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Unemployment fell in January for the third consecutive month, but payroll employment showed little change, after allowance for normal seasonal declines, the U. S. Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics reported today. The national unemployment rate stood at 3.5 percent in January, a decrease from 3.7 percent in December and the lowest rate since November 1953.

Total employment and the labor force normally decline sharply in the post-Christmas season. In January 1968, the labor force decline among adult women was considerably greater than usual. This decline, together with a seasonally adjusted increase in teenage employment, resulted in a lower unemployment rate, even though payroll employment showed only a small seasonally adjusted increase.

The situation in January was in many respects the reverse of that in September and October. Last fall the labor force increase for adult women exceeded the rise in their employment, and the unemployment rate increased.

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In accordance with regular practice at the beginning of each year, the seasonally adjusted labor force series have been slightly revised, due to the application of new seasonal factors which incorporate 1967 data. The revisions did not affect the total unemployment rates published in 1967 by more than 0.1 percentage point. The new seasonal factors and the updated major seasonally adjusted series will appear in the February issue of Employment and Earnings and Monthly Report on the Labor Force.

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Industry Developments

Total nonfarm payroll employment showed a small seasonally adjusted increase in January, despite a sharp drop in construction employment resulting from extremely cold and snowy weather. Employment in manufacturing, trade, the miscellaneous service industries, and State and local government continued to move up as in recent months.

Manufacturing employment (seasonally adjusted) rose by 45,000 to 19.5 million in January--almost back to its January 1967 peak. Almost all of the durable goods industries recorded employment pickups from December to January. The biggest increase, 25,000 in machinery, primarily reflected the return of workers who had been on strike in December.

In line with long-run growth trends, the service producing industries showed continued gains. Employment in trade and the miscellaneous service industries each rose by about 30,000 over the month, while State and local government advanced by 50,000 (seasonally adjusted). Federal government employment has been edging down in recent months and, at 2.7 million in January, was 50,000 below the July 1967 high.

The workweek for manufacturing production workers declined from 40.8 hours in December to 40.5 hours in January (seasonally adjusted). Hours were unchanged in durable goods, but there was a drop of 0.5 hour in the nondurable goods sector. The effect of bad weather was evident in a large decline (1.6 hours) in the construction workweek.

Average hourly earnings for nonsupervisory workers rose in all major sectors of the private economy over the month. At \$2.75 in January, their hourly earnings were up 3 cents over the month and 14 cents (5.4 percent) since January 1967. Because of the decline in average hours, however, weekly earnings at \$103.40 were down 50 cents over the month. Over the year, average weekly earnings were up \$3.70 (3.7 percent).

Unemployment

The number of unemployed workers totaled 3.1 million in January, down 100,000 from a year earlier. Of the total unemployed, 1.3 million were adult men, 1.1 million adult women, and 650,000 teenagers.

For adult men, the jobless rate has been low and relatively stable (2.2 to 2.5 percent) since July. In contrast, the rates for women and teenagers have fluctuated widely. For teenagers, the jobless rate moved

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irregularly upward during most of 1967, but was down to 11.3 percent in January 1968--about equal to the lowest level of the 1960's. The rate for adult women was 3.9 percent in January, compared to 4.1 percent in December, and well below the nearly 5.0 percent levels of last September and October.

Jobless rates for both white and nonwhite workers have declined steadily from the October 1967 highs. The nonwhite unemployment rate declined more rapidly than that for whites, but, at 6.4 percent in January, was exactly double the white rate.

State insured unemployment rose more than seasonally in mid-January, and the rate increased from 2.2 to 2.4 percent. The insured rate, which had moved up to 2.7 percent in the April-August 1967 period, has remained between 2.2 and 2.4 percent since September.

Total Employment

At 73.3 million in January, total employment was up 1.1 million from a year earlier. The over-the-year increase took place entirely among adults, 600,000 men and 700,000 women, while teenage employment moved down 200,000. Because the big population group born shortly after World War II has moved into their early twenties, employment growth is now largely among adults, not teenagers.

