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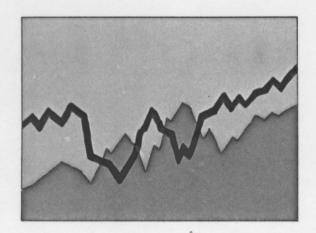
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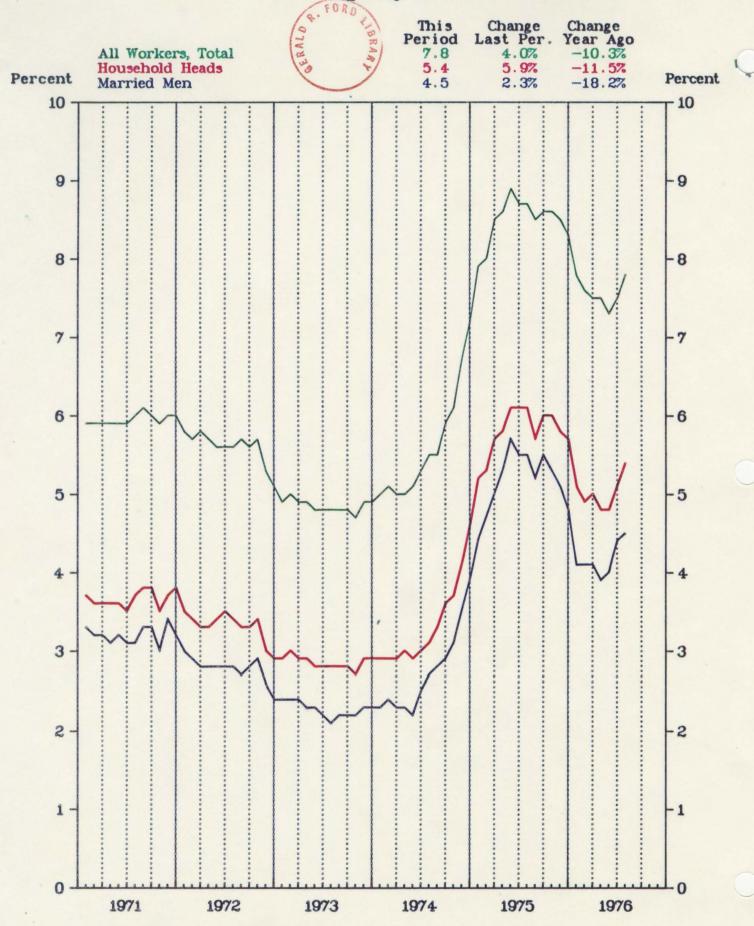
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Part 2-	-Equal Opportunity					
C.2.1	Equal Employment Opportunity  — Minority Employment				X	
C.2.2	School Desegregation  — Students Attending Predominantly Minority Schools				X	

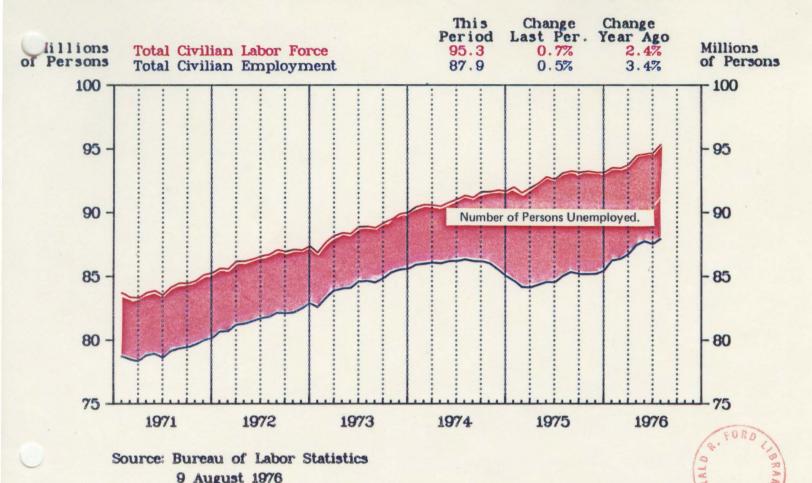
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	-Government Operation Federal Employment					
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C.3.2	State and Local Employment and Finances  — Employees		X			
	– Payroll		X			
SECT	TON D—Environment, Science, Culture					
Part 1	-Environment					
D.1.1	Air Quality  — Amount of Pollutants Released Into the Atmosphere				X X	x
D.1.2	Water Quality  — Miles of Streams Meeting EPA Standards				X X	
D.1.3	Hazardous Substances  — Estimated Amounts Produced				X	
D.1.4	Ecological Balances  — Endangered Species (Plant and Animal)				x	×
D.1.5	Expenditures—Public and Private					x
Part 2-	-Science					
D.2.1	Professionals in Scientific Fields  — By Specialty  — Person Years of Scientists, Engineers Engaged in R&D				X X	
D.2.2	Expenditures for Research and Development  - Private Industry				X	
D.2.3	Science Achievement in Schools  — Secondary Schools		!			X X

