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The unemployment rate rose in October for the second consecutive month, and at 4.3 percent was up 0.2 percent from September, the U. S. Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics reported today. The rise in the jobless rate was occasioned by a larger than usual labor force increase rather than reductions in employment. The increased joblessness in October occurred among teenagers and adult men. After advancing in September, unemployment among adult women was virtually unchanged in October.

Total employment, at 74.6 million seasonally adjusted, was about the same in October as in September, and was up 1.4 million from October 1966. The civilian labor force, however, has increased more rapidly; at 78.0 million seasonally adjusted, it was up by 200,000 over the month and 1.9 million from October 1966.

Unemployment

The number of unemployed persons totaled 2,951,000 in October, up nearly 200,000 from September after seasonal adjustment. The total was 500,000 higher than in October 1966, when the unemployment rate was 3.8 percent.

Unemployment rates for adult men and married men, at 2.5 and 1.9 percent in October 1967, were not significantly changed from a year earlier and were close to their average levels in the past 12 months. Similarly, the rate for workers insured under State unemployment insurance programs, who tend to have a firm labor force attachment, was unchanged over the month at 2.4 percent.

Rates of unemployment among both whites and nonwhites were up over the month to 3.8 and 8.8 percent, respectively. Both were at their highest points since 1965.

The bulk of the increase in unemployment over the year has been concentrated among women and teenagers; unemployment among both groups was up about one-fourth. In October 1967, the jobless rate was 4.8 percent for women and 15.1 percent for teenagers. Reflecting the substantial unemployment increase among adult women which occurred in September, medium-term unemployment (5 to 14 weeks) rose to 884,000 in October. Long-term unemployment--which lags behind changes in the economic situation--remained below year ago levels, though up somewhat from summer averages.

Unemployment rates have moved up for workers in occupations requiring less skill and in those in which women are concentrated. The rate for operatives was up from 4.1 to 5.3 percent over the year, and for nonfarm laborers from 6.8 to 9.2 percent. For workers whose last job was in a clerical occupation, the rate increased from 3.2 to 3.9 percent over the year. The rate for sales workers moved from 2.2 to 3.4 percent, and for service workers from 4.6 to 5.5 percent.

Labor Force and Total Employment

In October 1967, the civilian labor force was up 1.9 million from October 1966. Total employment rose 1.4 million and unemployment increased 500,000 over the year. This large year-to-year increase in unemployment--which includes 275,000 women, 175,000 16 to 19 year-olds and 50,000 adult men--developed almost entirely in the last few months along with the unusually large labor force increases.

Payroll Employment, Hours, and Earnings

The number of employees on nonfarm payrolls rose in October by 120,000 (seasonally adjusted) to 66.2 million. The increase was concentrated in State and local government and trade, with the return to work of teachers previously involved in labor disputes accounting for about 60,000 of the gain in government. The increase in trade (40,000) was for the most part confined to retail trade, reflecting the modest but continued growth in retail sales.

Manufacturing employment was unchanged between September and October. Employment totaled 19.2 million (seasonally adjusted) in October, 400,000 less than the all time high of January 1967. For the past few months, factory employment has varied within the narrow range of 19.2 to 19.3 million. To some extent these recent developments reflect the lower level of new orders for durable goods and the effects of the Ford strike. Strikers, who are not on payrolls, are not counted in the payroll employment statistics, although in the household survey they are considered to be employed but not at work.

Over-the-month employment changes in mining, contract construction, transportation and public utilities, finance industries, and miscellaneous services were small and for the most part in line with seasonal expectations.

Over the year, payroll employment has risen by 1.5 million. The entire increase was a result of employment growth in the service-producing industries, notably government (670,000), miscellaneous services (500,000), and trade (400,000). Manufacturing employment was 260,000 lower in October 1967 than a year ago; much of the reduction was accounted for by an over-the-year increase in the number of striking workers off payrolls. After large employment gains in the 1965-66 period, manufacturing employment has shown little change this year.

