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Employment continued to rise in December, while unemployment declined for the second consecutive month, the U. S. Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics reported today. The following developments highlighted the over-the-month picture:

1. Nonfarm payroll employment rose 200,000 above seasonal expectations to 67.1 million in December. Significant employment increases were registered in contract construction, manufacturing, and State and local government.

2. Unemployment declined to 2.7 million in December, about the same as a year earlier. After seasonal adjustment, the jobless total was 100,000 below the November level and 450,000 below October. The Nation's unemployment rate stood at 3.7 percent of the civilian labor force, a decline of two-tenths over the month and six-tenths from the 1967 high in October.

3. Unemployment rates for all age, sex, and color groups returned to the levels of early 1967 after deteriorating during the middle of the year.

### Industry Employment

Nonfarm payroll employment grew by 200,000 (seasonally adjusted) between November and December, the third consecutive month of substantial gains. Over-the-month increases of 50,000 each were registered in contract construction, manufacturing, and government. The increase in the number of workers on construction payrolls was the second significant advance in as many months. The payroll employment pickup in manufacturing would have been even greater if strike activity in that sector had not increased by 30,000 over the month.

### Hours and Earnings

Average hourly earnings for rank and file workers in every sector except retail trade increased over the month. At \$2.71 in December, hourly earnings for these workers were up 12¢ (4.6 percent) from a year earlier.

The workweek for manufacturing production workers averaged 41.1 hours in December, down 0.2 hour from a year ago. After seasonal adjustment, the factory workweek has remained between 40.7 and 40.8 hours since August, up from the 40.4 hours average of the February-July period, but below the 1965 and 1966 levels.

### Total Employment

Total employment, at 75.3 million, was 100,000 above November levels, although a decline is normal between November and December. Agricultural employment, which usually drops more than 500,000 in December, declined by only 200,000 last month. Wet weather delayed the harvesting season, resulting in many agricultural workers being employed later into the year.

### Unemployment

Unemployment was down for the second month, returning to the levels of early 1967. The December level was 200,000 below the June-October 1967 average of 3.1 million (seasonally adjusted).

The drop in unemployment was widespread. Jobless rates for adult men and teenagers (2.2 and 12.8 percent, respectively, in December) have declined for 2 consecutive months. The December rate for adult women, 4.1 percent, was about the same as in November, but was well below the nearly 5 percent rates of September and October.

The unemployment rates for both white and nonwhite workers have declined in each of the last 2 months. However, the nonwhite rate in December, 6.9 percent, remained more than double the white rate, 3.3 percent.

State insured unemployment rose less than seasonally in mid-December and was below year earlier levels for the first time since February. The insured unemployment rate, at 2.2 percent, was down one-tenth from last month and down two-tenths from October.

The Year in Review

Total employment averaged 74.4 million in 1967, 1.5 million more than in 1966. Although this advance is well above the average growth in the 1960's (1.2 million), it was 300,000 less than the 1966 increase and the smallest gain since 1963. Total employment showed little sustained growth during the first half of the year but picked up strongly after June.

Industry Developments. Total nonfarm payroll employment, at 66.1 million in 1967, was up 2.1 million from 1966. The 1967 increase was less than in 1966 (3.2 million) and 1965 (2.5 million), but otherwise was the largest annual increase since 1951. Almost all of the 1967 rise took place in the service-producing sector, with government (750,000), trade (500,000) and miscellaneous services (500,000) showing the largest pickups.

Manufacturing employment, which had risen by 1.1 million in 1966, increased by only 150,000 last year. Inventory readjustments, the automobile strike, a leveling off in capital investment, and sluggish retail sales all contributed to the weakened employment picture in manufacturing last year. The durable goods sector was hit hardest by these factors; in 1967 durable goods employment rose by only 75,000 compared to 850,000 in 1966.

In 1967, hourly earnings for nonsupervisory employees on private nonagricultural payrolls averaged \$2.67--up 12 cents (or 4.7 percent) over 1966. Because of increased consumer prices, real hourly earnings rose only 4¢ or 1.8 percent between 1966 and 1967 (based on preliminary 11-month averages).

The workweek for manufacturing production workers, 40.6 hours in 1967, was below the highs of 1966 (41.3 hours) and 1965 (41.2 hours). Except for those 2 years, however, the 1967 workweek was about equal to the highest levels since World War II. The reduction in manufacturing overtime (from 3.9 hours in 1966 to 3.4 hours in 1967) accounted for most of the drop in weekly hours.

Labor Force. The total labor force averaged 80.8 million in 1967, up 1.9 million from 1966. More than 300,000 of the expansion was accounted for by growth of the Armed Forces.

