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Attached is this week's copy of  
the Weekly Briefing Notes, together with the  
October issue of STATUS, A Monthly Chartbook of  
Social and Economic Trends.

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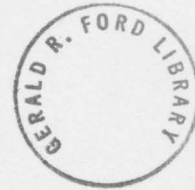
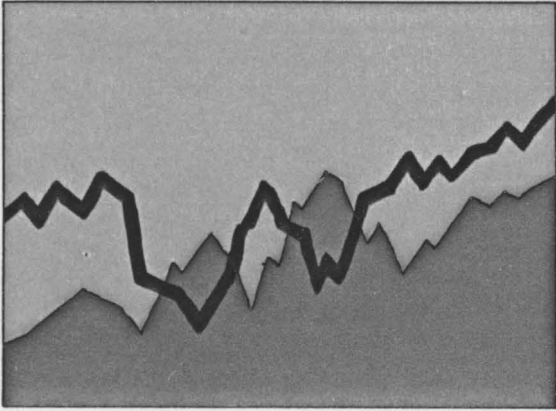
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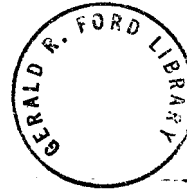
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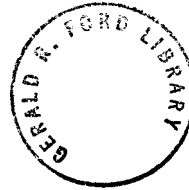
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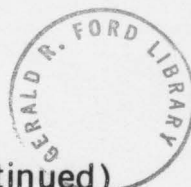
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A.10.4 Common Stock Prices .....	X				
A.10.5 U.S. Government Securities .....	X				
A.10.6 Business Credit .....		X			
A.10.7 Interest Rates .....					

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A.11.1 Composite Index of Leading Indicators .....		X			
A.11.2 Number of New Business Incorporations .....		X			
A.11.3 Number of Business Failures .....		X			

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A.12.2 Air and Water .....					X

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B.1.1 Population Estimates					
— Total Population .....		X			
— Total Population by Age, Sex, and Race .....			X		
— Rate of Growth .....			X		
— Components of Change (Births, Deaths, Net Immigration) .....			X		
— Population Projections .....			X		
— Abortion .....			X		
B.1.2 Population Distribution					
— Population by Size of Place .....			X		
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— Recent Movers .....			X		
— Migration by Region .....			X		

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Part 2—The Family

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- Age, Sex, and Race . . . . .
- Single-Person Households . . . . .
- Children Living With Single Parents . . . . .
- Average Family Size . . . . .

B.2.2 Family Formation and Dissolution

- Marital Status of the Population . . . . .
- Marriage and Divorce Rates . . . . .
- Marriages Ending in Divorce . . . . .

B.2.3 Attitudes Towards Family Life

Part 3—Health

B.3.1 Life Expectancy

- At Birth . . . . .
- At Selected Ages . . . . .
- Death Rates by Cause . . . . .
- Leading Causes of Death . . . . .
- Infant Mortality . . . . .

B.3.2 Morbidity

- Communicable Diseases . . . . .
- Acute Illness . . . . .

B.3.3 Disability

- Days of Disability by Type . . . . .
- Institutionalized Population . . . . .
- Disability by Degree of Limitation and Cause . . . . .
- Short-Term Disability . . . . .

B.3.4 Health Status

- Nutrition
  - Dietary Intake . . . . .
  - Clinical Measurements . . . . .
- Obesity . . . . .
- Drugs
  - Drug Deaths . . . . .
  - Drug Abuse Episodes . . . . .
  - Liquor Consumption . . . . .
- Smoking . . . . .
- Physical Fitness . . . . .
- Perceived Health Status . . . . .

	WEEKLY	MONTHLY	QUARTERLY	ANNUAL	OTHER
B.2.1 Living Arrangements, Selected Characteristics					
— Age, Sex, and Race . . . . .				X	
— Single-Person Households . . . . .				X	
— Children Living With Single Parents . . . . .				X	
— Average Family Size . . . . .				X	
B.2.2 Family Formation and Dissolution					
— Marital Status of the Population . . . . .				X	
— Marriage and Divorce Rates . . . . .		X			
— Marriages Ending in Divorce . . . . .				X	
B.2.3 Attitudes Towards Family Life					X
B.3.1 Life Expectancy					
— At Birth . . . . .				X	
— At Selected Ages . . . . .				X	
— Death Rates by Cause . . . . .		X		X	
— Leading Causes of Death . . . . .				X	
— Infant Mortality . . . . .		X		X	
B.3.2 Morbidity					
— Communicable Diseases . . . . .		X			
— Acute Illness . . . . .				X	
B.3.3 Disability					
— Days of Disability by Type . . . . .					X
— Institutionalized Population . . . . .					X
— Disability by Degree of Limitation and Cause . . . . .				X	
— Short-Term Disability . . . . .				X	
B.3.4 Health Status					
— Nutrition					
● Dietary Intake . . . . .					X
● Clinical Measurements . . . . .					X
— Obesity . . . . .					X
— Drugs					
● Drug Deaths . . . . .		X			
● Drug Abuse Episodes . . . . .		X			
● Liquor Consumption . . . . .				X	
— Smoking . . . . .				X	
— Physical Fitness . . . . .					X
— Perceived Health Status . . . . .					X

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– Physician and Dental Visits .....				X	
– Costs and Expenditures .....				X	
– Facilities .....				X	
– Personnel .....				X	
– Attitudes Towards Health Care .....					X
<b>Part 4—Education</b>					
<b>B.4.1 Educational Achievement by Sex, Race, Socioeconomic Status, Region</b>					
– Math, Science, Reading, Writing .....					X
– Music, Art, Literature, Citizenship .....					X
<b>B.4.2 Attainment</b>					
– High School Graduation Rate .....				X	
– The High School-Educated Population by Race and Sex .....				X	
– College-Educated Population by Race and Sex .....				X	
<b>B.4.3 School Enrollment</b>					
– Primary and Secondary School .....				X	
– Preprimary by Age, Race, Income .....				X	
– Modal Age Enrollment by Sex, Race .....				X	
– High School Students Expecting to go to College .....					X
– College Entrance Rates by Sex, Race, Socioeconomic Status .....					X
– College Enrollment .....				X	
– Participation in Adult Education .....					X
<b>B.4.4 Educational Facilities and Personnel</b>					
– Schools, Classrooms .....				X	
– Teachers, Administrative, Others .....				X	
<b>B.4.5 Costs and Expenditures</b>					
– Expected Student Expenses, Higher Education .....					X
– Expenditures by Level of Government .....				X	
<b>Part 5—Work</b>					
<b>B.5.1 Labor Force, Employment, and Unemployment</b>					
– Labor Force Participation, Selected Characteristics .....				X	
– Part-time, Part-year Workers, Selected Characteristics .....				X	
– Employment by Occupation, Selected Characteristics .....				X	
– Unemployment, Selected Characteristics .....				X	
– Discouraged Workers .....		X			
– Labor Union Membership .....			X		
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– Median Earnings, Selected Characteristics .....				X	

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— Regular and Overtime Hours, Selected Characteristics .....				X	
— Work Injuries by Occupation .....				X	
— Transportation to Work—Time, Distance, and Mode .....					X
<b>B.5.4 Benefits</b>					
— Vacations, Holidays .....					X
— Benefit Plans .....				X	
<b>B.5.5 Retirement</b>					
— Persons Retiring From Work .....				X	
— Work-Life Expectancy .....					X
— Retirement Benefits .....				X	
<b>Part 6—Income, Consumption, and Wealth</b>					
<b>B.6.1 Income Levels</b>					
— Median Family Income .....				X	
— Composition of Family Income .....				X	
— Per Capita Income .....				X	
<b>B.6.2 Distribution of Income</b>					
— Age, Race, and Sex .....				X	
— Regional Differences .....				X	
<b>B.6.3 Poverty</b> .....				X	
<b>B.6.4 Consumption</b>					
— Personal Consumption Expenditures .....			X		
— Consumption of Durable Goods .....				X	
<b>B.6.5 Wealth</b>					
— Net Worth of Consumer Units .....					X
— Composition of Wealth .....					X
<b>B.6.6 Consumer Borrowing and Debt</b>					
— Amount of Debt Outstanding .....				X	
— Debt/Income Ratio .....				X	
<b>B.6.7 Consumer Attitudes</b> .....			X		
<b>Part 7—Housing</b>					
<b>B.7.1 Housing Conditions</b>					
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  - Single Family Dwellings ..... X
  - Mobile Homes ..... X
  - Condominiums and Other Multiunit Structures ..... X
  - Vacation Homes ..... X

- B.7.3 Cost and Expenditures
  - Average Mortgage Payments ..... X
  - Upkeep and Maintenance ..... X
  - Average Rental Payments ..... X

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- B.8.1 Use of Leisure Time ..... X
- B.8.2 Recreation
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Part 9—Public Safety

- B.9.1 Crimes Known to Police
  - Violent ..... X
  - Property ..... X
- B.9.2 Victims of Crime, Selected Characteristics
  - Violent ..... X
  - Property ..... X
- B.9.3 Fear of Crime, Selected Characteristics ..... X
- B.9.4 Police Activity
  - Persons Arrested by Charge ..... X
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- B.9.5 Judicial Activity
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- B.9.6 Prisoners, Adults and Juveniles
  - Prisoners by Sentence ..... X
  - Average Length of Sentence ..... X
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C.1.1 Social Security (OASDHI)					
— Current Beneficiaries .....		X			
— New Beneficiaries .....		X			
— Average Payment .....		X			
C.1.2 Old Age Assistance					
— Benefits Paid .....		X			
— Recipients .....		X			
C.1.3 Aid to the Disabled					
— Blind .....		X			
— Deaf .....		X			
— Other .....		X			
C.1.4 Aid to Families With Dependent Children					
— Recipients .....		X			
— Benefits .....		X			
C.1.5 Unemployment Insurance Coverage					
— Benefits Paid .....		X			
— Recipients .....		X			
C.1.6 Housing Assistance					
— Recipients .....		X			
— Benefits .....		X			
C.1.7 Food Stamps					
— Recipients .....		X			
— Benefits .....		X			
C.1.8 Aid to Disaster Victims					
— Recipients .....				X	
— Benefits .....				X	
C.1.9 Veterans Benefits					
— Recipients .....		X			
— Benefits .....		X			
<b>Part 2—Equal Opportunity</b>					
C.2.1 Equal Employment Opportunity					
— Minority Employment .....				X	
— Earnings, Promotions, etc. ....				X	
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— Students Attending Predominantly Minority Schools .....				X	
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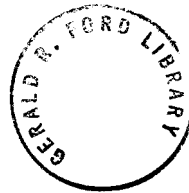


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	— Employees .....		X		
	— Payroll .....		X		

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Part 1—Environment

D.1.1	Air Quality				
	— Amount of Pollutants Released Into the Atmosphere .....			X	
	— Ambient Air Quality-National, Major Cities .....			X	
	— Perceived Quality .....				X
D.1.2	Water Quality				
	— Miles of Streams Meeting EPA Standards .....			X	
	— Oil Spills, Fish Kills .....			X	
D.1.3	Hazardous Substances				
	— Estimated Amounts Produced .....			X	
	— Concentration in Biosphere .....			X	
D.1.4	Ecological Balances				
	— Endangered Species (Plant and Animal) .....			X	
	— Critical Areas (Coastal Zones) .....				X
	— Land/People Density .....			X	
D.1.5	Expenditures—Public and Private .....				X
D.1.6	National Forest Lands .....				X

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D.2.1	Professionals in Scientific Fields				
	— By Specialty .....			X	
	— Person Years of Scientists, Engineers Engaged in R&D .....			X	
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	— Private Industry .....			X	
	— Government .....			X	
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	— Secondary Schools .....				X
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 — By Type . . . . .

D.3.2 Children's Skill and Appreciation of Literature Arts, Music . . . . .

D.3.3 Participation in Cultural Activities  
 — Voluntary Organizations . . . . .  
 — Travel . . . . .  
 — Hobbies, Sports, Music, etc. . . . .

