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Unemployment continued to increase in March, as a substantial rise in the civilian labor force exceeded a moderate gain in employment, the U.S. Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics reported today. The over-the-month increase in unemployment was concentrated among adults seeking full-time jobs, while the increase in employment occurred among part-time workers. The overall unemployment rate rose from 4.2 percent in February to 4.4 percent in March.

Nonfarm payroll employment (seasonally adjusted) remained substantially unchanged at its high February level. In manufacturing, employment continued to edge down, but the factory workweek recovered from the sharp drop in February.

Unemployment

The number of unemployed persons totaled 3.7 million in March. Unemployment generally falls sharply between February and March; this March, however, there was little change, and, after seasonal adjustment, unemployment was up by 230,000. Virtually all of the over-the-month increase occurred among adult full-time workers, mostly women.

Compared with March 1969, when joblessness was near its post-Korean low, unemployment has risen by 1.0 million. About three-fifths of the overall increase was among persons who lost their last job.

The March increase in the overall unemployment rate, from 4.2 to 4.4 percent, marked the third consecutive month in which the rate has risen. Since December, the rate has increased by nearly a full percentage point to a 4-1/2-year high.

The unemployment rate for adult women moved up from 4.1 to 4.5 percent over the month, due to increased joblessness among women 25 years and over. Their rate was at its highest level in 2-1/2 years and has risen one percentage point since late 1969.

For all adult men, the March unemployment rate of 2.9 percent was little changed from February. The rate for married men, however, continued to rise, advancing from 2.0 to 2.2 percent. Both of these rates have increased sharply since late 1969.

The jobless rate for teenagers, at 13.9 percent, remained at the January and February level. Teenage joblessness in the past few months has been slightly above the rates that prevailed throughout most of 1969.

The jobless rate for white workers rose from 3.8 to 4.1 percent, while the unemployment rate for Negro workers, at 7.1 percent, was unchanged over the month. Although both rates were well above their 1969 lows, the Negro rate has remained less than double the white rate since last fall. In the first quarter of 1970, the ratio of Negro-to-white jobless rates was 1.8 to 1, the lowest since the third quarter of 1954.

Nearly all of the March increase in unemployment occurred among full-time jobseekers. The jobless rate for this group rose from 3.7 to 4.0 percent over the month. For part-time workers, the unemployment rate, at 7.1 percent, showed no significant change over the month. Since the latter part of 1969, the unemployment rate for full-time jobseekers has risen much more sharply than that for part-time workers.

The jobless rate for white-collar workers rose from 2.3 to 2.7 percent in March, due primarily to increased joblessness among professional, technical, and clerical workers. The unemployment rate for professional and technical workers, at 2.3 percent, has nearly doubled since late 1969, partly reflecting employment cutbacks in aerospace and defense-related industries. The unemployment rate for blue-collar workers, which began to rise in the early fall of 1969, was essentially unchanged in March at 5.2 percent but was at its highest level since September 1965.

Jobless rates in manufacturing (4.8 percent) and construction (8.1 percent) were unchanged over the month, after rising sharply in February. Both rates were up substantially since late 1969.

The rate for workers covered by State unemployment insurance programs remained at 2.7 percent in March. This was significantly above the 2.1 percent rate of a year ago.

The number of persons unemployed for 15 weeks or longer rose to 545,000 in March, the highest level in nearly 4 years. As a proportion of the civilian labor force, persons unemployed 15 weeks or longer edged up to 0.7 percent.

The percent of labor force time lost by the unemployed and by persons involuntarily working part time because of economic factors has increased from 3.9 percent in December to 4.8 percent in March. (Labor force time lost is a measure of man-hours lost as a percent of potentially available labor force man-hours.)

Civilian Labor Force and Total Employment

The civilian labor force rose by 520,000, seasonally adjusted, to 82.8 million in March. Labor force gains amounted to 900,000 in the first quarter of 1970, one of the largest quarterly increases in the post-Korean period.

Total employment increased by 290,000 in March to 79.1 million, seasonally adjusted. The entire increase occurred among part-time workers. Between the 2 most recent quarters, employment advanced by slightly over 400,000. However, a substantial increase in the civilian labor force more than offset this gain in employment, and, as a consequence, unemployment in the first quarter of 1970 was up by nearly 500,000 over the fourth quarter of 1969.

