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THE EMPLOYMENT SITUATION: NOVEMBER 1973

Unemployment rose in November, while total employment was unchanged, it was announced today by the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U. S. Department of Labor. The unemployment rate, which had dipped to 4.5 percent in October, moved up to 4.7 percent in November.

Total employment (as measured by the household survey), at 85.7 million, seasonally adjusted, was about unchanged over the month, after large increases in September and October. Since November a year ago, it has risen by over 3 million.

The number of nonagricultural payroll jobs (as measured by the establishment survey) increased by 200,000, seasonally adjusted, to 76.5 million in November. Compared with November a year ago, payroll employment was up 2.7 million.

Unemployment

The number of unemployed persons--at 4.3 million, seasonally adjusted--increased by 200,000 in November, following a decline of similar magnitude in October. The increase, which occurred entirely among persons seeking full-time jobs, raised the overall unemployment rate from 4.5 to 4.7 percent, returning it approximately to the levels which had prevailed since June. It was 5.2 percent in November a year ago. (See table A-3.)

The November upturn in joblessness occurred among adult women and young men 16 to 24 years of age. The jobless rate for women 20 years and over rose to 4.7 percent in November, after dropping to 4.4 percent the previous month. Except for October, this rate has been in the 4.6 to 4.9-percent range since February. After declining steadily for a year and a half, the rate for men 20 years and over--3.0 percent in November--has shown little change since July; the rate for men 25 and over (2.4 percent) has, in fact, not changed at all since July. (See table A-6.)

The unemployment rate for household heads (both male and female) edged up from 2.7 to 2.9 percent in November. The rate for married men, at 2.2 percent, remained about the same as in the previous month. The unemployment rate for workers

covered by State unemployment insurance programs, at 2.7 percent, has been virtually unchanged since April.

For Negro workers, the jobless rate rose from 8.3 percent in October to 9.1 percent in November, due largely to an increase among adult women. After posting a decline at the beginning of this year, the Negro rate has fluctuated around the 9-percent mark in subsequent months. In contrast, the unemployment rate for white workers

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

Selected categories	Quarterly averages					Monthly data		
	1972		1973			Sept. 1973	Oct. 1973	Nov. 1973
	3rd	4th	1st	2nd	3rd			
(Millions of persons)								
Civilian labor force	86.9	87.2	87.6	88.6	89.0	89.4	89.8	90.0
Total employment	82.0	82.6	83.2	84.2	84.7	85.1	85.7	85.7
Adult men	47.1	47.3	47.5	47.7	48.1	48.1	48.4	48.5
Adult women	28.2	28.3	28.6	29.2	29.5	29.5	29.7	29.7
Teenagers	6.7	6.9	7.1	7.3	7.1	7.5	7.6	7.5
Unemployment	4.8	4.6	4.4	4.4	4.2	4.3	4.1	4.3
(Percent of labor force)								
Unemployment rates:								
All workers	5.6	5.3	5.0	4.9	4.8	4.8	4.5	4.7
Adult men	3.9	3.6	3.4	3.4	3.1	3.1	2.9	3.0
Adult women	5.5	5.2	5.0	4.7	4.9	4.8	4.4	4.7
Teenagers	16.1	15.6	14.8	14.7	14.4	14.4	13.9	14.6
White	5.0	4.7	4.5	4.4	4.2	4.2	4.1	4.2
Negro and other races	9.9	9.9	9.0	9.0	9.1	9.4	8.3	9.1
Household heads	3.3	3.1	2.9	2.9	2.7	2.7	2.7	2.9
Married men	2.7	2.5	2.4	2.3	2.1	2.1	2.1	2.2
Full-time workers	5.0	4.8	4.6	4.4	4.2	4.2	4.0	4.4
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	9.4	10.4	10.1
(Millions of persons)								
Nonfarm payroll employment	73.0	73.8	74.6	75.3	75.7	76.0	76.3p	76.5p
Goods-producing industries	23.1	23.4	23.7	24.0	24.2	24.2	24.3p	24.4p
Service-producing industries	49.9	50.4	50.9	51.3	51.6	51.7	51.9p	52.1p
(Hours of work)								
Average weekly hours:								
Total private nonfarm	37.2	37.2	37.1	37.2	37.1	37.2	37.0p	37.0p
Manufacturing	40.7	40.7	40.7	40.7	40.7	40.8	40.6p	40.6p
Manufacturing overtime	3.5	3.7	3.8	3.9	3.8	3.8	3.7p	3.7p
(1967=100)								
Hourly Earnings Index, private nonfarm:								
In current dollars	138.6	141.0	142.7	145.0	147.8	149.0	149.7p	150.1p
In constant dollars	110.2	111.1	110.8	110.3	110.0	110.0	109.6p	NA

p= preliminary.

N.A.= not available.

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

continued its downward trend during the first half of this year but has held steady at about 4.2 percent since July.

Among the major occupational groups, November's rise in unemployment was accounted for by blue-collar and service workers. The unemployment rate for blue-collar workers advanced from 5.1 to 5.5 percent, while the rate for service workers, which had declined in October, rose from 5.1 to 6.0 percent in November. The most pronounced unemployment change among the major industry categories occurred in manufacturing, where the unemployment rate went from 3.7 to 4.2 percent in November, a return to the August and September levels.

The unemployment rate for the most recently discharged Vietnam Era veterans (20-24 year-olds) has been declining unevenly during the year and at 7.0 percent in November, was substantially below the 10.0-percent rate of last November. Jobless rates of veterans 25-29 and 30-34 years, at 2.5 percent for each, also receded from a year ago. The rate for 20-24 veterans has generally been higher than that of young nonveterans, but in November there was little difference. (See table A-7.)

The average (mean) duration of unemployment edged down to 10.1 weeks in November, following a rise to 10.4 weeks in October. Average duration has decreased by 1-1/2 weeks over the past year. (See table A-4.)

The increase in unemployment in November was accounted for primarily by job loss. As a result, the proportion of the unemployed who had lost their last job expanded substantially, following a decrease in October. (See table A-5.)

Civilian Labor Force and Total Employment

The civilian labor force, at 90.0 million (seasonally adjusted) in November, was little changed from October, following substantial growth in the previous 2 months. (See table A-1.) Total employment, at 85.7 million, was also about unchanged, after posting an unusually large gain from August to October--nearly 1.3 million. Since November 1972, total employment has risen by 3.1 million; adult women accounted for 1.4 million of this expansion, adult men 1.1 million, and teenagers 575,000.

Industry Payroll Employment

Nonagricultural payroll employment continued to expand in November, advancing by 200,000 to a seasonally adjusted level of 76.5 million. Compared with November 1972, total payroll jobs have increased by 2.7 million. (See table B-1.)

In manufacturing, an over-the-month increase of 45,000 was essentially limited to two industries--machinery in the durable goods sector and food products in non-durable goods. The number of jobs in the service-producing sector expanded by

135,000, paced by gains in trade, services, and State and local government. Employment in transportation and public utilities was off by 25,000, reflecting the impact of an airline labor dispute.

Hours of Work

The average workweek for production or nonsupervisory workers on nonagricultural payrolls held constant in November, after seasonal adjustment, at 37.0 hours. (See table B-2.) With the exception of longer hours in contract construction due to unseasonably warm weather, nearly every industry group reflected this unchanged picture. For example, both the overall workweek and overtime hours in manufacturing were unchanged from their respective October levels of 40.6 and 3.7 hours. However, factory hours have declined from the higher levels achieved early this year.

Hourly and Weekly Earnings

Average hourly earnings of production or nonsupervisory workers on nonagricultural payrolls rose by 0.3 percent from October to November (seasonally adjusted). Since November a year ago, hourly earnings have risen by 7.0 percent. Reflecting the lack of change in the average workweek, average weekly earnings also increased by 0.3 percent from October. Weekly earnings have risen by 6.4 percent over their year-ago level.

Before adjustment for seasonality, average hourly earnings increased by 1 cent in November to reach the \$4.00 mark. Since November 1972, hourly earnings have risen by 26 cents. Weekly earnings averaged \$147.60 in November, virtually the same as in October but \$8.85 above the year-earlier level. (See table B-3.)

