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Employment showed continued strength in May, and the unemployment rate remained at 3.5 percent for the second consecutive month, the U. S. Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics reported today.

#### Payroll Employment

At 67.8 million, nonfarm payroll employment (seasonally adjusted) was unchanged from the previous month, although there were about 100,000 more workers off of payrolls in May because they were on strike. Employment increases of about 40,000 each in services and government were more than offset by strike-related declines in the construction and telephone industries. Employment in manufacturing and trade remained practically at the same level.

The usual annual adjustment of the payroll employment, hours, and earnings data to new benchmarks (comprehensive counts of employment) is being introduced beginning with this release. An article discussing the methodology and effect of the provision will appear in the June 1968 issue of Employment and Earnings and Monthly Report on the Labor Force.

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Over the year, employment showed a strong recovery in the manufacturing industries, which had inventory problems in early 1967. The long-run shift of employment toward the service-producing industries has continued, however. About four-fifths of the 2.1 million year-to-year increase in payroll employment was accounted for by trade (470,000), finance (130,000) services (460,000), and government (620,000). Only one-fifth of the increase was in manufacturing (320,000) and construction (90,000), which account for about one-third of payroll employment. About one-half of the year-to-year employment increase in services was in the medical and health field, while practically all of the increase in government employment was in the State and local sector.

### Unemployment

The number of unemployed workers was 2.3 million in May. The total unemployment rate, at 3.5 percent, was unchanged and equal to the post-Korean low of January. The jobless rate has remained between 3.5 and 3.7 percent for the last 6 months, the lowest sustained unemployment rate since late 1953.

Over the month, jobless rates remained the same for adult men (2.1 percent) and adult women (3.7 percent) but edged up to 12.6 percent for teenagers. The unemployment rate for married men was 1.6 percent in May.

Total unemployment dropped by about 150,000 over the year, with declines of 100,000 for adult men and 50,000 for adult women. The unemployment rate for adult men declined from 2.4 to 2.1 percent and for adult women from 4.1 to 3.7 percent. For teenagers, both the level and rate of unemployment were virtually unchanged from a year ago.

Unemployment reductions since the first half of 1967 have been concentrated among blue-collar workers in the goods-producing industries, particularly in durable goods manufacturing. For all blue-collar workers, the unemployment rate averaged 3.8 percent in April and May, about equal to the lows of the Korean period.

The nonwhite unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted) was 6.4 percent in May, twice as high as the white rate (3.2 percent). This ratio has held fairly constant for the past 15 years.

The number of workers unemployed 15 weeks or more averaged 400,000 in both April and May on a seasonally adjusted basis, down 60,000 from the first quarter. The long-term jobless group accounted for 0.5 percent of the labor force, its lowest proportion since late 1953.

State insured unemployment (seasonally adjusted) was 1.1 million in May, virtually unchanged from April. At 2.2 percent, the insured unemployment rate matched that for April but was down sharply from 2.7 percent in May 1967. Compared with a year ago, all but six States showed lower levels of insured unemployment.

### Hours and Earnings

In manufacturing, the seasonally adjusted workweek was up 0.6 hour to 40.6, recovering from the sharp drop of the previous month, which was attributable to religious observances and civil disturbances. Particularly strong increases were posted in May in the transportation equipment and fabricated metals industries. Overtime hours, which had accounted for most of the March-to-April decline in the workweek, rose from 2.9 to 3.5 hours (seasonally adjusted) between April and May.

The workweek for all rank and file workers on private payrolls averaged 37.6 hours in May, down 0.2 hour from the May 1967 level. Trade, where the workweek dropped 0.6 hour, was the only sector to show a significant drop in hours over the year. The workweek in retail trade has been moving downward for several years, primarily because of the increased use of part-time help.

A two-cent rise in average hourly earnings (to \$2.82), coupled with a small increase in hours, boosted the average weekly earnings of rank and file workers to \$106.03, up \$1.59 from April and \$5.48 (5.5 percent) from May of 1967.

