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THE EMPLOYMENT SITUATION: DECEMBER 1999

Employment rose in December, and the unemployment rate was unchanged at 4.1 percent, the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the U.S. Department of Labor reported today. Nonfarm payroll employment increased by 315,000. Job growth occurred throughout the service-producing sector and in construction, while manufacturing employment was little changed. Average hourly earnings rose by 6 cents in December following a rise of 1 cent in November and have increased by 3.7 percent over the year.

Unemployment (Household Survey Data)
The number of unemployed persons was essentially unchanged at 5.7 million in December, and the unemployment rate was 4.1 percent for the third consecutive month. The jobless rate moved downward in 1999; the fourth quarter average of 4.1 percent was down from 4.4 percent in the fourth quarter of 1998. Unemployment rates for all the major worker groups--adult men (3.3 percent), adult women (3.6 percent), teenagers (13.8 percent), whites (3.5 percent), blacks (7.9 percent), and Hispanics (5.9 percent)--showed little or no change over the month. (See tables A-1 and A-2.)

Total Employment and the Labor Force (Household Survey Data)
The number of persons in the civilian labor force, 140.1 million, was little changed in December, as was the labor force participation rate, at 67.1 percent. Total employment rose to 134.4 million. The employmentpopulation ratio--the proportion of the population age 16 and older with jobs--was 64.4 percent in December, matching its all-time high first reached in January 1999. (See table A-1.)

About 8.0 million persons (not seasonally adjusted) held more than one job in December. These multiple jobholders represented 6.0 percent of the total employed, compared with 6.2 percent in December 1998. (See table A-10.)

Persons Not in the Labor Force (Household Survey Data)
The number of persons who were marginally attached to the labor force in December totaled 1.1 million (not seasonally adjusted). These people wanted and were available to work and had looked for a job sometime in the prior 12 months. They are not counted as unemployed because they had not
| Seasonally adjusted household survey data have been revised to |incorporate updated seasonal adjustment factors that reflect the $\mid 1999$ experience; data back to January 1995 were subject to revision. |The unemployment rates for January-December 1999, as originally |published and as revised, appear on page 5, along with additional |information on the revisions.

Table A. Major indicators of labor market activity, seasonally adjusted (Numbers in thousands)

| Category | Quarterly averages |  | Monthly data |  |  | Nov. Dec. change |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | 1999 |  |  |  |
|  | 1999 |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | III | IV | Oct. | Nov. | Dec. |  |
| HOUSEHOLD DATA | Labor force status |  |  |  |  |  |
| Civilian labor force.. Employment | 139,394\| 139,880| 139,697| 139,834| |  |  |  | 140, 108\| | 274 |
|  | $\begin{array}{l\|l\|} \hline 139,394 \mid & 139,880 \mid \\ 133,526 \mid & 134,153 \mid \end{array}$ |  | 133, 940 | 134, 098\| | 134, 420\| | 322 |
| Unemployment......... <br> Not in labor force.... | $\begin{array}{r} 133,526 \\ 5,868 \end{array}$ | 5,727\| | $5,757$ | 5,736\| | 5,688\| | -48 |
|  | 68,650\| | 68,780\| | $68,786 \mid$ | 68,832\| | 68,724\| | -108 |
|  | Unemployment rates |  |  |  |  |  |
| All workers. | $4.2\|\quad 4.1\|$ |  | $4.1$ | 4.1\| | 4.11 | . 0 |
| Adult men. | $3.51$ | 3.4\| | 3.5\| | 3.3\| | 3.31 | . 0 |
| Adult women | $\begin{aligned} & 3.51 \\ & 3.8 \mid \end{aligned}$ | 3.61 | 3.5\| | 3.6\| | 3.61 | . 0 |
| Teenagers | 13.81 | $13.8 \mid$ | 13.8\| | 14.0\| | 13.8 | -0.2 |
| White. | 3.71 | 3.51 | 3.5\| | 3.51 | 3.51 | . 0 |
| Hispanic origin..... | 8.21 6.4 | 8.1\| | 8.31 | 8.0\| | 7.91 | -. 1 |
|  |  | $6.1 \mid$ | 6.3 | 6.11 | 5.91 | -. 2 |
| ESTABLISHMENT DATA | Employment |  |  |  |  |  |
| Nonfarm employment. | 128, 936\|p129, 585| |  | 129, 332 \|p129, $554\|p 129,869\|$ |  |  | p315 |
| Goods-producing 1/ | 25,194\| | p25, 245 | 25,198\| | p25,260\| | p25, 277 | p17 |
| Construction...... |  | p6,356\| | 6,314\| | p6, 369 | p6,385\| | p16 |
| Manufacturing..... | 18,398\| | p18,361\| | 18, 356\| | p18, 364\| | p18,363\| | p-1 |
| Service-producing 1/\| | 103,7431 | p104, 340\| | 104,134\| | p104, 294 | p104, 592\| | p298 |
| Retail trade |  | p22, 910 | 22,891\| | p22,887 | p22, 952 \| | p65 |
| Services | $\begin{aligned} & 22,884 \\ & 39,172 \\ & 20,194 \end{aligned}$ | p39,544\| | 39,433\| | p39,545 | p39, 654\| | p109 |
| Government |  | p20, 272 | 20, 237 | p20, 258 | p20, 322 | p64 |
|  | Hours of work 2/ |  |  |  |  |  |
| Total private......... |  | 34.5\| p34.5| | 34.51 | p34.5\| | p34.5\| | p. 0 |
| Manufacturing....... Overtime. $\qquad$ | 41.84.7 | p41.71 | 41.81 | p41.71 | p41.71 | p. 0 |
|  |  | p4.71 | 4.71 | p4.6\| | p4.71 | p0.1 |
|  | 4.71 |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Indexes of aggregate weekly hours (1982=100) 2/ |  |  |  |  |  |
| Total private | 148.3\| p149.1| |  | 148.8\| p149.2| |  | p149.3 | p0. 1 |
|  | Earnings 2/ |  |  |  |  |  |
| Avg. hourly earnings, total private..... | \$13.31\| | p\$13.42 | \$13.39 | p\$13.40\| | p\$13.46 | p\$0.06 |
| Avg. weekly earnings, |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | 458.64 | p462.88 | 461.96\| | p462.30\| | p464.37 | p2. 07 |

[^0]searched for employment in the 4 weeks preceding the survey. The number of discouraged workers was 267,000 in December. These people, a subset of the marginally attached, were not currently looking for work specifically because they believed no jobs were available for them. (See table A-10.)

Industry Payroll Employment (Establishment Survey Data)
Nonfarm payroll employment increased by 315,000 in December to 129.9 million, after seasonal adjustment. Job growth in 1999 totaled 2.7 million or 2.1 percent; this compares to a 2.4 percent gain in 1998. Privatesector payroll employment rose by 251,000 over the month. (See table B-1.)

The services industry added 109,000 jobs in December. Employment in business services rose by 77,000 over the month, with job gains in personnel supply services $(27,000)$ and computer and data processing services (13,000). Engineering and management services added 23,000 jobs. Both business services and engineering and management services had much smaller increases in November. Health services employment grew by 16,000 in December, the second consecutive month with an above-average increase for the industry. Employment in two services industries that tend to experience large seasonal fluctuations in demand--agricultural services and amusements and recreation--declined in December.

Employment in retail trade rose by 65,000 in December. Over the year, retail employment increased by 427,000 , or 1.9 percent, slightly above the 1.7 percent gain in 1998. In December, job gains were concentrated in general merchandise stores $(34,000)$ and eating and drinking places $(27,000)$. December's job gain in general merchandise stores was the first increase since April 1999. Employment in eating and drinking places fluctuated in 1999 but remained on an upward trend. Wholesale trade employment increased by 16,000 in December, in line with its average for the prior 12 months. Growth in the industry was concentrated in durable goods distribution.

Transportation and public utilities added 32,000 jobs in December, twice the average for the prior 12 months. Within transportation, air transportation, which moves packages as well as passengers, added 14,000 jobs, and trucking and warehousing added 9,000.

Finance, insurance, and real estate added 12,000 jobs in December, mostly in finance. Within finance, employment in security and commodity brokerages grew by 5,000. Employment in real estate was little changed in December, following gains over the previous 2 months totaling 14,000.

Employment in government rose by 64,000 in December, after seasonal adjustment. Much of the gain was in local government education, where there had been little net change over the prior 3 months.

In the goods-producing sector, construction employment rose by 16,000 in December, following a much larger gain in November. Most of the December increase was in heavy construction.

In December, for the second straight month, manufacturing employment was little changed. Over the year, manufacturing lost 248,000 jobs, with most of the decline occurring during the first half of the year. In durable goods, aircraft manufacturing continued to lose jobs. The December loss was offset by small gains in other durable goods industries, including electronic components, where employment increased by 2,000 over the month and by 10,000 since its most recent low in April. Fabricated metals also added 2,000 jobs in December; since its most recent low point in August, this industry has added 6,000 jobs. Within nondurable goods industries, apparel and textiles continued their long-term employment declines, with job losses in 1999 that totaled 66,000 and 32,000, respectively.

Within mining, employment in oil and gas extraction continued to trend upward. The industry has added 6,000 jobs since August; this follows heavy losses through most of 1998 and the first half of 1999.

Weekly Hours (Establishment Survey Data)
The average workweek for production or nonsupervisory workers on private nonfarm payrolls was unchanged in December at 34.5 hours, seasonally adjusted. The manufacturing workweek also was unchanged at 41.7 hours; manufacturing overtime was up by 0.1 hour to 4.7 hours. (See table B-2.)

The index of aggregate weekly hours of production or nonsupervisory workers on private nonfarm payrolls edged up by 0.1 percent to 149.3 (1982=100), seasonally adjusted. The manufacturing index edged down by 0.1 percent in December to 106.0. (See table B-5.)

Hourly and Weekly Earnings (Establishment Survey Data)
Average hourly earnings of production or nonsupervisory workers on private nonfarm payrolls increased by 6 cents in December to \$13.46, seasonally adjusted. This follows a gain of 1 cent in November. Hourly earnings rose by 11 cents in each of the last 2 quarters of 1999, following gains of 13 cents in each of the first 2 quarters of the year. Over the month, average weekly earnings rose by 0.4 percent to $\$ 464.37$, seasonally adjusted. Over the year, average hourly earnings rose by 3.7 percent, and average weekly earnings increased by 3.4 percent. (See table B-3.)

The Employment Situation for January 2000 is scheduled to be released on Friday, February 4, at 8:30 A.M. (EST).

At the end of each calendar year, BLS routinely updates the seasonal adjustment factors for the labor force series derived from the Current Population Survey (also referred to as the household survey) to incorporate the experience of that year. This year, seasonally adjusted data for January 1995-December 1999 were subject to revision. (Seasonally adjusted establishment data will be revised in June, concurrent with the introduction of annual benchmark adjustments.)

Table B summarizes the effects of the revisions on the overall unemployment rate since January 1999. The rate was revised in only 1 month, by 0.1 percentage point. Revised seasonally adjusted data for major labor force series since December 1998 appear in table C.

The January 2000 issue of Employment and Earnings will contain the new seasonal adjustment factors for major series for the January-June 2000 period. The publication also will contain a description of the current seasonal adjustment methodology and revised data for the most recent 13 months or quarters for all regularly published tables containing seasonally adjusted household survey data. Historical data for the household series contained in the "A" tables of this release also can be accessed on the BLS Internet site at (http://stats.bls.gov/cpsatabs.htm). Revised historical seasonally adjusted monthly and quarterly data also are available on the Internet from the ftp://ftp.bls.gov/pub/special.requests/lf directory.

Table B. Seasonally adjusted unemployment rates and changes due to revision, January-December 1999

| Month and year | As first Computed | As revised | Change |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1999 |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |
| January. | 4.3 | 4.3 | . 0 |
| February. | 4.4 | 4.4 | . 0 |
| March... | 4.2 | 4.2 | . 0 |
| April. | 4.3 | 4.3 | . 0 |
| May. | 4.2 | 4.2 | . 0 |
| June. | 4.3 | 4.3 | . 0 |
| July. | 4.3 | 4.3 | . 0 |
| August. | 4.2 | 4.2 | . 0 |
| September. | 4.2 | 4.2 | . 0 |
| October. | 4.1 | 4.1 | . 0 |
| November. | 4.1 | 4.1 | . 0 |
| December. | 1/ 4.0 | 4.1 | 0.1 |

1/ Not published.

## Planned Changes in the Household Survey Data

Effective with the release of data for January 2000, revisions will be introduced into the population controls used for the household survey. The changes will result in a downward shift in the estimated total civilian noninstitutional population 16 years and over for January 2000. The changes will subtract approximately 193,000 from the previously estimated population trend growth between December 1999 and January 2000. The impact will vary for subpopulations such as men (-67,000), women (-127,000), Hispanic (-23,000) and non-Hispanic (-171,000). The effect of the change on labor force estimates will be described in the Employment Situation news release for January scheduled for February 4, 2000.

Table C. Employment status of the civilian population by sex and age
(Numbers in thousands)


## TOTAL

Civilian noninstitutional
population(1)..........
Civilian labor force..
Participation rate.
Employed
Employment- . . . . . . .
tion ratio...
Unemployed..............
206, $270206,719206,873207,036207,236207,427207,632 \quad 207,828208,038208,265208,483208,666208,832$ $138,545139,232139,137138,804139,086139,013139,332139,336139,372139,475139,697139,834140,108$


| 64.2 | 64.4 | 64.3 | 64.2 | 64.2 | 64.2 | 64.2 | 64.2 | 64.2 | 64.2 | 64.2 | 64.3 |
| ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| $6,04.4$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 6,28 | 6,007 | 6,108 | 5,828 | 6,032 | 5,823 | 5,934 | 5,937 | 5,842 | 5,825 | 5,757 | 5,736 |
| 4.4 | 4.3 | 4.4 | 4.2 | 4.3 | 4.2 | 4.3 | 4.3 | 4.2 | 4.2 | 4.1 | 4.1 |

Men, 20 years and over
Civilian noninstitutional population(1).......... Civilian labor force...
Participation rate.
Employed.................
Employment-popula-
loymen popula
tion ratio...
Agriculture........ Nonagricultural
industries..

