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THE EMPLOYMENT SITUATION: MAY 1966

The Nation's job situation was characterized by mixed trends in May, the U. S. Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics reported today. Total unemployment rose 140,000 to 2.9 million, moving the jobless rate up to 4.0 percent from 3.7 percent in April. The increase was concentrated among women and younger workers. On the other hand, the demand for adult male workers continued very strong, and the rate of unemployment for workers covered by unemployment insurance reached a new low.

Nonfarm payroll employment showed a larger-than-seasonal increase, with continued gains in manufacturing. Total employment, however, failed to show the expected seasonal rise, mainly because bad weather held down the usual May increase in agriculture.

Unemployment

Unemployment among men aged 25 and over declined seasonally by 150,000 to 740,000. Their jobless rate was unchanged at 2.1 percent, its lowest level since August 1953. The rate for married men, at 1.8 percent, was below 2 percent for the sixth consecutive month.

The unemployment rate for teenagers rose to 13.4 percent in May as the result of a larger than expected rise among 14 to 17 year-olds who were still in school. A great many of these young workers were seeking temporary summer jobs. The number of unemployed adult women rose slightly to 880,000, moving their jobless rate up from 3.6 percent in April to 4.0 percent in May.

Altogether, 640,000, or one-fifth of the 2.9 million persons unemployed in May, were seeking part-time jobs, including 420,000 teenagers, 150,000 women, and only 70,000 adult men.

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The number unemployed 15 weeks or longer fell by nearly 200,000 over the month to 600,000, a greater than seasonal decline. On a seasonally adjusted basis, the long-term unemployed accounted for one-sixth of the jobless total and 0.7 percent of the civilian labor force, the lowest in ten years. The short-term unemployed (under 5 weeks) accounted for nearly three-fifths of the total in May.

State insured unemployment declined a little more than seasonally between mid-April and mid-May to 882,000. This was a postwar low for May and the lowest level for any month since October 1956. The largest decreases occurred in California (14,000) and New York (29,000). The rate of insured unemployment, at 2.1 percent in May, reached a new low for any month since the start of this series in January 1949.

Employment

Nonfarm payroll employment rose by 575,000 in May (nearly 170,000 more than seasonally) to 63.1 million. Continued job strength was evident in manufacturing and government; however, in trade, miscellaneous services, transportation, and finance, job gains were in line with the seasonal expectations. Mining employment rose 40,000 as striking workers returned to payrolls. The employment advance in contract construction (160,000) was less than seasonal because of strike activity.

Manufacturing employment increased by approximately 120,000 to 18.8 million in May. The gain was 60,000 greater than the expected pickup. Most of the advance was concentrated in the hard-goods industries, particularly in electrical equipment and machinery.

The rate of advance in nonfarm employment during the last 2 months has tapered off from the rapid expansion of the first quarter.

The factory workweek averaged 41.5 hours in May, but after seasonal adjustment was down marginally from the very high level of the last 4 months. Hours in the durable goods industries continued at a high level but were down slightly over the month (seasonally adjusted) because of workweek reductions in the auto industry. Included in the average workweek were 4.0 hours of overtime, the highest figure for May since the series began in 1956.

Average hourly earnings of factory workers were unchanged at \$2.70 in May; however, with the lengthening of the factory workweek, average weekly earnings rose to a new high of \$112.05. Weekly earnings, pushed by a lengthened workweek and a 3.4 percent advance in hourly earnings, were up 4.2 percent over the year. Hourly earnings were up 3.4 percent from May 1965.

Total employment increased 650,000 to 73.8 million in May. The rise in agricultural employment was only 100,000--half a million less than expected for this time of year--as unfavorable weather delayed normal farm activity. Nonagricultural employment was up by 600,000, close to the expected seasonal change.

