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THE EMPLOYMENT SITUATION: MAY 1996

Employment increased in May, and the unemployment rate returned to its March level of 5.6 percent, the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the U.S. Department of Labor reported today. The jobless rate was 5.4 percent in April. Nonfarm payroll employment, as measured by the survey of employers, rose by 348,000, with increases spread across a broad range of industries. Total employment, as measured by the household survey, also rose in May.

Unemployment (Household Survey Data)

The unemployment rate, at 5.6 percent in May, has remained within a narrow range (5.4 to 5.8 percent) since late 1994. Among the major worker groups, the jobless rate for adult women increased by 0.3 percentage point to 5.0 percent, while the rates for adult men (4.8 percent), teenagers (16.4 percent), whites (4.9 percent), blacks (10.2 percent), and Hispanics (9.2 percent) showed little or no change in May. The number of unemployed persons was 7.4 million. (See table A-1.)

Total Employment and the Labor Force (Household Survey Data)

Total employment rose by 367,000 to 126.5 million in May. Employment has increased by 1.5 million since December, after showing little growth through most of 1995. The employment-population ratio--the proportion of the population age 16 years and older with jobs--edged up to 63.1 percent in May. At 4.3 million, about a quarter of a million fewer persons worked part time for economic reasons in May than in April. These are persons who would have preferred to work full time. (See tables A-1 and A-3.)

The number of persons who held more than one job totaled 7.8 million (not seasonally adjusted) in May. These multiple jobholders made up 6.2 percent of all employed persons. (See table A-9.)

The civilian labor force rose by 550,000 in May to a seasonally adjusted level of 133.9 million. As a result, the labor force participation rate rose 0.3 percentage point to 66.9 percent. After having been little changed for most of 1995, the civilian labor force has increased by about 1.6 million since December. (See table A-1.)

| The establishment data in this release have been |
| adjusted to reflect annual benchmark revisions, |
| new seasonal adjustment procedures, and updated |
| bias and seasonal adjustment factors. More |
| information on the revisions is contained in |
the note beginning on page 5.

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

Category	Quarterly averages		Monthly data			Apr. - May change
	1995	1996	1996			
	IV	I	Mar.	Apr.	May	
HOUSEHOLD DATA						
Labor force status						
Civilian labor force..	132,432	133,192	133,655	133,361	133,910	549
Employment.....	125,096	125,680	126,151	126,095	126,462	367
Unemployment.....	7,336	7,512	7,504	7,266	7,448	182
Not in labor force....	66,920	66,584	66,266	66,741	66,368	-373
Unemployment rates						
All workers.....	5.5	5.6	5.6	5.4	5.6	0.2
Adult men.....	4.7	4.9	5.0	4.8	4.8	.0
Adult women.....	4.8	4.9	4.8	4.7	5.0	.3
Teenagers.....	17.6	17.4	17.5	16.7	16.4	-.3
White.....	4.9	4.9	4.8	4.7	4.9	.2
Black.....	9.9	10.7	11.1	10.5	10.2	-.3
Hispanic origin.....	9.3	9.7	10.0	9.7	9.2	-.5
ESTABLISHMENT DATA^{1/}						
Employment						
Nonfarm employment....	117,928	118,462	118,737	p118,900	p119,248	p348
Goods-producing 2/..	24,148	24,187	24,196	p24,203	p24,238	p35
Construction.....	5,211	5,308	5,340	p5,351	p5,379	p28
Manufacturing.....	18,366	18,308	18,282	p18,278	p18,284	p6
Service-producing 2/	93,780	94,275	94,541	p94,697	p95,010	p313
Retail trade.....	21,299	21,317	21,343	p21,418	p21,464	p46
Services.....	33,556	33,877	34,035	p34,100	p34,281	p181
Government.....	19,341	19,365	19,394	p19,399	p19,442	p43
Hours of work 3/						
Total private.....	34.4	34.3	34.5	p34.3	p34.3	p0.0
Manufacturing.....	41.4	40.9	41.4	p41.5	p41.7	p.2
Overtime.....	4.3	4.2	4.3	p4.6	p4.6	p.0
Earnings 3/						
Avg. hourly earnings, total private.....	\$11.58	\$11.65	\$11.68	p\$11.72	p\$11.75	p\$0.03
Avg. weekly earnings, total private.....	398.47	399.22	402.96	p402.00	p403.03	p1.03

1/ Establishment data have been revised to reflect March 1995 benchmarks, new seasonal adjustment procedures, and updated seasonal adjustment factors.

2/ Includes other industries, not shown separately.

3/ Data relate to private production or nonsupervisory workers.
p=preliminary.

Persons Not in the Labor Force (Household Survey Data)

About 1.5 million persons (not seasonally adjusted) were marginally attached to the labor force in May--that is, they wanted and were available for work but had stopped looking for jobs sometime in the prior 12 months. The number of discouraged workers--persons who had stopped looking for work specifically because they believed there were no jobs available for them--totaled 352,000 in May. (See table A-9.)

Industry Payroll Employment (Establishment Survey Data)

Nonfarm payroll employment rose by 348,000 in May to 119.2 million, after seasonal adjustment. Employment growth had averaged 191,000 per month from December through April. (See table B-1.)

Employment in the services industry expanded by 181,000 in May, after a smaller-than-usual gain in April. Increases occurred in nearly all components of the industry. Growth was particularly strong in business services (67,000), where help supply services alone added 48,000 workers. In addition, computer and data processing services continued its upward trend, with an increase of 15,000 jobs. Engineering and management services, an industry closely related to business services, also added 22,000 jobs. Health services employment rose by 39,000, as gains were spread among medical offices, hospitals, and nursing and personal care facilities.

Following a strong gain in April, retail trade employment was up by 46,000 in May. Most of the increase was in department stores, where little growth had occurred during the prior year. Employment in food stores had been flat through April of this year, but rose by 10,000 in May. By contrast, after showing strength in April, seasonal hiring in eating and drinking places was slightly less than usual for the month, resulting in a small decline after seasonal adjustment.

Finance, insurance, and real estate employment was up by 20,000 in May, as job growth occurred in each component. Continued strength in mortgage brokerages and real estate reflected improvements in the housing market.

Transportation employment, which had been flat in April, rose by 18,000 in May. Increases were concentrated in local transit and in trucking and warehousing. Employment in communications continued its upward trend in May, adding 3,000 jobs, while employment in public utilities continued its slow and steady decline.

Government employment increased by 43,000 in May. Most of the growth was in the noneducation component of local government and partly reflected hiring of temporary workers for primary elections. State government employment also was up, by 7,000 in May, and by 19,000 so far this year.

In the goods-producing sector, construction employment rose by 28,000 in May--about the average monthly increase since October of last year. All of the May growth in construction occurred among special trade contractors. Manufacturing employment held steady over the month, after having declined by 282,000 from its most recent peak in March 1995. Within manufacturing, motor vehicles and equipment added 10,000 jobs in May; there were small gains in a number of other industries as well. Employment continued to

decline, however, in several other manufacturing industries, including apparel, printing and publishing, and food processing.

Weekly Hours (Establishment Survey Data)

The average workweek for production or nonsupervisory workers on private nonfarm payrolls held at 34.3 hours in May, after seasonal adjustment. The factory workweek, at 41.7 hours, was up by 0.2 hour in May and was the longest since March 1995. Factory overtime was unchanged at 4.6 hours. (See table B-2.)

The index of aggregate weekly hours of private production or nonsupervisory workers on nonfarm payrolls rose 0.1 percent in May to 135.4 (1982=100), after seasonal adjustment. The manufacturing index increased by 0.5 percent to 106.2. (See table B-5.)

Hourly and Weekly Earnings (Establishment Survey Data)

Average hourly earnings of private production or nonsupervisory workers on nonfarm payrolls rose 3 cents in May, after seasonal adjustment, to \$11.75. Average weekly earnings were up \$1.03 to \$403.03. Over the year, average hourly earnings increased by 3.4 percent and average weekly earnings by 3.7 percent. (See table B-3.)

The Employment Situation for June 1996 is scheduled to be released on Friday, July 5, at 8:30 A.M. (EDT).

Revisions in Establishment Survey Data

In accordance with annual practice, the establishment survey data have been revised to reflect comprehensive universe counts of payroll jobs (benchmarks) and updated bias and seasonal adjustment factors. In addition, BLS has implemented new seasonal adjustment procedures for these data. Benchmark counts are derived principally from unemployment insurance tax records for March 1995; the benchmark process resulted in revisions to all not seasonally adjusted data series from April 1994 forward, the time period since the last benchmark was established. All seasonally adjusted data beginning with January 1988 also have been revised. Although the usual practice is to revise 5 years of seasonally adjusted data with benchmark updates, additional years have been included with this release to allow fuller incorporation of an improved seasonal adjustment methodology. The new seasonal adjustment procedures, based on X-12 ARIMA (Auto-Regressive Integrated Moving Average) software developed by the Bureau of the Census, control for the effect of varying survey intervals (also known as the 4- versus 5-week effect), thereby providing improved measurement of over-the-month changes and underlying economic trends.

Table B presents revised total nonfarm employment levels, seasonally adjusted, for the period January 1995 through February 1996 (the last month for which final estimates were previously published). The revised data for April 1995 forward incorporate the effect of applying the rate of change measured by the sample to the new benchmark level and updated bias adjustments, as well as new seasonal adjustment factors. In terms of data revisions, the total nonfarm employment level for March 1995, the benchmark month, was raised by 542,000 (399,000 on a seasonally adjusted basis). The previously published seasonally adjusted level for February 1996 was revised up by 737,000.

The June 1996 issue of *Employment and Earnings* will contain an article that discusses the effects of benchmark and post-benchmark revisions. This issue also will provide revised seasonal adjustment factors for March through October 1996 and revised estimates for all regularly published tables containing national establishment survey data on employment, hours, and earnings. A forthcoming BLS bulletin will contain all historical data revised as a result of this benchmark and updated seasonal adjustment factors. The full history of all establishment data series is available on magnetic tape (call 202-606-5957). These data are also available from LABSTAT, the Bureau's public database, on the INTERNET at <http://stats.bls.gov>. Revised data for the series shown in tables B-1 through B-6 of this release are in the `/pub/special.request/ee` directory.

