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THE EMPLOYMENT SITUATION: OCTOBER 1973

Employment posted another large increase in October and unemployment dropped after holding steady for several months, it was announced today by the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U. S. Department of Labor. At 4.5 percent, the unemployment rate was down from the 4.8-percent plateau at which it had held since June and from the 5.5-percent level of October 1972.

Total employment (as measured by the household survey) expanded by 570,000 in October to 85.7 million, seasonally adjusted. Employment had risen by an even larger amount in September. Since October a year ago, total employment has grown by 3.2 million persons, an unusually large increase for a 12-month period.

The number of nonagricultural payroll jobs (as measured by the establishment survey) increased by 305,000, seasonally adjusted, to 76.3 million in October. This was paced by a strong increase in manufacturing. Compared with October of last year, payroll employment rose by 2.7 million.

Unemployment

The number of unemployed persons declined 210,000 (seasonally adjusted) in October to 4.1 million. This decrease, combined with the strong advance in employment, brought the overall jobless rate to its lowest level since April 1970.

Among the major demographic groups, the unemployment rate for adult women declined from 4.8 to 4.4 percent in October. (See table A-3.) In addition, there was a slight decrease in the rate for adult men, from 3.1 to 2.9 percent. Reductions in both groups were concentrated among 20-24 year-olds. Unemployment rates for teenagers (13.9 percent), household heads (2.7 percent), and married men (2.1 percent) approximated the levels they have maintained since July. However, all of these groups have improved their unemployment picture over the last year.

The jobless rate for Negro workers receded from 9.4 to 8.3 percent in October, largely as a result of reduced unemployment among Negro teenagers. The

unemployment rate for whites, at 4.1 percent, was not significantly different from its level of the last 3 months. Compared with their year-ago levels, jobless rates for both white and Negro workers have declined substantially.

With regard to the major occupational groups, the decline in unemployment in October was confined to white-collar workers (primarily those in clerical and sales occupations) and service workers. Among the major industry categories, the most

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

Selected categories	Quarterly averages					Monthly data		
	1972		1973			Aug. 1973	Sept. 1973	Oct. 1973
	3rd	4th	1st	2nd	3rd			
	(Millions of persons)							
Civilian labor force	86.9	87.2	87.6	88.6	89.0	88.7	89.4	89.8
Total employment	82.0	82.6	83.2	84.2	84.7	84.4	85.1	85.7
Adult men	47.1	47.3	47.5	47.7	48.1	48.0	48.1	48.4
Adult women	28.2	28.3	28.6	29.2	29.5	29.5	29.5	29.7
Teenagers	6.7	6.9	7.1	7.3	7.1	7.0	7.5	7.6
Unemployment	4.8	4.6	4.4	4.4	4.2	4.2	4.3	4.1
	(Percent of labor force)							
Unemployment rates:								
All workers	5.6	5.3	5.0	4.9	4.8	4.8	4.8	4.5
Adult men	3.9	3.6	3.4	3.4	3.1	3.1	3.1	2.9
Adult women	5.5	5.2	5.0	4.7	4.9	4.9	4.8	4.4
Teenagers	16.1	15.6	14.8	14.7	14.4	14.3	14.4	13.9
White	5.0	4.7	4.5	4.4	4.2	4.2	4.2	4.1
Negro and other races	9.9	9.9	9.0	9.0	9.1	8.7	9.4	8.3
Household heads	3.3	3.1	2.9	2.9	2.7	2.8	2.7	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	4.2	4.2	4.0
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	10.0	9.4	10.4
	(Millions of persons)							
Nonfarm payroll employment	73.0	73.8	74.6	75.3	75.7p	75.7	76.0p	76.3p
Goods-producing industries	23.1	23.4	23.7	24.0	24.2p	24.2	24.2p	24.3p
Service-producing industries	49.9	50.4	50.9	51.3	51.6p	51.6	51.8p	52.0p
	(Hours of work)							
Average weekly hours:								
Total private nonfarm	37.2	37.2	37.1	37.2	37.1p	37.0	37.2p	37.0p
Manufacturing	40.7	40.7	40.7	40.7	40.7p	40.5	40.8p	40.6p
Manufacturing overtime	3.5	3.7	3.8	3.9	3.8p	3.7	3.8p	3.7p
	(1967=100)							
Hourly Earnings Index, private nonfarm:								
In current dollars	138.6	141.0	142.7	145.0	147.7p	147.6	148.7p	149.5p
In constant dollars	110.2	111.1	110.8	110.3	110.0p	109.3	109.8p	NA

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

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

prominent change in unemployment was a further decline in the rate for manufacturing workers, particularly those in durable goods. The jobless rate for all manufacturing workers reached its lowest point since the end of 1969.

The unemployment rate for the most recently discharged Vietnam Era veterans (20-24 year-olds) was 8.0 percent in October, little changed over the month and still higher than the rate for nonveterans of the same ages (5.7 percent). In contrast, jobless rates for veterans 25 to 29 (3.2 percent) and 30 to 34 (2.6 percent) were lower than in September and were not materially different from the rates of their nonveteran counterparts. Over the past year, there has been a decline in the unemployment rates of 20-24 and 25-29 year-old veterans. (See table A-7.)

The unemployment rate for workers covered by State unemployment insurance programs, at 2.7 percent in October, has been about the same since April.

Nearly the entire decline in total unemployment took place among those who had been seeking work for a month or less. (See table A-4.) Primarily as a result, the average (mean) duration of unemployment rose from 9.4 weeks in September to 10.4 weeks in October, following a drop in the previous month.

The proportion of jobless persons who had lost their last job showed a substantial decline in October. (See table A-5.) The number of such persons dropped below 1.5 million, its lowest level since February 1970.

Civilian Labor Force and Total Employment

The civilian labor force rose by 360,000 in October (seasonally adjusted) following an even larger increase in September (750,000). While teenagers accounted for most of the increase in September, adult men made up the bulk of the October expansion. (See table A-1.)

Employment also rose considerably for the second straight month, advancing by 570,000, seasonally adjusted, to 85.7 million. Adult men accounted for over 300,000 of this increase, with the balance divided about equally between teenagers and adult women. Since October a year ago, total employment has risen by 3.2 million persons; adult women made up 1.4 million of this gain, with adult men (1.2 million) and teenagers (660,000) accounting for the remainder.

Industry Payroll Employment

Nonagricultural payroll employment continued its strong expansionary trend, rising by 305,000 to a seasonally adjusted level of 76.3 million in October. Over the year, payroll jobs have increased by 2.7 million. (See table B-1.)

An October increase of 105,000 in the number of goods-producing jobs occurred exclusively in manufacturing, with the durable goods industries continuing to account for most of the advance. This represented the first employment gain for the industry in 4 months. The 200,000-job growth in the service-producing industries reflected sizeable gains in trade, services, and transportation and public utilities. Over the past year, the goods-producing sector has added 940,000 jobs, while service-producing employment has grown by nearly 1.8 million.

Hours of Work

The average workweek for production or nonsupervisory workers on nonagricultural payrolls declined by 0.2 hour in October, after seasonal adjustment, to 37.0 hours. (See table B-2.) While declines took place in nearly every industry division, the average workweek has been in the 37.0-37.2 hour range since early this year.

In manufacturing, the workweek was also down 0.2 hour in October to 40.6 hours. With the exception of a few industries (notably primary metals and transportation equipment), the decline in hours was pervasive throughout the manufacturing industries. Factory overtime hours were 3.7 in October, little changed from the levels held in recent months after declining from the 4.1-hour peak reached in the spring.

Hourly and Weekly Earnings

Average hourly earnings of production or nonsupervisory workers on nonagricultural payrolls rose 0.8 percent from September to October, seasonally adjusted. Since October a year ago, hourly earnings have risen by 6.7 percent. Weekly earnings rose 0.2 percent from September to October (seasonally adjusted) and have advanced by 5.8 percent from their year-earlier level.

Before adjustment for seasonality, average hourly earnings increased by 1 cent in September to \$3.99. (See table B-3.) Since October 1972, hourly earnings have risen by 25 cents. Weekly earnings averaged \$147.63 in October, down 82 cents from September but \$8.13 above a year earlier.

Hourly Earnings Index

The Hourly Earnings Index--earnings adjusted for overtime hours in manufacturing, seasonality, and the effects of changes in the proportion of workers in high-wage and low-wage industries--was 149.5 (1967=100) in October, 0.5 percent higher than in September, according to preliminary figures. (See table B-4.) The index was 6.5 percent above October a year ago. All industries recorded gains over the year,

ranging from 5.2 percent in finance, insurance, and real estate to 8.4 percent in mining. During the 12-month period ended in September, the Hourly Earnings Index in dollars of constant purchasing power declined 0.6 percent.

