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THE NATION'S INCOME, EXPENDITURE, AND SAVING

In the first quarter of 1961 the gross national product in current prices declined $3.7 billion (seasonally adjusted annual rate) from the previous quarter, according to present estimates. The major reduction was in the business sector.

[Billions of dollars; quarterly data at seasonally adjusted annual rates]

Period	Persons			Business			International				
	Disposable personal income [1]	Personal consumption expenditures	Personal saving (+) or dissaving (−)	Gross retained earnings [2]	Gross private domestic investment	Excess of investment (−)	Foreign net transfers by Government	Net exports of goods and services: Net exports	Exports	Imports	Excess of transfers (+) or of net exports (−) [3]
1951	227.5	209.8	17.7	31.5	56.3	−24.8	2.1	2.4	17.9	15.5	−0.2
1952	238.7	219.8	18.9	33.2	49.9	−16.6	1.5	1.3	17.4	16.1	.2
1953	252.5	232.6	19.8	34.3	50.3	−16.0	1.6	−.4	16.6	17.0	2.0
1954	256.9	238.0	18.9	35.5	48.9	−13.4	1.4	1.0	17.5	16.5	.4
1955	274.4	256.9	17.5	42.1	63.8	−21.8	1.5	1.1	19.4	18.3	.4
1956	292.9	269.9	23.0	43.0	67.4	−24.3	1.5	2.9	23.1	20.2	−1.5
1957	308.8	285.2	23.6	45.6	66.1	−20.5	1.5	4.9	26.2	21.3	−3.5
1958	317.9	293.5	24.4	44.6	56.0	−11.4	1.3	1.2	22.7	21.5	.1
1959	337.3	313.8	23.4	50.5	72.0	−21.6	1.5	−1.0	22.9	23.8	2.5
1960	354.2	327.8	26.4	52.0	72.8	−20.8	1.6	3.0	26.5	23.5	−1.4
1959: Third quarter	338.5	316.0	22.5	49.6	67.5	−17.9	1.2	−.2	24.0	24.2	1.5
Fourth quarter	342.4	319.6	22.8	51.0	70.8	−19.8	1.9	−.4	23.5	23.9	2.4
1960: First quarter	347.0	323.3	23.7	52.4	79.3	−26.9	1.6	1.2	25.2	23.9	.3
Second quarter	354.1	329.0	25.2	52.1	75.5	−23.4	1.7	2.0	26.4	24.4	−.3
Third quarter	357.5	328.3	29.2	51.6	70.8	−19.2	1.4	3.7	27.3	23.5	−2.3
Fourth quarter	358.1	330.8	27.2	51.2	66.0	−14.8	1.7	4.6	27.0	22.4	−2.9
1961: First quarter	357.2	328.8	28.3	(5)	61.0	(5)	1.6	5.3	27.4	22.1	−3.7

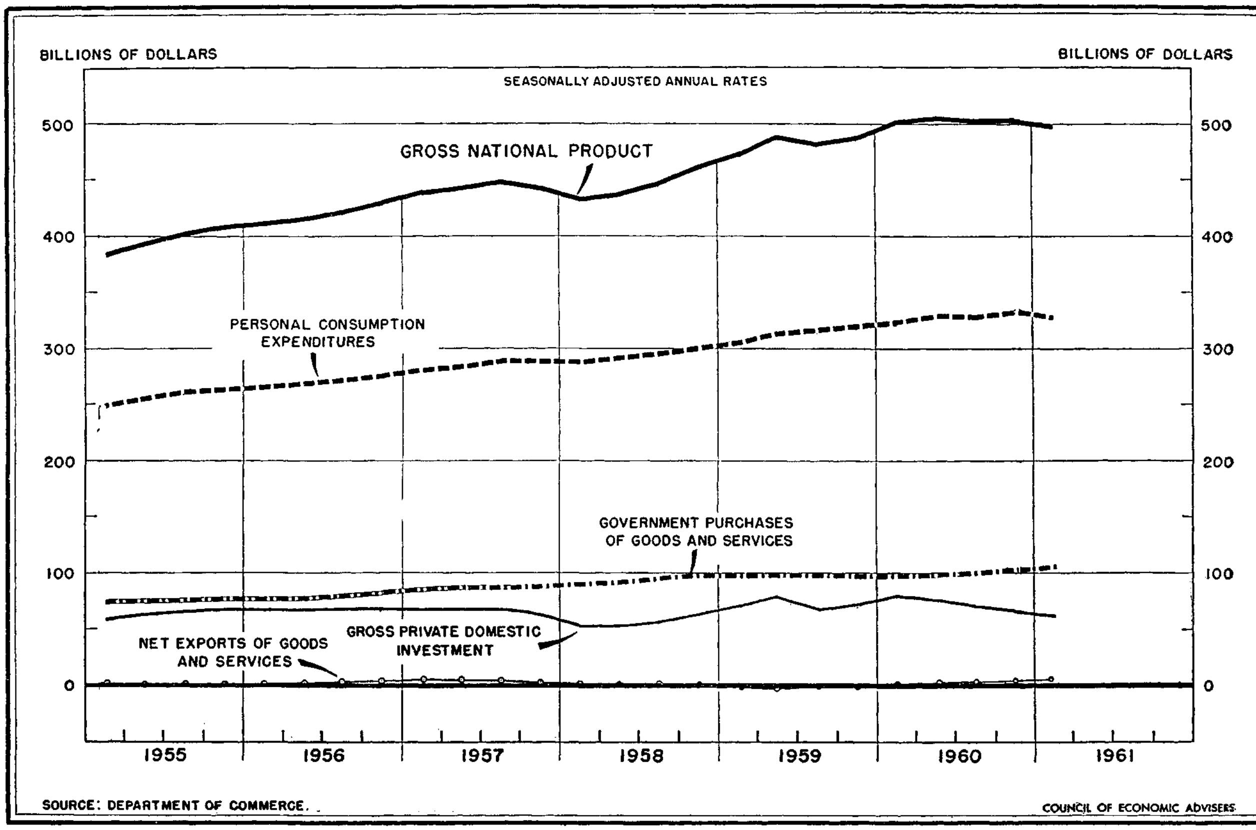
Period	Government							Total income or receipts	Statistical discrepancy	Gross national product or expenditure
	Net receipts: Net receipts	Tax and nontax receipts or accruals	Transfers, interest, and subsidies [4]	Expenditures: Purchases of goods and services	Total expenditures	Transfers, interest, and subsidies [4]	Surplus (+) or deficit (−) on income and product account			
1951	66.6	85.5	18.9	60.5	79.4	18.9	6.1	327.7	1.2	329.0
1952	72.2	90.6	18.4	76.0	94.4	18.4	−3.9	345.6	1.4	347.0
1953	75.7	94.9	19.2	82.8	102.0	19.2	−7.1	364.1	1.3	365.4
1954	68.5	90.0	21.5	75.3	96.7	21.5	−6.7	362.3	.9	363.1
1955	78.4	101.4	23.0	75.6	98.6	23.0	2.9	396.5	1.0	397.5
1956	84.2	109.5	25.3	79.0	104.3	25.3	5.2	421.6	−2.4	419.2
1957	87.5	116.3	28.7	86.5	115.3	28.7	1.0	443.4	−.6	442.8
1958	82.1	115.2	33.1	93.5	126.6	33.1	−11.4	445.9	−1.7	444.2
1959	94.6	129.1	34.5	97.1	131.6	34.5	−2.5	483.9	−1.8	482.1
1960	99.6	136.9	37.3	99.7	137.0	37.3	−.1	507.4	−3.9	503.2
1959: Third quarter	94.9	129.0	34.1	98.1	132.2	34.1	−3.2	484.3	−3.0	481.4
Fourth quarter	93.6	129.7	36.1	96.4	132.4	36.1	−2.8	488.9	−2.6	486.4
1960: First quarter	101.4	137.3	35.9	97.5	133.4	35.9	3.9	502.3	−1.1	501.3
Second quarter	100.8	137.9	37.0	98.6	135.6	37.0	2.3	508.7	−3.9	505.0
Third quarter	98.9	136.3	37.4	100.7	138.1	37.4	−1.8	509.4	−5.8	503.5
Fourth quarter	96.6	135.7	39.1	102.1	141.2	39.1	−5.5	507.6	−4.1	503.5
1961: First quarter	(5)	(5)	40.3	104.7	145.0	40.3	(5)	(5)	(5)	499.8

1 Personal income (p. 3) less personal taxes and nontax payments (fines, penalties, etc.).
2 Undistributed corporate profits, corporate inventory valuation adjustment, capital consumption allowances, and excess of wage accruals over disbursements.
3 Net foreign investment with sign changed.
4 Government transfer payments to persons, foreign net transfers by Government, net interest paid by Government, and subsidies less current surplus of Government enterprises.
5 Not available.

Source: Department of Commerce.

GROSS NATIONAL PRODUCT OR EXPENDITURE

Current estimates indicate that gross national product in constant (1960) prices declined about $5 billion (seasonally adjusted annual rate) in the first quarter of 1961.



[Billions of dollars]

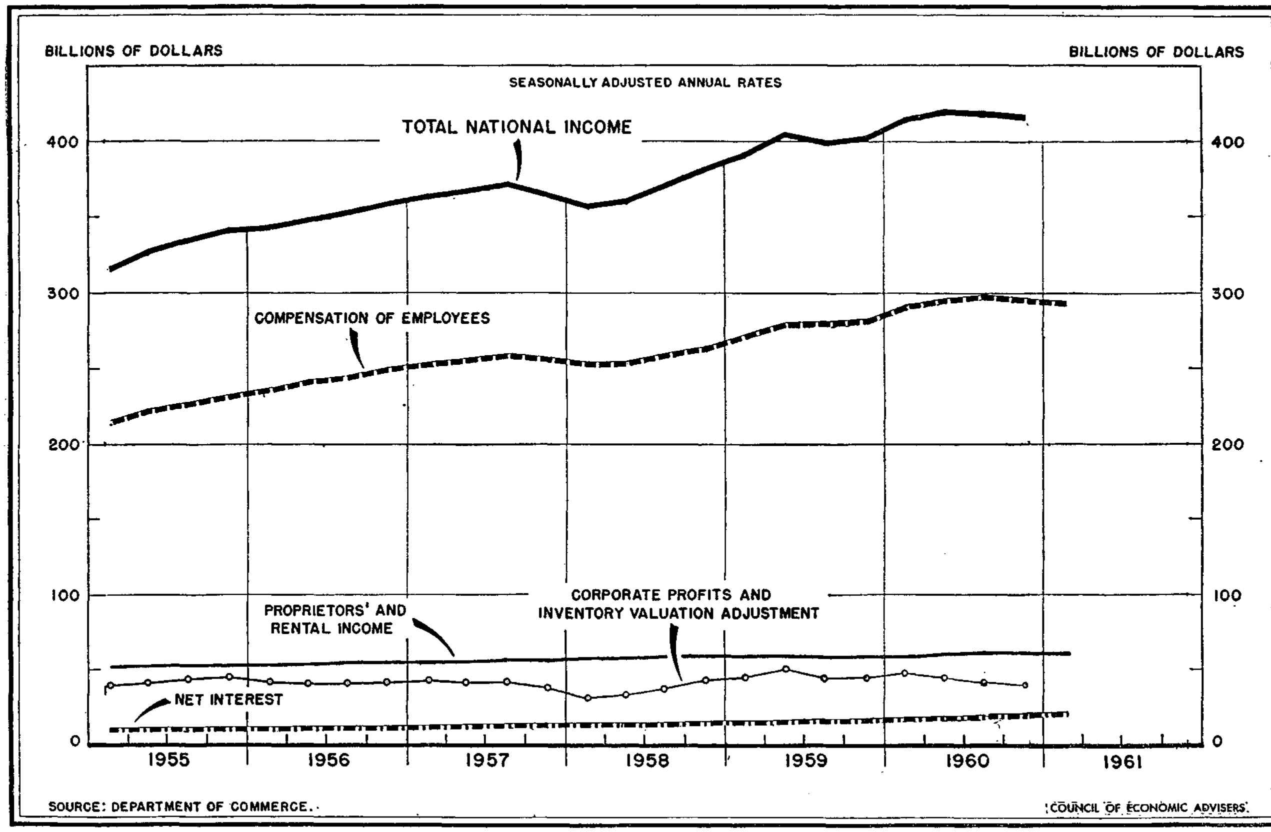
Period	Total gross national product in 1960 prices	Total gross national product	Personal consumption expenditures	Gross private domestic investment	Net exports of goods and services	Government purchases of goods and services: Total	Federal: Total[1]	Federal: National defense[2]	Federal: Other	State and local	Implicit price deflator for total GNP, 1960=100[3]
1949	*334.2*	258.1	181.2	33.0	3.8	40.2	22.2	13.6	8.9	17.9	77.2
1950	*362.3*	284.6	195.0	50.0	.6	39.0	19.3	14.3	5.2	19.7	78.6
1951	*392.0*	329.0	209.8	56.3	2.4	60.5	38.8	33.9	5.2	21.7	83.9
1952	*406.8*	347.0	219.8	49.9	1.3	76.0	52.9	46.4	6.7	23.2	85.3
1953	*425.5*	365.4	232.6	50.3	−.4	82.8	58.0	49.3	9.0	24.9	85.9
1954	*416.8*	363.1	238.0	48.9	1.0	75.3	47.5	41.2	6.7	27.7	87.1
1955	*449.7*	397.5	256.9	63.8	1.1	75.6	45.3	39.1	6.6	30.3	88.4
1956	*459.2*	419.2	269.9	67.4	2.9	79.0	45.7	40.4	5.7	33.2	91.3
1957	*467.8*	442.8	285.2	66.1	4.9	86.5	49.7	44.4	5.7	36.8	94.7
1958	*459.7*	444.2	293.5	56.0	1.2	93.5	52.6	44.8	8.3	40.8	96.6
1959	*490.6*	482.1	313.8	72.0	−1.0	97.1	53.3	46.0	7.8	43.9	98.3
1960	*503.2*	503.2	327.8	72.8	3.0	99.7	52.4	45.1	7.9	47.3	100.0
	Seasonally adjusted annual rates										
1959: Third quarter	*488.5*	481.4	316.0	67.5	−.2	98.1	53.6	46.1	8.0	44.5	98.5
Fourth quarter	*491.5*	486.4	319.6	70.8	−.4	96.4	52.5	45.5	7.5	43.9	99.0
1960: First quarter	*504.8*	501.3	323.3	79.3	1.2	97.5	51.8	44.9	7.5	45.7	99.3
Second quarter	*506.3*	505.0	329.0	75.5	2.0	98.6	51.7	44.7	7.6	46.9	99.7
Third quarter	*501.7*	503.5	328.3	70.8	3.7	100.7	52.7	45.1	8.2	48.0	100.4
Fourth quarter	*500.4*	503.5	330.8	66.0	4.6	102.1	53.3	45.7	8.2	48.8	100.6
1961: First quarter	*495.5*	499.8	328.8	61.0	5.3	104.7	54.7	47.2	8.1	50.0	100.9

[1] Less Government sales.
[2] These expenditures correspond closely with budget expenditures for "major national security," shown on p. 31.
[3] Gross national product in current prices divided by gross national product in 1960 prices.

Source: Department of Commerce.

NATIONAL INCOME

Compensation of employees and income of nonfarm proprietors (seasonally adjusted) declined again during the first quarter of 1961. In contrast, farm proprietors' income and net interest continued to rise.



[Billions of dollars]

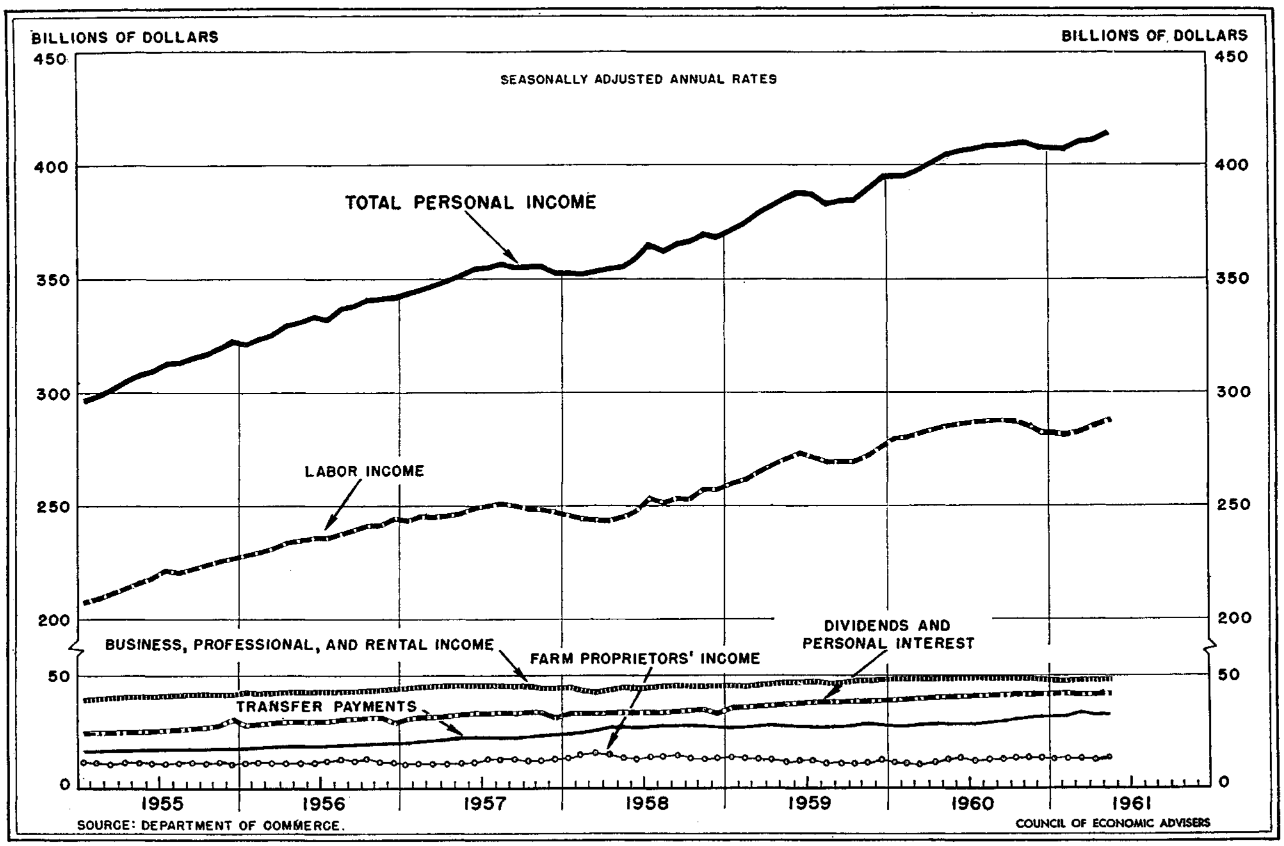
Period	Total national income	Compensation of employees [1]	Proprietors' income		Rental income of persons	Net interest	Corporate profits and inventory valuation adjustment		
			Farm	Business and professional			Total	Profits before taxes	Inventory valuation adjustment
1949	217. 7	140. 8	12. 9	22. 7	8. 3	4. 8	28. 2	26. 4	1. 9
1950	241. 9	154. 2	14. 0	23. 5	9. 0	5. 5	35. 7	40. 6	−5. 0
1951	279. 3	180. 3	16. 3	26. 0	9. 4	6. 3	41. 0	42. 2	−1. 2
1952	292. 2	195. 0	15. 3	26. 9	10. 2	7. 1	37. 7	36. 7	1. 0
1953	305. 6	208. 8	13. 3	27. 4	10. 5	8. 2	37. 3	38. 3	−1. 0
1954	301. 8	207. 6	12. 7	27. 8	10. 9	9. 1	33. 7	34. 1	−. 3
1955	330. 2	223. 9	11. 8	30. 4	10. 7	10. 4	43. 1	44. 9	−1. 7
1956	350. 8	242. 5	11. 6	32. 1	10. 9	11. 7	42. 0	44. 7	−2. 7
1957	366. 9	255. 5	11. 8	32. 7	11. 9	13. 4	41. 7	43. 2	−1. 5
1958	367. 7	257. 0	14. 0	32. 3	12. 2	14. 7	37. 4	37. 7	−. 2
1959	399. 6	277. 8	11. 8	34. 7	12. 4	16. 4	46. 6	47. 0	−. 5
1960	417. 5	294. 4	12. 0	35. 9	12. 5	18. 7	44. 3	44. 3	. 0
	Seasonally adjusted annual rates								
1959: Third quarter	399. 4	279. 5	11. 1	35. 0	12. 4	16. 5	44. 9	45. 3	−. 4
Fourth quarter	402. 8	281. 6	11. 2	35. 1	12. 5	16. 9	45. 5	44. 8	. 7
1960: First quarter	414. 4	290. 2	10. 6	35. 4	12. 5	17. 8	48. 0	48. 8	−. 8
Second quarter	419. 4	295. 0	12. 1	36. 0	12. 5	18. 5	45. 3	45. 7	−. 4
Third quarter	419. 3	297. 2	12. 2	36. 1	12. 5	19. 1	42. 2	41. 5	. 7
Fourth quarter	416. 9	295. 2	12. 8	35. 9	12. 5	19. 4	41. 0	40. 7	. 4
1961: First quarter	(2)	293. 3	13. 0	35. 5	12. 5	19. 6	(2)	(2)	(2)

[1] Includes employer contributions for social insurance. (See also p. 3.)
[2] Not available.

Source: Department of Commerce.

SOURCES OF PERSONAL INCOME

Personal income increased $2.4 billion (seasonally adjusted annual rate) in May to $413.7 billion. Labor income surpassed its previous peak of last summer and accounted for most of the May rise.



[Billions of dollars]

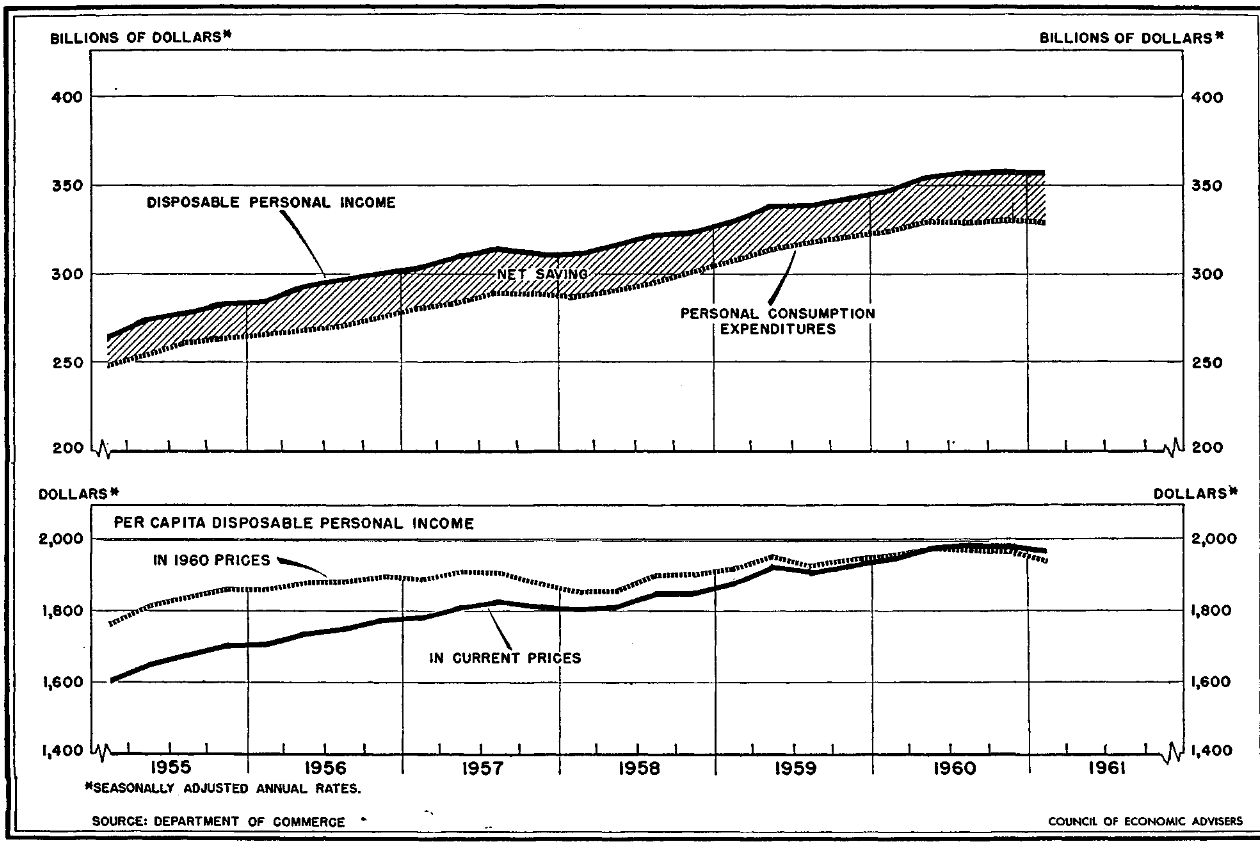
Period	Total personal income	Labor income (wage and salary disbursements and other labor income)[1]	Proprietors' income: Farm	Proprietors' income: Business and professional	Rental income of persons	Dividends	Personal interest income	Transfer payments	Less: Personal contributions for social insurance	Nonagricultural personal income[2]
1952	273.1	190.2	15.3	26.9	10.2	9.0	12.1	13.2	3.8	254.3
1953	288.3	204.1	13.3	27.4	10.5	9.2	13.4	14.3	3.9	271.5
1954	289.8	202.5	12.7	27.8	10.9	9.8	14.6	16.2	4.6	273.8
1955	310.2	218.0	11.8	30.4	10.7	11.2	15.8	17.5	5.2	295.0
1956	332.9	235.7	11.6	32.1	10.9	12.1	17.5	18.8	5.8	317.9
1957	351.4	247.7	11.8	32.7	11.9	12.6	19.6	21.9	6.7	336.1
1958	360.3	249.1	14.0	32.3	12.2	12.4	20.8	26.4	6.8	342.6
1959	383.3	268.3	11.8	34.7	12.4	13.4	23.5	27.0	7.8	367.6
1960	404.2	283.5	12.0	35.9	12.5	14.0	26.8	29.0	9.3	388.1
	Seasonally adjusted annual rates									
1960: April	401.9	282.5	11.7	35.7	12.5	13.9	26.2	28.6	9.2	385.9
May	404.7	284.5	12.1	36.0	12.5	13.9	26.5	28.4	9.3	388.3
June	406.1	285.0	12.5	36.2	12.5	13.9	26.8	28.5	9.3	389.3
July	407.3	286.2	12.0	36.2	12.5	13.9	27.1	28.7	9.3	391.1
August	408.2	286.3	12.2	36.1	12.5	14.0	27.4	29.1	9.4	391.8
September	408.8	286.2	12.2	36.1	12.5	14.0	27.5	29.7	9.3	392.4
October	409.7	286.1	12.6	36.1	12.5	14.1	27.6	30.0	9.3	393.0
November	409.0	284.7	12.9	35.9	12.5	14.1	27.6	30.5	9.2	392.1
December	406.9	282.4	12.9	35.7	12.5	14.0	27.7	30.9	9.2	390.1
1961: January	406.6	282.4	12.9	35.5	12.5	14.0	27.7	31.0	9.4	389.8
February	406.2	281.9	13.0	35.4	12.5	14.0	27.7	31.1	9.4	389.3
March	[4] 409.8	283.0	13.0	35.5	12.5	14.0	27.6	[4] 33.6	9.4	[4] 392.9
April	411.1	286.0	12.9	35.6	12.5	14.0	27.6	32.2	9.5	394.5
May [3]	413.7	287.8	13.1	35.7	12.5	14.0	27.6	32.5	9.5	396.7

[1] Compensation of employees (see p. 2) excluding employer contributions for social insurance and the excess of wage accruals over disbursements.
[2] Personal income exclusive of net income of unincorporated farm enterprises, farm wages, agricultural net interest, and net dividends paid by agricultural corporations.
[3] Preliminary.
[4] Includes stepped-up payment of National Service Life Insurance dividends of $150 million ($1.8 billion at annual rate).

