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THE EMPLOYMENT SITUATION: MARCH 1975

Unemployment increased further and employment continued to decline in March, it was reported today by the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the U. S. Department of Labor. At 8.7 percent, the Nation's unemployment rate was up 0.5 percentage point from January and February and 4.1 percentage points from the October 1973 low. This was the highest rate since 1941.

Total employment (as measured by the monthly survey of households) declined by nearly 200,000 in March to 83.8 million. Though not as large as in earlier months, this marked the sixth consecutive month of employment reductions, which have totaled 2.6 million since last September. With the unemployment increase of 500,000 exceeding the employment decrease, the labor force rose by over 300,000; this increase partially erased the large labor force drop in February.

Total nonagricultural payroll employment (as measured by the monthly survey of establishments) also continued to decrease in March, but the 325,000 drop--to 76.4 million--was not as sharp as in previous months. Since last October, nonagricultural payroll jobs have receded by 2.5 million, with the manufacturing and construction industries bearing the brunt of the cutbacks. Because there was also a further constriction in the workweek, total man-hours, the most comprehensive measure of labor activity, continued its descent.

Unemployment

Unemployment resumed its steep upward trend in March, after leveling off temporarily between January and February, largely because of withdrawals from the labor force. At 8.0 million, the number of unemployed persons in March was 500,000 above the previous month and 3.1 million above the August 1974 level, when joblessness began its rapid climb.

More than two-thirds of the increased unemployment in March can be traced to job loss, as the number of persons who lost their last job rose to 4.4 million. Since last August, the number of job losers has increased by 2.3 million, about 700,000 women and 1.6 million men. This rise accounted for over three-fourths of the overall increase in unemployment. (See tables A-1 and A-5.)

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

Selected categories	Quarterly averages					Monthly data		
	1974				1975	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.
	I	II	III	IV	I	1975	1975	1975
(Millions of persons)								
Civilian labor force	90.5	90.6	91.4	91.8	91.8	92.1	91.5	91.8
Total employment	85.8	86.0	86.4	85.7	84.1	84.6	84.0	83.8
Adult men	48.5	48.5	48.5	48.3	47.3	47.5	47.3	47.0
Adult women	29.8	30.1	30.5	30.1	29.8	29.9	29.7	29.9
Teenagers	7.5	7.4	7.4	7.4	7.0	7.1	7.0	7.0
Unemployment	4.7	4.7	5.0	6.1	7.7	7.5	7.5	8.0
(Percent of labor force)								
Unemployment rates:								
All workers	5.1	5.1	5.5	6.6	8.3	8.2	8.2	8.7
Adult men	3.4	3.5	3.7	4.8	6.3	6.0	6.2	6.8
Adult women	5.1	5.1	5.4	6.5	8.2	8.1	8.1	8.5
Teenagers	15.2	15.1	16.1	17.5	20.5	20.8	19.9	20.6
White	4.6	4.6	5.0	5.9	7.6	7.5	7.4	8.0
Negro and other races	9.2	9.1	9.6	11.7	13.7	13.4	13.5	14.2
Household heads	2.9	3.0	3.2	4.1	5.5	5.2	5.4	5.8
Married men	2.4	2.4	2.7	3.3	4.8	4.5	4.7	5.2
Full-time workers	4.6	4.6	5.0	6.2	7.9	7.7	7.8c	8.3
State insured	3.2	3.3	3.4	4.3	6.0	5.5	5.9	6.5
(Weeks)								
Average duration of unemployment	9.5	9.7	9.9	9.9	11.3	10.7	11.7	11.4
(Millions of persons)								
Nonfarm payroll employment	78.0	78.3	78.7	78.3	76.8p	77.2	76.7p	76.4p
Goods-producing industries	24.9	24.9	24.8	24.1	22.7p	23.2	22.6p	22.3p
Service-producing industries	53.1	53.5	53.9	54.2	54.0p	54.0	54.1p	54.0p
(Hours of work)								
Average weekly hours:								
Total private nonfarm	36.7	36.7	36.7	36.4	36.1p	36.2	36.1p	35.9p
Manufacturing	40.4	39.9	40.1	39.7	38.9p	39.2	38.8p	38.7p
Manufacturing overtime	3.5	3.2	3.4	2.9	2.2p	2.3	2.2p	2.2p
(1967=100)								
Hourly Earnings Index, private nonfarm:								
In current dollars	152.7	156.2	160.3	164.0r	167.2p	166.0	166.9p	168.7p
In constant dollars	107.8	107.5	107.1	106.3r	N.A.	106.1	106.1p	N.A.

p= preliminary. r= revised.
N.A.= not available. c=corrected.

The March increase in joblessness was shared by virtually all worker groups. Rates were near or above alltime highs for adult women (8.5 percent), teenagers (20.6 percent), whites (8.0 percent), blacks (14.2 percent), household heads (5.8 percent), and full-time workers (8.3 percent). Rates for adult men and married men, at 6.8 and 5.2 percent respectively, were up significantly from the previous month but were still below post-World War II highs.

With the exception of white-collar workers, there were widespread increases in the unemployment rates among the major occupational groups. Blue-collar workers were particularly hard hit, as their jobless rate moved from 10.9 percent in February to a record 12.5 percent in March, double their year-earlier rate. (See table A-2.) Similarly, all major industries showed increases. The unemployment rate for construction workers was up sharply, to 18.1 percent, and the rate for manufacturing workers rose for the tenth consecutive month to 11.4 percent--like the blue-collar rate, more than double a year ago.

The unemployment rate of workers covered by State unemployment insurance programs, at 6.5 percent in March, was up from 5.9 percent in February and 5.5 percent in January. However, it remained well below postwar record levels. The number of workers claiming State unemployment insurance benefits, 4.3 million, represented 53 percent of the jobless total this March compared with 45 percent a year earlier.

The unemployment rate for Vietnam-era veterans aged 20-34 was essentially unchanged from February and January at a level--9.0 percent--that was below the rate for nonveterans, which rose to 10.5 percent. (See table A-2.) The rate for the youngest veterans (20-24 years old) was also about the same as in February, at 17.5 percent, but continued to be higher than their nonveteran counterparts (14.7 percent).

The average (mean) duration of unemployment held relatively steady in March at 11.4 weeks, after rising sharply in January and February. However, long-term unemployment--persons unemployed 15 weeks or more--increased 170,000 from the February level to 2.0 million. This increase followed jumps totaling 700,000 in the previous 3 months. (See table A-4.)

In addition to the increase in joblessness, the number of persons working part time

but wanting full-time jobs; at 3.9 million, was up 170,000 in March, after showing little change in February. (See table A-3.) When combined with unemployment on a man-hours basis, the resulting measure--labor force time lost--reached 9.6 percent in March, up from 8.9 percent in February and 5.6 percent in March 1974.

Total Employment and Civilian Labor Force

Total employment edged downward in March to 83.8 million (seasonally adjusted), with adult men accounting for all of the decline. (See table A-1.) Since last September's peak, adult men have comprised two-thirds of the 2.6 million drop in employment.

On an occupational basis, an employment gain for white-collar workers in March was more than offset by declines among craft and kindred workers and operatives in the blue-collar occupations, both of whom have been hard hit by the slump in economic activity. Employment in these two groups has declined by 900,000 and 1.7 million, respectively, from their peaks of last summer. (See table A-3.)

The civilian labor force rose by 320,000 in March to 91.8 million, seasonally adjusted, after posting a 580,000 decline in February. The March increase occurred entirely among adult women as the adult male and teenage labor force levels were unchanged over the month. (See table A-1.) The overall labor force was no larger in March than last October despite an increase of 1.1 million in the working-age population.

Participation in the labor force, at 61.0 percent of the civilian noninstitutional population, was essentially unchanged from February but well below the levels prevailing over the October-January period. During recessionary periods, some workers leave the labor force because of discouragement over job prospects. This has happened in the present downturn.

Discouraged Workers

During periods of economic distress, some workers become discouraged with job prospects and give up the search for work. Persons who are not actively seeking work are not counted as "unemployed" but are classified as not in the labor force. Data have been collected on the number of persons not looking for jobs because they believed they could not find work--"discouraged workers"--since 1967. Up to this year, the number of discouraged workers has fluctuated cyclically within a range of 550,000 to 850,000. (See

table B.) In the first quarter of this year, however, the discouraged count soared to 1.1 million, the highest level since the initiation of the series. As might be expected, the incidence of discouragement lags market conditions, following about one quarter after the unemployment rate during the period these data have been available. Thus, while the recent increases of unemployment began in the third quarter of 1974, the number of discouraged workers did not rise until the fourth quarter. Since the third quarter, the number of discouraged has increased by nearly half a million (73 percent).

A large proportion of the discouraged are younger or older workers, women, and blacks--groups who experience the greatest difficulty in finding jobs. For example, blacks accounted for about 30 percent of the discouraged total in the first quarter, a much larger ratio than their proportion of the labor force (11 percent). By contrast, only a small proportion of the discourage are males aged 25 to 59. In 1974, this group represented 42 percent of the labor force but less than 10 percent of the discouraged worker total.

This special section has been added to this release to add perspective on recent labor force developments. More detailed data on discouraged workers appear regularly in the quarterly press release, Labor Force Developments. The release covering data for the first quarter of 1975 will be issued on April 14.

Table B. Discouraged workers, 1967-75
(In thousands)

Year	Seasonally adjusted quarterly averages				Annual averages
	I	II	III	IV	
1967....	766	674	755	732	728
1968....	701	700	652	611	667
1969....	609	574	540	580	574
1970....	574	618	683	685	638
1971....	768	726	823	774	774
1972....	803	793	747	719	766
1973....	615	775	664	671	679
1974....	662	652	626	812	686
1975....	1,084	--	--	--	--

Industry Payroll Employment

Total nonagricultural payroll employment was 76.4 million (seasonally adjusted) in March, down 325,000 from February and 2.5 million from last October's peak level. Although the March decline was not as sharp as those of intervening months since October, the overall 5-month drop was the largest since the postwar readjustment period in 1945. Cutbacks in employment occurred in about 72 percent of all industries from February to March, compared with a proportion of 85 percent, as revised, from January to February. (See tables B-1 and B-6.)

