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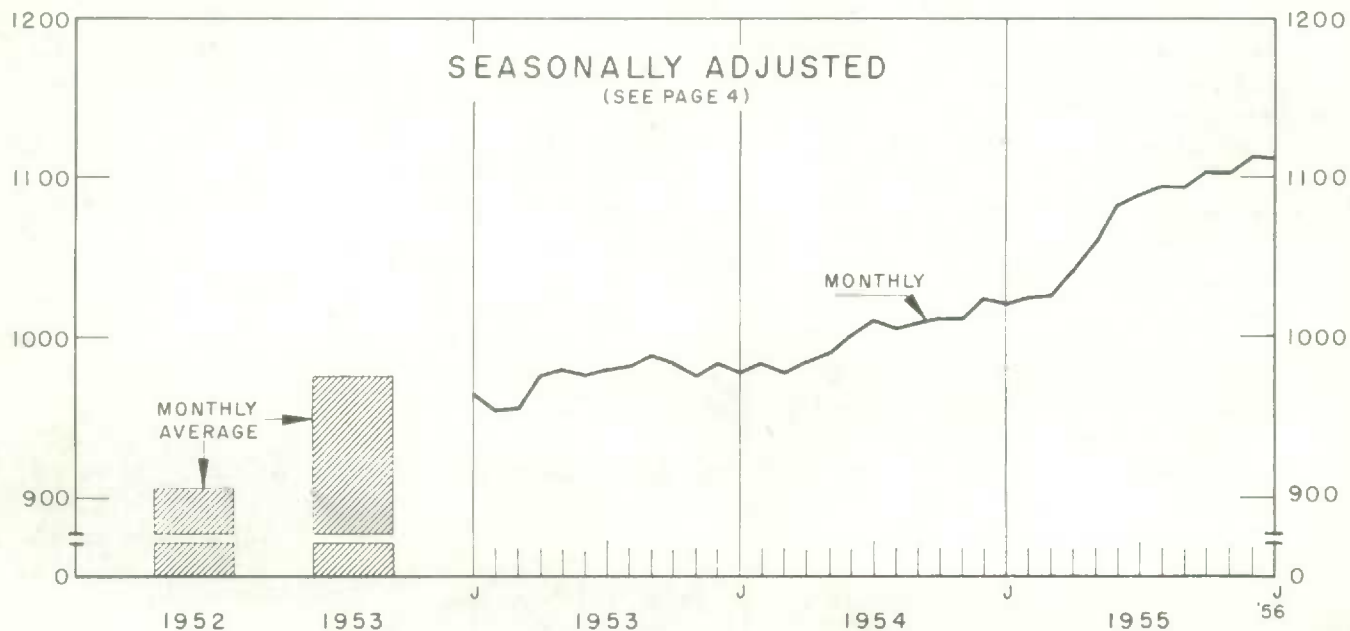
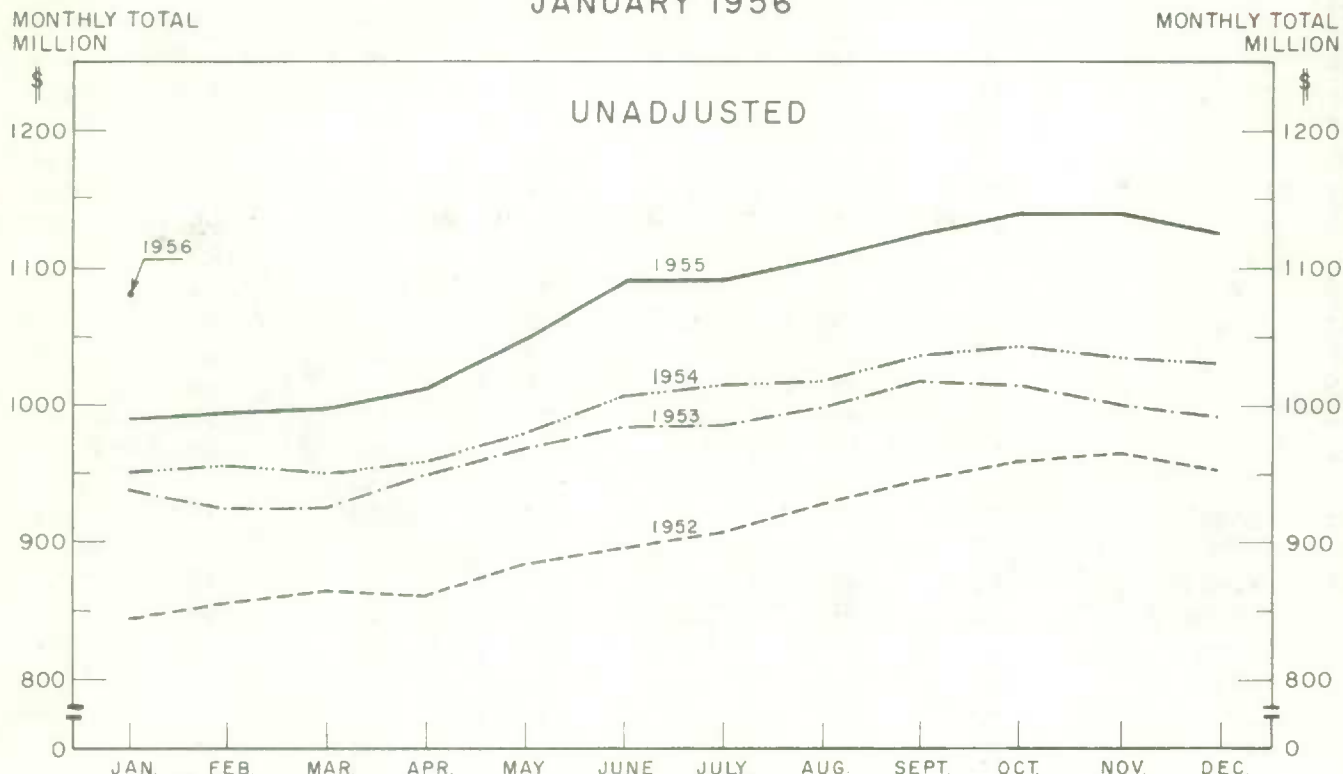
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## ESTIMATES OF LABOUR INCOME