D.3.4 Attendance at Cultural Events  
 — Plays, Galleries, Motion Pictures . . . . .  
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SECTION E—Selected Subjects

	WEEKLY	MONTHLY	QUARTERLY	ANNUAL	OTHER
D.2.4 Public Attitudes Towards Science and Technology . . . . .				X	
D.3.1 Persons Employed in Artistic Professions — By Type . . . . .					X
D.3.2 Children's Skill and Appreciation of Literature Arts, Music . . . . .					X
D.3.3 Participation in Cultural Activities — Voluntary Organizations . . . . . — Travel . . . . . — Hobbies, Sports, Music, etc. . . . .				X X X	X
D.3.4 Attendance at Cultural Events — Plays, Galleries, Motion Pictures . . . . . — Concerts, Museums, etc. . . . .				X X	

# A.2.1—Unemployment Rate

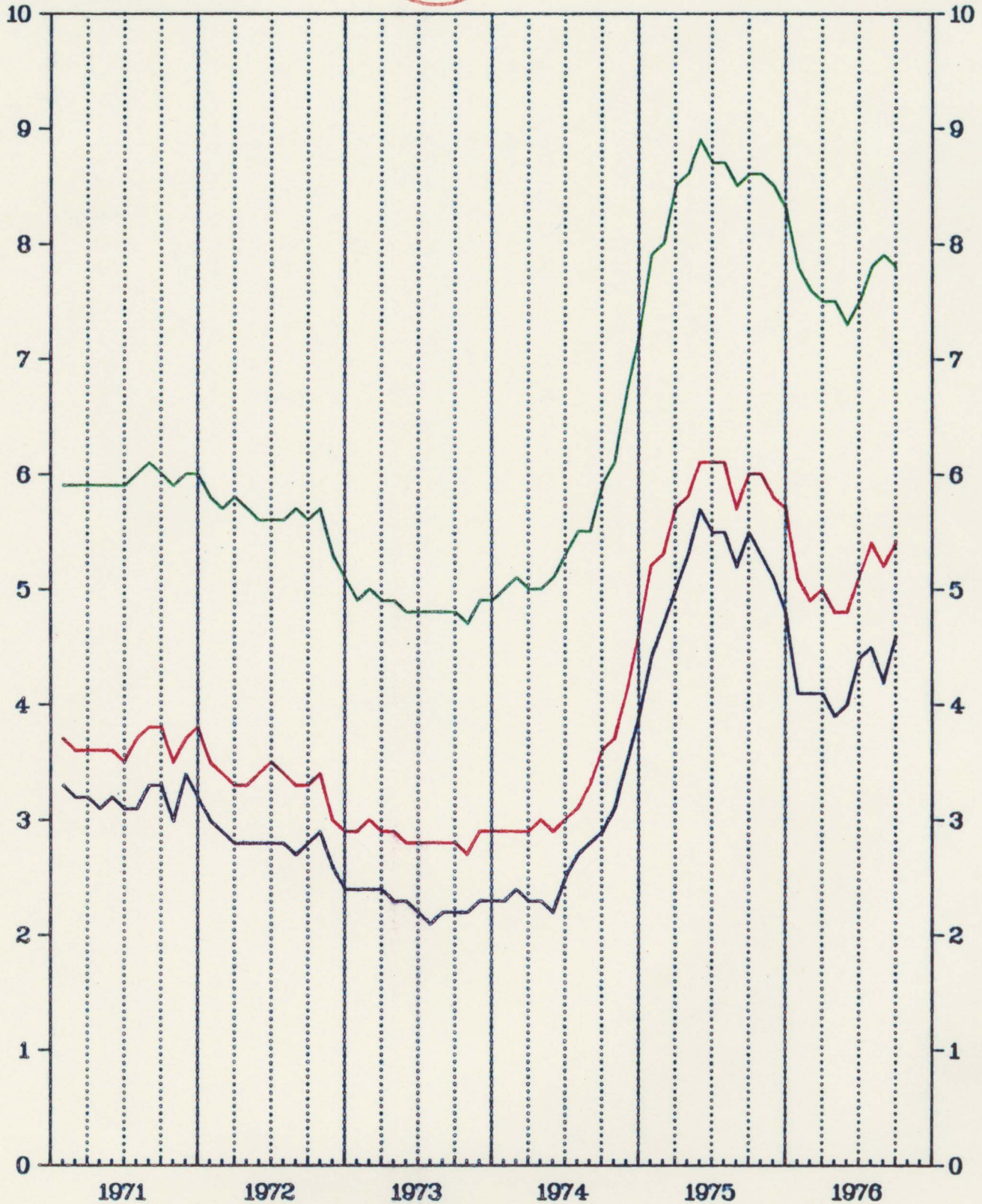


All Workers, Total  
Household Heads  
Married Men,  
Spouse Present

This Period	Change Last Per.	Change Year Ago
7.8	-1.3%	-9.3%
5.4	3.8%	-10.0%
4.6	9.5%	-16.4%

Percent

Percent

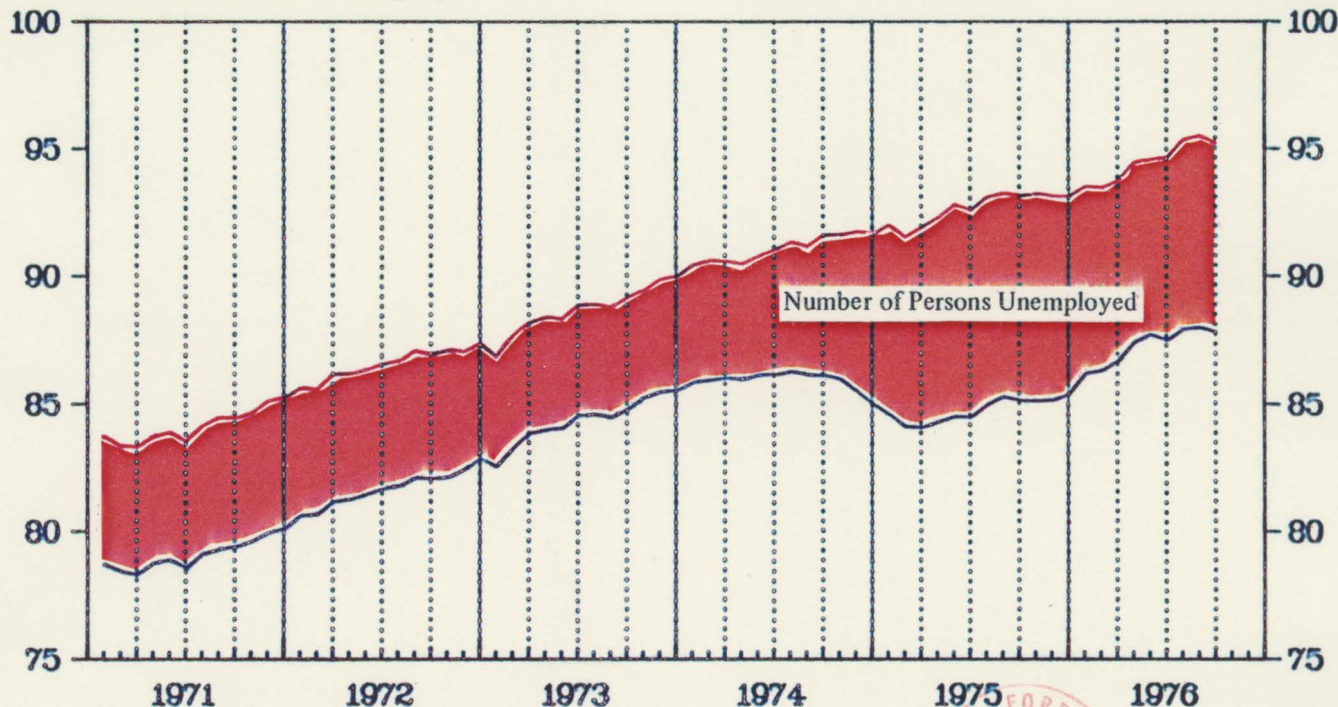


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# A.2.1—Civilian Labor Force and Employment

Millions Persons	Total Civilian Labor Force	This Period	Change Last Per.	Change Year Ago	Millions of Persons
	Total Civilian Employment	95.2	-0.3%	2.2%	
		87.8	-0.2%	3.1%	



Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics  
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- The Unemployment Rate edged downward from 7.9 percent to 7.8 percent in September, the first decline in 4 months.
- The number of job-seeking workers declined by 122,000 to 7,384,000.
- A drop of 162,000 in Total Civilian Employment to 87.8 million was more than offset by a decline of 284,000 in Total Civilian Labor Force to 95.2 million.
  - Jobless Teenagers and Adult Women workers, declining by 159,000 and 53,000 workers, respectively, accounted for all of the drop in the unemployment rate.
  - Unemployed Adult Male workers, increasing by 90,000, held the decline in the unemployment rate to 0.1 percent.
- After last month's decline to 5.2 percent, the unemployment rate of Household Heads in September matched July's yearly high of 5.4 percent.
- The rate for Married Men reached 4.6 percent, the highest level since December 1975.

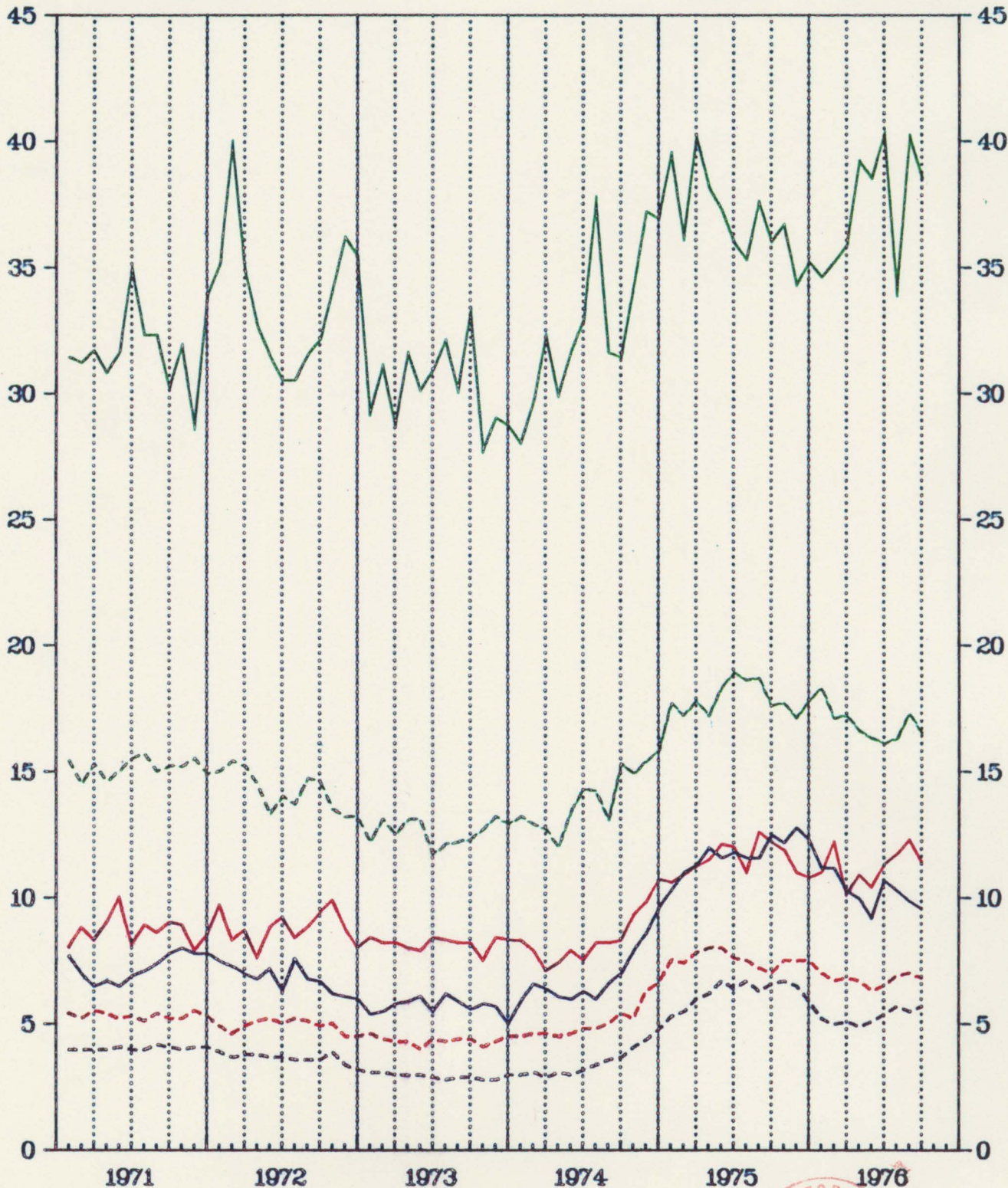


# A.2.1—Unemployment by Age, Sex, and Race

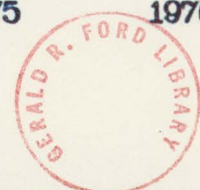
	This Period	Change Last Per.	Change Year Ago
Teenagers, Black and Other	38.5	-4.2%	6.9%
Teenagers, White - - -	16.5	-4.6%	-6.3%
Adult Females, Black and Other	11.4	-7.3%	-6.6%
Adult Males, Black and Other	9.6	-3.0%	-23.2%
Adult Females, White - - -	6.8	-2.9%	-2.9%
Adult Males, White - - -	5.7	3.6%	-13.6%

