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THE EMPLOYMENT SITUATION: AUGUST 1968

The employment situation held firm in August as nonfarm payroll employment continued to advance and unemployment dropped more than seasonally, the U. S. Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics reported today.

Nonfarm payroll employment rose 200,000 more than usual to an August high of 68.6 million. Employment increases were concentrated in trade, services, and State and local government.

The August unemployment decline resulted from a reduction in unemployment for teenagers and a less-than-seasonal increase in unemployment for women. Unemployment rates moved down to 3.7 percent for adult women and 12.0 percent for teenagers, while the rate for adult males remained at 2.2 percent. The total unemployment rate fell from 3.7 in July to 3.5 percent in August, returning to the April-May level of this year.

Unemployment

The number of unemployed persons was 2.8 million in August, 450,000 fewer than in July. The decline was 200,000 more than seasonally expected.

The total unemployment rate, at 3.5 percent in August, returned to the levels of this spring. The unemployment rate once again equaled the post-Korean low reached in January, April, and May of this year. Compared to a year ago, total unemployment declined by 175,000 and the unemployment rate was down 0.2 percentage point, with most of the improvement among teenagers and adult men.

The seasonally adjusted teenage jobless rate dropped from 13.6 in July to 12.0 percent in August, returning to the levels that have prevailed most of this year. Teenagers returning to school in September usually begin to leave their jobs or give up searching for them in August. This August, a larger-than-usual number of the teenagers who left the labor force were those who had been looking for work in July.

Unemployment for women, which usually rises substantially in August, rose only slightly last month. The number of women in the civilian labor force declined by nearly 200,000, as a result of an unusually large drop in part-time employment. The jobless rate for women fell from 3.9 to 3.7 percent over the month, a return to the level which had prevailed since March 1968.

The jobless rate for nonfarm laborers fell by a full percentage point to 7.5 percent, and the rate for service workers dropped from 5.1 to 4.0 percent. Both rates had risen sharply in June and continued high in July. Unemployment rates for white-collar workers (2.0 percent), skilled workers (2.5 percent), and semiskilled workers (4.5 percent) were essentially unchanged in August.

The nonwhite unemployment rate was 6.2 percent in August, compared with 6.9 percent in July. Lower jobless levels for nonwhite teenagers and women were responsible for the improvement. The white rate, at 3.2 percent, was not significantly changed over the month.

Rates of unemployment for men 20 years of age and over (2.2 percent), married men (1.6 percent), and full-time workers (3.3 percent) were unchanged over the month. These jobless rates remained at or near their lowest points in 10 years.

The state insured unemployment rate, at 2.3 percent in August, was unchanged from July. This rate, which primarily relates to experienced adult workers, has ranged between 2.2 and 2.4 percent since September 1967. Over the year, the rate has dropped 0.4 percentage point, while the level has fallen by 140,000.

Industry Employment

Total nonfarm payroll employment continued to rise in August, increasing by 200,000 to 68.4 million (seasonally adjusted). Since May 1968, nonfarm employment has risen by 600,000.

The job gain in August was concentrated in the service-producing industries, with trade, services, and State and local government each posting gains of about 50,000. Seasonally adjusted increases were also reported in the finance industries and in transportation and public utilities (30,000 each).

Employment in contract construction rose as seasonally expected in August to 3.5 million, about the same level as in August 1967. After seasonal adjustment, construction employment has declined 200,000 since the record level of February 1968.

In manufacturing, employment was unchanged at 19.8 million, seasonally adjusted. Small gains in the electrical equipment, machinery, fabricated metals, and other industries were offset by job declines in transportation equipment and primary metals industries. The decline in the transportation equipment industry (40,000 seasonally adjusted) was the result of the later-than-usual automobile model changeovers. The decline in primary metals (15,000) reflected lower steel production resulting from excessive steel inventories.

Over the year, payroll employment has risen by 2.2 million. Job gains in State and local government (550,000), trade (525,000), services (425,000), and manufacturing (375,000) accounted for most of the increase.

Hours and Earnings

The workweek for rank and file workers on private nonfarm payrolls edged up as seasonally expected in August, rising 0.1 hour to 38.3 hours. The workweek in August was 0.1 hour less than the August 1967 average. The seasonally adjusted workweek has remained at 37.9 hours since June.

For manufacturing production workers, the workweek was 40.8 hours in August compared with 40.7 hours in July. After seasonal adjustment, the factory workweek was down slightly over the month. Since May, it has remained relatively stable at 40.8-40.9 hours.

