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THE EMPLOYMENT SITUATION: JULY 1974

Employment and unemployment showed little movement from June to July, it was announced today by the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the U.S. Department of Labor. The Nation's unemployment rate was 5.3 percent; it was 5.2 percent in the previous 2 months and had held in the 5.0-5.2 percent range since the beginning of the year.

Total employment (as measured by the monthly sample survey of households) was 86.3 million in July, essentially unchanged from June but up by 500,000 since April. This increase followed a 6-month period of virtually no change.

Nonagricultural payroll employment (as measured by the monthly survey of business establishments) was little changed in July at 77.0 million. Since May, however, payroll jobs have declined slightly, in part owing to increased strike activity. (Persons on strike are not counted as employed in the establishment survey but are considered employed--"with a job but not at work"--in the household survey.)

Unemployment

After adjustment for seasonality, the number of unemployed persons (4.9 million) and the unemployment rate (5.3 percent) showed little change from June to July. (See table A-1.) Although not statistically different from the 5.2-percent rate of May and June, the unemployment rate was considerably higher than the 4.6-percent level reached last October; nearly all of this increase, however, took place during the December-January period of energy shortages.

The stability in the unemployment situation in July was reflected in the jobless rates for most of the major labor force groups. Rates for married men (2.6 percent), household heads (3.0 percent), white workers (4.8 percent), adult men (3.5 percent), adult women (5.2 percent), and teenagers (16.2 percent) all were the same or nearly the same as in June. The unemployment rate for Negro workers, at 9.4 percent in July, was not materially different from its June level, although there was an increase in the rate for Negro teenagers--from 30.3 to 35.3 percent.

Also showing little or no over-the-month change were jobless rates for full- and part-time workers and for most of the major industry and occupational groups. The rate for workers covered by State unemployment insurance programs remained at 3.4 percent, a level that has been maintained with little deviation since February. (See table A-2.)

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

Selected categories	Quarterly averages					Monthly data		
						May	June	July
	II	III	IV	I	II	1974	1974	1974
	(Millions of persons)							
Civilian labor force	88.5	89.0	89.9	90.5	90.6	90.7	90.9	91.2
Total employment	84.1	84.8	85.7	85.8	86.0	86.0	86.2	86.3
Adult men	47.7	48.1	48.5	48.5	48.4	48.5	48.5	48.4
Adult women	29.2	29.5	29.7	29.7	30.1	30.1	30.3	30.7
Teenagers	7.2	7.2	7.5	7.6	7.4	7.4	7.4	7.2
Unemployment	4.3	4.2	4.2	4.7	4.7	4.7	4.8	4.9
	(Percent of labor force)							
Unemployment rates:								
All workers	4.9	4.7	4.7	5.2	5.1	5.2	5.2	5.3
Adult men	3.3	3.1	3.0	3.5	3.5	3.4	3.5	3.5
Adult women	4.8	4.8	4.7	5.1	5.0	5.1	5.1	5.2
Teenagers	14.7	14.3	14.3	15.3	15.1	15.8	15.6	16.2
White	4.4	4.2	4.2	4.7	4.7	4.7	4.8	4.8
Negro and other races	9.0	9.0	8.6	9.4	9.0	9.5	8.8	9.4
Household heads	2.9	2.7	2.8	3.0	3.1	3.0	3.1	3.0
Married men	2.3	2.1	2.1	2.4	2.4	2.2	2.6	2.6
Full-time workers	4.3	4.2	4.3	4.6	4.6	4.6	4.7	4.8
State insured	2.7	2.6	2.6	3.3	3.4c	3.3	3.4	3.4
	(Weeks)							
Average duration of unemployment	9.9	9.7	9.9	9.5	9.7	9.5	9.8	10.1
	(Millions of persons)							
Nonfarm payroll employment	75.3	75.7	76.6	76.7	77.1p	77.1	77.1p	77.0p
Goods-producing industries	24.0	24.2	24.4	24.3	24.2p	24.3	24.2p	24.0p
Service-producing industries	51.3	51.6	52.1	52.4	52.9p	52.9	52.9p	52.9p
	(Hours of work)							
Average weekly hours:								
Total private nonfarm	37.2	37.1	37.0	36.8	36.8p	36.8	36.7p	36.9p
Manufacturing	40.7	40.7	40.6	40.4	40.2p	40.3	40.1p	40.3p
Manufacturing overtime	3.9	3.8	3.7	3.5	3.4p	3.4	3.4p	3.3p
	(1967=100)							
Hourly Earnings Index, private nonfarm:								
In current dollars	145.0	147.8	150.4	152.6	156.2p	156.1	157.9p	158.6p
In constant dollars	110.3	110.1	109.3	107.7	107.3p	107.3	107.5p	N.A.

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

c=corrected.

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 4.9 percent in July, was unchanged over the month and not materially different from the rates for the first half of 1974. The jobless rate for 20 to 24 year-old veterans-- those with the least civilian job market experience--remained higher than for young nonveterans (9.6 versus 7.8 percent). Among older Vietnam veterans, jobless rates have been equal to or below those for their nonveteran counterparts.

The average (mean) duration of unemployment rose slightly in July--from 9.8 to 10.1 weeks--attaining its highest level in 9 months. (See table A-4.)

Civilian Labor Force and Total Employment

The civilian labor force rose by 250,000 in July to 91.2 million (seasonally adjusted), the third consecutive monthly gain following a lull in the previous 3 months. The recent increases have been accounted for largely by women. Since April, the number of adult women in the labor force has increased by 800,000, while the adult male labor force has risen by only 140,000 and that of teenagers has declined. (See table A-1.)

Total employment, at 86.3 million seasonally adjusted, was essentially unchanged from June. However, in keeping with the pattern since the first of the year, there was a strong increase among adult women; teenagers posted a decline in July, and adult males remained about unchanged. Since January, the number of employed adult women has grown by 1.2 million, while there were declines of 460,000 among teenagers and 230,000 for adult men.

Industry Payroll Employment

Nonagricultural payroll employment was little changed from June, at 77.0 million seasonally adjusted. Since May, however, total payroll jobs have decreased by 185,000; the decline was concentrated in contract construction, with smaller reductions taking place in manufacturing, transportation and public utilities, Federal government, and finance, insurance, and real estate. (See table B-1.) This tailing off in employment growth in the May-July period followed a limited expansion in the first part of the year.

Payroll employment in the service-producing sector rose slightly in July, but this was offset by widespread declines in the goods-producing industries. The goods-producing decrease stemmed largely from a 100,000 employment reduction in contract construction jobs, about half of which was a result of increased strike activity. Employment declines also occurred in most of the manufacturing industries, about equally divided between the durable and nondurable goods components. Modest job

gains in the service-producing sector were confined to retail trade, services, and State and local government.

Hours of Work

The average workweek for production or nonsupervisory workers on private nonagricultural payrolls moved up 0.2 hour in July to 36.9 hours, seasonally adjusted. (See table B-2.) However, on balance there has been little movement in weekly hours since the beginning of the year. Total manufacturing hours also rose 0.2 hour over the month to 40.3 hours; factory overtime hours, in contrast, fell slightly to 3.3 hours. Total manufacturing hours and overtime hours were down 0.7 and 0.8 hour, respectively, since peaking in early 1973.

Hourly and Weekly Earnings

Average hourly earnings of production or nonsupervisory personnel on private nonagricultural payrolls rose at a rate of 0.5 percent, seasonally adjusted, in July. Since July 1973, hourly earnings have advanced by 7.4 percent. Average weekly earnings increased by 1.0 percent over the month and were up 6.6 percent over the past year.

Before adjustment for seasonality, average hourly earnings rose by 1 cent in July to \$4.19. (See table B-3.) Since July a year ago, hourly earnings have increased by 29 cents. Weekly earnings averaged \$156.29 in July, an increase of \$1.63 from June and \$9.65 from July 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 158.6 (1967=100) in July, 0.5 percent higher than in June. The Index was 8.0 percent above July a year ago. During the 12-month period ended in June, the Hourly Earnings Index in dollars of constant purchasing power declined 2.6 percent. (See table B-4.)

