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Unemployment dropped sharply in November, while nonfarm employment was virtually unchanged, the U. S. Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics reported today. The overall unemployment rate, which had risen substantially in September and remained about the same in October, fell from 3.9 to 3.4 percent in November, a return to the August level.

Unemployment rates for secondary workers--teenagers, adult women, and part-time workers--were reduced significantly over the month. Among primary breadwinners--adult men, married men, and all full-time workers--rates of unemployment also moved down, but more moderately. Jobless rates for blue-collar and manufacturing workers, however, remained at their October levels.

Nonfarm payroll employment remained virtually unchanged in November, after seasonal adjustment, but would have increased modestly except for a large net rise in the number of manufacturing workers off payrolls because of strikes. (Workers on strike are not counted as employed in the payroll employment series, whereas they are classified as employed--with a job but not at work--in the household series.) The slowdown in the pace of payroll employment growth, which began in July, remained evident in November. After allowance for strikes, monthly payroll employment advances have averaged only 80,000 in the June-November period compared to 240,000 in the November 1968 to June 1969 period.

Unemployment

The number of unemployed persons totaled 2.7 million in November. Unemployment usually rises at this time of year, but this November it dropped, as a number of workers unemployed in October either found jobs or left the labor force. After seasonal adjustment, unemployment was down by 360,000 from October, with nearly all of the decline among workers who were either new entrants or re-entrants to the labor force.

The November drop in unemployment was primarily among teenagers, young men (age 20 to 24), and adult women. Jobless rates for teenagers fell from 13.0 to 11.6 percent, for young men from 6.5 to 5.3 percent, and for adult women from 4.0 to 3.5 percent. The over-the-month declines for teenagers and women reduced these unemployment rates to the post-Korean lows of early 1969, while the rate for young men dropped to its mid-summer level.

Jobless rates also moved down for adult men (2.2 percent), married men (1.5 percent), and all full-time workers (3.0 percent), although not to the same extent as for the more marginal workers. The rates of joblessness among these primary workers dropped back to their August levels but were somewhat above their post-Korean lows of early 1969.

Rates of unemployment for white workers (3.1 percent) and Negro workers (6.2 percent) were both down over the month. The November rates were about the same as in August but slightly above the rates posted in early 1969.

Despite the declines in jobless rates for most groups of workers, rates for blue-collar workers (4.2 percent) and for persons who had last worked in the manufacturing industry (3.8 percent) were unchanged over the month. These rates have risen gradually since late spring. For workers covered under State unemployment insurance programs, the jobless rate moved from 2.2 to 2.4 percent over the month. Their rate has also inched upward since late spring.

Industry Employment

Nonfarm payroll employment was virtually unchanged in November but would have shown a modest gain (about 100,000) except for substantially increased strike activity, particularly in manufacturing. Employment gains were reported in State and local government (50,000) and trade and construction (35,000 each).

Manufacturing employment declined by 175,000 between October and November. Most of this decline was attributable to new strike activity in the durable goods industries, primarily in electrical equipment. However, small employment declines were also reported in most other durable goods industries. The nondurable goods industries reported a job gain of 50,000 in November. Nearly all of the increase occurred in the food industry,

reflecting the end of a strike and a rise from the artificially low October employment level in this industry which resulted from a late survey week.

Workweek

The workweek for all rank-and-file workers on private nonagricultural payrolls declined seasonally in November. On a seasonally adjusted basis, the average workweek was unchanged at 37.6 hours, after falling 0.2 hour in October. Except for February 1969, when hours of work were affected by unusually bad weather, this was the lowest level reported since late 1968. A decline in average hours in trade offset longer workweeks in other major industry divisions. The average workweek in manufacturing was unchanged over the month, following a 0.3 hour decline to 40.5 hours in the previous month. The manufacturing workweek was at its lowest level in more than 1-1/2 years (with the exception of February 1969).

