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THE EMPLOYMENT SITUATION: MAY 1969

Nonfarm payroll employment advanced moderately in May while unemployment showed its usual April-May decline, the U.S. Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics reported today.

Employment on nonfarm payrolls rose by 90,000 (seasonally adjusted) in May. The increase occurred despite a 60,000 net rise in the number of workers off payrolls because of strikes, mainly in construction and manufacturing. Employment growth, rapid in late 1968 and early 1969, has slowed considerably in the past 3 months. Monthly payroll employment increases have averaged 100,000 in the February-May period, in contrast to 325,000 over the September-February period. The recent slowing down has occurred mainly in the goods-producing sector; employment in the service sector has continued to rise, although at a less rapid pace than in the earlier period. ^{1/}

The total unemployment rate was 3.5 percent in May, the same as in April. Jobless rates for most major labor force groups showed little or no change over the month and remained slightly above the post-Korean lows reached early in 1969. The jobless rate for workers covered under State unemployment insurance programs edged down, returning to its alltime low of 2.0 percent.

^{1/} Goods-producing industries include mining, construction, and manufacturing; service-producing industries include transportation and public utilities, finance, insurance and real estate, miscellaneous services, and government.

Industry Employment

Nonagricultural payroll employment totaled 70.2 million in May, an increase of 420,000 from April. Most of the May job growth occurred in government (45,000), trade (30,000) and miscellaneous services industries (25,000). Manufacturing employment rose by 20,000, with the gain largely concentrated in the electrical equipment industry.

Employment in contract construction declined by 30,000 (seasonally adjusted) in May, primarily as a result of an increase in workers on strike. Over the year, employment in the industry was up by 145,000.

Hours and Earnings

Average weekly hours for all rank and file workers on private nonagricultural payrolls rose slightly less than usual in May. After seasonal adjustment, the average workweek was down one-tenth of an hour to 37.7 hours. With the exception of February, when hours were affected by bad weather, the average workweek has remained virtually unchanged thus far in 1969.

The workweek in manufacturing remained at the same level (40.8 hours, seasonally adjusted) for the third consecutive month. The recent stability of the factory workweek has occurred at a relatively high plateau; it was one-tenth of an hour above the average for 1968 and only 0.3 hour below the 1968 peak reached last September. Factory overtime edged up one-tenth of an hour in May to 3.7 hours (seasonally adjusted).

Average hourly earnings for rank and file employees on private payrolls rose 2 cents in May to \$3.02. Compared with May 1968, hourly earnings were up 19 cents (or 6.7 percent). The May rise to \$3.02 marked the first time that hourly earnings exceeded the \$3 mark. Average hourly earnings first exceeded \$1 just after World War II and reached \$2 in 1959. Average hourly earnings in May ranged from \$2.29 an hour in retail trade to \$4.68 in contract construction.

Average weekly earnings for production and nonsupervisory workers increased by \$1.05 over the month to \$113.55. Compared with May 1968, average weekly earnings were up by \$6.86 (or 6.4 percent). All industry divisions except mining reported increases in average weekly earnings.

Unemployment

The number of unemployed persons was 2.3 million in May, down 250,000 over the month, about in line with the usual seasonal reduction. After seasonal adjustment, unemployment was little changed from April, after rising 220,000 in the previous 2 months.

The total unemployment rate, at 3.5 percent in May, was unchanged over the month. Between February and April, the jobless rate had edged up from the post-Korean low of 3.3 percent.

Unemployment rates for most major labor force groups held steady in May. Jobless rates for adult men (2.0 percent) and married men (1.5 percent) remained at April's near record low levels. Rates for women (3.7 percent), teenagers (12.5 percent), and full-time workers (3.1 percent) also were not significantly changed in May, after edging upward in the February-April period. All of the above rates were at or near May 1968 levels.

The nonwhite unemployment rate was 6.5 percent in May, not significantly different from April's rate. The jobless rate for nonwhite adult women, which rose sharply in April, dropped to 5.7 percent in May, approximating the 1st quarter 1969 average. For white workers, the unemployment rate was 3.1 percent in May, the same as in April.

