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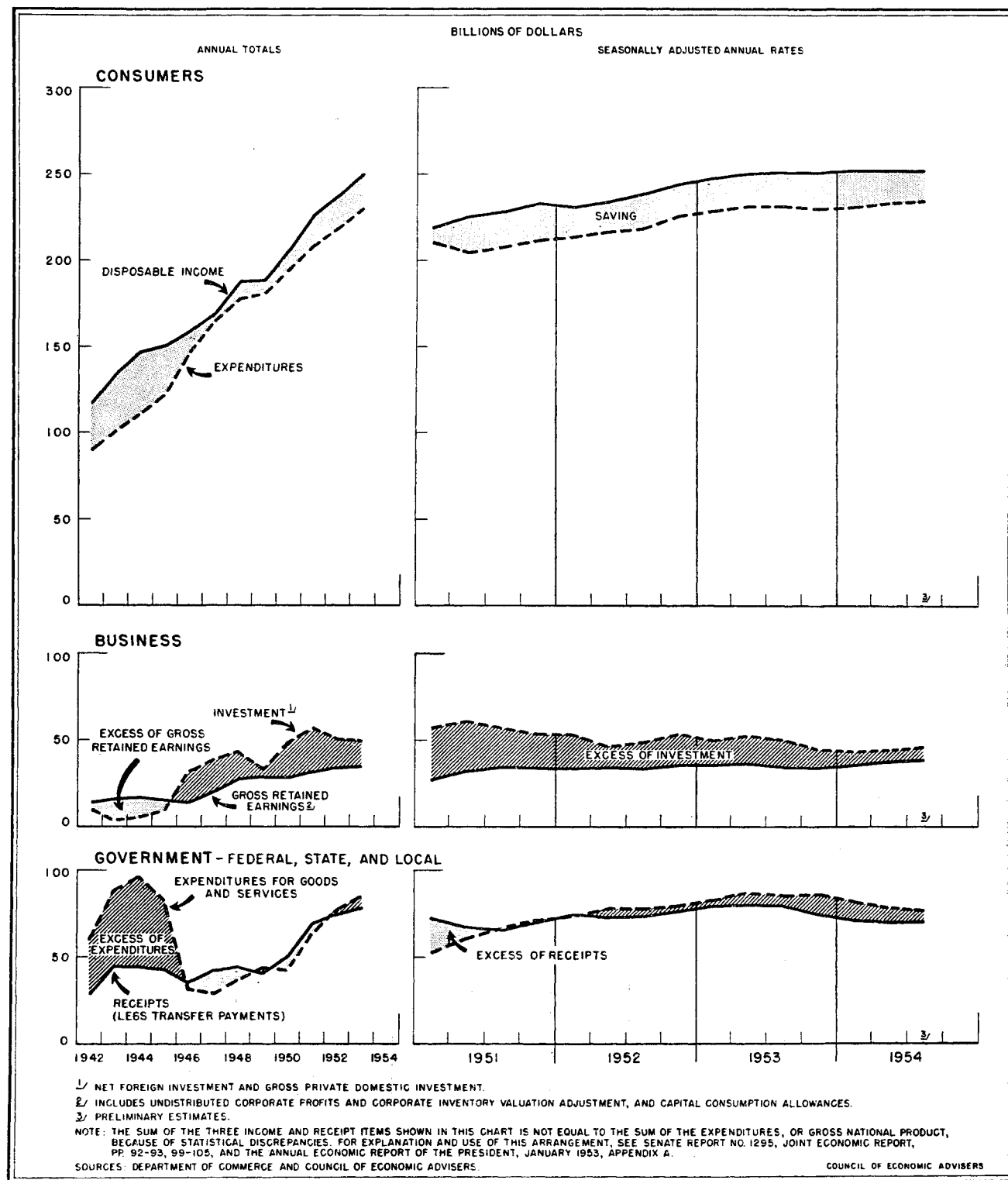
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# THE TOTAL OUTPUT OF THE ECONOMY

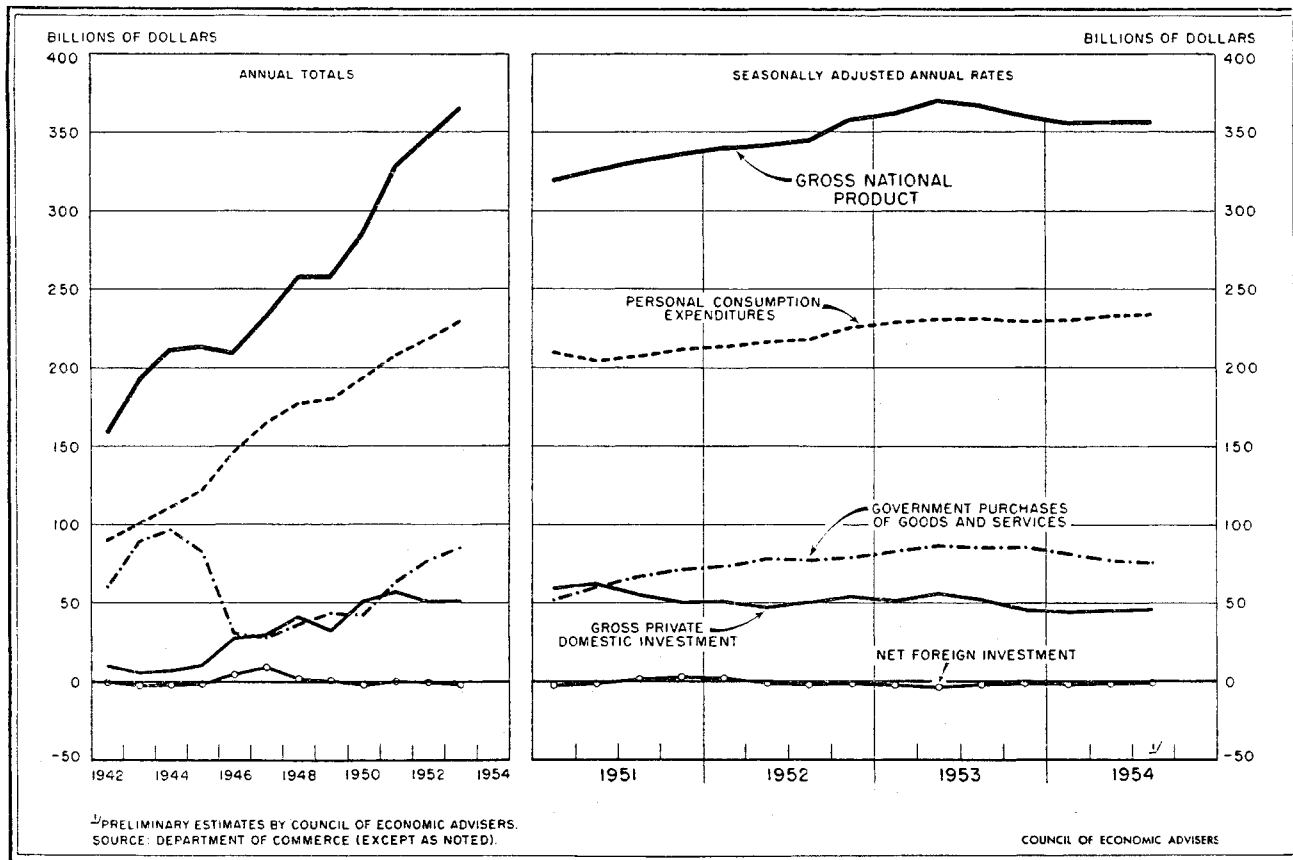
## THE NATION'S ECONOMIC ACCOUNTS

Preliminary estimates of total income and expenditures in the third quarter reflect the continued stability of over-all economic activity since the early part of the year.



# GROSS NATIONAL PRODUCT

The gross national product remained unchanged between the second and third quarters, according to preliminary estimates. A further decline in Federal expenditures was offset by increases in consumer expenditures and investment.



[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 <sup>1</sup>	Other	Less: Government sales	
1939.....	91.1	67.6	9.3	0.9	13.3	5.2	1.3	3.9	0.0	8.2
1944.....	211.4	109.8	7.1	-2.1	96.5	89.0	88.6	1.6	1.2	7.5
1946.....	209.2	146.6	27.1	4.6	30.9	20.9	21.2	2.5	2.7	10.0
1947.....	232.2	165.0	29.7	8.9	28.6	15.8	13.3	3.8	1.3	12.8
1948.....	257.3	177.6	41.2	2.0	36.6	21.0	16.0	5.6	.5	15.6
1949.....	257.3	180.6	32.5	.5	43.6	25.4	19.3	6.6	.4	18.2
1950.....	285.1	194.0	51.2	-2.2	42.0	22.1	18.5	3.9	.3	19.9
1951.....	328.2	208.3	56.9	.2	62.8	41.0	37.3	4.2	.4	21.8
1952.....	346.1	218.4	50.7	-.2	77.2	54.0	48.5	5.8	.4	23.2
1953.....	364.9	230.1	51.4	-1.9	85.2	60.1	52.0	8.5	.4	25.1
Seasonally adjusted annual rates										
1953: First quarter.....	361.8	228.6	51.9	-1.8	83.0	58.1	51.0	7.7	.5	24.9
Second quarter.....	369.9	230.8	55.9	-3.3	86.6	62.2	54.3	8.3	.4	24.4
Third quarter.....	367.2	231.2	52.4	-1.8	85.4	60.3	52.3	8.4	.4	25.1
Fourth quarter.....	360.5	229.7	45.5	-.6	86.0	59.8	50.6	9.6	.3	26.2
1954: First quarter.....	355.8	230.5	44.5	-1.1	81.9	55.0	46.9	8.4	.3	26.9
Second quarter.....	356.0	233.1	45.6	-1.0	78.3	51.3	44.7	6.9	.3	27.0
Third quarter <sup>2</sup> .....	356.0	234.0	46.0	-.5	76.5	49.3	43.3	6.3	.3	27.2

<sup>1</sup> 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, 1956*, and shown on p. 31 of *Economic Indicators*.

<sup>2</sup> Preliminary estimates by Council of Economic Advisers.

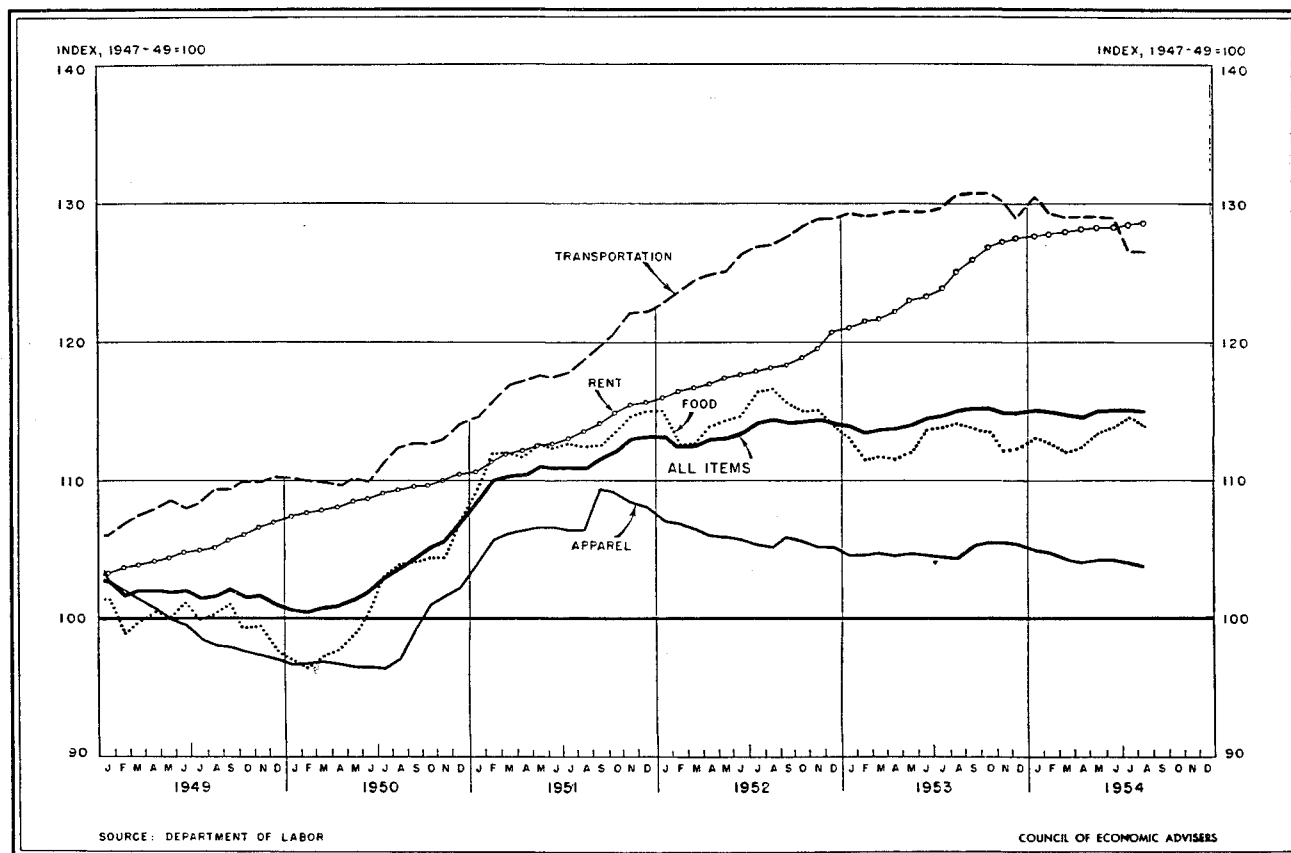
NOTE.—The national income and expenditure series have been revised by the Department of Commerce. For details see *Survey of Current Business*, July 1954. Detail will not necessarily add to totals because of rounding.

Source: Department of Commerce (except as noted).

# PRICES

## CONSUMER PRICES

Consumer prices declined 0.2 percent in August, largely because of a drop of 0.6 percent in food prices—the first decline in the food index since March.



[1947-49=100]

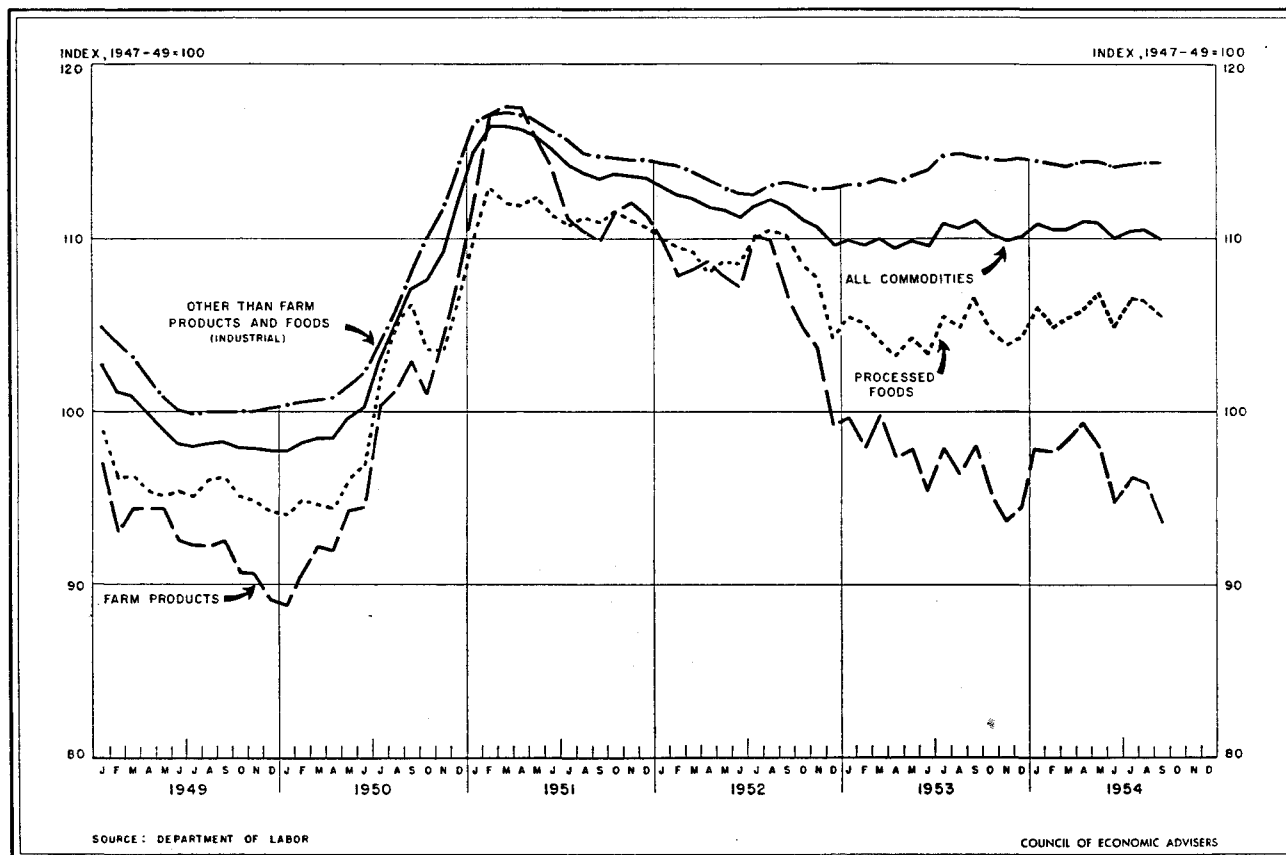
Period	All items	Food	Housing		Apparel	Transportation	Medical care	Personal care	Reading and recreation	Other goods and services
			Total	Rent						
1939 monthly average	59.4	47.1	(1)	86.6	52.5	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)
1942 monthly average	69.7	61.3	(1)	90.4	64.9	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)
1945 monthly average	76.9	68.9	(1)	90.9	76.3	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)
1946 monthly average	83.4	79.0	(1)	91.4	83.7	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)
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
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
1953: 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
1954: January	115.2	113.1	118.8	127.8	104.9	130.5	123.7	113.7	108.7	120.3
February	115.0	112.6	118.9	127.9	104.7	129.4	124.1	113.9	108.0	120.2
March	114.8	112.1	119.0	128.0	104.3	129.0	124.4	114.1	108.2	120.1
April	114.6	112.4	118.5	128.2	104.1	129.1	124.9	112.9	106.5	120.2
May	115.0	113.3	118.9	128.3	104.2	129.1	125.1	113.0	106.4	120.1
June	115.1	113.8	118.9	128.3	104.2	128.9	125.1	112.7	106.4	120.1
July	115.2	114.6	119.0	128.5	104.0	126.7	125.2	113.3	107.0	120.3
August	115.0	113.9	119.2	128.6	103.7	126.6	125.5	113.4	106.6	120.2

1 Not available.

Source: Department of Labor.

## WHOLESALE PRICES

The average level of wholesale prices declined somewhat in September, due to a drop in the prices of farm products and processed foods.



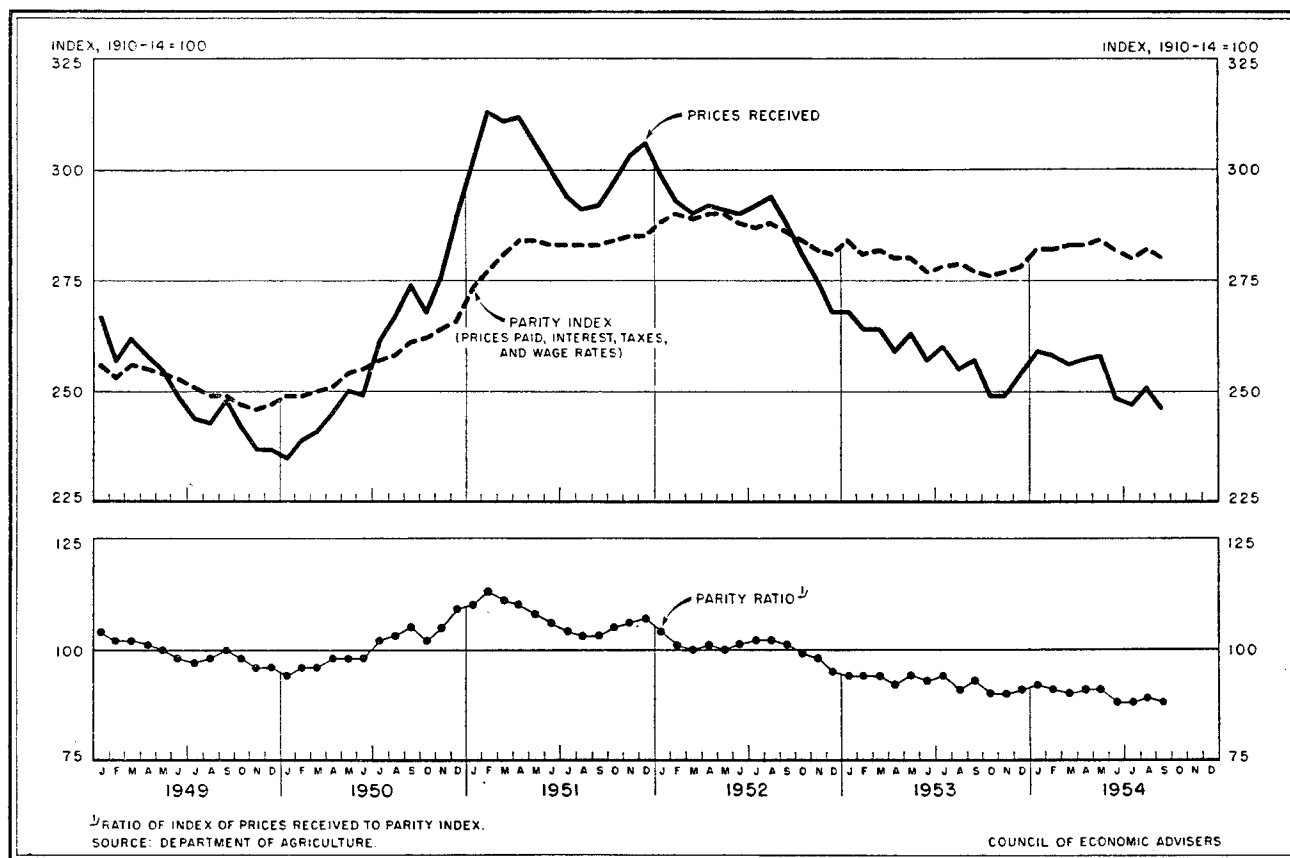
[1947-49=100]

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
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: 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.....	110.9	97.8	106.2	114.6
February.....	110.5	97.7	104.8	114.4
March.....	110.5	98.4	105.3	114.2
April.....	111.0	99.4	105.9	114.5
May.....	110.9	97.9	106.8	114.5
June.....	110.0	94.8	105.0	114.2
July.....	110.4	96.2	106.5	114.3
August.....	110.5	95.8	106.4	114.4
September.....	110.0	93.6	105.5	114.4
Week ended:				
1954: October 5.....	109.6	91.4	104.0	114.6

Source: Department of Labor.

