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THE EMPLOYMENT SITUATION: JANUARY 1973

The Nation's overall employment situation in January was little changed from the previous month, the U. S. Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics reported today. The unemployment rate was 5.0 percent; the December rate was 5.1 percent, as revised. (See note on the annual revision of the seasonally adjusted data on page 5.) The jobless rate was at its lowest point in 2-1/2 years, substantially below the year-ago rate of 5.9 percent.

The total number of persons employed, which has advanced strongly since mid-1971, edged down slightly in January to 82.6 million (after seasonal adjustment). Over the year, total employment has risen by 1.9 million.

The number of nonagricultural payroll jobs (from the establishment survey) rose by 200,000 in January (seasonally adjusted) to a new high of 74.2 million. The pickup in payroll employment was concentrated largely in the service-producing industries.

Unemployment

Total joblessness rose about in line with usual December-January movements, and, after seasonal adjustment, both the number of persons unemployed and the unemployment rate, at 4.4 million and 5.0 percent, respectively, were essentially unchanged from their December levels. Over the past year, however, total unemployment has declined by nearly 800,000.

Jobless rates in January were also little changed or unchanged for most of the major demographic groups: adult men (3.3 percent), adult women (5.3 percent), white workers (4.6 percent), married men (2.4 percent), and household heads (2.9 percent). However, the jobless rate for teenagers declined significantly--from 15.7 to 14.3 percent, its lowest point in nearly 3 years. The rate for Negro workers edged down to 8.9 percent after averaging 10.0 percent during 1972.

The jobless situation among most of the major occupational groups changed little except for a sharp drop in the unemployment rate for service workers. On an industry basis, the jobless rate for manufacturing workers rose from 4.4 percent in December to 5.0 percent in January but was still substantially below its year-ago level of 6.4 percent.

The rate for workers covered by State unemployment insurance programs moved down sharply in January, falling from 3.2 to 2.8 percent. This was the lowest insured unemployment rate since March 1970.

The average (mean) duration of joblessness fell to 10.9 weeks in January and was down a little over a full week compared with a year ago. The number of persons unemployed 15 weeks or more declined for the fifth consecutive month.

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

Selected categories	Jan. 1973	Dec. 1972	Nov. 1972	4th Qtr. 1972	3rd Qtr. 1972	2nd Qtr. 1972	1st Qtr. 1972	4th Qtr. 1971
(Millions of persons)								
Civilian labor force ¹	86.9	87.3	87.0	87.2	86.9	86.4	85.8	85.0
Total employment ¹	82.6	82.8	82.5	82.6	82.0	81.5	80.8	79.9
Adult men	47.4	47.5	47.3	47.3	47.1	46.7	46.4	46.1
Adult women	28.3	28.4	28.3	28.3	28.2	28.0	27.8	27.5
Teenagers	6.9	6.9	6.9	6.9	6.7	6.7	6.6	6.3
Unemployment	4.4	4.5	4.5	4.6	4.8	4.9	5.0	5.1
(Percent of labor force)								
Unemployment rates:								
All workers	5.0	5.1	5.2	5.3	5.6	5.7	5.8	5.9
Adult men	3.3	3.4	3.5	3.6	3.9	4.1	4.1	4.4
Adult women	5.3	5.1	5.0	5.2	5.5	5.5	5.4	5.7
Teenagers	14.3	15.7	15.6	15.6	16.1	15.8	17.8	17.0
White	4.6	4.6	4.6	4.7	5.0	5.2	5.2	5.4
Negro and other races	8.9	9.6	10.1	9.9	9.9	9.6	10.6	10.1
Household heads	2.9	2.9	2.9	3.1	3.3	3.5	3.4	3.6
Married men	2.4	2.4	2.5	2.5	2.7	2.9	2.9	3.2
Full-time workers	4.6	4.7	4.6	4.8	5.0	5.2	5.4	5.6
State insured ²	2.8	3.2	3.1	3.2	3.5	3.6	3.5	4.2
(Weeks)								
Average duration of unemployment	10.9	11.4	11.6	11.6	12.0	12.3	12.4	12.1
(Millions of persons)								
Nonfarm payroll employment	74.2p	74.0p	73.9	73.8p	72.9	72.5	71.8	71.1
Goods-producing industries	23.6p	23.5p	23.5	23.5p	23.1	23.0	22.7	22.6
Service-producing industries	50.7p	50.5p	50.4	50.4p	49.9	49.5	49.0	48.5
(Hours of work)								
Average weekly hours:								
Total private nonfarm	36.9p	37.1p	37.2	37.2p	37.2	37.1	37.1	37.1
Manufacturing	40.2p	40.7p	40.9	40.8p	40.7	40.7	40.3	40.1
Manufacturing overtime	3.6p	3.8p	3.7	3.7p	3.5	3.4	3.1	3.0
(1967=100)								
Hourly Earnings Index, private nonfarm:								
In current dollars	142.5p	141.8p	140.7	141.0p	138.5	136.8	135.0	132.4
In constant dollars	NA	111.5p	110.9	111.1p	110.2	109.8	109.0	107.9

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.

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

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

The number of workers who had lost their last job continued to decline in January, and there was also a drop among workers who left their last job. These decreases were partly offset by increases in the number who newly entered or reentered the labor force and could not find employment. Over the year, the number of job losers has diminished by 580, 000, accounting for almost the entire decline in total joblessness.

Civilian Labor Force and Total Employment

The number of persons in the Nation's civilian labor force declined more than it usually does between December and January and after seasonal adjustment was down by 350, 000 to a level of 86. 9 million. Total employment also edged down in January to a seasonally adjusted level of 82. 6 million, primarily due to a drop in agricultural employment.

Compared with January a year ago, the labor force has grown by 1. 2 million and the number of employed by 1. 9 million. Adult men made up over half of the employment advance; adult women accounted for another 550, 000 of the gain, and teenagers rose by 300, 000.

Vietnam Era Veterans

The employment situation for Vietnam Era veterans 20-to-29 years old was little changed in January, as both employment and unemployment, after seasonal adjustment, held at the improved levels of the last few months of 1972. The veterans' unemployment rate was 5. 9 percent, seasonally adjusted, essentially the same as their 5. 8-percent rate in December. January marked the fifth straight month that there was no material difference between the unemployment rates for veterans and nonveterans.

Compared with January 1972, veterans' employment has expanded by 420, 000, absorbing all of the increase in their labor force and reducing the number unemployed by about 100, 000. During this period, their seasonally adjusted jobless rate has declined by 2. 6 percentage points.

Industry Payroll Employment

According to preliminary data from the establishment survey (based on an unusually small initial response to the January survey), the number of nonagricultural payroll jobs declined less than seasonally expected in January. After seasonal adjustment, payroll employment rose by 200, 000 to 74. 2 million. This represented an increase of nearly 2. 7 million jobs over January a year ago.

Goods-producing industries accounted for one-fourth of the January increase in payroll jobs. In manufacturing, the durable goods industries showed a seasonally

adjusted employment increase of about 40,000, but this was partly offset by a 20,000 job decline in nondurable goods. Contract construction employment rose by 25,000, after falling steeply in December because of unusually bad weather.

In the service-producing sector, the number of jobs rose 145,000 (seasonally adjusted) in January, with large gains being posted in transportation and public utilities, services, and government.

Hours of Work

The average workweek for production or nonsupervisory personnel fell more than usual between December and January, according to preliminary figures from the payroll survey. After seasonal adjustment, the workweek declined by 0.2 hour to 36.9 hours. In manufacturing, the average workweek dropped 0.5 hour to 40.2 hours, and overtime fell 0.2 hour to 3.6 hours.

Hourly and Weekly Earnings

Average hourly earnings of rank-and-file workers rose 4 cents in January (3 cents, after seasonal adjustment) to \$3.78. This represented an increase of 23 cents or 6.5 percent over January 1972.

Average weekly earnings declined \$1.15 to \$138.35, as the drop in actual hours (0.7 hour) more than offset the increase in hourly earnings. After seasonal adjustment, however, average weekly earnings were up 31 cents from December. Compared with January a year ago, average weekly earnings have increased by \$8.06 or 6.2 percent. During the latest 12-month period for which the Consumer Price Index is available--December 1971 to December 1972--consumer prices rose 3.4 percent.

Hourly Earnings Index

The Bureau's Hourly Earnings Index, seasonally adjusted, was 142.5 (1967=100) in January, 0.5 percent higher than in December, according to preliminary figures. The index was 5.9 percent above January a year ago. All industries posted increases in 1972, ranging from 4.7 percent in wholesale and retail trade to 9.2 percent in transportation and public utilities. During the 12-month period ending in December, the Hourly Earnings Index in dollars of constant purchasing power rose 2.6 percent.

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 on Seasonal Adjustment

It is a long established practice of the BLS to revise the seasonally adjusted labor force series at the beginning of each calendar year, taking into account data from the previous year. The revisions just completed did not affect the previously published 1972 seasonally adjusted overall unemployment rate in 7 months of the year and altered it by only 0.1 percentage point in the remaining 5 months. New seasonal factors for the 12 component series of the civilian labor force and the updated historical seasonally adjusted data for the major series will appear in the February 1973 issue of Employment and Earnings. The following table presents the seasonally adjusted monthly unemployment rates for 1972 as originally published and as revised based on the application of new seasonal adjustment factors incorporating data through December 1972.

