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THE EMPLOYMENT SITUATION: AUGUST 1972

Employment rose substantially in August while unemployment was basically unchanged, the U. S. Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics reported today. The unemployment rate was 5.6 percent in August, compared with 5.5 percent in both June and July and about 6 percent a year ago.

Total employment expanded 290,000 to 82.0 million between July and August, continuing the strong growth evident since mid-1971; over the past year, total employment has increased by 2.6 million. Nonfarm payroll employment also rose substantially in August.

Unemployment

The number of unemployed persons totaled 4.9 million in August, down 300,000 from July. This decline was about in line with the expected seasonal change; after adjustment for seasonality, the level of unemployment was essentially unchanged from July.

The unemployment rate was 5.6 percent in August, about the same as in June and July (5.5 percent) but half a percentage point below a year ago. The unemployment rates for most of the major age-sex-color groups also showed little or no change for the second consecutive month. The rate for adult men (3.9 percent), adult women (5.5 percent), whites (5.1 percent), and Negroes (9.7 percent) have been essentially unchanged since June. The unemployment rates for married men (2.6 percent) and household heads (3.3 percent) held steady over the month but were lower than in June and a year ago. In contrast, the jobless rate for teenagers rose from 14.8 percent in July to 16.9 percent in August; most of the increase was among 16 and 17 year-olds. Compared with a year ago, the jobless rate was down for all of the above groups with the exception of Negroes and teenagers, whose rates were about unchanged.

The unemployment rates for workers in most occupational categories were also unchanged over the month; however, the jobless rate for nonfarm laborers, which was at a one-year low in June and July, rose to the May level of 10.9 percent. Among the major industry groups, the unemployment rate for workers in the durable goods manufacturing industries dropped from 5.7 percent in July to 5.0 percent in August, its

lowest point since May 1970. Jobless rates for workers in the other industries were about unchanged from July.

The rate for workers covered by State unemployment insurance programs moved down from 3.8 percent in July (as revised) to 3.4 percent in August, reaching its lowest level since the beginning of the year.

The average (mean) duration of unemployment was 12.1 weeks in August, little different from the July level of 11.8 weeks but well below the unusually high June level of 13.5 weeks. The average duration was nearly half a week longer than last August.

Table A. Highlights of the employment situation (seasonally adjusted data)

Selected categories	Aug. 1972	July 1972	June 1972	2nd Qtr. 1972	1st Qtr. 1972	4th Qtr. 1971	3rd Qtr. 1971	2nd Qtr. 1971
(Millions of persons)								
Civilian labor force ¹	86.9	86.5	86.4	86.4	85.9	85.0	84.2	83.7
Total employment ¹	82.0	81.7	81.7	81.4	80.8	80.0	79.2	78.7
Adult men	47.1	47.0	46.9	46.7	46.4	46.1	45.9	45.7
Adult women	28.3	28.1	28.0	27.9	27.9	27.5	27.1	26.9
Teenagers	6.6	6.6	6.7	6.8	6.6	6.3	6.2	6.1
Unemployment	4.9	4.8	4.7	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0
(Percent of labor force)								
Unemployment rates:								
All workers	5.6	5.5	5.5	5.7	5.8	5.9	6.0	6.0
Adult men	3.9	3.9	4.0	4.2	4.1	4.3	4.4	4.4
Adult women	5.5	5.7	5.5	5.6	5.3	5.7	5.7	5.8
Teenagers	16.9	14.8	14.5	15.8	18.2	16.9	16.8	16.9
White	5.1	5.0	5.0	5.3	5.3	5.4	5.5	5.5
Negro and other races	9.7	9.9	9.4	9.9	10.6	10.1	10.1	9.9
Household heads	3.3	3.3	3.6	3.5	3.4	3.6	3.7	3.7
Married men	2.6	2.7	2.9	2.9	2.9	3.2	3.2	3.2
Full-time workers	5.1	5.1	5.0	5.3	5.4	5.6	5.5	5.5
State insured ²	3.4	3.8 ^r	3.6	3.6	3.5	4.2	4.2	4.1
(Weeks)								
Average duration of unemployment	12.1	11.8	13.5	12.8	12.2	11.9	11.7	11.7
(Millions of persons)								
Nonfarm payroll employment	72.9 ^p	72.6 ^p	72.6	72.5	71.8	71.0	70.6	70.7
Goods-producing industries	22.8 ^p	22.7 ^p	22.8	22.8	22.6	22.4	22.4	22.5
Service-producing industries	50.1 ^p	49.9 ^p	49.8	49.7	49.2	48.6	48.3	48.1
(Hours of work)								
Average weekly hours:								
Total private nonfarm	37.2 ^p	37.2 ^p	37.2	37.2	37.1	37.1	36.8	37.0
Manufacturing	40.7 ^p	40.6 ^p	40.6	40.6	40.3	40.1	39.8	39.9
Manufacturing overtime	3.4 ^p	3.4 ^p	3.4	3.5	3.1	3.0	2.9	2.9
(1967=100)								
Hourly Earnings Index, private nonfarm:								
In current dollars	138.2 ^p	137.7 ^p	136.9	136.8	134.9	132.2	130.7	128.8
In constant dollars	NA	109.9 ^p	109.7	109.8	108.9	107.7	107.2	106.7

¹ Civilian labor force and total employment figures for periods prior to January 1972 should be raised by about 300,000 to be comparable with subsequent data. See box above table A-1.

² For calculation of this rate, see table A-3, footnote 2. p-preliminary. r-revised.

SOURCE: Tables A-1, A-3, A-4, B-1, B-2, and B-4.

Civilian Labor Force and Total Employment

After exhibiting little growth from March to July, the civilian labor force rose 390,000, seasonally adjusted, in August to 86.9 million. The increase was about equally distributed among adult women and teenagers. The total number employed rose 290,000 to 82.0 million (seasonally adjusted) between July and August, following no gain between June and July. Virtually the entire increase in employment occurred among adult women working part time.

Compared with August a year ago, total employment was up 2.6 million (after eliminating the effects of the 1970 Census population control adjustment introduced in January 1972). Adult men have accounted for 1.1 million of this increase, adult women for 1.0 million, and teenagers for 500,000. The number of whites with jobs increased by 2.4 million (3.3 percent). Over the same period, employment among Negroes rose 200,000 (2.3 percent). About 85 percent of the total over-the-year gain was among full-time workers.

Vietnam Era Veterans

The job situation for Vietnam Era veterans 20 to 29 years old was little changed in August, with both the employment and unemployment levels remaining stable after seasonal adjustment. The August unemployment rate was 7.7 percent, seasonally adjusted, compared with 7.3 percent in July, but down from 9.3 percent a year ago.

Over the year, the veteran labor force rose by 440,000, in line with the net increase in their population. All of the gain was in the number employed. Since early this year, growth in the 20-29 year-old veteran population has slowed considerably, reflecting a decline in the number of young men being discharged from military service and an increase in the number of veterans reaching age 30.

The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for nonveterans, at 6.2 percent in August, was also not materially different from July but, as with the rate for veterans, was below its year-ago rate (of 8.0 percent).

Industry Payroll Employment

Nonagricultural payroll employment rose substantially in August, after showing little change in the previous 2 months. At 72.9 million, seasonally adjusted, the number of workers on nonfarm payrolls was up 280,000 from July.

The July-to-August gain in payroll jobs was about equally divided between the goods-producing and the service-producing industries. Compared with August a year ago, nonfarm payroll employment was up 2.3 million, with the goods- and the service-producing industries accounting for 500,000 and 1.8 million of the gain, respectively.

Among the goods-producing industries, the August employment gain was partly a reflection of reduced strike activity and of a resumption of more normal operations in the areas affected by tropical storm Agnes. Within the goods sector, the number of manufacturing jobs increased by 85,000, seasonally adjusted. The increase returned manufacturing employment to the June level of 19.0 million and was about evenly divided between the durable-goods and the nondurable-goods sectors. The largest gains occurred in the machinery, apparel, and leather industries.

The number of workers on contract construction payrolls rose by 50,000, seasonally adjusted, after posting a decline of 70,000 in July. The August gain was attributable to the return to payrolls of workers who had been on strike in the previous month.

In the service-producing sector, employment continued to rise, primarily reflecting sizeable employment gains in trade, services, and State and local government.

Hours of Work

The average workweek of production or nonsupervisory workers on private non-agricultural payrolls remained at 37.2 hours in August, on a seasonally adjusted basis. Average hours, which have held fairly steady since late 1971, were 0.3 hour above last August. There were also essentially no changes in weekly hours in the major industry divisions. In manufacturing, the workweek stood at 40.7 hours, little different from the July level but 0.9 hour above August 1971. Average overtime in manufacturing was 3.4 hours in August, the same level as in the previous 3 months.

Hourly and Weekly Earnings

Average hourly earnings of rank-and-file workers on private nonagricultural payrolls increased 2 cents to \$3.64 in August. On a seasonally adjusted basis, earnings were up by 3 cents. Over the year, earnings have risen 19 cents or 5.5 percent.

The 2-cent increase in hourly earnings, coupled with a small rise in weekly hours (unadjusted), raised average weekly earnings to \$137.23. This represented an increase of \$1.12 from July, both before and after seasonal adjustment.