## PRICES RECEIVED AND PAID BY FARMERS

Prices received by farmers declined 2 percent during the month ended September 15. Lower prices for hogs, eggs, chickens, soybeans, and potatoes more than offset the higher prices for cattle, milk, cotton, wheat, and tobacco. Prices paid by farmers decreased 1 percent and the parity ratio dropped 1 point to 88.



[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 <sup>1</sup>
	Family living	Production			
1939 monthly average.....	120	121	123	95	77
1942 monthly average.....	149	148	152	159	105
1944 monthly average.....	175	173	182	197	108
1946 monthly average.....	202	191	208	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
1951 monthly average.....	268	273	282	302	107
1952 monthly average.....	271	274	287	288	100
1953 monthly average.....	270	253	279	258	92
1953: August 15.....	273	248	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
February 15.....	271	255	282	258	91
March 15.....	272	255	283	256	90
April 15.....	273	256	283	257	91
May 15.....	276	256	284	258	91
June 15.....	276	252	282	248	88
July 15.....	277	247	280	247	88
August 15.....	277	250	282	251	89
September 15.....	274	251	280	246	88

<sup>1</sup> Percentage ratio of index of prices received by farmers to parity index.

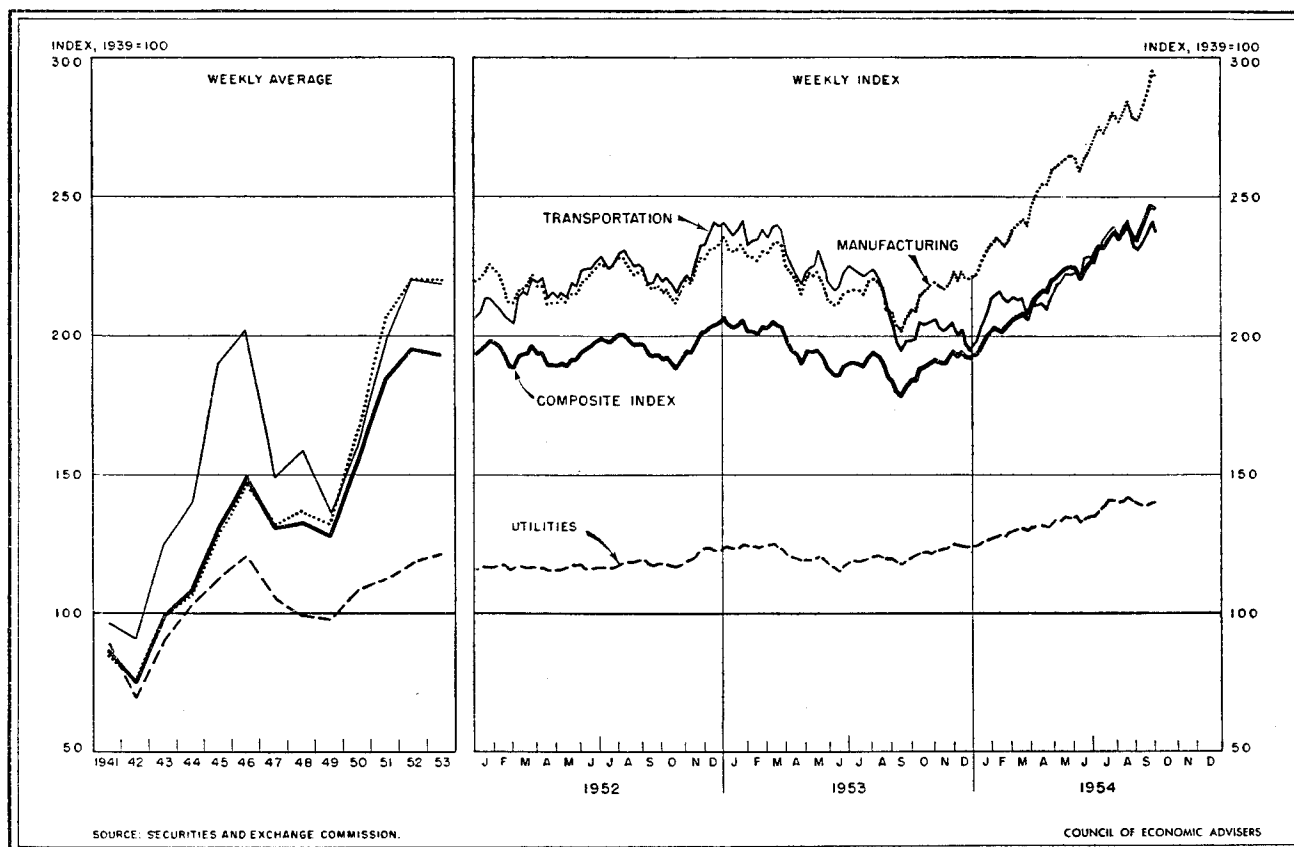
<sup>2</sup> Includes wartime subsidy payments paid on beef cattle, sheep, lambs, milk, and butterfat between October 1943 and June 1946.

Source: Department of Agriculture.



# STOCK PRICES

In September, stock prices continued to increase.



[1939=100]

Period	Com- posite index <sup>1</sup>	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
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	206. 0	275. 7
1953.....	193. 3	220. 1	192. 6	245. 2	218. 7	121. 5	207. 1	240. 5
1953: August.....	190. 2	216. 6	185. 9	244. 7	217. 2	120. 7	206. 3	236. 3
September.....	181. 0	205. 0	175. 2	232. 2	198. 9	118. 8	198. 0	219. 2
October.....	187. 1	213. 5	184. 4	240. 2	202. 4	121. 4	201. 2	218. 8
November.....	191. 2	218. 7	190. 4	244. 8	203. 8	123. 2	207. 0	231. 4
December.....	193. 4	221. 8	192. 1	249. 1	200. 0	124. 5	209. 2	229. 6
1954: January.....	198. 4	228. 4	198. 8	255. 5	206. 2	126. 1	213. 0	238. 6
February.....	203. 1	233. 9	204. 2	261. 2	214. 6	128. 4	216. 0	250. 3
March.....	207. 1	239. 8	209. 6	267. 5	212. 3	130. 4	214. 6	259. 2
April.....	215. 8	252. 9	223. 2	280. 3	211. 6	131. 8	219. 8	265. 9
May.....	223. 2	262. 9	232. 5	290. 8	220. 6	134. 2	225. 6	269. 6
June.....	223. 9	263. 4	236. 6	288. 0	225. 4	134. 3	228. 3	266. 3
July.....	233. 0	275. 3	254. 3	294. 4	233. 5	138. 6	236. 0	257. 2
August.....	237. 1	280. 0	257. 0	301. 0	237. 1	140. 8	243. 1	262. 6
September.....	240. 4	285. 6	260. 2	308. 8	236. 0	139. 8	247. 2	267. 8
Week ended:								
1954: September 3.....	235. 1	277. 7	253. 3	299. 9	231. 1	139. 7	242. 1	266. 3
10.....	237. 4	281. 1	256. 5	303. 5	234. 2	139. 4	245. 4	268. 6
17.....	242. 2	288. 5	262. 6	312. 1	236. 8	139. 8	247. 9	267. 8
24.....	246. 9	295. 3	268. 5	319. 7	241. 8	140. 2	253. 2	268. 6
October 1.....	245. 7	293. 6	268. 0	317. 1	237. 4	140. 3	250. 6	270. 0
8 <sup>2</sup> .....	247. 4	296. 2	271. 1	319. 0	239. 0	140. 2	253. 6	275. 3

<sup>1</sup> Includes 265 common stocks: 98 for durable goods manufacturing, 72 for nondurable goods manufacturing, 21 for transportation, 29 for utilities, 31 for trade, finance, and service, and 14 for mining. Indexes are for weekly closing prices.

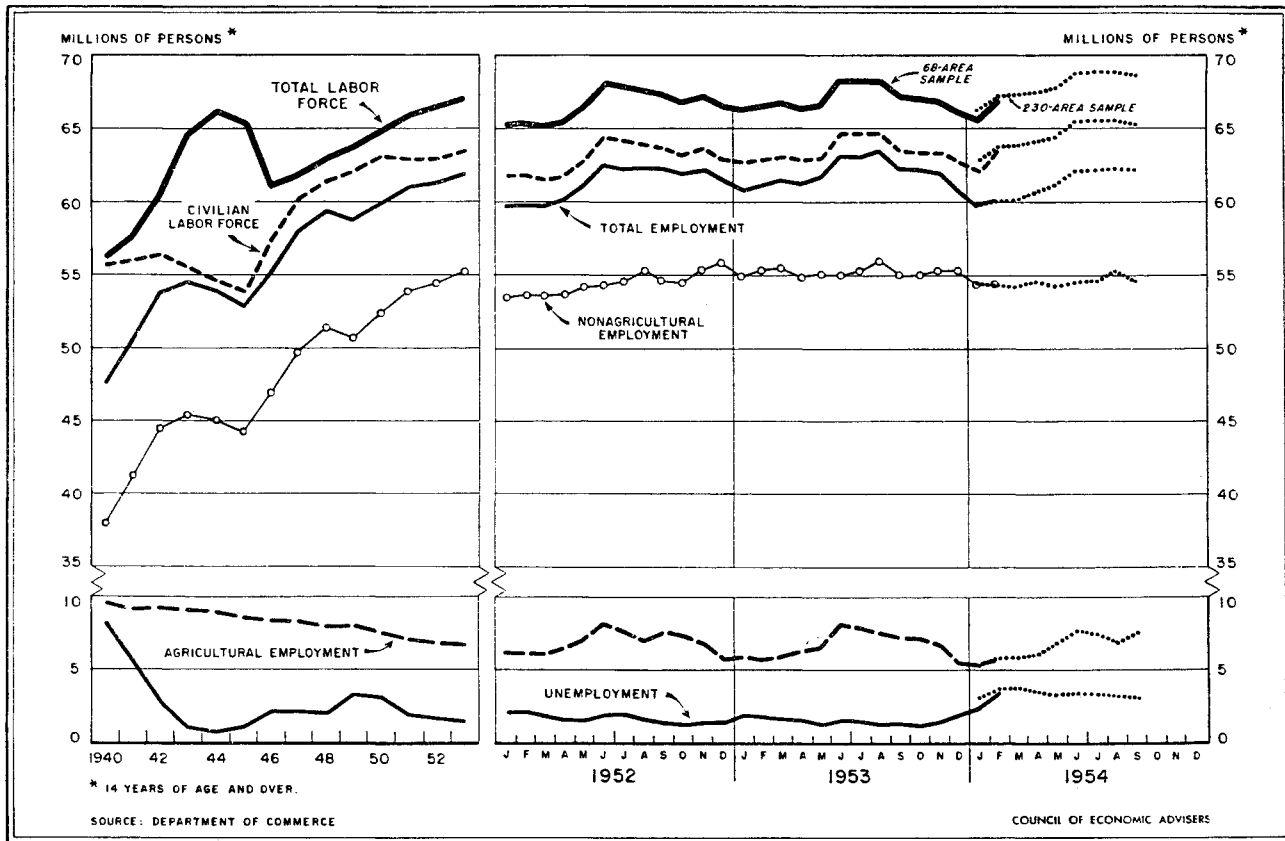
<sup>2</sup> Data became available after chart was prepared.

Source: Securities and Exchange Commission.

# EMPLOYMENT AND WAGES

## LABOR FORCE

Unemployment declined between early August and early September, as is usual for this time of the year. There was also a fall in employment, but it was smaller than the normal seasonal amount.



Period	Total labor force (including armed forces)	Civilian labor force	Employment <sup>1</sup>			Temporary layoffs <sup>2</sup>	Unemployment <sup>3</sup>		Insured unemployment (thousands of persons)
			Total	Agricultural	Nonagricultural		Number	% of civilian labor force	
Thousands of persons 14 years of age and over									
68-area sample: <sup>5</sup>									
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	-----	670	1. 2	-----
1949 monthly average...	63, 721	62, 105	58, 710	8, 026	50, 684	185	3, 395	5. 5	2, 470
1950 monthly average...	64, 749	63, 099	59, 957	7, 507	52, 450	92	3, 142	5. 0	1, 599
1953 monthly average...	67, 001	63, 453	61, 929	6, 683	55, 245	142	1, 524	2. 4	1, 058
1953: August.....	68, 238	64, 648	63, 408	7, 474	55, 934	170	1, 240	1. 9	868
September.....	67, 127	63, 552	62, 306	7, 262	55, 044	141	1, 246	2. 0	830
October.....	66, 954	63, 404	62, 242	7, 159	55, 083	133	1, 162	1. 8	897
November.....	66, 874	63, 353	61, 925	6, 651	55, 274	183	1, 428	2. 3	1, 198
December.....	66, 106	62, 614	60, 764	5, 438	55, 326	195	1, 850	3. 0	1, 632
1954: January.....	65, 589	62, 137	59, 778	5, 345	54, 433	273	2, 359	3. 8	2, 205
February.....	66, 905	63, 491	60, 106	5, 626	54, 480	177	3, 385	5. 3	2, 362
230-area sample: <sup>6</sup>									
1954: January.....	66, 292	62, 840	59, 753	5, 284	54, 469	427	3, 087	4. 9	2, 205
February.....	67, 139	63, 725	60, 055	5, 704	54, 351	216	3, 671	5. 8	2, 362
March.....	67, 218	63, 825	60, 100	5, 875	54, 225	236	3, 725	5. 8	2, 389
April.....	67, 438	64, 063	60, 598	6, 076	54, 522	216	3, 465	5. 4	2, 383
May.....	67, 786	64, 425	61, 119	6, 822	54, 297	294	3, 305	5. 1	2, 247
June.....	68, 788	65, 445	62, 098	7, 628	54, 470	229	3, 347	5. 1	2, 082
July.....	68, 824	65, 494	62, 148	7, 486	54, 661	298	3, 346	5. 1	2, 037
August.....	68, 856	65, 522	62, 276	6, 928	55, 349	143	3, 245	5. 0	1, 871
September.....	68, 565	65, 244	62, 145	7, 527	54, 618	198	3, 099	4. 8	<sup>6</sup> 1, 768

<sup>1</sup> Includes part-time workers and those with jobs but not at work for such reasons as vacation, illness, bad weather, temporary layoff, and industrial disputes.

<sup>2</sup> The number of temporary layoffs, which the Census Bureau includes in the employment figure (see footnote 1), is shown separately so as to afford a basis for further analysis of employment and unemployment.

<sup>3</sup> All programs. Weekly average for period. For description of series, see *Labor Market and Employment Security*, April 1954.

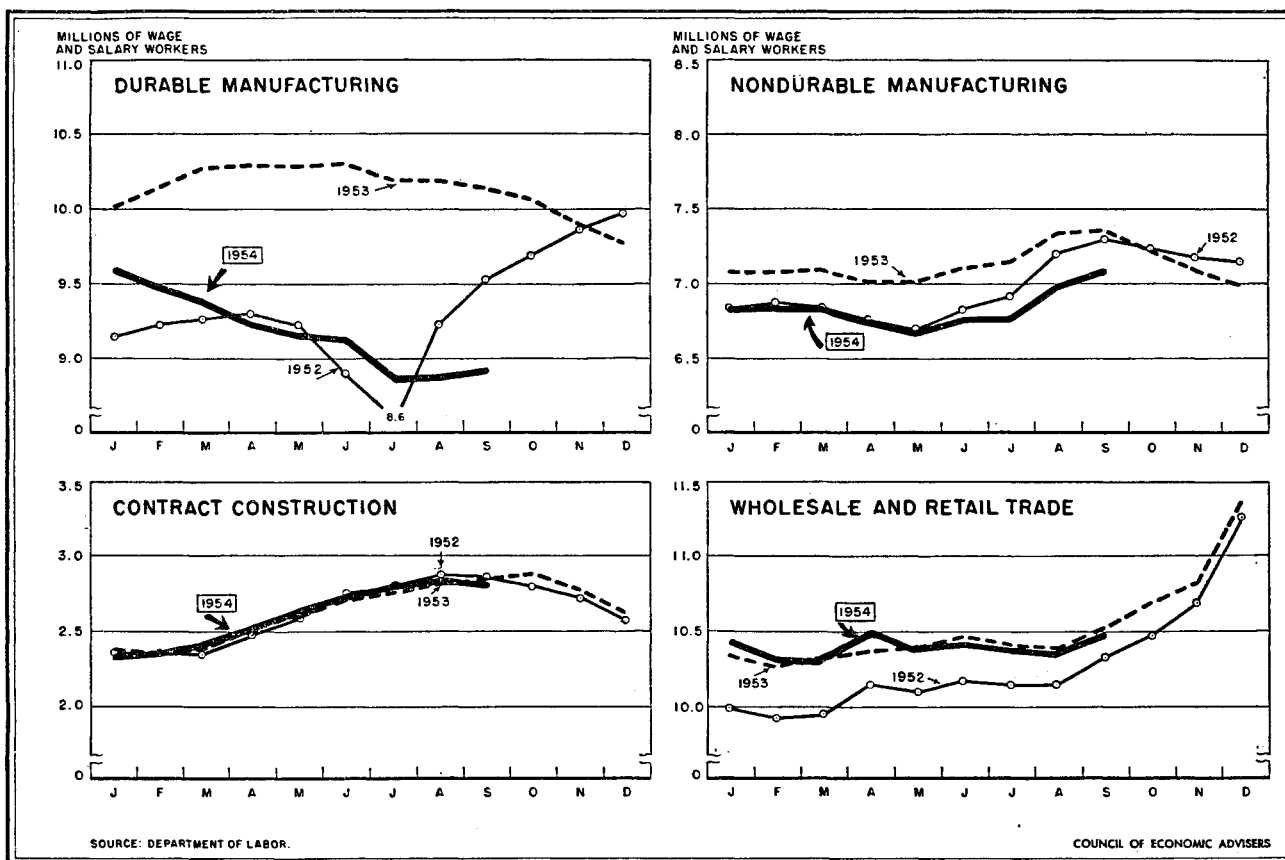
<sup>4</sup> Pertains to labor force data only. Data prior to 1953 not comparable with subsequent data.

<sup>5</sup> Preliminary estimate.

Sources: Department of Commerce (labor force) and Department of Labor (insured unemployment).

## NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT - SELECTED INDUSTRIES

Employment in nonagricultural establishments, taken as a whole, increased by more than the normal seasonal amount between the middle of August and the middle of September. In manufacturing, employment rose seasonally in the durable goods sector and more than seasonally in the nondurable goods sector.



[Thousands of wage and salary workers<sup>1</sup>]

Period	Total	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.....	30,287	10,078	4,683	5,394	1,150	6,612	4,703	3,987	2,912	845
1948.....	44,382	15,321	8,312	7,010	2,169	9,519	6,636	5,614	4,141	982
1949.....	43,295	14,178	7,473	6,705	2,165	9,513	6,736	5,837	3,949	918
1950.....	44,696	14,967	8,085	6,882	2,333	9,645	6,894	5,992	3,977	889
1951.....	47,289	16,104	9,080	7,024	2,603	10,012	7,140	6,348	4,166	916
1952.....	48,306	16,334	9,340	6,994	2,634	10,281	7,380	6,609	4,185	885
1953.....	49,660	17,259	10,129	7,131	2,644	10,533	7,511	6,645	4,224	844
1953: August.....	49,962	17,537	10,192	7,345	2,825	10,392	7,668	6,422	4,274	844
September.....	50,200	17,510	10,145	7,365	2,866	10,523	7,607	6,590	4,265	839
October.....	50,180	17,301	10,072	7,229	2,889	10,669	7,546	6,692	4,257	826
November.....	49,851	16,988	9,897	7,091	2,789	10,828	7,501	6,700	4,216	829
December.....	50,197	16,765	9,773	6,992	2,632	11,361	7,475	6,955	4,187	822
1954: January....	48,147	16,434	9,591	6,843	2,349	10,421	7,410	6,659	4,069	805
February.....	47,880	16,322	9,480	6,842	2,356	10,310	7,424	6,639	4,039	790
March.....	47,848	16,234	9,389	6,845	2,415	10,305	7,463	6,667	3,992	772
April.....	48,068	16,000	9,260	6,740	2,535	10,496	7,581	6,699	4,008	749
May.....	47,935	15,836	9,152	6,684	2,634	10,375	7,644	6,701	4,008	737
June.....	48,137	15,888	9,123	6,765	2,729	10,414	7,705	6,625	4,032	744
July.....	47,808	15,627	8,863	6,764	2,795	10,377	7,764	6,467	4,043	735
August <sup>2</sup> .....	48,031	15,860	8,879	6,981	2,840	10,353	7,760	6,454	4,028	726
September <sup>2</sup> .....	48,511	16,007	8,922	7,085	2,807	10,483	7,716	6,744	4,028	726

<sup>1</sup> 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.