Further information on the revisions released today may be obtained by calling 202-606-6555.

Table B. Revisions in total nonfarm employment, seasonally adjusted, January 1995-February 1996

(In thousands)

Year and month	As previously published	As revised	Difference
1995			
January....	115,810	116,250	440
February...	116,123	116,502	379
March.....	116,302	116,701	399
April.....	116,310	116,861	551
May.....	116,248	116,907	659
June.....	116,547	117,100	553
July.....	116,575	117,201	626
August.....	116,838	117,499	661
September..	116,932	117,623	691
October....	117,000	117,749	749
November...	117,212	117,899	687
December...	117,357	118,136	779
1996			
January....	117,211	118,070	859
February...	117,842	118,579	737

HOUSEHOLD DATA

Table A-1. Employment status of the civilian population by sex and age

(Numbers in thousands)

Employment status, sex, and age	Not seasonally adjusted			Seasonally adjusted ^{1/}					
	May 1995	Apr. 1996	May 1996	May 1995	Jan. 1996	Feb. 1996	Mar. 1996	Apr. 1996	May 1996
TOTAL									
Civilian noninstitutional population.....	198,286	200,101	200,278	198,286	199,634	199,773	199,921	200,101	200,278
Civilian labor force.....	131,739	132,513	133,558	132,058	132,903	133,018	133,655	133,361	133,910
Participation rate.....	66.4	66.2	66.7	66.6	66.6	66.6	66.9	66.6	66.9
Employed.....	124,554	125,388	126,391	124,598	125,226	125,663	126,151	126,095	126,462
Employment-population ratio.....	62.8	62.7	63.1	62.8	62.7	62.9	63.1	63.0	63.1
Agriculture.....	3,558	3,344	3,698	3,360	3,529	3,519	3,487	3,368	3,491
Nonagricultural industries.....	120,996	122,044	122,693	121,238	121,698	122,143	122,664	122,726	122,971
Unemployed.....	7,185	7,124	7,166	7,460	7,677	7,355	7,504	7,266	7,448
Unemployment rate.....	5.5	5.4	5.4	5.6	5.8	5.5	5.6	5.4	5.6
Not in labor force.....	66,547	67,589	66,721	66,228	66,730	66,754	66,266	66,741	66,368
Men, 16 years and over									
Civilian noninstitutional population.....	95,024	95,955	96,048	95,024	95,713	95,786	95,864	95,955	96,048
Civilian labor force.....	71,188	71,450	72,125	71,307	71,593	71,743	72,030	71,935	72,241
Participation rate.....	74.9	74.5	75.1	75.0	74.8	74.9	75.1	75.0	75.2
Employed.....	67,227	67,415	68,258	67,241	67,501	67,764	67,856	67,933	68,278
Employment-population ratio.....	70.7	70.3	71.1	70.8	70.5	70.7	70.8	70.8	71.1
Unemployed.....	3,961	4,036	3,867	4,066	4,092	3,979	4,174	4,002	3,964
Unemployment rate.....	5.6	5.6	5.4	5.7	5.7	5.5	5.8	5.6	5.5
Men, 20 years and over									
Civilian noninstitutional population.....	87,691	88,440	88,530	87,691	88,223	88,296	88,366	88,440	88,530
Civilian labor force.....	67,312	67,625	68,095	67,283	67,563	67,719	67,980	67,821	68,064
Participation rate.....	76.8	76.5	76.9	76.7	76.6	76.7	76.9	76.7	76.9
Employed.....	64,101	64,296	64,963	63,951	64,246	64,425	64,594	64,555	64,818
Employment-population ratio.....	73.1	72.7	73.4	72.9	72.8	73.0	73.1	73.0	73.2
Agriculture.....	2,379	2,283	2,482	2,241	2,399	2,382	2,403	2,292	2,337
Nonagricultural industries.....	61,722	62,014	62,480	61,710	61,848	62,044	62,191	62,263	62,480
Unemployed.....	3,212	3,328	3,133	3,332	3,317	3,294	3,386	3,266	3,246
Unemployment rate.....	4.8	4.9	4.6	5.0	4.9	4.9	5.0	4.8	4.8
Women, 16 years and over									
Civilian noninstitutional population.....	103,263	104,146	104,230	103,263	103,921	103,986	104,058	104,146	104,230
Civilian labor force.....	60,551	61,062	61,433	60,751	61,310	61,275	61,625	61,426	61,669
Participation rate.....	58.6	58.6	58.9	58.8	59.0	58.9	59.2	59.0	59.2
Employed.....	57,327	57,973	58,133	57,357	57,725	57,899	58,294	58,161	58,184
Employment-population ratio.....	55.5	55.7	55.8	55.5	55.5	55.7	56.0	55.8	55.8
Unemployed.....	3,224	3,089	3,300	3,394	3,585	3,376	3,331	3,264	3,485
Unemployment rate.....	5.3	5.1	5.4	5.6	5.8	5.5	5.4	5.3	5.7
Women, 20 years and over									
Civilian noninstitutional population.....	96,141	96,857	96,925	96,141	96,717	96,757	96,798	96,857	96,925
Civilian labor force.....	56,885	57,636	57,735	57,027	57,591	57,570	57,903	57,763	57,915
Participation rate.....	59.2	59.5	59.6	59.3	59.5	59.5	59.8	59.6	59.8
Employed.....	54,307	55,081	55,058	54,243	54,642	54,790	55,146	55,060	55,014
Employment-population ratio.....	56.5	56.9	56.8	56.4	56.5	56.6	57.0	56.8	56.8
Agriculture.....	879	834	875	835	857	851	844	813	831
Nonagricultural industries.....	53,428	54,247	54,183	53,408	53,785	53,938	54,303	54,247	54,183
Unemployed.....	2,578	2,555	2,677	2,784	2,949	2,780	2,757	2,704	2,901
Unemployment rate.....	4.5	4.4	4.6	4.9	5.1	4.8	4.8	4.7	5.0
Both sexes, 16 to 19 years									
Civilian noninstitutional population.....	14,454	14,805	14,823	14,454	14,694	14,719	14,757	14,805	14,823
Civilian labor force.....	7,542	7,252	7,727	7,748	7,749	7,729	7,772	7,776	7,932
Participation rate.....	52.2	49.0	52.1	53.6	52.7	52.5	52.7	52.5	53.5
Employed.....	6,147	6,011	6,371	6,404	6,338	6,448	6,411	6,480	6,630
Employment-population ratio.....	42.5	40.6	43.0	44.3	43.1	43.8	43.4	43.8	44.7
Agriculture.....	300	227	341	284	273	286	240	263	323
Nonagricultural industries.....	5,846	5,784	6,030	6,120	6,065	6,161	6,171	6,217	6,308
Unemployed.....	1,395	1,241	1,356	1,344	1,412	1,282	1,362	1,296	1,301
Unemployment rate.....	18.5	17.1	17.6	17.3	18.2	16.6	17.5	16.7	16.4

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

HOUSEHOLD DATA

Table A-2. Employment status of the civilian population by race, sex, age, and Hispanic origin

(Numbers in thousands)

