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Employment increased moderately in October, while unemployment remained virtually unchanged, the U. S. Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics reported today.

Nonfarm payroll employment rose by 190,000 in October to a new high of 70.7 million (seasonally adjusted). Overtime hours in manufacturing moved down for the second straight month.

The unemployment rate, at 3.9 percent in October, was virtually unchanged over the month.

Industry Payroll Employment

Nearly all of the 190,000 gain in nonfarm payroll employment occurred in services (100,000) and trade (80,000). There were also employment increases in State and local government (30,000) and finance, insurance, and real estate (10,000). Small declines were reported in manufacturing, contract construction, and transportation and public utilities.

Since June, the average monthly gain in payroll employment has slowed down. Employment increases have averaged 93,000 per month in the June-October period in contrast to an average monthly gain of 234,000 during the October 1968-June 1969 period. (See table on page 2.) The slow-down in employment growth since June has occurred in all major industry divisions except services.

Unemployment Developments

There were 2.8 million unemployed persons in October, about 125,000 fewer than in September. After seasonal adjustment, unemployment was unchanged, following a sharp increase in September.

Over the year, unemployment was up by 325,000, with the increase about equally distributed among adult men, adult women, and teenagers. Nearly nine-tenths of this advance took place among new entrants and

Nonagricultural payroll employment, seasonally adjusted
(In thousands)

Industry	October 1969	Average monthly change:	
		June 1969 to October 1969	October 1968 to June 1969
Total nonagricultural payroll employment.....	70,673	93	234
Mining.....	633	3	6
Contract construction.....	3,406	-15	20
Manufacturing.....	20,190	-2	45
Durable goods.....	11,953	6	35
Nondurable goods.....	8,237	-8	10
Transportation and public utilities.	4,476	2	16
Wholesale and retail trade.....	14,811	37	50
Finance, insurance, and real estate.	3,601	11	16
Services.....	11,251	46	43
Government.....	12,305	12	39
Federal.....	2,741	-12	10
State and local.....	9,564	24	29

reentrants to the labor force. Half of the total increase occurred among part-time workers.

The unemployment rate, at 3.9 percent in October, was essentially unchanged over the month after rising from 3.5 percent in August to 4.0 percent in September. The jobless rate has moved up from the post-Korean low of 3.3 percent in the December 1968-February 1969 period.

For most major groups of workers in the labor force, unemployment rates remained at their September levels. Jobless rates for adult men (2.4 percent), married men (1.7 percent), adult women (4.2 percent), and teenagers (13.0 percent) were virtually unchanged over the month. However, the October rates for these workers were well above the post-Korean lows registered this past winter.

The unemployment rate for full-time workers edged down marginally to 3.2 percent in October, while the part-time worker rate was unchanged at 6.9 percent.

For both Negro and white workers, jobless rates showed no change over the month. The Negro rate was 6.9 percent in October and the white rate, 3.5 percent. For white workers, the unemployment rate in September

and October was the highest in 2 years. All of the increased joblessness since last October has taken place among whites.

The unemployment rate for workers covered by State unemployment insurance programs was unchanged at 2.2 percent in October. The rate was up slightly from the record low reached earlier this year.

Workweek

The seasonally adjusted workweek for rank-and-file workers on private nonagricultural payrolls declined from 37.8 hours in September to 37.5 hours in October, following 7 consecutive months at the previous level. With the exception of finance, insurance, and real estate, every major industry showed a decline in average weekly hours.

In manufacturing, the average workweek fell by 0.3 hour to 40.5 hours (seasonally adjusted) in October, its lowest point since February. The decline was widespread among the individual manufacturing industries and was particularly sharp in the durable goods sector.

Overtime hours in manufacturing declined by 0.2 hour to 3.4 hours in October (seasonally adjusted). This was the second straight month that factory overtime hours had dropped. With the exception of April 1968, when hours were affected by unusual non-economic circumstances, overtime in manufacturing was at its lowest level in nearly 2 years. Overtime was down over the month in both durable and nondurable goods manufacturing.

