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Employment showed moderate gains in August for the third consecutive month, while the unemployment rate edged down to 3.8 percent, the same as a year ago, the U. S. Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics reported today.

Payroll employment rose by 300,000 (seasonally adjusted) to a new high in August. About half of the improvement, however, was attributable to the return of strikers in the rubber industry and an earlier than usual model changeover in the auto industry. Continued increases in government, services, and trade accounted for the rest of the gain. Manufacturing continued to recover its losses of early spring, although both employment and hours of work are still significantly below levels of the last quarter of 1966.

The number of unemployed persons fell seasonally between July and August to 2.9 million. Since December 1965, unemployment has fluctuated between 2.7 and 3.1 million (seasonally adjusted) and the unemployment rate between 3.5 and 4.0 percent.

Beginning with this release, the payroll employment, hours, and earnings figures have been adjusted to March 1966 benchmarks (comprehensive counts of employment). A description of the effects of the revision will appear in the September 1967 issue of Employment and Earnings and Monthly Report on the Labor Force.

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The unemployment rate for nonwhites (Negroes make up 92 percent of the total) was 6.9 percent in August. Though down from the May-June rate of 7.8 percent, the rate continues twice as high as that for whites.

Industry Employment

Over the past year, the major sources of employment strength have been government, at all levels, and the service-producing industries. In contrast, employment in the goods-producing industries is down over the year after a large increase in 1966.

	Change from	
	August 1966 to August 1967	August 1965 to August 1966
Total payroll employment	1,866	3,189
Private	1,141	2,421
Goods-producing	- 117	1,303
Service-producing	1,258	1,118
Government	725	768

In August, payroll employment rose 300,000 (seasonally adjusted) to 66,250,000. Services and government increased 60,000 and 40,000, respectively. An employment increase of 35,000 in construction was slightly below seasonal expectations for August. Although the housing industry appears to be recovering, construction employment has continued to lag behind year-earlier levels. Gains in residential construction are being partially offset by reduced activity in commercial and industrial construction.

Mainly because of early model changeovers in the auto industry and the settlement of strikes in the rubber industry, manufacturing showed a job gain of 186,000 (seasonally adjusted) between July and August. Manufacturing employment has moved up somewhat from the low May level, but was still down 200,000 from the January peak of 19.6 million.

Excessive inventories--the principal drag on production, employment, and hours in recent months--are now under better control and both sales and new orders have improved. Reflecting this, the average factory workweek edged up to 40.6 hours in August after returning in June to February's 3-year low of 40.3 hours.

Hours and Earnings

In August, the workweek for rank and file employees on private payrolls averaged 38.6 hours, down 0.5 hour from the August 1966 level. Despite the drop in hours, weekly earnings--at \$103.05--were up \$3.35 over the year. Both the weekly and hourly earnings of factory production workers were unchanged from the June levels of \$114.50 and \$2.82. Over the year, factory workers' weekly earnings were up \$2.70.

Unemployment

The number of unemployed workers totaled 2,950,000 in August, up 120,000 from August 1966. Among them were 1.0 million adult men, 1.1 million adult women, and 900,000 teenagers (16 to 19 years of age). Unemployment among nonwhites numbered 630,000 in August, one-fifth of the jobless total.

Unemployment rates for adult men were unchanged over the month at 2.4 percent. For married men, the rate was 2.0 percent. For women, the rate moved down to 3.9 percent, while the teenage rate rose to 13.7 percent.

Insured unemployment under State programs declined to 1.1 million in mid-August. The insured unemployment rate, at 2.7 percent seasonally adjusted, was down slightly over the month.

The job situation for well-trained and experienced workers remained relatively good in August. The unemployment rate was 2.2 percent for white-collar workers and 2.4 percent for skilled craftsmen. Workers with less skill and experience did not fare as well. The unemployment rate for semiskilled blue-collar workers was 4.8 percent, while unskilled workers had a rate of 7.8 percent.

