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THE EMPLOYMENT SITUATION: SEPTEMBER 1975

Unemployment and total employment were little changed in September while nonagricultural payroll employment continued to rise, it was reported today by the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the U. S. Department of Labor. The unemployment rate was 8.3 percent, little different from July and August when it was 8.4 percent but substantially below the recession peak of 8.9 percent reached in the second quarter of the year.

Total employment-as measured by the monthly survey of households--was about unchanged from August to September after posting a gain of one and a half million in the previous 5-month span. Employment had declined by 2.6 million over the September-March period.

Total nonagricultural payroll employment--as measured by the monthly survey of establishments--increased by about 180,000 in September, nearly all of it in the bellwether manufacturing industries. Since the June low, payroll employment has risen by 870,000 , which has resulted in a considerable narrowing of the recent trend differences in the household and establishment series. (Establishment data have been revised based on new benchmark levels and seasonal adjustment factors, as in past years.) Unemployment

The number of persons unemployed totaled 7.8 million in September, seasonally adjusted, essentially unchanged from the levels prevailing since July. The rate of unemployment has also shown little movement over the past 3 months but, at 8.3 percent, was six-tenths of a percentage point below the recession peak registered in the second quarter. A year ago, when the sharp increases in joblessness first began, the rate was 5.8 percent.

As was the case in August, the stability in overall joblessness masked divergent movements among the major labor force groups. After declining to 6.6 percent in August, the jobless rate for adult men returned to the June-July level of 7.0 percent. This change also was reflected in increased joblessness among household heads and married men. The rate for teenagers, on the other hand, which had increased sharply in August, declined

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

| Selected categories | Quarterly averages |  |  |  |  | Monthly data |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 1974 |  | 1975 |  |  | $\begin{aligned} & \mathrm{July} \\ & 1975 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Aug. } \\ & 1975 \end{aligned}$ | Sept.$1975$ |
|  | III | IV | I | II | III |  |  |  |
|  | (Millions of persons) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Civilian labor force | 91.4 | 91.8 | 91.8 | 92.5 | 93.1 | 92.9 | 93.1 | 93.2 |
| Total employment | 86.4 | 85.7 | 84.1 | 84.3 | 85.3 | 85.1 | 85.4 | 85.4 |
| Adult men | 48.5 | 48.3 | 47.3 | 47.2 | 47.6 | 47.5 | 47.7 | 47.6 |
| Adult women | 30.5 | 30.1 | 29.8 | 30.1 | 30.6 | 30.6 | 30.7 | 30.6 |
| Teenagers | 7.4 | 7.4 | 7.0 | 7.0 | 7.1 | 7.0 | 7.0 | 7.2 |
| Unemployment | 5.0 | 6.1 | 7.0 | 8.2 | 7.8 | 7.8 | 7.8 | 7.8 |
|  | (Percent of labor force) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Unemployment rates: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| All workers | 5.5 | 6.6 | 8.3 | 8.9 | 8.4 | 8.4 | 8.4 | 8.3 |
| Adult men. | 3.7 | 4.8 | 6.3 | 7.1 | 6.9 | 7.0 | 6.6 | 7.0 |
| Adult women. | 5.4 | 6.5 | 8.2 | 8.5 | 7.7 | 7.9 | 7.7 | 7.5 |
| Teenagers | 16.1 | 17.5 | 20.5 | 20.5 | 19.8 | 19.1 | 21.1 | 19.3 |
| White | 5.0 | 5.9 | 7.6 | 8.2 | 7.7 | 7.9 | 7.6 | 7.6 |
| Negro and other races | 9.6 | 11.7 | 13.7 | 14.3 | 13.8 | 13.0 | 14.0 | 14.3 |
| Household heads. | 3.2 | 4.1 | 5.5 | 6.1 | 5.7 | 6.0 | 5.5 | 5.7 |
| Married men | 2.7 | 3.3 | 4.8 | 5.7 | 5.2 | 5.4 | 5.0 | 5.3 |
| Full-time workers | 5.0 | 6.2 | 7.9 | 8.5 | 8.2 | 8.1 | 8.2 | 8.2 |
| State insured | 3.4 | 4.3 | 6.0 | 6.9 | 5.9 | 6.2 | 5.8 r | 5.8 |
|  | (Weeks) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Average duration of unemployment | 9.9 | 9.9 | 11.3 | 13.9 | 15.8 | 15.4 | 15.7 | 16.2 |
|  | (Millions of persons) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Nonfarm payroll employment | 78.7 | 78.3 | 76.9 | 76.4 | 77.0 P | 76.7 | $77.0{ }^{\text {P }}$ | $77.2{ }^{\text {P }}$ |
| Goods-producing industries | 24.8 | 24.1 | 22.8 | 22.3 | 22.4 P | 22.2 | $22.4{ }^{\text {P }}$ | $22.6{ }^{\text {P }}$ |
| Service-producing industries | 54.0 | 54.2 | 54.1 | 54.1 | 54.6 P | 54.5 | 54.6 P | $54.6{ }^{\text {P }}$ |
|  | (Hours of work) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Average weekly hours: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Total private nonfarm | 36.6 | 36.3 | 36.1 | 35.9 | $36.1{ }^{\text {p }}$ | 36.0 | $36.2{ }^{\text {P }}$ | $36.0{ }^{\text {p }}$ |
| Manufacturing. . | 40.1 | 39.6 | 39.0 | 39.1 | $39.6{ }^{\text {P }}$ | 39.4 | $39.6{ }^{\text {p }}$ | $39.7{ }^{\text {P }}$ |
| Manufacturing overtime | 3.3 | 2.9 | 2.4 | 2.4 | $2.7{ }^{\text {P }}$ | 2.6 | $2.7{ }^{\text {p }}$ | 2.7 ${ }^{\text {P }}$ |
|  | (1967=100) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Hourly Earnings Index, private nonfarm: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| In current dollars . . . . . . . | 160.6 | 164.3 | 167.7 | 170.7 | 174.1 ${ }^{\text {P }}$ | 173.1 | 174.2 ${ }^{\text {P }}$ | 174.9? |
| In constant dollars. . . . . | 107.2 | 106.5 | 106.7 | 107.1 | N.A. | 106.6 | $107.1{ }^{\text {P }}$ | N.A. |

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p= preliminary.
N.A.= not available.
r= revised
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to 19.3 percent in September, approximating the levels prevailing in June and July. The jobless rate for adult women continued its downward drift that has totaled a full percentage point from the second quarter high of 8.5 percent. Unemployment rates for most of the other labor force categories, including the major industry and occupational groups, showed little or no change over the month. (See table A-2.)

Although the unemployment rate for workers covered by regular State unemployment insurance programs was unchanged at 5.8 percent in September, it has dropped sharply from the peak of 7.0 percent attained in May. There were 3.9 million persons (seasonally adjusted) claiming regular State $U$. I. benefits, but the total number of unemployed insurance claimants is much larger when the 2.5 million persons (not seasonally adjusted) claiming benefits under various special programs, including the Federal extended benefits programs, are taken into account.

The number of persons unemployed 15 weeks or more was essentially unchanged at 2.9 million in September, after posting the first real decline in August since late 1973. However, there was a continued increase in the number of persons unemployed 27 weeks and over, sometimes referred to as the hard-core unemployed; at 1.6 million, this was the highest level in the post-World War II period and constituted one-fifth of the jobless total. Offsetting this increase was a second straight monthly decline in the number of persons jobless 15-26 weeks. On an overall basis, the average period of joblessness continued to rise, and, at 16.2 weeks, mean duration was at its highest level since 1ate 1961. (See table A-4.)

The number of unemployed who had lost their last job increased by 300,000 in September to 4.6 million, a return to the July level. Unemployment stemming from job loss had dropped by nearly 600,000 over the May-August period. (See table A-5.)