For the second month, factory overtime declined, edging down over the month by 0.1 hour to 3.4 hours (seasonally adjusted). In the durable goods sector, overtime registered a 0.3 hour drop from October and was at its lowest point in 2 years (with the exception of April 1968). Since September, overtime in durables has declined by one-half hour. Overtime hours in nondurable goods industries were unchanged in November.

Earnings

Average hourly earnings for production and nonsupervisory workers on private payrolls were unchanged in November at \$3.11. Hourly earnings were up 19 cents, or 6.5 percent, from a year ago.

Average weekly earnings fell by 62 cents in November to \$116.63, reflecting the seasonal decrease in average weekly hours. Over-the-month declines in construction and trade offset the gains registered in manufacturing and finance, insurance, and real estate. Compared to a year ago, average weekly earnings were up by \$7.13 (6.5 percent).

Labor Force and Total Employment

The civilian labor force totaled 81.4 million workers in November, about 2.2 million more than a year ago. On a seasonally adjusted basis, nearly three-fifths of the over-the-year rise occurred between November 1968 and February 1969. Labor force growth in recent months has slowed significantly.

Total employment was 78.7 million, up 2.1 million over the year. Total nonagricultural employment, which rose sharply in late 1968 and early 1969, has shown only moderate growth in the summer and fall of this year. Employment in agriculture has been on an unusually sharp downward trend since February, although it edged up in November.

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	Nov. 1969	Oct. 1969	Nov. 1968	Seasonally adjusted				
				Nov. 1969	Oct. 1969	Sept. 1969	Aug. 1969	July 1969
Total								
Total labor force	84,920	85,038	82,702	84,788	85,014	84,902	84,584	84,277
Civilian labor force	81,427	81,510	79,185	81,295	81,486	81,359	81,054	80,756
Employed	78,716	78,671	76,609	78,497	78,325	78,127	78,187	77,874
Agriculture	3,322	3,561	3,607	3,429	3,332	3,458	3,634	3,551
Nonagricultural industries	75,395	75,110	73,001	75,068	74,993	74,669	74,553	74,323
On part time for economic reasons	1,679	1,740	1,567	1,827	1,931	1,982	2,001	1,795
Usually work full time	937	950	814	981	1,012	1,091	1,065	881
Usually work part time	742	790	753	846	919	891	936	914
Unemployed	2,710	2,839	2,577	2,798	3,161	3,232	2,867	2,882
Men, 20 years and over								
Civilian labor force	46,451	46,556	45,832	46,489	46,552	46,568	46,507	46,322
Employed	45,542	45,649	44,987	45,487	45,424	45,442	45,551	45,293
Agriculture	2,447	2,627	2,717	2,479	2,531	2,570	2,693	2,646
Nonagricultural industries	43,094	43,022	42,271	43,008	42,893	42,872	42,858	42,647
Unemployed	909	906	844	1,002	1,128	1,126	956	1,029
Women, 20 years and over								
Civilian labor force	28,188	28,166	27,139	27,660	27,817	27,686	27,677	27,511
Employed	27,194	27,069	26,183	26,695	26,711	26,519	26,622	26,505
Agriculture	565	636	624	562	514	511	578	540
Nonagricultural industries	26,630	26,433	25,558	26,133	26,197	26,008	26,044	25,965
Unemployed	994	1,097	956	965	1,106	1,167	1,055	1,006
Both sexes, 16-19 years								
Civilian labor force	6,788	6,789	6,214	7,146	7,117	7,105	6,870	6,923
Employed	5,980	5,952	5,438	6,315	6,190	6,166	6,014	6,076
Agriculture	310	297	266	388	287	377	363	365
Nonagricultural industries	5,670	5,655	5,172	5,927	5,903	5,789	5,651	5,711
Unemployed	807	836	776	831	927	939	856	847