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

(In thousands)

Employment status, age, and sex	Aug. 1967	July 1967	Aug. 1966	Seasonally adjusted				
				Aug. 1967	July 1967	June 1967	May 1967	Apr. 1967
Total								
Total labor force	82,571	82,920	80,665	81,160	80,954	80,681	79,645	80,189
Civilian labor force	79,112	79,471	77,487	77,701	77,505	77,237	76,189	76,740
Employed	76,170	76,221	74,666	74,718	74,489	74,147	73,289	73,910
Agriculture	4,378	4,516	4,308	3,992	3,856	3,727	3,652	3,890
Nonagricultural industries	71,792	71,705	70,359	70,726	70,633	70,420	69,637	70,020
On part time for economic reasons	2,175	2,223	1,838	1,855	2,011	1,939	1,539	2,008
Usually work full time	1,012	997	879	992	1,058	1,072	910	1,181
Usually work part time	1,163	1,226	959	863	953	867	629	827
Unemployed	2,942	3,250	2,821	2,983	3,016	3,090	2,900	2,830
Men, 20 years and over								
Civilian labor force	45,955	45,880	45,205	45,559	45,433	45,314	45,021	45,140
Employed	44,969	44,891	44,169	44,479	44,338	44,156	43,922	44,092
Agriculture	2,909	2,970	2,926	2,835	2,791	2,726	2,753	2,870
Nonagricultural industries	42,060	41,921	41,244	41,644	41,547	41,430	41,169	41,222
Unemployed	986	989	1,035	1,080	1,095	1,158	1,099	1,048
Women, 20 years and over								
Civilian labor force	24,948	24,862	23,913	25,557	25,516	25,177	24,730	25,023
Employed	23,892	23,806	22,912	24,558	24,421	24,094	23,773	24,002
Agriculture	802	817	741	705	624	581	537	625
Nonagricultural industries	23,090	22,988	22,171	23,853	23,797	23,513	23,236	23,377
Unemployed	1,055	1,056	1,001	999	1,095	1,083	957	1,021
Both sexes, 16-19 years								
Civilian labor force	8,209	8,728	8,369	6,585	6,556	6,746	6,438	6,577
Employed	7,309	7,524	7,583	5,681	5,730	5,897	5,594	5,816
Agriculture	667	729	640	452	441	420	362	395
Nonagricultural industries	6,641	6,795	6,944	5,229	5,289	5,477	5,232	5,421
Unemployed	900	1,204	784	904	826	849	844	761

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

(In thousands)

Duration of unemployment	Aug. 1967	July 1967	Aug. 1966	Seasonally adjusted				
				Aug. 1967	July 1967	June 1967	May 1967	Apr. 1967
Less than 5 weeks	1,537	1,843	1,526	1,660	1,805	1,649	1,371	1,468
5 to 14 weeks	1,037	1,043	912	946	876	919	877	900
15 weeks and over	367	364	384	441	435	444	414	431
15 to 26 weeks	166	193	186	231	265	298	271	251
27 weeks and over	201	171	198	210	170	146	143	185

Table A-3: Major unemployment indicators

(Persons 16 years and over)

Selected categories	Thousands of persons unemployed		Seasonally adjusted rates of unemployment					
	Aug. 1967	Aug. 1966	Aug. 1967	July 1967	June 1967	May 1967	Apr. 1967	Aug. 1966
Total (all civilian workers)	2,942	2,821	3.8	3.9	4.0	3.8	3.7	3.8
Men, 20 years and over.....	986	1,035	2.4	2.4	2.6	2.4	2.3	2.5
Women, 20 years and over.....	1,055	1,001	3.9	4.3	4.3	3.9	4.1	3.9
Both sexes, 16-19 years.....	900	784	13.7	12.6	12.6	13.1	11.6	12.5
White.....	2,313	2,102	3.5	3.5	3.5	3.3	3.3	3.3
Nonwhite.....	628	719	6.9	7.2	7.8	7.8	7.3	8.0
Married men.....	652	646	2.0	1.8	2.0	1.9	1.9	2.0
Full-time workers.....	2,384	2,255	3.6	3.6	3.9	3.5	3.3	3.4
Unemployed 15 weeks and over.....	367	384	.6	.6	.6	.5	.6	.6
State insured ¹	1,132	980	2.7	2.8	2.6	2.7	2.7	2.5
Labor force time lost ²	--	--	4.3	4.3	4.5	3.8	4.0	4.2
Occupation								
White-collar workers.....	823	722	2.2	2.2	2.2	1.9	1.7	2.0
Professional and managerial.....	244	259	1.1	1.2	1.2	1.3	1.1	1.2
Clerical workers.....	440	356	3.4	3.2	3.2	2.5	2.5	2.8
Sales workers.....	139	107	3.2	3.7	3.8	2.5	2.3	2.5
Blue-collar workers.....	1,130	1,127	4.4	4.7	4.7	4.6	4.6	4.4
Craftsmen and foremen.....	182	211	2.4	2.3	2.8	2.8	2.9	2.7
Operatives.....	695	660	4.8	5.4	5.1	4.9	5.1	4.7
Nonfarm laborers.....	253	256	7.8	8.0	7.8	8.3	7.5	7.8
Service workers.....	411	487	4.1	4.5	4.3	4.1	4.1	4.8
Industry								
Private wage and salary workers ³	2,077	1,986	3.9	4.1	4.0	3.9	3.7	3.9
Construction.....	161	187	7.1	7.6	8.6	7.8	8.1	8.1
Manufacturing.....	786	656	3.8	4.0	3.9	3.9	3.7	3.3
Durable goods.....	452	362	3.4	4.1	3.6	3.8	3.4	2.9
Nondurable goods.....	334	294	4.5	4.0	4.3	4.0	4.0	4.0
Transportation and public utilities.....	106	81	2.6	2.4	2.9	2.7	2.0	2.0
Wholesale and retail trade.....	497	528	4.2	4.4	4.1	3.6	3.5	4.5
Finance and service industries.....	507	524	3.5	3.5	3.3	3.5	3.2	3.6
Government wage and salary workers.....	229	290	1.5	1.7	2.1	1.7	1.8	2.1
Agricultural wage and salary workers.....	84	90	7.1	7.2	7.8	6.3	6.4	7.1

