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## THE EMPLOYMENT SITUATION: APRIL 1979

Total employment fell in April and unemployment remained near recent levels, the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the U. S. Department of Labor reported today.

The total employment measure--from the monthly survey of households--declined by 670,000 in April to 96.2 million. This drop followed 8 months of strong growth, with average monthly gains of 300,000 recorded during the period. In contrast, nonfarm payroll employment--as measured by the monthly survey of establishments--was about unchanged over the month at 88.3 million.

Several special factors (discussed later) may account, at least in part, for the April survey results.

The overall unemployment rate was 5.8 percent in April. It has hovered around that mark for the past 9 months.

### Unemployment

Both the number of unemployed, 5.9 million, and the unemployment rate, 5.8 percent, remained at about the levels which have been in evidence since August 1978. The jobless rates for adult men (4.0 percent) and adult women (5.7 percent) were exactly the same as in March, while the rate for teenagers increased by a full percentage point to 16.5 percent. Unemployment rates for whites (4.9 percent) and blacks (11.8 percent) and most other worker groups were at or near the levels which have prevailed over the past several months. Since April of last year, the overall unemployment rate has edged down by three-tenths of a percentage point.

(See tables A-1 and A-2.)

The median duration of unemployment in April (5.2 weeks) was about half a week shorter than in March, reflecting an over-the-month increase in the number of persons jobless for less than 5 weeks. (See table A-4.)

### Total Employment and the Labor Force

Following 8 months of strong growth, total employment fell sharply in April. The March-to-April employment decline totaled 670,000. The reasons for this slowdown in employment growth are not entirely clear but may relate, in part, to adverse weather conditions, school and religious holiday effects, and the trucking strike/lockout.

April job levels (seasonally adjusted) were down for adult men, women, and teenagers, as well as for both whites and blacks. Employment declines were heavily concentrated among blue-collar operatives, except transport, and farm workers. Because of the strong job gains registered in earlier months, total employment in April was 2.5 million higher than a year earlier. Virtually all of the over-the-year employment growth occurred within the white-collar occupations. (See tables A-1 and A-3.)

Table A. Major indicators of labor market activity, seasonally adjusted

Selected categories	Quarterly averages					Monthly data			
	1978				1979	1979			
	I	II	III	IV	I	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	
HOUSEHOLD DATA									
Thousands of persons									
Civilian labor force .....	99,263	100,127	100,753	101,524	102,475	102,527	102,714	102,111	
Total employment .....	93,084	94,099	94,726	95,616	96,596	96,647	96,842	96,174	
Unemployment .....	6,179	6,028	6,027	5,908	5,878	5,881	5,871	5,937	
Not in labor force .....	58,741	58,478	58,482	58,398	58,095	58,012	58,105	58,815	
Discouraged workers .....	914	851	853	760	724	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	
Percent of labor force									
Unemployment rates:									
All workers .....	6.2	6.0	6.0	5.8	5.7	5.7	5.7	5.8	
Adult men .....	4.5	4.2	4.1	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	
Adult women .....	6.0	6.1	6.1	5.8	5.7	5.7	5.7	5.7	
Teenagers .....	16.9	16.1	16.1	16.3	15.8	16.1	15.5	16.5	
White .....	5.4	5.2	5.2	5.1	5.0	4.9	5.0	4.9	
Black and other .....	12.4	12.1	11.7	11.5	11.4	11.9	11.2	11.8	
Full-time workers .....	5.7	5.5	5.5	5.2	5.2	5.2	5.1	5.3	
ESTABLISHMENT DATA									
Thousands of jobs									
Nonfarm payroll employment .....	84,262	85,677	86,115	86,963	87,861p	87,818	88,241p	88,312p	
Goods-producing industries .....	24,766	25,376	25,478	25,857	26,241p	26,199	26,413p	26,397p	
Service-producing industries .....	59,495	60,302	60,637	61,106	61,620p	61,619	61,827p	61,915p	
Hours of work									
Average weekly hours:									
Total private nonfarm .....	35.7	36.0	35.8	35.9	35.8p	35.7	35.9p	35.4p	
Manufacturing .....	40.2	40.6	40.4	40.6	40.7p	40.7	40.8p	39.1p	
Manufacturing overtime .....	3.6	3.6	3.5	3.7	3.8p	3.8	3.8p	2.7p	

p=preliminary.

N.A.=not available.

The civilian labor force declined by 600,000 over the month to 102.1 million but was still 2.4 million higher than April 1978. At 63.5 percent, the civilian labor force participation rate was 0.4 percentage point below its March level, but up 0.5 percentage point from the year-ago level. (See table A-1.)

#### Industry Payroll Employment

Nonfarm payroll employment was about unchanged over the month at 88.3 million, seasonally adjusted. Job gains took place in only 49 percent of the 172 industries comprising the BLS diffusion index, the lowest proportion in 2 1/2 years. (See tables B-1 and B-6.) As already noted, however, there were several special factors contributing to the employment and hours picture in April. Prior to April, payroll employment had been growing almost continuously. Jobs have increased by 2.9 million, or 3.4 percent, over the year.

In the goods-producing industries, employment in manufacturing, construction and mining were all essentially unchanged. Within manufacturing, employment in the non-electrical machinery industry continued to climb, while the transportation equipment industry was adversely affected by interruptions in deliveries.

In the service-producing sector, the largest monthly increase was in the services industry (55,000), which has also accounted for a disproportionate share of payroll employment growth over the past year. In addition, employment continued to rise in trade and finance, insurance, and real estate. A substantial decline in transportation and public utilities (65,000) was primarily the result of strike activity.

#### Hours

The average workweek of production or nonsupervisory workers on private nonagricultural payrolls was 35.4 hours in April, down 0.5 hour from the March level. This brought weekly hours to a record low, but the strike/lockout, religious observances, and, to some extent, widespread flooding and tornadoes caused the workweek of many employees to be temporarily curtailed. Because the effects of the truckers' strike/lockout were concentrated in manufacturing, the factory workweek experienced an especially sharp dip of 1.7 hours to 39.1 hours. Similarly, factory overtime dropped by more than an hour, to 2.7 hours, and the decline was even larger in durable goods. (See table B-2.)

Reflecting the almost constant level of employment and the decline in weekly hours between March and April, the index of aggregate weekly hours of production or nonsupervisory workers on private nonfarm payrolls fell 1.7 percent to 122.6 (1967=100). The index was 1.8 percent above its year-earlier level. (See table B-5.)

#### Hourly and Weekly Earnings

Average hourly earnings of production or nonsupervisory workers on private nonfarm payrolls posted a very slight decline over the month (0.2 percent) and were 7.7 percent above the April 1978 level (seasonally adjusted). Average weekly earnings fell 1.6 percent over the month and were 5.6 percent above the year-earlier level.

Before adjustment for seasonality, average hourly earnings were \$6.02 in both March and April, 43 cents above April 1978. Average weekly earnings were \$211.30, \$3.61 lower than in March but \$11.18 higher than a year earlier. (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 226.6 (1967=100) in April, 0.6 percent higher than in March. The index was 7.8 percent above April a year ago. During the 12-month period ended in March, the Hourly Earnings Index in dollars of constant purchasing power declined 2.0 percent. (See table B-4.)

## Explanatory Note

This release presents and analyzes statistics from two major surveys. Data on labor force, total employment, and unemployment (A tables) are derived from the Current Population Survey—a sample survey of households which is conducted by the Bureau of the Census for the Bureau of Labor Statistics. Beginning in September 1975, the sample was enlarged by 9,000 households in order to provide greater reliability for smaller States and thus permit the publication of annual statistics for all 50 States and the District of Columbia. These supplementary households were added to the 47,000 national household sample in January 1978; thus the sample now consists of about 56,000 households selected to represent the U.S. civilian noninstitutional population 16 years and over.

Statistics on nonagricultural payroll employment, hours, and earnings (B tables) are collected by the Bureau of Labor Statistics, in cooperation with State agencies, from payroll records of a sample of approximately 165,000 establishments. Unless otherwise indicated, data for both statistical series relate to the week containing the 12th day of the specified month.

### Comparability of household and payroll employment statistics

Employment data from the household and payroll surveys differ in several basic respects. The household survey provides information on the labor force activity of the entire civilian noninstitutional population, 16 years of age and over, without duplication. Each person is classified as either employed, unemployed, or not in the labor force. The household survey counts employed persons in both agriculture and nonagricultural industries and, in addition to wage and salary workers (including private household workers), counts the self-employed, unpaid family workers, and persons "with a job but not at work" and not paid for the period absent.

The payroll survey relates only to paid wage and salary employees (regardless of age) on the payrolls of nonagricultural establishments. Persons who worked at more than one job during the survey week or otherwise appear on more than one payroll are counted more than once in the establishment survey. Such persons are counted only once in the household survey and are classified in the job at which they worked the greatest number of hours.

