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THE EMPLOYMENT SITUATION: OCTOBER 1976

Both unemployment and employment remained at essentially the same levels in October that prevailed in September, it was reported today by the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the U. S. Department of Labor. The overall rate of unemployment was 7.9 percent, compared with 7.8 percent in September and also about the same as in July and August.

Total employment--as measured by the monthly survey of households--was 87.8 million in October, little changed from September and on a par with July and August levels as well. The October total was 3.7 million above the March 1975 recession low.

Nonfarm payroll employment--as measured by the monthly survey of establishments--also showed little change in October, but this followed increases in the prior 3 months. At 79.5 million, the payroll job count was 3.2 million above its June 1975 low.

Unemployment

Both the total number of persons unemployed in October--7.6 million, seasonally adjusted--and the overall unemployment rate--7.9 percent--have been on a plateau since July. (See table A-1.) Prior to July, the incidence of joblessness had declined from a May 1975 recession peak of 8.9 percent to a year-later low of 7.3 percent.

Among major labor force groups, the unemployment rate for adult men edged up from 6.1 to 6.3 percent, the highest level this year. All of this movement occurred among young men (20-24 year-olds), and there was an increase among young women as well. Jobless rates for both black workers (13.5 percent) and white workers (7.3 percent) were slightly above September levels. (See tables A-2 and A-6.)

While there were no noteworthy changes in the jobless rates among most major industry groups in October, the unemployment rate for workers in the construction industry receded to 14.9 percent, continuing the downtrend evident since mid-summer, when their rate was as high as 17.7 percent. Among the major occupational groups, movements were generally

small and offsetting, but there was an increase for service workers to a high for the year of 9.5 percent. (See table A-2.)

Although there were some small changes among the individual duration of unemployment categories from September to October, the average duration of joblessness remained the same--15.4 weeks. (See table A-4.)

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

Selected categories	Quarterly averages					Monthly data		
	1975		1976			1976		
	III	IV	I	II	III	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.
	(Thousands of persons)							
Civilian labor force	93,134	93,153	93,553	94,546	95,341	95,487	95,203	95,342
Total employment	85,138	85,241	86,402	87,532	87,902	87,981	87,819	87,773
Adult men	47,551	47,540	47,998	48,504	48,646	48,682	48,721	48,716
Adult women	30,537	30,665	31,234	31,677	31,951	31,988	31,907	31,799
Teenagers	7,050	7,036	7,169	7,351	7,305	7,311	7,191	7,258
Unemployment	7,997	7,912	7,151	7,014	7,439	7,506	7,384	7,569
	(Percent of labor force)							
Unemployment rates:								
All workers	8.6	8.5	7.6	7.4	7.8	7.9	7.8	7.9
Adult men	7.0	7.0	5.7	5.7	6.0	5.9	6.1	6.3
Adult women	7.9	7.9	7.4	7.1	7.6	7.7	7.5	7.6
Teenagers	20.2	19.5	19.4	18.7	18.8	19.7	18.6	19.0
White	7.9	7.8	6.9	6.7	7.1	7.1	7.1	7.3
Black and other	14.1	14.0	13.1	12.8	13.1	13.6	12.7	13.5
Household heads	5.9	5.9	5.0	4.9	5.3	5.2	5.4	5.4
Married men	5.4	5.1	4.1	4.1	4.4	4.2	4.6	4.4
Full-time workers	8.3	8.2	7.1	7.0	7.4	7.5	7.5	7.6
	(Weeks)							
Average duration of unemployment	15.6	16.5	16.3	15.9	15.6	15.5	15.4	15.4
	(Thousands of persons)							
Nonfarm payroll employment	77,004	77,642	78,392	78,943	79,359p	79,333	79,567p	79,513p
Goods-producing industries	22,414	22,690	22,943	23,119	23,144p	23,083	23,254p	23,137p
Service-producing industries	54,590	54,952	55,450	55,824	56,215p	56,250	56,313p	56,376p
	(Hours of work)							
Average weekly hours:								
Total private nonfarm	36.1	36.3	36.4	36.1	36.1p	36.2	36.0p	36.2p
Manufacturing	39.6	40.0	40.3	39.9	40.0p	40.0	39.7p	39.8p
Manufacturing overtime	2.7	2.9	3.1	2.9	3.1p	3.0	3.1p	2.9p
	(1967=100)							
Hourly Earnings Index, private nonfarm:								
In current dollars	174.3	177.8	180.6	183.5	186.7p	187.0	187.5p	188.6p
In constant dollars	107.0	107.5	107.9	108.4	108.7p	108.9	108.7p	N.A.

p= preliminary.

N.A.=not available.

The number of persons working part time because of economic factors edged up to 3.5 million in October, reaching its highest level since January. All of this increase occurred among persons who could only find part-time work (rather than full-time workers whose hours were reduced). (See table A-3.)

Total Employment and the Labor Force

Total employment was 87.8 million, seasonally adjusted, in October, the fourth straight month that it has been at about this level. There was also little over-the-month change among the major age-sex groups. Despite the lack of growth in recent months, the October employment total was 3.7 million above the March 1975 recession low.

The civilian labor force, at 95.3 million in October, was about unchanged following a 280,000 decline in September. Over the past year, the labor force has grown by 2.3 million, with 1.2 million of the increase occurring among adult women, almost 900,000 among adult men, and 200,000 among teenagers. (See table A-1.)

Industry Payroll Employment

Nonagricultural payroll employment was essentially unchanged in October at 79.5 million, seasonally adjusted, following increases totaling 625,000 over the prior 3 months. This over-the-month stability reflected some counterbalancing movements among the various industrial groups; there were also nearly 100,000 workers off payrolls due to increased strike activity. Additions to payrolls in October occurred in less than half of the 172 industries that comprise the BLS diffusion index of nonagricultural payroll employment. (See tables B-1 and B-6.)

Manufacturing employment moved down 145,000 to 19.0 million, seasonally adjusted; this followed a rise of similar magnitude in September. The reduction in October occurred primarily in the durable goods sector and was most pronounced among workers in the transportation equipment industry, where a decline of 45,000 resulted from a strike against the Ford Motor Company. Job losses were also posted in the primary metals, fabricated metals, and machinery industries, some of which also stemmed from new strike activity. Within nondurable goods, employment reductions took place in the textile, apparel, and paper products industries.

Transportation and public utilities was the only other major industry to show a decline, and the job loss of 15,000 was the result of a strike. These reductions were nearly offset by employment increases in most other major industry divisions. In addition to gains of 20,000 each in contract construction and services, employment in finance, insurance, and real estate rose by 30,000 and mining was up by 10,000.

Hours

The average workweek for production or nonsupervisory workers on private nonagricultural payrolls was 36.2 hours in October, seasonally adjusted, 0.2 hour longer than in September. (See table B-2.) This increase returned the average workweek to the levels prevailing during the March-August period.

The manufacturing workweek edged up 0.1 hour to 39.8 hours, seasonally adjusted, following declines in the prior 2 months. The factory workweek in October was a full hour longer than the February 1975 recession low. Overtime in manufacturing averaged 2.9 hours, a 0.2-hour decline from September; however, this reduction may be attributed to the occurrence of the Columbus Day holiday during the survey period.

The index of aggregate hours of private nonagricultural production or nonsupervisory workers rose to 111.3 (1967=100), the highest level recorded since November 1974 and 5.0 percent above the March 1975 cyclical low point. In manufacturing, the aggregate hours index dipped 0.8 percent over the month to 93.5, a reflection of the job reductions (including strikes) in the industry. This index now stands 8.2 percent above the level for March 1975.

Hourly and Weekly Earnings

Average hourly earnings of private nonagricultural production or nonsupervisory workers rose 0.4 percent over the month (seasonally adjusted). Average weekly earnings rose 1.0 percent in October, as a result of higher hourly earnings combined with a slightly longer workweek.

