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Employment rose modestly in August, while the unemployment situation remained about the same, the U. S. Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics reported today. Nonfarm payroll employment rose by 165,000 (seasonally adjusted) over the month, but two-thirds of the gain was due to the return of workers after an early model-changeover in the automobile industry. The total unemployment rate, at 3.5 percent, was essentially unchanged from July. Jobless rates remained the same for most major groups in the labor force.

Industry Employment

Following a seasonally adjusted decline of 30,000 in July (as revised), nonfarm payroll employment in August continued to show signs of leveling off. Although up by 165,000 over the month to 70.4 million (seasonally adjusted), about 100,000 of the increase was attributable to the return of auto workers following an earlier-than-usual model changeover.

Since March, growth in nonfarm payroll employment has slowed down substantially. Monthly payroll employment increases have averaged 145,000 in the March-August period, in contrast with a 250,000 average pickup in the September-March period. Most major industries have experienced employment slowdowns during the past 5 months.

Over the month, seasonally adjusted gains were reported in manufacturing, services, trade, finance, and State and local government. With the exception of the transportation equipment industry, most manufacturing industries showed little or no change in August. The only sizable gains were in primary metals (15,000) and electrical equipment (10,000). Employment fell by 10,000 in apparel.

Employment in contract construction was down by about 45,000 (seasonally adjusted), its second consecutive monthly decline. About 25,000 of the August drop, however, was due to increased strike activity. Since June, the construction jobless rate has risen from 5.0 to 7.4 percent. Both of these developments primarily reflect significant declines in housing starts. Since last August, construction employment has increased by 105,000.

In services, the 55,000 August gain (seasonally adjusted) followed a 4-month period when the average monthly increase was only 5,000, compared with a 65,000 monthly increase for the September 1968-March 1969 period. The increase in trade, though sizable (30,000), still remained below the average monthly gains recorded during most of 1969. State and local government employment rose 20,000 in August. In contrast, Federal government employment was down by 25,000, the fifth month out of the past 6 that Federal employment has dropped.

Hours and Earnings

After 5 consecutive months at 37.8 hours (seasonally adjusted), average weekly hours for rank-and-file workers on private nonagricultural payrolls edged up to 37.9 hours. Increases in the August workweek in construction, trade, and finance offset declines in manufacturing and mining.

The average workweek in manufacturing was down 0.1 hour over the month to 40.6 hours (seasonally adjusted) in August. The factory workweek has edged slowly downward since March, when it stood at 40.9 hours. The gradual reduction in the manufacturing workweek has been widespread among both durable and nondurable goods industries, with many down substantially from their 1969 highs. Overtime hours in manufacturing, at 3.6 hours seasonally adjusted, remained unchanged for the third consecutive month.

Average hourly earnings for rank-and-file workers were unchanged in August at \$3.04. Due to a longer workweek, average weekly earnings increased by 61 cents to \$116.43. Since last August, average hourly earnings have risen by 19 cents and weekly earnings by \$7.27 (both increasing by 6.7 percent).

Unemployment

The number of unemployed persons totaled 2.9 million in August, 325,000 fewer than in July. The decline was in line with the usual July-to-August pattern, as teenagers began their annual exodus from the summertime

labor force. After seasonal adjustment, unemployment remained the same over the month for most major worker groups. However, unemployment was up by about 275,000 since the 12-year low reached early last winter.

The overall unemployment rate in August was 3.5 percent, about the same as the 3.6 percent in July. Although the August rate remained within the 3.4-3.6 percent range of the past 6 months, it was up slightly from the post-Korean low of 3.3 percent recorded in the December-February period.

Jobless rates for adult men (2.1 percent), married men (1.5 percent), women (3.8 percent), and teenagers (12.5 percent) were virtually unchanged in August. The rate for adult men, however, has risen somewhat from its alltime recorded low of 1.8 percent in December. Rates for most other groups remained near the lows reached earlier this year.

The jobless rate for all full-time workers remained at 3.1 percent for the fourth straight month but was up from the 2.8 percent reached in December--the low point for this series, which began in 1963. The rate for part-time workers, at 6.8 percent, was essentially unchanged from July and from a year ago. (This press release introduces a new table, A-2, presenting seasonally adjusted data on full- and part-time workers by sex and age.)

