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### THE EMPLOYMENT SITUATION: FEBRUARY 1968

Employment advanced in February while the unemployment rate rose (to 3.7 percent), the U. S. Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics reported today. In January, employment gains were held down by bad weather, but total unemployment dropped more than seasonally because of a reduction in teenage unemployment.

Although a substantial expansion in employment has occurred over the past year, the unemployment situation this winter is essentially unchanged from last winter. The pace of the employment increase has been just rapid enough to absorb the number of additional people entering the labor force and seeking employment, but not rapid enough to drop unemployment below the levels of a year ago. Both the labor force and employment rose by 1.5 million between last winter and this winter (December-February averages), with men and women sharing about equally in the rise. Unemployment averaged 3.0 million in each period and there were no major improvements for any of the major age-sex-color groups. Unemployment rates were also unchanged over this period.

Changes in Labor Force, Employment, and Unemployment,  
Winter 1967 to Winter 1968\*

| (In thousands)            |       |             |             |           |
|---------------------------|-------|-------------|-------------|-----------|
|                           | :     | :           | :           | :         |
|                           | :     | Men, aged   | Women, aged | 16-to-19  |
|                           | Total | 20 and over | 20 and over | year-olds |
|                           | :     | :           | :           | :         |
| Civilian labor force..... | 1,515 | 710         | 968         | -165      |
| White.....                | 1,361 | 687         | 880         | -205      |
| Nonwhite.....             | 154   | 24          | 88          | 41        |
| Employment.....           | 1,487 | 708         | 956         | -178      |
| White.....                | 1,315 | 660         | 865         | -209      |
| Nonwhite.....             | 172   | 49          | 90          | 32        |
| Unemployment.....         | 28    | 3           | 12          | 13        |
| White.....                | 45    | 27          | 14          | 4         |
| Nonwhite.....             | -18   | -24         | -2          | 8         |

\*These data are based on December to February averages.

### Employment Developments

Employment rose substantially in February (550,000 seasonally adjusted) after weak performance in January. All of the major age-sex groups had significant employment increases between January and February. The largest increases were recorded by women and teenagers.

Nonfarm payroll employment rose to 67.7 million (seasonally adjusted). The gain was broadly based, with increases in both the goods-producing and service-producing industries.

Nearly half of the increase in nonfarm payroll employment was centered in contract construction, where employment increased by 250,000 (seasonally adjusted) reaching a record high of 3.5 million. The February increase was, in part, the result of a return of workers to construction jobs after a period of bad weather in January. Except for January, employment in contract construction has picked up substantially since October, after showing little growth during most of 1967.

In manufacturing, employment rose by 65,000 (seasonally adjusted) in February, despite a 35,000 increase in the number of workers off of payrolls because of strikes. At 19.6 million (seasonally adjusted) manufacturing employment edged above the previous record high established in January 1967. Manufacturing employment fell sharply in the early months of 1967. Since August, however, it has risen by 250,000.

The manufacturing industries showing large gains in February were transportation equipment (19,000), electrical machinery industries (13,000), apparel (13,000), and textiles (10,000).

The service-producing industries continued to register sizable job gains in February. The most significant increases (seasonally adjusted) were in trade (100,000), State and local government (55,000), and miscellaneous service industries (45,000).

#### Hours and Earnings

The workweek (seasonally adjusted) for factory production workers rose by 0.5 hour in February to 40.7 hours, after declining by the same amount a month earlier. The increase included 0.1 hour of additional overtime; overtime averaged 3.6 hours in February. Most of the increase in the factory workweek took place in the nondurables sector.

Average hourly earnings for rank and file workers rose by 1 cent over the month to \$2.76. Declines in hourly earnings in mining and contract construction were more than offset by increases in trade and finance. Compared with February 1967, hourly earnings were up 14 cents (or 5.3 percent). Weekly earnings averaged \$104.33 in February--\$1.20 more than in January and \$5.03 more than a year ago (5.1 percent).

#### Unemployment

Unemployment in February totaled 3.3 million, the same as in December, after allowance for seasonal changes. The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate, after declining to 3.5 percent in January, moved up to 3.7 percent, the same as December 1967 and a year ago. The rise was primarily due to an increase in teen-age jobseekers, with three-fourths of these additional teenagers looking for part-time jobs. Teen-agers had also accounted for the bulk of the unemployment decline in January. At 12.6 percent (seasonally adjusted), the February teen-age jobless rate was virtually the same as in December 1967 and a year ago. February unemployment rates for adult men (2.3 percent), adult women (4.0 percent), married men (1.7 percent), full-time workers (3.4 percent), nonwhite workers (7.2 percent), and blue-collar workers (4.3 percent), were nearly identical to the rates of February 1967.

## The Employment Situation

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With the exception of a sharp but short-lived rise last fall, the national unemployment rate has exhibited stability since early 1966, averaging about 3.8 percent. Unemployment rates for adult men, married men, and full-time workers have been comparatively stable over the entire period, whereas the rates for women and teen-agers have fluctuated in response to changing economic conditions and work preferences.

State-insured unemployment declined more than seasonally in mid-February, the rate falling from 2.4 to 2.3 percent.

