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### THE EMPLOYMENT SITUATION: FEBRUARY 1976

The Nation's overall employment situation continued to improve in February, as unemployment declined and employment rose, it was reported today by the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the U. S. Department of Labor. The unemployment rate was 7.6 percent, down from the recession peak of 8.9 percent reached last May. Most of the reduction has taken place in the 4-month period since October.

Total employment--as measured by the monthly survey of households--moved up slightly in February, following a very large gain in the previous month. After plunging by 2.2 million, the employed total has now fully returned to the July 1974 pre-recession peak of 86.3 million. A large part of this recovery has been among adult women, as employment of adult men was still nearly 700,000 below its high point.

Nonagricultural payroll employment--as measured by the monthly survey of establishments--increased by 210,000 in February. Since last June's low, payroll jobs have risen by 2 million, still half a million below the September 1974 peak.

#### Unemployment

The number of persons unemployed declined by 150,000 in February to 7.1 million, after adjustment for seasonality. While this drop was relatively small, it continued the downtrend which had begun in June and accelerated after October. The unemployment rate, at 7.6 percent in February, was down from 7.8 percent in January and 8.6 percent last October.

The small February unemployment decline was diffused among many component groups, such that there were very few dramatic changes. The jobless rate for household heads continued its descent, moving below the 5-percent mark for the first time since late 1974. The rate for full-time workers also declined, while that for married men was unchanged. The jobless rate for white workers continued to decrease--to 6.8 percent.

However, the rate for blacks (Negro and other races) was little changed in February (13.7 percent) and also has shown little change over the past year. (See table A-2.)

The decline in joblessness since October has occurred primarily among adult men. Substantial declines over the last 4 months were also registered in most industry and occupational groups, particularly among blue-collar workers and those who last worked in the manufacturing and construction industries.

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

Selected categories	Quarterly averages					Monthly data		
	1974	1975				Dec.	Jan.	Feb.
	IV	I	II	III	IV	1975	1976	1976
	(Millions of persons)							
Civilian labor force .....	91.7	91.8	92.5	93.1	93.2	93.1	93.5	93.5
Total employment .....	85.5	84.3	84.4	85.1	85.2	85.4	86.2	86.3
Adult men .....	48.2	47.3	47.3	47.6	47.5	47.6	47.9	48.0
Adult women .....	30.0	29.9	30.1	30.5	30.7	30.8	31.1	31.2
Teenagers .....	7.3	7.1	7.0	7.1	7.0	7.1	7.1	7.2
Unemployment .....	6.1	7.5	8.1	8.0	7.9	7.7	7.3	7.1
	(Percent of labor force)							
Unemployment rates:								
All workers .....	6.7	8.1	8.7	8.6	8.5	8.3	7.8	7.6
Adult men .....	4.9	6.2	7.0	7.0	7.0	6.6	5.8	5.7
Adult women .....	6.5	8.0	8.4	7.9	7.9	8.0	7.5	7.5
Teenagers .....	17.6	19.8	20.2	20.2	19.5	19.6	19.9	19.2
White .....	6.0	7.5	8.0	7.9	7.8	7.6	7.1	6.8
Negro and other races .....	11.7	13.4	14.1	14.1	14.0	13.8	13.2	13.7
Household heads .....	4.2	5.4	6.0	5.9	5.9	5.7	5.1	4.9
Married men .....	3.5	4.7	5.5	5.4	5.1	4.8	4.1	4.1
Full-time workers .....	6.2	7.7	8.4	8.3	8.2	7.9	7.3	7.1
	(Weeks)							
Average duration of unemployment .....	10.0	11.3	13.8	15.6	16.5	17.0	16.9	16.2
	(Millions of persons)							
Nonfarm payroll employment .....	78.3	76.9	76.4	77.0	77.6	77.8	78.1p	78.3p
Goods-producing industries .....	24.1	22.8	22.3	22.4	22.7	22.7	22.9p	22.9p
Service-producing industries .....	54.2	54.1	54.1	54.6	54.9	55.1	55.2p	55.4p
	(Hours of work)							
Average weekly hours:								
Total private nonfarm .....	36.3	36.1	35.9	36.1	36.3	36.4	36.6p	36.5p
Manufacturing .....	39.6	39.0	39.1	39.6	40.0	40.3	40.5p	40.3p
Manufacturing overtime .....	2.9	2.4	2.4	2.7	2.9	3.0	3.0p	3.0p
	(1967=100)							
Hourly Earnings Index, private nonfarm:								
In current dollars .....	164.3	167.7	170.7	174.3	177.8	178.6	179.8p	180.7p
In constant dollars .....	106.6r	106.7	107.0r	107.1	107.5	107.3	107.6p	N.A.

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

The average (mean) duration of unemployment dropped to 16.2 weeks in February, after holding at a high of 17 weeks in the prior 3-month period. This movement was largely due to a substantial decrease in the number of persons unemployed 15 weeks or longer, particularly those who were unemployed 15-26 weeks. After declining sharply in December and January, the number of unemployed persons who had lost their jobs was unchanged in February. There was a decline, however, in the number of unemployed persons who had reentered the labor force. (See tables A-4 and A-5.)

After rising to 3.5 million in January, the number of employed persons on part-time schedules for economic reasons returned to the 3.3 million level that had prevailed since last July. (See table A-3.) Labor force time lost--a measure that combines the involuntary part-time employed with unemployment on a worker-hours basis--also dropped over the month.

#### Total Employment and Labor Force

Total employment edged up in February to 86.3 million, seasonally adjusted, after increasing by 800,000 in the previous month. There were, however, contrasting movements within the total, as agricultural employment dropped by 170,000 while nonagricultural employment grew 300,000. (See table A-1.) Since the March 1975 low, total employment has risen by 2.2 million persons to a level equal to the previous alltime peak registered in July 1974. Adult women accounted for over half of this gain.

The civilian labor force held steady in February at 93.5 million persons. Over the past year, labor force growth has totaled 1.9 million, with adult women comprising more than 1.3 million of the increase. During this period, the labor force participation rate for adult women increased by a full percentage point (to 46.5 percent), while that for adult men declined by nearly a point. (See table A-1.)

#### Industry Payroll Employment

Total nonagricultural payroll employment advanced for the eighth straight month, increasing by 210,000 in February to 78.3 million (seasonally adjusted). The payroll job count was 2 million above the June low level, but still 490,000 below the alltime high recorded in September 1974. Over-the-month employment gains occurred in 64 percent of the 172 industries comprising the diffusion index of nonagricultural payroll employment. (See tables B-1 and B-6.)

Employment in manufacturing continued to rise, although modestly when contrasted with the expansion in earlier months. However, the limited increase reflected a netting out of generally small movements among the component industries. Within durable goods, increases in fabricated metal products and lumber were partially offset by a decrease in transportation equipment (other than automobiles). In nondurables, the only notable increase was in food and kindred products.

After a slight upturn in January, employment in contract construction dropped by nearly 60,000 in February. The job count in that industry has hovered around the recessionary low level of 3.4 million for almost a year.

In contrast to the goods-producing industries, increases were posted in all but one of the service-producing industries. Trade led the expansion with a gain of nearly 100,000, more than two-thirds of which occurred in the retail sector. Employment in services continued to climb, adding 70,000 to payrolls over the month. Transportation and public utilities also increased, with a gain of 30,000 jobs.

#### Hours

The average workweek for all production or nonsupervisory workers on private nonfarm payrolls edged down by 0.1 hour in February to 36.5 hours (seasonally adjusted). The manufacturing workweek was the key factor in this decline, dropping 0.2 hour to 40.3 hours. Having risen unevenly since last February's recession low--by 1.5 hours--the factory workweek was still 0.7 hour below the pre-recession high of February 1973. Factory overtime was 3.0 hours for the third consecutive month. (See table B-2.)

As the increase in employment outweighed the decrease in average weekly hours, the index of aggregate hours of private nonagricultural production or nonsupervisory employees inched up by 0.3 percent to 110.8 (1967=100), continuing the growth exhibited for the previous 7 months. The aggregate factory hours index remained at the January level of 93.7, marking the first pause in an otherwise consistent pattern of growth that had prevailed since last May. (See table B-5.)

#### Hourly and Weekly Earnings

Average hourly earnings of production or nonsupervisory workers on total private nonagricultural payrolls were 0.4 percent above the January level, seasonally adjusted,

and 7.2 percent above the previous February's level. Average weekly earnings increased 0.2 percent from January and 8.4 percent over the last 12 months.

Before adjustment for seasonality, average hourly earnings went up 2 cents to \$4.74. Since last February, the increase has been 32 cents. Average weekly earnings were \$171.11, 72 cents higher than in January and \$13.32 above February a year ago. (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 180.7 (1967=100) in February, 0.5 percent higher than in January. The index was 7.7 percent above February a year ago. During the 12-month period ended in January, the Hourly Earnings Index in dollars of constant purchasing power rose 1.3 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*.