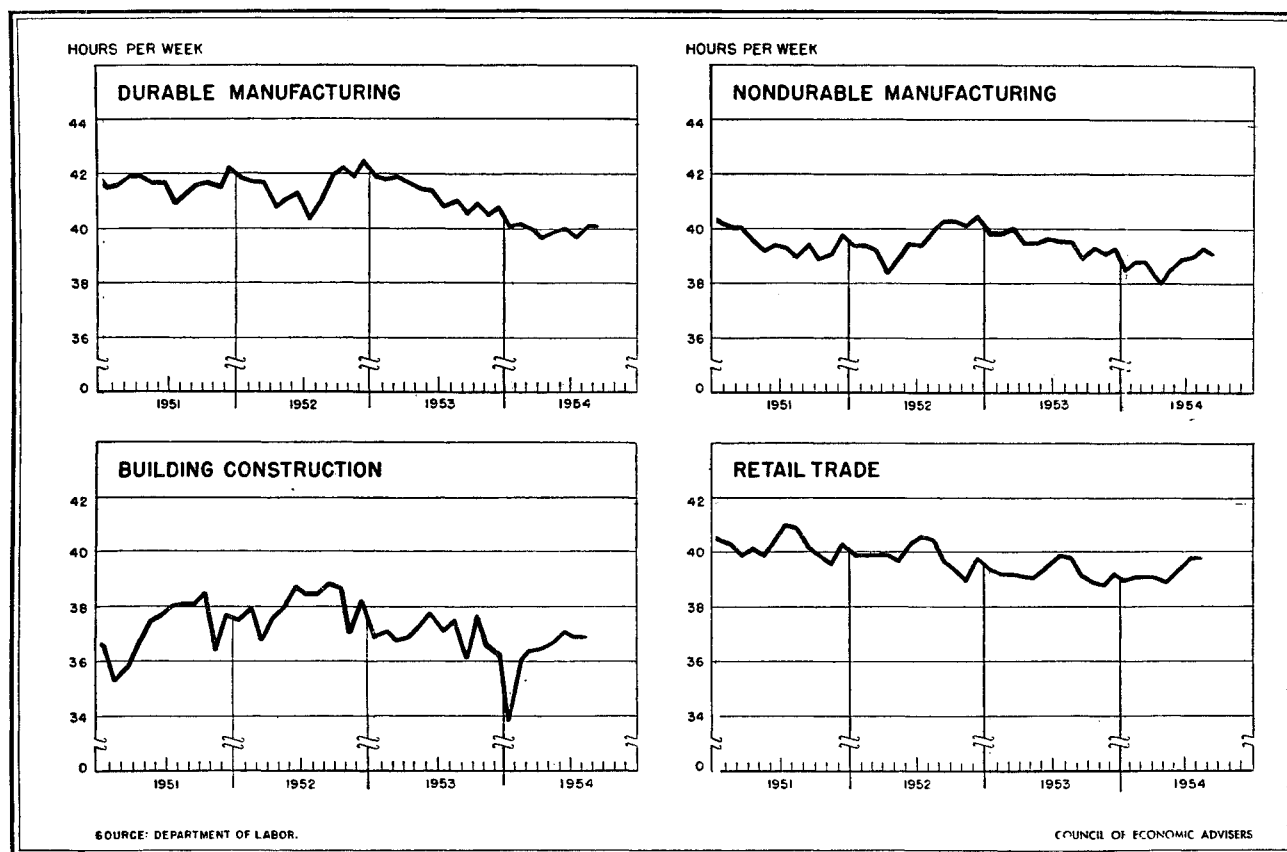
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NOTE.—Beginning with 1951, data have been adjusted to first quarter 1953 benchmark levels.

Source: Department of Labor.

## AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS - SELECTED INDUSTRIES

The average workweek of factory production workers in September was 39.7 hours, the same as in August. A very slight increase is usual at this time of the year.



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

Period	Manufacturing			Building construction	Retail trade
	Total	Durable goods	Nondurable goods		
1939.....	37.7	38.0	37.4	32.6	42.7
1943.....	44.9	46.6	42.5	38.4	40.3
1946.....	40.4	40.2	40.5	38.1	40.7
1948.....	40.1	40.5	39.6	37.3	40.3
1949.....	39.2	39.5	38.8	36.7	40.4
1950.....	40.5	41.2	39.7	36.3	40.5
1951.....	40.7	41.6	39.5	37.2	40.2
1952.....	40.7	41.5	39.6	38.1	39.9
1953.....	40.5	41.3	39.5	37.0	39.3
1953: 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	39.3	37.7	38.9
November.....	40.0	40.6	39.1	36.7	38.8
December.....	40.2	40.8	39.3	36.3	39.2
1954: January.....	39.4	40.1	38.5	33.9	39.0
February.....	39.6	40.2	38.8	36.0	39.1
March.....	39.5	40.0	38.8	36.4	39.1
April.....	39.0	39.7	38.0	36.5	39.1
May.....	39.3	38.5	38.5	36.7	38.9
June.....	39.6	40.0	38.9	37.1	39.3
July.....	39.4	39.7	39.0	36.9	39.8
August <sup>2</sup> .....	39.7	40.1	39.3	36.9	39.8
September <sup>2</sup> .....	39.7	40.1	39.1	( <sup>3</sup> )	( <sup>3</sup> )

<sup>1</sup> Data beginning with January 1948 are not strictly comparable with those for earlier periods.

<sup>2</sup> Preliminary estimates

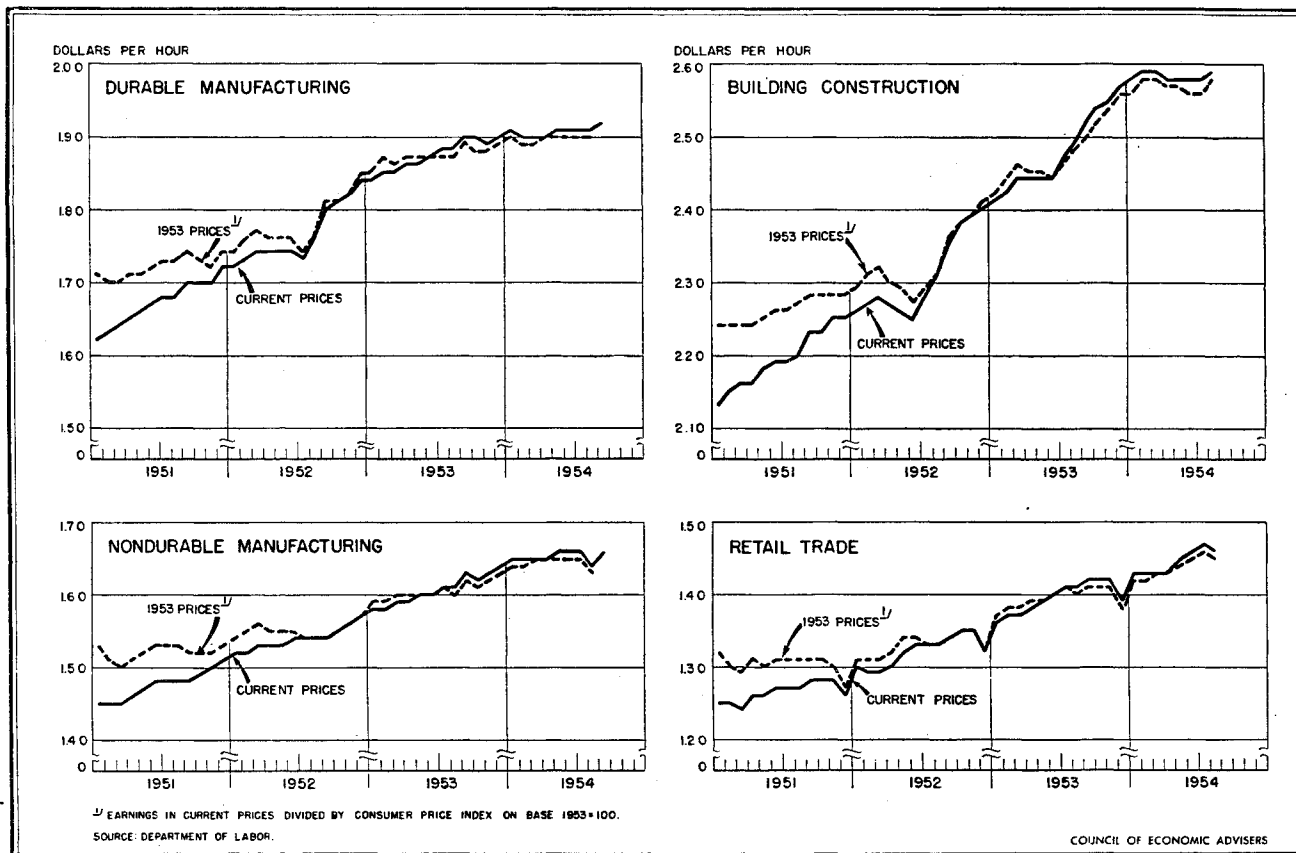
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NOTE.—Beginning with 1951, data have been revised as the result of adjusting employment series to a more recent benchmark.

Source: Department of Labor.

## AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS - SELECTED INDUSTRIES

Hourly earnings of production workers in manufacturing industries averaged \$1.81 in September, 2 cents more than in both August of this year and September of last year.



[For production workers or nonsupervisory employees]

Period	All manufacturing		Durable goods manufacturing		Nondurable goods manufacturing		Building construction		Retail trade	
	Current prices	1953 prices <sup>1</sup>	Current prices	1953 prices <sup>1</sup>	Current prices	1953 prices <sup>1</sup>	Current prices	1953 prices <sup>1</sup>	Current prices	1953 prices <sup>1</sup>
1939.....	\$0. 633	\$1. 220	\$0. 698	\$1. 345	\$0. 582	\$1. 121	\$0. 932	\$1. 796	\$0. 542	\$1. 044
1943.....	. 961	1. 485	1. 059	1. 637	. 803	1. 241	1. 252	1. 935	. 679	1. 049
1946.....	1. 086	1. 490	1. 156	1. 586	1. 015	1. 392	1. 478	2. 027	. 893	1. 225
1947.....	1. 237	1. 481	1. 292	1. 547	1. 171	1. 402	1. 681	2. 013	1. 009	1. 208
1948.....	1. 350	1. 502	1. 410	1. 568	1. 278	1. 422	<sup>2</sup> 1. 848	<sup>2</sup> 2. 056	1. 088	1. 210
1949.....	1. 401	1. 574	1. 469	1. 651	1. 325	1. 489	1. 935	2. 174	1. 137	1. 278
1950.....	1. 465	1. 630	1. 537	1. 710	1. 378	1. 533	2. 031	2. 259	1. 176	1. 308
1951.....	1. 59	1. 64	1. 67	1. 72	1. 48	1. 53	2. 19	2. 26	1. 26	1. 30
1952.....	1. 67	1. 68	1. 77	1. 78	1. 54	1. 55	2. 31	2. 33	1. 32	1. 33
1953.....	1. 77	1. 77	1. 87	1. 87	1. 61	1. 61	2. 48	2. 48	1. 40	1. 40
1953: 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. 79	1. 77	1. 90	1. 88	1. 62	1. 61	2. 54	2. 52	1. 42	1. 41
November.....	1. 79	1. 78	1. 89	1. 88	1. 63	1. 62	2. 55	2. 54	1. 42	1. 41
December.....	1. 80	1. 79	1. 90	1. 89	1. 64	1. 63	2. 57	2. 56	1. 39	1. 38
1954: January.....	1. 80	1. 79	1. 91	1. 90	1. 65	1. 64	2. 58	2. 56	1. 43	1. 42
February.....	1. 80	1. 79	1. 90	1. 89	1. 65	1. 64	2. 59	2. 58	1. 43	1. 42
March.....	1. 79	1. 78	1. 90	1. 89	1. 65	1. 65	2. 59	2. 58	1. 43	1. 43
April.....	1. 80	1. 80	1. 90	1. 90	1. 65	1. 65	2. 58	2. 57	1. 43	1. 43
May.....	1. 81	1. 80	1. 91	1. 90	1. 66	1. 65	2. 58	2. 57	1. 45	1. 44
June.....	1. 81	1. 80	1. 91	1. 90	1. 66	1. 65	2. 58	2. 56	1. 46	1. 45
July.....	1. 80	1. 79	1. 91	1. 90	1. 66	1. 65	2. 58	2. 56	1. 47	1. 46
August <sup>3</sup> .....	1. 79	1. 78	1. 91	1. 90	1. 64	1. 63	2. 59	2. 58	1. 46	1. 45
September <sup>3</sup> .....	1. 81	(4)	1. 92	(4)	1. 66	(4)	(4)	(4)	(4)	(4)

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

<sup>2</sup> Preliminary estimates.

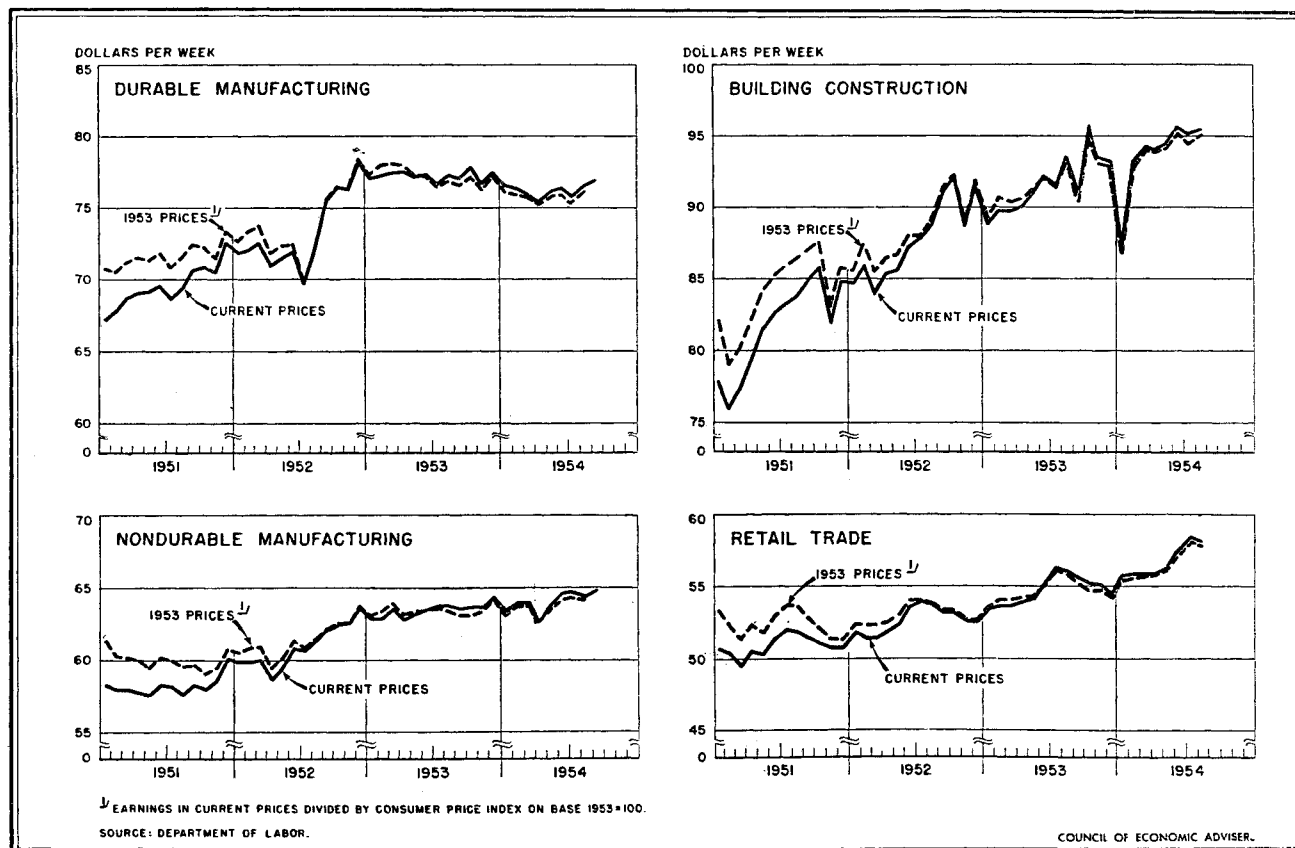
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<sup>4</sup> Not available.

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## AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS - SELECTED INDUSTRIES

Average weekly earnings of factory production workers rose 80 cents in September to \$71.86, reflecting the increase in the average hourly rate. Average earnings were 44 cents more than a year earlier.



[For production workers or nonsupervisory employees]

Period	All manufacturing		Durable goods manufacturing		Nondurable goods manufacturing		Building construction		Retail trade	
	Current prices	1953 prices <sup>1</sup>	Current prices	1953 prices <sup>1</sup>	Current prices	1953 prices <sup>1</sup>	Current prices	1953 prices <sup>1</sup>	Current prices	1953 prices <sup>1</sup>
1939.....	\$23.86	\$45.97	\$26.50	\$51.06	\$21.78	\$41.97	\$30.39	\$58.55	\$23.14	\$44.59
1943.....	43.14	66.68	49.30	76.20	34.12	52.74	48.13	74.39	27.36	42.29
1946.....	43.82	60.11	46.49	63.77	41.14	56.43	56.24	77.15	36.35	49.86
1947.....	49.97	59.84	52.46	62.83	46.96	56.24	63.30	75.81	40.66	48.69
1948.....	54.14	60.22	57.11	63.53	50.61	56.30	68.85	76.59	43.85	48.78
1949.....	54.92	61.71	58.03	65.20	51.41	57.76	70.95	79.72	45.93	51.61
1950.....	59.33	66.00	63.32	70.43	54.71	60.86	73.73	82.01	47.63	52.98
1951.....	64.71	66.71	69.47	71.62	58.46	60.27	81.47	83.99	50.65	52.22
1952.....	67.97	68.52	73.46	74.05	60.98	61.47	88.01	88.72	52.67	53.09
1953.....	71.69	71.69	77.23	77.23	63.60	63.60	91.76	91.76	55.02	55.02
1953: 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.....	72.14	71.50	77.90	77.21	63.67	63.10	95.76	94.91	55.24	54.75
November.....	71.60	71.24	76.73	76.35	63.73	63.41	93.59	93.12	55.10	54.83
December.....	72.36	72.07	77.52	77.21	64.45	64.19	93.29	92.92	54.49	54.27
1954: January.....	70.92	70.43	76.59	76.06	63.53	63.09	87.46	86.85	55.77	55.38
February.....	71.28	70.93	76.38	76.00	64.02	63.70	93.24	92.78	55.91	55.63
March.....	70.71	70.50	76.00	75.77	64.02	63.83	94.28	94.00	55.91	55.74
April.....	70.20	70.06	75.43	75.28	62.87	62.74	94.17	93.98	55.91	55.80
May.....	71.13	70.78	76.21	75.83	63.91	63.59	94.69	94.22	56.41	56.13
June.....	71.68	71.25	76.40	75.94	64.57	64.18	95.72	95.15	57.38	57.04
July.....	70.92	70.43	75.83	75.30	64.74	64.29	95.20	94.54	58.51	58.10
August <sup>2</sup> .....	71.06	70.71	76.59	76.21	64.45	64.13	95.57	95.09	58.11	57.82
September <sup>3</sup> .....	71.86	(4)	76.99	(4)	64.91	(4)	(4)	(4)	(4)	(4)

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

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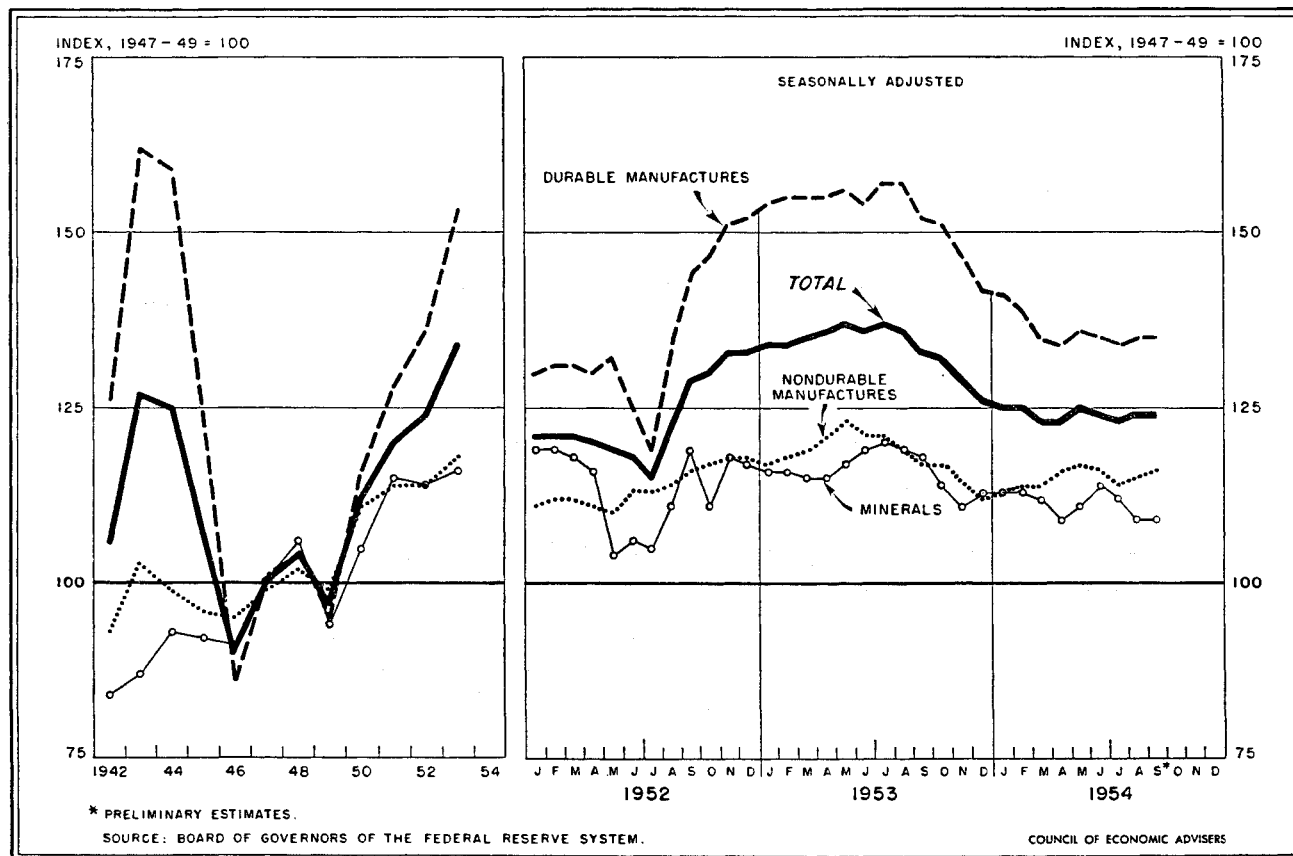
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Source: Department of Labor.