Employment status, race, sex, age, and Hispanic origin	Not seasonally adjusted			Seasonally adjusted ^{1/}					
	May 1995	Apr. 1996	May 1996	May 1995	Jan. 1996	Feb. 1996	Mar. 1996	Apr. 1996	May 1996
WHITE									
Civilian noninstitutional population.....	166,708	167,973	168,098	166,708	167,669	167,757	167,853	167,973	168,098
Civilian labor force.....	111,494	111,965	112,854	111,707	112,198	112,747	112,970	112,613	113,109
Participation rate.....	66.9	66.7	67.1	67.0	66.9	67.2	67.3	67.0	67.3
Employed.....	106,116	106,724	107,536	106,141	106,576	107,244	107,497	107,319	107,612
Employment-population ratio.....	63.7	63.5	64.0	63.7	63.6	63.9	64.0	63.9	64.0
Unemployed.....	5,378	5,241	5,317	5,566	5,623	5,502	5,473	5,294	5,497
Unemployment rate.....	4.8	4.7	4.7	5.0	5.0	4.9	4.8	4.7	4.9
Men, 20 years and over									
Civilian labor force.....	57,653	58,003	58,367	57,608	57,894	58,162	58,309	58,202	58,340
Participation rate.....	77.1	77.0	77.4	77.0	77.0	77.3	77.5	77.3	77.4
Employed.....	55,176	55,499	56,026	55,033	55,438	55,688	55,795	55,778	55,914
Employment-population ratio.....	73.8	73.7	74.3	73.6	73.7	74.0	74.1	74.1	74.2
Unemployed.....	2,477	2,504	2,341	2,575	2,456	2,475	2,514	2,424	2,426
Unemployment rate.....	4.3	4.3	4.0	4.5	4.2	4.3	4.3	4.2	4.2
Women, 20 years and over									
Civilian labor force.....	47,426	47,821	47,939	47,566	47,727	47,968	48,136	47,884	48,103
Participation rate.....	58.9	59.1	59.2	59.1	59.0	59.3	59.5	59.2	59.4
Employed.....	45,539	45,983	45,976	45,523	45,604	45,892	46,141	45,937	45,976
Employment-population ratio.....	56.6	56.8	56.8	56.6	56.4	56.8	57.0	56.8	56.8
Unemployed.....	1,886	1,838	1,964	2,043	2,123	2,076	1,995	1,947	2,128
Unemployment rate.....	4.0	3.8	4.1	4.3	4.4	4.3	4.1	4.1	4.4
Both sexes, 16 to 19 years									
Civilian labor force.....	6,415	6,141	6,547	6,533	6,577	6,616	6,525	6,527	6,666
Participation rate.....	56.1	52.4	55.6	57.1	56.6	56.8	55.8	55.7	56.6
Employed.....	5,400	5,242	5,535	5,585	5,533	5,665	5,561	5,604	5,723
Employment-population ratio.....	47.2	44.7	47.0	48.9	47.6	48.6	47.6	47.8	48.6
Unemployed.....	1,015	899	1,012	948	1,044	951	964	923	943
Unemployment rate.....	15.8	14.6	15.5	14.5	15.9	14.4	14.8	14.1	14.1
Men.....	16.1	15.8	16.1	15.3	16.6	15.2	16.0	15.2	15.2
Women.....	15.5	13.4	14.8	13.7	15.1	13.4	13.4	12.9	12.9
BLACK									
Civilian noninstitutional population.....	23,192	23,519	23,549	23,192	23,424	23,455	23,485	23,519	23,549
Civilian labor force.....	14,723	14,900	15,080	14,794	14,993	14,827	15,030	14,971	15,149
Participation rate.....	63.5	63.4	64.0	63.8	64.0	63.2	64.0	63.7	64.3
Employed.....	13,274	13,368	13,571	13,312	13,409	13,302	13,358	13,399	13,599
Employment-population ratio.....	57.2	56.8	57.6	57.4	57.2	56.7	56.9	57.0	57.7
Unemployed.....	1,449	1,532	1,510	1,482	1,584	1,525	1,673	1,573	1,551
Unemployment rate.....	9.8	10.3	10.0	10.0	10.6	10.3	11.1	10.5	10.2
Men, 20 years and over									
Civilian labor force.....	6,760	6,716	6,808	6,743	6,748	6,775	6,790	6,696	6,786
Participation rate.....	73.1	71.5	72.4	72.9	72.2	72.3	72.4	71.3	72.2
Employed.....	6,183	6,067	6,173	6,152	6,141	6,089	6,049	6,055	6,136
Employment-population ratio.....	66.9	64.6	65.7	66.5	65.7	65.0	64.5	64.5	65.3
Unemployed.....	578	648	635	591	607	686	741	641	650
Unemployment rate.....	8.5	9.7	9.3	8.8	9.0	10.1	10.9	9.6	9.6
Women, 20 years and over									
Civilian labor force.....	7,111	7,308	7,331	7,153	7,343	7,193	7,287	7,300	7,373
Participation rate.....	61.0	61.9	62.1	61.4	62.4	61.1	61.8	61.9	62.4
Employed.....	6,567	6,707	6,751	6,578	6,678	6,630	6,674	6,687	6,758
Employment-population ratio.....	56.3	56.8	57.2	56.4	56.8	56.3	56.6	56.7	57.2
Unemployed.....	544	601	580	575	665	563	613	613	615
Unemployment rate.....	7.7	8.2	7.9	8.0	9.1	7.8	8.4	8.4	8.3
Both sexes, 16 to 19 years									
Civilian labor force.....	851	877	941	898	902	860	954	976	990
Participation rate.....	37.2	37.6	40.2	39.3	39.1	37.2	41.1	41.9	42.3
Employed.....	525	594	647	582	590	583	635	657	705
Employment-population ratio.....	22.9	25.5	27.6	25.4	25.6	25.2	27.4	28.2	30.1
Unemployed.....	327	283	295	316	312	276	319	319	286
Unemployment rate.....	38.4	32.3	31.3	35.2	34.6	32.1	33.5	32.7	28.9
Men.....	44.8	35.0	33.1	37.9	39.1	30.6	38.2	34.1	27.4
Women.....	32.2	29.5	29.5	32.5	30.4	33.6	28.4	31.3	30.2
HISPANIC ORIGIN									
Civilian noninstitutional population.....	18,554	19,080	19,131	18,554	18,929	18,977	19,025	19,080	19,131
Civilian labor force.....	12,137	12,417	12,487	12,165	12,655	12,666	12,571	12,511	12,514
Participation rate.....	65.4	65.1	65.3	65.6	66.9	66.7	66.1	65.6	65.4
Employed.....	11,037	11,260	11,388	11,008	11,493	11,432	11,308	11,294	11,365
Employment-population ratio.....	59.5	59.0	59.5	59.3	60.7	60.2	59.4	59.2	59.4
Unemployed.....	1,100	1,158	1,099	1,157	1,162	1,234	1,262	1,217	1,149
Unemployment rate.....	9.1	9.3	8.8	9.5	9.2	9.7	10.0	9.7	9.2

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

NOTE: Detail for the above race and Hispanic-origin groups will not sum to totals because data for the "other races" group are not presented and Hispanics are included in both the white and black population groups.

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Table A-3. Selected employment indicators

(In thousands)

Category	Not seasonally adjusted			Seasonally adjusted					
	May 1995	Apr. 1996	May 1996	May 1995	Jan. 1996	Feb. 1996	Mar. 1996	Apr. 1996	May 1996
CHARACTERISTIC									
Total employed, 16 years and over.....	124,554	125,388	126,391	124,598	125,226	125,663	126,151	126,095	126,462
Married men, spouse present.....	42,125	42,152	42,618	41,900	42,171	42,339	42,178	42,067	42,406
Married women, spouse present.....	32,214	32,123	32,491	32,029	32,078	32,101	32,053	31,868	32,330
Women who maintain families.....	7,218	7,426	7,372	7,161	7,294	7,295	7,397	7,389	7,314
OCCUPATION									
Managerial and professional specialty.....	35,273	36,094	36,339	35,205	35,682	35,866	36,149	36,115	36,257
Technical, sales, and administrative support....	37,189	37,450	37,417	37,402	37,057	37,328	37,782	37,638	37,681
Service occupations.....	16,953	17,074	17,329	16,943	16,755	16,727	16,714	16,939	17,312
Precision production, craft, and repair.....	13,465	13,364	13,372	13,512	13,615	13,786	13,618	13,595	13,439
Operators, fabricators, and laborers.....	17,899	17,975	18,181	18,008	18,257	18,147	18,058	18,124	18,282
Farming, forestry, and fishing.....	3,775	3,431	3,752	3,571	3,760	3,744	3,622	3,545	3,560
CLASS OF WORKER									
Agriculture:									
Wage and salary workers.....	1,852	1,830	2,130	1,763	1,964	1,954	1,859	1,862	2,026
Self-employed workers.....	1,649	1,466	1,517	1,577	1,547	1,531	1,572	1,484	1,456
Unpaid family workers.....	57	48	51	51	48	34	41	52	46
Nonagricultural industries:									
Wage and salary workers.....	111,981	112,936	113,630	112,324	112,568	113,165	113,461	113,527	114,032
Government.....	18,751	18,564	18,567	18,442	18,044	18,259	18,005	18,290	18,256
Private industries.....	93,230	94,372	95,063	93,882	94,524	94,906	95,456	95,237	95,776
Private households.....	890	827	873	932	931	873	901	844	918
Other industries.....	92,340	93,545	94,190	92,950	93,593	94,032	94,555	94,393	94,858
Self-employed workers.....	8,894	9,008	8,940	8,824	8,913	8,953	9,092	9,081	8,878
Unpaid family workers.....	121	101	123	122	85	116	102	101	124
PERSONS AT WORK PART TIME									
All industries:									
Part time for economic reasons.....	4,351	4,299	4,175	4,463	4,091	4,502	4,479	4,525	4,277
Slack work or business conditions.....	2,399	2,501	2,150	2,482	2,250	2,533	2,548	2,594	2,216
Could only find part-time work.....	1,689	1,522	1,705	1,707	1,509	1,621	1,596	1,571	1,719
Part time for noneconomic reasons.....	18,160	18,291	17,920	17,806	17,198	17,493	17,915	17,487	17,620
Nonagricultural industries:									
Part time for economic reasons.....	4,199	4,081	4,003	4,273	3,842	4,274	4,223	4,287	4,068
Slack work or business conditions.....	2,298	2,362	2,057	2,345	2,114	2,382	2,386	2,476	2,092
Could only find part-time work.....	1,659	1,491	1,658	1,671	1,472	1,607	1,561	1,534	1,663
Part time for noneconomic reasons.....	17,443	17,690	17,277	17,158	16,520	16,884	17,266	16,994	17,038

NOTE: Persons at work excludes employed persons who were absent from their jobs during the entire reference week for reasons such as vacation, illness, or industrial dispute. Part time for noneconomic reasons excludes persons who usually work full time but worked only 1 to 34 hours during the reference week for reasons such as holidays, illness, and bad weather.

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Table A-4. Selected unemployment indicators, seasonally adjusted

