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Employment remained strong in September, the U. S. Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics reported today. However, an unusually large increase in adult women in the labor force raised the total unemployment rate to 4.1 percent, up from 3.8 percent in August.^{1/} The jobless rates for adult men and teenagers were unchanged over the month.

Nonfarm payroll employment increased by 275,000 between August and September, even though there was a substantial rise in the number of persons off payrolls because of strikes. About 235,000 more persons were on strike in September than in August, mainly because of the Ford strike and disputes between teachers and school boards in several cities. Although strikers are considered to be employed in the household survey, they are not on active payrolls and are therefore not counted in the payroll employment statistics. For this reason, seasonally adjusted payroll employment declined by about 100,000; it would have risen more than 100,000 except for the increase in strike activity.

^{1/} A January 1967 change in the unemployment definition may have affected the seasonal pattern of adult female unemployment between August and September--a time when many women enter the labor force to look for work as their children enter school; The new definitions include persons seeking work in the previous 4 weeks; under the old definitions, only those looking for jobs in the week before the survey were counted.

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The number of adult women in the labor force rose by nearly 1.0 million between August and September--500,000 more than the usual increase. The employment of women also moved up strongly, but not enough to equal the substantial labor force jump. As a result, the number of unemployed women increased by about 250,000 and their jobless rate rose from 3.9 to 4.9 percent.

In contrast, the September unemployment rates for all adult men and married men, 2.3 and 1.8 percent respectively, remained near their record lows. The teenage rate (13.8 percent) was virtually unchanged from the August level. The unemployment rate for nonwhite men moved down to 3.5 percent, the lowest rate since the series began in 1954 and below the rate for all workers for the first time.

Total Employment

Over the month, total employment declined by about 100,000 (seasonally adjusted) because of a sharp drop (300,000) in agricultural employment. Cool and wet weather over much of the country this summer delayed fall harvesting and seeding activity.

Employment in nonagricultural industries showed a seasonally adjusted increase of about 200,000 in September. (In this series, persons on strike are counted as employed.) A substantial increase in nonfarm employment among adult women more than offset a decline for teenagers.

At 74.6 million in September, total employment was up 1.4 million from a year earlier. Agricultural employment continued its long-term downtrend--falling by 250,000 over the year. Employment in the nonagricultural sector rose by 1,650,000 from the September 1966 level.

Industry Employment

Seasonally adjusted, nonfarm payroll employment was 66.1 million in September, down 100,000 from August. The largest declines occurred in manufacturing, transportation and public utilities, and State and local government, all of which were affected by strikes. The number of secondary layoffs was relatively small (less than 10,000), since the survey week was the first full week of the Ford strike. Most of the layoffs were in "feeder" plants which supply metal parts to the automobile industry.

After seasonal adjustment, manufacturing employment was down by 180,000 over the month, with 160,000 of the decline occurring in the durable goods industries. Nearly all of this decline is attributable to the automobile strike, not only in the automobile industry itself but also in struck plants in the primary metals, fabricated metals, and electrical equipment industries.

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Insured unemployment under State programs declined to 890,000 in mid-September. The insured rate was 2.4 percent (seasonally adjusted), compared with 2.7 percent in August and 2.2 percent in September 1966. Secondary layoffs from the Ford strikes were low in mid-September and have remained moderate thus far. The return to work of persons laid off during the automobile model change-over more than made up for any secondary layoffs because of the strike.

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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.

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Most of the service-producing industries continued to show larger-than-seasonal employment pickups. Trade employment rose by 30,000 over the month, and miscellaneous services had an increase of 45,000. State and local government (the most rapidly growing sector for many years) declined in September because of several labor disputes involving public school systems.

Hours and Earnings

In September, the average hourly earnings of rank and file employees on private nonfarm payrolls were \$2.70--up 10 cents, or 3.8 percent, from September 1966. The workweek averaged 38.3 hours, down 0.5 hour from the September 1966 level.