<u>Months in 1972</u>	<u>Unemployment rate as originally published</u>	<u>Revised unemployment rate</u>
January.....	5.9	5.9
February.....	5.7	5.8
March.....	5.9	5.9
April.....	5.9	5.8
May.....	5.9	5.8
June.....	5.5	5.5
July.....	5.5	5.6
August.....	5.6	5.6
September.....	5.5	5.5
October.....	5.5	5.5
November.....	5.2	5.2
December.....	5.2	5.1

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

(In thousands)

Employment status, age, and sex	Jan. 1973	Dec. 1972	Jan. 1972	Seasonally adjusted				
				Jan. 1973	Dec. 1972	Nov. 1972	Oct. 1972	Sept. 1972
Total								
Total labor force	88,122	89,437	87,147	89,325	89,707	89,454	89,651	89,471
Civilian labor force	85,718	86,997	84,553	86,921	87,267	87,023	87,236	87,066
Employed	81,043	82,881	79,106	82,555	82,780	82,525	82,397	82,256
Agriculture	2,955	3,163	2,869	3,501	3,650	3,556	3,658	3,579
Nonagricultural industries	78,088	79,719	76,237	79,054	79,130	78,969	78,739	78,677
On part time for economic reasons	1,899	1,990	2,321	2,023	2,181	2,217	2,264	2,347
Usually work full time	951	917	1,220	893	968	1,025	1,027	1,070
Usually work part time	948	1,073	1,101	1,130	1,213	1,192	1,237	1,277
Unemployed	4,675	4,116	5,447	4,366	4,487	4,498	4,839	4,810
Men, 20 years and over								
Civilian labor force	48,629	48,921	48,039	49,001	49,152	49,044	44,162	49,071
Employed	46,630	47,263	45,554	47,361	47,475	47,308	47,227	47,196
Agriculture	2,319	2,464	2,230	2,557	2,664	2,599	2,630	2,612
Nonagricultural industries	44,311	44,799	43,323	44,804	44,811	44,709	44,597	44,584
Unemployed	1,999	1,657	2,485	1,640	1,677	1,736	1,935	1,875
Women, 20 years and over								
Civilian labor force	29,952	30,291	29,468	29,870	29,869	29,779	29,931	29,908
Employed	28,325	28,980	27,774	28,296	28,357	28,293	28,281	28,287
Agriculture	388	445	408	526	566	547	585	567
Nonagricultural industries	27,937	28,535	27,366	27,770	27,791	27,746	27,696	27,720
Unemployed	1,627	1,311	1,695	1,574	1,512	1,486	1,650	1,621
Both sexes, 16-19 years								
Civilian labor force	7,137	7,786	7,046	8,050	8,246	8,200	8,143	8,087
Employed	6,088	6,638	5,779	6,898	6,948	6,924	6,889	6,773
Agriculture	248	253	230	418	420	410	443	400
Nonagricultural industries	5,840	6,384	5,548	6,480	6,528	6,514	6,446	6,373
Unemployed	1,050	1,148	1,267	1,152	1,298	1,276	1,254	1,314

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	Jan. 1973	Jan. 1972	Seasonally adjusted					Jan. 1972
			Jan. 1973	Dec. 1972	Nov. 1972	Oct. 1972	Sept. 1972	
Full time								
Total, 16 years and over:								
Civilian labor force	73,096	71,691	74,935	74,715	74,402	74,688	74,275	73,260
Employed	69,446	67,430	71,491	71,224	70,969	70,947	70,572	69,263
Unemployed	3,650	4,261	3,444	3,491	3,433	3,741	3,703	3,997
Unemployment rate	5.0	5.9	4.6	4.7	4.6	5.0	5.0	5.5
Men, 20 years and over:								
Civilian labor force	46,216	45,623	46,648	46,630	46,539	46,749	46,574	45,937
Employed	44,372	43,356	45,139	45,095	44,964	44,971	44,872	44,084
Unemployed	1,844	2,267	1,509	1,535	1,575	1,778	1,702	1,853
Unemployment rate	4.0	5.0	3.2	3.3	3.4	3.8	3.7	4.0
Women, 20 years and over:								
Civilian labor force	24,908	22,915	23,549	23,390	23,303	23,443	23,337	23,004
Employed	23,414	21,552	22,330	22,268	22,144	22,166	22,084	21,684
Unemployed	1,494	1,364	1,219	1,122	1,159	1,277	1,253	1,320
Unemployment rate	6.0	6.0	5.2	4.8	5.0	5.4	5.4	5.7
Part time								
Total, 16 years and over:								
Civilian labor force	12,622	12,862	12,220	12,705	12,679	12,559	12,931	12,434
Employed	11,597	11,676	11,249	11,640	11,616	11,495	11,811	11,318
Unemployed	1,025	1,186	971	1,065	1,063	1,064	1,120	1,116
Unemployment rate	8.1	9.2	7.9	8.4	8.4	8.5	8.7	9.0

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					
	Jan. 1973	Jan. 1972	Jan. 1973	Dec. 1972	Nov. 1972	Oct. 1972	Sept. 1972	Jan. 1972
Total (all civilian workers)	4,675	5,447	5.0	5.1	5.2	5.5	5.5	5.9
Men, 20 years and over	1,999	2,485	3.3	3.4	3.5	3.9	3.8	4.2
Women, 20 years and over	1,627	1,695	5.3	5.1	5.0	5.5	5.4	5.6
Both sexes, 16-19 years	1,050	1,267	14.3	15.7	15.6	15.4	16.2	17.5
White	3,835	4,422	4.6	4.6	4.6	5.0	5.0	5.3
Negro and other races	840	1,025	8.9	9.6	10.1	10.0	10.0	10.9
Household heads	1,793	2,117	2.9	2.9	2.9	3.4	3.3	3.5
Married men	1,235	1,518	2.4	2.4	2.5	2.8	2.8	3.0
Full-time workers	3,650	4,261	4.6	4.7	4.6	5.0	5.0	5.5
Part-time workers	1,025	1,186	7.9	8.4	8.4	8.5	8.7	9.0
Unemployed 15 weeks and over ¹	942	1,266	1.1	1.1	1.2	1.3	1.3	1.4
State insured ²	2,169	2,524	2.8	3.2	3.1	3.3	3.4	3.4
Labor force time lost ³	—	—	5.3	5.3	5.4	5.8	5.8	6.3
Occupation⁴								
White-collar workers	1,300	1,434	3.2	3.3	3.1	3.5	3.4	3.6
Professional and technical	252	298	2.4	2.6	2.2	2.6	2.3	3.0
Managers and administrators, except farm	136	157	1.6	1.7	1.9	2.0	1.7	1.9
Sales workers	239	266	3.9	4.3	4.3	4.4	4.7	4.5
Clerical workers	673	713	4.5	4.4	3.9	4.8	4.7	4.7
Blue-collar workers	2,110	2,637	5.6	5.6	5.8	6.0	6.0	7.1
Craftsmen and kindred workers	560	684	3.7	3.9	4.2	4.1	4.0	4.5
Operatives	1,037	1,282	6.3	5.8	5.9	6.3	6.3	7.9
Nonfarm laborers	512	672	8.4	8.8	9.1	9.3	9.5	11.4
Service workers	673	759	5.5	6.2	6.3	6.4	6.9	6.1
Farm workers	93	101	2.4	2.3	3.4	2.9	2.7	2.7
Industry⁴								
Nonagricultural private wage and salary workers ⁵	3,653	4,281	5.1	5.2	5.3	5.6	5.6	6.1
Construction	600	645	9.0	9.8	10.5	10.3	9.8	10.0
Manufacturing	1,156	1,426	5.0	4.4	4.6	5.1	5.1	6.4
Durable goods	608	834	4.6	3.9	4.2	4.5	4.8	6.5
Nondurable goods	548	592	5.5	5.2	5.2	5.8	5.5	6.1
Transportation and public utilities	163	213	2.9	2.7	2.8	3.3	3.9	3.9
Wholesale and retail trade	767	1,066	5.6	6.1	6.3	6.5	6.6	6.4
Finance and service industries	966	892	4.4	4.9	4.5	5.0	4.6	5.2
Government workers	333	415	2.3	3.0	2.9	3.0	3.2	2.9
Agricultural wage and salary workers	107	130	6.4	6.4	8.7	10.0	8.2	8.2

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.

