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THE EMPLOYMENT SITUATION: DECEMBER 1976

Employment rose in December and unemployment declined, it was reported today by the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the U. S. Department of Labor. The unemployment rate was 7.9 percent, down from 8.1 percent in November and similar to rates prevailing over the July-October period.

Total employment--as measured by the monthly survey of households--rose by 220,000 to a new high of 88.4 million. After holding about steady from July to October, total employment advances in November and December have amounted to nearly 600,000.

Nonfarm payroll employment--as measured by the monthly survey of establishments--rose by nearly 260,000 in December to 80.0 million. Gains over the past 2 months have totaled nearly 500,000.

Unemployment

The number of persons unemployed fell by 210,000 in December to 7.6 million, seasonally adjusted, following an increase of nearly the same magnitude in the previous month. As a result, the unemployment rate returned to its October level of 7.9 percent, after rising to 8.1 percent in November. The average duration of unemployment was little changed in December at 15.7 weeks. (See tables A-1 and A-4.)

The over-the-month reduction took place almost entirely among adult men; their jobless rate fell 0.3 percentage point to 6.2 percent, as many left the labor force. This movement was paralleled by declines in unemployment among male household heads and married men. White workers also showed an improvement in unemployment, with their rate falling from 7.4 to 7.1 percent in December. The jobless rates for the other major demographic groups--adult women, teenagers, and blacks--have remained stable over the October-December period. (See table A-2.)

Contributing to the over-the-month decline in unemployment were decreases in both the number of job losers and persons reentering the labor force. The job-loser total stood at 3.7 million, the lowest level since last June. (See table A-5.)

Along with the reduction in total joblessness, there was also a drop in the number of persons working part time involuntarily. The 200,000 reduction, to 3.4 million, represented the first substantial decrease since last June. (See table A-3.)

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

Selected categories	Quarterly averages					Monthly data		
	1975	1976				1976		
	IV	I	II	III	IV	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
(Thousands of persons)								
Civilian labor force	93,153	93,553	94,546	95,341	95,717	95,342	95,899	95,910
Total employment	85,241	86,402	87,532	87,902	88,085	87,773	88,130	88,352
Adult men	47,540	47,998	48,504	48,646	48,767	48,716	48,768	48,817
Adult women	30,665	31,234	31,677	31,951	32,079	31,799	32,126	32,311
Teenagers	7,036	7,169	7,351	7,305	7,239	7,258	7,236	7,224
Unemployment	7,912	7,151	7,014	7,439	7,632	7,569	7,769	7,558
(Percent of labor force)								
Unemployment rates:								
All workers	8.5	7.6	7.4	7.8	8.0	7.9	8.1	7.9
Adult men	7.0	5.7	5.7	6.0	6.3	6.3	6.5	6.2
Adult women	7.9	7.4	7.1	7.6	7.6	7.6	7.7	7.6
Teenagers	19.5	19.4	18.7	18.8	19.0	19.0	19.0	18.9
White	7.8	6.9	6.7	7.1	7.3	7.3	7.4	7.1
Black and other	14.0	13.1	12.8	13.1	13.6	13.5	13.6	13.6
Household heads	5.9	5.0	4.9	5.3	5.3	5.4	5.4	5.2
Married men	5.1	4.1	4.1	4.4	4.4	4.4	4.6	4.3
Full-time workers	8.2	7.1	7.0	7.4	7.6	7.6	7.7	7.5
(Weeks)								
Average duration of unemployment	16.5	16.3	15.9	15.6	15.6	15.4	15.6	15.7
(Thousands of persons)								
Nonfarm payroll employment	77,592	78,397	79,020	79,344	79,708p	79,467	79,700p	79,957p
Goods-producing industries	22,654	22,950	23,168	23,142	23,182p	23,081	23,218p	23,248p
Service-producing industries	54,938	55,447	55,852	56,202	56,526p	56,386	56,482p	56,709p
(Hours of work)								
Average weekly hours:								
Total private nonfarm	36.3	36.3	36.2	36.1	36.2p	36.1	36.2p	36.3p
Manufacturing	40.0	40.3	40.0	39.9	40.0p	39.9	40.1p	40.1p
Manufacturing overtime	2.9	3.1	3.0	3.0	3.1p	2.9	3.1p	3.2p
(1967=100)								
Hourly Earnings Index, private nonfarm:								
In current dollars	177.3	180.2	183.1	186.3	189.1p	188.2	189.2p	190.0p
In constant dollars	107.1	107.7	108.2	108.5	N.A.	108.7	109.0p	N.A.

p= preliminary.

N.A.=not available.

Total Employment and the Labor Force

Total employment rose by 220,000 in December to 88.4 million, seasonally adjusted. This followed an even larger increase in the previous month, and, as in November, December's gain was concentrated among adult women. Since the March 1975 recession low, total employment has grown by 4.2 million, with nearly 3 million of the gain occurring over the past year alone. (See table A-1.)

The civilian labor force was virtually unchanged in December at 95.9 million, as the gain in employment was matched by a decline in unemployment. Since last December, the labor force has expanded by 2.8 million workers, including 1.5 million adult women, 1.1 million adult men, and nearly 200,000 teenagers.

The civilian labor force participation rate--the proportion of the civilian population either working or looking for work--rose from 61.1 to 61.9 percent over the year. The continued growth in the number of women participating in the labor market has accounted for most of this increase. (See table A-1.)

Discouraged Workers

Discouraged workers are persons who report that they want work but are not looking for jobs because they believe they cannot find any. Because they do not meet the labor market test--that is, they are not engaged in active job search--they are classified as not in the labor force rather than as unemployed. These data are published on a quarterly basis.

Consistent with the rise in unemployment in the fourth quarter (table A), the number of discouraged workers also increased, halting a downtrend evident since late 1975. Discouragement averaged about 1 million persons during the quarter, the same level held a year earlier. (See table B.) About 800,000 (four-fifths) of the discouraged workers indicated job-market factors as their reason for not seeking work.

Industry Payroll Employment

Total nonagricultural payroll employment increased by 255,000 in December to 80.0 million, seasonally adjusted. Payroll employment has grown by 2.2 million since December a year ago and 3.5 million from the June 1975 low. Over-the-month gains occurred

Table B. Discouraged workers, seasonally adjusted quarterly averages

(In thousands)

Characteristics	1975				1976			
	I	II	III	IV	I	II	III	IV
Total.....	1,059	1,116	1,160	997	937	905	817	1,016
Job market factors ¹	839	817	947	848	630	627	561	803
Personal factors ²	220	299	213	148	307	278	256	213

¹Job market factors include "could not find job" and "thinks no job available."

²Personal factors include "employers think too young or old," "lacks education or training," and "other personal handicap."

in 63 percent of the industries that comprise the BLS diffusion index of nonagricultural payroll employment. (See tables B-1 and B-6.)

In the service-producing sector, strong employment gains took place in trade (100,000) and services (55,000), while there were increases of about 25,000 each in government; finance, insurance, and real estate; and transportation and public utilities. Much of the job pickup in transportation stemmed from the settlement of the United Parcel Service strike. Over the past year, three-fourths of the increase in payroll employment has occurred in the service-producing sector.

In manufacturing, employment rose slightly, all of it in the durable goods industries. Most of the rise in durables occurred in three industries: fabricated metal products, electrical equipment, and transportation equipment. In nondurable goods, changes were small and generally offsetting. Elsewhere in the goods-producing sector, there were no substantive changes in either contract construction or mining.

Hours

The average workweek for private nonagricultural production or nonsupervisory workers edged up to 36.3 hours in December, seasonally adjusted. This marked the third consecutive monthly increase of 0.1 hour for this series. The workweek was about equal to

the level prevailing a year ago. (See table B-2.) The manufacturing workweek was unchanged at 40.1 hours, while overtime edged up 0.1 hour to 3.2 hours in December. These indicators were respectively 1.2 and 0.9 hour above recession lows posted in early 1975.

Reflecting increases in both employment and average hours, the index of aggregate hours of private nonagricultural production or nonsupervisory workers rose substantially to 112.4 in December (1967=100). The index increased by 2.8 percent over the past year and 5.9 percent from its spring 1975 low. (See table B-5.) The factory index was 94.6, only slightly above its November level; it was 9.2 percent above its March 1975 recession low.

Hourly and Weekly Earnings

Average hourly earnings of private nonagricultural production or nonsupervisory workers increased 0.4 percent over the month, seasonally adjusted. Average weekly earnings rose 0.7 percent in December, as a result of higher hourly earnings combined with a slightly longer workweek.