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

(In thousands)

Employment status, age, and sex	Jan. 1968	Dec. 1967	Jan. 1967	Seasonally adjusted				
				Jan. 1968	Dec. 1967	Nov. 1967	Oct. 1967	Sept. 1967
Total								
Total labor force	79,811	81,527	78,706	81,386	81,942	81,459	81,535	81,263
Civilian labor force	76,347	78,057	75,320	77,923	78,473	77,989	78,072	77,807
Employed	73,273	75,338	72,160	75,167	75,577	75,005	74,735	74,638
Agriculture	3,366	3,545	3,335	4,003	4,216	3,839	3,718	3,697
Nonagricultural industries	69,908	71,793	68,826	71,164	71,361	71,166	71,017	70,941
On part time for economic reasons	1,525	1,685	1,908	1,537	1,807	1,950	1,866	1,967
Usually work full time	805	911	1,143	729	944	1,108	976	1,094
Usually work part time	720	774	765	808	863	842	890	873
Unemployed	3,074	2,719	3,160	2,756	2,896	2,984	3,337	3,169
Men, 20 years and over								
Civilian labor force	45,245	45,528	44,656	45,770	45,783	45,578	45,598	45,506
Employed	43,925	44,459	43,344	44,740	44,775	44,506	44,460	44,468
Agriculture	2,702	2,718	2,638	2,931	2,951	2,834	2,793	2,798
Nonagricultural industries	41,224	41,740	40,704	41,809	41,824	41,672	41,667	41,670
Unemployed	1,319	1,069	1,312	1,030	1,008	1,072	1,138	1,038
Women, 20 years and over								
Civilian labor force	25,617	26,497	24,955	25,810	26,348	26,068	26,063	25,918
Employed	24,511	25,568	23,774	24,802	25,273	25,036	24,811	24,640
Agriculture	440	557	443	683	825	625	575	517
Nonagricultural industries	24,071	25,010	23,332	24,119	24,448	24,411	24,236	24,123
Unemployed	1,105	929	1,180	1,008	1,075	1,032	1,252	1,278
Both sexes, 16-19 years								
Civilian labor force	5,486	6,033	5,710	6,343	6,342	6,343	6,411	6,383
Employed	4,836	5,312	5,044	5,625	5,529	5,463	5,464	5,530
Agriculture	224	269	254	389	440	380	350	382
Nonagricultural industries	4,613	5,043	4,790	5,236	5,089	5,083	5,114	5,148
Unemployed	649	721	667	718	813	880	947	853

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

(In thousands)

Duration of unemployment	Jan. 1968	Dec. 1967	Jan. 1967	Seasonally adjusted				
				Jan. 1968	Dec. 1967	Nov. 1967	Oct. 1967	Sept. 1967
Less than 5 weeks	1,552	1,367	1,707	1,360	1,418	1,609	1,789	1,783
5 to 14 weeks	993	937	939	840	968	930	1,185	937
15 weeks and over	529	415	515	488	445	485	475	440
15 to 26 weeks	342	247	314	302	259	307	305	277
27 weeks and over	187	168	201	186	186	178	170	163

Table A-3: Major unemployment indicators

(Persons 16 years and over)

