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THE EMPLOYMENT SITUATION: MAY 1975

Joblessness continued to increase in May, with the Nation's unemployment rate rising to 9.2 percent, while total employment expanded for the second straight month, it was reported today by the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the U. S. Department of Labor. The unemployment rate, which had been 8.9 percent in April, has climbed steadily since last August and was double the October 1973 pre-recession low.

Total employment (as measured by the monthly survey of households) rose by 320,000 in May, with nearly all of the increase in the agricultural sector. With unemployment also rising, the labor force increased by 680,000, following strong advances in both March and April. Over the last 3 months, the labor force has risen by 1.4 million, accounting for two-thirds of the growth since May a year ago.

Total nonagricultural payroll employment (as measured by the monthly survey of establishments), at 76.4 million in May, has risen very slightly in the last 2 months. This represented a clear departure from the record of large monthly declines that totaled 2.5 million between last October and March.

Unemployment

Unemployment rose by 360,000 in May to 8.5 million, seasonally adjusted, about the same as the average increase in the previous 2 months. Since August 1974, when the strong upsurge in unemployment began, the jobless count has risen by 3.6 million. Job loss accounted for a large portion of the May unemployment rise; however, both new entrants and reentrants to the labor force registered sizeable increases in joblessness as well. Since last August, the number of job losers has risen by 2.9 million, accounting for four-fifths of the total increase in joblessness. (See tables A-1 and A-5.)

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Almost all of the May jobless rise occurred among men 25 years and over and female teenagers, as most of the other age-sex groups showed little or no change. For example, the jobless rate among adult women was unchanged for the second straight month, at 8.6 percent. The adult male increase was also reflected in rising unemployment among all household heads and married men, whose jobless rates climbed to 6.3 percent and

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

Selected categories	Quarterly averages				Monthly data		
	1974				Mar.	Apr.	May
	I	II	III	IV	I 1975	1975	1975
	(Millions of persons)						
Civilian labor force	90.5	90.6	91.4	91.8	91.8	92.3	92.9
Total employment	85.8	86.0	86.4	85.7	84.1	84.1	84.4
Adult men	48.5	48.5	48.5	48.3	47.0	47.1	47.3
Adult women	29.8	30.1	30.5	30.1	29.8	29.9	30.0
Teenagers	7.5	7.4	7.4	7.4	7.0	7.0	7.1
Unemployment	4.7	4.7	5.0	6.1	7.0	8.0	8.5
	(Percent of labor force)						
Unemployment rates:							
All workers	5.1	5.1	5.5	6.6	8.3	8.7	9.2
Adult men	3.4	3.5	3.7	4.8	6.3	6.8	7.3
Adult women	5.1	5.1	5.4	6.5	8.2	8.5	8.6
Teenagers	15.2	15.1	16.1	17.5	20.5	20.6	21.8
White	4.6	4.6	5.0	5.9	7.6	8.0	8.1
Negro and other races	9.2	9.1	9.6	11.7	13.7	14.2	14.7
Household heads	2.9	3.0	3.2	4.1	5.5	5.8	6.0
Married men	2.4	2.4	2.7	3.3	4.8	5.2	5.6
Full-time workers	4.6	4.6	5.0	6.2	7.9	8.3	8.6c
State insured	3.2	3.3	3.4	4.3	6.0	6.4	7.0
	(Weeks)						
Average duration of unemployment	9.5	9.7	9.9	9.9	11.3	11.4	12.9
	(Millions of persons)						
Nonfarm payroll employment	78.0	78.3	78.7	78.3	76.8	76.4	76.4p
Goods-producing industries	24.9	24.9	24.8	24.1	22.7	22.3	22.3p
Service-producing industries	53.1	53.5	53.9	54.2	54.0	54.0	54.1p
	(Hours of work)						
Average weekly hours:							
Total private nonfarm	36.7	36.7	36.7	36.4	36.0	35.9	36.1p
Manufacturing	40.4	39.9	40.1	39.7	38.9	38.8	39.0p
Manufacturing overtime	3.5	3.2	3.4	2.9	2.3	2.3	2.3p
	(1967=100)						
Hourly Earnings Index, private nonfarm:							
In current dollars	152.7	156.2	160.3	164.0	167.3	168.8	168.8p
In constant dollars	107.8	107.4r	107.0r	106.4r	106.4	107.0	106.3p

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

5.8 percent, respectively. Among the racial groups, the jobless rate for white workers rose to 8.5 percent in May, while the rate for black workers (Negro and other races) held about steady at 14.7 percent. (See tables A-2 and A-6.)

Increases in unemployment were concentrated in construction, finance and service, and government. The rise in joblessness was particularly sharp in the construction industry; at an alltime recorded high of 21.8 percent, the unemployment rate in this industry was more than double the rate of a year earlier. (See table A-2.)

The unemployment rate of workers covered by State unemployment insurance programs reached 7.0 percent in May but remained below post-World War II record levels. The number of workers claiming regular State unemployment insurance benefits, at 4.7 million, represented 55 percent of the jobless total, compared with 45 percent a year ago.

The number of long-term unemployed--those jobless for 15 weeks or longer--rose by 240,000 to a level of more than 2.6 million in May; those who were seeking work for 6 months or more exceeded the 1 million mark for the first time since 1958. The average (mean) duration of unemployment continued to move upward, reaching 13.4 weeks in May, the highest level in over 10 years. Since last November, the average duration of unemployment has increased by 3.6 weeks, and the number jobless for 15 weeks or more has risen by 1.5 million. (See table A-4.)

Total Employment and Civilian Labor Force

Total employment increased for the second month in a row, rising by 320,000 to 84.4 million, seasonally adjusted. (See table A-1.) Since March, employment has expanded by 550,000, after registering 6 consecutive monthly declines that totaled 2.6 million. Adult males accounted for more than two-thirds of the April-May job gain.

After showing little movement from last October to February, the civilian labor force rose for the third consecutive month, increasing by 680,000 to 92.9 million in May. All of this increase came among adult males and teenagers. (See table A-1.)

The civilian labor force participation rate--the proportion of the civilian population either working or looking for work--surged to a high of 61.6 percent in May, up from 61.2 percent in the previous month. Labor force participation rates were higher for both adult men (80.8 percent) and teenagers (55.7 percent), whereas the rate for

adult women (45.9 percent) was about unchanged.

Industry Payroll Employment

Total nonagricultural payroll employment has moved up slightly in the last 2 months to 76.4 million, seasonally adjusted. The proportion of industries posting employment gains from April to May, at 54 percent, continued its ascent from the recession low of 17 percent in February. May was the first month since last August in which more than half of the 172 industries in the diffusion index registered employment gains. (See tables B-1 and B-6.)

After posting substantial job cutbacks over the September-March period, the employment declines in manufacturing have abated, as the job total held about steady at 18.1 million in May. Small gains in the nondurable goods sector, principally in textiles and apparel, were countered by declines in several of the durable goods industries, particularly machinery. Since May a year ago, employment in manufacturing has been reduced by more than 2 million jobs, two-thirds of which occurred in the durable goods industries.

Employment in contract construction continued to fall in May, but the 35,000 decline was accounted for by an increase in strike activity. Construction jobs have decreased by 630,000 over the past year.

An employment increase of 110,000 in the service-producing sector was the largest over-the-month gain for these industries since October; it was paced by increases in retail trade (35,000) and State and local government (55,000). Although service-producing employment has increased by 760,000 since last May, the bulk of the increase occurred during 1974; moreover, job gains in the State and local government sector accounted for almost all of this growth.

Hours of Work

The average workweek for all production or nonsupervisory workers on nonfarm payrolls was 36.0 hours in May, seasonally adjusted. (See table B-2.) Average weekly hours have held steady at this low level for the last 4 months after declining 0.7 hour between September and February.

The manufacturing workweek, at 39.0 hours, was unchanged from the previous month, following an increase from the recession low of 38.8 hours in February and March.

Factory overtime, however, remained at 2.3 hours for the fifth straight month. Since their April 1973 peaks, the factory workweek and overtime hours are down by 1.9 and 1.8 hours, respectively.

