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THE EMPLOYMENT SITUATION: OCTOBER 1966

The employment situation in October remained about the same as in recent months, the U. S. Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics reported today.

Highlights of the October figures are as follows:

1. Total employment rose by 500,000 to 74.7 million in October. After adjustment for usual seasonal developments, this figure was unchanged from September and up only slightly from June. Small reductions in agricultural employment and self employment were offset by a corresponding rise in the number of nonfarm wage and salary earners.
2. Nonagricultural employment stood at 70.4 million in October, up 2.2 million from a year ago. At 4.3 million in October, agricultural employment was down 600,000 from the previous October.
3. Payroll employment in construction was down 80,000 over the month. The decline was 30,000 more than seasonal, marking the fourth successive month of small declines.
4. The Negro unemployment rate, at 7.6 percent, was not significantly different from the 7.9 percent average of the May-September period. The unemployment rate for whites was 3.4 percent in October, equaling the average for the May-September period.
5. The over-all unemployment rate was 3.9 percent in October (seasonally adjusted), virtually unchanged from September. Unemployment, at 2.5 million in October, was at its lowest level since October 1957.

Payroll Employment, Hours, and Earnings

Increases in wage and salary employment in retail trade, services, and State and local government accounted for the bulk of an over-all increase of 190,000 (seasonally adjusted) payroll jobs. The improvement offset a modest decline in September and left payroll employment nearly 400,000 above the June level. The rate of employment growth has slowed over the year, with quarter-to-quarter gains of 1 million in the first quarter, 800,000 in the second quarter, and 500,000 in the third quarter.

Employment in contract construction declined by 80,000 between September and October. The decline was 30,000 greater than seasonal. At 3.4 million, construction employment was virtually unchanged from a year earlier but was down nearly 200,000 (seasonally adjusted) from the March peak. The unemployment rate for private wage and salary workers in construction, at 9 percent in September and October, was up from the 7 percent rate of June and July.

Manufacturing employment, which usually declines seasonally by 100,000 from September to October, fell by 25,000 to 19.5 million. As compared with October 1965, manufacturing employment was up 1 million, with the largest gains in electrical equipment (240,000), transportation equipment (175,000), and machinery (150,000).

The factory workweek edged down to 41.4 hours in October. A slight increase is usual in October; however, average hours had been at high levels most of the summer. Factory production workers' average hourly earnings rose 1 cent to \$2.75 in October. Their weekly earnings averaged \$113.85, a new high. Over the year, hourly earnings were up 11 cents and weekly earnings were up \$4.82.

Unemployment

Total unemployment declined seasonally by 50,000 to 2.5 million. Over the year, unemployment was down 250,000, with the entire net decline among persons seeking full-time work. The unemployment rate for full-time workers was 3.4 percent in October, down from 3.8 percent a year earlier. The situation for part-time workers--the vast majority of whom are women and teenagers--was virtually unchanged over the year.

In October--the seasonal low month for unemployment, there were 840,000 unemployed adult men, all but 80,000 of them seeking full-time jobs. Of the 970,000 unemployed women, over one-fifth were seeking part-time employment. Approximately half of the 715,000 teenage jobseekers were in school and seeking only part-time work. The reduction of 250,000 in unemployment from October 1965 occurred among adult workers, with nearly 80 percent of the drop among men. The number of unemployed teenagers was not substantially reduced over the year, but the employment increase of 200,000 teenagers was large enough to more than absorb their labor force expansion.

State insured unemployment, which normally shows little change at this time of year, edged down slightly between mid-September and mid-October to 752,000. The insured jobless rate (seasonally adjusted) was 2.1 percent in October, equal to the lowest rate for any month since the start of this series in January 1949.

Unemployment rates for men (2.4 percent), women (4.0 percent), and teenagers (11.9 percent) were not significantly changed over the month, or since the beginning of the year. However, the over-all rate was down from 4.3 percent in October 1965 to 3.9 percent in October 1966. About two-thirds of the improvement occurred among those out of work 15 weeks or longer.

Labor Force

The total labor force increased 1.8 million over the year to 80.5 million in October. The Armed Forces were up 500,000 to nearly 3.3 million, and the civilian labor force increase was 1.3 million.