The unemployment rate for workers covered under State unemployment insurance programs edged down to 2.1 percent in August. This rate has remained in the narrow range of 2.0-2.2 percent for the past 12 months.

Jobless rates for both white and Negro workers were unchanged in August; however, both have risen somewhat since reaching post-Korean record lows in February. The white unemployment rate in August was 3.2 percent, up from 2.9 percent in February, while the rate for Negroes was 6.5 percent in August, compared with 5.7 percent in February.

The increase in unemployment since the end of last year was mainly of short-term duration. Unemployment of less than 5 weeks, at 1.6 million in August (seasonally adjusted), was up by 275,000 from the level at the end of last year. Long-term unemployment (15 weeks or more) has risen only slightly during the year.

Labor Force and Employment

The civilian labor force declined less in August than it usually does at this time of year. After seasonal adjustment, the labor force stood at 81.1 million, 300,000 above July. All of the rise occurred among adult workers.

Total employment was 78.2 million (seasonally adjusted) in August; this represented a gain of 325,000 from July, all among adult workers. After showing little or no change from February to June, employment has advanced somewhat in the past 2 months. Despite this increase, the August level was up only 450,000 from February.

The number of persons who want full-time nonagricultural jobs but are employed part time for economic reasons rose by 200,000 in August to 2.0 million (seasonally adjusted), the highest level since early 1967. Economic part-time employment has increased 400,000 since the beginning of the year; persons who usually work full time accounted for two-thirds of the rise.

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.

Table A-1: Employment status of the noninstitutional population by sex and age

(In thousands)

Employment status, age, and sex	Aug. 1969	July 1969	Aug. 1968	Seasonally adjusted				
				Aug. 1969	July 1969	June 1969	May 1969	Apr. 1969
Total								
Total labor force	86,046	86,318	83,792	84,584	84,277	83,957	83,593	83,966
Civilian labor force	82,516	82,797	80,203	81,054	80,756	80,433	80,071	80,450
Employed	79,646	79,616	77,432	78,187	77,874	77,671	77,265	77,605
Agriculture	3,977	4,155	4,107	3,634	3,551	3,705	3,805	3,664
Nonagricultural industries	75,669	75,460	73,325	74,553	74,323	73,966	73,460	73,941
On part time for economic reasons	2,323	2,156	2,098	2,001	1,795	1,874	1,688	1,670
Usually work full time	1,088	862	995	1,065	881	1,030	862	858
Usually work part time	1,235	1,294	1,103	936	914	844	826	812
Unemployed	2,869	3,182	2,772	2,867	2,882	2,762	2,806	2,845
Men, 20 years and over								
Civilian labor force	46,981	46,791	46,374	46,507	46,322	46,206	46,171	46,195
Employed	46,096	45,846	45,461	45,551	45,293	45,260	45,227	45,285
Agriculture	2,766	2,815	2,859	2,693	2,646	2,676	2,731	2,681
Nonagricultural industries	43,329	43,031	42,601	42,858	42,647	42,584	42,496	42,604
Unemployed	886	945	913	956	1,029	946	944	910
Women, 20 years and over								
Civilian labor force	26,909	26,784	25,494	27,677	27,511	27,262	27,049	27,205
Employed	25,790	25,798	24,458	26,622	26,505	26,251	26,046	26,169
Agriculture	658	715	661	578	540	617	627	609
Nonagricultural industries	25,132	25,082	23,797	26,044	25,965	25,634	25,419	25,560
Unemployed	1,119	987	1,036	1,055	1,006	1,011	1,003	1,036
Both sexes, 16-19 years								
Civilian labor force	8,625	9,222	8,336	6,870	6,923	6,965	6,851	7,050
Employed	7,761	7,972	7,513	6,014	6,076	6,160	5,992	6,151
Agriculture	552	625	587	363	365	412	447	374
Nonagricultural industries	7,208	7,346	6,926	5,651	5,711	5,748	5,545	5,777
Unemployed	865	1,250	822	856	847	805	859	899