Selected categories	Thousands of persons unemployed		Seasonally adjusted rates of unemployment					
	Jan. 1968	Jan. 1967	Jan. 1968	Dec. 1967	Nov. 1967	Oct. 1967	Sept. 1967	Jan. 1967
Total (all civilian workers).....	3,074	3,160	3.5	3.7	3.8	4.3	4.1	3.7
Men, 20 years and over.....	1,319	1,312	2.3	2.2	2.4	2.5	2.3	2.3
Women, 20 years and over.....	1,105	1,180	3.9	4.1	4.0	4.8	4.9	4.3
Both sexes, 16-19 years.....	649	667	11.3	12.8	13.9	14.8	13.4	11.1
White.....	2,454	2,519	3.2	3.3	3.4	3.7	3.6	3.3
Nonwhite.....	620	641	6.4	6.9	7.3	8.8	8.0	6.7
Married men.....	854	902	1.6	1.7	1.7	1.9	1.8	1.7
Full-time workers.....	2,431	2,462	3.3	3.3	3.5	3.8	3.6	3.2
Unemployed 15 weeks and over.....	529	515	.6	.6	.6	.6	.6	.6
State insured ¹	1,647	1,563	2.4	2.2	2.3	2.4	2.4	2.4
Labor force time lost ²	--	--	4.0	4.1	4.2	4.7	4.6	4.1
Occupation								
White-collar workers.....	765	793	2.0	2.1	2.2	2.4	2.4	2.1
Professional and managerial.....	186	197	1.0	1.1	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.1
Clerical workers.....	408	395	3.0	3.2	3.2	3.8	3.6	3.0
Sales workers.....	171	201	2.9	2.8	3.3	3.4	3.9	3.4
Blue-collar workers.....	1,531	1,491	4.3	4.3	4.4	4.9	4.6	4.2
Craftsmen and foremen.....	378	332	2.7	2.1	2.6	2.7	2.2	2.4
Operatives.....	786	813	4.6	5.0	4.9	5.3	5.3	4.7
Nonfarm laborers.....	367	346	7.8	7.4	7.1	9.1	8.0	7.4
Service workers.....	426	476	4.1	4.8	4.7	5.5	4.9	4.5
Industry								
Private wage and salary workers ³	2,420	2,511	3.6	3.8	3.9	4.4	4.2	3.8
Construction.....	443	411	8.3	6.1	7.2	6.9	5.4	7.7
Manufacturing.....	785	790	3.3	3.5	3.5	4.1	4.0	3.3
Durable goods.....	394	411	2.8	3.5	3.2	3.6	3.7	2.9
Nondurable goods.....	390	379	4.0	3.6	3.8	4.8	4.4	3.9
Transportation and public utilities.....	98	129	1.9	2.2	2.5	2.7	2.4	2.6
Wholesale and retail trade.....	596	599	4.1	4.2	4.4	5.0	5.2	4.1
Finance and service industries.....	481	567	3.1	3.6	3.5	4.1	3.9	3.8
Government wage and salary workers.....	219	176	1.9	2.0	2.0	2.2	1.9	1.6
Agricultural wage and salary workers.....	99	105	4.8	5.0	7.8	7.8	10.0	5.4

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

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

percent of potentially available labor force man-hours.

³Include s mining, not shown separately.

Table A-4: Full-and part-time status of the civilian labor force
January 1968

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.....	66,293	43,313	20,354	2,627
Employed:				
Full-time schedules.....	61,984	41,183	18,693	2,108
Part time for economic reasons.....	1,878	922	773	183
Unemployed, looking for full-time work.....	2,431	1,208	888	335
Unemployment rate.....	3.7	2.8	4.4	12.8
Part Time				
Civilian labor force.....	10,054	1,932	5,263	2,859
Employed (voluntary part time).....	9,411	1,821	5,045	2,545
Unemployed, looking for part-time work.....	643	111	218	314
Unemployment rate.....	6.4	5.8	4.1	11.0

Table A-5: Employed persons by age and sex

(In thousands)