¹Inured unemployment under State programs as a percent of average covered employment. percent of potentially available labor force man-hours.
²Man-hours lost by the unemployed and persons on part time for economic reasons as a ³Include mining, not shown separately.

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

August 1967

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.....	71,134	44,368	20,468	6,298
Employed:				
Full-time schedules.....	66,264	42,504	18,783	4,976
Part time for economic reasons.....	2,486	941	832	713
Unemployed, looking for full-time work.....	2,384	923	852	609
Unemployment rate.....	3.4	2.1	4.2	9.7
Part Time				
Civilian labor force.....	7,978	1,587	4,480	1,910
Employed (voluntary part time).....	7,421	1,524	4,277	1,619
Unemployed, looking for part-time work.....	557	63	203	291
Unemployment rate.....	7.0	4.0	4.5	15.3

Table A-5: Employed persons by age and sex

(In thousands)

Age and sex	August 1967	July 1967	August 1966	Seasonally adjusted				
				August 1967	July 1967	June 1967	May 1967	April 1967
Total, 16 years and over	76,170	76,221	74,666	74,718	74,489	74,147	73,289	73,910
16 to 19 years	7,309	7,524	7,583	5,681	5,730	5,897	5,594	5,816
16 and 17 years	3,214	3,345	3,172	2,341	2,322	2,363	2,201	2,346
18 and 19 years	4,095	4,179	4,411	3,331	3,402	3,491	3,358	3,470
20 to 24 years	8,967	8,980	8,274	8,612	8,604	8,571	8,420	8,418
25 years and over	59,894	59,717	58,807	60,393	60,128	59,678	59,300	59,650
25 to 54 years	46,385	46,155	45,537	46,709	46,471	46,062	46,044	46,295
55 years and over	13,509	13,564	13,271	13,632	13,563	13,627	13,244	13,360
Males, 16 years and over	49,233	49,281	48,579	47,712	47,555	47,448	47,050	47,273
16 to 19 years	4,264	4,390	4,410	3,233	3,217	3,292	3,128	3,181
16 and 17 years	1,989	2,072	1,946	1,436	1,399	1,403	1,324	1,351
18 and 19 years	2,275	2,319	2,464	1,786	1,810	1,856	1,766	1,825
20 to 24 years	5,238	5,252	4,918	4,891	4,856	4,881	4,750	4,771
25 years and over	39,731	39,639	39,251	39,566	39,468	39,266	39,177	39,306
25 to 54 years	30,811	30,695	30,483	30,638	30,584	30,424	30,402	30,558
55 years and over	8,920	8,945	8,768	8,889	8,860	8,870	8,738	8,717
Females, 16 years and over	26,937	26,940	26,086	27,006	26,934	26,669	26,239	26,637
16 to 19 years	3,045	3,134	3,173	2,448	2,513	2,605	2,466	2,635
16 and 17 years	1,225	1,274	1,226	905	923	960	877	995
18 and 19 years	1,820	1,861	1,947	1,545	1,592	1,635	1,592	1,645
20 to 24 years	3,730	3,728	3,356	3,721	3,748	3,690	3,670	3,647
25 years and over	20,162	20,078	19,556	20,827	20,660	20,412	20,123	20,344
25 to 54 years	15,574	15,459	15,054	16,071	15,887	15,638	15,642	15,737
55 years and over	4,588	4,619	4,503	4,743	4,703	4,757	4,506	4,643

