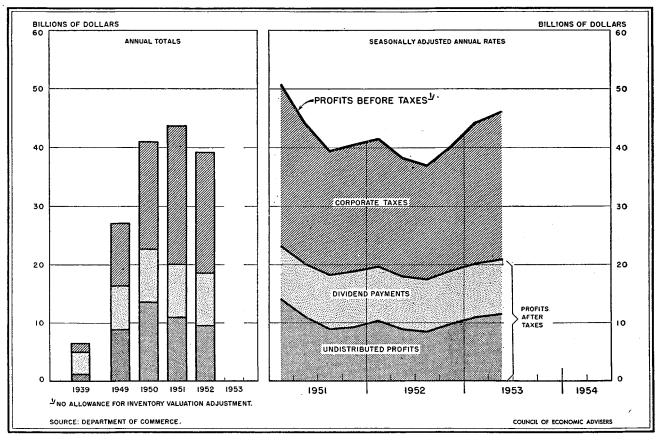
Period	Total Compensa-		Proprietors' (business,		Corporate profits and inventory valuation adjustment			
	national income	tion of employees	professional, farm) and rental income	Net interest	Total	Profits before taxes	Inventory valuation adjustment	
1939 1944 1946 1947 1948 1949 1950 1951	72. 5 183. 8 180. 3 198. 7 223. 5 216. 3 240. 6 278. 4 291. 6	47. 8 121. 2 117. 1 128. 0 140. 2 139. 9 153. 4 178. 9 193. 2	14. 7 35. 5 42. 0 42. 4 47. 3 42. 1 45. 4 50. 7 51. 2	4. 2 3. 1 2. 9 3. 5 4. 3 5. 0 5. 7 6. 4 7. 0	5. 8 24. 0 18. 3 24. 7 31. 7 29. 2 36. 0 42. 4 40. 2	6. 5 24. 3 23. 5 30. 5 33. 8 27. 1 41. 0 43. 7 39. 2	-0.7 3 -5.2 -5.8 -2.1 +2.1 -5.0 -1.3 +1.0	
			Seasonally	y adjusted ann	ual rates			
1952: First quarter Second quarter Third quarter Fourth quarter	286. 8 287. 9 290. 4 301. 4	187. 9 189. 5 194. 1 201. 3	50. 5 51. 5 51. 5 51. 1	6. 7 6. 9 7. 1 7. 4	41. 7 39. 9 37. 7 41. 7	41. 5 38. 2 37. 0 40. 3	+. 2 +1. 7 +. 7 +1. 4	
1953: First quarter Second quarter Third quarter	306. 7 310. 7 (¹)	204. 5 208. 0 210. 4	50. 8 49. 7 49. 1	7. 6 7. 7 7. 9	43. 8 45. 2 (¹)	44. 6 45. 9 (¹)	8 6 -2. 6	

¹ Not available.

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

CORPORATE PROFITS

Aggregate corporate profits, both before and after taxes, are estimated to have been distinctly higher during the first half of this year than in the first half of 1952, but lower than during the corresponding period of 1951.



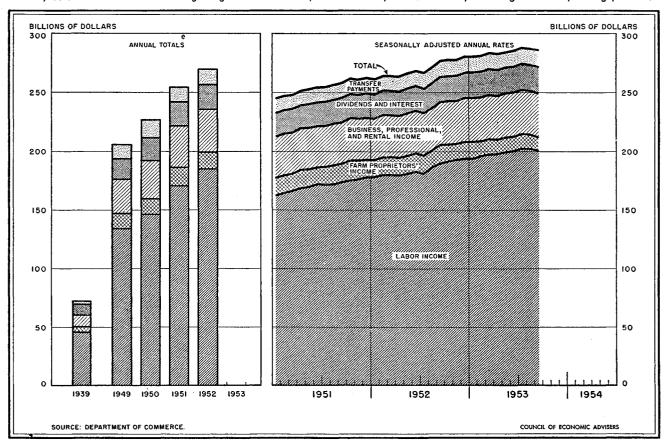
[Billions of dollars]