Before adjustment for seasonality, average hourly earnings were \$4.97, up 1 cent from September. Hourly earnings were up 31 cents from last October. Average weekly earnings increased 36 cents over the month to \$179.91 and have risen \$11.22 since October 1975. (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 188.6 (1967=100) in October, 0.6 percent higher than in September. The index was 6.7 percent above October a year ago. During the 12-month period ended in September, the Hourly Earnings Index in dollars of constant purchasing power rose 1.4 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					
	Oct. 1975	Sept. 1976	Oct. 1976	Oct. 1975	June 1976	July 1976	Aug. 1976	Sept. 1976	Oct. 1976
TOTAL									
Total noninstitutional population ¹	154,256	156,595	156,788	154,256	155,925	156,142	156,367	156,595	156,788
Total labor force	95,431	97,120	97,677	95,377	96,780	97,473	97,634	97,348	97,489
Participation rate	61.9	62.0	62.3	61.8	62.1	62.4	62.4	62.2	62.2
Civilian noninstitutional population ¹	152,092	154,451	154,642	152,092	153,788	154,002	154,220	154,451	154,642
Civilian labor force	93,267	94,975	95,530	93,213	94,643	95,333	95,487	95,203	95,342
Participation rate	61.3	61.5	61.8	61.3	61.5	61.9	61.9	61.6	61.7
Employed	86,023	87,949	88,697	85,151	87,500	87,907	87,981	87,819	87,773
Agriculture	3,524	3,396	3,447	3,408	3,294	3,341	3,424	3,286	3,329
Nonagricultural industries	82,499	84,553	85,250	81,743	84,206	84,566	84,557	84,533	84,444
Unemployed	7,244	7,026	6,833	8,062	7,143	7,426	7,506	7,384	7,569
Unemployment rate	7.8	7.4	7.2	8.6	7.5	7.8	7.9	7.8	7.9
Not in labor force	58,825	59,476	59,112	58,879	59,145	58,669	58,733	59,248	59,300
Males, 20 years and over									
Total noninstitutional population ¹	65,444	66,491	66,598	65,444	66,182	66,279	66,384	66,491	66,598
Total labor force	52,711	53,504	53,560	52,944	53,144	53,387	53,436	53,563	53,682
Participation rate	80.5	80.5	80.4	80.9	80.3	80.5	80.5	80.6	80.6
Civilian noninstitutional population ¹	63,725	64,796	64,902	63,725	64,492	64,586	64,688	64,796	64,902
Civilian labor force	50,992	51,810	51,864	51,225	51,454	51,694	51,740	51,869	51,986
Participation rate	80.0	80.0	79.9	80.4	79.8	80.0	80.0	80.0	80.1
Employed	47,983	49,172	49,215	47,513	48,391	48,535	48,682	48,721	48,716
Agriculture	2,514	2,405	2,424	2,430	2,430	2,449	2,415	2,326	2,342
Nonagricultural industries	45,470	46,766	46,791	45,083	45,961	46,086	46,267	46,395	46,374
Unemployed	3,008	2,638	2,649	3,712	3,063	3,159	3,058	3,148	3,270
Unemployment rate	5.9	5.1	5.1	7.2	6.0	6.1	5.9	6.1	6.3
Not in labor force	12,733	12,987	13,038	12,500	13,038	12,892	12,948	12,927	12,916
Females, 20 years and over									
Civilian noninstitutional population ¹	72,029	73,196	73,288	72,029	72,857	72,966	73,078	73,196	73,288
Civilian labor force	33,857	34,728	35,046	33,236	34,290	34,583	34,639	34,505	34,996
Participation rate	47.0	47.4	47.8	46.1	47.1	47.4	47.4	47.1	46.9
Employed	31,224	31,943	32,430	30,621	31,845	31,958	31,988	31,907	31,799
Agriculture	599	560	631	534	479	488	546	524	562
Nonagricultural industries	30,625	31,383	31,799	30,087	31,366	31,470	31,442	31,383	31,237
Unemployed	2,634	2,785	2,615	2,615	2,445	2,625	2,651	2,598	2,597
Unemployment rate	7.8	8.0	7.5	7.9	7.1	7.6	7.7	7.5	7.6
Not in labor force	38,172	38,468	38,243	38,793	38,567	38,383	38,439	38,691	38,892
Both sexes, 16-19 years									
Civilian noninstitutional population ¹	16,338	16,458	16,452	16,338	16,439	16,450	16,454	16,458	16,452
Civilian labor force	8,418	8,438	8,621	8,752	8,899	9,056	9,108	8,829	8,960
Participation rate	51.5	51.3	52.4	53.6	54.1	55.1	55.4	53.6	54.5
Employed	6,816	6,834	7,052	7,017	7,264	7,414	7,311	7,191	7,258
Agriculture	412	430	392	444	385	404	463	436	425
Nonagricultural industries	6,405	6,404	6,660	6,573	6,879	7,010	6,848	6,755	6,833
Unemployed	1,602	1,603	1,569	1,735	1,635	1,642	1,797	1,638	1,702
Unemployment rate	19.0	19.0	18.2	19.8	18.4	18.1	19.7	18.6	19.0
Not in labor force	7,920	8,021	7,831	7,586	7,540	7,394	7,346	7,629	7,492
WHITE									
Civilian noninstitutional population ¹	134,121	136,005	136,165	134,121	135,473	135,643	135,822	136,005	136,165
Civilian labor force	82,627	84,119	84,619	82,725	83,805	84,359	84,503	84,371	84,595
Participation rate	61.6	61.8	62.1	61.7	61.9	62.2	62.2	62.0	62.1
Employed	76,768	78,452	79,133	76,077	78,120	78,341	78,468	78,365	78,402
Unemployed	5,858	5,667	5,486	6,648	5,685	6,018	6,035	6,006	6,193
Unemployment rate	7.1	6.7	6.5	8.0	6.8	7.1	7.1	7.1	7.3
Not in labor force	51,494	51,886	51,546	51,396	51,668	51,284	51,319	51,634	51,570
BLACK AND OTHER									
Civilian noninstitutional population ¹	17,971	18,445	18,476	17,971	18,315	18,359	18,398	18,445	18,476
Civilian labor force	10,640	10,856	10,911	10,668	10,826	10,867	11,003	10,930	10,923
Participation rate	59.2	58.9	59.1	59.4	59.1	59.2	59.8	59.3	59.1
Employed	9,255	9,497	9,564	9,147	9,382	9,466	9,505	9,538	9,448
Unemployed	1,385	1,359	1,347	1,521	1,444	1,401	1,498	1,392	1,475
Unemployment rate	13.0	12.5	12.3	14.3	13.3	13.6	13.6	12.7	13.5
Not in labor force	7,331	7,589	7,565	7,303	7,489	7,492	7,395	7,515	7,553

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

Table A-2. Major unemployment indicators, seasonally adjusted

Selected categories	Number of unemployed persons (In thousands)		Unemployment rates					
	Oct. 1975	Oct. 1976	Oct. 1975	June 1976	July 1976	Aug. 1976	Sept. 1976	Oct. 1976
	Total, 16 years and over	8,062	7,569	8.6	7.5	7.8	7.9	7.8
Males, 20 years and over	3,712	3,270	7.2	6.0	6.1	5.9	6.1	6.3
Females, 20 years and over	2,615	2,597	7.9	7.1	7.6	7.7	7.5	7.6
Both sexes, 16-19 years	1,735	1,702	19.8	18.4	18.1	19.7	18.6	19.0
White, total	6,648	6,193	8.0	6.8	7.1	7.1	7.1	7.3
Males, 20 years and over	3,105	2,712	6.7	5.4	5.7	5.5	5.7	5.8
Females, 20 years and over	2,160	2,135	7.5	6.5	6.9	7.0	6.8	7.1
Both sexes, 16-19 years	1,383	1,346	17.7	16.1	16.3	17.3	16.5	16.7
Black and other, total	1,521	1,475	14.3	13.3	12.9	13.6	12.7	13.5
Males, 20 years and over	644	587	12.2	10.7	10.3	9.9	9.6	10.9
Females, 20 years and over	528	535	11.9	11.3	11.7	12.3	11.4	11.6
Both sexes, 16-19 years	349	353	36.7	40.3	34.1	40.2	38.5	38.4
Household heads, total	3,188	2,912	6.0	5.1	5.4	5.2	5.4	5.4
Males	2,617	2,265	5.8	4.8	4.9	4.5	5.0	5.0
With relatives	2,152	1,804	5.3	4.3	4.5	4.1	4.5	4.5
Without relatives	465	461	10.2	8.9	8.6	8.1	8.6	9.0
Females	673	714	8.0	6.7	7.7	8.0	7.9	8.2
With relatives	430	461	10.7	9.2	10.0	11.1	10.6	10.9
Without relatives	243	253	5.6	4.4	5.5	5.1	5.4	5.7
Married men, spouse present	2,137	1,749	5.3	4.4	4.5	4.2	4.6	4.4
Full-time workers	6,758	6,221	8.5	7.4	7.3	7.5	7.5	7.6
Part-time workers	1,407	1,431	10.4	9.0	10.7	9.9	9.3	10.2
Unemployed 15 weeks and over ¹	2,719	2,330	2.9	2.3	2.4	2.5	2.4	2.4
Labor force time lost ²	---	---	9.4	7.7	7.9	8.2	8.4	8.8
OCCUPATION³								
White-collar workers	2,119	2,057	4.8	4.4	4.8	5.0	4.5	4.5
Professional and technical	421	428	3.2	2.9	3.1	3.1	3.0	3.1
Managers and administrators, except farm	265	271	2.9	3.1	3.5	3.5	3.2	2.8
Sales workers	352	318	6.0	5.1	5.4	5.9	5.4	5.4
Clerical workers	1,081	1,040	6.7	6.1	6.7	7.0	6.2	6.2
Blue-collar workers	3,697	3,119	11.6	9.3	9.6	9.8	9.8	9.7
Craft and kindred workers	1,053	831	8.7	7.3	7.4	7.0	7.0	6.8
Operatives	1,842	1,576	12.5	9.8	10.1	10.3	10.5	10.7
Nonfarm laborers	802	712	16.4	12.7	13.2	14.8	14.5	13.9
Service workers	1,182	1,260	9.1	8.6	8.5	8.5	8.6	9.5
Farm workers	115	119	3.7	4.1	4.5	3.5	3.7	4.0
INDUSTRY³								
Nonagricultural private wage and salary workers ⁴	6,234	5,635	9.2	7.8	8.0	8.2	8.0	8.1
Construction	811	666	18.1	17.0	17.7	17.1	15.8	14.9
Manufacturing	2,226	1,742	10.6	7.6	7.8	8.2	8.0	8.2
Durable goods	1,394	1,029	11.1	7.5	7.3	7.7	7.4	8.1
Nondurable goods	832	713	9.7	7.7	8.4	8.9	8.9	8.2
Transportation and public utilities	280	278	5.6	5.2	5.2	4.7	5.4	5.6
Wholesale and retail trade	1,563	1,588	9.1	8.2	8.5	9.0	8.8	9.0
Finance and service industries	1,337	1,311	7.0	6.3	6.4	6.5	6.3	6.6
Government workers	645	684	4.3	4.2	4.5	4.4	3.8	4.4
Agricultural wage and salary workers	156	167	10.7	10.9	12.4	10.0	10.6	11.2
VETERAN STATUS								
Males, Vietnam-era veterans ⁵ :								
20 to 34 years	610	569	9.9	8.8	8.4	7.4	9.3	8.9
20 to 24 years	221	190	22.3	19.6	20.0	15.4	19.8	19.7
25 to 29 years	279	241	8.4	7.9	6.8	6.8	8.0	8.0
30 to 34 years	110	138	5.9	5.5	5.7	5.0	6.7	5.7
Males, nonveterans:								
20 to 34 years	1,475	1,376	10.2	7.8	8.7	8.8	8.1	8.9
20 to 24 years	893	807	13.8	10.5	10.9	11.4	10.4	11.9
25 to 29 years	358	385	8.2	6.4	8.3	8.1	7.0	7.9
30 to 34 years	224	184	6.0	4.9	5.3	5.0	5.5	5.0

