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## THE EMPLOYMENT SITUATION: MARCH 1969

Employment rose moderately in March, while the number of unemployed persons fell less than usual for the month, the U. S. Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics reported today.

The March increase in nonfarm payroll employment was the smallest in 6 months. Employment increases were recorded in all major industry sectors except contract construction.

The overall unemployment rate was 3.4 percent in March, compared with the 3.3 percent rates recorded in the past 3 months. The change was attributable to a small advance in teenage unemployment. Unemployment rates for adult workers remained at their low February levels.

### Industry Employment

Nonagricultural payroll employment was 69.2 million in March. After seasonal adjustment, payroll employment was up 145,000 from February, with about 30,000 of the increase due to the net return to payrolls of striking workers. The employment increase was slightly less than half the average seasonally-adjusted gain registered in the past 5 months but was about the same as during most of last year.

Employment in contract construction rose less than seasonally for the February-to-March period but was at the highest March level since 1966 (3.1 million). On a seasonally adjusted basis, construction employment declined by 65,000 in March, following a very large increase of 110,000 in February.

Manufacturing employment increased by 65,000 in March after seasonal adjustment. The largest increases occurred in the transportation equipment and petroleum products industries, almost entirely as a result of the return to payrolls of striking workers. Small over-the-month gains were recorded in several other manufacturing industries, mainly primary metals, fabricated metals, electrical equipment, and apparel.

Employment in government rose by 55,000 in March after seasonal adjustment; all of the gain occurred in the State and local sector. Employment in services increased by 20,000, slightly more than one-third of the average gain registered during the past 5 months. Increases also occurred in transportation and public utilities (30,000), where about one-third of the increase was due to the net return to work of strikers; trade (30,000); and finance, insurance, and real estate (10,000).

Over the year, payroll employment was up by 2.5 million. Four-fifths of the increase resulted from nearly equal gains in manufacturing, trade, services, and government.

### Hours and Earnings

The seasonally adjusted workweek in manufacturing was up 0.5 hour to 40.6 hours in March. This represented a recovery from the sharp drop in February (to 40.1 hours, as revised), which was attributable to adverse weather conditions in the Northeast region of the country. Despite the rebound, the March workweek in manufacturing was still half an hour lower than the 1968 peak in September. Factory overtime, which also fell in February, continued in the high range which has prevailed since May 1968, rising two-tenths of an hour in March to 3.7 hours.

The average workweek for all rank and file workers on nonagricultural payrolls edged up to 37.7 hours (seasonally adjusted) but remained below the levels recorded in the May-September 1968 period. The large increase in the manufacturing workweek, along with slight gains in trade and finance, more than offset over-the-month declines in construction and mining.

Average hourly earnings rose 1 cent in March to \$2.98 for all rank and file workers. Compared with March 1968, hourly earnings were up 19 cents, or 6.8 percent. Average weekly earnings, at \$111.75, increased by 97 cents over the month, reflecting small increases in both the average workweek and hourly earnings. Compared with March 1968, weekly earnings rose by \$6.85 (6.5 percent).

### Unemployment

Unemployment in March, at 2.7 million, was down 175,000 from February--less than the usual seasonal decline for the month. After seasonal adjustment, unemployment rose 100,000 over the month, primarily among teenagers.

The overall unemployment rate in March--3.4 percent--was virtually unchanged from the 3.3 percent rates of December, January, and February, which were the lowest jobless rates in over 15 years.

The unemployment rate for adult men remained at 1.9 percent in March, near the record low of 1.8 percent reached in December 1968. The rate for adult women held steady at 3.5 percent for the fifth straight month, the lowest in 15 years. The unemployment rate for full-time workers was essentially unchanged at 2.9 percent, while the rate for married men continued at 1.4 percent, its lowest point since that series began in 1955.

Unemployment among teenage workers rose slightly in March, as employment gains failed to match the increase in their labor force. Their jobless rate was 12.7 percent, the same as in December but up from 11.7 percent in both January and February. The increase occurred exclusively among white teenagers. Despite the March increase, the teenage rate in the first quarter of 1969 averaged 12.1 percent, the lowest quarterly average in the last 2 years. The quarterly rate has been as low as the 12.0-12.2 percent range in only 2 other quarters since 1957.

