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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 |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)

	Quar avera	terly ages	Mo	Monthly data						
Category	19	99	 	1999		Nov Dec. change				
	III	IV	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.					
HOUSEHOLD DATA]	Labor for	ce status	1	I				
Civilian labor force	139,394	139,880	139,697	139,834	140,108	274				
Employment	133,526	134,153	133,940	134,098	134,420	322				
Unemployment	5,868				1					
Not in labor force	68,650	68,780	68,786 	68,832	68,724	-108				
		Unemployment rates								
All workers	4.2	4.1	4.1	4.1	4.1	.0				
Adult men	3.5	3.4	3.5	3.3	3.3	.0				
Adult women	3.8	3.6	3.5	3.6	3.6	.0				
Teenagers	13.8	13.8	13.8	14.0	13.8	-0.2				
White	3.7	1	1	3.5	1	!				
Black	8.2	!	8.3	8.0	7.9	ı				
Hispanic origin	6.4	6.1	6.3	6.1	5.9	2				
ESTABLISHMENT DATA	Employment									
Nonfarm employment	128,936	p129,585	129,332	p129,554	p129,869	p315				
Goods-producing 1/	25,194		25,198	p25,260						
Construction	6,270					•				
Manufacturing	18,398	. –		p18,364		. –				
Service-producing 1/		p104,340		. –	p104,592	. –				
Retail trade	22,884	. –	•	p22,887		. –				
Services	39,172	. –		. –		. –				
Government	20,194	p20,272 	20,237 	p20,258 	p20,322	p64 				
		1	Hours of	work 2/	1	1				
Total private	34.5	. –		. –		. –				
Manufacturing	41.8			-	p41.7	. –				
Overtime	4.7	p4.7	4.7	p4.6	p4.7	p0.1				
	Inde:	xes of agg	gregate we	eekly hou	rs (1982=	100) 2/				
Total private	148.3	p149.1	148.8	p149.2	p149.3	p0.1				
		l ———	Earn:	 ings 2/	I	l				
Avg. hourly earnings,		<u> </u>			1	<u> </u>				
total private Avg. weekly earnings,	\$13.31	p\$13.42	\$13.39	p\$13.40	p\$13.46	p\$0.06				
total private	458.64	p462.88	461.96	p462.30	p464.37	p2.07				
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^{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.

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).

Revision of Seasonally Adjusted Household Survey Data

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 1month, 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 ${\tt BLS}$ 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. February March. April May. June. July. August. September October November December	4.4 4.2 4.3 4.2 4.3 4.2 4.2 4.1	4.3 4.4 4.2 4.3 4.2 4.3 4.3 4.3 4.2 4.2 4.1 4.1	.0 .0 .0 .0 .0 .0 .0 .0 .0 .0

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. 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)

Participation rate..

Employed...... Employment-popula-

60.6

767

57,776

60.9

58.6 802

58,373

60.7

58.4 822

58,261

60.7

821

58,216

1999 1998 Employment status, sex, and age Jan. Feb. June July Oct. Dec. Dec. Mar. May Sept. Nov. TOTAL Civilian noninstitutional Participation rate.. 67.2 67.4 67.3 67.0 207.036 207.236 207.427 207.632 207.828 208.038 208.265 208.483 208.666 208.832 207.1828 208.038 208.265 208.483 208.666 208.832 207.828 208.038 208.265 208.483 208.666 208.832 207.828 208.038 208.265 208.483 208.666 208.832 207.828 208.038 208.265 208.483 208.666 208.832 207.828 207.828 208.038 208.265 208.483 208.666 208.832 207.828 208.038 208.265 208.483 208.666 208.832 207.828 207.828 208.038 208.265 208.483 208.666 208.832 207.828 207.828 208.038 208.265 208.483 208.666 208.832 207.828 207.828 208.038 208.265 208.483 208.265 208.265 208.483 208.265 208. . 67.2 67.4 67.3 67.0 67.1 67.0 67.1 67.0 67.0 67.0 67.0 67.0 67.0 67.0 67.1 . 132,517 133,225 133,029 132,976 133,054 133,190 133,398 133,399 133,530 133,650 133,940 134,098 134,420 Employed.....
Employment-population ratio....
Unemployed.....
Unemployed..... 64.2 6,028 64.2 5,934 64.4 6,007 4.3 64.3 6,108 4.4 64.2 5,828 64.2 6,032 64.2 5,823 4.2 64.2 5,937 4.3 64.2 5,842 64.2 5,825 64.2 5,757 4.1 64.3 5,736 4.1 4.2 4.1 4.4 4.2 4.3 4.3 4.2 Men, 20 years and over Civilian noninstitutional 91,220 91,124 91,189 91,215 91,302 91,368 91,487 91,561 91,692 91,896 91,986 92,052 population(1)......... Civilian labor force.... Participation rate.. 70,044 76.8 70,202 77.0 70,111 76.9 69,934 76.7 69,992 76.7 69,978 76.6 70,116 70,167 76.6 70,240 76.6 70,328 76.6 70,339 76.5 70,388 76.5 70,529 76.6 76.6 Employed.....

Employment-population ratio... 67,562 67,528 67.771 67,527 67,628 67,470 67,645 67,703 67,768 67,943 67,898 68,037 68,197 Agriculture.....
Nonagricultural 2,262 2,304 2,231 2,239 2,224 2,237 2,227 2,254 2,305 2,246 2,256 2,189 2,206 65.274 65,467 2,431 3.5 65,447 65,692 industries..... 65.296 65,389 65.257 65.246 65.399 65.531 65,754 65.775 65.970 Unemployed...........
Unemployment rate. 2,430 2,464 Women, 20 years and over Civilian noninstitutional 99,181 60,118 99,686 60,691 99,746 60,591 99,833 60,554 99,923 100,008 100,131 100,203 100,285 100,385 100,458 100,573 100,666 60,765 60,708 60,988 60,852 60,904 60,860 60,955 61,052 61,154 60.8 60.7 60.9 60.7 60.7 60.6 60.7 60.7 60.7 population(1)...... Civilian labor force....

tion ratio....
Agriculture.....
Nonagricultural 57,571 2,318 3.8 57,533 2,429 4.0 industries..... 57.009 57,439 57,395 57,663 57.796 57,679 57.868 57,852 58.000 58,070 58.167 2,342 2,330 2,338 2,225 2,341 2,375 2,256 3.7 2,230 3.7 2,155 2,214 2,196 Both sexes, 16 to 19 years Civilian noninstitutional 15,909 8,339 52.4 16,086 16,129 8,403 52.1 15,868 15,939 15,988 16,011 16,051 16,014 16,065 16,061 16,107 8,383 8,329 52.0 7,156 8,327 8,394 8,435 8,316 8,228 8,317 51.8 8,228 8,287 8,425 52.8 52.9 52.0 51.9 51.4 7,106 51.2 7,114 51.5 7,077 52.1 52.3 Employed.....

