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The employment situation continued to show strength in January, the U. S. Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics reported today. At 3.3 percent, the overall unemployment rate, seasonally adjusted, was unchanged, matching December's 15-year low. Unemployment rates for adult men and all full-time workers rose over the month, while the rate for teenagers declined. The number of employed persons fell less than expected, and the number of unemployed rose about in line with seasonal expectations.

Industry Employment

Nonfarm payroll employment, which usually declines sharply between December and January, fell much less than expected this January. After seasonal adjustment, nonagricultural payroll employment, at 69.5 million, was up 250,000 over the month, the fourth consecutive month of substantial gains. The advance occurred despite a 90,000 net increase in the number of workers off payrolls because of strikes. Since September, nonfarm payroll employment has risen by 1.2 million (seasonally adjusted).

The January payroll increase was led by gains on a seasonally adjusted basis of 165,000 in trade and 50,000 each in services and government. These increases were partially offset by declines of 30,000 in contract construction and 10,000 in transportation and public utilities. The increase in trade employment partly reflected a recovery from the December decline caused by the flu outbreak. In transportation and public utilities, the employment cutback reflected the effects of the longshoremen's strike.

In accordance with regular practice at the beginning of each year, the seasonally adjusted labor force series have been slightly revised, due to the application of new seasonal factors which incorporate 1968 data. The revisions did not affect the total unemployment rates published in 1968 by more than 0.1 percentage point. The new seasonal factors and the updated major seasonally adjusted series will appear in the February issue of Employment and Earnings and Monthly Report on the Labor Force.

Manufacturing employment was generally strong in January, but the total job gain on a seasonally adjusted basis was held down by a strike in the petroleum industry. Although employment rose by 65,000 in durable goods, headed by machinery and fabricated metals, the strike produced a 50,000 decline in nondurables.

Hours and Earnings

The workweek for all rank and file workers on private nonfarm payrolls averaged 37.5 hours, down 0.3 hour from December. After seasonal adjustment, the workweek rose 0.2 hour over the month. Substantial declines in mining and contract construction were offset by increases in trade and finance.

In manufacturing, seasonally adjusted weekly hours remained unchanged after declining for 3 successive months. At 40.7 hours, the factory workweek was the same as the average for 1968. Factory overtime, at 3.7 hours, declined one-tenth of an hour but continued in the high range which has prevailed since May 1968.

Average hourly earnings for all rank and file workers rose 2 cents in January to \$2.95. The decline in the average workweek, however, edged average weekly earnings down 12 cents to \$110.63. Compared to a year ago, average weekly earnings were up \$7.68 (7.5 percent).

Average weekly earnings for production and nonsupervisory workers declined in January in mining, contract construction, and manufacturing but increased in trade and finance. Despite a 2-cent rise in hourly earnings for factory workers, their average weekly earnings fell \$1.05 to \$126.36 due to the usual January decline in the workweek (0.6 hour, not seasonally adjusted).

Unemployment

The number of unemployed persons rose in January to 2.9 million, about in line with expectations. The number was down 200,000 from a year ago. At 3.3 percent, the overall unemployment rate was unchanged over the month and thus remained at its post-Korean low. Over the year, the unemployment rate was down by 0.3 of a percentage point.

The jobless rate for adult men rose from 1.8 to 2.0 percent in January, after falling in December to the lowest point since the series began in 1948. The January increase occurred primarily among 20-24 year-olds. The teenage jobless rate fell to 11.7 percent--a drop of one percentage point from December--its lowest mark since January 1968. Girls accounted for all of the decline in teenage unemployment. The rate for adult women (3.5 percent) was unchanged over the month.

The unemployment rate for married men held at 1.4 percent in January, its lowest point since the series began in 1955. The rate for full-time

workers rose 0.2 percentage point to 2.9 percent, with persons over 25 years old accounting for most of the increase.

Jobless rates for both whites (3.0 percent) and nonwhites (6.0 percent) were unchanged in January, holding at the post-Korean lows established in the previous month.