Industry Payroll Employment

Nonagricultural payroll employment was 70.3 million in March and after allowance for seasonality was virtually unchanged over the month.

A large employment gain in government and small increases in several other industries were counter-balanced by declines in trade and manufacturing. An increase of 90,000 in government occurred mainly in the federal sector, reflecting the hiring of temporary workers for the 1970 Census. Other employment gains were posted in transportation and public utilities, services, contract-construction, and finance, insurance, and real estate. In trade, a 70,000 decline was attributable to less-than-usual hiring for the Easter season.

Manufacturing employment declined by 55,000 in March, despite a pickup in production in the auto industry after temporary cutbacks in February. The employment gain in transportation equipment (40,000) was offset by small but widespread declines in the other manufacturing industries. Employment declines of 10,000-15,000 took place in the stone, clay, and glass, primary metals, electrical equipment, food, textiles, and apparel industries.

Hours of Work

The workweek for all rank-and-file workers on private nonfarm payrolls remained unchanged in March at 37.4 hours, seasonally adjusted, marking the third consecutive month at this level. Average hours in the first quarter were at their lowest level since quarterly data became available in 1964.

In manufacturing, the workweek moved up 0.3 hour to 40.2 hours, seasonally adjusted, after dropping sharply in February. Part of this increase reflected the resumption of normal work schedules in the electrical equipment industry, where workers returning from strikes had worked only a portion of the survey week in February. Despite this over-the-month gain, the factory workweek remained low relative to most of 1969. Factory hours averaged 40.1 in the first quarter of 1970 compared to 40.6 in the fourth quarter of 1969 and 40.7 in both the third and second quarters.

Factory overtime declined for the third straight month, reflecting declines in both the durable and nondurable goods sectors. At 3.1 hours in March, seasonally adjusted, overtime hours were at their lowest level since July 1964, with the exception of April 1968 when hours were affected by unusual noneconomic conditions. Since the 1969 high reached in January, factory overtime has dropped by 0.7 hour.

Earnings

Average hourly earnings for all production and nonsupervisory workers on private payrolls rose 1 cent in March to \$3.16. Compared with a year ago, average hourly earnings were up 19 cents, or 6.4 percent.

Average weekly earnings increased 68 cents over the month to \$117.55. Over-the-month gains were greatest in contract construction and manufacturing. Compared with March 1969, average weekly earnings increased by \$5.88, or 5.3 percent.

Over the year ending in February 1970, average weekly earnings rose by 6.1 percent; however, after adjustment for consumer price changes, earnings were down by 0.2 percent.

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	Mar. 1970	Feb. 1970	Mar. 1969	Seasonally adjusted				
				Mar. 1970	Feb. 1970	Jan. 1970	Dec. 1969	Nov. 1969
Total								
Total labor force	85,008	84,625	82,770	86,087	85,590	85,599	85,023	84,872
Civilian labor force	81,690	81,283	79,266	82,769	82,249	82,213	81,583	81,379
Employed	77,957	77,489	76,520	79,112	78,822	79,041	78,737	78,528
Agriculture	3,171	2,994	3,327	3,550	3,499	3,426	3,435	3,434
Nonagricultural industries	74,786	74,495	73,193	75,562	75,323	75,615	75,302	75,094
On part time for economic reasons	1,888	1,811	1,731	1,936	1,821	1,915	1,858	1,830
Usually work full time	1,120	1,088	977	1,093	1,044	1,036	1,046	1,005
Usually work part time	768	723	754	843	777	879	812	825
Unemployed	3,733	3,794	2,746	3,657	3,427	3,172	2,846	2,851
Men, 20 years and over								
Civilian labor force	46,856	46,676	45,959	47,060	46,836	46,826	46,578	46,531
Employed	45,250	44,998	44,911	45,709	45,534	45,674	45,553	45,533
Agriculture	2,423	2,330	2,579	2,537	2,479	2,473	2,499	2,482
Nonagricultural industries	42,827	42,668	42,332	43,172	43,055	43,201	43,054	43,051
Unemployed	1,606	1,678	1,048	1,351	1,302	1,152	1,025	998
Women, 20 years and over								
Civilian labor force	28,348	28,165	27,232	28,295	28,066	28,073	27,875	27,671
Employed	27,084	26,928	26,268	27,016	26,925	27,060	26,897	26,663
Agriculture	440	423	473	583	630	586	585	555
Nonagricultural industries	26,644	26,505	25,795	26,433	26,295	26,474	26,312	26,108
Unemployed	1,264	1,238	964	1,279	1,141	1,013	978	1,008
Both sexes, 16-19 years								
Civilian labor force	6,486	6,442	6,075	7,414	7,347	7,314	7,130	7,177
Employed	5,623	5,563	5,340	6,387	6,363	6,307	6,287	6,332
Agriculture	308	241	275	430	390	367	351	397
Nonagricultural industries	5,316	5,322	5,066	5,957	5,973	5,940	5,936	5,935
Unemployed	863	878	734	1,027	984	1,007	843	845