Employment-population ratio...

Agriculture.....

Nonagricultural 7,213 7.081 7.132 7.237 7,219 7.242 7.223 7.265 7.241 45.1 261 191 230 6,923 6.993 6.890 6.966 6.902 6.991 6.873 6.995 6.897 6.865 6.943 7.004 industries..... 7.010 Unemployed...........
Unemployment rate. 1,194 1,173 14.1 1.170 1.258 1.184 1 090 1.122 1.098 1.114 1.210 1 161 1.171 1.160 13.8 14.0 14.0 15.1 13.1 13.2 13.5 13.8

58,336

803

58,483

58.5 820

58,647

851

58,477

798

58,648

780

58,630

58,800

800

58,838

768

58.958

791

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.

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-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. 1998	Nov. 1999	Dec. 1999	Dec. 1998	Aug. 1999	Sept. 1999	Oct. 1999	Nov. 1999	Dec. 1999
TOTAL									
Civilian noninstitutional population. Civilian labor force. Participation rate. Employed. Employment-population ratio. Agriculture. Nonagricultural industries. Unemployed. Unemployment rate. Not in labor force.	138,297 67.0 132,732 64.3 2,953	139,895 67.0 134,515 64.5 3,185	139,941 67.0 134,696 64.5 2,979	138,545 67.2 132,517 64.2 3,241	139,372 67.0 133,530 64.2 3,234	139,475 67.0 133,650 64.2 3,179	139,697 67.0 133,940 64.2 3,238	139,834 67.0 134,098 64.3 3,310	140,108 67.1 134,420 64.4 3,279
Men, 16 years and over									
Civilian noninstitutional population. Civilian labor force. Participation rate. Employed. Employment-population ratio. Unemployed. Unemployment rate.	99,309 74,055 74.6 70,930 71.4 3,125 4.2	100,179 74,545 74.4 71,797 71.7 2,748 3.7	100,264 74,631 74.4 71,699 71.5 2,932 3.9	99,309 74,382 74.9 71,173 71.7 3,209 4.3	99,863 74,499 74.6 71,436 71.5 3,063 4.1	99,976 74,643 74.7 71,630 71.6 3,013 4.0	100,088 74,680 74.6 71,623 71.6 3,057 4.1	100,179 74,728 74.6 71,732 71.6 2,996 4.0	100,264 74,930 74.7 71,927 71.7 3,003 4.0
Men, 20 years and over									
Civilian noninstitutional population Civilian labor force. Participation rate. Employed. Employment-population ratio. Agriculture. Nonagricultural industries Unemployed. Unemployment rate.	91,220 69,949 76.7 67,439 73.9 2,076 65,363 2,510 3.6	91,986 70,441 76.6 68,293 74.2 2,243 66,050 2,148 3.0	92,052 70,460 76.5 68,125 74.0 2,047 66,077 2,335 3.3	91,220 70,044 76.8 67,528 74.0 2,254 65,274 2,516 3.6	91,692 70,240 76.6 67,768 73.9 2,237 65,531 2,472 3.5	91,793 70,328 76.6 67,943 74.0 2,189 65,754 2,385 3.4	91,896 70,339 76.5 67,898 73.9 2,206 65,692 2,441 3.5	91,986 70,388 76.5 68,037 74.0 2,262 65,775 2,351 3.3	92,052 70,529 76.6 68,197 74.1 2,227 65,970 2,332 3.3
Women, 16 years and over									
Civilian noninstitutional population Civilian labor force Participation rate Employed. Employment-population ratio. Unemployed. Unemployment rate.	106,960 64,242 60.1 61,801 57.8 2,440 3.8	108,487 65,350 60.2 62,718 57.8 2,632 4.0	108,569 65,309 60.2 62,997 58.0 2,313 3.5	106,960 64,163 60.0 61,344 57.4 2,819 4.4	108,175 64,873 60.0 62,094 57.4 2,779 4.3	108,289 64,832 59.9 62,020 57.3 2,812 4.3	108,395 65,017 60.0 62,317 57.5 2,700 4.2	108,487 65,106 60.0 62,366 57.5 2,740 4.2	108,569 65,178 60.0 62,493 57.6 2,685 4.1
Women, 20 years and over									
Civilian noninstitutional population Civilian labor force Participation rate Employed. Employment-population ratio. Agriculture. Nonagricultural industries. Unemployed. Unemployment rate.	99,181 60,337 60.8 58,273 58.8 717 57,556 2,065 3.4	100,573 61,440 61.1 59,314 59.0 728 58,586 2,127 3.5	100,666 61,426 61.0 59,491 59.1 740 58,751 1,935 3.1	99,181 60,118 60.6 57,776 58.3 767 57,009 2,342 3.9	100,285 60,904 60.7 58,648 58.5 780 57,868 2,256 3.7	100,385 60,860 60.6 58,630 58.4 778 57,852 2,230 3.7	100,458 60,955 60.7 58,800 58.5 800 58,000 2,155 3.5	100,573 61,052 60.7 58,838 58.5 768 58,070 2,214 3.6	100,666 61,154 60.7 58,958 58.6 791 58,167 2,196 3.6
Both sexes, 16 to 19 years									
Civilian noninstitutional population. Civilian labor force. Participation rate. Employed. Employment-population ratio. Agriculture. Nonagricultural industries. Unemployed. Unemployment rate.	15,868 8,011 50.5 7,020 44.2 161 6,860 990 12.4	16,107 8,014 49.8 6,909 42.9 215 6,694 1,106 13.8	16,114 8,056 50.0 7,081 43.9 193 6,888 975 12.1	15,868 8,383 52.8 7,213 45.5 220 6,993 1,170 14.0	16,061 8,228 51.2 7,114 44.3 217 6,897 1,114 13.5	16,086 8,287 51.5 7,077 44.0 212 6,865 1,210 14.6	16,129 8,403 52.1 7,242 44.9 232 7,010 1,161 13.8	16,107 8,394 52.1 7,223 44.8 280 6,943 1,171 14.0	16,114 8,425 52.3 7,265 45.1 261 7,004 1,160 13.8

