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Employment rose substantially and unemployment declined in November, the U. S. Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics announced today. The unemployment situation improved for all major groups in the labor force, and the over-all unemployment rate fell from 3.6 percent to 3.3 percent. The November jobless rate was the lowest in over 15 years and below the previous post-Korean low reached several times earlier this year (3.5 percent).

Unemployment

The number of unemployed persons was 2.6 million in November, down 200,000 from October after seasonal adjustment. There were declines of 100,000 for adult men, 75,000 for women, and 25,000 for teenagers.

The seasonally adjusted unemployment rates for adult men (2.0 percent), adult women (3.4 percent), and full-time workers (3.0 percent) all fell in November; the rate for adult men equaled the lowest rate since this series began in 1948. The jobless rate for teenagers, at 12.2 percent, changed only slightly over the month.

Unemployment among nonwhite workers dropped from 7.4 to 6.5 percent in November. For the first 11 months of 1968, the nonwhite rate has averaged 6.8 percent, the lowest for any comparable period since the Korean war. The jobless rate for white workers decreased from 3.2 percent in October to 3.0 percent in November.

Unemployment rates for most major occupational groups declined in November and were well below the rates of a year earlier. Jobless rates for operatives (4.2 percent) and nonfarm laborers (6.6 percent) returned close to their 1968 lows recorded in May. The rate for service workers also fell in November, after rising for the last 2 months.

The number of persons unemployed 15 weeks or more totaled 350,000 in November (seasonally adjusted), the lowest level in 15 years. Since November 1967, long-term unemployment has declined by over 100,000.

The unemployment rate of workers covered under State unemployment insurance programs, at 2.2 percent in mid-November, was virtually unchanged from the previous month.

Industry Employment

Nonfarm payroll employment rose 160,000 in November to 68.8 million (seasonally adjusted). The over-the-month pickup in November was about the same as the average monthly increases for the past 2 years.

All major industry divisions except construction and government showed seasonally adjusted employment gains, although the increases were concentrated in services (90,000) and mining (50,000). The rise in mining employment resulted from the return of workers who had been off payrolls in October because of the bituminous coal strike.

Manufacturing employment increased by 25,000 (seasonally adjusted) in November, largely as a result of reduced strike activity. Employment gains in machinery, ordnance, and several other industries were partially offset by declines in the transportation equipment, food, and apparel industries.

The seasonally adjusted 20,000 decline in November construction employment was due primarily to bad weather conditions. Over the year, construction employment was up by 50,000. The 10,000 decline in State and local government employment in November reflected the effects of the New York teachers' strike. Federal government employment fell for the fifth straight month.

Hours and Earnings

Average weekly hours for all rank and file employees on private nonagricultural payrolls declined 0.3 hour from the October level to 37.4 hours (seasonally adjusted). Nearly all major industry sectors recorded workweek reductions.

In manufacturing, the workweek stood at 40.8 hours, off 0.2 hour from October but 0.1 hour higher than a year ago. Shorter hours were reported in most manufacturing industries in November.

Average hourly earnings for all rank and file workers were unchanged in November at \$2.92. Because of the decline in the average workweek, however, average weekly earnings fell to \$109.21, a decline of \$1.17 from October. Compared to November 1967, average weekly earnings were up \$5.47 or 5.3 percent.

Civilian Labor Force and Employment

The civilian labor force rose to 79.0 million (seasonally adjusted) in November, a gain of 225,000 from October. The advance returned the labor force to its July level. Nearly all of the November rise occurred among adult women.

Total employment rose 450,000 (seasonally adjusted) in November, with increases of about 125,000 for adult men and 300,000 for adult women.

Agricultural employment declined less than usual between October and November. On a seasonally adjusted basis, the 200,000 increase in agriculture represented the first rise since February; the November level was 150,000 lower than a year ago.

Employment in the total nonagricultural sector rose for the fourth straight month, increasing 250,000 in November. Since August, total nonagricultural employment has risen by 500,000.