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 150.1 (1967=100) in November, 0.3 percent higher than in October. (See table B-4.) The index was 6.7 percent above November a year ago. All industries recorded gains over the past 12 months, ranging from 5.8 percent in finance, insurance, and real estate to 8.2 percent in transportation and public utilities. During the 12-month period ended in October, the Hourly Earnings Index in dollars of constant purchasing power declined 1.2 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	Nov. 1972	Oct. 1973	Nov. 1973	Seasonally adjusted				
				Nov. 1972	Aug. 1973	Sept. 1973	Oct. 1973	Nov. 1973
Total								
Total labor force	89,400	92,046	92,168	89,454	90,958	91,694	92,053	92,235
Civilian labor force	86,969	89,757	89,884	87,023	88,651	89,403	89,764	89,952
Employed	82,703	85,994	85,828	82,525	84,434	85,127	85,695	85,688
Agriculture	3,363	3,525	3,419	3,556	3,443	3,370	3,471	3,636
Nonagricultural industries	79,340	82,469	82,409	78,969	80,991	81,757	82,224	82,052
On part time for economic reasons	2,011	2,154	2,187	2,217	2,299	2,318	2,361	2,413
Usually work full time	946	1,046	1,083	1,025	1,190	1,090	1,098	1,175
Usually work part time	1,065	1,108	1,104	1,192	1,109	1,228	1,263	1,238
Unemployed	4,266	3,763	4,056	4,498	4,217	4,276	4,069	4,264
Men, 20 years and over								
Civilian labor force	48,882	49,902	49,802	49,044	49,528	49,667	49,918	49,965
Employed	47,309	48,654	48,443	47,308	47,979	48,132	48,446	48,464
Agriculture	2,532	2,558	2,536	2,599	2,491	2,462	2,488	2,604
Nonagricultural industries	44,777	46,096	45,906	44,709	45,488	45,670	45,958	45,860
Unemployed	1,573	1,248	1,360	1,736	1,549	1,535	1,472	1,501
Women, 20 years and over								
Civilian labor force	30,328	31,547	31,729	29,779	30,992	31,023	31,033	31,154
Employed	28,864	30,151	30,280	28,293	29,486	29,538	29,660	29,682
Agriculture	534	584	531	547	556	505	530	545
Nonagricultural industries	28,330	29,567	29,749	27,746	28,930	29,033	29,130	29,137
Unemployed	1,463	1,396	1,450	1,486	1,506	1,485	1,373	1,472
Both sexes, 16-19 years								
Civilian labor force	7,759	8,308	8,352	8,200	8,131	8,713	8,813	8,833
Employed	6,530	7,189	7,106	6,924	6,969	7,457	7,589	7,542
Agriculture	296	382	352	410	396	403	453	487
Nonagricultural industries	6,233	6,807	6,754	6,514	6,573	7,054	7,136	7,055
Unemployed	1,299	1,119	1,247	1,276	1,162	1,256	1,224	1,291

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	Nov. 1972	Nov. 1973	Seasonally adjusted					
			Nov. 1972	July 1973	Aug. 1973	Sept. 1973	Oct. 1973	Nov. 1973
Full time								
Total, 16 years and over:								
Civilian labor force	73,400	75,756	74,402	75,963	75,821	76,056	76,649	76,863
Employed	70,409	72,838	70,969	72,847	72,637	72,837	73,576	73,496
Unemployed	2,992	2,918	3,433	3,116	3,184	3,219	3,073	3,367
Unemployment rate	4.1	3.9	4.6	4.1	4.2	4.2	4.0	4.4
Men, 20 years and over:								
Civilian labor force	46,296	47,201	46,539	47,235	47,183	47,233	47,433	47,456
Employed	44,907	45,993	44,964	45,898	45,798	45,889	46,116	46,085
Unemployed	1,389	1,208	1,575	1,337	1,385	1,344	1,319	1,371
Unemployment rate	3.0	2.6	3.4	2.8	2.9	2.8	2.8	2.9
Women, 20 years and over:								
Civilian labor force	23,473	24,569	23,303	24,256	24,251	24,107	24,232	24,395
Employed	22,391	23,460	22,144	23,094	23,082	22,958	23,165	23,205
Unemployed	1,083	1,110	1,159	1,162	1,169	1,149	1,067	1,190
Unemployment rate	4.6	4.5	5.0	4.8	4.8	4.8	4.4	4.9
Part time								
Total, 16 years and over:								
Civilian labor force	13,569	14,128	12,679	12,538	12,824	13,519	13,214	13,220
Employed	12,295	12,990	11,616	11,489	11,755	12,447	12,259	12,273
Unemployed	1,274	1,138	1,063	1,049	1,069	1,072	960	947
Unemployment rate	9.4	8.1	8.4	8.4	8.3	7.9	7.3	7.2

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					
	Nov. 1972	Nov. 1973	Nov. 1972	July 1973	Aug. 1973	Sept. 1973	Oct. 1973	Nov. 1973
Total (all civilian workers)	4,498	4,264	5.2	4.7	4.8	4.8	4.5	4.7
Men, 20 years and over	1,736	1,501	3.5	3.0	3.1	3.1	2.9	3.0
Women, 20 years and over	1,486	1,472	5.0	4.9	4.9	4.8	4.4	4.7
Both sexes, 16-19 years	1,276	1,291	15.6	14.4	14.3	14.4	13.9	14.6
White	3,536	3,359	4.6	4.1	4.2	4.2	4.1	4.2
Negro and other races	978	929	10.1	9.3	8.7	9.4	8.3	9.1
Household heads	1,491	1,486	2.9	2.7	2.8	2.7	2.7	2.9
Married men	982	864	2.5	2.1	2.1	2.1	2.1	2.2
Full-time workers	3,433	3,367	4.6	4.1	4.2	4.2	4.0	4.4
Part-time workers	1,063	947	8.4	8.4	8.3	7.9	7.3	7.2
Unemployed 15 weeks and over ¹	1,068	855	1.2	.8	.9	.9	.9	1.0
State insured ²	1,670	1,645	3.1	2.7	2.7	2.7	2.7	2.7
Labor force time lost ³	--	--	5.4	5.2	5.2	5.1	5.0	5.2
Occupation⁴								
White-collar workers	1,254	1,162	3.1	2.9	3.0	2.9	2.7	2.7
Professional and technical	261	250	2.2	1.9	2.3	2.3	2.2	2.0
Managers and administrators, except farm	158	118	1.9	1.7	1.2	1.2	1.5	1.3
Sales workers	248	188	4.3	3.6	3.9	3.6	3.1	3.3
Clerical workers	587	606	3.9	4.1	4.2	4.2	3.6	3.9
Blue-collar workers	1,764	1,746	5.8	5.3	5.2	5.1	5.1	5.5
Craftsmen and kindred workers	472	476	4.2	4.1	3.8	3.7	3.6	4.0
Operatives	861	858	5.9	5.3	5.5	5.2	5.3	5.6
Nonfarm laborers	431	412	9.1	8.2	8.2	8.1	8.0	8.8
Service workers	740	711	6.3	5.6	5.5	5.8	5.1	6.0
Farm workers	112	89	3.4	1.9	2.6	2.4	2.3	2.7
Industry⁴								
Nonagricultural private wage and salary workers ⁵	3,323	3,194	5.3	4.7	4.7	4.8	4.5	4.9
Construction	468	440	10.5	9.6	8.2	9.9	9.1	9.6
Manufacturing	950	926	4.6	3.8	4.1	4.2	3.7	4.2
Durable goods	503	455	4.2	3.3	3.6	4.1	3.6	3.5
Non-durable goods	447	471	5.2	4.5	4.8	4.4	3.9	5.3
Transportation and public utilities	129	152	2.8	2.7	3.1	2.9	2.9	3.2
Wholesale and retail trade	970	868	6.3	6.0	6.0	5.6	5.2	5.5
Finance and service industries	780	779	4.5	4.0	4.1	3.9	4.1	4.4
Government workers	395	364	2.9	3.0	2.7	3.0	2.7	2.6
Agricultural wage and salary workers	118	119	8.7	5.0	7.6	5.8	6.8	8.2

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

² Insured unemployment under State programs—unemployment rate calculated as a percent of average covered employment. As with the other statistics presented, insured unemployment data relate to the week containing the 12th.

³ Man-hours lost by the unemployed and persons on part time for economic reasons as a percent of potentially available labor force man-hours.