# PRODUCTION AND BUSINESS ACTIVITY

## INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION

The industrial production index in September (seasonally adjusted) continued at the August level of 124 (1947-49=100).



[1947-49=100, seasonally adjusted]

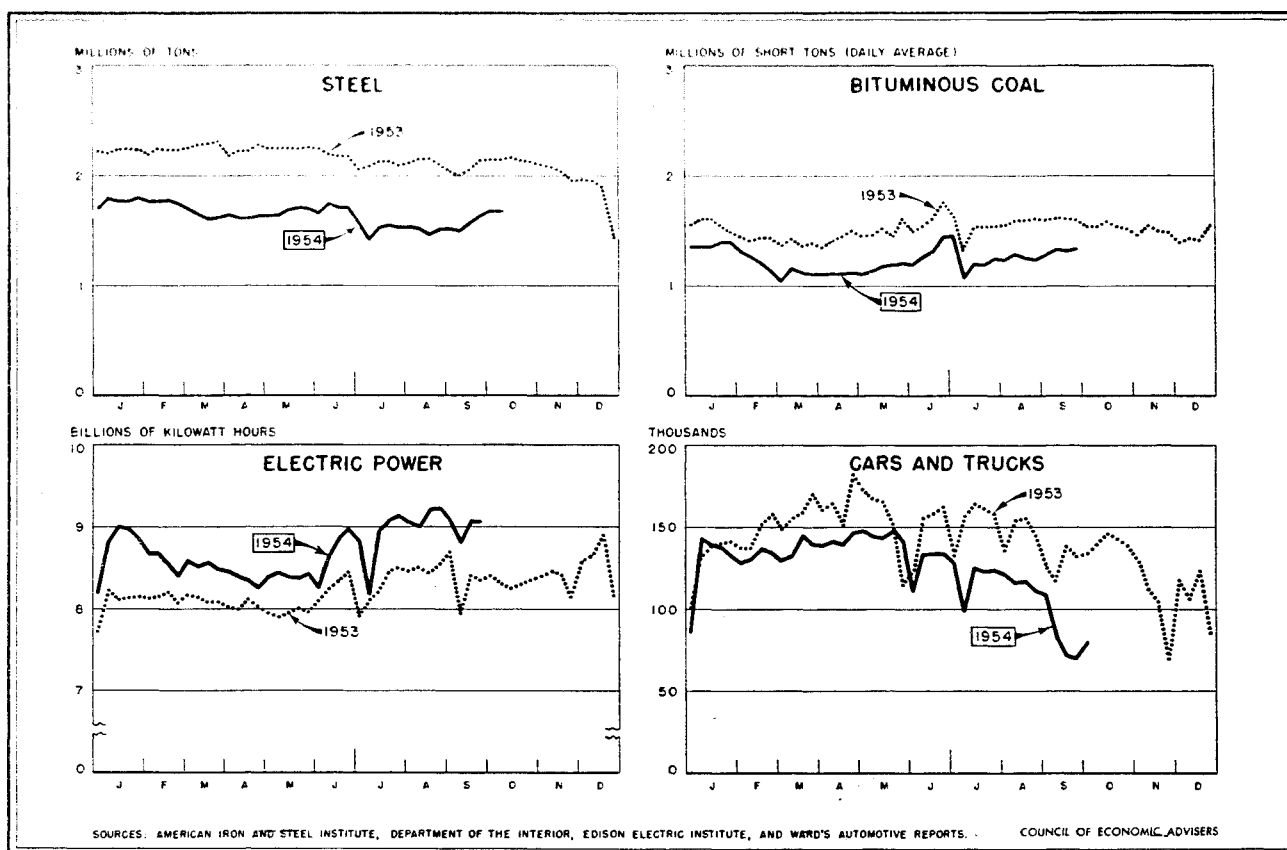
Period	Total industrial production	Manufactures			Minerals
		Total	Durable	Nondurable	
1939.....	58	57	49	66	68
1943.....	127	133	162	103	87
1946.....	90	90	86	95	91
1947.....	100	100	101	99	100
1948.....	104	103	104	102	106
1949.....	97	97	95	99	94
1950.....	112	113	116	111	105
1951.....	120	121	128	114	115
1952.....	124	125	136	114	114
1953.....	134	136	153	118	116
1953: August.....	136	138	157	119	119
September.....	133	135	152	117	118
October.....	132	134	151	117	114
November.....	129	131	146	115	111
December.....	126	127	142	112	113
1954: January.....	125	127	141	113	113
February.....	125	126	139	114	113
March.....	123	125	135	114	112
April.....	123	125	134	116	109
May.....	125	126	136	117	111
June.....	124	125	135	116	114
July.....	123	124	134	114	112
August.....	124	125	135	115	109
September <sup>1</sup> .....	124	125	135	116	109

<sup>1</sup> Preliminary estimates.

Source: Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

## WEEKLY PRODUCTION - SELECTED INDICATORS

Steel production rose 5 percent in September. Auto assemblies were much lower than in August, due to model changeovers. Electric power distribution decreased a bit, as is usual in September.



Period	Steel		Electric power, by utilities (millions of kilowatt-hours)	Bituminous coal (thousands of short tons) <sup>2</sup>	Cars and trucks (number)		
	Thousands of net tons	Percent of theoretical capacity <sup>1</sup>			Total	Cars	Trucks
Weekly average:							
1950.....	1, 857	96. 9	6, 183	1, 687	154, 215	128, 364	25, 851
1951.....	2, 018	100. 9	6, 958	1, 772	129, 826	102, 670	27, 157
1952.....	1, 782	85. 8	7, 451	1, 548	106, 837	83, 413	23, 424
1953.....	2, 141	94. 9	8, 244	1, 507	141, 122	117, 972	23, 151
1953: August.....	2, 123	94. 2	8, 488	1, 549	147, 542	123, 289	24, 253
September.....	2, 076	92. 1	8, 352	1, 640	129, 605	107, 966	21, 639
October.....	2, 136	94. 7	8, 331	1, 503	141, 796	121, 547	20, 249
November.....	2, 026	89. 9	8, 352	1, 496	103, 576	85, 570	18, 006
December.....	1, 798	79. 7	8, 502	1, 466	103, 511	82, 959	20, 552
1954: January.....	1, 795	75. 3	8, 918	1, 346	138, 387	114, 057	24, 330
February.....	1, 771	74. 3	8, 576	1, 226	132, 416	110, 922	21, 493
March.....	1, 646	69. 0	8, 526	1, 146	136, 951	115, 011	21, 940
April.....	1, 625	68. 1	8, 347	1, 109	144, 140	122, 035	22, 105
May.....	1, 687	70. 7	8, 406	1, 142	144, 496	122, 338	22, 158
June.....	1, 716	72. 0	8, 684	1, 314	128, 247	109, 078	19, 168
July.....	1, 499	62. 9	8, 841	1, 182	117, 611	100, 341	17, 270
August.....	1, 505	63. 1	9, 122	1, 271	116, 350	99, 832	16, 518
September <sup>3</sup> .....	1, 582	66. 3	9, 040	1, 357	82, 786	67, 473	15, 313
Week ended:							
1954: September 4.....	1, 525	64. 0	9, 087	1, 283	108, 854	92, 035	16, 819
11.....	1, 502	63. 0	8, 808	1, 329	82, 747	69, 741	13, 006
18.....	1, 583	66. 4	9, 074	1, 322	71, 358	57, 716	13, 642
25.....	1, 637	68. 7	9, 072	1, 356	69, 944	53, 760	16, 184
October 2 <sup>3</sup> .....	1, 678	70. 4	9, 158	1, 332	81, 027	64, 115	16, 912
9 <sup>3</sup> .....	1, 692	71. 0			79, 858	64, 017	15, 841

<sup>1</sup> 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.

<sup>2</sup> Daily average for week.

<sup>3</sup> Preliminary estimates.

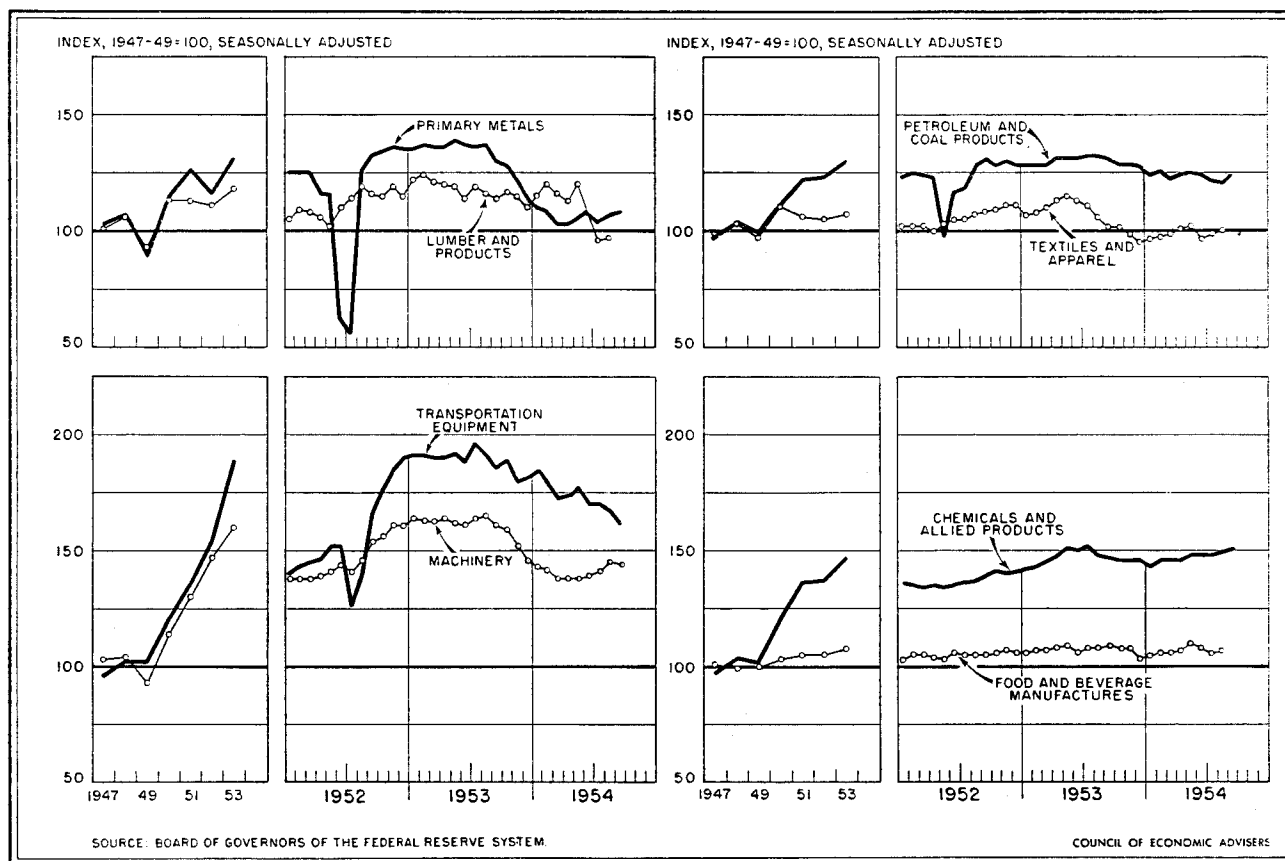
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# PRODUCTION OF SELECTED MANUFACTURES

In September, there were significant but offsetting changes in output among the individual industries.



[1947-49=100, seasonally adjusted]

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
1951.....	126	113	130	135	106	122	105	136
1952.....	116	111	147	154	105	123	105	137
1953.....	132	118	160	189	107	130	107	147
1953: August.....	137	116	165	191	106	132	108	148
September.....	130	114	161	186	102	131	109	147
October.....	128	117	159	189	102	129	108	146
November.....	122	115	152	180	98	129	108	145
December.....	113	110	146	182	95	128	103	145
1954: January.....	111	115	143	185	97	124	105	143
February.....	109	120	141	179	98	126	106	146
March.....	103	116	138	173	99	122	106	146
April.....	103	113	138	174	<sup>1</sup> 100	124	107	146
May.....	106	120	138	178	<sup>1</sup> 101	125	110	148
June.....	108	108	139	170	<sup>1</sup> 99	124	108	148
July.....	103	96	141	170	<sup>1</sup> 100	122	<sup>1</sup> 105	148
August.....	106	97	145	167	<sup>1</sup> 99	121	<sup>1</sup> 106	149
September <sup>2</sup> .....	108	.....	144	162	<sup>1</sup> 98	124	<sup>1</sup> 106	151

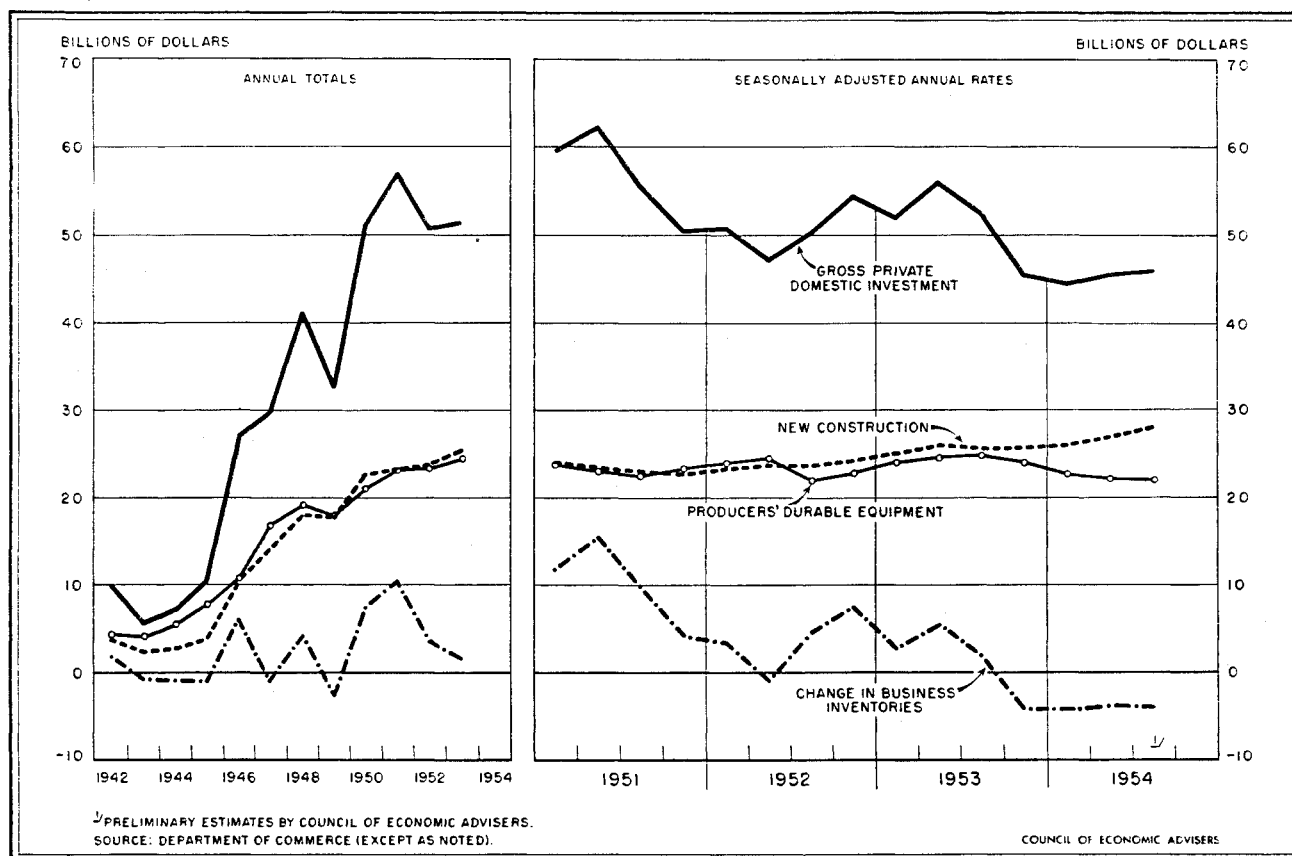
<sup>1</sup> Data became available after chart was prepared.

<sup>2</sup> Preliminary estimates.

Source: Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

## GROSS PRIVATE DOMESTIC INVESTMENT

Gross private domestic investment increased by \$400 million (seasonally adjusted annual rate) from the second to the third quarter, according to preliminary estimates. Residential construction increased \$900 million, while investment in producers' durable equipment decreased.



[Billions of dollars]

Period	Total gross private domestic investment	New construction			Producers' durable equipment	Change in business inventories
		Total	Residential nonfarm	Other		
1939.....	9.3	4.8	2.7	2.1	4.2	0.4
1944.....	7.1	2.7	.8	1.9	5.4	-1.0
1946.....	27.1	10.3	4.0	6.3	10.7	6.1
1947.....	29.7	14.0	6.3	7.7	16.7	-1.0
1948.....	41.2	17.9	8.6	9.3	19.1	4.2
1949.....	32.5	17.5	8.3	9.2	17.8	-2.7
1950.....	51.2	22.7	12.6	10.1	21.1	7.4
1951.....	56.9	23.3	11.0	12.4	23.2	10.4
1952.....	50.7	23.7	11.1	12.6	23.3	3.6
1953.....	51.4	25.5	11.9	13.6	24.4	1.5
Seasonally adjusted annual rates						
1953: First quarter.....	51.9	25.0	11.7	13.3	24.1	2.8
Second quarter.....	55.9	25.9	12.2	13.7	24.4	5.4
Third quarter.....	52.4	25.6	12.1	13.5	24.6	2.0
Fourth quarter.....	45.5	25.7	11.7	13.9	24.0	-4.2
1954: First quarter.....	44.5	26.0	11.7	14.3	22.7	-4.2
Second quarter.....	45.6	27.0	12.8	14.2	22.4	-3.8
Third quarter <sup>1</sup> .....	46.0	28.0	13.7	14.3	22.0	-4.0

<sup>1</sup> Preliminary estimates by Council of Economic Advisers.

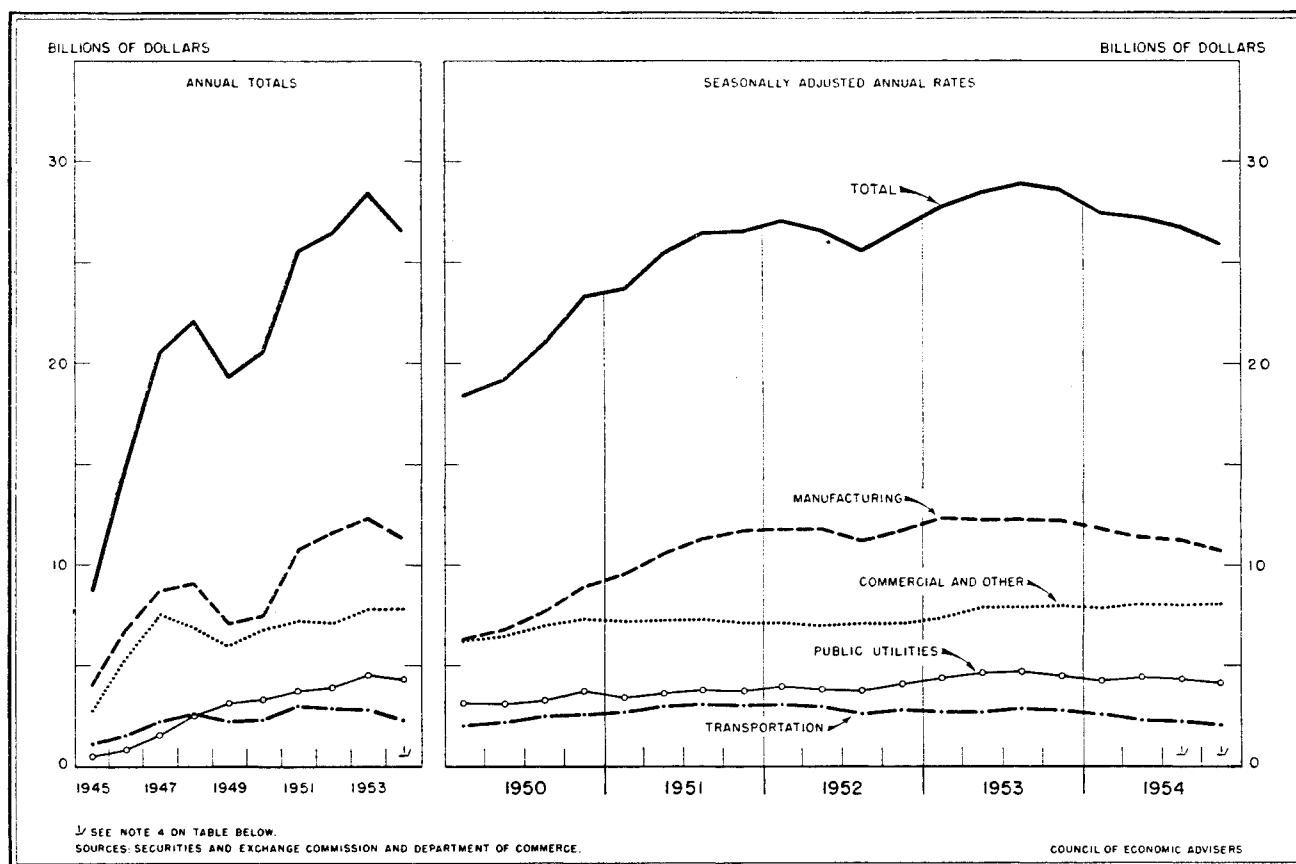
NOTE.—The national income and expenditure series have been revised by the Department of Commerce. For details see *Survey of Current Business*, July 1954.

Detail will not necessarily add to totals because of rounding.

Source: Department of Commerce (except as noted).