Earnings

Average hourly earnings for production and nonsupervisory workers on private payrolls rose by 1 cent in October to \$3.11. Over the year, hourly earnings were up 20 cents (6.9 percent).

Average weekly earnings fell by 86 cents in October to \$116.94, due to the decline in average weekly hours. The only major industry group to show a gain in weekly earnings was finance, insurance, and real estate (up by \$1.32). Compared to a year ago, average weekly earnings for all rank-and-file workers were up by \$6.65 (6.0 percent).

Labor Force and Total Employment

The civilian labor force rose about in line with normal September-October patterns. The labor force totaled 81.5 million on a seasonally adjusted basis.

Total nonagricultural employment--including self-employed, unpaid family, and private household workers--increased by 325,000 in October to a new high of 75.0 million (seasonally adjusted). Agricultural employment declined to a new low of 3.3 million (seasonally adjusted) in October and was down 200,000 over the year.

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	Oct. 1969	Sept. 1969	Oct. 1968	Seasonally adjusted				
				Oct. 1969	Sept. 1969	Aug. 1969	July 1969	June 1969
Total								
Total labor force	85,038	84,527	82,477	85,014	84,902	84,584	84,277	83,957
Civilian labor force	81,510	80,984	78,874	81,486	81,359	81,054	80,756	80,433
Employed	78,671	78,026	76,364	78,325	78,127	78,187	77,874	77,671
Agriculture	3,561	3,629	3,767	3,332	3,458	3,634	3,551	3,705
Nonagricultural industries	75,110	74,397	72,596	74,993	74,669	74,553	74,323	73,966
On part time for economic reasons	1,740	1,887	1,523	1,931	1,982	2,001	1,795	1,874
Usually work full time	950	1,089	852	1,012	1,091	1,065	881	1,030
Usually work part time	790	798	671	919	891	936	914	844
Unemployed	2,839	2,958	2,511	3,161	3,232	2,867	2,882	2,762
Men, 20 years and over								
Civilian labor force	46,556	46,620	45,810	46,552	46,568	46,507	46,322	46,206
Employed	45,649	45,706	45,000	45,424	45,442	45,551	45,293	45,260
Agriculture	2,627	2,663	2,757	2,531	2,570	2,693	2,646	2,676
Nonagricultural industries	43,022	43,043	42,243	42,893	42,872	42,858	42,647	42,584
Unemployed	906	914	810	1,128	1,126	956	1,029	946
Women, 20 years and over								
Civilian labor force	28,166	27,711	26,824	27,817	27,686	27,677	27,511	27,262
Employed	27,069	26,509	25,847	26,711	26,519	26,622	26,505	26,251
Agriculture	636	605	669	514	511	578	540	617
Nonagricultural industries	26,433	25,904	25,179	26,197	26,008	26,044	25,965	25,634
Unemployed	1,097	1,202	977	1,106	1,167	1,055	1,006	1,011
Both sexes, 16-19 years								
Civilian labor force	6,789	6,653	6,240	7,117	7,105	6,870	6,923	6,965
Employed	5,952	5,811	5,516	6,190	6,166	6,014	6,076	6,160
Agriculture	297	362	341	287	377	363	365	412
Nonagricultural industries	5,655	5,449	5,175	5,903	5,789	5,651	5,711	5,748
Unemployed	836	842	724	927	939	856	847	805