### Unemployment

To be classified in the household survey as unemployed an individual must: (1) Have been without a

job during the survey week; (2) have made specific efforts to find employment sometime during the prior 4 weeks; and (3) be presently available for work. In addition, persons on layoff and those waiting to begin a new job (within 30 days), neither of whom must meet the jobseeking requirements, are also classified as unemployed. The unemployed total includes all persons who satisfactorily meet the above criteria, regardless of their eligibility for unemployment insurance benefits or any kind of public assistance. The unemployment rate represents the unemployed as a proportion of the civilian labor force (the employed and unemployed combined).

The Bureau regularly publishes a wide variety of labor market measures. See, for example, the demographic, occupational, and industry detail in tables A-2 and A-3 of this release and the comprehensive data package in *Employment and Earnings* each month. A special grouping of seven unemployment measures is set forth in table A-7. Identified by the symbols U-1 through U-7, these measures represent a range of possible definitions of unemployment and of the labor force—from the most restrictive (U-1) to the most comprehensive (U-7). The official rate of unemployment appears as U-5.

### Seasonal adjustment

Nearly all economic phenomena are affected to some degree by seasonal variations. These are recurring, predictable events which are repeated more or less regularly each year—changes in weather, opening and closing of schools, major holidays, industry production schedules, etc. The cumulative effects of these events are often large. For example, on average over the year, they explain about 95 percent of the month-to-month variance in the unemployment figures. Since seasonal variations tend to be large relative to the underlying cyclical trends, it is necessary to use seasonally-adjusted data to interpret short-term economic developments. At the beginning of each year, seasonal adjustment factors for unemployment and other labor force series are calculated for use during the entire year, taking into account the prior year's experience.

All seasonally-adjusted civilian labor force and unemployment rate statistics, as well as the major employment and unemployment estimates, are computed by aggregating independently adjusted series. The official unemployment rate for all civilian workers is derived by dividing the estimate for total unem-

ployment (the sum of four seasonally-adjusted age-sex components) by the civilian labor force (the sum of 12 seasonally-adjusted age-sex components).

For establishment data, the seasonally-adjusted series for all employees, production workers, average weekly hours, and average hourly earnings are adjusted by aggregating the seasonally-adjusted data from the respective component series. These data are also revised annually, often in conjunction with benchmark (comprehensive counts of employment) adjustments. (The most recent revision of seasonally-adjusted data was based on data through May 1978.)

### Sampling variability

Both the household and establishment survey statistics are subject to sampling error, which should be taken into account in evaluating the levels of a series as well as changes over time. Because the household survey is based upon a probability sample, the results may differ from the figures that would be obtained if it were possible to take a complete census using the same questionnaires and procedures. The standard error is the measure of sampling variability, that is, of the variation that occurs by chance because a sample rather than the entire population is surveyed. The chances are about 68 out of 100 that an estimate from the survey differs from a figure that would be obtained through a complete census by less than the standard error. Tables A through H in the "Explanatory Notes" of *Employment and Earnings* provide approximations of the standard errors for unemployment and other labor force categories. To obtain a 90-percent level of confidence, the confidence interval generally used by BLS, the errors should be multiplied by 1.6. The following examples provide an indication of the magnitude of sampling error: For a monthly change in total em-

ployment, the standard error is on the order of plus or minus 182,000. Similarly, the standard error on a change in total unemployment is approximately 115,000. The standard error on a change in the national unemployment rate is 0.12 percentage point.

Although the relatively large size of the monthly establishment survey assures a high degree of accuracy, the estimates derived from it also may differ from the figures obtained if a complete census using the same schedules and procedures were possible. However, since the estimating procedures utilize the previous month's level as the base in computing the current month's level of employment (link-relative technique), sampling and response errors may accumulate over several months. To remove this accumulated error, the employment estimates are adjusted to new benchmarks (comprehensive counts of employment), usually on an annual basis. In addition to taking account of sampling and response errors, the benchmark revision adjusts the estimates for changes in the industrial classification of individual establishments. Employment estimates are currently projected from March 1977 levels.

One measure of the reliability of the employment estimates for individual industries is the root-mean-square error (RMSE). The RMSE is the standard deviation adjusted for the bias in estimates. If the bias is small, the chances are about 68 out of 100 that an estimate from the sample would differ from its benchmark by less than the RMSE. For total nonagricultural employment, the RMSE is on the order of plus or minus 81,000. Measures of reliability (approximations of the RMSE) for establishment-survey data and actual amounts of revision due to benchmark adjustments are provided in tables J through O in the "Explanatory Notes" of *Employment and Earnings*.

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Table A-1. Employment status of the noninstitutional population

[Numbers in thousands]

Employment status	Not seasonally adjusted			Seasonally adjusted					
	Apr.	Mar.	Apr.	Apr.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.
	1978	1979	1979	1978	1978	1979	1979	1979	1979
<b>TOTAL</b>									
Total noninstitutional population <sup>1</sup>	160,504	162,909	163,008	160,504	162,250	162,448	162,633	162,909	163,008
Armed Forces <sup>1</sup>	2,118	2,090	2,082	2,118	2,108	2,094	2,094	2,090	2,082
Civilian noninstitutional population <sup>1</sup>	158,386	160,819	160,926	158,386	160,142	160,353	160,539	160,819	160,926
Civilian labor force	98,866	101,665	101,236	99,767	101,867	102,183	102,527	102,714	102,111
Participation rate	62.4	63.2	62.9	63.0	63.6	63.7	63.9	63.9	63.5
Employed	93,180	95,501	95,675	93,704	95,855	96,300	96,647	96,842	96,174
Employment-population ratio <sup>2</sup>	58.1	58.6	58.7	58.4	59.1	59.3	59.4	59.4	59.0
Agriculture	3,151	2,925	3,074	3,274	3,387	3,232	3,311	3,343	3,186
Nonagricultural industries	90,029	92,576	92,601	90,430	92,468	93,068	93,335	93,499	92,987
Unemployed	5,685	6,165	5,561	6,063	6,012	5,883	5,881	5,871	5,937
Unemployment rate	5.8	6.1	5.5	6.1	5.9	5.8	5.7	5.7	5.8
Not in labor force	59,520	59,153	59,690	58,619	58,275	58,170	58,012	58,105	58,815
<b>Men, 20 years and over</b>									
Total noninstitutional population <sup>1</sup>	68,419	69,612	69,663	68,419	69,288	69,385	69,476	69,612	69,663
Civilian noninstitutional population <sup>1</sup>	66,740	67,939	67,997	66,740	67,600	67,726	67,816	67,939	67,997
Civilian labor force	53,003	54,004	53,958	53,276	54,033	54,333	54,485	54,444	54,243
Participation rate	79.4	79.5	79.4	79.8	79.9	80.2	80.3	80.1	79.8
Employed	50,725	51,487	51,773	50,997	51,838	52,133	52,331	52,264	52,056
Employment-population ratio <sup>2</sup>	74.1	74.0	74.3	74.5	74.8	75.1	75.3	75.1	74.7
Agriculture	2,274	2,176	2,237	2,309	2,403	2,293	2,324	2,355	2,271
Nonagricultural industries	48,451	49,310	49,536	48,688	49,435	49,841	50,007	49,909	49,785
Unemployed	2,278	2,518	2,185	2,279	2,195	2,200	2,154	2,180	2,187
Unemployment rate	4.3	4.7	4.0	4.3	4.1	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0
Not in labor force	13,737	13,934	14,039	13,464	13,567	13,393	13,331	13,495	13,754
<b>Women, 20 years and over</b>									
Total noninstitutional population <sup>1</sup>	75,300	76,589	76,645	75,300	76,227	76,337	76,440	76,589	76,645
Civilian noninstitutional population <sup>1</sup>	75,198	76,476	76,532	75,198	76,119	76,228	76,332	76,476	76,532
Civilian labor force	37,133	38,790	38,425	37,085	38,217	38,185	38,429	38,642	38,345
Participation rate	49.4	50.7	50.2	49.3	50.2	50.1	50.3	50.5	50.1
Employed	35,083	36,592	36,403	34,874	35,990	36,019	36,252	36,440	36,165
Employment-population ratio <sup>2</sup>	46.6	47.8	47.5	46.3	47.2	47.2	47.4	47.6	47.2
Agriculture	552	478	534	600	591	586	608	613	580
Nonagricultural industries	34,531	36,114	35,869	34,274	35,399	35,433	35,644	35,827	35,584
Unemployed	2,050	2,197	2,021	2,211	2,227	2,166	2,177	2,201	2,180
Unemployment rate	5.5	5.9	5.3	6.0	5.8	5.7	5.7	5.7	5.7
Not in labor force	38,065	37,686	38,108	38,113	37,902	38,043	37,903	37,834	38,187
<b>Both sexes, 16-19 years</b>									
Total noninstitutional population <sup>1</sup>	16,785	16,709	16,700	16,785	16,734	16,725	16,717	16,709	16,700
Civilian noninstitutional population <sup>1</sup>	16,449	16,404	16,397	16,449	16,422	16,400	16,391	16,404	16,397
Civilian labor force	8,730	8,871	8,853	9,406	9,617	9,665	9,613	9,628	9,523
Participation rate	53.1	54.1	54.0	57.2	58.6	58.9	58.6	58.7	58.1
Employed	7,372	7,422	7,499	7,833	8,027	8,148	8,064	8,138	7,953
Employment-population ratio <sup>2</sup>	43.9	44.4	44.9	46.7	48.0	48.7	48.2	48.7	47.6
Agriculture	326	271	303	365	393	354	380	375	335
Nonagricultural industries	7,047	7,152	7,195	7,468	7,634	7,794	7,684	7,763	7,618
Unemployed	1,357	1,449	1,355	1,573	1,590	1,517	1,549	1,490	1,570
Unemployment rate	15.5	16.3	15.3	16.7	16.5	15.7	16.1	15.5	16.5
Not in labor force	7,719	7,533	7,543	7,043	6,805	6,735	6,778	6,776	6,874
<b>White</b>									
Total noninstitutional population <sup>1</sup>	140,863	142,720	142,773	140,863	142,198	142,351	142,493	142,720	142,773
Civilian noninstitutional population <sup>1</sup>	139,149	141,063	141,123	139,149	140,507	140,683	140,825	141,063	141,123
Civilian labor force	87,198	89,558	89,195	87,902	89,747	90,093	90,395	90,415	89,923
Participation rate	62.7	63.5	63.2	63.2	63.9	64.0	64.2	64.1	63.7
Employed	82,848	84,770	84,997	83,303	85,125	85,543	85,941	85,938	85,479
Employment-population ratio <sup>2</sup>	58.8	59.4	59.5	59.1	59.9	60.1	60.3	60.2	59.9
Unemployed	4,351	4,788	4,198	4,599	4,622	4,550	4,453	4,478	4,444
Unemployment rate	5.0	5.3	4.7	5.2	5.2	5.1	4.9	5.0	4.9
Not in labor force	51,951	51,506	51,928	51,247	50,760	50,590	50,430	50,648	51,200
<b>Black and other</b>									
Total noninstitutional population <sup>1</sup>	19,641	20,189	20,234	19,641	20,051	20,097	20,140	20,189	20,234
Civilian noninstitutional population <sup>1</sup>	19,237	19,755	19,802	19,237	19,635	19,670	19,714	19,755	19,802
Civilian labor force	11,667	12,108	12,041	11,802	12,153	12,077	12,228	12,251	12,175
Participation rate	60.7	61.3	60.8	61.4	61.9	61.4	62.0	62.0	61.5
Employed	10,333	10,731	10,678	10,391	10,758	10,725	10,775	10,878	10,734
Employment-population ratio <sup>2</sup>	52.6	53.2	52.8	52.9	53.7	53.4	53.5	53.9	53.0
Unemployed	1,335	1,377	1,363	1,411	1,395	1,352	1,452	1,374	1,442
Unemployment rate	11.4	11.4	11.3	12.0	11.5	11.2	11.9	11.2	11.8
Not in labor force	7,569	7,648	7,761	7,435	7,482	7,593	7,486	7,504	7,627

