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THE EMPLOYMENT SITUATION: AUGUST 1973

The Nation's employment situation in August was little changed from July, the U.S. Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics reported today. The unemployment rate, at 4.8 percent, was essentially the same as it was in June and July but was substantially below the 5.6-percent level of a year earlier.

Total employment (as measured through the household survey) remained about unchanged in August at a seasonally-adjusted level of 84. 4 million. This was the second straight month in which employment did not increase, after posting particularly strong gains earlier this year. Total employment has increased by 2. 4 million since August 1972.

Nonagricultural payroll employment (as measured through the establishment survey) rose by 290,000 to 75.8 million. Since August 1972, payroll jobs have advanced by 2.8 million.

Unemployment

The number of unemployed persons in August, at 4.2 million (seasonally adjusted), and the unemployment rate, at 4.8 percent, were virtually unchanged from July. However, the jobless rate has declined from a plateau of 5 percent at which it held during the first 5 months of the year and from about 5-1/2 in mid-1972.

This stability in August was reflected in the rates for all of the major demographic groups. More specifically, jobless rates of household heads (2.8 percent), married men (2.1 percent), adult men (3.1 percent), adult women (4.9 percent), and teenagers (14.3 percent) were virtually the same as in July. There was also little change in the unemployment rates for Negro and white workers. All of these groups, however, have shown improvement over the past year. Among the major industry groups, the rate for construction workers declined from 9.6 to 8.2 percent, while there was an increase in joblessness among agricultural workers.

The average (mean) duration of unemployment was 10.0 weeks in August, up slightly from the previous month but 2 weeks below the year-ago average.

For workers covered by State unemployment insurance programs, the August unemployment rate was 2.7 percent, unchanged from July but down substantially from the 3.4-percent rate of August 1972.

Civilian Labor Force and Total Employment

The civilian labor force and total employment, at 88.7 million and 84.4 million,

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

		Qu	arterly avera	ges			Monthly dat	:8				
Selected categories		1972		19	973	June	July	Aug.				
	2nd	3rd	4th	lst	2nd	1973	1973	1973				
				(Millions	of persons)							
Civilian labor force	86.4	86.9	87.2	87.6	88.6	88.9	88.8	88.7				
Total employment	81.5	82.0	82.6	83.2	84.2	84.7	84.6	84.4				
Adult men	46.7	47.1	47.3	47.5	47.7	47.9	48.1	48.0				
Adult women	28.0	28.2	28.3	28.6	29.2	29.4	29.5	29.5				
Teenagers	6.7	6.7	6.9	7.1	7.3	7.4	7.0	7.0				
Unemployment	4.9	4.8	4.6	4.4	4.4	4.3	4.2	4.2				
		!	I	(Percent of	f labor force)	-					
Language rates		Γ		Ī	T	ſ						
Unemployment rates: All workers	5.7	5.6	5.3	5.0	4.9	4.8	4.7	4.8				
Adult men	4.1	3.9	3.6	3.4	3.4	3.2	3.0	3.1				
Adult women	5.5	5.5	5.2	5.0	4.7	4.9	4.9	4.9				
Teenagers	15.8	16.1	15.6	14.8	14.7	13.3	14.4	14.3				
White	5.2	5.0	4.7	4.5	4.4	4.3	4.1	4.2				
Negro and other races	9.6	9.9	9.9	9.0	9.0	8.5	9.3	8.7				
Household heads	3.5	3.3	3.1	2.9	2.9	2.9	2.7	2.8				
Married men	2.9	2.7	2.5	2.4	2.3	2.3	2.1	2.1				
Full-time workers	5.2	5.0	4.8	4.6	4.4	4.2	4.1	4.2				
State insured	3.6	3.5	3.1	2.9	2.7	2.8	2.7	2.7				
	(Weeks)											
Average duration of												
unemployment	12.3	12.0	11.6	10.6	9.9	9.8	9.6	10.0				
	12.5				of persons)							
		70.0	70.0			75.5	35.5	75.0				
Nonfarm payroll employment	72.5	73.0	73.8	74.6	75.3	75.5	75.5p					
Goods-producing industries Service-producing industries	23.0 49.5	23.1	23.4 50.4	23.7 50.9	24.0 51.3	24.1 51.4	24.1p 51.4p	24.1 ₁ 51.7 ₁				
Service-producing industries	49.5	49.9	30.4			31.4	21.4b	21.1				
				(Hours	of work)							
Average weekly hours:		1										
Total private nonfarm	37.2	37.2	37.2	37.1	37.2	37.1	37.2p	37.1				
Manufacturing	40.6	40.7	40.7	40.7	40.7	40.6	40.8p	40.6 ₁				
Manufacturing overtime	3.4	3.5	3.7	3.8	3.9	3.8	3.8p	3.6				
				(1967	=100)							
lourly Earnings Index, private nonfarm:												
In current dollars	136.8	138.6	141.0	142.7	145.0	146.0	146.9p	147.5g				
In constant dollars	109.8	110.2	111.1	110.8	110.3	110.4	110.9p	NA				

p= preliminary.

N.A.= not available.

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

respectively, were virtually unchanged from their July levels (after seasonal adjustment). Jobholding among adult men did show a slight decline over the month, while employment of teenagers and adult women was unchanged.

Since August a year ago, total employment has expanded by 2.4 million. Adult women made up over 1.1 million of this increase, while adult men and teenagers accounted for 900, 000 and 330, 000, respectively.

Vietnam Era Veterans

The employment situation for Vietnam Era veterans in August was much the same as it has been for the past year. The unemployment rate for the declining number of veterans 20 to 24 years of age, at 10.1 percent seasonally adjusted, remained substantially higher than the jobless rate for nonveterans of the same ages (7.0 percent in August). In contrast, jobless rates for veterans 25 to 29 years (4.1 percent) and 30 to 34 years (1.9 percent), most of whom have been discharged from the service longer, were not materially different from those of their nonveteran counterparts.

Industry Payroll Employment

Nonagricultural payroll employment increased substantially in August and after seasonal adjustment was up 290, 000 to 75. 8 million. Since August a year ago, the number of payroll jobs has risen by 2. 8 million, nearly two-thirds of them in the service-producing sector.

The July-to-August increase in payroll jobs was limited almost exclusively to the service-producing industries, which as a group posted an increase of 270, 000, the largest monthly pickup this year. This advance was paced by gains of 90, 000 in services, 75, 000 in wholesale and retail trade, and 60, 000 in State and local government jobs.