¹ Unemployment rate calculated as a percent of civilian labor force.² Aggregate hours lost by the unemployed and persons on part time for economic reasons as a percent of potentially available labor force hours.³ Unemployment by occupation includes all experienced unemployed persons, whereas that by industry covers only unemployed wage and salary workers.⁴ Includes mining, not shown separately.⁵ 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					
	Oct. 1975	Oct. 1976	Oct. 1975	June 1976	July 1976	Aug. 1976	Sept. 1976	Oct. 1976
Total employed, 16 years and over	86,023	88,697	85,151	87,500	87,907	87,981	87,819	87,773
Males	51,632	52,971	51,300	52,243	52,501	52,655	52,564	52,613
Females	34,392	35,726	33,851	35,257	35,406	35,326	35,255	35,160
Household heads	50,866	51,790	50,258	51,163	51,054	51,170	51,234	51,176
Married men, spouse present	38,342	38,426	37,921	38,090	38,147	38,237	38,218	38,008
Married women, spouse present	20,359	20,993	19,799	20,337	20,399	20,444	20,536	20,421
OCCUPATION								
White-collar workers	42,697	44,387	42,386	43,763	43,481	43,782	44,183	44,067
Professional and technical	13,037	13,612	12,773	13,439	13,297	13,536	13,619	13,332
Managers and administrators, except farm	9,067	9,463	9,027	9,257	9,179	9,282	9,580	9,425
Sales workers	5,562	5,592	5,515	5,512	5,435	5,549	5,607	5,542
Clerical workers	15,031	15,721	15,071	15,555	15,570	15,415	15,377	15,768
Blue-collar workers	28,449	29,354	28,105	29,166	29,279	28,853	28,739	29,003
Craft and kindred workers	11,184	11,486	11,104	11,238	11,372	11,251	11,348	11,406
Operatives	13,196	13,493	12,915	13,690	13,530	13,273	13,091	13,203
Nonfarm laborers	4,069	4,376	4,086	4,238	4,377	4,329	4,300	4,394
Service workers	11,813	12,031	11,759	12,028	12,185	12,325	12,219	11,976
Farm workers	3,064	2,925	2,975	2,802	2,878	2,951	2,791	2,840
MAJOR INDUSTRY AND CLASS OF WORKER								
Agriculture:								
Wage and salary workers	1,352	1,370	1,303	1,299	1,301	1,363	1,329	1,321
Self-employed workers	1,726	1,698	1,710	1,670	1,695	1,709	1,606	1,683
Unpaid family workers	447	379	408	341	340	356	351	346
Nonagricultural industries:								
Wage and salary workers	76,437	79,147	75,760	78,098	78,390	78,469	78,584	78,444
Private households	1,393	1,423	1,349	1,415	1,436	1,401	1,410	1,379
Government	14,612	15,063	14,443	14,894	14,988	15,317	15,185	14,884
Other	60,432	62,661	59,968	61,789	61,966	61,751	61,989	62,181
Self-employed workers	5,591	5,658	5,531	5,657	5,649	5,662	5,714	5,596
Unpaid family workers	470	445	478	451	432	436	428	452
PERSONS AT WORK ¹								
Nonagricultural industries	78,680	81,460	76,822	79,497	79,189	78,931	79,921	79,572
Full-time schedules	64,174	66,378	62,824	64,860	65,259	64,622	65,064	65,013
Part time for economic reasons	3,015	3,105	3,361	3,080	3,012	3,047	3,348	3,469
Usually work full time	1,341	1,229	1,459	1,307	1,259	1,295	1,339	1,337
Usually work part time	1,674	1,876	1,902	1,773	1,753	1,752	2,009	2,132
Part time for noneconomic reasons	11,491	11,977	10,637	11,557	10,918	11,262	11,509	11,090

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

Table A-4. Duration of unemployment

[Numbers in thousands]

Weeks of unemployment	Not seasonally adjusted		Seasonally adjusted					
	Oct. 1975	Oct. 1976	Oct. 1975	June 1976	July 1976	Aug. 1976	Sept. 1976	Oct. 1976
Less than 5 weeks	2,800	2,796	3,015	2,618	2,951	2,829	2,828	3,010
5 to 14 weeks	2,154	2,075	2,446	2,261	2,028	2,427	2,453	2,355
15 weeks and over	2,289	1,962	2,719	2,215	2,317	2,387	2,314	2,330
15 to 26 weeks	1,005	866	1,238	914	1,116	1,143	1,123	1,066
27 weeks and over	1,284	1,096	1,481	1,301	1,201	1,244	1,191	1,264
Average (mean) duration, in weeks	14.9	14.7	15.6	16.9	15.8	15.5	15.4	15.4
PERCENT DISTRIBUTION								
Total unemployed	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Less than 5 weeks	38.7	40.9	36.9	36.9	40.4	37.0	37.2	39.1
5 to 14 weeks	29.7	30.4	29.9	31.9	27.8	31.8	32.3	30.6
15 weeks and over	31.6	28.7	33.2	31.2	31.8	31.2	30.5	30.3
15 to 26 weeks	13.9	12.7	15.1	12.9	15.3	15.0	14.8	13.9
27 weeks and over	17.7	16.0	18.1	18.3	16.5	16.3	15.7	16.4

Table A-5. Reasons for unemployment

[Numbers in thousands]

Reason	Not seasonally adjusted		Seasonally adjusted					
	Oct. 1975	Oct. 1976	Oct. 1975	June 1976	July 1976	Aug. 1976	Sept. 1976	Oct. 1976
NUMBER OF UNEMPLOYED								
Lost last job	3,617	3,015	4,531	3,623	3,843	3,781	3,756	3,778
Left last job	874	1,005	829	882	964	1,008	929	953
Reentered labor force	1,942	1,952	1,892	1,795	1,856	1,935	1,895	1,903
Seeking first job	811	861	844	805	795	951	932	894
PERCENT DISTRIBUTION								
Total unemployed	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Job losers	49.9	44.1	56.0	51.0	51.5	49.3	50.0	50.2
Job leavers	12.1	14.7	10.2	12.4	12.9	13.1	12.4	12.7
Reentrants	26.8	28.6	23.4	25.3	24.9	25.2	25.2	25.3
New entrants	11.2	12.6	10.4	11.3	10.7	12.4	12.4	11.9
UNEMPLOYED AS A PERCENT OF THE CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE								
Job losers	3.9	3.1	4.9	3.8	4.0	4.0	3.9	4.0
Job leavers9	1.1	.9	.9	1.0	1.1	1.0	1.0
Reentrants	2.1	2.0	2.0	1.9	1.9	2.0	2.0	2.0
New entrants9	.9	.9	.9	.8	1.0	1.0	.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	Oct. 1975	June 1976	July 1976	Aug. 1976	Sept. 1976	Oct. 1976
	Oct. 1975	Oct. 1976							
Total, 16 years and over	7,244	6,833	77.3	8.6	7.5	7.8	7.9	7.8	7.9
16 to 19 years	1,602	1,569	52.1	19.8	18.4	18.1	19.7	18.6	19.0
16 to 17 years	744	714	25.5	21.9	21.5	20.8	22.5	20.5	21.3
18 to 19 years	858	855	74.2	18.2	15.6	15.9	18.0	17.8	17.3
20 to 24 years	1,670	1,582	84.1	14.0	11.4	11.2	11.8	11.5	12.8
25 years and over	3,973	3,682	85.2	6.3	5.5	5.9	5.6	5.7	5.6
25 to 54 years	3,336	3,098	87.7	6.6	5.7	6.1	5.8	5.9	5.9
55 years and over	637	584	71.7	4.9	4.7	4.8	4.8	4.8	4.5
Males, 16 years and over	3,837	3,491	81.8	8.3	7.0	7.2	7.0	7.1	7.4
16 to 19 years	829	843	52.2	19.8	18.5	18.4	18.8	18.8	19.5
16 to 17 years	382	400	22.8	21.6	21.3	21.0	21.8	21.2	22.1
18 to 19 years	447	442	78.7	18.2	15.9	16.4	16.7	17.8	17.5
20 to 24 years	912	816	88.5	15.1	11.7	11.9	11.8	11.6	13.0
25 years and over	2,096	1,832	92.5	6.0	5.0	5.1	4.9	5.1	5.1
25 to 54 years	1,728	1,499	95.9	6.2	5.1	5.4	5.1	5.2	5.3
55 years and over	368	334	76.6	4.6	4.8	4.2	4.5	4.6	4.2
Females, 16 years and over	3,406	3,341	72.7	9.2	8.3	8.7	9.1	8.7	8.7
16 to 19 years	773	726	51.9	19.9	18.2	17.8	20.8	18.3	18.3
16 to 17 years	362	314	29.0	22.3	21.6	20.7	23.3	19.7	20.3
18 to 19 years	411	412	69.4	18.2	15.3	15.3	19.5	17.7	17.1
20 to 24 years	757	766	79.5	12.7	11.0	10.4	11.8	11.4	12.5
25 years and over	1,876	1,850	77.9	6.8	6.3	7.1	6.6	6.7	6.4
25 to 54 years	1,607	1,599	80.1	7.3	6.7	7.3	7.0	7.0	7.0
55 years and over	269	250	65.2	5.4	4.5	5.8	5.2	5.2	4.9