$\begin{array}{llllllllllll}91,220 & 91,124 & 91,189 & 91,215 & 91,302 & 91,368 & 91,487 & 91,561 & 91,692 & 91,793 & 91,896 & 91,986 \\ 70,044 & 92,052\end{array}$ $\begin{array}{llllllllllll}70,044 & 70,202 & 70,111 & 69,934 & 69,992 & 69,978 & 70,116 & 70,167 & 70,240 & 70,328 & 70,339 & 70,388\end{array} 70,529$ $\begin{array}{rrrrrrrrrrrrr}76.8 & 77.0 & 76.9 & 76.7 & 76.7 & 76.6 & 76.6 & 76.6 & 76.6 & 76.6 & 76.5 & 76.5 & 76.6 \\ 67,528 & 67,771 & 67,527 & 67,628 & 67,562 & 67,470 & 67,645 & 67,703 & 67,768 & 67,943 & 67,898 & 68,037 & 68,197\end{array}$ | 74.0 | 74.4 | 74.1 | 74.1 | 74.0 | 73.8 | 73.9 | 73.9 | 73.9 | 74.0 | 73.9 | 74.0 |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | 74.1 $\begin{array}{rrrrrrrrrrrrr}65,274 & 65,467 & 65,296 & 65,389 & 65,257 & 65,246 & 65,399 & 65,447 & 65,531 & 65,754 & 65,692 & 65,775 & 65,970 \\ 2,516 & 2,431 & 2,584 & 2,306 & 2,430 & 2,508 & 2,471 & 2,464 & 2,472 & 2,385 & 2,441 & 2,351 & 2,332\end{array}$ Unemployed.............. Unemployment rate. $\begin{array}{rrrrrrrrrrrrr}2,516 & 2,431 & 2,584 & 2,306 & 2,430 & 2,508 & 2,471 & 2,464 & 2,472 & 2,385 & 2,441 & 2,351 & 2,332 \\ 3,6 & 3,5 & 3,7 & 3,3 & 3,5 & 3,6 & 3,5 & 3,5 & 3,5 & 3,4 & 3,5 & 3,3 & 3,3\end{array}$

Women, 20 years and over
Civilian noninstitutional population(1)........... Participation rate
Employed.................
Employment-popula-
ployment-popula-
tion ratio...
Agriculture...
Nonagricultural
industries
Unemployed..............
$99,18199,68699,74699,833 \quad 99,923100,008100,131100,203100,285100,385100,458100,573100,666$ $\begin{array}{rrrrrrrrrrrr}60,118 & 60,691 & 60,591 & 60,554 & 60,765 & 60,708 & 60,988 & 60,852 & 60,904 & 60,860 & 60,955 & 61,052 \\ 60.6 & 60.9 & 60.7 & 60.7 & 60.8 & 60.7 & 60.9 & 60.7 & 60.7 & 60.6 & 60.7 & 60.7 \\ 60.7\end{array}$ $\begin{array}{rrrrrrrrrrrr}60.6 & 60.9 & 60.7 & 60.7 & 60.8 & 60.7 & 60.9 & 60.7 & 60.7 & 60.6 & 60.7 & 60.7 \\ 57,776 & 58,373 & 58,261 & 58,216 & 58,336 & 58,483 & 58,647 & 58,477 & 58,648 & 58,630 & 58,800 & 58,838 \\ 58,958\end{array}$

| 58.3 | 58.6 | 58.4 | 58.3 | 58.4 | 58.5 | 58.6 | 58.4 | 58.5 | 58.4 | 58.5 | 58.5 |
| ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| 767 | 802 | 822 | 821 | 803 | 820 | 851 | 798 | 780 | 778 | 800 | 768 |

$\begin{array}{lllllllllll}57,009 & 57,571 & 57,439 & 57,395 & 57,533 & 57,663 & 57,796 & 57,679 & 57,868 & 57,852 & 58,000 \\ 58,070 & 58,167\end{array}$ $\begin{array}{lrrrrrrrrrrrr} \\ \text { Unemployment rate. } & 2,342 & 2,318 & 2,330 & 2,338 & 2,429 & 2,225 & 2,341 & 2,375 & 2,256 & 2,230 & 2,155 & 2,214 \\ 2,196 \\ 3.8 & 3.8 & 3.9 & 4.0 & 3.7 & 3.8 & 3.9 & 3.7 & 3.7 & 3.5 & 3.6 & 3.6\end{array}$

Both sexes, 16 to 19 years
Civilian noninstitutional population(1)........... Civilian labor force....

| ivilian labor force. | 8,383 | 8,339 | 8,435 | 8,316 | 8,329 | 8,327 | 8,228 | 8,317 | 8,228 | 8,287 | 8,403 | 8,394 | 8,425 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Participation rate. | 52.8 | 52.4 | 52.9 | 52.0 | 52.0 | 51.9 | 51.4 | 51.8 | 51.2 | 51.5 | 52.1 | 52.1 | 52.3 |
| Employed. | 7,213 | 7,081 | 7,241 | 7,132 | 7,156 | 7,237 | 7,106 | 7,219 | 7,114 | 7,077 | 7,242 | 7,223 | 7,265 |
| Employment-population ratio... | 45.5 | 44.5 | 45.4 | 44.6 | 44.7 | 45.1 | 44.4 | 44.9 | 44.3 | 44.0 | 44.9 | 44.8 | 45.1 |
| Agriculture. | 220 | 191 | 275 | 230 | 233 | 246 | 233 | 22 | 217 | 212 | 232 | 280 | 261 |
| Nonagricultural industries. | 6,993 | 6,890 | 6,966 | 6,902 | 6,923 | 6,991 | 6,873 | 6,995 | 6,897 | 6,865 | 7,010 | 6,943 | 7,004 |
| Unemployed. | 1,170 | 1,258 | 1,194 | 1,184 | 1,173 | 1,090 | 1,122 | 1,098 | 1,114 | 1,210 | 1,161 | 1,171 | 1,160 |
| Unemplo | 14.0 | 15.1 | 14.2 | 14.2 | 14.1 | 13.1 | 13.6 | 13.2 | 13.5 | 14.6 | 13.8 | 14.0 |  |

1 The population figures are not adjusted for seasonal variation.
NOTE: Beginning in January 1999, data reflect revised population controls used in the household survey. Seasonally adjusted data have been revised based on the experience through December 1999.

## Explanatory Note

This news release presents statistics from two major surveys, the current Population Survey (household survey) and the Current Employment Statistics survey (establishment survey). The household survey provides the information on the labor force, employment, and unemployment that appears in the A tables, marked HOUSEHOLD DATA. It is a sample survey of about 50,000 households conducted by the Bureau of the Census for the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS).

The establishment survey provides the information on the employment, hours, and earnings of workers on nonfarm payrolls that appears in the $B$ tables, marked ESTABLISHMENT DATA. This information is collected from payroll records by BLS in cooperation with State agencies. In June 1999, the sample included about 390, 000 establishments employing about 48 million people.

For both surveys, the data for a given month relate to a particular week or pay period. In the household survey, the reference week is generally the calendar week that contains the 12th day of the month. In the establishment survey, the reference period is the pay period including the 12th, which may or may not correspond directly to the calendar week.

Coverage, definitions, and differences between surveys
Household survey. The sample is selected to reflect the entire civilian noninstitutional population. Based on responses to a series of questions on work and job search activities, each person 16 years and over in a sample household is classified as employed, unemployed, or not in the labor force.

People are classified as employed if they did any work at all as paid employees during the reference week; worked in their own business, profession, or on their own farm; or worked without pay at least 15 hours in a family business or farm. People are also counted as employed if they were temporarily absent from their jobs because of illness, bad weather, vacation, labor-management disputes, or personal reasons.

People are classified as unemployed if they meet all of the following criteria: They had no employment during the reference week; they were available for work at that time; and they made specific efforts to find employment sometime during the 4 -week period ending with the reference week. Persons laid off from a job and expecting recall need not be looking for work to be counted as unemployed. The unemployment data derived from the household survey in no way depend upon the eligibility for or receipt of unemployment insurance benefits.

The civilian labor force is the sum of employed and unemployed persons. Those not classified as employed or unemployed are not in the labor force. The unemployment rate is the number unemployed as a percent of the labor force. The labor force participation rate is the labor force as a percent of the population, and the employment-population ratio is the employed as a percent of the population.

Establishment survey. The sample establishments are drawn from private nonfarm businesses such as factories, offices, and stores, as well as Federal, State, and local government entities. Employees on nonfarm payrolls are those who received pay for any part of the reference pay period, including persons on paid leave. Persons are counted in each job they hold. Hours and earnings data are for private businesses and relate only to production workers in the goods-producing sector and nonsupervisory workers in the service-producing sector.

Differences in employment estimates. The numerous conceptual and methodological differences between the household and establishment surveys result in important distinctions in the employment estimates derived from the surveys. Among these are:
--The household survey includes agricultural workers, the self-employed, unpaid family workers, and private household workers among the employed. These groups are excluded from the establishment survey.
--The household survey includes people on unpaid leave among the employed. The establishment survey does not.
--The household survey is limited to workers 16 years of age and older. The establishment survey is not limited by age.
--The household survey has no duplication of individuals, because individuals are counted only once, even if they hold more than one job. In the establishment survey, employees working at more than one job and thus appearing on more than one payroll would be counted separately for each appearance.

Other differences between the two surveys are described in "Comparing Employment Estimates from Household and Payroll Surveys," which may be obtained from BLS upon request.

## Seasonal adjustment

Over the course of a year, the size of the nation's labor force and the levels of employment and unemployment undergo sharp fluctuations due to such seasonal events as changes in weather, reduced or expanded production, harvests, major holidays, and the opening and closing of schools. The effect of such seasonal variation can be very large; seasonal fluctuations may account for as much as 95 percent of the month-to-month changes in unemployment.

Because these seasonal events follow a more or less regular pattern each year, their influence on statistical trends can be eliminated by adjusting the statistics from month to month. These adjustments make nonseasonal developments, such as declines in economic activity or increases in the participation of women in the labor force, easier to spot. For example, the large number of youth entering the labor force each June is likely to obscure any other changes that have taken place relative to May, making it difficult to determine if the level of economic activity has risen or declined. However, because the effect of students finishing school in previous years is known, the statistics for the current year can be adjusted to allow for a comparable change. Insofar as the seasonal adjustment is made correctly, the adjusted figure provides a more useful tool with which to analyze changes in economic activity.

In both the household and establishment surveys, most seasonally adjusted series are independently adjusted. However, the adjusted series for many major estimates, such as total payroll employment, employment in most major industry divisions, total employment, and unemployment are computed by aggregating independently adjusted component series. For example, total unemployment is derived by summing the adjusted series for four major agesex components; this differs from the unemployment estimate that would be obtained by directly adjusting the total or by combining the duration, reasons, or more detailed age categories.

The numerical factors used to make the seasonal adjustments are recalculated twice a year. For the household survey, the factors are calculated for the January-June period and again for the July-December
period. For the establishment survey, updated factors for seasonal adjustment are calculated for the May-October period and introduced along with new benchmarks, and again for the November-April period. In both surveys, revisions to historical data are made once a year.

## Reliability of the estimates

Statistics based on the household and establishment surveys are subject to both sampling and nonsampling error. When a sample rather than the entire population is surveyed, there is a chance that the sample estimates may differ from the "true" population values they represent. The exact difference, or sampling error, varies depending on the particular sample selected, and this variability is measured by the standard error of the estimate. There is about a $90-\mathrm{percent}$ chance, or level of confidence, that an estimate based on a sample will differ by no more than 1.6 standard errors from the "true" population value because of sampling error. BLS analyses are generally conducted at the 90 -percent level of confidence.

For example, the confidence interval for the monthly change in total employment from the household survey is on the order of plus or minus 376,000. Suppose the estimate of total employment increases by 100,000 from one month to the next. The 90 -percent confidence interval on the monthly change would range from -276,000 to 476,000 (100,000 376,000). These figures do not mean that the sample results are off by these magnitudes, but rather that there is about a $90-$ percent chance that the "true" over-the-month change lies within this interval. Since this range includes values of less than zero, we could not say with confidence that employment had, in fact, increased. If, however, the reported employment rise was half a million, then all of the values within the 90-percent confidence interval would be greater than zero. In this case, it is likely (at least a $90-$ percent chance) that an employment rise had, in fact, occurred. The 90 -percent confidence interval for the monthly change in unemployment is 258,000, and for the monthly change in the unemployment rate it is .21 percentage point.

In general, estimates involving many individuals or establishments have lower standard errors (relative to the size of the estimate) than estimates which are based on a small number of observations. The precision of estimates is also improved when the data are cumulated over time such as for quarterly and annual averages. The seasonal adjustment process can also improve the stability of the monthly estimates.

The household and establishment surveys are also affected by nonsampling error. Nonsampling errors can occur for many reasons, including the failure to sample a segment of the population, inability to obtain information for all respondents in the sample, inability or unwillingness of respondents to provide correct information on a timely basis, mistakes made by respondents, and errors made in the collection or processing of the data.

For example, in the establishment survey, estimates for the most recent 2 months are based on substantially incomplete returns; for this reason, these estimates are labeled preliminary in the tables. It is only after two successive revisions to a monthly estimate, when nearly all sample reports have been received, that the estimate is considered final.

Another major source of nonsampling error in the establishment survey is the inability to capture, on a timely basis, employment generated by new firms. To correct for this systematic underestimation of employment growth (and other sources of error), a process known as bias adjustment is included in the survey's estimating procedures, whereby a specified number of jobs is added to the monthly sample-based change. The size of the
monthly bias adjustment is based largely on past relationships between the sample-based estimates of employment and the total counts of employment described below.

The sample-based estimates from the establishment survey are adjusted once a year (on a lagged basis) to universe counts of payroll employment obtained from administrative records of the unemployment insurance program. The difference between the March sample-based employment estimates and the March universe counts is known as a benchmark revision, and serves as a rough proxy for total survey error. The new benchmarks also incorporate changes in the classification of industries. Over the past decade, the benchmark revision for total nonfarm employment has averaged 0.3 percent, ranging from zero to 0.7 percent.

Additional statistics and other information
More comprehensive statistics are contained in Employment and Earnings, published each month by BLS. It is available for $\$ 16.00$ per issue or $\$ 40.00$ per year from the U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, DC 20402. All orders must be prepaid by sending a check or money order payable to the Superintendent of Documents, or by charging to Mastercard or Visa.

Employment and Earnings also provides measures of sampling error for the household survey data published in this release. For unemployment and other labor force categories, these measures appear in tables 1-B through 1-H of its "Explanatory Notes." Measures of the reliability of the data drawn from the establishment survey and the actual amounts of revision due to benchmark adjustments are provided in tables 2-B through 2-G of that publication.