Within the goods-producing industries, employment in manufacturing was virtually unchanged in August, as a small increase in durable goods was largely offset by a decline in nondurable goods. The decrease in nondurables was primarily traceable to job cutbacks in food processing. Manufacturing employment has remained steady since June, following a sustained surge since the beginning of 1972; during this period, factory jobs expanded by 1.3 million, recovering all but 400,000 of the job loss incurred during the 1969-70 recession. Nearly all of this gain took place in the durable goods sector.

The number of construction jobs was virtually unchanged in August, after rising gradually over the previous 3 months. At 3.7 million, construction employment was up 150,000 from its August 1972 level.

Hours of Work

The average workweek for all rank-and-file workers on private nonagricultural payrolls was 37.1 hours (seasonally adjusted) in August. Average hours have been at about this level since February. The workweek in manufacturing declined by 0.2 hour in August, returning to its June 1973 level of 40.6 hours. Factory overtime hours also declined by 0.2 hour to a 1973 low of 3.6 hours, after hitting a peak of 4.1 hours in April. Average hours were unchanged from a year earlier both for all rank-and-file workers and for factory workers.

Hourly and Weekly Earnings

Hourly earnings for production or nonsupervisory personnel on private nonagricultural payrolls rose 0.3 percent from July to August on a seasonally adjusted basis. Since August 1972, hourly earnings have risen 6.8 percent. Average weekly earnings were unchanged from July (seasonally adjusted) but also showed a 6.8-percent increase since August of last year.

Before adjustment for seasonality, hourly earnings edged up 1 cent in August 1973 to an average of \$3.91. Hourly earnings have risen by 25 cents since August 1972. Average weekly earnings were \$147.02 in August, up 38 cents from July and \$9.40 from a year ago.

Hourly Earnings Index

The Bureau's Hourly Earnings Index, adjusted for inter-industry shifts, overtime hours in manufacturing, and seasonality, was 147.5 (1967=100) in August, 0.4 percent higher than in July, according to preliminary figures. The index was 6.5 percent above August a year ago. All industries recorded gains over the year, ranging from 5.5 percent in finance, insurance, and real estate to 8.9 percent in transportation and public utilities. During the 12-month period ending in July, the Hourly Earnings Index in dollars of constant purchasing power rose 0.7 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)

		ĺ	ļ	Ĺ		Seasonally adjus	red	
Employment status, age, and sex	Aug. 1972	July 1973	Aug. 1973	Aug. 1972	May 1973	June 1973	July 1973	Aug. 1973
Tetal	-						ļ	
otal labor force	90,758	93,227	92,436	89,337	90,739	91,247	91,121	90,958
ivilian labor force	88,362	90,917	90,129	86,941	88,405	88,932	88,810	88,651
Employed	83.505	86,367	85,921	82,061	84,024	84,674	84,614	84,434
Agriculture	4,031	4.165	3,826	3,610	3,275	3,403	3,516	3,44
Nonagricultural industries	79,475	82,201	82,095	78,451	80,749	81,271	81,098	80,99
On part time for economic reasons	3,117	3,015	2,882	2,439	2,258	2,503	2,414	2,29
Usually work full time	1,190	1,129	1,315	1,076	1.042	1,083	1,192	1,19
Usually work part time	1,927	1,886	1,567	1,363	1,216	1,420	1,222	1,10
Unemployed	4,857	4,550	4,208	4,880	4,381	4,258	4,196	4,21
Men, 20 years and over					}			
ivilian labor force	49,388	50,147	50,011	48,957	49,347	49,519	49,646	49,52
Employed	47,649	48,692	48,584	47,070	47,668	47,913	48,140	47,97
Agriculture	2,647	2,664	2,596	2,542	2,422	2,488	2,476	2,49
Nonagricultural industries	45,003	46,029	45,988	44,528	45,246	45,425	45,664	45,48
Unemployed	1,738	1,455	1,427	1,887	1,679	1,606	1,506	1,54
Women, 20 years and over								
ivilian labor force	29,288	30,144	30,268	29,972	30,569	30,895	31,017	30,99
Employed	27,516	28,620	28,661	28,313	29,177	29,377	29,499	29,48
Agriculture	673	781	627	597	504	535	620	55
Nonagricultural industries	26,843	27,839	28,033	27,716	28,673	28,842	28,879	28,93
Unemployed	1,772	1,524	1,608	1,659	1,392	1,518	1,518	1,50
Both sexes, 16—19 years								
ivilian labor force	9,687	10,626	9,850	8,012	8,489	8,518	8,147	8,13
Employed	8,340	9,054	8,676	6,678	7,179	7,384	6,975	6,96
Agriculture	711	720	602	471	349	380	420	39
Nonagricultural industries	7,629	8,334	8,074	6,207	6,830	7,004	6,555	6,57
Unemployed	1,347	1,572	1,174	1,334	1,310	1,134	1,172	1.16

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

(Numbers in thousands)

Full- and part-time	ļ	}			Seasonal	ly adjusted		
employment status, sex, and age	Aug. 1972	Aug. 1973	Aug. 1972	Apr. 1973	May 1973	June 1973	July 1973	Aug. 1973
Full time								
Total, 16 years and over:	ļ	1	1				1	
Civilian labor force	78,062	79,756	74,261	75,604	75,816	76,181	75,963	75,821
Employed	74,160	76,461	70,482	72,213	72,487	72,984	72,847	72,637
Unemployed	3,902	3,295	3,779	3,391	3,329	3,197	3,116	3,184
Unemployment rate	5.0	4.1	5.1	4.5	4.4	4.2	4.1	4.3
ien, 20 years and over;	ł			1	i		1	1
Civilian labor force	47,306	47,963	46,538	46,905	46,959	47,159	47,235	47,183
Employed	45,697	46,668	44,819	45,403	45,426	45,725	45,898	45,79
Unemployed	1,609	1,295	1,719	1,502	1,533	1,434	1,337	1,38
Unemployment rate	3.4	2.7	3.7	3.2	3.3	3.0	2.8	2.
omen, 20 years and over:	<u> </u>			İ	1	(1
Civilian labor force	23.625	24,420	23,438	23,926	24.031	24,259	24,256	24,251
Employed	22,185	23,151	22,114	22,752	22.948	23,078	23,094	23,082
Unemployed	1,439	1,269	1,324	1.174	1.083	1.181	1,162	1,169
Unemployment rate	6.1	5.2	5.6	4.9	4.5	4.9	4.8	4.8
Port time						j		
otal, 16 years and over:	1	i	į	1		ļ		i
Civilian labor force	10,300	10,373	12,738	12,873	12,787	12,456	12.538	12,824
Employed	9.345	9,460	11.616	11,792	11,690	11,386	11,489	11,755
Unemployed	955	913	1,122	1,081	1,097	1.070		
Unemployment rate	9.3	8.8	8.8	8.4			1,049	1,069
MOTE: Persons on part-rime achedules for eco					8,6	8,6	8.4	8.3