Table A-1. Employment status of the noninstitutional population

(Numbers in thousands)

Employment status	Not seasonally adjusted			Seasonally adjusted					
	Feb. 1975	Jan. 1976	Feb. 1976	Feb. 1975	Oct. 1975	Nov. 1975	Dec. 1975	Jan. 1976	Feb. 1976
<b>TOTAL</b>									
Total noninstitutional population <sup>1</sup>	152,445	154,915	155,106	152,445	154,256	154,476	154,700	154,915	155,106
Total labor force	93,111	94,805	94,944	93,721	95,377	95,272	95,286	95,624	95,601
Participation rate	61.1	61.2	61.2	61.5	61.8	61.7 <sup>c</sup>	61.6	61.7	61.6
Civilian noninstitutional population <sup>1</sup>	150,246	152,775	152,960	150,246	152,092	152,320	152,543	152,775	152,960
Civilian labor force	90,913	92,665	92,798	91,523	93,213	93,117	93,129	93,484	93,455
Participation rate	60.5	60.7	60.7	60.9	61.3	61.1	61.1	61.2	61.1
Employed	82,604	84,491	84,764	84,163	85,151	85,178	85,394	86,194	86,319
Agriculture	2,890	2,853	2,802	3,252	3,408	3,301	3,236	3,343	3,170
Nonagricultural industries	79,714	81,638	81,963	80,911	81,743	81,877	82,158	82,851	83,149
Unemployed	8,309	8,174	8,033	7,360	8,062	7,939	7,735	7,290	7,136
Unemployment rate	9.1	8.8	8.7	8.0	8.6	8.5	8.3	7.8	7.6
Not in labor force	59,333	60,110	60,163	58,723	58,879	59,203	59,414	59,291	59,505
<b>Males, 20 years and over</b>									
Total noninstitutional population <sup>1</sup>	64,644	65,739	65,821	64,644	65,444	65,542	65,643	65,739	65,821
Total labor force	52,149	52,513	52,539	52,176	52,944	52,888	52,651	52,576	52,603
Participation rate	80.7	79.9	79.8	80.7	80.9	80.7	80.2	80.0	79.9
Civilian noninstitutional population <sup>1</sup>	62,911	64,055	64,133	62,911	63,725	63,830	63,929	64,055	64,133
Civilian labor force	50,417	50,829	50,850	50,443	51,225	51,176	50,937	50,892	50,914
Participation rate	80.1	79.4	79.3	80.2	80.4	80.2	79.7	79.5	79.4
Employed	46,512	47,136	47,182	47,339	47,513	47,521	47,586	47,916	47,997
Agriculture	2,282	2,163	2,174	2,420	2,430	2,386	2,316	2,351	2,305
Nonagricultural industries	44,230	44,973	45,007	44,919	45,083	45,135	45,270	45,565	45,692
Unemployed	3,905	3,693	3,669	3,104	3,712	3,655	3,351	2,976	2,917
Unemployment rate	7.7	7.3	7.2	6.2	7.2	7.1	6.6	5.8	5.7
Not in labor force	12,494	13,226	13,283	12,468	12,500	12,654	12,992	13,163	13,219
<b>Females, 20 years and over</b>									
Civilian noninstitutional population <sup>1</sup>	71,167	72,354	72,452	71,167	72,029	72,139	72,251	72,354	72,452
Civilian labor force	32,563	33,746	33,912	32,351	33,236	33,256	33,415	33,683	33,687
Participation rate	45.8	46.6	46.8	45.5	46.1	46.1	46.2	46.6	46.5
Employed	29,813	31,002	31,201	29,792	30,621	30,619	30,755	31,140	31,165
Agriculture	362	408	333	457	534	491	483	545	420
Nonagricultural industries	29,450	30,595	30,868	29,335	30,087	30,128	30,272	30,595	30,745
Unemployed	2,750	2,744	2,711	2,559	2,615	2,637	2,660	2,543	2,522
Unemployment rate	8.4	8.1	8.0	7.9	7.9	7.9	8.0	7.5	7.5
Not in labor force	38,604	38,608	38,540	38,816	38,793	38,883	38,836	38,671	38,765
<b>Both sexes, 16-19 years</b>									
Civilian noninstitutional population <sup>1</sup>	16,168	16,366	16,376	16,168	16,338	16,352	16,363	16,366	16,376
Civilian labor force	7,934	8,090	8,035	8,729	8,752	8,685	8,777	8,909	8,854
Participation rate	49.1	49.4	49.1	54.0	53.6	53.1	53.6	54.4	54.1
Employed	6,280	6,353	6,381	7,032	7,017	7,038	7,053	7,138	7,157
Agriculture	246	282	294	375	444	424	437	447	445
Nonagricultural industries	6,034	6,071	6,087	6,657	6,573	6,614	6,616	6,691	6,712
Unemployed	1,654	1,737	1,654	1,697	1,735	1,647	1,724	1,771	1,697
Unemployment rate	20.8	21.5	20.6	19.4	19.8	19.0	19.6	19.9	19.2
Not in labor force	8,235	8,276	8,340	7,439	7,586	7,667	7,586	7,457	7,522
<b>WHITE</b>									
Civilian noninstitutional population <sup>1</sup>	132,720	134,668	134,813	132,720	134,121	134,303	134,480	134,668	134,813
Civilian labor force	80,688	82,125	82,178	81,143	82,725	82,517	82,474	82,738	82,715
Participation rate	60.8	61.0	61.0	61.1	61.7	61.4	61.3	61.4	61.4
Employed	73,825	75,439	75,689	75,225	76,077	76,059	76,223	76,839	77,101
Unemployed	6,863	6,686	6,488	5,918	6,648	6,458	6,251	5,899	5,614
Unemployment rate	8.5	8.1	7.9	7.3	8.0	7.8	7.6	7.1	6.8
Not in labor force	52,032	52,543	52,635	51,577	51,396	51,786	52,006	51,930	52,098
<b>NEGRO AND OTHER RACES</b>									
Civilian noninstitutional population <sup>1</sup>	17,527	18,107	18,147	17,527	17,971	18,018	18,063	18,107	18,147
Civilian labor force	10,225	10,540	10,620	10,405	10,668	10,684	10,653	10,731	10,795
Participation rate	58.3	58.2	58.5	59.4	59.4	59.3	59.0	59.3	59.5
Employed	8,779	9,052	9,075	9,019	9,147	9,197	9,188	9,314	9,315
Unemployed	1,447	1,488	1,545	1,386	1,521	1,487	1,465	1,417	1,480
Unemployment rate	14.1	14.1	14.5	13.3	14.3	13.9	13.8	13.2	13.7
Not in labor force	7,301	7,567	7,527	7,122	7,303	7,334	7,410	7,376	7,352

<sup>1</sup> 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					
	Feb. 1975	Feb. 1976	Feb. 1975	Oct. 1975	Nov. 1975	Dec. 1975	Jan. 1976	Feb. 1976
Total, 16 years and over	7,360	7,136	8.0	8.6	8.5	8.3	7.8	7.6
Males, 20 years and over	3,104	2,917	6.2	7.2	7.1	6.6	5.8	5.7
Females, 20 years and over	2,559	2,522	7.9	7.9	7.9	8.0	7.5	7.5
Both sexes, 16-19 years	1,697	1,697	19.4	19.8	19.0	19.6	19.9	19.2
White, total	5,918	5,614	7.3	8.0	7.8	7.6	7.1	6.8
Males, 20 years and over	2,496	2,296	5.5	6.7	6.5	5.9	5.2	5.0
Females, 20 years and over	2,084	1,960	7.4	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.0	6.7
Both sexes, 16-19 years	1,338	1,358	17.1	17.7	17.1	17.8	18.3	17.1
Negro and other races, total	1,386	1,310	13.4	14.3	13.9	13.8	13.2	13.7
Males, 20 years and over	571	590	11.0	12.2	12.8	12.3	11.2	11.2
Females, 20 years and over	465	560	10.9	11.9	11.0	10.8	11.0	12.2
Both sexes, 16-19 years	350	330	36.2	36.7	34.3	35.2	34.6	35.2
Household heads	2,782	2,659	5.0	6.0	5.8	5.7	5.1	4.9
Married men, spouse present	1,855	1,640	4.7	5.2	5.1	4.8	4.1	4.1
Full-time workers	5,979	5,678	7.6	8.5	8.3	7.9	7.3	7.1
Part-time workers	1,344	1,426	16.2	17.4	10.2	10.5	10.5	10.4
Unemployed 15 weeks and over <sup>1</sup>	1,828	2,515	2.0	2.9c	3.2c	3.3c	3.0	2.7
Labor force time lost <sup>2</sup>	---	---	8.7	9.4	9.3	8.9	8.4	8.1
<b>OCCUPATION<sup>3</sup></b>								
White-collar workers	1,922	1,967	4.4	4.8	4.8	4.8	4.7	4.6
Professional and technical	406	489	3.2	3.2	3.7	3.1	3.0	3.6
Managers and administrators, except farm	237	276	2.7	2.9	2.9	3.0	2.9	2.9
Sales workers	306	295	5.3	6.0	6.3	6.3	6.4	5.2
Clerical workers	973	1,007	6.0	6.7	6.4	6.6	6.4	6.1
Blue-collar workers	3,328	2,934	10.6	11.6	11.3	10.7	9.4	9.3
Craft and kindred workers	752	808	6.4	8.7	8.2	7.2	6.6	6.7
Operatives	1,882	1,433	12.3	12.5	12.4	12.2	10.2	9.8
Nonfarm laborers	694	693	14.3	16.4	15.5	14.9	14.1	14.1
Service workers	968	1,158	7.7	9.1	8.7	9.2	9.3	8.9
Farm workers	92	112	3.1	3.7	3.8	4.5	3.9	3.9
<b>INDUSTRY<sup>3</sup></b>								
Nonagricultural private wage and salary workers <sup>4</sup>	5,733	6,221	8.6	9.2	9.2	8.9	8.1	8.0
Construction	703	663	16.2	18.1	17.5	16.6	15.4	15.5
Manufacturing	2,268	1,777	10.7	10.6	10.5	9.6	8.1	8.0
Durable goods	1,336	1,002	10.6	11.1	10.8	9.9	8.2	8.0
Nondurable goods	932	775	10.8	9.7	10.0	9.2	8.0	8.1
Transportation and public utilities	254	231	5.1	5.6	4.9	5.1	4.9	4.7
Wholesale and retail trade	1,302	1,418	7.9	9.1	9.4	9.4	8.7	8.4
Finance and service industries	1,172	1,310	6.3	7.0	7.0	7.0	7.0	6.8
Government workers	535	692	3.6	4.0	4.0	4.4	4.2	4.4
Agricultural wage and salary workers	118	154	9.0	10.7	10.2	12.4	10.8	10.6
<b>VETERAN STATUS</b>								
Males, Vietnam-era veterans: <sup>5</sup>								
20 to 34 years	498	487	7.4	9.9	10.2	10.3	8.1	7.8
20 to 24 years	180	165	17.0	22.3	23.1	22.0	18.9	17.9
25 to 29 years	29	28	7.0	8.4	9.0	9.9	7.1	7.1
30 to 34 years	89	94	5.6	5.9	5.6	5.3	4.8	4.6
Males, nonveterans:								
20 to 34 years	1,315	1,226	9.4	10.2	10.1	9.2	8.8	8.2
20 to 24 years	795	773	12.6	13.8	13.2	12.6	12.0	11.0
25 to 29 years	351	295	8.2	8.2	7.9	6.8	7.3	6.6
30 to 34 years	189	198	5.1	6.0	7.1	6.0	4.8	5.5

<sup>1</sup> Unemployment rate calculated as a percent of civilian labor force.<sup>2</sup> Aggregate hours lost by the unemployed and persons on part time for economic reasons as a percent of potentially available labor force hours.<sup>3</sup> Unemployment by occupation includes all experienced unemployed persons, whereas that by industry covers only unemployed wage and salary workers.<sup>4</sup> Includes mining, not shown separately.<sup>5</sup> Vietnam-era veterans are those who served after August 4, 1964.