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

(In thousands)

Duration of unemployment	Jan. 1973	Jan. 1972	Seasonally adjusted					
			Jan. 1973	Dec. 1972	Nov. 1972	Oct. 1972	Sept. 1972	Jan. 1972
Less than 5 weeks	2,231	2,530	2,060	2,026	2,151	2,239	2,312	2,335
5 to 14 weeks	1,501	1,651	1,375	1,444	1,348	1,455	1,395	1,511
15 weeks and over	942	1,266	919	1,001	1,068	1,117	1,134	1,234
15 to 26 weeks	557	701	515	530	579	589	590	644
27 weeks and over	386	564	404	471	489	528	554	590
Average (mean) duration, in weeks	10.4	11.5	10.9	11.4	11.6	11.9	12.1	12.0

Table A-5: Unemployed persons by reason for unemployment

(Numbers in thousands)

Reason for unemployment	Jan. 1973	Jan. 1972	Seasonally adjusted					
			Jan. 1973	Dec. 1972	Nov. 1972	Oct. 1972	Sept. 1972	Jan. 1972
Number of unemployed								
Lost last job	2,228	2,809	1,758	1,846	1,882	1,988	2,102	2,215
Left last job	590	598	550	672	646	685	653	557
Reentered labor force	1,365	1,531	1,409	1,322	1,375	1,450	1,422	1,579
Never worked before	491	509	679	629	621	638	656	703
Percent distribution								
Total unemployed	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Lost last job	47.7	51.6	40.0	41.3	41.6	41.8	43.5	43.8
Left last job	12.6	11.0	12.5	15.0	14.3	14.4	13.5	11.0
Reentered labor force	29.2	28.1	32.1	29.6	30.4	30.5	29.4	31.2
Never worked before	10.5	9.3	15.4	14.1	13.7	13.4	13.6	13.9
Unemployed as a percent of the civilian labor force								
Lost last job	2.6	3.3	2.0	2.1	2.2	2.3	2.4	2.6
Left last job7	.7	.6	.8	.7	.8	.8	.7
Reentered labor force	1.6	1.8	1.6	1.5	1.6	1.6	1.6	1.8
Never worked before6	.6	.8	.7	.7	.7	.8	.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					
	Jan. 1973	Jan. 1972		Jan. 1973	Jan. 1973	Dec. 1972	Nov. 1972	Oct. 1972	Sept. 1972
Total, 16 years and over	4,675	5,447	78.1	5.0	5.1	5.2	5.5	5.5	5.9
16 to 19 years	1,050	1,267	52.1	14.3	15.7	15.6	15.4	16.2	17.5
16 and 17 years	475	528	25.3	17.3	17.5	18.3	17.6	19.3	18.7
18 and 19 years	575	740	74.3	12.2	14.4	13.7	13.7	14.1	16.3
20 to 24 years	1,089	1,264	85.7	8.2	8.7	8.4	9.2	9.0	10.0
25 years and over	2,536	2,916	85.6	3.3	3.2	3.3	3.6	3.5	3.8
25 to 54 years	2,080	2,389	87.5	3.4	3.4	3.4	3.6	3.6	3.9
55 years and over	456	526	76.5	2.9	3.0	2.8	3.4	3.1	3.2
Males, 16 years and over	2,603	3,240	82.8	4.2	4.4	4.6	4.8	4.8	5.3
16 to 19 years	605	755	51.7	13.4	15.4	15.7	14.5	15.7	17.1
16 and 17 years	293	330	24.2	17.1	17.4	18.4	17.1	20.0	18.8
18 and 19 years	312	425	77.2	11.0	13.7	13.7	12.5	12.7	15.7
20 to 24 years	608	763	88.3	7.7	8.2	8.5	8.8	8.6	10.3
25 years and over	1,391	1,722	94.0	2.6	2.7	2.8	3.1	3.0	3.3
25 to 54 years	1,120	1,373	96.8	2.7	2.6	2.8	2.9	2.9	3.3
55 years and over	271	349	82.3	2.5	3.0	2.7	3.5	3.4	3.0
Females, 16 years and over	2,072	2,207	72.1	6.4	6.3	6.1	6.7	6.6	6.9
16 to 19 years	445	512	52.8	15.4	16.2	15.4	16.6	16.9	18.0
16 and 17 years	182	197	26.4	17.7	17.6	18.1	18.4	18.3	18.6
18 and 19 years	263	315	70.7	13.7	15.4	13.8	15.2	15.9	17.1
20 to 24 years	481	501	82.3	8.9	9.2	8.2	9.7	9.6	9.7
25 years and over	1,145	1,194	75.4	4.4	4.2	4.3	4.5	4.5	4.6
25 to 54 years	959	1,015	76.9	4.7	4.6	4.6	4.8	4.9	5.0
55 years and over	186	178	67.7	3.7	3.0	3.0	3.2	2.7	3.4

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

(Numbers in thousands)									
Employment status	Jan. 1973	Dec. 1972	Jan. 1972	Seasonally adjusted					
				Jan. 1973	Dec. 1972	Nov. 1972	Oct. 1972	Sept. 1972	Jan. 1972
Veterans¹									
Total, 20 to 29 years old									
Civilian noninstitutional population ²	4,666	4,648	4,380	4,666	4,648	4,636	4,624	4,596	4,380
Civilian labor force	4,295	4,330	3,974	4,334	4,338	4,318	4,310	4,255	3,990
Employed	3,993	4,099	3,574	4,080	4,087	4,052	4,026	3,981	3,652
Unemployed	302	231	400	254	251	266	284	274	338
Unemployment rate	7.0	5.3	10.1	5.9	5.8	6.2	6.6	6.4	8.5
20 to 24 years									
Civilian noninstitutional population ²	1,818	1,837	1,991	1,818	1,837	1,861	1,885	1,897	1,991
Civilian labor force	1,639	1,682	1,749	1,649	1,673	1,682	1,709	1,699	1,748
Employed	1,472	1,535	1,502	1,508	1,524	1,514	1,543	1,541	1,539
Unemployed	167	147	247	141	149	168	166	158	209
Unemployment rate	10.2	8.7	14.1	8.6	8.9	10.0	9.7	9.3	12.0
25 to 29 years									
Civilian noninstitutional population ²	2,848	2,811	2,389	2,848	2,811	2,775	2,739	2,699	2,389
Civilian labor force	2,656	2,648	2,225	2,685	2,665	2,636	2,601	2,556	2,242
Employed	2,521	2,564	2,072	2,572	2,563	2,538	2,483	2,440	2,113
Unemployed	135	84	153	113	102	98	118	116	129
Unemployment rate	5.1	3.2	6.9	4.2	3.8	3.7	4.5	4.5	5.8
Nonveterans									
Total, 20 to 29 years old									
Civilian noninstitutional population ²	10,390	10,327	9,662	10,390	10,327	10,250	10,209	10,155	9,662
Civilian labor force	8,896	8,879	8,248	9,104	9,009	8,947	8,962	8,833	8,410
Employed	8,257	8,343	7,516	8,558	8,439	8,393	8,377	8,278	7,783
Unemployed	639	536	732	546	570	554	585	555	627
Unemployment rate	7.2	6.0	8.9	6.0	6.3	6.2	6.5	6.3	7.5
20 to 24 years									
Civilian noninstitutional population ²	6,337	6,289	5,790	6,337	6,289	6,226	6,194	6,140	5,790
Civilian labor force	5,066	5,075	4,569	5,266	5,231	5,180	5,158	5,036	4,730
Employed	4,625	4,698	4,053	4,874	4,808	4,768	4,719	4,635	4,271
Unemployed	441	377	516	392	423	412	439	401	459
Unemployment rate	8.7	7.4	11.3	7.4	8.1	8.0	8.5	8.0	9.7
25 to 29 years									
Civilian noninstitutional population ²	4,053	4,038	3,872	4,053	4,038	4,024	4,015	4,015	3,872
Civilian labor force	3,830	3,804	3,679	3,838	3,778	3,767	3,804	3,797	3,680
Employed	3,632	3,645	3,463	3,684	3,631	3,625	3,658	3,643	3,512
Unemployed	198	159	216	154	147	142	146	154	168
Unemployment rate	5.2	4.2	5.9	4.0	3.9	3.8	3.8	4.1	4.6

¹ Vietnam Era veterans are those who served after August 4, 1964; they are all classified as war veterans. 78 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.

