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The Nation's employment situation in April 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 same as in March; it has been at about this level since late last fall, substantially below the 5.8-percent rate of April a year ago.

Total employment (as measured through the household survey) was unchanged in April at 83.9 million on a seasonally adjusted basis, following large gains in the previous 2 months. Over the past year, employment has increased by 2.6 million persons.

Nonfarm payroll employment (measured through the establishment survey) was little changed in April at 75.0 million, as a strong pickup in durable goods manufacturing and more moderate increases in most of the service-producing industries were partly offset by declines in contract construction and retail trade. The average work-week rose to the highest level since early 1970.

Unemployment

Total unemployment declined about in line with usual March-to-April movements and, after seasonal adjustment, remained at 4.4 million, roughly the same as the levels that have prevailed since last November. Over the past year, unemployment has decreased by 520,000.

The overall unemployment rate in April was unchanged at 5.0 percent, and there was also virtually no change for adult men and women, whose jobless rates were 3.4 and 4.7 percent, respectively. The rate for teenagers moved up from 14.2 to 15.4 percent in April; it has been fluctuating around this general range for several months but has remained below the average levels of the last 2 years. Jobless rates in April also showed little or no change for most of the other major labor force groups. (See table A-3.) An exception to this was a decline in unemployment among workers in durable goods manufacturing, whose rate was 3.8 percent in April, down from 4.5 percent in March and from an average of 7.0 percent in 1971.

For workers covered by State unemployment insurance programs, the jobless rate dropped from 2.9 to 2.7 percent in April, substantially below the year-ago rate of 3.6 percent and the lowest since early 1970.

The average (mean) duration of unemployment continued the downward trend evident since last fall, dropping to 9.9 weeks in April. This was the lowest that it has been since 1970. The number of persons unemployed 15 weeks or longer (the long-term unemployed) edged down for the eighth consecutive month.

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

Selected categories	Apr. 1973	Mar. 1973	Feb. 1973	1st. Qtr. 1973	4th Qtr. 1972	3rd Qtr. 1972	2nd Qtr. 1972	1st Qtr. 1972
(Millions of persons)								
Civilian labor force ¹	88.4	88.3	87.6	87.6	87.2	86.9	86.4	85.8
Total employment ¹	83.9	83.9	83.1	83.2	82.6	82.0	81.5	80.8
Adult men	47.6	47.7	47.4	47.5	47.3	47.1	46.7	46.4
Adult women	29.1	28.8	28.7	28.6	28.3	28.2	28.0	27.8
Teenagers	7.2	7.3	7.0	7.1	6.9	6.7	6.7	6.6
Unemployment	4.4	4.4	4.4	4.4	4.6	4.8	4.9	5.0
(Percent of labor force)								
Unemployment rates:								
All workers	5.0	5.0	5.1	5.0	5.3	5.6	5.7	5.8
Adult men	3.4	3.4	3.4	3.4	3.6	3.9	4.1	4.1
Adult women	4.7	4.9	4.9	5.0	5.2	5.5	5.5	5.4
Teenagers	15.4	14.2	15.8	14.8	15.6	16.1	15.8	17.8
White	4.5	4.4	4.6	4.5	4.7	5.0	5.2	5.2
Negro and other races	9.1	9.0	9.0	9.0	9.9	9.9	9.6	10.6
Household heads	3.0	3.0	3.0	2.9	3.1	3.3	3.5	3.4
Married men	2.4	2.5	2.4	2.4	2.5	2.7	2.9	2.9
Full-time workers	4.5	4.5	4.6	4.6	4.8	5.0	5.2	5.4
State insured ²	2.7	2.9	2.8	2.9	3.1	3.5	3.6	3.6
(Weeks)								
Average duration of unemployment	9.9	10.5	10.5	10.6	11.6	12.0	12.3	12.3
(Millions of persons)								
Nonfarm payroll employment	75.0p	74.9p	74.7	74.6p	73.8	72.9	72.5	71.8
Goods-producing industries	23.9p	23.8p	23.8	23.7p	23.4	23.1	23.0	22.7
Service-producing industries	51.1p	51.1p	50.9	50.9p	50.4	49.9	49.5	49.0
(Hours of work)								
Average weekly hours:								
Total private nonfarm	37.4p	37.2p	37.2	37.1p	37.2	37.2	37.1	37.1
Manufacturing.....	41.1p	40.9p	40.9	40.7p	40.7	40.7	40.7	40.3
Manufacturing overtime	4.1p	3.9p	3.9	3.8p	3.7	3.5	3.4	3.1
(1967=100)								
Hourly Earnings Index, private nonfarm:								
In current dollars	144.1p	143.2p	142.5	142.7p	141.1	138.5	136.8	135.0
In constant dollars.....	NA	110.3p	110.6	110.7p	111.2	110.2	109.8	109.0

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.

Civilian Labor Force and Total Employment

Civilian labor force and total employment remained at about the same seasonally adjusted levels as in March--88.4 and 83.9 million, respectively--following large advances in the previous 2 months. A gain in adult female employment was offset by a decline for teenagers. Over the past year, total employment has risen by 2.6 million; adult men and women accounted for the bulk of this advance, over a million each.

Vietnam Era Veterans

The jobless rate for Vietnam Era veterans 20 to 29 years old was about unchanged in April at 6.2 percent. This marked the eighth straight month that their rate has not been materially different from the rate for nonveterans. Younger veterans (20-24 year-olds) continued to be the only group experiencing greater difficulties in job finding than their nonveteran peers. (See table A-7.)

Industry Payroll Employment

Nonagricultural payroll employment was little changed in April, following a 210,000 pickup in March and a gain of 480,000 in February. Since April 1972, the number of payroll jobs has grown by 2.8 million; the goods-producing industries, which had experienced major declines between 1969 and 1971, accounted for 1.0 million of this increase.

In the goods industries, factory employment rose by 115,000 in April to 19.7 million. Virtually the entire increase took place in durable goods, as fabricated metals, machinery, electrical equipment, and transportation equipment posted sizeable gains. Although factory employment has recovered substantially since the recent recession, it was still 530,000 below its peak level of mid-1969. Employment in contract construction declined by 60,000. This cutback was largely traceable to inclement weather in the Midwest during the survey week plus increased strike activity.

In the service-producing sector, the number of jobs rose 65,000 in April, as increases in services, government, wholesale trade, and finance, insurance, and real estate were partly offset by a decline of 40,000 in retail trade. The drop in retail trade employment followed an 85,000 increase in March and may reflect the difficulty in making an adequate seasonal adjustment for the changes in retail sales patterns associated with the timing of Easter.

Hours of Work

The average workweek for all rank-and-file workers on private nonagricultural payrolls increased 0.2 hour in April (after seasonal adjustment) to 37.4 hours, its highest level since January 1970. In manufacturing, the workweek also increased by

0.2 hour, paced by a strong pickup in the transportation equipment industry. The entire manufacturing upswing stemmed from a boost in overtime hours, which, at 4.1 hours, equaled their highest level on record (since the series began in 1956).

Hourly and Weekly Earnings

Average hourly earnings of production or nonsupervisory workers on private nonagricultural payrolls increased 2 cents in April to \$3.82. After seasonal adjustment, hourly earnings were also up 2 cents. Hourly earnings have risen 21 cents or 5.8 percent since April 1972.

The gain in hourly earnings was largely responsible for an increase of \$1.12 in average weekly earnings to \$141.72. After seasonal adjustment, weekly earnings increased \$1.51. Compared with April 1972, average weekly earnings have advanced \$8.15 or 6.1 percent. During the latest 12-month period for which the Consumer Price Index is available--March 1972 to March 1973--consumer prices increased 4.7 percent.

Hourly Earnings Index

The Bureau's Hourly Earnings Index, seasonally adjusted, was 144.1 (1967=100) in April, 0.6 percent higher than in March, according to preliminary figures. The index was 5.4 percent above April a year ago. All industries recorded gains over a year ago, ranging from 3.8 percent in finance, insurance, and real estate to 8.3 percent in transportation and public utilities. During the 12-month period ending in March, the Hourly Earnings Index in dollars of constant purchasing power rose 1.0 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*.

