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## THE EMPLOYMENT SITUATION: JULY 1968

The July employment situation over-all remained basically unchanged from June, the U. S. Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics announced today.

### Unemployment

Total unemployment was 3.2 million in July. This was 400,000 below the June jobless level, when unemployment rose sharply as nearly 3 million youths entered the job market. The June-to-July decline was in line with the normal seasonal pattern. Since April, when the jobless total reached its lowest level in more than a decade, seasonally-adjusted unemployment has increased by 240,000.

The July unemployment rate was 3.7 percent, compared with 3.8 percent in June and 3.5 percent in April and May. There was some improvement in July in the employment situation for workers 20 to 24 years of age, as many of these youths who had entered the labor force in June were able to secure jobs. The unemployment rate for this group, after rising sharply in June, returned to the April-May average of 5-1/2 percent, as their employment (seasonally adjusted) rose by 200,000.

The situation for teenagers, on the other hand, showed no improvement in July. The jobless rate for 16 to 19 year-olds, which had risen from 12.6 in May to 13.6 percent in June, was unchanged in July. Both the teenage labor force and employment rose less than expected in July, and the unemployment rate remained at the June level.

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Between May and July, the increase in the teenage labor force was about 2.9 million, the same as in 1967. The increase in teenage employment, however, was 2.2 million this year, about 100,000 less than last year's.

The rise in unemployment in the last few months has been concentrated among the less skilled workers in construction, agriculture, and the service industries. The unemployment rate for nonfarm laborers rose from 6.5 percent in April and May to 7.5 percent in June and to 8.5 percent in July. The rate for service workers, which was in the 4.0-4.5 percent range during the spring, has exceeded 5.0 percent for the past 2 months.

For men 20 years and over the July unemployment rate was 2.2 percent, compared with 2.3 percent in June. Women 20 years and over had an unemployment rate of 3.9 percent, up slightly from 3.7 percent in June.

The unemployment rates for married men (1.6 percent) and full-time workers (3.3 percent) and the insured unemployment rate (2.3 percent) have been practically unchanged for the past 3 months.

Over the year, the unemployment rate was down from 3.9 percent to 3.7 percent, but the improvement has benefited only adult workers. The rates for both men and women 20 years and over were down over the year. For teenagers, on the other hand, the unemployment rate in July was slightly above the year ago level (13.6 as compared with 12.9 percent).

The nonwhite unemployment rate was 6.9 percent in July, compared with 7.2 percent in June and 7.3 percent a year ago. The nonwhite teenage rate was 24.3 percent, while the rates for nonwhite adult males and females were 3.5 and 7.2 percent, respectively. The white unemployment rates for each group remained about half the nonwhite rate.

### Industry Employment

Total nonagricultural employment increased by 160,000 in July on a seasonally adjusted basis to a record high of 68.2 million. Nearly one-third of the gain was in the transportation equipment industry, where the model changeover in autos began somewhat later in July than usual.

Seasonally adjusted employment increases of 30,000 each were posted in retail trade and in the State and local government sector. Small gains were reported in the transportation and public utilities sector and in services. In construction, a small monthly gain in employment (10,000) was attributable largely to the ending of local strikes. Employment in construction was practically unchanged from a year ago.

### Hours and Earnings

In manufacturing, the factory workweek remained at 40.9 hours in July after seasonal adjustment, the same level as in May and June. For rank and file workers on private payrolls, the workweek averaged 38.0 hours, up 0.1 hour from June.

Hourly earnings for rank and file workers on private payrolls were unchanged over the month, but a small advance in the workweek boosted average weekly earnings in July to \$109.16, an increase of 57 cents from June. Over the year, average weekly earnings were up \$6.13 or 5.9 percent.

### Labor Force and Total Employment

The civilian labor force was 81.0 million in July, about 1.5 million larger than a year ago. There were an additional 500,000 adult men, 800,000 adult women, and 150,000 teenagers in the labor force. Total employment has grown by more than 1.5 million over the year, but this has taken place almost completely among adult workers. Of the total increase in employment, women accounted for 880,000, men 580,000, and teenagers 60,000.

On a seasonally adjusted basis, total employment has increased slowly since the beginning of the year, rising only 300,000 since February.

