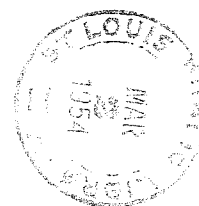


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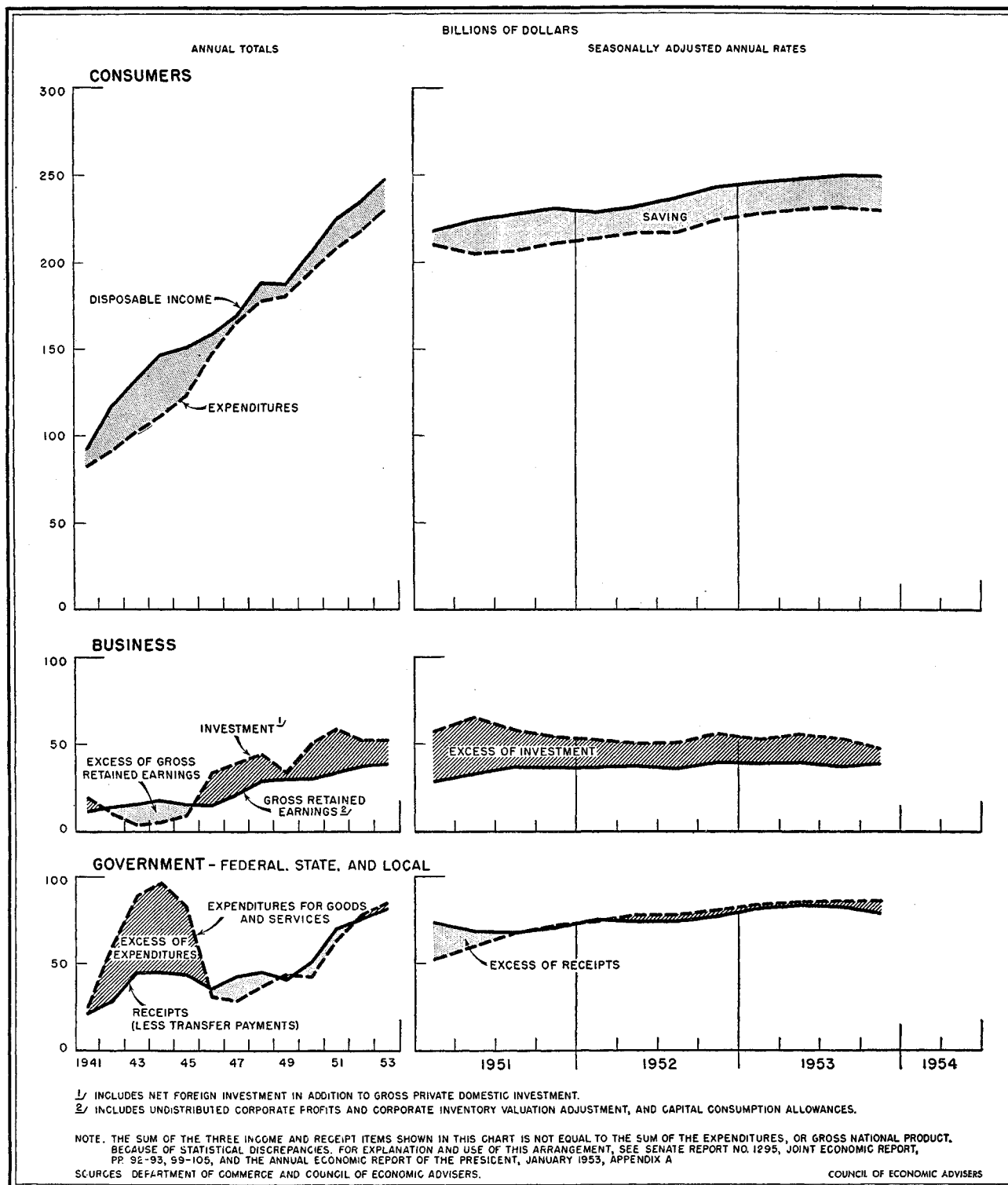
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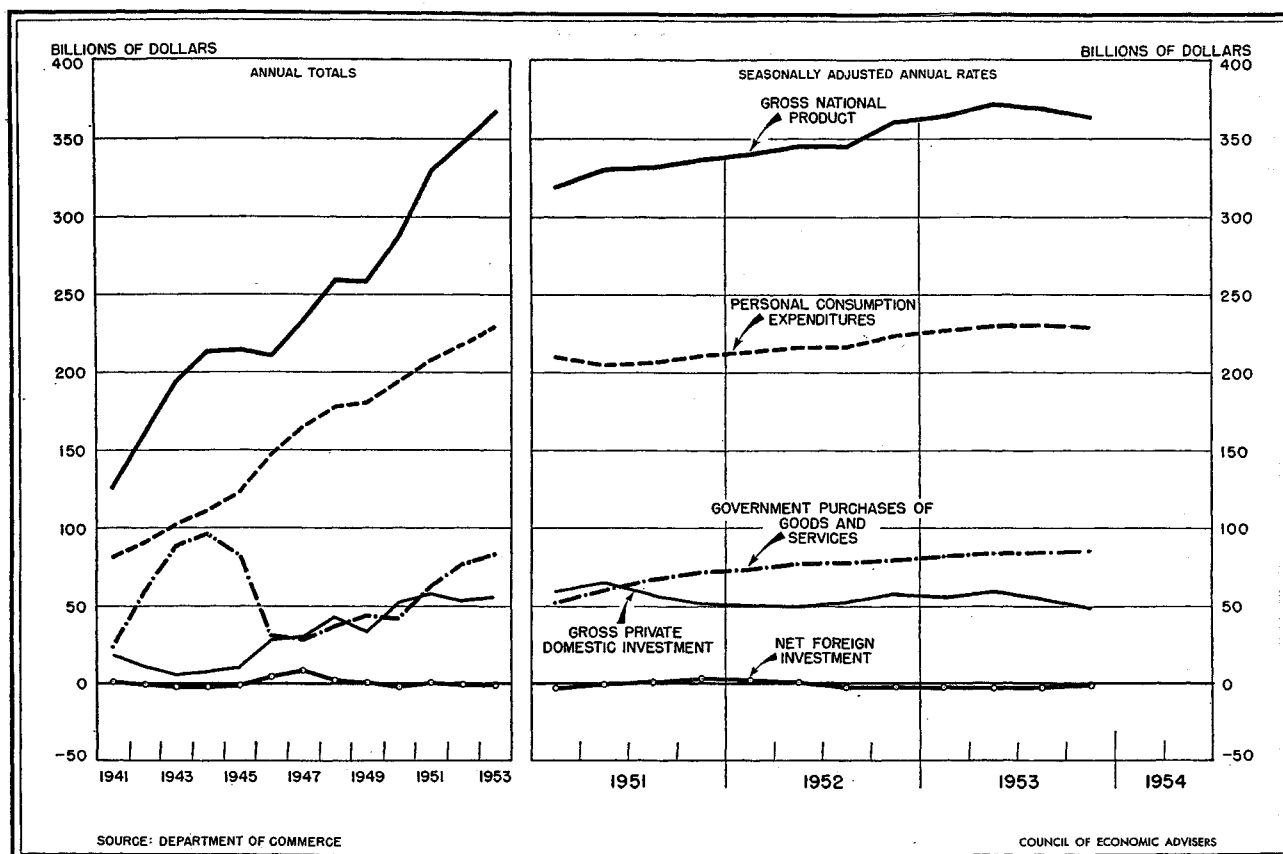
THE NATION'S ECONOMIC ACCOUNTS

Economic activity as measured by over-all expenditures and incomes declined moderately in the fourth quarter of 1953.



GROSS NATIONAL PRODUCT

Gross national product was down about 1½ percent in the fourth quarter, according to recent revisions. Private gross fixed investment was relatively unchanged but a decline in inventory investment caused total private investment to drop sharply. Consumer expenditures were off slightly from the rate of the preceding quarter, while Government expenditures were stable.



[Billions of dollars]

Period	Total gross national product	Personal consumption expenditures	Gross private domestic investment	Net foreign investment	Government purchases of goods and services					
					Total	Federal				State and local
						Total	National security ¹	Other	Less: Government sales	
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
1953.....	367.2	229.8	54.4	-1.9	84.9	59.7	51.8	8.5	.6	25.2
Seasonally adjusted annual rates										
1952: First quarter.....	340.4	213.7	50.4	2.1	74.1	51.0	46.2	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.....	363.9	227.7	54.9	-2.1	83.4	58.5	51.6	7.6	.7	24.9
Second quarter.....	371.4	230.4	58.5	-2.5	85.0	60.5	53.5	7.6	.7	24.6
Third quarter.....	369.5	231.0	55.2	-2.1	85.5	60.4	52.1	8.8	.5	25.2
Fourth quarter.....	363.5	230.0	48.8	-1.0	85.7	59.5	50.0	10.0	.5	26.3

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 1954 (p. 167), and *Survey of Current Business*, July 1953 (p. 10). These expenditures are not comparable with the "national security" category in *The Budget of the U. S. Government for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 1955*, and shown on p. 31 of *Economic Indicators*.

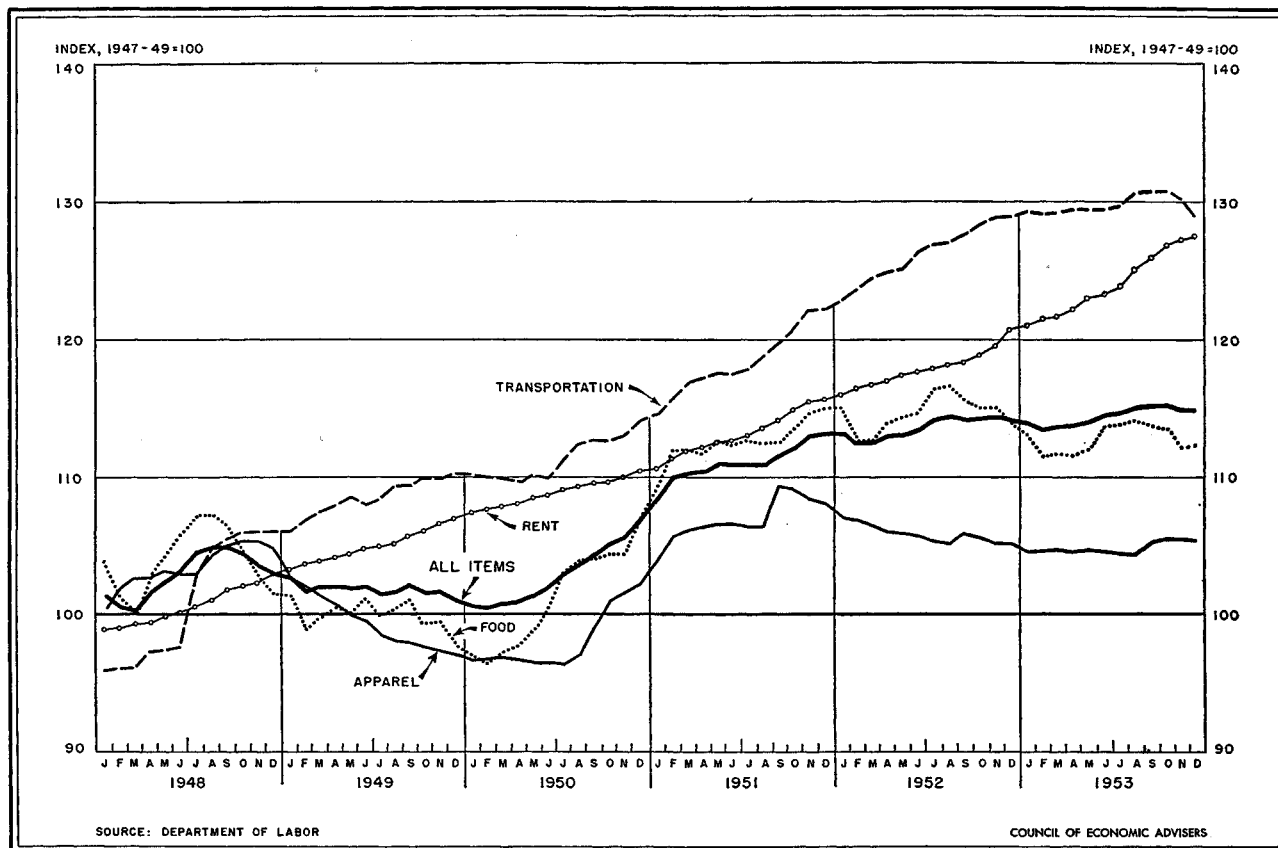
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Source: Department of Commerce.

PRICES

CONSUMER PRICES

Consumer prices declined slightly (0.1 percent) between mid-November and mid-December. Decreases of 0.9 percent in transportation costs and 0.2 percent in apparel prices accounted for the decline. Housing and reading and recreation prices were unchanged while prices of all other major groups of items rose.



(1947-49=100)¹

Period	All items	Food	Housing		Apparel	Transportation	Medical care	Personal care	Reading and recreation	Other goods and services
			Total	Rent						
1939 monthly average.....	59.4	47.1	(9)	86.6	52.5	(9)	(9)	(9)	(9)	(9)
1942 monthly average.....	69.7	61.3	(9)	90.4	64.9	(9)	(9)	(9)	(9)	(9)
1945 monthly average.....	76.9	68.9	(9)	90.9	76.3	(9)	(9)	(9)	(9)	(9)
1946 monthly average.....	83.4	79.0	(9)	91.4	83.7	(9)	(9)	(9)	(9)	(9)
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
1953 monthly average.....	114.4	112.8	117.7	124.1	104.8	129.7	121.3	112.8	108.0	118.2
1952: 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	115.9
February.....	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
July.....	114.7	113.8	117.8	123.8	104.4	129.7	121.5	112.6	107.4	118.3
August.....	115.0	114.1	118.0	125.1	104.3	130.6	121.8	112.7	107.6	118.4
September.....	115.2	113.8	118.4	126.0	105.3	130.7	122.6	112.9	107.8	118.5
October.....	115.4	113.6	118.7	126.8	105.5	130.7	122.8	113.2	108.6	119.7
November.....	115.0	112.0	118.9	127.3	105.5	130.1	123.3	113.4	108.9	120.2
December.....	114.9	112.3	118.9	127.6	105.3	128.9	123.6	113.6	108.9	120.3

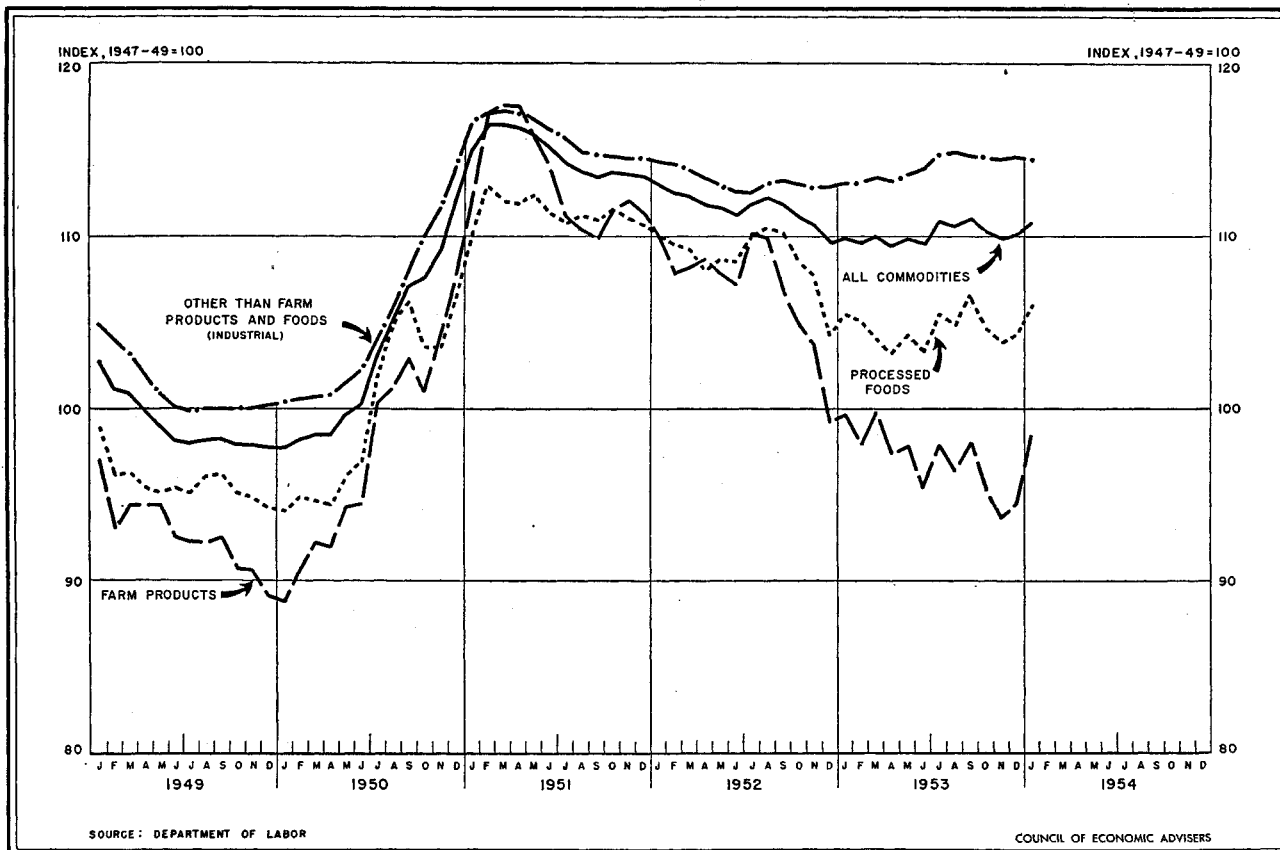
¹ The new base 1947-49=100 is in compliance with recommendations of the U. S. Bureau of the Budget. Beginning with January 1953 the index structure has been changed.

² Not available.

Source: Department of Labor.

WHOLESALE PRICES

Average wholesale prices were stable during most of January, with the monthly index being slightly above that for December. During the month prices of farm products advanced to a level about 5 percent above the December index and then receded somewhat. Prices for processed foods also were higher although in recent weeks they have dropped. Industrial prices continued unchanged.



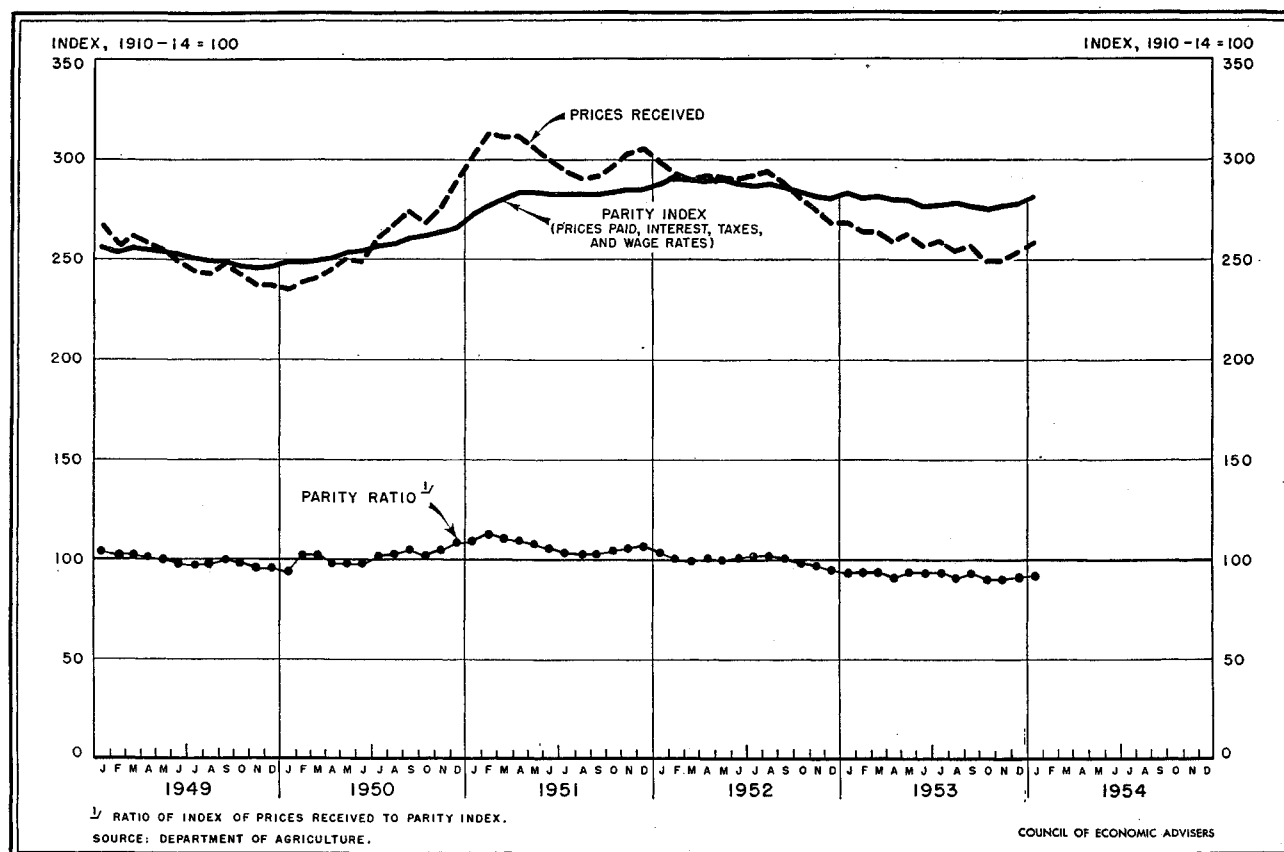
[1947-49=100]

Period	All commodities	Farm products	Processed foods	Other than farm products and foods (industrial)
1942 monthly average.....	64.2	59.2	59.1	68.3
1948 monthly average.....	104.4	107.3	106.1	103.4
1949 monthly average.....	99.2	92.8	95.7	101.3
1950 monthly average.....	103.1	97.5	99.8	105.0
June.....	100.2	94.5	96.8	102.2
1951 monthly average.....	114.8	113.4	111.4	115.9
1952 monthly average.....	111.6	107.0	108.8	113.2
1953 monthly average.....	110.1	97.0	104.6	114.0
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.....	109.5	95.4	103.3	113.9
July.....	110.9	97.9	105.5	114.8
August.....	110.6	96.4	104.8	114.9
September.....	111.0	98.1	106.6	114.7
October.....	110.2	95.3	104.7	114.6
November.....	109.8	93.7	103.8	114.5
December.....	110.1	94.4	104.3	114.6
1954: January.....	110.8	97.9	106.2	114.5
Week ended:				
1954: January 5.....	110.4	95.9	105.2	114.5
12.....	110.9	98.5	106.1	114.5
19.....	110.9	98.4	105.9	114.5
26.....	110.9	98.9	105.5	114.5
February 2.....	110.6	97.3	105.2	114.5
9.....	110.5	98.2	104.7	114.4

Source: Department of Labor.

