

The national rate of insured unemployment (not seasonally adjusted) was 4.6 percent in April compared with 5.6 percent in March and 7.0 percent a year ago. Five States--Alaska, Arkansas, Maine, North Dakota, and West Virginia--had rates in excess of 7.0 percent this April. However, the rates in all of these States except Maine were below those for March. In Maine, the start of a new benefit year on April 1 caused the rate to rise. Among the larger industrial States, the rates were between 5.0 and 6.0 percent in California, Massachusetts, Michigan, New Jersey, and Pennsylvania, and below 4.0 percent in Illinois, Indiana, Texas, and Wisconsin.

Labor Force

The labor force (including the Armed Forces) rose seasonally over the month by 300,000 to 73.7 million, despite the small increase in agricultural employment. About 650,000 workers have been added to the labor force since April 1961 and over 1.5 million workers since April 1960.

Table B. Nonfarm Workers on Full-time and Part-time Schedules
(Thousands of persons)

Work schedules	April 1962	March 1962	April 1961
Total nonfarm employment.....	61,863	61,533	60,734
With a job but not at work....	1,822	1,929	1,811
At work:			
On full-time schedules 1/...	50,807	50,250	49,553
On part-time schedules.....	9,234	9,356	9,370
Economic reasons.....	2,221	2,336	2,978
Usually full time.....	1,050	1,110	1,466
Usually part time.....	1,171	1,226	1,512
Other reasons.....	7,013	7,020	6,392

1/ Includes those who (a) actually worked 35 hours or more during the survey week, and those who (b) usually work full time but worked 1-34 hours during the survey week because of noneconomic reasons (bad weather, illness, holidays, etc.).