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Nonfarm payroll employment increased modestly in September and unemployment declined less than seasonally, the U. S. Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics reported today.

The increase in payroll employment in September (125,000 seasonally adjusted) was the smallest in the last 4 months. About one-fourth of the increase was the result of the return to work of strikers.

The jobless situation for men, teenagers, full-time workers, and most other groups in the labor force was virtually unchanged, while unemployment for women increased slightly over the month. The overall rate of unemployment was 3.6 percent in September, near the post-Korean low of 3.5 percent in August. Thus far in 1968, the rate has also averaged 3.6 percent.

Industry Employment

Nonfarm payroll employment increased by 125,000 in September to 68.5 million, seasonally adjusted. About 30,000 of the increase resulted from the net return of workers who had been off payrolls in August because of strikes. Employment gains in services (40,000), State and local government (25,000), and trade (20,000) accounted for the new job growth in September. Three-fourths of the employment pickup in contract construction (40,000) was the result of a return to payrolls of striking workers.

The total gain in nonfarm payroll employment in September was substantially less than the average monthly increase of 180,000 recorded during the May-to-August period. The smaller job pickup reflected the more modest

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increases in the service-producing industries, which have provided most of the new jobs during this period. Employment in the goods-producing sector was essentially unchanged during the May-August period.

Manufacturing employment was unchanged in September at 19.8 million (seasonally adjusted). Small gains in apparel, transportation equipment, and electrical equipment were offset by declines in most other manufacturing industries. Although industrial activity has remained high over the past 4 months, manufacturing employment has been relatively stable.

Compared to September 1967, payroll employment was up by 2.3 million, with trade, services, and State and local government accounting for two-thirds of the increase. The real job growth over the year was 2.1 million, since there were widespread labor disputes last September, especially among teachers and auto workers.

Unemployment

The number of unemployed persons was 2.6 million in September, 160,000 less than in August. The decline was about 100,000 less than seasonally expected. Most of the seasonally adjusted increase occurred among women. At 3.6 percent in September, the overall jobless rate was virtually unchanged from the post-Korean low of 3.5 percent in August.

The unemployment rate in the third quarter of 1968 averaged 3.6 percent, the same as in the first and second quarters of this year. In 1966 and 1967, the quarterly rate of unemployment had remained between 3.7 and 3.9 percent.

The jobless rate for women edged up by two-tenths of a percentage point (0.2) to 3.9 percent in September. The small increase in unemployment of women occurred despite a 220,000 increase in their employment, as the civilian labor force rose more rapidly. Their rate continued within the 3.7 to 4.0 percent range exhibited throughout 1968. In 1967, the rate fell to 3.9 percent only once and ranged as high as 4.3 percent (last September).

Unemployment rates for men (2.2 percent), married men (1.6 percent), and full-time workers (3.2 percent) were virtually unchanged from a month ago. The State insured jobless rate, at 2.2 percent, was also essentially unchanged over the month. The stability of these rates at or near post-Korean lows continues to reflect the strength of the employment situation among primary breadwinners.

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The teenage employment situation showed little improvement in September. Their unemployment rate, at 12.6 percent, was little changed from the 12.0 rate in August. The August and September rates represent a return to the pre-summer levels, after 2 months of higher joblessness. However, the September rate compares with 13.4 percent a year ago.

Unemployment of 15 weeks or more totaled 370,000 in September (seasonally adjusted). This was the third month in 1968 that unemployment of 15 weeks or more had fallen below 400,000, and the present level was at the lowest point in about 15 years.

The unemployment rate for nonwhite workers in September was 6.7 percent and for whites, 3.2 percent. In the third quarter of 1968, the rate for nonwhites (6.6 percent) continued twice as high as that for whites (3.3 percent), as it has been throughout the post-Korean period.

Hours and Earnings

The average workweek for the Nation's rank and file workers was 38.0 hours in September (seasonally adjusted), the highest level in 1968. There were large increases in hours in construction (0.4 hour) and manufacturing (0.3 hour).