Average hourly earnings for rank and file workers on private payrolls were unchanged in August at \$2.85. Because of the slightly longer workweek, however, average weekly earnings for these workers rose by 29 cents to \$109.16. Over the year, average hourly earnings have risen by 16 cents (5.9 percent) and weekly earnings by \$5.86 (5.7 percent).

The Summer Youth Situation

Nearly 13 million 16 to 21 year-olds were working or seeking work in the summer of 1968 (June-August averages), 550,000 more than in the summer of 1967. Summer employment of 16 to 21 year-olds rose by 450,000 over the year to 11.3 million but was insufficient to absorb the labor force growth. Consequently 100,000 more youths were unemployed this summer than last. Their unemployment rate, at 12.4 percent in 1968, was only slightly above last summer's 12.1 percent but was well below the 14.7 percent recorded in 1964.

Nearly three-fourths of the over-the-year employment gain for youth were accounted for by the service-producing industries (335,000), in contrast to a 50,000 increase in the goods-producing industries. The Federal, State and local governments employed 125,000 more youths this summer than in 1967. In contrast, there were 70,000 fewer 16-21 year-olds employed in the agricultural sector and in private household work.

All of the over-the-year increase in youth unemployment was accounted for by girls; their rate rose to 14.4 percent from 13.7 percent last year. For boys, the rate was unchanged at 10.7 percent. The nonwhite youth unemployment rate, at 23.4 percent this summer, continued to be more than double the white rate (10.8 percent), with only slight changes from last summer in both rates. Both white and nonwhite unemployment rates, however, have improved substantially from their summer 1964 levels.

Employment Status and Industry of Employment of 16 to 21 Year-old
Youth by Color, June-August Averages, 1964-68
(In thousands)

Employment status	1968	1967	1966	1965	1964
TOTAL					
Civilian labor force.....	12,909	12,373	11,939	10,996	10,442
Employed.....	11,314	10,874	10,530	9,523	8,903
Agriculture.....	786	817	804	863	914
Nonagricultural industries.....	10,529	10,057	9,726	8,660	7,988
Private wage and salary workers..	9,034	8,688	8,498	7,703	7,208
Private household workers.....	483	523	541	564	549
Other private wage and salary workers.....	8,551	8,165	7,957	7,139	6,659
Goods-producing industries...	2,953	2,903	2,961	2,553	2,272
Service-producing industries.	5,597	5,262	4,996	4,586	4,388
Government workers.....	1,333	1,209	1,005	809	590
Self-employed and unpaid family workers.....	163	159	223	189	190
Unemployed.....	1,595	1,499	1,409	1,473	1,540
Unemployment rate.....	12.4	12.1	11.8	13.4	14.7
WHITE					
Civilian labor force.....	11,304	10,859	10,490	9,690	9,244
Employed.....	10,085	9,715	9,411	8,505	8,042
Unemployed.....	1,219	1,144	1,079	1,184	1,202
Unemployment rate.....	10.8	10.5	10.3	12.2	13.0
NONWHITE					
Civilian labor force.....	1,605	1,515	1,449	1,307	1,198
Employed.....	1,229	1,159	1,119	1,017	860
Unemployed.....	375	356	330	290	337
Unemployment rate.....	23.4	23.5	22.8	22.2	28.1

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

(In thousands)