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

(In thousands)

Employment status, age, and sex	Apr. 1973	Mar. 1973	Apr. 1972	Seasonally adjusted				
				Apr. 1973	Mar. 1973	Feb. 1973	Jan. 1973	Dec. 1972
Total								
Total labor force	89,823	89,686	87,787	90,700	90,629	89,961	89,325	89,707
Civilian labor force	87,473	87,325	85,324	88,350	88,268	87,569	86,921	87,267
Employed	83,299	82,814	80,627	83,917	83,889	83,127	82,555	82,780
Agriculture	3,295	3,131	3,287	3,311	3,480	3,424	3,501	3,650
Nonagricultural industries	80,004	79,683	77,339	80,606	80,409	79,703	79,054	79,130
On part time for economic reasons	1,928	2,063	2,251	2,136	2,198	2,274	2,023	2,181
Usually work full time	966	967	1,081	987	940	1,020	893	968
Usually work part time	962	1,096	1,170	1,149	1,258	1,254	1,130	1,213
Unemployed	4,174	4,512	4,697	4,433	4,379	4,442	4,366	4,487
Men, 20 years and over								
Civilian labor force	49,186	49,197	48,465	49,303	49,389	49,095	49,001	49,152
Employed	47,487	47,267	46,412	47,622	47,711	47,448	47,361	47,475
Agriculture	2,488	2,388	2,417	2,442	2,516	2,475	2,557	2,664
Nonagricultural industries	44,999	44,879	43,994	45,180	45,195	44,973	44,804	44,811
Unemployed	1,699	1,931	2,054	1,681	1,678	1,647	1,640	1,677
Women, 20 years and over								
Civilian labor force	30,513	30,482	29,539	30,513	30,339	30,141	29,870	29,869
Employed	29,146	29,005	28,029	29,073	28,849	28,662	28,296	28,357
Agriculture	502	457	515	543	585	559	526	566
Nonagricultural industries	28,644	28,547	27,514	28,530	28,264	28,103	27,770	27,791
Unemployed	1,367	1,477	1,509	1,440	1,490	1,479	1,574	1,512
Both sexes, 16-19 years								
Civilian labor force	7,774	7,646	7,320	8,534	8,540	8,333	8,050	8,246
Employed	6,666	6,542	6,186	7,222	7,329	7,017	6,898	6,948
Agriculture	305	286	355	326	379	390	418	420
Nonagricultural industries	6,361	6,256	5,831	6,896	6,950	6,627	6,480	6,528
Unemployed	1,108	1,104	1,134	1,312	1,211	1,316	1,152	1,298

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	Apr. 1973	Apr. 1972	Seasonally adjusted					
			Apr. 1973	Mar. 1973	Feb. 1973	Jan. 1973	Dec. 1972	Apr. 1972
Full time								
Total, 16 years and over:								
Civilian labor force	73,719	71,996	75,604	75,557	75,244	74,935	74,715	73,689
Employed	70,532	68,304	72,213	72,136	71,755	71,491	71,224	69,772
Unemployed	3,187	3,692	3,391	3,421	3,489	3,444	3,491	3,917
Unemployment rate	4.3	5.1	4.5	4.5	4.6	4.6	4.7	5.3
Men, 20 years and over:								
Civilian labor force	46,581	45,906	46,905	46,957	46,767	46,648	46,630	46,189
Employed	45,040	44,020	45,403	45,400	45,220	45,139	45,095	44,351
Unemployed	1,540	1,886	1,502	1,557	1,547	1,509	1,535	1,838
Unemployment rate	3.3	4.1	3.2	3.3	3.3	3.2	3.3	4.0
Women, 20 years and over:								
Civilian labor force	23,692	22,964	23,926	23,741	23,693	23,549	23,390	23,178
Employed	22,570	21,765	22,752	22,590	22,503	22,330	22,268	21,924
Unemployed	1,122	1,200	1,174	1,151	1,190	1,219	1,122	1,254
Unemployment rate	4.7	5.2	4.9	4.8	5.0	5.2	4.8	5.4
Part time								
Total, 16 years and over:								
Civilian labor force	13,754	13,328	12,873	12,708	12,589	12,220	12,705	12,470
Employed	12,767	12,323	11,792	11,754	11,600	11,249	11,640	11,368
Unemployed	987	1,005	1,081	954	989	971	1,065	1,102
Unemployment rate	7.2	7.5	8.4	7.5	7.9	7.9	8.4	8.8

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					
	Apr. 1973	Apr. 1972	Apr. 1973	Mar. 1973	Feb. 1973	Jan. 1973	Dec. 1972	Apr. 1972
Total (all civilian workers).....	4,174	4,697	5.0	5.0	5.1	5.0	5.1	5.8
Men, 20 years and over.....	1,699	2,054	3.4	3.4	3.4	3.3	3.4	4.2
Women, 20 years and over.....	1,367	1,509	4.7	4.9	4.9	5.3	5.1	5.4
Both sexes, 16-19 years.....	1,108	1,134	15.4	14.2	15.8	14.3	15.7	16.7
White	3,316	3,859	4.5	4.4	4.6	4.6	4.6	5.3
Negro and other races	858	838	9.1	9.0	9.0	8.9	9.6	9.3
Household heads	1,550	1,744	3.0	3.0	3.0	2.9	2.9	3.4
Married men	989	1,171	2.4	2.5	2.4	2.4	2.4	2.9
Full-time workers	966	3,692	4.5	4.5	4.6	4.6	4.7	5.3
Part-time workers.....	962	1,005	8.4	7.5	7.9	7.9	8.4	8.8
Unemployed 15 weeks and over ¹	1,022	1,532	.9	1.0	1.0	1.1	1.1	1.3
State insured ²	1,695	2,048	2.7	2.9	2.8	2.9	3.1	3.6
Labor force time lost ³	--	--	5.3	5.2	5.4	5.3	5.3	6.1
Occupation⁴								
White-collar workers	1,162	1,220	3.1	2.9	3.0	3.2	3.3	3.3
Professional and technical	206	208	2.2	2.3	2.0	2.4	2.6	2.2
Managers and administrators, except farm	118	129	1.5	1.2	1.7	1.6	1.7	1.8
Sales workers.....	225	212	3.9	3.5	3.5	3.9	4.3	3.7
Clerical workers	613	671	4.4	4.2	4.3	4.5	4.4	4.9
Blue-collar workers	1,689	2,042	5.4	5.4	5.7	5.6	5.6	6.8
Craftsmen and kindred workers.....	468	523	3.7	3.8	3.8	3.7	3.9	4.3
Operatives	840	1,057	5.6	5.8	6.2	6.3	5.8	7.4
Nonfarm laborers	381	463	8.7	8.2	8.9	8.4	8.8	10.8
Service workers	685	692	6.0	6.2	6.1	5.5	6.2	6.2
Farm workers	80	63	3.0	2.2	2.5	2.4	2.3	2.5
Industry⁵								
Nonagricultural private wage and salary workers ⁶	3,108	3,567	4.9	4.9	5.1	5.1	5.2	5.8
Construction	450	497	9.4	8.5	8.7	9.0	9.8	10.7
Manufacturing.....	916	1,189	4.3	4.6	4.5	5.0	4.4	5.8
Durable goods	459	670	3.8	4.5	4.3	4.6	3.9	5.8
Nondurable goods	457	519	5.1	4.9	4.9	5.5	5.2	5.9
Transportation and public utilities	128	179	2.5	3.0	3.2	2.9	2.7	3.5
Wholesale and retail trade	857	932	5.7	5.3	5.9	5.6	6.1	6.2
Finance and service industries	742	757	4.5	4.7	4.7	4.4	4.9	4.9
Government workers	364	307	3.3	2.6	2.6	2.3	3.0	2.8
Agricultural wage and salary workers	88	72	8.1	6.5	7.3	6.4	6.4	6.8

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.

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

(in thousands)

Duration of unemployment	Apr. 1973	Apr. 1972	Seasonally adjusted					
			Apr. 1973	Mar. 1973	Feb. 1973	Jan. 1973	Dec. 1972	Apr. 1972
Less than 5 weeks	1,878	1,876	2,184	2,138	2,324	2,060	2,026	2,179
5 to 14 weeks	1,274	1,290	1,485	1,330	1,265	1,375	1,444	1,503
15 weeks and over	1,022	1,532	763	859	895	919	1,001	1,143
15 to 26 weeks	649	776	460	479	530	515	530	530
27 weeks and over	373	756	303	380	365	404	471	613
Average (mean) duration, in weeks	11.4	14.3	9.9	10.5	10.5	10.9	11.4	12.4

Table A-5: Unemployed persons by reason for unemployment

(Numbers in thousands)

Reason for unemployment	Apr. 1973	Apr. 1972	Seasonally adjusted					
			Apr. 1973	Mar. 1973	Feb. 1973	Jan. 1973	Dec. 1972	Apr. 1972
Number of unemployed								
Lost last job	1,728	2,140	1,652	1,677	1,724	1,758	1,846	2,045
Left last job	615	565	653	745	671	550	672	599
Reentered labor force	1,275	1,316	1,484	1,296	1,377	1,409	1,322	1,531
Never worked before	556	676	704	714	684	679	629	854
Percent distribution								
Total unemployed	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Lost last job	41.4	45.6	36.8	37.8	38.7	40.0	41.3	40.7
Left last job	14.7	12.0	14.5	16.8	15.1	12.5	15.0	11.9
Reentered labor force	30.5	28.0	33.0	29.2	30.9	32.1	29.6	30.4
Never worked before	13.3	14.4	15.7	16.1	15.4	15.4	14.1	17.0
Unemployed as a percent of the civilian labor force								
Lost last job	2.0	2.5	1.9	1.9	2.0	2.0	2.1	2.4
Left last job7	.7	.7	.8	.8	.6	.8	.7
Reentered labor force	1.5	1.5	1.7	1.5	1.6	1.6	1.5	1.8
Never worked before6	.8	.8	.8	.8	.8	.7	1.0

