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THE EMPLOYMENT SITUATION: FEBRUARY 1975

The Nation's rate of unemployment was unchanged in February, following a sharp uptrend in recent months, but employment declined for the fifth straight month, it was announced today by the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the U. S. Department of Labor. The unemployment rate remained at the January level of 8.2 percent, after climbing at the most rapid pace of the entire post-World War II period between August and January.

Total employment (as measured by the monthly survey of households) declined by nearly 540,000 in February to 84.0 million. Since September 1974, employment has dropped by 2.4 million, the largest 5-month cutback recorded in the postwar period. The civilian labor force decreased by 580,000 over the month.

Total nonagricultural payroll employment (as measured by the monthly survey of establishments) declined 600,000 from January for the fourth straight monthly decrease. At 76.6 million, the number of payroll jobs was 2.3 million lower than last October. There was also a further decline in hours of work. Consequently, total man-hours, the most comprehensive measure of labor activity, continued to drop sharply.

Unemployment

Both the number of unemployed persons and the unemployment rate held steady in February, after increasing sharply in January. Since August 1974, when joblessness began its rapid upsurge, the number of unemployed persons has increased by 2.6 million to 7.5 million, and the jobless rate has risen 2.8 percentage points to 8.2 percent. (See table A-1.)

Despite the February stability in total unemployment, there was a further rise (nearly 200,000) in the number of persons who lost their last jobs. (See table A-5.) This was balanced by a reduction among unemployed labor force re-entrants. Since last

August, job loss has accounted for four-fifths of the overall increase in joblessness, and job losers now comprise 55 percent of the unemployed total (compared with 41 percent in August).

Unemployment rates for most labor force groups were essentially unchanged in February. While there was little or no change in the jobless rates for white workers (7.4 percent), blacks (13.5 percent), adult women (8.1 percent), or teenagers (19.9 per-

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

Selected categories	Quarterly averages					Monthly data		
	1973	1974				Dec. 1974	Jan. 1975	Feb. 1975
	IV	I	II	III	IV			
(Millions of persons)								
Civilian labor force	89.8	90.5	90.6	91.4	91.8	91.8	92.1	91.5
Total employment	85.6	85.8	86.0	86.4	85.7	85.2	84.6	84.0
Adult men	48.4	48.5	48.5	48.5	48.3	48.0	47.5	47.3
Adult women	29.7	29.8	30.1	30.5	30.1	30.0	29.9	29.7
Teenagers	7.5	7.5	7.4	7.4	7.4	7.2	7.1	7.0
Unemployment	4.3	4.7	4.7	5.0	6.1	6.6	7.5	7.5
(Percent of labor force)								
Unemployment rates:								
All workers	4.7	5.1	5.1	5.5	6.6	7.2	8.2	8.2
Adult men	3.1	3.4	3.5	3.7	4.8	5.3	6.0	6.2
Adult women	4.7	5.1	5.1	5.4	6.5	7.2	8.1	8.1
Teenagers	14.3	15.2	15.1	16.1	17.5	18.1	20.8	19.9
White	4.3	4.6	4.6	5.0	5.9	6.4	7.5	7.4
Negro and other races	8.6	9.2	9.1	9.6	11.7	12.5	13.4	13.5
Household heads	2.8	2.9	3.0	3.2	4.1	4.6	5.2	5.4
Married men	2.2	2.4	2.4	2.7	3.3	3.8	4.5	4.7
Full-time workers	4.3	4.6	4.6	5.0	6.2	6.8	7.7	7.5
State insured	2.7	3.2	3.3	3.4	4.3	4.8	5.5	5.9
(Weeks)								
Average duration of unemployment	9.8	9.5	9.7	9.9	9.9	10.0	10.7	11.7
(Millions of persons)								
Nonfarm payroll employment	77.8	78.0	78.3	78.7	78.3	77.7	77.2p	76.6p
Goods-producing industries	25.0	24.9	24.9	24.8	24.1	23.6	23.2p	22.6p
Service-producing industries	52.8	53.1	53.5	53.9	54.2	54.1	54.0p	54.0p
(Hours of work)								
Average weekly hours:								
Total private nonfarm	36.9	36.7	36.7	36.7	36.4	36.4	36.2p	36.1p
Manufacturing	40.6	40.4	39.9	40.1	39.7	39.4	39.2p	38.8p
Manufacturing overtime	3.7	3.5	3.2	3.4	2.9	2.7	2.3p	2.2p
(1967=100)								
Hourly Earnings Index, private nonfarm:								
In current dollars	150.3	152.7	156.2	160.3	164.2	165.3	166.1p	167.3p
In constant dollars	109.3	107.8	107.5	107.1	106.5	106.4	106.2p	N.A.

p= preliminary.

N.A.= not available.

cent), all were at or near record levels. (See table A-2.) On the other hand, rates for married men and all adult men rose slightly but remained well below the peak levels reached during the 1949 and 1958 recessions.

Jobless rates for most occupations and industries were also little changed from January levels. However, the unemployment rate for manufacturing workers posted its ninth consecutive monthly increase and in February stood at a record 11.0 percent. The rate for construction workers was 15.9 percent, an indication of the severe problems the industry is experiencing.

The jobless rate for workers covered by State unemployment insurance programs was 5.9 percent in February, up from 5.5 percent in January. At 3.9 million, the number of workers claiming State unemployment insurance benefits now constitutes 52 percent of the jobless total, compared with 44 percent a year earlier.

The unemployment rate for Vietnam-era veterans aged 20-34 years, at 8.8 percent, showed little change from January but was below the rate for nonveterans, which increased to 9.5 percent. (See table A-2.) The jobless rate for the youngest veterans (20-24 years old) was 17.3 percent, slightly below the previous month's high mark and well above that for nonveterans of the same ages (12.6 percent).

The average (mean) duration of unemployment moved up to 11.7 weeks in February, a full week above the January level and nearly 2 weeks higher than December. This pattern is typical during business downturns, as increases in the duration of unemployment always lag those in the overall level and rate of unemployment. In line with the lengthening in mean duration, the number of long-term unemployed--persons unemployed 15 weeks or more--increased by nearly 300,000 to 1.8 million in February. Of this number, 700,000 had been unemployed 27 weeks or more. (See table A-4.)

The number of persons working part time but wanting full-time jobs was relatively stable at 3.7 million in February; however, this followed jumps of 460,000 and 200,000 in the 2 previous months. (See table A-3.)

Civilian Labor Force and Total Employment

The civilian labor force, which had continued to expand, albeit slowly, throughout most of the current economic downturn, dropped by 580,000 in February to 91.5 million

(seasonally adjusted). Most of this unusually large decline occurred among adult women and teenagers. (See table A-1.) The labor force gain over the past 12 months was less than half the expansion of the prior year.

Employment fell by 540,000 in February to 84.0 million, a continuation of the substantial monthly declines from last autumn's peak of 86.4 million. The February reduction was spread among the three major age-sex groups; occupationally, employment contractions were most severe among clerical workers, managers and administrators, and operatives. (See tables A-1 and A-3.)

Industry Payroll Employment

Total nonagricultural payroll employment dropped 600,000 in February to 76.6 million (seasonally adjusted), the lowest level since May 1973. The number of payroll jobs has declined 2.3 million from last October's peak, the largest 4-month decrease since the post-World War II readjustment period. Reductions in employment occurred in about 80 percent of all industries from January to February and in 87 percent of all industries over the October-February span. (See tables B-1 and B-6.)

As in recent months, the decline in February was largely concentrated in manufacturing--425,000--with each of the 21 industries posting decreases. The largest cutbacks occurred in the five major metals and metal-using industries of the durable goods sector and in textiles, apparel, and rubber and plastic products in nondurable goods. The February decline in manufacturing jobs brought the employment total down to 18.3 million, the lowest level since September 1965.

Contract construction employment was down by nearly 200,000 from January. Since its alltime high in February a year ago, construction employment has declined by half a million jobs.

In the service-producing industries, the number of payroll jobs was unchanged in February, as a 50,000 increase in State and local government and a small pickup in services countered declines elsewhere in the sector. Employment in the service-producing industries has fallen 300,000 from the alltime high recorded in October 1974. Since February a year ago, however, employment in the sector has increased by nearly 900,000, in marked contrast to an employment decline of 2.3 million in the goods-producing industries.

Hours of Work

The average workweek for all production or nonsupervisory workers on nonfarm payrolls declined 0.1 hour in February to 36.1 hours, seasonally adjusted. Compared with February 1974, the average workweek was down 0.7 hour. (See table B-2.)

Average hours in manufacturing, which have trended downward since the spring of 1973, fell 0.4 hour in February to 38.8 hours. Factory overtime also continued to show weakness, declining to 2.2 hours. Since April 1973, overtime in manufacturing has dropped 1.9 hours. In February, both the factory workweek and overtime hours were at their lowest levels since the 1960-61 recession.

The aggregate man-hours of private nonfarm production or nonsupervisory workers fell by 1.8 percent in February, following declines in the previous 4 months. Since last September, total man-hours have decreased by 6.0 percent. (See table B-5.) Factory man-hours were down 4.0 percent over the month, 15.6 percent from a year ago, and 17.2 percent from their alltime high reached in late 1973.

Hourly and Weekly Earnings

Average hourly earnings of production or nonsupervisory workers on nonfarm payrolls rose 0.5 percent in February and 8.3 percent from a year ago (seasonally adjusted). Average weekly earnings increased by 0.2 percent in February and 6.3 percent compared with February 1974.

