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The Nation's unemployment rate reached 6 percent in October, its highest level in nearly 3 years, it was reported today by the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the U.S. Department of Labor. This represented an increase of 1.4 percentage points since last October's 3¹2-year low.

Total employment (as measured by the monthly sample survey of households) was unchanged in October at 86.5 million. Employment has risen 850,000 over the past year about a quarter of the gain posted during the preceding year.

Nonfarm payroll employment (as measured by the monthly survey of business establishments), at 77.4 million in October, was little changed from the revised September level. However, nonfarm payroll employment was up by 340,000 since June. The number of payroll jobs has risen by 1.1 million since last October, a much slower pace than in the prior year.

Unemployment

The number of persons unemployed rose by 200,000 in October to a total of 5.5 million (seasonally adjusted). About half of this increase occurred among persons who had lost their last job (table A-5). Over the past year, the jobless total has risen by 1.3 million persons, almost three-fifths of whom were job losers.

With the increase in joblessness, the Nation's unemployment rate rose from 5.8 percent in September to 6.0 percent. After declining to 4.6 percent last October, the jobless rate has moved upward in spurts, first to the 5.2-percent level that held from the energy-crisis period last winter through mid-summer and then more rapidly over the last 2 months, when it jumped from 5.4 percent to the present level.

Much of the October increase took place among prime-aged males (those 25-54 years

of age), as the unemployment rate for all adult men (20 and over) rose from 3.9 to 4.3 percent. In contrast, the rates for adult women (5.6 percent) and teenagers (16.9 percent), which had risen sharply in September, were both about unchanged. Over the past year, each of these groups experienced substantial jobless increases. Adult men were hit particularly hard, as their rate moved from 3.0 to 4.3 percent.

(See table A-2.)

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		Qu	arterly aver	sges		Monthly data				
Selected categories	19	973		1974		Aug.	Sept.	Oct.		
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				(Millions	of persons)					
Civilian labor force	89.0	89.9	90.5	90.6	91.4	91.1	91.9	92.0		
Total employment	84.8	85.7	85.8	86.0	86.3	86.2	86.5	86.5		
Adult men	48.1	48.5	48.5	48.4	48.5	48.5	48.6	48.7		
Adult women	29.5	29.7	29.7	30.1	30.5	30.5	30.3	30.3		
Teenagers	7.2	7.6	7.6	7.4	7.3	• 7.2	7.6	7.6		
Unemployment	4.2	4.2	4.7	4.7	5.0	4.9	5.3	5.5		
		4	d	(Percent of	labor force	1	L			
Unemployment rates:				T						
All workers	4.7	4.7	5.2	5.1	5.5	5.4	5.8	6.0		
Adult men	3.1	3.0	3.5	3.5	3.7	3.8	3.9	4.3		
Adult women.	4.8	4.7	5.1	5.0	5.4	5.2	5.7	5.6		
Teenagers	14.3	14.3	15.3	15.1	16.1	15.3	16.7	16.9		
White	4.2	4.2	4.7	4.7	5.0	4.8	5.3	5.4		
Negro and other races	9.0	8.6	9.4	9.0	9.5	9.2	9.8	10.9		
Household heads	2.7	2.8	3.0	3.1	3.2	3.1	3.4	3.7		
Married men	2.1	2.1	2.4	2.4	2.7	2.6	2.8	2.9		
Full-time workers	4.2	4.3	4.6	4.6	5.0	4.8	5.3	5.6		
State insured	2.6	2.6	3.3	3.4	3.4	3.3	3.4	3.6		
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Average duration of	0 7	0.0	0.5	0 -						
unemployment	9.7	9.9	9.5	9.7	9.9	10.0	9.6	10.0		
		·····	F	(Millions	of persons)			·		
Nonfarm payroll employment	75.7	76.6	76.7	77.1	77.2p	77.2	77.4p	77.4 F		
Goods-producing industries	24.2	24.4	24.3	24.2	24.1p	24.1	24.1p	24.OF		
Service-producing industries	51.6	52.1	52.4	52.8	53.1p	53.1	53.3p	53.5F		
			.	(Hours	of work)		•			
Average weekly hours:										
Total private nonfarm	37.1	37.0	36.8	36.7	36.6p	36.6	36.7p	36.6		
Manufacturing	40.7	40.6	40.4	39.9	40.1p	40.1	40.1p	40.01		
Manufacturing overtime	3.8	3.7	3.5	3.2	3.3p	3.4	3.2p	3.0		
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ourly Earnings Index, private		[1			1			
nonfarm:			1				1			
In current dollars	147.8	150.4	152.6	156.4	160 . 7p		162.1p	163.3p		
In constant dollars	110.1	109.3	107.7	107.5	107.1p	107.1	106.7p	N.A.		

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

p= preliminary.

N.A.= not available.

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

Black workers (Negro and other races) accounted for a large part of the October rise in unemployment, as their jobless rate rose from 9.8 to 10.9 percent. The unemployment rate for white workers, on the other hand, was about unchanged in October at 5.4 percent.

Among the other major labor force groups, the unemployment rate for household heads rose from 3.4 to 3.7 percent in October, and the jobless rate for married males edged up to 2.9 percent. The unemployment rate for full-time workers rose from 5.3 to 5.6 percent. The jobless rate for workers covered by State unemployment insurance programs increased to 3.6 percent in October after remaining around 3.4 percent through most of the year. All of these groups have posted large increases over the past year.

Among the major occupational and industry groups, sizeable upswings in unemployment were registered among blue-collar workers, particularly operatives, and manufacturing workers, especially those in durable goods industries. These developments reflect to some degree the weakness in the automobile and related industries. The rate for factory workers, at 6.2 percent in October, was up from a 3¹/₂-year low of 3.9 percent registered a year earlier.

The unemployment rate for Vietnam-era veterans 20-34 years old, at 5.6 percent in October, was about unchanged from the previous month, remaining below the jobless rate of their nonveteran counterparts (6.4 percent). However, the most recently discharged veterans (those 20 to 24 years old) continued to experience higher unemployment than their nonveteran counterparts. The jobless rate for young veterans was 11.7 percent, compared with 8.2 percent for young nonveterans. Jobless rates for most of the veteran and nonveteran groups were above their year-ago levels. (See table A-2.) Civilian Labor Force and Total Employment

The civilian labor force and total employment, at 92.0 and 86.5 million respectively, were both about unchanged in October following sizeable increases in September. (See table A-1.) Since October 1973, the civilian labor force has risen by 2.1 million. Adult females made up 1.0 million of this increase, with adult males and teenagers accounting for 820,000 and 290,000, respectively. The bulk of the year-to-year net growth in the labor force stemmed from increased unemployment. The over-the-year employment gain of 850,000 compares with an increase of 3.3 million over the previous year. Over half of the October 1973-October 1974 employment rise took place among persons working part time for economic reasons. Industry Payroll Employment

Nonagricultural payroll employment remained essentially unchanged in October at an alltime high of 77.4 million, seasonally adjusted. (See table B-1.) This followed gains in the 2 previous months (based on upward revisions) of 360,000. The stability in the October total masked offsetting movements in the goods- and service-producing sectors, however, as a decline of 110,000 jobs in the goods industries was balanced by a continued increase in the service-producing industries. Over the past 6 months, service-producing employment has grown by 785,000, while goods-producing jobs have fallen by 290,000.