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 August 1967	Seasonally adjusted unemployment rates					
	August 1967	July 1967		August 1967	July 1967	June 1967	May 1967	April 1967	August 1966
Total, 16 years and over	2,942	3,250	81.0	3.8	3.9	4.0	3.8	3.7	3.8
16 to 19 years	900	1,204	67.7	13.7	12.6	12.6	13.1	11.6	12.5
16 and 17 years	408	624	51.0	15.3	14.4	14.0	13.7	14.8	14.2
18 and 19 years	492	580	81.3	12.7	11.4	11.3	12.8	10.9	11.3
20 to 24 years	513	569	87.7	5.5	6.2	5.8	5.2	5.1	5.4
25 years and over	1,529	1,476	86.7	2.5	2.6	2.8	2.6	2.6	2.7
25 to 54 years	1,199	1,187	87.8	2.6	2.7	2.9	2.7	2.7	2.7
55 years and over	330	291	82.7	2.5	2.3	2.3	2.7	2.5	2.6
Males, 16 years and over	1,441	1,609	85.6	3.1	3.1	3.3	3.2	3.0	3.2
16 to 19 years	455	620	68.1	12.4	11.6	12.3	12.9	11.3	10.9
16 and 17 years	243	365	53.9	15.3	14.5	14.2	14.5	16.8	12.5
18 and 19 years	212	255	84.4	10.2	9.2	10.3	11.8	10.8	9.7
20 to 24 years	244	248	93.9	5.0	5.0	5.1	4.9	4.0	4.7
25 years and over	742	741	93.5	2.0	2.1	2.2	2.1	2.1	2.3
25 to 54 years	538	554	95.9	2.0	2.0	2.1	2.0	2.0	2.2
55 years and over	204	188	87.7	2.4	2.3	2.5	2.8	2.6	2.7
Females, 16 years and over	1,501	1,641	76.7	5.1	5.3	5.2	4.8	4.9	5.0
16 to 19 years	446	584	67.0	15.4	13.8	13.0	13.4	11.3	14.6
16 and 17 years	166	259	46.4	15.4	14.3	13.8	12.4	12.0	16.8
18 and 19 years	280	325	79.3	15.4	13.8	12.4	13.8	11.0	13.0
20 to 24 years	268	321	82.5	6.1	7.6	6.8	5.5	6.6	6.4
25 years and over	787	735	80.2	3.5	3.7	3.9	3.4	3.6	3.4
25 to 54 years	662	633	81.1	3.7	4.1	4.5	4.0	3.9	3.6
55 years and over	125	102	75.2	2.7	2.2	1.7	2.6	2.4	2.4