Before adjustment for seasonality, average hourly earnings were \$5.01, up 1 cent from November. Average weekly earnings increased \$1.86 over the month to \$182.36. (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 190.0 (1967=100) in December, 0.4 percent higher than in November. The index was 6.7 percent above December a year ago. During the 12-month period ended in November, the Hourly Earnings Index in dollars of constant purchasing power rose 1.6 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					
	Dec. 1975	Nov. 1976	Dec. 1976	Dec. 1975	Aug. 1976	Sept. 1976	Oct. 1976	Nov. 1976	Dec. 1976
TOTAL									
Total noninstitutional population ¹	154,700	157,006	157,176	154,700	156,367	156,595	156,788	157,006	157,176
Total labor force	94,888	97,786	97,662	95,286	97,634	97,348	97,489	98,048	98,056
Participation rate	61.3	62.3	62.1	61.6	62.4	62.2	62.2	62.4	62.4
Civilian noninstitutional population ¹	152,543	154,857	155,031	152,543	154,220	154,451	154,642	154,857	155,031
Civilian labor force	92,731	95,637	95,517	93,129	95,487	95,203	95,342	95,899	95,910
Participation rate	60.8	61.8	61.6	61.1	61.9	61.6	61.7	61.9	61.9
Employed	85,536	88,542	88,494	85,394	87,981	87,819	87,773	88,130	88,352
Agriculture	2,856	3,081	2,850	3,236	3,424	3,286	3,329	3,232	3,232
Nonagricultural industries	82,680	85,460	85,645	82,158	84,557	84,533	84,444	84,898	85,120
Unemployed	7,195	7,095	7,022	7,735	7,506	7,384	7,569	7,769	7,558
Unemployment rate	7.8	7.4	7.4	8.3	7.9	7.8	7.9	8.1	7.9
Not in labor force	59,812	59,220	59,514	59,414	58,733	59,248	59,300	58,958	59,121
Males, 20 years and over									
Total noninstitutional population ¹	65,643	66,699	66,835	65,643	66,384	66,491	66,598	66,699	66,835
Total labor force	52,453	53,542	53,550	52,651	53,436	53,563	53,682	53,869	53,747
Participation rate	79.9	80.3	80.1	80.2	80.5	80.6	80.6	80.8	80.4
Civilian noninstitutional population ¹	63,929	65,001	65,140	63,929	64,688	64,796	64,902	65,001	65,140
Civilian labor force	50,739	51,844	51,855	50,937	51,740	51,869	51,986	52,171	52,052
Participation rate	79.4	79.8	79.6	79.7	80.0	80.0	80.1	80.3	79.9
Employed	47,499	48,931	48,727	47,586	48,682	48,721	48,716	48,768	48,817
Agriculture	2,177	2,248	2,125	2,316	2,415	2,326	2,342	2,271	2,261
Nonagricultural industries	45,322	46,683	46,603	45,270	46,267	46,395	46,374	46,497	46,556
Unemployed	3,240	2,913	3,128	3,351	3,058	3,148	3,270	3,403	3,235
Unemployment rate	6.4	5.6	6.0	6.7	5.9	6.1	6.3	6.5	6.2
Not in labor force	13,190	13,158	13,285	12,992	12,948	12,927	12,916	12,830	13,088
Females, 20 years and over									
Civilian noninstitutional population ¹	72,251	73,401	73,445	72,251	73,078	73,196	73,288	73,401	73,445
Civilian labor force	33,627	35,227	35,168	33,415	34,639	34,505	34,396	34,790	34,952
Participation rate	46.5	48.0	47.9	46.2	47.4	47.1	46.9	47.4	47.6
Employed	31,271	32,683	32,831	30,755	31,988	31,907	31,799	32,136	32,311
Agriculture	385	512	452	483	546	524	562	554	567
Nonagricultural industries	30,887	32,172	32,379	30,272	31,442	31,383	31,237	31,572	31,744
Unemployed	2,355	2,544	2,337	2,660	2,651	2,598	2,597	2,664	2,641
Unemployment rate	7.0	7.2	6.6	8.0	7.7	7.5	7.6	7.7	7.6
Not in labor force	38,625	38,173	38,276	38,836	38,439	38,691	38,892	38,611	38,493
Both sexes, 16-19 years									
Civilian noninstitutional population ¹	16,363	16,455	16,446	16,363	16,454	16,458	16,452	16,455	16,446
Civilian labor force	8,366	8,565	8,493	8,777	9,108	8,829	8,960	8,938	8,906
Participation rate	51.1	52.1	51.6	53.6	55.4	53.6	54.5	54.3	54.2
Employed	6,765	6,927	6,935	7,053	7,311	7,191	7,258	7,236	7,224
Agriculture	294	321	273	437	463	436	425	407	404
Nonagricultural industries	6,471	6,606	6,663	6,616	6,848	6,755	6,833	6,829	6,820
Unemployed	1,600	1,638	1,558	1,724	1,797	1,638	1,702	1,702	1,682
Unemployment rate	19.1	19.1	18.3	19.6	19.7	18.6	19.0	19.0	18.9
Not in labor force	7,997	7,889	7,953	7,586	7,346	7,629	7,492	7,517	7,540
WHITE									
Civilian noninstitutional population ¹	134,480	136,336	136,475	134,480	135,822	136,005	136,165	136,336	136,475
Civilian labor force	82,190	84,570	84,521	82,474	84,503	84,371	84,595	84,837	84,767
Participation rate	61.1	62.0	61.9	61.1	62.2	62.0	62.1	62.2	62.1
Employed	76,345	78,877	78,889	76,223	78,468	78,365	78,402	78,572	78,743
Unemployed	5,845	5,693	5,632	6,251	6,035	6,006	6,193	6,265	6,024
Unemployment rate	7.1	6.7	6.7	7.6	7.1	7.1	7.3	7.4	7.1
Not in labor force	52,290	51,766	51,955	52,006	51,319	51,634	51,570	51,499	51,708
BLACK AND OTHER									
Civilian noninstitutional population ¹	18,063	18,521	18,555	18,063	18,398	18,445	18,476	18,521	18,555
Civilian labor force	10,541	11,067	10,996	10,653	11,003	10,930	10,923	11,127	11,111
Participation rate	58.4	59.8	59.3	59.0	59.8	59.3	59.1	60.1	59.9
Employed	9,190	9,664	9,605	9,188	9,505	9,538	9,448	9,619	9,601
Unemployed	1,351	1,402	1,390	1,465	1,498	1,392	1,475	1,508	1,510
Unemployment rate	12.8	12.7	12.6	13.8	13.6	12.7	13.5	13.6	13.6
Not in labor force	7,522	7,454	7,559	7,410	7,395	7,515	7,553	7,394	7,444

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

NOTE: Household data for December 1976 relate to the week of December 4-10 (week of the 5th) rather than the usual week containing the 12th day.

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Table A-2. Major unemployment indicators, seasonally adjusted

Selected categories	Number of unemployed persons (in thousands)		Unemployment rates					
	Dec. 1975	Dec. 1976	Dec. 1975	Aug. 1976	Sept. 1976	Oct. 1976	Nov. 1976	Dec. 1976
Total, 18 years and over	7,735	7,558	8.3	7.9	7.8	7.9	8.1	7.9
Males, 20 years and over	3,351	3,235	6.6	5.9	6.1	6.3	6.5	6.2
Females, 20 years and over	2,660	2,641	8.0	7.7	7.5	7.6	7.7	7.6
Both sexes, 18-19 years	1,724	1,682	19.6	19.7	18.6	19.0	19.0	18.9
White, total	6,251	6,024	7.6	7.1	7.1	7.3	7.4	7.1
Males, 20 years and over	2,677	2,567	5.9	5.5	5.7	5.8	5.9	5.5
Females, 20 years and over	2,182	2,087	7.5	7.0	6.8	7.1	7.2	6.9
Both sexes, 18-19 years	1,392	1,370	17.8	17.3	16.5	16.7	17.1	17.2
Black and other, total	1,465	1,510	13.8	13.6	12.7	13.5	13.6	13.6
Males, 20 years and over	652	648	12.3	9.9	9.6	10.9	12.1	11.8
Females, 20 years and over	479	548	10.8	12.3	11.4	11.6	10.8	11.7
Both sexes, 18-19 years	334	314	35.2	40.2	38.5	38.4	35.5	33.7
Household heads, total	3,065	2,854	5.7	5.2	5.4	5.4	5.4	5.2
Males	2,347	2,167	5.2	4.5	5.0	5.0	5.1	4.8
With relatives	1,909	1,728	4.7	4.1	4.5	4.5	4.5	4.3
Without relatives	438	439	9.5	8.1	8.6	9.0	9.6	8.6
Females	727	696	8.6	8.0	7.9	8.2	7.5	7.9
With relatives	433	463	10.6	11.1	10.6	10.9	9.8	10.5
Without relatives	294	233	6.7	5.1	5.4	5.7	5.3	5.2
Married men, spouse present	1,918	1,716	4.8	4.2	4.6	4.4	4.6	4.3
Full-time workers	6,324	6,193	7.9	7.5	7.5	7.6	7.7	7.5
Part-time workers	1,402	1,355	10.5	9.9	9.3	10.2	10.5	9.8
Unemployed 15 weeks and over ¹	3,080	2,594	3.3	2.5	2.4	2.4	2.7	2.7
Labor force time lost ²	--	--	8.9	8.2	8.4	8.8	8.8	8.5
OCCUPATION³								
White-collar workers	2,122	2,078	4.8	5.0	4.5	4.5	4.7	4.5
Professional and technical	416	438	3.1	3.1	3.0	3.1	3.6	3.2
Managers and administrators, except farm	276	308	3.0	3.5	3.2	2.8	3.0	3.1
Sales workers	355	321	6.3	5.9	5.4	5.4	5.9	5.3
Clerical workers	1,075	1,011	6.6	7.0	6.2	6.2	6.2	6.0
Blue-collar workers	3,398	3,115	10.7	9.8	9.8	9.7	9.8	9.7
Craft and kindred workers	871	837	7.2	7.0	7.0	6.8	7.2	6.9
Operatives	1,807	1,581	12.2	10.3	10.5	10.7	10.7	10.5
Nonfarm laborers	720	697	14.9	14.8	14.5	13.9	13.2	14.0
Service workers	1,200	1,180	9.2	8.5	8.6	9.5	9.2	9.0
Farm workers	130	196	4.5	3.5	3.7	4.0	5.0	6.6
INDUSTRY³								
Nonagricultural private wage and salary workers ⁴	5,972	5,630	8.9	8.2	8.0	8.1	8.3	8.1
Construction	728	634	16.6	17.1	15.8	14.9	15.4	13.9
Manufacturing	2,030	1,816	9.6	8.2	8.0	8.2	8.3	8.5
Durable goods	1,246	1,060	9.9	7.7	7.4	8.1	7.7	8.3
Nondurable goods	784	756	9.2	8.9	8.9	8.2	9.1	8.7
Transportation and public utilities	251	249	5.1	4.7	5.4	5.6	5.7	5.1
Wholesale and retail trade	1,605	1,502	9.4	9.0	8.8	9.0	9.2	8.4
Finance and service industries	1,338	1,391	7.0	6.5	6.3	6.6	6.9	6.9
Government workers	671	680	4.4	4.4	3.8	4.4	4.4	4.4
Agricultural wage and salary workers	174	232	12.4	10.0	10.6	11.2	13.1	14.6
VETERAN STATUS								
Males, Vietnam-era veterans ⁵ :								
20 to 34 years	642	558	10.3	7.4	9.3	8.9	8.6	8.6
20 to 24 years	209	175	22.0	15.4	19.8	19.7	16.4	18.3
25 to 29 years	329	272	9.9	6.8	8.0	8.0	9.2	9.0
30 to 34 years	104	111	5.3	5.0	6.7	5.7	4.7	4.5
Males, nonveterans:								
20 to 34 years	1,339	1,425	9.2	8.8	8.1	8.9	9.4	9.2
20 to 24 years	818	863	12.6	11.4	10.4	11.9	12.1	12.5
25 to 29 years	298	349	6.8	8.1	7.0	7.9	8.3	7.2
30 to 34 years	223	213	6.0	5.0	5.5	5.0	5.9	5.7