While the white unemployment rate for the first quarter of 1969 was unchanged from the last quarter of 1968 at 3.0 percent, the nonwhite rate moved down substantially in the first quarter, from 6.6 to 5.9 percent. This decline was especially marked among adult workers. Although the nonwhite jobless rate was twice that of whites, the ratio between the two rates was at its lowest quarterly level since 1965.

The unemployment rate for persons covered under State unemployment insurance programs edged down slightly in March. At 2.1 percent, the rate was near the post-World War II low of 2.0 percent posted in December.

Total unemployment was down by nearly 200,000 workers since last March. Nearly all of the improvement occurred among adult men.

#### Total Employment and Civilian Labor Force

The number of nonagricultural workers on part-time schedules for economic reasons rose sharply in March. The increase was nearly 175,000 (seasonally adjusted) and was the second straight monthly rise. Two-thirds of the March increase occurred among persons who usually work full time. Part-time employment for economic reasons, at 1.7 million, was up 100,000 from a year ago.

Over the year, the civilian labor force increased 1.8 million. Total employment was up by 2.0 million--650,000 adult men, 1.1 million adult women, and 250,000 teenagers. Almost two-fifths of the gain was among voluntary part-time workers.

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	Mar. 1969	Feb. 1969	Mar. 1968	Seasonally adjusted				
				Mar. 1969	Feb. 1969	Jan. 1969	Dec. 1968	Nov. 1968
<b>Total</b>								
Total labor force .....	82,770	82,579	80,938	83,999	83,831	83,351	82,868	82,559
Civilian labor force .....	79,266	79,104	77,447	80,495	80,356	79,874	79,368	79,042
Employed .....	76,520	76,181	74,517	77,767	77,729	77,229	76,765	76,388
Agriculture .....	3,327	3,285	3,537	3,732	3,881	3,752	3,842	3,706
Nonagricultural industries .....	73,193	72,896	70,980	74,035	73,848	73,477	72,923	72,682
On part time for economic reasons .....	1,731	1,630	1,670	1,801	1,638	1,605	1,673	1,711
Usually work full time .....	977	900	866	979	870	805	872	852
Usually work part time .....	754	730	804	822	768	800	801	859
Unemployed .....	2,746	2,923	2,929	2,728	2,627	2,645	2,603	2,654
<b>Men, 20 years and over</b>								
Civilian labor force .....	45,959	45,911	45,483	46,297	46,280	46,131	46,093	45,871
Employed .....	44,911	44,777	44,264	45,422	45,422	45,231	45,254	44,940
Agriculture .....	2,579	2,557	2,750	2,706	2,732	2,680	2,763	2,753
Nonagricultural industries .....	42,332	42,220	41,514	42,716	42,690	42,551	42,491	42,187
Unemployed .....	1,048	1,134	1,219	875	858	900	839	931
<b>Women, 20 years and over</b>								
Civilian labor force .....	27,232	27,229	26,141	27,189	27,230	26,950	26,737	26,630
Employed .....	26,268	26,168	25,153	26,228	26,264	25,999	25,802	25,702
Agriculture .....	473	482	486	638	731	691	722	621
Nonagricultural industries .....	25,795	25,686	24,667	25,590	25,533	25,308	25,080	25,081
Unemployed .....	964	1,061	988	961	966	951	935	928
<b>Both sexes, 16-19 years</b>								
Civilian labor force .....	6,075	5,964	5,823	7,009	6,846	6,793	6,538	6,541
Employed .....	5,340	5,236	5,100	6,117	6,043	5,999	5,709	5,746
Agriculture .....	275	247	301	388	418	381	357	332
Nonagricultural industries .....	5,066	4,989	4,799	5,729	5,625	5,618	5,352	5,414
Unemployed .....	734	729	722	892	803	794	829	795

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

(In thousands)

Duration of unemployment	Mar. 1969	Feb. 1969	Mar. 1968	Seasonally adjusted				
				Mar. 1969	Feb. 1969	Jan. 1969	Dec. 1968	Nov. 1968
Less than 5 weeks .....	1,412	1,427	1,461	1,646	1,436	1,476	1,363	1,576
5 to 14 weeks .....	880	1,104	893	757	829	741	825	785
15 weeks and over .....	455	393	575	355	346	316	322	348
15 to 26 weeks .....	318	278	370	237	237	193	177	221
27 weeks and over .....	137	115	206	118	109	123	145	127