Table A-2: Full- and part-time status of the civilian labor force by sex and age

(Numbers in thousands)

Full- and part-time employment status, sex, and age	Aug. 1969	Aug. 1968	Seasonally adjusted					
			Aug. 1969	July 1969	June 1969	May 1969	Apr. 1969	Mar. 1969
Full time								
Total, 16 years and over:								
Civilian labor force	73,713	71,888	70,108	69,818	69,434	69,177	69,389	69,332
Employed	71,461	69,664	67,948	67,653	67,269	67,042	67,167	67,287
Unemployed	2,251	2,224	2,160	2,165	2,165	2,136	2,222	2,045
Unemployment rate	3.1	3.1	3.1	3.1	3.1	3.1	3.2	2.9
Men, 20 years and over:								
Civilian labor force	45,141	44,769	44,306	44,201	44,129	44,090	44,093	44,166
Employed	44,355	43,934	43,472	43,303	43,255	43,246	43,251	43,376
Unemployed	786	835	834	898	874	844	842	790
Unemployment rate	1.7	1.9	1.9	2.0	2.0	1.9	1.9	1.8
Women, 20 years and over:								
Civilian labor force	21,984	20,772	21,992	21,781	21,558	21,489	21,562	21,527
Employed	21,074	19,929	21,125	20,984	20,722	20,681	20,710	20,726
Unemployed	910	843	867	797	836	808	852	801
Unemployment rate	4.1	4.1	3.9	3.7	3.9	3.8	4.0	3.7
Part time								
Total, 16 years and over:								
Civilian labor force	8,803	8,315	10,978	10,885	10,914	10,764	10,984	10,994
Employed	8,185	7,768	10,236	10,185	10,342	10,078	10,323	10,322
Unemployed	618	547	742	700	572	686	661	672
Unemployment rate	7.0	6.6	6.8	6.4	5.2	6.4	6.0	6.1

NOTE: Persons on part-time schedules for economic reasons are included in the full-time employed category; unemployed persons are allocated by whether seeking full- or part-time work.

Table A-3: Major unemployment indicators

(Persons 16 years and over)

Selected categories	Thousands of persons unemployed		Seasonally adjusted rates of unemployment					
	Aug. 1969	Aug. 1968	Aug. 1969	July 1969	June 1969	May 1969	Apr. 1969	Aug. 1968
Total (all civilian workers)	2,869	2,772	3.5	3.6	3.4	3.5	3.5	3.5
Men, 20 years and over	886	913	2.1	2.2	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.1
Women, 20 years and over	1,119	1,036	3.8	3.7	3.7	3.7	3.8	3.7
Both sexes, 16-19 years	865	822	12.5	12.2	11.6	12.5	12.8	12.3
White	2,257	2,196	3.2	3.2	3.0	3.1	3.1	3.2
Negro and other races	613	575	6.5	6.4	7.0	6.5	6.9	6.4
Married men	535	568	1.5	1.6	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.6
Full-time workers	2,251	2,224	3.1	3.1	3.1	3.1	3.2	3.1
Part-time workers	618	547	6.8	6.4	5.2	6.4	6.0	6.3
Unemployed 15 weeks and over ¹	313	328	.5	.5	.5	.5	.5	.5
State insured ²	964	994	2.1	2.2	2.1	2.0	2.1	2.3
Labor force time lost ³	--	--	4.1	4.1	3.9	3.5	3.7	4.0
Occupation⁴								
White-collar workers	873	769	2.2	2.2	2.1	1.9	1.8	2.0
Professional and managerial	274	257	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.0	1.1
Clerical workers	475	398	3.3	3.2	3.0	2.8	2.4	2.9
Sales workers	123	114	2.9	3.3	2.9	2.6	3.3	2.7
Blue-collar workers	1,022	1,084	3.8	3.8	3.7	3.8	4.1	4.2
Craftsmen and foremen	176	198	2.2	1.9	1.9	2.4	2.2	2.5
Operatives	610	634	4.1	4.2	4.3	4.0	4.6	4.5
Nonfarm laborers	236	252	6.9	7.5	5.9	6.4	6.8	7.5
Service workers	443	399	4.5	4.3	4.5	4.2	4.5	4.1
Farm workers	60	78	2.0	2.9	2.0	1.7	1.9	2.5
Industry⁴								
Nonagricultural private wage and salary workers ⁵	2,006	1,950	3.6	3.6	3.5	3.5	3.6	3.6
Construction	180	163	7.4	5.7	5.0	5.5	6.2	6.9
Manufacturing	633	699	2.9	3.2	3.3	3.1	3.2	3.3
Durable goods	333	418	2.3	3.2	3.3	2.9	3.0	3.0
Nondurable goods	299	281	3.8	3.2	3.3	3.4	3.4	3.6
Transportation and public utilities	88	94	2.0	1.9	1.9	2.8	2.3	2.2
Wholesale and retail trade	551	482	4.4	4.1	4.2	3.9	4.2	3.9
Finance and service industries	538	494	3.5	3.7	3.2	3.4	3.3	3.3
Government wage and salary workers	284	246	1.9	1.9	1.8	1.7	1.6	1.7
Agricultural wage and salary workers	74	86	7.0	9.1	5.5	4.9	5.7	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.