Table A-6: Unemployed persons by age and sex

Age and sex	Thousands of persons		Percent looking for full-time work Apr. 1973	Seasonally adjusted unemployment rates						
	Apr. 1973	Apr. 1972		Apr. 1973	Mar. 1973	Feb. 1973	Jan. 1973	Dec. 1972	Apr. 1972	
				Apr. 1973	Mar. 1973	Feb. 1973	Jan. 1973	Dec. 1972	Apr. 1972	
Total, 16 years and over	4,174	4,697	76.4	5.0	5.0	5.1	5.0	5.1	5.8	
16 to 19 years	1,108	1,134	47.4	15.4	14.2	15.8	14.3	15.7	16.7	
16 and 17 years	606	549	27.4	19.4	17.2	18.8	17.3	17.5	19.2	
18 and 19 years	501	585	71.7	12.6	12.2	13.5	12.2	14.4	15.2	
20 to 24 years	938	1,059	87.6	8.1	7.9	7.9	8.2	8.7	9.7	
25 years and over	2,128	2,504	86.5	3.1	3.2	3.3	3.3	3.2	3.7	
25 to 54 years	1,753	1,959	88.9	3.3	3.4	3.4	3.4	3.4	3.8	
55 years and over	376	545	75.3	2.5	2.6	2.7	2.9	3.0	3.5	
Males, 16 years and over	2,286	2,668	78.7	4.4	4.3	4.3	4.2	4.4	5.2	
16 to 19 years	587	614	44.0	14.7	13.4	14.4	13.4	15.4	16.3	
16 and 17 years	359	315	23.4	20.0	17.1	18.0	17.1	17.4	19.1	
18 and 19 years	228	299	76.3	10.7	10.6	11.3	11.0	13.7	14.5	
20 to 24 years	528	644	86.6	7.9	7.5	7.5	7.7	8.2	10.3	
25 years and over	1,171	1,410	92.5	2.7	2.7	2.7	2.6	2.7	3.2	
25 to 54 years	941	1,064	95.7	2.8	2.8	2.8	2.7	2.6	3.2	
55 years and over	230	346	79.1	2.4	2.2	2.3	2.5	3.0	3.4	
Females, 16 years and over	1,888	2,030	73.6	6.0	6.1	6.3	6.4	6.3	6.7	
16 to 19 years	521	520	51.2	16.2	15.2	17.5	15.4	16.2	17.2	
16 and 17 years	248	234	33.1	18.7	17.4	20.0	17.7	17.6	19.3	
18 and 19 years	273	286	67.8	14.8	14.0	16.1	13.7	15.4	16.0	
20 to 24 years	410	415	89.0	8.3	8.4	8.3	8.9	9.2	8.9	
25 years and over	957	1,094	79.2	3.9	4.1	4.3	4.4	4.2	4.6	
25 to 54 years	811	895	81.0	4.3	4.3	4.5	4.7	4.6	4.9	
55 years and over	146	199	68.5	2.6	3.4	3.5	3.7	3.0	3.5	

Table A-7. Employment status of male Vietnam Era veterans and nonveterans 20 to 34 years of age

Employment status	Apr. 1973	Mar. 1973	Apr. 1972	Seasonally adjusted								
				Apr. 1973	Mar. 1973	Feb. 1973	Jan. 1973	Dec. 1972	Apr. 1972			
VETERANS¹												
Total, 20 to 29 years												
Civilian noninstitutional population ²	4,675	4,665	4,498	4,675	4,665	4,656	4,666	4,648	4,498			
Civilian labor force.....	4,340	4,286	4,127	4,370	4,333	4,322	4,334	4,338	4,154			
Employed.....	4,069	3,992	3,783	4,101	4,079	4,075	4,080	4,087	3,813			
Unemployed.....	271	294	344	269	254	247	254	251	341			
Unemployment rate.....	6.2	6.9	8.3	6.2	5.9	5.7	5.9	5.8	8.2			
20 to 24 years												
Civilian noninstitutional population ²	1,741	1,766	1,987	1,741	1,766	1,791	1,818	1,837	1,987			
Civilian labor force.....	1,584	1,595	1,788	1,598	1,613	1,620	1,649	1,673	1,802			
Employed.....	1,437	1,419	1,573	1,453	1,464	1,452	1,508	1,524	1,590			
Unemployed.....	147	176	215	145	149	168	141	149	212			
Unemployment rate.....	9.3	11.0	12.0	9.1	9.2	10.4	8.6	8.9	11.8			
25 to 29 years												
Civilian noninstitutional population ²	2,934	2,899	2,511	2,934	2,899	2,865	2,848	2,811	2,511			
Civilian labor force.....	2,756	2,691	2,339	2,772	2,720	2,702	2,685	2,665	2,352			
Employed.....	2,632	2,573	2,210	2,648	2,615	2,623	2,572	2,563	2,223			
Unemployed.....	124	118	129	124	105	79	113	102	129			
Unemployment rate.....	4.5	4.4	5.5	4.5	3.9	2.9	4.2	3.8	5.5			
Total, 30 to 34 years												
Civilian noninstitutional population ²	946	917	634	946	917	888	849	825	634			
Civilian labor force.....	913	891	614	919	901	856	826	781	619			
Employed.....	886	851	594	893	865	829	807	749	599			
Unemployed.....	27	40	20	26	36	27	19	32	20			
Unemployment rate.....	3.0	4.5	3.3	2.8	4.0	3.2	2.3	4.1	3.2			
NONVETERANS												
Total, 20 to 29 years												
Civilian noninstitutional population ²	10,604	10,555	9,840	10,604	10,555	10,464	10,390	10,327	9,840			
Civilian labor force.....	9,156	9,116	8,361	9,348	9,329	9,216	9,104	9,009	8,534			
Employed.....	8,624	8,515	7,758	8,781	8,749	8,695	8,558	8,439	7,892			
Unemployed.....	532	601	603	567	580	521	546	570	642			
Unemployment rate.....	5.8	6.6	7.2	6.1	6.2	5.7	6.0	6.3	7.5			
20 to 24 years												
Civilian noninstitutional population ²	6,499	6,455	5,918	6,499	6,455	6,384	6,337	6,289	5,918			
Civilian labor force.....	5,276	5,245	4,640	5,461	5,449	5,349	5,266	5,231	4,807			
Employed.....	4,895	4,860	4,211	5,041	5,068	4,994	4,874	4,808	4,335			
Unemployed.....	381	385	429	420	381	355	392	423	472			
Unemployment rate.....	7.2	7.3	9.2	7.7	7.0	6.6	7.4	8.1	9.8			
25 to 29 years												
Civilian noninstitutional population ²	4,105	4,100	3,922	4,105	4,100	4,080	4,053	4,038	3,922			
Civilian labor force.....	3,880	3,871	3,721	3,887	3,880	3,867	3,838	3,778	3,727			
Employed.....	3,729	3,655	3,547	3,740	3,681	3,701	3,684	3,631	3,557			
Unemployed.....	151	216	174	147	199	166	154	147	170			
Unemployment rate.....	3.9	5.6	4.7	3.8	5.1	4.3	4.0	3.9	4.6			
Total, 30 to 34 years												
Civilian noninstitutional population ²	3,565	3,546	3,395	3,565	3,546	3,519	3,495	3,477	3,395			
Civilian labor force.....	3,426	3,418	3,269	3,428	3,413	3,366	3,344	3,345	3,273			
Employed.....	3,342	3,307	3,177	3,335	3,310	3,251	3,261	3,254	3,172			
Unemployed.....	84	111	92	93	103	115	84	91	101			
Unemployment rate.....	2.5	3.2	2.8	2.7	3.0	3.4	2.5	2.7	3.1			