Average weekly earnings have risen \$8.20 or 6.4 percent since last August. During the latest 12-month period for which the Consumer Price Index is available--July 1971 to July 1972--consumer prices rose 3.0 percent.

Hourly Earnings Index

The Bureau's Hourly Earnings Index, seasonally adjusted, was 138.2 (1967=100) in August, 0.4 percent higher than in July, according to preliminary figures. The index was 5.6 percent above August a year ago, the start of the stabilization program.

(See table B-4.) This compares with an increase of 6.9 percent from August 1970 to August 1971. All industries posted over-the-year increases, ranging from 3.5 percent in services to 10.6 percent in transportation and public utilities. During the first year of the stabilization period, there was a marked decline in the rate of increase in the Index in the construction, service, and finance, insurance and real estate industries. Only in transportation and public utilities was there an acceleration in the rate of increase compared with the prior 12-month period.

Despite the lower rate of increase in the Index in current dollars, the increases in wages substantially outweighed the rise in consumer prices. During the 12-month period ending in July, the Hourly Earnings Index in dollars of constant purchasing power rose 2.8 percent, compared with a 2.5 percent increase for the year ending July 1971.

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 appear 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

Employment status, age, and sex	(In thousands)			Seasonally adjusted				
	Aug. 1972	July 1972	Aug. 1971	Aug. 1972	July 1972	June 1972	May 1972	Apr. 1972
Total								
Total labor force	90,758	91,005	88,453	89,256	88,855	88,788	88,905	88,747
Civilian labor force	88,362	88,617	85,678	86,860	86,467	86,395	86,486	86,284
Employed	83,505	83,443	80,618	81,973	81,682	81,667	81,394	81,205
Agriculture	4,031	4,061	3,764	3,625	3,445	3,337	3,353	3,324
Nonagricultural industries	79,475	79,383	76,853	78,348	78,237	78,330	78,041	77,881
On part time for economic reasons	3,117	3,174	3,014	2,488	2,509	2,521	2,421	2,558
Usually work full time	1,190	1,034	1,262	1,082	1,085	1,022	1,102	1,131
Usually work part time	1,927	2,140	1,752	1,406	1,424	1,499	1,319	1,427
Unemployed	4,857	5,173	5,061	4,887	4,785	4,728	5,092	5,079
Men, 20 years and over								
Civilian labor force	49,388	49,422	48,454	48,954	48,961	48,882	48,700	48,614
Employed	47,649	47,574	46,465	47,063	47,032	46,919	46,628	46,541
Agriculture	2,647	2,660	2,556	2,550	2,474	2,437	2,404	2,370
Nonagricultural industries	45,003	44,914	43,909	44,513	44,558	44,482	44,224	44,171
Unemployed	1,738	1,848	1,989	1,891	1,929	1,963	2,072	2,073
Women, 20 years and over								
Civilian labor force	29,288	29,018	28,154	29,990	29,789	29,657	29,625	29,508
Employed	27,516	27,317	26,355	28,334	28,078	28,029	27,883	27,913
Agriculture	673	703	605	604	556	496	551	563
Nonagricultural industries	26,843	26,614	25,750	27,730	27,522	27,533	27,332	27,350
Unemployed	1,772	1,701	1,800	1,656	1,711	1,628	1,742	1,595
Both sexes, 16-19 years								
Civilian labor force	9,687	10,177	9,070	7,916	7,717	7,856	8,161	8,162
Employed	8,340	8,553	7,798	6,576	6,572	6,719	6,883	6,751
Agriculture	711	698	604	471	415	404	398	391
Nonagricultural industries	7,629	7,855	7,194	6,105	6,157	6,315	6,485	6,360
Unemployed	1,347	1,624	1,272	1,340	1,145	1,137	1,278	1,411

Table A-2: Full- and part-time status of the civilian labor force by sex and age

Full- and part-time employment status, sex, and age	(Numbers in thousands)							
	Aug. 1972	Aug. 1971	Seasonally adjusted					
	Aug. 1972	Aug. 1971	Aug. 1972	July 1972	June 1972	May 1972	Apr. 1972	Aug. 1971
Full time								
Total, 16 years and over:								
Civilian labor force	78,062	75,817	74,201	74,218	74,333	74,032	73,691	72,218
Employed	74,160	71,715	70,423	70,437	70,643	69,918	69,725	68,209
Unemployed	3,902	4,102	3,778	3,781	3,690	4,114	3,966	4,009
Unemployment rate	5.0	5.4	5.1	5.1	5.0	5.6	5.4	5.6
Men, 20 years and over:								
Civilian labor force	47,306	46,416	46,539	46,588	46,504	46,330	46,199	45,693
Employed	45,697	44,542	44,801	44,821	44,745	44,441	44,330	43,669
Unemployed	1,609	1,874	1,738	1,767	1,759	1,889	1,869	2,024
Unemployment rate	3.4	4.0	3.7	3.8	3.8	4.1	4.0	4.4
Women, 20 years and over:								
Civilian labor force	23,625	22,782	23,433	23,477	23,483	23,292	23,145	22,595
Employed	22,185	21,360	22,119	22,093	22,180	21,828	21,896	21,296
Unemployed	1,439	1,422	1,314	1,384	1,303	1,464	1,249	1,299
Unemployment rate	6.1	6.2	5.6	5.9	5.5	6.3	5.4	5.7
Part time								
Total, 16 years and over:								
Civilian labor force	10,300	9,861	12,759	12,208	11,867	12,406	12,466	12,211
Employed	9,345	8,902	11,630	11,211	10,825	11,403	11,369	11,086
Unemployed	955	959	1,129	997	1,042	1,003	1,097	1,125
Unemployment rate	9.3	9.7	8.8	8.2	8.8	8.1	8.8	9.2

NOTE: Persons on part-time schedules for economic reasons are included in the full-time employed category; unemployed persons are allocated by whether seeking full- or part-time work.

Table A-3: Major unemployment indicators

(Persons 16 years and over)

Selected categories	Thousands of persons unemployed		Seasonally adjusted rates of unemployment					
	Aug. 1972	Aug. 1971	Aug. 1972	July 1972	June 1972	May 1972	Apr. 1972	Aug. 1971
Total (all civilian workers)	4,857	5,061	5.6	5.5	5.5	5.9	5.9	6.1
Men, 20 years and over	1,738	1,989	3.9	3.9	4.0	4.3	4.3	4.5
Women, 20 years and over	1,772	1,800	5.5	5.7	5.5	5.9	5.4	5.8
Both sexes, 16-19 years	1,347	1,272	16.9	14.8	14.5	15.7	17.3	17.1
White	3,894	4,104	5.1	5.0	5.0	5.3	5.4	5.6
Negro and other races	963	956	9.7	9.9	9.4	10.7	9.6	9.9
Household heads	1,567	1,754	3.3	3.3	3.6	3.6	3.4	3.8
Married men	945	1,162	2.6	2.7	2.9	2.9	2.9	3.2
Full-time workers	3,902	4,102	5.1	5.1	5.0	5.6	5.4	5.6
Part-time workers	955	959	8.8	8.2	8.8	8.1	8.8	9.2
Unemployed 15 weeks and over ¹	988	1,074	1.4	1.3	1.3	1.4	1.3	1.5
State insured ²	1,805	1,985	3.4	3.8 ^r	3.6	3.7	3.6	4.2
Labor force time lost ³	--	--	6.2	6.0	5.5	6.3	6.3	6.5
Occupation⁴								
White-collar workers	1,507	1,487	3.5	3.4	3.1	3.6	3.4	3.5
Professional and technical	362	448	2.4	2.5	1.9	2.4	2.3	3.0
Managers and administrators, except farm	154	130	1.8	1.9	1.4	1.5	1.8	1.4
Sales workers	239	206	4.8	4.3	4.0	4.5	3.7	4.4
Clerical workers	752	703	4.9	4.6	4.8	5.3	4.9	4.9
Blue-collar workers	1,786	1,990	6.5	6.4	6.4	6.8	6.8	7.5
Craftsmen and kindred workers	403	463	4.4	4.3	4.5	4.7	4.4	5.3
Operatives	928	1,113	6.7	7.1	6.8	7.1	7.4	8.3
Nonfarm laborers	456	414	10.9	9.3	9.5	10.9	10.7	10.6
Service workers	746	755	6.3	6.6	5.7	6.1	6.3	6.5
Farm workers	86	87	2.7	2.2	2.6	3.0	2.2	2.7
Industry⁴								
Nonagricultural private wage and salary workers ⁵	3,467	3,650	5.8	5.8	5.5	6.0	5.9	6.2
Construction	371	301	11.6	10.9	9.5	12.5	10.6	9.9
Manufacturing	1,086	1,394	5.4	5.7	5.6	6.0	5.8	6.8
Durable goods	610	853	5.0	5.7	5.7	6.3	5.8	6.9
Nondurable goods	476	541	6.0	5.6	5.5	5.7	5.9	6.8
Transportation and public utilities	165	138	3.8	3.6	3.1	3.5	3.7	3.3
Wholesale and retail trade	983	884	6.6	6.5	6.5	6.3	6.2	6.3
Finance and service industries	844	907	4.7	4.6	4.2	5.0	5.1	5.3
Government workers	501	491	3.0	2.8	2.5	2.9	2.9	3.1
Agricultural wage and salary workers	90	109	6.5	6.0	7.5	8.8	6.0	8.8

¹ Unemployment rate calculated as a percent of civilian labor force.² Insured unemployment under State programs—unemployment rate calculated as a percent of average covered employment. As with the other statistics presented, insured unemployment data relate to the week containing the 12th.³ Man-hours lost by the unemployed and persons on part time for economic reasons as a percent of potentially available labor force man-hours.⁴ Unemployment by occupation includes all experienced unemployed persons, whereas that by industry covers only unemployed wage and salary workers.⁵ Includes mining, not shown separately.^r revised.