### Total Employment and the Labor Force

Total employment and the civilian labor force, based on the household survey, showed seasonally adjusted increases of 200,000 and 250,000, respectively, in May. The increases were attributable largely to employment gains for adult women. (In this survey, strikers are classified as employed--i.e., "with a job, but not at work.")

Agricultural employment showed less than the usual April-to-May pickup, as bad weather delayed planting in many parts of the country. However, in the first 5 months of 1968, agricultural employment has been running about 125,000 above year-earlier levels, reversing, at least temporarily, the long-run decline in farm employment.

Over the year, total employment rose by 2.3 million to 75.9 million, with the nonagricultural industries accounting for about 2.1 million of the increase.

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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 surveys 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	May 1968	April 1968	May 1967	Seasonally adjusted				
				May 1968	April 1968	March 1968	Feb. 1968	Jan. 1968
<b>Total</b>								
Total labor force .....	81,770	81,141	79,551	82,149	81,849	82,150	82,138	81,386
Civilian labor force .....	78,234	77,634	76,095	78,613	78,343	78,658	78,672	77,923
Employed .....	75,931	75,143	73,637	75,829	75,636	75,802	75,731	75,167
Agriculture .....	3,996	3,851	3,825	3,893	3,980	4,014	4,127	4,003
Nonagricultural industries .....	71,935	71,292	69,812	71,936	71,656	71,788	71,604	71,164
On part time for economic reasons .....	1,469	1,493	1,453	1,569	1,591	1,743	1,775	1,537
Usually work full time .....	790	828	885	806	827	851	915	729
Usually work part time .....	679	665	568	763	764	892	860	808
Unemployed .....	2,303	2,491	2,457	2,784	2,707	2,856	2,941	2,756
<b>Men, 20 years and over</b>								
Civilian labor force .....	45,729	45,616	45,083	45,713	45,716	45,792	45,909	45,770
Employed .....	44,886	44,647	44,128	44,742	44,758	44,783	44,842	44,740
Agriculture .....	2,915	2,891	2,836	2,855	2,877	2,892	2,955	2,931
Nonagricultural industries .....	41,971	41,755	41,293	41,887	41,881	41,891	41,887	41,809
Unemployed .....	843	969	955	971	958	1,009	1,067	1,030
<b>Women, 20 years and over</b>								
Civilian labor force .....	26,465	26,118	25,163	26,199	25,918	26,094	26,070	25,810
Employed .....	25,620	25,215	24,265	25,232	24,969	25,128	25,036	24,802
Agriculture .....	688	567	635	620	637	681	690	683
Nonagricultural industries .....	24,932	24,648	23,631	24,612	24,332	24,447	24,346	24,119
Unemployed .....	845	903	897	967	949	966	1,034	1,008
<b>Both sexes, 16-19 years</b>								
Civilian labor force .....	6,040	5,901	5,849	6,701	6,709	6,772	6,693	6,343
Employed .....	5,425	5,281	5,243	5,855	5,909	5,891	5,853	5,625
Agriculture .....	392	393	353	418	466	441	482	389
Nonagricultural industries .....	5,032	4,889	4,890	5,437	5,443	5,450	5,371	5,236
Unemployed .....	616	620	606	846	800	880	840	718

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

(In thousands)

Duration of unemployment	May 1968	April 1968	May 1967	Seasonally adjusted				
				May 1968	April 1968	March 1968	Feb. 1968	Jan. 1968
Less than 5 weeks .....	1,279	1,224	1,285	1,696	1,507	1,689	1,721	1,360
5 to 14 weeks .....	584	739	708	718	830	755	776	840
15 weeks and over .....	440	528	464	410	398	448	455	488
15 to 26 weeks .....	303	346	311	283	241	268	286	302
27 weeks and over .....	137	182	153	127	157	180	169	186

Table A-3: Major unemployment indicators

(Persons 16 years and over)