The average weekly hours of manufacturing production workers were unchanged from August at 40.7 hours (seasonally adjusted). Over the year, the factory workweek was down 0.7 hour; declines occurred in 17 of the 21 manufacturing industries.

Unemployment

Unemployment, at 2.9 million, did not show the usual August-to-September drop this year because of the large increase (250,000) in the number of unemployed adult women. After seasonal adjustment, unemployment was up 200,000 from the previous month. The total unemployment rate, at 4.1 percent, was up from 3.8 percent in August and was at its highest point since November 1965.

The over-the-month increase in the unemployment of adult women was widespread among the various occupations and industries. All of the increase occurred in the short-term jobless group (less than 5 weeks). Unemployment rates moved up for persons whose last jobs had been in the clerical, sales, service, and operative occupations--where female employment is substantial. Similarly, the unemployment rates in trade and in finance and services increased over the month. The unemployment rate in agriculture rose sharply in September, while farm employment declined.

The nonwhite unemployment rate, which had dropped to about 7.0 percent in July and August, moved back up to 7.9 percent in September. The increase was primarily attributable to a substantial rise in the rate for nonwhite women.

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

(In thousands)

Employment status, age, and sex	Sept. 1967	Aug. 1967	Sept. 1966	Seasonally adjusted				
				Sept. 1967	Aug. 1967	July 1967	June 1967	May 1967
Total								
Total labor force	80,982	82,571	78,982	81,259	81,160	80,954	80,681	79,645
Civilian labor force	77,526	79,112	75,753	77,803	77,701	77,505	77,237	76,189
Employed	74,631	76,170	73,248	74,625	74,718	74,489	74,147	73,289
Agriculture	3,931	4,378	4,186	3,676	3,992	3,856	3,727	3,652
Nonagricultural industries	70,700	71,792	69,063	70,949	70,726	70,633	70,420	69,637
On part time for economic reasons	1,883	2,175	1,564	1,977	1,855	2,011	1,939	1,539
Usually work full time	1,073	1,012	841	1,081	992	1,058	1,072	910
Usually work part time	810	1,163	723	896	863	953	867	629
Unemployed	2,895	2,942	2,505	3,178	2,983	3,016	3,090	2,900
Men, 20 years and over								
Civilian labor force	45,600	45,955	44,851	45,476	45,559	45,433	45,314	45,021
Employed	44,761	44,969	43,980	44,435	44,479	44,338	44,156	43,922
Agriculture	2,924	2,909	2,996	2,806	2,835	2,791	2,726	2,753
Nonagricultural industries	41,837	42,060	40,984	41,629	41,644	41,547	41,430	41,169
Unemployed	839	986	871	1,041	1,080	1,095	1,158	1,099
Women, 20 years and over								
Civilian labor force	25,903	24,948	24,829	26,051	25,557	25,516	25,177	24,730
Employed	24,615	23,892	23,873	24,781	24,558	24,421	24,094	23,773
Agriculture	638	802	803	512	705	624	581	537
Nonagricultural industries	23,978	23,090	23,069	24,269	23,853	23,797	23,513	23,236
Unemployed	1,287	1,055	956	1,270	999	1,095	1,083	957
Both sexes, 16-19 years								
Civilian labor force	6,024	8,209	6,072	6,276	6,585	6,556	6,746	6,438
Employed	5,254	7,309	5,396	5,409	5,681	5,730	5,897	5,594
Agriculture	369	667	386	358	452	441	420	362
Nonagricultural industries	4,886	6,641	5,009	5,051	5,229	5,289	5,477	5,232
Unemployed	769	900	676	867	904	826	849	844

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

(In thousands)

Duration of unemployment	Sept. 1967	Aug. 1967	Sept. 1966	Seasonally adjusted				
				Sept. 1967	Aug. 1967	July 1967	June 1967	May 1967
Less than 5 weeks	1,810	1,537	1,487	1,889	1,660	1,805	1,649	1,371
5 to 14 weeks	715	1,037	613	945	946	876	919	877
15 weeks and over	370	367	405	437	441	435	444	414
15 to 26 weeks	226	166	226	278	231	265	298	271
27 weeks and over	144	201	179	159	210	170	146	143