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

(In thousands)

Duration of unemployment	Aug. 1972	Aug. 1971	Seasonally adjusted					
			Aug. 1972	July 1972	June 1972	May 1972	Apr. 1972	Aug. 1971
Less than 5 weeks	2,229	2,294	2,254	2,149	2,175	2,223	2,169	2,320
5 to 14 weeks	1,640	1,693	1,505	1,478	1,437	1,514	1,521	1,553
15 weeks and over	988	1,074	1,188	1,155	1,148	1,180	1,137	1,291
15 to 26 weeks	453	527	644	658	594	587	482	735
27 weeks and over	535	547	544	497	554	593	655	556
Average (mean) duration, in weeks	11.6	11.2	12.1	11.8	13.5	12.5	12.4	11.6

Table A-5: Unemployed persons by reason for unemployment

(Numbers in thousands)

Reason for unemployment	Aug. 1972	Aug. 1971	Seasonally adjusted					
			Aug. 1972	July 1972	June 1972	May 1972	Apr. 1972	Aug. 1971
Number of unemployed								
Lost last job	2,006	2,199	2,244	2,093	2,210	2,199	2,040	2,460
Left last job	726	644	644	616	624	649	611	572
Reentered labor force	1,396	1,475	1,427	1,455	1,238	1,460	1,557	1,509
Never worked before	729	742	640	564	621	802	917	651
Percent distribution								
Total unemployed	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Lost last job	41.3	43.5	45.3	44.3	47.1	43.0	39.8	47.4
Left last job	14.9	12.7	13.0	13.0	13.3	12.7	11.9	11.0
Reentered labor force	28.7	29.2	28.8	30.8	26.4	28.6	30.4	29.1
Never worked before	15.0	14.7	12.9	11.9	13.2	15.7	17.9	12.5
Unemployed as a percent of the civilian labor force								
Lost last job	2.3	2.6	2.6	2.4	2.6	2.5	2.4	2.9
Left last job8	.8	.7	.7	.7	.8	.7	.7
Reentered labor force	1.6	1.7	1.6	1.7	1.4	1.7	1.8	1.8
Never worked before8	.9	.7	.7	.7	.9	1.1	.8

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					
	Aug. 1972	Aug. 1971		Aug. 1972	Aug. 1972	July 1972	June 1972	May 1972	Apr. 1972
	Total, 16 years and over	4,857	5,061	80.3	5.6	5.5	5.5	5.9	5.9
16 to 19 years	1,347	1,272	63.3	16.9	14.8	14.5	15.7	17.3	17.1
16 and 17 years	684	605	46.8	20.5	16.5	16.5	16.6	19.1	19.5
18 and 19 years	663	667	80.4	14.0	13.5	12.9	15.8	15.5	15.0
20 to 24 years	1,121	1,171	88.0	9.0	9.8	8.7	9.9	10.0	10.0
25 years and over	2,389	2,618	86.3	3.6	3.7	3.9	3.9	3.8	4.1
25 to 54 years	1,915	2,162	88.6	3.7	3.8	4.0	4.0	3.8	4.2
55 years and over	475	456	76.8	3.7	3.4	3.6	3.6	3.6	3.5
Males, 16 years and over	2,437	2,667	84.2	4.9	4.7	4.8	5.3	5.3	5.5
16 to 19 years	698	678	63.6	16.5	13.6	13.8	16.6	16.7	17.2
16 and 17 years	376	338	48.9	20.0	14.6	15.4	18.0	19.3	19.4
18 and 19 years	322	340	80.7	13.2	12.8	12.4	16.2	14.8	15.0
20 to 24 years	545	628	88.8	8.5	9.6	8.3	9.4	10.7	10.5
25 years and over	1,193	1,361	94.4	3.1	3.0	3.3	3.4	3.3	3.6
25 to 54 years	918	1,086	96.7	3.0	3.0	3.3	3.4	3.2	3.6
55 years and over	275	275	86.2	3.4	3.1	3.5	3.5	3.5	3.3
Females, 16 years and over	2,420	2,394	76.4	6.8	6.9	6.5	6.8	6.8	7.0
16 to 19 years	648	594	63.1	17.5	16.4	15.4	14.6	18.0	16.9
16 and 17 years	308	267	44.2	21.3	18.9	18.1	14.8	19.0	19.5
18 and 19 years	341	327	80.1	14.9	14.4	13.5	15.3	16.4	15.1
20 to 24 years	576	543	87.3	9.5	10.1	9.2	10.6	9.0	9.4
25 years and over	1,196	1,257	78.3	4.6	4.8	4.8	4.8	4.6	5.0
25 to 54 years	997	1,076	81.1	4.8	5.1	5.1	5.0	4.9	5.4
55 years and over	199	182	63.8	4.3	4.0	3.8	3.8	3.6	3.8

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

(Numbers in thousands)									
Employment status	Aug. 1972	July 1972	Aug. 1971	Seasonally adjusted					
				Aug. 1972	July 1972	June 1972	May 1972	April 1972	Aug. 1971
Veterans ¹									
Total, 20 to 29 years old									
Civilian noninstitutional population ²	4,574	4,551	4,142	4,574	4,551	4,529	4,519	4,498	4,142
Civilian labor force	4,293	4,280	3,855	4,233	4,206	4,183	4,196	4,161	3,805
Employed	3,993	3,979	3,533	3,905	3,898	3,881	3,858	3,804	3,452
Unemployed	300	301	322	328	308	302	338	357	353
Unemployment rate	7.0	7.0	8.4	7.7	7.3	7.2	8.1	8.6	9.3
20 to 24 years									
Civilian noninstitutional population ²	1,913	1,928	1,971	1,913	1,928	1,943	1,970	1,987	1,971
Civilian labor force	1,755	1,787	1,788	1,739	1,745	1,775	1,792	1,810	1,775
Employed	1,573	1,596	1,590	1,521	1,559	1,600	1,608	1,581	1,538
Unemployed	182	191	198	218	186	175	184	229	237
Unemployment rate	10.4	10.7	11.1	12.5	10.7	9.9	10.3	12.7	13.4
25 to 29 years									
Civilian noninstitutional population ²	2,661	2,623	2,171	2,661	2,623	2,586	2,549	2,511	2,171
Civilian labor force	2,538	2,493	2,067	2,494	2,461	2,408	2,404	2,351	2,030
Employed	2,420	2,383	1,943	2,384	2,339	2,281	2,250	2,223	1,914
Unemployed	118	110	124	110	122	127	154	128	116
Unemployment rate	4.6	4.4	6.0	4.4	5.0	5.3	6.4	5.4	5.7
Nonveterans									
Total, 20 to 29 years old									
Civilian noninstitutional population ²	10,121	10,085	9,458	10,121	10,085	10,036	9,914	9,840	9,458
Civilian labor force	9,186	9,236	8,569	8,729	8,715	8,677	8,555	8,527	8,174
Employed	8,688	8,635	7,971	8,187	8,149	8,110	7,949	7,875	7,524
Unemployed	498	601	598	542	566	567	606	652	650
Unemployment rate	5.4	6.5	7.0	6.2	6.5	6.5	7.1	7.6	8.0
20 to 24 years									
Civilian noninstitutional population ²	6,113	6,086	5,585	6,113	6,086	6,065	5,958	5,918	5,585
Civilian labor force	5,366	5,420	4,878	4,923	4,909	4,904	4,808	4,813	4,494
Employed	5,003	4,960	4,449	4,524	4,485	4,512	4,369	4,332	4,023
Unemployed	363	460	429	399	424	392	439	481	471
Unemployment rate	6.8	8.5	8.8	8.1	8.6	8.0	9.1	10.0	10.5
25 to 29 years									
Civilian noninstitutional population ²	4,008	3,999	3,873	4,008	3,999	3,971	3,956	3,922	3,873
Civilian labor force	3,820	3,816	3,691	3,806	3,806	3,773	3,747	3,714	3,680
Employed	3,685	3,675	3,522	3,663	3,664	3,598	3,580	3,543	3,501
Unemployed	135	141	169	143	142	175	167	171	179
Unemployment rate	3.5	3.7	4.6	3.8	3.7	4.6	4.5	4.6	4.9

¹ Vietnam Era veterans are those who served after August 4, 1964; they are all classified as war veterans. 79 percent of the Vietnam Era veterans of all ages are 20 to 29 years old. Post-Korean-peace-time veterans 20 to 29 years old are not included in this table.

² Since seasonal variations are not present in the population figures, identical numbers appear in the unadjusted and seasonally adjusted columns.