Category	Number of unemployed persons (in thousands)			Unemployment rates ^{1/}					
	May 1995	Apr. 1996	May 1996	May 1995	Jan. 1996	Feb. 1996	Mar. 1996	Apr. 1996	May 1996
CHARACTERISTIC									
Total, 16 years and over.....	7,460	7,266	7,448	5.6	5.8	5.5	5.6	5.4	5.6
Men, 20 years and over.....	3,332	3,266	3,246	5.0	4.9	4.9	5.0	4.8	4.8
Women, 20 years and over.....	2,784	2,704	2,901	4.9	5.1	4.8	4.8	4.7	5.0
Both sexes, 16 to 19 years.....	1,344	1,296	1,301	17.3	18.2	16.6	17.5	16.7	16.4
Married men, spouse present.....	1,453	1,291	1,289	3.4	3.3	3.0	3.1	3.0	2.9
Married women, spouse present.....	1,307	1,231	1,281	3.9	4.0	3.8	3.5	3.7	3.8
Women who maintain families.....	637	541	695	8.2	8.2	7.5	7.7	6.8	8.7
Full-time workers.....	5,934	5,843	5,969	5.5	5.7	5.4	5.5	5.4	5.5
Part-time workers.....	1,500	1,427	1,455	6.1	6.0	6.2	6.0	5.8	5.9
OCCUPATION ^{2/}									
Managerial and professional specialty.....	791	839	867	2.2	2.4	2.3	2.3	2.3	2.3
Technical, sales, and administrative support...	1,784	1,752	1,838	4.6	4.6	4.5	4.4	4.4	4.7
Precision production, craft, and repair.....	882	797	748	6.1	5.3	5.9	5.8	5.5	5.3
Operators, fabricators, and laborers.....	1,685	1,585	1,663	8.6	8.3	8.2	8.6	8.0	8.3
Farming, forestry, and fishing.....	334	308	356	8.6	8.4	7.7	7.9	8.0	9.1
INDUSTRY									
Nonagricultural private wage and salary workers	5,930	5,716	5,820	5.9	5.8	5.7	5.8	5.7	5.7
Goods-producing industries.....	1,917	1,706	1,725	6.9	6.3	6.4	6.5	6.1	6.2
Mining.....	31	25	11	4.7	5.2	6.5	6.8	4.4	2.1
Construction.....	781	683	656	12.2	10.7	11.2	10.0	10.2	10.0
Manufacturing.....	1,105	998	1,058	5.3	5.0	4.9	5.3	4.8	5.1
Durable goods.....	596	589	590	4.9	4.4	5.3	5.1	4.8	4.8
Nondurable goods.....	509	409	468	5.8	5.7	4.4	5.7	4.8	5.5
Service-producing industries.....	4,013	4,010	4,095	5.6	5.6	5.4	5.5	5.5	5.6
Transportation and public utilities.....	293	300	302	4.2	3.7	3.8	4.2	4.2	4.2
Wholesale and retail trade.....	1,697	1,733	1,745	6.6	6.8	6.3	6.9	6.6	6.6
Finance, insurance, and real estate.....	266	172	185	3.5	2.9	2.2	2.5	2.3	2.5
Services.....	1,757	1,805	1,862	5.6	5.7	5.7	5.4	5.6	5.7
Government workers.....	547	547	617	2.9	2.8	3.0	2.8	2.9	3.3
Agricultural wage and salary workers.....	235	227	225	11.8	10.5	10.7	10.7	10.9	10.0

1/ Unemployment as a percent of the civilian labor force.

2/ Seasonally adjusted unemployment data for service occupations are not available because the seasonal component, which is small relative to the trend-cycle and irregular components, cannot be separated with sufficient precision.

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Table A-5. Duration of unemployment

(Numbers in thousands)

Duration	Not seasonally adjusted			Seasonally adjusted					
	May 1995	Apr. 1996	May 1996	May 1995	Jan. 1996	Feb. 1996	Mar. 1996	Apr. 1996	May 1996
NUMBER OF UNEMPLOYED									
Less than 5 weeks.....	2,604	2,221	2,767	2,639	2,784	2,793	2,623	2,412	2,815
5 to 14 weeks.....	1,924	2,133	1,932	2,321	2,413	2,280	2,298	2,337	2,334
15 weeks and over.....	2,657	2,770	2,467	2,526	2,370	2,307	2,479	2,388	2,336
15 to 26 weeks.....	1,334	1,343	1,119	1,231	1,118	1,126	1,164	1,106	1,020
27 weeks and over.....	1,323	1,427	1,348	1,295	1,252	1,181	1,316	1,282	1,317
Average (mean) duration, in weeks.....	17.5	18.9	17.5	16.8	16.0	16.6	17.3	17.4	16.8
Median duration, in weeks.....	9.0	10.6	8.5	8.9	8.3	8.0	8.3	8.8	8.3
PERCENT DISTRIBUTION									
Total unemployed.....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Less than 5 weeks.....	36.2	31.2	38.6	35.3	36.8	37.8	35.4	33.8	37.6
5 to 14 weeks.....	26.8	29.9	27.0	31.0	31.9	30.9	31.1	32.7	31.2
15 weeks and over.....	37.0	38.9	34.4	33.7	31.3	31.3	33.5	33.5	31.2
15 to 26 weeks.....	18.6	18.8	15.6	16.4	14.8	15.3	15.7	15.5	13.6
27 weeks and over.....	18.4	20.0	18.8	17.3	16.5	16.0	17.8	18.0	17.6

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Table A-6. Reason for unemployment

(Numbers in thousands)

Reason	Not seasonally adjusted			Seasonally adjusted					
	May 1995	Apr. 1996	May 1996	May 1995	Jan. 1996	Feb. 1996	Mar. 1996	Apr. 1996	May 1996
NUMBER OF UNEMPLOYED									
Job losers and persons who completed temporary jobs.....	3,275	3,610	3,164	3,517	3,606	3,595	3,564	3,625	3,388
On temporary layoff.....	779	1,094	868	1,021	1,132	1,032	1,027	1,116	1,154
Not on temporary layoff.....	2,496	2,517	2,297	2,496	2,474	2,564	2,537	2,509	2,234
Permanent job losers.....	1,819	1,828	1,627	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)
Persons who completed temporary jobs.....	677	689	670	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)
Job leavers.....	800	694	621	851	869	747	782	702	661
Reentrants.....	2,544	2,291	2,834	2,500	2,458	2,517	2,588	2,379	2,784
New entrants.....	567	530	547	547	641	613	591	550	532
PERCENT DISTRIBUTION									
Total unemployed.....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Job losers and persons who completed temporary jobs.....	45.6	50.7	44.2	47.4	47.6	48.1	47.4	50.0	46.0
On temporary layoff.....	10.8	15.4	12.1	13.8	14.9	13.8	13.6	15.4	15.7
Not on temporary layoff.....	34.7	35.3	32.0	33.7	32.7	34.3	33.7	34.6	30.3
Job leavers.....	11.1	9.7	8.7	11.5	11.5	10.0	10.4	9.7	9.0
Reentrants.....	35.4	32.2	39.5	33.7	32.5	33.7	34.4	32.8	37.8
New entrants.....	7.9	7.4	7.6	7.4	8.5	8.2	7.9	7.6	7.2
UNEMPLOYED AS A PERCENT OF THE CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE									
Job losers and persons who completed temporary jobs.....	2.5	2.7	2.4	2.7	2.7	2.7	2.7	2.7	2.5
Job leavers.....	.6	.5	.5	.6	.7	.6	.6	.5	.5
Reentrants.....	1.9	1.7	2.1	1.9	1.8	1.9	1.9	1.8	2.1
New entrants.....	.4	.4	.4	.4	.5	.5	.4	.4	.4

1/ Not available.

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Table A-7. Range of alternative measures of labor underutilization

(Percent)

Measure	Not seasonally adjusted			Seasonally adjusted					
	May 1995	Apr. 1996	May 1996	May 1995	Jan. 1996	Feb. 1996	Mar. 1996	Apr. 1996	May 1996
U-1 Persons unemployed 15 weeks or longer, as a percent of the civilian labor force.....	2.0	2.1	1.8	1.9	1.8	1.7	1.9	1.8	1.7
U-2 Job losers and persons who completed temporary jobs, as a percent of the civilian labor force.....	2.5	2.7	2.4	2.7	2.7	2.7	2.7	2.7	2.5
U-3 Total unemployed, as a percent of the civilian labor force (official unemployment rate).....	5.5	5.4	5.4	5.6	5.8	5.5	5.6	5.4	5.6
U-4 Total unemployed plus discouraged workers, as a percent of the civilian labor force plus discouraged workers.....	5.7	5.7	5.6	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)
U-5 Total unemployed, plus discouraged workers, plus all other marginally attached workers, as a percent of the civilian labor force plus all marginally attached workers.....	6.5	6.4	6.4	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)
U-6 Total unemployed, plus all marginally attached workers, plus total employed part time for economic reasons, as a percent of the civilian labor force plus all marginally attached workers.....	9.8	9.7	9.5	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)

1/ Not available.

NOTE: This range of alternative measures of labor underutilization replaces the U1-U7 range published in table A-7 of this release prior to 1994. Marginally attached workers are persons who currently are neither working nor looking for work but indicate that they want and are available for a job and have looked for work sometime in the recent past. Discouraged workers, a subset of the marginally attached, have given a job-market related reason for not currently looking for a job. Persons employed part time for economic reasons are those who want and are available for full-time work but have had to settle for a part-time schedule. For further information, see "BLS introduces new range of alternative unemployment measures," in the October 1995 issue of the Monthly Labor Review.

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Table A-8. Unemployed persons by age and sex, seasonally adjusted

Age and sex	Number of unemployed persons (in thousands)			Unemployment rates ^{1/}					
	May 1995	Apr. 1996	May 1996	May 1995	Jan. 1996	Feb. 1996	Mar. 1996	Apr. 1996	May 1996
Total, 16 years and over.....	7,460	7,266	7,448	5.6	5.8	5.5	5.6	5.4	5.6
16 to 24 years.....	2,540	2,517	2,608	11.8	13.0	12.4	12.4	11.8	12.2
16 to 19 years.....	1,344	1,296	1,301	17.3	18.2	16.6	17.5	16.7	16.4
16 to 17 years.....	665	613	639	20.8	20.5	20.0	19.4	18.7	19.4
18 to 19 years.....	672	689	658	14.9	16.9	14.3	16.1	15.3	14.2
20 to 24 years.....	1,196	1,221	1,306	8.7	10.0	9.9	9.5	9.0	9.7
25 years and over.....	4,913	4,735	4,822	4.4	4.3	4.3	4.3	4.2	4.3
25 to 54 years.....	4,333	4,174	4,266	4.6	4.5	4.4	4.4	4.3	4.4
55 years and over.....	591	518	570	3.8	3.5	3.6	3.8	3.3	3.6
Men, 16 years and over.....	4,066	4,002	3,964	5.7	5.7	5.5	5.8	5.6	5.5
16 to 24 years.....	1,401	1,441	1,468	12.3	12.9	13.1	13.4	12.8	12.9
16 to 19 years.....	734	736	717	18.2	19.2	17.0	19.4	17.9	17.2
16 to 17 years.....	359	358	339	22.0	22.3	21.7	21.4	21.2	20.0
18 to 19 years.....	373	389	379	15.8	17.4	13.9	18.0	16.1	15.4
20 to 24 years.....	667	706	750	9.0	9.3	10.9	10.0	9.9	10.4
25 years and over.....	2,674	2,562	2,496	4.5	4.2	4.2	4.4	4.2	4.1
25 to 54 years.....	2,334	2,299	2,201	4.6	4.4	4.4	4.5	4.4	4.2
55 years and over.....	338	267	298	3.9	3.5	3.5	3.5	3.0	3.3
Women, 16 years and over.....	3,394	3,264	3,485	5.6	5.8	5.5	5.4	5.3	5.7
16 to 24 years.....	1,139	1,076	1,140	11.3	13.1	11.5	11.4	10.7	11.4
16 to 19 years.....	610	561	584	16.4	17.1	16.1	15.4	15.3	15.6
16 to 17 years.....	306	255	300	19.6	18.7	18.1	17.3	16.1	18.8
18 to 19 years.....	299	300	279	13.8	16.2	14.7	14.0	14.4	12.9
20 to 24 years.....	529	515	556	8.4	10.8	8.8	9.1	8.1	8.8
25 years and over.....	2,239	2,172	2,326	4.4	4.4	4.3	4.3	4.2	4.5
25 to 54 years.....	1,999	1,875	2,065	4.6	4.6	4.4	4.3	4.2	4.6
55 years and over.....	253	251	272	3.6	3.4	3.8	4.2	3.6	3.9

1/ Unemployment as a percent of the civilian labor force.