Age and sex	Jan. 1968	Dec. 1967	Jan. 1967	Seasonally adjusted				
				Jan. 1968	Dec. 1967	Nov. 1967	Oct. 1967	Sept. 1967
Total, 16 years and over	73,273	75,338	72,160	75,167	75,625	75,024	74,712	74,657
16 to 19 years	4,836	5,312	5,044	5,625	5,568	5,463	5,449	5,500
16 and 17 years	1,859	2,176	1,917	2,319	2,346	2,296	2,314	2,267
18 and 19 years	2,977	3,136	3,126	3,328	3,222	3,167	3,135	3,233
20 to 24 years	8,383	8,739	7,937	8,682	8,720	8,726	8,562	8,555
25 years and over	60,054	61,278	59,180	60,847	61,337	60,835	60,701	60,602
25 to 54 years	46,751	47,623	46,009	47,365	47,544	47,068	46,899	46,785
55 years and over	13,304	13,665	13,170	13,604	13,802	13,731	13,723	13,682
Males, 16 years and over	46,472	47,250	46,088	47,790	47,909	47,593	47,525	47,599
16 to 19 years	2,547	2,791	2,745	3,050	3,138	3,055	3,068	3,131
16 and 17 years	1,103	1,253	1,136	1,414	1,457	1,421	1,407	1,416
18 and 19 years	1,443	1,538	1,609	1,661	1,681	1,634	1,661	1,715
20 to 24 years	4,629	4,738	4,497	4,843	4,826	4,815	4,832	4,860
25 years and over	39,296	39,721	38,846	39,891	39,945	39,723	39,625	39,608
25 to 54 years	30,639	30,880	30,317	31,031	31,015	30,806	30,678	30,700
55 years and over	8,658	8,841	8,527	8,901	8,944	8,913	8,912	8,896
Females, 16 years and over	26,801	28,088	26,073	27,377	27,716	27,431	27,187	27,058
16 to 19 years	2,290	2,521	2,299	2,575	2,430	2,408	2,381	2,369
16 and 17 years	756	923	781	905	889	875	907	851
18 and 19 years	1,534	1,598	1,517	1,667	1,541	1,533	1,474	1,518
20 to 24 years	3,754	4,002	3,440	3,839	3,894	3,911	3,730	3,695
25 years and over	20,758	21,566	20,334	20,956	21,392	21,112	21,076	20,994
25 to 54 years	16,112	16,742	15,692	16,334	16,529	16,262	16,221	16,085
55 years and over	4,646	4,824	4,643	4,703	4,858	4,818	4,811	4,786

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 Jan. 1968	Seasonally adjusted unemployment rates					
	Jan. 1968	Dec. 1967		Jan. 1968	Dec. 1967	Nov. 1967	Oct. 1967	Sept. 1967	Jan. 1967
Total, 16 years and over	3,074	2,719	79.1	3.5	3.7	3.8	4.3	4.1	3.7
16 to 19 years	649	721	51.6	11.3	12.8	13.6	14.8	13.6	11.1
16 and 17 years	290	364	29.7	13.4	14.7	15.9	16.4	15.5	13.1
18 and 19 years	359	357	69.4	9.9	11.3	11.9	13.6	12.1	9.7
20 to 24 years	584	468	83.9	5.6	5.8	5.5	6.4	6.7	5.5
25 years and over	1,841	1,530	87.2	2.5	2.5	2.6	2.9	2.7	2.6
25 to 54 years	1,433	1,183	88.8	2.5	2.5	2.7	3.0	2.8	2.6
55 years and over	409	347	81.4	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.3	2.9
Males, 16 years and over	1,704	1,471	81.2	2.9	2.9	3.2	3.4	3.0	2.9
16 to 19 years	385	402	45.5	11.7	12.0	13.6	14.8	12.1	11.1
16 and 17 years	191	218	28.8	13.1	14.2	15.8	17.6	13.9	13.7
18 and 19 years	193	183	62.2	10.3	10.0	11.6	12.3	10.5	8.9
20 to 24 years	283	243	83.4	4.6	4.8	5.3	5.4	4.9	4.3
25 years and over	1,037	826	93.7	1.9	1.9	2.0	2.1	1.9	2.0
25 to 54 years	767	576	97.3	1.9	1.7	1.9	2.0	1.9	1.9
55 years and over	270	249	83.7	2.5	2.7	2.7	2.4	2.0	2.7
Females, 16 years and over	1,370	1,249	76.4	4.6	5.0	4.9	5.8	5.9	5.0
16 to 19 years	265	320	60.4	10.9	13.7	13.6	14.8	15.4	11.2
16 and 17 years	99	146	30.3	13.8	15.5	15.9	14.5	18.0	12.1
18 and 19 years	166	174	77.7	9.4	12.6	12.1	14.9	13.9	10.7
20 to 24 years	301	224	84.4	6.9	6.9	5.8	7.7	9.0	7.1
25 years and over	804	704	78.9	3.4	3.5	3.7	4.3	4.1	3.8
25 to 54 years	666	607	79.3	3.6	4.0	4.2	4.8	4.4	4.0
55 years and over	139	98	76.3	2.6	2.2	2.2	2.6	2.8	3.3