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

[In thousands]

Industry	Not seasonally adjusted				Seasonally adjusted					
	Oct. 1975	Aug. 1976	Sept. 1976 ^p	Oct. 1976 ^p	Oct. 1975	June 1976	July 1976	Aug. 1976	Sept. 1976 ^p	Oct. 1976 ^p
TOTAL	78,193	79,187	79,855	80,158	77,555	78,943	79,176	79,333	79,567	79,513
GOODS-PRODUCING	23,070	23,557	23,753	23,538	22,669	23,091	23,094	23,083	23,254	23,137
MINING	763	766	801	793	774	779	788	752	795	804
CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION	3,620	3,620	3,557	3,572	3,402	3,362	3,373	3,352	3,337	3,357
MANUFACTURING	18,687	19,171	19,395	19,173	18,493	18,950	18,933	18,979	19,122	18,976
<i>Production workers</i>	13,420	13,797	14,029	13,808	13,235	13,630	13,607	13,640	13,766	13,622
DURABLE GOODS	10,750	11,108	11,268	11,144	10,661	11,046	11,029	11,086	11,157	11,052
<i>Production workers</i>	7,631	7,922	8,082	7,957	7,548	7,890	7,872	7,919	7,975	7,871
Ordnance and accessories	165.4	157.1	156.1	155.0	164	158	157	156	154	154
Lumber and wood products	583.6	629.0	626.8	622.8	576	602	605	607	613	615
Furniture and fixtures	472.2	491.8	498.3	492.2	467	490	488	485	496	487
Stone, clay, and glass products	623.5	644.6	643.3	640.3	615	627	630	629	631	631
Primary metal industries	1,144.8	1,214.8	1,220.7	1,203.0	1,149	1,197	1,204	1,215	1,221	1,208
Fabricated metal products	1,359.7	1,396.7	1,421.1	1,407.2	1,344	1,388	1,386	1,395	1,406	1,391
Machinery, except electrical	2,029.1	2,069.2	2,105.1	2,074.3	2,039	2,065	2,077	2,082	2,111	2,085
Electrical equipment	1,780.9	1,837.6	1,862.2	1,870.6	1,767	1,833	1,817	1,845	1,846	1,856
Transportation equipment	1,670.5	1,724.2	1,781.5	1,728.8	1,641	1,747	1,733	1,744	1,744	1,698
Instruments and related products	492.0	512.3	513.9	511.9	490	512	511	509	512	510
Miscellaneous manufacturing	428.7	430.4	438.7	437.7	409	427	421	419	423	417
NONDURABLE GOODS	7,937	8,063	8,127	8,029	7,832	7,904	7,904	7,893	7,965	7,924
<i>Production workers</i>	5,789	5,875	5,947	5,851	5,687	5,740	5,735	5,721	5,791	5,751
Food and kindred products	1,762.6	1,835.2	1,838.3	1,775.4	1,695	1,716	1,714	1,717	1,716	1,707
Tobacco manufactures	88.1	85.0	84.9	85.0	79	74	80	78	76	76
Textile mill products	950.8	974.9	973.5	959.3	953	969	965	969	974	961
Apparel and other textile products	1,304.6	1,299.7	1,295.8	1,286.9	1,287	1,315	1,311	1,289	1,278	1,269
Paper and allied products	654.8	684.7	683.7	675.6	652	677	679	679	682	672
Printing and publishing	1,074.4	1,079.1	1,085.6	1,089.0	1,071	1,076	1,080	1,081	1,088	1,086
Chemicals and allied products	1,020.0	1,048.5	1,041.4	1,038.8	1,019	1,027	1,034	1,040	1,037	1,038
Petroleum and coal products	203.1	207.1	205.4	204.4	201	202	201	202	202	203
Rubber and plastics products, nec.	611.5	576.5	649.8	650.2	608	573	569	572	644	647
Leather and leather products	266.6	272.7	268.1	264.6	267	275	271	266	268	265
SERVICE-PRODUCING	55,123	55,630	56,102	56,620	54,886	55,852	56,082	56,250	56,313	56,376
TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC UTILITIES	4,503	4,528	4,543	4,519	4,476	4,477	4,500	4,501	4,507	4,492
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE ..	17,136	17,544	17,652	17,722	17,043	17,460	17,567	17,603	17,612	17,625
WHOLESALE TRADE	4,209	4,302	4,299	4,321	4,180	4,254	4,267	4,268	4,286	4,291
RETAIL TRADE	12,927	13,242	13,353	13,401	12,863	13,206	13,300	13,335	13,326	13,334
FINANCE, INSURANCE, AND REAL ESTATE	4,238	4,368	4,347	4,363	4,246	4,297	4,303	4,312	4,343	4,372
SERVICES	14,185	14,827	14,768	14,818	14,157	14,557	14,623	14,709	14,768	14,788
GOVERNMENT	15,061	14,363	14,792	15,198	14,964	15,061	15,089	15,125	15,083	15,099
FEDERAL	2,742	2,754	2,717	2,714	2,767	2,725	2,721	2,735	2,736	2,739
STATE AND LOCAL	12,319	11,609	12,075	12,484	12,197	12,336	12,368	12,390	12,347	12,360

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Table B-2. Average weekly hours of production or nonsupervisory workers¹ on private nonagricultural payrolls, by industry