Source: Department of Commerce.

DISPOSITION OF PERSONAL INCOME

The decline in disposable income in the first quarter of 1961 marked the first reduction in more than 3 years. Since the rate of decline in income was less than that in consumption expenditures, the saving rate rose.



Period	Disposable personal income [1]	Personal consumption expenditures: Total	Durable goods	Nondurable goods	Services	Personal saving	Per capita disposable personal income [1]: Current prices	1960 prices [2]	Saving as percent of disposable personal income (percent)	Population (thousands) [3]
	Billions of dollars						Dollars			
1949	189.7	181.2	24.6	96.6	60.0	8.5	1,272	1,580	4.5	149,188
1950	207.7	195.0	30.4	99.8	64.9	12.6	1,369	1,676	6.1	151,683
1951	227.5	209.8	29.5	110.1	70.2	17.7	1,474	1,692	7.8	154,360
1952	238.7	219.8	29.1	115.1	75.6	18.9	1,520	1,708	7.9	157,028
1953	252.5	232.6	32.9	118.0	81.8	19.8	1,582	1,762	7.8	159,636
1954	256.9	238.0	32.4	119.3	86.3	18.9	1,582	1,744	7.4	162,417
1955	274.4	256.9	39.6	124.8	92.5	17.5	1,660	1,822	6.4	165,270
1956	292.9	269.9	38.5	131.4	100.0	23.0	1,742	1,879	7.9	168,176
1957	308.8	285.2	40.4	137.7	107.1	23.6	1,804	1,891	7.6	171,198
1958	317.9	293.5	37.3	142.0	114.2	24.4	1,826	1,879	7.7	174,060
1959	337.3	313.8	43.4	147.6	122.8	23.4	1,905	1,938	6.9	177,076
1960	354.2	327.8	43.6	152.4	131.7	26.4	1,969	1,969	7.5	179,894
	Seasonally adjusted annual rates									
1959: Third quarter	338.5	316.0	44.0	148.0	124.1	22.5	1,907	1,936	6.6	177,493
Fourth quarter	342.4	319.6	43.5	149.6	126.6	22.8	1,920	1,941	6.7	178,291
1960: First quarter	347.0	323.3	44.2	150.5	128.6	23.7	1,939	1,951	6.8	178,938
Second quarter	354.1	329.0	44.5	153.5	130.9	25.2	1,972	1,974	7.1	179,576
Third quarter	357.5	328.3	42.7	152.7	132.9	29.2	1,983	1,979	8.2	180,309
Fourth quarter	358.1	330.8	43.2	152.9	134.7	27.2	1,977	1,965	7.6	181,123
1961: First quarter	357.2	328.8	39.2	153.0	136.6	28.3	1,965	1,947	7.9	181,826

[1] Personal income (p. 3) less personal taxes and nontax payments (fines, penalties, etc.).

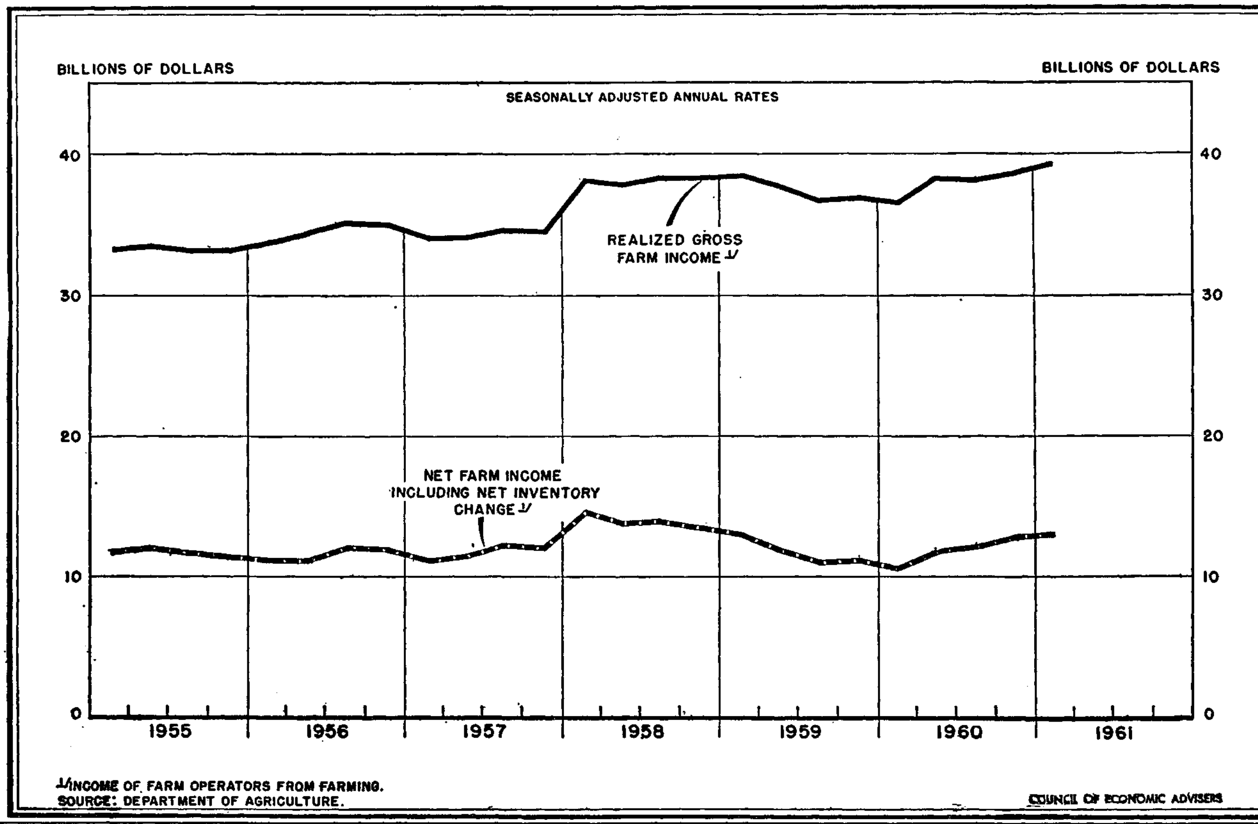
[2] Income in current prices divided by the implicit price deflator for personal consumption expenditures on a 1960 base.

[3] Population of the United States, excluding Alaska and Hawaii; includes armed forces abroad. 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

Gross and net income of farm operators increased again in the first quarter of 1961 and were appreciably above the rather low levels a year earlier.



Period	Income received by total farm population: From all sources	From agricultural sources [1]	From nonagricultural sources	Income received by farm operators from farming: Realized gross: Total [2]	Realized gross: Cash receipts from marketings	Production expenses	Net: Excluding inventory change	Net: Including net inventory change [3]	Net income per farm including net inventory change [4]: Current prices	1960 prices [5]
	Billions of dollars								Dollars	
1952	23.4	17.3	6.1	37.0	32.6	22.6	14.4	15.3	2,829	3,042
1953	21.1	15.1	6.0	35.3	31.1	21.4	13.9	13.3	2,502	2,690
1954	20.2	14.4	5.8	33.9	30.0	21.7	12.2	12.7	2,440	2,624
1955	19.8	13.5	6.3	33.3	29.6	21.9	11.5	11.8	2,313	2,487
1956	20.1	13.4	6.7	34.6	30.6	22.6	12.0	11.6	2,338	2,487
1957	20.2	13.6	6.6	34.4	29.8	23.4	11.0	11.8	2,426	2,501
1958	22.2	15.8	6.4	38.2	33.5	25.2	13.0	14.0	2,952	2,982
1959	20.4	13.6	6.8	37.5	33.1	26.2	11.3	11.8	2,548	2,574
1960	20.7	13.8	6.9	37.9	33.7	26.3	11.6	12.0	2,646	2,646
	Seasonally adjusted annual rates									
1959: Third quarter	(6)	(6)	(6)	36.7	32.4	26.1	10.6	11.1	2,390	2,410
Fourth quarter	(6)	(6)	(6)	36.9	32.7	26.1	10.8	11.2	2,410	2,410
1960: First quarter	(6)	(6)	(6)	36.5	32.3	26.3	10.2	10.6	2,330	2,330
Second quarter	(6)	(6)	(6)	38.3	34.1	26.5	11.8	12.1	2,670	2,670
Third quarter	(6)	(6)	(6)	38.1	34.0	26.2	11.9	12.2	2,690	2,690
Fourth quarter	(6)	(6)	(6)	38.6	34.3	26.2	12.4	12.8	2,820	2,820
1961: First quarter	(6)	(6)	(6)	39.4	35.2	26.6	12.8	13.0	2,970	2,970

[1] Net income of farm operators from farming (including net inventory change) and wages received by farm resident workers.
[2] Cash receipts from marketings, Government payments, and nonmoney income furnished by farms.
[3] Inventory of crops and livestock valued at the average price for the year.
[4] The number of farms (based on 1954 Census of Agriculture definition) is held constant within a year. The figures (in millions) for 1958, 1959, 1960, and 1961 are 4.7, 4.6, 4.5, and 4.4, respectively.
[5] Income in current prices divided by the index of prices paid by farmers for family living items on a 1960 base.
[6] Not available.

Source: Department of Agriculture.

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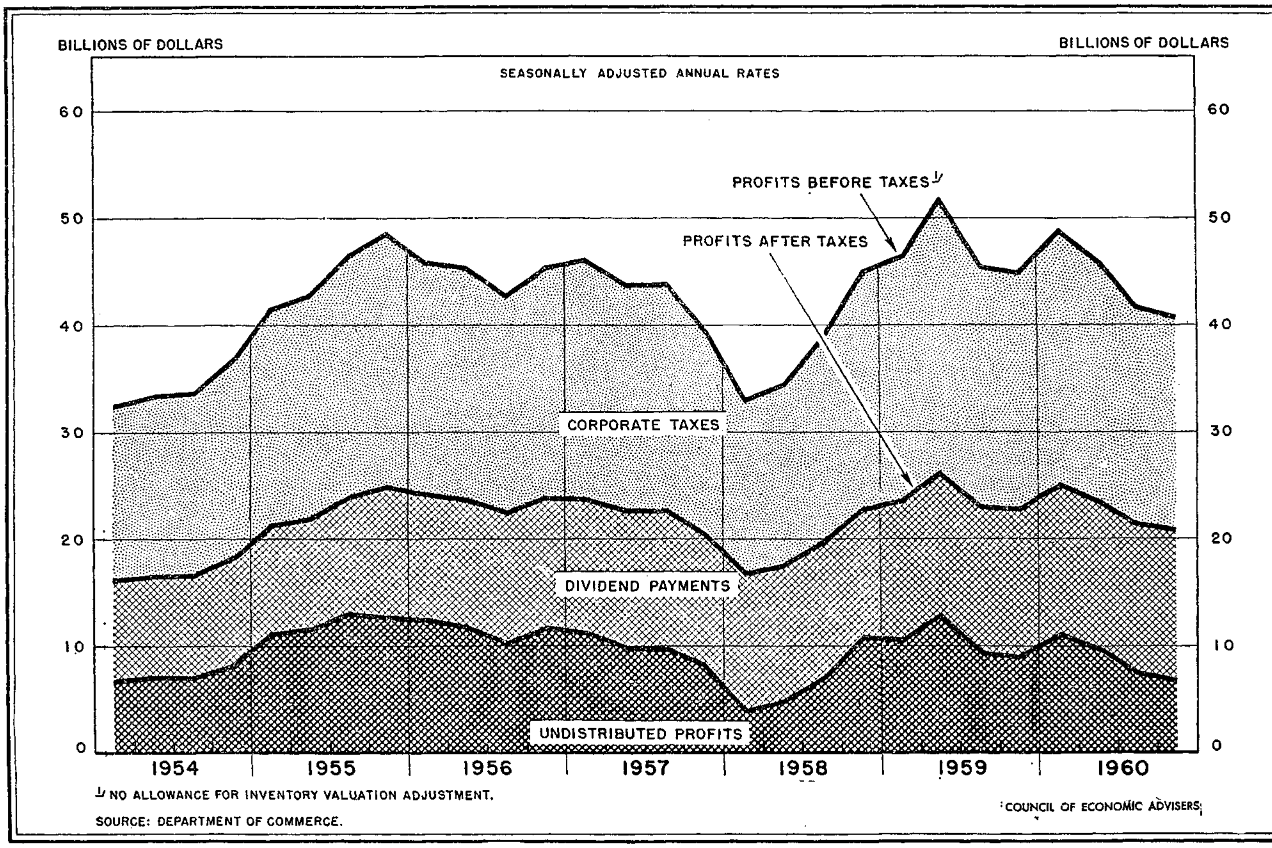
CORPORATE PROFITS

Corporate profits before taxes in the fourth quarter of 1960 are estimated to have been $40.7 billion (seasonally adjusted annual rate), about 17 percent below their first quarter 1960 level.



[Billions of dollars; quarterly data at seasonally adjusted annual rates]

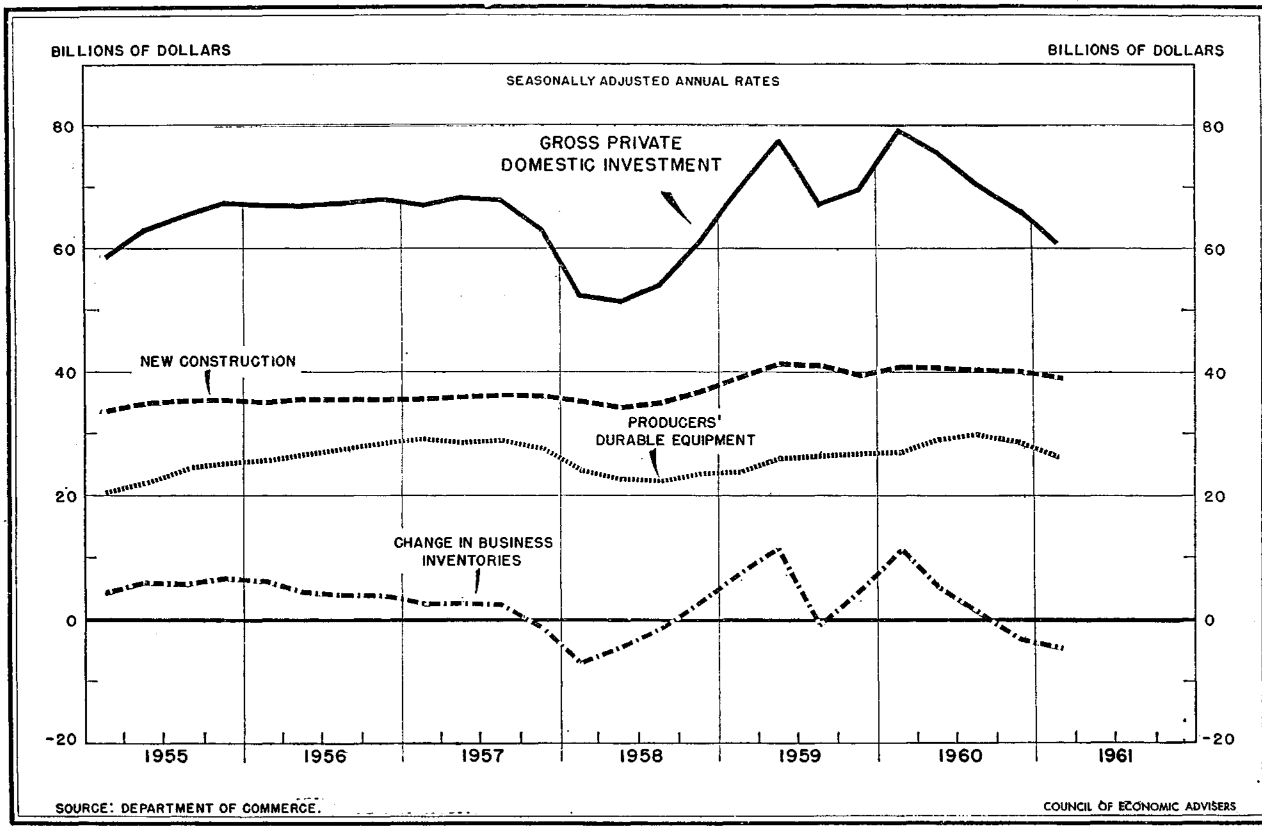
Period	Corporate profits (before taxes) and inventory valuation adjustment [1]						Corporate profits before taxes	Corporate tax liability	Corporate profits after taxes		
	All industries	Manufacturing			Transportation, communications, and public utilities	All other industries			Total	Dividend payments	Undistributed profits
		Total	Durable goods industries	Nondurable goods industries							
1950	35.7	20.4	12.0	8.4	4.0	11.3	40.6	17.9	22.8	9.2	13.6
1951	41.0	24.4	13.5	10.9	4.5	12.0	42.2	22.4	19.7	9.0	10.7
1952	37.7	21.1	11.8	9.3	4.8	11.8	36.7	19.5	17.2	9.0	8.3
1953	37.3	21.4	12.1	9.3	4.9	11.0	38.3	20.2	18.1	9.2	8.9
1954	33.7	18.4	10.1	8.3	4.4	11.0	34.1	17.2	16.8	9.8	7.0
1955	43.1	25.0	14.2	10.8	5.4	12.8	44.9	21.8	23.0	11.2	11.8
1956	42.0	23.5	12.6	10.9	5.6	12.9	44.7	21.2	23.5	12.1	11.3
1957	41.7	22.9	13.1	9.8	5.5	13.3	43.2	20.9	22.3	12.6	9.7
1958	37.4	18.8	9.2	9.6	5.4	13.2	37.7	18.6	19.1	12.4	6.7
1959	46.6	24.8	12.8	12.0	6.3	15.5	47.0	23.2	23.8	13.4	10.5
1960	44.3	23.1	11.5	11.6	6.4	14.7	44.3	21.6	22.8	14.0	8.7
1959: Third quarter	44.9	23.8	11.5	12.2	6.1	15.0	45.3	22.3	22.9	13.6	9.3
Fourth quarter	45.5	23.2	11.3	12.0	6.3	16.0	44.8	22.1	22.7	13.8	8.9
1960: First quarter	48.0	26.2	13.6	12.6	6.5	15.3	48.8	23.8	25.0	13.9	11.0
Second quarter	45.3	23.5	11.6	11.9	6.4	15.5	45.7	22.3	23.4	13.9	9.5
Third quarter	42.2	21.6	10.5	11.1	6.4	14.2	41.5	20.3	21.3	14.0	7.3
Fourth quarter	41.0	20.8	10.1	10.8	6.4	13.8	40.7	19.8	20.8	14.1	6.7
1961: First quarter	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	14.0	(2)

[1] See p. 2 for inventory valuation adjustment.
[2] Not available.

Source: Department of Commerce.

GROSS PRIVATE DOMESTIC INVESTMENT

The reduction of $5 billion (seasonally adjusted annual rate) in private investment during the first quarter of 1961 reflected sizable declines in each of the major sectors.



[Billions of dollars]

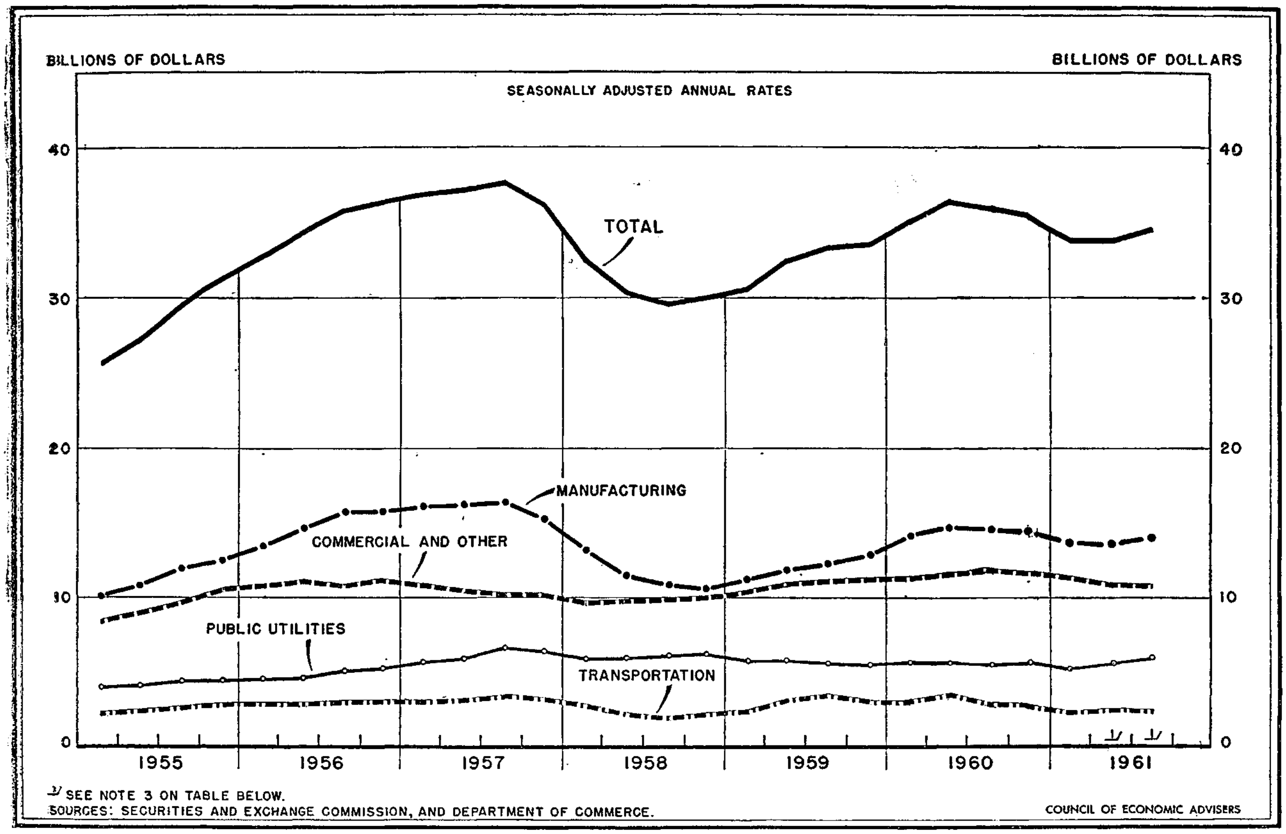
Period	Total gross private domestic invest-ment	Fixed investment: Total	New construction [1]: Total	New construction [1]: Residen-tial nonfarm	New construction [1]: Other [2]	Producers' durable equip-ment	Change in business inventories: Total	Change in business inventories: Nonfarm
1949	33.0	36.0	18.8	9.6	9.2	17.2	−3.1	−2.2
1950	50.0	43.2	24.2	14.1	10.1	18.9	6.8	6.0
1951	56.3	46.1	24.8	12.5	12.3	21.3	10.2	9.1
1952	49.9	46.8	25.5	12.8	12.7	21.3	3.1	2.1
1953	50.3	49.9	27.6	13.8	13.8	22.3	.4	1.1
1954	48.9	50.5	29.7	15.4	14.3	20.8	−1.6	−2.1
1955	63.8	58.1	34.9	18.7	16.2	23.1	5.8	5.5
1956	67.4	62.7	35.5	17.7	17.8	27.2	4.7	5.1
1957	66.1	64.6	36.1	17.0	19.0	28.5	1.6	.8
1958	56.0	58.5	35.4	18.0	17.4	23.1	−2.5	−3.6
1959	72.0	66.1	40.3	22.3	18.0	25.8	5.9	5.4
1960	72.8	69.2	40.4	21.1	19.3	28.8	3.6	3.2
	Seasonally adjusted annual rates							
1959: Third quarter	67.5	67.6	41.1	22.6	18.5	26.5	−.1	−.5
Fourth quarter	70.8	66.2	39.4	21.3	18.1	26.8	4.7	4.3
1960: First quarter	79.3	67.9	40.8	21.4	19.3	27.1	11.4	11.0
Second quarter	75.5	70.2	40.7	21.3	19.4	29.5	5.3	5.0
Third quarter	70.8	70.2	40.5	21.1	19.5	29.7	.6	.3
Fourth quarter	66.0	69.0	40.3	20.5	19.8	28.7	−3.0	−3.4
1961: First quarter	61.0	65.5	39.0	19.2	19.9	26.5	−4.5	−4.8

[1] Revisions in series on new construction shown on p. 17 have not yet been incorporated into these series.
[2] "Other" construction in this series includes petroleum and natural gas well drilling, which are excluded from estimates on p. 17.

