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### THE EMPLOYMENT SITUATION: APRIL 1976

Unemployment held steady in April, but employment increased substantially, it was reported today by the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the U. S. Department of Labor. The overall rate of unemployment was 7.5 percent, about the same as in the prior 2 months.

Total employment--as measured by the monthly survey of households--rose by more than 700,000 from March to a new high of 87.4 million. This level exceeded the March 1975 recession low by nearly 3.3 million and the July 1974 pre-recession peak by 1.1 million. Unlike earlier months, when most of the growth occurred among women, adult men accounted for the largest share of the April expansion.

Nonagricultural payroll employment--as measured by the monthly survey of establishments--rose by 340,000 to 78.9 million in April, also a new high. This was a continuation of the strong gains since last June, during which time the payroll job total has expanded by more than 2.5 million. A large part of this growth has taken place in the service-producing industries, while employment in the goods sector remained far below previous highs.

#### Unemployment

The number of unemployed persons totaled 7.0 million (seasonally adjusted) in April, little changed from the levels of the 2 previous months. Nevertheless, joblessness was substantially below the high levels prevailing throughout 1975; the May 1975 peak was nearly 8.3 million.

At 7.5 percent, the overall rate of unemployment was about the same for the third straight month, as was the case for most of the component labor force groups. The unemployment rate for adult males, however, did continue to edge down, reaching 5.4 percent in April. Their rate had been as high as 7.2 percent at the height of the recession. All worker groups have shown improvement from their 1975 recession highs. (See table A-2.)

Long-duration unemployment continued to decline in April, as those jobless for 15 weeks or more fell by 260,000 to 2.0 million. The number of unemployed persons in this category has dropped by more than a million from the December high, with the improvement particularly evident among those jobless for 15-26 weeks. Persons unemployed 15 weeks and over comprised less than 30 percent of the jobless total in April, compared with nearly 39 percent last December. The average duration of unemployment also

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

Selected categories	Quarterly averages					Monthly data		
	1975				1976	1976		
	I	II	III	IV	I	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.
(Thousands of persons)								
Civilian labor force .....	91,789	92,531	93,134	93,153	93,553	93,455	93,719	94,439
Total employment .....	84,313	84,443	85,138	85,241	86,402	86,319	86,692	87,399
Adult men .....	47,345	47,286	47,551	47,540	47,998	47,997	48,081	48,524
Adult women .....	29,912	30,129	30,537	30,665	31,234	31,165	31,398	31,523
Teenagers .....	7,056	7,029	7,050	7,036	7,169	7,157	7,213	7,352
Unemployment .....	7,476	8,087	7,997	7,912	7,151	7,136	7,027	7,040
(Percent of labor force)								
Unemployment rates:								
All workers .....	8.1	8.7	8.6	8.5	7.6	7.6	7.5	7.5
Adult men .....	6.2	7.0	7.0	7.0	5.7	5.7	5.6	5.4
Adult women .....	8.0	8.4	7.9	7.9	7.4	7.5	7.3	7.3
Teenagers .....	19.8	20.2	20.2	19.5	19.4	19.2	19.1	19.2
White .....	7.5	8.0	7.9	7.8	6.9	6.8	6.8	6.7
Black and other .....	13.4	14.1	14.1	14.0	13.1	13.7	12.5	13.0
Household heads .....	5.4	6.0	5.9	5.9	5.0	4.9	5.0	4.8
Married men .....	4.7	5.5	5.4	5.1	4.1	4.1	4.1	3.9
Full-time workers .....	7.7	8.4	8.3	8.2	7.1	7.1	7.0	7.0
(Weeks)								
Average duration of unemployment .....	11.3	13.8	15.6	16.5	16.3	16.2	15.8	15.7
(Thousands of persons)								
Nonfarm payroll employment .....	76,863	76,438	77,004	77,642	78,364p	78,368	78,545p	78,888p
Goods-producing industries .....	22,794	22,300	22,414	22,690	22,931p	22,901	22,977p	23,115p
Service producing industries .....	54,069	54,138	54,590	54,952	55,433p	55,467	55,568p	55,773p
(Hours of work)								
Average weekly hours:								
Total private nonfarm .....	36.1	35.9	36.1	36.3	36.4p	36.4	36.2p	36.0p
Manufacturing .....	39.0	39.1	39.6	40.0	40.3p	40.3	40.2p	39.3p
Manufacturing overtime .....	2.4	2.4	2.7	2.9	3.1p	3.1	3.2p	2.4p
(1967=100)								
Hourly Earnings Index, private nonfarm:								
In current dollars .....	167.7	170.7	174.3	177.8	180.6p	180.8	181.4p	182.0p
In constant dollars .....	106.7	107.0	107.1	107.5	107.9p	108.1	108.2p	N.A.

p = preliminary.

N.A. = not available.

continued downward in April and, at 15.7 weeks, was more than a week below last December's peak. (See table A-4.)

In addition to the 7 million unemployed, there were 3.2 million persons in nonagricultural industries who were working part time involuntarily. (See table A-3.) After attaining a high of 3.8 million a year earlier, their number declined during the summer months but has shown no further improvement thereafter.

#### Total Employment and Labor Force

Total employment increased by 710,000 in April to a new high of 87.4 million, seasonally adjusted, marking a continuation of the strong growth that began April a year ago. Over this 13-month span, employment has increased by 3.3 million, an average of about a quarter of a million a month.

In contrast to recent months when adult women dominated the employment gains, the April increase was concentrated among adult men. This was also reflected in large increases in blue-collar occupations. Since the March 1975 low point, adult male employment has risen by 1.4 million, still 150,000 below the pre-recession peak level. In marked contrast, employment among adult women has exceeded their 1974 peak by nearly 1 million.

The civilian labor force surged upward by 720,000 in April to 94.4 million persons. Over the past year, the labor force has expanded by 2.1 million, with adult women comprising 1.2 million of the gain, adult men 550,000, and teenagers 360,000. (See table A-1.)

The sharp over-the-month increase in the labor force boosted the overall civilian labor force participation rate to an alltime high of 61.6 percent. The adult male rate rose by 0.5 percentage point in April to 79.8 percent, reversing, at least temporarily, a steady secular downtrend in their participation. This gain notwithstanding, their rate was still below the 1975 average level. Adult female participation edged up to a new high of 46.8 percent.

#### Industry Payroll Employment

Total nonagricultural payroll employment advanced by 340,000 in April to a high of 78.9 million, seasonally adjusted. Since the June 1975 low, the payroll job count has

risen by 2.5 million, exceeding the previous alltime peak registered in September 1974. Of the 172 industries in the BLS diffusion index of nonagricultural payroll employment, about 70 percent registered employment increases. (See tables B-1 and B-6.)

As has been the case in most earlier months of the current expansion, the bulk of the over-the-month increase occurred in the service-producing sector. The April growth was paced by substantial gains in State and local government (65,000), wholesale and retail trade (60,000), and services (55,000). Finance, insurance, and real estate grew by about 25,000, while transportation and public utilities was about unchanged. Since last June, 1.7 million jobs have been added in this sector, 65 percent of the total payroll increase.

In the goods-producing sector, there was an April increase of 140,000, a continuation of the growth that has prevailed since last summer. However, because of the stronger recessionary decline in this sector, only about 30 percent of the cyclical drop has been recovered, such that total jobs in the goods sector were still 2 million below the December 1973 high.

Employment in manufacturing rose by 100,000 in April, primarily in durable goods where gains were posted in nearly every industry. Notable increases were registered in electrical equipment, transportation equipment, and primary metals. The only substantial increase in nondurables was in food and kindred products.

#### Hours

The average workweek for all production or nonsupervisory workers dropped by 0.2 hour in April to 36.0 hours (seasonally adjusted). The manufacturing workweek led this decline, as it fell 0.9 hour to 39.3 hours, with cutbacks registered throughout the durable and nondurable sectors. Most of this drop was in overtime hours. (See table B-2.) These declines were the direct result of Easter and Passover observances during the survey week.

The strong employment increase outweighed the reduction in hours, and the index of aggregate weekly hours of private nonagricultural production or nonsupervisory employees inched up 0.2 percent to 110.3 (1967=100). However, the unusually large decline in manufacturing hours in April pushed the factory index down 1.4 percent to 92.6. Prior

to April, aggregate factory hours had been on a relatively steady uptrend since the March 1975 low. (See table B-5.)

Hourly and Weekly Earnings

Average hourly earnings of production or nonsupervisory workers on total private nonagricultural payrolls, seasonally adjusted, were unchanged in April but were up 6.7 percent over the year. Because of the reduction in weekly hours, average weekly earnings fell 0.6 percent over the month but were still 7.0 percent higher than a year ago.

Before adjustment for seasonality, average hourly earnings were \$4.76, up 1 cent from March. Since April 1975, they have increased by 30 cents. Average weekly earnings were \$170.41, 12 cents below the March level but \$11.19 above last April. (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 182.0 (1967=100) in April, 0.3 percent higher than in March. The index was 7.4 percent above April a year ago. During the 12-month period ended in March, the Hourly Earnings Index in dollars of constant purchasing power rose 1.0 percent. (See table B-4.)

This release presents and analyzes statistics from two major surveys. Data on labor force, total employment, and unemployment are derived from the sample survey of households conducted and tabulated by the Bureau of the Census for the Bureau of Labor Statistics. Statistics on payroll employment, hours, and earnings are collected by State agencies from payroll records of employers and are tabulated by the Bureau of Labor Statistics. Unless otherwise indicated, data for both series relate to the week of the specified month containing the 12th day. A description of the two surveys appears in the BLS publication *Employment and Earnings*.

