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## THE EMPLOYMENT SITUATION: DECEMBER 1966

Employment and unemployment in December continued to reflect the patterns evident during most of 1966, the U. S. Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics reported today. The following developments highlighted the over-the-month picture:

1. Nonfarm payroll employment rose 250,000 more than seasonally, with all major sectors contributing to the gain. In contract construction, where employment had weakened since the spring, there was a pickup of 70,000, seasonally adjusted. Increases of between 35,000 and 60,000 each took place in manufacturing, State and local government, and services.
2. At the same time, two leading indicators turned down. The manufacturing workweek (seasonally adjusted) declined 0.3 hour to 41.0 hours, as compared with highs of 41.5 hours recorded earlier in 1966. In addition, the number of workers employed part time for economic reasons rose by 300,000 (seasonally adjusted).
3. Unemployment, at 2.7 million in December, showed little change, as was expected for this time of year. The total unemployment rate, 3.8 percent, remained within the 3.7-4.0 percent range evident throughout 1966. The rates for adult men, women, teenagers, married men, and other groupings within the labor force have shown no significant changes over the last several months.

### THE YEAR IN REVIEW

The employment picture remained strong during 1966, although the rate of improvement slowed after the first quarter of the year. The total unemployment rate, which had fallen steadily from 5-1/2 percent in early 1964 to slightly below 4 percent in early 1966, remained virtually unchanged throughout the year. Total employment advanced strongly throughout 1966 but, after the first quarter, employment gains just about matched labor force growth.

Teenagers and adult women accounted for most of the 1966 employment growth. Although the increased demands of the Armed Forces combined with previous decreases in unemployment had sharply reduced the supply of adult men available by 1966, their employment grew by 300,000 over the year and their jobless rate fell to its lowest level since 1953.

The employment gains for women and teenagers were also reflected in a substantial rise in voluntary part-time employment. Their rates of unemployment were the lowest since 1957.

Farm employment showed a large decline, averaging nearly 400,000 below the 1965 level. Throughout the earlier postwar period, the annual decline had averaged about 200,000.

### Unemployment

On an annual basis, unemployment averaged 3.0 million in 1966, down about 500,000 from the 1965 level. The December-to-December reduction, however, amounted to only 150,000, reflecting the fact that unemployment improved rapidly during 1965 but leveled off after early 1966. The jobless rate averaged 3.9 percent in 1966, down from 4.6 percent a year earlier and below 4.0 percent for the first time since 1953. The December-to-December improvement, 4.1 to 3.8 percent, was less than the change in the annual average.

Jobless rates for men, women, and teenagers all declined during 1966, but the relationship between the total rate and the three group rates held steady. The adult male rate was 2.4 percent in December 1966, about two-thirds as high as the over-all rate. The 3.8 percent rate for adult women was the same as the total rate, while the teenage rate, at 11.4 percent, was still 3 times as high as the total rate.

Long-term unemployment (15 weeks or more) dropped from 600,000 in December 1965 to 450,000 last month. Since December 1964, the number of persons jobless 15 weeks or longer has been cut nearly in half. Similar improvements occurred in very long-term joblessness, bringing the number unemployed 27 weeks or more down to 200,000 in December 1966.

At 1,129,000 in December 1966, State insured unemployment was down 60,000 from the year earlier level. The seasonally adjusted rate of insured joblessness declined from 2.5 percent to 2.3 percent in the same period.

Negroes and unskilled workers continued to have serious unemployment problems in late 1966. The unemployment rate for Negroes, 7.6 percent, was unchanged from that of a year earlier, while that for white workers declined from 3.7 percent to 3.3 percent. Moreover, the December 1966 rate for nonfarm laborers was above the level of a year earlier.

### Payroll Employment and Hours

The number of employees on nonfarm payrolls advanced by 5.8 million from December 1964 to December 1966, with the increase in the past year amounting to 2.9 million. Moreover, employment in nonfarm industries was still rising rapidly as 1966 drew to a close.

Manufacturing employment rose by 2.0 million from the December 1964 level, with about half of this gain occurring in the past year. Three durable-goods industries--machinery, electrical equipment, and transportation equipment--together accounted for about 500,000 of the 1965-66 pickup. Employment in contract construction reflected the slowdown in residential building and, by late 1966, construction employment was below its 1965 level.