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

(Persons 16 years and over)

Selected categories	Thousands of persons unemployed		Seasonally adjusted rates of unemployment					
	Mar. 1969	Mar. 1968	Mar. 1969	Feb. 1969	Jan. 1969	Dec. 1968	Nov. 1968	Mar. 1968
Total (all civilian workers).....	2,746	2,929	3.4	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.4	3.7
Men, 20 years and over.....	1,048	1,219	1.9	1.9	2.0	1.8	2.0	2.2
Women, 20 years and over.....	964	988	3.5	3.5	3.5	3.5	3.5	3.8
Both sexes, 16-19 years.....	734	722	12.7	11.7	11.7	12.7	12.2	13.0
White.....	2,214	2,314	3.1	2.9	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.2
Nonwhite.....	532	615	6.0	5.7	6.0	6.0	6.5	6.9
Married men.....	662	787	1.4	1.4	1.4	1.4	1.6	1.7
Full-time workers.....	2,060	2,236	2.9	2.8	2.9	2.7	3.0	3.2
Unemployed 15 weeks and over <sup>1</sup> .....	455	575	.4	.4	.4	.4	.4	.6
State insured <sup>2</sup> .....	1,342	1,421	2.1	2.2	2.1	2.0	2.2	2.3
Labor force time lost <sup>3</sup> .....	--	--	3.7	3.6	3.6	3.6	3.8	4.0
<b>Occupation</b>								
White-collar workers.....	721	690	2.0	1.9	1.9	1.9	2.0	2.0
Professional and managerial.....	174	157	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.1	1.0
Clerical workers.....	400	377	3.1	2.7	3.0	2.7	3.1	3.0
Sales workers.....	148	156	2.9	3.3	2.6	2.9	2.5	3.0
Blue-collar workers.....	1,250	1,438	3.7	3.6	3.8	3.6	3.9	4.4
Craftsmen and foremen.....	288	330	2.2	2.1	2.1	1.9	2.3	2.6
Operatives.....	640	767	3.9	4.2	4.2	4.2	4.3	4.7
Nonfarm laborers.....	322	341	7.0	5.5	6.6	6.1	6.8	7.7
Service workers.....	392	414	3.8	3.8	4.2	4.2	4.2	4.1
<b>Industry</b>								
Nonagricultural private wage and salary workers <sup>4</sup> .....	2,114	2,275	3.4	3.3	3.4	3.3	3.4	3.7
Construction.....	311	382	6.2	5.5	5.5	5.4	6.5	7.9
Manufacturing.....	701	776	3.1	2.9	3.2	2.8	3.2	3.5
Durable goods.....	367	411	2.7	2.4	2.7	2.6	3.1	3.1
Nondurable goods.....	335	365	3.7	3.6	3.9	3.3	3.3	3.9
Transportation and public utilities.....	110	77	2.4	1.8	1.8	1.6	2.1	1.7
Wholesale and retail trade.....	541	552	3.8	3.9	3.8	4.1	3.9	4.0
Finance and service industries.....	437	469	2.9	3.1	3.1	3.2	3.0	3.3
Government wage and salary workers.....	179	198	1.6	1.7	1.8	1.7	1.8	1.9
Agricultural wage and salary workers.....	90	110	5.9	4.1	5.8	5.7	4.5	6.4

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

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

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

<sup>4</sup>Includes mining, not shown separately.

NOTE: Unemployment by occupation includes all experienced unemployed persons, whereas that by industry refers only to experienced wage and salary workers.

**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	
	Mar. 1969	Mar. 1968	Mar. 1969	Mar. 1968	Mar. 1969	Mar. 1968	Mar. 1969	Mar. 1968
<b>Full Time</b>								
Civilian labor force.....	67,799	66,713	43,781	43,530	21,430	20,531	2,588	2,652
Employed:								
Full-time schedules.....	63,778	62,567	41,865	41,542	19,832	18,916	2,081	2,108
Part time for economic reasons.....	1,961	1,910	968	884	814	849	180	178
Unemployed, looking for full-time work.....	2,060	2,236	948	1,104	785	766	327	366
Unemployment rate.....	3.0	3.4	2.2	2.5	3.7	3.7	12.6	13.8
<b>Part Time</b>								
Civilian labor force.....	11,467	10,733	2,178	1,952	5,802	5,610	3,487	3,170
Employed (voluntary part time).....	10,781	10,060	2,079	1,838	5,623	5,388	3,079	2,814
Unemployed, looking for part-time work.....	686	693	100	115	178	223	408	356
Unemployment rate.....	6.0	6.5	4.6	5.9	3.1	4.0	11.7	11.2