The State insured jobless rate edged from 2.1 to 2.0 percent over the month. The May rate matched that of December 1968, the lowest level since the series began in 1949.

Labor Force and Employment

The civilian labor force, at 79.6 million in May, was unchanged from April, although it usually rises substantially at this time of year. Since February, the civilian labor force has declined by nearly 300,000 (seasonally adjusted), after increasing substantially (1.6 million) over the October-February period.

Total employment, at 77.3 million in May, was up 200,000 from April, much less than the usual April-May rise. After seasonal adjustment, employment was down by 340,000. A moderate advance in agricultural employment was more than offset by a nearly half-million decline in nonagricultural employment.

Comparability of Household and Payroll Employment Data

As actually took place in May, data from the household and payroll employment series sometimes differ in direction of movement as well as in size. These disparities occur because of differences in definition and coverage, sources of information, methods of collection, seasonal adjustment, and estimating procedures. [Total nonagricultural employment from the household series includes self-employed, unpaid family, and private household workers and unpaid persons with a job but not at work; these groups are excluded from the survey of nonagricultural payroll employment. In addition, the household survey counts each employed person only once, while the payroll survey counts persons in each job that they hold during the reference period.] Therefore, divergent movements in the two series-- particularly over a short time span--may occur; when viewed over a longer period, however, both series show similar trends and thus complement one another.

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	May 1969	Apr. 1969	May 1968	Seasonally adjusted				
				May 1969	Apr. 1969	Mar. 1969	Feb. 1969	Jan. 1969
Total								
Total labor force	83,085	83,137	81,770	83,593	83,966	83,999	83,831	83,351
Civilian labor force	79,563	79,621	78,234	80,071	80,450	80,495	80,356	79,874
Employed	77,264	77,079	75,931	77,265	77,605	77,767	77,729	77,229
Agriculture	3,894	3,607	3,996	3,805	3,664	3,732	3,881	3,752
Nonagricultural industries	73,370	73,471	71,935	73,460	73,941	74,035	73,848	73,477
On part time for economic reasons	1,509	1,513	1,469	1,688	1,670	1,801	1,638	1,605
Usually work full time	806	823	790	862	858	979	870	805
Usually work part time	703	690	679	826	812	822	768	800
Unemployed	2,299	2,542	2,303	2,806	2,845	2,728	2,627	2,645
Men, 20 years and over								
Civilian labor force	46,134	46,084	45,729	46,171	46,195	46,297	46,280	46,131
Employed	45,324	45,147	44,886	45,227	45,285	45,422	45,422	45,231
Agriculture	2,786	2,713	2,915	2,731	2,681	2,706	2,732	2,680
Nonagricultural industries	42,538	42,434	41,971	42,496	42,604	42,716	42,690	42,551
Unemployed	810	901	843	944	910	875	858	900
Women, 20 years and over								
Civilian labor force	27,262	27,337	26,465	27,049	27,205	27,189	27,230	26,950
Employed	26,395	26,371	25,620	26,046	26,169	26,228	26,264	25,999
Agriculture	696	554	688	627	609	638	731	691
Nonagricultural industries	25,699	25,816	24,932	25,419	25,560	25,590	25,533	25,308
Unemployed	867	967	845	1,003	1,036	961	966	951
Both sexes, 16-19 years								
Civilian labor force	6,168	6,235	6,040	6,851	7,050	7,009	6,846	6,793
Employed	5,545	5,561	5,425	5,992	6,151	6,117	6,043	5,999
Agriculture	412	340	392	447	374	388	418	381
Nonagricultural industries	5,133	5,221	5,032	5,545	5,777	5,729	5,625	5,618
Unemployed	623	674	616	859	899	892	803	794

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

(In thousands)

Duration of unemployment	May 1969	Apr. 1969	May 1968	Seasonally adjusted				
				May 1969	Apr. 1969	Mar. 1969	Feb. 1969	Jan. 1969
Less than 5 weeks	1,352	1,369	1,279	1,777	1,724	1,646	1,436	1,476
5 to 14 weeks	516	657	584	629	737	757	829	741
15 weeks and over	431	516	440	409	393	355	346	316
15 to 26 weeks	303	355	303	278	254	237	237	193
27 weeks and over	128	161	137	131	139	118	109	123