Source: Department of Commerce.

EXPENDITURES FOR NEW PLANT AND EQUIPMENT

Businessmen plan to spend $34.5 billion on new plant and equipment in 1961, a decline of 3 percent from 1960, according to the April–May survey. These plans are about the same as reported in the survey made 3 months earlier.



[Billions of dollars]

Period	Total [1]	Manufacturing			Mining	Transportation		Public utilities	Commercial and other [2]
		Total	Durable goods	Nondurable goods		Railroads	Other		
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. 32	11. 91	5. 65	6. 26	. 99	1. 31	1. 56	4. 55	8. 00
1954	26. 83	11. 04	5. 09	5. 95	. 98	. 85	1. 51	4. 22	8. 23
1955	28. 70	11. 44	5. 44	6. 00	. 96	. 92	1. 60	4. 31	9. 47
1956	35. 08	14. 95	7. 62	7. 33	1. 24	1. 23	1. 71	4. 90	11. 05
1957	36. 96	15. 96	8. 02	7. 94	1. 24	1. 40	1. 77	6. 20	10. 40
1958	30. 53	11. 43	5. 47	5. 96	. 94	. 75	1. 50	6. 09	9. 82
1959	32. 54	12. 07	5. 77	6. 29	. 99	. 92	2. 02	5. 67	10. 88
1960	35. 68	14. 48	7. 18	7. 30	. 99	1. 03	1. 94	5. 68	11. 57
1961 [3]	34. 46	14. 00	6. 45	7. 55	1. 03	. 70	1. 76	5. 91	11. 05
	Seasonally adjusted annual rates								
1959: Third quarter	33. 35	12. 25	5. 85	6. 40	1. 00	1. 30	2. 15	5. 60	11. 05
Fourth quarter	33. 60	12. 85	6. 15	6. 70	1. 05	. 85	2. 15	5. 50	11. 20
1960: First quarter	35. 15	14. 10	7. 15	6. 95	1. 00	1. 00	2. 00	5. 75	11. 35
Second quarter	36. 30	14. 70	7. 40	7. 30	1. 05	1. 10	2. 15	5. 70	11. 60
Third quarter	35. 90	14. 65	7. 35	7. 30	1. 00	1. 00	1. 90	5. 60	11. 75
Fourth quarter	35. 50	14. 40	6. 85	7. 55	. 90	1. 00	1. 80	5. 70	11. 65
1961: First quarter	33. 85	13. 75	6. 50	7. 25	. 95	. 70	1. 75	5. 35	11. 30
Second quarter [3]	33. 85	13. 65	6. 30	7. 35	1. 00	. 75	1. 85	5. 75	10. 90
Third quarter [3]	34. 60	14. 05	6. 40	7. 70	1. 05	. 65	1. 85	6. 15	10. 80

[1] Excludes agriculture.
[2] Commercial and other includes trade, service, finance, communications, and construction.
[3] Estimates based on anticipated capital expenditures as reported by business in late April and May 1961. Includes adjustments when necessary for systematic tendencies in anticipatory data.

NOTE.—Beginning 1959 all quarterly data are rounded to nearest $50 million. Annual total is the sum of unadjusted expenditures; it does not necessarily coincide with the average of seasonally adjusted figures.

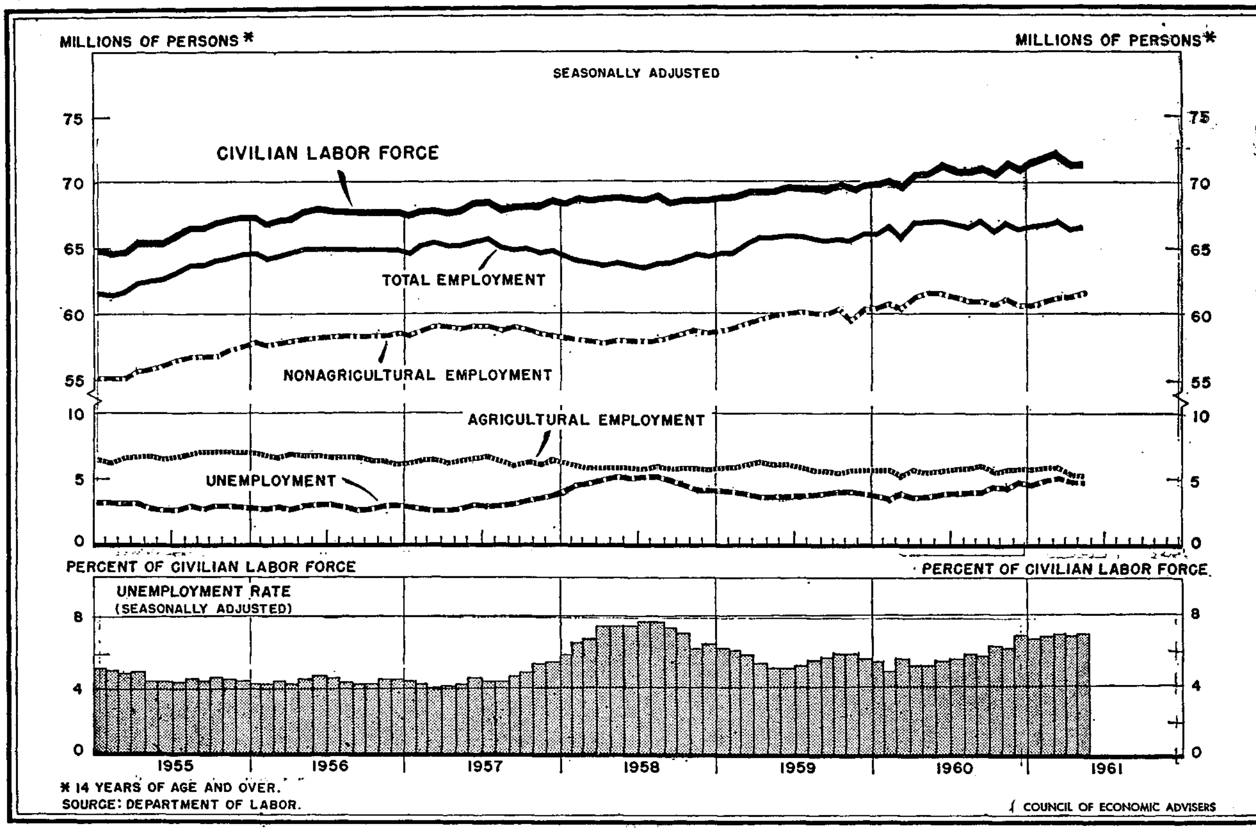
These figures do not agree with the totals included in the gross national product estimates of the Department of Commerce, principally because the latter cover agricultural investment and also certain equipment and construction outlays charged to current expense.

Sources: Securities and Exchange Commission and Department of Commerce.

EMPLOYMENT, UNEMPLOYMENT, AND WAGES

STATUS OF THE LABOR FORCE

Total employment rose by 1.1 million in May, approximately as much as expected at this time of year. The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate of 6.9 percent was virtually unchanged.



Period	Total labor force (including armed forces)	Civilian labor force	Civilian employment: Total	Civilian employment: Nonagricultural	Unemployment	Civilian labor force	Civilian employment: Total	Civilian employment: Agricultural	Civilian employment: Nonagricultural	Unemployment	Unemployment rate (percent of civilian labor force): Unadjusted	Unemployment rate (percent of civilian labor force): Seasonally adjusted
	Millions of persons 14 years of age and over										Percent	
1953	67.4	63.8	61.9	55.4	1.9	------	------	------	------	------	2.9	------
1954	67.8	64.5	60.9	54.4	3.6	------	------	------	------	------	5.6	------
1955	68.9	65.8	62.9	56.2	2.9	------	------	------	------	------	4.4	------
1956	70.4	67.5	64.7	58.1	2.8	------	------	------	------	------	4.2	------
1957	70.7	67.9	65.0	58.8	2.9	------	------	------	------	------	4.3	------
1958	71.3	68.6	64.0	58.1	4.7	------	------	------	------	------	6.8	------
1959	71.9	69.4	65.6	59.7	3.8	------	------	------	------	------	5.5	------
1960	73.1	70.6	66.7	61.0	3.9	------	------	------	------	------	5.6	------
	Unadjusted					Seasonally adjusted[1]						
1960: April	72.3	69.8	66.2	60.8	3.7	70.5	67.0	5.7	61.3	3.6	5.2	5.1
May	73.2	70.7	67.2	61.4	3.5	70.5	67.0	5.5	61.6	3.6	4.9	5.1
June	75.5	73.0	68.6	61.7	4.4	71.2	67.2	5.7	61.6	3.8	6.1	5.4
July	75.2	72.7	68.7	61.8	4.0	70.7	66.9	5.9	61.2	3.9	5.5	5.5
August	74.6	72.1	68.3	61.8	3.8	70.8	66.7	5.8	61.0	4.1	5.3	5.8
September	73.7	71.2	67.8	61.2	3.4	71.0	67.0	6.1	61.0	4.0	4.8	5.7
October	73.6	71.1	67.5	61.2	3.6	70.6	66.4	5.7	60.7	4.4	5.0	6.3
November	73.7	71.2	67.2	61.5	4.0	71.4	67.0	5.8	61.2	4.4	5.7	6.2
December	73.1	70.5	66.0	61.1	4.5	71.1	66.4	5.8	60.5	4.8	6.4	6.8
1961: January	72.4	69.8	64.5	59.8	5.4	71.5	66.6	5.7	60.7	4.7	7.7	6.6
February	72.9	70.4	64.7	59.9	5.7	71.9	66.8	5.8	60.9	4.9	8.1	6.8
March	73.5	71.0	65.5	60.5	5.5	72.2	67.1	5.8	61.2	5.0	7.7	6.9
April	73.2	70.7	65.7	60.7	5.0	71.4	66.5	5.3	61.2	4.9	7.0	6.8
May	74.1	71.5	66.8	61.2	4.8	71.4	66.6	5.2	61.5	4.9	6.7	6.9

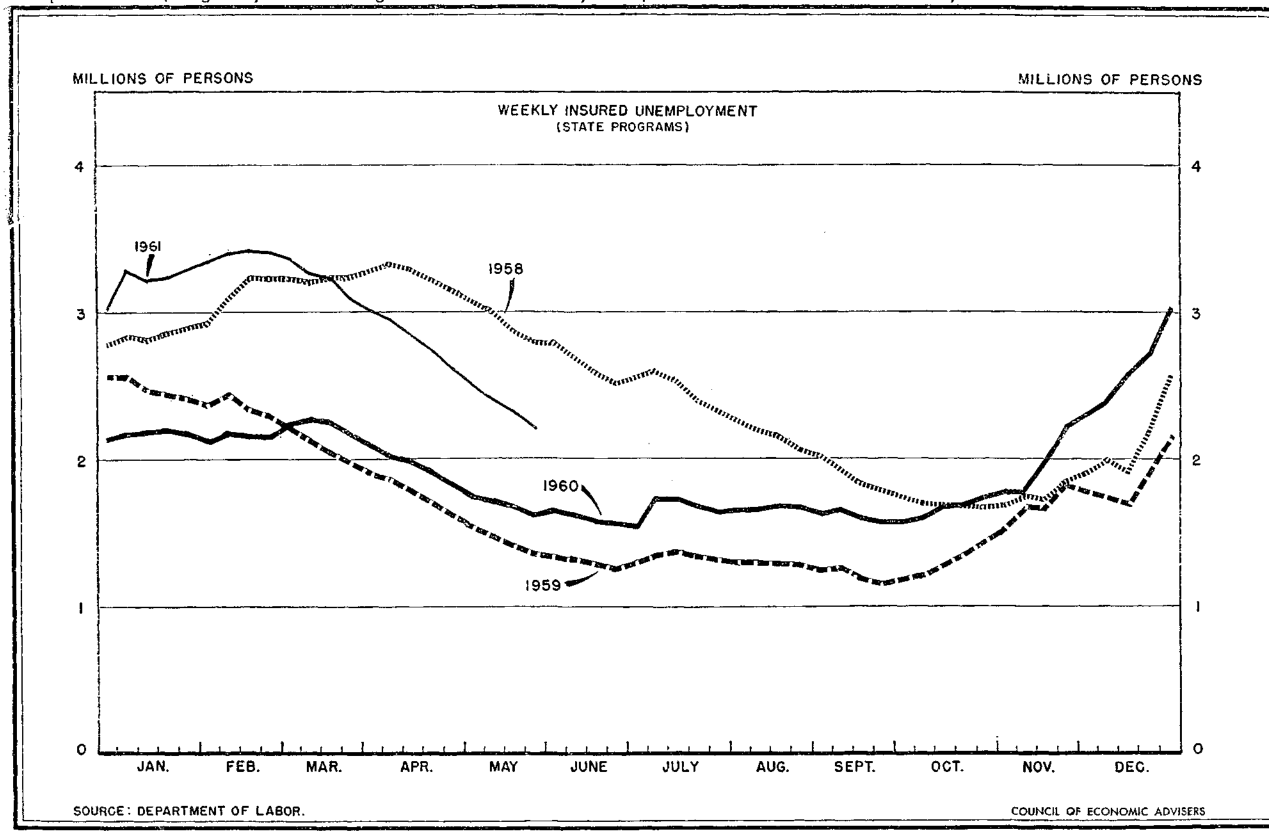
[1] Seasonally adjusted totals may differ from sum of components because totals and components have been seasonally adjusted separately.

NOTE.—For definitions and coverage, see *Employment and Earnings*, Department of Labor. Beginning January 1960, data include Alaska and Hawaii.

Source: Department of Labor.

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE PROGRAMS

Total insured unemployment averaged 3.3 million in May. Excluding the Temporary Extended Unemployment Compensation program, the average was 2.5 million, compared to 1.8 million in May 1960.



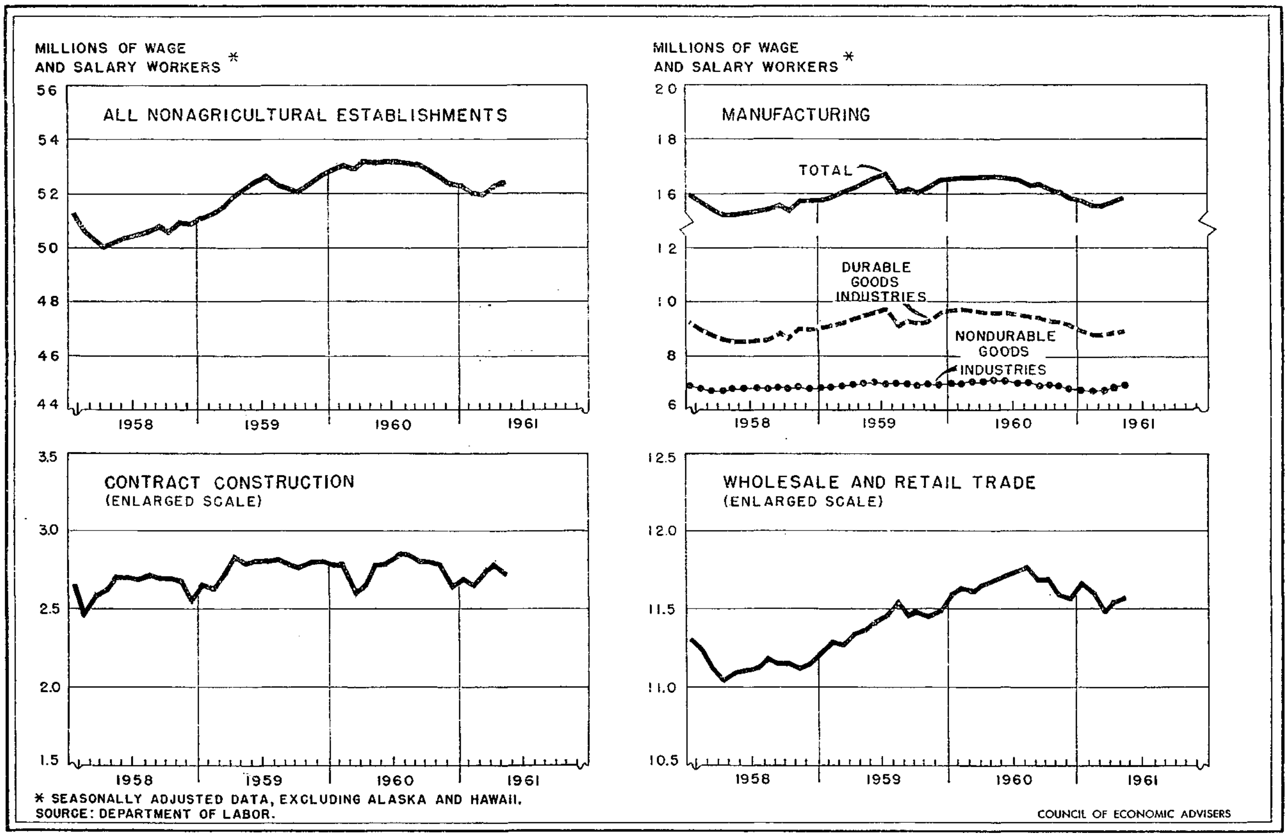
Period	All programs: Covered employment	All programs: Insured unemployment (weekly average)	All programs: Total benefits paid (millions of dollars)	State programs: Insured unemployment	State programs: Initial claims	State programs: Exhaustions	Insured unemployment as percent of covered employment: Unadjusted	Insured unemployment as percent of covered employment: Seasonally adjusted	Benefits paid: Total (millions of dollars)	Benefits paid: Average weekly check (dollars)
	Thousands			Weekly average, thousands			Percent			
1956	42, 758	1, 318	1, 540. 6	1, 212	226	20	3. 2	--------	1, 380. 7	27. 02
1957	43, 447	1, 567	1, 913. 0	1, 450	268	23	3. 6	--------	1, 733. 9	28. 17
1958	44, 501	2, 766	3, 892. 5	2, 509	370	50	6. 4	--------	3, 512. 7	30. 58
1959	45, 727	1, 856	2, 651. 7	1, 682	281	33	4. 4	--------	2, 279. 0	30. 41
1960	(1)	2, 067	3, 022. 8	1, 906	331	31	4. 8	--------	2, 726. 8	32. 87
1960: April	46, 240	2, 078	259. 6	1, 939	293	35	4. 9	*4. 2*	237. 4	32. 50
May	46, 473	1, 801	223. 0	1, 682	264	31	4. 3	*4. 1*	204. 9	32. 24
June	46, 963	1, 700	216. 8	1, 588	272	31	4. 0	*4. 2*	198. 9	32. 33
July	46, 900	1, 826	198. 7	1, 686	339	29	4. 3	*4. 6*	183. 8	32. 37
August	47, 017	1, 804	229. 7	1, 657	306	28	4. 2	*5. 1*	206. 3	32. 99
September	47, 012	1, 781	230. 8	1, 598	274	27	4. 0	*5. 3*	201. 8	33. 54
October	(1)	1, 839	214. 9	1, 678	332	29	4. 2	*5. 9*	189. 9	33. 73
November	(1)	2, 226	258. 6	2, 039	396	31	5. 1	*6. 5*	231. 1	34. 01
December	(1)	2, 845	332. 4	2, 639	494	36	6. 6	*6. 5*	300. 2	34. 18
1961: January	(1)	3, 515	436. 4	3, 266	541	44	8. 1	*6. 3*	397. 6	34. 34
February	(1)	3, 638	435. 5	3, 394	480	49	8. 4	*6. 4*	399. 3	34. 45
March	(1)	3, 403	500. 9	3, 168	372	53	7. 8	*6. 3*	461. 5	34. 37
April	(1)	[3] 3, 626	[3] 419. 6	2, 779	367	58	6. 8	*5. 9*	362. 5	34. 18
May [2]	(1)	[3] 3, 289	[3] 420. 0	2, 328	300	55	5. 7	*5. 4*	280. 0	34. 00
Week ended:										
1961: May 13	(1)	[3] 3, 345	(1)	2, 393	308	(1)	5. 9	(1)	(1)	(1)
20	(1)	[3] 3, 281	(1)	2, 307	292	(1)	5. 7	(1)	(1)	(1)
27	(1)	[3] 3, 158	(1)	2, 201	280	(1)	5. 4	(1)	(1)	(1)
June 3 [2]	(1)	[3] 3, 157	(1)	[4] 2, 191	283	(1)	5. 4	(1)	(1)	(1)
10 [2]	(1)	--------	(1)	--------	285	(1)	--------	(1)	(1)	(1)

[1] Not available. [2] Preliminary.
[3] Includes Temporary Unemployment Compensation program beginning April. This program is excluded from State data.
[4] Not charted.

NOTE.—For definitions and coverage, see *1960 Supplement to Economic Indicators*.
Data for Alaska and Hawaii included for all periods.
Source: Department of Labor.

NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT

Total payroll employment in nonagricultural establishments, seasonally adjusted, increased by 213,000 in May. Most of the increase occurred in industries manufacturing durable goods.



[Thousands of wage and salary workers [1]]

Period	Total, unadjusted, excluding Alaska and Hawaii	Total including Alaska and Hawaii	Total excluding Alaska and Hawaii	Manufacturing (private): Total	Manufacturing (private): Durable goods	Manufacturing (private): Nondurable goods	Nonmanufacturing (private): Total [2]	Nonmanufacturing (private): Contract construction	Nonmanufacturing (private): Wholesale and retail trade	Government (Federal, State, local)
1954	*48, 431*	---------	48, 431	15, 995	9, 122	6, 873	25, 685	2, 593	10, 520	6, 751
1955	*50, 056*	---------	50, 056	16, 563	9, 549	7, 014	26, 579	2, 759	10, 846	6, 914
1956	*51, 766*	---------	51, 766	16, 903	9, 835	7, 068	27, 586	2, 929	11, 221	7, 277
1957	*52, 162*	---------	52, 162	16, 782	9, 821	6, 961	27, 754	2, 808	11, 302	7, 626
1958	*50, 543*	---------	50, 543	15, 468	8, 743	6, 725	27, 182	2, 648	11, 141	7, 893
1959	*51, 975*	52, 205	51, 975	16, 168	9, 290	6, 878	27, 680	2, 767	11, 385	8, 127
1960	*52, 898*	53, 137	52, 898	16, 337	9, 432	6, 905	28, 103	2, 772	11, 642	8, 458
		Seasonally adjusted								
1960: April	*52, 844*	53, 362	53, 128	16, 527	9, 552	6, 975	28, 086	2, 752	11, 652	8, 515
May	*52, 957*	53, 344	53, 105	16, 540	9, 537	7, 003	28, 156	2, 783	11, 675	8, 409
June	*53, 309*	53, 388	53, 140	16, 498	9, 499	6, 999	28, 222	2, 790	11, 712	8, 420
July	*52, 923*	53, 407	53, 145	16, 417	9, 452	6, 965	28, 324	2, 858	11, 736	8, 404
August	*53, 062*	53, 304	53, 046	16, 265	9, 338	6, 927	28, 307	2, 835	11, 764	8, 474
September	*53, 496*	53, 242	52, 998	16, 275	9, 391	6, 884	28, 184	2, 800	11, 665	8, 539
October	*53, 391*	53, 047	52, 809	16, 132	9, 266	6, 866	28, 153	2, 804	11, 668	8, 524
November	*53, 133*	52, 825	52, 591	16, 030	9, 190	6, 840	28, 030	2, 783	11, 568	8, 531
December	*53, 310*	52, 453	52, 221	15, 790	9, 030	6, 760	27, 843	2, 647	11, 541	8, 588
1961: January	*51, 437*	52, 460	52, 232	15, 676	8, 918	6, 758	27, 947	2, 698	11, 634	8, 609
February	*51, 090*	52, 213	51, 984	15, 527	8, 792	6, 735	27, 814	2, 636	11, 576	8, 643
March	*51, 397*	52, 166	51, 939	15, 541	8, 781	6, 760	27, 736	2, 715	11, 479	8, 662
April [3]	*51, 825*	52, 459	52, 226	15, 672	8, 857	6, 815	27, 869	2, 777	11, 537	8, 685
May [3]	*52, 298*	52, 672	52, 433	15, 867	9, 014	6, 853	27, 857	2, 709	11, 556	8, 709

[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, shown on p. 9, 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.

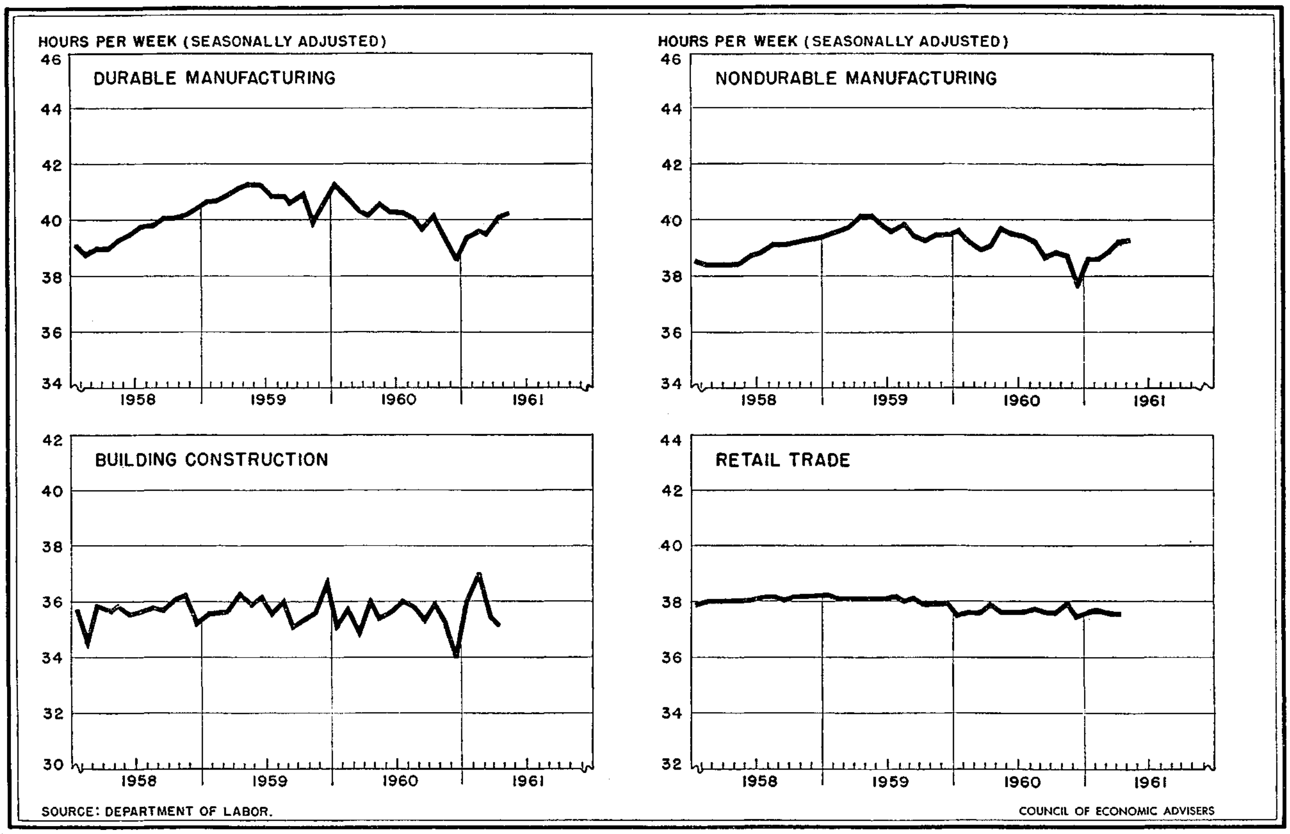
[2] Includes mining; transportation and public utilities; finance, insurance, and real estate; and service and miscellaneous, not shown separately.