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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	July 1968	June 1968	July 1967	Seasonally adjusted				
				July 1968	June 1968	May 1968	April 1968	March 1968
<b>Total</b>								
Total labor force .....	84,550	84,454	82,920	82,572	82,585	82,149	81,849	82,150
Civilian labor force .....	80,964	80,887	79,471	78,985	79,018	78,613	78,343	78,658
Employed .....	77,746	77,273	76,221	76,038	76,048	75,829	75,636	75,802
Agriculture .....	4,476	4,516	4,516	3,836	3,851	3,893	3,980	4,014
Nonagricultural industries .....	73,270	72,757	71,705	72,202	72,197	71,936	71,656	71,788
On part time for economic reasons .....	2,083	2,199	2,223	1,809	1,911	1,569	1,591	1,743
Usually work full time .....	924	1,120	997	973	1,051	806	827	851
Usually work part time .....	1,159	1,079	1,226	836	860	763	764	892
Unemployed .....	3,217	3,614	3,250	2,947	2,970	2,784	2,707	2,856
<b>Men, 20 years and over</b>								
Civilian labor force .....	46,395	46,409	45,880	45,931	45,923	45,713	45,716	45,792
Employed .....	45,474	45,413	44,891	44,921	44,858	44,742	44,758	44,783
Agriculture .....	3,030	3,064	2,970	2,856	2,845	2,855	2,877	2,892
Nonagricultural industries .....	42,444	42,349	41,921	42,065	42,013	41,887	41,881	41,891
Unemployed .....	921	997	989	1,010	1,065	971	958	1,009
<b>Women, 20 years and over</b>								
Civilian labor force .....	25,678	26,183	24,862	26,393	26,297	26,199	25,918	26,094
Employed .....	24,684	25,163	23,806	25,364	25,315	25,232	24,969	25,128
Agriculture .....	754	797	817	566	603	620	637	681
Nonagricultural industries .....	23,930	24,366	22,988	24,798	24,712	24,612	24,332	24,447
Unemployed .....	994	1,020	1,056	1,029	982	967	949	966
<b>Both sexes, 16-19 years</b>								
Civilian labor force .....	8,891	8,295	8,728	6,661	6,798	6,701	6,709	6,772
Employed .....	7,589	6,697	7,524	5,753	5,875	5,855	5,909	5,891
Agriculture .....	692	655	729	414	403	418	466	441
Nonagricultural industries .....	6,896	6,042	6,795	5,339	5,472	5,437	5,443	5,450
Unemployed .....	1,302	1,598	1,204	908	923	846	800	880

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

(In thousands)

Duration of unemployment	July 1968	June 1968	July 1967	Seasonally adjusted				
				July 1968	June 1968	May 1968	April 1968	March 1968
Less than 5 weeks .....	1,836	2,510	1,843	1,656	1,753	1,696	1,507	1,689
5 to 14 weeks .....	1,003	694	1,043	860	841	718	830	755
15 weeks and over .....	378	409	364	453	423	410	398	448
15 to 26 weeks .....	199	243	193	275	260	283	241	268
27 weeks and over .....	179	167	171	178	163	127	157	180

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

(Persons 16 years and over)