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Table A-1. Employment status of the noninstitutional population

(Numbers in thousands)

Employment status	Not seasonally adjusted			Seasonally adjusted					
	Apr. 1975	Mar. 1976	Apr. 1976	Apr. 1975	Dec. 1975	Jan. 1976	Feb. 1976	Mar. 1976	Apr. 1976
<b>TOTAL</b>									
Total noninstitutional population <sup>1</sup> .....	152,840	155,325	155,516	152,840	154,700	154,915	155,106	155,325	155,516
Total labor force .....	93,564	95,260	95,618	94,449	95,286	95,624	95,601	95,866	96,583
Participation rate .....	61.2	61.3	61.5	61.8	61.6	61.7	61.6	61.7	62.1
Civilian noninstitutional population <sup>1</sup> .....	150,645	153,178	153,371	150,645	152,543	152,775	152,960	153,178	153,371
Civilian labor force .....	91,369	93,112	93,474	92,254	93,129	93,484	93,455	93,719	94,439
Participation rate .....	60.7	60.8	60.9	61.2	61.1	61.2	61.1	61.2	61.6
Employed .....	83,549	85,588	86,584	84,313	85,394	86,194	86,319	86,692	87,399
Agriculture .....	3,171	2,897	3,273	3,301	3,236	3,343	3,170	3,179	3,417
Nonagricultural industries .....	80,377	82,691	83,311	81,012	82,158	82,851	83,149	83,513	83,982
Unemployed .....	7,820	7,525	6,890	7,941	7,735	7,290	7,136	7,027	7,040
Unemployment rate .....	8.6	8.1	7.4	8.6	8.3	7.8	7.6	7.5	7.5
Not in labor force .....	59,276	60,065	59,898	58,391	59,414	59,291	59,505	59,459	58,932
Males, 20 years and over									
Total noninstitutional population <sup>1</sup> .....	64,812	65,920	66,002	64,812	65,643	65,739	65,821	65,920	66,002
Total labor force .....	52,320	52,635	52,825	52,432	52,651	52,576	52,603	52,623	53,010
Participation rate .....	80.7	79.8	80.0	80.9	80.2	80.0	79.9	79.8	80.3
Civilian noninstitutional population <sup>1</sup> .....	63,080	64,230	64,311	63,080	63,929	64,055	64,133	64,230	64,311
Civilian labor force .....	50,588	50,945	51,134	50,701	50,937	50,892	50,914	50,934	51,319
Participation rate .....	80.2	79.3	79.5	80.4	79.7	79.5	79.4	79.3	79.8
Employed .....	46,901	47,525	48,129	47,271	47,586	47,916	47,997	48,081	48,524
Agriculture .....	2,401	2,202	2,379	2,427	2,316	2,351	2,305	2,301	2,405
Nonagricultural industries .....	44,500	45,322	45,750	44,844	45,270	45,565	45,692	45,780	46,119
Unemployed .....	3,688	3,421	3,005	3,430	3,351	2,976	2,917	2,853	2,795
Unemployment rate .....	7.3	6.7	5.9	6.8	6.6	5.8	5.7	5.6	5.4
Not in labor force .....	12,492	13,285	13,177	12,380	12,992	13,163	13,219	13,296	12,992
Females, 20 years and over									
Civilian noninstitutional population <sup>1</sup> .....	71,358	72,561	72,653	71,358	72,251	72,354	72,452	72,561	72,653
Civilian labor force .....	32,756	33,997	33,959	32,835	33,415	33,683	33,687	33,865	34,019
Participation rate .....	45.9	46.9	46.7	46.0	46.2	46.6	46.5	46.7	46.8
Employed .....	30,145	31,514	31,625	30,043	30,755	31,140	31,165	31,398	31,523
Agriculture .....	414	372	487	459	483	545	420	442	540
Nonagricultural industries .....	29,731	31,142	31,138	29,584	30,272	30,595	30,745	30,956	30,983
Unemployed .....	2,611	2,482	2,334	2,792	2,660	2,543	2,522	2,467	2,496
Unemployment rate .....	8.0	7.3	6.9	8.5	8.0	7.5	7.5	7.3	7.3
Not in labor force .....	38,602	38,564	38,695	38,523	38,836	38,671	38,765	38,696	38,634
Both sexes, 18-19 years									
Civilian noninstitutional population <sup>1</sup> .....	16,207	16,387	16,407	16,207	16,363	16,366	16,376	16,387	16,407
Civilian labor force .....	8,025	8,170	8,381	8,718	8,777	8,909	8,854	8,920	9,103
Participation rate .....	49.5	49.9	51.1	53.8	53.6	54.4	54.1	54.4	55.5
Employed .....	6,503	6,549	6,830	6,999	7,053	7,138	7,157	7,213	7,352
Agriculture .....	357	323	407	415	437	447	445	436	472
Nonagricultural industries .....	6,146	6,226	6,423	6,584	6,616	6,691	6,712	6,777	6,880
Unemployed .....	1,522	1,621	1,551	1,719	1,724	1,771	1,697	1,707	1,749
Unemployment rate .....	19.0	19.8	18.5	19.7	19.6	19.9	19.2	19.1	19.2
Not in labor force .....	8,182	8,216	8,026	7,489	7,586	7,457	7,522	7,467	7,306
<b>WHITE</b>									
Civilian noninstitutional population <sup>1</sup> .....	133,040	134,987	135,141	133,040	134,480	134,668	134,813	134,987	135,141
Civilian labor force .....	81,114	82,426	82,727	81,777	82,474	82,738	82,715	82,961	83,451
Participation rate .....	61.0	61.1	61.2	61.5	61.3	61.4	61.4	61.5	61.8
Employed .....	74,712	76,300	77,189	75,356	76,223	76,839	77,101	77,282	77,867
Agriculture .....	6,402	6,126	5,537	6,421	6,251	5,899	5,614	5,679	5,584
Nonagricultural industries .....	7.9	7.4	6.7	7.9	7.6	7.1	6.8	6.8	6.7
Unemployed .....	51,926	52,561	52,414	51,263	52,006	51,930	52,098	52,026	51,690
<b>BLACK AND OTHER</b>									
Civilian noninstitutional population <sup>1</sup> .....	17,605	18,191	18,230	17,605	18,063	18,107	18,147	18,191	18,230
Civilian labor force .....	10,256	10,687	10,747	10,403	10,653	10,731	10,795	10,748	10,901
Participation rate .....	58.3	58.7	59.0	59.1	59.0	59.3	59.5	59.1	59.8
Employed .....	8,838	9,288	9,394	8,931	9,188	9,314	9,315	9,407	9,489
Unemployed .....	1,418	1,399	1,352	1,472	1,465	1,417	1,480	1,341	1,412
Unemployment rate .....	13.8	13.1	12.6	14.1	13.8	13.2	13.7	12.5	13.0
Not in labor force .....	7,349	7,504	7,483	7,202	7,410	7,376	7,352	7,443	7,329

<sup>1</sup> Seasonal variations are not present in the population figures; therefore, identical numbers appear in the unadjusted and seasonally adjusted columns.

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**Table A-2. Major unemployment indicators, seasonally adjusted**

Selected categories	Number of unemployed persons (in thousands)		Unemployment rates					
	Apr. 1975	Apr. 1976	Apr. 1975	Dec. 1975	Jan. 1976	Feb. 1976	Mar. 1976	Apr. 1976
Total, 16 years and over .....	7,941	7,040	8.6	8.3	7.8	7.6	7.5	7.5
Males, 20 years and over .....	3,430	2,795	6.8	6.6	5.8	5.7	5.6	5.4
Females, 20 years and over .....	2,792	2,496	8.5	8.0	7.5	7.5	7.3	7.3
Both sexes, 16-19 years .....	1,719	1,749	19.7	19.6	19.9	19.2	19.1	19.2
White, total .....	6,421	5,584	7.9	7.6	7.1	6.8	6.8	6.7
Males, 20 years and over .....	2,817	2,269	6.2	5.9	5.2	5.0	5.1	4.9
Females, 20 years and over .....	2,273	1,969	8.0	7.5	7.0	6.7	6.8	6.7
Both sexes, 16-19 years .....	1,331	1,346	17.2	17.8	18.3	17.1	17.2	16.6
Black and other, total .....	1,472	1,412	14.1	13.8	13.2	13.7	12.5	13.0
Males, 20 years and over .....	617	531	12.0	12.3	11.2	11.2	10.3	10.0
Females, 20 years and over .....	494	506	11.5	10.8	11.0	12.2	10.1	10.9
Both sexes, 16-19 years .....	361	375	38.2	35.2	34.6	35.2	35.9	39.2
Household heads, total .....	3,089	2,604	5.8	5.7	5.1	4.9	5.0	4.8
Males .....	2,477	2,009	5.5	5.2	4.6	4.4	4.5	4.5
With relatives .....	2,070	1,565	5.1	4.7	4.1	4.0	4.0	3.9
Without relatives .....	407	444	9.3	9.5	8.4	8.0	8.8	9.3
Females .....	594	598	7.3	8.6	8.2	8.0	7.3	6.9
With relatives .....	361	385	9.3	10.6	10.3	10.4	9.4	9.3
Without relatives .....	233	213	5.5	6.7	6.1	5.7	5.4	4.7
Married men, spouse present .....	2,121	1,564	5.3	4.8	4.1	4.1	4.1	3.9
Full-time workers .....	6,564	5,609	8.3	7.9	7.3	7.1	7.0	7.0
Part-time workers .....	1,413	1,486	10.5	10.5	10.5	10.4	10.3	10.7
Unemployed 15 weeks and over <sup>1</sup> .....	2,278	2,035	2.5	3.3	3.0	2.7	2.4	2.2
Labor force time lost <sup>2</sup> .....	--	--	9.4	8.9	8.4	8.1	8.2	8.2
<b>OCCUPATION<sup>3</sup></b>								
White-collar workers .....	2,118	2,171	4.8	4.8	4.7	4.6	4.6	4.8
Professional and technical .....	438	457	3.3	3.1	3.0	3.6	3.5	3.4
Managers and administrators, except farm .....	283	266	3.1	3.0	2.9	2.9	2.9	2.8
Sales workers .....	336	282	5.7	6.3	6.4	5.2	5.0	4.9
Clerical workers .....	1,061	1,166	6.5	6.6	6.4	6.1	6.3	7.0
Blue-collar workers .....	4,011	2,894	12.6	10.7	9.4	9.3	9.1	9.0
Craft and kindred workers .....	1,036	839	8.7	7.2	6.6	6.7	6.7	7.0
Operatives .....	2,181	1,380	14.5	12.2	10.2	9.8	9.8	9.3
Nonfarm laborers .....	794	675	16.4	14.9	14.1	14.1	12.9	13.2
Service workers .....	1,016	1,052	8.2	9.2	9.3	8.9	8.6	8.1
Farm workers .....	108	147	3.7	4.5	3.9	3.9	5.0	4.8
<b>INDUSTRY<sup>3</sup></b>								
Nonagricultural private wage and salary workers <sup>4</sup> .....	6,398	5,167	9.6	8.9	8.1	8.0	7.7	7.6
Construction .....	823	653	19.0	16.6	15.4	15.5	16.0	15.3
Manufacturing .....	2,531	1,639	11.8	9.6	8.1	8.0	7.3	7.6
Durable goods .....	1,567	974	12.2	9.9	8.2	8.0	7.4	7.7
Nondurable goods .....	964	665	11.2	9.2	8.0	8.1	7.1	7.6
Transportation and public utilities .....	301	195	6.2	5.1	4.9	4.7	4.5	4.1
Wholesale and retail trade .....	1,495	1,433	8.9	9.4	8.7	8.4	8.7	8.3
Finance and service industries .....	1,211	1,217	6.5	7.0	7.0	6.8	6.1	6.2
Government workers .....	563	771	3.7	4.4	4.2	4.4	4.5	5.0
Agricultural wage and salary workers .....	176	183	11.2	12.4	10.8	10.6	11.8	11.6
<b>VETERAN STATUS</b>								
Males, Vietnam-era veterans <sup>5</sup> :								
20 to 34 years .....	570	419	9.5	10.3	8.1	7.8	7.0	6.7
20 to 24 years .....	235	141	22.3	22.0	18.9	17.9	15.6	14.7
25 to 29 years .....	232	198	7.1	9.9	7.1	7.1	6.6	6.2
30 to 34 years .....	103	80	6.2	5.3	4.8	4.6	3.8	3.7
Males, nonveterans:								
20 to 34 years .....	1,406	1,179	10.0	9.2	8.8	8.3	8.3	7.9
20 to 24 years .....	885	723	14.0	12.6	12.0	11.0	11.8	10.8
25 to 29 years .....	292	276	7.1	6.8	7.3	6.6	6.0	6.0
30 to 34 years .....	229	180	6.2	6.0	4.8	5.5	4.9	5.0