Employment status, age, and sex	Aug. 1968	July 1968	Aug. 1967	Seasonally adjusted				
				Aug. 1968	July 1968	June 1968	May 1968	April 1968
Total								
Total labor force	83,792	84,550	82,571	82,279	82,572	82,585	82,149	81,849
Civilian labor force	80,203	80,964	79,112	78,690	78,985	79,018	78,613	78,343
Employed	77,432	77,746	76,170	75,929	76,038	76,048	75,829	75,636
Agriculture	4,107	4,476	4,378	3,733	3,836	3,851	3,893	3,980
Nonagricultural industries	73,325	73,270	71,792	72,196	72,202	72,197	71,936	71,656
On part time for economic reasons	2,098	2,083	2,175	1,853	1,809	1,911	1,569	1,591
Usually work full time	995	924	1,012	1,006	973	1,051	806	827
Usually work part time	1,103	1,159	1,163	847	836	860	763	764
Unemployed	2,772	3,217	2,942	2,761	2,947	2,970	2,784	2,707
Men, 20 years and over								
Civilian labor force	46,374	46,395	45,955	45,896	45,931	45,923	45,713	45,716
Employed	45,461	45,474	44,969	44,907	44,921	44,858	44,742	44,758
Agriculture	2,859	3,030	2,909	2,770	2,856	2,845	2,855	2,877
Nonagricultural industries	42,601	42,444	42,060	42,137	42,065	42,013	41,887	41,881
Unemployed	913	921	986	989	1,010	1,065	971	958
Women, 20 years and over								
Civilian labor force	25,494	25,678	24,948	26,162	26,393	26,297	26,199	25,918
Employed	24,458	24,684	23,892	25,185	25,364	25,315	25,232	24,969
Agriculture	661	754	802	576	566	603	620	637
Nonagricultural industries	23,797	23,930	23,090	24,609	24,798	24,712	24,612	24,332
Unemployed	1,036	994	1,055	977	1,029	982	967	949
Both sexes, 16-19 years								
Civilian labor force	8,336	8,891	8,209	6,632	6,661	6,798	6,701	6,709
Employed	7,513	7,589	7,309	5,837	5,753	5,875	5,855	5,909
Agriculture	587	692	667	387	414	403	418	466
Nonagricultural industries	6,926	6,896	6,641	5,450	5,339	5,472	5,437	5,443
Unemployed	822	1,302	900	795	908	923	846	800

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

(In thousands)

Duration of unemployment	Aug. 1968	July 1968	Aug. 1967	Seasonally adjusted				
				Aug. 1968	July 1968	June 1968	May 1968	April 1968
Less than 5 weeks	1,593	1,836	1,537	1,629	1,656	1,753	1,696	1,507
5 to 14 weeks	851	1,003	1,037	767	860	841	718	830
15 weeks and over	328	378	367	398	453	423	410	398
15 to 26 weeks	175	199	166	237	275	260	283	241
27 weeks and over	153	179	201	161	178	163	127	157

Table A-3: Major unemployment indicators

(Persons 16 years and over)

Selected categories	Thousands of persons unemployed		Seasonally adjusted rates of unemployment					
	Aug. 1968	Aug. 1967	Aug. 1968	July 1968	June 1968	May 1968	April 1968	Aug. 1967
Total (all civilian workers).....	2,772	2,942	3.5	3.7	3.8	3.5	3.5	3.8
Men, 20 years and over.....	913	986	2.2	2.2	2.3	2.1	2.1	2.3
Women, 20 years and over.....	1,036	1,055	3.7	3.9	3.7	3.7	3.7	3.9
Both sexes, 16-19 years.....	822	900	12.0	13.6	13.6	12.6	11.9	13.3
White.....	2,196	2,313	3.2	3.3	3.3	3.2	3.1	3.4
Nonwhite.....	575	628	6.2	6.9	7.2	6.4	6.7	6.8
Married men.....	568	652	1.6	1.6	1.7	1.6	1.5	1.9
Full-time workers.....	2,224	2,384	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.2	3.1	3.6
Unemployed 15 weeks and over ¹	328	367	.5	.6	.5	.5	.5	.6
State insured ²	994	1,132	2.3	2.3	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.7
Labor force time lost ³	--	--	4.0	4.3	4.3	3.6	3.7	4.3
Occupation								
White-collar workers.....	769	823	2.0	2.1	2.1	1.9	1.8	2.2
Professional and managerial.....	257	244	1.1	1.4	1.2	1.2	.8	1.1
Clerical workers.....	398	440	3.0	3.0	2.9	3.0	2.8	3.4
Sales workers.....	114	139	2.6	2.5	3.0	1.9	3.0	3.3
Blue-collar workers.....	1,084	1,130	4.2	4.3	4.2	3.7	3.9	4.4
Craftsmen and foremen.....	198	182	2.5	2.5	2.6	2.3	2.2	2.4
Operatives.....	634	695	4.5	4.5	4.4	4.0	4.4	4.9
Nonfarm laborers.....	252	253	7.5	8.5	7.5	6.5	6.5	7.7
Service workers.....	399	411	4.0	5.1	5.3	4.3	4.5	4.2
Industry								
Nonagricultural private wage and salary workers ⁴	1,950	2,077	3.6	3.8	3.8	3.4	3.4	3.9
Construction.....	163	161	6.9	7.0	8.1	6.5	5.7	7.2
Manufacturing.....	699	786	3.4	3.3	3.2	3.2	3.3	3.8
Durable goods.....	418	452	3.1	2.8	2.8	2.9	2.7	3.4
Nondurable goods.....	281	334	3.7	4.0	3.7	3.7	4.1	4.4
Transportation and public utilities.....	94	106	2.2	2.5	2.1	1.5	1.4	2.6
Wholesale and retail trade.....	482	497	3.9	4.1	4.5	3.5	3.8	4.2
Finance and service industries.....	494	507	3.3	4.0	3.7	3.5	3.5	3.5
Government wage and salary workers.....	246	229	1.6	2.1	2.2	1.6	1.6	1.5
Agricultural wage and salary workers.....	86	84	8.4	8.8	7.6	6.1	6.0	7.4