<sup>1</sup> The population and Armed Forces figures are not adjusted for seasonal variations; therefore, identical numbers appear in the unadjusted and seasonally adjusted columns.

<sup>2</sup> Civilian employment as a percent of the total noninstitutional population (including Armed Forces).

Table A-2. Major unemployment indicators, seasonally adjusted

Selected categories	Number of unemployed persons (In thousands)		Unemployment rates					
	Apr.	Apr.	Apr.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.
	1978	1979	1978	1978	1979	1979	1979	1979
<b>CHARACTERISTICS</b>								
Total, 16 years and over	6,063	5,937	6.1	5.9	5.8	5.7	5.7	5.8
Men, 20 years and over	2,279	2,187	4.3	4.1	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0
Women, 20 years and over	2,211	2,180	6.0	5.8	5.7	5.7	5.7	5.7
Both sexes, 16-19 years	1,573	1,570	16.7	16.5	15.7	16.1	15.5	16.5
White, total	4,599	4,444	5.2	5.2	5.1	4.9	5.0	4.9
Men, 20 years and over	1,740	1,657	3.7	3.5	3.6	3.4	3.4	3.4
Women, 20 years and over	1,676	1,619	5.2	5.1	5.0	5.0	5.0	4.9
Both sexes, 16-19 years	1,183	1,168	14.1	14.2	13.7	13.6	13.6	13.9
Black and other, total	1,411	1,442	12.0	11.5	11.2	11.9	11.2	11.8
Men, 20 years and over	507	498	8.9	8.4	7.8	8.6	8.8	8.6
Women, 20 years and over	542	568	10.6	10.2	10.6	10.6	9.8	10.8
Both sexes, 16-19 years	362	375	35.4	34.9	32.7	35.5	31.5	34.5
Married men, spouse present	1,125	1,097	2.8	2.5	2.6	2.6	2.6	2.7
Married women, spouse present	1,166	1,218	5.1	5.6	5.3	5.1	5.1	5.2
Women who head families	486	410	10.1	7.7	7.8	8.3	8.3	8.4
Full-time workers	4,676	4,655	5.5	5.3	5.2	5.2	5.1	5.3
Part-time workers	1,399	1,291	9.4	9.2	9.1	8.6	9.2	8.8
Unemployed 15 weeks and over <sup>1</sup>	1,486	1,235	1.5	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.3	1.2
Labor force time lost <sup>2</sup>	--	--	6.5	6.2	6.2	6.2	6.1	6.5
<b>OCCUPATION<sup>3</sup></b>								
White-collar workers	1,736	1,661	3.6	3.5	3.3	3.4	3.4	3.3
Professional and technical	365	341	2.5	3.0	2.5	2.3	2.1	2.2
Managers and administrators, except farm	212	245	2.0	1.9	2.0	1.9	2.2	2.3
Sales workers	266	254	4.3	3.6	3.8	4.3	4.1	4.0
Clerical workers	893	821	5.1	4.6	4.6	4.7	4.9	4.5
Blue-collar workers	2,263	2,330	6.7	6.8	6.4	6.4	6.6	6.9
Craft and kindred workers	569	558	4.4	4.7	4.5	4.7	4.6	4.2
Operatives, except transport	946	996	8.0	7.7	7.6	7.6	7.7	8.6
Transport equipment operatives	204	226	5.5	5.3	4.9	5.0	5.2	6.0
Nonfarm laborers	544	551	10.3	11.0	9.4	9.3	10.3	10.5
Service workers	1,068	1,031	7.7	7.7	7.9	7.1	7.2	7.4
Farm workers	90	92	3.2	3.4	2.8	3.6	3.2	3.4
<b>INDUSTRY<sup>3</sup></b>								
Nonagricultural private wage and salary workers <sup>4</sup>	4,308	4,259	5.9	5.8	5.7	5.6	5.5	5.7
Construction	486	531	9.8	12.1	10.6	11.5	10.2	10.3
Manufacturing	1,173	1,215	5.4	5.0	5.0	4.8	5.2	5.4
Durable goods	589	640	4.5	4.4	4.4	4.1	4.3	4.6
Nondurable goods	584	575	6.5	6.0	5.9	5.8	6.4	6.5
Transportation and public utilities	203	156	3.8	3.3	3.5	3.0	4.0	2.9
Wholesale and retail trade	1,297	1,245	7.1	6.8	6.5	6.6	6.2	6.6
Finance and service industries	1,108	1,066	5.2	5.1	5.1	4.8	4.7	4.8
Government workers	615	578	3.9	4.0	4.0	3.7	4.1	3.6
Agricultural wage and salary workers	121	128	7.9	7.7	7.2	8.9	7.7	8.6

<sup>1</sup> Unemployment rate calculated as a percent of civilian labor force.<sup>2</sup> Aggregate hours lost by the unemployed and persons on part time for economic reasons as a percent of potentially available labor force hours.<sup>3</sup> Unemployment by occupation includes all experienced unemployed persons, whereas that by

by industry covers only unemployed wage and salary workers.

<sup>4</sup> Includes mining, not shown separately.