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Part 3—Culture		1				
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### A.2.1-Unemployment Rate

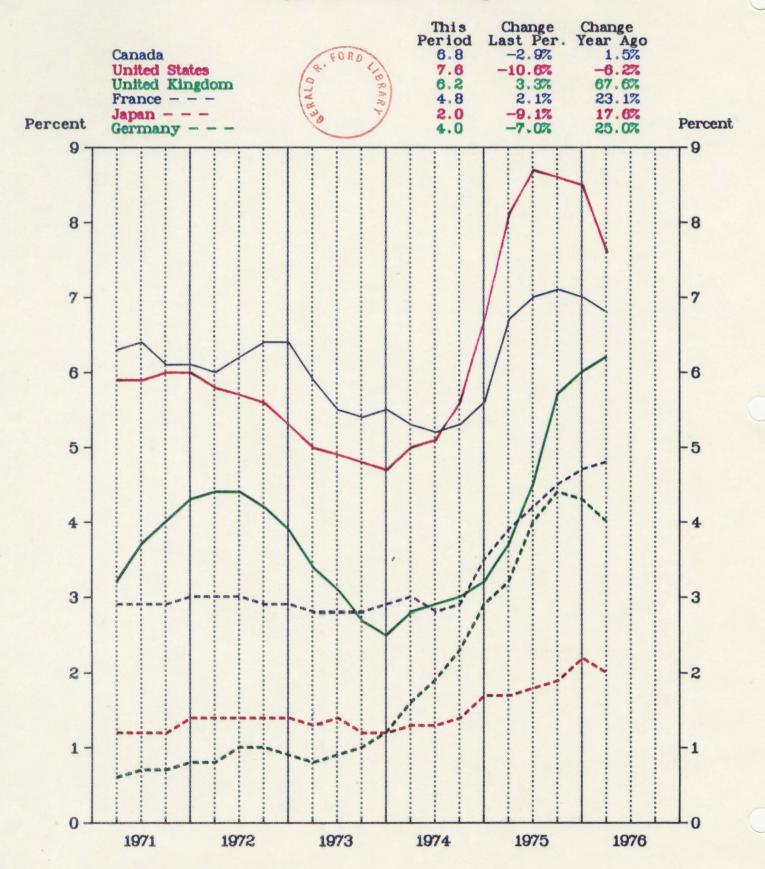


### A.2.1-Civilian Labor Force and Employment



- The Unemployment Rate rose for the second consecutive month, moving from 7.5 percent in June to 7.8 percent in July.
  - The number of job-seeking workers, increasing by 283,000 for the second month in a row, stood at 7,426,000 in July.
- Although Total Civilian Employment rose 407,000 to a new high of 87.9 million, it failed to keep pace with the expansion in the Total Civilian Labor Force, which increased by 690,000 workers.
  - Unemployed adult women, increasing by 180,000 absorbed most of the increase in joblessness.
  - Unemployed adult men increased 96,000, a little over half the rise among adult women.
- The Unemployment Rate for Household Heads increased to 5.4 percent, the highest level since last December.
- Joblessness among Married Men inched upward from 4.4 percent to 4.5 percent.