¹Vietnam Era veterans are those who served after August 4, 1964. Of the Vietnam Era veterans of all ages, 76 percent were 20 to 29 years old and 15 percent were 30 to 34 years old in April 1973. Post-Korean-peacetime veterans 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)							Seasonally adjusted			
	Apr. 1973 ^p	Mar. 1973 ^b	Feb. 1973	Apr. 1972	Change from		Apr. 1973 ^p	Mar. 1973 ^b	Feb. 1973	Change from Mar. 1973	
					Mar. 1973	Apr. 1972					
TOTAL	74,826	74,255	73,724	71,979	571	2,847	75,042	74,933	74,725	109	
GOODS-PRODUCING	23,617	23,417	23,202	22,613	200	1,004	23,893	23,847	23,785	46	
MINING	598	598	598	600	0	-2	603	611	613	-8	
CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION	3,429	3,299	3,184	3,374	130	55	3,550	3,609	3,594	-59	
MANUFACTURING	19,590	19,520	19,420	18,639	70	951	19,740	19,627	19,578	113	
Production workers	14,408	14,347	14,258	13,578	61	830	14,545	14,441	14,396	104	
DURABLE GOODS	11,508	11,429	11,359	10,717	79	791	11,547	11,448	11,413	99	
Production workers	8,469	8,398	8,334	7,774	71	695	8,503	8,414	8,379	89	
Ordnance and accessories.....	196.0	195.9	197.0	182.7	.1	13.3	198	196	198	2	
Lumber and wood products.....	620.6	616.8	611.9	596.9	3.8	23.7	634	630	628	4	
Furniture and fixtures	515.2	513.0	511.4	481.5	2.2	33.7	520	516	513	4	
Stone, clay, and glass products	681.6	671.9	661.9	646.7	9.7	34.9	686	686	682	0	
Primary metal industries	1,296.0	1,289.5	1,283.6	1,226.0	6.5	70.0	1,284	1,281	1,284	3	
Fabricated metal products	1,439.5	1,430.1	1,423.1	1,350.0	9.4	89.5	1,450	1,434	1,432	16	
Machinery, except electrical	2,014.7	2,001.7	1,985.0	1,835.3	13.0	179.4	2,003	1,986	1,973	17	
Electrical equipment	1,961.3	1,947.5	1,939.2	1,792.6	13.8	168.7	1,975	1,955	1,943	20	
Transportation equipment	1,869.4	1,853.5	1,844.8	1,743.1	15.9	126.3	1,873	1,842	1,841	31	
Instruments and related products	482.9	482.3	478.8	445.8	.6	37.1	484	483	481	1	
Miscellaneous manufacturing	430.8	427.2	422.6	416.1	3.6	14.7	440	439	438	1	
NONDURABLE GOODS	8,082	8,091	8,061	7,922	-9	160	8,193	8,179	8,165	14	
Production workers	5,939	5,949	5,924	5,804	-10	135	6,042	6,027	6,017	15	
Food and kindred products	1,666.9	1,672.1	1,673.5	1,675.6	-5.2	-8.7	1,747	1,751	1,752	-4	
Tobacco manufactures	68.8	69.5	70.5	67.9	-.7	.9	78	76	73	2	
Textile mill products	1,021.3	1,022.3	1,019.6	980.9	-1.0	40.4	1,024	1,023	1,024	1	
Apparel and other textile products	1,356.2	1,359.2	1,350.0	1,336.8	-3.0	19.4	1,363	1,350	1,349	13	
Paper and allied products	705.2	709.4	704.8	687.1	-4.2	18.1	709	714	710	-5	
Printing and publishing	1,094.9	1,094.2	1,090.6	1,075.1	.7	19.8	1,096	1,093	1,092	3	
Chemicals and allied products	1,018.3	1,017.2	1,007.4	996.5	1.1	21.8	1,017	1,019	1,013	-2	
Petroleum and coal products	182.2	181.7	180.6	188.6	.5	-6.4	184	185	185	-1	
Rubber and plastics products, nec	675.6	671.9	668.2	611.6	3.7	64.0	679	673	672	6	
Leather and leather products	292.7	293.2	295.3	302.0	-.5	-9.3	296	295	295	1	
SERVICE-PRODUCING	51,209	50,838	50,522	49,366	371	1,843	51,149	51,086	50,940	63	
TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC UTILITIES	4,554	4,543	4,507	4,445	11	109	4,591	4,589	4,580	2	
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE	16,108	15,895	15,776	15,436	213	672	16,188	16,215	16,127	-27	
WHOLESALE TRADE	3,995	3,987	3,974	3,851	8	144	4,039	4,027	4,022	12	
RETAIL TRADE	12,113	11,908	11,802	11,585	205	528	12,149	12,188	12,105	-39	
FINANCE, INSURANCE, AND REAL ESTATE	4,019	4,000	3,978	3,880	19	139	4,031	4,024	4,014	7	
SERVICES	12,739	12,619	12,530	12,218	120	521	12,726	12,695	12,682	31	
GOVERNMENT	13,789	13,781	13,731	13,387	8	402	13,613	13,563	13,537	50	
FEDERAL	2,626	2,623	2,619	2,664	3	-38	2,626	2,634	2,632	-8	
STATE AND LOCAL	11,163	11,158	11,112	10,723	5	440	10,987	10,929	10,905	58	

p = preliminary.

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

Industry	Apr. 1973 ^p	Mar. 1973 ^p	Feb. 1973	Apr. 1972	Change from		Seasonally adjusted			
					Mar. 1973	Apr. 1972	Apr. 1973 ^p	Mar. 1973 ^p	Feb. 1973	Change from Mar. 1973
TOTAL PRIVATE	37.1	37.0	36.8	37.0	0.1	0.1	37.4	37.2	37.2	.2
MINING	42.3	41.5	41.4	42.4	.8	-.1	42.3	42.0	42.0	.3
CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION	37.0	36.6	34.9	36.6	.4	.4	37.1	37.0	36.1	.1
MANUFACTURING	40.8	40.8	40.6	40.5	0	.3	41.1	40.9	40.9	.2
Overtime hours.....	3.8	3.7	3.7	3.3	.1	.5	4.1	3.9	3.9	.2
DURABLE GOODS	41.7	41.6	41.6	41.2	.1	.5	42.0	41.6	42.0	.4
Overtime hours	4.1	3.9	4.1	3.4	.2	.7	4.4	4.0	4.4	.4
Ordnance and accessories.....	41.8	42.5	42.7	42.1	-.7	-.3	41.9	42.3	42.7	-.4
Lumber and wood products.....	41.3	40.9	40.1	41.1	.4	.2	41.3	41.0	40.6	.3
Furniture and fixtures	40.1	40.3	39.8	40.1	-.2	0	40.7	40.6	40.6	.1
Stone, clay, and glass products	42.4	42.0	41.4	41.9	.4	.5	42.5	42.2	42.2	.3
Primary metal industries	42.7	42.4	42.4	41.6	.3	1.1	42.4	42.2	42.4	.2
Fabricated metal products.....	41.6	41.5	41.4	41.0	.1	.6	42.0	41.7	41.9	.3
Machinery, except electrical.....	42.6	43.0	42.8	41.8	-.4	.8	42.7	42.7	42.8	0
Electrical equipment	40.5	40.6	40.6	40.4	-.1	.1	40.9	40.6	41.1	.3
Transportation equipment	42.4	42.0	42.7	41.9	.4	.5	43.5	42.1	43.3	1.4
Instruments and related products	40.7	40.7	40.5	40.5	0	.2	40.9	40.7	40.8	.2
Miscellaneous manufacturing.....	39.0	39.3	39.1	39.5	-.3	-.5	39.1	39.2	39.3	-.1
NONDURABLE GOODS	39.6	39.6	39.3	39.5	0	.1	39.9	39.8	39.7	.1
Overtime hours	3.3	3.3	3.2	3.2	0	.1	3.6	3.5	3.4	.1
Food and kindred products	39.6	39.6	39.6	40.0	0	-.4	40.2	40.2	40.2	0
Tobacco manufactures	35.4	34.8	34.6	33.1	.6	2.3	36.4	36.0	35.6	.4
Textile mill products	41.5	41.2	40.9	41.3	-.3	.2	41.9	41.3	41.1	.6
Apparel and other textile products	36.2	36.3	35.8	36.0	-.1	.2	36.4	36.1	36.0	.3
Paper and allied products	42.7	42.7	42.6	42.6	0	.1	43.0	43.0	43.0	0
Printing and publishing	37.8	38.0	37.6	37.8	-.2	0	38.0	38.0	38.0	0
Chemicals and allied products	41.9	42.0	41.8	41.9	-.1	0	41.7	42.0	42.0	-.3
Petroleum and coal products	42.3	41.4	41.2	42.5	.9	-.2	42.2	42.0	41.9	.2
Rubber and plastics products, nec	41.2	41.3	41.2	41.0	-.1	.2	41.5	41.6	41.5	-.1
Leather and leather products	37.7	37.6	37.7	38.0	.1	-.3	38.8	37.9	37.7	.9
TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC UTILITIES	40.4	40.3	40.3	39.9	.1	.5	40.9	40.5	40.4	.4
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE	34.5	34.5	34.5	34.8	0	-.3	34.9	34.8	35.0	.1
WHOLESALE TRADE	39.5	39.6	39.5	39.7	-.1	-.2	39.7	39.7	39.7	0
RETAIL TRADE	33.1	33.0	32.9	33.3	.1	-.2	33.5	33.4	33.5	.1
FINANCE, INSURANCE, AND REAL ESTATE	37.2	37.0	37.1	37.3	.2	-.1	37.2	37.0	37.1	.2
SERVICES	34.1	33.9	33.9	34.0	.2	-.1	34.2	34.0	34.1	.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