Percent

Percent



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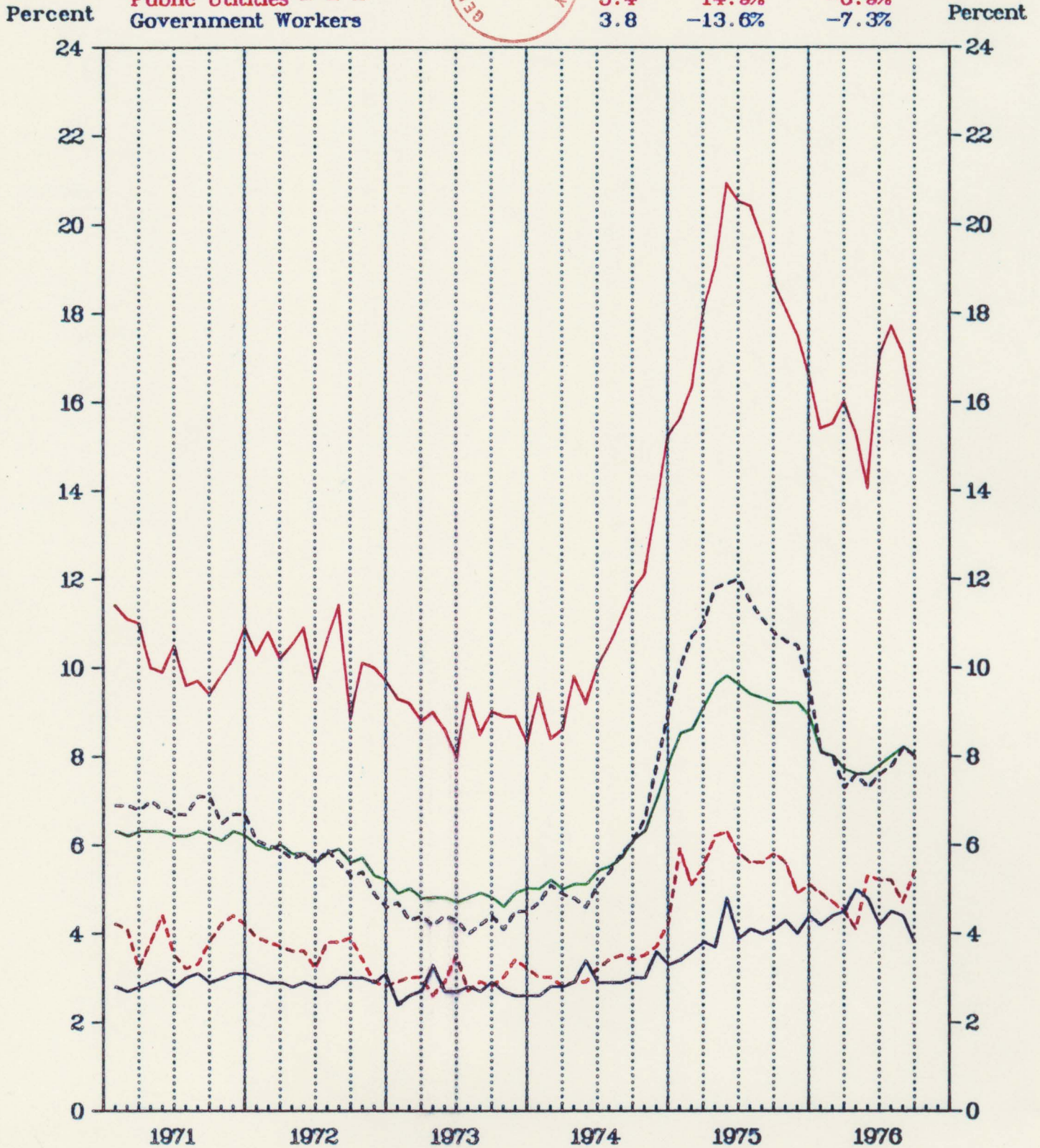


- Despite the small change in the overall rate of unemployment divergent movements occurred among major classes of workers.
- All categories of Black and Other showed improved unemployment rates.
  - The rate for Black and Other Adult Females, dropping from 12.3 percent to 11.4 percent, showed the most improvement.
  - Black and Other Adult Male unemployment declined to 9.6 percent, the third straight monthly decrease.
  - Black and Other Teenagers joblessness declined to 38.5 percent, still well above the 1976 low of 34.1 percent recorded in July.
- The overall White unemployment rate in September remained unchanged at 7.1 percent.
  - Declines in the rates of White Adult Females and White Teenagers were offset by a rise to 5.7 percent in White Adult Male unemployment.



# A.2.1—Unemployment Rate by Industry

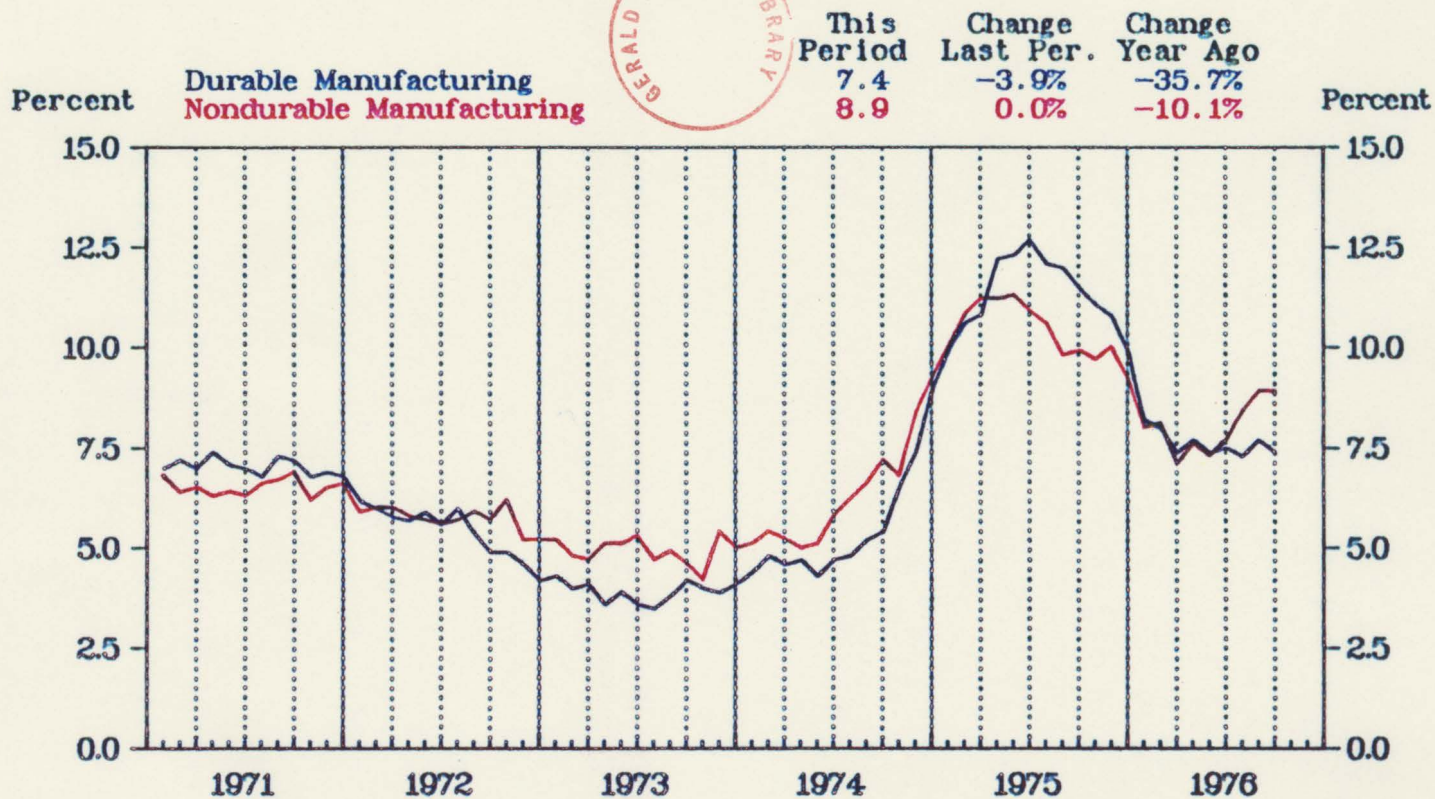
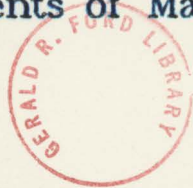
	This Period	Change Last Per.	Change Year Ago
Construction	15.8	-7.6%	-15.5%
Manufacturing - - -	8.0	-2.4%	-25.9%
Total Private Nonagricultural	8.0	-2.4%	-13.0%
Transportation and Public Utilities - - -	5.4	14.9%	-6.9%
Government Workers	3.8	-13.6%	-7.3%



Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics  
12 October 1976



# A.2.1—Unemployment Rate by Industry Components of Manufacturing



Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics  
12 October 1976

- Following three consecutive monthly rates of 17 percent or more, unemployment in construction dropped to 15.8 percent.
- Transportation and Public Utilities unemployment climbed to 5.4 percent the highest level since October 1975.
- The jobless rate in manufacturing edged downward to 8 percent, over 25 percent below the level of a year ago.
- The rate of unemployment in Nondurable Manufacturing remained unchanged, while the Durable Manufacturing rate dropped 0.3 percentage point to 7.4 percent.
- Unemployment among Government Workers dropped sharply to 3.8 percent, the lowest rate since April 1975.

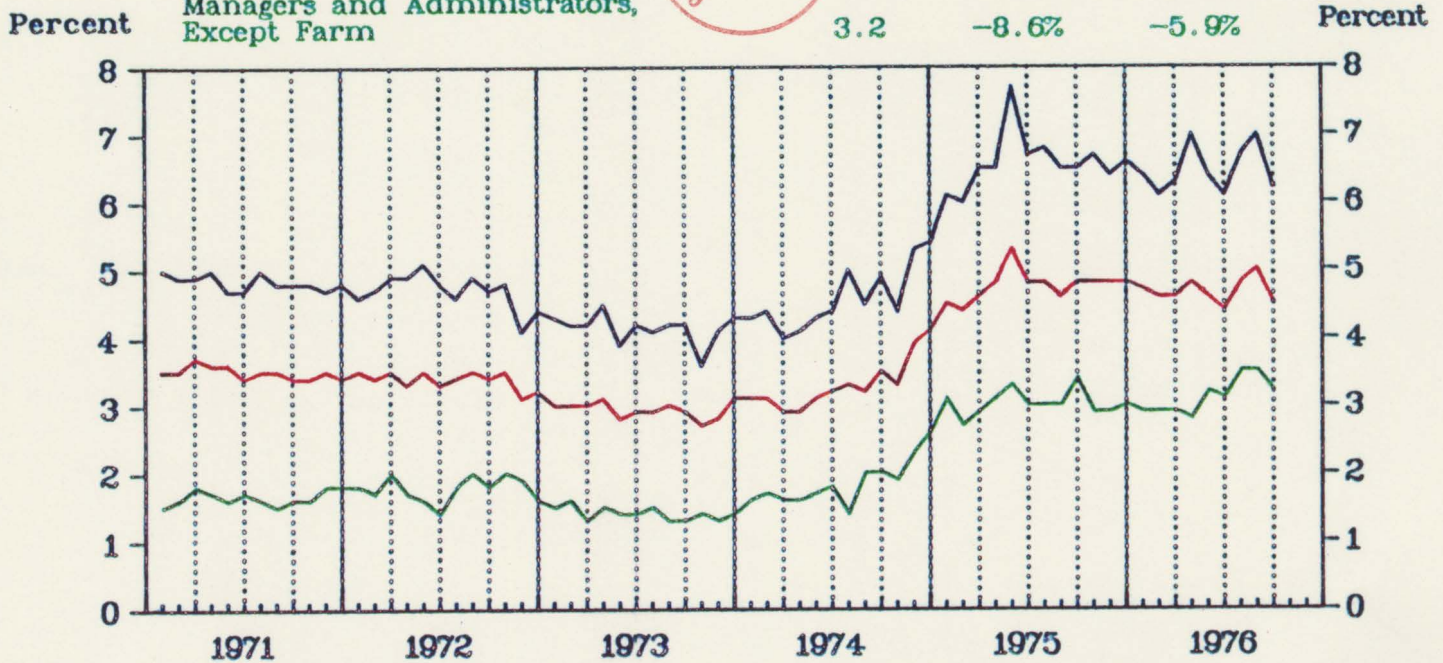


# A.2.1—Unemployment Rate by Occupation White-Collar Workers



Clerical Workers  
White-Collar Workers  
Managers and Administrators,  
Except Farm

