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THE EMPLOYMENT SITUATION: FEBRUARY 1972

Unemployment declined slightly in February, and employment was essentially unchanged, the U. S. Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics reported today. The overall jobless rate was 5.7 percent in February, down from 5.9 percent in January and 6.0 percent in December.

Total employment was 80.6 million in February, seasonally adjusted, unchanged from January. Since last summer, however, the number of jobholders has risen substantially.

Nonfarm payroll employment likewise was little changed in February but also has posted sizeable gains since last summer. The average workweek in manufacturing rebounded in February from a drop in the previous month, reaching its highest level in over 2 years.

Unemployment

The number of unemployed persons totaled 5.4 million in February, the same level as in the previous month and in February a year ago. After adjustment for the usual seasonal rise, however, unemployment was down 160,000 over the month. The decline was most marked among adult women, whose rate moved down from 5.5 to 5.0 percent.

The unemployment rate for all adult men (20 years and over), at 4.0 percent in February, was slightly below its January level of 4.2 percent; the entire decline took place among those 20 to 24 years of age (whose rate dipped from 10.4 to 9.2 percent), as the rate for men 25 years and older held steady at 3.2 percent. The jobless rate for married men edged down for the third consecutive month, reaching 2.8 percent in February, its lowest level since the summer of 1970.

In contrast to the favorable developments among adult workers, the jobless rate for teenagers rose over the month and at 18.8 percent equaled the previous post-World War II highs.

Unemployment rates for full-time workers (5.3 percent) and part-time workers (8.4 percent) were little changed in February. The jobless rate for workers covered by State unemployment insurance programs, which had dropped substantially in January (from 4.1 to 3.4 percent), was also about unchanged over the month, at 3.5 percent.

The unemployment rate for white workers edged down in February (from 5.3 to 5.1 percent), while the rate for Negroes was about the same over the month (10.5 percent). This marked the first time since August 1969 that the Negro-white jobless rate ratio has been at or above 2.0 to 1 for two successive months. The widening of this ratio in recent months stems from a sharp rise in joblessness among Negro youth and a decline among white adults.

The jobless rates for workers in most major industry groups in February moved down slightly from January. The largest movement took place in durable goods manufacturing, where the rate declined from 6.7 to 6.1 percent. Among the occupation groups, the rate for white-collar workers declined from 3.6 to 3.3 percent. This

Table A. Highlights of the employment situation (Seasonally adjusted)

Selected categories	Feb. 1972	Jan. 1972	Feb. 1971	4th. Qtr. 1971	3rd. Qtr. 1971	2nd. Qtr. 1971	1st. Qtr. 1971	4th. Qtr. 1970
				(Millions	of persons)			
Civilian labor force ¹	85.5 80.6 4.9	85.7 80.6 5.1	83.4 78.5 4.9	85.0 80.0 5.0	84.2 79.2 5.0	83.7 78.7 5.0	83.5 78.5 5.0	83.4 78.6 4.8
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Unemployment rates: All workers Adult men Adult women Teenagers White Negro and other races Married men Full-time workers State insured	18.8 5.1 10.5	5.9 4.2 5.5 17.8 5.3 10.6 3.0 5.4 3.4	5.9 4.3 5.6 16.9 5.4 9.6 3.2 5.4 3.7	5.9 4.3 5.7 16.9 5.4 10.1 3.2 5.6 4.2	6.0 4.4 5.7 16.8 5.5 10.1 3.2 5.5 4.2	6.0 4.4 5.8 16.9 5.5 9.9 3.2 5.5 4.1	6.0 4.3 5.7 17.3 5.5 9.5 3.2 5.5 3.8	5.8 4.2 5.5 17.2 5.4 9.2 3.2 5.4 4.3
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Nonfarm payroll employment	71.7 22.5 49.2	71.6 22.5 49.1	70.4 22.5 47.9	71.0 22.4 48.6	70.6 22.4 48.3	70.7 22.5 48.1	70.4 22.5 47.9	70.1 22.6 47.6
		T	1	(Hours	of work)			
Average weekly hours: Total private nonfarm	37.2 40.4 3.1	37.0 40.0 2.9	37.0 39.8 2.8	37.1 40.1 3.0	36.8 39.8 2.9	37.0 39.9 2.9	37.0 39.8 2.8	36.9 39.5 2.7

Civilian labor force and total employment figures for periods prior to January 1972 are not strictly comparable with data for this and subsequent months because of the introduction of 1970 Census data into the estimation procedures. As a result of these adjustments, the labor force and employment were raised by a little over 300,000.

NOTE: Payroll employment and hours figures for latest 2 months are preliminary. SOURCE: Table A-1, A-3, B-1, and B-2.

was mainly a result of a reduction in joblessness among professional and technical workers, whose rate moved down from 3.1 to 2.5 percent, its lowest level in 8 months.

The number of workers jobless less than 5 weeks was 2.1 million, seasonally adjusted, 220,000 below the January level. By contrast, the number unemployed for 27 weeks or more rose over the month. Partly as a result of these movements, the average (mean) duration of joblessness increased to 12.5 weeks in February, seasonally adjusted. During the past 10 months, the average duration has fluctuated between 11.4 and 12.6 weeks.

Civilian Labor Force and Total Employment

The civilian labor force, at 85.5 million, seasonally adjusted, was little changed in February, as was total employment, at 80.6 million. Since February 1971, however, the civilian labor force has expanded by 1.7 million and employment by 1.8 million (after eliminating the effects of the population control adjustment introduced in January 1972). Over the year, employment of adult men has risen by about 900,000, employment of adult women by 700,000, and employment of teenagers by 200,000. Since last summer, the gains have been concentrated among adult women.

Vietnam Era Veterans

The employment situation for Vietnam Era veterans 20 to 29 years old improved in February, as employment continued to rise while unemployment did not show the usual seasonal increase. About 4.1 million veterans were in the labor force in February; 3.7 million held jobs and 400,000 were unemployed. After seasonal adjustment, the unemployment rate for veterans, at 7.4 percent, was substantially below the January level of 8.5 percent and the lowest in more than a year. (See table A-7.)