The service-producing sector continued to show large employment increases in 1966. Government employment rose by about 800,000 over the year, while trade and miscellaneous services each added about 500,000 jobs.

The workweek for manufacturing production workers (seasonally adjusted) rose from 40.5 hours in the spring of 1964 to a postwar high of 41.5 hours in the first several months of 1966. Hours edged downward irregularly after May, however, and were down to 41.0 hours (seasonally adjusted) in December of 1966.

### Labor Force

The total labor force averaged 80.2 million during 1966, up 1.8 million from the 1965 level, the largest year-to-year increase since World War II. (All data in this section are based on annual averages for consistency with long range projections.) The Armed Forces, which had remained constant from 1963 through 1965, rose by an average of 400,000 in 1966 and were 550,000 higher at year's end than in December 1965. Rising demand pushed employment sharply higher and unemployment lower during 1966. These developments encouraged additional workers to enter the labor market, resulting in a labor force increase which was about 500,000 greater than the projected expansion based on population growth and long-term trends in participation rates.

A total labor force expansion of approximately 1.4 million is projected for 1967. The age-sex composition of next year's increase, however, is expected to differ sharply from that in 1966. Women and teenagers accounted for all of the 1966 civilian labor force growth--each group moving up about 750,000, while the adult male workforce declined slightly. In contrast, the entire 1967 expansion is expected to take place among adults, with men showing a slightly larger increase than women. The big population group born after World War II will reach their early twenties in 1967 and, therefore, the 20-24 year age group will account for just over half of the 1.4 million projected growth in the total workforce.

Assuming a labor force increase of about the projected size, plus continued declines in farm employment, the economy will need to add more than 1.7 million nonagricultural jobs in 1967 to further reduce unemployment. While a nonagricultural employment increase of this size would be less than that in 1965 or 1966, it would be larger than any year-to-year increase in the 1956-64 period.

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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	Dec. 1966	Nov. 1966	Dec. 1965	Seasonally adjusted				
				Dec. 1966	Nov. 1966	Oct. 1966	Sept. 1966	Aug. 1966
<b>Total</b>								
Total labor force . . . . .	80,734	80,968	78,477	81,579	81,249	80,414	80,342	80,549
Civilian labor force . . . . .	77,344	77,646	75,636	78,189	77,927	77,135	77,113	77,371
Employed . . . . .	74,612	75,006	72,749	75,226	75,076	74,163	74,165	74,338
Agriculture . . . . .	3,465	3,969	3,645	4,254	4,108	3,971	4,049	4,158
Nonagricultural industries . . . . .	71,147	71,036	69,103	70,972	70,968	70,192	70,116	70,180
On part time for economic reasons . . . . .	1,683	1,434	1,627	1,784	1,484	1,559	1,636	1,716
Usually work full time . . . . .	952	773	761	958	761	829	832	856
Usually work part time . . . . .	731	661	866	826	723	730	804	860
Unemployed . . . . .	2,732	2,640	2,888	2,963	2,851	2,972	2,948	3,033
<b>Men, 20 years and over</b>								
Civilian labor force . . . . .	44,716	44,810	44,493	44,970	44,753	44,610	44,666	44,833
Employed . . . . .	43,567	43,841	43,243	43,892	43,671	43,540	43,583	43,691
Agriculture . . . . .	2,636	2,813	2,780	2,878	2,807	2,808	2,884	2,855
Nonagricultural industries . . . . .	40,932	41,027	40,463	41,014	40,864	40,732	40,699	40,836
Unemployed . . . . .	1,149	971	1,249	1,078	1,082	1,070	1,083	1,142
<b>Women, 20 years and over</b>								
Civilian labor force . . . . .	25,249	25,479	24,120	25,221	25,181	24,860	24,930	24,481
Employed . . . . .	24,406	24,583	23,283	24,251	24,294	23,868	23,982	23,527
Agriculture . . . . .	477	661	493	744	656	593	633	647
Nonagricultural industries . . . . .	23,930	23,922	22,791	23,507	23,638	23,275	23,349	22,880
Unemployed . . . . .	843	896	838	970	887	992	948	954
<b>Both sexes, 14-19 years</b>								
Civilian labor force . . . . .	7,380	7,356	7,023	7,998	7,993	7,665	7,517	8,057
Employed . . . . .	6,638	6,582	6,223	7,083	7,111	6,755	6,600	7,120
Agriculture . . . . .	352	496	373	632	645	570	532	656
Nonagricultural industries . . . . .	6,286	6,086	5,850	6,451	6,466	6,185	6,068	6,464
Unemployed . . . . .	741	774	800	915	882	910	917	937