Hours and Earnings

Average hourly earnings for rank and file employees on private nonfarm payrolls were \$2.72 in October--up 1-cent from September and 12-cents from October 1966. Their workweek averaged 38.1 hours, down 0.6 hour from a year ago.

The workweek for manufacturing production workers edged down 0.1 hour in October to 40.7 hours (seasonally adjusted). Average weekly hours declined in 14 of the 21 manufacturing industries. Over the past three months, the workweek has averaged 40.7 hours, 0.3 hour more than in the February-July period, but still down more than one-half hour from last October.

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

(In thousands)

Employment status, age, and sex	Oct. 1967	Sept. 1967	Oct. 1966	Seasonally adjusted				
				Oct. 1967	Sept. 1967	Aug. 1967	July 1967	June 1967
Total								
Total labor force	81,595	80,982	79,488	81,460	81,259	81,160	80,954	80,681
Civilian labor force	78,132	77,526	76,209	77,997	77,803	77,701	77,505	77,237
Employed	75,181	74,631	73,744	74,630	74,625	74,718	74,489	74,147
Agriculture	4,033	3,931	4,114	3,707	3,676	3,992	3,856	3,727
Nonagricultural industries	71,148	70,700	69,630	70,923	70,949	70,726	70,633	70,420
On part time for economic reasons	1,687	1,883	1,451	1,813	1,977	1,855	2,011	1,939
Usually work full time	922	1,073	811	949	1,081	992	1,058	1,072
Usually work part time	765	810	640	864	896	863	953	867
Unemployed	2,951	2,895	2,466	3,367	3,178	2,983	3,016	3,090
Men, 20 years and over								
Civilian labor force	45,606	45,600	44,828	45,513	45,476	45,559	45,433	45,314
Employed	44,714	44,761	43,989	44,375	44,435	44,479	44,338	44,156
Agriculture	2,922	2,924	2,932	2,791	2,806	2,835	2,791	2,726
Nonagricultural industries	41,792	41,837	41,058	41,584	41,629	41,644	41,547	41,430
Unemployed	893	839	839	1,138	1,041	1,080	1,095	1,158
Women, 20 years and over								
Civilian labor force	26,398	25,903	25,197	26,092	26,051	25,557	25,516	25,177
Employed	25,167	24,615	24,231	24,827	24,781	24,558	24,421	24,094
Agriculture	736	638	770	567	512	705	624	581
Nonagricultural industries	24,430	23,978	23,461	24,260	24,269	23,853	23,797	23,513
Unemployed	1,231	1,287	966	1,265	1,270	999	1,095	1,083
Both sexes, 16-19 years								
Civilian labor force	6,128	6,024	6,183	6,392	6,276	6,585	6,556	6,746
Employed	5,300	5,254	5,523	5,428	5,409	5,681	5,730	5,897
Agriculture	374	369	411	349	358	452	441	420
Nonagricultural industries	4,926	4,886	5,111	5,079	5,051	5,229	5,289	5,477
Unemployed	828	769	660	964	867	904	826	849

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

(In thousands)

Duration of unemployment	Oct. 1967	Sept. 1967	Oct. 1966	Seasonally adjusted				
				Oct. 1967	Sept. 1967	Aug. 1967	July 1967	June 1967
Less than 5 weeks	1,653	1,810	1,368	1,847	1,889	1,660	1,805	1,649
5 to 14 weeks	884	715	663	1,153	945	946	876	919
15 weeks and over	415	370	435	489	437	441	435	444
15 to 26 weeks	259	226	235	313	278	231	265	298
27 weeks and over	156	144	199	176	159	210	170	146

Table A-3: Major unemployment indicators

(Persons 16 years and over)