State insured unemployment edged up slightly from the post-World War II low reached in December. At 2.1 percent, the rate continued in the range which had prevailed for most of 1968.

Total Employment and Labor Force

Total employment and the labor force normally decline sharply after the Christmas season, but January's reductions were substantially less than anticipated.

At 75.4 million in January, total employment declined 450,000 less than expected. After allowance for seasonal changes, agricultural employment dropped 100,000, its first seasonally adjusted decline in 3 months. Nonagricultural employment increased by 550,000, almost all of which occurred among adult women and teenagers. Over the year, total employment was up by 2.1 million, as 550,000 more men, 1.2 million more women, and 325,000 more teenagers held jobs.

The civilian labor force declined 500,000 less than expected in January. After seasonal adjustment, this was the third monthly increase in a row. Over the year, labor force growth amounted to 1.9 million.

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	Jan. 1969	Dec. 1968	Jan. 1968	Seasonally adjusted				
				Jan. 1969	Dec. 1968	Nov. 1968	Oct. 1968	Sept. 1968
Total								
Total labor force	81,711	82,618	79,811	83,351	82,868	82,559	82,403	82,438
Civilian labor force	78,234	79,118	76,347	79,874	79,368	79,042	78,800	78,847
Employed	75,358	76,700	73,273	77,229	76,765	76,388	76,002	76,000
Agriculture	3,165	3,279	3,366	3,752	3,842	3,706	3,525	3,651
Nonagricultural industries	72,192	73,421	69,908	73,477	72,923	72,682	72,477	72,349
On part time for economic reasons	1,605	1,558	1,525	1,605	1,673	1,711	1,687	1,743
Usually work full time	898	835	805	805	872	852	907	974
Usually work part time	707	723	720	800	801	859	780	769
Unemployed	2,876	2,419	3,074	2,645	2,603	2,654	2,798	2,847
Men, 20 years and over								
Civilian labor force	45,618	45,881	45,245	46,131	46,093	45,871	45,782	45,863
Employed	44,477	45,008	43,925	45,231	45,254	44,940	44,773	44,858
Agriculture	2,479	2,559	2,702	2,680	2,763	2,753	2,656	2,711
Nonagricultural industries	41,998	42,449	41,224	42,551	42,491	42,187	42,117	42,147
Unemployed	1,142	873	1,319	900	839	931	1,009	1,005
Women, 20 years and over								
Civilian labor force	26,752	27,024	25,617	26,950	26,737	26,630	26,480	26,394
Employed	25,720	26,205	24,511	25,999	25,802	25,702	25,495	25,375
Agriculture	463	498	440	691	722	621	541	550
Nonagricultural industries	25,257	25,707	24,071	25,308	25,080	25,081	24,954	24,825
Unemployed	1,031	818	1,105	951	935	928	985	1,019
Both sexes, 16-19 years								
Civilian labor force	5,864	6,214	5,486	6,793	6,538	6,541	6,538	6,590
Employed	5,161	5,486	4,836	5,999	5,709	5,746	5,734	5,767
Agriculture	223	221	224	381	357	332	328	390
Nonagricultural industries	4,938	5,265	4,613	5,618	5,352	5,414	5,406	5,377
Unemployed	703	728	649	794	829	795	804	823

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

(In thousands)

Duration of unemployment	Jan. 1969	Dec. 1968	Jan. 1968	Seasonally adjusted				
				Jan. 1969	Dec. 1968	Nov. 1968	Oct. 1968	Sept. 1968
Less than 5 weeks	1,661	1,303	1,552	1,476	1,363	1,576	1,542	1,631
5 to 14 weeks	861	814	993	741	825	785	892	811
15 weeks and over	355	301	529	316	322	348	381	373
15 to 26 weeks	227	164	342	193	177	221	253	235
27 weeks and over	127	137	187	123	145	127	128	138

Table A-3: Major unemployment indicators

(Persons 16 years and over)