This release presents and analyzes statistics from two major surveys. Data on labor force, total employment, and unemployment are derived from the sample survey of households conducted and tabulated by the Bureau of the Census for the Bureau of Labor Statistics. Statistics on payroll employment, hours, and earnings are collected by State agencies from payroll records of employers and are tabulated by the Bureau of Labor Statistics. A description of the two surveys appears in the BLS publication *Employment and Earnings*.

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

(In thousands)

Employment status, age, and sex	Oct. 1972	Sept. 1973	Oct. 1973	Seasonally adjusted				
				Oct. 1972	July 1973	Aug. 1973	Sept. 1973	Oct. 1973
Total								
Total labor force	89,591	91,298	92,046	89,651	91,121	90,958	91,694	92,053
Civilian labor force	87,176	89,006	89,757	87,236	88,810	88,651	89,403	89,764
Employed	82,707	84,841	85,994	82,397	84,614	84,434	85,127	85,695
Agriculture	3,721	3,436	3,525	3,658	3,516	3,443	3,370	3,471
Nonagricultural industries	78,986	81,406	82,469	78,739	81,098	80,991	81,757	82,224
On part time for economic reasons	2,066	2,218	2,154	2,264	2,414	2,299	2,318	2,361
Usually work full time	980	1,126	1,046	1,027	1,192	1,190	1,090	1,098
Usually work part time	1,086	1,092	1,108	1,237	1,222	1,109	1,228	1,263
Unemployed	4,470	4,165	3,763	4,839	4,196	4,217	4,276	4,069
Men, 20 years and over								
Civilian labor force	49,075	49,738	49,902	49,162	49,646	49,528	49,667	49,918
Employed	47,431	48,426	48,654	47,227	48,140	47,979	48,132	48,446
Agriculture	2,703	2,528	2,558	2,630	2,476	2,491	2,462	2,488
Nonagricultural industries	44,729	45,898	46,096	44,597	45,664	45,488	45,670	45,958
Unemployed	1,643	1,312	1,248	1,935	1,506	1,549	1,535	1,472
Women, 20 years and over								
Civilian labor force	30,433	31,099	31,547	29,931	31,017	30,992	31,023	31,033
Employed	28,752	29,455	30,151	28,281	29,499	29,486	29,538	29,660
Agriculture	645	539	584	585	620	556	505	530
Nonagricultural industries	28,108	28,917	29,567	27,696	28,879	28,930	29,033	29,130
Unemployed	1,680	1,644	1,396	1,650	1,518	1,506	1,485	1,373
Both sexes, 16-19 years								
Civilian labor force	7,669	8,169	8,308	8,143	8,147	8,131	8,713	8,813
Employed	6,523	6,960	7,189	6,889	6,975	6,969	7,457	7,589
Agriculture	373	369	382	443	420	396	403	453
Nonagricultural industries	6,150	6,591	6,807	6,446	6,555	6,573	7,054	7,136
Unemployed	1,146	1,210	1,119	1,254	1,172	1,162	1,256	1,224

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	Oct. 1972	Oct. 1973	Seasonally adjusted					
			Oct. 1972	June 1973	July 1973	Aug. 1973	Sept. 1973	Oct. 1973
Full time								
Total, 16 years and over:								
Civilian labor force	73,885	75,792	74,688	76,181	75,963	75,821	76,056	76,649
Employed	70,652	73,147	70,947	72,984	72,847	72,637	72,837	73,576
Unemployed	3,233	2,645	3,741	3,197	3,116	3,184	3,219	3,073
Unemployment rate	4.4	3.5	5.0	4.2	4.1	4.2	4.2	4.0
Men, 20 years and over:								
Civilian labor force	46,527	47,249	46,749	47,159	47,235	47,183	47,233	47,435
Employed	45,060	46,162	44,971	45,725	45,898	45,798	45,889	46,116
Unemployed	1,466	1,087	1,778	1,434	1,337	1,385	1,344	1,319
Unemployment rate	3.2	2.3	3.8	3.0	2.8	2.9	2.8	2.8
Women, 20 years and over:								
Civilian labor force	23,695	24,476	23,443	24,259	24,256	24,251	24,107	23,232
Employed	22,430	23,420	22,166	23,078	23,094	23,082	22,958	23,165
Unemployed	1,266	1,056	1,277	1,181	1,162	1,169	1,149	1,067
Unemployment rate	5.3	4.3	5.4	4.9	4.8	4.8	4.8	4.4
Part time								
Total, 16 years and over:								
Civilian labor force	13,292	13,965	12,559	12,456	12,538	12,824	13,519	13,214
Employed	12,054	12,847	11,495	11,386	11,489	11,755	12,447	12,259
Unemployed	1,237	1,118	1,064	1,070	1,049	1,069	1,072	960
Unemployment rate	9.3	8.0	8.5	8.6	8.4	8.3	7.9	7.3

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					
	Oct. 1972	Oct. 1973	Oct. 1972	June 1973	July 1973	Aug. 1973	Sept. 1973	Oct. 1973
Total (all civilian workers)	4,839	4,069	5.5	4.8	4.7	4.8	4.8	4.5
Men, 20 years and over	1,935	1,472	3.9	3.2	3.0	3.1	3.1	2.9
Women, 20 years and over	1,650	1,373	5.5	4.9	4.9	4.9	4.8	4.4
Both sexes, 16-19 years	1,254	1,224	15.4	13.3	14.4	14.3	14.4	13.9
White	3,899	3,237	5.0	4.3	4.1	4.2	4.2	4.1
Negro and other races	964	846	10.0	8.5	9.3	8.7	9.4	8.3
Household heads	1,722	1,392	3.4	2.9	2.7	2.8	2.7	2.7
Married men	1,101	838	2.8	2.3	2.1	2.1	2.1	2.1
Full-time workers	3,741	3,073	5.0	4.2	4.1	4.2	4.2	4.0
Part-time workers	1,064	960	8.5	8.6	8.4	8.3	7.9	7.3
Unemployed 15 weeks and over ¹	1,117	776	1.3	.9	.8	.9	.9	.9
State insured ²	1,720	1,642	3.2	2.8	2.7	2.7	2.7	2.7
Labor force time lost ³	--	--	5.8	5.1	5.2	5.2	5.1	5.0
Occupation⁴								
White-collar workers	1,446	1,126	3.5	2.8	2.9	3.0	2.9	2.7
Professional and technical	304	274	2.6	1.9	1.9	2.3	2.3	2.2
Managers and administrators, except farm	166	131	2.0	1.4	1.5	1.2	1.2	1.5
Sales workers	252	172	4.4	3.4	3.6	3.9	3.6	3.1
Clerical workers	724	549	4.8	4.1	4.1	4.2	4.2	3.6
Blue-collar workers	1,837	1,626	6.0	5.3	5.3	5.2	5.1	5.1
Craftsmen and kindred workers	465	416	4.1	3.5	4.1	3.8	3.7	3.6
Operatives	920	816	6.3	5.7	5.3	5.5	5.2	5.3
Nonfarm laborers	452	394	9.3	8.7	8.2	8.2	8.1	8.0
Service workers	755	615	6.4	5.0	5.6	5.5	5.8	5.1
Farm workers	98	73	2.9	2.6	1.9	2.6	2.4	2.3
Industry⁴								
Nonagricultural private wage and salary workers ⁵	3,537	2,929	5.6	4.7	4.7	4.7	4.8	4.5
Construction	450	415	10.3	7.9	9.6	8.2	9.9	9.1
Manufacturing	1,045	818	5.1	4.4	3.8	4.1	4.2	3.7
Durable goods	539	469	4.5	3.7	3.3	3.6	4.1	3.6
Non-durable goods	506	349	5.8	5.3	4.5	4.8	4.4	3.9
Transportation and public utilities	156	138	3.3	3.6	2.7	3.1	2.9	2.9
Wholesale and retail trade	1,003	821	6.5	5.2	6.0	6.0	5.6	5.2
Finance and service industries	866	720	5.0	4.0	4.0	4.1	3.9	4.1
Government workers	416	383	3.0	2.6	3.0	2.7	3.0	2.7
Agricultural wage and salary workers	137	92	10.0	6.8	5.0	7.6	5.8	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

(Numbers in thousands)

Duration of unemployment	Oct. 1972	Oct. 1973	Seasonally adjusted					
			Oct. 1972	June 1973	July 1973	Aug. 1973	Sept. 1973	Oct. 1973
Less than 5 weeks	2,197	1,923	2,239	2,233	2,213	2,240	2,167	1,960
5 to 14 weeks	1,308	1,170	1,455	1,202	1,268	1,205	1,351	1,303
15 weeks and over	965	670	1,117	775	750	796	778	776
15 to 26 weeks	502	375	589	453	482	457	489	439
27 weeks and over	463	295	528	322	268	339	289	337
Average (mean) duration, in weeks	11.3	9.8	11.9	9.8	9.6	10.0	9.4	10.4