Young veterans 20 to 24 years old accounted for most of the over-the-month reduction in the veterans' unemployment rate. Their jobless rate in February was 9.7 percent, seasonally adjusted, down from 12.3 percent in January. The unemployment rate for young veterans 20 to 24 years old has generally been much higher than for nonveterans of the same age, but the improvement in February erased most of the difference. The rate for 25-29 year-old veterans, at 5.4 percent, was about the same as a month earlier.

For all nonveterans 20 to 29 years old, the seasonally adjusted unemployment rate of 7.0 percent was essentially the same as in January and most of 1971. Contrary to its previous pattern, the nonveteran rate was not significantly below that for veterans. Industry Payroll Employment

Nonfarm payroll employment stood at 71.7 million in February seasonally adjusted, little changed from the upward-revised January level. Over the last 6 months, however, payroll employment has risen by almost 1.2 million. In February, employment continued to gain in the service-producing industries, but this was partly offset by a decline in contract construction.

In the service-producing industries, employment rose 150,000, seasonally adjusted, as large gains were posted in trade, services, and State and local government. Since August 1971, service-producing employment has increased by nearly 1 million jobs.

The number of workers on contract construction payrolls dipped 80,000, seasonally adjusted, in February to 3.2 million, following a nearly equal increase between December and January. Employment in this industry has fluctuated around the narrow 3.2 to 3.3 million range over the past year and a half.

In manufacturing, employment was essentially unchanged in February, at 18.6 million (seasonally adjusted). There were no significant changes in either the durable or nondurable goods sectors.

Hours of Work

The average workweek for all rank-and-file workers on private nonagricultural payrolls edged up in February. After seasonal adjustment, the average workweek rose 0.2 hour to 37.2 hours. This brought average hours back to the December level, the highest point since July 1970.

The largest increase in the workweek occurred in manufacturing--0.4 hour, seasonally adjusted--as average hours rose to 40.4 hours, their highest level since December 1969. Within manufacturing, the workweek in durable goods rose 0.5 hour to 41.0 hours, seasonally adjusted, following a decline of nearly an equal amount between December and January. The average workweek for durable goods has risen 1.3 hours since September. In nondurable goods, the average workweek rose 0.3 hour in February.

Overtime hours in manufacturing went up 0.2 hour in February to 3.1 hours, seasonally adjusted. This increase brought factory overtime back to its December level, which had been the highest level since March 1970.

Hourly and Weekly Earnings

Average hourly earnings of production and nonsupervisory workers on private nonagricultural payrolls in February were unchanged from January at \$3.54, both before and after seasonal adjustment. Compared with a year ago, average hourly earnings were up 19 cents, or 5.7 percent.

Due to the slight rise in the actual workweek, average weekly earnings in February rose 35 cents to \$130.27. After adjusting for seasonality, average weekly earnings were up 71 cents over the month.

Compared with February 1971, average weekly earnings have risen \$7.66 or 6.2 percent. During the latest 12-month period for which the Consumer Price Index is available--January 1971 to January 1972--consumer prices rose 3.4 percent. Hourly Earnings Index

In February, the Bureau's Hourly Earnings Index, seasonally adjusted, was 134.2 (1967=100), about the same as in January according to preliminary figures.

Table B. Hourly earnings index for production or nonsupervisory workers in private nonfarm industries, seasonally adjusted

	Feb.p	Jan. P	D	Mass	Feb.	Percent	change
Industry	1972	1972	Dec. 1971	Nov. 1971	1971	Jan. 1972-	Feb. 1971
	1972	1972	19/1	19/1	19/1	Feb. 1972	Feb. 1972
Total private nonfarm:							
Current dollars	134.2	134.3	133.5	131.6	126.7	1	5.9
Constant (1967) dollars	NA	108,9	108.5	107.3	105.6	(1)	(2)
Mining	132.6	133.6	132.8	126.2	124.1	7	6.9
Contract construction	144.2	144.0	142.7	142.1	134.2	•2	7.4
Manufacturing		132.4	131.6	129.0	125.0	(3)	5.9
Transportation and public			·				
utilities	137.7	137.7	136.2	133.4	126.5	(3)	8.9
Wholesale and retail trade -	132.0	132.3	131.8	130.1	125.3	2	5.3
Finance, insurance, and					i		
real estate	129.7	130.4	129.4	127.9	124.0	~. 5	4.6
Services	133.6	134.0	133.1	131.9	128.1	3	4.3

- 1/ Percent change was 0.3 from Dec. 1971 to Jan. 1972, the latest month available.
- 2/ Percent change was 3.1 from Jan. 1971 to Jan. 1972, the latest month available.
- 3/ Less than 0.05 percent.
- NA indicates data are not available.
- P= Preliminary.

NOTE: All series are in current dollars except where indicated.

The index was 5.9 percent higher than February a year ago. (See table B.) Between February 1971 and February 1972, all industries posted increases, ranging from 4.3 percent in services to 8.9 percent in transportation and public utilities. Because erratic monthly fluctuations can occur in the index, changes over longer intervals than a month should be observed before reaching conclusions as to a trend.

During the 12-month period ending in January, the Hourly Earnings Index in dollars of constant purchasing power rose 3.1 percent.

The index is designed to measure underlying wage movements for production or nonsupervisory workers in the private nonfarm economy. It is adjusted to exclude effects of two types of changes that are unrelated to underlying wage rate developments: fluctuations in overtime premiums in manufacturing (the only sector for which overtime data are available) and the effects of shifts of workers between high-wage and low-wage industries. However, it is not a pure measure of wage rate change, since it is affected by such factors as fluctuations of earnings under incentive plans, changes in the proportion of low- and high-paid workers within establishments, and overtime variations outside of manufacturing.

This release presents and analyzes statistics from two major surveys. Data on labor force, total employment, and unemployment are derived from the sample survey of households conducted and tabulated by the Bureau of the Census for the Bureau of Labor Statistics. Statistics on payroll 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*.

NOTE: Figures for periods prior to January 1972 in the tables and charts are not strictly comparable with current data because of the introduction of 1970 Census data into the estimation procedures. For example, the civilian labor force and employment totals were raised by more than 300,000 as a result of the census adjustment. An explanation of the changes and an indication of the differences appears in "Revisions in the Current Population Survey" in the February 1972 issue of Employment and Earnings.