The bulk of the civilian labor force increase (over 1 million) occurred among women, with small increases among teenagers (150,000) and men (only 100,000). These differences in trend reflect the comparative shortage of adult men; 97 percent of all men aged 25 to 54 are in the labor force, and only 2.1 percent are unemployed.

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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	Oct. 1966	Sept. 1966	Oct. 1965	Seasonally adjusted				
				Oct. 1966	Sept. 1966	Aug. 1966	July 1966	June 1966
Total								
Total labor force	80,530	80,052	78,713	80,414	80,342	80,549	80,233	80,185
Civilian labor force	77,251	76,823	75,953	77,135	77,113	77,371	77,098	77,086
Employed	74,730	74,251	73,196	74,163	74,165	74,338	74,072	73,977
Agriculture	4,301	4,373	4,954	3,971	4,049	4,158	4,144	4,238
Nonagricultural industries . .	70,430	69,878	68,242	70,192	70,116	70,180	69,928	69,759
On part time for economic reasons	1,451	1,572	1,682	1,559	1,636	1,716	1,977	2,004
Usually work full time . .	811	840	829	829	832	856	975	1,040
Usually work part time . .	640	732	853	730	804	860	1,002	964
Unemployed	2,521	2,573	2,757	2,972	2,948	3,033	3,026	3,089
Men, 20 years and over								
Civilian labor force	44,828	44,851	44,716	44,610	44,666	44,833	44,744	44,780
Employed	43,989	43,980	43,694	43,540	43,583	43,691	43,585	43,621
Agriculture	2,932	2,996	3,269	2,808	2,884	2,855	2,854	2,860
Nonagricultural industries . .	41,058	40,984	40,424	40,732	40,699	40,836	40,731	40,761
Unemployed	839	871	1,023	1,070	1,083	1,142	1,159	1,159
Women, 20 years and over								
Civilian labor force	25,197	24,829	24,153	24,860	24,930	24,481	24,313	24,226
Employed	24,231	23,873	23,190	23,868	23,982	23,527	23,425	23,286
Agriculture	770	803	973	593	633	647	687	682
Nonagricultural industries . .	23,461	23,069	22,217	23,275	23,349	22,880	22,738	22,604
Unemployed	966	956	963	992	948	954	888	940
Both sexes, 14-19 years								
Civilian labor force	7,225	7,143	7,084	7,665	7,517	8,057	8,041	8,080
Employed	6,510	6,398	6,312	6,755	6,600	7,120	7,062	7,090
Agriculture	599	574	711	570	532	656	603	696
Nonagricultural industries . .	5,910	5,824	5,601	6,185	6,068	6,464	6,459	6,394
Unemployed	715	745	772	910	917	937	979	990

Table A-2: Major unemployment indicators

Selected categories	Thousands of persons unemployed	Seasonally adjusted rates of unemployment					
	Oct. 1966	Oct. 1966	Sept. 1966	Aug. 1966	July 1966	June 1966	Oct. 1965
Total (all civilian workers) . . .	2,521	3.9	3.8	3.9	3.9	4.0	4.3
Men, 20 years and over	839	2.4	2.4	2.5	2.6	2.6	2.9
20-24 years	157	4.2	4.3	4.8	3.6	5.0	5.5
25 years and over	682	2.1	2.2	2.3	2.5	2.3	2.6
Women, 20 years and over	966	4.0	3.8	3.9	3.7	3.9	4.2
Both sexes, 14-19 years	715	11.9	12.2	11.6	12.2	12.3	13.2
White	1,981	3.4	3.3	3.4	3.4	3.5	3.9
Nonwhite	540	7.6	7.8	8.2	7.9	7.9	7.9
Married men	537	1.9	1.9	2.0	2.0	1.9	2.1
Full-time workers ¹	1,886	3.4	3.4	3.5	3.7	3.8	3.8
Blue-collar workers ²	933	4.1	4.1	4.5	4.6	4.4	4.8
Unemployed 15 weeks and over ³	439	.7	.6	.6	.6	.6	.9
State insured ⁴	752	2.1	2.2	2.5	2.4	2.1	2.8
Labor force time lost ⁵	4.1	4.2	4.3	4.6	4.8	4.6