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

Industry	(In thousands)									
	Jan. 1968	Dec. 1967	Nov. 1967	Jan. 1967	Change from		Seasonally adjusted			
					Dec. 1967	Jan. 1967	Jan. 1968	Dec. 1967	Nov. 1967	Change from Dec. 1967
TOTAL	66,111	67,962	67,470	64,531	-1,451	1,580	67,146	67,110	66,918	36
MINING	583	598	600	611	-15	-28	596	599	597	-3
CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION	2,871	3,195	3,378	2,947	-324	-76	3,226	3,346	3,289	-120
MANUFACTURING	19,310	19,497	19,553	19,333	-187	-23	19,533	19,490	19,422	43
<i>Production workers</i>	14,163	14,351	14,406	14,304	-188	-141	14,363	14,331	14,278	32
DURABLE GOODS	11,365	11,419	11,430	11,413	-54	-48	11,458	11,400	11,364	58
<i>Production workers</i>	8,290	8,354	8,360	8,417	-64	-127	8,371	8,328	8,294	43
Ordnance and accessories	309.2	305.6	304.6	279.2	3.6	30.0	307	305	303	2
Lumber and wood products	569.6	586.4	594.3	577.1	-16.8	-7.5	599	598	593	1
Furniture and fixtures	465.0	467.6	463.9	462.4	-2.6	2.6	469	466	458	3
Stone, clay, and glass products ..	616.2	630.8	637.1	616.5	-14.6	-3	641	642	634	-1
Primary metal industries	1,274.9	1,275.2	1,269.8	1,348.2	-3	-73.3	1,288	1,290	1,289	-2
Fabricated metal products	1,363.7	1,374.5	1,366.1	1,364.6	-10.8	-9	1,374	1,370	1,354	4
Machinery, except electrical	1,963.1	1,936.5	1,960.0	1,985.8	26.6	-22.7	1,965	1,939	1,980	26
Electrical equipment	1,935.5	1,942.5	1,940.3	1,962.0	-7.0	-26.5	1,932	1,924	1,919	8
Transportation equipment	1,998.4	2,014.0	1,986.3	1,951.4	-15.6	47.0	1,984	1,976	1,951	8
Instruments and related products ..	457.9	458.8	457.4	451.2	-9	6.7	459	457	455	2
Miscellaneous manufacturing	411.8	427.5	449.7	414.5	-15.7	-2.7	440	433	428	7
NONDURABLE GOODS	7,945	8,078	8,123	7,920	-133	25	8,075	8,090	8,058	-15
<i>Production workers</i>	5,873	5,997	6,046	5,887	-124	-14	5,992	6,003	5,984	-11
Food and kindred products	1,721.0	1,770.1	1,811.8	1,725.4	-49.1	-4.4	1,791	1,786	1,785	5
Tobacco manufactures	82.9	93.9	98.4	88.6	-11.0	-5.7	84	87	89	-3
Textile mill products	950.4	961.6	962.3	950.8	-11.2	-4	963	964	957	-1
Apparel and other textile products	1,365.4	1,394.2	1,403.3	1,392.4	-28.8	-27.0	1,386	1,400	1,389	-14
Paper and allied products	684.8	691.9	690.3	674.3	-7.1	10.5	691	691	687	0
Printing and publishing	1,066.4	1,077.3	1,071.8	1,047.3	-10.9	19.1	1,071	1,071	1,069	0
Chemicals and allied products	1,000.1	1,002.3	997.3	973.9	-2.2	26.2	1,009	1,008	1,002	1
Petroleum and coal products	188.2	189.5	191.6	182.5	-1.3	5.7	192	193	193	-1
Rubber and plastics products, n e c	535.3	539.8	539.8	526.8	-4.5	8.5	535	535	533	0
Leather and leather products	350.8	357.1	356.4	357.5	-6.3	-6.7	353	355	354	-2
TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC UTILITIES	4,228	4,294	4,304	4,183	-66	45	4,288	4,290	4,287	-2
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE	13,709	14,726	14,104	13,334	-1,017	375	13,896	13,864	13,900	32
WHOLESALE TRADE	3,570	3,632	3,631	3,491	-62	79	3,592	3,592	3,602	0
RETAIL TRADE	10,139	11,094	10,473	9,843	-955	296	10,304	10,272	10,298	32
FINANCE, INSURANCE, AND REAL ESTATE	3,271	3,283	3,274	3,114	-12	157	3,311	3,303	3,290	8
SERVICES	10,160	10,240	10,246	9,643	-80	517	10,367	10,333	10,297	34
Hotels and other lodging places ..	646.3	654.1	664.7	625.3	-7.8	21.0	708	709	711	-1
Personal services	1,015.5	1,028.0	1,032.1	1,010.1	-12.5	5.4	1,025	1,025	1,030	0
Medical and other health services ..	2,534.9	2,531.2	2,520.3	2,312.1	3.7	222.8	2,545	2,541	2,523	4
Educational services	1,137.7	1,144.7	1,144.6	1,046.9	-7.0	90.8	1,102	1,101	1,094	1
GOVERNMENT	11,979	12,129	12,011	11,366	-150	613	11,929	11,885	11,836	44
FEDERAL	2,679	2,814	2,709	2,643	-135	36	2,703	2,708	2,698	-5
STATE AND LOCAL	9,300	9,315	9,302	8,723	-15	577	9,226	9,177	9,138	49