**Table A-2: Major unemployment indicators**

Selected categories	Thousands of persons unemployed	Seasonally adjusted rates of unemployment					
	Dec. 1966	Dec. 1966	Nov. 1966	Oct. 1966	Sept. 1966	Aug. 1966	Dec. 1965
Total (all civilian workers) . . .	2,732	3.8	3.7	3.9	3.8	3.9	4.1
Men, 20 years and over . . . . .	1,149	2.4	2.4	2.4	2.4	2.5	2.6
20-24 years . . . . .	257	5.2	5.0	4.2	4.3	4.8	5.1
25 years and over . . . . .	892	2.1	2.2	2.1	2.2	2.3	2.3
Women, 20 years and over . . . . .	843	3.8	3.5	4.0	3.8	3.9	4.0
Both sexes, 14-19 years . . . . .	741	11.4	11.0	11.9	12.2	11.6	12.9
White . . . . .	2,107	3.3	3.2	3.4	3.3	3.4	3.7
Nonwhite . . . . .	625	7.6	7.4	7.6	7.8	8.2	7.5
Married men . . . . .	711	1.7	1.7	1.9	1.9	2.0	1.8
Full-time workers <sup>1</sup> . . . . .	2,051	3.4	3.4	3.4	3.4	3.5	3.7
Blue-collar workers <sup>2</sup> . . . . .	1,239	4.2	4.3	4.1	4.1	4.5	4.4
Unemployed 15 weeks and over <sup>3</sup> . . . . .	455	.6	.6	.7	.6	.6	.9
State insured <sup>4</sup> . . . . .	1,129	2.3	2.1	2.1	2.2	2.5	2.5
Labor force time lost <sup>5</sup> . . . . .	---	4.0	3.9	4.1	4.2	4.3	4.4

<sup>1</sup>Adjusted by provisional seasonal factors.

<sup>2</sup>Craftsmen, operatives, and nonfarm laborers.

<sup>3</sup>Rates based on civilian labor force.

<sup>4</sup>Insured unemployment under State programs as a percent of average covered employment.

<sup>5</sup>Labor 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	Dec. 1966	Nov. 1966	Dec. 1965	Seasonally adjusted				
				Dec. 1966	Nov. 1966	Oct. 1966	Sept. 1966	Aug. 1966
Less than 5 weeks . . . . .	1,530	1,517	1,442	1,626	1,515	1,544	1,626	1,666
5 to 14 weeks . . . . .	746	725	846	766	803	898	807	927
15 weeks and over . . . . .	455	398	600	501	483	520	499	451
15 to 26 weeks . . . . .	256	224	334	273	286	292	298	249
27 weeks and over . . . . .	199	174	266	228	197	228	201	202

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	Dec. 1966	Nov. 1966	Oct. 1966	Sept. 1966	Dec. 1965
Total, 14 years and over. . . . .	2,732	2,051	681	3.8	3.7	3.9	3.8	4.1
14 to 17 years. . . . .	390	87	303	12.1	11.1	12.7	13.3	14.7
14 and 15 years . . . . .	79	5	75	8.8	7.6	8.0	9.4	12.4
16 and 17 years . . . . .	311	82	228	13.7	12.8	14.7	15.2	15.8
18 years and over . . . . .	2,344	1,963	382	3.3	3.3	3.4	3.3	3.5
18 and 19 years . . . . .	352	215	137	10.8	10.8	11.4	10.9	11.6
20 to 24 years . . . . .	442	383	57	5.5	5.2	5.3	5.2	5.6
25 years and over . . . . .	1,550	1,365	188	2.5	2.5	2.6	2.6	2.7
25 to 54 years . . . . .	1,191	1,082	110	2.5	2.6	2.7	2.6	2.8
55 years and over . . . . .	358	283	78	2.6	2.4	2.5	2.5	2.8
Males, 18 years and over . . . . .	1,347	1,177	170	2.7	2.8	2.7	2.7	3.0
18 and 19 years . . . . .	198	120	78	10.4	9.9	9.7	10.0	9.9
20 to 24 years . . . . .	257	215	41	5.2	5.0	4.2	4.3	5.1
25 years and over . . . . .	892	842	51	2.1	2.2	2.1	2.2	2.3
25 to 54 years . . . . .	658	644	14	2.0	2.1	2.1	2.1	2.2
55 years and over . . . . .	234	198	37	2.4	2.4	2.4	2.7	2.7
Females, 18 years and over. . . . .	997	786	212	4.3	4.1	4.6	4.3	4.7
18 and 19 years. . . . .	154	95	59	11.2	11.8	13.2	12.1	-13.6
20 to 24 years . . . . .	185	168	16	6.0	5.4	6.7	6.5	6.3
25 years and over . . . . .	658	523	137	3.5	3.2	3.5	3.3	3.6
25 to 54 years . . . . .	533	438	96	3.5	3.4	3.8	3.7	3.9
55 years and over . . . . .	124	85	41	3.0	2.4	2.8	2.2	2.9