	Corporate	Corporate	Corpo	rate profits af	ter taxes		
Period	profits before taxes	tax liability	Total	Dividend payments	Undistributed profits		
1939 1944 1946 1947 1948 1949 1950	27. 1 41. 0 43. 7	1. 5 13. 5 9. 6 11. 9 13. 0 10. 8 18. 2 23. 6	5. 0 10. 8 13. 9 18. 5 20. 7 16. 3 22. 7 20. 1	3. 8 4. 7 5. 8 6. 6 7. 2 7. 5 9. 1 9. 2	1. 2 6. 1 8. 1 12. 0 13. 5 8. 8 13. 6		
1952	39. 2 20. 6 18. 6 9. 1 9. 5						
1952: First quarter Second quarter Third quarter Fourth quarter		21. 8 20. 1 19. 4 21. 2	19. 7 18. 0 17. 5 19. 1	9. 1 9. 1 9. 1 9. 1	10. 6 8. 9 8. 4 10. 0		
1953: First quarter Second quarter	44. 6 45. 9	24. 4 25. 0	20. 3 20. 8	9. 2 9. 4	11. 1 11. 4		

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.

PERSONAL INCOME

Personal income in September was about \$1 billion (seasonally adjusted annual rate) lower than in August. The decline, confined to manufacturing wages and salaries, was due in part to holidays falling in the reporting period.



		[Billions	of dollars]			
Period	Total per- sonal income	other abor	Proprieto:	Business, professional, and rental	Dividends and personal interest	Transfer payments
1939		45. 7 116. 2 134. 9 134. 2 146. 5 170. 7 184. 9	4. 5 11. 8 17. 7 12. 8 13. 3 15. 5	10. 2 23. 7 29. 6 29. 3 32. 1 35. 2 36. 1	9. 2 10. 6 16. 0 17. 1 19. 6 20. 5 21. 0	3. 0 3. 6 11. 3 12. 4 2 15. 1 12. 5 12. 9
		Se	asonally adjus	ted annual rat		
1950: June 1952: September October November December 1953: January	277. 3 277. 2 280. 6	144. 7 189. 7 191. 6 192. 9 193. 8 193. 9	12. 2 15. 9 14. 4 13. 4 14. 3	32. 1 36. 3 36. 7 36. 4 37. 4	18. 7 21. 2 21. 3 21. 4 21. 5 21. 6	13. 6 13. 3 13. 3 13. 1 13. 6
February March April May June July August September 3	281. 0 283. 6 282. 7 284. 7 286. 3 287. 5 287. 0	196. 0 197. 5 197. 9 199. 3 200. 7 202. 4 202. 2 200. 8	12. 8 13. 2 12. 1 12. 5 12. 6 11. 9 11. 4	37. 2 37. 3 37. 1 37. 3 37. 2 37. 3 37. 3	21. 7 21. 9 22. 0 22. 1 22. 3 22. 4 22. 5 22. 7	13. 3 13. 7 13. 6 13. 5 13. 5 13. 6 13. 6

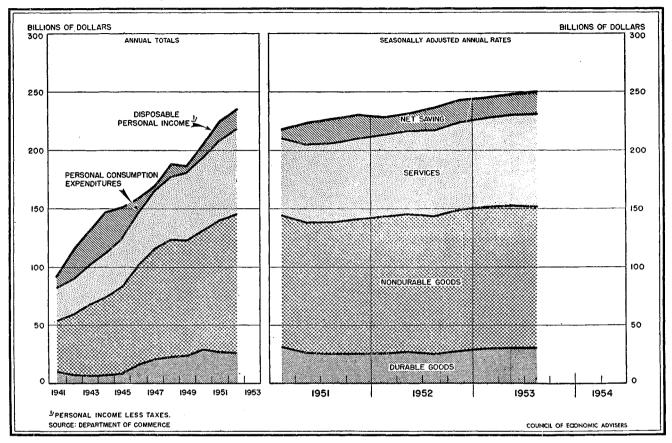
Excludes social insurance contributions of employees and, beginning January 1952, of self-employed persons.
 Includes \$2.7 billion National Service Life Insurance dividend, most of which was paid in the first half of the year.
 Preliminary estimates.

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

Source: Department of Commerce.

CONSUMER INCOME, SPENDING, AND SAVING

Disposable personal income rose more than consumer spending in the third quarter, according to recent revisions. Personal saving during the quarter was 7½ percent of disposable income.