[3] Preliminary.

Source: Department of Labor.

WEEKLY HOURS OF WORK

The average workweek in manufacturing industries, seasonally adjusted, again rose in May, reaching 39.8 hours.

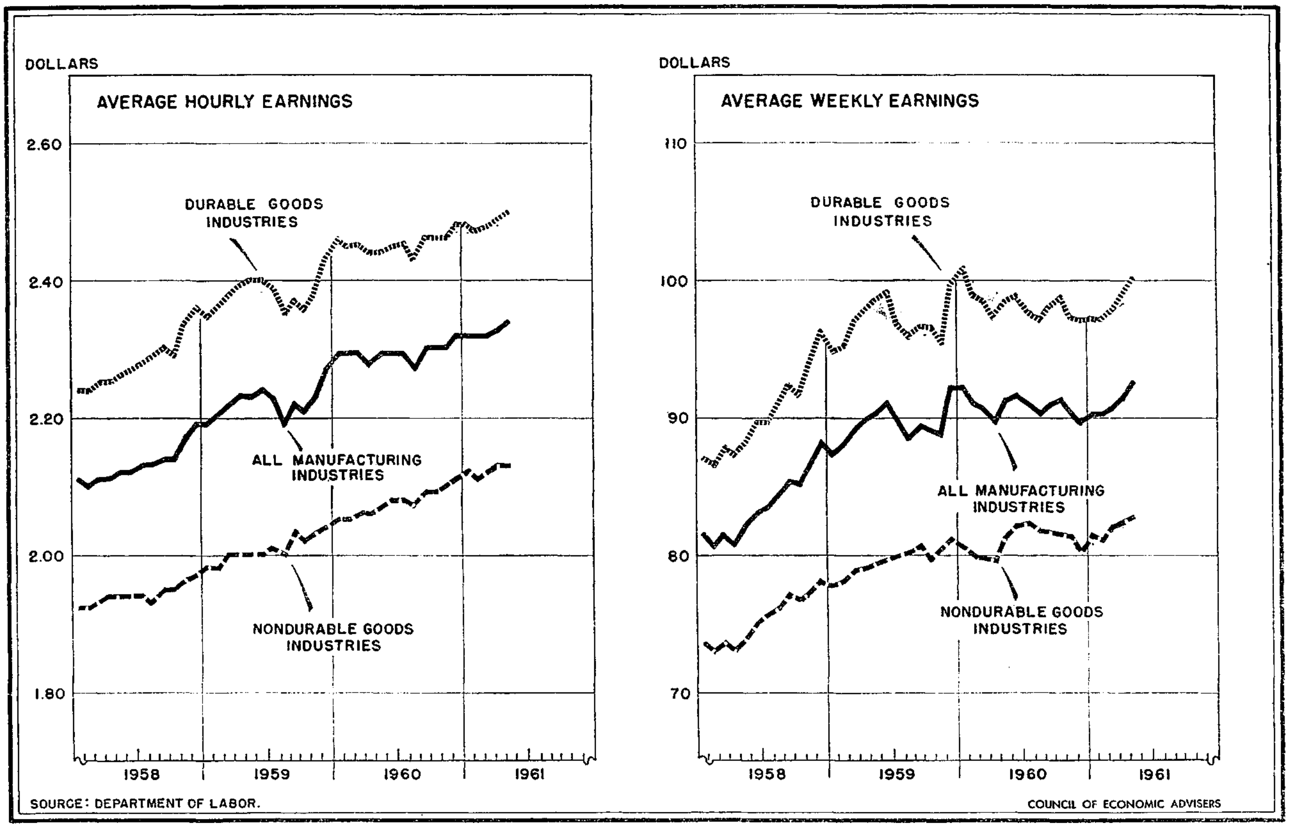


Period	Average hours per week [1]					Persons at work in nonagricultural industries by hours worked per week [2]				
	Manufacturing industries			Building construction	Retail trade	Over 40 hours	35–40 hours	Under 35 hours		
	All	Durable goods	Non-durable goods					Total	Part-time for economic reasons: Usually full-time [3]	Part-time for economic reasons: Usually part-time [4]
	Hours per week					Millions of persons 14 years of age and over				
1954	39.7	40.2	39.0	36.2	39.1	15.7	24.4	11.8	(5)	(5)
1955	40.7	41.4	39.8	36.2	39.0	18.0	27.0	8.7	(5)	(5)
1956	40.4	41.1	39.5	36.4	38.6	18.7	27.3	9.4	1.1	0.9
1957	39.8	40.3	39.1	36.1	38.1	17.6	28.6	9.7	1.2	1.0
1958	39.2	39.5	38.8	35.7	38.1	16.6	28.3	10.4	1.6	1.3
1959	40.3	40.8	39.6	35.8	38.1	17.3	27.7	11.7	1.0	1.3
1960	39.7	40.1	39.1	35.5	37.7	17.7	28.7	11.5	1.2	1.3
	Seasonally adjusted									
1960: April	39.6	40.1	39.1	36.0	37.9	17.0	27.8	13.8	1.2	1.3
May	40.1	40.5	39.7	35.4	37.6	18.0	30.6	10.8	1.2	1.2
June	39.9	40.2	39.5	35.6	37.6	18.0	29.8	10.2	1.4	1.5
July	39.9	40.2	39.4	36.0	37.6	17.3	28.1	9.3	1.1	1.7
August	39.7	40.0	39.2	35.8	37.7	17.1	29.1	8.8	1.2	1.6
September	39.3	39.7	38.7	35.3	37.6	18.5	29.7	10.4	1.3	1.2
October	39.5	40.1	38.8	35.9	37.6	18.6	29.0	11.7	1.3	1.2
November	39.1	39.4	38.7	35.3	37.9	17.0	24.6	18.2	1.4	1.3
December	38.3	38.6	37.7	34.0	37.4	18.3	29.3	11.6	1.5	1.3
1961: January	39.0	39.4	38.6	36.1	37.6	17.7	29.5	10.9	1.7	1.4
February	39.1	39.6	38.6	37.0	37.7	17.4	27.9	12.7	1.7	1.4
March	39.3	39.5	38.9	35.4	37.6	17.7	29.6	11.4	1.5	1.5
April [6]	39.6	40.1	39.2	35.1	37.6	17.7	29.9	11.3	1.5	1.5
May [6]	39.8	40.2	39.3	(5)	(5)	18.1	29.8	11.4	[7] 1.3	[7] 1.5

[1] Data relate to production workers or nonsupervisory employees.
[2] Differs from total nonagricultural employment (p. 9), which includes persons with jobs but not at work for such reasons as vacation, illness, bad weather, and industrial disputes. Beginning January 1960, data include Alaska and Hawaii.
[3] Includes persons who worked part-time because of slack work, material shortages or repairs, new job started, or job terminated.
[4] Primarily includes persons who could find only part-time work.
[5] Not available.
[6] Preliminary.
[7] Average hours worked: usually full-time, 24.1; usually part-time, 18.7.
Source: Department of Labor.

AVERAGE HOURLY AND WEEKLY EARNINGS - SELECTED INDUSTRIES

Average hourly earnings of production workers in manufacturing industries increased slightly in May to $2.34, or 5 cents higher than in May 1960. Average weekly earnings increased $1.09 in May to $92.66, primarily reflecting the longer workweek.



[For production workers or nonsupervisory employees]

Period	Average hourly earnings—current prices					Average weekly earnings—current prices					Average weekly earnings, all manufacturing industries, 1960 prices [1]
	Manufacturing industries			Building construction	Retail trade	Manufacturing industries			Building construction	Retail trade	
	All	Durable goods	Nondurable goods			All	Durable goods	Nondurable goods			
1951	$1. 59	$1. 67	$1. 48	$2. 19	$1. 26	$64. 71	$69. 47	$58. 46	$81. 47	$50. 65	$73. 79
1952	1. 67	1. 77	1. 54	2. 31	1. 32	67. 97	73. 46	60. 98	88. 01	52. 67	75. 77
1953	1. 77	1. 87	1. 61	2. 48	1. 40	71. 69	77. 23	63. 60	91. 76	54. 88	79. 30
1954	1. 81	1. 92	1. 66	2. 60	1. 45	71. 86	77. 18	64. 74	94. 12	56. 70	79. 14
1955	1. 88	2. 01	1. 71	2. 66	1. 50	76. 52	83. 21	68. 06	96. 29	58. 50	84. 55
1956	1. 98	2. 10	1. 80	2. 80	1. 57	79. 99	86. 31	71. 10	101. 92	60. 60	87. 04
1957	2. 07	2. 20	1. 88	2. 96	1. 64	82. 39	88. 66	73. 51	106. 86	62. 48	86. 73
1958	2. 13	2. 28	1. 94	3. 10	1. 70	83. 50	90. 06	75. 27	110. 67	64. 77	85. 55
1959	2. 22	2. 38	2. 01	3. 22	1. 76	89. 47	97. 10	79. 60	115. 28	67. 06	90. 83
1960	2. 29	2. 45	2. 08	3. 37	1. 81	90. 91	98. 25	81. 33	119. 64	68. 24	90. 91
1960: April	2. 28	2. 44	2. 06	3. 32	1. 79	89. 60	97. 36	79. 52	119. 19	67. 48	89. 78
May	2. 29	2. 44	2. 07	3. 34	1. 81	91. 37	98. 58	81. 35	119. 91	67. 69	91. 55
June	2. 29	2. 45	2. 08	3. 34	1. 82	91. 60	98. 98	82. 16	121. 24	68. 80	91. 60
July	2. 29	2. 45	2. 08	3. 37	1. 82	91. 14	97. 76	82. 37	123. 68	69. 52	91. 05
August	2. 27	2. 43	2. 07	3. 37	1. 81	90. 35	97. 20	81. 77	123. 68	69. 32	90. 26
September	2. 30	2. 46	2. 09	3. 40	1. 82	91. 08	98. 15	81. 72	122. 40	68. 43	90. 90
October	2. 30	2. 46	2. 09	3. 42	1. 83	91. 31	98. 89	81. 51	125. 17	68. 44	90. 77
November	2. 30	2. 46	2. 10	3. 42	1. 82	90. 39	97. 42	81. 48	117. 99	68. 25	89. 76
December	2. 32	2. 48	2. 11	3. 46	1. 78	89. 55	96. 97	80. 18	115. 56	67. 11	88. 84
1961: January	2. 32	2. 48	2. 12	3. 47	1. 84	90. 25	97. 22	81. 41	123. 53	69. 00	89. 62
February	2. 32	2. 47	2. 11	3. 48	1. 84	90. 25	97. 07	81. 02	123. 19	69. 00	89. 53
March	2. 32	2. 48	2. 12	3. 46	1. 83	90. 71	97. 96	82. 04	120. 41	68. 44	89. 99
April [2]	2. 33	2. 49	2. 13	3. 46	1. 85	91. 57	99. 35	82. 43	121. 10	69. 19	90. 84
May [2]	2. 34	2. 50	2. 13	(3)	(3)	92. 66	100. 25	82. 86	(3)	(3)	(3)

[1] Earnings in current prices divided by the consumer price index on a 1960 base.
[2] Preliminary.
[3] Not available.

Source: Department of Labor.

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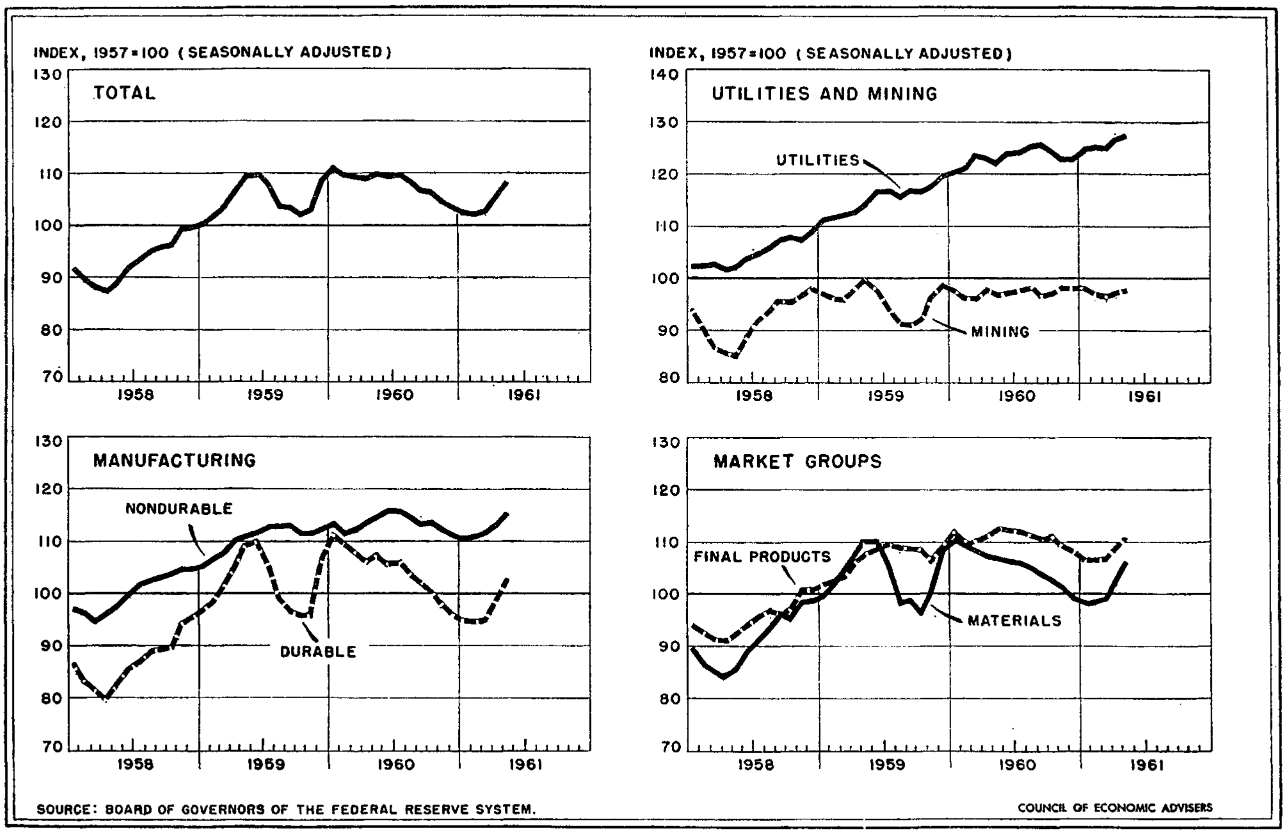
PRODUCTION AND BUSINESS ACTIVITY

INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION

The industrial production index (seasonally adjusted) increased nearly 3 percent in May, bringing the total increase since the February low to 6 percent. May increases were widespread.



[1957=100, seasonally adjusted]

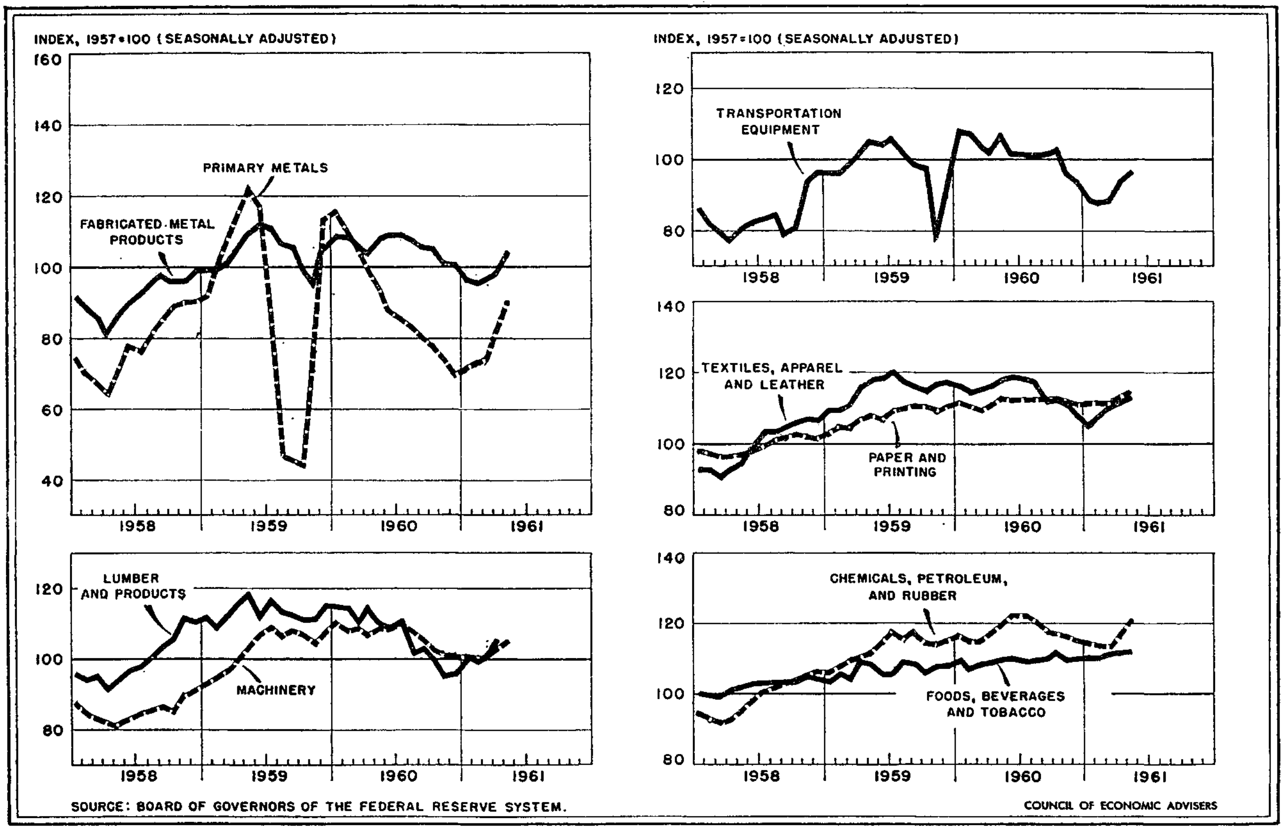
Period	Total industrial production	Industry					Market			
		Manufacturing			Mining	Utilities	Final products			Materials
		Total	Durable	Nondurable			Total	Consumer goods	Equipment	
1951	80.8	81.5	80.3	81.7	87.3	60.1	79.3	80.6	75.0	82.2
1952	83.8	84.8	85.1	83.3	86.5	65.2	85.2	82.5	90.0	82.7
1953	90.8	92.1	96.0	86.9	88.8	71.1	90.7	88.1	96.1	90.8
1954	85.4	85.8	85.0	86.9	86.2	76.5	86.5	87.2	85.0	84.4
1955	96.0	96.7	97.9	95.0	94.8	85.4	94.6	96.5	90.9	97.1
1956	99.3	99.5	100.0	98.9	100.1	93.6	98.9	98.7	99.1	99.7
1957	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
1958	92.9	92.4	86.8	99.9	91.4	104.5	95.1	99.0	87.3	91.0
1959	104.9	105.3	101.5	110.3	95.3	115.0	106.5	110.0	99.5	103.5
1960 [1]	108.0	108.2	104.3	113.5	97.0	123.1	110.7	114.6	102.9	105.6
1960: April	108.8	109.1	106.0	113.2	97.8	123.1	110.8	115.1	102.3	107.5
May	109.8	110.3	107.1	114.7	96.8	122.0	112.3	116.5	104.1	107.3
June	109.4	109.8	105.3	115.8	97.2	123.6	112.2	116.8	103.2	106.4
July	109.5	109.9	105.6	115.6	97.4	124.1	112.0	115.9	104.3	106.2
August	108.4	108.4	103.7	114.8	98.0	125.3	111.1	115.1	103.1	105.1
September	106.8	106.7	101.9	113.1	96.3	125.6	110.3	114.0	103.0	103.7
October	106.3	106.2	100.8	113.4	96.9	124.1	110.7	114.7	102.7	102.9
November	104.6	104.1	98.0	112.2	98.0	122.8	109.1	112.9	101.7	101.1
December	103.0	102.3	95.8	111.0	97.8	122.8	108.1	111.8	100.6	98.9
1961: January	102.3	101.4	94.6	110.5	98.0	124.3	106.6	110.2	99.5	98.1
February	102.1	101.3	94.3	110.8	96.9	125.0	106.6	110.2	99.5	98.2
March	102.4	101.9	94.7	111.6	96.7	124.8	106.7	110.5	99.0	99.1
April	105.3	104.9	98.7	113.3	97.0	126.2	109.0	113.4	100.3	102.5
May [1]	108.2	108.2	102.8	115.4	97.4	127.2	110.8	115.2	102.0	106.1

[1] Preliminary.

Source: Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

PRODUCTION OF SELECTED MANUFACTURES

Output of nearly all manufactures (seasonally adjusted) increased significantly in May. The largest increases were 11 percent in primary metals and 6 percent in fabricated metals.



[1957=100, seasonally adjusted]

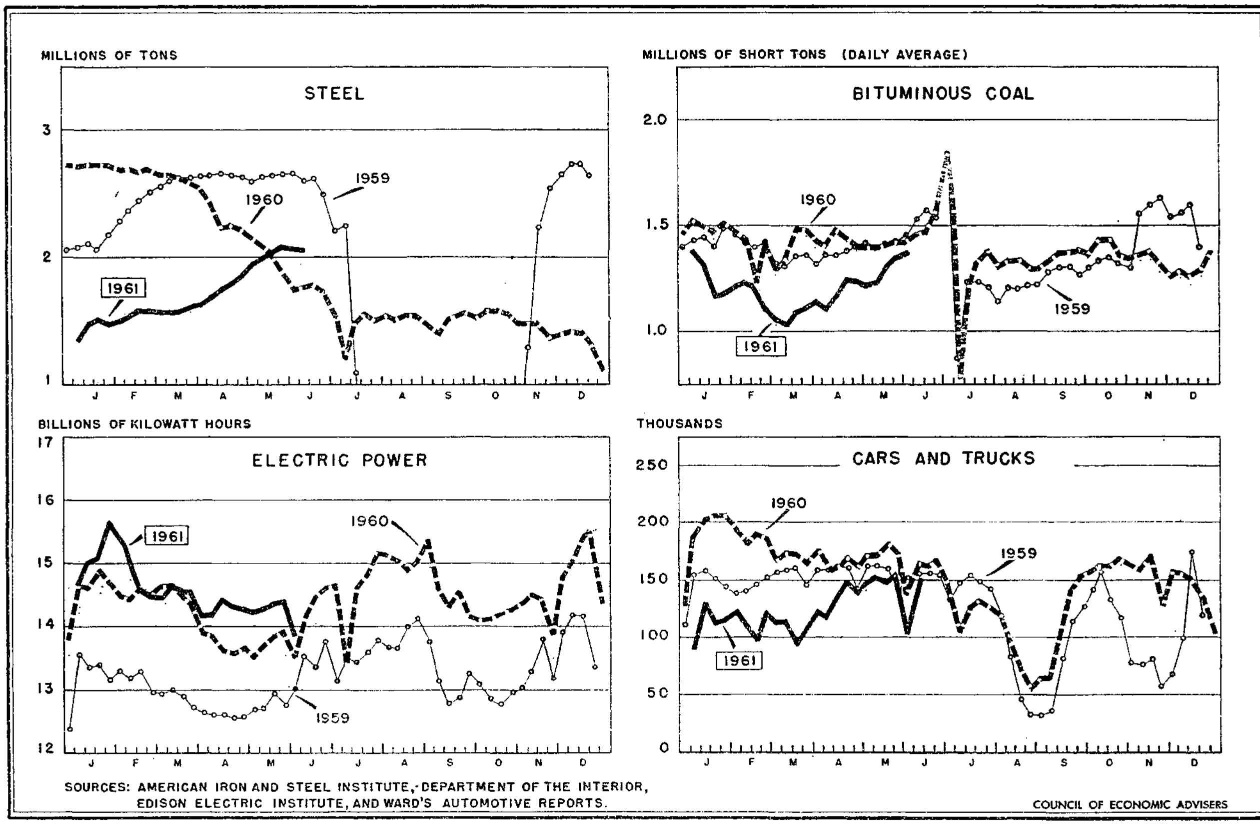
Period	Durable manufactures					Nondurable manufactures			
	Primary metals	Fabricated metal products	Machinery	Transportation equipment	Lumber and products	Textiles, apparel, and leather	Paper and printing	Chemicals, petroleum, and rubber	Foods, beverages, and tobacco
1951	96.9	90.0	79.6	59.0	102.2	90.1	81.1	71.8	88.3
1952	88.5	87.8	88.4	68.6	100.9	92.2	79.4	74.5	90.2
1953	100.3	98.8	96.4	86.2	106.7	93.6	84.5	80.2	91.2
1954	81.3	88.8	84.3	78.7	103.9	89.6	86.9	79.3	92.8
1955	105.5	96.9	92.6	95.9	114.2	98.4	94.6	91.8	96.2
1956	103.7	97.4	102.8	91.5	109.9	101.1	99.3	96.3	99.8
1957	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
1958	78.0	91.6	85.2	84.2	99.7	99.2	99.2	98.8	102.1
1959	89.5	103.9	102.8	97.8	113.1	115.2	107.6	112.7	106.5
1960 [1]	90.5	106.0	106.4	101.7	106.6	115.1	111.6	117.8	109.4
1960: April	99.0	103.8	106.8	102.3	114.4	116.1	110.3	117.9	108.5
May	93.6	107.9	108.5	106.4	110.2	118.3	112.1	119.1	109.7
June	87.5	108.4	108.6	101.6	108.9	118.9	112.0	122.4	109.8
July	85.1	108.7	110.0	101.5	110.9	118.7	112.3	122.0	109.6
August	82.8	107.7	107.2	101.3	102.2	117.1	112.2	120.2	109.7
September	79.8	105.8	105.4	101.5	103.0	112.1	112.3	117.5	109.9
October	78.3	105.4	102.0	102.5	100.1	112.1	112.8	117.1	111.1
November	73.6	101.0	101.9	96.8	95.1	110.9	111.9	116.1	109.3
December	69.3	100.7	101.1	93.3	95.9	107.5	110.8	114.6	110.0
1961: January	71.2	96.5	101.3	88.9	100.2	105.0	111.1	114.0	110.2
February	72.6	95.7	100.8	87.6	99.2	107.4	111.4	113.4	110.1
March	73.5	96.3	100.5	88.1	100.5	110.2	111.2	113.3	111.2
April	81.7	98.8	102.9	93.8	105.7	111.7	113.0	116.9	111.1
May [1]	91	105	106	97	(2)	113	115	121	111

[1] Preliminary.
[2] Not available.