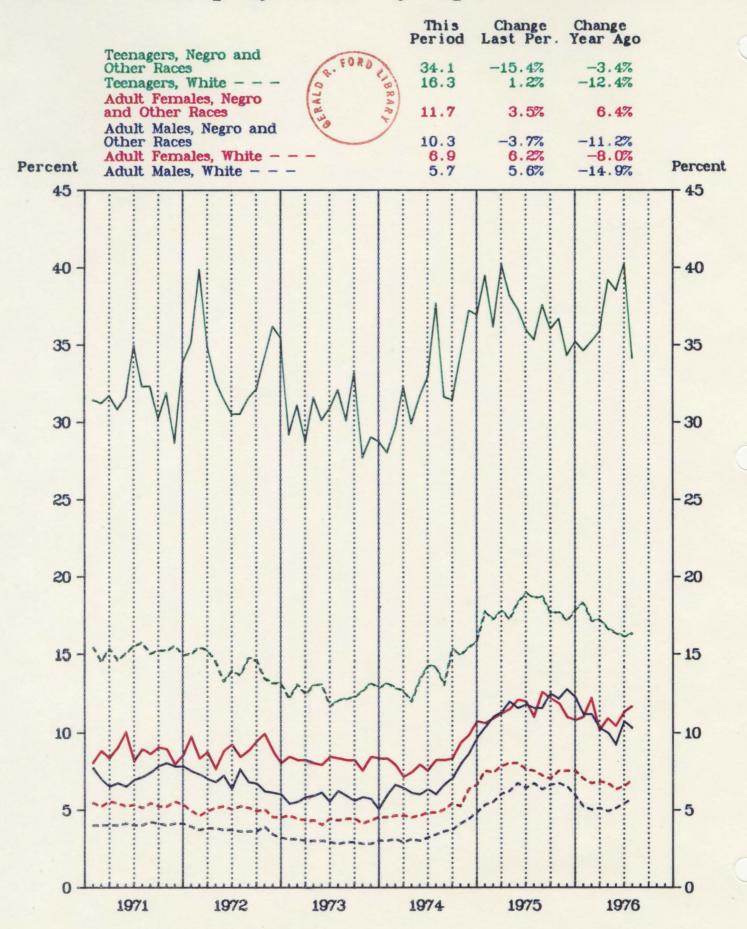
# A.2.1-Unemployment Rates in Selected Industrial Nations Seasonally Adjusted Adjusted to U.S. Concepts





- The United States showed the largest decline in unemployment rate among the major industrialized nations in the first quarter of 1976.
  - The 1976 first quarter rate of 7.6 percent is the lowest quarterly rate since the fourth quarter of 1974.
- Japan had the next largest decrease, with the rate of unemployment declining from 2.2 percent to 2.0 percent.
  - The overall trend of Japanese unemployment is still upward.
    - Since the fourth quarter of 1974 the unemployment rate has been 1.7 percent or higher--in contrast to the prior 15 quarters when the rate did not exceed 1.4 percent.
- Canadian unemployment declined slightly, falling 2.9 percent in the first quarter of 1976.
- Germany's unemployment rate registered the second successive quarterly decline from the five-year high of 4.4 percent reached in the third quarter of 1975.
- France and the United Kingdom continued to experience rising unemployment in the first quarter of 1976, although at decreased rates of increase.
  - The unemployment rate in France has risen for 7 consecutive quarters, while in the United Kingdom unemployment has risen 9 successive quarters from 2.5 percent to 6.2 percent, an increase of nearly 2 and one-half times.

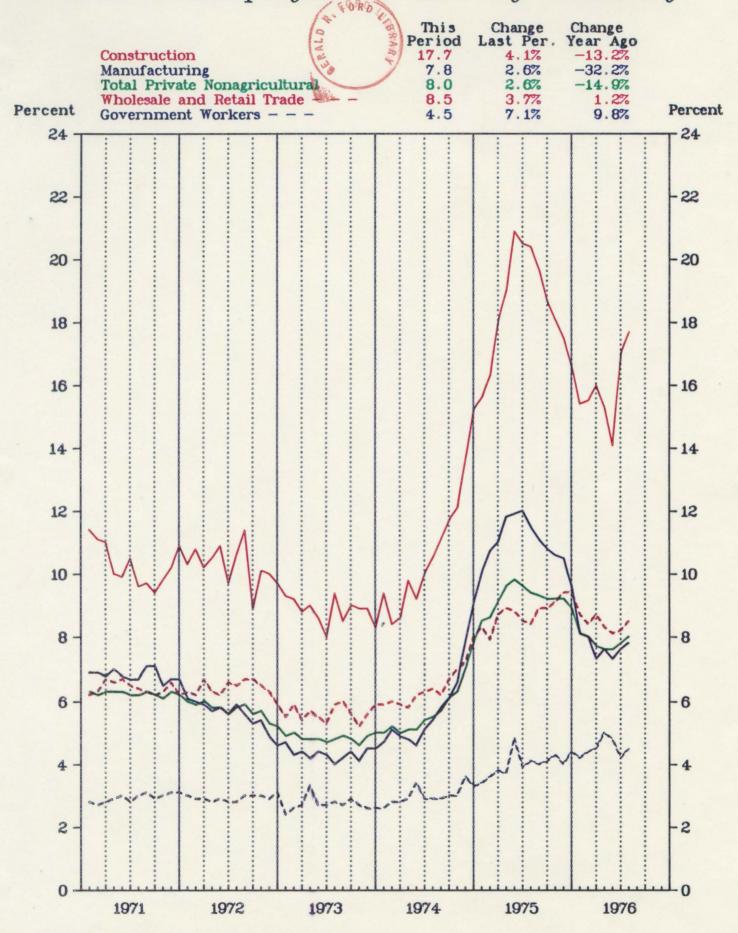
### A.2.1-Unemployment by Age, Sex, and Race