Before adjustment for seasonality, hourly earnings rose 1 cent in February to \$4.41. Earnings have increased 34 cents from a year ago. Weekly earnings on average were up 36 cents over the month and \$9.32 over the year. (See table B-3.)

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 167.3 (1967=100) in February, 0.7 percent higher than in January. The index was 9.6 percent above February a year ago. During the 12-month period ending in January, the Hourly Earnings Index in dollars of constant purchasing power declined 2.0 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					
	Feb. 1974	Jan. 1975	Feb. 1975	Feb. 1974	Oct. 1974	Nov. 1974	Dec. 1974	Jan. 1975	Feb. 1975
TOTAL									
Total noninstitutional population ¹	149,857	152,230	152,445	149,857	151,593	151,812	152,020	152,230	152,445
Total labor force	91,692	93,342	93,111	92,809	94,058	93,921	94,015	94,284	93,709
Participation rate	61.2	61.3	61.1	61.9	62.0	61.9	61.8	61.9	61.5
Civilian noninstitutional population ¹	147,599	150,037	150,246	147,599	149,380	149,600	149,809	150,037	150,246
Civilian labor force	89,434	91,149	90,913	90,551	91,844	91,708	91,803	92,091	91,511
Participation rate	60.6	60.8	60.5	61.3	61.5	61.3	61.3	61.4	60.9
Employed	84,294	82,969	82,604	85,861	86,304	85,689	85,202	84,562	84,027
Agriculture	3,283	2,888	2,890	3,811	3,440	3,375	3,339	3,383	3,326
Nonagricultural industries	81,011	80,082	79,714	82,050	82,864	82,314	81,863	81,179	80,701
Unemployed	5,140	8,180	8,309	4,690	5,540	6,019	6,601	7,529	7,484
Unemployment rate	5.7	9.0	9.1	5.2	6.0	6.6	7.2	8.2	8.2
Not in labor force	58,165	58,888	59,333	57,048	57,536	57,892	58,006	57,946	58,735
Males, 20 years and over									
Total noninstitutional population ¹	63,536	64,552	64,644	63,536	64,279	64,374	64,462	64,552	64,644
Total labor force	51,772	52,153	52,149	52,136	52,554	52,509	52,414	52,244	52,150
Participation rate	81.5	80.8	80.7	82.1	81.8	81.6	81.3	80.9	80.7
Civilian noninstitutional population ¹	61,709	62,824	62,911	61,709	62,506	62,601	62,690	62,824	62,911
Civilian labor force	49,945	50,425	50,417	50,309	50,781	50,737	50,642	50,515	50,417
Participation rate	80.9	80.3	80.1	81.5	81.2	81.0	80.8	80.4	80.1
Employed	47,754	46,753	46,512	48,554	48,584	48,379	47,961	47,490	47,288
Agriculture	2,483	2,226	2,282	2,694	2,477	2,429	2,451	2,422	2,475
Nonagricultural industries	45,271	44,527	44,230	45,860	46,107	45,950	45,510	45,068	44,813
Unemployed	2,191	3,672	3,905	1,755	2,197	2,358	2,681	3,025	3,129
Unemployment rate	4.4	7.3	7.7	3.5	4.3	4.6	5.3	6.0	6.2
Not in labor force	11,764	12,399	12,494	11,400	11,725	11,864	12,048	12,309	12,494
Females, 20 years and over									
Civilian noninstitutional population ¹	69,937	71,061	71,167	69,937	70,749	70,858	70,961	71,061	71,167
Civilian labor force	31,512	32,632	32,563	31,373	32,039	32,059	32,305	32,556	32,326
Participation rate	45.1	45.9	45.8	44.9	45.3	45.2	45.5	45.8	45.4
Employed	29,823	29,856	29,813	29,772	30,237	29,945	29,992	29,932	29,719
Agriculture	479	389	362	627	494	464	454	524	474
Nonagricultural industries	29,343	29,467	29,450	29,145	29,743	29,481	29,538	29,408	29,245
Unemployed	1,689	2,776	2,750	1,601	1,802	2,114	2,313	2,624	2,607
Unemployment rate	5.4	8.5	8.4	5.1	5.6	6.6	7.2	8.1	8.1
Not in labor force	38,426	38,429	38,604	38,564	38,710	38,799	38,656	38,505	38,841
Both sexes, 16-19 years									
Civilian noninstitutional population ¹	15,952	16,152	16,168	15,952	16,124	16,141	16,157	16,152	16,168
Civilian labor force	7,977	8,092	7,934	8,869	9,024	8,912	8,856	9,020	8,768
Participation rate	50.0	50.1	49.1	55.6	56.0	55.2	54.8	55.8	54.2
Employed	6,717	6,361	6,280	7,535	7,483	7,365	7,249	7,140	7,020
Agriculture	320	272	246	490	469	482	434	437	377
Nonagricultural industries	6,397	6,088	6,034	7,045	7,014	6,883	6,815	6,703	6,643
Unemployed	1,260	1,732	1,654	1,334	1,541	1,547	1,607	1,880	1,748
Unemployment rate	15.8	21.4	20.8	15.0	17.1	17.4	18.1	20.8	19.9
Not in labor force	7,976	8,060	8,235	7,083	7,100	7,229	7,301	7,132	7,400
WHITE									
Civilian noninstitutional population ¹	130,555	132,533	132,720	130,555	132,013	132,189	132,356	132,553	132,720
Civilian labor force	79,301	80,933	80,688	80,129	81,439	81,355c	81,338	81,706	81,071
Participation rate	60.7	61.1	60.8	61.4	61.7	61.5	61.5	61.6	61.1
Employed	75,137	74,172	73,825	76,433	76,997	76,538	76,106	75,535	75,043
Agriculture	4,164	3,762	3,863	4,642	4,817c	4,817c	5,232	6,151	6,028
Nonagricultural industries	70,973	70,410	70,000	71,831	72,180	71,721	70,874	70,384	69,015
Unemployed	4,164	6,761	6,863	3,696	4,442	4,817c	5,232	6,151	6,028
Unemployment rate	5.3	8.4	8.5	4.6	5.5	5.9	6.4	7.5	7.4
Not in labor force	51,255	51,600	52,032	50,426	50,574	50,834c	51,018	50,847	51,649
NEGRO AND OTHER RACES									
Civilian noninstitutional population ¹	17,044	17,484	17,527	17,044	17,367	17,411	17,452	17,484	17,527
Civilian labor force	10,133	10,216	10,225	10,332	10,461	10,394	10,389	10,464	10,387
Participation rate	59.5	58.4	58.3	60.6	60.2	59.7	59.5	59.8	59.3
Employed	9,157	8,797	8,779	9,379	9,316	9,188	9,090	9,057	8,989
Agriculture	976	1,418	1,447	953	1,145	1,206	1,299	1,407	1,398
Nonagricultural industries	8,181	7,379	7,332	8,426	8,171	7,982	7,891	7,650	7,591
Unemployed	976	1,418	1,447	953	1,145	1,206	1,299	1,407	1,398
Unemployment rate	9.6	13.9	14.1	9.2	10.9	11.6	12.5	13.4	13.5
Not in labor force	6,911	7,268	7,301	6,712	6,906	7,017	7,063	7,020	7,140

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.
c=corrected.

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Table A-2. Major unemployment indicators, seasonally adjusted