Labor Force Trends in 1968

Thus far in 1968, employment has grown more rapidly than the civilian labor force, with a resultant decline in unemployment. The civilian labor force has averaged 78.7 million in the first 11 months of this year, an increase of nearly 1.4 million over 1967-- 500,000 adult men, 725,000 adult women, and 125,000 teenagers. Employment gains were 550,000 for adult men, 800,000 for adult women, and 125,000 for teenagers--a total increase of almost 1.5 million persons.

Unemployment, which was virtually unchanged in 1967 from the previous year, has been reduced by 125,000 persons in 1968 to 2,850,000. The unemployment rate for January-November 1968 averaged 3.6 percent, compared with 3.8 percent annual average rates in 1966 and 1967. The rate for adult men edged down from 2.3 percent in 1967 to 2.2 percent in 1968, and that for adult women declined from 4.2 to 3.8 percent. The unemployment rate for teenagers was virtually unchanged from the previous year at 12.8 percent.

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	Nov. 1968	Oct. 1968	Nov. 1967	Seasonally adjusted				
				Nov. 1968	Oct. 1968	Sept. 1968	Aug. 1968	July 1968
Total								
Total labor force	82,702	82,477	81,582	82,549	82,407	82,422	82,279	82,572
Civilian labor force	79,185	78,874	78,113	79,032	78,804	78,831	78,690	78,985
Employed	76,609	76,364	75,218	76,389	75,952	75,957	75,929	76,038
Agriculture	3,607	3,767	3,759	3,676	3,481	3,602	3,733	3,836
Nonagricultural industries	73,001	72,596	71,460	72,713	72,471	72,355	72,196	72,202
On part time for economic reasons	1,567	1,523	1,829	1,681	1,682	1,733	1,853	1,809
Usually work full time	814	852	1,078	837	902	991	1,006	973
Usually work part time	753	671	751	844	780	742	847	836
Unemployed	2,577	2,511	2,894	2,643	2,852	2,874	2,761	2,947
Men, 20 years and over								
Civilian labor force	45,832	45,810	45,579	45,816	45,785	45,845	45,896	45,931
Employed	44,987	45,000	44,611	44,881	44,753	44,835	44,907	44,921
Agriculture	2,717	2,757	2,814	2,736	2,636	2,688	2,770	2,856
Nonagricultural industries	42,271	42,243	41,797	42,145	42,117	42,147	42,137	42,065
Unemployed	844	810	968	935	1,032	1,010	989	1,010
Women, 20 years and over								
Civilian labor force	27,139	26,824	26,485	26,714	26,496	26,446	26,162	26,393
Employed	26,183	25,847	25,409	25,797	25,502	25,403	25,185	25,364
Agriculture	624	669	632	617	523	528	576	566
Nonagricultural industries	25,558	25,179	24,777	25,180	24,979	24,875	24,609	24,798
Unemployed	956	977	1,076	917	994	1,043	977	1,029
Both sexes, 16-19 years								
Civilian labor force	6,214	6,240	6,049	6,502	6,523	6,540	6,632	6,661
Employed	5,438	5,516	5,198	5,711	5,697	5,719	5,837	5,753
Agriculture	266	341	313	323	386	386	387	414
Nonagricultural industries	5,172	5,175	4,885	5,388	5,375	5,333	5,450	5,339
Unemployed	776	724	851	791	826	821	795	908

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

(In thousands)

Duration of unemployment	Nov. 1968	Oct. 1968	Nov. 1967	Seasonally adjusted				
				Nov. 1968	Oct. 1968	Sept. 1968	Aug. 1968	July 1968
Less than 5 weeks	1,567	1,439	1,651	1,527	1,557	1,647	1,629	1,656
5 to 14 weeks	718	732	844	791	915	819	767	860
15 weeks and over	292	339	400	354	388	369	398	453
15 to 26 weeks	179	221	243	226	260	235	237	275
27 weeks and over	112	118	156	128	128	134	161	178

Table A-3: Major unemployment indicators

(Persons 16 years and over)

