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THE EMPLOYMENT SITUATION: SEPTEMBER 1973

Employment rose sharply in September, while unemployment remained unchanged, it was announced today by the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U. S. Department of Labor. The Nation's unemployment rate was 4.8 percent, essentially the same as in June, July, and August but well below the 5.5-percent level of September a year ago.

Total employment (as measured by the household survey) advanced by 700,000 to a seasonally adjusted level of 85.1 million. This was the first monthly increase since June. Over the past year, total employment has risen by 2-3/4 million persons.

The number of nonagricultural payroll jobs (as measured by the establishment survey) rose by 190,000 to 75.9 million in September. Payroll employment was up by 2.6 million from last September.

Unemployment

The number of unemployed persons was essentially unchanged in September at close to 4.3 million (seasonally adjusted). Since September a year ago, however, unemployment declined by about 500,000.

Just as the overall unemployment rate held steady in September, there was also little or no movement in the unemployment rates for all of the major labor force groups. Jobless rates for household heads (2.7 percent), married men (2.1 percent), adult men (3.1 percent), adult women (4.8 percent), and teenagers (14.4 percent) were virtually the same in September as in the previous 3 months. The rates for white and Negro workers--4.2 and 9.4 percent, respectively--have also shown little change in recent months. Similarly, there were no significant changes among the major occupational and industry categories in September, with the exception of the unemployment rates for construction and agricultural workers, groups whose rates tend to fluctuate widely from month to month. However, jobless rates for practically every labor force group were below year-ago levels.

The unemployment rate of workers covered by State unemployment insurance programs remained at 2.7 percent in September. It has held fairly constant at this

level since April 1973 but was well below the year-ago figure of 3.3 percent.

The average (mean) duration of unemployment declined from 10.0 to 9.4 weeks from August to September, reaching its lowest level in nearly 3 years.

Civilian Labor Force and Total Employment

The civilian labor force, which usually declines sharply in September as young persons leave the labor market to return to school, fell less than seasonally and, after

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

Selected categories	Quarterly averages					Monthly data		
	1972		1973			July 1973	Aug. 1973	Sept. 1973
	3rd	4th	1st	2nd	3rd			
	(Millions of persons)							
Civilian labor force	86.9	87.2	87.6	88.6	89.0	88.8	88.7	89.4
Total employment	82.0	82.6	83.2	84.2	84.7	84.6	84.4	85.1
Adult men	47.1	47.3	47.5	47.7	48.1	48.1	48.0	48.1
Adult women	28.2	28.3	28.6	29.2	29.5	29.5	29.5	29.5
Teenagers	6.7	6.9	7.1	7.3	7.1	7.0	7.0	7.5
Unemployment	4.8	4.6	4.4	4.4	4.2	4.2	4.2	4.3
	(Percent of labor force)							
Unemployment rates:								
All workers	5.6	5.3	5.0	4.9	4.8	4.7	4.8	4.8
Adult men	3.9	3.6	3.4	3.4	3.1	3.0	3.1	3.1
Adult women	5.5	5.2	5.0	4.7	4.9	4.9	4.9	4.8
Teenagers	16.1	15.6	14.8	14.7	14.4	14.4	14.3	14.4
White	5.0	4.7	4.5	4.4	4.2	4.1	4.2	4.2
Negro and other races	9.9	9.9	9.0	9.0	9.1	9.3	8.7	9.4
Household heads	3.3	3.1	2.9	2.9	2.7	2.7	2.8	2.7
Married men	2.7	2.5	2.4	2.3	2.1	2.1	2.1	2.1
Full-time workers	5.0	4.8	4.6	4.4	4.2	4.1	4.2	4.2
State insured	3.5	3.1	2.9	2.7	2.7	2.7	2.7	2.7
	(Weeks)							
Average duration of unemployment	12.0	11.6	10.6	9.9	9.7	9.6	10.0	9.4
	(Millions of persons)							
Nonfarm payroll employment	73.0	73.8	74.6	75.3	75.7p	75.5	75.7p	75.9p
Goods-producing industries	23.1	23.4	23.7	24.0	24.2p	24.1	24.2p	24.2p
Service-producing industries	49.9	50.4	50.9	51.3	51.5p	51.4	51.5p	51.7p
	(Hours of work)							
Average weekly hours:								
Total private nonfarm	37.2	37.2	37.1	37.2	37.1p	37.2	37.0p	37.2p
Manufacturing	40.7	40.7	40.7	40.7	40.7p	40.7	40.5p	40.9p
Manufacturing overtime	3.5	3.7	3.8	3.9	3.7p	3.8	3.6p	3.7p
	(1967=100)							
Hourly Earnings Index, private nonfarm:								
In current dollars	138.6	141.0	142.7	145.0	147.7p	146.9	147.5p	148.6p
In constant dollars	110.2	111.1	110.8	110.3	NA	110.9	109.2p	NA

p= preliminary.
N.A.= not available.

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

after seasonal adjustment, was up 750, 000 to 89. 4 million. Most of the increase occurred among teenagers (580, 000) .

Employment, likewise, declined less than it usually does between August and September and, after adjustment for seasonality, rose 700, 000 to 85.1 million. The employment expansion was dominated by teenagers, but adult men also posted a gain. As a further indication of the teenage contribution to the September employment picture, three-fourths of the over-the-month increase was in voluntary part-time employment.

Since September a year ago, total employment has increased by about 2. 8 million persons. Adult women registered 1. 2 million of this pickup, with adult men (900, 000) and teenagers (630, 000) accounting for the balance.

Vietnam Era Veterans

The unemployment rate for Vietnam Era veterans 20 to 24 years of age declined from 10.1 to 7. 6 percent in September. Their rate continued to be higher than that of nonveterans of the same age (6.5 percent) and those of older Vietnam Era veterans. The unemployment rate for veterans 25 to 29 years of age was unchanged over the month, while that for veterans 30 to 34 increased.

Industry Payroll Employment

Nonagricultural payroll jobs continued to expand in September, posting a seasonally adjusted gain of 190, 000. At 75. 9 million, total payroll jobs have advanced by 2. 6 million since September a year ago.

Nearly all of the August-to-September increase in nonfarm jobs was recorded in the service-producing industries, paced by increases of 85, 000 in services, 50, 000 in government, and 35, 000 in trade. Since last September, service-producing employment has expanded by 1. 7 million, continuing the strong rate of growth evident since early 1972.

Employment in the goods-producing industries had also risen steadily since early 1972 but has shown hardly any growth during the last 3 months. Manufacturing employment in September was essentially unchanged for the second consecutive month, as a 25, 000 increase in the durable goods sector was largely offset by a decline in nondurable goods. Employment in contract construction has also shown little change in recent months.

Hours of Work

The average workweek for production or nonsupervisory workers was up 0. 2 hour to 37. 2 hours in September, after seasonal adjustment. However, except for small

monthly fluctuations, there has been little change in average hours since the beginning of last year.

The average workweek in manufacturing, which had been receding since hitting a peak of 41.0 hours in February, rose by 0.4 hour in September to 40.9 hours. Factory overtime increased slightly--by 0.1 hour--but at 3.7 hours was still below the peak levels of last spring.

Hourly and Weekly Earnings

Average hourly earnings of production or nonsupervisory workers on nonagricultural payrolls rose 0.5 percent from August to September, seasonally adjusted. Since September a year ago, hourly earnings have risen 6.8 percent. Weekly earnings rose 1.0 percent from August to September (seasonally adjusted) and have advanced by 6.5 percent from their year-earlier level.

Before adjustment for seasonality, average hourly earnings increased by 6 cents in September to \$3.97. This relatively large increase is in line with normal August-to-September movements and reflects the exit from payrolls of many young people who had lower-paying summer jobs. Since September 1972, hourly earnings have risen by 25 cents. Weekly earnings averaged \$148.08 in September, up \$1.45 from August and \$8.95 from a year earlier.

Hourly Earnings Index

The Bureau's Hourly Earnings Index, adjusted for inter-industry shifts, overtime hours in manufacturing, and seasonality, was 148.6 (1967=100) in September, 0.7 percent higher than in August, according to preliminary figures. The index was 6.6 percent above September a year ago. All industries recorded gains over the year, ranging from 5.3 percent in finance, insurance, and real estate to 9.1 percent in transportation and public utilities. During the 12-month period ending in August, the Hourly Earnings Index in dollars of constant purchasing power declined 0.9 percent.

Quarterly Labor Force Developments

The number of persons in the labor force continued to increase in the third quarter of 1973, although at a slower pace than over the past 2 years. The third-quarter rise of about 400,000 was more than matched by an expansion in total employment (over a half million), resulting in a slight reduction in the jobless rate to 4.8 percent. The unemployment rate has shown some improvement in every quarter since late 1971.

(See table A-8.)

Among the persons outside the labor force, there was a noticeable decline in the

number of "discouraged workers"--those who want work but are not seeking jobs because they think their search would be in vain. (See table A-9.)

Civilian Labor Force

The moderate labor force growth recorded in the third quarter was largely the result of normal population growth, as the overall participation rate remained unchanged at 60.8 percent. Among the major age-sex groups, the participation rate for adult women rose slightly (from 44.4 to 44.7 percent), and that for teenagers declined (from 54.2 to 52.7 percent). The increase in participation for women was in line with their historical trend, while the decline for teenagers was an interruption of the strong upward movement evident since early 1971.

Employment and Unemployment

Total employment increased by more than 500,000 in the third quarter. All of the rise took place among adult men and women, as the number of employed teenagers declined slightly. At 84.7 million, the employment level was equivalent to 57.9 percent of the civilian noninstitutional population 16 years of age and over. This ratio of employment to civilian population has been rising steadily since mid-1971.