Changes from 1965

Despite some adverse developments in May, virtually all measures of employment and unemployment continued to show significant improvement from a year earlier. Underscoring the progress of the past year, nonfarm payroll employment was up by 3.1 million from May 1965. The largest year-to-year gains were in manufacturing (1.1 million), government (770,000), trade (475,000), and miscellaneous services (440,000).

Both full-time and voluntary part-time employment rose sharply over the year, while the number on short workweeks for economic reasons declined by 300,000. At 1.5 million, this group of underemployed workers was the smallest for any May since the early 1950's.

Unemployment was down by 400,000 over the year with half the decline among those out of work 15 weeks or longer. Jobless rates were down from May 1965 for men, women, and 18-19 year-olds and for workers in most nonfarm occupation and industry groups. The improvement was especially notable for married men, full-time workers, and skilled and semiskilled blue-collar workers.

Both white and nonwhite workers have had substantially less unemployment during the first 5 months of 1966 as compared with the same period a year ago. However, the nonwhite rate (7 percent) continued double the white rate.

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This release presents and analyzes statistics from two major surveys. Data on labor force, total employment, and unemployment are derived from the sample survey of households conducted and tabulated by the Bureau of the Census for the Bureau of Labor Statistics. Statistics on industry employment, hours, and earnings are collected by State agencies from payroll records of employers and are tabulated by the Bureau of Labor Statistics. A description of the two surveys appears in the BLS publication Employment and Earnings and Monthly Report on the Labor Force.

Table A-1: Employment status of the noninstitutional population, by age and sex
(In thousands)

Employment status, age, and sex	May 1966	Apr. 1966	May 1965	Seasonally adjusted				
				May 1966	Apr. 1966	Mar. 1966	Feb. 1966	Jan. 1966
Total								
Total labor force	79,751	78,914	78,425	79,313	79,674	79,315	79,279	79,644
Civilian labor force	76,706	75,906	75,741	76,268	76,666	76,341	76,355	76,754
Employed	73,764	73,105	72,407	73,231	73,799	73,435	73,521	73,715
Agriculture	4,292	4,204	5,128	4,076	4,482	4,363	4,442	4,429
Nonagricultural industries	69,472	68,900	67,278	69,155	69,317	69,072	69,079	69,286
On part time for economic reasons	1,545	1,507	1,828	1,607	1,571	1,622	1,681	1,819
Usually work full time	829	796	936	839	776	820	899	902
Usually work part time	716	711	892	768	795	802	782	917
Unemployed	2,942	2,802	3,335	3,037	2,867	2,906	2,834	3,039
Men, 20 years and over								
Civilian labor force	44,774	44,684	45,077	44,661	44,836	44,822	44,823	44,788
Employed	43,833	43,582	43,757	43,597	43,772	43,664	43,680	43,604
Agriculture	2,975	3,008	3,464	2,861	3,035	2,980	2,990	2,936
Nonagricultural industries	40,858	40,574	40,293	40,736	40,737	40,684	40,690	40,668
Unemployed	941	1,102	1,320	1,064	1,064	1,158	1,143	1,184
Women, 20 years and over								
Civilian labor force	24,520	24,248	23,823	24,082	24,000	23,899	24,016	24,145
Employed	23,640	23,409	22,883	23,121	23,133	23,045	23,145	23,228
Agriculture	746	623	948	632	728	732	754	765
Nonagricultural industries	22,894	22,786	21,935	22,489	22,405	22,313	22,391	22,463
Unemployed	880	838	940	961	867	854	871	917
Both sexes, 14-19 years								
Civilian labor force	7,412	6,974	6,840	7,525	7,830	7,620	7,516	7,821
Employed	6,291	6,113	5,766	6,513	6,894	6,726	6,696	6,883
Agriculture	572	574	717	583	719	651	698	728
Nonagricultural industries	5,720	5,541	5,049	5,930	6,175	6,075	5,998	6,155
Unemployed	1,121	861	1,074	1,012	936	894	820	938

