

# Monthly BUSINESS STATISTICS



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[Averages for the year 1955 are provided in the July 1956 issue of the SURVEY]

Unless otherwise stated, statistics through 1954 and descriptive notes are shown in the 1955 edition of BUSINESS STATISTICS	1955			1956										
	October	November	December	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November
<b>GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS</b>														
<b>NATIONAL INCOME AND PRODUCT</b>														
Seasonally adjusted quarterly totals at annual rates:†														
National income, total..... bil. of dol.			334.4			334.9			338.7					
Compensation of employees, total..... do			230.3			233.0			237.2			240.4		
Wages and salaries, total..... do			217.0			219.4			223.5			226.2		
Private..... do			180.5			182.5			186.2			188.3		
Military..... do			9.7			9.6			9.5			9.5		
Government civilian..... do			26.8			27.3			27.8			28.5		
Supplements to wages and salaries..... do			13.3			13.6			13.8			14.2		
Proprietors' and rental income, total‡..... do			49.3			49.5			49.9			50.7		
Business and professional‡..... do			28.0			28.2			28.9			29.5		
Farm..... do			11.4			11.5			11.3			11.6		
Rental income of persons..... do			9.8			9.8			9.7			9.7		
Corporate profits and inventory valuation adjustment, total..... bil. of dol.			43.4			40.9			39.8					
Corporate profits before tax, total..... do			46.4			43.7			42.9					
Corporate profits tax liability..... do			23.4			22.1			21.7					
Corporate profits after tax..... do			23.0			21.6			21.3					
Inventory valuation adjustment..... do			-3.0			-2.8			-3.1			-2.8		
Net interest..... do			11.3			11.5			11.7			12.0		
Gross national product, total..... do			401.9			403.4			408.3			413.8		
Personal consumption expenditures, total..... do			250.5			261.7			263.7			266.8		
Durable goods..... do			35.4			34.8			33.4			33.0		
Nondurable goods..... do			129.2			130.5			132.3			134.0		
Services..... do			94.9			96.4			98.0			99.7		
Gross private domestic investment, total..... do			65.1			63.1			64.7			65.1		
New construction..... do			33.0			32.6			33.6			33.6		
Producers' durable equipment..... do			25.9			26.4			27.5			29.5		
Change in business inventories..... do			6.1			4.1			3.5			2.0		
Net foreign investment..... do			- 8			1			1.2			1.7		
Government purchases of goods and services, total..... bil. of dol.			78.1			78.5			78.7			80.2		
Federal (less Government sales)..... do			47.2			46.4			46.1			47.2		
National security‡..... do			40.6			40.5			40.7			41.9		
State and local..... do			30.9			32.1			32.6			33.0		
Personal income, total..... do			314.6			317.5			322.9			327.0		
Less: Personal tax and nontax payments..... do			36.3			37.3			38.1			38.8		
Equals: Disposable personal income..... do			278.4			280.2			284.9			288.2		
Personal saving§..... do			18.8			18.6			21.2			21.4		
<b>PERSONAL INCOME, BY SOURCE</b>														
Seasonally adjusted, at annual rates:†														
Total personal income..... bil. of dol.	311.6	314.5	317.5	316.7	317.1	318.6	321.7	322.8	324.9	324.3	328.1	* 329.5	332.6	
Wage and salary disbursements, total..... do	215.3	217.2	218.2	219.0	218.9	220.3	222.9	223.2	225.2	224.0	227.1	* 228.5	230.2	
Commodity-producing industries..... do	93.3	94.2	94.5	94.8	94.7	95.1	96.8	96.8	97.5	95.9	98.3	* 99.1	100.3	
Distributive industries..... do	56.7	57.3	57.6	57.9	57.9	58.4	59.1	59.1	59.9	59.9	60.3	* 60.5	60.6	
Service industries..... do	28.9	29.3	29.4	29.5	29.5	29.6	29.8	30.0	30.2	30.4	30.6	* 30.8	31.0	
Government..... do	36.4	36.4	36.7	36.8	36.8	37.2	37.2	37.3	37.6	37.8	37.9	* 38.1	38.3	
Other labor income..... do	7.2	7.2	7.3	7.3	7.2	7.2	7.2	7.2	7.3	7.3	7.3	* 7.3	7.4	
Proprietors' and rental income..... do	49.1	49.6	49.2	49.4	49.7	49.5	49.7	50.1	50.0	50.5	51.0	* 50.9	51.9	
Personal interest income and dividends..... do	27.9	28.1	30.2	28.5	28.7	28.8	29.1	29.4	29.6	29.7	29.8	* 30.0	30.2	
Transfer payments..... do	17.4	17.7	18.0	18.2	18.3	18.5	18.6	18.7	18.6	18.6	18.8	* 18.7	18.9	
Less personal contributions for social insurance..... bil. of dol.	5.3	5.3	5.4	5.7	5.7	5.7	5.8	5.8	5.8	5.8	5.9	* 5.9	6.0	
Total nonagricultural income..... do	296.9	299.4	302.8	301.6	301.5	304.0	306.8	307.6	310.3	309.4	312.8	* 314.4	316.8	

\* Revised.  
 † Revised series. Estimates of national income and product and personal income have been revised back to 1952 (see pp. 7 ff. of the July 1956 SURVEY); for data prior to 1952, see the 1954 NATIONAL INCOME SUPPLEMENT or the 1955 edition of BUSINESS STATISTICS.  
 ‡ 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.