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CHANGES IN CLASSIFICATION TO BE INTRODUCED NEXT MONTH

Beginning with the November issue, all national series in sections B, C, and D will be based on the 1957 Standard Industrial Classification. State and area series in Employment and Earnings have been published on this classification since March 1959. Other innovations such as a new benchmark will also be introduced, and these changes will be explained in an article which will appear in next month's issue.

The November issue will also be the Annual Supplement for 1961. Annual averages for all series will appear in this report.

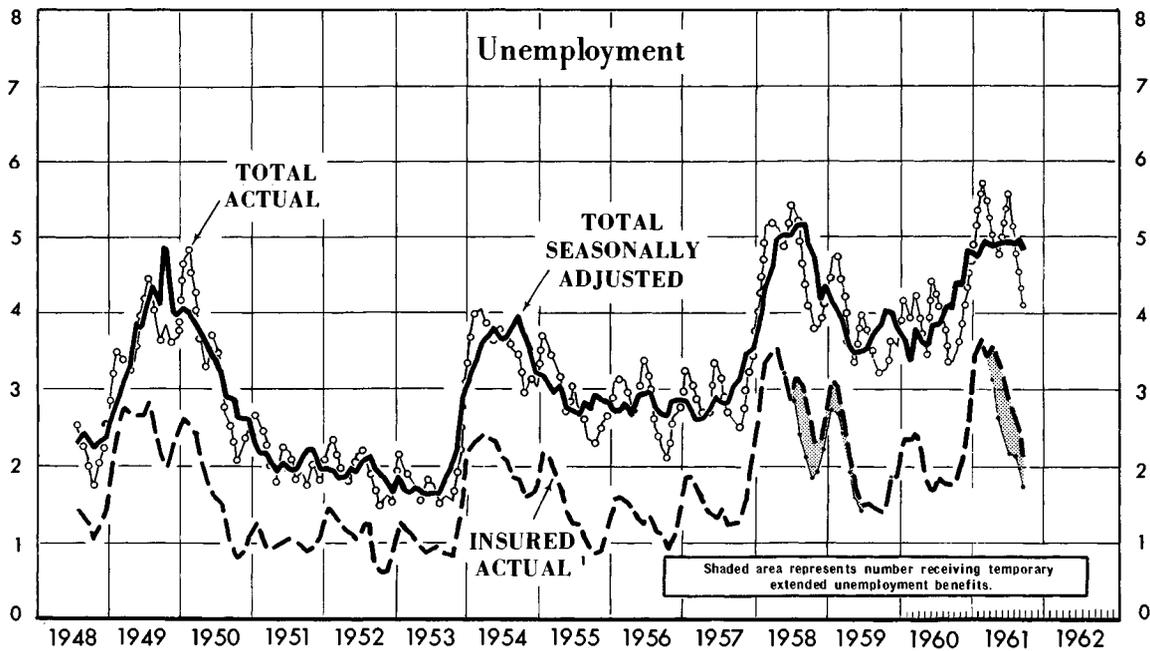
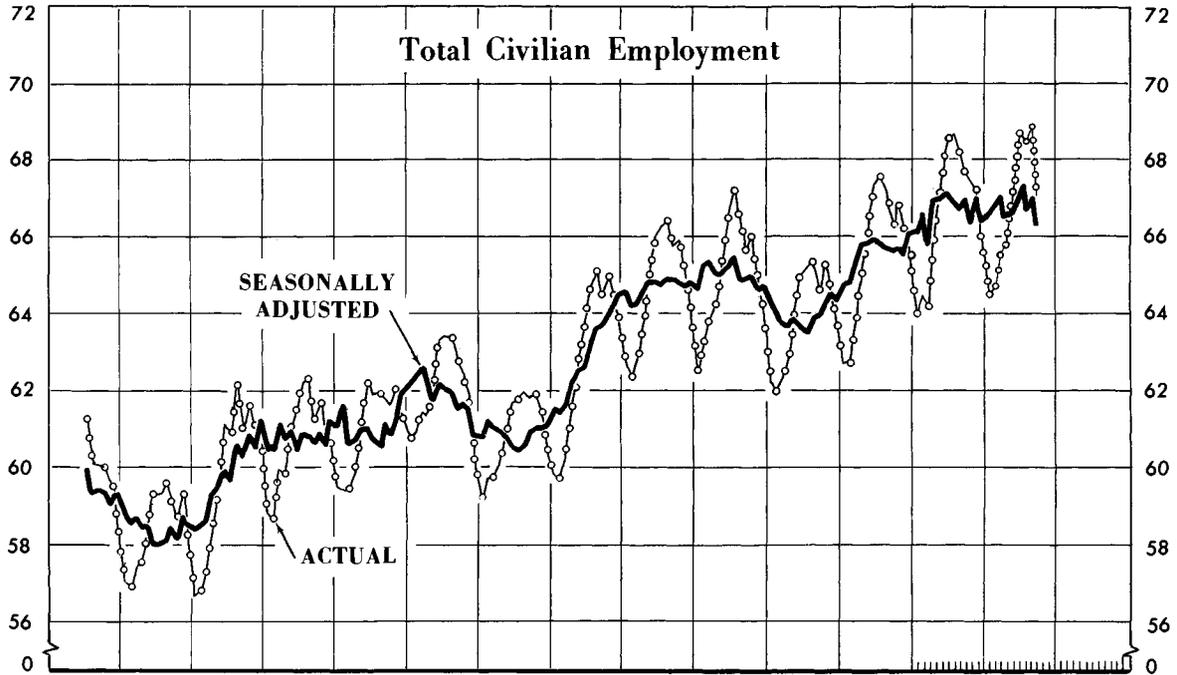
TRENDS IN EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT

Actual and Seasonally Adjusted

July 1948 to Date

MILLIONS OF PERSONS

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¹ Insured under following programs: State unemployment insurance, unemployment compensation for Federal employees, veterans, ex-servicemen, railroad workers (RRB) and temporary programs.

Beginning in January 1960, data include Alaska and Hawaii

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Revision of Industry Statistics on Employment, Hours and Earnings, and Labor Turnover

Beginning with this issue, industry definitions for national series will be based on the revised 1957 Standard Industrial Classification. As a result, titles and definitions of industries in the "B," "C," and "D" series of tables will differ in many respects from those published in prior issues of Employment and Earnings. These changes, however, do not apply to the State and metropolitan area series, which have been based on the 1957 SIC classification since January 1959.

In addition, as a result of technical improvements, such as the development of better benchmark sources for industries not covered by the social insurance programs and stratification of some estimates by size and/or region, as well as adjustment to March 1959 benchmark levels, differences have been introduced which may further affect comparability with previously published series. For a more detailed explanation, see the article on page iv.

A set of tables beginning on page 59 shows employment, hours, and earnings data, actual and seasonally adjusted, from 1957 to date on the new basis for broad industry categories. Annual averages for all series for the three most recent years are presented in the Annual Supplement section of this issue.

The changes described above do not affect statistics in the "A" series of tables (the labor force section) which are based on data collected through household interviews rather than from business and industrial establishments.

A volume consisting of national series reconstituted on the 1957 SIC is now available. Instructions for ordering this publication, which is entitled Employment and Earnings Statistics for the United States, 1909-60, are given on page 15-E.

A new Guide to Employment Statistics of BLS has been issued showing BLS industry definitions based on the 1957 SIC. The guide also lists beginning dates of national series which have been reconstituted on the new classification. The order form on page 12-E can be used to order the guide.

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This Annual Supplement issue shows monthly estimates for all national industry series from July to December 1961, as well as the 1961 annual averages. BLS Bulletin No. 1312 provides users of historical statistics with data from the beginning of each series through June 1961. Details concerning this bulletin are shown on page 14-E.

For States and metropolitan areas, annual average data for the period 1959-61 are presented. In addition, the current definitions of all metropolitan areas are given beginning on page 9-E.

The labor force tables in this supplement, in most cases, include monthly data for 1961 and annual averages for the 4 most recent years. They are reprinted from Special Labor Force Report No. 23, which also contains an analysis of the data that appeared originally in the June 1962 Monthly Labor Review. Comparable monthly data for 1960 and 1959 may be obtained from prior Annual Supplement issues of Employment and Earnings, which reproduced data from Special Labor Force Reports No. 4 and No. 14.

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A number of recommendations on presentation of data to the public made by the President's Committee to Appraise Employment and Unemployment Statistics are being introduced with this issue of Employment and Earnings.

Identification of Data

The statistics presented in Employment and Earnings are compiled from two major sources: (1) household interviews and (2) reports from establishments. To assist the user in readily identifying the survey source, an appropriate reference has been noted at the top of each page, and in some cases, table titles have been revised.

Seasonally Adjusted Data

For the first time, detailed seasonally adjusted data from the household survey are shown in the regular tables. Comparable historical data for these series appeared as a special feature in the March issue of Employment and Earnings, coincident with the release by the Bureau of Labor Statistics of revised seasonal adjustment factors for labor force components.

In the tables published each month, seasonally adjusted figures will be presented after the sections presenting the unadjusted data to which they relate. The tables with seasonally adjusted figures will show data for the last 13 months.

Additional Data From the Household Survey

The amount of published detail pertaining to the household survey has been increased significantly. Beginning in January 1963, new data were compiled which provide additional insight into the unemployment problem. Information on the impact of unemployment on households, as well as statistics on the number of unemployed seeking full-time and part-time jobs are now available.

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REVISED SERIES

The national figures on employment in industry, shown in this report, have been adjusted to March 1962 benchmarks (comprehensive counts of employment). This benchmark revision, which is a standard feature of the current employment statistics program, affected industry payroll employment data from April 1959 forward. In addition, because the employment figures are used as weights, the adjustment to new benchmark levels has caused revisions, in some cases, in the hours, earnings, and labor turnover series. The article "New Benchmark Levels for BLS Establishment Employment Estimates," that follows summarizes the effects of this revision. National data published in this 1963 Annual Supplement to Employment and Earnings represent revisions of those appearing in prior monthly issues.