Selected categories	Number of unemployed persons (in thousands)		Unemployment rates					
	Feb. 1974	Feb. 1975	Feb. 1974	Oct. 1974	Nov. 1974	Dec. 1974	Jan. 1975	Feb. 1975
Total, 16 years and over	4,690	7,484	5.2	6.0	6.6	7.2	8.2	8.2
Males, 20 years and over	1,755	3,129	3.5	4.3	4.6	5.3	6.0	6.2
Females, 20 years and over	1,601	2,607	5.1	5.6	6.6	7.2	8.1	8.1
Both sexes, 16-19 years	1,334	1,748	15.0	17.1	17.4	18.1	20.8	19.9
White, total	3,152	6,028	4.6	5.5	5.9	6.4	7.5	7.4
Males, 20 years and over	1,392	2,523	3.1	4.0	4.2	4.7	5.5	5.6
Females, 20 years and over	1,272	2,143	4.7	5.2	6.1	6.5	7.7	7.6
Both sexes, 16-19 years	488	1,362	13.1	14.8	15.1	15.9	18.4	17.5
Negro and other races, total	953	1,398	9.2	10.9	11.6	12.5	13.4	13.5
Males, 20 years and over	350	577	6.7	7.6	8.5	9.3	10.5	11.1
Females, 20 years and over	330	463	7.9	9.5	9.8	10.9	11.0	10.9
Both sexes, 16-19 years	273	358	29.4	34.5	36.9	37.7	41.1	36.7
Household heads	1,545	2,840	3.0	3.7	3.9	4.6	5.2	5.4
Married men, spouse present	970	1,872	2.4	3.0	3.3	3.8	4.5	4.7
Full-time workers	3,561	6,114	4.6	5.8	6.2	6.8	7.7	7.5
Part-time workers	1,091	1,336	8.3	8.7	9.2	9.6	10.5	10.3
Unemployed 15 weeks and over ¹	812	1,822	.9	1.1	1.2	1.4	1.7	2.0
State insured ²	2,059	3,883	3.3	3.6	4.3	4.8	5.5	5.9
Labor force time lost ³	—	—	5.6	6.6	7.2	7.9	8.9	8.9
OCCUPATION⁴								
White-collar workers	1,332	1,940	3.1	3.3	3.8	4.1	4.6	4.5
Professional and technical	260	407	2.1	2.3	2.6	2.5	2.9	3.2
Managers and administrators, except farm	155	241	1.7	1.8	2.2	2.6	3.3	2.7
Sales workers	233	304	4.1	4.5	5.0	6.0	5.7	5.3
Clerical workers	684	988	4.5	4.5	5.1	5.4	6.3	6.2
Blue-collar workers	1,902	3,397	6.0	7.4	8.3	9.3	11.0	10.9
Craft and kindred workers	458	763	3.9	5.0	5.3	6.1	7.0	6.5
Operatives	997	1,957	6.6	8.1	9.8	10.7	13.1	13.3
Nonfarm laborers	447	677	9.1	10.8	11.0	13.0	14.3	14.1
Service workers	721	976	6.0	6.6	6.8	7.1	8.1	7.7
Farm workers	73	89	2.1	2.6	2.5	2.4	3.6	3.0
INDUSTRY⁴								
Nonagricultural private wage and salary workers ⁵	3,493	5,828	5.3	6.2	6.8	7.7	8.7	8.8
Construction	381	688	8.2	12.0	13.5	14.9	15.0	15.9
Manufacturing	1,121	2,326	5.2	6.4	7.4	8.9	10.5	11.0
Durable goods	628	1,361	4.9	6.1	7.0	8.7	10.5	10.9
Nondurable goods	493	965	5.5	6.9	7.9	9.1	10.3	11.1
Transportation and public utilities	147	261	3.0	3.4	3.4	3.9	5.9	5.2
Wholesale and retail trade	958	1,309	6.0	6.8	7.0	8.1	8.5	8.0
Finance and service industries	866	1,207	4.8	4.8	5.4	5.4	6.2	6.5
Government workers	406	539	2.9	3.0	3.5	3.2	3.4	3.6
Agricultural wage and salary workers	103	115	6.7	7.9	7.2	7.9	10.2	8.8
VETERAN STATUS								
Males, Vietnam-era veterans ⁶ :								
20 to 34 years	284	519	5.0	5.7	6.1	7.6	9.0	8.8
20 to 24 years	127	182	9.5	12.1	13.0	15.6	19.7	17.3
25 to 29 years	126	243	3.9	4.8	5.1	6.7	6.9	7.4
30 to 34 years	31	94	2.6	2.4	3.0	3.7	6.1	5.9
Males, nonveterans:								
20 to 34 years	713	1,328	5.4	6.8	7.5	8.1	8.6	9.5
20 to 24 years	458	798	7.7	8.9	9.9	10.4	11.6	12.6
25 to 29 years	159	344	4.2	6.2	6.9	7.2	7.2	8.6
30 to 34 years	96	186	2.7	3.9	4.2	5.1	5.1	5.1

¹ Unemployment rate calculated as a percent of civilian labor force.² Insured unemployment under State programs; unemployment rate calculated as a percent of average covered employment.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					
	Feb. 1974	Feb. 1975	Feb. 1974	Oct. 1974	Nov. 1974	Dec. 1974	Jan. 1975	Feb. 1975
Total employed, 16 years and over	84,294	82,604	85,861	86,304	85,689	85,202	84,562	84,027
Males	51,376	49,848	52,731	52,674	52,410	51,953	51,329	51,112
Females	32,918	32,756	33,130	33,630	33,279	33,249	33,233	32,915
Household heads	50,266	49,176	50,790	50,957	50,737	50,427	49,933	49,672
Married men, spouse present	38,797	37,346	39,239	38,978	38,727	38,377	37,954	37,761
Married women, spouse present	19,378	19,288	19,270	19,813	19,599	19,463	19,330	19,173
OCCUPATION								
White-collar workers	41,526	41,776	41,352	41,914	41,733	41,690	42,073	41,602
Professional and technical	12,560	12,717	12,333	12,327	12,237	12,200	12,439	12,492
Managers and administrators, except farm	8,932	8,570	9,011	8,883	8,811	8,760	8,929	8,648
Sales workers	5,273	5,319	5,408	5,490	5,382	5,279	5,379	5,455
Clerical workers	14,761	15,172	14,600	15,214	15,303	15,451	15,326	15,007
Blue-collar workers	28,757	26,789	29,918	29,800	29,579	29,018	28,134	27,859
Craft and kindred workers	11,020	10,584	11,378	11,538	11,509	11,251	10,920	10,923
Operatives	13,752	12,530	14,053	13,779	13,654	13,395	13,059	12,799
Nonfarm laborers	3,985	3,674	4,487	4,483	4,416	4,372	4,155	4,137
Service workers	11,131	11,535	11,234	11,609	11,478	11,548	11,661	11,653
Farm workers	2,881	2,503	3,326	2,974	2,914	2,926	2,954	2,872
MAJOR INDUSTRY AND CLASS OF WORKER								
Agriculture:								
Wage and salary workers	1,213	1,013	1,431	1,378	1,386	1,272	1,310	1,196
Self-employed workers	1,773	1,638	1,911	1,703	1,625	1,673	1,680	1,765
Unpaid family workers	297	239	428	374	346	356	376	345
Nonagricultural industries:								
Wage and salary workers	75,182	73,955	76,137	76,764	76,213	75,671c	74,942	74,811
Private households	1,487	1,288	1,502	1,370	1,267	1,259	1,326	1,301
Government	14,051	14,634	13,834	13,997	14,039	14,231c	14,351	14,404
Other	59,644	58,033	60,801	61,397	60,907	60,181c	59,265	59,106
Self-employed workers	5,409	5,327	5,456	5,735	5,704	5,641	5,561	5,375
Unpaid family workers	421	431	487	482	484	498	549	498
PERSONS AT WORK ¹								
Nonagricultural industries	77,634	76,277	77,227	77,768	77,417	76,526	76,592	75,914
Full-time schedules	63,719	61,513	64,016	64,306	63,694	62,733	62,295	61,822
Part time for economic reasons	2,597	3,602	2,719	2,929	3,180	3,375	3,837	3,747
Usually work full time	1,375	2,086	1,350	1,377	1,575	1,847	2,037	2,047
Usually work part time	1,222	1,516	1,369	1,552	1,605	1,528	1,800	1,700
Part time for noneconomic reasons	11,318	11,162	10,492	10,533	10,543	10,418	10,460	10,345

¹ Excludes persons "with a job but not at work" during the survey period for such reasons as vacation, illness, or industrial disputes.

c=corrected.

Table A-4. Duration of unemployment

[Numbers in thousands]

Weeks of unemployment	Not seasonally adjusted		Seasonally adjusted					
	Feb. 1974	Feb. 1975	Feb. 1974	Oct. 1974	Nov. 1974	Dec. 1974	Jan. 1975	Feb. 1975
Less than 5 weeks	2,383	2,879	2,411	2,765	2,981	3,077	3,316	2,914
5 to 14 weeks	1,851	3,399	1,414	1,754	1,931	2,062	2,663	2,597
15 weeks and over	905	2,031	812	1,016	1,117	1,319	1,537	1,822
15 to 26 weeks	574	1,312	488	640	691	782	914	1,118
27 weeks and over	331	718	324	376	426	537	623	704
Average (mean) duration, in weeks	9.7	11.8	9.6	9.8	9.8	10.0	10.7	11.7
PERCENT DISTRIBUTION								
Total unemployed	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Less than 5 weeks	46.4	34.6	52.0	50.0	49.4	47.6	44.1	39.7
5 to 14 weeks	36.0	40.9	30.5	31.7	32.0	31.9	35.4	35.4
15 weeks and over	17.6	24.4	17.5	18.4	18.5	20.4	20.4	24.8
15 to 26 weeks	11.2	15.8	10.5	11.6	11.5	12.1	12.2	15.2
27 weeks and over	6.4	8.6	7.0	6.8	7.1	8.3	8.3	9.6

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Table A-5. Reasons for unemployment

[Numbers in thousands]

Reason	Not seasonally adjusted		Seasonally adjusted					
	Feb. 1974	Feb. 1975	Feb. 1974	Oct. 1974	Nov. 1974	Dec. 1974	Jan. 1975	Feb. 1975
NUMBER OF UNEMPLOYED								
Lost last job	2,565	5,110	2,017	2,418	2,840	3,190	3,831	4,017
Left last job	769	758	741	834	784	788	760	730
Reentered labor force	1,292	1,740	1,252	1,450	1,670	1,762	1,924	1,686
Seeking first job	514	701	620	770	784	778	858	846
PERCENT DISTRIBUTION								
Total unemployed	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Job losers	49.9	61.5	43.6	44.2	46.7	48.9	52.0	55.2
Job leavers	15.0	9.1	16.0	15.2	12.9	12.1	10.3	10.0
Reentrants	25.1	20.9	27.0	26.5	27.5	27.0	26.1	23.2
New entrants	10.0	8.4	13.4	14.1	12.9	11.9	11.6	11.6
UNEMPLOYED AS A PERCENT OF THE CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE								
Job losers	2.9	5.6	2.2	2.6	3.1	3.5	4.2	4.4
Job leavers9	.8	.8	.9	.9	.9	.8	.8
Reentrants	1.4	1.9	1.4	1.6	1.8	1.9	2.1	1.8
New entrants6	.8	.7	.8	.9	.8	.9	.9