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. Unless otherwise indicated, data for both series relate to the week of the specified month containing the 12th day. 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]

Employment status	Not seasonally adjusted			Seasonally adjusted					
	July 1973	June 1974	July 1974	July 1973	March 1974	April 1974	May 1974	June 1974	July 1974
TOTAL									
Total noninstitutional population ¹	148,361	150,710	150,922	148,361	150,066	150,283	150,507	150,710	150,922
Total labor force	93,227	94,758	95,496	91,139	92,747	92,556	92,909	93,130	93,387
Civilian noninstitutional population ¹	146,050	148,499	148,701	146,050	147,816	148,040	148,277	148,499	148,701
Civilian labor force	90,917	92,546	93,276	88,828	90,496	90,313	90,679	90,919	91,167
Employed	86,367	87,167	88,015	84,621	85,863	85,775	85,971	86,165	86,312
Agriculture	4,165	3,895	4,024	3,512	3,699	3,511	3,457	3,293	3,405
Nonagricultural industries	82,201	83,272	83,991	81,109	82,164	82,264	82,514	82,872	82,907
Unemployed	4,550	5,380	5,260	4,207	4,633	4,538	4,708	4,754	4,855
Unemployment rate	5.0	5.8	5.6	4.7	5.1	5.0	5.2	5.2	5.3
Not in labor force	55,133	55,953	55,426	57,222	57,320	57,727	57,598	57,580	57,534
Males, 20 years and over									
Total noninstitutional population ¹	62,872	63,886	63,973	62,872	63,622	63,712	63,804	63,886	63,973
Total labor force	52,034	52,491	52,518	51,499	51,912	51,880	52,031	52,034	52,001
Civilian noninstitutional population ¹	60,986	60,097	62,176	60,986	61,801	61,897	62,000	62,097	62,176
Civilian labor force	50,147	50,702	50,722	49,612	50,091	50,065	50,227	50,245	50,205
Employed	48,692	48,994	49,027	48,087	48,379	48,272	48,508	48,483	48,428
Agriculture	2,664	2,609	2,655	2,479	2,646	2,493	2,494	2,420	2,470
Nonagricultural industries	46,029	46,385	46,372	45,608	45,733	45,779	46,014	46,063	45,958
Unemployed	1,455	1,707	1,695	1,525	1,712	1,793	1,719	1,762	1,777
Unemployment rate	2.9	3.4	3.3	3.1	3.4	3.6	3.4	3.5	3.5
Not in labor force	10,839	11,395	11,454	11,374	11,710	11,832	11,773	11,852	11,971
Females, 20 years and over									
Civilian noninstitutional population ¹	69,291	70,346	70,448	69,291	70,035	70,139	70,247	70,346	70,448
Civilian labor force	30,144	31,429	31,514	30,981	31,498	31,612	31,651	31,944	32,404
Employed	28,620	29,809	29,799	29,481	29,916	30,057	30,051	30,314	30,716
Agriculture	781	621	676	620	613	539	507	469	537
Nonagricultural industries	27,839	29,188	29,123	28,861	29,303	29,518	29,544	29,845	30,179
Unemployed	1,524	1,620	1,715	1,500	1,582	1,555	1,600	1,630	1,688
Unemployment rate	5.1	5.2	5.4	4.8	5.0	4.9	5.1	5.1	5.2
Not in labor force	39,147	38,917	38,934	38,310	38,537	38,527	38,596	38,402	38,044
Both sexes, 16-19 years									
Civilian noninstitutional population ¹	15,774	16,056	16,077	15,774	15,981	16,004	16,030	16,056	16,077
Civilian labor force	10,626	10,416	11,039	8,235	8,907	8,636	8,801	8,730	8,558
Employed	9,054	8,364	9,189	7,053	7,568	7,446	7,412	7,368	7,168
Agriculture	720	665	693	413	440	479	456	404	398
Nonagricultural industries	8,334	7,698	8,497	6,640	7,128	6,967	6,956	6,964	6,770
Unemployed	1,572	2,053	1,850	1,182	1,339	1,190	1,389	1,362	1,390
Unemployment rate	14.8	19.7	16.8	14.4	15.0	13.8	15.8	15.6	16.2
Not in labor force	5,148	5,640	5,038	7,539	7,074	7,368	7,229	7,326	7,519
WHITE									
Civilian noninstitutional population ¹	129,358	131,293	131,457	129,358	130,739	130,922	131,114	131,293	131,457
Civilian labor force	80,340	81,943	82,514	78,703	80,163	80,100	80,488	80,565	80,873
Employed	76,908	77,700	78,434	75,437	76,498	76,464	76,694	76,738	76,986
Unemployed	3,432	4,243	4,081	3,266	3,665	3,636	3,794	3,827	3,887
Unemployment rate	4.3	5.2	4.9	4.1	4.6	4.5	4.7	4.8	4.8
Not in labor force	49,018	49,350	48,942	50,655	50,576	50,822	50,626	50,728	50,584
NEGRO AND OTHER RACES									
Civilian noninstitutional population ¹	16,692	17,206	17,245	16,692	17,077	17,118	17,164	17,206	17,245
Civilian labor force	10,577	10,604	10,761	10,096	10,289	10,168	10,292	10,286	10,269
Employed	9,459	9,467	9,582	9,168	9,323	9,285	9,315	9,376	9,301
Unemployed	1,118	1,137	1,179	928	966	883	977	910	968
Unemployment rate	10.6	10.7	11.0	9.2	9.4	8.7	9.5	8.8	9.4
Not in labor force	6,115	6,602	6,484	6,596	6,788	6,950	6,872	6,920	6,976

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.

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Table A-2. Major unemployment indicators, seasonally adjusted

Selected categories	Number of unemployed persons (In thousands)		Unemployment rates					
	July 1973	July 1974	July 1973	March 1974	April 1974	May 1974	June 1974	July 1974
Total, 16 years and over	4,207	4,855	4.7	5.1	5.0	5.2	5.2	5.3
Males, 20 years and over	1,525	1,777	3.1	3.4	3.6	3.4	3.5	3.5
Females, 20 years and over	1,500	1,688	4.8	5.0	4.9	5.1	5.1	5.2
Both sexes, 16-19 years	1,182	1,390	14.4	15.0	13.8	15.8	15.6	16.2
White, total	3,266	3,887	4.1	4.6	4.5	4.7	4.8	4.8
Males, 20 years and over	1,215	1,484	2.7	3.0	3.2	3.1	3.2	3.3
Females, 20 years and over	1,156	1,345	4.3	4.7	4.6	4.7	4.8	4.8
Both sexes, 16-19 years	895	1,058	12.2	12.8	11.9	14.0	13.9	13.9
Negro and other races, total	928	968	9.2	9.4	8.7	9.5	8.8	9.4
Males, 20 years and over	310	301	6.1	6.8	6.5	6.3	6.5	5.9
Females, 20 years and over	335	338	8.2	7.0	6.8	8.0	6.9	8.0
Both sexes, 16-19 years	283	329	31.2	33.8	30.3	33.5	30.3	35.3
Household heads	1,415	1,579	2.7	3.0	3.1	3.0	3.1	3.0
Married men, spouse present	839	1,056	2.1	2.4	2.5	2.2	2.6	2.6
Full-time workers	3,166	3,724	4.2	4.6	4.6	4.6	4.7	4.8
Part-time workers	1,078	1,162	8.5	8.1	7.3	8.8	8.9	8.6
Unemployed 15 weeks and over ¹	755	928	.8	.9	.9	1.0	1.0	1.0
State insured ²	1,657	2,204	2.7	3.4	3.4	3.3	3.4	3.4
Labor force time lost ³	--	--	5.1	5.6	5.7	5.7	5.6	5.7
OCCUPATION⁴								
White-collar workers	1,185	1,414	2.9	2.8	2.8	3.2	3.1	3.3
Professional and technical	232	271	1.9	1.9	2.2	2.1	1.9	2.1
Managers and administrators, except farm	130	130	1.5	1.5	1.6	1.9	1.8	1.4
Sales workers	204	224	3.6	3.8	3.3	4.2	4.6	4.0
Clerical workers	619	789	4.1	4.0	3.9	4.6	4.4	5.0
Blue-collar workers	1,668	1,966	5.2	6.1	6.4	5.7	6.2	6.1
Craft and kindred workers	468	509	3.9	3.6	3.9	3.7	4.2	4.2
Operatives	807	961	5.3	7.2	7.1	6.3	6.8	6.3
Nonfarm laborers	393	496	8.3	9.0	10.4	8.8	9.6	10.7
Service workers	651	758	5.5	6.1	5.8	6.7	5.8	6.3
Farm workers	62	89	2.0	2.8	2.7	2.6	2.8	2.9
INDUSTRY⁴								
Nonagricultural private wage and salary workers ⁵	3,011	3,568	4.7	5.1	5.3	5.2	5.4	5.4
Construction	436	460	9.4	8.4	10.3	9.6	10.2	10.6
Manufacturing	813	1,101	3.8	5.2	5.0	4.7	5.2	5.1
Durable goods	416	578	3.3	5.0	5.0	4.5	4.8	4.4
Nondurable goods	397	523	4.6	5.5	5.1	5.0	5.7	6.0
Transportation and public utilities	128	166	2.8	2.8	3.0	3.0	3.2	3.4
Wholesale and retail trade	917	1,042	5.9	5.8	5.9	6.3	6.1	6.4
Finance and service industries	706	779	4.0	4.4	4.3	4.3	4.3	4.3
Government workers	403	457	2.9	2.8	2.9	3.4	2.8	3.1
Agricultural wage and salary workers	72	108	5.4	7.8	8.2	7.1	7.5	7.8
VETERAN STATUS								
Males, Vietnam-era veterans ⁶ :								
20 to 34 years	264	285	4.9	5.1	5.1	4.8	5.2	4.9
20 to 24 years	130	118	8.8	9.0	9.2	10.3	10.1	9.6
25 to 29 years	116	140	4.0	4.3	4.5	3.6	4.4	4.3
30 to 34 years	18	27	1.8	2.8	2.8	2.5	2.6	2.0
Males, nonveterans:								
20 to 34 years	615	742	4.7	5.5	5.8	5.6	5.4	5.5
20 to 24 years	363	459	6.6	7.8	1.6	7.9	7.5	7.8
25 to 29 years	176	154	4.5	4.3	4.9	4.8	4.6	4.0
30 to 34 years	76	129	2.2	3.2	3.7	2.6	2.8	3.5

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.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.⁶ Vietnam-era veterans are those who served after August 4, 1964.