Table A-3: Major unemployment indicators

(Persons 16 years and over)

Selected categories	Thousands of persons unemployed		Seasonally adjusted rates of unemployment					
	May 1969	May 1968	May 1969	Apr. 1969	Mar. 1969	Feb. 1969	Jan 1969	May 1968
Total (all civilian workers).....	2,299	2,303	3.5	3.5	3.4	3.3	3.3	3.6
Men, 20 years and over.....	810	843	2.0	2.0	1.9	1.9	2.0	2.1
Women, 20 years and over.....	867	845	3.7	3.8	3.5	3.5	3.5	3.7
Both sexes, 16-19 years.....	623	616	12.5	12.8	12.7	11.7	11.7	12.6
White.....	1,841	1,837	3.1	3.1	3.1	2.9	3.0	3.2
Nonwhite.....	458	466	6.5	6.9	6.0	5.7	6.0	6.5
Married men.....	508	524	1.5	1.5	1.4	1.4	1.4	1.6
Full-time workers.....	1,799	1,757	3.1	3.2	2.9	2.8	2.9	3.1
Unemployed 15 weeks and over ¹	431	440	.5	.5	.4	.4	.4	.5
State insured ²	916	966	2.0	2.1	2.1	2.2	2.1	2.2
Labor force time lost ³	--	--	3.5	3.7	3.7	3.6	3.6	3.7
Occupation								
White-collar workers.....	641	614	1.9	1.8	2.0	1.9	1.9	1.9
Professional and managerial.....	196	177	1.2	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.1
Clerical workers.....	338	351	2.8	2.4	3.1	2.7	3.0	3.0
Sales workers.....	107	86	2.6	3.3	2.9	3.3	2.6	2.1
Blue-collar workers.....	967	968	3.8	4.1	3.7	3.6	3.8	3.8
Craftsmen and foremen.....	208	202	2.4	2.2	2.2	2.1	2.1	2.3
Operatives.....	558	553	4.0	4.6	3.9	4.2	4.2	4.0
Nonfarm laborers.....	201	213	6.4	6.8	7.0	5.5	6.6	6.8
Service workers.....	365	371	4.2	4.5	3.8	3.8	4.2	4.3
Industry								
Nonagricultural private wage and salary workers ⁴	1,776	1,787	3.5	3.6	3.4	3.3	3.4	3.4
Construction.....	157	185	5.5	6.2	6.2	5.5	5.5	6.7
Manufacturing.....	617	631	3.1	3.2	3.1	2.9	3.2	3.2
Durable goods.....	332	326	2.9	3.0	2.7	2.4	2.7	2.9
Nondurable goods.....	285	305	3.4	3.4	3.7	3.6	3.9	3.7
Transportation and public utilities.....	90	53	2.8	2.3	2.4	1.8	1.8	1.7
Wholesale and retail trade.....	465	410	3.9	4.2	3.8	3.9	3.8	3.5
Finance and service industries.....	431	436	3.4	3.3	2.9	3.1	3.1	3.5
Government wage and salary workers.....	161	159	1.7	1.6	1.6	1.7	1.8	1.7
Agricultural wage and salary workers.....	43	58	4.9	5.7	5.9	4.1	5.8	6.3

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	
	May 1969	May 1968	May 1969	May 1968	May 1969	May 1968	May 1969	May 1968
Full Time								
Civilian labor force.....	67,818	66,943	43,907	43,634	21,331	20,642	2,580	2,667
Employed:								
Full-time schedules.....	64,346	63,499	42,421	42,137	19,889	19,253	2,036	2,109
Part time for economic reasons.....	1,672	1,646	742	713	754	746	176	187
Unemployed, looking for full-time work.....	1,799	1,797	744	784	687	642	368	371
Unemployment rate.....	2.7	2.7	1.7	1.8	3.2	3.1	14.3	13.9
Part Time								
Civilian labor force.....	11,745	11,292	2,227	2,095	5,930	5,824	3,588	3,373
Employed (voluntary part time).....	11,245	10,785	2,161	2,036	5,751	5,621	3,333	3,128
Unemployed, looking for part-time work.....	500	506	66	59	179	203	255	245
Unemployment rate.....	4.3	4.5	2.9	2.8	3.0	3.5	7.1	7.3