In manufacturing, employment decreased by 160,000 in March, following declines ranging from 350,000 to 500,000 in each of the previous 4 months. March reductions were most pronounced in the primary metal, machinery, and electrical equipment industries within the durable goods sector and apparel in nondurable goods. Partially countering these declines was a 50,000 job gain in the transportation equipment industry, as a number of auto workers were recalled from layoff; however, the industry's job total was still 215,000 short of its July 1974 level.

Employment in contract construction dropped 110,000 in March to 3.5 million, following a decline of 190,000 in the previous month. Construction jobs have fallen 640,000 from the alltime high reached in February 1974.

In the service-producing industries, the number of payroll jobs fell slightly, as an increase in State and local government was outweighed by declines elsewhere in the sector. Employment in the services sector has declined by 260,000 since last October. Compared with March 1974, however, employment in these industries has grown by 865,000, in marked contrast to a job decline totaling 2.5 million in the goods-producing industries. The only industry exhibiting strong growth in recent months has been State and local government, with Federally-financed public service jobs making a major contribution.

Hours of Work

The average workweek for all production or nonsupervisory workers on nonfarm payrolls continued to decline in March, dropping 0.2 hour to 35.9 hours, seasonally adjusted. (See table B-2.) The average workweek has fallen 0.8 hour since last September and 1.3 hours from the April 1973 high.

In most of the manufacturing industries, average hours edged down, resulting in an overall drop of a tenth of an hour to 38.7 hours. This followed a drop of 0.4 hour in February. Since March a year ago, the average manufacturing workweek has been reduced 1.6 hours. Factory overtime was unchanged over the month at 2.2 hours but was 1.3 hours less than a year ago. Both the factory workweek and overtime hours in March were at their lowest levels since the 1960-61 recession.

The aggregate man-hours of private nonfarm production or nonsupervisory workers dropped 1.2 percent in March, the sixth consecutive monthly decline. Since September 1974, the index of total man-hours has fallen 7.0 percent to 105.5 (1967=100). The index of worker hours in manufacturing also declined by 1.2 percent, much less than rate of decrease in the previous 3 months; at 85.9 (1967=100) the index was 15.9 percent lower than March a year ago and 17.9 percent below the alltime high reached in November 1973.

(See table B-5.)

Hourly and Weekly Earnings

Average hourly earnings of production or nonsupervisory workers on nonfarm payrolls increased 0.5 percent in March and 8.0 percent from a year ago (seasonally adjusted). Average weekly earnings, however, edged down 0.1 percent over the month, owing to the decline in the workweek, but were up 5.7 percent from March 1974.

Before seasonal adjustment, hourly earnings rose 2 cents in February to \$4.42. Earnings have increased 33 cents from a year ago. Average weekly earnings were up 27 cents from February and \$8.50 from March 1974. (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 168.7 (1967=100) in March, 1.0 percent higher than in February. The index was 9.8 percent above March a year ago. During the 12-month period ending in February, the Hourly Earnings Index in dollars of constant purchasing power declined 1.6 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					
	Mar. 1974	Feb. 1975	Mar. 1975	Mar. 1974	Nov. 1974	Dec. 1974	Jan. 1975	Feb. 1975	Mar. 1975
TOTAL									
Total noninstitutional population ¹	150,066	152,445	152,646	150,066	151,812	152,020	152,230	152,445	152,646
Total labor force	91,884	93,111	93,593	92,632	93,921	94,015	94,284	93,709	94,027
Participation rate	61.2	61.1	61.3	61.7	61.9	61.8	61.9	61.5	61.6
Civilian noninstitutional population ¹	147,816	150,246	150,447	147,816	149,600	149,809	150,037	150,246	150,447
Civilian labor force	89,633	90,913	91,395	90,381	91,708	91,803	92,091	91,511	91,829
Participation rate	60.6	60.5	60.7	61.1	61.3	61.3	61.4	60.9	61.0
Employed	84,878	82,604	83,036	85,779	85,689	85,202	84,562	84,027	83,849
Agriculture	3,334	2,890	2,988	3,653	3,375	3,339	3,383	3,326	3,265
Nonagricultural industries	81,544	79,714	80,048	82,126	82,314	81,863	81,179	80,701	80,584
Unemployed	4,755	8,309	8,359	4,602	6,019	6,601	7,529	7,484	7,980
Unemployment rate	5.3	9.1	9.1	5.1	6.6	7.2	8.2	8.2	8.7
Not in labor force	58,183	59,333	59,053	57,435	57,892	58,006	57,946	58,735	58,618
Males, 20 years and over									
Total noninstitutional population ¹	63,622	64,644	64,730	63,622	64,374	64,462	64,552	64,644	64,730
Total labor force	51,752	52,149	52,311	51,869	52,509	52,414	52,244	52,150	52,136
Participation rate	81.3	80.7	80.8	81.5	81.6	81.3	80.9	80.7	80.5
Civilian noninstitutional population ¹	61,801	62,911	62,997	61,801	62,601	62,690	62,824	62,911	62,997
Civilian labor force	49,931	50,417	50,579	50,048	50,737	50,642	50,515	50,417	50,403
Participation rate	80.8	80.1	80.3	81.0	81.0	80.8	80.4	80.1	80.0
Employed	47,962	46,512	46,612	48,354	48,379	47,961	47,490	47,288	46,990
Agriculture	2,503	2,282	2,310	2,624	2,429	2,451	2,422	2,475	2,421
Nonagricultural industries	45,459	44,230	44,302	45,730	45,950	45,510	45,068	44,813	44,569
Unemployed	1,969	3,905	3,966	1,694	2,358	2,681	3,025	3,129	3,413
Unemployment rate	3.9	7.7	7.8	3.4	4.6	5.3	6.0	6.2	6.8
Not in labor force	11,870	12,494	12,419	11,753	11,864	12,048	12,309	12,494	12,594
Females, 20 years and over									
Civilian noninstitutional population ¹	70,035	71,167	71,266	70,035	70,858	70,961	71,061	71,167	71,266
Civilian labor force	31,650	32,563	32,789	31,502	32,059	32,305	32,556	32,326	32,637
Participation rate	45.2	45.8	46.0	45.0	45.2	45.5	45.8	45.4	45.8
Employed	30,089	29,813	30,073	29,916	29,945	29,992	29,932	29,719	29,877
Agriculture	493	362	374	583	464	454	524	474	443
Nonagricultural industries	29,596	29,450	29,699	29,333	29,481	29,538	29,408	29,245	29,434
Unemployed	1,561	2,750	2,716	1,586	2,114	2,313	2,624	2,607	2,760
Unemployment rate	4.9	8.4	8.3	5.0	6.6	7.2	8.1	8.1	8.5
Not in labor force	38,385	38,604	38,477	38,533	38,799	38,656	38,505	38,841	38,629
Both sexes, 16-19 years									
Civilian noninstitutional population ¹	15,981	16,168	16,184	15,981	16,141	16,157	16,152	16,168	16,184
Civilian labor force	8,052	7,934	8,027	8,831	8,912	8,856	9,020	8,768	8,789
Participation rate	50.4	49.1	49.6	55.3	55.2	54.8	55.8	54.2	54.3
Employed	6,826	6,280	6,351	7,509	7,365	7,249	7,140	7,020	6,982
Agriculture	338	246	304	446	482	434	437	377	401
Nonagricultural industries	6,488	6,034	6,047	7,063	6,883	6,815	6,703	6,643	6,581
Unemployed	1,226	1,654	1,677	1,322	1,547	1,607	1,880	1,748	1,807
Unemployment rate	15.2	20.8	20.9	15.0	17.4	18.1	20.8	19.9	20.6
Not in labor force	7,928	8,235	8,157	7,150	7,229	7,301	7,132	7,400	7,395
WHITE									
Civilian noninstitutional population ¹	130,739	132,720	132,879	130,739	132,189	132,356	132,553	132,720	132,879
Civilian labor force	79,483	80,688	81,108	80,178	81,355	81,338	81,706	81,071	81,546
Participation rate	60.8	60.8	61.0	61.3	61.5	61.5	61.6	61.1	61.4
Employed	75,675	73,825	74,243	76,520	76,538	76,106	75,555	75,043	75,039
Unemployed	3,808	6,863	6,865	3,658	4,817	5,232	6,151	6,028	6,507
Unemployment rate	4.8	8.5	8.5	4.6	5.9	6.4	7.5	7.4	8.0
Not in labor force	51,256	52,032	51,771	50,561	50,834	51,018	50,847	51,649	51,333
NEGRO AND OTHER RACES									
Civilian noninstitutional population ¹	17,077	17,527	17,568	17,077	17,411	17,452	17,484	17,527	17,568
Civilian labor force	10,150	10,225	10,286	10,264	10,394	10,389	10,464	10,387	10,364
Participation rate	59.4	58.3	58.6	60.1	59.7	59.5	59.8	59.3	59.0
Employed	9,203	8,779	8,792	9,315	9,188	9,090	9,057	8,989	8,893
Unemployed	948	1,447	1,494	949	1,206	1,299	1,407	1,398	1,471
Unemployment rate	9.3	14.1	14.5	9.2	11.6	12.5	13.4	13.5	14.2
Not in labor force	6,927	7,301	7,281	6,813	7,017	7,063	7,020	7,140	7,204