The number of unemployed declined by 125,000 to 4.2 million in the third quarter, and the overall jobless rate edged down from 4.9 to 4.8 percent, its eighth consecutive quarterly decline. However, the only statistically significant quarterly decline in unemployment among the three major age-sex groups was registered by adult men; their rate fell from 3.4 to 3.1 percent, its lowest point since the second quarter of 1970.

Persons Not in the Labor Force

With the overall labor force participation rate remaining the same over the quarter, the number of persons not in the labor force increased in line with normal population growth to 57.3 million. Among these persons, the number reporting some desire to work "now" (although not currently looking for a job) declined from 4.8 to 4.4 million (seasonally adjusted) in the third quarter, returning to 1972 levels. (See table A-9.)

The majority of these 4.4-million nonparticipants cited either school attendance, ill health, or family responsibilities as reasons for not seeking work. However, 630,000 were reported as not looking for a job because they believed they could not find one. The number of such "discouraged workers," which has been fluctuating roughly in line with the underlying trend in unemployment, was down from 790,000 in the previous quarter.

Negro-White Developments

The Negro labor force, which had been growing at a relatively slow pace since early 1972 (when account is taken of the population control adjustments described in the

note to table A-8), posted a substantial gain in the third quarter, increasing by 165, 000 or 1. 7 percent. In contrast, the number of whites in the labor force rose by only 0. 3 percent. Reflecting these developments, the civilian labor force participation rate of Negroes rose, from 59.9 to 60. 5 percent, while that for whites remained at 60. 9 percent.

Both Negroes and whites experienced employment gains in the third quarter. Although black employment growth was proportionally greater, the number of unemployed held steady, while whites registered a decline. The Negro jobless rate therefore remained at the 9-percent mark for the second straight quarter, whereas the rate for whites continued to recede, reaching 4. 2 percent. As a result, the ratio of their unemployment rates increased slightly to 2. 2 to 1. Except for a narrowing during the 1969-71 cyclical downturn and initial stages of recovery, the Negro-white jobless rate ratio has generally held at 2 to 1 or more since the Korean War period.

About 170, 000 Negroes were classified as discouraged workers in the third quarter, accounting for about one-fourth of the total number of discouraged. Thus, although only a little over one-tenth of the Nation's population and labor force are Negro, they make up over a fifth of the total jobless and an even greater proportion of discouraged workers.

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

Employment status, age, and sex	Sept. 1972	Aug. 1973	Sept. 1973	Seasonally adjusted				
				Sept. 1972	June 1973	July 1973	Aug. 1973	Sept. 1973
Total								
Total labor force	89,098	92,436	91,298	89,471	91,247	91,121	90,958	91,694
Civilian labor force	86,693	90,129	89,006	87,066	88,932	88,810	88,651	89,403
Employed	82,034	85,921	84,841	82,256	84,674	84,614	84,434	85,127
Agriculture	3,658	3,826	3,436	3,579	3,403	3,516	3,443	3,370
Nonagricultural industries	78,376	82,095	81,406	78,677	81,271	81,098	80,991	81,757
On part time for economic reasons	2,243	2,882	2,218	2,347	2,503	2,414	2,299	2,318
Usually work full time	1,107	1,315	1,126	1,070	1,083	1,192	1,190	1,090
Usually work part time	1,136	1,567	1,092	1,277	1,420	1,222	1,109	1,228
Unemployed	4,658	4,208	4,165	4,810	4,258	4,196	4,217	4,276
Men, 20 years and over								
Civilian labor force	49,083	50,011	49,738	49,071	49,519	49,646	49,528	49,667
Employed	47,480	48,584	48,426	47,196	47,913	48,140	47,979	48,132
Agriculture	2,682	2,596	2,528	2,612	2,488	2,476	2,491	2,462
Nonagricultural industries	44,798	45,988	45,898	44,584	45,425	45,664	45,488	45,670
Unemployed	1,603	1,427	1,312	1,875	1,606	1,506	1,549	1,535
Women, 20 years and over								
Civilian labor force	30,028	30,268	31,099	29,908	30,895	31,017	30,992	31,023
Employed	28,231	28,661	29,455	28,827	29,377	29,499	29,486	29,538
Agriculture	606	627	539	567	535	620	556	505
Nonagricultural industries	27,624	28,033	28,917	27,720	28,842	28,879	28,930	29,033
Unemployed	1,797	1,608	1,644	1,621	1,518	1,518	1,506	1,485
Both sexes, 16-19 years								
Civilian labor force	7,582	9,850	8,169	8,087	8,515	8,147	8,131	8,713
Employed	6,324	8,676	6,960	6,773	7,384	6,975	6,969	7,457
Agriculture	370	602	369	400	380	420	396	403
Nonagricultural industries	5,953	8,074	6,591	6,373	7,004	6,555	6,573	7,054
Unemployed	1,258	1,174	1,210	1,314	1,134	1,172	1,162	1,256

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

Full- and part-time employment status, sex, and age	Sept. 1972	Sept. 1973	Seasonally adjusted					
			Sept. 1972	May 1973	June 1973	July 1973	Aug. 1973	Sept. 1973
Full time								
Total, 16 years and over:								
Civilian labor force	74,168	75,949	74,275	75,816	76,181	75,963	75,821	76,056
Employed	70,828	73,039	70,572	72,487	72,984	72,847	72,637	72,837
Unemployed	3,340	2,909	3,703	3,329	3,197	3,116	3,184	3,219
Unemployment rate	4.5	3.8	5.0	4.4	4.2	4.1	4.2	4.2
Men, 20 years and over:								
Civilian labor force	46,689	47,381	46,574	46,959	47,159	47,235	47,183	47,233
Employed	45,263	46,256	44,872	45,426	45,725	45,898	45,798	45,889
Unemployed	1,426	1,125	1,702	1,533	1,434	1,337	1,385	1,344
Unemployment rate	3.1	2.4	3.7	3.3	3.0	2.8	2.9	2.8
Women, 20 years and over:								
Civilian labor force	23,546	24,309	23,337	24,031	24,259	24,256	24,251	24,107
Employed	22,221	23,096	22,084	22,948	23,078	23,094	23,082	22,958
Unemployed	1,325	1,213	1,253	1,083	1,181	1,162	1,169	1,149
Unemployment rate	5.6	5.0	5.4	4.5	4.9	4.8	4.8	4.8
Part time								
Total, 16 years and over:								
Civilian labor force	12,525	13,058	12,931	12,787	12,456	12,538	12,824	13,519
Employed	11,207	11,802	11,811	11,690	11,386	11,489	11,755	12,447
Unemployed	1,318	1,256	1,120	1,097	1,070	1,049	1,069	1,072
Unemployment rate	10.5	9.6	8.7	8.6	8.6	8.4	8.3	7.9

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

(Seasonally adjusted)

Selected categories	Number of persons (In thousands)		Unemployment rates					
	Sept. 1972	Sept. 1973	Sept. 1972	May 1973	June 1973	July 1973	Aug. 1973	Sept. 1973
Total (all civilian workers)	4,810	4,276	5.5	5.0	4.8	4.7	4.8	4.8
Men, 20 years and over	1,875	1,535	3.8	3.4	3.2	3.0	3.1	3.1
Women, 20 years and over	1,621	1,485	5.4	4.6	4.9	4.9	4.9	4.8
Both sexes, 16-19 years	1,314	1,256	16.2	15.4	13.3	14.4	14.3	14.4
White	3,857	3,340	5.0	4.4	4.3	4.1	4.2	4.2
Negro and other races	957	949	10.0	9.4	8.5	9.3	8.7	9.4
Household heads	1,665	1,388	3.3	2.9	2.9	2.7	2.8	2.7
Married men	1,095	842	2.8	2.3	2.3	2.1	2.1	2.1
Full-time workers	3,703	3,219	5.0	4.4	4.2	4.1	4.2	4.2
Part-time workers	1,120	1,072	8.7	8.6	8.6	8.4	8.3	7.9
Unemployed 15 weeks and over ¹	1,134	778	1.3	.9	.9	.8	.9	.9
State insured ²	1,739	1,627	3.3	2.7	2.8	2.7	2.7	2.7
Labor force time lost ³	--	--	5.8	5.3	5.1	5.2	5.2	5.1
Occupation⁴								
White-collar workers	1,390	1,240	3.4	2.8	2.8	2.9	3.0	2.9
Professional and technical	274	280	2.3	2.0	1.9	1.9	2.3	2.3
Managers and administrators, except farm	139	109	1.7	1.4	1.4	1.5	1.2	1.2
Sales workers	266	202	4.7	3.6	3.4	3.6	3.9	3.6
Clerical workers	711	649	4.7	4.0	4.1	4.1	4.2	4.2
Blue-collar workers	1,816	1,624	6.0	5.4	5.3	5.3	5.2	5.1
Craftsmen and kindred workers	451	441	4.0	3.6	3.5	4.1	3.8	3.7
Operatives	913	789	6.3	5.7	5.7	5.3	5.5	5.2
Nonfarm laborers	452	394	9.5	8.9	8.7	8.2	8.2	8.1
Service workers	815	693	6.9	5.7	5.0	5.6	5.5	5.8
Farm workers	87	71	2.7	3.7	2.6	1.9	2.6	2.4
Industry⁵								
Nonagricultural private wage and salary workers ⁵	3,497	3,098	5.6	4.9	4.7	4.7	4.7	4.8
Construction	427	457	9.8	9.0	7.9	9.6	8.2	9.9
Manufacturing	1,040	909	5.1	4.5	4.4	3.8	4.1	4.2
Durable goods	567	524	4.8	4.1	3.7	3.3	3.6	4.1
Nondurable goods	473	385	5.5	5.1	5.3	4.5	4.8	4.4
Transportation and public utilities	183	137	3.9	2.8	3.6	2.7	3.1	2.9
Wholesale and retail trade	1,032	878	6.6	5.6	5.2	6.0	6.0	5.6
Finance and service industries	801	699	4.6	4.1	4.0	4.0	4.1	3.9
Government workers	446	429	3.2	2.7	2.6	3.0	2.7	3.0
Agricultural wage and salary workers	111	75	8.2	9.7	6.8	5.0	7.6	5.8