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Table A-3. Selected employment indicators

[In thousands]

Selected categories	Not seasonally adjusted		Seasonally adjusted					
	Apr.	Apr.	Apr.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.
	1976	1979	1978	1978	1979	1979	1979	1979
<b>CHARACTERISTICS</b>								
Total employed, 16 years and over .....	93,180	95,675	93,704	95,855	96,300	96,647	96,842	96,174
Men .....	54,674	55,745	55,184	56,072	56,449	56,549	56,559	56,267
Women .....	38,506	39,930	38,520	39,783	39,851	40,098	40,283	39,907
Married men, spouse present .....	38,473	38,800	38,575	39,039	39,202	39,374	39,291	38,917
Married women, spouse present .....	21,869	22,511	21,713	22,297	22,410	22,632	22,700	22,355
<b>OCCUPATION</b>								
White-collar workers .....	40,766	49,134	46,795	48,040	48,275	49,001	49,133	49,160
Professional and technical .....	14,257	15,302	14,186	14,629	14,743	15,034	15,083	15,226
Managers and administrators, except farm .....	9,987	10,211	10,184	10,217	10,322	10,414	10,407	10,409
Sales workers .....	5,914	6,140	5,856	6,092	6,055	6,141	6,067	6,079
Clerical workers .....	16,608	17,481	16,569	17,102	17,154	17,412	17,577	17,446
Blue-collar workers .....	30,996	31,122	31,452	31,962	32,491	32,331	32,085	31,582
Craft and kindred workers .....	12,093	12,507	12,277	12,610	12,842	12,932	12,808	12,697
Operatives, except transport .....	10,809	10,587	10,875	10,887	11,047	10,953	11,060	10,651
Transport equipment operatives .....	3,539	3,550	3,539	3,640	3,678	3,618	3,565	3,550
Nonfarm laborers .....	4,554	4,478	4,761	4,825	4,924	4,829	4,652	4,684
Service workers .....	12,786	12,884	12,814	13,007	12,777	12,770	12,856	12,909
Farm workers .....	2,632	2,534	2,726	2,826	2,759	2,742	2,803	2,624
<b>MAJOR INDUSTRY AND CLASS OF WORKER</b>								
Agriculture:								
Wage and salary workers .....	1,353	1,310	1,406	1,478	1,365	1,429	1,419	1,362
Self-employed workers .....	1,521	1,497	1,555	1,625	1,547	1,550	1,595	1,531
Unpaid family workers .....	278	266	295	318	293	348	324	282
Nonagricultural industries:								
Wage and salary workers .....	83,147	85,722	83,622	85,579	86,169	86,346	86,592	86,195
Government .....	15,473	15,510	15,324	15,360	15,217	15,293	15,224	15,356
Private industries .....	67,674	70,212	68,298	70,219	70,952	71,053	71,368	70,839
Private households .....	1,378	1,146	1,395	1,316	1,245	1,334	1,255	1,160
Other industries .....	66,296	69,066	66,903	68,903	69,707	69,719	70,112	69,679
Self-employed workers .....	6,365	6,390	6,443	6,515	6,529	6,632	6,585	6,468
Unpaid family workers .....	517	488	499	460	478	456	443	471
<b>PERSONS AT WORK <sup>1</sup></b>								
Nonagricultural industries .....	86,652	87,141	85,797	87,046	87,490	87,592	87,955	86,345
Full-time schedules .....	70,338	71,411	70,481	71,787	72,209	72,250	72,623	71,554
Part time for economic reasons .....	3,017	3,023	3,310	3,058	3,159	3,147	3,179	3,312
Usually work full time .....	1,223	1,256	1,231	1,209	1,208	1,205	1,235	1,265
Usually work part time .....	1,794	1,767	2,079	1,849	1,951	1,942	1,944	2,048
Part time for noneconomic reasons .....	13,297	12,707	12,006	12,201	12,122	12,195	12,154	11,479

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

Table A-4. Duration of unemployment

[Numbers in thousands]

Weeks of unemployment	Not seasonally adjusted		Seasonally adjusted					
	Apr.	Apr.	Apr.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.
	1978	1979	1978	1978	1979	1979	1979	1979
<b>DURATION</b>								
Less than 5 weeks .....	2,335	2,498	2,747	2,876	2,713	2,743	2,751	2,939
5 to 14 weeks .....	1,565	1,580	1,856	1,979	1,877	1,870	1,857	1,874
15 weeks and over .....	1,785	1,483	1,486	1,208	1,251	1,260	1,305	1,235
15 to 26 weeks .....	1,052	894	809	726	728	712	729	692
27 weeks and over .....	733	588	677	482	523	548	576	543
Average (mean) duration, in weeks .....	13.9	12.4	12.4	10.7	11.2	11.3	11.7	11.0
Median duration, in weeks .....	7.3	6.4	5.9	5.6	5.9	6.3	5.8	5.2
<b>PERCENT DISTRIBUTION</b>								
Total unemployed .....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Less than 5 weeks .....	41.1	44.9	45.1	47.4	46.4	46.7	46.5	48.6
5 to 14 weeks .....	27.5	28.4	30.5	32.6	32.1	31.8	31.4	31.0
15 weeks and over .....	31.4	26.7	24.4	19.9	21.4	21.4	22.1	20.4
15 to 26 weeks .....	18.5	16.1	13.3	12.0	12.5	12.1	12.3	11.4
27 weeks and over .....	12.9	10.6	11.1	7.9	9.0	9.3	9.7	9.0

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Table A-5. Reasons for unemployment

(Numbers in thousands)

Reasons	Not seasonally adjusted		Seasonally adjusted					
	Apr.	Apr.	Apr.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.
	1978	1979	1978	1978	1979	1979	1979	1979
<b>NUMBER OF UNEMPLOYED</b>								
Lost last job .....	2,016	2,579	2,550	2,442	2,454	2,481	2,440	2,521
On layoff .....	631	838	637	715	753	792	789	840
Other job losers .....	1,985	1,741	1,919	1,727	1,701	1,689	1,652	1,675
Left last job .....	778	751	877	871	927	829	863	847
Reentered labor force .....	1,509	1,543	1,750	1,937	1,692	1,756	1,788	1,790
Seeking first job .....	702	688	905	826	823	874	822	811
<b>PERCENT OF DISTRIBUTION</b>								
Total unemployed .....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Job losers .....	46.0	46.4	42.0	40.2	41.6	41.8	41.3	42.2
On layoff .....	11.1	15.1	10.5	11.8	12.8	13.3	13.3	14.2
Other job losers .....	34.9	31.3	31.5	28.4	28.9	28.4	27.9	28.1
Job leavers .....	13.7	13.5	14.4	14.3	15.7	14.0	14.6	14.2
Reentrants .....	26.5	27.8	28.7	31.9	28.7	29.6	30.2	30.0
New entrants .....	13.8	12.4	14.9	13.6	14.0	14.7	13.9	13.6
<b>UNEMPLOYED AS A PERCENT OF THE CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE</b>								
Job losers .....	2.0	2.5	2.6	2.4	2.4	2.4	2.4	2.5
Job leavers .....	.8	.7	.9	.9	.9	.8	.8	.8
Reentrants .....	1.5	1.5	1.8	1.9	1.7	1.7	1.7	1.8
New entrants .....	.8	.7	.9	.8	.8	.9	.8	.8

Table A-6. Unemployment by sex and age, seasonally adjusted

Sex and age	Number of unemployed persons (In thousands)		Unemployment rates					
	Apr.	Apr.	Apr.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.
	1978	1979	1978	1978	1979	1979	1979	1979
<b>Total, 16 years and over</b>								
16 to 19 years .....	6,063	5,937	6.1	5.9	5.8	5.7	5.7	5.8
16 to 19 years .....	1,573	1,570	16.7	16.5	15.7	16.1	15.5	16.5
16 to 17 years .....	785	772	19.6	20.2	18.4	18.4	18.9	19.1
18 to 19 years .....	779	788	14.4	13.8	13.6	14.6	13.1	14.3
20 to 24 years .....	1,482	1,305	10.0	9.3	8.6	8.6	8.8	8.5
25 years and over .....	3,016	3,063	4.0	3.9	3.9	3.9	3.9	4.0
25 to 54 years .....	2,536	2,602	4.2	4.2	4.2	4.1	4.1	4.2
55 years and over .....	470	448	3.2	2.9	2.9	3.0	3.1	3.1
<b>Men, 16 years and over</b>								
16 to 19 years .....	3,096	3,001	5.3	5.1	5.1	5.0	5.0	5.1
16 to 19 years .....	817	814	16.3	16.7	16.1	16.5	16.0	16.2
16 to 17 years .....	421	392	19.5	20.7	19.1	19.2	19.9	18.0
18 to 19 years .....	383	408	13.4	13.6	13.5	14.7	13.2	14.2
20 to 24 years .....	747	647	9.3	8.9	8.4	8.2	8.4	7.8
25 years and over .....	1,533	1,538	3.4	3.2	3.2	3.2	3.2	3.3
25 to 54 years .....	1,223	1,254	3.4	3.4	3.3	3.2	3.3	3.4
55 years and over .....	299	270	3.3	2.6	2.8	2.8	2.8	3.0
<b>Women, 16 years and over</b>								
16 to 19 years .....	2,967	2,936	7.2	6.9	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.9
16 to 19 years .....	756	756	17.2	16.3	15.3	15.7	14.8	16.8
16 to 17 years .....	364	380	19.7	19.6	17.5	17.4	17.8	20.2
18 to 19 years .....	396	380	15.5	14.1	13.6	14.4	13.0	14.4
20 to 24 years .....	735	658	10.8	9.7	8.9	9.1	9.4	9.4
25 years and over .....	1,483	1,526	4.9	5.0	5.0	4.9	4.8	4.9
25 to 54 years .....	1,313	1,349	5.3	5.3	5.4	5.3	5.2	5.2
55 years and over .....	171	179	3.1	3.3	3.1	3.3	3.6	3.1

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**Table A-7. Range of unemployment measures based on varying definitions of unemployment and the labor force, seasonally adjusted**

[Percent]

Measures	Quarterly averages				Monthly data			
	1978				1979	1979		
	I	II	III	IV	I	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.
U-1—Persons unemployed 15 weeks or longer as a percent of the civilian labor force .....	1.6	1.4	1.3	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.3	1.2
U-2—Job losers as a percent of the civilian labor force .....	2.6	2.5	2.4	2.4	2.4	2.4	2.4	2.5
U-3—Unemployed persons 25 years and over as a percent of the civilian labor force 25 years and over .....	4.1	4.1	4.1	3.9	3.9	3.9	3.9	4.0
U-4—Unemployed full-time jobseekers as a percent of the full-time labor force .....	5.7	5.5	5.5	5.2	5.2	5.2	5.1	5.3
U-5—Total unemployed as a percent of the civilian labor force (official measure) .....	6.2	6.0	6.0	5.8	5.7	5.7	5.7	5.8
U-6—Total full-time jobseekers plus ½ part-time jobseekers plus ½ total on part time for economic reasons as a percent of the civilian labor force less ½ of the part-time labor force .....	7.7	7.6	7.5	7.2	7.2	7.2	7.1	7.3
U-7—Total full-time jobseekers plus ½ part-time jobseekers plus ½ total on part time for economic reasons plus discouraged workers as a percent of the civilian labor force plus discouraged workers less ½ of the part-time labor force .....	8.6	8.4	8.4	8.0	7.9	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.

