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THE EMPLOYMENT SITUATION: APRIL 1974

Employment and unemployment showed little movement from March to April, but unemployment was lower than in January and February, it was announced today by the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the U.S. Department of Labor. The Nation's unemployment rate was 5.0 percent in April; it had been 5.2 percent in both January and February and 5.1 percent in March.

Total employment (as measured by the monthly sample survey of households), at 85.8 million in April, was essentially unchanged from March. Moreover, total employment has been at about this level since October 1973. Nonagricultural payroll jobs (as measured by the monthly survey of business establishments) rose slightly in April and have shown little growth since last fall.

<u>Unemployment</u>

The number of unemployed persons and the unemployment rate showed little change from March to April. (See table A-1.) However, both have receded slightly from the levels of the first 2 months of the year. At 4.5 million, seasonally adjusted, the level of unemployment was about 200,000 lower in April than in January and February, although still 430,000 higher than in October 1973 when joblessness reached a 3-1/2 year low. The unemployment rate, at 5.0 percent, was not materially different from the 5. L-percent rate of March but was lower than the 5. 2-percent rates recorded in both January and February. The April figure was equal to the year-ago rate.

The unemployment rate for teenagers declined from 15.0 percent in March to 13.8 percent in April. This decrease, which was concentrated among 16 and 17 yearolds, resulted from the net exit from the labor force of a relatively large number of youth. This development was also reflected by a drop in the number of unemployed seeking their first job (table A-5).

Among adult workers, there was little change in unemployment in April (table A-2). However, at 3.6 percent, the unemployment rate for adult men (20 years and over) has increased substantially from its level in the last few months of 1973

(3.0 percent). The rate for adult women--4.9 percent in April--has shown relatively little movement since the end of the year.

Probably as a reflection of the labor force developments among teenagers, the unemployment rate for part-time workers declined from 8.1 to 7.3 percent from March to April, while the rate for full-time workers held steady at 4.6 percent. Also practically unchanged in April were the jobless rates for household heads and married men, both of which had risen substantially since last fall.

		Qu	arteriy avera	ges		ŀ	Monthly dat	ta
Selected categories		19			1974	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.
	I	II	III	IV	I	1974	1974	1974
				(Millions	of persons)			
Civilian labor force	87.6	88.5	89.0	89.9	90.5	90.6	90.5	90.3
Total employment	83.2	84.1	84.8	85.7	85.8	85.8	.85.9	85.8
Adult men	47.5	47.7	48.1	48.5	48.5	48.5	48.4	48.3
Adult women	28.6	29.2	29.5	29.7	29.7	29.7	29.9	30.1
Teenagers	7.1	7.2	7.2	7.5	7.6	7.6	7.6	7.4
Unemployment	4.4	4.3	4.2	4.2	4.7	4.8	4.6	4.5
		•		(Percent of	f labor force)		<u>k</u>
Unemployment rates:					· ·			
All workers	5.0	4.9	4.7	4.7	5.2	5.2	5.1	5.0
Adult men	3.4	3.3	3.1	3.0	3.5	3.5	3.4	3.6
Adult women.	5.0	4.8	4.8	4.7	5.1	5.1	5.0	4.9
Teenagers	14.7	14.7	14.3	14.3	15.3	15.3	15.0	13.8
White	4.5	4.4	4.2	4.2	4.7	4.7	4.6	4.5
Negro and other races	9.0	9.0	· 9.0	8.6	9.4	.9.2	9.4	8.7
Household heads	3:0	2.9	2.7	2.8	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.1
Married men	2.4	2.3	2.1	2.1	2.4	2.4	2.4	2.5
Full-time workers	4.6	4.3	4.2	4.3	4.6	4.7	4.6	4.6
State insured	2.8	2.7	2.7	2.7	3.2	3.2	3.3	3.3
				(We	eks)	<u> </u>	.	
Average duration of								
unemployment	10.6	9.9	9.7	9.9	9.5	9.6	9.4	9.8
	10.0				of persons)			
				<u> </u>	t	76.0	76.0.	76 0-
Nonfarm payroll employment	74.6	75.3	75.7 24.2	76.6 24.4	76.7p	76.8 24.3	76.8p 24.2p	76.9p 24.2p
Goods-producing industries Service-producing industries	23.7 50.9	24.0 51.3	24•2 51•6	24.4 52.1	24.3p 52.4p	24.3 52.5	52.6p	52.7p
Service-producing industries	50.9	51.3	51.0		of work)	J2.J	J2.0p	<u>JZ•7</u>
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Average weekly hours:								
Total private nonfarm	37.1	37.2	37.1	37.0	36.8p	37.0	36.8p	36.6p
Manufacturing,	40.7	40.7	40.7	40.6	40.4p	40.5	40.4p	39.5p
Manufacturing overtime	3.8	3.9	3.8	3.7	3.6p	3.5	3.6p	2.8p
				(1967	/=100)			.
fourly Earnings Index, private nonfarm:								
In current dollars	142.7	145.0	147.8	150.4	152.5p	152.5	153.5p	154.6p
In constant dollars	110.8	110.3	110.0	109.3	107.8p	107.6	107.2p	NA

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

N.A.= not available.

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

The unemployment rate for Vietnam-era veterans 20 to 34 years old, at 5.1 percent, was about the same in April as in the previous 3 months and a year ago. Their rate had been close to 4 percent in the last quarter of 1973. The jobless rate for the declining number of veterans 20 to 24 years old was 9.2 percent in April, well above that of older veterans 25 to 29 (4.5 percent) and 30 to 34 (2.8 percent). It was also higher than that for nonveterans 20 to 24--7.6 percent. Unemployment among younger veterans has remained high largely because most of them have only recently entered the labor market and consequently lack the seniority and experience gained by many of their nonveterans disappears for the older age groups. (See table A-2).

The unemployment rate for Negro workers, which had been essentially unchanged since January, edged down from 9.4 to 8.7 percent in April, returning to about its average level for 1973. The rate for white workers, at 4.5 percent, was not significantly changed over the month.

Among the major occupational and industry groups, the jobless situation was little changed in April. The only exceptions were increases in unemployment among nonfarm laborers (from 9.0 to 10.4 percent) and construction workers (from 8.4 to 10.3 percent). Since last fall, there has been a substantial increase in the unemployment rate for blue-collar workers, while the rates for white-collar and service workers have shown relatively little change.

The unemployment rate for workers covered by State unemployment insurance programs held at 3.3 percent in April, following consecutive monthly increases during the December-March period.

The average (mean) duration of unemployment rose slightly--from 9.4 to 9.8 weeks--and was about equal to its year-ago level (table A-4). Civilian Labor Force and Total Employment

The civilian labor force was 90.3 million in April (seasonally adjusted), not significantly changed from March. (See table A-1.) The labor force has not shown any growth since January, as reduced labor market participation among adult men and teenagers has completely offset the continued expansion among adult women. The number of teenagers in the labor force exhibited a particularly sharp drop from March to April.