⁴Unemployment by occupation includes all experienced unemployed persons, whereas that by industry covers only unemployed wage and salary workers.

⁵Includes mining, not shown separately.

Table A-4: Unemployed persons 16 years and over by duration of unemployment

(In thousands)

Duration of unemployment	Aug. 1969	July 1969	Aug. 1968	Seasonally adjusted				
				Aug. 1969	July 1969	June 1969	May 1969	Apr. 1969
Less than 5 weeks	1,600	1,858	1,593	1,636	1,677	1,591	1,777	1,724
5 to 14 weeks	957	986	851	861	830	813	629	737
15 weeks and over	313	337	328	382	419	383	409	393
15 to 26 weeks	181	159	175	244	244	258	278	254
27 weeks and over	131	179	153	138	175	125	131	139

**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		Negro and other races	
	Aug. 1969	Aug. 1968	Aug. 1969	Aug. 1968	Aug. 1969	Aug. 1968	Aug. 1969	Aug. 1968	Aug. 1969	Aug. 1968	Aug. 1969	Aug. 1968
UNEMPLOYMENT LEVEL												
Total unemployed, in thousands	2,869	2,772	888	913	1,119	1,036	865	822	*2,257	2,196	613	575
Lost last job	894	965	469	534	310	282	115	150	684	767	210	199
Left last job	507	493	192	163	196	215	119	115	418	400	89	93
Reentered labor force	997	870	200	205	549	468	248	197	803	694	194	176
Never worked before	471	443	24	11	64	71	383	361	352	335	119	108
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	31.2	34.8	53.0	58.4	27.6	27.2	13.4	18.2	30.2	34.9	34.3	34.5
Left last job	17.7	17.8	21.7	17.9	17.5	20.8	13.8	13.9	18.5	18.2	14.5	16.2
Reentered labor force	34.7	31.4	22.6	22.5	49.1	45.1	28.7	23.9	35.6	31.6	31.6	30.5
Never worked before	16.4	16.0	2.7	1.2	5.7	6.9	44.3	43.9	15.6	15.3	19.5	18.8
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE												
Total unemployment rate	3.5	3.5	1.9	2.0	4.2	4.1	10.0	9.9	3.1	3.1	6.6	6.4
Job-loser rate ¹	1.0	1.2	1.0	1.2	1.1	1.1	1.3	1.8	.9	1.0	2.3	2.2
Job-leaver rate ¹6	.6	.4	.4	.7	.8	1.4	1.4	.6	.6	1.0	1.0
Reentrant rate ¹	1.2	1.1	.4	.4	2.0	1.8	2.9	2.4	1.1	1.0	2.1	2.0
New entrant rate ¹6	.6	.1	--	.2	.3	4.4	4.3	.5	.5	1.3	1.2