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Table A-3. Selected employment indicators

[In thousands]

Selected categories	Not seasonally adjusted		Seasonally adjusted					
	Feb. 1975	Feb. 1976	Feb. 1975	Oct. 1975	Nov. 1975	Dec. 1975	Jan. 1976	Feb. 1976
<b>Total employed, 16 years and over</b>	82,604	84,764	84,163	85,151	85,178	85,394	86,194	86,319
Males	49,848	50,551	51,151	51,300	51,325	51,390	51,761	51,870
Females	32,756	34,213	33,012	33,851	33,853	34,004	34,433	34,449
Household heads	49,176	50,128	49,760	50,258	50,316	50,332	50,628	50,737
Married men, spouse present	37,346	37,438	37,849	37,921	37,858	37,739	37,996	37,931
Married women, spouse present	19,288	19,976	19,279	19,799	19,833	19,859	20,065	19,976
<b>OCCUPATION</b>								
White-collar workers	41,776	43,092	41,730	42,386	42,253	42,326	42,797	43,028
Professional and technical	12,717	13,356	12,472	12,773	12,795	13,026	13,166	13,094
Managers and administrators, except farm	8,570	9,025	8,678	9,027	9,077	8,837	9,044	9,135
Sales workers	5,319	5,200	5,456	5,515	5,269	5,296	5,224	5,333
Clerical workers	15,172	15,512	15,124	15,071	15,112	15,167	15,363	15,466
Blue-collar workers	26,789	27,497	27,989	28,105	28,126	28,408	28,759	28,725
Craft and kindred workers	10,584	10,879	10,994	11,104	11,018	11,265	11,266	11,297
Operatives	12,530	12,897	12,833	12,915	13,010	13,043	13,303	13,214
Nonfarm laborers	3,674	3,721	4,162	4,086	4,098	4,100	4,190	4,214
Service workers	11,535	11,749	11,630	11,759	11,872	11,837	11,926	11,848
Farm workers	2,503	2,425	2,844	2,975	2,838	2,782	2,868	2,772
<b>MAJOR INDUSTRY AND CLASS OF WORKER</b>								
<b>Agriculture:</b>								
Wage and salary workers	1,013	1,094	1,199	1,303	1,262	1,231	1,300	1,295
Self-employed workers	1,638	1,503	1,739	1,710	1,687	1,663	1,649	1,596
Unpaid family workers	239	205	350	408	349	300	331	300
<b>Nonagricultural industries:</b>								
Wage and salary workers	73,955	75,971	74,979	75,760	75,468	76,038	76,568	77,023
Private households	1,288	1,178	1,311	1,349	1,307	1,309	1,287	1,200
Government	14,634	15,159	14,374	14,443	14,628	14,719	14,779	14,891
Other	58,033	59,634	59,294	59,968	59,533	60,010	60,502	60,932
Self-employed workers	5,327	5,562	5,449	5,531	5,991	5,683	5,693	5,684
Unpaid family workers	431	429	493	478	540	510	528	490
<b>PERSONS AT WORK <sup>1</sup></b>								
Nonagricultural industries	76,277	78,485	76,132	76,822	77,103	77,380	78,506	78,399
Full-time schedules	61,513	63,802	62,092	62,824	63,141	63,730	64,211	64,381
Part time for economic reasons	3,602	3,154	3,627	3,361	3,353	3,243	3,482	3,262
Usually work full time	2,086	1,427	1,912	1,459	1,405	1,332	1,415	1,308
Usually work part time	1,516	1,727	1,715	1,902	1,948	1,911	2,067	1,954
Part time for noneconomic reasons	11,162	11,529	10,413	10,637	10,609	10,407	10,813	10,755

<sup>1</sup> 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					
	Feb. 1975	Feb. 1976	Feb. 1975	Oct. 1975	Nov. 1975	Dec. 1975	Jan. 1976	Feb. 1976
Less than 5 weeks	2,879	2,699	2,866	3,015	2,641	2,648	2,706	2,686
5 to 14 weeks	3,399	2,541	2,484	2,446	2,469	2,244	2,091	1,856
15 weeks and over	2,031	2,794	1,828	2,719	3,004	3,080	2,785	2,515
15 to 26 weeks	1,312	1,241	1,107	1,238	1,286	1,413	1,155	957
27 weeks and over	718	1,552	721	1,481	1,718	1,667	1,630	1,558
Average (mean) duration, in weeks	11.8	16.4	11.7	15.6	16.9	17.0	16.9	16.2
<b>PERCENT DISTRIBUTION</b>								
Total unemployed	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Less than 5 weeks	34.6	33.6	39.9	36.9	32.5	33.2	35.7	38.1
5 to 14 weeks	40.9	31.6	34.6	29.9	30.4	28.1	27.6	26.3
15 weeks and over	24.4	34.8	25.5	33.2	37.0	38.6	36.7	35.6
15 to 26 weeks	15.8	15.4	15.4	15.1	15.8	17.7	15.2	13.6
27 weeks and over	8.6	19.3	10.0	18.1	21.2	20.9	21.5	22.1



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Table A-5. Reasons for unemployment

[Numbers in thousands]

Reason	Not seasonally adjusted		Seasonally adjusted					
	Feb. 1975	Feb. 1976	Feb. 1975	Oct. 1975	Nov. 1975	Dec. 1975	Jan. 1976	Feb. 1976
<b>NUMBER OF UNEMPLOYED</b>								
Lost last job .....	5,110	4,493	3,914	4,531	4,444	3,955	3,481	3,440
Left last job .....	758	863	745	829	872	862	849	848
Reentered labor force .....	1,740	1,925	1,684	1,892	1,846	1,975	1,985	1,864
Seeking first job .....	701	752	798	844	837	865	886	849
<b>PERCENT DISTRIBUTION</b>								
Total unemployed .....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Job losers .....	61.5	55.9	54.8	56.0	55.6	51.7	48.3	49.1
Job leavers .....	9.1	10.7	10.4	10.2	10.9	11.3	11.8	12.1
Reentrants .....	20.9	24.0	23.6	23.4	23.1	25.8	27.6	26.6
New entrants .....	8.4	9.4	11.2	10.4	10.5	11.3	12.3	12.1
<b>UNEMPLOYED AS A PERCENT OF THE CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE</b>								
Job losers .....	5.6	4.8	4.3	4.9	4.8	4.2	3.7	3.7
Job leavers .....	.8	.9	.8	.9	.9	.9	.9	.9
Reentrants .....	1.9	2.1	1.8	2.0	2.0	2.1	2.1	2.0
New entrants .....	.8	.8	.9	.9	.9	.9	.9	.9

Table A-6. Unemployment by sex and age

Sex and age	Not seasonally adjusted			Seasonally adjusted unemployment rates					
	Thousands of persons		Percent looking for full-time work	Feb. 1975	Oct. 1975	Nov. 1975	Dec. 1975	Jan. 1976	Feb. 1976
	Feb. 1975	Feb. 1976							
Total, 16 years and over .....	8,309	8,033	83.3	8.0	8.6	8.5	8.3	7.8	7.6
16 to 19 years .....	1,654	1,654	51.5	19.4	19.8	19.0	19.6	19.9	19.2
16 to 17 years .....	740	741	28.1	21.0	21.9	20.1	20.6	21.2	21.4
18 to 19 years .....	914	913	70.4	18.1	18.2	18.1	18.9	19.0	17.5
20 to 24 years .....	1,963	1,838	86.9	13.2	14.0	14.2	13.5	12.7	12.1
25 years and over .....	4,693	4,541	88.2	5.6	6.3	6.1	5.9	5.4	5.3
25 to 54 years .....	3,940	3,768	89.5	5.9	6.6	6.4	6.2	5.5	5.5
55 years and over .....	753	773	81.6	4.6	4.9	5.0	5.0	4.5	4.8
Males, 16 years and over .....	4,867	4,610	83.9	7.3	8.3	8.1	7.6	7.1	6.9
16 to 19 years .....	961	941	50.9	19.8	19.8	18.8	19.0	20.1	19.3
16 to 17 years .....	450	425	26.8	21.5	21.6	19.6	19.3	21.5	21.0
18 to 19 years .....	512	516	70.9	18.2	18.2	18.2	18.7	19.6	17.8
20 to 24 years .....	1,163	1,071	87.4	13.4	15.1	14.6	13.8	12.8	11.9
25 years and over .....	2,742	2,597	94.4	4.9	6.0	5.8	5.4	4.7	4.6
25 to 54 years .....	2,270	2,109	96.8	5.0	6.2	6.0	5.6	4.8	4.6
55 years and over .....	472	488	83.8	4.3	4.6	4.8	4.7	4.2	4.6
Females, 16 years and over .....	3,443	3,424	75.5	9.1	9.2	9.1	9.3	8.9	8.7
16 to 19 years .....	693	713	52.2	19.0	19.9	19.1	20.3	19.6	19.1
16 to 17 years .....	290	316	29.7	20.4	22.3	20.7	22.2	20.8	21.7
18 to 19 years .....	402	397	70.0	17.9	18.2	17.9	19.1	18.4	17.2
20 to 24 years .....	799	767	86.3	13.0	12.7	13.7	13.1	12.7	12.2
25 years and over .....	1,951	1,944	79.9	6.7	6.8	6.7	6.8	6.4	6.4
25 to 54 years .....	1,670	1,659	80.2	7.2	7.3	7.0	7.2	6.6	6.9
55 years and over .....	281	285	77.9	5.1	5.4	5.3	5.4	5.1	5.0