Industry	Average hourly earnings						Average weekly earnings					
	Apr. 1973 ^P	Mar. 1973 ^P	Feb. 1973	Apr. 1972	Change from		Apr. 1973 ^P	Mar. 1973 ^P	Feb. 1973	Apr. 1972	Change from	
					Mar. 1973	Apr. 1972					Mar. 1973	Apr. 1972
TOTAL PRIVATE	\$ 3.82	\$ 3.80	\$ 3.78	\$ 3.61	\$ 0.02	\$ 0.21	\$ 141.72	\$ 140.60	\$ 139.10	\$ 133.57	\$ 1.12	\$ 8.15
Seasonally adjusted	3.83	3.81	3.78	3.62	.02	.21	143.24	141.73	140.62	135.03	1.51	8.21
MINING	4.58	4.54	4.55	4.36	.04	.22	193.73	188.41	188.37	184.86	5.32	8.87
CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION	6.30	6.28	6.31	5.96	.02	.34	233.10	229.85	220.22	218.14	3.25	14.96
MANUFACTURING	4.01	3.98	3.97	3.76	.03	.25	163.61	162.38	161.18	152.28	1.23	11.33
DURABLE GOODS	4.26	4.23	4.23	4.01	.03	.25	177.64	175.97	175.97	165.21	1.67	12.43
Ordnance and accessories	4.21	4.15	4.15	4.06	.06	.15	175.98	176.38	177.21	170.93	-.40	5.05
Lumber and wood products	3.53	3.47	3.47	3.26	.06	.27	145.79	141.92	139.15	133.99	3.87	11.80
Furniture and fixtures	3.21	3.18	3.17	3.03	.03	.18	128.72	128.15	126.17	121.50	.57	7.22
Stone, clay, and glass products	4.10	4.06	4.04	3.85	.04	.25	173.84	170.52	167.26	161.32	3.32	12.52
Primary metal industries	4.89	4.88	4.86	4.60	.01	.29	208.80	206.91	206.06	191.36	1.89	17.44
Fabricated metal products	4.19	4.15	4.15	3.94	.04	.25	174.30	172.23	171.81	161.54	2.07	12.76
Machinery, except electrical	4.50	4.46	4.45	4.22	.04	.28	191.70	191.78	190.46	176.40	-.08	15.30
Electrical equipment	3.81	3.79	3.78	3.62	.02	.19	154.31	153.87	153.47	146.25	.44	8.06
Transportation equipment	5.01	4.96	5.00	4.69	.05	.32	212.42	208.32	213.50	196.51	4.10	15.91
Instruments and related products	3.85	3.83	3.82	3.70	.02	.15	156.70	155.88	154.71	149.85	.82	6.85
Miscellaneous manufacturing	3.20	3.23	3.22	3.09	-.03	.11	124.80	126.94	125.90	122.06	-2.14	2.74
NONDURABLE GOODS	3.62	3.61	3.59	3.43	.01	.19	143.35	142.96	141.09	135.49	.39	7.86
Food and kindred products	3.77	3.77	3.75	3.59	0	.18	149.29	149.29	148.50	143.60	0	5.69
Tobacco manufactures	3.81	3.70	3.65	3.46	.11	.35	134.87	128.76	126.29	114.53	6.11	20.34
Textile mill products	2.90	2.89	2.88	2.71	.01	.19	120.35	119.07	117.79	111.92	1.28	8.43
Apparel and other textile products	2.74	2.73	2.72	2.58	.01	.16	99.19	99.10	97.38	92.88	.09	6.31
Paper and allied products	4.11	4.07	4.07	3.86	.04	.25	175.50	173.79	173.38	164.44	1.71	11.06
Printing and publishing	4.63	4.61	4.58	4.44	.02	.19	175.01	175.18	172.21	167.83	-.17	7.18
Chemicals and allied products	4.38	4.36	4.35	4.12	.02	.26	183.52	183.12	181.83	172.63	.40	10.89
Petroleum and coal products	5.22	5.14	5.09	4.93	.08	.29	220.81	212.80	209.71	209.53	8.01	11.28
Rubber and plastics products, nec	3.73	3.72	3.73	3.55	.01	.18	153.68	153.64	153.68	145.55	.04	8.13
Leather and leather products	2.79	2.80	2.78	2.70	-.01	.09	105.18	105.28	104.81	102.60	-.10	2.58
TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC UTILITIES	4.94	4.91	4.90	4.55	.03	.39	199.58	197.87	197.47	181.55	1.71	18.03
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE	3.15	3.14	3.13	3.00	.01	.15	108.68	108.33	107.99	104.40	.35	4.28
WHOLESALE TRADE	4.06	4.03	4.02	3.86	.03	.20	160.37	159.59	158.79	153.24	.78	7.13
RETAIL TRADE	2.82	2.81	2.80	2.68	.01	.14	93.34	92.73	92.12	89.24	.61	4.10
FINANCE, INSURANCE, AND REAL ESTATE	3.57	3.55	3.56	3.45	.02	.12	132.80	131.35	132.08	128.69	1.45	4.11
SERVICES	3.30	3.30	3.28	3.16	0	.14	112.53	111.87	111.19	107.44	.66	5.09

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	Apr. ^p 1973	Mar. ^p 1973	Feb. 1973	Jan. 1973	Dec. 1972	Nov. 1972	Apr. 1972	Percent change over month and year	
								Mar. 1973- Apr. 1973	Apr. 1972- Apr. 1973
Total private nonfarm:									
Current dollars	144.1	143.2	142.5	142.5	142.0	140.7	136.7	.6	5.4
Constant (1967) dollars	NA	110.3	110.6	111.4	111.6	110.9	110.0	1/ ¹	2/ ²
Mining	143.2	142.2	141.5	142.4	141.3	138.1	135.7	.7	5.6
Contract construction	153.3	152.4	151.8	154.0	151.8	149.6	145.3	.6	5.5
Manufacturing	141.0	140.3	139.7	139.5	138.9	137.9	133.9	.5	5.4
Transportation and public utilities.....	153.5	152.9	151.5	150.5	150.4	148.9	141.7	.4	8.3
Wholesale and retail trade	141.0	139.9	139.2	138.7	138.7	137.3	134.0	.7	5.2
Finance, insurance, and real estate.....	138.5	136.7	137.0	136.8	136.6	135.1	133.4	1.3	3.8
Services	144.1	143.6	142.3	142.3	142.1	141.0	137.9	.3	4.5

1/ Percent change was -0.3 from February 1973 to March 1973, the latest month available.

2/ Percent change was 1.0 from March 1972 to March 1973, the latest month available.

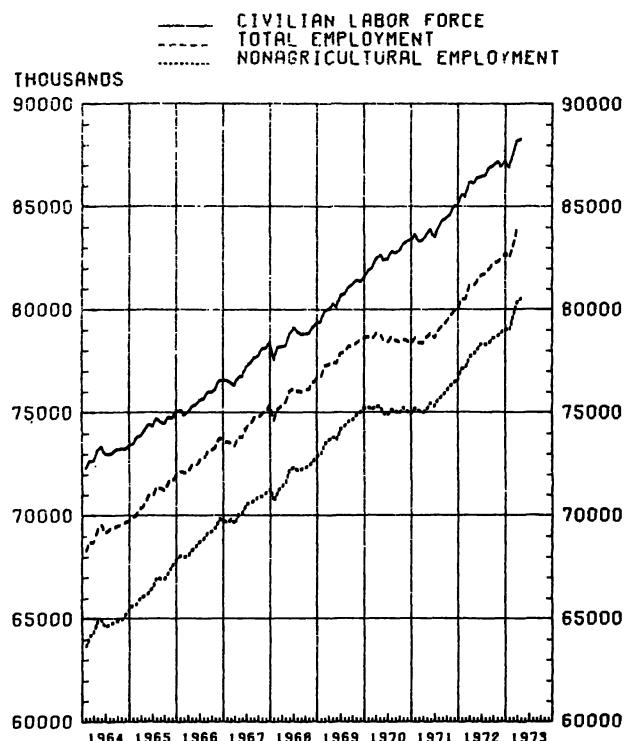
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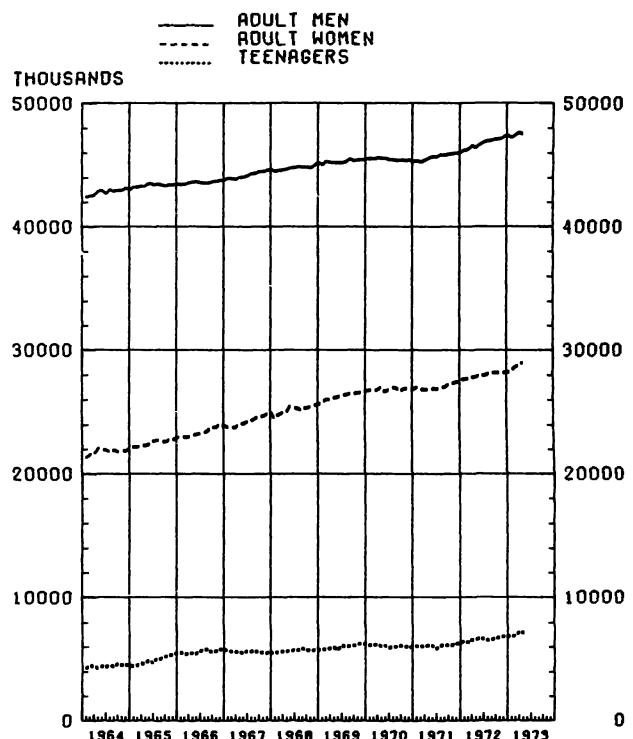
NOTE: All series are in current dollars except where indicated. The index excludes effects of two types of changes that are unrelated to underlying wage-rate developments: Fluctuations in overtime premiums in manufacturing (the only sector for which overtime data are available) and the effects of changes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