Table A-5: Unemployed persons by reason for unemployment

(Numbers in thousands)

Reason for unemployment	Oct. 1972	Oct. 1973	Seasonally adjusted					
			Oct. 1972	June 1973	July 1973	Aug. 1973	Sept. 1973	Oct. 1973
Number of unemployed								
Lost last job	1,651	1,218	1,988	1,713	1,584	1,609	1,659	1,467
Left last job	708	692	685	659	663	631	666	671
Reentered labor force	1,508	1,284	1,450	1,203	1,301	1,381	1,308	1,236
Never worked before	603	570	638	620	629	597	637	604
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	32.4	41.8	40.8	37.9	38.1	38.9	36.9
Left last job	15.8	18.4	14.4	15.7	15.9	15.0	15.6	16.9
Reentered labor force	33.7	34.1	30.5	28.7	31.1	32.7	30.6	31.1
Never worked before	13.5	15.1	13.4	14.8	15.1	14.2	14.9	15.2
Unemployed as a percent of the civilian labor force								
Lost last job	1.9	1.4	2.3	1.9	1.8	1.8	1.9	1.6
Left last job8	.8	.8	.7	.7	.7	.7	.7
Reentered labor force	1.7	1.4	1.7	1.4	1.5	1.6	1.5	1.4
Never worked before7	.6	.7	.7	.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					
	Oct. 1972	Oct. 1973		Oct. 1972	June 1973	July 1973	Aug. 1973	Sept. 1973	Oct. 1973
Total, 16 years and over	4,470	3,763	70.3	5.5	4.8	4.7	4.8	4.8	4.5
16 to 19 years	1,146	1,119	44.9	15.4	13.3	14.4	14.3	14.4	13.9
16 and 17 years	551	572	22.0	17.6	17.2	16.3	16.5	16.9	16.3
18 and 19 years	595	547	68.6	13.7	10.0	12.7	12.7	12.8	12.0
20 to 24 years	1,076	814	80.7	9.2	7.7	8.0	7.9	7.9	6.6
25 years and over	2,247	1,830	81.3	3.6	3.2	3.0	3.0	2.9	2.9
25 to 54 years	1,790	1,487	82.4	3.6	3.3	3.0	3.1	3.0	2.9
55 years and over	458	342	76.6	3.4	2.6	2.8	2.8	2.6	2.7
Males, 16 years and over	2,227	1,819	73.9	4.8	4.1	3.9	4.0	3.9	3.9
16 to 19 years	584	571	45.2	14.5	12.8	14.0	14.1	13.7	13.2
16 and 17 years	299	307	27.0	17.1	16.7	16.5	16.2	15.2	15.8
18 and 19 years	285	264	66.3	12.5	9.6	11.4	12.4	12.8	11.0
20 to 24 years	542	397	80.6	8.8	7.4	6.9	7.4	7.0	6.1
25 years and over	1,101	851	90.1	3.1	2.5	2.4	2.4	2.4	2.4
25 to 54 years	814	630	94.9	2.9	2.5	2.3	2.4	2.3	2.2
55 years and over	287	221	76.5	3.5	2.8	2.9	2.6	2.8	2.8
Females, 16 years and over	2,243	1,945	66.8	6.7	5.9	5.9	5.9	6.0	5.6
16 to 19 years	563	548	44.5	16.6	13.9	14.9	14.5	15.3	14.7
16 and 17 years	253	266	16.2	18.4	17.7	15.9	16.7	19.0	17.1
18 and 19 years	310	283	70.7	15.2	10.4	14.2	13.1	12.8	13.1
20 to 24 years	534	418	80.6	9.7	8.0	9.4	8.6	8.9	7.3
25 years and over	1,146	979	73.4	4.5	4.2	3.9	4.0	3.8	3.7
25 to 54 years	974	857	73.0	4.8	4.7	4.3	4.3	4.1	4.0
55 years and over	171	121	76.9	3.2	2.4	2.6	3.2	2.4	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)									
	Oct. 1972	Sept. 1973	Oct. 1973	Seasonally adjusted						
				Oct. 1972	June 1973	July 1973	Aug. 1973	Sept. 1973	Oct. 1973	
VETERANS¹										
Total, 20 to 29 years										
Civilian noninstitutional population ²	4,624	4,706	4,716	4,624	4,682	4,687	4,695	4,706	4,716	
Civilian labor force	4,281	4,374	4,407	4,310	4,380	4,343	4,376	4,341	4,420	
Employed	4,045	4,169	4,233	4,026	4,118	4,100	4,110	4,107	4,211	
Unemployed	236	205	174	284	262	243	266	234	209	
Unemployment rate	5.5	4.7	3.9	6.6	6.0	5.6	6.1	5.4	4.7	
20 to 24 years										
Civilian noninstitutional population ²	1,885	1,602	1,577	1,885	1,681	1,652	1,626	1,602	1,577	
Civilian labor force	1,678	1,446	1,423	1,709	1,551	1,470	1,458	1,430	1,444	
Employed	1,541	1,350	1,328	1,543	1,388	1,347	1,311	1,321	1,329	
Unemployed	137	96	95	166	163	123	147	109	115	
Unemployment rate	8.2	6.6	6.7	9.7	10.5	8.4	10.1	7.6	8.0	
25 to 29 years										
Civilian noninstitutional population ²	2,739	3,104	3,139	2,739	3,001	3,035	3,069	3,104	3,139	
Civilian labor force	2,603	2,928	2,984	2,601	2,829	2,873	2,918	2,911	2,976	
Employed	2,504	2,819	2,905	2,483	2,730	2,753	2,799	2,786	2,882	
Unemployed	99	109	79	118	99	120	119	125	94	
Unemployment rate	3.8	3.7	2.6	4.5	3.5	4.2	4.1	4.3	3.2	
Total, 30 to 34 years										
Civilian noninstitutional population ²	777	1,089	1,117	777	1,003	1,031	1,060	1,089	1,117	
Civilian labor force	753	1,069	1,097	752	983	1,005	1,018	1,077	1,095	
Employed	733	1,041	1,069	731	960	990	999	1,032	1,066	
Unemployed	20	28	28	21	23	15	19	45	29	
Unemployment rate	2.7	2.6	2.6	2.8	2.3	1.5	1.9	4.2	2.6	
NONVETERANS										
Total, 20 to 29 years										
Civilian noninstitutional population ²	10,209	10,914	10,967	10,209	10,745	10,797	10,853	10,914	10,967	
Civilian labor force	8,862	9,546	9,619	8,962	9,390	9,437	9,444	9,537	9,719	
Employed	8,331	9,036	9,187	8,377	8,866	8,906	8,879	9,007	9,242	
Unemployed	531	510	432	585	524	531	565	530	477	
Unemployment rate	6.0	5.3	4.5	6.5	5.6	5.6	6.0	5.6	4.9	
20 to 24 years										
Civilian noninstitutional population ²	6,194	6,770	6,812	6,194	6,629	6,675	6,718	6,770	6,812	
Civilian labor force	5,053	5,607	5,663	5,158	5,499	5,520	5,521	5,599	5,770	
Employed	4,648	5,243	5,361	4,719	5,135	5,165	5,137	5,233	5,443	
Unemployed	405	364	302	439	364	355	384	366	327	
Unemployment rate	8.0	6.5	5.3	8.5	6.6	6.4	7.0	6.5	5.7	
25 to 29 years										
Civilian noninstitutional population ²	4,015	4,144	4,155	4,015	4,116	4,122	4,135	4,144	4,155	
Civilian labor force	3,809	3,939	3,956	3,804	3,891	3,917	3,923	3,938	3,949	
Employed	3,683	3,793	3,826	3,658	3,731	3,741	3,742	3,774	3,799	
Unemployed	126	146	130	146	160	176	181	164	150	
Unemployment rate	3.3	3.7	3.3	3.8	4.1	4.5	4.6	4.2	3.8	
Total, 30 to 34 years										
Civilian noninstitutional population ²	3,447	3,645	3,659	3,447	3,599	3,621	3,633	3,645	3,659	
Civilian labor force	3,313	3,510	3,534	3,311	3,480	3,516	3,504	3,504	3,527	
Employed	3,230	3,448	3,470	3,218	3,406	3,446	3,420	3,427	3,456	
Unemployed	83	62	64	93	74	70	84	77	71	
Unemployment rate	2.5	1.8	1.8	2.8	2.1	2.0	2.4	2.2	2.0	

¹ Vietnam Era veterans are those who served after August 4, 1964. At present, of the Vietnam Era veterans of all ages, 73 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 B-1: Employees on nonagricultural payrolls, by industry.