Selected categories	Thousands of persons unemployed		Seasonally adjusted rates of unemployment					
	May 1968	May 1967	May 1968	April 1968	March 1968	Feb. 1968	Jan. 1968	May 1967
Total (all civilian workers).....	2,303	2,457	3.5	3.5	3.6	3.7	3.5	3.9
Men, 20 years and over.....	843	955	2.1	2.1	2.2	2.3	2.3	2.4
Women, 20 years and over.....	845	897	3.7	3.7	3.7	4.0	3.9	4.1
Both sexes, 16-19 years.....	616	606	12.6	11.9	13.0	12.6	11.3	12.7
White.....	1,837	1,920	3.2	3.1	3.2	3.3	3.2	3.4
Nonwhite.....	466	537	6.4	6.7	6.9	7.2	6.4	7.7
Married men.....	524	626	1.6	1.5	1.7	1.7	1.6	1.9
Full-time workers.....	1,797	1,987	3.2	3.1	3.2	3.4	3.3	3.5
Unemployed 15 weeks and over.....	440	464	.5	.5	.6	.6	.6	.6
State insured <sup>1</sup> .....	966	1,169	2.2	2.2	2.3	2.3	2.4	2.7
Labor force time lost <sup>2</sup> .....	--	--	3.6	3.7	4.0	4.2	4.0	3.8
<b>Occupation</b>								
White-collar workers.....	614	578	1.9	1.8	1.9	2.2	2.0	1.9
Professional and managerial.....	177	185	1.2	.8	.9	1.1	1.0	1.3
Clerical workers.....	351	285	3.0	2.8	2.9	3.3	3.0	2.5
Sales workers.....	86	108	1.9	3.0	3.2	2.9	2.9	2.5
Blue-collar workers.....	968	1,180	3.7	3.9	4.4	4.3	4.3	4.6
Craftsmen and foremen.....	202	236	2.3	2.2	2.6	2.5	2.7	2.7
Operatives.....	553	675	4.0	4.4	4.7	4.9	4.6	4.9
Nonfarm laborers.....	213	269	6.5	6.5	7.8	7.2	7.8	8.2
Service workers.....	371	353	4.3	4.5	4.0	4.4	4.1	4.2
<b>Industry</b>								
Private wage and salary workers <sup>3</sup> .....	1,787	1,904	3.4	3.4	3.6	3.8	3.6	3.9
Construction.....	185	213	6.5	5.7	8.0	7.4	8.3	7.8
Manufacturing.....	631	746	3.2	3.3	3.5	3.6	3.3	3.8
Durable goods.....	326	411	2.9	2.7	3.1	3.4	2.8	3.7
Nondurable goods.....	305	335	3.7	4.1	4.0	3.9	4.0	4.0
Transportation and public utilities.....	53	95	1.5	1.4	1.6	2.1	1.9	2.7
Wholesale and retail trade.....	410	416	3.5	3.8	4.0	4.3	4.1	3.6
Finance and service industries.....	436	416	3.5	3.5	3.1	3.4	3.1	3.6
Government wage and salary workers.....	159	163	1.6	1.6	1.8	1.8	1.9	1.7
Agricultural wage and salary workers.....	58	58	6.1	6.0	6.3	4.3	4.8	6.5

<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

May 1968

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.....	66,943	43,634	20,642	2,667
Employed:	63,499	42,137	19,253	2,109
Full-time schedules.....	1,646	713	746	187
Part time for economic reasons.....	1,797	784	642	371
Unemployed, looking for full-time work.....	2.7	1.8	3.1	13.9
Unemployment rate.....				
<b>Part Time</b>				
Civilian labor force.....	11,292	2,095	5,824	3,373
Employed (voluntary part time).....	10,785	2,036	5,621	3,128
Unemployed, looking for part-time work.....	506	59	203	245
Unemployment rate.....	4.5	2.8	3.5	7.3

Table A-5: Employed persons by age and sex

(In thousands)