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

[In thousands]

Industry	Not seasonally adjusted				Seasonally adjusted					
	Feb. 1975	Dec. 1975	Jan. 1976 <sup>P</sup>	Feb. 1976 <sup>P</sup>	Feb. 1975	Oct. 1975	Nov. 1975	Dec. 1975	Jan. 1976 <sup>P</sup>	Feb. 1976 <sup>P</sup>
<b>TOTAL</b> .....	75,772	78,527	77,045	77,316	76,804	77,555	77,574	77,796	78,137	78,344
<b>GOODS-PRODUCING</b> .....	22,087	22,685	22,311	22,314	22,691	22,669	22,657	22,743	22,918	22,903
<b>MINING</b> .....	714	763	752	751	724	774	766	769	750	762
<b>CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION</b> .....	3,208	3,338	3,067	3,014	3,592	3,402	3,409	3,406	3,434	3,375
<b>MANUFACTURING</b> .....	18,165	18,584	18,492	18,549	18,375	18,493	18,482	18,568	18,724	18,766
<i>Production workers</i> .....	12,859	13,329	13,246	13,313	13,051	13,235	13,222	13,311	13,451	13,511
<b>DURABLE GOODS</b> .....	10,768	10,735	10,717	10,733	11,813	10,661	10,653	10,717	10,823	10,841
<i>Production workers</i> .....	7,540	7,625	7,608	7,634	7,654	7,548	7,539	7,603	7,704	7,731
Ordnance and accessories .....	176.3	163.6	162.5	160.9	177	164	161	163	162	161
Lumber and wood products .....	519.1	569.5	570.1	584.7	537	576	576	581	593	605
Furniture and fixtures .....	437.3	475.8	475.9	480.4	441	467	470	473	476	484
Stone, clay, and glass products .....	600.5	608.1	595.3	593.2	620	615	616	616	616	612
Primary metal industries .....	1,238.1	1,152.5	1,155.9	1,152.6	1,248	1,149	1,146	1,158	1,162	1,162
Fabricated metal products .....	1,339.0	1,350.7	1,347.9	1,356.5	1,357	1,344	1,339	1,344	1,359	1,374
Machinery, except electrical .....	2,159.0	2,038.4	2,041.3	2,042.2	2,153	2,039	2,032	2,030	2,039	2,056
Electrical equipment .....	1,778.0	1,785.1	1,782.4	1,788.4	1,785	1,767	1,764	1,773	1,788	1,796
Transportation equipment .....	1,576.7	1,691.2	1,691.7	1,677.2	1,594	1,641	1,648	1,676	1,711	1,696
Instruments and related products .....	494.4	495.0	496.1	496.6	497	490	492	493	499	500
Miscellaneous manufacturing .....	389.4	405.5	398.3	400.2	404	409	409	409	418	415
<b>NONDURABLE GOODS</b> .....	7,457	7,849	7,775	7,816	7,562	7,832	7,829	7,851	7,901	7,925
<i>Production workers</i> .....	5,319	5,704	5,638	5,679	5,417	5,687	5,683	5,708	5,747	5,780
Food and kindred products .....	1,587.0	1,674.7	1,634.2	1,639.8	1,662	1,695	1,688	1,688	1,697	1,717
Tobacco manufactures .....	77.0	83.7	79.5	75.6	79	79	81	79	80	78
Textile mill products .....	847.4	957.4	954.8	959.4	849	953	950	955	958	961
Apparel and other textile products .....	1,188.3	1,295.0	1,284.9	1,308.0	1,188	1,287	1,290	1,299	1,314	1,308
Paper and allied products .....	640.7	660.5	658.4	662.8	647	652	652	658	664	669
Printing and publishing .....	1,092.8	1,081.6	1,071.5	1,066.2	1,094	1,071	1,072	1,074	1,072	1,067
Chemicals and allied products .....	1,015.1	1,016.3	1,017.1	1,021.8	1,024	1,019	1,020	1,018	1,025	1,031
Petroleum and coal products .....	185.5	200.2	197.3	196.5	191	201	202	201	203	203
Rubber and plastics products, nec. .....	575.2	608.7	607.3	612.1	579	608	604	608	613	616
Leather and leather products .....	247.9	271.3	270.3	273.6	249	267	270	271	275	275
<b>SERVICE-PRODUCING</b> .....	53,685	55,842	54,734	55,002	54,113	54,886	54,917	55,053	55,219	55,441
<b>TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC UTILITIES</b> .....	4,492	4,477	4,436	4,446	4,565	4,476	4,496	4,477	4,490	4,518
<b>WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE</b> .....	16,493	17,737	17,004	16,908	16,879	17,043	17,010	17,080	17,211	17,308
<b>WHOLESALE TRADE</b> .....	4,143	4,215	4,186	4,191	4,189	4,180	4,174	4,190	4,211	4,238
<b>RETAIL TRADE</b> .....	12,350	13,522	12,818	12,717	12,690	12,863	12,836	12,890	13,000	13,070
<b>FINANCE, INSURANCE, AND REAL ESTATE</b> .....	4,172	4,243	4,226	4,230	4,210	4,246	4,248	4,264	4,267	4,265
<b>SERVICES</b> .....	13,699	14,158	14,027	14,102	13,865	14,157	14,188	14,229	14,284	14,354
<b>GOVERNMENT</b> .....	14,829	15,227	15,041	15,236	14,594	14,964	14,975	15,003	14,965	14,993
<b>FEDERAL</b> .....	2,719	2,771	2,724	2,766	2,735	2,767	2,761	2,755	2,746	2,750
<b>STATE AND LOCAL</b> .....	12,110	12,456	12,317	12,500	11,861	12,197	12,214	12,248	12,219	12,243

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

Industry	Not seasonally adjusted				Seasonally adjusted					
	Feb. 1975	Dec. 1975	Jan. 1976 <sup>P</sup>	Feb. 1976 <sup>P</sup>	Feb. 1975	Oct. 1975	Nov. 1975	Dec. 1975	Jan. 1976 <sup>P</sup>	Feb. 1976 <sup>P</sup>
<b>TOTAL PRIVATE</b> .....	35.7	36.5	36.1	36.1	36.1	36.2	36.3	36.4	36.6	36.5
<b>MINING</b> .....	42.0	42.9	42.4	42.7	42.4	42.7	42.9	42.8	42.9	43.1
<b>CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION</b> .....	35.4	36.7	36.0	36.5	36.8	36.6	36.8	37.3	37.7	37.9
<b>MANUFACTURING</b> .....	38.5	40.8	39.9	39.9	38.8	39.8	39.9	40.3	40.5	40.3
<i>Overtime hours</i> .....	2.2	3.1	2.8	2.8	2.4	2.8	2.8	3.0	3.0	3.0
<b>DURABLE GOODS</b> .....	39.4	41.4	40.3	40.3	39.7	40.0	40.2	40.7	40.9	40.6
<i>Overtime hours</i> .....	2.2	3.1	2.7	2.7	2.5	2.6	2.7	2.9	2.9	2.9
Ordnance and accessories .....	41.4	41.9	41.4	41.4	41.3	41.6	41.7	41.3	41.6	41.3
Lumber and wood products .....	38.1	40.2	39.8	39.9	38.6	39.8	39.4	40.2	40.9	40.4
Furniture and fixtures .....	35.7	40.1	38.7	38.7	36.4	38.9	39.1	39.5	39.4	39.4
Stone, clay, and glass products .....	39.5	41.3	40.5	40.6	40.2	40.8	40.9	41.3	41.6	41.3
Primary metal industries .....	40.1	40.6	40.2	40.2	40.3	39.9	40.2	40.3	40.3	40.4
Fabricated metal products .....	39.3	41.7	40.5	40.6	39.8	40.4	40.5	41.1	41.1	41.1
Machinery, except electrical .....	41.2	42.1	41.1	40.9	41.3	40.6	40.9	41.2	41.3	41.0
Electrical equipment .....	38.9	40.7	39.9	39.6	39.2	39.6	39.6	40.1	40.3	39.9
Transportation equipment .....	39.0	43.4	40.8	41.2	39.2	40.4	40.8	41.9	41.6	41.4
Instruments and related products .....	38.8	40.9	40.1	40.3	39.0	39.7	39.9	40.3	40.4	40.5
Miscellaneous manufacturing .....	37.6	39.4	38.4	38.7	37.8	38.8	38.6	39.2	39.1	38.9
<b>NONDURABLE GOODS</b> .....	37.3	40.0	39.4	39.3	37.6	39.5	39.5	39.7	39.9	39.7
<i>Overtime hours</i> .....	2.0	3.2	2.9	2.8	2.2	3.0	3.0	3.2	3.2	3.0
Food and kindred products .....	39.3	40.9	40.4	39.8	40.0	40.6	40.4	40.5	40.8	40.5
Tobacco manufactures .....	36.4	38.8	38.6	37.4	37.5	37.5	39.7	37.7	39.1	38.6
Textile mill products .....	35.8	41.5	40.7	40.6	36.1	41.0	41.0	41.2	41.3	40.9
Apparel and other textile products .....	33.4	36.5	35.8	35.9	33.6	36.2	36.1	36.6	36.6	36.2
Paper and allied products .....	40.1	43.3	42.5	42.4	40.6	42.3	42.4	42.9	42.7	42.9
Printing and publishing .....	36.7	38.1	37.2	37.4	37.1	37.0	37.3	37.6	37.8	37.8
Chemicals and allied products .....	40.4	42.0	41.4	41.5	40.6	41.4	41.4	41.7	41.6	41.7
Petroleum and coal products .....	41.1	41.8	42.1	41.7	41.9	41.8	42.0	41.8	42.9	42.5
Rubber and plastics products, nec .....	38.5	41.0	40.4	40.5	38.8	40.0	40.0	40.6	40.7	40.8
Leather and leather products .....	35.2	39.1	38.1	38.3	35.4	38.9	38.4	38.7	38.6	38.5
<b>TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC UTILITIES</b> .....	39.4	39.9	39.8	39.7	39.7	39.7	39.6	39.9	40.1	40.0
<b>WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE</b> .....	33.4	34.2	33.5	33.5	33.9	33.9	33.8	33.9	34.0	34.0
<b>WHOLESALE TRADE</b> .....	38.3	39.2	38.6	38.5	38.6	38.8	38.7	38.8	38.8	38.8
<b>RETAIL TRADE</b> .....	31.8	32.7	32.0	32.0	32.3	32.3	32.5	32.4	32.6	32.6
<b>FINANCE, INSURANCE, AND REAL ESTATE</b> .....	36.8	36.4	36.5	36.7	36.8	36.4	36.7	36.4	36.5	36.7
<b>SERVICES</b> .....	33.7	33.6	33.6	33.7	33.9	33.7	33.9	33.6	33.8	33.9