Table A-2: Major unemployment indicators

Selected categories	Thousands of persons unemployed	Seasonally adjusted rates of unemployment					
	May 1966	May 1966	Apr. 1966	Mar. 1966	Feb. 1966	Jan. 1966	May 1965
Total (all civilian workers) . . .	2,942	4.0	3.7	3.8	3.7	4.0	4.6
Men, 20 years and over	941	2.4	2.4	2.6	2.6	2.6	3.3
20-24 years	201	4.9	4.3	5.0	4.4	4.2	6.9
25 years and over	740	2.1	2.1	2.3	2.3	2.5	2.9
Women, 20 years and over . . .	880	4.0	3.6	3.6	3.6	3.8	4.4
Both sexes, 14-19 years . . .	1,121	13.4	12.0	11.7	10.9	12.0	14.0
White	2,365	3.5	3.4	3.4	3.3	3.5	4.2
Nonwhite	577	7.6	7.0	7.2	7.0	7.0	7.8
Married men	573	1.8	1.8	1.9	1.9	1.9	2.5
Full-time workers ¹	2,303	3.7	3.4	3.4	3.3	3.5	4.4
Blue-collar workers ²	1,089	4.2	4.0	4.2	4.0	4.2	5.4
Unemployed 15 weeks and over ³	602	.7	.8	.8	.8	.9	.9
State insured ⁴	882	2.1	2.2	2.4	2.7	2.8	3.0
Labor force time lost ⁵	---	4.4	4.1	4.1	4.0	4.3	5.2

¹Adjusted by provisional seasonal factors.

²Craftsmen, operatives, and nonfarm laborers.

³Rates based on civilian labor force.

⁴Insured unemployment under State programs as a percent of average covered employment.

⁵Labor force time lost is a percentage representing the man-hours lost by the unemployed and those on part time for economic reasons.

Table A-3: Unemployed persons by duration of unemployment

(In thousands)

Duration of unemployment	May 1966	Apr. 1966	May 1965	Seasonally adjusted				
				May 1966	Apr. 1966	Mar. 1966	Feb. 1966	Jan. 1966
Less than 5 weeks	1,651	1,448	1,688	1,789	1,625	1,543	1,514	1,548
5 to 14 weeks	689	574	842	856	670	787	721	738
15 weeks and over	602	779	804	536	603	588	579	661
15 to 26 weeks	307	482	442	261	343	319	315	354
27 weeks and over	295	297	363	275	260	269	264	307

Table A-4: Unemployed persons by age and sex

Age and sex	Thousands of persons			Seasonally adjusted unemployment rates				
	Total	Looking for full-time work	Looking for part-time work	May 1966	Apr. 1966	Mar. 1966	Feb. 1966	May 1965
Total, 14 years and over.	2,942	2,303	639	4.0	3.7	3.8	3.7	4.6
14 to 17 years.	690	368	323	14.7	12.5	13.1	11.7	13.8
14 and 15 years	148	44	104	9.5	6.4	6.7	7.8	8.2
16 and 17 years	542	324	219	17.2	15.6	16.3	13.5	16.5
18 years and over	2,251	1,935	316	3.4	3.3	3.3	3.3	4.2
18 and 19 years	430	331	100	11.9	11.8	10.4	10.3	14.3
20 to 24 years	415	370	45	5.5	5.2	5.2	5.0	7.2
25 years and over	1,406	1,231	173	2.6	2.5	2.6	2.6	3.2
25 to 54 years	1,072	951	118	2.6	2.5	2.6	2.6	3.3
55 years and over	336	280	55	2.8	2.5	2.7	2.8	3.0
Males, 18 years and over	1,151	1,016	135	2.8	2.7	2.9	2.9	3.8
18 and 19 years.	210	145	65	10.8	10.3	9.9	9.3	14.3
20 to 24 years.	201	182	19	4.9	4.3	5.0	4.4	6.9
25 years and over	740	687	51	2.1	2.1	2.3	2.3	2.9
25 to 54 years	507	490	15	1.9	2.0	2.1	2.2	2.9
55 years and over	234	197	36	3.0	2.7	2.9	3.0	3.2
Females, 18 years and over.	1,100	919	181	4.6	4.3	4.1	4.1	5.0
18 and 19 years.	220	186	35	13.3	13.5	11.1	11.5	14.4
20 to 24 years.	214	188	26	6.4	6.4	5.5	5.9	7.6
25 years and over	666	544	122	3.5	3.2	3.3	3.2	3.8
25 to 54 years	565	461	103	3.9	3.4	3.5	3.4	4.2
55 years and over	102	83	19	2.6	2.0	2.5	2.4	2.8