**Table A-5: Employed persons by age and sex**

(In thousands)

Age and sex	Total	Voluntary part-time employed <sup>1</sup>	Seasonally adjusted				
			Dec. 1966	Nov. 1966	Oct. 1966	Sept. 1966	Aug. 1966
Total, 14 years and over. . . .	74,612	10,435	75,226	75,076	74,163	74,165	74,338
14 to 17 years . . . . .	3,246	2,814	3,692	3,577	3,324	3,257	3,539
14 and 15 years . . . . .	1,013	971	1,250	1,196	1,059	1,079	1,214
16 and 17 years . . . . .	2,233	1,843	2,442	2,381	2,265	2,178	2,325
18 years and over. . . . .	71,365	7,624	71,659	71,480	70,798	70,857	70,805
18 and 19 years . . . . .	3,392	1,088	3,520	3,522	3,376	3,294	3,595
20 to 24 years . . . . .	8,187	981	8,157	8,032	7,912	7,856	7,948
25 years and over . . . . .	59,786	5,555	59,982	59,926	59,510	59,687	59,262
25 to 44 years . . . . .	30,796	2,456	30,922	30,608	30,347	30,372	30,139
45 years and over. . . . .	28,989	3,099	29,114	29,289	29,021	29,162	29,059
Males, 18 years and over . . . .	45,230	2,219	45,731	45,510	45,335	45,326	45,614
18 and 19 years . . . . .	1,663	568	1,823	1,848	1,778	1,776	1,942
20 to 24 years . . . . .	4,543	466	4,619	4,575	4,534	4,524	4,615
25 years and over . . . . .	39,024	1,185	39,289	39,087	39,023	39,026	39,057
25 to 44 years . . . . .	20,435	259	20,558	20,349	20,315	20,353	20,382
45 years and over . . . . .	18,588	926	18,739	18,713	18,667	18,659	18,647
Females, 18 years and over. . . .	26,135	5,405	25,928	25,970	25,463	25,511	25,191
18 and 19 years . . . . .	1,729	520	1,697	1,674	1,598	1,518	1,653
20 to 24 years . . . . .	3,644	515	3,538	3,457	3,378	3,332	3,333
25 years and over. . . . .	20,762	4,370	20,693	20,839	20,487	20,661	20,205
25 to 44 years . . . . .	10,361	2,197	10,364	10,259	10,032	10,019	9,757
45 years and over . . . . .	10,401	2,173	10,375	10,576	10,354	10,503	10,412