¹Unemployment rate calculated as a percent of civilian labor force.

²Insured unemployment under State programs—unemployment rate calculated as a percent of average covered employment.

³Man-hours lost by the unemployed and persons on part time for economic reasons as a percent of potentially available labor force man-hours.

⁴Includes 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	
	Aug 1968	Aug 1967	Aug 1968	Aug 1967	Aug 1968	Aug 1967	Aug 1968	Aug 1967
Full Time								
Civilian labor force.....	71,888	71,134	44,769	44,368	20,772	20,468	6,347	6,298
Employed:								
Full-time schedules.....	67,294	66,264	43,078	42,504	19,154	18,783	5,062	4,976
Part time for economic reasons.....	2,370	2,486	856	941	775	832	739	713
Unemployed, looking for full-time work.....	2,224	2,384	835	923	843	852	546	609
Unemployment rate.....	3.1	3.4	1.9	2.1	4.1	4.2	8.6	9.7
Part Time								
Civilian labor force.....	8,315	7,978	1,605	1,587	4,722	4,480	1,989	1,910
Employed (voluntary part time).....	7,768	7,421	1,526	1,524	4,529	4,277	1,712	1,619
Unemployed, looking for part-time work.....	547	557	78	63	193	203	276	291
Unemployment rate.....	6.6	7.0	4.9	4.0	4.1	4.5	13.9	15.3

Table A-5: Employed persons by age and sex

(In thousands)

Age and sex	Aug. 1968	July 1968	Aug. 1967	Seasonally adjusted				
				Aug. 1968	July 1968	June 1968	May 1968	April 1968
Total, 16 years and over	77,432	77,746	76,170	75,929	76,038	76,048	75,829	75,636
16 to 19 years	7,513	7,589	7,309	5,837	5,753	5,875	5,855	5,909
16 and 17 years	3,303	3,462	3,214	2,403	2,402	2,475	2,414	2,440
18 and 19 years	4,210	4,126	4,095	3,410	3,322	3,371	3,406	3,456
20 to 24 years	9,151	9,264	8,967	8,791	8,891	8,700	8,646	8,649
25 years and over	60,768	60,893	59,894	61,285	61,361	61,443	61,339	61,088
25 to 34 years	47,034	47,067	46,385	47,418	47,456	47,518	47,528	47,398
35 years and over	13,734	13,826	13,509	13,839	13,814	13,908	13,765	13,667
Males, 16 years and over	49,850	49,925	49,233	48,216	48,160	48,111	48,017	48,083
16 to 19 years	4,389	4,451	4,264	3,309	3,239	3,253	3,275	3,325
16 and 17 years	2,033	2,126	1,989	1,459	1,433	1,454	1,447	1,468
18 and 19 years	2,357	2,325	2,275	1,833	1,790	1,786	1,798	1,844
20 to 24 years	5,164	5,231	5,238	4,809	4,850	4,787	4,730	4,776
25 years and over	40,297	40,243	39,731	40,123	40,077	40,078	39,960	40,017
25 to 34 years	31,189	31,127	30,811	31,044	31,042	30,998	30,995	31,038
35 years and over	9,108	9,117	8,920	9,064	9,021	9,044	8,967	8,921
Females, 16 years and over	27,582	27,821	26,937	27,713	27,878	27,937	27,812	27,553
16 to 19 years	3,124	3,138	3,045	2,528	2,514	2,622	2,580	2,584
16 and 17 years	1,270	1,336	1,225	944	969	1,021	967	972
18 and 19 years	1,854	1,802	1,820	1,577	1,532	1,585	1,608	1,612
20 to 24 years	3,987	4,033	3,730	3,982	4,041	3,913	3,916	3,873
25 years and over	20,471	20,650	20,162	21,162	21,284	21,365	21,379	21,071
25 to 34 years	15,845	15,940	15,574	16,374	16,414	16,520	16,533	16,358
35 years and over	4,626	4,710	4,588	4,775	4,793	4,864	4,798	4,746