Age and sex	May 1968	April 1968	May 1967	Seasonally adjusted				
				May 1968	April 1968	March 1968	Feb. 1968	Jan. 1968
Total, 16 years and over .....	75,931	75,143	73,637	75,829	75,636	75,802	75,731	75,168
16 to 19 years .....	5,425	5,281	5,243	5,855	5,909	5,891	5,853	5,625
16 and 17 years .....	2,251	2,131	2,084	2,414	2,440	2,469	2,467	2,319
18 and 19 years .....	3,174	3,151	3,159	3,406	3,456	3,479	3,389	3,328
20 to 24 years .....	8,560	8,549	8,328	8,646	8,649	8,653	8,676	8,682
25 years and over .....	61,946	61,313	60,065	61,339	61,088	61,250	61,203	60,847
25 to 54 years .....	47,913	41,535	46,529	47,528	47,396	47,615	47,538	47,365
55 years and over .....	14,033	13,778	13,536	13,765	13,667	13,718	13,715	13,604
Males, 16 years and over .....	48,014	47,648	47,144	48,017	48,083	48,059	48,056	47,790
16 to 19 years .....	3,128	3,001	3,015	3,275	3,325	3,276	3,214	3,050
16 and 17 years .....	1,425	1,318	1,327	1,447	1,468	1,499	1,501	1,414
18 and 19 years .....	1,703	1,684	1,688	1,798	1,844	1,824	1,735	1,661
20 to 24 years .....	4,655	4,672	4,675	4,730	4,776	4,791	4,844	4,843
25 years and over .....	40,231	39,975	39,453	39,960	40,017	40,004	40,000	39,891
25 to 54 years .....	31,149	31,018	30,585	30,995	31,038	31,123	31,084	31,031
55 years and over .....	9,083	8,958	8,868	8,967	8,921	8,921	8,931	8,901
Females, 16 years and over .....	27,917	27,495	26,493	27,812	27,553	27,743	27,675	27,377
16 to 19 years .....	2,297	2,280	2,228	2,580	2,584	2,615	2,639	2,575
16 and 17 years .....	827	813	757	967	972	970	966	905
18 and 19 years .....	1,470	1,467	1,471	1,608	1,612	1,655	1,654	1,667
20 to 24 years .....	3,905	3,877	3,653	3,916	3,873	3,862	3,832	3,839
25 years and over .....	21,715	21,338	20,612	21,379	21,071	21,246	21,203	20,956
25 to 54 years .....	16,764	16,518	15,944	16,533	16,358	16,492	16,454	16,334
55 years and over .....	4,951	4,820	4,668	4,798	4,746	4,797	4,784	4,703

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 May 1968	Seasonally adjusted unemployment rates					
	May	April		May	April	March	Feb.	Jan.	May
	1968	1968		1968	1968	1968	1968	1968	1967
Total, 16 years and over .....	2,303	2,491	78.0	3.5	3.5	3.6	3.7	3.5	3.9
16 to 19 years .....	616	620	60.2	12.6	11.9	13.0	12.6	11.3	12.7
16 and 17 years .....	312	297	44.9	14.4	13.5	15.2	15.8	13.4	13.9
18 and 19 years .....	303	323	75.9	11.5	10.8	11.4	10.9	9.9	12.3
20 to 24 years .....	438	449	87.9	5.3	5.4	6.0	6.4	5.6	5.2
25 years and over .....	1,250	1,423	83.4	2.2	2.3	2.3	2.4	2.5	2.7
25 to 54 years .....	971	1,138	85.2	2.3	2.4	2.3	2.4	2.5	2.7
55 years and over .....	279	285	76.7	2.1	1.9	2.2	2.3	2.5	2.6
Males, 16 years and over .....	1,135	1,289	84.5	2.7	2.7	2.9	3.0	2.9	3.2
16 to 19 years .....	292	320	59.6	10.5	10.4	11.8	12.0	11.7	12.3
16 and 17 years .....	178	196	48.9	13.9	13.8	13.9	13.3	13.1	14.4
18 and 19 years .....	114	125	76.3	8.3	8.0	9.8	10.6	10.3	11.5
20 to 24 years .....	227	231	93.8	5.2	4.9	5.4	5.5	4.6	4.8
25 years and over .....	616	737	92.7	1.7	1.8	1.8	1.9	1.9	2.1
25 to 54 years .....	433	555	98.8	1.7	1.7	1.7	1.8	1.9	2.0
55 years and over .....	182	182	78.6	2.2	1.8	2.1	2.2	2.5	2.6
Females, 16 years and over .....	1,169	1,202	71.7	4.9	4.7	4.8	4.9	4.6	5.1
16 to 19 years .....	324	299	60.5	15.2	13.8	14.5	13.2	10.9	13.3
16 and 17 years .....	135	101	39.3	15.0	12.9	17.2	19.5	13.8	13.0
18 and 19 years .....	189	198	75.7	14.9	13.9	13.1	11.3	9.4	13.2
20 to 24 years .....	211	217	81.5	5.5	5.9	6.7	7.5	6.9	5.6
25 years and over .....	634	686	74.1	3.2	3.3	3.2	3.3	3.4	3.6
25 to 54 years .....	538	583	74.3	3.5	3.6	3.4	3.5	3.6	4.0
55 years and over .....	97	103	73.2	2.1	2.1	2.4	2.6	2.6	2.6