Table A-3: Major unemployment indicators

(Persons 16 years and over)

Selected categories	Thousands of persons unemployed		Seasonally adjusted rates of unemployment					
	Sept. 1967	Sept. 1966	Sept. 1967	Aug. 1967	July 1967	June 1967	May 1967	Sept. 1966
Total (all civilian workers).....	2,895	2,505	4.1	3.8	3.9	4.0	3.8	3.7
Men, 20 years and over.....	839	871	2.3	2.4	2.4	2.6	2.4	2.4
Women, 20 years and over.....	1,287	956	4.9	3.9	4.3	4.3	3.9	3.8
Both sexes, 16-19 years.....	769	676	13.8	13.7	12.6	12.6	13.1	12.9
White.....	2,269	1,954	3.6	3.5	3.5	3.5	3.3	3.2
Nonwhite.....	626	550	7.9	6.9	7.2	7.8	7.8	7.2
Married men.....	526	542	1.8	2.0	1.8	2.0	1.9	1.9
Full-time workers.....	2,086	1,908	3.8	3.6	3.6	3.9	3.5	3.4
Unemployed 15 weeks and over.....	370	405	.6	.6	.6	.6	.5	.6
State insured ¹	891	756	2.4	2.7	2.8	2.6	2.7	2.2
Labor force time lost ²	--	--	4.6	4.3	4.3	4.5	3.8	4.2
Occupation								
White-collar workers.....	920	795	2.5	2.2	2.2	2.2	1.9	2.3
Professional and managerial.....	239	256	1.3	1.1	1.2	1.2	1.3	1.4
Clerical workers.....	495	407	3.7	3.4	3.2	3.2	2.5	3.2
Sales workers.....	186	132	4.1	3.2	3.7	3.8	2.5	3.0
Blue-collar workers.....	1,067	918	4.6	4.4	4.7	4.7	4.6	4.1
Craftsmen and foremen.....	157	179	2.2	2.4	2.3	2.8	2.8	2.5
Operatives.....	673	513	5.4	4.8	5.4	5.1	4.9	4.2
Nonfarm laborers.....	237	226	8.1	7.8	8.0	7.8	8.3	7.7
Service workers.....	373	387	5.1	4.1	4.5	4.3	4.1	4.4
Industry								
Private wage and salary workers ³	2,208	1,795	4.2	3.9	4.1	4.0	3.9	3.8
Construction.....	122	190	5.4	7.1	7.6	8.6	7.8	8.5
Manufacturing.....	739	576	4.1	3.8	4.0	3.9	3.9	3.2
Durable goods.....	389	290	3.7	3.4	4.1	3.6	3.8	2.9
Nondurable goods.....	350	285	4.5	4.5	4.0	4.3	4.0	3.7
Transportation and public utilities.....	93	74	2.4	2.6	2.4	2.9	2.7	2.0
Wholesale and retail trade.....	559	467	5.1	4.2	4.4	4.1	3.6	4.5
Finance and service industries.....	583	469	4.0	3.5	3.5	3.3	3.5	3.4
Government wage and salary workers.....	249	247	2.1	1.5	1.7	2.1	1.7	2.3
Agricultural wage and salary workers.....	98	58	11.1	7.1	7.2	7.8	6.3	6.2

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

Table A-4: Full- and part-time status of the civilian labor force
September 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.....	67,950	43,845	20,799	3,306
Employed:				
Full-time schedules.....	63,747	42,154	18,939	2,653
Part time for economic reasons.....	2,117	932	913	272
Unemployed, looking for full-time work.....	2,086	759	947	381
Unemployment rate.....	3.1	1.7	4.6	11.5
Part Time				
Civilian labor force.....	9,576	1,755	5,103	2,718
Employed (voluntary part time).....	8,767	1,675	4,763	2,330
Unemployed, looking for part-time work.....	809	80	341	388
Unemployment rate.....	8.4	4.6	6.7	14.3