Industry	Not seasonally adjusted				Seasonally adjusted					
	Oct. 1975	Aug. 1976	Sept. 1976 p	Oct. 1976 p	Oct. 1975	June 1976	July 1976	Aug. 1976	Sept. 1976 p	Oct. 1976 p
TOTAL PRIVATE	36.2	36.6	36.2	36.2	36.2	36.1	36.2	36.2	36.0	36.2
MINING	43.1	41.2	43.4	43.6	42.7	42.3	42.5	41.0	43.1	43.2
CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION	37.5	37.9	36.8	38.1	36.6	37.1	36.8	36.8	35.9	37.2
MANUFACTURING	39.9	40.0	40.1	39.9	39.8	40.2	40.2	40.0	39.7	39.8
<i>Overtime hours</i>	3.0	3.1	3.4	3.1	2.8	3.1	3.2	3.0	3.1	2.9
DURABLE GOODS	40.2	40.5	40.6	40.6	40.0	40.8	40.8	40.8	40.3	40.4
<i>Overtime hours</i>	2.8	3.2	3.4	3.3	2.6	3.3	3.3	3.2	3.1	3.1
Ordnance and accessories	41.5	40.3	40.5	40.9	41.6	41.1	40.9	40.5	40.5	41.0
Lumber and wood products	40.0	40.6	40.2	40.6	39.8	39.8	40.5	40.3	39.8	40.4
Furniture and fixtures	39.3	39.0	38.6	38.8	38.9	38.6	38.5	38.5	38.1	38.4
Stone, clay, and glass products	41.2	41.5	41.4	41.5	40.8	41.2	41.0	41.1	41.0	41.1
Primary metal industries	39.7	40.6	40.9	40.5	39.9	41.1	41.2	40.9	40.5	40.7
Fabricated metal products	40.5	41.0	40.9	40.4	40.4	40.9	40.8	41.0	40.6	40.3
Machinery, except electrical	40.6	41.0	41.0	40.9	40.6	41.1	41.4	41.4	40.8	40.9
Electrical equipment	39.8	40.0	40.1	40.6	39.6	40.1	40.1	40.1	39.8	40.4
Transportation equipment	40.8	40.9	41.5	41.4	40.4	42.4	42.0	42.1	41.1	41.0
Instruments and related products	39.8	40.2	40.2	40.0	39.7	40.5	40.8	40.4	39.9	39.9
Miscellaneous manufacturing	39.0	38.5	38.5	38.8	38.8	38.6	38.7	38.4	38.4	38.6
NONDURABLE GOODS	39.6	39.2	39.4	39.1	39.5	39.2	39.1	39.0	39.0	39.0
<i>Overtime hours</i>	3.2	3.0	3.2	3.0	3.0	2.9	3.0	2.8	2.8	2.8
Food and kindred products	40.6	40.7	40.9	40.4	40.6	40.0	40.0	40.1	40.2	40.4
Tobacco manufactures	38.9	37.3	37.8	38.4	37.5	38.4	34.5	36.7	37.0	37.0
Textile mill products	41.0	39.6	39.4	39.4	41.0	40.3	40.1	39.4	39.2	39.4
Apparel and other textile products	36.3	35.6	35.2	35.1	36.2	35.9	35.5	35.2	35.0	35.0
Paper and allied products	42.4	42.4	42.5	42.0	42.3	42.5	42.3	42.1	42.2	41.9
Printing and publishing	37.1	37.7	37.8	37.4	37.0	37.4	37.6	37.5	37.4	37.3
Chemicals and allied products	41.4	41.1	42.0	41.5	41.4	41.4	41.4	41.3	42.0	41.5
Petroleum and coal products	42.2	42.0	42.8	42.2	41.8	41.9	42.1	42.0	42.2	41.8
Rubber and plastics products, nec	40.1	40.1	40.7	40.5	40.0	40.3	40.3	40.1	40.3	40.4
Leather and leather products	38.6	36.9	36.5	36.6	38.9	37.1	37.0	36.8	36.7	36.9
TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC UTILITIES	39.9	40.4	40.2	40.2	39.7	39.8	39.7	40.0	40.0	40.0
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE	33.7	34.4	33.6	33.4	33.9	33.6	33.6	33.6	33.5	33.6
WHOLESALE TRADE	38.8	39.0	38.9	38.7	38.8	38.7	39.1	38.9	38.8	38.7
RETAIL TRADE	32.1	33.0	32.1	31.8	32.3	32.0	32.0	31.9	32.0	32.0
FINANCE, INSURANCE, AND REAL ESTATE	36.4	36.9	36.6	36.6	36.4	36.6	36.6	36.8	36.7	36.6
SERVICES	33.6	34.0	33.4	33.4	33.7	33.4	33.4	33.5	33.3	33.5

¹ Data relate to production workers in mining and manufacturing; to construction workers in contract construction; and to nonsupervisory workers in transportation and public utilities; wholesale and retail trade; finance, insurance, and real estate; and services. These groups account for approximately four-fifths of the total employment on private nonagricultural payrolls.
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Table B-3. Average hourly and weekly earnings of production or nonsupervisory workers¹ on private nonagricultural payrolls, by industry

Industry	Average hourly earnings				Average weekly earnings			
	Oct. 1975	Aug. 1976	Sept. 1976 ^p	Oct. 1976 ^p	Oct. 1975	Aug. 1976	Sept. 1976 ^p	Oct. 1976 ^p
TOTAL PRIVATE	\$ 4.66	\$ 4.88	\$ 4.96	\$ 4.97	\$168.69	\$178.61	\$179.55	\$179.91
<i>Seasonally adjusted</i>	4.63	4.89	4.92	4.94	167.61	177.02	177.12	178.83
MINING	6.02	6.29	6.55	6.57	259.46	259.15	284.27	286.45
CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION	7.42	7.71	7.81	7.84	278.25	292.21	287.41	298.70
MANUFACTURING	4.90	5.21	5.30	5.29	195.51	208.40	212.53	211.07
DURABLE GOODS	5.26	5.58	5.66	5.64	211.45	225.99	229.80	228.98
Ordnance and accessories	5.41	5.77	5.86	5.92	224.52	232.53	237.33	242.13
Lumber and wood products	4.42	4.83	4.87	4.85	176.80	196.10	195.77	196.91
Furniture and fixtures	3.81	4.01	4.05	4.04	149.73	156.39	156.33	156.75
Stone, clay, and glass products	5.02	5.36	5.42	5.44	206.82	222.44	224.39	225.76
Primary metal industries	6.35	6.92	6.95	6.96	252.10	280.95	284.26	281.88
Fabricated metal products	5.19	5.46	5.54	5.49	210.20	223.86	226.59	221.80
Machinery, except electrical	5.51	5.79	5.86	5.84	223.71	237.39	240.26	238.86
Electrical equipment	4.66	4.95	5.02	5.05	185.47	198.00	201.30	205.03
Transportation equipment	6.24	6.52	6.67	6.63	254.59	266.67	276.81	274.48
Instruments and related products	4.60	4.90	4.93	4.89	183.08	196.98	198.19	195.60
Miscellaneous manufacturing	3.83	4.00	4.02	4.06	149.37	154.00	154.77	157.53
NONDURABLE GOODS	4.42	4.70	4.80	4.80	175.03	184.24	189.12	187.68
Food and kindred products	4.65	4.98	5.01	5.04	188.79	202.69	204.91	203.62
Tobacco manufactures	4.27	4.62	4.65	4.66	166.10	172.33	175.77	178.94
Textile mill products	3.53	3.75	3.78	3.80	144.73	148.50	148.93	149.72
Apparel and other textile products	3.24	3.42	3.49	3.47	117.61	121.75	122.85	121.80
Paper and allied products	5.15	5.50	5.57	5.57	218.36	233.20	236.73	233.94
Printing and publishing	5.49	5.71	5.79	5.76	203.68	215.27	218.86	215.42
Chemicals and allied products	5.50	5.93	6.03	6.03	227.70	243.72	253.26	250.25
Petroleum and coal products	6.61	7.13	7.23	7.18	278.94	299.46	309.44	303.00
Rubber and plastics products, nec	4.42	4.40	4.84	4.82	177.24	176.44	196.99	195.21
Leather and leather products	3.25	3.45	3.48	3.48	125.45	127.31	127.02	127.37
TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC UTILITIES	6.14	6.56	6.61	6.62	244.99	265.02	265.72	266.12
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE	3.82	3.98	4.03	4.03	128.73	136.91	135.41	134.60
WHOLESALE TRADE	4.98	5.21	5.24	5.24	193.22	203.19	203.84	202.79
RETAIL TRADE	3.41	3.55	3.59	3.60	109.46	117.15	115.24	114.48
FINANCE, INSURANCE, AND REAL ESTATE	4.17	4.40	4.40	4.41	151.79	162.36	161.04	161.41
SERVICES	4.16	4.32	4.43	4.46	139.78	146.88	147.96	148.96

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

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

[1967=100]

Industry	Oct. 1975	May 1976	June 1976	July 1976	Aug. 1976	Sept. P 1976	Oct. P 1976	Percent change from	
								Oct. 1975- Oct. 1976	Sept. 1976- Oct. 1976
TOTAL PRIVATE NONFARM:									
Current dollars	176.7	183.7	184.5	185.7	187.0	187.5	188.6	6.7	0.6
Constant (1967) dollars	107.4	108.5	108.5	108.7	108.9	108.7	N.A.	(2)	(3)
MINING	188.9	197.6	197.7	199.9	203.1	203.9	207.2	9.7	1.7
CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION	177.6	185.1	185.8	187.5	187.1	186.6	187.4	5.5	.4
MANUFACTURING	176.0	182.4	183.6	185.4	186.6	188.1	188.8	7.3	.4
TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC UTILITIES	188.8	198.5	199.4	200.1	202.3	202.0	203.4	7.7	.7
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE	171.9	177.3	177.5	178.8	180.0	180.3	180.9	5.2	.3
FINANCE, INSURANCE, AND REAL ESTATE	163.8	170.4	170.0	170.6	173.1	172.0	173.0	5.6	.6
SERVICES	179.4	188.2	189.3	189.0	190.4	190.7	192.6	7.3	1.0

¹ See footnote 1, table B-2.

² Percent change was 1.4 from September 1975 to September 1976, the latest month available.