In the goods-producing sector, manufacturing employment fell 85,000 from September, with most of the job loss coming from widespread declines in the nondurable goods industries. In addition, the number of contract construction jobs was down by 30,000 in October; this industry has experienced employment cutbacks totaling 250,000 since February's peak level. The October job gain in the service-producing sector (140,000) followed a revised increase of 250,000 in the previous month.

Hours of Work

The average workweek for production or nonsupervisory workers on private nonagricultural payrolls edged down 0.1 hour in October to a seasonally adjusted level of 36.6 hours. (See table B-2.) Weekly hours have drifted down 0.4 hour over the past year.

> NOTE: The establishment data to be released in December will reflect the usual periodic adjustments of these data to new benchmarks and the introduction of new seasonal factors. Data for 1968 forward are subject to revision.

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Manufacturing hours also fell 0.1 hour in October to 40.0 hours. Factory overtime declined for the second straight month--to 3.0 hours--with the August-October drop totaling 0.4 hour. Since October 1973, the factory workweek and overtime hours have been reduced by 0.6 and 0.8 hour, respectively.

Hourly and Weekly Earnings

Average hourly earnings of production or nonsupervisory workers on private nonagricultural payrolls rose 0.9 percent (seasonally adjusted) in October. Since October 1973, hourly earnings have advanced 8.8 percent. Average weekly earnings advanced 0.7 percent over the month and 7.6 percent since October a year ago, with four-fifths of the increase occurring since April.

Before adjustment for seasonality, average hourly earnings rose 2 cents in October to \$4.34. (See table B-3.) Since October 1973, hourly earnings have advanced by 35 cents. Weekly earnings averaged \$158.84 in October, down 14 cents from September but up \$11.21 over October of last year.

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 163.3 (1967=100) in October, 0.7 percent higher than in September. The Index was 9.2 percent above October a year ago. During the 12-month period ended in September, the Hourly Earnings Index in dollars of constant purchasing power declined 2.9 percent. (See table B-4.)

This release presents and analyzes statistics from two major surveys. Data on labor force, total employment, and anemployment 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 Farnings*.

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Table A-1. Employment status of the noninstitutional population

	Not	seasonally ad	justed		, <u> </u>	Seasonail	y adjusted		
Employment status	Oct. 1973	Sept. 1974	Oct. 1974	Oct. 1973	June 1974	July 1974	Aug. 1974	Sept. 1974	Oct. 1974
TOTAL		1 1							
otal noninstitutional population	149 001	151,367	151,593	149,001	150,710	150,922	161 125	151 267	161 503
Total labor force	92.046	93,661	94,105	92,038	93,130	93,387	151,135	151,367 94,067	151,593
Participation rate	61.8	61.9	62.1	61.8	61.8	61.9	61.7	62.1	62.2
Civilian noninstitutional population ¹	146,713	149,150	149.380	146.713	148,499	148,701	148,916	149,150	149,380
Civilian labor force	89,757	91,444	91,891	89,749	90,919	91,167	91,061	91,850	92,024
Participation rate	61.2	61.3	61.5	61.2	61.2	61.3	61.1	61.6	61.6
Employed	85,994	86,242	86,847	85,649	86,165	86,312	86,187	86,538	86,511
Agriculture	3,525	3,563	3,536	3,455	3,293	3,405	3,443	3,511	3,476
Nonagricultural industries	82,469	82,679	83,312	82,194	82,872	82,907	82,744	83,027	83,035
Unemployed	3,763	5,202	5,044	4,100	4,754	4,855	4,874	5,312	5,513
Unemployment rate	4.2	5.7	5.5	4.6	5.2	5.3	5.4		6.0
Not in labor force	56,955	57 ,7 06	57,489	56,964	57,580	57,534	57,855	57,300	57,356
Males, 20 years and over			•	ļ			3	i	
otal noninstitutional population ¹	63,139	64,181	64,279	63,139	63,886	63,973	64,064	64,181	64,279
Total labor force	51,771	52,371	52,491	51,790	52,034	52,001	52,189	52,343	52,634
Participation rate	82.0	81.6	81.7	82.0	81.4	81.3	81.5	81.6	81.9
Civilian noninstitutional population 1		62,405	62,506	61,270	62,097. 50,245	62,176	62,273	62,405	62,500
Civilian labor force	49,902	50,595	50,718	49,921		50,205	50,397	50,567	50,861
Employed	81.4	81.1	81.1 48.898	81.5 48,432	80.9 48,483	80.7 48,428	80.9 48,506	81.0 48,620	81.4 48,689
Agriculture	48,654 2,558	48,907 2,574	2,570	2,489	2,420	2,470	2,516	2,516	2,500
Nonagricultural industries	46,096	46,334	46,328	45,943	46,063	45,958	45,990	46,104	46,189
Unemployed	1,248	1,688	1,820	1,489	1,762	1,77/	1,891	1,947	2,172
Unemployment rate	2.5	3.3	3.6	3.0	3.5	3.5	3.8	3.9	4.3
Not in labor force	11,368	11,810	11,788	11,349	11,852	11,971	11,876	11,838	11,64
Females, 20 years and over									
ivilian noninstitutional population ¹	69,600	70,638	70,749	69,600	70,346	70,448	70,549	70,638	70,749
Civilian labor force	31,547	32,284	32,581	31,042	31,944	32,404	32,216	32,135	32,06
Participation rate	45.3	45.7	46.1	44.6	45.4	46.0	45.7	45.5	45.
Employed	30,151	30,248	30,757	29,661	30,314	30,716	30,528	30,301	30,262
Agriculture	584	521	546	531	469	` 537	495	483	49
Nonagricultural industries	29,567	29,728	30,211	29,130	29,845	30,179	30,033	29,818	29,76
Unemployed	1,396	2,036	1,824	1,381	1,630	1,688	1,688	1,834	1,804
Unemployment rate	4.4	6.3	5.6	4.4	5,1	5.2	5.2	5.7	5.0
Not in labor force	38,053	38,353	38,169	38,558	38,402	38,044	38,333	38,503	38,68
Both sexes, 16-19 years									
ivilian noninstitutional population ¹	15,843	16,107	16,124	15,843	16,056	16,077	16,094	16,107	16,12
Civilian labor force	8,308	8,565	8,593	8,786	8,730	8,558	8,448	9,148	9,09
Participation rate	52.4	53.2	53.3	55.5	54.4	53.2	52.5	56.8	56.
Employed	7,189	7,086	7,193 420	7,556 435	7,368 404	7,168 398	7,153 432	7,617 512	7,56
Agriculture	382 6,807	468 6,618	6,773	7,121	6,964	6,770	6,721	7,105	7,08
Unemployed	1,119	1,478	1,400	1,230	1,362	1,390	1,295	1,531	1,53
Unemployment rate	13.5	17.3	16.3	14.0	15.6	16.2	15.3	16.7	16.
Not in labor force	7,534	7,543	7,532	7,057	7,326	7,519	7,646	6,959	7,02
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Svilian noninstitutional population ⁴	129,911	131,828	132,013	129,911	131,293	131,457	131,636	131,828	132,01
Civilian labor force	79,574	81,100	81,441	79,566	80,565	80,873	80,765	81,421	81,52
Participation rate	61.3	61.5	61.7	61.2	61.4	61.5	61.4	61.8	61.
Employed	76,594	76,900	77,446	76,301	76,738	76,986	76,856	77,108	77,12
Unemployed	2,980	4,200	3,995	3,265	3,827	3,88;	3,909	4,313	4,39
Unemployment rate	3.7	5.2	4.9	4.1	4.8	4.8	4.8	5.3	5.
Not in labor force	50,337	50,728	50,573	50,345	50,728	50,584	50,871	50,407	50,48
NEGRO AND OTHER RACES									
ivilian noninstitutional population ¹	16,802	17,322	17,367	16,802	17,206	17,245	17,280 10,294	17,322 10,440	17,36 10,47
Civilian labor force	10,184	10,344	10,451	10,187	10,286	10,269	59.6		60.
Participation rate		59.7	60.2	60.6	59 . 8	59.5 9,301	59.0 9,343	9,416	9,33
Employed	9,401	9,342	9,402	9,333 854	9,376 910	9,301 968	9,343	1,024	1,14
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Unemployed Unemployment rate	783 7.7	1,002 9,7	1,049 10.0	8.4	8.8	9.4	9.2	9.8	10.