The aggregate man-hours of private production or nonsupervisory workers, at 106.1 (1967=100), rose by 0.4 percent in May. This reversed the rapid downward movement which began in October 1974. Over the past year, total man-hours have declined 6.6 percent. (See table B-5.) Factory man-hours, at 86.3 (1967=100), were unchanged in May after a 0.5-percent rise in April, the only increase over the last 12 months. Since May of last year, the manufacturing worker hours index has fallen 15.6 percent.

Hourly and Weekly Earnings

Average hourly earnings of production or nonsupervisory workers on private nonagricultural payrolls rose 0.4 percent in May and 7.2 percent from a year ago (seasonally adjusted). Average weekly earnings edged up 0.2 percent over the month. Since May 1974, weekly earnings have advanced by 5.1 percent.

Before adjustment for seasonality, average hourly earnings rose 3 cents in May to \$4.47 and were up 30 cents from a year ago. Average weekly earnings were \$160.47 in May, an increase of \$1.52 from April and \$7.85 from May of last 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 169.8 (1967=100) in May, 0.6 percent higher than in April. The index was 8.8 percent above May a year ago. During the 12-month period ended in April, the Hourly Earnings Index in dollars of constant purchasing power declined 0.8 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					
	May 1974	Apr. 1975	May 1975	May 1974	Jan. 1975	Feb. 1975	Mar. 1975	Apr. 1975	May 1975
TOTAL									
Total noninstitutional population ¹	150,507	152,840	153,051	150,507	152,230	152,445	152,646	152,840	153,051
Total labor force	92,158	93,564	93,949	92,983	94,284	93,709	94,027	94,457	95,121
Participation rate	61.2	61.2	61.4	61.8	61.9	61.5	61.6	61.8	62.1
Civilian noninstitutional population ¹	148,277	150,645	150,870	148,277	150,037	150,246	150,447	150,645	150,870
Civilian labor force	89,929	91,369	91,768	90,753	92,091	91,511	91,829	92,262	92,940
Participation rate	60.6	60.7	60.8	61.2	61.4	60.9	61.0	61.2	61.6
Employed	85,785	83,549	84,146	86,062	84,562	84,027	83,849	84,086	84,402
Agriculture	3,604	3,171	3,622	3,497	3,383	3,326	3,265	3,238	3,512
Nonagricultural industries	82,181	80,377	80,524	82,565	81,179	80,701	80,584	80,848	80,890
Unemployed	4,144	7,820	7,623	4,691	7,529	7,484	7,980	8,176	8,538
Unemployment rate	4.6	8.6	8.3	5.2	8.2	8.2	8.7	8.9	9.2
Not in labor force	58,349	59,276	59,101	57,524	57,946	58,735	58,618	58,383	57,930
Males, 20 years and over									
Total noninstitutional population ¹	63,804	64,812	64,901	63,804	64,552	64,644	64,730	64,812	64,901
Total labor force	51,931	52,320	52,434	52,134	52,244	52,150	52,136	52,414	52,788
Participation rate	81.4	80.7	80.8	81.7	80.9	80.7	80.5	80.9	81.3
Civilian noninstitutional population ¹	62,000	63,080	61,180	62,000	62,824	62,911	62,997	63,080	63,180
Civilian labor force	50,127	50,588	50,713	50,330	50,515	50,417	50,403	50,683	51,067
Participation rate	80.9	80.2	80.3	81.2	80.4	80.1	80.0	80.3	80.8
Employed	48,539	46,901	47,240	48,622	47,490	47,288	46,990	47,123	47,333
Agriculture	2,571	2,401	2,499	2,529	2,422	2,475	2,421	2,399	2,457
Nonagricultural industries	45,968	44,500	44,741	46,093	45,068	44,813	44,569	44,724	44,876
Unemployed	1,588	3,688	3,473	1,708	3,025	3,129	3,413	3,560	3,734
Unemployment rate	3.2	7.3	6.8	3.4	6.0	6.2	6.8	7.0	7.3
Not in labor force	11,873	12,492	12,467	11,670	12,309	12,494	12,594	12,397	12,113
Females, 20 years and over									
Civilian noninstitutional population ¹	70,247	71,358	71,463	70,247	71,061	71,167	71,266	71,358	71,463
Civilian labor force	31,622	32,756	32,712	31,657	32,556	32,326	32,637	32,845	32,835
Participation rate	45.0	45.9	45.8	45.1	45.8	45.4	45.8	46.0	45.9
Employed	30,149	30,145	30,116	30,045	29,932	29,719	29,877	30,007	29,998
Agriculture	575	414	596	518	524	474	443	453	537
Nonagricultural industries	29,574	29,731	29,520	29,527	29,408	29,245	29,434	29,554	29,461
Unemployed	1,474	2,611	2,596	1,612	2,624	2,607	2,760	2,838	2,837
Unemployment rate	4.7	8.0	7.9	5.1	8.1	8.1	8.5	8.6	8.6
Not in labor force	38,625	38,602	38,750	38,590	38,505	38,841	38,629	38,513	38,628
Both sexes, 16-19 years									
Civilian noninstitutional population ¹	16,030	16,207	16,226	16,030	16,152	16,168	16,184	16,207	16,226
Civilian labor force	8,180	8,025	8,343	8,766	9,020	8,768	8,789	8,734	9,038
Participation rate	51.0	49.5	51.4	54.7	55.8	54.2	54.3	53.9	55.7
Employed	7,098	6,503	6,790	7,395	7,140	7,020	6,982	6,956	7,071
Agriculture	459	357	526	450	437	377	401	386	518
Nonagricultural industries	6,639	6,146	6,263	6,945	6,703	6,643	6,581	6,570	6,553
Unemployed	1,082	1,522	1,553	1,371	1,880	1,748	1,807	1,778	1,967
Unemployment rate	13.2	19.0	18.6	15.6	20.8	19.9	20.6	20.4	21.8
Not in labor force	7,850	8,182	7,883	7,264	7,132	7,400	7,395	7,473	7,188
WHITE									
Civilian noninstitutional population ¹	131,114	133,039	133,217	131,114	132,553	132,720	132,879	133,039	133,217
Civilian labor force	79,797	81,113	81,473	80,414	81,706	81,071	81,546	81,825	82,428
Participation rate	60.9	61.0	61.2	61.3	61.6	61.1	61.4	61.5	61.9
Employed	76,488	74,711	75,216	76,660	75,555	75,043	75,039	75,193	75,387
Unemployed	3,309	6,402	6,257	3,754	6,151	6,028	6,507	6,632	7,041
Unemployment rate	4.1	7.9	7.7	4.7	7.5	7.4	8.0	8.1	8.5
Not in labor force	51,316	51,926	51,744	50,700	50,847	51,649	51,333	51,214	50,789
NEGRO AND OTHER RACES									
Civilian noninstitutional population ¹	17,164	17,606	17,652	17,164	17,484	17,527	17,568	17,606	17,652
Civilian labor force	10,132	10,256	10,295	10,287	10,464	10,387	10,364	10,401	10,494
Participation rate	59.0	58.3	58.3	59.9	59.8	59.3	59.0	59.1	59.4
Employed	9,297	8,837	8,930	9,326	9,057	8,989	8,893	8,886	8,953
Unemployed	834	1,418	1,366	961	1,407	1,398	1,471	1,515	1,541
Unemployment rate	8.2	13.8	13.3	9.3	13.4	13.5	14.2	14.6	14.7
Not in labor force	7,032	7,350	7,357	6,877	7,020	7,140	7,204	7,205	7,158