<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 between August 5, 1964, and April 30, 1975.

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**Table A-3. Selected employment indicators**

[In thousands]

Selected categories	Not seasonally adjusted				Seasonally adjusted			
	Apr. 1975	Apr. 1976	Apr. 1975	Dec. 1975	Jan. 1976	Feb. 1976	Mar. 1976	Apr. 1976
Total employed, 16 years and over .....	83,549	86,584	84,313	85,394	86,194	86,319	86,692	87,399
Males .....	50,407	51,812	51,046	51,390	51,761	51,870	51,944	52,490
Females .....	33,142	34,772	33,267	34,004	34,433	34,449	34,748 <sup>c</sup>	34,909
Household heads .....	49,696	50,960	49,890	50,332	50,628	50,737	50,789	51,165
Married men, spouse present .....	37,662	38,014	37,868	37,739	37,996	37,931	38,087	38,205
Married women, spouse present .....	19,454	20,113	19,423	19,859	20,065	19,976	20,001	20,073
<b>OCCUPATION</b>								
White-collar workers .....	42,092	43,360	42,154	42,326	42,797	43,028	43,458	43,433
Professional and technical .....	12,780	13,134	12,654	13,026	13,166	13,094	13,204	13,004
Managers and administrators, except farm .....	8,612	9,237	8,749	8,837	9,044	9,135	9,300	9,387
Sales workers .....	5,515	5,483	5,518	5,296	5,224	5,333	5,398	5,488
Clerical workers .....	15,185	15,507	15,233	15,167	15,363	15,466	15,556	15,554
Blue-collar workers .....	27,216	28,470	27,823	28,408	28,759	28,725	28,545	29,110
Craft and kindred workers .....	10,716	10,982	10,895	11,265	11,297	11,030	11,161	
Operatives .....	12,636	13,265	12,867	13,043	13,303	13,214	13,191	13,508
Nonfarm laborers .....	3,864	4,223	4,061	4,100	4,190	4,214	4,324	4,441
Service workers .....	11,493	11,923	11,435	11,837	11,926	11,848	11,781	11,858
Farm workers .....	2,747	2,830	2,829	2,782	2,868	2,772	2,712	2,922
<b>MAJOR INDUSTRY AND CLASS OF WORKER</b>								
Agriculture:								
Wage and salary workers .....	1,118	1,294	1,200	1,231	1,300	1,295	1,317	1,388
Self-employed workers .....	1,716	1,626	1,731	1,663	1,649	1,596	1,568	1,641
Unpaid family workers .....	337	353	376	300	331	300	284	394
Nonagricultural industries:								
Wage and salary workers .....	74,339	77,311	74,852	76,038	76,568	77,023	77,376	77,834
Private households .....	1,315	1,348	1,318	1,309	1,287	1,200	1,308	1,351
Government .....	14,643	14,988	14,459	14,719	14,779	14,891	14,980	14,796
Other .....	58,381	60,975	59,075	60,010	60,502	60,932	61,088	61,687
Self-employed workers .....	5,558	5,524	5,642	5,683	5,693	5,684	5,594	5,608
Unpaid family workers .....	481	476	468	510	528	490	444	463
<b>PERSONS AT WORK<sup>1</sup></b>								
Nonagricultural industries .....	77,260	78,337	76,366	77,380	78,506	78,399	78,167	77,413
Full-time schedules .....	62,129	63,835	62,025	63,730	64,211	64,381	64,328	63,708
Part time for economic reasons .....	3,480	2,937	3,803	3,243	3,482	3,262	3,266	3,248
Usually work full time .....	1,825	1,330	1,841	1,332	1,415	1,308	1,230	1,342
Usually work part time .....	1,655	1,607	1,962	1,911	2,067	1,954	2,036	1,906
Part time for noneconomic reasons .....	11,651	11,565	10,538	10,407	10,813	10,755	10,573	10,457

<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.

<sup>c</sup>= corrected.

**Table A-4. Duration of unemployment**

[Numbers in thousands]

Weeks of unemployment	Not seasonally adjusted				Seasonally adjusted			
	Apr. 1975	Apr. 1976	Apr. 1975	Dec. 1975	Jan. 1976	Feb. 1976	Mar. 1976	Apr. 1976
Less than 5 weeks .....	2,419	2,455	2,935	2,648	2,706	2,686	2,609	2,979
5 to 14 weeks .....	2,347	1,706	2,590	2,244	2,091	1,856	1,905	1,883
15 weeks and over .....	3,054	2,729	2,278	3,080	2,785	2,515	2,294	2,035
15 to 26 weeks .....	2,002	1,194	1,341	1,413	1,155	957	903	669
27 weeks and over .....	1,052	1,534	937	1,667	1,630	1,558	1,391	1,366
Average (mean) duration, in weeks .....	14.7	18.0	12.8	17.0	16.9	16.2	15.8	15.7
<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 .....	30.9	35.6	37.6	33.2	35.7	38.1	38.3	43.2
5 to 14 weeks .....	30.0	24.8	33.2	28.1	27.6	26.3	28.0	27.3
15 weeks and over .....	39.1	39.6	29.2	38.6	36.7	35.6	33.7	29.5
15 to 26 weeks .....	25.6	17.3	17.2	17.7	15.2	13.6	13.3	9.7
27 weeks and over .....	13.5	22.3	12.0	20.9	21.5	22.1	20.4	19.8

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**Table A-5. Reasons for unemployment**

[Numbers in thousands]

