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## THE EMPLOYMENT SITUATION: DECEMBER 1969

Employment continued to show little growth in December, while the unemployment rate was unchanged from November at 3.4 percent, the U. S. Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics reported today.

Nonfarm payroll employment was unchanged in December, continuing to reflect the slowdown in the pace of employment growth which has been evident since July. After allowance for strikes, payroll employment rose by only 375,000 in the second half of 1969, compared with a 1.5 million increase during the first half of the year; since October, payroll employment has been at a virtual standstill. The average workweek for rank-and-file workers and factory overtime both edged down in December and were also well below the levels of the first half of the year.

Unemployment rates for most labor force groups in December remained at their November levels and were below the rates of September and October. However, jobless rates for blue-collar workers, manufacturing workers, and the State insured unemployed have remained at or above their September and October levels.

### Industry Payroll Employment

Total nonfarm payroll employment rose about in line with seasonal expectations in December to a total of 71.6 million; after seasonal adjustment, payroll employment was virtually unchanged. Modest employment gains in State and local government (40,000) and services (25,000) were offset by declines in trade (40,000), manufacturing (30,000), and construction (15,000).

The decline in manufacturing employment in December was the fourth successive monthly decline, although the November drop reflected a major strike. The durable goods industries, particularly transportation equipment and primary metals, accounted for most of the over-the-month decrease.

### Unemployment

The number of unemployed persons totaled 2.6 million in December. After seasonal adjustment, unemployment was unchanged over the month, after falling substantially between October and November.

The overall unemployment rate, at 3.4 percent in December, was unchanged from November. Rates of unemployment for adult men (2.2 percent), adult women (3.4 percent), and teenagers (11.9 percent) were all unchanged over the month, as were rates for most other labor force groups. Among Negroes, however, the jobless rate fell from 6.2 to 5.5 percent, with the improvement concentrated among adult women. The rate for Negro workers in December was the lowest since the Korean War period.

After rising substantially in September and remaining high in October, jobless rates for most groups have returned to the levels of late summer. However, unemployment rates for blue-collar workers (4.3 percent), manufacturing workers (3.7 percent), and the State insured unemployed (2.4 percent) in December remained as high or higher than they were in the September-October period.

Over the year, unemployment has risen by 200,000, and the jobless rate has inched up from its post-Korean low of 3.3 percent. Despite the small change in overall unemployment, the incidence of unemployment was somewhat greater among primary workers this December than last. Jobless rates for adult men, all full-time workers, the State insured, and blue-collar and manufacturing workers were all higher than a year ago. On the other hand, rates for teenagers, women, and part-time workers were unchanged or below those of last year.

### Workweek

Average weekly hours for all rank-and-file workers on private nonfarm payrolls rose less than usual in December. On a seasonally adjusted basis, the average workweek edged down 0.1 hour to 37.5 hours, as declines in trade and finance, insurance, and real estate offset small increases in other industries.

Since September, the average workweek has fallen by 0.3 hour, after remaining at 37.8 hours for the previous 7 months. Average hours in December were at their lowest level (except for February 1969) since the series began in 1964.

In manufacturing, the average workweek rose by 0.1 hour to 40.6 hours (seasonally adjusted) in December. Despite this slight rise, the factory workweek remained low relative to most months in the first half of 1969.

Overtime hours in manufacturing inched down 0.1 hour (seasonally adjusted) to 3.4 hours and have declined by 0.3 hour since September. With the exception of April 1968, overtime hours were at the lowest level in 2 years. All of the decline in overtime hours occurred in the durable goods sector; since September, overtime in durables has dropped by a full half hour.

### Earnings

At \$3.11 in December, average hourly earnings for production and nonsupervisory workers on private payrolls were down 1 cent over the month. A seasonal decline in trade was responsible for the drop. Over the year, hourly earnings were up 19 cents (6.5 percent).

Average weekly earnings rose by 25 cents in December, reflecting the small actual rise in the workweek. Increases in mining, construction, and manufacturing offset reduced weekly earnings in trade and finance, insurance, and real estate. Compared with a year ago, average weekly earnings were up by \$6.87, or 6.2 percent.

### Labor Force and Total Employment

The civilian labor force was 81.4 million in December, 2.3 million more than a year ago. About half of this increase occurred among adult women, while adult men and teenagers accounted for equal shares of the remainder.

Total nonagricultural employment--including self-employed, unpaid family, and private household workers--was 75.8 million in December, not significantly different from November after allowance for seasonal changes. Nonagricultural employment has shown moderate growth in the last part of 1969, after rising rapidly early in the year. Agricultural employment, at 3.0 million, was also unchanged over the month (after seasonal adjustment). Compared with December 1968, agricultural employment has declined by 300,000.

### The Year in Review

The Nation's employment situation in 1969 was highlighted by strong employment gains with essentially no change in unemployment. For the year as a whole, employment rose by 2 million to 77.9 million, and the unemploy-

ment rate inched down to 3.5 percent, a new post-Korean War low.

Within the course of the year, however, there were several key labor force developments. During the first part of 1969, employment rose at a very rapid pace, and unemployment remained at or near post-Korean lows. By the end of the year, employment growth had slowed substantially, and joblessness was slightly above early 1969 levels.

Total employment and labor force. Total employment advanced to 77.9 million between 1968 and 1969. The 2 million year-to-year gain exceeded the increases of the previous 2 years and was similar to the extraordinarily rapid employment growth achieved in 1965 and 1966. Adult women accounted for 1.1 million of the 1969 increase, adult men 530,000, and teenagers 340,000.

The advance in total employment occurred entirely in the nonagricultural sector of the economy, as nonfarm employment rose by 2.2 million to 74.3 million. Employment in agriculture, after remaining unchanged in 1968, continued its long-term decline in 1969, receding by 210,000 to 3.6 million.