PRICES RECEIVED AND PAID BY FARMERS

Prices received by farmers rose 2 percent from December 15 to January 15, with higher prices for meat animals, commercial vegetables, wheat, and hay being largely responsible. Prices paid were also slightly higher and the parity ratio was up 1 index point for the second consecutive month.



[1910-14=100]

Period	Prices paid for items used in		Parity index (prices paid, interest, taxes, and wage rates)	Prices received by farmers	Parity ratio ¹
	Living	Production			
1939 monthly average.....	120	121	123	95	77
1942 monthly average.....	149	148	152	159	105
1944 monthly average.....	175	173	182	² 197	108
1946 monthly average.....	202	191	208	² 236	113
1948 monthly average.....	251	250	260	287	110
1949 monthly average.....	243	238	251	250	100
1950 monthly average.....	246	246	256	258	101
June 15.....	243	247	255	249	98
1951 monthly average.....	268	273	282	302	107
1952 monthly average.....	271	274	287	288	100
1953 monthly average.....	270	253	279	258	92
1952: December 15.....	269	264	281	268	95
1953: January 15.....	268	265	284	268	94
February 15.....	266	261	281	264	94
March 15.....	269	261	282	264	94
April 15.....	269	257	280	259	92
May 15.....	270	257	280	263	94
June 15.....	271	248	277	257	93
July 15.....	271	250	279	260	93
August 15.....	273	249	279	255	91
September 15.....	270	247	277	257	93
October 15.....	270	246	276	249	90
November 15.....	270	248	277	249	90
December 15.....	270	250	278	254	91
1954: January 15.....	271	254	282	259	92

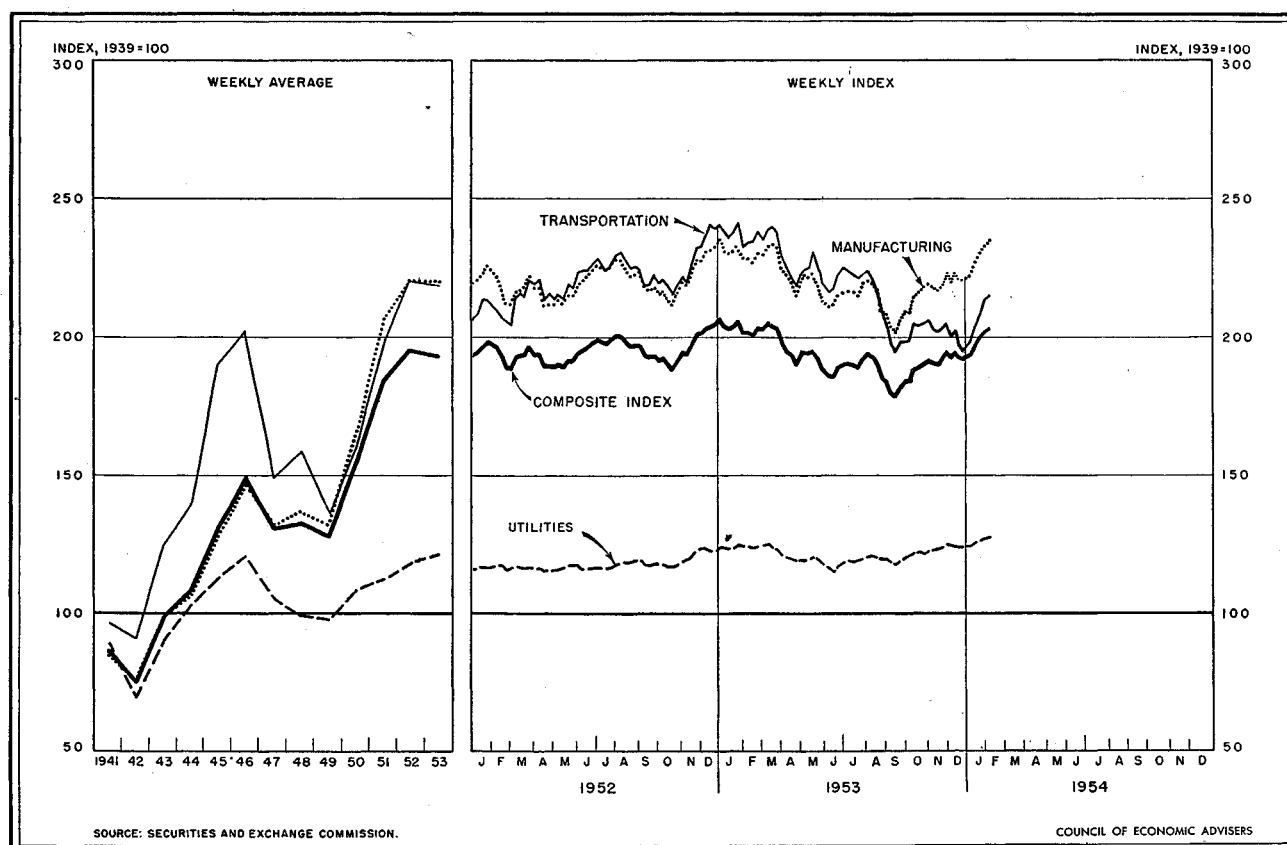
¹ Ratio of index of prices received by farmers to parity index.

² Includes wartime subsidy payments paid on beef cattle, sheep, lambs, milk, and butterfat between October 1943 and June 1946.

Source: Department of Agriculture.

STOCK PRICES

Stock prices have continued to increase since early January.



[1939=100]

1953-1954

Period	Com- posite index ¹	Manufacturing			Trans- portation	Utilities	Trade, finance, and service	Mining
		Total	Durable goods	Non- durable goods				
Weekly average:								
1940.....	94. 2	93. 4	92. 5	94. 2	99. 2	99. 9	90. 4	75. 6
1946.....	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.....	195. 0	220. 2	188. 8	249. 3	220. 6	117. 9	205. 8	275. 7
1953.....	193. 3	220. 1	192. 6	245. 2	218. 7	121. 5	206. 6	240. 5
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.....	181. 0	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
November.....	191. 2	218. 7	190. 4	244. 8	203. 8	123. 2	206. 5	231. 4
December.....	193. 4	221. 8	192. 1	249. 1	200. 0	124. 5	208. 7	229. 6
1954: January.....	198. 4	228. 4	198. 8	255. 5	206. 2	126. 1	212. 5	238. 6
Week ended:								
1954: January 8.....	193. 9	222. 7	193. 2	249. 7	198. 5	124. 6	209. 0	233. 1
15.....	197. 3	226. 9	197. 9	253. 6	204. 1	125. 9	212. 2	237. 5
22.....	200. 1	230. 6	201. 1	257. 7	208. 5	126. 6	213. 8	240. 8
29.....	202. 1	233. 2	202. 9	261. 0	213. 5	127. 2	214. 9	243. 1
February 5.....	203. 7	235. 2	204. 5	263. 4	215. 9	127. 8	215. 7	246. 2

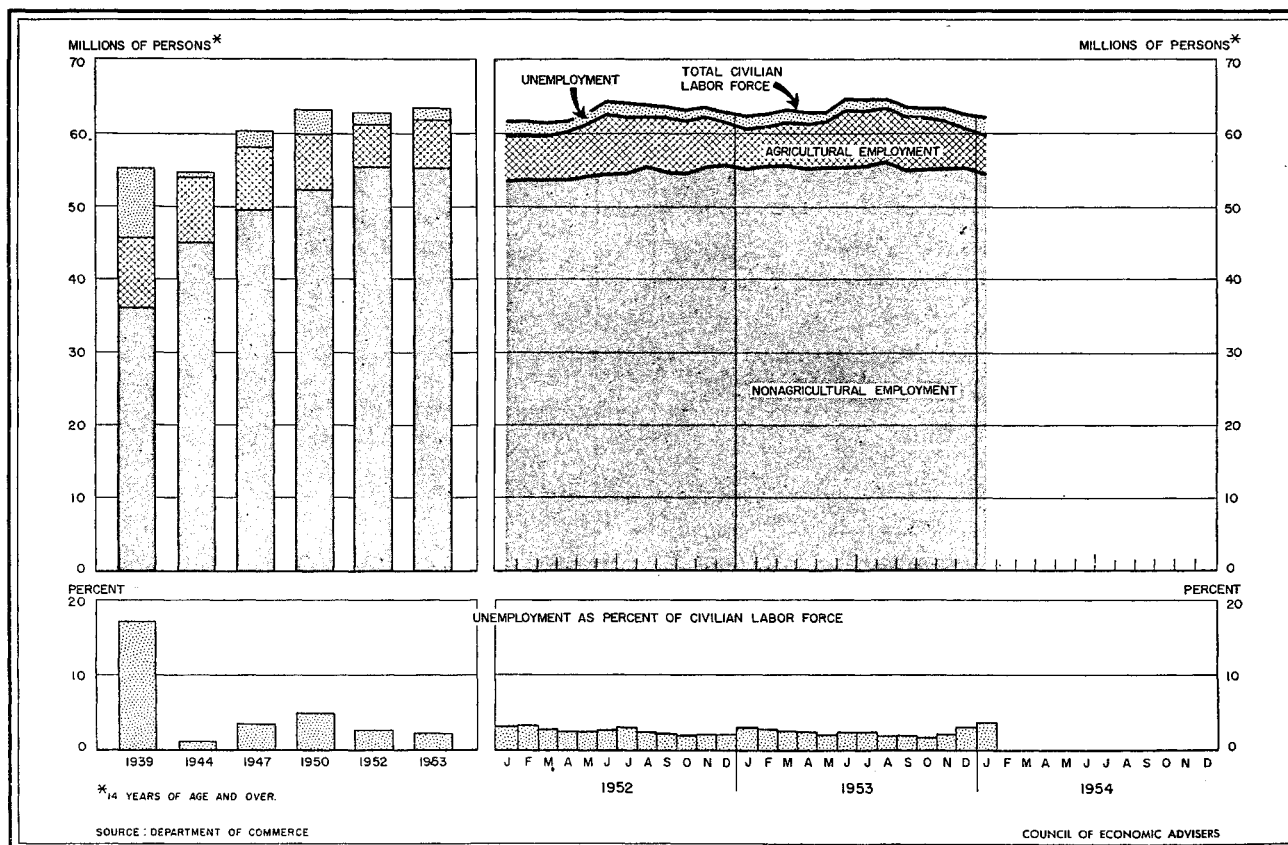
¹ Includes 265 common stocks: 14 for mining, 98 for durable goods manufacturing, 72 for nondurable goods manufacturing, 21 for transportation, 28 for utilities, and 32 for trade, finance, and service. Indexes are for weekly closing prices.

Source: Securities and Exchange Commission.

EMPLOYMENT AND WAGES

CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE

Unemployment increased during January. Shortly before going to press, the Council of Economic Advisers learned from the Bureau of the Census that a still untested revision of its technique of estimating unemployment has yielded results different from those previously released by the Census for January. Both sets of Census estimates are reproduced here. Further information may be obtained from the Census Bureau.



Period	Total labor force (in- cluding armed forces)	Civilian labor force					Unemploy- ment as per- cent of total civilian labor force
		Total	Employment ¹			Unem- plov- ment	
			Total	Agricul- tural	Nonagri- cultural		
Thousands of persons, 14 years of age and over							
1939 monthly average.....	55, 600	55, 230	45, 750	9, 610	36, 140	9, 480	17. 2
1944 monthly average.....	66, 040	54, 630	53, 960	8, 950	45, 010	1, 670	1. 2
1949 monthly average.....	63, 721	62, 105	58, 710	8, 026	50, 684	3, 395	5. 5
1950 monthly average.....	64, 749	63, 099	59, 957	7, 507	52, 450	3, 142	5. 0
1951 monthly average.....	65, 982	62, 884	61, 005	7, 054	53, 951	1, 879	3. 0
1952 monthly average.....	66, 560	62, 966	61, 293	6, 805	54, 488	1, 673	2. 7
1953 monthly average.....	67, 001	63, 453	61, 929	6, 683	55, 245	1, 524	2. 4
1953: January.....	66, 250	62, 700	60, 800	5, 825	54, 975	1, 900	3. 0
February.....	66, 400	62, 850	61, 050	5, 650	55, 400	1, 800	2. 9
March.....	66, 679	63, 134	61, 460	5, 920	55, 540	1, 674	2. 7
April.....	66, 338	62, 810	61, 228	6, 270	54, 958	1, 582	2. 5
May.....	66, 497	62, 964	61, 658	6, 590	55, 068	1, 306	2. 1
June.....	68, 290	64, 734	63, 172	8, 126	55, 046	1, 562	2. 4
July.....	68, 258	64, 668	63, 120	7, 828	55, 292	1, 548	2. 4
August.....	68, 238	64, 648	63, 408	7, 474	55, 934	1, 240	1. 9
September.....	67, 127	63, 552	62, 306	7, 262	55, 044	1, 246	2. 0
October.....	66, 954	63, 404	62, 242	7, 159	55, 083	1, 162	1. 8
November.....	66, 874	63, 353	61, 925	6, 651	55, 274	1, 428	2. 3
December.....	66, 106	62, 614	60, 764	5, 438	55, 326	1, 850	3. 0
1954: January, old sample..	65, 589	62, 137	59, 778	5, 345	54, 433	2, 359	3. 8
January, new sample..	66, 291	62, 840	59, 753	5, 284	54, 469	3, 087	4. 9

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

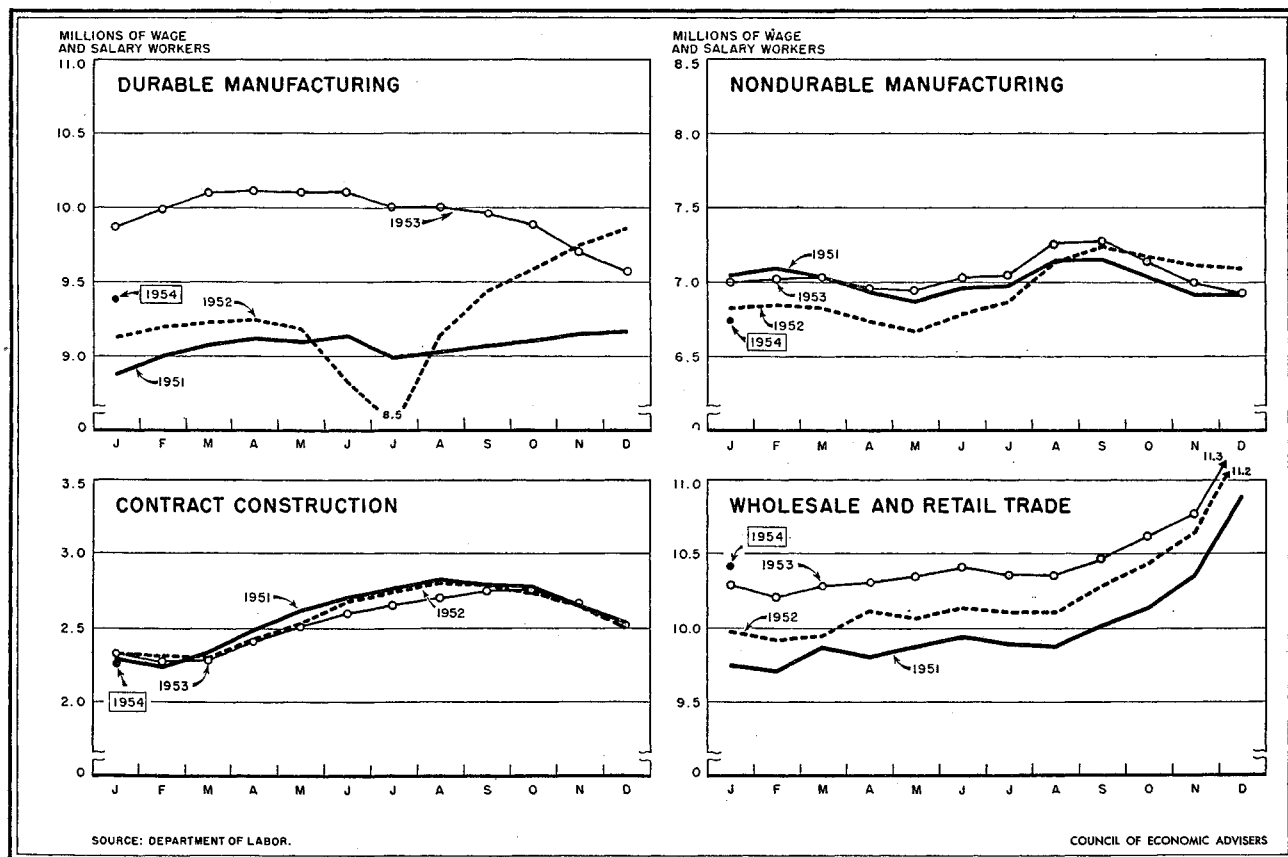
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Detail will not necessarily add to totals because of rounding.

Source: Department of Commerce.

NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT - SELECTED INDUSTRIES

Employment in manufacturing industries continued to decline in January, with somewhat larger than seasonal drops occurring in many major industry groups. The decline was also larger than usual in most nonmanufacturing industries except retail trade.



[Thousands of wage and salary workers ¹]

Period	Manufacturing			Contract construction	Wholesale and retail trade	Finance, service, etc.	Government (Federal, State, local)	Transportation and public utilities	Mining
	Total	Durable goods	Nondurable goods						
1939 monthly average	10,078	4,683	5,394	1,150	6,612	4,703	3,987	2,912	845
1948 monthly average	15,321	8,312	7,010	2,169	9,519	6,636	5,614	4,141	982
1949 monthly average	14,178	7,473	6,705	2,165	9,513	6,736	5,837	3,949	918
1950 monthly average	14,967	8,085	6,882	2,333	9,645	6,894	5,992	3,977	889
June	14,733	8,035	6,698	2,430	9,534	6,992	5,908	3,984	929
1951 monthly average	16,082	9,071	7,011	2,588	10,013	7,068	6,373	4,166	913
1952 monthly average	16,209	9,262	6,946	2,572	10,251	7,237	6,633	4,220	872
1953 monthly average ²	17,007	9,952	7,055	2,542	10,476	7,350	6,669	4,276	832
1953: January	16,884	9,880	7,004	2,303	10,283	7,161	6,675	4,210	866
February	17,013	9,989	7,024	2,280	10,214	7,171	6,625	4,210	856
March	17,135	10,103	7,032	2,301	10,284	7,218	6,666	4,235	846
April	17,077	10,117	6,960	2,416	10,314	7,321	6,653	4,244	835
May	17,040	10,096	6,944	2,509	10,348	7,382	6,669	4,279	831
June	17,162	10,121	7,041	2,608	10,415	7,443	6,638	4,315	835
July	17,069	10,007	7,062	2,662	10,355	7,488	6,478	4,340	823
August	17,258	10,006	7,252	2,715	10,334	7,485	6,449	4,337	831
September	17,221	9,955	7,266	2,751	10,464	7,447	6,663	4,323	826
October	17,017	9,879	7,138	2,772	10,611	7,391	6,749	4,310	813
November ²	16,709	9,700	7,009	2,669	10,766	7,359	6,740	4,272	817
December ²	16,495	9,572	6,923	2,520	11,324	7,332	7,018	4,241	809
1954: January ²	16,113	9,381	6,732	2,252	10,423	7,265	6,747	4,143	793

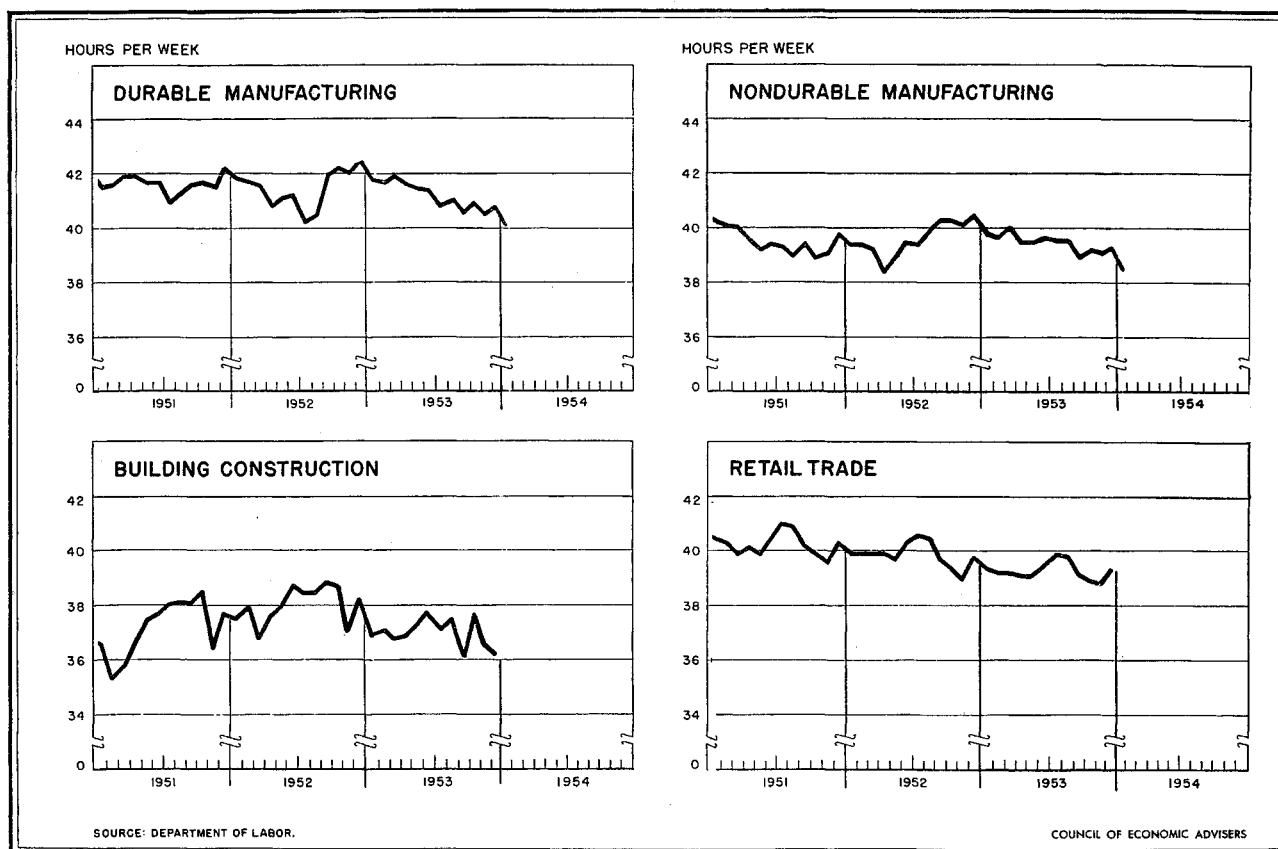
¹ Includes all full- and part-time wage and salary workers in nonagricultural establishments who worked during or received pay for any part of the pay period ending nearest the 15th of the month. Excludes proprietors, self-employed persons, domestic servants, and personnel of the Armed Forces. Total 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 Preliminary estimates.