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**Table A-5: Unemployed persons by reason for unemployment, sex, age, and color**  
(Not seasonally adjusted)

Reason for unemployment	Total unemployed		Male, 20 years and over		Female, 20 years and over		Both sexes, 16 to 19 years		White		Nonwhite	
	Mar. 1969	Mar. 1968	Mar. 1969	Mar. 1968	Mar. 1969	Mar. 1968	Mar. 1969	Mar. 1968	Mar. 1969	Mar. 1968	Mar. 1969	Mar. 1968
<b>UNEMPLOYMENT LEVEL</b>												
Total unemployed, in thousands .....	2,746	2,929	1,048	1,219	964	988	734	722	2,214	2,314	532	615
Lost last job .....	1,186	1,360	686	820	353	391	147	149	965	1,077	221	283
Left last job .....	391	437	139	188	144	167	107	82	309	341	82	96
Reentered labor force .....	869	833	203	192	414	385	252	256	693	660	176	174
Never worked before .....	301	299	19	19	52	45	229	235	247	237	54	62
Total unemployed, percent distribution .....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Lost last job .....	43.2	46.4	65.4	67.2	36.7	39.6	19.9	20.6	43.6	46.5	41.6	46.1
Left last job .....	14.2	14.9	13.3	15.4	15.0	16.9	14.6	11.4	14.0	14.7	15.3	15.6
Reentered labor force .....	31.6	28.4	19.4	15.8	42.9	38.9	34.3	35.5	31.3	28.5	33.0	28.2
Never worked before .....	11.0	10.2	1.9	1.5	5.4	4.6	31.2	32.5	11.2	10.2	10.1	10.1
<b>UNEMPLOYMENT RATE</b>												
Total unemployment rate .....	3.5	3.8	2.3	2.7	3.5	3.8	12.1	12.4	3.1	3.4	6.1	7.1
Job-loser rate .....	1.5	1.8	1.5	1.8	1.3	1.5	2.4	2.6	1.4	1.5	2.6	3.3
Job-leaver rate .....	.5	.6	.3	.4	.5	.6	1.8	1.4	.4	.5	.9	1.1
Reentrant rate .....	1.1	1.1	.4	.4	1.5	1.5	4.1	4.4	1.0	1.0	2.0	2.0
New entrant rate .....	.4	.4	--	--	.2	.2	3.8	4.0	.4	.3	.6	.7

**Table A-6: Unemployed persons by age and sex**

Age and sex	Thousands		Percent looking for full-time work Mar. 1969	Seasonally adjusted unemployment rates					
	Mar. 1969	Feb. 1969		Mar. 1969	Feb. 1969	Jan. 1969	Dec. 1968	Nov. 1968	Mar. 1968
Total, 16 years and over .....	2,746	2,923	75.0	3.4	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.4	3.7
16 to 19 years .....	734	729	44.6	12.7	11.7	11.7	12.7	12.2	13.0
16 and 17 years .....	354	320	22.3	14.0	13.1	13.5	15.0	13.7	14.9
18 and 19 years .....	380	409	65.3	11.6	11.1	10.5	10.9	10.5	11.6
20 to 24 years .....	543	602	83.1	5.3	5.5	5.2	5.3	5.9	5.9
25 years and over .....	1,469	1,592	87.3	2.1	2.1	2.1	2.0	2.1	2.3
25 to 54 years .....	1,163	1,252	88.5	2.2	2.0	2.2	2.0	2.2	2.4
55 years and over .....	306	340	82.7	1.9	2.0	1.9	2.1	2.1	2.2
Males, 16 years and over .....	1,461	1,539	76.9	2.6	2.6	2.7	2.6	2.7	2.9
16 to 19 years .....	413	405	42.1	11.5	11.0	11.8	11.6	11.3	11.9
16 and 17 years .....	219	202	20.5	12.9	12.5	13.2	14.2	13.7	14.0
18 and 19 years .....	193	203	66.8	10.2	9.5	10.6	9.5	8.6	10.1
20 to 24 years .....	266	307	78.6	4.5	4.9	5.0	4.2	4.7	5.3
25 years and over .....	782	826	94.5	1.6	1.5	1.6	1.5	1.7	1.9
25 to 54 years .....	586	623	97.3	1.5	1.4	1.5	1.4	1.7	1.8
55 years and over .....	195	203	86.7	1.8	1.7	1.9	1.9	2.0	2.2
Females, 16 years and over .....	1,285	1,384	73.0	4.6	4.5	4.3	4.5	4.4	4.9
16 to 19 years .....	322	323	47.2	14.3	12.7	11.6	14.1	13.3	14.4
16 and 17 years .....	135	118	24.4	15.6	13.9	14.0	16.2	13.7	16.3
18 and 19 years .....	187	205	63.6	13.3	13.0	10.4	12.6	12.8	13.2
20 to 24 years .....	277	295	87.4	6.3	6.1	5.5	6.5	7.2	6.7
25 years and over .....	687	766	79.0	3.0	3.1	3.2	2.9	2.9	3.2
25 to 54 years .....	577	629	79.7	3.3	3.2	3.4	3.1	3.1	3.5
55 years and over .....	110	138	75.5	1.9	2.5	1.9	2.4	2.5	2.3