<sup>1</sup> 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 workers<sup>1</sup> on private nonagricultural payrolls, by industry**

Industry	Average hourly earnings				Average weekly earnings			
	Feb. 1975	Dec. 1975	Jan. 1976 <sup>P</sup>	Feb. 1976 <sup>P</sup>	Feb. 1975	Dec. 1975	Jan. 1976 <sup>P</sup>	Feb. 1976 <sup>P</sup>
<b>TOTAL PRIVATE</b> .....	\$4.42	\$4.68	\$4.72	\$4.74	\$157.79	\$170.82	\$170.39	\$171.11
<i>Seasonally adjusted</i> .....	4.43	4.68	4.73	4.75	159.92	170.35	173.12	173.38
<b>MINING</b> .....	5.74	6.17	6.27	6.32	241.08	264.69	265.85	269.86
<b>CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION</b> .....	6.99	7.51	7.52	7.47	247.45	275.62	270.72	272.66
<b>MANUFACTURING</b> .....	4.68	5.00	5.02	5.02	180.18	204.00	200.30	200.30
<b>DURABLE GOODS</b> .....	4.98	5.38	5.37	5.39	196.21	222.73	216.41	217.22
Ordnance and accessories .....	5.04	5.54	5.49	5.56	208.66	232.13	227.29	230.18
Lumber and wood products .....	4.11	4.43	4.46	4.50	156.59	178.09	177.51	179.55
Furniture and fixtures .....	3.66	3.85	3.86	3.87	130.66	154.39	149.38	149.77
Stone, clay, and glass products .....	4.69	5.06	5.04	5.06	185.26	208.98	204.12	205.44
Primary metal industries .....	5.99	6.48	6.50	6.51	240.20	263.09	261.30	261.70
Fabricated metal products .....	4.84	5.29	5.30	5.31	190.21	220.59	214.65	215.59
Machinery, except electrical .....	5.21	5.62	5.60	5.63	214.65	236.60	230.16	230.27
Electrical equipment .....	4.45	4.78	4.77	4.77	173.11	194.55	190.32	188.89
Transportation equipment .....	5.75	6.39	6.35	6.39	224.25	277.33	259.08	263.27
Instruments and related products .....	4.46	4.74	4.75	4.77	173.05	193.87	190.48	192.23
Miscellaneous manufacturing .....	3.73	3.94	3.97	3.97	140.25	155.24	152.45	153.64
<b>NONDURABLE GOODS</b> .....	4.25	4.48	4.53	4.52	158.53	179.20	178.48	177.64
Food and kindred products .....	4.45	4.75	4.80	4.80	174.89	194.28	193.92	191.04
Tobacco manufactures .....	4.49	4.54	4.82	4.80	163.44	176.15	186.05	179.52
Textile mill products .....	3.30	3.55	3.56	3.56	118.14	147.33	144.89	144.54
Apparel and other textile products .....	3.13	3.27	3.33	3.33	104.54	119.36	119.21	119.55
Paper and allied products .....	4.75	5.23	5.24	5.24	190.48	226.46	222.70	222.18
Printing and publishing .....	5.20	5.50	5.54	5.55	190.84	209.55	206.09	207.57
Chemicals and allied products .....	5.16	5.61	5.65	5.64	208.46	235.62	233.91	234.06
Petroleum and coal products .....	6.11	6.67	6.96	6.96	251.12	278.81	293.02	290.23
Rubber and plastics products, nec .....	4.22	4.51	4.50	4.51	162.47	184.91	181.80	182.66
Leather and leather products .....	3.18	3.31	3.37	3.38	111.94	129.42	128.40	129.45
<b>TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC UTILITIES</b> .....	5.70	6.18	6.22	6.24	224.58	246.58	247.56	247.73
<b>WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE</b> .....	3.68	3.81	3.91	3.92	122.91	130.30	130.99	131.32
<b>WHOLESALE TRADE</b> .....	4.79	5.03	5.07	5.08	183.46	197.18	195.70	195.58
<b>RETAIL TRADE</b> .....	3.27	3.40	3.49	3.49	103.99	111.18	111.68	111.68
<b>FINANCE, INSURANCE, AND REAL ESTATE</b> .....	4.05	4.23	4.28	4.36	149.04	153.97	156.22	160.01
<b>SERVICES</b> .....	3.99	4.23	4.26	4.28	134.46	142.13	143.14	144.24

<sup>1</sup> See footnote 1, table B-2.  
p=preliminary.

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**Table B-4. Hourly earnings index for production or nonsupervisory workers<sup>1</sup> on private nonagricultural payrolls, by industry division, seasonally adjusted**

[1967=100]

Industry	Feb. 1975	Sept. 1975	Oct. 1975	Nov. 1975	Dec. 1975	Jan. P 1976	Feb. P 1976	Percent change from	
								Feb. 1975- Feb. 1976	Jan. 1976- Feb. 1976
<b>TOTAL PRIVATE NONFARM:</b>									
Current dollars .....	167.8	175.2	176.7	178.2	178.6	179.8	180.7	7.7	0.5
Constant (1967) dollars .....	106.7	107.2	107.4 <sup>r</sup>	107.7 <sup>r</sup>	107.3	107.6	N.A.	(2)	(3)
<b>MINING</b> .....	177.6	187.2	188.9	189.4	190.2	192.3	195.1	9.8	1.4
<b>CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION</b> .....	168.8	177.3	177.7	179.2	180.3	181.0	180.2	6.7	-1.4
<b>MANUFACTURING</b> .....	166.1	174.5	176.0	176.9	177.6	178.7	179.6	8.1	.5
<b>TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC UTILITIES</b> .....	175.6	186.3	188.8	190.7	190.5	191.5	192.3	9.5	.4
<b>WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE</b> .....	164.1	170.5	171.9	172.9	172.4	174.9	175.0	6.6	.1
<b>FINANCE, INSURANCE, AND REAL ESTATE</b> .....	157.3	162.6	163.8	167.1	165.1	166.8	169.5	7.7	1.6
<b>SERVICES</b> .....	172.1	177.8	179.4	182.2	182.6	184.5	184.7	7.3	.1

<sup>1</sup> See footnote 1, table B-2.

<sup>2</sup> Percent change was 1.3 from January 1975 to January 1976, the latest month available.

<sup>3</sup> Percent change was 0.3 from December 1975 to January 1976, the latest month available.

N.A. = not available.

p=preliminary. r=revised

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<sup>1</sup> on private nonagricultural payrolls, by industry, seasonally adjusted**

[1967 = 100]