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	Feb. 1974	Oct. 1974	Nov. 1974	Dec. 1974	Jan. 1975	Feb. 1975
	Feb. 1974	Feb. 1975							
Total, 16 years and over	5,140	8,309	82.0	5.2	6.0	6.6	7.2	8.2	8.2
16 to 19 years	1,260	1,654	53.7	15.0	17.1	17.4	18.1	20.8	19.9
16 to 17 years	613	740	27.7	17.6	18.8	19.5	21.2	22.6	21.6
18 to 19 years	647	914	74.7	12.9	15.7	15.8	16.0	19.6	18.2
20 to 24 years	1,209	1,963	87.0	8.5	9.4	10.5	11.7	12.4	13.3
25 years and over	2,671	4,693	90.0	3.3	4.0	4.4	4.9	5.7	5.7
25 to 54 years	2,197	3,940	91.6	3.4	4.2	4.7	5.1	6.1	6.0
55 years and over	474	753	80.9	3.0	3.1	3.2	3.7	4.2	4.8
Males, 16 years and over	2,899	4,867	85.6	4.5	5.4	5.7	6.4	7.2	7.4
16 to 19 years	708	961	52.7	14.4	16.5	17.1	17.4	19.8	20.0
16 to 17 years	374	450	27.1	17.5	17.9	19.7	21.1	22.3	22.0
18 to 19 years	334	512	75.0	11.7	15.2	15.1	14.9	18.2	17.9
20 to 24 years	697	1,163	89.4	8.1	9.4	10.4	11.2	12.6	13.3
25 years and over	1,494	2,742	95.6	2.7	3.4	3.7	4.3 ^c	4.8	5.0
25 to 54 years	1,173	2,270	97.6	2.7	3.6	3.9	4.4	5.1	5.1
55 years and over	321	472	85.8	3.0	2.7	2.8	3.4	3.9	4.4
Females, 16 years and over	2,241	3,443	77.0	6.3	7.0	7.8	8.5	9.7	9.4
16 to 19 years	552	693	55.1	15.8	17.8	17.6	19.0	22.1	19.9
16 to 17 years	239	290	28.6	17.6	20.0	19.3	21.4	23.0	21.1
18 to 19 years	313	402	74.4	14.3	16.2	16.6	17.3	21.1	18.5
20 to 24 years	512	799	83.6	8.9	9.5	10.7	12.4	12.2	13.3
25 years and over	1,177	1,951	82.0	4.3	4.9	5.7	5.9	7.1	6.9
25 to 54 years	1,024	1,670	84.0	4.7	5.2	6.1	6.3	7.6	7.4
55 years and over	153	281	72.6	3.0	3.7	3.9	4.4	4.9	5.5

^c=corrected.

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

[In thousands]

Industry	Not seasonally adjusted				Seasonally adjusted					
	Feb. 1974	Dec. 1974	Jan. 1975 ^p	Feb. 1975 ^p	Feb. 1974	Oct. 1974	Nov. 1974	Dec. 1974	Jan. 1975 ^p	Feb. 1975 ^p
TOTAL	77,011	78,441	76,126	75,601	78,053	78,865	78,404	77,690	77,166	76,558
GOODS-PRODUCING	24,319	23,554	22,585	22,032	24,943	24,585	24,187	23,606	23,192	22,579
MINING	646	657	691	694	661	692	693	662	702	710
CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION	3,702	3,722	3,365	3,221	4,127	3,911	3,861	3,798	3,781	3,587
MANUFACTURING	19,971	19,175	18,529	18,117	20,155	19,982	19,633	19,146	18,709	18,282
<i>Production workers</i>	14,598	13,814	13,214	12,830	14,764	14,548	14,222	13,776	13,381	12,977
DURABLE GOODS	11,800	11,316	10,924	10,654	11,883	11,841	11,611	11,291	11,000	10,725
<i>Production workers</i>	8,595	8,119	7,757	7,512	8,669	8,593	8,380	8,086	7,829	7,574
Ordnance and accessories	179.8	182.9	182.4	179.9	180	184	182	182	181	180
Lumber and wood products	636.8	566.6	538.6	527.4	656	610	586	575	557	543
Furniture and fixtures	537.8	486.5	462.9	446.4	541	518	497	483	463	449
Stone, clay, and glass products	681.2	645.7	610.9	605.8	702	678	667	652	630	625
Primary metal industries	1,333.6	1,293.4	1,272.0	1,238.8	1,339	1,353	1,336	1,304	1,280	1,244
Fabricated metal products	1,487.0	1,413.1	1,347.9	1,311.9	1,498	1,479	1,452	1,403	1,355	1,321
Machinery, except electrical	2,180.1	2,203.6	2,164.3	2,126.4	2,169	2,239	2,227	2,199	2,164	2,116
Electrical equipment	2,057.4	1,888.8	1,832.9	1,767.0	2,064	2,000	1,939	1,876	1,837	1,772
Transportation equipment	1,743.3	1,701.9	1,608.8	1,561.6	1,754	1,807	1,769	1,683	1,612	1,571
Instruments and related products	523.2	521.7	511.9	501.0	525	532	526	520	513	503
Miscellaneous manufacturing	439.8	411.9	391.0	387.6	455	441	430	414	408	401
NONDURABLE GOODS	8,171	7,859	7,605	7,463	8,272	8,141	8,022	7,855	7,709	7,557
<i>Production workers</i>	6,003	5,695	5,457	5,318	6,095	5,955	5,842	5,690	5,552	5,403
Food and kindred products	1,663.8	1,677.2	1,610.2	1,588.3	1,739	1,719	1,705	1,692	1,669	1,660
Tobacco manufactures	77.8	80.3	78.2	74.6	81	77	75	76	79	77
Textile mill products	1,028.6	924.7	878.9	852.5	1,030	978	954	919	881	853
Apparel and other textile products	1,375.4	1,234.0	1,184.3	1,176.1	1,373	1,320	1,291	1,236	1,205	1,174
Paper and allied products	708.0	681.8	662.1	642.4	714	701	691	678	666	648
Printing and publishing	1,114.0	1,108.6	1,097.3	1,086.0	1,114	1,112	1,104	1,101	1,098	1,086
Chemicals and allied products	1,044.1	1,047.3	1,031.4	1,019.1	1,052	1,071	1,065	1,050	1,039	1,026
Petroleum and coal products	190.2	193.3	185.1	182.7	196	195	196	195	189	188
Rubber and plastics products, nec.	681.9	640.5	617.2	584.5	685	690	664	638	620	587
Leather and leather products	286.8	271.0	260.7	257.2	288	278	277	270	263	258
SERVICE-PRODUCING	52,692	54,887	53,541	53,569	53,110	54,280	54,217	54,084	53,974	53,979
TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC UTILITIES	4,651	4,663	4,552	4,519	4,717	4,699	4,697	4,668	4,607	4,583
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE ..	16,513	17,591	16,662	16,456	16,871	17,160	17,048	16,912	16,838	16,813
WHOLESALE TRADE	4,190	4,288	4,218	4,181	4,232	4,287	4,283	4,267	4,243	4,223
RETAIL TRADE	12,323	13,303	12,444	12,275	12,639	12,873	12,765	12,645	12,595	12,590
FINANCE, INSURANCE, AND REAL ESTATE	4,105	4,161	4,132	4,125	4,142	4,185	4,183	4,182	4,174	4,162
SERVICES	13,153	13,665	13,500	13,588	13,313	13,705	13,721	13,734	13,733	13,753
GOVERNMENT	14,270	14,807	14,695	14,881	14,067	14,531	14,568	14,588	14,622	14,668
FEDERAL	2,683	2,756	2,709	2,713	2,696	2,748	2,746	2,738	2,731	2,727
STATE AND LOCAL	11,587	12,051	11,986	12,168	11,371	11,783	11,822	11,850	11,891	11,941