## EXPENDITURES FOR NEW PLANT AND EQUIPMENT<sup>1</sup>

According to a survey made in August, business expenditures for new plant and equipment in 1954 are expected to total \$26.7 billion, or \$1.7 billion less than in 1953. Business firms anticipate spending \$26.8 billion and \$26.0 billion (seasonally adjusted annual rates) in the third and fourth quarters of this year, respectively.



[Billions of dollars]

Period	Total <sup>1</sup>	Manufacturing			Mining	Transportation		Public utilities	Commercial and other <sup>2</sup>
		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	26.49	11.63	5.61	6.02	.98	1.40	1.50	3.89	7.09
1953	28.39	12.28	5.82	6.46	1.01	1.31	1.46	4.55	7.78
1954 <sup>3</sup>	26.69	11.33	5.20	6.13	1.01	.85	1.40	4.27	7.82
Seasonally adjusted annual rates									
1953: Third quarter	28.92	12.30	5.76	6.54	1.06	1.30	1.59	4.72	7.94
Fourth quarter	28.56	12.22	5.69	6.53	1.10	1.26	1.52	4.46	8.00
1954: First quarter	27.48	11.87	5.50	6.37	.95	1.06	1.47	4.29	7.84
Second quarter	27.19	11.37	5.29	6.08	1.06	.92	1.36	4.43	8.05
Third quarter <sup>4</sup>	26.75	11.23	5.22	6.01	1.05	.80	1.39	4.30	7.98
Fourth quarter <sup>4</sup>	25.96	10.74	4.75	5.99	1.05	.65	1.38	4.11	8.03

<sup>1</sup> Excludes agriculture.

<sup>2</sup> Commercial and other includes trade, service, finance, communications, and construction.

<sup>3</sup> 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.

<sup>4</sup> Estimates based on anticipated capital expenditures as reported by business in August 1954.

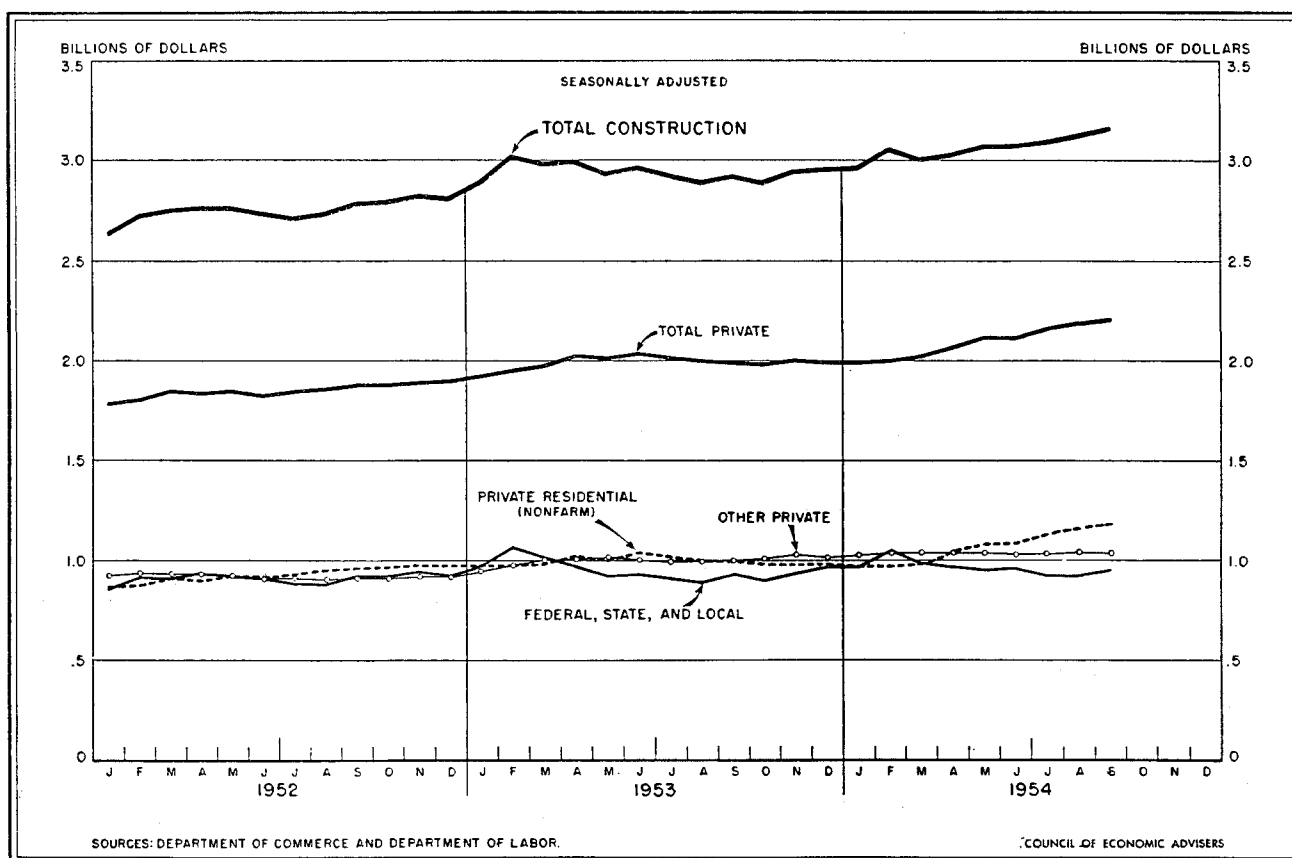
NOTE.—These figures do not agree with the totals included in the gross national product estimates of the Department of Commerce, principally because the latter cover agricultural investment and also certain equipment and construction outlays charged to current expense.

Detail will not necessarily add to totals because of rounding.

Sources: Securities and Exchange Commission and Department of Commerce.

## NEW CONSTRUCTION

Expenditure for new construction, seasonally adjusted, reached a new record level in September. In that month, it was 8 percent above a year earlier.



[Millions of dollars, seasonally adjusted]

Period	Total new construction	Private construction			Federal, State, and local <sup>1</sup>
		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
1951 monthly average.....	2,598	1,814	914	899	785
1952 monthly average.....	2,751	1,842	925	917	908
1953 monthly average.....	2,938	1,990	994	996	948
1953: August.....	2,883	2,000	1,005	995	883
September.....	2,925	1,994	995	999	931
October.....	2,880	1,982	979	1,003	898
November.....	2,936	2,002	976	1,026	934
December.....	2,955	1,992	981	1,011	963
1954: January.....	2,956	1,992	971	1,021	964
February.....	3,050	2,004	972	1,032	1,046
March.....	3,001	2,017	981	1,036	984
April.....	3,025	2,063	1,032	1,031	962
May.....	3,066	2,116	1,081	1,035	950
June.....	3,070	2,113	1,085	1,028	957
July.....	3,084	2,161	1,128	1,033	923
August.....	3,123	2,199	1,160	1,039	924
September <sup>2</sup> .....	3,160	2,210	1,178	1,032	950

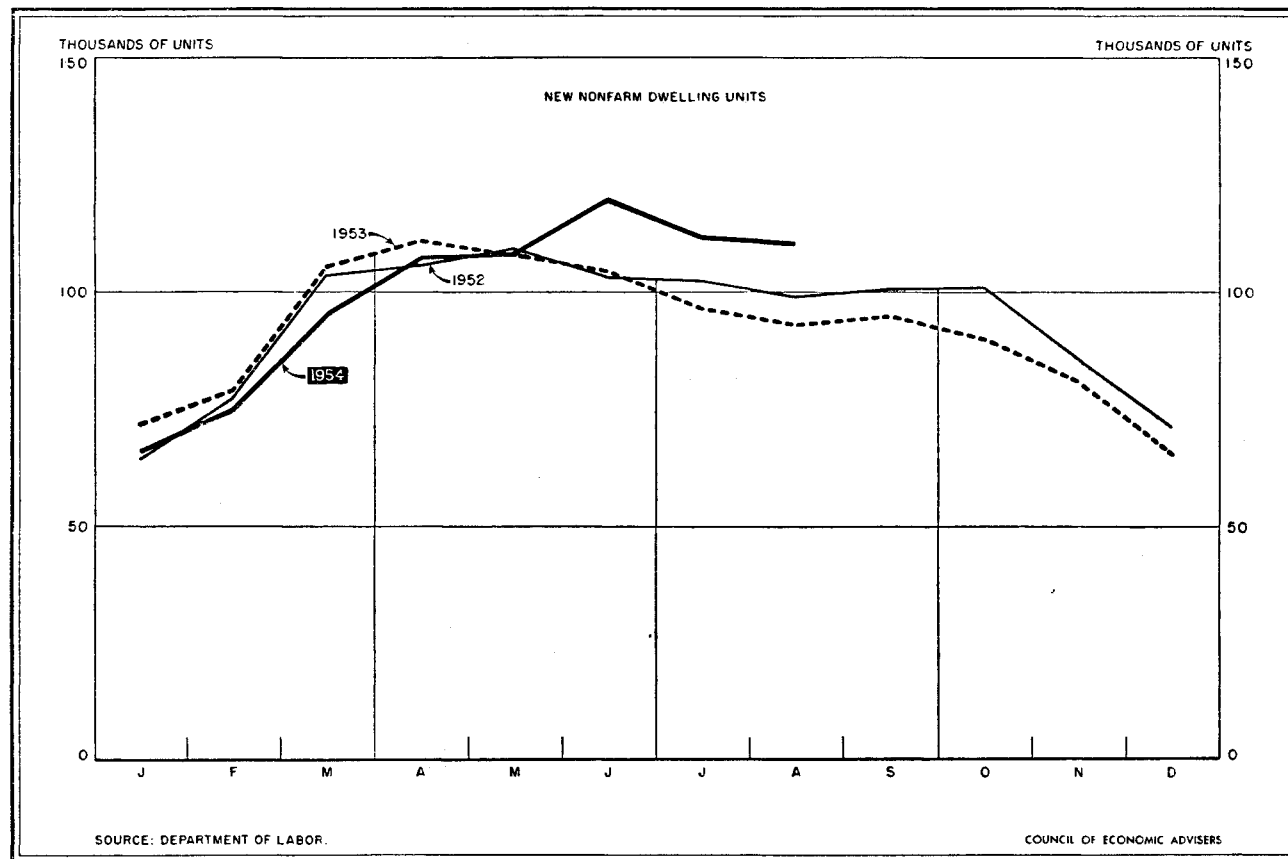
<sup>1</sup> Includes public residential construction.

<sup>2</sup> Preliminary estimates.

Sources: Department of Commerce and Department of Labor.

## NEW HOUSING STARTS

In August, nonfarm housing starts totaled 111,000, or 19 percent higher than last year. On a seasonally adjusted basis, private starts in August were at an annual rate of close to 1.2 million units.



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.....	1,103,800	35,500	1,068,300	-----
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.....	92,000	3,000	89,000	-----
1953: July.....	96,700	300	96,400	1,015,000
August.....	93,200	1,000	92,200	988,000
September.....	95,100	3,000	92,100	1,014,000
October.....	90,100	(1)	90,100	1,050,000
November.....	81,500	1,600	79,900	1,077,000
December.....	65,800	1,300	64,500	1,060,000
1954: January.....	66,400	1,300	65,100	1,056,000
February.....	75,200	1,300	73,900	1,152,000
March.....	95,200	2,000	93,200	1,130,000
April.....	107,700	1,200	106,500	1,102,000
May.....	108,500	1,100	107,400	1,083,000
June <sup>2</sup> .....	120,000	4,400	115,600	1,206,000
July <sup>2</sup> .....	112,000	3,000	109,000	1,147,000
August <sup>2</sup> .....	111,000	1,200	109,800	1,176,000

<sup>1</sup> Less than 50.

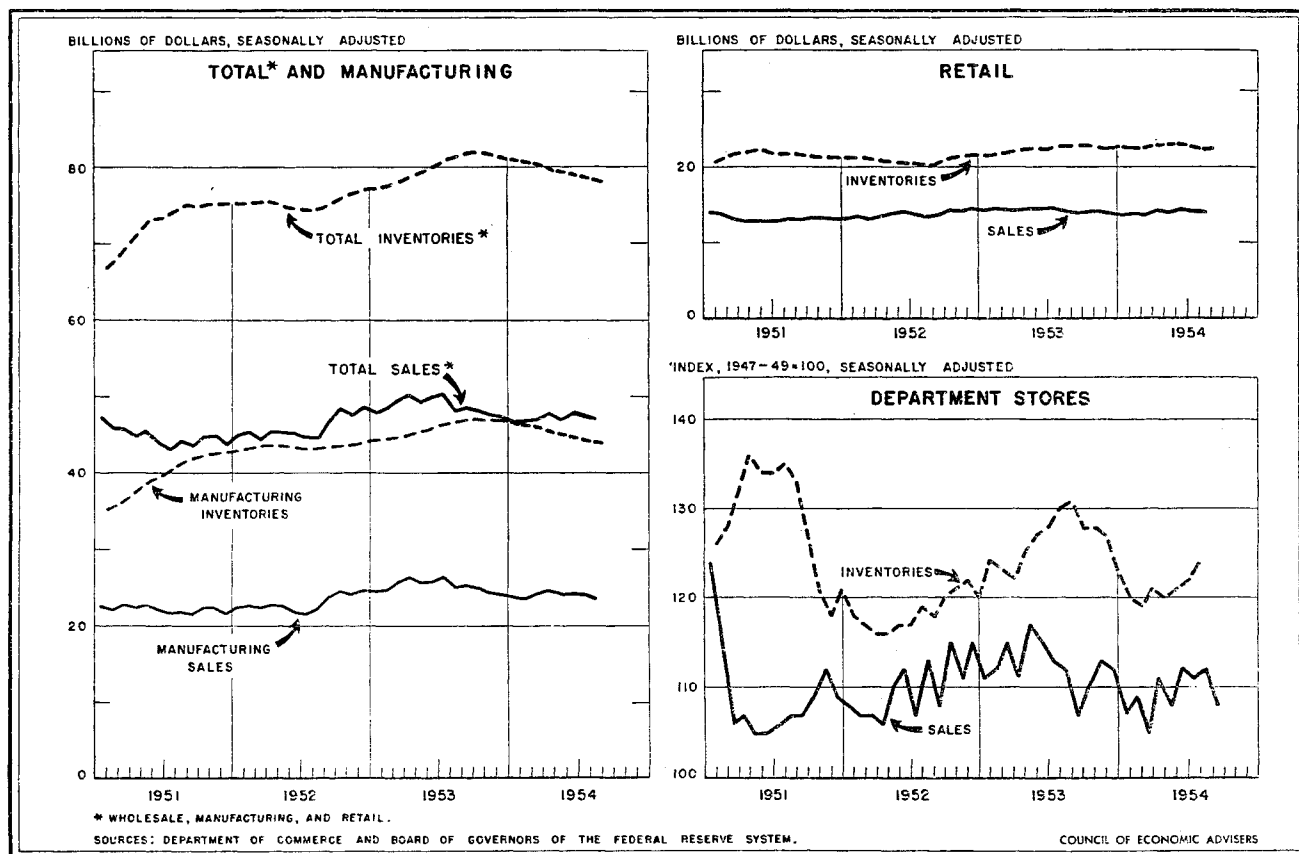
<sup>2</sup> Preliminary estimates.

NOTE.—Data beginning with January 1954 are based upon a revised method of estimating housing starts. In addition, revised seasonal indexes have been applied in computing seasonally adjusted annual rates of private housing starts from January 1946 forward.

Source: Department of Labor.

# INVENTORIES AND SALES

Total sales were about \$500 million (seasonally adjusted) lower in August than in July. The inventory decumulation in manufacturing continued. Manufacturers' new orders increased.



Period	Manufacturing and trade <sup>1</sup>		Retail		Manufacturing			Department stores	
	Inven- tories <sup>2</sup>	Sales <sup>3</sup>	Inven- tories <sup>2</sup>	Sales <sup>3</sup>	Inven- tories <sup>2</sup>	Sales <sup>3</sup>	New orders <sup>3</sup>	Inven- tories <sup>4</sup>	Sales <sup>3</sup>
	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	42,892	27,150	11,852	8,541	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	39,917	18,652	11,974	34,314	19,285	20,980	109	105
1951	<sup>6</sup> 75,268	<sup>5</sup> 44,821	<sup>5</sup> 21,239	<sup>6</sup> 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	81,072	48,817	22,661	14,234	46,722	25,271	23,846	126	112
1953: July	81,116	50,398	22,743	14,469	46,485	26,366	24,525	130	113
August	81,586	48,138	22,775	14,073	46,888	25,067	22,339	131	112
September	82,000	48,652	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	81,276	47,518	22,437	14,104	46,909	24,256	21,594	127	113
December	81,072	47,209	22,661	13,932	46,722	24,126	22,026	123	112
1954: January	80,688	46,450	22,521	13,622	46,382	23,902	20,749	120	107
February	80,390	46,714	22,421	13,972	46,115	23,620	22,616	119	109
March	80,093	47,094	22,563	13,900	45,774	24,064	22,859	121	105
April	79,516	47,636	22,690	14,242	45,183	24,418	23,017	120	111
May	79,372	46,914	22,804	14,044	44,798	23,978	22,819	121	108
June	79,000	47,779	22,600	14,439	44,535	24,260	22,876	122	112
July	78,349	47,417	22,403	14,272	44,194	24,055	22,551	124	111
August <sup>6</sup>	78,087	46,905	22,451	14,170	43,878	23,651	22,713	124	112
September <sup>6</sup>									108

<sup>1</sup> Also includes wholesale, not shown separately in this table

<sup>2</sup> Book value, end of period.

<sup>3</sup> Monthly average for year and total for month.

<sup>4</sup> Book value, end of period, except annual data, which are monthly averages.

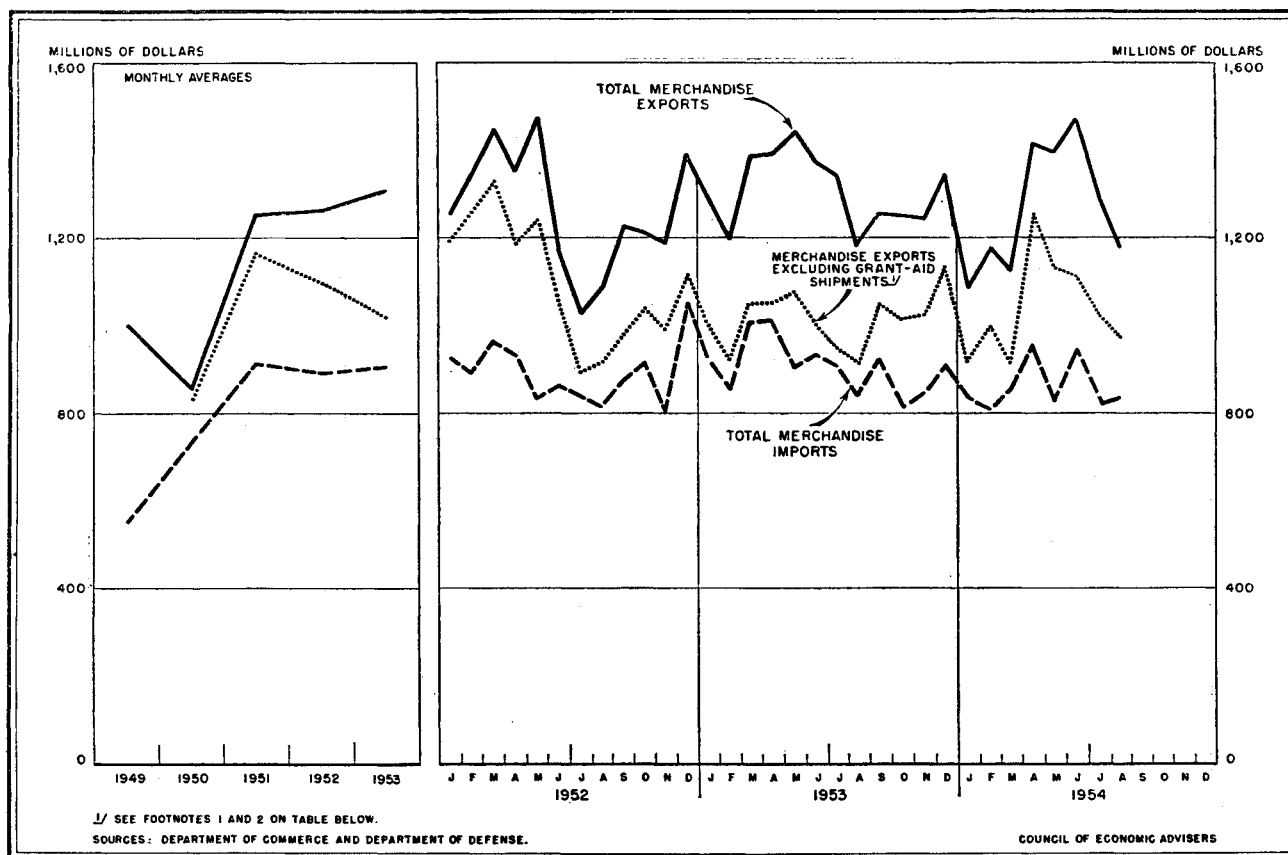
<sup>5</sup> New series on retail trade beginning with 1951; not comparable with previous data. See *Survey of Current Business*, September and November 1952, for detail.

<sup>6</sup> Preliminary estimates.

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

## MERCHANDISE EXPORTS AND IMPORTS

Commercial exports declined in August, while imports rose slightly. However, for the first 8 months of this year, commercial exports were 4 percent above, and imports were 7 percent below, their levels in the corresponding period last year. The export surplus decreased in August.