Selected categories	Thousands of persons unemployed		Seasonally adjusted rates of unemployment					
	Jan. 1969	Jan. 1968	Jan. 1969	Dec. 1968	Nov. 1968	Oct. 1968	Sept. 1968	Jan. 1968
Total (all civilian workers).....	2,876	3,074	3.3	3.3	3.4	3.6	3.6	3.6
Men, 20 years and over.....	1,142	1,319	2.0	1.8	2.0	2.3	2.2	2.3
Women, 20 years and over.....	1,031	1,105	3.5	3.5	3.5	3.7	3.9	4.0
Both sexes, 16-19 years.....	703	649	11.7	12.7	12.2	12.3	12.5	11.6
White.....	2,298	2,454	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.1	3.2	3.2
Nonwhite.....	578	620	6.0	6.0	6.5	7.3	6.6	6.6
Married men.....	706	854	1.4	1.4	1.6	1.6	1.6	1.7
Full-time workers.....	2,211	2,431	2.9	2.7	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.3
Unemployed 15 weeks and over ¹	355	529	.4	.4	.4	.5	.5	.6
State insured ²	1,469	1,647	2.1	2.0	2.2	2.1	2.2	2.4
Labor force time lost ³	--	--	3.6	3.6	3.8	3.9	4.0	4.1
Occupation								
White-collar workers.....	755	765	1.9	1.9	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0
Professional and managerial.....	192	186	1.0	1.0	1.1	1.2	1.2	1.0
Clerical workers.....	413	408	3.0	2.7	3.1	2.6	3.1	3.0
Sales workers.....	150	171	2.6	2.9	2.5	3.2	2.5	3.0
Blue-collar workers.....	1,363	1,531	3.8	3.6	3.9	4.0	4.1	4.3
Craftsmen and foremen.....	319	378	2.1	1.9	2.3	2.2	2.4	2.6
Operatives.....	724	786	4.2	4.2	4.3	4.3	4.5	4.7
Nonfarm laborers.....	320	367	6.6	6.1	6.8	7.3	6.9	7.8
Service workers.....	432	426	4.2	4.2	4.2	4.7	4.4	4.2
Industry								
Nonagricultural private wage and salary workers ⁴	2,261	2,420	3.4	3.3	3.4	3.6	3.6	3.7
Construction.....	344	443	5.5	5.4	6.5	6.0	5.7	8.0
Manufacturing.....	766	785	3.2	2.8	3.2	3.4	3.3	3.9
Durable goods.....	384	394	2.7	2.6	3.1	3.2	3.1	2.8
Non-durable goods.....	382	390	3.9	3.3	3.3	3.6	3.6	4.6
Transportation and public utilities.....	101	98	1.8	1.6	2.1	2.2	2.6	2.6
Wholesale and retail trade.....	571	596	3.8	4.1	3.9	4.0	4.0	4.1
Finance and service industries.....	601	481	3.1	3.2	3.0	3.4	3.3	3.2
Government wage and salary workers.....	212	219	1.8	1.7	1.8	1.7	2.0	1.9
Agricultural wage and salary workers.....	87	99	5.8	5.7	4.5	5.8	7.6	5.4

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	
	Jan. 1969	Jan. 1968	Jan. 1969	Jan. 1968	Jan. 1969	Jan. 1968	Jan. 1969	Jan. 1968
Full Time								
Civilian labor force.....	67,233	66,293	43,582	43,313	21,042	20,354	2,609	2,627
Employed:								
Full-time schedules.....	63,126	61,984	41,664	41,183	19,385	18,693	2,077	2,108
Part time for economic reasons.....	1,897	1,878	884	922	848	773	164	183
Unemployed, looking for full-time work.....	2,211	2,431	1,034	1,208	809	888	387	335
Unemployment rate.....	3.3	3.7	2.4	2.8	3.8	4.4	14.1	12.8
Part Time								
Civilian labor force.....	11,000	10,054	2,036	1,932	5,709	5,263	3,255	2,859
Employed (voluntary part time).....	10,335	9,411	1,929	1,821	5,487	5,045	2,920	2,545
Unemployed, looking for part-time work.....	665	643	107	111	222	218	336	314
Unemployment rate.....	6.0	6.4	5.3	5.8	3.9	4.1	10.3	11.0