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

(In thousands)

| Employment status, age, and sex         | Feb.<br>1968 | Jan.<br>1968 | Feb.<br>1967 | Seasonally adjusted |              |              |              |              |
|-----------------------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|---------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
|                                         |              |              |              | Feb.<br>1968        | Jan.<br>1968 | Dec.<br>1967 | Nov.<br>1967 | Oct.<br>1967 |
| <b>Total</b>                            |              |              |              |                     |              |              |              |              |
| Total labor force .....                 | 80,869       | 79,811       | 79,107       | 82,138              | 81,386       | 81,942       | 81,459       | 81,535       |
| Civilian labor force .....              | 77,402       | 76,347       | 75,689       | 78,672              | 77,923       | 78,473       | 77,989       | 78,072       |
| Employed .....                          | 74,114       | 73,273       | 72,506       | 75,731              | 75,167       | 75,577       | 75,005       | 74,735       |
| Agriculture .....                       | 3,462        | 3,366        | 3,281        | 4,127               | 4,003        | 4,216        | 3,839        | 3,718        |
| Nonagricultural industries .....        | 70,653       | 69,908       | 69,225       | 71,604              | 71,164       | 71,361       | 71,166       | 71,017       |
| On part time for economic reasons ..... | 1,741        | 1,525        | 2,001        | 1,775               | 1,537        | 1,807        | 1,950        | 1,866        |
| Usually work full time .....            | 942          | 805          | 1,171        | 915                 | 729          | 944          | 1,108        | 976          |
| Usually work part time .....            | 799          | 720          | 830          | 860                 | 808          | 863          | 842          | 890          |
| Unemployed .....                        | 3,288        | 3,074        | 3,183        | 2,941               | 2,756        | 2,896        | 2,984        | 3,337        |
| <b>Men, 20 years and over</b>           |              |              |              |                     |              |              |              |              |
| Civilian labor force .....              | 45,514       | 45,245       | 44,783       | 45,909              | 45,770       | 45,783       | 45,578       | 45,598       |
| Employed .....                          | 44,123       | 43,925       | 43,472       | 44,842              | 44,740       | 44,775       | 44,506       | 44,460       |
| Agriculture .....                       | 2,739        | 2,702        | 2,648        | 2,955               | 2,931        | 2,951        | 2,834        | 2,793        |
| Nonagricultural industries .....        | 41,384       | 41,224       | 40,823       | 41,887              | 41,809       | 41,824       | 41,672       | 41,667       |
| Unemployed .....                        | 1,391        | 1,319        | 1,310        | 1,067               | 1,030        | 1,008        | 1,072        | 1,138        |
| <b>Women, 20 years and over</b>         |              |              |              |                     |              |              |              |              |
| Civilian labor force .....              | 26,085       | 25,617       | 25,089       | 26,070              | 25,810       | 26,348       | 26,068       | 26,063       |
| Employed .....                          | 24,957       | 24,511       | 23,986       | 25,036              | 24,802       | 25,273       | 25,036       | 24,811       |
| Agriculture .....                       | 441          | 440          | 403          | 690                 | 683          | 825          | 625          | 575          |
| Nonagricultural industries .....        | 24,516       | 24,071       | 23,585       | 24,346              | 24,119       | 24,448       | 24,411       | 24,236       |
| Unemployed .....                        | 1,127        | 1,105        | 1,103        | 1,034               | 1,008        | 1,075        | 1,032        | 1,252        |
| <b>Both sexes, 16-19 years</b>          |              |              |              |                     |              |              |              |              |
| Civilian labor force .....              | 5,803        | 5,486        | 5,819        | 6,693               | 6,343        | 6,342        | 6,343        | 6,411        |
| Employed .....                          | 5,034        | 4,836        | 5,048        | 5,853               | 5,625        | 5,529        | 5,463        | 5,464        |
| Agriculture .....                       | 282          | 224          | 229          | 482                 | 389          | 440          | 380          | 350          |
| Nonagricultural industries .....        | 4,752        | 4,613        | 4,817        | 5,371               | 5,236        | 5,089        | 5,083        | 5,114        |
| Unemployed .....                        | 769          | 649          | 771          | 840                 | 718          | 813          | 880          | 947          |

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

(In thousands)

| Duration of unemployment | Feb.<br>1968 | Jan.<br>1968 | Feb.<br>1967 | Seasonally adjusted |              |              |              |              |
|--------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|---------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
|                          |              |              |              | Feb.<br>1968        | Jan.<br>1968 | Dec.<br>1967 | Nov.<br>1967 | Oct.<br>1967 |
| Less than 5 weeks .....  | 1,697        | 1,552        | 1,584        | 1,721               | 1,360        | 1,418        | 1,609        | 1,789        |
| 5 to 14 weeks .....      | 1,076        | 993          | 1,094        | 776                 | 840          | 968          | 930          | 1,105        |
| 15 weeks and over .....  | 515          | 529          | 506          | 455                 | 488          | 445          | 485          | 475          |
| 15 to 26 weeks .....     | 338          | 342          | 305          | 286                 | 302          | 259          | 307          | 305          |
| 27 weeks and over .....  | 178          | 187          | 200          | 169                 | 186          | 186          | 178          | 170          |

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

(Persons 16 years and over)

