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The manpower situation in February was marked by continued high employment and low unemployment rates, but by declines in manufacturing employment and hours, 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, on a seasonally adjusted basis, rose by 125,000 to a record 65.5 million. The improvement was confined to services, government, and contract construction. Manufacturing employment (seasonally adjusted) declined by 65,000, with reductions widespread among the individual industries.
2. Construction employment showed a sizable seasonally adjusted advance (50,000), reflecting the recent improvement in residential construction.
3. Unemployment, at 3.2 million in February, showed little change from January. The Nation's unemployment rate, at 3.7 percent, was unchanged from that of a month ago. Rates for the major age-sex groups, as well as for married men, nonwhites, and blue-collar workers, were virtually unchanged.
4. The number of nonagricultural workers on part time for economic reasons (due to slack work, material shortages, etc.) increased by 100,000 to 2.0 million in February. Usually, the number declines slightly between January and February.

Industry Developments

Nonfarm payroll employment increased by 125,000 (seasonally adjusted) between January and February. The improvement was concentrated in government, miscellaneous services, and contract construction.

On a seasonally adjusted basis, contract construction employment increased by 50,000 over the month. Construction employment has undergone a resurgence in recent months after a decline during the spring and summer of 1966. Since November, employment has risen by 150,000 and in February was roughly 60,000 shy of the March 1966 peak. In the same period, the construction unemployment rate edged down to its year-earlier level.

Manufacturing employment (seasonally adjusted) fell by 65,000 in February. There were small but widespread declines in both the durable and nondurable goods industries. After adjustment for seasonal changes, the reductions in apparel (20,000), machinery (13,000), and primary metals (10,000) accounted for two-thirds of the total drop. Employment in the transportation equipment industry fell slightly, reflecting automobile production cutbacks.

The factory workweek, which had edged down from 41.3 hours in November to 41.0 hours in January, dropped to 40.3 hours (seasonally adjusted) in February. The decline reflected both inventory adjustments and bad weather in some areas.

Average hourly earnings of manufacturing production workers rose 1 cent to \$2.78 in February, but, with weekly hours dropping sharply over the month, average weekly earnings declined by \$1.54 to \$111.48.

Over the year, nonfarm payroll employment increased by 2.7 million to 64.3 million with gains in all industry groups except mining. Manufacturing employment rose by 700,000, with about three-fourths of the rise in the durable goods industries. Employment in contract construction was slightly ahead of its year-ago level. The service-producing sector, however, continued to account for the major portion of the over-the-year employment rise, advancing by nearly 2 million. Government employment rose by 800,000, while miscellaneous services accounted for one-half million of the total pickup.

Total Employment and Labor Force

The employment of persons 16 years of age and over totaled 72.5 million in February, an increase of 1.8 million since February 1966. The employment of adult men was up 600,000 over the year, with gains of 1.0 million for adult women and 250,000 for teenagers. Nonagricultural employment was up by 2.0 million, while agricultural employment continued its long-term decline, falling by nearly 200,000.

The civilian labor force, at 75.7 million in February, continued to show strong over-the-year gains, rising by 1.9 million. In the first two months of 1967, year-to-year labor force increases exceeded the anticipated long-term growth rate by 400,000.

Unemployment

Unemployment totaled 3.2 million in February, unchanged from a month earlier. Almost all of the 1.3 million adult men, nearly 75 percent of the 1.1 million adult women, and nearly half of the 750,000 unemployed teenagers were seeking full-time jobs. Unemployment rates were 2.2 percent for adult men, 4.0 percent for women, and 13.2 percent for teenagers (16 to 19 years of age). Unemployed nonwhites numbered 650,000 in February, one-fifth of the jobless total. Their unemployment rate, at 7.1 percent, remained more than twice the rate for whites.