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					
	May 1974	May 1975	May 1974	Jan. 1975	Feb. 1975	Mar. 1975	Apr. 1975	May 1975
Total, 16 years and over	4,691	8,538	5.2	8.2	8.2	8.7	8.9	9.2
Males, 20 years and over	1,708	3,734	3.4	6.0	6.2	6.8	7.0	7.3
Females, 20 years and over	1,612	2,837	5.1	8.1	8.1	8.5	8.6	8.6
Both sexes, 16-19 years	1,371	1,967	15.6	20.8	19.9	20.6	20.4	21.8
White, total	3,754	7,041	4.7	7.5	7.4	8.0	8.1	8.5
Males, 20 years and over	1,397	3,125	3.1	5.5	5.6	6.2	6.4	6.8
Females, 20 years and over	1,295	2,346	4.7	7.7	7.6	8.0	8.2	8.2
Both sexes, 16-19 years	1,062	1,570	13.6	18.4	17.5	18.1	17.8	19.5
Negro and other races, total	961	1,541	9.3	13.4	13.5	14.2	14.6	14.7
Males, 20 years and over	314	621	6.1	10.5	11.1	11.8	12.6	12.0
Females, 20 years and over	335	527	8.0	11.0	10.9	11.2	11.2	12.2
Both sexes, 16-19 years	312	393	33.2	41.1	36.7	41.6	40.2	39.9
Household heads	1,563	3,346	3.0	5.2	5.4	5.8	6.0	6.3
Married men, spouse present	891	2,349	2.2	4.5	4.7	5.2	5.6	5.8
Full-time workers	3,591	7,024	4.6	7.7	7.8	8.3	8.6 ^c	8.8
Part-time workers	1,117	1,482	8.5	10.5	10.3	10.9	10.4	11.1
Unemployed 15 weeks and over ¹	877	2,643	1.0	1.7	2.0	2.2	2.6	2.8
State insured ²	2,097	4,675	3.3	5.5	5.9	6.4	6.8	7.0
Labor force time lost ³	--	--	5.7	8.9	8.9	9.6	9.7	9.9
OCCUPATION⁴								
White-collar workers	1,365	2,428	3.2	4.6	4.5	4.6	4.7	5.4
Professional and technical	273	482	2.2	2.9	3.2	2.9	3.4	3.6
Managers and administrators, except farm	172	324	1.9	3.3	2.7	2.7	3.3	3.5
Sales workers	233	347	4.1	5.7	5.3	6.0	5.8	5.9
Clerical workers	687	1,275	4.4	6.3	6.2	6.6	6.2	7.8
Blue-collar workers	1,845	4,160	5.8	11.0	10.9	12.5	13.0	13.0
Craft and kindred workers	450	1,112	3.8	7.0	6.5	8.7	9.0	9.3
Operatives	964	2,148	6.4	13.1	13.3	14.1	14.9	14.4
Nonfarm laborers	431	900	8.9	14.3	14.1	16.2	17.2	17.7
Service workers	799	1,090	6.7	8.1	7.7	8.5	8.2	8.7
Farm workers	85	116	2.7	3.6	3.0	4.5	4.0	3.7
INDUSTRY⁴								
Nonagricultural private wage and salary workers ⁵	3,423	6,765	5.2	8.7	8.8	9.3	9.8	10.1
Construction	431	961	9.6	15.0	15.9	18.1	19.3	21.8
Manufacturing	1,026	2,608	4.7	10.5	11.0	11.4	12.2	12.3
Durable goods	569	1,611	4.4	10.5	10.9	11.3	12.8	12.7
Nondurable goods	457	997	5.2	10.3	11.1	11.6	11.4	11.6
Transportation and public utilities	150	325	3.0	5.9	5.2	5.6	6.6	6.7
Wholesale and retail trade	1,014	1,501	6.3	8.5	8.0	8.7	9.1	8.9
Finance and service industries	778	1,352	4.3	6.2	6.5	6.7	6.6	7.2
Government workers	495	740	3.4	3.4	3.6	3.9	3.8	4.9
Agricultural wage and salary workers	104	139	7.2	10.2	8.8	12.0	12.6	9.4
VETERAN STATUS								
Males, Vietnam-era veterans ⁶ :								
20 to 34 years	278	572	4.8	9.0	8.8	9.0	9.9	9.3
20 to 24 years	128	222	10.2	19.7	17.3	17.5	22.8	21.1
25 to 29 years	117	253	3.6	6.9	7.4	8.1	7.3	6.9
30 to 34 years	33	117	2.6	6.1	5.9	5.2	6.8	6.9
Males, nonveterans:								
20 to 34 years	739	1,530	5.4	8.6	9.5	10.5	10.4	10.7
20 to 24 years	469	958	7.7	11.6	12.6	14.7	14.5	14.7
25 to 29 years	178	355	4.6	7.2	8.6	8.5	6.9	8.5
30 to 34 years	92	217	2.5	5.1	5.1	5.5	7.2	5.9

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.^ccorrected

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Table A-3. Selected employment indicators

[In thousands]

Selected categories	Not seasonally adjusted		Seasonally adjusted					
	May 1974	May 1975	May 1974	Jan. 1975	Feb. 1975	Mar. 1975	Apr. 1975	May 1975
Total employed, 16 years and over	85,785	84,146	86,062	84,562	84,027	83,849	84,086	84,402
Males	52,519	50,954	52,740	51,329	51,112	50,781	50,873	51,172
Females	33,267	33,192	33,322	33,233	32,915	33,068	33,213	33,230
Household heads	50,919	49,974	50,862	49,933	49,672	49,613	49,796	49,924
Married men, spouse present	39,064	37,853	39,069	37,954	37,761	37,689	37,813	37,853
Married women, spouse present	19,564	19,356	19,529	19,330	19,173	19,271	19,376	19,317
OCCUPATION								
White-collar workers	41,462	41,882	41,694	42,073	41,602	41,944	42,098	42,127
Professional and technical	12,297	12,767	12,304	12,439	12,492	12,699	12,616	12,780
Managers and administrators, except farm	9,136	8,882	9,117	8,929	8,648	8,757	8,725	8,864
Sales workers	5,364	5,455	5,420	5,379	5,455	5,403	5,526	5,510
Clerical workers	14,664	14,778	14,853	15,326	15,007	15,085	15,231	14,973
Blue-collar workers	29,933	27,642	30,074	28,134	27,859	27,420	27,724	27,772
Craft and kindred workers	11,530	10,849	11,545	10,920	10,923	10,674	10,857	10,860
Operatives	13,953	12,593	14,102	13,059	12,799	12,598	12,855	12,733
Nonfarm laborers	4,450	4,200	4,427	4,155	4,137	4,148	4,012	4,179
Service workers	11,235	11,462	11,164	11,661	11,653	11,560	11,385	11,383
Farm workers	3,155	3,160	3,055	2,954	2,872	2,814	2,803	3,062
MAJOR INDUSTRY AND CLASS OF WORKER								
Agriculture:								
Wage and salary workers	1,360	1,300	1,338	1,310	1,196	1,194	1,156	1,344
Self-employed workers	1,778	1,781	1,058	1,680	1,765	1,716	1,735	1,762
Unpaid family workers	466	540	399	376	345	347	358	463
Nonagricultural industries:								
Wage and salary workers	75,839	74,271	76,353	74,942	74,811	74,584	74,759	74,768
Private households	1,433	1,419	1,425	1,326	1,301	1,342	1,315	1,411
Government	14,163	14,556	14,049	14,351	14,404	14,387	14,512	14,440
Other	60,243	58,296	60,879	59,265	59,106	58,855	58,932	58,917
Self-employed workers	5,823	5,714	5,675	5,561	5,375	5,519	5,648	5,569
Unpaid family workers	519	540	488	549	498	474	469	508
PERSONS AT WORK ¹								
Nonagricultural industries	78,736	76,993	77,640	76,592	75,914	75,679	76,371	76,098
Full-time schedules	64,795	62,227	64,443	62,295	61,822	61,456	61,943	61,917
Part time for economic reasons	2,412	3,411	2,740	3,837	3,747	3,916	3,884	3,877
Usually work full time	1,147	1,619	1,249	2,037	2,047	1,887	1,883	1,764
Usually work part time	1,265	1,792	1,491	1,800	1,700	2,029	2,001	2,113
Part time for noneconomic reasons	11,529	11,355	10,457	10,460	10,345	10,307	10,544	10,304

