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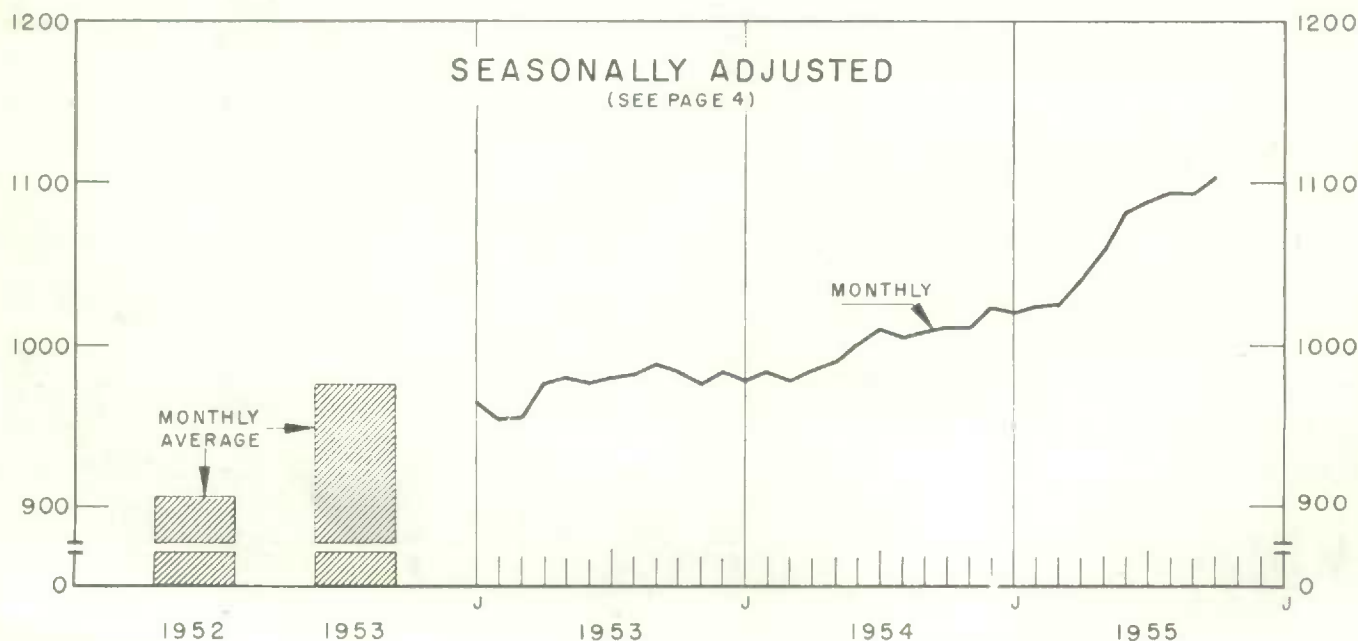
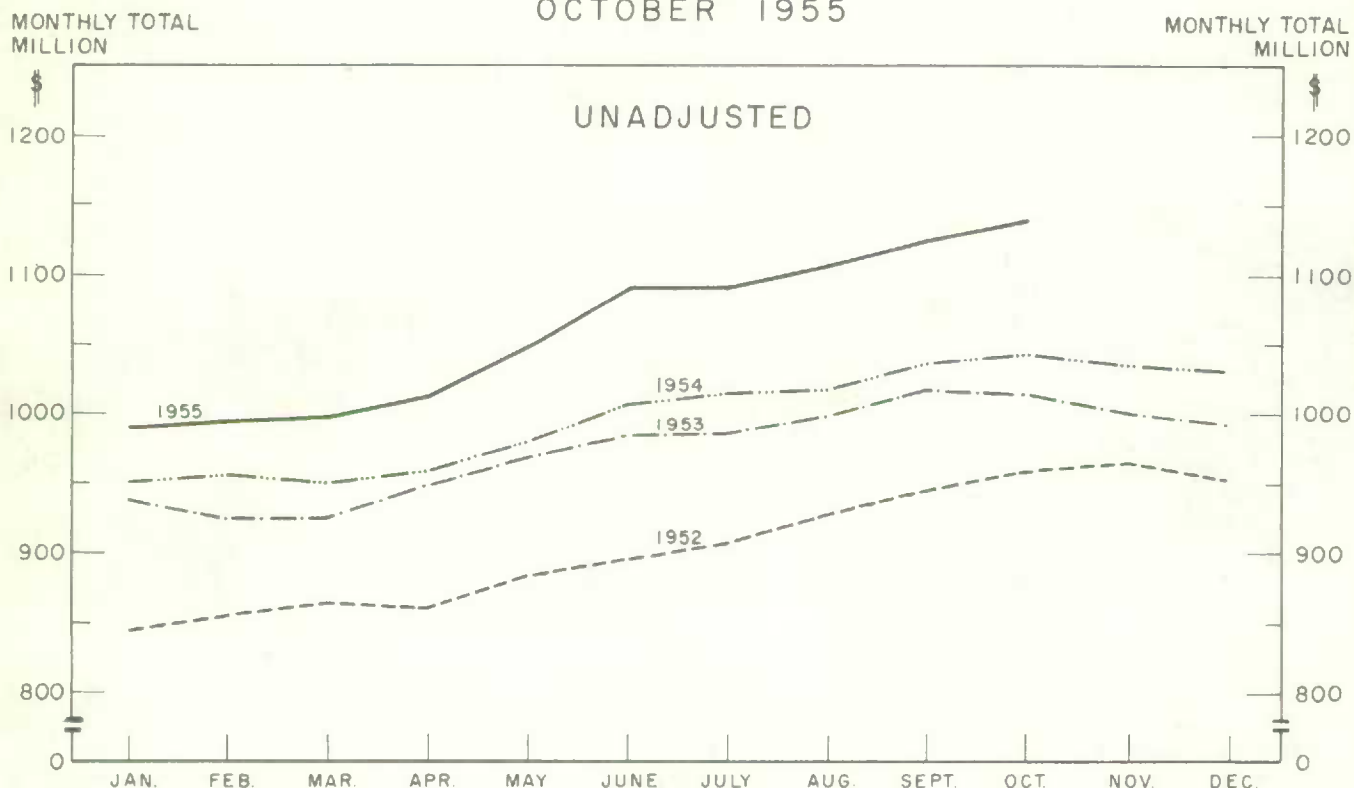
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## ESTIMATES OF LABOUR INCOME

