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THE EMPLOYMENT SITUATION: DECEMBER 1973

Unemployment rose in December while total employment was little changed, it was announced today by the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U. S. Department of Labor. The unemployment rate moved up to 4.9 percent; the rate was 4.7 percent in November, after reaching a 3-1/2-year low of 4.5 percent in October.

Following substantial gains earlier in the year, total employment has been at about the same level since October. Over the year, total employment has risen by 2.7 million.

These data are obtained from the household survey. As reported on December 19, 1973 (USDL - 73-593), December data on employment, hours, and earnings from the establishment survey--which are ordinarily released at the same time as data from the household survey--will be delayed for one week because of collection, transportation, and processing problems brought on by the energy crisis and extra holidays. These data will be released on January 11, along with a separate and more comprehensive year-in-review section.

Unemployment

The number of persons unemployed increased by 170,000 in December to a total of 4.4 million, seasonally adjusted, following a rise of about the same amount in November. This raised the overall unemployment rate from 4.7 to 4.9 percent. The rate was 5.1 percent in December 1972.

A large part of the increase in joblessness occurred among female workers and was centered particularly among those 18-24 years of age. (See table A-6.) The unemployment rate for adult women (20 years and over) rose from 4.7 to 5.1 percent over the month, returning to its level of a year ago. For adult males, the unemployment rate of 3.1 percent was little changed over the month but has edged up from its low of 2.9 percent posted in October. The teenage jobless rate was unchanged at 14.7 percent. (See table A-3.)

Unemployment rates for household heads (male and female combined) and married men, at 2.9 and 2.2 percent respectively, were both unchanged over the the month. However, the household head rate was up from the October level (2.7 percent) and equal to a year ago. The unemployment rate for workers covered by State unemployment insurance programs was 2.8 percent in December, slightly above the 2.7-percent level that had prevailed since April.

For white workers, the unemployment rate moved up from 4.2 to 4.4 percent, due to increased joblessness among adults. The jobless rate for Negro workers was 8.7 percent, about the average in recent months.

The December increase in joblessness occurred among both full- and part-time jobseekers. After reaching a low of 4.0 percent in October, the full-time rate has risen to the 4.6-percent level prevailing in late 1972 and early 1973. (See table A-2.)

Among the major occupational groups, white-collar workers accounted for most of the rise in unemployment, as their jobless rate went from 2.7 to 3.2 percent; the professional, sales, and clerical worker components all posted increases.

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

Selected categories	Quarterly averages					Monthly data		
	1972	1973				Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
	4th	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	1973	1973	1973
(Millions of persons)								
Civilian labor force	87.2	87.6	88.6	89.0	89.9	89.8	90.0	90.0
Total employment	82.6	83.2	84.2	84.7	85.7	85.7	85.7	85.6
Adult men	47.3	47.5	47.7	48.1	48.5	48.4	48.5	48.6
Adult women	28.3	28.6	29.2	29.5	29.6	29.7	29.7	29.5
Teenagers	6.9	7.1	7.3	7.1	7.5	7.6	7.5	7.5
Unemployment	4.6	4.4	4.4	4.2	4.3	4.1	4.3	4.4
(Percent of labor force)								
Unemployment rates:								
All workers	5.3	5.0	4.9	4.8	4.7	4.5	4.7	4.9
Adult men	3.6	3.4	3.4	3.1	3.0	2.9	3.0	3.1
Adult women	5.2	5.0	4.7	4.9	4.7	4.4	4.7	5.1
Teenagers	15.6	14.8	14.7	14.4	14.4	13.9	14.6	14.7
White	4.7	4.5	4.4	4.2	4.2	4.1	4.2	4.4
Negro and other races	9.9	9.0	9.0	9.1	8.7	8.3	9.1	8.7
Household heads	3.1	2.9	2.9	2.7	2.8	2.7	2.9	2.9
Married men	2.5	2.4	2.3	2.1	2.2	2.1	2.2	2.2
Full-time workers	4.8	4.6	4.4	4.2	4.3	4.0	4.4	4.6
State insured	3.1	2.9	2.7	2.7	2.7	2.7	2.7	2.8
(Weeks)								
Average duration of unemployment	11.6	10.6	9.9	9.7	10.0	10.4	10.1	9.4

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

Among the major industries, the unemployment rate for construction workers dropped from 9.6 to 8.4 percent over the month, while the rate for workers in wholesale and retail trade rose from 5.5 to 6.3 percent.

The unemployment rate for the most recently discharged male Vietnam Era veterans (20-to-24 year-olds) was 7.6 percent in December, essentially unchanged since September but improved over earlier months in 1973. The rates for veterans 25 to 29 (3.4 percent) and 30 to 34 (3.2 percent) have shown only small fluctuations during the year. Rates for veterans in these three age groups in December were not materially different from those of nonveterans. (See table A-7.)

The average (mean) duration of unemployment dropped to 9.4 weeks in December, its second straight monthly decline. Since December a year ago, the average duration of unemployment has fallen by 2 weeks. (See table A-4.)

The number of unemployed persons who had lost their last job was 1.8 million in December, two-fifths of the jobless total. (See table A-5.) With the exception of June, this was the first time since last January that this proportion had been 40 percent or more.

The number of nonagricultural workers employed part time for economic reasons--that is, those persons who wanted full-time jobs but were forced to work shorter hours due to such factors as slack work, material shortages, or the inability to find full-time work--rose by 160,000 in December to a level of 2.6 million. (See table A-1.) Since August, the number of such persons has increased by 275,000. The December increase in the number of workers on economic part-time schedules, coupled with the rise in unemployment, led to an increase in labor force time lost--from 5.2 to 5.4 percent. (Labor force time lost is a measure of the man-hours lost by the unemployed and those working part time for economic reasons as a percent of potentially available labor force man-hours.) Unlike the unemployment rate, the time lost measure has now returned to its year-ago level (table A-3).

Civilian Labor Force and Total Employment

The civilian labor force, at 90.0 million (seasonally adjusted) in December, was little changed for the second month in a row. The labor force has risen by over 2.6 million since December 1972. (See table A-1.)