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					
	Dec. 1975	Dec. 1976	Dec. 1975	Aug. 1976	Sept. 1976	Oct. 1976	Nov. 1976	Dec. 1976
Total employed, 16 years and over	85,536	88,494	85,394	87,981	87,819	87,773	88,130	88,352
Males	50,993	52,369	51,390	52,655	52,564	52,613	52,631	52,771
Females	34,543	36,125	34,004	35,326	35,255	35,160	35,499	35,581
Household heads	50,364	51,582	50,332	51,170	51,234	51,176	51,351	51,530
Married men, spouse present	37,788	38,055	37,739	38,237	38,218	38,008	37,858	38,017
Married women, spouse present	20,371	20,996	19,859	20,444	20,536	20,421	20,489	20,464
OCCUPATION								
White-collar workers	42,955	45,212	42,326	43,782	44,183	44,067	44,150	44,557
Professional and technical	13,266	13,705	13,026	13,536	13,619	13,332	13,587	13,463
Managers and administrators, except farm	8,854	9,580	8,837	9,282	9,580	9,425	9,465	9,561
Sales workers	5,453	5,956	5,296	5,549	5,607	5,542	5,523	5,783
Clerical workers	15,382	15,970	15,167	15,415	15,377	15,768	15,575	15,750
Blue-collar workers	28,235	28,933	28,408	28,853	28,739	29,003	29,093	29,108
Craft and kindred workers	11,244	11,291	11,265	11,251	11,348	11,406	11,389	11,314
Operatives	13,089	13,554	13,043	13,273	13,091	13,203	13,267	13,500
Nonfarm laborers	3,902	4,088	4,100	4,329	4,300	4,394	4,437	4,294
Service workers	11,892	11,935	11,837	12,325	12,219	11,976	12,070	11,879
Farm workers	2,455	2,415	2,782	2,951	2,791	2,840	2,734	2,754
MAJOR INDUSTRY AND CLASS OF WORKER								
Agriculture:								
Wage and salary workers	1,043	1,150	1,231	1,363	1,329	1,321	1,263	1,358
Self-employed workers	1,590	1,456	1,663	1,709	1,606	1,683	1,624	1,523
Unpaid family workers	223	244	300	356	351	346	334	328
Nonagricultural industries:								
Wage and salary workers	76,562	79,420	76,038	78,469	78,584	78,444	78,782	78,894
Private households	1,331	1,383	1,309	1,401	1,410	1,379	1,449	1,360
Government	14,916	15,131	14,719	15,317	15,185	14,884	15,000	14,937
Other	60,315	62,906	60,010	61,751	61,989	62,181	62,333	62,597
Self-employed workers	5,645	5,779	5,883	5,662	5,714	5,596	5,816	5,820
Unpaid family workers	473	446	510	436	428	452	448	481
PERSONS AT WORK ¹								
Nonagricultural industries	79,588	82,583	77,380	78,931	79,921	79,572	80,030	80,293
Full-time schedules	65,067	67,297	63,730	64,622	65,064	65,013	65,448	65,913
Part time for economic reasons	3,028	3,164	3,243	3,047	3,348	3,469	3,604	3,400
Usually work full time	1,301	1,210	1,332	1,295	1,339	1,337	1,285	1,238
Usually work part time	1,727	1,954	1,911	1,752	2,009	2,132	2,319	2,162
Part time for noneconomic reasons	11,493	12,122	10,407	11,262	11,509	11,090	10,978	10,980

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					
	Dec. 1975	Dec. 1976	Dec. 1975	Aug. 1976	Sept. 1976	Oct. 1976	Nov. 1976	Dec. 1976
Less than 6 weeks	2,451	2,563	2,648	2,829	2,828	3,010	2,739	2,768
6 to 14 weeks	3,197	3,314	2,244	2,427	2,453	2,355	2,608	2,364
15 weeks and over	2,548	2,145	3,080	2,387	2,314	2,330	2,556	2,594
15 to 26 weeks	1,120	935	1,413	1,143	1,123	1,066	1,211	1,182
27 weeks and over	1,428	1,210	1,667	1,244	1,191	1,264	1,345	1,412
Average (mean) duration, in weeks	16.9	15.6	17.0	15.5	15.4	15.4	15.6	15.7
PERCENT DISTRIBUTION								
Total unemployed	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Less than 6 weeks	34.1	36.5	33.2	37.0	37.2	39.1	34.7	35.8
6 to 14 weeks	30.5	33.0	28.1	31.8	32.3	30.6	33.0	30.6
15 weeks and over	35.4	30.5	38.6	31.2	30.5	30.3	32.3	33.6
15 to 26 weeks	15.6	13.3	17.7	15.0	14.8	13.9	15.3	15.3
27 weeks and over	19.8	17.2	20.9	16.3	15.7	16.4	17.0	18.3

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Table A-5. Reasons for unemployment

(Numbers in thousands)

Reason	Not seasonally adjusted		Seasonally adjusted					
	Dec. 1975	Dec. 1976	Dec. 1975	Aug. 1976	Sept. 1976	Oct. 1976	Nov. 1976	Dec. 1976
NUMBER OF UNEMPLOYED								
Lost last job	3,970	3,730	3,955	3,781	3,756	3,778	3,925	3,715
Left last job	813	789	862	1,008	929	953	862	836
Reentered labor force	1,684	1,691	1,975	1,935	1,895	1,903	2,091	1,982
Seeking first job	728	812	865	951	932	894	922	949
PERCENT DISTRIBUTION								
Total unemployed	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Job losers	55.2	53.1	51.7	49.3	50.0	50.2	50.3	49.7
Job leavers	11.3	11.2	11.3	13.1	12.4	12.7	11.1	11.2
Reentrants	23.4	24.1	25.8	25.2	25.2	25.3	26.8	26.5
New entrants	10.1	11.6	11.3	12.4	12.4	11.9	11.8	12.7
UNEMPLOYED AS A PERCENT OF THE CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE								
Job losers	4.3	3.9	4.2	4.0	3.9	4.0	4.1	3.9
Job leavers9	.8	.9	1.1	1.0	1.0	.9	.9
Reentrants	1.8	1.8	2.1	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.2	2.1
New entrants8	.9	.9	1.0	1.0	.9	1.0	1.0

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	Dec. 1975	Aug. 1976	Sept. 1976	Oct. 1976	Nov. 1976	Dec. 1976
	Dec. 1975	Dec. 1976							
Total, 16 years and over	7,195	7,022	80.4	8.3	7.9	7.8	7.9	8.1	7.9
16 to 19 years	1,600	1,558	50.3	19.6	19.7	18.6	19.0	19.0	18.9
16 to 17 years	673	670	19.3	20.6	22.5	20.5	21.3	21.4	20.4
18 to 19 years	928	887	73.7	18.9	18.0	17.8	17.3	17.4	17.7
20 to 24 years	1,578	1,567	89.0	13.5	11.8	11.5	12.8	13.0	12.8
25 years and over	4,017	3,898	89.0	5.9	5.6	5.7	5.6	5.8	5.6
25 to 54 years	3,318	3,307	90.6	6.2	5.8	5.9	5.9	6.0	6.0
55 years and over	699	591	79.9	5.0	4.8	4.8	4.5	4.7	4.2
Males, 16 years and over	4,108	4,002	83.5	7.6	7.0	7.1	7.4	7.6	7.3
16 to 19 years	868	875	49.6	19.0	18.8	18.8	19.5	19.5	18.6
16 to 17 years	356	390	19.7	19.3	21.8	21.2	22.1	21.8	20.1
18 to 19 years	512	484	73.8	18.7	16.7	17.8	17.6	17.8	17.1
20 to 24 years	917	925	90.5	13.8	11.8	11.6	13.0	12.8	13.2
25 years and over	2,323	2,203	93.9	5.4	4.9	5.1	5.1	5.4	5.0
25 to 54 years	1,888	1,847	95.9	5.6	5.1	5.2	5.3	5.6	5.4
55 years and over	435	355	83.9	4.7	4.5	4.6	4.2	4.4	3.8
Females, 16 years and over	3,087	3,020	76.4	9.3	9.1	8.7	8.7	8.8	8.8
16 to 19 years	732	683	51.1	20.3	20.8	18.3	18.3	18.5	19.3
16 to 17 years	317	280	18.6	22.2	23.3	19.7	20.3	20.9	20.6
18 to 19 years	416	403	73.7	19.1	19.5	17.7	17.1	16.9	18.3
20 to 24 years	661	641	87.1	13.1	11.8	11.4	12.5	13.3	12.3
25 years and over	1,694	1,695	82.5	6.8	6.6	6.7	6.4	6.4	6.5
25 to 54 years	1,430	1,460	83.9	7.2	7.0	7.0	7.0	6.7	7.0
55 years and over	264	236	73.7	5.4	5.2	5.2	4.9	5.2	4.7