Source: Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

WEEKLY INDICATORS OF PRODUCTION

Most weekly indicators increased further in May, despite some curtailment because of the holiday.



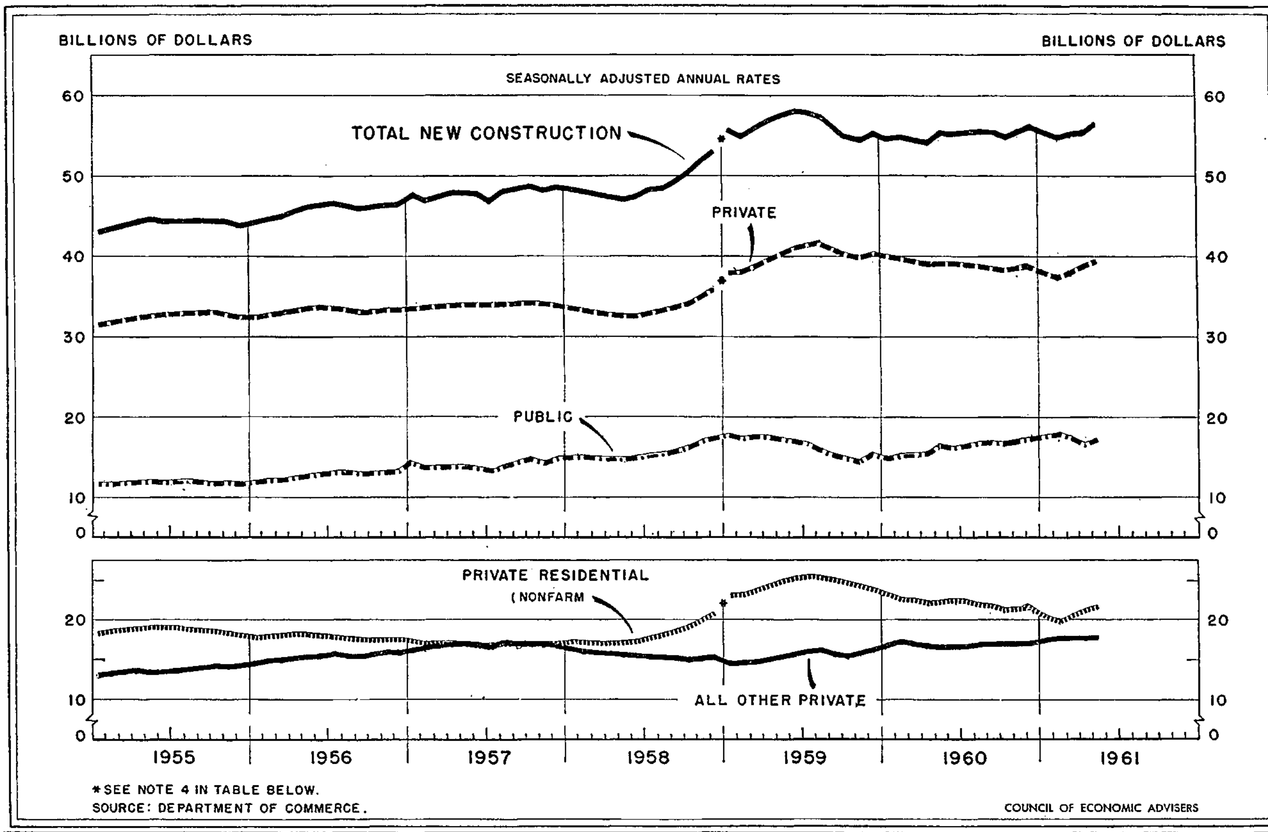
Period	Steel produced: Thousands of net tons	Steel produced: Index (1957–59=100)	Electric power distributed (millions of kilowatt-hours)	Bituminous coal mined (thousands of short tons) [1]	Freight loaded (thousands of cars)	Paperboard produced (thousands of tons)	Cars and trucks assembled (thousands): Total	Cars	Trucks
Weekly average:									
1956	2,204	118.3	11,292	1,693	728	274	132.8	111.6	21.2
1957	2,162	116.0	11,873	1,644	683	272	138.6	117.6	21.0
1958	1,635	87.8	12,076	1,380	581	275	98.4	81.6	16.8
1959	1,792	96.2	13,206	1,380	596	307	129.5	107.6	21.9
1960	1,899	101.9	14,685	1,382	585	306	151.8	128.7	23.1
1960: April	2,279	122.3	13,673	1,377	623	311	163.8	137.3	26.5
May	1,993	107.0	13,744	1,422	640	315	174.3	146.3	28.0
June	1,726	92.7	14,268	1,487	613	313	156.4	131.8	24.6
July	1,437	77.1	14,501	1,270	574	267	123.0	103.5	19.5
August	1,544	82.9	15,080	1,350	592	320	80.6	65.1	15.5
September	1,509	81.0	14,408	1,378	582	301	117.1	98.3	18.7
October	1,550	83.2	14,172	1,356	639	323	162.9	145.3	17.6
November	1,439	77.2	14,394	1,361	545	301	156.3	136.1	20.2
December	1,321	70.9	15,086	1,263	470	257	136.7	116.9	19.9
1961: January	1,448	77.7	15,098	1,303	480	274	112.2	93.8	18.4
February	1,560	83.7	14,854	1,207	489	303	113.2	91.4	21.9
March	1,600	85.9	14,473	1,081	501	319	109.9	88.7	21.1
April	1,768	94.9	14,295	1,179	527	316	135.8	111.7	24.1
May [2]	2,027	108.8	14,223	1,302	555	320	141.0	118.4	22.6
Week ended:									
1961: April 29	1,858	99.7	14,254	1,226	544	320	139.0	114.4	24.6
May 6	1,943	104.3	14,206	1,219	544	326	147.3	124.5	22.9
13	1,988	106.7	14,278	1,227	551	320	153.6	129.4	24.2
20	2,037	109.3	14,352	1,303	568	324	148.2	123.5	24.7
27	2,077	111.5	14,390	1,355	579	332	153.8	129.1	24.7
June 3 [2]	2,052	110.1	13,887	1,366	531	301	102.3	85.6	16.6
10 [2]	2,042	109.6	[3] 15,004		593	332	151.1	127.3	23.8

[1] Daily average.
[2] Preliminary.
[3] Not charted.

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

NEW CONSTRUCTION

Total expenditures for new construction (seasonally adjusted) increased in May. Outlays for both private and public construction rose.



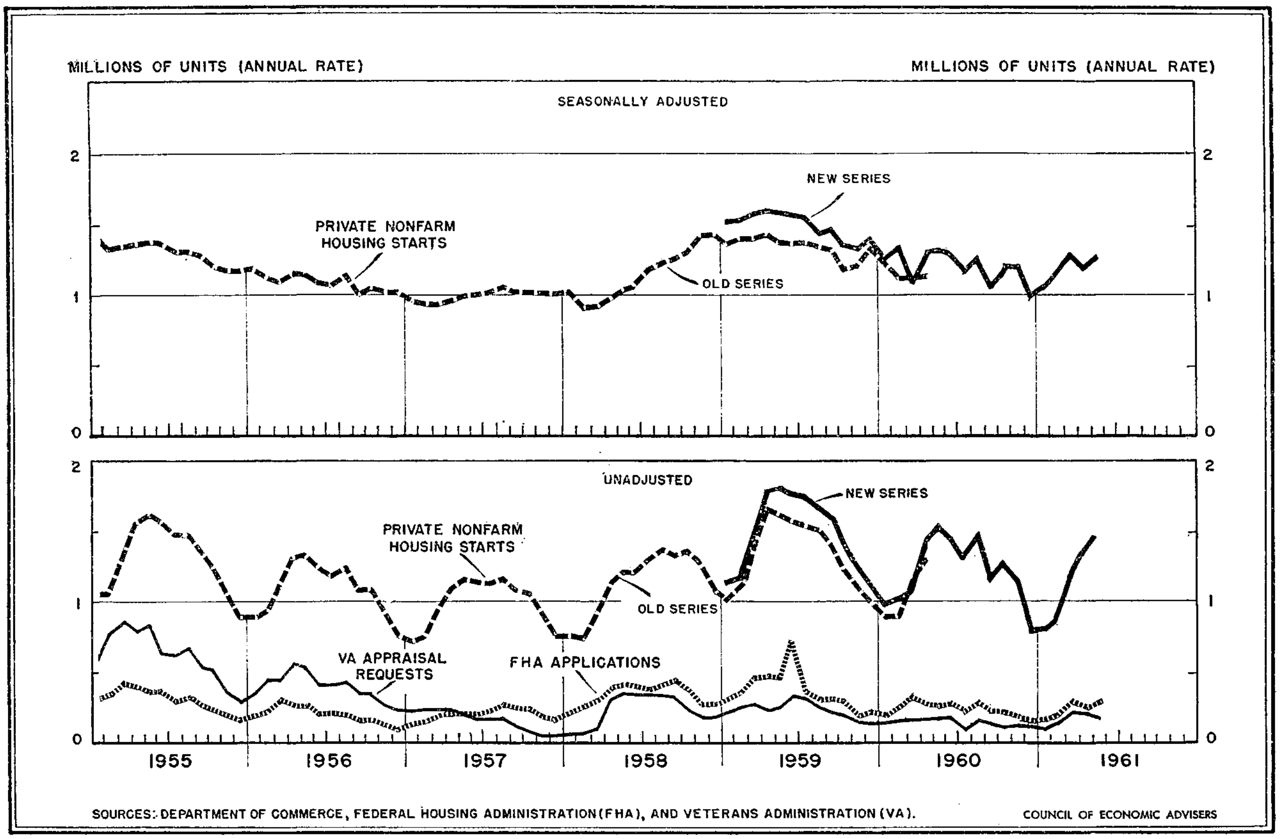
Period	Total new construction expenditures	Private: Total	Private: Residential (nonfarm)	Private: Commercial and industrial	Private: Other	Federal, State, and local	Construction contracts[1]: Total value (index, 1947–49=100)[2]	Construction contracts[1]: Commercial and industrial floor space (millions of square feet)[3]
	Billions of dollars							
1954	39. 4	27. 7	15. 4	4. 2	8. 1	11. 7	192. 4	238
1955	44. 2	32. 4	18. 7	5. 6	8. 1	11. 7	230. 0	299
1956	45. 8	33. 1	17. 7	6. 7	8. 7	12. 7	231. 3	436
1957	47. 8	33. 8	17. 0	7. 1	9. 6	14. 0	235. 4	421
1958	48. 9	33. 5	18. 0	6. 0	9. 5	15. 4	256. 8	359
1959 (new series)[4]	56. 2	39. 9	24. 5	6. 0	9. 4	16. 3	265. 4	440
1960	55. 1	38. 9	22. 0	6. 9	10. 0	16. 2	265. 7	461
	Seasonally adjusted annual rates						*Seasonally adjusted*	*Seasonally adjusted annual rates*
1960: April	54. 2	38. 7	21. 9	6. 8	10. 0	15. 4	266	465
May	55. 3	38. 9	22. 2	6. 7	10. 0	16. 3	244	473
June	55. 2	39. 1	22. 4	6. 7	10. 1	16. 1	272	457
July	55. 4	39. 0	22. 3	6. 7	10. 0	16. 4	285	460
August	55. 3	38. 7	21. 8	6. 9	10. 0	16. 6	276	493
September	55. 3	38. 7	21. 7	7. 1	9. 9	16. 6	271	473
October	54. 7	38. 3	21. 2	7. 2	9. 9	16. 4	294	483
November	55. 4	38. 6	21. 4	7. 2	9. 9	16. 8	280	489
December	56. 1	38. 6	21. 5	7. 3	9. 8	17. 5	302	469
1961: January	55. 3	37. 8	20. 3	7. 5	9. 9	17. 5	273	404
February	54. 8	37. 1	19. 7	7. 6	9. 9	17. 8	239	421
March	55. 2	37. 8	20. 3	7. 4	10. 1	17. 4	262	454
April	55. 3	38. 8	21. 3	7. 2	10. 3	16. 5	261	427
May[5]	56. 5	39. 3	21. 7	7. 1	10. 5	17. 2		

[1] Compiled by F. W. Dodge Corporation. Omits small contracts, and covers rural areas less fully than urban.
[2] Relates to 48 States.
[3] Relates to 48 States beginning 1956 and to 37 Eastern States prior to 1956. Seasonal adjustment by National Bureau of Economic Research.
[4] Series on new construction beginning January 1959 not comparable with prior data. (In addition to major differences between old and new series, data for Alaska and Hawaii are included beginning January 1959.)
[5] Preliminary.

Sources: Department of Commerce and F. W. Dodge Corporation (except as noted).

HOUSING STARTS AND APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCING

Private housing starts rose in May to an annual rate of 1.3 million (seasonally adjusted). The number of FHA applications increased and VA appraisal requests dropped.



[Thousands of units]

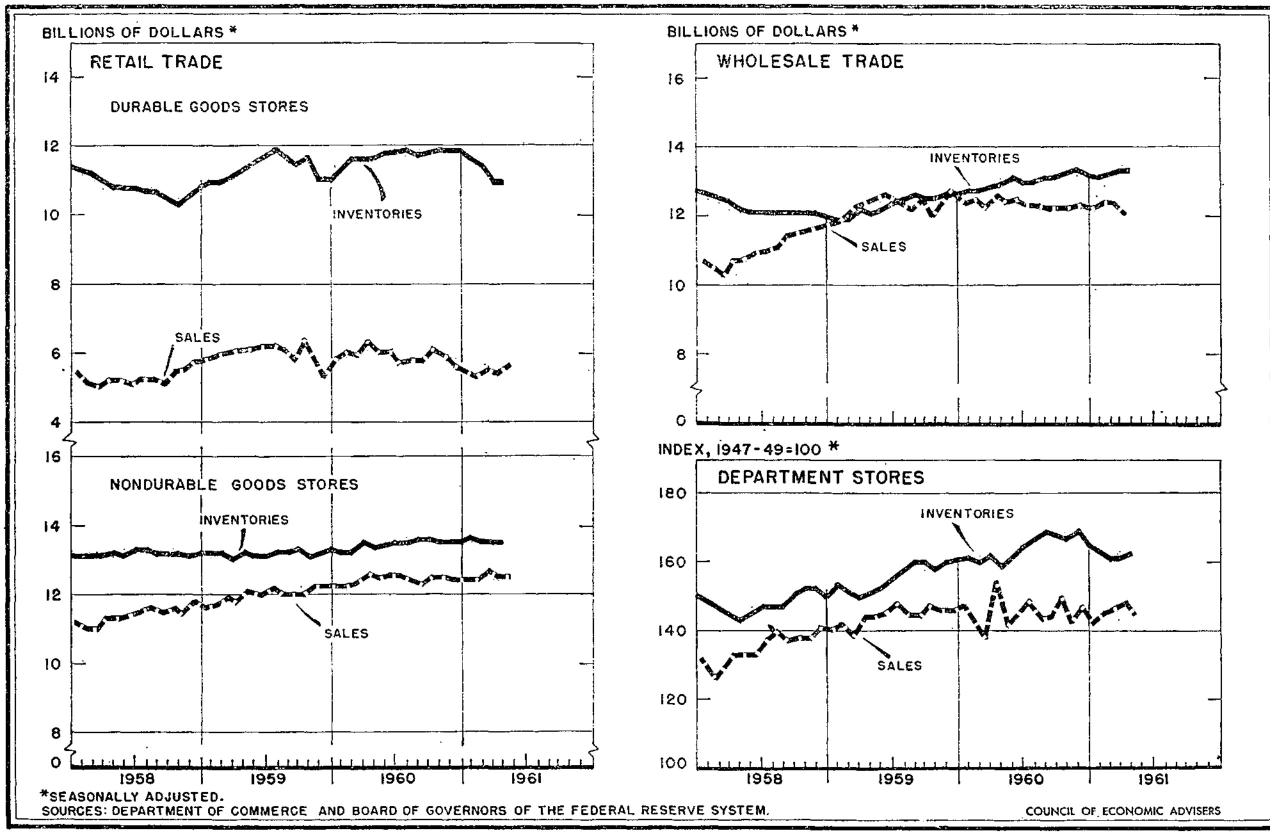
Period	Total housing starts (farm and nonfarm): Total private and public	Total housing starts (farm and nonfarm): Private	Nonfarm housing starts: Total private and public	Nonfarm housing starts: Private: Total	Nonfarm housing starts: Private: Government programs: FHA	Nonfarm housing starts: Private: Government programs: VA	Private housing starts, seasonally adjusted annual rates: Total farm and nonfarm	Private housing starts, seasonally adjusted annual rates: Nonfarm	Proposed home construction: Applications for FHA commitments [1]	Proposed home construction: Requests for VA appraisals [1]
			Old series							
1954	(2)	(2)	1, 220. 4	1, 201. 7	276. 3	307. 0			338. 6	535. 4
1955	(2)	(2)	1, 328. 9	1, 309. 5	276. 7	392. 9			306. 2	620. 8
1956	(2)	(2)	1, 118. 1	1, 093. 9	189. 3	270. 7			197. 7	401. 5
1957	(2)	(2)	1, 041. 9	992. 8	168. 4	128. 3			198. 8	159. 4
1958	(2)	(2)	1, 209. 4	1, 141. 5	295. 4	102. 1			341. 7	234. 2
1959	(2)	(2)	1, 378. 5	1, 342. 8	332. 5	109. 3			369. 7	234. 0
	New series [3]						New series [3]			
1959	1, 553. 5	1, 516. 8	1, 531. 3	1, 494. 6	332. 5	109. 3			369. 7	234. 0
1960	1, 279. 4	1, 237. 8	1, 257. 4	1, 215. 8	260. 9	74. 6			242. 4	142. 9
1960: April	125. 2	123. 5	123. 4	121. 7	25. 4	7. 3	*1, 327*	*1, 307*	22. 5	13. 7
May	130. 0	127. 3	128. 2	125. 5	25. 2	6. 9	*1, 333*	*1, 315*	22. 4	14. 4
June	127. 3	122. 2	125. 7	120. 6	26. 5	7. 7	*1, 302*	*1, 285*	23. 7	15. 2
July	114. 9	111. 1	113. 2	109. 4	23. 6	7. 4	*1, 182*	*1, 164*	19. 6	8. 5
August	129. 6	124. 8	127. 5	122. 7	26. 3	8. 2	*1, 292*	*1, 273*	22. 9	12. 4
September	102. 0	96. 4	100. 0	94. 4	21. 9	6. 8	*1, 062*	*1, 040*	20. 1	11. 6
October	110. 4	107. 6	107. 4	104. 5	22. 6	5. 9	*1, 236*	*1, 200*	18. 3	10. 0
November	96. 0	94. 3	95. 0	93. 4	20. 2	5. 5	*1, 216*	*1, 203*	14. 8	10. 3
December	72. 1	65. 4	71. 6	64. 9	13. 8	4. 8	*979*	*970*	13. 2	10. 0
1961: January	72. 5	69. 9	71. 0	68. 4	14. 0	4. 9	*1, 105*	*1, 078*	14. 3	9. 4
February	80. 7	75. 8	77. 4	72. 5	13. 0	4. 9	*1, 184*	*1, 133*	16. 9	12. 0
March [4]	110. 1	105. 1	107. 7	102. 7	20. 1	6. 4	*1, 314*	*1, 282*	24. 0	17. 7
April [4]	116. 1	111. 9	113. 8	109. 6	20. 1	6. 1	*1, 200*	*1, 176*	20. 8	17. 5
May [4]	127. 3	124. 0	125. 0	121. 7	23. 5	8. 0	*1, 298*	*1, 276*	23. 9	14. 7

[1] Units represented by mortgage applications for new home construction.
[2] Not available.
[3] See *Housing Starts*, C 20-11 (Supplement), Bureau of the Census, May 1960, for description. (Data for Alaska and Hawaii included.)
[4] Preliminary.

Sources: Department of Commerce, Federal Housing Administration (FHA), and Veterans Administration (VA).

TRADE SALES AND INVENTORIES

In April, trade sales (seasonally adjusted) declined while inventories were unchanged. Retail sales picked up in May, according to preliminary estimates.



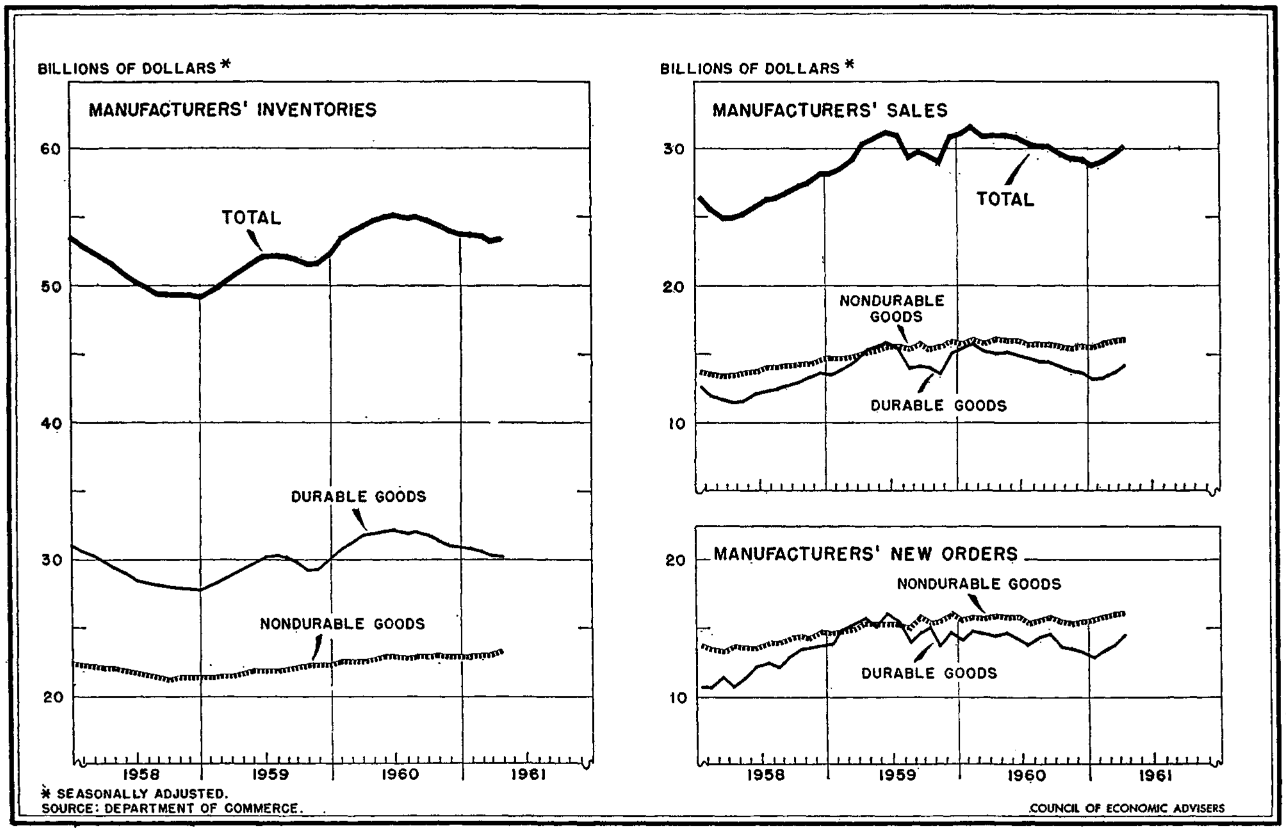
Period	Wholesale		Retail						Department stores	
			Sales [1] [3]			Inventories [2]				
	Sales [1]	Inventories [2]	Total	Durable goods stores	Nondurable goods stores	Total	Durable goods stores	Nondurable goods stores	Sales [1]	Inventories [4]
	Billions of dollars, seasonally adjusted								Index, 1947–49=100, seasonally adjusted [5]	
1953	9.8	10.5	14.1	5.0	9.1	22.7	10.7	12.0	118	131
1954	9.7	10.4	14.1	4.8	9.2	22.1	10.1	12.0	118	128
1955	10.6	11.4	15.3	5.6	9.7	23.9	11.2	12.7	128	136
1956	11.3	13.0	15.8	5.5	10.3	23.9	10.7	13.2	135	148
1957	11.3	12.7	16.7	5.7	11.0	24.5	11.4	13.1	135	152
1958	11.1	12.0	16.7	5.3	11.4	24.0	10.8	13.2	136	148
1959	12.3	12.6	18.0	6.0	12.0	24.3	11.0	13.3	144	156
1960	12.3	13.2	18.3	5.9	12.4	25.4	11.9	13.5	145	165
1960: March	12.2	12.8	18.2	5.9	12.3	25.1	11.6	13.5	138	162
April	12.6	12.9	18.9	6.3	12.6	25.0	11.6	13.3	154	158
May	12.4	13.1	18.4	6.0	12.4	25.2	11.8	13.4	141	161
June	12.5	13.0	18.5	6.0	12.5	25.3	11.8	13.5	145	165
July	12.3	13.0	18.1	5.7	12.5	25.4	11.9	13.5	149	167
August	12.3	13.1	18.2	5.8	12.4	25.2	11.7	13.6	143	169
September	12.2	13.1	18.1	5.8	12.3	25.3	11.8	13.6	144	168
October	12.2	13.2	18.5	6.1	12.5	25.4	11.9	13.5	150	167
November	12.2	13.3	18.4	5.9	12.5	25.4	11.9	13.5	142	169
December	12.3	13.2	17.9	5.5	12.4	25.4	11.9	13.5	147	165
1961: January	12.2	13.1	17.8	5.4	12.4	25.2	11.6	13.6	142	162
February	12.4	13.2	17.8	5.3	12.4	24.9	11.4	13.5	145	161
March [6]	12.4	13.3	18.1	5.5	12.6	24.4	11.0	13.5	146	161
April [6]	12.0	13.3	17.9	5.4	12.5	24.4	10.9	13.5	148	162
May [6]			18.1	5.6	12.5				145	

[1] Monthly average for year and total for month.
[2] Book value, end of period, seasonally adjusted.
[3] Beginning January 1960, data include Alaska and Hawaii.
[4] End of period, except annual data, which are monthly averages.
[5] Based on retail value.
[6] Preliminary.