At 85.6 million, total employment was also about unchanged for the second straight month. Over the past year, employment has risen by 2.7 million; adult women accounted for nearly 1.2 million of this expansion, adult men for 1.0 million, and teenagers for 500,000.

The data presented in this release on labor force, total employment and unemployment are derived from the Current Population Survey, a sample survey of households conducted and tabulated by the Bureau of the Census for the Bureau of Labor Statistics. A description of this survey 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	Dec. 1972	Nov. 1973	Dec. 1973	Seasonally adjusted				
				Dec. 1972	Sept. 1973	Oct. 1973	Nov. 1973	Dec. 1973
Total								
Total labor force	89,437	92,168	91,983	89,707	91,694	92,053	92,235	92,303
Civilian labor force	86,997	89,884	89,701	87,267	89,403	89,764	89,952	90,021
Employed	82,881	85,828	85,643	82,780	85,127	85,695	85,688	85,586
Agriculture	3,163	3,419	3,202	3,650	3,370	3,471	3,636	3,728
Nonagricultural industries	79,719	82,409	82,441	79,130	81,757	82,224	82,052	81,858
On part time for economic reasons	1,990	2,187	2,350	2,181	2,318	2,361	2,413	2,574
Usually work full time	917	1,083	1,140	968	1,090	1,098	1,175	1,205
Usually work part time	1,073	1,104	1,210	1,213	1,228	1,263	1,238	1,369
Unemployed	4,116	4,056	4,058	4,487	4,276	4,069	4,264	4,435
Men, 20 years and over								
Civilian labor force	48,921	49,802	49,870	49,152	49,667	49,918	49,965	50,131
Employed	47,263	48,443	48,324	47,475	48,132	48,446	48,464	48,570
Agriculture	2,464	2,536	2,420	2,664	2,462	2,488	2,604	2,619
Nonagricultural industries	44,799	45,906	45,905	44,811	45,670	45,958	45,860	45,951
Unemployed	1,657	1,360	1,545	1,677	1,535	1,472	1,501	1,561
Women, 20 years and over								
Civilian labor force	30,291	31,729	31,539	29,869	31,023	31,033	31,154	31,095
Employed	28,980	30,280	30,168	28,357	29,538	29,660	29,682	29,516
Agriculture	445	531	473	566	505	530	545	602
Nonagricultural industries	28,535	29,749	29,695	27,791	29,033	29,130	29,137	28,914
Unemployed	1,311	1,450	1,371	1,512	1,485	1,373	1,472	1,579
Both sexes, 16-19 years								
Civilian labor force	7,786	8,352	8,293	8,246	8,713	8,813	8,833	8,795
Employed	6,638	7,106	7,151	6,948	7,457	7,589	7,542	7,500
Agriculture	253	352	309	420	403	453	487	507
Nonagricultural industries	6,384	6,754	6,842	6,528	7,054	7,136	7,055	6,993
Unemployed	1,148	1,247	1,142	1,298	1,256	1,224	1,291	1,295

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	Dec. 1972	Dec. 1973	Seasonally adjusted					
			Dec. 1972	Aug. 1973	Sept. 1973	Oct. 1973	Nov. 1973	Dec. 1973
Full time								
Total, 16 years and over:								
Civilian labor force.....	73,595	75,673	74,715	75,821	76,056	76,649	76,863	76,910
Employed	70,567	72,649	71,224	72,637	72,837	73,576	73,496	73,405
Unemployed	3,028	3,025	3,491	3,184	3,219	3,073	3,367	3,505
Unemployment rate	4.1	4.0	4.7	4.2	4.2	4.0	4.4	4.6
Men, 20 years and over:								
Civilian labor force.....	46,350	47,270	46,630	47,183	47,233	47,435	47,456	47,584
Employed	44,854	45,894	45,095	45,798	45,889	46,116	46,085	46,171
Unemployed	1,496	1,376	1,535	1,385	1,344	1,319	1,371	1,413
Unemployment rate	3.2	2.9	3.3	2.9	2.8	2.8	2.9	3.0
Women, 20 years and over:								
Civilian labor force.....	23,583	24,484	23,390	24,251	24,107	24,232	24,395	24,306
Employed	22,609	23,394	22,268	23,082	22,958	23,165	23,205	23,048
Unemployed	974	1,091	1,122	1,169	1,149	1,067	1,190	1,258
Unemployment rate	4.1	4.5	4.8	4.8	4.8	4.4	4.9	5.2
Part time								
Total, 16 years and over:								
Civilian labor force.....	13,402	14,028	12,705	12,824	13,519	13,214	13,220	13,456
Employed	12,314	12,995	11,640	11,755	12,447	12,259	12,273	12,282
Unemployed	1,088	1,033	1,065	1,069	1,072	960	947	1,174
Unemployment rate	8.1	7.4	8.4	8.3	7.9	7.3	7.2	8.7