⁴ Unemployment by occupation includes all experienced unemployed persons, whereas that by industry covers only unemployed wage and salary workers.

⁵ Includes mining, not shown separately.

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

(Numbers in thousands)

Duration of unemployment	Nov. 1972	Nov. 1973	Seasonally adjusted					
			Nov. 1972	July 1973	Aug. 1973	Sept. 1973	Oct. 1973	Nov. 1973
Less than 5 weeks	2,122	2,207	2,151	2,213	2,240	2,167	1,960	2,238
5 to 14 weeks	1,282	1,159	1,348	1,268	1,205	1,351	1,303	1,220
15 weeks and over	862	690	1,068	750	790	778	776	855
15 to 26 weeks	461	391	579	482	457	489	439	490
27 weeks and over	401	299	489	268	339	289	337	365
Average (mean) duration, in weeks	11.0	9.6	11.6	9.6	10.0	9.4	10.4	10.1

Table A-5: Unemployed persons by reason for unemployment

Reason for unemployment	Nov. 1972	Nov. 1973	(Numbers in thousands)					
			Seasonally adjusted					
			Nov. 1972	July 1973	Aug. 1973	Sept. 1973	Oct. 1973	Nov. 1973
Number of unemployed								
Lost last job	1,687	1,523	1,882	1,584	1,609	1,659	1,467	1,700
Left last job	629	790	646	663	631	666	671	813
Reentered labor force	1,377	1,215	1,375	1,301	1,381	1,308	1,236	1,215
Never worked before	574	528	621	629	597	637	604	572
Percent distribution								
Total unemployed	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Lost last job	39.5	37.5	41.6	37.9	38.1	38.9	36.9	39.5
Left last job	14.7	19.5	14.3	15.9	15.0	15.6	16.9	18.9
Reentered labor force	32.3	30.0	30.4	31.1	32.7	30.6	31.1	28.3
Never worked before	13.5	13.0	13.7	15.1	14.2	14.9	15.2	13.3
Unemployed as a percent of the civilian labor force								
Lost last job	1.9	1.7	2.2	1.8	1.8	1.9	1.6	1.9
Left last job7	.9	.7	.7	.7	.7	.7	.9
Reentered labor force	1.6	1.4	1.6	1.5	1.6	1.5	1.4	1.4
Never worked before7	.6	.7	.7	.7	.7	.7	.6

Table A-6: Unemployed persons by age and sex

Age and sex	Thousands of persons		Percent looking for full-time work Nov. 1973	Seasonally adjusted unemployment rates						
	Nov. 1972	Nov. 1973		Nov. 1972	July 1973	Aug. 1973	Sept. 1973	Oct. 1973	Nov. 1973	
Total, 16 years and over	4,266	4,056	71.9	5.2	4.7	4.8	4.8	4.5	4.7	
16 to 19 years	1,229	1,247	48.1	15.6	14.4	14.3	14.4	13.9	14.6	
16 and 17 years	613	638	24.6	18.3	16.3	16.5	16.9	16.3	17.3	
18 and 19 years	616	609	72.9	13.7	12.7	12.7	12.8	12.0	12.8	
20 to 24 years	954	847	86.4	8.4	8.0	7.9	7.9	6.6	7.0	
25 years and over	2,082	1,962	80.8	3.3	3.0	3.0	2.9	2.9	3.0	
25 to 54 years	1,694	1,598	82.2	3.4	3.0	3.1	3.0	2.9	3.1	
55 years and over	388	364	74.7	2.8	2.8	2.8	2.6	2.7	2.7	
Males, 16 years and over	2,238	2,025	75.2	4.6	3.9	4.0	3.9	3.9	4.0	
16 to 19 years	665	666	47.4	15.7	14.0	14.1	13.7	13.2	14.7	
16 and 17 years	334	342	25.7	18.4	16.5	16.2	15.2	15.8	17.6	
18 and 19 years	331	323	70.6	13.7	11.4	12.4	12.8	11.0	12.5	
20 to 24 years	532	447	87.2	8.5	6.9	7.4	7.0	6.1	6.7	
25 years and over	1,041	913	89.7	2.8	2.4	2.4	2.4	2.4	2.4	
25 to 54 years	811	686	93.9	2.8	2.3	2.4	2.3	2.2	2.3	
55 years and over	230	228	76.8	2.7	2.9	2.6	2.8	2.8	2.8	
Females, 16 years and over	2,028	2,031	68.6	6.1	5.9	5.9	6.0	5.6	5.8	
16 to 19 years	565	581	48.9	15.4	14.9	14.5	15.3	14.7	14.6	
16 and 17 years	279	296	23.0	18.1	15.9	16.7	19.0	17.1	17.0	
18 and 19 years	285	285	75.8	13.8	14.2	13.1	12.8	13.1	13.1	
20 to 24 years	422	400	85.8	8.2	9.4	8.6	8.9	7.3	7.4	
25 years and over	1,041	1,049	73.1	4.3	3.9	4.0	3.8	3.7	4.1	
25 to 54 years	884	912	73.5	4.6	4.3	4.3	4.1	4.0	4.5	
55 years and over	158	137	70.8	3.0	2.6	3.2	2.4	2.4	2.7	

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

Employment status	Nov. 1972	Oct. 1973	Nov. 1973	(Numbers in thousands)								
				Nov. 1972	July 1973	Aug., 1973	Sept., 1973	Oct. 1973	Nov. 1973			
VETERANS¹												
Total, 20 to 34 years												
Civilian noninstitutional population ²	5,437	5,833	5,865	5,437	5,718	5,755	5,795	5,833	5,865			
Civilian labor force	5,085	5,504	5,511	5,086	5,348	5,394	5,418	5,515	5,506			
Employed	4,798	5,302	5,318	4,790	5,090	5,109	5,139	5,277	5,306			
Unemployed	287	202	193	296	258	285	279	238	200			
Unemployment rate	5.6	3.7	3.5	5.8	4.8	5.3	5.1	4.3	3.6			
20 to 24 years												
Civilian noninstitutional population ²	1,861	1,577	1,546	1,861	1,652	1,626	1,602	1,577	1,546			
Civilian labor force	1,680	1,423	1,375	1,682	1,470	1,458	1,430	1,444	1,376			
Employed	1,514	1,328	1,279	1,514	1,347	1,311	1,321	1,329	1,279			
Unemployed	166	95	96	168	123	147	109	115	97			
Unemployment rate	9.9	6.7	7.0	10.0	8.4	10.1	7.6	8.0	7.0			
25 to 29 years												
Civilian noninstitutional population ²	2,775	3,139	3,173	2,775	3,035	3,069	3,104	3,139	3,173			
Civilian labor force	2,627	2,984	3,018	2,636	2,873	2,918	2,911	2,976	3,027			
Employed	2,536	2,905	2,949	2,538	2,753	2,799	2,786	2,882	2,952			
Unemployed	91	75	69	98	120	119	125	94	75			
Unemployment rate	3.5	2.6	2.3	3.7	4.2	4.1	4.3	3.2	2.5			
30 to 34 years												
Civilian noninstitutional population ²	801	1,117	1,146	801	1,031	1,060	1,089	1,117	1,146			
Civilian labor force	778	1,097	1,118	768	1,005	1,018	1,077	1,095	1,103			
Employed	748	1,069	1,090	738	990	999	1,032	1,066	1,075			
Unemployed	30	28	28	30	15	19	45	29	28			
Unemployment rate	3.9	2.6	2.5	3.9	1.5	1.9	4.2	2.6	2.5			
NONVETERANS												
Total, 20 to 34 years												
Civilian noninstitutional population ²	13,711	14,626	14,701	13,711	14,418	14,486	14,559	14,626	14,701			
Civilian labor force	12,144	13,153	13,234	12,268	12,953	12,948	13,041	13,246	13,372			
Employed	11,582	12,657	12,674	11,638	12,352	12,299	12,434	12,698	12,742			
Unemployed	562	496	560	630	601	649	607	548	630			
Unemployment rate	4.6	3.8	4.2	5.1	4.6	5.0	4.7	4.1	4.7			
20 to 24 years												
Civilian noninstitutional population ²	6,226	6,812	6,861	6,226	6,675	6,718	6,770	6,812	6,861			
Civilian labor force	5,045	5,663	5,745	5,180	5,520	5,521	5,599	5,770	5,892			
Employed	4,678	5,361	5,394	4,768	5,165	5,137	5,233	5,443	5,498			
Unemployed	367	302	351	412	355	384	366	327	394			
Unemployment rate	7.3	5.3	6.1	8.0	6.4	7.0	6.5	5.7	6.7			
25 to 29 years												
Civilian noninstitutional population ²	4,024	4,155	4,168	4,024	4,122	4,135	4,144	4,155	4,168			
Civilian labor force	3,769	3,956	3,945	3,767	3,917	3,923	3,938	3,949	3,946			
Employed	3,650	3,826	3,803	3,625	3,741	3,742	3,774	3,799	3,777			
Unemployed	119	130	142	142	176	181	164	150	169			
Unemployment rate	3.2	3.3	3.6	3.8	4.5	4.6	4.2	3.8	4.3			
30 to 34 years												
Civilian noninstitutional population ²	3,461	3,659	3,672	3,461	3,621	3,633	3,645	3,659	3,672			
Civilian labor force	3,330	3,534	3,544	3,321	3,516	3,504	3,504	3,527	3,534			
Employed	3,254	3,470	3,477	3,245	3,446	3,420	3,427	3,456	3,467			
Unemployed	76	64	67	76	70	84	77	71	67			
Unemployment rate	2.3	1.8	1.9	2.3	2.0	2.4	2.2	2.0	1.9			