The total rate of unemployment, at 3.7 percent in February, has fluctuated within the narrow range of 3.5 to 3.9 percent for 14 months. One effect of such stability in the unemployment rate has been the reduction in long-term unemployment (15 weeks and over). From a year ago, long-term unemployment was down by 170,000 to 500,000, while very long-term unemployment (27 weeks or longer) has been reduced by 80,000.

State insured unemployment rose slightly in mid-February by 16,000 to 1,579,000. The rise, however, was not sufficient to change the insured jobless rate which remained at 2.4 percent (seasonally adjusted) between January and February.

Table A-1: Employment status of the noninstitutional population by age and sex

(In thousands)

Employment status, age, and sex	Feb. 1967	Jan. 1967	Feb. 1966	Seasonally adjusted				
				Feb. 1967	Jan. 1967	Dec. 1966	Nov. 1966	Oct. 1966
Total								
Total labor force	79,107	78,706	76,702	80,443	80,473	80,154	79,934	79,360
Civilian labor force	75,689	75,320	73,778	77,025	77,087	76,764	76,612	76,081
Employed	72,506	72,160	70,676	74,137	74,255	73,893	73,897	73,199
Agriculture	3,281	3,335	3,478	3,890	4,015	4,011	3,892	3,779
Nonagricultural industries	69,225	68,826	67,198	70,247	70,240	69,882	70,005	69,420
On part time for economic reasons	2,001	1,908	1,599	2,077	1,907	1,797	1,491	1,557
Usually work full time	1,171	1,143	871	1,178	1,035	981	775	834
Usually work part time	830	765	728	899	872	816	716	723
Unemployed	3,183	3,160	3,102	2,888	2,832	2,871	2,715	2,882
Men, 20 years and over								
Civilian labor force	44,783	44,656	44,390	45,222	45,239	44,987	44,797	44,723
Employed	43,472	43,344	42,880	44,236	44,227	43,898	43,711	43,654
Agriculture	2,648	2,638	2,760	2,875	2,861	2,884	2,807	2,800
Nonagricultural industries	40,823	40,704	40,119	41,361	41,366	41,014	40,904	40,854
Unemployed	1,310	1,312	1,511	986	1,012	1,089	1,086	1,069
Women, 20 years and over								
Civilian labor force	25,089	24,955	23,954	25,071	25,221	25,139	25,145	24,884
Employed	23,986	23,774	22,996	24,057	24,128	24,167	24,278	23,891
Agriculture	403	443	471	636	702	729	663	593
Nonagricultural industries	23,585	23,332	22,525	23,421	23,426	23,438	23,615	23,298
Unemployed	1,103	1,180	958	1,014	1,093	972	867	993
Both sexes, 16-19 years								
Civilian labor force	5,819	5,710	5,434	6,732	6,627	6,638	6,670	6,474
Employed	5,048	5,044	4,799	5,844	5,900	5,828	5,908	5,654
Agriculture	229	254	247	379	452	398	422	386
Nonagricultural industries	4,817	4,790	4,553	5,465	5,448	5,430	5,486	5,268
Unemployed	771	667	634	888	727	810	762	820

Table A-2: Unemployed persons 16 years and over by duration of unemployment

(In thousands)

Duration of unemployment	Feb. 1967	Jan. 1967	Feb. 1966	Seasonally adjusted				
				Feb. 1967	Jan. 1967	Dec. 1966	Nov. 1966	Oct. 1966
Less than 5 weeks	1,584	1,707	1,402	1,678	1,542	1,562	1,397	1,493
5 to 14 weeks	1,094	939	1,029	771	787	760	789	900
15 weeks and over	506	515	670	439	485	496	484	517
15 to 26 weeks	305	314	389	249	282	269	287	293
27 weeks and over	200	201	281	190	203	227	197	224

Table A-3: Major unemployment indicators

(Persons 16 years and over)