Selected categories	Thousands of persons unemployed		Seasonally adjusted rates of unemployment					
	Nov. 1968	Nov. 1967	Nov. 1968	Oct. 1968	Sept. 1968	Aug. 1968	July 1968	Nov. 1967
Total (all civilian workers)	2,577	2,894	3.3	3.6	3.6	3.5	3.7	3.8
Men, 20 years and over.....	844	968	2.0	2.3	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.4
Women, 20 years and over.....	956	1,076	3.4	3.8	3.9	3.7	3.9	4.0
Both sexes, 16-19 years.....	776	851	12.2	12.7	12.6	12.0	13.6	13.9
White.....	2,020	2,272	3.0	3.2	3.2	3.2	3.3	3.4
Nonwhite.....	557	623	6.5	7.4	6.7	6.2	6.9	7.3
Married men.....	546	600	1.6	1.7	1.6	1.6	1.6	1.7
Full-time workers.....	1,751	2,034	3.0	3.2	3.2	3.3	3.3	3.5
Unemployed 15 weeks and over ¹	292	400	.4	.5	.5	.5	.6	.6
State insured ²	909	952	2.2	2.1	2.2	2.3	2.3	2.3
Labor force time lost ³	--	--	3.7	3.9	4.0	4.0	4.3	4.2
Occupation								
White-collar workers.....	709	769	2.0	2.0	2.1	2.0	2.1	2.2
Professional and managerial.....	182	193	1.1	1.3	1.2	1.1	1.4	1.2
Clerical workers.....	401	418	3.0	2.6	3.2	3.0	3.0	3.2
Sales workers.....	126	159	2.6	3.2	2.6	2.6	2.5	3.3
Blue-collar workers.....	1,025	1,159	3.8	4.1	4.1	4.2	4.3	4.4
Craftsmen and foremen.....	213	227	2.4	2.3	2.2	2.5	2.5	2.6
Operatives.....	563	669	4.2	4.4	4.5	4.5	4.5	4.9
Nonfarm laborers.....	249	263	6.6	7.8	7.1	7.5	8.5	7.1
Service workers.....	418	456	4.3	4.7	4.4	4.0	5.1	4.7
Industry								
Nonagricultural private wage and salary workers ⁴	1,892	2,108	3.4	3.7	3.6	3.6	3.8	3.9
Construction.....	220	236	6.6	6.1	5.5	6.9	7.0	7.2
Manufacturing.....	633	718	3.1	3.4	3.4	3.4	3.3	3.5
Durable goods.....	352	382	3.0	3.2	3.3	3.1	2.8	3.2
Nondurable goods.....	281	336	3.2	3.7	3.6	3.7	4.0	3.8
Transportation and public utilities.....	91	95	2.3	2.3	2.7	2.2	2.5	2.5
Wholesale and retail trade.....	489	542	3.9	4.1	4.0	3.9	4.1	4.4
Finance and service industries.....	444	493	3.0	3.4	3.3	3.3	4.0	3.5
Government wage and salary workers.....	183	201	1.8	1.8	2.1	1.6	2.1	2.0
Agricultural wage and salary workers.....	66	121	4.8	6.0	7.8	8.4	8.8	7.8

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	
	Nov. 1968	Nov. 1967	Nov. 1968	Nov. 1967	Nov. 1968	Nov. 1967	Nov. 1968	Nov. 1967
Full Time								
Civilian labor force.....	67,747	67,170	43,744	43,589	21,184	20,753	2,819	2,828
Employed:								
Full-time schedules.....	64,212	63,063	42,278	41,780	19,621	19,037	2,313	2,247
Part time for economic reasons.....	1,784	2,072	725	953	860	915	199	205
Unemployed, looking for full-time work.....	1,751	2,034	741	856	703	802	307	376
Unemployment rate.....	2.6	3.0	1.7	2.0	3.3	3.9	10.9	13.3
Part Time								
Civilian labor force.....	11,438	10,943	2,088	1,990	5,955	5,732	3,395	3,221
Employed (voluntary part time).....	10,613	10,083	1,984	1,878	5,702	5,457	2,927	2,747
Unemployed, looking for part-time work.....	825	860	103	112	253	274	469	474
Unemployment rate.....	7.2	7.9	4.9	5.6	4.3	4.8	13.8	14.7