<sup>1</sup>Includes 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	Dec. 1966	Nov. 1966	Oct. 1966	Sept. 1966	Aug. 1966	Dec. 1965
<b>Occupation</b>						
White-collar workers . . . . .	1.9	1.9	2.1	2.3	1.9	2.3
Professional and technical . . . . .	1.2	1.2	1.5	1.6	1.5	1.7
Managers, officials, and proprietors . . . . .	.8	.9	.9	1.2	.9	1.0
Clerical workers . . . . .	3.1	2.7	3.2	3.2	2.8	3.0
Sales workers . . . . .	2.0	2.9	2.3	2.9	2.4	3.8
Blue-collar workers . . . . .	4.2	4.3	4.1	4.1	4.5	4.4
Craftsmen and foremen . . . . .	2.7	3.0	2.8	2.5	2.7	2.8
Operatives . . . . .	4.4	4.1	4.2	4.2	4.8	4.6
Nonfarm laborers . . . . .	7.5	8.5	6.9	7.6	8.0	7.0
Service workers . . . . .	5.0	3.9	4.3	4.2	4.6	4.4
<b>Industry</b>						
Wage and salary workers <sup>1</sup> . . . . .	3.5	3.4	3.6	3.6	3.7	3.7
Agriculture . . . . .	5.7	6.5	9.1	6.0	7.0	5.9
Construction . . . . .	8.8	9.3	9.2	9.1	8.4	7.2
Manufacturing . . . . .	3.0	2.9	3.0	3.2	3.4	3.5
Durable goods . . . . .	2.7	2.4	2.6	2.9	2.9	2.9
Nondurable goods . . . . .	3.6	3.5	3.6	3.7	4.0	4.2
Transportation and public utilities . . . . .	1.8	2.0	1.7	2.0	1.8	2.5
Wholesale and retail trade . . . . .	4.1	4.2	4.4	4.3	4.6	4.6
Finance, insurance, and real estate . . . . .	2.1	2.2	2.4	1.8	2.2	2.0
Service industries <sup>2</sup> . . . . .	4.1	3.8	4.0	3.6	3.8	4.3
Government . . . . .	1.8	1.7	1.9	2.4	2.1	1.6

<sup>1</sup> Includes mining, not shown separately.

<sup>2</sup> Excludes private households.

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

Full- and part-time employment status	Dec. 1966	Dec. 1965	Dec. 1964
<b>Full Time</b>			
Civilian labor force, . . . . .	66,233	65,440	64,257
Employed:			
Full-time schedules <sup>1</sup> , . . . . .	62,296	61,318	59,199
Part time for economic reasons . . . . .	1,886	1,911	2,301
Unemployed, looking for full-time work. . . . .	2,051	2,211	2,757
Unemployment rate . . . . .	3.1	3.4	4.3
<b>Part Time</b>			
Civilian labor force, . . . . .	11,112	10,196	9,584
Employed (voluntary part time) <sup>1</sup> , . . . . .	10,431	9,520	8,875
Unemployed, looking for part-time work . . . . .	681	676	709
Unemployment rate . . . . .	6.1	6.6	7.4