## Total Employment and Civilian Labor Force

Total employment was about unchanged in September at 85.4 million, seasonally adjusted, after registering gains totaling about 1.5 million from the March low point to August. Employment remained about a million below its year-earlier peak level. (See table A-1.)

Similarly, the civilian labor force, at 93.2 million, was essentially the same as in August, following gains totaling 800,000 in the 2 previous months. Over the past year, the labor force has expanded by less than 1.4 million, with all of the increase limited to the last 7 months. In the 3 previous years, the labor force rose at a considerably faster pace, a million or more workers per year in excess of the current year's gain.

## Industry Payroll Employment

Total nonagricultural payroll employment increased for the third consecutive month, rising by 180,000 to 77.2 million (seasonally adjusted) in September. (See table B-1.) This growth was concentrated primarily in the manufacturing industries, which also posted a gain of 180,000 . For the second consecutive month, more than 70 percent of the 172 industries in the BLS diffusion index registered employment increases. (See tables B-1 and B-6.)

Within manufacturing, large gains took place in both the durable and nondurable goods industries (up 100,000 and 80,000 , respectively). Within durable goods, the largest increases took place in the electrical equipment, primary metals, machinery, and furniture industries. In nondurable goods, substantial gains were posted in food processing, apparel, and textile mill products.

Other than manufacturing, the only industry to show a sizeable over-the-month increase in September was services. Most of the remaining industries were about unchanged, with just one--State and local government--posting a large decline, much of which resulted from a teachers' strike.

While growth has been resumed in manufacturing, the other highly cyclical industry, contract construction, has held at a low plateau in the past few months that was 700,000 jobs below the pre-recession peak reached in early 1974.

Hours
The average workweek for all production or nonsupervisory workers on nonfarm payrolls dropped two-tenths of an hour to 36.0 hours in September (seasonally adjusted), a return to the June and July levels. Over the year, average weekly hours have fallen by 0.5 hour. (See table B-2.)

There were widespread declines in average weekly hours within the service-producing sector, which counteracted small pickups in both mining and manufacturing. Factory overtime remained at 2.7 hours in September, substantially above the 2.3 -hour low posted in March and April.

With employment gains somewhat greater than the decline in the workweek, the index of aggregate hours of private nonfarm production or nonsupervisory employees rose 0.3 percent over the month to $107.7(1967 \times 100)$. The index of aggregate factory hours moved up markedly--by 1.7 percent--to 90.2 , continuing the uptrend from the March low of 86.4 . However, the September factory index was 14 percent below its alltime high reached in December 1973. (See table B-5.) Hourly and Weekly Earnings

Average hourly earnings of production or nonsupervisory workers on private nonagricultural payrolls rose 0.4 percent in September and were up 6.3 percent over the year (seasonally adjusted). Average weekly earnings fell 0.1 percent in September but have advanced 4.8 percent from a year earlier.

Before adjustment for seasonality, average hourly earnings rose 7 cents in September to \$4.62. Since last September, average hourly earnings have risen 27 cents. Average weekly earnings in September were $\$ 167.24$, an increase of 71 cents over the month and \$7.59 from last September. (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 $174.9(1967=100)$ in September, 0.4 percent higher than in August. The Index was 7.9 percent above September a year ago. During the 12 -month period ended in August, the Hourly Earnings Index in dollars of constant purchasing power declined 0.1 percent. (See table $\mathrm{B}-4$. )

## Benchmark and Seasonal Adjustment Revisions

Establishment-based data (tables B-1 through B-6) have been revised to reflect new employment benchmark levels (counts of payroll employment in all establishments) for March 1974. This revision was primarily one of level and had little effect on current
trends. Data as early as April 1973 are subject to revision. (Average hours andearnings data may also be slightly affected because of changes in the employment weightsused in deriving the averages.) Total nonagricultural payroll employment for March 1974
was revised upward by 80,000 ( 0.1 percent).
As in past years, the factors used to seasonally adjust establishment series also
have been revised to reflect the most current seasonal experience, and thus the seasonally
adjusted data as early as January 1970 are also subject to change. A detailed discussion
of these changes and the revised data will be published in the October 1975 issue of the
BLS periodical, Employment and Earnings.

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 12 th day. A description of the two surveys appears in the BLS publication Employment and Earnings.