Selected categories	Thousands of persons unemployed		Seasonally adjusted rates of unemployment					
	Feb. 1967	Feb. 1966	Feb. 1967	Jan. 1967	Dec. 1966	Nov. 1966	Oct. 1966	Feb. 1966
Total (all civilian workers).....	3,183	3,102	3.7	3.7	3.7	3.5	3.8	3.7
Men, 20 years and over.....	1,310	1,511	2.2	2.2	2.4	2.4	2.4	2.5
Women, 20 years and over.....	1,103	958	4.0	4.3	3.9	3.4	4.0	3.7
Both sexes, 16-19 years.....	771	634	13.2	11.0	12.2	11.4	12.7	12.1
White.....	2,522	2,488	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.1	3.4	3.3
Nonwhite.....	662	614	7.1	6.6	7.6	6.9	7.4	6.8
Married men.....	863	1,003	1.6	1.7	1.7	1.7	1.9	1.9
Full-time workers.....	2,369	2,566	3.0	3.1	3.3	3.4	3.4	3.3
Unemployed 15 weeks and over.....	506	671	.6	.6	.6	.6	.7	.8
State insured ¹	1,579	1,640	2.4	2.4	2.3	2.1	2.1	2.7
Labor force time lost ²		-	4.0	4.1	4.1	3.8	4.1	4.0
Occupation								
White-collar workers.....	740	720	2.0	2.1	1.9	1.9	2.1	2.0
Professional and managerial.....	192	199	1.1	1.1	1.0	1.0	1.3	1.1
Clerical workers.....	396	356	2.9	3.0	3.0	2.7	3.3	2.8
Sales workers.....	152	165	2.8	3.4	2.0	3.0	2.2	2.8
Blue-collar workers.....	1,495	1,491	4.1	4.2	4.3	4.3	4.1	4.1
Craftsmen and foremen.....	357	425	2.3	2.3	2.6	3.0	2.9	2.9
Operatives.....	803	696	4.7	4.7	4.5	4.0	4.1	4.1
Nonfarm laborers.....	335	370	6.5	7.3	7.8	8.5	6.9	7.1
Service workers.....	496	462	4.6	4.6	5.3	4.0	4.5	4.4
Industry								
Private wage and salary workers ³	2,470	2,402	3.7	3.8	3.7	3.6	3.8	3.7
Construction.....	419	445	7.3	7.5	8.9	9.2	8.8	7.4
Manufacturing.....	798	762	3.3	3.3	3.0	2.8	3.0	3.3
Durable goods.....	406	391	2.8	3.0	2.7	2.3	2.5	2.9
Nondurable goods.....	392	371	4.0	3.8	3.5	3.5	3.6	3.8
Transportation and public utilities.....	116	103	2.1	2.5	1.8	2.0	1.7	2.0
Wholesale and retail trade.....	579	592	4.0	4.1	4.1	4.4	4.3	4.3
Finance and service industries.....	540	465	3.6	3.9	3.8	3.3	3.7	3.2
Government wage and salary workers.....	193	132	1.6	1.6	1.9	1.7	1.9	1.2
Agricultural wage and salary workers.....	126	130	6.4	5.0	6.2	6.1	7.3	6.8

¹Insured unemployment under State programs as a percent of average covered employment.

²Man-hours lost by the unemployed and persons on part time for economic reasons as a

percent of potentially available labor force man-hours.

³Include mining, not shown separately.

Table A-4: Full-and part-time status of the civilian labor force

Full- and part-time employment status	Total	Men, 20 and over	Women, 20 and over	Both sexes, 16-19 years
Full Time				
Civilian labor force.....	65,445	42,925	19,849	2,671
Employed:				
Full-time schedules.....	60,793	40,500	18,135	2,159
Part time for economic reasons.....	2,283	1,216	889	177
Unemployed, looking for full-time work.....	2,369	1,209	825	335
Unemployment rate.....	3.6	2.8	4.2	12.5
Part Time				
Civilian labor force.....	10,246	1,858	5,240	3,148
Employed (voluntary part time).....	9,432	1,758	4,963	2,711
Unemployed, looking for part-time work.....	814	100	277	437
Unemployment rate.....	7.9	5.4	5.3	13.9