Industry division and group	1975											1976	
	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan. P	Feb. P
<b>TOTAL</b> .....	107.0	105.9	106.0	106.3	106.0	106.2	107.4	107.9	108.4	108.8	109.3	110.5	110.8
<b>GOODS-PRODUCING</b> .....	90.7	88.4	89.2	89.4	88.9	89.3	91.2	92.4	92.7	92.9	94.3	95.5	95.3
<b>MINING</b> .....	116.7	115.9	113.7	119.4	118.4	118.8	118.6	119.9	125.0	124.7	125.7	124.3	124.4
<b>CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION</b> .....	104.1	94.5	99.0	99.3	94.9	96.2	98.3	98.6	97.3	97.7	98.8	100.5	98.9
<b>MANUFACTURING</b> .....	87.4	86.4	86.6	86.6	86.8	87.1	89.0	90.3	90.8	90.9	92.5	93.7	93.7
<b>DURABLE GOODS</b> .....	87.9	86.6	86.5	85.4	85.2	84.9	86.7	87.7	87.8	88.1	90.0	91.3	91.2
Ordinance and accessories .....	48.3	47.7	47.7	47.5	46.9	44.7	43.7	43.0	42.9	40.8	41.5	41.8	41.5
Lumber and wood products .....	82.3	81.6	82.5	84.4	85.8	86.7	88.8	90.1	92.1	90.8	93.4	97.4	98.1
Furniture and fixtures .....	85.1	83.9	85.8	87.7	87.2	88.7	92.6	97.4	97.9	99.2	101.0	101.5	103.3
Stone, clay, and glass products .....	94.1	91.2	92.6	92.6	92.4	93.1	94.5	95.7	95.7	96.2	97.1	98.0	96.7
Primary metal industries .....	90.6	87.3	84.1	82.1	80.8	80.0	81.7	83.5	81.9	82.3	83.6	83.8	84.0
Fabricated metal products .....	92.1	90.2	90.1	89.0	88.5	86.7	90.9	92.0	92.8	92.7	94.6	95.8	97.3
Machinery, except electrical .....	100.8	98.3	96.6	93.1	91.3	90.4	91.0	91.8	91.9	92.0	92.5	93.4	92.5
Electrical equipment and supplies .....	85.3	84.3	83.3	81.9	81.8	81.6	84.3	84.9	85.8	85.5	87.5	89.1	88.9
Transportation equipment .....	75.1	77.3	80.4	80.2	81.4	82.0	82.9	82.2	81.5	83.1	87.3	89.0	87.9
Instruments and related products .....	100.7	98.3	98.2	97.1	97.0	98.1	97.2	99.4	100.8	101.7	103.4	105.0	105.6
Miscellaneous manufacturing, Ind. ....	87.3	85.6	86.0	86.5	87.0	87.7	89.0	91.4	91.3	90.8	91.7	94.1	93.3
<b>NONDURABLE GOODS</b> .....	86.7	86.0	86.7	88.2	89.1	90.2	92.4	94.1	95.1	95.0	96.2	97.1	97.2
Food and kindred products .....	92.5	92.6	92.4	92.9	93.1	93.4	96.1	96.9	96.5	95.1	95.4	97.0	98.0
Tobacco manufactures .....	86.9	86.7	83.4	80.3	86.7	80.8	85.8	88.1	85.6	93.4	87.4	90.6	88.1
Textile mill products .....	75.8	77.2	80.8	85.7	87.0	88.5	93.0	96.4	98.1	98.0	99.1	99.3	98.8
Apparel and other textile products .....	76.9	76.5	78.5	79.8	82.4	84.6	85.3	87.8	90.0	90.1	92.1	93.2	92.1
Paper and allied products .....	87.4	85.3	84.5	85.7	86.4	87.6	89.6	91.0	92.0	92.6	94.7	95.0	96.2
Printing and publishing .....	94.9	93.9	92.6	92.0	91.2	90.9	92.4	91.9	91.8	92.4	93.5	94.0	93.2
Chemicals and allied products .....	95.0	92.4	91.4	92.7	92.6	93.0	94.5	96.1	97.4	97.6	98.1	98.4	99.3
Petroleum and coal products .....	100.2	104.0	101.4	104.4	105.3	107.2	107.3	108.9	110.2	111.6	111.1	114.9	114.7
Rubber and plastics products, nec .....	104.2	100.4	102.1	105.1	105.1	106.9	110.6	113.0	114.7	113.5	116.2	117.7	119.0
Leather and leather products .....	64.4	63.0	65.8	66.8	69.6	71.4	72.1	74.9	77.2	77.2	78.1	78.9	79.4
<b>SERVICE-PRODUCING</b> .....	118.4	118.1	117.6	118.0	117.8	118.0	118.7	118.7	119.3	119.8	119.7	120.9	121.5
<b>TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC UTILITIES</b> .....	103.5	102.1	102.3	100.3	100.6	100.3	100.5	101.1	101.2	101.5	101.7	102.7	103.2
<b>WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE</b> .....	113.7	113.9	113.4	113.9	113.7	114.0	114.6	114.6	115.1	115.2	115.5	116.9	117.5
<b>WHOLESALE TRADE</b> .....	112.1	111.6	111.5	111.4	110.3	110.8	111.0	111.3	112.0	111.5	112.3	113.1	113.8
<b>RETAIL TRADE</b> .....	114.2	114.8	114.0	114.8	115.0	115.2	115.9	115.8	116.2	116.6	116.6	118.3	118.8
<b>FINANCE, INSURANCE, AND REAL ESTATE</b> .....	124.5	123.6	122.1	122.9	123.2	122.3	122.9	123.5	123.7	125.1	124.5	125.1	125.8
<b>SERVICES</b> .....	129.9	129.6	129.3	130.3	129.9	130.4	131.4	131.1	132.0	133.1	132.3	133.4	134.3

<sup>1</sup> See footnote 1, table B-2.

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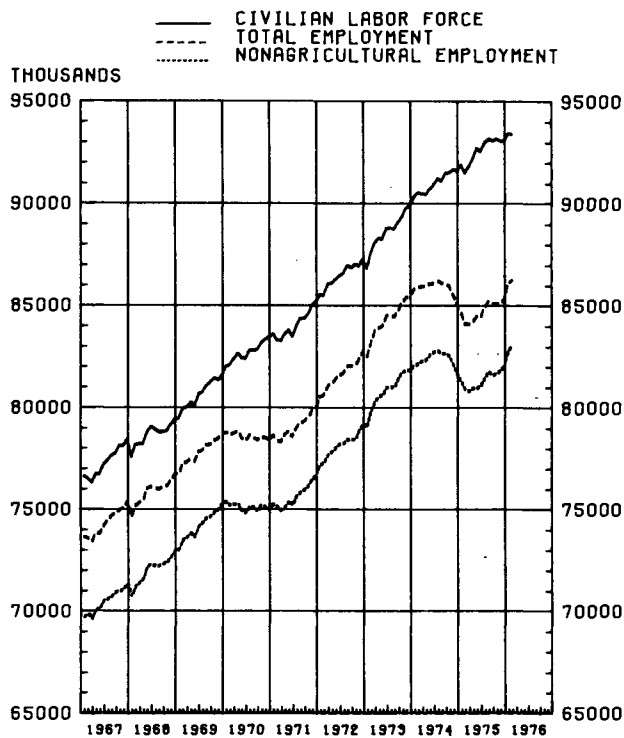
Table B-6. Indexes of diffusion: Percent of industries in which employment<sup>1</sup> increased

Year and month	Over 1-month span	Over 3-month span	Over 6-month span	Over 12-month span
<b>1973</b>				
January .....	76.7	84.0	81.7	81.1
February .....	75.0	83.7	79.4	80.8
March .....	73.8	76.2	79.4	82.6
April .....	62.5	71.5	74.7	81.4
May .....	59.9	70.3	72.1	79.7
June .....	68.0	63.1	66.6	78.5
July .....	55.8	66.9	72.1	75.6
August .....	63.1	64.8	72.7	73.5
September .....	61.6	74.7	73.0	69.2
October .....	72.7	75.9	75.6	66.0
November .....	75.0	76.5	70.3	66.6
December .....	66.6	70.1	66.0	64.2
<b>1974</b>				
January .....	59.3	62.8	60.8	63.4
February .....	52.6	53.8	55.2	59.6
March .....	46.5	48.0	49.7	55.2
April .....	47.1	48.3	48.5	50.3
May .....	55.2	51.7	49.7	40.1
June .....	53.2	52.6	45.6	28.2
July .....	52.3	45.1	37.2	27.0
August .....	45.9	39.2	31.1	22.4
September .....	36.0	40.4	23.3	20.9
October .....	37.8	28.8	17.7	18.6
November .....	20.1	21.5	17.2	16.6
December .....	18.6	13.4	13.1	14.0
<b>1975</b>				
January .....	18.6	12.5	13.4	16.6
February .....	16.6	13.7	13.1	17.4
March .....	25.0	19.2	16.3	17.4
April .....	40.4	35.8	27.9	20.9
May .....	53.8	40.4	40.1	25.9
June .....	40.4	48.5	60.8	40.4
July .....	55.2	55.8	67.4	50.6p
August .....	73.5	80.2	67.4	61.3p
September .....	81.7	81.4	76.5	
October .....	64.8	70.3	80.2p	
November .....	54.7	68.9	78.8p	
December .....	66.6	69.5p		
<b>1976</b>				
January .....	74.4p	78.8p		
February .....	64.2p			
March .....				
April .....				
May .....				
June .....				
July .....				
August .....				
September .....				
October .....				
November .....				
December .....				

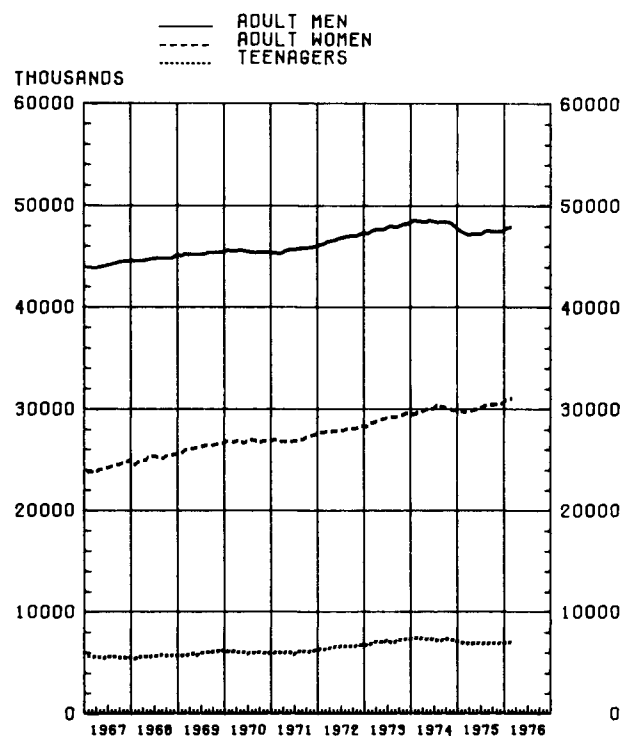
<sup>1</sup> Number of employees, seasonally adjusted, on payrolls of 172 private nonagricultural industries.  
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# LABOR FORCE, EMPLOYMENT, UNEMPLOYMENT HOUSEHOLD DATA - SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