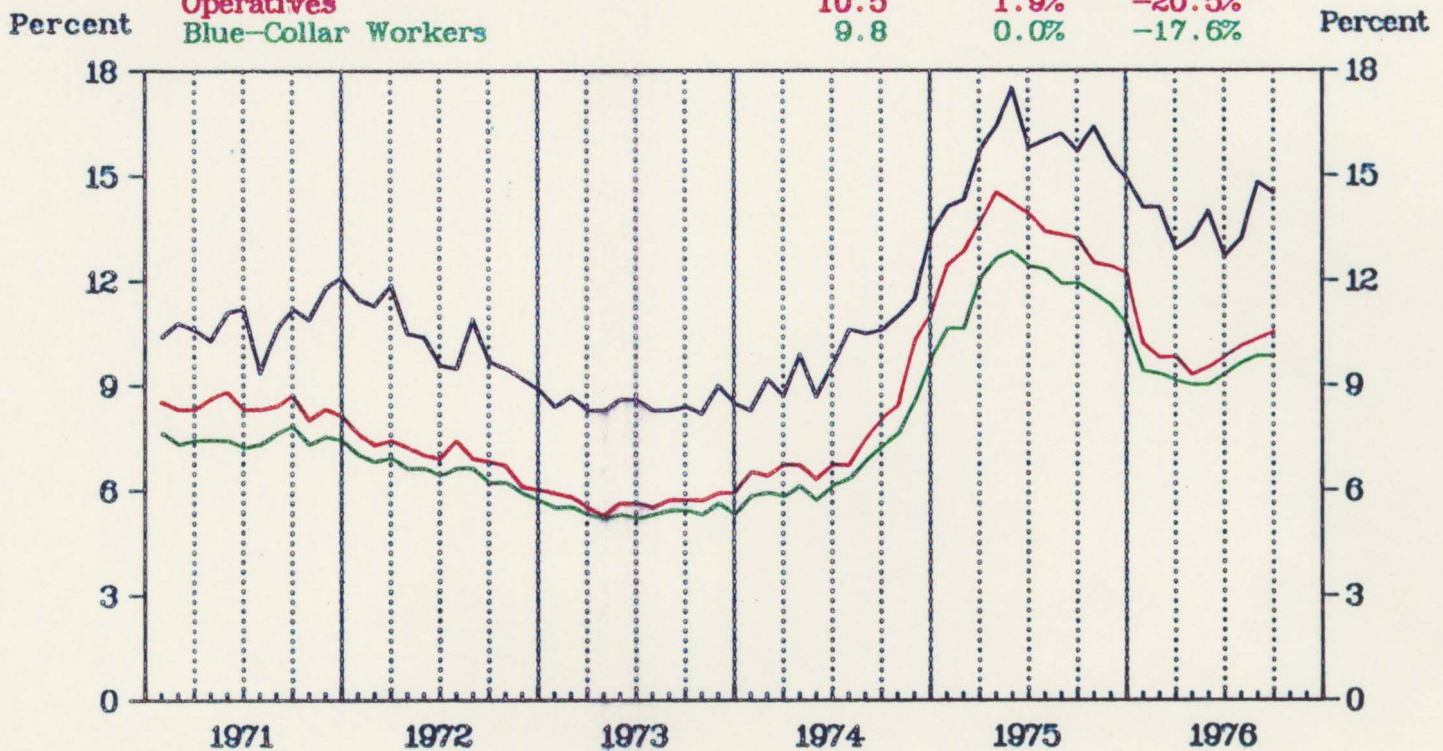
	This Period	Change Last Per.	Change Year Ago
Clerical Workers	6.2	-11.4%	-4.6%
White-Collar Workers	4.5	-10.0%	-6.3%
Managers and Administrators, Except Farm	3.2	-8.6%	-5.9%



## Blue-Collar Workers

Nonfarm Laborers  
Operatives  
Blue-Collar Workers

	This Period	Change Last Per.	Change Year Ago
Nonfarm Laborers	14.5	-2.0%	-7.6%
Operatives	10.5	1.9%	-20.5%
Blue-Collar Workers	9.8	0.0%	-17.6%





- The overall 10-percent decline in the rate of White-Collar unemployment was primarily a result of an 11.4-percent decrease in the jobless rate among Clerical workers and a 8.6-percent drop in Nonfarm Managers and Administrators unemployment.
- Offsetting movements occurred in Blue-Collar unemployment rates.
  - A decline to a 14.5 percent jobless rate for Nonfarm Laborers was counteracted by a rise to 10.5 percent for Operatives.



# A.2.2—Duration of Unemployment

## Number of Workers Unemployed

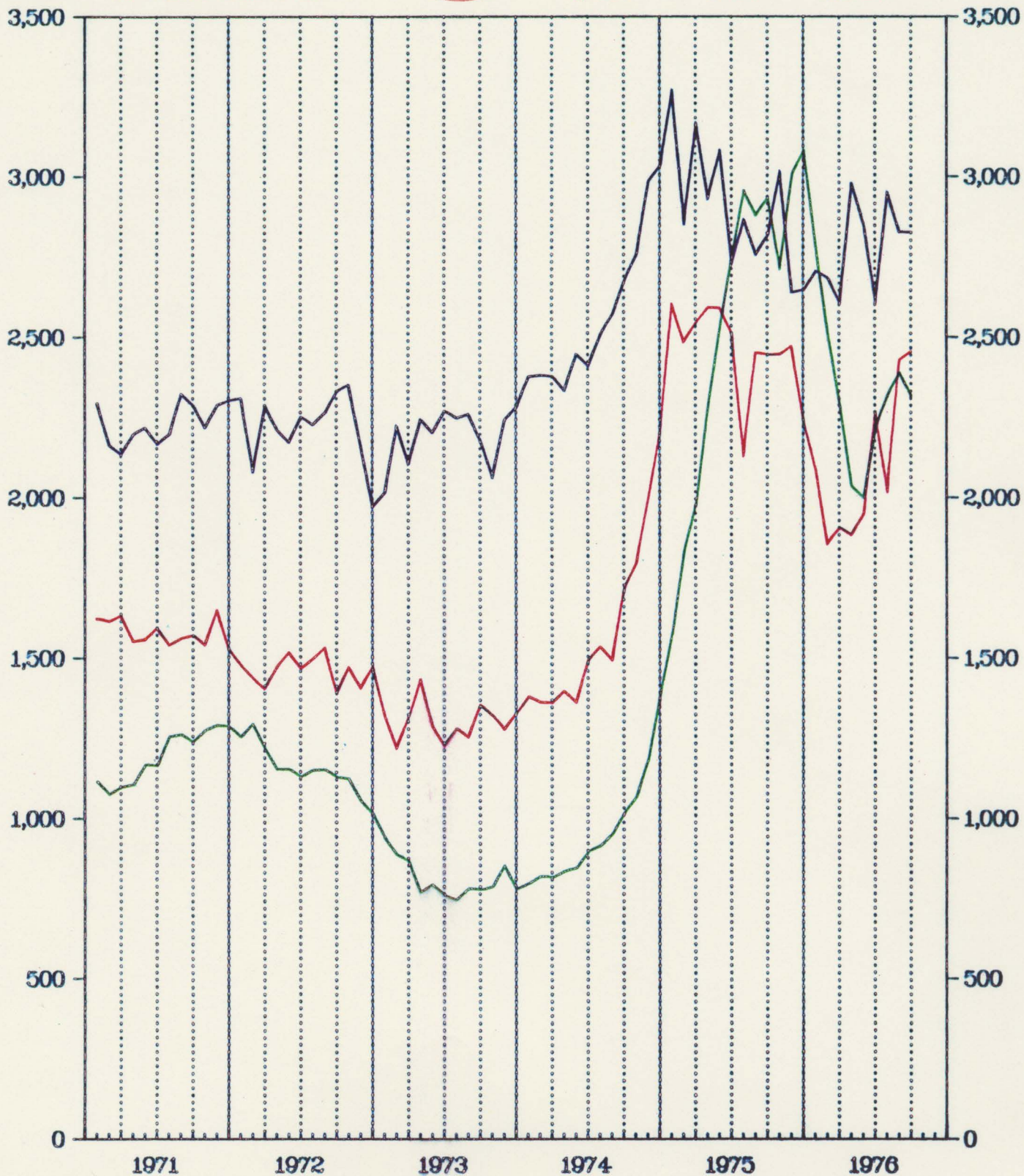


This Period	Change Last Per.	Change Year Ago
2,828	0.0%	0.3%
2,453	1.1%	0.4%
2,314	-3.1%	-21.1%

Thousands of Persons

Less Than 5 Weeks  
5 to 14 Weeks  
15 Weeks and Over

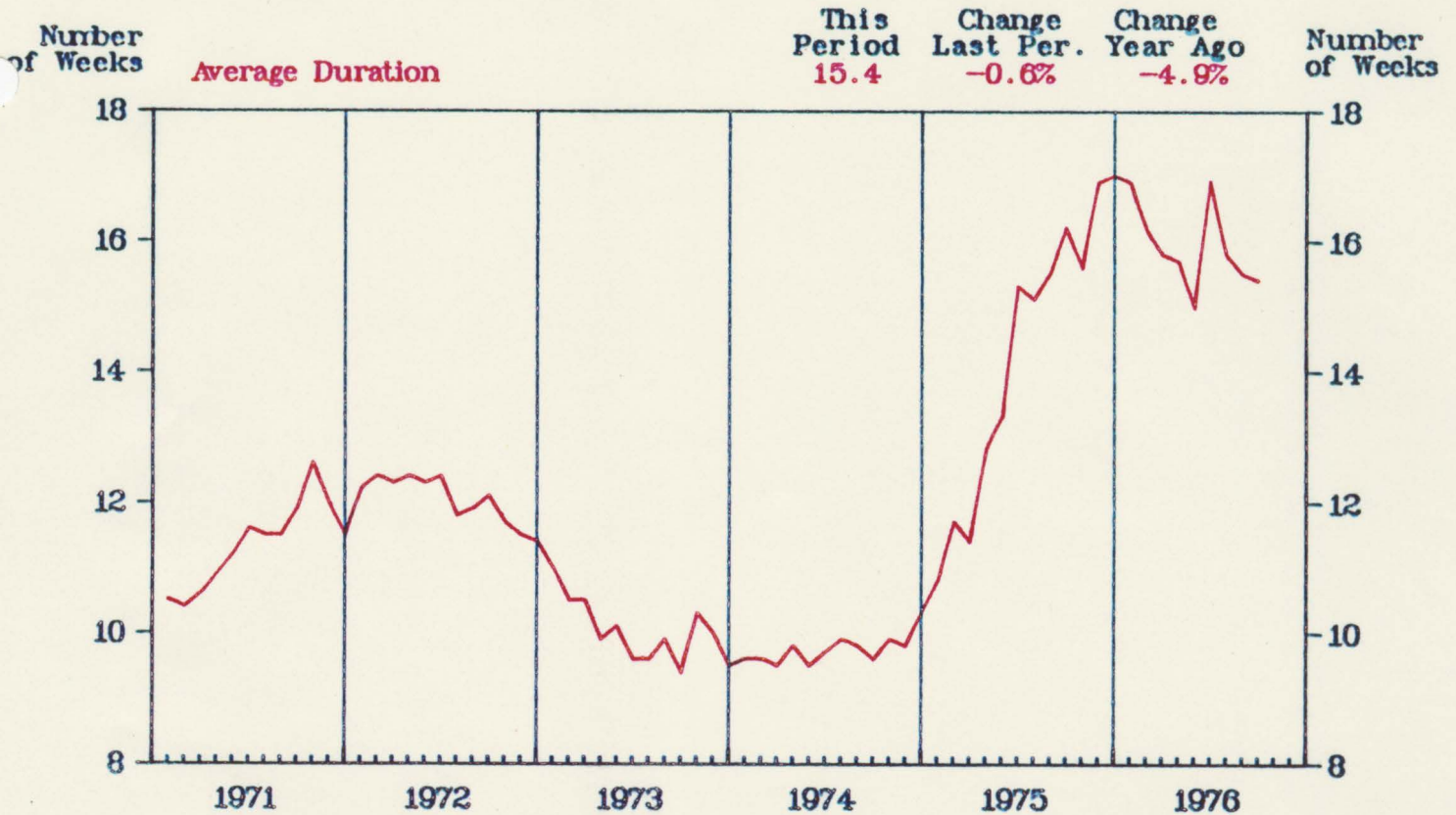
Thousands of Persons



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# A.2.2—Average Duration of Unemployment



Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics  
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- The number of workers unemployed 15 weeks and over declined 73,000 to 2,314,000 in September following 3 straight monthly increases.
- As a result, the Average (Mean) Duration of Unemployment, dropped 0.1 week to 15.4 weeks.
- The 1.1-percent increase in the number of workers unemployed from 5 to 14 weeks is a sharp drop from last month's increase of 19.7 percent.