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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					
	Feb. 1974	Dec. 1974	Jan. 1975 ^p	Feb. 1975 ^p	Feb. 1974	Oct. 1974	Nov. 1974	Dec. 1974	Jan. 1975 ^p	Feb. 1975 ^p
TOTAL PRIVATE	36.5	36.5	35.8	35.8	36.8	36.6	36.2	36.4	36.2	36.1
MINING	42.8	41.5	41.8	41.8	43.3	43.4	36.4	41.0	42.2	42.3
CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION	36.2	36.8	35.4	35.3	37.6	37.2	37.1	37.5	37.1	36.6
MANUFACTURING	40.1	39.9	38.7	38.5	40.4	40.1	39.5	39.4	39.2	38.8
<i>Overtime hours</i>	3.3	2.8	2.2	2.1	3.5	3.2	2.8	2.7	2.3	2.2
DURABLE GOODS	40.7	40.8	39.5	39.3	40.9	40.7	40.2	40.2	40.0	39.5
<i>Overtime hours</i>	3.4	3.0	2.3	2.2	3.6	3.4	3.0	2.8	2.5	2.3
Ordnance and accessories	41.6	42.3	41.8	41.2	41.4	41.4	41.9	41.8	42.1	41.0
Lumber and wood products	40.1	38.2	37.0	37.2	40.7	38.9	38.5	38.1	37.9	37.7
Furniture and fixtures	39.0	38.0	35.9	35.5	39.6	38.6	37.7	37.3	36.4	36.1
Stone, clay, and glass products	41.1	41.0	39.8	39.6	41.8	41.4	41.2	41.0	40.9	40.3
Primary metal industries	41.4	41.3	40.4	39.9	41.5	42.2	41.7	41.1	40.4	40.0
Fabricated metal products	40.8	41.1	39.8	39.4	41.2	41.0	40.4	40.6	40.4	39.8
Machinery, except electrical	42.4	42.9	41.6	41.2	42.4	42.4	42.3	42.1	41.8	41.2
Electrical equipment	39.7	40.1	39.1	39.1	39.9	39.7	39.4	39.5	39.4	39.3
Transportation equipment	40.1	40.9	38.9	39.0	40.3	40.6	39.5	39.5	39.6	39.2
Instruments and related products	40.6	40.3	39.3	38.8	40.8	39.9	39.9	39.8	39.6	39.0
Miscellaneous manufacturing	38.7	38.4	37.4	37.3	38.7	38.4	38.0	38.1	38.0	37.3
NONDURABLE GOODS	39.2	38.5	37.6	37.3	39.5	39.0	38.4	38.2	38.0	37.6
<i>Overtime hours</i>	3.0	2.5	2.1	1.9	3.2	2.9	2.5	2.5	2.2	2.0
Food and kindred products	40.0	40.4	39.6	39.1	40.7	40.3	40.0	40.0	39.9	39.7
Tobacco manufactures	37.6	38.7	37.2	36.7	38.8	37.0	37.4	37.7	37.5	37.9
Textile mill products	40.4	37.0	35.8	35.8	40.6	38.3	37.6	36.6	36.1	36.0
Apparel and other textile products	35.4	34.2	33.4	33.4	35.6	35.4	34.4	34.2	34.0	33.6
Paper and allied products	42.1	41.6	40.8	40.0	42.5	41.7	41.3	41.2	41.1	40.4
Printing and publishing	37.3	37.8	36.9	36.9	37.7	37.7	37.4	37.3	37.5	37.3
Chemicals and allied products	41.8	41.3	40.5	40.3	41.9	41.4	41.2	41.0	40.6	40.4
Petroleum and coal products	41.9	42.2	41.1	41.3	42.7	42.6	42.2	42.3	41.9	42.1
Rubber and plastics products, nec	40.6	39.9	39.2	38.5	40.8	40.8	39.8	39.5	39.5	38.7
Leather and leather products	37.7	36.6	35.4	35.0	37.8	37.0	36.6	36.1	35.7	35.1
TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC UTILITIES	40.2	40.1	39.7	39.5	40.5	40.4	39.9	40.1	40.1	39.8
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE	33.9	34.2	33.3	33.4	34.4	33.9	33.9	34.0	33.8	33.9
WHOLESALE TRADE	38.7	39.0	38.4	38.4	39.0	38.7	38.6	38.6	38.6	38.7
RETAIL TRADE	32.4	32.7	31.8	31.8	32.9	32.4	32.4	32.4	32.3	32.3
FINANCE, INSURANCE, AND REAL ESTATE	36.8	36.9	37.0	37.2	36.8	36.7	36.7	36.9	37.1	37.2
SERVICES	33.8	34.0	33.9	34.0	34.0	33.9	34.0	34.0	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 services. These groups account for approximately four-fifths of the total employment on private nonagricultural payrolls.

p=preliminary.

Table B-3. Average hourly and weekly earnings of production or nonsupervisory workers¹ on private nonagricultural payrolls, by industry

Industry	Average hourly earnings				Average weekly earnings			
	Feb. 1974	Dec. 1974	Jan. 1975 ^p	Feb. ^p 1975	Feb. 1974	Dec. 1974	Jan. 1975 ^p	Feb. ^p 1975
TOTAL PRIVATE	\$4.07	\$4.38	\$4.40	\$4.41	\$148.56	\$159.87	\$157.52	\$157.88
<i>Seasonally adjusted</i>	4.08	4.39	4.40	4.42	150.14	159.80	159.28	159.56
MINING	5.01	5.42	5.65	5.72	214.43	224.93	236.17	239.10
CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION	6.54	7.05	7.08	7.06	236.75	259.44	250.63	249.22
MANUFACTURING	4.22	4.65	4.65	4.67	169.22	185.54	179.96	179.80
DURABLE GOODS	4.48	4.95	4.94	4.97	182.34	201.96	195.13	195.32
Ordnance and accessories.....	4.59	4.95	4.96	5.02	190.94	209.39	207.33	206.82
Lumber and wood products.....	3.76	4.02	4.03	4.01	150.78	153.56	149.11	149.17
Furniture and fixtures.....	3.39	3.63	3.64	3.67	132.21	137.94	130.68	130.29
Stone, clay, and glass products.....	4.33	4.68	4.66	4.68	177.96	191.88	185.47	185.33
Primary metal industries.....	5.28	5.92	5.92	5.99	218.59	244.50	239.17	239.00
Fabricated metal products.....	4.40	4.82	4.78	4.80	179.52	198.10	190.24	189.12
Machinery, except electrical.....	4.76	5.20	5.17	5.20	201.82	223.08	215.07	214.24
Electrical equipment.....	3.99	4.41	4.41	4.44	158.40	176.84	172.43	173.60
Transportation equipment.....	5.23	5.81	5.76	5.80	209.72	237.63	224.06	226.20
Instruments and related products.....	4.07	4.40	4.41	4.42	165.24	177.32	173.31	171.50
Miscellaneous manufacturing.....	3.41	3.67	3.74	3.75	131.97	140.93	139.88	139.88
NONDURABLE GOODS	3.82	4.19	4.22	4.23	149.74	161.32	158.67	157.78
Food and kindred products.....	4.01	4.35	4.40	4.40	160.40	175.74	174.24	172.04
Tobacco manufactures.....	3.86	4.31	4.38	4.52	145.14	166.80	162.94	165.88
Textile mill products.....	3.06	3.27	3.28	3.29	123.62	120.99	117.42	117.78
Apparel and other textile products.....	2.86	3.11	3.15	3.14	101.24	106.36	105.21	104.88
Paper and allied products.....	4.31	4.73	4.75	4.75	181.45	196.77	193.80	190.00
Printing and publishing.....	4.81	5.15	5.15	5.19	179.41	194.67	190.04	191.51
Chemicals and allied products.....	4.65	5.10	5.12	5.14	194.37	210.63	207.36	207.14
Petroleum and coal products.....	5.42	5.84	5.91	6.06	227.10	246.45	242.90	250.28
Rubber and plastics products, nec.....	3.92	4.21	4.22	4.21	159.15	167.98	165.42	162.09
Leather and leather products.....	2.93	3.11	3.15	3.17	110.46	113.83	111.51	110.95
TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC UTILITIES	5.26	5.67	5.70	5.72	211.45	227.37	226.29	225.94
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE	3.35	3.58	3.65	3.67	113.57	122.44	121.55	122.58
WHOLESALE TRADE	4.31	4.70	4.72	4.77	166.80	183.30	181.25	183.17
RETAIL TRADE	2.99	3.18	3.24	3.26	96.88	103.99	103.03	103.67
FINANCE, INSURANCE, AND REAL ESTATE	3.71	3.97	3.99	4.06	136.53	146.49	147.63	151.03
SERVICES	3.64	3.90	3.90	3.93	123.03	132.60	132.21	133.62

¹ See footnote 1, table B-2.

p=preliminary.

Table B-4. Hourly earnings index for production or nonsupervisory workers¹ on private nonagricultural payrolls, by industry division, seasonally adjusted

(1967=100)

Industry	Feb. 1974	Sept. 1974	Oct. 1974	Nov. 1974	Dec. 1974	Jan. ^p 1975	Feb. ^p 1975	Percent change from	
								Feb. 1974- Feb. 1975	Jan. 1975- Feb. 1975
TOTAL PRIVATE NONFARM:									
Current dollars	152.7	162.1	163.3	164.1	165.3	166.1	167.3	9.6	0.7
Constant (1967) dollars	107.7	106.8	106.7	106.3	106.4	106.2	N.A.	(2)	(3)
MINING	156.1	167.3	167.8	167.2	172.5	174.2	177.5	13.7	1.9
CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION	158.0	167.9	167.2	168.3	170.1	170.4	170.3	7.8	-1.1
MANUFACTURING	149.6	159.6	161.5	162.5	163.5	164.6	166.1	11.0	.9
TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC UTILITIES	162.5	171.8	174.1	174.1	174.7	175.6	176.7	8.7	.6
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE	149.1	158.7	159.7	160.3	161.0	162.5	163.5	9.6	.7
FINANCE, INSURANCE, AND REAL ESTATE	143.1	152.9	152.8	153.4	155.1	155.3	157.7	10.2	1.5
SERVICES	157.5	164.4	165.4	166.8	168.3	168.7	169.9	7.9	.7

¹ See footnote 1, table B-2.² Percent change was -2.0 from January 1974 to January 1975, the latest month available.³ Percent change was -0.1 from December 1974 to January 1975, the latest month available.

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 over-time 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.