| Selected categories                                | Thousands of persons unemployed |           | Seasonally adjusted rates of unemployment |           |           |           |           |           |
|----------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------|-------------------------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
|                                                    | Feb. 1968                       | Feb. 1967 | Feb. 1968                                 | Jan. 1968 | Dec. 1967 | Nov. 1967 | Oct. 1967 | Feb. 1967 |
| Total (all civilian workers).....                  | 3,288                           | 3,183     | 3.7                                       | 3.5       | 3.7       | 3.8       | 4.3       | 3.7       |
| Men, 20 years and over.....                        | 1,391                           | 1,310     | 2.3                                       | 2.3       | 2.2       | 2.4       | 2.5       | 2.2       |
| Women, 20 years and over.....                      | 1,127                           | 1,103     | 4.0                                       | 3.9       | 4.1       | 4.0       | 4.8       | 4.0       |
| Both sexes, 16-19 years.....                       | 769                             | 771       | 12.6                                      | 11.3      | 12.8      | 13.9      | 14.8      | 12.6      |
| White.....                                         | 2,620                           | 2,522     | 3.3                                       | 3.2       | 3.3       | 3.4       | 3.7       | 3.3       |
| Nonwhite.....                                      | 668                             | 662       | 7.2                                       | 6.4       | 6.9       | 7.3       | 8.8       | 7.2       |
| Married men.....                                   | 896                             | 863       | 1.7                                       | 1.6       | 1.7       | 1.7       | 1.9       | 1.7       |
| Full-time workers.....                             | 2,517                           | 2,369     | 3.4                                       | 3.3       | 3.3       | 3.5       | 3.8       | 3.4       |
| Unemployed 15 weeks and over.....                  | 515                             | 506       | .6                                        | .6        | .6        | .6        | .6        | .6        |
| State insured <sup>1</sup> .....                   | 1,541                           | 1,579     | 2.3                                       | 2.4       | 2.2       | 2.3       | 2.4       | 2.4       |
| Labor force time lost <sup>2</sup> .....           | --                              | --        | 4.2                                       | 4.0       | 4.1       | 4.2       | 4.7       | 4.1       |
| <b>Occupation</b>                                  |                                 |           |                                           |           |           |           |           |           |
| White-collar workers.....                          | 838                             | 740       | 2.2                                       | 2.0       | 2.1       | 2.2       | 2.4       | 2.0       |
| Professional and managerial.....                   | 209                             | 192       | 1.1                                       | 1.0       | 1.1       | 1.2       | 1.2       | 1.1       |
| Clerical workers.....                              | 472                             | 396       | 3.3                                       | 3.0       | 3.2       | 3.2       | 3.8       | 2.9       |
| Sales workers.....                                 | 157                             | 152       | 2.9                                       | 2.9       | 2.8       | 3.3       | 3.4       | 2.8       |
| Blue-collar workers.....                           | 1,558                           | 1,495     | 4.3                                       | 4.3       | 4.3       | 4.4       | 4.9       | 4.2       |
| Craftsmen and foremen.....                         | 372                             | 357       | 2.5                                       | 2.7       | 2.1       | 2.6       | 2.7       | 2.4       |
| Operatives.....                                    | 837                             | 803       | 4.9                                       | 4.6       | 5.0       | 4.9       | 5.3       | 4.7       |
| Nonfarm laborers.....                              | 349                             | 335       | 7.2                                       | 7.8       | 7.4       | 7.1       | 9.1       | 6.7       |
| Service workers.....                               | 491                             | 496       | 4.4                                       | 4.1       | 4.8       | 4.7       | 5.5       | 4.4       |
| <b>Industry</b>                                    |                                 |           |                                           |           |           |           |           |           |
| Private wage and salary workers <sup>3</sup> ..... | 2,686                           | 2,470     | 3.8                                       | 3.6       | 3.8       | 3.9       | 4.4       | 3.7       |
| Construction.....                                  | 421                             | 419       | 7.4                                       | 8.3       | 6.1       | 7.2       | 6.9       | 7.7       |
| Manufacturing.....                                 | 861                             | 798       | 3.6                                       | 3.3       | 3.5       | 3.5       | 4.1       | 3.4       |
| Durable goods.....                                 | 477                             | 406       | 3.4                                       | 2.8       | 3.5       | 3.2       | 3.6       | 2.9       |
| Nondurable goods.....                              | 384                             | 392       | 3.9                                       | 4.0       | 3.6       | 3.8       | 4.8       | 4.1       |
| Transportation and public utilities.....           | 120                             | 116       | 2.1                                       | 1.9       | 2.2       | 2.5       | 2.7       | 2.1       |
| Wholesale and retail trade.....                    | 641                             | 579       | 4.3                                       | 4.1       | 4.2       | 4.4       | 5.0       | 4.0       |
| Finance and service industries.....                | 525                             | 540       | 3.4                                       | 3.1       | 3.6       | 3.5       | 4.1       | 2.6       |
| Government wage and salary workers.....            | 216                             | 193       | 1.8                                       | 1.9       | 2.0       | 2.0       | 2.2       | 1.7       |
| Agricultural wage and salary workers.....          | 97                              | 126       | 4.3                                       | 4.8       | 5.0       | 7.8       | 7.8       | 6.4       |

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

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

percent of potentially available labor force man-hours.

<sup>3</sup>Includes 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.....                   | 66,655 | 43,501           | 20,546             | 2,608                   |
| Employed:                                   |        |                  |                    |                         |
| Full-time schedules.....                    | 62,020 | 41,171           | 18,796             | 2,052                   |
| Part time for economic reasons.....         | 2,118  | 1,065            | 865                | 188                     |
| Unemployed, looking for full-time work..... | 2,517  | 1,265            | 885                | 367                     |
| Unemployment rate.....                      | 3.8    | 2.9              | 4.3                | 14.1                    |
| <b>Part Time</b>                            |        |                  |                    |                         |
| Civilian labor force.....                   | 10,747 | 2,013            | 5,538              | 3,196                   |
| Employed (voluntary part time).....         | 9,976  | 1,887            | 5,296              | 2,793                   |
| Unemployed, looking for part-time work..... | 770    | 126              | 242                | 402                     |
| Unemployment rate.....                      | 7.2    | 6.3              | 4.4                | 12.6                    |

Table A-5: Employed persons by age and sex

(In thousands)