The civilian labor force reached 77.3 million during 1967--up 1.6 million over last year. All of the over-the-year increase in the labor force took place among adults--about 600,000 men and 1.0 million women--while the teenage labor force was virtually unchanged. The big population

group born soon after World War II has now moved out of the teens into the early twenties. Approximately 500,000, or about one-third of the 1967 labor force growth, took place in the 20-24 age group.

Unemployment. The unemployment picture for 1967 as a whole was virtually unchanged from that of the previous year. The number of unemployed persons, averaging 2.9 million in 1967, was up slightly (100,000) from a year earlier. However, because of the large labor force growth, the total unemployment rate--3.8 percent--was unchanged.

The unemployment rate moved up gradually during most of 1967--from 3.7 percent in the first 4 months of the year to slightly above 4 percent in September and October. Declines in unemployment in November and December, however, brought the jobless rate back to the low levels of late 1965 and early 1966.

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This release presents and analyzes statistics from two major surveys. Data on labor force, total employment, and unemployment are derived from the sample survey of households conducted and tabulated by the Bureau of the Census for the Bureau of Labor Statistics. Statistics on industry employment, hours, and earnings are collected by State agencies from payroll records of employers and are tabulated by the Bureau of Labor Statistics. A description of the two surveys appears in the BLS publication Employment and Earnings and Monthly Report on the Labor Force.

Table A. Employment Status of Noninstitutional Population  
16 Years and Over, 1965-1967  
Annual Averages

(In thousands)

Employment status	1967	1966	1965	Change from	
				1966 to 1967	1965 to 1966
Total labor force.....	80,793	78,893	77,178	1,900	1,715
Armed forces.....	3,446	3,123	2,723	323	400
Civilian labor force.....	77,347	75,770	74,455	1,577	1,315
Employed.....	74,371	72,895	71,088	1,476	1,807
Agriculture.....	3,844	3,979	4,361	-135	-382
Nonagriculture.....	70,527	68,915	66,726	1,612	2,189
Unemployed.....	2,975	2,875	3,366	100	-491
Unemployment rate (percent)...	3.8	3.8	4.5	---	-0.7

Table B. Employees on Nonagricultural Payrolls, by Industry  
Annual Averages, 1965-1967

(In thousands)

Industry	1967 <sup>1/</sup>	1966	1965	Change from	
				1966 to 1967	1965 to 1966
Total.....	66,066	63,982	60,832	2,084	3,150
Mining.....	613	625	632	- 12	- 7
Contract Construction.....	3,265	3,292	3,186	- 27	106
Manufacturing.....	19,336	19,186	18,062	150	1,124
Durable goods.....	11,325	11,256	10,406	69	850
Nondurable goods....	8,012	7,930	7,656	82	274
Transportation and public utilities....	4,262	4,151	4,036	111	115
Wholesale and retail trade.....	13,676	13,211	12,716	465	495
Wholesale trade....	3,555	3,438	3,312	117	126
Retail trade.....	10,121	9,773	9,404	348	369
Finance, insurance, and real estate.....	3,228	3,102	3,023	126	79
Services.....	10,072	9,545	9,087	527	458
Government.....	11,616	10,871	10,091	745	780
Federal.....	2,719	2,564	2,378	155	186
State and local.....	8,897	8,307	7,714	590	593

<sup>1/</sup> Preliminary.

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

(In thousands)