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	Oct. 1969	Oct. 1968	Seasonally adjusted					
			Oct. 1969	Sept. 1969	Aug. 1969	July 1969	June 1969	May 1969
Full time								
Total, 16 years and over:								
Civilian labor force	69,491	67,740	70,153	70,271	70,108	69,818	69,434	69,177
Employed	67,549	65,964	67,896	67,914	67,948	67,653	67,269	67,042
Unemployed	1,942	1,776	2,257	2,357	2,160	2,165	2,165	2,136
Unemployment rate	2.8	2.6	3.2	3.4	3.1	3.1	3.1	3.1
Men, 20 years and over:								
Civilian labor force	44,300	43,736	44,415	44,470	44,306	44,201	44,129	44,090
Employed	43,539	43,027	43,426	43,481	43,472	43,303	43,255	43,246
Unemployed	761	709	989	989	834	898	874	844
Unemployment rate	1.7	1.6	2.2	2.2	1.9	2.0	2.0	1.9
Women, 20 years and over:								
Civilian labor force	22,080	21,134	21,911	21,852	21,992	21,781	21,558	21,489
Employed	21,249	20,392	21,104	20,992	21,125	20,984	20,722	20,681
Unemployed	831	742	807	860	867	797	836	808
Unemployment rate	3.8	3.5	3.7	3.9	3.9	3.7	3.9	3.8
Part time								
Total, 16 years and over:								
Civilian labor force	12,019	11,134	11,285	11,066	10,978	10,885	10,914	10,764
Employed	11,122	10,399	10,507	10,296	10,236	10,185	10,342	10,078
Unemployed	898	735	778	770	742	700	572	686
Unemployment rate	7.5	6.6	6.9	7.0	6.8	6.4	5.2	6.4

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					
	Oct. 1969	Oct. 1968	Oct. 1969	Sept. 1969	Aug. 1969	July 1969	June 1969	Oct. 1968
Total (all civilian workers)	2,839	2,511	3.9	4.0	3.5	3.6	3.4	3.6
Men, 20 years and over	906	810	2.4	2.4	2.1	2.2	2.0	2.2
Women, 20 years and over	1,097	977	4.0	4.2	3.8	3.7	3.7	3.7
Both sexes, 16-19 years	836	724	13.0	13.2	12.5	12.2	11.6	12.3
White	2,302	1,966	3.5	3.6	3.2	3.2	3.0	3.1
Negro and other races	537	544	6.9	6.8	6.5	6.4	7.0	7.3
Married men	518	501	1.7	1.7	1.5	1.6	1.5	1.6
Full-time workers	1,942	1,776	3.2	3.4	3.1	3.1	3.1	3.0
Part-time workers	898	735	6.9	7.0	6.8	6.4	5.2	6.1
Unemployed 15 weeks and over ¹	329	339	.5	.5	.5	.5	.5	.5
State insured ²	864	790	2.2	2.2	2.1	2.2	2.1	2.1
Labor force time lost ³	--	--	4.4	4.4	4.1	4.1	3.9	3.9
Occupation⁴								
White-collar workers	886	706	2.4	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.1	2.0
Professional and managerial	240	216	1.4	1.3	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2
Clerical workers	483	350	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.2	3.0	2.6
Sales workers	163	140	3.6	2.8	2.9	3.3	2.9	3.2
Blue-collar workers	1,089	973	4.3	4.4	3.8	3.8	3.7	4.0
Craftsmen and foremen	209	191	2.4	2.6	2.2	1.9	1.9	2.2
Operatives	653	546	5.0	4.8	4.1	4.2	4.3	4.3
Nonfarm laborers	226	236	6.8	7.7	6.9	7.5	5.9	7.3
Service workers	402	421	4.4	4.9	4.5	4.3	4.5	4.7
Farm workers	50	58	1.8	2.0	2.0	2.9	2.0	2.0
Industry⁴								
Nonagricultural private wage and salary workers ⁵	2,047	1,848	3.8	4.0	3.6	3.6	3.5	3.6
Construction	190	148	7.3	7.6	7.4	5.7	5.0	6.0
Manufacturing	722	641	3.7	3.7	2.9	3.2	3.3	3.4
Durable goods	385	364	3.3	3.3	2.3	3.2	3.3	3.2
Nondurable goods	337	277	4.2	4.4	3.8	3.2	3.3	3.6
Transportation and public utilities	110	78	2.8	2.0	2.0	1.9	1.9	2.2
Wholesale and retail trade	521	472	4.3	4.7	4.4	4.1	4.2	4.0
Finance and service industries	497	494	3.2	3.5	3.5	3.7	3.2	3.4
Government wage and salary workers	271	182	2.5	1.9	1.9	1.9	1.8	1.7
Agricultural wage and salary workers	65	60	6.6	7.4	7.0	9.1	5.5	5.8