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

(In thousands)

Industry	Not seasonally adjusted				Seasonally adjusted					
	Dec. 1975	Oct. 1976	Nov. 1976 ^p	Dec. 1976 ^p	Dec. 1975	Aug. 1976	Sept. 1976	Oct. 1976	Nov. 1976 ^p	Dec. 1976 ^p
TOTAL	78,527	80,204	80,524	80,722	77,764	79,278	79,572	79,467	79,700	79,957
GOODS-PRODUCING	22,685	23,546	23,499	23,223	22,713	23,080	23,228	23,081	23,218	23,248
MINING	763	804	810	803	766	752	798	800	808	806
CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION	3,338	3,557	3,467	3,295	3,392	3,349	3,330	3,340	3,353	3,349
MANUFACTURING	18,584	19,185	19,222	19,125	18,555	18,979	19,100	18,941	19,057	19,093
<i>Production workers</i>	13,329	13,807	13,839	13,746	13,293	13,627	13,749	13,575	13,674	13,707
DURABLE GOODS	10,735	11,131	11,223	11,210	10,709	11,083	11,146	11,018	11,134	11,181
<i>Production workers</i>	7,625	7,941	8,032	8,018	7,593	7,911	7,975	7,833	7,938	7,985
Ordnance and accessories	163.6	156.0	156.5	156.1	163	157	156	155	157	155
Lumber and wood products	569.5	622.5	616.7	613.5	581	605	613	613	620	625
Furniture and fixtures	475.8	498.4	496.4	493.5	473	486	495	491	489	491
Stone, clay, and glass products	608.1	641.8	639.7	623.7	614	628	630	630	635	629
Primary metal industries	1,152.5	1,192.6	1,181.3	1,182.9	1,153	1,215	1,216	1,194	1,185	1,183
Fabricated metal products	1,350.7	1,406.5	1,414.1	1,415.1	1,345	1,394	1,404	1,387	1,399	1,409
Machinery, except electrical	2,038.4	2,072.2	2,112.5	2,129.5	2,024	2,090	2,115	2,078	2,108	2,115
Electrical equipment	1,785.1	1,868.9	1,880.5	1,884.0	1,773	1,843	1,848	1,849	1,862	1,871
Transportation equipment	1,691.2	1,722.1	1,780.7	1,780.9	1,679	1,737	1,737	1,695	1,753	1,769
Instruments and related products	495.0	514.0	517.2	518.6	494	510	512	511	514	517
Miscellaneous manufacturing	405.5	435.8	427.1	412.5	410	418	420	415	412	417
NONDURABLE GOODS	7,849	8,054	7,999	7,915	7,846	7,896	7,954	7,923	7,923	7,912
<i>Production workers</i>	5,704	5,866	5,807	5,728	5,700	5,716	5,774	5,742	5,736	5,722
Food and kindred products	1,674.7	1,777.9	1,725.6	1,680.6	1,690	1,715	1,711	1,706	1,703	1,696
Tobacco manufactures	83.7	84.2	81.4	78.1	79	78	76	76	75	74
Textile mill products	957.4	964.8	964.1	963.8	952	969	971	961	959	958
Apparel and other textile products	1,295.0	1,295.7	1,293.2	1,259.2	1,299	1,292	1,281	1,273	1,275	1,263
Paper and allied products	660.5	681.9	685.7	683.1	657	679	681	677	680	680
Printing and publishing	1,081.6	1,090.4	1,094.4	1,100.7	1,073	1,082	1,086	1,087	1,090	1,092
Chemicals and allied products	1,016.3	1,037.5	1,036.8	1,038.9	1,018	1,040	1,035	1,032	1,035	1,041
Petroleum and coal products	200.2	204.6	203.8	201.9	201	202	202	202	203	203
Rubber and plastics products, nec.	608.7	652.6	649.1	645.7	606	572	643	645	640	643
Leather and leather products	271.3	264.2	264.8	262.7	271	267	268	264	263	262
SERVICE-PRODUCING	55,842	56,658	57,025	57,499	55,051	56,198	56,344	56,386	56,482	56,709
TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC UTILITIES	4,477	4,538	4,537	4,537	4,477	4,501	4,528	4,506	4,510	4,537
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE	17,737	17,707	17,894	18,336	17,084	17,554	17,625	17,610	17,585	17,685
WHOLESALE TRADE	4,215	4,322	4,327	4,327	4,194	4,272	4,283	4,292	4,297	4,305
RETAIL TRADE	13,522	13,385	13,567	14,009	12,890	13,282	13,342	13,318	13,288	13,380
FINANCE, INSURANCE, AND REAL ESTATE	4,243	4,355	4,368	4,385	4,260	4,312	4,338	4,359	4,381	4,403
SERVICES	14,158	14,811	14,829	14,823	14,229	14,709	14,758	14,781	14,844	14,897
GOVERNMENT	15,227	15,247	15,397	15,418	15,001	15,122	15,095	15,130	15,162	15,187
FEDERAL	2,771	2,711	2,720	2,755	2,753	2,732	2,728	2,730	2,734	2,736
STATE AND LOCAL	12,456	12,536	12,677	12,663	12,248	12,390	12,367	12,400	12,428	12,451

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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					
	Dec. 1975	Oct. 1976	Nov. 1976 ^p	Dec. 1976 ^p	Dec. 1975	Aug. 1976	Sept. 1976	Oct. 1976	Nov. 1976 ^p	Dec. 1976 ^p
TOTAL PRIVATE	36.5	36.2	36.1	36.4	36.4	36.1	36.0	36.1	36.2	36.3
MINING	42.9	43.8	43.6	43.7	42.9	41.2	43.5	43.3	43.3	43.7
CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION	36.7	38.2	36.8	36.8	37.2	36.8	35.9	37.3	37.4	37.3
MANUFACTURING	40.8	40.0	40.3	40.7	40.3	40.0	39.7	39.9	40.1	40.1
Overtime hours	3.1	3.2	3.2	3.3	3.0	3.0	3.0	2.9	3.1	3.2
DURABLE GOODS	41.4	40.6	40.9	41.4	40.7	40.8	40.2	40.5	40.8	40.6
Overtime hours	3.1	3.2	3.3	3.6	2.9	3.1	3.0	3.0	3.2	3.4
Ordnance and accessories	41.9	40.6	41.0	42.6	41.3	40.7	40.1	40.6	40.8	42.0
Lumber and wood products	40.2	40.6	39.9	40.7	40.1	40.2	39.8	40.3	40.3	40.6
Furniture and fixtures	40.1	38.8	38.8	39.3	39.4	38.5	38.0	38.4	38.6	38.6
Stone, clay, and glass products	41.3	41.8	41.4	41.3	41.2	41.1	40.9	41.4	41.3	41.2
Primary metal industries	40.6	40.1	40.3	40.5	40.2	40.9	40.3	40.2	40.3	40.1
Fabricated metal products	41.7	40.6	41.0	41.4	41.0	41.0	40.6	40.4	40.8	40.7
Machinery, except electrical	42.1	41.2	41.8	42.6	41.0	41.4	40.8	41.2	41.6	41.5
Electrical equipment	40.7	40.2	40.6	40.8	40.0	40.1	39.7	40.0	40.3	40.1
Transportation equipment	43.4	41.4	42.0	42.7	41.9	41.9	41.1	41.2	42.0	41.2
Instruments and related products	40.9	40.3	40.8	41.2	40.3	40.4	39.9	40.3	40.4	40.6
Miscellaneous manufacturing	39.4	38.9	39.3	39.3	39.0	38.5	38.2	38.7	39.0	38.9
NONDURABLE GOODS	40.0	39.2	39.4	39.6	39.7	38.9	39.0	39.1	39.2	39.3
Overtime hours	3.2	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.2	2.8	2.9	2.8	3.0	3.0
Food and kindred products	40.9	40.4	40.4	40.6	40.5	40.1	40.2	40.3	40.4	40.2
Tobacco manufactures	38.8	38.7	38.1	37.5	38.0	36.8	37.1	37.5	36.9	36.7
Textile mill products	41.5	39.5	40.0	40.6	41.2	39.3	39.0	39.4	39.8	40.3
Apparel and other textile products	36.5	35.3	35.4	35.2	36.5	35.2	34.9	35.0	35.1	35.2
Paper and allied products	43.3	42.3	42.5	42.8	42.8	42.1	42.2	42.1	42.3	42.3
Printing and publishing	38.1	37.6	37.7	38.3	37.5	37.5	37.4	37.5	37.5	37.7
Chemicals and allied products	42.0	41.6	41.9	42.2	41.6	41.3	41.9	41.6	41.8	41.8
Petroleum and coal products	41.8	42.5	42.4	42.5	41.9	42.3	42.2	42.0	42.0	42.6
Rubber and plastics products, nec	41.0	41.1	41.4	41.9	40.6	40.0	40.5	41.1	41.2	41.5
Leather and leather products	39.1	36.3	36.6	36.6	38.8	36.7	36.5	36.4	36.5	36.3
TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC UTILITIES	39.9	40.0	39.9	40.1	39.9	40.0	39.9	39.8	39.9	40.1
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE	34.2	33.4	33.3	33.9	33.9	33.6	33.6	33.5	33.5	33.7
WHOLESALE TRADE	39.2	38.7	38.7	39.0	38.8	38.9	38.8	38.7	38.7	38.6
RETAIL TRADE	32.7	31.8	31.7	32.5	32.4	32.0	32.1	32.0	32.0	32.2
FINANCE, INSURANCE, AND REAL ESTATE	36.4	36.7	36.6	36.7	36.4	36.8	36.7	36.7	36.7	36.7
SERVICES	33.6	33.5	33.4	33.5	33.7	33.5	33.5	33.6	33.5	33.6