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					
	Mar. 1974	Mar. 1975	Mar. 1974	Nov. 1974	Dec. 1974	Jan. 1975	Feb. 1975	Mar. 1975
Total, 16 years and over	4,602	7,980	5.1	6.6	7.2	8.2	8.2	8.7
Males, 20 years and over	1,694	3,413	3.4	4.6	5.3	6.0	6.2	6.8
Females, 20 years and over	1,586	2,760	5.0	6.6	7.2	8.1	8.1	8.5
Both sexes, 16-19 years	1,322	1,807	15.0	17.4	18.1	20.8	19.9	20.6
White, total	3,658	6,507	4.6	5.9	6.4	7.5	7.4	8.0
Males, 20 years and over	1,363	2,817	3.0	4.2	4.7	5.5	5.6	6.2
Females, 20 years and over	1,283	2,263	4.7	6.1	6.5	7.7	7.6	8.0
Both sexes, 16-19 years	1,012	1,427	12.8	15.1	15.9	18.4	17.5	18.1
Negro and other races, total	949	1,471	9.2	11.6	12.5	13.4	13.5	14.2
Males, 20 years and over	339	606	6.6	8.5	9.3	10.5	11.1	11.8
Females, 20 years and over	295	483	7.1	9.8	10.9	11.0	10.9	11.2
Both sexes, 16-19 years	315	382	33.1	36.9	37.7	41.1	36.7	41.6
Household heads	1,551	3,082	3.0	3.9	4.6	5.2	5.4	5.8
Married men, spouse present	938	2,048	2.3	3.3	3.8	4.5	4.7	5.2
Full-time workers	3,526	6,514	4.6	6.2	6.8	7.7	7.8c	8.3
Part-time workers	1,063	1,448	8.1	9.2	9.6	10.5	10.3	10.9
Unemployed 15 weeks and over ¹	820	1,991	.9	1.2	1.4	1.7	2.0	2.2
State insured ²	2,059	4,263	3.3	4.3	4.8	5.5	5.9	6.5
Labor force time lost ³	--	--	5.6	7.2	7.9	8.9	8.9	9.6
OCCUPATION⁴								
White-collar workers	1,250	2,031	2.9	3.8	4.1	4.6	4.5	4.6
Professional and technical	246	375	2.0	2.6	2.5	2.9	3.2	2.9
Managers and administrators, except farm	140	243	1.5	2.2	2.6	3.3	2.7	2.7
Sales workers	219	344	3.9	5.0	6.0	5.7	5.3	6.0
Clerical workers	645	1,069	4.1	5.1	5.4	6.3	6.2	6.6
Blue-collar workers	1,912	3,901	6.0	8.3	9.3	11.0	10.9	12.5
Craft and kindred workers	447	1,021	3.7	5.3	6.1	7.0	6.5	8.7
Operatives	1,027	2,076	7.0	9.8	10.7	13.1	13.3	14.1
Nonfarm laborers	438	804	9.0	11.0	13.0	14.3	14.1	16.2
Service workers	714	1,068	6.0	6.8	7.1	8.1	7.7	8.5
Farm workers	97	134	3.0	2.5	2.4	3.6	3.0	4.5
INDUSTRY⁴								
Nonagricultural private wage and salary workers ⁵	3,360	6,208	5.1	6.8	7.7	8.7	8.8	9.3
Construction	394	781	8.7	13.5	14.9	15.0	15.9	18.1
Manufacturing	1,090	2,421	5.0	7.4	8.9	10.5	11.0	11.4
Durable goods	613	1,412	4.8	7.0	8.7	10.5	10.9	11.3
Nondurable goods	477	1,009	5.4	7.9	9.1	10.3	11.1	11.6
Transportation and public utilities	140	273	2.8	3.4	3.9	5.9	5.2	5.6
Wholesale and retail trade	946	1,460	5.9	7.0	8.1	8.5	8.0	8.7
Finance and service industries	774	1,242	4.3	5.4	5.4	6.2	6.5	6.7
Government workers	408	585	2.8	3.5	3.2	3.4	3.6	3.9
Agricultural wage and salary workers	118	163	7.7	7.2	7.9	10.2	8.8	12.0
VETERAN STATUS								
Males, Vietnam-era veterans ⁶ :								
20 to 34 years	282	537	4.9	6.1	7.6	9.0	8.8	9.0
20 to 24 years	115	183	9.0	13.0	15.6	19.7	17.3	17.5
25 to 29 years	136	271	4.2	5.1	6.7	6.9	7.4	8.1
30 to 34 years	31	83	2.6	3.0	3.7	6.1	5.9	5.2
Males, nonveterans:								
20 to 34 years	723	1,484	5.4	7.5	8.1	8.6	9.5	10.5
20 to 24 years	450	933	7.6	9.9	10.4	11.6	12.6	14.7
25 to 29 years	164	349	4.3	6.9	7.2	7.2	8.6	8.5
30 to 34 years	109	202	3.0	4.2	5.1	5.1	5.1	5.5

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					
	Mar. 1974	Mar. 1975	Mar. 1974	Nov. 1974	Dec. 1974	Jan. 1975	Feb. 1975	Mar. 1975
Total employed, 16 years and over	84,878	83,036	85,779	85,689	85,202	84,562	84,027	83,849
Males	51,678	50,010	52,502	52,410	51,953	51,329	51,112	50,781
Females	33,200	33,025	33,277	33,279	33,249	33,233	32,915	33,068
Household heads	50,503	49,365	50,745	50,737	50,427	49,933	49,672	49,613
Married men, spouse present	38,752	37,425	39,035	38,727	38,377	37,954	37,761	37,689
Married women, spouse present	19,446	19,387	19,330	19,599	19,463	19,330	19,173	19,271
OCCUPATION								
White-collar workers	41,704	42,031	41,628	41,733	41,690	42,073	41,602	41,944
Professional and technical	12,444	12,915	12,237	12,237	12,200	12,439	12,492	12,699
Managers and administrators, except farm	8,893	8,713	8,939	8,811	8,760	8,929	8,648	8,757
Sales workers	5,391	5,349	5,448	5,382	5,279	5,379	5,455	5,403
Clerical workers	14,977	15,055	15,004	15,303	15,451	15,326	15,007	15,085
Blue-collar workers	29,007	26,772	29,698	29,579	29,018	28,134	27,859	27,420
Craft and kindred workers	11,371	10,514	11,540	11,509	11,251	10,920	10,923	10,674
Operatives	13,546	12,447	13,709	13,654	13,395	13,059	12,799	12,598
Nonfarm laborers	4,089	3,812	4,449	4,416	4,372	4,155	4,137	4,148
Service workers	11,249	11,632	11,176	11,478	11,548	11,661	11,653	11,560
Farm workers	2,917	2,600	3,170	2,914	2,926	2,954	2,872	2,814
MAJOR INDUSTRY AND CLASS OF WORKER								
Agriculture:								
Wage and salary workers	1,257	1,059	1,417	1,386	1,272	1,310	1,196	1,194
Self-employed workers	1,749	1,649	1,821	1,625	1,673	1,680	1,765	1,716
Unpaid family workers	329	280	408	346	356	376	345	347
Nonagricultural industries:								
Wage and salary workers	75,606	74,019	76,251	76,213	75,671	74,942	74,811	74,584
Private households	1,416	1,337	1,421	1,267	1,259	1,326	1,301	1,342
Government	14,224	14,632	13,988	14,039	14,231	14,351	14,404	14,387
Other	59,966	58,050	60,842	60,907	60,181	59,265	59,106	58,855
Self-employed workers	5,362	5,497	5,386	5,704	5,641	5,561	5,375	5,519
Unpaid family workers	574	531	512	484	498	549	498	474
PERSONS AT WORK ¹								
Nonagricultural industries	78,196	76,620	77,161	77,417	76,526	76,592	75,914	75,679
Full-time schedules	64,240	61,579	64,128	63,694	62,733	62,295	61,822	61,456
Part time for economic reasons	2,388	3,683	2,535	3,180	3,375	3,837	3,747	3,916
Usually work full time	1,261	1,906	1,248	1,575	1,847	2,037	2,047	1,887
Usually work part time	1,127	1,777	1,287	1,605	1,528	1,800	1,700	2,029
Part time for noneconomic reasons	11,568	11,358	10,498	10,543	10,418	10,460	10,345	10,307

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					
	Mar. 1974	Mar. 1975	Mar. 1974	Nov. 1974	Dec. 1974	Jan. 1975	Feb. 1975	Mar. 1975
Less than 5 weeks	2,117	2,830	2,434	2,981	3,077	3,316	2,914	3,253
5 to 14 weeks	1,588	2,975	1,398	1,931	2,062	2,663	2,597	2,619
15 weeks and over	1,051	2,553	820	1,117	1,319	1,537	1,822	1,991
15 to 26 weeks	682	1,699	504	691	782	914	1,118	1,259
27 weeks and over	369	855	316	426	537	623	704	732
Average (mean) duration, in weeks	10.8	13.0	9.5	9.8	10.0	10.7	11.7	11.4
PERCENT DISTRIBUTION								
Total unemployed	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Less than 5 weeks	44.5	33.9	52.3	49.4	47.6	44.1	39.7	41.4
5 to 14 weeks	33.4	35.6	30.1	32.0	31.9	35.4	35.4	33.3
15 weeks and over	22.1	30.5	17.6	18.5	20.4	20.4	24.8	25.3
15 to 26 weeks	14.3	20.3	10.8	11.5	12.1	12.2	15.2	16.0
27 weeks and over	7.8	10.2	6.8	7.1	8.3	8.3	9.6	9.3

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Table A-5. Reasons for unemployment

[Numbers in thousands]

Reason	Not seasonally adjusted		Seasonally adjusted					
	Mar. 1974	Mar. 1975	Mar. 1974	Nov. 1974	Dec. 1974	Jan. 1975	Feb. 1975	Mar. 1975
NUMBER OF UNEMPLOYED								
Lost last job	2,335	5,120	1,992	2,840	3,190	3,831	4,017	4,369
Left last job	712	792	717	784	788	760	730	798
Reentered labor force	1,193	1,802	1,227	1,670	1,762	1,924	1,686	1,854
Seeking first job	516	646	617	784	778	858	846	773
PERCENT DISTRIBUTION								
Total unemployed	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Job losers	49.1	61.2	43.8	46.7	48.9	52.0	55.2	56.1
Job leavers	15.0	9.5	15.7	12.9	12.1	10.3	10.0	10.2
Reentrants	25.1	21.6	26.9	27.5	27.0	26.1	23.2	23.8
New entrants	10.8	7.7	13.6	12.9	11.9	11.6	11.6	9.9
UNEMPLOYED AS A PERCENT OF THE CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE								
Job losers	2.6	5.6	2.2	3.1	3.5	4.2	4.4	4.8
Job leavers8	.9	.8	.9	.9	.8	.8	.9
Reentrants	1.3	2.0	1.4	1.8	1.9	2.1	1.8	2.0
New entrants6	.7	.7	.9	.8	.9	.9	.8