Industry	(In thousands)									
	Oct. 1972	Aug. 1973	Sept. 1973 ^p	Oct. 1973 ^p	Change from		Seasonally adjusted			
					Oct. 1972	Sept. 1973	Aug. 1973	Sept. 1973 ^p	Oct. 1973 ^p	Change in Sept. 1973
TOTAL	74,118	75,686	76,251	76,830	2,712	579	75,747	75,972	76,277	305
GOODS-PRODUCING	23,750	24,647	24,706	24,692	942	-14	24,171	24,203	24,308	105
MINING	609	648	641	639	30	-2	634	633	638	5
CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION	3,782	3,981	3,938	3,918	136	-20	3,676	3,694	3,689	-5
MANUFACTURING	19,359	20,018	20,127	20,135	776	8	19,861	19,876	19,981	105
<i>Production workers</i>	14,225	14,727	14,844	14,850	625	6	14,611	14,607	14,705	98
DURABLE GOODS	11,165	11,676	11,803	11,847	682	44	11,692	11,707	11,793	86
<i>Production workers</i>	8,173	8,560	8,686	8,727	554	41	8,597	8,600	8,678	78
Ordnance and accessories	190.5	192.3	190.5	190.1	-4	-4	192	189	191	2
Lumber and wood products	623.1	650.6	643.9	642.3	19.2	-1.6	631	633	635	2
Furniture and fixtures	508.6	530.3	527.2	532.0	23.4	4.8	527	524	526	2
Stone, clay, and glass products	679.4	711.5	707.1	708.3	28.9	1.2	694	694	700	6
Primary metal industries	1,255.0	1,326.1	1,330.7	1,327.8	72.8	-2.9	1,323	1,339	1,348	9
Fabricated metal products	1,403.0	1,457.2	1,468.8	1,478.0	75.0	9.2	1,459	1,457	1,468	11
Machinery, except electrical	1,899.4	2,048.5	2,070.0	2,081.3	181.9	11.3	2,065	2,076	2,092	16
Electrical equipment	1,889.4	2,005.8	2,026.7	2,042.6	153.2	15.9	2,006	2,009	2,030	21
Transportation equipment	1,801.6	1,803.8	1,883.6	1,880.1	78.5	-3.5	1,859	1,849	1,860	11
Instruments and related products	466.4	502.3	502.8	505.5	39.1	2.7	500	502	505	3
Miscellaneous manufacturing	448.9	447.1	451.2	459.0	10.1	7.8	436	435	438	3
NONDURABLE GOODS	8,194	8,342	8,324	8,288	94	-36	8,169	8,169	8,188	19
<i>Production workers</i>	6,052	6,167	6,158	6,123	71	-35	6,014	6,007	6,027	20
Food and kindred products	1,815.3	1,834.2	1,836.0	1,798.3	-17.0	-37.7	1,706	1,714	1,729	15
Tobacco manufactures	76.6	79.6	81.8	81.1	4.5	-7	72	70	71	1
Textile mill products	1,003.2	1,029.5	1,025.7	1,029.3	26.1	3.6	1,026	1,025	1,029	4
Apparel and other textile products	1,356.8	1,346.4	1,348.5	1,349.6	-7.2	1.1	1,337	1,336	1,336	0
Paper and allied products	705.6	727.1	722.4	721.2	15.6	-1.2	721	720	721	1
Printing and publishing	1,088.4	1,097.8	1,096.6	1,102.6	14.2	6.0	1,100	1,099	1,099	0
Chemicals and allied products	1,007.8	1,040.6	1,037.3	1,035.4	27.6	-1.9	1,031	1,036	1,037	1
Petroleum and coal products	189.7	193.3	192.0	191.9	2.2	-1	189	190	191	1
Rubber and plastics products, nec	647.4	691.6	689.0	685.0	37.6	-4.0	691	684	681	-3
Leather and leather products	302.8	302.3	294.5	293.2	-9.6	-1.3	296	295	294	-1
SERVICE-PRODUCING	50,368	51,039	51,545	52,138	1,770	593	51,576	51,769	51,969	200
TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC UTILITIES	4,549	4,659	4,674	4,675	126	1	4,617	4,632	4,666	34
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE	15,887	16,279	16,373	16,518	631	145	16,352	16,393	16,468	75
WHOLESALE TRADE	3,982	4,136	4,142	4,176	194	34	4,099	4,125	4,151	26
RETAIL TRADE	11,905	12,143	12,231	12,342	437	111	12,253	12,268	12,317	49
FINANCE, INSURANCE, AND REAL ESTATE	3,957	4,121	4,081	4,074	117	-7	4,064	4,077	4,086	9
SERVICES	12,463	13,009	12,983	13,066	603	83	12,906	12,996	13,053	57
GOVERNMENT	13,512	12,971	13,434	13,805	293	371	13,637	13,671	13,696	25
FEDERAL	2,627	2,617	2,604	2,595	-32	-9	2,599	2,609	2,608	-1
STATE AND LOCAL	10,885	10,354	10,830	11,210	325	380	11,038	11,062	11,088	26

p = preliminary.

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

Industry	Oct. 1972	Aug. 1973	Sept. 1973 ^p	Oct. 1973 ^p	Change from		Seasonally adjusted			
					Oct. 1972	Sept. 1973	Aug. 1973	Sept. 1973 ^p	Oct. 1973 ^p	Change from Sept. 1973
TOTAL PRIVATE	37.3	37.5	37.3	37.0	-0.3	-0.3	37.0	37.2	37.0	-0.2
MINING	42.9	42.8	42.8	42.5	-.4	-.3	42.6	42.7	42.1	-.6
CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION	38.2	38.3	38.0	37.9	-.3	-.1	37.1	36.8	37.1	.3
MANUFACTURING	40.8	40.5	41.0	40.7	-.1	-.3	40.5	40.8	40.6	-.2
<i>Overtime hours</i>	3.8	3.8	4.1	3.9	.1	-.2	3.7	3.8	3.7	-.1
DURABLE GOODS	41.5	40.9	41.7	41.5	0	-.2	41.1	41.4	41.4	0
<i>Overtime hours</i>	4.0	3.9	4.4	4.1	.1	-.3	3.9	4.0	3.9	-.1
Ordnance and accessories	42.4	41.5	42.6	42.6	.2	0	41.5	42.6	42.7	.1
Lumber and wood products	41.4	40.9	41.0	40.5	-.9	-.5	40.7	40.8	40.1	-.7
Furniture and fixtures	40.8	40.2	40.2	40.1	-.7	-.1	39.7	39.7	39.6	-.1
Stone, clay, and glass products ..	42.5	42.5	42.6	42.6	.1	0	42.0	42.2	42.2	0
Primary metal industries	41.7	41.7	42.8	42.7	1.0	-.1	41.8	42.7	43.2	.5
Fabricated metal products	41.5	41.4	41.9	41.4	-.1	-.5	41.3	41.6	41.3	-.3
Machinery, except electrical	42.3	42.0	43.1	42.8	.5	-.3	42.4	43.1	42.9	-.2
Electrical equipment	40.8	40.1	40.7	40.3	-.5	-.4	40.1	40.5	40.1	-.4
Transportation equipment	42.0	40.0	41.7	41.9	-.1	.2	41.0	41.2	41.7	.5
Instruments and related products ..	40.7	40.2	41.1	40.9	.2	-.2	40.4	40.9	40.8	-.1
Miscellaneous manufacturing	39.5	38.9	39.1	38.8	-.7	-.3	38.7	39.1	38.6	-.5
NONDURABLE GOODS	39.8	39.8	40.0	39.6	-.2	-.4	39.5	39.8	39.6	-.2
<i>Overtime hours</i>	3.6	3.5	3.8	3.5	-.1	-.3	3.3	3.4	3.3	-.1
Food and kindred products	40.4	41.0	41.3	40.6	.2	-.7	40.4	40.6	40.6	0
Tobacco manufactures	39.4	39.1	39.0	38.8	-.6	-.2	38.5	37.9	37.4	-.5
Textile mill products	41.4	40.9	41.1	40.5	-.9	-.6	40.8	41.0	40.4	-.6
Apparel and other textile products	36.2	36.0	35.9	35.7	-.5	-.2	35.7	35.9	35.7	-.2
Paper and allied products	43.1	42.6	43.0	42.5	-.6	-.5	42.4	42.7	42.3	-.4
Printing and publishing	38.0	37.9	38.3	37.9	-.1	-.4	37.7	38.0	37.9	-.1
Chemicals and allied products	42.0	41.8	42.0	41.7	-.3	-.3	42.1	42.0	41.7	-.3
Petroleum and coal products	42.7	42.3	43.1	42.9	.2	-.2	42.1	42.6	42.5	-.1
Rubber and plastics products, nec	41.4	40.6	41.2	40.7	-.7	-.5	40.5	40.9	40.6	-.3
Leather and leather products	37.5	38.1	37.8	37.8	.3	0	38.1	38.4	38.2	-.2
TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC UTILITIES	40.6	41.1	41.1	40.8	.2	-.3	40.9	40.9	40.7	-.2
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE	34.9	35.4	34.7	34.3	-.6	-.4	34.5	34.6	34.5	-.1
WHOLESALE TRADE	39.8	39.6	39.5	39.4	-.4	-.1	39.4	39.5	39.4	-.1
RETAIL TRADE	33.3	34.1	33.2	32.8	-.5	-.4	33.0	33.2	33.0	-.2
FINANCE, INSURANCE, AND REAL ESTATE	37.3	37.1	37.1	36.9	-.4	-.2	37.0	37.2	36.8	-.4
SERVICES	34.1	34.7	34.1	33.9	-.2	-.2	34.2	34.1	34.0	-.1

¹Data relate to production workers in mining and manufacturing; to construction workers in contract construction; and to nonsupervisory workers in transportation and public utilities; wholesale and retail trade; finance, insurance, and real estate; and services. These groups account for approximately four-fifths of the total employment on private nonagricultural payrolls.

p = preliminary.