²Since 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)									
	Jan. 1973 ^P	Dec. 1972 ^P	Nov. 1972	Jan. 1972	Change from		Seasonally adjusted			
					Dec. 1972	Jan. 1972	Jan. 1973 ^P	Dec. 1972 ^P	Nov. 1972	Change from Dec. 1972
TOTAL	73,322	74,775	74,449	70,642	-1,453	2,680	74,221	74,024	73,899	197
GOODS-PRODUCING	23,004	23,419	23,651	22,142	-415	862	23,550	23,497	23,457	53
MINING	603	604	607	603	-1	0	615	608	609	7
CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION	3,149	3,388	3,630	3,174	-239	-25	3,495	3,468	3,524	27
MANUFACTURING	19,252	19,427	19,414	18,365	-175	887	19,440	19,421	19,324	19
<i>Production workers</i>	14,127	14,290	14,281	13,325	-163	802	14,296	14,272	14,191	24
DURABLE GOODS	11,248	11,289	11,241	10,505	-41	743	11,320	11,281	11,203	39
<i>Production workers</i>	8,262	8,292	8,248	7,573	-30	689	8,330	8,276	8,212	54
Ordnance and accessories	199.0	198.0	198.0	183.0	1.0	16.0	198	197	197	1
Lumber and wood products	599.2	613.8	620.8	585.6	-14.6	13.6	618	622	622	-4
Furniture and fixtures	509.9	512.1	511.7	477.2	-2.2	32.7	510	508	505	2
Stone, clay, and glass products ..	653.9	666.5	676.1	625.3	-12.6	28.6	675	673	673	2
Primary metal industries	1,268.1	1,272.2	1,261.1	1,183.9	-4.1	84.2	1,277	1,285	1,280	-8
Fabricated metal products	1,408.7	1,416.3	1,412.2	1,328.0	-7.6	80.7	1,416	1,406	1,400	10
Machinery, except electrical	1,967.0	1,950.8	1,920.1	1,799.3	16.2	167.7	1,971	1,957	1,934	14
Electrical equipment	1,917.3	1,920.8	1,905.2	1,774.5	-3.5	142.8	1,921	1,913	1,890	8
Transportation equipment	1,835.0	1,833.0	1,817.7	1,709.1	2.0	125.9	1,824	1,815	1,801	9
Instruments and related products ..	472.3	474.3	471.4	440.0	-2.0	32.3	474	472	470	2
Miscellaneous manufacturing	417.5	431.0	447.1	399.3	-13.5	18.2	436	433	431	3
NONDURABLE GOODS	8,004	8,138	8,173	7,860	-134	144	8,120	8,140	8,121	-20
<i>Production workers</i>	5,865	5,998	6,033	5,752	-133	113	5,966	5,996	5,979	-30
Food and kindred products	1,681.3	1,727.6	1,761.7	1,691.5	-46.3	-10.2	1,748	1,743	1,741	5
Tobacco manufactures	72.4	77.0	74.9	72.6	-4.6	-2	73	73	69	0
Textile mill products	998.5	1,021.5	1,012.9	967.8	-23.0	30.7	1,004	1,018	1,009	-14
Apparel and other textile products	1,307.4	1,344.5	1,362.0	1,308.4	-37.1	-1.0	1,327	1,347	1,351	-20
Paper and allied products	705.9	711.6	709.9	680.2	-5.7	25.7	710	707	706	3
Printing and publishing	1,088.0	1,096.7	1,092.8	1,068.6	-8.7	19.4	1,091	1,090	1,088	1
Chemicals and allied products	1,007.5	1,010.6	1,009.5	989.8	-3.1	17.7	1,016	1,015	1,013	1
Petroleum and coal products	185.5	187.7	189.0	183.9	-2.2	1.6	190	190	189	0
Rubber and plastics products, nec	657.3	660.3	656.9	596.4	-3.0	60.9	661	658	654	3
Leather and leather products	299.9	300.2	303.0	300.4	-3	-5	300	299	301	1
SERVICE-PRODUCING	50,318	51,356	50,798	48,500	-1,038	1,818	50,671	50,527	50,442	144
TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC UTILITIES	4,526	4,559	4,554	4,393	-33	133	4,590	4,559	4,549	31
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE	15,819	16,645	16,162	15,237	-826	582	15,943	15,924	15,954	19
WHOLESALE TRADE	3,955	4,000	3,987	3,822	-45	133	3,983	3,972	3,959	11
RETAIL TRADE	11,864	12,645	12,175	11,415	-781	449	11,960	11,952	11,995	8
FINANCE, INSURANCE, AND REAL ESTATE	3,955	3,969	3,965	3,828	-14	127	3,995	3,989	3,981	6
SERVICES	12,404	12,487	12,472	11,864	-83	540	12,619	12,562	12,497	57
GOVERNMENT	13,614	13,696	13,645	13,178	-82	436	13,524	13,493	13,461	31
FEDERAL	2,639	2,671	2,631	2,654	-32	-15	2,658	2,652	2,642	6
STATE AND LOCAL	10,975	11,025	11,014	10,524	-50	451	10,866	10,841	10,819	25

p = preliminary.

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

Industry	Jan. 1973 ^p	Dec. 1972 ^p	Nov. 1972	Jan. 1972	Change from		Seasonally adjusted			
					Dec. 1972	Jan. 1972	Jan. 1973 ^p	Dec. 1972 ^p	Nov. 1972	Change from Dec. 1972
TOTAL PRIVATE	36.6	37.3	37.1	36.7	-0.7	-0.1	36.9	37.1	37.2	-0.2
MINING	40.8	42.1	42.5	42.4	-1.3	-1.6	41.0	41.8	42.5	-.8
CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION	34.8	35.2	36.0	35.8	-.4	-1.0	36.1	35.6	37.0	.5
MANUFACTURING	39.9	41.2	41.0	39.8	-1.3	.1	40.2	40.7	40.9	-.5
Overtime hours	3.5	3.9	3.8	2.8	-.4	.7	3.6	3.8	3.7	-.2
DURABLE GOODS	40.8	42.1	41.8	40.3	-1.3	.5	41.1	41.6	41.7	-.5
Overtime hours	3.8	4.3	4.0	2.8	-.5	1.0	4.0	4.1	3.9	-.1
Ordnance and accessories	43.4	43.2	42.4	41.7	.2	1.7	43.4	42.7	42.3	.7
Lumber and wood products	38.3	39.9	40.9	40.0	-1.6	-1.7	39.2	39.8	41.0	-.6
Furniture and fixtures	38.1	40.7	40.7	39.7	-2.6	-1.6	38.7	39.8	40.3	-1.1
Stone, clay, and glass products	40.2	41.5	41.9	40.9	-1.3	-.7	41.1	41.5	41.8	-.4
Primary metal industries	41.3	42.4	42.3	40.6	-1.1	.7	41.3	42.3	42.8	-1.0
Fabricated metal products	40.7	42.0	41.7	40.2	-1.3	.5	41.1	41.6	41.6	-.5
Machinery, except electrical	42.3	43.5	42.7	41.0	-1.2	1.3	42.3	42.8	42.7	-.5
Electrical equipment	40.3	41.2	41.1	39.9	-.9	.4	40.4	40.6	40.8	-.2
Transportation equipment	42.1	43.8	42.5	40.5	-1.7	1.6	42.5	42.8	42.0	-.3
Instruments and related products	39.9	40.9	40.9	40.1	-1.0	-.2	40.1	40.5	40.5	-.4
Miscellaneous manufacturing	38.4	39.4	39.7	38.7	-1.0	-.3	38.7	39.1	39.3	-.4
NONDURABLE GOODS	38.5	39.9	40.0	39.1	-1.4	-.6	38.8	39.6	39.9	-.8
Overtime hours	3.0	3.5	3.6	2.9	-.5	.1	3.2	3.4	3.5	-.2
Food and kindred products	39.6	40.7	40.4	39.7	-1.1	-.1	39.9	40.4	40.3	-.5
Tobacco manufactures	35.3	37.3	35.5	34.1	-2.0	1.2	35.8	36.6	35.5	-.8
Textile mill products	39.0	41.8	41.7	40.8	-2.8	-1.8	39.4	41.3	41.4	-1.9
Apparel and other textile products	33.9	35.8	36.4	35.4	-1.9	-1.5	34.3	35.8	36.2	-1.5
Paper and allied products	42.3	43.3	43.3	41.9	-1.0	.4	42.6	42.9	43.2	-.3
Printing and publishing	37.5	38.4	38.3	37.0	-.9	.5	38.0	37.9	38.3	.1
Chemicals and allied products	41.3	42.2	42.0	41.6	-.9	-.3	41.4	41.9	41.9	-.5
Petroleum and coal products	40.4	42.1	42.5	41.7	-1.7	-1.3	41.1	42.4	42.4	-1.3
Rubber and plastics products, nec	40.8	41.5	41.7	40.6	-.7	.2	41.0	41.1	41.6	-.1
Leather and leather products	36.4	37.3	37.9	38.2	-.9	-1.8	36.3	36.5	37.7	-.2
TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC UTILITIES	40.3	40.6	40.5	39.8	-.3	.5	40.7	40.4	40.3	.3
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE	34.6	35.3	34.7	34.7	-.7	-.1	35.0	35.1	35.0	-.1
WHOLESALE TRADE	39.4	40.2	39.8	39.6	-.8	-.2	39.6	39.8	39.9	-.2
RETAIL TRADE	33.1	33.9	33.2	33.2	-.8	-.1	33.6	33.7	33.5	-.1
FINANCE, INSURANCE, AND REAL ESTATE	37.2	37.1	37.0	37.3	.1	-.1	37.2	37.1	37.0	.1
SERVICES	33.8	34.0	34.0	33.9	-.2	-.1	34.0	34.0	34.1	0

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.