# A.4.7—Sales of Merchant Wholesalers

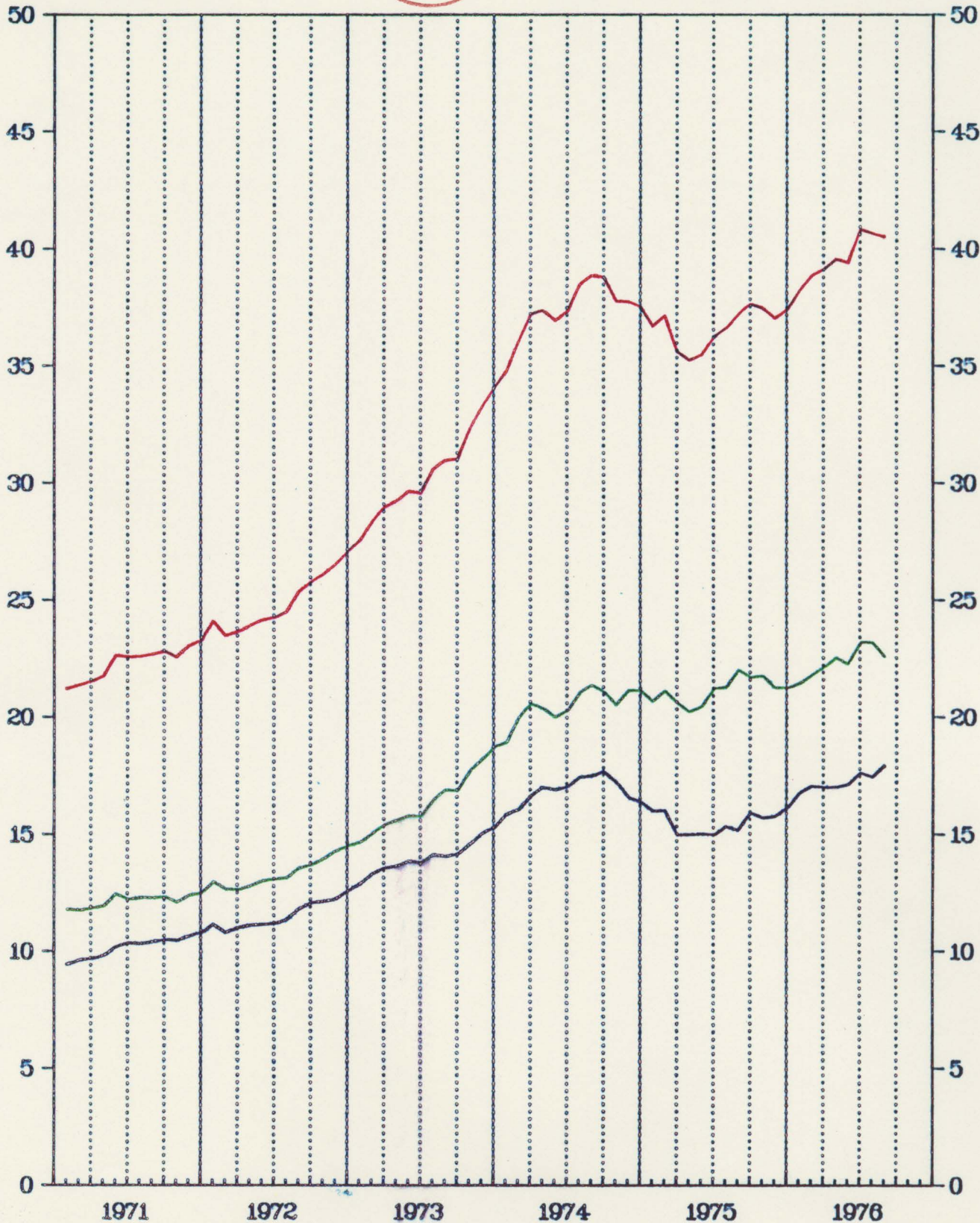


This Period	Change Last Per.	Change Year Ago
\$40.5	-0.3%	8.9%
\$22.5	-2.6%	2.6%
\$17.9	2.8%	18.1%

**Total**  
**Nondurable Goods**  
**Durable Goods**

Billions of Dollars

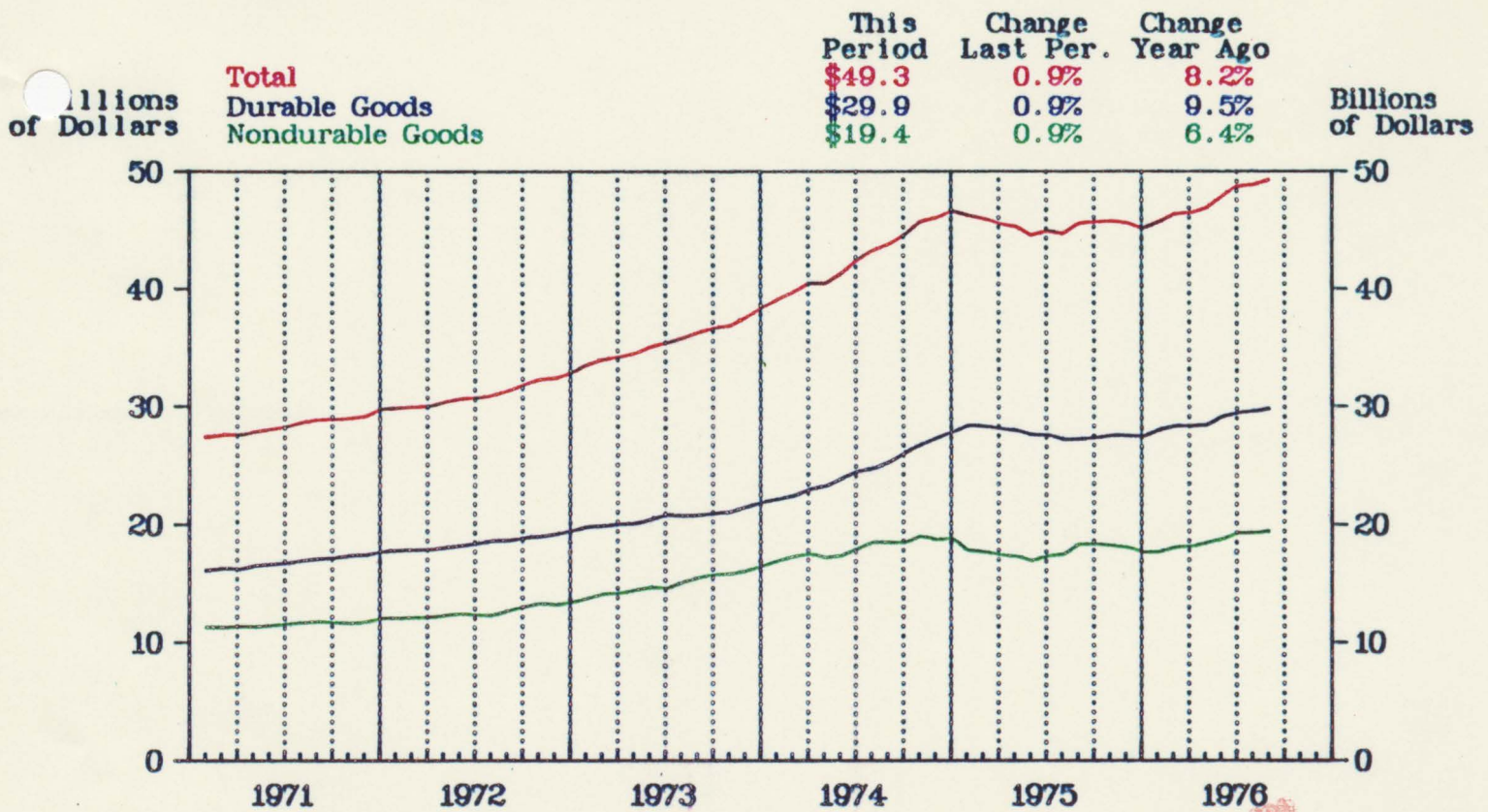
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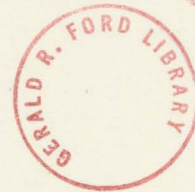
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# A.4.7—Inventories of Merchant Wholesalers



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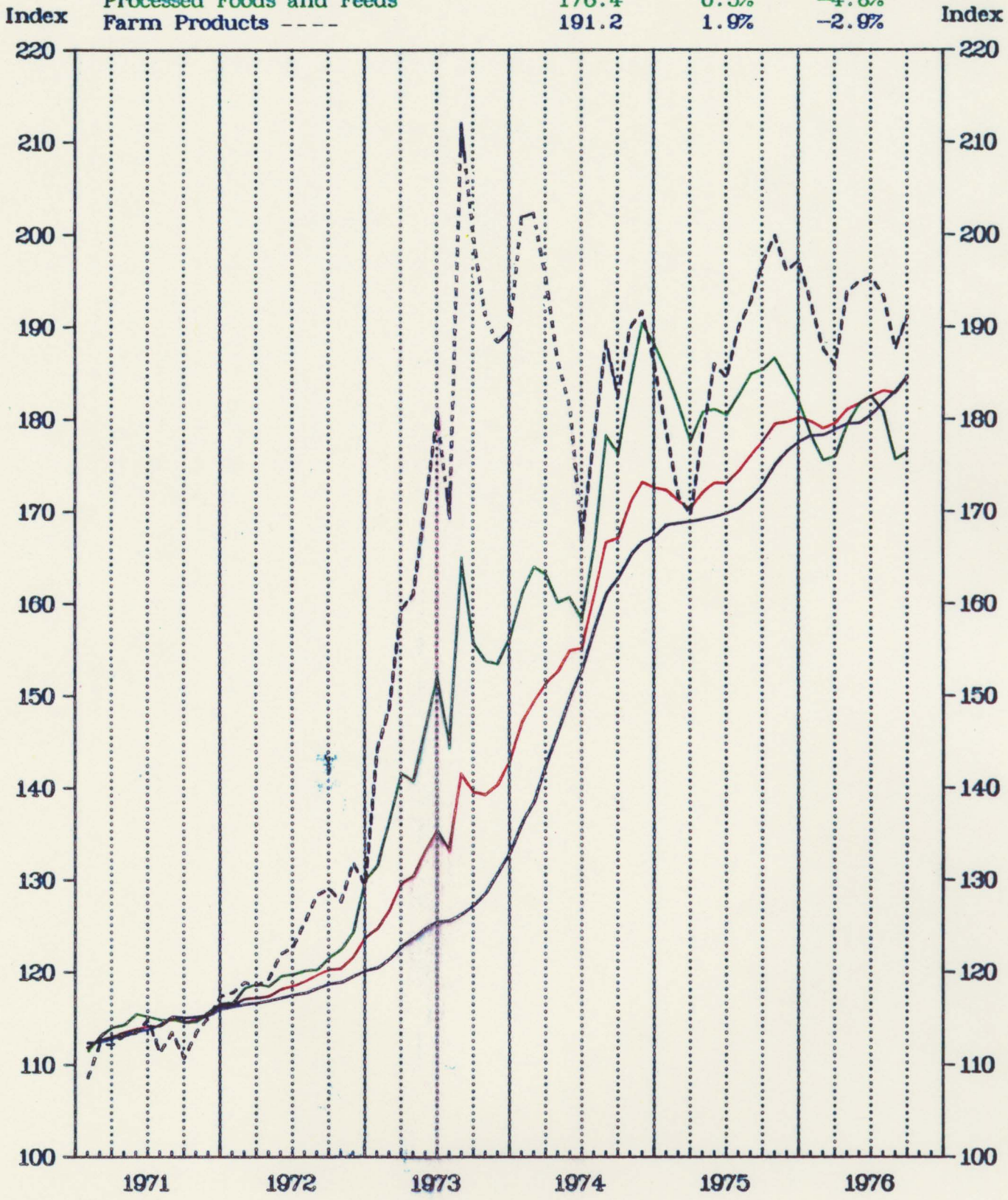
- Sales of Merchant Wholesalers edged down for the second month in August--declining 0.3 percent or \$127 million to \$40.5 billion.
  - The decline in Sales of Nondurable Goods--2.6 percent or \$611 million--accounted for all of the August decrease.
  - Sales of Durable Goods rose 2.8 percent to a new high of \$17.9 billion.
- Inventories rose for the eighth straight month, up 0.9 percent or \$445 million to \$49.3 billion.
  - Inventories of Durable Goods rose \$271 million (0.9 percent), to \$29.9 billion, nearly double the July increase.
  - Nondurable Inventories, which were unchanged in July, rose \$174 million (0.9 percent) to \$19.4 billion.