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.

HOUSEHOLD DATA

Table A-2. Major unemployment indicators, seasonally adjusted

	unemploye				Unemploy	ment rates		
Selected categories	(in tho Oct• 1973	Oct. 1974	Oct. 1973	June 1974	July 1974	Aug. 1974	Sept. 1974	Oct. 1974
otal, 16 years and over	4,100	5,513	4.6	5.2	5.3	5.4	5.8	6.0
Males, 20 years and over	1,489	2,172	3.0	3.5	3.5	3.8	3.9	4.3
Females, 20 years and over	1,381	1,804	4.4	5.1	5.2	5.2	5.7	5.6
Both sexes, 16-19 years	1,230	1,537	14.0	15.6	16.2	15.3	16.7	16.9
White, total	3,265	4,398	4.1	4.8	4.8	4.8	5.3	5.4
Males, 20 years and over	1,202	1,793	2.7	3.2	3.3	3.5	3.5	3.9
Females, 20 years and over	1,083	1,418	4.0	4.8	4.8	4.8	5.3	5.1
Both sexes, 16-19 years	980	1,187	12.4	13.9	13.9	13.3	15.2	14.6
Negro and other races, total	854	1,144	8.4	8.8	9.4	9.2	9.8	10.9
Males, 20 years and over	285	380	5.5	6.5	5.9	6.3	6.7	7.4
Females, 20 years and over	323	420	7.8	6.9	8.0	8.0	8.3	9.7
Both sexes, 16-19 years	246	344	27.3	30.3	35.3	31.4	32.4	34.5
Household heads	1,412	1,412	2.7	3.1	3.0	3.1	3.4	3.7
Married men, spouse present	840	1,180	2.1	2.6	2.6	2.6	2.8	2.9
Full-time workers	3,110	4,448	4.1	4.7	4.8	4.8	5.3	5.6
Part-time workers	983	1,124	7.5	8.9	8.6	8.7	8.8	8.5
Unemployed 15 weeks and over ¹	756	1,018	.8	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.1	1.1
State insured ²	1,625	2,330	2.6	3.4	3.4	3.3	3.4	3.6
			5.1	5.0		5.0	0.4	
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White-collar workers	1,113	1,419	2.6	3.1	3.3	3.1	3.5	3.3
Professional and technical	266	290	2.2	1.9	2.1	2.2	2.6	2.3
Managers and administrators, except farm	123	164	1.4	1.8	1.4	1.9	2.0	1.8
Sales workers	167	257	3.0	4.6	4.0	3.7	4.1	4.5
Clerical workers	557	708	3.6	4.4	5.0	4.4	4.9	4.4
Blue-collar workers	1,636	2,339	5.1	6.2	6.1	6.5	6.8	7.3
Craft and kindred workers	415	606	3.5	4.2	4.2	4.2	4.8	5.0
Operatives	833	1,188	5.4	6.8	6.3	7.0	1 .	7.9
Nonfarm laborers	388	545	8.0	9.6	10.7	10.7	10.1	6.7
Service workers	616	833	5.1	5.8 2.8	6.3 2.9	6.2 2.8	2.5	2.6
Farm workers	76	79	2.5	2.0	2	2.0	2.5	
INDUSTRY ⁴		:			5			
Nonagricultural private wage and salary workers 5	2,954	4,089	4.5	5.4	5.4	5.5	0.0	6.1
Construction	411	567	9.0	10.2	10.6	11.1	12.4	12.2
Manufacturing	843	1,354	3.9	5.2	5.1	5.4	5.8	6.2
Durable goods	477	774	3.7	4.8	4.4	4.8	5.1	5.9
Nondurable goods	366	580	4.1	5.7	6.0	6.4	6.8	6.8
Transportation and public utilities	139	166	2.9	3.2	3.4	3.0	3.4	3
Wholesale and retail trade	818	1,123	5.1	6.1	6.4	6.1	6.6	6.8
Finance and service industries	726	862	4.1	4.3	4.3	4.4	4.8	4.
Government workers	376 91	439	2.7	2.8	3.1	2.9	3.1	2.
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Males, Vietnam-era veterans ⁴ :	246	332	4.5	5.2	4.9	5.0	5.2	5.0
20 to 34 years	117	141	8.2	10.1	9.6	11.4	12.4	11.
20 to 24 years	100	160	3.4	4.4	4.3	3.6	3.8	4.8
30 to 34 years	29	31	2.7	2.6	2.0	2.5	2.2	2.1
Males, nonveterans:								
20 to 34 years	558	891	4.2	5.4	5.5	6.3	5.7	6.4
20 to 24 years	329	506	5.7	7.5	7.8	9.2	8.0	8.:
25 to 29 years	156	247	4.0	4.6	4.0	4.3	4.2	6.1
30 to 34 years	73	138	2.1	2.8	3.5	3.8	3.5	3.