| Age and sex                      | Feb.<br>1968 | Jan.<br>1968 | Feb.<br>1967 | Seasonally adjusted |              |              |              |              |
|----------------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|---------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
|                                  |              |              |              | Feb.<br>1968        | Jan.<br>1968 | Dec.<br>1967 | Nov.<br>1967 | Oct.<br>1967 |
| Total, 16 years and over .....   | 74,114       | 73,273       | 72,506       | 75,731              | 75,167       | 75,577       | 75,005       | 74,735       |
| 16 to 19 years .....             | 5,034        | 4,836        | 5,048        | 5,853               | 5,625        | 5,529        | 5,463        | 5,464        |
| 16 and 17 years .....            | 1,982        | 1,859        | 1,916        | 2,467               | 2,319        | 2,346        | 2,296        | 2,314        |
| 18 and 19 years .....            | 3,052        | 2,977        | 3,133        | 3,386               | 3,306        | 3,183        | 3,167        | 3,150        |
| 20 to 24 years .....             | 8,425        | 8,383        | 8,102        | 8,676               | 8,682        | 8,720        | 8,726        | 8,562        |
| 25 years and over .....          | 60,655       | 60,054       | 59,356       | 61,203              | 60,847       | 61,337       | 60,835       | 60,701       |
| 25 to 54 years .....             | 47,105       | 46,751       | 46,085       | 47,538              | 47,365       | 47,544       | 47,068       | 46,899       |
| 55 years and over .....          | 13,550       | 13,304       | 13,273       | 13,715              | 13,604       | 13,802       | 13,731       | 13,723       |
| Males, 16 years and over .....   | 46,825       | 46,472       | 46,213       | 48,056              | 47,790       | 47,885       | 47,553       | 47,532       |
| 16 to 19 years .....             | 2,702        | 2,547        | 2,742        | 3,214               | 3,050        | 3,110        | 3,047        | 3,072        |
| 16 and 17 years .....            | 1,181        | 1,103        | 1,129        | 1,501               | 1,414        | 1,457        | 1,421        | 1,407        |
| 18 and 19 years .....            | 1,522        | 1,443        | 1,613        | 1,735               | 1,661        | 1,681        | 1,634        | 1,661        |
| 20 to 24 years .....             | 4,628        | 4,629        | 4,588        | 4,844               | 4,826        | 4,826        | 4,815        | 4,832        |
| 25 years and over .....          | 39,495       | 39,296       | 38,884       | 40,000              | 39,891       | 39,945       | 39,723       | 39,625       |
| 25 to 54 years .....             | 30,733       | 30,639       | 30,277       | 31,084              | 31,031       | 31,015       | 30,806       | 30,678       |
| 55 years and over .....          | 8,762        | 8,658        | 8,607        | 8,931               | 8,901        | 8,944        | 8,916        | 8,912        |
| Females, 16 years and over ..... | 27,289       | 26,801       | 26,292       | 27,675              | 27,377       | 27,692       | 27,452       | 27,203       |
| 16 to 19 years .....             | 2,332        | 2,290        | 2,306        | 2,639               | 2,575        | 2,419        | 2,416        | 2,392        |
| 16 and 17 years .....            | 802          | 756          | 787          | 966                 | 905          | 889          | 875          | 907          |
| 18 and 19 years .....            | 1,530        | 1,534        | 1,520        | 1,654               | 1,667        | 1,541        | 1,533        | 1,474        |
| 20 to 24 years .....             | 3,797        | 3,754        | 3,514        | 3,832               | 3,839        | 3,894        | 3,911        | 3,730        |
| 25 years and over .....          | 21,160       | 20,758       | 20,472       | 21,203              | 20,956       | 21,392       | 21,112       | 21,076       |
| 25 to 54 years .....             | 16,373       | 16,112       | 15,808       | 16,454              | 16,334       | 16,529       | 16,262       | 16,221       |
| 55 years and over .....          | 4,787        | 4,646        | 4,666        | 4,784               | 4,703        | 4,858        | 4,818        | 4,811        |

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<br>looking<br>for<br>full-time<br>work<br>Feb. 1968 | Seasonally adjusted unemployment rates |              |              |              |              |              |
|----------------------------------|--------------|--------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
|                                  | Feb.<br>1968 | Jan.<br>1968 |                                                             | Feb.<br>1968                           | Jan.<br>1968 | Dec.<br>1967 | Nov.<br>1967 | Oct.<br>1967 | Feb.<br>1967 |
| Total, 16 years and over .....   | 3,288        | 3,074        | 76.6                                                        | 3.7                                    | 3.5          | 3.7          | 3.8          | 4.3          | 3.7          |
| 16 to 19 years .....             | 769          | 649          | 47.7                                                        | 12.6                                   | 11.3         | 12.8         | 13.9         | 14.8         | 12.6         |
| 16 and 17 years .....            | 363          | 290          | 29.8                                                        | 15.8                                   | 13.4         | 14.7         | 15.9         | 16.4         | 16.2         |
| 18 and 19 years .....            | 406          | 359          | 64.0                                                        | 10.9                                   | 9.9          | 11.3         | 11.9         | 13.6         | 10.7         |
| 20 to 24 years .....             | 651          | 584          | 82.9                                                        | 6.4                                    | 5.6          | 5.8          | 5.5          | 6.4          | 5.2          |
| 25 years and over .....          | 1,868        | 1,841        | 86.2                                                        | 2.4                                    | 2.5          | 2.5          | 2.6          | 2.9          | 2.5          |
| 25 to 54 years .....             | 1,477        | 1,433        | 87.3                                                        | 2.4                                    | 2.5          | 2.5          | 2.7          | 3.0          | 2.6          |
| 55 years and over .....          | 392          | 409          | 82.1                                                        | 2.3                                    | 2.5          | 2.5          | 2.5          | 2.5          | 2.3          |
| Males, 16 years and over .....   | 1,809        | 1,704        | 80.5                                                        | 3.0                                    | 2.9          | 2.9          | 3.2          | 3.4          | 3.0          |
| 16 to 19 years .....             | 417          | 385          | 45.8                                                        | 12.0                                   | 11.7         | 12.0         | 14.0         | 14.8         | 12.1         |
| 16 and 17 years .....            | 212          | 191          | 31.6                                                        | 13.3                                   | 13.1         | 17.0         | 16.8         | 13.8         | 18.1         |
| 18 and 19 years .....            | 205          | 193          | 61.0                                                        | 10.6                                   | 10.3         | 10.0         | 11.6         | 12.3         | 10.1         |
| 20 to 24 years .....             | 337          | 283          | 83.4                                                        | 5.5                                    | 4.6          | 4.8          | 5.3          | 5.4          | 3.7          |
| 25 years and over .....          | 1,055        | 1,037        | 93.3                                                        | 1.9                                    | 1.9          | 1.9          | 2.0          | 2.1          | 2.0          |
| 25 to 54 years .....             | 800          | 767          | 95.3                                                        | 1.8                                    | 1.9          | 1.7          | 1.9          | 2.0          | 1.9          |
| 55 years and over .....          | 254          | 270          | 87.8                                                        | 2.2                                    | 2.5          | 2.7          | 2.7          | 2.4          | 2.2          |
| Females, 16 years and over ..... | 1,479        | 1,370        | 71.7                                                        | 4.9                                    | 4.6          | 5.0          | 4.9          | 5.8          | 5.0          |
| 16 to 19 years .....             | 352          | 265          | 50.0                                                        | 13.2                                   | 10.9         | 13.9         | 13.7         | 14.8         | 13.2         |
| 16 and 17 years .....            | 151          | 99           | 27.2                                                        | 19.5                                   | 13.8         | 15.5         | 15.9         | 14.5         | 19.0         |
| 18 and 19 years .....            | 201          | 166          | 67.2                                                        | 11.3                                   | 9.4          | 12.6         | 12.1         | 14.9         | 11.4         |
| 20 to 24 years .....             | 314          | 301          | 82.5                                                        | 7.5                                    | 6.9          | 6.9          | 5.8          | 7.7          | 7.2          |
| 25 years and over .....          | 813          | 804          | 77.0                                                        | 3.3                                    | 3.4          | 3.5          | 3.7          | 4.3          | 3.5          |
| 25 to 54 years .....             | 676          | 666          | 78.1                                                        | 3.5                                    | 3.6          | 4.0          | 4.2          | 4.8          | 3.8          |
| 55 years and over .....          | 137          | 139          | 71.5                                                        | 2.6                                    | 2.6          | 2.2          | 2.2          | 2.6          | 2.3          |