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Table A-3. Selected employment indicators

[In thousands]

Selected categories	Not seasonally adjusted		Seasonally adjusted					
	July 1973	July 1974	July 1973	March 1974	April 1974	May 1974	June 1974	July 1974
Total employed, 16 years and over	86,367	88,015	84,621	85,863	85,775	85,971	86,165	86,312
Males	53,892	54,241	52,037	52,556	52,370	52,628	52,499	52,389
Females	32,475	33,775	32,584	33,307	33,405	33,343	33,666	33,923
Household heads	50,225	51,054	50,203	50,706	50,738	50,817	50,995	51,054
Married men, spouse present	39,248	38,996	39,064	39,025	38,975	39,064	38,933	38,802
Married women, spouse present	18,365	19,034	19,218	19,349	19,497	19,505	19,682	19,910
OCCUPATION								
White-collar workers	39,882	41,630	40,177	41,743	41,601	41,615	42,111	41,953
Professional and technical	11,112	11,946	11,721	12,260	12,274	12,248	12,482	12,601
Managers and administrators, except farm	8,717	9,102	8,559	8,938	9,009	9,145	9,172	8,932
Sales workers	5,466	5,376	5,437	5,462	5,443	5,440	5,375	5,349
Clerical workers	14,587	15,207	14,460	15,083	14,875	14,782	15,082	15,071
Blue-collar workers	31,505	31,305	30,226	29,773	29,722	30,192	29,664	30,056
Craft and kindred workers	11,813	11,970	11,470	11,603	11,534	11,623	11,380	11,621
Operatives	14,598	14,440	14,435	13,711	13,973	14,137	13,982	14,283
Nonfarm laborers	5,094	4,895	4,321	4,459	4,215	4,432	4,302	4,152
Service workers	11,301	11,563	11,120	11,136	11,212	11,129	11,466	11,370
Farm workers	3,680	3,517	3,095	3,204	3,128	3,028	2,899	2,968
MAJOR INDUSTRY AND CLASS OF WORKER								
Agriculture:								
Wage and salary workers	1,638	1,640	1,267	1,440	1,299	1,320	1,235	1,268
Self-employed workers	1,895	1,860	1,772	1,828	1,767	1,740	1,701	1,740
Unpaid family workers	632	524	468	408	456	398	387	388
Nonagricultural industries:								
Wage and salary workers	76,043	77,626	74,994	76,231	76,054	76,132	76,618	76,602
Private households	1,585	1,386	1,563	1,403	1,434	1,424	1,408	1,367
Government	13,030	13,644	13,530	14,028	14,036	14,065	14,175	14,168
Other	61,428	62,596	59,901	60,800	60,584	60,643	61,035	61,067
Self-employed workers	5,554	5,875	5,489	5,362	5,636	5,703	5,811	5,805
Unpaid family workers	606	491	571	520	498	495	491	463
PERSONS AT WORK ¹								
Nonagricultural industries	71,746	72,855	76,711	76,993	75,696	77,679	77,833	78,050
Full-time schedules	61,273	61,577	64,414	63,984	63,378	64,537	64,669	64,750
Part time for economic reasons	3,015	3,116	2,369	2,540	2,390	2,746	2,484	2,432
Usually work full time	1,129	1,124	1,161	1,249	1,078	1,260	1,209	1,156
Usually work part time	1,886	1,992	1,208	1,291	1,312	1,486	1,275	1,276
Part time for noneconomic reasons	7,458	8,162	9,928	10,469	9,928	10,396	10,680	10,868

¹ 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]

Weeks of unemployment	Not seasonally adjusted		Seasonally adjusted					
	July 1973	July 1974	July 1973	March 1974	April 1974	May 1974	June 1974	July 1974
Less than 5 weeks	2,350	2,609	2,225	2,464	2,269	2,520	2,370	2,471
5 to 14 weeks	1,521	1,819	1,267	1,388	1,467	1,358	1,462	1,516
15 weeks and over	678	832	755	815	857	877	939	928
15 to 26 weeks	383	430	478	503	528	525	571	550
27 weeks and over	295	402	277	312	329	352	368	378
Average (mean) duration, in weeks	9.0	9.3	9.8	9.4	9.8	9.5	9.8	10.1
PERCENT DISTRIBUTION								
Total unemployed	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Less than 5 weeks	51.7	49.6	52.4	52.8	49.4	53.0	49.7	50.3
5 to 14 weeks	33.4	34.6	29.8	29.7	31.9	28.6	30.6	30.8
15 weeks and over	14.9	15.8	17.8	17.5	18.7	18.4	19.7	18.9
15 to 26 weeks	8.4	8.2	11.3	10.8	11.5	11.0	12.0	11.2
27 weeks and over	6.5	7.6	6.5	6.7	7.2	7.4	7.7	7.7

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Table A-5. Reasons for unemployment

[Numbers in thousands]

Reason	Not seasonally adjusted		Seasonally adjusted					
	July 1973	July 1974	July 1973	March 1974	April 1974	May 1974	June 1974	July 1974
NUMBER OF UNEMPLOYED								
Lost last job	1,500	1,919	1,581	2,022	2,007	1,888	1,998	2,022
Left last job	692	785	674	739	720	676	738	764
Reentered labor force	1,389	1,548	1,304	1,186	1,263	1,599	1,406	1,454
Seeking first job	969	1,009	649	632	549	643	625	675
PERCENT DISTRIBUTION								
Total unemployed	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Job losers	33.0	36.5	37.6	44.2	44.2	39.3	41.9	41.1
Job leavers	15.2	14.9	16.0	16.1	15.9	14.1	15.5	15.5
Reentrants	30.5	29.4	31.0	25.9	27.8	33.3	29.5	29.6
New entrants	21.3	19.2	15.4	13.8	12.1	13.4	13.1	13.7
UNEMPLOYED AS A PERCENT OF THE CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE								
Job losers	1.6	2.1	1.8	2.2	2.2	2.1	2.2	2.2
Job leavers8	.8	.7	.8	.8	.7	.8	.8
Reentrants	1.5	1.7	1.5	1.3	1.4	1.8	1.5	1.6
New entrants	1.1	1.1	.7	.7	.6	.7	.7	.7

Table A-6. Unemployment by sex and age

Sex and age	Not seasonally adjusted			Seasonally adjusted unemployment rates					
	Thousands of persons		Percent looking for full-time work	July 1973	March 1974	April 1974	May 1974	June 1974	July 1974
	July 1973	July 1974							
Total, 16 years and over	4,550	5,260	81.6	4.7	5.1	5.0	5.2	5.2	5.3
16 to 19 years	1,572	1,850	71.8	14.4	15.0	13.8	15.8	15.6	16.2
16 to 17 years	842	972	61.9	16.4	18.4	15.7	18.1	18.4	18.0
18 to 19 years	730	878	82.7	12.6	12.7	12.5	14.3	12.9	14.7
20 to 24 years	1,075	1,212	87.8	8.0	8.1	8.1	8.6	8.3	8.8
25 years and over	1,904	2,199	86.3	3.0	3.3	3.3	3.2	3.3	3.3
25 to 54 years	1,545	1,837	88.4	3.0	3.4	3.6	3.3	3.5	3.5
55 years and over	358	361	75.9	2.8	2.7	2.6	2.7	2.7	2.8
Males, 16 years and over	2,288	2,637	86.9	4.0	4.4	4.5	4.4	4.6	4.6
16 to 19 years	833	941	77.2	13.9	14.4	14.0	14.6	15.6	15.4
16 to 17 years	480	540	69.6	16.6	17.6	16.3	18.0	18.9	18.4
18 to 19 years	353	401	87.3	11.6	12.1	12.4	12.2	12.1	12.8
20 to 24 years	507	595	90.4	7.0	7.9	7.8	8.3	8.1	8.1
25 years and over	948	1,100	93.5	2.4	2.7	2.9	2.6	2.7	2.8
25 to 54 years	729	893	96.9	2.3	2.7	3.0	2.7	2.8	2.8
55 years and over	218	207	78.7	2.8	2.4	2.3	2.3	2.5	2.7
Females, 16 years and over	2,262	2,624	76.1	5.9	6.2	5.9	6.4	6.3	6.5
16 to 19 years	738	908	66.3	14.9	15.8	13.5	17.2	15.6	17.2
16 to 17 years	362	432	52.1	16.1	19.3	14.9	18.3	17.7	17.5
18 to 19 years	377	477	78.8	13.8	13.4	12.6	16.7	13.8	16.9
20 to 24 years	568	616	85.4	9.3	8.4	8.4	9.0	8.7	9.6
25 years and over	956	1,099	79.2	3.9	4.2	4.1	4.2	4.4	4.2
25 to 54 years	816	945	80.2	4.2	4.5	4.4	4.2	4.6	4.6
55 years and over	140	154	72.1	2.6	3.4	3.0	3.2	3.1	2.9