Selected categories	Thousands of persons unemployed		Seasonally adjusted rates of unemployment					
	Oct. 1967	Oct. 1966	Oct. 1967	Sept. 1967	Aug. 1967	July 1967	June 1967	Oct. 1966
Total (all civilian workers).....	2,951	2,466	4.3	4.1	3.8	3.9	4.0	3.8
Men, 20 years and over.....	893	839	2.5	2.3	2.4	2.4	2.6	2.4
Women, 20 years and over.....	1,231	966	4.8	4.9	3.9	4.3	4.3	4.0
Both sexes, 16-19 years.....	828	660	15.1	13.8	13.7	12.6	12.6	12.7
White.....	2,305	1,942	3.8	3.6	3.5	3.5	3.5	3.4
Nonwhite.....	647	523	8.8	7.9	6.9	7.2	7.8	7.4
Married men.....	564	537	1.9	1.8	2.0	1.8	2.0	1.9
Full-time workers.....	2,108	1,885	3.9	3.8	3.6	3.6	3.9	3.4
Unemployed 15 weeks and over.....	415	435	.6	.6	.6	.6	.6	.7
State insured ¹	901	752	2.4	2.4	2.7	2.8	2.6	2.1
Labor force time lost ²	-	-	4.7	4.6	4.3	4.3	4.5	4.1
Occupation								
White-collar workers.....	837	681	2.5	2.5	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.1
Professional and managerial.....	193	192	1.2	1.3	1.1	1.2	1.2	1.3
Clerical workers.....	496	393	3.9	3.7	3.4	3.2	3.2	3.2
Sales workers.....	148	96	3.4	4.1	3.2	3.7	3.8	2.2
Blue-collar workers.....	1,160	929	4.9	4.6	4.4	4.7	4.7	4.0
Craftsmen and foremen.....	218	222	2.8	2.2	2.4	2.3	2.8	2.9
Operatives.....	656	507	5.3	5.4	4.8	5.4	5.1	4.1
Nonfarm laborers.....	286	200	9.2	8.1	7.8	8.0	7.8	6.8
Service workers.....	484	402	5.5	5.1	4.1	4.5	4.3	4.6
Industry								
Private wage and salary workers ³	2,186	1,771	4.4	4.2	3.9	4.1	4.0	3.8
Construction.....	170	206	7.2	5.4	7.1	7.6	8.6	8.8
Manufacturing.....	766	545	4.1	4.1	3.8	4.0	3.9	3.0
Durable goods.....	400	273	3.6	3.7	3.4	4.1	3.6	2.5
Nondurable goods.....	366	272	4.8	4.5	4.5	4.0	4.3	3.6
Transportation and public utilities.....	86	56	2.6	2.4	2.6	2.4	2.9	1.7
Wholesale and retail trade.....	571	468	5.0	5.1	4.2	4.4	4.1	4.3
Finance and service industries.....	571	479	4.2	4.0	3.5	3.5	3.3	3.7
Government wage and salary workers.....	221	-173	2.2	2.1	1.5	1.7	2.1	1.9
Agricultural wage and salary workers.....	89	71	8.6	11.1	7.1	7.2	7.8	7.3

¹Insured 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 s 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.....	67,309	43,581	20,773	2,956
Employed:				
Full-time schedules.....	63,267	41,898	19,011	2,358
Part time for economic reasons.....	1,934	887	845	201
Unemployed, looking for full-time work.....	2,108	796	916	397
Unemployment rate.....	3.1	1.8	4.4	13.4
Part Time				
Civilian labor force.....	10,823	2,025	5,625	3,173
Employed (voluntary part time).....	9,980	1,929	5,310	2,741
Unemployed, looking for part-time work.....	843	97	315	431
Unemployment rate.....	7.8	4.8	5.6	13.6

Table A-5: Employed persons by age and sex

(In thousands)