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	Mar. 1970	Mar. 1969	Seasonally adjusted					
			Mar. 1970	Feb. 1970	Jan. 1970	Dec. 1969	Nov. 1969	Oct. 1969
Full time								
Total, 16 years and over:								
Civilian labor force	69,116	67,799	70,557	70,407	70,623	70,269	70,184	70,190
Employed	66,247	65,739	67,707	67,781	68,235	68,017	68,039	68,010
Unemployed	2,869	2,060	2,850	2,626	2,388	2,252	2,145	2,180
Unemployment rate	4.2	3.0	4.0	3.7	3.4	3.2	3.1	3.1
Men, 20 years and over:								
Civilian labor force	44,449	43,781	44,715	44,536	44,604	44,486	44,420	44,447
Employed	42,982	42,833	43,460	43,348	43,561	43,506	43,515	43,539
Unemployed	1,468	948	1,255	1,188	1,043	980	905	908
Unemployment rate	3.3	2.2	2.8	2.7	2.3	2.2	2.0	2.0
Women, 20 years and over:								
Civilian labor force	21,914	21,430	21,982	21,965	22,146	21,813	21,852	21,862
Employed	20,940	20,646	20,982	21,087	21,332	21,089	21,096	21,059
Unemployed	974	785	1,000	878	814	724	756	803
Unemployment rate	4.4	3.7	4.5	4.0	3.7	3.3	3.5	3.7
Part time								
Total, 16 years and over:								
Civilian labor force	12,574	11,467	11,958	11,634	11,803	11,360	11,261	11,314
Employed	11,711	10,781	11,109	10,828	10,946	10,677	10,580	10,539
Unemployed	863	686	849	806	857	683	681	775
Unemployment rate	6.9	6.0	7.1	6.9	7.3	6.0	6.0	6.9

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					
	Mar. 1970	Mar. 1969	Mar. 1970	Feb. 1970	Jan. 1970	Dec. 1969	Nov. 1969	Mar. 1969
Total (all civilian workers)	3,733	2,746	4.4	4.2	3.9	3.5	3.5	3.4
Men, 20 years and over	1,606	1,048	2.9	2.8	2.5	2.2	2.1	1.9
Women, 20 years and over	1,264	964	4.5	4.1	3.6	3.5	3.6	3.6
Both sexes, 16-19 years	863	734	13.9	13.4	13.8	11.8	11.8	12.6
White	3,082	2,214	4.1	3.8	3.6	3.2	3.2	3.1
Negro and other races	651	532	7.1	7.0	6.3	5.7	6.2	6.1
Married men	1,064	662	2.2	2.0	1.8	1.7	1.5	1.4
Full-time workers	2,869	2,060	4.0	3.7	3.4	3.2	3.1	3.0
Part-time workers	863	686	7.1	6.9	7.3	6.0	6.0	6.2
Unemployed 15 weeks and over ¹	692	455	.7	.6	.5	.5	.5	.4
State insured ²	1,808	1,342	2.7	2.7	2.5	2.4	2.4	2.1
Labor force time lost ³	--	--	4.8	4.5	4.2	3.9	4.0	3.7
Occupation⁴								
White-collar workers	998	721	2.7	2.3	2.1	2.1	2.1	2.0
Professional and managerial	307	174	1.8	1.4	1.3	1.5	1.1	1.1
Clerical workers	502	400	3.6	3.2	3.1	2.8	3.5	3.0
Sales workers	188	148	3.5	3.4	2.8	2.6	2.2	2.9
Blue-collar workers	1,798	1,250	5.2	5.0	4.6	4.3	4.2	3.7
Craftsmen and foremen	420	288	3.1	2.5	2.3	2.3	2.1	2.2
Operatives	1,019	640	6.2	6.0	5.1	5.0	4.9	3.9
Nonfarm laborers	359	322	7.4	7.7	8.5	7.4	6.9	6.9
Service workers	500	392	4.9	4.8	4.5	3.6	4.0	3.9
Farm workers	83	81	2.3	1.9	2.1	2.1	1.4	2.1
Industry⁴								
Nonagricultural private wage and salary workers ⁵	2,976	2,114	4.6	4.3	3.9	3.6	3.6	3.4
Construction	437	311	8.1	7.9	7.1	6.0	5.4	6.1
Manufacturing	1,099	701	4.7	4.6	3.8	3.8	3.7	3.1
Durable goods	661	367	4.8	4.7	3.8	3.7	3.6	2.8
Nondurable goods	439	335	4.6	4.4	3.8	3.9	3.9	3.5
Transportation and public utilities	155	110	3.1	2.4	2.9	2.4	2.4	2.3
Wholesale and retail trade	677	541	4.7	4.7	4.3	3.9	3.9	3.9
Finance and service industries	595	437	4.0	3.2	3.1	2.7	3.2	3.1
Government wage and salary workers	233	179	2.1	2.0	2.2	2.0	2.1	1.6
Agricultural wage and salary workers	94	90	6.4	5.8	6.2	6.5	5.2	5.9