Selected categories	Thousands of persons unemployed		Seasonally adjusted rates of unemployment					
	July 1968	July 1967	July 1968	June 1968	May 1968	April 1968	March 1968	July 1967
<b>Total (all civilian workers)</b> .....	3,217	3,250	3.7	3.8	3.5	3.5	3.6	3.9
Men, 20 years and over.....	921	989	2.2	2.3	2.1	2.1	2.2	2.4
Women, 20 years and over.....	994	1,056	3.9	3.7	3.7	3.7	3.7	4.3
Both sexes, 16-19 years.....	1,302	1,204	13.6	13.6	12.6	11.9	13.0	12.9
White.....	2,492	2,510	3.3	3.3	3.2	3.1	3.2	3.5
Nonwhite.....	725	740	6.9	7.2	6.4	6.7	6.9	7.3
Married men.....	556	608	1.6	1.7	1.6	1.5	1.7	1.8
Full-time workers.....	2,626	2,650	3.3	3.3	3.2	3.1	3.2	3.6
Unemployed 15 weeks and over <sup>1</sup> .....	378	364	.6	.5	.5	.5	.6	.6
State insured <sup>2</sup> .....	1,022	1,212	2.3	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.3	2.8
Labor force time lost <sup>3</sup> .....	--	--	4.3	4.3	3.6	3.7	4.0	4.2
<b>Occupation</b>								
White-collar workers.....	717	736	2.1	2.1	1.9	1.8	1.9	2.2
Professional and managerial.....	235	194	1.4	1.2	1.2	.8	.9	1.2
Clerical workers.....	371	389	3.0	2.9	3.0	2.8	2.9	3.2
Sales workers.....	111	153	2.5	3.0	1.9	3.0	3.2	3.6
Blue-collar workers.....	1,200	1,271	4.3	4.2	3.7	3.9	4.4	4.6
Craftsmen and foremen.....	200	184	2.5	2.6	2.3	2.2	2.6	2.3
Operatives.....	685	798	4.5	4.4	4.0	4.4	4.7	5.2
Nonfarm laborers.....	315	289	8.5	7.5	6.5	6.5	7.8	7.9
Service workers.....	505	448	5.1	5.3	4.3	4.5	4.0	4.5
<b>Industry</b>								
Nonagricultural private wage and salary workers <sup>4</sup> .....	2,097	2,201	3.8	3.8	3.4	3.4	3.6	4.0
Construction.....	189	200	7.0	8.1	6.5	5.7	8.0	7.4
Manufacturing.....	683	847	3.3	3.2	3.2	3.3	3.5	4.0
Durable goods.....	353	508	2.8	2.8	2.9	2.7	3.1	4.0
Nondurable goods.....	330	339	4.0	3.7	3.7	4.1	4.0	4.0
Transportation and public utilities.....	103	99	2.5	2.1	1.5	1.4	1.6	2.4
Wholesale and retail trade.....	536	544	4.1	4.5	3.5	3.8	4.0	4.3
Finance and service industries.....	573	494	4.0	3.7	3.5	3.5	3.1	3.5
Government wage and salary workers.....	267	207	2.1	2.2	1.6	1.6	1.8	1.7
Agricultural wage and salary workers.....	100	86	8.8	7.6	6.1	6.0	6.3	7.4

<sup>1</sup>Unemployment rate calculated as a percent of civilian labor force.

<sup>2</sup>Insured unemployment under State programs--unemployment rate calculated as a percent of average covered employment.

<sup>3</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>4</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	
	July 1968	July 1967	July 1968	July 1967	July 1968	July 1967	July 1968	July 1967
	<b>Full Time</b>							
Civilian labor force.....	72,049	71,058	44,567	44,122	20,698	20,262	6,784	6,673
Employed:								
Full-time schedules.....	67,052	65,909	42,917	42,380	19,175	18,595	4,960	4,933
Part time for economic reasons.....	2,371	2,499	801	850	715	792	856	858
Unemployed, looking for full-time work.....	2,626	2,650	849	892	808	876	969	883
Unemployment rate.....	3.6	3.7	1.9	2.0	3.9	4.3	14.3	13.2
<b>Part Time</b>								
Civilian labor force.....	8,914	8,413	1,828	1,758	4,980	4,600	2,107	2,055
Employed (voluntary part time).....	8,323	7,813	1,756	1,660	4,793	4,419	1,773	1,734
Unemployed, looking for part-time work.....	591	600	71	98	187	181	334	321
Unemployment rate.....	6.6	7.1	3.9	5.6	3.7	3.9	15.8	15.6

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

(In thousands)