Reason	Not seasonally adjusted		Seasonally adjusted					
	Apr. 1975	Apr. 1976	Apr. 1975	Dec. 1975	Jan. 1976	Feb. 1976	Mar. 1976	Apr. 1976
<b>NUMBER OF UNEMPLOYED</b>								
Lost last job .....	4,783	3,768	4,442	3,955	3,481	3,440	3,502	3,499
Left last job .....	746	769	807	862	849	848	760	831
Reentered labor force .....	1,663	1,595	1,912	1,975	1,985	1,864	1,857	1,833
Seeking first job .....	627	758	763	865	886	849	853	894
<b>PERCENT DISTRIBUTION</b>								
Total unemployed .....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Job losers .....	61.1	54.7	56.1	51.7	48.3	49.1	50.2	49.6
Job leavers .....	9.5	11.2	10.2	11.3	11.8	12.1	10.9	11.8
Reentrants .....	21.3	23.1	24.1	25.8	27.6	26.6	26.6	26.0
New entrants .....	8.0	11.0	9.6	11.3	12.3	12.1	12.2	12.7
<b>UNEMPLOYED AS A PERCENT OF THE CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE</b>								
Job losers .....	5.2	4.0	4.8	4.2	3.7	3.7	3.7	3.7
Job leavers .....	.8	.8	.9	.9	.9	.9	.8	.9
Reentrants .....	1.8	1.7	2.1	2.1	2.1	2.0	2.0	1.9
New entrants .....	.7	.8	.8	.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	Apr. 1975	Apr. 1976	Dec. 1975	Jan. 1976	Feb. 1976	Mar. 1976
	Apr. 1975	Apr. 1976							
Total, 16 years and over .....	7,820	6,890	80.7	8.6	8.3	7.8	7.6	7.5	7.5
16 to 19 years .....	1,522	1,551	57.4	19.7	19.6	19.9	19.2	19.1	19.2
16 to 17 years .....	675	690	31.4	21.0	20.6	21.2	21.4	20.0	20.8
18 to 19 years .....	847	861	78.3	18.8	18.9	19.0	17.5	18.6	18.2
20 to 24 years .....	1,829	1,565	87.0	14.2	13.5	12.7	12.1	12.1	11.8
25 years and over .....	4,469	3,773	87.7	6.2	5.9	5.4	5.3	5.1	5.1
25 to 54 years .....	3,725	3,085	90.3	6.6	6.2	5.5	5.5	5.2	5.3
55 years and over .....	744	689	76.1	4.9	5.0	4.5	4.8	4.8	4.6
Males, 16 years and over .....	4,571	3,906	84.1	8.0	7.6	7.1	6.9	6.8	6.7
16 to 19 years .....	883	901	57.5	20.6	19.0	20.1	19.3	19.3	20.1
16 to 17 years .....	405	410	33.2	22.0	19.3	21.5	21.0	20.8	21.5
18 to 19 years .....	478	491	77.8	19.6	18.7	19.6	17.8	18.4	19.1
20 to 24 years .....	1,135	874	88.7	15.1	13.8	12.8	11.9	12.0	11.2
25 years and over .....	2,553	2,131	93.4	5.5	5.4	4.7	4.6	4.5	4.5
25 to 54 years .....	2,102	1,720	96.6	5.7	5.6	4.8	4.6	4.3	4.6
55 years and over .....	451	412	79.6	4.7	4.7	4.2	4.6	5.0	4.4
Females, 16 years and over .....	3,249	2,984	76.4	9.6	9.3	8.9	8.7	8.6c	8.5
16 to 19 years .....	638	650	57.4	18.6	20.3	19.6	19.1	18.9	18.1
16 to 17 years .....	269	280	28.9	16.7	22.2	20.8	21.7	19.1	19.9
18 to 19 years .....	369	370	78.9	18.0	19.1	18.4	17.2	18.8	17.1
20 to 24 years .....	695	691	84.9	13.2	13.1	12.7	12.2	12.2	12.6
25 years and over .....	1,916	1,642	80.3	7.4	6.8	6.4	6.4	6.2	6.1
25 to 54 years .....	1,622	1,365	82.3	8.0	7.2	6.6	6.9	6.5	6.5
55 years and over .....	293	277	70.8	5.3	5.4	5.1	5.0	4.5	4.9

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

(In thousands)

Industry	Not seasonally adjusted				Seasonally adjusted					
	Apr. 1975	Feb. 1976	Mar. 1976 <sup>p</sup>	Apr. 1976 <sup>p</sup>	Apr. 1975	Dec. 1975	Jan. 1976	Feb. 1976	Mar. 1976 <sup>p</sup>	Apr. 1976 <sup>p</sup>
<b>TOTAL</b> .....	76,177	77,339	77,827	78,617	76,462	77,796	78,179	78,368	78,545	78,888
<b>GOODS-PRODUCING</b> .....	22,036	22,311	22,510	22,822	22,328	22,743	22,914	22,901	22,977	23,115
<b>MINING</b> .....	726	752	759	768	732	769	764	763	770	774
<b>CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION</b> .....	3,310	3,014	3,093	3,256	3,441	3,406	3,428	3,375	3,355	3,385
<b>MANUFACTURING</b> .....	18,000	18,545	18,658	18,798	18,155	18,568	18,722	18,763	18,852	18,956
Production workers .....	12,731	13,290	13,397	13,517	12,863	13,311	13,448	13,487	13,562	13,656
<b>DURABLE GOODS</b> .....	10,583	10,737	10,826	10,942	10,637	10,717	10,820	10,846	10,926	10,996
Production workers .....	7,443	7,626	7,708	7,808	7,483	7,603	7,698	7,722	7,790	7,854
Ordnance and accessories .....	174.2	161.1	160.5	158.9	176	163	162	162	161	161
Lumber and wood products .....	527.1	575.2	579.8	590.6	536	581	592	595	597	600
Furniture and fixtures .....	431.4	480.2	483.4	487.4	436	473	477	484	487	492
Stone, clay, and glass products .....	602.8	592.8	602.6	612.7	608	616	616	612	616	618
Primary metal industries .....	1,192.3	1,158.6	1,166.3	1,184.0	1,189	1,158	1,162	1,168	1,170	1,180
Fabricated metal products .....	1,320.9	1,351.0	1,362.8	1,375.1	1,332	1,344	1,358	1,369	1,379	1,386
Machinery, except electrical .....	2,101.7	2,045.1	2,050.4	2,056.5	2,098	2,030	2,039	2,039	2,046	2,052
Electrical equipment .....	1,731.8	1,787.5	1,801.0	1,821.6	1,746	1,773	1,785	1,795	1,819	1,836
Transportation equipment .....	1,627.2	1,680.8	1,704.3	1,731.5	1,631	1,676	1,712	1,699	1,723	1,735
Instruments and related products .....	483.8	497.9	500.9	504.7	488	494	498	501	504	509
Miscellaneous manufacturing .....	389.5	406.6	413.5	419.2	397	409	419	422	424	427
<b>NONDURABLE GOODS</b> .....	7,417	7,808	7,832	7,856	7,518	7,851	7,902	7,917	7,926	7,960
Production workers .....	5,288	5,664	5,689	5,709	5,380	5,708	5,750	5,765	5,772	5,802
Food and kindred products .....	1,588.9	1,632.2	1,621.6	1,627.6	1,664	1,688	1,700	1,709	1,689	1,704
Tobacco manufactures .....	69.0	74.9	69.7	67.6	75	79	77	74	74	74
Textile mill products .....	863.2	961.7	962.3	969.2	865	955	958	964	963	971
Apparel and other textile products .....	1,191.0	1,306.0	1,322.2	1,317.0	1,191	1,299	1,314	1,306	1,321	1,317
Paper and allied products .....	624.7	661.3	663.0	663.6	629	658	665	667	668	668
Printing and publishing .....	1,082.1	1,067.7	1,070.7	1,073.9	1,084	1,074	1,069	1,069	1,073	1,076
Chemicals and allied products .....	1,000.0	1,019.3	1,026.8	1,027.9	1,003	1,018	1,024	1,029	1,030	1,031
Petroleum and coal products .....	190.1	197.5	198.6	200.0	193	201	203	204	204	203
Rubber and plastic products, nec..	563.6	613.6	622.0	631.3	568	608	615	617	627	636
Leather and leather products .....	244.3	273.7	275.0	277.6	246	271	275	275	277	280
<b>SERVICE-PRODUCING</b> .....	54,141	55,028	55,317	55,795	54,134	55,053	55,265	55,467	55,568	55,773
<b>TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC UTILITIES</b> .....	4,472	4,445	4,457	4,461	4,508	4,477	4,494	4,517	4,493	4,497
<b>WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE</b> .....	16,691	16,926	17,014	17,282	16,847	17,080	17,233	17,326	17,371	17,429
<b>WHOLESALE TRADE</b> .....	4,134	4,189	4,191	4,207	4,176	4,190	4,214	4,236	4,233	4,249
<b>RETAIL TRADE</b> .....	12,557	12,737	12,823	13,075	12,671	12,890	13,019	13,090	13,138	13,180
<b>FINANCE, INSURANCE, AND REAL ESTATE</b> .....	4,192	4,228	4,246	4,283	4,209	4,264	4,266	4,266	4,276	4,300
<b>SERVICES</b> .....	13,878	14,188	14,296	14,466	13,878	14,229	14,307	14,360	14,411	14,466
<b>GOVERNMENT</b> .....	14,908	15,241	15,304	15,303	14,692	15,003	14,965	14,998	15,017	15,081
<b>FEDERAL</b> .....	2,732	2,726	2,724	2,731	2,731	2,755	2,746	2,740	2,732	2,731
<b>STATE AND LOCAL</b> .....	12,176	12,515	12,580	12,572	11,961	12,248	12,219	12,258	12,285	12,350

<sup>p</sup>=preliminary.