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

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 $\mbox{Hispanic origin}$

	Dec. 1998	Nov. 1999	Dec. 1999	Dec. 1998	Aug. 1999	Sept. 1999	Oct. 1999	Nov. 1999	Dec. 1999
WHITE									
Civilian noninstitutional population Civilian labor force									
Participation rate	67.2	67.2	67.3	67.4	67.3	67.2	67.2	67.2	67.3
Employed									
Employment-population ratio	64.8 4,149	65.0 3,816	65.1 3,781	64.8 4,441	64.8 4,311	64.8 4,192	64.8 4,106	64.8 4,092	65.0 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 Employment-population ratio	57,725 74.7	58,264 74.9	58,140 74.7	57,811 74.8	58,007 74.8	58,102 74.9	58,043 74.7	58,067 74.7	58,221 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 47,960	60.3 48,659	60.4 48,930	59.8 47,561	59.9 48,140	59.7 48,010	59.8 48,203	59.9 48,273	60.1 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 Participation rate	6,705 53.4	6,797 53.4	6,776 53.2	7,041 56.0	6,974 54.8	7,061 55.4	7,144 56.1	7,128 56.0	7,108 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 Unemployment rate	743 11.1	801 11.8	730 10.8	874 12.4	813 11.7	870 12.3	842 11.8	857 12.0	864 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 Participation rate	16,136 65.7	16,555 66.2	16,488 65.8	16,155 65.8	16,321 65.5	16,474 66.0	16,489 66.0	16,508 66.0	16,513 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 7.6	1,186 7.2	1,261 7.8	1,274	1,360	1,365	1,321	1,309 7.9
Men, 20 years and over Civilian labor force	7,047	7,335	7,257	7,060	7,162	7,205	7,281	7,277	7,273
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	67.2 455	68.4 493	67.5 499	67.3 462	67.5 448	67.2 509	67.3 564	67.7 510	67.5 507
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 7,600	66.5 7,818	66.1 7,807	65.5 7,495	66.1 7,673	66.5 7,759	65.9 7,745	66.3 7,757	65.8 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 Participation rate	999 40.6	882 35.6	938 37.8	1,043 42.4	918 37.0	953 38.4	956 38.5	926 37.3	980 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 19.8	250 28.3	201 21.4	242 23.2	258 28.1	294 30.8	294 30.8	263 28.4	248 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 Participation rate	14,485 67.7	14,841 67.6	14,965 68.0	14,512 67.8	14,710 67.6	14,766 67.7	14,809 67.7	14,887 67.8	14,984 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 7.5	840 5.7	853 5.7	1,133 7.8	951 6.5	971 6.6	930 6.3	908 6.1	889 5.9
onempto/mente race	7.5	5.7	5.7	/.0	0.5	0.0	0.3	0.1	5.7

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

NOTE: Detail for the above race and Hispanic-origin groups will not sum to totals because data for the "other races" group are not presented and Hispanics are included in both the white and black population groups. 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-3. Employment status of the civilian population 25 years and over by educational attainment, seasonally adjusted (Numbers in thousands)

	Not seas	sonally a	djusted		Sea	asonally a	adjusted(1)	
Educational attainment									
	Dec. 1998	Nov. 1999	Dec. 1999	Dec. 1998	Aug. 1999	Sept. 1999	Oct. 1999	Nov. 1999	Dec. 1999
Less than a high school diploma									
Civilian noninstitutional population Civilian labor force	29,094 12,509 43.0 11,609 39.9 900 7.2	28,228 12,197 43.2 11,424 40.5 773 6.3	28,144 11,963 42.5 11,236 39.9 727 6.1	29,094 12,499 43.0 11,618 39.9 881 7.0	28,568 12,307 43.1 11,448 40.1 859 7.0	28,583 12,151 42.5 11,327 39.6 824 6.8	28,246 12,201 43.2 11,401 40.4 800 6.6	28,228 12,132 43.0 11,347 40.2 785 6.5	28,144 11,956 42.5 11,243 39.9 713 6.0
High school graduates, no college(2)									
Civilian noninstitutional population Civilian labor force	57,115 37,442 65.6 36,066 63.1 1,376 3.7	57,789 37,830 65.5 36,665 63.4 1,165 3.1	57,590 37,534 65.2 36,248 62.9 1,286 3.4	57,115 37,279 65.3 35,891 62.8 1,388 3.7	57,195 36,954 64.6 35,657 62.3 1,297 3.5	57,518 37,188 64.7 35,879 62.4 1,309 3.5	57,275 37,080 64.7 35,874 62.6 1,206 3.3	57,789 37,671 65.2 36,445 63.1 1,226 3.3	57,590 37,362 64.9 36,071 62.6 1,291 3.5
Civilian noninstitutional population Civilian labor force Percent of population Employed Employment-population ratio Unemployed Unemployment rate	43,022 31,933 74.2 31,080 72.2 853 2.7	44,070 32,688 74.2 31,883 72.3 805 2.5	44,069 32,544 73.8 31,788 72.1 756 2.3	43,022 31,846 74.0 30,926 71.9 920 2.9	43,130 31,842 73.8 30,864 71.6 978 3.1	42,955 32,140 74.8 31,269 72.8 871 2.7	43,787 32,203 73.5 31,330 71.6 873 2.7	44,070 32,312 73.3 31,444 71.3 868 2.7	44,069 32,404 73.5 31,586 71.7 818 2.5
College graduates									
Civilian noninstitutional population. Civilian labor force Percent of population. Employed Employment-population ratio. Unemployed Unemployment rate.	43,484 34,889 80.2 34,323 78.9 566 1.6	44,365 35,253 79.5 34,697 78.2 556 1.6	44,821 35,852 80.0 35,287 78.7 565 1.6	43,484 34,862 80.2 34,225 78.7 637 1.8	45,086 36,037 79.9 35,465 78.7 572 1.6	45,081 35,722 79.2 35,112 77.9 610 1.7	44,986 35,721 79.4 35,106 78.0 615 1.7	44,365 35,264 79.5 34,655 78.1 609 1.7	44,821 35,824 79.9 35,186 78.5 638 1.8