<sup>1</sup>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)									
	Dec. 1966	Nov. 1966	Oct. 1966	Dec. 1965	Change from		Seasonally adjusted			Change from Nov. 1966
					Nov. 1966	Dec. 1965	Dec. 1966	Nov. 1966	Oct. 1966	
<b>TOTAL</b> .....	65,899	65,387	65,190	63,038	512	2,861	65,066	64,818	64,466	248
<b>MINING</b> .....	626	627	631	632	-1	-6	627	623	625	4
<b>CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION</b> ....	3,118	3,318	3,449	3,167	-200	-49	3,282	3,212	3,202	70
<b>MANUFACTURING</b> .....	19,452	19,532	19,538	18,473	-80	979	19,465	19,422	19,312	43
<i>Production workers</i> .....	14,464	14,562	14,561	13,769	-98	695	14,467	14,450	14,350	17
<b>DURABLE GOODS</b> .....	11,479	11,491	11,470	10,727	-12	752	11,471	11,434	11,387	37
<i>Production workers</i> .....	8,515	8,540	8,530	7,980	-25	535	8,501	8,480	8,442	21
Ordnance and accessories .....	270.2	271.0	266.4	233.7	-.8	36.5	268	269	265	-1
Lumber and wood products .....	591.7	607.1	618.5	613.5	-15.4	-21.8	604	605	607	-1
Furniture and fixtures .....	467.1	468.9	467.0	443.4	-1.8	23.7	466	464	460	2
Stone, clay, and glass products ..	624.8	638.9	644.3	629.9	-14.1	-5.1	637	636	633	1
Primary metal industries .....	1,335.8	1,329.9	1,332.2	1,268.3	5.9	67.5	1,352	1,352	1,351	0
Fabricated metal products .....	1,389.3	1,386.7	1,379.7	1,313.5	2.6	75.8	1,385	1,377	1,365	8
Machinery .....	1,920.6	1,900.9	1,897.1	1,780.1	19.7	140.5	1,927	1,918	1,912	9
Electrical equipment .....	1,977.9	1,986.2	1,981.5	1,768.9	-8.3	209.0	1,958	1,964	1,962	-6
Transportation equipment .....	2,014.7	1,994.5	1,974.4	1,837.2	20.2	177.5	1,981	1,966	1,951	15
Instruments and related products ..	442.1	441.0	439.5	402.3	1.1	39.8	441	439	439	2
Miscellaneous manufacturing .....	444.5	465.4	469.8	436.5	-20.9	8.0	452	444	442	8
<b>NONDURABLE GOODS</b> .....	7,973	8,041	8,068	7,746	-68	227	7,994	7,988	7,925	6
<i>Production workers</i> .....	5,949	6,022	6,051	5,789	-73	160	5,966	5,970	5,908	-4
Food and kindred products .....	1,748.3	1,801.4	1,838.0	1,738.4	-53.1	9.9	1,767	1,780	1,750	-13
Tobacco manufactures .....	89.4	91.0	94.8	91.4	-1.6	-2.0	83	86	78	-3
Textile mill products .....	950.2	956.2	958.1	935.9	-6.0	14.3	953	951	950	2
Apparel and related products .....	1,402.8	1,418.2	1,420.7	1,374.3	-15.4	28.5	1,410	1,405	1,403	5
Paper and allied products .....	684.0	684.6	679.5	655.0	-6	29.0	683	682	676	1
Printing and publishing .....	1,054.6	1,047.4	1,044.0	1,003.2	7.2	51.4	1,049	1,043	1,039	6
Chemicals and allied products .....	970.6	967.7	965.4	917.5	2.9	53.1	978	974	969	4
Petroleum and related products ..	181.4	182.3	182.8	179.4	-9	2.0	184	183	182	1
Rubber and plastic products .....	536.2	534.2	529.3	494.0	2.0	42.2	533	528	523	5
Leather and leather products .....	355.6	357.7	355.1	356.4	-2.1	-.8	354	356	355	-2
<b>TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC UTILITIES</b> .....	4,198	4,206	4,198	4,087	-8	111	4,194	4,193	4,165	1
<b>WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE</b> .....	14,239	13,586	13,385	13,762	653	477	13,390	13,380	13,340	10
<b>WHOLESALE TRADE</b> .....	3,547	3,530	3,521	3,415	17	132	3,508	3,502	3,486	6
<b>RETAIL TRADE</b> .....	10,692	10,056	9,864	10,347	636	345	9,882	9,878	9,854	4
<b>FINANCE, INSURANCE, AND REAL ESTATE</b> .....	3,103	3,097	3,099	3,034	6	69	3,119	3,109	3,102	10
<b>SERVICE AND MISCELLANEOUS</b> ..	9,726	9,741	9,751	9,245	-15	481	9,814	9,780	9,712	34
<b>GOVERNMENT</b> .....	11,437	11,280	11,139	10,638	157	799	11,175	11,099	11,008	76
<b>FEDERAL</b> .....	2,780	2,641	2,612	2,543	139	237	2,638	2,621	2,615	17
<b>STATE AND LOCAL</b> .....	8,657	8,639	8,527	8,095	18	562	8,537	8,478	8,393	59

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

Table B-2: Average weekly hours of production workers<sup>1</sup> on payrolls of selected industries