Table A-1. Employment status of the noninstitutional population

| Employment status | Not seasonally adjusted |  |  | Seasonally adjusted |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Sept. <br> 1974 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Aug. } \\ & 1975 \end{aligned}$ | Sept. <br> 1975 | Sept. $1974$ | $\begin{array}{r} \text { May } \\ 1975 \end{array}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { June } \\ & 1975 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Ju1y } \\ & 1975 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Aug. } \\ & 1975 \end{aligned}$ | Sept. 1975 |
| total |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Total noninstitutional population ${ }^{1}$ | 151,367 | 153,824 | 154,052 | 151,367 | 153,051 | 153,278 | 153,585 | 153,824 | 154,052 |
| Total labor force | 93,661 | 96,493 | 94,965 | 93,922 | 95,121 | 94,518 | 95,102 | 95,331 | 95,361 |
| Participation rate | 61.9 | 62.7 | 61.6 | 62.0 | 62.1 | 61.7 | 61.9 | 62.0 | 61.9 |
| Civilian noninstitutional population ${ }^{1}$ | 149,150 | 151,639 | 151,882 | 149,150 | 150,870 | 151,100 | 151,399 | 151,639 | 151,882 |
| Civilian labor force ........... | 91,444 | 94,308 | 92,795 | 91,705 | 92,940 | 92,340 | 92,916 | 93,146 | 93,191 |
| Participation rate | 61.3 | 62.2 | 61.1 | 61.5 | 61.6 | 61.1 | 61.4 | 61.4 | 61.4 |
| Employed ....... | 86,242 | 86,612 | 85,274 | 86,402 | 84,402 | 84,444 | 85,078 | 85,352 | 85,418 |
| Agriculture | 3,563 | 3,886 | 3,626 | 3,489 | 3,512 | 3,304 | 3,450 | 3,468 | 3,546 |
| Nonagricultural industries | 82,679 | 82,726 | 81,647 | 82,913 | 80,890 | 81,140 | 81,628 | 81,884 | 81,872 |
| Unemployed | 5,202 | 7,696 | 7,522 | 5,303 | 8,538 | 7,896 | 7,838 | 7,794 | 7,773 |
| Unemployment rate | 5.7 | 8.2 | 8.1 | 5.8 | 9.2 | 8.6 | 8.4 | 8.4 | 8.3 |
| Not in labor force | 57,706 | 57,331 | 59,087 | 57,445 | 57,930 | 58,760 | 58,483 | 58,493 | 58,691 |
| Males, 20 years and over |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Total noninstitutional population ${ }^{\text {d }}$ | 64,181 | 65,234 | 65,353 | 64,181 | 64,901 | 65,000 | 65,128 | 65,234 | 65,353 |
| Total labor force ..... | 52,371 | 53,121 | 52,754 | 52,311 | 52,788 | 52,439 | 52,795 | 52,794 | 52,936 |
| Participation rate ...... | 81.6 | 81.4 | 80.7 | 81.5 | 81.3 | 80.7 | 81.1 | 80.9 | 81.0 |
| Civilian noninstitutional population ${ }^{\text {' }}$ | 62,405 | 63,498 | 63,629 | 62,405 | 63,180 | 63,282 | 63,403 | 63,498 | 63,629 |
| Civilian labor force | 50,595 | 51,385 | 51,030 | 50,535 | 51,067 | 50,721 | 51,070 | 51,058 | 51,213 |
| Participation rate Employed.... | 81.1 | 80.9 | 80.2 | 81.0 | 80.8 | 80.2 | 80.5 | 80.4 | 80.2 |
| Employed ... Agriculture | 48,907 | 48,250 | 47,938 | 48,583 | 47,333 | 47,166 | 47,499 | 47,682 | 47,638 |
| Agriculture Nonagricultural industries | 2,574 | 2,579 | 2,557 | 2,500 | 2,457 | 2,394 | 2,435 | 2,463 | 2,483 |
| Unemployed ............ | 46,334 | 45,671 | 45,381 | 46,083 | 44,876 | 44,772 | 45,064 | 45,219 | 45,155 |
| Unemployment rate | 3.3 | 6.1 | 6.1 | 1,9.9 | 7.3 | 7.0 | 3,7.0 | , 6.6 | 7,0 |
| Not in labor force | 11,810 | 12,113 | 12,599 | 11,870 | 12,113 | 12,561 | 12,333 | 12,440 | 12,416 |
| Females, 20 years and over |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Civilian noninstitutional population ${ }^{\text {t }}$ | 70,638 | 71,839 | 71,926 | 70,638 | 71,463 | 71,574 | 71,729 | 71,839 | 71,926 |
| Civilian labor force | 32,284 | 32,663 | 33,349 | 32,129 | 32,835 | 33,023 | 33,173 | 33,239 | 33,108 |
| Participation rate | 45.7 | 45.5 | 46.4 | 45.6 | 45.9 | 46.1 | 46.2 | 46.3 | 46.0 |
| Employed | 30,248 | 29,925 | 30,593 | 30,290 | 29,998 | 30,332 | 30,563 | 30,690 | 30,618 |
| Agriculture | 521 | 628 | 573 | 489 | 537 | 480 | 529 | 548 | 538 |
| Nonagricultural industries | 29,728 | 29,298 | 30,020 | 29,801 | 29,461 | 29,852 | 30,034 | 30,142 | 30,080 |
| Unemployed | 2,036 | 2,738 | 2,756 | 1,839 | 2,837 | 2,691 | 2,610 | 2,549 | 2,490 |
| Unemployment rate | 6.3 | 8.4 | 8.3 | 5.7 | 8.6 | 8.1 | 7.9 | 7.7 | 7.5 |
| Not in labor force | 38,354 | 39,176 | 38,577 | 38,509 | 38,628 | 38,551 | 38,556 | 38,600 | 38,818 |
| Both sexes, 16-19 years |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Civilian noninstitutional population ${ }^{1}$ | 16,107 | 16,302 | 16,327 | 16,107 | 16,226 | 16,244 | 16,267 | 16,302 | 16,327 |
| Civilian labor force | 8,565 | 10,259 | 8,416 | 9,041 | 9,038 | 8,596 | 8,673 | 8,849 | 8,870 |
| Participation rate | 53.2 | 63.8 | 51.5 | 56.1 | 55.7 | 52.9 | 53.3 | 54.3 | 54.3 |
| Employed | 7,086 | 8,437 | 6,742 | 7,529 | 7,071 | 6,946 | 7,016 | 6,980 | 7,162 |
| Agriculture | 468 | 680 | 496 | 500 | 518 | 430 | 486 | 457 | 525 |
| Nonagricultural industries | 6,618 | 7,757 | 6,246 | 7,029 | 6,553 | 6,516 | 6,530 | 6,523 | 6,637 |
| Unemployed | 1,478 | 1,823 | 1,674 | 1,512 | 1,967 | 1,650 | 1,657 | 1,869 | 1,708 |
| Unemployment rate | 17.3 | 17.8 | 19.9 | 16.7 | 21.8 | 19.2 | 19.1 | 21.1 | 19.3 |
| Not in labor force | 7,542 | 6,042 | 7,911 | 7,066 | 7,188 | 7,648 | 7,594 | 7,453 | 7,457 |
| WHITE |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Civilian noninstitutional population ${ }^{1}$ | 131,828 | 133,760 | 133,954 | 131,828 | 133,217 | 133,402 | 133,579 | 133,760 | 133,954 |
| Civilian labor force | 81,100 | 83,417 | 82,169 | 81,337 | 82,428 | 81,908 | 82,436 | 82,476 | 82,584 |
| Participation rate | 61.5 | 62.4 | 61.3 | 61.7 | 61.9 | 61.4 | 61.7 | 61.7 | 61.7 |
| Employed | 76,900 | 77,217 | 76,144 | 77,017 | 75,387 | 75,451 | 75,925 | 76,182 | 76,270 |
| Unemployed | 4,200 | 6,201 | 6,025 | 4,320 | 7,041 | 6,457 | 6,511 | 6,294 | 6,314 |
| Unemployment rate | 5.2 | 7.4 | 7.3 | 5.3 | 8.5 | 7.9 | 7.9 | 7.6 | 7.6 |
| Not in labor force | 50,728 | 50,343 | 51,785 | 50,491 | 50,789 | 51,494 | 51,143 | 51,284 | 51,370 |
| Negro and other races |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Civilian noninstitutional population ${ }^{\text {' }}$ | 17,322 | 17,879 | 17,929 | 17,322 | 17,652 | 17,698 | 17,820 | 17,879 | 17,929 |
| Civilian labor force | 10,344 | 10,891 | 10,627 | 10,457 | 10,494 | 10,469 | 10,468 | 10,623 | 10,746 |
| Participation rate | 59.7 | 60.9 | 59.3 | 60.4 | 59.4 | 59.2 | 58.7 | 59.4 | 59.9 |
| Employed | 9,342 | 9,325 | 9,130 | 9,423 | 8,953 | 9,034 | 9,103 | 9,134 | 9,205 |
| Unemployed. | 1,002 | 1,495 | 1,497 | 1,034 | 1,541 | 1,435 | 1,365 | 1,489 | 1,541 |
| Unemployment rate | 9.7 | 13.7 | 14.1 | 9.9 | 14.7 | 13.7 | 13.0 | 14.0 | 14.3 |
| Not in labor force | 6,978 | 6,988 | 7,302 | 6,865 | 7,158 | 7,229 | 7,352 | 7,256 | 7,183 |

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

Table A-2. Major unemployment indicators, seasonally adjusted


1 Unemployment rate calculated as a percent of civilian labor force.
2 Insured unemployment under State programs; unemployment rate calculated as a percent of averaga covered employment.
${ }^{3}$ Aggregate hours lost by the unemployed and persons on part time for oconomic reasons as a percent of potentially availabie labor force hours.
4 Unemployment by occupation includes all experienced unemployed persons, whereas that by industry covers only unemployed wege and salary workers.
5 includes mining, not shown separately.
*Vietnam-era veterans are those who served after August 4, 1964.
$r=$ revised.