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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					
	Apr. 1975	Feb. 1976	Mar. 1976 <sup>p</sup>	Apr. 1976 <sup>p</sup>	Apr. 1975	Dec. 1975	Jan. 1976	Feb. 1976	Mar. 1976 <sup>p</sup>	Apr. 1976 <sup>p</sup>
<b>TOTAL PRIVATE</b> .....	35.7	36.0	35.9	35.8	35.9	36.4	36.5	36.4	36.2	36.0
MINING .....	40.8	42.7	42.4	43.2	41.1	42.8	43.0	43.1	43.0	43.5
CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION .....	36.4	36.5	35.7	36.9	36.8	37.3	37.7	37.9	35.9	37.3
MANUFACTURING.....	38.9	39.9	40.0	39.1	39.1	40.3	40.5	40.3	40.2	39.3
Overtime hours .....	2.2	2.9	3.0	2.3	2.3	3.0	3.0	3.1	3.2	2.4
DURABLE GOODS .....	39.6	40.4	40.5	39.6	39.7	40.7	40.9	40.7	40.6	39.7
Overtime hours .....	2.2	2.8	3.0	2.2	2.4	2.9	2.9	3.0	3.1	2.4
Ordnance and accessories .....	41.2	40.8	40.9	39.9	41.3	41.3	41.6	40.7	40.7	40.0
Lumber and wood products .....	38.8	40.0	39.8	40.1	38.8	40.2	40.8	40.5	40.0	40.1
Furniture and fixtures .....	36.8	38.6	38.7	38.1	37.2	39.5	39.4	39.3	39.0	38.6
Stone, clay, and glass products .....	40.1	40.7	40.6	40.6	40.3	41.3	41.5	41.4	40.7	40.8
Primary metal industries .....	39.8	40.4	40.6	40.2	39.7	40.3	40.4	40.6	40.6	40.1
Fabricated metal products .....	39.5	40.5	40.7	39.2	39.7	41.1	41.0	41.0	40.9	39.4
Machinery, except electrical .....	40.8	41.1	41.1	40.0	41.0	41.2	41.3	41.2	41.0	40.2
Electrical equipment .....	39.2	39.9	40.0	38.8	39.4	40.1	40.4	40.2	40.1	39.0
Transportation equipment .....	39.8	41.4	41.7	39.9	40.5	41.9	41.7	41.6	42.0	40.6
Instruments and related products .....	39.1	40.0	40.1	39.3	39.2	40.3	40.4	40.2	40.2	39.4
Miscellaneous manufacturing .....	38.1	38.5	38.8	37.9	38.1	39.2	39.1	38.7	38.8	37.9
NONDURABLE GOODS .....	37.8	39.3	39.3	38.5	38.0	39.7	39.9	39.7	39.5	38.7
Overtime hours .....	2.1	2.9	3.0	2.4	2.2	3.2	3.3	3.1	3.2	2.5
Food and kindred products .....	39.3	39.8	39.7	39.5	39.9	40.5	40.7	40.5	40.2	40.1
Tobacco manufactures .....	37.4	38.3	38.3	38.4	38.3	37.7	39.1	39.5	39.3	39.3
Textile mill products .....	37.6	40.6	40.6	38.9	37.7	41.2	41.4	40.9	40.7	39.0
Apparel and other textile products ..	34.2	36.0	36.1	34.9	34.3	36.6	36.6	36.3	36.1	35.0
Paper and allied products .....	40.2	42.2	42.2	41.5	40.4	42.9	42.7	42.7	42.5	41.7
Printing and publishing .....	36.6	37.1	37.4	36.8	36.8	37.6	37.8	37.5	37.5	37.0
Chemicals and allied products .....	40.5	41.5	41.5	42.0	40.3	41.7	41.6	41.7	41.5	41.8
Petroleum and coal products .....	41.0	41.6	41.7	41.9	41.0	41.8	42.5	42.4	42.2	41.9
Rubber and plastics products, nec ..	39.0	40.6	40.8	39.4	39.0	40.6	40.9	40.9	41.0	39.4
Leather and leather products .....	36.0	38.2	38.2	36.7	36.5	38.7	38.6	38.4	38.6	37.2
TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC UTILITIES .....	39.4	39.5	39.6	39.3	39.8	39.9	39.6	39.8	40.0	39.7
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE .....	33.4	33.4	33.3	33.6	33.7	33.9	33.9	33.9	33.7	33.9
WHOLESALE TRADE .....	38.3	38.5	38.5	38.6	38.6	38.8	38.9	38.8	38.7	38.9
RETAIL TRADE .....	31.9	31.8	31.7	32.2	32.3	32.4	32.5	32.3	32.2	32.6
FINANCE, INSURANCE, AND REAL ESTATE .....	36.2	36.7	36.4	36.4	36.2	36.4	36.5	36.7	36.5	36.4
SERVICES .....	33.5	33.5	33.3	33.3	33.7	33.6	33.7	33.7	33.5	33.5

<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.

<sup>p</sup>=preliminary.

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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			
	Apr. 1975	Feb. 1976	Mar. 1976 P	Apr. 1976 P	Apr. 1975	Feb. 1976	Mar. 1976 P	Apr. 1976 P
<b>TOTAL PRIVATE</b> .....	\$ 4.46	\$ 4.74	\$ 4.75	\$ 4.76	\$ 159.22	\$ 170.64	\$ 170.53	\$ 170.41
Seasonally adjusted .....	4.47	4.75	4.77	4.77	160.47	172.90	172.67	171.72
<b>MINING</b> .....	5.73	6.29	6.29	6.30	233.78	268.58	266.70	272.16
<b>CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION</b> .....	7.12	7.47	7.56	7.49	259.17	272.66	269.89	276.38
<b>MANUFACTURING</b> .....	4.73	5.04	5.06	5.05	184.00	201.10	202.40	197.46
<b>DURABLE GOODS</b> .....	5.04	5.40	5.43	5.40	199.58	218.16	219.92	213.84
Ordnance and accessories .....	5.10	5.54	5.57	5.61	210.12	226.03	227.81	223.84
Lumber and wood products .....	4.13	4.48	4.49	4.47	160.24	179.20	178.70	179.25
Furniture and fixtures .....	3.71	3.87	3.90	3.89	136.53	149.38	150.93	148.21
Stone, clay, and glass products .....	4.78	5.07	5.11	5.18	191.68	206.35	207.47	210.31
Primary metal industries .....	6.01	6.56	6.62	6.71	239.20	265.02	268.77	269.74
Fabricated metal products .....	4.93	5.30	5.32	5.27	194.74	214.65	216.52	206.58
Machinery, except electrical.....	5.26	5.63	5.65	5.61	214.61	231.39	232.22	224.40
Electrical equipment .....	4.51	4.78	4.81	4.75	176.79	190.72	192.40	184.30
Transportation equipment .....	5.86	6.38	6.44	6.34	233.23	264.13	268.55	252.97
Instruments and related products .....	4.49	4.77	4.78	4.77	175.56	190.80	191.68	187.46
Miscellaneous manufacturing .....	3.75	3.95	3.96	3.95	142.88	152.08	153.65	149.71
<b>NONDURABLE GOODS</b> .....	4.27	4.54	4.55	4.57	161.41	178.42	178.82	175.95
Food and kindred products .....	4.49	4.83	4.83	4.87	176.46	192.23	191.75	192.37
Tobacco manufactures .....	4.77	4.88	5.04	5.21	178.40	186.90	193.03	200.06
Textile mill products .....	3.32	3.56	3.57	3.53	124.83	144.54	144.94	137.32
Apparel and other textile products .....	3.16	3.33	3.36	3.35	108.07	119.88	121.30	116.92
Paper and allied products .....	4.81	5.25	5.26	5.27	193.36	221.55	221.97	218.71
Printing and publishing .....	5.25	5.58	5.59	5.58	192.15	207.02	209.07	205.34
Chemicals and allied products .....	5.22	5.69	5.70	5.76	211.41	236.14	236.55	241.92
Petroleum and coal products .....	6.30	7.03	7.08	7.07	258.30	292.45	295.24	296.23
Rubber and plastics products, nec .....	4.25	4.52	4.55	4.48	165.75	183.51	185.64	176.51
Leather and leather products .....	3.21	3.39	3.40	3.41	115.56	129.50	129.88	125.15
<b>TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC UTILITIES</b> .....	5.75	6.29	6.29	6.34	226.55	248.46	249.08	249.16
<b>WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE</b> .....	3.69	3.90	3.90	3.91	123.25	130.26	129.87	131.38
<b>WHOLESALE TRADE</b> .....	4.80	5.07	5.06	5.10	183.84	195.20	194.81	196.86
<b>RETAIL TRADE</b> .....	3.29	3.48	3.48	3.48	104.95	110.66	110.32	112.06
<b>FINANCE, INSURANCE, AND REAL ESTATE</b> .....	4.09	4.33	4.30	4.31	148.06	158.91	156.52	156.88
<b>SERVICES</b> .....	3.99	4.29	4.29	4.29	133.67	143.72	142.86	142.86

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

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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	Apr. 1975	Nov. 1976	Dec. 1976	Jan. 1976	Feb. 1976	Mar. P 1976	Apr. P 1976	Percent change from	
								Apr. 1975– Apr. 1976	Mar. 1976– Apr. 1976
<b>TOTAL PRIVATE NONFARM:</b>									
Current dollars .....	169.4	178.2	178.6	179.6	180.8	181.4	182.0	7.4	0.3
Constant (1967) dollars .....	106.8	107.7	107.3	107.5	108.1	108.2	N.A.	(1)	(2)
<b>MINING .....</b>	<b>178.1</b>	<b>189.4</b>	<b>190.2</b>	<b>192.2</b>	<b>193.6</b>	<b>194.5</b>	<b>194.8</b>	<b>9.4</b>	<b>.2</b>
<b>CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION .....</b>	<b>173.7</b>	<b>179.2</b>	<b>180.3</b>	<b>180.0</b>	<b>180.1</b>	<b>183.7</b>	<b>182.8</b>	<b>5.2</b>	<b>-.5</b>
<b>MANUFACTURING .....</b>	<b>168.6</b>	<b>176.9</b>	<b>177.6</b>	<b>178.8</b>	<b>179.8</b>	<b>180.7</b>	<b>181.7</b>	<b>7.8</b>	<b>.6</b>
<b>TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC UTILITIES .....</b>	<b>177.6</b>	<b>190.7</b>	<b>190.5</b>	<b>192.2</b>	<b>194.1</b>	<b>194.9</b>	<b>196.3</b>	<b>10.5</b>	<b>.7</b>
<b>WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE .....</b>	<b>164.9</b>	<b>172.9</b>	<b>172.4</b>	<b>174.0</b>	<b>174.4</b>	<b>174.7</b>	<b>175.1</b>	<b>6.2</b>	<b>.2</b>
<b>FINANCE, INSURANCE, AND REAL ESTATE .....</b>	<b>159.4</b>	<b>167.1</b>	<b>165.1</b>	<b>165.9</b>	<b>168.3</b>	<b>168.1</b>	<b>168.3</b>	<b>5.6</b>	<b>.1</b>
<b>SERVICES .....</b>	<b>172.5</b>	<b>182.2</b>	<b>182.6</b>	<b>184.6</b>	<b>185.4</b>	<b>185.6</b>	<b>185.8</b>	<b>7.7</b>	<b>.1</b>

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

<sup>2</sup> Percent change was 1.0 from March 1975 to March 1976, the latest month available.

<sup>3</sup> Percent change was 0.1 from February 1976 to March 1976, the latest month available.

N.A. = not available.

p=preliminary.