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

Industry	(In thousands)									
	Aug. 1972 ^p	July 1972 ^p	June 1972	Aug. 1971	Change from		Seasonally adjusted			
					July 1972	Aug. 1971	Aug. 1972 ^p	July 1972 ^p	June 1972	Change from July 1972
TOTAL	72,831	72,407	73,345	70,542	424	2,289	72,871	72,592	72,630	279
GOODS-PRODUCING	23,301	22,787	23,160	22,785	514	516	22,821	22,689	22,844	132
MINING	610	613	612	625	-3	-15	595	597	598	-2
CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION	3,517	3,425	3,406	3,509	92	8	3,227	3,177	3,247	50
MANUFACTURING	19,174	18,749	19,142	18,651	425	523	18,999	18,915	18,999	84
<i>Production workers</i>	14,024	13,616	14,006	13,524	408	500	13,892	13,818	13,886	74
DURABLE GOODS	10,867	10,704	10,965	10,485	163	382	10,887	10,849	10,866	38
<i>Production workers</i>	7,888	7,727	7,988	7,514	161	374	7,929	7,886	7,899	43
<i>Ordnance and accessories</i>	194.5	191.1	189.5	189.9	3.4	4.6	195	192	190	3
<i>Lumber and wood products</i>	635.2	629.8	628.9	602.3	5.4	32.9	615	612	608	3
<i>Furniture and fixtures</i>	499.6	485.8	491.8	459.1	13.8	40.5	496	495	491	1
<i>Stone, clay, and glass products</i>	670.8	666.7	669.5	643.8	4.1	27.0	653	652	656	1
<i>Primary metal industries</i>	1,231.1	1,227.7	1,243.1	1,164.1	3.4	67.0	1,223	1,214	1,220	9
<i>Fabricated metal products</i>	1,376.5	1,359.6	1,388.0	1,332.4	16.9	44.1	1,375	1,376	1,377	-1
<i>Machinery, except electrical</i>	1,838.7	1,829.5	1,848.2	1,767.6	9.2	71.1	1,846	1,828	1,832	18
<i>Electrical equipment</i>	1,844.1	1,827.0	1,849.4	1,777.2	17.1	66.9	1,839	1,842	1,851	-3
<i>Transportation equipment</i>	1,685.1	1,622.0	1,774.5	1,694.6	63.1	-9.5	1,768	1,764	1,762	4
<i>Instruments and related products</i>	461.4	451.1	452.9	432.4	10.3	29.0	459	452	452	7
<i>Miscellaneous manufacturing</i>	430.2	413.8	429.6	421.4	16.4	8.8	418	422	427	-4
NONDURABLE GOODS	8,307	8,045	8,177	8,166	262	141	8,112	8,066	8,133	46
<i>Production workers</i>	6,136	5,889	6,018	6,010	247	126	5,963	5,932	5,987	31
<i>Food and kindred products</i>	1,877.0	1,788.3	1,762.5	1,882.8	88.7	-5.8	1,743	1,753	1,764	-10
<i>Tobacco manufactures</i>	78.0	64.8	65.2	77.7	13.2	.3	70	73	74	-3
<i>Textile mill products</i>	1,004.6	980.6	1,007.0	964.7	24.0	39.9	999	991	994	8
<i>Apparel and other textile products</i>	1,369.3	1,295.5	1,375.3	1,366.1	73.8	3.2	1,354	1,340	1,360	14
<i>Paper and allied products</i>	713.4	701.4	710.0	688.1	12.0	25.3	706	699	702	7
<i>Printing and publishing</i>	1,092.5	1,087.7	1,096.8	1,080.6	4.8	11.9	1,091	1,089	1,096	2
<i>Chemicals and allied products</i>	1,015.6	1,008.1	1,013.7	1,015.4	7.5	.2	1,005	998	1,007	7
<i>Petroleum and coal products</i>	192.6	192.5	192.9	193.2	.1	-1.6	187	187	189	0
<i>Rubber and plastics products, nec</i>	638.7	620.7	633.1	584.5	18.0	54.2	636	628	631	8
<i>Leather and leather products</i>	325.5	305.0	320.6	313.2	20.5	12.3	321	308	316	13
SERVICE-PRODUCING	49,530	49,620	50,185	47,757	-90	1,773	50,050	49,903	49,786	147
TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC UTILITIES	4,583	4,579	4,589	4,486	4	97	4,524	4,520	4,539	4
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE	15,701	15,690	15,771	15,151	11	550	15,775	15,716	15,712	59
WHOLESALE TRADE	4,015	4,013	3,997	3,886	2	129	3,971	3,969	3,973	2
RETAIL TRADE	11,686	11,677	11,774	11,265	9	421	11,804	11,747	11,739	57
FINANCE, INSURANCE, AND REAL ESTATE	4,003	3,993	3,969	3,865	10	138	3,940	3,930	3,938	10
SERVICES	12,492	12,528	12,540	11,994	-36	498	12,442	12,404	12,379	38
GOVERNMENT	12,751	12,830	13,316	12,261	-79	490	13,369	13,333	13,218	36
FEDERAL	2,645	2,650	2,659	2,690	-5	-45	2,606	2,606	2,625	0
STATE AND LOCAL	10,106	10,180	10,657	9,571	-74	535	10,763	10,727	10,593	36

p = preliminary.

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

Industry	Aug. 1972 ^p	July 1972 ^p	June 1972	Aug. 1971	Change from		Seasonally adjusted			
					July 1972	Aug. 1971	Aug. 1972 ^p	July 1972 ^p	June 1972	Change from July 1972
TOTAL PRIVATE	37.7	37.6	37.4	37.4	0.1	0.3	37.2	37.2	37.2	0.0
MINING	42.7	42.6	43.1	42.3	.1	.4	42.4	42.2	42.8	.2
CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION	38.3	38.0	37.6	38.3	.3	0	37.1	37.0	36.8	.1
MANUFACTURING	40.7	40.4	40.8	39.8	.3	.9	40.7	40.6	40.6	.1
Overtime hours	3.5	3.3	3.5	3.0	.2	.5	3.4	3.4	3.4	0
DURABLE GOODS	41.2	40.9	41.6	40.0	.3	1.2	41.2	41.2	41.4	0
Overtime hours	3.6	3.4	3.6	2.8	.2	.8	3.6	3.5	3.5	.1
Ordnance and accessories	42.7	41.9	42.2	41.7	.8	1.0	42.9	42.5	42.0	.4
Lumber and wood products	41.8	41.0	41.8	40.5	.8	1.3	41.5	41.1	41.3	.4
Furniture and fixtures	41.0	40.0	41.1	40.4	1.0	.6	40.5	40.4	40.9	.1
Stone, clay, and glass products ..	42.6	42.1	42.3	42.3	.5	.3	42.1	41.9	42.0	.2
Primary metal industries	41.9	41.3	41.8	38.8	.6	3.1	41.9	41.2	41.5	.7
Fabricated metal products	41.3	40.8	41.5	40.3	.5	1.0	41.2	41.2	41.2	0
Machinery, except electrical	41.8	41.5	42.1	40.3	.3	1.5	42.3	42.0	42.1	.3
Electrical equipment	40.6	39.8	40.7	40.0	.8	.6	40.6	40.3	40.5	.3
Transportation equipment	40.6	41.4	42.1	39.3	-.8	1.3	41.2	41.5	42.0	-.3
Instruments and related products ..	40.7	40.2	40.7	39.6	.5	1.1	40.9	40.5	40.6	.4
Miscellaneous manufacturing	39.0	38.6	39.6	39.2	.4	-.2	39.0	39.2	39.5	-.2
NONDURABLE GOODS	39.9	39.8	39.9	39.5	.1	.4	39.7	39.7	39.8	0
Overtime hours	3.3	3.3	3.4	3.2	0	.1	3.2	3.3	3.4	-.1
Food and kindred products	40.7	40.9	40.7	40.7	-.2	0	40.1	40.5	40.6	-.4
Tobacco manufactures	35.8	34.3	34.8	37.4	1.5	-1.6	35.6	34.6	34.3	1.0
Textile mill products	41.3	40.9	41.7	40.8	.4	.5	41.2	41.1	41.5	.1
Apparel and other textile products ..	36.2	35.9	36.0	36.0	.3	.2	35.9	35.9	35.9	0
Paper and allied products	43.1	42.9	43.0	42.5	.2	.6	43.0	42.9	43.0	.1
Printing and publishing	38.3	38.0	37.9	37.7	.3	.6	38.1	38.0	37.9	.1
Chemicals and allied products	41.6	41.8	42.0	41.3	-.2	.3	41.8	41.9	42.0	-.1
Petroleum and coal products	41.7	42.2	42.4	42.6	-.5	-.9	42.5	41.8	42.1	.7
Rubber and plastics products, nec	41.4	40.8	41.5	40.3	.6	1.1	41.2	41.0	41.5	.2
Leather and leather products	39.2	38.9	39.2	37.6	.3	1.6	39.2	38.4	38.6	.8
TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC UTILITIES	41.0	40.9	40.8	40.7	.1	.3	40.8	40.5	40.7	.3
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE	36.1	36.0	35.5	36.0	.1	.1	35.2	35.2	35.3	0
WHOLESALE TRADE	39.9	40.0	40.0	39.9	-.1	0	39.7	39.7	39.9	0
RETAIL TRADE	34.8	34.8	34.1	34.7	0	.1	33.7	33.8	33.8	-.1
FINANCE, INSURANCE, AND REAL ESTATE	37.2	37.4	37.2	37.3	-.2	-.1	37.2	37.4	37.2	-.2
SERVICES	34.7	34.8	34.2	34.7	-.1	0	34.3	34.4	34.1	-.1