The increase in the manufacturing workweek, to 40.9 hours in September (seasonally adjusted), was partly the result of a sharp rise in hours in the transportation equipment industry, as the new automobile model year got underway later than usual. Longer workweeks were reported in most other manufacturing industries as well. At 37.9 hours (seasonally adjusted), the workweek in contract construction equalled the previous 1968 high but remained below the levels of several months in 1967.

Average hourly earnings for production and nonsupervisory workers rose by 4 cents in September to \$2.90. All industries showed increases, with contract construction and manufacturing posting gains of 9 cents and 4 cents, respectively. Hourly earnings usually rise in September, reflecting the return to school of young people, most of whom leave jobs with low hourly rates. However, this was the largest monthly increase since the August-September period of 1966. Compared to September 1967, hourly earnings were up by 18 cents (6.6 percent).

Gross weekly earnings for all rank and file workers in September averaged \$110.49, up 95 cents from August. All major industry divisions except trade showed gains in weekly earnings. Construction workers received \$3.05 more

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in September, bringing their weekly earnings up to \$172.22; factory workers' gross weekly earnings rose by \$2.84 to \$124.23. Between September 1967 and 1968, the earnings for all workers on private nonagricultural payrolls increased by \$6.59 (6.3 percent).

Total Employment and Labor Force

Employment totaled 75.9 million in September, 1.5 million less than in August. The drop, which was seasonally expected, reflected the large number of teenage workers who returned to school in September.

After seasonal adjustment, total employment was unchanged over the month at 76.0 million. Total employment has shown little growth in the past few months, as sharp and steady declines in agricultural employment have offset gains in nonagricultural employment. In September, agricultural employment fell by 125,000, and nonagricultural employment rose about 160,000.

The civilian labor force totaled 78.5 million in September. Compared to September 1967, the labor force has grown by 1 million, with women accounting for a half million of the increase, men 350,000, and teenagers 150,000.

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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	Sept. 1968	Aug. 1968	Sept. 1967	Seasonally adjusted				
				Sept. 1968	Aug. 1968	July 1968	June 1968	May 1968
Total								
Total labor force	82,137	83,792	80,982	82,422	82,279	82,572	82,585	82,149
Civilian labor force	78,546	80,203	77,526	78,831	78,690	78,985	79,018	78,613
Employed	75,939	77,432	74,631	75,957	75,929	76,038	76,048	75,829
Agriculture	3,836	4,107	3,931	3,602	3,733	3,836	3,851	3,893
Nonagricultural industries	72,103	73,325	70,700	72,355	72,196	72,202	72,197	71,936
On part time for economic reasons	1,661	2,098	1,883	1,733	1,853	1,809	1,911	1,569
Usually work full time	972	995	1,073	991	1,006	973	1,051	806
Usually work part time	689	1,103	810	742	847	836	860	763
Unemployed	2,606	2,772	2,895	2,874	2,761	2,947	2,970	2,784
Men, 20 years and over								
Civilian labor force	45,940	46,374	45,600	45,845	45,896	45,931	45,923	45,713
Employed	45,125	45,461	44,761	44,835	44,907	44,921	44,858	44,742
Agriculture	2,809	2,859	2,924	2,688	2,770	2,856	2,845	2,855
Nonagricultural industries	42,316	42,601	41,837	42,147	42,137	42,065	42,013	41,887
Unemployed	816	913	839	1,010	989	1,010	1,065	971
Women, 20 years and over								
Civilian labor force	26,427	25,494	25,903	26,446	26,162	26,393	26,297	26,199
Employed	25,377	24,458	24,615	25,403	25,185	25,364	25,315	25,232
Agriculture	651	661	638	528	576	566	603	620
Nonagricultural industries	24,726	23,797	23,978	24,875	24,609	24,798	24,712	24,612
Unemployed	1,050	1,036	1,287	1,043	977	1,029	982	967
Both sexes, 16-19 years								
Civilian labor force	6,179	8,336	6,024	6,540	6,632	6,661	6,798	6,701
Employed	5,438	7,513	5,254	5,719	5,837	5,753	5,875	5,855
Agriculture	376	587	369	386	387	414	403	418
Nonagricultural industries	5,062	6,926	4,886	5,333	5,450	5,339	5,472	5,437
Unemployed	741	822	769	821	795	908	923	846