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	Mar. 1974	Nov. 1974	Dec. 1974	Jan. 1975	Feb. 1975	Mar. 1975
	Mar. 1974	Mar. 1975							
Total, 16 years and over	4,755	8,359	82.4	5.1	6.6	7.2	8.2	8.2	8.7
16 to 19 years	1,226	1,677	53.7	15.0	17.4	18.1	20.8	19.9	20.6
16 to 17 years	618	750	27.5	18.1	19.5	21.2	22.6	21.6	22.3
18 to 19 years	607	927	74.9	12.8	15.8	16.0	19.6	18.2	19.5
20 to 24 years	1,065	1,952	88.7	8.1	10.5	11.7	12.4	13.3	14.3
25 years and over	2,465	4,730	90.0	3.2	4.4	4.9	5.7	5.7	6.1
25 to 54 years	2,037	3,978	91.9	3.3	4.7	5.1	6.1	6.0	6.4
55 years and over	428	752	80.6	2.7	3.2	3.7	4.2	4.8	4.8
Males, 16 years and over	2,634	4,890	87.5	4.3	5.7	6.4	7.2	7.4	7.9
16 to 19 years	665	923	57.3	14.3	17.1	17.4	19.8	20.0	20.2
16 to 17 years	353	411	30.4	17.4	19.7	21.1	22.3	22.0	20.8
18 to 19 years	312	512	78.9	12.1	15.1	14.9	18.2	17.9	20.0
20 to 24 years	601	1,178	91.8	7.8	10.4	11.2	12.6	13.3	14.8
25 years and over	1,368	2,788	95.8	2.7	3.7	4.3	4.8	5.0	5.4
25 to 54 years	1,121	2,320	98.0	2.7	3.9	4.4	5.1	5.1	5.5
55 years and over	247	468	84.6	2.4	2.8	3.4	3.9	4.4	4.7
Females, 16 years and over	2,121	3,469	75.3	6.2	7.8	8.5	9.7	9.4	9.8
16 to 19 years	561	753	49.3	15.8	17.6	19.0	22.1	19.9	21.0
16 to 17 years	265	339	24.2	18.9	19.3	21.4	23.0	21.1	24.2
18 to 19 years	296	414	70.0	13.7	16.6	17.3	21.1	18.5	18.8
20 to 24 years	464	774	84.0	8.5	10.7	12.4	12.2	13.3	13.6
25 years and over	1,097	1,942	81.8	4.2	5.7	5.9	7.1	6.9	7.3
25 to 54 years	916	1,658	83.2	4.5	6.1	6.3	7.6	7.4	7.8
55 years and over	181	285	73.3	3.2	3.9	4.4	4.9	5.5	5.0

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

(In thousands)

Industry	Not seasonally adjusted				Seasonally adjusted					
	Mar. 1974	Jan. 1975	Feb. 1975 ^p	Mar. 1975 ^p	Mar. 1974	Nov. 1974	Dec. 1974	Jan. 1975	Feb. 1975 ^p	Mar. 1975 ^p
TOTAL	77,362	76,185	75,726	75,741	78,089	78,404	77,690	77,227	76,678	76,353
GOODS-PRODUCING	24,396	22,599	22,048	21,909	24,880	24,187	23,606	23,207	22,592	22,332
MINING	648	689	688	692	662	693	662	700	703	707
CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION	3,786	3,372	3,230	3,220	4,102	3,861	3,798	3,789	3,597	3,489
MANUFACTURING	19,962	18,538	18,130	17,997	20,116	19,633	19,146	18,718	18,292	18,136
<i>Production workers</i>	14,582	13,225	12,853	12,754	14,719	14,222	13,776	13,392	13,000	12,875
DURABLE GOODS	11,793	10,933	10,645	10,566	11,862	11,611	11,291	11,010	10,715	10,624
<i>Production workers</i>	8,584	7,767	7,504	7,452	8,645	8,380	8,086	7,838	7,565	7,502
Ordnance and accessories	180.5	182.7	182.4	182.1	181	182	182	182	183	183
Lumber and wood products	641.6	537.8	525.1	524.6	657	586	575	556	541	537
Furniture and fixtures	536.5	462.9	447.7	440.4	540	497	483	463	450	444
Stone, clay, and glass products	688.0	612.8	600.8	592.5	702	667	652	632	619	605
Primary metal industries	1,328.5	1,268.9	1,230.6	1,202.9	1,329	1,336	1,304	1,277	1,236	1,203
Fabricated metal products	1,484.2	1,345.1	1,320.7	1,303.3	1,495	1,452	1,403	1,352	1,330	1,312
Machinery, except electrical	2,191.7	2,165.1	2,134.0	2,100.6	2,181	2,227	2,199	2,165	2,123	2,090
Electrical equipment	2,043.2	1,831.5	1,769.7	1,737.5	2,056	1,939	1,876	1,835	1,775	1,748
Transportation equipment	1,728.7	1,622.4	1,540.5	1,589.7	1,739	1,769	1,683	1,626	1,550	1,599
Instruments and related products	524.1	512.5	504.6	498.7	526	526	520	514	506	501
Miscellaneous manufacturing	445.6	391.1	388.8	393.5	456	430	414	408	402	402
NONDURABLE GOODS	8,169	7,605	7,485	7,431	8,254	8,022	7,855	7,708	7,577	7,512
<i>Production workers</i>	5,998	5,458	5,349	5,302	6,074	5,842	5,690	5,554	5,435	5,373
Food and kindred products	1,672.4	1,612.3	1,592.9	1,599.9	1,744	1,705	1,692	1,671	1,664	1,668
Tobacco manufactures	74.6	78.5	75.5	72.2	80	75	76	79	78	77
Textile mill products	1,024.4	879.7	862.5	862.3	1,024	954	919	881	863	862
Apparel and other textile products	1,367.3	1,183.1	1,180.4	1,162.2	1,359	1,291	1,236	1,204	1,178	1,155
Paper and allied products	709.7	662.3	642.9	634.4	714	691	678	666	648	638
Printing and publishing	1,110.8	1,097.0	1,090.4	1,083.6	1,111	1,104	1,101	1,098	1,090	1,084
Chemicals and allied products	1,051.2	1,030.5	1,019.8	1,014.2	1,054	1,065	1,050	1,038	1,027	1,017
Petroleum and coal products	190.2	185.7	181.4	176.1	195	195	195	190	187	180
Rubber and plastics products, nec.	679.1	615.8	583.9	573.5	682	664	638	619	586	576
Leather and leather products	288.8	259.7	255.2	252.7	291	277	270	262	256	255
SERVICE-PRODUCING	52,966	53,586	53,678	53,832	53,209	54,217	54,084	54,020	54,086	54,021
TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC UTILITIES	4,670	4,552	4,494	4,496	4,708	4,697	4,668	4,607	4,558	4,532
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE	16,584	16,687	16,484	16,514	16,914	17,048	16,912	16,863	16,841	16,804
WHOLESALE TRADE	4,199	4,217	4,181	4,175	4,237	4,283	4,267	4,242	4,223	4,213
RETAIL TRADE	12,385	12,470	12,303	12,339	12,677	12,765	12,645	12,621	12,618	12,591
FINANCE, INSURANCE, AND REAL ESTATE	4,120	4,131	4,118	4,122	4,145	4,183	4,182	4,173	4,155	4,147
SERVICES	13,246	13,513	13,596	13,639	13,339	13,721	13,734	13,747	13,761	13,735
GOVERNMENT	14,346	14,703	14,986	15,061	14,103	14,568	14,588	14,630	14,771	14,803
FEDERAL	2,691	2,711	2,719	2,726	2,699	2,746	2,738	2,733	2,733	2,734
STATE AND LOCAL	11,655	11,992	12,267	12,335	11,404	11,822	11,850	11,897	12,038	12,069

^p=preliminary.

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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					
	Mar. 1974	Jan. 1975	Feb. 1975 P	Mar. 1975 P	Mar. 1974	Nov. 1974	Dec. 1974	Jan. 1975	Feb. 1975 P	Mar. 1975 P
TOTAL PRIVATE	36.5	35.8	35.8	35.7	36.7	36.2	36.4	36.2	36.1	35.9
MINING	42.5	42.0	41.9	40.6	43.1	36.4	41.0	42.4	42.5	41.1
CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION	36.5	35.4	35.3	34.5	36.7	37.1	37.5	37.1	36.6	34.7
MANUFACTURING	40.2	38.7	38.5	38.6	40.3	39.5	39.4	39.2	38.8	38.7
<i>Overtime hours</i>	3.4	2.2	2.1	2.1	3.6	2.8	2.7	2.3	2.2	2.2
DURABLE GOODS	40.9	39.5	39.3	39.3	40.9	40.2	40.2	40.0	39.5	39.3
<i>Overtime hours</i>	3.6	2.3	2.2	2.1	3.7	3.0	2.8	2.5	2.3	2.2
Ordnance and accessories	42.5	41.8	41.7	41.5	42.2	41.9	41.8	42.1	41.5	41.2
Lumber and wood products	40.3	37.0	37.9	38.2	40.3	38.5	38.1	37.9	38.4	38.2
Furniture and fixtures	39.3	35.9	36.0	36.2	39.5	37.7	37.3	36.4	36.6	36.4
Stone, clay, and glass products	41.5	39.8	39.7	39.5	41.6	41.2	41.0	40.9	40.4	39.6
Primary metal industries	41.7	40.5	40.1	40.0	41.6	41.7	41.1	40.5	40.2	39.9
Fabricated metal products	41.1	39.8	39.3	39.5	41.3	40.4	40.6	40.4	39.7	39.7
Machinery, except electrical	42.7	41.6	41.3	41.3	42.4	42.3	42.1	41.8	41.3	41.1
Electrical equipment	39.9	39.1	38.8	38.9	40.0	39.4	39.5	39.4	39.0	39.0
Transportation equipment	40.3	38.8	38.7	38.5	40.4	39.5	39.5	39.5	38.9	38.6
Instruments and related products	40.5	39.2	38.6	38.7	40.5	39.9	39.8	39.5	38.8	38.7
Miscellaneous manufacturing	38.9	37.5	37.5	37.7	38.8	38.0	38.1	38.1	37.5	37.6
NONDURABLE GOODS	39.2	37.6	37.4	37.6	39.4	38.4	38.2	38.0	37.7	37.8
<i>Overtime hours</i>	3.1	2.1	2.0	2.1	3.2	2.5	2.5	2.2	2.1	2.2
Food and kindred products	39.9	39.6	39.3	39.7	40.5	40.0	40.0	39.9	39.9	40.3
Tobacco manufactures	36.4	37.0	36.4	37.9	37.8	37.4	37.7	37.3	37.6	39.3
Textile mill products	40.3	35.7	35.9	36.7	40.3	37.6	36.6	36.0	36.1	36.7
Apparel and other textile products	35.5	33.4	33.4	33.6	35.4	34.4	34.2	34.0	33.6	33.5
Paper and allied products	42.3	40.8	40.3	40.3	42.5	41.3	41.2	41.1	40.7	40.5
Printing and publishing	37.6	36.9	36.8	36.9	37.6	37.4	37.3	37.5	37.2	36.9
Chemicals and allied products	41.8	40.5	40.4	40.4	41.8	41.2	41.0	40.6	40.5	40.4
Petroleum and coal products	42.2	41.2	40.9	40.7	42.8	42.2	42.3	42.0	41.6	41.3
Rubber and plastics products, nec	40.6	39.2	38.6	38.2	40.7	39.8	39.5	39.5	38.8	38.3
Leather and leather products	37.8	35.4	35.1	34.9	38.1	36.6	36.1	35.7	35.2	35.1
TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC UTILITIES	40.0	39.8	40.0	39.0	40.4	39.9	40.1	40.2	40.3	39.4
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE	34.0	33.3	33.4	33.6	34.4	33.9	34.0	33.8	33.9	34.0
WHOLESALE TRADE	38.8	38.5	38.3	38.4	38.9	38.6	38.6	38.7	38.6	38.5
RETAIL TRADE	32.4	31.8	31.9	32.1	32.9	32.4	32.4	32.3	32.4	32.6
FINANCE, INSURANCE, AND REAL ESTATE	36.7	37.0	37.0	36.8	36.7	36.7	36.9	37.1	37.0	36.8
SERVICES	33.8	33.9	33.9	33.7	34.0	34.0	34.0	34.2	34.1	33.9