Employment status, age, and sex	Dec. 1967	Nov. 1967	Dec. 1966	Seasonally adjusted				
				Dec. 1967	Nov. 1967	Oct. 1967	Sept. 1967	Aug. 1967
<b>Total</b>								
Total labor force .....	81,527	81,582	79,642	82,051	81,576	81,460	81,259	81,160
Civilian labor force .....	78,057	78,113	76,252	78,582	78,106	77,997	77,803	77,701
Employed .....	75,338	75,218	73,599	75,681	75,083	74,630	74,625	74,718
Agriculture .....	3,545	3,759	3,360	4,264	3,829	3,707	3,676	3,992
Nonagricultural industries .....	71,793	71,460	70,239	71,417	71,254	70,923	70,949	70,726
On part time for economic reasons .....	1,685	1,829	1,673	1,801	1,894	1,813	1,977	1,855
Usually work full time .....	911	1,078	949	939	1,080	949	1,081	992
Usually work part time .....	774	751	724	862	814	864	896	863
Unemployed .....	2,719	2,894	2,653	2,901	3,023	3,367	3,178	2,983
<b>Men, 20 years and over</b>								
Civilian labor force .....	45,528	45,579	44,716	45,811	45,563	45,513	45,476	45,559
Employed .....	44,459	44,611	43,567	44,798	44,480	44,375	44,435	44,479
Agriculture .....	2,718	2,814	2,636	2,974	2,808	2,791	2,806	2,835
Nonagricultural industries .....	41,740	41,797	40,932	41,824	41,672	41,584	41,629	41,644
Unemployed .....	1,069	968	1,149	1,013	1,083	1,138	1,041	1,080
<b>Women, 20 years and over</b>								
Civilian labor force .....	26,497	26,485	25,249	26,420	26,134	26,092	26,051	25,557
Employed .....	25,568	25,409	24,406	25,348	25,093	24,827	24,781	24,558
Agriculture .....	557	632	477	852	634	567	512	705
Nonagricultural industries .....	25,010	24,777	23,930	24,496	24,459	24,260	24,269	23,853
Unemployed .....	929	1,076	843	1,072	1,041	1,265	1,270	999
<b>Both sexes, 16-19 years</b>								
Civilian labor force .....	6,033	6,049	6,288	6,351	6,409	6,392	6,276	6,585
Employed .....	5,312	5,198	5,625	5,535	5,510	5,428	5,409	5,681
Agriculture .....	269	313	247	438	387	349	358	452
Nonagricultural industries .....	5,043	4,885	5,377	5,097	5,123	5,079	5,051	5,229
Unemployed .....	721	851	663	816	899	964	867	904

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

(In thousands)

Duration of unemployment	Dec. 1967	Nov. 1967	Dec. 1966	Seasonally adjusted				
				Dec. 1967	Nov. 1967	Oct. 1967	Sept. 1967	Aug. 1967
Less than 5 weeks .....	1,367	1,651	1,474	1,471	1,586	1,847	1,889	1,660
5 to 14 weeks .....	937	844	739	954	918	1,153	945	946
15 weeks and over .....	415	400	440	453	487	489	437	441
15 to 26 weeks .....	247	243	247	261	310	313	278	231
27 weeks and over .....	168	156	193	192	177	176	159	210

**Table A-3: Major unemployment indicators**

(Persons 16 years and over)

Selected categories	Thousands of persons unemployed		Seasonally adjusted rates of unemployment					
	Dec. 1967	Dec. 1966	Dec. 1967	Nov. 1967	Oct. 1967	Sept. 1967	Aug. 1967	Dec. 1967 <sup>4</sup>
Total (all civilian workers).....	2,719	2,653	3.7	3.9	4.3	4.1	3.8	3.7
Men, 20 years and over.....	1,069	1,149	2.2	2.4	2.5	2.3	2.4	2.4
Women, 20 years and over.....	929	843	4.1	4.0	4.8	4.9	3.9	3.9
Both sexes, 16-19 years.....	721	663	12.8	14.0	15.1	13.8	13.7	12.2
White.....	2,146	2,042	3.3	3.4	3.8	3.6	3.5	3.3
Nonwhite.....	573	609	6.9	7.3	8.8	7.9	6.9	7.6
Married men.....	693	711	1.7	1.7	1.9	1.8	2.0	1.7
Full-time workers.....	2,013	2,045	3.3	3.6	3.9	3.8	3.6	3.3
Unemployed 15 weeks and over.....	415	440	.6	.6	.6	.6	.6	.6
State insured <sup>1</sup> .....	1,127	1,129	2.2	2.3	2.4	2.4	2.7	2.3
Labor force time lost <sup>2</sup> .....	-	-	4.1	4.1	4.7	4.6	4.3	4.1
<b>Occupation</b>								
White-collar workers.....	642	557	2.1	2.2	2.5	2.5	2.2	1.9
Professional and managerial.....	164	155	1.1	1.2	1.2	1.3	1.1	1.1
Clerical workers.....	365	328	3.2	3.1	3.9	3.7	3.4	3.0
Sales workers.....	113	74	2.9	3.4	3.4	4.1	3.2	2.0
Blue-collar workers.....	1,258	1,227	4.3	4.4	4.9	4.6	4.4	4.2
Craftsmen and foremen.....	252	305	2.2	2.6	2.8	2.2	2.4	2.6
Operatives.....	702	612	5.0	5.0	5.3	5.4	4.8	4.4
Nonfarm laborers.....	304	310	7.2	7.5	9.2	8.1	7.8	7.6
Service workers.....	416	451	4.8	4.6	5.5	5.1	4.1	5.2
<b>Industry</b>								
Private wage and salary workers <sup>3</sup> .....	2,039	1,984	3.7	3.9	4.4	4.2	3.9	3.7
Construction.....	268	364	6.2	7.6	7.2	5.4	7.1	8.9
Manufacturing.....	722	629	3.5	3.5	4.1	4.1	3.8	3.0
Durable goods.....	407	320	3.4	3.2	3.6	3.7	3.4	2.7
Non-durable goods.....	315	309	3.5	3.8	4.8	4.5	4.5	3.5
Transportation and public utilities.....	96	80	2.1	2.5	2.6	2.4	2.6	1.8
Wholesale and retail trade.....	445	410	4.2	4.5	5.0	5.1	4.2	4.1
Finance and service industries.....	486	480	3.6	3.8	4.2	4.0	3.5	3.8
Government wage and salary workers.....	193	172	2.1	1.9	2.2	2.1	1.5	1.9
Agricultural wage and salary workers.....	85	91	4.9	7.8	8.6	11.1	7.1	6.2