Information in this release will be made available to sensory impaired individuals upon request. Voice phone: 202-606-5886; TDD message referral phone: 1-800-877-8339.

Table A-1. Employment status of the civilian population by sex and age
(Numbers in thousands)

Not seasonally adjusted
Seasonally adjusted(1)
Employment status, sex, and age

| Dec. | Nov. | Dec. | Dec. | Aug. | Sept. | Oct. | Nov. | Dec. |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 1998 | 1999 | 1999 | 1998 | 1999 | 1999 | 1999 | 1999 | 1999 |

TOTAL

| Civilian noninstitutional population. | 206,270 | 208,666 | 208,832 | 206,270 | 208,038 | 208,265 | 208,483 | 208,666 | 208,832 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Civilian labor force. | 138,297 | 139,895 | 139,941 | 138,545 | 139, 372 | 139,475 | 139,697 | 139, 834 | 140,108 |
| Participation rate | 67.0 | 67.0 | 67.0 | 67.2 | 67.0 | 67.0 | 67.0 | 67.0 | 67.1 |
| Employed. | 132,732 | 134,515 | 134,696 | 132,517 | 133,530 | 133,650 | 133,940 | 134,098 | 134,420 |
| Employment-population ratio | 64.3 | 64.5 | 64.5 | 64.2 | 64.2 | 64.2 | 64.2 | 64.3 | 64.4 |
| Agriculture | 2,953 | 3,185 | 2,979 | 3,241 | 3,234 | 3,179 | 3,238 | 3,310 | 3,279 |
| Nonagricultural industries | 129,779 | 131,330 | 131,717 | 129,276 | 130, 296 | 130,471 | 130,702 | 130,788 | 131,141 |
| Unemployed. | 5,565 | 5,380 | 5,245 | 6,028 | 5,842 | 5,825 | 5,757 | 5,736 | 5,688 |
| Unemployment rate | 4.0 | 3.8 | 3.7 | 4.4 | 4.2 | 4.2 | 4.1 | 4.1 | 4. |
| Not in labor force. | 67,973 | 68,771 | 68,891 | 67,725 | 68,666 | 68,790 | 68,786 | 68,832 | 68,724 |
| Men, 16 years and over |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Civilian noninstitutional population. | 99,309 | 100,179 | 100,264 | 99,309 | 99,863 | 99,976 | 100, 088 | 100,179 | 100,264 |
| Civilian labor force | 74,055 | 74,545 | 74,631 | 74,382 | 74,499 | 74,643 | 74,680 | 74,728 | 74,930 |
| Participation rate | 74.6 | 74.4 | 74.4 | 74.9 | 74.6 | 74.7 | 74.6 | 74.6 | 74.7 |
| Employed. | 70,930 | 71,797 | 71,699 | 71,173 | 71,436 | 71,630 | 71,623 | 71,732 | 71,927 |
| Employment-population ratio | 71.4 | 71.7 | 71.5 | 71.7 | 71.5 | 71.6 | 71.6 | 71.6 | 71.7 |
| Unemployed. | 3,125 | 2,748 | 2,932 | 3,209 | 3,063 | 3,013 | 3,057 | 2,996 | 3,003 |
| Unemployment rate | 4.2 | 3.7 | 3.9 | 4.3 | 4.1 | 4.0 | 4.1 | 4.0 | 4.0 |
| Men, 20 years and over |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Civilian noninstitutional population. | 91,220 | 91,986 | 92,052 | 91,220 | 91,692 | 91,793 | 91,896 | 91,986 | 92,052 |
| Civilian labor force. | 69,949 | 70,441 | 70,460 | 70, 044 | 70,240 | 70,328 | 70,339 | 70,388 | 70,529 |
| Participation rate | 76.7 | 76.6 | 76.5 | 76.8 | 76.6 | 76.6 | 76.5 | 76.5 | 76.6 |
| Employed. | 67,439 | 68,293 | 68,125 | 67,528 | 67,768 | 67,943 | 67,898 | 68,037 | 68,197 |
| Employment-population ratio | 73.9 | 74.2 | 74.0 | 74.0 | 73.9 | 74.0 | 73.9 | 74.0 | 74.1 |
| Agriculture. | 2,076 | 2,243 | 2,047 | 2,254 | 2,237 | 2,189 | 2,206 | 2,262 | 2,227 |
| Nonagricultural industries | 65,363 | 66,050 | 66,077 | 65,274 | 65,531 | 65,754 | 65,692 | 65,775 | 65,970 |
| Unemployed | 2,510 | 2,148 | 2,335 | 2,516 | 2,472 | 2,385 | 2,441 | 2,351 | 2,332 |

Women, 16 years and over
Civilian noninstitutional population.
Civilian labor force....
Participation rate.

Unemployed..
Unemployment rate

| 64,242 | 65,350 | 65,309 | 64,163 | 64,873 | 64,832 | 65,017 | 65,106 | 65,178 |
| ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| 60.1 | 60.2 | 60.2 | 60.0 | 60.0 | 59.9 | 60.0 | 60.0 | 60.0 |
| 61,801 | 62,718 | 62,997 | 61,344 | 62,094 | 62,020 | 62,317 | 62,366 | 62,493 |
| 57.8 | 57.8 | 58.0 | 57.4 | 57.4 | 57.3 | 57.5 | 57.5 | 57.6 |
| 2,440 | 2,632 | 2,313 | 2,819 | 2,779 | 2,812 | 2,700 | 2,740 | 2,685 |
| 3.8 | 4.0 | 3.5 | 4.4 | 4.3 | 4.3 | 4.2 | 4.2 | 4.1 |

Women, 20 years and over
Civilian noninstitutional population.
Civilian labor force..
Employed
Employed.
Employment-population ratio.
Agricurture......................
Unemployed..............

## Both sexes, 16 to 19 years

Civilian noninstitutional population.
Civilian labor force..

Agriculture......................
Agricuricultural industries.
Unemployed.............
99, 181 100,573 100,666 99, 181 100, 285 100, 385 100,458 100, 573 100,666
$\begin{array}{rrrrrrrrr}60,337 & 61,440 & 61,426 & 60,118 & 60,904 & 60,860 & 60,955 & 61,052 & 61,154 \\ 60.8 & 61.1 & 61.0 & 60.6 & 60.7 & 60.6 & 60.7 & 60.7 & 60.7\end{array}$
$\begin{array}{lllllllll}58,273 & 59,314 & 59,491 & 57,776 & 58,648 & 58,630 & 58,800 & 58,838 & 58,958\end{array}$ $\begin{array}{rrrrrrrrr}58,273 & 59,314 & 59,491 & 57,776 & 58,648 & 58,630 & 58,800 & 58,838 & 58,958 \\ 58.8 & 59.0 & 59.1 & 58.3 & 58.5 & 58.4 & 58.5 & 58.5 & 58.6\end{array}$

| 717 | 728 | 740 | 767 | 780 | 778 | 800 | 768 | 791 |
| ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| 57,556 | 58,586 | 58,751 | 57,009 | 57,868 | 57,852 | 58,000 | 58,070 | 58,167 |

$\begin{array}{rrrrrrrrr}57,556 & 58,586 & 58,751 & 57,009 & 57,868 & 57,852 & 58,000 & 58,070 & 58,167 \\ 2,065 & 2,127 & 1,935 & 2,342 & 2,256 & 2,230 & 2,155 & 2,214 & 2,196 \\ 3.4 & 3.5 & 3.1 & 3.9 & 3.7 & 3.7 & 3.5 & 3.6 & 3.6\end{array}$

1 The population figures are not adjusted for seasonal variation; therefore, identical numbers appear in the unadjusted
NOTE: Beginning in January 1999, data reflect revised population controls used in the household survey. Seasonally adjusted data have been revised based on the experience through December 1999.

Table A-2. Employment status of the civilian population by race, sex, age, and Hispanic origin
(Numbers in thousands)

> Not seasonally adjusted Seasonally adjusted(1)

Employment status, race, sex, age, and Hispanic origin

| Dec. | Nov. | Dec. | Dec. | Aug. | Sept. | Oct. | Nov. | Dec. |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 1998 | 1999 | 1999 | 1998 | 1999 | 1999 | 1999 | 1999 | 1999 |

WHITE

| WHITE |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Civilian noninstitutional population. | 172,197 | 173,709 | 173,821 | 172,197 | 173,275 | 173,432 | 173,585 | 173,709 | 173,821 |
| Civilian labor force. | 115,796 | 116,735 | 116,896 | 115,980 | 116,619 | 116,495 | 116,654 | 116,703 | 117,008 |
| Participation rate. | 67.2 | 67.2 | 67.3 | 67.4 | 67.3 | 67.2 | 67.2 | 67.2 | 67.3 |
| Employed. | 111,647 | 112,919 | 113,116 | 111,539 | 112,308 | 112,303 | 112,548 | 112,611 | 112,951 |
| Employment-population ratio | 64.8 | 65.0 | 65.1 | 64.8 | 64.8 | 64.8 | 64.8 | 64.8 | 65.0 |
| Unemployed. | 4,149 | 3,816 | 3,781 | 4,441 | 4,311 | 4,192 | 4,106 | 4,092 | 4,057 |
| Unemployment rate. | 3.6 | 3.3 | 3.2 | 3.8 | 3.7 | 3.6 | 3.5 | 3.5 | 3.5 |
| Men, 20 years and over |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Civilian labor force.. | 59,662 | 59,788 | 59,843 | 59,716 | 59,932 | 59,841 | 59,777 | 59,761 | 59,889 |
| Participation rate. | 77.2 | 76.9 | 76.9 | 77.3 | 77.3 | 77.1 | 77.0 | 76.9 | 77.0 |
| Employed. | 57,725 | 58,264 | 58,140 | 57,811 | 58,007 | 58,102 | 58,043 | 58,067 | 58,221 |
| Employment-population ratio | 74.7 | 74.9 | 74.7 | 74.8 | 74.8 | 74.9 | 74.7 | 74.7 | 74.8 |
| Unemployed. | 1,937 | 1,524 | 1,703 | 1,905 | 1,925 | 1,739 | 1,734 | 1,694 | 1,668 |
| Unemployment rate. | 3.2 | 2.5 | 2.8 | 3.2 | 3.2 | 2.9 | 2.9 | 2.8 | 2.8 |
| Women, 20 years and over |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Civilian labor force. | 49,429 | 50,150 | 50,277 | 49,223 | 49,713 | 49,593 | 49,733 | 49,814 | 50,011 |
| Participation rate | 60.0 | 60.3 | 60.4 | 59.8 | 59.9 | 59.7 | 59.8 | 59.9 | 60.1 |
| Employed. | 47,960 | 48,659 | 48,930 | 47,561 | 48,140 | 48,010 | 48,203 | 48,273 | 48,486 |
| Employment-population ratio | 58.3 | 58.5 | 58.8 | 57.8 | 58.0 | 57.8 | 58.0 | 58.0 | 58.2 |
| Unemployed. | 1,469 | 1,491 | 1,347 | 1,662 | 1,573 | 1,583 | 1,530 | 1,541 | 1,525 |
| Unemployment rate. | 3.0 | 3.0 | 2.7 | 3.4 | 3.2 | 3.2 | 3.1 | 3.1 | 3.0 |
| Both sexes, 16 to 19 years |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Civilian labor force................. | 6,705 | 6,797 | 6,776 | 7,041 | 6,974 | 7,061 | 7,144 | 7,128 | 7,108 |
| Participation rate | 53.4 | 53.4 | 53.2 | 56.0 | 54.8 | 55.4 | 56.1 | 56.0 | 55.8 |
| Employed. | 5,962 | 5,996 | 6,046 | 6,167 | 6,161 | 6,191 | 6,302 | 6,271 | 6,244 |
| Employment-population ratio | 47.4 | 47.1 | 47.5 | 49.1 | 48.4 | 48.6 | 49.5 | 49.2 | 49.0 |
| Unemployed. | 743 | 801 | 730 | 874 | 813 | 870 | 842 | 857 | 864 |
| Unemployment rate | 11.1 | 11.8 | 10.8 | 12.4 | 11.7 | 12.3 | 11.8 | 12.0 | 12.2 |
| Men. | 13.2 | 12.5 | 12.8 | 13.8 | 12.3 | 12.7 | 11.9 | 12.8 | 13.3 |
| Women | 8.8 | 11.0 | 8.6 | 10.9 | 11.0 | 11.9 | 11.7 | 11.2 | 10.9 |
| BLACK |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Civilian noninstitutional population. | 24,561 | 25,019 | 25,051 | 24,561 | 24,904 | 24,946 | 24,985 | 25,019 | 25,051 |
| Civilian labor force. | 16,136 | 16,555 | 16,488 | 16,155 | 16,321 | 16,474 | 16,489 | 16,508 | 16,513 |
| Participation rate | 65.7 | 66.2 | 65.8 | 65.8 | 65.5 | 66.0 | 66.0 | 66.0 | 65.9 |
| Employed. | 14,993 | 15,292 | 15,302 | 14,894 | 15,047 | 15,114 | 15,124 | 15,187 | 15,204 |
| Employment-population ratio | 61.0 | 61.1 | 61.1 | 60.6 | 60.4 | 60.6 | 60.5 | 60.7 | 60.7 |
| Unemployed. | 1,143 | 1,263 | 1,186 | 1,261 | 1,274 | 1,360 | 1,365 | 1,321 | 1,309 |
| Unemployment rate | 7.1 | 7.6 | 7.2 | 7.8 | 7.8 | 8.3 | 8.3 | 8.0 | 7.9 |
| Men, 20 years and over |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Participation rate | 71.9 | 73.3 | 72.4 | 72.0 | 72.0 | 72.3 | 72.9 | 72.8 | 72.6 |
| Employed.. | 6,592 | 6,841 | 6,758 | 6,598 | 6,714 | 6,696 | 6,717 | 6,767 | 6,766 |
| Employment-population ratio | 67.2 | 68.4 | 67.5 | 67.3 | 67.5 | 67.2 | 67.3 | 67.7 | 67.5 |
| Unemployed. | 455 | 493 | 499 | 462 | 448 | 509 | 564 | 510 | 507 |
| Unemployment rate | 6.5 | 6.7 | 6.9 | 6.5 | 6.3 | 7.1 | 7.7 | 7.0 | 7.0 |
| Women, 20 years and over |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Civilian labor force. | 8,089 | 8,338 | 8,293 | 8,052 | 8,241 | 8,316 | 8,252 | 8,305 | 8,260 |
| Participation rate | 65.8 | 66.5 | 66.1 | 65.5 | 66.1 | 66.5 | 65.9 | 66.3 | 65.8 |
| Employed......... | 7,600 | 7,818 | 7,807 | 7,495 | 7,673 | 7,759 | 7,745 | 7,757 | 7,706 |
| Employment-population ratio | 61.8 | 62.4 | 62.2 | 61.0 | 61.5 | 62.1 | 61.9 | 61.9 | 61.4 |
| Unemployed. | 490 | 520 | 486 | 557 | 568 | 557 | 507 | 548 | 554 |
| Unemployment rate. | 6.1 | 6.2 | 5.9 | 6.9 | 6.9 | 6.7 | 6.1 | 6.6 | 6.7 |
| Both sexes, 16 to 19 years |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Civilian labor force................... | 999 | 882 | 938 | 1,043 | 918 | 953 | 956 | 926 | 980 |
| Participation rate | 40.6 | 35.6 | 37.8 | 42.4 | 37.0 | 38.4 | 38.5 | 37.3 | 39.5 |
| Employed.. | 801 | 632 | 737 | 801 | 660 | 659 | 662 | 663 | 732 |
| Employment-population ratio. | 32.6 | 25.5 | 29.7 | 32.5 | 26.6 | 26.5 | 26.7 | 26.7 | 29.5 |
| Unemployed. | 198 | 250 | 201 | 242 | 258 | 294 | 294 | 263 | 248 |
| Unemployment rate. | 19.8 | 28.3 | 21.4 | 23.2 | 28.1 | 30.8 | 30.8 | 28.4 | 25.3 |
| Men. | 25.7 | 31.0 | 25.2 | 27.6 | 29.6 | 30.3 | 35.3 | 31.0 | 27.5 |
| Women | 14.4 | 26.0 | 17.6 | 19.1 | 26.7 | 31.4 | 26.1 | 25.9 | 23.0 |
| HISPANIC ORIGIN |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Civilian noninstitutional population. | 21,405 | 21,947 | 22,008 | 21,405 | 21,752 | 21,820 | 21,881 | 21,947 | 22,008 |
| Civilian labor force. | 14,485 | 14,841 | 14,965 | 14,512 | 14,710 | 14,766 | 14,809 | 14,887 | 14,984 |
| Participation rate | 67.7 | 67.6 | 68.0 | 67.8 | 67.6 | 67.7 | 67.7 | 67.8 | 68.1 |
| Employed............ | 13,398 | 14,001 | 14,112 | 13,379 | 13,759 | 13,795 | 13,879 | 13,979 | 14,095 |
| Employment-population ratio | 62.6 | 63.8 | 64.1 | 62.5 | 63.3 | 63.2 | 63.4 | 63.7 | 64.0 |
| Unemployed. | 1,087 | 840 | 853 | 1,133 | 951 | 971 | 930 | 908 | 889 |
| Unemployment rate. | 7.5 | 5.7 | 5.7 | 7.8 | 6.5 | 6.6 | 6.3 | 6.1 | 5.9 |