Table A-5: Employed persons by age and sex

(In thousands)

Age and sex	Nov. 1968	Oct. 1968	Nov. 1967	Seasonally adjusted				
				Nov. 1968	Oct. 1968	Sept. 1968	Aug. 1968	July 1968
Total, 16 years and over	76,609	76,364	75,218	76,389	75,952	75,957	75,929	76,038
16 to 19 years	5,438	5,516	5,198	5,711	5,697	5,719	5,837	5,753
16 and 17 years	2,191	2,276	2,129	2,359	2,355	2,342	2,403	2,402
18 and 19 years	3,248	3,241	3,069	3,359	3,321	3,348	3,410	3,322
20 to 24 years	8,890	8,775	8,719	8,896	8,807	8,822	8,791	8,891
25 years and over	62,280	62,073	61,301	61,800	61,433	61,465	61,285	61,361
25 to 54 years	48,291	48,094	47,538	47,807	47,472	47,489	47,418	47,456
55 years and over	13,990	13,978	13,763	13,955	13,854	13,828	13,839	13,814
Males, 16 years and over	47,969	48,074	47,388	48,145	48,002	48,079	48,216	48,160
16 to 19 years	2,982	3,075	2,777	3,264	3,249	3,244	3,309	3,239
16 and 17 years	1,274	1,351	1,256	1,441	1,430	1,431	1,459	1,433
18 and 19 years	1,707	1,724	1,521	1,834	1,813	1,807	1,833	1,790
20 to 24 years	4,759	4,736	4,757	4,818	4,780	4,815	4,809	4,850
25 years and over	40,228	40,264	39,854	40,093	39,966	40,018	40,123	40,077
25 to 54 years	31,186	31,181	30,919	31,072	30,942	31,002	31,044	31,042
55 years and over	9,042	9,083	8,935	9,019	8,980	8,998	9,064	9,021
Females, 16 years and over	28,639	28,289	27,831	28,244	27,950	27,878	27,713	27,878
16 to 19 years	2,457	2,442	2,422	2,447	2,448	2,475	2,528	2,514
16 and 17 years	916	925	873	918	925	911	944	969
18 and 19 years	1,540	1,517	1,548	1,525	1,508	1,541	1,577	1,532
20 to 24 years	4,130	4,039	3,962	4,078	4,027	4,007	3,982	4,041
25 years and over	22,052	21,809	21,447	21,707	21,467	21,447	21,162	21,284
25 to 54 years	17,105	16,914	16,619	16,735	16,530	16,487	16,374	16,414
55 years and over	4,947	4,895	4,828	4,936	4,874	4,830	4,775	4,793