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**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					
	Jan. 1973 ^P	Dec. 1972 ^P	Nov. 1972	Jan. 1972	Change from		Jan. 1973 ^P	Dec. 1972 ^P	Nov. 1972	Jan. 1972	Change from	
					Dec. 1972	Jan. 1972					Dec. 1972	Jan. 1972
TOTAL PRIVATE	\$3.78	\$3.74	\$3.74	\$3.55	\$0.04	\$0.23	\$138.35	\$139.50	\$138.75	\$130.29	-\$1.15	\$8.06
<i>Seasonally adjusted</i>	3.78	3.75	3.74	3.55	.03	.23	139.48	139.17	139.13	131.35	.31	8.13
MINING	4.62	4.56	4.47	4.34	.06	.28	188.50	191.98	189.98	184.02	-3.48	4.48
CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION	6.39	6.32	6.23	5.96	.07	.43	222.37	222.46	224.28	213.37	-.09	9.00
MANUFACTURING	3.99	3.96	3.89	3.70	.03	.29	159.20	163.15	159.49	147.26	-3.95	11.94
DURABLE GOODS	4.24	4.22	4.14	3.94	.02	.30	172.99	177.66	173.05	158.78	-4.67	14.21
Ordnance and accessories	4.18	4.18	4.13	3.98	0	.20	181.41	180.58	175.11	165.97	-.83	15.44
Lumber and wood products	3.37	3.37	3.40	3.21	0	.16	129.07	134.46	139.06	128.40	-5.39	.67
Furniture and fixtures	3.15	3.15	3.13	2.98	0	.17	120.02	128.21	127.39	118.31	-8.19	1.71
Stone, clay, and glass products	4.02	4.02	4.00	3.76	0	.26	161.60	166.83	167.60	153.78	-5.23	7.82
Primary metal industries	4.85	4.83	4.80	4.53	.02	.32	200.31	204.79	203.04	183.92	-4.48	16.39
Fabricated metal products	4.12	4.13	4.07	3.88	-.01	.24	167.68	173.46	169.72	155.98	-5.78	11.70
Machinery, except electrical	4.45	4.44	4.38	4.16	.01	.29	188.24	193.14	187.03	170.56	-4.90	17.68
Electrical equipment	3.83	3.86	3.74	3.59	.03	.24	154.35	156.56	153.71	143.24	-2.21	11.11
Transportation equipment	5.06	5.01	4.87	4.57	.05	.49	213.03	219.44	206.98	185.09	-6.41	27.94
Instruments and related products	3.80	3.83	3.74	3.66	-.03	.14	151.62	156.65	152.97	146.77	-5.03	4.85
Miscellaneous manufacturing	3.24	3.19	3.15	3.08	.05	.16	124.42	125.69	125.06	119.20	-1.27	5.22
NONDURABLE GOODS	3.61	3.57	3.53	3.39	.04	.22	138.99	142.44	141.20	132.55	-3.45	6.44
Food and kindred products	3.75	3.72	3.66	3.53	.03	.22	148.50	151.40	147.86	140.14	-2.90	8.36
Tobacco manufacturers	3.64	3.46	3.49	3.32	.18	.32	128.49	129.06	123.90	113.21	-.57	15.28
Textile mill products	2.86	2.83	2.78	2.69	.03	.17	111.54	118.29	115.93	109.75	-6.75	1.79
Apparel and other textile products	2.72	2.69	2.68	2.55	.03	.17	92.21	96.30	97.55	90.27	-4.09	1.94
Paper and allied products	4.05	4.05	4.03	3.81	0	.24	171.32	175.37	174.50	159.64	-4.05	11.68
Printing and publishing	4.57	4.58	4.56	4.36	-.01	.21	171.38	175.87	174.65	161.32	-4.49	10.06
Chemicals and allied products	4.38	4.33	4.29	4.10	.05	.28	180.89	182.73	180.18	170.56	-1.84	10.33
Petroleum and coal products	4.94	5.04	5.02	4.83	-.10	.11	199.58	212.18	213.35	201.41	-12.60	-1.83
Rubber and plastics products, nec	3.74	3.73	3.68	3.52	.01	.22	152.59	154.80	153.46	142.91	-2.21	9.68
Leather and leather products	2.78	2.74	2.72	2.68	.04	.10	101.19	102.20	103.09	102.38	-1.01	-1.19
TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC UTILITIES	4.86	4.84	4.82	4.45	.02	.41	195.86	196.50	195.21	177.11	-.64	18.75
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE	3.11	3.06	3.07	2.97	.05	.14	107.61	108.02	106.53	103.06	-.41	4.55
WHOLESALE TRADE	4.00	3.98	3.94	3.82	.02	.18	157.60	160.00	156.81	151.27	-2.40	6.33
RETAIL TRADE	3.78	2.74	2.75	2.66	.04	.12	92.02	92.89	91.30	88.31	-.87	3.71
FINANCE, INSURANCE, AND REAL ESTATE	3.55	3.51	3.49	3.40	.04	.15	132.06	130.22	129.13	126.82	1.84	5.24
SERVICES	3.29	3.27	3.25	3.12	.02	.17	111.20	111.18	110.50	105.77	.02	5.43

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	1973 Jan. ^p	1972 Dec. ^p	1972 Nov.	1972 Oct.	1972 Sept.	1972 Aug.	1972 Jan.	Percent change over month and year	
								Dec. 1972-- Jan. 1973	Jan. 1972-- Jan. 1973
Total private nonfarm:									
Current dollars	142.5	141.8	140.7	140.5	139.3	138.3	134.6	.5	5.9
Constant (1967) dollars	NA	111.5	110.9	111.0	110.4	110.1	109.1	1/	2/
Mining	143.3	142.0	138.1	137.5	138.1	137.8	134.3	.9	6.7
Contract construction	153.3	151.1	149.6	149.3	147.8	146.8	143.3	1.4	6.9
Manufacturing	139.5	138.9	137.9	137.5	136.7	135.9	132.1	.4	5.7
Transportation and public utilities	150.1	149.7	149.1	148.3	145.6	145.1	137.5	.2	9.2
Wholesale and retail trade	138.7/	138.4	137.3	137.2	136.3	135.6	132.4	.2	4.7
Finance, insurance, and real estate	137.2	136.4	135.1	135.5	134.8	133.6	130.8	.6	4.8
Services	143.3	142.3	141.0	140.9	139.9	138.0	136.2	.7	5.3

1/ Percent change was 0.6 from November 1972 to December 1972, the latest month available.

2/ Percent change was 2.6 from December 1971 to December 1972, the latest month available.

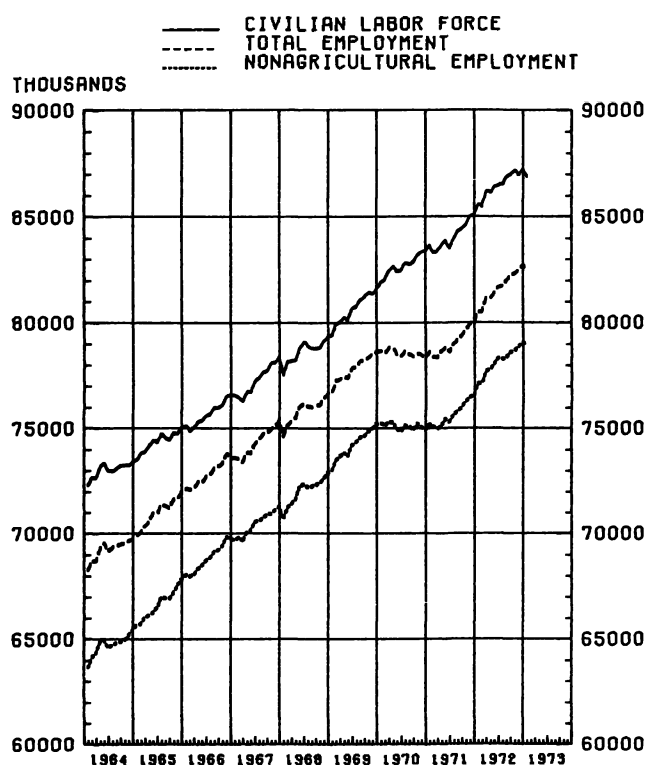
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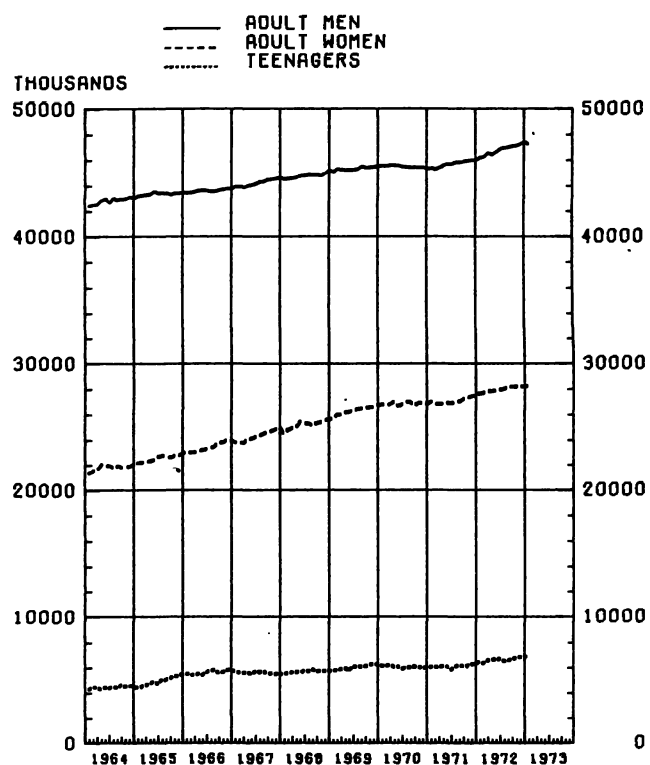
NOTE: All series are in current dollars except where indicated. The index excludes effects of two types of changes that are unrelated to underlying wage-rate developments: Fluctuations in overtime premiums in manufacturing (the only sector for which overtime data are available) and the effects of changes 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