¹ Vietnam Era veterans are those who served after August 4, 1964. At present, of the Vietnam Era veterans of all ages, 91 percent are 20 to 34 years of age.

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)						Seasonally adjusted			Change from Oct. 1973	
	Nov. 1972	Sept. 1973	Oct. 1973 P	Nov. 1973 P	Change from		Sept. 1973	Oct. 1973 P	Nov. 1973 P		
					Nov. 1972	Oct. 1973					
TOTAL	74,449	76,238	76,827	77,114	2,365	287	75,961	76,275	76,476	201	
GOODS-PRODUCING	23,651	24,717	24,718	24,618	967	-100	24,215	24,335	24,401	66	
MINING	607	641	640	639	32	-1	633	639	640	1	
CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION	3,630	3,944	3,918	3,819	189	-99	3,700	3,689	3,708	19	
MANUFACTURING	19,414	20,132	20,160	20,160	746	0	19,882	20,007	20,053	46	
Production workers	14,281	14,841	14,864	14,842	561	-22	14,609	14,717	14,735	18	
DURABLE GOODS	11,241	11,801	11,855	11,875	634	20	11,708	11,800	11,825	25	
Production workers	8,248	8,681	8,729	8,728	480	-1	8,599	8,579	8,678	-1	
Ordnance and accessories	198.0	191.8	190.5	186.1	-11.9	-4.4	190	191	184	-7	
Lumber and wood products	620.8	642.6	639.4	633.2	12.4	-6.2	631	632	633	1	
Furniture and fixtures	511.7	528.4	533.0	534.1	22.4	1.1	525	527	527	0	
Stone, clay, and glass products	676.1	708.8	707.8	706.8	30.7	-1.0	696	699	703	4	
Primary metal industries	1,261.1	1,331.0	1,334.2	1,342.1	81.0	7.9	1,339	1,355	1,360	5	
Fabricated metal products	1,412.2	1,467.4	1,476.4	1,478.9	66.7	2.5	1,456	1,466	1,466	0	
Machinery, except electrical	1,920.1	2,066.3	2,076.1	2,095.3	175.2	19.2	2,073	2,087	2,108	21	
Electrical equipment	1,905.2	2,028.1	2,051.6	2,063.6	158.4	12.0	2,010	2,039	2,045	6	
Transportation equipment	1,817.7	1,881.6	1,879.7	1,870.9	53.2	-8.8	1,850	1,859	1,852	-7	
Instruments and related products	471.4	503.9	507.2	512.1	40.7	4.9	503	507	511	4	
Miscellaneous manufacturing	447.1	451.2	458.9	452.1	5.0	-6.8	435	438	436	-2	
NONDURABLE GOODS	8,173	8,331	8,305	8,285	112	-20	8,174	8,207	8,228	21	
Production workers	6,033	6,160	6,135	6,114	81	-21	6,010	6,038	6,057	19	
Food and kindred products	1,761.7	1,840.7	1,800.7	1,773.5	11.8	-27.2	1,719	1,731	1,754	23	
Tobacco manufactures	74.9	81.7	81.6	81.3	6.4	-3	70	72	76	4	
Textile mill products	1,012.9	1,026.5	1,028.0	1,033.1	20.2	5.1	1,025	1,028	1,028	0	
Apparel and other textile products	1,362.0	1,349.3	1,353.2	1,342.4	-19.6	-10.8	1,337	1,340	1,328	-12	
Paper and allied products	709.9	722.3	724.7	731.7	21.8	7.0	719	725	727	2	
Printing and publishing	1,092.8	1,095.2	1,100.3	1,106.9	14.1	6.6	1,097	1,097	1,102	5	
Chemicals and allied products	1,009.5	1,038.9	1,039.1	1,036.0	26.5	-3.1	1,038	1,041	1,039	-2	
Petroleum and coal products	189.0	191.9	191.2	191.1	2.1	-1	190	190	191	1	
Rubber and plastics products, nec	656.9	688.8	691.1	690.0	33.1	-1.1	683	687	685	-2	
Leather and leather products	303.0	295.7	295.1	298.8	-4.2	3.7	296	296	298	2	
SERVICE-PRODUCING	50,798	51,521	52,109	52,496	1,698	387	51,746	51,940	52,075	135	
TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC UTILITIES	4,554	4,671	4,679	4,552	98	-27	4,629	4,670	4,647	-23	
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE	16,162	16,367	16,522	16,800	638	278	16,388	16,472	16,540	68	
WHOLESALE TRADE	3,987	4,127	4,162	4,187	200	25	4,111	4,137	4,162	25	
RETAIL TRADE	12,175	12,240	12,360	12,613	438	253	12,277	12,335	12,378	43	
FINANCE, INSURANCE, AND REAL ESTATE	3,965	4,082	4,077	4,074	109	-3	4,078	4,089	4,090	1	
SERVICES	12,472	12,982	13,048	13,061	589	13	12,995	13,035	13,087	52	
GOVERNMENT	13,645	13,419	13,783	13,909	264	126	13,656	13,674	13,711	37	
FEDERAL	2,631	2,608	2,613	2,616	-15	3	2,613	2,626	2,629	3	
STATE AND LOCAL	11,014	10,811	11,170	11,293	279	123	11,043	11,048	11,082	34	

p = preliminary.