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

(In thousands)

Industry	May 1968	Apr. 1968	Mar. 1968	May 1967	Change from		Seasonally adjusted			
					Apr. 1968	May 1967	May 1968	Apr. 1968	Mar. 1968	Change from Apr. 1968
<b>TOTAL</b> .....	67,723	67,449	66,713	65,606	274	2,117	67,788	67,784	67,656	4
<b>MINING</b> .....	634	626	594	622	8	12	634	632	609	2
<b>CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION</b> ....	3,259	3,152	2,967	3,168	107	91	3,249	3,307	3,330	-58
<b>MANUFACTURING</b> .....	19,543	19,517	19,447	19,225	26	318	19,665	19,670	19,607	-5
<i>Production workers</i> .....	14,336	14,318	14,248	14,130	18	206	14,433	14,454	14,386	-21
<b>DURABLE GOODS</b> .....	11,525	11,518	11,440	11,377	7	148	11,538	11,544	11,495	-6
<i>Production workers</i> .....	8,404	8,402	8,325	8,332	2	72	8,404	8,422	8,371	-18
Ordnance and accessories .....	337.8	336.3	335.3	308.1	1.5	29.7	339	337	336	2
Lumber and wood products .....	597.5	589.7	587.2	590.7	7.8	6.8	598	601	607	-3
Furniture and fixtures .....	464.9	463.2	463.1	446.9	1.7	18.0	471	468	466	3
Stone, clay, and glass products ..	640.1	636.5	574.6	625.9	3.6	14.2	638	641	591	-3
Primary metal industries .....	1,328.3	1,327.5	1,303.5	1,328.4	.8	-1.1	1,319	1,321	1,304	-2
Fabricated metal products .....	1,365.9	1,363.3	1,363.3	1,351.8	-1.0	14.1	1,370	1,374	1,374	-4
Machinery, except electrical .....	1,953.4	1,960.1	1,970.3	1,974.3	-6.7	-20.9	1,950	1,950	1,960	0
Electrical equipment .....	1,935.0	1,942.6	1,943.3	1,922.0	-7.6	13.0	1,959	1,958	1,957	1
Transportation equipment .....	2,035.6	2,030.6	2,031.9	1,959.2	5.0	76.4	2,021	2,018	2,018	3
Instruments and related products ..	442.1	445.3	448.0	444.3	-3.2	-2.2	445	448	449	-3
Miscellaneous manufacturing ....	424.3	419.7	419.0	425.8	4.6	-1.5	428	428	433	0
<b>NONDURABLE GOODS</b> .....	8,018	7,999	8,007	7,848	19	170	8,127	8,126	8,112	1
<i>Production workers</i> .....	5,932	5,916	5,923	5,798	16	134	6,029	6,032	6,015	-3