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	
	May 1969	May 1968	May 1969	May 1968	May 1969	May 1968	May 1969	May 1968	May 1969	May 1968	May 1969	May 1968
UNEMPLOYMENT LEVEL												
Total unemployed, in thousands	2,299	2,303	810	843	867	845	623	615	1,841	1,837	458	466
Lost last job	893	924	438	505	344	325	110	94	728	748	165	176
Left last job	325	380	148	176	107	118	70	87	255	302	70	79
Reentered labor force	796	697	204	149	377	364	214	184	640	554	155	144
Never worked before	286	302	19	14	39	38	228	250	217	234	69	68
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	38.8	40.1	54.1	59.9	39.7	38.4	17.8	15.2	39.5	40.7	35.9	37.7
Left last job	14.1	16.5	18.3	20.8	12.3	13.9	11.2	14.2	13.9	16.4	15.2	16.9
Reentered labor force	34.6	30.3	25.3	17.7	43.5	43.1	34.4	29.9	34.8	30.1	33.8	30.8
Never worked before	12.4	13.1	2.4	1.6	4.4	4.5	36.7	40.7	11.8	12.8	15.0	14.5
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE												
Total unemployment rate	2.9	2.9	1.8	1.8	3.2	3.2	10.1	10.2	2.6	2.6	5.3	5.3
Job-loser rate ¹	1.1	1.2	.9	1.1	1.2	1.2	1.8	1.6	1.0	1.1	1.9	2.0
Job-leaver rate ¹4	.5	.3	.4	.4	.4	1.1	1.4	.4	.4	.8	.9
Reentrant rate ¹	1.0	.9	.4	.3	1.4	1.4	3.5	3.0	.9	.8	1.8	1.6
New entrant rate ¹4	.4	--	--	.1	.1	3.7	4.1	.3	.3	.8	.8

¹Unemployment rates are calculated as a percent of the civilian labor force.

Table A-6: Unemployed persons by age and sex

Age and sex	Thousands of persons		Percent looking for full-time work	Seasonally adjusted unemployment rates					
	May 1969	Apr. 1969		May 1969	May 1969	Apr. 1969	Mar. 1969	Feb. 1969	Jan. 1969
	Total, 16 years and over	2,299	2,542	78.3	3.5	3.5	3.4	3.3	3.3
16 to 19 years	623	674	59.1	12.5	12.8	12.7	11.7	11.7	12.6
16 and 17 years	305	333	40.3	13.8	14.5	14.0	13.1	13.5	14.5
18 and 19 years	318	341	77.0	11.8	11.5	11.6	11.1	10.5	11.4
20 to 24 years	455	489	89.9	5.4	5.7	5.3	5.5	5.2	5.5
25 years and over	1,221	1,379	83.8	2.2	2.2	2.1	2.1	2.1	2.3
25 to 54 years	1,000	1,084	86.2	2.3	2.3	2.2	2.0	2.2	2.3
55 years and over	221	294	72.9	1.7	2.0	1.9	2.0	1.9	2.1
Males, 16 years and over	1,114	1,254	83.0	2.7	2.7	2.6	2.6	2.7	2.8
16 to 19 years	304	352	59.5	11.0	11.4	11.5	11.0	11.8	10.8
16 and 17 years	180	187	44.4	13.9	12.6	12.9	12.5	13.2	13.9
18 and 19 years	125	165	80.8	8.8	10.4	10.2	9.5	10.6	8.4
20 to 24 years	223	223	92.4	4.8	4.7	4.5	4.9	5.0	5.1
25 years and over	586	678	91.6	1.7	1.6	1.6	1.5	1.6	1.8
25 to 54 years	455	510	96.9	1.8	1.6	1.5	1.4	1.5	1.7
55 years and over	132	168	72.7	1.6	1.7	1.8	1.7	1.9	2.2
Females, 16 years and over	1,185	1,288	73.8	4.8	4.9	4.6	4.5	4.3	4.9
16 to 19 years	319	322	58.6	14.5	14.5	14.3	12.7	11.6	14.9
16 and 17 years	125	147	33.6	13.5	16.9	15.6	13.9	14.0	15.4
18 and 19 years	194	175	74.2	15.2	12.7	13.3	13.0	10.4	14.6
20 to 24 years	232	266	87.5	6.1	6.8	6.3	6.1	5.5	5.9
25 years and over	635	701	76.2	3.1	3.2	3.0	3.1	3.2	3.1
25 to 54 years	546	575	76.9	3.4	3.6	3.3	3.2	3.4	3.4
55 years and over	89	126	71.9	1.8	2.4	1.9	2.5	1.9	2.0