- Adult women recorded the highest overall unemployment rate increase, rising from 7.1 percent in June to 7.6 percent in July.
  - The rate among Black Adult Females rose from 11.3 percent to 11.7 percent, while the unemployment rate among White Adult Females rose from 6.5 percent to 6.9 percent.
- Offsetting movements in unemployment rates among Black Adult Males and White Adult Males resulted in a small overall increase from 6.0 percent to 6.1 percent in joblessness among male workers.
  - The unemployment rate among Black Adult Males fell from 10.7 percent to 10.3 percent, while unemployment among White Adult Males rose from 5.4 percent to 5.7 percent.
- Teenage Black unemployment declined from last month's 5-year record high rate of 40.3 percent to 34.1 percent.
- The unemployment rate among White Teenagers rose from 16.1 percent to 16.3 percent.

### A.2.1-Unemployment Rate by Industry

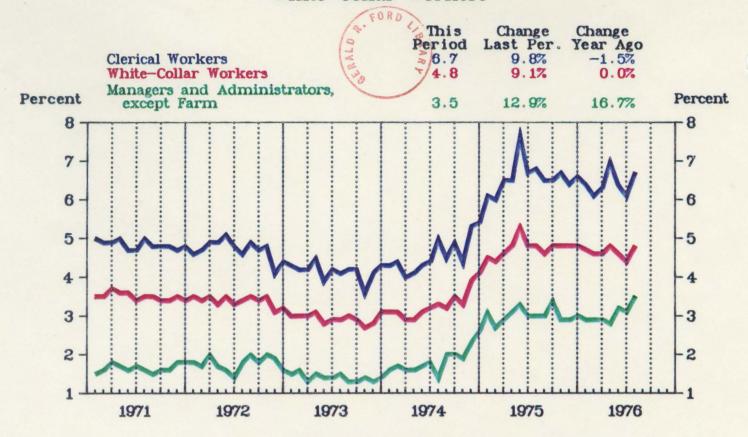


# A.2.1-Unemployment Rate by Industry Components of Manufacturing

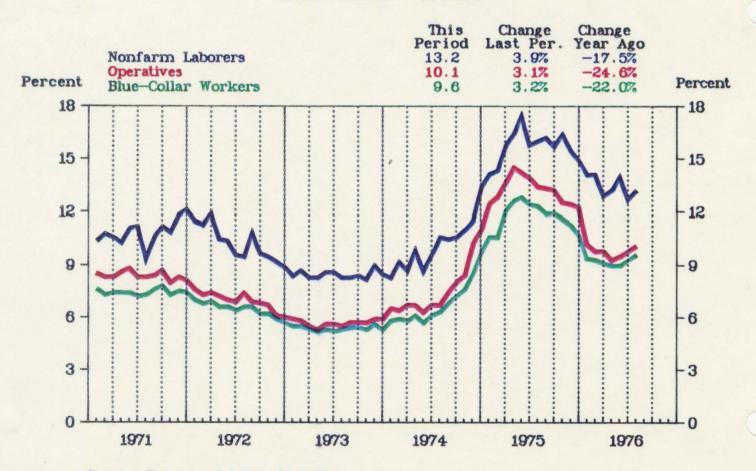


- Most major industry groups showed increased unemployment rates in July.
  - The incidence of unemployment among Government Workers, rising from 4.2 percent to 4.5 percent over the month, was the largest rate increase among industry groups.
- In the Total Private Nonagricultural sector, unemployment in Construction, rising from 17.0 percent to 17.7 percent, was the component showing the largest increase.
  - Unemployment in Wholesale and Retail Trade rose to 8.5 percent, the highest level since March.
  - Despite an increase from 7.6 percent to 7.8 percent, the rate of joblessness in Manufacturing remained almost one-third less than the rate of a year ago.
    - A decline in unemployment from 7.5 percent to 7.3 percent in Durable Manufacturing was more than offset by a sharp rise from 7.7 percent to 8.4 percent in the Nondurable Manufacturing unemployment rate.