Table A-5: Employed persons by age and sex

(In thousands)

Age and sex	Total	Voluntary part-time employed ¹	Seasonally adjusted				
			May 1966	Apr. 1966	Mar. 1966	Feb. 1966	Jan. 1966
Total, 14 years and over. . . .	73,764	10,315	73,231	73,799	73,435	73,521	73,715
14 to 17 years	3,166	2,759	3,231	3,489	3,382	3,397	3,546
14 and 15 years	1,144	1,100	1,107	1,258	1,223	1,142	1,221
16 and 17 years	2,022	1,659	2,124	2,231	2,159	2,255	2,325
18 years and over.	70,597	7,556	70,054	70,323	70,101	70,172	70,256
18 and 19 years	3,124	1,069	3,294	3,418	3,392	3,347	3,424
20 to 24 years	7,909	870	7,997	7,979	7,850	7,792	7,759
25 years and over	59,564	5,617	58,763	58,926	58,859	59,033	59,073
25 to 44 years	30,518	2,381	30,175	30,211	30,244	30,392	30,397
45 years and over.	29,047	3,236	28,588	28,715	28,615	28,641	28,676
Males, 18 years and over	45,543	2,367	45,381	45,646	45,538	45,530	45,501
18 and 19 years	1,710	653	1,783	1,874	1,874	1,850	1,897
20 to 24 years	4,527	427	4,594	4,623	4,595	4,549	4,553
25 years and over	39,306	1,287	39,004	39,149	39,069	39,131	39,051
25 to 44 years	20,669	255	20,565	20,578	20,576	20,633	20,530
45 years and over	18,639	1,032	18,439	18,571	18,493	18,498	18,521
Females, 18 years and over. . .	25,054	5,189	24,673	24,677	24,563	24,642	24,755
18 and 19 years	1,414	416	1,511	1,544	1,518	1,497	1,527
20 to 24 years	3,382	443	3,403	3,356	3,255	3,243	3,206
25 years and over.	20,258	4,330	19,759	19,777	19,790	19,902	20,022
25 to 44 years	9,849	2,126	9,610	9,633	9,668	9,759	9,867
45 years and over	10,408	2,204	10,149	10,144	10,122	10,143	10,155

¹Includes a proportionate number of persons with a job but not at work.

NOTE: Due to the independent seasonal adjustment of several of the series, detail will not necessarily add to totals.