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

(In thousands)

Duration of unemployment	Sept. 1968	Aug. 1968	Sept. 1967	Seasonally adjusted				
				Sept. 1968	Aug. 1968	July 1968	June 1968	May 1968
Less than 5 weeks	1,672	1,593	1,810	1,647	1,629	1,656	1,753	1,696
5 to 14 weeks	625	851	715	819	767	860	841	718
15 weeks and over	310	328	370	369	398	453	423	410
15 to 26 weeks	193	175	226	235	237	275	260	283
27 weeks and over	118	153	144	134	161	178	163	127

Table A-3: Major unemployment indicators

(Persons 16 years and over)

Selected categories	Thousands of persons unemployed		Seasonally adjusted rates of unemployment					
	Sept. 1968	Sept. 1967	Sept. 1968	Aug. 1968	July 1968	June 1968	May 1968	Sept. 1967
Total (all civilian workers).....	2,606	2,895	3.6	3.5	3.7	3.8	3.5	4.1
Men, 20 years and over.....	816	839	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.3	2.1	2.3
Women, 20 years and over.....	1,050	1,287	3.9	3.7	3.9	3.7	3.7	4.9
Both sexes, 16-19 years.....	741	769	12.6	12.0	13.6	13.6	12.6	13.4
White.....	2,083	2,269	3.2	3.2	3.3	3.3	3.2	3.6
Nonwhite.....	523	626	6.7	6.2	6.9	7.2	6.4	8.0
Married men.....	470	526	1.6	1.6	1.6	1.7	1.6	1.8
Full-time workers.....	1,838	2,086	3.2	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.2	3.6
Unemployed 15 weeks and over ¹	310	370	.5	.5	.6	.5	.5	.6
State insured ²	805	891	2.2	2.3	2.3	2.2	2.2	2.4
Labor force time lost ³	--	--	4.0	4.0	4.3	4.3	3.6	4.6
Occupation								
White-collar workers.....	827	920	2.1	2.0	2.1	2.1	1.9	2.4
Professional and managerial.....	240	239	1.2	1.1	1.4	1.2	1.2	1.3
Clerical workers.....	464	495	3.2	3.0	3.0	2.9	3.0	3.6
Sales workers.....	123	186	2.6	2.6	2.5	3.0	1.9	3.9
Blue-collar workers.....	935	1,067	4.1	4.2	4.3	4.2	3.7	4.6
Craftsmen and foremen.....	155	157	2.2	2.5	2.5	2.6	2.3	2.2
Operatives.....	569	673	4.5	4.5	4.5	4.4	4.0	5.3
Nonfarm laborers.....	211	237	7.1	7.5	8.5	7.5	6.5	8.0
Service workers.....	412	373	4.4	4.0	5.1	5.3	4.3	4.9
Industry								
Nonagricultural private wage and salary workers ⁴	1,841	2,208	3.6	3.6	3.8	3.8	3.4	4.2
Construction.....	127	122	5.5	6.9	7.0	8.1	6.5	5.4
Manufacturing.....	631	739	3.4	3.4	3.3	3.2	3.2	4.0
Durable goods.....	352	389	3.3	3.1	2.8	2.8	2.9	3.7
Nondurable goods.....	279	350	3.6	3.7	4.0	3.7	3.7	4.4
Transportation and public utilities.....	107	93	2.7	2.2	2.5	2.1	1.5	2.4
Wholesale and retail trade.....	446	559	4.0	3.9	4.1	4.5	3.5	5.2
Finance and service industries.....	513	583	3.3	3.3	4.0	3.7	3.5	3.9
Government wage and salary workers.....	280	249	2.1	1.6	2.1	2.2	1.6	1.9
Agricultural wage and salary workers.....	75	98	7.8	8.4	8.8	7.6	6.1	10.0