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

Industry	Nov. 1972	Sept. 1973	Oct. 1973 P	Nov. 1973 P	Change from		Seasonally adjusted			
					Nov. 1972	Oct. 1973	Sept. 1973	Oct. 1973 P	Nov. 1973 P	Change from Oct. 1973
TOTAL PRIVATE	37.1	37.3	37.0	36.9	-0.2	-0.1	37.2	37.0	37.0	0.0
MINING	42.5	43.0	42.8	42.7	.2	-.1	42.9	42.4	42.6	.2
CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION	36.0	37.9	37.7	37.6	1.6	-.1	36.7	36.9	38.6	1.7
MANUFACTURING	41.0	41.0	40.7	40.8	-.2	.1	40.5	40.6	40.6	.0
<i>Overtime hours</i>	3.8	4.1	3.9	3.8	0	-.1	3.8	3.7	3.7	0
DURABLE GOODS	41.8	41.7	41.4	41.4	-.4	0	41.4	41.3	41.3	.0
<i>Overtime hours</i>	4.0	4.4	4.2	4.0	0	-.2	4.0	4.0	3.9	-.1
Ordnance and accessories.....	42.4	42.5	42.3	42.8	.4	.5	42.5	42.4	42.7	.3
Lumber and wood products.....	40.9	40.9	40.7	40.2	-.7	-.5	40.7	40.3	40.3	0
Furniture and fixtures.....	40.7	40.2	40.0	40.0	-.7	0	39.7	39.5	39.6	.1
Stone, clay, and glass products.....	41.9	42.6	42.3	42.3	.4	0	42.2	41.9	42.2	.3
Primary metal industries.....	42.3	42.8	42.1	42.1	-.2	0	42.7	42.6	42.5	-.1
Fabricated metal products.....	41.7	41.8	41.6	41.8	.1	.2	41.5	41.5	41.7	.2
Machinery, except electrical.....	42.7	43.0	42.7	42.9	.2	.2	43.0	42.8	42.8	0
Electrical equipment.....	41.1	40.6	40.2	40.2	-.9	0	40.4	40.0	39.9	-.1
Transportation equipment.....	42.5	41.6	41.8	41.2	-.1	-.6	41.1	41.6	40.9	-.7
Instruments and related products.....	40.9	41.1	40.9	41.3	.4	.4	40.9	40.8	40.9	.1
Miscellaneous manufacturing.....	39.7	39.1	38.8	39.3	-.4	.5	39.1	38.6	38.9	.3
NONDURABLE GOODS	40.0	40.0	39.7	39.9	-.1	.2	39.8	39.7	39.7	.0
<i>Overtime hours</i>	3.6	3.8	3.5	3.5	0	0	3.4	3.3	3.4	.1
Food and kindred products.....	40.4	41.3	40.7	40.9	.5	.2	40.6	40.7	40.8	.1
Tobacco manufactures.....	38.2	39.0	41.5	42.2	4.0	.7	37.9	40.0	42.0	2.0
Textile mill products.....	41.7	41.0	40.6	41.0	-.7	.4	40.9	40.5	40.6	.1
Apparel and other textile products.....	36.4	35.9	35.8	35.9	-.5	.1	35.9	35.8	35.6	-.2
Paper and allied products.....	43.3	43.1	42.8	43.0	-.3	.2	42.8	42.6	42.8	.2
Printing and publishing.....	38.3	38.3	37.8	38.1	-.2	.3	38.0	37.8	38.0	.2
Chemicals and allied products.....	42.0	42.0	41.9	41.9	-.1	0	42.0	41.9	41.8	-.1
Petroleum and coal products.....	42.5	43.0	42.5	42.3	-.2	-.2	42.5	42.1	42.2	.1
Rubber and plastics products, etc.....	41.7	41.3	41.0	41.3	-.4	.3	41.0	40.9	41.2	.3
Leather and leather products.....	37.9	37.8	37.6	38.1	.2	.5	38.4	38.0	38.0	0
TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC UTILITIES	40.5	40.8	40.6	40.6	.1	0	40.6	40.5	40.5	0
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE	34.7	34.7	34.3	34.3	-.4	0	34.6	34.5	34.6	.1
WHOLESALE TRADE	39.8	39.5	39.3	39.5	-.3	.2	39.5	39.3	39.5	.2
RETAIL TRADE	33.2	33.2	32.8	32.7	-.5	-.1	33.2	33.0	33.0	0
FINANCE, INSURANCE, AND REAL ESTATE	37.0	37.1	36.9	36.9	-.1	0	37.2	36.8	36.9	.1
SERVICES	34.0	34.1	33.9	33.9	-.1	0	34.1	34.0	34.0	0

¹ 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 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					
	Nov. 1972	Sept. 1973	Oct. 1973 P	Nov. 1973 P	Change from		Nov. 1972	Sept. 1973	Oct. 1973 P	Nov. 1973 P	Change from	
					Nov. 1972	Oct. 1973					Nov. 1972	Oct. 1973
TOTAL PRIVATE.....	\$3.74	\$3.99	\$3.99	\$4.00	\$0.26	\$0.01	\$138.75	\$148.83	\$147.63	\$147.60	\$8.85	\$-0.03
Seasonally adjusted.....	3.73	3.96	3.98	3.99	.26	.01	138.76	147.31	147.26	147.63	8.87	.37
MINING	4.47	4.78	4.76	4.78	.31	.02	189.98	205.54	203.73	204.11	14.13	.38
CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION....	6.23	6.64	6.65	6.66	.43	.01	224.28	251.66	250.71	250.42	26.14	-.29
MANUFACTURING.....	3.89	4.13	4.14	4.15	.26	.01	159.49	169.33	168.50	169.32	9.83	.82
DURABLE GOODS.....	4.14	4.39	4.39	4.40	.26	.01	173.05	183.06	181.75	182.16	9.11	.41
Ordnance and accessories.....	4.13	4.37	4.38	4.44	.31	.06	175.11	185.73	185.27	190.03	14.92	.476
Lumber and wood products.....	3.40	3.68	3.66	3.65	.25	-.01	139.06	150.51	148.96	146.73	7.67	-2.23
Furniture and fixtures	3.13	3.33	3.34	3.35	.22	.01	127.39	133.87	133.60	134.00	6.61	.40
Stone, clay, and glass products	4.00	4.26	4.27	4.28	.28	.01	167.60	181.48	180.62	181.04	13.44	.42
Primary metal industries	4.80	5.16	5.15	5.19	.39	.04	203.04	220.85	216.82	218.50	15.46	1.68
Fabricated metal products.....	4.07	4.30	4.32	4.34	.27	.02	169.72	179.74	179.71	181.41	11.69	1.70
Machinery, except electrical	4.38	4.61	4.62	4.64	.26	.02	187.03	198.23	197.27	199.06	12.03	1.79
Electrical equipment	3.74	3.91	3.91	3.92	.18	.01	153.71	158.75	157.18	157.58	3.87	.40
Transportation equipment	4.87	5.10	5.15	5.14	.27	-.01	206.98	212.16	215.27	211.77	4.79	-3.50
Instruments and related products	3.74	3.93	3.93	3.93	.19	0	152.97	161.52	160.74	162.31	9.34	1.57
Miscellaneous manufacturing	3.15	3.31	3.31	3.34	.19	.03	125.06	129.42	128.43	131.26	6.20	2.83
NONDURABLE GOODS.....	3.53	3.75	3.76	3.77	.24	.01	141.20	150.00	149.27	150.42	9.22	1.15
Food and kindred products	3.66	3.85	3.89	3.90	.24	.01	147.86	159.01	158.32	159.51	11.65	1.19
Tobacco manufactures	3.49	3.68	3.75	3.86	.37	.11	133.32	143.52	155.63	162.89	29.57	7.26
Textile mill products	2.78	3.02	3.03	3.05	.27	.02	115.93	123.82	123.02	125.05	9.12	2.03
Apparel and other textile products	2.68	2.84	2.84	2.85	.17	.01	97.55	101.96	101.67	102.32	4.77	.65
Paper and allied products	4.03	4.26	4.26	4.28	.25	.02	174.50	183.61	182.33	184.04	9.54	1.71
Printing and publishing	4.56	4.76	4.74	4.74	.18	0	174.65	182.31	179.17	180.59	5.94	1.42
Chemicals and allied products	4.29	4.53	4.53	4.54	.25	.01	180.18	190.26	189.81	190.23	10.05	.42
Petroleum and coal products	5.02	5.29	5.26	5.25	.23	-.01	213.35	227.47	223.55	222.08	8.73	-1.47
Rubber and plastics products, nec	3.68	3.86	3.87	3.88	.20	.01	153.46	159.42	158.67	160.24	6.78	1.57
Leather and leather products	2.72	2.84	2.86	2.88	.16	.02	103.09	107.35	107.54	109.73	6.64	2.19
TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC UTILITIES	4.82	5.19	5.19	5.21	.39	.02	195.21	211.75	210.71	211.53	16.32	.82
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE	3.07	3.26	3.27	3.29	.22	.02	106.53	113.12	112.16	112.85	6.32	.69
WHOLESALE TRADE	3.94	4.19	4.19	4.21	.27	.02	156.81	165.51	164.69	166.30	9.49	1.61
RETAIL TRADE	2.75	2.92	2.93	2.95	.20	.02	91.30	96.94	96.10	96.47	5.17	.37
FINANCE, INSURANCE, AND REAL ESTATE	3.49	3.66	3.65	3.66	.17	.01	129.13	135.79	134.69	135.05	5.92	.36
SERVICES	3.25	3.44	3.44	3.45	.20	.01	110.50	117.30	116.62	116.96	6.46	.34

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	
	Nov. 1972	June 1973	July 1973	Aug. 1973	Sept. 1973	Oct. 1973	Nov. 1973	P 1973	Nov. 1972 - Nov. 1973	Oct. 1973 - Nov. 1973
Total private nonfarm										
Current dollars	140.7	146.0	146.9	147.6	149.0	149.7	150.1		6.7	.3
Constant (1967) dollars	110.8	110.4	110.9	109.3	110.0	109.6	NA		1/ ¹	2/ ²
Mining	138.4	146.2	147.9	147.5	149.5	148.2	148.5		7.3	.2
Contract construction	149.6	155.4	156.3	157.2	159.1	158.9	160.0		6.9	.7
Manufacturing	138.0	142.7	143.7	144.5	145.4	146.5	146.7		6.3	.1
Transportation and public utilities.....	148.7	155.0	155.6	157.7	158.5	160.4	160.9		8.2	.3
Wholesale and retail trade	137.4	142.9	143.6	144.4	145.7	145.4	147.1		7.0	1.2
Finance, insurance, and real estate.....	135.2	139.5	140.9	140.9	143.4	142.9	143.1		5.8	.1
Services	141.0	146.3	147.3	146.9	148.8	149.3	149.7		6.2	.3

1/ Percent change was -1.2 from October 1972 to October 1973, the latest month available.