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

MANUFACTURERS' SALES, INVENTORIES, AND NEW ORDERS

Manufacturers' sales and new orders (seasonally adjusted) rose in April for the third month in a row. The increase in inventories, the first since last summer, was all in the nondurable sector. Durable goods sales and new orders increased again in May, according to preliminary estimates.



[Billions of dollars, seasonally adjusted]

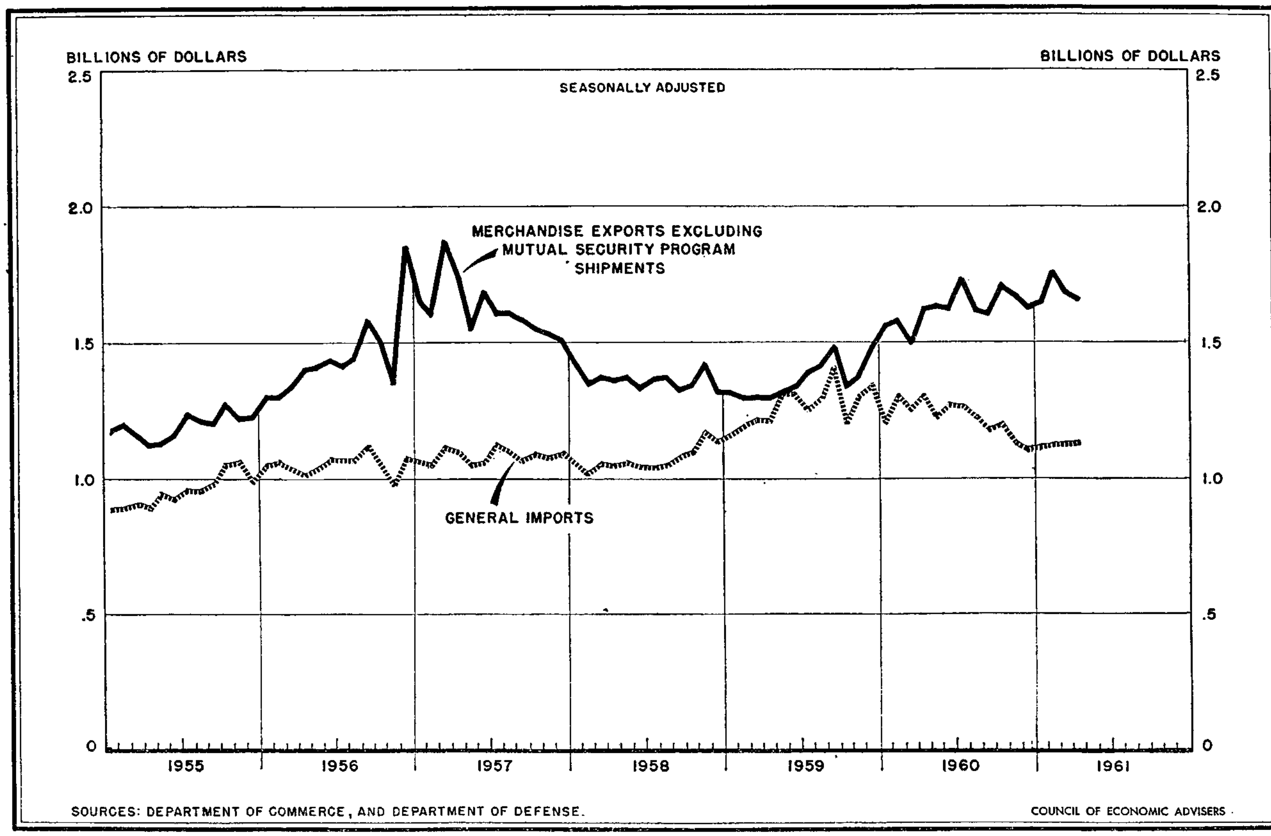
Period	Manufacturers' sales [1]			Manufacturers' inventories [2]			Manufacturers' new orders [1]			
	Total	Durable goods	Non-durable goods	Total	Durable goods	Non-durable goods	Total	Durable goods: Total	Durable goods: Machinery and equipment	Non-durable goods
1953	24.5	12.4	12.1	45.4	26.2	19.2	23.1	11.0	3.3	12.1
1954	23.5	11.2	12.3	43.0	24.1	18.9	22.5	10.2	3.1	12.3
1955	26.3	13.1	13.3	46.4	26.7	19.7	27.2	13.9	4.2	13.3
1956	27.7	13.8	13.9	52.3	30.7	21.6	28.3	14.4	4.7	13.9
1957	28.4	14.2	14.2	53.5	31.1	22.4	27.3	13.1	4.4	14.2
1958	26.2	12.4	13.8	49.2	27.9	21.3	25.9	12.0	3.9	13.9
1959	29.7	14.5	15.2	52.4	30.1	22.3	30.1	14.9	5.0	15.3
1960	30.4	14.7	15.7	53.7	30.9	22.9	29.9	14.3	4.9	15.7
1960: April	31.0	15.0	16.0	54.7	31.9	22.7	30.4	14.5	5.1	15.9
May	31.0	15.1	15.9	55.0	32.1	22.9	30.5	14.7	5.2	15.8
June	30.8	14.9	15.9	55.1	32.2	22.9	30.1	14.3	5.0	15.8
July	30.4	14.7	15.7	54.9	32.0	22.8	29.2	13.8	4.8	15.4
August	30.2	14.4	15.7	55.0	32.1	22.9	30.0	14.4	5.0	15.6
September	30.1	14.4	15.7	54.7	31.8	22.9	30.4	14.6	4.9	15.8
October	29.6	14.1	15.5	54.4	31.4	23.0	29.2	13.7	4.7	15.5
November	29.2	13.8	15.4	54.0	31.1	22.9	29.0	13.6	4.8	15.4
December	29.1	13.6	15.5	53.7	30.9	22.9	28.7	13.2	4.7	15.5
1961: January	28.7	13.2	15.5	53.7	30.8	22.9	28.5	12.9	4.8	15.6
February	29.0	13.3	15.7	53.6	30.6	23.0	29.1	13.4	4.8	15.8
March [3]	29.6	13.7	15.9	53.3	30.3	23.0	29.8	13.8	5.1	16.0
April [3]	30.2	14.2	16.0	53.4	30.2	23.2	30.7	14.6	5.0	16.1
May [3,4]	--------	14.6	--------	--------	--------	--------	--------	14.9	5.2	--------

[1] Monthly average for year and total for month.
[2] Book value, end of period, seasonally adjusted.
[3] Preliminary.
[4] Not charted.

Source: Department of Commerce.

MERCHANDISE EXPORTS AND IMPORTS

The merchandise trade surplus (seasonally adjusted) declined slightly from March to April.



[Millions of dollars]

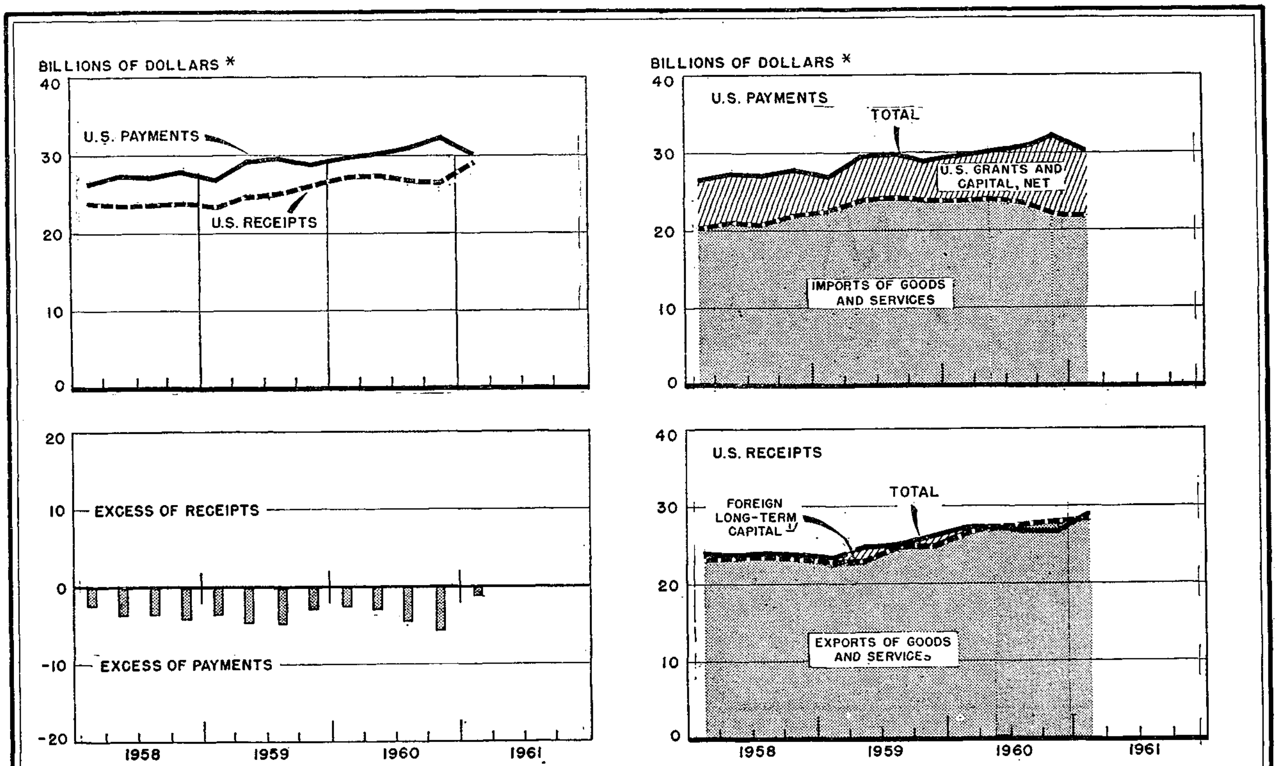
Period	Merchandise exports excluding Mutual Security Program shipments: Total (including reexports)[1]: Seasonally adjusted	Total (including reexports)[1]: Unadjusted	Domestic exports: Total[1]	Domestic exports: Foodstuffs	Domestic exports: Industrial materials	Domestic exports: Finished manufactures[1]	Merchandise imports: General imports[2]: Seasonally adjusted	General imports[2]: Unadjusted	Imports for consumption[3]: Total	Imports for consumption[3]: Foodstuffs	Imports for consumption[3]: Industrial materials	Imports for consumption[3]: Finished manufactures
Monthly average:												
1951	-------	1,164	1,151	190	345	616	-------	914	901	258	485	158
1952	-------	1,100	1,088	175	300	612	-------	893	896	263	459	174
1953	-------	1,022	1,012	143	254	614	-------	906	898	274	441	183
1954	-------	1,071	1,060	131	310	620	-------	851	853	276	394	183
1955	-------	1,191	1,180	162	351	667	-------	949	945	260	468	217
1956	-------	1,444	1,432	216	441	775	-------	1,051	1,043	267	508	268
1957	-------	1,625	1,610	208	529	872	-------	1,082	1,079	274	511	294
1958	-------	1,364	1,350	198	368	784	-------	1,070	1,062	287	450	325
1959	-------	1,366	1,351	210	365	776	-------	1,267	1,249	285	534	431
1960	-------	1,629	1,613	230	509	874	-------	1,221	1,221	274	509	438
		Unadjusted						Unadjusted				
1960: March	*1,496*	1,632	1,613	222	482	910	*1,253*	1,378	1,369	299	572	498
April	*1,621*	1,703	1,686	241	493	952	*1,309*	1,261	1,250	279	514	457
May	*1,633*	1,710	1,694	230	506	958	*1,231*	1,262	1,256	300	503	453
June	*1,626*	1,637	1,621	221	525	876	*1,265*	1,307	1,289	288	551	450
July	*1,736*	1,629	1,612	210	510	892	*1,258*	1,150	1,140	257	466	417
August	*1,622*	1,547	1,529	218	501	810	*1,228*	1,229	1,246	280	539	427
September	*1,610*	1,557	1,541	242	476	822	*1,177*	1,160	1,159	269	478	412
October	*1,707*	1,690	1,676	246	524	905	*1,196*	1,157	1,157	268	463	425
November	*1,677*	1,724	1,710	247	569	894	*1,128*	1,161	1,176	280	465	431
December	*1,621*	1,743	1,724	250	580	894	*1,100*	1,157	1,151	265	474	412
1961: January	*1,649*	1,539	1,511	222	494	795	*1,119*	1,124	1,112	260	470	382
February	*1,764*	1,606	1,594	245	492	856	*1,122*	1,046	1,037	250	438	348
March	*1,687*	1,889	1,859	283	525	1,051	*1,127*	1,230	1,235	311	502	422
April	*1,655*	1,647	1,629	242	454	933	*1,129*	1,042	1,046	251	428	367

[1] Total exports less Department of Defense shipments of grant-aid military supplies and equipment under the Mutual Security Program.
[2] Imports for immediate consumption plus entries into bonded warehouses.
[3] Imports for immediate consumption plus withdrawals for consumption from bonded warehouses.

Sources: Department of Commerce and Department of Defense.

U.S. BALANCE OF PAYMENTS

The over-all balance of payments deficit fell sharply by $4.5 billion (seasonally adjusted annual rate) in the first quarter primarily because of a decline of $2.7 billion in the deficit on U.S. grants and net capital account. However, $1.8 billion of this decline was due to the nonrecurrence of special payments made in the fourth quarter.



* SEASONALLY ADJUSTED ANNUAL RATES.
1/ INCLUDES UNRECORDED TRANSACTIONS.
SOURCE: DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE.

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[Millions of dollars]

Period	U.S. receipts (recorded): Exports of goods and services	U.S. receipts (recorded): Foreign long-term capital (net)	U.S. payments (recorded): Imports of goods and services	U.S. grants and capital (net): Total [1]	U.S. grants and capital (net): U.S. Government grants and capital	Private capital: Total	Private capital: Direct	Balance on recorded transactions [net payments (−) or receipts (+)]	Unrecorded transactions—errors and omissions (net receipts)	Increase in foreign gold and recorded liquid dollar assets through transactions with the U.S.
1952	18, 105	141	15, 760	4, 083	2, 380	1, 158	850	−1, 597	505	1, 092
1953	17, 081	206	16, 644	3, 041	2, 055	369	721	−2, 398	296	2, 102
1954	17, 949	244	16, 088	3, 788	1, 554	1, 619	664	−1, 683	167	1, 516
1955	20, 003	346	17, 937	4, 007	2, 211	1, 211	779	−1, 595	446	1, 149
1956	23, 705	530	19, 829	6, 017	2, 362	2, 990	1, 859	−1, 611	643	968
1957	26, 733	361	20, 923	6, 451	2, 574	3, 175	2, 058	−280	748	−468
1958	23, 325	24	21, 053	6, 153	2, 587	2, 844	1, 094	−3, 857	380	3, 477
1959	23, 709	555	23, 537	[2] 5, 152	[2] 1, 986	2, 375	1, 372	−4, 425	528	3, 897
1960	27, 300	297	23, 327	7, 454	2, 750	3, 856	1, 694	−3, 184	−648	3, 832
	Seasonally adjusted annual rates									
1959: Third quarter	24, 620	656	24, 252	5, 372	2, 348	2, 168	1, 304	−4, 348	−412	4, 760
Fourth quarter	24, 608	492	23, 796	5, 164	1, 320	3, 020	1, 448	−3, 860	1, 084	2, 776
1960: First quarter	26, 260	748	23, 700	5, 896	2, 328	2, 776	1, 376	−2, 588	132	2, 456
Second quarter	27, 312	600	24, 096	6, 072	2, 780	2, 440	1, 040	−2, 256	−568	2, 824
Third quarter	27, 416	92	23, 496	7, 588	2, 420	4, 340	1, 624	−3, 576	−848	4, 424
Fourth quarter	28, 212	−252	22, 016	10, 260	[3] 3, 472	[4] 5, 868	[4] 2, 736	[3 4] −4, 316	−1, 308	[3 4] 5, 624
1961: First quarter	28, 380	476	21, 912	8, 308	3, 548	3, 920	1, 860	−1, 364	212	1, 152

[1] Includes remittances and pensions not shown separately.
[2] Excludes $1,375 million increase in U.S. subscription to International Monetary Fund.
[3] Includes U.S. subscription to International Development Association of $74 million ($296 million at annual rate).
[4] Includes single direct investment transaction of $370 million ($1,480 million at annual rate).

NOTE.—Series revised beginning 1959.

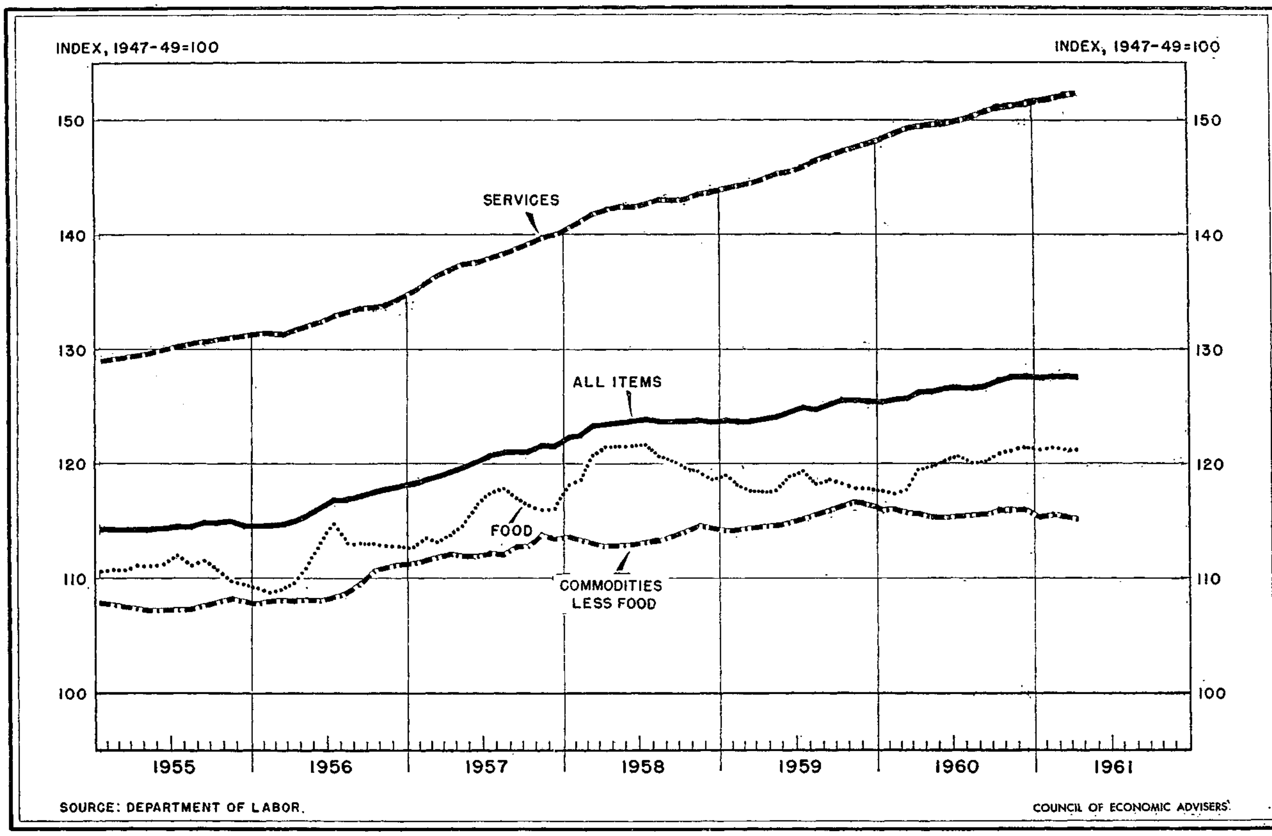
Data exclude goods and services transferred under military grants.

Source: Department of Commerce.

PRICES

CONSUMER PRICES

The consumer price index at 127.5 (1947–49=100) in April was unchanged for the second consecutive month. A small drop in the prices of nonfood commodities was offset by a small rise in services.



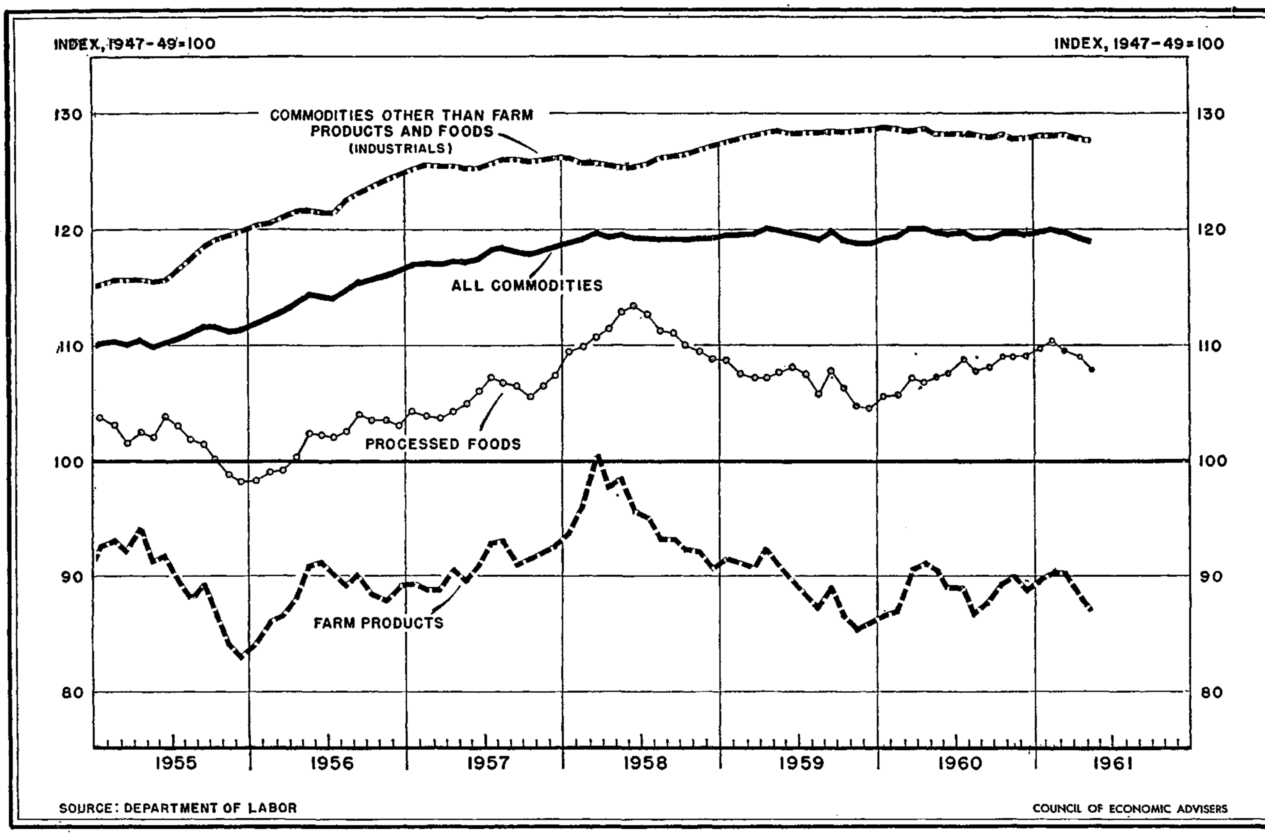
[1947–49=100]

Period	All items	Commodities					Services		
		All commodities	Food	Commodities less food			All services	Rent	Services less rent
				All	Durable	Non-durable			
1950	102.8	101.2	101.2	101.3	104.4	100.9	108.5	108.8	108.1
1951	111.0	110.3	112.6	108.9	112.4	108.5	114.1	113.1	114.6
1952	113.5	111.7	114.6	109.8	113.8	109.1	119.3	117.9	120.1
1953	114.4	111.3	112.8	110.0	112.6	110.1	124.2	124.1	124.6
1954	114.8	110.2	112.6	108.6	108.3	110.6	127.5	128.5	127.7
1955	114.5	109.0	110.9	107.5	105.1	110.6	129.8	130.3	130.1
1956	116.2	110.1	111.7	108.9	105.1	113.0	132.6	132.7	133.0
1957	120.2	113.6	115.4	112.3	108.8	116.1	137.7	135.2	138.6
1958	123.5	116.3	120.3	113.4	110.5	116.9	142.4	137.7	143.8
1959	124.6	116.6	118.3	115.1	113.0	118.3	145.8	139.7	147.5
1960	126.5	117.5	119.7	115.7	111.6	120.1	150.0	141.8	152.1
1960: March	125.7	116.7	117.7	115.7	112.5	119.6	149.2	141.2	151.3
April	126.2	117.4	119.5	115.6	112.1	119.7	149.4	141.4	151.5
May	126.3	117.3	119.7	115.3	111.9	119.4	149.6	141.4	151.7
June	126.5	117.6	120.3	115.3	111.5	119.6	149.7	141.6	151.8
July	126.6	117.7	120.6	115.4	111.1	119.9	150.0	141.8	152.1
August	126.6	117.6	120.1	115.5	111.0	120.1	150.3	141.9	152.5
September	126.8	117.7	120.2	115.6	110.0	120.9	150.8	142.1	153.0
October	127.3	118.2	120.9	115.9	110.9	120.9	151.2	142.5	153.4
November	127.4	118.3	121.1	115.9	110.7	121.1	151.3	142.7	153.6
December	127.5	118.4	121.4	115.9	110.8	121.0	151.4	142.8	153.6
1961: January	127.4	118.0	121.3	115.4	110.2	120.5	151.7	142.9	154.0
February	127.5	118.1	121.4	115.5	110.3	120.6	151.9	143.1	154.2
March	127.5	118.0	121.2	115.4	109.9	120.7	152.2	143.1	154.6
April	127.5	117.9	121.2	115.2	110.7	120.0	152.3	143.3	154.7

Source: Department of Labor.