Table B-5. Indexes of aggregate weekly man-hours of production or nonsupervisory workers¹ on private nonagricultural payrolls, by industry, seasonally adjusted

(1967 = 100)

Industry division and group	1974											1975	
	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan. ^p	Feb. ^p
TOTAL	113.7	113.3	112.7	113.6	113.5	113.3	113.4	113.4	113.0	111.2	109.7	108.6	106.6
GOODS-PRODUCING	106.1	105.1	102.9	105.0	104.6	104.0	103.8	103.7	103.0	99.4	96.5	94.0	89.8
MINING	108.8	108.5	108.9	110.1	110.3	110.2	109.9	112.3	114.0	95.8	100.9	113.2	114.1
CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION	125.1	121.2	119.1	119.7	117.8	115.3	115.6	115.2	116.5	114.4	113.1	111.6	103.0
MANUFACTURING	102.6	102.2	99.8	102.2	102.1	101.8	101.6	101.3	100.3	96.9	93.4	90.2	86.6
DURABLE GOODS	103.0	102.7	100.4	103.0	103.2	102.8	102.5	102.5	101.7	98.1	94.4	90.9	86.9
Ordnance and accessories	49.6	50.5	49.3	49.5	48.0	48.2	47.7	49.1	49.0	49.0	49.5	49.3	48.0
Lumber and wood products	109.6	108.7	108.4	108.3	106.8	104.9	103.4	99.9	95.8	90.6	87.8	84.3	81.1
Furniture and fixtures	116.4	115.9	113.8	115.6	115.6	114.0	112.3	111.0	107.4	100.6	96.1	89.2	86.1
Stone, clay, and glass products	113.4	112.8	111.2	112.0	110.8	110.9	110.6	108.8	107.7	105.2	101.7	97.7	95.1
Primary metal industries	102.3	101.6	100.6	101.2	102.2	101.6	102.6	104.6	105.0	102.3	97.7	94.1	90.0
Fabricated metal products	108.2	108.2	103.6	107.4	108.0	108.3	108.1	107.8	105.8	101.9	98.4	93.8	89.2
Machinery, except electrical	106.9	107.4	103.1	107.1	108.1	106.9	109.2	109.9	109.7	108.5	106.0	103.4	98.7
Electrical equipment and supplies	106.4	106.0	102.9	105.1	105.5	105.1	100.8	102.5	101.2	96.3	92.3	89.5	84.9
Transportation equipment	86.8	86.2	86.4	90.2	90.0	90.8	91.1	90.5	92.0	87.0	81.9	77.6	74.5
Instruments and related products	114.5	114.3	111.9	114.2	116.4	114.9	115.8	114.2	113.0	111.3	108.9	106.7	101.4
Miscellaneous manufacturing, Ind.	103.3	103.8	100.6	104.4	104.7	104.4	103.0	101.3	98.7	94.6	90.2	88.3	85.0
NONDURABLE GOODS	102.1	101.4	99.0	101.1	100.5	100.3	100.2	99.5	98.2	95.0	92.0	89.3	86.2
Food and kindred products	99.6	99.6	96.9	98.8	97.4	96.5	97.3	97.9	97.4	95.6	94.7	92.8	91.5
Tobacco manufactures	91.3	87.6	89.2	88.6	85.1	84.4	84.5	82.5	83.1	81.4	83.4	86.9	85.2
Textile mill products	105.4	103.9	100.6	103.4	103.1	101.9	100.4	98.8	93.7	89.5	83.9	78.9	75.9
Apparel and other textile products	95.0	93.4	90.8	94.0	91.1	92.9	91.7	91.3	90.3	85.9	81.3	78.8	75.7
Paper and allied products	104.4	104.4	102.2	103.9	103.6	103.3	102.5	101.8	99.3	96.8	94.4	91.8	87.4
Printing and publishing	100.1	99.1	97.5	99.4	99.7	99.4	100.2	99.1	99.1	96.9	96.4	96.6	94.5
Chemicals and allied products	104.2	104.3	103.9	103.9	104.8	105.3	106.0	105.5	105.1	103.3	100.3	97.3	94.9
Petroleum and coal products	108.3	107.6	107.1	107.5	108.0	107.0	105.4	106.1	108.0	107.0	106.4	98.5	93.8
Rubber and plastics products, nec	133.9	132.6	126.9	131.8	134.7	133.6	135.8	134.1	134.6	125.3	118.6	115.0	105.3
Leather and leather products	80.6	81.9	79.7	80.1	80.1	78.9	78.6	76.6	75.7	74.8	71.9	69.0	66.3
SERVICE-PRODUCING	118.9	119.0	119.4	119.6	119.7	119.8	120.0	120.2	119.9	119.4	118.9	118.7	118.2
TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC UTILITIES	109.9	109.4	110.4	109.8	108.7	109.7	109.3	108.4	108.9	107.5	107.1	105.6	104.2
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE	116.0	116.1	116.7	116.7	116.5	116.7	116.7	116.8	116.3	115.4	114.2	113.6	113.3
WHOLESALE TRADE	115.2	115.0	115.6	115.7	115.8	115.8	115.2	115.8	115.4	114.9	114.5	113.7	113.3
RETAIL TRADE	116.3	116.6	117.2	117.1	116.8	117.1	117.2	117.2	116.6	115.6	114.1	113.5	113.3
FINANCE, INSURANCE, AND REAL ESTATE	123.7	123.3	123.4	123.5	123.8	123.2	123.7	124.3	123.8	123.0	123.7	124.1	123.9
SERVICES	125.7	126.0	126.1	126.8	128.0	127.5	128.3	129.0	128.7	129.2	129.3	130.1	129.7

¹ See footnote 1, table B-2.

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Table B-6. Indexes of diffusion of changes in number of employees on payrolls in 172 private nonagricultural industries ¹

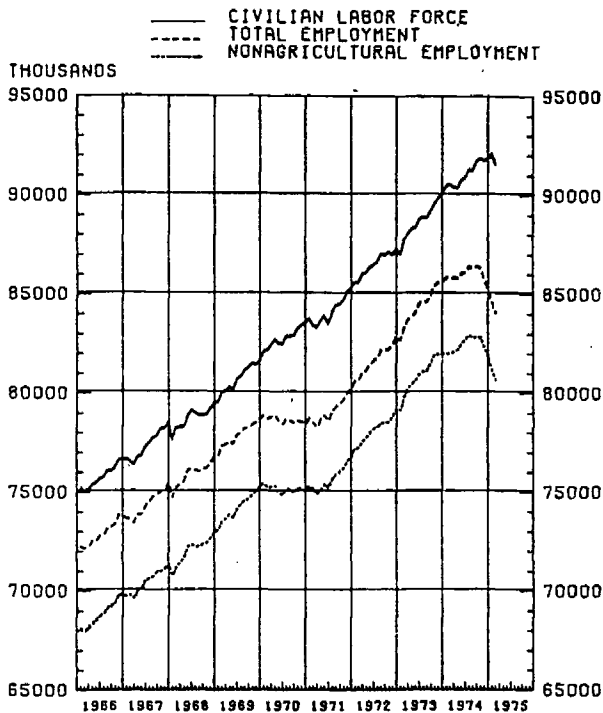
Year and month	Span			
	1-month	3-months	6-months	12-months
1972				
January	68.6	71.2	78.8	77.3
February	70.6	80.5	82.0	81.7
March	75.0	80.8	84.9	79.7
April	76.2	84.0	79.7	82.3
May	75.6	82.8	81.1	84.3
June	77.6	74.4	82.6	84.3
July	45.6	74.4	84.6	83.7
August	73.0	74.4	82.0	84.0
September	74.7	82.0	80.2	85.2
October	82.6	83.4	82.8	83.1
November	73.5	79.4	82.3	82.0
December	75.3	80.5	84.6	84.3
1973				
January	73.8	82.0	82.3	80.5
February	73.3	81.1	77.9	83.1
March	76.2	79.4	80.8	84.9
April	66.9	77.0	75.9	85.8
May	57.8	73.3	76.5	86.3
June	72.1	66.6	74.7	84.0
July	59.9	73.0	73.8	79.1
August	66.6	68.6	74.7	74.4
September	59.6	74.7	71.8	68.9
October	75.9	78.2	72.1	64.5
November	77.3	72.4	68.3	65.1
December	58.7	68.6	62.5	61.6
1974				
January	62.5	54.9	55.8	61.6
February	47.1	50.9	50.9	59.0
March	48.0	44.8	50.0	54.9
April	54.1	51.7	49.4	48.0
May	55.5	56.4	50.0	40.7
June	58.7	52.0	50.6	30.5
July	48.8	46.8	39.5	25.9p
August	52.3	42.2	34.3	20.9p
September	38.1	43.6	27.3	
October	40.4	29.1	20.6p	
November	19.2	20.9	17.2p	
December	19.8	12.8p		
1975				
January	18.0p	13.1p		
February	20.6p			
March				
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May				
June				
July				
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October				
November				
December				

¹ Each index represents the percent of industries in which employment increased over the indicated span.