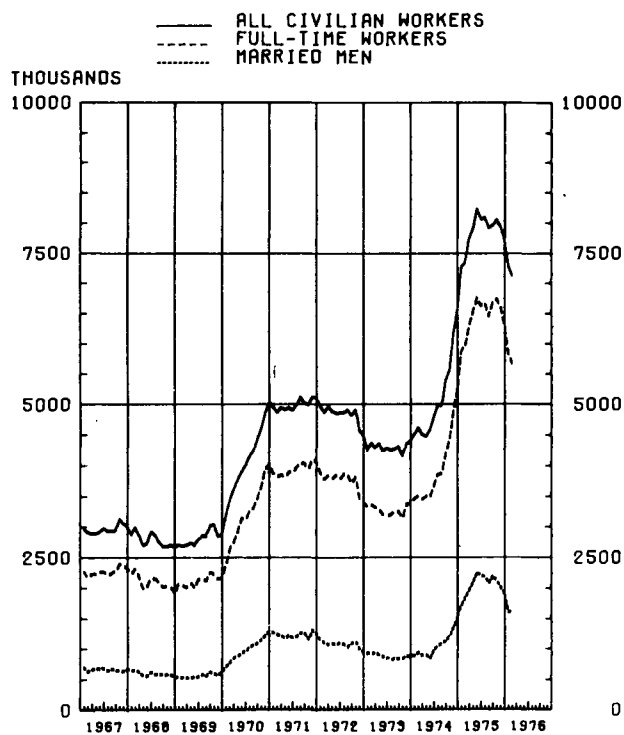
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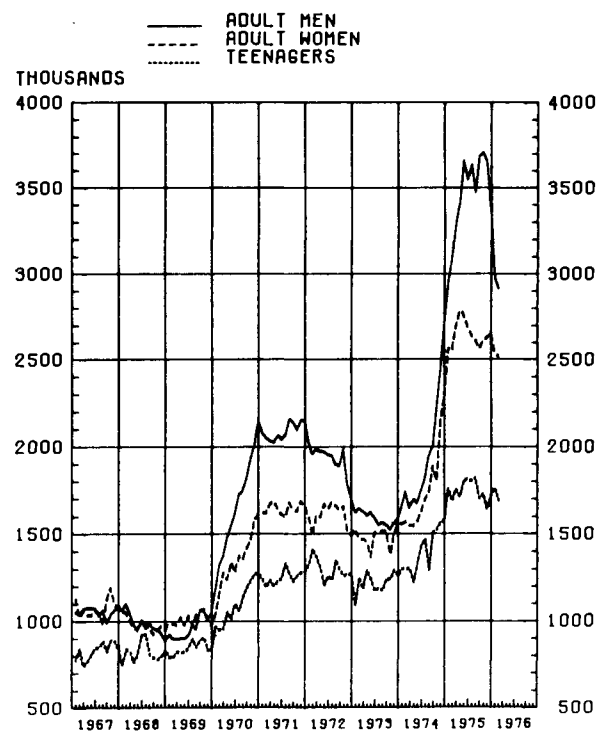
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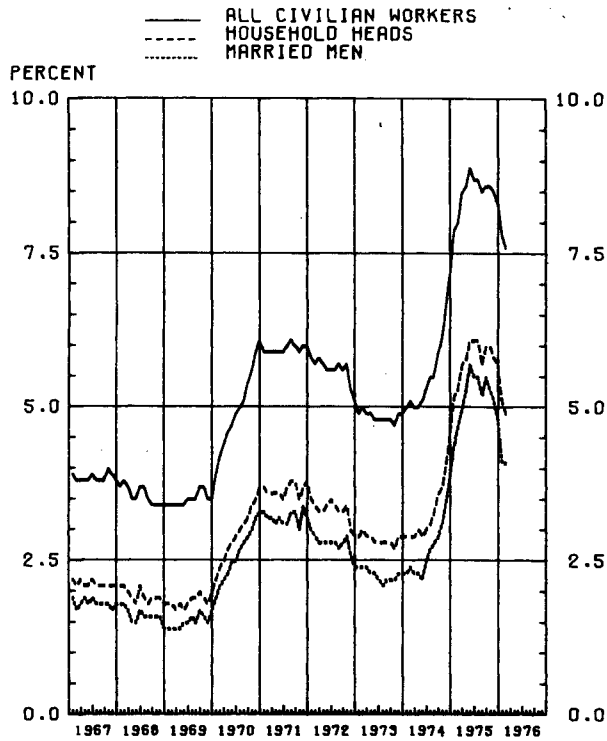


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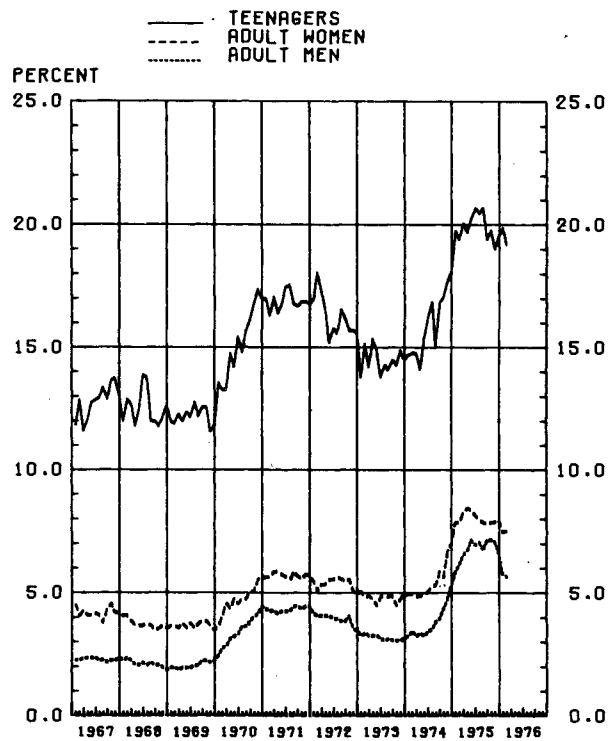


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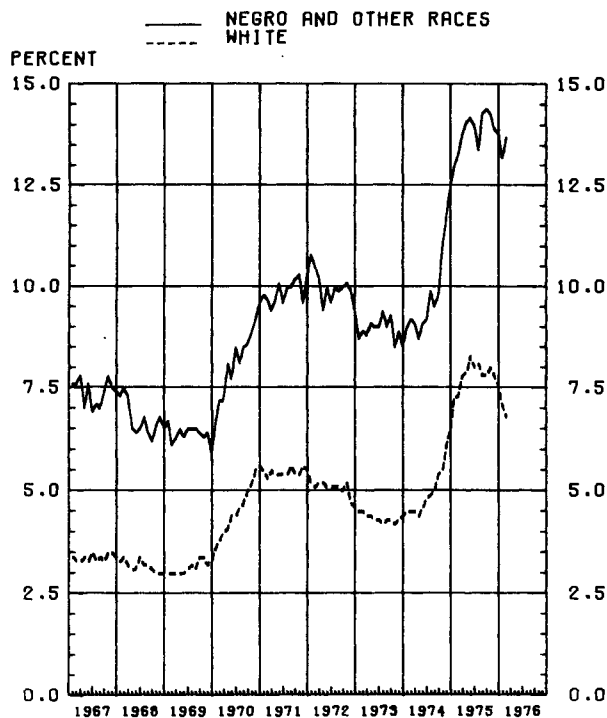
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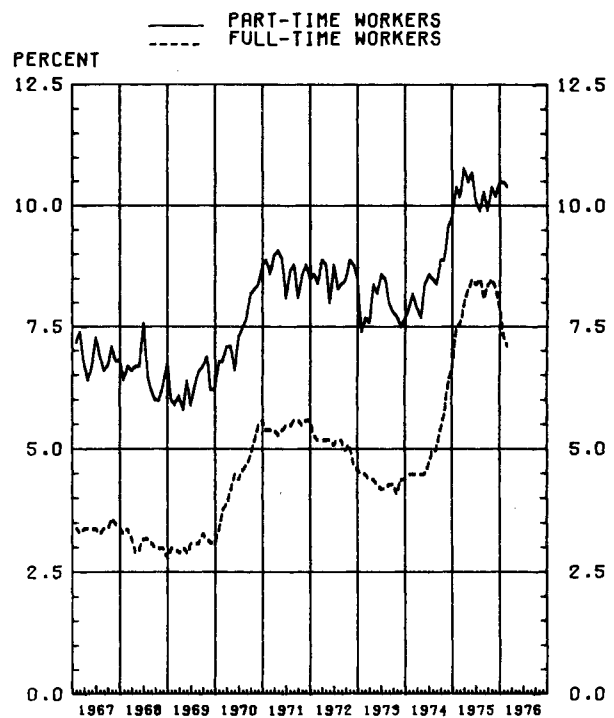
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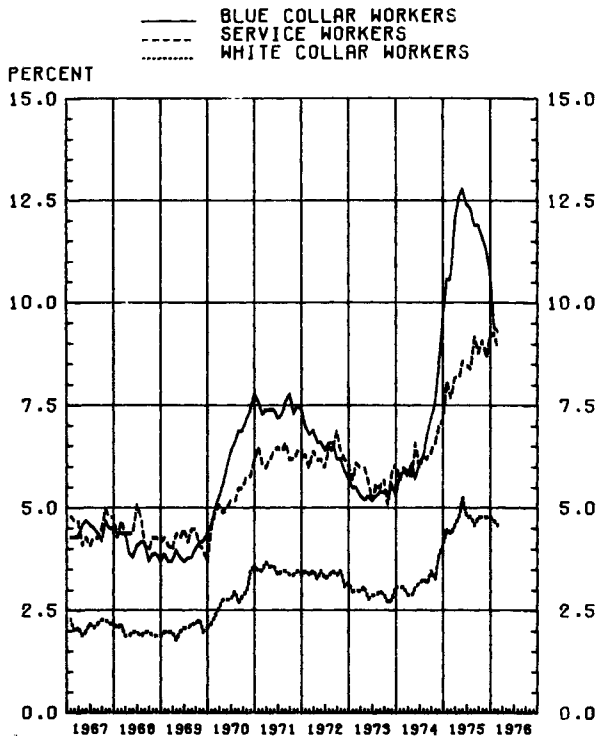
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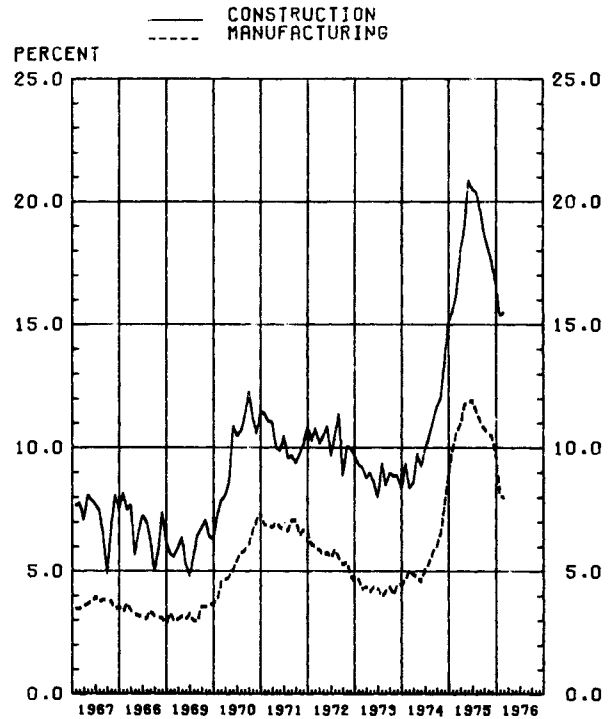