2/ Percent change was -0.3 from September 1973 to October 1973, the latest month available.

NA indicates data are not available.

p=Preliminary.

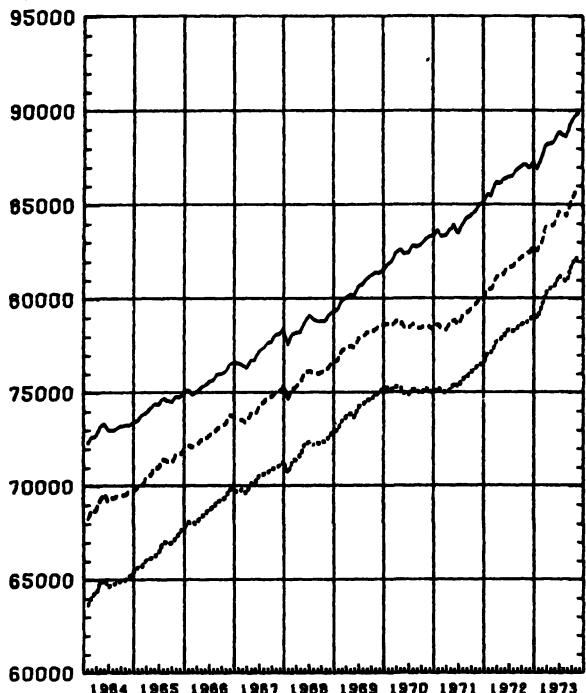
NOTE: All series are in current dollars except where indicated. The index excludes effects of two types of changes that are unrelated to underlying wage-rate developments: Fluctuations in overtime premiums in manufacturing (the only sector for which overtime data are available) and the effects of changes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

1. LABOR FORCE AND EMPLOYMENT

— CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE
- - - TOTAL EMPLOYMENT
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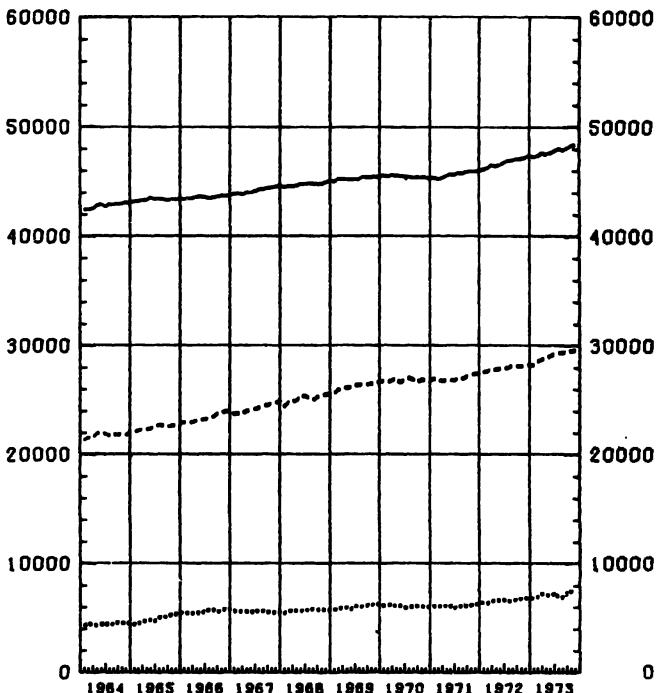
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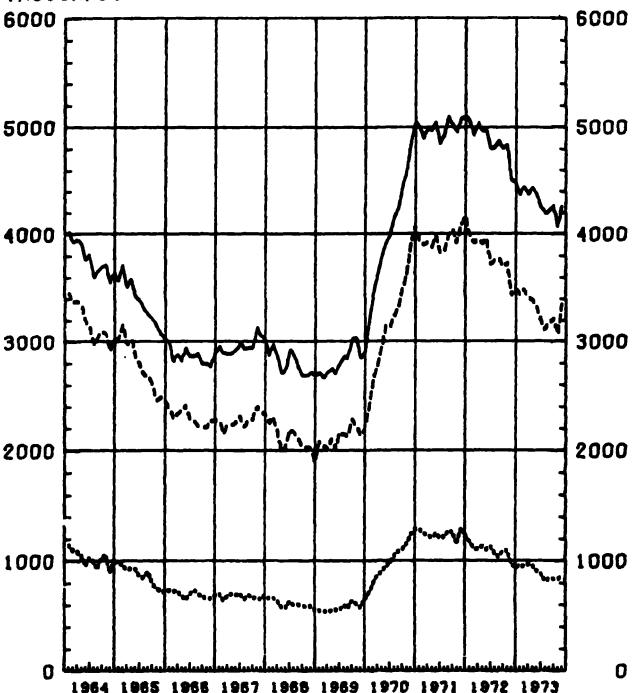
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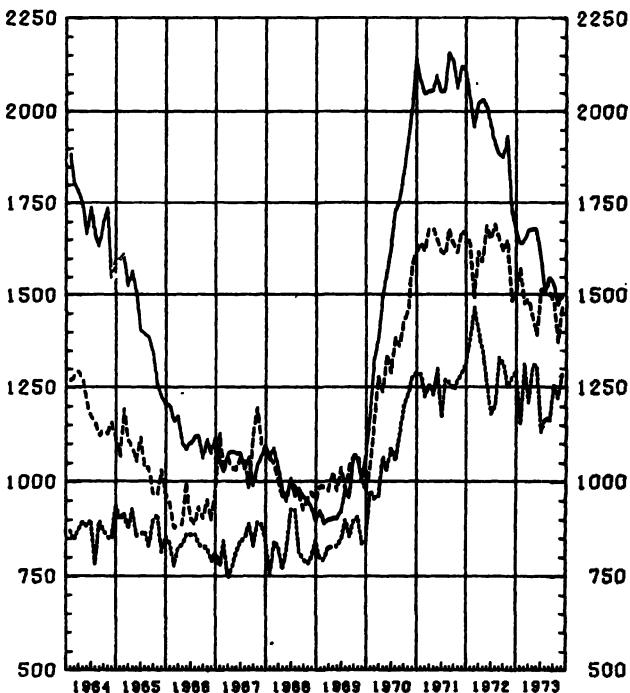
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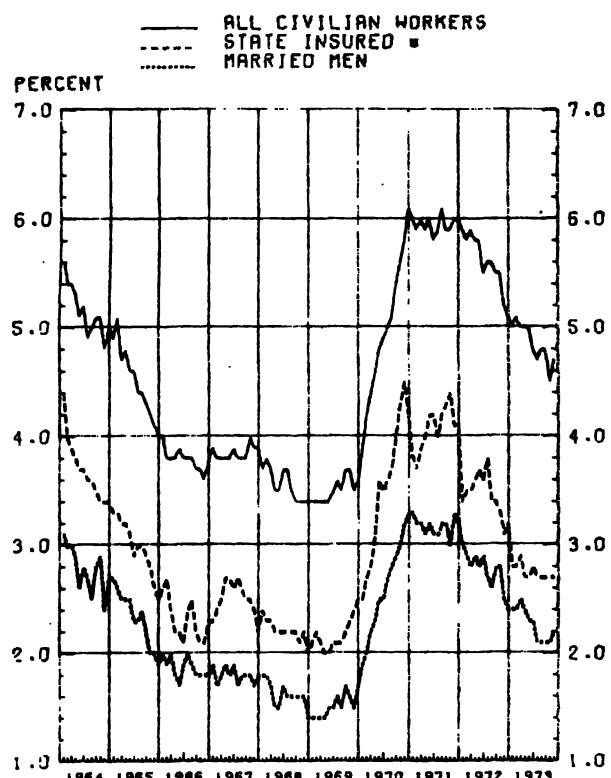
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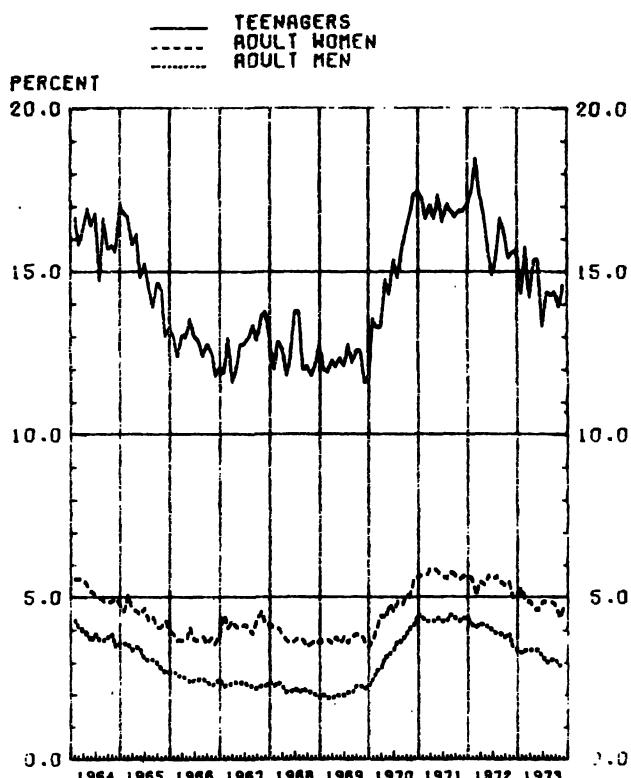