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

(in thousands

	Feb.	Jan.	Feb.	Seasonally adjusted							
Employment status, age, and sex	1972	1972	1971	Feb. 1972	Jan. 1972	Dec. 1971	Nov. 1971	Oct. 1971			
Total											
Total labor force	87,318	87,147	85,653	88,075	88,301	87,883	87,812	87,467			
Civilian labor force	84,778	84,553	82,703	85,535	85,707	85,225	85,116	84,750			
Employed	79,366	79,106	77,262	80,623	80,636	80,098	80,020	79,832			
Agriculture	2,909	2,869	2,846	3,357	3,393	3,400	3,419	3,416			
Nonagricultural industries	76,458	76,237	74,415	77,266	77,243	76,698	76,601	76,416			
On part time for economic reasons	2,234	2,321	2,390	2,303	2,429	2,388	2,604	2,502			
Usually work full time	1,147	1,220	1,267	1,127	1,146	1,084	1,263	1,148			
Usually work part time	1,087	1,101	1,123	1,176	1,283	1,304	1,341	1,354			
Unemployed	5,412	5,447	5,442	4,912	5,071	5,127	5,096	4,918			
Men, 20 years and over											
ivilian labor force	48,126	48,039	47,281	48,181	48,259	48,169	48,200	48,179			
Employed	45,665	45,554	44,698	46,255	46,247	46,080	46,066	46,124			
Agriculture	2,243	2,230	2,194	2,394	2,442	2,439	2,503	2,494			
Nonagricultural industries	43,422	43,323	42,504	43,861	43,805	43,641	43,563	43,630			
Unemployed	2,461	2,485	2,582	1,926	2,012	2,089	2,134	2,055			
Women, 20 years and over		Ì									
ivilian labor force	29,535	29,468	28,804	29,358	29,424	29,284	29,254	29,082			
Employed	27,940	27.774	27,071	27,878	27,794	27,592	27,571	27,471			
Agriculture	419	408	386	575	564	547	528	530			
Nonagricultural industries	27,521	27,366	26,685	27,303	27,230	27,045	27,043	26,941			
Unemployed	1,595	1,695	1,733	1,480	1,630	1,692	1,683	1,611			
Both sexes, 16-19 years											
ivilian labor force	7,117	7,046	6,619	7,996	8,024	7,772	7,662	7,489			
Employed	5,761	5,779	5,492	6,490	6,595	6,426	6,383	6,237			
Agriculture	247	230	265	388	387	414	388	392			
Nonagricultural industries	5,514	5,548	5,227	6,102	6,208	6,012	5,995	5,845			
Unemployed	1,356	1,267	1,127	1,506	1,429	1,346	1,279	1,252			
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Table A-2: Full- and part-time status of the civilian labor force by sex and age

(Numbers in thousands)

Full- and part-time	Feb.	Feb.			Seasonali	y adjusted		
employment status, sex, and age	1972	1971	Feb. 1972	Jan. 1972	Dec. 1971	Nov. 1971	Oct. 1971	Feb. 1971
Full time								
Total, 16 years and over: Civilian labor force Employed	71,565	70,304	72,997	73,261	73,170	73,020	72,550	71,628
	67,333	66,012	69,123	69,279	69,023	68,889	68,643	67,753
	4,233	4,292	3,874	3,982	4,147	4,131	3,907	3,875
	5.9	6.1	5.3	5.4	5.7	5.7	5.4	5.4
Men, 20 years and over: Civilian labor force	45,619	44,920	45,847	45,892	45,805	45,898	45,766	45,110
	43,369	42,554	44,074	44,061	43,881	43,909	43,848	43,246
	2,250	2,365	1,773	1,831	1,924	1,989	1,918	1,864
	4.9	5.3	3.9	4.0	4.2	4.3	4.2	4.1
Vomen, 20 years and over: Civilian labor force Employed Unemployed Unemployment rate	22,895	22,521	22,921	23,009	22,992	22,985	22,735	22,542
	21,583	21,160	21,691	21,704	21,680	21,643	21,464	21,266
	1,312	1,361	1,230	1,305	1,312	1,342	1,271	1,276
	5.7	6.0	5.4	5.7	5.7	5.8	5.6	5.7
Part time								
Total, 16 years and over: Civilian labor force	13,213	12,399	12,540	12,595	12,083	12,125	12,190	11,757
	12,034	11,250	11,482	11,476	11,072	11,094	11,158	10,732
	1,179	1,149	1,058	1,119	1,011	1,031	1,032	1,025
	8.9	9.3	8.4	8.9	8.4	8.5	8.5	8.7

Digitized for FNOTE: Persons on part-time schedules for economic reasons are included in the full-time employed category; memployed persons are allocated by whether seeking full- or http://fraser.stiouisfed.org/

Table A-3: Major unemployment indicators

(Persons 16 years and over)

Selected categories	2,582 5 1,733 1,127 8 4,511 931 1 1,645 4,292 9 1,149	18.8 5.1 10.5 2.8 5.3	Jan. 1972 5.9 4.2 5.5 17.8 5.3 10.6 3.0	Dec. 1971 6.0 4.3 5.8 17.3 5.4 10.4	Nov. 1971 6.0 4.4 5.8 16.7 5.6 9.4	0ct. 1971 5.8 4.3 5.5 16.7 5.3	5.9 4.3 5.6 16.9
Men, 20 years and over	2,582 5 1,733 1,127 8 4,511 931 1 1,645 4,292 9 1,149	4.0 5.0 18.8 5.1 10.5 2.8 5.3	4.2 5.5 17.8 5.3 10.6 3.0	4.3 5.8 17.3 5.4 10.4	4.4 5.8 16.7	4.3 5.5 16.7 5.3	4.3 5.6 16.9
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Women, 20 years and over	1,127 3 4,511 931 1,645 3 4,292 9 1,149 1,179	18.8 5.1 10.5 2.8 5.3	17.8 5.3 10.6 3.0	17.3 5.4 10.4	16.7	16.7 5.3	16.9
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1,42	1,179		8.9	8.4	8.5	8.5	8.7
Construction Cons		1.5	1.4	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.3
Occupation		3.5	3.4	4.1	4.1	4.4	3.7
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Managers and administrators, except farm		3.3	3.6	3.6	3.4	3.4	3.5
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Craftsmen and kindred workers	2,694	7.0	7.1	7.5	7.5	7.1	7.4
1,27 Nonfarm laborers	657	4.4	4.3	4.8	4.6	4.7	4.5
Nonfarm laborers. 64	1,427	7.5	7.9	8.2	8.2	7.8	8.5
74		11.8	11.6	11.9	11.8	10.6	11.1
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Construction	4,410	5.9	6.1	6.3	6.2	5.9	6.2
		10.3	9.8	11.2	9.7	10.2	10.9
Manufacturing	1,635	6.0	6.4	6.9	6.6	6.2	6.8
Durable goods		6.1	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.4	7.2
Nondurable goods		6.0	6.0	7.1	6.3	5.8	6.4
Transportation and public utilities		3.9	4.1	4.1	4.4	4.3	4.1
Wholesale and retail trade			6.3	6.5	6.6	6.1	6.2
Finance and service industries			5.3	4.9	5.1	4.9	4.9
Thance and service industries		2.8	3.0	3.2	3.2	3.2	2.7
Government wage and salary workers		8.3	8.6	7.5	9.6	7.0	9.5