The civilian labor force increased by 2 million over the year to 80.7 million, marking the largest annual increase since 1947. The bulk of the 1969 increase occurred early in the year, when tight labor market conditions and favorable employment opportunities drew a large number of new workers into the labor force. Three-fourths of this advance took place among adult women and teenagers. The increase for adult males represented their smallest proportion of overall labor force growth since 1966 (when there was a decline in their civilian labor force).

Unemployment. About 2.8 million persons were unemployed in 1969, the same as in 1968. In both years, the total number of unemployed consisted of approximately 1 million adult men, 1 million adult women, and 850,000 teenagers. Of the total, slightly more than half had lost or left their previous job, also essentially the same as in 1968.

The number of persons unemployed for 15 weeks or longer fell by 35,000 in 1969 to 375,000. This was the eighth consecutive year in which the number of long-term unemployed had declined and was the lowest annual level recorded since 1953. The average duration of joblessness for unemployed workers dropped from 8.5 to 7.9 weeks in 1969.

The overall unemployment rate of 3.5 percent in 1969 was virtually the same as the 3.6 percent rate of 1968. Rates for most major groups in the labor force also exhibited little change between 1968 and 1969. Unemployment rates edged down slightly for adult men (from 2.2 to 2.1 percent), teenagers (from 12.7 to 12.2 percent), and for married men (from 1.6 to 1.5 percent). The jobless rate for adult women, at 3.7 percent, was virtually unchanged from 1968. The unemployment rate for white workers, at 3.1 percent, also was little changed from 1968, while the Negro rate of 6.4 percent was a little lower than the 6.7 percent figure of the previous year.

Industry developments. Total nonagricultural payroll employment increased 2.3 million in 1969 and passed the 70 million mark for the first time. Consistent with recent trends, the vast majority of new job growth resulted from pickups in the service-producing industries. Within this sector, the 1968-69 increase was concentrated in trade (560,000), services (510,000), and State and local government (360,000).

Considerable employment growth also occurred in the goods-producing industries, in contrast to the experience of recent years. The number of workers employed in manufacturing surpassed the 20 million mark on an annual basis for the first time, but virtually all of the year's advance took place during the first quarter. Three-fourths of the gain was concentrated in the durable goods industries. The year-to-year gain in construction was also impressive, with 140,000 new workers added to payrolls--all of the increase occurred in the first half of the year.

The average workweek for all production and other nonsupervisory workers on private payrolls declined for the fourth consecutive year, edging down 0.1 hour in 1969 to 37.7 hours. Workweek reductions in manufacturing (0.1 hour) and trade (0.4 hour) offset longer average hours in construction (0.6 hour) and mining (0.4 hour).

Gross weekly earnings for the Nation's rank-and-file workers rose to \$114.60 in 1969, a gain of \$6.90 (or 6.4 percent) from 1968. The gain was due entirely to a 19-cent rise (6.7 percent) in average hourly earnings.

Among the major industry divisions, the sharpest rise in gross weekly earnings--10.1 percent--occurred in construction.

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. Employment status of the noninstitutional population  
16 years and over, annual averages, 1967-69  
(In thousands)

Employment status	1969	1968	1967	Change	
				1968-69	1967-68
Total labor force.....	84,239	82,272	80,793	1,967	1,479
Armed forces.....	3,506	3,535	3,446	- 29	89
Civilian labor force.....	80,733	78,737	77,347	1,996	1,390
Employed.....	77,902	75,920	74,372	1,982	1,548
Agriculture.....	3,606	3,817	3,844	- 211	- 27
Nonagricultural industries.	74,296	72,103	70,527	2,193	1,576
Unemployed.....	2,831	2,817	2,975	14	- 158
Unemployment rate (percent)....	3.5	3.6	3.8	- 1	- .2
Not in labor force.....	53,602	53,291	52,527	311	764

Table B. Unemployed persons 16 years and over by duration  
of unemployment, annual averages, 1967-69

Duration of unemployment	1969		1968		1967	
	Thousands of persons	Percent	Thousands of persons	Percent	Thousands of persons	Percent
Total.....	2,831	100.0	2,817	100.0	2,975	100.0
Less than 5 weeks..	1,629	57.5	1,594	56.6	1,635	54.9
5 to 14 weeks.....	827	29.2	810	28.8	893	30.0
15 weeks and over..	375	13.3	412	14.6	449	15.1
15 to 26 weeks...	242	8.5	256	9.1	271	9.1
27 weeks and over.....	133	4.7	156	5.5	177	5.9

Table C. Major unemployment indicators, annual averages, 1964-69  
(Persons 16 years and over--in percents)