Table A-5: Employed persons by age and sex

(In thousands)

Age and sex	Feb. 1967	Jan. 1967	Feb. 1966	Seasonally adjusted				
				Feb. 1967	Jan. 1967	Dec. 1966	Nov. 1966	Oct. 1966
Total, 16 years and over	72,506	72,160	70,676	74,137	74,255	73,893	73,897	73,199
16 to 19 years	5,048	5,044	4,799	5,844	5,900	5,828	5,908	5,654
16 and 17 years	1,916	1,917	1,803	2,399	2,389	2,427	2,362	2,233
18 and 19 years	3,133	3,126	2,996	3,495	3,516	3,487	3,537	3,386
20 to 24 years	8,102	7,937	7,620	8,355	8,228	8,126	8,062	7,977
25 years and over	59,356	59,180	58,259	60,000	60,125	59,886	59,925	59,593
25 to 54 years	46,085	46,009	45,291	46,616	46,742	46,541	46,399	46,146
55 years and over	13,273	13,170	12,968	13,450	13,468	13,405	13,544	13,332
Males, 16 years and over	46,213	46,088	45,586	47,475	47,533	47,116	47,011	46,824
16 to 19 years	2,742	2,745	2,706	3,239	3,306	3,218	3,300	3,170
16 and 17 years	1,129	1,136	1,093	1,444	1,453	1,463	1,451	1,369
18 and 19 years	1,613	1,609	1,613	1,852	1,867	1,802	1,858	1,790
20 to 24 years	4,588	4,496	4,386	4,812	4,721	4,588	4,594	4,586
25 years and over	38,884	38,846	38,496	39,474	39,493	39,259	39,098	39,085
25 to 54 years	30,277	30,317	30,055	30,697	30,776	30,519	30,331	30,313
55 years and over	8,607	8,527	8,441	8,777	8,758	8,767	8,805	8,741
Females, 16 years and over	26,292	26,073	25,089	26,662	26,722	26,777	26,886	26,375
16 to 19 years	2,306	2,299	2,093	2,605	2,594	2,610	2,608	2,484
16 and 17 years	787	781	710	955	936	964	911	864
18 and 19 years	1,520	1,517	1,383	1,643	1,649	1,685	1,679	1,596
20 to 24 years	3,514	3,440	3,234	3,543	3,507	3,538	3,468	3,391
25 years and over	20,472	20,334	19,763	20,526	20,632	20,627	20,827	20,508
25 to 54 years	15,808	15,692	15,236	15,919	15,966	16,022	16,068	15,833
55 years and over	4,666	4,643	4,527	4,673	4,710	4,638	4,739	4,591