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

[In thousands]

Industry	Not seasonally adjusted				Seasonally adjusted					
	July 1973	May 1974	June 1974 ^P	July 1974 ^P	July 1973	Mar. 1974	Apr. 1974	May 1974	June 1974 ^P	July 1974 ^P
TOTAL	75,368	77,225	77,871	76,830	75,478	76,804	76,941	77,136	77,073	76,951
GOODS-PRODUCING	24,307	24,147	24,561	24,237	24,115	24,231	24,239	24,268	24,219	24,041
MINING	644	664	680	688	631	655	659	664	666	674
CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION	3,934	3,658	3,782	3,741	3,680	3,725	3,659	3,662	3,602	3,500
MANUFACTURING	19,729	19,825	20,099	19,808	19,804	19,851	19,921	19,942	19,951	19,867
<i>Production workers</i>	14,458	14,486	14,717	14,415	14,566	14,516	14,582	14,590	14,589	14,507
DURABLE GOODS	11,608	11,718	11,881	11,706	11,646	11,644	11,733	11,746	11,778	11,730
<i>Production workers</i>	8,507	8,557	8,692	8,508	8,562	8,489	8,578	8,577	8,597	8,548
Ordnance and accessories	192.4	187.6	189.5	188.2	193	193	193	189	189	188
Lumber and wood products	644.0	645.0	658.8	647.0	628	648	654	650	638	631
Furniture and fixtures	512.3	518.1	522.2	500.3	522	522	523	524	521	510
Stone, clay, and glass products	709.3	700.6	708.5	703.4	697	703	697	701	693	692
Primary metal industries	1,322.4	1,333.4	1,350.6	1,343.8	1,308	1,316	1,320	1,322	1,327	1,329
Fabricated metal products	1,441.2	1,450.4	1,471.6	1,430.5	1,459	1,449	1,456	1,458	1,460	1,448
Machinery, except electrical	2,036.2	2,141.2	2,173.8	2,150.2	2,040	2,134	2,136	2,139	2,159	2,155
Electrical equipment	1,992.9	2,016.1	2,038.1	2,015.2	2,009	2,033	2,031	2,030	2,038	2,031
Transportation equipment	1,834.3	1,763.9	1,787.8	1,761.6	1,858	1,681	1,756	1,764	1,777	1,770
Instruments and related products	494.0	522.1	533.0	527.2	494	521	523	524	532	528
Miscellaneous manufacturing	428.5	440.0	447.1	438.3	438	444	444	445	444	448
NONDURABLE GOODS	8,121	8,107	8,218	8,102	8,158	8,207	8,188	8,196	8,173	8,137
<i>Production workers</i>	5,951	5,929	6,025	5,907	6,004	6,027	6,004	6,013	5,992	5,959
Food and kindred products	1,759.4	1,684.1	1,716.3	1,748.7	1,720	1,764	1,750	1,747	1,720	1,709
Tobacco manufactures	67.8	67.4	68.1	69.5	76	77	77	76	76	78
Textile mill products	1,006.8	1,011.2	1,023.8	987.1	1,021	1,019	1,016	1,013	1,012	1,001
Apparel and other textile products	1,270.4	1,300.0	1,305.2	1,233.7	1,319	1,294	1,296	1,300	1,292	1,281
Paper and allied products	716.3	722.8	734.1	725.6	716	730	728	731	725	725
Printing and publishing	1,097.2	1,103.8	1,111.7	1,107.1	1,101	1,105	1,105	1,107	1,112	1,110
Chemicals and allied products	1,041.0	1,048.3	1,062.6	1,064.3	1,034	1,048	1,046	1,050	1,054	1,057
Petroleum and coal products	191.5	192.7	196.8	196.6	186	190	191	193	193	191
Rubber and plastics products, nec.	682.0	682.5	699.3	688.3	690	686	684	685	695	697
Leather and leather products	288.4	294.1	299.7	281.1	295	294	295	294	294	288
SERVICE-PRODUCING	51,061	53,078	53,310	52,593	51,363	52,573	52,702	52,868	52,854	52,910
TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC UTILITIES	4,653	4,664	4,713	4,693	4,598	4,676	4,668	4,664	4,648	4,637
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE	16,262	16,535	16,650	16,579	16,294	16,487	16,549	16,594	16,575	16,612
WHOLESALE TRADE	4,112	4,177	4,222	4,229	4,071	4,190	4,202	4,211	4,197	4,187
RETAIL TRADE	12,150	12,358	12,428	12,350	12,223	12,297	12,347	12,383	12,378	12,425
FINANCE, INSURANCE, AND REAL ESTATE	4,113	4,141	4,183	4,199	4,048	4,127	4,130	4,145	4,142	4,133
SERVICES	12,982	13,422	13,550	13,558	12,828	13,240	13,248	13,329	13,363	13,397
GOVERNMENT	13,051	14,316	14,214	13,564	13,595	14,043	14,107	14,136	14,126	14,131
FEDERAL	2,616	2,695	2,703	2,693	2,588	2,675	2,681	2,698	2,684	2,664
STATE AND LOCAL	10,435	11,621	11,511	10,871	11,007	11,368	11,426	11,438	11,442	11,467

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

Industry	Not seasonally adjusted				Seasonally adjusted					
	July 1973	May 1974	June 1974 ^p	July 1974 ^p	July 1973	Mar. 1974	April 1974	May 1974	June 1974 ^p	July 1974 ^p
TOTAL PRIVATE	37.6	36.6	37.0	37.3	37.2	36.8	36.6	36.8	36.7	36.9
MINING	42.6	43.1	43.6	43.4	42.4	42.9	42.5	43.2	43.2	43.2
CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION	38.4	36.9	37.8	38.0	37.5	37.1	36.2	36.9	37.1	37.1
MANUFACTURING	40.5	40.3	40.4	40.1	40.7	40.4	39.3	40.3	40.1	40.3
<i>Overtime hours</i>	3.7	3.3	3.5	3.2	3.8	3.6	2.9	3.4	3.4	3.3
DURABLE GOODS	41.1	40.9	41.1	40.5	41.4	40.9	39.8	40.9	40.8	40.8
<i>Overtime hours</i>	3.9	3.5	3.6	3.3	4.1	3.7	2.9	3.6	3.4	3.4
Ordnance and accessories	(²)	(²)	² 42.0	² 40.9	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)	² 41.8	² 41.3
Lumber and wood products	40.4	40.4	40.5	40.1	40.5	40.3	40.1	40.1	39.9	40.2
Furniture and fixtures	39.4	39.1	39.8	39.0	39.8	39.5	38.8	39.4	39.5	39.4
Stone, clay, and glass products	42.3	41.7	41.9	41.6	42.1	41.7	41.2	41.6	41.5	41.4
Primary metal industries	42.1	41.8	42.0	41.2	42.2	41.5	41.2	41.6	41.6	41.3
Fabricated metal products	41.4	41.2	41.3	40.6	41.6	41.3	39.6	41.1	40.9	40.8
Machinery, except electrical	41.7	42.3	42.6	41.7	42.2	42.4	40.7	42.3	42.5	42.2
Electrical equipment	39.7	39.9	40.2	39.5	40.2	39.9	39.0	40.0	40.0	40.0
Transportation equipment	42.0	40.7	40.5	40.6	42.3	40.3	38.9	40.5	39.9	40.8
Instruments and related products	40.2	40.2	40.5	39.7	40.6	40.5	39.4	40.3	40.4	40.1
Miscellaneous manufacturing	38.4	38.8	39.1	38.5	38.9	38.9	37.6	38.9	39.0	39.0
NONDURABLE GOODS	39.7	39.3	39.5	39.5	39.6	39.5	38.7	39.4	39.3	39.4
<i>Overtime hours</i>	3.4	3.1	3.2	3.2	3.4	3.3	2.8	3.2	3.1	3.2
Food and kindred products	40.6	40.4	40.7	40.9	40.2	40.4	39.8	40.6	40.5	40.5
Tobacco manufactures	35.9	38.5	37.6	38.5	36.0	37.7	38.8	38.8	37.0	38.7
Textile mill products	40.5	40.0	40.5	40.0	40.8	40.4	39.2	40.2	40.1	40.3
Apparel and other textile products	36.0	35.5	34.8	35.5	35.9	35.5	34.5	35.6	34.7	35.4
Paper and allied products	42.7	42.1	42.4	42.3	42.7	42.6	41.7	42.3	42.3	42.3
Printing and publishing	37.8	37.7	37.8	37.7	37.7	37.6	37.1	37.8	37.7	37.6
Chemicals and allied products	41.9	41.8	42.0	41.7	42.1	41.8	41.8	41.8	41.9	41.9
Petroleum and coal products	43.0	42.4	42.8	42.9	42.4	42.8	42.5	42.2	42.5	42.3
Rubber and plastics products, nec	40.5	40.3	40.7	40.4	40.8	40.8	39.3	40.3	40.5	40.7
Leather and leather products	38.3	37.8	38.2	38.0	37.8	38.1	37.3	37.6	37.6	37.5
TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC UTILITIES	41.1	40.5	41.1	41.3	40.7	40.3	40.9	40.8	40.9	40.9
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE	35.6	34.0	34.6	35.2	34.7	34.3	34.5	34.3	34.3	34.3
WHOLESALE TRADE	39.7	38.9	39.1	39.3	39.5	38.9	38.9	39.1	39.0	39.1
RETAIL TRADE	34.3	32.5	33.2	33.9	33.2	32.9	33.1	32.9	32.9	32.8
FINANCE, INSURANCE, AND REAL ESTATE	37.3	36.8	36.8	36.9	37.2	36.9	36.9	36.9	36.8	36.8
SERVICES	34.8	33.8	34.2	34.8	34.2	34.0	34.0	34.1	34.2	34.2

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 service. These groups account for approximately four-fifths of the total employment on private nonagricultural payrolls.