Selected categories	1969	1968	1967	1966	1965	1964
Total (all civilian workers)..	3.5	3.6	3.8	3.8	4.5	5.2
Men, 20 years and over.....	2.1	2.2	2.3	2.5	3.2	3.9
Women, 20 years and over....	3.7	3.8	4.2	3.8	4.5	5.2
Both sexes, 16-19 years.....	12.2	12.7	12.9	12.7	14.8	16.2
White.....	3.1	3.2	3.4	3.3	4.1	4.6
Nonwhite.....	6.4	6.7	7.4	7.3	8.1	9.6
Married men.....	1.5	1.6	1.8	1.9	2.4	2.8
Full-time workers.....	3.1	3.1	3.4	3.4	4.2	4.9
Part-time workers.....	6.2	6.5	6.9	6.2	6.7	7.3
Unemployed 15 week and over...	.5	.5	.6	.7	1.0	1.3
Labor force time lost.....	3.9	4.0	4.2	4.2	5.0	5.8
OCCUPATION						
White-collar workers.....	2.1	2.0	2.2	2.0	2.3	2.6
Professional and managerial.	1.3	1.1	1.2	1.2	1.3	1.6
Clerical workers.....	3.0	3.0	3.1	2.9	3.3	3.7
Sales workers.....	2.9	2.8	3.2	2.8	3.4	3.5
Blue-collar workers.....	3.9	4.1	4.4	4.2	5.3	6.3
Craftsmen and foremen.....	2.2	2.4	2.5	2.8	3.6	4.1
Operatives.....	4.4	4.5	5.0	4.4	5.5	6.6
Nonfarm laborers.....	6.7	7.2	7.6	7.4	8.6	10.8
Service workers.....	4.2	4.4	4.5	4.6	5.3	6.0
Farm workers.....	1.9	2.1	2.3	2.2	2.6	3.1
INDUSTRY <sup>1/</sup>						
Private nonagricultural wage and salary workers.....	3.5	3.6	3.9	3.8	4.6	5.4
Construction.....	6.0	6.9	7.3	8.1	10.1	11.2
Manufacturing.....	3.3	3.3	3.7	3.2	4.0	5.0
Durable goods.....	3.0	3.0	3.4	2.8	3.5	4.7
Nondurable goods.....	3.7	3.7	4.1	3.8	4.7	5.3
Transportation and public utilities.....	2.2	2.0	2.4	2.1	2.9	3.5
Wholesale and retail trade..	4.1	4.0	4.2	4.4	5.0	5.7
Finance and service industries.....	2.1	3.4	3.6	3.5	4.0	4.5
Government workers.....	1.9	1.8	1.8	1.9	2.0	2.1
Agricultural wage and salary workers.....	6.0	6.3	6.9	6.6	7.3	9.3

<sup>1/</sup> For 1964-65, unemployment rates by industry are for persons 14 years and over.

Table D. Employees on nonagricultural payrolls by industry,  
annual averages, 1967-69  
(In thousands)

Industry	1969 <u>1/</u>	1968	1967	Change	
				1968-69	1967-68
Total.....	70,139	67,860	65,857	2,279	2,003
Private sector.....	57,911	56,015	54,459	1,896	1,556
Mining.....	628	610	613	18	- 3
Contract construction.....	3,410	3,267	3,208	143	59
Manufacturing.....	20,121	19,768	19,447	353	321
Durable goods.....	11,881	11,624	11,439	257	185
Ordnance.....	328	342	317	- 13	24
Lumber.....	600	598	597	2	1
Furniture.....	492	474	455	18	19
Stone, clay, and glass.....	661	637	628	24	9
Primary metal industries....	1,350	1,314	1,322	36	- 8
Fabricated metal products...	1,454	1,394	1,363	61	31
Machinery.....	2,007	1,961	1,970	46	- 9
Electrical equipment.....	2,038	1,982	1,959	56	23
Transportation equipment....	2,036	2,028	1,949	8	80
Instruments.....	470	460	451	10	9
Miscellaneous manufacturing.	444	435	428	10	6
Nondurable goods.....	8,240	8,144	8,008	96	136
Food.....	1,792	1,781	1,786	11	- 6
Tobacco.....	81	84	87	- 3	- 3
Textiles.....	987	991	959	- 3	32
Apparel.....	1,418	1,408	1,398	10	10
Paper.....	716	693	679	24	13
Printing and publishing....	1,086	1,063	1,048	23	15
Chemicals.....	1,049	1,026	1,001	23	25
Petroleum.....	184	187	183	- 3	4
Rubber.....	581	557	516	24	41
Leather.....	345	356	351	- 10	5
Transportation and public utilities.....	4,449	4,313	4,261	136	52
Wholesale and retail trade.....	14,644	14,081	13,606	563	475
Finance, insurance, and real estate.....	3,558	3,383	3,225	175	158
Services.....	11,102	10,592	10,099	510	493
Government.....	12,227	11,846	11,398	381	448
Federal.....	2,756	2,737	2,719	19	18
State and local.....	9,471	9,109	8,679	362	430

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

(In thousands)

Employment status, age, and sex	Dec. 1969	Nov. 1969	Dec. 1968	Seasonally adjusted				
				Dec. 1969	Nov. 1969	Oct. 1969	Sept. 1969	Aug. 1969
<b>Total</b>								
Total labor force	84,856	84,920	82,618	85,029	84,788	85,014	84,902	84,584
Civilian labor force	81,416	81,427	79,118	81,589	81,295	81,486	81,359	81,054
Employed	78,788	78,716	76,700	78,779	78,497	78,325	78,127	78,187
Agriculture	2,984	3,322	3,279	3,505	3,429	3,332	3,458	3,634
Nonagricultural industries	75,805	75,395	73,421	75,274	75,068	74,993	74,669	74,553
On part time for economic reasons	1,719	1,679	1,558	1,841	1,827	1,931	1,982	2,001
Usually work full time	986	937	835	1,029	981	1,021	1,091	1,065
Usually work part time	733	742	723	812	846	919	891	936
Unemployed	2,628	2,710	2,419	2,810	2,798	3,161	3,232	2,867
<b>Men, 20 years and over</b>								
Civilian labor force	46,429	46,451	45,881	46,618	46,489	46,552	46,568	46,507
Employed	45,378	45,542	45,008	45,607	45,487	45,424	45,442	45,551
Agriculture	2,324	2,447	2,559	2,510	2,479	2,531	2,570	2,693
Nonagricultural industries	43,054	43,094	42,449	43,097	43,008	42,893	42,872	42,858
Unemployed	1,052	909	873	1,011	1,002	1,128	1,126	956
<b>Women, 20 years and over</b>								
Civilian labor force	28,229	28,188	27,024	27,892	27,660	27,817	27,686	27,677
Employed	27,389	27,194	26,205	26,932	26,695	26,711	26,519	26,622
Agriculture	446	565	498	646	562	514	511	578
Nonagricultural industries	26,943	26,630	25,707	26,286	26,133	26,197	26,008	26,044
Unemployed	840	994	818	960	965	1,106	1,167	1,055
<b>Both sexes, 16-19 years</b>								
Civilian labor force	6,757	6,788	6,214	7,079	7,146	7,117	7,105	6,870
Employed	6,022	5,980	5,486	6,240	6,315	6,190	6,166	6,014
Agriculture	214	310	221	349	388	287	377	363
Nonagricultural industries	5,808	5,670	5,265	5,891	5,927	5,903	5,789	5,651
Unemployed	736	807	728	839	831	927	939	856