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	Oct. 1969	Sept. 1969	Oct. 1968	Seasonally adjusted				
				Oct. 1969	Sept. 1969	Aug. 1969	July 1969	June 1969
Less than 5 weeks	1,733	1,863	1,439	1,857	1,818	1,636	1,677	1,591
5 to 14 weeks	778	771	732	948	1,000	861	830	813
15 weeks and over	329	324	339	370	389	382	419	383
15 to 26 weeks	209	191	221	240	233	244	244	258
27 weeks and over	120	133	118	130	156	138	175	125

**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	
	Oct. 1969	Oct. 1968	Oct. 1969	Oct. 1968	Oct. 1969	Oct. 1968	Oct. 1969	Oct. 1968	Oct. 1969	Oct. 1968	Oct. 1969	Oct. 1968
UNEMPLOYMENT LEVEL												
Total unemployed, in thousands	2,839	2,511	906	810	1,097	977	836	724	2,302	1,966	537	544
Lost last job	882	857	458	443	314	297	110	117	728	635	154	233
Left last job	451	430	141	168	209	159	101	103	383	350	68	80
Reentered labor force	1,093	873	267	172	501	448	324	253	861	714	232	159
Never worked before	414	351	40	27	72	73	301	250	330	268	84	82
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	31.0	34.2	50.5	54.6	28.7	30.5	13.1	16.2	31.7	32.3	28.7	41.0
Left last job	15.9	17.1	15.5	20.7	19.1	16.2	12.1	14.3	16.6	17.8	12.6	14.7
Reentered labor force	38.5	34.8	29.5	21.2	45.7	45.8	38.8	35.0	37.4	36.3	43.2	29.2
Never worked before	14.6	14.0	4.4	3.4	6.6	7.5	36.0	34.5	14.3	13.6	15.6	15.1
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE												
Total unemployment rate	3.5	3.2	1.9	1.8	3.9	3.6	12.3	11.6	3.2	2.8	5.9	6.2
Job-loser rate ¹	1.1	1.1	1.0	1.0	1.1	1.1	1.6	1.9	1.0	.9	1.7	2.5
Job-leaver rate ¹6	.5	.3	.4	.7	.6	1.5	1.7	.5	.5	.7	.9
Reentrant rate ¹	1.3	1.1	.6	.4	1.8	1.7	4.8	4.1	1.2	1.0	2.5	1.8
New entrant rate ¹5	.4	.1	.1	.3	.3	4.4	4.0	.5	.4	.9	.9

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					
	Oct. 1969	Sept. 1969		Oct. 1969	Oct. 1969	Sept. 1969	Aug. 1969	July 1969	June 1969
	Total, 16 years and over	2,839	2,958	68.4	3.9	4.0	3.5	3.6	3.4
16 to 19 years	836	842	41.9	13.0	13.2	12.5	12.2	11.6	12.3
16 and 17 years	435	430	23.2	16.8	16.7	16.1	14.7	13.4	14.6
18 and 19 years	402	412	61.9	10.6	10.8	9.9	10.4	10.0	10.8
20 to 24 years	588	625	76.9	6.5	6.7	5.4	5.9	5.3	6.1
25 years and over	1,415	1,491	80.6	2.4	2.5	2.3	2.3	2.2	2.2
25 to 54 years	1,114	1,202	83.8	2.4	2.5	2.4	2.3	2.3	2.3
55 years and over	301	288	68.8	2.4	2.3	2.0	2.1	2.0	2.1
Males, 16 years and over	1,309	1,321	70.1	3.2	3.2	2.7	3.0	2.7	2.9
16 to 19 years	403	407	38.7	12.2	12.1	11.1	12.0	10.4	11.7
16 and 17 years	219	227	19.2	15.1	15.0	15.7	14.7	12.7	14.1
18 and 19 years	183	180	62.3	10.0	9.6	7.6	10.0	8.3	10.0
20 to 24 years	270	282	74.4	6.5	6.3	4.5	5.5	4.8	5.7
25 years and over	636	632	87.9	1.9	1.9	1.7	1.8	1.6	1.8
25 to 54 years	456	474	93.2	1.8	1.8	1.7	1.7	1.6	1.7
55 years and over	180	157	74.4	2.2	2.0	2.0	2.0	1.8	2.0
Females, 16 years and over	1,530	1,638	67.0	5.0	5.3	4.9	4.6	4.7	4.6
16 to 19 years	434	435	44.7	14.0	14.6	14.1	12.5	12.9	13.1
16 and 17 years	215	204	27.4	19.0	19.2	16.7	14.8	14.3	15.3
18 and 19 years	219	231	61.2	11.2	12.1	12.3	10.8	11.9	11.8
20 to 24 years	318	343	78.9	6.5	7.1	6.4	6.3	5.9	6.6
25 years and over	779	859	74.5	3.4	3.5	3.3	3.2	3.3	3.1
25 to 54 years	658	728	77.1	3.6	3.7	3.6	3.5	3.6	3.3
55 years and over	120	131	60.8	2.6	2.7	2.1	2.3	2.3	2.4