Age and sex	Oct. 1967	Sept. 1967	Oct. 1966	Seasonally adjusted				
				Oct. 1967	Sept. 1967	Aug. 1967	July 1967	June 1967
Total, 16 years and over	75,181	74,631	73,744	74,630	74,625	74,718	74,489	74,147
16 to 19 years	5,300	5,254	5,523	5,428	5,409	5,681	5,730	5,897
16 and 17 years	2,237	2,113	2,183	2,288	2,246	2,341	2,322	2,363
18 and 19 years	3,063	3,141	3,340	3,106	3,148	3,331	3,402	3,491
20 to 24 years	8,525	8,491	7,990	8,514	8,522	8,612	8,604	8,571
25 years and over	61,355	60,885	60,230	60,718	60,724	60,393	60,128	59,678
25 to 54 years	47,510	47,090	46,768	46,876	46,768	46,709	46,471	46,062
55 years and over	13,845	13,795	13,462	13,712	13,698	13,632	13,563	13,627
Males, 16 years and over	47,624	47,705	47,016	47,425	47,479	47,712	47,555	47,448
16 to 19 years	2,910	2,944	3,027	3,050	3,044	3,233	3,217	3,292
16 and 17 years	1,330	1,291	1,301	1,400	1,409	1,436	1,399	1,403
18 and 19 years	1,580	1,653	1,726	1,639	1,653	1,786	1,810	1,856
20 to 24 years	4,787	4,861	4,567	4,806	4,849	4,891	4,856	4,881
25 years and over	39,926	39,900	39,422	39,588	39,589	39,566	39,468	39,266
25 to 54 years	30,913	30,905	30,585	30,637	30,648	30,638	30,584	30,424
55 years and over	9,014	8,996	8,837	8,915	8,898	8,889	8,860	8,870
Females, 16 years and over	27,557	26,925	26,728	27,205	27,146	27,006	26,934	26,669
16 to 19 years	2,390	2,310	2,496	2,378	2,365	2,448	2,513	2,605
16 and 17 years	907	822	882	888	837	905	923	960
18 and 19 years	1,483	1,488	1,614	1,467	1,495	1,545	1,592	1,635
20 to 24 years	3,738	3,630	3,423	3,708	3,673	3,721	3,748	3,690
25 years and over	21,429	20,985	20,808	21,130	21,135	20,827	20,660	20,412
25 to 54 years	16,598	16,186	16,183	16,239	16,120	16,071	15,887	15,638
55 years and over	4,832	4,800	4,625	4,797	4,800	4,743	4,703	4,757

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 Oct. 1967	Seasonally adjusted unemployment rates					
	Oct. 1967	Sept. 1967		Oct. 1967	Sept. 1967	Aug. 1967	July 1967	June 1967	Oct. 1966
Total, 16 years and over	2,951	2,895	71.4	4.3	4.1	3.8	3.9	4.0	3.8
16 to 19 years	828	769	47.9	15.1	13.8	13.7	12.6	12.6	12.7
16 and 17 years	373	345	22.3	16.5	15.6	15.3	14.4	14.0	14.7
18 and 19 years	455	424	68.8	13.9	12.6	12.7	11.4	11.3	11.4
20 to 24 years	521	569	80.8	6.5	6.6	5.5	6.2	5.8	5.4
25 years and over	1,602	1,557	80.6	2.9	2.7	2.5	2.6	2.8	2.6
25 to 54 years	1,293	1,267	82.1	3.0	2.8	2.6	2.7	2.9	2.6
55 years and over	309	290	74.4	2.5	2.3	2.5	2.3	2.3	2.5
Males, 16 years and over	1,324	1,214	73.8	3.4	3.0	3.1	3.1	3.3	3.1
16 to 19 years	431	375	42.0	15.0	12.4	12.4	11.6	12.3	11.7
16 and 17 years	238	188	23.1	17.3	13.2	15.3	14.5	14.2	14.1
18 and 19 years	194	187	64.9	12.9	11.4	10.2	9.2	10.3	9.9
20 to 24 years	206	206	83.0	5.3	4.9	5.0	5.0	5.1	4.3
25 years and over	686	633	91.0	2.1	1.9	2.0	2.1	2.2	2.1
25 to 54 years	490	481	95.3	2.0	1.9	2.0	2.0	2.1	1.9
55 years and over	196	152	80.6	2.5	2.0	2.4	2.3	2.5	2.1
Females, 16 years and over	1,627	1,681	69.5	5.8	5.9	5.1	5.3	5.2	5.0
16 to 19 years	397	394	54.2	15.1	15.6	15.4	13.8	13.0	13.9
16 and 17 years	135	157	20.7	15.3	19.3	15.4	14.3	13.8	15.7
18 and 19 years	261	237	71.6	15.1	13.8	15.4	13.8	12.4	13.0
20 to 24 years	315	363	79.4	8.0	8.8	6.1	7.6	6.8	6.9
25 years and over	916	924	72.7	4.3	4.1	3.5	3.7	3.9	3.5
25 to 54 years	802	787	74.1	5.0	4.5	3.7	4.1	4.5	3.9
55 years and over	113	137	64.6	2.6	2.9	2.7	2.2	1.7	3.1