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. 1998	Nov. 1999	Dec. 1999	Dec. 1998	Aug. 1999	Sept. 1999	Oct. 1999	Nov. 1999	Dec. 1999
CHARACTERISTIC									
Total employed, 16 years and over	43,426 33,502			132,517 43,205 33,077 8,087	133,530 43,368 33,504 8,335	133,650 43,367 33,275 8,312		134,098 43,273 33,635 8,526	134,420 43,283 33,762 8,375
Managerial and professional specialty Technical, sales, and administrative support Service occupations Precision production, craft, and repair Operators, fabricators, and laborers. Farming, forestry, and fishing	38,517 17,873 14,586 18,702	40,558 39,380 17,548 14,919 18,813 3,298	41,038 39,560 17,582 14,988 18,546 2,981	39,777 38,281 18,000 14,569 18,470 3,427	40,800 38,874 17,976 14,322 18,089 3,412	40,784 38,634 17,876 14,659 18,227 3,365	40,718 39,023 17,694 14,836 18,340 3,365	40,363 39,283 17,633 14,903 18,476 3,407	40,800 39,311 17,706 14,940 18,299 3,367
CLASS OF WORKER									
Agriculture: Wage and salary workers Self-employed workers Unpaid family workers Nonagricultural industries:	1,683 1,241 29	1,946 1,193 46	1,822 1,127 31	1,867 1,332 34	1,908 1,266 46	1,930 1,198 40	1,936 1,267 42	2,049 1,216 41	2,018 1,211 36
Wage and salary workers. Government. Private industries. Private households. Other industries. Self-employed workers. Unpaid family workers.	18,902 102,015 962 101,053	19,098 103,413 932	19,169 103,885 972	18,709 101,656 937	19,114 102,036 873	19,080 102,503 1,035	18,817 102,837 939	18,902 103,063 944	18,959 103,467 948
PERSONS AT WORK PART TIME									
All industries: Part time for economic reasons	,	3,045 1,804 974 19,744	3,332 2,017 974 19,662	3,448 1,938 1,144 18,721	3,279 1,904 1,057 19,230	3,283 1,922 1,073 18,801	3,179 1,928 993 18,799	3,274 1,930 1,032 18,651	3,320 1,951 1,025 18,618
Nonagricultural industries: Part time for economic reasons	3,242 1,901 1,057 19,270	2,886 1,696 955 19,193	3,129 1,891 964 19,143	3,271 1,851 1,115 18,187	3,127 1,813 1,041 18,652	3,112 1,806 1,063 18,273	2,983 1,807 964 18,249	3,105 1,815 1,013 18,083	3,157 1,843 1,018 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 weather. 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-5. Selected unemployment indicators, seasonally adjusted

Category	unemp	umber of loyed per thousand			Unemployment rates(1)					
	Dec.	Nov.	Dec.	Dec.	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	
	1998	1999	1999	1998	1999	1999	1999	1999	1999	
CHARACTERISTIC										
Total, 16 years and over Men, 20 years and over Women, 20 years and over Both sexes, 16 to 19 years	6,028	5,736	5,688	4.4	4.2	4.2	4.1	4.1	4.1	
	2,516	2,351	2,332	3.6	3.5	3.4	3.5	3.3	3.3	
	2,342	2,214	2,196	3.9	3.7	3.7	3.5	3.6	3.6	
	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	
	948	880	872	2.8	2.7	2.6	2.5	2.5	2.5	
	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	
	1,255	1,191	1,175	5.1	4.6	5.0	4.7	4.9	4.9	
OCCUPATION(2)										
Managerial and professional specialty Technical, sales, and administrative support Precision production, craft, and repair Operators, fabricators, and laborers Farming, forestry, and fishing	747	751	719	1.8	1.8	1.8	1.8	1.8	1.7	
	1,477	1,461	1,464	3.7	3.6	3.5	3.5	3.6	3.6	
	497	578	624	3.3	4.5	3.9	4.0	3.7	4.0	
	1,299	1,224	1,198	6.6	6.2	6.4	6.3	6.2	6.1	
	282	246	208	7.6	6.4	5.3	5.8	6.7	5.8	
INDUSTRY										
Nonagricultural private wage and salary workers Goods-producing industries Mining. Construction. Manufacturing. Durable goods. Nondurable goods. Service-producing industries. Transportation and public utilities. Wholesale and retail trade. Finance, insurance, and real estate. Services. Government workers. Agricultural wage and salary workers.	4,681 1,286 32 436 818 423 395 3,395 243 1,506 229 1,417 404 187	4,478 1,202 25 439 738 450 288 3,276 260 1,457 185 1,374 393 186	4,478 1,274 22 526 726 449 277 3,204 234 1,438 173 1,359 414 155	4.4 4.5 5.6 6.1 3.9 3.4 4.8 4.4 3.1 5.5 2.8 4.1 2.1	4.2 4.8 4.2 7.6 3.8 3.7 4.1 4.0 3.0 4.8 2.4 4.0 2.1 9.6	4.3 4.8 6.7 6.9 3.9 4.0 3.9 4.1 2.8 5.2 2.3 4.1 2.0 5.7	4.2 4.5 5.0 6.7 3.7 3.5 4.0 4.1 3.1 4.9 2.3 4.0 2.1 7.7	4.2 4.6 5.7 3.7 3.7 4.1 3.3 5.3 2.3 3.9 2.0 8.3	4.1 4.4 4.1 6.6 3.6 3.5 4.0 3.0 5.2 2.1 3.8 2.1	

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.