1 The population figures are not adjusted for seasonal variation; therefore, identical numbers appear in the unadjusted and seasonally adjusted columns.
 group are not presented and Hispanics are included in both the white and black population groups. Beginning in January based on the experience through December 1999

Table A-3. Employment status of the civilian population 25 years and over by educational attainment, seasonally adjusted (Numbers in thousands)

> Not seasonally adjusted Seasonally adjusted(1)

Educational attainment

| Dec. | Nov. | Dec. | Dec. | Aug. | Sept. | Oct. | Nov. | Dec. |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 1998 | 1999 | 1999 | 1998 | 1999 | 1999 | 1999 | 1999 | 1999 |

Less than a high school diploma


1 The population figures are not adjusted for seasonal variation, therefore, identical numbers appear in the unadjusted and seasonally adjusted columns.
2 Includes high school diploma or equivalent.
3 Includes the categories, some college, no degree, and associate degree.
NOTE: Beginning in January 1999, data reflect revised population controls used in the household survey. Seasonally adjusted data have been revised based on the experience through December 1999.

Table A-4. Selected employment indicators
(In thousands)

Not seasonally adjusted
Seasonally adjusted

## Category

| Dec. | Nov. | Dec. | Dec. | Aug. | Sept. | Oct. | Nov. | Dec. |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 1998 | 1999 | 1999 | 1998 | 1999 | 1999 | 1999 | 1999 | 1999 |

## CHARACTERISTIC

Total employed, 16 years and over Married men, spouse present Women who maintain families.
$\begin{array}{rrrrrrrrr}132,732 & 134,515 & 134,696 & 132,517 & 133,530 & 133,650 & 133,940 & 134,098 & 134,420 \\ 43,426 & 43,599 & 43,531 & 43,205 & 43,368 & 43,367 & 43,\end{array}$ $\begin{array}{lllllllll}43,426 & 43,599 & 43,531 & 43,205 & 43,368 & 43,367 & 43,206 & 43,273 & 43,283 \\ 33,502 & 33,920 & 34,221 & 33,077 & 33,504 & 33,275 & 33,521 & 33,635 & 33,762\end{array}$


## OCCUPATION

Managerial and professional specialty............
Technical, sales, and administrative support... service occupations.............................. Precision production, craft, and repair. Operators, fabricators, and laborers................. Farming, forestry, and fishing..........................
$\begin{array}{lllllllll}40,007 & 40,558 & 41,038 & 39,777 & 40,800 & 40,784 & 40,718 & 40,363 & 40,800\end{array}$ $\begin{array}{llllllll}38,517 & 39,380 & 39,560 & 38,281 & 38,874 & 38,634 & 39,023 & 39,283 \\ 39,311\end{array}$ $\begin{array}{llllllll}17,873 & 17,548 & 17,582 & 18,000 & 17,976 & 17,876 & 17,694 & 17,633\end{array} 17,706$ $14,586 \quad 14,919 \quad 14,988 \quad 14,569 \quad 14,322 \quad 14,659 \quad 14,836 \quad 14,903 \quad 14,940$ $\begin{array}{lllllllll}18,702 & 18,813 & 18,546 & 18,470 & 18,089 & 18,227 & 18,340 & 18,476 & 18,299\end{array}$

CLASS OF WORKER
Agriculture:

| Wage and salary | 1,683 | 1,946 | 1,822 | 1,867 | 1,908 | 1,930 | 1,936 | 2,049 | 2,018 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Self-employed worke | 1,241 | 1,193 | 1,127 | 1,332 | 1,266 | 1,198 | 1,267 | 1,216 | 1,21 |
| Unpaid family work | 29 | 46 | 31 | 34 | 46 | 40 | 42 | 41 |  |

    Nonagricultural industries:
    wage and salary workers.
        Government............
            Private industries.
            Private households
            Other industries.
        Self-employed workers
        Unpaid family workers
    PERSONS AT WORK PART TIME
All industries:
Part time for economic reasons
Slack work or business conditions.................

| 3,455 | 3,045 | 3,332 | 3,448 | 3,279 | 3,283 | 3,179 | 3,274 | 3,320 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 2,005 | 1,804 | 2,017 | 1,938 | 1,904 | 1,922 | 1,928 | 1,930 | 1,951 |

only find part-time work
$\begin{array}{lrrrrrrrr}1,088 & 1,804 & 2,017 & 1,938 & 1,904 & 1,922 & 1,928 & 1,930 & 1,951\end{array}$ $\begin{array}{rrrrrrrr}19,770 & 19,744 & 19,662 & 18,721 & 19,230 & 18,801 & 18,799 & 18,651\end{array} \quad 18,618$

Nonagricultural industries:
Part time for economic reasons.....................

| 3,242 | 2,886 | 3,129 | 3,271 | 3,127 | 3,112 | 2,983 | 3,105 | 3,157 |
| ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| 1,901 | 1,696 | 1,891 | 1,851 | 1,813 | 1,806 | 1,807 | 1,815 | 1,843 |
| 1,057 | 955 | 964 | 1,115 | 1,041 | 1,063 | 964 | 1,013 | 1,018 |
| 19,270 | 19,193 | 19,143 | 18,187 | 18,652 | 18,273 | 18,249 | 18,083 | 18,061 |



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 weal adjusted data have been revised based on the experience through December 1999.

Table A-5. Selected unemployment indicators, seasonally adjusted

| Category | Number of unemployed persons <br> (in thousands) |  |  | Unemployment rates(1) |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Dec. } \\ & 1998 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Nov. } \\ & 1999 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Dec. } \\ & 1999 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Dec. } \\ & 1998 \end{aligned}$ | Aug. <br> 1999 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Sept. } \\ & 1999 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Oct. } \\ & 1999 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Nov. } \\ & 1999 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Dec. } \\ & 1999 \end{aligned}$ |
| CHARACTERISTIC |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Total, 16 years and over. | 6,028 | 5,736 | 5,688 | 4.4 | 4.2 | 4.2 | 4.1 | 4.1 | 4.1 |
| Men, 20 years and over. | 2,516 | 2,351 | 2,332 | 3.6 | 3.5 | 3.4 | 3.5 | 3.3 | 3.3 |
| Women, 20 years and over.......................... | 2,342 | 2,214 | 2,196 | 3.9 | 3.7 | 3.7 | 3.5 | 3.6 | 3.6 |
| Both sexes, 16 to 19 years....................... | 1,170 | 1,171 | 1,160 | 14.0 | 13.5 | 14.6 | 13.8 | 14.0 | 13.8 |
| Married men, spouse present....................... | 1,007 | 925 | 969 | 2.3 | 2.3 | 2.2 | 2.2 | 2.1 | 2.2 |
| Married women, spouse present.................... | 948 | 880 | 872 | 2.8 | 2.7 | 2.6 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.5 |
| Women who maintain families...................... | 547 | 548 | 556 | 6.3 | 6.3 | 6.4 | 6.0 | 6.0 | 6.2 |
| Full-time workers. | 4,801 | 4,536 | 4,540 | 4.2 | 4.1 | 4.0 | 4.0 | 3.9 | 3.9 |
| Part-time workers. | 1,255 | 1,191 | 1,175 | 5.1 | 4.6 | 5.0 | 4.7 | 4.9 | 4.9 |
| OCCUPATION(2) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Managerial and professional specialty.......... | 747 | 751 |  |  | 1.8 |  | 1.8 |  | 1.7 |
| Technical, sales, and administrative support... | 1,477 | 1,461 | 1,464 | 3.7 | 3.6 | 3.5 | 3.5 | 3.6 | 3.6 |
| Precision production, craft, and repair......... | 497 | 578 | 624 | 3.3 | 4.5 | 3.9 | 4.0 | 3.7 | 4.0 |
| Operators, fabricators, and laborers........... | 1,299 | 1,224 | 1,198 | 6.6 | 6.2 | 6.4 | 6.3 | 6.2 | 6.1 |
| Farming, forestry, and fishing.................. |  | 246 | 208 | 7.6 | 6.4 | 5.3 | 5.8 | 6.7 | 5.8 |
| INDUSTRY |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Nonagricultural private wage and salary workers | 4,681 | 4,478 | 4,478 | 4.4 | 4.2 | 4.3 | 4.2 | 4.2 | 4.1 |
| Goods-producing industries. | 1,286 | 1,202 | 1,274 | 4.5 | 4.8 | 4.8 | 4.5 | 4.2 | 4.4 |
| Mining..... | 32 | 25 | 22 | 5.6 | 4.2 | 6.7 | 5.0 | 4.6 | 4.1 |
| Construction. | 436 | 439 | 526 | 6.1 | 7.6 | 6.9 | 6.7 | 5.7 | 6.6 |
| Manufacturing. | 818 | 738 | 726 | 3.9 | 3.8 | 3.9 | 3.7 | 3.7 | 3.6 |
| Durable goods. | 423 | 450 | 449 | 3.4 | 3.7 | 4.0 | 3.5 | 3.7 | 3.6 |
| Nondurable goods. | 395 | 288 | 277 | 4.8 | 4.1 | 3.9 | 4.0 | 3.7 | 3.5 |
| Service-producing industries. | 3,395 | 3,276 | 3,204 | 4.4 | 4.0 | 4.1 | 4.1 | 4.1 | 4.0 |
| Transportation and public utilities. | 243 | 260 | 234 | 3.1 | 3.0 | 2.8 | 3.1 | 3.3 | 3.0 |
| Wholesale and retail trade. | 1,506 | 1,457 | 1,438 | 5.5 | 4.8 | 5.2 | 4.9 | 5.3 | 5.2 |
| Finance, insurance, and real estate. | 229 | 185 | 173 | 2.8 | 2.4 | 2.3 | 2.3 | 2.3 | 2.1 |
| Services. | 1,417 | 1,374 | 1,359 | 4.1 | 4.0 | 4.1 | 4.0 | 3.9 | 3.8 |
| Government workers. | 404 | 393 | 414 | 2.1 | 2.1 | 2.0 | 2.1 | 2.0 | 2.1 |
| Agricultural wage and salary workers............ | 187 | 186 | 155 | 9.1 | 9.6 | 5.7 | 7.7 | 8.3 | 7.1 |