Table A-5: Employed persons by age and sex

(In thousands)

Age and sex	Seasonally adjusted							
	Sept. 1967	Aug. 1967	Sept. 1966	Sept. 1967	Aug. 1967	July 1967	June 1967	May 1967
	Total, 16 years and over	74,631	76,170	73,248	74,625	74,718	74,489	74,147
16 to 19 years	5,254	7,309	5,396	5,409	5,681	5,730	5,897	5,594
16 and 17 years	2,113	3,214	2,100	2,246	2,341	2,322	2,363	2,201
18 and 19 years	3,141	4,095	3,296	3,148	3,331	3,402	3,491	3,358
20 to 24 years	8,491	8,967	7,899	8,522	8,612	8,604	8,571	8,420
25 years and over	60,885	59,894	59,954	60,724	60,393	60,128	59,678	59,300
25 to 54 years	47,090	46,385	46,439	46,768	46,709	46,471	46,062	46,044
55 years and over	13,795	13,509	13,514	13,698	13,632	13,563	13,627	13,244
Males, 16 years and over	47,705	49,233	46,991	47,479	47,712	47,555	47,448	47,050
16 to 19 years	2,944	4,264	3,012	3,044	3,233	3,217	3,292	3,128
16 and 17 years	1,291	1,989	1,234	1,409	1,436	1,399	1,403	1,324
18 and 19 years	1,653	2,275	1,778	1,653	1,786	1,810	1,856	1,766
20 to 24 years	4,861	5,238	4,580	4,849	4,891	4,856	4,881	4,750
25 years and over	39,900	39,731	39,400	39,589	39,566	39,468	39,266	39,177
25 to 54 years	30,905	30,811	30,554	30,648	30,638	30,584	30,424	30,402
55 years and over	8,996	8,920	8,845	8,898	8,889	8,860	8,870	8,738
Females, 16 years and over	26,925	26,937	26,256	27,146	27,006	26,934	26,669	26,239
16 to 19 years	2,310	3,045	2,384	2,365	2,448	2,513	2,605	2,466
16 and 17 years	822	1,225	866	837	905	923	960	877
18 and 19 years	1,488	1,820	1,518	1,495	1,545	1,592	1,635	1,592
20 to 24 years	3,630	3,730	3,319	3,673	3,721	3,748	3,690	3,670
25 years and over	20,985	20,162	20,554	21,135	20,827	20,660	20,412	20,123
25 to 54 years	16,186	15,574	15,885	16,120	16,071	15,887	15,638	15,642
55 years and over	4,800	4,588	4,669	4,800	4,743	4,703	4,757	4,506