**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	Dec. 1969	Dec. 1968	Seasonally adjusted					
			Dec. 1969	Nov. 1969	Oct. 1969	Sept. 1969	Aug. 1969	July 1969
<b>Full time</b>								
<b>Total, 16 years and over:</b>								
Civilian labor force	69,204	67,610	70,449	70,161	70,153	70,271	70,108	69,818
Employed	67,300	65,944	68,270	68,022	67,896	67,914	67,948	67,653
Unemployed	1,904	1,667	2,179	2,139	2,257	2,357	2,160	2,165
Unemployment rate	2.8	2.5	3.1	3.0	3.2	3.4	3.1	3.1
<b>Men, 20 years and over:</b>								
Civilian labor force	44,238	43,735	44,545	44,367	44,415	44,470	44,306	44,201
Employed	43,288	42,970	43,622	43,452	43,426	43,481	43,472	43,303
Unemployed	951	765	923	915	989	989	834	898
Unemployment rate	2.1	1.7	2.1	2.1	2.2	2.2	1.9	2.0
<b>Women, 20 years and over:</b>								
Civilian labor force	21,989	21,182	21,970	21,954	21,911	21,852	21,992	21,781
Employed	21,363	20,537	21,252	21,197	21,104	20,992	21,125	20,984
Unemployed	625	645	718	757	807	860	867	797
Unemployment rate	2.8	3.0	3.3	3.4	3.7	3.9	3.9	3.7
<b>Part time</b>								
<b>Total, 16 years and over:</b>								
Civilian labor force	12,212	11,508	11,338	11,206	11,285	11,066	10,978	10,885
Employed	11,488	10,757	10,623	10,517	10,507	10,296	10,236	10,185
Unemployed	724	752	715	689	778	770	742	700
Unemployment rate	5.9	6.5	6.3	6.1	6.9	7.0	6.8	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					
	Dec. 1969	Dec. 1968	Dec. 1969	Nov. 1969	Oct. 1969	Sept. 1969	Aug. 1969	Dec. 1968
Total (all civilian workers) . . . . .	2,628	2,419	3.4	3.4	3.9	4.0	3.5	3.3
Men, 20 years and over . . . . .	1,052	873	2.2	2.2	2.4	2.4	2.1	1.8
Women, 20 years and over . . . . .	840	818	3.4	3.5	4.0	4.2	3.8	3.5
Both sexes, 16-19 years . . . . .	736	728	11.9	11.6	13.0	13.2	12.5	12.7
White . . . . .	2,155	1,917	3.2	3.1	3.5	3.6	3.2	3.0
Negro and other races . . . . .	473	501	5.5	6.2	6.9	6.8	6.5	6.0
Married men . . . . .	661	562	1.6	1.5	1.7	1.7	1.5	1.4
Full-time workers . . . . .	1,904	1,667	3.1	3.0	3.2	3.4	3.1	2.7
Part-time workers . . . . .	724	752	6.3	6.1	6.9	7.0	6.8	6.8
Unemployed 15 weeks and over <sup>1</sup> . . . . .	357	301	.5	.5	.5	.5	.5	.4
State insured <sup>2</sup> . . . . .	1,251	1,033	2.4	2.4	2.2	2.2	2.1	2.0
Labor force time lost <sup>3</sup> . . . . .	--	--	3.8	4.0	4.4	4.4	4.1	3.6
<b>Occupation<sup>4</sup></b>								
White-collar workers . . . . .	661	577	2.1	2.1	2.4	2.2	2.2	1.9
Professional and managerial . . . . .	217	146	1.4	1.1	1.4	1.3	1.2	1.0
Clerical workers . . . . .	341	319	2.8	3.5	3.3	3.3	3.3	2.7
Sales workers . . . . .	104	112	2.6	2.2	3.6	2.8	2.9	2.9
Blue-collar workers . . . . .	1,276	1,065	4.3	4.2	4.3	4.4	3.8	3.6
Craftsmen and foremen . . . . .	253	226	2.1	2.2	2.4	2.6	2.2	1.9
Operatives . . . . .	713	585	5.0	4.9	5.0	4.8	4.1	4.2
Nonfarm laborers . . . . .	311	254	7.2	7.0	6.8	7.7	6.9	6.1
Service workers . . . . .	329	369	3.6	3.9	4.4	4.9	4.5	4.2
Farm workers . . . . .	69	63	2.1	1.5	1.8	2.0	2.0	1.7
<b>Industry<sup>4</sup></b>								
Nonagricultural private wage and salary workers <sup>5</sup> . . . . .	2,074	1,775	3.5	3.6	3.8	4.0	3.6	3.3
Construction . . . . .	249	232	5.6	5.6	7.3	7.6	7.4	5.4
Manufacturing . . . . .	761	571	3.7	3.8	3.7	3.7	2.9	2.8
Durable goods . . . . .	449	306	3.7	3.7	3.3	3.3	2.3	2.6
Nondurable goods . . . . .	312	266	3.8	3.8	4.2	4.4	3.8	3.3
Transportation and public utilities . . . . .	115	70	2.4	2.4	2.8	2.0	2.0	1.6
Wholesale and retail trade . . . . .	434	443	3.9	3.9	4.3	4.7	4.4	4.1
Finance and service industries . . . . .	407	442	2.8	3.1	3.2	3.5	3.5	3.2
Government wage and salary workers . . . . .	208	169	2.0	2.1	2.5	1.9	1.9	1.7
Agricultural wage and salary workers . . . . .	83	82	6.3	5.0	6.6	7.4	7.0	5.7

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

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

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

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

<sup>5</sup>Includes mining, not shown separately.