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



Blue-Collar Workers



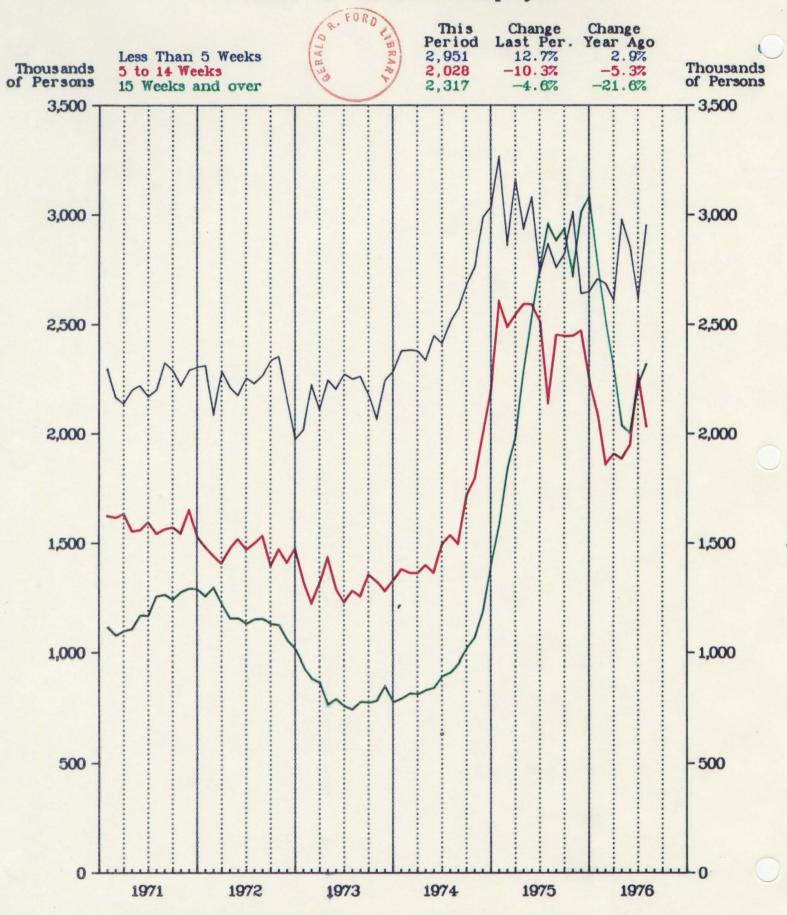


- Jobless rates were higher in July than in June for almost all categories of Blue-Collar and White-Collar Workers.
- The overall White-Collar unemployment rate rose from 4.4 percent to 4.8 percent, identical to the level of a year ago.

The largest rate increases were shown by Clerical Workers and by Nonfarm Managers and Administrators.

- Overall Blue-Collar unemployment rose 3.2 percent, only about one-third of the percent increase in total White-Collar unemployment.
  - The rise in the unemployment rate of Nonfarm Laborers from 12.7 percent to 13.2 percent still places it below the 14.0 percent jobless rate for March and the 16.0 percent rate of a year ago.
  - The 10.1 percent unemployment rate in July among Blue-Collar Operatives was the highest rate since the 10.2 percent recorded in January of this year.