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

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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. 4

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

Table A-3. Selected employment indicators

[In thousands]

	Not season	ally adjusted	Seasonally adjusted							
Selected categories	Oct. 1973	Oct. 1974	Oct. 1973	June 1974	July 1974	Aug. 1974	Sept. 1974	Oct. 1974		
Total employed, 16 years and over Males Females Household heads Married men, spouse present	85,994 52,610 33,384 50,869 39,490	86,847 52,796 34,051 51,458	85,649 52,638 33,011 50,403	86,165 52,499 33,666 50,995	86,312 52,389 33,923 51,054	86,187 52,445 33,742 51,059	86,538 52,771 33,767 50,927	86,511 52,835 33,676 50,999		
Married women, spouse present.	19,925	39,277 20,296	39,265 19,538	38,933 19,682	38,802 19,910	38,888 19,887	38,874 19,856	39,043 19,898		
OCCUPATION										
White-collar workers Professional and technical Managers and administrators, except farm Sales workers Clerical workers Blue-collar workers Operatives Nongarm laborers Service workers Farm workers	41,181 12,280 8,828 5,414 14,659 30,421 11,377 14,680 4,364 11,303 3,091	42,215 12,634 8,943 5,502 15,137 29,972 11,532 13,978 4,462 11,612 3,048	40,921 11,989 8,761 5,424 14,747 30,285 11,336 14,488 4,461 11,368 3,025	42,111 12,482 9,172 5,375 15,082 29,664 11,380 13,982 4,302 11,466 2,899	41,953 12,601 8,932 5,349 15,071 30,056 11,621 14,283 4,152 11,370 2,968	41,766 12,572 8,681 5,453 15,060 29,885 11,569 14,014 4,302 11,644 2,941	42,017 12,519 8,668 5,583 15,247 29,867 11,508 13,929 4,430 11,567 3,032	41,951 12,338 8,872 5,513 15,228 29,847 11,486 13,799 4,562 11,676 2,982		
MAJOR INDUSTRY AND CLASS OF WORKER		}								
Agriculture: Wage and salary workers	1,303 1,784 438 76,412 1,585 13,916 60,911 5,514 544	1,412 1,728 395 77,054 1,399 14,195 61,460 5,779 479	1,271 1,765 427 76,180 1,568 13,687 60,925 5,476 553	1,235 1,701 387 76,618 1,408 14,175 61,035 5,811 491	1,268 1,740 388 76,602 1,367 14,168 61,067 5,805 463	1,341 1,723 380 76,739 1,432 14,017 61,290 5,745 419	1,396 1,729 382 76,777 1,408 13,959 61,410 5,678 548	1,378 1,709 385 76,825 1,384 13,958 61,483 5,739 487		
PERSONS AT WORK				•	1			ļ		
Nonagricultural industries . Full-time schedules . Part time for economic reasons . Usually work full time . Usually work part time . Part time for noneconomic reasons	78,889 65,224 2,154 1,046 1,108 11,511	79,383 65,392 2,651 1,283 1,368 11,340	77,352 64,242 2,377 1,103 1,274 10,733	77,833 64,669 2,484 1,209 1,275 10,680	78,050 64,750 2,432 1,156 1,276 10,868	77,846 64,688 2,511 1,174 1,337 10,647	78,034 64,647 2,823 1,257 1,566 10,564	77,929 64,426 2,925 1,353 1,572 10,578		

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			Seasonali	y adjusted		
Weeks of unemployment	Oct.	Oct.	Oct.	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.
	1973	1974	1973	1974	1974	1974	1974	1974
Less than 5 weeks	1,923	2,560	2,001	2,370	2,471	2,493	2,651	2,664
	1,170	1,582	1,283	1,462	1,516	1,400	1,691	1,735
	670	902	756	939	928	949	1,000	1,018
	375	556	431	571	550	564	614	636
	295	347	325	368	378	385	386	382
	9.8	9,5	10.3	9.8	10.1	10,0	9,6	10.0
PERCENT DISTRIBUTION								
Total unemployed Less than 5 weeks 5 to 14 weeks 15 weeks and over 15 to 26 weeks 27 weeks and over	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
	51.1	50.8	49.5	49.7	50.3	51.5	49.6	49.2
	31.1	31.4	31.6	30.6	30.8	28.9	31.7	32.0
	17.8	17.9	18.7	19.7	18.9	19.6	18.7	18.8
	10.0	11.0	10.7	12.0	11.2	11.6	11.5	11.7
	7.8	6.9	8.0	7.7	7.7	8.0	7.2	7.1

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Table A-5. Reasons for unemployment

[Numbers in thousands]

-	Not seasona	lly adjusted			Seasonal	ly adjusted		
Reason	Oct.	Oct.	Oct.	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.
	1973_	1974	1973	1974	1974	1974	1974	1974
NUMBER OF UNEMPLOYED								
Lost last job	1,218	1,960	1,461	1,998	2,022	1,988	2,236	2,350
	692	877	678	738	764	773	736	859
	1,284	1,485	1,253	1,406	1,454	1,472	1,623	1,449
	570	722	612	625	675	634	731	776
PERCENT DISTRIBUTION								1
Total unemployed .	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Job losers .	32.4	38.9	36.5	41.9	41.1	40.8	42.0	43.2
Job leavers .	18.4	17.4	16.9	15.5	15.5	15.9	13.8	15.8
Reentrants .	34.1	29.4	31.3	29.5	29.6	30.2	30.5	26.7
New entrants .	15.1	14.3	15.3	13.1	13.7	13.0	13.7	14.3
UNEMPLOYED AS A PERCENT OF THE CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE								
Job losers .	1.4	2.1	1.6	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.4	2.6
Job leavers .	.8	1.0	.7	.8	.8	.8	.8	.9
Reentrants .	1.4	1.6	1.4	1.5	1.6	1.6	1.8	1.6
New entrants .	.6	.8	.7	.7	.7	.7	.8	.8