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	Mar. 1970	Feb. 1970	Mar. 1969	Seasonally adjusted				
				Mar. 1970	Feb. 1970	Jan. 1970	Dec. 1969	Nov. 1969
Less than 5 weeks	1,734	1,928	1,412	1,995	1,973	1,756	1,515	1,558
5 to 14 weeks	1,306	1,346	880	1,154	1,016	914	891	912
15 weeks and over	692	520	455	545	465	409	392	389
15 to 26 weeks	482	358	318	363	306	276	272	249
27 weeks and over	210	162	137	182	159	133	120	140

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	
	Mar. 1970	Mar. 1969	Mar. 1970	Mar. 1969	Mar. 1970	Mar. 1969	Mar. 1970	Mar. 1969	Mar. 1970	Mar. 1969	Mar. 1970	Mar. 1969
UNEMPLOYMENT LEVEL												
Total unemployed, in thousands	3,733	2,746	1,606	1,048	1,264	964	863	734	3,082	2,214	651	532
Lost last job	1,797	1,186	1,059	686	542	353	196	147	1,512	965	285	221
Left last job	441	391	200	139	156	144	85	107	360	309	81	82
Reentered labor force	1,143	869	312	203	530	414	302	252	920	693	223	176
Never worked before	351	301	35	19	36	52	280	229	290	247	61	54
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	48.1	43.2	65.9	65.4	42.8	36.7	22.7	19.9	49.1	43.6	43.8	41.6
Left last job	11.8	14.2	12.5	13.3	12.4	15.0	9.8	14.6	11.7	14.0	12.5	15.3
Reentered labor force	30.6	31.6	19.4	19.4	41.9	42.9	35.0	34.3	29.9	31.3	34.3	33.0
Never worked before	9.4	11.0	2.2	1.9	2.9	5.4	32.4	31.2	9.4	11.2	9.4	10.1
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE												
Total unemployment rate	4.6	3.5	3.4	2.3	4.5	3.5	13.3	12.1	4.2	3.1	7.2	6.1
Job-loser rate ¹	2.2	1.5	2.3	1.5	1.9	1.3	3.1	2.4	2.1	1.4	3.2	2.6
Job-leaver rate ¹5	.5	.4	.3	.6	.5	1.3	1.8	.5	.4	.9	.9
Reentrant rate ¹	1.4	1.1	.7	.4	1.9	1.5	4.7	4.1	1.3	1.0	2.5	2.0
New entrant rate ¹4	.4	.1	--	.1	.2	4.3	3.8	.4	.4	.7	.6