Age and sex	July 1968	June 1968	July 1967	Seasonally adjusted				
				July 1968	June 1968	May 1968	April 1968	March 1968
<b>Total, 16 years and over</b> .....	77,746	77,273	76,221	76,038	76,048	75,829	75,636	75,802
16 to 19 years .....	7,589	6,697	7,524	5,753	5,875	5,855	5,909	5,891
16 and 17 years .....	3,462	2,969	3,345	2,402	2,475	2,414	2,440	2,469
18 and 19 years .....	4,126	3,729	4,179	3,322	3,371	3,406	3,456	3,479
20 to 24 years .....	9,264	8,925	8,980	8,891	8,700	8,646	8,649	8,653
25 years and over .....	60,893	61,651	59,717	61,361	61,443	61,339	61,088	61,250
25 to 54 years .....	47,067	47,580	46,155	47,456	47,518	47,528	47,396	47,615
55 years and over .....	13,826	14,071	13,564	13,814	13,908	13,765	13,667	13,718
<b>Males, 16 years and over</b> .....	49,925	49,363	49,281	48,160	48,111	48,017	48,083	48,059
16 to 19 years .....	4,451	3,950	4,390	3,239	3,253	3,275	3,325	3,276
16 and 17 years .....	2,126	1,855	2,072	1,433	1,454	1,447	1,468	1,499
18 and 19 years .....	2,325	2,095	2,319	1,790	1,786	1,798	1,844	1,824
20 to 24 years .....	5,231	5,013	5,252	4,850	4,787	4,730	4,776	4,791
25 years and over .....	40,243	44,400	39,639	40,077	40,078	39,960	40,017	40,004
25 to 54 years .....	31,127	31,215	30,695	31,042	30,998	30,995	31,038	31,123
55 years and over .....	9,117	9,184	8,945	9,021	9,044	8,967	8,921	8,921
<b>Females, 16 years and over</b> .....	27,821	27,910	26,940	27,878	27,937	27,812	27,553	27,743
16 to 19 years .....	3,138	2,747	3,134	2,514	2,622	2,580	2,584	2,615
16 and 17 years .....	1,336	1,114	1,274	969	1,021	967	972	970
18 and 19 years .....	1,802	1,633	1,861	1,532	1,585	1,608	1,612	1,655
20 to 24 years .....	4,033	3,912	3,728	4,041	3,913	3,916	3,873	3,862
25 years and over .....	20,650	21,251	20,078	21,284	21,365	21,379	21,071	21,246
25 to 54 years .....	15,940	16,364	15,459	16,414	16,520	16,533	16,358	16,492
55 years and over .....	4,710	4,887	4,619	4,793	4,864	4,798	4,746	4,797

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 July 1968	Seasonally adjusted unemployment rates					
	July 1968	June 1968		July 1968	June 1968	May 1968	April 1968	March 1968	July 1967
<b>Total, 16 years and over</b> .....	3,217	3,614	81.6	3.7	3.8	3.5	3.5	3.6	3.9
16 to 19 years .....	1,302	1,598	74.4	13.6	13.6	12.6	11.9	13.0	12.9
16 and 17 years .....	711	847	66.9	15.7	15.1	14.4	13.5	15.2	14.6
18 and 19 years .....	591	750	83.2	11.9	12.1	11.5	10.8	11.4	11.6
20 to 24 years .....	533	732	86.7	5.5	6.5	5.3	5.4	6.0	6.1
25 years and over .....	1,383	1,284	86.4	2.4	2.2	2.2	2.3	2.3	2.6
25 to 54 years .....	1,091	984	89.5	2.4	2.2	2.3	2.4	2.3	2.7
55 years and over .....	291	300	75.3	2.3	2.3	2.1	1.9	2.2	2.3
<b>Males, 16 years and over</b> .....	1,548	1,775	85.3	2.9	3.1	2.7	2.7	2.9	3.1
16 to 19 years .....	627	778	75.3	12.0	12.9	10.5	10.4	11.8	12.0
16 and 17 years .....	372	441	70.7	14.7	14.6	13.9	13.8	13.9	14.8
18 and 19 years .....	255	337	82.0	9.8	10.9	8.3	8.0	9.8	9.8
20 to 24 years .....	242	341	92.6	4.8	5.5	5.2	4.9	5.4	4.9
25 years and over .....	679	656	92.0	1.9	1.8	1.7	1.8	1.8	2.1
25 to 54 years .....	498	466	97.2	1.7	1.7	1.7	1.7	1.7	1.9
55 years and over .....	180	190	78.3	2.2	2.4	2.2	1.8	2.1	2.4
<b>Females, 16 years and over</b> .....	1,669	1,839	78.1	5.1	4.9	4.9	4.7	4.8	5.3
16 to 19 years .....	675	820	73.5	15.6	14.6	15.2	13.8	14.5	13.9
16 and 17 years .....	339	406	62.8	17.3	15.8	15.0	12.9	17.2	14.3
18 and 19 years .....	336	414	84.2	14.2	13.4	14.9	13.9	13.1	13.4
20 to 24 years .....	291	392	81.8	6.4	7.6	5.5	5.9	6.7	7.5
25 years and over .....	704	628	80.8	3.4	2.9	3.2	3.3	3.2	3.7
25 to 54 years .....	592	518	82.9	3.7	3.2	3.5	3.6	3.4	4.1
55 years and over .....	111	110	70.3	2.5	2.3	2.1	2.1	2.4	2.3