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

Industry	Average hourly earnings						Average weekly earnings					
	Oct. 1972	Aug. 1973	Sept. 1973 ^p	Oct. 1973 ^p	Change from		Oct. 1972	Aug. 1973	Sept. 1973 ^p	Oct. 1973 ^p	Change from	
					Oct. 1972	Sept. 1973					Oct. 1972	Sept. 1973
TOTAL PRIVATE	\$3.74	\$3.91	\$3.98	\$3.99	\$0.25	\$0.01	\$139.50	\$146.63	\$148.45	\$147.63	\$8.13	-\$0.82
Seasonally adjusted.....	3.73	3.92	3.95	3.98	.25	.03	139.13	145.04	146.94	147.26	8.13	.32
MINING	4.41	4.69	4.77	4.79	.38	.02	189.19	200.73	204.16	203.58	14.39	-5.8
CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION	6.22	6.46	6.63	6.66	.44	.03	237.60	247.42	251.94	252.41	14.81	.47
MANUFACTURING	3.86	4.06	4.13	4.13	.27	0	157.49	164.43	169.33	168.09	10.60	-1.24
DURABLE GOODS	4.11	4.31	4.39	4.38	.27	-.01	170.57	176.28	183.06	181.77	11.20	-1.29
Ordnance and accessories.....	4.13	4.29	4.37	4.34	.21	-.03	175.11	178.04	186.16	184.88	9.77	-1.28
Lumber and wood products.....	3.37	3.62	3.67	3.65	.28	-.02	139.52	148.06	150.47	147.83	8.31	-2.64
Furniture and fixtures.....	3.12	3.28	3.33	3.32	.20	-.01	127.30	131.86	133.87	133.13	5.83	-.74
Stone, clay, and glass products..	4.02	4.21	4.26	4.25	.23	-.01	170.85	178.93	181.48	181.05	10.20	-.43
Primary metal industries.....	4.74	5.10	5.15	5.12	.38	-.03	197.66	212.67	220.42	218.62	20.96	-1.80
Fabricated metal products.....	4.05	4.24	4.30	4.30	.25	0	168.08	175.54	180.17	178.02	9.94	-2.15
Machinery, except electrical....	4.35	4.53	4.61	4.61	.26	0	184.01	190.26	198.69	197.31	13.30	-1.38
Electrical equipment.....	3.71	3.88	3.91	3.90	.19	-.01	151.37	155.59	159.14	157.17	5.80	-1.97
Transportation equipment.....	4.81	5.02	5.11	5.15	.34	.04	202.02	200.80	213.09	215.79	13.77	2.70
Instruments and related products	3.73	3.87	3.93	3.93	.20	0	151.81	155.57	161.52	160.74	8.93	-.78
Miscellaneous manufacturing....	3.13	3.26	3.31	3.31	.18	0	123.64	126.81	129.42	128.43	4.79	-.99
NONDURABLE GOODS	3.52	3.70	3.75	3.76	.24	.01	140.10	147.26	150.00	148.90	8.80	-1.10
Food and kindred products.....	3.63	3.83	3.85	3.89	.26	.04	146.65	157.03	159.01	157.93	11.28	-1.08
Tobacco manufactures.....	3.38	3.73	3.68	3.72	.34	.04	133.17	145.84	143.52	144.34	11.17	.82
Textile mill products.....	2.76	2.92	3.02	3.03	.27	.01	114.26	119.43	124.12	122.72	8.46	-1.40
Apparel and other textile products	2.67	2.79	2.84	2.86	.19	.02	96.65	100.44	101.96	102.10	5.45	.14
Paper and allied products.....	4.02	4.24	4.28	4.28	.26	0	173.26	180.62	184.04	181.90	8.64	-2.14
Printing and publishing.....	4.55	4.70	4.75	4.76	.21	.01	172.90	178.13	181.93	180.40	7.50	-1.53
Chemicals and allied products...	4.28	4.50	4.53	4.52	.24	-.01	179.76	188.10	190.26	188.48	8.72	-1.78
Petroleum and coal products...	5.01	5.24	5.30	5.27	.26	-.03	213.93	221.65	228.43	226.08	12.15	-2.35
Rubber and plastics products, nec	3.69	3.81	3.86	3.83	.14	-.03	152.77	154.69	159.03	155.88	3.11	-3.15
Leather and leather products...	2.72	2.80	2.85	2.86	.14	.01	102.00	106.68	107.73	108.11	6.11	.38
TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC UTILITIES	4.80	5.12	5.17	5.18	.38	.01	194.88	210.43	212.49	211.34	16.46	-1.15
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE	3.06	3.21	3.25	3.26	.20	.01	106.79	113.63	112.78	111.82	5.03	-.96
WHOLESALE TRADE.....	3.93	4.13	4.18	4.18	.25	0	156.41	163.55	165.11	164.69	8.28	-.42
RETAIL TRADE.....	2.74	2.87	2.91	2.92	.18	.01	91.24	97.87	96.61	95.78	4.54	-.83
FINANCE, INSURANCE, AND REAL ESTATE	3.48	3.60	3.64	3.64	.16	0	129.80	133.56	135.04	134.32	4.52	-.72
SERVICES	3.24	3.34	3.43	3.45	.21	.02	110.48	115.90	116.96	116.96	6.48	0

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**

Industry	(1967 = 100)							Percent change from	
	Oct. 1972	May 1973	June 1973	July 1973	Aug. 1973	Sept. ^P 1973	Oct. ^P 1973	Oct. 1972- Oct. 1973	Sept. 1973- Oct. 1973
	Total private nonfarm								
Current dollars	140.4	144.7	146.0	146.9	147.6	148.7	149.5	6.5	.5
Constant (1967) dollars	110.9	110.1	110.4	110.9	109.3	109.8	NA	<u>1/</u>	<u>2/</u>
Mining	137.8	144.8	146.2	147.9	147.5	149.1	149.3	8.4	.2
Contract construction	149.2	153.7	155.4	156.3	157.2	159.1	159.0	6.6	<u>3/</u>
Manufacturing	137.5	141.8	142.7	143.7	144.5	145.4	146.3	6.4	.6
Transportation and public utilities	148.2	153.5	155.0	155.6	157.7	158.9	159.8	7.8	.6
Wholesale and retail trade	137.2	141.7	142.9	143.6	144.4	145.2	145.8	6.2	.4
Finance, insurance, and real estate	135.4	138.5	139.5	140.9	140.9	142.7	142.4	5.2	-.2
Services	140.7	144.7	146.3	147.3	146.9	148.6	149.6	6.3	.6

1/ Percent change was -0.6 from September 1972 to September 1973, the latest month available.

2/ Percent change was 0.5 from August 1973 to September 1973, the latest month available.

3/ Less than 0.05 percent.