Food and kindred products .....	1,707.3	1,699.0	1,690.4	1,725.9	8.3	-18.6	1,775	1,783	1,777	-8
Tobacco manufactures .....	74.3	72.0	79.7	75.2	2.3	-9	86	82	87	4
Textile mill products .....	980.6	976.5	975.0	946.3	4.1	34.3	982	979	979	3
Apparel and other textile products	1,409.5	1,401.9	1,418.0	1,391.4	7.6	18.1	1,419	1,417	1,408	2
Paper and allied products .....	685.9	685.6	683.3	671.0	.3	14.9	693	691	690	2
Printing and publishing .....	1,058.3	1,057.9	1,056.3	1,043.4	.4	14.9	1,063	1,059	1,058	4
Chemicals and allied products .....	1,018.0	1,023.6	1,021.8	996.9	-5.6	21.1	1,017	1,020	1,024	-3
Petroleum and coal products .....	185.2	184.0	182.8	181.3	1.2	3.9	185	186	186	-1
Rubber and plastics products, n e c	546.2	546.0	543.4	471.3	.2	74.9	549	550	546	-1
Leather and leather products .....	352.2	352.8	356.1	345.6	-6	6.6	358	359	357	-1
<b>TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC UTILITIES</b> .....	4,272	4,296	4,276	4,260	-24	12	4,285	4,331	4,332	-46
<b>WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE</b> .....	13,949	13,920	13,658	13,478	29	471	14,038	14,019	13,999	19
<b>WHOLESALE TRADE</b> .....	3,597	3,591	3,581	3,482	6	115	3,644	3,638	3,632	6
<b>RETAIL TRADE</b> .....	10,352	10,329	10,077	9,996	23	356	10,394	10,381	10,367	13
<b>FINANCE, INSURANCE, AND REAL ESTATE</b> .....	3,326	3,309	3,288	3,193	17	133	3,333	3,322	3,311	11
<b>SERVICES</b> .....	10,513	10,410	10,290	10,056	103	457	10,450	10,410	10,415	40
Hotels and other lodging places ..	707.5	690.7	676.2	684.9	16.8	22.6	710	716	729	-6
Personal services .....	1,032.2	1,019.7	1,012.9	1,031.6	12.5	.6	1,025	1,019	1,023	6
Medical and other health services ..	2,610.8	2,596.6	2,582.4	2,399.0	14.2	211.8	2,624	2,602	2,585	22
Educational services .....	1,086.3	1,083.6	1,086.5	1,030.9	2.7	55.4	1,053	1,048	1,046	5
<b>GOVERNMENT</b> .....	12,227	12,219	12,193	11,604	8	623	12,134	12,093	12,053	41
<b>FEDERAL</b> .....	2,706	2,712	2,699	2,690	-6	16	2,717	2,717	2,718	0
<b>STATE AND LOCAL</b> .....	9,521	9,507	9,494	8,914	14	607	9,417	9,376	9,335	41