	Dispos-	Less: Pe	rsonal consi	ımption expe	enditures	Equals:	Net saving as percent
Period	able per- sonal income 1	Total	Durable goods	Nondu- rable goods	Services	Personal net saving	of disposable income
			Billions	of dollars			
1939 1941 1942 1944 1946 1947 1948 1949 1950 1951 1952	205. 8	67. 5 82. 3 91. 2 111. 6 146. 9 165. 6 177. 9 180. 6 194. 6 208. 1 218. 1	6. 7 9. 8 7. 1 16. 6 21. 4 22. 9 23. 8 29. 2 27. 3 26. 7	35. 3 44. 0 52. 9 67. 1 85. 8 95. 1 100. 9 99. 2 102. 6 113. 4 118. 8	25. 5 28. 5 31. 2 37. 4 44. 5 49. 1 54. 1 57. 5 62. 7 67. 4 72. 7	2. 7 9. 8 25. 6 35. 4 12. 0 3. 9 10. 5 6. 7 11. 3 16. 9 16. 9	3. 8 10. 7 21. 9 24. 1 7. 6 2. 3 5. 6 3. 6 5. 5 7. 5
	1	·	Seasonall	y adjusted ar	nnual rates	•	···
1952: First quarter	$ \begin{array}{c ccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$	213. 7 217. 2 217. 2 224. 4 227. 7 230. 4	26. 0 27. 4 25. 1 28. 2 30. 2 30. 7	117. 2 118. 0 118. 7 121. 1 121. 2 122. 1	70. 5 71. 8 73. 3 75. 1 76. 3	15. 0 14. 5 19. 4 18. 6 17. 7	6. 6 6. 3 8. 2 7. 7 7. 2
Second quarter Third quarter	247. 7 249. 8	230. 4	30. 7 30. 4	121. 3	77. 6 79. 2	17. 2 18. 8	6. 9 7. 5

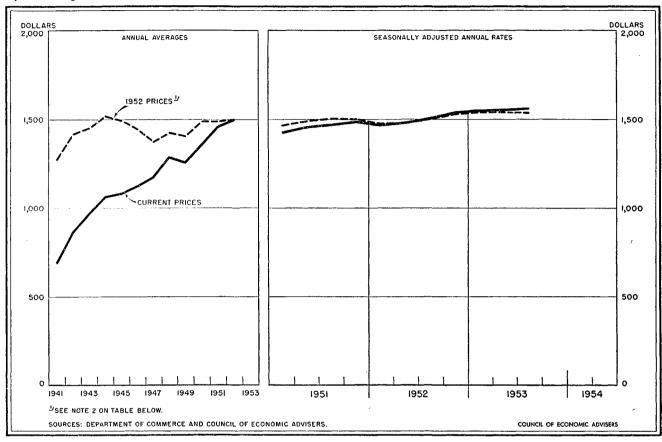
¹ Income less taxes.

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Source: Department of Commerce.

PER CAPITA DISPOSABLE INCOME

Per capita disposable income (in current dollars) increased to a new record high in the third quarter, according to preliminary estimates. It was nearly 4 percent above the third quarter of last year; adjusted for price changes it was 2 percent higher.



Period	Total disposa income (billion		Per capita di sonal incom	Population		
	Current prices	1952 prices ²	Current prices	1952 prices ²	(thousands)3	
1939 1941 1942 1944 1946 1947 1948 1949 1950 1951 1952	92. 0 116. 7 147. 0 158. 9 169. 5 188. 4 187. 2 205. 8	138. 2 169. 4 191. 3 210. 3 204. 2 198. 2 208. 6 209. 9 225. 7 229. 6 235. 0	536 690 865 1,062 1,124 1,176 1,285 1,255 1,357 1,458 1,497	1, 055 1, 271 1, 418 1, 519 1, 445 1, 375 1, 423 1, 407 1, 488 1, 488 1, 497	131, 028 133, 402 134, 860 138, 397 141, 389 144, 126 146, 631 149, 188 151, 677 154, 360 156, 981	
		Seasonall	y adjusted ann	y adjusted annual rates		
1952: First quarter	231. 7 236. 6	230. 2 231. 7 236. 1 241. 8	1, 465 1, 479 1, 503 1, 537	1, 475 1, 479 1, 500 1, 529	156, 064 156, 669 157, 370 158, 122	
1953: First quarterSecond quarterThird quarter	247. 7	244. 4 245. 5 245. 1	1, 546 1, 554 1, 560	1, 540 1, 539 1, 531	158, 7 52 159, 366 160, 094	