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

(Numbers in thousands)

Duration of unemployment	Sept. 1972	Sept. 1973	Seasonally adjusted					
			Sept. 1972	May 1973	June 1973	July 1973	Aug. 1973	Sept. 1973
Less than 5 weeks	2,611	2,447	2,312	2,257	2,233	2,213	2,240	2,167
5 to 14 weeks	1,111	1,075	1,395	1,290	1,202	1,268	1,205	1,351
15 weeks and over	937	643	1,134	802	775	750	796	778
15 to 26 weeks	438	380	590	450	453	482	457	489
27 weeks and over	499	264	544	352	322	268	339	289
Average (mean) duration, in weeks	11.3	8.7	12.1	10.0	9.8	9.6	10.0	9.4

Table A-5: Unemployed persons by reason for unemployment

(Numbers in thousands)								
Reason for unemployment	Sept. 1972	Sept. 1973	Seasonally adjusted					
			Sept. 1972	May 1973	June 1973	July 1973	Aug. 1973	Sept. 1973
Number of unemployed								
Lost last job	1,718	1,355	2,102	1,597	1,713	1,584	1,609	1,659
Left last job	777	791	653	605	659	663	631	666
Reentered labor force	1,539	1,414	1,422	1,509	1,203	1,301	1,381	1,308
Never worked before	624	605	656	765	620	629	597	637
Percent distribution								
Total unemployed	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Lost last job	36.9	32.5	43.5	35.7	40.8	37.9	38.1	38.9
Left last job	16.7	19.0	13.5	13.5	15.7	15.9	15.0	15.6
Reentered labor force	33.0	33.9	29.4	33.7	28.7	31.1	32.7	30.6
Never worked before	13.4	14.5	13.6	17.1	14.8	15.1	14.2	14.9
Unemployed as a percent of the civilian labor force								
Lost last job	2.0	1.5	2.4	1.8	1.9	1.8	1.8	1.9
Left last job9	.9	.8	.7	.7	.7	.7	.7
Reentered labor force	1.8	1.6	1.6	1.7	1.4	1.5	1.6	1.5
Never worked before7	.7	.8	.9	.7	.7	.7	.7

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					
	Sept. 1972	Sept. 1973		Sept. 1972	May 1973	June 1973	July 1973	Aug. 1973	Sept. 1973
			Sept. 1973						
Total, 16 years and over	4,658	4,165	69.8	5.5	5.0	4.8	4.7	4.8	4.8
16 to 19 years	1,258	1,210	47.2	16.2	15.4	13.3	14.4	14.3	14.4
16 and 17 years	620	610	26.7	19.3	18.7	17.2	16.3	16.5	16.9
18 and 19 years	639	600	68.0	14.1	13.4	10.0	12.7	12.7	12.8
20 to 24 years	1,109	1,020	79.8	9.0	8.1	7.7	8.0	7.9	7.9
25 years and over	2,291	1,935	78.8	3.5	3.1	3.2	3.0	3.0	2.9
25 to 54 years	1,880	1,600	81.1	3.6	3.2	3.3	3.0	3.1	3.0
55 years and over	411	335	67.6	3.1	2.5	2.6	2.8	2.8	2.6
Males, 16 years and over	2,239	1,900	73.7	4.8	4.4	4.1	3.9	4.0	3.9
16 to 19 years	636	588	46.9	15.7	14.7	12.8	14.0	14.1	13.7
16 and 17 years	354	294	26.2	20.0	18.0	16.7	16.5	16.2	15.2
18 and 19 years	282	294	67.7	12.7	12.3	9.6	11.4	12.4	12.8
20 to 24 years	538	460	79.3	8.6	7.8	7.4	6.9	7.4	7.0
25 years and over	1,065	851	89.4	3.0	2.7	2.5	2.4	2.4	2.4
25 to 54 years	815	651	93.4	2.9	2.7	2.5	2.3	2.4	2.3
55 years and over	250	200	76.5	3.4	2.6	2.8	2.9	2.6	2.8
Females, 16 years and over	2,420	2,265	66.6	6.6	5.9	5.9	5.9	5.9	6.0
16 to 19 years	623	621	47.7	16.9	16.3	13.9	14.9	14.5	15.3
16 and 17 years	265	316	27.5	18.3	19.6	17.7	15.9	16.7	19.0
18 and 19 years	357	306	68.3	15.9	14.7	10.4	14.2	13.1	12.8
20 to 24 years	571	559	80.5	9.6	8.4	8.0	9.4	8.6	8.9
25 years and over	1,226	1,084	70.4	4.5	3.7	4.2	3.9	4.0	3.8
25 to 54 years	1,065	949	72.5	4.9	4.1	4.7	4.3	4.3	4.1
55 years and over	161	135	55.6	2.7	2.3	2.4	2.6	3.2	2.4

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

Employment status	(Numbers in thousands)								
	Sept. 1972	Aug. 1973	Sept. 1973	Seasonally adjusted					
	Sept. 1972	Aug. 1973	Sept. 1973	Sept. 1972	May 1973	June 1973	July 1973	Aug. 1973	Sept. 1973
VETERANS¹									
Total, 20 to 29 years									
Civilian noninstitutional population ²	4,596	4,695	4,706	4,596	4,681	4,682	4,687	4,695	4,706
Civilian labor force	4,283	4,429	4,374	4,255	4,349	4,380	4,343	4,376	4,341
Employed	4,043	4,183	4,169	3,981	4,093	4,118	4,100	4,110	4,107
Unemployed	240	246	205	274	256	262	243	266	234
Unemployment rate	5.6	5.6	4.7	6.4	5.9	6.0	5.6	6.1	5.4
20 to 24 years									
Civilian noninstitutional population ²	1,897	1,626	1,602	1,897	1,713	1,681	1,652	1,626	1,602
Civilian labor force	1,713	1,476	1,446	1,699	1,556	1,551	1,470	1,458	1,430
Employed	1,574	1,345	1,350	1,541	1,420	1,388	1,347	1,311	1,321
Unemployed	139	131	96	158	136	163	123	147	109
Unemployment rate	8.1	8.9	6.6	9.3	8.7	10.5	8.4	10.1	7.6
25 to 29 years									
Civilian noninstitutional population ²	2,699	3,069	3,104	2,699	2,968	3,001	3,035	3,069	3,104
Civilian labor force	2,570	2,953	2,928	2,556	2,793	2,829	2,873	2,918	2,911
Employed	2,469	2,838	2,819	2,440	2,673	2,730	2,753	2,799	2,786
Unemployed	101	115	109	116	120	99	120	119	125
Unemployment rate	3.9	3.9	3.7	4.5	4.3	3.5	4.2	4.1	4.2
Total, 30 to 34 years									
Civilian noninstitutional population ²	753	1,060	1,089	753	974	1,003	1,031	1,060	1,089
Civilian labor force	735	1,027	1,069	737	939	983	1,005	1,018	1,077
Employed	722	1,010	1,041	716	920	960	990	999	1,032
Unemployed	13	17	28	21	19	23	15	19	45
Unemployment rate	1.8	1.7	2.6	2.8	2.0	2.3	1.5	1.9	4.2
NONVETERANS									
Total, 20 to 29 years									
Civilian noninstitutional population ²	10,155	10,853	10,914	10,155	10,662	10,745	10,797	10,853	10,914
Civilian labor force	8,841	9,928	9,546	8,833	9,457	9,390	9,437	9,444	9,537
Employed	8,305	9,412	9,036	8,278	8,851	8,866	8,906	8,879	9,007
Unemployed	536	516	510	555	606	524	531	565	530
Unemployment rate	6.1	5.2	5.3	6.3	6.4	5.6	5.6	6.0	5.6
20 to 24 years									
Civilian noninstitutional population ²	6,140	6,718	6,770	6,140	6,549	6,629	6,675	6,718	6,770
Civilian labor force	5,041	5,996	5,607	5,036	5,541	5,499	5,520	5,521	5,599
Employed	4,642	5,651	5,243	4,635	5,119	5,135	5,165	5,137	5,233
Unemployed	399	345	364	401	422	364	355	384	366
Unemployment rate	7.9	5.8	6.5	8.0	7.6	6.6	6.4	7.0	6.5
25 to 29 years									
Civilian noninstitutional population ²	4,015	4,135	4,144	4,015	4,113	4,116	4,122	4,135	4,144
Civilian labor force	3,800	3,932	3,939	3,797	3,916	3,891	3,917	3,923	3,938
Employed	3,663	3,761	3,793	3,643	3,732	3,731	3,741	3,742	3,774
Unemployed	137	171	146	154	184	160	176	181	164
Unemployment rate	3.6	4.3	3.7	4.1	4.7	4.1	4.5	4.6	4.2
Total, 30 to 34 years									
Civilian noninstitutional population ²	3,439	3,633	3,645	3,439	3,586	3,599	3,621	3,633	3,645
Civilian labor force	3,321	3,506	3,510	3,326	3,462	3,480	3,516	3,504	3,504
Employed	3,224	3,427	3,448	3,206	3,363	3,406	3,446	3,420	3,427
Unemployed	97	79	62	120	99	74	70	84	77
Unemployment rate	2.9	2.3	1.8	3.6	2.9	2.1	2.0	2.4	2.2