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	May 1968	Apr. 1968	Mar. 1968	May 1967	Change from		Seasonally adjusted			
					Apr. 1968	May 1967	May 1968	Apr. 1968	Mar. 1968	Change from Apr. 1968
<b>TOTAL PRIVATE</b> .....	37.6	37.3	37.6	37.8	0.3	-0.2	37.7	37.6	37.8	0.1
<b>MINING</b> .....	42.7	42.6	41.8	42.4	.1	.3	42.5	42.9	42.3	-.4
<b>CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION</b> .....	37.8	37.3	36.2	37.2	.5	.6	37.4	37.8	36.8	-.4
<b>MANUFACTURING</b> .....	40.6	39.7	40.6	40.5	.9	.1	40.6	40.0	40.7	.6
<i>Overtime hours</i> .....	3.4	2.8	3.3	3.2	.6	.2	3.5	2.9	3.4	.6
<b>DURABLE GOODS</b> .....	41.2	40.3	41.3	41.1	.9	.1	41.1	40.5	41.4	.6
<i>Overtime hours</i> .....	3.5	2.9	3.5	3.3	.6	.2	3.5	3.0	3.7	.5
Ordinance and accessories .....	40.9	40.2	41.6	41.9	.7	-1.0	40.9	40.5	41.9	.4
Lumber and wood products .....	40.7	40.1	40.2	40.4	.6	.3	40.3	40.0	40.5	.3
Furniture and fixtures .....	39.7	39.2	40.5	39.5	.5	.2	40.3	40.0	40.9	.3
Stone, clay, and glass products ..	42.1	41.6	41.1	41.5	.5	.6	41.8	41.6	41.7	.2
Primary metal industries .....	42.2	42.2	41.9	40.9	0	1.3	42.0	42.1	41.8	-.1
Fabricated metal products .....	41.7	40.1	41.3	41.5	1.6	.2	41.5	40.3	41.5	1.2
Machinery, except electrical .....	41.6	40.9	42.3	42.5	.7	-.9	41.4	40.9	42.1	.5
Electrical equipment .....	40.2	39.2	40.1	39.9	1.0	.3	40.2	39.6	40.2	.6
Transportation equipment .....	41.5	39.9	42.0	41.7	1.6	-.2	41.4	40.3	42.4	1.1
Instruments and related products ..	40.1	39.5	40.7	41.1	.6	-1.0	40.1	39.7	40.8	.4
Miscellaneous manufacturing .....	38.8	38.2	39.6	39.3	.6	-.5	39.0	38.5	39.5	.5
<b>NONDURABLE GOODS</b> .....	39.7	38.8	39.7	39.5	.9	.2	39.7	39.2	39.8	.5
<i>Overtime hours</i> .....	3.2	2.7	3.1	3.0	.5	.2	3.3	2.8	3.3	.5
Food and kindred products .....	40.4	39.6	40.1	40.6	.8	-.2	40.5	40.4	40.7	.1
Tobacco manufactures .....	37.5	33.9	37.1	38.1	3.6	-.6	37.9	33.9	37.9	4.0
Textile mill products .....	41.2	40.2	41.4	40.5	1.0	.7	41.2	40.7	41.6	.5
Apparel and other textile products	36.1	35.0	36.6	36.0	1.1	.1	36.1	35.1	36.2	1.0
Paper and allied products .....	42.8	41.7	42.4	42.5	1.1	.3	42.9	42.1	42.7	.8
Printing and publishing .....	38.1	37.6	38.2	38.3	.5	-.2	38.1	37.8	38.2	.3
Chemicals and allied products .....	41.8	41.8	41.6	41.4	0	.4	41.6	41.4	41.6	.2
Petroleum and coal products .....	43.0	42.8	41.8	42.9	.2	.1	42.7	42.5	42.2	.2
Rubber and plastics products, n e c	41.3	40.0	41.1	40.9	1.3	.4	41.4	40.4	41.4	1.0
Leather and leather products .....	38.1	36.9	38.4	37.4	1.2	.7	38.4	38.1	38.7	.3
<b>WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE</b> .....	35.6	35.8	35.8	36.2	-.2	-.6	35.8	36.1	36.1	-.3
<b>WHOLESALE TRADE</b> .....	39.8	39.7	39.8	40.2	.1	-.4	39.8	39.9	39.9	-.1
<b>RETAIL TRADE</b> .....	34.3	34.6	34.4	34.9	-.3	-.6	34.6	34.9	34.7	-.3
<b>FINANCE, INSURANCE, AND REAL ESTATE</b> .....	36.9	36.8	37.1	37.0	.1	-.1	37.0	36.8	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					
	May 1968	Apr. 1968	Mar. 1968	May 1967	Change from		May 1968	Apr. 1968	Mar. 1968	May 1967	Change from	
					Apr. 1968	May 1967					Apr. 1968	May 1967
<b>TOTAL PRIVATE</b> .....	\$2.82	\$2.80	\$2.79	\$2.66	\$0.02	\$0.16	\$106.03	\$104.44	\$104.90	\$100.55	\$1.59	\$5.48