NOTE: All series are in current dollars except where indicated. The index excludes effects of two types of changes that are unrelated to underlying wage-rate developments: Fluctuations in 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			
	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar. P	Apr. P	
<b>TOTAL .....</b>	106.0	106.3	106.0	106.2	107.4	107.9	108.4	108.8	109.3	110.3	110.5	110.1	110.3	
<b>GOODS-PRODUCING .....</b>	89.2	89.4	88.9	89.3	91.2	92.4	92.7	92.9	94.3	95.5	95.2	94.6	94.3	
<b>MINING .....</b>	113.7	119.4	118.4	118.8	118.6	119.9	125.0	124.7	125.7	125.2	124.4	125.6	126.7	
<b>CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION .....</b>	99.0	99.3	94.9	96.2	98.3	98.6	97.3	97.7	98.8	100.3	98.8	93.1	97.7	
<b>MANUFACTURING .....</b>	86.6	86.6	86.8	87.1	89.0	90.3	90.8	90.9	92.5	93.7	93.6	93.9	92.6	
<b>DURABLE GOODS .....</b>	86.5	85.4	85.2	84.9	86.7	87.7	87.8	88.1	90.0	91.3	91.3	91.9	90.7	
Ordnance and accessories .....	47.7	47.5	46.9	44.7	43.7	43.0	42.9	40.8	41.5	41.6	40.9	40.9	40.2	
Lumber and wood products .....	82.5	84.4	85.8	86.7	88.8	90.1	92.1	90.8	93.4	97.0	96.4	95.6	96.4	
Furniture and fixtures .....	85.8	87.7	87.2	88.7	92.6	97.4	97.9	99.2	101.0	101.5	103.1	103.1	103.0	
Stone, clay, and glass products .....	92.6	92.6	92.4	93.1	94.5	95.7	95.7	96.2	97.1	97.6	96.7	95.5	96.5	
Primary metal industries .....	84.1	82.1	80.8	80.0	81.7	83.5	81.9	82.3	83.6	84.1	84.9	85.2	84.9	
Fabricated metal products .....	90.1	89.0	88.5	86.7	90.9	92.0	92.8	92.7	94.6	95.7	96.6	97.2	94.4	
Machinery, except electrical .....	96.6	93.1	91.3	90.4	91.0	91.8	91.9	92.0	92.5	93.4	93.2	93.2	91.4	
Electrical equipment and supplies .....	83.3	81.9	81.8	81.6	84.3	84.9	85.8	85.5	87.5	89.0	89.2	90.6	89.4	
Transportation equipment .....	80.4	80.2	81.4	82.0	82.9	82.2	81.5	83.1	87.3	89.0	88.2	90.4	88.3	
Instruments and related products .....	98.2	97.1	97.0	98.1	97.2	99.4	100.8	101.7	103.4	105.0	105.2	105.9	105.5	
Miscellaneous manufacturing, Ind. ....	86.0	86.5	87.0	87.7	89.0	91.4	91.3	90.8	91.7	94.4	94.3	94.8	93.2	
<b>NONDURABLE GOODS .....</b>	86.7	88.2	89.1	90.2	92.4	94.1	95.1	95.0	96.2	97.1	96.9	96.7	95.3	
Food and kindred products .....	92.4	92.9	93.1	93.4	96.1	96.9	96.5	95.1	95.4	96.9	97.3	95.0	95.7	
Tobacco manufactures .....	83.4	80.3	86.7	80.8	85.8	88.1	85.6	93.4	87.4	90.6	88.8	84.2	84.2	
Textile mill products .....	80.8	85.7	87.0	88.5	93.0	96.4	98.1	98.0	99.1	99.7	99.0	98.5	95.2	
Apparel and other textile products .....	78.5	79.8	82.4	84.6	85.3	87.8	90.0	90.1	92.1	93.1	91.8	92.3	89.2	
Paper and allied products .....	84.5	85.7	86.4	87.6	89.6	91.3	92.0	92.6	94.7	95.2	95.8	95.5	94.1	
Printing and publishing .....	92.6	92.0	91.2	90.9	92.4	91.9	91.8	92.4	93.5	93.4	92.5	92.8	92.0	
Chemicals and allied products .....	91.4	92.7	92.6	93.0	94.5	96.1	97.4	97.6	98.1	98.5	99.4	99.1	100.2	
Petroleum and coal products .....	101.4	104.4	105.3	107.2	107.3	108.9	110.2	111.6	111.1	113.8	114.4	113.9	113.1	
Rubber and plastics products, nec .....	102.1	105.1	105.1	106.9	110.6	113.0	114.7	113.5	116.2	118.8	119.3	122.1	119.0	
Leather and leather products .....	65.8	66.8	69.6	71.4	72.1	74.9	77.2	77.2	78.1	79.3	78.9	80.3	77.7	
<b>SERVICE-PRODUCING .....</b>	117.6	118.0	117.8	118.0	118.7	118.7	119.3	119.8	119.7	120.6	121.0	120.8	121.5	
<b>TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC UTILITIES .....</b>	102.3	100.3	100.6	100.3	100.5	101.1	101.2	101.5	101.7	101.5	102.7	102.6	101.7	
<b>WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE .....</b>	113.4	113.9	113.7	114.0	114.6	114.6	115.1	115.2	115.5	116.8	116.8	116.7	118.3	
<b>WHOLESALE TRADE .....</b>	111.5	111.4	110.3	110.8	111.0	111.3	112.0	111.5	112.3	113.4	113.6	113.2	114.1	
<b>RETAIL TRADE .....</b>	114.0	114.8	115.0	115.2	115.9	115.8	116.2	116.6	116.6	118.1	118.0	118.0	119.9	
<b>FINANCE, INSURANCE, AND REAL ESTATE .....</b>	122.1	122.9	123.2	122.3	122.9	123.5	123.7	125.1	124.5	125.1	125.8	125.3	125.5	
<b>SERVICES .....</b>	129.3	130.3	129.9	130.4	131.4	131.1	132.0	133.1	132.3	133.3	133.9	133.6	133.6	

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

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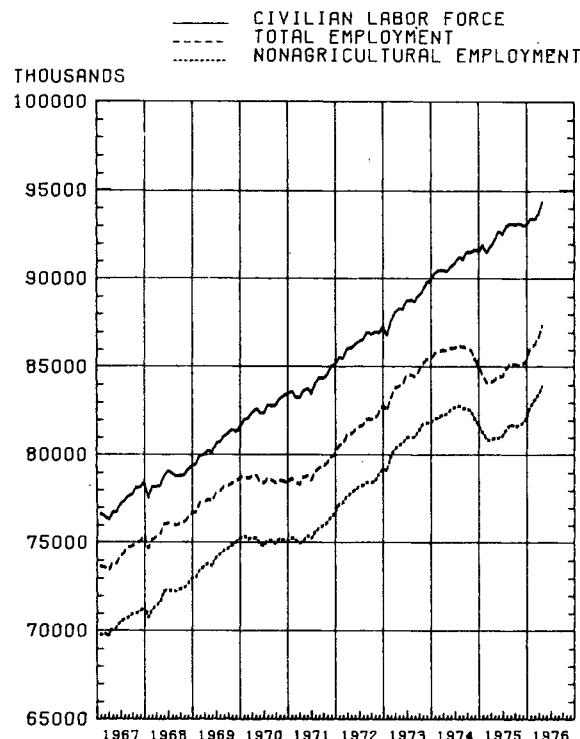
Table B-6. Indexes of diffusion: Percent of industries in which employment<sup>1</sup> increased

Year and month	Over 1-month span	Over 3-month span	Over 6-month span	Over 12-month span
1973				
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
1974				
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
1975				
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	50.3
August .....	73.5	80.2	67.4	62.5
September .....	81.7	81.4	76.5	69.8p
October .....	64.8	70.3	79.4	75.9p
November .....	54.7	68.9	82.0	
December .....	66.6	72.7	74.1p	
1976				
January .....	75.0	78.8	80.2p	
February .....	70.1	31.1p		
March .....	64.8p	74.1p		
April .....	70.9p			
May .....				
June .....				
July .....				
August .....				
September .....				
October .....				
November .....				
December .....				

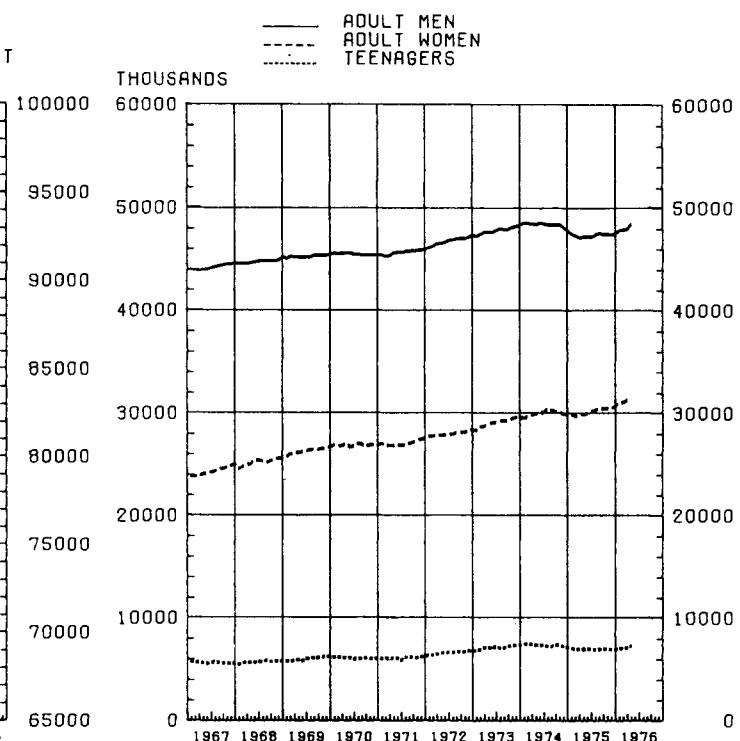
<sup>1</sup> Number of employees, seasonally adjusted, on payrolls of 172 private nonagricultural industries.  
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# LABOR FORCE, EMPLOYMENT, UNEMPLOYMENT HOUSEHOLD DATA - SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