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

(In thousands)

Industry	July 1968	June 1968	May 1968	July 1967	Change from		Seasonally adjusted			Change from June 1968
					June 1968	July 1967	July 1968	June 1968	May 1968	
<b>TOTAL</b> .....	68,316	68,681	67,724	66,097	-365	2,219	68,156	67,997	67,792	159
<b>MINING</b> .....	647	646	631	640	1	7	633	631	631	2
<b>CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION</b> ....	3,490	3,383	3,255	3,475	107	15	3,181	3,171	3,245	10
<b>MANUFACTURING</b> .....	19,777	19,878	19,569	19,248	-101	529	19,822	19,759	19,693	63
<i>Production workers</i> .....	14,487	14,612	14,352	14,065	-125	422	14,585	14,512	14,449	73
<b>DURABLE GOODS</b> .....	11,599	11,668	11,531	11,305	-69	294	11,632	11,562	11,545	70
<i>Production workers</i> .....	8,431	8,515	8,401	8,209	-84	222	8,493	8,419	8,401	74
Ordnance and accessories .....	344.4	339.8	336.3	316.6	4.6	27.8	346	342	338	4
Lumber and wood products .....	618.7	616.9	593.3	614.5	1.8	4.2	595	593	594	2
Furniture and fixtures .....	466.1	473.7	464.9	440.9	-7.6	25.2	470	474	471	-4
Stone, clay, and glass products ..	660.9	658.0	641.8	641.3	2.9	19.6	643	643	640	0
Primary metal industries .....	1,332.2	1,335.9	1,330.9	1,314.1	-3.7	18.1	1,318	1,311	1,322	7
Fabricated metal products .....	1,379.7	1,399.9	1,371.4	1,346.1	-20.2	33.6	1,391	1,386	1,376	5
Machinery, except electrical .....	1,945.5	1,962.2	1,952.6	1,970.0	-16.7	-24.5	1,942	1,942	1,949	-5
Electrical equipment .....	1,949.4	1,954.9	1,939.9	1,908.6	-5.5	40.8	1,971	1,959	1,963	12
Transportation equipment .....	2,031.7	2,042.8	2,027.5	1,886.3	-11.1	145.4	2,077	2,029	2,013	48
Instruments and related products ..	447.1	448.2	444.7	447.8	-1.1	-7	447	446	447	1
Miscellaneous manufacturing .....	423.1	435.7	427.9	418.4	-12.6	4.7	432	432	432	0
<b>NONDURABLE GOODS</b> .....	8,178	8,210	8,038	7,943	-32	235	8,190	8,197	8,148	-7
<i>Production workers</i> .....	6,056	6,097	5,951	5,856	-41	200	6,092	6,093	6,048	-1
Food and kindred products .....	1,828.1	1,780.0	1,710.5	1,827.5	48.1	.6	1,787	1,789	1,778	-2