Total employment in April, at 85.8 million seasonally adjusted, was also basically unchanged from March. After rising rapidly during the previous 2 years, total employment has, in effect, shown very little growth since last October. This is

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attributable to employment weakness among adult men and teenagers, which, in turn, reflects a stagnation in the growth of jobs in the blue-collar and service occupations. (See table A-3.)

The number of persons working part time for economic reasons (those working part time but wanting full-time jobs) decreased 150,000 in April to 2.4 million, the second straight monthly decline.

Industry Payroll Employment

Nonfarm payroll employment increased slightly in April to 76. 9 million, seasonally adjusted, following a month of little change (as revised). April gains took place in the service-producing industries, but there was also a rebound in manufacturing employment stemming largely from recalls of auto workers. (See table B-1.)

Employment in the goods-producing sector was essentially unchanged in April, after declining by 90, 000 (as revised) in the previous month. Goods-producing employment has fallen by 240, 000 jobs since December 1973.

The April job situation in the goods industries was marked by offsetting movements. In manufacturing, employment registered its first increase in 5 months, advancing by 75, 000 (seasonally adjusted), all of it in the durable goods industries. The increase resulted mainly from a turn-around in the transportation equipment industry, where 60, 000 workers were added to payrolls. This followed 3 months of heavy employment losses. In contrast to the improvement in the manufacturing picture, there was a decline of 70, 000 jobs in contract construction.

The increase in employment in the service-producing industries was concentrated in State and local government, services, and retail trade. Employment in this sector has risen by more than half a million since last December; State and local government accounted for 200, 000 of this advance.

Hours of Work

The average workweek of production or nonsupervisory workers on private nonfarm payrolls declined by 0.2 hour in April to 36.6 hours (after seasonal adjustment). The workweek curtailment was paced by an 0.9-hour decrease in manufacturing, with cutbacks widespread in both durable and nondurable goods sectors. Average overtime in manufacturing was also off--by 0.8 hour. These declines probably resulted in large part from a normal reduction of work schedules in the Friday and Saturday preceding Easter (the week before Easter was the reference week for the April survey). As a result, comparisons with previous periods are difficult to interpret; prior to April, the factory workweek had declined gradually from highs reached in early 1973.

Hourly and Weekly Earnings

Average hourly earnings of production workers on private nonfarm payrolls rose at a seasonally adjusted rate of 0.2 percent in April. Since April a year ago, hourly earnings have advanced by 6.3 percent. Average weekly earnings fell by 0.3 percent in April, due entirely to the reduced workweek. Since April 1973, weekly earnings have increased by 4.5 percent.

Before adjustment for seasonality, average hourly earnings rose by 1 cent in April to \$4.07. (See table B-3.) Since April 1973, hourly earnings have increased by 24 cents. Weekly earnings averaged \$147.74 in April, a decrease of 86 cents from March but up \$6.41 since April 1973.

The Hourly Earnings Index

The Hourly Earnings Index--earnings adjusted for overtime in manufacturing, seasonality, and the effects of changes in the proportion of workers in high-wage and low-wage industries--was 154.6 (1967=100) in April, 0.7 percent higher than in March. (See table B-4.) The Index was 7.1 percent above April a year ago. All industries recorded gains over the past 12 months, ranging from 5.4 percent in finance, insurance, and real estate to 9.2 percent in mining. During the 12-month period ended in March, the Hourly Earnings Index in dollars of constant purchasing power declined 2.9 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*.

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Table A-1. Employment status of the noninstitutional population

[Numbers in thousands]

	Not	sessonally adj	usted	Seasonally adjusted						
Émployment status	Apr. 1973	Mar. 1974	Apr. 1974	Apr. 1973	Dec. 1973	Jan. 1974	Feb. 1974	Mar. 1974	Apr. 1974	
TOTAL	•									
Total noninstitutional population	147,729	150,066	150,283	147,729	149,436	149,656	149,857	150,066	150.283	
Total labor force	89,823	91,884	91,736	90,622	92,315	92,801	92,814	92,747	92,556	
Civilian noninstitutional population ¹	145,380	147,816	148,040	145,380	147,155	147,398	147,599	147,816	148,040	
Civilian labor force	87,473	89,633	89,493	88,272	90,033	90,543	90,556	90,496	90,313	
Employed	83,299	84,878	85,192	83,854	85,669	85,811	85,803	85,863	85,775	
Agriculture	3,295	3,334	3,437	3,356	3,643	3,794	3,852	3,699	3,511	
Nonagricultural industries	80,004	81,544	81,756	80,498	82,026	82,017	81,951	82,164	82,264	
Unemployment rate	4,174	4,755	4,301	4,418	4,364	4,732	4,753	4,633 5.1	4,538	
Not in labor force	4.8 57,906	5.3 58,183	4.8 58,547	5.0 57,108	4.8 57,121	5.2 56,855	57,043	57,320	57,727	
Males, 20 years and over										
Total noninstitutional population ¹	62,623	63,622	63,712	62,623	63,355	63,455	63,536	63,622	63,712	
Total labor force	51,111	51,752	51,738	51,254	51,931	52,197	52,139	51,912	51,880	
Civilian noninstitutional population ¹	60,699	61,801	61,897	60,699	61,510	61,628	61,709	61,801	61,89	
Civilian labor force	49,186	49,931	49,924	49,329	50,085 48,559	50,371 48,660	50,312 48,529	50,091 48,379	50,06	
Employed	47,487 2,488	47,962	48,104	47,655	2,569	2,687	2,708	2,646	2,49	
Nonagricultural industries	44,999	2,503	2,508	45,183	45,990	45,973	45,821	45,733	45.77	
Unemployed	1,699	1,969	1,820	1,674	1,526	1,711	1,783	1,712	1,793	
Unemployment rate	3.5	3.9	3.6	3.4	3.0	3.4	3.5	3.4	3.0	
Not in labor force	11,512	11,870	11,973	11,370	11,424	11,258	11,397	11,710	11,83	
Females, 20 years and over										
livilian noninstitutional population ¹	68,997	70,035	70,139	68,997	69,781	69,840	69,937	70,035	70,13	
Civilian labor force	30,513	31,650	31,611	30,500	31,169	31,133 29,519	31,329 29,722	31,498 29,916	31,61	
Employed	29,146	30,089	30,159	29,036 547	29,596 595	628	641	613	53	
Agriculture	502 28,644	493	29,666	28,489	29,001	28,891	29,081	29,303	29,51	
Unemployed	1,367	1,561	1,452	1,464	1,573	1,614	1,607	1,582	1,55	
Unemployment rate	4.5	4.9	4.6	4.8	5.0	5,2	5.1	5.0	4.	
Not in labor force	38,484	38,385	38,528	38,497	38,612	38,707	38,608	38,537	38,52	
Both sexes, 16-19 years									•	
ivilian noninstitutional population ¹	15,684	15,981	16,004	15,684	15,864	15,930	15,952 8,915	15,981 8,907	16,00	
Civilian labor force	7,774	8,052	7,958	8,443 7,163	8,779 7,514	9,039 7,632	7,552	7,568	7,44	
Employed	6,666 305	6,826 338	6,929	337	479	479	503	440	47	
Agriculture	6.361	6,488	6,494	6.826	7.035	7,153	7,049	7,128	6,96	
Unemployed	1,108	1,226	1 029	1,280	1,265	1,407	1,363	1,339	1,19	
Unemployment rate	14.2	15.2	12.9	15.2	14.4	15.6	15.3	15.0	13.	
Not in labor force	7,910	• 7,928	8,046	7,241	7,085	6,891	7,037	7,074	7,36	
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Svilian noninstitutional population ¹	128,796	130,739	130,922	128,796	130,197	130,393	130,555	130,739		
Civilian tabor force	77,615	79,483	79,415	78,281	79,704	80,089				
Employed	74,298	75,675	75,950	74,792	76,223	76,328	76,354 3,768	76,498	76,46	
Unemployed	3,316	3,808	3,465	3,489	3,481	3,761	4.7	4.6	• •	
Unemployment rate	4.3	4.8	4.4	4.5 50,515	50,493	50,304	50,433	50,576		
Not in labor force	51,181	51,256	51,507	50,515		50,504	50,000			
NEGRO AND OTHER RACES		·			14 059	17.005	17,044	17,077	17,11	
livilian noninstitutional population ¹	16,584	17,077	• 17,118	16,584	16,958	17,005	10,340	10,289		
Civilian labor force	9,859	10,150	10,078	9,958 9,046	10,300 9,412	9,513	9,390	9,323	9,28	
Employedt.	9,001	9,203	9,242	9,046	888	986	950	966		
Unemployed	858 8.7	9.3	8.3	9.2	8.6	9.4	9.2	9.4		
	0.1	6,927	7,041	6,626	6,658	6,506	6,704	6,788	6,95	