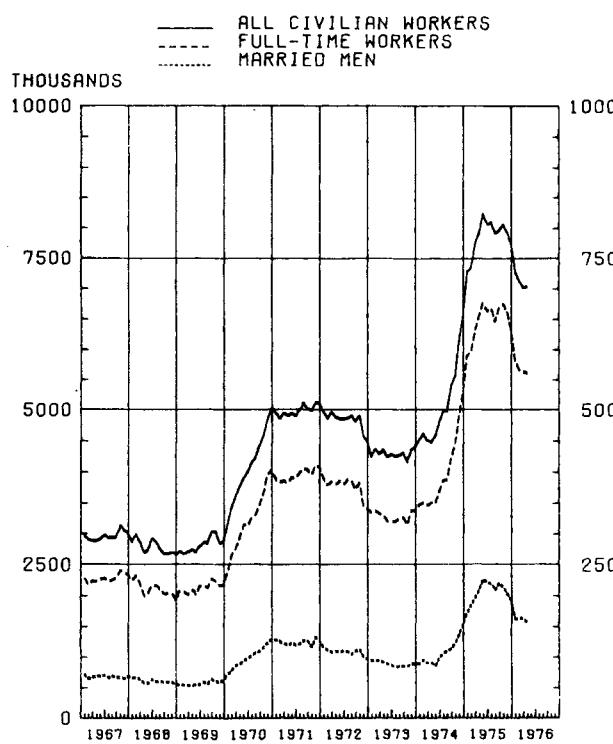
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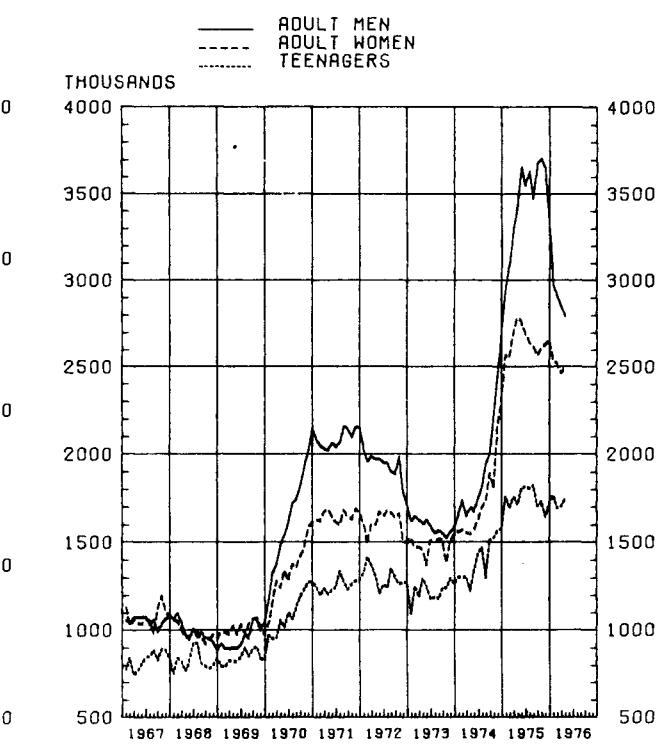
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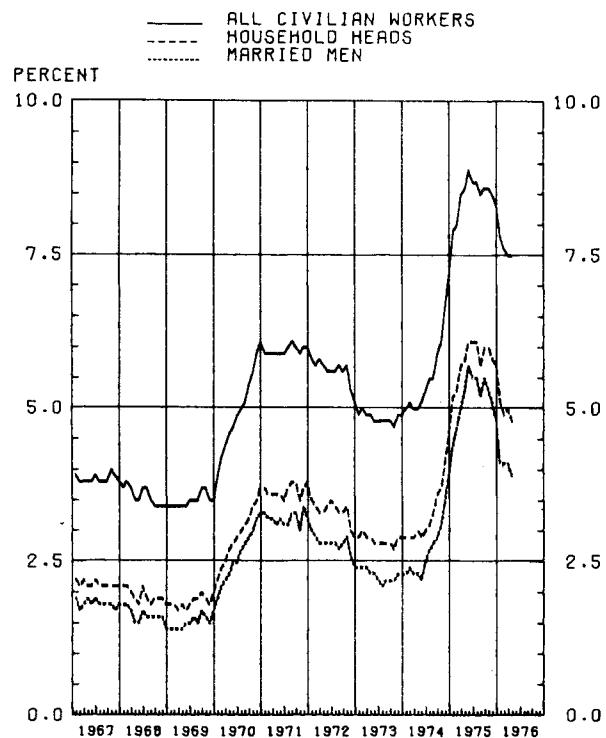


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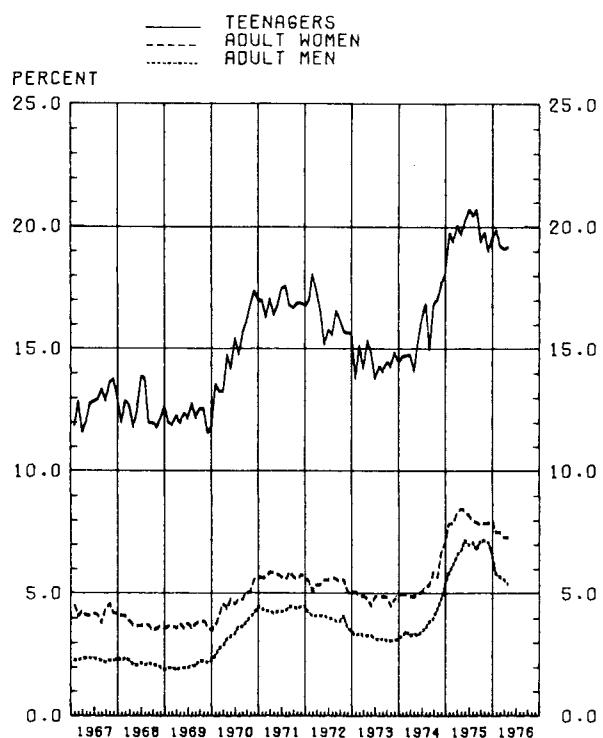


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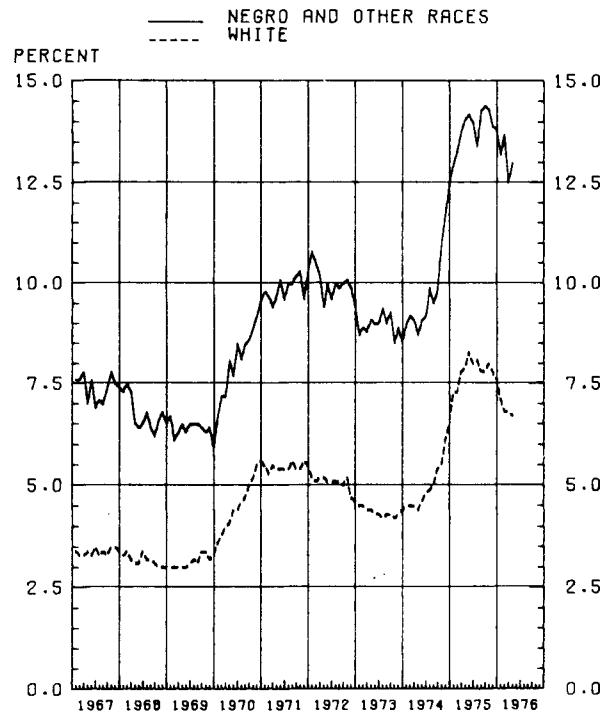
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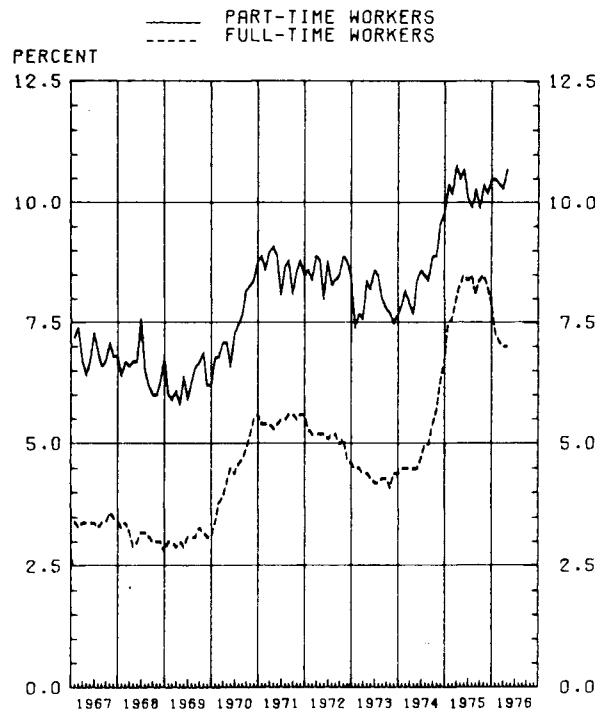
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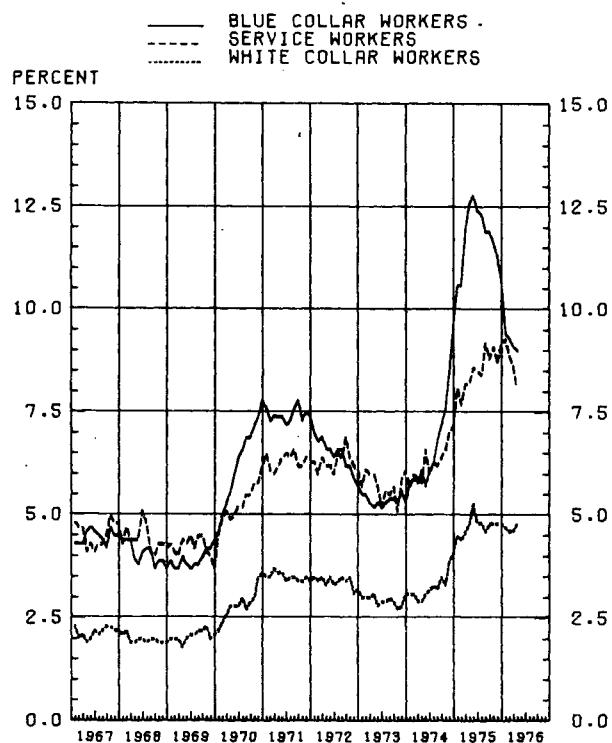