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

Industry	Average hourly earnings						Average weekly earnings					
	Aug. 1972 P	July 1972 P	June 1972	Aug. 1971	Change from		Aug. 1972 P	July 1972 P	June 1972	Aug. 1971	Change from	
					July 1972	Aug. 1971					July 1972	Aug. 1971
TOTAL PRIVATE	\$ 3.64	\$ 3.62	\$ 3.62	\$ 3.45	\$ 0.02	\$ 0.19	\$ 137.23	\$ 136.11	\$ 135.39	\$ 129.03	\$ 1.12	\$ 8.20
Seasonally adjusted	3.65	3.62	3.62	3.46	.03	.19	135.78	134.66	134.66	127.67	1.12	8.11
MINING	4.36	4.34	4.33	4.10	.02	.26	186.17	184.88	186.62	173.43	1.29	12.74
CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION	6.06	5.99	5.97	5.75	.07	.31	232.10	227.62	224.47	220.23	4.48	11.87
MANUFACTURING	3.79	3.79	3.79	3.56	0	.23	154.25	153.12	154.63	141.69	1.13	12.56
DURABLE GOODS	4.05	4.02	4.04	3.79	.03	.26	166.86	164.42	168.06	151.60	2.44	15.26
Ordnance and accessories	4.07	4.10	4.09	3.88	-.03	.19	173.79	171.79	172.60	161.80	2.00	11.99
Lumber and wood products	3.34	3.32	3.32	3.19	.02	.15	139.61	136.12	138.78	129.20	3.49	10.41
Furniture and fixtures	3.08	3.04	3.05	2.94	.04	.14	126.28	121.60	125.36	118.78	4.68	7.50
Stone, clay, and glass products	3.95	3.93	3.91	3.73	.02	.22	168.27	165.45	165.39	157.78	2.82	10.49
Primary metal industries	4.71	4.65	4.63	4.29	.06	.42	197.35	192.05	193.53	166.45	5.30	30.90
Fabricated metal products	3.98	3.98	3.98	3.75	0	.23	164.37	162.38	165.17	151.13	1.99	13.24
Machinery, except electrical	4.26	4.24	4.26	4.02	.02	.24	178.07	175.96	179.35	162.01	2.11	16.06
Electrical equipment	3.70	3.67	3.67	3.50	.03	.20	150.22	146.07	149.37	140.00	4.15	10.22
Transportation equipment	4.73	4.66	4.73	4.37	.07	.36	192.04	192.92	199.13	171.74	-.88	20.30
Instruments and related products	3.73	3.72	3.72	3.55	.01	.18	151.81	149.54	151.40	140.58	2.27	11.23
Miscellaneous manufacturing	3.11	3.09	3.09	2.95	.02	.16	121.29	119.27	122.36	115.64	2.02	5.65
NONDURABLE GOODS	3.46	3.48	3.45	3.27	-.02	.19	138.05	138.50	137.66	129.17	-.45	8.88
Food and kindred products	3.52	3.58	3.58	3.34	-.06	.18	143.26	146.42	145.71	135.94	-3.16	7.32
Tobacco manufactures	3.34	3.56	3.52	3.19	-.22	.15	119.57	122.11	122.50	119.31	-2.69	.26
Textile mill products	2.73	2.71	2.72	2.57	.02	.16	112.75	110.84	113.42	104.86	1.91	7.89
Apparel and other textile products	2.61	2.58	2.60	2.50	.03	.11	94.48	92.62	93.60	90.00	1.86	4.48
Paper and allied products	3.98	3.98	3.93	3.73	0	.25	171.54	170.74	168.99	158.53	.80	13.01
Printing and publishing	4.49	4.49	4.46	4.23	0	.26	171.97	170.62	169.03	159.47	1.35	12.50
Chemicals and allied products	4.21	4.22	4.20	3.99	-.01	.22	175.14	176.40	176.40	164.79	-1.26	10.35
Petroleum and coal products	4.99	4.97	4.95	4.59	.02	.40	208.08	209.73	209.88	195.53	-1.65	12.55
Rubber and plastics products, nec	3.63	3.63	3.58	3.45	0	.18	150.28	148.10	148.57	139.04	2.18	11.24
Leather and leather products	2.71	2.68	2.70	2.59	.03	.12	106.23	104.25	105.84	97.38	1.98	8.85
TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC UTILITIES	4.70	4.65	4.59	4.25	.05	.45	192.70	190.19	187.27	172.98	2.51	19.72
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE	3.01	3.01	3.01	2.88	0	.13	108.66	108.36	106.86	103.68	.30	4.98
WHOLESALE TRADE	3.88	3.88	3.85	3.70	0	.18	154.81	155.20	154.00	147.63	-.39	7.18
RETAIL TRADE	2.69	2.69	2.69	2.57	0	.12	93.61	93.61	91.73	89.18	0	4.43
FINANCE, INSURANCE, AND REAL ESTATE	3.43	3.45	3.43	3.30	-.02	.13	127.60	129.03	127.60	123.09	-1.43	4.51
SERVICES	3.10	3.12	3.11	2.99	-.02	.11	107.57	108.58	106.36	103.75	-1.01	3.82

¹See footnote 1, table B-2.

.p = preliminary.

Table B-4. Hourly Earnings Index for production or nonsupervisory workers in private nonfarm industries, seasonally adjusted

(1967=100)

Industry	Aug. ^p 1972	July ^p 1972	June 1972	May 1972	Apr. - 1972	Mar. 1972	Aug. 1971	Percent change over month and year	
								July 1972- Aug. 1972	Aug. 1971- Aug. 1972
Total private nonfarm:									
Current dollars	138.2	137.7	136.9	136.8	136.6	135.5	130.9	.4	5.6
Constant (1967) dollars	N.A.	109.9	109.7	109.7	109.9	109.2	107.3	(1)	(2)
Mining	137.5	136.6	136.0	135.0	135.5	134.6	129.2	.7	6.4
Contract construction	147.8	146.1	146.2	146.4	145.9	145.0	140.1	1.2	5.5
Manufacturing	136.3	135.6	135.2	134.8	134.0	133.4	128.8	.5	5.8
Transportation and public utilities.....	145.0	143.6	141.7	142.1	141.8	140.0	131.1	1.0	10.6
Wholesale and retail trade	135.7	135.3	134.5	133.8	134.1	133.0	129.7	.2	4.6
Finance, insurance, and real estate.....	133.4	133.6	133.1	132.5	133.5	131.0	128.4	-.2	3.9
Services	135.7	135.9	135.8	136.3	136.7	135.4	131.0	-.2	3.5

1/ Percent change was 0.1 from June 1972 to July 1972, the latest month available.

2/ Percent change was 2.8 from July 1971 to July 1972, the latest month available.

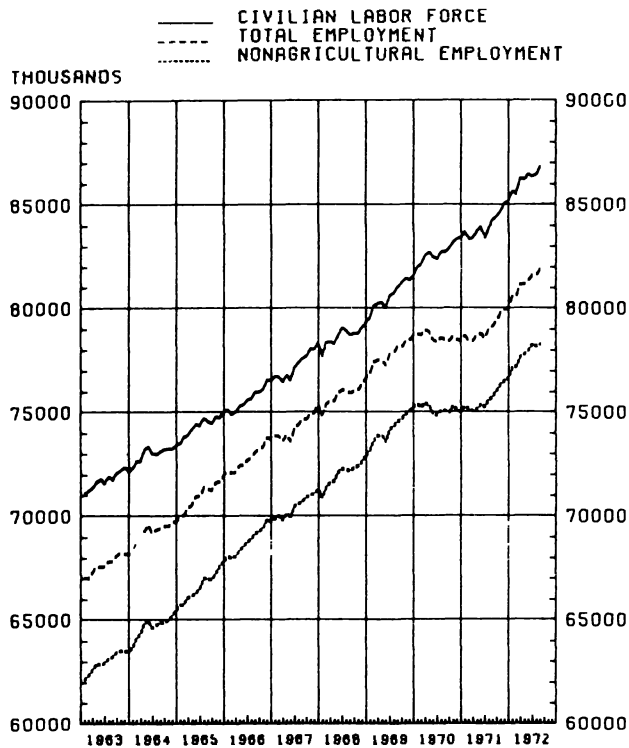
NA indicates data are not available.

p=Preliminary.