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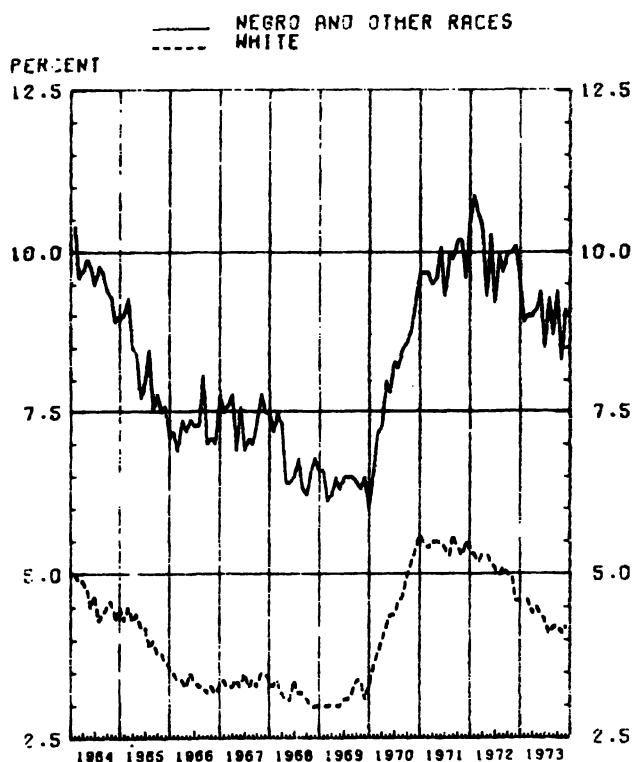
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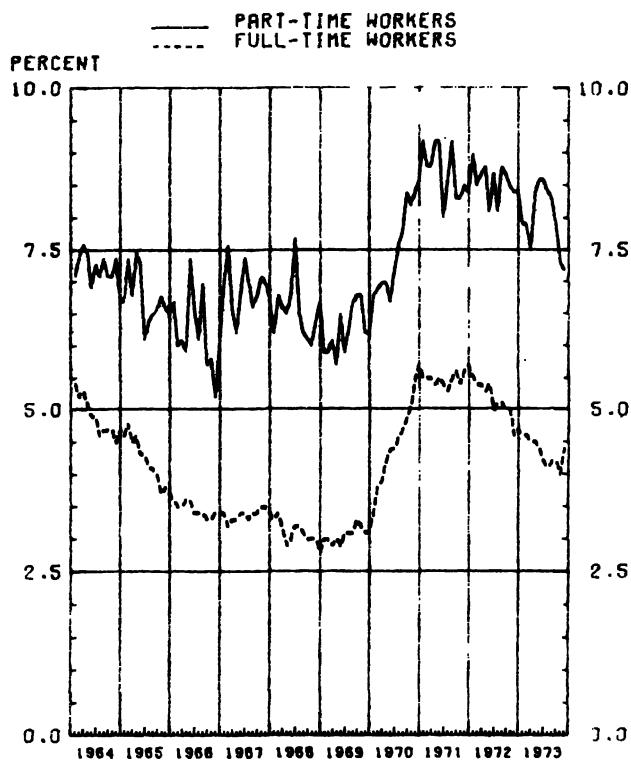
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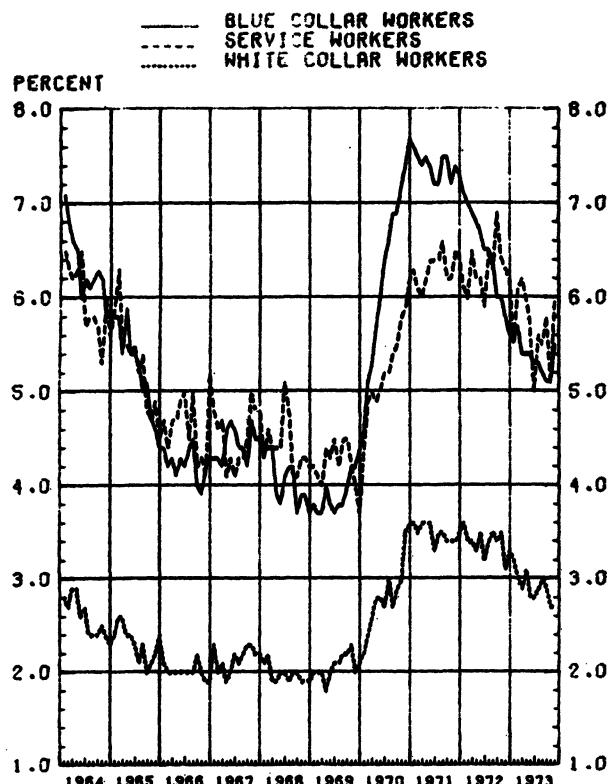
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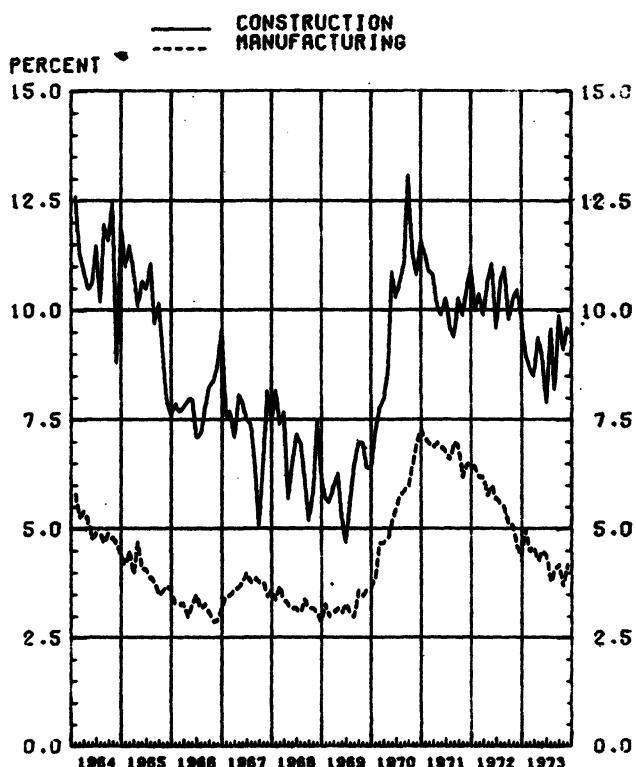
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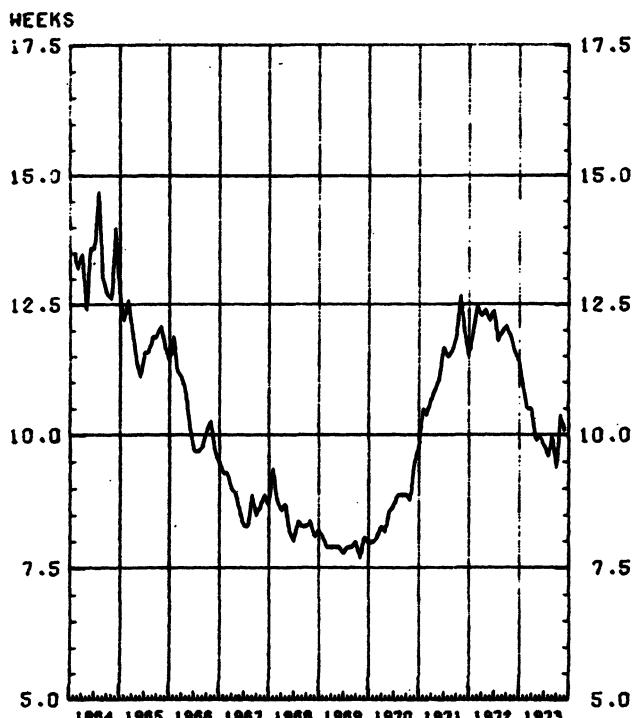
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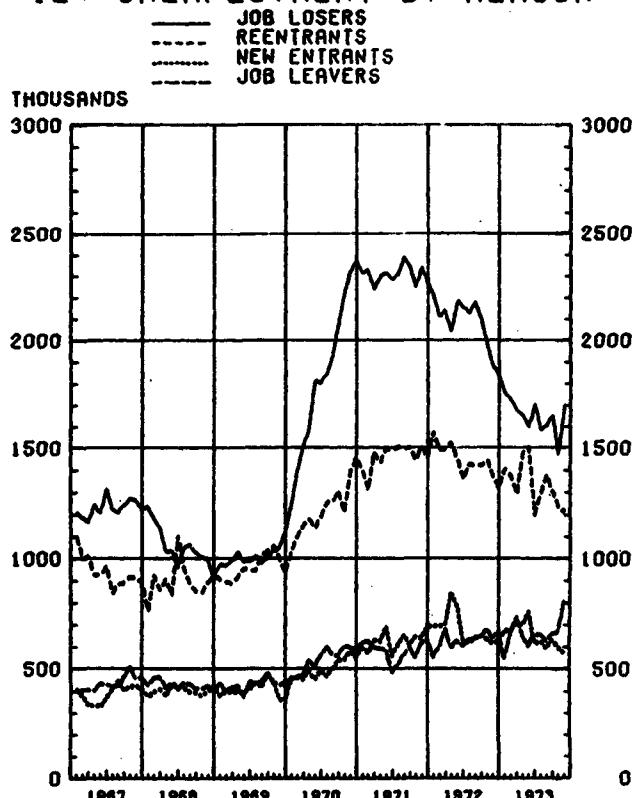
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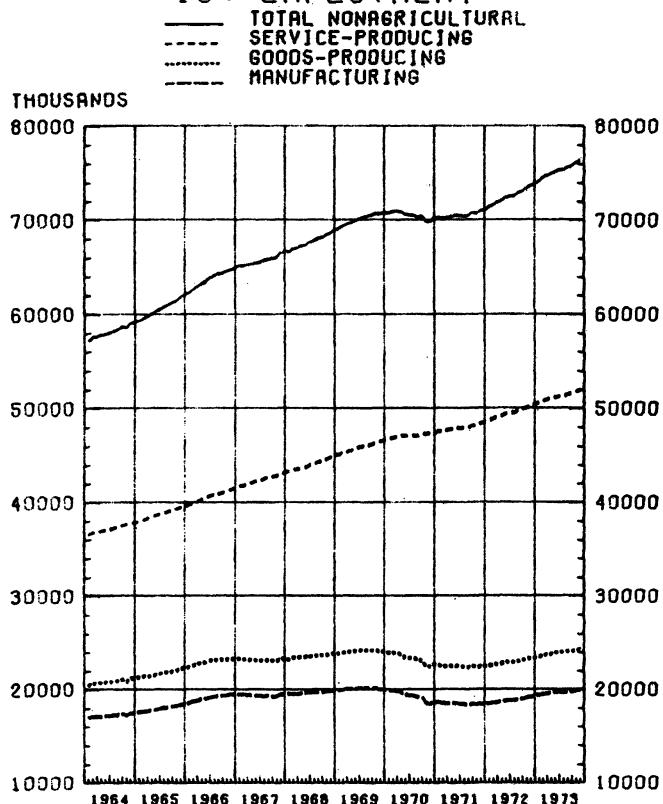