Table A-5: Employed persons by age and sex

(In thousands)

Age and sex	Jan. 1969	Dec. 1968	Jan. 1968	Seasonally adjusted				
				Jan. 1969	Dec. 1968	Nov. 1968	Oct. 1968	Sept. 1968
Total, 16 years and over	75,358	76,700	73,273	77,229	76,765	76,388	76,002	76,000
16 to 19 years	5,161	5,486	4,836	5,999	5,709	5,746	5,734	5,767
16 and 17 years	2,008	2,235	1,859	2,524	2,394	2,373	2,366	2,373
18 and 19 years	3,153	3,251	2,977	3,527	3,364	3,387	3,370	3,374
20 to 24 years	8,737	9,000	8,383	9,026	8,955	8,914	8,827	8,832
25 years and over	61,459	62,213	60,054	62,217	62,121	61,777	61,438	61,384
25 to 54 years	47,786	48,312	46,751	48,366	48,127	47,811	47,517	47,551
55 years and over	13,673	13,902	13,304	13,973	14,016	13,931	13,846	13,810
Males, 16 years and over	47,356	48,000	46,472	48,686	48,579	48,235	48,030	48,120
16 to 19 years	2,880	2,992	2,547	3,455	3,325	3,295	3,257	3,262
16 and 17 years	1,189	1,270	1,103	1,532	1,463	1,444	1,439	1,442
18 and 19 years	1,691	1,722	1,443	1,950	1,890	1,864	1,836	1,816
20 to 24 years	4,620	4,826	4,629	4,814	4,921	4,830	4,790	4,819
25 years and over	39,857	40,182	39,296	40,407	40,356	40,091	39,978	40,042
25 to 54 years	31,055	31,233	30,639	31,422	31,339	31,083	30,984	31,042
55 years and over	8,802	8,949	8,658	9,062	9,040	9,010	8,972	8,989
Females, 16 years and over	28,002	28,699	26,801	28,543	28,186	28,153	27,972	27,880
16 to 19 years	2,281	2,494	2,290	2,544	2,384	2,451	2,477	2,505
16 and 17 years	819	965	756	992	931	929	927	931
18 and 19 years	1,462	1,530	1,534	1,577	1,474	1,523	1,534	1,558
20 to 24 years	4,117	4,174	3,754	4,212	4,034	4,084	4,037	4,013
25 years and over	21,603	22,031	20,758	21,810	21,765	21,686	21,460	21,342
25 to 54 years	16,732	17,078	16,112	16,944	16,788	16,728	16,533	16,509
55 years and over	4,871	4,953	4,646	4,911	4,976	4,921	4,874	4,821