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

Industry	(in thousands)									
	Mar. 1969	Feb. 1969	Jan. 1969	Mar. 1968	Change from		Seasonally adjusted			
					Feb. 1969	Mar. 1968	Mar. 1969	Feb. 1969	Jan. 1969	Change from Feb. 1969
<b>TOTAL</b> .....	69,172	68,711	68,525	66,713	461	2,459	70,102	69,955	69,620	147
<b>MINING</b> .....	631	628	629	594	3	37	647	646	644	1
<b>CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION</b> ....	3,054	2,981	3,015	2,967	73	87	3,428	3,491	3,380	-63
<b>MANUFACTURING</b> .....	19,952	19,864	19,786	19,447	88	505	20,118	20,054	20,005	64
<i>Production workers</i> .....	14,633	14,570	14,499	14,248	63	385	14,778	14,738	14,692	40
<b>DURABLE GOODS</b> .....	11,798	11,732	11,718	11,440	66	358	11,858	11,811	11,803	47
<i>Production workers</i> .....	8,604	8,552	8,530	8,325	52	279	8,656	8,616	8,604	40
Ordnance and accessories .....	347.5	348.4	351.4	335.3	-.9	12.2	348	347	349	1
Lumber and wood products .....	598.2	593.5	592.3	587.2	4.7	11.0	619	621	620	-2
Furniture and fixtures .....	491.8	489.9	488.1	463.1	1.9	28.7	495	494	491	1
Stone, clay, and glass products ..	647.5	640.1	640.3	574.6	7.4	72.9	666	668	665	-2
Primary metal industries .....	1,322.7	1,311.8	1,298.0	1,303.5	10.9	19.2	1,323	1,316	1,308	7
Fabricated metal products .....	1,436.9	1,433.1	1,428.7	1,363.3	3.8	73.6	1,448	1,443	1,437	5
Machinery, except electrical .....	2,007.4	2,000.5	1,983.6	1,970.3	6.9	37.1	1,997	1,997	1,986	0
Electrical equipment .....	2,003.6	2,004.6	1,999.8	1,943.3	-1.0	60.3	2,018	2,009	1,996	9
Transportation equipment .....	2,050.2	2,028.4	2,058.0	2,031.9	21.8	18.3	2,036	2,014	2,044	22
Instruments and related products ..	459.1	456.8	455.4	448.0	2.3	11.1	460	458	457	2
Miscellaneous manufacturing .....	432.9	425.0	422.5	419.0	7.9	13.9	448	444	450	4
<b>NONDURABLE GOODS</b> .....	8,154	8,132	8,068	8,007	22	147	8,260	8,243	8,202	17
<i>Production workers</i> .....	6,029	6,018	5,969	5,923	11	106	6,122	6,122	6,088	0
Food and kindred products .....	1,701.4	1,709.4	1,721.1	1,690.4	-8.0	11.0	1,789	1,797	1,791	-8