Table A-3. Selected employment indicators


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

Table A-4. Duration of unemployment

| Waoks of unemployment | Not semonally adjusted |  | Somonolly adjusted |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Sept. $1974$ | Sept. $1975$ | Sept. <br> 1974 | $\begin{array}{r} \text { May } \\ 1975 \end{array}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { June } \\ & 1975 \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{array}{r} \text { July } \\ 1975 \\ \hline \end{array}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Aug. } \\ & 1975 \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Sept. } \\ & 1975 \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |
| Less than 5 meoks | 3,006 | 3,161 | 2,654 | 3,134 | 2,692 | 2,823 | 2,676 | 2,790 |
| 5 to 14 woeks. | 1,358 | 1,939 | 1,701 | 2,620 | 2,498 | 2,120 | 2,361 | 2,430 |
| 15 weeks and over | 838 | 2,422 | 989 | 2,643 | 2,887 | 2,998 | 2,842 | 2,856 |
| 15 to 28 weeks | 488 | . 965 | 603 | 1,568 | 1,561 | 1,604 | 1,383 | 1,242 |
| 27 moeks and over | 349 | 1,457 | 386 | 1,075 | 1,326 | 1,394 | 1,459 | 1,614 |
| Average (mean) duration, in weoks | 8.9 | 14.9 | 9.7 | 13.4 | 15.4 | 15.4 | 15.7 | 16.2 |
| Total unamployed.. | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| Less then 5 mooks | 57.8 | 42.0 | 49.7 | 37.3 | 33.3 | 35.5 | 34.0 | 34.5 |
| 5 to 14 weoks. | 26.1 | 25.8 | 31.8 | 31.2 | 30.9 | 26.7 | 30.0 | 30.1 |
| 15 weeks and over | 16.1 | 32.2 | 18.5 | 31.5 | 35.7 | 37.8 | 36.1 | 35.4 |
| 15 to 28 mooks | 9.4 | 12.8 | 11.3 | 18.7 | 19.3 | 20.2 | 17.6 | 15.4 |
| 27 weeks and over | 6.7 | 19.4 | 7.2 | 12.8 | 16.4 | 17.6 | 18.5 | 20.0 |

Table A-5. Reasons for unemployment


Table A-6. Unemployment by sex and age

| Sex and age | Not semsonally adjusted |  |  | Seasonally adjusted unemployment rates |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Thousands of persons |  | Percent <br> looking for <br> full-time <br> work <br> Sept. <br> 1975 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Sept } \\ & 1974 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{array}{r} \text { May } \\ 1975 \end{array}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { June } \\ & 1975 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { July } \\ & 1975 \end{aligned}$ | Aug. | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Sept. } \\ & 1975 \end{aligned}$ |
|  | Sept.$1974$ | Sept. <br> 1975 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Total, 16 years and over | 5,202 | 7,522 | 78.5 | 5.8 | 9.2 | 8.6 | 8.4 | 8.4 | 8.3 |
| 16 to 19 years.. | 1,478 | 1,674 | 53.6 | 16.7 | 21.8 | 19.2 | 19.1 | 21.1 | 19.3 |
| 16 to 17 years | 659 | 754 | 29.2 | 18.5 | 22.8 | 20.3 | 19.9 | 23.1 | 21.9 |
| 18 to 19 years | 820 | 919 | 73.8 | 16.0 | 21.2 | 18.2 | $\therefore 18.4$ | 19.5 | 18.0 |
| 20 to 24 years | 1,248 | 1,834 | 85.7 | 9.4 | 14.8 | 12.8 | 13.6 | 13.1 | 13.6 |
| 25 years and over | 2,476 | 4,015 | 86.7 | 3.7 | 6.4 | 6.6 | 6.2 | 5.8 | 6.0 |
| 25 to 54 years | 2,085 | 3,439 | 86.9 | 3.8 | 6.9 | 7.0 | 6.6 | 6.2 | 6.3 |
| 55 years and over | 390 | 5.76 | 77.6 | 3.0 | 4.9 | 4.9 | 4.8 | 4.5 | 4.6 |
| Males, 16 years and over | 2,451 | 3,947 | 83.8 | 5.0 | 8.5 | 8.1 | 8.1 | 7.9 | 8.0 |
| 16 to 19 years | 764 | 854 | 55.9 | 16.9 | 21.2 | 20.6 | 19.9 | 21.7 | 19.4 |
| 16 to 17 years | 351 | 403 | 31.3 | 18.4 | 22.7 | 21.5 | 21.0 | 23.5 | 22.4 |
| 18 to 19 years | 412 | 452 | 77.9 | 16.6 | 19.9 | 19.4 | 19.0 | 19.8 | 18.2 |
| 20 to 24 years. . | 603 | 1,035 | 87.0 | 9.1 | 15.6 | 14.0 | 14.8 | 14.2 | 15.3 |
| 25 years and over | 1,085 | 2,057 | 93.9 | 3.0 | 5.8 | 5.9 | 5.7 | 5.3 | 5.6 |
| 25 to 54 years | 875 | 1,712 | 96.3 | 3.1 | 6.2 | 6.3 | 6.0 | 5.6 | 5.9 |
| 55 years and over | 210 | 345 | 82.3 | 2.8 | 4.8 | 4.7 | 4.6 | 4.3 | 4.6 |
| Females, 16 years and over | 2,751 | 3,575 | 72.6 | 6.9 | 10.2 | 9.2 | 9.0 | 9.1 | 8.8 |
| 16 to 19 years | 715 | 819 | 51.4 | 16.5 | 22.4 | 17.6 | 18.2 | 20.5 | 19.1 |
| 16 to 17 years | 307 | 351 | 26.8 | 18.6 | 22.9 | 18.7 | 18. 6 | 22.5 | 21.3 |
| 18 to 19 years | 408 | 468 | 69.9 | 15.3 | 22.6 | 16.8 | 17.8 | 19.3 | 17.8 |
| 20 to 24 years .. | 645 | 799 | 84.1 | 9.7 | 13.9 | 11.4 | 12.1 | 11.7 | 11.7 |
| 25 years and over | 1,391 | 1,957 | 79.3 | 4.8 | 7.5 | 7.6 | 7.0 | 6.6 | 6.6 |
| 25 to 54 years | 1,211 | 1,727 | 77.5 | 5.1 | 8.0 | 8.1 | 7.5 | 7.1 | 7.0 |
| 55 years and over . . | 180 | 230 | 70.9 | 3.5 | 5.1 | 5.2 | 5.1 | 4.9 | 4.5 |