Table A-6. Unemployment by sex and age

	Not	seasonally adj	usted		Sea	onally adjusted	l unemploymen	nt rates	
Sex and age	Thousand	s of persons	Percent looking for full-time						
			work					6	Oct.
	Oct. 1973	Oct. 1974	Oct. 1974	Oct. 1973	June 1974	July 1974	Aug. 1974	Sept. 1974	1974
Total, 16 years and over	3,763	5,044	74.7	4.6	5.2	5.3	5.4	5.8	6.0
16 to 19 years	1,119	1,400	50.6	14.0	15.6	16.2	15.3	16.7	16.9
16 to 17 years	573	659	22.9	16.4	18.4	18.0	17.3	18.2	18.2
18 to 19 years	547	741	75.2	12.1	12.9	14.7	14.1	16.1	15.7
20 to 24 years	815	1,110	82.7	6.7	8.3	8.8	9.5	9.2	8.9
25 years and over	1,830	2,535	84.5	2.9	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.7	4.0
25 to 54 years	1,487	2,127	86.6	2.9	3.5	3.5	3.4	3.8	4.1
55 years and over	342	408	74.0	2.6	2.7	2.8	3.2	3.1	3.1
Males, 16 years and over	1,819	2,521	79.6	3.9	4.6	4.6	4.7	5.0	5.3
16 to 19 years	571	701	52.4	13.4	15.6	15.4	15.2	17.1	16.1
16 to 17 years	307	333	26.1	15.6	18.9	18.4	18.8	17.9	16.9
18 to 19 years	264	368	76.4	11.3	12.1	12.8	12.7	16.8	15.4
20 to 24 years	397	579	86.7	6.3	8.1	8.1	9.3	8.9	8.9
25 years and over	851	1,242	91.5	2.4	2.7	2.8	2.8	3.0	3.4
25 to 54 years	629	1,014	95.4	2.2	2.8	2.8	2.8	3.0	3.5
55 years and over	221	227	74.9	2.7	2.5	2.7	3.2	2.8	2.7
Females, 16 years and over	1,944	2,523	69.9	5.6	6.3	6.5	6.3	6.9	7.0
16 to 19 years	548	699	48.8	14.8	15.6	17.2	15.4	16.3	17.8
16 to 17 years	266	325	20.0	17.3	17.7	17.5	15.3	18.7	20.0
18 to 19 years	283	373	74.0	13.0	13.8	16.9	15.8	15.3	16.2
20 to 24 years	418	531	78.3	7.3	8.7	9.6	9.8	9.7	8.9
25 years and over	979	1,293	77.8	3.8	4.4	4.2	4.2	4.8	4.8
25 to 54 years	858	1,112	78.6	4.1	4.6	4.6	4.5	5.0	5.1
55 years and over	121	181	72.9	2.5	3.1	2.9	3:2	3.5	3.8

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

[In thousands]

		Not seasona	illy adjusted				Seasonati	y adjusted		
Industry	Oct. 1973	Aug. 1974	Sept. 1974 ^p	Oct. 1974 ^P	Oct 1973	June 1974	July 1974	Aug. 1974	Sept. 1974 ^p	Oct. 1974 ^p
ТОТАL	76,914	77,154	77,689	77,980	76,363	77,101	77,047	77,203	77,409	77,439
GOODS-PRODUCING	24,731	24,617	24,580	24,316	24,349	24,225	24,116	24,106	24,063	23,951
MINING	640	685	680	675	639	665	669	670	672	674
CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION	3,923	3,872	3,770	3,724	3,694	. 3, 599	3,534	3,575	3,537	3,507
MANUFACTURING Production workers	20,168 14,866	20,060 14,658	20,130 14,752	19,917 14,533	20,016 14,720	19,961 14,598	19,913 14,546	19,861 14,494	19,854 14,482	19,770 14,393
DURABLE GOODS Production workers	11,856 8,725	11,730 8,522	11,825 8,633	11,739 8,537	11,802 8,674	11,783 8,599	11,761 8,569	11,705 8,515	11,705 8,516	11,688 8.492
Ordnance and accessories Lumber and wood products Furniture and fixtures		194.9 648.8 519.3	196.2 631.6 513.0	196.1 616.0 509.7	191 634 528	191 640 522	193 636 514	194 629 516	194 620 510	197 609 504
Stone, clay, and glass products Primary metal industries Fabricated metal products Machinery, except electrical	1,476.1	1,458.0	697.3 1,333.7 1,466.2 2,174.0	687.7 1,328.9 1,454.6 2,178.9	701 1,353 1,466 2,086	691 1,328 1,462 2,161	694 1,324 1,470 2,149	692 1,333 1,459 2,172	684 1,342 I,455 2,181	680 1,349 1,444 2,190
Electrical equipment Transportation equipment Instruments and related products	2,050.8	1,988.0	2,011.7 1,822.0 529.2	2,006.1 1,787.5 525.3	2,039 1,858 507	2,036 1,778 531	2,038 1,773 529	1,988 1,756 529	1,994 1,763 528	1,994 1,768 525
Miscellaneous manufacturing	459.4 8,312	448.7 8,330	450.0 8,305	447.9 8,178	439 8,214	443 8,178	441 8,152	437 8,156	434 8,149	428 8,082
Production workers	6,141	6,136	6,119	5,996	6,046		5,977	5,979	5,966	5,901
Food and kindred products	1,804.8 81.5 1,027.1	1,857.6 78.7 1,007.0	1,858.0 80.4 997.2	1,787.3 80.5 975.7	1,735 72 1,027	1,725 76 1,011	1,713 77 1,001	1,728 71 1,004	1,735 69 996	1,719 71 976
Textile mill products Apparel and other textile products . Paper and allied products	1,353.4 724.9	1,285.0 730.6	1,282.3 729.3	1,272.2 712.8	1,340 725	1,290 727	1,288 726	1,276 725	1,271 726	1,260 713
Printing and publishing Chemicals and allied products Petroleum and coal products	1,101.1 1,041.0 190.9		1,106.4 1,069.7 194.0	1,108.6 1,064.2 193.2	1,098 1,043 190	1,109 1,057 193	1,108 1,057 193	1,108 1,061 193	1,109 1,069 192	1,109 1,066 192
Rubber and plastics products, nec Leather and leather products	691.5 296.1	701.2 296.0	700.8 286.8	696.7 286.3	687 297	696 294	696 293	700 290		693 287
SERVICE-PRODUCING	52, 183	52,537	53,109	53,664	52,014	52 , 876	52,931	53,097	53,346	53,488
TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC UTILITIES	4,680	4,696	4,679	4,668	4,671	4,653	4,648	4,654	4,637	4,659
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE	16,515	16,615	16,727	16,835	16,465	16,602	16,665	16,689	16,748	16,784
WHOLESALE TRADE	4,162 12,353	4,258 12,357	4,248 12,479	4,279 12,556	4,137 12,328		4,205 12,460	4,220 12,469	4,231 12,517	4,253 12,531
FINANCE, INSURANCE, AND REAL ESTATE	4,076	4,202	4, 157	4, 147	4,088	4 , 140	4,133	4,144	4,153	4,159
SERVICES	13,057	13,542	13,517	13,590	13,044	13,365	13,376	13,435	13,531	13,576
GOVERNMENT	13,855	13, 482	14,029	14, 424	13,746	14,116	14,109	14,175	14,277	14,310
FEDERAL	2,613 11,242	2,712 10,770	2,699 11,330	2,691 11,733	2,626 11,120	2,684 11,432	2,691 11,418	2,693 11,482	2,704 11,573	2,705 11,609