¹ Seasonal variations are not present in the population figures; therefore, identical numbers appear in the unadjusted and seasonally adjusted columns.

NOTE: Data relate to the noninstitutional population 16 years of age and over. Total noninstitutional population and total labor force include persons in the Armed Forces.

Table A-2. Major unemployment indicators, seasonally adjusted

	Num! unemploye	d persons	•**	······	Unemploy	ment rates	· ······	1
Selected categories	(In tho Apr.	Apr.	Apr.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.
	1973	1974	1973	1973	1974	1974	1974	1974
						1		
otal, 16 years and over	4,418	4,538	5.0	4.8	5.2	5.2	5.1	5.0
Males, 20 years and over	1,674	1,793	3.4	3.0	3.4	3.5	3.4	3.6
Fernates, 20 years and over	1,464	1,555	4.8	5.0	5.2	5.1	5.0	4.9
Both sexes, 16-19 years	1,280	1,190	15.2	14.4	15.6	15.3	15.0	13.8
White, total	3,489	2 626	1. E	6.6		4 -	1.6	1 1 0
Males, 20 years and over	1,364	3,636 1,460	4.5 3.1	4.4	4.7	4.7	4.6	4.5
Females, 20 years and over	1,143		4.3	4.4	4.7	3.2	4.7	3.2
Both sexes, 16-19 years	982	1,257	13.1	12.8	13.7	13.3	12.8	11.9
	702	,1,3	1341	12.0	1.5.7	13.3	12.0	11.5
Negro and other races, total	912	883	9.2	8.6	9.4	9.2	9.4	8.7
Males, 20 years and over	310	333	6.2	4.9	5.8	6.6	6.8	6.5
Females, 20 years and over	301	280	7.5	8.7	9.1	7.9	7.0	6.8
Both sexes, 16-19 years	301	270	32.5	28.7	29.1	29.2	33.8	30.3
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Household heads	1,519	1,612	3.0	2.8	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.1
Married men, spouse present	963	981	2.4	2.2	2.3	2.4	2.4	2.5
Full-time workers	3,363	3,592	4.5	4.4	4.7	4.7	4.6	4.6
Part-time workers	1,040	942	8.1	7.5	8.2	8.4	8.1	7.3
Unemployed 15 weeks and over	787	857	.9	.8	.8	.9	.9	.9
State insured ²	1,572	2,142	2.7	2.7	3.0	3.2	3.3	3.3
Labor force time lost ³	~ **		5.3	5.4	5.7	5.7	5.6	5.7
OCCUPATION ⁴								
White-coilar workers	1,262	1,218	3.1	3.1	3.2	3.2	2.8	2.8
Professional and technical	258	282	2.2	2.3	2.5	2.0	1.9	2.2
Managers and administrators, except farm	131	147	1.5	1.4	1.7	1.8	1.5	1.6
Sales workers	222	186	3.9	4.5	4.0	4.2	3.8	3.3
Clerical workers	651	603	4.3	4.3	4.5	4.5	4.0	3.9
Blue-collar workers	1,703	2,021	5.4	5.3	6.0	6.1	6.1	6.4
Craft and kindred workers	444	470	3.8	3.2	3.8	3.9	3.6	3.9
Operatives	849	1,060	5.6	5.8	7.0	6.8	7.2	7.1
Nonfarm laborers	410	491	8.7	8.3	8.4	9.3	9.0	10.4
Service workers	709	688	6.0	6.2	5.5	6.1	6.1	5.8
Farm workers	95	86	3.1	2.4	1.9	2.1	2.8	2.7
INDUSTRY ⁴							1	
Nonagricultural private wage and salary workers \$	3,162	3,442	4.9	5.0	5.3	5.4	5.1	5.3
Construction	418	466	9.3	8.2	9.1	7.9	8.4	10.3
Manufacturing	927	1,080	4.4	4.3	5.1	5.3	5.2	5.0
Durable goods	479	637	3.8	3.9	5.0	5.1	5.0	5.0
Nondurable goods	448	443	5.1	4.9	5.3	5.7	5.5	5.1
Transportation and public utilities	126	149	2.7	3.1	2.9	3.1	3.8	3.0
Wholesale and retail trade	892	948	5.7	6.1	6.1	6.0	5.8	5.9
Finance and service industries	780	776	4.4	4.6	4.5	4.9	4.4	4.3
Government workers	463 106	421	3.3	2.5	2.5	2.8	2.8	2.9
VETERAN STATUS	200							
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Males, Vietnam-era veterans ⁴ :	288	292	5.5	4.3	5.2	5.0	5.1	5.1
20 to 34 years	143	113	9.0	7.5	10.6	10.0	9.0	9.2
20 to 29 years	143	144	4.3	3.4	3.6	3.8	4.3	4.5
25 to 29 years	26	35	2.8	2.8	3.1	2.7	2.8	2.8
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Males, nonveterans: 20 to 34 years	645	775	5.1	4.7	5.2	5.4	5.5	5.8
20 to 24 years	407	455	7.5	6.6	7.2	7.9	7.8	7.6
20 to 24 years	407	184	3.8	4.0	4.0	4.1	4.3	4.9
30 to 34 years	92	136	2.7	2.1	3.2	2.8	3.2	3.7
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Unemployment rate calculated as a percent of civilian labor force.
 Insured unemployment under State programs; unemployment rate calculated as a percent of average covered employment.
 Man-hours lost by the unemployed and persons on part time for economic reasons as a percent of potentially available labor force man-hours.
 Unemployment by occupation includes all experienced unemployed persons, whereas that by industry covers only unemployed wage and salary workers.