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

Industry	(In thousands)									
	Oct. 1967	Sept. 1967	Aug. 1967	Oct. 1966	Change from		Seasonally adjusted			
					Sept. 1967	Oct. 1966	Oct. 1967	Sept. 1967	Aug. 1967	Change from Sept. 1967
TOTAL	66,831	66,665	66,408	65,351	166	1,480	66,165	66,047	66,190	118
MINING	599	607	620	627	-8	-28	595	599	606	-4
CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION	3,450	3,510	3,594	3,466	-60	-16	3,224	3,235	3,223	-11
MANUFACTURING	19,382	19,455	19,435	19,640	-73	-258	19,166	19,153	19,318	13
<i>Production workers</i>	14,243	14,314	14,261	14,653	-71	-410	14,026	14,025	14,191	1
DURABLE GOODS	11,228	11,262	11,266	11,538	-34	-310	11,151	11,163	11,351	-12
<i>Production workers</i>	8,167	8,205	8,193	8,574	-38	-407	8,083	8,113	8,299	-30
Ordnance and accessories	302.0	298.9	296.1	267.2	3.1	34.8	301	299	297	2
Lumber and wood products	596.8	603.8	611.8	607.8	-7.0	-11.0	589	586	585	3
Furniture and fixtures	458.0	456.7	456.2	472.8	1.3	-14.8	452	451	451	1
Stone, clay, and glass products	637.7	639.6	646.9	647.9	-1.9	-10.2	630	622	626	8
Primary metal industries	1,249.7	1,269.1	1,288.6	1,352.4	-19.4	-102.7	1,266	1,265	1,281	1
Fabricated metal products	1,339.5	1,340.7	1,356.3	1,376.6	-1.2	-37.1	1,328	1,329	1,356	-1
Machinery, except electrical	1,916.8	1,955.8	1,969.6	1,943.6	-39.0	-26.8	1,932	1,962	1,976	-30
Electrical equipment	1,916.4	1,897.5	1,907.5	1,979.9	18.9	-63.5	1,893	1,883	1,916	10
Transportation equipment	1,905.8	1,896.4	1,834.6	1,980.0	9.4	-74.2	1,882	1,887	1,980	-5
Instruments and related products	453.6	455.4	457.9	446.2	-1.8	7.4	453	452	456	1
Miscellaneous manufacturing	452.1	448.1	440.6	463.3	4.0	-11.2	425	427	427	-2
NONDURABLE GOODS	8,154	8,193	8,169	8,102	-39	52	8,015	7,990	7,967	25
<i>Production workers</i>	6,076	6,109	6,068	6,079	-33	-3	5,943	5,912	5,892	31