Source: Department of Labor.

AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS - SELECTED INDUSTRIES

The average workweek of factory production workers in January was four-fifths of one hour less than in December—a slightly larger than seasonal decline. Overtime work continued to decline.



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

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	¹ 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
1953 monthly average.....	40.5	41.2	39.5	37.0	39.2
1952: 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	39.7	37.1	39.2
March.....	41.1	41.9	40.0	36.8	39.2
April.....	40.8	41.6	39.5	36.9	39.1
May.....	40.7	41.5	39.5	37.3	39.0
June.....	40.7	41.4	39.7	37.7	39.4
July.....	40.3	40.8	39.6	37.1	39.9
August.....	40.5	41.1	39.6	37.6	39.8
September.....	39.9	40.6	39.0	36.1	39.1
October.....	40.3	41.0	39.2	37.7	38.9
November ²	40.0	40.6	39.1	36.5	38.8
December ²	40.2	40.8	39.3	36.2	39.3
1954: January ²	39.4	40.1	38.5	(³)	(³)

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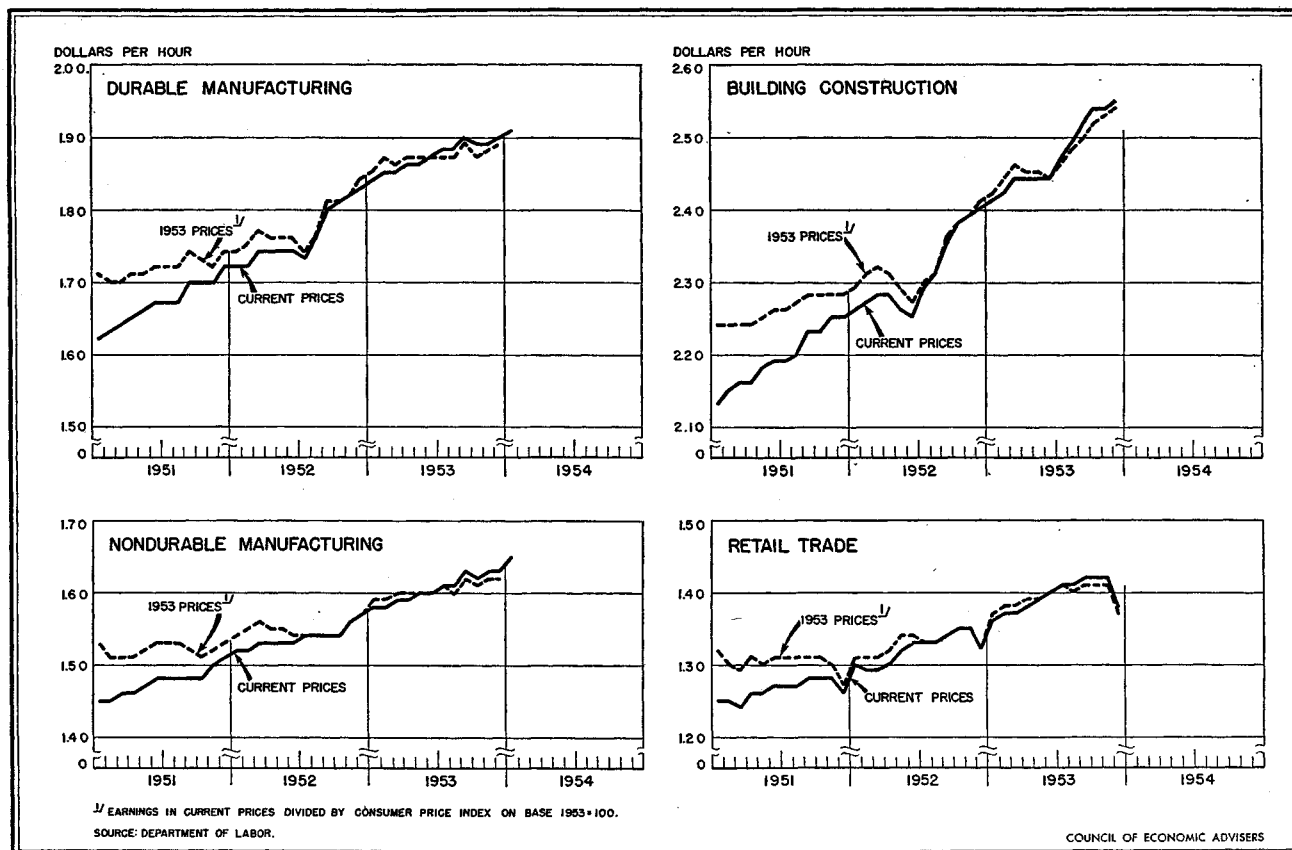
² Not available.

³ Preliminary estimates.

Source: Department of Labor.

AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS - SELECTED INDUSTRIES

Average hourly earnings in manufacturing industries increased 1 cent in January to \$1.80. This brought the rise since January 1953 to 6 cents.



[For production workers or nonsupervisory employees]

Period	All manufacturing		Durable goods manufacturing		Nondurable goods manufacturing		Building construction		Retail trade	
	Current prices	1953 prices ¹	Current prices	1953 prices ¹	Current prices	1953 prices ¹	Current prices	1953 prices ¹	Current prices	1953 prices ¹
1939 monthly average.....	\$0. 633	\$1. 220	\$0. 698	\$1. 345	\$0. 582	\$1. 121	\$0. 932	\$1. 796	\$0. 542	\$1. 044
1943 monthly average.....	. 961	1. 485	1. 059	1. 637	. 803	1. 241	1. 252	1. 935	. 679	1. 049
1946 monthly average.....	1. 086	1. 490	1. 156	1. 586	1. 015	1. 392	1. 478	2. 027	. 893	1. 225
1947 monthly average.....	1. 237	1. 481	1. 292	1. 547	1. 171	1. 402	1. 681	2. 013	1. 009	1. 208
1948 monthly average.....	1. 350	1. 502	1. 410	1. 568	1. 278	1. 422	² 1. 848	² 2. 056	1. 088	1. 210
1949 monthly average.....	1. 401	1. 574	1. 469	1. 651	1. 325	1. 489	1. 935	2. 174	1. 137	1. 278
1950 monthly average.....	1. 465	1. 630	1. 537	1. 710	1. 378	1. 533	2. 031	2. 259	1. 176	1. 308
June.....	1. 453	1. 633	1. 522	1. 710	1. 365	1. 534	1. 995	2. 242	1. 175	1. 320
1951 monthly average.....	1. 59	1. 64	1. 67	1. 72	1. 48	1. 53	2. 19	2. 26	1. 26	1. 30
1952 monthly average.....	1. 67	1. 68	1. 76	1. 77	1. 54	1. 55	2. 31	2. 33	1. 32	1. 33
1953 monthly average.....	1. 77	1. 77	1. 87	1. 87	1. 61	1. 61	2. 48	2. 48	1. 39	1. 39
1952: December.....	1. 73	1. 74	1. 83	1. 84	1. 57	1. 57	2. 40	2. 41	1. 32	1. 32
1953: January.....	1. 74	1. 75	1. 84	1. 85	1. 58	1. 59	2. 41	2. 42	1. 36	1. 37
February.....	1. 74	1. 76	1. 85	1. 87	1. 58	1. 59	2. 42	2. 44	1. 37	1. 38
March.....	1. 75	1. 76	1. 85	1. 86	1. 59	1. 60	2. 44	2. 46	1. 37	1. 38
April.....	1. 75	1. 76	1. 86	1. 87	1. 59	1. 60	2. 44	2. 45	1. 38	1. 39
May.....	1. 76	1. 77	1. 86	1. 87	1. 60	1. 60	2. 44	2. 45	1. 39	1. 39
June.....	1. 76	1. 76	1. 87	1. 87	1. 60	1. 60	2. 44	2. 44	1. 40	1. 40
July.....	1. 77	1. 76	1. 88	1. 87	1. 61	1. 61	2. 47	2. 46	1. 41	1. 41
August.....	1. 77	1. 76	1. 88	1. 87	1. 61	1. 60	2. 49	2. 48	1. 41	1. 40
September.....	1. 79	1. 78	1. 90	1. 89	1. 63	1. 62	2. 52	2. 50	1. 42	1. 41
October.....	1. 78	1. 76	1. 89	1. 87	1. 62	1. 61	2. 54	2. 52	1. 42	1. 41
November ³	1. 79	1. 78	1. 89	1. 88	1. 63	1. 62	2. 54	2. 53	1. 42	1. 41
December ³	1. 79	1. 78	1. 90	1. 89	1. 63	1. 62	2. 55	2. 54	1. 38	1. 37
1954: January ³	1. 80	(⁴)	1. 91	(⁴)	1. 65	(⁴)	(⁴)	(⁴)	(⁴)	(⁴)

¹ Earnings in current prices divided by consumer price index on base 1953=100.

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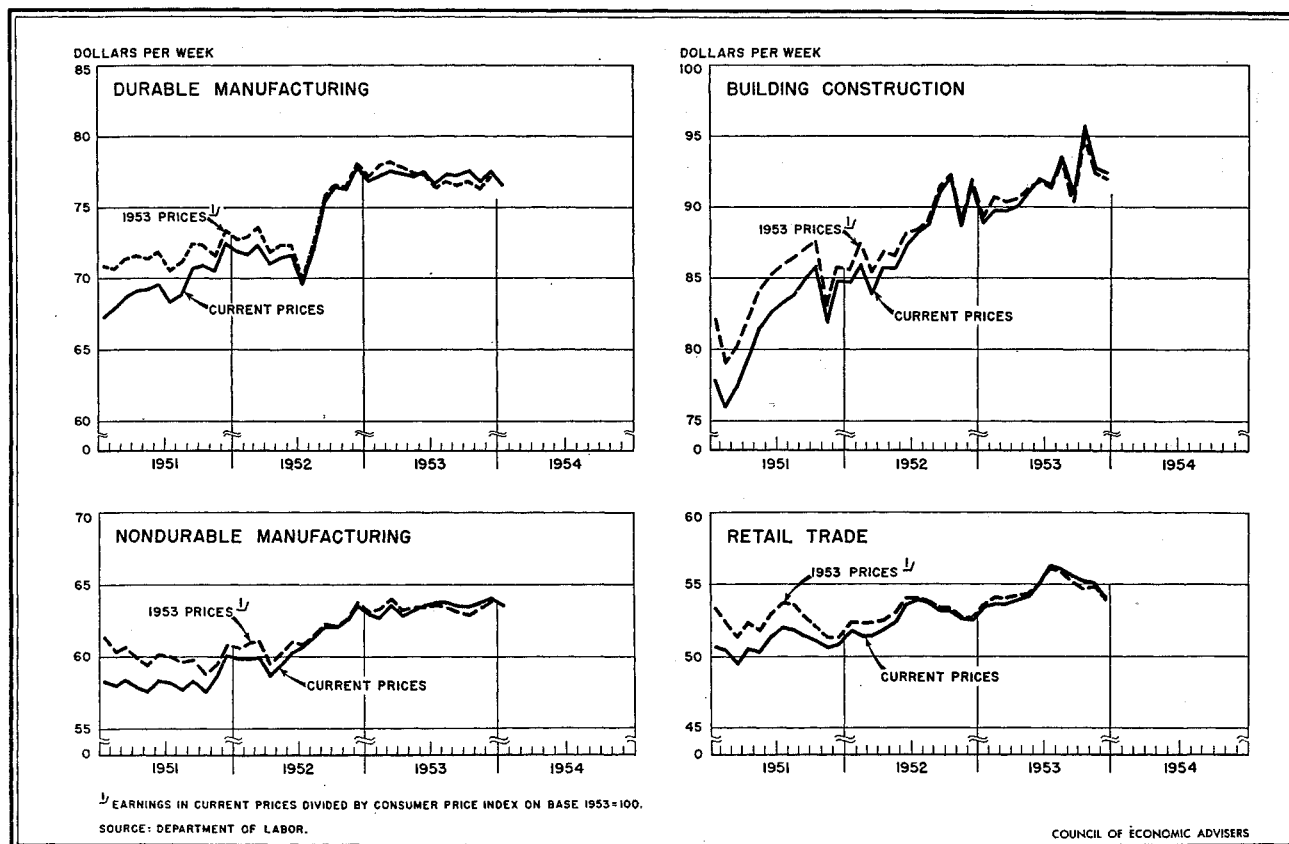
³ Preliminary estimates.

⁴ Not available.

Source: Department of Labor.

AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS - SELECTED INDUSTRIES

The drop of about a dollar in average weekly earnings of manufacturing workers in January resulted primarily from the decline in average hours worked.



[For production workers or nonsupervisory employees]

Period	All manufacturing		Durable goods manufacturing		Nondurable goods manufacturing		Building construction		Retail trade	
	Current prices	1953 prices ¹	Current prices	1953 prices ¹	Current prices	1953 prices ¹	Current prices	1953 prices ¹	Current prices	1953 prices ¹
1939 monthly average	\$23.86	\$45.97	\$26.50	\$51.06	\$21.78	\$41.97	\$30.39	\$58.55	\$23.14	\$44.59
1943 monthly average	43.14	66.68	49.30	76.20	34.12	52.74	48.13	74.39	27.36	42.29
1946 monthly average	43.82	60.11	46.49	63.77	41.14	56.43	56.24	77.15	36.35	49.86
1947 monthly average	49.97	59.84	52.46	62.83	46.96	56.24	63.30	75.81	40.66	48.69
1948 monthly average	54.14	60.22	57.11	63.53	50.61	56.30	² 68.85	² 76.59	43.85	48.78
1949 monthly average	54.92	61.71	58.03	65.20	51.41	57.76	70.95	79.72	45.93	51.61
1950 monthly average	59.33	66.00	63.32	70.43	54.71	60.86	73.73	82.01	47.63	52.98
June	58.85	66.12	62.86	70.63	53.92	60.58	73.82	82.94	48.06	54.00
1951 monthly average	64.71	66.71	69.47	71.62	58.46	60.27	81.47	83.99	50.65	52.22
1952 monthly average	67.97	68.52	73.04	73.63	60.98	61.47	88.01	88.72	52.67	53.09
1953 monthly average	71.57	71.57	77.20	77.20	63.43	63.43	91.55	91.55	54.72	54.72
1952: December	72.14	72.36	77.78	78.01	63.59	63.78	91.68	91.96	52.54	52.70
1953: January	71.34	71.63	76.91	77.22	62.88	63.13	88.93	89.29	53.45	53.66
February	71.17	71.82	77.15	77.85	62.73	63.30	89.78	90.60	53.70	54.19
March	71.93	72.44	77.52	78.07	63.60	64.05	89.79	90.42	53.70	54.08
April	71.40	71.83	77.38	77.85	62.81	63.19	90.04	90.58	53.96	54.29
May	71.63	71.85	77.19	77.42	63.20	63.39	91.01	91.28	54.21	54.37
June	71.63	71.56	77.42	77.34	63.52	63.46	91.99	91.90	55.16	55.10
July	71.33	71.12	76.70	76.47	63.76	63.57	91.64	91.37	56.26	56.09
August	71.69	71.33	77.27	76.89	63.76	63.44	93.62	93.15	56.12	55.84
September	71.42	70.92	77.14	76.60	63.57	63.13	90.97	90.34	55.52	55.13
October	71.73	71.09	77.49	76.80	63.50	62.93	95.76	94.91	55.24	54.75
November ³	71.60	71.24	76.73	76.35	63.73	63.41	92.71	92.25	55.10	54.83
December ³	71.96	71.67	77.52	77.21	64.06	63.80	92.31	91.94	54.23	54.01
1954: January ³	70.92	(⁴)	76.59	(⁴)	63.53	(⁴)	(⁴)	(⁴)	(⁴)	(⁴)

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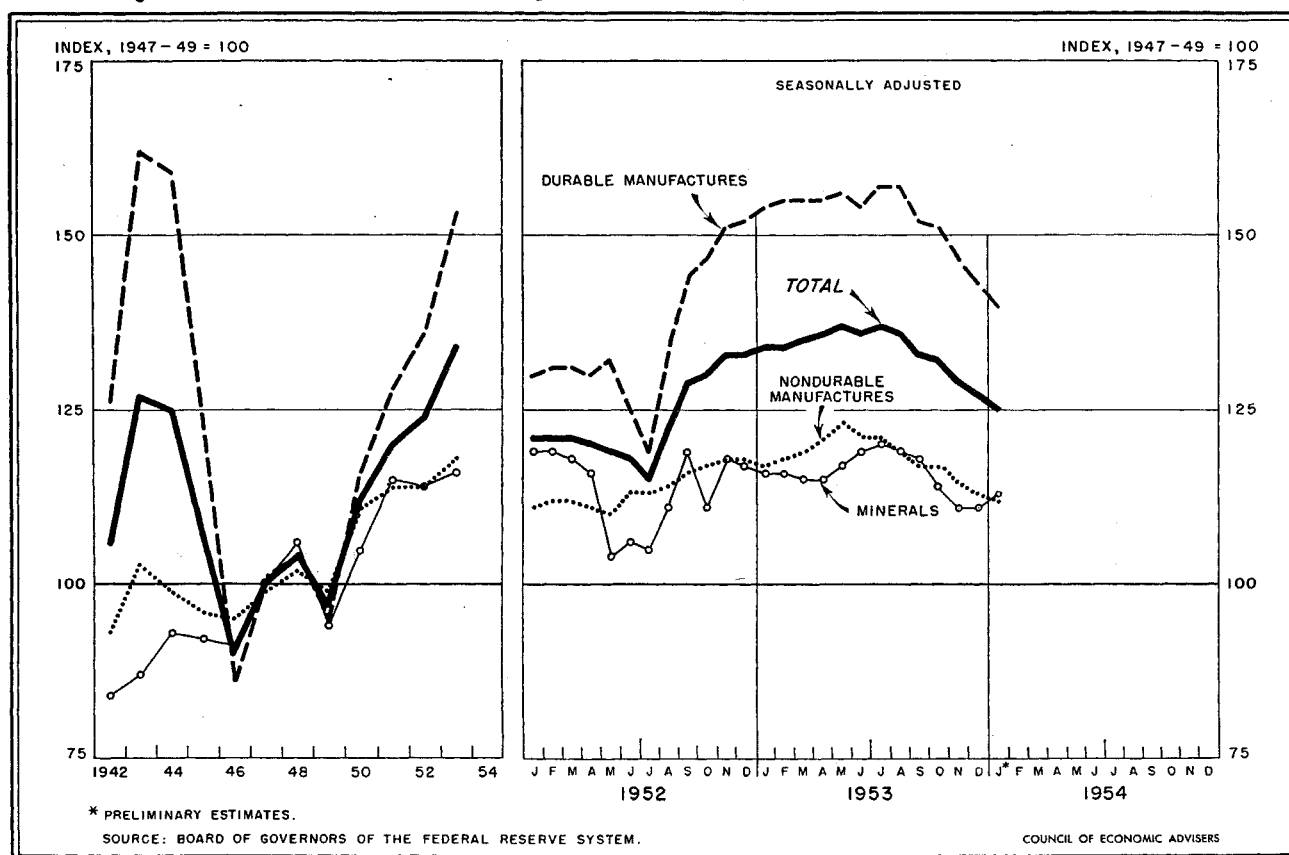
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Source: Department of Labor.

PRODUCTION AND BUSINESS ACTIVITY

INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION

Industrial production continued to decline moderately in December and again in January. Declines occurred in the manufacturing of both durable and nondurable goods. Minerals production increased slightly in January.