<sup>1</sup>Insured unemployment under State programs as a percent of average covered employment.

percent of potentially available labor force man-hours.

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

<sup>3</sup>Include 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
<b>Full Time</b>				
Civilian labor force.....	67,135	43,509	20,853	2,773
Employed:				
Full-time schedules.....	63,122	41,585	19,287	2,250
Part time for economic reasons.....	2,000	965	835	200
Unemployed, looking for full-time work.....	2,013	959	731	323
Unemployment rate.....	3.0	2.2	3.5	11.7
<b>Part Time</b>				
Civilian labor force.....	10,923	2,019	5,644	3,260
Employed (voluntary part time).....	10,216	1,909	5,446	2,862
Unemployed, looking for part-time work.....	707	110	198	398
Unemployment rate.....	6.5	5.5	3.5	12.2

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

(In thousands)

Age and sex	Seasonally adjusted							
	Dec. 1967	Nov. 1967	Dec. 1966	Dec. 1967	Nov. 1967	Oct. 1967	Sept. 1967	Aug. 1967
	Total, 16 years and over	75,338	75,218	73,599	75,681	75,083	74,630	74,625
16 to 19 years	5,317	5,198	5,625	5,535	5,510	5,428	5,409	5,681
16 and 17 years	3,176	2,129	2,233	2,371	2,316	2,288	2,256	2,331
18 and 19 years	3,136	3,069	3,392	3,224	3,192	3,106	3,154	3,331
20 to 24 years	8,739	8,719	8,187	8,693	8,699	8,514	8,522	8,612
25 years and over	61,287	61,301	59,786	61,407	60,872	60,718	60,724	60,393
25 to 54 years	47,623	47,538	46,518	47,642	47,106	46,876	46,768	46,709
55 years and over	13,665	13,763	13,268	13,805	13,782	13,712	13,698	13,652
Males, 16 years and over	47,250	47,388	46,479	47,892	47,548	47,475	47,479	47,712
16 to 19 years	2,791	2,777	2,912	3,094	3,068	3,050	3,046	3,233
16 and 17 years	1,251	1,256	1,249	1,467	1,439	1,400	1,409	1,436
18 and 19 years	1,538	1,521	1,663	1,666	1,644	1,639	1,653	1,786
20 to 24 years	4,738	4,757	4,543	4,792	4,792	4,806	4,849	4,891
25 years and over	39,721	39,854	39,024	39,959	39,669	39,589	39,589	39,566
25 to 54 years	30,880	30,919	30,368	31,036	30,765	30,637	30,648	30,638
55 years and over	8,841	8,935	8,656	8,953	8,941	8,915	8,898	8,889
Females, 16 years and over	28,088	27,831	27,120	27,789	27,535	27,205	27,146	27,006
16 to 19 years	2,521	2,422	2,713	2,441	2,442	2,378	2,365	2,448
16 and 17 years	923	873	984	904	877	888	837	905
18 and 19 years	1,598	1,548	1,729	1,558	1,548	1,467	1,495	1,545
20 to 24 years	4,002	3,962	3,644	3,901	3,907	3,708	3,673	3,721
25 years and over	21,566	21,447	20,762	21,448	21,203	21,130	21,135	20,827
25 to 54 years	16,742	16,619	16,150	16,606	16,341	16,239	16,120	16,071
55 years and over	4,824	4,828	4,612	4,852	4,841	4,797	4,800	4,743