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	
	Sept. 1968	Sept. 1967	Sept. 1968	Sept. 1967	Sept. 1968	Sept. 1967	Sept. 1968	Sept. 1967
Full Time								
Civilian labor force.....	68,365	67,950	44,061	43,845	20,984	20,799	3,320	3,306
Employed:								
Full-time schedules.....	64,682	63,747	42,535	42,154	19,424	18,939	2,723	2,653
Part time for economic reasons.....	1,844	2,117	805	932	805	913	235	272
Unemployed, looking for full-time work.....	1,838	2,086	721	759	755	947	362	381
Unemployment rate.....	2.7	3.1	1.6	1.7	3.6	4.6	10.9	11.5
Part Time								
Civilian labor force.....	10,181	9,576	1,880	1,755	5,442	5,103	2,859	2,718
Employed (voluntary part time).....	9,413	8,767	1,785	1,675	5,148	4,763	2,480	2,330
Unemployed, looking for part-time work.....	768	809	95	80	294	341	379	388
Unemployment rate.....	7.5	8.4	5.0	4.6	5.4	6.7	13.3	14.3

Table A-5: Employed persons by age and sex

(In thousands)

Age and sex	Sept. 1968	Aug. 1968	Sept. 1967	Seasonally adjusted				
				Sept. 1968	Aug. 1968	July 1968	June 1968	May 1968
Total, 16 years and over	75,939	77,432	74,631	75,957	75,929	76,038	76,048	75,829
16 to 19 years	5,438	7,513	5,254	5,719	5,837	5,753	5,875	5,855
16 and 17 years	2,185	3,303	2,113	2,342	2,403	2,402	2,475	2,414
18 and 19 years	3,253	4,210	3,141	3,348	3,410	3,322	3,371	3,406
20 to 24 years	8,760	9,151	8,491	8,822	8,791	8,891	8,700	8,646
25 years and over	61,742	60,768	60,885	61,465	61,285	61,361	61,443	61,339
25 to 54 years	47,798	47,034	47,090	47,489	47,418	47,456	47,518	47,528
55 years and over	13,943	13,734	13,795	13,828	13,839	13,814	13,908	13,765
Males, 16 years and over	48,172	49,850	47,705	48,079	48,216	48,160	48,111	48,017
16 to 19 years	3,048	4,389	2,944	3,244	3,309	3,239	3,253	3,275
16 and 17 years	1,305	2,033	1,291	1,431	1,459	1,433	1,454	1,447
18 and 19 years	1,742	2,357	1,653	1,807	1,833	1,790	1,786	1,798
20 to 24 years	4,817	5,164	4,861	4,815	4,809	4,850	4,787	4,730
25 years and over	40,308	40,297	39,900	40,018	40,123	40,077	40,078	39,960
25 to 54 years	31,207	31,189	30,905	31,002	31,044	31,042	30,998	30,995
55 years and over	9,100	9,108	8,996	8,998	9,064	9,021	9,044	8,967
Females, 16 years and over	27,767	27,582	26,925	27,878	27,713	27,878	27,937	27,812
16 to 19 years	2,390	3,124	2,310	2,475	2,528	2,514	2,622	2,580
16 and 17 years	880	1,270	822	911	944	969	1,021	967
18 and 19 years	1,510	1,854	1,488	1,541	1,577	1,532	1,585	1,608
20 to 24 years	3,943	3,987	3,630	4,007	3,982	4,041	3,913	3,916
25 years and over	21,434	20,471	20,985	21,447	21,162	21,284	21,365	21,379
25 to 54 years	16,591	15,845	16,186	16,487	16,374	16,414	16,520	16,533
55 years and over	4,843	4,626	4,800	4,830	4,775	4,793	4,864	4,798