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					
	Dec. 1972	Dec. 1973	Dec. 1972	Aug. 1973	Sept. 1973	Oct. 1973	Nov. 1973	Dec. 1973
Total (all civilian workers)	4,487	4,435	5.1	4.8	4.8	4.5	4.7	4.9
Men, 20 years and over	1,677	1,561	3.4	3.1	3.1	2.9	3.0	3.1
Women, 20 years and over	1,512	1,579	5.1	4.9	4.8	4.4	4.7	5.1
Both sexes, 16-19 years	1,298	1,295	15.7	14.3	14.4	13.9	14.6	14.7
White	3,542	3,540	4.6	4.2	4.2	4.1	4.2	4.4
Negro and other races	938	901	9.6	8.7	9.4	8.3	9.1	8.7
Household heads	1,471	1,503	2.9	2.8	2.7	2.7	2.9	2.9
Married men	945	887	2.4	2.1	2.1	2.1	2.2	2.2
Full-time workers	3,491	3,505	4.7	4.2	4.2	4.0	4.4	4.6
Part-time workers	1,065	1,174	8.4	8.3	7.9	7.3	7.2	8.7
Unemployed 15 weeks and over ¹	1,001	760	1.1	.9	.9	.9	1.0	.8
State insured ²	1,681	1,707	3.1	2.7	2.7	2.7	2.7	2.8
Labor force time lost ³	---	---	5.3	5.2	5.1	5.0	5.2	5.4
Occupation⁴								
White-collar workers	1,350	1,368	3.3	3.0	2.9	2.7	2.7	3.2
Professional and technical	310	307	2.6	2.3	2.3	2.2	2.0	2.5
Managers and administrators, except farm	141	129	1.7	1.2	1.2	1.5	1.3	1.4
Sales workers	240	264	4.3	3.9	3.6	3.1	3.3	4.9
Clerical workers	659	668	4.4	4.2	4.2	3.6	3.9	4.3
Blue-collar workers	1,706	1,655	5.6	5.2	5.1	5.1	5.5	5.2
Craftsmen and kindred workers	437	376	3.9	3.8	3.7	3.6	4.0	3.2
Operatives	854	873	5.8	5.5	5.2	5.3	5.6	5.8
Nonfarm laborers	415	406	8.8	8.2	8.1	8.0	8.8	8.4
Service workers	732	765	6.2	5.5	5.8	5.1	6.0	6.3
Farm workers	78	77	2.3	2.6	2.4	2.3	2.7	2.3
Industry⁴								
Nonagricultural private wage and salary workers ⁵	3,286	3,334	5.2	4.7	4.8	4.5	4.9	5.1
Construction	431	385	9.8	8.2	9.9	9.1	9.6	8.4
Manufacturing	926	942	4.4	4.1	4.2	3.7	4.2	4.3
Durable goods	475	489	3.9	3.6	4.1	3.6	3.5	3.8
Nondurable goods	451	453	5.2	4.8	4.4	3.9	5.3	5.1
Transportation and public utilities	125	149	2.7	3.1	2.9	2.9	3.2	3.1
Wholesale and retail trade	947	983	6.1	6.0	5.6	5.2	5.5	6.3
Finance and service industries	842	852	4.9	4.1	3.9	4.1	4.4	4.7
Government workers	413	349	3.0	2.7	3.0	2.7	2.6	2.5
Agricultural wage and salary workers	89	91	6.4	7.6	5.8	6.8	8.2	6.1

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	Dec. 1972	Dec. 1973	Seasonally adjusted					
			Dec. 1972	Aug. 1973	Sept. 1973	Oct. 1973	Nov. 1973	Dec. 1973
Less than 5 weeks	1,795	2,097	2,026	2,240	2,167	1,960	2,238	2,369
5 to 14 weeks	1,459	1,307	1,444	1,205	1,351	1,303	1,220	1,295
15 weeks and over	862	654	1,001	796	778	776	855	760
15 to 26 weeks	473	372	530	457	489	439	490	418
27 weeks and over	389	282	471	339	289	337	365	342
Average (mean) duration, in weeks	11.7	9.6	11.4	10.0	9.4	10.4	10.1	9.4

Table A-5: Unemployed persons by reason for unemployment

Reason for unemployment	Dec. 1972	Dec. 1973	(Numbers in thousands)					
			Seasonally adjusted					
	Dec. 1972	Dec. 1973	Dec. 1972	Aug. 1973	Sept. 1973	Oct. 1973	Nov. 1973	Dec. 1973
Number of unemployed								
Lost last job	1,897	1,818	1,846	1,609	1,659	1,467	1,700	1,770
Left last job	581	695	672	631	666	671	813	805
Reentered labor force	1,129	1,069	1,322	1,381	1,308	1,236	1,215	1,253
Never worked before	509	476	629	597	637	604	572	589
Percent distribution								
Total unemployed	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Lost last job	46.1	44.8	41.3	38.1	38.9	36.9	39.5	40.1
Left last job	14.1	17.1	15.0	15.0	15.6	16.9	18.9	18.2
Reentered labor force	27.4	26.3	29.6	32.7	30.6	31.1	28.3	28.4
Never worked before	12.4	11.7	14.1	14.2	14.9	15.2	13.3	13.3
Unemployed as a percent of the civilian labor force								
Lost last job	2.2	2.0	2.1	1.8	1.9	1.6	1.9	2.0
Left last job7	.8	.8	.7	.7	.7	.9	.9
Reentered labor force	1.3	1.2	1.5	1.6	1.5	1.4	1.4	1.4
Never worked before6	.5	.7	.7	.7	.7	.6	.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					
	Dec. 1972	Dec. 1973		Dec. 1972	Aug. 1973	Sept. 1973	Oct. 1973	Nov. 1973	Dec. 1973
Total, 16 years and over	4,116	4,058	74.5	5.1	4.8	4.8	4.5	4.7	4.9
16 to 19 years	1,148	1,142	48.9	15.7	14.3	14.4	13.9	14.6	14.7
16 and 17 years	545	552	26.8	17.5	16.5	16.9	16.3	17.3	16.6
18 and 19 years	603	590	69.7	14.4	12.7	12.8	12.0	12.8	13.4
20 to 24 years	898	859	86.0	8.7	7.9	7.9	6.6	7.0	7.9
25 years and over	2,070	2,057	84.0	3.2	3.0	2.9	2.9	3.0	3.1
25 to 34 years	1,645	1,696	86.0	3.4	3.1	3.0	2.9	3.1	3.4
35 years and over	425	361	74.5	3.0	2.8	2.6	2.7	2.7	2.6
Males, 16 years and over	2,328	2,191	77.4	4.4	4.0	3.9	3.9	4.0	4.1
16 to 19 years	671	645	49.6	15.4	14.1	13.7	13.2	14.7	13.9
16 and 17 years	330	324	29.3	17.4	16.2	15.2	15.8	17.6	16.3
18 and 19 years	342	322	69.9	13.7	12.4	12.8	11.0	12.5	12.1
20 to 24 years	523	466	86.9	8.2	7.4	7.0	6.1	6.7	6.9
25 years and over	1,134	1,079	89.8	2.7	2.4	2.4	2.4	2.4	2.5
25 to 34 years	851	852	93.7	2.6	2.4	2.3	2.2	2.3	2.6
35 years and over	283	227	75.3	3.0	2.6	2.8	2.8	2.8	2.5
Females, 16 years and over	1,788	1,868	71.1	6.3	5.9	6.0	5.6	5.8	6.3
16 to 19 years	477	497	47.9	16.2	14.5	15.3	14.7	14.6	15.7
16 and 17 years	215	228	23.2	17.6	16.7	19.0	17.1	17.0	16.9
18 and 19 years	262	268	69.0	15.4	13.1	12.8	13.1	13.1	14.9
20 to 24 years	375	393	85.0	9.2	8.6	8.9	7.3	7.4	9.2
25 years and over	936	978	77.4	4.2	4.0	3.8	3.7	4.1	4.2
25 to 34 years	793	844	78.2	4.6	4.3	4.1	4.0	4.5	4.7
35 years and over	142	134	73.7	3.0	3.2	2.4	2.4	2.7	2.9