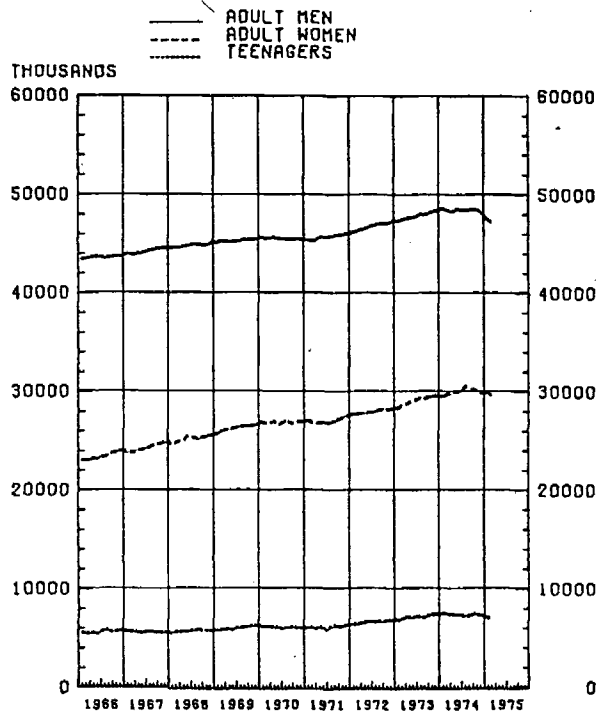
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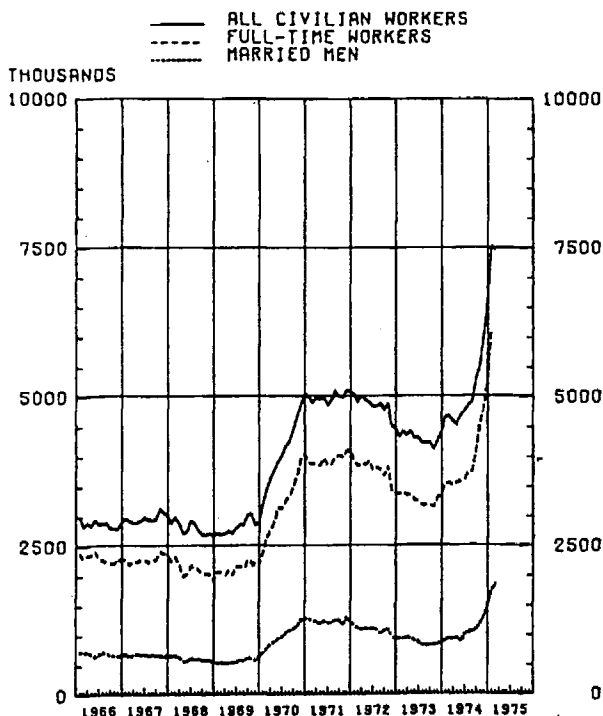
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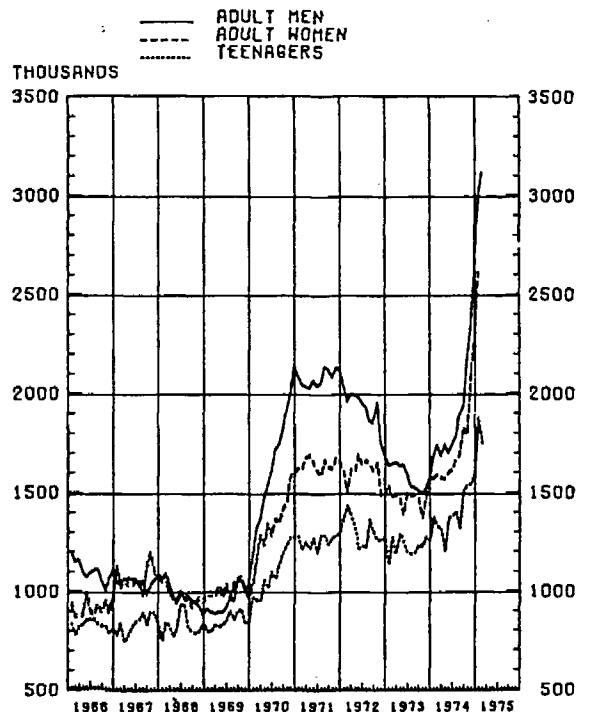
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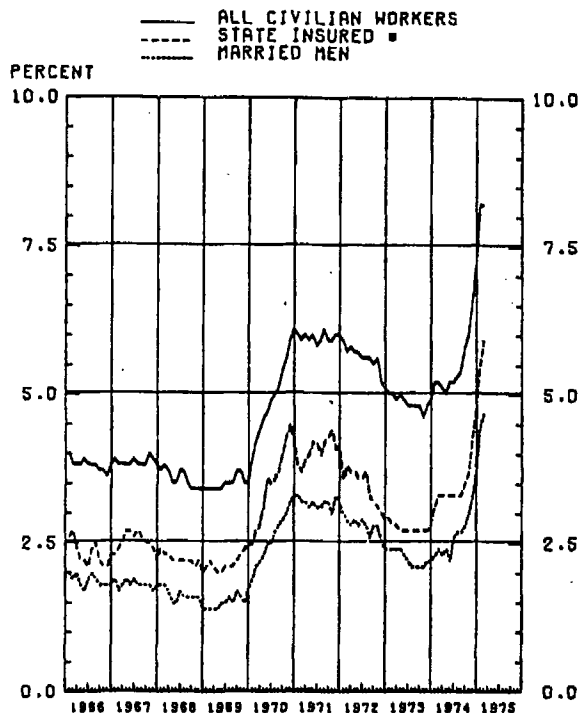


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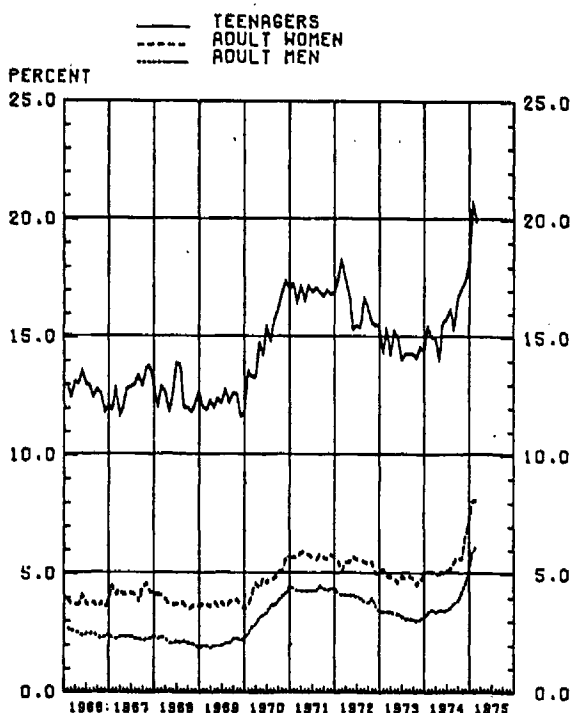