Food and kindred products	1,869.3	1,921.3	1,880.6	1,857.0	-52.0	12.3	1,780	1,780	1,751	0
Tobacco manufactures	100.6	96.3	90.5	95.4	4.3	5.2	83	81	85	2
Textile mill products	958.6	956.3	955.4	969.4	2.3	-10.8	952	949	946	3
Apparel and other textile products	1,399.6	1,396.2	1,405.5	1,422.7	3.4	-23.1	1,382	1,375	1,381	7
Paper and allied products	687.5	688.4	694.6	675.9	-9.9	11.6	685	681	687	4
Printing and publishing	1,070.2	1,067.2	1,067.9	1,040.0	3.0	30.2	1,067	1,065	1,067	2
Chemicals and allied products	994.7	994.8	1,003.5	968.7	-1.1	26.0	999	992	992	7
Petroleum and coal products	192.0	193.5	195.2	186.5	-1.5	5.5	191	191	190	0
Rubber and plastics products, n e c	532.0	528.7	522.1	524.6	3.3	7.4	527	527	521	0
Leather and leather products	349.2	349.8	354.0	361.7	-6	-12.5	349	349	347	0
TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC UTILITIES	4,286	4,321	4,330	4,219	-35	67	4,256	4,266	4,283	-10
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE	13,780	13,676	13,622	13,385	104	395	13,748	13,706	13,664	42
WHOLESALE TRADE	3,594	3,579	3,608	3,500	15	94	3,562	3,558	3,569	4
RETAIL TRADE	10,186	10,097	10,014	9,885	89	301	10,186	10,148	10,095	38
FINANCE, INSURANCE, AND REAL ESTATE	3,267	3,273	3,305	3,117	-6	150	3,270	3,263	3,253	7
SERVICES	10,208	10,218	10,262	9,704	-10	504	10,177	10,167	10,130	10
Hotels and other lodging places	675.0	718.3	817.4	665.9	-43.3	9.1	697	694	692	3
Personal services	1,031.0	1,027.0	1,026.1	1,024.2	4.0	6.8	1,026	1,028	1,029	-2
Medical and other health services	2,493.5	2,483.8	2,485.6	2,259.5	9.7	234.0	2,496	2,484	2,471	12
Educational services	1,108.8	1,033.9	914.0	1,029.5	74.9	79.3	1,064	1,061	1,055	3
GOVERNMENT	11,859	11,605	11,240	11,193	254	666	11,729	11,658	11,713	71
FEDERAL	2,699	2,707	2,784	2,612	-8	87	2,704	2,715	2,746	-11
STATE AND LOCAL	9,160	8,898	8,456	8,581	262	579	9,025	8,943	8,967	82