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

Industry	(In thousands)									
	May 1969	Apr. 1969	Mar. 1969	May 1968	Change from		Seasonally adjusted			
					Apr. 1969	May 1968	May 1969	Apr. 1969	Mar. 1969	Change from Apr. 1969
TOTAL	70,222	69,802	69,225	67,724	420	2,498	70,282	70,190	70,159	92
MINING	642	639	629	631	3	11	642	645	645	-3
CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION	3,399	3,260	3,068	3,255	139	144	3,389	3,421	3,443	-32
MANUFACTURING	19,991	19,938	19,957	19,569	53	422	20,112	20,094	20,124	18
<i>Production workers</i>	14,636	14,600	14,631	14,352	36	284	14,734	14,740	14,774	-6
DURABLE GOODS	11,834	11,797	11,797	11,531	37	303	11,846	11,825	11,857	21
<i>Production workers</i>	8,612	8,590	8,596	8,401	22	211	8,614	8,612	8,646	2
Ordnance and accessories	342.9	342.4	346.4	336.3	.5	6.6	344	343	347	1
Lumber and wood products	605.5	596.0	598.4	553.3	9.5	12.2	606	608	619	-2
Furniture and fixtures	487.5	490.2	490.2	464.9	-2.7	22.6	493	495	493	-2
Stone, clay, and glass products ..	664.4	657.1	648.0	641.8	7.3	22.6	662	662	667	0
Primary metal industries	1,328.8	1,322.9	1,319.0	1,330.9	5.9	-2.1	1,320	1,316	1,319	4
Fabricated metal products	1,444.9	1,437.7	1,436.7	1,371.4	7.2	73.5	1,449	1,445	1,448	4
Machinery, except electrical	2,015.3	2,013.7	2,005.9	1,952.6	1.6	62.7	2,011	2,004	1,996	7
Electrical equipment	2,016.3	2,008.0	2,006.2	1,939.9	8.3	76.4	2,041	2,024	2,020	17
Transportation equipment	2,028.6	2,032.7	2,054.0	2,027.5	-4.1	1.1	2,014	2,021	2,040	-7
Instruments and related products ..	459.7	459.8	459.8	444.7	-1.1	15.0	462	462	461	0
Miscellaneous manufacturing	439.8	436.3	432.2	427.9	3.5	11.9	444	445	447	-1
NONDURABLE GOODS	8,157	8,141	8,160	8,038	16	119	8,266	8,269	8,267	-3
<i>Production workers</i>	6,024	6,010	6,035	5,951	14	73	6,120	6,128	6,128	-8
Food and kindred products	1,723.8	1,708.1	1,707.0	1,710.5	15.7	13.3	1,792	1,792	1,795	0
Tobacco manufactures	71.0	73.2	76.7	75.2	-2.2	-4.2	82	83	84	-1
Textile mill products	981.2	984.3	986.6	980.7	-3.1	.5	982	987	991	-5
Apparel and other textile products	1,431.8	1,424.0	1,436.6	1,412.2	7.8	19.6	1,442	1,440	1,427	2
Paper and allied products	711.0	708.2	712.9	689.0	2.8	22.0	718	714	719	4
Printing and publishing	1,075.3	1,079.4	1,078.2	1,057.2	-4.1	18.1	1,080	1,080	1,080	0
Chemicals and allied products	1,047.8	1,053.2	1,050.6	1,023.7	-5.4	24.1	1,047	1,049	1,053	-2
Petroleum and coal products	187.1	186.9	183.5	185.6	.2	1.5	187	189	186	-2
Rubber and plastics products, n e c	581.3	579.5	578.7	549.1	2.3	32.7	585	584	582	1
Leather and leather products	346.1	344.5	349.2	355.2	1.6	-9.1	351	351	350	0
TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC UTILITIES	4,468	4,445	4,389	4,268	23	200	4,481	4,481	4,447	0
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE	14,512	14,428	14,229	13,959	84	553	14,604	14,574	14,540	30
WHOLESALE TRADE	3,754	3,740	3,730	3,607	14	147	3,803	3,789	3,783	14
RETAIL TRADE	10,758	10,688	10,499	10,352	70	406	10,801	10,785	10,757	16
FINANCE, INSURANCE, AND REAL ESTATE	3,503	3,487	3,462	3,327	16	176	3,510	3,501	3,486	9
SERVICES	10,992	10,900	10,782	10,488	92	504	10,926	10,900	10,913	26
Hotels and other lodging places ..	727.7	713.4	691.7	714.3	14.3	13.4	731	739	745	-8
Personal services	1,020.2	1,012.3	1,005.3	1,026.3	7.9	-6.1	1,013	1,011	1,015	2
Medical and other health services ..	2,839.1	2,820.5	2,807.0	2,611.6	18.6	227.5	2,853	2,826	2,810	27
Educational services	1,123.3	1,121.7	1,127.4	1,081.6	1.6	41.7	1,088	1,085	1,085	3
GOVERNMENT	12,715	12,705	12,709	12,227	10	488	12,618	12,574	12,561	44
FEDERAL	2,754	2,747	2,737	2,710	7	44	2,765	2,753	2,756	12
STATE AND LOCAL	9,961	9,958	9,972	9,517	3	444	9,853	9,821	9,805	32