[1947-49=100, seasonally adjusted]¹

Period	Total industrial production	Manufactures			Minerals
		Total	Durable	Nondurable	
1939.....	58	57	49	66	68
1943.....	127	133	162	103	87
1946.....	90	90	86	95	91
1947.....	100	100	101	99	100
1948.....	104	103	104	102	106
1949.....	97	97	95	99	94
1950.....	112	113	116	111	105
June.....	112	113	117	109	107
1951.....	120	121	128	114	115
1952.....	124	125	136	114	114
1953 ²	134	136	153	118	116
1952: December.....	133	135	152	118	117
1953: January.....	134	136	154	117	116
February.....	134	136	155	118	116
March.....	135	137	155	119	115
April.....	136	138	155	121	115
May.....	137	139	156	123	117
June.....	136	138	154	121	119
July.....	137	139	157	121	120
August.....	136	138	157	119	119
September.....	133	134	152	117	118
October.....	132	134	151	117	114
November.....	129	131	146	115	111
December ²	127	128	143	113	111
1954: January ²	125	126	140	112	113

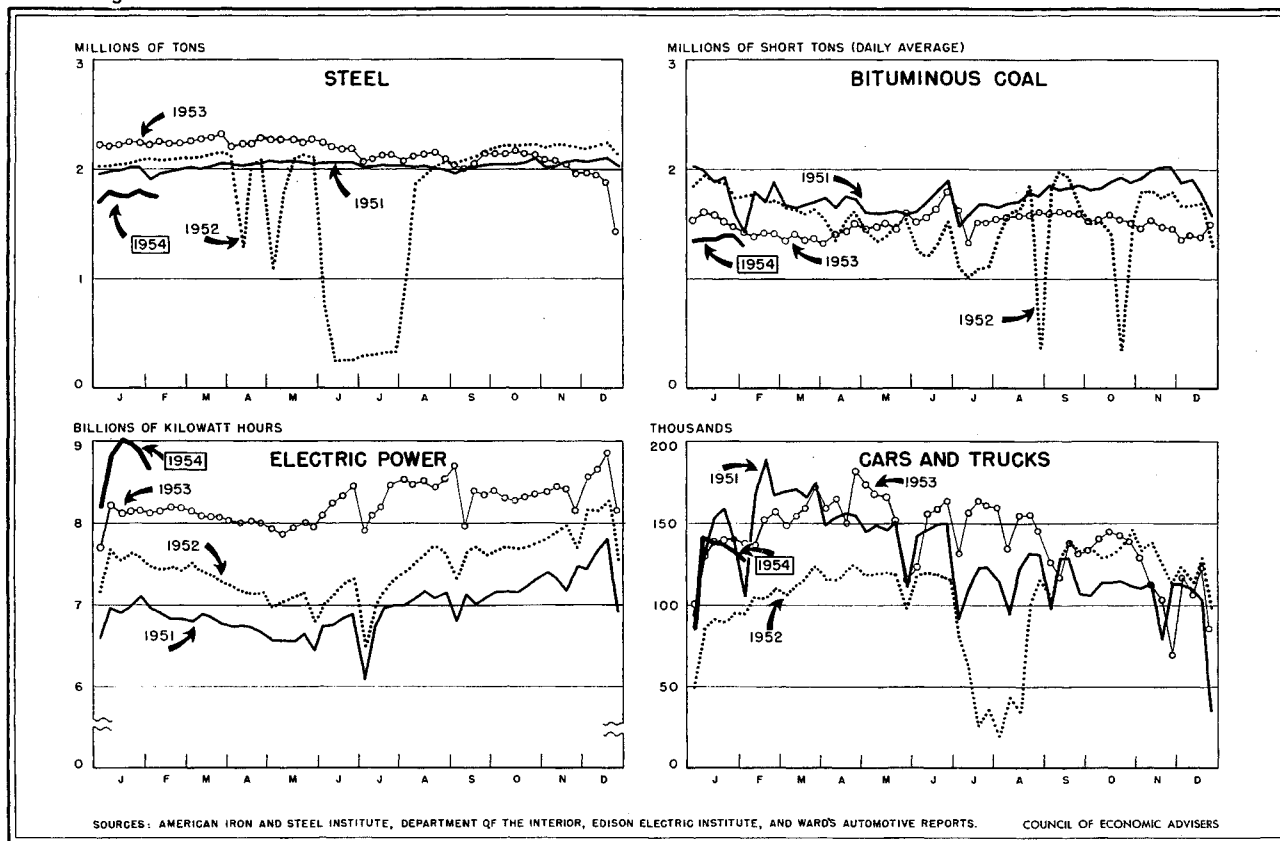
¹ Revised series; see *Federal Reserve Bulletin*, December 1953.

² Preliminary estimates.

Source: Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

WEEKLY PRODUCTION - SELECTED INDICATORS

Steel production in January continued at the reduced level of December, with output averaging about 75 percent of the new capacity rate. Although auto assemblies were cut back from the high rate reached early in January, the average was one-third above the November-December level, which was affected by model changeovers. Electric power distribution again set a new record.



Period	Steel		Electric power, by utilities (millions of kilowatt-hours)	Bituminous coal (thousands of short tons) ¹	Cars and trucks (number)
	Thousands of net tons	Percent of theoretical capacity ¹			
Weekly average:					
1950.....	1,857	96.9	6,183	1,687	154,212
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	1,548	106,834
1953 ³	2,140	94.9	8,244	1,500	140,551
1952: December.....	2,193	105.6	7,970	1,650	112,992
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
June.....	2,192	97.2	8,279	1,623	150,252
July.....	2,099	93.1	8,238	1,536	154,274
August.....	2,123	94.2	8,488	1,549	147,542
September.....	2,076	92.1	8,352	1,644	128,375
October.....	2,136	94.7	8,331	1,506	140,317
November.....	2,026	89.9	8,352	1,493	103,576
December.....	1,798	79.7	8,502	1,442	103,511
1954: January ³	1,797	75.4	8,918	1,346	138,387
Week ended:					
1954: January 2.....	1,706	75.7	8,198	1,358	86,431
9.....	1,798	75.4	8,825	1,365	143,431
16.....	1,772	74.3	9,014	1,363	139,341
23.....	1,766	74.1	8,976	1,402	137,681
30.....	1,802	75.6	8,855	1,401	133,095
February 6 ³	1,774	74.4	8,674	1,306	127,941
13 ³	1,774	74.4			128,942

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, 2,254,459 beginning January 1, 1953, and 2,384,549 beginning January 3, 1954.

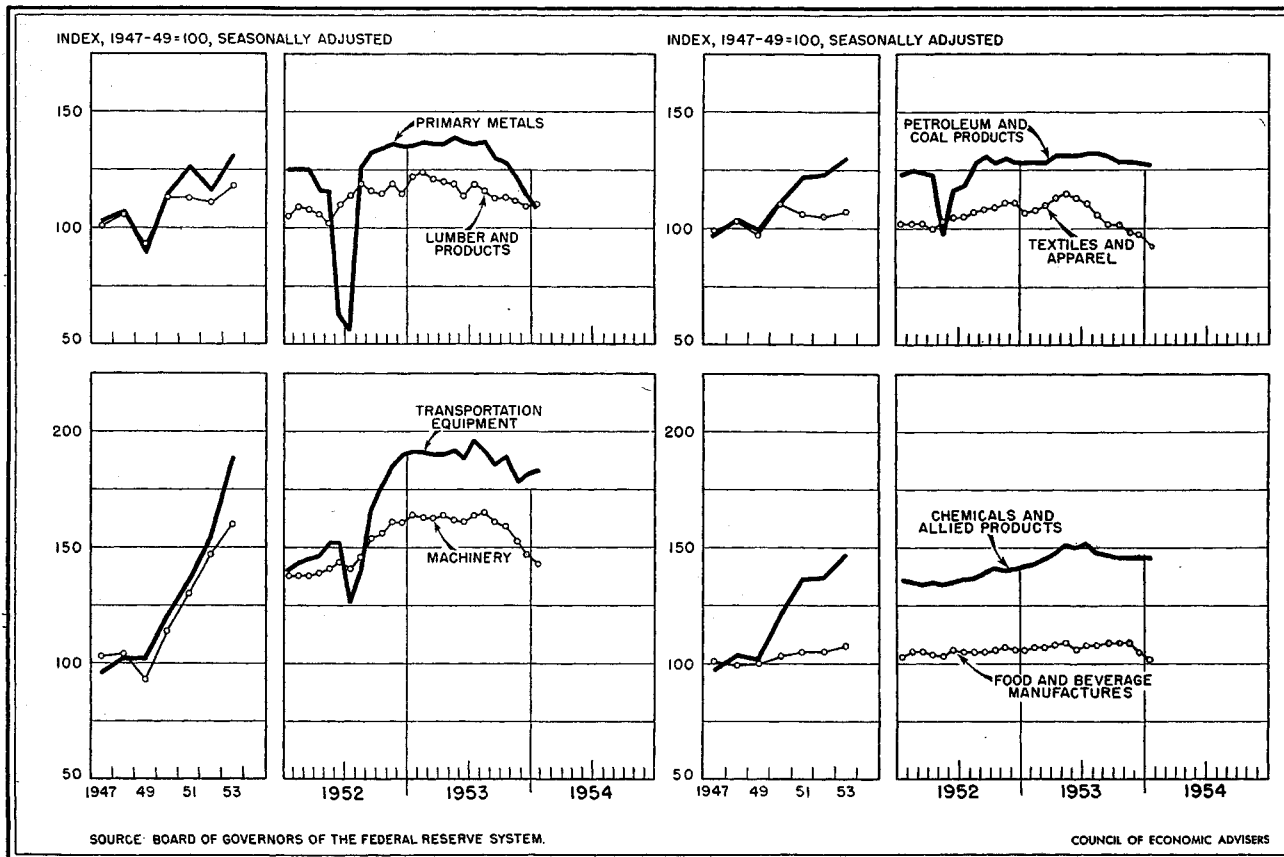
² Daily average for week.

³ Preliminary estimates.

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

PRODUCTION OF SELECTED MANUFACTURES

Output of most major manufacturing industry groups—both durable and nondurable—was curtailed slightly in December and still further in January. The largest decline was in primary metal production.



[1947-49=100, seasonally adjusted] ¹

Period	Durable manufactures				Nondurable manufactures			
	Primary metals	Lumber and products	Machinery	Transportation equipment	Textiles and apparel	Petroleum and coal products	Food and beverage manufactures	Chemicals and allied products
1939.....	53	80	38	48	80	63	66	45
1947.....	103	101	103	96	99	97	101	97
1948.....	107	106	104	102	103	104	99	103
1949.....	90	93	93	102	97	99	100	101
1950.....	115	113	114	120	110	110	103	121
June.....	118	116	110	130	107	109	102	119
1951.....	126	113	130	135	106	122	105	136
1952.....	116	111	147	154	105	123	105	137
1953 ²	132	117	160	188	107	130	107	147
1952: November.....	136	119	161	185	111	130	107	140
December.....	135	115	161	190	111	128	106	141
1953: January.....	135	122	164	191	107	128	106	142
February.....	137	124	163	191	108	128	107	143
March.....	136	121	163	190	110	128	107	145
April.....	136	120	164	190	113	131	108	148
May.....	139	119	162	192	115	131	109	151
June.....	137	114	161	188	113	131	106	150
July.....	136	119	164	196	111	132	108	152
August.....	137	116	165	191	106	132	108	148
September.....	130	111	161	186	102	131	109	147
October.....	128	114	159	189	102	129	108	146
November.....	122	111	153	178	98	129	108	145
December ²	115	109	147	180	97	128	104	145
1954: January ²	109	110	142	183	92	127	102	145

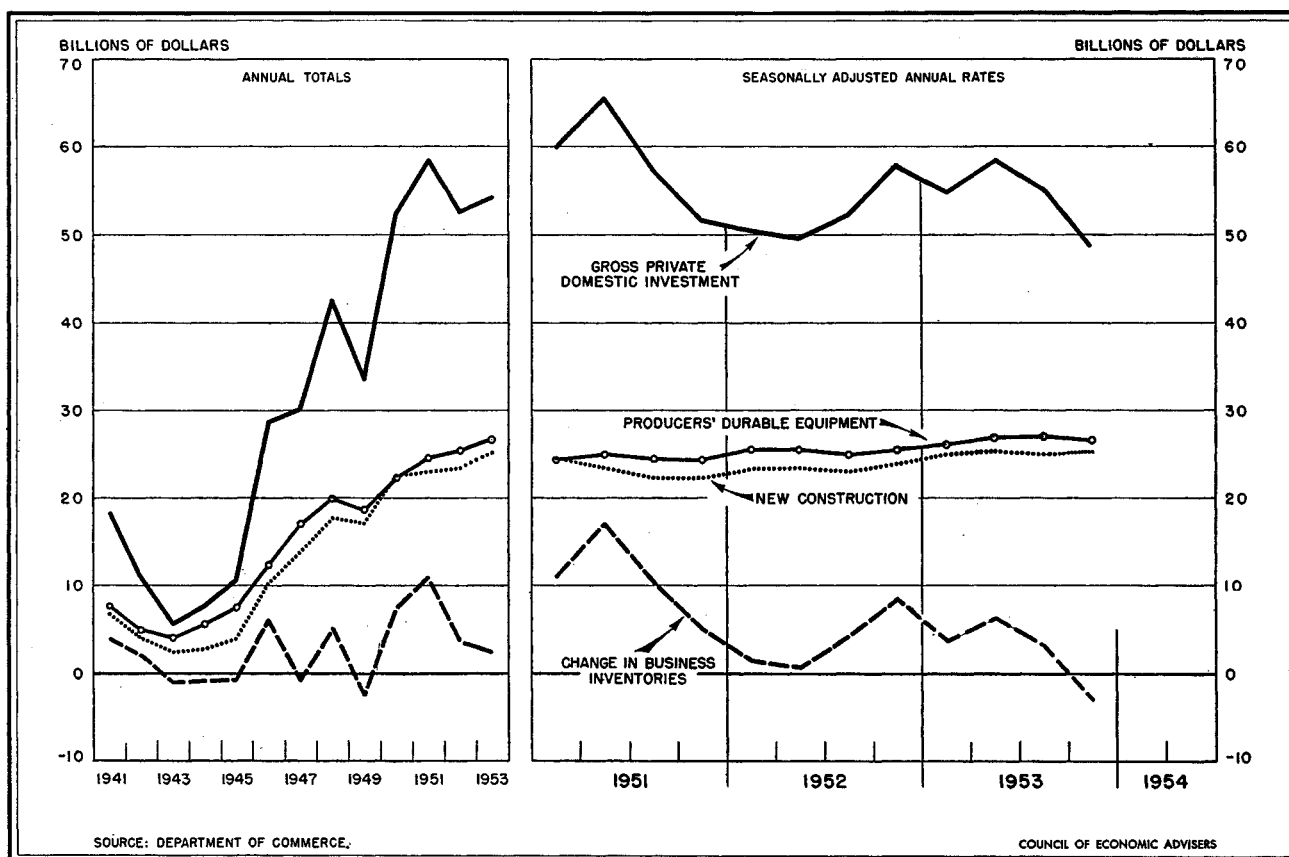
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² Preliminary estimates.

Source: Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

GROSS PRIVATE DOMESTIC INVESTMENT

Gross private domestic investment in the fourth quarter decreased almost \$6 ½ billion (seasonally adjusted annual rate), according to recent revisions. Inventory liquidation accounted for nearly all of the drop. Investment in producers' durable equipment was off somewhat, while construction increased slightly.



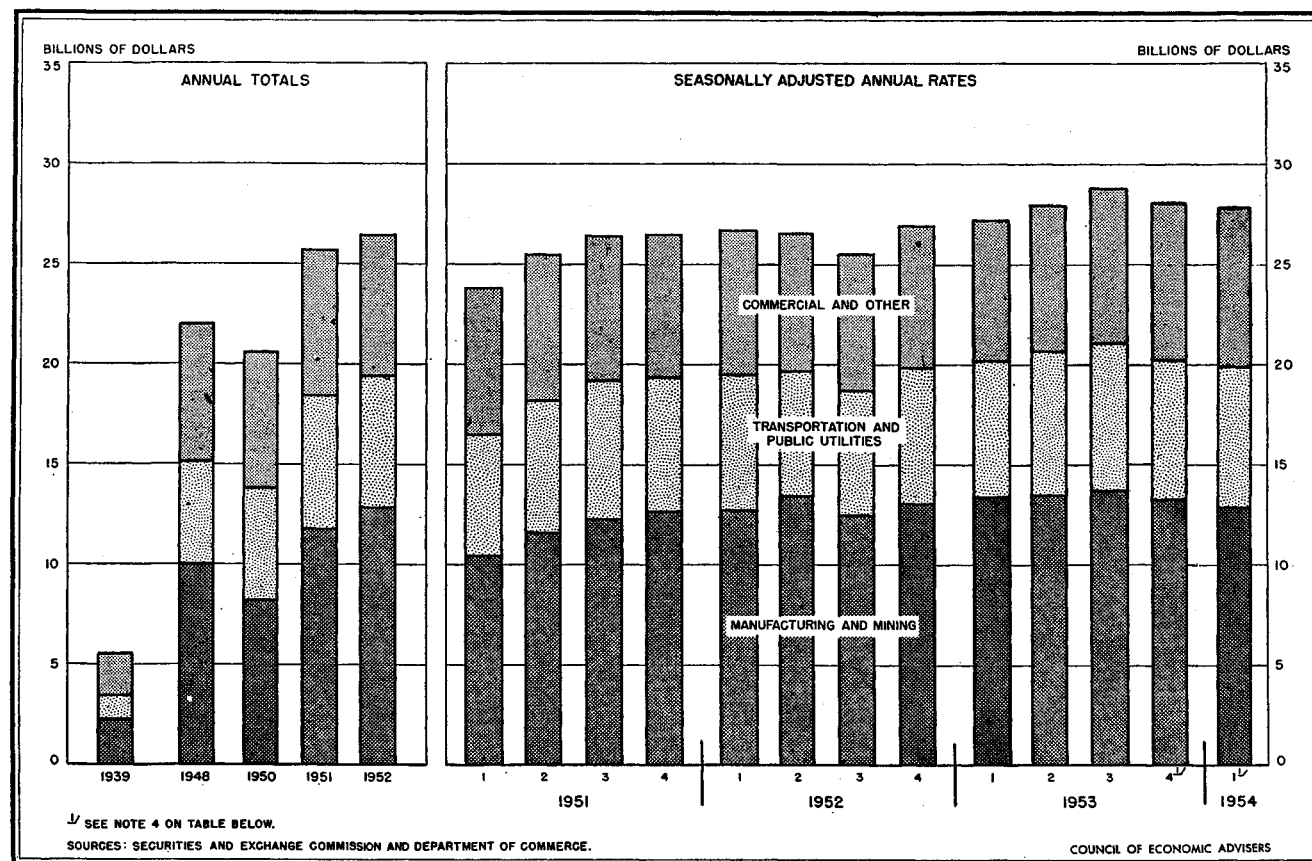
[Billions of dollars]

Period	Total gross private domestic investment	New construction			Producers' durable equipment	Change in business inventories
		Total	Residential nonfarm	Other		
1939.....	9.9	4.9	2.7	2.2	4.6	0.4
1944.....	7.7	2.8	.8	2.0	5.7	-.8
1946.....	28.7	10.3	4.0	6.3	12.3	6.1
1947.....	30.2	13.9	6.3	7.6	17.1	-.8
1948.....	42.7	17.7	8.6	9.1	19.9	5.0
1949.....	33.5	17.2	8.3	9.0	18.7	-2.5
1950.....	52.5	22.7	12.6	10.1	22.3	7.5
1951.....	58.6	23.1	11.0	12.2	24.6	10.9
1952.....	52.5	23.4	11.1	12.3	25.4	3.7
1953.....	54.4	25.1	11.8	13.3	26.7	2.5
Seasonally adjusted annual rates						
1952: First quarter.....	50.4	23.3	11.0	12.4	25.6	1.5
Second quarter.....	49.6	23.4	11.0	12.4	25.6	.7
Third quarter.....	52.8	23.1	10.8	12.3	24.9	4.2
Fourth quarter.....	57.9	23.9	11.6	12.3	25.5	8.5
1953: First quarter.....	54.9	25.0	12.2	12.8	26.2	3.7
Second quarter.....	58.5	25.3	12.0	13.4	26.9	6.3
Third quarter.....	55.2	24.9	11.5	13.4	27.1	3.1
Fourth quarter.....	48.8	25.3	11.6	13.6	26.5	-3.0

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

EXPENDITURES FOR NEW PLANT AND EQUIPMENT

Despite a slight drop in new plant and equipment expenditures in the fourth quarter, outlays for the full year 1953 are estimated to have reached a record \$27.8 billion. Planned expenditures for the first quarter of 1954 are above the first quarter of 1953 but slightly below the level of recent months.



[Billions of dollars]

Period	Total ¹	Manufacturing			Mining	Transportation		Public utilities	Commercial and other ²
		Total	Durable goods	Nondurable goods		Railroads	Other		
1939	5.51	1.94	0.76	1.19	0.33	0.28	0.36	0.52	2.08
1945	8.69	3.98	1.59	2.39	.38	.55	.57	.50	2.70
1948	22.06	9.13	3.48	5.65	.88	1.32	1.28	2.54	6.90
1949	19.28	7.15	2.59	4.56	.79	1.35	.89	3.12	5.98
1950	20.60	7.49	3.14	4.36	.71	1.11	1.21	3.31	6.78
1951	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
1953 ³	27.83	12.42	5.86	6.56	.89	1.32	1.36	4.48	7.34
Seasonally adjusted annual rates									
1952: Third quarter	25.49	11.64	5.54	6.10	.83	1.24	1.27	3.71	6.80
Fourth quarter	26.96	12.23	5.89	6.34	.87	1.32	1.38	4.04	7.12
1953: First quarter	27.18	12.48	6.00	6.49	.86	1.38	1.27	4.20	6.98
Second quarter	28.06	12.66	6.09	6.57	.84	1.32	1.28	4.59	7.37
Third quarter	28.82	12.71	5.91	6.80	.95	1.30	1.46	4.70	7.69
Fourth quarter ³	28.28	12.44	5.79	6.64	.91	1.28	1.44	4.30	7.90
1954: First quarter ³	27.96	12.08	5.62	6.46	.88	1.18	1.32	4.52	7.98

¹ Excludes agriculture.

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

³ Estimates for fourth quarter of 1953 and first quarter of 1954 based on anticipated capital expenditures reported by business in a November survey.

⁴ Annual total is sum of seasonally unadjusted quarterly expenditures; it does not necessarily coincide with average of seasonally adjusted figures, in part because of adjustments when necessary for systematic tendencies in anticipatory data.