[^1]Table A-6. Duration of unemployment
(Numbers in thousands)

|  | Not seasonally adjusted |  |  |  | Seasonally adjusted |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Duration |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Dec. } \\ & 1998 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Nov. } \\ & 1999 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Dec. } \\ & 1999 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Dec. } \\ & 1998 \end{aligned}$ | Aug. <br> 1999 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Sept. } \\ & 1999 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Oct. } \\ & 1999 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Nov. } \\ & 1999 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Dec. } \\ & 1999 \end{aligned}$ |
| NUMBER OF UNEMPLOYED |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Less than 5 weeks. | 2,299 | 2,384 | 2,348 | 2,573 | 2,599 | 2,582 | 2,545 | 2,601 | 2,620 |
| 5 to 14 weeks. | 1,817 | 1,729 | 1,615 | 1,884 | 1,798 | 1,805 | 1,811 | 1,760 | 1,694 |
| 15 weeks and over | 1,449 | 1,268 | 1,281 | 1,572 | 1,463 | 1,412 | 1,434 | 1,401 | 1,388 |
| 15 to 26 weeks. | 680 | 633 | 621 | 759 | 747 | 708 | 719 | 725 | 693 |
| 27 weeks and over | 769 | 635 | 661 | 813 | 716 | 704 | 715 | 676 | 695 |
| Average (mean) duration, in weeks. | 14.1 | 12.9 | 13.0 | 14.0 | 13.2 | 13.0 | 13.2 | 13.0 | 12.8 |
| Median duration, in weeks......... | 6.7 | 6.0 | 5.8 | 6.8 | 6.4 | 5.9 | 6.3 | 6.2 | 5.9 |
| 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. | 41.3 | 44.3 | 44.8 | 42.7 | 44.4 | 44.5 | 44.0 | 45.1 | 45.9 |
| 5 to 14 weeks. | 32.7 | 32.1 | 30.8 | 31.2 | 30.7 | 31.1 | 31.3 | 30.5 | 29.7 |
| 15 weeks and over. | 26.0 | 23.6 | 24.4 | 26.1 | 25.0 | 24.3 | 24.8 | 24.3 | 24.3 |
| 15 to 26 weeks. | 12.2 | 11.8 | 11.8 | 12.6 | 12.7 | 12.2 | 12.4 | 12.6 | 12.2 |
| 27 weeks and over. | 13.8 | 11.8 | 12.6 | 13.5 | 12.2 | 12.1 | 12.3 | 11.7 | 12.2 |
| NOTE: Beginning in January 1999, adjusted data have been revised base | vised p nce thr | pulatio ugh Dec | contr mber 1 | s used | the | usehold | survey | Season |  |

Table A-7. Reason for unemployment
(Numbers in thousands)

Not seasonally adjusted
Reason

| Dec. | Nov. | Dec. | Dec. | Aug. | Sept. | Oct. | Nov. | Dec. |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 1998 | 1999 | 1999 | 1998 | 1999 | 1999 | 1999 | 1999 | 1999 |

## NUMBER OF UNEMPLOYED

| Job losers and persons who completed temporary jobs $\qquad$ |
| :---: |
| On temporary layoff. |
| Not on temporary layoff. |
| Permanent job losers. |
| Persons who completed temporary jobs. |
| Job leavers. |
| Reentrants. |
| New entrants. |
| PERCENT DISTRIBUTION |
| Total unemployed. |
| Job losers and persons who completed temporary |
| jobs. |
| On temporary layoff |
| Not on temporary layoff |
| Job leavers. |
| Reentrants |
| New ent |


|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| ---: | ---: | ---: | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 2,849 | 2,340 | 2,451 | 2,795 | 2,629 | 2,573 | 2,518 | 2,493 | 2,401 |
| 934 | 755 | 859 | 865 | 893 | 869 | 802 | 851 | 795 |
| 1,915 | 1,584 | 1,592 | 1,930 | 1,736 | 1,704 | 1,716 | 1,642 | 1,606 |
| 1,382 | 1,065 | 1,073 | $(1)$ | $(1)$ | $(1)$ | $(1)$ | $(1)$ | $(1)$ |
| 533 | 519 | 519 | $(1)$ | $(1)$ | $(1)$ | $(1)$ | $(1)$ | $(1)$ |
| 628 | 792 | 718 | 719 | 793 | 758 | 778 | 821 | 825 |
| 1,706 | 1,833 | 1,745 | 1,994 | 1,942 | 1,967 | 1,958 | 1,935 | 2,036 |
| 381 | 415 | 330 | 503 | 481 | 504 | 511 | 485 | 453 |

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Job losers and persons who completed temporary


| 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 51.2 | 43.5 | 46.7 | 46.5 | 45.0 | 44.3 | 43.7 | 43.5 | 42.0 |
| 16.8 | 14.0 | 16.4 | 14.4 | 15.3 | 15.0 | 13.9 | 14.8 | 13.9 |
| 34.4 | 29.4 | 30.4 | 32.1 | 29.7 | 29.4 | 29.8 | 28.6 | 28.1 |
| 11.3 | 14.7 | 13.7 | 12.0 | 13.6 | 13.1 | 13.5 | 14.3 | 14.4 |
| 30.6 | 34.1 | 33.3 | 33.2 | 33.2 | 33.9 | 34.0 | 33.7 | 35.6 |
| 6.9 | 7.7 | 6.3 | 8.4 | 8.2 | 8.7 | 8.9 | 8.5 | 7.9 |

1 Not available.
NOTE: Beginning in January 1999, data reflect revised population controls used in the household survey. Seasonally adjusted data have been revised based on the experience through December 1999.

Table A-8. Range of alternative measures of labor underutilization
(Percent)

|  | Not seasonally adjusted |  |  |  | Seasonally adjusted |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Dec. } \\ & 1998 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Nov. } \\ & 1999 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Dec. } \\ & 1999 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Dec. } \\ & 1998 \end{aligned}$ | Aug. <br> 1999 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Sept. } \\ & 1999 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Oct. } \\ & 1999 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Nov. } \\ & 1999 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Dec. } \\ & 1999 \end{aligned}$ |
| U-1 Persons unemployed 15 weeks or longer, as a percent of the civilian labor force. | 1.0 | . 9 | . 9 | 1.1 | 1.0 | 1.0 | 1.0 | 1.0 | 1.0 |
| U-2 Job losers and persons who completed temporary jobs, as a percent of the civilian labor force. | 2.1 | 1.7 | 1.8 | 2.0 | 1.9 | 1.8 | 1.8 | 1.8 | 1.7 |
| U-3 Total unemployed, as a percent of the civilian labor force (official unemployment rate)............................. | 4.0 | 3.8 | 3.7 | 4.4 | 4.2 | 4.2 | 4.1 | 4.1 | 4.1 |
| U-4 Total unemployed plus discouraged workers, as a percent of the civilian labor force plus discouraged workers.... | 4.3 | 4.0 | 3.9 | (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. | 4.8 | 4.6 | 4.5 | (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.. | 7.3 | 6.8 | 6.9 | (1) | (1) | (1) | (1) | (1) | (1) |
| 1 Not available. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 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. Beginning in January 1999, data reflect revised |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

Table A-9. Unemployed persons by sex and age, seasonally adjusted

| Age and sex | Number of unemployed persons (in thousands) |  |  | Unemployment rates(1) |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Dec. } \\ & 1998 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Nov. } \\ & 1999 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Dec. } \\ & 1999 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Dec. } \\ & 1998 \end{aligned}$ | Aug. $1999$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Sept. } \\ & 1999 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Oct. } \\ & 1999 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Nov. } \\ & 1999 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Dec. } \\ & 1999 \end{aligned}$ |
| Total, 16 years and over | 6,028 | 5,736 | 5,688 | 4.4 | 4.2 | 4.2 | 4.1 | 4.1 | 4.1 |
| 16 to 24 years........ | 2,158 | 2,249 | 2,209 | 9.8 | 9.6 | 10.0 | 10.0 | 10.0 | 9.8 |
| 16 to 19 years. | 1,170 | 1,171 | 1,160 | 14.0 | 13.5 | 14.6 | 13.8 | 14.0 | 13.8 |
| 16 to 17 years | 567 | 553 | 553 | 16.7 | 15.9 | 16.1 | 15.9 | 16.5 | 16.5 |
| 18 to 19 years | 609 | 619 | 612 | 12.2 | 12.1 | 13.8 | 12.4 | 12.3 | 12.1 |
| 20 to 24 years. | 988 | 1,078 | 1,049 | 7.2 | 7.3 | 7.2 | 7.7 | 7.7 | 7.4 |
| 25 years and over | 3,860 | 3,488 | 3,479 | 3.3 | 3.2 | 3.1 | 3.0 | 3.0 | 3.0 |
| 25 to 54 years. | 3,320 | 3,048 | 2,987 | 3.3 | 3.2 | 3.2 | 3.1 | 3.1 | 3.0 |
| 55 years and over | 511 | 459 | 477 | 2.9 | 2.7 | 2.6 | 2.7 | 2.6 | 2.7 |
| Men, 16 years and over | 3,209 | 2,996 | 3,003 | 4.3 | 4.1 | 4.0 | 4.1 | 4.0 | 4.0 |
| 16 to 24 years. | 1,227 | 1,194 | 1,252 | 10.6 | 9.9 | 9.9 | 10.4 | 10.2 | 10.6 |
| 16 to 19 years | 693 | 645 | 671 | 16.0 | 13.9 | 14.6 | 14.2 | 14.9 | 15.2 |
| 16 to 17 years | 336 | 292 | 311 | 19.1 | 16.2 | 16.6 | 15.5 | 16.9 | 17.7 |
| 18 to 19 years | 353 | 353 | 356 | 13.7 | 12.6 | 13.2 | 13.2 | 13.6 | 13.5 |
| 20 to 24 years. | 534 | 549 | 581 | 7.4 | 7.6 | 7.2 | 8.2 | 7.5 | 7.8 |
| 25 years and over | 1,985 | 1,789 | 1,757 | 3.2 | 3.1 | 3.0 | 2.9 | 2.8 | 2.8 |
| 25 to 54 years. | 1,676 | 1,531 | 1,493 | 3.2 | 3.1 | 3.0 | 3.0 | 2.9 | 2.8 |
| 55 years and over | 292 | 252 | 246 | 3.0 | 2.9 | 2.9 | 2.8 | 2.6 | 2.5 |
| Women, 16 years and over | 2,819 | 2,740 | 2,685 | 4.4 | 4.3 | 4.3 | 4.2 | 4.2 | 4.1 |
| 16 to 24 years.. | 931 | 1,055 | 957 | 8.9 | 9.3 | 10.0 | 9.6 | 9.8 | 8.9 |
| 16 to 19 years. | 477 | 526 | 489 | 11.8 | 13.2 | 14.7 | 13.4 | 13.0 | 12.2 |
| 16 to 17 years. | 231 | 261 | 242 | 14.1 | 15.6 | 15.6 | 16.3 | 16.1 | 15.1 |
| 18 to 19 years. | 256 | 266 | 256 | 10.6 | 11.6 | 14.5 | 11.4 | 10.8 | 10.5 |
| 20 to 24 years. | 454 | 529 | 468 | 7.1 | 7.0 | 7.2 | 7.2 | 7.9 | 7.0 |
| 25 years and over | 1,875 | 1,699 | 1,722 | 3.5 | 3.3 | 3.2 | 3.1 | 3.1 | 3.2 |
| 25 to 54 years. | 1,644 | 1,517 | 1,494 | 3.6 | 3.4 | 3.4 | 3.2 | 3.3 | 3.2 |
| 55 years and over. | 219 | 207 | 231 | 2.8 | 2.4 | 2.1 | 2.5 | 2.6 | 2.9 |
| 1 Unemployment as a percent NOTE: Beginning in January revised based on the experience | force. vised p 9. | pulatio | contr | s used | the | usehold | survey | Data | ve bee |

Table A-10. Persons not in the labor force and multiple jobholders by sex, not seasonally adjusted
(Numbers in thousands)

|  | Total |  | Men |  | Women |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Category |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Dec. } \\ & 1998 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Dec. } \\ & 1999 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Dec. } \\ & 1998 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Dec. } \\ & 1999 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Dec. } \\ & 1998 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Dec. } \\ & 1999 \end{aligned}$ |
| NOT IN THE LABOR FORCE |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Total not in the labor force. | 67,973 | 68,891 | 25,254 | 25,632 | 42,719 | 43,259 |
| Persons who currently want a job. | 4,187 | 4, 045 | 1,762 | 1,736 | 2,425 | 2,309 |
| Searched for work and available to work now(1) | 1,196 | 1,142 | 548 | 557 | 649 | 585 |
| Reason not currently looking: |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Discouragement over job prospects(2) | 358 | 267 | 214 | 162 | 145 | 106 |
| Reasons other than discouragement (3). | 838 | 874 | 334 | 395 | 504 | 479 |
| MULTIPLE JOBHOLDERS |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Total multiple jobholders(4). | 8,220 | 8,037 | 4,163 | 4,026 | 4,057 | 4,011 |
| Percent of total employed | 6.2 | 6.0 | 5.9 | 5.6 | 6.6 | 6.4 |
| Primary job full time, secondary job part time. | 4,561 | 4,411 | 2,574 | 2,479 | 1,988 | 1,932 |
| Primary and secondary jobs both part time. | 1,778 | 1,759 | 522 | 507 | 1,255 | 1,252 |
| Primary and secondary jobs both full time. | 233 | 343 | 149 | 231 | 84 | 112 |
| Hours vary on primary or secondary job.. | 1,613 | 1,495 | 898 | 797 | 715 | 698 |
| 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. |  |  |  |  |  |  |

4 Includes persons who work part time on their primary job and full time on their secondary job(s), not sh
NOTE: Beginning in January 1999, data reflect revised population controls used in the household survey.