N.A.= not available.

**Table A-8. Employment status of the noninstitutional population by race and Hispanic origin, not seasonally adjusted**

[Number in thousands]

Employment status	Total		White		Black <sup>1</sup>		Hispanic origin <sup>2</sup>	
	Apr. 1978	Apr. 1979	Apr. 1978	Apr. 1979	Apr. 1978	Apr. 1979	Apr. 1978	Apr. 1979
<b>TOTAL</b>								
Civilian noninstitutional population .....	158,386	160,926	139,149	141,123	16,552	16,947	7,672	7,965
Civilian labor force .....	98,866	101,236	87,198	89,195	9,976	10,198	4,684	5,001
Percent of population .....	62.4	62.9	62.7	63.2	60.3	60.2	61.1	62.8
Employment .....	93,180	95,675	82,848	84,997	8,764	8,967	4,284	4,606
Agriculture .....	3,151	3,074	2,875	2,816	221	204	233	214
Nonagricultural industries .....	90,029	92,601	79,973	82,181	8,543	8,763	4,051	4,393
Unemployment .....	5,685	5,561	4,351	4,198	1,212	1,231	400	395
Unemployment rate .....	5.8	5.5	5.0	4.7	12.1	12.1	8.5	7.9
Not in labor force .....	59,520	59,690	51,951	51,928	6,576	6,749	2,988	2,964

<sup>1</sup> Data relate to black workers only. According to the 1970 Census, they comprised about 89 percent of the "black and other" population group.

<sup>2</sup> Data on persons of Hispanic origin are tabulated separately, without regard to race, which means that they are also included in the data for white and black workers. At the time of the 1970 Census, approximately 98 percent of their population was white.



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Table A-9. Employment status of male Vietnam-era veterans and nonveterans by age, not seasonally adjusted

(Numbers in thousands)

Veteran status and age	Civilian noninstitutional population		Civilian labor force							
			Total		Employed		Unemployed			
							Number		Percent of labor force	
	Apr. 1978	Apr. 1979	Apr. 1978	Apr. 1979	Apr. 1978	Apr. 1979	Apr. 1978	Apr. 1979	Apr. 1978	Apr. 1979
<b>VETERANS<sup>1</sup></b>										
Total, 20 years and over .....	8,287	8,494	7,815	8,082	7,470	7,739	345	343	4.4	4.2
20 to 24 years .....	800	595	711	553	640	506	71	47	10.0	8.5
25 to 39 years .....	6,792	7,090	6,520	6,843	6,266	6,575	254	268	3.9	3.9
25 to 29 years .....	2,458	2,033	2,320	1,930	2,208	1,812	112	118	4.8	6.1
30 to 34 years .....	3,293	3,580	3,191	3,469	3,082	3,353	109	116	3.4	3.3
35 to 39 years .....	1,041	1,477	1,009	1,444	976	1,410	33	34	3.3	2.4
40 years and over .....	695	809	584	686	564	658	20	28	3.4	4.1
<b>NONVETERANS<sup>2</sup></b>										
Total, 25 to 39 years .....	13,518	14,388	12,834	13,602	12,297	13,091	537	511	4.2	3.8
25 to 29 years .....	5,962	6,554	5,613	6,174	5,303	5,894	310	280	5.5	4.5
30 to 34 years .....	3,990	4,125	3,812	3,908	3,691	3,783	121	125	3.2	3.2
35 to 39 years .....	3,566	3,709	3,409	3,520	3,303	3,414	106	106	3.1	3.0

<sup>1</sup> Vietnam-era veterans are those who served between August 5, 1964 and May 7, 1975.<sup>2</sup> Nonveterans are males who have never served in the Armed Forces. Published data are limited. to those 25-39 years of age, the group that most closely corresponds to the bulk of the Vietnam-era veteran population.

NOTE: Seasonally-adjusted data are no longer being provided because the changing age composition of the Vietnam-era veterans' population distorts the ability to identify seasonality in the series.

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Table A-10. Employment status of the noninstitutional population for ten large States

[Numbers in thousands]

State and employment status	Not seasonally adjusted <sup>1</sup>			Seasonally adjusted					
	Apr. 1978	Mar. 1979	Apr. 1979	Apr. 1978	Dec. 1978	Jan. 1979	Feb. 1979	Mar. 1979	Apr. 1979
<b>California</b>									
Civilian noninstitutional population <sup>1</sup>	16,254	16,623	16,593	16,254	16,506	16,536	16,561	16,623	16,593
Civilian labor force	10,589	10,768	10,662	10,682	10,760	10,824	10,863	10,783	10,755
Employed	9,825	10,048	10,006	9,890	10,084	10,137	10,149	10,084	10,071
Unemployed	764	721	656	792	676	687	714	699	684
Unemployment rate	7.2	6.7	6.2	7.4	6.3	6.3	6.6	6.5	6.4
<b>Florida</b>									
Civilian noninstitutional population <sup>1</sup>	6,477	6,654	6,671	6,477	6,602	6,620	6,636	6,654	6,671
Civilian labor force	3,648	3,850	3,832	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)
Employed	3,426	3,627	3,629	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)
Unemployed	222	223	202	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)
Unemployment rate	6.1	5.8	5.3	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)
<b>Illinois</b>									
Civilian noninstitutional population <sup>1</sup>	8,194	8,259	8,265	8,194	8,243	8,247	8,252	8,259	8,265
Civilian labor force	5,229	5,249	5,219	5,279	5,382	5,317	5,260	5,273	5,269
Employed	4,943	4,934	4,946	4,959	5,045	5,051	4,996	4,973	4,962
Unemployed	286	315	273	320	337	266	264	300	307
Unemployment rate	5.5	6.0	5.2	6.1	6.3	5.0	5.0	5.7	5.8
<b>Massachusetts</b>									
Civilian noninstitutional population <sup>1</sup>	4,319	4,361	4,365	4,319	4,350	4,354	4,357	4,361	4,365
Civilian labor force	2,789	2,914	2,883	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)
Employed	2,630	2,720	2,731	2,662	2,676	2,727	2,775	2,754	2,763
Unemployed	159	194	152	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)
Unemployment rate	5.7	6.7	5.3	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)
<b>Michigan</b>									
Civilian noninstitutional population <sup>1</sup>	6,627	6,708	6,716	6,627	6,687	6,694	6,701	6,708	6,716
Civilian labor force	4,167	4,290	4,254	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)
Employed	3,892	3,949	3,888	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)
Unemployed	275	341	366	274	304	329	305	293	365
Unemployment rate	6.6	8.0	8.6	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)
<b>New Jersey</b>									
Civilian noninstitutional population <sup>1</sup>	5,446	5,497	5,502	5,446	5,482	5,488	5,492	5,497	5,502
Civilian labor force	3,298	3,500	3,425	3,349	3,592	3,569	3,583	3,529	3,477
Employed	3,060	3,249	3,231	3,100	3,326	3,327	3,312	3,294	3,271
Unemployed	237	251	194	249	266	242	271	235	206
Unemployment rate	7.2	7.2	5.7	7.4	7.4	6.8	7.6	6.7	5.9
<b>New York</b>									
Civilian noninstitutional population <sup>1</sup>	13,263	13,282	13,287	13,263	13,273	13,276	13,278	13,282	13,287
Civilian labor force	7,794	8,011	7,943	7,787	8,056	8,094	8,030	8,022	7,936
Employed	7,212	7,393	7,410	7,182	7,512	7,531	7,498	7,435	7,380
Unemployed	582	618	533	605	544	563	532	587	556
Unemployment rate	7.5	7.7	6.7	7.8	6.8	7.0	6.6	7.3	7.0
<b>Ohio</b>									
Civilian noninstitutional population <sup>1</sup>	7,849	7,924	7,931	7,849	7,906	7,912	7,917	7,924	7,931
Civilian labor force	4,802	5,006	4,963	4,866	5,118	5,065	5,056	5,063	5,026
Employed	4,532	4,704	4,687	4,590	4,851	4,760	4,773	4,811	4,746
Unemployed	270	302	275	276	267	305	283	252	280
Unemployment rate	5.6	6.0	5.5	5.7	5.2	6.0	5.6	5.0	5.6
<b>Pennsylvania</b>									
Civilian noninstitutional population <sup>1</sup>	8,840	8,891	8,896	8,840	8,875	8,881	8,885	8,891	8,896
Civilian labor force	5,198	5,277	5,186	5,231	5,357	5,333	5,275	5,295	5,219
Employed	4,840	4,865	4,866	4,863	4,998	4,994	4,947	4,932	4,889
Unemployed	358	412	320	368	359	339	328	363	330
Unemployment rate	6.9	7.8	6.2	7.0	6.7	6.4	6.2	6.9	6.3
<b>Texas</b>									
Civilian noninstitutional population <sup>1</sup>	9,146	9,367	9,343	9,146	9,291	9,309	9,325	9,367	9,343
Civilian labor force	5,904	6,119	6,083	5,957	6,116	6,150	6,220	6,146	6,136
Employed	5,675	5,889	5,845	5,685	5,813	5,913	5,963	5,908	5,855
Unemployed	230	230	239	272	303	237	257	238	281
Unemployment rate	3.9	3.8	3.9	4.6	5.0	3.9	4.1	3.9	4.6