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	Oct. 1966	Sept. 1966	Oct. 1965	Seasonally adjusted				
				Oct. 1966	Sept. 1966	Aug. 1966	July 1966	June 1966
Less than 5 weeks	1,391	1,527	1,407	1,544	1,626	1,666	1,710	1,816
5 to 14 weeks	690	629	762	898	807	927	912	815
15 weeks and over	439	417	588	520	499	451	435	476
15 to 26 weeks	240	234	286	292	298	249	220	251
27 weeks and over	199	183	302	228	201	202	215	225

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	Oct. 1966	Sept. 1966	Aug. 1966	July 1966	Oct. 1965
Total, 14 years and over.	2,521	1,886	635	3.9	3.8	3.9	3.9	4.3
14 to 17 years.	341	101	241	12.7	13.3	11.9	12.6	13.0
14 and 15 years	55	1	54	8.0	9.4	7.3	7.8	6.7
16 and 17 years	286	100	187	14.7	15.2	14.1	14.9	16.0
18 years and over	2,179	1,785	395	3.4	3.3	3.5	3.5	3.9
18 and 19 years	374	266	107	11.4	10.9	11.1	12.1	13.5
20 to 24 years	403	346	57	5.3	5.2	5.5	4.6	5.9
25 years and over	1,402	1,173	231	2.6	2.6	2.7	2.8	3.0
25 to 54 years	1,099	942	158	2.7	2.6	2.8	2.7	3.1
55 years and over	303	231	73	2.5	2.5	2.6	2.8	3.0
Males, 18 years and over	995	862	134	2.7	2.7	2.9	3.0	3.4
18 and 19 years	156	101	54	9.7	10.0	9.5	10.9	12.9
20 to 24 years	157	128	29	4.2	4.3	4.8	3.6	5.5
25 years and over	682	633	51	2.1	2.2	2.3	2.5	2.6
25 to 54 years	506	486	21	2.1	2.1	2.2	2.3	2.4
55 years and over	176	147	30	2.4	2.7	2.8	3.1	3.4
Females, 18 years and over.	1,184	923	261	4.6	4.3	4.6	4.4	4.8
18 and 19 years	218	165	53	13.2	12.1	12.8	13.5	14.1
20 to 24 years	246	218	28	6.7	6.5	6.5	5.9	6.5
25 years and over	720	540	180	3.5	3.3	3.5	3.3	3.8
25 to 54 years	593	456	137	3.8	3.7	3.9	3.5	4.5
55 years and over	127	84	43	2.8	2.2	2.3	2.3	2.1

Table A-5: Employed persons by age and sex
(In thousands)

Age and sex	Total	Voluntary part-time employed ¹	Seasonally adjusted				
			Oct. 1966	Sept. 1966	Aug. 1966	July 1966	June 1966
Total, 14 years and over. . . .	74,730	10,189	74,163	74,165	74,338	74,072	73,997
14 to 17 years	3,169	2,675	3,324	3,257	3,539	3,412	3,438
14 and 15 years	986	924	1,059	1,079	1,214	1,139	1,198
16 and 17 years	2,183	1,751	2,265	2,178	2,325	2,273	2,240
18 years and over.	71,560	7,514	70,798	70,837	70,805	70,616	70,440
18 and 19 years	3,340	930	6,132	3,294	3,595	3,586	3,542
20 to 24 years	7,990	871	7,912	7,856	7,948	7,989	8,010
25 years and over	60,230	5,713	59,510	59,687	59,262	59,041	58,888
25 to 44 years	30,835	2,483	30,347	30,372	30,139	30,028	30,086
45 years and over.	29,395	3,230	29,021	29,162	29,059	28,904	28,798
Males, 18 years and over	45,715	2,073	45,335	45,326	45,614	45,572	45,548
18 and 19 years	1,726	494	1,778	1,776	1,942	1,946	1,897
20 to 24 years	4,567	377	4,534	4,524	4,615	4,624	4,605
25 years and over	39,422	1,202	39,023	39,026	39,057	39,002	39,046
25 to 44 years	20,547	231	20,315	20,353	20,382	20,363	20,444
45 years and over	18,875	971	18,667	18,659	18,647	18,576	18,583
Females, 18 years and over. . . .	25,845	5,441	25,463	25,511	25,191	25,044	24,892
18 and 19 years	1,614	436	1,598	1,518	1,653	1,640	1,645
20 to 24 years	3,423	494	3,378	3,332	3,333	3,365	3,405
25 years and over.	20,808	4,511	20,487	20,661	20,205	20,039	19,842
25 to 44 years	10,288	2,252	10,032	10,019	9,757	9,665	9,642
45 years and over	10,520	2,259	10,354	10,503	10,412	10,328	10,215