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 Sept. 1967	Seasonally adjusted unemployment rates					
	Sept. 1967	Aug. 1967		Sept. 1967	Aug. 1967	July 1967	June 1967	May 1967	Sept. 1966
	Total, 16 years and over	2,895		2,942	72.1	4.1	3.8	3.9	4.0
16 to 19 years	769	900	49.5	13.8	13.7	12.6	12.6	13.1	12.9
16 and 17 years	345	408	24.3	15.6	15.3	14.4	14.0	13.7	14.8
18 and 19 years	424	492	70.0	12.6	12.7	11.4	11.3	12.8	11.2
20 to 24 years	569	513	79.4	6.6	5.5	6.2	5.8	5.2	5.2
25 years and over	1,557	1,529	80.5	2.7	2.5	2.6	2.8	2.6	2.6
25 to 54 years	1,267	1,199	81.5	2.8	2.6	2.7	2.9	2.7	2.6
55 years and over	290	330	76.2	2.3	2.5	2.3	2.3	2.7	2.5
Males, 16 years and over	1,214	1,441	76.8	3.0	3.1	3.1	3.3	3.2	3.1
16 to 19 years	375	455	46.4	12.4	12.4	11.6	12.3	12.9	12.3
16 and 17 years	188	243	27.7	13.2	15.3	14.5	14.2	14.5	14.1
18 and 19 years	187	212	65.2	11.4	10.2	9.2	10.3	11.8	10.2
20 to 24 years	206	244	78.6	4.9	5.0	5.0	5.1	4.9	4.3
25 years and over	633	742	94.3	1.9	2.0	2.1	2.2	2.1	2.2
25 to 54 years	481	538	96.5	1.9	2.0	2.0	2.1	2.0	2.0
55 years and over	152	204	86.8	2.0	2.4	2.3	2.5	2.8	2.6
Females, 16 years and over	1,681	1,501	68.6	5.9	5.1	5.3	5.2	4.8	4.8
16 to 19 years	394	446	52.5	15.6	15.4	13.8	13.0	13.4	13.6
16 and 17 years	157	166	20.4	19.3	15.4	14.3	13.8	12.4	15.8
18 and 19 years	237	280	73.8	13.8	15.4	13.8	12.4	13.8	12.2
20 to 24 years	363	268	79.9	8.8	6.1	7.6	6.8	5.5	6.5
25 years and over	924	787	71.1	4.1	3.5	3.7	3.9	3.4	3.3
25 to 54 years	787	662	72.2	4.5	3.7	4.1	4.5	4.0	3.5
55 years and over	137	125	65.7	2.9	2.7	2.2	1.7	2.6	2.4