[Millions of dollars]

Period	Merchandise exports			Merchandise imports	Excess of exports (+) or imports (-)	
	Total <sup>1</sup>	Grant-aid shipments <sup>2</sup>	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
1951 monthly average	1,253	89	1,164	914	+339	+250
1952 monthly average	1,266	166	1,100	893	+373	+207
1953 monthly average	1,315	293	1,022	906	+409	+116
1953: July	1,358	398	960	908	+450	+52
August	1,186	275	911	840	+346	+71
September	1,256	205	1,051	926	+330	+126
October	1,259	234	1,026	814	+446	+212
November	1,253	216	1,037	849	+404	+188
December	1,353	215	1,137	907	+446	+231
1954: January	1,092	169	922	833	+258	+89
February	1,182	184	998	809	+373	+189
March	1,124	203	921	858	+266	+63
April	1,426	167	1,258	957	+468	+301
May	1,399	264	1,135	829	+570	+306
June	1,474	359	1,114	945	+529	+169
July	1,290	268	1,022	821	+468	+201
August <sup>3</sup>	1,177	203	974	835	+342	+139

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

<sup>2</sup> 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.

<sup>3</sup> Preliminary estimates.

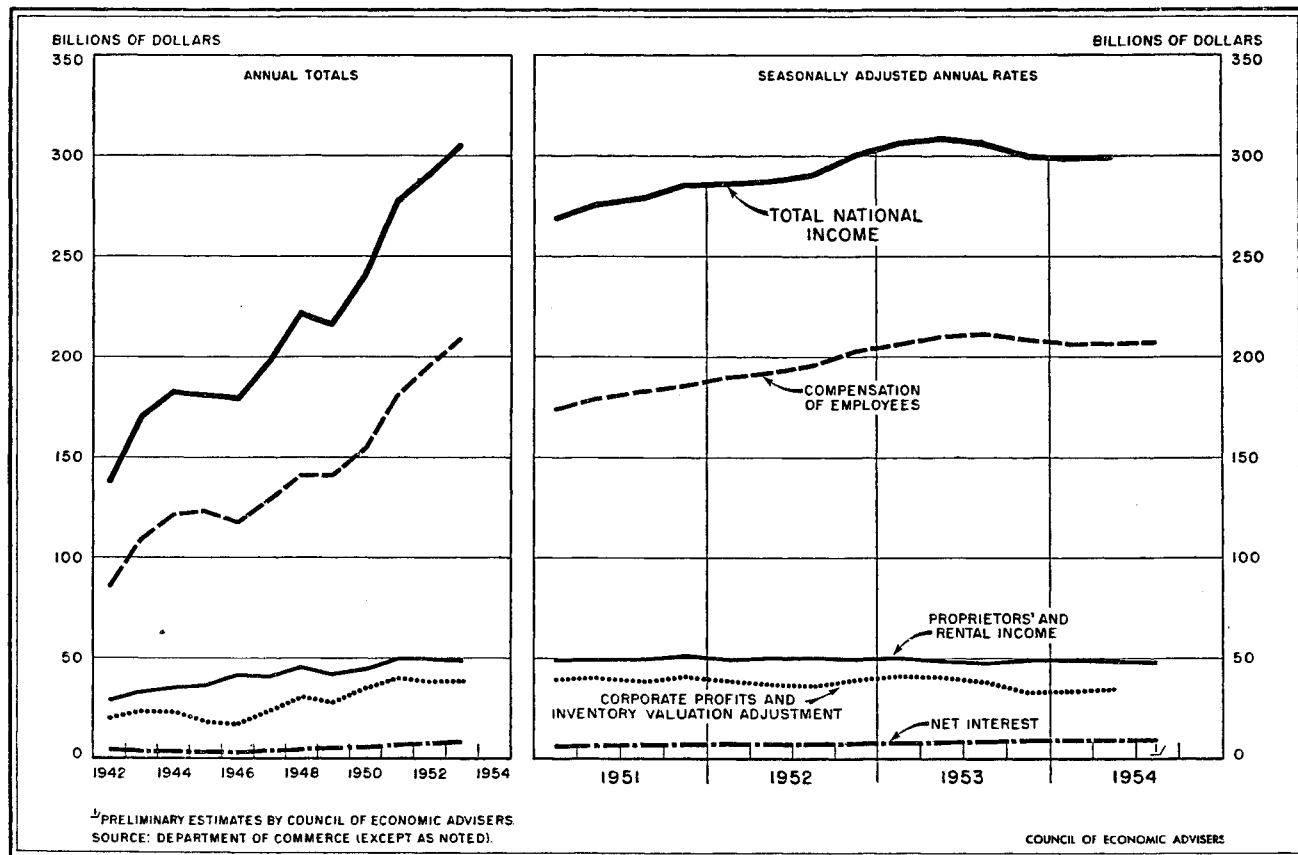
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Sources: Department of Commerce and Department of Defense.

# PURCHASING POWER

## NATIONAL INCOME

According to preliminary estimates, employee compensation rose \$½ billion (seasonally adjusted annual rate) during the third quarter, while farm income declined \$1 billion. Other major components showed very little change.



[Billions of dollars]

Period	Total national income	Compensation of employees <sup>1</sup>	Proprietors' income		Rental income of persons	Net interest	Corporate profits and inventory valuation adjustment		
			Farm	Business and professional			Total	Profits before taxes	Inventory valuation adjustment
1939-----	72.8	48.1	4.3	7.3	2.7	4.6	5.7	6.4	-0.7
1944-----	182.6	121.3	11.5	18.0	5.4	3.3	23.0	23.3	-.3
1946-----	179.6	117.7	13.9	21.3	6.2	3.1	17.3	22.6	-5.3
1947-----	197.2	128.8	14.5	19.9	6.5	3.8	23.6	29.5	-5.9
1948-----	221.6	140.9	16.7	21.6	7.2	4.5	30.6	32.8	-2.2
1949-----	216.2	140.9	12.7	21.4	7.9	5.2	28.1	26.2	1.9
1950-----	240.0	154.3	13.3	22.9	8.5	5.9	35.1	40.0	-4.9
1951-----	277.0	180.4	16.0	24.8	9.1	6.8	39.9	41.2	-1.3
1952-----	291.0	195.4	14.2	25.7	10.0	7.4	38.2	37.2	1.0
1953-----	305.0	209.1	12.2	26.2	10.6	8.4	38.5	39.4	-1.0
Seasonally adjusted annual rates									
1953: First quarter-----	305.9	206.2	13.4	26.5	10.5	7.9	41.4	42.4	-0.9
Second quarter-----	308.2	210.0	12.1	26.3	10.5	8.3	41.0	41.9	-.9
Third quarter-----	306.2	211.4	11.1	26.1	10.6	8.6	38.3	40.9	-2.6
Fourth quarter-----	299.9	208.8	12.3	25.9	10.8	8.9	33.1	32.5	.6
1954: First quarter-----	298.9	206.4	13.0	25.6	10.8	9.0	34.1	34.5	-.4
Second quarter-----	<sup>2</sup> 299.6	206.6	12.2	25.9	10.9	9.1	<sup>2</sup> 34.9	<sup>2</sup> 34.5	.4
Third quarter <sup>2</sup> -----	( <sup>3</sup> )	207.1	11.2	26.1	10.9	9.2	( <sup>3</sup> )	( <sup>3</sup> )	.0

<sup>1</sup> Includes employer contributions for social insurance. (See also p. 23.)

<sup>2</sup> Preliminary estimates by Council of Economic Advisers.

<sup>3</sup> Not available.

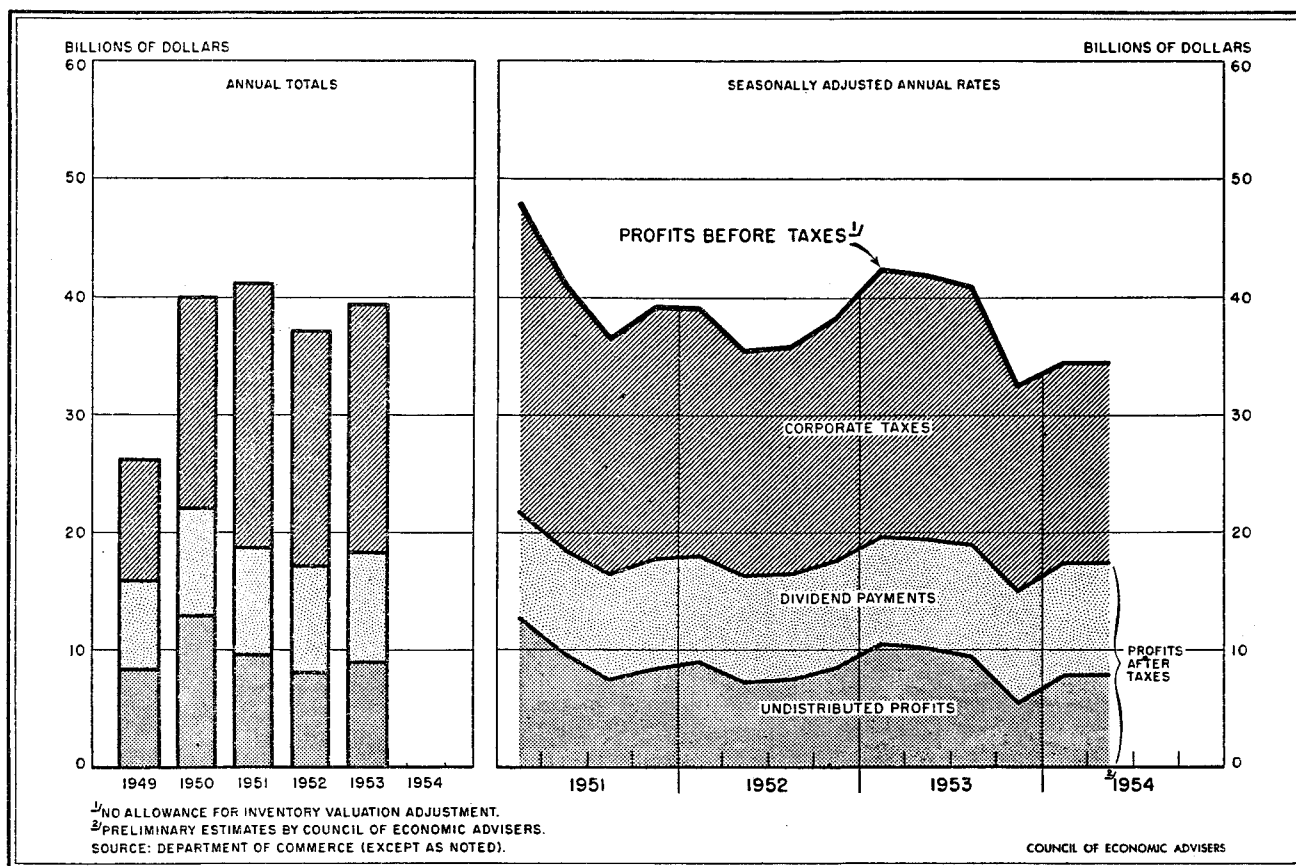
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Source: Department of Commerce (except as noted).



## CORPORATE PROFITS

Corporate profits, both before and after taxes, in the first half of this year were well below a year ago. Abolition of the excess profits tax contributed to the relatively favorable showing of profits after taxes.



[Billions of dollars]

Period	Corporate profits before taxes	Corporate tax liability	Corporate profits after taxes		
			Total	Dividend payments	Undistributed profits
1939.....	6.4	1.4	5.0	3.8	1.2
1944.....	23.3	12.9	10.4	4.7	5.7
1946.....	22.6	9.1	13.4	5.8	7.7
1947.....	29.5	11.3	18.2	6.5	11.7
1948.....	32.8	12.5	20.3	7.2	13.0
1949.....	26.2	10.4	15.8	7.5	8.3
1950.....	40.0	17.8	22.1	9.2	12.9
1951.....	41.2	22.5	18.7	9.1	9.6
1952.....	37.2	20.0	17.2	9.1	8.1
1953.....	39.4	21.1	18.3	9.4	8.9
Seasonally adjusted annual rates					
1953: First quarter.....	42.4	22.7	19.7	9.1	10.6
Second quarter.....	41.9	22.5	19.5	9.3	10.2
Third quarter.....	40.9	21.9	19.0	9.5	9.5
Fourth quarter.....	32.5	17.4	15.1	9.6	5.5
1954: First quarter.....	34.5	17.0	17.5	9.6	7.9
Second quarter <sup>1</sup> .....	34.5	17.0	17.5	9.6	7.9

<sup>1</sup> Preliminary estimates by Council of Economic Advisers.

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

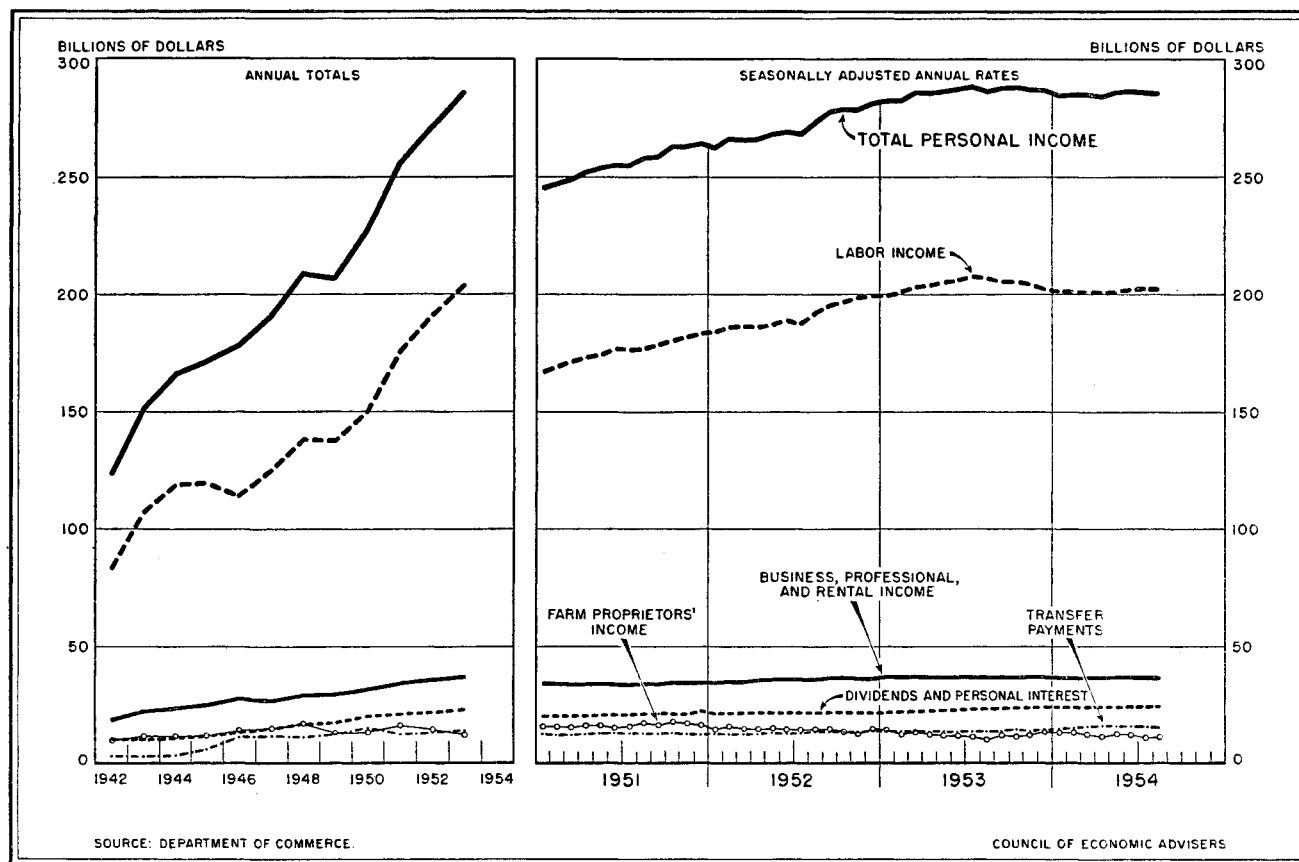
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Source: Department of Commerce (except as noted).

# PERSONAL INCOME

Total personal income in August was slightly below the July level.



[Billions of dollars]

Period	Total personal income	Labor income (wage and salary disbursements and other labor income) <sup>1</sup>	Proprietors' income		Rental income of persons	Dividends	Personal interest income	Transfer payments	Less: Personal contributions for social insurance <sup>2</sup>
			Farm	Business and professional					
1939.....	72.9	46.6	4.3	7.3	2.7	3.8	5.8	3.0	0.6
1944.....	165.7	118.5	11.5	18.0	5.4	4.7	6.2	3.6	2.2
1948.....	208.7	137.9	16.7	21.6	7.2	7.2	9.0	11.3	2.2
1949.....	206.8	137.4	12.7	21.4	7.9	7.5	9.8	12.4	2.2
1950.....	227.1	150.3	13.3	22.9	8.5	9.2	10.6	<sup>3</sup> 15.1	2.9
1952.....	271.2	190.6	14.2	25.7	10.0	9.1	12.3	13.1	3.8
1953.....	286.1	204.4	12.2	26.2	10.6	9.4	13.5	13.8	4.0
Seasonally adjusted annual rates									
1953: July.....	288.2	207.8	11.2	26.3	10.5	9.4	13.6	13.6	4.1
August.....	286.4	207.1	10.1	26.1	10.5	9.5	13.7	13.6	4.1
September.....	287.7	205.7	12.1	26.0	10.8	9.5	13.9	13.7	4.0
October.....	287.8	205.7	11.3	25.9	10.8	9.5	14.0	14.6	4.0
November.....	287.2	204.5	12.2	26.1	10.8	9.6	14.1	13.9	4.0
December.....	287.0	202.7	13.4	25.8	10.9	9.6	14.1	14.4	4.1
1954: January.....	284.9	201.3	13.2	25.5	10.9	9.7	14.2	14.8	4.7
February.....	285.0	201.3	13.2	25.6	10.8	9.6	14.3	15.0	4.8
March.....	285.0	201.1	12.5	25.6	10.8	9.6	14.3	15.8	4.7
April.....	284.4	200.9	11.5	25.9	10.8	9.6	14.4	15.9	4.6
May.....	286.2	201.6	12.6	25.8	11.0	9.6	14.4	15.8	4.6
June.....	286.5	202.1	12.2	26.0	10.9	9.6	14.4	15.8	4.7
July.....	285.7	202.3	11.1	26.0	10.8	9.7	14.5	15.8	4.5
August <sup>4</sup> .....	285.4	202.1	11.5	25.9	10.8	9.8	14.5	15.5	4.7

<sup>1</sup> Excludes employer contributions for social insurance. (See also p. 21.)

<sup>2</sup> Social insurance contributions of employees and, beginning January 1952, of self-employed persons.

<sup>3</sup> Includes \$2.7 billion National Service Life Insurance dividend, most of which was paid in the first half of the year.

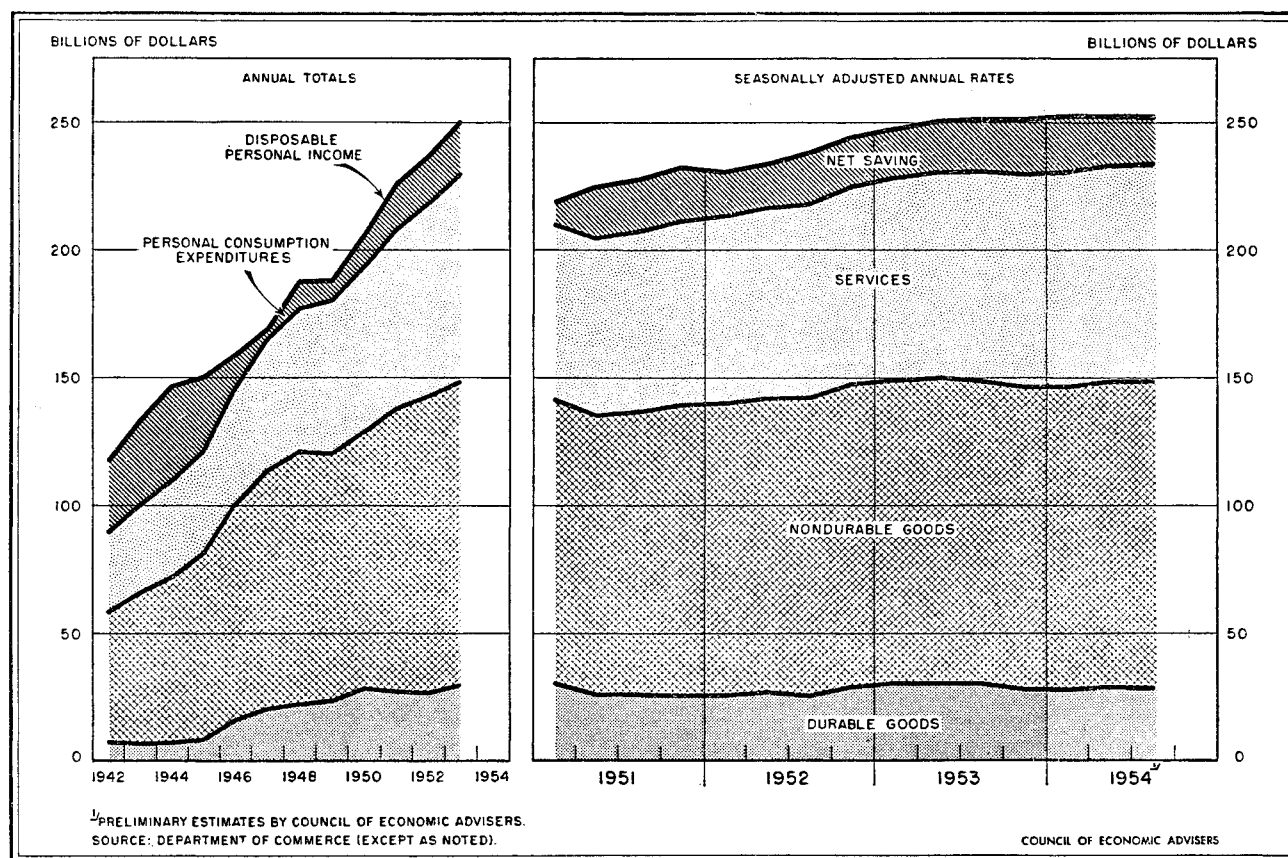
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Source: Department of Commerce.

## CONSUMER INCOME, SPENDING, AND SAVING

Disposable personal income fell slightly between the second and third quarters, according to preliminary estimates. Consumer spending rose to a record level of \$234 billion. As a result, the personal saving rate was reduced from 7.8 percent to 7.3 percent.