JANUARY 1956



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(\$ Millions)

		Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing, Trapping, Mining	Manu- fac- turing	Con- struc- tion	Utilities, Trans- portation, Communi- cation, Storage, Trade	Finance, Services, (includ- ing Govern- ment)	Supple- mentary Labour Income	Total
1939	M	23	62	8	58	59	5	215
1940	o	26	78	11	63	60	6	244
1941	n	29	106	16	73	66	8	298
1942	t	30	142	18	80	72	11	353
1943	h	32	168	21	86	78	14	399
1944	l	33	171	17	95	83	13	412
1945	y	35	156	19	100	90	13	413
1946		41	147	25	114	103	14	444
1947	A	42	177	34	134	114	17	518
1948	v	49	203	41	154	131	19	597
x1949	e	49	214	47	169	147	21	647
1950	r	55	231	47	180	156	24	693
1951	a	72	272	52	208	178	28	810
1952	g	76	303	63	233	199	32	906
1953	e	72	329	70	252	218	35	976
1954	s	72	323	68	261	239	36	999
1955		74	344	78	276	262	38	1,072
1953 -	December	71	332	69	257	228	35	992
1954 -	January	63	322	56	249	225	35	950
	February	65	324	54	250	228	34	955
	March	60	323	54	248	230	35	950
	April	57	322	59	254	231	35	958
	May	66	320	67	257	235	35	980
	June	72	325	70	264	242	36	1,009
	July	77	324	77	266	237	36	1,017
	August	80	324	75	265	239	36	1,019
	September	82	325	79	267	249	36	1,038
	October	84	323	83	269	249	36	1,044
	November	81	321	77	269	253	36	1,037
	December	78	325	71	269	253	36	1,032
1955 -	January	71	318	60	257	250	35	991
	February	68	327	57	257	252	35	996
	March	59	330	56	259	257	36	997
	April	59	336	63	266	253	36	1,013
	May	69	340	72	273	258	37	1,049
	June	77	346	86	279	265	38	1,091
	July	80	346	86	283	260	38	1,093
	August	81	353	92	282	261	39	1,108
	September	81	355	93	285	273	39	1,126
	October	82	358	99	289	271	40	1,139
	November	83	357	89	290	274	40	1,133
	December	81	363	80	290	272	39	1,125
1956 -	January	75	352	68	278	268	39	1,080