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

| Industry | Not seasonally adjusted |  |  |  | Seasonally adjusted |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Sept: } \\ & 1974 \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { July } \\ & 1975 \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Aug. } \\ & 1975 \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Sept. } \\ & 1975^{p} \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Sept. } \\ & 1974 \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { May } \\ & 1975 \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { June } \\ & 1975 \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Juy } \\ & 1975 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Aug. } \\ & 1975 \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Sept.p } \\ & 1975 \end{aligned}$ |
| TOTAL | 79,171 | 76,439 | 76,903 | 77,502 | 78,830 | 76,510 | 76,343 | 76,679 | 77,029 | 77,211 |
| GOODS-PRODUCING. | 25, 247 | 22,370 | 22,883 | 23,076 | 24, 714 | 22, 339. | 22, 233 | 22, 222 | 22,401 | 22,579 |
| mining . | 713 | 758 | 765 | 755 | 708 | 738 | 741 | 743 | 751 | 749 |
| CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION . | 4, 160 | 3,605 | 3,676 | 3,625 | 3,902 | 3,439 | 3,392 | 3,395 | 3,404 | 3,401 |
| MANUFACTURING | 20, 374 | 18,007 | 18, 442 | 18,696 | 20, 104 | 18, 162 | 18, 100 | 18,084 | 18,246 | 18,429 |
| Production workers ........... | 14,913 | 12,744 | 13,173 | 13,431 | 14,652 | 12,887 | 12,849 | 12,840 | 13,001 | 13,171 |
| DURABLE GOODS | 12,054 | 10,425 | 10,591 | 10,771 | 11,943 | 10,595 | 10,527 | 10, 465 | 10,559 | 10,661 |
| Production workers | 8,781 | 7,301 | 7,468 | 7,650 | 8,674 | 7,454 | 7,404 | 7,348 | 7,447 | 7,543 |
| Ordnance and accessories | 179.9 | 172.0 | 168.1 | 165.9 | 178 | 177 | 173 | 172 | 167 | 164 |
| Lumber and wood products | 631.3 | 573.9 | 583.4 | 582.9 | 618 | 546 | 552 | 557 | 563 | 570 |
| Furniture and fixtures | 520.8 | 432.7 | 455.7 | 467.2 | 518 | 439 | 437 | 441 | 450 | 465 |
| Stone, clay, and glass products | 699.3 | 615.1 | 623.2 | 623.8 | 686 | 609 | 605 | 604 | 608 | 612 |
| Primary metal industries | 1,352.3 | 1,138.3 | 1,147.4 | 1,166.7 | 1,352 | 1,168 | 1, 149 | 1,134 | 1,147 | 1,167 |
| Fabricated metal products | 1,522.9 | 1,286.2 | 1,335.9 | 1,352.3 | 1,506 | 1,324 | 1, 317 | 1,298 | 1, 335 | 1,338 |
| Machinery, except electrical | 2,235.2 | 2,005.0 | $2,001.2$ | 2,031.3 | 2,242 | 2, 064 | 2,035 | 2,017 | 2,013 | 2, 037 |
| Electrical equipment. | 3040.9 | 1,702.0 | 1,738.9 | 1,779.1 | 2,023 | 1,735 | 1,723 | 1,712 | 1,746 | 1,763 |
| Transportation equipment ....... | 1,883.6 | 1,623.2 | 1,638.6 | 1,688.4 | 1,850 | 1,653 | 1,657 | 1,645 | 1,645 | 1,649 |
| Instruments and related products.. | 524.9 | 481.3 | 481.4 | 487.4 | 523 | 481 | 481 | 482 | 479 | 485 |
| Miscellaneous manufacturing ..... | 463.3 | 395.5 | 417.0 | 426.2 | 447 | 399 | 398 | 403 | 406 | 411 |
| NONDURABLE GOODS. | 8, 320 | 7,582 | 7,851 | 7,925 | 8, 161 | 7,567 | 7,573 | 7,619 | 7,687 | 7,768 |
| Procuction workers | 6,132 | 5,443 | 5,705 | 5,781 | 5,978 | 5,433 | 5,445 | 5,492 | 5,554 | 5,628 |
| Food and kindred products | 1,827.8 | 1,703.4 | 1,793.7 | 1,811.2 | 1,707 | 1,670 | 1,671 | 1,668 | 1,678 | 1,691 |
| Tobacco manufactures | 88.6 | 72.0 | 85.7 | 88.5 | 80 | 75 | 75 | 79 | 79 | 80 |
| Textile mill products | 987.6 | 884.7 | 922.5 | 936.3 | 989 | 885 | 891 | 897 | 917 | 937 |
| Apparel and other textile products. | 1,357.4 | 1,191.4 | 1,257.9 | 1,284.7 | 1,339 | 1,205 | 1,215 | 1,245 | 1,248 | 1,267 |
| Paper and allied products . . . . . . . | 707.3 | 632.9 | 645.4 | 653.7 | 706 | 631 | 627 | 633 | 640 | 652 |
| Printing and publishing. | 1,113.7 | 1,065.2 | 1,070.8 | 1,074.8 | 1,116 | 1,079 | 1,073 | 1,068 | 1,073 | 1,077 |
| Chemicals and allied products..... | 1,071.4 | 1,006.8 | 1,016.1 | 1,007.7 | 1,067 | 1,004 | 1, 000 | 999 | 1, 008 | 1, 004 |
| Petroleum and coal products ..... | 201.2 | 204.6 | 204.9 | 203.9 | 198 | 195 | 197 | 199 | 200 | 201 |
| Rubber and plastics products, nee. . | 690.2 | 571.0 | 591.0 | 600.9 | 684 | 574 | 572 | 575 | 587 | 596 |
| Leather and leather products | 275.1 | 249.8 | 263.1 | 263.3 | 275 | 249 | 252 | 256 | 257 | 263 |
| SERVICE-PRODUCING . . . . . . . . . | 53,924 | 54,069 | 54, 020 | 54, 426 | 54,116 | 54, 171 | 54, 110 | 54,457 | 54,628 | 54,632 |
| TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC UTILITIES | 4,720 | 4,504 | 4,491 | 4,488 | 4,683 | 4,491 | 4,469 | 4,464 | 4,464 | 4,452 |
| Wholesale and retail trade . . | 17,182 | 16,936 | 16,959 | 17,065 | 17, 143 | 16,857 | 16,877 | 16,984 | 17,016 | 17,026 |
| Wholesale trade . .......... | 4,252 | 4,190 | 4, 197 | 4, 191 | 4,239 | 4,175 | 4, 153 | 4,161 | 4,164 | 4,178 |
| REtail trade ................ | 12,930 | 12,746 | 12,762 | 12,874 | 12,904 | 12,682 | 12,724 | 12,823 | 12,852 | 12,848 |
| FINANCE, INSURANCE, AND real estate | 4,228 | 4,266 | 4,270 | 4,232 | 4,224 | 4,208 | 4,202 | 4,203 | 4,215 | 4,228 |
| Services | 13,767 | 14,144 | 14,156 | 14,085 | 13,767 | 13,889 | 13,871 | 13.990 | 14, 044 | 14,085 |
| GOVERNMENT. | 14,027 | 14,219 | 14, 144 | 14,556 | 14,299 | 14,726 | 14,691 | 14,816 | 14,889 | 14,841 |
| FEDERAL | 2,728 | 2,800 | 2,775 | 2,746 | 2,746 | 2,732 | 2,738 | 2,745 | 2,756 | 2,765 |
| STATE AND LOCAL | 11,299 | 11,419 | 11,369 | 11,810 | 11,553 | 11,994 | 11,953 | 12,071 | 12,133 | 12,076 |

[^0]Table B-2. Average weekiy hours of production or nonsupervisory workers' on private nonagricultural payrolls, by industry