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

(In thousands)

Duration of unemployment	Dec. 1969	Nov. 1969	Dec. 1968	Seasonally adjusted				
				Dec. 1969	Nov. 1969	Oct. 1969	Sept. 1969	Aug. 1969
Less than 5 weeks . . . . .	1,373	1,555	1,303	1,436	1,564	1,857	1,818	1,636
5 to 14 weeks . . . . .	898	833	814	910	910	948	1,000	861
15 weeks and over . . . . .	357	322	301	382	384	370	389	382
15 to 26 weeks . . . . .	244	198	164	262	244	240	233	244
27 weeks and over . . . . .	113	124	137	120	140	130	156	138

**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	
	Dec. 1969	Dec. 1968	Dec. 1969	Dec. 1968	Dec. 1969	Dec. 1968	Dec. 1969	Dec. 1968	Dec. 1969	Dec. 1968	Dec. 1969	Dec. 1968
<b>UNEMPLOYMENT LEVEL</b>												
Total unemployed, in thousands . . . . .	2,628	2,419	1,052	873	840	818	736	728	2,155	1,917	473	501
Lost last job . . . . .	1,133	914	693	512	303	286	137	116	959	727	174	187
Left last job . . . . .	378	339	150	129	138	132	90	78	323	269	56	70
Reentered labor force . . . . .	825	822	188	211	354	360	283	251	640	652	185	170
Never worked before . . . . .	292	343	20	21	46	40	226	283	234	270	58	74
Total unemployed, percent distribution . . . . .	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Lost last job . . . . .	43.1	37.8	65.9	58.7	36.0	34.9	18.7	15.9	44.5	37.9	36.8	37.3
Left last job . . . . .	14.4	14.0	14.3	14.8	16.4	16.1	12.2	10.7	15.0	14.0	11.8	14.0
Reentered labor force . . . . .	31.4	34.0	17.9	24.2	42.1	44.0	38.5	34.5	29.7	34.0	39.1	34.0
Never worked before . . . . .	11.1	14.2	1.9	2.4	5.5	4.9	30.7	38.9	10.9	14.1	12.2	14.7
<b>UNEMPLOYMENT RATE</b>												
Total unemployment rate . . . . .	3.2	3.1	2.3	1.9	3.0	3.0	10.9	11.7	3.0	2.7	5.2	5.7
Job-loser rate <sup>1</sup> . . . . .	1.4	1.2	1.5	1.1	1.0	1.1	2.0	1.9	1.3	1.1	2.0	2.2
Job-leaver rate <sup>1</sup> . . . . .	.5	.4	.3	.3	.5	.5	1.3	1.3	.4	.4	.6	.8
Reentrant rate <sup>1</sup> . . . . .	1.0	1.0	.4	.5	1.3	1.3	4.2	4.0	.9	.9	2.1	2.0
New entrant rate <sup>1</sup> . . . . .	.4	.4	--	--	.2	.1	3.2	4.5	.3	.4	.6	.8

<sup>1</sup>Unemployment 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					
	Dec. 1969	Nov. 1969		Dec. 1969	Dec. 1969	Nov. 1969	Oct. 1969	Sept. 1969	Aug. 1969
	Total, 16 years and over . . . . .	2,628	2,710	72.5	3.4	3.4	3.9	4.0	3.5
16 to 19 years . . . . .	736	807	44.6	11.9	11.6	13.0	13.2	12.5	12.7
16 and 17 years . . . . .	384	448	24.2	13.9	14.2	16.8	16.7	16.1	15.0
18 and 19 years . . . . .	351	360	67.2	10.1	9.0	10.6	10.8	9.9	10.9
20 to 24 years . . . . .	496	531	81.3	5.6	5.9	6.5	6.7	5.4	5.3
25 years and over . . . . .	1,395	1,371	84.2	2.2	2.2	2.4	2.5	2.3	2.0
25 to 54 years . . . . .	1,085	1,096	86.5	2.2	2.4	2.4	2.5	2.4	2.0
55 years and over . . . . .	310	276	75.8	2.2	2.0	2.4	2.3	2.0	2.1
Males, 16 years and over . . . . .	1,462	1,329	77.2	2.9	2.9	3.2	3.2	2.7	2.6
16 to 19 years . . . . .	410	420	43.4	11.1	11.5	12.2	12.1	11.1	11.6
16 and 17 years . . . . .	216	238	25.9	13.2	14.0	15.1	15.0	15.7	14.2
18 and 19 years . . . . .	194	181	62.4	9.3	8.6	10.0	9.6	7.6	9.5
20 to 24 years . . . . .	275	259	82.2	5.2	5.3	6.5	6.3	4.5	4.2
25 years and over . . . . .	776	650	93.4	1.8	1.8	1.9	1.9	1.7	1.5
25 to 54 years . . . . .	559	479	97.1	1.6	1.8	1.8	1.8	1.7	1.4
55 years and over . . . . .	218	172	83.5	2.3	2.0	2.2	2.0	2.0	1.9
Females, 16 years and over . . . . .	1,166	1,381	66.6	4.4	4.3	5.0	5.3	4.9	4.5
16 to 19 years . . . . .	325	388	46.5	12.8	11.8	14.0	14.6	14.1	14.1
16 and 17 years . . . . .	168	209	21.4	14.9	14.5	19.0	19.2	16.7	16.2
18 and 19 years . . . . .	157	179	72.6	11.1	9.5	11.2	12.1	12.3	12.6
20 to 24 years . . . . .	221	273	80.1	6.0	6.6	6.5	7.1	6.4	6.5
25 years and over . . . . .	619	721	72.5	2.9	3.0	3.4	3.5	3.3	2.9
25 to 54 years . . . . .	526	617	75.3	3.3	3.4	3.6	3.7	3.6	3.1
55 years and over . . . . .	93	104	57.0	2.0	2.0	2.6	2.7	2.1	2.4