Includes mining, not shown separately.
 Vietnam-era veterans are those who served after August 4, 1964.

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Table A-3. Selected employment indicators

[In thousands]

	Not season	ally adjusted			Seasonal	ly adjusted		
Selected categories	Apr. 1973	Apr. 1974	Apr. 1973	Dec. 1973	Jan. 1974	Feb. 1974	Mar. 1974	Apr. 1974
Total employed, 16 years and over , Males . Females . Household heads . Married men, spouse present . Married women, spouse present .	83,299 51,203 32,096 49,555 38,701 18,974	85,192 51,927 33,265 68,864 38,858 19,575	83,854 51,641 32,213 49,589 38,807 18,899	85,669 52,732 32,937 50,565 39,252 19,334	85,811 52,910 32,901 50,807 39,394 19,147	85,803 52,716 33,087 50,825 39,268 19,224	85,863 52,556 33,307 50,706 39,025 19,349	85,775 52,370 33,405 50,738 38,975 19,497
OCCUPATION								
White-collar workers - Professional and technical Managers and administrators, except farm Sales workers - Clerical workers - Blue-collar workers - Operatives - Nonfarm faborers - Service workers - Farm workers -	39,859 11,634 8,456 5,398 14,372 29,362 11,057 14,151 4,154 11,178 2,900	41,590 12,446 8,883 5,416 14,845 29,182 11,361 13,749 4,072 11,353 3,066	39,868 11,471 8,573 5,427 14,397 29,909 11,230 14,379 4,300 11,036 2,954	41,138 12,030 9,099 5,254 14,755 30,101 11,357 14,303 4,441 11,260 3,123	41,399 12,068 9,186 5,386 14,759 30,212 11,444 14,187 4,581 11,098 3,326	41,375 12,350 9,031 5,408 14,586 29,760 11,337 13,990 4,433 11,177 3,380	41,743 12,260 8,938 5,462 15,083 29,773 11,603 13,711 4,450 11,136 3,204	41,601 12,274 9,009 5,443 14,875 29,722 11,534 13,973 4,215 11,212 3,128
MAJOR INDUSTRY AND CLASS OF WORKER		}					'	
Agriculture: Wage and salary workers . Self-employed workers . Unpaid family workers . Nonagricultural industries: Wage and salary workers . Private households . Government . Other . Self-employed workers . Unpaid family workers .	1,175 1,769 350 74,230 1,560 13,627 59,044 5,297 476	1,257 1,758 421 75,710 1,440 14,148 60,122 5,540 506	1,214 1,778 379 74,582 1,554 13,526 59,502 5,391 469	1,353 1,821 405 76,100 1,542 13,668 60,890 5,455 473	1,493 1,887 392 75,984 1,438 13,590 60,956 5,399 466	1,469 1,919 429 76,031 1,505 13,844 60,682 5,458 461	1,440 1,828 408 76,231 1,403 14,028 60,800 5,362 520	1,299 1,767 456 76,054 1,434 14,036 60,584 5,636 498
PERSONS AT WORK		1						
Nonagricultural industries . Full-time schedules . Part time for economic reasons . Usually work full time . Usually work part time . Part time for noneconomic reasons .	76,953 63,564 1,928 966 962 11,461	76,720 63,568 2,132 1,052 1,080 11,020	75,881 63,398 2,158 989 1,169 10,325	77,396 64,038 2,562 1,192 1,370 10,796	76,801 63,847 2,586 1,213 1,373 10,368	77,164 63,911 2,754 1,381 1,373 10,499	76,993 63,984 2,540 1,249 1,291 10,469	75,696 63,378 2,390 1,078 1,312 9,928

Excludes persons "with a job but not at work" during the survey period for such reasons as vacation, illness, or industrial disputes.

Table A-4. Duration of unemployment

[Numbers in thousands]

	Not season	ally adjusted			Seasonal	Seasonally adjusted							
Weeks of unemployment	Apr. 1973	Apr. 1974	Apr. 1973	Dec. 1973	Jan. 1974	Feb. 1974	Mar. 1974	Apr. 1974					
Less than 5 weeks	1,878	1,931	2,207	2,308	2,466	2,427	2,464	2,269					
5 to 14 weeks	1,274	1,257	1,487	1,270	1,437	1,426	1,388	1,467					
5 weeks and over	1,022	1,112	787	740	768	830	815	857					
15 to 26 weeks	649	728	467	409	440	505	503	528					
27 weeks and over	373	384	320	331	328	325	312	329					
Verage (mean) duration, in weeks	11.4	11.2	10.0	9.3	9.4	9.6	9.4	9.8					
PERCENT DISTRIBUTION													
otal unemployed	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0					
Less than 5 weeks	45.0	44.9	49.3	53.5	52.8	51.8	52.8	49.4					
5 to 14 weeks	30.5	29.2	33.2	29.4	30.8	30.5	29.7	31.9					
15 weeks and over	24.5	25.9	17.6	17.1	16.4	17.7	17.5	18.7					
15 to 26 weeks	15.5	16.9	10.4	9.5	9.4	10.8	10.8	11.5					
27 weeks and over	8.9	8.9	7.1	7.7	7.0	6.9	6.7	7.2					

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Table A-5. Reasons for unemployment

	Not season	ally adjusted			Seasonal	ly adjusted		,
Reason	Apr. 1973	Apr. 1974	Apr. 1973	Dec. 1973	Jan. 1974	Feb. 1974	Mar. 1974	Apr. 1974
NUMBER OF UNEMPLOYED								
Lost last job Left last job Reentered labor force Seeking first job	1,728 615 1,275 556	2,069 674 1,110 448	1,677 657 1,451 682	1,761 765 1,266 593	2,006 731 1,252 682	2,052 750 1,240 630	2,022 739 1,186 632	2,007 720 1,263 549
PERCENT DISTRIBUTION				ł				
Total unemployed Job losers Job leavers Reentrants New entrants	100.0 41:4 14.7 30.5 13.3	100.0 48.1 15.7 25.8 10.4	100.0 37.5 14.7 32.5 15.3	100.0 40.2 17.4 28.9 13.5	100.0 42.9 15.6 26.8 14.6	100.0 43.9 16.1 26.5 13.5	100.0 44.2 16.1 25.9 13.8	100.0 .44.2 15.9 27.8 12.1
UNEMPLOYED AS A PERCENT OF THE CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE				i I				
Job losers	2.0 .7 1.5 .6	2.3 .8 1.2 .5	1.9 .7 1.6 .8	2.0 .8 1.4 .7	2.2 .8 1.4	2.3 .8 1.4	2.2 .8 1.3 .7	2.2 .8 1.4 .6