Industry	Dec. 1966	Nov. 1966	Oct. 1966	Dec. 1965	Change from		Seasonally adjusted			
					Nov. 1966	Dec. 1965	Dec. 1966	Nov. 1966	Oct. 1966	Change from Nov. 1966
<b>MINING</b> .....	42.4	42.1	43.2	42.9	0.3	-0.5	42.4	42.4	42.6	0
<b>CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION</b> .....	37.2	36.3	38.5	37.1	.9	.1	38.8	37.1	37.3	1.7
<b>MANUFACTURING</b> .....	41.4	41.3	41.4	41.7	.1	-.3	41.0	41.3	41.3	-.3
<i>Overtime hours</i> .....	3.9	3.9	4.1	4.0	0	-.1	3.7	3.7	4.0	0
<b>DURABLE GOODS</b> .....	42.3	42.0	42.2	42.6	.3	-.3	41.9	42.0	42.2	-.1
<i>Overtime hours</i> .....	4.3	4.2	4.5	4.4	.1	.7	4.0	4.0	4.3	0
Ordnance and accessories .....	43.6	42.7	42.3	43.0	.9	.6	43.0	42.7	42.2	.3
Lumber and wood products .....	40.2	40.1	40.7	41.2	.1	-1.0	40.5	40.5	40.4	0
Furniture and fixtures .....	41.6	41.4	41.9	42.7	.2	-1.1	40.6	41.1	41.2	-.5
Stone, clay, and glass products ..	41.4	41.7	42.2	42.2	-.3	-.8	42.2	41.6	41.8	.6
Primary metal industries .....	42.1	41.9	42.0	41.4	.2	.7	42.0	42.5	42.7	-.5
Fabricated metal products .....	42.8	42.4	42.7	42.6	.4	.2	42.5	42.3	42.4	.2
Machinery .....	44.0	43.7	43.7	44.2	.3	-.2	43.6	44.0	43.9	-.4
Electrical equipment .....	41.4	41.1	41.3	42.0	.3	-.6	40.8	40.9	41.1	-.1
Transportation equipment .....	42.8	42.7	43.0	44.1	.1	-1.3	41.8	41.9	42.4	-.1
Instruments and related products ..	41.9	42.0	42.1	42.0	-.1	-.1	41.7	41.7	42.0	0
Miscellaneous manufacturing .....	40.5	40.2	40.4	40.5	.3	0	40.2	40.0	40.0	.2
<b>NONDURABLE GOODS</b> .....	40.2	40.2	40.3	40.4	0	-.2	40.0	40.2	40.2	-.2
<i>Overtime hours</i> .....	3.3	3.4	3.6	3.4	-.1	-.1	3.2	3.3	3.4	-.1
Food and kindred products .....	41.5	41.3	41.3	41.4	.2	.1	41.2	41.1	41.0	.1
Tobacco manufactures .....	40.2	38.5	39.2	39.0	1.7	1.2	39.0	38.5	37.7	.5
Textile mill products .....	41.3	41.5	41.6	42.3	-.2	-1.0	41.0	41.1	41.3	-.1
Apparel and related products .....	36.3	36.3	36.6	36.1	0	.2	36.6	36.4	36.7	.2
Paper and allied products .....	43.2	43.4	43.5	43.8	-.2	-.6	42.9	43.5	43.1	-.6
Printing and publishing .....	39.2	38.9	39.1	39.2	.3	0	38.7	39.0	39.0	-.3
Chemicals and allied products .....	41.9	42.2	42.1	42.1	-.3	-.2	41.8	42.2	42.2	-.4
Petroleum and related products ..	42.3	42.2	42.4	41.7	.1	.6	42.6	42.4	42.4	.2
Rubber and plastic products .....	42.0	42.1	42.2	42.8	-.1	-.8	41.5	42.1	42.1	-.6
Leather and leather products .....	39.0	38.4	38.1	39.2	.6	-.2	38.2	38.8	38.8	-.6
<b>WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE</b> .....	37.1	36.6	36.8	37.7	.5	-.6	36.8	36.9	36.9	-.1
<b>WHOLESALE TRADE</b> .....	40.8	40.6	40.7	41.2	.2	-.4	40.5	40.6	40.7	-.1
<b>RETAIL TRADE</b> .....	35.9	35.3	35.5	36.6	.6	-.7	35.6	35.7	35.7	-.1
<b>FINANCE, INSURANCE, AND REAL ESTATE</b> .....	37.2	37.1	37.3	37.4	.1	-.2	-	-	-	-

<sup>1</sup>For 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 workers<sup>1</sup> on payrolls of selected industries