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	Nov. 1969	Nov. 1968	Seasonally adjusted					
			Nov. 1969	Oct. 1969	Sept. 1969	Aug. 1969	July 1969	June 1969
Full time								
Total, 16 years and over:								
Civilian labor force	69,296	67,747	70,161	70,153	70,271	70,108	69,818	69,434
Employed	67,433	65,996	68,022	67,896	67,914	67,948	67,653	67,269
Unemployed	1,864	1,751	2,139	2,257	2,357	2,160	2,165	2,165
Unemployment rate	2.7	2.6	3.0	3.2	3.4	3.1	3.1	3.1
Men, 20 years and over:								
Civilian labor force	44,238	43,744	44,367	44,415	44,470	44,306	44,201	44,129
Employed	43,428	43,003	43,452	43,426	43,481	43,472	43,303	43,255
Unemployed	810	741	915	989	989	834	898	874
Unemployment rate	1.8	1.7	2.1	2.2	2.2	1.9	2.0	2.0
Women, 20 years and over:								
Civilian labor force	22,019	21,184	21,954	21,911	21,852	21,992	21,781	21,558
Employed	21,307	20,481	21,197	21,104	20,992	21,125	20,984	20,722
Unemployed	712	703	757	807	860	867	797	836
Unemployment rate	3.2	3.3	3.4	3.7	3.9	3.9	3.7	3.9
Part time								
Total, 16 years and over:								
Civilian labor force	12,131	11,438	11,206	11,285	11,066	10,978	10,885	10,914
Employed	11,284	10,613	10,517	10,507	10,296	10,236	10,185	10,342
Unemployed	847	825	689	778	770	742	700	572
Unemployment rate	7.0	7.2	6.1	6.9	7.0	6.8	6.4	5.2

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					
	Nov. 1969	Nov. 1968	Nov. 1969	Oct. 1969	Sept. 1969	Aug. 1969	July 1969	Nov. 1968
Total (all civilian workers)	2,710	2,577	3.4	3.9	4.0	3.5	3.6	3.4
Men, 20 years and over	909	844	2.2	2.4	2.4	2.1	2.2	2.0
Women, 20 years and over	994	956	3.5	4.0	4.2	3.8	3.7	3.5
Both sexes, 16-19 years	807	776	11.6	13.0	13.2	12.5	12.2	12.2
White	2,160	2,020	3.1	3.5	3.6	3.2	3.2	3.0
Negro and other races	550	557	6.2	6.9	6.8	6.5	6.4	6.5
Married men	535	546	1.5	1.7	1.7	1.5	1.6	1.6
Full-time workers	1,864	1,751	3.0	3.2	3.4	3.1	3.1	2.9
Part-time workers	847	825	6.1	6.9	7.0	6.8	6.4	6.4
Unemployed 15 weeks and over ¹	322	292	.5	.5	.5	.5	.5	.4
State insured ²	1,008	909	2.4	2.2	2.2	2.1	2.2	2.2
Labor force time lost ³	--	--	4.0	4.4	4.4	4.1	4.1	3.8
Occupation⁴								
White-collar workers	784	709	2.1	2.4	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.0
Professional and managerial	192	182	1.1	1.4	1.3	1.2	1.2	1.1
Clerical workers	479	401	3.5	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.2	3.1
Sales workers	113	126	2.2	3.6	2.8	2.9	3.3	2.5
Blue-collar workers	1,142	1,025	4.2	4.3	4.4	3.8	3.8	3.9
Craftsmen and foremen	204	213	2.2	2.4	2.6	2.2	1.9	2.3
Operatives	671	563	4.9	5.0	4.8	4.1	4.2	4.3
Nonfarm laborers	267	249	7.0	6.8	7.7	6.9	7.5	6.8
Service workers	391	418	3.9	4.4	4.9	4.5	4.3	4.2
Farm workers	53	49	1.5	1.8	2.0	2.0	2.9	1.3
Industry⁴								
Nonagricultural private wage and salary workers ⁵	2,039	1,892	3.6	3.8	4.0	3.6	3.6	3.4
Construction	195	220	5.6	7.3	7.6	7.4	5.7	6.5
Manufacturing	750	633	3.8	3.7	3.7	2.9	3.2	3.2
Durable goods	425	352	3.7	3.3	3.3	2.3	3.2	3.1
Nondurable goods	325	281	3.8	4.2	4.4	3.8	3.2	3.3
Transportation and public utilities	108	91	2.4	2.8	2.0	2.0	1.9	2.1
Wholesale and retail trade	494	489	3.9	4.3	4.7	4.4	4.1	3.9
Finance and service industries	477	444	3.1	3.2	3.5	3.5	3.7	3.0
Government wage and salary workers	231	183	2.1	2.5	1.9	1.9	1.9	1.8
Agricultural wage and salary workers	66	66	5.0	6.6	7.4	7.0	9.1	4.5