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

Employment status	(Numbers in thousands)								
	Dec. 1972	Nov. 1973	Dec. 1973	Seasonally adjusted					
	Dec. 1972	Nov. 1973	Dec. 1973	Dec. 1972	Aug. 1973	Sept. 1973	Oct. 1973	Nov. 1973	Dec. 1973
VETERANS¹									
Total, 20 to 34 years									
Civilian noninstitutional population ²	5,473	5,865	5,900	5,473	5,755	5,795	5,833	5,865	5,900
Civilian labor force	5,124	5,511	5,578	5,119	5,394	5,418	5,515	5,506	5,568
Employed	4,864	5,318	5,357	4,836	5,109	5,139	5,277	5,306	5,324
Unemployed	260	193	221	283	285	279	238	200	244
Unemployment rate	5.1	3.5	4.0	5.5	5.3	5.1	4.3	3.6	4.4
20 to 24 years									
Civilian noninstitutional population ²	1,837	1,546	1,517	1,837	1,626	1,602	1,577	1,546	1,517
Civilian labor force	1,682	1,375	1,368	1,673	1,458	1,430	1,444	1,376	1,361
Employed	1,535	1,279	1,267	1,524	1,311	1,321	1,329	1,279	1,258
Unemployed	147	96	101	149	147	109	115	97	103
Unemployment rate	8.7	7.0	7.4	8.9	10.1	7.6	8.0	7.0	7.6
25 to 29 years									
Civilian noninstitutional population ²	2,811	3,173	3,208	2,811	3,069	3,104	3,139	3,173	3,208
Civilian labor force	2,648	3,018	3,060	2,665	2,918	2,911	2,976	3,027	3,078
Employed	2,564	2,949	2,973	2,563	2,799	2,786	2,882	2,952	2,973
Unemployed	84	69	87	102	119	125	94	75	105
Unemployment rate	3.2	2.3	2.8	3.8	4.1	4.3	3.2	2.5	3.4
30 to 34 years									
Civilian noninstitutional population ²	825	1,146	1,175	825	1,060	1,089	1,117	1,146	1,175
Civilian labor force	794	1,118	1,150	781	1,018	1,077	1,095	1,103	1,129
Employed	765	1,090	1,117	749	999	1,032	1,066	1,075	1,093
Unemployed	29	28	33	32	19	45	29	28	36
Unemployment rate	3.7	2.5	2.9	4.1	1.9	4.2	2.6	2.5	3.2
NONVETERANS									
Total, 20 to 34 years									
Civilian noninstitutional population ²	13,804	14,701	14,814	13,804	14,486	14,559	14,626	14,701	14,814
Civilian labor force	12,223	13,234	13,337	12,354	12,948	13,041	13,246	13,372	13,483
Employed	11,593	12,674	12,723	11,693	12,299	12,434	12,698	12,742	12,839
Unemployed	630	560	614	661	649	607	548	630	644
Unemployment rate	5.2	4.2	4.6	5.4	5.0	4.7	4.1	4.7	4.8
20 to 24 years									
Civilian noninstitutional population ²	6,289	6,861	6,929	6,289	6,718	6,770	6,812	6,861	6,929
Civilian labor force	5,075	5,745	5,804	5,231	5,521	5,599	5,770	5,892	5,977
Employed	4,698	5,394	5,439	4,808	5,137	5,233	5,443	5,498	5,567
Unemployed	377	351	365	423	384	366	327	394	410
Unemployment rate	7.4	6.1	6.3	8.1	7.0	6.5	5.7	6.7	6.9
25 to 29 years									
Civilian noninstitutional population ²	4,038	4,168	4,193	4,038	4,135	4,144	4,155	4,168	4,193
Civilian labor force	3,804	3,945	3,976	3,778	3,923	3,938	3,949	3,946	3,948
Employed	3,645	3,803	3,803	3,631	3,742	3,774	3,799	3,777	3,788
Unemployed	159	142	173	147	181	164	150	169	160
Unemployment rate	4.2	3.6	4.4	3.9	4.6	4.2	3.8	4.3	4.1
30 to 34 years									
Civilian noninstitutional population ²	3,477	3,672	3,692	3,477	3,633	3,645	3,659	3,672	3,692
Civilian labor force	3,344	3,544	3,557	3,345	3,504	3,504	3,527	3,534	3,558
Employed	3,250	3,477	3,481	3,254	3,420	3,427	3,456	3,467	3,484
Unemployed	94	67	76	91	84	77	71	67	74
Unemployment rate	2.8	1.9	2.1	2.7	2.4	2.2	2.0	1.9	2.1