Industry	Average hourly earnings						Average weekly earnings					
	Dec. 1966	Nov. 1966	Oct. 1966	Dec. 1965	Change from		Dec. 1966	Nov. 1966	Oct. 1966	Dec. 1965	Change from	
					Nov. 1966	Dec. 1965					Nov. 1966	Dec. 1965
<b>MINING</b> .....	\$3.12	\$3.12	\$3.12	\$2.97	\$0.00	\$0.15	\$132.29	\$131.35	\$134.78	\$127.41	\$0.94	\$4.88
<b>CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION</b> .....	3.97	3.95	3.95	3.77	.02	.20	147.68	143.39	152.08	139.87	4.29	7.81
<b>MANUFACTURING</b> .....	2.77	2.76	2.75	2.66	.01	.11	114.68	113.99	113.85	110.92	.69	3.76
<b>DURABLE GOODS</b> .....	2.95	2.94	2.94	2.84	.01	.11	124.79	123.48	124.07	120.98	1.31	3.81
Ordnance and accessories .....	3.24	3.23	3.23	3.21	.03	.10	141.26	137.92	136.63	138.03	3.34	3.23
Lumber and wood products .....	2.28	2.29	2.33	2.18	-.01	.10	91.66	91.83	94.83	89.82	-.17	1.84
Furniture and fixtures .....	2.24	2.24	2.24	2.16	0	.08	93.18	92.74	93.86	92.23	.44	.95
Stone, clay, and glass products ..	2.76	2.77	2.76	2.66	-.01	.10	114.26	115.51	116.47	112.25	-1.25	2.01
Primary metal industries .....	3.30	3.31	3.31	3.20	-.01	.10	138.93	138.69	139.02	132.48	.24	6.45
Fabricated metal products .....	2.93	2.91	2.91	2.81	.02	.12	125.40	123.38	124.26	119.71	2.02	5.69
Machinery .....	3.14	3.13	3.12	3.02	.01	.12	138.16	136.78	136.34	133.48	1.38	4.68
Electrical equipment .....	2.69	2.67	2.66	2.62	.02	.07	111.37	109.74	109.86	110.04	1.63	1.33
Transportation equipment .....	3.39	3.40	3.41	3.30	-.01	.09	145.09	145.18	146.63	145.53	-.09	-.44
Instruments and related products ..	2.74	2.74	2.73	2.66	0	.08	114.81	115.08	114.93	111.72	-.27	3.09
Miscellaneous manufacturing .....	2.27	2.24	2.23	2.16	.03	.11	91.94	90.05	90.09	87.48	1.89	4.46
<b>NONDURABLE GOODS</b> .....	2.50	2.49	2.48	2.40	.01	.10	100.50	100.10	99.94	96.96	.40	3.54
Food and kindred products .....	2.57	2.54	2.52	2.47	.03	.10	106.66	104.90	104.08	102.26	1.76	4.40
Tobacco manufactures .....	2.22	2.12	2.09	2.12	.10	.10	89.24	81.62	81.93	82.68	7.62	6.56
Textile mill products .....	2.00	2.01	2.00	1.91	-.01	.09	82.60	83.42	83.20	80.79	-.82	1.81
Apparel and related products .....	1.93	1.93	1.93	1.86	0	.07	70.06	70.06	70.64	67.15	0	2.91
Paper and allied products .....	2.79	2.79	2.79	2.69	0	.10	120.53	121.09	121.37	117.82	-.56	2.71
Printing and publishing .....	3.22	3.20	3.21	3.12	.02	.10	126.22	124.48	125.51	122.30	1.74	3.92
Chemicals and allied products .....	3.03	3.03	3.03	2.93	0	.10	126.96	127.87	127.56	123.35	-.91	3.61
Petroleum and related products ..	3.46	3.45	3.43	3.30	.01	.08	146.36	145.59	145.43	140.95	.77	5.41
Rubber and plastic products .....	2.69	2.69	2.69	2.65	0	.04	112.98	113.25	113.52	113.42	-.27	-.44
Leather and leather products .....	1.99	1.98	1.96	1.91	.01	.08	77.61	76.03	74.68	74.87	1.58	2.74
<b>WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE</b> .....	2.15	2.18	2.17	2.05	-.03	.10	79.77	79.79	79.86	77.29	-.02	2.48
<b>WHOLESALE TRADE</b> .....	2.78	2.78	2.77	2.66	0	.12	113.42	112.87	112.74	109.59	.55	3.83
<b>RETAIL TRADE</b> .....	1.93	1.95	1.94	1.85	-.02	.08	69.29	68.84	68.87	67.71	.45	1.58
<b>FINANCE, INSURANCE, AND REAL ESTATE</b> .....	2.50	2.50	2.50	2.43	0	.07	93.00	92.75	93.25	90.88	.25	2.12

<sup>1</sup>For 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.