³ Percent change was -0.2 from August 1976 to September 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 workers¹ on private nonagricultural payrolls, by industry, seasonally adjusted

[1967 = 100]

Industry division and group	1975			1976									
	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept. P	Oct. P
TOTAL	108.4	108.8	109.3	110.3	110.5	110.2	110.7	111.2	110.6	111.0	111.1	111.2	111.3
GOODS-PRODUCING	92.7	92.9	94.3	95.5	95.2	94.8	94.5	96.0	95.5	95.3	94.9	95.1	95.1
MINING	125.0	124.7	125.7	125.2	124.4	124.8	124.9	124.4	124.9	127.2	114.9	129.8	131.0
CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION	97.3	97.7	98.8	100.3	98.8	93.4	98.8	97.8	96.8	96.7	96.1	93.2	97.1
MANUFACTURING	90.8	90.9	92.5	93.7	93.6	94.0	92.7	94.7	94.2	94.0	94.0	94.3	93.5
DURABLE GOODS	87.8	88.1	90.0	91.3	91.3	92.0	91.0	93.6	93.4	93.3	93.8	93.3	92.5
Ordnance and accessories	42.9	40.8	41.5	41.6	40.9	41.0	40.3	41.0	40.7	40.0	39.6	37.9	38.4
Lumber and wood products	92.1	90.8	93.4	97.0	96.4	95.2	95.8	96.4	96.1	98.4	98.1	98.4	100.3
Furniture and fixtures	97.9	99.2	101.0	101.5	103.1	102.8	102.5	104.8	102.5	101.5	101.2	102.7	101.2
Stone, clay, and glass products	95.7	96.2	97.1	97.6	96.7	95.7	98.0	99.1	99.1	99.2	99.0	99.0	99.4
Primary metal industries	81.9	82.3	83.6	84.1	84.9	85.3	85.8	87.4	88.7	89.8	89.9	89.5	88.9
Fabricated metal products	92.8	92.7	94.6	95.7	96.6	97.3	95.0	98.3	97.9	97.4	98.7	98.7	96.5
Machinery, except electrical	91.9	92.0	92.5	93.4	93.2	93.3	91.6	94.3	94.0	95.3	95.6	95.7	93.8
Electrical equipment and supplies	85.8	85.5	87.5	89.0	89.2	90.3	89.2	91.9	91.6	90.6	92.3	91.4	93.4
Transportation equipment	81.5	83.1	87.3	89.0	88.2	90.8	88.5	92.3	92.6	90.6	91.5	89.4	86.2
Instruments and related products	100.8	101.7	103.4	105.0	105.2	106.3	105.7	109.9	109.1	109.9	108.1	107.2	106.5
Miscellaneous manufacturing, Ind.	91.3	90.8	91.7	94.4	94.3	95.1	92.9	95.7	94.6	93.1	91.8	93.3	92.0
NONDURABLE GOODS	95.1	95.0	96.2	97.1	96.9	96.9	95.3	96.2	95.4	95.0	94.3	95.7	95.0
Food and kindred products	96.5	95.1	95.4	96.9	97.3	95.5	95.9	96.7	96.5	96.5	96.6	96.8	96.6
Tobacco manufactures	85.6	93.4	87.4	90.6	88.8	85.6	84.9	83.6	82.2	81.2	83.8	81.8	81.8
Textile mill products	98.1	98.0	99.1	99.7	99.0	98.6	95.2	99.5	98.0	97.0	96.1	96.1	95.0
Apparel and other textile products	90.0	90.1	92.1	93.1	91.8	92.6	88.9	91.2	91.3	89.7	87.5	86.2	85.3
Paper and allied products	92.0	92.6	94.7	95.2	95.8	95.9	95.0	97.9	97.2	96.7	96.1	96.9	94.5
Printing and publishing	91.8	92.4	93.5	93.4	92.5	92.7	92.1	93.4	92.7	93.3	93.1	93.1	92.7
Chemicals and allied products	97.4	97.6	98.1	98.5	99.4	99.1	99.5	99.5	98.4	99.1	99.8	101.4	100.5
Petroleum and coal products	110.2	111.6	111.1	113.8	114.4	114.4	114.8	113.9	111.4	111.9	111.6	113.0	113.7
Rubber and plastics products, nec	114.7	113.5	116.2	118.8	119.3	121.8	118.5	107.8	106.2	105.7	105.7	124.4	124.9
Leather and leather products	77.2	77.2	78.1	79.3	78.9	79.9	78.3	79.2	76.2	74.7	72.7	72.5	72.3
SERVICE-PRODUCING	119.3	119.8	119.7	120.6	121.0	120.9	121.9	121.7	121.1	121.8	122.3	122.4	122.6
TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC UTILITIES	101.2	101.5	101.7	101.5	102.7	102.5	102.9	101.4	101.4	101.7	102.5	102.6	102.2
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE	115.1	115.2	115.5	116.8	116.8	116.8	118.2	117.7	116.8	117.9	117.7	118.0	118.0
WHOLESALE TRADE	112.0	111.5	112.3	113.4	113.6	113.2	114.3	114.5	113.7	115.3	114.6	114.7	114.6
RETAIL TRADE	116.2	116.6	116.6	118.1	118.0	118.1	119.7	118.9	118.0	118.9	118.9	119.2	119.3
FINANCE, INSURANCE, AND REAL ESTATE	123.7	125.1	124.5	125.1	125.8	125.5	126.1	126.2	126.3	126.3	127.3	127.9	128.2
SERVICES	132.0	133.1	132.3	133.3	133.9	133.7	134.3	135.3	134.5	135.0	136.3	135.9	136.6

¹ For coverage of series, see footnote 1, table B-2.

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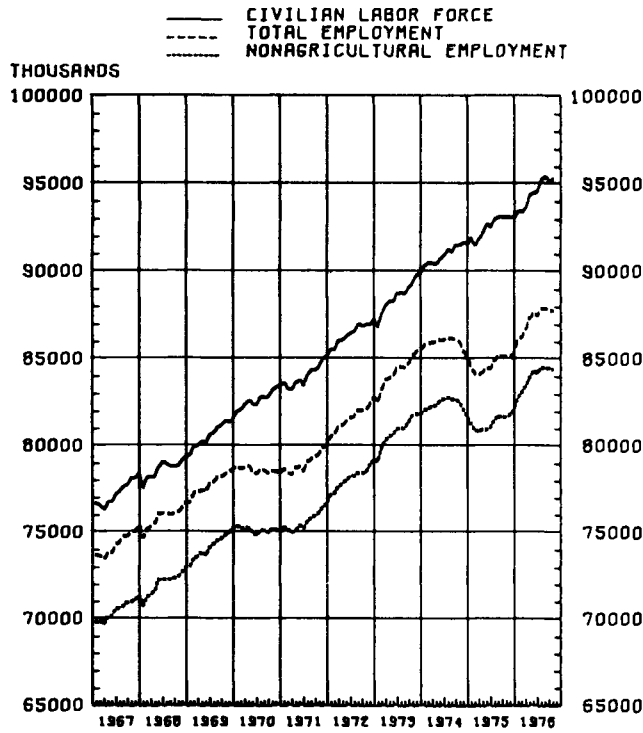
Table B-6. Indexes of diffusion: Percent of industries in which employment¹ increased

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	71.2
October	64.8	70.3	79.4	75.9
November	54.7	68.9	82.0	79.1
December	66.6	72.7	75.6	81.4
1976				
January	75.0	78.8	80.2	84.6
February	70.1	81.7	77.9	82.8
March	70.9	78.8	74.4	80.8p
April	75.3	77.3	75.3	71.8p
May	66.3	67.7	69.8	
June	42.4	57.8	69.5p	
July	53.8	48.8	55.5p	
August	56.4	67.2p		
September	70.9p	56.7p		
October	42.7p			
November				
December				

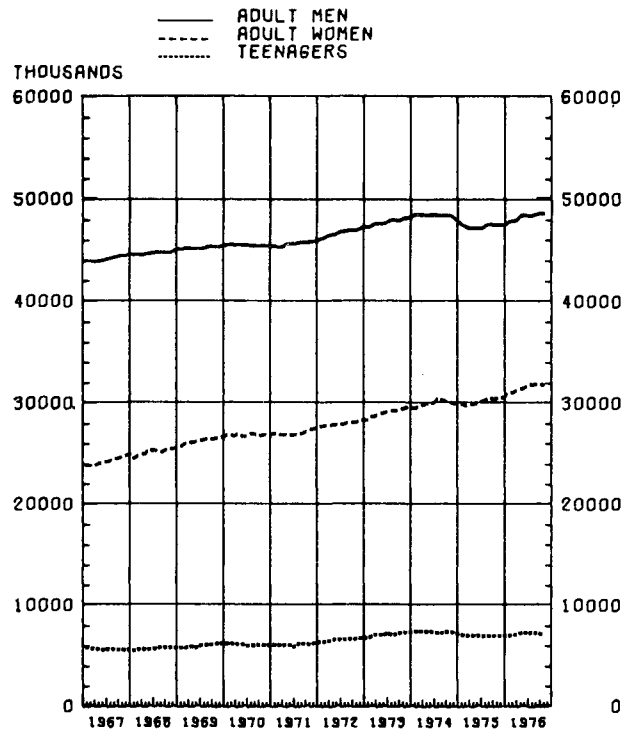
¹ Number of employees, seasonally adjusted, on payrolls of 172 private nonagricultural industries.
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LABOR FORCE, EMPLOYMENT, UNEMPLOYMENT HOUSEHOLD DATA - SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