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	Oct. 1967	Sept. 1967	Aug. 1967	Oct. 1966	Change from		Seasonally adjusted			
					Sept. 1967	Oct. 1966	Oct. 1967	Sept. 1967	Aug. 1967	Change from Sept. 1967
TOTAL PRIVATE	38.1	38.3	38.6	38.7	-0.2	-0.6	-	-	-	-
MINING	42.7	43.0	43.2	43.3	-0.3	-0.6	42.2	42.8	42.8	-0.6
CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION	38.1	38.9	38.8	38.5	-0.8	-0.4	37.1	38.3	37.5	-1.2
MANUFACTURING	40.8	40.9	40.7	41.4	-0.1	-0.6	40.7	40.8	40.7	-0.1
<i>Overtime hours</i>	3.5	3.7	3.4	4.1	-0.2	-0.6	3.4	3.4	3.3	0
DURABLE GOODS	41.5	41.5	41.1	42.2	0	-0.7	41.4	41.5	41.3	-0.1
<i>Overtime hours</i>	3.7	3.8	3.5	4.5	-0.1	-0.8	3.5	3.6	3.5	-0.1
Ordnance and accessories	42.3	42.3	41.7	42.3	0	0	42.1	42.3	41.9	-0.2
Lumber and wood products	40.5	40.5	40.2	40.7	0	-0.2	40.2	40.3	39.7	-0.1
Furniture and fixtures	41.2	41.1	40.8	41.9	0.1	-0.7	40.5	40.7	40.2	-0.2
Stone, clay, and glass products	42.2	42.2	42.1	42.2	0	0	41.9	42.0	41.6	-0.1
Primary metal industries	40.3	41.0	40.8	42.0	-0.7	-1.7	40.8	41.0	41.0	-0.2
Fabricated metal products	41.8	42.0	41.6	42.7	-0.2	-0.9	41.6	41.8	41.5	-0.2
Machinery, except electrical	42.3	42.4	41.9	43.7	-0.1	-1.4	42.4	42.7	42.2	-0.3
Electrical equipment	40.3	40.4	40.2	41.1	-0.1	-0.8	40.2	40.2	40.4	0
Transportation equipment	43.0	42.5	41.6	42.9	0.5	0.1	42.3	42.7	42.5	-0.4
Instruments and related products	41.7	41.6	41.1	41.2	0.1	-0.5	41.5	41.5	41.2	0
Miscellaneous manufacturing	39.6	39.5	39.5	40.4	0.1	-0.8	39.2	39.4	39.4	-0.2
NONDURABLE GOODS	39.8	40.1	40.0	40.3	-0.3	-0.5	39.6	39.9	39.7	-0.3
<i>Overtime hours</i>	3.2	3.6	3.3	3.6	-0.4	-0.4	3.0	3.3	3.1	-0.3
Food and kindred products	40.8	41.7	41.2	41.3	-0.9	-0.5	40.6	41.0	40.8	-0.4
Tobacco manufactures	40.2	39.6	39.0	39.3	0.6	0.9	38.8	38.0	38.9	0.8
Textile mill products	41.5	41.3	41.1	41.7	0.2	-0.2	41.2	41.4	41.0	-0.2
Apparel and other textile products	35.8	36.1	36.3	36.6	-0.3	-0.8	35.8	36.3	35.8	-0.5
Paper and allied products	43.0	43.0	42.9	43.5	0	-0.5	42.7	42.7	42.6	0
Printing and publishing	38.2	38.5	38.5	39.1	-0.3	-0.9	38.1	38.3	38.3	-0.2
Chemicals and allied products	41.6	41.4	41.4	42.1	0.2	-0.5	41.6	41.4	41.5	0.2
Petroleum and coal products	43.0	43.5	43.2	42.4	-0.5	0.6	43.0	42.6	43.1	0.4
Rubber and plastics products, n e c	42.2	42.3	42.2	42.2	-0.1	0	42.0	41.9	42.0	-0.1
Leather and leather products	38.2	38.4	38.7	38.2	-0.2	0.1	38.6	38.9	38.3	-0.3
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE	36.2	36.5	37.4	36.8	-0.3	-0.6	36.3	36.6	36.7	-0.3
WHOLESALE TRADE	40.2	40.4	40.5	40.7	-0.2	-0.5	40.2	40.4	40.5	-0.2
RETAIL TRADE	34.8	35.3	36.3	35.5	-0.5	-0.7	35.0	35.4	35.5	-0.4
FINANCE, INSURANCE, AND REAL ESTATE	37.2	37.0	37.1	37.3	0.2	-0.1	-	-	-	-