WHOLESALE PRICES

Wholesale prices were 0.3 percent lower in May than in April. Prices of all major groups, particularly farm products and processed foods, contributed to the decline.



[1947–49=100]

Period	All commodities	Farm products	Processed foods	Commodities other than farm products and foods (industrials): All industrials[1]	Industrial crude materials	Industrial intermediate materials[2]	Producer finished goods	Consumer finished goods excluding food: Durable	Nondurable
1953	110. 1	97. 0	104. 6	114. 0	108. 5	116. 2	123. 1	113. 8	106. 9
1954	110. 3	95. 6	105. 3	114. 5	103. 3	116. 7	124. 7	114. 7	107. 2
1955	110. 7	89. 6	101. 7	117. 0	113. 4	120. 1	128. 5	115. 9	107. 8
1956	114. 3	88. 4	101. 7	122. 2	120. 0	126. 0	138. 1	119. 7	109. 9
1957	117. 6	90. 9	105. 6	125. 6	118. 3	129. 3	146. 7	123. 3	112. 4
1958	119. 2	94. 9	110. 9	126. 0	113. 7	129. 1	150. 3	125. 0	111. 7
1959	119. 5	89. 1	107. 0	128. 2	120. 0	131. 2	153. 2	126. 5	113. 4
1960	119. 6	88. 8	107. 7	128. 3	115. 3	131. 7	153. 5	126. 0	114. 1
1960: April	120. 0	91. 1	106. 8	128. 7	116. 2	132. 2	153. 6	126. 5	113. 7
May	119. 7	90. 4	107. 3	128. 2	116. 0	131. 9	153. 3	126. 3	113. 2
June	119. 5	89. 0	107. 6	128. 2	115. 2	131. 8	153. 4	126. 2	113. 6
July	119. 7	88. 9	108. 9	128. 2	114. 8	131. 7	153. 6	126. 3	114. 1
August	119. 2	86. 6	107. 8	128. 2	114. 4	131. 6	153. 7	126. 2	114. 6
September	119. 2	87. 7	108. 1	127. 9	114. 2	131. 5	152. 5	123. 6	114. 8
October	119. 6	89. 5	109. 0	128. 0	112. 7	131. 3	153. 4	125. 7	114. 8
November	119. 6	89. 9	109. 1	127. 9	111. 8	131. 0	153. 6	125. 8	114. 7
December	119. 5	88. 7	109. 2	127. 9	111. 0	130. 9	153. 8	125. 8	114. 7
1961: January	119. 8	89. 7	109. 8	128. 0	111. 5	130. 9	153. 9	125. 8	115. 0
February	119. 9	90. 3	110. 5	128. 0	112. 7	130. 8	153. 8	125. 6	115. 2
March	119. 8	90. 1	109. 6	128. 1	113. 9	130. 9	153. 7	125. 5	115. 1
April	119. 3	88. 1	109. 0	127. 9	113. 9	130. 8	153. 0	125. 6	114. 5
May	119. 0	87. 0	107. 9	127. 8	113. 7	130. 8	153. 0	125. 5	113. 7
Week ended:[3]									
1961: June 6	118. 9	86. 9	107. 5	127. 8	(4)	(4)	(4)	(4)	(4)
13	118. 8	86. 3	107. 2	127. 8	(4)	(4)	(4)	(4)	(4)

[1] Coverage of the subgroups does not correspond exactly to coverage of this index.

[2] Excludes intermediate materials for food manufacturing and manufactured animal feeds; includes, in part, grain products for further processing.

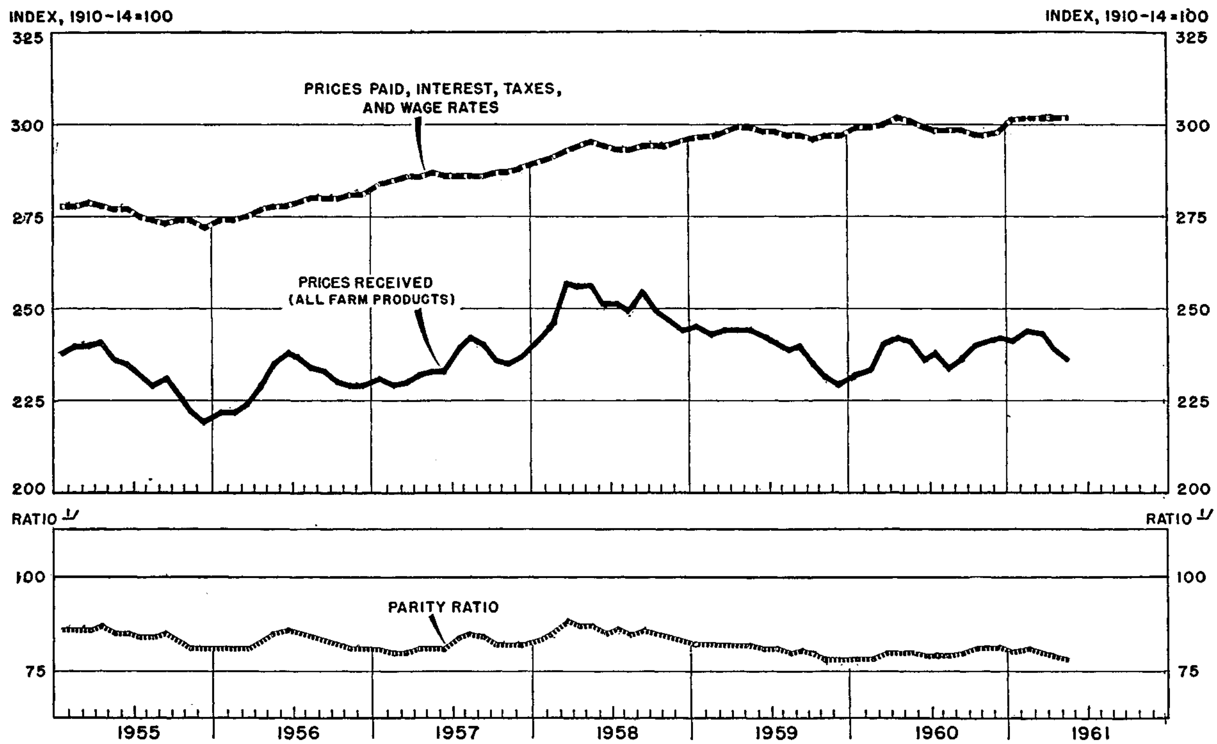
[3] Weekly series based on smaller sample than monthly series.

[4] Not available.

Source: Department of Labor.

PRICES RECEIVED AND PAID BY FARMERS

The index of prices received for all products dropped 3 points in the month ended May 15, because of the continued decline in prices of most livestock and livestock products. The parity ratio again dropped 1 point.



1/ RATIO OF INDEX OF PRICES RECEIVED TO INDEX OF PRICES PAID, INTEREST, TAXES, AND WAGE RATES.
SOURCE: DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE.

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Period	Prices received by farmers			Prices paid by farmers			Parity ratio [1]
	All farm products	Crops	Livestock and products	All items, interest, taxes, and wage rates (parity index)	Family living items	Production items	
	Index, 1910–14=100						
1951	302	265	336	282	268	273	107
1952	288	267	306	287	271	274	100
1953	255	240	268	277	269	256	92
1954	246	242	249	277	270	255	89
1955	232	231	234	276	270	251	84
1956	230	235	226	278	274	250	83
1957	235	225	244	286	282	257	82
1958	250	223	273	293	287	264	85
1959	240	221	256	297	288	266	81
1960	238	221	253	299	290	265	80
1960: April 15	242	224	257	302	291	268	80
May 15	240	225	252	301	291	267	80
June 15	235	221	248	299	290	265	79
July 15	236	222	249	298	290	263	79
August 15	234	219	247	298	290	262	79
September 15	238	222	251	298	290	263	80
October 15	241	222	257	297	290	262	81
November 15	241	219	260	297	291	262	81
December 15	242	217	263	298	291	265	81
1961: January 15	241	218	261	301	291	267	80
February 15	244	221	263	302	291	267	81
March 15	243	224	259	302	290	269	80
April 15	239	226	251	302	290	267	79
May 15	236	230	241	302	291	266	78

[1] Percentage ratio of index of prices received by farmers to index of prices paid, interest, taxes, and wage rates.

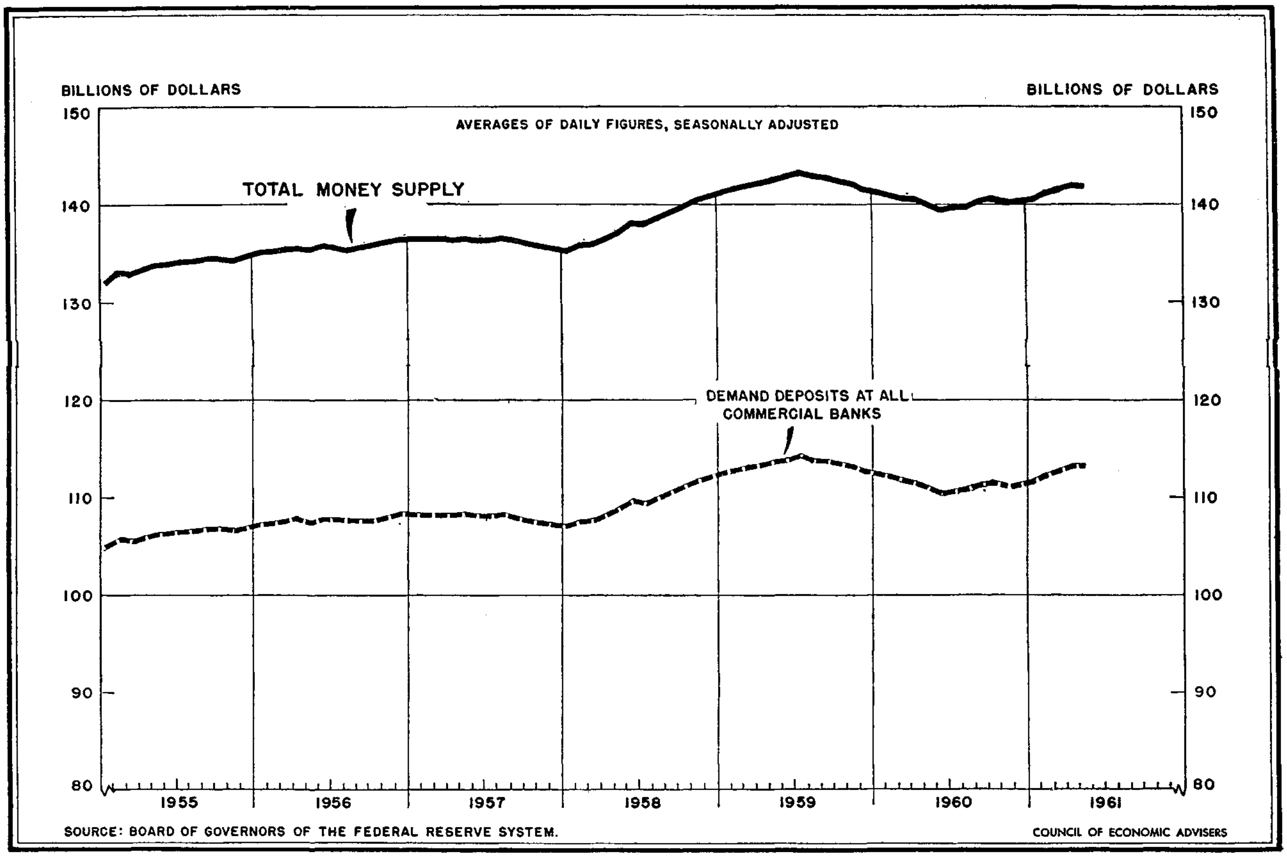
NOTE.—Indexes of prices received and parity ratio revised beginning January 1958.

Source: Department of Agriculture.

MONEY, CREDIT, AND SECURITY MARKETS

MONEY SUPPLY

The money supply declined more than seasonally in May.



[Averages of daily figures, billions of dollars]

Period	Money supply						Deposits at member banks (unadjusted) [2]		
	Seasonally adjusted			Unadjusted					
	Total	Currency outside banks	Demand deposits [1 2]	Total	Currency outside banks	Demand deposits [1 2]	Demand	Time	U.S. Government
1953: December	128.1	27.7	100.4	131.4	28.2	103.3	86.9	35.8	3.5
1954: December	131.8	27.4	104.4	135.0	27.9	107.1	90.5	39.1	4.6
1955: December	134.6	27.8	106.8	137.9	28.3	109.6	92.4	40.3	3.0
1956: December	136.5	28.2	108.3	139.7	28.7	111.0	93.2	41.7	3.0
1957: December	135.5	28.3	107.2	138.8	28.9	109.9	92.1	45.9	3.1
1958: December	140.8	28.6	112.2	144.3	29.2	115.1	96.0	52.7	3.4
1959: December	141.5	28.9	112.6	144.9	29.5	115.5	95.7	53.7	4.4
1960: December	140.4	29.0	111.4	143.9	29.5	114.3	94.2	58.1	4.1
1960: April	140.5	29.1	111.4	140.1	28.8	111.4	92.3	54.2	3.3
May	139.9	29.0	110.9	138.0	28.8	109.2	90.4	54.5	5.8
June	139.4	28.9	110.5	138.0	29.0	109.1	90.4	54.9	5.7
July	139.6	28.9	110.7	138.7	29.1	109.6	90.7	55.5	6.0
August	139.7	28.9	110.8	138.9	29.0	109.8	91.0	56.2	5.5
September	140.4	29.0	111.5	139.7	29.1	110.7	91.6	56.9	4.8
October	140.6	29.0	111.6	140.6	29.1	111.5	92.0	57.4	5.1
November	140.2	29.0	111.2	141.4	29.2	112.2	92.3	57.6	5.2
December	140.4	29.0	111.4	143.9	29.5	114.3	94.2	58.1	4.1
1961: January	140.6	28.9	111.7	143.7	28.8	114.9	94.7	59.0	3.6
February	141.2	28.9	112.3	140.9	28.6	112.3	92.7	60.4	4.3
March	141.5	29.0	112.6	140.1	28.6	111.4	92.2	61.4	4.2
April	142.0	29.0	113.0	141.7	28.7	113.0	93.5	62.3	2.5
May [3]	141.9	29.0	113.0	140.0	28.7	111.2	92.0	63.4	4.1
First half	142.0	29.0	113.0	140.8	28.8	111.9	92.5	63.2	3.5
Second half [3]	141.9	28.9	113.0	139.2	28.6	110.6	91.4	63.6	4.6

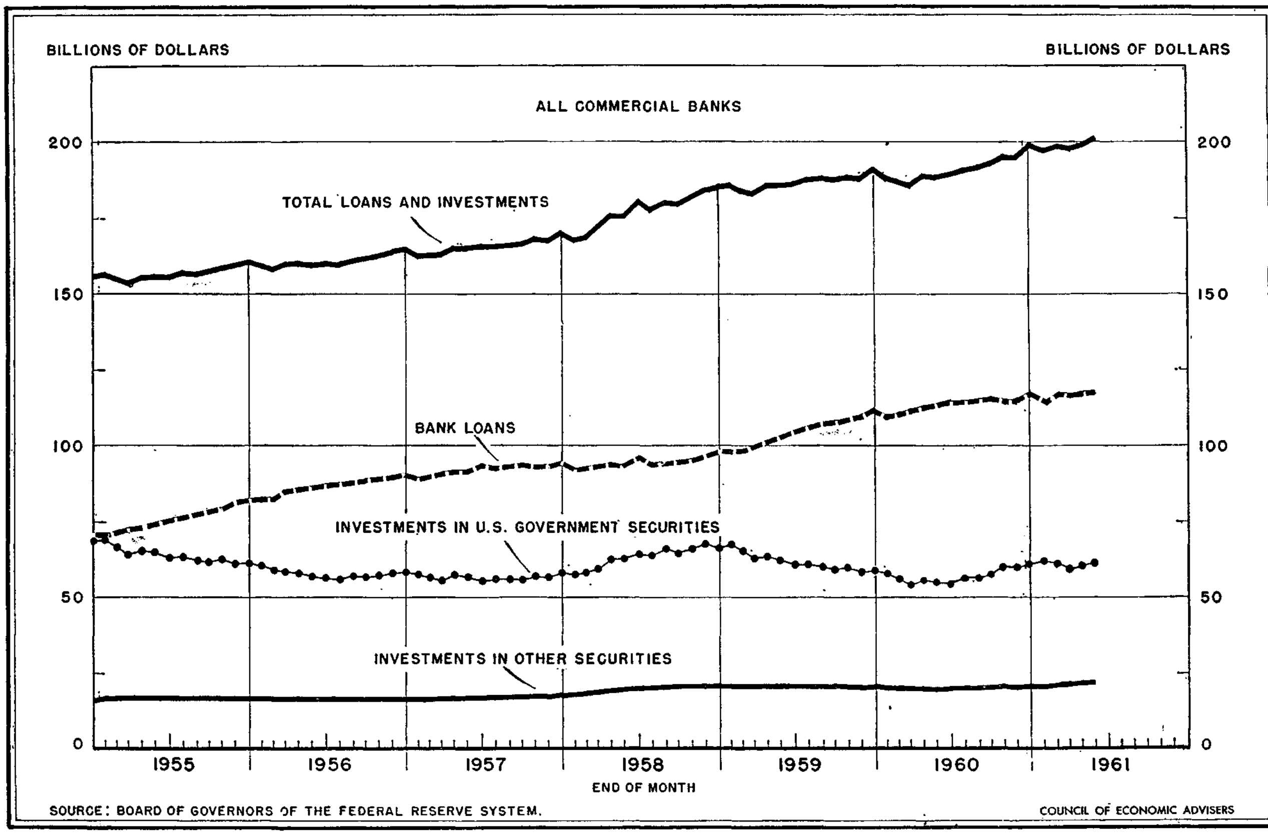
[1] Demand deposits at all commercial banks (member and nonmember).
[2] See footnote 1, p. 27 for definition of member banks.
[3] Preliminary.

NOTE.—See note, p. 27.

Source: Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

BANK LOANS, INVESTMENTS, DEBITS, AND RESERVES

Commercial bank loans rose $400 million in May, compared to $600 million in May 1960.



End of period	All commercial banks				Weekly reporting member banks [1]	Bank debits outside New York City (343 centers), seasonally adjusted annual rates [3]	All member banks [1]		
	Total loans and investments	Loans	Investments		Business loans [2]		Reserves [4]		Borrowings at Federal Reserve Banks [4]
			U.S. Government securities	Other securities			Required	Excess	
	Billions of dollars						Millions of dollars		
1953	145.7	67.6	63.4	14.7	23.4	*1,126*	19,227	693	441
1954	155.9	70.6	69.0	16.3	22.4	*1,148*	18,576	703	246
1955	160.9	82.6	61.6	16.7	[2] 26.7	*1,277*	18,646	594	839
1956	165.1	90.3	58.6	16.3	30.8	*1,385*	18,883	652	688
1957	170.1	93.9	58.2	17.9	31.8	*1,468*	18,843	577	710
1958	185.2	98.2	66.4	20.6	[2] 31.7	*1,481*	18,383	516	557
1959	190.3	110.8	58.9	20.5	[2] 30.5	*1,656*	18,450	482	906
1960	199.5	117.6	61.0	20.9	31.9	*1,736*	18,514	769	87
1960: April	188.8	113.0	55.8	20.0	30.9	*1,742*	17,696	408	602
May	188.6	113.6	55.1	19.8	31.2	*1,758*	17,770	469	502
June	188.9	114.8	54.2	19.9	31.6	*1,758*	17,828	466	425
July	190.9	114.2	56.7	20.0	31.0	*1,699*	18,010	508	388
August	191.2	114.7	56.6	20.0	31.0	*1,790*	17,961	540	293
September	193.3	115.4	57.7	20.2	31.5	*1,742*	17,931	639	225
October	195.6	114.8	60.4	20.4	31.4	*1,722*	18,095	638	149
November	195.5	115.0	60.2	20.3	31.7	*1,768*	18,248	756	142
December	199.5	117.6	61.0	20.9	31.9	*1,711*	18,514	769	87
1961: January	197.0	114.2	61.9	20.9	31.2	*1,784*	18,570	745	49
February	199.3	116.7	61.3	21.3	31.3	*1,776*	18,310	654	137
March [5]	198.0	116.6	59.7	21.7	32.0	*1,777*	18,263	546	70
April [5]	199.7	117.2	60.7	21.8	[2] 31.7	*1,785*	18,266	618	56
May [5]	201.0	117.6	61.5	21.9	31.5	*1,874*	18,307	540	96

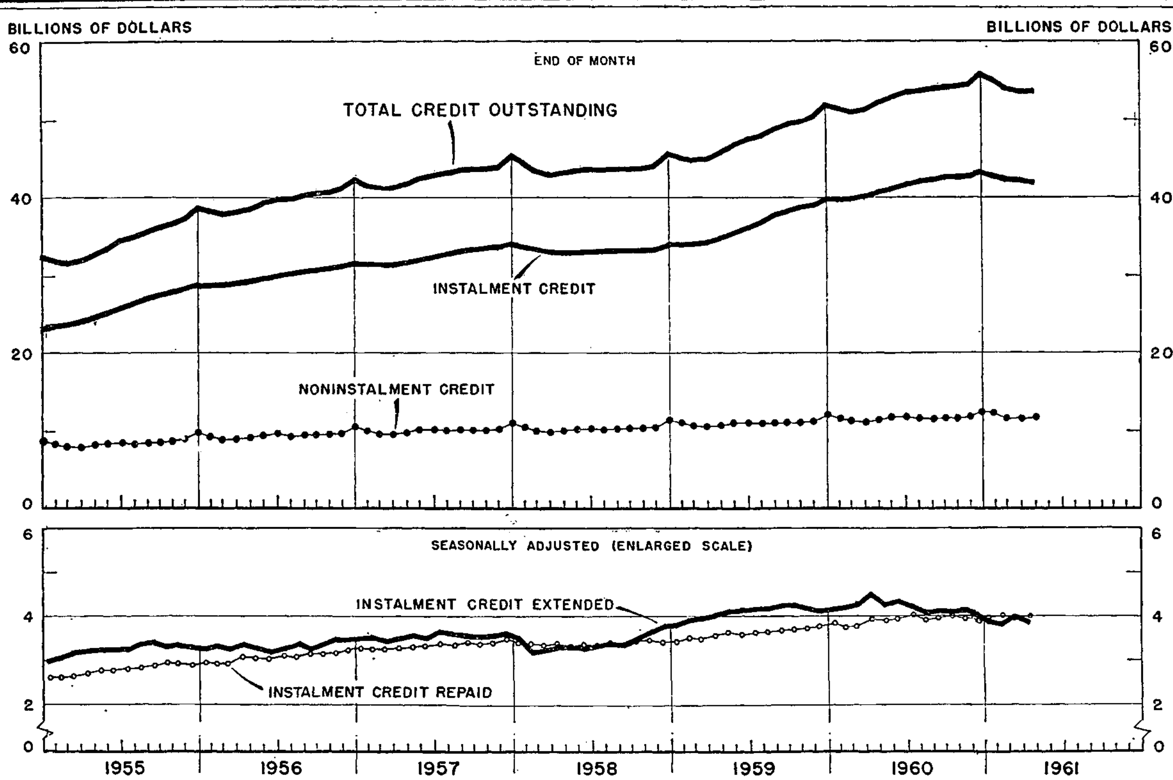
[1] Member banks are all national banks and those State banks which have taken membership in the Federal Reserve System.
[2] Commercial and industrial loans and prior to 1956 agricultural loans. Series revised beginning January 1952, October 1955, July 1958, July 1959, and April 1961.
[3] Debits during period to demand deposit accounts except interbank and U.S. Government. Prior to 1955, relates to 344 centers outside New York City.
[4] Averages of daily figures. Annual data are for December.
[5] Preliminary.

NOTE.—Between January and August 1959, series for all commercial banks expanded to include data for all banks in Alaska and Hawaii. Data for all member banks include Alaska and Hawaii for all periods.

Source: Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

CONSUMER CREDIT

In April, consumer credit outstanding increased $66 million compared to a rise of about $1.1 billion in April 1960. The increase this year was all in the noninstallment area.



SOURCE: BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF THE FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM.