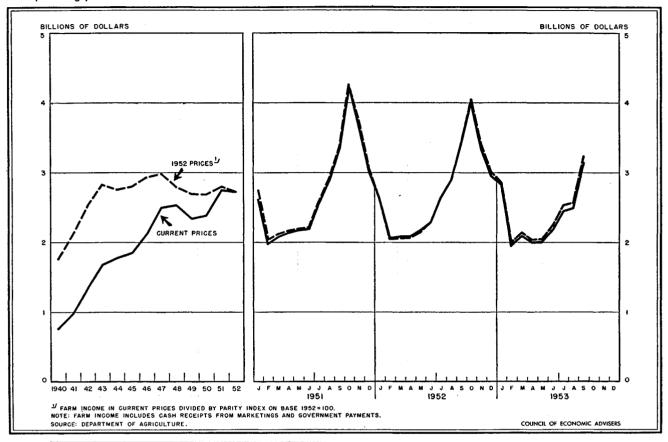
1 Income less taxes.

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 1939 base.

Including armed forces overseas. Annual data as of July 1; quarterly data centered in the middle of the period, interpolated from monthly figures.

FARM INCOME

Farm income rose in September, reflecting the seasonal increase in marketings. For the first 9 months of this year farmers have received \$21.2 billion from marketings and Government payments, or about 5 percent less than in the corresponding period of 1952.



Period	Farm income (millions of current dollars)	Parity index (prices paid, interest, taxes, and wage rates) 1952=100 ^f	Farm income (millions of 1952 dollars)
1939 monthly average 1942 monthly average 1944 monthly average 1946 monthly average 1948 monthly average 1949 monthly average 1950 monthly average June 1951 monthly average 1952 monthly average	1, 345 1, 763 2, 111 2, 539 2, 344 2, 384 1, 889 2, 757	43 53 63 72 91 87 89 89 98	1, 663 2, 538 2, 798 2, 932 2, 790 2, 694 2, 679 2, 122 2, 813 2, 721
1952: August	2, 894 3, 465 4, 009 3, 326	100 100 99 98 98	2, 894 3, 465 4, 049 3, 394 3, 016
1953: January February March April May June July August 3 September 3	1, 949 2, 100 2, 001 2, 010 2, 193 2, 456 2, 494	99 98 98 98 98 97 97 97	2, 863 1, 989 2, 143 2, 042 2, 051 2, 261 2, 532 2, 571 3, 238

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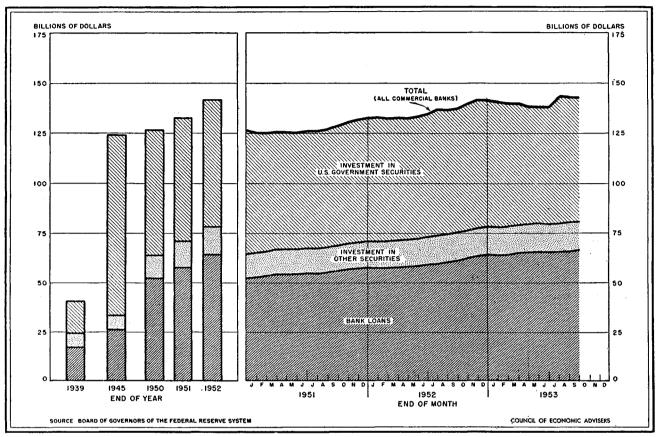
Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis

<sup>Converted from the reported base, 1910-14=100, to the base 1952=100.
Farm income in current dollars divided by parity index on base 1952=100.
Preliminary estimates.</sup>

CREDIT, MONEY, AND FEDERAL FINANCE

BANK LOANS AND INVESTMENTS

The expansion of only \$300 million in total bank loans in September was due mainly to a less than normal seasonal rise in business loans for the month. More than offsetting the loan expansion was the drop in investments in U. S. Government securities.