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.
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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			
	Mar. 1974	Jan. 1975	Feb. 1975 p	Mar. 1975 p	Mar. 1974	Jan. 1975	Feb. 1975 p	Mar. 1975 p
TOTAL PRIVATE	\$4.09	\$4.39	\$4.40	\$4.42	\$149.29	\$157.16	\$157.52	\$157.79
<i>Seasonally adjusted</i>	4.10	4.39	4.41	4.43	150.47	158.92	159.20	159.04
MINING	5.01	5.68	5.73	5.76	212.93	238.56	240.09	233.86
CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION	6.53	7.07	6.97	7.11	238.35	250.28	246.04	245.30
MANUFACTURING	4.24	4.65	4.67	4.70	170.45	179.96	179.80	181.42
DURABLE GOODS	4.51	4.94	4.96	5.00	184.46	195.13	194.93	196.50
Ordnance and accessories	4.59	4.99	5.06	5.08	195.08	208.58	211.00	210.82
Lumber and wood products	3.78	4.04	4.08	4.13	152.33	149.48	154.63	157.77
Furniture and fixtures	3.41	3.63	3.65	3.67	134.01	130.32	131.40	132.85
Stone, clay, and glass products	4.36	4.67	4.70	4.71	180.94	185.87	186.59	186.05
Primary metal industries	5.32	5.92	5.99	6.02	221.84	239.76	240.20	240.80
Fabricated metal products	4.45	4.78	4.83	4.89	182.90	190.24	189.82	193.16
Machinery, except electrical	4.79	5.17	5.18	5.21	204.53	215.07	213.93	215.17
Electrical equipment	4.01	4.41	4.44	4.46	160.00	172.43	172.27	173.49
Transportation equipment	5.26	5.75	5.73	5.82	211.98	223.10	221.75	224.07
Instruments and related products	4.08	4.41	4.43	4.45	165.24	172.87	171.00	172.22
Miscellaneous manufacturing	3.42	3.74	3.71	3.72	133.04	140.25	139.13	140.24
NONDURABLE GOODS	3.84	4.22	4.24	4.26	150.53	158.67	158.58	160.18
Food and kindred products	4.03	4.40	4.44	4.46	160.80	174.24	174.49	177.06
Tobacco manufactures	3.97	4.38	4.52	4.72	144.51	162.06	164.53	178.89
Textile mill products	3.07	3.28	3.29	3.31	123.72	117.10	118.11	121.48
Apparel and other textile products	2.88	3.14	3.13	3.14	102.24	104.88	104.54	105.50
Paper and allied products	4.34	4.74	4.74	4.79	183.58	193.39	191.02	193.04
Printing and publishing	4.85	5.15	5.18	5.22	182.36	190.04	190.62	192.62
Chemicals and allied products	4.67	5.14	5.15	5.18	195.21	208.17	208.06	209.27
Petroleum and coal products	5.42	5.90	6.12	6.22	228.72	243.08	250.31	253.15
Rubber and plastics products, nec	3.92	4.23	4.22	4.24	159.15	165.82	162.89	161.97
Leather and leather products	2.94	3.15	3.18	3.20	111.13	111.51	111.62	111.68
TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC UTILITIES	5.25	5.64	5.65	5.69	210.00	224.47	226.00	221.91
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE	3.37	3.65	3.68	3.68	114.58	121.55	122.91	123.65
WHOLESALE TRADE	4.33	4.73	4.78	4.80	168.00	182.11	183.07	184.32
RETAIL TRADE	3.01	3.24	3.26	3.26	97.52	103.03	103.99	104.65
FINANCE, INSURANCE, AND REAL ESTATE	3.71	3.98	4.03	4.06	136.16	147.26	149.11	149.41
SERVICES	3.66	3.91	3.95	3.97	123.71	132.55	133.91	133.79

¹ See footnote 1, table B-2.

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

[1967=100]

Industry	March 1974	Oct. 1974	Nov. 1974	Dec. 1974	Jan. 1975	Feb. ^P 1975	March ^P 1975	Percent change from	
								Mar. 1974- Mar. 1975	Feb. 1975- Mar. 1975
TOTAL PRIVATE NONFARM:									
Current dollars	153.6	163.1 ^r	163.9 ^r	165.1 ^r	166.0	166.9	168.7	9.8	1.0
Constant (1967) dollars	107.3	106.6 ^r	106.2 ^r	106.2 ^r	106.1	106.1	N.A.	(2)	(3)
MINING	157.4	167.8	167.2	172.5	174.9	177.6	179.0	13.7	.8
CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION	159.0	167.2	168.3	170.1	170.2	168.3	172.7	8.6	2.6
MANUFACTURING	150.6	161.5	162.5	163.5	164.6	165.9	167.7	11.3	1.1
TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC UTILITIES	163.3	172.2 ^r	172.3 ^r	173.2 ^r	173.8	174.3	176.4	8.0	1.2
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE	150.2	159.7	160.3	161.0	162.6	163.7	164.5	9.5	.5
FINANCE, INSURANCE, AND REAL ESTATE	143.9	152.8	153.4	155.0 ^r	155.0	156.5	158.6	10.2	1.4
SERVICES	158.4	165.4	166.8	168.3	169.1	170.7	171.7	8.4	.6

¹ See footnote 1, table B-2.² Percent change was -1.6 from February 1974 to February 1975, the latest month available.³ Percent change was less than 0.05 from January 1975 to February 1975, the latest month available.

N.A. = not available.

r = revised.

p=preliminary.