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

(In thousands)

Industry	Dec. 1969	Nov. 1969	Oct. 1969	Dec. 1968	Change from		Seasonally adjusted			
					Nov. 1969	Dec. 1968	Dec. 1969	Nov. 1969	Oct. 1969	Change from Nov. 1969
<b>TOTAL</b> .....	71,588	71,244	71,198	69,805	344	1,783	70,639	70,653	70,651	-14
<b>MINING</b> .....	632	631	632	619	1	13	636	632	631	4
<b>CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION</b> .....	3,360	3,529	3,623	3,247	-169	113	3,446	3,460	3,448	-14
<b>MANUFACTURING</b> .....	20,039	20,156	20,339	20,008	-117	31	19,988	20,018	20,156	-30
<i>Production workers</i> .....	14,645	14,750	14,918	14,701	-105	-56	14,582	14,603	14,732	-21
<b>DURABLE GOODS</b> .....	11,780	11,833	11,991	11,793	-53	-13	11,732	11,758	11,932	-26
<i>Production workers</i> .....	8,546	8,588	8,733	8,595	-42	-49	8,491	8,509	8,674	-18
Ordnance and accessories .....	298.7	306.9	307.7	352.0	-8.2	-53.3	298	304	306	-6
Lumber and wood products .....	585.0	588.8	593.9	598.0	-3.8	-13.0	590	590	589	0
Furniture and fixtures .....	493.2	493.5	496.9	490.1	-.3	3.1	488	487	491	1
Stone, clay, and glass products .....	657.0	667.0	669.6	650.1	-10.0	6.9	665	664	662	1
Primary metal industries .....	1,357.9	1,358.0	1,355.9	1,302.5	-.1	55.4	1,369	1,379	1,381	-10
Fabricated metal products .....	1,471.8	1,471.5	1,468.0	1,437.2	.3	34.6	1,460	1,457	1,456	3
Machinery, except electrical .....	2,017.3	2,006.7	2,011.9	1,965.3	10.6	52.0	2,023	2,015	2,030	8
Electrical equipment .....	1,977.2	1,979.5	2,094.9	2,019.6	-2.3	-42.4	1,954	1,956	2,076	-2
Transportation equipment .....	2,002.4	2,028.6	2,054.8	2,069.3	-26.2	-66.9	1,965	1,997	2,030	-32
Instruments and related products .....	467.5	470.7	469.2	467.5	-3.2	0	465	469	469	-4
Miscellaneous manufacturing .....	451.7	462.1	467.7	441.6	-10.4	10.1	455	440	442	15
<b>NONDURABLE GOODS</b> .....	8,259	8,323	8,348	8,215	-64	44	8,256	8,260	8,224	-4
<i>Production workers</i> .....	6,099	6,162	6,185	6,106	-63	-7	6,091	6,094	6,058	-3
Food and kindred products .....	1,774.6	1,831.0	1,860.4	1,776.7	-56.4	-2.1	1,787	1,806	1,777	-19
Tobacco manufactures .....	83.3	85.0	91.3	88.0	-1.7	-4.7	77	78	78	-1
Textile mill products .....	981.9	984.6	982.3	997.7	-2.7	-15.8	982	979	977	3
Apparel and other textile products .....	1,415.9	1,422.1	1,428.6	1,411.0	-6.2	4.9	1,417	1,408	1,410	9
Paper and allied products .....	725.3	725.2	720.6	708.5	.1	16.8	722	722	720	0
Printing and publishing .....	1,106.7	1,106.0	1,100.5	1,079.9	.7	26.8	1,100	1,103	1,099	-3
Chemicals and allied products .....	1,051.2	1,048.8	1,046.2	1,035.1	2.4	16.1	1,056	1,054	1,050	2
Petroleum and coal products .....	191.7	191.8	192.7	186.1	-.1	5.6	194	192	191	2
Rubber and plastics products, n e c .....	586.1	587.2	587.2	576.2	-1.1	9.9	580	580	583	0
Leather and leather products .....	342.6	341.2	338.3	356.0	1.4	-13.4	341	338	339	3
<b>TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC UTILITIES</b> .....	4,502	4,510	4,502	4,370	-8	132	4,493	4,488	4,480	5
<b>WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE</b> .....	15,655	15,077	14,847	15,113	578	542	14,785	14,823	14,809	-38
<b>WHOLESALE TRADE</b> .....	3,875	3,851	3,834	3,715	24	160	3,837	3,817	3,807	20
<b>RETAIL TRADE</b> .....	11,780	11,226	11,013	11,398	554	382	10,948	11,006	11,002	-58
<b>FINANCE, INSURANCE, AND REAL ESTATE</b> .....	3,601	3,596	3,591	3,449	5	152	3,615	3,610	3,595	5
<b>SERVICES</b> .....	11,220	11,231	11,255	10,773	-11	447	11,288	11,265	11,244	23
Hotels and other lodging places .....	690.3	696.7	718.8	675.3	-6.4	15.0	745	743	740	2
Personal services .....	1,018.7	1,026.1	1,028.0	1,037.0	-7.4	-18.3	1,014	1,028	1,025	-8
Medical and other health services .....	2,949.1	2,935.7	2,913.7	2,728.9	13.4	220.2	2,958	2,936	2,917	22
Educational services .....	1,175.8	1,174.4	1,155.4	1,144.3	1.4	31.5	1,126	1,117	1,113	9
<b>GOVERNMENT</b> .....	12,579	12,514	12,409	12,226	65	353	12,388	12,357	12,318	31
<b>FEDERAL</b> .....	2,749	2,705	2,715	2,769	44	-20	2,713	2,721	2,729	-8
<b>STATE AND LOCAL</b> .....	9,830	9,809	9,694	9,457	21	373	9,675	9,636	9,589	39