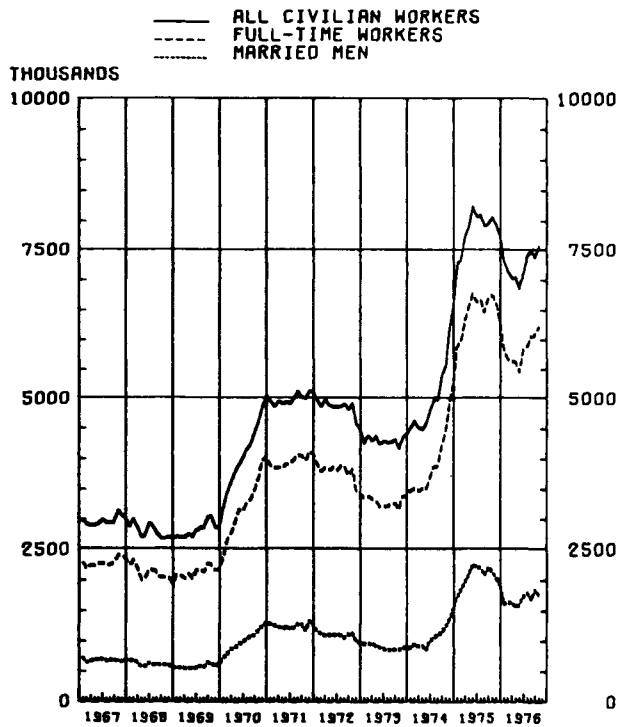
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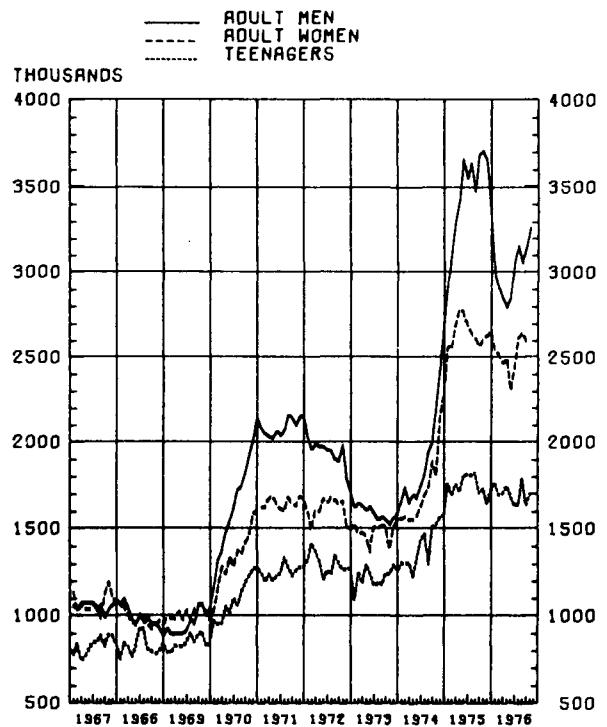
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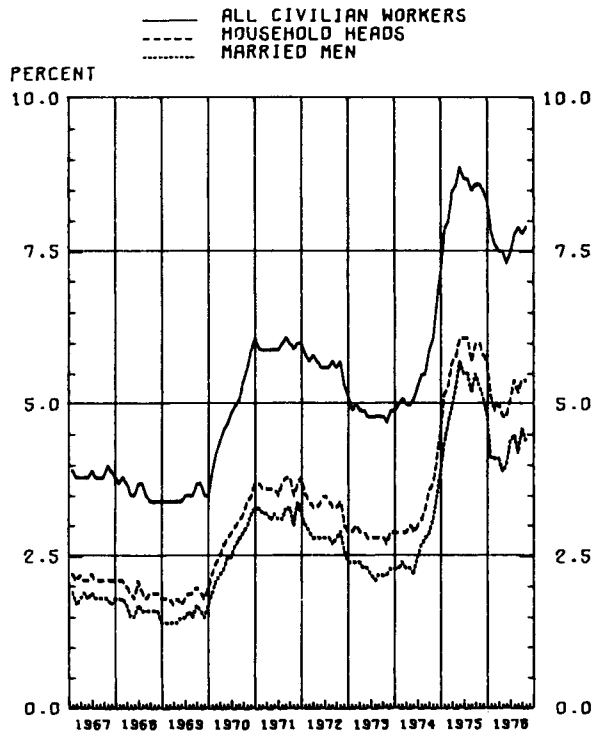


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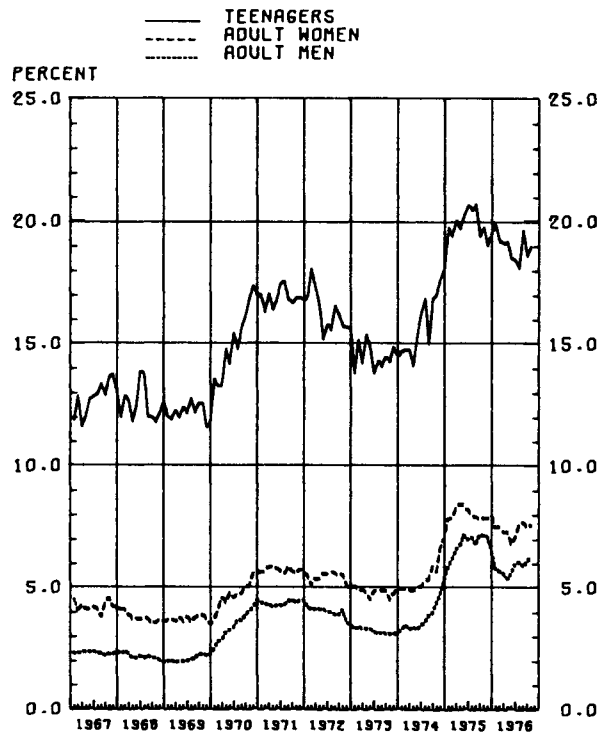


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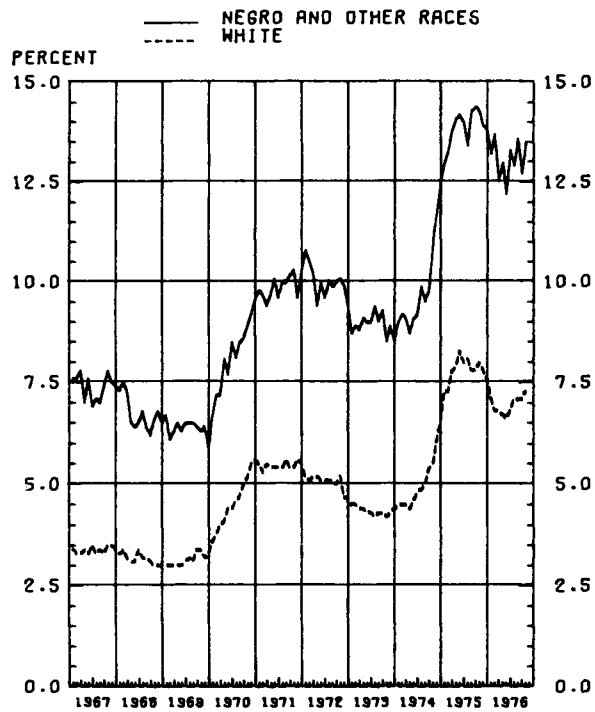
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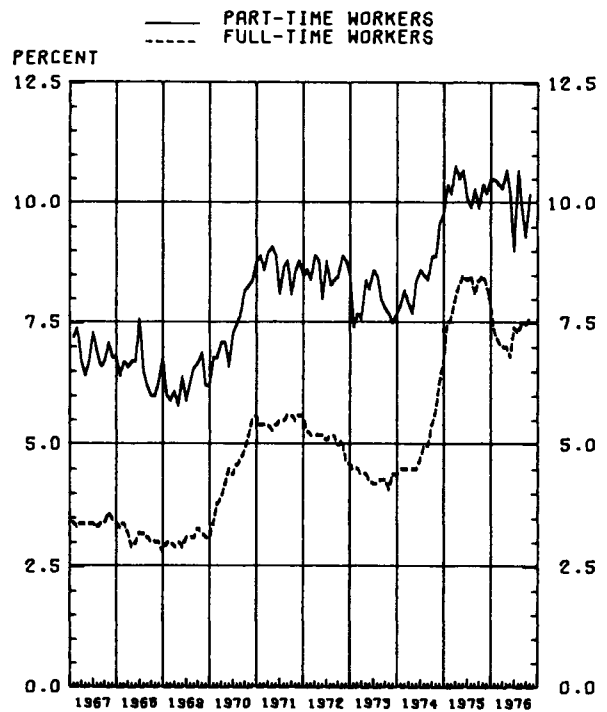
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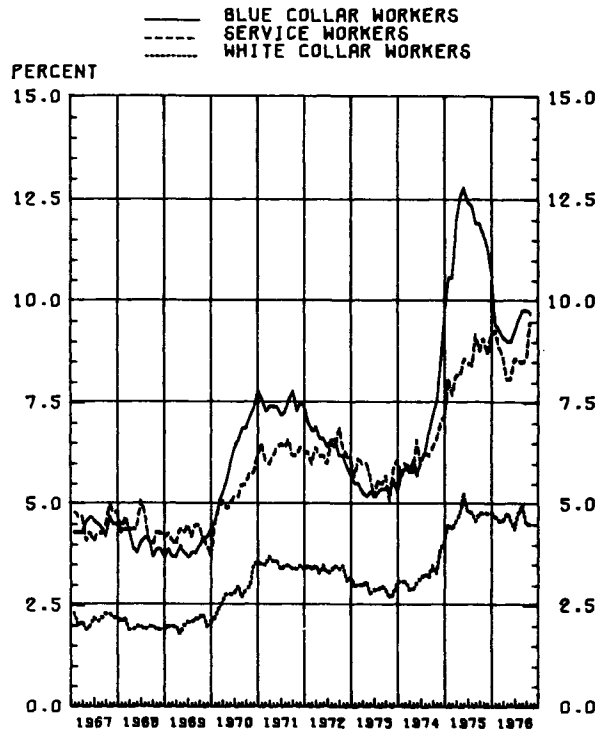