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	Nov. 1969	Oct. 1969	Nov. 1968	Seasonally adjusted				
				Nov. 1969	Oct. 1969	Sept. 1969	Aug. 1969	July 1969
Less than 5 weeks	1,555	1,733	1,567	1,564	1,857	1,818	1,636	1,677
5 to 14 weeks	833	778	718	910	948	1,000	861	830
15 weeks and over	322	329	292	384	370	389	382	419
15 to 26 weeks	198	209	179	244	240	233	244	244
27 weeks and over	124	120	112	140	130	156	138	175

**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	
	Nov. 1969	Nov. 1968	Nov. 1969	Nov. 1968	Nov. 1969	Nov. 1968	Nov. 1969	Nov. 1968	Nov. 1969	Nov. 1968	Nov. 1969	Nov. 1968
UNEMPLOYMENT LEVEL												
Total unemployed, in thousands	2,710	2,577	909	844	994	956	807	776	2,160	2,020	550	557
Lost last job	939	886	524	502	309	270	106	114	759	666	180	220
Left last job	421	415	141	139	183	170	97	106	345	341	76	74
Reentered labor force	1,011	900	226	182	457	458	328	260	779	722	232	178
Never worked before	339	375	18	20	45	58	276	297	276	291	63	84
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	34.6	34.3	57.6	59.5	31.1	28.2	13.2	14.7	35.1	33.0	32.7	39.5
Left last job	15.5	16.1	15.5	16.5	18.4	17.8	12.0	13.6	16.0	16.9	13.7	13.3
Reentered labor force	37.3	34.9	24.9	21.9	46.0	47.9	40.6	33.5	36.1	35.7	42.1	32.1
Never worked before	12.5	14.6	2.0	2.4	4.6	6.1	34.2	38.3	12.8	14.4	11.4	15.1
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE												
Total unemployment rate	3.3	3.3	2.0	1.8	3.5	3.5	11.9	12.5	3.0	2.9	6.1	6.4
Job-loser rate ¹	1.2	1.1	1.2	1.1	1.1	1.0	1.6	1.8	1.1	.9	1.9	2.5
Job-leaver rate ¹5	.5	.3	.3	.6	.6	1.4	1.7	.5	.5	.8	.8
Reentrant rate ¹	1.2	1.1	.5	.4	1.6	1.7	4.8	4.2	1.1	1.0	2.5	2.0
New entrant rate ¹4	.5	--	--	.2	.2	4.1	4.8	.4	.4	.7	1.0