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

\* These are the official Bureau of Labor Statistics' estimates used in the administration of Federal fund allocation programs.

<sup>2</sup> Seasonally-adjusted data are not presented for this series, because the variations that are due to seasonal influences cannot be separated with sufficient precision from those which stem from the trend-cycle and irregular components of the original time series.

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Table B-1. Employees on nonagricultural payrolls by industry

[In thousands]

Industry	Not seasonally adjusted				Seasonally adjusted					
	APR. 1978	FEB. 1979	MAR. <sup>p</sup> 1979	APR. <sup>p</sup> 1979	APR. 1978	DEC. 1978	JAN. 1979	FEB. 1979	MAR. <sup>p</sup> 1979	APR. <sup>p</sup> 1979
<b>TOTAL</b> .....	85,075	86,487	87,323	88,002	85,418	87,281	87,524	87,818	88,240	88,312
<b>GOODS-PRODUCING</b> .....	24,973	25,404	25,789	26,041	25,313	26,030	26,111	26,199	26,413	26,397
<b>MINING</b> .....	858	897	905	913	867	904	905	919	921	922
<b>CONSTRUCTION</b> .....	4,014	3,894	4,165	4,371	4,164	4,397	4,381	4,385	4,532	4,534
<b>MANUFACTURING</b> .....	20,101	20,613	20,719	20,757	20,282	20,729	20,825	20,895	20,960	20,941
<i>Production workers</i> .....	14,444	14,793	14,879	14,922	14,598	14,919	14,996	15,047	15,094	15,075
<b>DURABLE GOODS</b> .....	12,007	12,482	12,565	12,610	12,076	12,491	12,562	12,647	12,697	12,682
<i>Production workers</i> .....	8,621	8,952	9,016	9,061	8,676	8,985	9,034	9,100	9,136	9,115
Lumber and wood products .....	739.8	735.5	741.7	744.6	751	765	770	773	766	756
Furniture and fixtures .....	486.2	490.1	486.5	484.1	491	491	494	493	490	489
Stone, clay, and glass products .....	689.9	677.0	691.9	701.5	699	707	706	709	713	711
Primary metal industries .....	1,190.3	1,237.2	1,244.4	1,253.6	1,192	1,240	1,241	1,251	1,254	1,255
Fabricated metal products .....	1,634.3	1,692.8	1,696.9	1,703.1	1,646	1,697	1,706	1,715	1,712	1,715
Machinery, except electrical .....	2,309.0	2,472.3	2,486.0	2,495.6	2,309	2,425	2,447	2,465	2,481	2,496
Electric and electronic equipment .....	1,935.5	2,032.1	2,041.4	2,046.6	1,951	2,011	2,027	2,042	2,062	2,063
Transportation equipment .....	1,932.0	2,018.1	2,041.4	2,044.6	1,936	2,021	2,031	2,055	2,070	2,049
Instruments and related products .....	641.8	682.9	686.6	690.8	644	676	681	686	690	694
Miscellaneous manufacturing .....	448.5	443.8	448.0	445.9	457	458	459	458	459	454
<b>NONDURABLE GOODS</b> .....	8,094	8,131	8,154	8,147	8,206	8,238	8,263	8,248	8,263	8,259
<i>Production workers</i> .....	5,823	5,841	5,863	5,861	5,922	5,934	5,962	5,947	5,958	5,960
Food and kindred products .....	1,639.5	1,634.2	1,641.9	1,626.0	1,715	1,711	1,716	1,708	1,716	1,701
Tobacco manufacturers .....	67.3	69.9	67.9	66.3	74	72	72	71	73	73
Textile mill products .....	909.6	906.7	905.8	899.4	911	910	912	911	909	901
Apparel and other textile products .....	1,325.7	1,298.9	1,302.4	1,306.2	1,330	1,312	1,318	1,304	1,299	1,310
Paper and allied products .....	700.0	704.9	708.6	709.3	706	705	708	712	716	716
Printing and publishing .....	1,171.4	1,211.8	1,215.2	1,217.1	1,174	1,203	1,209	1,214	1,219	1,220
Chemicals and allied products .....	1,080.9	1,090.3	1,095.3	1,103.1	1,085	1,097	1,099	1,098	1,100	1,108
Petroleum and coal products .....	206.2	206.4	208.5	212.0	210	211	211	212	214	215
Rubber and misc. plastics products .....	739.5	769.6	770.0	767.7	748	771	773	777	778	776
Leather and leather products .....	253.6	238.7	238.3	239.9	253	246	245	241	239	239
<b>SERVICE-PRODUCING</b> .....	60,102	61,083	61,534	61,961	60,105	61,251	61,413	61,619	61,827	61,915
<b>TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC UTILITIES</b> .....	4,808	4,936	4,964	4,918	4,847	4,967	4,974	5,001	5,024	4,958
<b>WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE</b> .....	19,053	19,402	19,552	19,843	19,252	19,697	19,817	19,883	19,949	19,992
<b>WHOLESALE TRADE</b> .....	4,843	4,985	5,016	5,048	4,872	4,995	5,020	5,035	5,056	5,078
<b>RETAIL TRADE</b> .....	14,210	14,417	14,536	14,795	14,380	14,702	14,797	14,848	14,893	14,914
<b>FINANCE, INSURANCE, AND REAL ESTATE</b> ..	4,609	4,786	4,813	4,845	4,623	4,789	4,809	4,829	4,842	4,860
<b>SERVICES</b> .....	15,866	16,241	16,413	16,569	15,866	16,327	16,352	16,438	16,512	16,569
<b>GOVERNMENT</b> .....	15,766	15,718	15,792	15,786	15,517	15,471	15,461	15,468	15,500	15,536
<b>FEDERAL</b> .....	2,739	2,738	2,740	2,749	2,745	2,734	2,755	2,755	2,754	2,755
<b>STATE AND LOCAL</b> .....	13,027	12,980	13,052	13,037	12,772	12,737	12,706	12,713	12,746	12,781

<sup>p</sup>preliminary.