Table A-6: Unemployment rates by industry and occupation

Industry or occupation	May 1966	May 1965	May 1964
Industry			
Total	3.8	4.4	4.9
Experienced wage and salary workers	3.2	3.9	4.5
Agriculture	6.2	5.2	6.6
Nonagricultural industries	3.2	3.9	4.4
Mining, forestry, fisheries	3.3	6.0	7.9
Construction	5.7	7.7	7.8
Manufacturing	3.0	3.9	4.6
Durable goods	2.4	3.2	4.2
Nondurable goods	4.0	4.8	5.0
Transportation and public utilities	1.7	2.1	2.7
Wholesale and retail trade	4.5	5.0	5.6
Finance, insurance, and real estate	2.0	1.6	2.0
Service industries	2.8	3.2	3.7
Public administration	1.4	2.3	2.4
Self-employed and unpaid family workers7	.9	.8
Occupation			
Total	3.8	4.4	4.9
White-collar workers	1.8	2.1	2.3
Professional and technical9	1.3	1.3
Managers, officials, and proprietors	1.1	.9	1.0
Clerical workers	2.5	3.1	3.6
Sales workers	2.9	3.2	3.4
Blue-collar workers	3.9	4.9	5.5
Craftsmen and foremen	2.2	3.5	3.3
Operatives	4.4	5.5	6.1
Nonfarm laborers	6.0	6.1	8.7
Service workers	4.3	4.6	5.6
Private household workers	2.9	2.8	5.8
Other service workers	4.7	5.2	5.5
Farm workers	2.1	1.7	2.0
Farmers and farm managers5	.1	.5
Farm laborers and foremen	4.0	3.3	3.4

Table A-7: Full- and part-time status of the civilian labor force
(In thousands)

Full- and part-time employment status	May 1966	May 1965	May 1964
Full Time			
Civilian labor force.	65,750	65,282	64,340
Employed:			
Full-time schedules ¹	61,780	60,555	59,012
Part time for economic reasons	1,667	1,998	2,284
Unemployed, looking for full-time work.	2,303	2,729	3,044
Unemployment rate	3.5	4.4	4.7
Part Time			
Civilian labor force.	10,957	10,459	10,400
Employed (voluntary part time) ¹	10,318	9,854	9,804
Unemployed, looking for part-time work	639	605	596
Unemployment rate	5.8	5.8	5.7

¹Employed persons with a job but not at work are distributed proportionately among the full- and part-time employed categories.