² Previously published data for this series for March 1971 through May 1974 are being revised to correct processing errors. The corrected figure for June 1974 is published in this table, along with the July 1974 figure. Revised historical data are not yet available; they are scheduled to be published in December when the routine benchmarking and seasonal adjustment revisions will be made.
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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			
	July 1973	May 1974	June 1974 ^P	July 1974 ^P	July 1973	May 1974	June 1974 ^P	July 1974 ^P
TOTAL PRIVATE	\$3.90	\$4.14	\$4.18	\$4.19	\$146.64	\$151.52	\$154.66	\$156.29
<i>Seasonally adjusted</i>	3.91	4.14	4.18	4.20	145.45	152.35	153.41	154.98
MINING	4.70	5.12	5.19	5.24	200.22	220.67	226.28	227.42
CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION	(²)	(²)	² 6.68	² 6.77	(²)	(²)	² 252.50	² 257.26
MANUFACTURING	4.06	4.33	4.38	4.40	164.43	174.50	176.95	176.44
DURABLE GOODS	4.31	4.60	4.65	4.66	177.14	188.14	191.12	188.73
Ordnance and accessories	(²)	(²)	² 4.78	² 4.74	(²)	(²)	² 200.76	² 193.39
Lumber and wood products	3.59	3.81	3.88	3.88	145.04	153.92	157.14	155.59
Furniture and fixtures	3.25	3.47	3.49	3.47	128.05	135.68	138.90	135.33
Stone, clay, and glass products	4.20	4.45	4.52	4.52	177.66	185.57	189.39	188.03
Primary metal industries	5.00	5.53	5.59	5.58	210.50	231.15	234.78	229.90
Fabricated metal products	4.24	4.52	4.55	4.54	175.54	186.22	187.92	184.32
Machinery, except electrical	4.51	4.84	4.88	4.87	188.07	204.73	207.89	203.08
Electrical equipment	3.86	4.06	4.11	4.14	153.24	161.99	165.22	163.53
Transportation equipment	5.06	5.36	5.41	5.47	212.52	218.15	219.11	222.08
Instruments and related products	3.87	4.10	4.13	4.18	155.57	164.82	167.27	165.95
Miscellaneous manufacturing	3.26	3.48	3.49	3.48	125.18	135.02	136.46	133.98
NONDURABLE GOODS	3.70	3.91	3.97	4.02	146.89	153.66	156.82	158.79
Food and kindred products	3.82	4.12	4.16	4.20	155.09	166.45	169.31	171.78
Tobacco manufactures	3.97	4.30	4.34	4.42	142.52	165.55	163.18	170.17
Textile mill products	2.89	3.11	3.25	3.24	117.05	124.40	131.63	120.60
Apparel and other textile products	2.74	2.95	2.98	2.99	98.64	104.73	103.70	106.15
Paper and allied products	4.23	4.40	4.46	4.50	180.62	185.24	189.10	190.35
Printing and publishing	4.70	4.91	4.93	4.94	177.66	185.11	186.35	186.24
Chemicals and allied products	4.49	4.72	4.78	4.85	188.13	197.30	200.76	202.25
Petroleum and coal products	5.26	5.47	5.56	5.63	226.18	231.93	237.97	241.53
Rubber and plastics products, nec	3.82	3.93	3.98	4.07	154.71	158.38	161.99	164.43
Leather and leather products	2.79	3.01	3.00	3.00	106.86	113.78	114.60	114.00
TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC UTILITIES	(²)	(²)	² 5.28	² 5.35	(²)	(²)	² 217.01	² 220.96
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE	3.20	3.44	3.46	3.47	113.92	116.96	119.72	122.14
WHOLESALE TRADE	4.12	4.41	4.45	4.48	163.56	171.55	174.00	176.06
RETAIL TRADE	2.86	3.08	3.10	3.10	98.10	100.10	102.92	105.09
FINANCE, INSURANCE, AND REAL ESTATE	(²)	(²)	² 3.80	² 3.80	(²)	(²)	² 139.84	² 140.22
SERVICES	(²)	(²)	² 3.68	² 3.66	(²)	(²)	² 125.86	² 127.37

¹ See footnote 1, table B-2.² Previously published data for this series for March 1971 through May 1974 are being revised to correct processing errors. The corrected figure for June 1974 is published in this table, along with the July 1974 figure. Revised historical data are not yet available; they are scheduled to be published in December when the routine benchmarking revisions will be made.
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Table B-4. Hourly Earnings Index for production or nonsupervisory workers in private nonfarm industries, seasonally adjusted

[1967=100]

Industry	July 1973	Feb. 1974	March 1974	April 1974	May 1974	June 1974 p	July 1974 p	Percent change from	
								July 1973-July 1974	June 1974-July 1974
TOTAL PRIVATE NONFARM:									
Current dollars	146.9	152.5	153.5	154.5	156.1	157.9	158.6	8.0	0.5
Constant (1967) dollars	110.9	107.6	107.2	107.3	107.3	107.5	N.A.	(1)	(2)
MINING	147.9	154.8	156.1	158.0	159.8	162.7	164.2	11.1	.9
CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION	(3)	(3)	(3)	(3)	(3)	³ 163.7	³ 165.4	N.A.	1.0
MANUFACTURING	143.7	149.3	150.1	151.4	153.3	155.3	156.1	8.7	.5
TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC UTILITIES	(3)	(3)	(3)	(3)	(3)	³ 163.9	³ 165.3	N.A.	.9
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE	143.6	149.1	150.4	151.0	153.5	154.8	155.8	8.5	.7
FINANCE, INSURANCE, AND REAL ESTATE	(3)	(3)	(3)	(3)	(3)	³ 149.0	³ 148.7	N.A.	-.2
SERVICES	(3)	(3)	(3)	(3)	(3)	³ 161.1	³ 160.4	N.A.	-.4

¹ Percent change was -2.6 from June 1973 to June 1974, the latest month available.

² Percent change was 0.2 from May 1974 to June 1974, the latest month available.

³ Previously published data for this series for March 1971 through May 1974 are being revised to correct processing errors. The corrected figure for June 1974 is published in this table, along with the July 1974 figure. Revised historical data are not yet available; they are scheduled to be published in December when the routine benchmarking and seasonal adjustment revisions will be made.

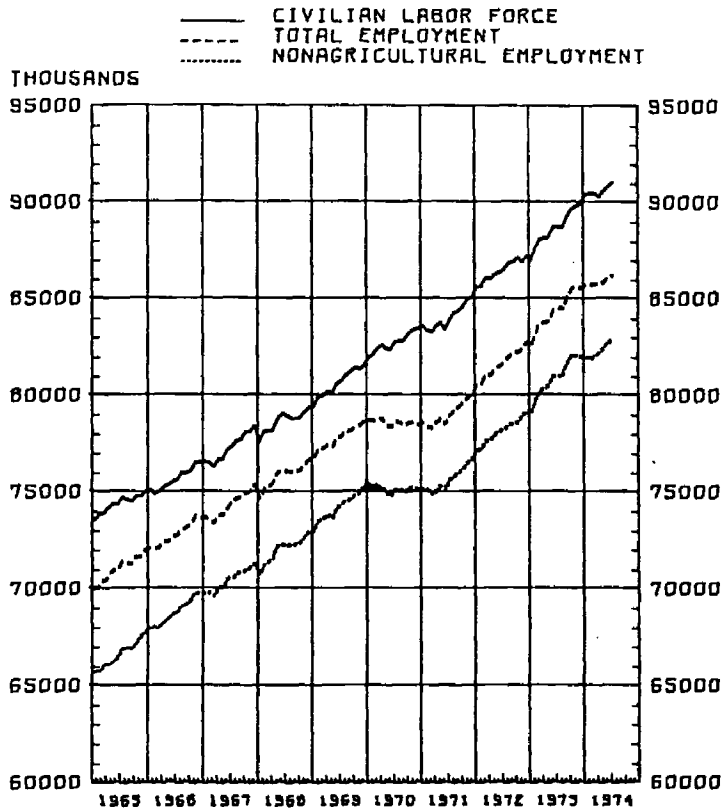
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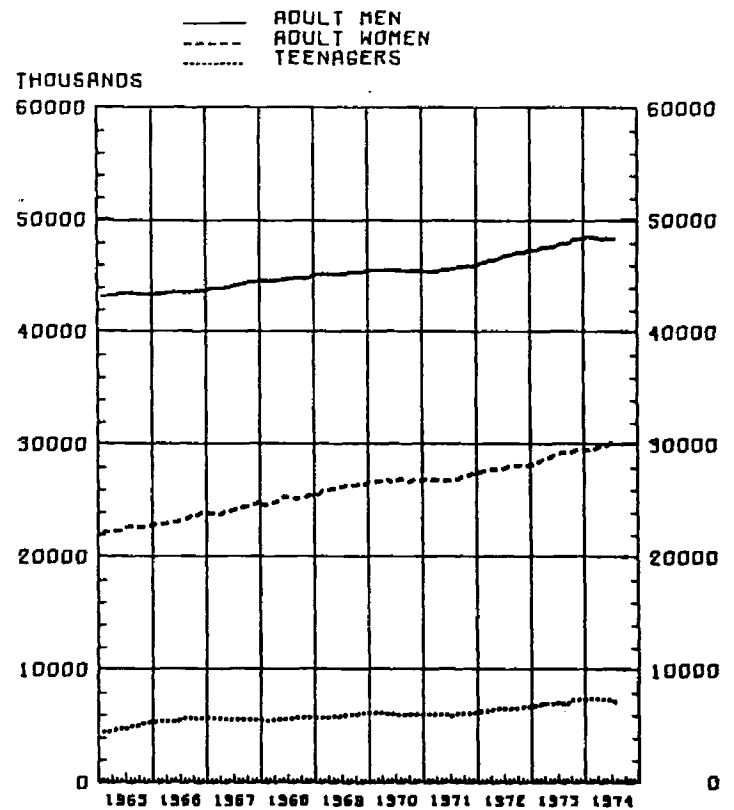
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LABOR FORCE, EMPLOYMENT, UNEMPLOYMENT HOUSEHOLD DATA - SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