Period	Personal income	Less:	Equals:	Less: Personal consumption expenditures				Equals:	Net saving as percent of disposable income
		Personal taxes <sup>1</sup>	Disposable personal income	Total	Durable goods	Non-durable goods	Services	Personal net saving	
Billions of dollars									
1939.....	72.9	2.4	70.4	67.6	6.7	35.1	25.8	2.9	4.1
1944.....	165.7	18.9	146.8	109.8	6.8	65.4	37.7	36.9	25.2
1946.....	178.0	18.8	159.2	146.6	15.9	84.5	46.2	12.6	7.9
1947.....	190.5	21.5	169.0	165.0	20.6	93.1	51.3	4.0	2.4
1948.....	208.7	21.1	187.6	177.6	22.2	98.7	56.7	10.0	5.3
1949.....	206.8	18.7	188.2	180.6	23.6	96.9	60.1	7.6	4.0
1950.....	227.1	20.9	206.1	194.0	28.6	100.4	65.0	12.1	5.9
1951.....	255.3	29.3	226.1	208.3	27.1	111.1	70.1	17.7	7.8
1952.....	271.2	34.4	236.9	218.4	26.8	116.0	75.6	18.4	7.8
1953.....	286.1	36.0	250.1	230.1	29.7	118.9	81.4	20.0	8.0
Billions of dollars, seasonally adjusted annual rates									
1953: First quarter.....	283.3	35.5	247.8	228.6	30.4	118.8	79.4	19.2	7.7
Second quarter.....	286.4	35.9	250.4	230.8	30.3	119.6	80.9	19.6	7.8
Third quarter.....	287.5	36.3	251.2	231.2	30.3	118.6	82.3	20.0	8.0
Fourth quarter.....	287.3	36.1	251.2	229.7	28.0	118.7	83.0	21.5	8.6
1954: First quarter.....	285.1	32.8	252.3	230.5	28.0	118.8	83.6	21.8	8.6
Second quarter.....	285.7	32.9	252.9	233.1	28.8	120.0	84.3	19.7	7.8
Third quarter <sup>2</sup> .....	285.5	32.9	252.5	234.0	28.5	120.5	85.0	18.5	7.3

<sup>1</sup> Includes such items as fines, penalties, and donations.

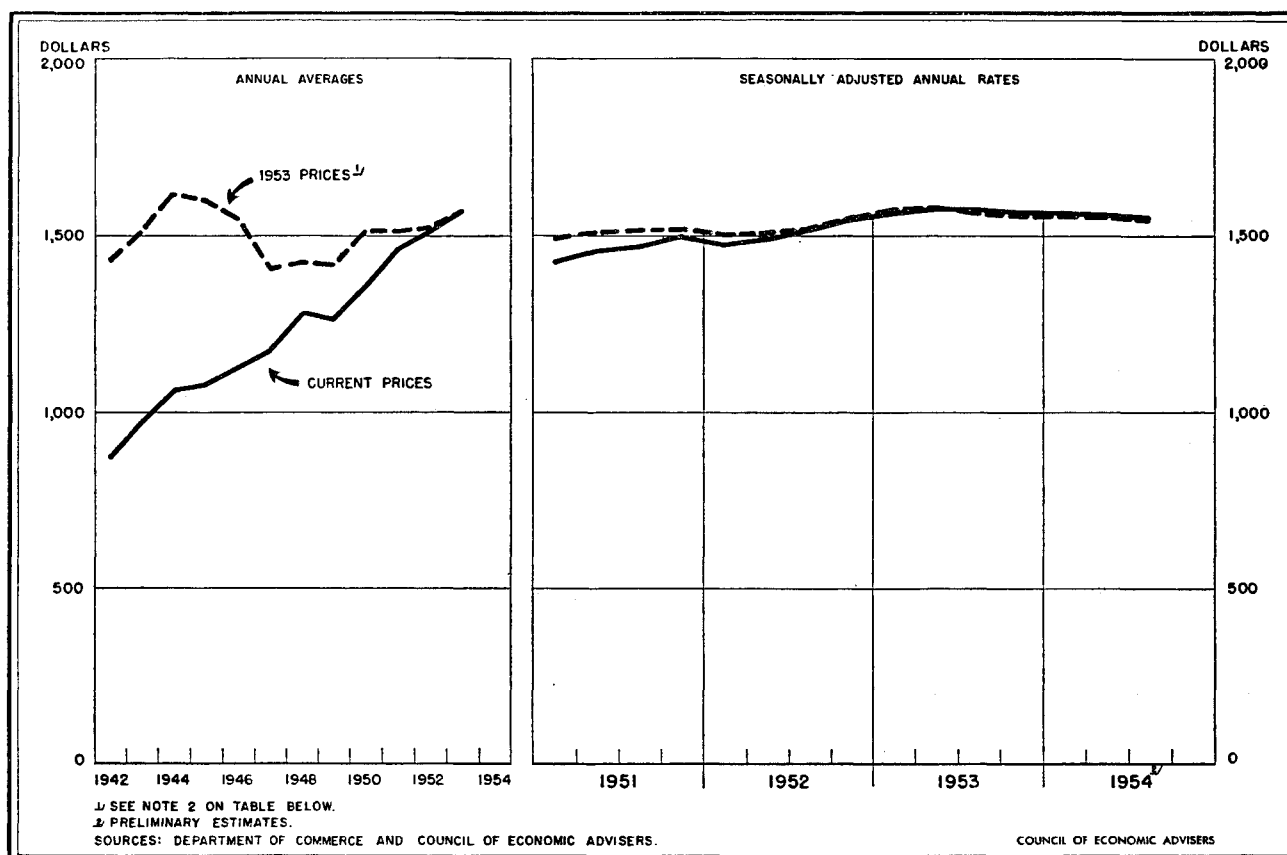
<sup>2</sup> Preliminary estimates by Council of Economic Advisers.

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Source: Department of Commerce (except as noted).

# PER CAPITA DISPOSABLE INCOME

Per capita disposable income declined slightly in the third quarter, according to preliminary estimates.



Period	Total disposable personal income (billions of dollars) <sup>1</sup>		Per capita disposable personal income (dollars) <sup>1</sup>		Population (thousands) <sup>2</sup>
	Current prices	1953 prices <sup>3</sup>	Current prices	1953 prices <sup>3</sup>	
1939.....	70.4	135.6	537	1,035	131,028
1944.....	146.8	223.4	1,061	1,615	138,397
1946.....	159.2	218.4	1,126	1,545	141,389
1947.....	169.0	202.4	1,173	1,405	144,126
1948.....	187.6	208.7	1,279	1,423	146,631
1949.....	188.2	211.5	1,261	1,417	149,188
1950.....	206.1	229.3	1,359	1,512	151,683
1951.....	226.1	233.1	1,465	1,510	154,360
1952.....	236.9	238.8	1,509	1,521	157,022
1953.....	250.1	250.1	1,567	1,567	159,629
Seasonally adjusted annual rates					
1953: First quarter.....	247.8	249.5	1,561	1,572	158,714
Second quarter.....	250.4	251.2	1,572	1,577	159,306
Third quarter.....	251.2	250.0	1,570	1,562	160,022
Fourth quarter.....	251.2	249.7	1,563	1,554	160,764
1954: First quarter.....	252.3	251.0	1,563	1,555	161,436
Second quarter.....	252.9	251.9	1,560	1,554	162,078
Third quarter <sup>4</sup> .....	252.5	251.0	1,551	1,542	162,808

<sup>1</sup> Income less taxes.

<sup>2</sup> Dollar estimates in current prices divided by consumer price index on base 1953=100.

<sup>3</sup> Includes armed forces overseas. Annual data as of July 1; quarterly data centered in the middle of the period, interpolated from monthly figures.

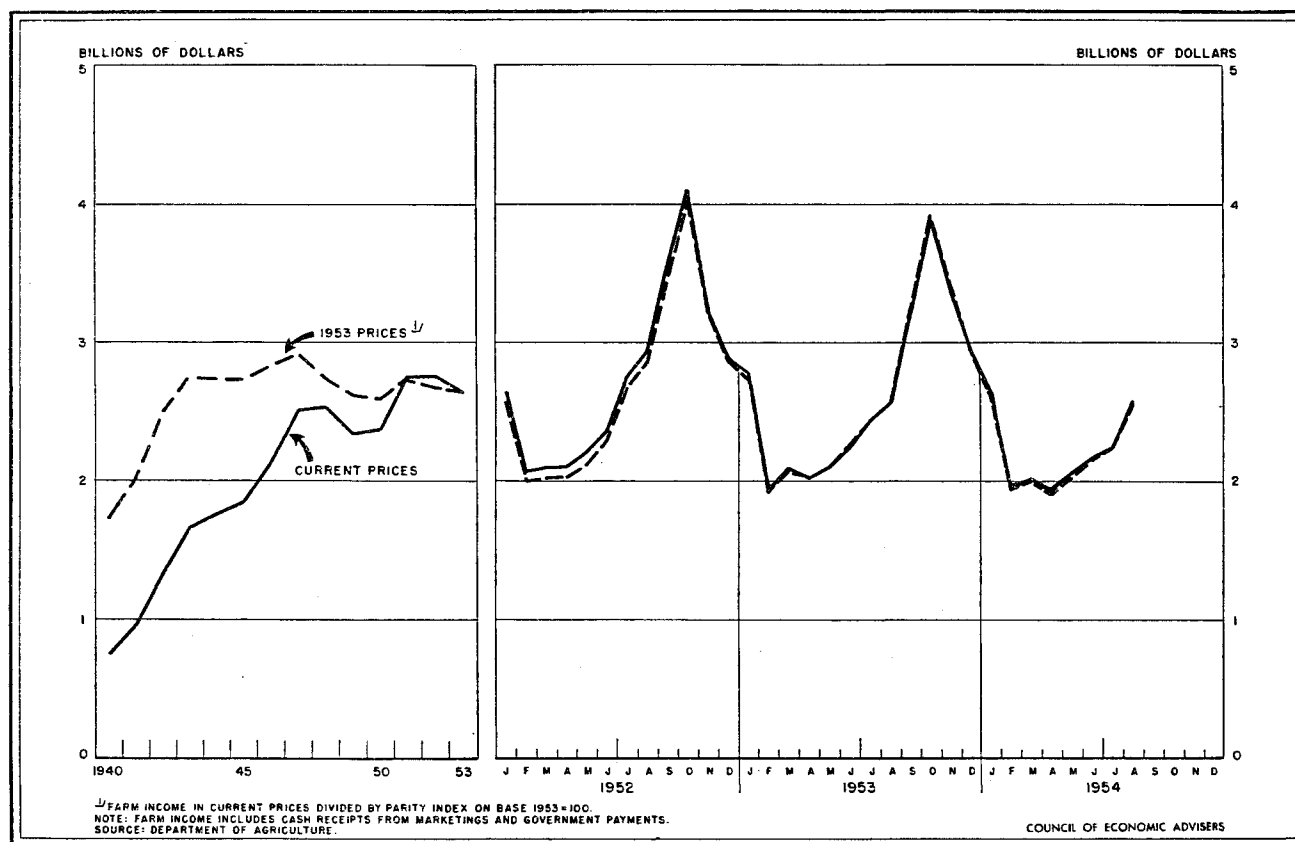
<sup>4</sup> Preliminary estimates.

NOTE.—The national income and expenditure series have been revised by the Department of Commerce. For details see *Survey of Current Business*, July 1954.

Sources: Department of Commerce and Council of Economic Advisers.

## FARM INCOME

During the first 8 months of 1954, farmers received an average of \$2.2 billion per month from cash marketings and Government payments, about 3 percent below the same period of 1953. Livestock receipts were down 2 percent, and crop receipts 6 percent.



Period	Farm income (millions of dollars, current prices)			Parity index (prices paid, interest, taxes, and wage rates), 1953=100 <sup>1</sup>	Farm income (millions of dollars, 1953 prices) <sup>2</sup>
	Cash receipts and Govern- ment payments	Cash receipts from marketings			
		Livestock and products	Crops		
1939 monthly average.....	715	377	275	44	1,625
1942 monthly average.....	1,345	754	537	54	2,491
1944 monthly average.....	1,763	945	753	65	2,712
1946 monthly average.....	2,111	1,144	903	75	2,815
1948 monthly average.....	2,539	1,423	1,095 <sup>a</sup>	93	2,730
1949 monthly average.....	2,344	1,280	1,049	90	2,604
1950 monthly average.....	2,384	1,331	1,029	92	2,591
1951 monthly average.....	2,757	1,634	1,099	101	2,730
1952 monthly average.....	2,747	1,537	1,187	103	2,667
1953 monthly average.....	2,636	1,439	1,179	100	2,636
1953: July.....	2,437	1,387	1,036	100	2,437
August.....	2,564	1,420	1,136	100	2,564
September.....	3,222	1,475	1,742	99	3,255
October.....	3,888	1,572	2,309	99	3,927
November.....	3,374	1,559	1,811	99	3,408
December.....	2,939	1,461	1,466	100	2,939
1954: January.....	2,629	1,416	1,195	101	2,603
February.....	1,960	1,303	643	101	1,941
March.....	2,014	1,452	538	101	1,994
April.....	1,914	1,387	494	101	1,895
May.....	2,062	1,444	589	102	2,022
June.....	2,176	1,344	793	101	2,154
July.....	2,246	1,251	977	100	2,246
August <sup>3</sup> .....	2,584	1,365	1,207	101	2,558

<sup>1</sup> Converted from the reported base, 1910-14=100, to the base 1953=100.

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

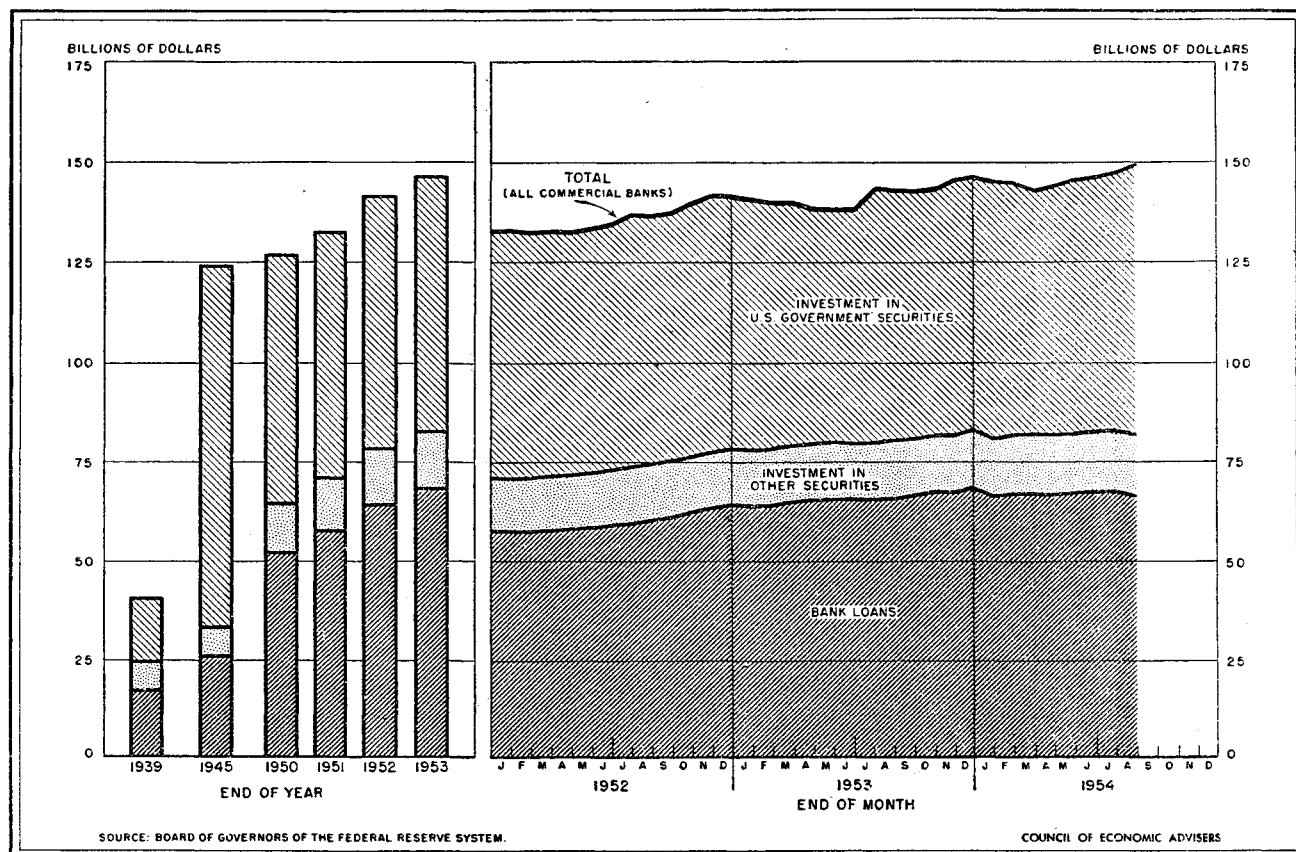
<sup>3</sup> Preliminary estimates.

Source: Department of Agriculture.

# CREDIT, MONEY, AND FEDERAL FINANCE

## BANK LOANS AND INVESTMENTS

Loans by commercial banks decreased \$900 million in August, but appear to have increased in September. Bank holdings of U. S. Government securities rose \$3 billion in August.



[Billions of dollars]

End of period	All commercial banks					Weekly reporting member banks—business loans <sup>1</sup>
	Total loans and investments	Loans	Investments			
			Total	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
1952.....	141.6	64.2	77.5	63.3	14.1	23.4
1953.....	146.4	68.3	78.1	63.6	14.6	23.4
1953: 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.....	144.0	67.1	76.8	62.3	14.5	23.3
November.....	145.5	67.2	78.3	63.7	14.6	23.2
December.....	145.7	67.6	78.1	63.4	14.7	23.4
1954: January.....	145.3	66.5	78.9	64.2	14.7	22.5
February.....	144.9	66.9	78.0	63.0	15.0	22.4
March.....	142.8	67.0	75.7	60.6	15.1	22.8
April.....	144.1	66.8	77.4	62.1	15.2	22.2
May.....	145.7	67.1	78.6	63.3	15.3	21.9
June.....	146.4	67.3	79.0	63.5	15.5	21.9
July.....	147.3	67.3	80.0	64.3	15.6	21.5
August <sup>2</sup> .....	149.5	66.4	83.0	67.3	15.7	20.8
September <sup>2</sup> .....						21.0

<sup>1</sup> Commercial, industrial, and agricultural loans; revised series beginning January 1952.

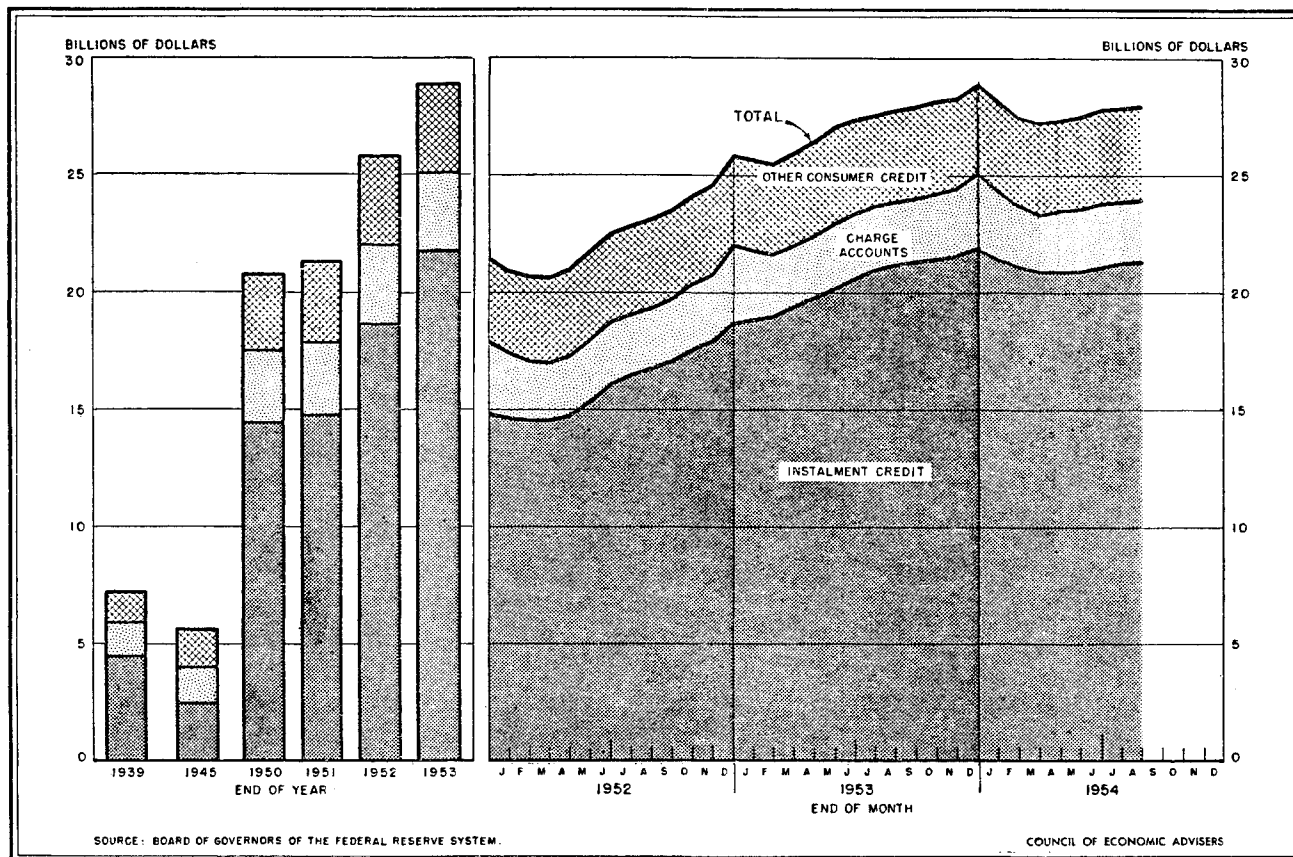
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<sup>2</sup> Preliminary estimates.