Table A-6. Unemployment by sex and age

	Not	t seasonally adj	usted		Sea	ionally adjusted	l unemployme	t rates	
Sex and age	Thousand	a of persons	Percent looking for full-time work	-					
	Apr. 1973	Apr. 1974	Apr. 1974	Apr. 1973	Dec. 1973	Jan. 1974	Feb. 1974	Mar. 1974	Apr. 1974
otal, 16 years and over	4,174	4,301	79.3	5.0	4.8	5.2	5.2	5.1	5.0
16 to 19 years	1.108	1,029	53.2	15.2	14.4	15.6	15.3	15.0	13.8
16 to 17 years	606	500	31.6	18.8	16.7	19.4	17.9	18.4	15.7
18 to 19 years	501	529	73.3	12.4	12.9	13.3	12.9	12.7	12.5
20 to 24 years	938	968	88.5	8.1	7.7	8.5	8.6	8.1	8.1
25 years and over	2,128	2,304	87.1	3.2	3.1	3.2	3.3	3.3	3.3
25 to 54 years	1,753	1,919	88.7	3.3	3.3	3.4	3.5	3.4	3.6
55 years and over	376	384	79.2	2.5	2.6	2.8	2.9	2.7	2.6
Males, 16 years and over	2,286	2,401	83.2	4.4	4.0	4.4	4.5	4.4	4.5
16 to 19 years	587	581	52.3	14.5	13.6	14.1	14.6	14.4	14.0
16 to 17 years	359	306	36.3	19.0	16.3	18.8	18.0	17.6	16.3
18 to 19 years	228	275	70.2	10.8	11.9	11.2	11.6	12.1	12.4
20 to 24 years	528	542	89.7	7.8	6.7	7.9	8.3	7.9	7.8
25 years and over	1,171	1,278	94.5	2.7	2.4	2.7	2.8	2.7	2.9
25 to 54 years	941	1,051	96.5	2.7	2.5	2.7	2.7	2.7	3.0
55 years and over	230	226	85.4	2.4	2.4	2.6	2.9	2.4	2.3
Females, 16 years and over	1,888	1,900	74.4	6.0	6.2	6.6	6.4	6.2	5.9
16 to 19 years	521	448	54.2	16.0	15.4	17.3	16.2	15.8	13.5
16 to 17 years	248	194	24.2	18.5	17.2	20.1	17.8	19.3	14.9
18 to 19 years	273	254	77.2	14.3	14.0	15.6	14.4	13.4	12.6
20 to 24 years	410	426	87.1	8.4	8.9	9.3	9.0	8.4	8.4
25 years and over	957	1,026	77.9	4.0	4.2	4.2	4.3	4.2	4.1
25 to 54 years	811	868	79.4	4.3	4.6	4.6	4.8	4.5	4.4
55 years and over	146	158	69.6	2.8	2.8	3.1	2.9	3.4	3.0

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

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			ily adjusted				Seasonali	y adjusted		
Industry	Apr. 1973	Feb. 1974	Mar 1974P	Apr. p 1974 p	Apr. 1973	Dec. 1973	Jan. 1974	Feb. 1974	Mar.p 1974 ^p	Apr.p 1974
TOTAL	74, 861	75, 792	76,100	76,678	75,105	76,626	r 76, 526	76, 813	76, 7 8 5	76,911
GOODS-PRODUCING	23,631	23.708	23,771	23, 950	23,906	24, 468	24, 296	24,317	24, 227	24,231
MINING	603	641	643	652	608	646	654	656	656	658
CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION	3.442	3.329	3,397	3, 513	3,571	3,732	3,636	3,757	3,717	3,644
MANUFACTURING Production workers	1 9, 586 14, 394	19,738 14,422	19,731 14,418		19,727 14,521	20,090 14,771	20 ,00 6 14,682	19,904 14,563	19,854 14,528	19,929 14,601
DURABLE GOODS Production workers	11,498 8,452	11,620 8,472	11,612 8,466		11,534 8,483	11,859 8,712	11,774 8,624	11,683 8,524	11,644 8,495	11,722 8,574
Ordnance and accessories Lumber and wood products Furniture and fixtures Stone, clay, and glass products	193.0 617.6 514.5 681.6	190.2 630.4 520.7 681.3	190.3 633.9 520.0 687.9	638.1 521.7	195 631 520 687	190 645 527 707	192 645 527 704	191 647 523 702	192 647 523 703	190 652 527 694
Primary metal industries Fabricated metal products Machinery, except electrical	1,297.9 1,439.5 2,016.3	1,328.2 1,445.7 2,135.3 2,036.7	1,325.3 1,442.7 2,147.2	1,332.3 1,446.2 2,146.7 2,031.7	1,288 1,448 2,006 1,970	1,354 1,470 2,128 2,057	1,343 1,466 2,133 2,051	1,331 1,454 2,123 2,043	1,317 1,448 2,134 2,033	1,322 1,455 2,136 2,044
Transportation equipment Instruments and related products Miscellaneous manufacturing		1,706.1 518.5 427.2		1,737.8 520.0	1,869 481 439	1,827 514 440	1,753 516 444	1,706 521 442	1,681 521 445	1,738 522 442
NONDURABLE GOODS Production workers	8,088 5,942	8,118 5,950	8,119 5,952		8,193 6,038	8,231 6,059	8,232 6,058	8,221 6,039	8,210 6,033	8,207 6,027
Food and kindred products	1,665.4 68.4	1,678.0 73.3	70.6		1,746 76	1,753 75	1,7 5 4 76	1,755	1,764	1,762
Textile mill products Apparel and other textile products . Paper and allied products	1,020.5 1,354.4 708.9	1,022.1 1,309.9 723.5	1,301.8 725.1		1,023 1,357 712	1,030 1,321 724 1,105	1,029 1,315 729 1,106	1,025 1,309 729 1,109	1,020 1,293 730 1,105	1,018 1,297 728 1,105
Printing and publishing Chemicals and allied products Petroleum and coal products Rubber and plastics products, nec.		1,107.9 1,038.7 187.2 686.6			1,096 1,021 183 680	1,042 192 693	1,046 193 693	1,045 192 690	1,046 190	1,040 190 681
Leather and leather products	295.7	290.7	292.9		299	296	291	291	295	29
SERVICE-PRODUCING	51,230	52,084	52,329	52,728	51,199	52,158	F 52,230	52,496	52,558	52,68
TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC UTILITIES	4,559	4,616	4,633	4,636	4, 591	4,644	4,684	4 ,6 91	4,675	4,66
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE	16,088	16,127	16,180	16,398	16,217	1 6, 398	16,417	16,472	16,480	16,51
WHOLESALE TRADE RETAIL TRADE	4,000 12,088	4,142 11,985	4,141 12,039		4,044 12,173		4,184 12,233	4,192 12,280		4,18 12,33
FINANCE, INSURANCE, AND REAL ESTATE	4,019	4,087	4,103	4, 120	4,031	4,101	4,109	4,124		4,13
SERVICES	12,771	13,056	13,143	13,294	12,746	13,128	13,136	13,215		13,26
GOVERNMENT	13,793	14,198	14,270	14,280	13,614	13,887	r 13, 884	13,994		14,09
FEDERAL STATE AND LOCAL	2,631 11,162	2,659 11,539	2,667 11,603		2,628 10,986	2,654 11,233	r 2,651 11,233	2,670 11,324		2,66