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Table A-9. Persons not in the labor force and multiple jobholders by sex, not seasonally adjusted

(In thousands)

Category	Total		Men		Women	
	May 1995	May 1996	May 1995	May 1996	May 1995	May 1996
NOT IN THE LABOR FORCE						
Total not in the labor force.....	66,547	66,721	23,836	23,923	42,711	42,797
Persons who currently want a job.....	6,533	6,215	2,658	2,608	3,875	3,607
Searched for work and available to work now ¹ /.....	1,504	1,475	730	694	773	780
Reason not currently looking:						
Discouragement over job prospects ² /.....	398	352	233	221	165	131
Reasons other than discouragement ³ /.....	1,106	1,123	497	474	608	649
MULTIPLE JOBHOLDERS						
Total multiple jobholders ⁴ /.....	7,952	7,846	4,225	4,352	3,727	3,494
Percent of total employed.....	6.4	6.2	6.3	6.4	6.5	6.0
Primary job full time, secondary job part time.....	4,624	4,455	2,747	2,743	1,877	1,711
Primary and secondary jobs both part time.....	1,750	1,709	525	558	1,225	1,151
Primary and secondary jobs both full time.....	245	245	178	158	67	87
Hours vary on primary or secondary job.....	1,315	1,408	763	884	552	524

1/ Data refer to persons who have searched for work during the prior 12 months and were available to take a job during the reference week.

2/ Includes thinks no work available, could not find work, lacks schooling or training, employer thinks too young or old, and other types of discrimination.

3/ Includes those who did not actively look for work in the prior 4 weeks for such reasons as child-care and transportation problems, as well as a small number for which reason for nonparticipation was not determined.

4/ Includes persons who work part time on their primary job and full time on their secondary job(s), not shown separately.

Table B-1. Employees on nonfarm payrolls by industry

(In thousands)

Industry	Not seasonally adjusted				Seasonally adjusted					
	May 1995	Mar. 1996	Apr. 1996p/	May 1996p/	May 1995	Jan. 1996	Feb. 1996	Mar. 1996	Apr. 1996p/	May 1996p/
Total.....	117,423	117,895	118,741	119,804	116,907	118,070	118,579	118,737	118,900	119,248
Total private.....	97,754	98,086	98,952	99,958	97,618	98,734	99,214	99,343	99,501	99,806
Goods producing.....	24,230	23,695	23,961	24,253	24,217	24,112	24,254	24,196	24,203	24,238
Mining.....	581	563	567	571	582	569	573	574	574	575
Metal mining.....	50.5	50.2	50.5	51.6	51	51	51	51	51	52
Coal mining.....	105.4	100.8	100.4	100.4	106	101	102	101	101	101
Oil and gas extraction.....	317.5	308.2	308.6	309.5	320	310	313	314	315	315
Nonmetallic minerals, except fuels.....	108.0	103.4	107.2	109.8	105	107	107	108	107	107
Construction.....	5,166	4,944	5,197	5,431	5,116	5,234	5,349	5,340	5,351	5,379
General building contractors.....	1,191.2	1,153.3	1,187.7	1,220.0	1,195	1,205	1,218	1,223	1,227	1,224
Heavy construction, except building.....	772.1	676.4	739.7	789.6	742	741	764	769	762	759
Special trade contractors.....	3,202.2	3,114.4	3,270.0	3,421.1	3,179	3,288	3,367	3,348	3,362	3,396
Manufacturing.....	18,483	18,188	18,197	18,251	18,519	18,309	18,332	18,282	18,278	18,284
Production workers.....	12,806	12,551	12,565	12,602	12,831	12,656	12,671	12,617	12,622	12,620
Durable goods.....	10,674	10,597	10,636	10,673	10,668	10,643	10,659	10,623	10,652	10,669
Production workers.....	7,325	7,248	7,289	7,318	7,313	7,288	7,298	7,262	7,291	7,299
Lumber and wood products.....	759.6	741.8	748.7	756.2	765	750	756	755	761	761
Furniture and fixtures.....	509.1	499.7	497.2	499.0	510	503	502	500	498	499
Stone, clay, and glass products.....	544.4	523.1	533.5	543.2	539	532	536	536	534	537
Primary metal industries.....	713.1	705.8	703.2	705.2	714	709	708	706	704	705
Blast furnaces and basic steel products.....	241.1	238.0	236.7	238.2	242	240	240	239	238	239
Fabricated metal products.....	1,441.3	1,440.5	1,437.4	1,444.3	1,441	1,442	1,443	1,442	1,440	1,443
Industrial machinery and equipment.....	2,057.3	2,091.4	2,086.3	2,086.4	2,052	2,085	2,083	2,087	2,084	2,082
Computer and office equipment.....	347.1	356.5	355.1	354.1	347	357	357	358	356	355
Electronic and other electrical equipment.....	1,618.1	1,647.8	1,645.9	1,646.0	1,621	1,646	1,652	1,651	1,650	1,649
Electronic components and accessories.....	573.3	612.8	612.6	610.8	575	609	614	614	615	613
Transportation equipment.....	1,806.1	1,728.9	1,768.4	1,774.3	1,799	1,757	1,759	1,726	1,763	1,774
Motor vehicles and equipment.....	978.1	924.8	962.2	969.7	971	956	957	924	959	969
Aircraft and parts.....	457.5	446.0	447.9	448.5	458	446	446	445	447	448
Instruments and related products.....	836.7	831.6	831.1	833.6	838	831	831	832	832	834
Miscellaneous manufacturing.....	388.4	386.2	384.7	384.8	389	388	389	388	386	385
Nondurable goods.....	7,809	7,591	7,561	7,578	7,851	7,666	7,673	7,659	7,626	7,615
Production workers.....	5,481	5,303	5,276	5,284	5,518	5,368	5,373	5,355	5,331	5,321
Food and kindred products.....	1,642.7	1,625.9	1,612.2	1,624.7	1,682	1,672	1,675	1,675	1,665	1,661
Tobacco products.....	38.3	39.7	38.9	36.9	42	41	41	41	41	40
Textile mill products.....	674.4	640.1	636.6	639.9	673	640	644	642	635	637
Apparel and other textile products.....	949.9	859.6	856.9	857.1	946	868	873	863	858	853
Paper and allied products.....	691.3	676.2	672.6	674.2	694	684	682	681	677	677
Printing and publishing.....	1,541.9	1,530.6	1,525.4	1,522.5	1,543	1,533	1,531	1,531	1,527	1,524
Chemicals and allied products.....	1,035.1	1,024.0	1,021.1	1,021.3	1,037	1,026	1,025	1,027	1,024	1,026
Petroleum and coal products.....	146.9	136.7	137.8	139.7	146	140	140	140	139	139
Rubber and misc. plastics products.....	981.6	960.7	961.8	964.6	981	964	963	960	962	961
Leather and leather products.....	106.9	97.9	97.2	96.7	107	98	99	99	98	97
Service producing.....	93,193	94,200	94,780	95,551	92,690	93,958	94,325	94,541	94,697	95,010
Transportation and public utilities.....	6,140	6,233	6,251	6,309	6,139	6,254	6,270	6,289	6,288	6,305
Transportation.....	3,905	3,965	3,981	4,038	3,900	3,980	3,994	4,008	4,008	4,026
Railroad transportation.....	241.2	230.9	231.4	233.4	240	235	234	233	231	231
Local and interurban passenger transit.....	432.8	455.3	452.4	463.8	418	436	439	441	439	448
Trucking and warehousing.....	1,849.3	1,835.9	1,844.2	1,870.9	1,863	1,874	1,879	1,883	1,879	1,887
Water transportation.....	177.9	165.8	171.5	174.7	176	172	171	171	174	168
Transportation by air.....	777.4	830.6	833.3	842.1	778	822	827	834	837	840
Pipelines, except natural gas.....	15.0	14.0	13.9	14.0	15	14	14	14	14	14
Transportation services.....	411.3	432.3	434.4	439.2	410	427	430	432	434	438
Communications and public utilities.....	2,235	2,268	2,270	2,271	2,239	2,274	2,276	2,281	2,280	2,279
Communications.....	1,321.0	1,371.8	1,373.8	1,374.9	1,323	1,367	1,371	1,378	1,378	1,381
Electric, gas, and sanitary services.....	914.2	896.5	896.4	896.4	916	907	905	903	902	898
Wholesale trade.....	6,393	6,504	6,532	6,568	6,389	6,512	6,529	6,548	6,552	6,558
Durable goods.....	3,724	3,826	3,839	3,853	3,718	3,814	3,826	3,841	3,845	3,847
Nondurable goods.....	2,669	2,678	2,693	2,715	2,671	2,698	2,703	2,707	2,707	2,711

See footnotes at end of table.