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					
	Nov. 1969	Oct. 1969		Nov. 1969	Nov. 1969	Oct. 1969	Sept. 1969	Aug. 1969	July 1969
Total, 16 years and over	2,710	2,839	68.8	3.4	3.9	4.0	3.5	3.6	3.4
16 to 19 years	807	836	42.3	11.6	13.0	13.2	12.5	12.2	12.2
16 and 17 years	448	435	26.1	14.2	16.8	16.7	16.1	14.7	13.7
18 and 19 years	360	402	62.5	9.0	10.6	10.8	9.9	10.4	10.5
20 to 24 years	531	588	79.8	5.9	6.5	6.7	5.4	5.9	5.9
25 years and over	1,371	1,415	80.1	2.2	2.4	2.5	2.3	2.3	2.1
25 to 54 years	1,096	1,114	81.8	2.4	2.4	2.5	2.4	2.3	2.2
55 years and over	276	301	73.2	2.0	2.4	2.3	2.0	2.1	2.1
Males, 16 years and over	1,329	1,309	74.0	2.9	3.2	3.2	2.7	3.0	2.7
16 to 19 years	420	403	41.2	11.5	12.2	12.1	11.1	12.0	11.3
16 and 17 years	238	219	26.1	14.0	15.1	15.0	15.7	14.7	13.7
18 and 19 years	181	183	61.9	8.6	10.0	9.6	7.6	10.0	8.6
20 to 24 years	259	270	79.9	5.3	6.5	6.3	4.5	5.5	4.7
25 years and over	650	636	92.8	1.8	1.9	1.9	1.7	1.8	1.7
25 to 54 years	479	456	96.9	1.8	1.8	1.8	1.7	1.7	1.7
55 years and over	172	180	80.8	2.0	2.2	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0
Females, 16 years and over	1,381	1,530	63.7	4.3	5.0	5.3	4.9	4.6	4.4
16 to 19 years	388	434	43.3	11.8	14.0	14.6	14.1	12.5	13.3
16 and 17 years	209	215	26.3	14.5	19.0	19.2	16.7	14.8	13.7
18 and 19 years	179	219	63.1	9.5	11.2	12.1	12.3	10.8	12.8
20 to 24 years	273	318	79.5	6.6	6.5	7.1	6.4	6.3	7.2
25 years and over	721	779	68.7	3.0	3.4	3.5	3.3	3.2	2.9
25 to 54 years	617	658	70.0	3.4	3.6	3.7	3.6	3.5	3.1
55 years and over	104	120	60.6	2.0	2.6	2.7	2.1	2.3	2.5

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

(In thousands)