p=preliminary.

r = revised.

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

		Not seasons	ally adjusted				Seasonali	y adjusted		· .
Industry -	Apr. 1973	Feb. 1974	Mar. 1974 ^p	Apr. 1974 ^p	Apr. 1973	Dec. 1973	Jan. 1974	Feb. 1974	Mar. 1974 ^p	Apr. 1974 P
TOTAL PRIVATE	36.9	36.6	36.6	36.3	37.2	37.0	36.7	37.0	36.8	36.6
MINING	41.7	42.7	42.5	43.4	41.7	43.3	42.6	43.4	43.0	43.4
CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION	36.8	36.4	36.8	35.9	37.0	37.2	36.2	37.7	37.2	36.1
MANUFACTURING	40.7	40.1	40.3	39.3	40.9	40.7	40.3	40.5	40.4	39.5
Overtime hours	3.8	3.3	3.4	2.6	4.1	3.7	3.4	3.5	3.6	2.8
DURABLE GOOD\$	41.6	40.7	40.9 3.6	39.7 2.6	41.8	41.3 3.9	40.8 3.5	41.1	40.9 3.7	39.9
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Ordnance and accessories	42.0 41.1	42.1	43.0	42.0	42.0 41.1	42.6 40.9	41.9	42.1	42.8 40.4	42.0
Furniture and fixtures	39.8	38.9	40.3	40.1 38.4	40.4	39.6	39.8	39.7	39.5	38.9
Stone, clay, and glass products	42.2	41.1		-	40.4	42.2	41.6	41.9	41.7	41.2
Primary metal industries	42.5	41.1	41.5	.41.1	42.2	42.4	41.8	41.4	41.5	40.5
				40.8		41.5	41.0	41.2	41.3	39.8
Fabricated metal products	41.5	40.7	41.1	39.5	41.8 42.5	42.9	42.3			41.2
Machinery, except electrical	42.4	42.4	42.7	41.1				42.5	42.4	
Electrical equipment	40.3	39.7	39.9	38.8	40.6	40.1	39.6	40.2	39.9	39.1
Transportation equipment	42.5	40.1	40.3	38.7	43.5	41.0	40.0	40.6	40.3	39.6
Instruments and related products	40.7	40.5	40.5	39.5	40.8	41.0	40.6	40.8	40.5	39.6
Miscellaneous manufacturing	39.0	38.7	38.9	37.8	39.0	38.8	38.3	39.0	38.9	37.8
NONDURABLE GOODS	39.5	39.2	39.3	38.6	39.8	39.8	39.6	39.6	39.5	38.9
Overtime hours	3.3	3,1	3.1	Z.5	3.6	3.4	3.4	3.3	3.3	2.7
Food and kindred products	39.5	40.1	40.0	39.2	40.1	40.9	40.8	40.8	40.5	39.8
Tobacco manufactures	38.0	37.7	36.8	37.3	39.2	38.9	39.5	38.8	38.1	38.5
Textile mill products	41.3	40.4	40.3	38.9	41.6	40.8	40.6	40.7	40.4	39.2
Apparel and other textile products	36.0	35.4	35.6	34.7	36.1	35.9	35.2	35.6	35.5	34.8
Paper and ailied products	42.6	42.1	42.2	41.6	42.8	42.8	42.8	42.5	42.5	41.8
Printing and publishing	37.8	37.3	37.7	37.1	38.0	37.8	37.7	37.7	37.7	37.3
Chemicals and allied products	42.1	41.8	41.9	42.2	41.9	41.9	41.8	42.0	41.9	42.0
Petroleum and coal products	42.0	41.9	42.3	43.1	41.9	42.7	42.5	42.6	42.9	43.0
Rubber and plastics products, nec	41.3	40.6	40.7	39.1	41.5	41.0	40.6	40.9	40.9	39.3
Leather and leather products	37.5	37.7	37.8	37.1	38.2	37.5	37.2	37.8	38.1	37.8
TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC							1 1			
UTILITIES	40.2	40.3	40.3	39.7	40.7	40.4	40.8	40.4	40.5	40.2
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE	34.4	33.9	34.0	34.1	34.8	34.5	34.3	34.4	34.3	34.
WHOLESALE TRADE	39.3	38.7	38.8	38.7	39.5	39.1	39.1	38.9	38.9	38.
RETAIL TRADE	33.0	32.4	32.4	32.7	33.4	32.9	32.8	33.0	32.9	33.
FINANCE, INSURANCE, AND REAL ESTATE	37.2	37.0	36.9	36.8	37.2	37.2	36.9	37.0	36.9	36.
SERVICES	34.0	33.9	33.9	33.8	34.1	34.0	34.0	34.1	34.0	33.9

¹ Data relate to production workers in mining and manufacturing: to construction workers in 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 ⁴ nonagricultural payrolls, by industry