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 Nov. 1968	Seasonally adjusted unemployment rates					
	Nov. 1968	Oct. 1968		Nov. 1968	Oct. 1968	Sept. 1968	Aug. 1968	July 1968	Nov. 1967
Total, 16 years and over	2,577	2,511	67.9	3.3	3.6	3.6	3.5	3.7	3.8
16 to 19 years	776	724	39.6	12.2	12.7	12.6	12.0	13.6	13.9
16 and 17 years	378	332	18.5	14.1	14.6	14.5	13.3	15.7	15.9
18 and 19 years	398	391	59.5	10.5	11.4	11.4	11.0	11.9	11.9
20 to 24 years	495	522	77.4	5.5	6.3	6.1	6.1	5.5	5.5
25 years and over	1,306	1,264	81.2	2.2	2.3	2.3	2.2	2.4	2.6
25 to 54 years	1,006	1,001	85.0	2.2	2.3	2.4	2.3	2.4	2.7
55 years and over	300	264	68.7	2.1	2.1	2.1	1.9	2.3	2.5
Males, 16 years and over	1,229	1,179	71.2	2.7	3.0	2.8	2.8	2.9	3.2
16 to 19 years	385	368	34.5	11.5	12.3	10.7	10.5	12.0	14.0
16 and 17 years	212	191	18.4	14.1	14.5	12.8	12.2	14.7	16.8
18 and 19 years	173	178	54.9	8.8	10.6	9.0	9.2	9.8	11.6
20 to 24 years	220	224	80.0	4.9	5.9	5.1	5.3	4.8	5.3
25 years and over	624	586	90.5	1.7	1.8	1.8	1.8	1.9	2.0
25 to 54 years	453	427	96.7	1.7	1.7	1.7	1.7	1.7	1.9
55 years and over	171	159	74.3	2.0	2.0	2.1	1.8	2.2	2.7
Females, 16 years and over	1,347	1,332	65.1	4.3	4.7	5.0	4.8	5.1	4.9
16 to 19 years	391	355	44.5	13.0	13.2	14.8	13.9	15.6	13.7
16 and 17 years	166	142	18.7	14.2	14.9	17.0	15.0	17.3	15.9
18 and 19 years	225	214	63.6	12.5	12.4	14.1	13.1	14.2	12.1
20 to 24 years	275	298	75.3	6.3	6.8	7.2	7.0	6.4	5.8
25 years and over	682	678	72.7	2.9	3.1	3.3	3.2	3.4	3.7
25 to 54 years	552	574	75.5	3.2	3.5	3.6	3.4	3.7	4.2
55 years and over	129	105	61.2	2.4	2.3	2.0	2.1	2.5	2.2

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

(In thousands)