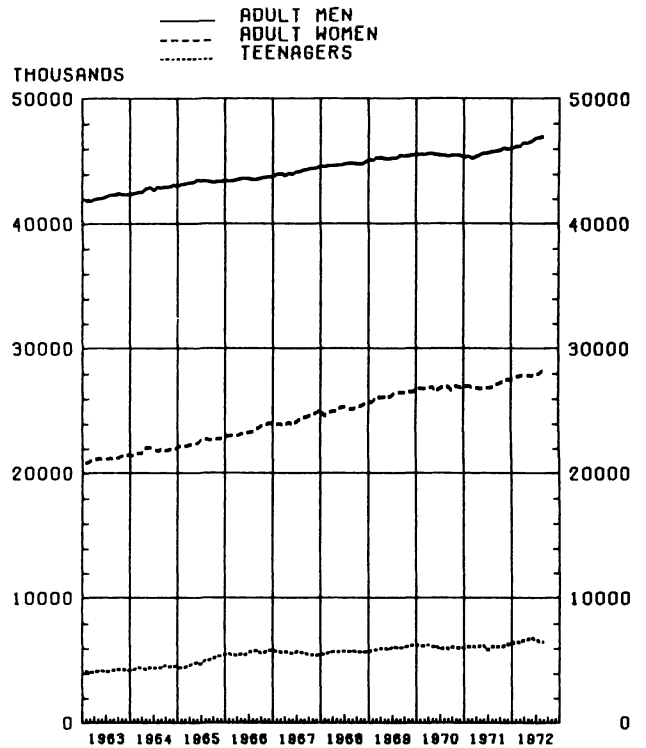
NOTE: All series are in current dollars except where indicated. The index excludes effects of two types of changes that are unrelated to underlying wage-rate developments: Fluctuations in overtime premiums in manufacturing (the only sector for which overtime data are available) and the effects of changes in the proportion of workers in high-wage and low-wage industries. The seasonal adjustment eliminates the effect of changes that normally occur at the same time and in about the same magnitude each year.

LABOR FORCE, EMPLOYMENT, UNEMPLOYMENT HOUSEHOLD DATA - SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

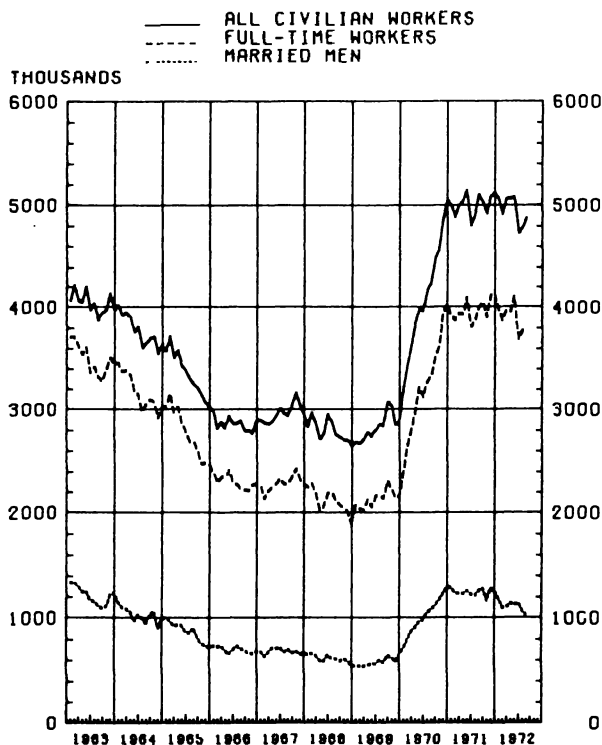
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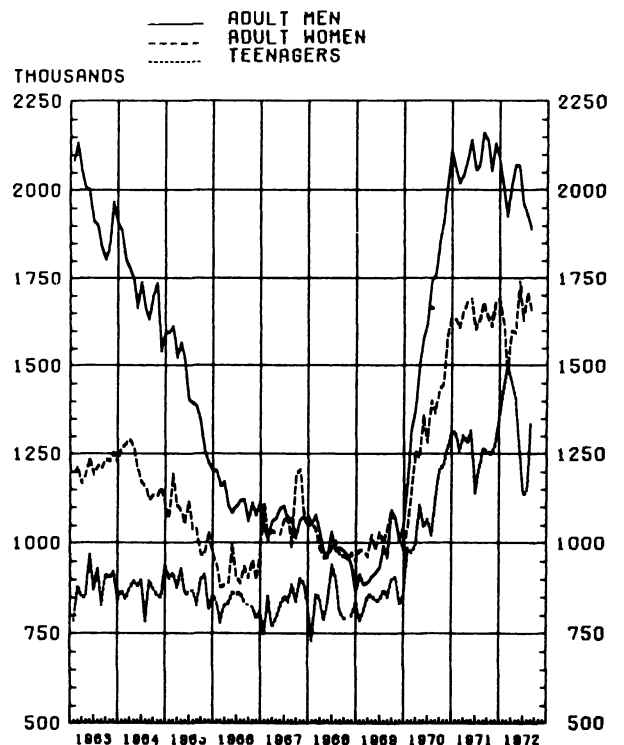
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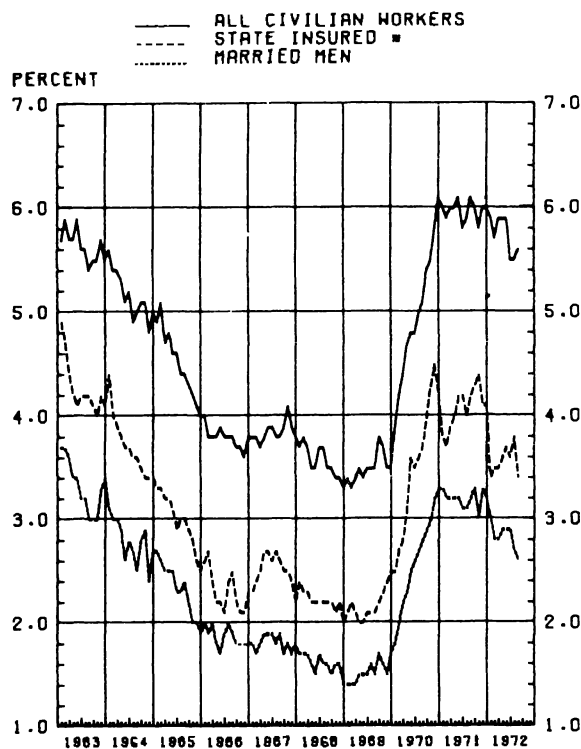


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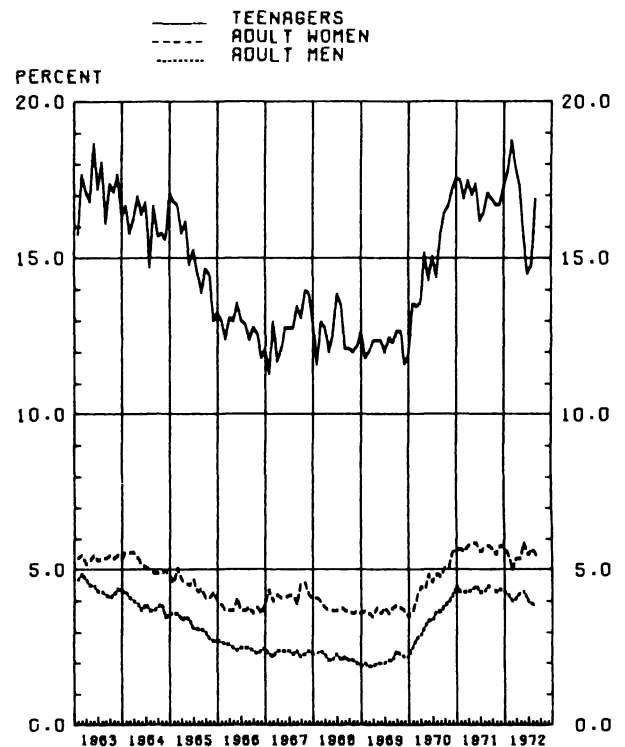


UNEMPLOYMENT RATES HOUSEHOLD DATA - SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