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 Jan. 1969	Seasonally adjusted unemployment rates					
	Jan. 1969	Dec. 1968		Jan. 1969	Dec. 1968	Nov. 1968	Oct. 1968	Sept. 1968	Jan. 1968
Total, 16 years and over	2,876	2,419	76.9	3.3	3.3	3.4	3.6	3.6	3.6
16 to 19 years	703	728	52.2	11.7	12.7	12.2	12.3	12.5	11.6
16 and 17 years	302	377	29.1	13.5	15.0	13.7	14.6	14.4	13.9
18 and 19 years	401	351	69.8	10.5	10.9	10.5	10.8	11.2	10.1
20 to 24 years	557	435	81.5	5.2	5.3	5.9	6.1	5.9	5.7
25 years and over	1,616	1,256	86.0	2.1	2.0	2.1	2.2	2.3	2.5
25 to 54 years	1,300	966	88.2	2.2	2.0	2.2	2.3	2.3	2.4
55 years and over	316	290	76.9	1.9	2.1	2.1	2.1	2.1	2.4
Males, 16 years and over	1,568	1,283	79.3	2.7	2.6	2.7	2.9	2.8	3.0
16 to 19 years	426	410	49.1	11.8	11.6	11.3	11.7	10.9	12.0
16 and 17 years	201	221	29.9	13.2	14.2	13.7	14.1	12.9	13.5
18 and 19 years	225	189	66.2	10.6	9.5	8.6	10.0	9.3	10.6
20 to 24 years	289	211	83.4	5.0	4.2	4.7	5.7	5.2	4.9
25 years and over	853	661	93.0	1.6	1.5	1.7	1.8	1.8	2.0
25 to 54 years	646	480	95.8	1.5	1.4	1.7	1.7	1.7	1.8
55 years and over	206	180	84.0	1.9	1.9	2.0	2.0	2.1	2.4
Females, 16 years and over	1,308	1,136	74.0	4.3	4.5	4.4	4.6	4.9	4.7
16 to 19 years	276	317	57.2	11.6	14.1	13.3	13.1	14.4	11.1
16 and 17 years	101	156	26.7	14.0	16.2	13.7	15.3	16.6	14.6
18 and 19 years	175	161	74.9	10.4	12.6	12.8	11.8	13.3	9.5
20 to 24 years	268	223	79.5	5.5	6.5	7.2	6.6	6.8	6.7
25 years and over	763	595	78.2	3.2	2.9	2.9	3.1	3.1	3.5
25 to 54 years	653	486	80.6	3.4	3.1	3.1	3.3	3.5	3.6
55 years and over	109	109	65.1	1.9	2.4	2.5	2.4	2.1	2.4

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

(In thousands)