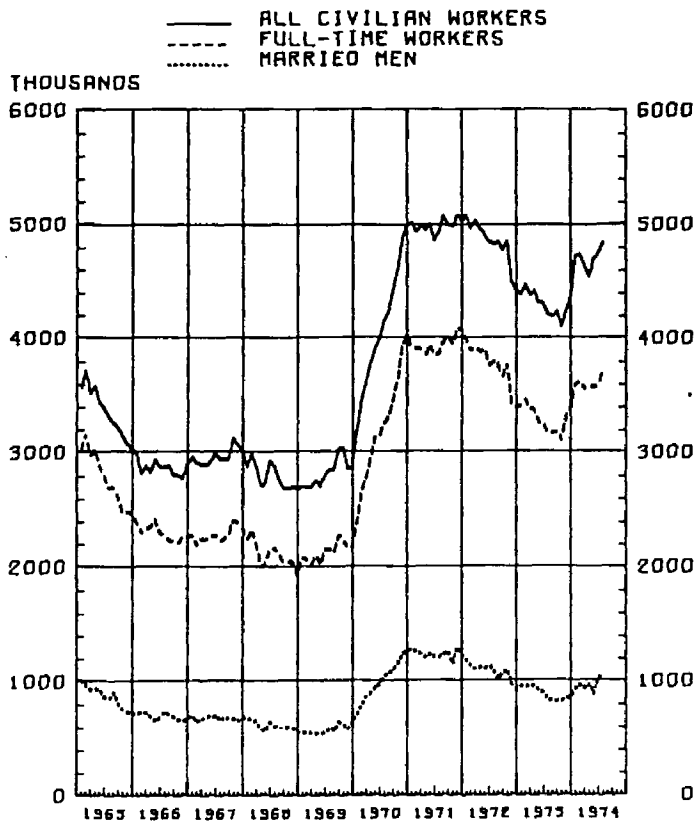
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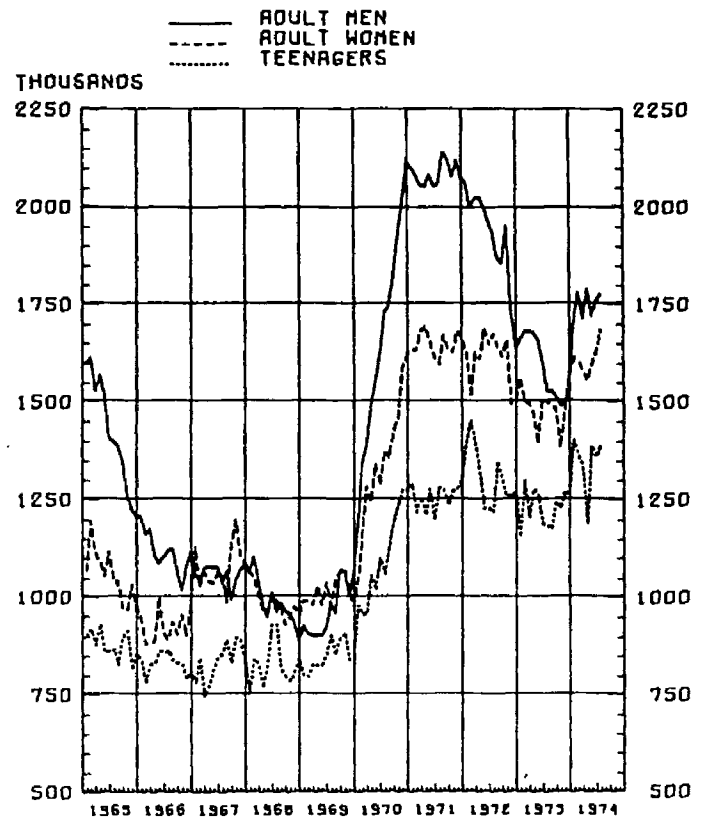
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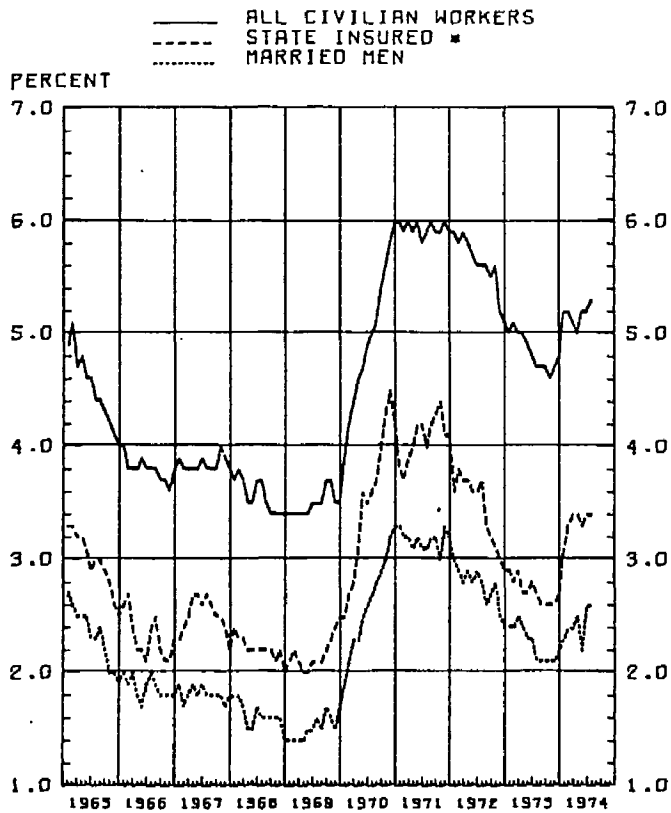


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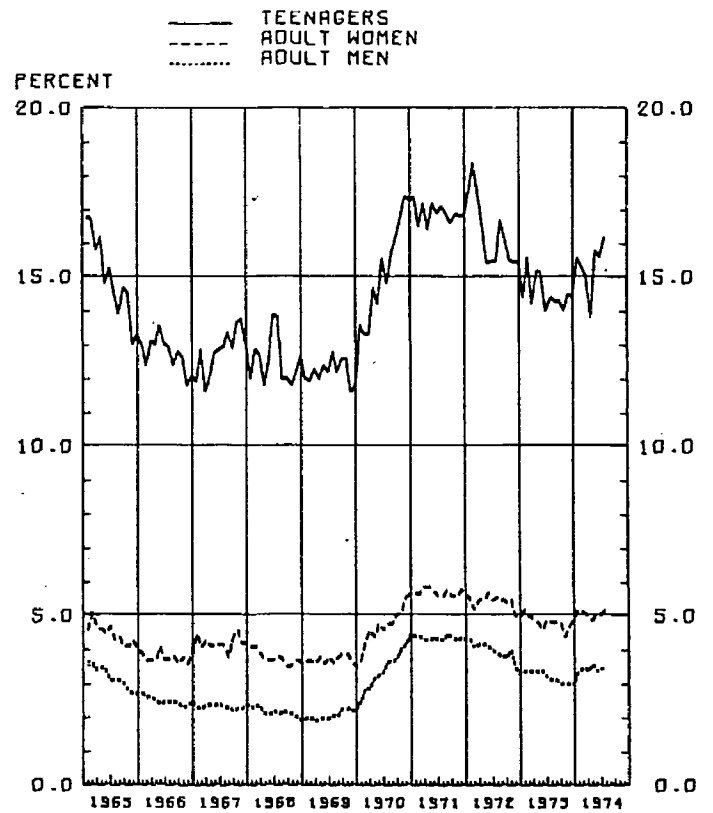