¹ Vietnam Era veterans are those who served after August 4, 1964. At present, of the Vietnam Era veterans of all ages, 91 per cent 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 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			
	4th	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	1st	2nd	3rd	4th
Total									
Civilian noninstitutional population ¹	140,830	142,344	143,006	143,674	144,281	144,942	145,606	146,266	146,931
Civilian labor force	84,974	85,809	86,391	86,867	87,175	87,586	88,562	88,955	89,912
As percent of population	60.3	60.3	60.4	60.5	60.4	60.4	60.8	60.8	61.2
Employment	79,922	80,797	81,474	82,033	82,567	83,190	84,205	84,725	85,656
As percent of population	56.8	56.8	57.0	57.1	57.2	57.4	57.8	57.9	58.3
Unemployment	5,052	5,012	4,917	4,834	4,608	4,396	4,357	4,230	4,256
Unemployment rate ²	5.9	5.8	5.7	5.6	5.3	5.0	4.9	4.8	4.7
Males, 20 years and over									
Civilian noninstitutional population ¹	58,805	59,330	59,662	59,953	60,212	60,518	60,797	61,078	61,380
Civilian labor force	48,163	48,400	48,714	48,994	49,120	49,162	49,390	49,614	50,005
As percent of population	81.9	81.6	81.6	81.7	81.6	81.2	81.2	81.2	81.5
Employment	46,063	46,393	46,707	47,102	47,337	47,507	47,734	48,084	48,493
As percent of population	78.3	78.2	78.3	78.6	78.6	78.5	78.5	78.7	79.0
Unemployment	2,100	2,007	2,007	1,892	1,783	1,655	1,655	1,530	1,511
Unemployment rate ²	4.4	4.1	4.1	3.9	3.6	3.4	3.4	3.1	3.0
Females, 20 years and over									
Civilian noninstitutional population ¹	66,894	67,676	67,932	68,232	68,529	68,816	69,095	69,392	69,694
Civilian labor force	29,170	29,432	29,665	29,907	29,859	30,117	30,659	31,011	31,094
As percent of population	43.6	43.5	43.7	43.8	43.6	43.8	44.4	44.7	44.6
Employment	27,514	27,847	28,019	28,249	28,310	28,602	29,209	29,508	29,619
As percent of population	41.1	41.1	41.2	41.4	41.3	41.6	42.3	42.5	42.5
Unemployment	1,656	1,585	1,646	1,658	1,549	1,514	1,450	1,503	1,475
Unemployment rate ²	5.7	5.4	5.5	5.5	5.2	5.0	4.7	4.8	4.7
Both sexes, 16-19 years									
Civilian noninstitutional population ¹	15,130	15,337	15,413	15,489	15,539	15,609	15,715	15,796	15,856
Civilian labor force	7,641	7,977	8,012	7,966	8,196	8,308	8,514	8,330	8,814
As percent of population	50.5	52.0	52.0	51.4	52.7	53.2	54.2	52.7	55.6
Employment	6,345	6,557	6,748	6,682	6,920	7,081	7,262	7,134	7,544
As percent of population	41.9	42.8	43.8	43.1	44.5	45.4	46.2	45.2	47.6
Unemployment	1,296	1,420	1,264	1,284	1,276	1,226	1,252	1,197	1,270
Unemployment rate ²	17.0	17.8	15.8	16.1	15.6	14.8	14.7	14.4	14.4
White									
Civilian noninstitutional population ¹	125,341	126,534	127,091	127,650	128,160	128,621	128,986	129,538	130,064
Civilian labor force	75,603	76,303	76,783	77,274	77,514	77,830	78,582	78,857	79,732
As percent of population	60.3	60.3	60.4	60.5	60.5	60.5	60.9	60.9	61.3
Employment	71,497	72,301	72,788	73,395	73,855	74,309	75,122	75,558	76,354
As percent of population	57.0	57.1	57.3	57.5	57.6	57.8	58.2	58.3	58.7
Unemployment	4,106	4,002	3,995	3,879	3,659	3,520	3,461	3,299	3,379
Unemployment rate ²	5.4	5.2	5.2	5.0	4.7	4.5	4.4	4.2	4.2
Negro and other races									
Civilian noninstitutional population ¹	15,489	15,810	15,915	16,025	16,122	16,321	16,620	16,728	16,866
Civilian labor force	9,385	9,488	9,546	9,597	9,686	9,822	9,957	10,122	10,230
As percent of population	60.6	60.0	60.0	59.9	60.1	60.2	59.9	60.5	60.7
Employment	8,435	8,480	8,630	8,648	8,726	8,941	9,062	9,197	9,338
As percent of population	54.5	53.6	54.2	54.0	54.1	54.8	54.5	55.0	55.4
Unemployment	950	1,008	916	949	960	881	895	925	892
Unemployment rate ²	10.1	10.6	9.6	9.9	9.9	9.0	9.0	9.1	8.7