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					
	Aug. 1969	July 1969		Aug. 1969	July 1969	June 1969	May 1969	Apr. 1969	Aug. 1968
				Aug. 1969					
Total, 16 years and over	2,869	3,182	78.5	3.5	3.6	3.4	3.5	3.5	3.5
16 to 19 years	865	1,250	64.2	12.5	12.2	11.6	12.5	12.8	12.3
16 and 17 years	455	704	47.7	16.1	14.7	13.4	13.8	14.5	13.8
18 and 19 years	410	546	82.4	9.9	10.4	10.0	11.8	11.5	11.2
20 to 24 years	566	594	87.5	5.4	5.9	5.3	5.4	5.7	6.0
25 years and over	1,439	1,338	83.5	2.3	2.3	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.2
25 to 34 years	1,160	1,067	85.2	2.4	2.3	2.3	2.3	2.3	2.3
35 years and over	279	270	76.3	2.0	2.1	2.0	1.7	2.0	2.0
Males, 16 years and over	1,293	1,680	79.7	2.7	3.0	2.7	2.7	2.7	2.8
16 to 19 years	407	663	60.2	11.1	12.0	10.4	11.0	11.4	10.9
16 and 17 years	251	394	46.2	15.7	14.7	12.7	13.9	12.6	12.8
18 and 19 years	156	268	82.7	7.6	10.0	8.3	8.8	10.4	9.5
20 to 24 years	237	285	89.9	4.5	5.5	4.8	4.8	4.7	5.3
25 years and over	648	660	88.4	1.7	1.8	1.6	1.7	1.6	1.8
25 to 34 years	478	500	93.7	1.7	1.7	1.6	1.8	1.6	1.7
35 years and over	170	159	72.9	2.0	2.0	1.8	1.6	1.7	1.9
Females, 16 years and over	1,577	1,574	77.4	4.9	4.6	4.7	4.8	4.9	4.8
16 to 19 years	458	587	67.7	14.1	12.5	12.9	14.5	14.5	14.0
16 and 17 years	204	310	49.5	16.7	14.8	14.3	13.5	16.9	15.4
18 and 19 years	254	277	82.7	12.3	10.8	11.9	15.2	12.7	13.1
20 to 24 years	328	309	86.0	6.4	6.3	5.9	6.1	6.8	6.8
25 years and over	791	678	79.4	3.3	3.2	3.3	3.1	3.2	3.1
25 to 34 years	682	566	79.2	3.6	3.5	3.6	3.4	3.6	3.4
35 years and over	109	111	80.7	2.1	2.3	2.3	1.8	2.4	2.1

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

(In thousands)