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

Table A-3: Major unemployment indicators

(Seasonally adjusted)

		of persons ousands)	Unemployment rates							
Selected categories	Aug. 1972	Aug. 1973	Aug. 1972	Apr. 1973	May 1973	June 1973	July 1973	Aug. 1973		
Total (all civilian workers)	4,880	4,217	5.6	5.0	5.0	4.8	4.7	4.8		
Men, 20 years and over	1.887	1.549	3.9	3.4	3.4	3.2	3.0	3.1		
Women, 20 years and over	1,659	1,506	5.5	4.7	4.6	4.9	4.9	4.9		
Both sexes, 16-19 years	1,334	1,162	16.7	15.4	15.4	13.3	14.4	14.3		
White	3,940	3,335	5.1	4.5	4.4	4.3	4.1	4.2		
Negro and other races	932	878	9.7	9.1	9,4	8.5	9.3	8.7		
Household heads	1,660	1,438	3.3	3.0	2.9	2.9	2.7	2.8		
Married men	1,040	844	2.6	2.4	2.3	2.3	2.1	2.1		
Full-time workers	3,779	3,184	5.1	4.5	4.4	4.2	4.1	4.2		
Part-time workers	1,122	1,069	8.8	8.4	8.6	8.6	8.4	8.3		
Unemployed 15 weeks and over	1,170	796	1.3	.9	.9	.9	.8	.9		
State insured ²	1,832	1,631	3.4	2.7	2.7	2.8	2.7	2.7		
Labor force time lost ³	·		6.1	5.3	5.3	5.1	5.2	5.2		
Occupation ⁴				}						
Mhite-collar workers	1,423	1,234	3.5	3.1	2.8	2.8	2.9	3.0		
Professional and technical	288	277	2.4	2.2	2.0	1.9	1.9	2.3		
Managers and administrators, except farm	149	102	1.8	1.5	1.4	1.4	1.5	1.2		
Sales workers	264	217	4.7	3.9	3.6	3.4	3.6	3.9		
Clerical workers	722	638	4.8	4.4	4.0	4.1	4.1	4.2		
llue-collar workers	1,965	1,648	6.4	5.4	5.4	5.3	5.3	5.2		
Craftsmen and kindred workers	480	447	4.3	3.7	3.6	3.5	4.1	3.8		
Operatives	972	820	6.7	5.6	5.7	5.7	5.3	5.5		
Nonfarm laborers	513	381	10.7	8.7	8.9	8.7	8.2	8.2		
Service workers	745	646	6.3	6.0	5.7	5.0	5.6	5.5		
Farm workers	87	80	2.7	3.0	3.7	2.6	1.9	2.6		
Industry ⁴										
Nonagricultural private wage and salary workers	3,626	3,070	5.8	4.9	4.9	4.7	4.7	4.7		
Construction	481	373	11.0	9.4	9.0	7.9	9.6	8.2		
Manufacturing	1,107	869	5.5	4.3	4.5	4.4	3.8	4.1		
Durable goods	609	456	5.2	3.8	4.1	3.7	3.3	3.6		
Nondurable goods	498	413	5.8	5.1	5.1	5.3	4.5	4.8		
Transportation and public utilities	188	145	3.9	2.5	2.8	3.6	2.7	3.1		
Wholesale and retail trade	1,032	940	6.6	5.7	5.6	5.2	6.0	6.0		
Finance and service industries	803	733	4.6	4.5	4.1	4.0	4.0	4.1		
Government workers	417	378	3.0	3.3	2.7	2.6	3.0	2.7		
Agricultural wage and salary workers	95	100	6.9	8.1	9.7	6.8	5.0	7.6		

¹ Unemployment rate calculated as a percent of civilian labor force.

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

(Numbers in thousands)

			Seasonally adjusted								
Duration of unemployment	Aug.	Aug.	Aug.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.			
	1972	1973	1972	1973	1973	1973	1973	1973			
.ess than 5 weeks	2,229	2,213	2,255	2,184	2,257	2,233	2,213	2,240			
	1,640	1,325	1,490	1,485	1,290	1,202	1,268	1,205			
	988	671	1,170	763	802	775	750	796			
	453	339	625	460	450	453	482	457			
	535	332	545	303	352	322	268	339			
(werage (mean) duration, in weeks	11.6	9.6	12.0	9.9	10.0	9.8	9.6	10.0			

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-5: Unemployed persons by reason for unemployment

(Numbers in thousands)

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					Seasonal	ly adjusted		.,
Reason for unemployment	Aug. 1972	Aug. 1973	Aug. 1972	Apr. 1973	May 1973	June 1973	July 1973	Aug. 1973
Number of unemployed								
Lost last job	2,006	1,477	2,185	1,652	1,597	1,713	1,584	1,609
Left last job	726	705	648	653	605	659	663 •	631
Reentered labor force	1,396	1,353	1,423	1,484	1,509	1,203	1,301	1,381
Never worked before	729	674	645	704	765	620	629	597
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	35.1	44.6	36.8	35₀7	40.8	37.9	38.2
Left last job	14.9	16.7	13-2	14.5	13.5	15.7	15.9	15.0
Reentered labor force	28.7	32.1	29.0	33.0	33.7	28.7	31.1	32.7
Never worked before	15.0	16.0	13.2	15.7	17-1	14.8	15.1.	14.2
Unemployed as a percent of the civilian lobor force								i
Lost last job	2.3	1.7	2.5	1.9	1.8	1.9	1.8	1.8
Left last job	.8	.8	.7	• 7	-7	•7	.7	• 7
Reentered labor force	1.6	1.5	1.6	1.7	1.7	1.4	1.5	1.6
Never worked before	.8	• 7	•7	.8	•9	.7	•7	.7