Industry	Jan. 1969	Dec. 1968	Nov. 1968	Jan. 1968	Change from		Seasonally adjusted			Change from Dec. 1968
					Dec. 1968	Jan. 1968	Jan. 1969	Dec. 1968	Nov. 1968	
TOTAL	68,446	70,095	69,585	66,017	-1,649	2,429	69,538	69,280	68,955	258
MINING	625	636	639	590	-11	35	640	637	637	3
CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION	2,985	3,233	3,374	2,771	-248	214	3,346	3,378	3,279	-32
MANUFACTURING	19,765	19,990	20,015	19,398	-225	367	19,986	19,973	19,871	13
<i>Production workers</i>	14,495	14,695	14,725	14,213	-200	282	14,695	14,667	14,568	28
DURABLE GOODS	11,701	11,756	11,735	11,459	-55	242	11,791	11,728	11,661	63
<i>Production workers</i>	8,523	8,577	8,559	8,346	-54	177	8,604	8,541	8,475	63
Ordnance and accessories	355.8	353.8	350.5	336.4	2.0	19.4	353	353	348	0
Lumber and wood products	589.6	600.5	602.5	577.7	-10.9	11.9	617	613	603	4
Furniture and fixtures	485.5	488.5	489.8	462.4	-3.0	23.1	488	487	484	1
Stone, clay, and glass products ..	636.2	650.8	656.2	614.8	-14.6	21.4	661	662	653	-1
Primary metal industries	1,296.7	1,291.4	1,266.4	1,295.7	5.3	1.0	1,310	1,304	1,284	6
Fabricated metal products	1,427.7	1,434.3	1,430.2	1,366.0	-6.6	61.7	1,438	1,427	1,416	11
Machinery, except electrical	1,986.4	1,965.2	1,965.6	1,960.1	21.2	26.3	1,988	1,967	1,985	21
Electrical equipment	1,993.9	2,001.4	1,992.3	1,968.6	-7.5	25.3	1,990	1,982	1,971	8
Transportation equipment	2,048.1	2,069.9	2,060.5	2,020.7	-21.8	27.4	2,034	2,029	2,020	5
Instruments and related products ..	455.4	457.7	456.8	449.0	-2.3	6.4	457	456	455	1
Miscellaneous manufacturing	425.9	442.6	464.5	407.6	-16.7	18.3	455	448	442	7
NONDURABLE GOODS	8,064	8,234	8,280	7,939	-170	125	8,195	8,245	8,210	-50
<i>Production workers</i>	5,972	6,118	6,166	5,867	-146	105	6,091	6,126	6,093	-35
Food and kindred products	1,721.5	1,773.7	1,805.1	1,706.2	-52.2	15.3	1,791	1,790	1,777	1
Tobacco manufactures	84.6	89.5	91.3	84.4	-4.9	.2	85	83	82	2
Textile mill products	980.3	993.1	997.2	959.5	-12.8	20.8	993	995	992	-2
Apparel and other textile products	1,402.8	1,420.6	1,434.6	1,375.5	-17.8	27.3	1,424	1,425	1,419	-1
Paper and allied products	710.9	714.4	712.1	682.6	-3.5	28.3	717	713	708	4
Printing and publishing	1,070.9	1,080.5	1,076.4	1,048.7	-9.6	22.2	1,076	1,074	1,073	2
Chemicals and allied products	1,040.3	1,041.3	1,040.5	1,011.0	-1.0	29.3	1,051	1,049	1,046	2
Petroleum and coal products	125.0	186.1	187.6	180.8	-61.1	-55.8	128	189	188	-61
Rubber and plastics products, n e c	576.8	578.0	574.9	537.0	-1.2	39.8	577	573	568	4
Leather and leather products	350.8	356.3	360.3	353.1	-5.5	-2.3	353	354	357	-1
TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC UTILITIES	4,314	4,400	4,414	4,252	-86	62	4,380	4,391	4,392	-11
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE	14,200	15,113	14,561	13,602	-913	598	14,425	14,260	14,326	165
WHOLESALE TRADE	3,716	3,760	3,756	3,564	-44	152	3,738	3,719	3,722	19
RETAIL TRADE	10,484	11,353	10,805	10,038	-869	446	10,687	10,541	10,604	146
FINANCE, INSURANCE, AND REAL ESTATE	3,413	3,420	3,412	3,252	-7	161	3,454	3,441	3,426	13
SERVICES	10,594	10,660	10,648	10,124	-66	470	10,810	10,757	10,702	53
Hotels and other lodging places ..	674.8	673.6	678.8	650.5	1.2	24.3	739	730	724	9
Personal services	1,012.2	1,026.4	1,025.4	1,011.3	-14.2	.9	1,022	1,022	1,023	0
Medical and other health services ..	2,762.2	2,746.0	2,737.8	2,545.5	16.2	216.7	2,776	2,760	2,738	16
Educational services	1,104.6	1,115.3	1,115.3	1,069.4	-10.7	35.2	1,069	1,073	1,064	-4
GOVERNMENT	12,550	12,643	12,522	12,028	-93	522	12,497	12,443	12,322	54
FEDERAL	2,729	2,769	2,703	2,697	-40	32	2,754	2,715	2,696	39
STATE AND LOCAL	9,821	9,874	9,819	9,331	-53	490	9,743	9,728	9,626	15