Tobacco manufactures .....	76.5	76.2	75.2	77.7	.3	-1.2	87	87	87	0
Textile mill products .....	981.2	998.6	980.7	938.9	-17.4	42.3	988	990	982	-2
Apparel and other textile products	1,382.3	1,436.8	1,412.2	1,348.3	-54.5	34.0	1,427	1,431	1,422	-4
Paper and allied products .....	701.9	704.7	689.0	686.5	-2.8	15.4	698	698	696	0
Printing and publishing .....	1,065.1	1,066.3	1,057.2	1,049.8	-1.2	15.3	1,065	1,064	1,061	1
Chemicals and allied products .....	1,040.6	1,034.9	1,023.7	1,010.8	5.7	29.8	1,030	1,030	1,023	0
Petroleum and coal products .....	193.0	190.5	185.6	187.8	2.5	5.2	189	188	186	1
Rubber and plastics products, n e c	551.3	559.4	549.1	473.8	-8.1	77.5	560	559	552	1
Leather and leather products .....	358.2	362.6	355.2	342.0	-4.4	16.2	359	361	361	-2
<b>TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC UTILITIES</b> .....	4,385	4,366	4,268	4,343	19	42	4,337	4,327	4,281	10
<b>WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE</b> .....	14,089	14,121	13,959	13,605	-32	484	14,094	14,068	14,049	26
<b>WHOLESALE TRADE</b> .....	3,706	3,686	3,607	3,571	20	135	3,669	3,675	3,655	-6
<b>RETAIL TRADE</b> .....	10,383	10,435	10,352	10,034	-52	349	10,425	10,393	10,394	32
<b>FINANCE, INSURANCE, AND REAL ESTATE</b> .....	3,403	3,367	3,327	3,278	36	125	3,346	3,337	3,334	9
<b>SERVICES</b> .....	10,684	10,647	10,488	10,237	37	447	10,495	10,479	10,425	16
Hotels and other lodging places ..	830.0	756.3	714.3	809.2	73.7	20.8	706	716	717	-10
Personal services .....	1,031.2	1,038.3	1,026.3	1,029.0	-7.1	2.2	1,024	1,023	1,019	1
Medical and other health services ..	2,688.7	2,660.0	2,611.6	2,474.7	28.7	214.0	2,662	2,647	2,625	15
Educational services .....	929.6	1,018.8	1,081.6	882.4	-89.2	47.2	1,052	1,048	1,048	4
<b>GOVERNMENT</b> .....	11,841	12,273	12,227	11,271	-432	570	12,248	12,225	12,134	23
<b>FEDERAL</b> .....	2,846	2,815	2,710	2,798	31	48	2,790	2,795	2,721	-5
<b>STATE AND LOCAL</b> .....	8,995	9,458	9,517	8,473	-463	522	9,458	9,430	9,413	28