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			
	Dec. 1975	Oct. 1976	Nov. 1976 ^p	Dec. 1976 ^p	Dec. 1975	Oct. 1976	Nov. 1976 ^p	Dec. 1976 ^p
TOTAL PRIVATE	\$ 4.68	\$ 4.98	\$ 5.00	\$ 5.01	\$ 170.82	\$ 180.28	\$ 180.50	\$ 182.36
Seasonally adjusted	4.68	4.95	4.99	5.01	170.35	178.70	180.64	181.86
MINING	6.17	6.56	6.60	6.66	264.69	278.33	287.76	291.04
CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION	7.51	7.85	7.86	7.91	275.62	299.87	289.25	291.09
MANUFACTURING	5.00	5.28	5.34	5.41	204.00	211.20	215.20	220.19
DURABLE GOODS	5.38	5.62	5.68	5.78	222.73	228.17	232.31	239.29
Ordnance and accessories	5.54	5.89	5.98	6.00	232.13	239.13	245.18	255.60
Lumber and wood products	4.43	4.87	4.87	4.87	178.09	197.72	194.31	198.21
Furniture and fixtures	3.85	4.06	4.07	4.14	154.39	157.53	157.92	162.70
Stone, clay, and glass products	5.06	5.43	5.45	5.48	208.98	226.97	225.63	226.32
Primary metal industries	6.48	6.90	6.94	6.96	263.09	276.69	279.68	281.88
Fabricated metal products	5.29	5.49	5.54	5.63	220.59	222.89	227.14	233.08
Machinery, except electrical	5.62	5.83	5.90	5.98	236.60	240.20	246.62	254.75
Electrical equipment	4.78	5.03	5.07	5.17	194.55	202.21	205.84	210.94
Transportation equipment	6.39	6.58	6.69	6.92	277.33	272.41	280.98	295.48
Instruments and related products	4.74	4.95	4.99	5.08	193.87	199.49	203.59	209.30
Miscellaneous manufacturing	3.94	4.06	4.08	4.16	155.24	157.93	160.34	163.49
NONDURABLE GOODS	4.48	4.80	4.84	4.88	179.20	188.16	190.70	193.25
Food and kindred products	4.75	5.04	5.09	5.14	194.28	203.62	205.64	208.68
Tobacco manufactures	4.54	4.69	4.86	5.14	176.15	181.50	185.17	192.75
Textile mill products	3.55	3.79	3.80	3.81	147.33	149.71	152.00	154.69
Apparel and other textile products	3.27	3.49	3.50	3.53	119.36	123.20	123.90	124.26
Paper and allied products	5.23	5.57	5.62	5.63	226.46	235.61	238.85	240.96
Printing and publishing	5.50	5.77	5.81	5.86	209.55	216.95	219.04	224.44
Chemicals and allied products	5.61	6.04	6.08	6.10	235.62	251.26	254.75	257.42
Petroleum and coal products	6.67	7.20	7.25	7.29	278.81	306.00	307.40	309.83
Rubber and plastics products, nec	4.51	4.86	4.90	4.97	184.91	199.75	202.86	208.24
Leather and leather products	3.31	3.47	3.50	3.53	129.42	125.96	128.10	129.20
TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC UTILITIES	6.18	6.63	6.64	6.65	246.58	265.20	264.94	266.67
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE	3.81	4.07	4.09	4.07	130.30	135.94	136.20	137.97
WHOLESALE TRADE	5.03	5.28	5.30	5.33	197.18	204.34	205.11	207.87
RETAIL TRADE	3.40	3.64	3.65	3.64	111.18	115.75	115.71	118.30
FINANCE, INSURANCE, AND REAL ESTATE	4.23	4.41	4.41	4.43	153.97	161.85	161.41	162.58
SERVICES	4.23	4.44	4.49	4.51	142.13	148.74	149.97	151.09

¹ See footnote 1, table B-2.

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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	Dec. 1975	July 1976	Aug. 1976	Sept. 1976	Oct. 1976	Nov. P 1976	Dec. F 1976	Percent change from	
								Dec. 1975- Dec. 1976	Nov. 1976- Dec. 1976
TOTAL PRIVATE NONFARM:									
Current dollars	178.0	185.2	186.4	187.2	188.2	189.2	190.0	6.7	0.4
Constant (1967) dollars	107.0	108.4	108.5	108.5	108.7	109.0	N.A.	(2)	(3)
MINING	190.4	199.7	202.9	204.4	206.1	205.0	205.6	8.0	.3
CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION	180.1	187.7	187.1	186.5	187.9	189.0	189.9	5.4	.4
MANUFACTURING	177.6	185.4	186.6	188.1	188.4	189.7	190.5	7.3	.5
TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC UTILITIES	190.5	200.5	201.5	202.2	203.1	204.0	203.8	7.0	-1.1
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE	172.6	178.8	180.0	180.8	182.2	183.0	184.0	6.6	.5
FINANCE, INSURANCE, AND REAL ESTATE	165.2	170.8	173.1	172.0	173.5	173.3	173.0	4.7	-2.2
SERVICES	182.6	189.2	190.6	190.9	192.2	193.7	194.8	6.7	.6