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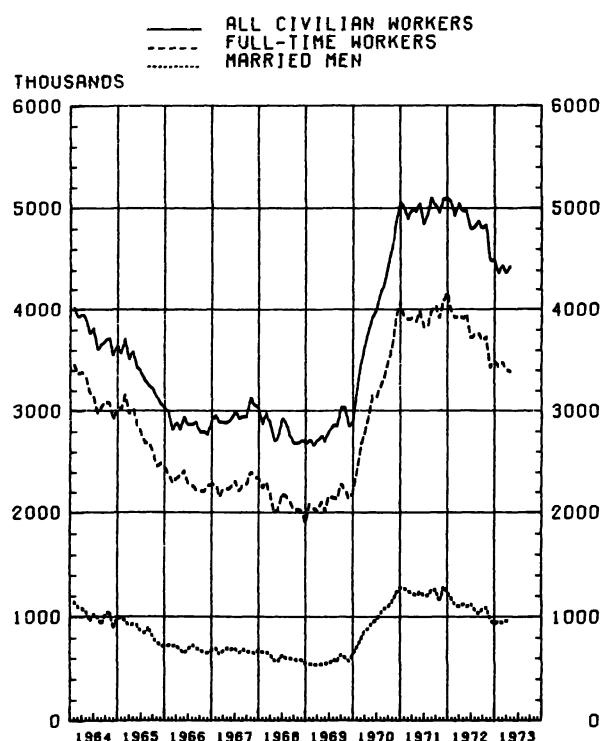
1. LABOR FORCE AND EMPLOYMENT



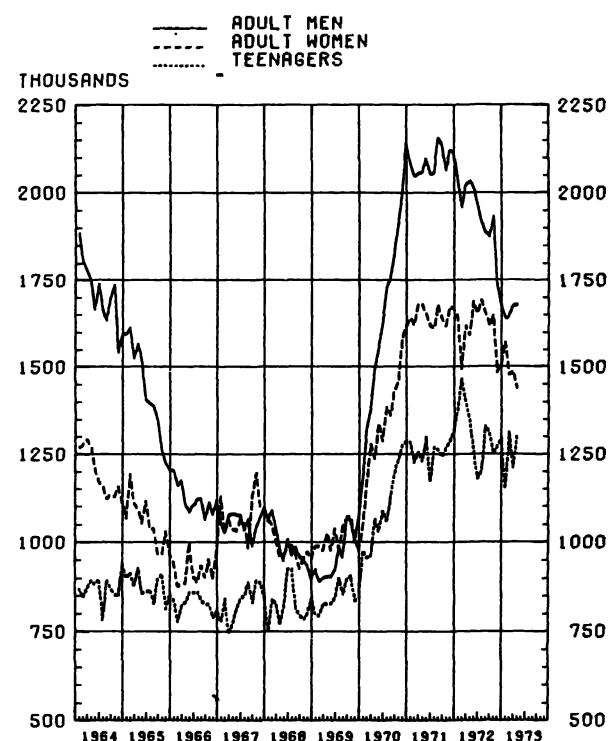
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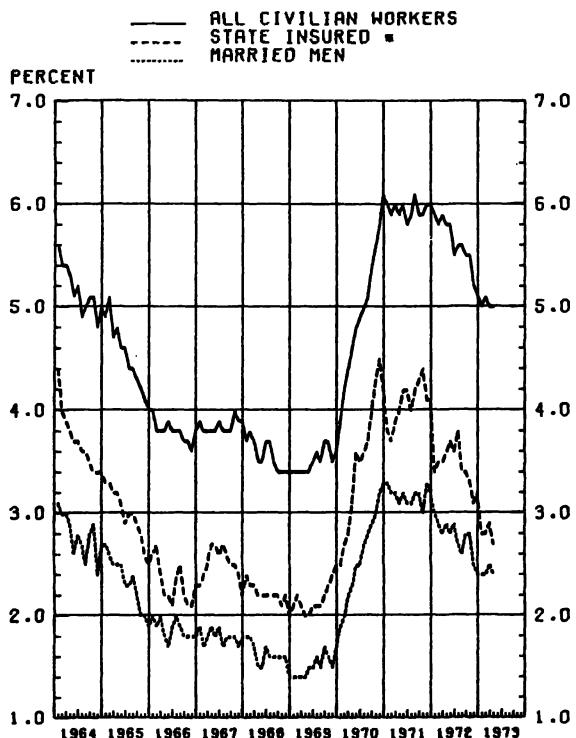


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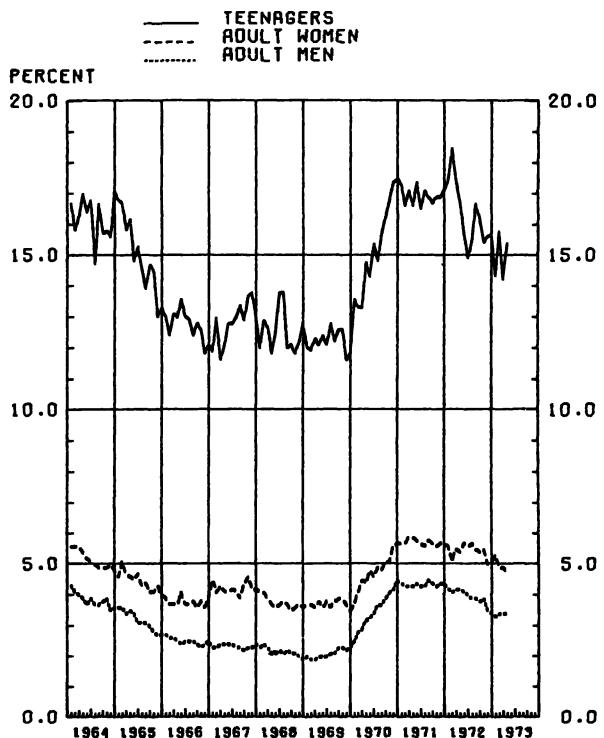