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 Aug. 1968	Seasonally adjusted unemployment rates					
	Aug. 1968	July 1968		Aug. 1968	July 1968	June 1968	May 1968	April 1968	Aug. 1967
Total, 16 years and over	2,772	3,217	80.2	3.5	3.7	3.8	3.5	3.5	3.8
16 to 19 years	822	1,302	66.4	12.0	13.6	13.6	12.6	11.9	13.3
16 and 17 years	371	711	48.0	13.3	15.7	15.1	14.4	13.5	14.9
18 and 19 years	451	591	81.6	11.0	11.9	12.1	11.5	10.8	12.2
20 to 24 years	585	533	90.4	6.1	5.5	6.5	5.3	5.4	5.5
25 years and over	1,364	1,383	84.2	2.2	2.4	2.2	2.2	2.3	2.5
25 to 34 years	1,102	1,091	87.9	2.3	2.4	2.2	2.3	2.4	2.6
35 years and over	262	291	68.3	1.9	2.3	2.3	2.1	1.9	2.5
Males, 16 years and over	1,309	1,548	83.6	2.8	2.9	3.1	2.7	2.7	3.1
16 to 19 years	396	627	65.4	10.5	12.0	12.9	10.5	10.4	12.2
16 and 17 years	199	372	53.8	12.2	14.7	14.6	13.9	13.8	14.8
18 and 19 years	197	255	77.2	9.2	9.8	10.9	8.3	8.0	10.2
20 to 24 years	263	242	92.0	5.3	4.8	5.5	5.2	4.9	4.9
25 years and over	651	679	91.1	1.8	1.9	1.8	1.7	1.8	2.0
25 to 34 years	491	498	96.1	1.7	1.7	1.7	1.7	1.7	1.9
35 years and over	161	180	75.2	1.8	2.2	2.4	2.2	1.8	2.4
Females, 16 years and over	1,463	1,669	77.2	4.8	5.1	4.9	4.9	4.7	5.0
16 to 19 years	427	675	67.2	13.9	15.6	14.6	15.2	13.8	14.7
16 and 17 years	172	339	41.9	15.0	17.3	15.8	15.0	12.9	15.0
18 and 19 years	255	336	84.3	13.1	14.2	13.4	14.9	13.9	14.4
20 to 24 years	323	291	88.9	7.0	6.4	7.6	5.5	5.9	6.2
25 years and over	713	704	78.0	3.2	3.4	2.9	3.2	3.3	3.5
25 to 34 years	612	592	81.4	3.4	3.7	3.2	3.5	3.6	3.8
35 years and over	102	111	56.9	2.1	2.5	2.3	2.1	2.1	2.6