Industry	Nov. 1969	Oct. 1969	Sept. 1969	Nov. 1968	Change from		Seasonally adjusted			
					Oct. 1969	Nov. 1968	Nov. 1969	Oct. 1969	Sept. 1969	Change from Oct. 1969
TOTAL	71,214	71,188	70,814	69,248	26	1,966	70,621	70,642	70,390	-21
MINING	629	633	639	621	-4	8	630	632	631	-2
CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION	3,521	3,620	3,663	3,379	-99	142	3,452	3,415	3,420	37
MANUFACTURING	20,121	20,338	20,421	20,036	-217	85	19,982	20,156	20,197	-174
<i>Production workers</i>	14,702	14,918	14,997	14,741	-216	-39	14,556	14,730	14,772	-174
DURABLE GOODS	11,789	11,993	12,014	11,776	-204	13	11,712	11,937	11,965	-225
<i>Production workers</i>	8,532	8,737	8,755	8,586	-205	-54	8,453	8,677	8,701	-224
Ordnance and accessories	308.8	308.1	315.1	349.5	.7	-40.7	306	307	314	-1
Lumber and wood products	582.5	593.4	605.3	598.5	-10.9	-16.0	584	588	595	-4
Furniture and fixtures	489.4	497.0	495.9	490.3	-7.6	-.9	483	492	492	-9
Stone, clay, and glass products ..	667.6	669.8	674.2	654.9	-2.2	12.7	664	663	660	1
Primary metal industries	1,356.6	1,358.0	1,365.5	1,280.1	-1.4	76.5	1,377	1,383	1,378	-6
Fabricated metal products	1,464.2	1,468.3	1,472.5	1,434.3	-4.1	29.9	1,450	1,457	1,468	-7
Machinery, except electrical	1,985.6	2,010.9	2,009.7	1,966.1	-25.3	19.5	1,994	2,029	2,020	-35
Electrical equipment	1,975.4	2,094.3	2,083.1	2,011.3	-118.9	-35.9	1,952	2,076	2,075	-124
Transportation equipment	2,027.3	2,056.6	2,063.8	2,063.4	-29.3	-36.1	1,995	2,032	2,054	-37
Instruments and related products ..	465.6	469.3	469.8	466.5	-3.7	-.9	464	469	469	-5
Miscellaneous manufacturing	465.7	467.0	458.9	461.5	-1.3	4.2	443	441	440	2
NONDURABLE GOODS	8,332	8,345	8,407	8,260	-13	72	8,270	8,219	8,232	51
<i>Production workers</i>	6,170	6,181	6,242	6,155	-11	15	6,103	6,053	6,071	50
Food and kindred products	1,841.1	1,854.3	1,920.2	1,805.7	-13.2	35.4	1,816	1,771	1,791	45
Tobacco manufactures	84.5	91.4	93.9	89.1	-6.9	-4.6	78	78	80	0
Textile mill products	990.1	983.1	984.7	1,003.2	7.0	-13.1	984	978	979	6
Apparel and other textile products	1,421.5	1,429.7	1,427.3	1,426.2	-8.2	-4.7	1,407	1,411	1,412	-4
Paper and allied products	723.4	720.2	722.2	706.5	3.2	16.9	721	719	718	2
Printing and publishing	1,100.0	1,100.3	1,091.6	1,075.6	-.3	24.4	1,097	1,099	1,093	-2
Chemicals and allied products	1,050.6	1,047.1	1,052.2	1,033.2	3.5	17.4	1,056	1,051	1,051	5
Petroleum and coal products	192.5	192.7	192.9	187.8	-2.2	4.7	193	191	189	2
Rubber and plastics products, n.e.c.	587.1	587.1	585.8	573.3	0	13.8	580	582	583	-2
Leather and leather products	341.0	338.7	336.2	359.2	2.3	-18.2	338	339	336	-1
TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC UTILITIES	4,512	4,508	4,529	4,373	4	139	4,490	4,486	4,480	4
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE	15,118	14,865	14,702	14,536	253	582	14,863	14,827	14,716	36
WHOLESALE TRADE	3,843	3,835	3,806	3,702	8	141	3,809	3,808	3,787	1
RETAIL TRADE	11,275	11,030	10,896	10,834	245	441	11,054	11,019	10,929	35
FINANCE, INSURANCE, AND REAL ESTATE	3,597	3,590	3,597	3,439	7	158	3,611	3,594	3,586	17
SERVICES	11,211	11,246	11,183	10,755	-35	456	11,245	11,235	11,150	10
Hotels and other lodging places ..	690.6	716.6	743.5	678.7	-26.0	11.9	736	738	721	-2
Personal services	1,027.1	1,028.6	1,021.8	1,034.6	-1.5	-7.5	1,023	1,026	1,026	-3
Medical and other health services ..	2,941.9	2,912.5	2,893.8	2,720.6	29.4	221.3	2,942	2,915	2,897	27
Educational services	1,166.0	1,153.7	1,053.4	1,145.4	12.3	20.6	1,109	1,111	1,092	-2
GOVERNMENT	12,505	12,388	12,080	12,109	117	396	12,348	12,297	12,210	51
FEDERAL	2,712	2,715	2,733	2,703	-3	9	2,728	2,729	2,749	-1
STATE AND LOCAL	9,793	9,673	9,347	9,406	120	387	9,620	9,568	9,461	52