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

Table A-6: Unemployed persons by age and sex

Age and sex	Thousands		Percent looking for full-time work Feb. 1967	Seasonally adjusted unemployment rates					
	Feb. 1967	Jan. 1967		Feb. 1967	Jan. 1967	Dec. 1966	Nov. 1966	Oct. 1966	Sept. 1966
Total, 16 years and over	3,183	3,160	74.4	3.7	3.7	3.7	3.5	3.8	3.7
16 to 19 years	771	667	43.5	13.2	11.0	12.2	11.4	12.7	12.9
16 and 17 years	363	295	24.0	16.4	13.1	13.8	12.9	14.7	14.8
18 and 19 years	408	372	60.8	11.0	9.5	10.8	10.6	11.4	11.2
20 to 24 years	498	544	80.9	5.2	5.6	5.6	5.0	5.4	5.2
25 years and over	1,915	1,948	85.3	2.5	2.6	2.6	2.5	2.6	2.6
25 to 54 years	1,538	1,485	86.3	2.6	2.6	2.5	2.5	2.7	2.6
55 years and over	375	463	81.3	2.2	2.9	2.5	2.4	2.5	2.5
Males, 16 years and over	1,735	1,703	79.1	3.0	2.9	3.2	3.0	3.1	3.1
16 to 19 years	425	391	38.3	12.6	11.1	12.2	10.5	11.7	12.3
16 and 17 years	219	207	22.8	14.8	13.9	13.8	11.5	14.1	14.1
18 and 19 years	206	183	54.9	10.3	8.8	10.8	9.7	9.9	10.2
20 to 24 years	218	257	83.5	3.6	4.2	5.3	4.9	4.3	4.3
25 years and over	1,092	1,055	94.1	2.0	2.0	2.1	2.2	2.1	2.2
25 to 54 years	839	762	96.4	1.9	1.8	2.0	2.1	2.1	2.0
55 years and over	253	293	86.6	2.2	2.8	2.3	2.4	2.1	2.6
Females, 16 years and over	1,448	1,457	68.9	5.1	5.0	4.7	4.4	5.0	4.8
16 to 19 years	346	276	49.7	13.9	10.8	12.2	12.6	13.9	13.6
16 and 17 years	144	88	25.5	18.7	11.9	13.7	14.9	15.7	15.8
18 and 19 years	202	189	66.8	11.7	10.2	10.7	11.5	13.0	12.2
20 to 24 years	280	287	78.9	7.3	7.4	6.1	5.2	6.9	6.5
25 years and over	823	893	73.5	3.5	3.8	3.5	3.1	3.5	3.3
25 to 54 years	699	723	74.2	3.7	4.0	3.6	3.4	3.8	3.6
55 years and over	122	170	70.5	2.1	3.3	3.0	2.3	3.1	2.3