¹ 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-peace-time 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 A-8. Employment status of the civilian noninstitutional population 16 years and over,
by sex, age, and color, seasonally adjusted quarterly averages**

Characteristic	(Numbers in thousands)								
	1971		1972				1973		
	3rd	4th	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	1st	2nd	3rd
Total									
Civilian noninstitutional population ¹	140,118	140,830	142,344	143,006	143,674	144,281	144,942	145,606	146,266
Civilian labor force	84,303	84,974	85,809	86,391	86,867	87,175	87,586	88,562	88,955
As percent of population	60.2	60.3	60.3	60.4	60.5	60.4	60.4	60.8	60.8
Employment	79,277	79,922	80,797	81,474	82,033	82,567	83,190	84,205	84,725
As percent of population	56.6	56.8	56.8	57.0	57.1	57.2	57.4	57.8	57.9
Unemployment	5,026	5,052	5,012	4,917	4,834	4,608	4,396	4,357	4,230
Unemployment rate ²	6.0	5.9	5.8	5.7	5.6	5.3	5.0	4.9	4.8
Males, 20 years and over									
Civilian noninstitutional population ¹	58,481	58,805	59,330	59,662	59,953	60,212	60,518	60,797	61,078
Civilian labor force	48,029	48,163	48,400	48,714	48,994	49,120	49,162	49,390	49,614
As percent of population	82.1	81.9	81.6	81.6	81.7	81.6	81.2	81.2	81.2
Employment	45,911	46,063	46,393	46,707	47,102	47,337	47,507	47,734	48,084
As percent of population	78.5	78.3	78.2	78.3	78.6	78.6	78.5	78.5	78.7
Unemployment	2,118	2,100	2,007	2,007	1,892	1,783	1,655	1,655	1,530
Unemployment rate ²	4.4	4.4	4.1	4.1	3.9	3.6	3.4	3.4	3.1
Females, 20 years and over									
Civilian noninstitutional population ¹	66,601	66,894	67,676	67,932	68,232	68,529	68,816	69,095	69,392
Civilian labor force	28,796	29,170	29,432	29,665	29,907	29,859	30,117	30,659	31,011
As percent of population	43.2	43.6	43.5	43.7	43.8	43.6	43.8	44.4	44.7
Employment	27,151	27,514	27,847	28,019	28,249	28,310	28,602	29,209	29,508
As percent of population	40.8	41.1	41.1	41.2	41.4	41.3	41.6	42.3	42.5
Unemployment	1,645	1,656	1,585	1,646	1,658	1,549	1,514	1,450	1,503
Unemployment rate ²	5.7	5.7	5.4	5.5	5.5	5.2	5.0	4.7	4.8
Both sexes, 16-19 years									
Civilian noninstitutional population ¹	15,035	15,130	15,337	15,413	15,489	15,539	15,609	15,715	15,796
Civilian labor force	7,478	7,641	7,977	8,012	7,966	8,196	8,308	8,514	8,330
As percent of population	49.7	50.5	52.0	52.0	51.4	52.7	53.2	54.2	52.7
Employment	6,215	6,345	6,557	6,748	6,682	6,920	7,081	7,262	7,134
As percent of population	41.3	41.9	42.8	43.8	43.1	44.5	45.4	46.2	45.2
Unemployment	1,263	1,296	1,420	1,264	1,284	1,276	1,226	1,252	1,197
Unemployment rate ²	16.9	17.0	17.8	15.8	16.1	15.6	14.8	14.7	14.4
White									
Civilian noninstitutional population ¹	124,742	125,341	126,534	127,091	127,650	128,160	128,621	128,986	129,538
Civilian labor force	74,904	75,603	76,303	76,783	77,274	77,514	77,830	78,582	78,857
As percent of population	60.0	60.3	60.3	60.4	60.5	60.5	60.5	60.9	60.9
Employment	70,830	71,497	72,301	72,788	73,395	73,855	74,309	75,122	75,558
As percent of population	56.8	57.0	57.1	57.3	57.5	57.6	57.8	58.2	58.3
Unemployment	4,074	4,106	4,002	3,995	3,879	3,659	3,520	3,461	3,299
Unemployment rate ²	5.4	5.4	5.2	5.2	5.0	4.7	4.5	4.4	4.2
Negro and other races									
Civilian noninstitutional population ¹	15,376	15,489	15,810	15,915	16,025	16,122	16,321	16,620	16,728
Civilian labor force	9,396	9,385	9,488	9,546	9,597	9,686	9,822	9,957	10,122
As percent of population	61.1	60.6	60.0	60.0	59.9	60.1	60.2	59.9	60.5
Employment	8,454	8,435	8,480	8,630	8,648	8,726	8,941	9,062	9,197
As percent of population	55.0	54.5	53.6	54.2	54.0	54.1	54.8	54.5	55.0
Unemployment	942	950	1,008	916	949	960	881	895	925
Unemployment rate ²	10.0	10.1	10.6	9.6	9.9	9.9	9.0	9.0	9.1

¹ Because seasonality, by definition, does not exist in population figures, these figures are not seasonally adjusted.

² Unemployment as a percent of civilian labor force.

NOTE: In making quarter-to-quarter comparisons in terms of civilian labor force or employment levels, one should take into account the effect of 1970 Census population adjustments introduced in January 1972 and in March 1973. The first of these adjustments had the effect of increasing the total and white civilian labor force and employment levels for the first quarter of 1972 by about 300,000 (in comparison with prior quarters). The second adjustment had its primary impact upon population, labor force, and employment of the white and Negro and other races groups. For example, the white labor force and employment levels were lowered by about 50,000 in the first quarter of 1973 and 100,000 in the second quarter and the Negro and other races labor force and employment levels were increased by about 70,000 in the first quarter and 140,000 in the second quarter (compared with prior quarters).

Table A-9. Persons 16 years and over not in labor force, by whether they want jobs, current activity, and reasons for not seeking work, seasonally adjusted quarterly averages

Characteristic	(Numbers in thousands)								
	1971		1972				1973		
	3rd	4th	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	1st	2nd	3rd
Total									
Total not in labor force	55,830	56,067	56,434	56,605	56,787	57,314	57,519	57,045	57,281
Do not want job now	51,408	51,684	52,017	52,234	52,460	52,667	53,202	52,169	52,577
Current activity:									
Going to school	6,715	6,419	6,311	5,944	6,630	6,336	6,357	5,535	6,482
Ill, disabled	4,079	4,178	4,200	4,189	4,346	4,529	4,206	4,480	4,703
Keeping house	32,187	32,195	32,433	32,333	32,390	32,380	32,752	31,804	31,797
Retired	6,203	6,382	6,592	6,726	6,744	6,700	7,176	7,346	7,209
Other	2,456	2,369	2,621	2,738	2,503	2,828	3,074	2,850	2,578
Want a job now	4,449	4,384	4,406	4,349	4,373	4,639	4,291	4,837	4,404
Reason not looking:									
School attendance	1,288	1,248	1,257	1,105	1,076	1,269	1,237	1,267	1,072
Ill health, disability	520	582	556	595	651	736	542	625	623
Home responsibilities	1,025	1,043	1,021	1,108	1,145	1,117	903	1,163	1,151
Think cannot get job	799	824	770	808	717	772	615	789	631
Job-market factors	557	573	597	559	493	516	444	612	440
Personal factors	238	239	214	226	218	242	203	168	187
Other reasons	823	784	735	809	702	847	976	971	826
Male									
Total not in labor force	13,755	13,916	14,045	14,192	14,237	14,307	14,604	14,556	14,673
Do not want job now	12,444	12,556	12,706	12,892	12,938	12,932	13,240	12,986	13,367
Want a job now	1,338	1,365	1,369	1,244	1,318	1,374	1,395	1,484	1,332
Reason not looking:									
School attendance	650	639	640	581	584	625	705	654	599
Ill health, disability	256	267	244	281	269	297	234	350	282
Think cannot get job	233	234	254	266	195	242	220	275	195
Other reasons ¹	213	234	202	234	236	231	224	269	253
Female									
Total not in labor force	42,087	42,146	42,384	42,399	42,590	42,999	42,899	42,488	42,652
Do not want job now	38,964	39,128	39,311	39,342	39,522	39,735	39,962	39,183	39,210
Want a job now	3,111	3,019	3,037	3,105	3,055	3,265	2,896	3,353	3,072
Reason not looking:									
School attendance	656	592	613	532	519	626	532	626	497
Ill health, disability	254	326	311	318	373	463	314	300	332
Home responsibilities	1,006	1,015	1,009	1,087	1,111	1,092	887	1,143	1,122
Think cannot get job	567	552	529	581	519	500	400	545	435
Other reasons	651	584	551	572	515	645	774	693	629
White									
Total not in labor force	49,833	49,945	50,170	50,220	50,355	50,862	51,059	50,352	50,640
Do not want job now	46,361	46,547	46,715	46,799	47,007	47,336	47,571	46,583	47,424
Want a job now	3,474	3,399	3,429	3,429	3,379	3,517	3,442	3,775	3,272
Reason not looking:									
School attendance	1,004	968	995	888	893	960	934	988	813
Ill health, disability	391	414	388	453	457	514	423	576	419
Home responsibilities	768	767	785	837	812	818	788	922	854
Think cannot get job	614	585	594	641	540	543	465	550	449
Other reasons	727	691	667	689	635	697	852	814	665
Negro and other races									
Total not in labor force	6,009	6,108	6,284	6,361	6,453	6,438	6,498	6,671	6,639
Do not want job now	5,024	5,116	5,336	5,380	5,433	5,305	5,678	5,474	5,495
Want a job now	976	1,002	961	990	1,002	1,147	849	1,076	1,116
Reason not looking:									
School attendance	386	253	253	225	279	281	300	314	343
Ill health, disability	118	150	155	194	185	191	118	136	197
Home responsibilities	253	254	256	282	311	280	150	259	297
Think cannot get job	166	219	251	186	163	188	202	262	166
Other reasons	136	117	116	136	110	183	144	146	198

¹ Includes small number of men not looking for work because of home responsibilities.