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 Mar. 1970	Seasonally adjusted unemployment rates					
	Mar. 1970	Feb. 1970		Mar. 1970	Mar. 1970	Feb. 1970	Jan. 1970	Dec. 1969	Nov. 1969
Total, 16 years and over	3,733	3,794	76.9	4.4	4.2	3.9	3.5	3.5	3.4
16 to 19 years	863	878	49.5	13.9	13.4	13.8	11.8	11.8	12.6
16 and 17 years	431	418	30.4	15.7	16.3	17.2	13.7	14.3	13.8
18 and 19 years	432	460	68.8	12.4	11.7	11.6	10.2	9.2	11.6
20 to 24 years	728	857	83.2	6.8	7.3	6.1	5.8	5.8	5.4
25 years and over	2,142	2,059	85.7	3.0	2.6	2.4	2.2	2.2	2.1
25 to 54 years	1,694	1,650	87.7	3.1	2.7	2.5	2.3	2.1	2.2
55 years and over	448	460	78.1	2.7	2.4	2.0	2.1	1.9	1.9
Males, 16 years and over	2,082	2,178	80.9	3.6	3.6	3.3	2.9	2.9	2.6
16 to 19 years	475	500	45.7	12.5	13.0	12.6	11.0	11.7	11.5
16 and 17 years	253	251	29.6	14.6	15.4	14.9	13.1	13.7	13.2
18 and 19 years	223	249	63.7	10.8	11.0	10.8	9.3	8.9	10.0
20 to 24 years	397	470	85.9	6.4	6.9	6.1	5.5	5.3	4.6
25 years and over	1,209	1,208	93.1	2.4	2.2	2.0	1.8	1.7	1.6
25 to 54 years	902	937	97.0	2.3	2.1	2.0	1.7	1.4	1.5
55 years and over	307	272	81.8	2.8	2.4	2.1	2.2	1.9	1.8
Females, 16 years and over	1,651	1,616	71.7	5.7	5.1	4.8	4.5	4.5	4.6
16 to 19 years	387	378	54.3	15.6	13.9	15.2	12.8	11.9	14.0
16 and 17 years	178	167	30.9	17.0	17.3	20.3	14.7	15.0	14.9
18 and 19 years	209	211	74.2	14.3	12.7	12.4	11.2	9.6	13.3
20 to 24 years	330	387	80.0	7.2	7.6	6.2	6.1	6.5	6.4
25 years and over	933	851	76.1	4.0	3.3	3.0	3.0	3.1	3.0
25 to 54 years	792	713	77.1	4.4	3.6	3.3	3.3	3.4	3.4
55 years and over	141	137	70.2	2.5	2.3	1.7	1.9	2.0	2.0