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 occupation and industry group of last job
(Seasonally adjusted)

Occupation or industry	Oct. 1966	Sept. 1966	Aug. 1966	July 1966	June 1966	Oct. 1965
Occupation						
White-collar workers.....	2.1	2.3	1.9	2.0	2.0	2.1
Professional and technical.....	1.5	1.6	1.5	1.4	1.4	1.2
Managers, officials, and proprietors....	.9	1.2	.9	.8	.9	1.0
Clerical workers.....	3.2	3.2	2.8	2.9	2.7	2.9
Sales workers.....	2.3	2.9	2.4	2.6	2.9	3.3
Blue-collar workers.....	4.1	4.1	4.5	4.6	4.4	4.8
Craftsmen and foremen.....	2.8	2.5	2.7	2.9	2.8	2.8
Operatives.....	4.2	4.2	4.8	4.8	4.5	5.3
Nonfarm laborers.....	6.9	7.6	8.0	7.8	7.7	8.3
Service workers.....	4.3	4.2	4.6	4.4	5.2	4.7
Industry						
Wage and salary workers <u>1/</u>	3.6	3.6	3.7	3.5	3.7	4.0
Agriculture.....	9.1	6.0	7.0	4.7	5.5	9.6
Construction.....	9.2	9.1	8.4	6.9	7.2	9.6
Manufacturing.....	3.0	3.2	3.4	3.3	3.5	3.6
Durable goods.....	2.6	2.9	2.9	3.0	3.4	3.2
Nondurable goods.....	3.6	3.7	4.0	3.7	3.6	4.2
Transportation and public utilities.....	1.7	2.0	1.8	2.7	3.2	2.6
Wholesale and retail trade.....	4.4	4.3	4.6	4.8	4.6	4.7
Finance, insurance, and real estate.....	2.4	1.8	2.2	2.0	2.3	2.5
Service industries <u>2/</u>	4.0	3.6	3.8	3.6	4.2	4.1
Government.....	1.9	2.4	2.1	2.1	2.1	2.0

1/ Includes mining, not shown separately.

2/ Excludes private households.

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

Full- and part-time employment status	Oct. 1966	Oct. 1965	Oct. 1964
Full Time			
Civilian labor force	66,424	65,660	64,664
Employed:			
Full-time schedules ¹	62,890	61,643	59,886
Part time for economic reasons	1,648	1,932	2,193
Unemployed, looking for full-time work	1,886	2,085	2,585
Unemployment rate	2.8	3.2	4.0
Part Time			
Civilian labor force	10,827	10,293	9,711
Employed (voluntary part time) ¹	10,192	9,621	9,044
Unemployed, looking for part-time work	635	672	667
Unemployment rate	5.9	6.5	6.9