| Industry | Not seasonally adiusted |  |  |  | Seasonally adjusted |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Sept. } \\ & 1974 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { July } \\ & 1975 \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Aug. } \\ & 1975 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Sept } \mathrm{p} \\ & 1975 \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Sept. } \\ & 1974 \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { May } \\ & 1975 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { June } \\ & 1975 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { July } \\ & 1975 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Augo } \\ & 1975 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Sept }{ }^{2} \\ & 1975 \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |
| TOTAL PRIVATE. | 36.7 | 36.4 | 36.6 | 36.2 | 36.5 | 35.9 | 36.0 | 36.0 | 36.2 | 36.0 |
| mining | 43.4 | 42.3 | 41.6 | 42.7 | 43.1 | 42.6 | 42.2 | 42.1 | 41.4 | 42.4 |
| CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION | 37.6 | 37.3 | 37.8 | 37.6 | 36.7 | 36.9 | 35.7 | 36.2 | 36.7 | 36.7 |
| manufacturing. | 40.3 | 39.2 | 39.6 | 40.1 | 39.9 | 39.0 | 39.3 | 39.4 | 39.6 | 39.7 |
| Overtime hours | 3.6 | 2.5 | 2.8 | 3.0 | 3.2 | 2.4 | 2.4 | 2.6 | 2.7 | 2.7 |
| DURABLE GOODS | 41.0 | 39.5 | 39.8 | 40.4 | 40.7 | 39.5 | 39.6 | 39.8 | 40.1 | 40.1 |
| Overtime hours | 3.8 | 2.4 | 2.6 | 2.8 | 3.4 | 2.2 | 2.3 | 2.5 | 2.6 | 2.5 |
| Ordnance and accessories . . . . | 41.5 | 39.7 | 41.2 | 42.0 | 41.5 | 41.1 | 41.6 | 40.1 | 41.4 | 42.0 |
| Lumber and wood products | 39.5 | 39.0 | 39.8 | 39.9 | 39.1 | 38.8 | 39.0 | 39.1 | 39.5 | 39.5 |
| Furniture and fixtures | 39.2 | 37.5 | 38.8 | 39.5 | 38.7 | 37.5 | 37.6 | 37.8 | 38.3 | 39.0 |
| Stone, clay, and glass products. | 41.7 | 40.8 | 41.1 | 41.4 | 41.3 | 40.2 | 40.3 | 40.6 | 40.7 | 41.0 |
| Primary metal industries | 42.4 | 39.5 | 39.6 | 40.1 | 41.9 | 39.5 | 39.1 | 39.7 | 39.9 | 39.7 |
| Fabricated metal products | 41.4 | 39.3 | 39.9 | 40.5 | 41.1 | 39.5 | 39.5 | 39.5 | 39.9 | 40.2 |
| Machinery, except electrical. | 42.7 | 39.9 | 40.3 | 40.5 | 42.5 | 40.5 | 40.4 | 40.5 | 40.7 | 40.3 |
| Electrical equipment | 40.1 | 38.9 | 39.4 | 40.0 | 39.8 | 39.1 | 39.3 | 39.5 | 39.5 | 39.7 |
| Transportation equipment . | 40.5 | 40.7 | 40.0 | 41.1 | 40.1 | 39.5 | 40.0 | 40.7 | 41.2 | 40.7 |
| instruments and related products. | 40.4 | 39.2 | 39.4 | 40.3 | 40.1 | 39.3 | 39.4 | 39.7 | 39.6 | 40.0 |
| Miscellaneous manufacturing . | 38.6 | 37.8 | 38.3 | 38.8 | 38.5 | 38.1 | 38.3 | 38.1 | 38.2 | 38.7 |
| NONDURABLE GOODS | 39.3 | 38.9 | 39.3 | 39.7 | 38.9 | 38.3 | 38.7 | 38.8 | 39.1 | 39.3 |
| Overtime hours | 3.3 | 2.8 | 3.1 | 3.2 | 2.9 | 2.4 | 2.6 | 2.8 | 2.9 | 2.8 |
| Food and kindred products | 41.0 | 40.5 | 40.7 | 41.2 | 40.3 | 39.9 | 39.9 | 40.1 | 40.1 | 40.5 |
| Tobacco manufactures. | 39.0 | 34.7 | 38.1 | 39.3 | 38.2 | 36.9 | 39.8 | 35.4 | 37.5 | 38.5 |
| Textile mill products. | 39.3 | 39.4 | 40.5 | 41.0 | 39.1 | 38.9 | 39.2 | 39.6 | 40.3 | 40.8 |
| Apparel and other textile products | 35.3 | 35.3 | 35.8 | 36.3 | 35.1 | 34.4 | 35.2 | 35.2 | 35.4 | 36.1 |
| Paper and allied products. | 42.2 | 41.6 | 42.2 | 42.3 | 41.9 | 40.9 | 41.5 | 41.6 | 41.9 | 42.0 |
| Printing and publishing | 37.9 | 36.7 | 37.2 | 37.4 | 37.5 | 36.7 | 36.7 | 36.7 | 37.1 | 37.0 |
| Chemicals and allied products | 41.5 | 40.8 | 41.0 | 41.3 | 41.5 | 40.6 | 40.7 | 40.9 | 41.2 | 41.3 |
| Petroleum and coal products . . . . | 42.9 | 41.8 | 41.2 | 41.1 | 42.3 | 41.5 | 41.2 | 41.3 | 41.2 | 40.5 |
| Rubber and plastics products, nec. | 40.8 | 39.6 | 39.9 | 40.4. | 40.4 | 39.6 | 39.6 | 40.0 | 39.9 | 40.0 |
| Leather and leather products. | 36.4 | 38.2 | 38.2 | 38.6 | 36.6 | 36.5 | 37.5 | 37.8 | 38.0 | 38.8 |
| TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC UTILITIES | 40.4 | 39.9 | 40.0 | 39.6 | 40.2 | 39.2 | 39.5 | 39.4 | 39.6 | 39.4 |
| Wholesale and retail trade | 34.1 | 34.5 | 34.6 | 33.6 | 34.0 | 33.9 | 33.8 | 33.6 | 33.8 | 33.5 |
| Wholesale trade. |  | $38.7$ |  | 38.5 | 38.8 | 38.6 | 38.4 | 38.5 | 38.5 | 38.4 |
| RETAIL TRADE | $32.6$ | 33.3 | 33.3 | 32.2 | 32.5 | 32.5 | 32.4 | 32.2 | 32.2 | 32.1 |
| FINANCE, INSURANCE, AND REAL ESTATE. | 36.7 | 36.4 | 36.4 | 36.0 | 36.8 | 36.4 | 36.5 | 36.3 | 36.3 | 36.1 |
| services | 34.0 | 34.3 | 34.3 | 33.7 | 33.9 | 33.9 | 33.9 | 33.7 | 33.8 | 33.6 |

[^1] sale and retail trade; finance, insurance, and real estate; and services. These groups account for approximately four-fifths of the total employment on private nonagricultural payrolls.
$\rho=$ preliminary.

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

| Incustry | Average hourty earnings |  |  |  | Average weekly earnings |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Sept. } \\ & 1974 \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { July } \\ & 1975 \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Aug. } \mathrm{p} \\ & 1975 \mathrm{P} \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | Sept. $1975 \text { P }$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Sept. } \\ & 1974 \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { July } \\ & 1975 \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Aug. } \mathrm{P} \\ & 1975 \mathrm{P} \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Sept. } \mathrm{p} \\ & \text { 1975 } \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |
| TOTAL PRIVATE. | \$4.35 | \$4.53 | \$ 4.55 | \$ 4.62 | \$ 159.65 | \$ 164.89 | \$ 166.53 | \$ 167.24 |
| Seasonally adjusted | 4.31 | 4.54 | 4.56 | 4.58 | 157.32 | 163.44 | 165.07 | 164.88 |
| mining | 5.38 | 5.88 | 5. 92 | 6.03 | 233.49 | 248. 72 | 246.27 | 257.48 |
| CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION | 7.01 | 7.24 | 7.30 | 7.38 | 263.58 | 270.05 | 275.94 | 277.49 |
| MANUFACTURING | 4.54 | 4.81 | 4.82 | 4.87 | 182.96 | 188. 55 | 190.87 | 195.29 |
| DURABLE GOODS | 4.83 | 5.13 | 5.16 | 5.23 | 198.03 | 202. 64 | 205.37 | 211.29 |
| Ordnance and accessories | 4.82 | 5.22 | 5.28 | 5.37 | 200.03 | 207.23 | 217.54 | 225.54 |
| Lumber and wood products | 4.05 | 4.31 | 4.36 | 4.38 | 159.98 | 168.09 | 173.53 | 174.76 |
| Furniture and fixtures. | 3.59 | 3.74 | 3.77. | 3.78 | 140.73 | 140.25 | 146.28 | 149.31 |
| Stone, clay, and glass products. | 4.65 | 4.93 | 4.95 | 5.00 | 193.91 | 201.14 | 203.45 | 207.00 |
| Primary metal industries | 5.81 | 6.11 | 6.29 | 6.38 | 246.34 | 241.35 | 249.08 | 255.84 |
| Fabricated metal products. | 4. 74 | 5. 04 | 5.09 | 5.16 | 196.24 | 198.07 | 203.09 | 208.98 |
| Machinery, except electrical. | 5.05 | 5.33 | 5.38 | 5.45 | 215.46 | 212.67 | 216.81 | 220.73 |
| Electrical equipment | 4.27 | 4.61 | 4.61 | 4.68 | 171.23 | 179.33 | 181.63 | 187.20 |
| Transportation equipment. | 5.64 | 6.00 | 6.01 | 6.15 | 228.42 | 244.20 | 240.40 | 252.77 |
| Instruments and related products | 4.29 | 4. 56 | 4.58 | 4.62 | 173.32 | 178. 75 | 180.45 | 186. 19 |
| Miscellaneous manufacturing | 3.56 | 3.79 | 3.80 | 3.81 | 137.42 | 143.26 | 145.54 | 147.83 |
| NONDURABLE GOODS | 4.09 | 4.36 | 4.36 | 4.39 | 160.74 | 169.60 | 171.35 | 174.28 |
| Food and kindred products | 4.22 | 4. 55 | 4.58 | 4.59 | 173.02 | 184.28 | 186.41 | 189. 11 |
| Tobacco manufactures | 4.05 | 4.62 | 4.31 | 4.34 | 157.95 | 160.31 | 164.21 | 170.56 |
| Textile mill products | 3.28 | 3.34 | 3.37 | 3.43 | 128.90 | 131.60 | 136.49 | 140.63 |
| Apparel. and other textile products | 3.09 | 3.16 | 3.17 | 3.21 | 109.08 | 111.55 | 113.49 | 116.52 |
| Paper and allied products | 4.64 | 5.05 | 5.08 | 5.10 | 195.81 | 210.08 | 214.38 | 215.73 |
| Printing and publishing | 5.08 | 5.41 | 5.44 | 5.49 | 192.53 | 198.55 | 202.37 | 205.33 |
| Chemicals and allied products | 4.98 | 5.42 | 5.45 | 5.49 | 206.67 | 221.14 | 223.45 | 226.74 |
| Petroleum and coal products. | 5.78 | 6.51 | 6.56 | 6.55 | 247.96 | 272.12 | 270.27 | 269.21 |
| Rubber and plastics products, nec | 4.12 | 4.42 | 4.39 | 4.41 | 168.10 | 175.03 | 175.16 | 178.16 |
| Leather and leather products. | 3.07 | 3.22 | 3.21 | 3.25 | 111.75 | 123.00 | 122.62 | 125.45 |
| transportation and public utilities | 5.58 | 5.90 | 6.03 | 6.08 | 225.43 | 235.41 | 241.20 | 240.77 |
| wholesale and retail trade | 3.55 | 3.73 | 3.75 | 3.78 | 121.06 | 128.69 | 129.75 | 127.01 |
| Wholesale trade | 4.63 | 4.88 | 4.91 | 4.93 | 180. 11 | 188.86 | 189.53 | 189.81 |
| retail trade . | 3.16 | 3.33 | 3.34 | 3.37 | 103.02 | 110.89 | 111.22 | 108.51 |
| finance, insurance, and real estate | 3.91 | 4.13 | 4.14 | 4.18 | 143.50 | 150.33 | 150.70 | 150.48 |
| SERVICES | 3.85 | 4.03 | 4. 02 | 4.12 | 130.90 | 138.23 | 137.89 | 138.84 |