[Billions of dollars]

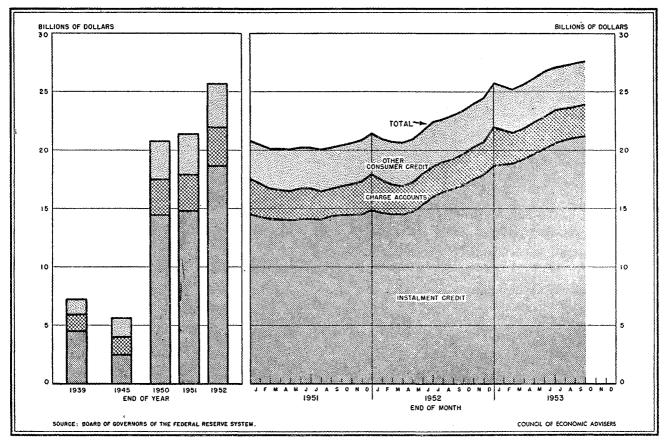
		All commercial banks						
End of period	Total			reporting member				
	loans and investments	Bank loans	Total	U. S. Government securities	Other securities	banks— business loans ¹		
1939 1945 1947 1949 1950 June 1951 1952: September October November December	116. 3 120. 2 126. 7 121. 8 132. 6 141. 6 137. 1 139. 4 141. 7	17. 2 26. 1 38. 1 43. 0 52. 2 44. 8 57. 7 64. 2 61. 2 62. 4 63. 4 64. 2	23. 4 97. 9 78. 2 77. 2 74. 4 77. 0 74. 9 77. 5 75. 9 77. 0 78. 3	16. 3 90. 6 69. 2 67. 0 62. 0 65. 8 61. 5 63. 3 61. 6 62. 9 64. 1 63. 3	7. 1 7. 3 9. 0 10. 2 12. 4 11. 2 13. 3 14. 1 14. 3 14. 2 14. 2	4. 7 7. 2 14. 7 13. 9 17. 9 13. 6 21. 6 23. 4 21. 8 22. 5 23. 1		
1953: January February March April May June July August September 2 October 2	140. 8 140. 1 140. 0 138. 5 138. 1 138. 0 143. 2 143. 1 143. 0	63. 9 64. 1 65. 2 65. 3 65. 4 65. 0 65. 6 66. 0	76. 9 76. 0 74. 8 73. 2 72. 7 72. 9 77. 6 77. 1	62. 8 61. 9 60. 5 58. 9 58. 3 58. 6 63. 2 62. 6 62. 2	14. 2 14. 1 14. 3 14. 4 14. 4 14. 3 14. 3	22. 8 22. 7 23. 3 23. 1 22. 8 22. 6 22. 6 22. 9 23. 3		

¹ Commercial, industrial, and agricultural loans; revised series beginning January 1952. Digitized for FRNorr. P-Detail will not necessarily add to totals because of rounding.

³ Preliminary estimates.

CONSUMER CREDIT

Consumer credit increased at a slower rate during September, with automobile instalment credit accounting for most of the rise.



[Millions of dollars]

	Total		In	stalment c	Noninstalment credit				
End of period	consumer credit outstand- ing	Total	Auto- mobile paper ¹	Other consumer goods paper 1	Repair and moderni- zation loans ²	Personal loans	Total	Charge accounts	Other 3
1939 1945 1950 June 1951	20, 813 18, 417 21, 468	4, 503 2, 462 14, 490 12, 931 14, 837 18, 639	1, 497 455 6, 342 5, 724 6, 242 8, 110	1, 620 816 4, 337 3, 679 4, 270 5, 301	298 182 1,006 912 1,090 1,386	1, 088 1, 009 2, 805 2, 616 3, 235 3, 842	2, 719 3, 203 6, 323 5, 486 6, 631 7, 066	1, 414 1, 612 3, 006 2, 350 3, 096 3, 313	1, 305 1, 591 3, 317 3, 136 3, 535 3, 753
1952: August September October November December	23, 414 24, 050 24, 525	16, 728 17, 047 17, 572 17, 927 18, 639	7, 272 7, 388 7, 639 7, 866 8, 110	4, 539 4, 669 4, 871 4, 943 5, 301	1, 258 1, 300 1, 347 1, 376 1, 386	3, 659 3, 690 3, 715 3, 742 3, 842	6, 302 6, 367 6, 478 6, 598 7, 066	2, 579 2, 642 2, 776 2, 826 3, 313	3, 723 3, 725 3, 702 3, 772 3, 753
1953: January February March April May June July August September 4	25, 262 25, 676 26, 172 26, 715 27, 051 27, 217 27, 434	18, 785 18, 860 19, 267 19, 656 20, 078 20, 489 20, 854 21, 058 21, 174	8, 273 8, 470 8, 778 9, 074 9, 379 9, 630 9, 908 10, 067 10, 159	5, 256 5, 131 5, 154 5, 185 5, 231 5, 289 5, 308 5, 314 5, 305	1, 378 1, 377 1, 383 1, 401 1, 426 1, 454 1, 476 1, 494 1, 511	3, 878 3, 882 3, 952 3, 996 4, 042 4, 116 4, 162 4, 183 4, 199	6, 723 6, 402 6, 409 6, 516 6, 637 6, 562 6, 363 6, 376 6, 414	2, 956 2, 662 2, 602 2, 677 2, 760 2, 784 2, 705 2, 670 2, 711	3, 767 3, 740 3, 807 3, 839 3, 877 3, 778 3, 658 3, 706 3, 703