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			
	4th	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	1st	2nd	3rd	4th
Total									
Total not in labor force	56,067	56,434	56,605	56,787	57,314	57,519	57,045	57,281	57,245
Do not want job now	51,684	52,017	52,234	52,460	52,667	53,202	52,169	52,577	52,874
Current activity:									
Going to school	6,419	6,311	5,944	6,630	6,336	6,357	5,535	6,482	6,097
Ill, disabled	4,178	4,200	4,189	4,346	4,529	4,206	4,480	4,861c	4,751
Keeping house	32,195	32,433	32,333	32,390	32,380	32,752	31,804	31,797	32,289
Retired	6,382	6,592	6,726	6,744	6,700	7,176	7,346	7,252c	6,990
Other	2,369	2,621	2,738	2,503	2,828	3,074	2,850	2,578	3,020
Want a job now	4,384	4,406	4,349	4,373	4,639	4,291	4,837	4,404	4,351
Reason not looking:									
School attendance	1,248	1,257	1,105	1,076	1,269	1,237	1,267	1,072	1,140
Ill health, disability	582	556	595	651	736	542	625	623	731
Home responsibilities	1,043	1,021	1,108	1,145	1,117	903	1,163	1,151	961
Think cannot get job	824	770	808	717	772	615	789	631	728
Job-market factors	573	597	559	493	516	444	612	440	514
Personal factors	239	214	226	218	242	203	168	187	205
Other reasons	784	735	809	702	847	976	971	826	873
Male									
Total not in labor force	13,916	14,045	14,192	14,237	14,307	14,604	14,556	14,673	14,452
Do not want job now	12,556	12,706	12,892	12,938	12,932	13,240	12,986	13,367	13,089
Want a job now	1,365	1,369	1,244	1,318	1,374	1,395	1,484	1,332	1,370
Reason not looking:									
School attendance	639	640	581	584	625	705	654	599	600
Ill health, disability	267	244	281	269	297	234	350	282	274
Think cannot get job	234	254	266	195	242	220	275	195	236
Other reasons ¹	234	202	234	236	231	224	269	253	282
Female									
Total not in labor force	42,146	42,384	42,399	42,590	42,999	42,899	42,488	42,652	42,758
Do not want job now	39,128	39,311	39,342	39,522	39,735	39,962	39,183	39,579c	39,785
Want a job now	3,019	3,037	3,105	3,055	3,265	2,896	3,353	3,072	2,981
Reason not looking:									
School attendance	592	613	532	519	626	532	626	497	525
Ill health, disability	326	311	318	373	463	314	300	332	466
Home responsibilities	1,015	1,009	1,087	1,111	1,092	887	1,143	1,122	935
Think cannot get job	552	529	581	519	500	400	545	435	465
Other reasons	584	551	572	515	645	774	693	629	634
White									
Total not in labor force	49,945	50,170	50,220	50,355	50,862	51,059	50,352	50,640	50,567
Do not want job now	46,547	46,715	46,799	47,007	47,336	47,571	46,583	47,424	47,254
Want a job now	3,399	3,429	3,429	3,379	3,517	3,442	3,775	3,272	3,299
Reason not looking:									
School attendance	968	997	888	893	960	934	988	813	875
Ill health, disability	414	388	453	457	514	423	576	419	434
Home responsibilities	767	785	837	832	818	788	922	854	718
Think cannot get job	585	594	641	540	543	465	550	449	554
Other reasons	691	643	689	635	697	852	814	665	708
Negro and other races									
Total not in labor force	6,108	6,284	6,361	6,453	6,438	6,498	6,671	6,639	6,648
Do not want job now	5,116	5,336	5,380	5,433	5,305	5,678	5,474	5,449c	5,583
Want a job now	1,002	961	990	1,002	1,147	849	1,076	1,158c	1,074
Reason not looking:									
School attendance	253	253	225	279	281	300	314	369c	244
Ill health, disability	150	155	194	185	191	118	136	197	272
Home responsibilities	254	256	282	311	280	150	259	297	228
Think cannot get job	219	251	186	163	188	202	262	166	152
Other reasons	117	116	136	110	183	144	146	198	169