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Table B-2. Average weekly hours of production of	nonsupervisory workers ¹ on private nonagricultural
payrolls, by industry	

		Not season	ally adjusted				Seasonall	y adjusted		-
Industry	Oct. 1973	Aug. 1974	Sept. 1974 ^p	Oct. 1974 ^p	Oct. 1973	June 1974	July 1974	Aug. 1974	Sept. 1974 P	Oct. 1974 ^p
TOTAL PRIVATE	37.0	37.1	36.8	36.6	37.0	36.7	36.7	36.6	36.7	36.6
MINING	42.9	43.0	42.8	43.4	42.5	43.2	42.9	42.8	42.7	43.0
CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION	37.7	37.8	37.8	38.2	36.9	37.1	37.1	36.6	36,6	37.4
MANUFACTURING	40.7 3.9	40.1 3.5	40.3 3.5	40. l 3. l	40.6 3.7	40.1 3.4	40.2 3.4	40.1 3.4	40.1 3.2	40.0 3.0
DURABLE GOODS Overtime hours	41.4 4.1	40.6 3.6	41.0 3.6	40.8 3.4	41.3 3.9	40.8 3.4	40.7 3.5	40.8 3.6	40.7 3.3	40.7 3.2
Ordnance and accessories	$\binom{2}{40.7}$ 40.7 39.9 42.2 41.6 42.5 40.2 41.7 40.9 38.8 39.7 3.5 40.6 40.6 40.6 40.6 40.6 40.6 40.6 42.8 37.9 42.8 37.9 42.8 37.9 42.6	2 41. 4 40.0 39.4 41.8 41.5 41.0 42.2 39.6 39.4 40.1 38.8 39.5 3.3 41.0 38.1 39.6 35.6 42.3 38.1 39.6 35.6 41.9	² 41.6 39.5 39.1 41.6 42.1 41.3 40.3 40.3 40.3 38.6 39.4 3.3 41.1 38.9 39.2 35.5 42.1 37.9 41.6 42.9	2 41.2 38.7 38.5 41.5 42.0 41.1 42.4 40.3 40.6 39.9 38.6 39.0 2.8 40.3 39.2 38.2 38.2 35.7 41.8 37.6 41.4	$\binom{2}{40.3}$ 39.4 41.9 42.7 41.5 42.6 40.0 41.5 40.8 38.6 39.7 3.3 40.6 39.2 40.5 35.8 42.6 37.9 41.9 42.2	² 41.9 40.1 39.4 41.4 41.6 40.9 42.4 40.1 39.7 40.3 38.9 39.3 3.2 40.5 36.8 40.5 36.8 40.2 34.7 42.4 37.6 41.8 42.5	2 41. 7 39. 7 39. 4 41. 4 41. 6 40. 8 42. 2 39. 8 40. 4 40. 1 39. 0 39. 3 3. 2 40. 4 36. 9 40. 2 35. 3 42. 2 37. 4 41. 8 42. 2	$\begin{array}{c} {}^{2} 41.4 \\ 39.8 \\ 38.9 \\ 41.3 \\ 41.6 \\ 40.9 \\ 42.6 \\ 39.6 \\ 40.4 \\ 40.3 \\ 38.6 \\ 39.2 \\ 3.1 \\ 40.4 \\ 37.5 \\ 39.5 \\ 35.3 \\ 42.1 \\ 37.9 \\ 41.8 \\ 41.7 \end{array}$	2 41.6 39.3 38.6 41.2 42.0 41.0 42.8 39.9 39.8 40.1 38.6 39.2 3.0 40.4 37.8 39.1 35.5 41.8 37.6 41.6 42.4	2 41.3 38.4 38.0 41.1 42.5 41.0 42.5 40.1 40.4 39.8 38.4 39.0 2.7 40.3 37.8 38.1 35.7 41.6 37.6 41.4 41.4
Rubber and plastics products, nec Leather and leather products	40.9 37.6	40.7 37.2	40,9 36,5	41.0 36.4	40.8 38.0	40.6 37.6	40.4 36.9	40.6 37.2	40.6 37.1	40.9 36.8
TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC	40.9	40.9	40.8	40.5	40.8	40.5	40.7	40.7	40.6	40.4
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE	34.3	34.9	34.1	33.8	34.5	34.2	34.1	34.0	34.0	34.0
WHOLESALE TRADE RETAIL TRADE	39.3 32.8	38.9 33.6	38.8 32.6	38.5 32.3	39.3 33.0	39.0 32.8	39.0 32.7	38.7 32.5	38.8 32.6	38.5 32.5
FINANCE, INSURANCE, AND REAL ESTATE	37.0	36.8	36.8	36.6	. 36.9	36.8	36.7	36.7	36.9	36.5
SERVICES	33.9	34.5	34.1	33.9	34.0	34.2	34.0	34.0	34.1	34.0

¹ Data relate to production workers in mining and manufacturing: to construction workers in contract construction: and to nonsupervisory workers in transportation and public utilities; whole-sale 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. ² Previously published data for this series for March 1971 through May 1974 are being revised to correct processing errors; figures for subsequent months have been corrected for these errors. Re-vised 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-3. Average hourly and weekly earnings of production or nonsupervisory workers¹ on private nonagricultural payrolls, by industry