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

Industry	(In thousands)									
	Oct. 1969	Sept. 1969	Aug. 1969	Oct. 1968	Change from		Seasonally adjusted			Change from Sept. 1969
					Sept. 1969	Oct. 1968	Oct. 1969	Sept. 1969	Aug. 1969	
TOTAL	71,222	70,910	70,607	68,960	312	2,262	70,673	70,486	70,500	187
MINING	634	639	647	574	-5	60	633	631	631	2
CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION	3,610	3,656	3,707	3,503	-46	107	3,406	3,414	3,410	-8
MANUFACTURING	20,376	20,426	20,435	20,019	-50	357	20,190	20,201	20,334	-11
<i>Production workers</i>	14,952	15,003	14,971	14,731	-51	221	14,766	14,779	14,922	-13
DURABLE GOODS	12,013	12,015	11,976	11,704	-2	309	11,953	11,965	12,081	-12
<i>Production workers</i>	8,754	8,756	8,691	8,521	-2	233	8,695	8,703	8,823	-8
Ordnance and accessories	311.5	316.1	323.4	334.2	-4.6	-22.7	310	315	325	-5
Lumber and wood products	596.4	604.4	617.8	605.0	-8.0	-8.6	591	594	598	-3
Furniture and fixtures	496.0	494.7	497.9	485.3	1.3	10.7	491	491	493	0
Stone, clay, and glass products ..	668.2	674.7	679.1	655.7	-6.5	12.5	661	660	659	1
Primary metal industries	1,357.6	1,367.3	1,367.9	1,270.5	-9.7	87.1	1,382	1,380	1,361	2
Fabricated metal products	1,472.5	1,468.8	1,461.9	1,421.8	3.7	50.7	1,461	1,464	1,465	-3
Machinery, except electrical	2,012.7	2,013.2	1,999.3	1,947.8	-5	64.9	2,031	2,023	2,005	8
Electrical equipment	2,097.2	2,081.6	2,074.2	1,999.4	15.6	97.8	2,078	2,073	2,076	5
Transportation equipment	2,066.7	2,066.9	2,023.4	2,058.6	-2	8.1	2,040	2,057	2,183	-17
Instruments and related products ..	469.4	469.3	475.7	463.6	.1	5.8	469	469	473	0
Miscellaneous manufacturing	464.3	458.1	455.8	462.4	6.2	1.9	439	439	443	0
NONDURABLE GOODS	8,363	8,411	8,459	8,315	-48	48	8,237	8,236	8,253	1
<i>Production workers</i>	6,198	6,247	6,280	6,210	-49	-12	6,071	6,076	6,099	-5
Food and kindred products	1,881.7	1,925.2	1,932.0	1,866.0	-43.5	15.7	1,797	1,796	1,797	1
Tobacco manufactures	91.6	94.0	90.0	96.8	-2.4	-5.2	78	80	83	-2
Textile mill products	981.1	983.9	988.1	999.2	-2.8	-18.1	976	978	979	-2
Apparel and other textile products	1,429.7	1,427.9	1,433.3	1,434.5	1.8	-4.8	1,411	1,412	1,414	-1
Paper and allied products	722.2	721.9	726.8	700.4	.3	21.8	721	718	718	3
Printing and publishing	1,098.4	1,091.6	1,091.1	1,070.7	6.8	27.7	1,097	1,093	1,089	4
Chemicals and allied products	1,045.4	1,051.2	1,064.4	1,029.8	-5.8	15.6	1,050	1,050	1,052	0
Petroleum and coal products	192.3	193.2	196.0	188.2	-9	4.1	191	189	190	2
Rubber and plastics products, n e c	586.9	586.9	586.2	572.8	0	14.1	582	584	586	-2
Leather and leather products	333.6	335.5	351.0	356.7	-1.9	-23.1	334	336	345	-2
TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC UTILITIES	4,498	4,531	4,533	4,363	-33	135	4,476	4,482	4,484	-6
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE	14,849	14,717	14,660	14,302	132	547	14,811	14,731	14,702	80
WHOLESALE TRADE	3,832	3,807	3,821	3,686	25	146	3,805	3,788	3,776	17
RETAIL TRADE	11,017	10,910	10,839	10,616	107	401	11,006	10,943	10,926	63
FINANCE, INSURANCE, AND REAL ESTATE	3,597	3,601	3,642	3,430	-4	167	3,601	3,590	3,581	11
SERVICES	11,262	11,186	11,253	10,732	76	530	11,251	11,153	11,120	98
Hotels and other lodging places ..	716.3	743.5	825.9	701.1	-27.2	15.2	738	721	704	17
Personal services	1,024.4	1,021.0	1,023.0	1,030.4	3.4	-6.0	1,021	1,025	1,026	-4
Medical and other health services	2,914.6	2,895.4	2,891.0	2,699.5	19.2	215.1	2,918	2,898	2,874	20
Educational services	1,162.6	1,064.6	951.1	1,120.9	98.0	41.7	1,120	1,103	1,094	17
GOVERNMENT	12,396	12,154	11,730	12,037	242	359	12,305	12,284	12,238	21
FEDERAL	2,727	2,733	2,804	2,694	-6	33	2,741	2,749	2,752	-8
STATE AND LOCAL	9,669	9,421	8,926	9,343	248	326	9,564	9,535	9,486	29