### A.2.2-Duration of Unemployment Number of Workers Unemployed



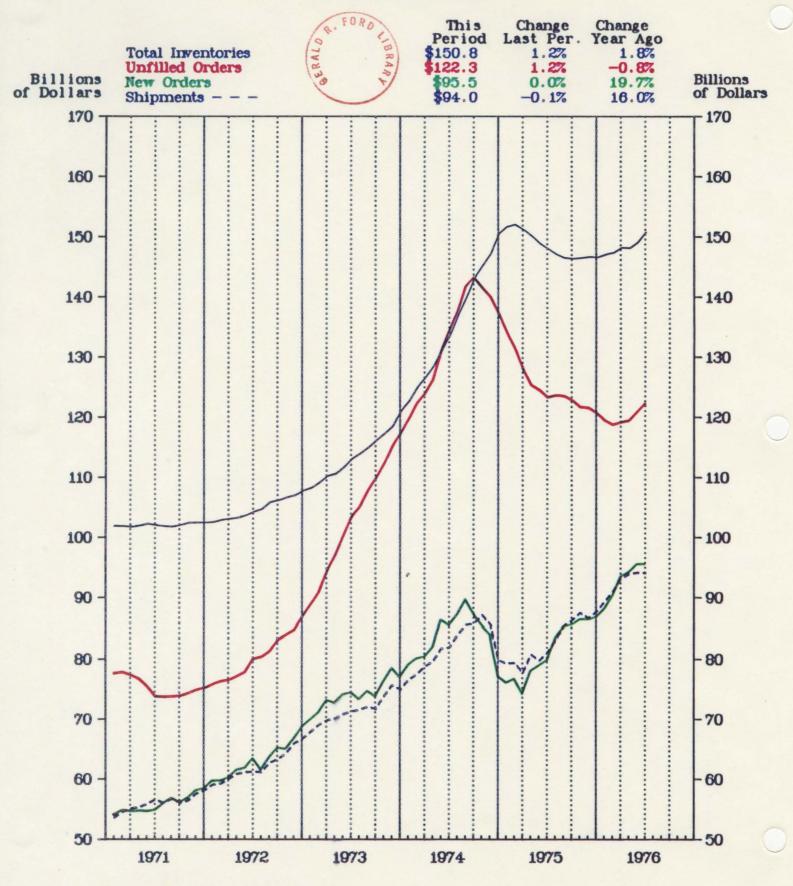
### A.2.2-Average Duration of Unemployment



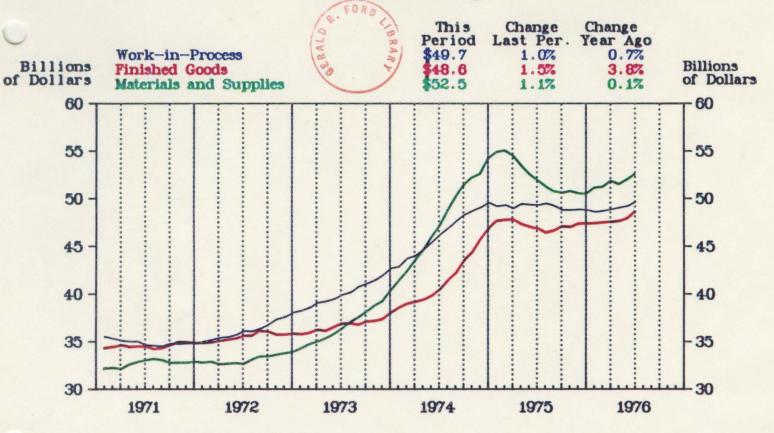
Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics 9 August 1976

- The number of persons unemployed less than 5 weeks rose sharply by 12.7 percent in July; and, despite an overall increase of 4.6 percent among those unemployed 15 weeks and over, the number of very long-term unemployed workers (those out of work 27 weeks or more) declined almost 8.0 percent.
  - As a result, the Average (Mean) Duration of Unemployment declined slightly over one week to 15.8 weeks.
- The number of workers unemployed 5 to 14 weeks declined 10.3 percent, the first drop since April.