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

| Industry                                         | (In thousands) |              |              |              |              |              |                     |              |              |                                |
|--------------------------------------------------|----------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|---------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------------------------|
|                                                  | Feb.<br>1968   | Jan.<br>1968 | Dec.<br>1967 | Feb.<br>1967 | Change from  |              | Seasonally adjusted |              |              |                                |
|                                                  |                |              |              |              | Jan.<br>1968 | Feb.<br>1967 | Feb.<br>1968        | Jan.<br>1968 | Dec.<br>1967 | Change<br>from<br>Jan.<br>1968 |
| <b>TOTAL</b> .....                               | 66,462         | 66,114       | 67,980       | 64,491       | 348          | 1,971        | 67,694              | 67,146       | 67,126       | 548                            |
| <b>MINING</b> .....                              | 583            | 583          | 597          | 606          | 0            | -23          | 600                 | 596          | 598          | 4                              |
| <b>CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION</b> ....                | 2,961          | 2,862        | 3,202        | 2,863        | 99           | 98           | 3,467               | 3,216        | 3,353        | 251                            |
| <b>MANUFACTURING</b> .....                       | 19,358         | 19,280       | 19,500       | 19,297       | 78           | 61           | 19,567              | 19,501       | 19,491       | 66                             |
| <i>Production workers</i> .....                  | 14,184         | 14,129       | 14,337       | 14,252       | 55           | -68          | 14,367              | 14,328       | 14,317       | 39                             |
| <b>DURABLE GOODS</b> .....                       | 11,373         | 11,352       | 11,420       | 11,389       | 21           | -16          | 11,464              | 11,443       | 11,399       | 21                             |
| <i>Production workers</i> .....                  | 8,283          | 8,272        | 8,340        | 8,380        | 11           | -97          | 8,363               | 8,353        | 8,313        | 10                             |
| Ordnance and accessories .....                   | 304.3          | 305.7        | 305.3        | 283.2        | -1.4         | 21.1         | 304                 | 304          | 304          | 0                              |
| Lumber and wood products .....                   | 580.3          | 572.0        | 587.7        | 576.8        | 8.3          | 3.5          | 607                 | 601          | 600          | 6                              |
| Furniture and fixtures .....                     | 467.9          | 464.2        | 466.8        | 459.4        | 3.7          | 8.5          | 473                 | 468          | 465          | 5                              |
| Stone, clay, and glass products ..               | 586.0          | 616.6        | 631.3        | 612.6        | -30.6        | -26.6        | 612                 | 642          | 642          | -30                            |
| Primary metal industries .....                   | 1,282.3        | 1,277.4      | 1,274.9      | 1,338.2      | 4.9          | -55.9        | 1,291               | 1,290        | 1,290        | 1                              |
| Fabricated metal products .....                  | 1,364.9        | 1,360.5      | 1,373.2      | 1,358.5      | 4.4          | 6.4          | 1,379               | 1,371        | 1,368        | 8                              |
| Machinery, except electrical ....                | 1,964.6        | 1,961.3      | 1,945.0      | 1,988.4      | 3.3          | -23.8        | 1,961               | 1,963        | 1,947        | -2                             |
| Electrical equipment .....                       | 1,933.4        | 1,927.8      | 1,941.4      | 1,954.7      | 5.6          | -21.3        | 1,937               | 1,924        | 1,922        | 13                             |
| Transportation equipment .....                   | 2,015.5        | 2,001.4      | 2,011.3      | 1,947.7      | 14.1         | 67.8         | 2,006               | 1,987        | 1,974        | 19                             |
| Instruments and related products ..              | 458.2          | 456.2        | 458.5        | 452.8        | 2.0          | 5.4          | 459                 | 457          | 457          | 2                              |
| Miscellaneous manufacturing ....                 | 415.6          | 408.8        | 424.9        | 417.0        | 6.8          | -1.4         | 435                 | 436          | 430          | -1                             |
| <b>NONDURABLE GOODS</b> .....                    | 7,985          | 7,928        | 8,080        | 7,908        | 57           | 77           | 8,103               | 8,058        | 8,092        | 45                             |
| <i>Production workers</i> .....                  | 5,901          | 5,857        | 5,997        | 5,872        | 44           | 29           | 6,004               | 5,975        | 6,004        | 29                             |
| Food and kindred products .....                  | 1,684.4        | 1,705.8      | 1,772.1      | 1,708.3      | -21.4        | -23.9        | 1,773               | 1,775        | 1,788        | -2                             |
| Tobacco manufactures .....                       | 80.6           | 83.3         | 97.9         | 81.5         | -2.7         | -9.9         | 84                  | 84           | 91           | 0                              |
| Textile mill products .....                      | 965.5          | 952.3        | 962.1        | 945.2        | 13.2         | 20.3         | 975                 | 965          | 964          | 10                             |
| Apparel and other textile products               | 1,403.2        | 1,362.2      | 1,391.1      | 1,407.5      | 41.0         | -4.3         | 1,396               | 1,383        | 1,397        | 13                             |
| Paper and allied products .....                  | 684.5          | 684.5        | 691.3        | 674.3        | 0            | 10.2         | 692                 | 691          | 690          | 1                              |
| Printing and publishing .....                    | 1,071.0        | 1,064.1      | 1,076.9      | 1,052.9      | 6.9          | 18.1         | 1,074               | 1,069        | 1,071        | 5                              |
| Chemicals and allied products ....               | 1,004.7        | 997.9        | 1,001.6      | 976.3        | 6.8          | 28.4         | 1,013               | 1,007        | 1,008        | 6                              |