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 Sept. 1968	Seasonally adjusted unemployment rates					
	Sept. 1968	Aug. 1968		Sept. 1968	Aug. 1968	July 1968	June 1968	May 1968	Sept. 1967
Total, 16 years and over	2,606	2,772	70.5	3.6	3.5	3.7	3.8	3.5	4.1
16 to 19 years	741	822	48.9	12.6	12.0	13.6	13.6	12.6	13.4
16 and 17 years	330	371	25.2	14.5	13.3	15.7	15.1	14.4	15.5
18 and 19 years	412	451	67.7	11.4	11.0	11.9	12.1	11.5	12.1
20 to 24 years	522	585	78.7	6.1	6.1	5.5	6.5	5.3	6.7
25 years and over	1,343	1,364	79.3	2.3	2.2	2.4	2.2	2.2	2.7
25 to 54 years	1,084	1,102	80.8	2.4	2.3	2.4	2.2	2.3	2.8
55 years and over	260	262	72.7	2.1	1.9	2.3	2.3	2.1	2.3
Males, 16 years and over	1,155	1,309	74.4	2.8	2.8	2.9	3.1	2.7	3.0
16 to 19 years	339	396	40.7	10.7	10.5	12.0	12.9	10.5	12.1
16 and 17 years	173	199	22.5	12.8	12.2	14.7	14.6	13.9	13.9
18 and 19 years	166	197	59.6	9.0	9.2	9.8	10.9	8.3	10.5
20 to 24 years	215	263	77.2	5.1	5.3	4.8	5.5	5.2	4.9
25 years and over	600	651	92.5	1.8	1.8	1.9	1.8	1.7	1.9
25 to 54 years	439	491	95.9	1.7	1.7	1.7	1.7	1.7	1.9
55 years and over	161	161	83.2	2.1	1.8	2.2	2.4	2.2	2.0
Females, 16 years and over	1,452	1,463	67.4	5.0	4.8	5.1	4.9	4.9	5.9
16 to 19 years	402	427	55.5	14.8	13.9	15.6	14.6	15.2	15.4
16 and 17 years	157	172	28.0	17.0	15.0	17.3	15.8	15.0	18.0
18 and 19 years	245	255	73.5	14.1	13.1	14.2	13.4	14.9	13.9
20 to 24 years	307	323	80.1	7.2	7.0	6.4	7.6	5.5	9.0
25 years and over	743	713	68.5	3.3	3.2	3.4	2.9	3.2	4.1
25 to 54 years	645	612	70.5	3.6	3.4	3.7	3.2	3.5	4.4
55 years and over	98	102	56.1	2.0	2.1	2.5	2.3	2.1	2.8