# A.6.2—Wholesale Price Index (1967=100)



	This Period	Change Last Per.	Change Year Ago
Industrial Commodities	184.7	0.9%	6.8%
All Commodities, Total	184.5	0.9%	3.9%
Processed Foods and Feeds	176.4	0.5%	-4.8%
Farm Products - - - -	191.2	1.9%	-2.9%



Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics  
12 October 1976

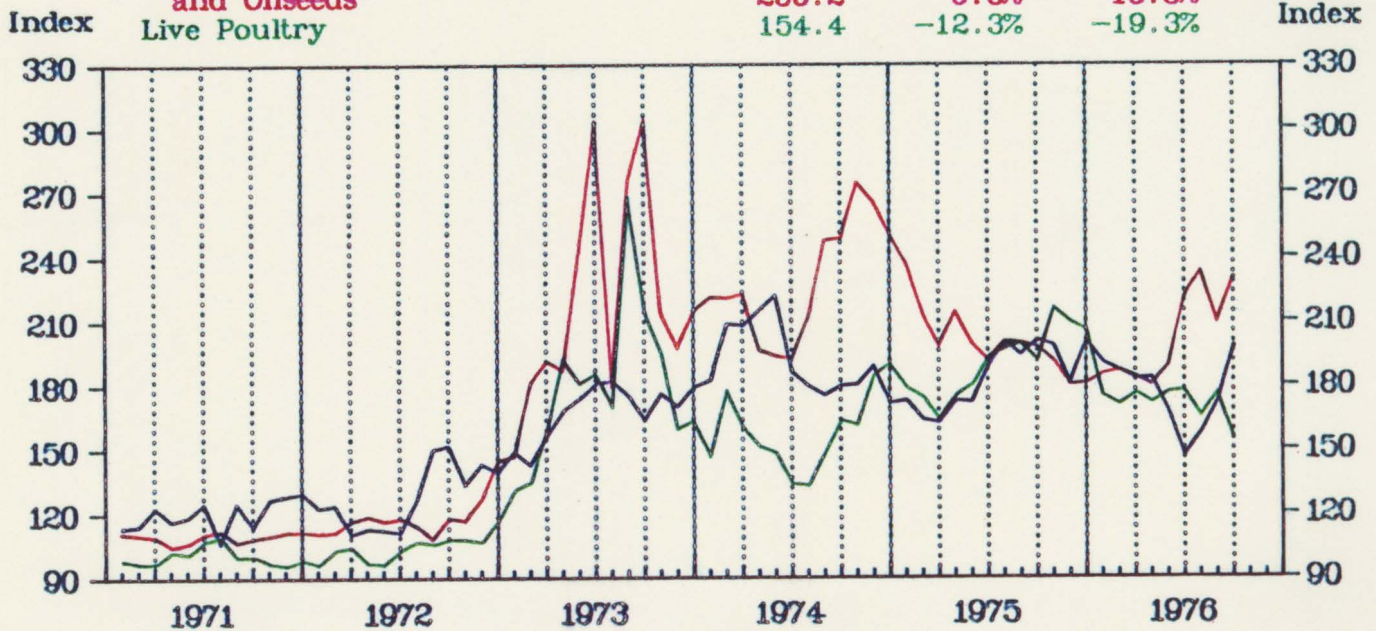


- The Wholesale Price Index for All Commodities advanced 0.9 percent in September, or a seasonally-adjusted annual rate of 10.8 percent.
  - The September increase was the largest in 11 months, and exceeded April's 0.8-percent gain when prices were boosted by a 4.2-percent hike in Farm Products.
    - Attributed to a reversal in the downward trend of Farm Products and Processed Foods and Feeds coupled with an acceleration in Industrial Commodities.
- The Industrial Commodities Index rose 0.9 percent in September, compared to 0.7 percent in July and August, 0.5 percent in June, and smaller gains earlier this year.
- The Farm Products Index, which fell 1.0 percent in July and 2.9 percent in August, rose 1.9 percent in September; the sharpest rise since April.
- The Processed Foods and Feeds Index increased 0.5 percent following declines of 0.9 percent and 2.9 percent in July and August, respectively.



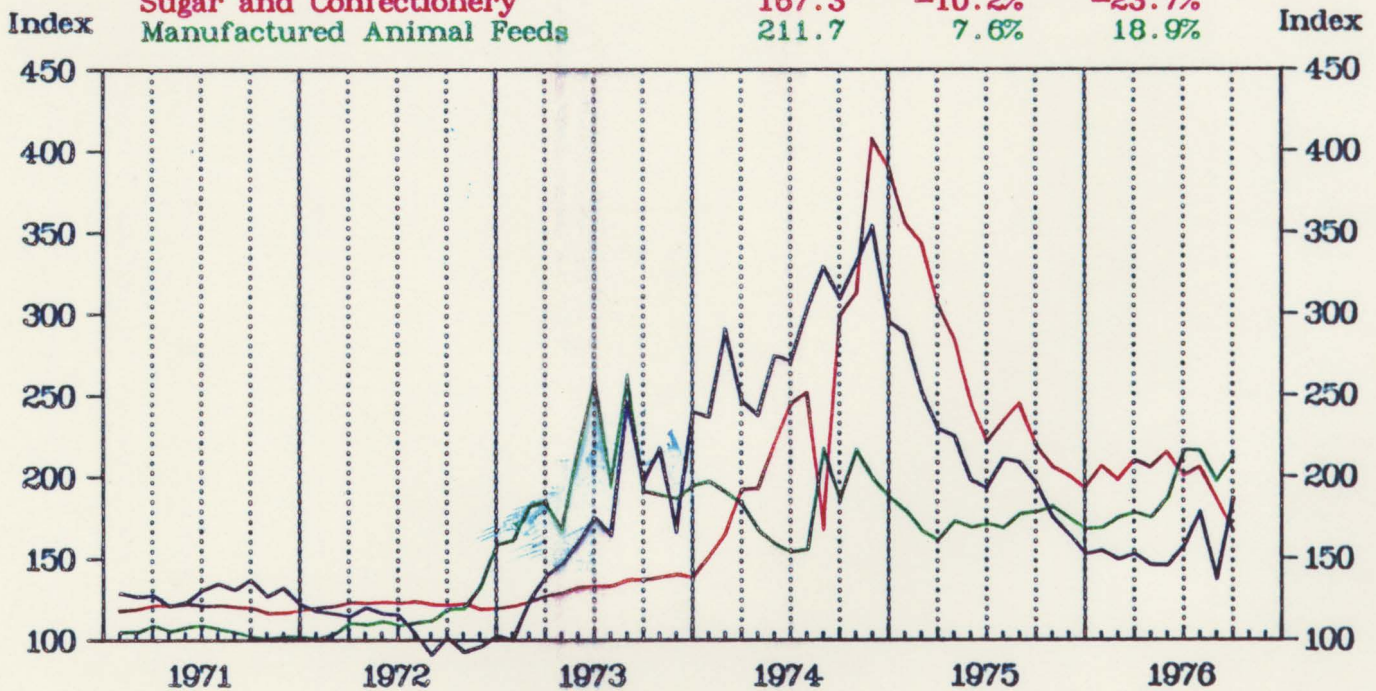
# A.6.2—Wholesale Price Index Selected Farm Products

	This Period	Change Last Per.	Change Year Ago
Fresh and Dried Fruits and Vegetables	198.5	15.0%	-1.3%
Hay, Hayseeds and Oilseeds	230.2	9.8%	16.5%
Live Poultry	154.4	-12.3%	-19.3%



## Selected Processed Foods and Feeds

	This Period	Change Last Per.	Change Year Ago
Crude Vegetable Oils	186.9	35.2%	-4.6%
Sugar and Confectionery	167.3	-10.2%	-23.7%
Manufactured Animal Feeds	211.7	7.6%	18.9%

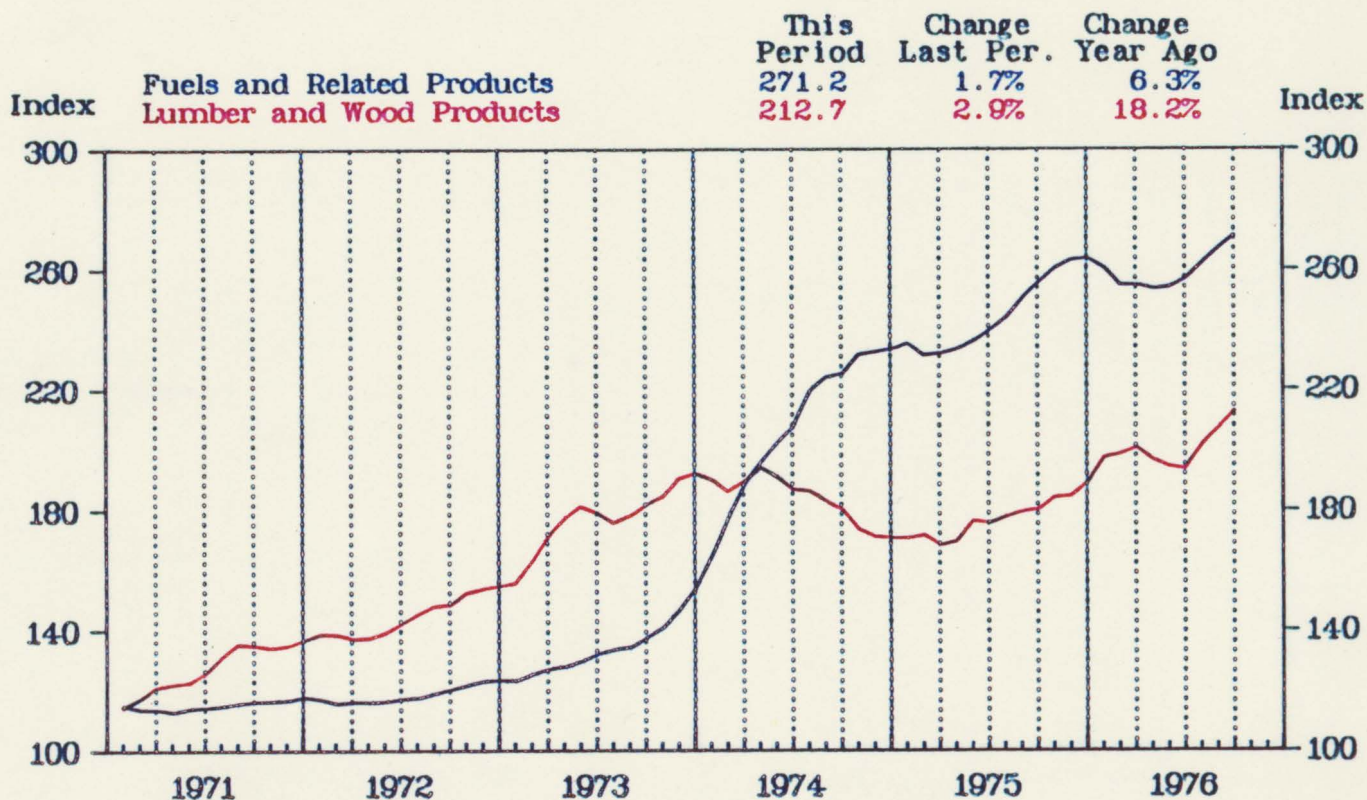


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## A.6.2—Wholesale Price Index Selected Industrial Commodities



Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics  
12 October 1976



### FARM PRODUCTS:

- Sharpest increases were recorded in Fruits and Vegetables, which climbed 15.0 percent; and Hay, Hayseeds, and Oilseeds, which advanced 9.8 percent. Prices for Live Poultry, on the other hand, dropped 12.3 percent to 154.4, the lowest level in 2 years.

