

Table 2.—National Income and Product, 1950, and First Three Quarters, 1951<sup>1</sup>

[Billions of dollars]

	1950	Unadjusted							Seasonally adjusted at annual rates						
		1950				1951			1950				1951		
		I	II	III	IV	I	II	III	I	II	III	IV	I	II	III
NATIONAL INCOME BY DISTRIBUTIVE SHARES															
National income.....	239.0	53.8	57.6	62.0	65.6	66.0	68.5	(?)	219.3	230.6	245.8	260.1	269.4	274.3	(?)
Compensation of employees.....	153.3	35.0	37.1	39.5	41.8	42.4	44.2	45.3	142.2	148.6	157.3	165.2	172.1	177.4	180.4
Wages and salaries.....	145.8	33.1	35.2	37.5	40.0	40.2	42.0	43.1	135.2	141.3	149.7	157.2	163.6	168.8	171.6
Private.....	123.6	27.8	29.8	32.3	33.7	33.4	34.8	35.8	114.3	120.1	127.2	132.7	137.1	140.5	141.1
Military.....	5.1	1.1	1.1	1.3	1.6	1.9	(?)	(?)	4.4	4.4	5.0	6.6	7.8	(?)	(?)
Government civilian.....	17.2	4.2	4.3	4.0	4.6	4.8	(?)	(?)	16.4	16.8	17.5	17.9	18.8	(?)	(?)
Supplements to wages and salaries.....	7.5	1.9	1.9	1.9	1.8	2.3	2.3	2.2	7.0	7.4	7.7	7.9	8.5	8.7	8.8
Proprietors' and rental income <sup>3</sup> .....	44.0	10.4	10.5	11.4	11.8	12.2	12.0	12.3	41.4	41.8	45.6	47.2	48.8	48.1	49.1
Business and professional.....	22.3	5.3	5.5	5.8	5.8	6.0	5.9	5.8	21.1	21.9	23.2	23.0	24.1	23.6	23.4
Farm.....	13.7	3.1	3.0	3.6	4.0	4.1	4.1	4.3	12.5	12.2	14.3	15.8	16.4	16.3	17.3
Rental income of persons.....	8.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.1	2.1	2.0	2.1	7.8	7.8	8.1	8.4	8.3	8.2	8.4
Corporate profits and inventory valuation adjustment.....	36.2	7.1	8.8	9.7	10.6	10.0	10.8	(?)	30.5	34.8	37.4	42.2	42.9	43.0	(?)
Corporate profits before tax.....	41.4	7.5	9.4	11.8	12.7	12.2	11.4	(?)	31.9	37.5	45.7	50.3	51.8	45.4	(?)
Corporate profits tax liability.....	18.6	3.4	4.2	5.3	5.7	7.3	6.8	(?)	14.4	16.9	20.5	22.5	31.1	27.0	(?)
Corporate profits after tax.....	22.8	4.1	5.2	6.5	7.0	4.9	4.6	(?)	17.5	20.6	25.2	27.8	20.7	18.4	(?)
Inventory valuation adjustment.....	-5.1	-3	-7	-2.1	-2.0	-2.2	-6	.7	-1.4	-2.7	-8.3	-8.2	-8.9	-2.3	2.8
Net interest.....	5.4	1.3	1.3	1.4	1.4	1.4	1.4	1.4	5.2	5.3	5.5	5.6	5.6	5.7	5.8
Addendum: Compensation of general government employees.....	20.9	5.0	5.1	5.0	5.9	6.4	6.8	6.9	19.6	19.8	21.1	23.1	25.2	26.9	28.9
GROSS NATIONAL PRODUCT OR EXPENDITURE															
Gross national product.....	282.6	63.8	66.6	72.4	79.8	78.3	79.1	81.7	264.4	275.0	287.4	303.7	319.0	327.8	327.6
Personal consumption expenditures.....	193.6	43.6	46.6	49.7	53.6	49.4	49.7	49.7	184.7	188.7	202.5	198.4	208.2	201.7	202.5
Durable goods.....	29.2	5.8	6.4	8.5	8.4	6.9	6.3	6.2	26.3	26.6	34.3	29.4	31.5	25.9	25.3
Nondurable goods.....	102.3	22.7	24.7	25.7	29.2	26.0	26.8	26.8	98.4	100.4	105.5	104.9	111.5	109.5	110.0
Services.....	62.1	15.1	15.5	15.5	16.0	16.4	16.7	16.7	60.1	61.6	62.7	64.0	65.2	66.2	67.2
Gross private domestic investment.....	48.9	10.6	10.2	13.3	14.8	16.6	14.1	14.6	40.1	47.9	47.3	60.2	60.1	65.6	55.7
New construction.....	22.1	4.2	5.3	6.6	6.0	5.0	5.6	6.0	20.1	21.4	23.5	23.3	23.9	22.5	21.5
Residential nonfarm.....	12.6	2.2	3.1	3.9	3.4	2.6	2.7	2.8	11.2	12.4	13.7	13.1	12.9	10.8	9.7
Other.....	9.5	1.9	2.2	2.7	2.6	2.4	2.9	3.2	8.9	9.0	9.7	10.3	10.9	11.7	11.8