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

Industry	(In thousands)									
	Sept. 1968	Aug. 1968	July 1968	Sept. 1967	Change from		Seasonally adjusted			
					Aug. 1968	Sept. 1967	Sept. 1968	Aug. 1968	July 1968	Change from Aug. 1967
TOTAL	68,998	68,526	68,327	66,656	472	2,342	68,458	68,335	68,170	123
MINING	640	653	652	613	-13	27	633	638	638	-5
CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION	3,495	3,547	3,498	3,440	-52	55	3,233	3,190	3,189	43
MANUFACTURING	20,019	19,894	19,729	19,546	125	473	19,752	19,760	19,776	-8
<i>Production workers</i>	14,710	14,576	14,415	14,369	134	341	14,449	14,492	14,512	-43
DURABLE GOODS	11,660	11,511	11,584	11,346	149	314	11,581	11,578	11,619	3
<i>Production workers</i>	8,470	8,323	8,397	8,254	147	216	8,390	8,417	8,458	-27
Ordnance and accessories	352.6	349.7	346.8	327.2	2.9	25.4	352	351	349	1
Lumber and wood products	612.8	624.6	620.0	607.7	-11.8	5.1	597	598	597	-1
Furniture and fixtures	480.8	479.8	467.0	455.4	1.0	25.4	476	476	471	0
Stone, clay, and glass products ..	699.4	665.3	660.1	637.8	-5.9	21.6	642	644	642	-2
Primary metal industries	1,292.1	1,307.5	1,328.6	1,283.3	-15.4	8.8	1,293	1,297	1,314	-4
Fabricated metal products	1,396.9	1,386.2	1,373.6	1,347.9	10.7	49.0	1,387	1,385	1,385	2
Machinery, except electrical	1,944.3	1,948.6	1,947.5	1,956.0	-4.3	-11.7	1,952	1,954	1,944	-2
Electrical equipment	1,979.6	1,962.0	1,940.9	1,936.1	17.6	43.5	1,970	1,964	1,962	6
Transportation equipment	2,031.1	1,881.1	2,024.1	1,902.3	150.0	128.8	2,023	2,018	2,070	5
Instruments and related products ..	453.3	453.9	445.9	448.2	-6	5.1	452	452	446	0
Miscellaneous manufacturing	456.8	452.1	429.8	444.4	4.7	12.4	437	439	439	-2
NONDURABLE GOODS	8,359	8,383	8,145	8,200	-24	159	8,171	8,182	8,157	-11
<i>Production workers</i>	6,240	6,253	6,018	6,115	-13	125	6,059	6,075	6,054	-16
Food and kindred products	1,898.8	1,905.5	1,817.7	1,917.1	-6.7	-18.3	1,766	1,773	1,777	-7
Tobacco manufactures	102.4	95.6	76.8	98.3	6.8	4.1	87	89	87	-2
Textile mill products	992.6	997.5	979.6	963.3	-4.9	29.3	986	990	987	-4
Apparel and other textile products	1,439.4	1,435.9	1,372.1	1,408.6	3.5	30.8	1,422	1,413	1,416	9
Paper and allied products	704.6	709.5	700.4	685.6	-4.9	19.0	698	702	697	-4
Printing and publishing	1,065.0	1,068.4	1,063.9	1,049.8	-3.4	15.2	1,064	1,067	1,064	-3
Chemicals and allied products	1,040.9	1,048.3	1,043.4	1,007.8	-7.4	33.1	1,039	1,036	1,033	3
Petroleum and coal products	189.5	192.4	192.4	187.3	-2.9	2.2	187	188	188	-1
Rubber and plastics products, n.e.c.	569.8	566.6	550.3	533.0	3.2	36.8	567	567	559	0
Leather and leather products	356.1	363.7	348.4	348.9	-7.6	7.2	355	357	349	-2
TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC UTILITIES	4,430	4,417	4,394	4,329	13	101	4,377	4,365	4,346	12
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE	14,185	14,139	14,112	13,672	46	513	14,199	14,179	14,117	20
WHOLESALE TRADE	3,714	3,728	3,717	3,572	-14	142	3,696	3,684	3,680	12
RETAIL TRADE	10,471	10,411	10,395	10,100	60	371	10,503	10,495	10,437	8
FINANCE, INSURANCE, AND REAL ESTATE	3,399	3,431	3,407	3,261	-32	138	3,389	3,377	3,350	12
SERVICES	10,629	10,677	10,687	10,180	-48	449	10,587	10,550	10,498	37
Hotels and other lodging places ..	756.3	843.7	848.4	721.7	-87.4	34.6	732	717	722	15
Personal services	1,015.4	1,015.8	1,024.8	1,017.6	-4	-2.2	1,018	1,019	1,018	-1
Medical and other health services ..	2,683.6	2,684.2	2,687.1	2,483.5	-10.6	200.1	2,684	2,678	2,660	6
Educational services	998.7	896.0	907.3	969.7	102.7	29.0	1,027	1,031	1,026	-4
GOVERNMENT	12,201	11,768	11,848	11,615	433	586	12,288	12,276	12,256	12
FEDERAL	2,727	2,795	2,844	2,707	-68	20	2,738	2,751	2,788	-13
STATE AND LOCAL	9,474	8,973	9,004	8,908	501	566	9,550	9,525	9,468	25