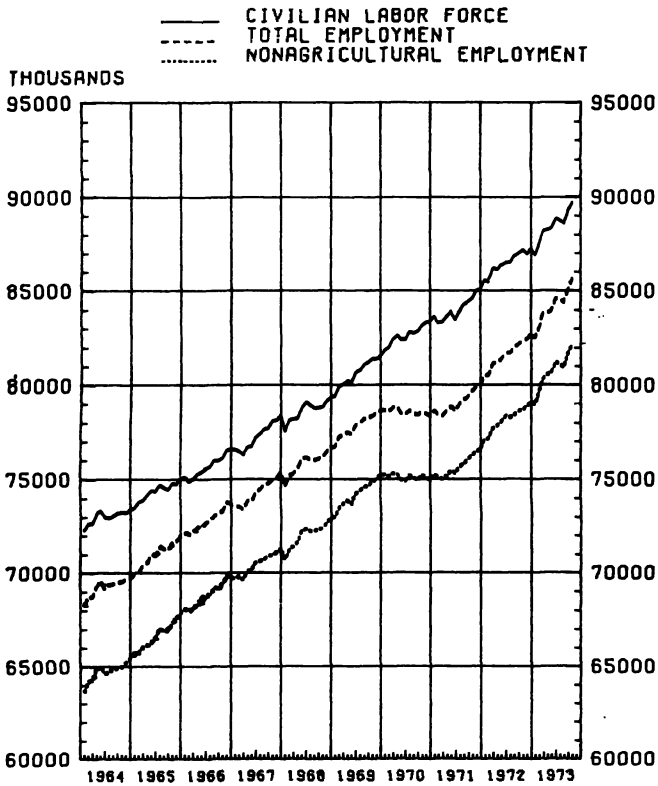
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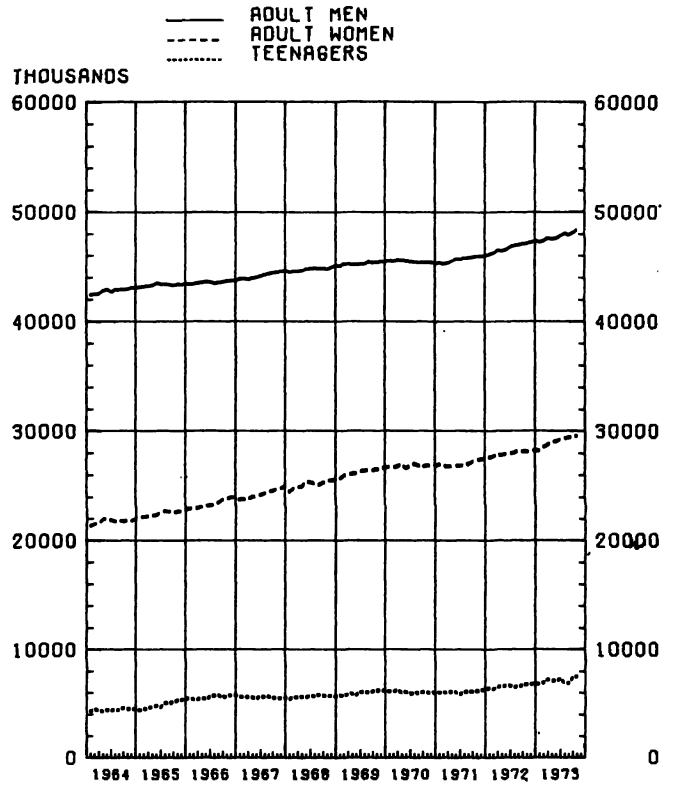
NOTE: All series are in current dollars except where indicated. The index excludes effects of two types of changes that are unrelated to underlying wage-rate developments: Fluctuations in overtime premiums in manufacturing (the only sector for which overtime data are available) and the effects of changes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

LABOR FORCE, EMPLOYMENT, UNEMPLOYMENT HOUSEHOLD DATA - SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

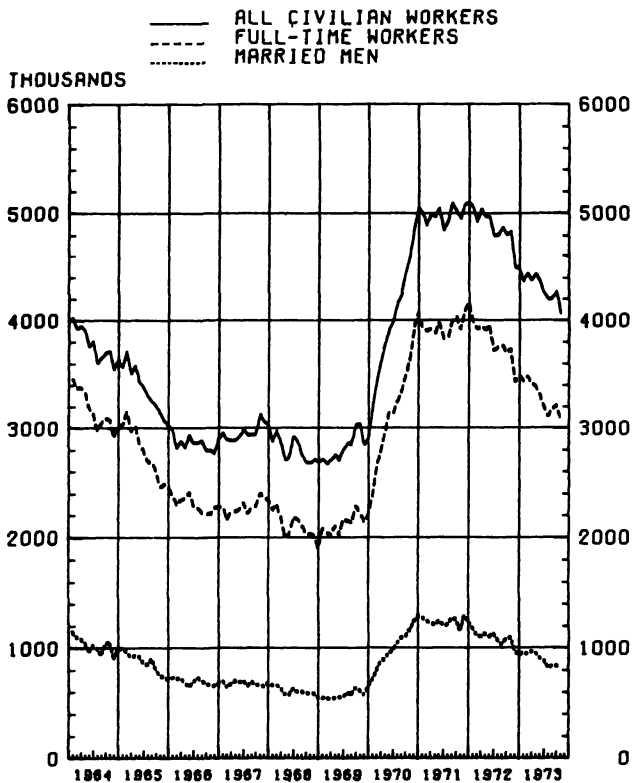
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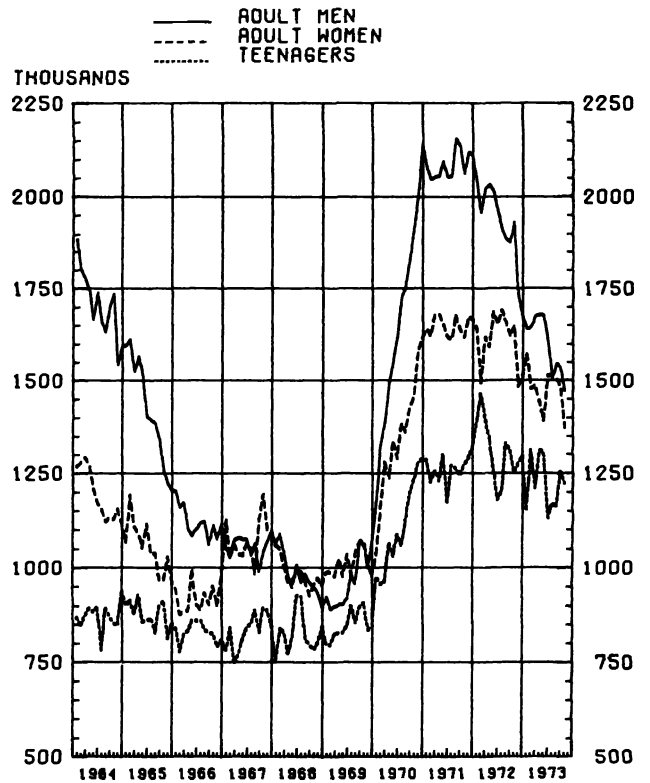
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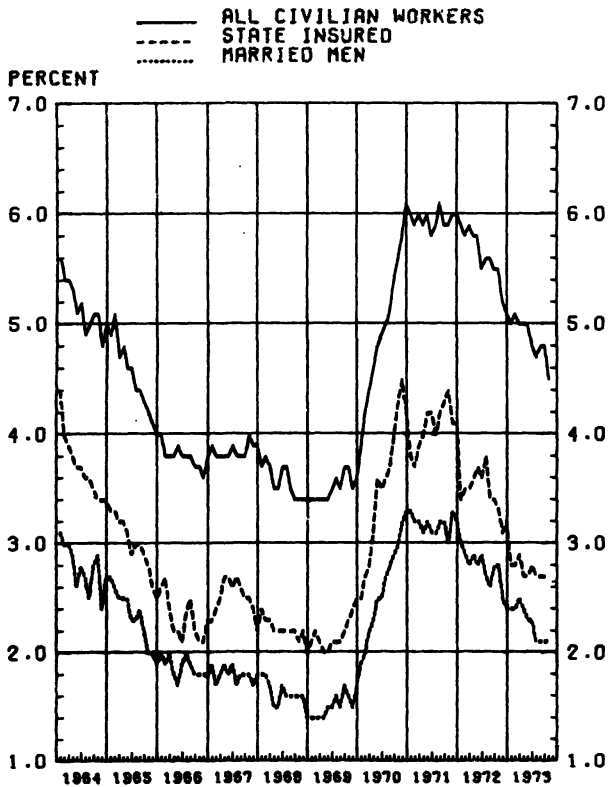