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

Industry	(In thousands)									
	Sept. 1967	Aug. 1967	July 1967	Sept. 1966	Change from		Seasonally adjusted			
					Aug. 1967	Sept. 1966	Sept. 1967	Aug. 1967	July 1967	Change from Aug. 1967
TOTAL	66,714	66,438	66,129	65,017	276	1,697	66,100	66,216	65,939	-116
MINING	606	619	636	634	-13	-28	598	605	623	-7
CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION	3,502	3,594	3,548	3,540	-92	-38	3,228	3,223	3,231	5
MANUFACTURING	19,472	19,476	19,156	19,638	-4	-166	19,174	19,355	19,169	-181
<i>Production workers</i>	14,318	14,298	13,996	14,657	20	-339	14,034	14,225	14,056	-191
DURABLE GOODS	11,303	11,280	11,213	11,502	23	-199	11,205	11,362	11,218	-157
<i>Production workers</i>	8,240	8,205	8,141	8,545	35	-305	8,148	8,308	8,170	-160
Ordnance and accessories	296.5	296.0	291.0	263.6	.5	32.9	297	297	292	0
Lumber and wood products	600.5	610.1	610.1	619.8	-9.6	-19.3	583	583	585	0
Furniture and fixtures	457.3	454.8	442.5	471.2	2.5	-13.9	451	450	447	1
Stone, clay, and glass products ..	638.5	646.6	643.9	657.1	-8.1	-18.6	621	626	625	-5
Primary metal industries	1,291.3	1,299.2	1,297.0	1,365.1	-7.9	-73.8	1,287	1,291	1,280	-4
Fabricated metal products	1,349.4	1,356.3	1,340.9	1,370.1	-6.9	-20.7	1,337	1,356	1,350	-19
Machinery, except electrical	1,972.6	1,970.9	1,973.4	1,941.0	1.7	31.6	1,979	1,977	1,969	2
Electrical equipment	1,906.7	1,917.0	1,871.5	1,957.4	-10.3	-50.7	1,892	1,925	1,889	-33
Transportation equipment	1,891.4	1,831.9	1,866.4	1,958.5	59.5	-67.1	1,882	1,976	1,896	-94
Instruments and related products ..	456.5	457.9	454.8	441.2	-1.4	15.3	454	456	455	-2
Miscellaneous manufacturing	442.7	439.4	421.3	456.8	3.3	-14.1	422	425	430	-3
NONDURABLE GOODS	8,169	8,196	7,943	8,136	-27	33	7,969	7,993	7,951	-24
<i>Production workers</i>	6,078	6,093	5,855	6,112	-15	-34	5,886	5,917	5,886	-31
Food and kindred products	1,905.4	1,902.5	1,830.8	1,902.2	2.9	3.2	1,766	1,772	1,790	-6
Tobacco manufactures	93.2	90.3	77.3	95.3	2.9	-2.1	78	84	89	-6
Textile mill products	953.5	953.7	933.5	970.7	-2	-17.2	947	945	940	2
Apparel and other textile products	1,397.4	1,408.5	1,338.9	1,417.2	-11.1	-19.8	1,376	1,384	1,376	-8
Paper and allied products	695.6	696.8	689.4	673.5	-1.2	22.1	699	699	689	0
Printing and publishing	1,064.9	1,068.7	1,066.0	1,033.7	-3.8	31.2	1,063	1,068	1,066	-5
Chemicals and allied products	994.2	1,002.7	999.0	971.5	-8.5	22.7	991	991	989	0
Petroleum and coal products	194.3	195.5	194.5	189.1	-1.2	5.2	191	191	191	0
Rubber and plastics products, n e c	520.8	522.1	471.7	519.1	-1.3	1.7	519	521	479	-2
Leather and leather products	349.9	354.9	342.3	363.3	-5.0	-13.4	349	348	342	1
TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC UTILITIES	4,327	4,332	4,335	4,238	-5	89	4,271	4,285	4,292	-14
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE	13,656	13,614	13,629	13,251	42	405	13,686	13,656	13,647	30
WHOLESALE TRADE	3,577	3,601	3,587	3,476	-24	101	3,556	3,562	3,555	-6
RETAIL TRADE	10,079	10,013	10,042	9,775	66	304	10,130	10,094	10,092	36
FINANCE, INSURANCE, AND REAL ESTATE	3,275	3,308	3,289	3,127	-33	148	3,265	3,256	3,234	9
SERVICES	10,227	10,262	10,265	9,667	-35	560	10,176	10,130	10,074	46
Hotels and other lodging places ..	723.3	817.0	817.3	709.2	-93.7	14.1	699	692	692	7
Personal services	1,025.4	1,025.2	1,030.5	1,017.3	.2	8.1	1,026	1,028	1,024	-2
Medical and other health services ..	2,484.4	2,483.9	2,476.4	2,241.3	.5	243.1	2,484	2,469	2,451	15
Educational services	1,033.0	914.7	928.6	936.0	118.3	97.0	1,059	1,057	1,053	2
GOVERNMENT	11,649	11,233	11,271	10,922	416	727	11,702	11,706	11,669	-4
FEDERAL	2,754	2,784	2,798	2,589	-30	165	2,762	2,746	2,759	16
STATE AND LOCAL	8,895	8,449	8,473	8,333	446	562	8,940	8,960	8,910	-20