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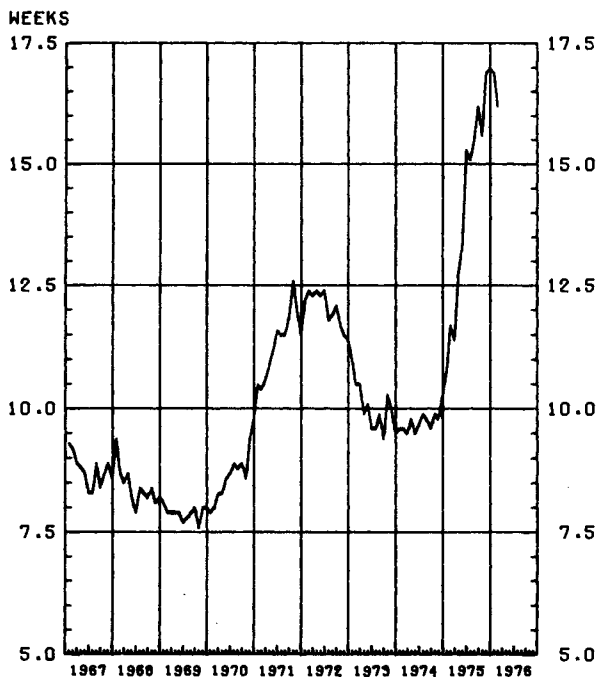
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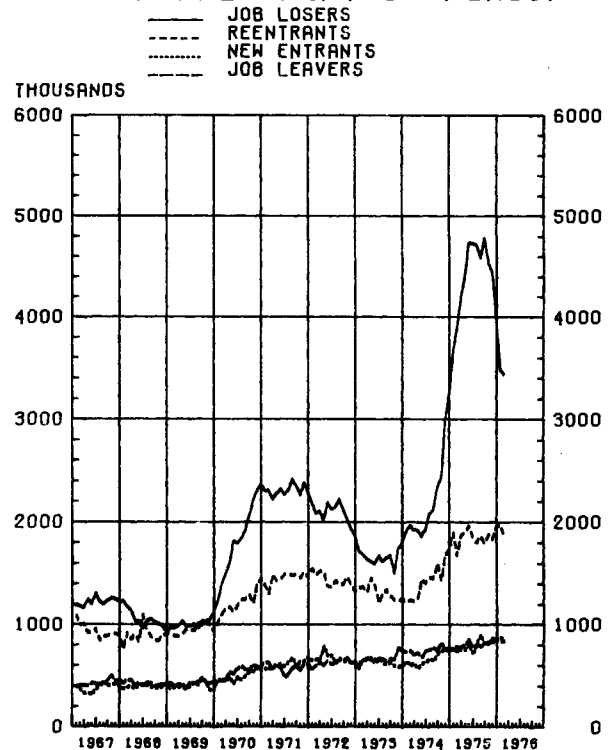
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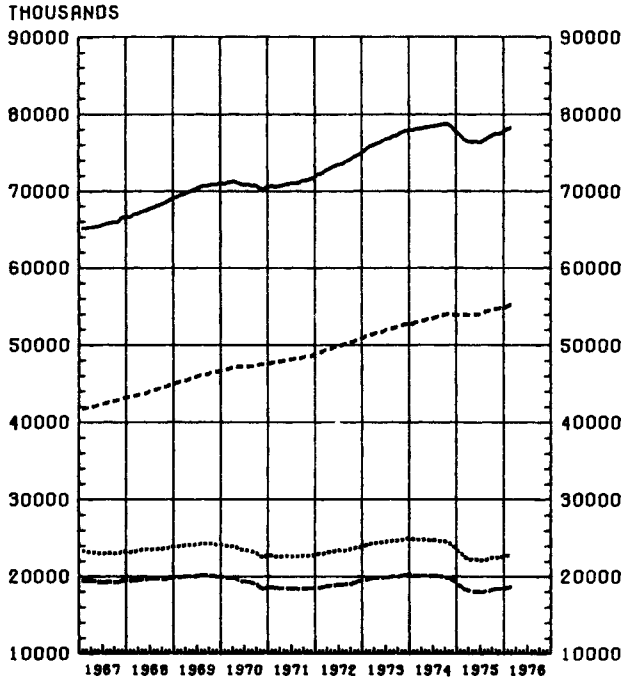


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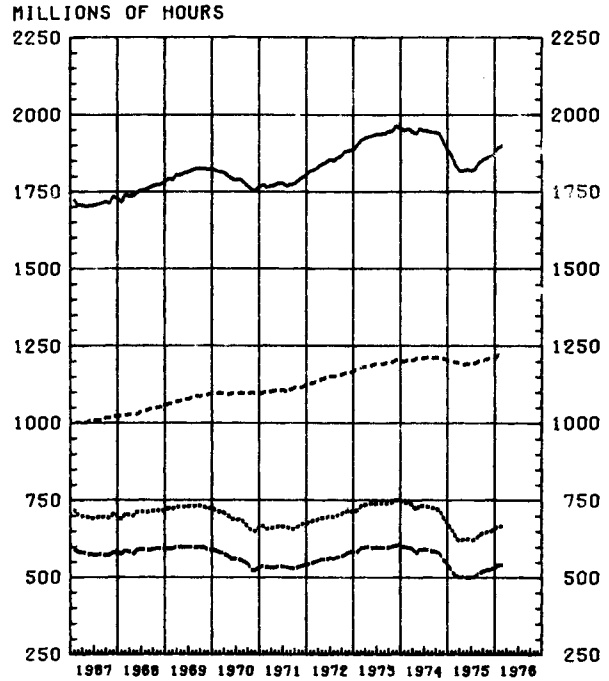


# NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT AND HOURS ESTABLISHMENT DATA - SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

**13. EMPLOYMENT**  
 ——— TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL  
 - - - - SERVICE-PRODUCING  
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 - - - - MANUFACTURING

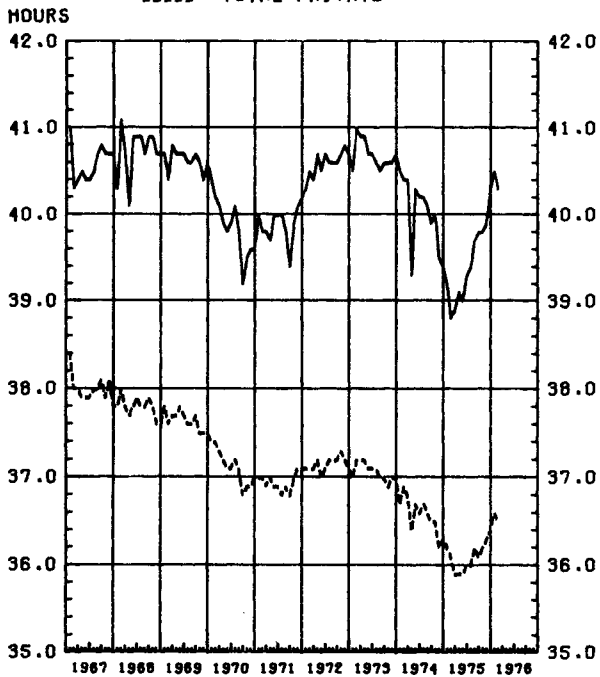


**14. HOURS**  
 ——— TOTAL PRIVATE NONAGRICULTURAL  
 - - - - PRIVATE SERVICE-PRODUCING  
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 - - - - MANUFACTURING

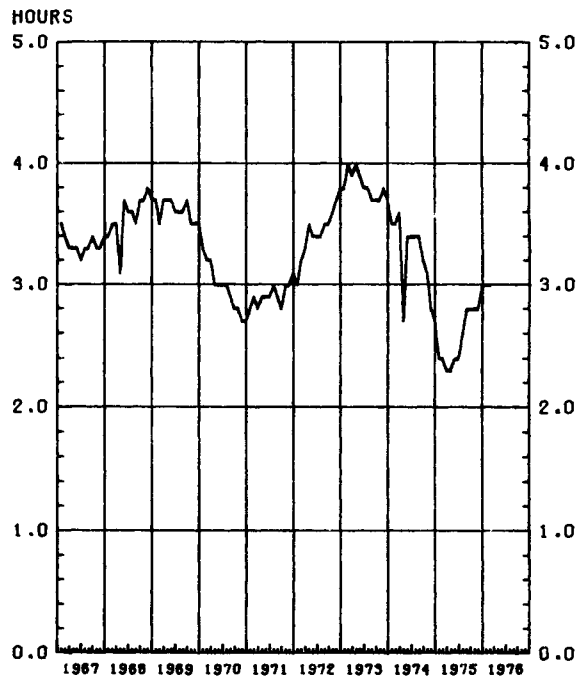


**15. AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS**

——— MANUFACTURING  
 - - - - TOTAL PRIVATE



**16. AVERAGE WEEKLY OVERTIME HOURS  
IN MANUFACTURING**



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