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[Millions of dollars]

Period	Consumer credit outstanding (end of period; unadjusted)				Consumer instalment credit extended and repaid (seasonally adjusted)			
	Total	Instalment		Non-instalment [3]	Total [1]		Automobile paper [2]	
		Total [1]	Automobile paper [2]		Extended	Repaid	Extended	Repaid
1951	22, 712	15, 294	5, 972	7, 418	23, 576	22, 985	8, 956	9, 058
1952	27, 520	19, 403	7, 733	8, 117	29, 514	25, 405	11, 764	10, 003
1953	31, 393	23, 005	9, 835	8, 388	31, 558	27, 956	12, 981	10, 879
1954	32, 464	23, 568	9, 809	8, 896	31, 051	30, 488	11, 807	11, 833
1955	38, 882	28, 958	13, 472	9, 924	39, 039	33, 649	16, 745	13, 082
1956	42, 511	31, 897	14, 459	10, 614	40, 175	37, 236	15, 563	14, 576
1957	45, 286	34, 183	15, 409	11, 103	42, 545	40, 259	16, 545	15, 595
1958	45, 544	34, 057	14, 237	11, 487	40, 789	40, 915	14, 316	15, 488
1959	52, 119	39, 852	16, 549	12, 267	49, 045	43, 407	17, 941	15, 698
1960	56, 049	43, 281	17, 866	12, 768	50, 343	46, 914	17, 839	16, 522
1960: March	51, 298	40, 020	16, 826	11, 278	4, 259	3, 777	1, 591	1, 342
April	52, 353	40, 651	17, 170	11, 702	4, 499	3, 935	1, 636	1, 379
May	52, 991	41, 125	17, 431	11, 866	4, 255	3, 911	1, 558	1, 402
June	53, 662	41, 752	17, 755	11, 910	4, 313	3, 934	1, 538	1, 392
July	53, 809	42, 050	17, 893	11, 759	4, 214	3, 997	1, 417	1, 385
August	54, 092	42, 378	18, 020	11, 714	4, 072	3, 918	1, 422	1, 388
September	54, 265	42, 517	18, 021	11, 748	4, 125	3, 958	1, 422	1, 375
October	54, 344	42, 591	17, 992	11, 753	4, 108	3, 994	1, 460	1, 417
November	54, 626	42, 703	17, 967	11, 923	4, 134	3, 946	1, 482	1, 397
December	56, 049	43, 281	17, 866	12, 768	4, 007	3, 931	1, 325	1, 356
1961: January	55, 021	42, 782	17, 611	12, 239	3, 869	3, 972	1, 239	1, 387
February	54, 102	42, 264	17, 383	11, 838	3, 803	4, 011	1, 190	1, 363
March	53, 906	42, 058	17, 265	11, 848	4, 002	3, 954	1, 288	1, 353
April	53, 972	41, 988	17, 200	11, 984	3, 883	4, 022	1, 243	1, 388

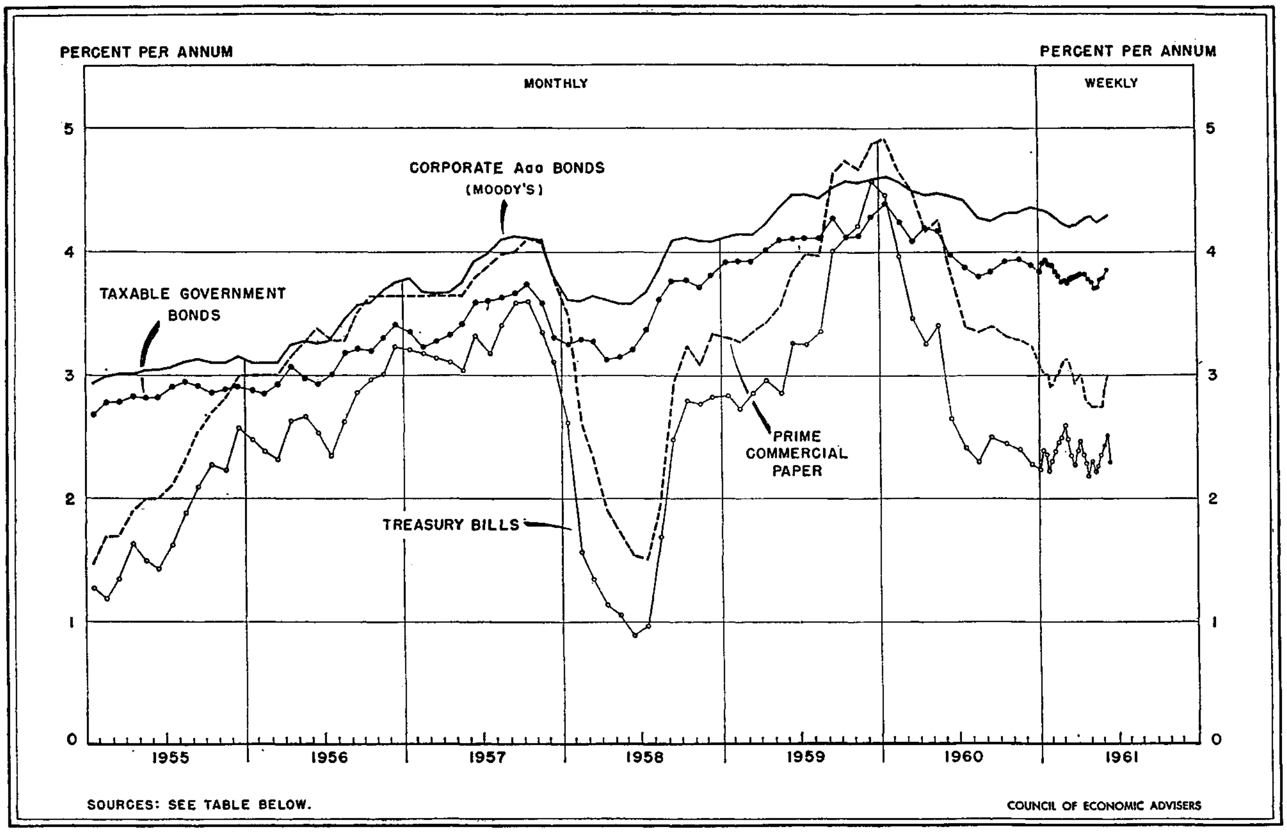
[1] Also includes other consumer goods paper, repair and modernization loans, and personal loans, not shown separately.
[2] Consumer credit extended for the purpose of purchasing automobiles and secured by the items purchased.
[3] Consists of single-payment loans, charge accounts, and service credit.

NOTE.—Data for Alaska and Hawaii included beginning January and August 1959, respectively.

Source: Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

BOND YIELDS AND INTEREST RATES

The rate on 3-month Treasury bills averaged somewhat lower in May than in April. Yields on U.S. Government and municipal bonds were also lower but rose sharply in early June.



[Percent per annum]

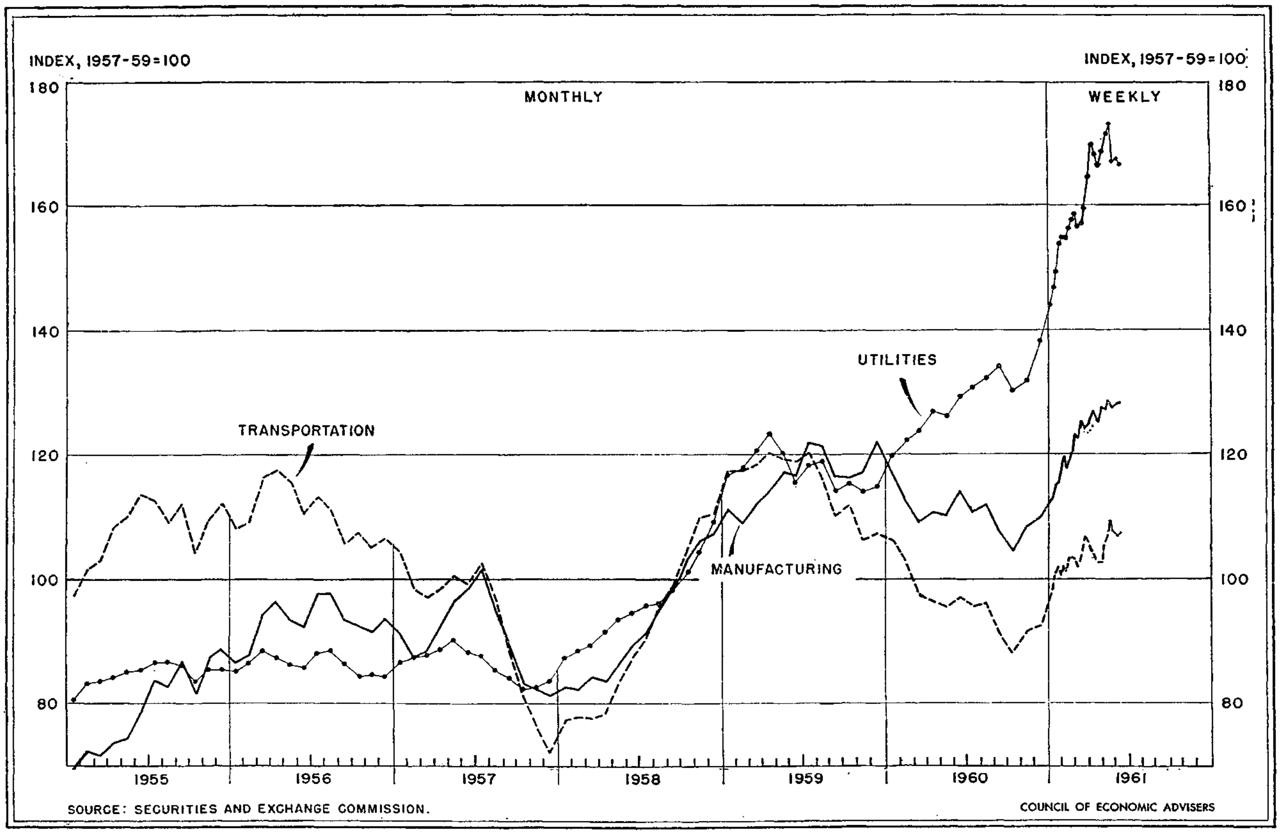
Period	U. S. Government security yields: 3-month Treasury bills [1]	U. S. Government security yields: Taxable bonds [2]	High-grade municipal bonds (Standard & Poor's) [3]	Corporate bonds (Moody's): Aaa	Corporate bonds (Moody's): Baa	Prime commercial paper, 4–6 months
1954	0.953	2.55	2.37	2.90	3.51	1.58
1955	1.753	2.84	2.53	3.06	3.53	2.18
1956	2.658	3.08	2.93	3.36	3.88	3.31
1957	3.267	3.47	3.60	3.89	4.71	3.81
1958	1.839	3.43	3.56	3.79	4.73	2.46
1959	3.405	4.08	3.95	4.38	5.05	3.97
1960	2.928	4.02	3.73	4.41	5.19	3.85
1960: April	3.244	4.18	3.84	4.45	5.20	4.16
May	3.392	4.16	3.85	4.46	5.28	4.25
June	2.641	3.98	3.78	4.45	5.26	3.81
July	2.396	3.86	3.72	4.41	5.22	3.39
August	2.286	3.79	3.53	4.28	5.08	3.34
September	2.489	3.84	3.53	4.25	5.01	3.39
October	2.426	3.91	3.59	4.30	5.11	3.30
November	2.384	3.93	3.46	4.31	5.08	3.28
December	2.272	3.88	3.45	4.35	5.10	3.23
1961: January	2.302	3.89	3.44	4.32	5.10	2.98
February	2.408	3.81	3.33	4.27	5.07	3.03
March	2.420	3.78	3.38	4.22	5.02	3.03
April	2.327	3.80	3.44	4.25	5.01	2.91
May	2.288	3.73	3.38	4.27	5.01	2.76
Week ended:						
1961: May 6	2.300	3.72	3.38	4.29	5.02	2.75
13	2.232	3.70	3.34	4.27	5.01	2.75
20	2.264	3.71	3.34	4.25	5.01	2.75
27	2.354	3.78	3.40	4.27	5.01	2.75
June 3	2.438	3.79	3.42	4.29	5.02	2.88
10	2.516	3.86	3.48	4.31	5.03	3.00
17	2.295	[4] 3.86	3.53	[4] 4.33	5.04	[4] 3.00

[1] Rate on new issues within period.
[2] Series includes: April 1953 to date, bonds due or callable 10 years and after; April 1952–March 1953, bonds due or callable after 12 years; October 1941–March 1952, bonds due or callable after 15 years.
[3] Weekly data are Wednesday figures.
[4] Not charted.

Sources: Treasury Department, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, Standard & Poor's Corporation, and Moody's Investors Service.

STOCK PRICES

Stock prices averaged somewhat higher in May than in April but have changed little in recent weeks.



[1957–59=100]

Period	Composite index [1]	Manufacturing: Total	Manufacturing: Durable goods	Manufacturing: Non-durable goods	Transportation	Utilities	Trade, finance, and service	Mining
Weekly average:								
1952	52. 3	46. 8	42. 1	50. 7	74. 6	65. 4	60. 4	80. 7
1953	51. 9	46. 7	43. 0	49. 8	73. 9	67. 3	60. 8	70. 4
1954	61. 7	57. 6	54. 7	60. 0	78. 6	75. 3	69. 1	78. 2
1955	81. 8	79. 5	78. 7	80. 1	108. 2	84. 8	87. 1	91. 6
1956	92. 6	93. 2	91. 5	94. 5	110. 6	86. 4	89. 9	104. 6
1957	89. 8	90. 7	88. 5	92. 8	93. 2	86. 3	82. 2	107. 2
1958	93. 2	92. 5	90. 4	94. 4	91. 0	95. 8	95. 1	97. 9
1959	116. 7	116. 5	120. 8	112. 6	115. 6	117. 6	122. 3	95. 0
1960	113. 9	110. 9	117. 3	104. 9	95. 8	129. 3	127. 4	73. 8
1960: April	113. 5	111. 0	118. 3	104. 3	96. 5	127. 1	125. 3	73. 4
May	113. 2	110. 7	118. 7	103. 3	95. 8	126. 4	125. 8	70. 9
June	117. 0	114. 6	123. 4	106. 6	97. 1	129. 8	132. 1	70. 3
July	114. 5	111. 2	119. 0	104. 0	95. 7	131. 0	131. 0	68. 6
August	115. 6	112. 2	119. 8	105. 1	96. 1	132. 6	131. 8	71. 6
September	112. 1	107. 6	114. 1	101. 7	91. 5	134. 2	127. 2	70. 1
October	109. 1	104. 9	109. 4	100. 8	88. 0	130. 5	122. 8	71. 8
November	112. 6	108. 5	113. 0	104. 5	91. 7	132. 0	129. 3	74. 1
December	115. 2	110. 3	114. 5	106. 4	92. 6	138. 5	132. 4	78. 2
1961: January	120. 9	115. 3	118. 6	112. 2	100. 3	148. 7	134. 8	85. 1
February	125. 4	119. 2	121. 4	117. 3	102. 6	156. 0	139. 8	89. 0
March	129. 8	123. 9	127. 8	120. 3	104. 2	159. 2	146. 7	89. 2
April	133. 0	125. 8	128. 5	123. 3	103. 4	168. 9	150. 4	93. 5
May	134. 9	127. 6	130. 6	124. 9	107. 5	170. 0	153. 1	96. 9
Week ended:								
1961: May 12	134. 5	127. 0	129. 8	124. 4	107. 0	171. 5	151. 5	95. 4
19	136. 3	128. 8	132. 1	125. 8	109. 4	173. 0	153. 3	99. 3
26	134. 2	127. 3	130. 2	124. 5	107. 7	166. 8	155. 4	99. 2
June 2	134. 9	128. 0	130. 9	125. 4	106. 9	167. 1	156. 0	99. 5
9	134. 8	128. 1	130. 6	125. 9	107. 1	166. 3	155. 7	98. 1

[1] Includes 300 common stocks: 108 for durable goods manufacturing, 85 for nondurable goods manufacturing, 18 for transportation, 34 for utilities, 45 for trade, finance, and service, and 10 for mining.

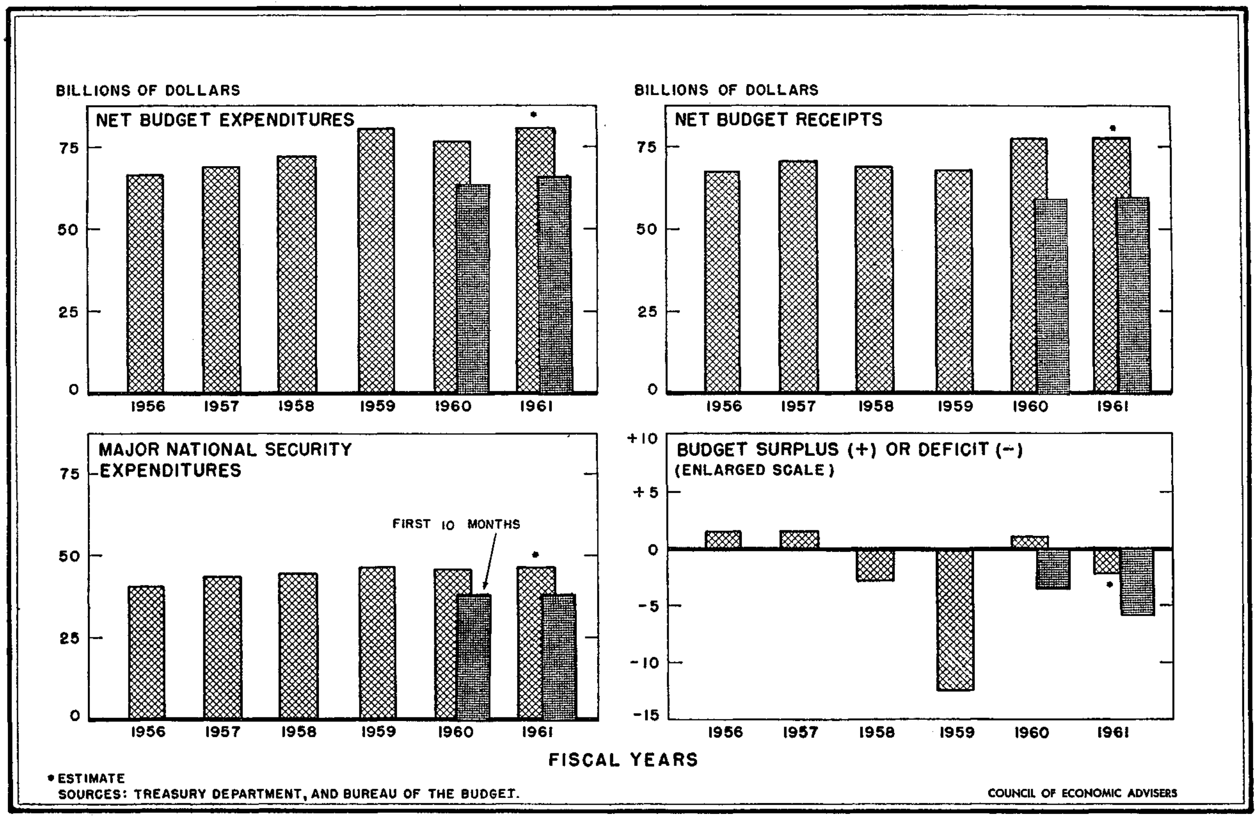
NOTE.—Indexes are based on weekly closing prices.

Source: Securities and Exchange Commission.

FEDERAL FINANCE

BUDGET RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES

For the first 10 months of the current fiscal year, there was a budget deficit of $6.0 billion. For the same period last year, the deficit was $3.6 billion.



[Billions of dollars]

Period	Net budget receipts	Net budget expenditures: Total	Major national security [1]: Total	Major national security [1]: Department of Defense, military [2]	Budget surplus or deficit (−)	Public debt (end of period) [3]
Fiscal year 1956	67.8	66.2	40.6	38.4	1.6	272.8
Fiscal year 1957	70.6	69.0	43.3	40.8	1.6	270.6
Fiscal year 1958	68.5	71.4	44.1	41.2	−2.8	276.4
Fiscal year 1959	67.9	80.3	46.4	43.6	−12.4	284.8
Fiscal year 1960	77.8	76.5	45.6	42.8	1.2	286.5
Fiscal year 1961 [4]	78.5	80.7	46.7	44.0	−2.2	(5)
Fiscal year 1962 [4]	81.4	84.3	48.2	45.4	−2.8	(5)
1960: March	9.6	6.4	4.0	3.7	3.2	287.0
April	5.1	6.0	3.7	3.4	−1.0	288.9
May	6.6	6.1	3.7	3.4	.5	289.5
June	10.9	6.5	4.0	3.7	4.4	286.5
July [6]	3.1	6.2	3.5	3.2	−3.0	288.5
August [6]	6.5	6.8	4.0	3.7	−.3	288.8
September [6]	9.0	6.8	3.9	3.7	2.2	288.6
October [6]	2.8	6.8	3.7	3.5	−4.0	290.6
November [6]	6.3	6.8	3.9	3.6	−.5	290.6
December [6]	7.6	6.8	4.2	4.0	.8	290.4
1961: January [6]	4.8	6.5	3.7	3.5	−1.6	290.2
February [6]	6.5	6.2	3.8	3.6	.3	290.7
March [6]	8.5	7.0	4.3	4.0	1.5	287.7
April [6]	5.1	6.5	3.8	3.5	1.3	288.2
Cumulative totals first 10 months: [6]						
Fiscal year 1960	60.3	63.9	38.0	35.6	−3.6	288.9
Fiscal year 1961	60.4	66.4	38.7	36.4	−6.0	288.2

[1] Includes military activities of the Department of Defense (military functions and the military assistance portion of the mutual security program), Atomic Energy Commission, stockpiling, and defense production expansion.

[2] Military functions and military assistance.

[3] Includes guaranteed securities held outside the Treasury. Not all of total shown is subject to statutory debt limitation.

[4] Estimate (revised March 1961).

[5] Not available.

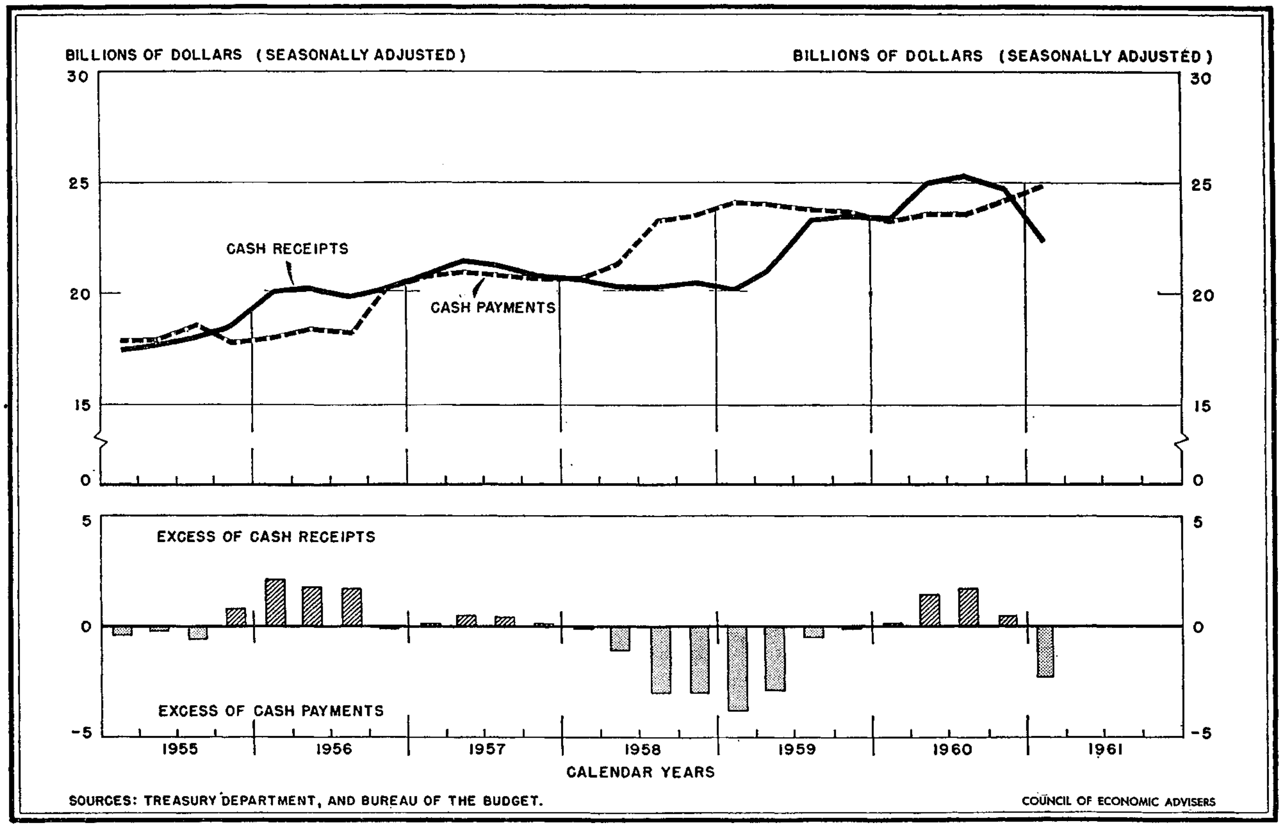
[6] Preliminary.

NOTE.—Total budget receipts and expenditures have been adjusted to exclude certain intragovernmental transactions.

Sources: Treasury Department and Bureau of the Budget.

CASH RECEIPTS FROM AND PAYMENTS TO THE PUBLIC

In the first quarter of calendar 1961, cash receipts from the public exceeded cash payments by $1.4 billion. On a seasonally adjusted basis, however, payments exceeded receipts by $2.3 billion.



[Billions of dollars]

Period	Cash receipts from the public	Cash payments to the public	Excess of receipts (+) or payments (−)	Cash receipts from the public	Cash payments to the public	Excess of receipts (+) or payments (−)
Fiscal year total:						
1957	82.1	80.0	2.1			
1958	81.9	83.4	−1.5			
1959	81.7	94.8	−13.1			
1960	95.1	94.3	.8			
1961 [1]	98.5	99.5	−1.0			
1962 [1]	102.3	106.3	−4.0			
Calendar year total:						
1956	80.3	74.8	5.5			
1957	84.5	83.3	1.2			
1958	81.7	89.0	−7.3			
1959	87.6	95.6	−8.0			
1960 [2]	98.3	94.7	3.6			
	Unadjusted			Seasonally adjusted		
Quarterly total (calendar years):						
1959: Third quarter	21.4	24.4	−3.0	23.2	23.8	−.6
Fourth quarter	19.4	23.9	−4.5	23.6	23.6	.0
1960: First quarter	25.8	21.9	3.8	23.5	23.3	.1
Second quarter	28.5	24.1	4.5	25.0	23.6	1.5
Third quarter [2]	23.4	24.2	−.8	25.1	23.6	1.5
Fourth quarter [2]	20.6	24.5	−3.9	24.8	24.2	.6
1961: First quarter [2]	24.8	23.4	1.4	22.5	24.9	−2.3

[1] Estimate (revised March 1961).
[2] Preliminary.

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