

As we work toward these objectives, we do so with the knowledge that our manpower programs are coming of age. They have grown to a size and scope that gives them strategic significance in our economic as well as social policies.

This significance is enhanced under the current economic conditions. A strong job market makes it possible to move idle and under-utilized human resources into productive activity. The prospect that this current high level of job demand will be a stable and continuing one lends internal strength to the manpower efforts.

I welcome the growing attention of the Nation's policy makers and of this committee to the contribution that manpower programs can make, with the growing and proud realization that manpower matters are now too important to be left only to the manpower experts.

TABLE 1.—EMPLOYMENT STATUS OF PERSONS 16 YEARS AND OVER

[In thousands]

Employment status	January 1969 ¹	Annual averages		
		1968	1967	1966
Civilian labor force.....	79,874	78,737	77,347	69,628.
Employed.....	77,229	75,920	74,372	65,778
Agriculture.....	3,752	3,817	3,844	5,458.
Nonagricultural industries.....	73,477	72,103	70,527	60,318
Part time for economic reasons.....	1,605	1,716	1,913	2,560.
Voluntary part time.....	8,834	8,452	8,048	5,815.
Unemployed.....	2,645	2,817	2,975	3,852
Unemployment rate.....	3.3	3.6	3.8	5.5.

¹ Seasonally adjusted.TABLE 2.—EMPLOYMENT STATUS OF 16- TO 19-YEAR-OLDS BY FULL- AND PART-TIME STATUS, COLOR AND SEX,
1968 ANNUAL AVERAGES

[In thousands]

Characteristic	Civilian labor force	Employed	Unemployed	Unemploy- ment rate
Full-time labor force.....	3,661	3,184	476	13.0
White.....	3,153	2,799	354	11.2
Male.....	1,727	1,560	167	9.7
Female.....	1,426	1,239	186	13.1
Nonwhite.....	508	385	123	24.2
Male.....	290	231	60	20.6
Female.....	217	155	63	28.9
Part-time labor force.....	2,958	2,595	362	12.3
White.....	2,686	2,396	290	10.8
Male.....	1,509	1,348	161	10.7
Female.....	1,177	1,047	129	11.0
Nonwhite.....	272	200	72	26.9
Male.....	154	116	38	24.9
Female.....	117	84	34	28.7

TABLE 3.—MAJOR UNEMPLOYMENT RATE INDICATORS

Characteristic	January 1969 ¹	Annual averages		
		1968	1967	1966
Total (all civilian workers).....	3.3	3.6	3.8	5.5
Men 20 years and over.....	2.0	2.2	2.3	4.7
Women 20 years and over.....	3.5	3.8	4.2	5.1
Both sexes, 16-18 years.....	11.7	12.7	12.9	14.7
White workers.....	3.0	3.2	3.4	4.9
Nonwhite workers.....	6.0	6.7	7.4	10.2
Married men.....	1.4	1.6	1.8	3.7
Full-time workers.....	2.9	3.1	3.4	(2)
Unemployed 15 weeks or more.....	.4	.5	.6	1.4

¹ Seasonally adjusted.² Not available.