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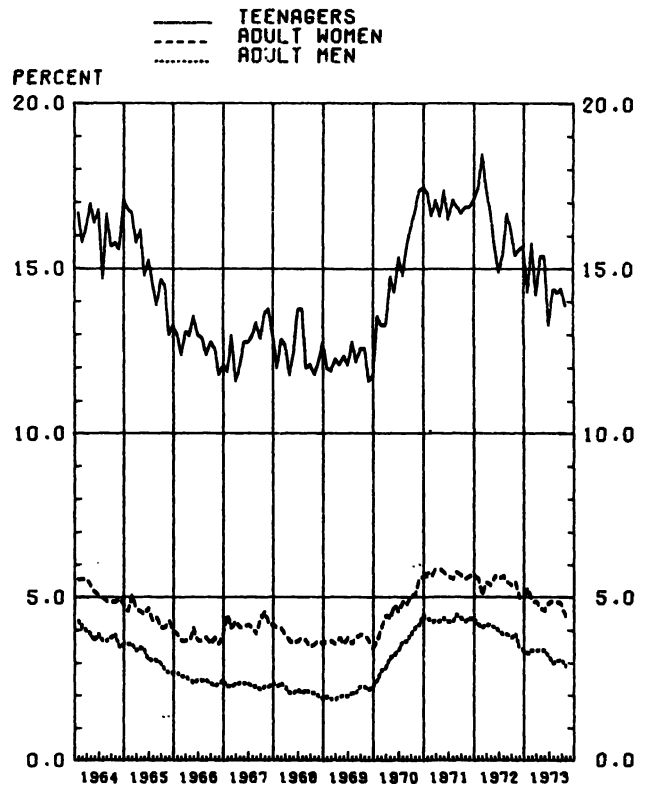


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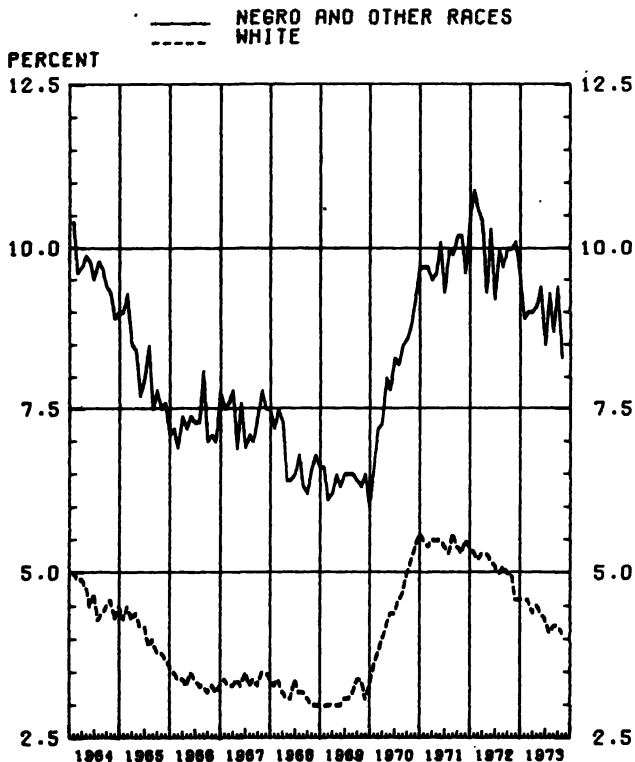
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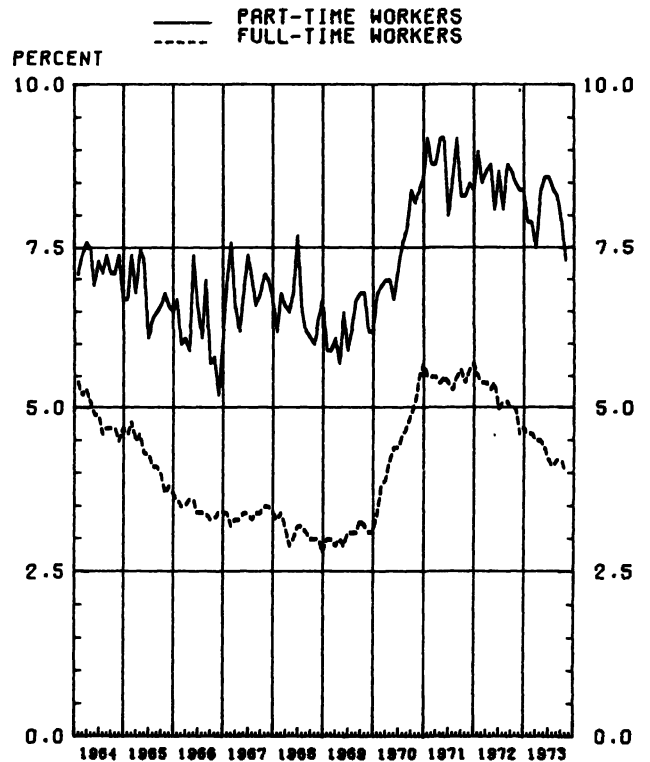
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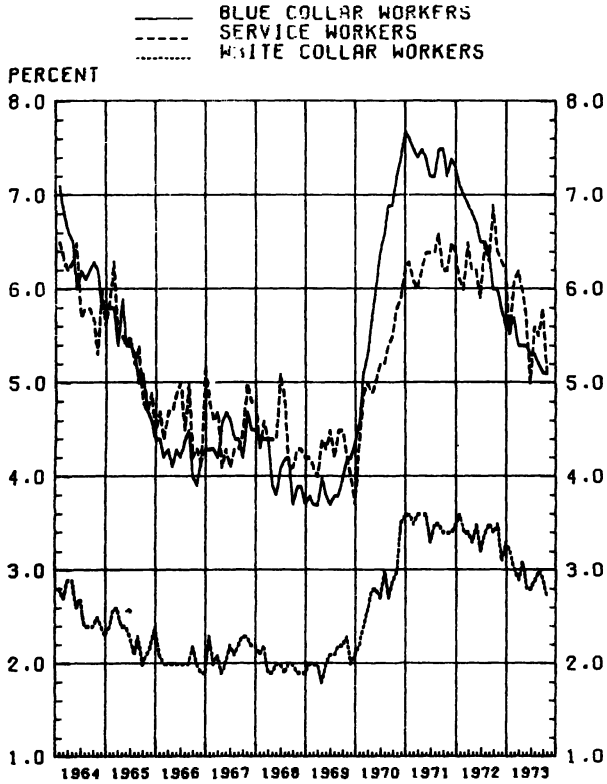
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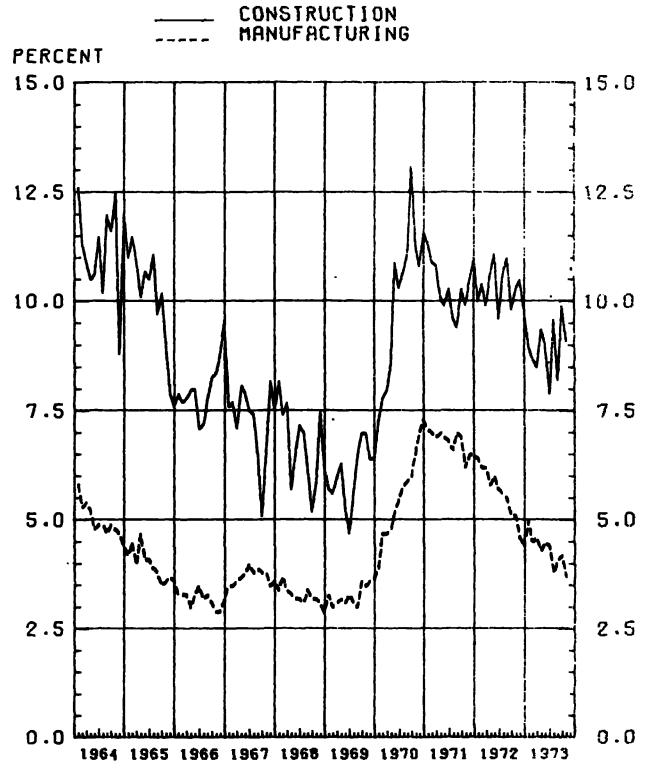
* State insured unemployment rate pertains to the week including the 12th of the month and represents the insured unemployed under State programs as a percent of average covered employment. The figures are derived from administrative records of unemployment insurance systems.