NOTES: Detail may not add to totals due to independent seasonal adjustment.

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

Industry	(In thousands)									
	Sept. 1972	July 1973	Aug. 1973 ^p	Sept. 1973 ^p	Change from		Seasonally adjusted			
					Sept. 1972	Aug. 1973	July 1973	Aug. 1973 ^p	Sept. 1973 ^p	Change from Aug. 1973
TOTAL	73,519	75,384	75,623	76,124	2,605	501	75,493	75,702	75,892	190
GOODS-PRODUCING	23,696	24,307	24,618	24,634	938	16	24,115	24,160	24,177	17
MINING	613	644	646	636	23	-10	631	632	628	-4
CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION	3,785	3,934	3,977	3,929	144	-48	3,680	3,672	3,686	14
MANUFACTURING	19,298	19,729	19,995	20,069	771	74	19,804	19,856	19,863	7
<i>Production workers</i>	14,180	14,458	14,706	14,785	605	79	14,566	14,605	14,592	-13
DURABLE GOODS	11,076	11,608	11,653	11,760	684	107	11,646	11,685	11,711	26
<i>Production workers</i>	8,099	8,507	8,540	8,642	543	102	8,562	8,592	8,598	6
Ordnance and accessories	189.0	192.4	192.5	192.2	3.2	-0.3	193	192	190	-2
Lumber and wood products	625.0	644.0	651.6	644.1	19.1	-7.5	628	632	633	1
Furniture and fixtures	502.4	512.3	529.6	528.3	25.9	-1.3	522	526	525	-1
Stone, clay, and glass products	677.3	709.3	711.1	701.5	24.2	-9.6	697	694	688	-6
Primary metal industries	1,255.4	1,322.4	1,326.2	1,326.5	71.1	0.3	1,308	1,324	1,335	11
Fabricated metal products	1,391.5	1,441.2	1,457.1	1,468.6	77.1	11.5	1,459	1,459	1,457	-2
Machinery, except electrical	1,879.3	2,036.2	2,052.5	2,072.2	192.9	19.7	2,040	2,069	2,078	9
Electrical equipment	1,865.1	1,992.9	2,002.4	2,028.9	163.8	26.5	2,009	2,002	2,011	9
Transportation equipment	1,785.6	1,834.3	1,783.8	1,846.0	60.4	62.2	1,858	1,855	1,859	4
Instruments and related products	463.0	494.0	500.7	503.9	40.9	3.2	494	498	503	5
Miscellaneous manufacturing	442.3	428.5	445.3	448.1	5.8	2.8	438	434	432	-2
NONDURABLE GOODS	8,222	8,121	8,342	8,309	87	-33	8,158	8,171	8,152	-19
<i>Production workers</i>	6,081	5,951	6,166	6,143	62	-23	6,004	6,013	5,994	-19
Food and kindred products	1,869.4	1,759.4	1,836.4	1,832.0	-37.4	-4.4	1,720	1,708	1,711	3
Tobacco manufactures	78.6	67.8	79.7	82.5	3.9	2.8	76	72	70	-2
Textile mill products	996.4	1,006.8	1,029.7	1,025.5	29.1	-4.2	1,021	1,027	1,024	-3
Apparel and other textile products	1,350.8	1,270.4	1,346.0	1,336.3	-14.5	-9.7	1,319	1,337	1,324	-13
Paper and allied products	703.5	716.3	725.9	720.2	16.7	-5.7	716	720	717	-3
Printing and publishing	1,080.8	1,097.2	1,095.5	1,094.5	13.7	-1.0	1,101	1,098	1,097	-1
Chemicals and allied products	1,007.8	1,041.0	1,040.8	1,033.4	25.6	-7.4	1,034	1,032	1,032	0
Petroleum and coal products	190.5	191.5	193.5	193.3	2.8	-0.2	186	189	191	2
Rubber and plastics products, nec	639.4	682.0	691.8	694.7	55.3	2.9	690	691	689	-2
Leather and leather products	304.9	288.4	302.9	297.0	-7.9	-5.9	295	297	297	0
SERVICE-PRODUCING	49,823	51,077	51,005	51,490	1,667	485	51,378	51,542	51,715	173
TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC UTILITIES	4,548	4,653	4,660	4,664	116	4	4,598	4,618	4,622	4
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE	15,774	16,262	16,259	16,345	571	86	16,294	16,332	16,366	34
WHOLESALE TRADE	3,962	4,112	4,128	4,123	161	-5	4,071	4,091	4,107	16
RETAIL TRADE	11,812	12,150	12,131	12,222	410	91	12,223	12,241	12,259	18
FINANCE, INSURANCE, AND REAL ESTATE	3,957	4,113	4,121	4,071	114	-50	4,048	4,064	4,067	3
SERVICES	12,391	12,982	13,000	12,968	577	-32	12,828	12,897	12,981	84
GOVERNMENT	13,153	13,067	12,965	13,442	289	477	13,610	13,631	13,679	48
FEDERAL	2,627	2,632	2,617	2,608	-19	-9	2,603	2,599	2,613	14
STATE AND LOCAL	10,526	10,435	10,348	10,834	308	486	11,007	11,032	11,066	34

p = preliminary.

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

Industry	Sept. 1972	July 1973	Aug. 1973 ^p	Sept. 1973 ^p	Change from		Seasonally adjusted			
					Sept. 1972	Aug. 1973	July 1973	Aug. 1973 ^p	Sept. 1973 ^p	Change from Aug. 1973
TOTAL PRIVATE	37.4	37.6	37.5	37.3	-0.1	-0.2	37.2	37.0	37.2	0.2
MINING	42.8	42.6	42.8	42.0	-.8	-.8	42.4	42.6	41.9	-.7
CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION	38.2	38.4	38.3	38.0	-.2	-.3	37.5	37.1	36.8	-.3
MANUFACTURING	41.0	40.5	40.5	41.1	.1	.6	40.7	40.5	40.9	.4
Overtime hours	3.9	3.7	3.7	4.0	.1	.3	3.8	3.6	3.7	.1
DURABLE GOODS	41.7	41.1	41.0	41.8	.1	.8	41.4	41.2	41.5	.3
Overtime hours	4.1	3.9	3.9	4.3	.2	.4	4.1	3.9	3.9	0
Ordnance and accessories	42.3	42.2	41.6	42.4	.1	.8	42.7	41.6	42.4	.8
Lumber and wood products	41.5	40.4	41.0	41.0	-.5	0	40.5	40.8	40.8	0
Furniture and fixtures	41.0	39.4	40.2	40.0	-1.0	-.2	39.8	39.7	39.5	-.2
Stone, clay, and glass products ..	42.4	42.3	42.3	42.3	-.1	0	42.1	41.8	41.9	.1
Primary metal industries	42.0	42.1	41.7	42.7	.7	1.0	42.2	41.8	42.6	.8
Fabricated metal products	41.6	41.4	41.5	42.1	.5	.6	41.6	41.4	41.8	.4
Machinery, except electrical	42.4	41.7	41.8	42.9	.5	1.1	42.2	42.2	42.9	.7
Electrical equipment	40.8	39.7	40.2	40.7	-.1	.5	40.2	40.2	40.5	.3
Transportation equipment	42.4	42.0	40.1	42.6	.2	2.5	42.3	41.1	42.1	1.0
Instruments and related products ..	40.9	40.2	40.1	40.9	0	.8	40.6	40.3	40.7	.4
Miscellaneous manufacturing	39.5	38.4	38.9	39.1	-.4	.2	38.9	38.7	39.1	.4
NONDURABLE GOODS	40.0	39.7	39.8	40.0	0	.2	39.6	39.5	39.8	.3
Overtime hours	3.7	3.4	3.5	3.7	0	.2	3.4	3.3	3.4	.1
Food and kindred products	41.0	40.6	41.0	41.4	.4	.4	40.2	40.4	40.7	.3
Tobacco manufactures	37.9	35.9	38.7	39.2	1.3	.5	36.0	38.1	38.1	0
Textile mill products	41.5	40.5	40.9	41.0	-.5	.1	40.8	40.8	40.9	.1
Apparel and other textile products ..	36.2	36.0	36.0	36.0	-.2	0	35.9	35.7	36.0	.3
Paper and allied products	43.2	42.7	42.5	42.9	-.3	.4	42.7	42.3	42.6	.3
Printing and publishing	38.5	37.8	38.0	38.2	-.3	.2	37.7	37.8	37.9	.1
Chemicals and allied products	41.9	41.9	41.9	42.2	.3	.3	42.1	42.2	42.2	0
Petroleum and coal products	42.8	43.0	42.3	43.0	.2	.7	42.4	42.1	42.5	.4
Rubber and plastics products, nec ..	41.5	40.5	40.9	41.3	-.2	.4	40.8	40.8	41.0	.2
Leather and leather products	38.1	38.3	38.0	37.9	-.2	-.1	37.8	38.0	38.5	.5
TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC UTILITIES	40.5	41.1	41.0	40.8	.3	-.2	40.7	40.8	40.6	-.2
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE	35.1	35.6	35.5	34.8	-.3	-.7	34.7	34.6	34.7	.1
WHOLESALE TRADE	39.9	39.7	39.6	39.7	-.2	.1	39.5	39.4	39.7	.3
RETAIL TRADE	33.6	34.3	34.2	33.2	-.4	-1.0	33.2	33.1	33.2	.1
FINANCE, INSURANCE, AND REAL ESTATE	37.1	37.3	37.2	37.0	-.1	-.2	37.2	37.1	37.1	0
SERVICES	34.2	34.8	34.7	34.2	0	-.5	34.2	34.2	34.2	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.

p = preliminary.