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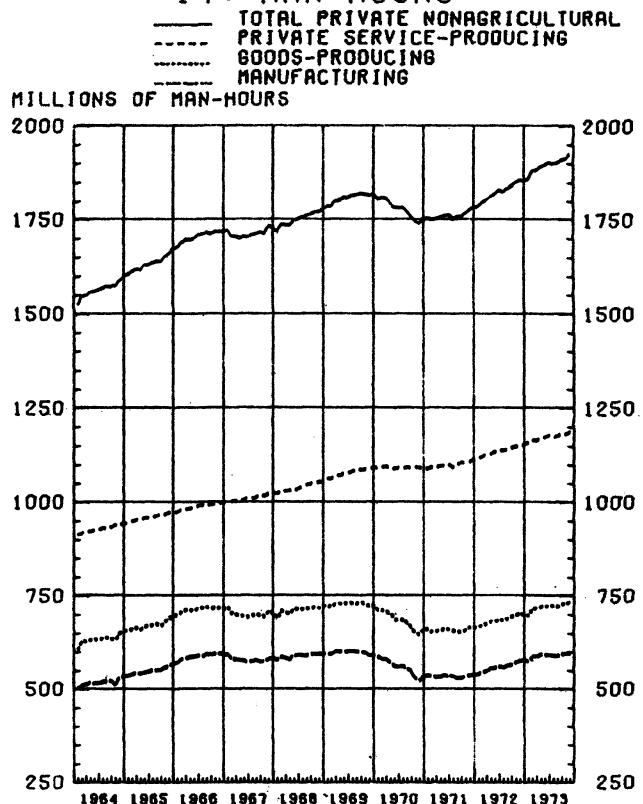


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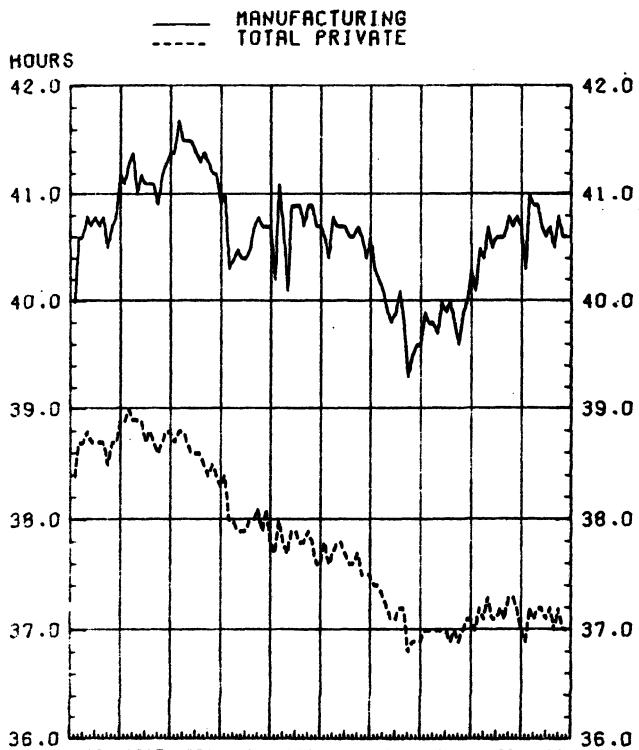
13. EMPLOYMENT



14. MAN-HOURS



15. AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS



16. AVERAGE WEEKLY OVERTIME HOURS IN MANUFACTURING