 $[\]mathbf{1}_{Unemployment\ rate\ calculated\ as\ a\ percent\ of\ civilian\ labor\ force.}$

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

(In thousands)

	Feb.	Feb.	Seasonally adjusted									
Duration of unemployment	1972	1971	Feb. 1972	Jan 1971	Dec. 197 i	Nov 1971	Oct. 1971	Feb 1971				
Less than 5 weeks 5 to 14 weeks 15 weeks and over 15 to 26 weeks 27 weeks and over	2,080 1,909 1,422 766 656	2,154 2,108 1,179 728 451	2,142 1,454 1,294 634 660	2,358 1,502 1,198 636 562	2,410 1,509 1,273 724 549	2,290 1,650 1,311 741 570	2,140 1,529 1,253 628 625	2,218 1,605 1,073 619 454				
Average (mean) duration, in weeks	12.6	10.5	12.5	11.8	11.4	11.8	12.5	10.4				

 $^{^2}$ Insured unemployment under State programs—unemployment rate calculated as a percent of average covered employment.

 $^{^3}$ Man-hours lost by the unemployed and persons on partitime 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.

 $^{^{5}}$ Includes mining, not shown separately.

Table A-5: Unemployed persons by reason for unemployment

(Numbers in thousands)

	Feb.	Feb.			Seasonall	y adjusted		
Reason for unemployment	1972	1971	Feb. 1972	Jan. 1972	Dec. 1971	Nov. 1971	Oct. 1971	Feb. 1971
Number of unemployed								
Lost last job	2,677 611 1,557 566	2,958 644 1,372 468	2,077 603 1,503 713	2,169 564 1,652 742	2,365 666 1,432 736	2,360 629 1,493 651	2,206 541 1,486 663	2,295 635 1,325 589
Percent distribution						·		
Total unemployed	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0 46.0	100.0 45.1	100.0 47.4
Lost last job	49.5 11.3	54.3 11.8	42.4 12.3	42.3 11.0	45.5 12.8	12.3	11.0	13.1
Reentered labor force	28.8 10.5	25.2 8.6	30.7 14.6	32.2 14.5	27.5 14.2	29.1 12.7	30.4 13.5	27.4 12.2
Unemployed as a percent of the civilian labor force								
Lost last job	3.1 .7	3.6	2.4	2.5 .7	2.8 .8	2.8	2.6	2.8 .8
eft last job	1.8	1.7	1.8	1.9	1.7	1.8	1.8	1.6
Never worked before	.7	.6	.8	.9	.9	8	.8	.7

Table A-6: Unemployed persons by age and sex

	Thousands	of persons	Percent looking for	Seasonally adjusted unemployment rates								
Age and sex	Feb. 1972	Feb. 1971	full-time work	Feb. 1972	Jan. 1972	Dec. 1971	Nov. 1971	0ct. 1971	Feb. 1971			
otal, 16 years and over	5,412	5,442	Feb. 1972 78.2	5.7	5.9	6.0	6.0	5.8	5.9			
l6 to 19 years	1,356	1,127	49.5	18.8	17.8	17.3	16.7	16.7	16.9			
16 and 17 years	611	472	26.5	22.0	19.1	18.8	18.3	19.9	18.0			
18 and 19 years	745	655	68.3	16.7	16.8	16.3	15.4	14.5	16.1			
20 to 24 years	1,205	1,224	84.4	8.8	10.1	10.1	10.4	9.2	9.6			
25 years and over	2,850	3,091	89.3	3.6	3.7	4.1	4.0	4.0	4.0			
25 to 54 years	2,314	2,479	90.1	3.7	3.9	4.3	4.2	4.3	4.1			
55 years and over	536	611	85.8	3.1	3.1	3.4	3.4	3.0	3.5			
fales, 16 years and over	3,293	3,236	80.8	5.3	5.3	5.4	5.4	5.3	5.3			
16 to 19 years	832	654	49.5	19.6	17.3	17.3	16.2	16.5	16.5			
16 and 17 years	377	298	25.2	21.8	18.7	19.0	18.1	20.3	17.9			
18 and 19 years	455	355	69.7	17.6	16.1	16.0	14.7	13.7	15.2			
20 to 24 years	736	730	85.9	9.2	10.4	10.5	10.7	9.7	9.9			
25 years and over	1,726	1,852	93.7	3.2	3.2	3.5	3,5	3.5	3.5			
25 to 54 years	1,358	1,421	95.9	3.2	3.3	3.6	3.7	3.7	3.3			
55 years and over	368	430	85.6	3.2	3.0	3.0	3.2	2.9	3.8			
emales, 16 years and over	2,119	2,206	74.1	6.4	6.9	7.0	6.9	6.7	6.8			
16 to 19 years	524	473	49.4	17.9	18.4	17.3	17.3	17.0	17.4			
16 and 17 years	234	174	`28.6	22.3	19.6	18.5	18.7	19.2	18.2			
18 and 19 years	290	299	66.2	15.6	17.7	16.7	16.2	15.6	17.1			
20 to 24 years	470	494	81.9	8.4	9.6	9.6	10.0	8.6	9.2			
25 years and over	1,125	1,239	82.4	4.3	4.6	5.0	4.8	4.9	4.8			
25 to 54 years	957	1,058	81.7	4.7	4.9	5.4	5.2	5.3	5.4			
55 years and over	169	181	85.8	2.9	3.3	3.9	3.7	3.0	3.1			