Table B-1. Employees on nonfarm payrolls by industry
(In thousands)

Not seasonally adjusted<br>Seasonally adjusted

Industry

| Dec. | Oct. | Nov. | Dec. | Dec. | Aug. | Sept. | Oct. | Nov. | Dec. |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 1998 | 1999 | 1999 p | 1999p | 1998 | 1999 | 1999 | 1999 | $1999 p$ | $1999 p$ |





| Mining | 570 | 534 | 531 | 527 | 570 | 524 | 527 | 528 | 527 | 529 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Metal mining | 49.6 | 47.6 | 48.4 | 48.2 | 50 | 47 | 48 | 48 | 49 | 48 |
| Coal mining. | 90.4 | 82.3 | 82.5 | 82.8 | 90 | 83 | 83 | 82 | 82 | 83 |
| Oil and gas extraction | 322.1 | 292.7 | 290.5 | 292.3 | 320 | 285 | 287 | 289 | 288 | 291 |
| Nonmetallic minerals, except fuels | 107.6 | 111.8 | 109.7 | 104.1 | 110 | 109 | 109 | 109 | 108 | 107 |
| Construction | 6,068 | 6,549 | 6,489 | 6,284 | 6,173 | 6,246 | 6,293 | 6,314 | 6,369 | 6,385 |
| General building contr | 1,396.0 | 1,471.5 | 1,465.9 | 1,441.7 | 1,404 | 1,426 | 1,440 | 1,445 | 1,451 | 1,452 |
| Heavy construction, except building | 826.4 | 932.9 | 898.9 | 834.8 | 876 | 852 | 857 | 861 | 869 | 881 |
| Special trade contractors. | 3,845.9 | 4,145.0 | 4,123.8 | 4,007.9 | 3,893 | 3,968 | 3,996 | 4,008 | 4,049 | 4,052 |
| Manufacturing | 18,636 | 18,413 | 18,405 | 18,377 | 18,611 | 18,378 | 18,366 | 18,356 | 18,364 | 18,363 |
| Production work | 12,818 | 12,663 | 12,655 | 12,634 | 12,795 | 12,622 | 12,617 | 12,608 | 12,616 | 12,616 |
| Durable goods | 11,096 | 10,969 | 10,979 | 10,979 | 11,074 | 10,975 | 10,959 | 10,952 | 10,958 | 10,959 |
| Production work | 7,590 | 7,503 | 7,513 | 7,514 | 7,568 | 7,513 | 7,496 | 7,489 | 7,494 | 7,487 |
| Lumber and wood products | 821.8 | 834.9 | 832.5 | 829.4 | 823 | 826 | 827 | 829 | 830 | 830 |
| Furniture and fixtures. | 536.7 | 545.4 | 544.1 | 545.1 | 534 | 543 | 544 | 546 | 543 | 543 |
| Stone, clay, and glass products | 565.4 | 575.8 | 574.4 | 565.2 | 570 | 568 | 569 | 568 | 571 | 571 |
| Primary metal industries. | 701.7 | 685.5 | 689.0 | 690.2 | 699 | 688 | 685 | 685 | 687 | 687 |
| Blast furnaces and basic steel products. | 226.5 | 221.0 | 222.6 | 223.8 | (1) | (1) | (1) | (1) | (1) | (1) |
| Fabricated metal products | 1,498.0 | 1,490.7 | 1,492.4 | 1,495.0 | 1,493 | 1,484 | 1,486 | 1,487 | 1,488 | 1,490 |
| Industrial machinery and equipmen | 2,168.4 | 2,110.7 | 2,113.0 | 2,118.3 | 2,167 | 2,122 | 2,117 | 2,116 | 2,117 | 2,118 |
| Computer and office equipment. | 370.8 | 358.0 | 357.7 | 357.5 | 370 | 359 | 358 | 358 | 357 | 359 |
| Electronic and other electrical equipment. | 1,675.0 | 1,665.6 | 1,668.5 | 1,674.6 | 1,669 | 1,662 | 1,662 | 1,665 | 1,664 | 1,667 |
| Electronic components and accessories. | 639.9 | 641.7 | 642.3 | 645.5 | 640 | 641 | 640 | 643 | 643 | 645 |
| Transportation equipment | 1,893.9 | 1,837.0 | 1,841.0 | 1,841.4 | 1,882 | 1,859 | 1,848 | 1,838 | 1,836 | 1,831 |
| Motor vehicles and equipmen | 1,002.3 | 1,001.1 | 1,006.8 | 1,010.1 | 994 | 1,012 | 1,006 | 1,001 | 1,002 | 1,002 |
| Aircraft and parts. | 520.8 | 471.6 | 469.5 | 466.1 | 518 | 483 | 476 | 471 | 467 | 463 |
| Instruments and related products | 850.3 | 829.9 | 832.1 | 832.5 | 851 | 836 | 833 | 830 | 833 | 833 |
| Miscellaneous manufacturing. | 384.9 | 393.6 | 392.2 | 387.3 | 386 | 387 | 388 | 388 | 389 | 38 |
| Nondurable goods. | 7,540 | 7,444 | 7,426 | 7,398 | 7,537 | 7,403 | 7,407 | 7,404 | 7,406 | 7,404 |
| Production work | 5,228 | 5,160 | 5,142 | 5,120 | 5,227 | 5,109 | 5,121 | 5,119 | 5,122 | 5,129 |
| Food and kindred products | 1,683.5 | 1,709.4 | 1,693.5 | 1,677.9 | 1,693 | 1,666 | 1,679 | 1,680 | 1,686 | 1,691 |
| Tobacco products. | 42.6 | 40.6 | 40.8 | 41.8 | 40 | 36 | 38 | 38 | 38 | 38 |
| Textile mill products. | 583.0 | 552.6 | 552.5 | 549.7 | 582 | 557 | 553 | 551 | 552 | 550 |
| Apparel and other textile products | 723.5 | 671.9 | 665.4 | 654.8 | 724 | 672 | 669 | 666 | 663 | 658 |
| Paper and allied products. | 666.8 | 654.4 | 655.1 | 655.0 | 666 | 658 | 657 | 655 | 655 | 655 |
| Printing and publishing. | 1,569.5 | 1,551.1 | 1,555.0 | 1,556.5 | 1,560 | 1,553 | 1,552 | 1,552 | 1,550 | 1,548 |
| Chemicals and allied products | 1,040.8 | 1,031.7 | 1,032.5 | 1,033.9 | 1,042 | 1, 030 | 1,033 | 1,033 | 1,033 | 1,033 |
| Petroleum and coal products. | 138.3 | 138.4 | 136.7 | 133.4 | 140 | 136 | 137 | 136 | 136 | 135 |
| Rubber and misc. plastics products. | 1,012.9 | 1,021.2 | 1,022.1 | 1,023.8 | 1,012 | 1,022 | 1,017 | 1,021 | 1,022 | 1,026 |
| Leather and leather products.. | 78.8 | 72.6 | 72.3 | 70.9 | 78 | 73 | 72 | 72 | 71 | 70 |

Service-producing.............................. 102, 754 104, 713 105, 164 105,506 101, 832 103,797 103, 862 104, 134 104,294 104,592

| Transportation and public | 6,747 | 6,889 | 6,905 | 6,947 | 6,684 | 6,813 | 6,831 | 6,841 | 6,860 | 6,892 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Transportation. | 4,408 | 4,511 | 4,518 | 4,556 | 4,340 | 4,445 | 4,455 | 4,458 | 4,472 | 4,498 |
| Railroad transportation | 230.8 | 227.7 | 227.6 | 227.6 | 231 | 226 | 227 | 227 | 227 | 228 |
| Local and interurban passenger transit. | 490.6 | 503.4 | 503.4 | 503.5 | 474 | 488 | 486 | 486 | 487 | 487 |
| Trucking and warehousing | 1,779.5 | 1,860.1 | 1,845.4 | 1,840.1 | 1,769 | 1,817 | 1,825 | 1,828 | 1,833 | 1,842 |
| Water transportation. | 177.4 | 182.7 | 178.6 | 175.3 | 183 | 182 | 182 | 182 | 181 | 180 |
| Transportation by air | 1,252.8 | 1,252.6 | 1,278.6 | 1,322.2 | 1,205 | 1,246 | 1,250 | 1,251 | 1,259 | 1,273 |
| Pipelines, except natural gas | 13.8 | 12.9 | 12.9 | 13.2 | 14 | 13 | 13 | 13 | 13 | 13 |
| Transportation services | 463.1 | 472.0 | 471.7 | 473.7 | 464 | 473 | 472 | 471 | 472 | 475 |
| Communications and public utilities. | 2,339 | 2,378 | 2,387 | 2,391 | 2,344 | 2,368 | 2,376 | 2,383 | 2,388 | 2,394 |
| Communications. | 1,489.2 | 1,539.7 | 1,546.8 | 1,549.0 | 1,492 | 1,525 | 1,533 | 1,541 | 1,545 | 1,551 |
| Electric, gas, and sanitary services. | 850.0 | 838.6 | 840.6 | 841.7 | 852 | 843 | 843 | 842 | 843 | 843 |
| Wholesale trade | 6,899 | 7,079 | 7,080 | 7,076 | 6,901 | 7,031 | 7,041 | 7,064 | 7,066 | 7,082 |
| Durable goods | 4,074 | 4,182 | 4,190 | 4,202 | 4,077 | 4,169 | 4,172 | 4,188 | 4,191 | 4,205 |
| Nondurable good | 2,825 | 2,897 | 2,890 | 2,874 | 2,824 | 2,862 | 2,869 | 2,876 | 2,875 | 2,877 |
| Retail trade. | 23,174 | 22,883 | 23,241 | 23,599 | 22,525 | 22,888 | 22,862 | 22,891 | 22,887 | 22,952 |
| Building materials and garden supplies. | 951.5 | 994.8 | 994.8 | 991.9 | 967 | 988 | 992 | 1,001 | 1,004 | 1,007 |
| General merchandise stores | 3,062.2 | 2,795.2 | 2,966. 2 | 3,085.4 | 2,758 | 2,774 | 2,762 | 2,756 | 2,750 | 2,784 |
| Department stores | 2,718.7 | 2,491.0 | 2,644.3 | 2,742.9 | 2,456 | 2,468 | 2,460 | 2,455 | 2,447 | 2,469 |
| Food stores. | 3,551.6 | 3,485.5 | 3,512.2 | 3,548.0 | 3,487 | 3,484 | 3,478 | 3,481 | 3,478 | 3,485 |
| Automotive dealers and service stations. | 2,359.0 | 2,425.8 | 2,421.3 | 2,421.4 | 2,370 | 2,409 | 2,415 | 2,420 | 2,424 | 2,434 |
| New and used car dealer | 1,055.6 | 1,095.0 | 1,095.8 | 1,095.4 | 1,059 | 1,089 | 1,091 | 1,092 | 1,096 | 1, 099 |
| Apparel and accessory stores | 1,250.4 | 1,194.7 | 1,252.0 | 1,309.8 | 1,147 | 1,191 | 1,189 | 1,200 | 1,199 | 1,191 |
| Furniture and home furnishings stores. | 1,093.5 | 1,098.1 | 1,116.5 | 1,146.3 | 1,048 | 1,094 | 1,097 | 1,099 | 1,093 | 1,101 |
| Eating and drinking places | 7,808.5 | 7,866.7 | 7,868.1 | 7,906.3 | 7,857 | 7,960 | 7,932 | 7,925 | 7,943 | 7,970 |
| Miscellaneous retail establishme | 3,097.2 | 3,021.9 | 3,109.8 | 3,189.6 | 2,891 | 2,988 | 2,997 | 3,009 | 2,996 | 2,980 |
| Finance, insurance, and real estate | 7,522 | 7,646 | 7,656 | 7,671 | 7,542 | 7,650 | 7,653 | 7,668 | 7,678 | 7,690 |
| Finance. | 3,664 | 3,706 | 3,718 | 3,734 | 3,663 | 3,716 | 3,715 | 3,719 | 3,725 | 3,735 |
| Depository institution | 2,046.9 | 2,037.8 | 2,042.1 | 2,050.9 | 2,047 | 2,046 | 2,047 | 2,047 | 2,047 | 2,049 |
| Commercial banks | 1,468.5 | 1,457.5 | 1,462.1 | 1,469.3 | 1,467 | 1,464 | 1,466 | 1,464 | 1,465 | 1,468 |
| Savings institutions | 256.6 | 252.9 | 251.8 | 251.6 | 257 | 255 | 255 | 254 | 253 | 252 |
| Nondepository institutions | 699.8 | 707.9 | 707.7 | 711.5 | 698 | 719 | 713 | 711 | 710 | 714 |
| Mortgage bankers and brokers | 360.0 | 355.7 | 355.7 | 355.7 | 360 | 366 | 361 | 358 | 358 | 358 |
| Security and commodity brokers | 660.2 | 690.6 | 696.5 | 700.8 | 661 | 685 | 686 | 691 | 697 | 70 |
| Holding and other investment offices. | 257.3 | 269.4 | 271.4 | 270.6 | 257 | 266 | 269 | 270 | 271 | 270 |
| Insurance. | 2,379 | 2,409 | 2,411 | 2,415 | 2,379 | 2,407 | 2,410 | 2,414 | 2,411 | 2,412 |
| Insurance carriers | 1,623.8 | 1,636.8 | 1,636.5 | 1,638.2 | 1,624 | 1,636 | 1,637 | 1,641 | 1,636 | 1,637 |
| Insurance agents, brokers, and service. | 755.4 | 772.2 | 774.0 | 776.4 | 755 | 771 | 773 | 773 | 775 | 775 |
| Real estate | 1,479 | 1,531 | 1,527 | 1,522 | 1,500 | 1,527 | 1,528 | 1,535 | 1,542 | 1,543 |
| Services2. | 38,070 | 39,671 | 39,584 | 39,534 | 38,207 | 39,205 | 39,257 | 39,433 | 39,545 | 39,654 |
| Agricultural services | 682.0 | 794.4 | 774.7 | 711.8 | 739 | 757 | 763 | 766 | 774 | 758 |
| Hotels and other lodging places | 1,705.2 | 1,810.3 | 1,740.1 | 1,725.4 | 1,783 | 1,813 | 1,811 | 1,806 | 1,810 | 1,804 |
| Personal services. | 1,184.7 | 1,182.2 | 1,184.1 | 1,201.0 | 1,202 | 1,207 | 1,210 | 1,210 | 1,214 | 1,224 |
| Business services | 8,902.9 | 9,465.8 | 9,466.3 | 9,484.9 | 8,829 | 9,186 | 9,204 | 9,303 | 9,331 | 9,408 |
| Services to buildings | 958.4 | 1,004.1 | 1,003.9 | 996.0 | 964 | 998 | 1,000 | 1,003 | 1,003 | 997 |
| Personnel supply services | 3,350.2 | 3,630.3 | 3,620.0 | 3,623.5 | 3,292 | 3,418 | 3,440 | 3,490 | 3,504 | 3,531 |
| Help supply services. | 2,974.8 | 3,222.2 | 3,209.8 | 3,212.0 | 2,922 | 3,024 | 3,032 | 3,099 | 3,101 | 3,125 |