Table A-6: Unemployed persons by age and sex

	Thousands	of persons	Percent looking for	Seasonally adjusted unemployment rates							
Age and sex	Aug. 1972	Aug. 1973	full-time work Aug. 1973	Aug. 1972	Apr. 1973	May 1973	June 1973	July 1973	Aug. 1973		
otal, 16 years and over	4,857	4,208	78.3	5.6	5.0	5.0	4.8	4. 7	4.8		
16 to 19 years	1,347	1,174	62.3	16.7	15.4	15.4	13.3	14.4	14.3		
16 and 17 years	684	574	43.6	20.0	19.4	18.7	17-2	16.3	16.5		
18 and 19 years	663	600	80-2	14.1	12.6	13.4	10.0	12.7	12.7		
20 to 24 years	1,121	1,014	87.6	9.2	8.1	8.1	7.7	8.0	7.9		
25 years and over	2,389	2,020	83.0	3-6	3-1	3.1	3-2	3.0	3.0		
25 to 54 years	1,915	1,662	85• 5	3⊷ 7	3.3	3.2	3.3	3.0	3-1		
55 years and over	475	358	71.5	3. 7	2.5	2•5	2.6	2.8	2.8		
fales, 16 years and over	2,437	2,03	82.2	4.9	4.4	4.4	4-1	3.9	4.0		
16 to 19 years	698	608	62.0	16.2	14.7	14.7	12.8	14.0	14.1		
16 and 17 years	376	307	41.4	19.7	20.0	18.0	16.7	16.5	16.2		
18 and 19 years	322	301	83.1	13.3	10.7	12-3	9.6	11.4	12.4		
20 to 24 years	545	476	89.9	8. 8	7.9	7.8	7.4	6.9	7.4		
25 years and over	1,193	951	91.3	3.1	2.7	2.7	2.5	2.4	2.4		
25 to 54 years	918	748	94-7	3.0	2.8	2.7	2.5	2.3	2.4		
55 years and over	275	203	78.8	3.4	2.4	2.6	2.8	2.9	2.6		
emales, 16 years and over	2,420	2,174	74.7	618	6.0	5.9	5.9	5.9	5, 9		
16 to 19 years	648	566	62.4	17.3	16.2	16.3	13.9	14.9	14.5		
16 and 17 years	308	267	46.1	20.6	18.7	19.6	17.7	15.9	16.7		
18 and 19 years	341	298	77.5	15.1	14.8	14.7	10.4	14.2	13.1		
20 to 24 years	576	538	85.5	9.6	8.3	8.4	8.0	9.4	8.6		
25 years and over	1,196	1,071	75.4	4.6	3.9	3.7	4-2	3.9	4.0		
25 to 54 years	997	915	77.9	4.9	4.3	4.1	4.7	4.3	4.3		
55 years and over	199	156	60.9	4-1	2.6	2.3	2.4	2.6	3.2		

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

(Numbers in thousands)

		(Nu	mbers in thous	inds)					
_		1		1		Seesona	My adjusted		
Employment status	Aug. 1972	July 1973	Aug. 1973	Aug. 1972	Apr. 1973	May 1973	June 1973	July 1973	Aug. 1973
VETERANS ¹									
Total, 20 to 29 years									1
Civilian noninstitutional population ² Civilian labor force Employed Unemployed Unemployment rate	4,574 4,293 3,991 302 7.0	4,687 4,426 4,189 237 5.4	4,695 4,429 4,183 246 5.6	4,574 4,247 3,918 329 7.7	4,675 4,370 4,101 269 6.2	4,681 4,349 4,093 256 5.9	4,682 4,380 4,118 262 6.0	4,687 4,343 4,100 243 5.6	4,695 4,376 4,110 266 6.1
20 to 24 years								}	
Civilian noninstitutional population ²	1,913 1,755 1,572 183 10.4	1,652 1,504 1,378 126 8.4	1,626 1,476 1,345 131 8.9	1,913 1,737 1,532 205 11.8	1,741 1,598 1,453 145 9.1	1,713 1,556 1,420 136 8.7	1,681 1,551 1,388 163 10.5	1,652 1,470 1,347 123 8.4	1,626 1,458 1,311 147 10.1
25 to 29 years					-	ļ			
Civilian noninstitutional population ²	2,661 2,538 2,419 119 4.7	3,035 2,922 2,811 111 3.8	3,069 2,953 2,838 115 3.9	2,661 2,510 2,386 124 4.9	2,934 2,772 2,648 124 4.5	2,968 2,793 2,673 120 4.3	3,001 2,829 2,730 99 3.5	3,035 2,873 2,753 120 4.2	3,069 2,918 2,799 119 4,1
Total, 30 to 34 years									
Civilian noninstitutional population ² Civilian labor force Employed Unemployed Unemployed	730 711 695 16 2.2	1,031 1,003 985 18 1.8	1,060 1,027 1,010 17	730 705 687 18 2.6	946 919 893 26 2.8	974 939 920 19 2.0	1,003 983 960 23 2.3	1,031 1,005 990 15 1.5	1,060 1,018 999 19
NONVETERANS									
Total, 20 to 29 years		1			ļ	ĺ			
Civilian noninstitutional population ² Civilian labor force Employed Unemployed Unemployment rate	10,121 9,186 8,688 498 5,4	10,797 9,997 9,449 548 5.5	10,853 9,928 9,412 516 5.2	10,121 8,764 8,217 547 6,2	10,604 9,348 8,781 567 6.1	10,662 9,457 8,851 606 6,4	10,745 9,390 8,866 524 5.6	10,797 9,437 8,906 531 5.6	10,853 9,444 8,879 565 6.0
20 to 24 years		İ							
Civilian noninstitutional population ³	6,113 5,366 5,003 363 6.8	6,675 6,078 5,697 381 6.3	6,718 5,996 5,651 345 5.8	6,113 4,954 4,550 404 8.2	6,499 5,461 5,041 420 7.7	6,549 5,541 5,119 422 7.6	6,629 5,499 5,135 364 6.6	6,675 5,520 5,165 355 6.4	6,718 5,521 5,137 384 7.0
25 to 29 years		į					-		
Civilian noninstitutional population ² Civilian labor force Employed Unemployed Unemployment rate	4,008 3,820 3,685 135 3.5	4,122 3,919 3,752 167 4.3	4,135 3,932 3,761 171 4.3	4,008 3,810 3,667 143 3.8	4,105 3,887 3,740 147 3.8	4,113 3,916 3,732 184 4.7	4,116 3,891 3,731 160 4.1	4,122 3,917 3,741 176 4.5	4,135 3,923 3,742 181 4.6
Total, 30 to 34 years			,						
Civilian noninstitutional population ²	3,424 3,300 3,206 94 2.8	3,621 3,506 3,436 70 2.0	3,633 3,506 3,427 79 2.3	3,424 3,298 3,198 100 3.0	3,565 3,428 3,335 93 2.7	3,586 3,462 3,363 99 2.9	3,599 3,480 3,406 74 2.1	3,621 3,516 3,446 70 2.0	3,633 3,504 3,420 84 2.4