| Petroleum and coal products .....                | 188.9          | 187.8        | 189.9        | 183.0        | 1.1          | 5.9          | 193                 | 192          | 193          | 1                              |
| Rubber and plastics products, n e c              | 543.1          | 535.8        | 539.6        | 521.4        | 7.3          | 21.7         | 545                 | 536          | 535          | 9                              |
| Leather and leather products .....               | 358.9          | 353.8        | 357.2        | 357.8        | 5.1          | 1.1          | 358                 | 356          | 355          | 2                              |
| <b>TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC UTILITIES</b> ..... | 4,244          | 4,241        | 4,294        | 4,175        | 3            | 69           | 4,317               | 4,301        | 4,290        | 16                             |
| <b>WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE</b> .....          | 13,681         | 13,732       | 14,732       | 13,218       | -51          | 463          | 14,016              | 13,919       | 13,870       | 97                             |
| <b>WHOLESALE TRADE</b> .....                     | 3,582          | 3,585        | 3,638        | 3,479        | -3           | 103          | 3,626               | 3,607        | 3,598        | 19                             |
| <b>RETAIL TRADE</b> .....                        | 10,099         | 10,147       | 11,094       | 9,739        | -48          | 360          | 10,390              | 10,312       | 10,272       | 78                             |
| <b>FINANCE, INSURANCE, AND REAL ESTATE</b> ..... | 3,288          | 3,270        | 3,284        | 3,133        | 18           | 155          | 3,321               | 3,310        | 3,304        | 11                             |
| <b>SERVICES</b> .....                            | 10,247         | 10,162       | 10,239       | 9,725        | 85           | 522          | 10,414              | 10,369       | 10,332       | 45                             |
| Hotels and other lodging places ..               | 652.2          | 642.0        | 654.6        | 635.9        | 10.2         | 16.3         | 706                 | 704          | 710          | 2                              |
| Personal services .....                          | 1,017.7        | 1,018.4      | 1,028.2      | 1,010.5      | -7           | 7.2          | 1,032               | 1,027        | 1,025        | 5                              |
| Medical and other health services ..             | 2,567.5        | 2,553.7      | 2,529.5      | 2,343.3      | 13.8         | 224.2        | 2,576               | 2,564        | 2,540        | 12                             |
| Educational services .....                       | 1,147.4        | 1,133.5      | 1,143.4      | 1,057.0      | 13.9         | 90.4         | 1,105               | 1,098        | 1,099        | 7                              |
| <b>GOVERNMENT</b> .....                          | 12,100         | 11,984       | 12,132       | 11,474       | 116          | 626          | 11,992              | 11,934       | 11,888       | 58                             |
| <b>FEDERAL</b> .....                             | 2,702          | 2,697        | 2,814        | 2,652        | 5            | 50           | 2,724               | 2,721        | 2,708        | 3                              |
| <b>STATE AND LOCAL</b> .....                     | 9,398          | 9,287        | 9,318        | 8,822        | 111          | 576          | 9,268               | 9,213        | 9,180        | 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                                             | Feb.<br>1968 | Jan.<br>1968 | Dec.<br>1967 | Feb.<br>1967 | Change from  |              | Seasonally adjusted |              |              |                                |
|------------------------------------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|---------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------------------------|
|                                                      |              |              |              |              | Jan.<br>1968 | Feb.<br>1967 | Feb.<br>1968        | Jan.<br>1968 | Dec.<br>1967 | Change<br>from<br>Jan.<br>1968 |
|                                                      |              |              |              |              |              |              |                     |              |              |                                |
| <b>TOTAL PRIVATE</b> .....                           | 37.8         | 37.5         | 38.2         | 37.9         | 0.3          | -0.1         | 38.1                | 37.7         | 38.0         | 0.4                            |
| <b>MINING</b> .....                                  | 41.1         | 41.4         | 42.5         | 41.5         | -.3          | -.4          | 41.8                | 41.6         | 42.5         | .2                             |
| <b>CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION</b> .....                   | 36.6         | 35.0         | 36.5         | 35.9         | 1.6          | .7           | 38.3                | 36.0         | 37.3         | 2.3                            |
| <b>MANUFACTURING</b> .....                           | 40.5         | 40.0         | 41.0         | 40.1         | .5           | .4           | 40.7                | 40.2         | 40.7         | .5                             |
| Overtime hours .....                                 | 3.4          | 3.3          | 3.6          | 3.2          | .1           | .2           | 3.6                 | 3.5          | 3.5          | .1                             |
| <b>DURABLE GOODS</b> .....                           | 41.1         | 40.7         | 41.8         | 40.8         | .4           | .3           | 41.3                | 40.9         | 41.4         | .4                             |
| Overtime hours .....                                 | 3.6          | 3.4          | 3.8          | 3.4          | .2           | .2           | 3.9                 | 3.6          | 3.6          | .3                             |
| Ordnance and accessories .....                       | 40.3         | 40.7         | 42.3         | 41.5         | -.4          | -1.2         | 40.5                | 40.4         | 41.7         | .1                             |
| Lumber and wood products .....                       | 39.2         | 38.1         | 40.0         | 39.6         | 1.1          | -.4          | 39.9                | 38.4         | 40.3         | 1.5                            |
| Furniture and fixtures .....                         | 39.7         | 38.9         | 41.6         | 39.7         | .8           | 0            | 40.2                | 39.5         | 40.7         | .7                             |
| Stone, clay, and glass products .....                | 41.4         | 40.2         | 41.6         | 40.5         | 1.2          | .9           | 42.4                | 40.9         | 41.7         | 1.5                            |