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	Jan. 1969	Dec. 1968	Nov. 1968	Jan. 1968	Change from		Seasonally adjusted			
					Dec. 1968	Jan. 1968	Jan. 1969	Dec. 1968	Nov. 1968	Change from Dec. 1968
TOTAL PRIVATE	37.5	37.8	37.5	37.3	-0.3	0.2	37.8	37.6	37.5	0.2
MINING	42.3	43.5	42.9	41.5	-1.2	.8	42.6	43.5	43.2	-.9
CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION	36.4	37.1	35.0	35.0	-.7	1.4	37.4	37.8	36.0	-.4
MANUFACTURING	40.5	41.1	40.9	40.0	-.6	.5	40.7	40.7	40.8	0
<i>Overtime hours</i>	3.5	4.0	3.9	3.3	-.5	.2	3.7	3.8	3.8	-.1
DURABLE GOODS	41.3	41.9	41.7	40.8	-.6	.5	41.4	41.4	41.7	0
<i>Overtime hours</i>	3.8	4.3	4.2	3.5	-.5	.3	4.0	4.0	4.1	0
<i>Ordinance and accessories</i>	41.3	41.8	41.7	40.5	-.5	.8	41.0	41.2	41.5	-.2
Lumber and wood products	39.8	40.9	40.2	38.2	-1.1	1.6	40.2	41.2	40.4	-1.0
Furniture and fixtures	40.2	41.4	40.8	38.9	-1.2	1.3	40.9	40.5	40.4	.4
Stone, clay, and glass products	40.9	41.8	41.8	40.1	-.9	.8	41.6	41.9	41.7	-.3
Primary metal industries	41.6	41.7	41.2	41.6	-.1	0	41.5	41.6	41.4	-.1
Fabricated metal products	41.2	42.2	42.4	41.0	-1.0	.2	41.6	41.8	42.3	-.2
Machinery, except electrical	42.3	42.9	42.3	41.8	-.6	.5	42.3	42.5	42.3	-.2
Electrical equipment	40.3	40.8	40.8	40.0	-.5	.3	40.5	40.2	40.6	.3
Transportation equipment	42.8	43.4	43.2	41.9	-.6	.9	42.8	42.4	42.5	.4
Instruments and related products	40.2	41.0	40.8	40.4	-.8	-.2	40.4	40.7	40.6	-.3
Miscellaneous manufacturing	38.3	39.0	39.7	38.8	-.7	-.5	38.6	38.7	39.3	-.1
NONDURABLE GOODS	39.3	40.1	39.9	38.9	-.8	.4	39.6	39.9	39.7	-.3
<i>Overtime hours</i>	3.2	3.5	3.5	3.0	-.3	.2	3.5	3.4	3.4	.1
Food and kindred products	40.1	41.0	40.8	40.1	-.9	0	40.5	40.8	40.6	-.3
Tobacco manufactures	35.5	37.7	37.5	36.6	-2.2	-1.1	36.3	36.3	37.6	0
Textile mill products	40.4	41.6	41.4	39.6	-1.2	.8	40.7	41.3	41.0	-.6
Apparel and other textile products	35.5	36.0	36.0	34.6	-.5	.9	36.0	36.2	35.9	-.2
Paper and allied products	43.0	43.5	43.2	42.2	-.5	.8	43.4	43.2	42.9	.2
Printing and publishing	37.9	38.9	38.4	37.5	-1.0	.4	38.2	38.4	38.4	-.2
Chemicals and allied products	41.7	42.0	42.0	41.4	-.3	.3	42.0	41.9	41.9	.1
Petroleum and coal products	40.7	42.0	42.6	42.3	-1.3	-1.6	41.2	42.3	42.6	-1.1
Rubber and plastics products, n e c	41.4	41.9	41.7	41.1	-.5	.3	41.5	41.4	41.5	.1
Leather and leather products	37.3	38.3	37.9	38.1	-1.0	-.8	37.0	37.5	37.9	-.5
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE	35.5	35.9	35.5	35.8	-.4	-.3	35.8	35.7	35.8	.1
WHOLESALE TRADE	39.9	40.2	40.0	39.9	-.3	0	40.0	39.9	40.0	.1
RETAIL TRADE	34.0	34.6	34.1	34.5	-.6	-.5	34.3	34.3	34.5	0
FINANCE, INSURANCE, AND REAL ESTATE	37.1	37.1	36.9	37.0	0	.1	37.1	37.0	36.9	.1