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

Industry	(In thousands)									
	Mar. 1970	Feb. 1970	Jan. 1970	Mar. 1969	Change from		Seasonally adjusted			Change from Feb. 1970
					Feb. 1970	Mar. 1969	Mar. 1970	Feb. 1970	Jan. 1970	
TOTAL	70,267	69,881	69,797	68,894	386	1,373	71,033	70,990	70,818	43
MINING	616	616	619	610	0	6	632	634	634	-2
CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION	3,130	3,044	3,021	3,077	86	53	3,432	3,416	3,334	16
MANUFACTURING	19,677	19,707	19,767	19,978	-30	-301	19,824	19,880	19,965	-56
<i>Production workers</i>	14,307	14,315	14,365	14,644	-8	-337	14,431	14,467	14,542	-36
DURABLE GOODS	11,549	11,552	11,605	11,841	-3	-292	11,590	11,606	11,663	-16
<i>Production workers</i>	8,340	8,324	8,366	8,623	16	-283	8,370	8,369	8,417	1
Ordnance and accessories	280.3	285.1	291.7	345.5	-4.8	-65.2	281	284	290	-3
Lumber and wood products	565.3	564.8	573.2	594.2	.5	-28.9	578	581	591	-3
Furniture and fixtures	475.7	478.6	484.4	490.6	-2.9	-14.9	479	481	486	-2
Stone, clay, and glass products	637.8	636.8	637.0	646.6	1.0	-8.8	655	663	661	-8
Primary metal industries	1,330.2	1,339.6	1,343.6	1,333.3	-9.4	-3.1	1,329	1,344	1,353	-25
Fabricated metal products	1,428.4	1,436.3	1,447.6	1,441.1	-7.9	-12.7	1,438	1,445	1,452	-7
Machinery, except electrical	2,030.5	2,026.6	2,019.6	2,005.2	3.9	25.3	2,018	2,021	2,018	-3
Electrical equipment	2,020.4	2,041.0	1,954.2	2,025.9	-20.6	-5.5	2,031	2,041	1,948	-10
Transportation equipment	1,891.7	1,854.0	1,966.5	2,057.8	37.7	-166.1	1,877	1,837	1,951	40
Instruments and related products	461.2	463.4	464.8	469.3	-2.2	-8.1	462	464	466	-2
Miscellaneous manufacturing	427.5	426.0	421.9	431.0	1.5	-3.5	442	445	447	-3
NONDURABLE GOODS	8,128	8,155	8,162	8,137	-27	-9	8,234	8,274	8,302	-40
<i>Production workers</i>	5,967	5,991	5,999	6,021	-24	-54	6,061	6,098	6,125	-37
Food and kindred products	1,724.4	1,733.4	1,741.8	1,706.7	-9.0	17.7	1,811	1,825	1,814	-14
Tobacco manufactures	74.1	77.2	78.8	75.6	-3.1	-1.5	81	80	80	1
Textile mill products	961.3	965.4	973.8	992.1	-4.1	-30.8	964	973	986	-9
Apparel and other textile products	1,404.3	1,409.2	1,393.9	1,426.5	-4.9	-22.2	1,395	1,404	1,421	-9
Paper and allied products	716.5	718.1	720.6	707.3	-1.6	9.2	723	725	726	-2
Printing and publishing	1,102.8	1,102.9	1,100.6	1,077.0	-1.1	25.8	1,104	1,106	1,106	-2
Chemicals and allied products	1,049.5	1,049.4	1,046.2	1,043.2	.1	6.3	1,052	1,057	1,056	-5
Petroleum and coal products	191.0	189.5	189.1	183.9	1.5	7.1	195	194	194	1
Rubber and plastics products, n.e.c.	571.3	575.1	580.5	575.8	-3.8	-4.5	575	577	581	-2
Leather and leather products	332.6	334.3	336.7	348.5	-1.7	-15.9	334	333	338	1
TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC UTILITIES	4,486	4,439	4,453	4,346	47	140	4,540	4,511	4,521	29
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE	14,667	14,602	14,709	14,201	65	466	14,916	14,985	14,939	-69
WHOLESALE TRADE	3,827	3,828	3,834	3,678	-1	149	3,877	3,878	3,865	-1
RETAIL TRADE	10,840	10,774	10,875	10,523	66	317	11,039	11,107	11,074	-68
FINANCE, INSURANCE, AND REAL ESTATE	3,642	3,617	3,606	3,490	25	152	3,668	3,654	3,650	14
SERVICES	11,311	11,234	11,133	10,913	77	398	11,437	11,417	11,349	20
Hotels and other lodging places	700.3	699.2	689.6	691.7	1.1	8.6	754	753	754	1
Personal services	1,006.7	1,003.3	1,005.3	1,016.6	3.4	-9.9	1,016	1,018	1,015	-2
Medical and other health services	3,006.1	2,987.8	2,965.4	2,789.5	18.3	216.6	3,012	2,994	2,980	18
Educational services	1,192.5	1,187.5	1,154.8	1,164.7	5.0	27.8	1,143	1,141	1,117	2
GOVERNMENT	12,738	12,622	12,489	12,279	116	459	12,584	12,493	12,426	91
FEDERAL	2,773	2,694	2,690	2,737	79	36	2,795	2,721	2,714	74
STATE AND LOCAL	9,965	9,928	9,799	9,542	37	423	9,789	9,772	9,712	17