¹ See footnote 1, table B-2.² Percent change was 1.6 from November 1975 to November 1976, the latest month available.³ Percent change was 0.3 from October 1976 to November 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											
	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov. P	Dec. P
TOTAL	109.3	110.1	110.4	110.4	110.8	111.3	110.9	111.1	111.0	111.4	111.3	111.8	112.4
GOODS-PRODUCING	94.0	95.2	95.2	95.2	94.8	96.3	95.9	95.6	94.8	94.9	94.9	96.1	96.1
MINING	124.9	125.2	125.0	125.7	125.9	124.7	125.0	127.7	115.6	131.7	131.1	132.8	132.9
CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION	98.1	99.6	98.5	94.1	99.0	97.8	97.6	97.2	95.9	92.8	97.2	97.9	97.2
MANUFACTURING	92.2	93.4	93.6	94.3	93.0	95.1	94.6	94.2	93.9	94.0	93.2	94.5	94.6
DURABLE GOODS	89.6	91.0	91.4	92.4	90.9	94.0	93.8	93.5	93.6	93.2	92.0	94.0	94.1
Ordnance and accessories	42.1	41.5	41.0	41.0	39.9	41.0	40.7	40.0	39.8	38.6	38.5	38.7	39.9
Lumber and wood products	93.2	97.0	96.0	95.8	96.0	96.6	96.1	98.6	97.6	98.2	99.4	100.8	102.5
Furniture and fixtures	100.7	101.3	103.1	103.6	102.7	105.1	103.3	102.3	101.2	102.4	102.2	102.5	102.5
Stone, clay, and glass products	96.5	97.7	97.4	96.5	98.6	99.5	99.7	99.2	98.6	98.9	99.7	100.1	98.9
Primary metal industries	82.8	83.6	84.8	86.0	86.8	88.3	89.2	90.1	89.8	88.8	86.2	85.6	85.3
Fabricated metal products	94.5	95.3	96.4	97.2	94.9	98.7	98.4	98.0	98.6	98.6	96.5	98.3	99.2
Machinery, except electrical	91.8	92.8	93.0	93.3	91.7	94.9	94.5	95.9	95.9	95.9	94.0	97.1	97.6
Electrical equipment and supplies	87.2	88.6	89.3	90.4	89.0	92.2	91.9	90.5	92.2	91.5	92.1	93.6	93.5
Transportation equipment	87.4	89.2	89.2	91.8	86.9	92.8	92.6	90.3	90.7	89.1	86.1	92.0	91.2
Instruments and related products	103.0	104.7	105.2	106.7	105.7	109.6	109.1	110.3	108.1	107.2	107.9	108.5	110.1
Miscellaneous manufacturing, Ind.	91.2	94.4	94.3	95.4	93.1	95.4	94.7	93.1	91.8	92.2	92.0	91.8	92.4
NONDURABLE GOODS	95.9	96.8	96.8	97.1	96.0	96.6	95.8	95.2	94.2	95.2	95.0	95.3	95.3
Food and kindred products	95.5	96.7	96.8	96.0	96.1	96.6	96.8	97.0	96.5	96.4	96.2	96.0	95.0
Tobacco manufactures	88.1	89.0	88.1	84.9	85.4	85.4	83.4	82.3	84.0	82.1	83.0	80.3	78.6
Textile mill products	98.5	99.1	99.0	99.3	96.1	99.9	98.6	98.0	95.5	95.2	95.0	95.6	96.7
Apparel and other textile products	91.9	92.7	92.2	92.6	89.3	92.0	91.4	88.9	87.6	86.2	85.7	86.2	85.6
Paper and allied products	94.5	95.2	95.8	96.1	95.9	98.1	97.3	96.9	96.1	96.5	95.7	96.7	96.9
Printing and publishing	92.9	93.1	92.6	92.7	92.3	93.6	93.1	93.6	92.9	93.1	93.4	93.5	94.2
Chemicals and allied products	97.5	98.4	99.4	99.4	100.1	100.0	99.0	99.4	99.8	100.3	99.4	99.9	100.2
Petroleum and coal products	111.4	113.6	114.2	113.9	115.6	113.9	111.6	112.2	112.4	112.2	112.5	113.4	115.0
Rubber and plastics products, nec	115.9	117.7	117.9	121.7	121.3	108.8	107.0	106.2	105.2	124.3	125.6	125.2	126.8
Leather and leather products	78.3	79.7	79.2	79.3	78.4	79.8	76.0	74.7	72.5	72.1	71.0	70.5	69.8
SERVICE-PRODUCING	119.9	120.5	120.9	121.0	121.9	121.6	121.2	121.8	122.2	122.8	122.7	122.8	123.7
TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC UTILITIES	101.9	101.3	102.3	102.5	102.4	101.9	101.6	102.1	102.5	102.9	102.0	102.1	103.0
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE	115.5	116.6	116.8	117.0	118.4	117.5	117.0	117.8	117.6	118.3	117.9	117.6	118.6
WHOLESALE TRADE	112.4	113.2	113.4	113.2	114.3	114.3	114.1	115.3	114.7	114.9	114.8	115.0	114.7
RETAIL TRADE	116.6	117.9	118.0	118.4	120.0	118.8	118.1	118.8	118.7	119.6	119.0	118.6	120.0
FINANCE, INSURANCE, AND REAL ESTATE	124.5	125.1	125.4	125.5	126.1	126.3	126.3	126.6	127.3	127.7	128.3	129.1	129.8
SERVICES	132.8	133.3	133.9	133.7	134.3	134.9	134.6	135.0	136.2	136.8	137.2	137.4	138.4

¹ See footnote 1, table B-2.

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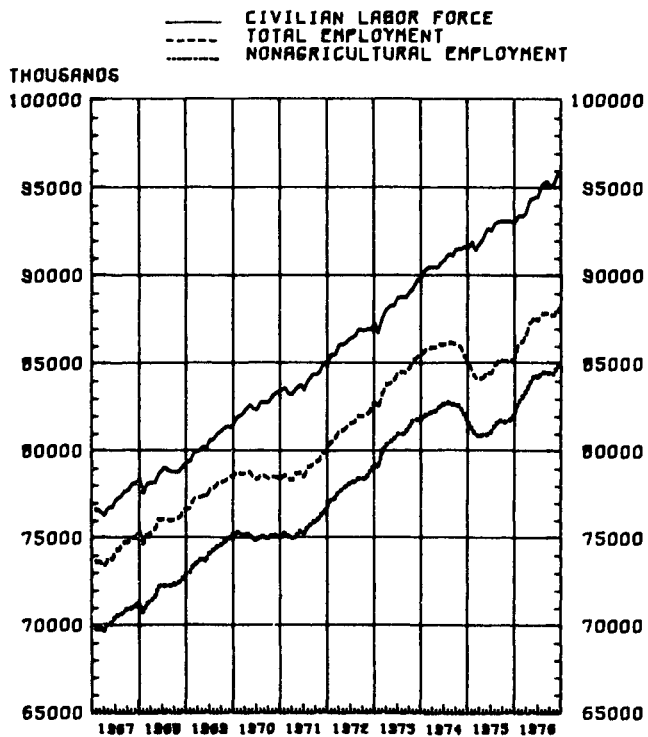
Table B-6. Indexes of diffusion: Percent of industries in which employment¹ increased

Year end month	Over 1-month span	Over 3-month span	Over 6-month span	Over 12-month span
1974				
January	58.7	61.6	64.8	63.1
February	55.8	55.2	56.4	59.6
March	48.0	54.7	54.7	54.9
April	54.7	52.3	51.5	50.0
May	54.7	57.0	50.3	40.1
June	54.4	50.9	44.5	28.2
July	49.1	44.2	35.8	26.7
August	42.2	36.0	32.0	22.1
September	32.6	35.5	21.8	20.6
October	35.5	26.2	15.7	18.6
November	19.8	21.8	16.0	16.6
December	19.8	12.8	13.7	14.0
1975				
January	16.9	12.5	13.7	16.3
February	16.9	14.0	12.8	17.4
March	27.3	22.7	18.9	17.2
April	44.2	34.6	29.1	20.3
May	51.2	43.6	40.7	25.6
June	39.8	47.7	59.0	40.1
July	57.3	55.5	63.4	50.3
August	72.4	75.0	66.6	61.9
September	81.4	78.8	72.4	71.5
October	64.0	70.6	78.8	75.9
November	59.6	69.2	79.4	79.1
December	69.2	75.0	77.6	81.4
1976				
January	76.7	82.0	82.8	84.6
February	74.4	84.3	83.1	82.8
March	77.9	84.9	77.0	79.4
April	77.9	81.1	77.0	73.5
May	63.4	70.6	71.5	75.6p
June	47.1	57.0	70.9	75.9p
July	52.9	47.4	55.2	
August	49.1	65.1	52.6p	
September	68.9	54.9	58.1p	
October	39.0	57.8p		
November	62.5p	53.2p		
December	63.4p			
1977				
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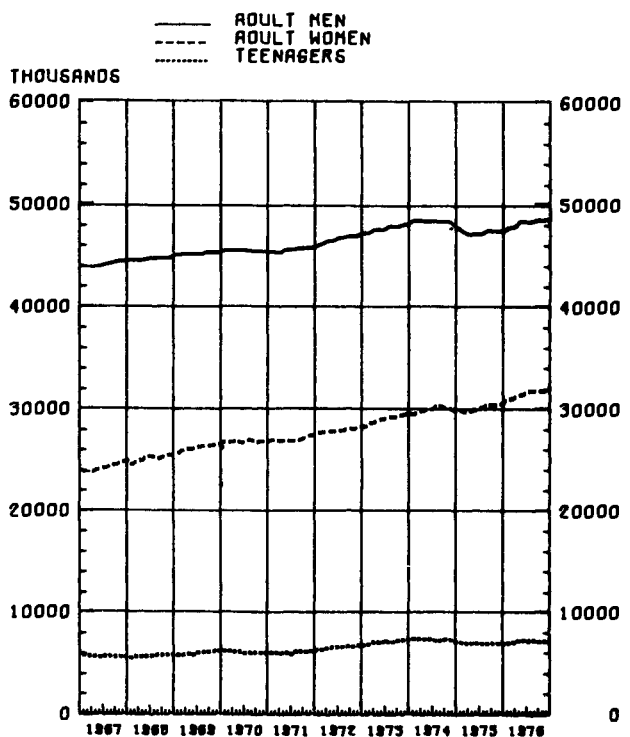
¹ Number of employees, seasonally adjusted, on payrolls of 172 private nonagricultural industries.
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LABOR FORCE, EMPLOYMENT, UNEMPLOYMENT HOUSEHOLD DATA - SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