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

Industry	Not seasonally adjusted				Seasonally adjusted					
	APR. 1978	FEB. 1979	MAR. 1979 <sup>p</sup>	APR. 1979 <sup>p</sup>	APR. 1978	DEC. 1978	JAN. 1979	FEB. 1979	MAR. 1979 <sup>p</sup>	APR. 1979 <sup>p</sup>
<b>TOTAL PRIVATE</b> .....	35.8	35.4	35.7	35.1	36.1	35.9	35.7	35.7	35.9	35.4
<b>MINING</b> .....	43.6	42.7	43.2	42.6	44.0	43.7	43.4	43.0	43.5	43.0
<b>CONSTRUCTION</b> .....	37.0	35.4	37.0	35.5	37.3	37.2	35.9	36.4	37.6	35.8
<b>MANUFACTURING</b> .....	40.4	40.2	40.6	38.9	40.8	40.7	40.7	40.7	40.8	39.1
Overtime hours .....	3.5	3.5	3.6	2.5	3.8	3.8	3.8	3.8	3.8	2.7
<b>DURABLE GOODS</b> .....	41.2	41.1	41.4	39.2	41.4	41.5	41.5	41.5	41.6	39.4
Overtime hours .....	3.7	3.9	3.9	2.6	4.0	4.1	4.2	4.2	4.1	2.8
Lumber and wood products .....	40.1	39.0	39.5	38.9	40.2	40.1	40.0	39.5	39.9	39.0
Furniture and fixtures .....	39.4	38.1	39.1	37.7	40.1	39.2	39.2	38.8	39.5	38.4
Stone, clay, and glass products .....	41.7	40.6	41.7	41.0	42.0	42.0	41.4	41.5	42.2	41.2
Primary metal industries .....	41.5	42.1	42.0	40.6	41.5	42.2	42.4	42.3	42.0	40.6
Fabricated metal products .....	41.1	40.9	41.2	38.6	41.4	41.4	41.2	41.4	41.4	38.9
Machinery, except electrical .....	42.0	42.5	42.6	40.1	42.3	42.5	42.2	42.6	42.6	40.3
Electric and electronic equipment .....	40.2	40.5	40.8	38.8	40.4	40.5	40.7	40.9	41.0	39.0
Transportation equipment .....	42.3	42.0	42.2	38.1	42.4	42.9	43.0	42.7	42.4	38.2
Instruments and related products .....	41.1	40.9	41.3	39.7	41.4	40.9	41.1	41.1	41.4	40.0
Miscellaneous manufacturing .....	39.0	38.6	39.2	37.5	39.1	38.8	39.1	39.0	39.2	37.6
<b>NONDURABLE GOODS</b> .....	39.4	38.9	39.3	38.3	39.8	39.5	39.6	39.4	39.6	38.8
Overtime hours .....	3.1	3.0	3.1	2.4	3.4	3.3	3.2	3.2	3.3	2.6
Food and kindred products .....	39.4	39.2	39.7	39.2	40.1	40.0	40.1	39.7	40.2	39.9
Tobacco manufacturers .....	38.4	36.2	37.2	36.6	38.7	38.1	36.7	36.7	37.6	36.9
Textile mill products .....	40.5	39.8	40.4	38.5	40.9	40.4	40.9	40.0	40.6	38.9
Apparel and other textile products .....	35.9	35.0	35.4	34.0	36.3	35.6	35.3	35.5	35.5	34.4
Paper and allied products .....	42.8	42.3	42.6	41.6	43.5	42.7	42.9	42.9	42.9	42.3
Printing and publishing .....	37.5	37.3	37.7	36.9	37.9	37.6	37.7	37.7	37.8	37.3
Chemicals and allied products .....	42.1	41.6	41.9	42.0	42.0	41.8	42.0	41.9	42.0	41.9
Petroleum and coal products .....	43.4	42.7	42.8	43.1	43.6	43.7	43.4	43.4	43.1	43.3
Rubber and misc. plastics products .....	40.9	41.2	41.4	39.5	41.3	41.2	41.5	41.5	41.4	39.9
Leather and leather products .....	37.5	35.9	35.8	35.1	38.1	36.7	37.0	36.3	36.1	35.6
<b>TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC UTILITIES</b> .....	39.8	39.9	40.0	39.2	40.0	40.0	40.2	40.0	40.3	39.4
<b>WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE</b> .....	32.7	32.7	32.4	32.5	33.0	32.9	32.4	32.5	32.8	32.8
<b>WHOLESALE TRADE</b> .....	38.8	38.4	38.8	38.5	39.0	38.9	38.7	38.7	39.0	38.7
<b>RETAIL TRADE</b> .....	30.9	30.1	30.4	30.6	31.2	31.0	30.5	30.6	30.8	30.9
<b>FINANCE, INSURANCE, AND REAL ESTATE</b> .....	36.6	36.4	36.3	36.3	36.7	36.3	36.3	36.3	36.3	36.4
<b>SERVICES</b> .....	32.8	32.4	32.5	32.5	33.0	32.5	32.6	32.6	32.7	32.7

<sup>1</sup> Data relate to production workers in mining and manufacturing; to construction workers in 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.

p = preliminary.

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Table B-3. Average hourly and weekly earnings of production or nonsupervisory workers<sup>1</sup> on private nonagricultural payrolls by industry

Industry	Average hourly earnings				Average weekly earnings			
	APR. 1978	FEB. 1979	MAR. p 1979	APR. p 1979	APR. 1978	FEB. 1979	MAR. p 1979	APR. p 1979
<b>TOTAL PRIVATE</b> .....	\$5.59	\$6.00	\$6.02	\$6.02	\$200.12	\$212.40	\$214.91	\$211.30
<i>Seasonally adjusted</i> .....	5.61	5.99	6.05	6.04	202.52	213.84	217.20	213.82
<b>MINING</b> .....	7.62	8.20	8.23	8.28	332.23	350.14	355.54	352.73
<b>CONSTRUCTION</b> .....	8.39	9.01	8.97	9.02	310.43	318.95	331.89	320.21
<b>MANUFACTURING</b> .....	6.03	6.52	6.55	6.53	243.61	262.10	265.93	254.02
<b>DURABLE GOODS</b> .....	6.44	6.95	6.99	6.94	265.33	285.65	289.39	272.05
Lumber and wood products .....	5.43	5.82	5.82	5.84	217.74	226.98	229.89	227.18
Furniture and fixtures .....	4.59	4.93	4.95	4.94	180.85	187.83	193.55	186.24
Stone, clay, and glass products .....	6.18	6.57	6.62	6.72	257.71	266.74	276.05	275.52
Primary metal industries .....	7.98	8.75	8.74	8.82	331.17	368.38	367.08	358.09
Fabricated metal products .....	6.25	6.65	6.73	6.63	256.88	271.99	277.28	255.92
Machinery, except electrical .....	6.61	7.14	7.17	7.08	277.62	303.45	305.44	283.91
Electric and electronic equipment .....	5.70	6.14	6.18	6.14	229.14	248.67	252.14	238.23
Transportation equipment .....	7.74	8.34	8.42	8.28	327.40	350.28	355.32	315.47
Instruments and related products .....	5.62	6.01	6.03	5.98	230.98	245.81	249.04	237.41
Miscellaneous manufacturing .....	4.63	4.95	4.96	5.00	180.57	191.07	194.43	187.50
<b>NONDURABLE GOODS</b> .....	5.42	5.81	5.85	5.89	213.55	226.01	229.91	225.59
Food and kindred products .....	5.73	6.10	6.12	6.19	225.76	239.12	242.96	242.65
Tobacco manufacturers .....	6.33	6.63	6.77	6.91	243.07	240.01	251.84	252.91
Textile mill products .....	4.17	4.51	4.51	4.47	168.89	179.50	182.20	172.10
Apparel and other textile products .....	3.91	4.16	4.19	4.19	140.37	145.60	148.33	142.46
Paper and allied products .....	6.33	6.83	6.87	6.86	270.92	288.91	292.66	285.38
Printing and publishing .....	6.37	6.71	6.75	6.68	238.88	250.28	254.48	246.49
Chemicals and allied products .....	6.87	7.32	7.34	7.47	289.23	304.51	307.55	313.74
Petroleum and coal products .....	8.53	9.08	9.29	9.56	370.20	387.72	397.61	412.04
Rubber and misc. plastics products .....	5.36	5.82	5.83	5.78	219.22	239.78	241.36	228.31
Leather and leather products .....	3.87	4.15	4.16	4.18	145.13	148.99	148.93	146.72
<b>TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC UTILITIES</b> .....	7.45	7.91	7.91	7.86	296.51	315.61	316.40	308.11
<b>WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE</b> .....	4.60	4.97	4.97	4.99	150.42	159.54	161.03	162.18
<b>WHOLESALE TRADE</b> .....	5.78	6.21	6.24	6.30	224.26	238.46	242.11	242.55
<b>RETAIL TRADE</b> .....	4.14	4.46	4.46	4.48	127.93	134.25	135.58	137.09
<b>FINANCE, INSURANCE, AND REAL ESTATE</b> .....	4.84	5.19	5.16	5.20	177.14	188.92	187.31	188.76
<b>SERVICES</b> .....	4.95	5.27	5.27	5.31	162.36	170.75	171.28	172.58

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

p=preliminary.

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

[1967=100]

Industry	APR. 1978	NOV. 1978	DEC. 1978	JAN. 1979	FEB. 1979	MAR. P 1979	APR. P 1979	Percent change from—	
								APR. 1978- APR. 1979	MAR. 1979- APR. 1979
<b>TOTAL PRIVATE NONFARM:</b>									
Current dollars .....	210.3	219.0	220.7	222.8	223.9	225.3	226.6	7.8	0.6
Constant (1967) dollars .....	109.6	108.5	108.6	108.5	107.8	107.3	N.A.	(2)	(3)
<b>MINING</b> .....	237.1	249.8	249.1	251.7	253.3	255.0	257.4	8.6	1.0
<b>CONSTRUCTION</b> .....	205.5	211.4	212.5	213.4	216.3	216.8	218.1	7.2	.6
<b>MANUFACTURING</b> .....	212.2	222.4	224.1	225.4	227.1	228.8	230.9	8.8	.9
<b>TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC UTILITIES</b> .....	228.4	234.7	238.3	240.7	241.6	243.4	241.3	5.6	-.9
<b>WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE</b> .....	203.5	213.0	214.6	217.8	218.1	219.5	220.5	9.4	.5
<b>FINANCE, INSURANCE, AND REAL ESTATE</b> .....	192.3	200.8	202.0	202.7	203.0	204.3	206.9	7.6	1.3
<b>SERVICES</b> .....	210.5	217.8	218.9	221.7	222.2	223.6	225.5	7.1	.8

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

<sup>2</sup> PERCENT CHANGE WAS -2.0 FROM MARCH 1978 TO MARCH 1979, THE LATEST MONTH AVAILABLE.