¹ Employed 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)									
	Oct. 1966	Sept. 1966	Aug. 1966	Oct. 1965	Change from		Seasonally adjusted			Change from Sept. 1966
					Sept. 1966	Oct. 1965	Oct. 1966	Sept. 1966	Aug. 1966	
TOTAL	65,073	64,855	64,484	62,141	218	2,932	64,351	64,159	64,199	192
MINING	632	638	649	633	-6	-1	626	629	636	-3
CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION	3,445	3,526	3,641	3,431	-81	14	3,199	3,229	3,251	-30
MANUFACTURING	19,499	19,525	19,391	18,461	-26	1,038	19,274	19,199	19,262	75
<i>Production workers</i>	14,555	14,579	14,417	13,793	-24	762	14,330	14,266	14,330	64
DURABLE GOODS	11,441	11,428	11,249	10,627	13	814	11,357	11,317	11,324	40
<i>Production workers</i>	8,511	8,498	8,304	7,908	13	603	8,427	8,392	8,395	35
Ordnance and accessories	266.8	263.0	259.1	232.8	3.8	34.0	266	262	260	4
Lumber and wood products	617.8	631.3	649.9	622.9	-13.5	-5.1	606	609	621	-3
Furniture and fixtures	465.0	465.6	466.5	439.8	-6	25.2	458	459	462	-1
Stone, clay, and glass products	645.4	653.5	661.3	642.3	-8.1	3.1	634	634	637	0
Primary metal industries	1,331.4	1,343.5	1,351.8	1,273.9	-12.1	57.5	1,350	1,340	1,351	10
Fabricated metal products	1,373.2	1,370.6	1,360.9	1,300.7	2.6	72.5	1,358	1,355	1,360	3
Machinery	1,897.2	1,895.7	1,891.1	1,744.0	1.5	153.2	1,912	1,904	1,901	8
Electrical equipment	1,966.4	1,956.4	1,939.6	1,724.8	10.0	241.6	1,947	1,939	1,948	8
Transportation equipment	1,970.8	1,952.0	1,777.9	1,792.9	18.8	177.9	1,948	1,944	1,910	4
Instruments and related products	438.8	434.7	434.0	395.7	4.1	43.1	438	432	431	6
Miscellaneous manufacturing	468.3	461.7	456.6	457.5	6.6	10.8	440	439	443	1
NONDURABLE GOODS	8,058	8,097	8,142	7,834	-39	224	7,917	7,882	7,938	35
<i>Production workers</i>	6,044	6,081	6,113	5,885	-37	159	5,903	5,874	5,935	29
Food and kindred products	1,830.7	1,882.1	1,897.1	1,838.4	-51.4	-7.7	1,744	1,738	1,765	6
Tobacco manufactures	92.2	94.5	88.2	102.0	-2.3	-9.8	76	79	80	-3
Textile mill products	957.1	959.2	965.4	936.6	-2.1	20.5	949	951	957	-2
Apparel and related products	1,421.2	1,412.5	1,422.2	1,382.5	8.7	38.7	1,403	1,389	1,395	14
Paper and allied products	680.3	677.9	683.8	650.3	2.4	30.0	676	671	677	5
Printing and publishing	1,042.5	1,037.1	1,035.1	993.7	5.4	48.8	1,038	1,034	1,035	4
Chemicals and allied products	965.3	967.0	976.9	912.0	-1.7	53.3	969	964	968	5
Petroleum and related products	183.5	185.8	188.2	182.8	-2.3	.7	183	183	184	0
Rubber and plastic products	529.1	523.6	520.5	485.2	5.5	43.9	523	518	520	5
Leather and leather products	356.2	357.2	364.8	350.8	-1.0	5.4	356	355	357	1
TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC UTILITIES	4,193	4,217	4,154	4,104	-24	89	4,160	4,167	4,105	-7
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE	13,382	13,253	13,224	12,852	129	530	13,337	13,268	13,264	69
WHOLESALE TRADE	3,517	3,498	3,521	3,388	19	129	3,482	3,474	3,483	8
RETAIL TRADE	9,865	9,755	9,703	9,464	110	401	9,855	9,794	9,781	61
FINANCE, INSURANCE, AND REAL ESTATE	3,101	3,108	3,146	3,038	-7	63	3,104	3,099	3,100	5
SERVICE AND MISCELLANEOUS	9,739	9,706	9,772	9,263	33	476	9,700	9,648	9,647	52
GOVERNMENT	11,082	10,882	10,507	10,359	200	723	10,951	10,920	10,934	31
FEDERAL	2,586	2,589	2,641	2,384	-3	202	2,589	2,594	2,610	-5
STATE AND LOCAL	8,496	8,293	7,866	7,975	203	521	8,362	8,326	8,324	36