Includes all consumer credit extended for the purpose of purchasing automobiles and other consumer goods and secured by the items purchased, Includes only such loans held by financial institutions; those held by retail outlets are included in "other consumer goods paper." Single-payment loans and service credit.

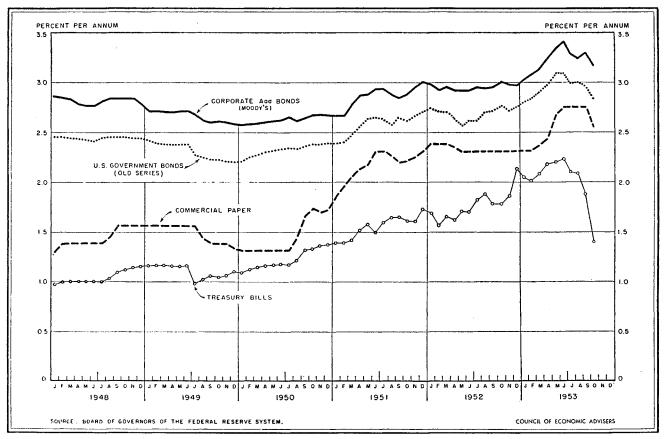
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Source: Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

BOND YIELDS AND INTEREST RATES

Yields on 3-month Treasury bills, long-term Government bonds, and high grade corporate bonds extended their decline in October. The rate of interest on prime commercial paper also fell.



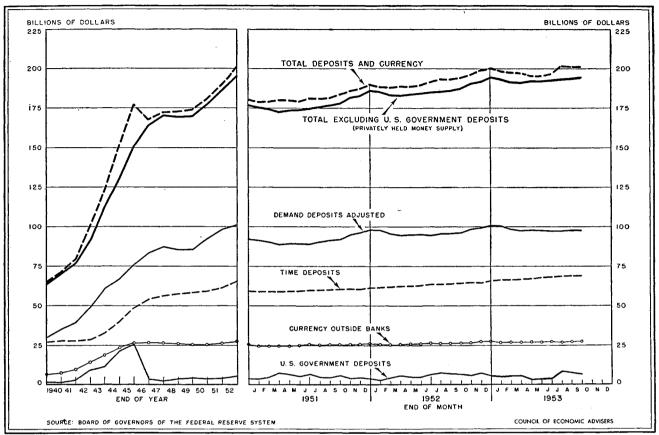
[Percent per annum]