		Average ho	urly earnings		Average weekly earnings				
Industry	Oct. 1973	Aug. 1974	Sept. 1974 P	Oct. 1974 ^p	Oct. 1973	Aug. 1974	Sept. 1974 P	Oct. 1974 P	
TOTAL PRIVATE	\$3.99	\$4.24	\$4.32	\$4.34	\$147.63	\$157.30	\$158.98	\$ 158. 84	
Seasonally adjusted	3.98	4.25	4.29	4.33	147.26	155.55	157.44	158.48	
MINING	4.76	5,28	5.36	5.36	204.20	227.04	229, 41	232,62	
CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION	(²)	² 6.89	² 6.94	²6.96	(²)	² 260.44	² 262.33	2265.87	
MANUFACTURING	4.14	4.44	4.52	4.55	168.50	178.04	182.16	182.46	
DURABLE GOODS	4.39	4.71	4.81	4.85	181.75	191.23	197.21	197.8	
Ordnance and accessories	(*)	² 4.81	² 4. 89	² 4. 91	(²)	² 199.13	² 203.42	2 202.29	
Lumber and wood products	3.67	3.95	3.97	3.94	149.37	158.00		152.48	
Furniture and fixtures	3.34	3.53	3.58	3.60	133.27	139.08		138.60	
Stone, clay, and glass products	4.27	4.59	4.64	4.65	180.62	191.86		192.9	
Primary metal industries	5.14	5.72	5.77	5.84	216.91	237.38		245.2	
Fabricated metal products	4,3Z	4.64	4.74	4.79	179.71	190.24	195.76	196.8	
Machinery, except electrical	4.63	4.94	5.04	5.07	196.78	208.47	215.71	214.9	
Electrical equipment	3.91	4.14	4.23	4.29	157.18	163.94	169.62	172.8	
Transportation equipment	5,14	5.47	5.63	5,70	214.34	215.5Z	226.89	231.4	
Instruments and related products	3.93	4.21	4.25	4.25	160.74	168.82	171.28	169.5	
Miscellaneous manufacturing	3.31	3.53	3,56	3.57	128.43	136.96	137.42	137.8	
NONDURABLE GOODS	3.76	4.05	4.09	4.11	149.27	159.98	161.15	160.2	
Food and kindred products	3.89	4.19	4.22	4,26	157.93	171.79	173.44	171.6	
Tobacco manufactures	3.73	4.17	4.15	4.16	151.44	158.88		163.0	
Textile mill products	3.03	3.26	3.27	3.25 3.10	123.02	129.10 108.58	128.18	124.1	
Apparel and other textile products	2.85	3,05	3.09	4.65	182.76	193.73	194.50	194.3	
Paper and allied products	4.27	4.58	4.62	5.06	182.76	193.75		199.2	
Printing and publishing	4.75	5.00	4.95	4.98	190.23	202.94		206.1	
Chemicals and allied products	5.26	5.72	5.81	5.81	224.08	239.67		244.0	
Petroleum and coal products	3.86	4.10	4.12	4.16	157.87	166.87		170.5	
Rubber and plastics products, nec	2.85	3.03	3.07	3.07	107.16	112.72		111.7	
TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC UTILITIES	(²)	² 5.43	² 5.56	² 5.56	(²)	² 222.09	² 226.85	² 225. 1	
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE	3.27	3,51	3.56	3,58	112.16	122.50	121.40	121.0	
WHOLESALE TRADE	4.18	4.53	4.59	4.60	164.27	176,22	178.09	177.1	
RETAIL TRADE	2.93	3.13	3.17	3,19	96.10	105.17	103.34	103.0	
FINANCE, INSURANCE, AND REAL ESTATE	(²)	² 3.81	² 3. 87	² 3, 87	(²)	² 140.21	² 142, 42	²141.6	
SERVICES	(²)	² 3.72	² 3, 81	² 3.82	(²)	² 128, 34	² 129.92	² 129.5	

¹ See footnote 1, table 8-2.

² Previously published data for this series for March 1971 through May 1974 are being revised to correct processing errors; figures for subsequent months have been corrected for these errors. Reed 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	Oct. 1973	May 1974	June 1974	July 1974	Aug. 1974	Sept. ^p 1974	Oct. ^p 1974	Percent change from	
									Sept. 1974- Oct. 1974
TOTAL PRIVATE NONFARM:									
Current dollars	149.6	156.1	158.5	159.3	160.6	162.1	163.3	9.2	.7
Constant (1967) dollars	109.5	107.3	107.9	107.6	107.1	106.7	N.A.	(1)	(2)
MINING	148.4	159.8	162.6	164.0	165.7	167.4	167.1	12.6	1
CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION	(3)	(3)	³ 163.3	³ 163.9	³ 167.6	³ 166.7	³ 166.7	N.A.	(4)
MANUFACTURING	146.5	153.3	155.4	156.7	158.1	159.7	161.7	10.3	1.2
TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC UTILITIES	(3)	(3)	³ 165.9	³ 167.0	³ 167.3	³ 170.7	³ 170.9	N.A.	.1
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE	146.2	153.5	155.4	156.4	157.8	159.0	160.0	9.4	.6
FINANCE, INSURANCE, AND REAL ESTATE	(3)	(3)	³ 148.7	³ 148.1	³ 149.7	³ 152.1	³ 151.8	N.A.	2
SERVICES	(3)	(3)	³ 162.9	³ 162.3	³ 163.0	³ 164.6	³ 165.6	N.A.	.6

1 Percent change was -2.9 from September 1973 to September 1974, the latest month available. 2 Percent change was -.3 from August 1974 to September 1974, the latest month available.

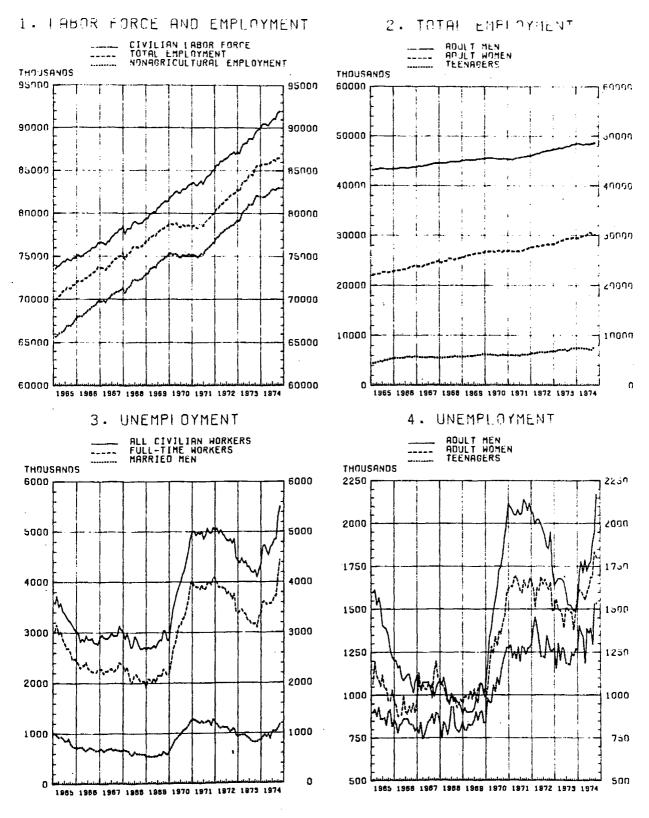
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3 Previously published data for this series for March 1971 through May 1974 are being revised to correct processing errors; figures for subsequent months have been corrected for these errors. Revised historical data are not yet available; they are scheduled to be published in December when the routine benchmarking and seasonal adjustment revisions will be made. 4 Less than 0.05 percent.