Table A-7: Employment status of male Vietnam Era veterans and nonveterans 20 to 29 years old

(Numbers in thousands)

		(Num	ers in the	Seasonally adjusted								
Employment status	Feb. 1972	Jan. 1972	Feb. 1971	Feb. 1972	Jan. 1972	Dec. 1971	Nov. 1971	Oct. 1971	Feb.			
Veterans <u>1</u> /		 	 		· · · ·	1	†	 	 			
Total, 20 to 29 years old												
Civilian noninstitutional		1.						1				
population	4,436	4,380	3,807	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)			
Civilian labor force	4,086	3,974	3,472	4,100	3,990	3,985	3,957	3,910	3,476			
Employed Unemployed	3,690	3,574 400	3,091 381	3,798 302	3,649 341	3,650 335	3,621	3,598	3,184			
Unemployment rate	9.7	10.1	11.1	7.4	8.5	8.4	336 8.5	312 8.0	292 8.4			
0 to 24 years						ļ						
Civilian noninstitutional												
population	2,008	1.991	1,893	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)			
Civilian labor force	1,811	1,749	1,660	1,842	1,745	1,773	1,786	1,790	1,676			
Employed Unemployed	1,585 226	1,502 247	1,408 252	1,663 179	1,530 215	1,550 223	1,572 214	1,616	1,477			
Unemployment rate	12.5	14.1	15.2	9.7	12.3	12.6	12.0	9.7	199 11.9			
5 to 29 years												
Civilian noninstitutional	ļ											
population	2,428	2,389	1,914	(2)	.(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)			
Civilian iabor force	2,275	2,225	1,812	2,258	2,245	2,212	2,171	2,120	1,800			
Employed	2,105	2,072	1,683	2,135	2,119	2,100	2,049	1,982	1,707			
Unemployed	170 7.5	153 6.9	129 7.1	123 5.4	126 5.6	112 5.1	122 5.6	138 6.5	93 5.2			
Nonveterans	/.,	0.9	"	7.4	1 3.0	7.1	3.0	0.5	7.2			
otal, 20 to 29 years old												
Civilian noninstitutional				İ								
population	9,707	9,662	9,209	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)			
Civilian labor force	8,215	8,248	7,821	8.368	8,425	8,483	8,346	8,284	7.959			
Employed	7,502	7,516	7,139	7,783	7,793	7,834	7,668	7,680	7,400			
Unemployed	713	732	682	585	632	649	678	604	559			
Unemployment rate	8.7	8.9	8.7	7.0	7.5	7.7	8.1	7.3	7.0			
0 to 24 years												
Civilian noninstitutional				(0)	(0)	(0)	(0)	(0)	1			
population	5,802	5,790	5,332	(2) 4,665	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)			
Employed	4,507 3,998	4,569	4,139 3,663	4,244	4,751 4,284	4,706 4,255	4,576 4,105	4,546 4,125	4,282 3,889			
Unemployed	509	516	476	421	467	451	471	421	393			
Unemployment rate	11.3	11.3	11.5	9.0	9.8	9.6	10.3	9.3	9.2			
5 to 29 years												
Civilian noninstitutional	1											
population	3,905	3,872	3,877	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)			
Civilian labor force	3,708	3,679	3,682	3,703	3,674	3,777	3,770	3,738	3,677			
Employed Unemployed	3,504	3,463 216	3,476	3,539 164	3,509 165	3,579 198	3,563 207	3,555 183	3,511			
Unemployment rate	5.5	5.9	5.6	4.4	4.5	5.2	5.5	4.9	4.5			
Thompsoyment Idel	1	1 ~ ~	1		1	1	1	1	1 7.5			

^{1/} Vietnam Era veterans are those who served after August 4, 1964; they are all classified as war veterans. Over 80 percent of the Vietnam Era veterans of all ages are 20 to 29 years old. Post-Korean-peacetime veterans 20 to 29 years old are not included in this table.
2/ Not applicable.

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

(In thousands)