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 Dec. 1967	Seasonally adjusted unemployment rates					
	Dec. 1967	Nov. 1967		Dec. 1967	Nov. 1967	Oct. 1967	Sept. 1967	Aug. 1967	Dec. 1966
	Total, 16 years and over	2,719		2,894	74.0	3.7	3.9	4.3	4.1
16 to 19 years	721	851	44.8	12.8	14.0	15.1	13.8	13.7	12.2
16 and 17 years	364	421	21.4	14.5	16.2	16.5	15.6	15.3	13.8
18 and 19 years	357	430	68.6	11.4	12.0	13.9	12.6	12.7	10.8
20 to 24 years	468	480	82.9	5.7	5.6	6.5	6.6	5.5	5.6
25 years and over	1,530	1,563	85.0	2.5	2.6	2.9	2.7	2.5	2.6
25 to 54 years	1,183	1,221	86.3	2.5	2.6	3.0	2.8	2.6	2.5
55 years and over	347	342	80.7	2.5	2.4	2.5	2.3	2.5	2.6
Males, 16 years and over	1,471	1,418	76.9	2.9	3.3	3.4	3.0	3.1	3.2
16 to 19 years	402	450	43.0	12.0	14.5	15.0	12.4	12.4	12.2
16 and 17 years	218	240	24.8	13.6	16.1	17.3	13.2	15.3	13.8
18 and 19 years	183	209	65.0	10.4	12.0	12.9	11.4	10.2	10.8
20 to 24 years	243	238	84.8	4.8	5.4	5.3	4.9	5.0	5.3
25 years and over	826	730	91.0	1.9	2.0	2.1	1.9	2.0	2.1
25 to 54 years	576	502	94.6	1.7	1.8	2.0	1.9	2.0	1.9
55 years and over	249	229	83.5	2.6	2.6	2.5	2.0	2.4	2.3
Females, 16 years and over	1,249	1,477	70.5	5.0	4.9	5.8	5.9	5.1	4.7
16 to 19 years	320	401	47.2	13.9	13.4	15.1	15.6	15.4	12.2
16 and 17 years	146	181	17.1	15.9	16.3	15.3	19.3	15.4	13.7
18 and 19 years	174	220	72.4	12.4	12.0	15.1	13.8	15.4	10.7
20 to 24 years	224	243	81.3	6.7	5.9	8.0	8.8	6.1	6.1
25 years and over	704	833	78.0	3.6	3.6	4.3	4.1	3.5	3.5
25 to 54 years	607	720	78.4	3.9	4.1	5.0	4.5	3.7	3.6
55 years and over	98	113	73.5	2.3	2.1	2.6	2.9	2.7	3.1

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

(In thousands)