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

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		
	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb. ^P	Mar. ^P
TOTAL	113.3	112.7	113.6	113.5	113.3	113.4	113.4	113.0	111.2	109.7	108.7	106.8	105.5
GOODS-PRODUCING	105.1	102.9	105.0	104.6	104.0	103.8	103.7	103.0	99.4	96.5	94.1	90.1	87.8
MINING	108.5	108.9	110.1	110.3	110.2	109.9	112.3	114.0	95.8	100.9	113.3	113.3	110.6
CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION	121.2	119.1	119.7	117.8	115.3	115.6	115.2	116.5	114.4	113.1	111.9	103.5	94.6
MANUFACTURING	102.2	99.8	102.2	102.1	101.8	101.6	101.3	100.3	96.9	93.4	90.3	86.9	85.9
DURABLE GOODS	102.7	100.4	103.0	103.2	102.8	102.5	102.5	101.7	98.1	94.4	91.0	86.9	85.7
Ordinance and accessories	50.5	49.3	49.5	48.0	48.2	47.7	49.1	49.0	49.0	49.5	49.3	49.1	49.3
Lumber and wood products	108.7	108.4	108.3	106.8	104.9	103.4	99.9	95.8	90.6	87.8	84.1	82.2	81.3
Furniture and fixtures	115.9	113.8	115.6	115.6	114.0	112.3	111.0	107.4	100.6	96.1	89.2	87.3	85.4
Stone, clay, and glass products	112.8	111.2	112.0	110.8	110.8	110.6	108.8	107.7	105.2	101.7	98.1	94.6	90.5
Primary metal industries	101.6	100.6	101.2	102.2	101.6	102.6	104.6	105.0	102.3	97.7	94.0	89.6	86.1
Fabricated metal products	108.2	103.6	107.4	108.0	108.3	108.1	107.8	105.8	101.9	98.4	93.4	90.1	89.0
Machinery, except electrical	107.4	103.1	107.1	108.1	106.9	109.2	109.9	109.7	108.5	106.0	103.3	99.2	96.6
Electrical equipment and supplies	106.0	102.9	105.1	105.5	105.1	100.8	102.5	101.2	96.3	92.3	89.6	84.8	83.2
Transportation equipment	86.2	86.4	90.2	90.0	90.8	91.1	90.5	92.0	87.0	81.9	78.4	72.5	75.7
Instruments and related products	114.3	111.9	114.2	116.4	114.9	115.8	114.2	113.0	111.3	108.9	106.8	101.9	100.3
Miscellaneous manufacturing, Ind.	103.8	100.6	104.4	104.7	104.4	103.0	101.3	98.7	94.6	90.2	88.5	85.7	86.0
NONDURABLE GOODS	101.4	99.0	101.1	100.5	100.3	100.2	99.5	98.2	95.0	92.0	89.3	86.9	86.0
Food and kindred products	99.6	96.9	98.8	97.4	96.5	97.3	97.9	97.4	95.6	94.7	93.0	92.6	93.8
Tobacco manufactures	87.6	89.2	88.6	85.1	84.4	84.5	82.5	83.1	81.4	83.4	86.4	85.8	88.3
Textile mill products	103.9	100.6	103.4	103.1	101.9	100.4	98.8	93.7	89.5	83.9	78.7	77.3	78.6
Apparel and other textile products	93.4	90.8	94.0	91.1	92.9	91.7	91.3	90.3	85.9	81.3	78.8	76.1	74.1
Paper and allied products	104.4	102.2	103.9	103.6	103.3	102.5	101.8	99.3	96.8	94.4	92.0	88.2	85.8
Printing and publishing	99.1	97.5	99.4	99.7	99.4	100.2	99.1	99.1	96.9	96.4	96.6	94.7	93.0
Chemicals and allied products	104.3	103.9	103.9	104.8	105.3	106.0	105.5	105.1	103.3	100.3	97.1	95.3	93.9
Petroleum and coal products	107.6	107.1	107.5	108.0	107.0	105.4	106.1	108.0	107.0	106.4	100.5	97.0	92.0
Rubber and plastics products, nec	132.6	126.9	131.8	134.7	133.6	135.8	134.1	134.6	123.3	118.6	114.7	105.4	101.7
Leather and leather products	81.9	79.7	80.1	80.1	78.9	78.6	76.6	75.7	74.8	71.9	68.7	65.9	65.4
SERVICE-PRODUCING	119.0	119.4	119.6	119.7	119.8	120.0	120.2	119.9	119.4	118.9	118.9	118.4	117.7
TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC UTILITIES	109.4	110.4	109.8	108.7	109.7	109.3	108.4	108.9	107.5	107.1	105.9	104.9	102.3
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE	116.1	116.7	116.7	116.5	116.7	116.7	116.8	116.3	115.4	114.2	113.8	113.7	113.9
WHOLESALE TRADE	115.0	115.6	115.7	115.8	115.8	115.2	115.8	115.4	114.9	114.5	114.0	113.0	112.4
RETAIL TRADE	116.6	117.2	117.1	116.8	117.1	117.2	117.2	116.6	115.6	114.1	113.7	113.9	114.5
FINANCE, INSURANCE, AND REAL ESTATE	123.3	123.4	123.5	123.8	123.2	123.7	124.3	123.8	123.0	123.7	124.2	123.2	122.0
SERVICES	126.0	126.1	126.8	128.0	127.5	128.3	129.0	128.7	129.2	129.3	130.2	129.8	128.9

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 industries¹

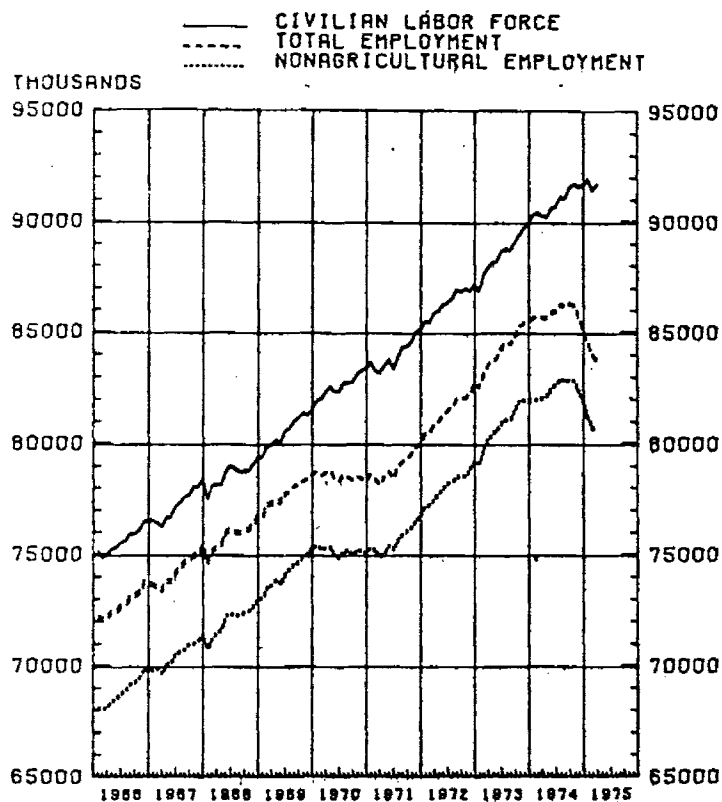
Year and month	Span			
	1-month	3-months	6-months	12-months
1972				
January	68.6	71.2	78.8	77.3
February	70.6	80.5	82.0	81.7
March	75.0	80.8	84.9	79.7
April	76.2	84.0	79.7	82.3
May	75.6	82.8	81.1	84.3
June	77.6	74.4	82.6	84.3
July	45.6	74.4	84.6	83.7
August	73.0	74.4	82.0	84.0
September	74.7	82.0	80.2	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	25.9
August	52.3	42.2	34.3	22.1p
September	38.1	43.6	27.3	17.7p
October	40.4	29.1	20.3	
November	19.2	20.9	17.7p	
December	19.8	13.7	15.1p	
1975				
January	17.7	12.8p		
February	15.1p	14.8p		
March	28.2p			
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¹ Each index represents the percent of industries in which employment increased over the indicated span.

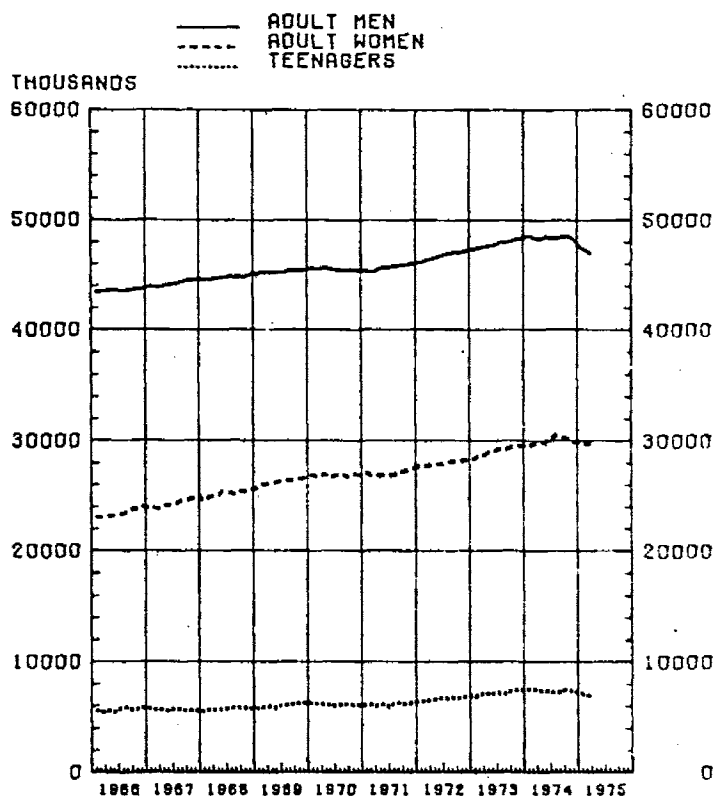
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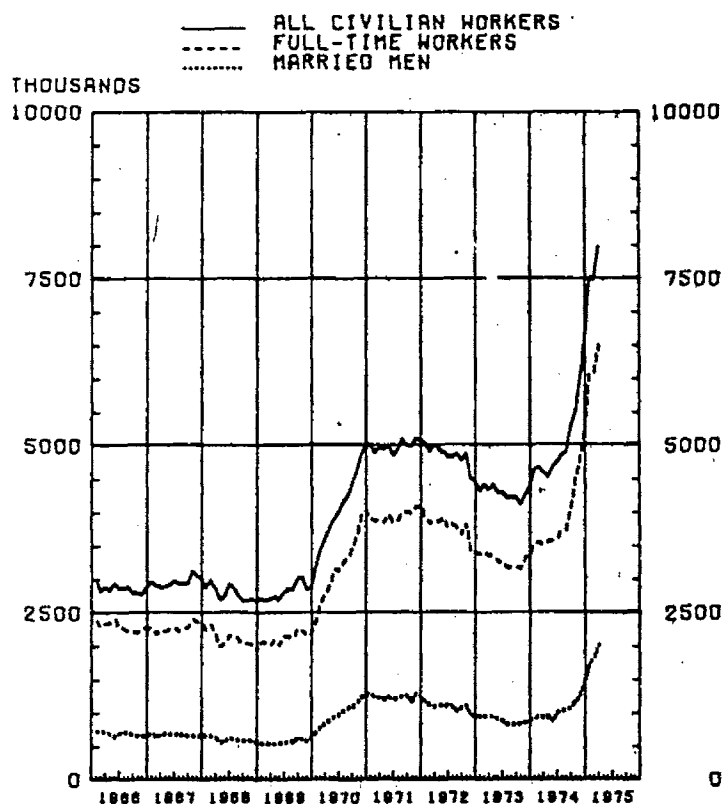
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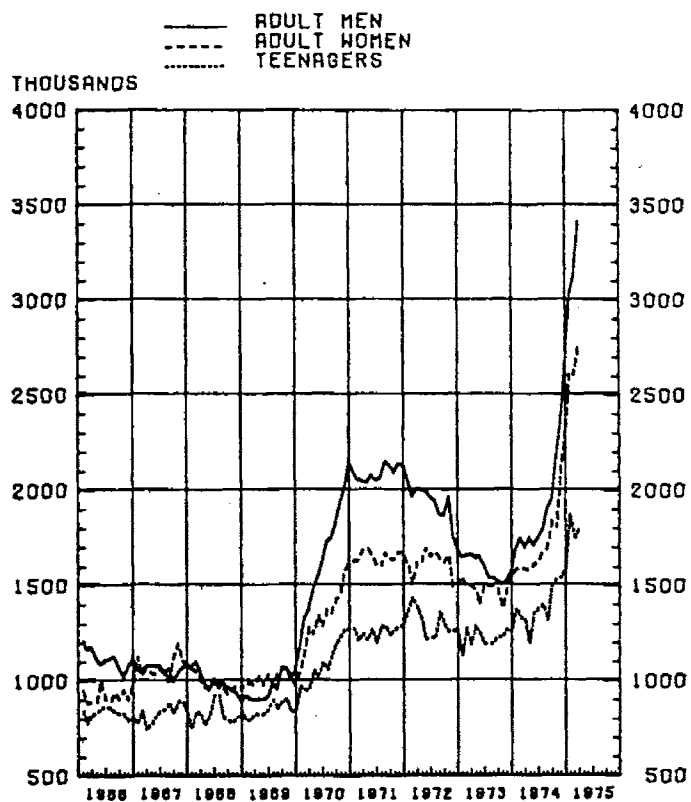
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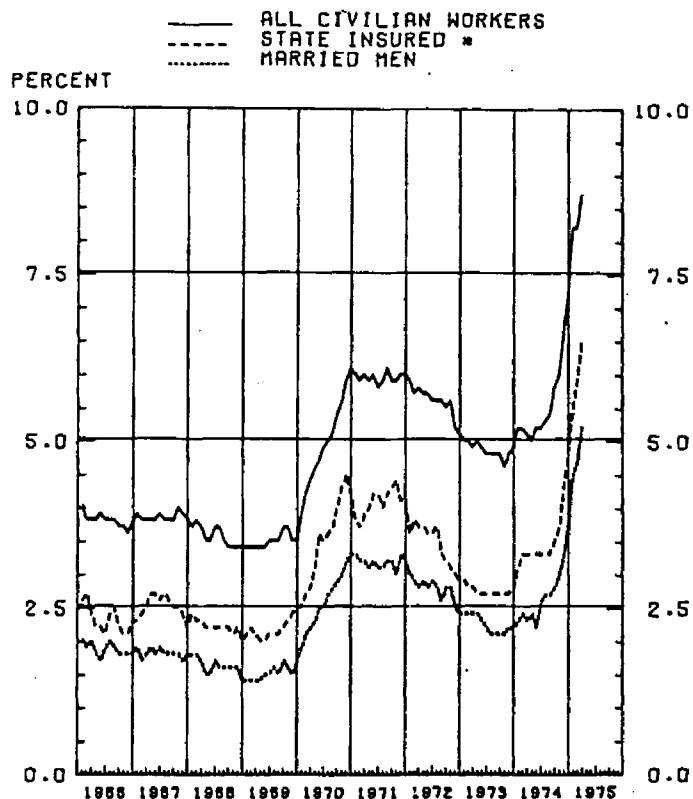