Industry	Aug. 1969	July 1969	June 1969	Aug. 1968	Change from		Seasonally adjusted			
					July 1969	Aug. 1968	Aug. 1969	July 1969	June 1969	Change from July 1969
TOTAL	70,542	70,367	70,980	68,205	175	2,337	70,436	70,269	70,300	167
MINING	644	644	638	636	0	8	628	628	622	0
CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION	3,664	3,660	3,601	3,557	4	107	3,371	3,414	3,466	-43
MANUFACTURING	20,410	20,137	20,336	19,910	273	500	20,306	20,186	20,198	120
<i>Production workers</i>	14,966	14,698	14,923	14,581	268	385	14,915	14,805	14,811	110
DURABLE GOODS	11,951	11,885	12,036	11,540	66	411	12,052	11,924	11,931	128
<i>Production workers</i>	8,683	8,618	8,781	8,333	65	350	8,811	8,687	8,687	124
Ordnance and accessories	328.3	331.3	335.3	348.0	-3.0	-19.7	330	332	337	-2
Lumber and wood products	625.2	619.4	624.4	618.7	5.8	6.5	605	603	607	2
Furniture and fixtures	491.8	483.0	496.0	480.7	8.8	11.1	487	489	496	-2
Stone, clay, and glass products	679.0	672.7	676.1	664.1	6.3	14.9	659	655	662	4
Primary metal industries	1,375.0	1,374.0	1,375.6	1,314.0	1.0	60.3	1,368	1,355	1,347	13
Fabricated metal products	1,460.0	1,441.3	1,469.1	1,390.2	18.7	69.8	1,463	1,456	1,456	7
Machinery, except electrical	2,009.1	2,013.7	2,025.6	1,949.9	-4.6	59.6	2,015	2,012	2,010	3
Electrical equipment	2,075.2	2,043.8	2,058.7	1,980.8	31.4	94.4	2,077	2,067	2,063	10
Transportation equipment	1,980.1	2,000.6	2,053.7	1,879.2	-20.5	100.9	2,136	2,041	2,035	95
Instruments and related products	471.2	468.4	474.1	464.2	2.8	7.0	468	468	473	1
Miscellaneous manufacturing	455.9	436.5	447.6	449.6	19.4	6.3	443	446	445	-3
NONDURABLE GOODS	8,459	8,252	8,300	8,370	207	89	8,254	8,262	8,267	-8
<i>Production workers</i>	6,283	6,080	6,142	6,248	203	35	6,104	6,118	6,124	-14
Food and kindred products	1,929.8	1,837.0	1,785.3	1,914.4	92.8	15.4	1,795	1,796	1,789	-1
Tobacco manufactures	90.8	71.8	72.1	93.5	19.0	-2.7	84	81	81	3
Textile mill products	992.2	981.5	1,000.9	1,003.9	10.7	-11.7	983	988	990	-5
Apparel and other textile products	1,431.0	1,374.1	1,440.1	1,425.7	56.9	5.3	1,411	1,421	1,429	-10
Paper and allied products	728.2	720.4	725.0	703.7	7.8	24.5	720	716	717	4
Printing and publishing	1,087.8	1,083.8	1,085.0	1,068.5	4.0	19.3	1,086	1,083	1,083	3
Chemicals and allied products	1,066.5	1,063.0	1,060.9	1,040.3	3.5	26.2	1,054	1,052	1,055	2
Petroleum and coal products	195.9	196.3	193.7	192.3	-1.4	3.6	190	191	191	-1
Rubber and plastics products, n e c	582.6	576.8	586.2	564.9	5.8	17.7	582	586	584	-4
Leather and leather products	354.6	347.0	350.3	362.3	7.6	-7.7	349	348	348	1
TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC UTILITIES	4,531	4,534	4,512	4,375	-3	156	4,482	4,489	4,467	-7
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE	14,668	14,669	14,717	14,114	-1	554	14,710	14,679	14,665	31
WHOLESALE TRADE	3,831	3,818	3,793	3,677	13	154	3,786	3,773	3,774	13
RETAIL TRADE	10,837	10,851	10,924	10,437	-14	400	10,924	10,906	10,891	18
FINANCE, INSURANCE, AND REAL ESTATE	3,645	3,630	3,585	3,457	15	188	3,584	3,569	3,557	15
SERVICES	11,243	11,254	11,243	10,753	-11	490	11,110	11,055	11,066	55
Hotels and other lodging places	823.2	828.7	763.0	841.8	-5.5	-18.6	702	706	724	-4
Personal services	1,024.6	1,038.1	1,042.2	1,026.8	-13.5	-2.2	1,028	1,032	1,026	-4
Medical and other health services	2,893.9	2,886.9	2,866.6	2,677.1	7.0	216.8	2,877	2,858	2,850	19
Educational services	951.0	961.9	1,062.5	913.0	-10.9	38.0	1,094	1,093	1,102	1
GOVERNMENT	11,737	11,839	12,348	11,403	-102	334	12,245	12,249	12,259	-4
FEDERAL	2,805	2,841	2,832	2,795	-36	10	2,753	2,777	2,790	-24
STATE AND LOCAL	8,932	8,998	9,516	8,608	-66	324	9,492	9,472	9,469	20