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

Industry	(1967 = 100)							Percent change from	
	Sept. 1972	Apr. 1973	May 1973	June 1973	July 1973	Aug.P 1973	Sept.P 1973	Sept. 1972 - Sept. 1973	Aug. 1973 - Sept. 1973
Total private nonfarm:									
Current dollars	139.3	144.4	144.7	146.0	146.9	147.5	148.6	6.6	.7
Constant (1967) dollars	110.4	110.5	110.1	110.4	110.9	109.2	NA	<u>1/</u>	<u>2/</u>
Mining	138.1	144.0	144.8	146.2	147.9	147.9	150.5	9.0	1.8
Contract construction	148.0	153.4	153.7	155.4	156.3	157.1	158.8	7.3	1.1
Manufacturing	136.8	141.1	141.8	142.7	143.7	144.5	145.6	6.4	.8
Transportation and public utilities	145.9	154.6	153.5	155.0	155.6	158.0	159.1	9.1	.7
Wholesale and retail trade	136.5	141.2	141.7	142.9	143.6	144.2	144.5	5.9	.3
Finance, insurance, and real estate	134.9	139.1	138.5	139.5	140.9	140.9	142.1	5.3	.8
Services	139.7	144.7	144.7	146.3	147.3	146.6	148.2	6.1	1.1

1/ Percent change was -0.9 from August 1972 to August 1973, the latest month available.

2/ Percent change was -1.5 from July 1973 to August 1973, the latest month available.

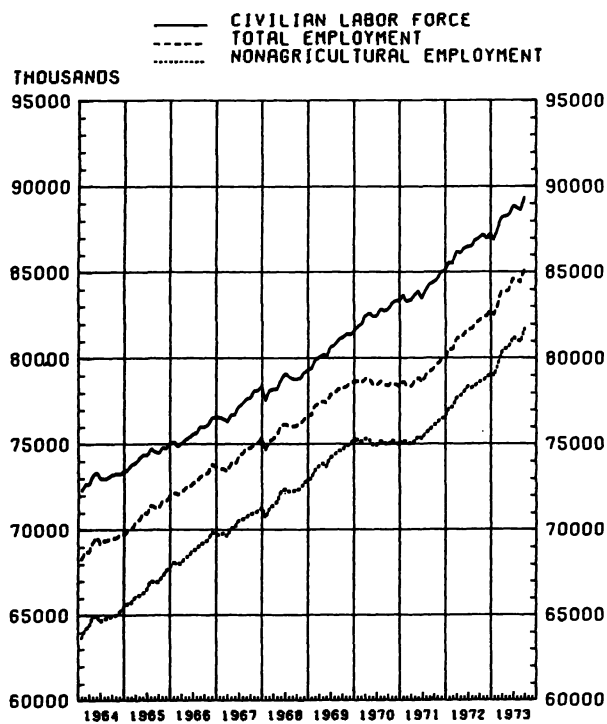
NA indicates data are not available.

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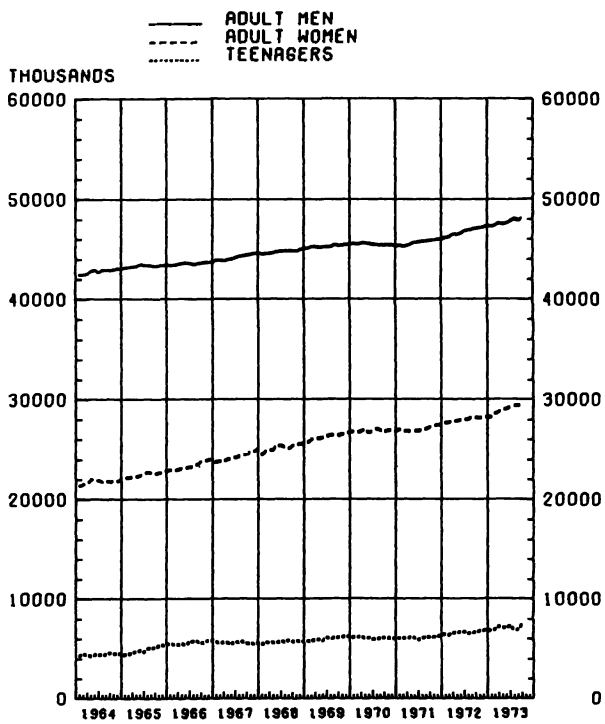
NOTE: All series are in current dollars except where indicated. The index excludes effects of two types of changes that are unrelated to underlying wage-rate developments: Fluctuations in overtime premiums in manufacturing (the only sector for which overtime data are available) and the effects of changes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

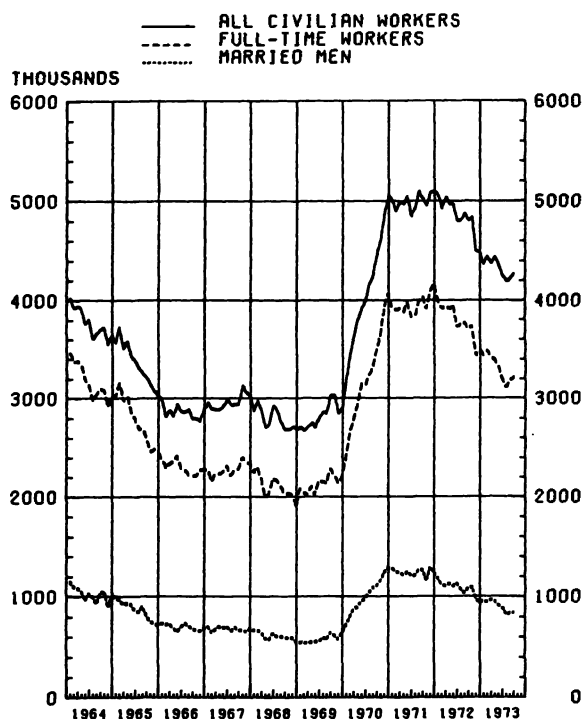
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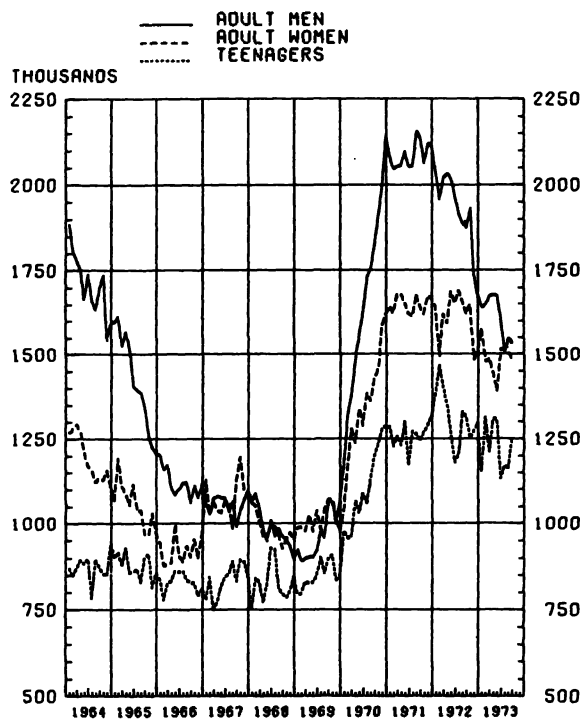
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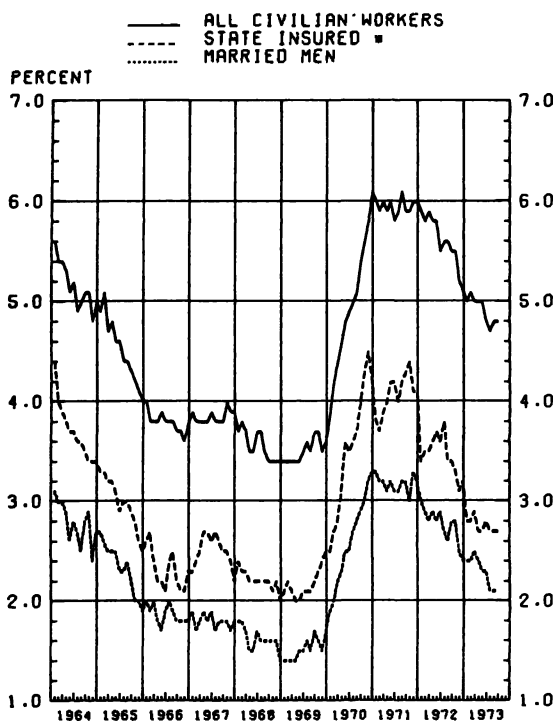