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	Sept. 1968	Aug. 1968	July 1968	Sept. 1967	Change from		Seasonally adjusted			
					Aug. 1968	Sept. 1967	Sept. 1968	Aug. 1968	July 1968	Change from Aug. 1967
TOTAL PRIVATE	38.1	38.3	38.2	38.2	-0.2	-0.1	38.0	37.9	37.9	0.1
MINING	43.1	43.4	43.7	43.0	-.3	-.1	42.9	42.8	43.4	.1
CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION	38.7	38.8	38.6	38.8	-.1	-.1	37.9	37.5	37.3	.4
MANUFACTURING	41.0	40.6	40.7	41.0	.4	0	40.9	40.6	40.9	.3
<i>Overtime hours</i>	3.8	3.6	3.5	3.7	.2	-.1	3.5	3.5	3.6	0
DURABLE GOODS	41.5	41.0	41.2	41.5	.5	0	41.4	41.0	41.5	.4
<i>Overtime hours</i>	4.0	3.6	3.6	3.9	.4	-.1	3.7	3.6	3.8	.1
Ordnance and accessories	42.0	41.7	41.0	42.3	-.3	-.3	42.0	41.8	41.3	.2
Lumber and wood products	40.9	41.1	40.7	40.5	-.2	.4	40.7	40.6	40.7	.1
Furniture and fixtures	41.3	41.2	40.3	41.1	-.1	.2	40.7	40.6	40.7	.1
Stone, clay, and glass products	42.3	42.3	42.1	42.2	0	.1	41.9	41.8	41.9	.1
Primary metal industries	40.3	40.0	41.9	41.1	.3	-.8	40.3	40.1	41.9	.2
Fabricated metal products	42.3	41.8	41.4	42.0	.5	.3	41.9	41.7	41.7	.2
Machinery, except electrical	42.0	41.5	41.7	42.4	.5	-.4	42.1	41.9	42.0	.2
Electrical equipment	40.8	40.4	39.9	40.4	.4	.4	40.8	40.5	40.3	.3
Transportation equipment	42.8	41.2	41.9	42.5	1.6	.3	42.6	41.7	42.6	.9
Instruments and related products	40.6	40.3	40.2	41.4	.3	-.8	40.4	40.4	40.5	0
Miscellaneous manufacturing	39.4	39.3	38.7	39.6	-.1	-.2	39.3	39.1	39.2	.2
NONDURABLE GOODS	40.3	40.2	40.0	40.2	-.1	-.1	40.1	39.9	39.9	.2
<i>Overtime hours</i>	3.6	3.5	3.4	3.6	.1	0	3.3	3.3	3.4	0
Food and kindred products	41.5	41.5	41.4	41.7	0	-.2	40.8	41.1	40.8	-.3
Tobacco manufactures	39.6	39.0	37.7	39.6	.6	0	38.3	38.9	38.1	-.6
Textile mill products	41.7	41.3	41.1	41.4	.4	.3	41.7	41.1	41.5	.6
Apparel and other textile products	36.2	36.5	36.1	36.1	-.3	-.1	36.3	36.0	36.1	.3
Paper and allied products	43.7	43.2	43.1	43.1	.5	.6	43.3	42.9	43.1	.4
Printing and publishing	38.8	38.6	38.2	38.5	.2	.3	38.5	38.4	38.3	.1
Chemicals and allied products	42.1	41.7	41.6	41.5	.4	.6	42.1	41.8	41.7	.3
Petroleum and coal products	43.2	42.3	43.4	43.1	.9	-.1	42.6	42.1	42.8	.5
Rubber and plastics products, n.e.c.	42.0	41.6	41.3	42.3	.4	-.3	41.5	41.4	41.8	.1
Leather and leather products	38.1	38.3	38.6	38.4	-.2	-.3	38.6	37.8	38.1	.8
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE	36.2	37.0	36.9	36.5	-.8	-.3	36.2	36.3	36.2	-.1
WHOLESALE TRADE	40.1	40.4	40.4	40.3	-.3	-.2	40.1	40.3	40.1	-.2
RETAIL TRADE	34.9	35.8	35.8	35.3	-.9	-.4	34.9	34.9	34.9	0
FINANCE, INSURANCE, AND REAL ESTATE	37.0	37.0	37.1	37.0	0	0	37.1	36.9	37.0	.2