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

Industry	(In thousands)									
	Feb. 1967	Jan. 1967	Dec. 1966	Feb. 1966	Change from		Seasonally adjusted			
					Jan. 1967	Feb. 1966	Feb. 1967	Jan. 1967	Dec. 1966	Change from Jan. 1967
TOTAL	64,283	64,328	65,904	61,622	-45	2,661	65,495	65,372	65,076	123
MINING	608	613	625	617	-5	-9	625	627	626	-2
CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION	2,847	2,925	3,128	2,818	-78	29	3,357	3,301	3,293	56
MANUFACTURING	19,197	19,236	19,430	18,518	-39	679	19,404	19,469	19,445	-65
<i>Production workers</i>	14,197	14,245	14,440	13,775	-48	422	14,389	14,462	14,446	-73
DURABLE GOODS	11,320	11,348	11,446	10,822	-28	498	11,409	11,444	11,439	-35
<i>Production workers</i>	8,351	8,381	8,482	8,038	-30	313	8,435	8,469	8,471	-34
Ordnance and accessories	280.5	278.5	271.3	243.2	2.0	37.3	281	277	269	4
Lumber and wood products	581.7	582.8	593.2	602.9	-1.1	-21.2	611	617	605	-6
Furniture and fixtures	454.3	456.8	465.7	443.7	-2.5	10.6	459	461	465	-2
Stone, clay, and glass products ..	609.1	613.2	625.8	616.9	-4.1	-7.8	638	642	638	-4
Primary metal industries	1,326.3	1,327.3	1,326.7	1,291.4	-1.0	34.9	1,330	1,340	1,343	-10
Fabricated metal products	1,360.7	1,366.3	1,382.8	1,319.5	-5.6	41.2	1,373	1,378	1,379	-5
Machinery	1,931.4	1,935.7	1,926.9	1,813.2	-4.3	118.2	1,927	1,940	1,933	-13
Electrical equipment	1,963.6	1,968.3	1,978.9	1,800.0	-4.7	163.6	1,970	1,962	1,959	8
Transportation equipment	1,940.8	1,953.5	1,991.0	1,867.4	-12.7	73.4	1,926	1,933	1,958	-7
Instruments and related products ..	446.6	445.4	445.4	409.5	1.2	37.1	449	446	444	3
Miscellaneous manufacturing	425.1	420.4	438.7	414.7	4.7	10.4	445	448	446	-3
NONDURABLE GOODS	7,877	7,888	7,984	7,696	-11	181	7,995	8,025	8,006	-30
<i>Production workers</i>	5,846	5,864	5,958	5,737	-18	109	5,954	5,993	5,975	-39
Food and kindred products	1,691.0	1,713.0	1,760.8	1,671.8	-22.0	19.2	1,782	1,786	1,781	-4
Tobacco manufactures	81.6	88.3	92.1	82.1	-6.7	-5	85	89	86	-4
Textile mill products	933.5	938.3	948.3	936.6	-4.8	-3.1	942	950	951	-8
Apparel and related products	1,402.7	1,390.1	1,402.1	1,391.3	12.6	11.4	1,396	1,415	1,409	-19
Paper and allied products	680.0	677.8	684.2	653.3	2.2	26.7	688	683	683	5
Printing and publishing	1,056.2	1,050.3	1,054.8	1,004.3	5.9	51.9	1,059	1,055	1,049	4
Chemicals and allied products	974.4	970.1	969.1	924.3	4.3	50.1	982	980	976	2
Petroleum and related products ..	178.1	177.5	180.3	178.0	.6	.1	181	182	183	-1
Rubber and plastic products	528.4	532.3	536.6	493.9	-3.9	34.5	531	533	534	-2
Leather and leather products	350.6	350.0	355.5	360.0	.6	-9.4	349	352	354	-3
TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC UTILITIES	4,158	4,165	4,200	4,035	-7	123	4,230	4,233	4,196	-3
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE ..	13,182	13,319	14,241	12,738	-137	444	13,500	13,499	13,392	1
WHOLESALE TRADE	3,499	3,512	3,554	3,367	-13	132	3,538	3,533	3,515	5
RETAIL TRADE	9,683	9,807	10,687	9,371	-124	312	9,962	9,966	9,877	-4
FINANCE, INSURANCE, AND REAL ESTATE	3,109	3,095	3,105	3,024	14	85	3,137	3,129	3,121	8
SERVICE AND MISCELLANEOUS ..	9,745	9,673	9,733	9,250	72	495	9,914	9,870	9,821	44
GOVERNMENT	11,437	11,302	11,442	10,622	135	815	11,328	11,244	11,182	84
FEDERAL	2,665	2,643	2,769	2,431	22	234	2,686	2,662	2,629	24
STATE AND LOCAL	8,772	8,659	8,673	8,191	113	581	8,642	8,582	8,553	60