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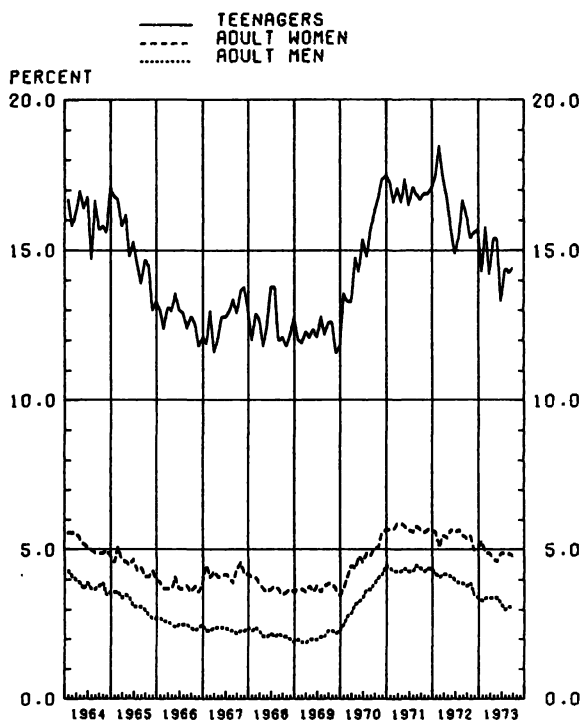


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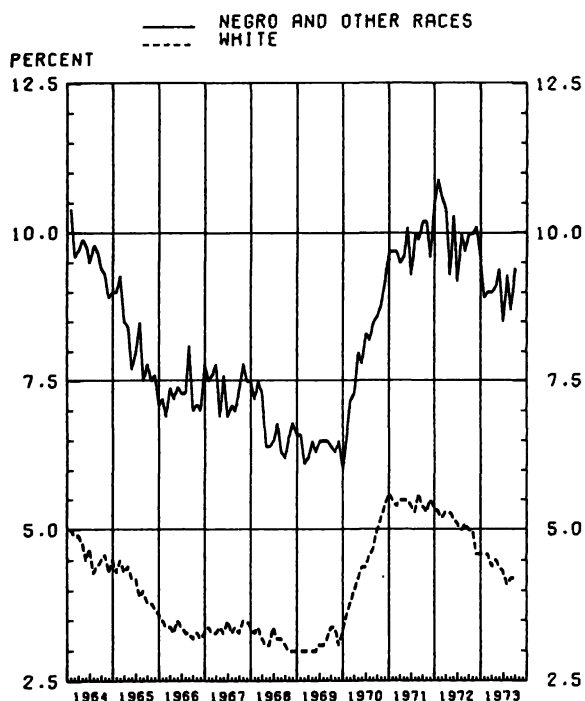
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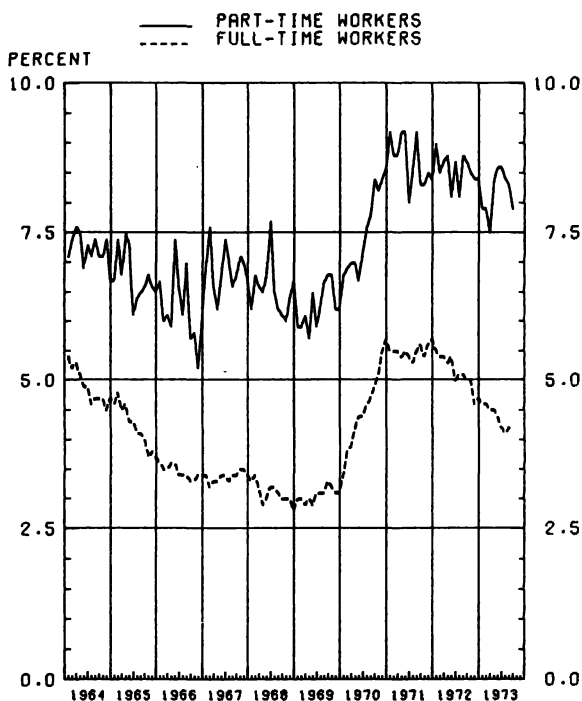
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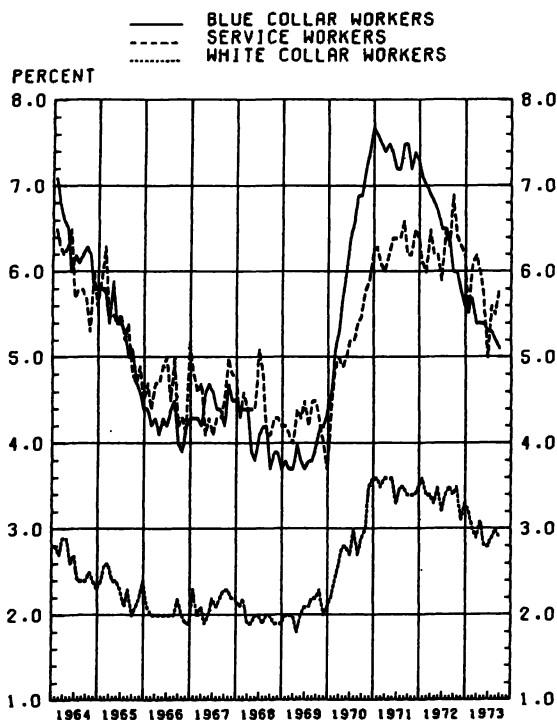
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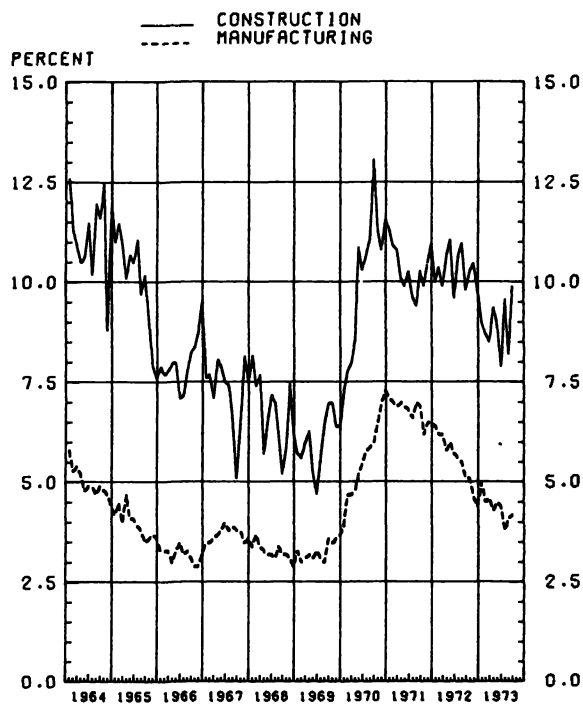
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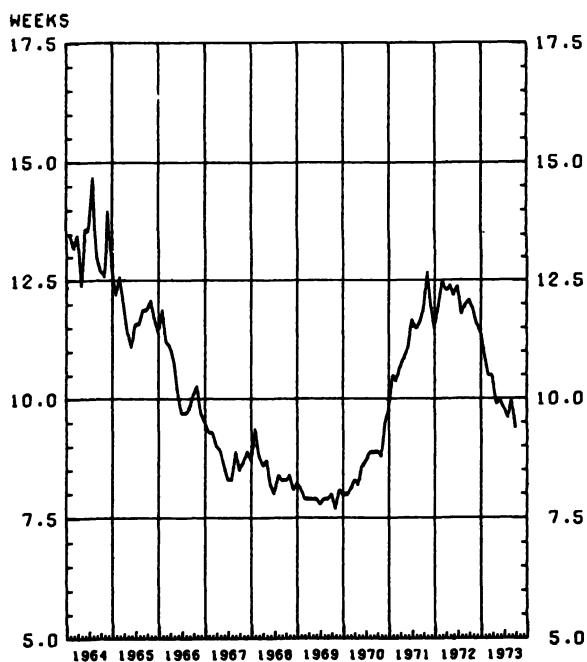
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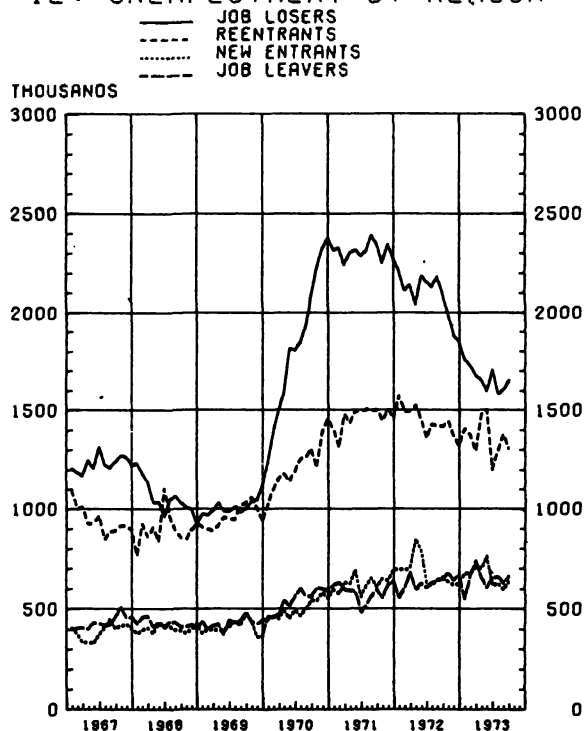
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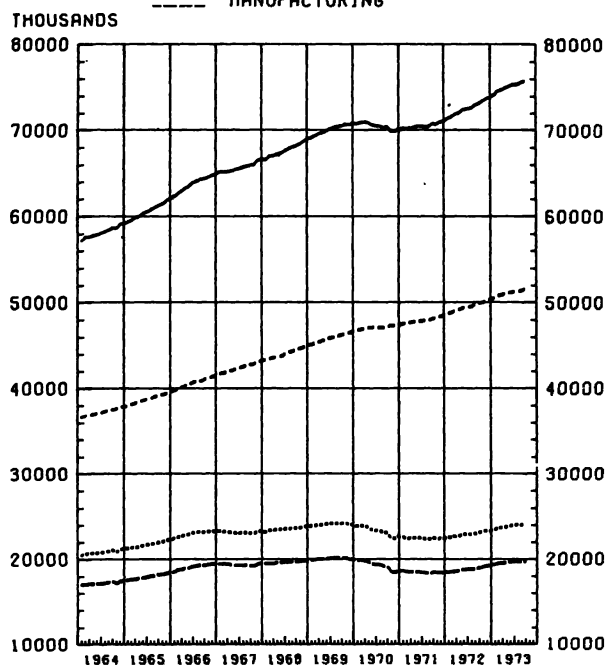
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NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT AND HOURS ESTABLISHMENT DATA - SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