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	May 1969	Apr. 1969	Mar. 1969	May 1968	Change from		Seasonally adjusted			
					Apr. 1969	May 1968	May 1969	Apr. 1969	Mar. 1969	Change from Apr. 1968
TOTAL PRIVATE	37.6	37.5	37.6	37.7	0.1	-0.1	37.7	37.8	37.8	-0.1
MINING	43.4	43.5	42.3	42.8	-.1	.6	43.2	43.9	42.8	-.7
CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION	38.0	37.6	37.2	37.6	.4	-.4	37.6	38.1	37.8	-.5
MANUFACTURING	40.8	40.5	40.7	40.9	.3	-.1	40.8	40.8	40.8	0
<i>Overtime hours</i>	3.6	3.5	3.5	3.6	.1	0	3.7	3.6	3.7	.1
DURABLE GOODS	41.6	41.2	41.4	41.6	.4	0	41.5	41.4	41.5	.1
<i>Overtime hours</i>	3.8	3.6	3.7	3.8	.2	0	3.8	3.7	3.9	.1
<i>Ordinance and accessories</i>	41.1	40.6	40.5	41.5	-.5	-.4	41.1	40.9	40.7	.2
<i>Lumber and wood products</i>	40.6	40.1	40.6	40.7	-.5	-.1	40.2	40.0	40.9	.2
<i>Furniture and fixtures</i>	40.5	40.1	40.4	40.6	-.4	-.1	41.1	40.9	40.8	.2
<i>Stone, clay, and glass products</i> ..	42.3	41.9	41.7	42.1	.4	.2	42.0	41.9	42.3	.1
<i>Primary metal industries</i>	42.3	42.1	42.0	42.2	.2	-.1	42.1	42.0	41.9	.1
<i>Fabricated metal products</i>	41.8	41.4	41.6	41.9	.4	-.1	41.6	41.6	41.8	0
<i>Machinery, except electrical</i>	42.9	42.7	43.0	42.1	.2	.8	42.7	42.7	42.8	0
<i>Electrical equipment</i>	40.9	40.3	40.6	40.2	.6	.7	40.9	40.7	40.7	.2
<i>Transportation equipment</i>	41.7	41.1	41.2	43.0	.6	-1.3	41.6	41.6	41.6	0
<i>Instruments and related products</i> ..	40.6	40.5	40.7	40.5	.1	.1	40.6	40.7	40.8	-.1
<i>Miscellaneous manufacturing</i>	39.2	39.1	39.1	39.5	.1	-.3	39.4	39.4	39.0	0
NONDURABLE GOODS	39.6	39.4	39.6	39.8	.2	-.2	39.6	39.8	39.7	-.2
<i>Overtime hours</i>	3.2	3.2	3.2	3.2	0	0	3.3	3.4	3.4	-.1
<i>Food and kindred products</i>	40.6	40.2	40.3	40.6	.4	0	40.7	41.0	40.9	-.3
<i>Tobacco manufactures</i>	37.7	35.5	35.6	37.6	2.2	-.1	38.1	35.5	36.4	2.6
<i>Textile mill products</i>	40.8	40.5	41.0	41.2	.3	-.4	40.8	41.0	41.2	-.2
<i>Apparel and other textile products</i> ..	35.9	35.8	36.3	36.3	-.1	-.4	35.9	35.9	35.9	0
<i>Paper and allied products</i>	43.1	42.9	43.0	42.9	.2	.2	43.2	43.3	43.3	-.1
<i>Printing and publishing</i>	38.3	38.1	38.3	38.1	.2	.2	38.3	38.3	38.3	0
<i>Chemicals and allied products</i>	41.7	41.9	41.8	41.8	-.2	-.1	41.5	41.5	41.8	0
<i>Petroleum and coal products</i>	43.3	41.0	42.7	42.8	.3	.5	43.0	42.7	43.1	.3
<i>Rubber and plastics products, n e c</i> ..	41.1	41.0	41.1	41.6	.1	-.5	41.2	41.4	41.4	-.2
<i>Leather and leather products</i>	37.4	36.5	37.3	38.5	.9	-1.1	37.7	37.7	37.6	0
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE	35.3	35.3	35.4	35.7	0	-.4	35.5	35.6	35.7	-.1
WHOLESALE TRADE	39.9	39.9	40.0	39.8	0	.1	39.9	40.1	40.1	-.2
RETAIL TRADE	33.9	33.8	33.9	34.3	-.1	-.4	34.2	34.1	34.2	.1
FINANCE, INSURANCE, AND REAL ESTATE	37.0	37.1	37.1	37.0	-.1	0	37.1	37.1	37.1	0