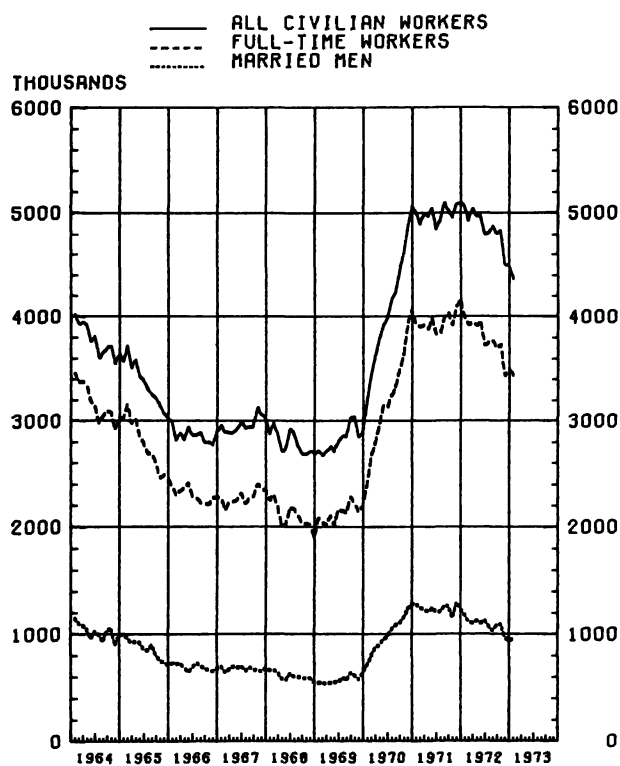
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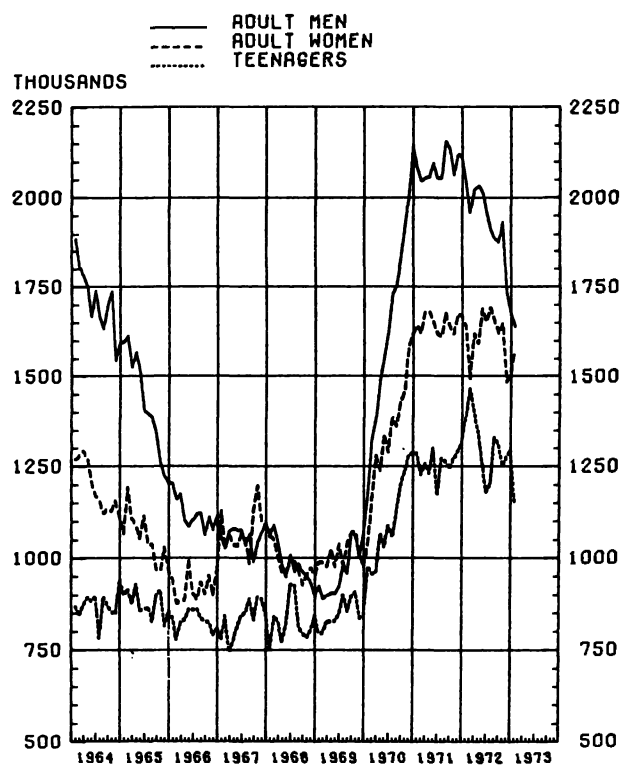
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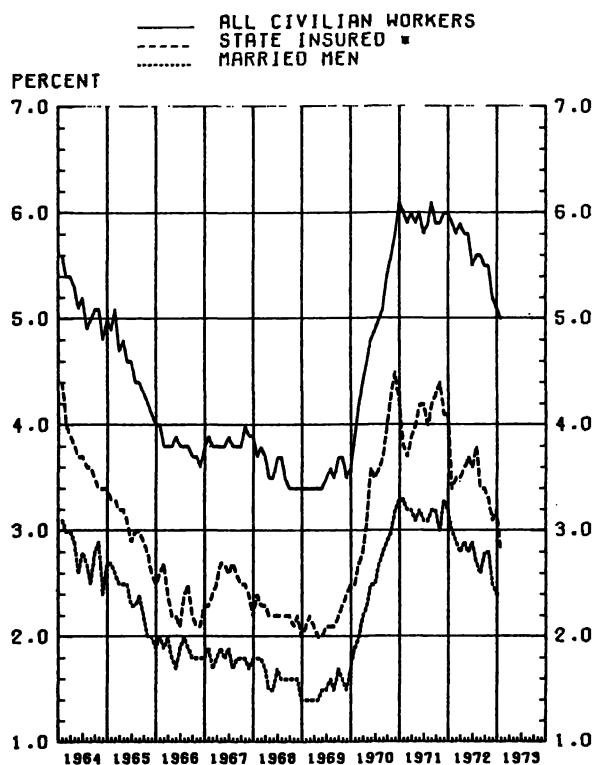


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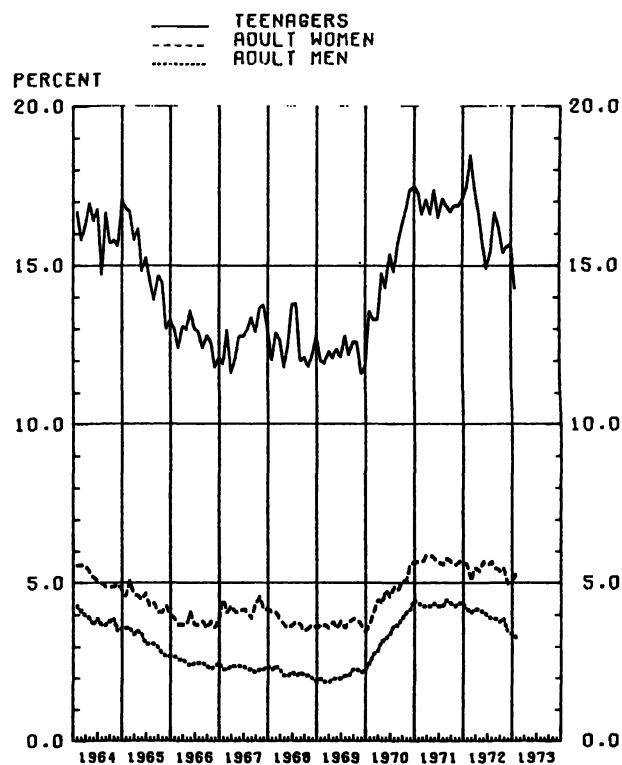