Table B-1. Employees on nonfarm payrolls by industry

(In thousands)

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Industry	Not seasonally adjusted				Seasonally adjusted					
	May 1995	Mar. 1996	Apr. 1996p/	May 1996p/	May 1995	Jan. 1996	Feb. 1996	Mar. 1996	Apr. 1996p/	May 1996p/
Retail trade.....	21,131	20,912	21,168	21,495	21,119	21,268	21,340	21,343	21,418	21,464
Building materials and garden supplies....	900.5	856.0	901.7	938.7	869	882	880	887	896	904
General merchandise stores.....	2,585.1	2,579.0	2,574.7	2,610.0	2,678	2,651	2,674	2,681	2,679	2,711
Department stores.....	2,260.9	2,272.4	2,264.6	2,299.6	2,346	2,330	2,354	2,362	2,359	2,393
Food stores.....	3,341.0	3,356.7	3,364.4	3,401.5	3,355	3,399	3,401	3,402	3,400	3,410
Automotive dealers and service stations...	2,188.5	2,222.4	2,243.7	2,262.7	2,183	2,227	2,234	2,242	2,252	2,255
New and used car dealers.....	991.4	1,016.6	1,022.3	1,028.4	993	1,011	1,015	1,020	1,025	1,028
Apparel and accessory stores.....	1,104.3	1,068.8	1,070.5	1,071.5	1,128	1,100	1,099	1,100	1,098	1,093
Furniture and home furnishings stores....	931.5	944.5	951.3	955.4	942	949	949	951	959	964
Eating and drinking places.....	7,456.8	7,272.8	7,446.7	7,609.8	7,312	7,405	7,440	7,413	7,466	7,457
Miscellaneous retail establishments.....	2,623.2	2,611.6	2,614.9	2,645.4	2,652	2,655	2,663	2,667	2,668	2,670
Finance, insurance, and real estate.....	6,803	6,893	6,912	6,955	6,807	6,894	6,919	6,932	6,940	6,960
Finance.....	3,221	3,287	3,292	3,307	3,228	3,277	3,288	3,293	3,300	3,314
Depository institutions.....	2,022.0	2,013.4	2,013.2	2,021.3	2,028	2,022	2,023	2,020	2,021	2,026
Commercial banks.....	1,463.8	1,458.4	1,457.6	1,462.9	1,468	1,467	1,467	1,464	1,465	1,467
Savings institutions.....	275.8	265.2	265.5	266.6	276	266	266	266	266	267
Nondepository institutions.....	452.9	502.4	504.7	507.2	453	490	496	501	504	507
Mortgage bankers and brokers.....	199.8	226.3	227.9	229.6	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)
Security and commodity brokers.....	519.6	530.4	532.5	535.5	521	529	531	532	534	538
Holding and other investment offices....	226.4	240.5	241.5	242.9	226	236	238	240	241	243
Insurance.....	2,232	2,257	2,254	2,258	2,233	2,253	2,255	2,258	2,257	2,260
Insurance carriers.....	1,537.6	1,549.0	1,546.9	1,549.0	1,538	1,547	1,547	1,549	1,549	1,551
Insurance agents, brokers, and service..	694.8	708.0	707.4	708.5	695	706	708	709	708	709
Real estate.....	1,350	1,349	1,366	1,390	1,346	1,364	1,376	1,381	1,383	1,386
Services2/.....	33,057	33,849	34,128	34,378	32,947	33,694	33,902	34,035	34,100	34,281
Agricultural services.....	619.7	540.2	610.0	658.6	571	593	602	603	603	605
Hotels and other lodging places.....	1,669	1,598	1,624	1,689	1,658	1,652	1,657	1,662	1,672	1,676
Personal services.....	1,145	1,238	1,238	1,161	1,166	1,170	1,174	1,174	1,179	1,178
Business services.....	6,700	6,944	6,989	7,090	6,728	6,942	7,026	7,058	7,075	7,142
Services to buildings.....	880	892	895	904	878	883	899	899	899	904
Personnel supply services.....	2,426	2,481	2,505	2,571	2,444	2,510	2,552	2,565	2,564	2,611
Help supply services.....	2,145	2,188	2,214	2,278	2,161	2,216	2,254	2,265	2,269	2,317
Computer and data processing services...	1,066	1,159	1,169	1,179	1,070	1,140	1,148	1,155	1,168	1,183
Auto repair, services, and parking.....	1,013	1,065	1,072	1,081	1,011	1,051	1,059	1,066	1,071	1,078
Miscellaneous repair services.....	355	359	362	367	356	358	359	361	363	365
Motion pictures.....	485	525	520	524	486	513	515	520	515	522
Amusement and recreation services.....	1,494	1,396	1,497	1,586	1,426	1,490	1,505	1,519	1,516	1,515
Health services.....	9,194	9,485	9,502	9,538	9,208	9,427	9,463	9,499	9,522	9,561
Offices and clinics of medical doctors..	1,595	1,646	1,655	1,665	1,597	1,638	1,644	1,650	1,660	1,670
Nursing and personal care facilities....	1,678	1,724	1,726	1,733	1,685	1,718	1,722	1,728	1,732	1,740
Hospitals.....	3,767	3,838	3,837	3,847	3,774	3,822	3,833	3,842	3,844	3,855
Home health care services.....	619	652	655	658	616	648	653	655	659	658
Legal services.....	916	924	922	923	922	925	927	927	926	928
Educational services.....	1,993	2,116	2,119	2,050	1,956	1,969	1,985	1,991	1,995	2,012
Social services.....	2,351	2,390	2,396	2,411	2,330	2,362	2,372	2,377	2,384	2,390
Child day care services.....	584	584	584	589	565	567	568	569	568	570
Residential care.....	638	655	659	661	639	651	654	656	661	661
Museums and botanical and zoological gardens.....	83	78	82	87	80	83	83	83	84	85
Membership organizations.....	2,130	2,122	2,125	2,141	2,133	2,135	2,137	2,136	2,137	2,144
Engineering and management services.....	2,718	2,878	2,878	2,879	2,725	2,833	2,847	2,867	2,865	2,887
Engineering and architectural services..	810	820	828	840	811	825	827	829	834	839
Management and public relations.....	801	891	893	901	799	873	881	894	894	901
Services, nec.....	43.7	44.7	45.4	45.6	(3)	(3)	(3)	(3)	(3)	(3)
Government.....	19,669	19,809	19,789	19,846	19,289	19,336	19,365	19,394	19,399	19,442
Federal.....	2,831	2,770	2,767	2,771	2,831	2,783	2,780	2,780	2,776	2,774
Federal, except Postal Service.....	1,995.7	1,915.2	1,914.0	1,920.5	1,990	1,930	1,926	1,922	1,919	1,918
State.....	4,705	4,773	4,774	4,710	4,644	4,625	4,636	4,640	4,646	4,653
Education.....	1,989.3	2,098.8	2,098.1	2,024.2	1,927	1,933	1,945	1,952	1,958	1,965
Other State government.....	2,715.9	2,674.4	2,676.3	2,685.8	2,717	2,692	2,691	2,688	2,688	2,688
Local.....	12,133	12,266	12,248	12,365	11,814	11,928	11,949	11,974	11,977	12,015
Education.....	6,935.5	7,058.6	7,035.7	7,081.9	6,581	6,646	6,659	6,675	6,683	6,689
Other local government.....	5,197.3	5,207.8	5,212.2	5,282.8	5,233	5,282	5,290	5,299	5,294	5,326

1/ This series is not suitable for seasonal adjustment because it has very little seasonal and irregular movement. Thus, the not seasonally adjusted series can be used for analysis of cyclical and long-term trends.

2/ Includes other industries, not shown separately.

3/ This series is not published seasonally adjusted because

the seasonal component, which is small relative to the trend-cycle and irregular components, cannot be separated with sufficient precision.

p = preliminary.

NOTE: Data have been revised to reflect March 1995 benchmarks, new seasonal adjustment procedures, and updated seasonal adjustment factors.

Table B-2. Average weekly hours of production or nonsupervisory workers on private nonfarm payrolls by industry