		Average hou	rly earnings			Average wee	kly earnings	
Industry	Apr. 1973	Feb. 1974	Mar. 1974 ^P	Apr. 1974 p	Apr. 1973	Feb. 1974	Mar, 1974 ^P	Apr. p 1974
TOTAL PRIVATE	\$3.83	\$4.04	\$4.06	\$4.07	\$141.33	\$147.86	\$148.60	\$147.74
Seasonally adjusted	3.84	4.04	4.07	4.08	142.85	149.48	149.78	149.33
MINING	4.60	4.99	4.99	5.05	191.82	213.07	212.08	219.17
CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION	6.31	6.74	6.75	6.77	232.21	245.34	248.40	243.04
MANUFACTURING	4.01	4.21	4.23	4.24	163.21	168.82	170.47	166.63
DURABLE GOODS	4.26	4.47	4.50	4.49	177.22	181.93	184.05	178.2
Ordnance and accessories	4.18	4.51	4.51	4.52	175.56	189.87	193.93	189-8
Lumber and wood products	3.51	3.73	3.74	3.77	144.26	149.20	150.72	151.1
Furniture and fixtures	3.21	3.39	3.41	3.41	127.76	131.87	133.67	130.9
Stone, clay, and glass products	4.11	4.30	4.33	4.35	173.44	176.73	179.70	178.7
Primary metal industries	4.92	5.25	5.30	5.34	209.10	217.35	221.01	217.8
Fabricated metal products	4.19	4.39	4.43	4.41	173.89	178.67	182.07	174.2
Machinery, except electrical	4.49	4.75	4.78	4.73	190.38	201.40	204.11	
Electrical equipment	3.81	3.97	3.98	3.99	153.54	157.61	158.80	154.8
Transportation equipment	5.00	5.23	5.27	5.23	212.50	209.72	212.38	202.4
Instruments and related products	3.81	4.05	4.07	4.07	155.07	164.03	164.84	
Miscellaneous manufacturing	3.22	3.42	3.4Z	3.43	125.58	132.35	133.04	129.6
NONDURABLE GOODS	3.63	3.83	3.85	3.87	143.39	150.14	151.31	149.3
Food and kindred products	3.78	4.02	4.04	4.09	149.31	161.20	161.60	
Tobacco manufactures	3.81	3.89	4.01	4.15	144.78	146.65	147.57	
Textile mill products	Z.90	3.06	3.07	3.04	119.77	123.62	123.72	118.2
Apparel and other textile products	2.74	2.86	2.87	2.88	98.64	101.24	102.17	99.9
Paper and allied products	4.11	4.31	4.34	4.35	175.09	181.45	183.15	180.9
Printing and publishing	4.63	4.8Z	4.85	4.86	175.01	179.79	182.85	180.3
Chemicals and allied products	4.40	4.64	4.64	4.67	185.24	193.95	194.42	197.0
Petroleum and coal products	5.22	5.42	5.43	5.52	219.24	227.10	229.69	237.9
Rubber and plastics products, nec	3.76	3.93	3.94	3.91	155.29	159.56	160.36	152.8
Leather and leather products	2.79	Z. 92	2.94	2.95	104.63	110.08	111.13	
TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC UTILITIES	4.96	5.24	5.23	5.27	199.39	211.17	210.77	209.2
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE	3.16	3.36	3.37	3.38	108.70	113.90	114.58	115.2
WHOLESALE TRADE	4.07	4.31	4.33	4.37	159.95	166.80	168.00	169.1
RETAIL TRADE	2.83	2.99	3.01	3.01	93.39	96.88	97.52	98.4
FINANCE, INSURANCE, AND REAL ESTATE	3.59	3.75	3.75	3.76	133.55	138.75	138.38	138.3
SERVICES	3.32	3, 53	3.54	3.56	112.88	119.67	120.01	120.3

¹ See 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	Apr. 1973	Nov. 1973	Dec. 1973	Jan. 1974	Feb. 1974	Mar. ^P 1974	Apr. ^P 1974	Percent change from	
								Apr. 1973- Apr. 1974	Mar. 1974- Apr. 1974
TOTAL PRIVATE NONFARM:									
Current dollars	144.4	150,3	151.3	151.7	152.5	153.5	154.6	7,1	.7
Constant (1967) dollars	110.5	109.1	109.3	108,4	107.6	107.2	NA	<u>1</u> /	<u>2</u> /
MINING	144.0	150.2	152.1	154.2	154.8	155.8	157.3	9.2	.9
CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION	153.4	160.3	161.2	160.5	162.5	163.6	164.2	7.0	.4
MANUFACTURING	141.1	147.0	147.9	148,5	149.3	150.1	151.5	7.4	.9
TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC UTILITIES	154.6	160.0	160.2	161.1	162.2	163.0	163.8	6.0	•2
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE	141.2	146,9	147.9	148.8	149.1	150.1	150.9	6,8	.5
FINANCE, INSURANCE, AND REAL ESTATE	139.1	143.6	145.5	145.2	145.2	145.6	146.7	5.4	.8
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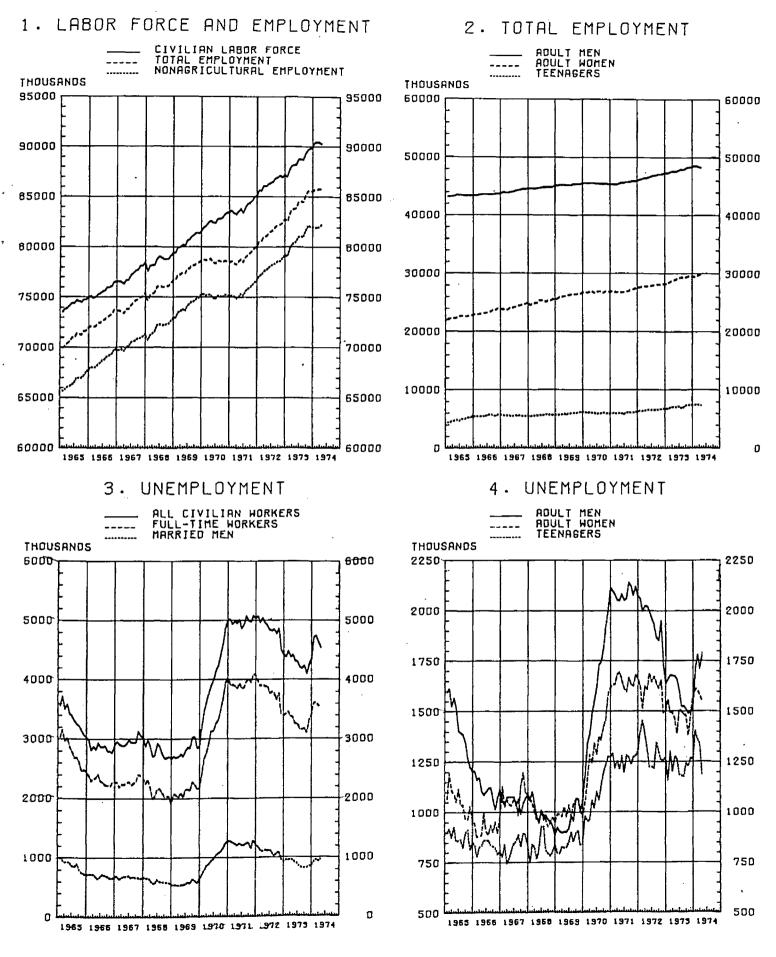
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N.A. = not available.

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.