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	Feb. 1967	Jan. 1967	Dec. 1966	Feb. 1966	Change from		Seasonally adjusted			
					Jan. 1967	Feb. 1966	Feb. 1967	Jan. 1967	Dec. 1966	Change from Jan. 1967
MINING	42.9	42.4	42.5	42.1	-0.5	-0.2	42.5	42.7	42.5	-0.2
CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION	35.8	37.1	37.2	36.4	-1.3	-0.6	37.5	38.4	38.8	-0.9
MANUFACTURING	40.1	40.8	41.3	41.3	-0.7	-1.2	40.3	41.0	40.9	-0.7
Overtime hours	3.1	3.4	3.7	3.8	-0.3	-0.7	3.4	3.7	3.5	-0.3
DURABLE GOODS	40.7	41.6	42.1	42.2	-0.9	-1.5	40.9	41.9	41.7	-1.0
Overtime hours	3.3	3.7	4.1	4.2	-0.4	-0.9	3.5	3.9	3.8	-0.4
Ordnance and accessories	41.5	42.3	42.7	42.3	-0.8	-0.8	41.5	42.0	42.1	-0.5
Lumber and wood products	39.0	39.7	39.9	40.4	-0.7	-1.4	39.8	40.1	40.2	-0.3
Furniture and fixtures	39.5	40.1	41.5	41.2	-0.6	-1.7	39.9	40.8	40.5	-0.9
Stone, clay, and glass products	40.6	41.0	41.6	41.4	-0.4	-0.8	41.6	41.9	42.4	-0.3
Primary metal industries	40.8	41.6	41.6	42.0	-0.8	-1.2	40.7	41.6	41.5	-0.9
Fabricated metal products	40.9	41.8	42.5	42.2	-0.9	-1.3	41.2	42.3	42.2	-1.1
Machinery	42.9	43.6	44.0	44.0	-0.7	-1.1	42.8	43.7	43.6	-0.9
Electrical equipment	39.6	40.7	41.2	41.4	-1.1	-1.8	39.7	40.9	40.6	-1.2
Transportation equipment	40.6	41.7	42.5	42.9	-1.1	-2.3	41.0	41.8	41.5	-0.8
Instruments and related products	41.1	41.5	42.1	42.2	-0.4	-1.1	41.2	41.7	41.8	-0.5
Miscellaneous manufacturing	38.9	39.6	40.0	40.2	-0.7	-1.3	38.9	40.0	39.7	-1.1
NONDURABLE GOODS	39.2	39.7	40.1	40.2	-0.5	-1.0	39.5	40.1	39.9	-0.6
Overtime hours	2.8	3.0	3.3	3.3	-0.2	-0.5	3.0	3.3	3.2	-0.3
Food and kindred products	40.1	40.7	41.3	40.8	-0.6	-0.7	40.8	41.1	41.0	-0.3
Tobacco manufactures	35.5	37.7	40.5	39.6	-2.2	-4.1	37.0	38.5	39.2	-1.5
Textile mill products	40.1	40.6	41.1	42.3	-0.5	-2.2	40.1	41.0	40.8	-0.9
Apparel and related products	35.9	36.1	36.2	36.6	-0.2	-0.7	35.8	36.7	36.5	-0.9
Paper and allied products	42.4	42.8	43.3	43.1	-0.4	-0.7	42.8	43.2	43.0	-0.4
Printing and publishing	38.4	38.4	39.1	38.5	0	-0.1	38.6	38.8	38.6	-0.2
Chemicals and allied products	41.2	41.6	42.1	41.9	-0.4	-0.7	41.4	41.9	42.0	-0.5
Petroleum and related products	41.3	41.5	42.1	41.6	-0.2	-0.3	42.3	41.9	42.4	-0.4
Rubber and plastic products	40.8	41.4	41.9	42.1	-0.6	-1.3	41.0	41.5	41.4	-0.5
Leather and leather products	37.9	38.7	38.8	39.2	-0.8	-1.3	37.5	38.4	38.0	-0.9
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE	36.4	36.5	37.1	37.0	-0.1	-0.6	36.7	36.8	36.8	-0.1
WHOLESALE TRADE	40.3	40.5	40.9	40.7	-0.2	-0.4	40.5	40.7	40.6	-0.2
RETAIL TRADE	35.0	35.1	35.9	35.8	-0.1	-0.8	35.3	35.4	35.6	-0.1
FINANCE, INSURANCE, AND REAL ESTATE	37.1	37.1	37.3	37.3	0	-0.2	-	-	-	-