Table A-6. Duration of unemployment

Duration

(Numbers in thousands)

Not seasonally adjusted	Seasonally adjusted
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	Dec. 1998	Nov. 1999	Dec. 1999	Dec. 1998	Aug. 1999	Sept. 1999	Oct. 1999	Nov. 1999	Dec. 1999
NUMBER OF UNEMPLOYED									
weeksks	2,299 1,817	2,384 1,729	2,348 1,615		2,599 1,798		2,545 1,811		2,620
d overweeks	1,449 680	1,268 633	1,281 621	1,572 759	1,463 747	1,412 708	1,434 719	1,401 725	1,388 693
and over	769	635	661	813	716	704	715	676	695

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
27 Weekb and Over	705	033	001	015	710	701	713	070	0,5
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
realan datacion, in weekb	0.7	0.0	5.0	0.0	0.1	3.7	0.5	0.2	3.5
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, 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-7. Reason for unemployment

(Numbers in thousands)

	Not seasonally adjusted Seasonally adjusted							i	
Reason									
	Dec. 1998	Nov. 1999	Dec. 1999	Dec. 1998	Aug. 1999	Sept. 1999	Oct. 1999	Nov. 1999	Dec. 1999
NUMBER OF UNEMPLOYED									
Job losers and persons who completed temporary jobs On temporary layoff	2,849 934 1,915 1,382 533 628 1,706 381	2,340 755 1,584 1,065 519 792 1,833 415	2,451 859 1,592 1,073 519 718 1,745 330	2,795 865 1,930 (1) (1) 719 1,994 503	2,629 893 1,736 (1) (1) 793 1,942 481	2,573 869 1,704 (1) (1) 758 1,967 504	2,518 802 1,716 (1) (1) 778 1,958 511	2,493 851 1,642 (1) (1) 821 1,935 485	2,401 795 1,606 (1) (1) 825 2,036 453
PERCENT DISTRIBUTION									
Total unemployed. Job losers and persons who completed temporary jobs. On temporary layoff. Not on temporary layoff. Job leavers. Reentrants. New entrants.	100.0 51.2 16.8 34.4 11.3 30.6 6.9	100.0 43.5 14.0 29.4 14.7 34.1 7.7	100.0 46.7 16.4 30.4 13.7 33.3 6.3	100.0 46.5 14.4 32.1 12.0 33.2 8.4	100.0 45.0 15.3 29.7 13.6 33.2 8.2	100.0 44.3 15.0 29.4 13.1 33.9 8.7	100.0 43.7 13.9 29.8 13.5 34.0 8.9	100.0 43.5 14.8 28.6 14.3 33.7 8.5	100.0 42.0 13.9 28.1 14.4 35.6 7.9
UNEMPLOYED AS A PERCENT OF THE CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE									
Job losers and persons who completed temporary jobs Job leavers	2.1 .5 1.2 .3	1.7 .6 1.3 .3	1.8 .5 1.2 .2	2.0 .5 1.4 .4	1.9 .6 1.4 .3	1.8 .5 1.4 .4	1.8 .6 1.4 .4	1.8 .6 1.4 .3	1.7 .6 1.5 .3

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)

Measure		seasona djusted	lly		Seasonally adjusted					
	Dec. 1998	Nov. 1999	Dec. 1999	Dec. 1998	Aug. 1999	Sept. 1999	Oct. 1999	Nov. 1999	Dec. 1999	
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.

¹ Not available.

NOTE: This range of alternative measures of labor underutilization replaces the U1-U7 range published in table A-7 of this release prior to 1994. Marginally attached workers are persons who currently are neither working nor looking for work but indicate that they want and are available for a job and have looked for work sometime in the recent past. Discouraged workers, a subset of the marginally attached, have given a job-market related reason for not currently looking for a job. Persons employed part time for economic reasons are those who want and are available for full-time work but have had to settle for a part-time schedule. For further information, see "BLS introduces new range of alternative unemployment measures," in the October 1995 issue of the Monthly Labor Review. 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-9. Unemployed persons by sex and age, seasonally adjusted

Number of unemployed persons (in thousands)

Unemployment rates(1)

Age and sex

	Dec.	Nov.	Dec.	Dec.	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
	1998	1999	1999	1998	1999	1999	1999	1999	1999
Total, 16 years and over. 16 to 24 years. 16 to 19 years. 16 to 17 years. 18 to 19 years. 20 to 24 years. 25 years and over. 25 to 54 years.	6,028	5,736	5,688	4.4	4.2	4.2	4.1	4.1	4.1
	2,158	2,249	2,209	9.8	9.6	10.0	10.0	10.0	9.8
	1,170	1,171	1,160	14.0	13.5	14.6	13.8	14.0	13.8
	567	553	553	16.7	15.9	16.1	15.9	16.5	16.5
	609	619	612	12.2	12.1	13.8	12.4	12.3	12.1
	988	1,078	1,049	7.2	7.3	7.2	7.7	7.7	7.4
	3,860	3,488	3,479	3.3	3.2	3.1	3.0	3.0	3.0
	3,320	3,048	2,987	3.3	3.2	3.2	3.1	3.1	3.0
55 years and over Men, 16 years and over 16 to 24 years 16 to 19 years 18 to 19 years 20 to 24 years 25 years and over	511 3,209 1,227 693 336 353 534 1,985	459 2,996 1,194 645 292 353 549 1.789	477 3,003 1,252 671 311 356 581 1,757	2.9 4.3 10.6 16.0 19.1 13.7 7.4 3.2	2.7 4.1 9.9 13.9 16.2 12.6 7.6 3.1	2.6 4.0 9.9 14.6 16.6 13.2 7.2 3.0	2.7 4.1 10.4 14.2 15.5 13.2 8.2 2.9	2.6 4.0 10.2 14.9 16.9 13.6 7.5 2.8	2.7 4.0 10.6 15.2 17.7 13.5 7.8 2.8
25 to 54 years. 55 years and over. Women, 16 years and over. 16 to 24 years. 16 to 19 years. 16 to 17 years. 18 to 19 years. 20 to 24 years.	1,676	1,531	1,493	3.2	3.1	3.0	3.0	2.9	2.8
	292	252	246	3.0	2.9	2.9	2.8	2.6	2.5
	2,819	2,740	2,685	4.4	4.3	4.3	4.2	4.2	4.1
	931	1,055	957	8.9	9.3	10.0	9.6	9.8	8.9
	477	526	489	11.8	13.2	14.7	13.4	13.0	12.2
	231	261	242	14.1	15.6	15.6	16.3	16.1	15.1
	256	266	256	10.6	11.6	14.5	11.4	10.8	10.5
	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
	1,644	1,517	1,494	3.6	3.4	3.4	3.2	3.3	3.2
	219	207	231	2.8	2.4	2.1	2.5	2.6	2.9

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

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

	Tot	al	Men		Wom	en
Category						
	Dec.	Dec.	Dec.	Dec.	Dec.	Dec.
	1998	1999	1998	1999	1998	1999
NOT IN THE LABOR FORCE						
Total not in the labor force. Persons who currently want a job	67,973	68,891	25,254	25,632	42,719	43,259
	4,187	4,045	1,762	1,736	2,425	2,309
	1,196	1,142	548	557	649	585
	358	267	214	162	145	106
	838	874	334	395	504	479
MULTIPLE JOBHOLDERS						
Total multiple jobholders(4)	8,220	8,037	4,163	4,026	4,057	4,011
	6.2	6.0	5.9	5.6	6.6	6.4
Primary job full time, secondary job part time Primary and secondary jobs both part time Primary and secondary jobs both full time Hours vary on primary or secondary job	4,561	4,411	2,574	2,479	1,988	1,932
	1,778	1,759	522	507	1,255	1,252
	233	343	149	231	84	112
	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.