				(in thousands	,			Seasonally	4 1	
					Change	e from		Seasonail	7 aejusted	T Charma 500
Industry	Feb. 1972 ^p	Jan. 1972 ^p	Dec. 1971	Feb. 1971	Jan. 1972	Feb. 1971	Feb. 1972 P	Jan. 1972 ^p	Dec. 1971	Change from Jan. 1972
TOTAL	70,733	70,661	72,034	69,450	72	1,283	71,686	71,603	71,185	83
GOODS-PRODUCING	21,952	22, 005	22,377	21,984	-53	-32	22,476	22,544	22,418	-68
MINING	597	601	605	606	-4	-9	613	615	607	-2
CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION	2,880	2,963	3, 177	2,846	-83	34	3,236	3,318	3,245	-82
MANUFACTURING Production workers	18,475 13,408	18,441 13,372	18,595 13,514	18,532 13,378	34 36	-57 30	18,627 13,539	18,611 13,523	18,566 13,474	16 16
DURABLE GOODS	10,541 7,602	10,519 7,578	10,575 7,629	10,597 7,591	22 24	-56 11	10,588 7,640	10,573 7,625	10,548 7,594	15 15
Ordnance and accessories Lumber and wood products Furniture and fixtures Stone, clay, and glass products Primary metal industries Fabricated metal products Machinery, except electrical Electrical equipment Transportation equipment Instruments and related products Miscellaneous manufacturing	474.7 619.0 1,181.1 1,338.3 1,799.1	1,333.1 1,783.5 1,797.9	185.5 591.8 478.3 627.3 1,168.6 1,343.4 1,786.2 1,805.8 1,743.3 435.3 409.8	200. 7 550. 7 447. 3 604. 8 1, 260. 4 1, 321. 2 1,819. 3 1,790. 3 1,776. 1 430. 3 395. 8	-1.7 -5.9 -2.8 -1.4 3.8 5.2 15.6 3.4 -7.9 7.5 6.4	-18. 2 27. 6 27. 4 14. 2 -79. 3 17. 1 -20. 2 11. 0 -54. 7 10. 1 9. 3	182 594 476 638 1,181 1,345 1,790 1,803 1,716 442 421	183 604 478 640 1,183 1,336 1,785 1,796 1,716 434 418	184 600 474 632 1,176 1,331 1,793 1,793 1,719 434 412	-1 -10 -2 -2 -2 -9 5 7 0 8 3
NONDURABLE GOODS · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	7,93 4 5,806	7,922 5,794	8,020 5,885	7,935 5,787	12 12	-1 19	8,039 5,899	8,038 5,898	8,018 5,880	1 1
Food and kindred products Tobacco manufactures	1,668.8 69.3 978.5 1,359.0 682.3 1,084.7 999.7 182.9 599.8 309.0	70.1 974.2 1,334.9 684.7 1,084.2	1,091.4	1,682.9 75.6 955.1 1,360.7 685.8 1,094.1 1,019.4 186.3 566.0 309.0	-22.8 8 4.3 24.1 -2.4 .5 4.0 8 3.1 3.2	-14.1 -6.3 23.4 -1.7 -3.5 -9.4 -19.7 -3.4 33.8	1,749 72 982 1,358 687 1,087 1,006 188 601 309	1,760 71 981 1,352 688 1,089 1,004 188 599 306	1,748 69 974 1,357 690 1,084 1,005 191 594 306	-11 1 6 -1 -2 2 0 2
SERVICE-PRODUCING	48,781	48,656	49,657	47,466	125	1,315	49,210	49,059	48,767	151
TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC UTILITIES	4,427	4,439	4,469	4,454	-12	-27	4,499	4,511	4,465	-12
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE.	15,166		16,089	14,721	-104	445	15,514	15,451	15,315	63
WHOLESALE TRADE	3,882 11,284	3,877 11,393		3,799 10,922	-109	83 362	3,929 11,585	3,908 11,543	3,884 11,431	21 42
FINANCE, INSURANCE, AND REAL ESTATE	3,847	3,837	3,841	3,715	10	132	3,882	3,876	3,860	6
SERVICES	12,039	11,941	12,029	11,667	98	372	12, 185	12, 135	12,089	50
GOVERNMENT	13,302 2,651 10,651	13,169 2,646 10,523	2,684	12,909 2,646 10,263	133 5 128	393 5 388	13,130 2,667 10,463	13,086 2,667 10,419	13,038 2,669 10,369	44 0 44

p = preliminary.

Table B-2: Average weekly hours of production or nonsupervisory workers¹ on private nonagricultural payrolls, by industry

	Feb. p	Jan.p	Dec.	Feb.	Change	from		Seasonally	adjusted	
Industry	1972 ^p	1972 ^p	1971	1971	Jan. 1972	Feb. 1971	Feb. _p	Jan. _P 1972	Dec. 1971	Change from Jan. 1972
TOTAL PRIVATE	36.8	36. 7	37. 3	36.6	0. 1	0. 2	37, 2	37.0	37.2	0. 2
MINING	42. 2	42. 4	42.8	41.9	-, 2	. 3	42,7	42.9	42.6	-, 2
CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION	36. 0	35, 8	36.5	35, 5	. 2	. 5	37.3	37.4	36.8	-, 1
MANUFACTURING	40, 0 2, 9	39. <u>8</u> 2. 8	40.7 3.2	39. 4 2. 7	. 2	.6	40. 4 3. 1	40. 0 2. 9	40. 3 3. 1	.4
DURABLE GOODS	40. 6 2. 8	40. 3 2. 7	41, 4 3, 2	39. 9 2. 6	.3	.7	41.0 3.0	40.5 2.8	40, 9 3, 0	.5
Ordnance and accessories Lumber and wood products Furniture and fixtures Stone, clay, and glass products Primary metal industries Machinery, except electrical Electrical equipment Instruments and related products Miscellaneous manufacturing	42. 7 40. 1 39. 9 41. 3 41. 0 40. 5 41. 4 39. 9 40. 5 39. 9 39. 1	42. 1 39. 9 39. 9 40. 9 40. 5 41. 0 39. 9 40. 4 40. 3 38. 7	42. 4 40. 8 40. 9 41. 6 41. 0 41. 3 41. 9 40. 9 42. 5 40. 8 39. 5	41. 2 39. 3 38. 7 40. 6 40. 5 39. 8 40. 1 39. 2 40. 8 39. 3	.6 .2 0 .4 .5 .3 .4 0 .1	1, 5 , 8 1, 2 , 7 , 5 , 7 1, 3 , 7 -, 3	42.9 40.6 40.8 42.1 41.1 41.4 40.4 41.2 40.3 39.5	41.6 40.8 40.5 41.8 40.5 41.0 40.0 40.5 40.5	42. 0 40. 8 39. 9 41. 6 41. 0 40. 9 41. 3 40. 3 40. 4 39. 2	
NONDURABLE GOODS · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	39. 3 2. 9	39 . 1 2 . 9	39.8 3.1	38. 7 2. 7	. 2	.6	39. 7 3. 1	39. 4 3. 1	39.5 3.0	
Food and kindred products Tobacco manufactures Apparel and other textile products Paper and allied products Printing and publishing Chemicals and allied products Petroleum and coal products Rubber and plastics products, nec Leather and leather products	39.6 33.2 41.0 35.9 42.4 37.3 41.7 42.2 40.7 38.9	39. 7 34. 0 40.8 35. 4 41. 9 37. 1 41. 5 41. 8 40. 5	38. 0 41. 9 42, 3	40. 0 35. 6 40. 0 34. 7 41. 4 37. 1 41. 3 42. 3 39. 6 36. 9	1 8 .2 .5 .5 .2 .2 .4	4 -2. 4 1. 0 1. 2 1. 0 . 2 . 4 1 1. 1 2. 0	40. 0 33. 7 41. 2 36. 2 42. 8 37. 6 41. 9 42. 8 41. 0 38. 9	40. 0 34. 7 41. 3 35. 8 42. 1 37. 5 41. 7 42. 3 40. 7 38. 1	40. 3 35. 6 41. 0 35. 9 42. 3 37. 5 41. 7 40. 9 37. 9	-1.0
TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC UTILITIES	40. 3	40.0	40.6	40. 4	. 3	1	40. 5	40, 2	40, 5	. 3
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE.	34, 8	34.7	35, 5	34.6	. 1	. 2	35, 3	35.1	35, 3	. 2
WHOLESALE TRADE	39. 7 33. 2	39. 7 33. 2	40. 3 34. 1	39, 4 33, 1	0	.3	40.0 33.7	39. 8 33. 7	40. 0 33. 9	. 2
FINANCE, INSURANCE, AND REAL ESTATE	37. 1	·37 . 1	37.0	36, 8	0	, 3	37. 1	37.1	37.0	0
SERVICES	34. 1	33.9	34. 2	34.0	. 2	. 1	34. 3	34, 1	34. 2	. 2