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	Oct. 1966	Sept. 1966	Aug. 1966	Oct. 1965	Change from		Seasonally adjusted			
					Sept. 1966	Oct. 1965	Oct. 1966	Sept. 1966	Aug. 1966	Change from Sept. 1966
MINING	43.5	43.0	43.0	42.8	0.5	0.7	42.9	42.9	42.4	0
CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION	38.5	38.3	38.4	38.3	.2	.2	37.3	37.7	36.9	-0.4
MANUFACTURING	41.4	41.5	41.4	41.3	-.1	.1	41.3	41.5	41.4	-.2
Overtime hours	4.1	4.2	4.0	3.9	-.1	.2	4.0	3.9	4.0	.1
DURABLE GOODS	42.3	42.3	42.0	42.1	0	.2	42.3	42.3	42.1	0
Overtime hours	4.5	4.6	4.3	4.2	-.1	.3	4.3	4.3	4.3	0
Ordnance and accessories	42.8	42.4	42.0	42.5	.4	.3	42.7	42.5	42.1	.2
Lumber and wood products	40.8	40.7	40.9	41.4	.1	-.6	40.5	40.3	40.3	.2
Furniture and fixtures	42.0	41.8	42.2	42.2	.2	-.2	41.3	41.2	41.6	.1
Stone, clay, and glass products	42.1	42.2	42.4	42.3	-.1	-.2	41.7	41.9	41.8	-.2
Primary metal industries	42.2	42.5	42.1	40.9	-.3	1.3	42.9	42.6	42.4	.3
Fabricated metal products	42.6	42.8	42.4	42.5	-.2	.1	42.3	42.6	42.2	-.3
Machinery	43.7	43.9	43.5	43.3	-.2	.4	43.9	44.3	43.8	-.4
Electrical equipment	41.4	41.4	41.1	41.2	0	.2	41.2	41.3	41.2	-.1
Transportation equipment	42.9	42.7	42.1	43.4	.2	-.5	42.3	43.0	43.2	-.7
Instruments and related products	42.3	42.2	41.7	41.9	.1	.4	42.2	42.2	41.7	0
Miscellaneous manufacturing	40.2	40.0	40.1	40.4	.2	-.2	39.8	39.9	40.0	-.1
NONDURABLE GOODS	40.3	40.3	40.5	40.2	0	.1	40.2	40.2	40.2	0
Overtime hours	3.5	3.7	3.5	3.4	-.2	.1	3.3	3.4	3.4	-.1
Food and kindred products	41.0	41.8	41.5	41.4	-.8	-.4	40.7	41.2	41.1	-.5
Tobacco manufactures	38.7	39.8	38.1	39.2	-.1	-.5	37.2	36.4	37.8	-1.2
Textile mill products	41.7	41.9	42.1	42.1	-.2	-.4	41.4	42.1	42.0	-.7
Apparel and related products	36.8	35.7	36.9	36.3	1.1	.5	36.9	35.6	36.3	1.3
Paper and allied products	43.5	43.7	43.6	43.7	-.2	-.2	43.1	43.4	43.3	-.3
Printing and publishing	39.1	39.2	39.0	38.6	-.1	.5	39.0	39.0	38.9	0
Chemicals and allied products	42.1	42.1	41.9	41.8	0	.3	42.2	42.0	42.0	.2
Petroleum and related products	42.4	42.9	42.1	42.5	-.5	-.1	42.4	41.9	41.9	.5
Rubber and plastic products	42.3	42.2	41.9	42.4	.1	-.1	42.2	41.9	41.8	.3
Leather and leather products	38.2	37.8	39.1	37.8	.4	.4	38.9	38.3	38.6	.6
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE	36.7	37.0	37.9	37.4	-.3	-.7	36.8	37.0	37.3	-.2
WHOLESALE TRADE	40.7	40.7	40.8	40.9	0	-.2	40.7	40.7	40.8	0
RETAIL TRADE	35.4	35.8	36.9	36.2	-.4	-.8	35.6	35.8	36.1	-.2
FINANCE, INSURANCE, AND REAL ESTATE	37.2	37.0	37.3	37.2	.2	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					
	Oct. 1966	Sept. 1966	Aug. 1966	Oct. 1965	Change from		Oct. 1966	Sept. 1966	Aug. 1966	Oct. 1965	Change from	
					Sept. 1966	Oct. 1965					Sept. 1966	Oct. 1965
