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## ESTIMATES OF LABOUR INCOME

## April 1958

The total of wages, salaries, and supplementary forms of labour income received by residents of Canada in April is estimated to have been $\$ 1,261$ million. This represents a rise of $\$ 28$ million ( 2.3 p.c.) from the previous month. Although much of the increase can be explained by reference to normal seasonal influences a large part was also due to non-seasonal factors. The seasonally adjusted total climbed from \$1,295 million in March to $\$ 1,304$ million in April, an increase of $\$ 9$ million or 0.7 p.c. This is the second substantial increase in a row since the downturn in labour income in the latter part of 1957, the February-March increase having been roughly of the same magnitude ( $\$ 11$ million). A larger aggregate wage bill in the construction industry was a major contributing factor in the over-all income advance, both seasonal and non-seasonal. Manufacturing payrolls (about 30 p.c. of total payrolls) were approximately unchanged since March, apart from a small rise normal to this period of the jeer.

## 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 vell as free room and board provided by the omployer. Employera' contribution to unemployment insurance, workmen's compensation, pensions and welfare are show 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 MNational Accounts, Income and Expenditure by Quarters 1947-1952 ${ }^{\text {n }}$ (November 1953).

The anmual estimates of labour income are compled 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 1956. The relationships between labour income and other items of the national accounts are shown in the bulletin MNational Accounts, Income and Expenditure, 1950-1956" (May 1957)..

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|  | 1954 | 1955 | 1956 | 1957 | 1958 |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| January | 983 | 1,025 | 1,123 | 1,247 | 1,283 |
| February | 988 | 1,029 | 1,137 | 1,256 | 1,284 |
| March | 988 | 1,036 | 1,149 | 1,266 | 1,295 |
| April | 988 | 1,044 | 1,166 | 1,263 | 1,3049 |
| May | 987 | 1,056 | 1,175 | 1,274 |  |
| Jume | 994 | 1,068 | 1,186 | 1,285 |  |
| July | 1,005 | 1,072 | 1,207 | 1,295 |  |
| August | 1,000 | 1,084 | 1,208 | 1,305 |  |
| Soptember | 1,007 | 1,088 | 1,225 | 1,300 |  |
| October | 1,012 | 1,095 | 1,230 | 1,292 |  |
| November | 1,016 | 1,103 | 1,236 | $1,28 \%$ |  |
| December | 1,026 | 1,110 | 1,242 | 1,282 |  |
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