### PROCESSED FOODS AND FEEDS:

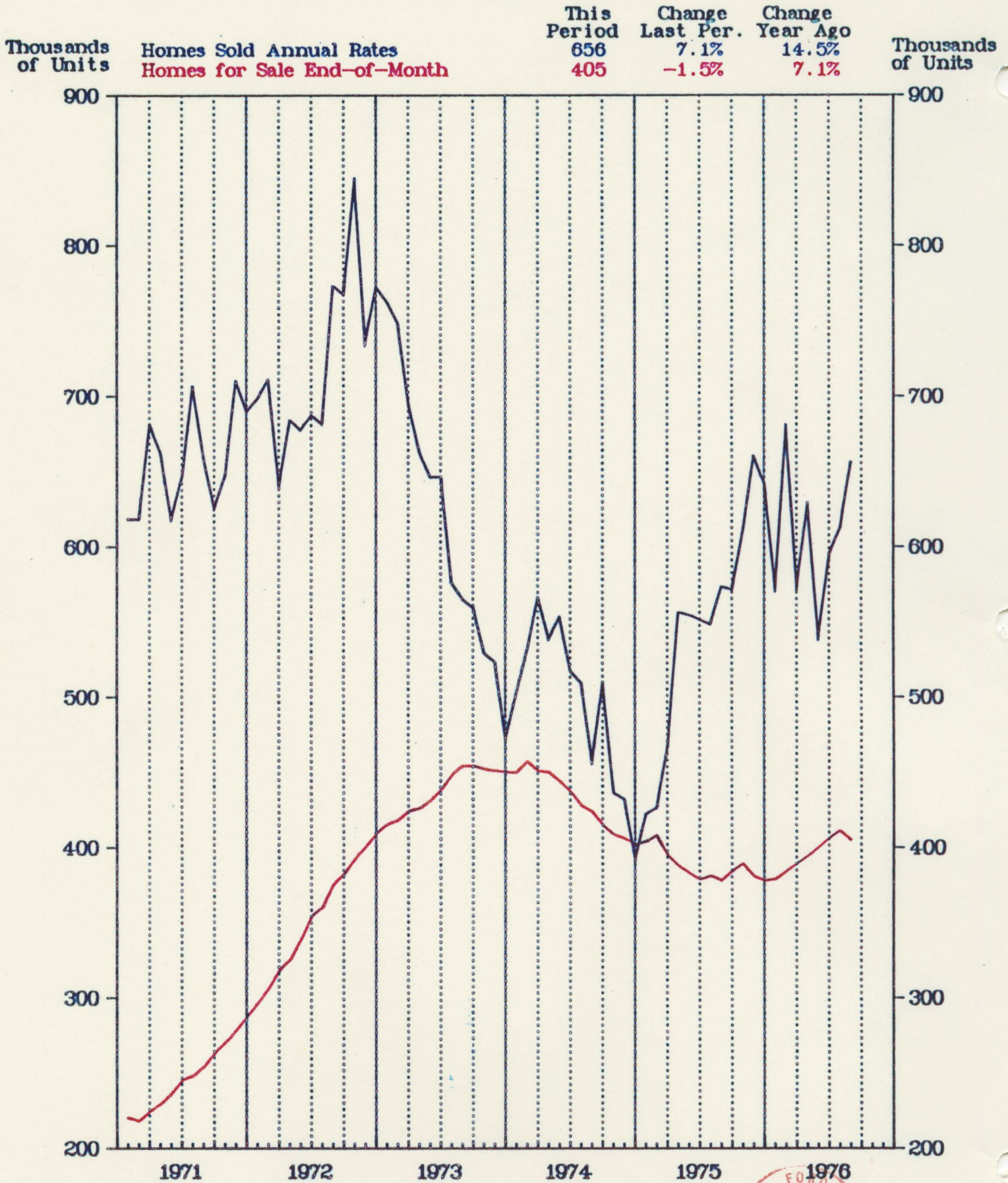
- Prices for Crude Vegetable Oils, which had declined in August, rose 35.2 percent to 186.9, the highest level since September 1975; and Manufactured Animal Feeds rose 7.6 percent to 211.7. Partially offsetting was a decline in Sugar and Confectionery, down 10.2 percent to 167.3; the lowest level since February 1974.

### INDUSTRIAL COMMODITIES:

- Increases were generally widespread, with 8 of the 13 major groups reporting larger gains in September than in August. Lumber and Wood Products rose a further 2.9 percent in September, and Fuel and Related Products and Power rose 1.7 percent.



# A.7.1—Sales of New One-Family Homes

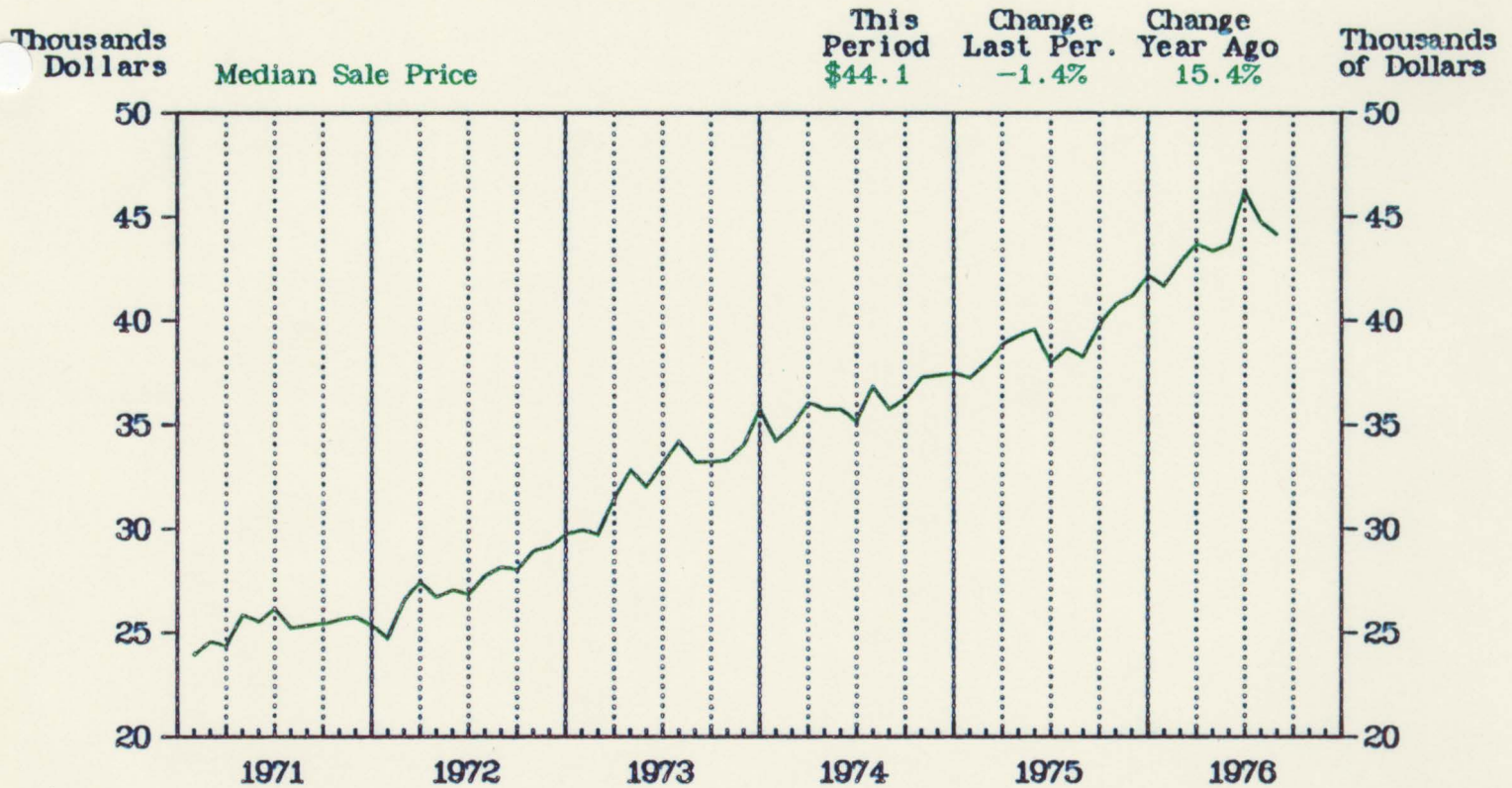


Source: Bureau of the Census  
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# A.7.1—Prices of New One-Family Homes Not Seasonally Adjusted



Source: Bureau of the Census  
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- New One-Family Homes Sold in August now stand at 656,000 units, 7.1 percent above July and the highest level since February.
- Inventory of Homes for Sale dropped 1.5 percent to an estimated 405,000 units.
  - Represents a 7.6 months' supply of houses at the current sale rate.
- The Median Sale Price dropped for the second consecutive month to \$44,100 in August.
  - Up 15.4 percent from August a year ago.

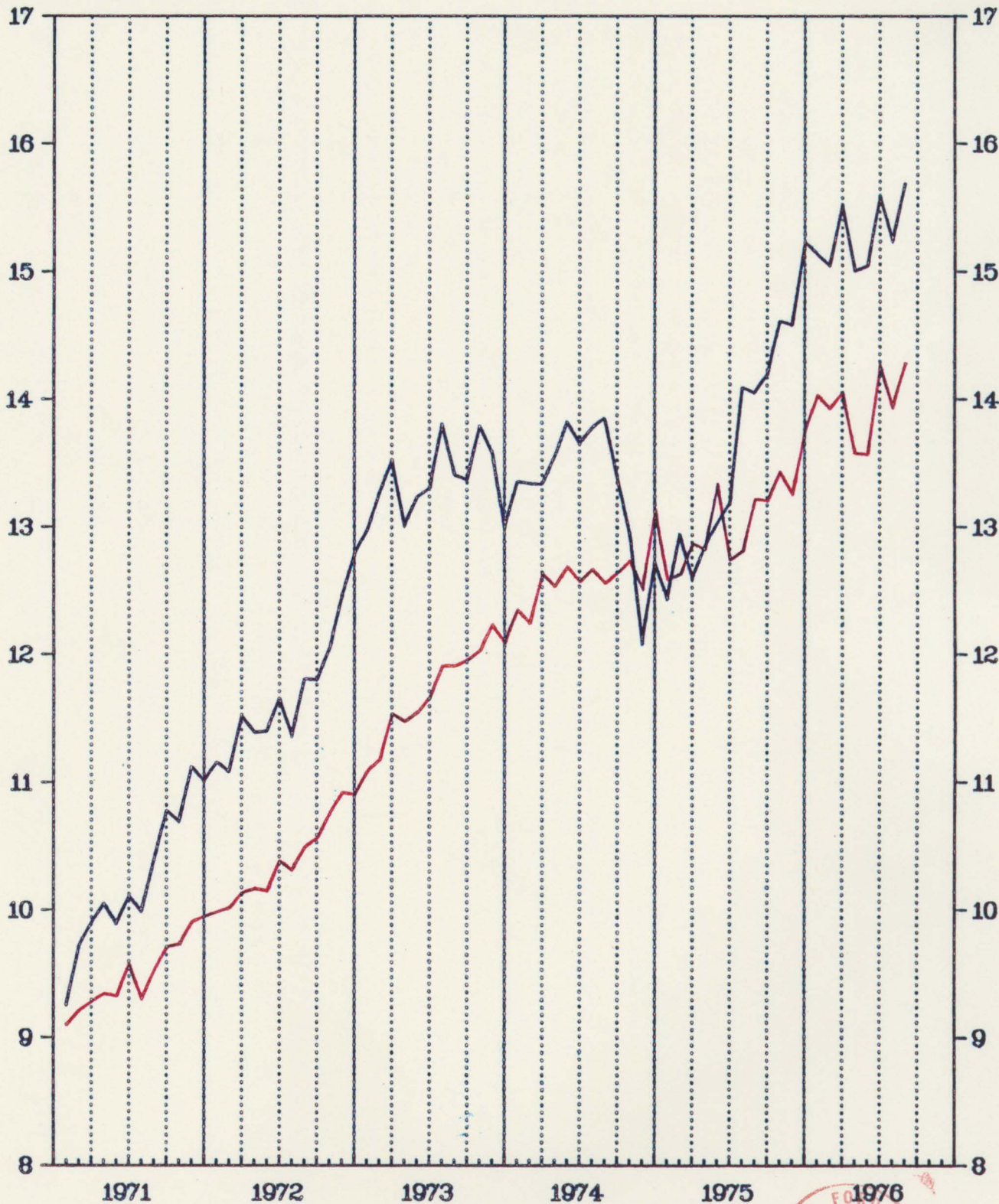


# A.10.3—Consumer Installment Credit Extensions and Liquidations

	This Period	Change Last Per.	Change Year Ago
Consumer Installment Credit Extended	\$15.69	2.9%	11.7%
Consumer Installment Credit Liquidated	\$14.28	2.5%	8.1%