Industry	Not seasonally adjusted				Seasonally adjusted					
	May 1995	Mar. 1996	Apr. 1996p/	May 1996p/	May 1995	Jan. 1996	Feb. 1996	Mar. 1996	Apr. 1996p/	May 1996p/
Total private.....	34.2	34.2	34.2	34.3	34.2	33.8	34.5	34.5	34.3	34.3
Goods producing.....	40.8	40.6	40.7	41.0	40.7	39.7	41.1	40.8	41.0	40.9
Mining.....	44.2	45.0	44.9	45.5	44.4	44.1	45.3	45.7	45.0	45.5
Construction.....	38.5	38.1	38.6	38.8	37.7	38.2	39.7	38.7	38.9	38.1
Manufacturing.....	41.4	41.3	41.2	41.6	41.5	40.0	41.4	41.4	41.5	41.7
Overtime hours.....	4.2	4.1	4.2	4.3	4.3	4.1	4.3	4.3	4.6	4.6
Durable goods.....	42.2	42.0	42.0	42.5	42.2	40.9	42.2	42.0	42.4	42.6
Overtime hours.....	4.6	4.4	4.5	4.7	4.6	4.4	4.6	4.5	4.9	5.1
Lumber and wood products.....	40.6	40.4	40.7	41.1	40.4	39.1	40.6	40.6	40.7	40.9
Furniture and fixtures.....	38.7	39.0	38.7	39.1	39.3	35.7	39.1	39.4	39.2	39.7
Stone, clay, and glass products.....	43.1	42.7	43.2	43.7	42.6	42.1	43.5	43.2	43.4	43.3
Primary metal industries.....	43.9	43.8	43.6	44.1	43.9	43.2	44.1	43.9	43.9	44.3
Blast furnaces and basic steel products	44.0	44.3	43.9	44.3	44.2	44.3	44.9	44.5	44.0	44.4
Fabricated metal products.....	42.1	41.9	41.8	42.3	42.1	41.0	42.0	42.0	42.3	42.6
Industrial machinery and equipment.....	43.4	43.3	42.7	43.0	43.4	42.1	43.0	43.0	43.1	43.2
Electronic and other electrical equipment	41.3	41.4	40.7	41.4	41.5	40.3	41.6	41.4	41.1	41.6
Transportation equipment.....	43.8	42.3	44.1	44.4	43.4	42.4	43.1	42.2	44.6	44.4
Motor vehicles and equipment.....	45.0	42.3	45.5	45.8	44.5	43.3	43.7	42.1	46.2	46.4
Instruments and related products.....	41.2	41.9	41.4	41.7	41.3	40.2	41.8	41.7	41.5	41.8
Miscellaneous manufacturing.....	39.7	39.8	39.4	39.6	39.8	37.7	39.5	39.7	39.6	39.9
Nondurable goods.....	40.3	40.3	40.0	40.4	40.5	38.7	40.5	40.5	40.4	40.5
Overtime hours.....	3.8	3.8	3.8	3.8	3.9	3.8	4.0	4.0	4.2	4.0
Food and kindred products.....	40.8	40.5	40.2	40.6	41.2	39.9	41.2	41.2	41.0	41.0
Tobacco products.....	40.0	39.5	39.4	39.7	40.1	36.4	39.8	40.5	40.4	39.2
Textile mill products.....	40.5	40.7	40.1	40.8	40.5	36.1	40.5	40.8	40.3	40.8
Apparel and other textile products.....	37.0	37.0	36.5	37.4	36.9	33.5	36.8	36.9	36.6	37.3
Paper and allied products.....	42.8	42.8	42.8	43.1	43.0	41.5	43.1	43.1	43.3	43.5
Printing and publishing.....	38.0	38.2	37.9	37.9	38.3	37.2	38.2	38.2	38.1	38.2
Chemicals and allied products.....	43.1	43.1	42.8	42.9	43.2	42.5	43.2	43.1	42.9	43.1
Petroleum and coal products.....	43.2	43.0	43.5	43.3	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)
Rubber and misc. plastics products.....	41.6	41.3	41.1	41.5	41.5	40.3	41.3	41.3	41.5	41.3
Leather and leather products.....	38.5	37.7	37.3	37.9	38.3	34.8	37.6	37.8	37.4	38.0
Service producing.....	32.4	32.5	32.4	32.6	32.4	32.2	32.7	32.7	32.5	32.5
Transportation and public utilities.....	39.2	39.5	39.3	39.4	39.1	38.8	39.8	39.9	39.5	39.3
Wholesale trade.....	38.1	38.1	38.1	38.2	37.9	37.8	38.3	38.3	38.1	38.1
Retail trade.....	28.7	28.5	28.4	28.7	28.7	28.3	28.8	28.9	28.6	28.8
Finance, insurance, and real estate.....	35.4	35.7	35.6	35.6	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)
Services.....	32.1	32.2	32.2	32.3	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)

1/ Data relate to production workers in mining and manufacturing; construction workers in construction; and 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 employees on private nonfarm payrolls.

2/ These series are not published seasonally

adjusted because the seasonal component, which is small relative to the trend-cycle and irregular components, cannot be separated with sufficient precision.

p = preliminary.

NOTE: Data have been revised to reflect March 1995 benchmarks, new seasonal adjustment procedures, and updated seasonal adjustment factors.

Table B-3. Average hourly and weekly earnings of production or nonsupervisory workers on private nonfarm

payrolls by industry

Industry	Average hourly earnings				Average weekly earnings			
	May 1995	Mar. 1996	Apr. 1996p/	May 1996p/	May 1995	Mar. 1996	Apr. 1996p/	May 1996p/
Total private.....	\$11.36	\$11.69	\$11.75	\$11.74	\$388.51	\$399.80	\$401.85	\$402.68
Seasonally adjusted.....	11.36	11.68	11.72	11.75	388.51	402.96	402.00	403.03
Goods producing.....	12.97	13.17	13.36	13.38	529.18	534.70	543.75	548.58
Mining.....	15.19	15.51	15.58	15.51	671.40	697.95	699.54	705.71
Construction.....	15.00	15.13	15.19	15.28	577.50	576.45	586.33	592.86
Manufacturing.....	12.30	12.54	12.73	12.71	509.22	517.90	524.48	528.74
Durable goods.....	12.87	13.04	13.28	13.26	543.11	547.68	557.76	563.55
Lumber and wood products.....	10.01	10.29	10.34	10.37	406.41	415.72	420.84	426.21
Furniture and fixtures.....	9.71	10.00	10.07	10.08	375.78	390.00	389.71	394.13
Stone, clay, and glass products.....	12.32	12.59	12.77	12.75	530.99	537.59	551.66	557.18
Primary metal industries.....	14.53	14.74	14.96	14.71	637.87	645.61	652.26	648.71
Blast furnaces and basic steel products	17.22	17.61	17.85	17.33	757.68	780.12	783.62	767.72
Fabricated metal products.....	12.07	12.28	12.43	12.43	508.15	514.53	519.57	525.79
Industrial machinery and equipment.....	13.17	13.36	13.45	13.46	571.58	578.49	574.32	578.78
Electronic and other electrical equipment	11.55	11.89	11.98	12.02	477.02	492.25	487.59	497.63
Transportation equipment.....	16.66	16.68	17.25	17.25	729.71	705.56	760.73	765.90
Motor vehicles and equipment.....	17.24	17.11	17.95	17.94	775.80	723.75	816.73	821.65
Instruments and related products.....	12.65	12.97	13.02	12.98	521.18	543.44	539.03	541.27
Miscellaneous manufacturing.....	10.02	10.25	10.35	10.38	397.79	407.95	407.79	411.05
Nondurable goods.....	11.50	11.83	11.94	11.90	463.45	476.75	477.60	480.76
Food and kindred products.....	10.90	11.11	11.21	11.22	444.72	449.96	450.64	455.53
Tobacco products.....	21.01	19.55	20.55	21.19	840.40	772.23	809.67	841.24
Textile mill products.....	9.34	9.55	9.65	9.60	378.27	388.69	386.97	391.68
Apparel and other textile products.....	7.57	7.85	7.93	7.94	280.09	290.45	289.45	296.96
Paper and allied products.....	14.16	14.45	14.63	14.63	606.05	618.46	626.16	630.55
Printing and publishing.....	12.23	12.52	12.54	12.55	464.74	478.26	475.27	475.65
Chemicals and allied products.....	15.49	16.03	16.21	16.09	667.62	690.89	693.79	690.26
Petroleum and coal products.....	19.17	19.20	19.33	18.87	828.14	825.60	840.86	817.07
Rubber and misc. plastics products.....	10.85	11.14	11.20	11.18	451.36	460.08	460.32	463.97
Leather and leather products.....	8.15	8.46	8.45	8.50	313.78	318.94	315.19	322.15
Service producing.....	10.80	11.21	11.22	11.18	349.92	364.33	363.53	364.47
Transportation and public utilities.....	14.07	14.44	14.50	14.42	551.54	570.38	569.85	568.15
Wholesale trade.....	12.34	12.67	12.76	12.74	470.15	482.73	486.16	486.67
Retail trade.....	7.64	7.90	7.92	7.93	219.27	225.15	224.93	227.59
Finance, insurance, and real estate.....	12.24	12.74	12.77	12.79	433.30	454.82	454.61	455.32
Services.....	11.31	11.72	11.72	11.69	363.05	377.38	377.38	377.59

1/ See footnote 1, table B-2.

p = preliminary.

NOTE: Data have been revised to reflect March

1995 benchmarks, new seasonal adjustment procedures, and updated seasonal adjustment factors.

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Table B-4. Average hourly earnings of production or nonsupervisory workers on private nonfarm

payrolls by industry, seasonally adjusted

Industry	May 1995	Jan. 1996	Feb. 1996	Mar. 1996	Apr. 1996p/	May 1996p/	Percent change from: Apr. 1996- May 1996
Total private:							
Current dollars.....	\$11.36	\$11.62	\$11.65	\$11.68	\$11.72	\$11.75	0.3
Constant (1982) dollars ^{2/}	7.36	7.41	7.42	7.40	7.40	N.A.	(3)
Goods producing.....	12.96	13.30	13.26	13.25	13.40	13.38	-.1
Mining.....	15.21	15.48	15.49	15.46	15.47	15.53	.4
Construction.....	15.04	15.25	15.23	15.24	15.28	15.32	.3
Manufacturing.....	12.30	12.63	12.56	12.55	12.74	12.72	-.2
Excluding overtime ^{4/}	11.68	12.00	11.93	11.92	12.09	12.06	-.2
Service producing.....	10.81	11.06	11.11	11.16	11.16	11.20	.4
Transportation and public utilities	14.14	14.39	14.43	14.48	14.50	14.49	-.1
Wholesale trade.....	12.34	12.58	12.63	12.70	12.71	12.73	.2
Retail trade.....	7.65	7.83	7.85	7.88	7.90	7.94	.5
Finance, insurance, and real estate	12.21	12.55	12.60	12.68	12.65	12.80	1.2
Services.....	11.33	11.59	11.62	11.67	11.65	11.70	.4

1/ See footnote 1, table B-2.

2/ The Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W) is used to deflate this series.

3/ Change was .0 percent from March 1996 to April 1996, the latest month available.

4/ Derived by assuming that overtime hours are paid at the rate of time and one-half.

N.A. = not available.

p/ = preliminary.

NOTE: Data have been revised to reflect March 1995 benchmarks, new seasonal adjustment procedures, and updated seasonal adjustment factors.