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	Nov. 1969	Oct. 1969	Sept. 1969	Nov. 1968	Change from		Seasonally adjusted			
					Oct. 1969	Nov. 1968	Nov. 1969	Oct. 1969	Sept. 1969	Change from Oct. 1968
TOTAL PRIVATE	37.5	37.7	38.0	37.5	-0.2	0.0	37.6	37.6	37.8	0.0
MINING	43.4	43.4	43.5	42.8	0	.6	43.8	42.9	43.2	.9
CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION	37.0	38.3	39.3	35.1	-1.3	1.9	38.1	37.4	38.1	.7
MANUFACTURING	40.6	40.7	41.0	40.9	-1	-.3	40.5	40.5	40.8	0
Overtime hours	3.5	3.7	4.0	3.9	-.2	-.4	3.4	3.5	3.7	-.1
DURABLE GOODS	41.2	41.4	41.7	41.7	-.2	-.5	41.1	41.2	41.5	-.1
Overtime hours	3.6	3.9	4.2	4.2	-.3	-.6	3.4	3.7	3.9	-.3
Ordnance and accessories	40.7	40.4	40.6	41.7	.3	-1.0	40.4	40.2	40.4	.2
Lumber and wood products	40.1	40.3	40.4	40.2	-.2	-.1	40.5	39.9	40.1	.6
Furniture and fixtures	40.2	40.6	40.7	40.9	-.4	-.7	39.8	39.9	40.1	-.1
Stone, clay, and glass products	41.7	42.2	42.6	41.8	-.5	-.1	41.7	41.7	42.1	0
Primary metal industries	41.5	41.7	42.1	41.2	-.2	.3	41.8	42.2	42.2	-.4
Fabricated metal products	41.7	41.8	42.1	42.3	-.1	-.6	41.5	41.5	41.5	0
Machinery, except electrical	42.6	42.4	42.7	42.3	.2	.3	42.6	42.4	42.7	.2
Electrical equipment and supplies	40.3	40.4	40.7	40.7	-.1	-.4	39.9	40.2	40.5	-.3
Transportation equipment	41.2	42.0	42.3	43.2	-.8	-2.0	40.4	41.4	41.8	-1.0
Instruments and related products	41.4	40.9	41.2	40.9	.5	.5	41.2	40.7	41.0	.5
Miscellaneous manufacturing	39.5	39.4	39.2	39.6	.1	-.1	39.1	38.9	39.0	.2
NONDURABLE GOODS	39.7	39.7	40.0	39.9	0	-.2	39.5	39.5	39.7	0
Overtime hours	3.3	3.4	3.7	3.5	-.1	-.2	3.2	3.2	3.3	0
Food and kindred products	41.0	40.9	41.8	40.8	.1	.2	40.8	40.7	41.0	.1
Tobacco manufactures	37.7	38.5	38.9	37.5	-.8	.2	37.7	37.3	37.4	.4
Textile mill products	41.0	40.9	41.0	41.4	-.1	-.4	40.7	40.6	40.8	.1
Apparel and other textile products	35.7	36.1	35.8	36.0	-.4	-.3	35.7	36.0	35.8	-.3
Paper and allied products	42.8	43.0	43.2	43.2	-.2	-.4	42.6	42.7	42.8	-.1
Printing and publishing	38.5	38.4	38.6	38.4	.1	.1	38.5	38.3	38.3	.2
Chemicals and allied products	41.8	41.7	41.7	42.0	-.1	-.2	41.7	41.7	41.6	0
Petroleum and coal products	42.2	42.6	42.6	42.6	-.4	-.4	42.2	42.5	42.0	-.3
Rubber and plastics products, n.e.c.	41.1	41.2	41.5	41.7	-.1	-.6	40.8	40.8	41.0	0
Leather and leather products	37.6	36.9	36.8	37.9	.7	-.3	37.6	37.2	37.1	.4
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE	35.1	35.3	35.7	35.5	-.2	-.4	35.4	35.5	35.7	-.1
WHOLESALE TRADE	40.3	40.2	40.3	40.0	.1	.3	40.3	40.2	40.3	.1
RETAIL TRADE	33.5	33.6	34.2	34.1	-.1	-.6	33.9	33.8	34.2	.1
FINANCE, INSURANCE, AND REAL ESTATE	37.3	37.1	37.0	36.9	.2	.4	37.3	37.1	37.1	.2