Tobacco manufactures .....	77.3	81.0	84.9	79.7	-3.7	-2.4	85	84	86	1
Textile mill products .....	987.5	986.2	982.0	975.0	1.3	12.5	991	994	995	-3
Apparel and other textile products	1,434.5	1,426.7	1,407.4	1,418.0	7.8	16.5	1,425	1,418	1,432	7
Paper and allied products .....	714.2	712.3	709.4	683.3	1.9	30.9	721	719	715	2
Printing and publishing .....	1,074.8	1,073.9	1,070.8	1,056.3	.9	18.5	1,077	1,077	1,076	0
Chemicals and allied products .....	1,052.0	1,045.3	1,039.0	1,021.8	6.7	30.2	1,054	1,054	1,049	0
Petroleum and coal products .....	183.4	166.0	124.6	182.8	17.4	6.6	186	169	127	17
Rubber and plastics products, n e c	580.0	577.9	574.8	543.4	2.1	36.6	583	580	575	3
Leather and leather products .....	348.8	353.1	354.0	356.1	-4.3	-7.3	349	351	356	-2
<b>TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC UTILITIES</b> .....	4,390	4,338	4,324	4,276	52	114	4,448	4,418	4,390	30
<b>WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE</b> .....	14,193	14,124	14,217	13,658	69	535	14,503	14,473	14,442	30
<b>WHOLESALE TRADE</b> .....	3,733	3,719	3,724	3,581	14	152	3,786	3,768	3,746	18
<b>RETAIL TRADE</b> .....	10,460	10,405	10,493	10,077	55	383	10,717	10,705	10,696	12
<b>FINANCE, INSURANCE, AND REAL ESTATE</b> .....	3,459	3,439	3,420	3,288	20	171	3,483	3,474	3,462	9
<b>SERVICES</b> .....	10,741	10,665	10,576	10,290	76	451	10,871	10,849	10,792	22
Hotels and other lodging places ..	688.4	680.3	669.9	676.2	8.1	12.2	742	735	734	7
Personal services .....	1,005.9	1,002.2	1,006.4	1,012.9	3.7	-7.0	1,016	1,017	1,017	-1
Medical and other health services ..	2,804.9	2,789.0	2,765.5	2,582.4	15.9	222.5	2,808	2,795	2,779	13
Educational services .....	1,122.1	1,117.3	1,092.0	1,086.6	4.8	35.5	1,080	1,076	1,057	4
<b>GOVERNMENT</b> .....	12,752	12,672	12,558	12,193	80	559	12,604	12,550	12,505	54
<b>FEDERAL</b> <sup>1</sup> .....	2,740	2,739	2,735	2,699	1	41	2,759	2,764	2,760	-5
<b>STATE AND LOCAL</b> .....	10,012	9,933	9,823	9,494	79	518	9,845	9,786	9,745	59