| Computer and data processing services. | 1,693.8 | 1,815.0 | 1,830.3 | 1,843.1 | 1,691 | 1,806 | 1,814 | 1,823 | 1,828 | 1,841 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Auto repair, services, and parking. | 1,157.7 | 1,195.5 | 1,195.9 | 1,195.1 | 1,163 | 1,185 | 1,190 | 1,196 | 1,198 | 1,197 |
| Miscellaneous repair services | 389.4 | 401.6 | 402.0 | 402.6 | 390 | 396 | 398 | 400 | 401 | 405 |
| Motion pictures. | 581.1 | 601.4 | 607.6 | 611.5 | 577 | 608 | 608 | 612 | 614 | 606 |
| Amusement and recreation services | 1,479.4 | 1,673.0 | 1,562.5 | 1,550.8 | 1,647 | 1,712 | 1,713 | 1,730 | 1,728 | 1,711 |
| Health services. | 9,914.6 | 10012.2 | 10037.4 | 10054.6 | 9,899 | 9,993 | 9,999 | 10,009 | 10,025 | 10,041 |
| Offices and clinics of medical doctors. | 1,837.0 | 1,878.4 | 1,887.0 | 1,894.0 | 1,833 | 1,874 | 1,876 | 1,880 | 1,887 | 1,890 |
| Nursing and personal care |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| facilities | 1,758.9 | 1,757.5 | 1,758.3 | 1,762.2 | 1,756 | 1,755 | 1,756 | 1,756 | 1,755 | 1,760 |
| Hospitals. | 3,954.9 | 3,979.4 | 3,981.9 | 3,988.8 | 3,952 | 3,973 | 3,977 | 3,978 | 3,979 | 3,987 |
| Home health care servic | 653.9 | 659.1 | 662.9 | 658.7 | 651 | 658 | 657 | 658 | 658 | 656 |
| Legal services. | 988. | 1,005.4 | 1,010.8 | 1,013.2 | 988 | 1,004 | 1,007 | 1,009 | 1,012 | 1,015 |
| Educational services | 2,342.0 | 2,443.8 | 2,483.4 | 2,427.6 | 2,223 | 2,288 | 2,289 | 2,288 | 2,298 | 2,304 |
| Social service | 2,714.9 | 2,826.1 | 2,849.8 | 2,856.5 | 2,708 | 2,799 | 2,803 | 2,817 | 2,841 | 2,850 |
| Child day care services | 629.8 | 649.4 | 657.6 | 657.3 | 618 | 631 | 631 | 634 | 644 | 648 |
| Residential care. | 760.0 | 789.8 | 796.4 | 800.5 | 762 | 785 | 788 | 792 | 798 | 802 |
| Museums and botanical and zoological gardens. | 91.6 | 95.7 | 93.1 | 93.4 | 94 | 5 | 94 | 95 |  | 95 |
| Membership organizations | 2,366.1 | 2,395.0 | 2,395.0 | 2,404.9 | 2,380 | 2,409 | 2,408 | 2,409 | 2,411 | 2,419 |
| Engineering and management services. | 3,277.1 | 3,472.6 | 3,485.5 | 3,504.0 | 3,292 | 3,458 | 3,464 | 3,487 | 3,498 | 3,521 |
| Engineering and architectural services. | 919.1 | 955.5 | 959.0 | 959.6 | 922 | 8 | 948 | 954 | 0 | 965 |
| Management and public relations | 1,088.3 | 1,193.1 | 1,196.6 | 1,208.9 | 1,090 | 1,178 | 1,180 | 1,193 | 1,195 | 1,215 |
| Services, nec. | 55.2 | 58.0 | 58.1 | 58.7 | (1) | (1) | (1) | (1) | (1) | (1) |
| Government | 20,342 | 20,545 | 20,698 | 20,679 | 19,973 | 20,210 | 20,218 | 20,237 | 20,258 | 20,322 |
| Federal | 2,739 | 2,631 | 2,640 | 2,686 | 2,701 | 2,651 | 2,654 | 2,643 | 2,646 | 2,652 |
| Federal, except Postal Service | 1,801.5 | 1,768.3 | 1,764.3 | 1,759.8 | 1,819 | 1,779 | 1,785 | 1,780 | 1,778 | 1,777 |
| State | 4,733 | 4,843 | 4,861 | 4,818 | 4,652 | 4,706 | 4,717 | 4,722 | 4,725 | 4,735 |
| Education | 2,042.1 | 2,091.5 | 2,122.9 | 2,083.2 | 1,932 | 1,965 | 1,965 | 1,960 | 1,965 | 1,974 |
| Other State governme | 2,691.3 | 2,751.6 | 2,738.0 | 2,735.0 | 2,720 | 2,741 | 2,752 | 2,762 | 2,760 | 2,761 |
| Local. | 12,870 | 13,071 | 13,197 | 13,175 | 12,620 | 12,853 | 12,847 | 12,872 | 12,887 | 12,935 |
| Education | 7,489.6 | 7,567.4 | 7,694.6 | 7,687.2 | 7,148 | 7,308 | 7,295 | 7,305 | 7,315 | 7,350 |
| Other local government | 5,380.8 | 5,503.4 | 5,502.2 | 5,488.2 | 5,472 | 5,545 | 5,552 | 5,567 | 5,572 | 5,585 |

1 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.

2 Includes other industries, not shown separately.
$\mathrm{p}=$ preliminary.

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

|  | Not seasonally adjusted |  |  |  | Seasonally adjusted |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Industry |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Dec. } \\ & 1998 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Oct. } \\ & 1999 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Nov. } \\ & \text { 1999p } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Dec. } \\ & \text { 1999p } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Dec. } \\ & 1998 \end{aligned}$ | Aug. 1999 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Sept. } \\ & 1999 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Oct. } \\ & 1000 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Nov. } \\ & \text { 1999p } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Dec. } \\ & \text { 1999p } \end{aligned}$ |
| Total private. | 34.7 | 34.6 | 34.5 | 34.6 | 34.6 | 34.5 | 34.4 | 34.5 | 34.5 | 34.5 |
| Goods-producing. | 41.7 | 41.5 | 41.5 | 41.6 | 41.1 | 41.1 | 41.1 | 41.1 | 41.3 | 41.0 |
| Mining. | 43.7 | 44.6 | 44.7 | 45.2 | 43.3 | 44.2 | 44.3 | 44.1 | 44.2 | 44.9 |
| Construction. | 39.1 | 40.0 | 39.5 | 38.7 | 39.4 | 39.0 | 39.1 | 39.1 | 40.0 | 38.9 |
| Manufacturing. | 42.6 | 42.0 | 42.2 | 42.6 | 41.7 | 41.8 | 41.8 | 41.8 | 41.7 | 41.7 |
| Overtime hours | 4.9 | 4.9 | 4.9 | 5.1 | 4.5 | 4.7 | 4.7 | 4.7 | 4.6 | 4.7 |
| Durable goods. | 43.3 | 42.5 | 42.7 | 43.1 | 42.2 | 42.4 | 42.4 | 42.3 | 42.2 | 42.1 |
| Overtime hours | 5.2 | 4.9 | 5.0 | 5.3 | 4.6 | 4.9 | 4.9 | 4.8 | 4.7 | 4.8 |
| Lumber and wood products. | 41.7 | 41.4 | 41.3 | 41.2 | 41.5 | 41.3 | 41.1 | 41.1 | 41.0 | 40.8 |
| Furniture and fixtures. | 41.5 | 40.5 | 40.5 | 41.6 | 40.2 | 40.3 | 40.4 | 40.2 | 40.0 | 40.5 |
| Stone, clay, and glass products | 43.8 | 44.0 | 44.1 | 43.1 | 43.8 | 43.6 | 43.6 | 43.4 | 43.9 | 43.1 |
| Primary metal industries. | 44.6 | 44.3 | 44.7 | 45.4 | 43.7 | 44.4 | 44.4 | 44.3 | 44.3 | 44.5 |
| Blast furnaces and basic steel products. | 43.7 | 44.9 | 45.4 | 46.3 | 43.3 | 45.1 | 45.0 | 45.0 | 45.4 | 45.8 |
| Fabricated metal products. | 43.4 | 42.4 | 42.7 | 43.4 | 42.2 | 42.4 | 42.3 | 42.1 | 42.1 | 42.1 |
| Industrial machinery and equipment.. | 43.2 | 42.3 | 42.6 | 43.4 | 42.1 | 42.4 | 42.4 | 42.4 | 42.3 | 42.4 |
| Electronic and other electrical equipment. | 42.3 | 41.8 | 42.2 | 42.6 | 41.1 | 41.7 | 41.6 | 41.6 | 41.5 | 41.4 |
| Transportation equipment | 45.7 | 44.1 | 44.1 | 44.6 | 44.1 | 44.0 | 44.0 | 43.9 | 43.5 | 43.0 |
| Motor vehicles and equipment | 46.8 | 45.3 | 45.2 | 45.9 | 44.9 | 45.2 | 45.2 | 45.3 | 44.7 | 44.1 |
| Instruments and related products | 42.0 | 41.4 | 42.0 | 42.6 | 41.1 | 41.6 | 41.6 | 41.5 | 41.6 | 41.7 |
| Miscellaneous manufacturing. | 40.2 | 40.2 | 40.2 | 40.2 | 39.6 | 40.1 | 40.0 | 39.8 | 39.6 | 39.7 |
| Nondurable goods. | 41.6 | 41.3 | 41.4 | 41.8 | 40.9 | 40.9 | 40.9 | 41.0 | 41.0 | 41.0 |
| Overtime hours | 4.6 | 4.7 | 4.7 | 4.8 | 4.3 | 4.4 | 4.4 | 4.5 | 4.4 | 4.6 |
| Food and kindred products. | 42.8 | 42.4 | 42.4 | 42.5 | 42.0 | 41.6 | 41.7 | 42.0 | 41.8 | 41.7 |
| Tobacco products.. | 37.5 | 42.4 | 42.7 | 44.2 | 36.6 | 40.0 | 40.2 | 41.0 | 42.3 | 43.5 |
| Textile mill products. | 41.4 | 41.5 | 41.6 | 42.0 | 40.8 | 40.9 | 40.8 | 41.3 | 41.2 | 41.4 |
| Apparel and other textile products. | 37.9 | 37.7 | 37.6 | 38.1 | 37.3 | 37.3 | 37.5 | 37.5 | 37.3 | 37.5 |
| Paper and allied products. | 44.3 | 43.8 | 43.9 | 44.3 | 43.4 | 43.7 | 43.5 | 43.5 | 43.5 | 43.3 |
| Printing and publishing. | 38.8 | 38.6 | 38.8 | 39.0 | 38.1 | 38.3 | 38.3 | 38.4 | 38.3 | 38.3 |
| Chemicals and allied products | 43.5 | 43.1 | 43.5 | 43.8 | 42.7 | 43.3 | 43.2 | 43.1 | 43.2 | 43.1 |
| Petroleum and coal products. | 44.7 | 43.2 | 43.0 | 44.0 | (2) | (2) | (2) | (2) | (2) | (2) |
| Rubber and misc. plastics products.. | 42.7 | 41.6 | 42.0 | 42.5 | 41.7 | 41.6 | 41.7 | 41.5 | 41.6 | 41.5 |
| Leather and leather products. | 38.1 | 37.7 | 38.2 | 38.3 | 37.5 | 38.2 | 37.2 | 37.5 | 37.8 | 37.7 |
| Service-producing. | 32.9 | 32.8 | 32.7 | 32.8 | 32.9 | 32.9 | 32.8 | 32.8 | 32.8 | 32.9 |
| Transportation and public utilities. | 39.1 | 38.4 | 38.2 | 38.2 | 39.1 | 38.9 | 38.6 | 38.5 | 38.1 | 38.3 |
| Wholesale trade. | 38.4 | 38.6 | 38.4 | 38.5 | 38.4 | 38.4 | 38.5 | 38.6 | 38.4 | 38.5 |
| Retail trade. | 29.2 | 28.8 | 28.7 | 29.2 | 29.0 | 29.0 | 28.8 | 28.9 | 28.9 | 29.0 |
| Finance, insurance, and real estate... | 36.2 | 36.1 | 36.0 | 36.1 | (2) | (2) | (2) | (2) | (2) | (2) |
| Services. | 32.6 | 32.7 | 32.7 | 32.7 | 32.7 | 32.7 | 32.6 | 32.7 | 32.8 | 32.8 |

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
$\mathrm{p}=$ preliminary.

Table B-3. Average hourly and weekly earnings of production or nonsupervisory workers1 on private nonfarm payrolls by industry


1 See footnote 1, table B-2.
$\mathrm{p}=$ preliminary.

Table B-4. Average hourly earnings of production or nonsupervisory workers1 on private nonfarm payrolls by industry, seasonally adjusted

| Industry | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Dec. } \\ & 1998 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Aug. } \\ & 1999 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Sept. } \\ & 1999 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { oct. } \\ & 1999 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Nov. } \\ & \text { 1999p } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Dec. } \\ & \text { 1999p } \end{aligned}$ | Percent change from: <br> Nov. 1999 <br> Dec. 1999 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Total private: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Current dollars. | \$12.98 | \$13.29 | \$13.35 | \$13.39 | \$13.40 | \$13.46 | 0.4 |
| Constant (1982) dollars2. | 7.81 | 7.87 | 7.86 | 7.87 | 7.87 | N.A. | (3) |
| Goods-producing. | 14.51 | 14.90 | 14.93 | 14.97 | 15.00 | 15.04 | . 3 |
| Mining. | 17.18 | 17.12 | 17.09 | 17.09 | 16.92 | 17.10 | 1.1 |
| Construction. | 16.80 | 17.15 | 17.21 | 17.27 | 17.32 | 17.43 | . 6 |
| Manufacturing. | 13.60 | 14.03 | 14.04 | 14.07 | 14.07 | 14.10 | . 2 |
| Excluding overtime4. | 12.90 | 13.28 | 13.29 | 13.33 | 13.33 | 13.36 | . 2 |
| Service-producing. | 12.49 | 12.79 | 12.85 | 12.89 | 12.90 | 12.97 | . 5 |
| Transportation and public |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Wholesale trade. | 14.30 | 14.63 | 14.74 | 14.80 | 14.85 | 14.95 | . 7 |
| Retail trade. | 8.89 | 9.13 | 9.15 | 9.18 | 9.20 | 9.26 | . 7 |
| Finance, insurance, and real estate. | 14.40 | 14.63 | 14.70 | 14.72 | 14.72 | 14.74 | . 1 |
| Services | 13.08 | 13.44 | 13.49 | 13.55 | 13.55 | 13.62 | . 5 |

1 See footnote 1, table B-2
2 The Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W) is used to defate this series.
3 Change was -. 1 percent from October 1999 to November 1999, the latest month available.
Deriv by assuming that overtime hours are paid at the rate of time and one-half.
= not available
$\mathrm{p}=$ preliminary.