Source: Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

# CONSUMER CREDIT

Total consumer credit outstanding increased in August for the fifth consecutive month.



[Millions of dollars]

End of period	Total consumer credit outstanding	Instalment credit					Noninstalment credit		
		Total	Auto-mobile paper <sup>1</sup>	Other consumer goods paper <sup>1</sup>	Repair and modernization loans <sup>2</sup>	Personal loans	Total	Charge accounts	Other <sup>3</sup>
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
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.....	28,896	21,807	10,289	5,605	1,606	4,307	7,089	3,249	3,840
1953: 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.....	28,896	21,807	10,289	5,605	1,606	4,307	7,089	3,249	3,840
1954: January.....	28,125	21,444	10,084	5,495	1,587	4,278	6,681	2,893	3,788
February.....	27,478	21,151	9,915	5,377	1,570	4,289	6,327	2,550	3,777
March.....	27,151	20,900	9,800	5,220	1,554	4,326	6,251	2,438	3,813
April.....	27,330	20,909	9,798	5,188	1,554	4,369	6,421	2,566	3,855
May.....	27,520	20,932	9,838	5,142	1,565	4,387	6,588	2,639	3,949
June.....	27,791	21,122	9,980	5,134	1,563	4,445	6,669	2,679	3,990
July.....	27,835	21,246	10,103	5,094	1,566	4,483	6,589	2,614	3,975
August.....	27,922	21,310	10,158	5,069	1,569	4,514	6,622	2,642	3,980

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

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

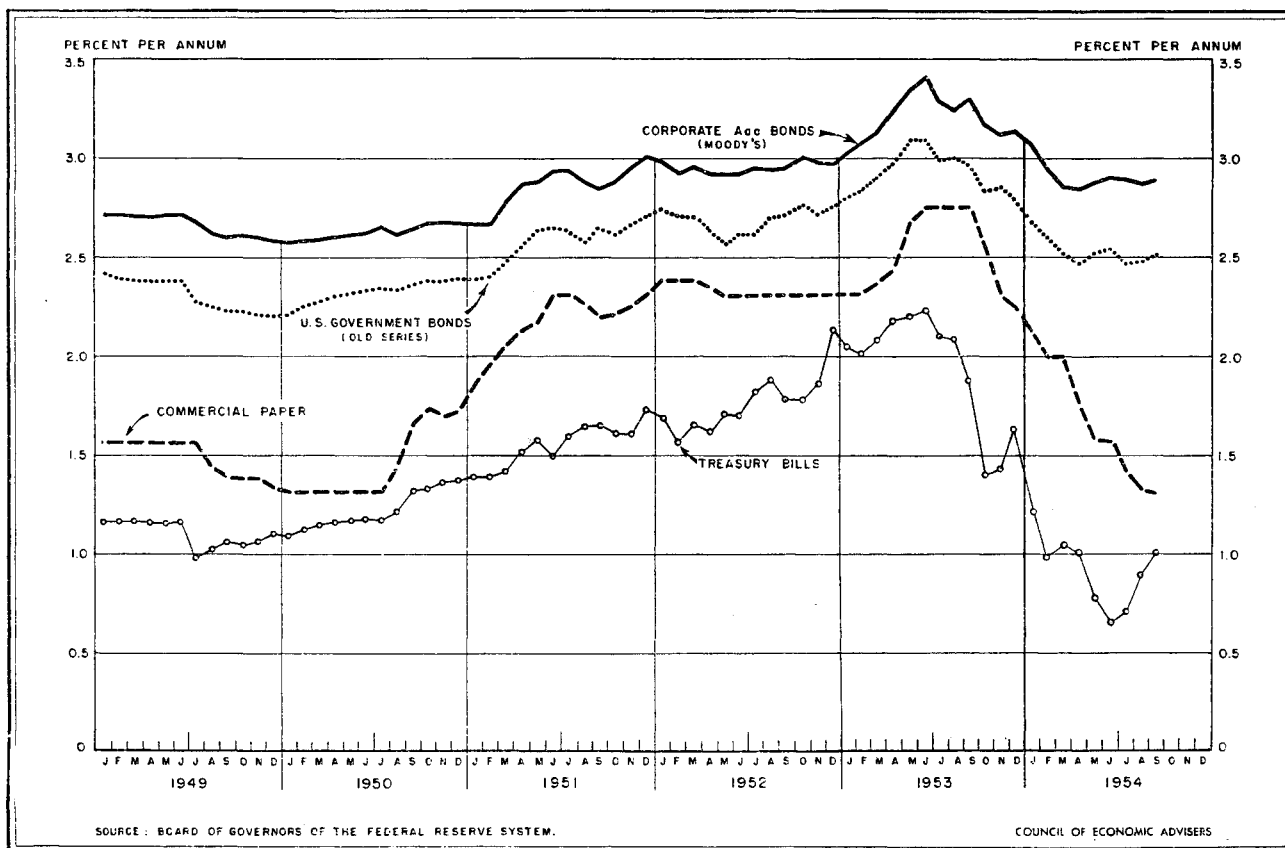
<sup>3</sup> Single-payment loans and service credit.

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Source: Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

## BOND YIELDS AND INTEREST RATES

Yields on 3-month Treasury bills averaged higher during September than in August. Yields on long-term Government and private securities rose slightly. The prime commercial paper rate continued at the level reached early in August.



[Percent per annum]

Period	U. S. Government security yields			Corporate Aaa bonds (Moody's)	Prime commercial paper, 4-6 months
	3-month Treasury bills <sup>1</sup>	Taxable bonds <sup>2</sup>			
		Old series <sup>3</sup>	New series <sup>4</sup>		
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: 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. 06	2. 13
February.....	. 984	2. 60	2. 85	2. 95	2. 00
March.....	1. 053	2. 51	2. 73	2. 86	2. 00
April.....	1. 011	2. 47	2. 70	2. 85	1. 77
May.....	. 782	2. 52	2. 72	2. 88	1. 59
June.....	. 650	2. 54	2. 70	2. 90	1. 56
July.....	. 710	2. 47	2. 62	2. 89	1. 43
August.....	. 892	2. 48	2. 60	2. 87	1. 33
September.....	1. 007	2. 51	2. 64	2. 89	1. 31
Week ended:					
1954: September 4.....	1. 023	2. 50	2. 63	2. 88	1. 31
11.....	1. 016	2. 51	2. 64	2. 89	1. 31
18.....	1. 024	2. 51	2. 64	2. 89	1. 31
25.....	. 986	2. 51	2. 65	2. 89	1. 31
October 2.....	. 984	2. 51	2. 65	2. 89	1. 31
9.....	. 966	2. 51	2. 64	2. 89	1. 31

<sup>1</sup> Rate on new issues within period.

<sup>2</sup> 2½-percent bonds first callable after 12 years. Prior to April 1952, only bonds due or callable after 15 years were included.

<sup>3</sup> 3½-percent bonds of 1978-83, issued May 1, 1953.

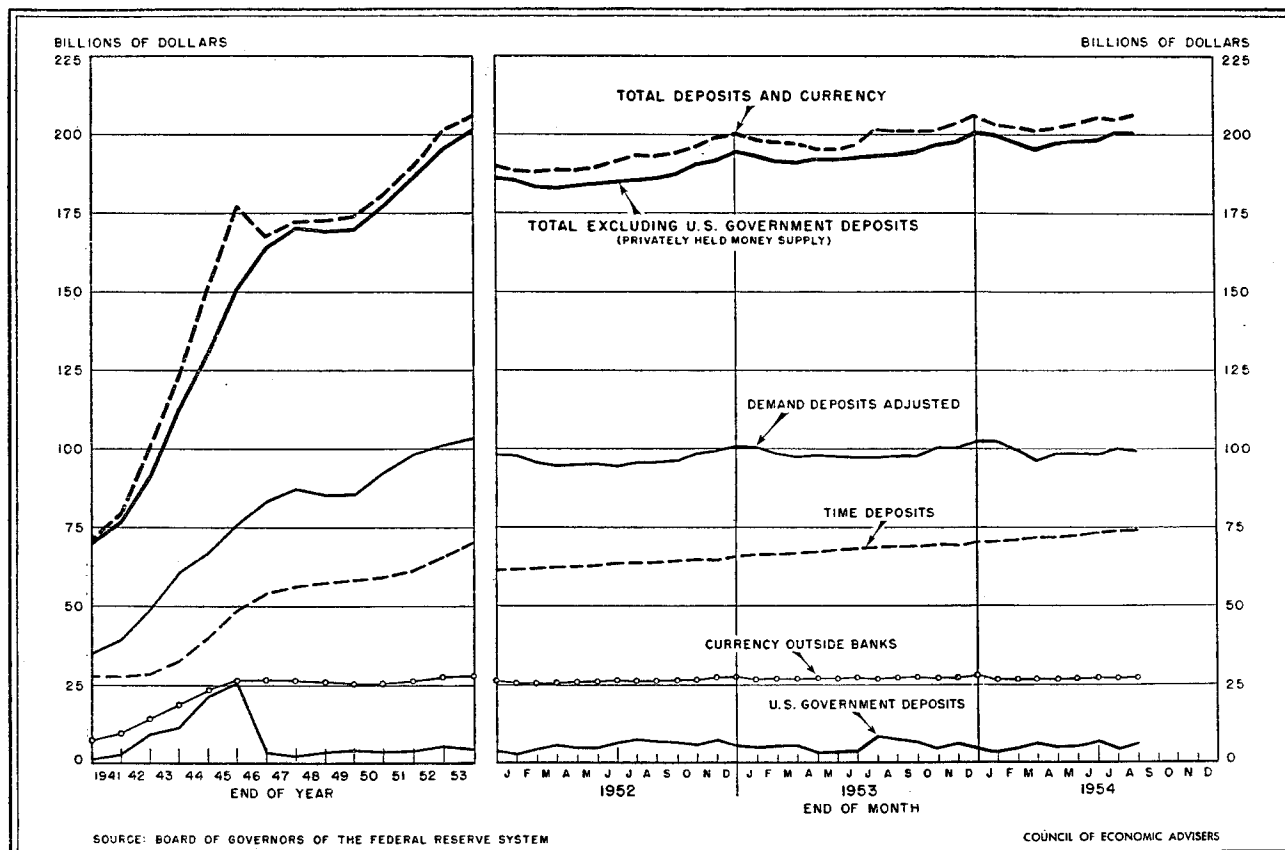
<sup>4</sup> Bonds in this classification were first issued in March 1941.

Source: Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.



## MONEY SUPPLY

The privately held money supply in August was unchanged from its July level. Government deposits were \$1.6 billion higher.



[Billions of dollars]

End of period	Total deposits and currency	U. S. Government deposits <sup>1</sup>	Total excluding U. S. Government deposits (privately held money supply)			
			Total	Currency outside banks	Demand deposits adjusted <sup>2</sup>	Time deposits <sup>3</sup>
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
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.....	205.8	4.5	201.3	27.8	103.3	70.1
1953: 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.....	203.7	6.2	197.4	27.9	100.2	69.3
December.....	205.7	4.8	200.9	28.1	102.5	70.4
1954: January.....	203.5	3.7	199.8	26.9	102.3	70.6
February.....	202.5	5.0	197.4	26.9	99.6	71.0
March.....	201.3	6.1	195.2	26.9	96.7	71.7
April.....	202.3	5.0	197.3	26.7	98.6	72.0
May.....	203.6	5.6	198.0	26.8	98.7	72.5
June.....	205.3	6.8	198.5	27.1	98.1	73.3
July.....	204.9	4.4	200.4	26.8	100.0	73.7
August <sup>4</sup> .....	206.3	6.0	200.3	26.9	99.4	74.0

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

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

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

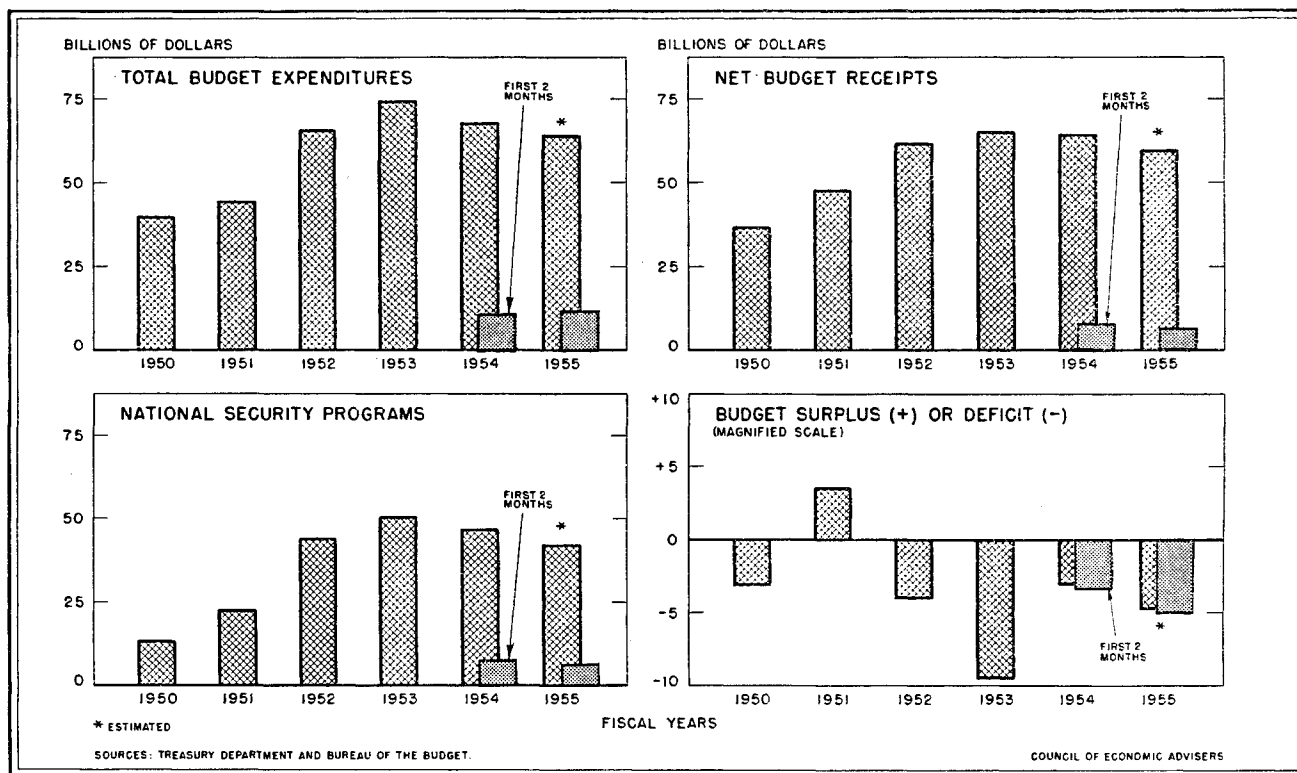
<sup>4</sup> Preliminary estimates.

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Source: Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

## FEDERAL BUDGET RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES

Total budget expenditures increased almost \$2 billion in August, largely due to repurchases from private banks of Commodity Credit Corporation loans. Budget receipts rose by about \$1 billion. The cumulative budget deficit for the first 2 months of the current fiscal year was \$4.8 billion, reflecting to a considerable degree the reduced receipts of the Treasury in the first half of the fiscal year.



[Billions of dollars]

Period	Budget expenditures				Net budget receipts		Budget surplus (+) or deficit (-)		Public debt (end of period) <sup>2</sup>
	Total		National security <sup>1</sup>		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					
Actual:									
Fiscal year 1944-----	95.1	-----	75.8	-----	43.6	-----	-51.4	-----	202.6
Fiscal year 1947-----	39.0	-----	14.4	-----	39.8	-----	+8	-----	258.4
Fiscal year 1948-----	33.1	-----	11.7	-----	41.5	-----	+8.4	-----	252.4
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	-----	259.1
Fiscal year 1953 <sup>3</sup> -----	74.3	-----	50.3	-----	64.8	-----	-9.4	-----	266.1
Fiscal year 1954 <sup>3</sup> -----	67.6	-----	46.2	-----	64.6	-----	-3.0	-----	271.3
Estimated:									
Fiscal year 1955 <sup>3</sup> -----	64.0	-----	41.9	-----	59.3	-----	-4.7	-----	274.5
Actual: <sup>3</sup>									
1953: April-----	6.5	58.8	4.6	40.2	2.8	50.9	-3.7	-7.9	264.6
May-----	6.5	65.3	4.6	44.8	4.2	55.1	-2.3	-10.3	266.6
June-----	9.0	74.3	5.5	50.3	9.8	64.8	+8	-9.4	266.1
July-----	5.1	5.1	3.6	3.6	3.4	3.4	-1.7	-1.7	272.7
August-----	6.0	11.1	3.9	7.6	4.4	7.7	-1.6	-3.4	273.3
1954: February-----	4.7	44.4	3.6	31.2	5.4	36.2	+7	-8.2	274.9
March-----	5.6	50.0	3.9	35.0	11.4	47.7	+5.9	-2.3	270.3
April-----	5.3	55.3	3.7	38.7	2.8	50.4	-2.5	-4.8	271.1
May-----	5.2	60.5	3.3	42.0	3.6	54.0	-1.6	-6.5	273.6
June-----	7.1	67.6	4.2	46.2	10.5	64.6	+3.4	-3.0	271.3
July-----	4.8	4.8	3.2	3.2	2.8	2.8	-2.0	-2.0	271.0
August-----	6.7	11.6	3.4	6.6	3.9	6.7	-2.8	-4.8	275.0

<sup>1</sup> Revised to include the items classified as "national security" in *The Budget of The United States Government for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 1966*. 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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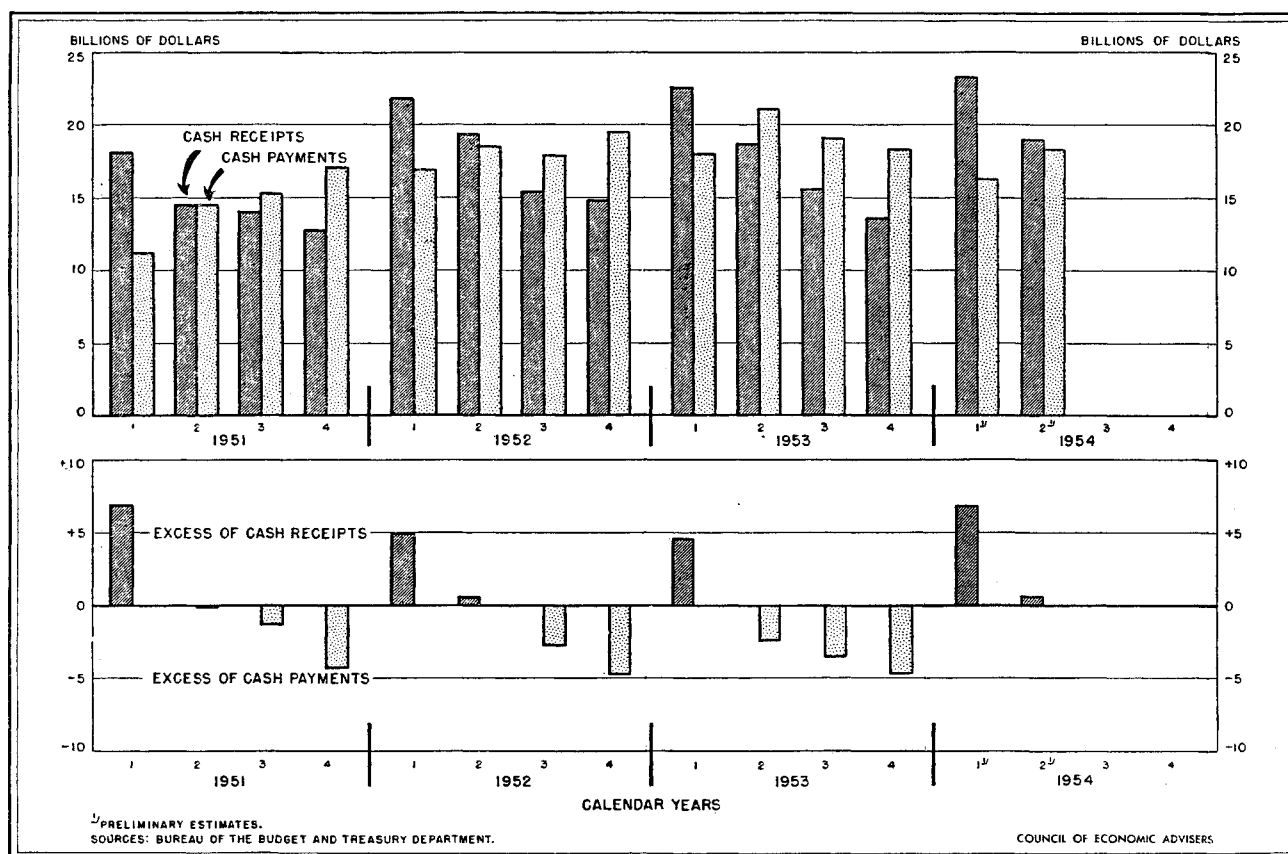
<sup>3</sup> Beginning with February 1954, the reporting of budget receipts and expenditures has been changed to a basis consistent with that used in preparing budget estimates. For comparative purposes, figures for fiscal 1953 are shown on a like basis.

NOTE.—Data for earlier months have not been published by the Treasury Department. Detail will not necessarily add to totals because of rounding.

Sources: Treasury Department and Bureau of the Budget.

# FEDERAL CASH RECEIPTS FROM AND PAYMENTS TO THE PUBLIC

The cash deficit for the fiscal year ending in June was one-half billion dollars.



[Millions of dollars]

Calendar year	Federal cash receipts from the public	Federal cash payments to the public	Excess of receipts (+) or payments (-)
<b>Calendar year total:</b>			
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
<b>Quarterly totals, not adjusted for seasonal variation:</b>			
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
1954: First quarter <sup>1</sup>	23,353	16,358	+6,995
Second quarter <sup>1</sup>	18,987	18,342	+645

<sup>1</sup> Preliminary estimates.

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