Producers' durable equipment.....	22.5	4.7	5.5	6.0	6.3	6.4	7.0	6.8	18.9	21.4	24.5	25.0	25.9	27.2	28.1
Change in business inventories, total.....	4.3	1.8	-6	.7	2.5	5.2	1.5	1.8	1.1	5.2	-7	11.8	10.3	15.9	6.1
Nonfarm only.....	3.6	1.8	-8	.5	2.2	4.9	1.2	1.5	1.1	4.4	-1.8	10.6	9.1	14.8	5.1
Net foreign investment.....	-2.3	-4	-4	-9	-6	-7	.0	.2	-1.7	-1.6	-3.2	-2.7	-2.7	.0	1.2
Government purchases of goods and services.....	42.5	10.0	10.2	10.3	12.0	13.0	15.2	17.2	41.3	40.1	40.8	47.8	53.4	60.4	68.2
Federal.....	23.1	5.6	5.3	5.3	6.9	8.1	9.8	11.7	22.2	21.1	21.4	27.5	32.5	39.1	46.8
Less: Government sales.....	.2	.1	.1	.1	.1	.0	.0	.0	.3	.2	.2	.2	.2	.2	.2
State and local.....	19.7	4.5	5.0	5.0	5.2	4.9	5.5	5.5	19.3	19.2	19.7	20.4	21.1	21.4	21.6
DISPOSITION OF PERSONAL INCOME															
Personal income.....	224.7	53.3	54.1	56.5	60.8	60.0	62.2	63.2	216.3	217.1	227.3	238.3	244.1	249.9	253.2
Less: Personal tax and nontax payments.....	20.5	7.0	3.9	4.8	4.7	10.4	5.7	6.4	19.0	19.5	20.2	23.1	27.4	28.0	28.4
Federal.....	17.8	6.2	3.2	4.2	4.2	9.6	4.9	5.7	16.4	16.9	17.5	20.3	24.4	25.1	25.4
State and local.....	2.7	.8	.7	.6	.6	.9	.8	.7	2.6	2.7	2.7	2.7	2.9	3.0	3.0
Equals: Disposable personal income.....	204.3	46.3	50.2	51.7	56.1	49.5	56.5	56.8	197.3	197.5	207.1	215.2	216.8	221.8	224.7
Less: Personal consumption expenditures.....	193.6	43.6	46.6	49.7	53.6	49.4	49.7	49.7	184.7	188.7	202.5	198.4	208.2	201.7	202.5
Equals: Personal saving.....	10.7	2.6	3.5	2.0	2.5	.2	6.8	7.0	12.5	8.9	4.6	16.8	8.5	20.1	22.2
RELATION OF GROSS NATIONAL PRODUCT, NATIONAL INCOME, AND PERSONAL INCOME															
Gross national product.....	282.6	63.8	66.6	72.4	79.8	78.3	79.1	81.7	264.4	275.0	287.4	303.7	319.0	327.8	327.6
Less: Capital consumption allowances.....	21.2	5.0	5.2	5.4	5.5	5.6	5.8	6.0	20.1	20.7	21.8	22.2	22.6	23.1	23.9
Indirect business tax and nontax liability.....	23.8	5.4	5.8	6.4	6.2	6.3	6.2	6.3	22.3	23.3	25.3	24.3	25.9	24.9	25.0
Business transfer payments.....	.8	.2	.2	.2	.2	.2	.2	.2	.7	.7	.8	.8	.8	.8	.8
Statistical discrepancy.....	-1.8	-5	-2.0	-1.6	2.3	.3	-1.5	(?)	2.3	.4	-6.4	-3.4	.8	5.0	(?)
Plus: Subsidies less current surplus of government enterprises.....	.3	.1	.2	.0	.1	.1	.1	.0	.2	.7	-1	.2	.6	.3	.1
Equals: National income.....	239.0	53.8	57.6	62.0	65.6	66.0	68.5	(?)	219.3	230.6	245.8	260.1	269.4	274.3	(?)
Less: Corporate profits and inventory valuation adjustment.....	36.2	7.1	8.8	9.7	10.6	10.0	10.8	(?)	30.5	34.8	37.4	42.2	42.9	43.0	(?)
Contributions for social insurance.....	7.0	1.8	1.8	1.8	1.6	2.3	2.3	2.1	6.6	6.8	7.0	7.4	8.3	8.4	8.4
Excess of wage accruals over disbursements.....	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0	.2	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0	.7
Plus: Government transfer payments.....	14.3	5.3	3.6	2.7	2.8	2.9	2.9	2.9	21.0	14.2	11.0	11.1	11.5	11.8	11.8
Net interest paid by government.....	4.7	1.1	1.4	1.0	1.2	1.1	1.4	1.1	4.7	4.7	4.7	4.7	4.8	4.8	4.8
Dividends.....	9.2	1.9	1.9	2.2	3.3	2.1	2.2	2.2	7.8	8.4	9.4	11.1	8.8	9.6	9.6
Business transfer payments.....	.8	.2	.2	.2	.2	.2	.2	.2	.7	.7	.8	.8	.8	.8	.8
Equals: Personal income.....	224.7	53.3	54.1	56.5	60.8	60.0	62.2	63.2	216.3	217.1	227.3	238.3	244.1	249.9	253.2