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	Sept. 1967	Aug. 1967	July 1967	Sept. 1966	Change from		Seasonally adjusted			Change from Aug. 1967
					Aug. 1967	Sept. 1966	Sept. 1967	Aug. 1967	July 1967	
TOTAL PRIVATE	38.3	38.6	38.5	38.8	-0.3	-0.5	-	-	-	-
MINING	42.9	43.1	43.3	43.0	-.2	-.1	42.7	42.7	43.2	0
CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION	38.9	38.8	38.7	38.3	.1	.6	38.3	37.5	37.5	0.8
MANUFACTURING	40.8	40.7	40.3	41.5	.1	-.7	40.7	40.7	40.4	0
<i>Overtime hours</i>	3.6	3.4	3.2	4.2	.2	-.6	3.4	3.3	3.3	.1
DURABLE GOODS	41.4	41.2	40.8	42.3	.2	-.9	41.4	41.4	41.0	0
<i>Overtime hours</i>	3.7	3.5	3.3	4.6	.2	-.9	3.5	3.5	3.5	0
Ordnance and accessories	43.0	42.2	41.5	42.3	.8	.7	43.0	42.4	41.8	.6
Lumber and wood products	40.4	40.5	40.1	40.7	-.1	-.3	40.2	40.0	39.9	.2
Furniture and fixtures	40.8	40.9	40.0	41.8	-.1	-1.0	40.4	40.3	40.2	.1
Stone, clay, and glass products	42.1	42.0	41.7	42.2	.1	-.1	41.9	41.5	41.3	.4
Primary metal industries	40.9	40.9	40.8	42.5	0	-1.6	40.9	41.1	40.9	-.2
Fabricated metal products	41.9	41.5	41.1	42.9	.4	-1.0	41.7	41.4	41.3	.3
Machinery, except electrical	42.1	42.0	41.9	43.9	.1	-1.8	42.4	42.3	42.1	.1
Electrical equipment	40.5	40.2	39.9	41.4	.3	-.9	40.3	40.4	40.3	-.1
Transportation equipment	42.4	41.9	40.9	42.6	.5	-.2	42.6	42.8	41.4	-.2
Instruments and related products	41.3	41.1	40.8	42.2	.2	-.9	41.2	41.2	41.0	0
Miscellaneous manufacturing	39.6	39.5	38.8	40.0	.1	-.4	39.5	39.4	39.2	.1
NONDURABLE GOODS	40.0	40.0	39.7	40.3	0	-.3	39.8	39.7	39.6	.1
<i>Overtime hours</i>	3.5	3.3	3.1	3.7	.2	-.2	3.2	3.1	3.0	.1
Food and kindred products	41.2	41.2	41.3	41.8	0	-.6	40.6	40.8	40.6	-.2
Tobacco manufactures	39.2	39.2	38.1	40.2	0	-1.0	37.6	39.1	38.4	-1.5
Textile mill products	41.4	41.2	40.3	41.9	.2	-.5	41.5	41.1	40.6	.4
Apparel and other textile products	35.8	36.3	35.9	35.7	-.5	.1	36.0	35.8	35.9	.2
Paper and allied products	43.1	42.9	42.8	43.7	.2	-.6	42.8	42.6	42.7	.2
Printing and publishing	38.7	38.5	38.2	39.1	.2	-.4	38.5	38.3	38.3	.2
Chemicals and allied products	41.6	41.3	41.5	42.1	.3	-.5	41.6	41.4	41.5	.2
Petroleum and coal products	43.0	42.8	43.4	42.8	.2	.2	42.2	42.7	42.8	-.5
Rubber and plastics products, n e c	42.1	42.0	40.2	42.3	.1	-.2	41.7	41.8	40.6	-.1
Leather and leather products	38.0	38.7	38.9	37.8	-.7	.2	38.5	38.3	38.4	.2
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE	36.6	37.4	37.4	37.0	-.8	-.4	36.7	36.7	36.7	0
WHOLESALE TRADE	40.4	40.4	40.7	40.7	0	-.3	40.4	40.4	40.5	0
RETAIL TRADE	35.4	36.4	36.3	35.8	-1.0	-.4	35.5	35.6	35.4	-.1
FINANCE, INSURANCE, AND REAL ESTATE	36.8	37.0	37.1	37.1	-.2	-.3	-	-	-	-