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					
	Feb. 1967	Jan. 1967	Dec. 1966	Feb. 1966	Change from		Feb. 1967	Jan. 1967	Dec. 1966	Feb. 1966	Change from	
					Jan. 1967	Feb. 1966					Jan. 1967	Feb. 1966
MINING	\$3.16	\$3.17	\$3.14	\$3.00	-\$0.01	\$0.16	\$132.40	\$134.41	\$133.45	\$126.30	-\$2.01	\$6.10
CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION	3.99	4.00	3.98	3.82	-0.01	.17	142.84	148.40	148.06	139.05	-5.56	3.79
MANUFACTURING	2.78	2.77	2.77	2.67	.01	.11	111.48	113.02	114.40	110.27	-1.54	1.21
DURABLE GOODS	2.96	2.95	2.95	2.86	.01	.10	120.47	122.72	124.20	120.69	-2.25	-0.22
Ordnance and accessories	3.23	3.25	3.25	3.17	-0.02	.06	134.05	137.48	138.78	134.09	-3.43	-0.04
Lumber and wood products	2.31	2.27	2.28	2.20	.04	.11	90.09	90.12	90.97	88.88	-0.03	1.21
Furniture and fixtures	2.26	2.25	2.26	2.15	.01	.11	89.27	90.23	93.79	88.58	-0.96	.69
Stone, clay, and glass products	2.77	2.76	2.77	2.67	.01	.10	112.46	113.16	115.23	110.54	-0.70	1.92
Primary metal industries	3.31	3.31	3.30	3.24	0	.07	135.05	137.70	137.28	136.08	-2.65	-1.03
Fabricated metal products	2.93	2.92	2.93	2.82	.01	.11	119.84	122.06	124.53	119.00	-2.22	.84
Machinery	3.16	3.16	3.15	3.04	0	.12	135.56	137.78	138.60	133.76	-2.22	1.80
Electrical equipment	2.70	2.68	2.68	2.61	.02	.09	106.92	109.08	110.42	108.05	-2.16	-1.13
Transportation equipment	3.38	3.39	3.41	3.28	-0.01	.10	137.23	141.36	144.93	140.71	-4.13	-3.48
Instruments and related products	2.76	2.76	2.75	2.67	0	.09	113.44	114.54	115.78	112.67	-1.10	.77
Miscellaneous manufacturing	2.32	2.31	2.28	2.21	.01	.11	90.25	91.48	91.20	88.84	-1.23	1.41
NONDURABLE GOODS	2.52	2.51	2.50	2.41	.01	.11	98.78	99.65	100.25	96.88	-0.87	1.90
Food and kindred products	2.61	2.59	2.57	2.49	.02	.12	104.66	105.41	106.14	101.59	-0.75	3.07
Tobacco manufactures	2.28	2.21	2.18	2.22	.07	.06	80.94	83.32	88.29	87.91	-2.38	-6.97
Textile mill products	2.01	2.01	2.00	1.92	0	.09	80.60	81.61	82.20	81.22	-1.01	-0.62
Apparel and related products	1.98	1.95	1.93	1.88	.03	.10	71.08	70.40	69.87	68.81	.68	2.27
Paper and allied products	2.80	2.80	2.79	2.70	0	.10	118.72	119.84	120.81	116.37	-1.12	2.35
Printing and publishing	3.21	3.20	3.21	3.11	.01	.10	123.26	122.88	125.51	119.74	.38	3.52
Chemicals and allied products	3.03	3.04	3.04	2.94	-0.01	.09	124.84	126.46	127.98	123.19	-1.62	1.65
Petroleum and related products	3.51	3.50	3.46	3.38	.01	.13	144.96	145.25	145.67	140.61	-0.29	4.35
Rubber and plastic products	2.69	2.70	2.69	2.64	-0.01	.05	109.75	111.78	112.71	111.14	-2.03	-1.39
Leather and leather products	2.02	2.00	1.98	1.92	.02	.10	76.56	77.40	76.82	75.26	-0.84	1.30
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE	2.21	2.20	2.16	2.10	.01	.11	80.44	80.30	80.14	77.70	.14	2.74
WHOLESALE TRADE	2.82	2.81	2.80	2.68	.01	.14	113.65	113.81	114.52	109.08	-0.16	4.57
RETAIL TRADE	1.97	1.97	1.94	1.88	0	.09	68.95	69.15	69.65	67.30	-0.20	1.65
FINANCE, INSURANCE, AND REAL ESTATE	2.54	2.54	2.51	2.47	0	.07	94.23	94.23	93.62	92.13	0	2.10

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