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					
	May 1974	May 1975	May 1974	Jan. 1975	Feb. 1975	Mar. 1975	Apr. 1975	May 1975
Less than 5 weeks	2,094	2,645	2,481	3,316	2,914	3,253	2,897	3,134
5 to 14 weeks	1,080	2,054	1,378	2,663	2,597	2,619	2,695	2,620
15 weeks and over	970	2,923	877	1,537	1,822	1,991	2,403	2,643
15 to 26 weeks	593	1,764	527	914	1,118	1,259	1,452	1,568
27 weeks and over	377	1,159	350	623	704	732	951	1,075
Average (mean) duration, in weeks	10.6	14.8	9.6	10.7	11.7	11.4	12.9	13.4
PERCENT DISTRIBUTION								
Total unemployed	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Less than 5 weeks	50.5	34.7	52.4	44.1	39.7	41.4	36.2	37.3
5 to 14 weeks	26.1	26.9	29.1	35.4	35.4	33.3	33.7	31.2
15 weeks and over	23.4	38.3	18.5	20.4	24.8	25.3	30.1	31.5
15 to 26 weeks	14.3	23.1	11.1	12.2	15.2	16.0	18.2	18.7
27 weeks and over	9.1	15.2	7.4	8.3	9.6	9.3	11.9	12.8

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Table A-5. Reasons for unemployment

[Numbers in thousands]

Reason	Not seasonally adjusted		Seasonally adjusted					
	May 1974	May 1975	May 1974	Jan. 1975	Feb. 1975	Mar. 1975	Apr. 1975	May 1975
NUMBER OF UNEMPLOYED								
Lost last job	1,726	4,391	1,911	3,831	4,017	4,369	4,657	4,863
Left last job	566	705	698	760	730	798	806	869
Reentered labor force	1,313	1,795	1,546	1,924	1,686	1,854	1,916	2,114
Seeking first job	538	733	623	858	846	773	766	848
PERCENT DISTRIBUTION								
Total unemployed	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Job losers	41.7	57.6	40.0	52.0	55.2	56.1	57.2	55.9
Job leavers	13.7	9.2	14.6	10.3	10.0	10.2	9.9	10.0
Reentrants	31.7	23.5	32.4	26.1	23.2	23.8	23.5	24.3
New entrants	13.0	9.6	13.0	11.6	11.6	9.9	9.4	9.8
UNEMPLOYED AS A PERCENT OF THE CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE								
Job losers	1.9	4.8	2.1	4.2	4.4	4.8	5.0	5.2
Job leavers6	.8	.8	.8	.8	.9	.9	.9
Reentrants	1.5	2.0	1.7	2.1	1.8	2.0	2.1	2.3
New entrants6	.8	.7	.9	.9	.8	.8	.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	May 1974	Jan. 1975	Feb. 1975	Mar. 1975	Apr. 1975	May 1975
	May 1974	May 1975							
Total, 16 years and over	4,144	7,623	85.9	5.2	8.2	8.2	8.7	8.9	9.2
16 to 19 years	1,082	1,553	67.4	15.6	20.8	19.9	20.6	20.4	21.8
16 to 17 years	510	645	47.6	17.9	22.6	21.6	22.3	21.5	22.8
18 to 19 years	572	908	81.6	14.1	19.6	18.2	19.5	19.7	21.2
20 to 24 years	1,043	1,883	90.2	8.5	12.4	13.3	14.3	14.6	14.8
25 years and over	2,019	4,187	90.9	3.2	5.7	5.7	6.1	6.3	6.4
25 to 54 years	1,661	3,522	93.1	3.3	6.1	6.0	6.4	6.7	6.9
55 years and over	359	663	79.3	2.7	4.2	4.8	4.8	5.1	4.9
Males, 16 years and over	2,147	4,291	89.7	4.4	7.2	7.4	7.9	8.3	8.5
16 to 19 years	559	818	69.9	14.7	19.8	20.0	20.2	21.7	21.2
16 to 17 years	281	354	52.0	17.9	22.3	22.0	20.8	22.8	22.7
18 to 19 years	278	465	83.4	12.2	18.2	17.9	20.0	21.3	19.9
20 to 24 years	552	1,089	92.7	8.2	12.6	13.3	14.8	15.8	15.6
25 years and over	1,037	2,385	95.0	2.6	4.8	5.0	5.4	5.6	5.8
25 to 54 years	839	1,982	98.1	2.7	5.1	5.1	5.5	5.9	6.2
55 years and over	197	402	79.9	2.4	3.9	4.4	4.7	4.9	4.8
Females, 16 years and over	1,996	3,331	81.1	6.4	9.7	9.4	9.8	9.7	10.2
16 to 19 years	523	735	64.6	16.8	22.1	19.9	21.0	18.7	22.4
16 to 17 years	229	292	42.1	17.9	23.0	21.1	24.2	19.8	22.9
18 to 19 years	294	444	79.5	16.4	21.1	18.5	18.8	17.8	22.6
20 to 24 years	492	794	86.6	9.0	12.2	13.3	13.6	13.3	13.9
25 years and over	982	1,802	85.3	4.2	7.1	6.9	7.3	7.5	7.5
25 to 54 years	821	1,540	86.5	4.4	7.6	7.4	7.8	8.1	8.0
55 years and over	160	461	44.5	3.1	4.9	5.5	5.0	5.4	5.1

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

[In thousands]

Industry	Not seasonally adjusted				Seasonally adjusted					
	May 1974	Mar. 1975	Apr. 1975 ^p	May 1975 ^p	May 1974	Jan. 1975	Feb. 1975	Mar. 1975	Apr. 1975 ^p	May 1975 ^p
TOTAL	78,545	75,755	76,161	76,654	78,357	77,227	76,708	76,368	76,381	76,443
GOODS-PRODUCING	24,790	21,914	21,997	22,142	24,885	23,207	22,595	22,338	22,273	22,230
MINING	669	691	696	706	668	700	702	706	702	705
CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION	4,058	3,218	3,328	3,428	4,066	3,789	3,596	3,486	3,470	3,435
MANUFACTURING	20,063	18,005	17,973	18,008	20,151	18,718	18,297	18,146	18,101	18,090
<i>Production workers</i>	14,665	12,747	12,732	12,784	14,739	13,392	12,996	12,866	12,840	12,853
DURABLE GOODS	11,905	10,577	10,534	10,509	11,908	11,010	10,722	10,635	10,565	10,513
<i>Production workers</i>	8,685	7,450	7,419	7,418	8,682	7,838	7,567	7,499	7,438	7,414
Ordnance and accessories	176.5	181.4	179.9	179.7	179	182	182	182	182	183
Lumber and wood products	655.6	532.9	541.4	558.1	658	556	544	545	550	560
Furniture and fixtures	535.5	439.4	441.4	442.8	540	463	449	442	446	447
Stone, clay, and glass products	701.4	596.6	601.5	614.6	699	632	618	609	607	613
Primary metal industries	1,339.1	1,205.6	1,187.6	1,174.8	1,326	1,277	1,235	1,206	1,181	1,163
Fabricated metal products	1,492.1	1,302.8	1,303.8	1,294.2	1,495	1,352	1,331	1,312	1,310	1,297
Machinery, except electrical	2,185.9	2,112.8	2,077.8	2,027.9	2,184	2,165	2,129	2,102	2,070	2,026
Electrical equipment	2,037.3	1,743.0	1,722.4	1,720.4	2,050	1,835	1,771	1,754	1,735	1,731
Transportation equipment	1,801.4	1,577.4	1,596.2	1,614.3	1,791	1,626	1,556	1,587	1,593	1,605
Instruments and related products	527.1	496.3	491.7	484.6	529	514	505	498	494	487
Miscellaneous manufacturing	453.1	388.8	390.5	397.7	457	408	402	398	397	401
NONDURABLE GOODS	8,158	7,428	7,439	7,499	8,243	7,708	7,575	7,511	7,536	7,577
<i>Production workers</i>	5,980	5,297	5,313	5,366	6,057	5,554	5,429	5,367	5,402	5,439
Food and kindred products	1,669.5	1,597.7	1,593.5	1,613.5	1,732	1,671	1,664	1,666	1,669	1,674
Tobacco manufactures	71.1	71.4	68.3	67.8	79	79	78	76	74	75
Textile mill products	1,017.8	856.9	872.9	892.3	1,019	881	860	857	875	893
Apparel and other textile products	1,364.7	1,172.3	1,183.1	1,196.0	1,362	1,204	1,178	1,165	1,182	1,194
Paper and allied products	707.7	634.7	630.3	632.4	714	666	650	639	634	638
Printing and publishing	1,109.4	1,082.7	1,077.4	1,068.2	1,113	1,098	1,089	1,083	1,078	1,071
Chemicals and allied products	1,053.6	1,010.8	1,004.8	1,003.8	1,056	1,038	1,027	1,014	1,007	1,006
Petroleum and coal products	195.8	185.2	186.3	187.5	196	190	187	190	189	187
Rubber and plastics products, nec.	678.1	567.3	572.8	578.2	682	619	586	570	576	581
Leather and leather products	290.4	249.4	249.9	258.9	290	262	256	251	252	258
SERVICE-PRODUCING	53,755	53,841	54,164	54,512	53,472	54,020	54,113	54,030	54,108	54,213
TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC UTILITIES	4,701	4,476	4,479	4,499	4,701	4,607	4,561	4,512	4,511	4,499
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE	16,964	16,509	16,688	16,821	16,994	16,863	16,832	16,799	16,818	16,850
WHOLESALE TRADE	4,228	4,173	4,172	4,182	4,258	4,242	4,222	4,211	4,214	4,211
RETAIL TRADE	12,736	12,336	12,516	12,639	12,736	12,621	12,610	12,588	12,604	12,639
FINANCE, INSURANCE, AND REAL ESTATE	4,161	4,132	4,147	4,160	4,161	4,173	4,164	4,157	4,164	4,160
SERVICES	13,536	13,658	13,772	13,898	13,429	13,747	13,771	13,754	13,758	13,788
GOVERNMENT	14,393	15,066	15,078	15,134	14,187	14,630	14,785	14,808	14,857	14,916
FEDERAL	2,722	2,724	2,732	2,743	2,711	2,733	2,733	2,732	2,729	2,732
STATE AND LOCAL	11,671	12,342	12,346	12,391	11,476	11,897	12,052	12,076	12,128	12,184