Vietnam Era veterans are those who served after August 4, 1964. At present, of the Vietnam Era veterans of all ages, 74 percent are 20 to 29 years of age and 17 percent are 30 to 34 years of age. Post-Korean-peacetime veterans 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,

(in thousands)

···				(In thousands	· 					
	Aug.	June	July_	Aug.	Change	e from		Seasonally	y adjusted	Change from
Industry	1972	1973	1973 ^p	Aug. 1973 ^P	Aug. 1972	July 1973	June 1973	July 1973 ^P	Aug. 1973 ^p	July 1973
TOTAL	72,975	76, 308	75, 404	75,743	2,768	339	75, 526	75, 515	75,807	292
GOODS-PRODUCING	23,601	24, 481	24,301	24,610	1,009	309	24, 139	24, 108	24, 132	24
MINING	616	642	644	647	31	3	629	631	633	2
CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION	3,838	3,837	3,933	3,994	156	61	3,654	3,679	3,688	9
MANUFACTURING	19,147 14,023	20,002 14,739	19,724 14,460	19,969 14,686	822 663	245 226	19,856 14,614	19,798 14,564	19,811 14,564	13 0
Production workers	10,930 7,953	11,755 8,665	11,602 8,508	11,658 8,557	728 604	56 49	11,654 8,573	11,639 8,560	11,672 8,587	33 27
Ordnance and accessories Lumber and wood products Furniture and fixtures Stone, clay, and glass products Primary metal industries Fabricated metal products Machinery, except electrical Electrical equipment Transportation equipment Instruments and related products Miscellaneous manufacturing	191. 7 632. 9 500. 8 679. 9 1, 243. 5 1, 376. 0 1, 856. 9 1, 833. 9 1, 714. 7 462. 2 437. 6	191. 7 648. 5 527. 6 708. 3 1, 331. 8 1, 468. 5 2, 054. 1 2, 007. 5 1, 882. 3 494. 8 439. 4	1,440.6 2,033.2 1,991.7	192. 1 648. 7 530. 5 713. 7 1, 317. 9 1, 454. 8 2, 051. 1 1, 997. 4 1, 808. 0 500. 4 443. 3	. 4 15. 8 29. 7 33. 8 74. 4 78. 8 194. 2 163. 5 93. 3 38. 2 5. 7	3 5. 5 17. 3 4. 6 -4. 3 14. 2 17. 9 5. 7 -29. 7 8. 6 16. 0	192 628 527 693 1,308 1,457 2,040 2,008 1,871 494 436	193 627 523 697 1,308 1,458 2,037 2,008 1,860 492 436	192 629 527 696 1,315 1,456 2,068 1,997 1,862 498 432	-1 2 4 -1 7 -2 31 -11 2 6
NONDURABLE GOODS · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	8,217 6,070	8,247 6,074	8,122 5,952	8,311 6,129	94 59	189 177	8,202 6,041	8,159 6,004	8,139 5,977	-20 -27
rood and kindred products Tobacco manufactures Textile mill products Apparel and other textile products Paper and allied products Printing and publishing Chemicals and allied products Petroleum and coal products Rubber and plastics products, nec Leather and leather products	1,870.4 77.7 996.6 1,344.5 705.8 1,078.0 1,006.7 193.4 631.0	1,725.4 68.5 1,035.8 1,364.7 727.2 1,100.2 1,038.1 189.8 691.6 305.5	67.2 1,009.0 1,269.0 716.5 1,096.6	1,823.5 78.5 1,020.3 1,344.8 724.2 1,091.8 1,040.3 191.6 695.5 300.7	-46. 9 .8 23. 7 .3 18. 4 13. 8 33. 6 -1. 8 64. 5 -11. 8	63.6 11.3 11.3 75.8 7.7 -4.8 6 0 14.3	1,729 76 1,024 1,351 719 1,100 1,030 186 687 300	1,720 76 1,023 1,318 716 1,100 1,034 186 689 297	1,696 71 1,017 1,335 718 1,094 1,031 187 695 295	-24 -5 -6 17 2 -6 -3 1 6
SERVICE-PRODUCING	49,374	51,827	51, 103	51,133	1,759	30	51, 387	51,407	51,675	268
TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC UTILITIES	4,527	4,661	4,654	4,656	129	2	4,597	4, 599	4,614	15
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE.	15,691	16, 335	16,241	16,273	582	32	16, 262	16,273	16,346	73
WHOLESALE TRADE		4,096 12,239	4,110 12,131	4, 145 12, 128	171 411	35 -3	4,072 12,190	4,069 12,204	4,108 12,238	39 34
FINANCE, INSURANCE, AND REAL ESTATE	3,995	4,089	4,112	4,123	128	11	4,049	4,047	4,066	19
SERVICES	12,481	12,999	12,985	13,024	543	39	12,820	12,831	12,921	90
GOVERNMENT	12,680 2,644	13,743 2,631	13,111	13,057	377 -13	-54 -1	13,659 2,613	13,657 2,603	13,728 2,613	71 10
STATE AND LOCAL	10,036	11,112	10,479	10,426	390	-53	11,046	11,054	-	61

p = preliminary.