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	seasonal	lly adjus	sted		ed				
Industry	Dec. 1998	Oct. 1999	Nov. 1999p	Dec. 1999p	Dec. 1998	Aug. 1999	Sept. 1999	Oct. 1999	Nov. 1999p	Dec. 1999p
Total	128,028	130,209	130,589	130,694	127,186	128,945	129,048	129,332	129,554	129,869
Total private	107,686	109,664	109,891	110,015	107,213	108,735	108,830	109,095	109,296	109,547
Goods-producing			25,425	25,188	25,354		25,186	25,198	25,260	25,277
Mining. Metal mining. Coal mining. Oil and gas extraction. Nonmetallic minerals, except fuels.	570 49.6 90.4 322.1 107.6	534 47.6 82.3 292.7 111.8	531 48.4 82.5 290.5 109.7	527 48.2 82.8 292.3 104.1	570 50 90 320 110	524 47 83 285 109	527 48 83 287 109	528 48 82 289 109	527 49 82 288 108	529 48 83 291 107
Construction General building contractors Heavy construction, except building. Special trade contractors	826.4	932.9	898.9	834.8	6,173 1,404 876 3,893	6,246 1,426 852 3,968	6,293 1,440 857 3,996	6,314 1,445 861 4,008	6,369 1,451 869 4,049	6,385 1,452 881 4,052
Manufacturing Production workers	18,636 12,818	18,413 12,663	18,405 12,655	18,377 12,634	18,611 12,795	18,378 12,622	18,366 12,617	18,356 12,608	18,364 12,616	18,363 12,616
Durable goods. Production workers Lumber and wood products Furniture and fixtures Stone, clay, and glass products Primary metal industries	11,096 7,590 821.8 536.7 565.4 701.7	10,969 7,503 834.9 545.4 575.8 685.5	10,979 7,513 832.5 544.1 574.4 689.0	10,979 7,514 829.4 545.1 565.2 690.2	11,074 7,568 823 534 570 699	10,975 7,513 826 543 568 688	10,959 7,496 827 544 569 685	10,952 7,489 829 546 568 685	10,958 7,494 830 543 571 687	10,959 7,487 830 543 571 687
Blast furnaces and basic steel products Fabricated metal products Industrial machinery and equipment	2,168.4	2,110.7	2,113.0	2,118.3	(1) 1,493 2,167	(1) 1,484 2,122	(1) 1,486 2,117	(1) 1,487 2,116	(1) 1,488 2,117	(1) 1,490 2,118
Computer and office equipment Electronic and other electrical equipment	370.8	358.0	357.7	357.5 1,674.6	370 1,669	359 1,662	358 1,662	358 1,665	357 1,664	359 1,667
Electronic components and accessories					640 1,882 994 518 851 386	641 1,859 1,012 483 836 387	640 1,848 1,006 476 833 388	643 1,838 1,001 471 830 388	643 1,836 1,002 467 833 389	645 1,831 1,002 463 833 389
Nondurable goods Production workers Food and kindred products Tobacco products Textile mill products Apparel and other textile products Printing and publishing Chemicals and allied products Petroleum and coal products Rubber and misc. plastics products. Leather and leather products	42.6 583.0 723.5 666.8 1,569.5 1,040.8 138.3	40.6 552.6 671.9 654.4 1,551.1 1,031.7 138.4	40.8 552.5 665.4 655.1 1,555.0 1,032.5 136.7	41.8 549.7 654.8 655.0 1,556.5 1,033.9 133.4	7,537 5,227 1,693 40 582 724 666 1,560 1,042 140 1,012	7,403 5,109 1,666 36 557 672 658 1,553 1,030 136 1,022 73	7,407 5,121 1,679 38 553 669 657 1,552 1,033 137 1,017	7,404 5,119 1,680 38 551 666 655 1,552 1,033 136 1,021 72	7,406 5,122 1,686 38 552 663 655 1,550 1,033 136 1,022	7,404 5,129 1,691 38 550 658 655 1,548 1,033 135 1,026
Service-producing					101,832	103,797	103,862	104,134	104,294	104,592
Transportation and public utilities Transportation	6,747 4,408 230.8	6,889 4,511 227.7	6,905 4,518 227.6	6,947 4,556 227.6	6,684 4,340 231	6,813 4,445 226	6,831 4,455 227	6,841 4,458 227	6,860 4,472 227	6,892 4,498 228
transit. Trucking and warehousing	177.4 1,252.8 13.8 463.1 2,339 1,489.2	182.7 1,252.6 12.9 472.0 2,378 1,539.7	178.6 1,278.6 12.9 471.7 2,387 1,546.8	175.3 1,322.2 13.2 473.7 2,391 1,549.0	474 1,769 183 1,205 14 464 2,344 1,492	488 1,817 182 1,246 13 473 2,368 1,525	486 1,825 182 1,250 13 472 2,376 1,533	486 1,828 182 1,251 13 471 2,383 1,541	487 1,833 181 1,259 13 472 2,388 1,545	487 1,842 180 1,273 13 475 2,394 1,551
Services	850.0 6,899	838.6 7,079	840.6 7,080	841.7 7,076	852 6,901	843 7,031	843 7,041	842 7,064	843 7,066	843 7,082
Durable goods	4,074 2,825 23,174	4,182 2,897 22,883	4,190 2,890 23,241	4,202 2,874 23,599	4,077 2,824	4,169 2,862 22,888	4,172 2,869	4,188 2,876 22,891	4,191 2,875 22,887	4,205 2,877 22,952
supplies	2,718.7	2,491.0	2,644.3	2,742.9	967 2,758 2,456 3,487	988 2,774 2,468 3,484	992 2,762 2,460 3,478	1,001 2,756 2,455 3,481	1,004 2,750 2,447 3,478	1,007 2,784 2,469 3,485
stations New and used car dealers Apparel and accessory stores Furniture and home furnishings	1,055.6	1,095.0	1,095.8	1,095.4	2,370 1,059 1,147	2,409 1,089 1,191	2,415 1,091 1,189	2,420 1,092 1,200	2,424 1,096 1,199	2,434 1,099 1,191
stores Eating and drinking places Miscellaneous retail establishments.	7,808.5	7,866.7	7,868.1	7,906.3	1,048 7,857 2,891	1,094 7,960 2,988	1,097 7,932 2,997	1,099 7,925 3,009	1,093 7,943 2,996	1,101 7,970 2,980
Finance, insurance, and real estate Finance	1,468.5				7,542 3,663 2,047 1,467 257 698 360 661	7,650 3,716 2,046 1,464 255 719 366 685	7,653 3,715 2,047 1,466 255 713 361 686	7,668 3,719 2,047 1,464 254 711 358 691	7,678 3,725 2,047 1,465 253 710 358 697	7,690 3,735 2,049 1,468 252 714 358 702
Holding and other investment offices Insurance Insurance carriers	257.3 2,379 1,623.8	269.4 2,409 1,636.8	271.4 2,411 1,636.5	270.6 2,415 1,638.2	257 2,379 1,624	266 2,407 1,636	269 2,410 1,637	270 2,414 1,641	271 2,411 1,636	270 2,412 1,637
Insurance agents, brokers, and service	755.4 1,479	772.2 1,531	774.0 1,527	776.4 1,522	755 1,500	771 1,527	773 1,528	773 1,535	775 1,542	775 1,543
Services2. Agricultural services. Hotels and other lodging places. Personal services. Business services. Services to buildings. Personnel supply services. Help supply services.	682.0 1,705.2 1,184.7 8,902.9 958.4 3,350.2	794.4 1,810.3 1,182.2 9,465.8 1,004.1 3,630.3	774.7 1,740.1 1,184.1 9,466.3 1,003.9 3,620.0	1,201.0 9,484.9 996.0 3,623.5	38,207 739 1,783 1,202 8,829 964 3,292 2,922	39,205 757 1,813 1,207 9,186 998 3,418 3,024	39,257 763 1,811 1,210 9,204 1,000 3,440 3,032	39,433 766 1,806 1,210 9,303 1,003 3,490 3,099	39,545 774 1,810 1,214 9,331 1,003 3,504 3,101	39,654 758 1,804 1,224 9,408 997 3,531 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 services	653.9	659.1	662.9	658.7	651	658	657	658	658	656
Legal services	988.4	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 services	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					94	95	94	95	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	948	948	954	960	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 government	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.
p = preliminary.