<sup>1</sup> Detail will not necessarily add to totals because of rounding.  
<sup>2</sup> Not available.

<sup>3</sup> Includes noncorporate inventory adjustment.

Source: U. S. Department of Commerce, Office of Business Economics.

However, additional light is thrown on the recent movements of consumption and income by the comparison presented in Chart 4, which shows the aggregates in question not only in current dollars, but also in terms of constant (1950) dollars. Prices of consumer goods, although virtually stable from February through September, averaged about 7 percent higher for the first three quarters of this year than

for 1950. Allowance for this difference in prices substantially dampens, but does not eliminate, the rise in disposable income. A gain in real terms of about 1½ percent—roughly proportionate to the growth of the population—is implied.

On the other hand, allowance for the price factor indicates that the physical volume of consumer purchases during 1951, despite the first-quarter bulge, has run somewhat below last

# Monthly BUSINESS STATISTICS



THE STATISTICS here are a continuation of the data published in BUSINESS STATISTICS, the 1951 Statistical Supplement to the SURVEY OF CURRENT BUSINESS. That volume (price \$1.50) contains monthly data for the years 1947 to 1950, and monthly averages for earlier years back to 1935 insofar as available; it also provides a description of each series and references to sources of monthly figures prior to 1947. Series added or revised since publication of the 1951 Supplement are indicated by an asterisk (\*) and a dagger (†), respectively, the accompanying footnote indicating where historical data and a descriptive note may be found. The terms "unadjusted" and "adjusted" used to designate index numbers and dollar values refer to adjustment of monthly figures for seasonal variation.

Data subsequent to September 1951 for selected series will be found in the Weekly Supplement to the SURVEY.