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	Jan. 1968	Dec. 1967	Nov. 1967	Jan. 1967	Change from		Seasonally adjusted			
					Dec. 1967	Jan. 1967	Jan. 1968	Dec. 1967	Nov. 1967	Change from Dec. 1967
TOTAL PRIVATE	37.6	38.2	38.1	38.2	-0.6	-0.6	37.8	38.0	38.3	-0.2
MINING	42.0	42.4	43.0	42.3	-.4	-.3	42.3	42.4	43.5	-.1
CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION	34.7	36.5	38.3	37.1	-1.8	-2.4	35.7	37.3	39.4	-1.6
MANUFACTURING	40.3	41.1	40.8	40.8	-.8	-.5	40.5	40.8	40.8	-.3
<i>Overtime hours</i>	3.2	3.6	3.4	3.4	-.4	-.2	3.4	3.5	3.3	-.1
DURABLE GOODS	41.3	41.9	41.2	41.5	-.6	-.2	41.5	41.5	41.2	0
<i>Overtime hours</i>	3.5	3.9	3.5	3.7	-.4	-.2	3.7	3.7	3.4	0
Ordnance and accessories	41.8	42.3	42.1	42.3	-.5	-.5	41.5	41.7	41.9	-.2
Lumber and wood products	39.3	40.1	40.8	40.0	-.8	-.7	39.7	40.4	41.2	-.7
Furniture and fixtures	39.9	41.6	40.9	40.1	-1.7	-.2	40.5	40.7	40.5	-.2
Stone, clay, and glass products	40.2	41.5	42.2	41.2	-1.3	-1.0	40.9	41.6	42.1	-.7
Primary metal industries	41.5	41.6	41.3	41.9	-.1	-.4	41.4	41.6	41.6	-.2
Fabricated metal products	41.5	42.0	41.5	41.8	-.5	-.3	41.9	41.6	41.4	-.3
Machinery, except electrical	42.1	42.8	42.3	43.5	-.7	-1.4	42.1	42.4	42.4	-.3
Electrical equipment	40.3	41.0	40.8	40.5	-.7	-.2	40.5	40.4	40.6	.1
Transportation equipment	43.1	43.5	40.5	41.6	-.4	1.5	43.1	42.6	39.8	.5
Instruments and related products	40.8	41.5	41.3	41.6	-.7	-.8	41.0	41.2	41.1	-.2
Miscellaneous manufacturing	38.9	39.7	39.9	39.6	-.8	-.7	39.3	39.4	39.6	-.1
NONDURABLE GOODS	39.0	40.0	40.1	39.7	-1.0	-.7	39.3	39.8	40.1	-.5
<i>Overtime hours</i>	2.9	3.3	3.3	3.0	-.4	-.1	3.2	3.3	3.2	-.1
Food and kindred products	40.2	41.0	41.0	40.8	-.8	-.6	40.5	40.7	40.8	-.2
Tobacco manufactures	37.3	38.3	38.8	37.8	-1.0	-.5	38.1	36.8	38.8	1.3
Textile mill products	40.8	42.0	41.8	40.6	-1.2	.2	41.1	41.7	41.5	-.6
Apparel and other textile products	34.4	36.0	36.2	36.1	-1.6	-1.7	34.9	36.2	36.3	-1.3