	U. S. Gov	ernment secu	rity yields	Corporate	Prime	
Period	3-month Treasury	Taxable	e bonds 2	Aaa bonds (Moody's)	commercial paper,	
	bills 1	Old series	New series	(MOOdy S)	4-6 months	
1939	0. 023	(3)		3. 01	0. 59	
1946 1948	. 375 1, 040	2. 19 2. 44		2. 53 2. 82	. 81 1. 44	
1950		2. 32		2. 62	1. 45	
1951	1. 552	2. 57		2. 86	2. 17	
1952	1. 766 1. 783	2. 68 2. 74			2. 33 2. 31	
November		2. 74 2. 71		2. 98	2. 31	
December	2. 126	2. 75		2. 97	2. 31	
1953: January		2. 80		3. 02	2. 31	
February		2. 83 2. 89		3. 07 3. 12	2. 31 2. 36	
March April		2. 09 2. 97		3. 23	2. 30	
May		3. 09	3. 26	3. 34	2. 68	
June	2. 231	3. 09	3. 29	3. 40	2. 75	
July	2. 101 2. 088	2. 99 3. 00	3. 25 3. 22	3. 28 3. 24	2. 75 2. 75	
August September		2. 97	3. 19	3. 24 3. 29	2. 75 2. 75	
October		2. 83	3. 06	3. 16	2. 55	
Week ended:						
1953: October 3		2. 87 2. 83	3. 12 3. 08	3. 24 3. 19	2. 625–2. 75 2. 625	
10 17		2. 83 2. 84	3. 06	3. 16	2. 625 2. 50	
24	1. 372	2. 85	3. 06	3. 14	2, 50	
31	1. 220	2. 81	3. 02	3. 12	2. 375-2. 50	
November 7	1. 306	2. 82	3. 04	3. 09	2. 375	

¹ Rate on new issues within period.
2 Old series: 2½ percent bonds, 15 years and over prior to April 1952 and 12 years and over beginning in April. New series: 3½ percent bonds of 1978-83, issued May 1, 1953.
3 Bonds in this classification were first issued in March 1941. Source: Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.
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MONEY SUPPLY

The privately held money supply rose about \$900 million in September, or about \$300 million less than in September of last year. There were small rises in each of the components. U. S. Government deposits dropped about \$900



[Billions of dollars]

	Total de-	U. S.	Total e:			
End of period	End of period posits and currency	Government deposits 1	Total	Currency outside banks	Demand deposits adjusted*	Time deposits *
1939	167. 5 172. 7 173. 9 180. 6 174. 7 189. 8 200. 4 193. 1 194. 2 196. 1 198. 9 200. 4 198. 2 197. 4 196. 4 195. 3 196. 6 201. 3	1.56 25.56 3.61 3.43 4.35 5.66 5.75 4.88 5.58 2.33 4.37 6.87 7.68	63. 3 150. 8 164. 0 169. 1 169. 8 176. 9 170. 0 186. 0 194. 8 186. 2 187. 4 190. 2 191. 6 194. 8 193. 3 191. 6 194. 0 192. 2 192. 1 192. 6 193. 0 193. 0	6. 4 26. 5 26. 7 26. 1 25. 4 25. 2 26. 3 27. 5 26. 6 26. 7 27. 4 27. 5 26. 8 26. 9 27. 0 27. 0 27. 4 27. 3 27. 3	29. 8 75. 9 83. 3 85. 5 85. 8 92. 3 85. 0 98. 2 101. 5 95. 8 96. 4 99. 4 101. 5 100. 5 98. 3 97. 4 98. 0 97. 5 96. 9 97. 5 97. 7	27. 1 48. 5 54. 0 57. 5 58. 6 59. 7 61. 4 65. 8 64. 1 64. 5 64. 8 65. 8 66. 1 66. 4 66. 8 67. 2 67. 6 68. 3 68. 7

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.

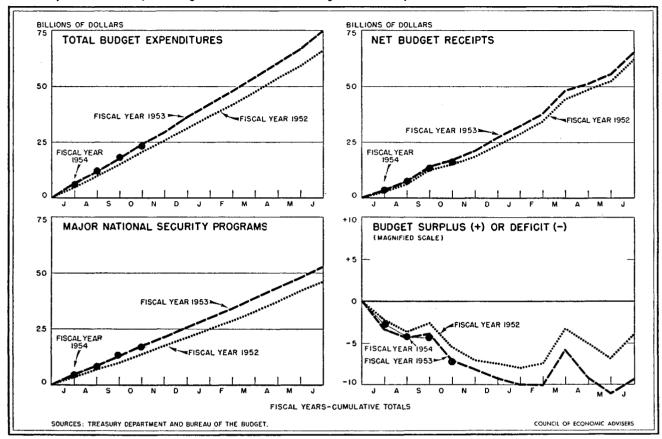
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Source: Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

FEDERAL BUDGET RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES

Budget expenditures in October were about \$600 million lower than in September. But budget receipts were down seasonally for the month, resulting in a deficit which brought the fiscal year deficit to date to \$7 billion.