¹Data relate to production workers in mining and manufacturing; to construction workers in contract construction; and to nonsupervisory workers in wholesale and retail trade; finance, insurance, and real estate; transportation and public utilities; and services. These groups account for approximately four-fifths of the total employment on private nonagricultural payrolls. Transportation and public utilities, and services are included in Total Private but are not shown separately in this table.
NOTE: Data for the 2 most recent months are preliminary.

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

Industry	Average hourly earnings						Average weekly earnings					
	May 1969	Apr. 1969	Mar. 1969	May 1968	Change from		May 1969	Apr. 1969	Mar. 1969	May 1968	Change from	
					Apr. 1969	May 1968					Apr. 1969	May 1968
TOTAL PRIVATE	\$3.02	\$3.00	\$2.98	\$2.83	\$0.02	\$0.19	\$113.55	\$112.50	\$112.05	\$106.69	\$1.05	\$6.86
MINING	3.55	3.55	3.51	3.30	0	.25	154.07	154.43	148.47	141.24	-.36	12.83
CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION	4.68	4.62	4.60	4.32	.06	.36	177.84	173.71	171.12	162.43	4.13	15.41
MANUFACTURING	3.17	3.15	3.13	2.99	.02	.18	129.34	127.58	127.39	122.29	1.76	7.05
DURABLE GOODS	3.35	3.34	3.32	3.18	.01	.17	139.36	137.61	137.45	132.29	1.75	7.07
<i>Ordinance and accessories</i>	3.41	3.41	3.37	3.22	0	.19	140.15	138.45	136.49	133.63	1.70	6.52
<i>Lumber and wood products</i>	2.66	2.62	2.65	2.53	.04	.13	108.00	105.06	107.59	102.97	2.94	5.03
<i>Furniture and fixtures</i>	2.60	2.58	2.56	2.46	.02	.14	105.30	103.46	103.42	99.88	1.84	5.42
<i>Stone, clay, and glass products</i> ..	3.17	3.15	3.12	3.00	.02	.17	134.09	131.99	131.10	126.30	2.10	7.79
<i>Primary metal industries</i>	3.75	3.75	3.71	3.52	0	.23	158.63	157.88	155.82	148.54	.75	10.09
<i>Fabricated metal products</i>	3.33	3.31	3.29	3.15	.02	.18	139.19	137.03	136.86	131.99	2.16	7.20
<i>Machinery, except electrical</i>	3.57	3.56	3.53	3.36	.01	.21	153.15	152.01	151.79	141.46	1.14	11.69