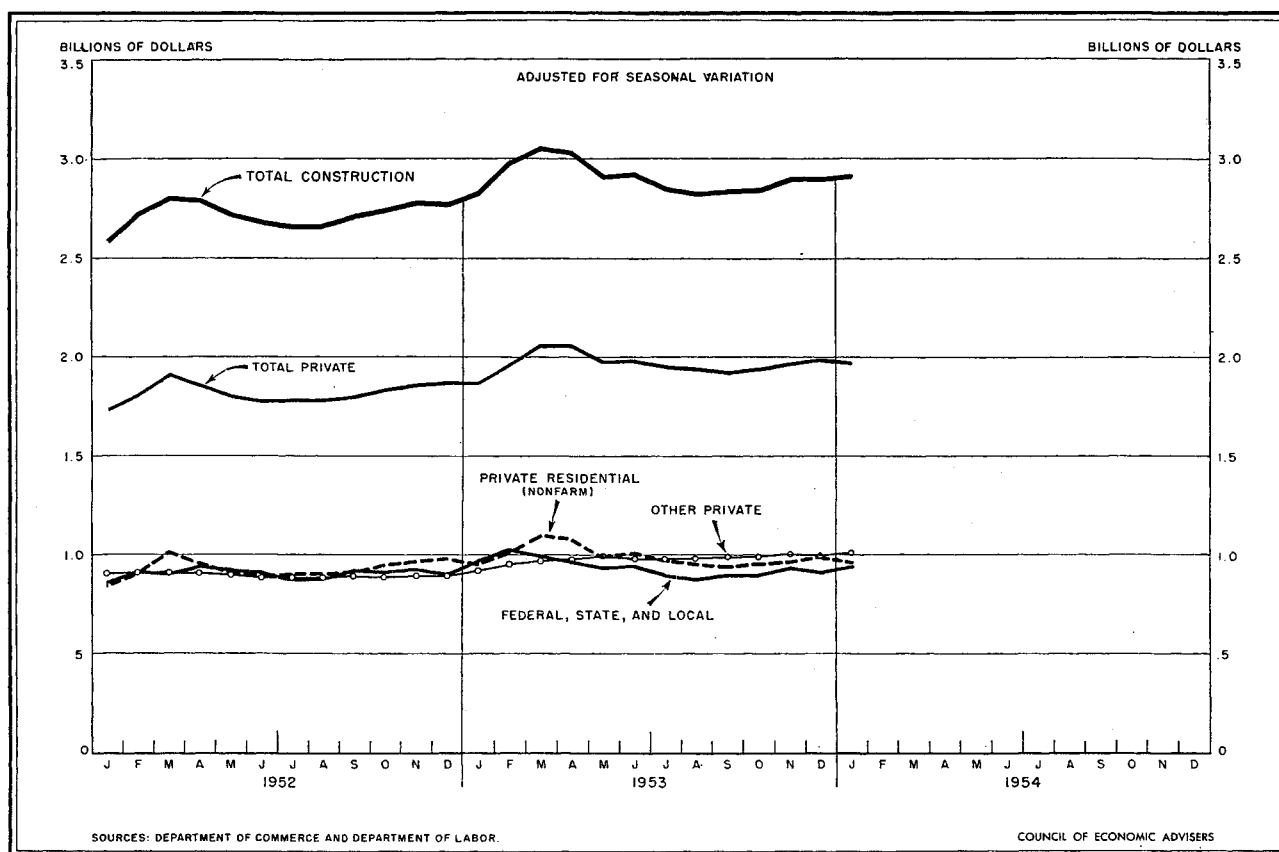
NOTE.—These figures do not agree with the totals included in the gross national product estimates of the Department of Commerce, principally because the latter cover agricultural investment and also certain equipment and construction outlays charged to current expense.

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Sources: Securities and Exchange Commission and Department of Commerce.

NEW CONSTRUCTION

Total expenditures for new construction, seasonally adjusted, increased fractionally in January. Only residential construction showed a small drop.



[Millions of dollars, seasonally adjusted]

Period	Total new construction	Private construction			Federal, State, and local ¹
		Total private	Residential (nonfarm)	Other	
1939 monthly average.....	683	366	223	142	317
1942 monthly average.....	1,173	285	143	142	888
1944 monthly average.....	438	182	68	114	256
1946 monthly average.....	1,000	803	335	469	197
1948 monthly average.....	1,806	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
1953 monthly average.....	2,904	1,968	992	976	936
1952: December.....	2,774	1,871	980	891	903
1953: January.....	2,824	1,863	946	917	961
February.....	2,987	1,953	1,007	946	1,034
March.....	3,050	2,055	1,089	966	995
April.....	3,025	2,059	1,080	979	966
May.....	2,910	1,980	989	991	930
June.....	2,922	1,986	1,008	978	936
July.....	2,849	1,955	979	976	894
August.....	2,811	1,937	956	981	874
September.....	2,824	1,928	942	986	896
October.....	2,841	1,945	957	988	896
November.....	2,900	1,969	963	1,006	931
December.....	2,900	1,985	989	996	915
1954: January ²	2,911	1,966	959	1,007	945

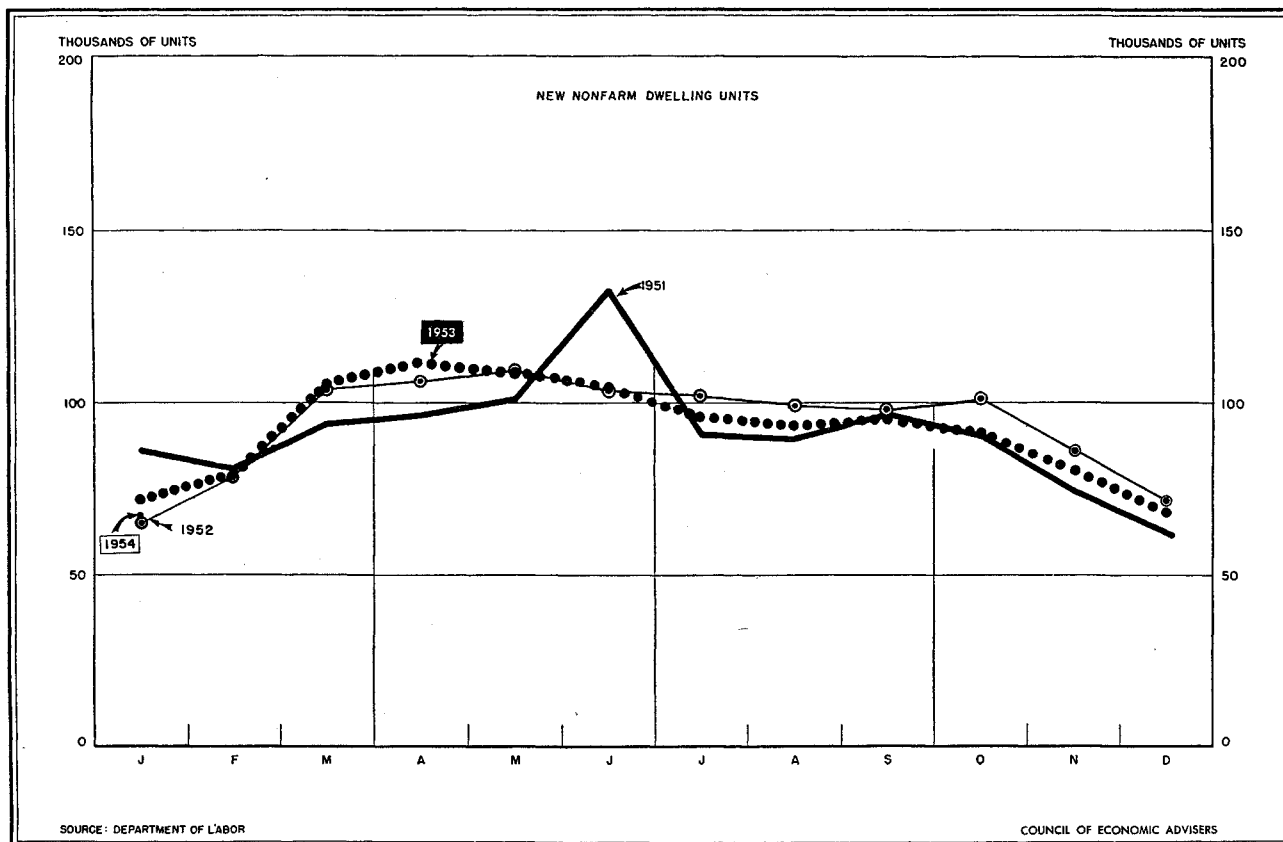
¹ Includes public residential construction.

² Preliminary estimates.

Sources: Department of Commerce and Department of Labor.

NEW HOUSING STARTS

The number of new housing units started in January fell for the fourth consecutive month. On a seasonally adjusted basis, private starts dropped to an annual rate of 1,078,000 units, or about 5 percent below the level of a year earlier.



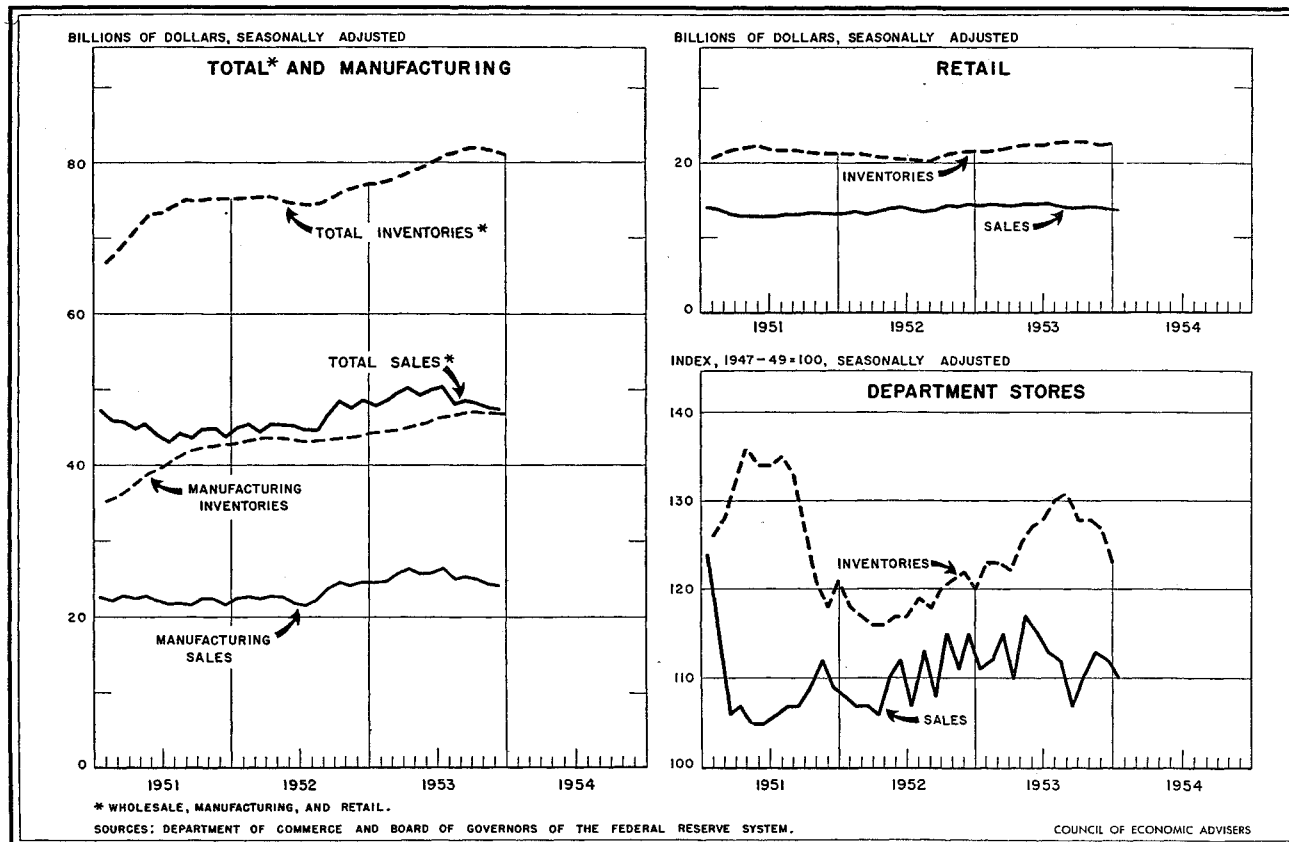
Period	All new nonfarm housing units started			Seasonally adjusted annual rates: private
	Total	Public	Private	
Annual totals: 1949.....	1, 025, 100	36, 300	988, 800	
1950.....	1, 396, 000	43, 800	1, 352, 200	
1951.....	1, 091, 300	71, 200	1, 020, 100	
1952.....	1, 127, 000	58, 500	1, 068, 500	
1953 ¹	1, 104, 500	35, 600	1, 068, 900	
Monthly average: 1949.....	85, 400	3, 000	82, 400	
1950.....	116, 300	3, 600	112, 700	
1951.....	90, 900	5, 900	85, 000	
1952.....	93, 900	4, 900	89, 000	
1953 ¹	92, 100	3, 000	89, 100	
1952: November.....	86, 100	3, 800	82, 300	1, 122, 000
December.....	71, 500	3, 900	67, 600	1, 127, 000
1953: January.....	72, 100	3, 900	68, 200	1, 137, 000
February.....	79, 200	5, 400	73, 800	1, 213, 000
March.....	105, 800	9, 700	96, 100	1, 165, 000
April.....	111, 400	4, 000	107, 400	1, 141, 000
May.....	108, 300	2, 700	105, 600	1, 039, 000
June.....	104, 600	2, 600	102, 000	1, 037, 000
July.....	96, 700	300	96, 400	1, 006, 000
August.....	93, 200	1, 000	92, 200	962, 000
September.....	95, 100	3, 000	92, 100	1, 023, 000
October.....	90, 100	100	90, 000	1, 029, 000
November ¹	80, 000	1, 600	78, 400	1, 069, 000
December ¹	68, 000	1, 300	66, 700	1, 112, 000
1954: January ¹	66, 000	1, 300	64, 700	1, 078, 000

¹ Preliminary estimates.

Source: Department of Labor.

INVENTORIES AND SALES

Total business inventories (seasonally adjusted) dropped again in December and were about 1 percent below the September peak. Both manufacturers and wholesalers continued to reduce their stocks. At the retail level, there was a small expansion in inventories in December and a slight contraction in sales in December and again in January.



Period	Total business ¹		Retail		Manufacturing			Department stores	
	Inven- tories ²	Sales ³	Inven- tories ²	Sales ³	Inven- tories ²	Sales ³	New orders ³	Inven- tories ⁴	Sales ³
	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
1946 -----	⁵ 42,892	27,150	11,852	8,541	⁵ 24,457	12,617	13,694	77	90
1948 -----	55,612	36,438	15,828	10,877	31,693	17,630	17,350	107	104
1949 -----	52,111	34,664	15,311	10,893	28,860	16,416	15,903	100	98
1950 -----	64,721	⁶ 39,917	18,652	11,974	34,314	⁶ 19,285	⁶ 20,980	109	105
1951 -----	⁷ 75,268	⁷ 44,821	⁵⁷ 21,239	⁷ 13,185	42,904	22,205	24,391	129	109
1952 -----	77,109	46,080	21,592	13,674	44,190	23,046	23,710	118	110
1953 ⁸ -----	81,034	48,828	22,635	14,233	46,719	25,273	23,844	126	112
1952: November -----	76,787	47,657	21,540	14,026	43,885	24,271	23,254	122	111
December -----	77,109	48,781	21,592	14,410	44,190	24,706	24,946	120	115
1953: January -----	77,130	47,819	21,518	14,140	44,330	24,507	24,519	123	111
February -----	77,693	48,533	21,707	14,514	44,581	24,724	24,512	123	112
March -----	78,266	49,671	21,981	14,437	44,787	25,763	25,096	122	115
April -----	78,996	50,188	22,387	14,280	45,164	26,360	25,681	125	110
May -----	79,678	49,395	22,455	14,424	45,673	25,816	25,882	127	117
June -----	80,167	50,001	22,294	14,412	46,160	25,880	25,152	128	115
July -----	81,116	50,399	22,743	14,469	46,485	26,367	24,525	130	113
August -----	81,586	48,138	22,775	14,073	46,888	25,067	22,339	131	112
September -----	82,000	48,653	22,924	13,982	47,087	25,379	22,661	128	107
October -----	81,805	48,284	22,720	14,040	47,044	25,010	22,163	128	110
November -----	81,266	47,566	22,437	14,104	46,899	24,304	21,642	127	113
December ⁸ -----	81,034	47,285	22,635	13,916	46,719	24,097	21,946	123	112
1954: January ⁸ -----				13,750					110

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

² Book value, end of period.

³ Monthly average for year and total for month.

⁴ Book value, end of period, except annual data, which are monthly averages.

⁵ Revised; see *Survey of Current Business*, January 1954.

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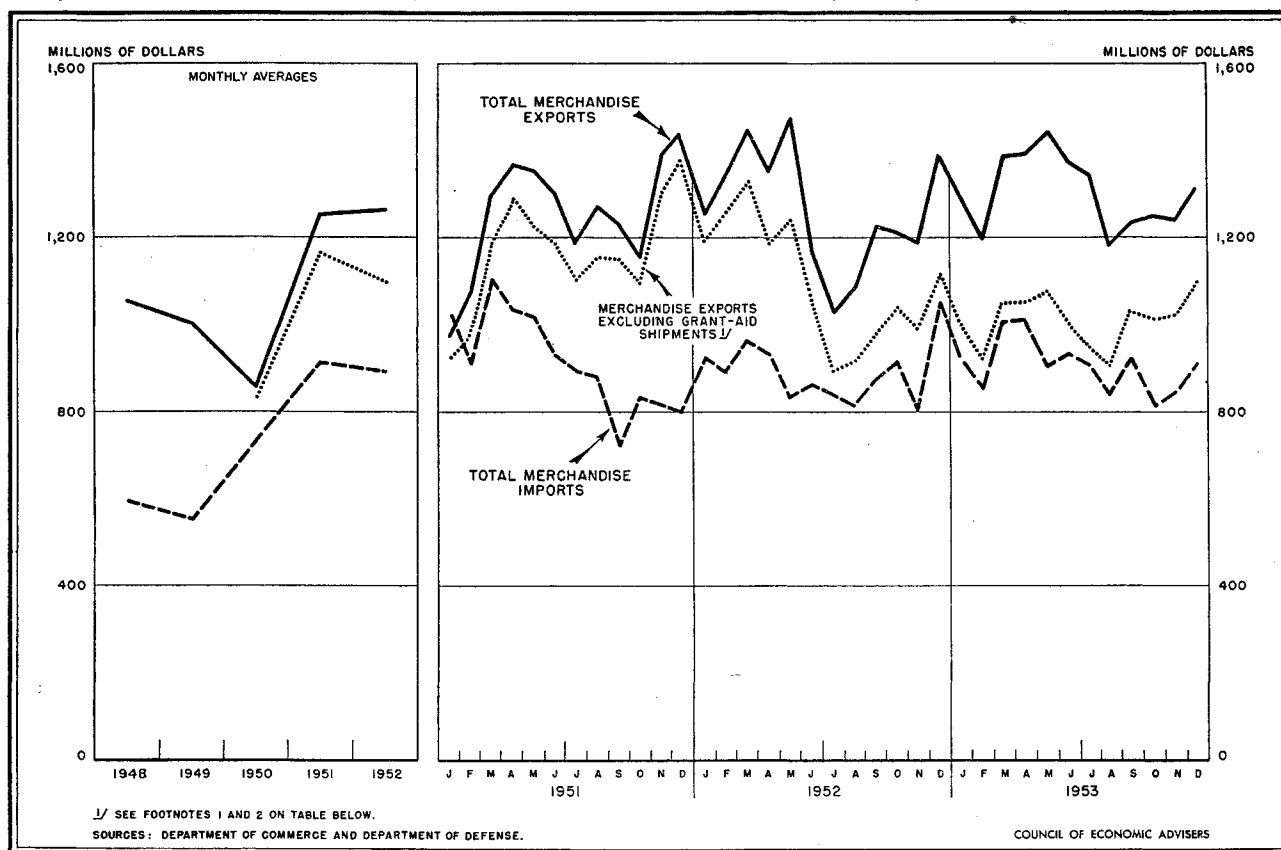
⁷ New series on retail trade beginning with 1951; not comparable with previous data. See *Survey of Current Business*, September and November 1952, for detail.

⁸ Preliminary estimates.

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

MERCHANDISE EXPORTS AND IMPORTS

The rise in exports in December reflected increased shipments for other than grant-aid. Merchandise imports also rose but by a lesser amount. As a result, there was a small increase in the export surplus.



[Millions of dollars]

Period	Merchandise exports			Merchandise imports	Excess of exports (+) or imports (-)	
	Total ¹	Grant-aid shipments ²	Excluding grant-aid shipments		Total	Excluding grant-aid shipments
1936-38 monthly average.....	247			207	+40	
1946 monthly average.....	812	54	757	412	+400	+345
1948 monthly average.....	1,054			594	+460	
1949 monthly average.....	1,003			552	+452	
1950 monthly average.....	856	24	833	738	+118	+95
June.....	877			687	+190	
1951 monthly average.....	1,253	89	1,164	914	+339	+250
1952 monthly average.....	1,265	166	1,099	893	+372	+206
1953 monthly average ³	1,308	292	1,016	906	+402	+110
1952: November.....	1,190	195	996	804	+386	+191
December.....	1,391	283	1,108	1,052	+338	+55
1953: January.....	1,292	277	1,015	922	+370	+92
February.....	1,197	272	924	856	+341	+68
March.....	1,389	337	1,051	1,004	+384	+47
April.....	1,393	340	1,053	1,013	+380	+41
May.....	1,450	366	1,084	902	+548	+183
June.....	1,383	371	1,012	933	+450	+78
July.....	1,355	398	957	908	+448	+50
August.....	1,190	274	916	841	+349	+75
September.....	1,239	204	1,035	925	+314	+110
October.....	1,249	234	1,015	812	+436	+203
November.....	1,241	216	1,025	848	+393	+177
December ³	1,316	215	1,101	911	+405	+190

¹ Includes shipments under the various grant-aid programs; for some of these programs separate data are not available.