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	Oct. 1969	Sept. 1969	Aug. 1969	Oct. 1968	Change from		Seasonally adjusted			
					Sept. 1969	Oct. 1968	Oct. 1969	Sept. 1969	Aug. 1969	Change from Sept. 1969
TOTAL PRIVATE	37.6	38.0	38.2	37.9	-0.4	-0.3	37.5	37.8	37.8	-0.3
MINING	43.3	43.3	43.7	41.7	0	1.6	42.8	43.0	43.2	-0.2
CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION	38.3	39.3	39.2	38.4	-1.0	-1	37.4	38.1	37.9	-0.7
MANUFACTURING	40.7	41.0	40.6	41.1	-0.3	-0.4	40.5	40.8	40.6	-0.3
<i>Overtime hours</i>	3.6	3.9	3.7	3.9	-0.3	-0.3	3.4	3.6	3.7	-0.2
DURABLE GOODS	41.4	41.7	41.1	41.8	-0.3	-0.4	41.2	41.5	41.3	-0.3
<i>Overtime hours</i>	3.8	4.1	3.8	4.2	-0.3	-0.4	3.6	3.8	3.8	-0.2
<i>Ordinance and accessories</i>	40.7	40.6	40.2	42.2	.1	-1.5	40.5	40.4	40.4	.1
<i>Lumber and wood products</i>	39.9	40.3	40.2	41.1	-0.4	-1.2	39.5	40.0	39.8	-0.5
<i>Furniture and fixtures</i>	40.6	40.7	40.8	41.5	-0.1	-0.9	39.9	40.1	40.3	-0.2
<i>Stone, clay, and glass products</i> ..	42.2	42.5	42.6	42.6	-0.3	-0.4	41.7	42.0	42.1	-0.3
<i>Primary metal industries</i>	41.7	42.1	41.8	40.9	-0.4	.8	42.2	42.2	42.0	0
<i>Fabricated metal products</i>	41.7	42.0	41.7	42.4	-0.3	-0.7	41.4	41.4	41.6	0
<i>Machinery, except electrical</i>	42.5	42.7	42.0	42.3	-0.2	.2	42.5	42.7	42.6	-0.2
<i>Electrical equipment</i>	40.5	40.8	40.3	40.6	-0.3	-0.1	40.3	40.6	40.4	-0.3
<i>Transportation equipment</i>	42.2	42.2	40.5	43.1	0	-0.9	41.6	41.7	41.2	-0.1
<i>Instruments and related products</i> ..	41.0	41.3	40.7	40.8	-0.3	.2	40.8	41.1	40.9	-0.3
<i>Miscellaneous manufacturing</i>	39.3	39.2	39.1	39.9	.1	-0.6	38.8	39.0	39.0	-0.2
NONDURABLE GOODS	39.8	40.0	39.9	40.1	-0.2	-0.3	39.6	39.7	39.6	-0.1
<i>Overtime hours</i>	3.3	3.7	3.5	3.5	-0.4	-0.2	3.1	3.3	3.4	-0.2
<i>Food and kindred products</i>	41.5	41.9	41.4	41.0	-0.4	.5	41.3	41.1	40.9	.2
<i>Tobacco manufactures</i>	39.2	38.9	37.5	38.9	.3	.3	37.9	37.4	37.2	.5
<i>Textile mill products</i>	40.8	40.9	41.0	41.5	-0.1	-0.7	40.5	40.7	40.9	-0.2
<i>Apparel and other textile products</i> ..	35.7	35.9	36.3	36.4	-0.2	-0.7	35.6	35.9	35.9	-0.3