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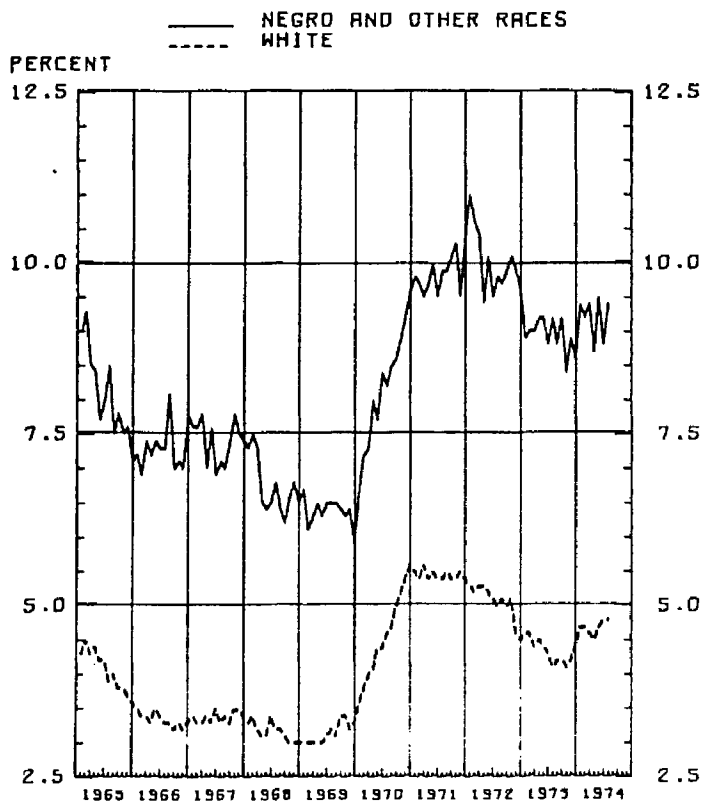
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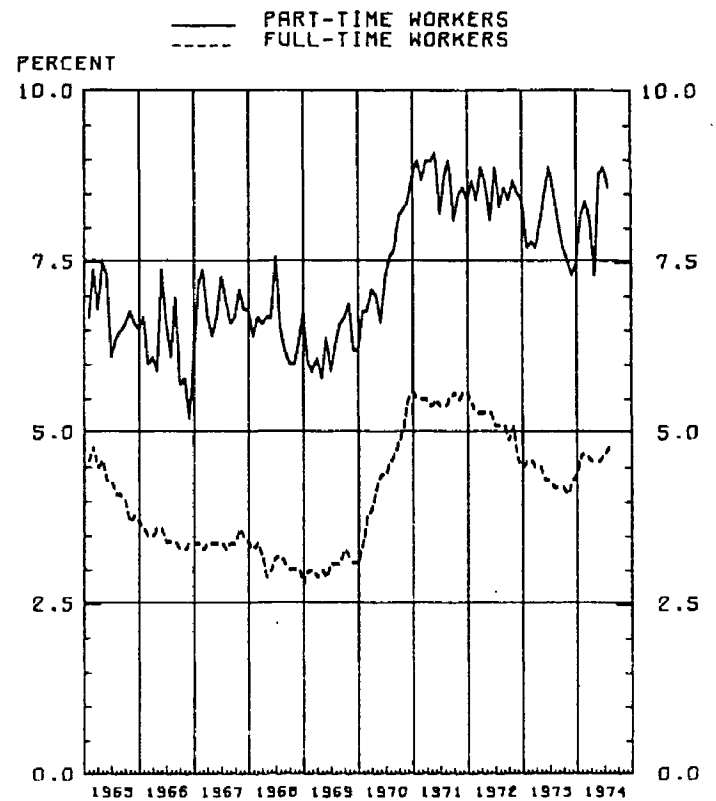
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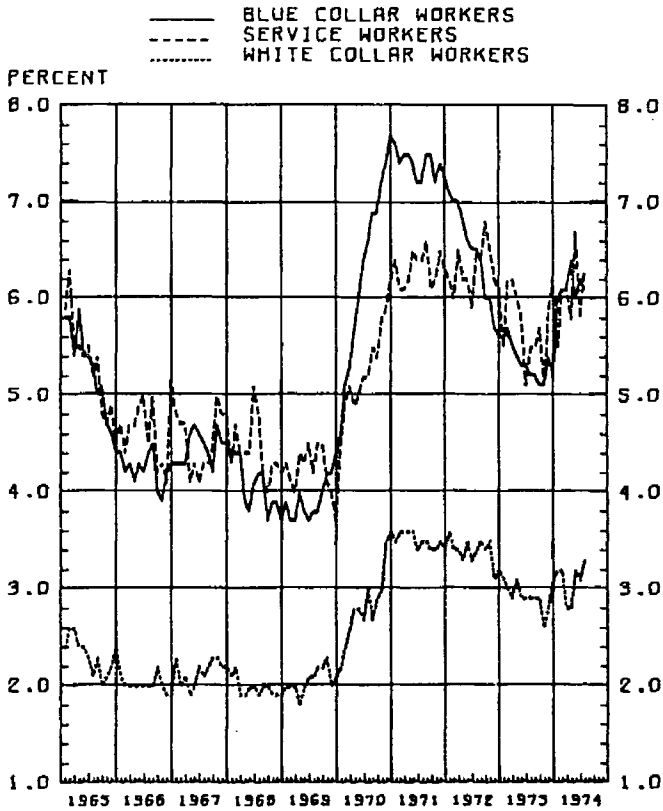
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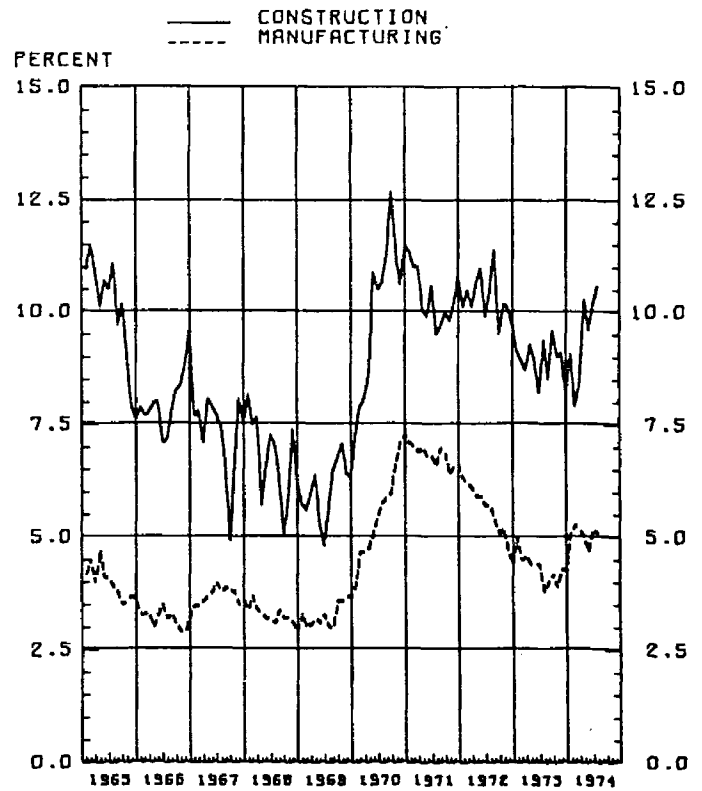
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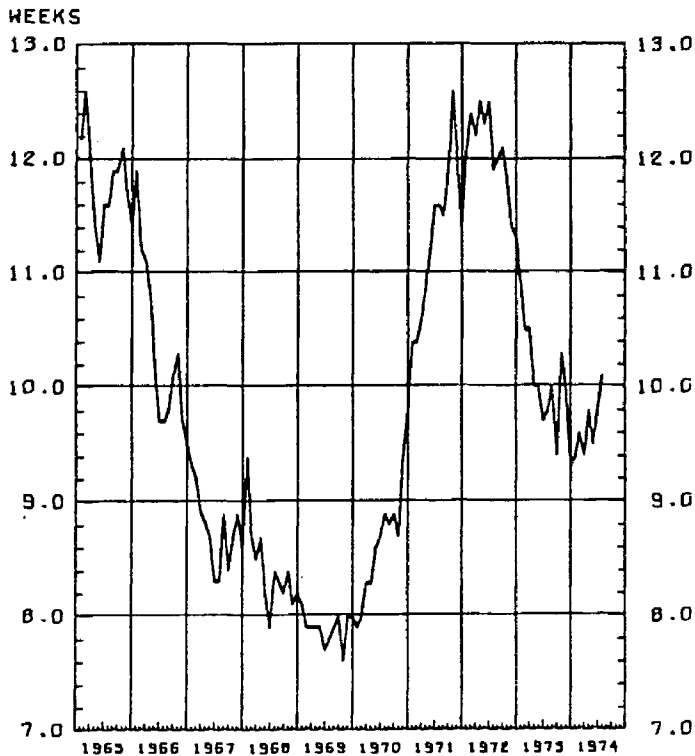
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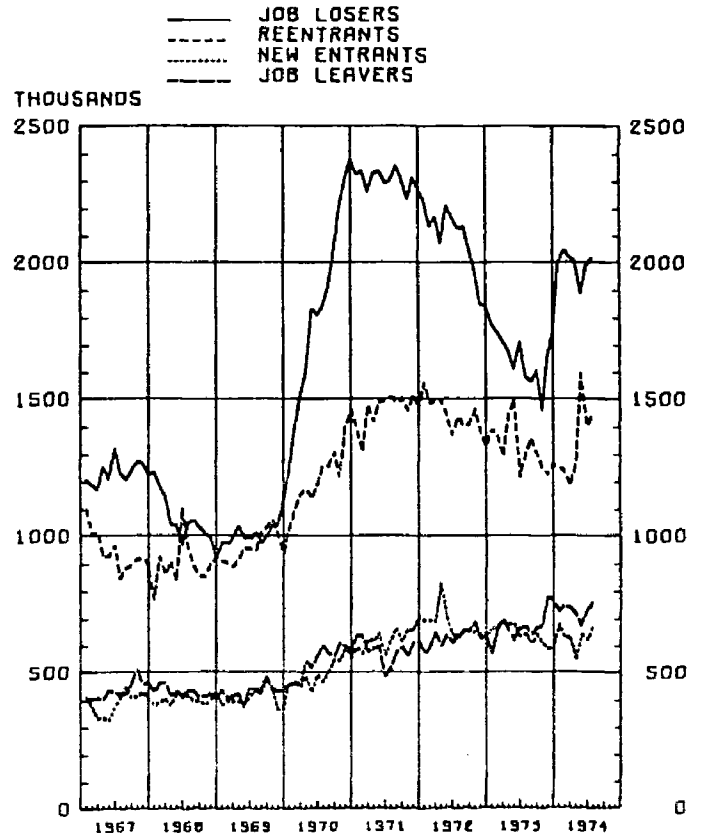
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11. AVERAGE DURATION OF UNEMPLOYMENT