Table B-1: Employees on nonagricultural payrolls, by industry

Industry	(In thousands)									
	May 1966	Apr. 1966	Mar. 1966	May 1965	Change from		Seasonally adjusted			
					Apr. 1966	May 1965	May 1966	Apr. 1966	Mar. 1966	Change from Apr. 1965
TOTAL	63,070	62,497	61,826	60,000	573	3,070	63,099	62,933	62,918	166
MINING	627	586	615	629	41	-2	625	592	632	33
CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION	3,353	3,196	3,015	3,223	157	130	3,317	3,375	3,462	-58
MANUFACTURING	18,825	18,708	18,588	17,745	117	1,080	18,918	18,860	18,780	58
<i>Production workers</i>	14,014	13,921	13,828	13,180	93	834	14,090	14,055	14,003	35
DURABLE GOODS	11,106	11,025	10,910	10,279	81	827	11,094	11,053	10,996	41
<i>Production workers</i>	8,256	8,193	8,098	7,621	63	635	8,236	8,213	8,177	23
Ordnance and accessories	265.1	260.2	257.4	230.4	4.9	34.7	266	261	257	5
Lumber and wood products	624.3	612.2	604.1	605.4	12.1	18.9	622	628	636	-6
Furniture and fixtures	448.8	447.2	447.3	421.8	1.6	27.0	456	451	451	5
Stone, clay, and glass products ..	639.5	635.9	618.6	618.8	3.6	20.7	634	642	643	-8
Primary metal industries	1,324.8	1,317.1	1,299.2	1,300.2	7.7	24.6	1,309	1,303	1,294	6
Fabricated metal products	1,331.8	1,326.9	1,317.0	1,251.0	4.9	80.8	1,332	1,335	1,334	-3
Machinery	1,834.7	1,824.2	1,812.8	1,702.4	10.5	132.3	1,824	1,808	1,800	16
Electrical equipment	1,878.4	1,862.0	1,829.7	1,631.7	16.4	246.7	1,895	1,879	1,843	16
Transportation equipment	1,903.0	1,893.3	1,887.6	1,730.1	9.7	172.9	1,894	1,887	1,884	7
Instruments and related products ..	417.4	413.9	411.8	375.2	3.5	42.2	420	416	414	4
Miscellaneous manufacturing	437.9	432.5	424.7	412.1	5.4	25.8	442	443	440	-1
NONDURABLE GOODS	7,719	7,683	7,678	7,466	36	253	7,824	7,807	7,784	17
<i>Production workers</i>	5,758	5,728	5,730	5,559	30	199	5,854	5,842	5,826	12
Food and kindred products	1,665.5	1,657.6	1,656.8	1,670.0	7.9	-4.5	1,730	1,738	1,748	-8
Tobacco manufactures	72.1	73.7	75.8	74.0	-1.6	-1.9	84	85	84	-1
Textile mill products	948.0	945.7	941.1	914.4	2.3	33.6	948	948	946	0
Apparel and related products	1,391.9	1,376.7	1,398.0	1,330.8	15.2	61.1	1,407	1,392	1,394	15
Paper and allied products	657.1	654.9	651.5	628.7	2.2	28.4	661	659	659	2
Printing and publishing	1,009.2	1,010.0	1,001.2	967.3	-8	41.9	1,013	1,013	1,003	0
Chemicals and allied products	942.9	938.5	928.8	898.8	4.4	44.1	938	932	931	6
Petroleum and related products ..	176.2	174.9	173.3	176.6	1.3	-4	176	176	175	0
Rubber and plastic products	495.5	492.2	487.9	457.2	3.3	38.3	499	496	491	3
Leather and leather products	360.6	358.7	362.8	347.7	1.9	12.9	368	368	363	0
TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC UTILITIES	4,113	4,077	4,054	4,008	36	105	4,125	4,114	4,107	11
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE	12,913	12,871	12,700	12,437	42	476	13,011	12,992	13,015	19
WHOLESALE TRADE	3,321	3,313	3,305	3,213	8	108	3,361	3,357	3,349	4
RETAIL TRADE	9,592	9,558	9,395	9,224	34	368	9,650	9,635	9,666	15
FINANCE, INSURANCE, AND REAL ESTATE	3,099	3,090	3,075	3,029	9	70	3,102	3,102	3,100	0
SERVICE AND MISCELLANEOUS ..	9,346	9,243	9,112	8,905	103	441	9,281	9,262	9,251	19
GOVERNMENT	10,794	10,726	10,667	10,024	68	770	10,720	10,636	10,571	84
FEDERAL	2,520	2,493	2,460	2,338	27	182	2,528	2,501	2,477	27
STATE AND LOCAL	8,274	8,233	8,207	7,686	41	588	8,192	8,135	8,094	57

NOTE: Data for the 2 most recent months are preliminary.

Table B-2: Average weekly hours of production workers¹ on payrolls of selected industries