1 See footnote 1, table B-2.
$p=$ preliminary.

Table B-4. Hourly earnings index for production or nonsupervisory workers ${ }^{1}$ on private nonagricultural payrolls, by industry division, seasonally adjusted
[1967=100]

| Industry | Sept. <br> 1974 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Apr. } \\ & 1975 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { May } \\ & 1975 \end{aligned}$ | June 1975 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { July } \\ & 1975 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Aug. }{ }^{\mathrm{p}} 1975 \\ & \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Sept. } \mathrm{P} \\ & 1975 \end{aligned}$ | Percent change from |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Sept. 1974Sept. 1975 | Aug. 1975- <br> Sept. 1975 |
| TOTAL PRIVATE NONFARM: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Current dollers | 162.0 | 169.4 | 170.6 | 172.2 | 173.1 | 174.2 | 174.9 | 7.9 | 0.4 |
| Constant (1967) dollars | 107.0 | 106.8 | 107.1 | 107.3 | 106.6 | 107.1 | N.A. | (2) | (3) |
| mining | 167.6 | 178.1 | 180.7 | 182.8 | 184.0 | 186.2 | 187.8 | 12.1 | . 9 |
| CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION | 167.3 | 173.7 | 173.4 | 175.9 | 177.4 | 177.2 | 176.6 | 5.6 | -. 3 |
| MANUFACTURING. | 159.7 | 168.6 | 169.7 | 171.0 | 172.2 | 173.3 | 174.5 | 9.3 | . 7 |
| TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC UTILITIES. | 170.3 | 177.6 | 179.3 | 181.1 | 182.4 | 185.5 | 185.4 | 8.9 | -. 1 |
| Wholesale and retail trade. | 158.7 | 164.9 | 166.4 | 167.5 | 168.3 | 169.6 | 169.7 | 6.9 | . 1 |
| FINANCE, INSURANCE, AND REAL-ESTATE . | 152.6 | 159.4 | 160.4 | 163.1 | 161.5 | 163.1 | 163.3 | 7.1 | . 2 |
| SERVICES. | 165.9 | 172.5 | 173.5 | 175.5 | 175.8 | 176.9 | 177.6 | 7.1 | . 4 |

${ }^{1}$ Se footnote 1, table B-2.
a Percent change was -0.1 from August 1974 to August 1975, the latest month available.
${ }_{3}$ Percent change was 0.4 from July 1975 to August 1975, the latest month available.
N.A. $=$ not available.
$p=$ pretiminary.
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 hours of production or nonsupervisory workers ${ }^{1}$ on private nonagricultural payrolls, by industry, seasonally adjusted
[1967 = 100]