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	Mar. 1970	Feb. 1970	Jan. 1970	Mar. 1969	Change from		Seasonally adjusted			
					Feb. 1970	Mar. 1969	Mar. 1970	Feb. 1970	Jan. 1970	Change from Feb. 1970
TOTAL PRIVATE	37.2	37.1	37.1	37.6	0.1	-0.4	37.4	37.4	37.4	0
MINING	42.4	42.7	42.4	42.2	-0.3	.2	43.0	43.5	42.8	-0.5
CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION	37.5	36.9	35.7	37.2	.6	.3	38.2	38.4	37.2	-.2
MANUFACTURING	40.0	39.8	40.1	40.7	.2	-.7	40.2	39.9	40.3	.3
Overtime hours	3.0	3.0	3.2	3.5	0	-.5	3.1	3.2	3.3	-.1
DURABLE GOODS	40.6	40.3	40.7	41.4	.3	-.8	40.7	40.4	40.9	.3
Overtime hours	3.0	3.0	3.3	3.7	0	-.7	3.1	3.2	3.4	-.1
Ordnance and accessories	40.9	40.8	41.0	40.6	.1	.3	41.1	41.0	40.6	-.1
Lumber and wood products	39.6	39.3	39.0	40.7	.3	-1.1	39.8	40.1	39.4	-.3
Furniture and fixtures	39.2	38.7	38.9	40.4	.5	-1.2	39.5	39.1	39.5	.4
Stone, clay, and glass products	41.3	40.8	40.9	41.7	.5	-.4	41.9	41.7	41.6	.2
Primary metal industries	40.8	40.8	41.3	42.0	0	-1.2	40.7	40.9	41.2	-.2
Fabricated metal products	41.0	40.7	41.0	41.6	.3	-.6	41.3	41.1	41.4	.2
Machinery, except electrical	42.0	41.9	42.2	43.0	.1	-1.0	41.7	41.8	42.3	-.1
Electrical equipment and supplies	40.0	39.7	40.3	40.6	.3	-.6	40.1	39.7	40.4	.4
Transportation equipment	40.0	39.7	40.1	41.2	.3	-1.2	40.4	40.3	40.0	.1
Instruments and related products	40.7	40.1	40.5	40.7	.6	0	40.7	40.1	40.7	.6
Miscellaneous manufacturing	39.1	38.9	38.7	39.1	.2	0	39.0	38.8	39.2	.2
NONDURABLE GOODS	39.2	39.1	39.2	39.7	.1	-.5	39.4	39.3	39.6	.1
Overtime hours	2.9	3.0	3.1	3.2	-.1	-.3	3.1	3.2	3.4	-.1
Food and kindred products	40.1	40.1	40.5	40.3	0	-.2	40.7	40.8	40.8	-.1
Tobacco manufactures	36.8	36.9	37.2	35.6	-.1	2.2	37.7	37.3	38.3	.4
Textile mill products	40.2	40.1	40.0	40.9	.1	-.7	40.2	40.1	40.2	.1
Apparel and other textile products	35.7	35.5	35.2	36.3	.2	-.6	35.4	35.5	35.7	-.1
Paper and allied products	42.1	42.0	42.4	43.0	.1	-.9	42.3	42.4	43.0	-.1
Printing and publishing	38.0	37.8	37.7	38.3	.2	-.3	38.0	38.0	38.2	0
Chemicals and allied products	41.9	41.6	41.7	41.7	.3	.2	41.9	41.8	42.0	.1
Petroleum and coal products	41.7	41.8	41.9	42.7	-.1	-1.0	42.2	42.7	42.4	-.5
Rubber and plastics products, n e c	40.0	40.6	40.7	41.1	-.6	-1.1	40.3	41.0	40.9	-.7
Leather and leather products	36.9	37.3	37.7	37.3	-.4	-.4	37.2	36.9	37.6	.3
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE	35.1	35.0	35.1	35.4	.1	-.3	35.4	35.4	35.4	0
WHOLESALE TRADE	40.0	40.0	40.2	40.0	0	0	40.1	40.2	40.3	-.1
RETAIL TRADE	33.4	33.3	33.4	33.9	.1	-.5	33.8	33.7	33.8	.1
FINANCE, INSURANCE, AND REAL ESTATE	37.0	37.0	36.9	37.1	0	-.1	37.0	37.0	36.9	0