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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					
	May 1974	Mar. 1975	Apr. 1975 ^P	May 1975 ^P	May 1974	Jan. 1975	Feb. 1975	Mar. 1975	Apr. 1975 ^P	May 1975 ^P
TOTAL PRIVATE	36.6	35.7	35.8	35.9	36.7	36.2	36.0	35.9	36.1	36.0
MINING	43.3	41.3	41.0	42.3	43.3	42.4	42.5	41.8	41.4	42.3
CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION	36.7	34.7	36.4	37.1	36.7	37.1	36.6	34.9	36.8	37.1
MANUFACTURING	40.3	38.7	38.8	39.0	40.3	39.2	38.8	38.8	39.0	39.0
Overtime hours	3.3	2.2	2.2	2.2	3.4	2.3	2.3	2.3	2.3	2.3
DURABLE GOODS	41.0	39.4	39.5	39.5	40.9	40.0	39.6	39.4	39.6	39.4
Overtime hours	3.5	2.2	2.2	2.2	3.5	2.5	2.4	2.3	2.4	2.2
Ordnance and accessories	42.2	41.5	41.1	41.1	42.3	42.1	41.2	41.2	41.2	41.2
Lumber and wood products	40.5	37.8	38.3	38.7	40.3	37.9	38.6	37.8	38.3	38.5
Furniture and fixtures	39.1	36.3	36.9	37.1	39.4	36.4	36.3	36.5	37.3	37.4
Stone, clay, and glass products	41.7	39.5	40.1	40.5	41.5	40.9	40.2	39.6	40.3	40.3
Primary metal industries	41.8	40.0	39.6	39.0	41.6	40.5	40.2	39.9	39.4	38.8
Fabricated metal products	41.2	39.6	39.6	39.7	41.0	40.4	39.7	39.8	39.7	39.5
Machinery, except electrical	42.3	41.0	40.9	40.6	42.3	41.8	41.2	40.8	41.0	40.6
Electrical equipment	39.9	39.1	39.1	39.1	39.9	39.4	39.0	39.2	39.3	39.1
Transportation equipment	40.8	38.9	39.6	39.7	40.5	39.5	39.1	39.0	40.3	39.4
Instruments and related products	40.2	39.0	39.1	39.2	40.2	39.5	38.9	39.0	39.2	39.2
Miscellaneous manufacturing	38.8	37.8	38.2	38.4	38.8	38.1	37.6	37.7	38.2	38.4
NONDURABLE GOODS	39.3	37.7	37.8	38.3	39.4	38.0	37.7	37.9	38.0	38.4
Overtime hours	3.1	2.1	2.1	2.2	3.2	2.2	2.1	2.2	2.2	2.3
Food and kindred products	40.3	39.7	39.3	39.8	40.5	39.9	39.9	40.3	39.9	40.0
Tobacco manufactures	38.5	37.7	37.5	36.6	38.8	37.3	37.6	39.1	38.5	36.9
Textile mill products	40.1	36.8	37.6	38.7	40.3	36.0	36.1	36.8	37.8	38.9
Apparel and other textile products	35.5	33.8	34.2	34.3	35.6	34.0	33.6	33.7	34.3	34.4
Paper and allied products	42.1	40.2	40.3	40.9	42.4	41.1	40.5	40.4	40.5	41.1
Printing and publishing	37.7	36.9	36.6	36.7	37.7	37.5	37.2	36.9	36.8	36.7
Chemicals and allied products	41.8	40.4	40.4	40.5	41.8	40.6	40.5	40.4	40.2	40.5
Petroleum and coal products	42.4	41.2	41.1	42.0	42.4	42.0	41.9	41.8	41.0	42.0
Rubber and plastics products, nec	40.3	38.5	39.2	39.5	40.4	39.5	38.7	38.6	39.2	39.6
Leather and leather products	37.8	34.9	35.9	36.9	37.6	35.7	35.3	35.1	36.4	36.7
TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC UTILITIES	40.5	39.5	39.7	39.7	40.6	40.2	39.9	39.9	40.1	39.8
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE	34.0	33.5	33.4	33.6	34.3	33.8	33.9	33.9	33.7	33.9
WHOLESALE TRADE	38.9	38.4	38.3	38.5	39.0	38.7	38.6	38.5	38.6	38.6
RETAIL TRADE	32.5	31.9	31.9	32.1	32.9	32.3	32.3	32.4	32.2	32.5
FINANCE, INSURANCE, AND REAL ESTATE	36.6	36.6	36.3	36.3	36.7	37.1	36.9	36.6	36.3	36.4
SERVICES	33.7	33.8	33.7	33.7	34.0	34.2	34.1	34.0	33.9	34.0