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

Industry	(In thousands)									
	Aug. 1968	July 1968	June 1968	Aug. 1967	Change from		Seasonally adjusted			
					July 1968	Aug. 1967	Aug. 1968	July 1968	June 1968	Change from July 1968
TOTAL	66,596	68,358	68,724	66,391	238	2,205	68,409	68,201	68,039	208
MINING	650	651	647	624	-1	26	635	637	632	-2
CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION	3,543	3,491	3,387	3,519	52	24	3,186	3,182	3,174	4
MANUFACTURING	19,908	19,737	19,897	19,535	171	373	19,775	19,782	19,777	-7
<i>Production workers</i>	14,599	14,426	14,622	14,338	173	261	14,514	14,523	14,523	9
DURABLE GOODS	11,541	11,591	11,678	11,363	-50	178	11,610	11,624	11,571	-14
<i>Production workers</i>	8,352	8,407	8,518	8,265	-55	87	8,446	8,468	8,424	-22
Ordnance and accessories	352.1	348.9	342.2	323.9	3.2	28.2	353	351	344	2
Lumber and wood products	627.1	621.7	616.4	616.1	5.4	11.0	601	598	592	3
Furniture and fixtures	475.1	465.3	474.2	454.9	9.8	20.2	471	469	474	2
Stone, clay, and glass products ..	665.3	660.3	657.1	644.2	5.0	21.1	644	642	642	2
Primary metal industries	1,308.4	1,329.7	1,334.8	1,306.2	-21.3	2.2	1,298	1,315	1,310	-17
Fabricated metal products	1,393.6	1,374.3	1,400.0	1,362.1	19.3	31.5	1,392	1,385	1,386	7
Machinery, except electrical	1,947.9	1,949.7	1,966.7	1,966.4	-1.8	-18.5	1,954	1,946	1,951	8
Electrical equipment	1,972.8	1,937.7	1,955.9	1,945.7	35.1	27.1	1,975	1,959	1,960	16
Transportation equipment	1,894.8	2,028.4	2,044.8	1,855.1	-133.6	39.7	2,033	2,074	2,031	-41
Instruments and related products ..	453.2	446.1	449.9	450.9	7.1	2.3	451	446	448	5
Miscellaneous manufacturing	450.4	429.3	436.2	437.9	21.1	12.5	438	439	433	-1
NONDURABLE GOODS	8,367	8,146	8,219	8,172	221	195	8,165	8,158	8,206	7
<i>Production workers</i>	6,247	6,019	6,104	6,073	228	174	6,068	6,055	6,099	13
Food and kindred products	1,896.6	1,820.6	1,787.6	1,878.4	76.0	18.2	1,764	1,780	1,797	-16
Tobacco manufactures	94.7	76.4	76.5	91.8	18.3	2.9	89	87	87	2
Textile mill products	996.2	980.8	998.9	960.9	15.4	35.3	988	988	990	0
Apparel and other textile products	1,438.4	1,370.1	1,438.4	1,416.4	68.3	22.0	1,416	1,414	1,433	2
Paper and allied products	708.3	699.6	704.8	691.4	8.7	16.9	701	696	699	5
Printing and publishing	1,068.1	1,064.0	1,064.6	1,051.7	4.1	16.4	1,067	1,064	1,062	3
Chemicals and allied products	1,046.5	1,043.2	1,035.3	1,015.7	3.3	30.8	1,034	1,033	1,030	1
Petroleum and coal products	193.1	192.4	190.5	188.5	.7	4.6	188	188	188	0
Rubber and plastics products, n e c	564.0	548.7	559.3	524.0	15.3	40.0	564	557	559	7
Leather and leather products	360.9	349.8	362.8	353.6	11.1	7.3	354	351	361	3
TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC UTILITIES	4,418	4,387	4,375	4,339	31	79	4,366	4,339	4,336	27
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE	14,131	14,114	14,139	13,610	17	521	14,171	14,119	14,086	52
WHOLESALE TRADE	3,724	3,713	3,690	3,596	11	128	3,680	3,676	3,679	4
RETAIL TRADE	10,407	10,401	10,449	10,014	6	393	10,491	10,443	10,407	48
FINANCE, INSURANCE, AND REAL ESTATE	3,435	3,409	3,365	3,293	26	142	3,381	3,352	3,335	29
SERVICES	10,667	10,676	10,634	10,231	-9	436	10,541	10,487	10,467	54
Hotels and other lodging places ..	837.2	838.1	757.3	809.9	-9	27.3	711	713	717	-2
Personal services	1,014.2	1,024.5	1,037.9	1,018.4	-10.3	-4.2	1,017	1,017	1,023	0
Medical and other health services ..	2,700.1	2,687.5	2,662.0	2,483.8	12.6	216.3	2,684	2,661	2,649	23
Educational services	888.4	908.7	999.1	865.4	-20.3	23.0	1,022	1,028	1,028	-6
GOVERNMENT	11,844	11,893	12,280	11,240	-49	604	12,354	12,303	12,232	51
FEDERAL	2,836	2,844	2,815	2,784	-8	52	2,791	2,788	2,795	3
STATE AND LOCAL	9,008	9,049	9,465	8,456	-41	552	9,563	9,515	9,437	48

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

**Table B-2: Average weekly hours of production or nonsupervisory workers¹
on private nonagricultural payrolls, by industry**