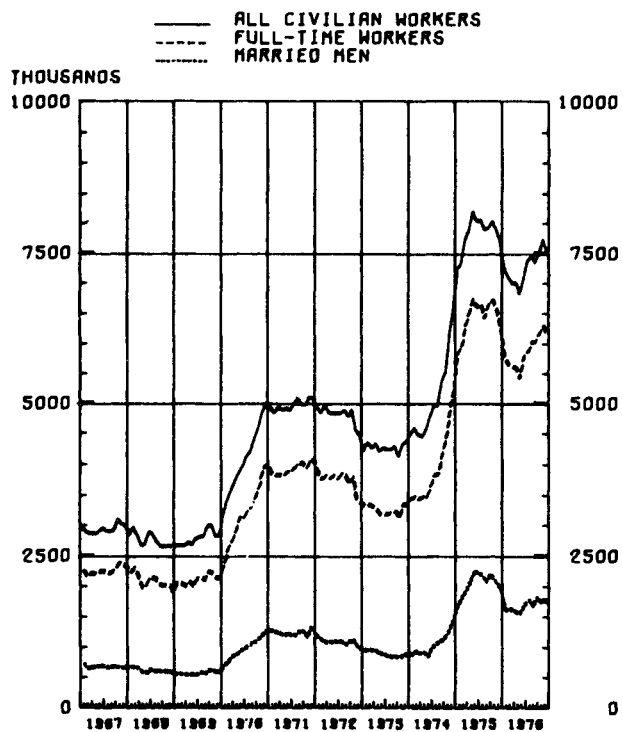
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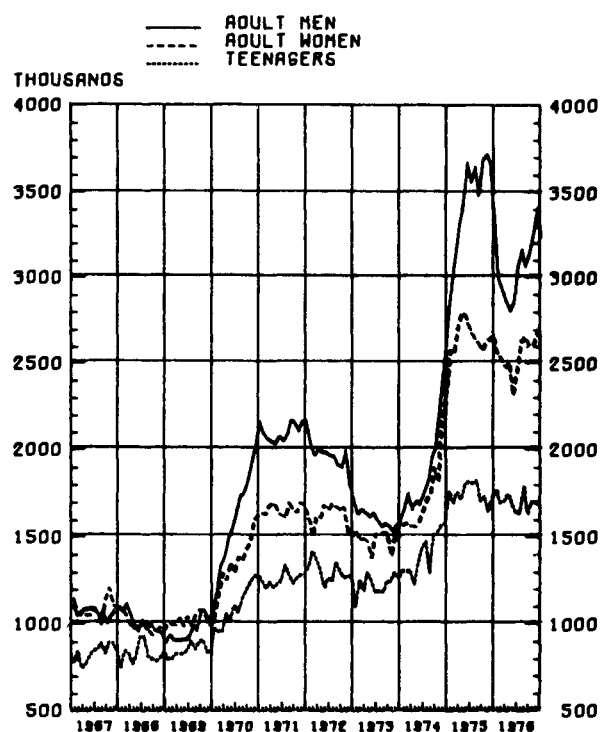
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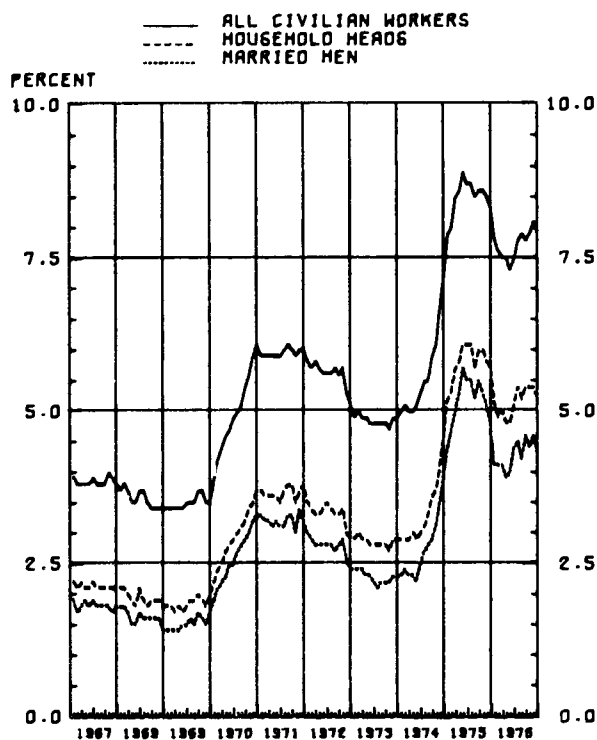


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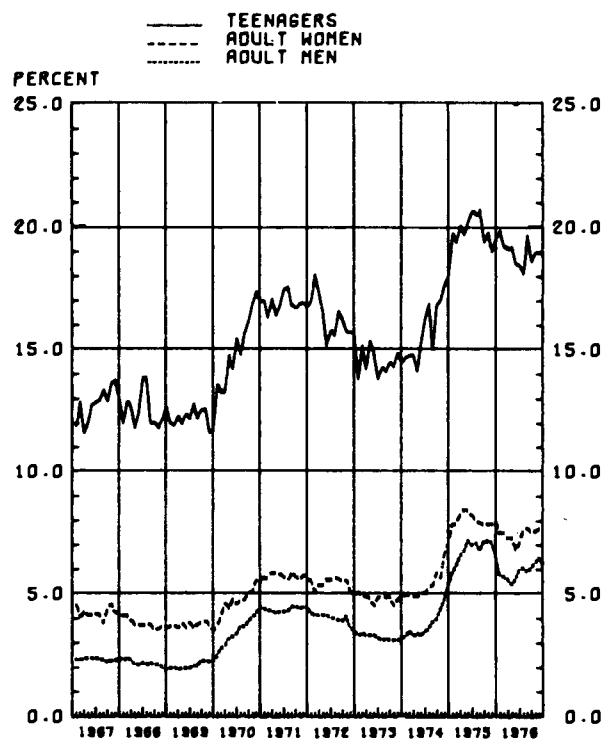


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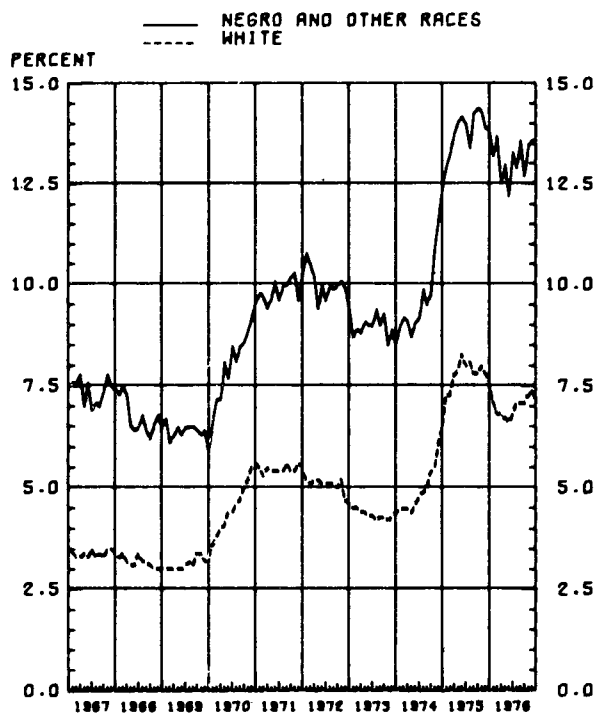
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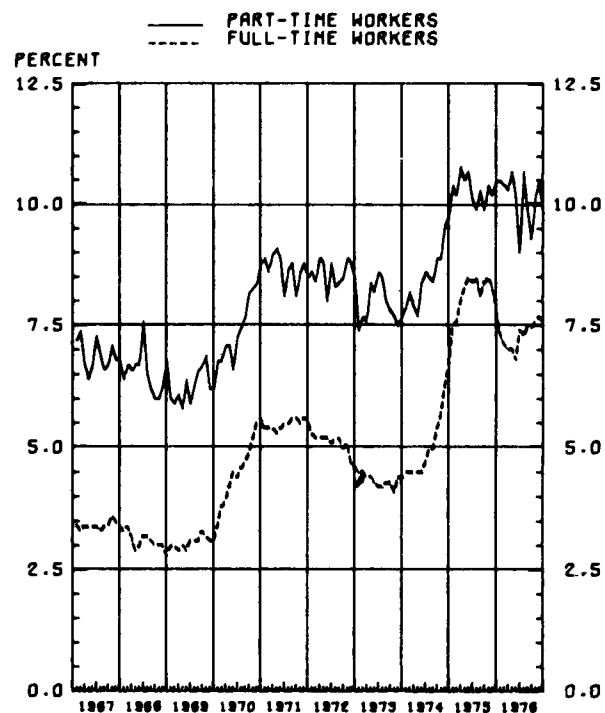
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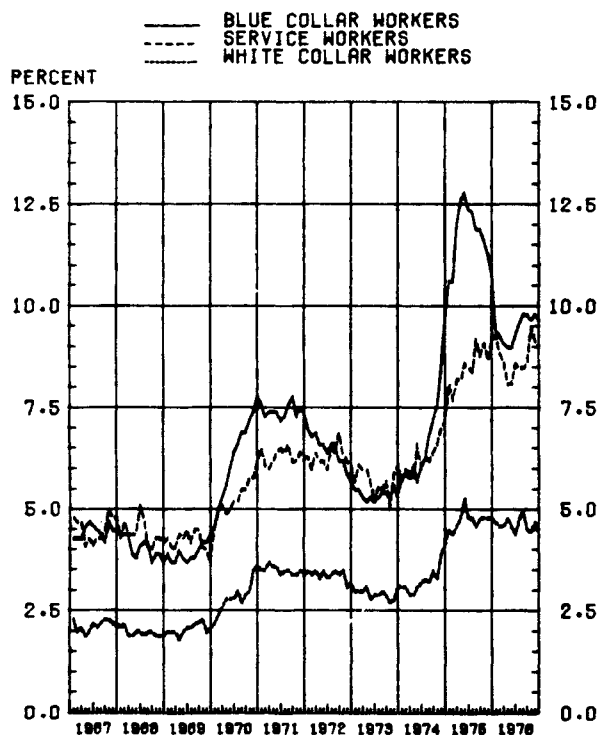