Paper and allied products	42.2	43.2	43.0	42.8	-1.0	-.6	42.6	43.0	42.8	-.4
Printing and publishing	37.4	38.5	38.1	38.5	-1.1	-1.1	37.7	38.0	38.2	-.3
Chemicals and allied products	41.1	41.8	41.9	41.5	-.7	-.4	41.4	41.7	41.9	-.3
Petroleum and coal products	42.4	41.7	43.0	41.4	.7	1.0	43.0	42.0	43.1	1.0
Rubber and plastics products, n e c	41.1	41.8	42.0	41.4	-.7	-.3	41.2	41.3	41.8	-.1
Leather and leather products	37.9	39.1	39.3	38.6	-1.2	-.7	37.6	38.4	39.5	-.8
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE	35.9	36.6	36.1	36.5	-.7	-.6	36.2	36.3	36.5	-.1
WHOLESALE TRADE	40.1	40.5	40.3	40.6	-.4	-.5	40.2	40.2	40.3	0
RETAIL TRADE	34.5	35.4	34.8	35.1	-.9	-.6	34.9	35.1	35.2	-.2
FINANCE, INSURANCE, AND REAL ESTATE	37.0	37.0	37.0	37.1	0	-.1	37.0	36.9	37.1	.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					
	Jan. 1968	Dec. 1967	Nov. 1967	Jan. 1967	Change from		Jan. 1968	Dec. 1967	Nov. 1967	Jan. 1967	Change from	
					Dec. 1967	Jan. 1967					Dec. 1967	Jan. 1967
TOTAL PRIVATE	\$2.75	\$2.72	\$2.72	\$2.61	\$0.03	\$0.14	\$103.40	\$103.90	\$103.63	\$99.70	\$-0.50	\$3.70
MINING	3.29	3.25	3.24	3.17	.04	.12	138.18	137.80	139.32	134.09	.38	4.09
CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION	4.29	4.23	4.21	4.02	.06	.27	148.86	154.40	161.24	149.14	-5.54	-.28
MANUFACTURING	2.93	2.91	2.88	2.78	.02	.15	118.08	119.60	117.50	113.42	-1.52	4.66
DURABLE GOODS	3.12	3.10	3.06	2.96	.02	.16	128.86	129.89	126.07	122.84	-1.03	6.02
Ordnance and accessories	3.31	3.31	3.31	3.23	0	.08	138.36	140.01	139.35	136.63	-1.65	1.73
Lumber and wood products	2.43	2.43	2.45	2.27	0	.16	95.50	97.44	99.96	90.80	-1.94	4.70
Furniture and fixtures	2.38	2.40	2.38	2.26	-.02	.12	94.96	99.84	97.34	90.63	-4.88	4.33
Stone, clay, and glass products	2.90	2.89	2.90	2.76	.01	.14	116.58	119.94	122.38	113.71	-3.36	2.87
Primary metal industries	3.44	3.43	3.42	3.31	.01	.13	142.76	142.69	141.25	138.69	.07	4.07
Fabricated metal products	3.08	3.06	3.01	2.94	.02	.14	127.82	128.52	124.92	122.89	-.70	4.93