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					
	Nov. 1969	Oct. 1969	Sept. 1969	Nov. 1968	Change from Oct. 1969	Nov. 1968	Nov. 1969	Oct. 1969	Sept. 1969	Nov. 1968	Change from Oct. 1969
TOTAL PRIVATE	\$3.11	\$3.11	\$3.10	\$2.92	\$0.00	\$0.19	\$116.63	\$117.25	\$117.80	\$109.50	\$-0.62
MINING	3.68	3.68	3.63	3.47	0	.21	159.71	159.71	157.91	148.52	0
CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION	4.94	4.94	4.91	4.54	0	.40	182.78	189.20	192.96	159.35	-6.42
MANUFACTURING	3.26	3.25	3.24	3.08	.01	.18	132.36	132.28	132.84	125.97	.08
DURABLE GOODS	3.46	3.44	3.44	3.27	.02	.19	142.55	142.42	143.45	136.36	.13
Ordnance and accessories	3.52	3.50	3.49	3.33	.02	.19	143.26	141.40	141.69	138.86	1.86
Lumber and wood products	2.84	2.82	2.83	2.63	.02	.21	113.88	113.65	114.33	105.73	.23
Furniture and fixtures	2.69	2.68	2.68	2.53	.01	.16	108.14	109.08	103.48	98.67	4.66
Stone, clay, and glass products	3.27	3.26	3.25	3.05	.01	.22	136.36	137.57	138.45	127.49	-1.21
Primary metal industries	3.85	3.85	3.87	3.62	0	.23	159.78	160.55	162.93	149.14	-.77
Fabricated metal products	3.41	3.39	3.39	3.24	.02	.17	142.20	141.70	142.72	137.05	.50
Machinery, except electrical	3.69	3.67	3.63	3.45	.02	.24	157.19	155.61	155.00	145.94	1.58
Electrical equipment and supplies	3.14	3.13	3.13	3.00	.01	.14	126.54	126.45	127.39	122.10	.09
Transportation equipment	3.99	3.96	3.95	3.82	.03	.17	164.39	166.32	167.09	165.02	-1.93
Instruments and related products	3.24	3.22	3.20	3.05	.02	.19	134.14	131.70	131.84	124.75	2.44
Miscellaneous manufacturing	2.70	2.69	2.67	2.53	.01	.17	106.65	105.99	104.66	100.19	.66
NONDURABLE GOODS	2.97	2.96	2.95	2.80	.01	.17	117.91	117.51	118.00	111.72	.40
Food and kindred products	3.00	2.97	2.96	2.85	.03	.15	123.00	121.47	123.73	116.28	1.53
Tobacco manufactures	2.63	2.52	2.54	2.52	.11	.11	99.15	97.02	98.81	94.50	2.13
Textile mill products	2.42	2.41	2.41	2.27	.01	.15	99.22	98.57	98.81	93.98	.65
Apparel and other textile products	2.34	2.35	2.35	2.26	.01	.08	83.54	84.84	84.13	81.36	-1.30
Paper and allied products	3.32	3.31	3.31	3.12	.01	.20	142.10	142.33	142.99	134.78	-.23
Printing and publishing	3.77	3.77	3.75	3.55	0	.22	145.15	144.77	144.75	136.32	.38
Chemicals and allied products	3.57	3.54	3.52	3.33	.03	.24	149.23	147.62	146.78	139.86	1.61
Petroleum and coal products	4.07	4.06	4.04	3.80	.01	.27	171.75	172.96	172.10	161.88	-1.21
Rubber and plastics products, n.e.c.	3.13	3.12	3.13	2.99	.01	.14	128.64	128.54	129.90	124.68	.10
Leather and leather products	2.42	2.40	2.38	2.27	.02	.15	90.99	88.56	87.58	86.03	2.43
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE	2.62	2.61	2.59	2.46	.01	.16	91.96	92.13	92.46	87.33	-.17
WHOLESALE TRADE	3.32	3.29	3.29	3.11	.03	.21	133.80	132.26	132.59	124.40	1.54
RETAIL TRADE	2.35	2.34	2.33	2.22	.01	.13	78.73	78.62	79.69	75.70	.11
FINANCE, INSURANCE, AND REAL ESTATE	2.98	2.95	2.93	2.81	.03	.17	111.15	109.45	108.41	103.69	1.70

¹See footnote 1, table B-2.

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