Industry	Aug. 1968	July 1968	June 1968	Aug. 1967	Change from		Seasonally adjusted			
					July 1968	Aug. 1967	Aug. 1968	July 1968	June 1968	Change from July 1968
TOTAL PRIVATE	38.3	38.2	38.1	38.4	0.1	-0.1	37.9	37.9	37.9	0.0
MINING	43.1	43.6	43.4	43.2	-0.5	-0.1	42.5	43.3	42.9	-0.8
CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION	38.9	38.7	38.4	38.7	.2	.2	37.6	37.4	37.6	.2
MANUFACTURING	40.8	40.7	41.1	40.6	.1	.2	40.8	40.9	40.9	-0.1
<i>Overtime hours</i>	3.6	3.5	3.7	3.4	.1	.2	3.5	3.6	3.6	-0.1
DURABLE GOODS	41.3	41.2	41.8	41.1	-0.1	.2	41.3	41.5	41.7	-0.2
<i>Overtime hours</i>	3.7	3.6	3.9	3.5	.1	.2	3.7	3.8	3.8	-0.1
<i>Ordinance and accessories</i>	41.3	40.9	41.6	41.6	.4	-0.3	41.4	41.2	41.6	.2
Lumber and wood products	41.1	40.7	41.2	40.1	.4	1.0	40.6	40.7	40.7	-0.1
Furniture and fixtures	41.2	40.5	41.1	40.8	.7	.4	40.6	40.9	41.1	-0.3
Stone, clay, and glass products ..	42.3	42.3	42.4	42.1	0	.2	41.8	42.1	42.0	-0.3
Primary metal industries	41.3	41.9	42.4	40.9	-0.6	.4	41.4	41.9	42.1	-0.5
Fabricated metal products	41.7	41.4	42.1	41.6	.3	.1	41.6	41.7	41.9	-0.1
Machinery, except electrical	41.7	41.6	42.2	41.9	-0.1	-0.2	42.1	41.9	42.0	.2
Electrical equipment	40.4	39.9	40.6	40.2	.5	.2	40.5	40.3	40.6	.2
Transportation equipment	41.6	41.8	42.5	41.6	-0.2	0	42.1	42.5	42.5	-0.4
Instruments and related products ..	40.5	40.3	40.7	41.1	.2	-0.6	40.6	40.6	40.6	0
Miscellaneous manufacturing	39.5	38.8	39.7	39.5	.7	0	39.3	39.3	39.7	0
NONDURABLE GOODS	40.1	40.0	40.1	40.0	.1	.1	39.8	39.9	40.0	-0.1
<i>Overtime hours</i>	3.4	3.4	3.4	3.3	0	.1	3.2	3.4	3.4	-0.2
Food and kindred products	41.5	41.4	41.2	41.2	-0.1	.3	41.1	40.8	41.1	.3
Tobacco manufactures	38.7	37.6	38.9	39.1	1.1	-0.4	38.6	38.0	38.5	.6
Textile mill products	41.2	41.0	41.6	41.1	.2	.1	41.0	41.4	41.3	-0.4
Apparel and other textile products ..	36.5	36.1	36.5	36.3	.4	.2	36.0	36.1	36.4	-0.1
Paper and allied products	43.3	43.1	43.1	42.9	.2	.4	43.0	43.1	43.0	-0.1
Printing and publishing	38.7	38.2	38.2	38.5	.5	.2	38.5	38.3	38.2	.2
Chemicals and allied products	41.5	41.6	41.8	41.4	-0.1	.1	41.6	41.7	41.7	-0.1
Petroleum and coal products	42.4	43.4	42.6	43.1	-1.0	-0.7	42.2	42.8	42.3	-0.6
Rubber and plastics products, n e c	41.6	41.3	41.8	42.2	.3	-0.6	41.4	41.8	41.7	-0.4
Leather and leather products	38.3	38.7	39.0	38.7	-0.4	-0.4	37.8	38.2	38.7	-0.4
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE	37.0	36.9	36.4	37.3	.1	-0.3	36.3	36.2	36.3	.1
WHOLESALE TRADE	40.4	40.4	40.3	40.4	0	0	40.3	40.1	40.3	.2
RETAIL TRADE	35.9	35.8	35.1	36.3	.1	-0.4	35.0	34.9	34.9	.1
FINANCE, INSURANCE, AND REAL ESTATE	37.1	37.1	37.0	37.1	0	0	37.0	37.0	37.1	0

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

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

**Table B-3: Average hourly and weekly earnings of production or nonsupervisory workers¹
on private nonagricultural payrolls, by industry**