<b>MINING</b> .....	3.30	3.30	3.28	3.16	0	.14	140.91	140.58	137.10	133.98	.33	6.93
<b>CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION</b> .....	4.32	4.27	4.28	4.04	.05	.28	163.30	159.27	154.94	150.29	4.03	13.01
<b>MANUFACTURING</b> .....	2.98	2.97	2.96	2.81	.01	.17	120.99	117.91	120.18	113.81	3.08	7.18
<b>DURABLE GOODS</b> .....	3.16	3.14	3.14	2.99	.02	.17	130.19	126.54	129.68	122.89	3.65	7.30
Ordinance and accessories .....	3.21	3.21	3.22	3.13	0	.08	131.29	129.04	133.95	131.15	2.25	.14
Lumber and wood products .....	2.53	2.50	2.50	2.34	.03	.19	102.97	100.25	100.50	94.54	2.72	8.43
Furniture and fixtures .....	2.44	2.43	2.43	2.31	.01	.13	96.87	95.26	98.42	91.25	1.61	5.62
Stone, clay, and glass products ..	2.99	2.97	2.90	2.80	.02	.19	125.88	123.55	119.19	116.20	2.33	9.68
Primary metal industries .....	3.53	3.55	3.49	3.30	-.02	.23	148.97	149.81	146.23	134.97	-.84	14.00
Fabricated metal products .....	3.14	3.09	3.11	2.97	.05	.17	130.94	123.91	128.44	123.26	7.03	7.68
Machinery, except electrical .....	3.33	3.31	3.33	3.16	.02	.17	138.53	135.38	140.86	134.30	3.15	4.23
Electrical equipment .....	2.89	2.88	2.88	2.76	.01	.13	116.18	112.90	115.49	110.12	3.28	6.06
Transportation equipment .....	3.62	3.59	3.61	3.40	.03	.22	150.23	143.24	151.62	141.78	6.99	8.45
Instruments and related products ..	2.94	2.93	2.94	2.84	.01	.10	117.89	115.74	119.66	116.72	2.15	1.17
Miscellaneous manufacturing .....	2.49	2.49	2.49	2.33	0	.16	96.61	95.12	98.60	91.57	1.49	5.04
<b>NONDURABLE GOODS</b> .....	2.72	2.70	2.69	2.55	.02	.17	107.98	104.76	106.79	100.73	3.22	7.25
Food and kindred products .....	2.80	2.79	2.77	2.65	.01	.15	113.12	110.48	111.08	107.59	2.64	5.53
Tobacco manufactures .....	2.61	2.57	2.48	2.38	.04	.23	97.88	87.12	92.01	90.68	10.76	7.20
Textile mill products .....	2.17	2.15	2.17	2.03	.02	.14	89.40	86.43	89.84	82.22	2.97	7.18
Apparel and other textile products	2.18	2.17	2.19	2.01	.01	.17	78.70	75.95	80.15	72.36	2.75	6.34
Paper and allied products .....	3.01	2.98	2.97	2.83	.03	.18	128.83	124.27	125.93	120.28	4.56	8.55
Printing and publishing .....	3.45	3.42	3.42	3.26	.03	.19	131.45	128.59	130.64	124.86	2.86	6.59
Chemicals and allied products .....	3.22	3.21	3.19	3.07	.01	.15	134.60	134.18	132.70	127.10	.42	7.50
Petroleum and coal products .....	3.75	3.78	3.69	3.58	-.03	.17	161.25	161.78	154.24	153.58	-.53	7.67
Rubber and plastics products, n e c	2.88	2.84	2.85	2.63	.04	.25	118.94	113.60	117.14	107.57	5.34	11.37
Leather and leather products .....	2.22	2.22	2.22	2.06	0	.16	84.58	81.92	85.25	77.04	2.66	7.54
<b>WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE</b> .....	2.38	2.37	2.37	2.23	.01	.15	84.73	84.85	84.85	80.73	-.12	4.00
<b>WHOLESALE TRADE</b> .....	3.04	3.03	3.01	2.86	.01	.18	120.99	120.29	119.80	114.97	.70	6.02
<b>RETAIL TRADE</b> .....	2.14	2.13	2.12	2.00	.01	.14	73.40	73.70	72.93	69.80	-.30	3.60
<b>FINANCE, INSURANCE, AND REAL ESTATE</b> .....	2.72	2.70	2.69	2.57	.02	.15	100.37	99.36	99.80	95.09	1.01	5.28

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

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