| Primary metal industries .....                       | 41.8         | 41.7         | 41.7         | 40.9         | .1           | .9           | 41.8                | 41.6         | 41.7         | .2                             |
| Fabricated metal products .....                      | 41.4         | 41.0         | 41.9         | 41.1         | .4           | .3           | 41.7                | 41.4         | 41.5         | .3                             |
| Machinery, except electrical .....                   | 42.1         | 41.7         | 42.8         | 43.0         | .4           | -.9          | 42.1                | 41.7         | 42.4         | .4                             |
| Electrical equipment .....                           | 40.2         | 39.8         | 41.0         | 39.7         | .4           | .5           | 40.2                | 40.0         | 40.4         | .2                             |
| Transportation equipment .....                       | 42.0         | 41.9         | 42.7         | 40.3         | .1           | 1.7          | 42.4                | 41.9         | 41.8         | .5                             |
| Instruments and related products .....               | 40.4         | 40.2         | 41.4         | 40.9         | .2           | -.5          | 40.4                | 40.4         | 41.1         | 0                              |
| Miscellaneous manufacturing .....                    | 39.5         | 38.8         | 39.7         | 38.7         | .7           | .8           | 39.5                | 39.2         | 39.4         | .3                             |
| <b>NONDURABLE GOODS</b> .....                        | 39.7         | 38.8         | 40.0         | 39.2         | .9           | .5           | 40.0                | 39.1         | 39.8         | .9                             |
| Overtime hours .....                                 | 3.0          | 3.0          | 3.3          | 2.9          | 0            | .1           | 3.2                 | 3.3          | 3.3          | -.1                            |
| Food and kindred products .....                      | 40.2         | 40.1         | 41.0         | 40.3         | .1           | -.1          | 40.9                | 40.4         | 40.7         | .5                             |
| Tobacco manufactures .....                           | 38.0         | 37.0         | 38.3         | 36.0         | 1.0          | 2.0          | 40.3                | 37.8         | 36.8         | 2.5                            |
| Textile mill products .....                          | 41.2         | 39.5         | 41.9         | 40.1         | 1.7          | 1.1          | 41.3                | 39.8         | 41.6         | 1.5                            |
| Apparel and other textile products .....             | 36.6         | 34.5         | 36.0         | 35.7         | 2.1          | .9           | 36.5                | 35.0         | 36.2         | 1.5                            |
| Paper and allied products .....                      | 42.4         | 42.2         | 43.3         | 42.4         | .2           | 0            | 42.8                | 42.6         | 43.1         | .2                             |
| Printing and publishing .....                        | 37.8         | 37.4         | 38.5         | 38.3         | .4           | -.5          | 38.1                | 37.7         | 38.0         | .4                             |
| Chemicals and allied products .....                  | 41.8         | 41.4         | 41.9         | 41.2         | .4           | .6           | 42.0                | 41.7         | 41.8         | .3                             |
| Petroleum and coal products .....                    | 41.1         | 42.3         | 41.8         | 41.8         | -1.2         | -.7          | 41.9                | 42.9         | 42.1         | -1.0                           |
| Rubber and plastics products, n e c .....            | 41.0         | 41.1         | 41.8         | 40.5         | -.1          | .5           | 41.4                | 41.2         | 41.3         | .2                             |
| Leather and leather products .....                   | 39.3         | 37.9         | 39.1         | 37.5         | 1.4          | 1.8          | 38.9                | 37.6         | 38.4         | 1.3                            |
| <b>WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE</b> .....              | 35.9         | 35.8         | 36.6         | 36.3         | .1           | -.4          | 36.2                | 36.1         | 36.3         | .1                             |
| <b>WHOLESALE TRADE</b> .....                         | 39.9         | 39.9         | 40.5         | 40.3         | 0            | -.4          | 40.1                | 40.0         | 40.2         | .1                             |
| <b>RETAIL TRADE</b> .....                            | 34.5         | 34.5         | 35.4         | 34.9         | 0            | -.4          | 34.9                | 34.9         | 35.1         | 0                              |
| <b>FINANCE, INSURANCE, AND<br/>REAL ESTATE</b> ..... | 36.9         | 37.0         | 37.0         | 37.1         | -.1          | -.2          | 36.8                | 37.0         | 36.9         | -.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 |              |              |              |              |              |
|----------------------------------------------|-------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|-------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
|                                              | Feb.<br>1968            | Jan.<br>1968 | Dec.<br>1967 | Feb.<br>1967 | Change from  |              | Feb.<br>1968            | Jan.<br>1968 | Dec.<br>1967 | Feb.<br>1967 | Change from  |              |
|                                              |                         |              |              |              | Jan.<br>1968 | Feb.<br>1967 |                         |              |              |              | Jan.<br>1968 | Feb.<br>1967 |
|                                              |                         |              |              |              |              |              |                         |              |              |              |              |              |
| TOTAL PRIVATE .....                          | \$2.76                  | \$2.75       | \$2.72       | \$2.62       | \$0.01       | \$0.14       | \$104.33                | \$103.13     | \$103.90     | \$99.30      | \$1.20       | \$5.03       |
| MINING .....                                 | 3.27                    | 3.31         | 3.26         | 3.16         | -.04         | .11          | 134.40                  | 137.03       | 138.55       | 131.14       | -2.63        | 3.26         |
| CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION .....                  | 4.24                    | 4.32         | 4.24         | 4.00         | -.08         | .24          | 155.18                  | 151.20       | 154.76       | 143.60       | 3.98         | 11.58        |