¹Data relate to production workers in mining and manufacturing: to construction workers in contract construction: and to nonsupervisory workers in transportation and public utilities; wholesale and retail trade; finance, insurance, and real estate; and services. These groups account for approximately four-fifths of the total employment on private nonagricultural payrolls.

p = preliminary.

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

			Average ho	urly earning	s		1		Average we	ekly earnings		
Industry	Feb.	Jan.	Dec.	Feb.	Change	from	Feb.	Jan.	Dec.	Feb.	Chang	e from
	1972 ^p	1972 ^p	1971	1971	Jan. 1972	Feb. 1971	1972 ^p	1972 ^p	1971	1971	Jan. 1972	Feb. 1971
TOTAL PRIVATE	\$3.54 3.54	\$3.54 3.54	\$3.51 3.52	\$3.35 3.35	\$0.00 .00	\$0.19 .19	\$130, 27 131, 69	\$129.92 130.98				\$7.66 7.74
MINING	4. 27	4.31	4. 27	4.00	04	. 27	180.19	182.74	182.76	167.60	-2.55	12.59
CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION	5.98	5.98	5.93	5.56	0	. 42	215. 28	214.08	216.45	197.38	1.20	17.90
MANUFACTURING	3.71	3.70	3.69	3.51	. 01	. 20	148.40	147. 26	150.18	138.29	1.14	10.11
DURABLE GOODS	3.95	3.94	3.93	3.74	.01	. 21	160. 37	158.78	162.70	149.23	1.59	11.14
Ordnance and accessories Lumber and wood products Furniture and fixtures Stone, clay, and glass products. Primary metal industries Fabricated metal products Machinery, except electrical Electrical equipment Transportation equipment Instruments and related products Miscellaneous manufacturing	4. 05 3. 16 2. 98 3. 77 4. 57, 3. 88 4. 18 3. 61 4. 60 3. 63 3. 06	4.00 3.19 2.98 3.75 4.54 3.88 4.17 3.61 4.60 3.64 3.06	3.98 3.19 2.98 3.74 4.50 3.87 4.16 3.60 4.62 3.62 3.05	3. 77 3. 06 2. 84 3. 55 4. 09 3. 67 3. 90 3. 43 4. 44 3. 48 2. 94	.0503 0 .02 .03 0 .01 001 0	. 28 . 10 . 14 . 22 . 48 . 21 . 28 . 18 . 16 . 15 . 12	172.94 126.72 118.90 155.70 187.37 157.14 173.05 144.04 186.30 144.84 119.65	127. 28 118. 90 153. 38 183. 87 155. 98 170. 97 144. 04 185. 84 146. 69 118. 42	130. 15 121. 88 155. 58 184. 50 159. 83 174. 30 147. 24 196. 35 147. 70 120. 48	120. 26 109. 91 144. 13 165. 65 146. 07 156. 39 134. 46 181. 15 136. 76	56 0 2. 32 3. 50 1. 16 2. 08 . 00 . 46 -1. 85 1. 23	17. 62 6. 46 8. 99 11. 57 21. 72 11. 07 16. 66 9. 58 5. 15 8. 08 7. 93
Food and kindred products	3.83 4.34 4.10 4.88	3. 51 3. 32 2. 68 2. 56 3. 81 4. 34 4. 10 4. 85 3. 53 2. 67	3.51 3.29 2.62 2.55 3.80 4.36 4.06 4.65 3.53 2.65	3. 32 3. 02 2. 54 2. 48 3. 58 4. 08 3. 84 4. 49 3. 32 2. 58	0 .04 .03 .01 .02 0 0 .03 .02	. 19 . 34 . 17 . 09 . 25 . 26 . 26 . 39 . 23	139.00 111.55 111.11 92.26 162.39 161.88 170.97 205.94 144.49 104.64	112.88 109.34	142.51 118.44 108.73 91.55 162.64 165.68 170.11 196.70 145.44 102.56	101.60 86.06	-1.33 1.77 1.64 2.75 .87 .82 3.21 1.52	6.20 4.04 9.51 6.20 14.18 10.51 12.38 16.01 13.02 9.44
TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC UTILITIES	4.46	4.45	4. 41	4.08	. 01	. 38	179.74	178.00	179.05	164.83	1.74	14.91
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE	2. 98	2.97	2.91	2.83	.01	. 15	103.70	103.06	103.31	97.92	.64	5, 78
WHOLESALE TRADE	3.82 2.66	3.81 2.65	3, 79 2. 61	3. 59 2. 54	. 01 . 01	. 23	151.65 88.31	151.26 87.98	152.74 89.00	141.45 84.07	. 39	10.20 4.24
FINANCE, INSURANCE, AND REAL ESTATE	3.39	3.39	3, 34	3. 24	0	. 15	125.77	125.77	123.58	119.23	0	6.54
SERVICES	3.08	3.08	3.06	2. 95	0	. 13	105.03	104, 41	104,65	100.30	. 62	4. 73

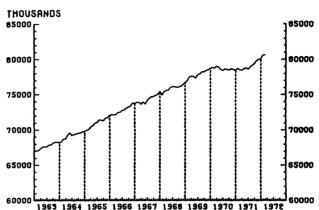
¹See footnote 1, table B-2.