Unless otherwise stated, statistics through 1950 and descriptive notes are shown in the 1951 Statistical Supplement to the Survey	1950				1951									
	September	October	November	December	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	
GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS														
NATIONAL INCOME AND PRODUCT														
Seasonally adjusted quarterly totals at annual rates:														
National income, total..... bil. of dol.	245.8			260.1			269.4			274.3				
Compensation of employees, total..... do.	157.3			165.2			172.1			177.4				180.4
Wages and salaries, total..... do.	149.7			157.2			163.6			168.8				171.9
Private..... do.	127.2			132.7			137.1			140.5				141.1
Military..... do.	5.0			6.6			7.8							
Government civilian..... do.	17.5			17.9			18.8							
Supplements to wages and salaries..... do.	7.7			7.9			8.5			8.7				8.8
Proprietors' and rental income, total <sup>§</sup> ..... do.	45.6			47.2			48.8			48.1				49.1
Business and professional <sup>§</sup> ..... do.	23.2			23.0			24.1			23.6				23.4
Farm..... do.	14.3			15.8			16.4			16.3				17.3
Rental income of persons..... do.	8.1			8.4			8.3			8.2				8.4
Corporate profits and inventory valuation adjustment, total..... bil. of dol.	37.4			42.2			42.9			43.0				
Corporate profits before tax, total..... do.	45.7			50.3			51.8			45.4				
Corporate profits tax liability..... do.	20.5			22.5			31.1			27.0				
Corporate profits after tax..... do.	25.2			27.8			20.7			18.4				
Inventory valuation adjustment..... do.	-8.3			-8.2			-8.9			-2.3				3.8
Net interest..... do.	5.5			5.6			5.6			5.7				5.8
Gross national product, total..... do.	287.4			303.7			* 319.0			* 327.8				327.6
Personal consumption expenditures, total..... do.	202.5			198.4			208.2			201.7				202.5
Durable goods..... do.	34.3			29.4			31.5			25.9				25.3
Nondurable goods..... do.	105.5			104.9			111.5			109.5				110.0
Services..... do.	62.7			64.0			65.2			66.2				67.2
Gross private domestic investment..... do.	47.3			60.2			* 60.1			* 65.6				55.7
New construction..... do.	23.5			23.3			23.9			* 22.5				21.5
Producers' durable equipment..... do.	24.5			25.0			* 25.9			* 27.2				28.1
Change in business inventories..... do.	-7			11.8			* 10.3			* 15.9				6.1
Net foreign investment..... do.	-3.2			-2.7			* -2.7			* 0				1.2
Government purchases of goods and services, total..... bil. of dol.	40.8			47.8			* 53.4			* 60.4				68.2
Federal (less Government sales)..... do.	21.2			27.3			* 32.3			* 38.9				46.6
State and local..... do.	19.7			20.4			21.1			21.4				21.6
Personal income, total..... do.	227.3			238.3			244.1			* 249.9				253.2
Less: Personal tax and nontax payments..... do.	20.2			23.1			* 27.4			* 28.0				28.4
Equals: Disposable personal income..... do.	207.1			215.2			* 216.8			* 221.8				224.7
Personal savings..... do.	4.6			16.8			* 8.5			* 20.1				22.2
PERSONAL INCOME, BY SOURCE														
Seasonally adjusted, at annual rates:														
Total personal income..... bil. of dol.	231.5	234.1	236.4	244.4	243.6	243.3	245.5	249.0	249.8	251.0	252.4	* 253.7		253.3
Wage and salary receipts, total..... do.	149.7	152.4	154.2	155.9	158.0	160.0	162.2	164.8	165.1	166.4	167.1	* 167.4		167.9
Employer disbursements, total..... do.	152.6	155.6	157.3	158.9	161.6	163.4	165.9	168.2	168.8	169.9	170.6	* 170.8		171.3
Commodity-producing industries..... do.	67.1	69.3	69.9	70.8	71.7	72.4	73.7	75.0	74.6	75.2	74.8	* 74.5		74.6
Distributive industries..... do.	42.8	43.1	43.2	43.6	44.3	44.5	44.9	45.3	45.6	45.6	46.0	* 46.2		46.3
Service industries..... do.	19.1	19.3	19.5	19.6	19.9	19.8	20.0	20.1	20.2	20.3	20.3	* 20.3		20.3
Government..... do.	23.6	23.9	24.7	24.9	25.7	26.7	27.3	27.8	28.4	28.8	29.5	* 29.8		30.1
Less employee contributions for social insurance..... bil. of dol.	2.9	3.2	3.1	3.0	3.6	3.4	3.7	3.4	3.7	3.5	3.5	3.4		3.4
Other labor income..... do.	3.6	3.6	3.7	3.7	3.7	3.8	3.8	3.8	3.8	3.8	3.8	3.8		3.8
Proprietors' and rental income..... do.	45.3	46.3	47.2	48.1	50.5	48.2	47.7	48.1	48.0	48.0	49.2	* 49.7		48.4
Personal interest income and dividends..... do.	21.6	19.7	19.5	25.0	18.8	19.2	19.7	20.2	20.2	20.0	19.7	* 20.1		20.7
Total transfer payments..... do.	11.3	12.1	11.8	11.7	12.6	12.1	12.1	12.1	12.7	12.8	12.6	12.7		12.5
Total nonagricultural income..... do.	212.9	214.3	215.5	223.4	221.4	222.9	225.2	227.8	229.0	230.1	* 230.1	* 231.3		231.8
NEW PLANT AND EQUIPMENT EXPENDITURES														
All industries, quarterly total..... mil. of dol.	4,700			5,830			5,160			6,250				<sup>1</sup> 6,800
Manufacturing..... do.	2,050			2,790			2,460			3,140				<sup>1</sup> 3,650
Mining..... do.	180			200			200			200				<sup>1</sup> 240
Railroad..... do.	290			320			300			410				<sup>1</sup> 400
Other transportation..... do.	120			140			120			140				<sup>1</sup> 120
Electric and gas utilities..... do.	820			940			750			890				<sup>1</sup> 1,030
Commercial and miscellaneous..... do.	1,240			1,440			1,340			1,470				<sup>1</sup> 1,360

\* 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.

<sup>1</sup> Estimates based on anticipated capital expenditures of business.