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					
	Sept. 1968	Aug. 1968	July 1968	Sept. 1967	Change from		Sept. 1968	Aug. 1968	July 1968	Sept. 1967	Change from	
					Aug. 1968	Sept. 1967					Aug. 1968	Sept. 1967
TOTAL PRIVATE	\$2.90	\$2.86	\$2.86	\$2.72	\$0.04	\$0.18	\$110.49	\$109.54	\$109.25	\$103.90	\$0.95	\$6.59
MINING	3.38	3.33	3.33	3.22	.05	.16	145.68	144.52	145.52	138.46	1.16	7.22
CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION	4.45	4.36	4.34	4.20	.09	.25	172.22	169.17	167.52	162.96	3.05	9.26
MANUFACTURING	3.03	2.99	3.00	2.85	.04	.18	124.23	121.39	122.10	116.85	2.84	7.38
DURABLE GOODS	3.21	3.17	3.18	3.03	.04	.18	133.22	129.97	131.02	125.75	3.25	7.47
Ordnance and accessories	3.26	3.23	3.21	3.20	.03	.06	136.92	134.69	131.61	135.36	2.23	1.56
Lumber and wood products	2.62	2.60	2.58	2.43	.02	.19	107.16	106.86	105.01	98.42	.30	8.74
Furniture and fixtures	2.50	2.48	2.46	2.37	.02	.13	103.25	102.18	99.14	97.41	1.07	5.84
Stone, clay, and glass products	3.05	3.02	3.01	2.86	.03	.19	129.02	127.75	126.72	120.69	1.27	8.33
Primary metal industries	3.61	3.55	3.55	3.38	.06	.23	145.48	142.00	148.75	138.92	3.48	6.56
Fabricated metal products	3.20	3.16	3.15	3.01	.04	.19	135.36	132.09	130.41	126.42	3.27	8.94
Machinery, except electrical	3.40	3.36	3.36	3.21	.04	.19	142.80	139.44	140.11	136.10	3.36	6.70
Electrical equipment	2.95	2.92	2.92	2.78	.03	.17	120.36	117.97	116.51	112.31	2.39	8.05
Transportation equipment	3.69	3.64	3.64	3.47	.05	.22	157.93	149.97	152.52	147.48	7.96	10.45
Instruments and related products	3.01	3.00	2.97	2.88	.01	.13	122.21	120.90	119.39	119.23	1.31	2.98
Miscellaneous manufacturing	2.51	2.49	2.49	2.35	.02	.16	98.89	97.86	96.36	93.06	1.03	5.83
NONDURABLE GOODS	2.78	2.75	2.75	2.61	.03	.17	112.03	110.55	110.00	104.92	1.48	7.11
Food and kindred products	2.80	2.77	2.80	2.64	.03	.16	116.20	114.96	115.92	110.09	1.24	6.11
Tobacco manufactures	2.36	2.45	2.64	2.18	-.09	.18	93.46	95.55	99.53	86.33	-2.09	7.13
Textile mill products	2.26	2.24	2.17	2.10	.02	.16	94.24	92.51	89.19	86.94	1.73	7.30
Apparel and other textile products	2.25	2.23	2.19	2.07	.02	.18	81.45	81.40	79.06	74.73	.05	6.72
Paper and allied products	3.10	3.07	3.07	2.92	.03	.18	135.47	132.62	132.32	125.85	2.85	9.62
Printing and publishing	3.55	3.51	3.48	3.33	.04	.22	137.74	135.49	132.94	128.21	2.25	9.53
Chemicals and allied products	3.31	3.29	3.28	3.14	.02	.17	139.35	137.19	136.45	130.31	2.16	9.04
Petroleum and coal products	3.77	3.73	3.76	3.60	.04	.17	162.86	157.78	163.18	155.16	5.08	7.70
Rubber and plastics products, n.e.c.	2.97	2.94	2.94	2.83	.03	.14	124.74	122.30	121.42	119.71	2.44	5.03
Leather and leather products	2.26	2.23	2.21	2.09	.03	.17	86.11	85.41	85.31	80.26	.70	5.85
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE	2.43	2.40	2.40	2.27	.03	.16	87.97	88.80	88.56	82.86	-.83	5.11
WHOLESALE TRADE	3.09	3.04	3.04	2.91	.05	.18	123.91	122.82	122.82	117.27	1.09	6.64
RETAIL TRADE	2.18	2.16	2.16	2.03	.02	.15	76.08	77.33	77.33	71.66	-1.25	4.42
FINANCE, INSURANCE, AND REAL ESTATE	2.79	2.77	2.77	2.60	.02	.19	103.23	102.49	102.77	96.20	.74	7.03

¹See footnote 1, table B-2.

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