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

		_			Change	from		Seasonally	adjusted	
Industry	Aug. 1972	June 1973	July 1973P	Aug. 1973 P	Aug. 1972	July 1973	June 1973	July 1973 P	Aug. 1973 P	Change from July 1973
TOTAL PRIVATE.	37.6	37.4	37.6	37.6	0. 0	0. 0	37. 1	37. 2	37. 1	-0. 1
MINING	42.7	42.9	42.7	. 43.3	. 6	. 6	42. 5	42. 5	43. 1	.6
CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION	38. 2	38. 1	38. 5	38. 3	. 1	<u>2</u>	37, 4	37.6	37.1	5
MANUFACTURING	40.6 3.6	40. 9 3. 9	40.6 3.7	40.6 3.7	0 . 1	0	40.6 3.8	40. 8 3. 8	40.6 3.6	2 2
DURABLE GOODS	41. 1 3. 6	41.7 4.2	41.2 3.9	41.2 3.9	. 1	0 0	41.4 4.0	41.5 4.1	41.4 3.9	1 2
Ordnance and accessories Lumber and wood products Furniture and fixtures Stone, clay, and glass products Primary metal industries Fabricated metal products Machinery, except electrical Electrical equipment Transportation equipment Instruments and related products Miscellaneous manufacturing	42. 6 41. 4 41. 0 42. 4 41. 5 41. 3 41. 8 40. 4 40. 4 39. 6	42. 1 41. 5 40. 4 42. 6 42. 3 42. 0 42. 6 40. 3 42. 5 40. 6 39. 0	42. 0 40. 6 39. 6 42. 5 42. 3 41. 3 41. 8 39. 6 42. 1 40. 4 38. 4	41. 8 41. 2 40. 0 42. 5 42. 3 41. 4 42. 1 40. 0 41. 3 40. 3 38. 9	8 2 -1. 0 . 1 . 8 . 1 . 3 5 1 7	2 .6 .4 0 0 .1 .3 .4 8 1	41.9 40.9 40.1 42.2 41.9 41.5 42.5 40.1 41.9 40.5 38.9	42.5 40.7 40.0 42.3 42.4 41.5 42.3 40.1 42.4 40.8 38.9	41. 8 41. 0 39. 5 42. 0 42. 4 41. 3 42. 5 40. 0 42. 3 40. 5 38. 7	7 . 3 5 3 0 2 . 2 1 1 3 2
NONDURABLE GOODS · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	40.0 3.5	39. 8 3. 4	39. 7 3. 4	39. 7 3. 5	3 0	0 . 1	39.6 3.3	39. 6 3. 4	39. 4 3. 3	2 1
Food and kindred products	40. 9 38. 4 41. 4 36. 3 43. 2 38. 1 41. 5 42. 0 41. 4 38. 9	40. 3 38. 4 41. 2 36. 1 42. 8 37. 9 42. 1 42. 0 40. 9 38. 7	40. 7 37. 6 40. 7 36. 0 42. 6 37. 8 41. 8 43. 0 40. 6 38. 5	41. 0 40. 3 40. 8 35. 8 42. 6 37. 8 41. 9 42. 7 40. 7 38. 1	.1 1.9 6 5 6 3 .4 .7 7	.3 2.7 .1 2 0 0 .1 3 .1	40. 1 37. 8 40. 8 36. 0 42. 7 37. 8 42. 0 41. 7 40. 7 38. 1	40. 3 37. 8 41. 0 35. 9 42. 6 37. 7 42. 0 42. 4 40. 9 38. 0	40. 4 39. 7 40. 7 35. 5 42. 4 37. 6 42. 2 42. 5 40. 6 38. 1	.1 1.9 3 4 2 1 .2 .1
TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC UTILITIES	40.8	40.9	41. 1	40.9	. 1	2	40, 7	40.7	40.7	0
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE.	35. 9	35. 2	35. 7	35.6	3	1	34. 9	34. 8	34.7	1
WHOLESALE TRADE · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	39. 8 34. 7	39. 6 33. 8	39. 8 34. 4	39. 5 34. 3	3 4	3 1	39. 5 33. 5	39. 6 33. 3	39. 3 33. 2	3 1
FINANCE, INSURANCE, AND REAL ESTATE	37. 2	37. 1	37.3	37.4	. 2	. 1	37. 1	37. 2	37. 3	. 1
SERVICES	34. 6	34. 4	34.8	34. 9	. 3	. 1	34.4	34, 2	34.4	. 2

Data 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 8-3: Average hourly and weekly earnings of production or nonsupervisory workers¹ on private nonagricultural payrolls, by industry