Industry	Dec. 1967	Nov. 1967	Oct. 1967	Dec. 1966	Change from		Seasonally adjusted			
					Nov. 1967	Dec. 1966	Dec. 1967	Nov. 1967	Oct. 1967	Change from Nov. 1967
<b>TOTAL</b> .....	68,004	67,479	66,914	66,087	525	1,917	67,128	66,929	66,243	199
<b>MINING</b> .....	596	600	601	622	-4	-26	597	597	597	0
<b>CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION</b> .....	3,199	3,388	3,463	3,146	-189	53	3,350	3,299	3,236	51
<b>MANUFACTURING</b> .....	19,476	19,548	19,388	19,534	-72	-58	19,469	19,418	19,169	51
<i>Production workers</i> .....	14,327	14,404	14,249	14,513	-77	-186	14,308	14,279	14,034	29
<b>DURABLE GOODS</b> .....	11,400	11,422	11,223	11,516	-22	-116	11,380	11,358	11,143	22
<i>Production workers</i> .....	8,332	8,357	8,163	8,528	-25	-196	8,305	8,293	8,083	12
Ordnance and accessories .....	308.0	305.4	301.3	272.7	2.6	35.3	307	303	300	4
Lumber and wood products .....	586.8	594.4	599.6	584.3	-7.6	2.5	599	593	592	6
Furniture and fixtures .....	465.6	463.6	461.3	471.6	2.0	-6.0	464	458	455	6
Stone, clay, and glass products ..	629.4	637.9	635.8	629.4	-8.5	0	640	635	628	5
Primary metal industries .....	1,272.4	1,270.5	1,251.3	1,347.4	1.9	-75.0	1,287	1,290	1,267	-3
Fabricated metal products .....	1,361.9	1,360.7	1,344.1	1,379.5	1.2	-17.6	1,357	1,349	1,332	8
Machinery, except electrical .....	1,936.6	1,958.7	1,917.4	1,975.8	-22.1	-39.2	1,939	1,979	1,932	40
Electrical equipment .....	1,945.4	1,941.3	1,919.4	1,974.2	4.1	-28.8	1,926	1,920	1,896	6
Transportation equipment .....	2,007.1	1,984.8	1,885.7	1,995.9	22.3	11.2	1,970	1,950	1,862	20
Instruments and related products ..	458.5	456.9	455.0	452.3	1.6	6.2	457	455	454	2
Miscellaneous manufacturing .....	428.7	447.6	452.4	432.9	-18.9	-4.2	434	426	425	8
<b>NONDURABLE GOODS</b> .....	8,076	8,126	8,165	8,018	-50	58	8,089	8,060	8,026	29
<i>Production workers</i> .....	5,995	6,047	6,086	5,985	-52	10	6,003	5,986	5,951	17
Food and kindred products .....	1,777.8	1,811.4	1,871.6	1,779.2	-33.6	-1.4	1,794	1,784	1,783	10
Tobacco manufactures .....	88.1	98.4	100.3	92.6	-10.3	-4.5	82	89	82	-7
Textile mill products .....	963.9	963.7	960.9	960.0	.2	3.9	966	959	954	7
Apparel and other textile products	1,391.3	1,404.3	1,401.7	1,405.0	-13.0	-13.7	1,397	1,390	1,384	7
Paper and allied products .....	691.7	690.2	687.6	680.2	1.5	11.5	691	687	685	4
Printing and publishing .....	1,075.7	1,072.8	1,068.4	1,050.6	2.9	25.1	1,070	1,070	1,065	0
Chemicals and allied products .....	1,001.2	996.2	996.6	972.5	5.0	28.7	1,007	1,001	1,001	6
Petroleum and coal products .....	190.4	192.3	193.2	184.2	-1.9	6.2	193	193	192	0
Rubber and plastics products, n e c	540.0	540.0	533.5	531.4	0	8.6	535	533	529	2
Leather and leather products .....	356.1	356.4	351.4	362.3	-3	-6.2	354	354	351	0
<b>TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC UTILITIES</b> .....	4,293	4,305	4,281	4,222	-12	71	4,289	4,288	4,251	1
<b>WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE</b> .....	14,775	14,113	13,808	14,248	662	527	13,910	13,909	13,776	1
<b>WHOLESALE TRADE</b> .....	3,636	3,628	3,599	3,534	8	102	3,596	3,599	3,567	-3
<b>RETAIL TRADE</b> .....	11,139	10,485	10,209	10,714	654	425	10,314	10,310	10,209	4
<b>FINANCE, INSURANCE, AND REAL ESTATE</b> .....	3,282	3,274	3,267	3,125	8	157	3,302	3,290	3,270	12
<b>SERVICES</b> .....	10,242	10,249	10,230	9,693	-7	549	10,335	10,301	10,199	34
Hotels and other lodging places ..	656.8	665.0	681.5	629.7	-8.2	27.1	713	711	704	2
Personal services .....	1,024.7	1,031.8	1,032.3	1,016.9	-7.1	7.8	1,022	1,030	1,027	-8
Medical and other health services ..	2,531.5	2,521.4	2,497.7	2,290.2	10.1	241.3	2,542	2,524	2,501	18
Educational services .....	1,143.8	1,144.3	1,124.3	1,048.7	-5	95.1	1,100	1,093	1,079	7
<b>GOVERNMENT</b> .....	12,141	12,002	11,876	11,497	139	644	11,876	11,827	11,745	49
<b>FEDERAL</b> .....	2,819	2,709	2,707	2,769	110	50	2,692	2,698	2,712	-6
<b>STATE AND LOCAL</b> .....	9,322	9,293	9,169	8,728	29	594	9,184	9,129	9,033	55

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

Table B-2: Average weekly hours of production or nonsupervisory workers<sup>1</sup>  
on private nonagricultural payrolls, by industry