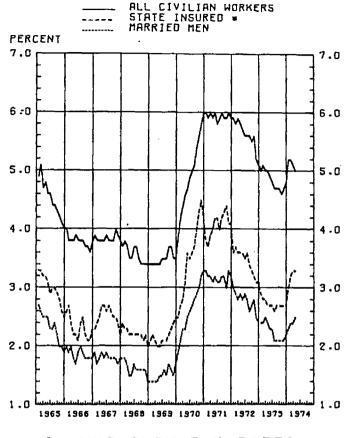
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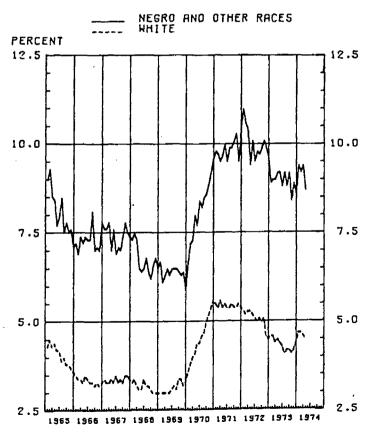
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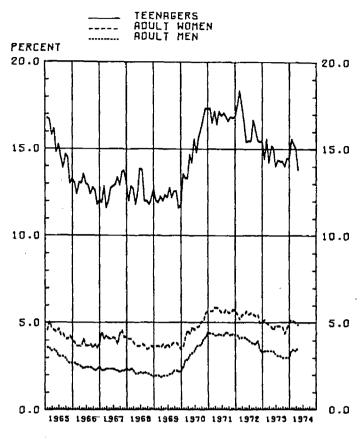




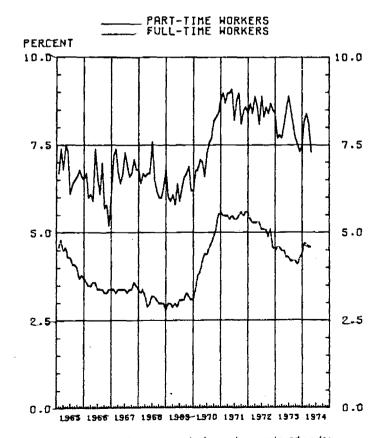
UNEMPLOYMENT RATES



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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 Digitized for FRASER http://fraser.stlouisfed.org/

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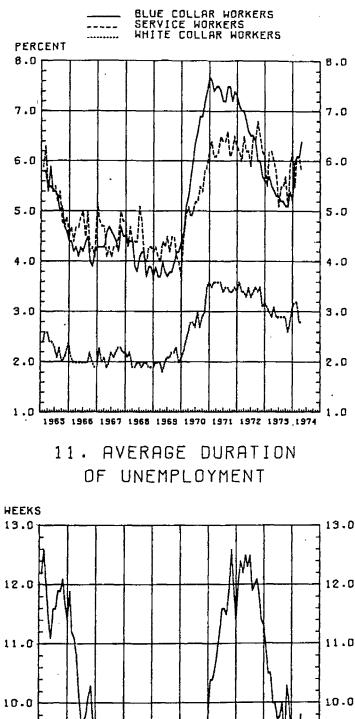
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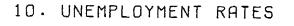
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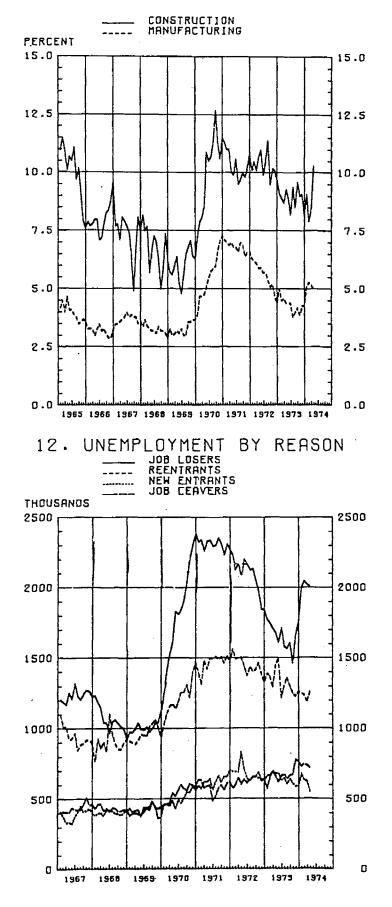
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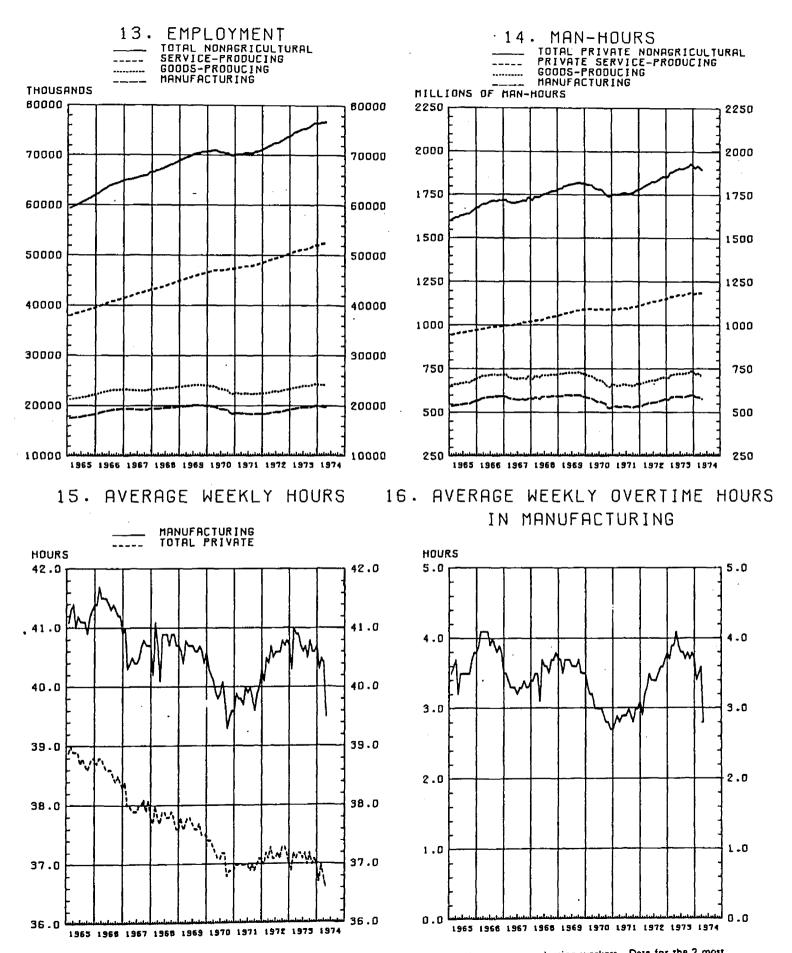


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NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT AND HOURS ESTABLISHMENT DATA - SEASONALLY ADJUSTED



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