| MANUFACTURING .....                          | 2.95                    | 2.95         | 2.91         | 2.79         | 0            | .16          | 119.48                  | 118.00       | 119.31       | 111.88       | 1.48         | 7.60         |
| DURABLE GOODS .....                          | 3.13                    | 3.13         | 3.10         | 2.96         | 0            | .17          | 128.64                  | 127.39       | 129.58       | 120.77       | 1.25         | 7.87         |
| Ordnance and accessories .....               | 3.31                    | 3.33         | 3.32         | 3.21         | -.02         | .10          | 133.39                  | 135.53       | 140.44       | 133.22       | -2.14        | .17          |
| Lumber and wood products .....               | 2.50                    | 2.46         | 2.43         | 2.30         | .04          | .20          | 98.00                   | 93.73        | 97.20        | 91.08        | 4.27         | 6.92         |
| Furniture and fixtures .....                 | 2.40                    | 2.39         | 2.40         | 2.27         | .01          | .13          | 95.28                   | 92.97        | 99.84        | 90.12        | 2.31         | 5.16         |
| Stone, clay, and glass products .....        | 2.91                    | 2.91         | 2.89         | 2.77         | 0            | .14          | 120.47                  | 116.98       | 120.22       | 112.19       | 3.49         | 8.28         |
| Primary metal industries .....               | 3.48                    | 3.47         | 3.44         | 3.30         | .01          | .18          | 145.46                  | 144.70       | 143.45       | 134.97       | .76          | 10.49        |
| Fabricated metal products .....              | 3.09                    | 3.09         | 3.05         | 2.94         | 0            | .15          | 127.93                  | 126.69       | 127.80       | 120.83       | 1.24         | 7.10         |
| Machinery, except electrical .....           | 3.29                    | 3.28         | 3.26         | 3.16         | .01          | .13          | 138.51                  | 136.78       | 139.53       | 135.88       | 1.73         | 2.63         |
| Electrical equipment .....                   | 2.90                    | 2.89         | 2.87         | 2.72         | .01          | .18          | 116.58                  | 115.02       | 117.67       | 107.98       | 1.56         | 8.60         |
| Transportation equipment .....               | 3.62                    | 3.63         | 3.56         | 3.38         | -.01         | .24          | 152.04                  | 152.10       | 152.01       | 136.21       | -.06         | 15.83        |
| Instruments and related products .....       | 2.92                    | 2.91         | 2.92         | 2.79         | .01          | .13          | 117.97                  | 116.98       | 120.89       | 114.11       | .99          | 3.86         |
| Miscellaneous manufacturing .....            | 2.46                    | 2.45         | 2.43         | 2.33         | .01          | .13          | 97.17                   | 95.06        | 96.47        | 90.17        | 2.11         | 7.00         |
| NONDURABLE GOODS .....                       | 2.67                    | 2.67         | 2.64         | 2.53         | 0            | .14          | 106.00                  | 103.60       | 105.60       | 99.18        | 2.40         | 6.82         |
| Food and kindred products .....              | 2.75                    | 2.74         | 2.69         | 2.61         | .01          | .14          | 110.55                  | 109.87       | 110.29       | 105.18       | .68          | 5.37         |
| Tobacco manufactures .....                   | 2.36                    | 2.31         | 2.22         | 2.28         | .05          | .08          | 89.68                   | 85.47        | 85.03        | 82.08        | 4.21         | 7.60         |
| Textile mill products .....                  | 2.16                    | 2.14         | 2.14         | 2.01         | .02          | .15          | 88.99                   | 84.53        | 89.67        | 80.60        | 4.46         | 8.39         |
| Apparel and other textile products .....     | 2.16                    | 2.11         | 2.08         | 1.99         | .05          | .17          | 79.06                   | 72.80        | 74.88        | 71.04        | 6.26         | 8.02         |
| Paper and allied products .....              | 2.95                    | 2.96         | 2.95         | 2.81         | -.01         | .14          | 125.08                  | 124.91       | 127.74       | 119.14       | .17          | 5.94         |
| Printing and publishing .....                | 3.40                    | 3.36         | 3.37         | 3.22         | .04          | .18          | 128.52                  | 125.66       | 129.75       | 123.33       | 2.86         | 5.19         |
| Chemicals and allied products .....          | 3.19                    | 3.20         | 3.17         | 3.04         | -.01         | .15          | 133.34                  | 132.48       | 132.82       | 125.25       | .86          | 8.09         |
| Petroleum and coal products .....            | 3.69                    | 3.73         | 3.59         | 3.54         | -.04         | .15          | 151.66                  | 157.78       | 150.06       | 147.97       | -6.12        | 3.69         |
| Rubber and plastics products, n e c .....    | 2.84                    | 2.86         | 2.86         | 2.70         | -.02         | .14          | 116.44                  | 117.55       | 119.55       | 109.35       | -1.11        | 7.09         |
| Leather and leather products .....           | 2.17                    | 2.14         | 2.13         | 2.03         | .03          | .14          | 85.28                   | 81.11        | 83.28        | 76.13        | 4.17         | 9.15         |
| WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE .....             | 2.35                    | 2.33         | 2.28         | 2.21         | .02          | .14          | 84.37                   | 83.41        | 83.45        | 80.22        | .96          | 4.15         |
| WHOLESALE TRADE .....                        | 3.00                    | 2.97         | 2.96         | 2.83         | .03          | .17          | 119.70                  | 118.50       | 119.88       | 114.05       | 1.20         | 5.65         |
| RETAIL TRADE .....                           | 2.11                    | 2.09         | 2.04         | 1.98         | .02          | .13          | 72.80                   | 72.11        | 72.22        | 69.10        | .69          | 3.70         |
| FINANCE, INSURANCE, AND<br>REAL ESTATE ..... | 2.73                    | 2.70         | 2.68         | 2.56         | .03          | .17          | 100.74                  | 99.90        | 99.16        | 94.98        | .84          | 5.76         |

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

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