Table B-5. Indexes of aggregate weekly hours of production or nonsupervisory workers on private nonfarm payrolls

by industry

(1982=100)

Industry	Not seasonally adjusted				Seasonally adjusted					
	May 1995	Mar. 1996	Apr. 1996 ^p /	May 1996 ^p /	May 1995	Jan. 1996	Feb. 1996	Mar. 1996	Apr. 1996 ^p /	May 1996 ^p /
Total private.....	132.4	132.5	133.6	135.9	131.9	131.7	135.5	135.5	135.2	135.4
Goods_producing.....	109.7	106.0	107.7	110.3	109.1	106.0	110.8	109.4	109.9	109.9
Mining.....	53.5	53.4	53.7	54.9	54.0	52.7	54.9	55.7	54.6	55.4
Construction.....	140.0	129.9	140.1	148.9	135.2	140.7	150.5	145.6	146.6	144.1
Manufacturing.....	107.0	104.4	104.4	105.7	107.3	102.0	105.9	105.2	105.7	106.2
Durable goods.....	107.9	106.1	106.9	108.4	107.6	104.1	107.4	106.3	107.8	108.4
Lumber and wood products.....	133.9	129.7	132.3	134.9	134.1	127.1	133.1	133.1	134.5	135.4
Furniture and fixtures.....	122.6	121.0	119.5	121.3	124.8	111.4	121.7	122.0	121.1	123.6
Stone, clay, and glass products.....	109.9	104.5	108.5	111.9	107.4	104.9	109.7	108.9	109.1	109.2
Primary metal industries.....	92.2	91.3	90.4	91.8	92.2	90.4	91.9	91.5	91.0	92.0
Blast furnaces and basic steel products..	72.9	72.6	71.5	72.7	73.4	72.8	73.8	73.1	71.9	73.3
Fabricated metal products.....	113.4	112.5	112.0	114.1	113.2	110.2	112.9	112.9	113.5	114.6
Industrial machinery and equipment.....	103.4	104.4	102.7	103.3	103.0	101.2	103.2	103.2	103.3	103.5
Electronic and other electrical equipment..	106.8	108.2	106.0	107.7	107.3	105.0	108.7	108.0	107.1	108.4
Transportation equipment.....	123.2	113.9	122.8	124.1	121.1	116.6	118.6	113.1	123.1	122.6
Motor vehicles and equipment.....	167.0	148.9	168.0	170.3	163.2	158.2	159.9	147.5	169.0	172.4
Instruments and related products.....	72.7	73.9	73.0	73.9	73.1	70.8	73.6	73.6	73.3	74.0
Miscellaneous manufacturing.....	102.7	102.0	100.6	100.7	103.4	97.2	102.2	102.4	101.4	101.8
Nondurable goods.....	105.6	102.1	100.8	102.0	106.7	99.3	103.9	103.7	102.8	103.1
Food and kindred products.....	110.3	109.0	107.1	109.0	115.0	111.0	114.8	114.9	113.6	113.6
Tobacco products.....	55.7	59.4	57.2	54.6	63.5	55.9	63.1	64.2	64.0	60.2
Textile mill products.....	95.9	91.5	89.7	91.9	95.7	80.8	91.7	92.0	89.9	91.4
Apparel and other textile products.....	85.8	76.7	75.4	77.2	85.2	70.1	77.5	76.7	75.6	76.5
Paper and allied products.....	109.8	106.8	106.4	107.5	110.5	105.0	108.6	108.4	108.3	108.6
Printing and publishing.....	124.0	123.6	122.3	121.5	125.1	120.5	123.4	123.6	122.8	122.7
Chemicals and allied products.....	101.6	100.7	99.6	99.2	101.9	100.2	101.3	100.9	100.1	100.2
Petroleum and coal products.....	78.6	71.2	73.2	74.7	77.2	73.9	73.6	74.3	72.9	74.1
Rubber and misc. plastics products.....	144.0	139.3	138.4	140.3	143.4	136.5	139.6	139.2	139.8	139.4
Leather and leather products.....	49.6	44.0	43.2	43.5	49.4	41.2	44.5	44.1	43.7	43.8
Service_producing.....	142.6	144.4	145.3	147.4	142.1	143.2	146.6	147.2	146.6	146.9
Transportation and public utilities.....	123.1	126.4	126.3	128.0	122.9	124.5	128.4	129.1	127.8	127.5
Wholesale trade.....	120.8	122.6	123.1	124.1	120.1	122.0	124.0	124.3	123.6	123.6
Retail trade.....	131.2	128.8	129.9	133.7	131.2	129.9	133.1	133.7	132.7	133.8
Finance, insurance, and real estate.....	121.3	123.7	123.9	124.7	120.5	122.2	124.4	125.0	124.5	124.2
Services.....	168.9	173.3	174.4	176.1	168.1	170.3	174.5	175.2	175.0	175.3

1/ See footnote 1, table B-2.

p = preliminary.

NOTE: Data have been revised to reflect March

1995 benchmarks, new seasonal adjustment procedures,
and updated seasonal adjustment factors.

Table B-6. Diffusion indexes of employment change, seasonally adjusted

(Percent)

TIME SPAN	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
Private nonfarm payrolls, 356 industries ^{1/}												
Over 1-month span:												
1992.....	43.7	43.7	50.0	57.3	55.5	50.1	52.2	49.0	52.1	56.3	53.2	57.4
1993.....	60.0	60.8	51.3	58.6	61.7	55.2	57.7	57.0	61.8	59.7	61.8	59.6
1994.....	58.8	62.1	66.0	64.2	60.3	63.5	61.5	62.1	60.8	61.5	63.1	63.9
1995.....	63.2	59.3	54.9	54.6	51.4	55.1	54.1	57.4	51.8	54.8	56.3	59.4
1996.....	52.4	63.2	60.0	p/51.5	p/59.4							
Over 3-month span:												
1992.....	39.7	41.9	49.7	57.0	58.4	55.8	50.6	50.1	52.8	54.4	57.6	61.2
1993.....	63.8	61.2	61.1	59.8	63.1	62.9	59.7	63.1	64.5	67.1	64.6	63.5
1994.....	67.1	69.5	70.4	68.7	66.4	66.0	68.5	69.5	65.3	65.6	68.0	67.8
1995.....	66.6	63.2	56.9	53.4	54.2	52.9	56.6	53.8	54.2	54.6	58.3	57.0
1996.....	60.7	61.8	p/61.0	p/59.1								
Over 6-month span:												
1992.....	43.3	46.8	47.5	52.5	54.9	56.7	53.8	52.2	55.5	57.6	63.9	61.9
1993.....	63.3	65.2	63.8	64.2	62.4	65.9	65.7	63.9	66.3	67.3	70.6	69.5
1994.....	70.8	71.6	69.0	69.8	69.5	69.5	69.2	69.0	69.2	68.5	69.1	66.6
1995.....	66.3	60.8	58.7	54.4	53.5	54.1	53.1	56.3	55.9	54.1	56.2	61.8
1996.....	p/59.7	p/60.3										
Over 12-month span:												
1992.....	47.2	42.3	42.7	44.1	48.0	52.5	55.8	60.7	59.7	61.4	62.9	62.9
1993.....	64.9	63.9	64.0	65.4	67.0	67.6	67.6	67.0	70.2	69.5	69.2	70.1
1994.....	70.2	71.6	71.8	71.8	72.1	71.8	71.5	72.1	70.1	69.4	65.7	65.0
1995.....	62.6	60.8	60.1	61.2	58.1	57.7	54.5	58.7	58.6	p/57.3	p/58.7	
1996.....												
Manufacturing payrolls, 139 industries ^{1/}												
Over 1-month span:												
1992.....	37.4	39.9	43.9	56.8	50.0	48.9	52.2	44.6	47.5	47.8	51.4	54.7
1993.....	52.5	56.5	50.7	45.7	54.0	45.7	49.3	49.3	59.4	53.2	53.6	55.0
1994.....	56.5	60.1	59.7	58.6	53.2	57.9	57.6	53.6	55.8	54.7	57.2	59.4
1995.....	56.8	55.0	46.0	45.3	39.2	40.3	45.0	45.0	42.4	45.3	46.4	47.5
1996.....	42.1	48.2	48.2	p/39.9	p/51.4							
Over 3-month span:												
1992.....	29.9	33.5	43.9	49.6	55.4	53.2	46.8	47.8	45.7	47.5	51.1	54.7
1993.....	60.8	58.3	53.2	47.8	48.9	54.0	50.4	58.3	57.6	59.7	54.7	57.6
1994.....	63.7	64.4	66.2	60.8	56.1	56.8	60.8	58.6	54.0	56.1	60.1	60.8
1995.....	60.4	51.8	43.5	34.9	33.1	32.0	33.1	35.6	38.8	39.6	40.6	38.8
1996.....	38.8	39.9	p/37.1	p/39.9								
Over 6-month span:												
1992.....	32.4	34.9	39.9	46.8	52.2	54.3	48.2	47.8	51.1	51.1	56.8	56.5
1993.....	56.5	59.0	56.8	55.4	50.7	57.9	59.4	56.5	57.6	58.6	64.4	60.8
1994.....	62.2	64.4	60.4	61.5	59.0	56.8	56.5	57.2	60.1	55.8	59.7	55.8
1995.....	55.4	45.0	38.5	33.5	27.7	28.8	28.8	30.6	33.5	33.1	34.2	38.8
1996.....	p/31.3	p/33.8										
Over 12-month span:												
1992.....	42.4	36.7	36.3	36.0	39.6	45.7	50.0	55.8	57.9	56.8	58.3	56.5
1993.....	56.8	57.9	55.8	58.6	57.2	57.6	58.6	59.0	61.2	59.7	60.1	57.6
1994.....	57.9	58.6	60.8	60.8	60.8	63.3	59.4	60.1	57.2	55.8	49.6	47.5
1995.....	42.1	40.3	39.9	40.6	34.5	31.7	25.9	28.8	28.1	p/24.5	p/26.3	
1996.....												

^{1/} Based on seasonally adjusted data for 1-, 3-, and 6-month spans and unadjusted data for the 12-month span. Data are centered within the span.

p = preliminary.

NOTE: Figures are the percent of industries with employment increasing plus one-half of the industries

with unchanged employment, where 50 percent indicates an equal balance between industries with increasing and decreasing employment. Data have been revised to reflect March 1995 benchmarks, new seasonal adjustment procedures, and new seasonal adjustment factors.