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

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

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

Industry	Average hourly earnings						Average weekly earnings					
	Mar. 1970	Feb. 1970	Jan. 1970	Mar. 1969	Change from		Mar. 1970	Feb. 1970	Jan. 1970	Mar. 1969	Change from	
					Feb. 1970	Mar. 1969					Feb. 1970	Mar. 1969
TOTAL PRIVATE	\$3.16	\$3.15	\$3.13	\$2.97	\$0.01	\$0.19	\$117.55	\$116.87	\$116.12	\$111.67	\$0.68	\$5.88
MINING	3.76	3.74	3.74	3.52	.02	.24	159.42	159.70	158.58	148.54	-.28	10.88
CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION	5.06	5.04	5.06	4.62	.02	.44	189.75	185.98	180.64	171.86	3.77	17.89
MANUFACTURING	3.31	3.28	3.29	3.13	.03	.18	132.40	130.54	131.93	127.39	1.86	5.01
DURABLE GOODS	3.50	3.48	3.49	3.32	.02	.18	142.10	140.24	142.04	137.45	1.86	4.65
Ordnance and accessories	3.60	3.57	3.56	3.38	.03	.22	147.24	145.66	145.96	137.23	1.58	10.01
Lumber and wood products	2.83	2.81	2.82	2.65	.02	.18	112.07	110.43	109.98	107.86	1.64	4.21
Furniture and fixtures	2.71	2.70	2.71	2.56	.01	.15	106.23	104.49	105.42	103.42	1.74	2.81
Stone, clay, and glass products	3.31	3.28	3.28	3.10	.03	.21	136.70	133.82	134.15	129.27	2.88	7.43
Primary metal industries	3.85	3.85	3.86	3.71	0	.14	157.08	157.08	159.42	155.82	0	1.26
Fabricated metal products	3.47	3.45	3.44	3.28	.02	.19	142.27	140.42	141.04	136.45	1.85	5.82
Machinery, except electrical	3.74	3.72	3.70	3.52	.02	.22	157.08	155.87	156.14	151.36	1.21	5.72
Electrical equipment and supplies	3.22	3.20	3.17	3.04	.02	.18	128.80	127.04	127.75	123.42	1.76	5.38
Transportation equipment	4.02	3.98	4.02	3.82	.04	.20	160.80	158.01	161.20	157.38	2.79	3.42
Instruments and related products	3.28	3.29	3.27	3.10	-.01	.18	133.50	131.93	132.44	126.17	1.57	7.33
Miscellaneous manufacturing	2.79	2.78	2.78	2.61	.01	.18	109.09	108.14	107.59	102.05	.95	7.04
NONDURABLE GOODS	3.02	3.01	3.01	2.85	.01	.17	118.38	117.69	117.99	113.15	.69	5.23
Food and kindred products	3.10	3.08	3.08	2.93	.02	.17	124.31	123.51	124.74	118.08	.80	6.23
Tobacco manufactures	2.91	2.90	2.87	2.66	.01	.25	107.09	107.01	106.76	94.70	.08	12.39
Textile mill products	2.43	2.42	2.42	2.29	.01	.14	97.69	97.04	96.80	93.66	.65	4.03
Apparel and other textile products	2.38	2.36	2.36	2.29	.02	.09	84.97	83.78	83.07	83.13	1.19	1.84
Paper and allied products	3.35	3.34	3.34	3.15	.01	.20	141.04	140.28	141.62	135.45	.76	5.59
Printing and publishing	3.85	3.81	3.80	3.63	.04	.22	146.30	144.02	143.26	139.03	2.28	7.27
Chemicals and allied products	3.60	3.60	3.59	3.38	0	.22	150.84	149.76	149.70	140.95	1.08	9.89
Petroleum and coal products	4.18	4.23	4.22	3.95	-.05	.23	174.31	176.81	176.82	168.67	-2.50	5.64
Rubber and plastics products, n e c	3.13	3.14	3.15	3.00	-.01	.13	125.20	127.48	128.21	123.30	-2.28	1.90
Leather and leather products	2.48	2.48	2.46	2.34	0	.14	91.51	92.50	92.74	87.28	-.99	4.23
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE	2.68	2.68	2.65	2.51	0	.17	94.07	93.80	93.02	88.85	.27	5.22
WHOLESALE TRADE	3.40	3.38	3.35	3.16	.02	.24	136.00	135.20	134.67	126.40	.80	9.60
RETAIL TRADE	2.40	2.40	2.38	2.26	0	.14	80.16	79.92	79.49	76.61	.24	3.55
FINANCE, INSURANCE, AND REAL ESTATE	3.04	3.04	3.01	2.89	0	.15	112.48	112.48	111.07	107.22	0	5.26

¹See footnote 1, table B-2.

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