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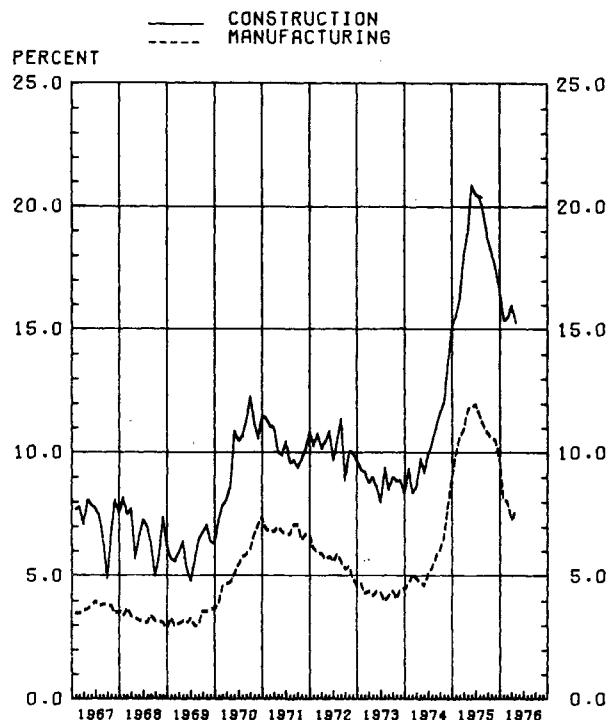


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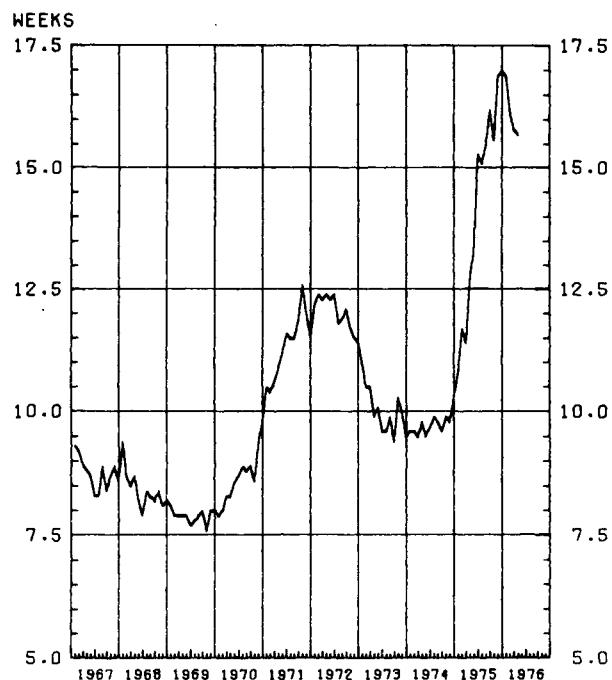
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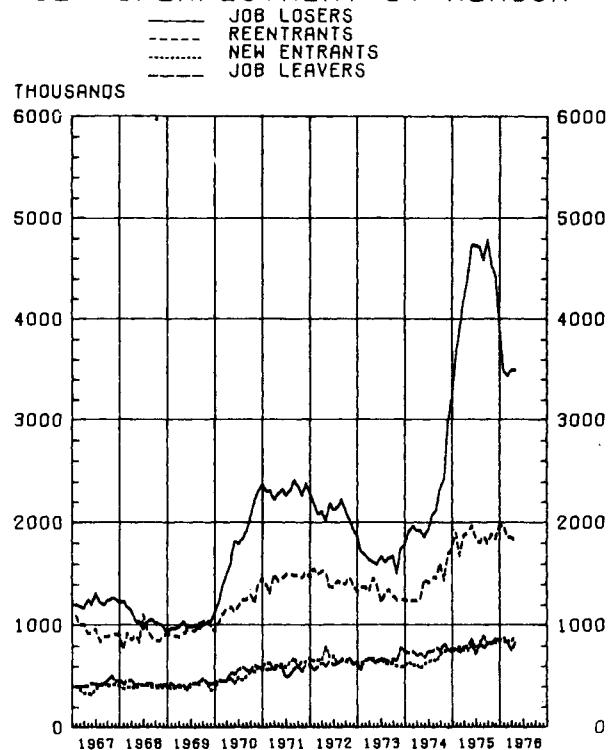
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## 11. AVERAGE DURATION OF UNEMPLOYMENT



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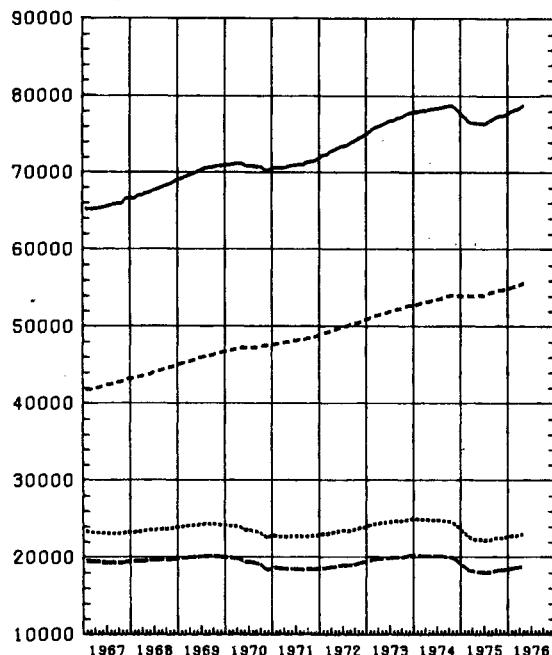


## NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT AND HOURS ESTABLISHMENT DATA - SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

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- - - GOODS-PRODUCING  
- - - MANUFACTURING

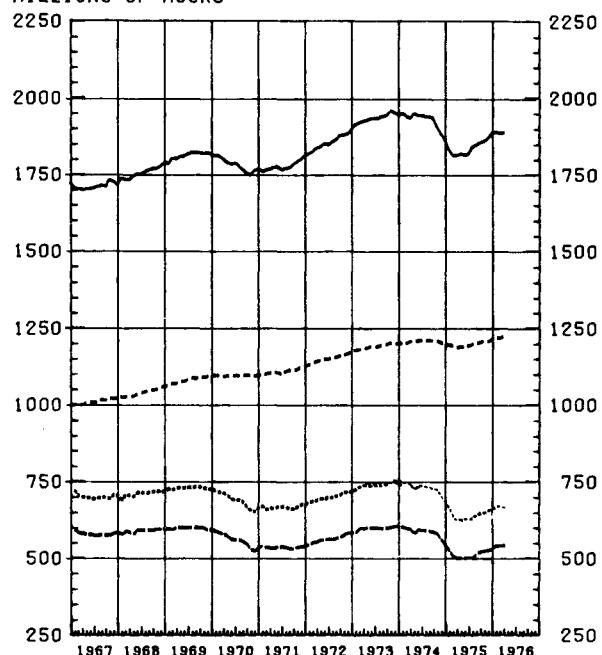
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### 14. HOURS

— TOTAL PRIVATE NONAGRICULTURAL  
- - - PRIVATE SERVICE-PRODUCING  
- - - GOODS-PRODUCING  
- - - MANUFACTURING

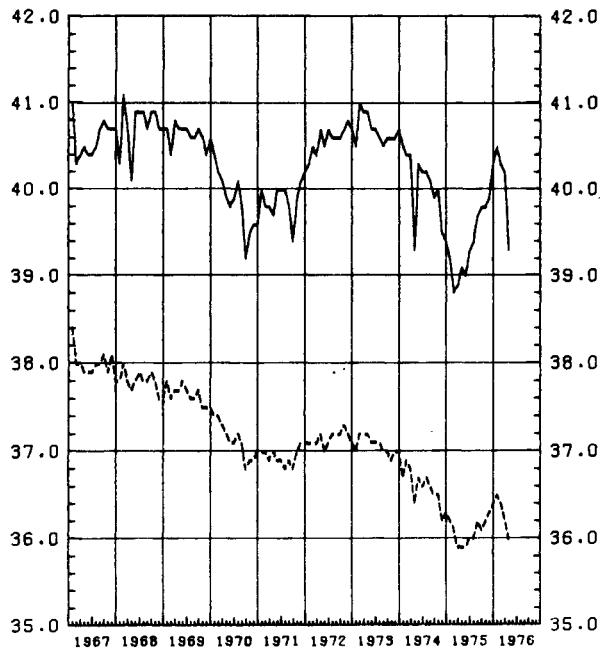
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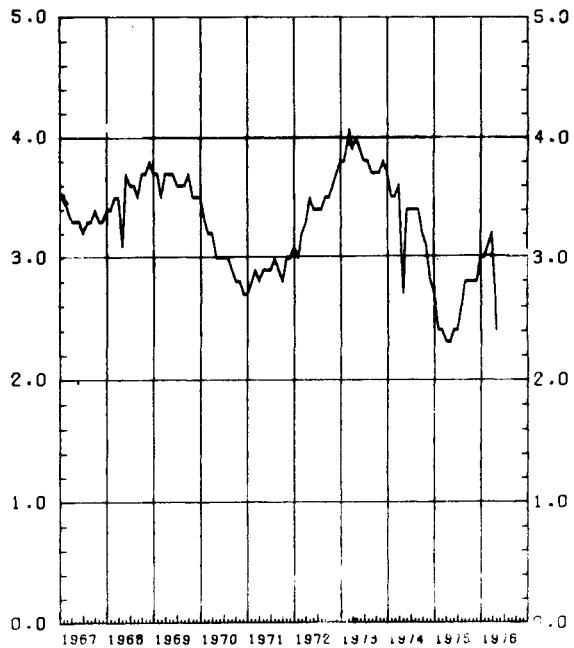
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- - - TOTAL PRIVATE

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### 16. AVERAGE WEEKLY OVERTIME HOURS IN MANUFACTURING

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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.