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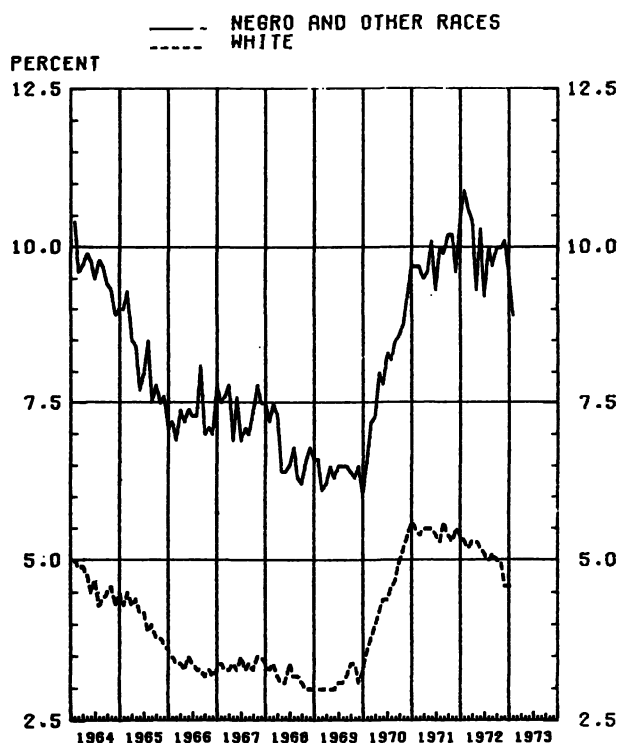
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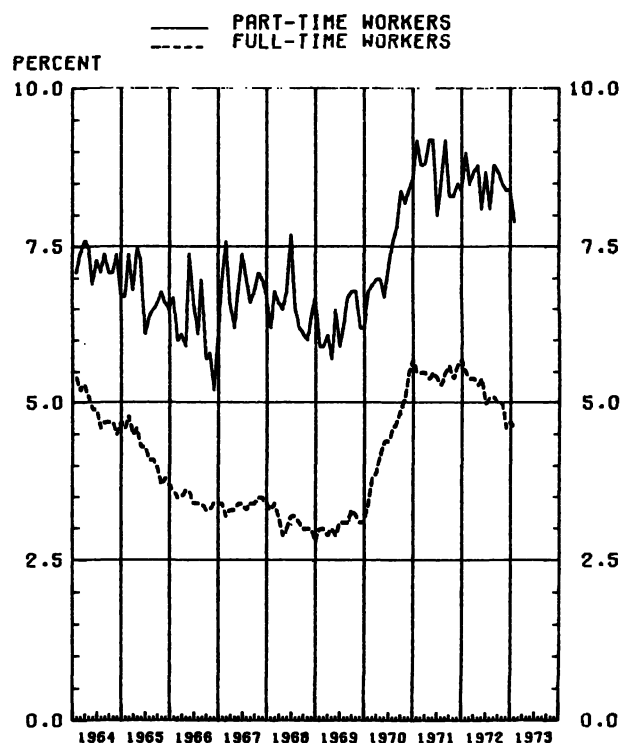
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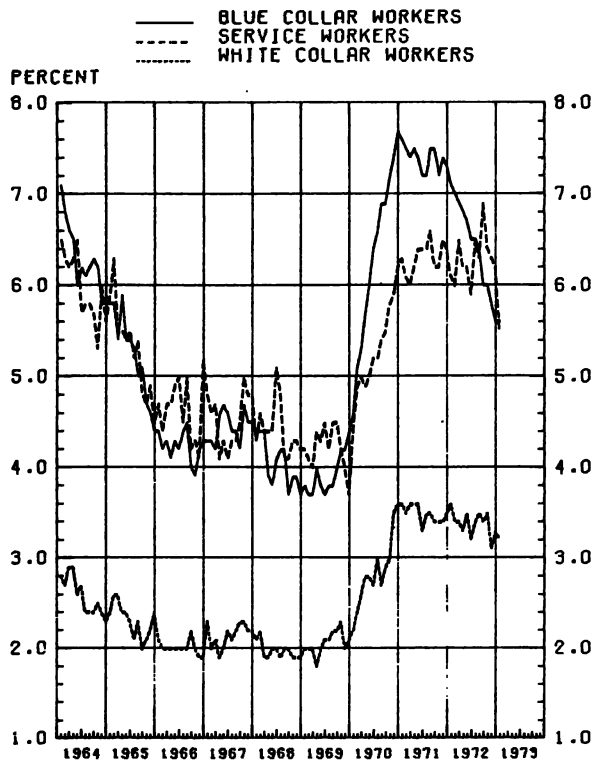
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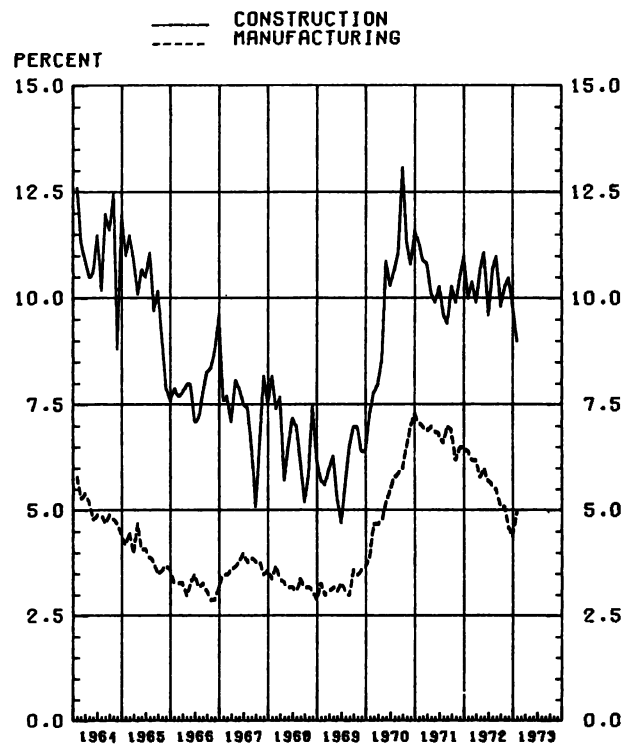
* State insured unemployment rate pertains to the week including the 12th of the month and represents the insured unemployed under State programs as a percent of average covered employment. The figures are derived from administrative records of unemployment insurance systems.

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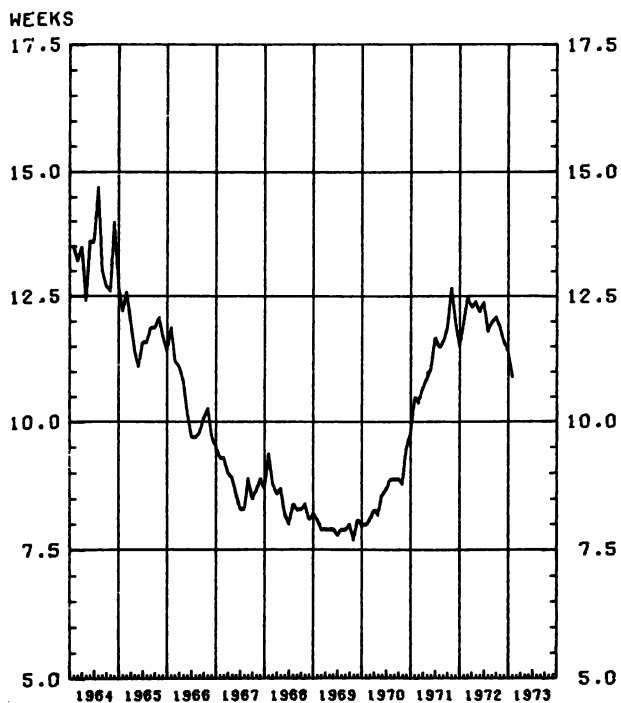
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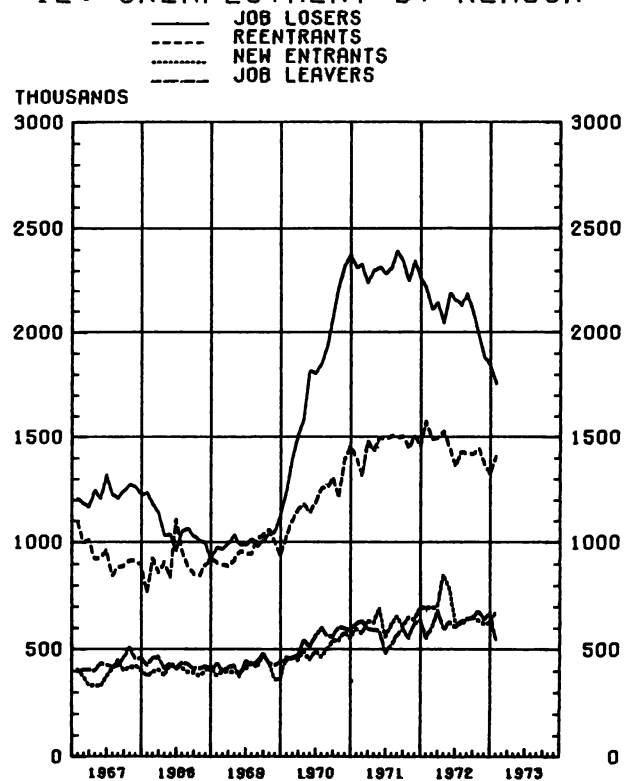
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11. AVERAGE DURATION OF UNEMPLOYMENT



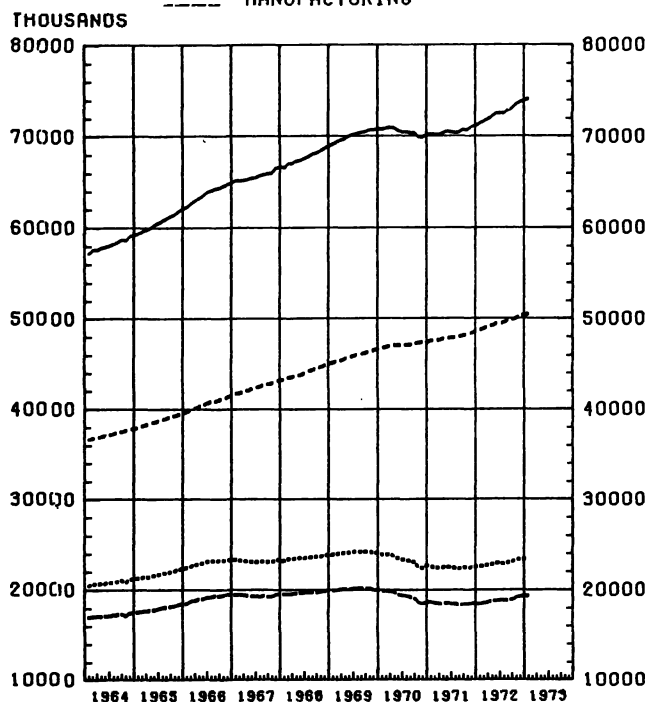
12. UNEMPLOYMENT BY REASON



NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT AND HOURS ESTABLISHMENT DATA - SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