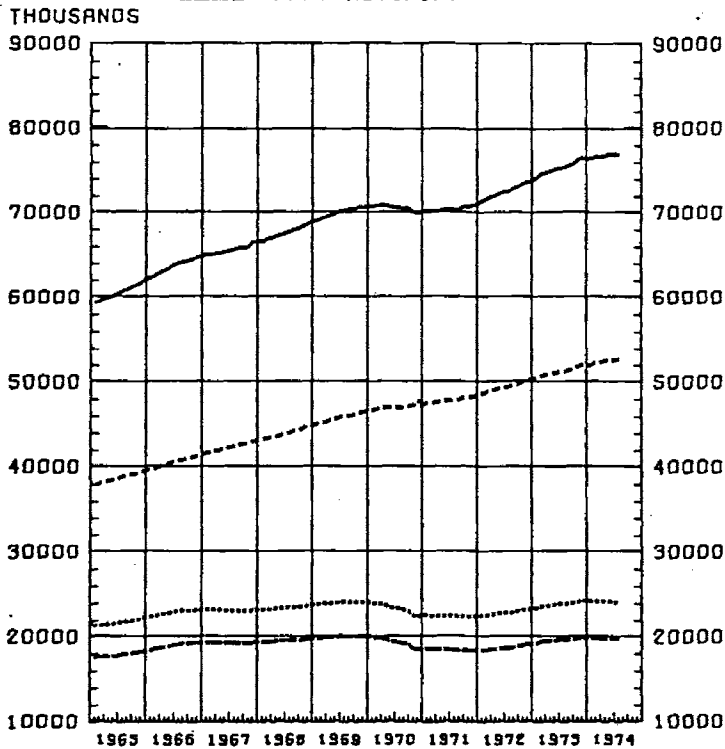
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NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT AND HOURS ESTABLISHMENT DATA - SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

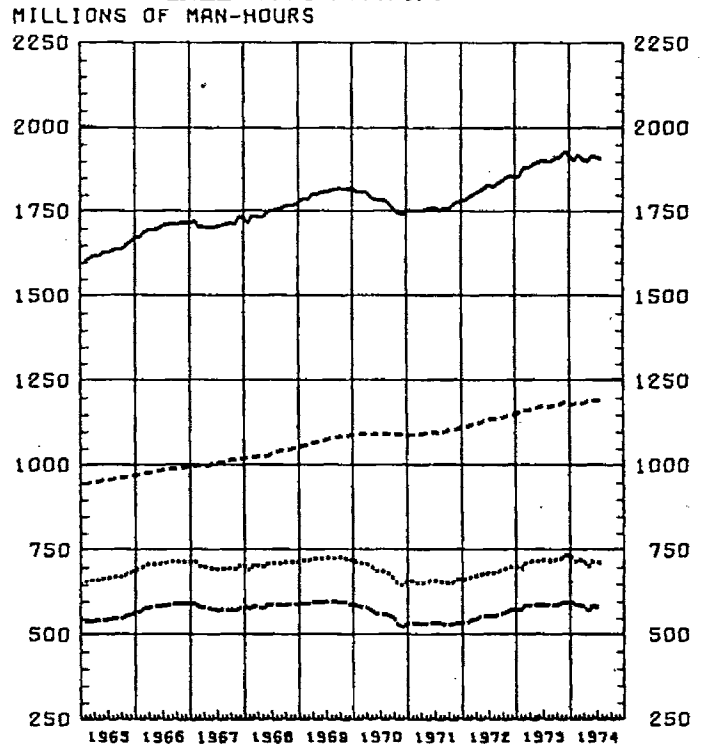
13. EMPLOYMENT

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 - - - - MANUFACTURING



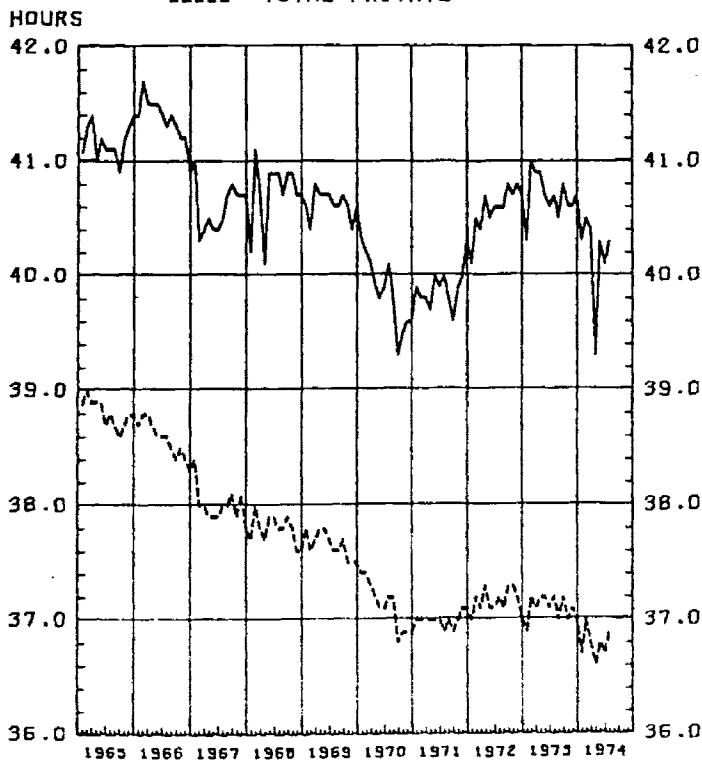
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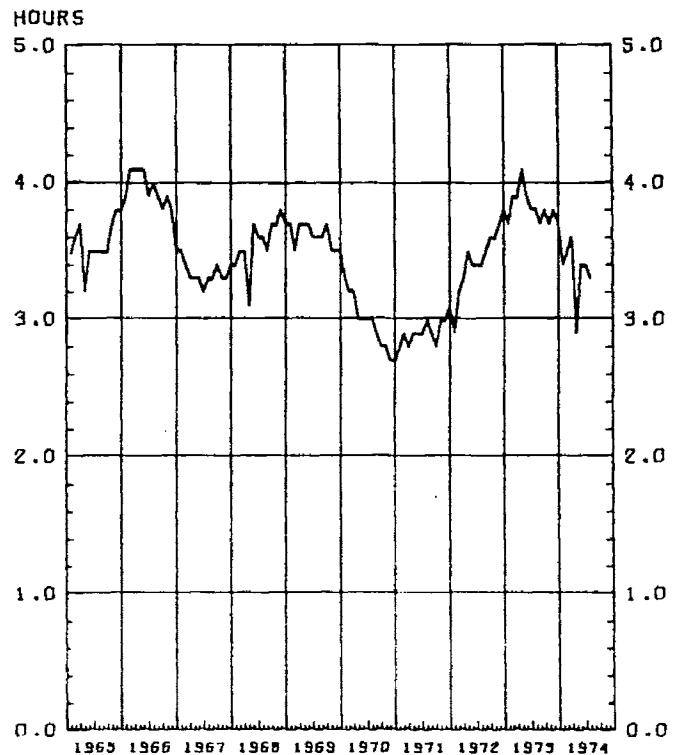


15. AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS

——— MANUFACTURING
 - - - - TOTAL PRIVATE



16. AVERAGE WEEKLY OVERTIME HOURS IN MANUFACTURING



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