² Beginning with 1950, figures include only Department of Defense shipments of grant-aid military supplies and equipment under the Mutual Security Program. Shipments for the first 6 months of the program (July-December 1950) amounted to 282 million dollars.

³ Preliminary estimates.

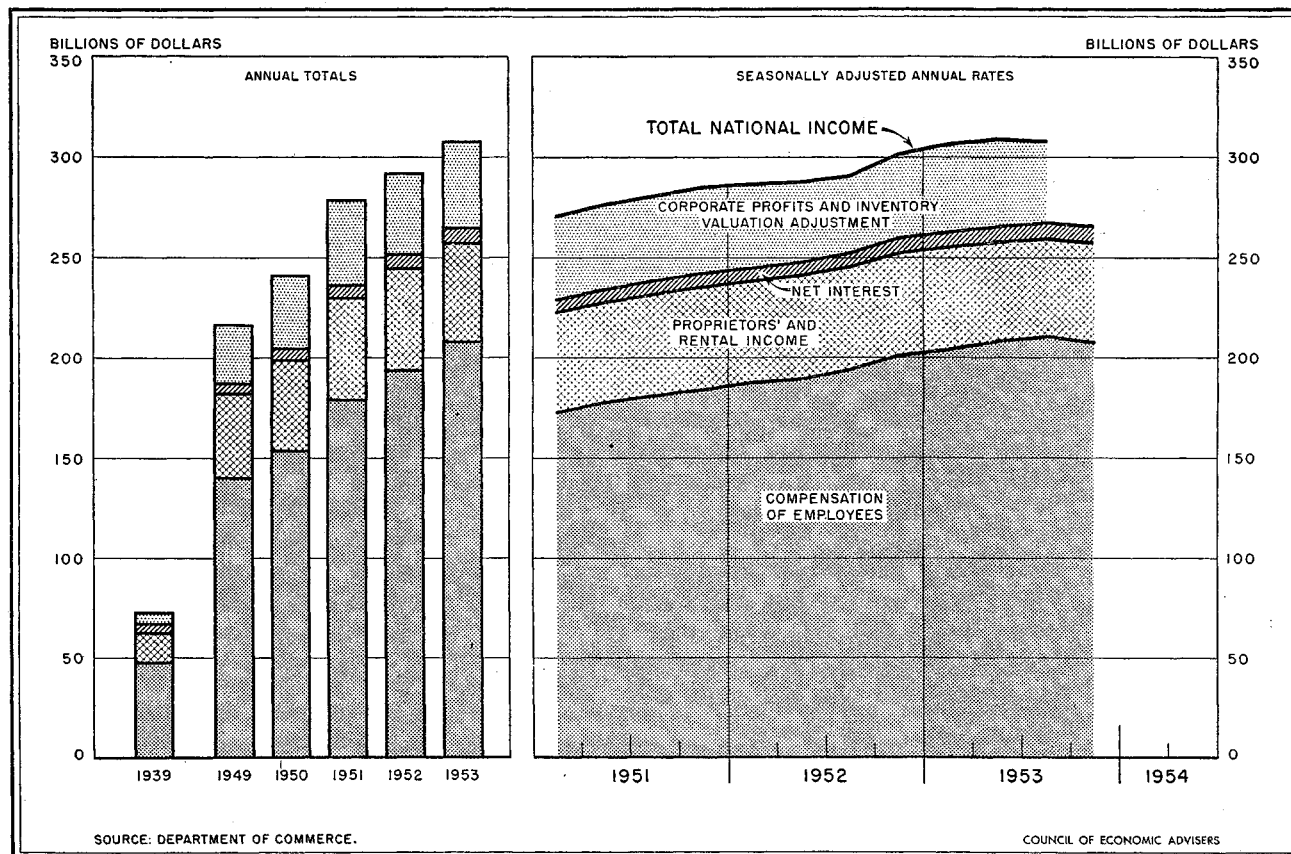
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Sources: Department of Commerce and Department of Defense.

PURCHASING POWER

NATIONAL INCOME

Lower employment and hours worked resulted in a decline in compensation of employees from the third to the fourth quarter of 1953. Proprietors' income and net interest increased moderately.



[Billions of dollars]

Period	Total national income	Compensation of employees	Proprietors' (business, professional, farm) and rental income	Net interest	Corporate profits and inventory valuation adjustment		
					Total	Profits before taxes	Inventory valuation adjustment
1939.....	72.5	47.8	14.7	4.2	5.8	6.5	-0.7
1944.....	183.8	121.2	35.5	3.1	24.0	24.3	-.3
1946.....	180.3	117.1	42.0	2.9	18.3	23.5	-5.2
1947.....	198.7	128.0	42.4	3.5	24.7	30.5	-5.8
1948.....	223.5	140.2	47.3	4.3	31.7	33.8	-2.1
1949.....	216.3	139.9	42.1	5.0	29.2	27.1	+2.1
1950.....	240.6	153.4	45.4	5.7	36.0	41.0	-5.0
1951.....	278.4	178.9	50.7	6.4	42.4	43.7	-1.3
1952.....	291.6	193.2	51.2	7.0	40.2	39.2	+1.0
1953.....	¹ 307.7	207.6	49.9	7.8	¹ 42.4	¹ 43.2	-1.8
Seasonally adjusted annual rates							
1952: First quarter.....	286.8	187.9	50.5	6.7	41.7	41.5	+.2
Second quarter.....	287.9	189.5	51.5	6.9	39.9	38.2	+1.7
Third quarter.....	290.4	194.1	51.5	7.1	37.7	37.0	+.7
Fourth quarter.....	301.4	201.3	51.1	7.4	41.7	40.3	+1.4
1953: First quarter.....	306.7	204.5	50.8	7.6	43.8	44.6	-.8
Second quarter.....	310.7	208.0	49.7	7.7	45.2	45.9	-.6
Third quarter.....	308.1	210.4	49.1	7.9	40.7	43.3	-2.6
Fourth quarter.....	(²)	207.7	50.0	8.1	(²)	(²)	+1.0

¹ Preliminary estimates.

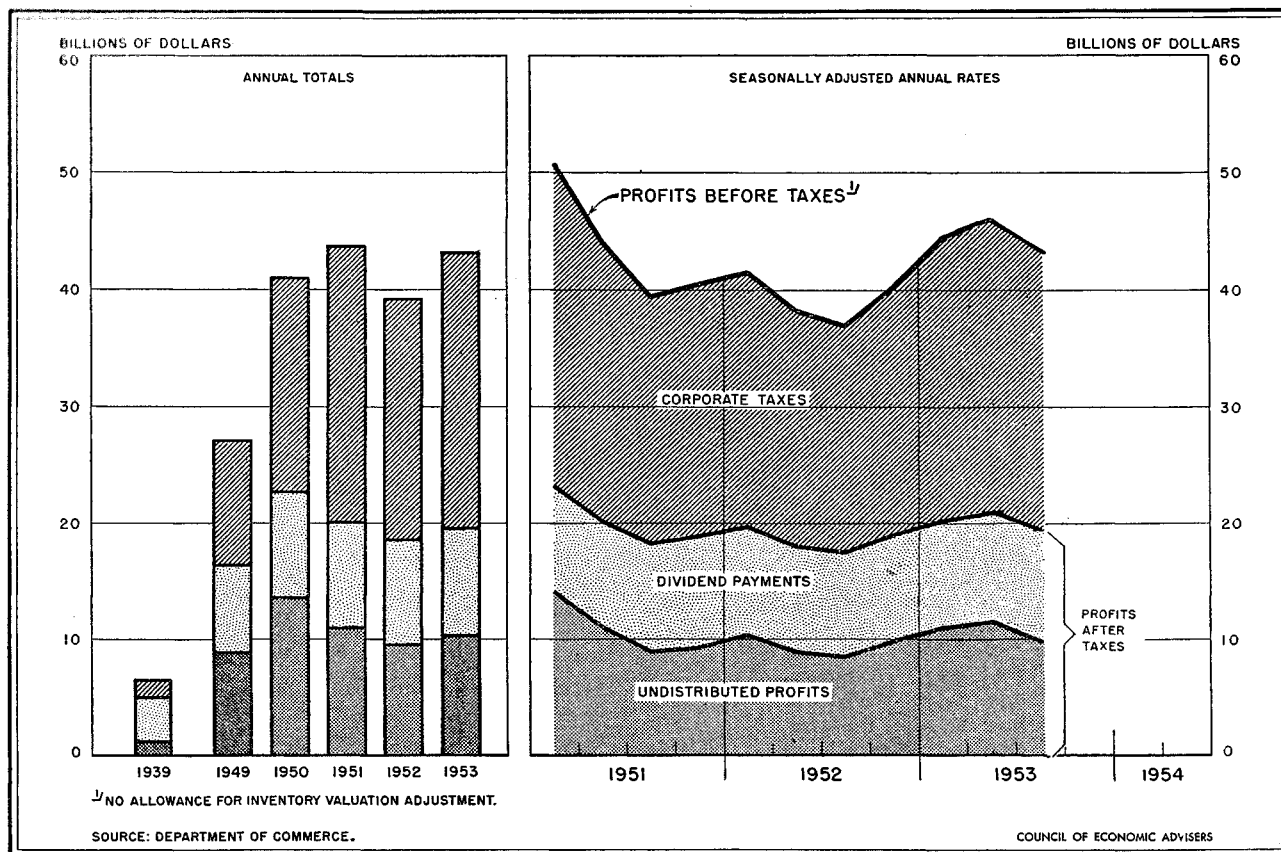
² Not available.

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

Source: Department of Commerce.

CORPORATE PROFITS

Third quarter aggregate corporate profits, both before and after taxes, are estimated to have been below those in the second quarter, according to recent revisions. Although profits probably declined further in the fourth quarter, the 1953 total is estimated to have been above that for 1952.



[Billions of dollars]					
Period	Corporate profits before taxes	Corporate tax liability	Corporate profits after taxes		
			Total	Dividend payments	Undistributed profits
1939.....	6.5	1.5	5.0	3.8	1.2
1944.....	24.3	13.5	10.8	4.7	6.1
1946.....	23.5	9.6	13.9	5.8	8.1
1947.....	30.5	11.9	18.5	6.6	12.0
1948.....	33.8	13.0	20.7	7.2	13.5
1949.....	27.1	10.8	16.3	7.5	8.8
1950.....	41.0	18.2	22.7	9.1	13.6
1951.....	43.7	23.6	20.1	9.2	10.9
1952.....	39.2	20.6	18.6	9.1	9.5
1953 ¹	43.2	23.6	19.6	9.3	10.3
Seasonally adjusted annual rates					
1952: First quarter.....	41.5	21.8	19.7	9.1	10.6
Second quarter.....	38.2	20.1	18.0	9.1	8.9
Third quarter.....	37.0	19.4	17.5	9.1	8.4
Fourth quarter.....	40.3	21.2	19.1	9.1	10.0
1953: First quarter.....	44.6	24.4	20.3	9.2	11.1
Second quarter.....	45.9	25.0	20.8	9.4	11.4
Third quarter.....	43.3	23.6	19.6	9.6	10.0

¹ Preliminary estimates.

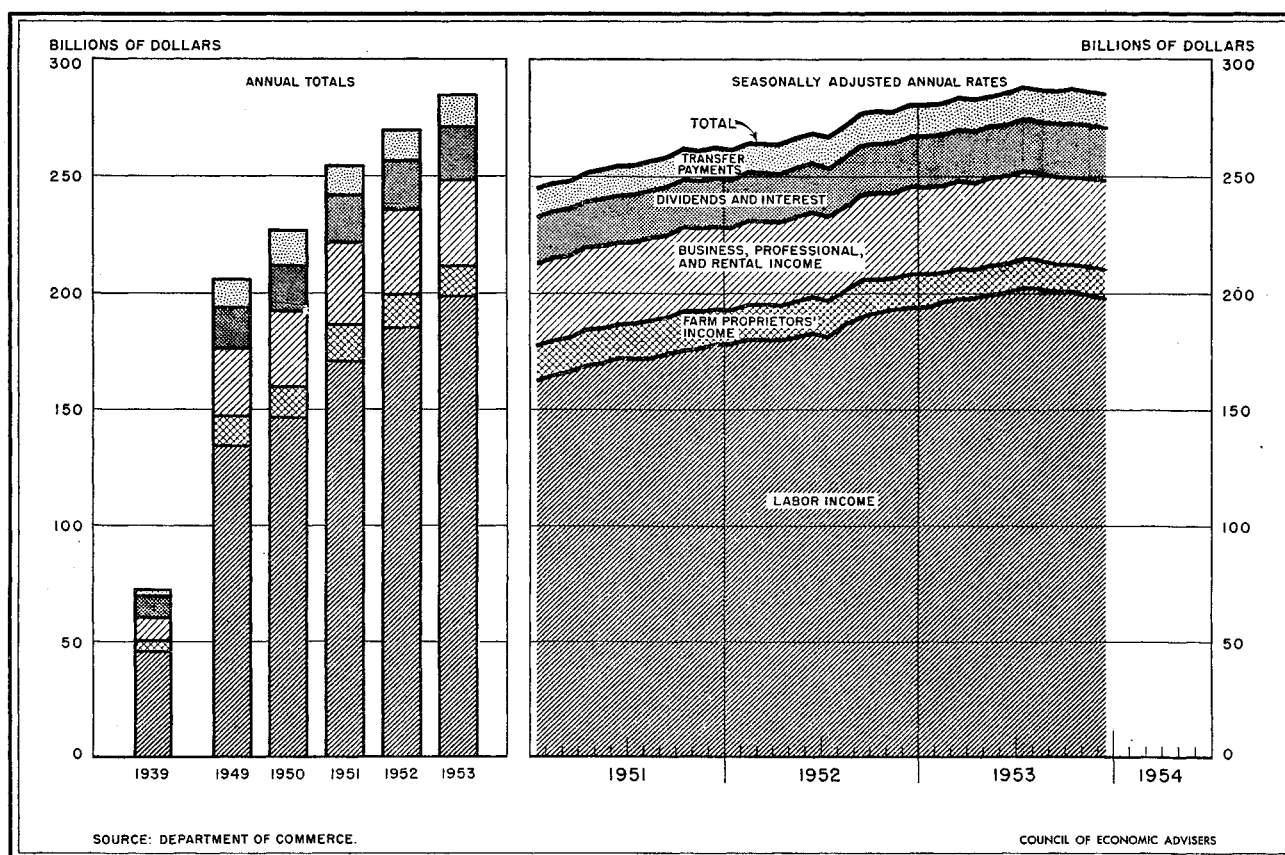
² Dividend payments during fourth quarter were \$9.4 billion.

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 fell almost \$1 billion (annual rate) in December 1953 to \$285 billion. A decline in factory payrolls accounted for most of the drop.



[Billions of dollars]						
Period	Total personal income	Labor income (salaries, wages, and other labor income) ¹	Proprietors' income		Dividends and personal interest	Transfer payments
			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	15.1
1951.....	254.3	170.7	15.5	35.2	20.5	12.5
1952.....	269.7	184.9	14.8	36.1	21.0	12.9
1953 ²	284.5	198.9	12.4	37.2	22.2	13.7
Seasonally adjusted annual rates						
1950: June.....	221.3	144.7	12.2	32.1	18.7	13.6
1952: 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.....	284.7	199.3	12.5	37.3	22.1	13.5
June.....	286.3	200.7	12.6	37.2	22.3	13.5
July.....	287.5	202.4	11.9	37.3	22.4	13.5
August.....	287.0	202.2	11.4	37.3	22.5	13.6
September.....	286.3	201.1	11.4	37.4	22.7	13.6
October.....	287.2	200.7	11.9	37.3	22.8	14.5
November.....	285.9	199.6	12.2	37.6	22.7	13.8
December ³	284.7	197.7	12.6	37.6	22.5	14.3

¹ Excludes social insurance contributions of employees and, beginning January 1952, of self-employed persons.

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

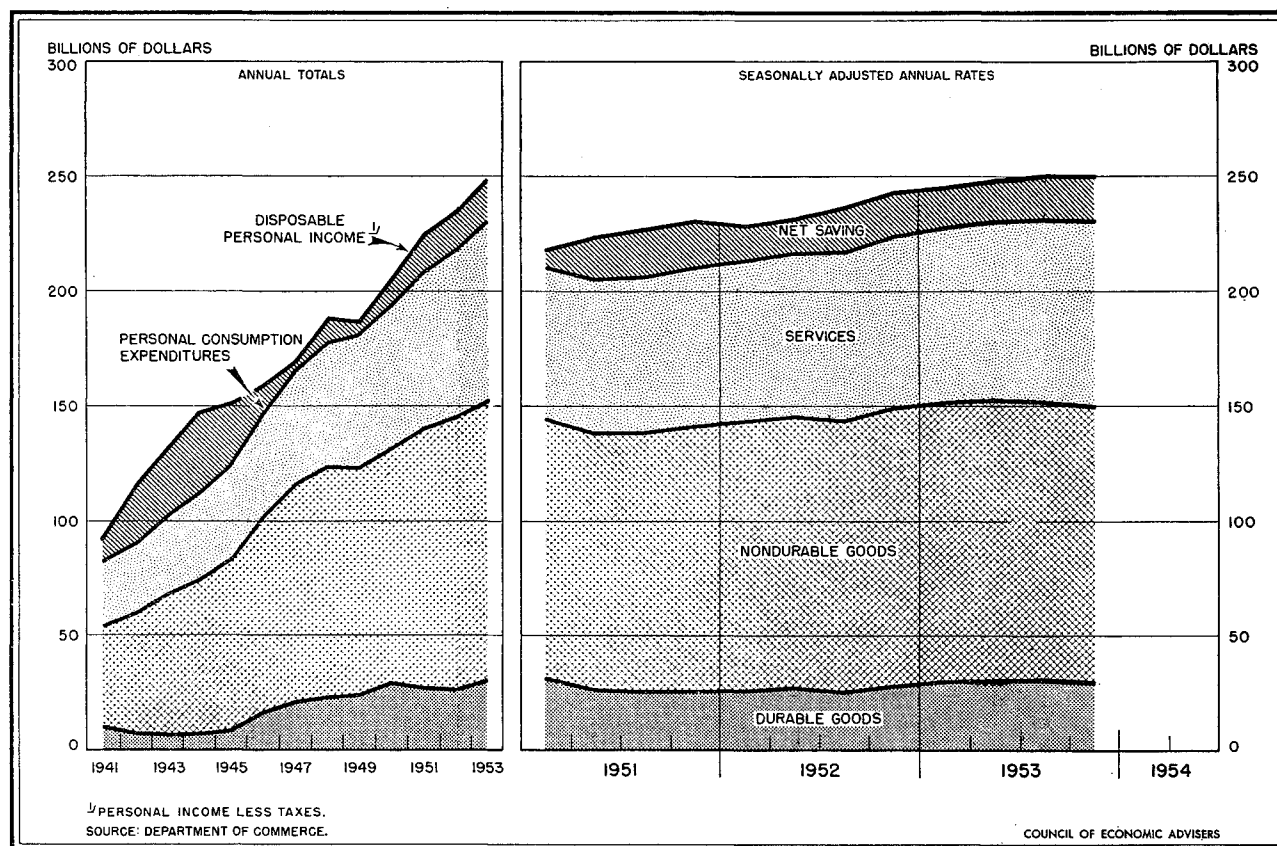
³ Preliminary estimates.

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Source: Department of Commerce.

CONSUMER INCOME, SPENDING, AND SAVING

Disposable personal income declined less than consumer expenditures in the fourth quarter of 1953, according to recent revisions. Personal saving during the quarter was about 7.7 percent of disposable income.



