

# 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				
	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	January	February	March	April	May	

## GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS

NATIONAL INCOME AND PRODUCT														
Seasonally adjusted quarterly totals at annual rates:†														
National income, total..... bil. of dol.			299.6					298.8			302.6			
Compensation of employees, total..... do.			206.6					207.2			208.9			212.7
Wages and salaries, total..... do.			194.9					195.6			197.2			200.2
Private..... do.			161.5					161.6			163.0			166.0
Military..... do.			9.5					9.6			9.5			9.3
Government civilian..... do.			23.8					24.4			24.7			24.9
Supplements to wages and salaries..... do.			11.7					11.6			11.7			12.5
Proprietors' and rental income, total♂..... do.			49.0					48.5			48.1			49.7
Business and professional♀..... do.			25.9					25.9			26.3			26.4
Farm..... do.			12.2					11.6			11.0			12.2
Rental income of persons..... do.			10.9					10.9			10.9			11.0
Corporate profits and inventory valuation adjustment, total..... bil. of dol.			34.9					33.9			36.4			
Corporate profits before tax, total..... do.			34.5					34.2			36.8			
Corporate profits tax liability..... do.			17.0					16.8			18.1			
Corporate profits after tax..... do.			17.5					17.4			18.7			
Inventory valuation adjustment..... do.			4					-3			-4			-1.3
Net interest..... do.			9.1					9.2			9.2			9.4
Gross national product, total..... do.			356.0					355.5			362.0			370.0
Personal consumption expenditures, total..... do.			233.1					234.8			237.7			242.0
Durable goods..... do.			28.8					28.9			29.9			33.4
Nondurable goods..... do.			120.0					121.1			122.1			122.1
Services..... do.			84.3					84.8			85.7			86.5
Gross private domestic investment, total..... do.			45.6					45.3			49.5			53.3
New construction..... do.			27.0					28.3			29.1			30.8
Producers' durable equipment..... do.			22.4					21.8			21.7			21.1
Change in business inventories..... do.			-3.8					-4.8			-1.3			1.3
Net foreign investment..... do.			-1.0					-2			8			0
Government purchases of goods and services, total..... bil. of dol.			78.3					75.6			74.1			74.7
Federal (less Government sales)..... do.			51.3					47.9			45.9			45.9
National security♀..... do.			44.7					42.1			40.5			40.7
State and local..... do.			27.0					27.7			28.2			28.8
Personal income, total..... do.			285.7					286.2			289.0			292.7
Less: Personal tax and nontax payments..... do.			32.9					32.9			33.1			32.1
Equals: Disposable personal income..... do.			252.9					253.2			255.9			260.6
Personal saving§..... do.			19.7					18.4			18.2			18.7
PERSONAL INCOME, BY SOURCE														
Seasonally adjusted, at annual rates:†														
Total personal income..... bil. of dol.	284.4	286.2	286.5	285.7	285.4	286.6	286.3	289.3	291.4	291.4	292.4	† 294.6	295.6	
Wage and salary disbursements, total..... do.	194.3	195.0	195.5	195.7	195.5	195.4	196.1	198.1	197.8	199.3	199.8	† 201.7	202.2	
Commodity-producing industries..... do.	83.7	84.2	84.0	83.4	82.7	82.4	82.9	84.6	84.4	85.2	85.9	† 87.4	88.2	
Distributive industries..... do.	52.0	52.3	52.5	53.1	52.8	52.9	52.9	53.0	53.1	53.5	53.4	† 53.7	53.5	
Service industries..... do.	25.2	25.2	25.5	25.4	25.8	25.9	26.1	26.2	26.1	26.4	26.3	† 26.5	26.4	
Government..... do.	33.4	33.3	33.5	33.8	34.2	34.2	34.2	34.3	34.2	34.2	34.2	† 34.1	34.1	
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.	48.2	49.4	49.2	47.9	48.2	48.8	47.2	48.3	48.8	49.5	49.8	† 49.8	50.0	
Personal interest income and dividends..... do.	24.0	24.0	24.1	24.2	24.3	24.4	24.5	24.6	26.2	24.7	24.8	† 24.8	25.0	
Transfer payments..... do.	15.9	15.8	15.8	15.8	15.5	16.0	16.5	16.4	16.7	16.5	16.5	† 16.9	16.9	
Less personal contributions for social insurance..... bil. of dol.	4.6	4.6	4.7	4.5	4.7	4.6	4.6	4.7	4.7	5.2	5.1	5.2	5.1	
Total nonagricultural income..... do.	269.1	269.7	270.3	270.6	270.2	271.1	272.3	274.6	276.5	275.5	276.2	† 278.9	279.9	

† Revised.  
 † Revised series. Quarterly estimates of national income and product have been revised back to 1939 (annual data, to 1929); quarterly and monthly estimates of personal income, back to 1929 (monthly revisions prior to May 1953 appear in the 1954 issue of the National Income Supplement). For quarterly data prior to 2d quarter 1953, see pp. 8 and 9 of the July 1954 Survey.  
 ♂ Includes inventory valuation adjustment. ♀ Government sales are not deducted. § Personal saving is excess of disposable income over personal consumption expenditures shown as a component of gross national product above.