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

Industry	(in thousands)									
	Aug. 1967	July 1967	June 1967	Aug. 1966	Change from		Seasonally adjusted			
					July 1967	Aug. 1966	Aug. 1967	July 1967	June 1967	Change from July 1967
TOTAL	66,473	66,139	66,514	64,607	334	1,866	66,250	65,947	65,903	303
MINING	619	636	633	645	-17	-26	605	623	619	-18
CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION	3,581	3,547	3,407	3,653	34	-72	3,212	3,230	3,187	-18
MANUFACTURING	19,480	19,161	19,382	19,499	319	-19	19,358	19,172	19,285	186
<i>Production workers</i>	14,288	13,996	14,249	14,490	292	-202	14,215	14,055	14,170	160
DURABLE GOODS	11,268	11,219	11,383	11,318	49	-50	11,352	11,224	11,285	128
<i>Production workers</i>	8,177	8,142	8,332	8,349	35	-172	8,283	8,170	8,240	113
Ordnance and accessories	294.8	289.8	288.7	259.5	5.0	35.3	296	291	290	5
Lumber and wood products	615.0	612.6	613.5	638.8	2.4	-23.8	588	588	590	0
Furniture and fixtures	458.4	444.4	451.6	472.4	14.0	-14.0	453	448	452	5
Stone, clay, and glass products ..	646.1	644.5	641.9	664.8	1.6	-18.7	625	626	626	-1
Primary metal industries	1,278.4	1,299.5	1,319.9	1,371.7	-21.1	-93.3	1,270	1,283	1,295	-13
Fabricated metal products	1,352.8	1,340.4	1,369.1	1,358.1	12.4	-5.3	1,353	1,349	1,357	4
Machinery, except electrical	1,972.6	1,972.8	1,988.1	1,936.4	-.2	36.2	1,979	1,969	1,972	10
Electrical equipment	1,898.8	1,872.2	1,868.1	1,941.7	26.6	-42.9	1,907	1,889	1,872	18
Transportation equipment	1,858.3	1,867.4	1,952.6	1,782.9	-9.1	75.4	2,004	1,897	1,947	107
Instruments and related products ..	459.9	454.3	456.0	440.7	5.6	19.2	458	454	454	4
Miscellaneous manufacturing	432.4	421.0	433.5	450.5	11.4	-18.1	419	430	430	-11
NONDURABLE GOODS	8,212	7,942	7,999	8,181	270	31	8,006	7,948	8,000	58
<i>Production workers</i>	6,111	5,854	5,917	6,141	257	-30	5,932	5,885	5,930	47
Food and kindred products	1,905.4	1,827.6	1,792.9	1,919.5	77.8	-14.1	1,774	1,787	1,806	-13
Tobacco manufactures	95.2	77.1	76.2	88.5	18.1	6.7	89	89	87	0
Textile mill products	956.9	934.9	957.0	977.1	22.0	-20.2	948	941	948	7
Apparel and other textile products	1,403.2	1,340.0	1,395.4	1,424.5	63.2	-21.3	1,378	1,377	1,396	1
Paper and allied products	698.7	690.0	693.6	680.4	8.7	18.3	691	690	688	1
Printing and publishing	1,070.0	1,066.4	1,067.3	1,030.7	3.6	39.3	1,069	1,066	1,066	3
Chemicals and allied products	1,004.0	998.3	993.6	980.8	5.7	23.2	992	988	990	4
Petroleum and coal products	196.1	194.5	192.3	191.7	1.6	4.4	191	191	189	0
Rubber and plastics products, n e c	525.9	470.4	478.7	516.6	55.5	9.3	525	477	479	48
Leather and leather products	356.3	342.3	351.7	371.3	14.0	-15.0	349	342	351	7
TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC UTILITIES	4,346	4,339	4,304	4,171	7	175	4,299	4,296	4,266	3
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE	13,635	13,627	13,675	13,219	8	416	13,677	13,645	13,648	32
WHOLESALE TRADE	3,597	3,583	3,562	3,498	14	99	3,558	3,551	3,555	7
RETAIL TRADE	10,038	10,044	10,113	9,721	-6	317	10,119	10,094	10,093	25
FINANCE, INSURANCE, AND REAL ESTATE	3,304	3,289	3,253	3,164	15	140	3,252	3,234	3,227	18
SERVICES	10,263	10,260	10,196	9,736	3	527	10,131	10,069	10,035	62
GOVERNMENT	11,245	11,280	11,664	10,520	-35	725	11,716	11,678	11,636	38
FEDERAL	2,804	2,798	2,766	2,631	6	173	2,765	2,759	2,747	6
STATE AND LOCAL	8,441	8,482	8,898	7,889	-41	552	8,951	8,919	8,889	32

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

**Table B-2: Average weekly hours of production or nonsupervisory workers¹
on private nonagricultural payrolls, by industry**