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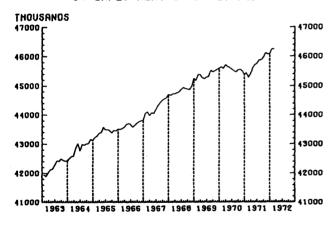
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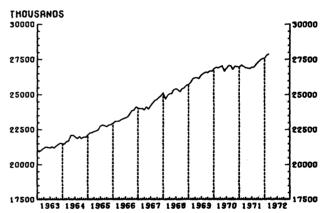
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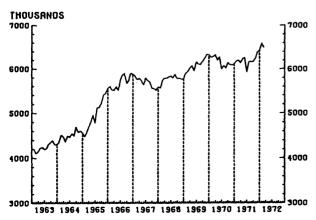




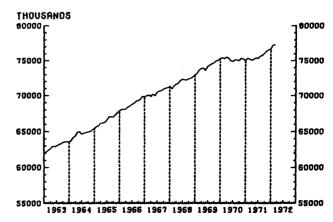
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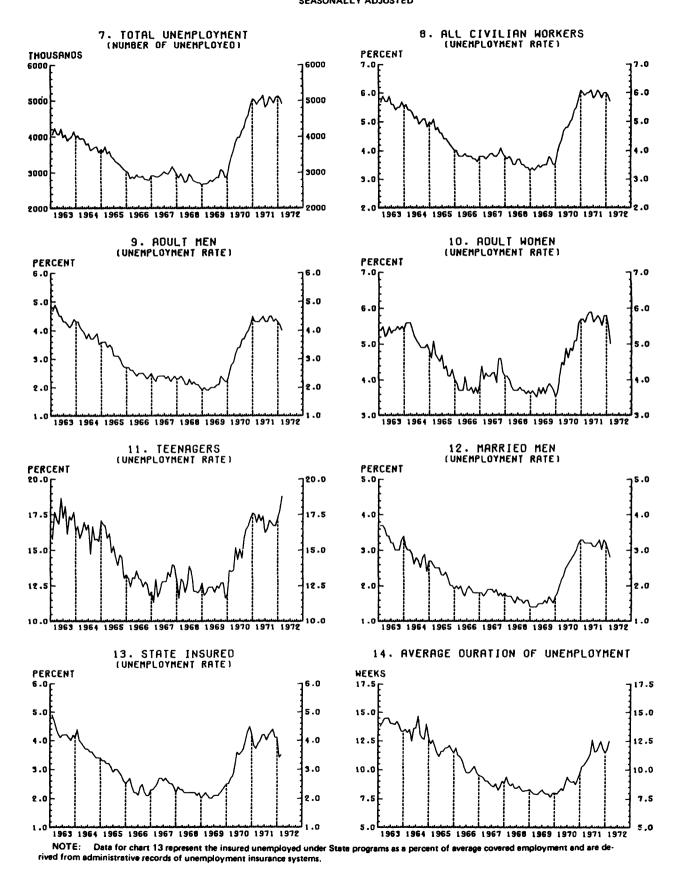
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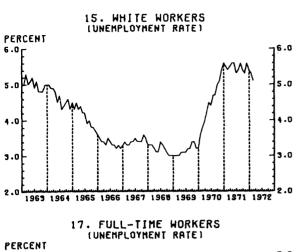


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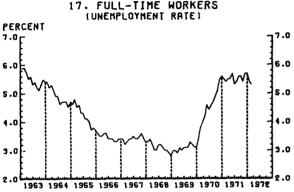


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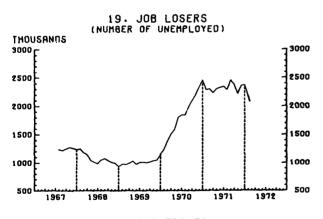
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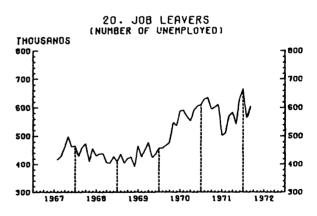


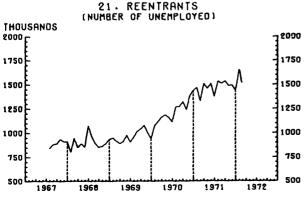






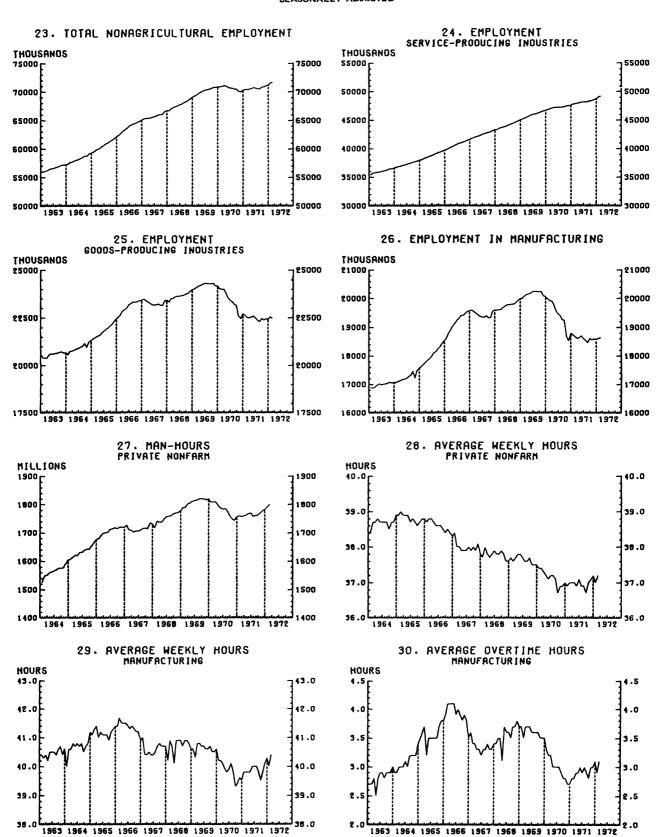








NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT AND HOURS—ESTABLISHMENT SURVEY SEASONALLY ADJUSTED



NOTE: Charts 27 and 28 relate to production or nonsupervisory workers; charts 29 and 30 relate to production workers. Data for the 2 most recent months are preliminary in charts 23-30.

EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT OF VETERANS AND NONVETERANS 20-29 YEARS SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

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