OCTOBER 1955



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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	158	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
x 1949	e	49	214	47	169	147	21	647
1950	r	55	231	47	180	156	24	693
1951	a	72	272	52	203	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	251	239	36	999
1953 - July		77	329	76	255	215	35	987
August		79	332	81	256	215	35	998
September		80	336	82	258	226	36	1,018
October		78	331	83	259	229	36	1,018
November		77	327	76	258	228	35	1,001
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	95R	285	273	39	1,128R
October		82	358	99	289	271	40	1,139

xIncludes Newfoundland, since 1949. R - revised.

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October 1955

The steady upward course of labour income since the beginning of 1955 was extended to a record level of \$1,139 million in October, following an increase of \$13 million from the previous month. The October estimate was \$95 million, or 9 per cent above that for the corresponding month of 1954; and the cumulative total of \$10,603 million for the first ten months of 1955 compared with \$9,920 million for the same period in 1954, an increase of nearly 7 per cent.

Total wages and salaries in all industrial divisions increased during October, with the exception of the finance and services which declined \$2 million. Increases ranged from \$1 million for the primary group of industries to \$6 million for the construction industry.

In the provinces of Ontario and Quebec, most of the important components of the manufacturing industry recorded moderate gains during the month, with the exception of the food and beverage group in Ontario and the paper products industry in Quebec. The average factory work week at the end of October was 41.6 hours, which compared with 41.3 hours one year earlier. During the same interval, average hourly earnings advanced from \$1.40 to \$1.45.

The Consumer Price Index was steady at 116.9 per cent of the 1949 average at October 1st and November 1st, and only fractionally above the level of 116.8 at November 1, 1954.



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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 64 per cent of net national income at factor cost in 1954. The relationship between labour income and other items of the national accounts are shown in the bulletin "National Accounts, Income and Expenditure, 1951-1954" (June 1955).

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)

	<u>1953</u>	<u>1954</u>	<u>1955</u>
January	966	978	1,020
February	955	986	1,025
March	956	979	1,026
April	977	987	1,041
May	980	993	1,060
June	977	1,004	1,082
July	978	1,009	1,089
August	980	1,004	1,094
September	986	1,007	1,094.8
October	987	1,010	1,103
November	978	1,011	
December	986	1,022	

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.