Industry	Nov. 1968	Oct. 1968	Sept. 1968	Nov. 1967	Change from		Seasonally adjusted			
					Oct. 1968	Nov. 1967	Nov. 1968	Oct. 1968	Sept. 1968	Change from Oct. 1968
TOTAL	69,421	69,234	68,923	67,397	187	2,024	68,803	68,640	68,382	163
MINING	640	592	646	605	48	35	638	590	639	48
CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION	3,355	3,493	3,515	3,307	-138	48	3,260	3,280	3,252	-20
MANUFACTURING	19,962	19,989	20,023	19,660	-27	302	19,819	19,794	19,755	25
<i>Production workers</i>	14,689	14,716	14,739	14,489	-27	200	14,531	14,524	14,476	7
DURABLE GOODS	11,709	11,653	11,655	11,534	56	175	11,636	11,592	11,577	44
<i>Production workers</i>	8,539	8,492	8,491	8,440	47	99	8,455	8,428	8,410	27
Ordnance and accessories	349.9	334.4	349.0	334.7	15.5	15.2	348	333	348	15
Lumber and wood products	604.4	609.6	613.2	598.3	-5.2	6.1	604	602	598	2
Furniture and fixtures	487.4	484.6	481.5	462.6	2.8	24.8	481	478	476	3
Stone, clay, and glass products	658.6	656.9	660.1	634.6	1.7	24.0	655	648	643	7
Primary metal industries	1,255.4	1,256.4	1,277.3	1,288.1	-1.0	-32.7	1,273	1,272	1,279	1
Fabricated metal products	1,428.9	1,418.0	1,401.0	1,373.9	10.9	55.0	1,415	1,410	1,391	5
Machinery, except electrical	1,969.9	1,949.0	1,948.7	1,957.3	20.9	12.6	1,990	1,965	1,957	25
Electrical equipment	1,981.3	1,977.4	1,973.9	1,980.3	3.9	1.0	1,960	1,954	1,964	6
Transportation equipment	2,063.5	2,053.0	2,042.8	2,007.3	10.5	56.2	2,023	2,043	2,035	-20
Instruments and related products	456.0	454.0	452.4	450.4	2.0	5.6	455	454	451	1
Miscellaneous manufacturing	453.9	459.5	454.6	446.5	-5.6	7.4	432	433	435	-1
NONDURABLE GOODS	8,253	8,336	8,368	8,126	-83	127	8,183	8,202	8,178	-19
<i>Production workers</i>	6,150	6,224	6,248	6,049	-74	101	6,076	6,096	6,066	-20
Food and kindred products	1,794.5	1,865.5	1,906.3	1,808.9	-71.0	-14.4	1,766	1,778	1,773	-12
Tobacco manufactures	91.1	100.0	102.2	100.4	-8.9	-9.3	81	84	87	-3
Textile mill products	993.5	992.9	994.3	968.1	.6	25.4	989	987	987	2
Apparel and other textile products	1,429.6	1,443.4	1,438.9	1,414.6	-13.8	15.0	1,414	1,426	1,422	-12
Paper and allied products	709.9	705.5	706.0	687.8	4.4	22.1	706	703	700	3
Printing and publishing	1,073.0	1,069.6	1,064.5	1,055.7	3.4	17.3	1,070	1,066	1,063	4
Chemicals and allied products	1,039.2	1,038.4	1,039.5	1,008.9	.8	30.3	1,044	1,043	1,037	1
Petroleum and coal products	187.8	188.5	189.4	184.6	-7	3.2	189	187	186	2
Rubber and plastics products, n.e.c.	576.8	574.5	569.2	541.7	2.3	35.1	569	570	566	-1
Leather and leather products	357.8	357.8	358.0	355.6	0	2.2	355	358	357	-3
TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC UTILITIES	4,405	4,388	4,417	4,318	17	87	4,383	4,362	4,365	21
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE	14,548	14,336	14,208	14,017	212	531	14,314	14,306	14,222	8
WHOLESALE TRADE	3,751	3,737	3,713	3,616	14	135	3,718	3,707	3,695	11
RETAIL TRADE	10,797	10,599	10,495	10,401	198	396	10,596	10,599	10,527	-3
FINANCE, INSURANCE, AND REAL ESTATE	3,404	3,402	3,397	3,260	2	144	3,418	3,409	3,387	9
SERVICES	10,637	10,622	10,587	10,219	15	418	10,690	10,601	10,545	89
Hotels and other lodging places	678.1	704.6	738.4	666.5	-26.5	11.6	724	726	715	-2
Personal services	1,029.1	1,021.6	1,015.4	1,030.2	7.5	-1.1	1,027	1,017	1,018	10
Medical and other health services	2,733.0	2,716.4	2,692.7	2,518.3	16.6	214.7	2,733	2,719	2,693	14
Educational services	1,112.7	1,090.3	1,000.2	1,074.2	22.4	38.5	1,062	1,048	1,029	14
GOVERNMENT	12,470	12,412	12,130	12,011	58	459	12,281	12,298	12,217	-17
FEDERAL	2,697	2,694	2,705	2,709	3	-12	2,700	2,705	2,716	-5
STATE AND LOCAL	9,773	9,718	9,425	9,302	55	471	9,581	9,593	9,501	-12