Industry	Aug. 1967	July 1967	June 1967	Aug. 1966	Change from		Seasonally adjusted			
					July 1967	Aug. 1966	Aug. 1967	July 1967	June 1967	Change from July 1967
TOTAL PRIVATE	38.6	38.4	38.3	39.1	0.2	-0.5	-	-	-	-
MINING	43.5	43.4	42.8	43.1	.1	.4	43.1	43.3	42.2	-.2
CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION	38.8	38.7	38.2	38.5	.1	.3	37.5	37.5	37.4	0
MANUFACTURING	40.6	40.4	40.6	41.4	.2	-.8	40.6	40.5	40.3	.1
<i>Overtime hours</i>	3.3	3.3	3.3	4.0	0	-.7	3.2	3.4	3.2	-.2
DURABLE GOODS	41.1	40.8	41.2	42.0	.3	-.9	41.3	41.0	40.9	.3
<i>Overtime hours</i>	3.5	3.4	3.4	4.3	.1	-.8	3.5	3.6	3.3	-.1
Ordnance and accessories	42.0	41.7	41.2	41.9	.3	.1	42.2	42.0	41.2	.2
Lumber and wood products	40.5	40.2	40.7	41.0	.3	-.5	40.0	40.0	40.1	0
Furniture and fixtures	40.9	40.0	40.3	42.2	.9	-1.3	40.3	40.2	40.3	.1
Stone, clay, and glass products ..	42.0	41.7	41.8	42.3	.3	-.3	41.5	41.3	41.3	.2
Primary metal industries	40.9	40.9	41.0	42.1	0	-1.2	41.1	41.0	40.6	.1
Fabricated metal products	41.7	41.2	41.5	42.5	.5	-.8	41.6	41.4	41.2	.2
Machinery, except electrical	42.1	41.8	42.3	43.5	.3	-1.4	42.4	42.0	42.0	.4
Electrical equipment	40.0	40.0	40.1	41.0	0	-1.0	40.2	40.4	40.0	-.2
Transportation equipment	40.7	40.8	41.4	42.1	-.1	-1.4	41.6	41.3	41.2	.3
Instruments and related products .	41.4	40.7	41.2	41.8	.7	-.4	41.5	40.9	41.0	.6
Miscellaneous manufacturing	39.3	38.7	39.4	40.1	.6	-.8	39.2	39.1	39.4	.1
NONDURABLE GOODS	40.0	39.7	39.7	40.5	.3	-.5	39.7	39.6	39.5	.1
<i>Overtime hours</i>	3.1	3.1	3.1	3.5	0	-.4	3.0	3.0	3.0	0
Food and kindred products	41.3	41.3	41.1	41.5	0	-.2	40.9	40.6	41.0	.3
Tobacco manufactures	38.8	38.0	39.5	38.1	.8	.7	38.7	38.3	39.0	.4
Textile mill products	41.0	40.3	40.8	42.1	.7	-1.1	40.9	40.6	40.4	.3
Apparel and other textile products	36.2	35.8	35.9	37.0	.4	-.8	35.7	35.8	35.7	-.1
Paper and allied products	43.1	42.8	42.8	43.6	.3	-.5	42.8	42.7	42.6	.1
Printing and publishing	38.5	38.3	38.3	39.0	.2	-.5	38.3	38.4	38.3	-.1
Chemicals and allied products ..	41.4	41.5	41.5	41.9	-.1	-.5	41.5	41.5	41.3	0
Petroleum and coal products	42.5	43.4	42.9	42.1	-.9	.4	42.4	42.8	42.6	-.4
Rubber and plastics products, n e c	41.3	40.1	41.3	42.0	1.2	-.7	41.1	40.5	41.2	.6
Leather and leather products	39.0	39.0	38.3	39.1	0	-.1	38.6	38.5	37.9	.1
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE	37.5	37.4	36.8	37.9	.1	-.4	36.8	36.7	36.7	.1
WHOLESALE TRADE	40.5	40.6	40.5	40.8	-.1	-.3	40.5	40.4	40.5	.1
RETAIL TRADE	36.5	36.4	35.6	36.9	.1	-.4	35.7	35.5	35.4	.2
FINANCE, INSURANCE, AND REAL ESTATE	37.2	37.1	37.0	37.3	.1	-.1	-	-	-	-

¹Data relate to production workers in mining and manufacturing; to construction workers in contract construction; and to nonsupervisory workers in wholesale and retail trade, finance, insurance, and real estate; transportation and public utilities; and services. These groups account for approximately four-fifths of the total employment on private nonagricultural payrolls. Transportation and public utilities, and services are included in Total Private but are not shown separately in this table.