Period	Dispos- able per- sonal income ¹	Less: Personal consumption expenditures				Equals: Personal net saving	Net saving as percent of dis- posable income
		Total	Durable goods	Nondu- rable goods	Services		
	Billions of dollars						
1939.....	70.2	67.5	6.7	35.3	25.5	2.7	3.8
1941.....	92.0	82.3	9.8	44.0	28.5	9.8	10.7
1942.....	116.7	91.2	7.1	52.9	31.2	25.6	21.9
1944.....	147.0	111.6	7.1	67.1	37.4	35.4	24.1
1946.....	158.9	146.9	16.6	85.8	44.5	12.0	7.6
1947.....	169.5	165.6	21.4	95.1	49.1	3.9	2.3
1948.....	188.4	177.9	22.9	100.9	54.1	10.5	5.6
1949.....	187.2	180.6	23.8	99.2	57.5	6.7	3.6
1950.....	205.8	194.6	29.2	102.6	62.7	11.3	5.5
1951.....	225.0	208.1	27.3	113.4	67.4	16.9	7.5
1952.....	235.0	218.1	26.7	118.8	72.7	16.9	7.2
1953.....	247.9	229.8	30.1	121.2	78.4	18.1	7.3
	Seasonally adjusted annual rates						
1952: First quarter.....	228.7	213.7	26.0	117.2	70.5	15.0	6.6
Second quarter.....	231.7	217.2	27.4	118.0	71.8	14.5	6.3
Third quarter.....	236.6	217.2	25.1	118.7	73.3	19.4	8.2
Fourth quarter.....	243.0	224.4	28.2	121.1	75.1	18.6	7.7
1953: First quarter.....	245.4	227.7	30.2	121.2	76.3	17.7	7.2
Second quarter.....	247.7	230.4	30.7	122.1	77.6	17.2	6.9
Third quarter.....	249.8	231.0	30.4	121.3	79.2	18.8	7.5
Fourth quarter.....	249.3	230.0	29.1	120.4	80.5	19.3	7.7

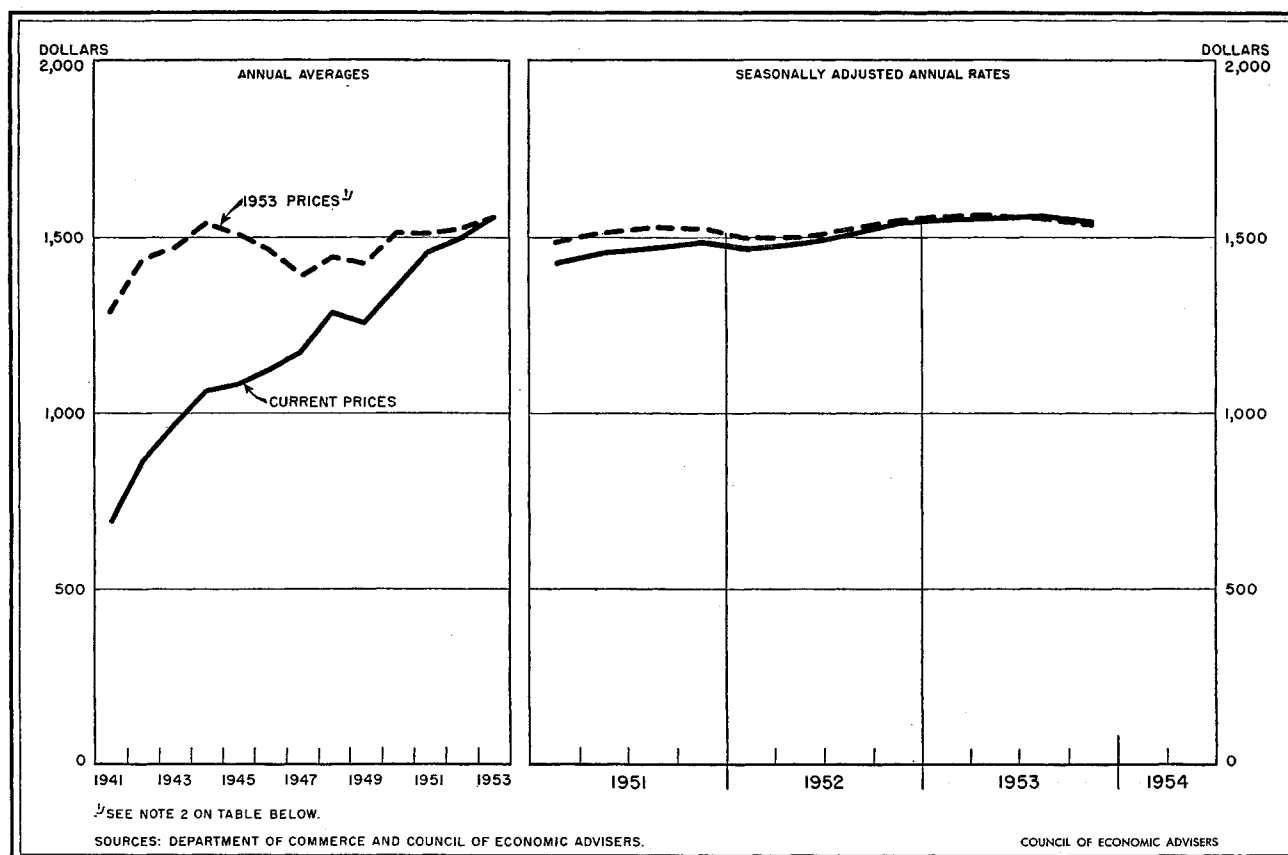
¹ Income less taxes.

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

Source: Department of Commerce.

PER CAPITA DISPOSABLE INCOME

Per capita disposable income in the fourth quarter of 1953 dropped below the third quarter peak. However, the total for 1953 was well above a year earlier.



Period	Total disposable personal income (billions of dollars) ¹		Per capita disposable personal income (dollars) ¹		Population (thousands) ²
	Current prices	1953 prices ³	Current prices	1953 prices ³	
1939.....	70.2	139.8	536	1,067	131,028
1941.....	92.0	171.3	690	1,284	133,402
1942.....	116.7	193.2	865	1,432	134,860
1944.....	147.0	212.7	1,062	1,537	138,397
1946.....	158.9	206.6	1,124	1,461	141,389
1947.....	169.5	200.6	1,176	1,392	144,126
1948.....	188.4	211.4	1,285	1,442	146,631
1949.....	187.2	212.5	1,255	1,424	149,188
1950.....	205.8	228.9	1,357	1,509	151,677
1951.....	225.0	232.7	1,458	1,508	154,360
1952.....	235.0	238.1	1,497	1,517	156,981
1953.....	247.9	247.9	1,552	1,552	159,696
Seasonally adjusted annual rates					
1952: First quarter.....	228.7	233.4	1,465	1,496	156,064
Second quarter.....	231.7	234.8	1,479	1,499	156,669
Third quarter.....	236.6	239.2	1,503	1,520	157,370
Fourth quarter.....	243.0	245.0	1,537	1,549	158,122
1953: First quarter.....	245.4	247.6	1,546	1,560	158,752
Second quarter.....	247.7	248.4	1,554	1,559	159,366
Third quarter.....	249.8	248.6	1,560	1,553	160,094
Fourth quarter.....	249.3	247.6	1,550	1,539	160,859

¹ Income less taxes.

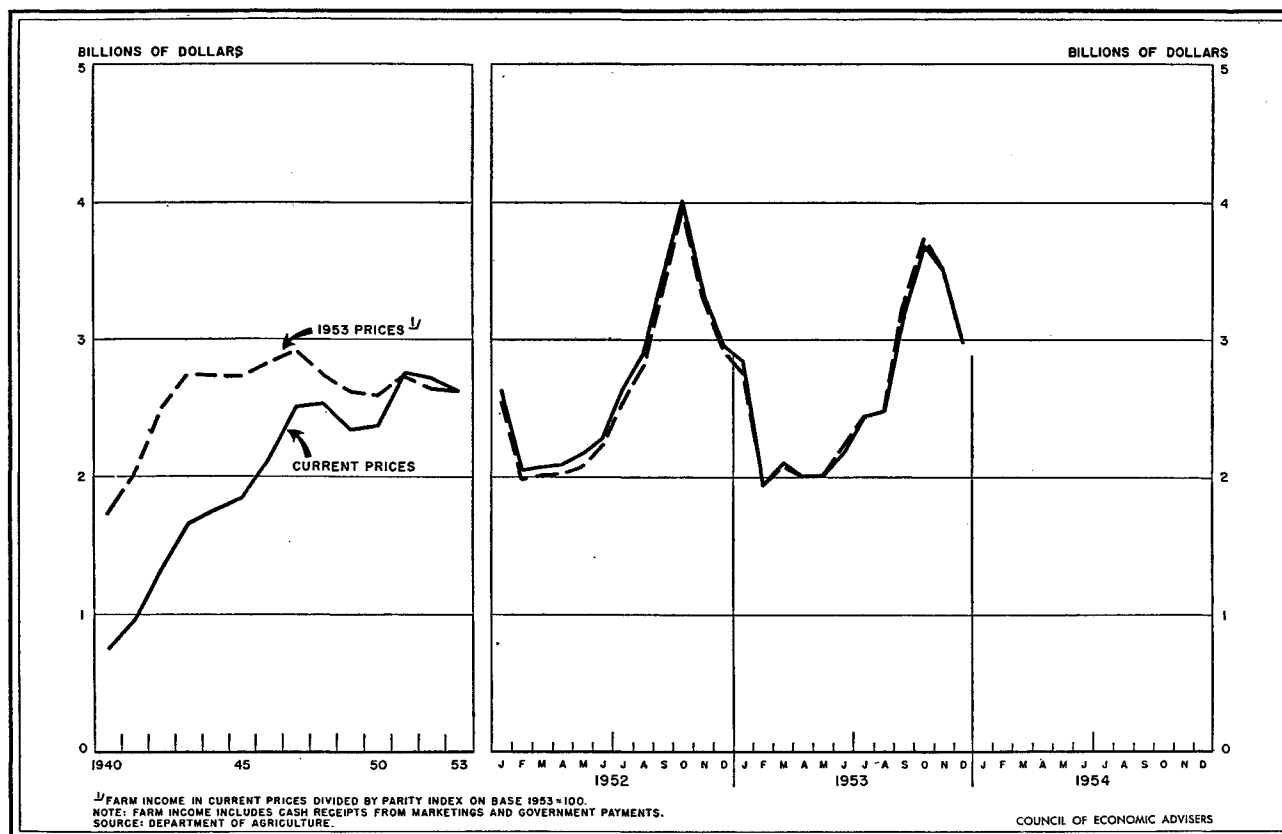
² Dollar estimates in current prices divided by an over-all implicit price index for personal consumption expenditures. This price index is based on Department of Commerce data, shifted from a 1939 base.

³ Including armed forces overseas. Annual data as of July 1; quarterly data centered in the middle of the period, interpolated from monthly figures.

Sources: Department of Commerce and Council of Economic Advisers.

FARM INCOME

While farm income during 1953 was 4 percent below that of 1952, farm income in December 1953 was 0.9 percent above December 1952. The major classes of farm products which yielded lower incomes in 1953 were vegetables, meat animals, dairy products, oil-bearing crops, and food grains. On the other hand, gains in income were shown for poultry and eggs, fruits and tree nuts, cotton, feed crops, and tobacco.



Period	Farm income (millions of current dollars)	Parity index (prices paid, interest, taxes, and wage rates) 1953=100 ¹	Farm income (millions of 1953 dollars) ²
1939 monthly average.....	715	44	1,625
1942 monthly average.....	1,345	54	2,491
1944 monthly average.....	1,763	65	2,712
1946 monthly average.....	2,111	75	2,815
1948 monthly average.....	2,539	93	2,730
1949 monthly average.....	2,344	90	2,604
1950 monthly average.....	2,384	92	2,591
1951 monthly average.....	2,757	101	2,730
1952 monthly average.....	2,721	103	2,642
1953 monthly average ³	2,599	100	2,599
1952: November.....	3,325	101	3,292
December.....	2,959	101	2,930
1953: January.....	2,803	102	2,748
February.....	1,918	101	1,899
March.....	2,119	101	2,098
April.....	2,020	100	2,020
May.....	2,009	100	2,009
June.....	2,155	99	2,177
July.....	2,404	100	2,404
August.....	2,461	100	2,461
September.....	3,169	99	3,201
October.....	3,700	99	3,737
November.....	3,443	99	3,478
December ³	2,987	100	2,987

¹ Converted from the reported base, 1910-14=100, to the base 1953=100.

² Farm income in current dollars divided by parity index on base 1953=100.

NOTE.—Farm income includes cash receipts from marketings and Government payments.
Revised income data for 1953 became available after chart was prepared.

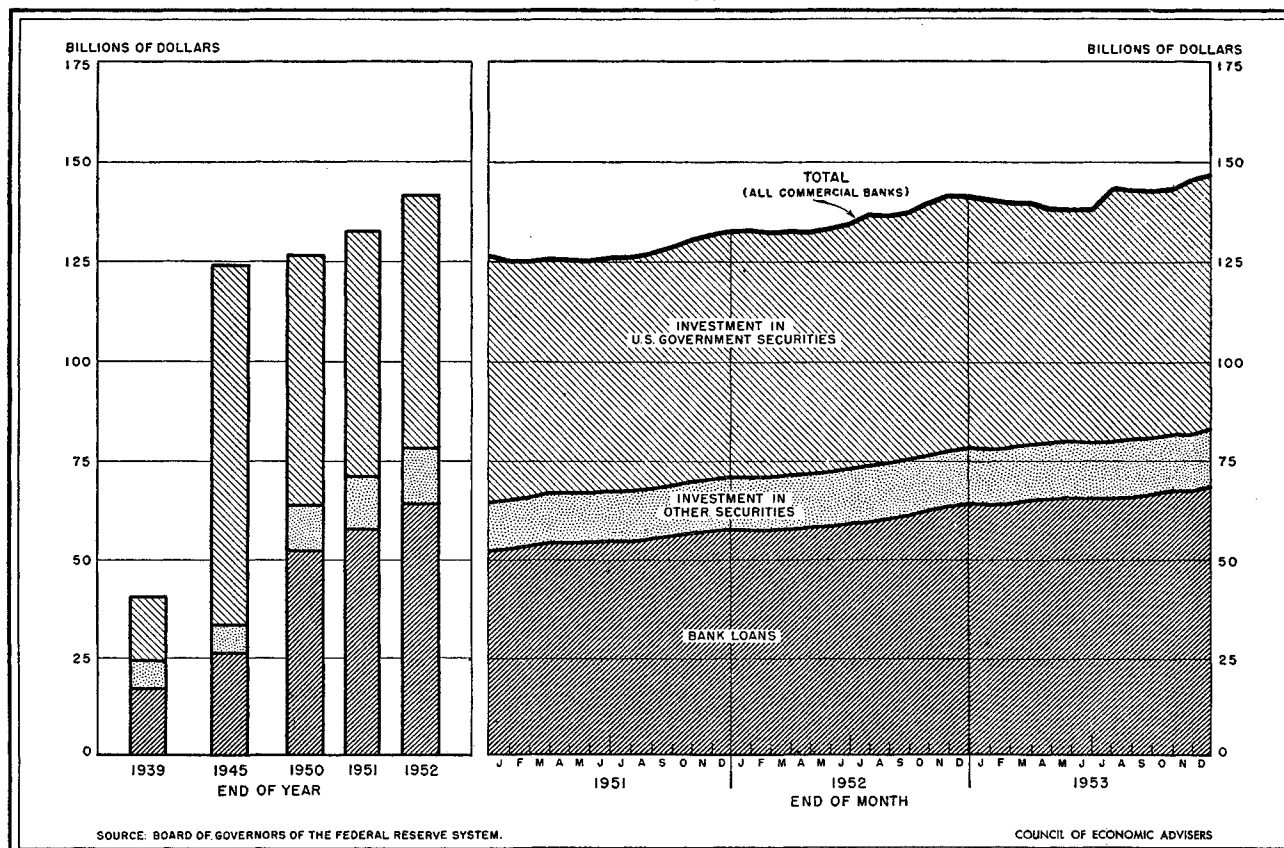
³ Preliminary estimates.

Source: Department of Agriculture.

CREDIT, MONEY, AND FEDERAL FINANCE

BANK LOANS AND INVESTMENTS

Total loans of all commercial banks expanded \$1 billion during December while investments in Government and other securities were about the same as in about November. At the end of 1953 these loans were about \$4 billion or 6 percent above the level of the year before. Business loans of weekly reporting member banks, which had shown a small rise during December, dropped about \$1 billion during January.



[Billions of dollars]

End of period	All commercial banks					Weekly reporting member banks—business loans ¹
	Total loans and investments	Loans	Total Investments	U. S. Government securities	Other securities	
1939	40.7	17.2	23.4	16.3	7.1	4.7
1945	124.0	26.1	97.9	90.6	7.3	7.2
1947	116.3	38.1	78.2	69.2	9.0	14.7
1949	120.2	43.0	77.2	67.0	10.2	13.9
1950	126.7	52.2	74.4	62.0	12.4	17.9
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
1953 ²	146.4	68.3	78.1	63.6	14.6	23.4
1952: 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	22.9
March	140.0	65.2	74.8	60.5	14.3	23.3
April	138.5	65.3	73.2	58.9	14.4	23.1
May	138.1	65.4	72.7	58.3	14.4	22.8
June	138.0	65.0	72.9	58.6	14.3	22.8
July	143.2	65.6	77.6	63.2	14.3	22.6
August	143.1	66.0	77.1	62.6	14.5	22.9
September	143.0	66.3	76.7	62.2	14.5	23.1
October	143.9	67.1	76.8	62.3	14.5	23.3
November	145.5	67.3	78.2	63.7	14.5	23.2
December ²	146.4	68.3	78.1	63.6	14.6	23.4
1954: January ²						22.5

¹ Commercial, industrial, and agricultural loans; revised series beginning January 1952.

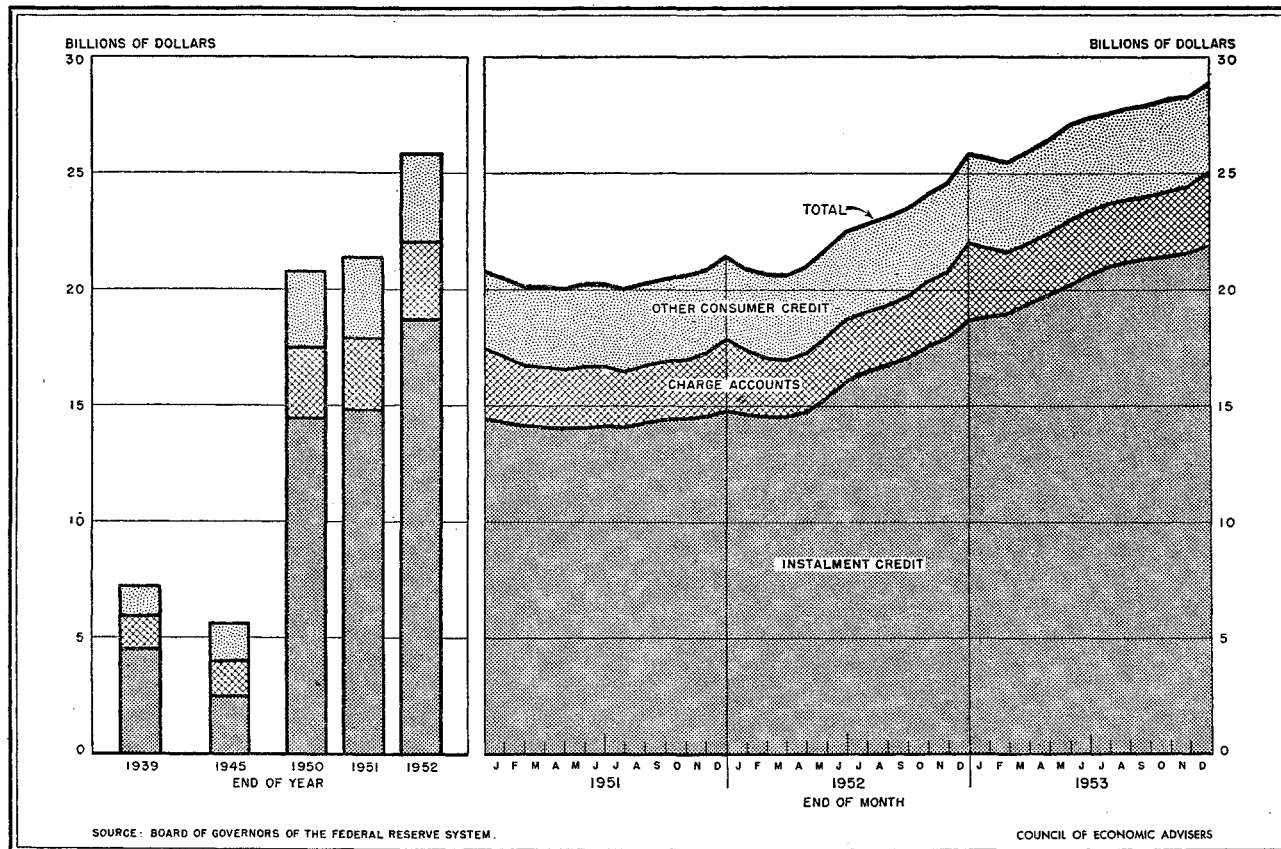
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Source: Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

CONSUMER CREDIT

Consumer credit outstanding at the end of 1953 amounted to \$28.9 billion, about \$650 million above November 1952 and \$3.1 billion above a year earlier. The seasonal rise in charge accounts was responsible for almost $\frac{2}{3}$ of the December increase. There was some seasonal expansion in all other types of credit except automobile instalment, which registered its first decline since March 1952.



[Millions of dollars]

End of period	Total consumer credit outstanding	Instalment credit					Noninstalment credit		
		Total	Auto-mobile paper ¹	Other consumer goods paper ¹	Repair and modernization loans ²	Personal loans	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
June.....	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.....	25,827	18,684	8,099	5,328	1,406	3,851	7,143	3,342	3,801
1953 ⁴	28,896	21,807	10,289	5,605	1,606	4,307	7,089	3,249	3,840
1952: November.....	24,611	17,961	7,856	4,962	1,393	3,750	6,650	2,839	3,811
December.....	25,827	18,684	8,099	5,328	1,406	3,851	7,143	3,342	3,801
1953: January.....	25,674	18,851	8,273	5,288	1,403	3,887	6,823	2,975	3,848
February.....	25,504	18,982	8,480	5,208	1,404	3,890	6,522	2,678	3,844
March.....	25,946	19,391	8,799	5,217	1,416	3,959	6,555	2,613	3,942
April.....	26,455	19,767	9,111	5,217	1,435	4,004	6,688	2,682	4,006
May.....	27,056	20,213	9,432	5,272	1,462	4,047	6,843	2,763	4,080
June.....	27,411	20,635	9,692	5,333	1,493	4,117	6,776	2,781	3,995
July.....	27,581	21,004	9,973	5,351	1,516	4,164	6,577	2,705	3,872
August.....	27,810	21,218	10,136	5,362	1,534	4,186	6,592	2,668	3,924
September.....	27,979	21,347	10,232	5,352	1,562	4,201	6,632	2,716	3,916
October.....	28,166	21,486	10,337	5,366	1,585	4,198	6,680	2,811	3,869
November.....	28,252	21,586	10,358	5,406	1,604	4,218	6,666	2,840	3,826
December ⁴	28,896	21,807	10,289	5,605	1,606	4,307	7,089	3,249	3,840

¹ Includes all consumer credit extended for the purpose of purchasing automobiles and other consumer goods and secured by the items purchased.

² Includes only such loans held by financial institutions; those held by retail outlets are included in "other consumer goods paper."

³ Single-payment loans and service credit.