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	Nov. 1968	Oct. 1968	Sept. 1968	Nov. 1967	Change from		Seasonally adjusted			
					Oct. 1968	Nov. 1967	Nov. 1968	Oct. 1968	Sept. 1968	Change from Oct. 1968
TOTAL PRIVATE	37.4	37.8	38.1	38.0	-0.4	-0.6	37.4	37.7	38.0	-0.3
MINING	41.2	42.0	43.3	43.1	-.8	-1.9	41.5	41.5	43.1	0
CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION	35.0	38.5	38.7	38.3	-3.5	-3.3	36.0	37.6	37.9	-1.6
MANUFACTURING	40.9	41.1	41.2	40.8	-.2	.1	40.8	41.0	41.1	-.2
Overtime hours	3.8	3.9	4.0	3.4	-.1	.4	3.7	3.7	3.7	0
DURABLE GOODS	41.6	41.8	41.8	41.2	-.2	.4	41.6	41.6	41.7	0
Overtime hours	4.1	4.2	4.2	3.5	-.1	.6	4.0	4.0	3.9	0
Ordinance and accessories	42.2	42.2	42.0	42.1	0	.1	41.9	42.0	42.0	-.1
Lumber and wood products	40.2	41.2	41.3	40.7	-1.0	-.5	40.4	40.9	41.1	-.5
Furniture and fixtures	41.2	41.5	41.4	40.9	-.3	.3	40.8	40.8	40.8	0
Stone, clay, and glass products	41.8	42.5	42.6	42.2	-.7	-.4	41.7	42.1	42.2	-.4
Primary metal industries	40.8	40.8	41.3	41.3	0	-.5	41.0	41.3	41.3	-.3
Fabricated metal products	42.4	42.5	42.5	41.5	-.1	.9	42.3	42.3	42.1	0
Machinery and other electrical	42.1	42.2	42.3	42.3	-.1	-.2	42.1	42.2	42.4	-.1
Electrical equipment	40.5	40.6	40.9	40.7	-.1	-.2	40.3	40.4	40.9	-.1
Transportation equipment	43.2	43.2	42.8	40.5	0	2.7	42.5	42.7	42.6	-.2
Instruments and related products	40.8	40.7	40.8	41.3	-.1	-.5	40.6	40.5	40.6	.1
Miscellaneous manufacturing	39.8	39.9	39.8	39.9	-.1	-.1	39.4	39.5	39.7	-.1
NONDURABLE GOODS	39.8	40.1	40.3	40.1	-.3	-.3	39.6	39.9	40.1	-.3
Overtime hours	3.4	3.5	3.8	3.3	-.1	.1	3.3	3.3	3.5	0
Food and kindred products	40.4	41.0	41.6	41.0	-.6	-.6	40.2	40.8	40.9	-.6
Tobacco manufactures	37.7	39.0	39.8	38.8	-1.3	-1.1	37.8	37.6	38.5	.2
Textile mill products	41.5	41.5	41.6	41.8	0	-.3	41.1	41.1	41.6	0
Apparel and other textile products	35.9	36.4	36.4	36.3	-.5	-.4	35.8	36.4	36.5	-.6
Paper and allied products	43.2	43.4	43.6	43.0	-.2	.2	42.9	43.1	43.2	-.2
Printing and publishing	38.3	38.6	38.7	38.1	-.3	.2	38.3	38.6	38.4	-.3
Chemicals and allied products	42.3	41.9	42.0	41.9	.4	.4	42.2	41.9	42.0	.3
Petroleum and coal products	42.6	42.8	43.1	42.9	-.2	-.3	42.6	42.7	42.5	-.1
Rubber and plastics products, n e c	41.8	42.0	42.1	42.0	-.2	-.2	41.6	41.7	41.6	-.1
Leather and leather products	38.0	38.2	37.9	39.3	-.2	-1.3	38.0	38.6	38.4	-.6
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE	35.5	35.7	36.1	36.1	-.2	-.6	35.8	35.9	36.1	-.1
WHOLESALE TRADE	39.9	40.1	40.2	40.2	-.2	-.3	39.9	40.1	40.2	-.2
RETAIL TRADE	34.0	34.2	34.7	34.8	-.2	-.8	34.4	34.4	34.7	0
FINANCE, INSURANCE, AND REAL ESTATE	36.9	37.2	37.0	37.0	-.3	-.1	36.9	37.1	37.1	-.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					
	Nov. 1968	Oct. 1968	Sept. 1968	Nov. 1967	Change from		Nov. 1968	Oct. 1968	Sept. 1968	Nov. 1967	Change from	
					Oct. 1968	Nov. 1967					Oct. 1968	Nov. 1967