#### A.4.4-Manufacturers' Shipments, Inventories, and Orders All Manufacturing

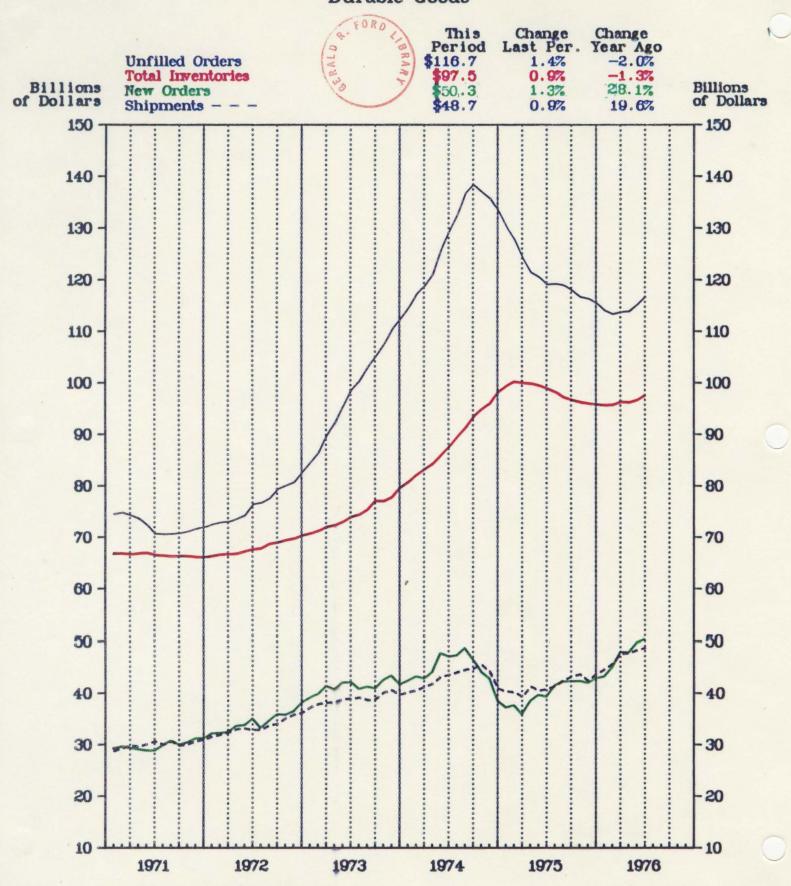


## A.4.4-Inventories by Stage of Fabrication

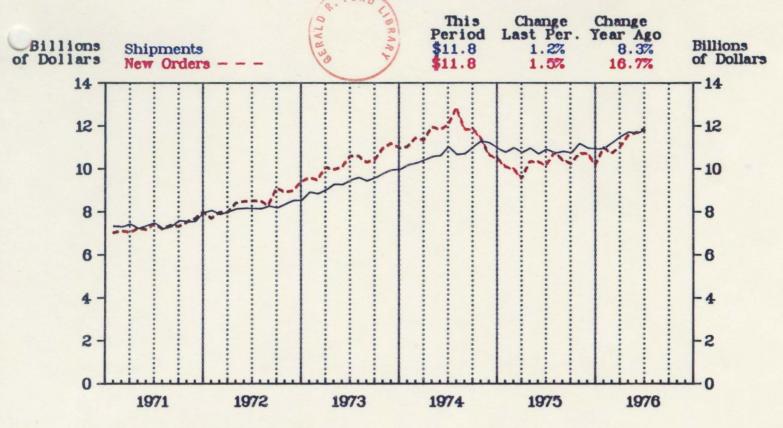


- Manufacturers' Shipments edged down \$59 million in June to \$94.0 billion, the first decline since last November.
- Manufacturers' New Orders were virtually unchanged at \$95.5 billion, halting a climb which totaled 10.1 percent in the first 5 months of 1976.
- •The backlog of Unfilled Orders rose for the fourth month--up \$1.5 billion (1.2 percent), the largest increase since September 1974.
- \*Following a \$918 million gain in May, Manufacturers' Inventories rose \$1.7 billion (1.2 percent) in June, the largest increase since December 1974.
  - The Inventory gain was widespread among the stage-of-fabrication groups. Finished goods posted the largest rise--up \$701 million (1.5 percent).