			Average hor	urly earning	.				Average wee	ekly earnings		
Industry	Aug.	June	July_	Aug.	Change	e from	Aug.	June	July _	Anσ.	Change	e from
·	1972	1973	1973 P	1973 P	Aug. 1972	July 1973	1972	1973	1973 P	Aug. 1973 p	Aug. 1972	July 1973
TOTAL PRIVATE	\$3.66 3.67	\$ 3. 87 3. 87	\$3.90 3.91	\$3.91 3.92	\$ 0. 25 . 25	\$0.01 .01	\$137.62 136.16	\$ 144. 74 143. 58	\$ 146,64 145,45	\$147.02 145.43	\$9.40 9.27	\$0.38 02
MINING	4.37	4.67	4.70	4.69	. 32	01	186.60	200.34	200.69	203.08	16.48	2.39
CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION	6.03	6.35	6.39	6.45	. 42	. 06	230.35	241.94	246.02	247.04	16.69	1.02
MANUFACTURING	3.80	4.04	4.07	4.07	. 27	0	154.28	165.24	165.24	165.24	10.96	0
DURABLE GOODS	4.04	4.30	4.32	4.33	. 29	. 01	166.04	179.31	177.98	178.40	12.36	.42
Ordnance and accessories	4.10 3.33 3.08 3.96 4.69	4.22 3.61 3.25 4.17 4.96	4.28 3.60 3.26 4.21 5.01	4.30 3.62 3.28 4.20 5.12	. 20 . 29 . 20 . 24	. 02 . 02 . 02 01	174.66 137.86 126.28 167.90 194.64	177.66 149.82 131.30 177.64 209.81	179.76 146.16 129.10 178.93 211.92	179.74 149.14 131.20 178.50 216.58	5.08 11.28 4.92 10.60 21.94	02 2.98 2.10 43 4.66
Fabricated metal products Machinery, except electrical Electrical equipment	3.99 4.26 3.68	4.24 4.50 3.83	4.24 4.51 3.86	4.23 4.53 3.90	. 24 . 27 . 22	01 . 02 . 04	164.79 178.07 149.04	178.08 191.70 154.35	175.11 188.52 152.86	175.12 190.71 156.00	10.33 12.64 6.96	.01 2.19 3.14
Transportation equipment Instruments and related products Miscellaneous manufacturing	4.71 3.71 3.08	5.05 3.84 3.27	5.06 3.87 3.27	5.06 3.87 3.27	.35 .16 .18	0 0	190.28 149.88 122.36	214.63 155.90 127.53	213.03 156.35 125.57	208.98 155.96 127.20	18.70 6.08 4.84	-4.05 .39 1.63
NONDURABLE GOODS · · · · · · · · ·	3, 47	3.66	3.70	3.70	. 23	0	138.80	145.67	146.89	146.89	8. 09	0
Food and kindred products Tobacco manufactures	3.57 3.38 2.73 2.61 3.97 4.49 4.23 4.23 2.70	3.82 3.91 2.90 2.75 4.16 4.68 4.46 5.24 3.75 2.80	3. 82 4. 01 2. 89 2. 74 4. 23 4. 70 4. 48 5. 27 3. 82 2. 79	3. 84 3. 73 2. 92 2. 78 4. 25 4. 71 4. 49 5. 28 3. 80 2. 81	. 27 . 35 . 19 . 17 . 28 . 22 . 26 . 34 . 17	. 02 28 . 03 . 04 . 02 . 01 . 01 . 01 02 . 02	146.01 129.79 113.02 94.74 171.50 171.07 175.55 207.48 150.28 105.03	153. 95 150. 14 119. 48 99. 28 178. 05 177. 37 187. 77 220. 08 153. 38 108. 36	155.47 150.78 117.62 98.64 180.20 177.66 187.26 226.61 155.09 107.42	157.44 150.32 119.14 99.52 181.05 178.04 £88.13 225.46 154.66 107.06	11. 43 20. 53 6. 12 4. 78 9. 55 6. 97 12. 58 17. 98 4. 38 2. 03	1.97 46 1.52 .88 .85 .38 .87 -1.15 43 36
TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC UTILITIES	4.70	4.99	5.04	5. 12	. 42	. 08	191.76	204.09	207.14	209.41	17.65	2.27
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE	3. 01	3.19	3. 20	3.20	. 19	0	108.06	112.29	114.24	113.92	5.86	32
WHOLESALE TRADE	3. 86 2. 70	4.10 2.86	4.13 2.86	4.13 2.86	. 27 . 16	0 0	153.63 93.69	162.36 96.67	164. 37 98. 38	163.14 98.10	9.51 4.41	-1.23 28
FINANCE, INSURANCE, AND REAL ESTATE	3.44	3.58	3.61	3,61	. 17	o	127.97	132.82	134.65	135.01	7.04	. 36
SERVICES	3.14	3.34	3, 36	3.34	.20	02	108.64	114.90	116.93	116.57	7.93	36

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)													
			A	M	June	JulyP	Aug.P	Percent ch	ange from				
Industry	Aug. 1972	Mar. 1973	Apr. 1973	May 1973	1973	1973	1973	Aug. 1972- Aug. 1973	July 1973- Aug. 1973				
Total private nonfarm:													
Current dollars	138.5	143.3	144.4	144.7	146.0	146.9	147.5	6.5	.4				
Constant (1967) dollars	110.2	110.4	110.5	110.1	110.4	110.9	NA.	<u>1</u> /	<u>2</u> /				
Mining	137.7	142.5	144.0	144.8	146.2	147.7	147.0	6.8	5				
Contract construction	147.0	152.6	153.4	153.7	155.4	156.1	156.9	6.7	.5				
Manufacturing	136.1	140.4	141.1	141.8	142.7	143.7	144.6	6.3	.6				
Transportation and public utilities	145.1	152.1	154.6	153.5	155.0	155.8	158.0	8.9	1.4				
Wholesale and retail trade	135.5	140.2	141.2	141.7	142.9	143.7	144.2	6.4	.3				
Finance, insurance, and real estate	133.8	136.9	139.1	138.5	139.5	140.8	141.1	5.5	.2				
Services	138.4	143.6	144.7	144.7	146.3	147.4	146.5	5.8	6				

[/] Percent change was 0.7 from July 1972 to July 1973, the latest month available. / Percent change was 0.4 from June 1973 to July 1973, the latest month available.

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.

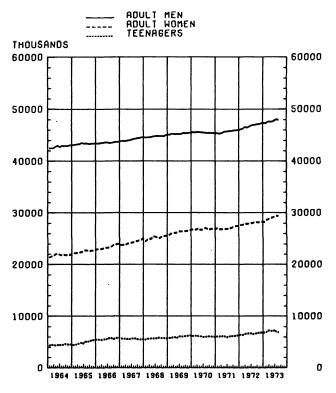
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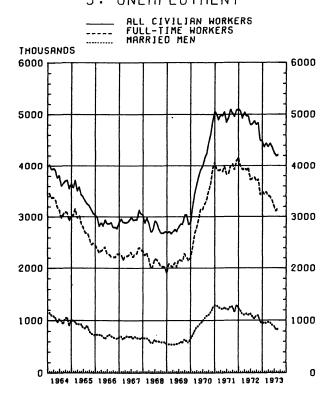
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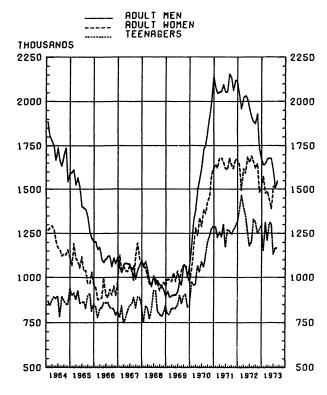
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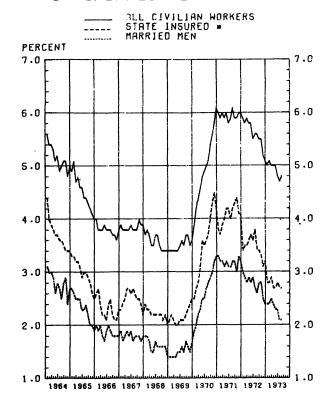