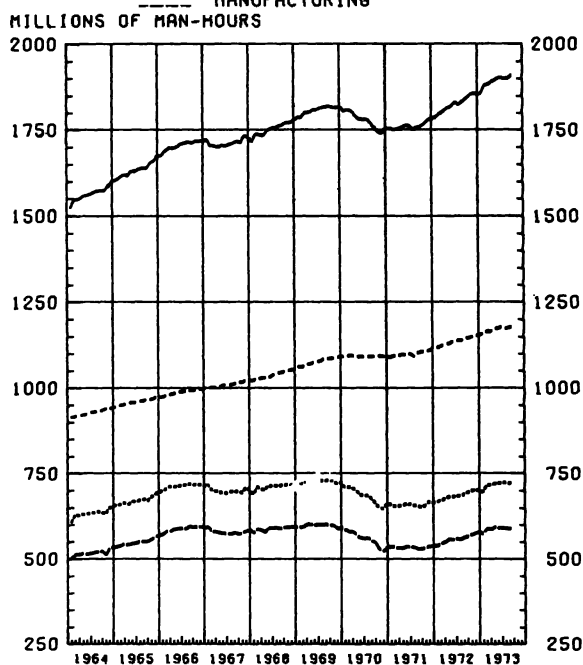
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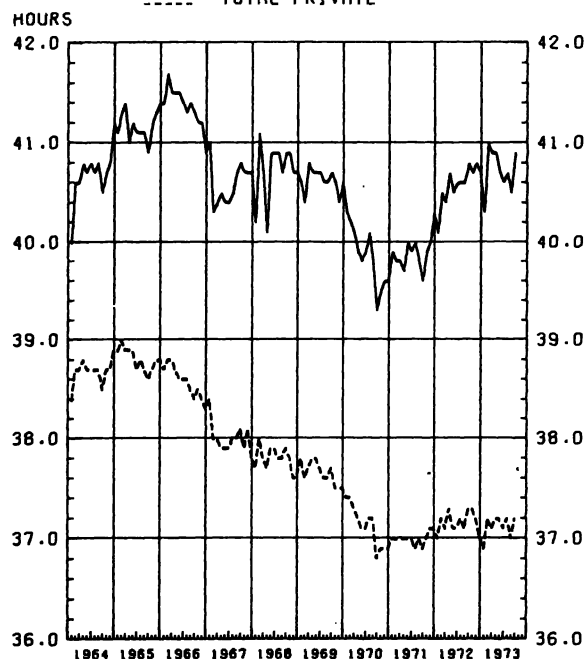
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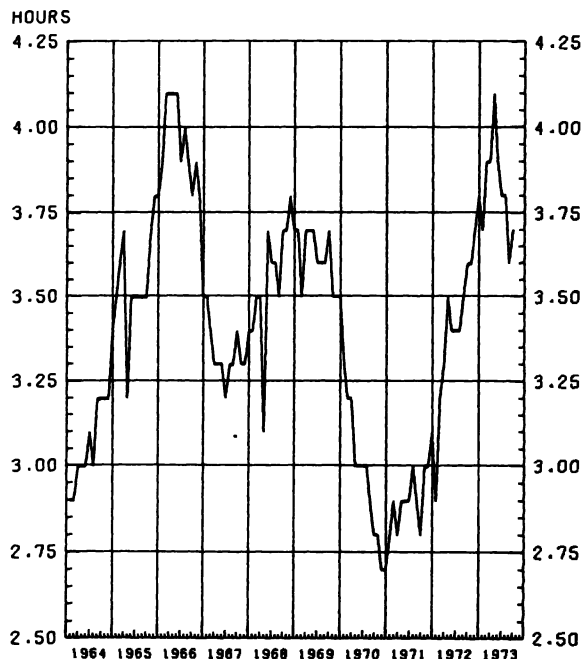


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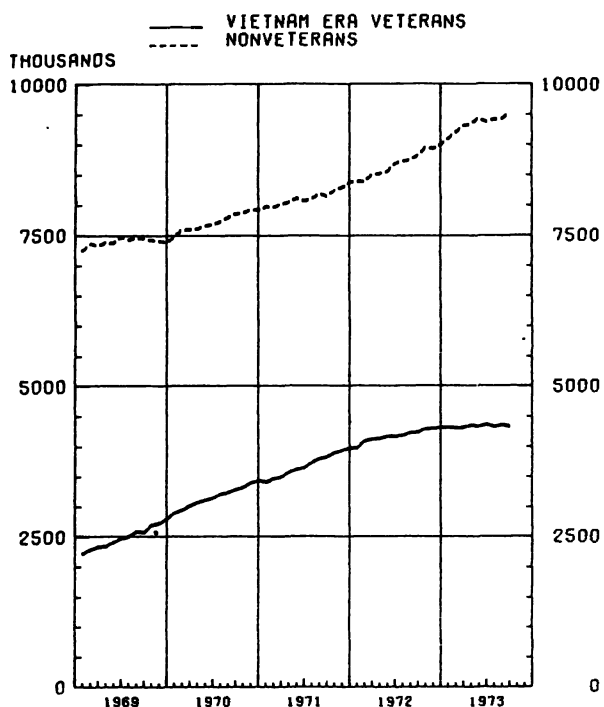
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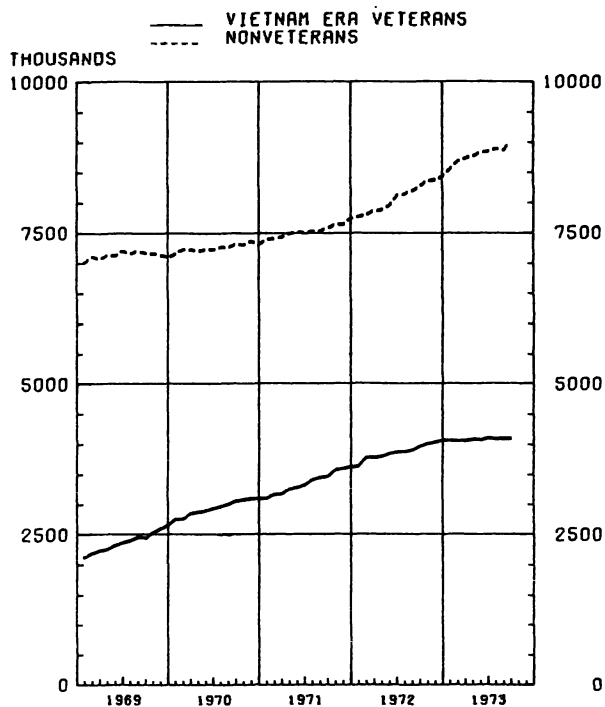
NOTE: Charts 14 and 15 relate to production or nonsupervisory workers; chart 16 relates to production workers. Data for the 2 most recent months are preliminary in charts 13-16.

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

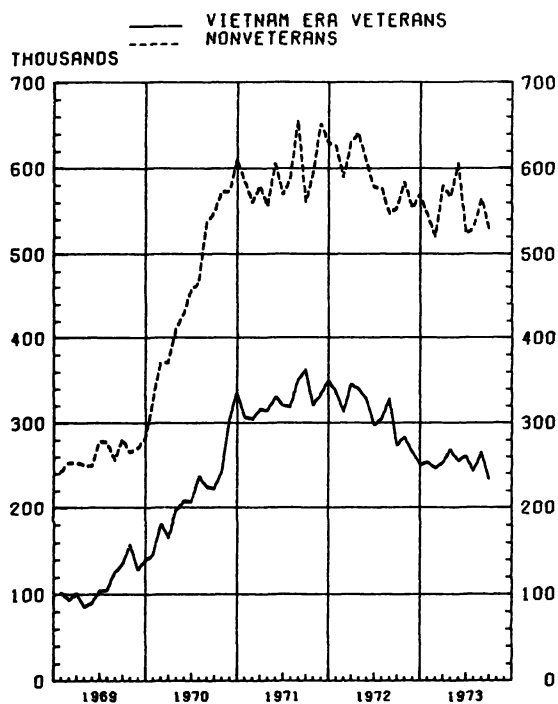
17. CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE



18. EMPLOYED



19. UNEMPLOYED



20. UNEMPLOYMENT RATE