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

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

Industry	Dec. 1969	Nov. 1969	Oct. 1969	Dec. 1968	Change from		Seasonally adjusted			
					Nov. 1969	Dec. 1968	Dec. 1969	Nov. 1969	Oct. 1969	Change from Nov. 1969
<b>TOTAL PRIVATE</b> . . . . .	37.7	37.5	37.7	37.8	0.2	-0.1	37.5	37.6	37.6	-0.1
<b>MINING</b> . . . . .	43.6	43.0	43.4	43.3	.6	.3	43.6	43.4	42.9	.2
<b>CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION</b> . . . . .	37.7	37.1	38.4	37.1	.6	.6	38.2	38.2	37.5	0
<b>MANUFACTURING</b> . . . . .	40.9	40.6	40.7	41.1	.3	-.2	40.6	40.5	40.5	.1
<i>Overtime hours</i> . . . . .	3.5	3.6	3.7	3.9	-.1	-.4	3.4	3.5	3.5	-.1
<b>DURABLE GOODS</b> . . . . .	41.6	41.2	41.4	41.7	.4	-.1	41.2	41.1	41.2	.1
<i>Overtime hours</i> . . . . .	3.6	3.7	3.9	4.1	-.1	-.5	3.4	3.5	3.7	-.1
Ordnance and accessories . . . . .	40.8	40.8	40.3	41.8	0	-1.0	40.3	40.5	40.1	-.2
Lumber and wood products . . . . .	40.6	39.9	40.4	40.9	.7	-.3	40.8	40.3	40.0	.5
Furniture and fixtures . . . . .	40.9	40.3	40.6	41.3	.6	-.4	40.1	39.9	39.9	.2
Stone, clay, and glass products . . . . .	41.9	42.1	42.2	41.9	-.2	0	42.0	42.1	41.7	-.1
Primary metal industries . . . . .	41.5	41.4	41.7	41.6	.1	-.1	41.5	41.6	42.2	-.1
Fabricated metal products . . . . .	42.1	41.6	41.7	42.0	.5	.1	41.8	41.4	41.4	.4
Machinery, except electrical . . . . .	43.0	42.4	42.4	42.7	.6	.3	42.5	42.4	42.4	.1
Electrical equipment and supplies . . . . .	40.8	40.5	40.4	40.8	.3	0	40.2	40.1	40.2	.1
Transportation equipment . . . . .	41.7	41.4	41.9	42.6	.3	-.9	41.0	40.5	41.3	.5
Instruments and related products . . . . .	42.1	41.2	40.9	40.9	.9	1.2	41.7	41.0	40.7	.7
Miscellaneous manufacturing . . . . .	39.0	39.2	39.3	39.2	-.2	-.2	38.8	38.8	38.8	0
<b>NONDURABLE GOODS</b> . . . . .	40.0	39.7	39.7	40.1	.3	-.1	39.8	39.5	39.5	.3
<i>Overtime hours</i> . . . . .	3.4	3.4	3.5	3.5	0	-.1	3.3	3.3	3.3	0
Food and kindred products . . . . .	40.8	40.9	40.7	41.1	-.1	-.3	40.6	40.7	40.5	-.1
Tobacco manufactures . . . . .	37.4	37.4	38.4	37.7	0	-.3	36.8	37.4	37.2	-.6
Textile mill products . . . . .	41.4	41.1	40.9	41.6	.3	-.2	41.0	40.8	40.6	.2
Apparel and other textile products . . . . .	36.1	35.8	35.8	36.0	.3	.1	36.2	35.8	35.7	.4
Paper and allied products . . . . .	43.1	43.0	43.0	43.6	.1	-.5	42.7	42.8	42.7	-.1
Printing and publishing . . . . .	39.2	38.3	38.4	38.9	.9	.3	38.8	38.3	38.3	.5
Chemicals and allied products . . . . .	42.1	41.9	41.7	42.1	.2	0	41.9	41.8	41.7	.1
Petroleum and coal products . . . . .	42.3	42.7	42.7	42.1	-.4	.2	42.9	42.7	42.6	.2
Rubber and plastics products, n e c . . . . .	41.5	41.1	41.3	41.9	.4	-.4	41.1	40.8	40.9	.3
Leather and leather products . . . . .	38.1	37.4	37.0	38.4	.7	-.3	37.5	37.4	37.3	.1
<b>WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE</b> . . . . .	35.6	35.2	35.3	35.9	.4	-.3	35.4	35.5	35.5	-.1
<b>WHOLESALE TRADE</b> . . . . .	40.5	40.2	40.3	40.3	.3	.2	40.3	40.2	40.3	.1
<b>RETAIL TRADE</b> . . . . .	34.2	33.6	33.7	34.6	.6	-.4	33.9	34.0	33.9	-.1
<b>FINANCE, INSURANCE, AND REAL ESTATE</b> . . . . .	37.0	37.2	37.1	37.1	-.2	-.1	36.9	37.2	37.1	-.3