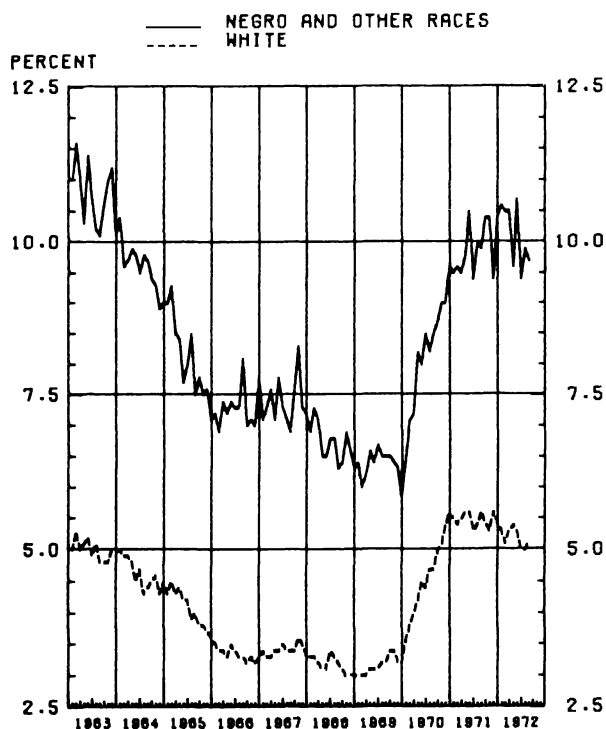
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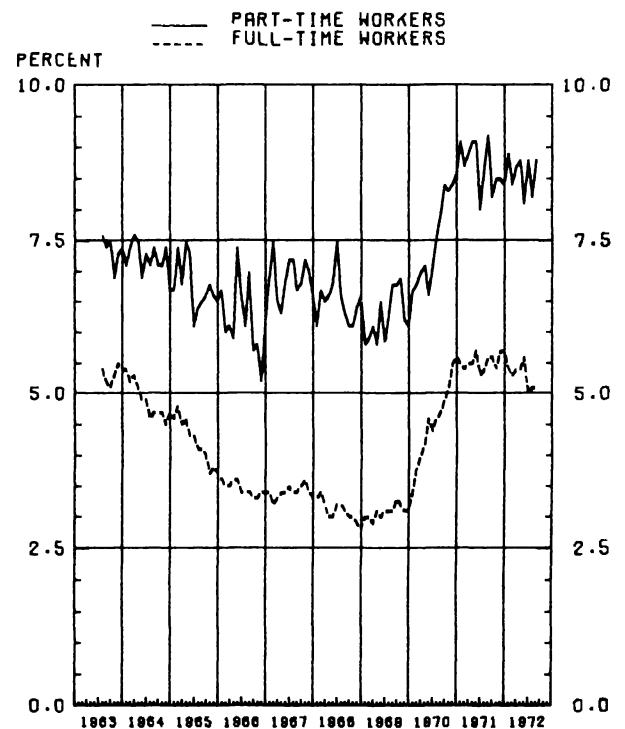
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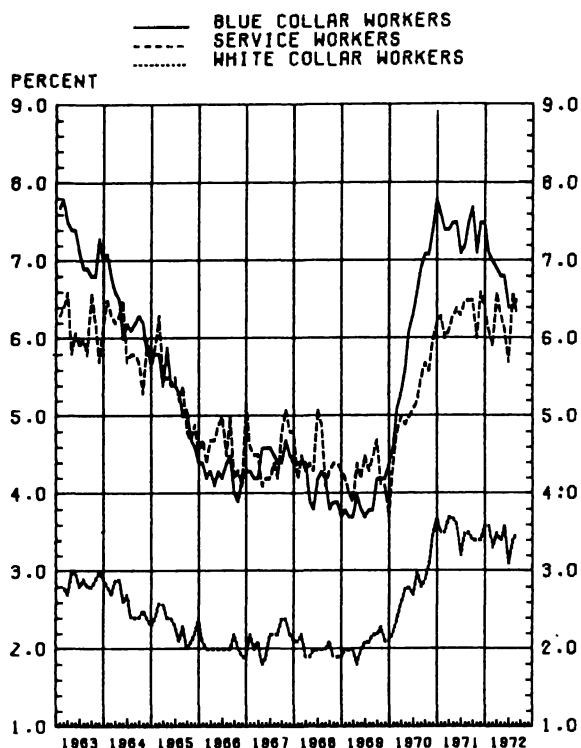
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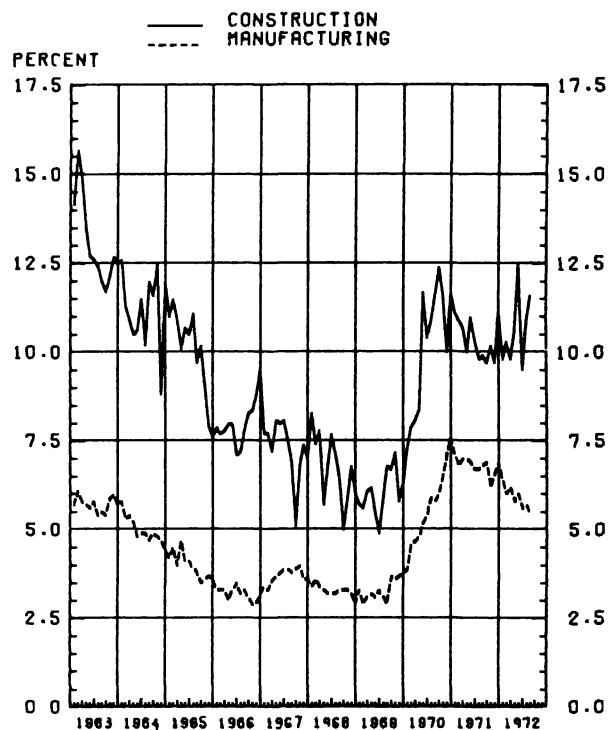
* State insured unemployment rate pertains to the week including the 12th of the month and represents the insured unemployed under State programs as a percent of average covered employment. The figures are derived from administrative records of unemployment insurance systems.

UNEMPLOYMENT HOUSEHOLD DATA - SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

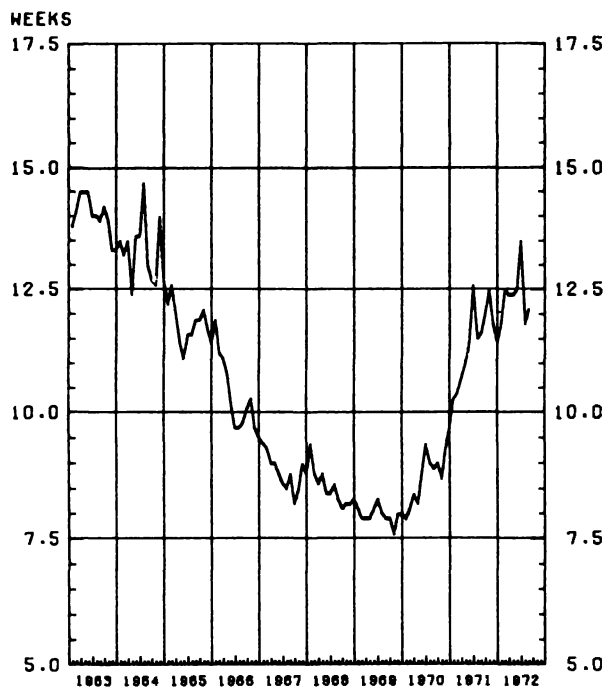
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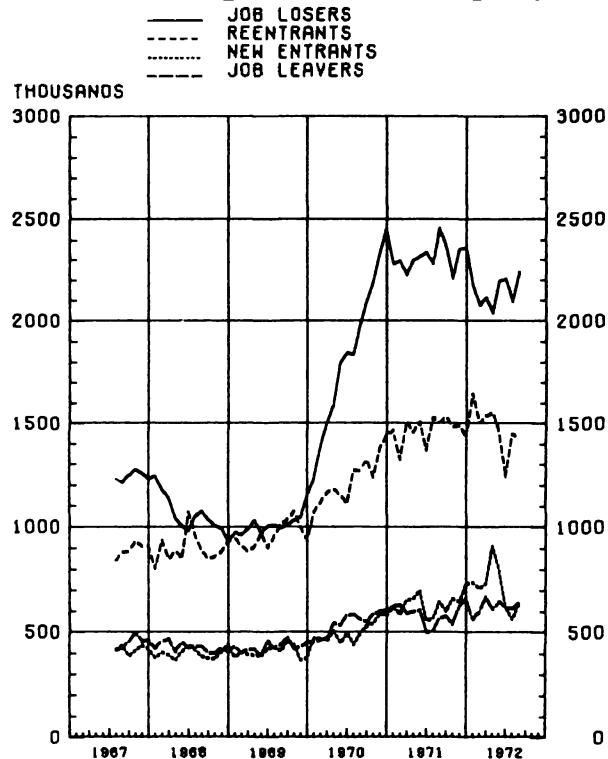
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11. AVERAGE DURATION OF UNEMPLOYMENT



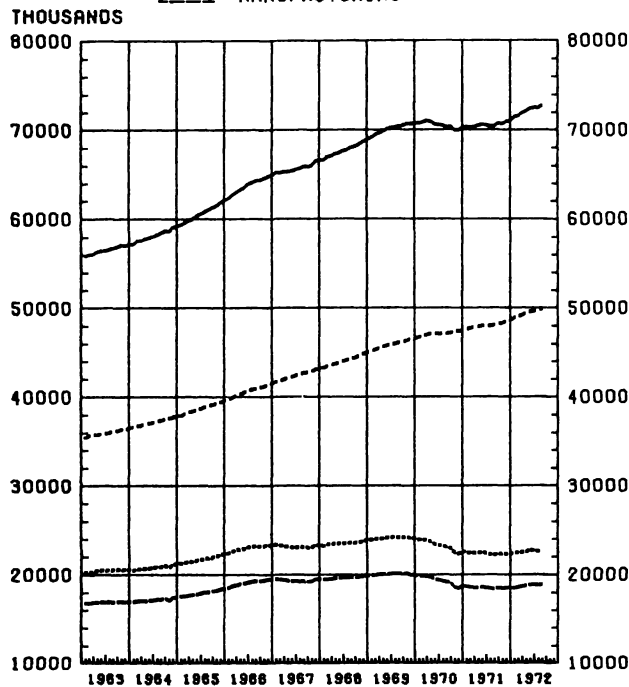
12. UNEMPLOYMENT BY REASON



NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT AND HOURS ESTABLISHMENT DATA - SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