Industry	Average hourly earnings						Average weekly earnings					
	Aug. 1968	July 1968	June 1968	Aug. 1967	Change from		Aug. 1968	July 1968	June 1968	Aug. 1967	Change from	
					July 1968	Aug. 1967					July 1968	Aug. 1967
TOTAL PRIVATE	\$2.85	\$2.85	\$2.85	\$2.69	\$0.00	\$0.16	\$109.16	\$108.87	\$108.59	\$103.30	\$0.29	\$5.86
MINING	3.32	3.33	3.32	3.18	-0.01	.14	143.09	145.19	144.09	137.38	-2.10	5.71
CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION	4.36	4.33	4.29	4.11	.03	.25	169.60	167.57	164.74	159.06	2.03	10.54
MANUFACTURING	2.99	3.00	3.00	2.82	-0.01	.17	121.99	122.10	123.30	114.49	-1.11	7.50
DURABLE GOODS	3.17	3.18	3.18	3.00	-0.01	.17	130.92	131.02	132.92	123.30	-1.0	7.62
<i>Ordinance and accessories</i>	3.22	3.22	3.23	3.17	0	.05	132.99	131.70	134.37	131.87	1.29	1.12
Lumber and wood products	2.60	2.58	2.58	2.39	.02	.21	106.86	105.01	106.30	95.84	1.85	11.02
Furniture and fixtures	2.48	2.46	2.47	2.33	.02	.15	102.18	99.63	101.52	95.06	2.55	7.12
Stone, clay, and glass products ..	3.01	3.01	3.01	2.84	0	.17	127.32	127.32	127.62	119.56	0	7.76
Primary metal industries	3.56	3.55	3.54	3.36	.01	.20	147.03	148.75	150.10	137.42	-1.72	9.61
Fabricated metal products	3.15	3.15	3.15	2.98	0	.17	131.36	130.41	132.62	123.97	.95	7.39
Machinery, except electrical	3.36	3.35	3.35	3.18	.01	.18	140.11	139.36	141.37	133.24	.75	6.87
Electrical equipment	2.92	2.91	2.91	2.78	.01	.14	117.97	116.11	118.15	111.76	1.86	6.21
Transportation equipment	3.62	3.64	3.66	3.45	-0.02	.17	150.59	152.15	155.55	143.52	-1.56	7.07
Instruments and related products ..	2.98	2.97	2.97	2.86	.01	.12	120.69	119.69	120.88	117.55	1.00	3.14
Miscellaneous manufacturing	2.49	2.49	2.50	2.32	0	.16	98.36	96.61	99.25	92.04	1.75	6.32
NONDURABLE GOODS	2.75	2.75	2.73	2.57	0	.18	110.28	110.00	109.47	102.80	.28	7.48
Food and kindred products	2.77	2.80	2.80	2.62	-0.03	.15	114.96	115.92	115.92	107.94	-.96	7.02
Tobacco manufactures	2.48	2.63	2.63	2.25	-0.15	.23	95.98	98.89	102.31	87.98	-2.91	8.00
Textile mill products	2.24	2.17	2.18	2.04	.07	.20	92.29	88.97	90.69	83.84	3.32	8.45
Apparel and other textile products ..	2.24	2.19	2.20	2.05	.05	.19	81.76	79.06	80.30	74.42	2.70	7.34
Paper and allied products	3.07	3.07	3.03	2.90	0	.17	132.93	132.32	130.59	124.41	.61	8.52
Printing and publishing	3.49	3.48	3.48	3.28	.01	.21	135.06	132.94	132.94	126.28	2.12	8.78
Chemicals and allied products	3.29	3.28	3.26	3.12	.01	.17	136.54	136.45	136.27	129.17	.09	7.37
Petroleum and coal products	3.72	3.75	3.73	3.56	-0.03	.16	157.73	162.75	158.90	153.44	-5.02	4.29
Rubber and plastics products, n e c	2.94	2.94	2.91	2.77	0	.17	122.30	121.42	121.64	116.89	.88	5.41
Leather and leather products	2.23	2.22	2.24	2.07	.01	.16	85.41	85.91	87.36	80.11	-.50	5.30
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE	2.39	2.40	2.40	2.24	-0.01	.15	88.43	88.56	87.36	83.55	-.13	4.88
WHOLESALE TRADE	3.04	3.04	3.05	2.87	0	.17	122.82	122.82	122.92	115.95	0	6.87
RETAIL TRADE	2.15	2.16	2.16	2.00	-0.01	.15	77.19	77.33	75.82	72.60	-.14	4.59
FINANCE, INSURANCE, AND REAL ESTATE	2.78	2.77	2.76	2.58	.01	.20	103.14	102.77	102.12	95.72	.37	7.42

¹See footnote 1, table B-2.

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