<i>Paper and allied products</i>	42.9	43.2	43.0	43.4	-0.3	-0.5	42.6	42.8	42.8	-0.2
<i>Printing and publishing</i>	38.3	38.3	38.6	38.7	-0.3	-0.4	38.2	38.3	38.4	-0.1
<i>Chemicals and allied products</i>	41.6	41.7	41.7	41.9	-0.1	-0.3	41.6	41.6	41.9	0
<i>Petroleum and coal products</i>	42.5	43.0	42.9	42.7	-0.5	-0.2	42.4	42.4	42.8	0
<i>Rubber and plastics products, n e c</i> ..	41.0	41.4	41.0	42.0	-0.4	-1.0	40.6	40.9	40.9	-0.3
<i>Leather and leather products</i>	37.0	36.8	37.1	38.3	.2	-1.3	37.3	37.1	36.8	.2
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE	35.2	35.6	35.6	35.7	-0.4	-0.5	35.4	35.6	35.8	-0.2
WHOLESALE TRADE	40.1	40.2	40.5	40.2	-0.1	-0.1	40.1	40.2	40.3	-0.1
RETAIL TRADE	33.6	34.1	35.3	34.3	-0.5	-0.7	33.8	34.1	34.3	-0.3
FINANCE, INSURANCE, AND REAL ESTATE	37.1	36.9	37.0	37.1	.2	0	37.1	37.0	37.0	.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					
	Oct. 1969	Sept. 1969	Aug. 1969	Oct. 1968	Change from		Oct. 1969	Sept. 1969	Aug. 1969	Oct. 1968	Change from	
					Sept. 1969	Oct. 1968					Sept. 1969	Oct. 1968
TOTAL PRIVATE	\$3.11	\$3.10	\$3.05	\$2.91	\$0.01	\$0.20	\$116.94	\$117.80	\$116.51	\$110.29	-\$0.86	\$6.65
MINING	3.63	3.63	3.59	3.33	0	.30	157.18	157.18	156.88	138.86	0	18.32
CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION	4.94	4.90	4.79	4.52	.04	.42	189.20	192.57	187.77	173.57	-3.37	15.63
MANUFACTURING	3.24	3.24	3.19	3.06	0	.18	131.87	132.84	129.51	125.77	-0.97	6.10
DURABLE GOODS	3.44	3.44	3.39	3.24	0	.20	142.42	143.45	139.33	135.43	-1.03	6.99
<i>Ordinance and accessories</i>	3.48	3.48	3.46	3.32	0	.16	141.64	141.29	139.09	140.10	.35	1.54
<i>Lumber and wood products</i>	2.80	2.82	2.78	2.62	-0.02	.18	111.72	113.65	111.76	107.68	-1.93	4.04
<i>Furniture and fixtures</i>	2.69	2.68	2.64	2.52	.01	.17	109.21	109.08	107.71	104.58	.13	4.63
<i>Stone, clay, and glass products</i> ..	3.26	3.25	3.21	3.05	.01	.21	137.57	138.13	136.75	129.93	-0.56	7.64
<i>Primary metal industries</i>	3.85	3.87	3.84	3.60	-0.02	.25	160.55	162.93	160.51	147.24	-2.38	13.31
<i>Fabricated metal products</i>	3.39	3.39	3.33	3.22	0	.17	141.36	142.38	138.86	136.53	-1.02	4.83