xIncludes Newfoundland, since 1949.

## ESTIMATES OF LABOUR INCOME

January 1956

Following the usual seasonal reduction of activity in industries such as agriculture, construction, transportation and retail trade, labour income in Canada dropped \$45 million during January to an estimated total of \$1,080 million.

With the exception of supplementary labour income which remained steady, total wages and salaries in the principal industrial divisions contributed to the decline from December. Losses of \$12 million each took place in construction and in the distributive industries, and of \$11 million in manufacturing; total wages and salaries in the finance and services group and in the primary industries dropped \$4 million and \$6 million, respectively.

The total of wages, salaries and supplementary labour income was, however, \$89 million, or 9 per cent, above that for the corresponding month of 1955. Increases of 6 to 8 per cent occurred in the primary and distributive industries and in the finance and services group. The manufacturing total and supplementary labour income advanced approximately 11 per cent, while construction wages and salaries rose 13 per cent.

Labour income in January, after seasonal adjustment, was just \$1 million under the December figure of \$1,113 million, as shown on page 4 of this bulletin.

The Consumer Price Index (1949=100), which declined from 116.8 at the beginning of January to 116.4 at February 1st, compared with 116.3 for February 1, 1955.





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# Notes on Estimates of Labour Income

Estimates of total labour income comprise all wages, salaries and supplementary remuneration for employees' services. Gross earnings--before deductions for income tax, unemployment insurance and pension contributions--are used in the calculation of total wages and salaries, which include bonuses and commissions as well as free room and board provided by the employer. Employers' contribution to unemployment insurance, workmen's compensation, pensions and welfare are shown as supplementary labour income.

The monthly estimates of total wages and salaries are projections from annual estimates, mainly on indexes of aggregate payrolls for major industrial groups along with various employment and wage rate data. A constant number of working days in each month is assumed in the estimation of labour income. A detailed account of the concepts and methods is set out in the report "National Accounts, Income and Expenditure by Quarters 1947-1952" (November 1953).

The annual estimates of labour income are compiled from basic sources within the Bureau and from other reports of governments and business. Labour income constituted 62 per cent of net national income at factor cost in 1955. The relationship between labour income and other items of the national accounts are shown in the bulletin "National Accounts, Income and Expenditure, Preliminary 1955" (March 1956).

Seasonal patterns in monthly labour income by major industrial groups were eliminated, on the basis of records for the period 1947 to the middle of 1955, by dividing the original estimates by seasonal indexes. Ratios of original labour income estimates to 12-month moving averages were used to isolate the seasonal and random factors in the series. Twelve monthly seasonal indexes totalling 1200 were computed from averages of the ratios, excluding any extreme items in the process.

## Seasonally Adjusted Estimates of Labour Income (\$ Millions)

	1953	1954	1955	1956
January	966	978	1,021	1,112
February	955	985	1,026	
March	956	979	1,027	
April	977	987	1,042	
May	980	993	1,061	
June	977	1,004	1,083	
July	978	1,009	1,090	
August	980	1,004	1,095	
September	986	1,007	1,095	
October	987	1,010	1,104	
November	978	1,011	1,104	
December	986	1,022	1,113	

The figures included in this bulletin supersede those in earlier issues, and those for the most recent years are subject to further minor revisions as new source materials become available.

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