Industry	May 1966	Apr. 1966	Mar. 1966	May 1965	Change from		Seasonally adjusted			
					Apr. 1966	May 1965	May 1966	Apr. 1966	Mar. 1966	Change from Apr. 1966
MINING	42.7	41.7	42.6	42.6	1.0	0.1	42.4	42.0	43.2	0.4
CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION	37.1	37.0	37.7	38.4	-.1	-1.3	36.2	37.3	38.5	-1.1
MANUFACTURING	41.5	41.2	41.4	41.2	.3	.3	41.4	41.5	41.5	-.1
<i>Overtime hours</i>	4.0	3.9	3.8	3.5	.1	.5	4.1	4.1	4.1	0
DURABLE GOODS	42.3	42.2	42.2	42.1	-.1	-.2	42.2	42.4	42.3	-.2
<i>Overtime hours</i>	4.4	4.3	4.2	3.9	-.1	.5	4.4	4.5	4.5	-.1
Ordnance and accessories	42.1	42.1	41.8	41.6	0	.5	42.2	42.3	41.9	-.1
Lumber and wood products	41.8	41.0	40.6	41.4	.8	.4	41.4	41.2	41.1	.2
Furniture and fixtures	41.4	40.9	41.5	40.9	.5	.5	42.1	41.6	42.0	.5
Stone, clay, and glass products	42.3	42.0	42.0	42.4	-.3	-.1	41.8	42.0	42.7	-.2
Primary metal industries	42.2	42.3	42.1	42.3	-.1	-.1	42.0	41.9	41.9	.1
Fabricated metal products	42.6	42.1	42.2	42.3	.5	.3	42.4	42.4	42.5	0
Machinery	44.1	43.8	44.1	43.3	.3	.8	43.8	43.7	43.9	.1
Electrical equipment	41.1	41.1	41.3	41.0	0	-.1	41.2	41.4	41.4	-.2
Transportation equipment	42.7	43.0	42.7	43.2	-.3	-.5	42.5	43.4	42.9	-.9
Instruments and related products	42.5	41.9	42.2	41.5	.6	1.0	42.6	42.2	42.5	.4
Miscellaneous manufacturing	40.0	39.7	40.4	39.7	.3	.3	40.1	40.0	40.3	.1
NONDURABLE GOODS	40.3	39.8	40.2	40.0	.5	.3	40.3	40.3	40.4	0
<i>Overtime hours</i>	3.4	3.3	3.3	3.1	-.1	.3	3.4	3.6	3.5	-.2
Food and kindred products	40.9	40.4	40.5	41.0	.5	-.1	40.9	41.1	41.1	-.2
Tobacco manufactures	37.9	37.9	38.2	37.2	0	.7	38.1	39.0	39.3	-.9
Textile mill products	42.3	41.4	42.3	41.6	.9	.9	42.2	41.9	42.4	.3
Apparel and related products	36.6	36.1	36.9	36.4	.5	.2	36.6	36.5	36.5	.1
Paper and allied products	43.7	43.2	43.3	43.0	.5	.7	43.8	43.7	43.5	.1
Printing and publishing	38.8	38.5	38.8	38.5	.3	.3	38.8	38.7	38.7	.1
Chemicals and allied products	42.2	42.4	42.0	42.2	-.2	0	42.0	42.2	42.1	-.2
Petroleum and related products	42.3	42.6	41.9	42.4	-.3	-.1	42.1	42.6	42.5	-.5
Rubber and plastic products	42.2	41.7	42.0	41.7	.5	.5	42.2	42.0	42.2	.2
Leather and leather products	38.5	37.8	38.5	38.0	.7	.5	38.9	39.1	38.5	-.2
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE	36.9	36.9	36.9	37.6	0	-.7	37.1	37.1	37.2	0
WHOLESALE TRADE	40.7	40.6	40.7	40.9	.1	-.2	40.7	40.7	40.9	0
RETAIL TRADE	35.7	35.7	35.7	36.5	0	-.8	36.0	35.9	36.0	.1
FINANCE, INSURANCE, AND REAL ESTATE	37.2	37.3	37.3	37.2	-.1	0	-	-	-	-

¹For mining and manufacturing, data refer to production and related workers; for contract construction, to construction workers; and for all other industries, to nonsupervisory workers. NOTE: Data for the 2 most recent months are preliminary.

Table B-3: Average hourly and weekly earnings of production workers¹ on payrolls of selected industries