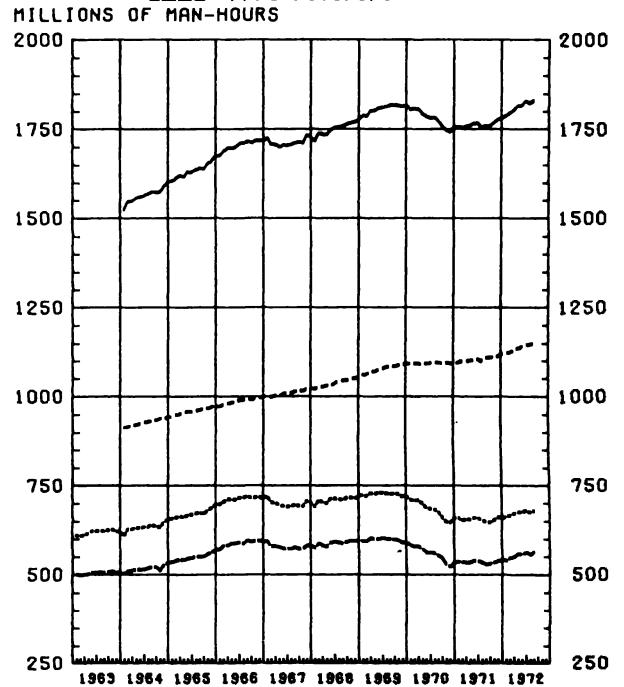
13. EMPLOYMENT

— TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL
- - - SERVICE-PRODUCING
- . - - GOODS-PRODUCING
— MANUFACTURING



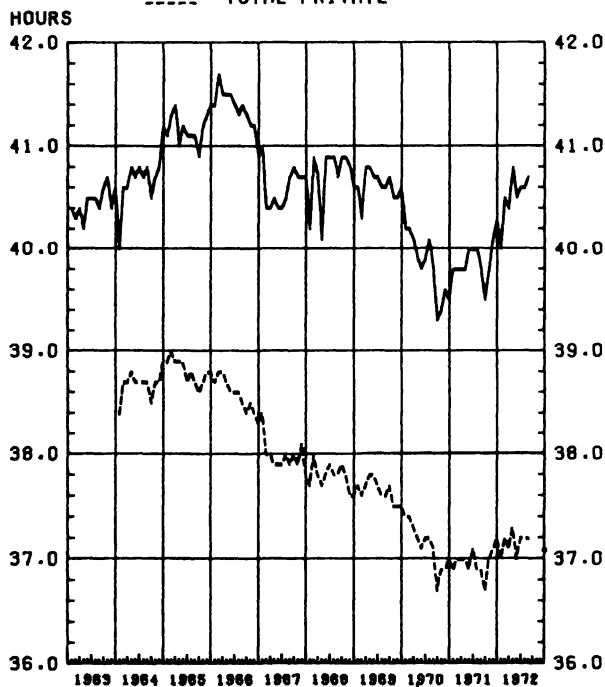
14. MAN-HOURS

— TOTAL PRIVATE NONAGRICULTURAL
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- . - - GOODS-PRODUCING
— MANUFACTURING

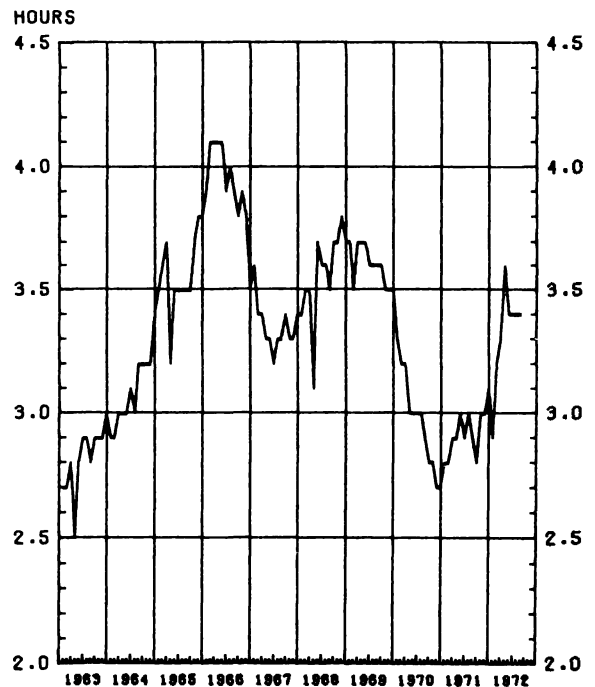


15. AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS

— MANUFACTURING
- - - TOTAL PRIVATE



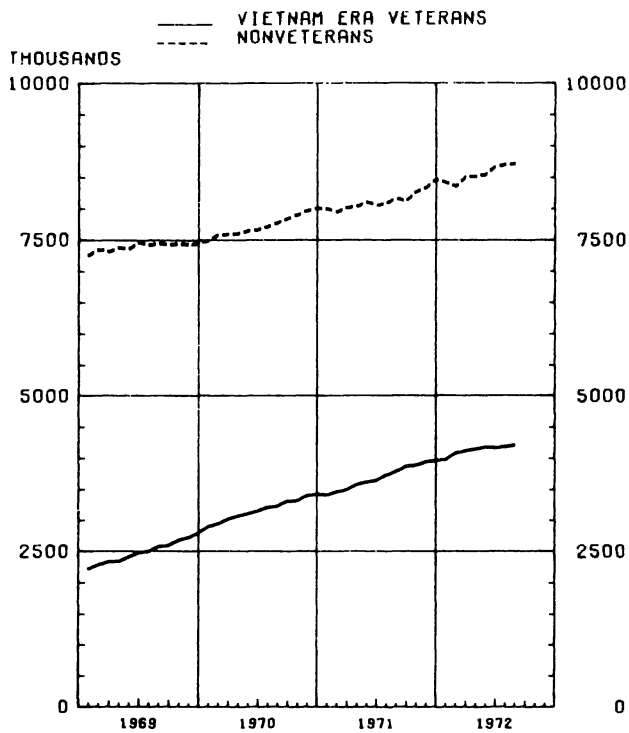
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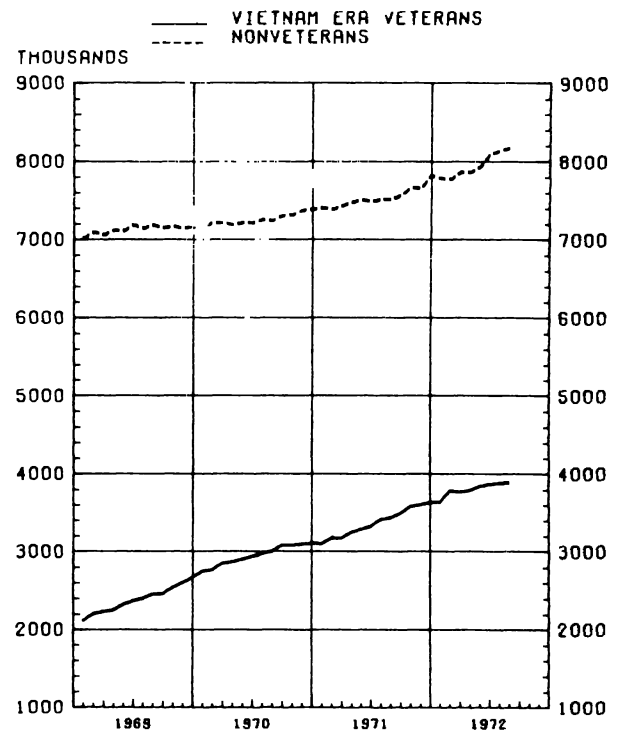
NOTE: Charts 14 and 15 relate to production or nonsupervisory workers; chart 16 relates to production workers. Data for the 2 most recent months are preliminary in charts 13-16.

VETERANS AND NONVETERANS, 20-29 YEARS HOUSEHOLD DATA - SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

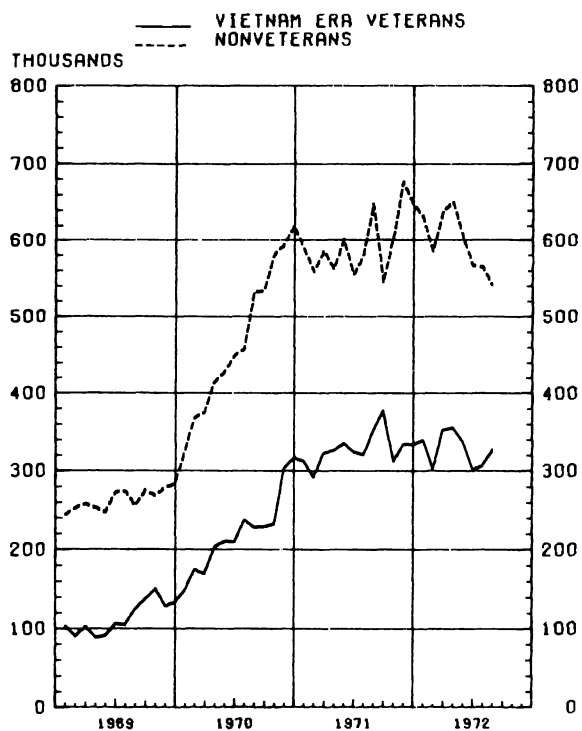
17. CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE



18. EMPLOYED



19. UNEMPLOYED



20. UNEMPLOYMENT RATE