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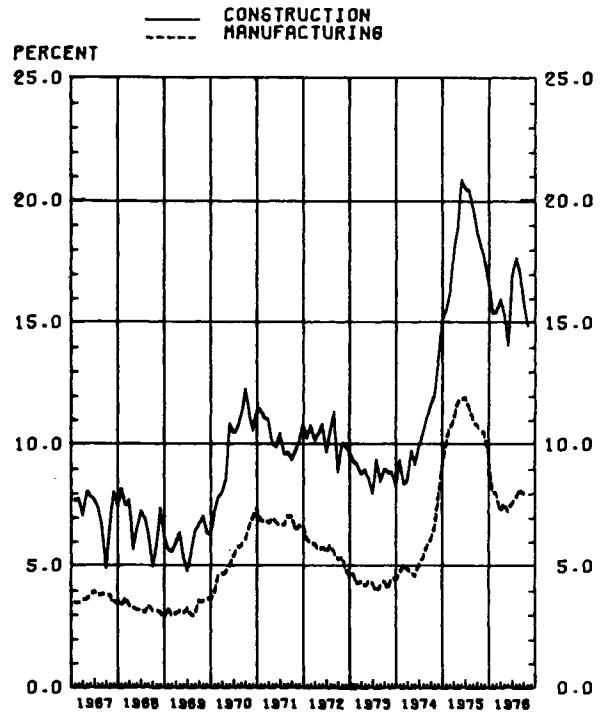


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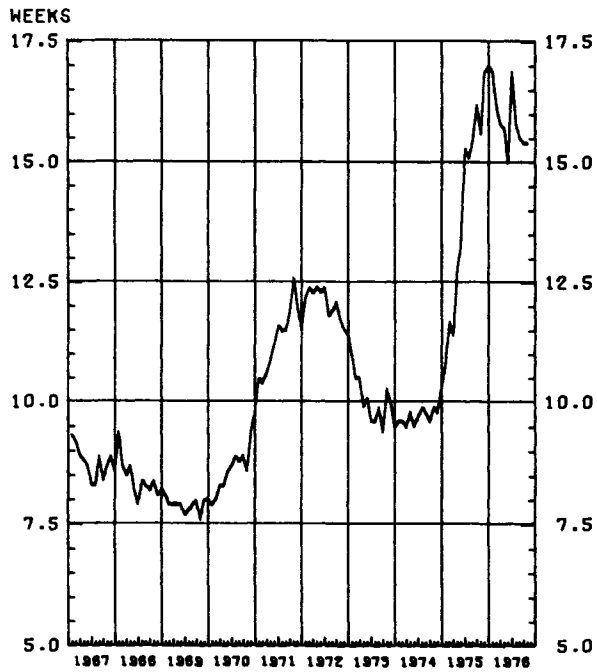
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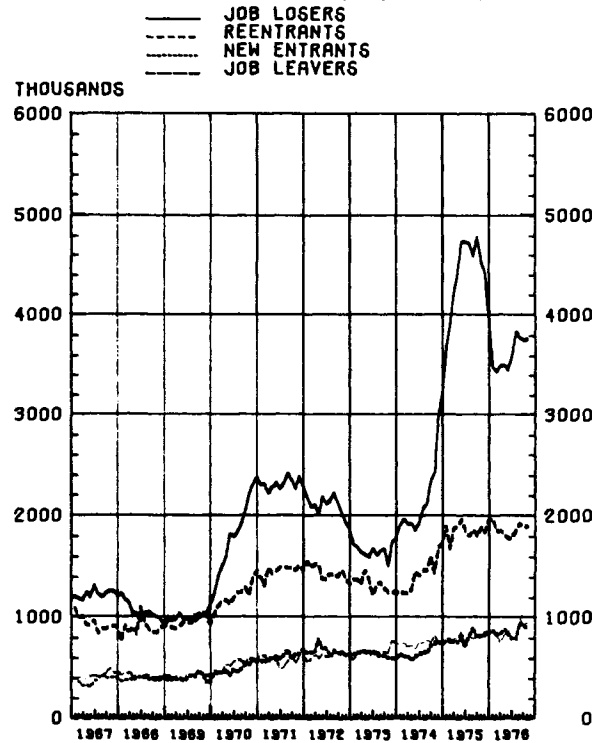
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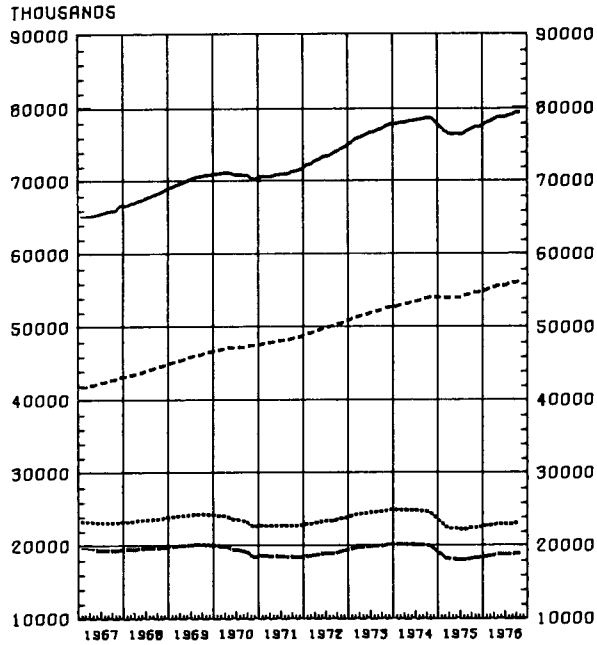
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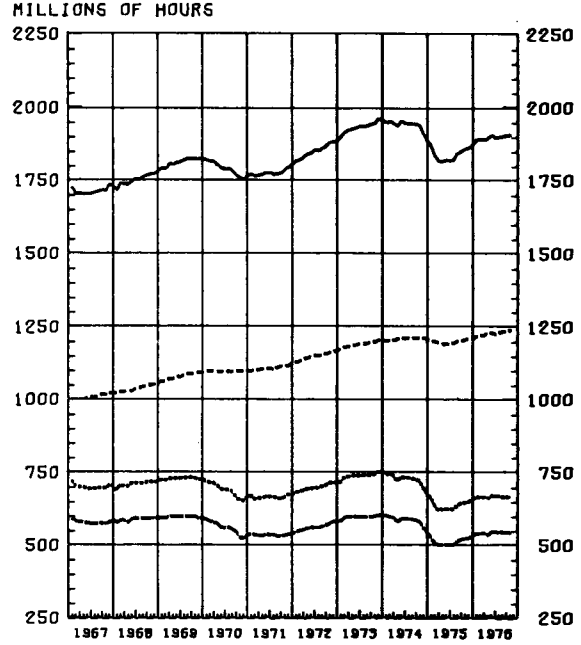
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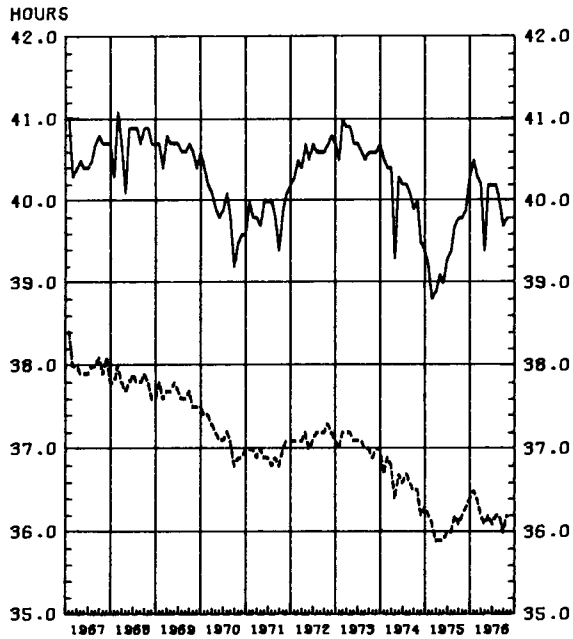
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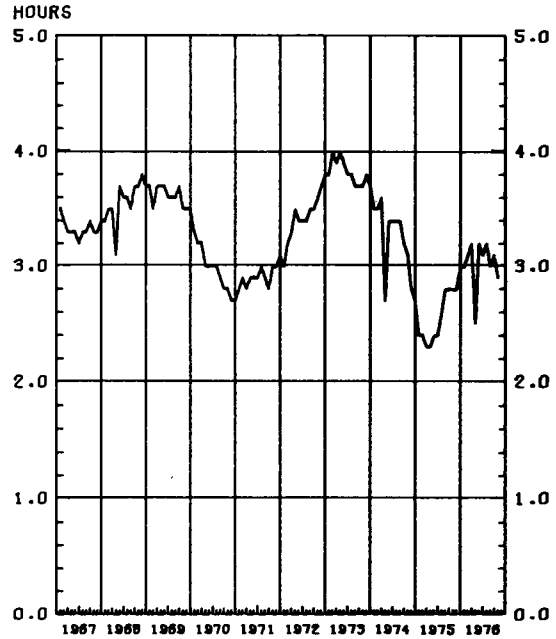


15. AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS

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 - - - - 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.