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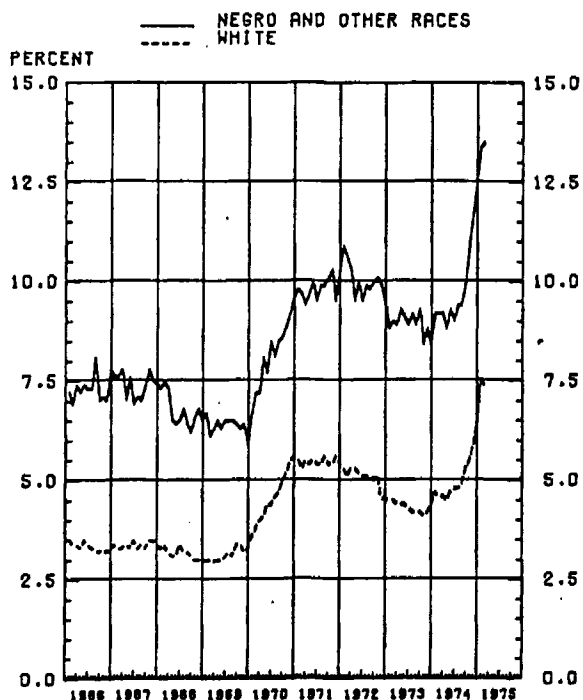
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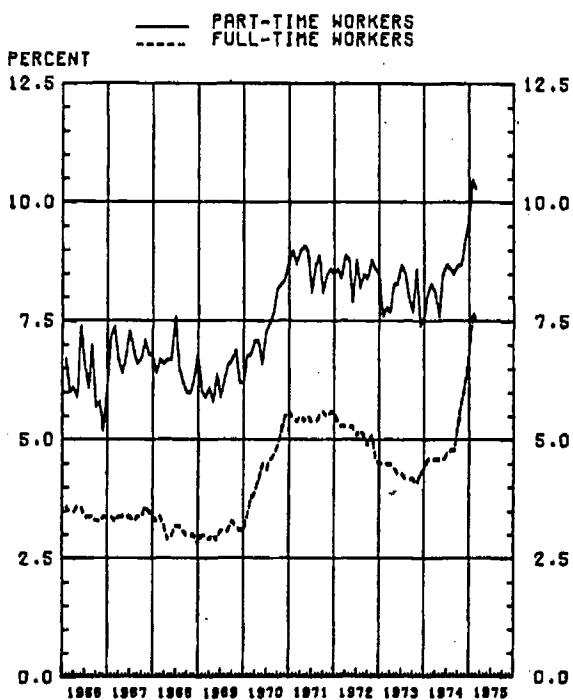
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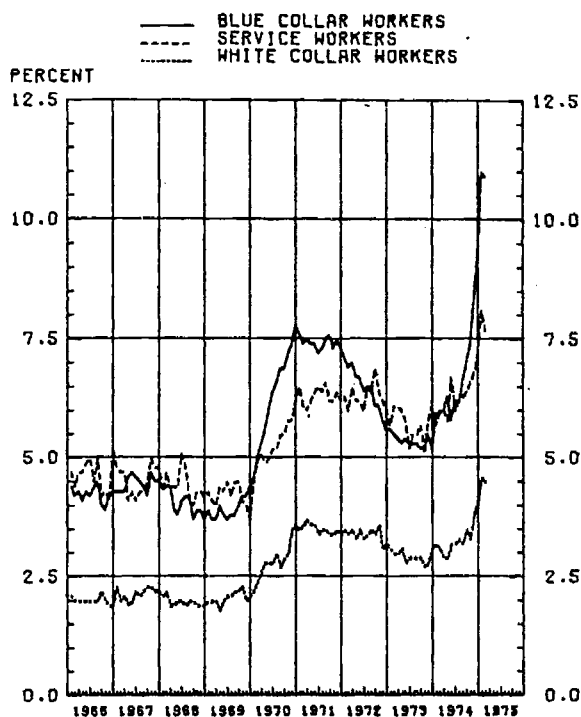
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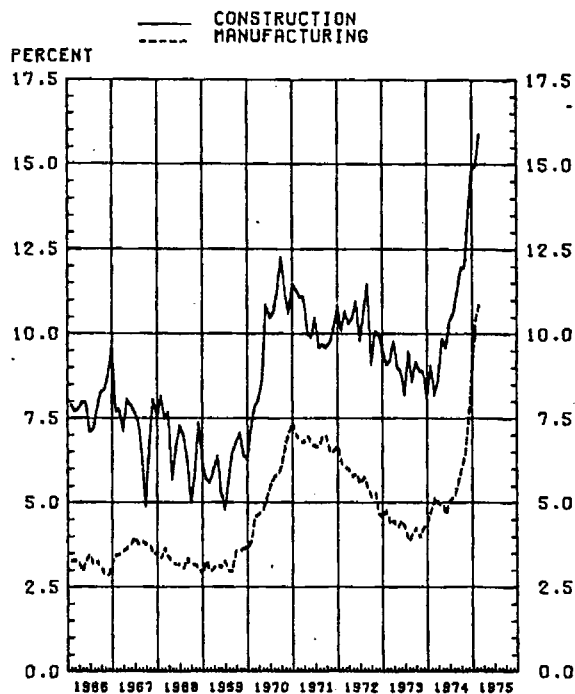
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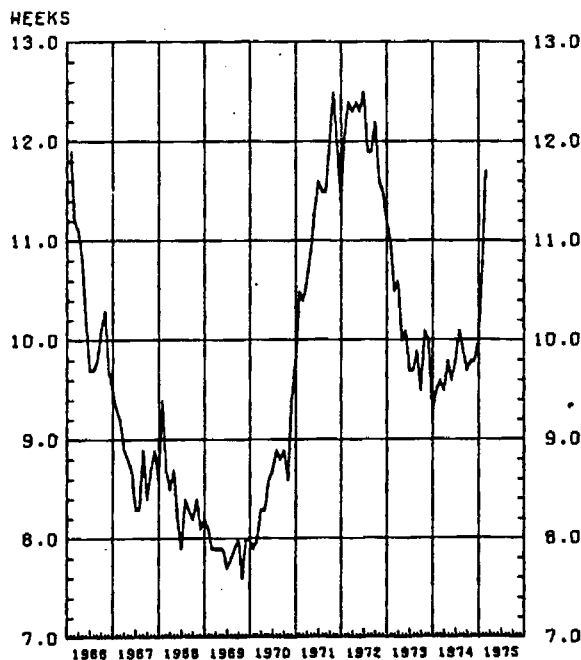
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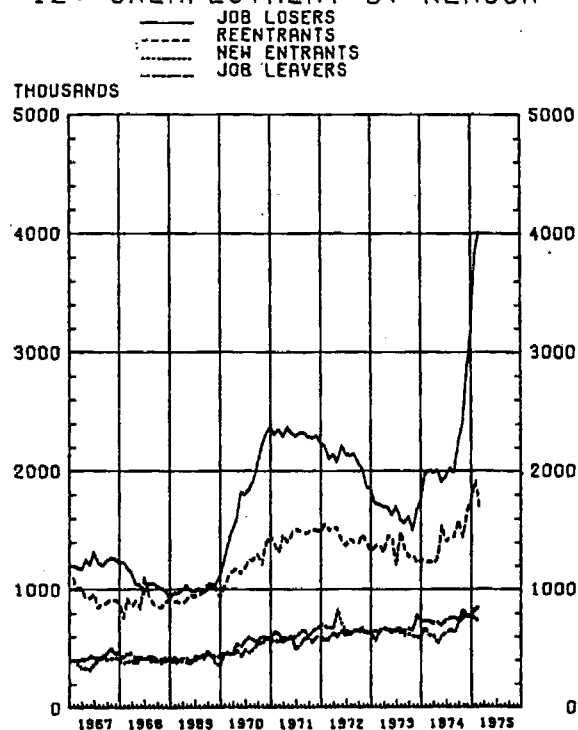
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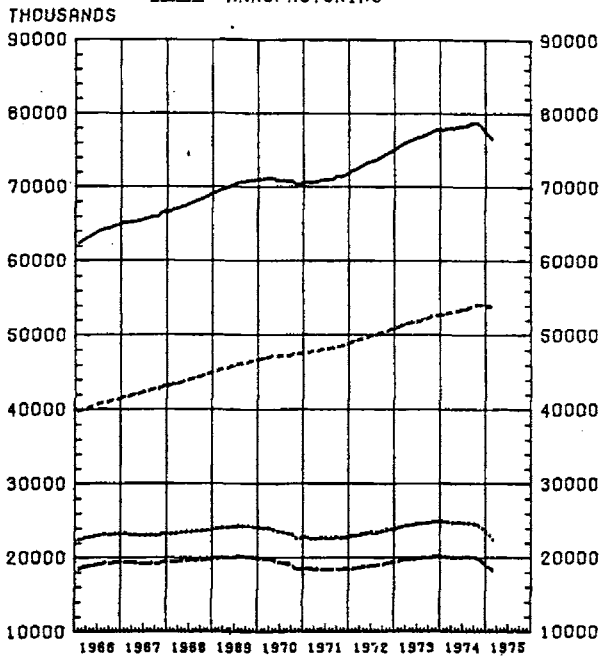
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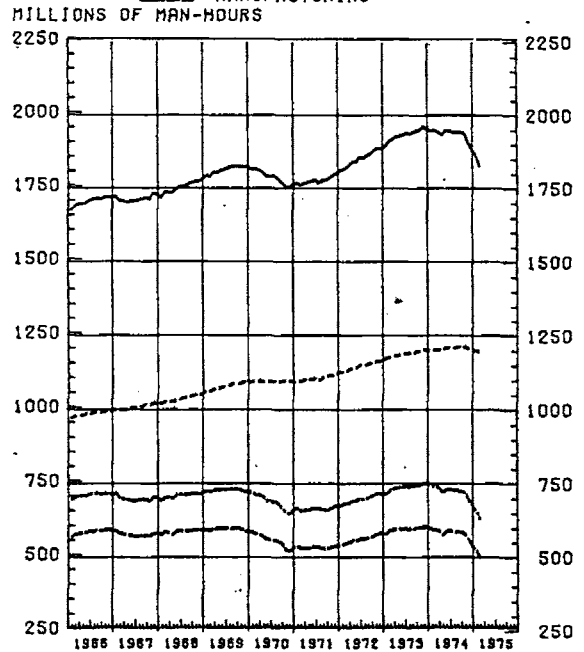
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- - - GOODS-PRODUCING
— MANUFACTURING



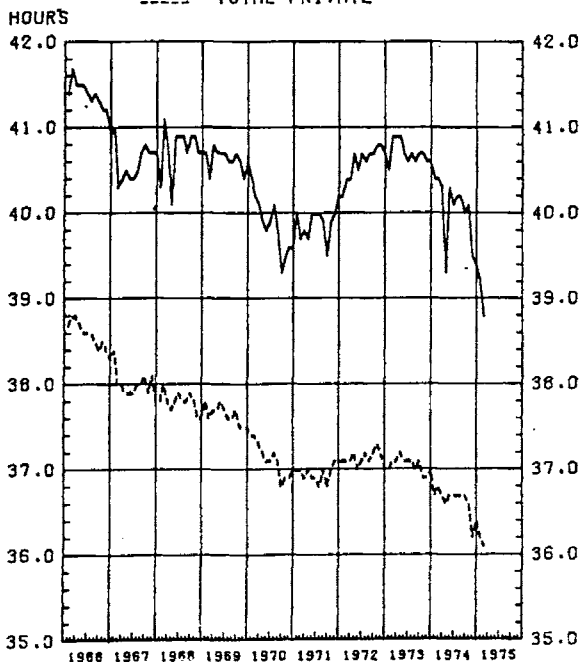
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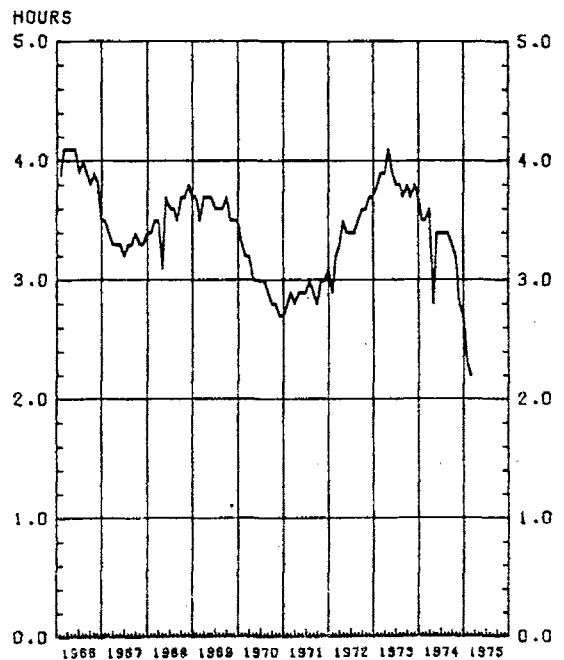


15. AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS

— 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.