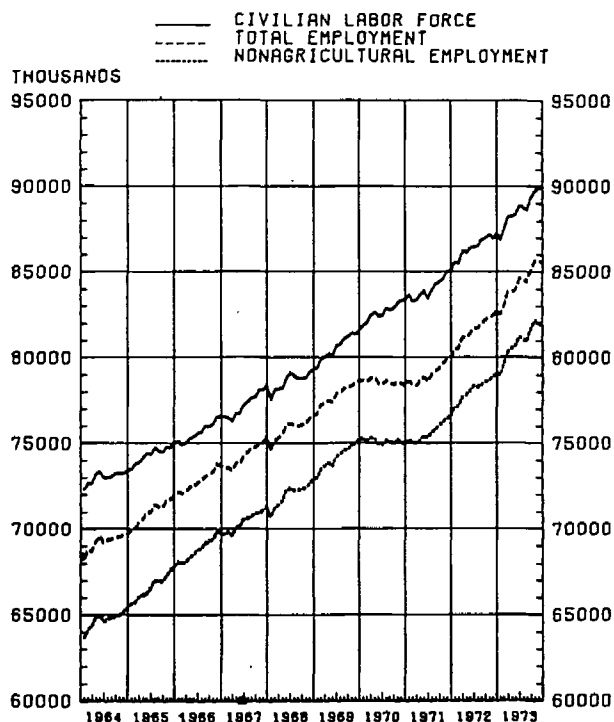
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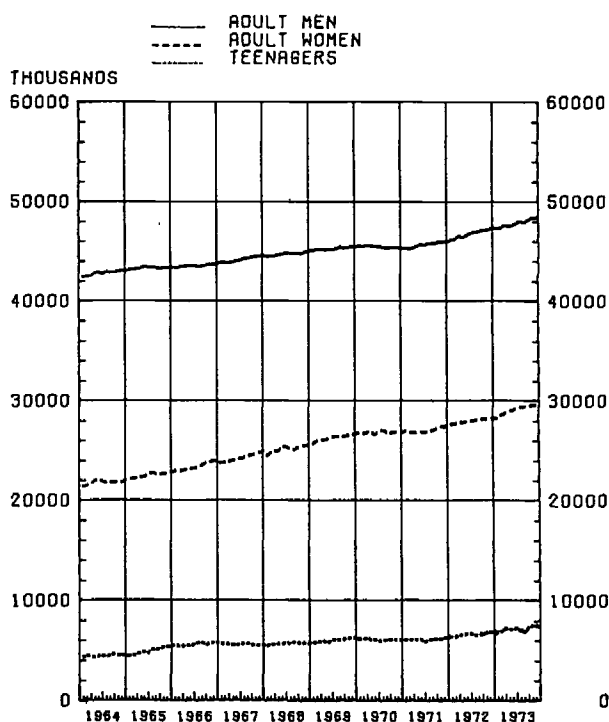
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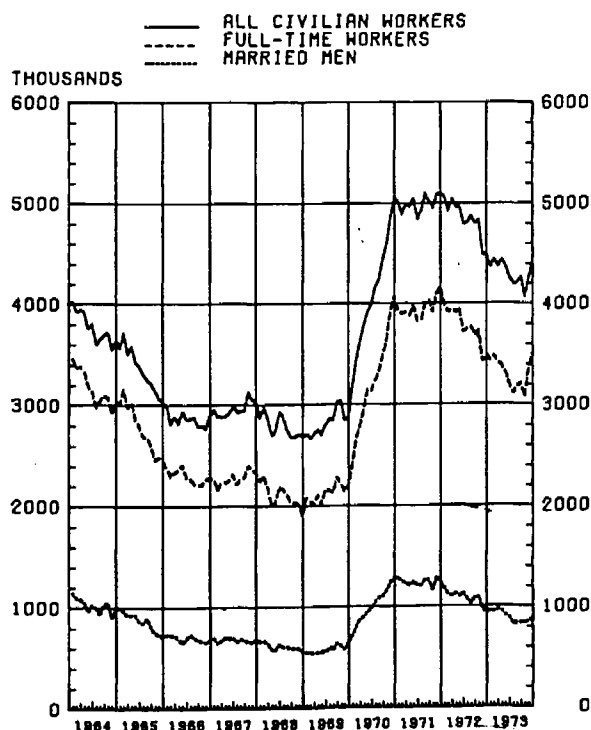
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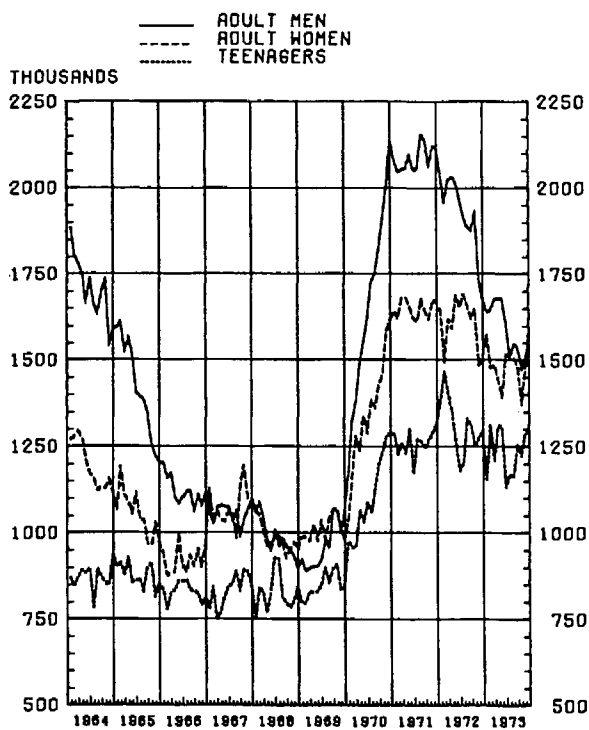
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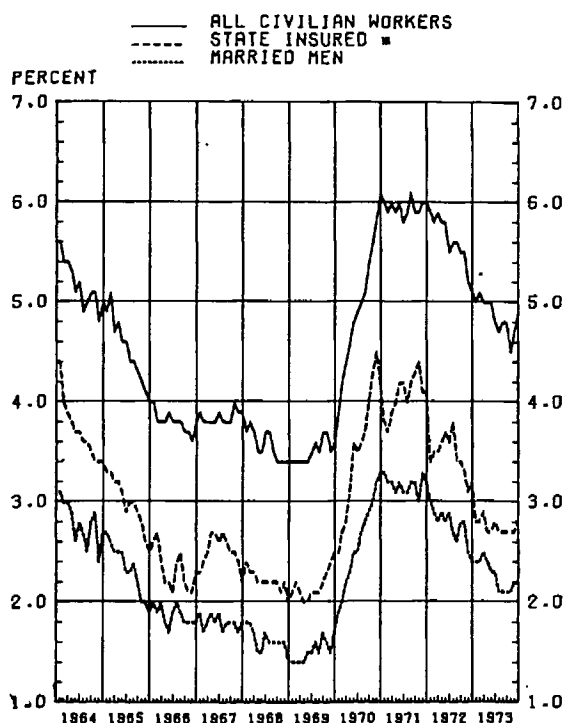


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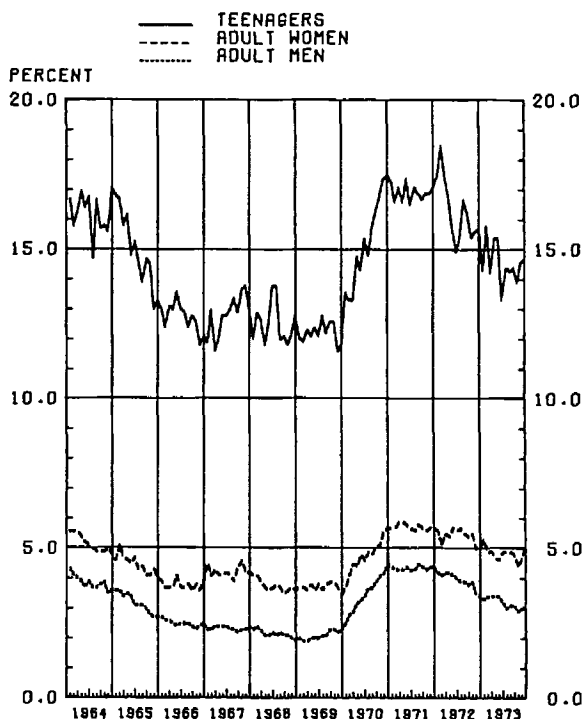