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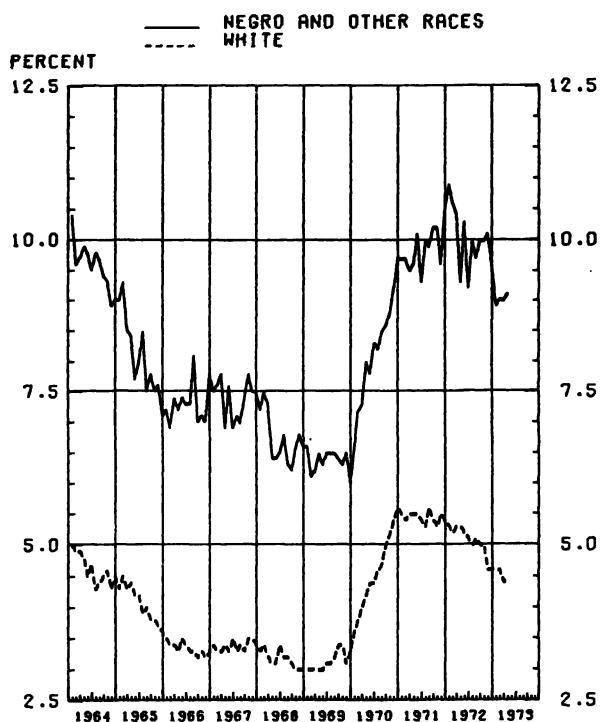
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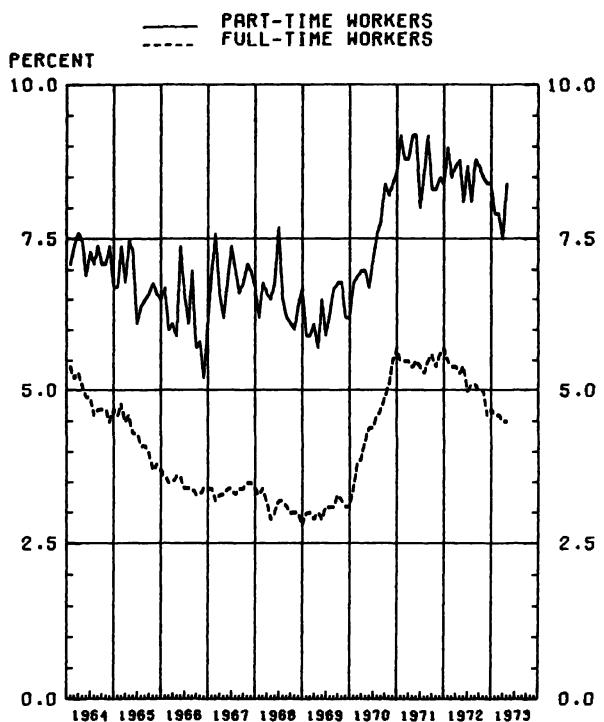
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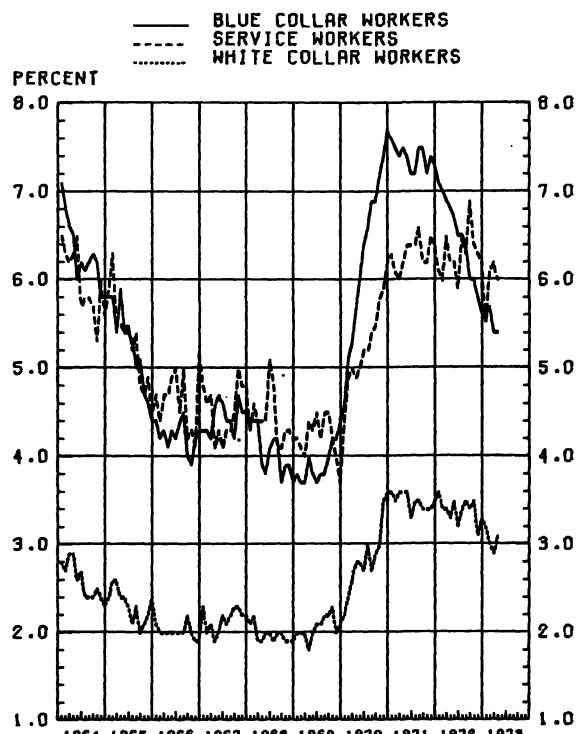
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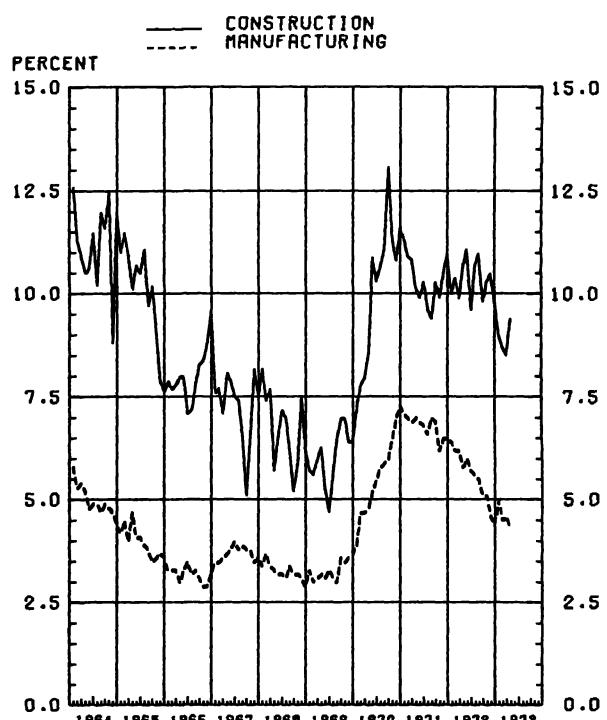
* State insured unemployment rate pertains to the week including the 12th of the month and represents the insured unemployed under State programs as a percent of average covered employment. The figures are derived from administrative records of unemployment insurance systems.

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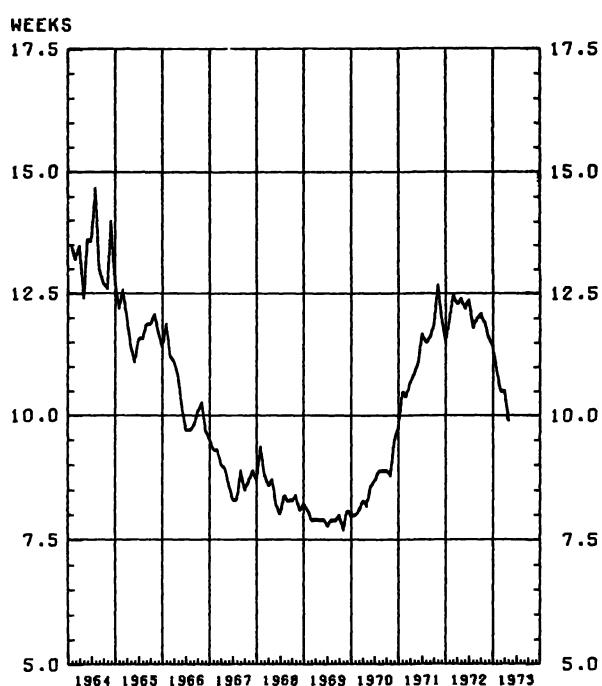
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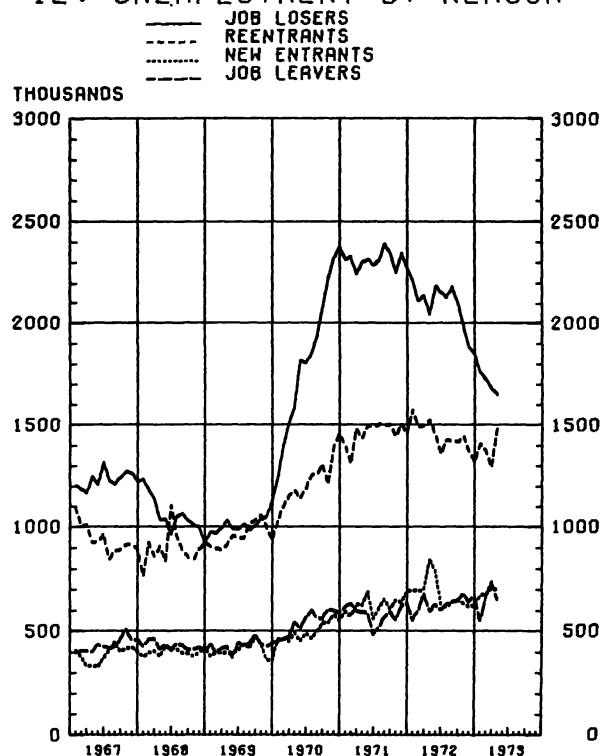
10. UNEMPLOYMENT RATES



11. AVERAGE DURATION OF UNEMPLOYMENT



12. UNEMPLOYMENT BY REASON

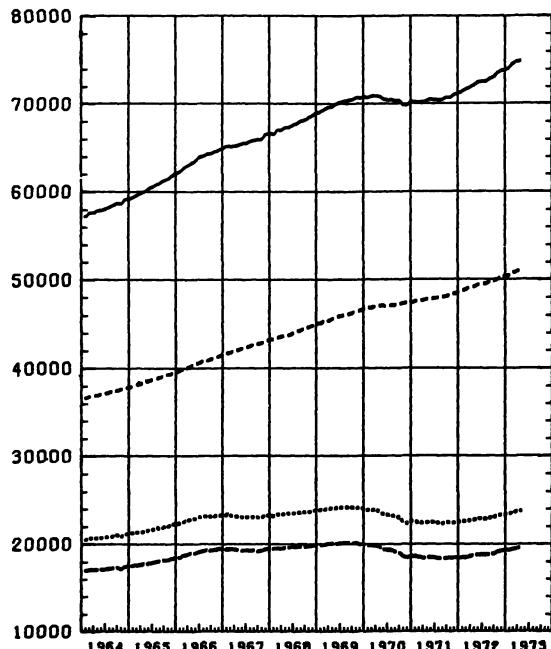


NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT AND HOURS ESTABLISHMENT DATA - SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

13. EMPLOYMENT

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 GOODS-PRODUCING
 - - - MANUFACTURING

