

# Monthly BUSINESS STATISTICS



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Unless otherwise stated, statistics through 1952 and descriptive notes are shown in the 1953 Statistical Supplement to the Survey	1954												1955	
	Janu-ary	Febru-ary	March	April	May	June	July	August	Septem-ber	October	Novem-ber	Decem-ber	Janu-ary	Febru-ary
<b>GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS</b>														
<b>NATIONAL INCOME AND PRODUCT</b>														
Seasonally adjusted quarterly totals at annual rates:†														
National income, total..... bil. of dol.			298.9			299.6				298.8				
Compensation of employees, total..... do			206.4			206.6				207.2			208.9	
Wages and salaries, total..... do			194.6			194.9				195.6			197.2	
Private..... do			161.2			161.5				161.6			163.0	
Military..... do			9.7			9.5				9.6			9.5	
Government civilian..... do			23.7			23.8				24.4			24.7	
Supplements to wages and salaries..... do			11.8			11.7				11.6			11.7	
Proprietors' and rental income, total♠..... do			49.4			49.0				48.5			48.1	
Business and professional♠..... do			25.6			25.9				25.9			26.3	
Farm..... do			13.0			12.2				11.6			11.0	
Rental income of persons..... do			10.8			10.9				10.9			10.9	
Corporate profits and inventory valuation adjust-ment, total..... bil. of dol.			34.1			34.9				33.9				
Corporate profits before tax, total..... do			34.5			34.5				34.2				
Corporate profits tax liability..... do			17.0			17.0				16.8				
Corporate profits after tax..... do			17.5			17.5				17.4				
Inventory valuation adjustment..... do			- .4			.4				- .3			- .4	
Net interest..... do			9.0			9.1				9.2			9.2	
Gross national product, total..... do			355.8			356.0				355.5			362.0	
Personal consumption expenditures, total..... do			230.5			233.1				234.8			237.7	
Durable goods..... do			28.0			28.8				28.9			29.9	
Nondurable goods..... do			118.8			120.0				121.1			122.1	
Services..... do			83.6			84.3				84.8			85.7	
Gross private domestic investment, total..... do			44.5			45.6				45.3			49.5	
New construction..... do			26.0			27.0				28.3			29.1	
Producers' durable equipment..... do			22.7			22.4				21.8			21.7	
Change in business inventories..... do			-4.2			-3.8				-4.8			-1.3	
Net foreign investment..... do			-1.1			-1.0				- .2			.8	
Government purchases of goods and services, total..... bil. of dol.			81.9			78.3				75.6			74.1	
Federal (less Government sales)..... do			55.0			51.3				47.9			45.9	
National security‡..... do			46.9			44.7				42.1			40.5	
State and local..... do			26.9			27.0				27.7			28.2	
Personal income, total..... do			285.1			285.7				286.2			289.0	
Less: Personal tax and nontax payments..... do			32.8			32.9				32.9			33.1	
Equals: Disposable personal income..... do			252.3			252.9				253.2			255.9	
Personal saving§..... do			21.8			19.7				18.4			18.2	
<b>PERSONAL INCOME, BY SOURCE</b>														
Seasonally adjusted, at annual rates:†														
Total personal income..... bil. of dol.	284.9	285.0	285.0	284.4	286.2	286.5	285.7	285.4	286.6	286.3	289.3	† 291.4	290.7	
Wage and salary disbursements, total..... do	194.7	194.7	194.5	194.3	195.0	195.5	195.7	195.5	195.4	196.1	198.1	† 197.8	199.0	
Commodity-producing industries..... do	84.5	84.6	84.2	83.7	84.2	84.0	83.4	82.7	82.4	82.9	84.6	† 84.4	85.1	
Distributive industries..... do	51.9	51.8	52.0	52.0	52.3	52.5	53.1	52.8	52.9	52.9	53.0	† 53.1	53.4	
Service industries..... do	24.8	24.9	25.0	25.2	25.2	25.5	25.4	25.8	25.9	26.1	26.2	† 26.1	26.3	
Government..... do	33.5	33.4	33.3	33.4	33.3	33.5	33.8	34.2	34.2	34.2	34.3	† 34.2	34.2	
Other labor income..... do	6.6	6.6	6.6	6.6	6.6	6.6	6.6	6.6	6.6	6.6	6.6	6.6	6.6	
Proprietors' and rental income..... do	49.6	49.6	48.9	48.2	49.4	49.2	47.9	48.2	48.8	47.2	48.3	† 48.8	48.9	
Personal interest income and dividends..... do	23.9	23.9	23.9	24.0	24.0	24.1	24.2	24.3	24.4	24.5	24.6	† 24.7	24.7	
Transfer payments..... do	14.8	15.0	15.8	15.9	15.8	15.8	15.8	15.5	16.0	16.5	16.4	† 16.7	16.6	
Less personal contributions for social insurance..... bil. of dol.	4.7	4.8	4.7	4.6	4.6	4.7	4.5	4.7	4.6	4.6	4.7	4.7	5.1	
Total nonagricultural income..... do	267.9	268.2	268.8	269.1	269.7	270.3	270.6	270.2	271.1	272.3	274.6	† 276.5	275.5	

† Revised. ‡ Includes inventory valuation adjustment. § Personal saving is excess of disposable income over personal consumption expenditures shown as a component of gross national product above.