<i>Electrical equipment</i>	3.07	3.06	3.04	2.90	.01	.17	125.56	123.32	123.42	116.58	2.24	8.98
<i>Transportation equipment</i>	3.85	3.84	3.82	3.66	.01	.19	160.55	157.82	157.38	157.38	2.73	3.17
<i>Instruments and related products</i> ..	3.13	3.12	3.11	2.96	.01	.17	127.08	126.36	126.58	119.88	.72	7.20
<i>Miscellaneous manufacturing</i>	2.63	2.62	2.61	2.50	.01	.13	103.10	102.44	102.05	98.75	.66	4.35
NONDURABLE GOODS	2.88	2.87	2.85	2.72	.01	.16	114.05	113.08	112.86	108.26	.97	5.79
<i>Food and kindred products</i>	2.96	2.94	2.93	2.80	.02	.16	120.18	118.19	118.08	113.68	1.99	6.50
<i>Tobacco manufactures</i>	2.74	2.69	2.66	2.61	.05	.13	103.30	95.50	94.70	98.14	7.80	5.16
<i>Textile mill products</i>	2.31	2.30	2.29	2.17	.01	.14	94.25	93.15	93.89	89.40	1.10	4.85
<i>Apparel and other textile products</i> ..	2.30	2.29	2.29	2.19	.01	.11	82.57	81.98	83.13	79.50	.59	3.07
<i>Paper and allied products</i>	3.18	3.17	3.15	3.01	.01	.17	137.06	135.99	135.45	129.13	1.07	7.93
<i>Printing and publishing</i>	3.67	3.64	3.63	3.45	.03	.22	140.56	138.68	139.03	131.45	1.88	9.11
<i>Chemicals and allied products</i>	3.42	3.40	3.38	3.23	.02	.19	142.61	142.46	141.28	135.01	.15	7.60
<i>Petroleum and coal products</i>	3.99	4.03	3.95	3.73	-.04	.26	172.77	173.29	168.67	159.64	-.52	13.13
<i>Rubber and plastics products, n e c</i> ..	3.03	3.02	3.00	2.89	.01	.14	124.53	123.82	123.30	120.22	.71	4.31
<i>Leather and leather products</i>	2.35	2.35	2.34	2.22	0	.13	87.89	85.78	87.28	85.47	2.11	2.42
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE	2.54	2.52	2.52	2.39	.02	.15	89.66	88.96	89.21	85.32	.70	4.34
WHOLESALE TRADE	3.20	3.19	3.18	3.04	.01	.16	127.63	127.28	127.20	120.99	.40	6.69
RETAIL TRADE	2.29	2.27	2.26	2.14	.02	.15	77.63	76.73	76.61	73.40	.90	4.23
FINANCE, INSURANCE, AND REAL ESTATE	2.90	2.89	2.91	2.73	.01	.17	107.30	107.22	107.96	101.01	.08	6.29

¹See footnote 1, table B-2.

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