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

	Not	seasona	lly adju	sted	Seasonally adjusted						
Industry											
Induber 1	Dec.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Dec.	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	
	1998	1999	1999p	1999p	1998	1999	1999	1999	1999p	1999p	
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 Blast furnaces and basic steel	44.6	44.3	44.7	45.4	43.7	44.4	44.4	44.3	44.3	44.5	
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 Electronic and other electrical	43.2	42.3	42.6	43.4	42.1	42.4	42.4	42.4	42.3	42.4	
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 42.7	43.2 41.6	43.0 42.0	44.0 42.5	(2) 41.7	(2) 41.6	(2) 41.7	(2) 41.5	(2) 41.6	(2) 41.5	
Rubber and misc. plastics products Leather and leather products	38.1	37.7	38.2	38.3	37.5	38.2	37.2	37.5	37.8	37.7	
Leather and leather products	30.1	3/./	30.2	30.3	37.5	30.2	31.2	37.5	37.0	3/./	
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.

p = preliminary.

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

	A	verage hou	rly earnin	gs	Average weekly earnings					
Industry										
	Dec. 1998	Oct. 1999	Nov. 1999p	Dec. 1999p	Dec. 1998	Oct. 1999	Nov. 1999p	Dec. 1999p		
Total private Seasonally adjusted	\$13.00 12.98	\$13.41 13.39	\$13.44 13.40	\$13.48 13.46	\$451.10 449.11	\$463.99 461.96	\$463.68 462.30	\$466.41 464.37		
Goods-producing	14.56	15.04	15.03	15.10	607.15	624.16	623.75	628.16		
Mining	17.29	17.00	16.94	17.22	755.57	758.20	757.22	778.34		
Construction	16.87	17.49	17.38	17.43	659.62	699.60	686.51	674.54		
Manufacturing	13.69	14.04	14.09	14.22	583.19	589.68	594.60	605.77		
Durable goods	14.16 11.33	14.55 11.59	14.58 11.60	14.73 11.68	613.13 472.46	618.38 479.83	622.57 479.08	634.86 481.22		
Furniture and fixtures	11.10	11.33	11.35	11.49	460.65	458.87	459.68	477.98		
	13.70	14.02	14.09	14.07	600.06	616.88	621.37	606.42		
Stone, clay, and glass products Primary metal industries	15.70	14.02	16.14	16.22	685.06	709.69	721.46	736.39		
Blast furnaces and basic steel								890.35		
products	18.18	18.96	19.18	19.23	794.47	851.30	870.77			
Fabricated metal products	13.34 14.73	13.50	13.57	13.70	578.96 636.34	572.40 642.11	579.44 647.52	594.58		
Industrial machinery and equipment	14./3	15.18	15.20	15.39	636.34	642.11	647.52	667.93		
Electronic and other electrical					=					
equipment	13.26	13.58	13.57	13.68	560.90	567.64	572.65	582.77		
Transportation equipment	17.56	18.47	18.46	18.69	802.49	814.53	814.09	833.57		
Motor vehicles and equipment	17.73	18.93	18.87	19.16	829.76	857.53	852.92	879.44		
Instruments and related products	14.00	14.36	14.36	14.42	588.00	594.50	603.12	614.29		
Miscellaneous manufacturing	11.12	11.47	11.46	11.62	447.02	461.09	460.69	467.12		
Nondurable goods	12.99	13.27	13.34	13.45	540.38	548.05	552.28	562.21		
Food and kindred products	12.02	12.10	12.23	12.32	514.46	513.04	518.55	523.60		
Tobacco products	17.05	17.77	17.76	17.70	639.38	753.45	758.35	782.34		
Textile mill products	10.56	10.72	10.79	10.86	437.18	444.88	448.86	456.12		
Apparel and other textile products	8.71	8.99	9.04	9.12	330.11	338.92	339.90	347.47		
Paper and allied products	15.78	16.12	16.14	16.25	699.05	706.06	708.55	719.88		
Printing and publishing	13.68	13.97	14.01	14.11	530.78	539.24	543.59	550.29		
Chemicals and allied products	17.31	17.72	17.74	17.87	752.99	763.73	771.69	782.71		
Petroleum and coal products	21.22	21.68	21.81	21.87	948.53	936.58	937.83	962.28		
Rubber and misc. plastics products	12.08	12.37	12.40	12.53	515.82	514.59	520.80	532.53		
Leather and leather products	9.43	9.83	9.82	9.88	359.28	370.59	375.12	378.40		
Service-producing	12.50	12.89	12.93	12.98	411.25	422.79	422.81	425.74		
Transportation and public utilities	\$15.50	\$15.76	\$15.86	\$15.89	\$606.05	\$605.18	\$605.85	\$607.00		
Wholesale trade	14.32	14.78	14.86	14.98	549.89	570.51	570.62	576.73		
Retail trade	8.88	9.20	9.21	9.25	259.30	264.96	264.33	270.10		
Finance, insurance, and real estate	14.40	14.68	14.72	14.74	521.28	529.95	529.92	532.11		
Services	13.18	13.54	13.60	13.71	429.67	442.76	444.72	448.32		