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

**Table B-3: Average hourly and weekly earnings of production or nonsupervisory workers¹
on private nonagricultural payrolls, by industry**

Industry	Average hourly earnings						Average weekly earnings					
	Aug. 1967	July 1967	June 1967	Aug. 1966	Change from		Aug. 1967	July 1967	June 1967	Aug. 1966	Change from	
					July 1967	Aug. 1966					July 1967	Aug. 1966
TOTAL PRIVATE	\$2.67	\$2.67	\$2.66	\$2.55	\$0.00	\$0.12	\$103.06	\$102.53	\$101.88	\$99.71	\$0.53	\$3.35
MINING	3.23	3.23	3.19	3.07	0	.16	140.51	140.18	136.53	132.32	.33	8.19
CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION	4.09	4.07	4.02	3.89	.02	.20	158.69	157.51	153.56	149.77	1.18	8.92
MANUFACTURING	2.82	2.82	2.82	2.70	0	.12	114.49	113.93	114.49	111.78	.56	2.71
DURABLE GOODS	3.00	3.00	2.99	2.88	0	.12	123.30	122.40	123.19	120.96	.90	2.34
Ordnance and accessories	3.24	3.24	3.21	3.20	0	.04	136.08	135.11	132.25	134.08	.97	2.00
Lumber and wood products	2.41	2.41	2.39	2.29	0	.12	97.61	96.88	97.27	93.89	.73	3.72
Furniture and fixtures	2.32	2.31	2.31	2.22	.01	.10	94.89	92.40	93.09	93.68	2.49	1.21
Stone, clay, and glass products ..	2.85	2.83	2.81	2.73	.02	.12	119.70	118.01	117.46	115.48	1.69	4.22
Primary metal industries	3.35	3.34	3.32	3.28	.01	.07	137.02	136.61	136.12	138.09	.41	-1.07
Fabricated metal products	2.97	2.97	2.96	2.87	0	.10	123.85	122.36	122.84	121.98	1.49	1.87
Machinery, except electrical	3.18	3.17	3.17	3.07	.01	.11	133.88	132.51	134.09	133.55	1.37	.33
Electrical equipment	2.79	2.79	2.79	2.63	0	.16	111.60	111.60	111.88	107.83	0	3.77
Transportation equipment	3.43	3.43	3.41	3.31	0	.12	139.60	139.94	141.17	139.35	-.34	.25
Instruments and related products .	2.88	2.85	2.84	2.72	.03	.16	119.23	116.00	117.01	113.70	3.23	5.53
Miscellaneous manufacturing	2.35	2.34	2.34	2.20	.01	.15	92.36	90.56	92.20	88.22	1.80	4.14
NONDURABLE GOODS	2.57	2.57	2.56	2.45	0	.12	102.80	102.03	101.63	99.23	.77	3.57
Food and kindred products	2.60	2.63	2.64	2.49	-.03	.11	107.38	108.62	108.50	103.34	-1.24	4.04
Tobacco manufactures	2.22	2.39	2.39	2.17	-.17	.05	86.14	90.82	94.41	82.68	-4.68	3.46
Textile mill products	2.04	2.02	2.03	1.98	.02	.06	83.64	81.41	82.82	83.36	2.23	.28
Apparel and other textile products	2.03	2.02	2.02	1.90	.01	.13	73.49	72.32	72.52	70.30	1.17	3.19
Paper and allied products	2.89	2.89	2.86	2.77	0	.12	124.56	123.69	122.41	120.77	.87	3.79
Printing and publishing	3.27	3.27	3.26	3.16	0	.11	125.90	125.24	124.86	123.24	.66	2.66
Chemicals and allied products	3.13	3.13	3.10	3.00	0	.13	129.58	129.90	128.65	125.70	-.32	3.88
Petroleum and coal products	3.56	3.60	3.56	3.39	-.04	.17	151.30	156.24	152.72	142.72	-4.94	8.58
Rubber and plastics products, n e c	2.74	2.62	2.64	2.66	.12	.08	113.16	105.06	109.03	111.72	8.10	1.44
Leather and leather products	2.08	2.05	2.07	1.94	.03	.14	81.12	79.95	79.28	75.85	1.17	5.27
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE	2.24	2.25	2.25	2.13	-.01	.11	84.00	84.15	82.80	80.73	-.15	3.27
WHOLESALE TRADE	2.88	2.89	2.88	2.73	-.01	.15	116.64	117.33	116.64	111.38	-.69	5.26
RETAIL TRADE	2.00	2.01	2.01	1.90	-.01	.10	73.00	73.16	71.56	70.11	-.16	2.89
FINANCE, INSURANCE, AND REAL ESTATE	2.61	2.62	2.60	2.47	-.01	.14	97.09	97.20	96.20	92.13	-.11	4.96

¹See footnote 1, table B-2.

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