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					
	Sept. 1967	Aug. 1967	July 1967	Sept. 1966	Change from		Sept. 1967	Aug. 1967	July 1967	Sept. 1966	Change from ^a	
					Aug. 1967	Sept. 1966					Aug. 1967	Sept. 1966
TOTAL PRIVATE	\$2.70	\$2.67	\$2.68	\$2.60	\$0.03	\$0.10	\$103.41	\$103.06	\$103.18	\$100.88	\$0.35	\$2.53
MINING	3.23	3.19	3.22	3.11	.04	.12	138.57	137.49	139.43	133.73	1.08	4.84
CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION	4.17	4.10	4.08	3.97	.07	.20	162.21	159.08	157.90	152.05	3.13	10.16
MANUFACTURING	2.85	2.82	2.82	2.75	.03	.10	116.28	114.77	113.65	114.13	1.51	2.15
DURABLE GOODS	3.02	3.00	3.00	2.93	.02	.09	125.03	123.60	122.40	123.94	1.43	1.09
Ordnance and accessories	3.27	3.23	3.23	3.21	.04	.06	140.61	136.31	134.05	135.78	4.30	4.83
Lumber and wood products	2.42	2.40	2.41	2.31	.02	.11	97.77	97.20	96.64	94.02	.57	3.75
Furniture and fixtures	2.35	2.32	2.31	2.24	.03	.11	95.88	94.89	92.40	93.63	.99	2.25
Stone, clay, and glass products	2.85	2.84	2.83	2.75	.01	.10	119.99	119.28	118.01	116.05	.71	3.94
Primary metal industries	3.39	3.37	3.34	3.32	.02	.07	138.65	137.83	136.27	141.10	.82	-2.45
Fabricated metal products	2.99	2.97	2.96	2.92	.02	.07	125.28	123.26	121.66	125.27	2.02	.01
Machinery, except electrical	3.20	3.18	3.18	3.11	.02	.09	134.72	133.56	133.24	136.53	1.16	-1.81
Electrical equipment	2.78	2.77	2.79	2.67	.01	.11	112.59	111.35	111.32	110.54	1.24	2.05
Transportation equipment	3.45	3.43	3.43	3.39	.02	.06	146.28	143.72	140.29	144.41	2.56	1.87
Instruments and related products	2.86	2.85	2.85	2.75	.01	.11	118.12	117.14	116.28	116.05	.98	2.07
Miscellaneous manufacturing	2.35	2.34	2.34	2.23	.01	.12	93.06	92.43	90.79	89.20	.63	3.86
NONDURABLE GOODS	2.61	2.57	2.57	2.47	.04	.14	104.40	102.80	102.03	99.54	1.60	4.86
Food and kindred products	2.63	2.61	2.63	2.51	.02	.12	108.36	107.53	108.62	104.92	.83	3.44
Tobacco manufactures	2.22	2.25	2.40	2.08	-.03	.14	87.02	88.20	91.44	83.62	-1.18	3.40
Textile mill products	2.11	2.04	2.02	1.99	.07	.12	87.35	84.05	81.41	83.38	3.30	3.97
Apparel and other textile products	2.07	2.05	2.01	1.90	.02	.17	74.11	74.42	72.16	67.83	-.31	6.28
Paper and allied products	2.91	2.89	2.89	2.79	.02	.12	125.42	123.98	123.69	121.92	1.44	3.50
Printing and publishing	3.32	3.27	3.27	3.21	.05	.11	128.48	125.90	124.91	125.51	2.58	2.97
Chemicals and allied products	3.14	3.12	3.12	3.02	.02	.12	130.62	128.86	129.48	127.14	1.76	3.48
Petroleum and coal products	3.60	3.56	3.61	3.43	.04	.17	154.80	152.37	156.67	146.80	2.43	8.00
Rubber and plastics products, n e c	2.79	2.77	2.63	2.70	.02	.09	117.46	116.34	105.73	114.21	1.12	3.25
Leather and leather products	2.09	2.07	2.05	1.96	.02	.13	79.42	80.11	79.75	74.09	-.69	5.33
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE	2.27	2.24	2.25	2.15	.03	.12	83.08	83.78	84.15	79.55	-.70	3.53
WHOLESALE TRADE	2.91	2.87	2.89	2.76	.04	.15	117.56	115.95	117.62	112.33	1.61	5.23
RETAIL TRADE	2.02	2.01	2.01	1.93	.01	.09	71.51	73.16	72.96	69.09	-1.65	2.42
FINANCE, INSURANCE, AND REAL ESTATE	2.62	2.60	2.62	2.48	.02	.14	96.42	96.20	97.20	92.01	.22	4.41

¹ See footnote 1, table B-2.

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