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	Aug. 1969	July 1969	June 1969	Aug. 1968	Change from		Seasonally adjusted			
					July 1969	Aug. 1968	Aug. 1969	July 1969	June 1969	Change from July 1969
TOTAL PRIVATE	38.3	38.1	38.0	38.3	0.2	0.0	37.9	37.8	37.8	0.1
MINING	43.0	43.4	42.5	43.3	-.4	-.3	42.5	42.9	42.0	-.4
CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION	39.2	38.7	38.5	38.8	.5	.4	37.9	37.4	37.6	.5
MANUFACTURING	40.6	40.5	40.9	40.7	.1	-.1	40.6	40.7	40.7	-.1
<i>Overtime hours</i>	3.6	3.5	3.7	3.6	.1	0	3.6	3.6	3.6	0
DURABLE GOODS	41.1	40.9	41.5	41.1	.2	0	41.3	41.2	41.3	.1
<i>Overtime hours</i>	3.7	3.6	3.9	3.6	.1	.1	3.7	3.8	3.9	-.1
Ordinance and accessories	40.3	39.9	40.8	41.5	.4	-1.2	40.5	40.3	40.9	.2
Lumber and wood products	40.2	39.8	40.7	41.2	.4	-1.0	39.8	39.8	40.2	0
Furniture and fixtures	40.7	39.7	40.8	41.2	1.0	-.5	40.2	40.1	40.7	.1
Stone, clay, and glass products	42.3	42.0	42.4	42.4	.3	-.1	41.8	41.8	41.9	0
Primary metal industries	41.5	41.6	42.0	40.1	-.1	1.4	41.7	41.5	41.7	.2
Fabricated metal products	41.5	41.1	42.0	41.8	.4	-.3	41.4	41.5	41.8	-.1
Machinery, except electrical	41.8	41.8	42.6	41.5	0	.3	42.4	42.2	42.5	.2
Electrical equipment	40.2	39.8	40.7	40.4	.4	-.2	40.3	40.3	40.6	0
Transportation equipment	41.4	41.7	41.6	41.4	-.3	0	42.2	42.4	41.6	-.2
Instruments and related products	40.6	40.4	41.0	40.4	.2	.2	40.8	40.8	40.9	0
Miscellaneous manufacturing	39.2	38.5	39.2	39.4	.7	-.2	39.1	39.2	39.2	-.1
NONDURABLE GOODS	39.9	39.8	39.9	40.2	.1	-.3	39.6	39.7	39.8	-.1
<i>Overtime hours</i>	3.4	3.4	3.4	3.5	0	-.1	3.3	3.4	3.4	-.1
Food and kindred products	41.1	41.2	40.9	41.5	-.1	-.4	40.7	40.6	40.7	.1
Tobacco manufactures	36.5	37.6	39.9	39.0	-1.1	-2.5	36.2	38.1	39.5	-1.9
Textile mill products	41.0	40.8	41.4	41.3	.2	-.3	40.9	41.3	41.2	-.4
Apparel and other textile products	36.4	36.0	36.3	36.5	.4	-.1	36.0	36.1	36.2	-.1
Paper and allied products	43.1	43.0	43.0	43.2	.1	-.1	42.9	43.0	42.9	-.1
Printing and publishing	38.6	38.4	38.4	38.7	.2	-.1	38.4	38.5	38.4	-.1
Chemicals and allied products	41.6	41.6	41.8	41.6	0	0	41.8	41.8	41.8	0
Petroleum and coal products	43.1	43.5	42.5	42.3	-.4	.8	43.0	42.8	42.2	.2
Rubber and plastics products, n e c	41.2	40.7	41.3	41.6	.5	-.4	41.1	41.1	41.3	0
Leather and leather products	37.2	37.5	37.8	38.3	-.3	-1.1	36.9	37.1	37.4	-.2
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE	36.6	36.5	35.9	37.0	.1	-.4	35.8	35.7	35.7	.1
WHOLESALE TRADE	40.3	40.3	40.1	40.4	0	-.1	40.1	40.0	40.0	.1
RETAIL TRADE	35.3	35.2	34.5	35.8	.1	-.5	34.2	34.2	34.2	0
FINANCE, INSURANCE, AND REAL ESTATE	37.0	37.0	37.1	37.1	0	-.1	37.0	36.9	37.2	.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					
	Aug. 1969	July 1969	June 1969	Aug. 1968	Change from		Aug. 1969	July 1969	June 1969	Aug. 1968	Change from	
					July 1969	Aug. 1968					July 1969	Aug. 1968
TOTAL PRIVATE	\$3.04	\$3.04	\$3.03	\$2.85	\$0.00	\$0.19	\$116.43	\$115.82	\$115.14	\$109.16	\$0.61	\$7.27