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	July 1968	June 1968	May 1968	July 1967	Change from		Seasonally adjusted			Change from June 1968
					June 1968	July 1967	July 1968	June 1968	May 1968	
<b>TOTAL PRIVATE</b> .....	38.3	38.1	37.7	38.3	0.2	0	38.0	37.9	37.8	0.1
<b>MINING</b> .....	43.2	43.4	42.8	43.3	-.2	-.1	42.9	42.9	42.6	0
<b>CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION</b> .....	38.8	38.4	37.6	38.7	.4	.1	37.5	37.6	37.2	-.1
<b>MANUFACTURING</b> .....	40.7	41.1	40.9	40.3	-.4	.4	40.9	40.9	40.9	0
<i>Overtime hours</i> .....	3.5	3.7	3.6	3.2	-.2	.3	3.6	3.6	3.7	0
<b>DURABLE GOODS</b> .....	41.3	41.8	41.6	40.8	-.5	.5	41.6	41.7	41.5	-.1
<i>Overtime hours</i> .....	3.6	3.9	3.8	3.3	-.3	.3	3.8	3.8	3.8	0
Ordnance and accessories .....	41.7	41.8	41.5	41.4	-.1	.3	42.0	41.8	41.5	.2
Lumber and wood products .....	40.8	41.3	40.7	40.0	-.5	.8	40.8	40.8	40.3	0
Furniture and fixtures .....	40.4	41.0	40.6	40.0	-.6	.4	40.8	41.0	41.2	-.2
Stone, clay, and glass products ..	42.3	42.4	42.1	41.7	-.1	.6	42.1	42.0	41.8	.1
Primary metal industries .....	42.1	42.4	42.2	40.9	-.3	1.2	42.1	42.1	42.0	0
Fabricated metal products .....	41.5	42.1	41.9	41.2	-.6	.3	41.8	41.9	41.7	-.1
Machinery, except electrical .....	41.7	42.3	42.1	41.9	-.6	-.2	42.0	42.1	41.9	-.1
Electrical equipment .....	40.1	40.6	40.2	39.9	-.5	.2	40.5	40.6	40.2	-.1
Transportation equipment .....	41.8	42.5	43.0	40.9	-.7	.9	42.5	42.5	42.9	0
Instruments and related products ..	40.3	40.8	40.5	40.8	-.5	-.5	40.6	40.7	40.5	-.1
Miscellaneous manufacturing .....	39.1	39.7	39.5	38.8	-.6	.3	39.6	39.7	39.7	-.1
<b>NONDURABLE GOODS</b> .....	40.0	40.1	39.8	39.7	-.1	.3	39.9	40.0	39.8	-.1
<i>Overtime hours</i> .....	3.3	3.4	3.2	3.1	-.1	.2	3.3	3.4	3.3	-.1
Food and kindred products .....	41.2	41.2	40.6	41.3	0	-.1	40.6	41.1	40.7	-.5
Tobacco manufactures .....	37.0	38.3	37.6	38.2	-1.3	-1.2	37.4	37.9	38.0	-.5
Textile mill products .....	41.1	41.6	41.2	40.3	-.5	.8	41.5	41.3	41.2	.2
Apparel and other textile products ..	36.3	36.5	36.3	35.9	-.2	.4	36.3	36.4	36.3	-.1
Paper and allied products .....	43.0	43.1	42.9	42.8	-.1	.2	43.0	43.0	43.0	0
Printing and publishing .....	38.1	38.2	38.1	38.2	-.1	-.1	38.2	38.2	38.1	0
Chemicals and allied products .....	41.7	41.8	41.8	41.5	-.1	.2	41.8	41.7	41.6	.1
Petroleum and coal products .....	43.2	42.7	42.8	43.4	-.5	-.2	42.6	42.4	42.5	.2
Rubber and plastics products, n e c	41.4	41.8	41.6	40.2	-.4	1.2	41.9	41.7	41.7	.2
Leather and leather products .....	39.2	39.0	38.5	38.9	.2	-.3	38.7	38.7	38.8	0
<b>WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE</b> .....	37.0	36.4	35.7	37.4	.6	-.4	36.3	36.3	35.9	0
<b>WHOLESALE TRADE</b> .....	40.4	40.3	39.8	40.6	.1	-.2	40.1	40.3	39.8	-.2
<b>RETAIL TRADE</b> .....	35.9	35.1	34.3	36.3	.8	-.4	35.0	34.9	34.6	.1
<b>FINANCE, INSURANCE, AND REAL ESTATE</b> .....	37.0	37.0	37.0	37.1	0	-.1	36.9	37.1	37.1	-.2