¹ Data relate to production workers in mining and manufacturing; to construction workers in contract construction; and to nonsupervisory workers in transportation and public utilities; 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			
	May 1974	Mar. 1975	Apr. 1975 ^P	May 1975 ^P	May 1974	Mar. 1975	Apr. 1975 ^P	May 1975 ^P
TOTAL PRIVATE	\$4.17	\$4.43	\$4.44	\$4.47	\$152.62	\$158.15	\$158.95	\$160.47
<i>Seasonally adjusted</i>	4.17	4.44	4.45	4.47	153.04	159.40	160.65	160.92
MINING	5.14	5.74	5.73	5.79	222.56	237.06	234.93	244.92
CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION	6.60	7.14	7.10	7.15	242.22	247.76	258.44	265.27
MANUFACTURING	4.33	4.71	4.71	4.73	174.50	182.28	182.75	184.47
DURABLE GOODS	4.61	5.01	5.02	5.04	189.01	197.39	198.29	199.08
Ordnance and accessories	4.68	5.10	5.12	5.16	197.50	211.65	210.43	212.08
Lumber and wood products	3.85	4.14	4.12	4.19	155.93	156.49	157.80	162.15
Furniture and fixtures	3.47	3.68	3.70	3.71	135.68	133.58	136.53	137.64
Stone, clay, and glass products	4.48	4.71	4.76	4.80	186.82	186.05	190.88	194.40
Primary metal industries	5.55	6.01	6.01	6.04	231.99	240.40	238.00	235.56
Fabricated metal products	4.53	4.90	4.93	4.96	186.64	194.04	195.23	196.91
Machinery, except electrical	4.85	5.22	5.24	5.27	205.16	214.02	214.32	213.96
Electrical equipment	4.09	4.47	4.49	4.51	163.19	174.78	175.56	176.34
Transportation equipment	5.36	5.81	5.83	5.86	218.69	226.01	230.87	232.64
Instruments and related products	4.12	4.48	4.47	4.49	165.62	174.72	174.78	176.01
Miscellaneous manufacturing	3.47	3.73	3.75	3.76	134.64	140.99	143.25	144.38
NONDURABLE GOODS	3.91	4.27	4.27	4.28	153.66	160.98	161.41	163.92
Food and kindred products	4.12	4.46	4.48	4.50	166.04	177.06	176.06	179.10
Tobacco manufactures	4.27	4.71	4.79	4.77	164.40	177.57	179.63	174.58
Textile mill products	3.12	3.31	3.31	3.33	125.11	121.81	124.46	128.87
Apparel and other textile products	2.96	3.16	3.16	3.14	105.08	106.81	108.07	107.70
Paper and allied products	4.40	4.77	4.79	4.86	185.24	191.75	193.04	198.77
Printing and publishing	4.91	5.22	5.23	5.30	185.11	192.62	191.42	194.51
Chemicals and allied products	4.74	5.17	5.19	5.27	198.13	208.87	209.68	213.44
Petroleum and coal products	5.47	6.30	6.36	6.39	231.93	259.56	261.40	268.38
Rubber and plastics products, nec	3.93	4.23	4.25	4.28	158.38	162.86	166.60	169.06
Leather and leather products	3.01	3.21	3.21	3.21	113.78	112.03	115.24	118.45
TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC UTILITIES	5.29	5.69	5.71	5.75	214.25	224.76	226.69	228.28
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE	3.44	3.69	3.69	3.71	116.96	123.62	123.25	124.66
WHOLESALE TRADE	4.42	4.79	4.79	4.82	171.94	183.94	183.46	185.57
RETAIL TRADE	3.08	3.27	3.28	3.30	100.10	104.31	104.63	105.93
FINANCE, INSURANCE, AND REAL ESTATE	3.75	4.09	4.07	4.08	137.25	149.69	147.74	148.10
SERVICES	3.72	3.97	3.97	3.98	125.36	134.19	133.79	134.13

¹ See footnote 1, table B-2.

p=preliminary.

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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	May 1974	Dec. 1974	Jan. 1975	Feb. 1975	Mar. 1975	Apr. p 1975	May p 1975	Percent change from	
								May 1974- May 1975	Apr. 1975- May 1975
TOTAL PRIVATE NONFARM:									
Current dollars	156.1	165.1	166.0	167.2	168.8	168.8	169.8	8.8	0.6
Constant (1967) dollars	107.3	106.2 ^r	106.0 ^r	106.3	107.0	106.3	N.A.	(2)	(3)
MINING	160.5	172.5	174.9	177.9	178.6	178.2	180.4	12.3	1.2
CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION	160.4	170.1	170.2	168.9	173.6	173.0	174.0	8.4	.6
MANUFACTURING	153.5	163.5	164.6	165.9	167.6	168.0	169.0	10.1	.6
TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC UTILITIES	164.1	173.2	173.8	175.2	176.5	176.5	178.1	8.5	.9
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE	153.3	161.0	162.6	164.0	164.6	164.6	165.8	8.2	.7
FINANCE, INSURANCE, AND REAL ESTATE	145.5	155.0	155.0	157.2	159.6	159.6	159.1	9.4	.4
SERVICES	161.6	168.3	169.1	171.0	171.8	171.7	172.6	6.9	.6

¹ See footnote 1, table B-2.² Percent change was -0.8 from April 1974 to April 1975, the latest month available.³ Percent change was -0.6 from March 1975 to April 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				
	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr. p	May P
TOTAL	113.6	113.5	113.3	113.4	113.4	113.0	111.2	109.7	108.7	106.7	105.5	105.7	106.1
GOODS-PRODUCING	105.0	104.6	104.0	103.8	103.7	103.0	99.4	96.5	94.1	90.0	88.0	88.9	89.0
MINING	110.1	110.3	110.2	109.9	112.3	114.0	95.8	100.9	113.3	113.5	112.1	110.0	113.0
CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION	119.7	117.8	115.3	115.6	115.2	116.5	114.4	113.1	111.9	103.4	94.9	99.5	99.7
MANUFACTURING	102.2	102.1	101.8	101.6	101.3	100.3	96.9	93.4	90.3	86.9	85.9	86.3	86.3
DURABLE GOODS	103.0	103.2	102.8	102.5	102.5	101.7	98.1	94.4	91.0	86.9	85.8	85.7	84.8
Ordnance and accessories	49.5	48.0	48.2	47.7	49.1	49.0	49.0	49.5	49.3	48.2	48.2	48.2	48.2
Lumber and wood products	108.3	106.8	104.9	103.4	99.9	95.8	90.6	87.8	84.1	83.0	81.9	83.5	86.3
Furniture and fixtures	115.6	115.6	114.0	112.3	111.0	107.4	100.6	96.1	89.2	86.3	85.4	88.0	88.7
Stone, clay, and glass products	112.0	110.8	110.8	110.6	108.8	107.7	105.2	101.7	98.1	93.9	91.0	92.4	93.2
Primary metal industries	101.2	102.2	101.6	102.6	104.6	105.0	102.3	97.7	94.0	89.5	86.1	83.0	80.4
Fabricated metal products	107.4	108.0	108.3	108.1	107.8	105.8	101.9	98.4	93.4	90.1	88.9	88.6	87.0
Machinery, except electrical	107.1	108.1	106.9	109.2	109.9	109.7	108.5	106.0	103.3	99.3	96.6	95.1	92.8
Electrical equipment and supplies	105.1	105.5	105.1	100.8	102.5	101.2	96.3	92.3	89.6	84.6	83.7	83.1	82.6
Transportation equipment	90.2	90.0	90.8	91.1	90.5	92.0	87.0	81.9	78.4	73.1	75.6	78.2	76.8
Instruments and related products	114.2	116.4	114.9	115.8	114.2	113.0	111.3	108.9	106.8	102.1	100.0	99.5	97.8
Miscellaneous manufacturing, Ind.	104.4	104.7	104.4	103.0	101.3	98.7	94.6	90.2	88.5	86.0	85.1	86.2	87.8
NONDURABLE GOODS	101.1	100.5	100.3	100.2	99.5	98.2	95.0	92.0	89.3	86.8	86.1	87.1	88.5
Food and kindred products	98.8	97.4	96.5	97.3	97.9	97.4	95.6	94.7	93.0	92.4	93.4	92.9	93.6
Tobacco manufactures	88.6	85.1	84.4	84.5	82.5	83.1	81.4	83.4	86.4	85.8	86.5	83.8	80.3
Textile mill products	103.4	103.1	101.9	100.4	98.8	93.7	89.5	83.9	78.7	76.9	78.0	82.1	86.6
Apparel and other textile products	94.0	91.1	92.9	91.7	91.3	90.3	85.9	81.3	78.8	76.1	75.3	78.0	78.8
Paper and allied products	103.9	103.6	103.3	102.5	101.8	99.3	96.8	94.4	92.0	88.0	85.8	85.4	87.2
Printing and publishing	99.4	99.7	99.4	100.2	99.1	99.1	96.9	96.4	96.6	94.5	92.9	92.1	90.9
Chemicals and allied products	103.9	104.8	105.3	106.0	105.5	105.1	103.3	103.3	97.1	95.4	93.2	91.8	92.6
Petroleum and coal products	107.5	108.0	107.0	105.4	106.1	108.0	107.0	106.4	100.5	97.7	101.7	99.8	99.6
Rubber and plastics products, nec	131.8	134.7	133.6	135.8	134.1	134.6	125.3	118.6	114.7	105.1	101.3	104.3	106.6
Leather and leather products	80.1	80.1	78.9	78.6	76.6	75.7	74.8	71.9	68.7	65.8	64.2	66.9	69.3
SERVICE-PRODUCING	119.6	119.7	119.8	120.0	120.2	119.9	119.4	118.9	118.9	118.2	117.7	117.3	117.9
TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC UTILITIES	109.8	108.7	109.7	109.3	108.4	108.9	107.5	107.1	105.9	103.9	102.6	103.1	101.9
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE	116.7	116.5	116.7	116.7	116.8	116.3	115.4	114.2	113.8	113.4	113.3	112.8	113.8
WHOLESALE TRADE	115.7	115.8	115.8	115.2	115.8	115.4	114.9	114.5	114.0	113.0	112.2	112.5	112.5
RETAIL TRADE	117.1	116.8	117.1	117.2	117.2	116.6	115.6	114.1	113.7	113.5	113.7	113.0	114.3
FINANCE, INSURANCE, AND REAL ESTATE	123.5	123.8	123.2	123.7	124.3	123.8	123.0	123.7	124.2	123.2	121.8	120.8	121.1
SERVICES	126.8	128.0	127.5	128.3	129.0	128.7	129.2	129.3	130.2	129.9	129.5	129.0	129.8