MINING	3.57	3.58	3.55	3.34	-.01	.23	153.51	155.37	150.88	144.62	-1.86	8.89
CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION	4.78	4.74	4.71	4.40	.04	.38	187.38	183.44	181.34	170.72	3.94	16.66
MANUFACTURING	3.18	3.19	3.17	2.99	-.01	.19	129.11	129.20	129.65	121.69	-.09	7.42
DURABLE GOODS	3.37	3.37	3.36	3.17	0	.20	138.51	137.83	139.44	130.29	.68	8.22
Ordinance and accessories	3.45	3.44	3.45	3.23	.01	.22	139.04	137.26	140.76	134.05	1.78	4.99
Lumber and wood products	2.74	2.73	2.71	2.61	.01	.13	110.15	108.65	110.30	107.53	1.50	2.62
Furniture and fixtures	2.65	2.62	2.62	2.48	.03	.17	107.86	104.01	106.90	102.18	3.85	5.68
Stone, clay, and glass products	3.18	3.18	3.17	3.02	0	.16	134.51	133.56	134.41	128.05	.95	6.46
Primary metal industries	3.78	3.79	3.76	3.55	-.01	.23	156.87	157.66	157.92	142.36	-.79	14.51
Fabricated metal products	3.34	3.33	3.33	3.16	.01	.18	138.61	136.86	139.86	132.09	1.75	6.52
Machinery, except electrical	3.56	3.56	3.56	3.35	0	.21	148.81	148.81	151.66	139.03	0	9.78
Electrical equipment	3.09	3.09	3.08	2.92	0	.17	124.22	122.98	125.36	117.97	1.24	6.25
Transportation equipment	3.88	3.89	3.86	3.64	-.01	.24	160.63	162.21	160.58	150.70	-1.58	9.93
Instruments and related products	3.15	3.14	3.15	2.99	.01	.16	127.89	126.86	129.15	120.80	1.03	7.09
Miscellaneous manufacturing	2.64	2.64	2.65	2.49	0	.15	103.49	101.64	103.88	98.11	1.85	5.38
NONDURABLE GOODS	2.91	2.92	2.89	2.75	-.01	.16	116.11	116.22	115.31	110.55	-.11	5.56
Food and kindred products	2.93	2.96	2.94	2.77	-.03	.16	120.42	121.95	120.25	114.96	-1.53	5.46
Tobacco manufactures	2.51	2.77	2.79	2.45	-.26	.06	91.62	104.15	111.32	95.55	-12.53	-3.93
Textile mill products	2.38	2.35	2.31	2.24	.03	.14	97.58	95.88	95.63	92.51	1.70	5.07
Apparel and other textile products	2.32	2.28	2.30	2.23	.04	.09	84.45	82.08	83.49	81.40	2.37	3.05
Paper and allied products	3.28	3.26	3.22	3.07	.02	.21	141.37	140.18	138.46	132.62	1.19	8.75
Printing and publishing	3.71	3.69	3.68	3.50	.02	.21	143.21	141.70	141.31	135.45	1.51	7.76
Chemicals and allied products	3.49	3.49	3.46	3.29	0	.20	145.18	145.18	144.63	136.86	0	8.32
Petroleum and coal products	3.98	4.03	4.00	3.73	-.05	.25	171.54	175.31	170.00	157.78	-3.77	13.76
Rubber and plastics products, n e c	3.10	3.08	3.05	2.94	.02	.16	127.72	125.36	125.97	122.30	2.36	5.42
Leather and leather products	2.34	2.34	2.35	2.23	0	.11	87.05	87.75	88.83	85.41	-.70	1.64
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE	2.56	2.55	2.55	2.40	.01	.16	93.70	93.08	91.55	88.80	.62	4.90
WHOLESALE TRADE	3.23	3.23	3.24	3.04	0	.19	130.17	130.17	129.92	122.82	0	7.35
RETAIL TRADE	2.30	2.30	2.30	2.16	0	.14	81.19	80.96	79.35	77.33	.23	3.86
FINANCE, INSURANCE, AND REAL ESTATE	2.91	2.90	2.93	2.76	.01	.15	107.67	107.30	108.70	102.40	.37	5.27

¹ See footnote 1, table B-2.

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