Table B-5. Indexes of aggregate weekly hours of production or nonsupervisory workers1 on private nonfarm payrolls by industry
(1982=100)

|  | Not seasonally adjusted |  |  |  | Seasonally adjusted |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Industry |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Dec. } \\ & 1998 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Oct. } \\ & 1999 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Nov. } \\ & \text { 1999p } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Dec. } \\ & \text { 1999p } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Dec. } \\ & 1998 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Aug. } \\ & 1999 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Sept. } \\ & 1999 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Oct. } \\ & 1999 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Nov. } \\ & \text { 1999p } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Dec. } \\ & \text { 1999p } \end{aligned}$ |
| Total private. | 147.8 | 150.0 | 149.9 | 150.5 | 146.6 | 148.4 | 148.2 | 148.8 | 149.2 | 149.3 |
| Goods-producing. | 116.7 | 117.6 | 117.2 | 116.0 | 115.5 | 114.3 | 114.6 | 114.7 | 115.6 | 114.7 |
| Mining. | 53.8 | 51.9 | 51.6 | 51.8 | 53.4 | 49.8 | 50.3 | 50.6 | 50.4 | 51.6 |
| Construction. | 166.7 | 185.4 | 181.3 | 170.1 | 171.3 | 170.3 | 172.4 | 173.2 | 179.0 | 174.2 |
| Manufacturing. | 110.1 | 107.2 | 107.6 | 108.5 | 107.5 | 106.4 | 106.4 | 106.2 | 106.1 | 106.0 |
| Durable goods. | 114.5 | 111.1 | 111.8 | 113.1 | 111.5 | 111.2 | 110.9 | 110.5 | 110.4 | 110.0 |
| Lumber and wood products. | 148.7 | 150.0 | 149.2 | 147.8 | 148.1 | 147.6 | 147.1 | 147.6 | 147.2 | 146.5 |
| Furniture and fixtures. | 139.7 | 138.1 | 137.8 | 142.0 | 134.6 | 137.5 | 137.5 | 137.4 | 136.1 | 137.5 |
| Stone, clay, and glass products | 117.2 | 119.8 | 119.5 | 114.7 | 118.1 | 116.8 | 117.0 | 116.2 | 118.1 | 115.7 |
| Primary metal industries.... | 92.7 | 90.0 | 91.3 | 92.8 | 90.4 | 90.4 | 90.2 | 89.8 | 90.2 | 90.6 |
| Blast furnaces and basic steel products. | 68.7 | 69.4 | 70.3 | 72.0 | 68.0 | 70.0 | 69.9 | 69.9 | 70.5 | 71.1 |
| Fabricated metal products. | 121.8 | 118.1 | 119.1 | 121.2 | 117.7 | 117.4 | 117.2 | 116.8 | 116.9 | 117.0 |
| Industrial machinery and equipment.. | 109.3 | 103.3 | 104.4 | 106.8 | 106.3 | 104.4 | 104.2 | 104.1 | 104.0 | 104.1 |
| Electronic and other electrical equipment. | 109.5 | 107.2 | 108.4 | 110.5 | 105.9 | 107.2 | 106.7 | 106.7 | 106.4 | 106.4 |
| Transportation equipment | 132.9 | 124.3 | 125.0 | 126.8 | 127.3 | 126.6 | 125.4 | 124.2 | 123.0 | 121.2 |
| Motor vehicles and equipment | 172.8 | 166.9 | 168.3 | 171.9 | 163.6 | 169.9 | 168.0 | 167.3 | 165.5 | 163.0 |
| Instruments and related products. | 76.5 | 74.7 | 75.7 | 76.4 | 75.0 | 75.4 | 75.1 | 75.1 | 75.2 | 74.7 |
| Miscellaneous manufacturing. | 101.3 | 103.6 | 102.7 | 101.6 | 100.3 | 101.1 | 101.3 | 100.8 | 100.3 | 100.9 |
| Nondurable goods. | 104.0 | 101.8 | 101.8 | 102.2 | 102.1 | 99.9 | 100.2 | 100.4 | 100.3 | 100.5 |
| Food and kindred products. | 120.7 | 122.4 | 121.1 | 120.0 | 119.3 | 116.2 | 117.7 | 118.7 | 118.6 | 119.1 |
| Tobacco products... | 62.2 | 62.0 | 61.8 | 65.5 | 56.2 | 49.5 | 53.7 | 54.8 | 56.6 | 58.2 |
| Textile mill products. | 84.7 | 80.6 | 80.9 | 81.2 | 83.4 | 80.0 | 79.5 | 80.0 | 79.9 | 80.2 |
| Apparel and other textile products. | 64.3 | 59.1 | 58.4 | 58.2 | 63.4 | 58.6 | 58.6 | 58.1 | 57.7 | 57.6 |
| Paper and allied products. | 109.5 | 106.0 | 106.3 | 107.7 | 107.1 | 105.9 | 105.6 | 105.2 | 105.4 | 105.3 |
| Printing and publishing. | 126.4 | 123.1 | 124.1 | 124.9 | 123.0 | 122.1 | 122.1 | 122.6 | 121.8 | 121.5 |
| Chemicals and allied products. | 104.1 | 102.8 | 103.8 | 104.7 | 102.2 | 102.3 | 102.7 | 102.8 | 103.3 | 103.0 |
| Petroleum and coal products......... | 77.5 | 75.2 | 73.5 | 73.1 | 79.4 | 72.5 | 73.9 | 73.2 | 72.4 | 75.1 |
| Rubber and misc. plastics products.. | 151.9 | 149.8 | 151.3 | 153.9 | 148.1 | 149.4 | 149.2 | 149.2 | 149.6 | 150.4 |
| Leather and leather products. | 34.2 | 31.1 | 31.4 | 30.5 | 33.4 | 31.7 | 30.9 | 30.5 | 30.8 | 29.5 |
| Service-producing. . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . | 161.7 | 164.5 | 164.6 | 166.0 | 160.5 | 163.7 | 163.3 | 164.1 | 164.2 | 164.8 |
| Transportation and public utilities... | 134.2 | 134.1 | 133.7 | 134.5 | 133.0 | 134.1 | 133.5 | 133.3 | 132.2 | 133.0 |
| Wholesale trade. | 130.2 | 134.2 | 133.5 | 133.6 | 130.2 | 132.5 | 133.1 | 133.8 | 133.1 | 133.7 |
| Retail trade. | 146.8 | 142.8 | 144.7 | 149.4 | 140.9 | 143.8 | 142.6 | 143.1 | 143.1 | 143.9 |
| Finance, insurance, and real estate... | 137.9 | 139.0 | 138.9 | 139.6 | 138.9 | 140.7 | 140.2 | 140.5 | 139.8 | 140.4 |
| Services. | 196.6 | 205.2 | 204.3 | 204.2 | 197.8 | 202.4 | 202.3 | 204.0 | 205.0 | 205.3 |
| 1 See footnote 1, table B-2. p = preliminary. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

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 industries1

| Over 1-month span: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1995. | 63.8 | 58.0 | 54.6 | 56.5 | 47.5 | 54.8 | 55.6 | 59.1 | 57.9 | 56.9 | 55.2 | 57.7 |
| 1996. | 49.6 | 64.9 | 59.4 | 55.1 | 61.9 | 60.8 | 57.0 | 62.5 | 57.3 | 63.5 | 59.7 | 61.2 |
| 1997. | 56.2 | 61.0 | 61.9 | 62.8 | 58.8 | 56.3 | 60.7 | 61.0 | 59.4 | 65.4 | 63.6 | 62.1 |
| 1998. | 63.8 | 57.9 | 58.8 | 60.5 | 55.9 | 57.9 | 58.0 | 55.8 | 54.6 | 52.9 | 59.1 | 58.6 |
| 1999. | 54.4 | 58.3 | 52.1 | 58.8 | 51.5 | 57.0 | 57.6 | 50.0 | 55.1 | 57.2 | p58.7 | p54.4 |
| Over 3-month span: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1995... | 63.8 | 62.9 | 58.0 | 53.5 | 53.9 | 52.7 | 59.3 | 61.0 | 59.4 | 58.6 | 57.3 | 55.3 |
| 1996. | 62.6 | 62.5 | 63.3 | 63.1 | 63.1 | 64.3 | 64.3 | 62.2 | 64.6 | 64.2 | 66.2 | 63.2 |
| 1997. | 63.8 | 63.6 | 67.7 | 67.3 | 62.6 | 61.7 | 61.4 | 66.2 | 67.3 | 69.9 | 70.8 | 71.2 |
| 1998. | 66.7 | 66.2 | 64.5 | 63.9 | 61.4 | 58.7 | 60.0 | 58.4 | 57.6 | 57.6 | 59.0 | 60.4 |
| 1999. | 60.7 | 55.9 | 59.6 | 54.6 | 56.3 | 56.2 | 56.2 | 59.0 | 57.4 | p60.7 | p59.8 |  |
| Over 6-month span: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1995. | 66.7 | 59.7 | 58.6 | 56.5 | 59.0 | 60.0 | 57.7 | 61.0 | 60.5 | 59.3 | 61.7 | 63.2 |
| 1996. | 62.6 | 65.2 | 64.5 | 65.2 | 64.7 | 64.6 | 67.0 | 65.4 | 65.9 | 66.7 | 66.9 | 66.7 |
| 1997. | 67.4 | 68.3 | 65.6 | 67.0 | 65.6 | 64.9 | 66.3 | 68.4 | 69.7 | 71.3 | 71.3 | 71.9 |
| 1998. | 70.6 | 66.9 | 65.9 | 62.4 | 62.6 | 61.1 | 58.0 | 59.8 | 60.0 | 60.8 | 60.8 | 58.0 |
| 1999. | 61.1 | 58.8 | 57.3 | 59.0 | 55.2 | 57.4 | 56.9 | p62.1 | p60.0 |  |  |  |
| Over 12-month span: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1995. | 63.6 | 62.4 | 62.6 | 63.3 | 61.7 | 61.9 | 58.7 | 62.2 | 62.2 | 61.5 | 63.5 | 65.4 |
| 1996. | 64.5 | 66.7 | 64.5 | 65.6 | 68.5 | 67.3 | 67.7 | 66.4 | 68.0 | 69.9 | 68.7 | 66.9 |
| 1997. | 69.0 | 67.3 | 68.3 | 69.7 | 69.5 | 70.1 | 70.1 | 70.4 | 70.5 | 69.7 | 69.8 | 71.3 |
| 1998. | 70.4 | 68.3 | 67.1 | 64.0 | 62.1 | 61.7 | 61.8 | 63.8 | 59.8 | 59.0 | 59.3 | 58.6 |
| 1999. | 60.1 | 57.3 | 57.0 | 57.6 | p58.0 | p58.7 |  |  |  |  |  |  |

Manufacturing payrolls, 139 industries1

| Over 1-month span: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1995. | 57.2 | 50.4 | 47.1 | 52.9 | 41.4 | 45.3 | 45.0 | 51.1 | 48.6 | 51.1 | 45.3 | 48.2 |
| 1996. | 42.4 | 55.4 | 46.8 | 41.0 | 55.8 | 51.4 | 47.1 | 56.5 | 48.9 | 55.0 | 50.7 | 54.0 |
| 1997. | 50.0 | 52.9 | 53.6 | 56.1 | 52.2 | 53.2 | 51.1 | 55.4 | 53.6 | 62.2 | 61.2 | 55.4 |
| 1998. | 58.6 | 51.8 | 50.4 | 50.4 | 40.6 | 46.8 | 40.3 | 45.3 | 42.1 | 36.3 | 39.9 | 45.0 |
| 1999. | 40.3 | 42.4 | 39.6 | 44.6 | 36.3 | 45.3 | 57.2 | 38.5 | 42.8 | 48.9 | p54.3 | p48.9 |
| Over 3-month span: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1995. | 55.4 | 51.4 | 44.2 | 41.7 | 43.5 | 37.4 | 42.1 | 43.9 | 48.2 | 46.8 | 44.6 | 41.4 |
| 1996. | 46.8 | 46.0 | 43.5 | 46.0 | 48.2 | 51.1 | 51.8 | 49.6 | 53.2 | 52.5 | 55.0 | 50.7 |
| 1997. | 51.8 | 51.4 | 57.6 | 56.8 | 54.3 | 51.8 | 53.6 | 55.4 | 59.7 | 68.3 | 65.8 | 64.4 |
| 1998. | 59.4 | 57.9 | 51.8 | 44.2 | 41.7 | 34.9 | 37.4 | 37.1 | 38.1 | 34.2 | 35.6 | 35.3 |
| 1999. | 37.4 | 31.7 | 37.1 | 30.2 | 33.8 | 43.9 | 43.2 | 44.6 | 38.5 | p48.9 | p50.7 |  |
| Over 6-month span: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1995......... | 55.4 | 45.7 | 43.2 | 38.1 | 41.7 | 42.8 | 41.0 | 42.1 | 43.5 | 43.2 | 44.2 | 45.0 |
| 1996. | 41.4 | 46.0 | 45.7 | 47.1 | 46.0 | 48.6 | 52.9 | 50.4 | 51.8 | 51.4 | 52.5 | 51.8 |
| 1997. | 54.7 | 54.0 | 51.4 | 54.3 | 52.5 | 52.2 | 55.4 | 61.2 | 61.5 | 64.7 | 66.2 | 65.1 |
| 1998. | 59.7 | 49.3 | 48.2 | 36.7 | 36.7 | 36.7 | 28.4 | 31.3 | 33.5 | 35.3 | 32.7 | 28.1 |
| 1999. | 33.1 | 29.1 | 28.1 | 36.0 | 30.9 | 34.5 | 36.3 | p46.0 | p45.0 |  |  |  |
| Over 12-month span: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1995.......... | 46.0 | 44.2 | 46.0 | 47.8 | 41.0 | 41.7 | 38.5 | 38.8 | 36.3 | 38.5 | 39.9 | 44.6 |
| 1996. | 43.5 | 47.5 | 45.3 | 45.3 | 50.4 | 49.6 | 50.4 | 48.6 | 51.1 | 55.0 | 54.3 | 50.7 |
| 1997. | 54.7 | 52.5 | 54.0 | 54.0 | 55.4 | 56.8 | 57.2 | 57.9 | 58.3 | 56.5 | 55.4 | 57.2 |
| 1998. | 54.0 | 49.3 | 46.0 | 40.6 | 35.6 | 33.8 | 30.9 | 32.0 | 26.6 | 26.6 | 25.5 | 26.3 |
| 1999. | 32.7 | 25.9 | 28.4 | 29.5 | p28.4 | p30.9 |  |  |  |  |  |  |

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
= preliminary
cher figures are the percent of industries with employment increasing plus one-half of the industries with percent indicates an equal balance between industries with increasing and decreasing
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[^0]:    1/ Includes other industries, not shown separately.
    2/ Data relate to private production or nonsupervisory workers.
    p=preliminary.
    NOTE: Seasonally adjusted household data have been revised. See note on page 5.

[^1]:    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.
    NOTE: Beginning in January 1999, data reflect revised population controls used in the household survey. Data have been revised based on the experience through December 1999.