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

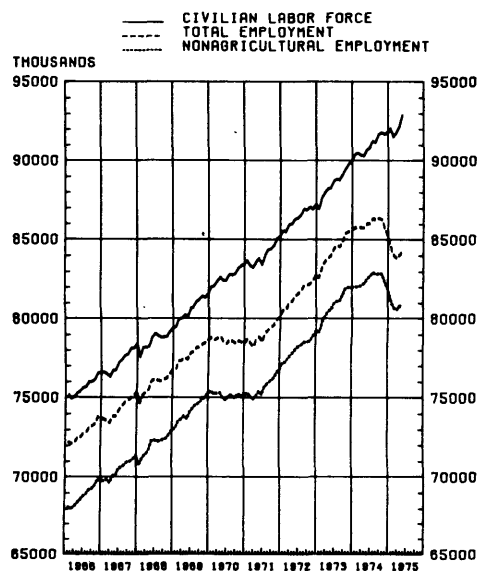
Year and month	Span			
	1-month	3-months	6-months	12-months
1972				
January	68.6	71.2	78.8	77.3
February	70.6	80.5	82.0	81.7
March	75.0	80.8	84.9	79.7
April	76.2	84.0	79.7	82.3
May	75.6	82.8	81.1	84.3
June	77.6	74.4	82.6	84.3
July	45.6	74.4	84.6	83.7
August	73.0	74.4	82.0	84.0
September	74.7	82.0	80.2	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	22.4
September	38.1	43.6	27.3	20.1
October	40.4	29.1	20.3	18.6p
November	19.2	20.9	18.0	16.3p
December	19.8	13.7	14.2	
1975				
January	17.7	13.7	13.7p	
February	15.6	14.5	12.8p	
March	26.2	19.8p		
April	42.2p	39.5p		
May	53.5p			
June				
July				
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December				