TOTAL PRIVATE	\$2.92	\$2.92	\$2.91	\$2.73	\$0.00	\$0.19	\$109.21	\$110.38	\$110.87	\$103.74	\$-1.17	\$5.47
MINING	3.47	3.33	3.38	3.22	.14	.25	142.96	139.86	146.35	138.78	3.10	4.18
CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION	4.51	4.51	4.47	4.22	0	.29	157.85	173.64	172.99	161.63	-15.79	-3.78
MANUFACTURING	3.08	3.06	3.05	2.88	.02	.20	125.97	125.77	125.66	117.90	.20	8.47
DURABLE GOODS	3.27	3.25	3.23	3.05	.02	.22	136.03	135.85	135.01	125.66	.18	10.37
Ordinance and accessories	3.33	3.30	3.28	3.24	.03	.09	140.53	139.26	137.76	136.40	1.27	4.13
Lumber and wood products	2.62	2.62	2.64	2.42	0	.20	105.32	107.94	109.03	98.49	-2.62	6.83
Furniture and fixtures	2.53	2.52	2.52	2.38	.01	.15	104.24	104.58	104.33	97.34	-.34	6.90
Stone, clay, and glass products	3.06	3.06	3.06	2.89	0	.17	127.91	130.05	130.36	121.96	-2.14	5.95
Primary metal industries	3.61	3.60	3.60	3.42	.01	.19	147.29	146.88	148.68	141.25	.41	6.04
Fabricated metal products	3.25	3.23	3.22	3.02	.02	.23	137.80	137.28	136.85	125.33	.52	12.47
Machinery, except electrical	3.45	3.44	3.40	3.24	.01	.21	145.25	145.17	143.82	137.05	.08	8.20
Electrical equipment	2.99	2.98	2.96	2.83	.01	.16	121.10	120.99	121.06	115.18	.11	5.92
Transportation equipment	3.84	3.75	3.74	3.49	.09	.35	165.89	162.00	160.07	141.35	3.89	24.54
Instruments and related products	3.05	3.03	3.03	2.90	.02	.15	124.44	123.32	123.62	119.77	1.12	4.67
Miscellaneous manufacturing	2.53	2.52	2.50	2.37	.01	.16	100.69	100.55	99.50	94.56	.14	6.13
NONDURABLE GOODS	2.80	2.79	2.78	2.62	.01	.18	111.44	111.88	112.03	105.06	-.44	6.38
Food and kindred products	2.84	2.81	2.80	2.67	.03	.17	114.74	115.21	116.48	109.47	-.47	5.27
Tobacco manufactures	2.51	2.37	2.37	2.15	.14	.36	94.63	92.43	94.33	83.42	2.20	11.21
Textile mill products	2.27	2.27	2.26	2.13	0	.14	94.21	94.21	94.02	89.03	0	5.18
Apparel and other textile products	2.25	2.27	2.26	2.07	-.02	.18	80.78	82.63	82.26	75.14	-1.85	5.64
Paper and allied products	3.11	3.10	3.11	2.93	.01	.18	134.35	134.54	135.60	125.99	-.19	8.36
Printing and publishing	3.56	3.56	3.55	3.35	0	.21	136.35	137.42	137.39	127.64	-1.07	8.71
Chemicals and allied products	3.32	3.31	3.30	3.16	.01	.16	140.44	138.69	138.60	132.40	1.75	8.04
Petroleum and coal products	3.80	3.77	3.77	3.64	.03	.16	161.88	161.36	162.49	156.16	.52	5.72
Rubber and plastics products, n e c	2.99	2.98	2.98	2.85	.01	.14	124.98	125.16	125.46	119.70	-.18	5.28
Leather and leather products	2.27	2.26	2.25	2.11	.01	.16	86.26	86.33	85.28	82.92	-.07	3.34
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE	2.45	2.45	2.44	2.29	0	.16	86.98	87.47	88.08	82.67	-.49	4.31
WHOLESALE TRADE	3.10	3.09	3.10	2.93	.01	.17	123.69	123.91	124.62	117.79	-.22	5.90
RETAIL TRADE	2.21	2.20	2.19	2.05	.01	.16	75.14	75.24	75.99	71.34	-.10	3.80
FINANCE, INSURANCE, AND REAL ESTATE	2.84	2.81	2.80	2.63	.03	.21	104.80	104.53	103.60	97.31	.27	7.49

¹See footnote 1, table B-2.

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