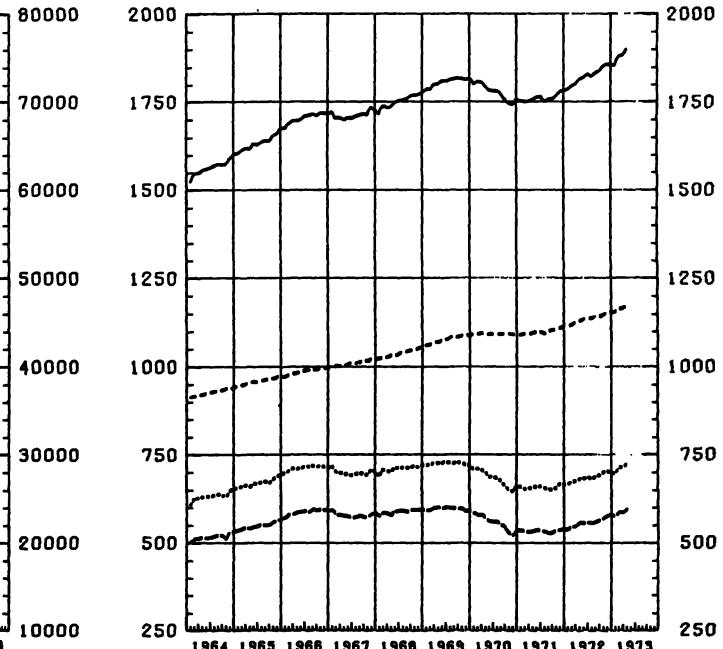
THOUSANDS



14. MAN-HOURS

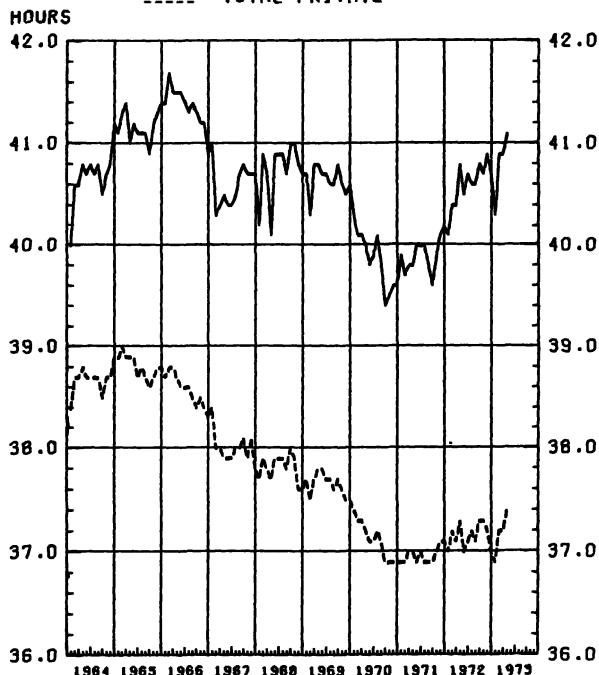
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 ----- PRIVATE SERVICE-PRODUCING
 GOODS-PRODUCING
 - - - MANUFACTURING

MILLIONS OF MAN-HOURS



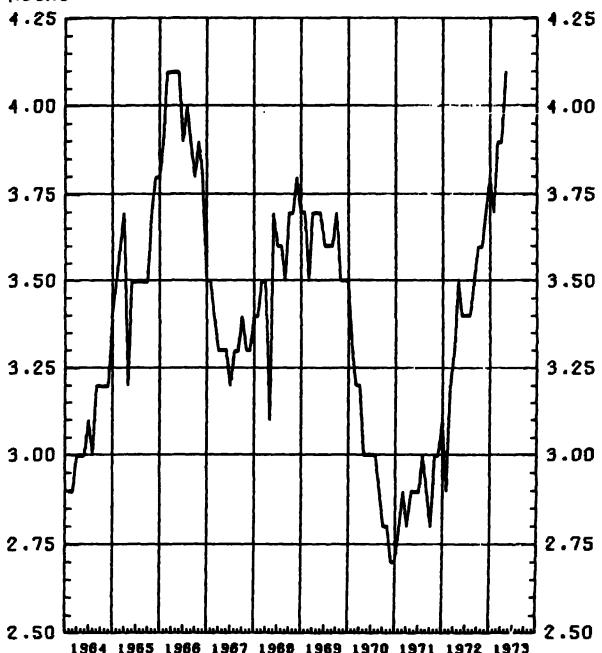
15. AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS

————— MANUFACTURING
 ----- TOTAL PRIVATE



16. AVERAGE WEEKLY OVERTIME HOURS IN MANUFACTURING

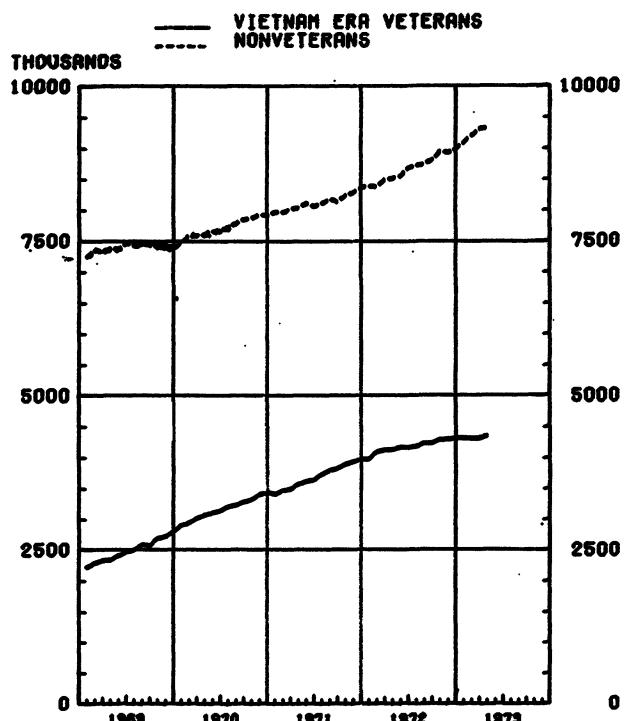
HOURS



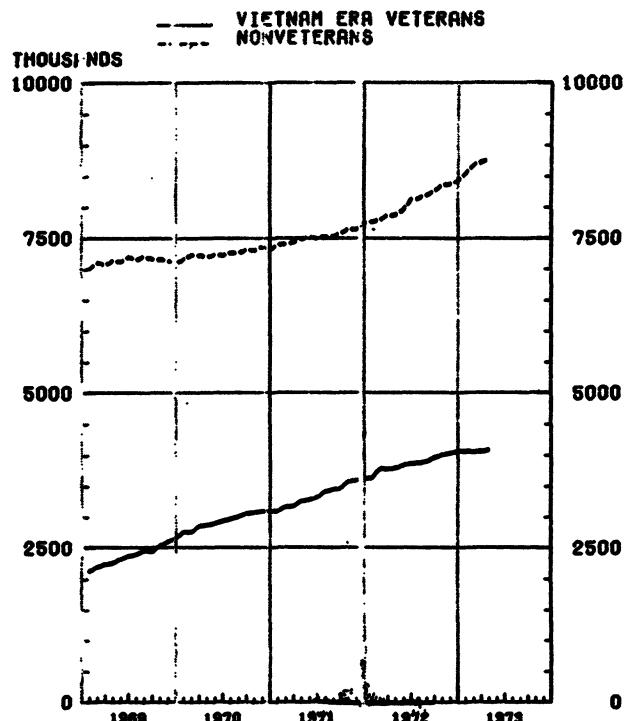
NOTE: Charts 14 and 15 relate to production or nonsupervisory workers; chart 16 relates to production workers. Data for the 2 most recent months are preliminary in charts 13-16.

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

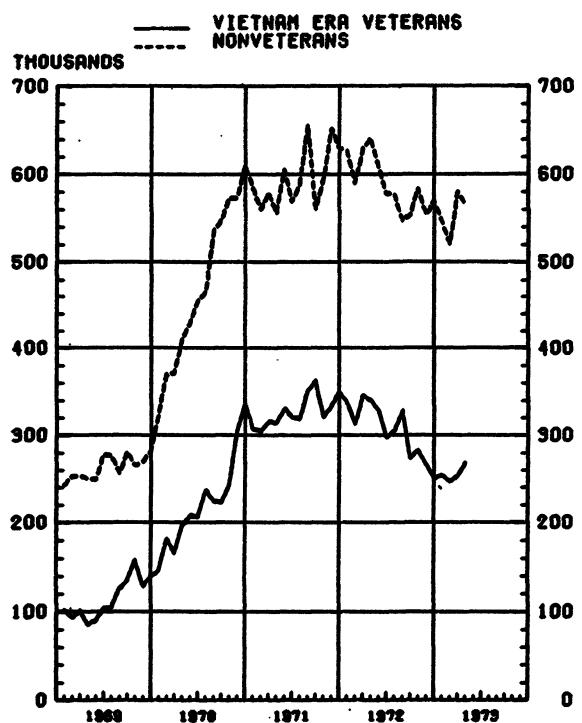
17. CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE



18. EMPLOYED



19. UNEMPLOYED



20. UNEMPLOYMENT RATE