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

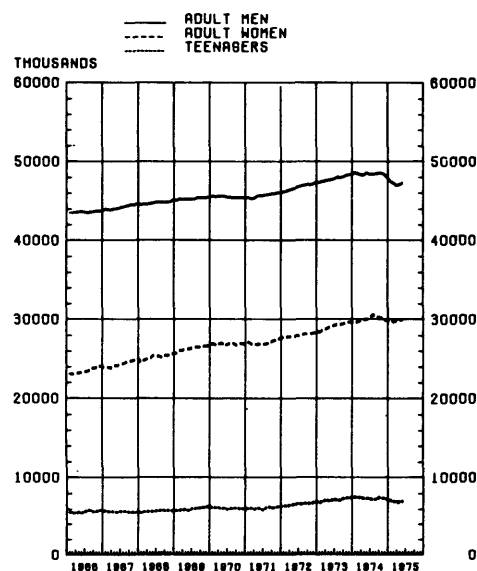
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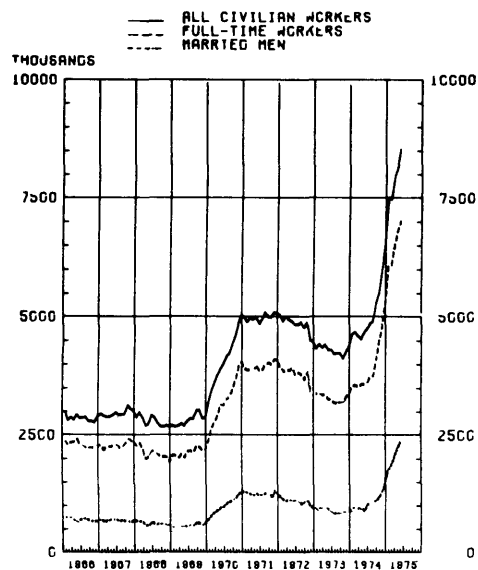
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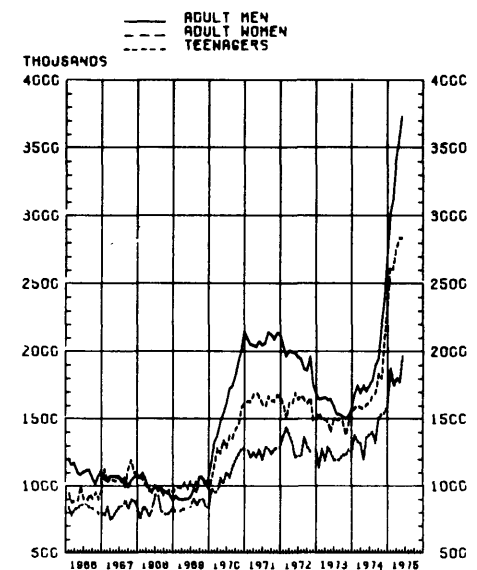
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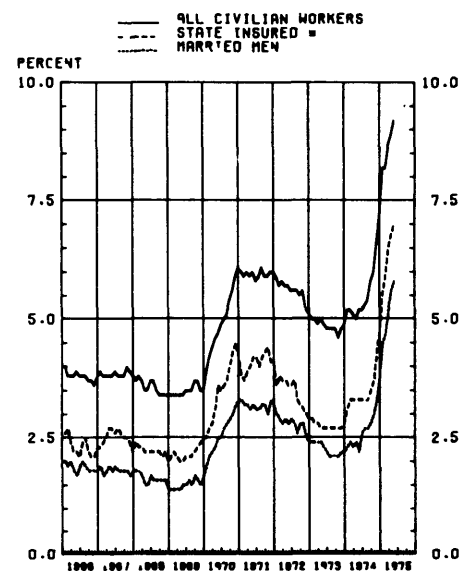
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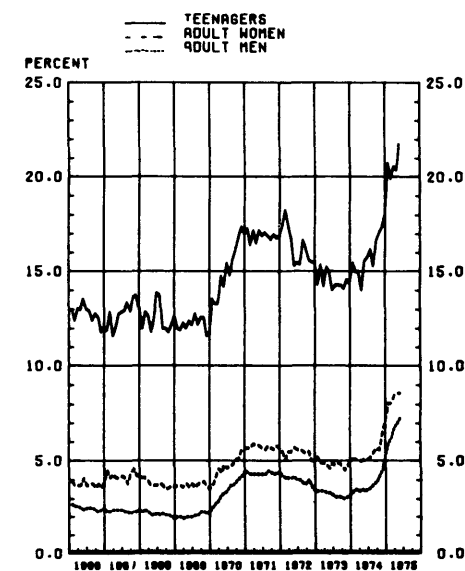
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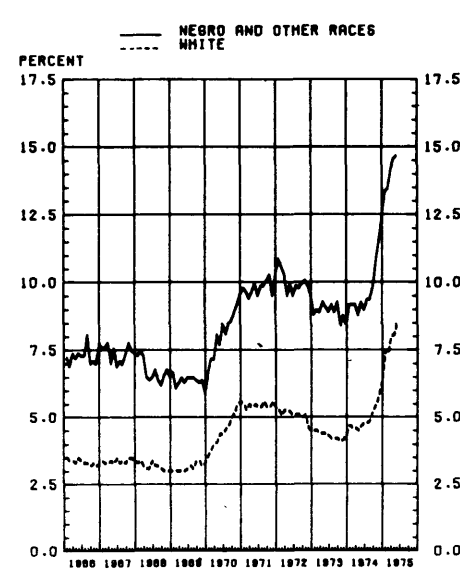
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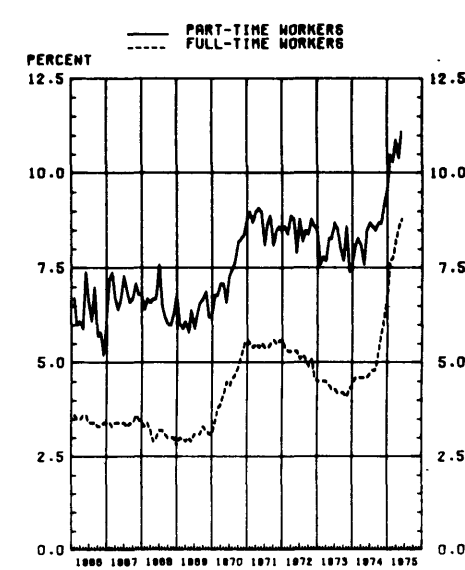
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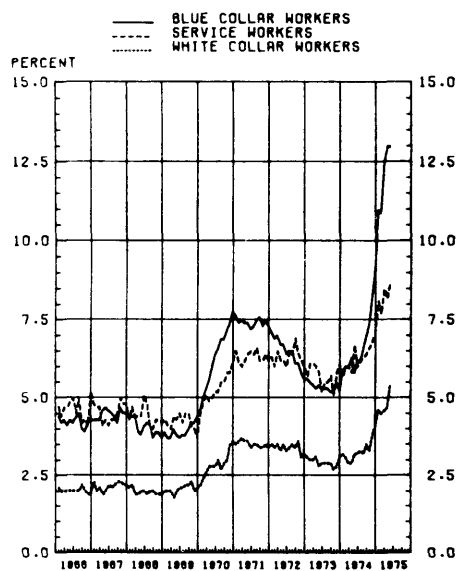
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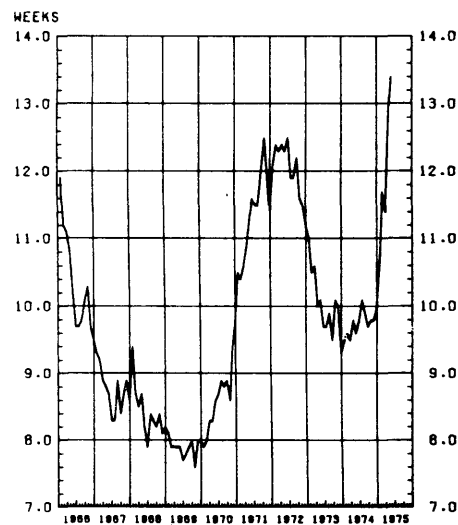
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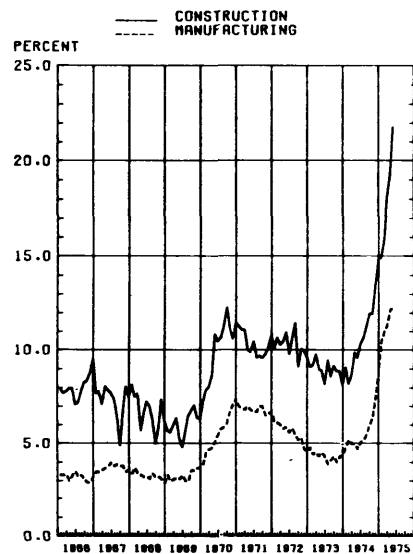
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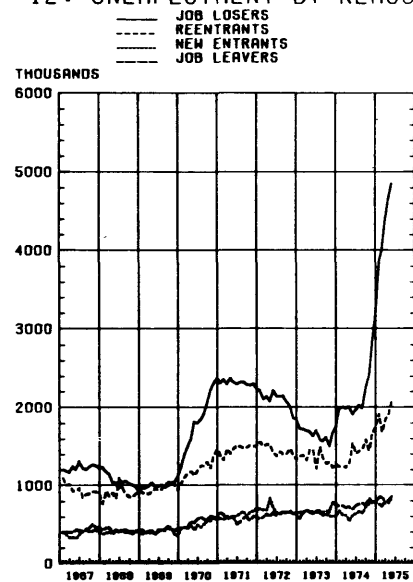
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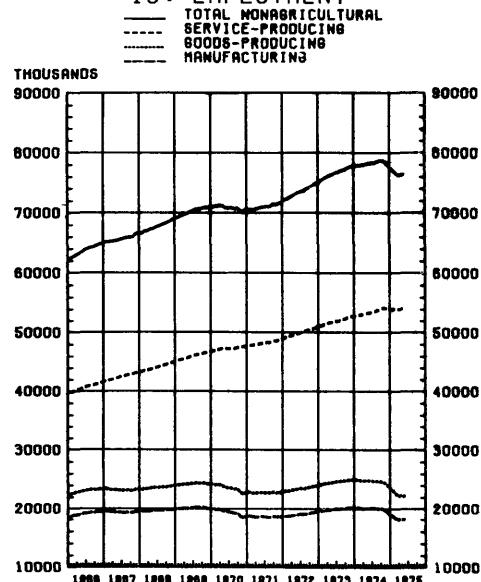


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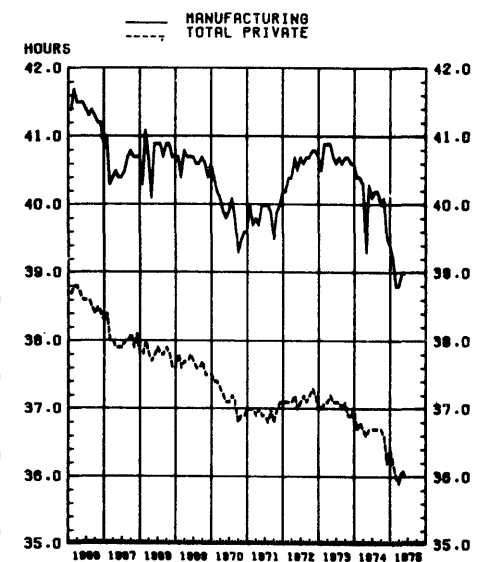


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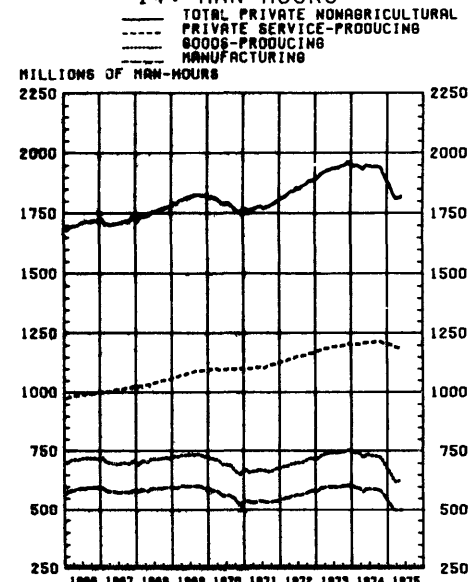
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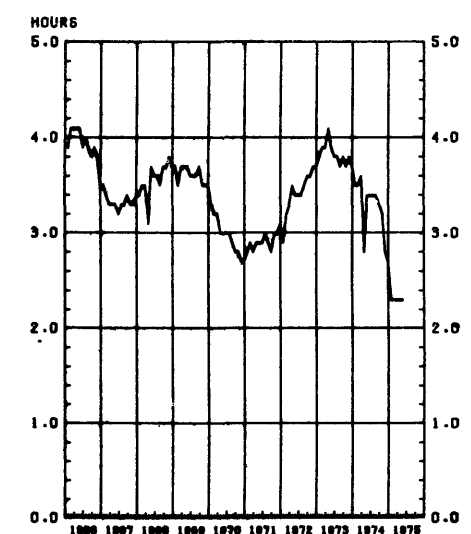
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14. MAN-HOURS



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.

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