N.A.=not available.

P= preliminary.

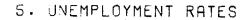
NOTE: All series are in current dollars except where indicated. The index excludes effects of two types of changes that are unreleted to underlying wage-rate developments: Fluctuations in overtime premiums in manufacturing (the only sector for which over-time data are available) and the effects of changes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

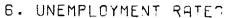
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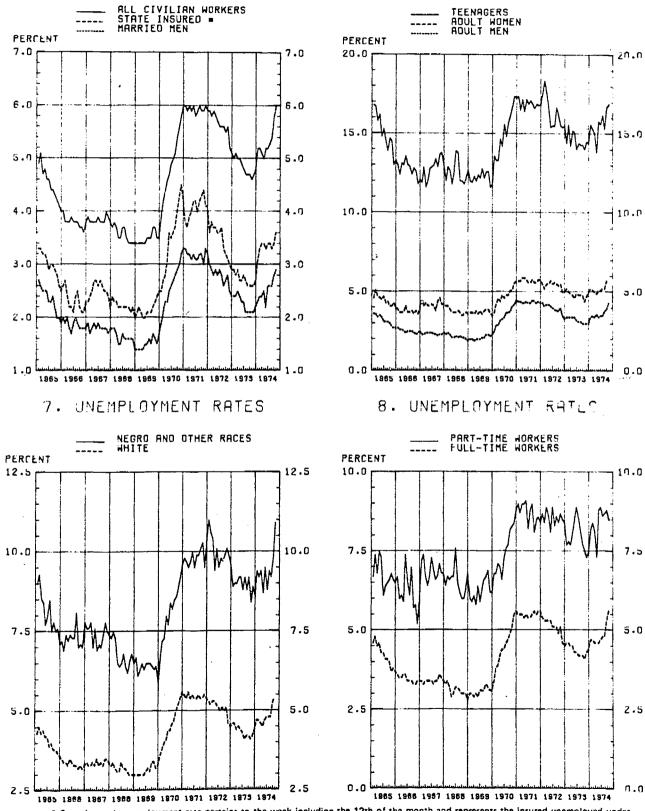


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UNEMPLOYMENT RATES HOUSEHOLD DATA - SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

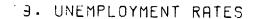




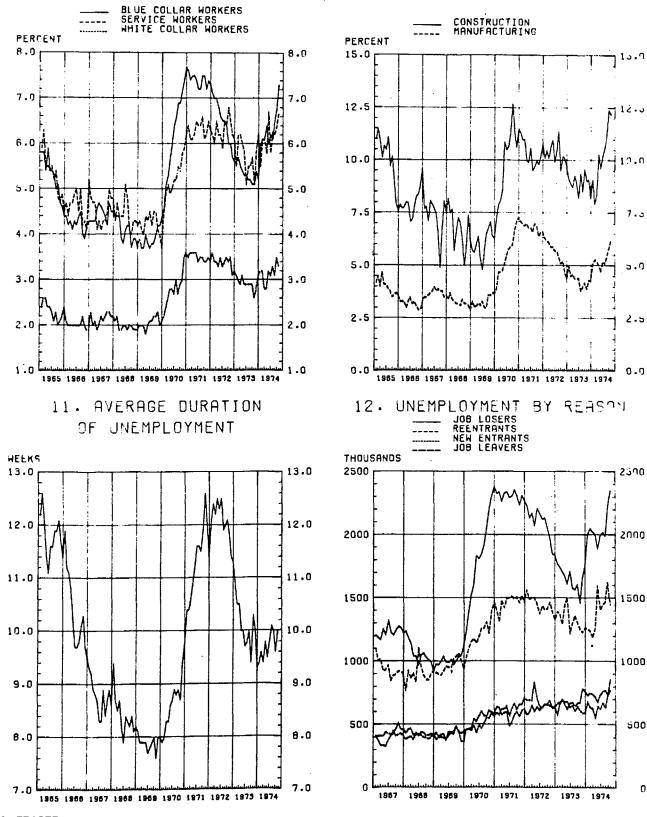


• State insured unemployment rate pertains to the week including the 12th of the month and represents the insured unemployed under Digitized for FRAState programs as a parcent of average covered employment. The figures are derived from administrative records of unemployment insurance http://fraser.stlouisystemsg/ Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis

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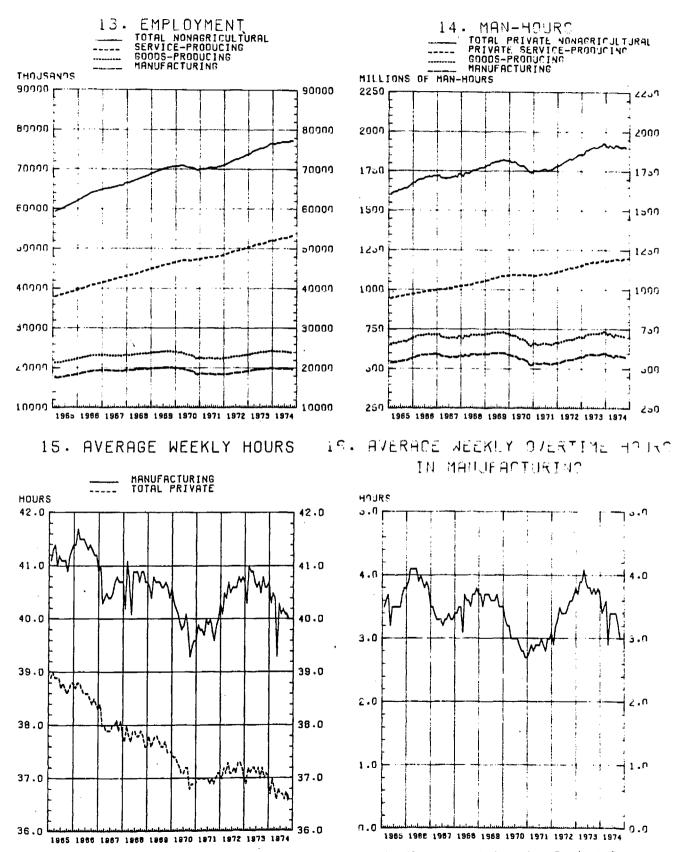


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NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT AND HOURS ESTABLISHMENT DATA - SEASONALLY ADJUSTED



NOTE: Charts 14 and 15 relate to production or nonsupervisory workers; chart 16 relates to production workers. Data for the 2 most Digitized for Freen months are preliminary in charts 13-16. http://fraser.stlouisfed.org/

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