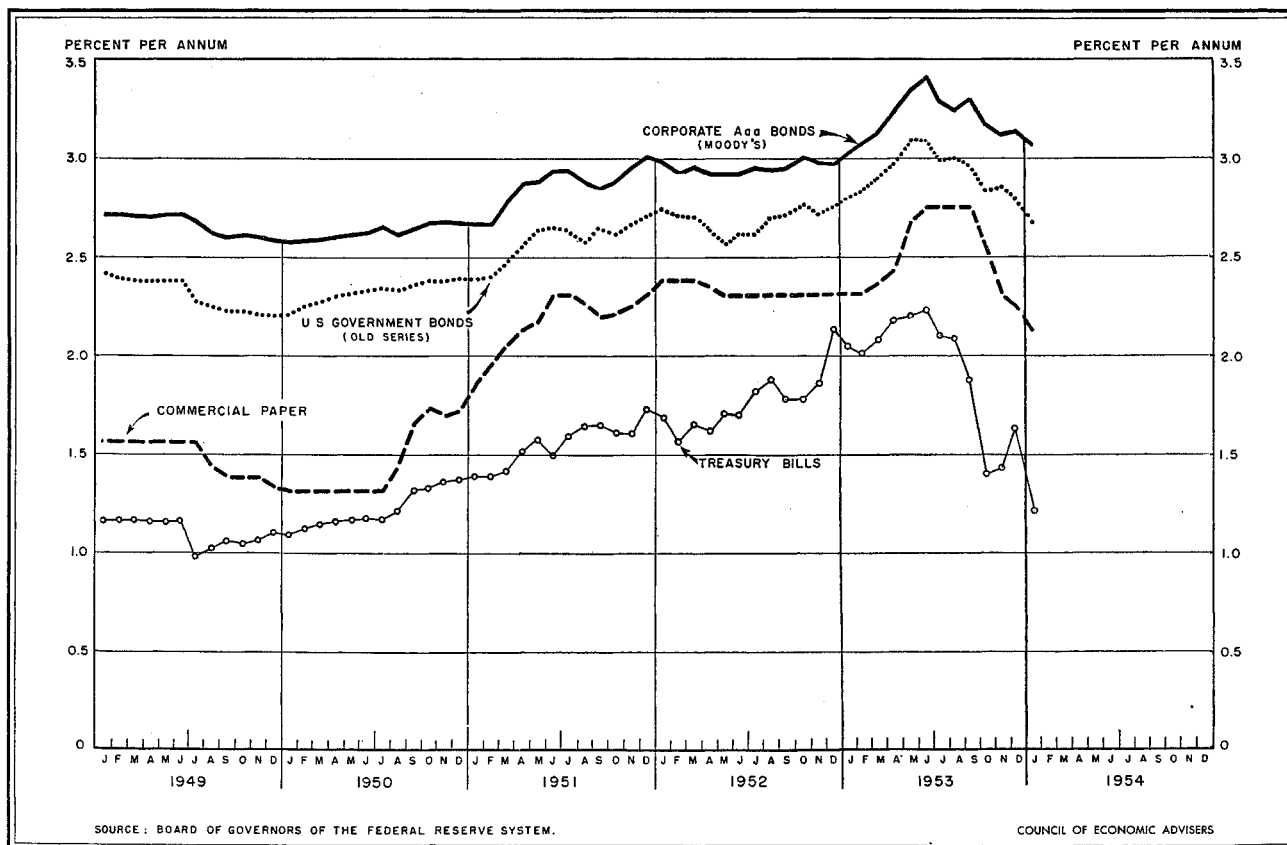
⁴ Preliminary estimates.

Source: Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

NOTE.—Series revised back to January 1952; see *Federal Reserve Bulletin*, November 1953. Detail will not necessarily add to totals because of rounding.

BOND YIELDS AND INTEREST RATES

Yields on 3-month Treasury bills dropped during January, reaching a rate of less than 1 percent by the end of the month, and again in early February—the lowest level in 4½ years. Yields for both Treasury and corporate bonds and commercial paper rates also dropped during the month.



[Percent per annum]

Period	U. S. Government security yields			Corporate Aaa bonds (Moody's)	Prime commercial paper, 4-6 months
	3-month Treasury bills ¹	Taxable bonds ²			
		Old series ³	New series ⁴		
1939.....	0. 023			3. 01	0. 59
1946.....	. 375	2. 19		2. 53	. 81
1950.....	1. 218	2. 32		2. 62	1. 45
1951.....	1. 552	2. 57		2. 86	2. 17
1952.....	1. 766	2. 68		2. 96	2. 33
1953.....	1. 931	2. 93	3. 16	3. 20	2. 52
1953: January.....	2. 042	2. 80		3. 02	2. 31
February.....	2. 018	2. 83		3. 07	2. 31
March.....	2. 082	2. 89		3. 12	2. 36
April.....	2. 177	2. 97		3. 23	2. 44
May.....	2. 200	3. 09	3. 26	3. 34	2. 68
June.....	2. 231	3. 09	3. 29	3. 40	2. 75
July.....	2. 101	2. 99	3. 25	3. 28	2. 75
August.....	2. 088	3. 00	3. 22	3. 24	2. 75
September.....	1. 876	2. 97	3. 19	3. 29	2. 74
October.....	1. 402	2. 83	3. 06	3. 16	2. 55
November.....	1. 427	2. 85	3. 04	3. 11	2. 32
December.....	1. 630	2. 79	2. 96	3. 13	2. 25
1954: January.....	1. 214	2. 68	2. 90	3. 07	2. 13
Week ended:					
1954: January 2.....	1. 574	2. 74	2. 92	3. 12	2. 25
9.....	1. 314	2. 74	2. 93	3. 09	2. 25
16.....	1. 336	2. 71	2. 91	3. 08	2. 125
23.....	1. 208	2. 66	2. 88	3. 06	2. 125
30.....	. 998	2. 63	2. 87	3. 03	2. 00
February 6.....	1. 031	2. 62	2. 87	2. 99	2. 00
9.....	. 893	2. 59	2. 86	2. 94	2. 00

¹ Rate on new issues within period.

² 2½-percent bonds, 15 years and over prior to April 1952 and 12 years and over beginning in April 1952.

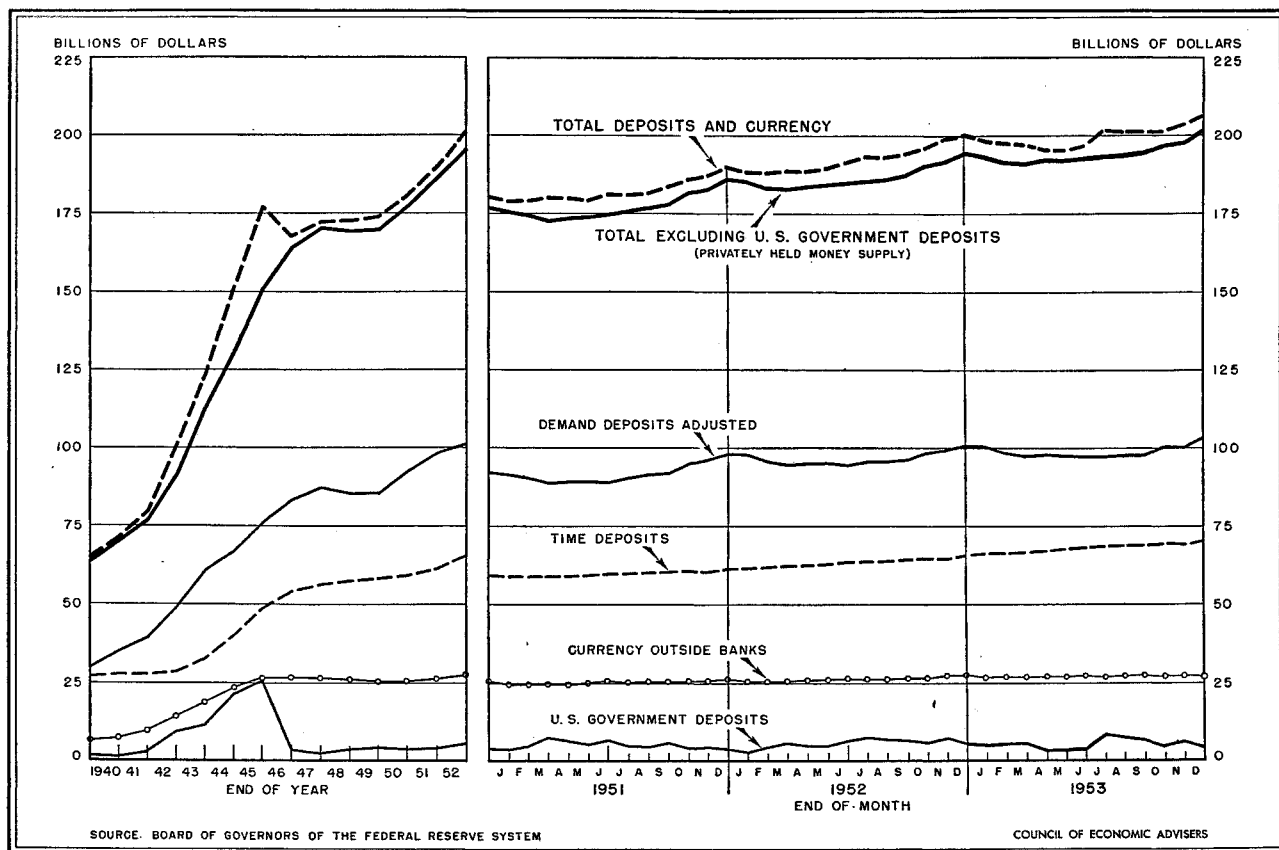
³ 3¼-percent bonds of 1978-83, issued May 1, 1953.

⁴ Bonds in this classification were first issued in March 1941.

Source: Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

MONEY SUPPLY

Total deposits and currency less Government deposits climbed seasonally by nearly \$4 billion during December. The gain in 1953 as a whole was \$6.5 billion or 3 percent, compared with \$8.8 billion or 5 percent in 1952.



SOURCE: BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF THE FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

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[Billions of dollars]

End of period	Total deposits and currency	U. S. Government deposits ¹	Total excluding U. S. Government deposits (privately held money supply)			
			Total	Currency outside banks	Demand deposits adjusted ²	Time deposits ³
1939.....	64.7	1.5	63.3	6.4	29.8	27.1
1945.....	176.4	25.6	150.8	26.5	75.9	48.5
1946.....	167.5	3.5	164.0	26.7	83.3	54.0
1948.....	172.7	3.6	169.1	26.1	85.5	57.5
1949.....	173.9	4.1	169.8	25.4	85.8	58.6
1950.....	180.6	3.7	176.9	25.4	92.3	59.2
June.....	174.7	4.8	170.0	25.2	85.0	59.7
1951.....	189.8	3.9	186.0	26.3	98.2	61.4
1952.....	200.4	5.6	194.8	27.5	101.5	65.8
1953 ⁴	205.8	4.5	201.3	27.8	103.3	70.1
1952: 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.....	198.3	5.0	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.....	195.3	3.3	192.1	27.0	97.5	67.6
June.....	196.6	4.1	192.6	27.4	96.9	68.3
July.....	201.3	8.3	193.0	27.2	97.4	68.4
August.....	201.1	7.7	193.4	27.3	97.5	68.7
September.....	201.1	6.8	194.3	27.5	97.7	69.1
October.....	201.7	4.4	197.3	27.4	100.3	69.6
November.....	203.6	6.2	197.4	27.9	100.2	69.3
December ⁴	205.8	4.5	201.3	27.8	103.3	70.1

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

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

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

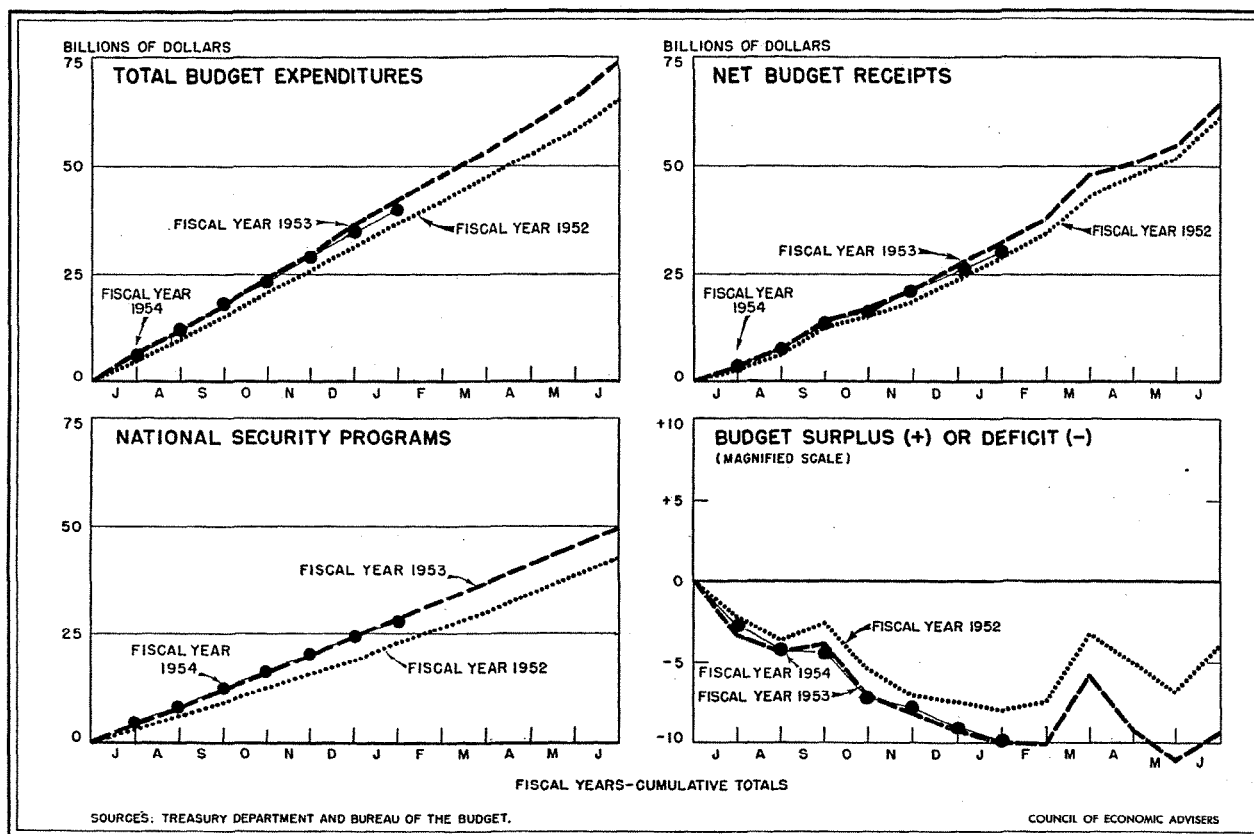
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Source: Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

FEDERAL BUDGET RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES

The decline in Federal expenditures in January was due to a drop in interest payments from their seasonal high in December and to lower national security spending. With budget receipts less than expenditures, the cumulative fiscal year deficit rose to \$9.7 billion by the end of the month.



(Billions of dollars)

Period	Budget expenditures				Net budget receipts		Budget surplus (+) or deficit (—)		Public debt (end of period) ²
	Total		National security ¹		Total for period	Cumula- tive fiscal year totals	Total for period	Cumula- tive fiscal year totals	
	Total for period	Cumula- tive fiscal year totals	Total for period	Cumula- tive fiscal year totals					
Fiscal year 1944	95. 1	-----	75. 8	-----	43. 6	-----	-51. 4	-----	202. 6
Fiscal year 1947	39. 0	-----	14. 4	-----	39. 8	-----	+ 8. 4	-----	258. 4
Fiscal year 1948	33. 1	-----	11. 7	-----	41. 5	-----	+8. 4	-----	252. 4
Fiscal year 1949	39. 5	-----	12. 9	-----	37. 7	-----	- 1. 8	-----	252. 8
Fiscal year 1950	39. 6	-----	13. 0	-----	36. 5	-----	- 3. 1	-----	257. 4
Fiscal year 1951	44. 1	-----	22. 3	-----	47. 6	-----	+3. 5	-----	255. 3
Fiscal year 1952	65. 4	-----	43. 8	-----	61. 4	-----	- 4. 0	-----	259. 2
Fiscal year 1953	73. 9	-----	³ 50. 3	-----	65. 6	-----	- 9. 4	-----	266. 1
1953: January	5. 7	41. 9	4. 1	28. 5	5. 0	31. 9	- 7. 7	-10. 0	267. 5
February	5. 5	47. 4	4. 0	32. 5	5. 4	37. 3	- 1. 1	-10. 1	267. 6
March	6. 1	53. 5	4. 5	36. 9	10. 4	47. 8	+4. 3	- 5. 8	264. 5
April	6. 3	59. 9	4. 4	41. 4	2. 8	50. 6	-3. 5	- 9. 3	264. 6
May	6. 2	66. 0	4. 2	45. 5	4. 3	54. 9	-1. 9	-11. 1	266. 6
June	7. 9	74. 0	4. 5	50. 0	9. 7	64. 6	+1. 8	- 9. 4	266. 1
July	6. 1	6. 1	4. 4	4. 4	3. 3	3. 3	- 2. 8	- 2. 8	272. 7
August	5. 9	12. 0	3. 9	8. 3	4. 5	7. 8	-1. 5	- 4. 2	273. 3
September	6. 1	18. 1	4. 2	12. 5	6. 0	13. 8	- 1. 1	- 4. 3	273. 0
October	5. 5	23. 5	4. 0	16. 5	2. 6	16. 4	- 2. 8	- 7. 1	273. 5
November	5. 3	28. 9	3. 8	20. 3	4. 6	21. 0	- 7. 7	- 7. 9	275. 3
December	6. 3	35. 2	4. 2	24. 5	5. 1	26. 1	-1. 2	- 9. 1	275. 2
1954: January	5. 1	40. 3	⁴ 3. 5	⁴ 28. 0	4. 5	30. 6	- 6. 6	- 9. 7	274. 9

¹ Revised to include the items classified as "national security" in *The Budget of The United States Government for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 1955*. These expenditure items are: Military services, foreign military assistance, development and control of atomic energy, and allocation of critical and strategic materials.

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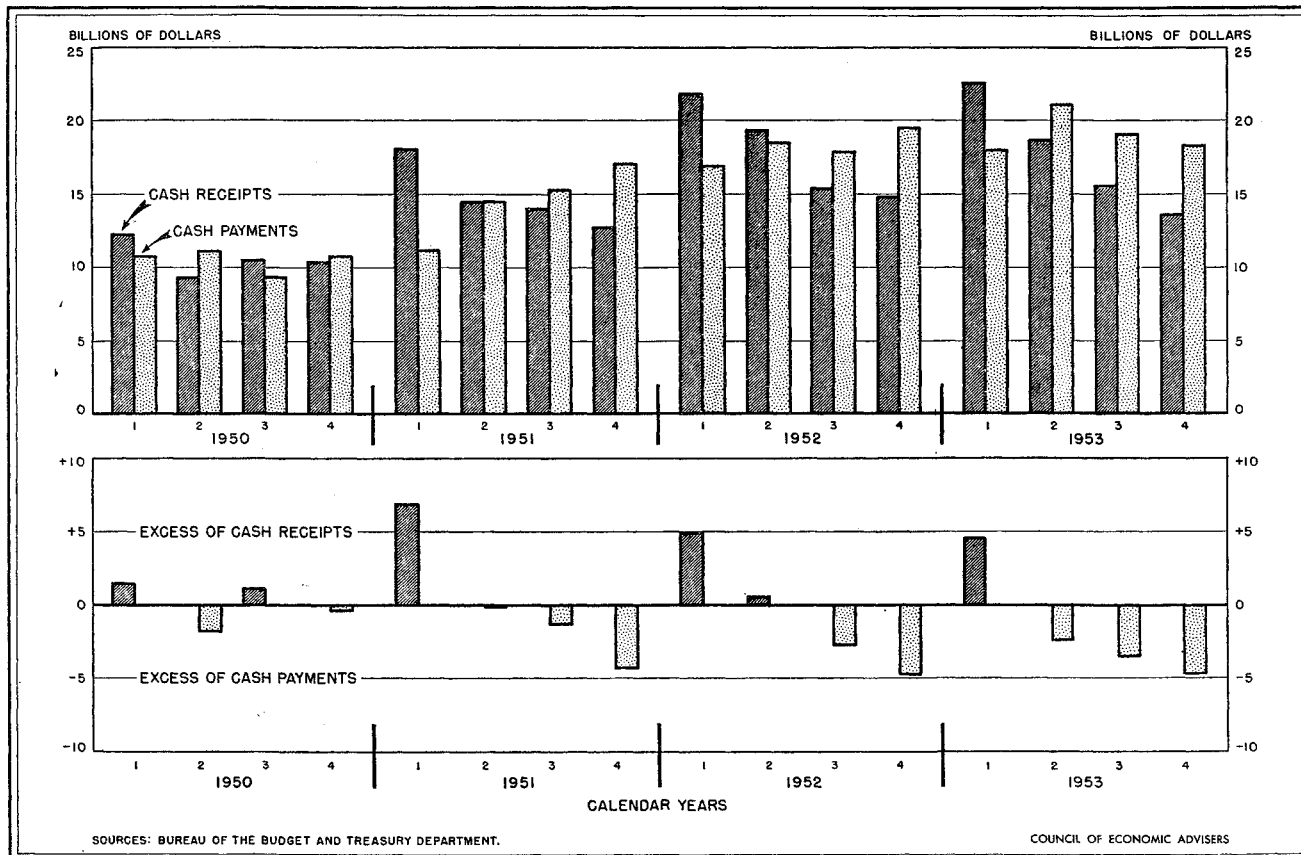
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Sources: Treasury Department and Bureau of the Budget.

FEDERAL CASH RECEIPTS FROM AND PAYMENTS TO THE PUBLIC

The excess of cash payments over cash receipts in the fourth quarter of 1953 was \$4.6 billion, or slightly lower than in the corresponding quarter of 1952.



[Millions of dollars]

Calendar year	Federal cash receipts from the public	Federal cash payments to the public	Excess of receipts (+) or payments (-)
Calendar year total:			
1946	41,441	41,399	+42
1947	44,282	38,616	+5,666
1948	44,922	36,897	+8,027
1949	41,346	42,642	-1,295
1950	42,419	41,969	+450
1951	59,278	58,034	+1,244
1952	71,339	72,980	-1,641
1953	70,382	76,541	-6,159
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
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	22,539	18,166	+4,373
Second quarter	18,674	21,049	-2,375
Third quarter	15,502	19,015	-3,513
Fourth quarter	13,667	18,311	-4,644

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Sources: Bureau of the Budget and Treasury Department.

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