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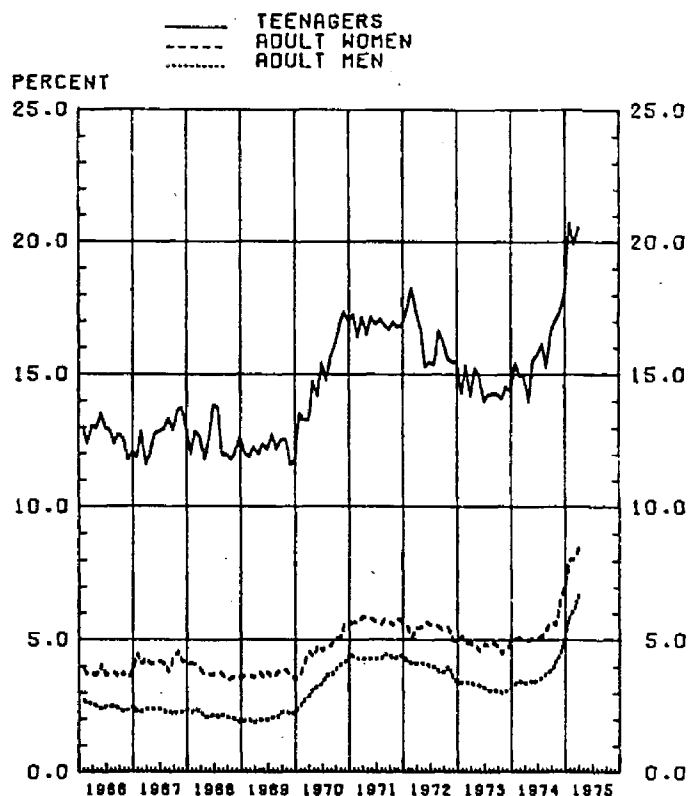