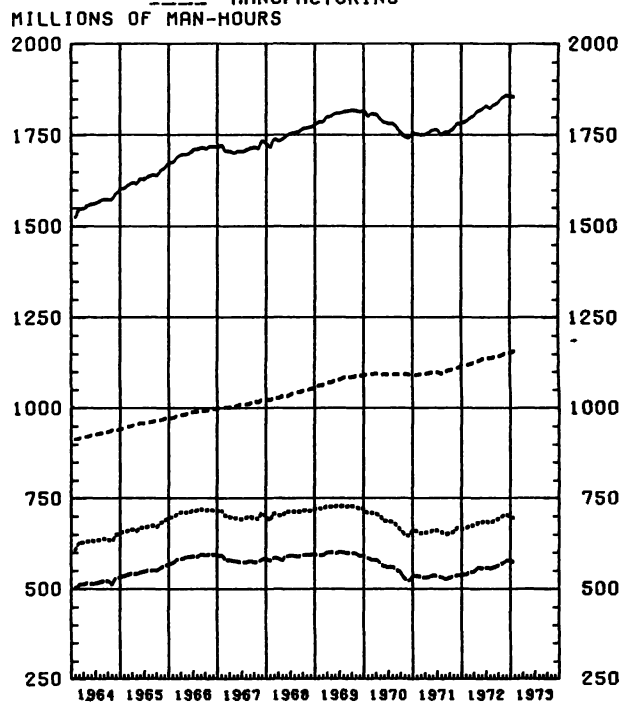
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- - - GOODS-PRODUCING
- - - MANUFACTURING



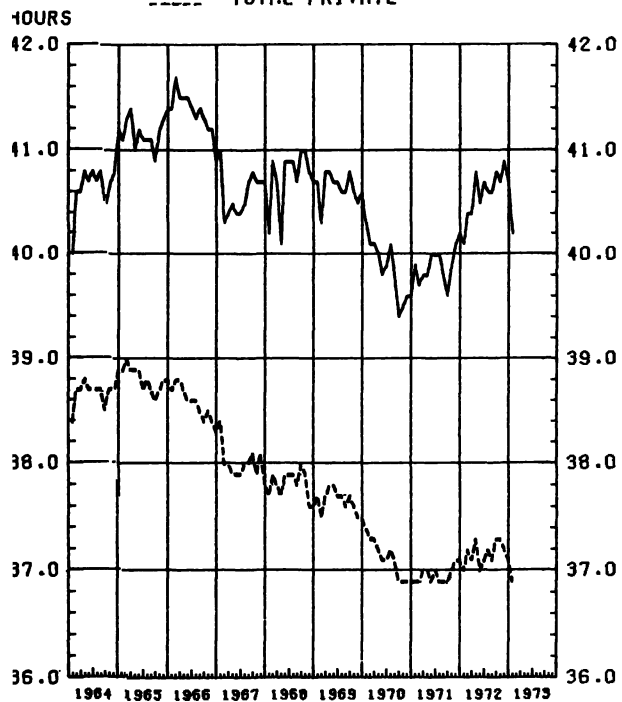
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- - - MANUFACTURING

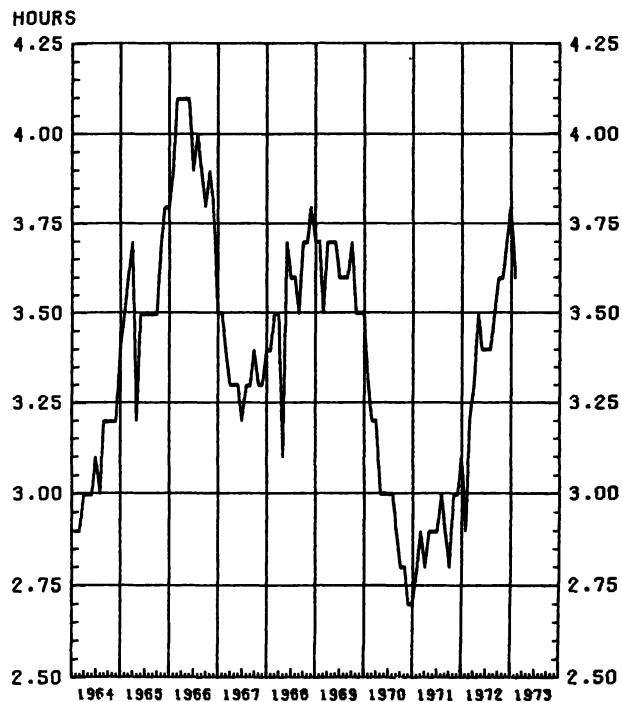


15. AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS

— MANUFACTURING
- - - TOTAL PRIVATE



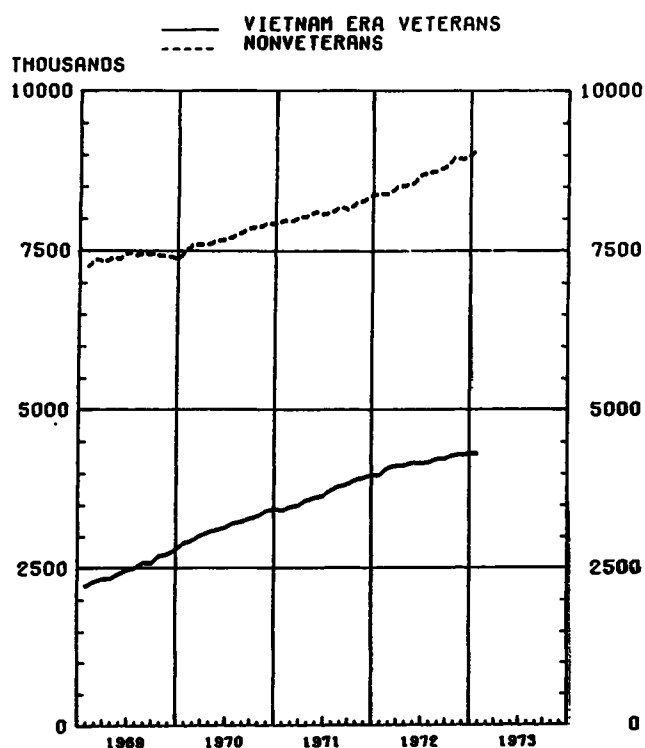
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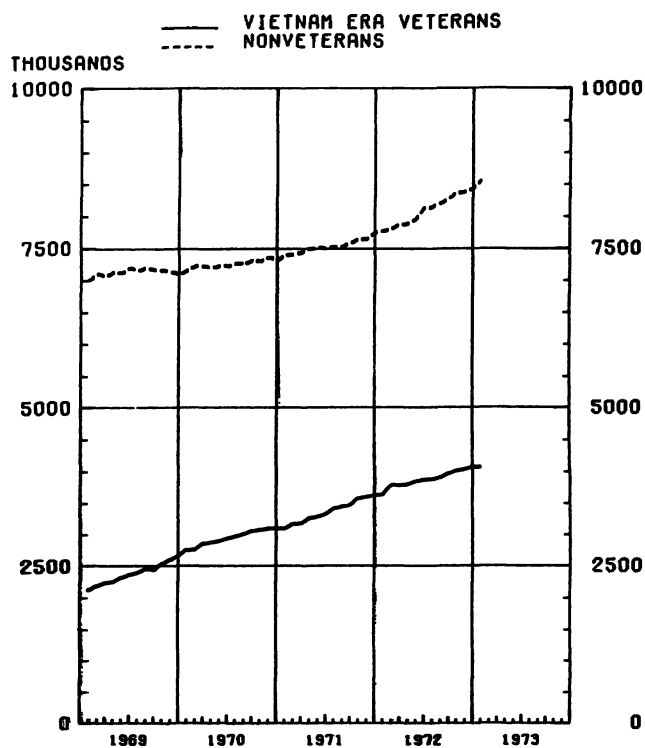
NOTE: Charts 14 and 15 relate to production or nonsupervisory workers; chart 16 relates to production workers. Data for the 2 most recent months are preliminary in charts 13-16.

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

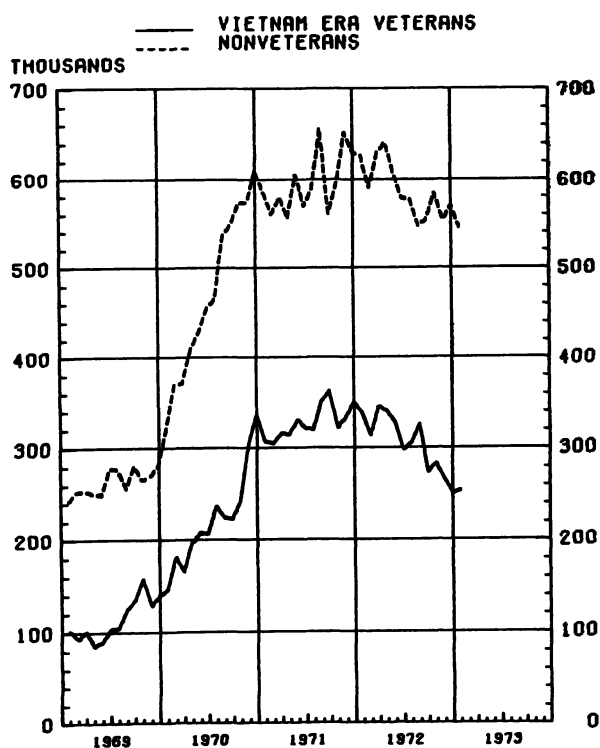
17. CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE



18. EMPLOYED



19. UNEMPLOYED



20. UNEMPLOYMENT RATE