<sup>3</sup> PERCENT CHANGE WAS -.4 FROM FEBRUARY 1979 TO MARCH 1979, THE LATEST MONTH AVAILABLE.

N.A. = not available.

p=preliminary.

NOTE: All series are in current dollars except where indicated. The index excludes effects of two types of changes that are unrelated to underlying wage-rate developments: Fluctuations in overtime premiums in manufacturing (the only sector for which overtime data are available) and the effects of changes in the proportion of workers in high-wage and low-wage industries.

**Table B-5. Indexes of aggregate weekly hours of production or nonsupervisory workers<sup>1</sup> on private nonagricultural payrolls by industry, seasonally adjusted**

[1967=100]

Industry division and group	1978										1979		
	APR.	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG.	SEPT.	OCT.	NOV.	DEC.	JAN.	FEB.	MAR. P	APR. P
<b>TOTAL PRIVATE</b> .....	120.4	120.0	120.6	120.6	120.4	120.8	121.6	122.4	122.9	122.6	123.2	124.7	122.6
<b>GOODS-PRODUCING</b> .....	106.0	105.1	106.0	106.1	105.4	105.5	106.5	108.0	109.1	108.7	109.1	111.1	106.4
<b>MINING</b> .....	144.2	143.1	144.0	143.5	145.7	144.4	145.2	148.0	149.1	149.2	149.3	150.6	148.4
<b>CONSTRUCTION</b> .....	118.8	117.1	122.8	124.2	122.8	122.6	123.8	124.3	126.5	120.6	122.4	131.8	125.3
<b>MANUFACTURING</b> .....	102.5	101.6	101.7	101.6	101.0	101.2	102.1	103.7	104.6	105.2	105.4	106.0	101.6
<b>DURABLE GOODS</b> .....	104.2	103.5	103.8	104.0	103.5	103.9	105.5	107.1	108.3	108.8	109.6	110.2	104.2
Lumber and wood products .....	115.0	111.8	113.6	112.3	110.7	111.6	113.9	115.3	116.2	116.6	115.5	115.9	111.4
Furniture and fixtures .....	112.5	110.3	109.5	108.3	106.4	106.2	107.5	108.6	109.4	110.0	108.6	109.7	106.4
Stone, clay, and glass products .....	112.7	111.4	112.4	111.1	109.8	110.1	110.8	112.0	113.3	111.5	112.2	114.9	111.7
Primary metal industries .....	92.9	93.9	94.1	94.4	95.3	95.5	96.9	99.0	99.2	99.7	100.5	99.9	96.8
Fabricated metal products .....	103.5	103.3	102.4	102.0	101.8	102.0	103.1	105.2	106.8	106.6	108.0	107.7	101.0
Machinery, except electrical .....	110.1	109.5	111.3	112.1	110.8	111.5	113.6	114.5	116.9	117.0	119.2	119.9	114.3
Electric and electronic equipment .....	100.4	99.8	99.8	101.8	101.1	100.1	101.4	102.6	103.4	105.1	106.4	108.0	103.0
Transportation equipment .....	97.5	96.6	95.8	96.2	96.1	97.7	100.4	102.8	103.8	104.7	105.0	105.1	93.4
Instruments and related products .....	121.7	120.8	122.4	123.6	123.9	123.9	124.5	125.7	126.9	128.8	130.0	131.6	127.7
Miscellaneous manufacturing industry .....	102.6	101.5	101.4	99.8	100.6	100.3	100.9	101.8	101.5	102.9	102.3	102.8	97.2
<b>NONDURABLE GOODS</b> .....	99.9	98.9	98.7	98.1	97.2	97.2	97.2	98.8	99.1	99.9	99.2	99.8	97.9
Food and kindred products .....	96.4	94.6	94.0	93.6	91.4	91.3	92.2	94.6	96.1	97.0	95.3	97.3	95.4
Tobacco manufacturers .....	80.2	81.5	84.1	78.6	71.5	74.5	73.5	73.5	77.6	74.8	73.5	76.6	75.1
Textile mill products .....	93.4	92.6	91.8	91.5	91.2	91.8	91.6	92.4	92.2	93.6	91.3	92.4	87.6
Apparel and other textile products .....	93.2	91.9	91.4	90.1	90.1	90.1	88.7	90.0	89.8	89.6	89.2	88.8	86.8
Paper and allied products .....	102.4	101.9	101.9	101.9	99.2	99.0	98.2	100.5	100.7	101.7	102.5	103.1	101.6
Printing and publishing .....	99.1	98.2	98.6	99.1	98.3	97.8	98.5	100.3	100.1	101.1	101.7	102.6	101.4
Chemicals and allied products .....	106.5	106.9	106.9	106.6	106.0	106.0	106.2	107.2	107.0	107.8	107.6	107.7	109.3
Petroleum and coal products .....	122.1	118.4	120.4	121.2	123.2	122.7	123.0	124.7	124.2	123.3	124.2	125.1	128.4
Rubber and misc. plastics products .....	147.3	146.6	147.0	146.2	145.4	145.0	147.0	149.6	152.3	153.9	154.9	154.5	148.7
Leather and leather products .....	71.3	70.4	70.1	67.1	69.1	69.6	68.8	67.3	66.5	66.7	64.2	63.5	62.7
<b>SERVICE-PRODUCING</b> .....	130.5	130.5	130.7	130.7	130.8	131.4	132.0	132.3	132.5	132.3	132.9	134.1	133.8
<b>TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC UTILITIES</b> .....	108.7	109.0	109.4	106.5	107.7	108.2	109.9	110.2	110.3	111.2	111.2	112.4	108.5
<b>WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE</b> .....	126.4	126.8	126.8	127.4	127.2	127.5	128.2	128.4	128.7	127.6	128.4	129.7	129.9
<b>WHOLESALE TRADE</b> .....	126.0	125.2	126.1	125.7	126.1	127.1	127.4	127.6	128.5	128.4	128.9	130.6	129.9
<b>RETAIL TRADE</b> .....	126.6	127.3	127.0	128.0	127.7	127.7	128.5	128.7	128.8	127.3	128.2	129.4	129.9
<b>FINANCE, INSURANCE, AND REAL ESTATE</b> .....	137.5	136.2	137.9	139.0	139.2	139.6	140.5	140.6	140.9	141.7	142.0	142.4	143.4
<b>SERVICES</b> .....	144.1	143.8	143.9	144.1	144.1	145.1	145.0	145.6	145.4	145.8	146.6	147.8	148.2

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

p=preliminary.

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

Year and month	Over 1-month span	Over 3-month span	Over 6-month span	Over 12-month span
1976				
January.....	78.2	85.8	87.2	85.2
February.....	72.4	84.9	85.8	84.0
March.....	69.5	81.4	82.0	85.2
April.....	70.1	72.4	75.6	78.8
May.....	58.1	67.2	68.3	82.6
June.....	57.8	65.1	71.2	79.9
July.....	58.4	57.8	63.1	78.5
August.....	49.1	64.0	65.1	77.6
September.....	64.8	53.8	66.3	80.2
October.....	47.1	65.1	73.3	80.8
November.....	67.4	64.2	78.8	80.8
December.....	66.6	81.4	81.4	82.6
1977				
January.....	76.2	83.1	88.1	78.8
February.....	66.0	86.3	87.8	80.5
March.....	74.7	81.1	85.2	80.2
April.....	68.0	79.4	79.4	84.6
May.....	64.8	76.2	75.9	84.0
June.....	71.2	68.0	72.1	83.1
July.....	59.3	63.4	69.8	82.6
August.....	51.7	58.7	74.1	83.7
September.....	60.8	62.5	72.1	82.6
October.....	60.5	73.8	77.9	81.1
November.....	73.8	75.3	82.0	81.1
December.....	72.1	79.7	83.1	80.8
1978				
January.....	69.8	80.2	85.5	80.5
February.....	70.3	80.2	79.9	79.1
March.....	70.1	75.9	77.9	77.6
April.....	62.8	67.4	68.9	78.5
May.....	56.4	63.7	67.7	80.5
June.....	67.2	62.5	59.6	82.6
July.....	54.9	57.0	61.3	82.0
August.....	51.7	49.7	74.4	77.6
September.....	57.6	58.7	77.9	75.6p
October.....	70.6	75.6	83.1	70.6p
November.....	80.2	85.5	84.6	
December.....	79.7	87.2	85.8p	
1979				
January.....	74.1	82.3	77.6p	
February.....	65.1	76.2p		
March.....	60.8p	58.1p		
April.....	48.8p			
May.....				
June.....				
July.....				
August.....				
September.....				
October.....				
November.....				
December.....				

<sup>1</sup> Number of employees, seasonally adjusted, on payrolls of 172 private nonagricultural industries.  
p = preliminary.

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