Industry	Dec. 1967	Nov. 1967	Oct. 1967	Dec. 1966	Change from		Seasonally adjusted			
					Nov. 1967	Dec. 1966	Dec. 1967	Nov. 1967	Oct. 1967	Change from Nov. 1967
<b>TOTAL PRIVATE</b> .....	38.1	38.1	38.1	38.6	0.0	-0.5	37.9	38.3	38.0	-0.4
<b>MINING</b> .....	43.0	43.0	42.9	42.5	0	.5	43.0	43.5	42.3	-0.5
<b>CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION</b> .....	36.5	38.3	38.1	37.3	-1.8	-.8	37.3	39.4	37.1	-2.1
<b>MANUFACTURING</b> .....	41.1	40.7	40.8	41.3	.4	-.2	40.8	40.7	40.7	.1
<i>Overtime hours</i> .....	3.6	3.4	3.5	3.7	.2	-.1	3.5	3.3	3.4	.2
<b>DURABLE GOODS</b> .....	41.7	41.2	41.4	42.1	.5	-.4	41.3	41.2	41.3	.1
<i>Overtime hours</i> .....	3.7	3.5	3.7	4.1	.2	-.4	3.5	3.4	3.5	.1
Ordnance and accessories .....	42.2	42.2	41.9	42.6	0	-.4	41.6	42.0	41.7	-.4
Lumber and wood products .....	40.6	40.9	40.8	40.0	-.3	-.6	40.9	41.3	40.5	-.4
Furniture and fixtures .....	41.4	40.9	41.1	41.5	.5	-.1	40.5	40.5	40.4	0
Stone, clay, and glass products .....	41.5	42.3	42.1	41.6	-.8	-.1	41.6	42.2	41.8	-.6
Primary metal industries .....	41.7	41.3	40.8	41.7	.4	0	41.7	41.6	41.3	.1
Fabricated metal products .....	41.7	41.6	41.6	42.5	.1	-.6	41.3	41.5	41.4	-.2
Machinery, except electrical .....	42.7	42.3	42.2	44.0	.4	-1.3	42.3	42.4	42.3	-.1
Electrical equipment .....	40.8	40.7	40.6	41.2	.1	-.4	40.2	40.5	40.5	-.3
Transportation equipment .....	42.5	40.4	42.2	42.5	2.1	0	41.6	39.7	41.5	1.9
Instruments and related products .....	41.5	41.3	41.3	42.2	.2	-.7	41.2	41.1	41.1	.1
Miscellaneous manufacturing .....	39.7	40.0	39.8	40.0	-.3	-.3	39.4	39.7	39.4	-.3
<b>NONDURABLE GOODS</b> .....	40.2	40.1	39.9	40.1	.1	.1	40.0	40.1	39.7	-.1
<i>Overtime hours</i> .....	3.4	3.3	3.4	3.3	-.1	.1	3.4	3.2	3.2	.2
Food and kindred products .....	41.0	41.0	40.9	41.3	0	-.3	40.7	40.8	40.7	-.1
Tobacco manufactures .....	38.0	38.2	40.4	40.6	-.2	-2.6	36.5	38.2	39.0	-1.7
Textile mill products .....	42.1	41.8	41.6	41.2	-.3	-.9	41.8	41.5	41.3	.3
Apparel and other textile products .....	36.0	36.3	35.8	36.2	-.3	-.2	36.2	36.4	35.8	-.2
Paper and allied products .....	43.4	43.0	43.1	43.3	.4	-.1	43.2	42.8	42.8	.4
Printing and publishing .....	38.7	38.2	38.1	39.1	.5	-.4	38.2	38.3	38.0	-.1
Chemicals and allied products .....	41.9	41.9	41.5	42.0	0	-.1	41.8	41.9	41.5	-.1
Petroleum and coal products .....	42.4	42.8	43.0	42.1	-.4	.3	42.7	42.9	43.0	-.2
Rubber and plastics products, n e c .....	42.2	42.0	42.1	41.9	.2	.3	41.7	41.8	41.9	-.1
Leather and leather products .....	39.2	39.3	38.3	38.7	-.1	.5	38.5	39.5	38.7	-1.0
<b>WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE</b> .....	36.4	36.1	36.2	37.0	.3	-.6	36.1	36.5	36.3	-.4
<b>WHOLESALE TRADE</b> .....	40.4	40.3	40.3	40.9	.1	-.5	40.1	40.3	40.3	-.2
<b>RETAIL TRADE</b> .....	35.3	34.8	34.9	35.9	.5	-.6	35.0	35.2	35.1	-.2
<b>FINANCE, INSURANCE, AND REAL ESTATE</b> .....	37.0	37.0	37.1	37.3	0	-.3	36.9	37.1	37.1	-.2

<sup>1</sup>Data 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 workers<sup>1</sup>  
on private nonagricultural payrolls, by industry