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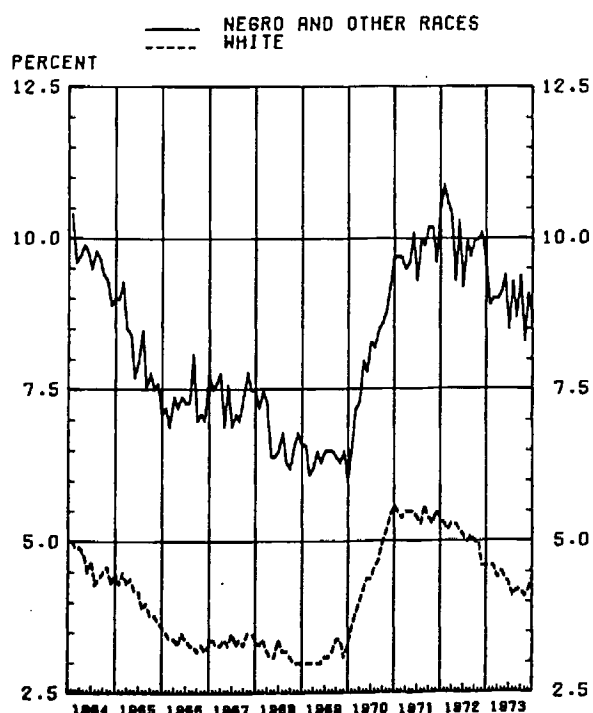
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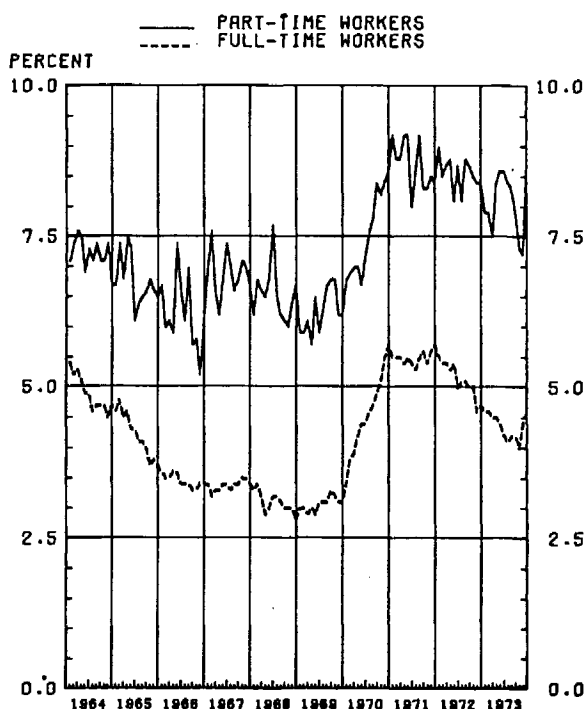
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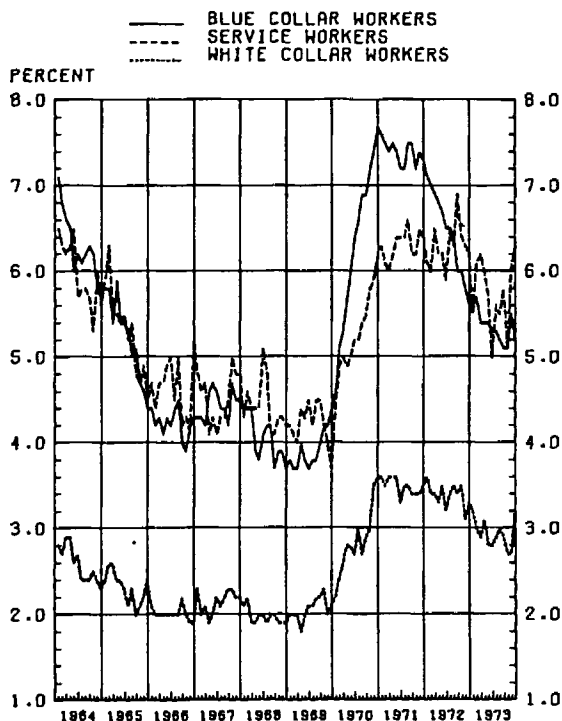
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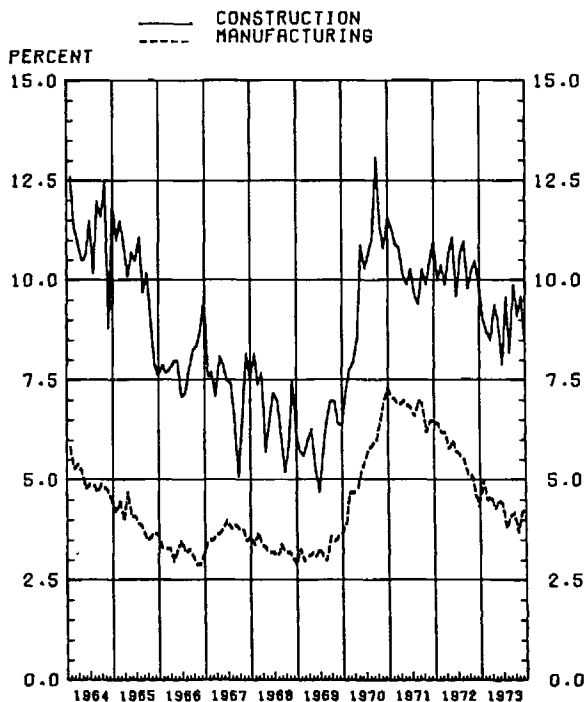
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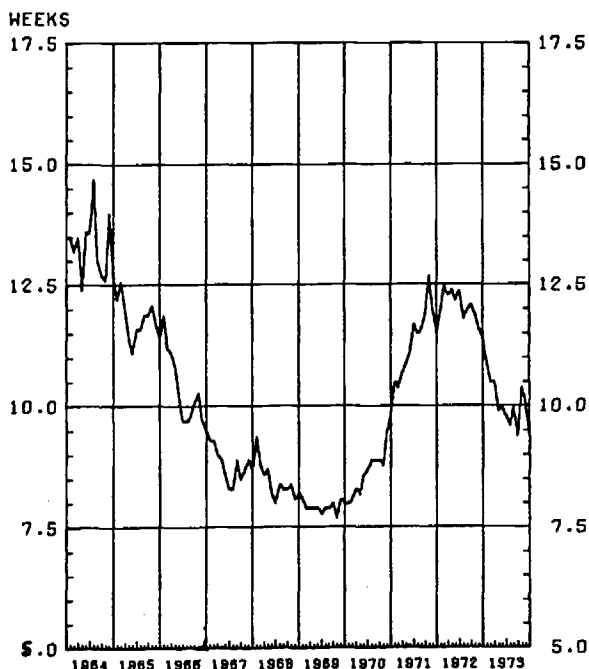
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