<sup>1</sup> Beginning January 1969, federal employment includes approximately 39,000 civilian technicians of the National Guard who were transferred from State to federal status in accordance with Public Law 90-486.

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

Table B-2: Average weekly hours of production or nonsupervisory workers<sup>1</sup> on private nonagricultural payrolls, by industry

Industry	Mar. 1969	Feb. 1969	Jan. 1969	Mar. 1968	Change from		Seasonally adjusted			
					Feb. 1969	Mar. 1968	Mar. 1969	Feb. 1969	Jan. 1969	Change from Feb. 1969
<b>TOTAL PRIVATE</b> .....	37.5	37.3	37.4	37.6	0.2	-0.1	37.7	37.6	37.7	0.1
<b>MINING</b> .....	41.9	42.5	42.9	41.8	-6	.1	42.4	43.2	43.2	-8
<b>CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION</b> .....	37.3	36.6	36.6	36.2	.7	1.1	37.9	38.3	37.7	-4
<b>MANUFACTURING</b> .....	40.5	39.9	40.4	40.6	.6	-1	40.6	40.1	40.6	.5
<i>Overtime hours</i> .....	3.5	3.3	3.6	3.3	.2	.2	3.7	3.5	3.8	.2
<b>DURABLE GOODS</b> .....	41.2	40.6	41.1	41.3	.6	-1	41.3	40.8	41.2	.5
<i>Overtime hours</i> .....	3.7	3.6	3.7	3.5	.1	.2	3.9	3.9	3.9	0
Ordnance and accessories .....	39.8	40.2	40.4	41.6	-4	-1.8	40.0	40.4	40.1	-4
Lumber and wood products .....	40.5	40.1	39.6	40.2	.4	.3	40.8	40.9	40.0	-1
Furniture and fixtures .....	40.0	39.6	40.0	40.5	.4	-5	40.4	40.1	40.7	.3
Stone, clay, and glass products .....	41.6	41.2	41.1	41.1	.4	.5	42.2	42.1	41.9	.1
Primary metal industries .....	42.2	41.5	41.8	41.9	.7	.3	42.1	41.6	41.7	.5
Fabricated metal products .....	41.5	40.7	41.4	41.3	.8	.2	41.7	41.1	41.9	.6
Machinery, except electrical .....	42.6	42.2	42.4	42.3	.4	.3	42.4	42.1	42.4	.3
Electrical equipment .....	40.2	39.6	40.3	40.1	.6	.1	40.3	39.6	40.4	.7
Transportation equipment .....	40.8	40.7	41.5	42.0	.1	-1.2	41.2	41.2	41.4	0
Instruments and related products .....	40.3	39.8	40.5	40.7	.5	-4	40.4	39.8	40.7	.6
Miscellaneous manufacturing .....	38.6	37.7	38.7	39.6	.9	-1.0	38.5	37.7	39.1	.8
<b>NONDURABLE GOODS</b> .....	39.5	38.9	39.4	39.7	.6	-2	39.6	39.2	39.7	.4
<i>Overtime hours</i> .....	3.1	3.0	3.3	3.1	.1	0	3.3	3.2	3.6	.1
Food and kindred products .....	40.3	40.0	40.3	40.1	.3	.2	40.9	40.7	40.7	.2
Tobacco manufactures .....	35.4	36.2	36.1	37.1	-8	-1.7	36.2	38.3	36.9	-2.1
Textile mill products .....	40.5	40.0	40.5	41.4	.5	-9	40.7	40.1	40.8	.6
Apparel and other textile products .....	36.1	35.3	35.7	36.6	.8	-5	35.7	35.3	36.2	.4
Paper and allied products .....	43.0	42.0	42.9	42.4	1.0	.6	43.3	42.4	43.3	.9
Printing and publishing .....	38.5	37.7	37.9	38.2	.8	.3	38.5	37.9	38.2	.6
Chemicals and allied products .....	42.1	41.5	41.6	41.6	.6	.5	42.1	41.7	41.9	.4
Petroleum and coal products .....	42.4	41.8	41.3	41.8	.6	.6	42.8	42.6	41.8	.2
Rubber and plastics products, n e c .....	40.5	40.2	41.3	41.1	.3	-6	40.8	40.6	41.4	.2
Leather and leather products .....	36.9	35.8	37.7	38.4	1.1	-1.5	37.2	35.6	37.4	1.6
<b>WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE</b> .....	35.4	35.3	35.5	35.8	.1	-4	35.7	35.6	35.8	.1
<b>WHOLESALE TRADE</b> .....	39.9	39.8	39.9	39.8	.1	.1	39.7	40.0	40.0	-3
<b>RETAIL TRADE</b> .....	33.9	33.8	34.0	34.4	.1	-5	34.2	34.2	34.3	0
<b>FINANCE, INSURANCE, AND REAL ESTATE</b> .....	37.2	37.1	37.2	37.1	.1	.1	37.2	37.1	37.2	.1