Industry	Average hourly earnings						Average weekly earnings					
	May 1966	Apr. 1966	Mar. 1966	May 1965	Change from		May 1966	Apr. 1966	Mar. 1966	May 1965	Change from	
					Apr. 1966	May 1965					Apr. 1966	May 1965
MINING	\$3.04	\$2.94	\$2.99	\$2.91	\$0.10	\$0.13	\$129.81	\$122.60	\$127.37	\$123.97	\$7.21	\$5.84
CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION	3.81	3.80	3.79	3.65	.01	.16	141.35	140.60	142.88	140.16	.75	1.19
MANUFACTURING	2.70	2.70	2.68	2.61	0	.09	112.05	111.24	110.95	107.53	.81	4.52
DURABLE GOODS	2.88	2.88	2.86	2.79	0	.09	121.82	121.54	120.69	117.46	.28	4.36
Ordnance and accessories	3.14	3.15	3.15	3.10	-.01	.04	132.19	132.62	131.67	128.96	-.43	3.23
Lumber and wood products	2.26	2.24	2.18	2.16	.02	.10	94.47	91.84	88.51	89.42	2.63	5.05
Furniture and fixtures	2.19	2.17	2.16	2.10	.02	.09	90.67	88.75	89.64	85.89	1.92	4.78
Stone, clay, and glass products	2.72	2.71	2.68	2.61	.01	.11	115.06	113.82	112.56	110.66	1.24	4.40
Primary metal industries	3.27	3.28	3.26	3.17	-.01	.10	137.99	138.74	137.25	134.09	-.75	3.90
Fabricated metal products	2.86	2.85	2.84	2.76	.01	.10	121.84	119.99	119.85	116.75	1.85	5.09
Machinery	3.08	3.06	3.05	2.95	.02	.13	135.83	134.03	134.51	127.74	1.80	8.09
Electrical equipment	2.63	2.62	2.61	2.57	.01	.06	108.09	107.68	107.79	105.37	.41	2.72
Transportation equipment	3.29	3.29	3.28	3.19	0	.10	140.48	141.47	140.06	137.81	-.99	2.67
Instruments and related products	2.69	2.68	2.67	2.60	.01	.09	114.33	112.29	112.67	107.90	2.04	6.43
Miscellaneous manufacturing	2.22	2.21	2.20	2.13	.01	.09	88.80	87.74	88.88	84.56	1.06	4.24
NONDURABLE GOODS	2.43	2.43	2.41	2.35	0	.08	97.93	96.71	96.88	94.00	1.22	3.93
Food and kindred products	2.54	2.53	2.50	2.45	.01	.09	103.89	102.21	101.25	100.45	1.68	3.44
Tobacco manufactures	2.28	2.26	2.22	2.18	.02	.10	86.41	85.65	84.80	81.10	.76	5.31
Textile mill products	1.93	1.93	1.92	1.84	0	.09	81.64	79.90	81.22	76.54	1.74	5.10
Apparel and related products	1.87	1.87	1.88	1.80	0	.07	68.44	67.51	69.37	65.52	.93	2.92
Paper and allied products	2.73	2.72	2.70	2.62	.01	.11	119.30	117.50	116.91	112.66	1.80	6.64
Printing and publishing	3.15	3.12	3.12	3.04	.03	.11	122.22	120.12	121.06	117.04	2.10	5.18
Chemicals and allied products	2.95	2.94	2.92	2.86	.01	.09	124.49	124.66	122.64	120.69	-.17	3.80
Petroleum and related products	3.41	3.43	3.38	3.25	-.02	.16	144.24	146.12	141.62	137.80	-1.88	6.44
Rubber and plastic products	2.64	2.65	2.63	2.58	-.01	.06	111.41	110.51	110.46	107.59	.90	3.82
Leather and leather products	1.94	1.93	1.92	1.88	.01	.06	74.69	72.95	73.92	71.44	1.74	3.25
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE	2.12	2.11	2.10	2.03	.01	.09	78.23	77.86	77.49	76.33	.37	1.90
WHOLESALE TRADE	2.73	2.71	2.69	2.61	.02	.12	111.11	110.03	109.48	106.75	1.08	4.36
RETAIL TRADE	1.90	1.89	1.89	1.82	.01	.08	67.83	67.47	67.47	66.43	.36	1.40
FINANCE, INSURANCE, AND REAL ESTATE	2.49	2.48	2.46	2.38	.01	.11	92.63	92.50	91.76	88.54	.13	4.09

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