<i>Machinery, except electrical</i>	3.65	3.63	3.57	3.43	.02	.22	155.13	155.00	149.94	145.09	.13	10.04
<i>Electrical equipment</i>	3.14	3.13	3.09	2.98	.01	.16	127.17	127.70	124.53	120.99	-0.53	6.18
<i>Transportation equipment</i>	3.95	3.96	3.93	3.78	-0.01	.17	166.69	167.11	159.17	162.92	-0.42	3.77
<i>Instruments and related products</i> ..	3.21	3.20	3.16	3.02	.01	.19	131.61	132.16	128.61	123.22	-0.55	8.39
<i>Miscellaneous manufacturing</i>	2.68	2.67	2.64	2.51	.01	.17	105.32	104.66	103.22	100.15	.66	5.17
NONDURABLE GOODS	2.95	2.95	2.92	2.79	0	.16	117.41	118.00	116.51	111.88	-0.59	5.53
<i>Food and kindred products</i>	2.95	2.96	2.93	2.81	-0.01	.14	122.43	124.02	121.30	115.21	-1.59	7.22
<i>Tobacco manufactures</i>	2.55	2.54	2.52	2.38	.01	.17	99.96	98.81	94.50	92.58	1.15	7.38
<i>Textile mill products</i>	2.41	2.40	2.39	2.27	.01	.14	98.33	98.16	97.99	94.21	.17	4.12
<i>Apparel and other textile products</i> ..	2.35	2.35	2.31	2.27	0	.08	83.90	84.37	83.85	82.63	-0.47	1.27
<i>Paper and allied products</i>	3.31	3.31	3.28	3.10	0	.21	142.00	142.99	141.04	134.54	-0.99	7.46
<i>Printing and publishing</i>	3.76	3.75	3.70	3.55	.01	.21	144.01	144.75	142.82	137.39	-0.74	6.62
<i>Chemicals and allied products</i>	3.53	3.51	3.49	3.31	.02	.22	146.85	146.37	145.53	138.69	.48	8.16
<i>Petroleum and coal products</i>	4.02	4.05	4.00	3.77	-0.03	.25	170.85	174.15	171.60	160.98	-3.30	9.87
<i>Rubber and plastics products, n e c</i> ..	3.11	3.13	3.09	2.98	-0.02	.13	127.51	129.58	126.69	125.16	-2.07	2.35
<i>Leather and leather products</i>	2.38	2.38	2.35	2.26	0	.12	88.06	87.58	87.19	86.56	.48	1.50
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE	2.60	2.59	2.56	2.44	.01	.16	91.52	92.20	93.70	87.11	-0.68	4.41
WHOLESALE TRADE	3.28	3.28	3.24	3.08	0	.20	131.53	131.86	131.22	123.82	-0.33	7.71
RETAIL TRADE	2.33	2.33	2.30	2.20	0	.13	78.29	79.45	81.19	75.46	-1.16	2.83
FINANCE, INSURANCE, AND REAL ESTATE	2.94	2.92	2.92	2.79	.02	.15	109.07	107.75	108.04	103.51	1.32	5.56

¹See footnote 1, table B-2.

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