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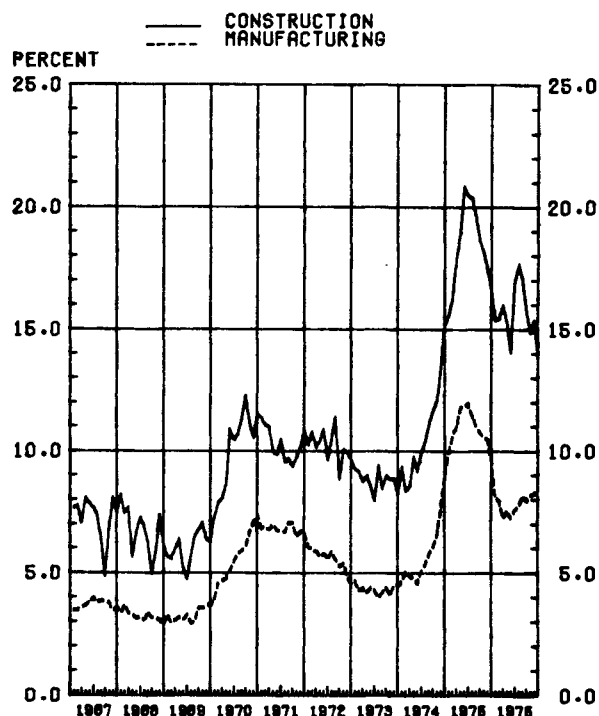


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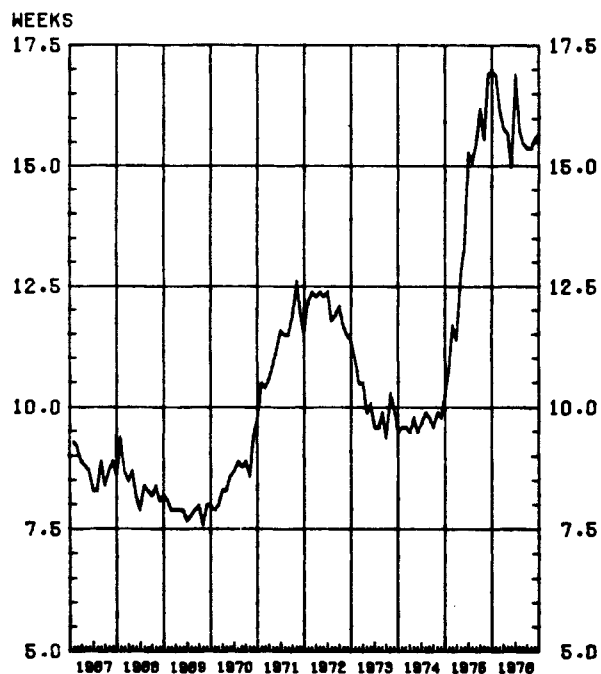
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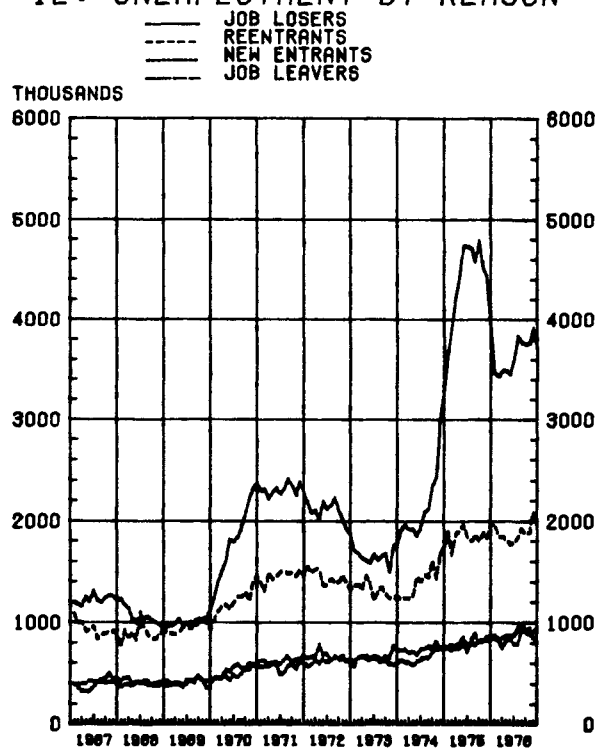
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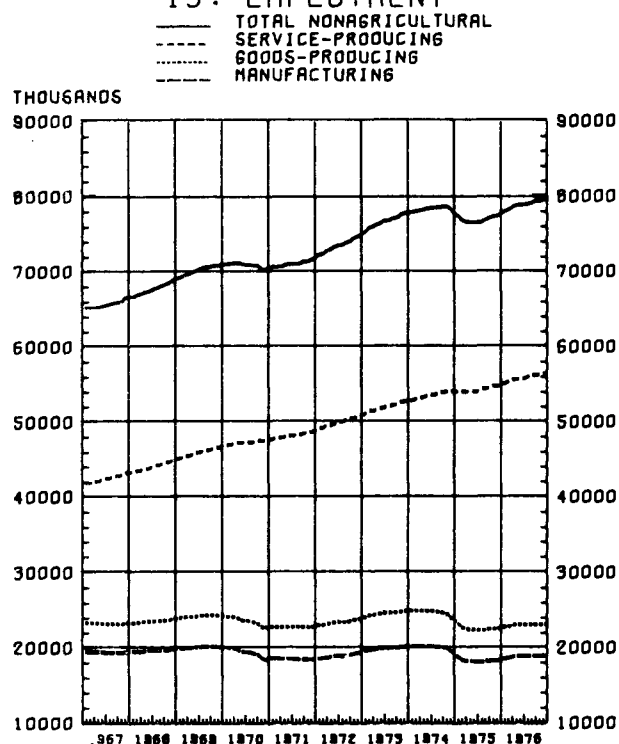


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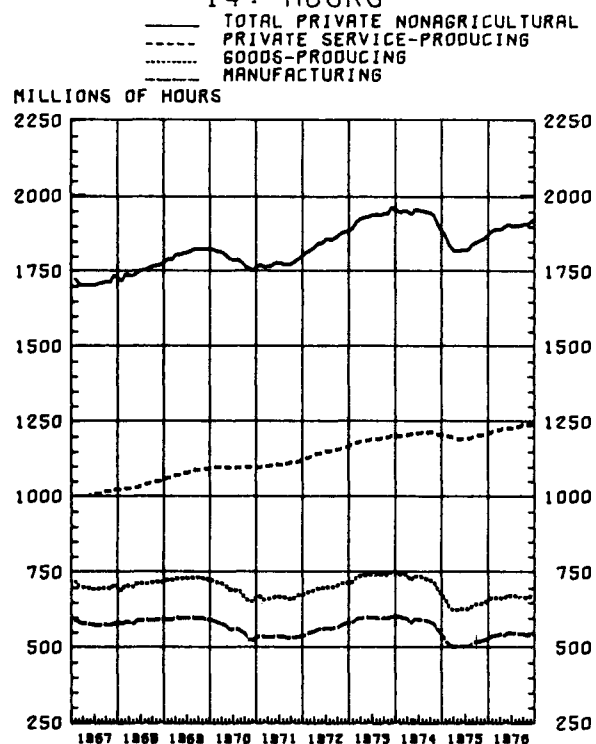


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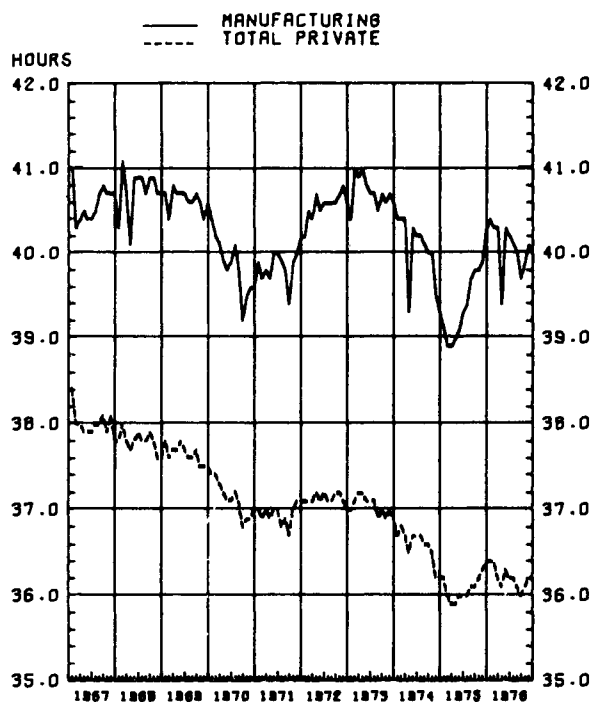
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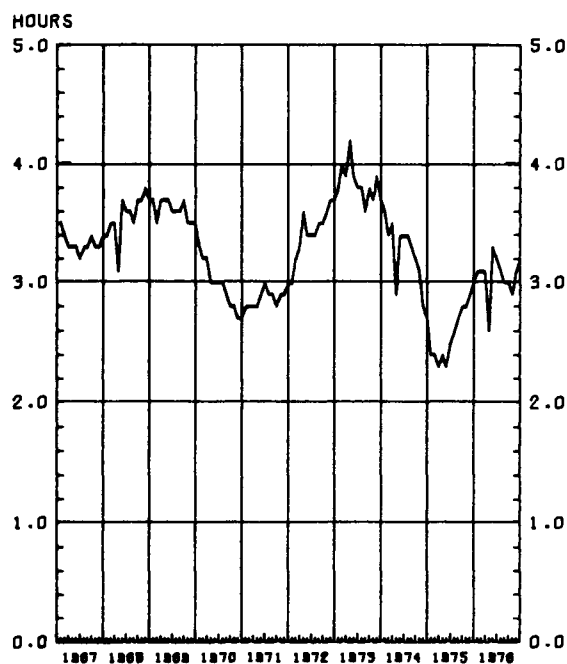
14. HOURS



15. AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS



16. AVERAGE WEEKLY OVERTIME HOURS IN MANUFACTURING



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