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					
	Jan. 1969	Dec. 1968	Nov. 1968	Jan. 1968	Change from		Jan. 1969	Dec. 1968	Nov. 1968	Jan. 1968	Change from	
					Dec. 1968	Jan. 1968					Dec. 1968	Jan. 1968
TOTAL PRIVATE	\$2.95	\$2.93	\$2.93	\$2.76	\$0.02	\$0.19	\$110.63	\$110.75	\$109.88	\$102.95	\$-0.12	\$7.68
MINING	3.48	3.48	3.46	3.30	0	.18	147.20	151.38	148.43	136.95	-4.18	10.25
CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION	4.52	4.52	4.52	4.34	0	.18	164.53	167.69	158.20	151.90	-3.16	12.63
MANUFACTURING	3.12	3.10	3.08	2.94	.02	.18	126.36	127.41	125.97	117.60	-1.05	8.76
DURABLE GOODS	3.31	3.29	3.28	3.13	.02	.18	136.70	137.85	136.78	127.70	-1.15	9.00
<i>Ordinance and accessories</i>	3.38	3.37	3.33	3.26	.01	.12	139.59	140.87	138.86	132.03	-1.28	7.56
Lumber and wood products	2.62	2.62	2.62	2.44	0	.18	104.28	107.16	105.32	93.21	-2.88	11.07
Furniture and fixtures	2.54	2.54	2.53	2.40	0	.14	102.11	105.16	103.22	93.36	-3.05	8.75
Stone, clay, and glass products	3.06	3.07	3.06	2.90	-.01	.16	125.15	128.33	127.91	116.29	-3.18	8.86
Primary metal industries	3.68	3.66	3.63	3.47	.02	.21	153.09	152.62	149.56	144.35	-.47	8.74
Fabricated metal products	3.27	3.26	3.25	3.09	.01	.18	134.72	137.57	137.80	126.69	-2.85	8.03
Machinery, except electrical	3.49	3.48	3.46	3.28	.01	.21	147.63	149.29	146.36	137.10	-1.66	10.53
Electrical equipment	3.04	3.03	3.01	2.88	.01	.16	122.51	123.62	122.81	115.20	-1.11	7.31
Transportation equipment	3.85	3.84	3.82	3.62	.01	.23	164.78	166.66	165.02	151.68	-1.88	13.10
Instruments and related products	3.07	3.08	3.06	2.92	-.01	.15	123.41	126.28	124.85	117.97	-2.87	5.44
Miscellaneous manufacturing	2.60	2.58	2.52	2.45	.02	.15	99.58	100.62	100.04	95.06	-1.04	4.52
NONDURABLE GOODS	2.83	2.82	2.81	2.67	.01	.16	111.22	113.08	112.12	103.86	-1.86	7.36
Food and kindred products	2.90	2.88	2.86	2.74	.02	.16	116.29	118.08	116.69	109.87	-1.79	6.42
Tobacco manufactures	2.58	2.56	2.51	2.35	.02	.23	91.59	96.51	94.13	86.01	-4.92	5.58
Textile mill products	2.28	2.27	2.27	2.14	.01	.14	92.11	94.43	93.98	84.74	-2.32	7.37
Apparel and other textile products	2.29	2.25	2.26	2.11	.04	.18	81.30	81.00	81.36	73.01	-.30	8.29
Paper and allied products	3.15	3.14	3.12	2.96	.01	.19	135.45	136.59	134.78	124.91	-1.14	10.54
Printing and publishing	3.59	3.59	3.56	3.36	0	.23	136.06	139.65	136.70	126.00	-3.59	10.06
Chemicals and allied products	3.35	3.35	3.33	3.20	0	.15	139.70	140.70	139.86	132.48	-1.00	7.22
Petroleum and coal products	3.71	3.81	3.80	3.72	-.10	-.01	151.00	160.02	161.88	157.36	-9.02	-6.36
Rubber and plastics products, n e c	3.01	3.00	2.99	2.86	.01	.15	124.61	125.70	124.68	117.55	-1.09	7.06
Leather and leather products	2.30	2.30	2.27	2.15	0	.15	85.79	88.09	86.03	81.92	-2.30	3.87
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE	2.49	2.45	2.46	2.33	.04	.16	88.40	87.96	87.33	83.41	.44	4.99
WHOLESALE TRADE	3.14	3.13	3.12	2.96	.01	.18	125.29	125.83	124.80	118.10	-.54	7.19
RETAIL TRADE	2.24	2.20	2.21	2.09	.04	.15	76.16	76.12	75.36	72.11	.04	4.05
FINANCE, INSURANCE, AND REAL ESTATE	2.87	2.85	2.83	2.66	.02	.21	106.48	105.74	104.43	98.42	.74	8.06

¹See footnote 1, table B-2.

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