UNEMPLOYMENT HOUSEHOLD DATA - SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

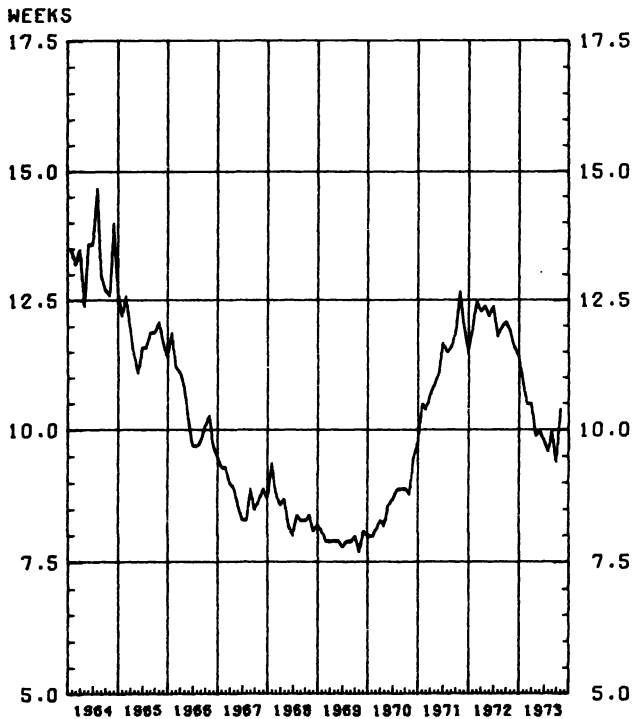
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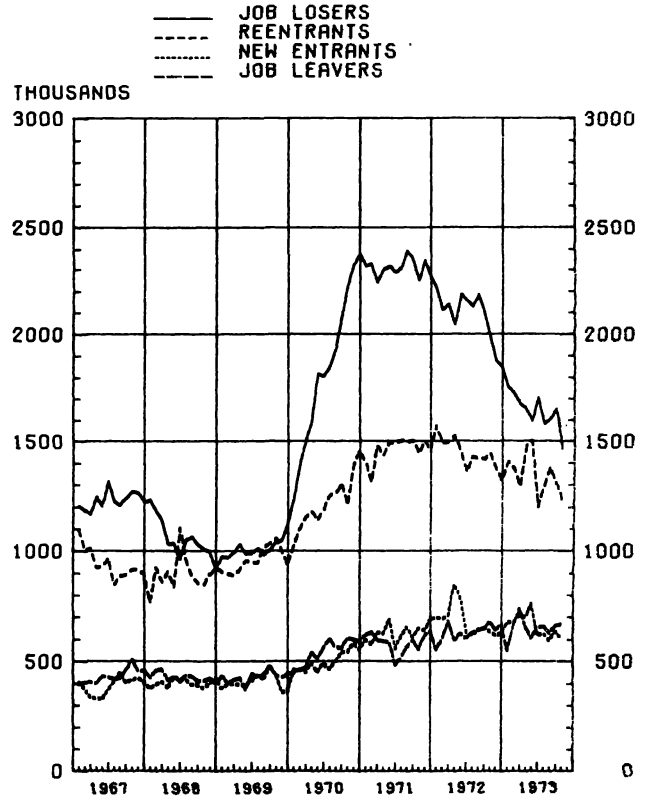
10. UNEMPLOYMENT RATES



11. AVERAGE DURATION OF UNEMPLOYMENT



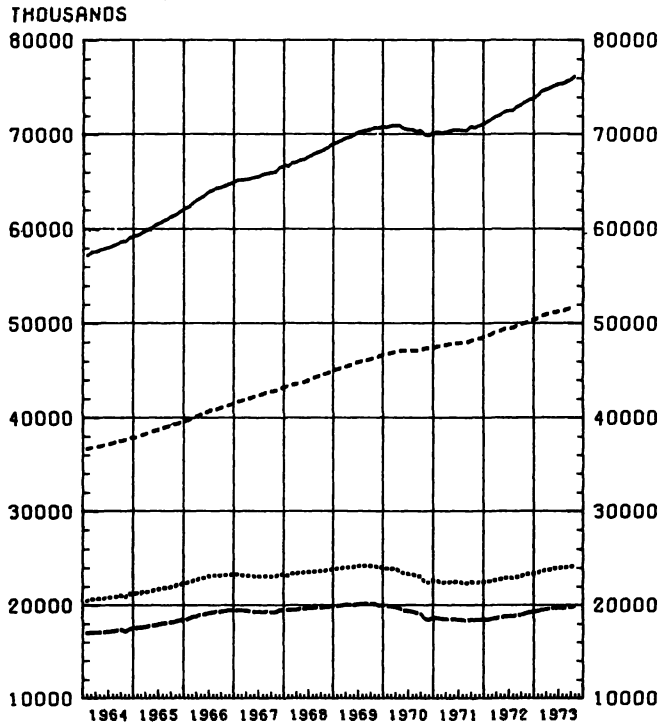
12. UNEMPLOYMENT BY REASON



NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT AND HOURS ESTABLISHMENT DATA - SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

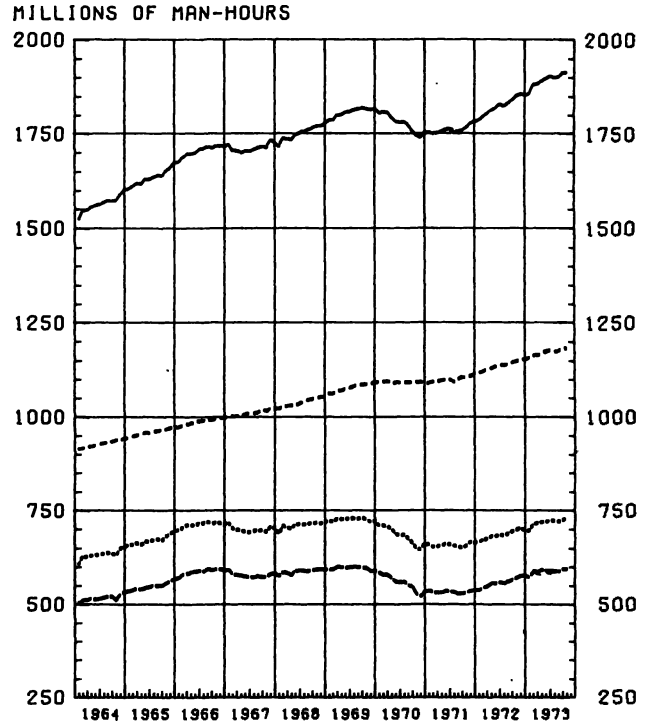
13. EMPLOYMENT

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 - - - MANUFACTURING



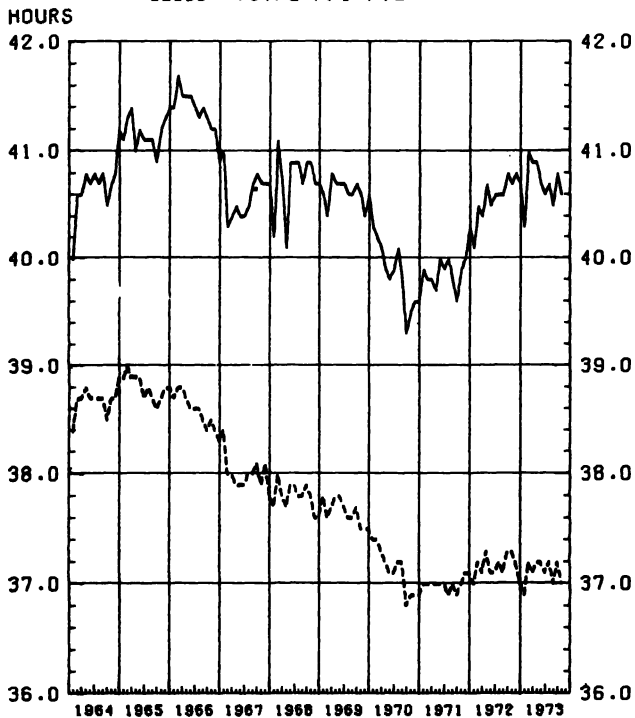
14. MAN-HOURS

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 - - - MANUFACTURING

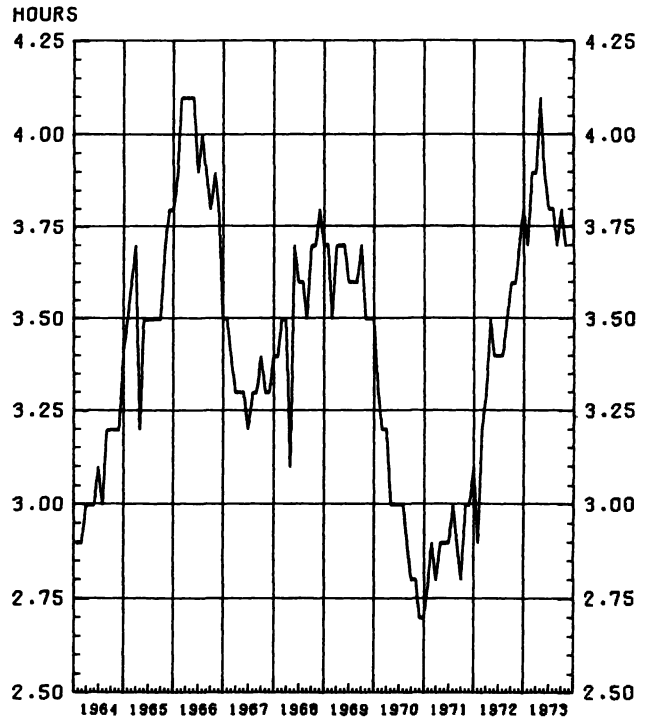


15. AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS

——— MANUFACTURING
 - - - TOTAL PRIVATE



16. AVERAGE WEEKLY OVERTIME HOURS IN MANUFACTURING



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.