Machinery, except electrical	3.27	3.26	3.24	3.15	.01	.12	137.67	139.53	137.05	137.03	-1.86	.64
Electrical equipment	2.88	2.87	2.84	2.70	.01	.18	116.06	117.67	115.87	109.35	-1.61	6.71
Transportation equipment	3.62	3.59	3.49	3.39	.03	.23	156.02	156.17	141.35	141.02	-.15	15.00
Instruments and related products	2.91	2.91	2.89	2.78	0	.13	118.73	120.77	119.36	115.65	-2.04	3.08
Miscellaneous manufacturing	2.44	2.43	2.37	2.32	.01	.12	94.92	96.47	94.56	91.87	-1.55	3.05
NONDURABLE GOODS	2.66	2.64	2.62	2.51	.02	.15	103.74	105.60	105.06	99.65	-1.86	4.09
Food and kindred products	2.72	2.70	2.67	2.60	.02	.12	109.34	110.70	109.47	106.08	-1.36	3.26
Tobacco manufactures	2.32	2.23	2.15	2.20	.09	.12	86.54	85.41	83.42	83.16	1.13	3.38
Textile mill products	2.14	2.14	2.13	2.01	0	.13	87.31	89.88	89.03	81.61	-2.57	5.70
Apparel and other textile products	2.10	2.08	2.07	1.95	.02	.15	72.24	74.88	74.93	70.40	-2.64	1.84
Paper and allied products	2.96	2.95	2.93	2.80	.01	.16	124.91	127.44	125.99	119.84	-2.53	5.07
Printing and publishing	3.35	3.37	3.35	3.22	-.02	.13	125.29	129.75	127.64	123.97	-4.46	1.32
Chemicals and allied products	3.18	3.17	3.16	3.04	.01	.14	130.70	132.51	132.40	126.16	-1.81	4.54
Petroleum and coal products	3.63	3.60	3.64	3.50	.03	.13	153.91	150.12	156.52	144.90	3.79	9.01
Rubber and plastics products, n e c	2.85	2.86	2.86	2.71	-.01	.14	117.14	119.55	120.12	112.19	-2.41	4.95
Leather and leather products	2.15	2.13	2.11	2.00	.02	.15	81.49	83.28	82.92	77.20	-1.79	4.29
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE	2.33	2.27	2.29	2.20	.06	.13	83.65	83.08	82.67	80.30	.57	3.35
WHOLESALE TRADE	2.97	2.96	2.94	2.81	.01	.16	119.10	119.88	118.48	114.09	-.78	5.01
RETAIL TRADE	2.09	2.04	2.05	1.97	.05	.12	72.11	72.22	71.34	69.15	-.11	2.96
FINANCE, INSURANCE, AND REAL ESTATE	2.71	2.68	2.66	2.55	.03	.16	100.27	99.16	98.42	94.61	1.11	5.66

¹ See footnote 1, table B-2.

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