Billions of Dollars

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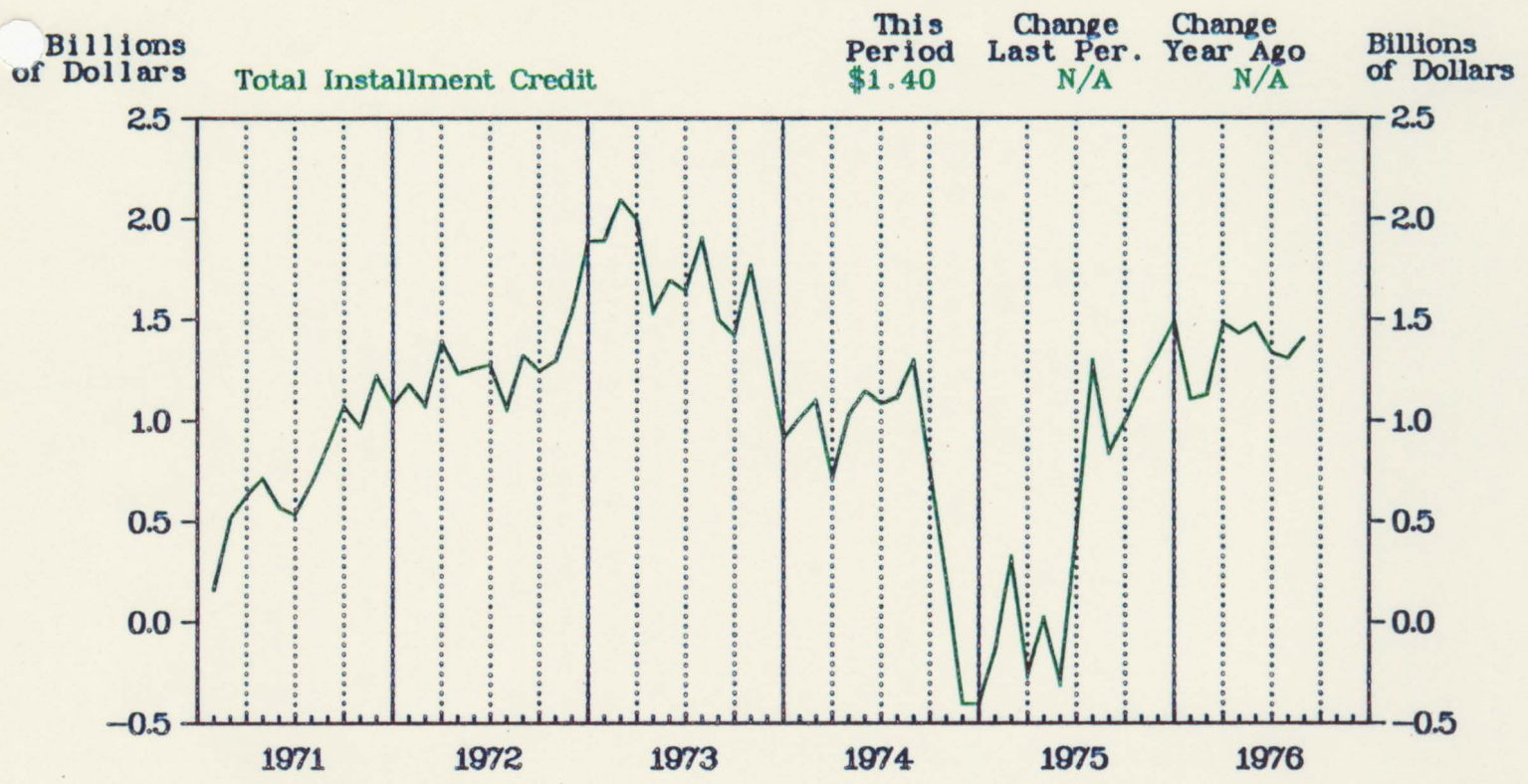


Source: Federal Reserve Board  
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# A.10.3—Net Change in Consumer Installment Credit Outstanding



Source: Federal Reserve Board  
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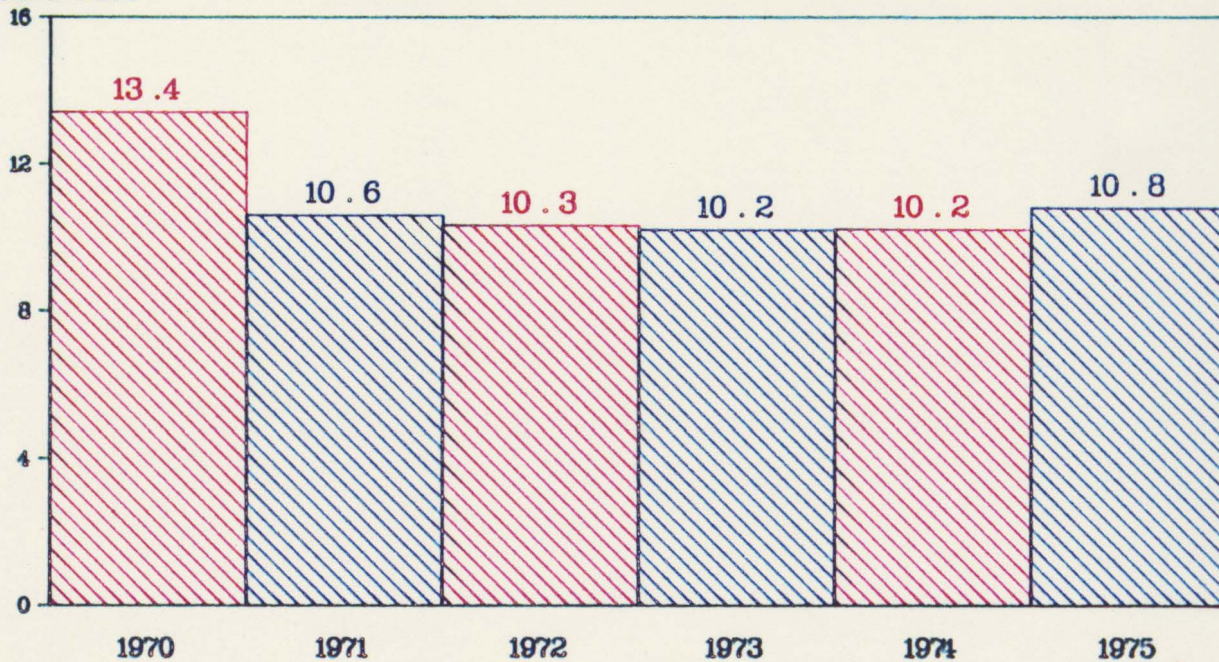
- Consumer Installment Credit Outstanding expanded in August by \$1.40 billion, surpassing the June and July increases of \$1.33 billion and \$1.30 billion as extensions continued to outpace liquidations.
- Extensions rebounded in August to a new high of \$15.69 billion, paced by a record high of \$4.71 billion in auto credit extended.
- Liquidations increased 2.5 percent in August to a record level, \$14.28 billion.
- All major credit types except Mobile Homes, Bank Check Credit, and Other Bank Revolving Credit registered increases in credit outstanding during August.



# D . 1 . 6—National Forest Land

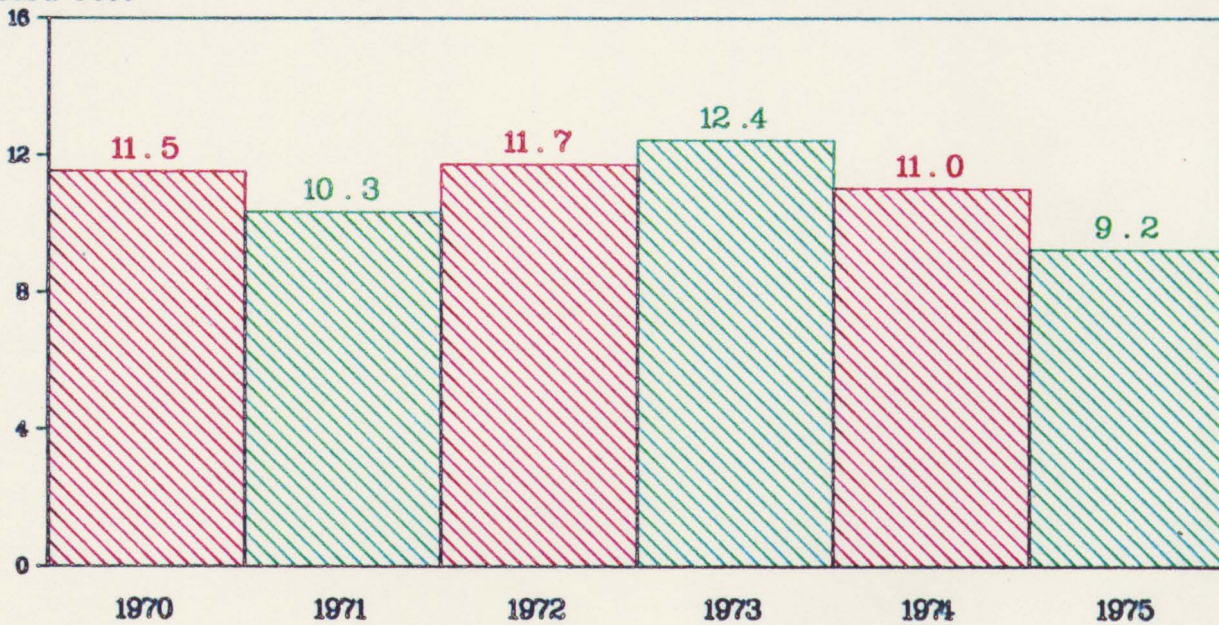
Billions of Board Feet

## Volume of Timber Sold: FY 1970-1975



Billions of Board Feet

## Volume of Timber Harvested: FY 1970-1975



Source: U.S. Forest Service  
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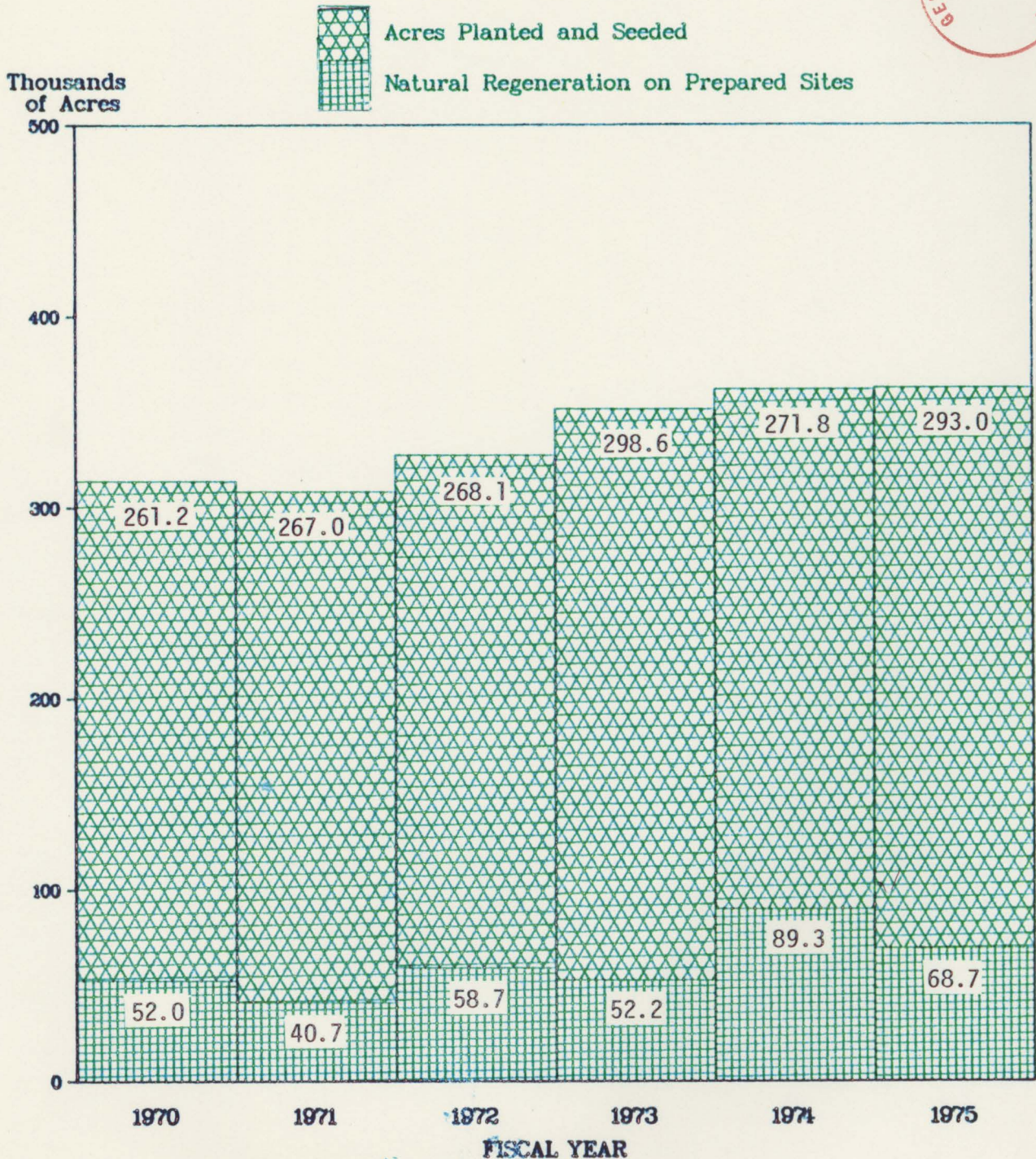


- While the volume of timber sold from national forests in 1975 increased 6 percent over the previous year's volume, the amount of timber harvested for the same period decreased 16 percent.
- The decline in timber harvested in 1975 can be attributed primarily to a downturn in the housing construction market during the year.
  - The amount of timber harvested in any given year reflects the market for lumber and other wood products at that time.
  - Timber is generally harvested 2 to 5 years after it is sold.



# D . 1 . 6—Forest Service Reforestation On National Forest Land:

FY 1970—1975



Source: U.S. Forest Service  
12 October 1976



- The amount of national forest land reforested by the U.S. Forest Service increased 15 percent between 1970 and 1975.

- Acreage reforested includes lands planted with trees and tree seeds, as well as lands prepared for natural reseeding from surrounding or remaining trees.

- Other areas reforest naturally without need for planting or site preparation.

- Lands reforested included those devastated by fire, insects and diseases, windfall, and other natural phenomena, as well as harvested lands.