It should be noted that all national industry statistics subsequent to the latest benchmark month (March 1962) are subject to future revision.

NEW SERIES AVAILABLE

Beginning with this issue, Employment and Earnings includes preliminary data for almost 100 additional manufacturing industries, and also two new tables. Table B-4, shown for the first time (page 21), provides indexes of employment for the major industry divisions and subdivisions. The historical data and 13 months' seasonally adjusted indexes make possible a more rapid examination of short- and long-term industry employment trends than would be possible from the absolute figures. Table C-7, page 51, shows seasonally adjusted indexes of aggregate man-hours in mining, contract construction, and manufacturing, which highlight changes in labor inputs in the goods producing sector of the nonfarm economy.

NEW SEASONAL FACTORS

As in the past, new seasonal adjustment factors for the establishment data have been developed coincidentally with the adjustment of the industry series to new benchmark levels. These new factors for all the seasonally adjusted establishment data in Employment and Earnings are shown beginning on page xii.

DATA IN THE SUPPLEMENT SECTION

Establishment Data

For the national series for each of the 5 years, 1958-62, annual averages are shown for the employment, hours, earnings, and labor turnover series in the annual average section (page 79). Monthly data for all the major industry series are presented beginning with 1959 (page 67).

Annual averages for each of the years 1960-62 are presented for States and major areas. Current definitions for all major areas are also provided on page 13-E.

Labor Force Data

The labor force tables in the section presenting annual averages include, in most cases, monthly data for 1962 and annual averages for each of the 4 most recent years. They are reprinted from Special Labor Force Report No. 31, which also contains the analysis of the data that appeared originally in the May 1963 Monthly Labor Review (pp. 497-503). Comparable monthly data for the 1959-61 period may be obtained from prior Annual Supplement issues of Employment and Earnings, which reproduced data from Special Labor Force Reports, Nos. 4, 14, and 23. The benchmark revision of the establishment-based data did not affect the labor force series, which are based on data collected through household interviews rather than from reports of business and industrial establishments.

TWO REFERENCE VOLUMES AVAILABLE

Employment and Earnings Statistics for the United States, 1909-62, BLS Bulletin 1312-1 (654 pages), scheduled for release in October, replaces BLS Bulletin 1312 issued in 1961, in that all series have been adjusted to March 1962 benchmarks. For each national series on employment in industry, shown in the B, C, and D sections of Employment and Earnings, detailed data are shown from the earliest date of availability through May 1963.

A companion volume, Employment and Earnings Statistics for States and Areas, 1939-62, BLS Bulletin 1370 (670 pages), contains over 6,000 State and area series on payroll employment by industry, and more than 3,000 State and area series for hours and earnings by industry. Included are annual average data through 1962 for the 50 States and the District of Columbia, and over 146 major areas for all of the available industry detail currently published by each cooperating State agency.

An order form for these two bulletins is provided on page 18-E.

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ESTABLISHMENT DATA REVISED

The national figures on employment in industry, shown in this report, have been adjusted to March 1963 benchmarks (comprehensive counts of employment). This benchmark revision, which is a standard feature of the current employment statistics program, affected industry payroll employment data from April 1962 forward. In addition, because the employment figures are used as weights, the adjustment to new benchmark levels has caused revisions, in some cases, in the hours, earnings, and labor turnover series. The article, "BLS Establishment Employment Estimates Revised to March 1963 Benchmark Levels," that follows, summarizes the effects of this revision. National data published in this issue of Employment and Earnings represent revisions of those appearing in prior monthly issues.

SPECIAL SECTION

Summary tables of revised establishment data are presented, by month from January 1962 through August 1964, for the major industry series. Both actual and seasonally adjusted figures are given. (See page 71.)

As in the past, new seasonal adjustment factors for the establishment data have been developed coincidentally with the adjustment to new benchmark levels. These new factors for all of the seasonally adjusted establishment data in Employment and Earnings are shown beginning on page 77.

NEW REFERENCE VOLUMES

Employment and Earnings Statistics for the United States, 1909-64, BLS Bulletin 1312-2, to be available in January 1965, replaces BLS Bulletin 1312-1 issued in 1963. All series presented in this bulletin have been adjusted to March 1963 benchmarks. For each national series shown in the B, C, and D sections of Employment and Earnings, detailed data are provided from the earliest date of availability through August 1964.

Employment and Earnings Statistics for States and Areas, 1939-63, BLS Bulletin 1370-1, released last September, replaces BLS Bulletin 1370. Data include annual averages for more than 6,000 series on payroll employment, and over 3,000 series on hours and earnings for the 50 States, the District of Columbia, and 151 major metropolitan areas.