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

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

Industry	Dec. 1998	Aug. 1999	Sept. 1999	Oct. 1999	Nov. 1999p	Dec. 1999p	Percent change from: Nov. 1999- 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 Transportation and public	12.49	12.79	12.85	12.89	12.90	12.97	.5
utilities	15.47	15.70	15.76	15.76	15.80	15.89	.6
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
deflate this series.
3 Change was -.1 percent from October 1999 to November 1999, the latest month available.
4 Derived by assuming that overtime hours are paid at the rate of time and one-half.
 N.A. = not available.
p = preliminary.

 $\label{thm:constraints} \text{Table B-5. Indexes of aggregate weekly hours of production or nonsupervisory workersl on private nonfarm payrolls by industry }$

(1982=100)

	Not	seasona	ally adju	sted		Seasonally adjusted						
Industry												
•	Dec. 1998	Oct. 1999	Nov. 1999p	Dec. 1999p	Dec. 1998	Aug. 1999	Sept. 1999	Oct. 1999	Nov. 1999p	Dec. 1999p		
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 Blast furnaces and basic steel	92.7	90.0	91.3	92.8	90.4	90.4	90.2	89.8	90.2	90.6		
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 Electronic and other electrical	109.3	103.3	104.4	106.8	106.3	104.4	104.2	104.1	104.0	104.1		
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		102.3	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.
					Priva	ate nonfa	arm payro	lls, 35	6 indust	riesl			
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 56.2	64.9 61.0	59.4 61.9	55.1 62.8	61.9 58.8	60.8 56.3	57.0 60.7	62.5 61.0	57.3 59.4	63.5 65.4	59.7 63.6	61.2 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 62.6	62.9 62.5	58.0 63.3	53.5 63.1	53.9 63.1	52.7 64.3	59.3 64.3	61.0 62.2	59.4 64.6	58.6 64.2	57.3 66.2	55.3 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 54.6	61.4 56.3	58.7 56.2	60.0 56.2	58.4 59.0	57.6	57.6	59.0	60.4
	1999	60.7	55.9	59.6	54.6	50.3	50.2	50.2	59.0	57.4	p60.7	p59.8	
Over	6-month span: 1995	66.7	E0 7	58.6	E 6 E	E0 0	60.0	E7 7	61.0	60 5	E0 2	61.7	63.2
	1996	62.6	59.7 65.2	64.5	56.5 65.2	59.0 64.7	60.0 64.6	57.7 67.0	61.0 65.4	60.5 65.9	59.3 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 61.1	66.9 58.8	65.9 57.3	62.4 59.0	62.6 55.2	61.1 57.4	58.0 56.9	59.8 p62.1	0.06 0.06q	60.8	60.8	58.0
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Over	12-month span:												
	1995	63.6 64.5	62.4 66.7	62.6 64.5	63.3 65.6	61.7 68.5	61.9 67.3	58.7 67.7	62.2 66.4	62.2 68.0	61.5 69.9	63.5 68.7	65.4 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						
					Manı	ıfacturin	ng payrol	ls, 139	industr	ies1			
Over	1-month span:												
	1995	57.2 42.4	50.4 55.4	47.1 46.8	52.9 41.0	41.4 55.8	45.3 51.4	45.0 47.1	51.1 56.5	48.6 48.9	51.1 55.0	45.3 50.7	48.2 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 40.3	51.8 42.4	50.4 39.6	50.4 44.6	40.6 36.3	46.8 45.3	40.3 57.2	45.3 38.5	42.1 42.8	36.3 48.9	39.9 p54.3	45.0 p48.9
	1999	40.3	42.4	39.0	44.0	30.3	43.3	57.2	30.5	42.0	40.9	p34.3	p40.9
Over	3-month span:												
	1995	55.4 46.8	51.4 46.0	44.2 43.5	41.7 46.0	43.5 48.2	37.4 51.1	42.1 51.8	43.9 49.6	48.2 53.2	46.8 52.5	44.6 55.0	41.4 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 54.7	46.0 54.0	45.7 51.4	47.1 54.3	46.0 52.5	48.6 52.2	52.9 55.4	50.4 61.2	51.8 61.5	51.4 64.7	52.5 66.2	51.8 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 43.5	44.2 47.5	46.0 45.3	47.8 45.3	41.0 50.4	41.7 49.6	38.5 50.4	38.8 48.6	36.3 51.1	38.5 55.0	39.9 54.3	44.6 50.7
	1997	43.5 54.7	47.5 52.5	45.3 54.0	45.3 54.0	50.4	49.6 56.8	50.4	48.6 57.9	51.1	56.5	54.3	50.7
	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.

p = preliminary.

NOTE: Figures are the percent of industries with employment increasing plus one-half of the industries with unchanged employment, where 50 percent indicates an equal balance between industries with increasing and decreasing employment.