MINING	\$3.13	\$3.11	\$3.06	\$2.95	\$0.02	\$0.18	\$136.16	\$133.73	\$131.58	\$126.26	\$2.43	\$9.90
CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION	3.96	3.97	3.89	3.77	-.01	.19	152.46	152.05	149.38	144.39	.41	8.07
MANUFACTURING	2.75	2.74	2.70	2.64	.01	.11	113.85	113.71	111.78	109.03	.14	4.82
DURABLE GOODS	2.94	2.93	2.87	2.82	.01	.12	124.36	123.94	120.54	118.72	.42	5.64
Ordnance and accessories	3.24	3.23	3.21	3.17	.01	.07	138.67	136.95	134.82	134.73	1.72	3.94
Lumber and wood products	2.33	2.33	2.30	2.22	0	.11	95.06	94.83	94.07	91.91	.23	3.15
Furniture and fixtures	2.24	2.23	2.21	2.15	.01	.09	94.08	93.21	93.26	90.73	.87	3.35
Stone, clay, and glass products	2.76	2.75	2.73	2.67	.01	.09	116.20	116.05	115.75	112.94	.15	3.26
Primary metal industries	3.32	3.32	3.28	3.18	0	.14	140.10	141.10	138.09	130.06	-1.00	10.04
Fabricated metal products	2.91	2.91	2.86	2.79	0	.12	123.97	124.55	121.26	118.58	-.58	5.39
Machinery	3.12	3.11	3.07	2.99	.01	.13	136.34	136.53	133.55	129.47	-.19	6.87
Electrical equipment	2.67	2.66	2.62	2.60	.01	.07	110.54	110.12	107.68	107.12	.42	3.42
Transportation equipment	3.41	3.40	3.31	3.26	.01	.15	146.29	145.18	139.35	141.48	1.11	4.81
Instruments and related products	2.73	2.72	2.69	2.63	.01	.10	115.48	114.78	112.17	110.20	.70	5.28
Miscellaneous manufacturing	2.25	2.23	2.20	2.14	.02	.11	90.45	89.20	88.22	86.46	1.25	3.99
NONDURABLE GOODS	2.48	2.47	2.45	2.38	.01	.10	99.94	99.54	99.23	95.68	.40	4.26
Food and kindred products	2.52	2.51	2.49	2.42	.01	.10	103.32	104.92	103.34	100.19	-1.60	3.13
Tobacco manufactures	2.12	2.09	2.17	1.97	.03	.15	82.04	83.18	82.68	77.22	-1.14	4.82
Textile mill products	2.00	2.00	1.98	1.90	0	.10	83.40	83.80	83.36	79.99	-.40	3.41
Apparel and related products	1.93	1.90	1.90	1.86	.03	.07	71.02	67.83	70.11	67.52	3.19	3.50
Paper and allied products	2.79	2.79	2.77	2.68	0	.11	121.37	121.92	120.77	117.12	-.55	4.25
Printing and publishing	3.19	3.20	3.15	3.10	-.01	.09	124.73	125.44	122.85	119.66	-.71	5.07
Chemicals and allied products	3.03	3.02	3.00	2.92	.01	.11	127.56	127.14	125.70	122.06	.42	5.50
Petroleum and related products	3.41	3.43	3.39	3.32	-.02	.09	144.58	147.15	142.72	141.10	-2.57	3.48
Rubber and plastic products	2.70	2.70	2.65	2.65	0	.05	114.21	113.94	111.04	112.36	.27	1.85
Leather and leather products	1.97	1.96	1.94	1.90	.01	.07	75.25	74.09	75.85	71.82	1.16	3.43
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE	2.17	2.15	2.13	2.07	.02	.10	79.64	79.55	80.73	77.42	.09	2.22
WHOLESALE TRADE	2.76	2.75	2.73	2.63	.01	.13	112.33	111.93	111.36	107.57	.40	4.76
RETAIL TRADE	1.94	1.93	1.90	1.86	.01	.08	68.68	69.09	70.11	67.33	-.41	1.35
FINANCE, INSURANCE, AND REAL ESTATE	2.49	2.48	2.47	2.41	.01	.08	92.63	91.76	92.13	89.65	.87	2.98

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