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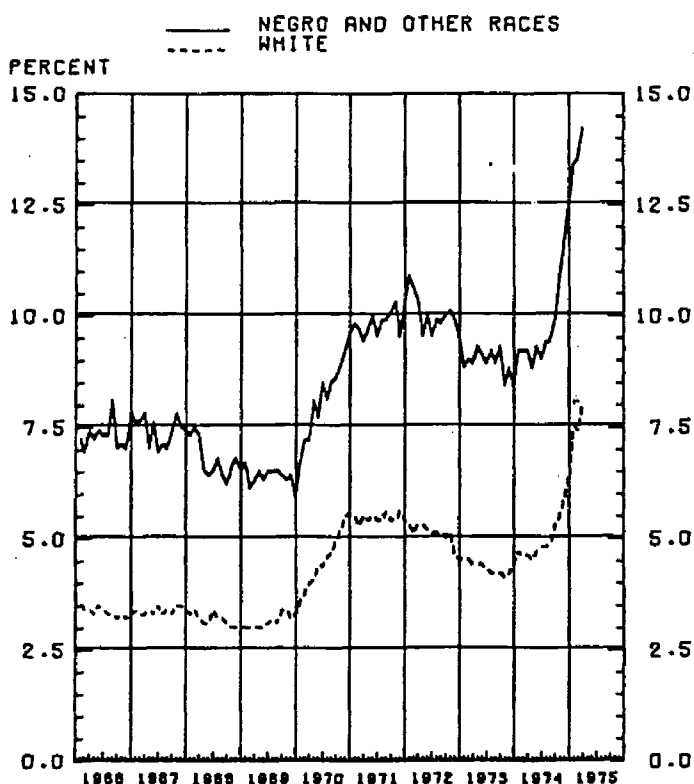
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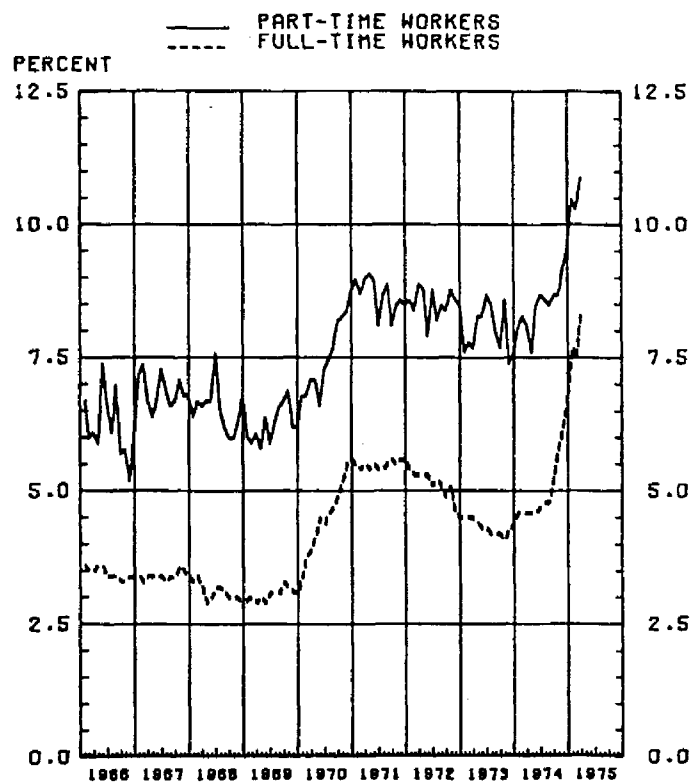
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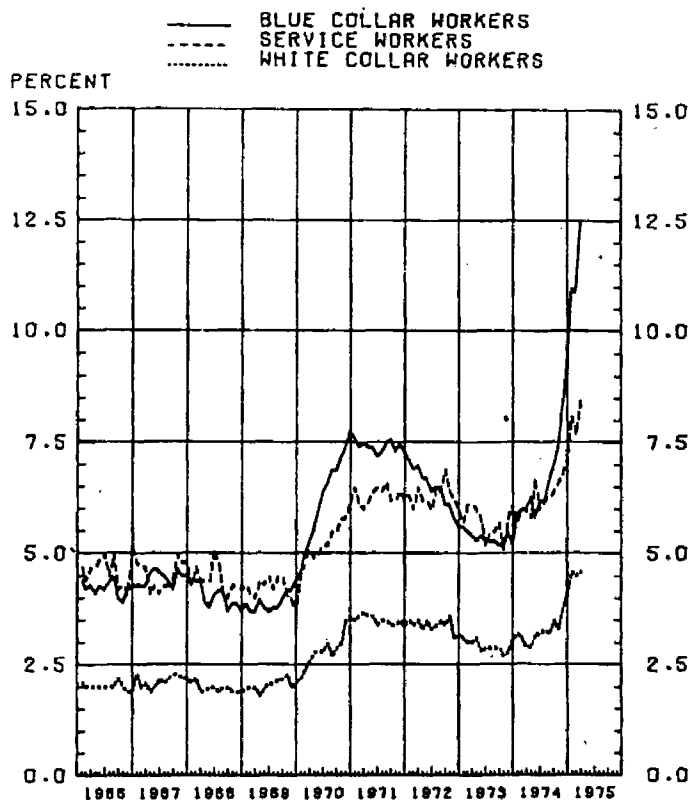
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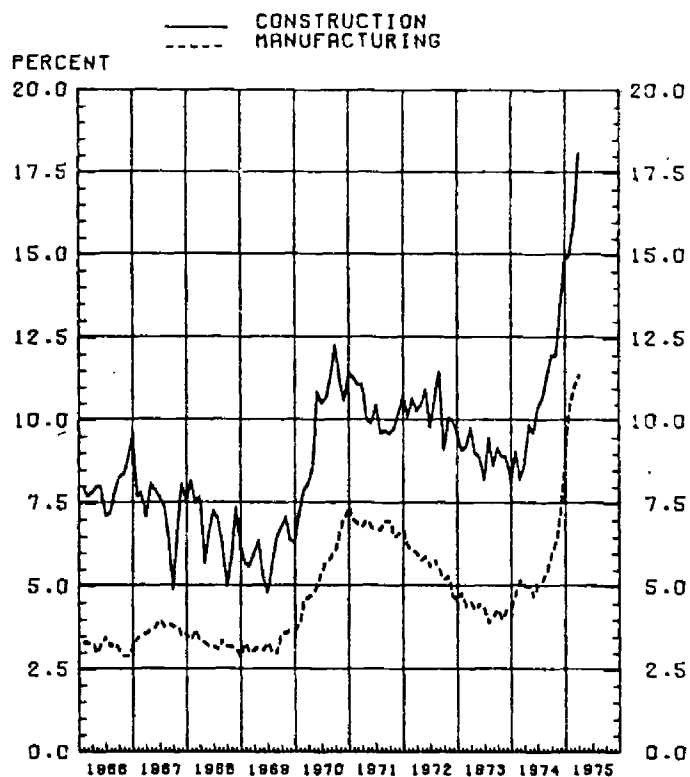
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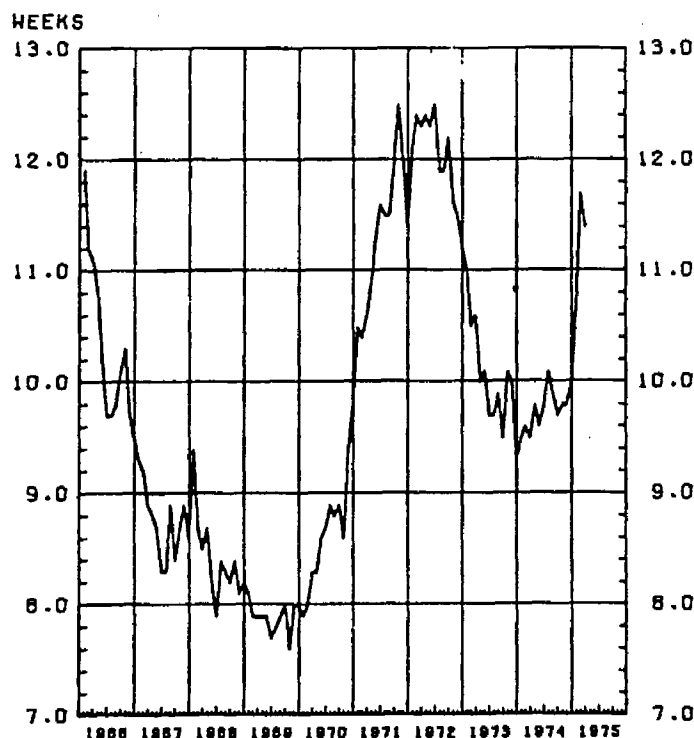
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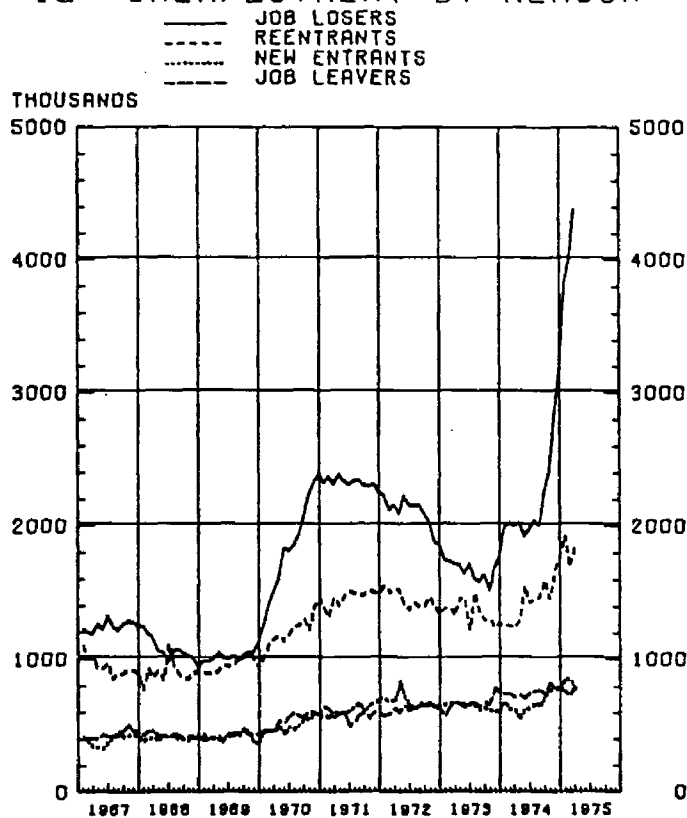
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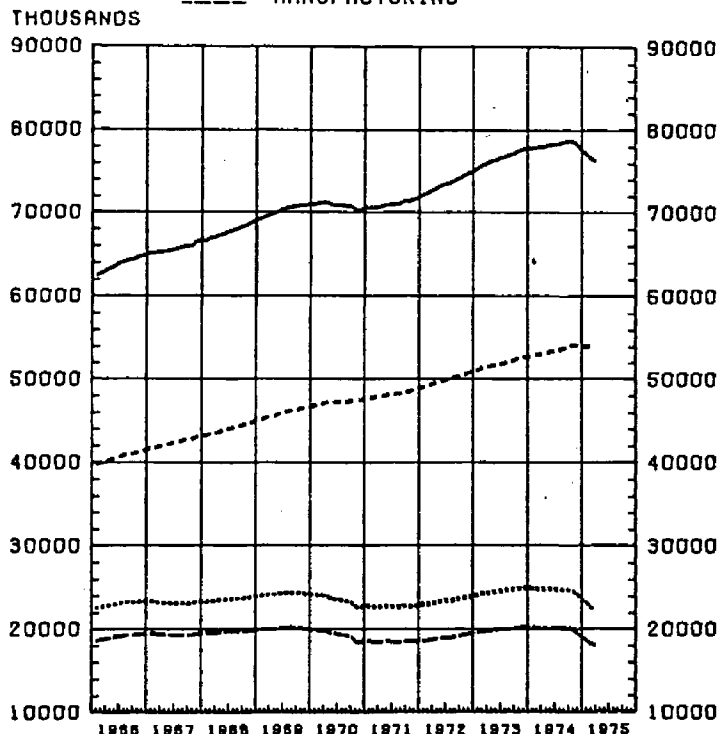
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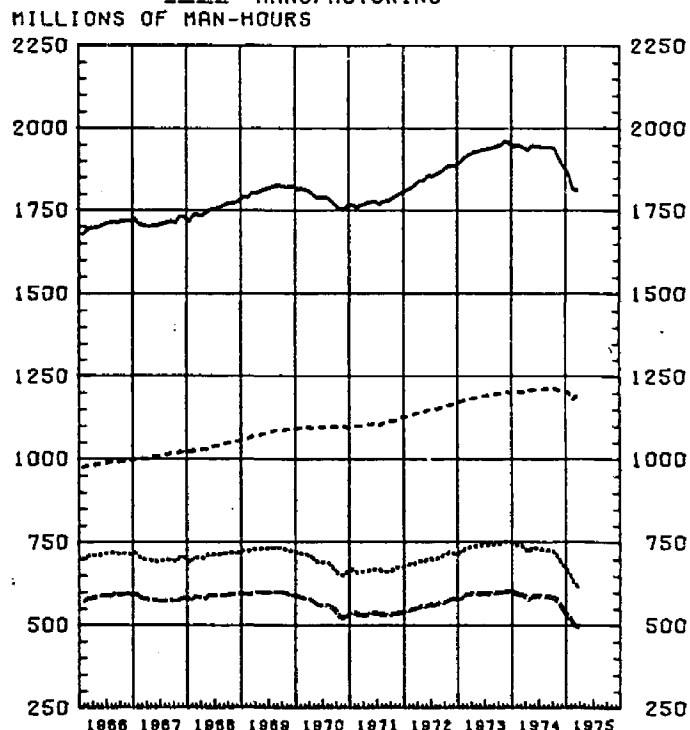
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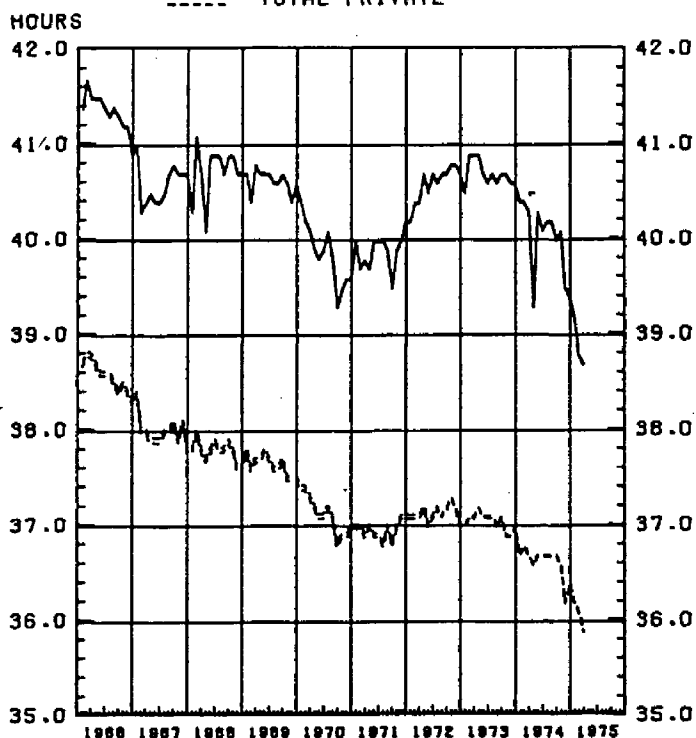
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- - - MANUFACTURING



15. AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS

— MANUFACTURING
- - - TOTAL PRIVATE



16. AVERAGE WEEKLY OVERTIME HOURS IN MANUFACTURING