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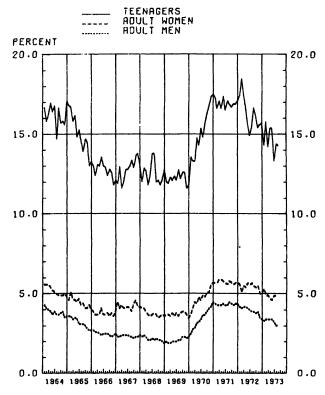


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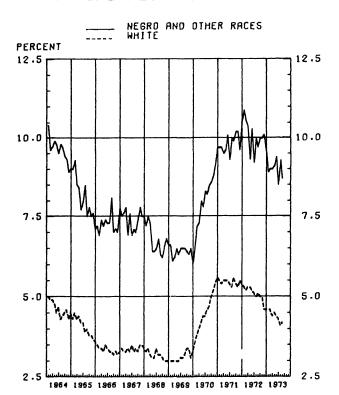
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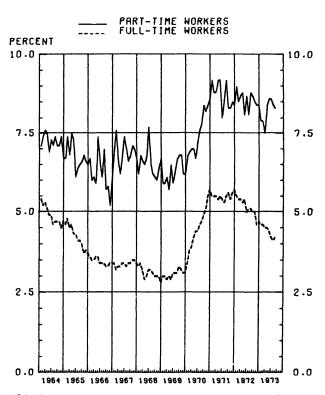
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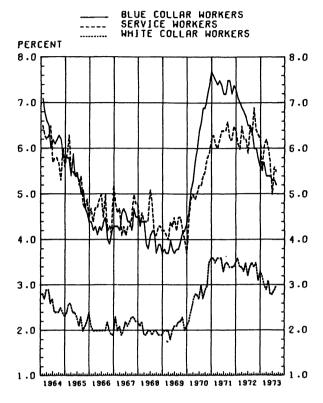
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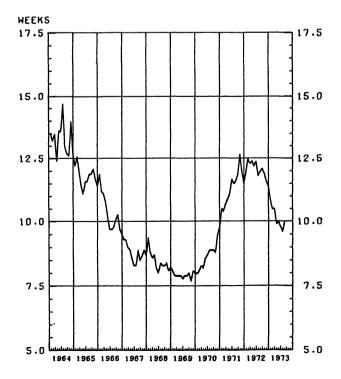
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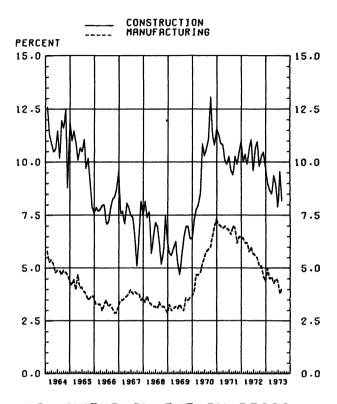
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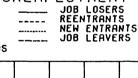
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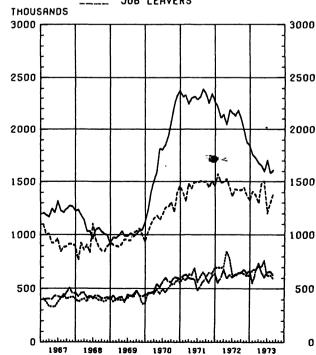


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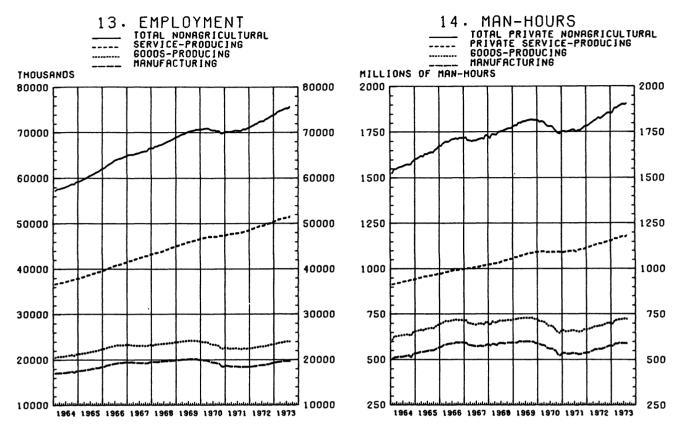


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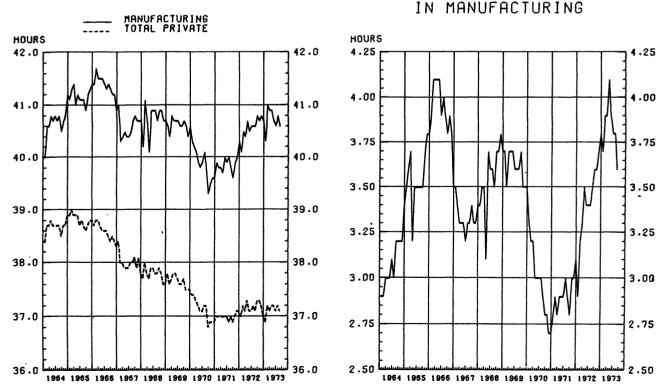




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15. AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS 16. AVERAGE WEEKLY OVERTIME HOURS

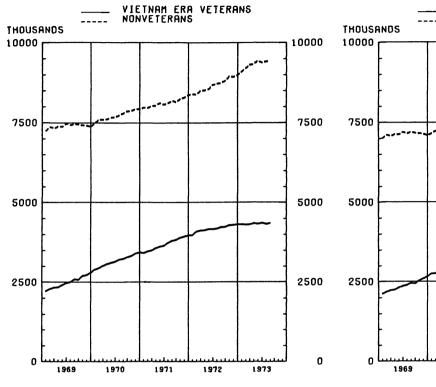


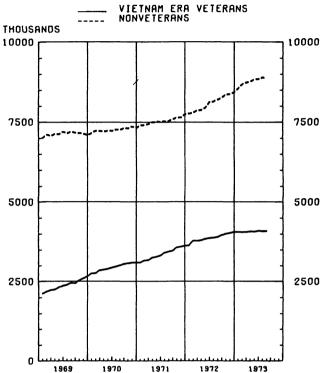
NOTE: Charts 14 and 15 relate to production or nonsupervisory workers; chart 16 relates to production workers. Data for the 2 most recent months are preliminary in charts 13-16.

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17. CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE

18. EMPLOYED





19. UNEMPLOYED

20. UNEMPLOYMENT RATE