Billions of dollars									
		Budget ex	penditures		Net budg	et receipts	Budget st or defi	lł.	
Period			i security programs · i		Total for	Cumula-	Total for	Cumula- tive fiscal	Public debt (end of
	Total for period	Cumula- tive fiscal year totals	Total for period	Cumula- tive fiscal year totals	period	tive fiscal year totals	pariod	year totals	period) ²
Fiscal year 1944Fiscal year 1947	39. 3		20. 9		43. 9 40. 0		-51. 4 +. 8		202. 6 258. 4
Fiscal year 1948	33. 8		16. 4		42. 2		+8.4		252. 4
Fiscal year 1949	40. 1 40. 2		19. 1 17. 8				-1.8 -3.1		252. 8 257. 4
Fiscal year 1950			26. 4		48.1	[-3.1 $+3.5$		257. 4 255. 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: October		24. 2	4. 4	17. 4	3. 1	17. 0	-3. 3	-7. 2	265. 0
November		29. 4	3. 9	21. 2	4. 2	21. 2	-1.0	-8.2	267. 5
December		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 March	5. 6 6. 2	47. 8 54. 0	4. 2 4. 7	34. 2 38. 9	5. 5 10. 5	37. 7 48. 2	1 + 4.3	-10.1 -5.8	267. 6 264. 5
April		60. 4	4.6	43. 5	2.8	51. 1	-3.5	-9.3	264. 6
May June		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	4. 6	4. 6	3. 3	3. 3	-2.8	-2.8	272. 7
August	6.0	12. 1	4. 2	8. 8	4. 6	7. 9	-1.5	-4.2	273. 3
September		18. 2	4. 4	13. 2	6. 0	13. 9	- . 1	-4.3	273. 0
October	5. 5	23. 7	4 4. 3	4 17. 4	2. 7	16.6	-2.8	-7.1	273. 5

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.

Includes guaranteed securities, except those held by the Treasury.

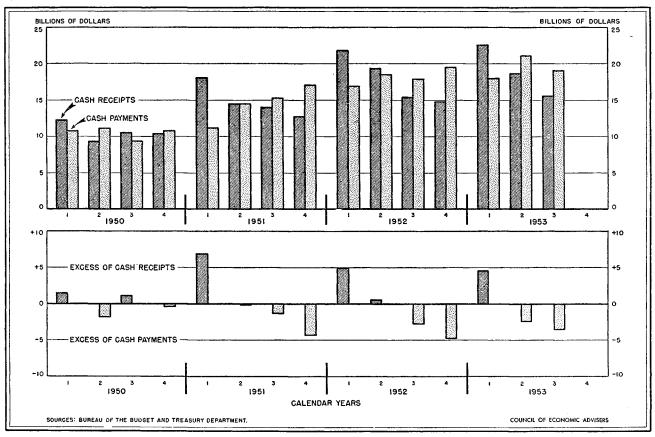
Data for fiscal year not strictly comparable with monthly figures.

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Sources: Treasury Department and Bureau of the Budget.

FEDERAL CASH RECEIPTS FROM AND PAYMENTS TO THE PUBLIC

Cash payments in the third quarter exceeded cash receipts by \$3.5 billion, compared with a cash deficit of \$2.6 billion in the corresponding quarter of 1952. Cash payments were 6 percent higher than last year while cash receipts were 1 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 1947 1948 1949 1950 1951 1952	44, 922 41, 346 42, 419	41, 399 38, 616 36, 897 42, 642 41, 969 58, 034 72, 979	$\begin{array}{c} +42\\ +5,666\\ +8,027\\ -1,295\\ +450\\ +1,244\\ -1,641\end{array}$
Quarterly totals, not adjusted for seasonal variation: 1951: Third quarter	12, 770 21, 874 19, 389 15, 354	15, 270 17, 064 16, 921 18, 701 17, 921 19, 436	$ \begin{array}{c} -1,277 \\ -4,295 \\ +4,953 \\ +688 \\ -2,567 \\ -4,715 \end{array} $
1953: First quarterSecond quarter Third quarter	18, 674	18, 166 21, 049 19, 015	$egin{pmatrix} +4,373 \ -2,375 \ -3,513 \end{matrix}$

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