Industry	Average hourly earnings						Average weekly earnings					
	Dec. 1967	Nov. 1967	Oct. 1967	Dec. 1966	Change from		Dec. 1967	Nov. 1967	Oct. 1967	Dec. 1966	Change from	
					Nov. 1967	Dec. 1966					Nov. 1967	Dec. 1966
<b>TOTAL PRIVATE</b> .....	\$2.71	\$2.72	\$2.71	\$2.59	-\$0.01	\$0.12	\$103.25	\$103.63	\$103.25	\$99.97	-\$0.38	\$3.28
<b>MINING</b> .....	3.26	3.24	3.24	3.14	.02	.12	140.18	139.32	139.00	133.45	.86	6.73
<b>CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION</b> .....	4.22	4.20	4.21	3.99	.02	.23	154.03	160.86	160.40	148.83	-6.83	5.20
<b>MANUFACTURING</b> .....	2.90	2.87	2.85	2.77	.03	.13	119.19	116.81	116.28	114.40	2.38	4.79
<b>DURABLE GOODS</b> .....	3.08	3.05	3.03	2.96	.03	.12	128.44	125.66	125.44	124.62	2.78	3.82
Ordnance and accessories .....	3.32	3.31	3.28	3.24	.01	.08	140.10	139.68	137.43	138.02	.42	2.08
Lumber and wood products .....	2.42	2.44	2.44	2.27	-.02	.15	98.25	99.80	99.55	90.80	-1.55	7.45
Furniture and fixtures .....	2.39	2.38	2.38	2.26	.01	.13	98.95	97.34	97.82	93.79	1.61	5.16
Stone, clay, and glass products .....	2.90	2.90	2.88	2.77	0	.13	120.35	122.67	121.25	115.23	-2.32	5.12
Primary metal industries .....	3.42	3.41	3.38	3.30	.01	.12	142.61	140.83	137.90	137.61	1.78	5.00
Fabricated metal products .....	3.03	3.01	2.99	2.93	.02	.10	126.35	125.22	124.38	124.53	1.13	1.82
Machinery, except electrical .....	3.26	3.24	3.21	3.15	.02	.11	139.20	137.05	135.46	138.60	2.15	.60
Electrical equipment .....	2.85	2.83	2.81	2.70	.02	.15	116.28	115.18	114.09	111.24	1.10	5.04
Transportation equipment .....	3.55	3.48	3.48	3.41	.07	.14	150.88	140.59	146.86	144.93	10.29	5.95
Instruments and related products .....	2.90	2.89	2.87	2.77	.01	.13	120.35	119.36	118.53	118.89	.99	3.46
Miscellaneous manufacturing .....	2.40	2.37	2.35	2.28	.03	.12	95.28	94.80	93.53	91.20	.48	4.08
<b>NONDURABLE GOODS</b> .....	2.64	2.62	2.61	2.50	.02	.14	106.13	105.06	104.14	100.25	1.07	5.88
Food and kindred products .....	2.68	2.67	2.64	2.57	.01	.11	109.88	109.47	107.98	106.14	.41	3.74
Tobacco manufactures .....	2.29	2.18	2.13	2.17	.11	.12	87.02	83.28	86.05	88.10	3.74	-1.08
Textile mill products .....	2.13	2.13	2.12	2.00	0	.13	89.67	89.03	88.19	82.40	.64	7.27
Apparel and other textile products .....	2.08	2.07	2.06	1.93	.01	.15	74.88	75.14	73.75	69.87	-.26	5.01
Paper and allied products .....	2.95	2.93	2.92	2.79	.02	.16	128.03	125.99	125.85	120.81	2.04	7.22
Printing and publishing .....	3.37	3.35	3.34	3.22	.02	.15	130.42	127.97	127.25	125.90	2.45	4.52
Chemicals and allied products .....	3.17	3.16	3.15	3.04	.01	.13	132.82	132.40	130.73	127.68	.42	5.14
Petroleum and coal products .....	3.63	3.64	3.61	3.46	-.01	.17	153.91	155.79	155.23	145.67	-1.88	8.24
Rubber and plastics products, n e c .....	2.87	2.86	2.85	2.70	.01	.17	121.11	120.12	119.99	113.13	.99	7.98
Leather and leather products .....	2.11	2.11	2.10	1.98	0	.13	82.71	82.92	80.43	76.63	-.21	6.08
<b>WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE</b> .....	2.27	2.29	2.29	2.16	-.02	.11	82.63	82.67	82.90	79.92	-.04	2.71
<b>WHOLESALE TRADE</b> .....	2.95	2.94	2.93	2.80	.01	.15	119.18	118.48	118.08	114.52	.70	4.66
<b>RETAIL TRADE</b> .....	2.03	2.05	2.05	1.94	-.02	.09	71.66	71.34	71.55	69.65	.32	2.01
<b>FINANCE, INSURANCE, AND REAL ESTATE</b> .....	2.69	2.66	2.66	2.51	.03	.18	99.53	98.42	98.69	93.62	1.11	5.91

<sup>1</sup>See footnote 1, table B-2.  
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