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					
	Oct. 1967	Sept. 1967	Aug. 1967	Oct. 1966	Change from		Oct. 1967	Sept. 1967	Aug. 1967	Oct. 1966	Change from	
					Sept. 1967	Oct. 1966					Sept. 1967	Oct. 1966
TOTAL PRIVATE	\$2.72	\$2.71	\$2.68	\$2.60	\$0.01	\$0.12	\$103.63	\$103.79	\$103.45	\$100.62	\$0.16	\$3.01
MINING	3.25	3.24	3.20	3.12	0.01	0.13	138.78	139.32	138.24	135.10	0.54	3.68
CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION	4.21	4.18	4.10	3.96	0.03	0.25	160.40	162.60	159.08	152.46	2.20	7.94
MANUFACTURING	2.85	2.85	2.82	2.75	0	0.10	116.28	116.57	114.77	113.85	0.29	2.43
DURABLE GOODS	3.03	3.03	3.00	2.94	0	0.09	125.75	125.75	123.30	124.07	0	1.68
Ordnance and accessories	3.29	3.28	3.24	3.22	0.01	0.07	139.17	138.74	135.11	136.21	0.43	2.96
Lumber and wood products	2.43	2.44	2.41	2.31	-0.01	0.12	98.42	98.82	96.88	94.02	0.40	4.40
Furniture and fixtures	2.37	2.37	2.33	2.25	0	0.12	97.64	97.41	95.06	94.28	0.23	3.36
Stone, clay, and glass products	2.87	2.87	2.85	2.77	0	0.10	121.11	121.11	119.99	116.89	0	4.22
Primary metal industries	3.35	3.38	3.37	3.31	-0.03	0.04	135.01	138.58	137.50	139.02	-3.57	4.01
Fabricated metal products	2.99	3.00	2.97	2.91	-0.01	0.08	124.98	126.00	123.55	124.26	-1.02	0.72
Machinery, except electrical	3.21	3.20	3.17	3.12	0.01	0.09	135.78	135.68	132.82	136.34	0.10	0.56
Electrical equipment	2.80	2.78	2.78	2.67	0.02	0.13	112.84	112.31	111.76	109.74	0.53	3.10
Transportation equipment	3.49	3.47	3.45	3.41	0.02	0.08	150.07	147.48	143.52	146.29	2.59	3.78
Instruments and related products	2.87	2.87	2.85	2.75	0	0.12	119.68	119.39	117.14	116.05	0.29	3.63
Miscellaneous manufacturing	2.34	2.34	2.33	2.23	0	0.11	92.66	92.43	92.04	90.09	0.23	2.57
NONDURABLE GOODS	2.61	2.61	2.57	2.48	0	0.13	103.88	104.66	102.80	99.94	0.78	3.94
Food and kindred products	2.64	2.63	2.62	2.52	0.01	0.12	107.71	109.67	107.94	104.08	1.96	3.63
Tobacco manufactures	2.13	2.19	2.25	2.09	-0.06	0.04	85.63	86.72	87.75	82.14	1.09	3.49
Textile mill products	2.12	2.11	2.04	2.00	0.01	0.12	87.98	87.14	83.84	83.40	0.44	4.58
Apparel and other textile products	2.06	2.07	2.04	1.93	-0.01	0.13	73.75	74.73	74.05	70.64	0.98	3.11
Paper and allied products	2.92	2.92	2.90	2.79	0	0.13	125.56	125.56	124.41	121.37	0	4.19
Printing and publishing	3.33	3.32	3.28	3.21	0.01	0.12	127.21	127.82	126.28	125.51	0.61	1.70
Chemicals and allied products	3.15	3.14	3.12	3.03	0.01	0.12	131.04	130.00	129.17	127.56	1.04	3.48
Petroleum and coal products	3.60	3.61	3.56	3.42	-0.01	0.18	154.80	157.04	153.79	145.01	2.24	9.79
Rubber and plastics products, n e c	2.84	2.84	2.77	2.70	0	0.14	119.85	120.13	116.89	113.94	0.28	5.91
Leather and leather products	2.10	2.09	2.07	1.96	0.01	0.14	80.26	80.11	74.68	74.68	0.04	5.54
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE	2.29	2.27	2.25	2.17	0.02	0.12	82.90	82.86	84.15	79.86	0.04	3.04
WHOLESALE TRADE	2.93	2.92	2.88	2.77	0.01	0.16	117.79	117.97	116.64	112.74	0.18	5.05
RETAIL TRADE	2.04	2.03	2.01	1.94	0.01	0.10	70.99	71.66	72.96	68.87	0.67	2.12
FINANCE, INSURANCE, AND REAL ESTATE	2.65	2.63	2.61	2.50	0.02	0.15	98.58	97.31	96.83	93.25	1.27	5.33

¹See footnote 1, table B-2.

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