| Industry division and group | 1974 |  |  |  | 1975 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Sept. | Oct. | Nov. | Dec. | Jan. | Feb. | Mar. | Apr. | May | June | July | Aug. ${ }^{\text {P }}$ | Septor ${ }^{\text {p }}$ |
| TOTAL | 113.3 | 112.9 | 111.3 | 109.9 | 108.9 | 107.0 | 105. 9 | 106.0 | 106.3 | 106.0 | 106.4 | 107.4 | 107. 7 |
| GOODS-PRODUCING | 103.4 | 102.7 | 99.2 | 96.7 | 94.5 | 90.7 | 88.4 | 89.2 | 89.4 | 88.9 | 89.3 | 90. 9 | 92.2 |
| MINING | 116.0 | 119.9 | 99.7 | 106.0 | 117.4 | 116.7 | 115.9 | 113.7 | 119.4 | 118.4 | 118.8 | 117.7 | 120.1 |
| CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION | 114.7 | 114.9 | 112.9 | 112. 1 | 111.0 | 104. 1 | 94.5 | 99.0 | 99.3 | 94.9 | 96.2 | 97.9 | 97.7 |
| MANUFACTURING | 101.0 | 100.0 | 96.8 | 93.6 | 90.8 | 87.4 | 86.4 | 86.6 | 86.6 | 86.8 | 87. 1 | 88.7 | 90.2 |
| durable goods | 102.6 | 101.7 | 98.3 | 94. 9 | 91.8 | 87.9 | 86.6 | 86. 5 | 85.4 | 85.2 | 84. 9 | 86.6 | 87.7 |
| Ordnance and accessories | 48.6 | 48.4 | 48.4 | 48.8 | 48.3 | 48. 3 | 47.7 | 47.7 | 47. 5 | 46. 9 | 44. 7 | 43.9 | 44. 5 |
| Lumber and wood products | 98.4 | 94.7 | 89.6 | 87.1 | 83.8 | 82.3 | 81.6 | 82.5 | 84.4 | 85.8 | 86.7 | 88.8 | 90. 5 |
| Furniture and fixtures | 108.4 | 105.3 | 98.9 | 94.9 | 88.0 | 85.1 | 83.9 | 85.8 | 87.7 | 87.2 | 88.7 | 92.1 | 97.9 |
| Stone, clay, and glass products | 108.8 | 107.2 | 105.2 | 102.3 | 98.5 | 94.1 | 91.2 | 92.6 | 92.6 | 92.4 | 93.1 | 94.1 | 95.4 |
| Primary metal industries | 104.1 | 104.0 | 101.9 | 98.0 | 94.8 | 90.6 | 87.3 | 84.1 | 82.1 | 80.8 | 80.0 | 81.7 | 82. 7 |
| Fabricated metal products | 108.0 | 106.2 | 102.8 | 99.6 | 94.9 | 92.1 | 90.2 | 90.1 | 89.0 | 88.5 | 86.7 | 90.9 | 92.1 |
| Machinery, except electrical | 109.9 | 110.7 | 108.6 | 106.3 | 104.0 | 100.8 | 98.3 | 96.6 | 93.1 | 91.3 | 90.4 | 90. 9 | 91.2 |
| Electrical equipment and supplies | 102. 2 | 100.9 | 96.6 | 92.8 | 90.2 | 85. 3 | 84.3 | 83.3 | 81. 9 | 81.8 | 81.6 | 84. 1 | 85.6 |
| Transportation equipment | 93.0 | 93.1 | 88.7 | 84.0 | 81.1 | 75.1 | 77.3 | 80.4 | 80.2 | 81.4 | 82.0 | 82.8 | 82.2 |
| Instruments and related products | 111.8 | 110.6 | 108.9 | 106.6 | 105.0 | 100.7 | 98.3 | 98.2 | 97.1 | 97.0 | 98.1 | 97.1 | 100.2 |
| Misceflaneous manufacturing, Ind. | 101.0 | 98.4 | 94.6 | 91.1 | 89.4 | 87.3 | 85.6 | 86.0 | 86.5 | 87.0 | 87, 7 | 89.0 | 91.4 |
| NONDURABLE GOODS | 98.6 | 97.5 | 94. 5 | 91.7 | 89.3 | 86. 7 | 86. 0 | 86.7 | 88.2 | 89.1 | 90.2 | 91.8 | 93.8 |
| Food and kindred products | 96.2 | 96.2 | 94.8 | 93. 9 | 92.8 | 92. 5 | 92.6 | 92.4 | 92.9 | 93.1 | 93.4 | 93.7 | 95.7 |
| Tobacco manufactures | 88.5 | 86.4 | 83.8 | 86.1 | 88.2 | 86. 9 | 86. 7 | 83.4 | 80.3 | 86.7 | 80.8 | 86. 9 | 89.2 |
| Textile mill products | 97.1 | 92.6 | 88.4 | 83.3 | 78.0 | 75.8 | 77.2 | 80.8 | 85.7 | 87.0 | 88.5 | 92.6 | 96.0 |
| Apparel and other textile products | 91.0 | 90. 3 | 86.3 | 82.2 | 80.1 | 76. 9 | 76.5 | 78.5 | 79.8 | 82.4 | 84.6 | 85.4 | 88.5 |
| Paper and allied products | 100.9 | 98.4 | 95.7 | 93.9 | 91.0 | 87.4 | 85. 3 | 84.5 | 85.7 | 86.4 | 87.6 | 89.1 | 91.2 |
| Printing and publishing | 99.3 | 99.1 | 97.5 | 97.0 | 96.7 | 94. 9 | 93. 9 | 92.6 | 92.0 | 91.2 | 90.9 | 92. 5 | 92.3 |
| Chemicals and allied products | 104.9 | 104. 0 | 102.4 | 99.3 | 96.6 | 95.0 | 92.4 | 91.4 | 92.7 | 92.6 | 93.0 | 94. 9 | 95. 3 |
| Petroleum and coal products | 109.0 | 110.6 | 109.6 | 108.7 | 102.8 | 100. 2 | 104.0 | 101.4 | 104. 4 | 105. 3 | 107.2 | 107.8 | 106.8 |
| Rubber and plastics products, nec | 132.3 | 132.8 | 123.0 | 117.4 | 113.8 | 104.2 | 100.4 | 102.1 | 105.1 | 105.1 | 106.9 | 109.8 | 112.0 |
| Leather and leather products | 74.2 | 73.5 | 73.0 | 70. 3 | 67.8 | 64.4 | 63.0 | 65. 8 | 66.8 | 69.6 | 71.4 | 72.1 | 75. 7 |
| SERVICE-PRODUCING | 120.2 | 120.0 | 119.6 | 119.1 | 118.9 | 118.4 | 118.1 | 117.6 | 118.0 | 117.8 | 118.3 | 118.8 | 118.5 |
| TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC UTILITIES | 108.0 | 107.7 | 106.8 | 106.2 | 105.0 | 103.5 | 102.1 | 102. 3 | 100. 3 | 100.6 | 100.3 | 100.6 | 99. 8 |
| WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE | 116.5 | 116.3 | 115.7 | 114.7 | 114.3 | 113.7 | 113.9 | 113.4 | 113.9 | 113.7 | 114.6 | 114.9 | 114.7 |
| Wholesale trade | 114.5 | 114.3 | 113.8 | 113.3 | 113.0 | 112.1 | 111.6 | 111.5 | 111.4 | 110.3 | 110.8 | 110.9 | 111.0 |
| RETAIL TRADE | 117.3 | 117.0 | 116.4 | 115.2 | 114.7 | 114.2 | 114.8 | 114.0 | 114.8 | 115.0 | 116.0 | 116.4 | 116.0 |
| FINANCE, INSURANCE, AND REAL ESTATE | 125.8 | 125.0 | 125. 1 | 125.1 | 125.2 | 124.5 | 123.6 | 122.1 | 122.9 | 123.2 | 122.3 | 122.8 | 122.6 |
| SERVICES | 129.1 | 129.1 | 129.3 | 129.3 | 129.9 | 129.9 | 129.6 | 129.3 | 130. 3 | 129.9 | 130.4 | 131.3 | 131.1 |

${ }^{1}$ See footnote 1 , table B-2.
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Table B-6. Indexes of diffusion: Percent of industries in which employment ${ }^{1}$ increased


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## LABOR FORCE, EMPLOYMENT, UNEMPLOYMENT hOUSEHOLD DATA - SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

1. LABOR FORCE RND EMPLOYMENT


## 3. UNEMPLOYMENT

—— ALL CIVILIAN WORKERS
....- FULL-TIME WORKERS

2. TOTAL EMPLOYMENT


4. UNEMPLOYMENT
_ RDULT MEN
....- ROULT WOMEN
.......... TEENAGERS


## UNEMPLOYMENT RATES

 HOUSEHOLD DATA - SEASONALLY ADJUSTED5. UNEMPLOYMENT RATES

…-...- STATE INSURED MEN

6. UNEMPLOYMENT RATES


- State insured unemployment rate pertains to the week including the 12 th of the month and represents the insured unemployed under State prggrams as a percent of average covered employment. The figures are der. ved from administrative records of unemployment insurance

6. UNEMPLOYMENT RATES

## —— TEENAGERS <br> -... RDULT WOMEN

PERCENT

8. UNEMPLOYMENT RATES

## PRRT-TIME WORKERS $\ldots$ FULL-TIME WORKERS



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9. UNEMPLOYMENT RATES - BLUE COLLAR WORKERS .......... WHITE COLLAR WORKERS

10. AVERAGE DURATION of unemployment

11. UNEMPLOYMENT RATES

## _ CONSTRUCTION


12. UNEMPLOYMENT BY REASON JOB LOSERS
$\cdots$ REENTRANTS
$\cdots \cdots-\cdots$ NEW ENTRANTS
THOUSANOS


## NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT AND HOURS

 ESTABLISHMENT DATA - SEASONALLY ADJUSTED
15. AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS

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


[^0]:    p=preliminary.

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[^2]:    1 Number of employees, seasonally adjusted, on payrolls of 172 private nonagricultural industries.
    $p=$ preliminary.