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

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

Industry	Average hourly earnings						Average weekly earnings					
	Dec. 1969	Nov. 1969	Oct. 1969	Dec. 1968	Change from		Dec. 1969	Nov. 1969	Oct. 1969	Dec. 1968	Change from	
					Nov. 1969	Dec. 1968					Nov. 1969	Dec. 1968
<b>TOTAL PRIVATE</b> . . . . .	\$3.11	\$3.12	\$3.11	\$2.92	-\$0.01	\$0.19	\$117.25	\$117.00	\$117.25	\$110.38	\$6.25	\$6.87
<b>MINING</b> . . . . .	3.70	3.69	3.68	3.49	.01	.21	161.32	158.67	159.71	151.12	2.65	10.20
<b>CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION</b> . . . . .	4.99	4.95	4.95	4.55	.04	.44	188.12	183.65	190.08	168.81	4.47	19.31
<b>MANUFACTURING</b> . . . . .	3.28	3.26	3.24	3.11	.02	.17	134.15	132.36	131.87	127.82	1.79	6.33
<b>DURABLE GOODS</b> . . . . .	3.48	3.45	3.44	3.30	.03	.18	144.77	142.14	142.42	137.61	2.63	7.16
Ordnance and accessories . . . . .	3.54	3.54	3.50	3.38	0	.16	144.43	144.43	141.05	141.28		3.15
Lumber and wood products . . . . .	2.81	2.84	2.82	2.62	-.03	.19	114.09	113.32	113.93	107.16	.77	6.93
Furniture and fixtures . . . . .	2.71	2.70	2.68	2.55	.01	.16	110.84	108.81	108.81	105.32	2.03	5.52
Stone, clay, and glass products . . . . .	3.26	3.28	3.26	3.06	-.02	.20	136.59	138.09	137.57	128.21	-1.50	8.38
Primary metal industries . . . . .	3.87	3.85	3.85	3.67	.02	.20	160.61	159.39	160.55	152.67	1.22	7.94
Fabricated metal products . . . . .	3.43	3.40	3.39	3.25	.03	.18	144.40	141.44	141.36	136.50	2.96	7.90
Machinery, except electrical . . . . .	3.70	3.67	3.67	3.47	.03	.23	159.10	155.61	155.61	148.17	3.49	10.93
Electrical equipment and supplies . . . . .	3.17	3.12	3.13	3.03	.05	.14	129.34	126.36	126.45	123.62	2.98	5.72
Transportation equipment . . . . .	4.03	3.98	3.96	3.87	.05	.16	168.05	164.77	165.92	164.86	3.28	3.19
Instruments and related products . . . . .	3.29	3.24	3.22	3.08	.05	.21	138.51	133.49	131.70	125.97	5.02	12.54
Miscellaneous manufacturing . . . . .	2.75	2.71	2.68	2.58	.04	.17	107.25	106.23	105.32	101.14	1.02	6.11
<b>NONDURABLE GOODS</b> . . . . .	2.99	2.97	2.96	2.82	.02	.17	119.60	117.91	117.51	113.08	1.69	6.52
Food and kindred products . . . . .	3.04	3.00	2.97	2.87	.04	.17	124.03	122.70	120.88	117.96	1.33	6.07
Tobacco manufactures . . . . .	2.69	2.64	2.52	2.55	.05	.14	100.61	98.74	96.77	96.14	1.87	4.47
Textile mill products . . . . .	2.42	2.42	2.41	2.28	0	.14	100.19	99.46	98.57	94.85	.73	5.34
Apparel and other textile products . . . . .	2.35	2.35	2.34	2.26	0	.09	84.84	84.13	83.77	81.36	.71	3.48
Paper and allied products . . . . .	3.32	3.32	3.31	3.14	0	.18	143.09	142.76	142.33	136.90	.33	6.19
Printing and publishing . . . . .	3.81	3.78	3.77	3.59	.03	.22	149.35	144.77	144.77	139.65	4.58	9.70
Chemicals and allied products . . . . .	3.58	3.55	3.54	3.36	.03	.22	150.72	148.75	147.62	141.46	1.97	9.26
Petroleum and coal products . . . . .	4.04	4.08	4.06	3.79	-.04	.25	170.89	174.22	173.36	159.56	-3.33	11.33
Rubber and plastics products, n e c . . . . .	3.14	3.13	3.13	3.01	.01	.13	130.31	128.64	129.27	126.12	1.67	4.19
Leather and leather products . . . . .	2.43	2.43	2.40	2.30	0	.13	92.58	90.88	88.80	88.32	1.70	4.26
<b>WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE</b> . . . . .	2.60	2.63	2.61	2.45	-.03	.15	92.56	92.58	92.13	87.96	-.02	4.60
<b>WHOLESALE TRADE</b> . . . . .	3.34	3.33	3.29	3.12	.01	.22	135.27	133.87	132.59	125.74	1.40	9.53
<b>RETAIL TRADE</b> . . . . .	2.33	2.36	2.35	2.21	-.03	.12	79.69	79.30	79.20	76.47	.39	3.22
<b>FINANCE, INSURANCE, AND REAL ESTATE</b> . . . . .	2.97	2.98	2.94	2.83	-.01	.14	109.89	110.86	109.07	104.99	-.97	4.90

<sup>1</sup> See footnote 1, table B-2.  
NOTE: Data for the 2 most recent months are preliminary.