<sup>1</sup>Data relate to production workers in mining and manufacturing; to construction workers in contract construction; and to nonsupervisory workers in wholesale and retail trade; finance, insurance, and real estate; transportation and public utilities; and services. These groups account for approximately four-fifths of the total employment on private nonagricultural payrolls. Transportation and public utilities, and services are included in Total Private but are not shown separately in this table.  
NOTE: Data for the 2 most recent months are preliminary.

**Table B-3: Average hourly and weekly earnings of production or nonsupervisory workers<sup>1</sup> on private nonagricultural payrolls, by industry**

Industry	Average hourly earnings						Average weekly earnings					
	July 1968	June 1968	May 1968	July 1967	Change from		July 1968	June 1968	May 1968	July 1967	Change from	
					June 1968	July 1967					June 1968	July 1967
<b>TOTAL PRIVATE</b> .....	\$2.85	\$2.85	\$2.83	\$2.69	\$0.00	\$0.16	\$109.16	\$108.59	\$106.69	\$103.03	\$0.57	\$6.13
<b>MINING</b> .....	3.32	3.32	3.30	3.21	0	.11	143.42	144.09	141.24	138.99	-.67	4.43
<b>CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION</b> .....	4.32	4.29	4.32	4.10	.03	.22	167.62	164.74	162.43	158.67	2.88	8.95
<b>MANUFACTURING</b> .....	3.00	3.00	2.99	2.82	0	.18	122.20	122.30	122.29	113.65	-1.20	8.45
<b>DURABLE GOODS</b> .....	3.18	3.18	3.18	3.00	0	.18	131.33	132.92	132.29	122.40	-1.59	8.93
Ordnance and accessories .....	3.24	3.24	3.22	3.17	0	.07	135.11	135.43	133.63	131.24	-.32	3.87
Lumber and wood products .....	2.58	2.58	2.53	2.39	0	.19	105.26	106.55	102.97	95.60	-1.29	9.66
Furniture and fixtures .....	2.47	2.47	2.46	2.31	0	.16	99.79	101.27	99.88	92.40	-1.48	7.39
Stone, clay, and glass products .....	3.01	3.00	3.00	2.83	.01	.18	127.32	127.20	126.30	118.01	.12	9.31
Primary metal industries .....	3.55	3.54	3.52	3.34	-.01	.21	149.46	150.10	148.54	136.61	-.64	12.85
Fabricated metal products .....	3.15	3.15	3.15	2.97	0	.18	130.73	132.62	131.99	122.36	-1.89	8.37
Machinery, except electrical .....	3.35	3.35	3.36	3.18	0	.17	139.70	141.71	141.46	133.24	-2.01	6.46
Electrical equipment .....	2.92	2.91	2.90	2.79	.01	.13	117.09	118.15	116.58	111.32	-1.06	5.77
Transportation equipment .....	3.65	3.66	3.66	3.43	-.01	.22	152.57	155.55	157.38	140.29	-2.98	12.28
Instruments and related products .....	2.97	2.97	2.96	2.86	0	.11	119.69	121.18	119.88	116.69	-1.49	3.00
Miscellaneous manufacturing .....	2.50	2.50	2.50	2.34	0	.16	97.75	99.25	98.75	90.79	-1.50	6.96
<b>NONDURABLE GOODS</b> .....	2.74	2.73	2.72	2.57	.01	.17	109.60	109.47	108.26	102.03	.13	7.57
Food and kindred products .....	2.80	2.81	2.80	2.64	-.01	.16	115.36	115.47	113.68	109.03	-.41	6.33
Tobacco manufactures .....	2.62	2.62	2.61	2.42	0	.20	96.94	100.35	98.14	92.44	-3.41	4.50
Textile mill products .....	2.17	2.18	2.17	2.02	-.01	.15	89.19	90.69	89.40	81.41	-1.50	7.78
Apparel and other textile products ..	2.20	2.20	2.19	2.01	0	.19	79.86	80.30	79.50	72.16	-.44	7.70
Paper and allied products .....	3.05	3.02	3.01	2.89	.03	.16	131.15	130.16	129.13	123.69	.99	7.46
Printing and publishing .....	3.47	3.48	3.45	3.26	-.01	.21	132.21	132.94	131.45	124.53	-.73	7.68
Chemicals and allied products .....	3.29	3.26	3.23	3.13	.03	.16	137.19	136.27	135.01	129.90	.92	7.29
Petroleum and coal products .....	3.74	3.73	3.73	3.61	.01	.13	161.57	159.27	159.64	156.67	2.30	4.90
Rubber and plastics products, n e c	2.93	2.91	2.89	2.63	.02	.30	121.30	121.64	120.22	105.73	-.34	15.57
Leather and leather products .....	2.22	2.24	2.22	2.05	-.02	.17	87.02	87.36	85.47	79.75	-.34	7.27
<b>WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE</b> .....	2.39	2.40	2.39	2.24	-.01	.15	88.43	87.36	85.32	83.78	1.07	4.65
<b>WHOLESALE TRADE</b> .....	3.04	3.05	3.04	2.88	-.01	.16	122.82	122.92	120.99	116.93	-.10	5.89
<b>RETAIL TRADE</b> .....	2.15	2.16	2.14	2.01	-.01	.14	77.19	75.82	73.40	72.96	1.37	4.23
<b>FINANCE, INSURANCE, AND REAL ESTATE</b> .....	2.78	2.76	2.73	2.59	.02	.19	102.86	102.12	101.01	96.09	.74	6.77

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