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

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

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

Industry	Average hourly earnings					Average weekly earnings						
	Mar. 1969	Feb. 1969	Jan. 1969	Mar. 1968	Change from		Mar. 1969	Feb. 1969	Jan. 1969	Mar. 1968	Change from	
					Feb. 1969	Mar. 1968					Feb. 1969	Mar. 1968
<b>TOTAL PRIVATE</b> .....	\$2.98	\$2.97	\$2.95	\$2.79	\$0.01	\$0.19	\$111.75	\$110.78	\$110.33	\$104.90	\$0.97	\$6.85
<b>MINING</b> .....	3.51	3.51	3.49	3.28	0	.23	147.07	149.18	149.72	137.10	-2.11	9.97
<b>CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION</b> .....	4.60	4.54	4.56	4.28	.06	.32	171.58	166.16	166.90	154.94	5.42	16.64
<b>MANUFACTURING</b> .....	3.13	3.12	3.12	2.96	.01	.17	126.77	124.49	126.05	120.18	2.28	6.59
<b>DURABLE GOODS</b> .....	3.32	3.31	3.31	3.14	.01	.18	136.78	134.39	136.04	129.68	2.39	7.10
Ordnance and accessories .....	3.37	3.37	3.35	3.22	0	.15	134.13	135.47	135.34	133.95	-1.34	.18
Lumber and wood products .....	2.62	2.60	2.59	2.50	.02	.12	106.11	104.26	102.56	100.50	1.85	5.61
Furniture and fixtures .....	2.56	2.55	2.53	2.43	.01	.13	102.40	100.98	101.20	98.42	1.42	3.98
Stone, clay, and glass products .....	3.08	3.07	3.06	2.90	.01	.18	128.13	126.48	125.77	119.19	1.65	8.94
Primary metal industries .....	3.71	3.70	3.70	3.49	.01	.22	156.56	153.55	154.66	146.23	3.01	10.33
Fabricated metal products .....	3.30	3.27	3.27	3.11	.03	.19	136.95	133.09	135.38	128.44	3.86	8.51
Machinery, except electrical .....	3.53	3.52	3.50	3.33	.01	.20	150.38	148.54	148.40	140.86	1.84	9.52
Electrical equipment .....	3.05	3.04	3.04	2.88	.01	.17	122.61	120.38	122.51	115.49	2.23	7.12
Transportation equipment .....	3.82	3.82	3.86	3.61	0	.21	155.86	155.47	160.19	151.62	.39	4.24
Instruments and related products .....	3.11	3.11	3.09	2.94	0	.17	125.33	123.78	125.15	119.66	1.55	5.67
Miscellaneous manufacturing .....	2.60	2.61	2.60	2.49	-.01	.11	100.36	98.40	100.62	98.60	1.96	1.76
<b>NONDURABLE GOODS</b> .....	2.85	2.84	2.83	2.69	.01	.16	112.58	110.48	111.50	106.79	2.10	5.79
Food and kindred products .....	2.92	2.91	2.91	2.77	.01	.15	117.68	116.40	117.27	111.08	1.28	6.60
Tobacco manufactures .....	2.65	2.62	2.57	2.48	.03	.17	93.81	94.84	92.78	92.01	-1.03	1.80
Textile mill products .....	2.29	2.27	2.28	2.17	.02	.12	92.75	90.80	92.34	89.84	1.95	2.91
Apparel and other textile products .....	2.30	2.27	2.28	2.19	.03	.11	83.03	80.13	81.40	80.15	2.90	2.88
Paper and allied products .....	3.15	3.15	3.15	2.97	0	.18	135.45	132.30	135.14	125.93	3.15	9.52
Printing and publishing .....	3.63	3.61	3.60	3.42	.02	.21	139.76	136.10	136.44	130.64	3.66	9.12
Chemicals and allied products .....	3.35	3.36	3.37	3.19	-.01	.16	141.04	139.44	140.19	132.70	1.60	8.34
Petroleum and coal products .....	3.94	3.88	3.69	3.69	.06	.25	167.06	162.18	152.40	154.24	4.88	12.82
Rubber and plastics products, n e c .....	3.00	3.00	3.02	2.85	0	.15	121.50	120.60	124.73	117.14	.90	4.36
Leather and leather products .....	2.35	2.33	2.32	2.22	.02	.13	86.72	83.41	87.46	85.25	3.31	1.47
<b>WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE</b> .....	2.52	2.51	2.49	2.37	.01	.15	89.21	88.60	88.40	84.85	.61	4.36
<b>WHOLESALE TRADE</b> .....	3.18	3.17	3.14	3.01	.01	.17	126.88	126.17	125.29	119.80	1.71	7.08
<b>RETAIL TRADE</b> .....	2.26	2.26	2.24	2.12	0	.14	76.61	76.39	76.16	72.93	.22	3.68
<b>FINANCE, INSURANCE, AND REAL ESTATE</b> .....	2.93	2.92	2.88	2.69	.01	.24	109.00	108.33	107.14	99.80	.67	9.30

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

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