#### A.4.4-Manufacturers' Shipments, Inventories, and Orders Durable Goods

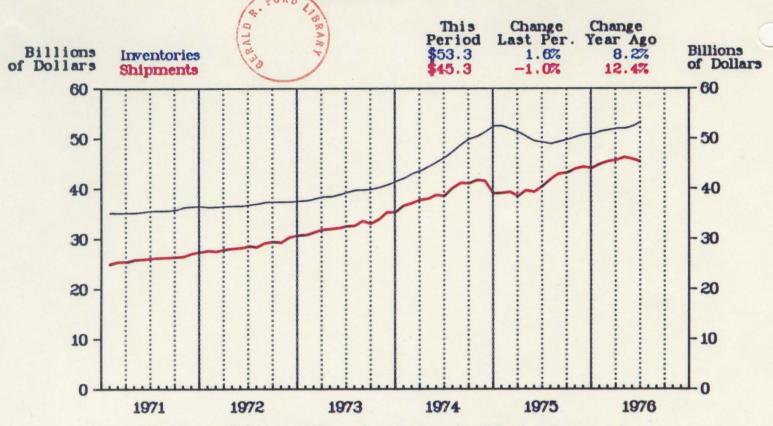


## A.4.4—Manufacturers' Shipments and New Orders Nondefense Capital Goods

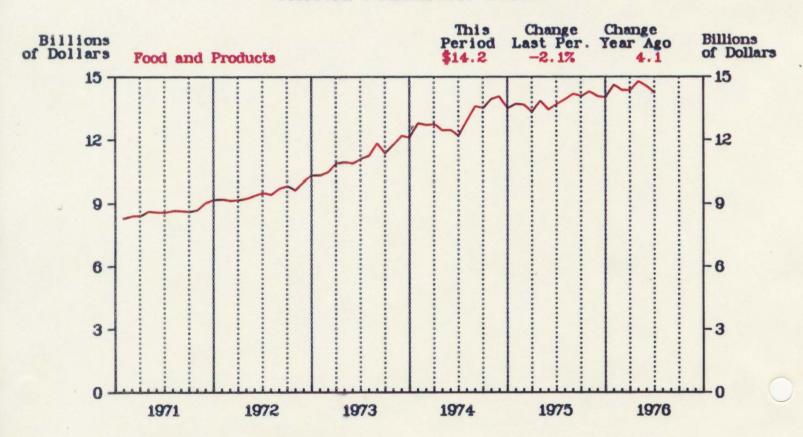


- New Orders for Durable Goods rose \$623 million (1.3 percent) in June, approximately a third of the rise posted in May.
  - June New Orders were valued at \$50.3 billion, an increase of 28.1 percent since June 1975.
- Durable Goods Shipments rose \$412 million (0.9 percent) to \$48.7 billion.
- Unfilled Orders climbed \$1.6 billion (1.4 percent) in June to \$116.7 billion.
- Reflecting generally widespread gains, Durable Inventories rose \$897 million (0.9 percent), double the rise posted in May.
- New Orders for Nondefense Capital Goods rose faster than Shipments, up \$172 million (1.5 percent) compared to a \$141 million (1.2 percent) rise in Shipments.
  - New Orders, valued at \$11.8 billion, exceeded Shipments by about \$29 million.

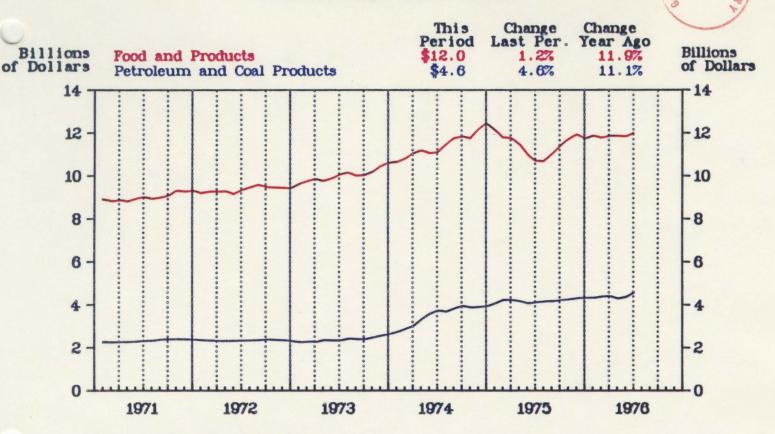
A.4.4-Manufacturers' Shipments and Inventories
Nondurable Goods



A.4.4-Manufacturers' Shipments
Selected Nondurable Goods

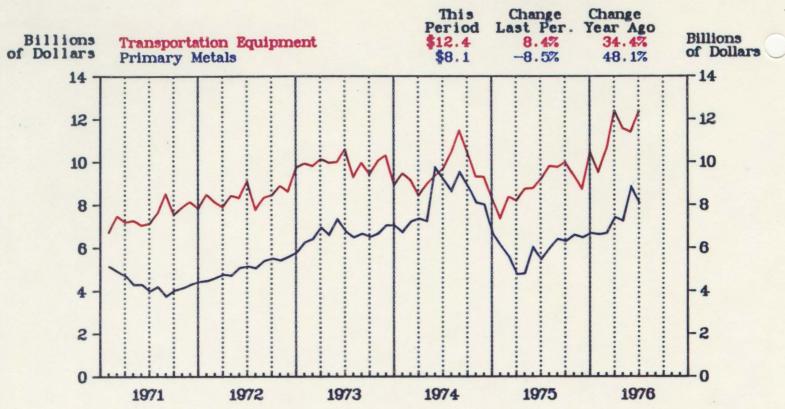


## A.4.4-Manufacturers' Inventories Selected Nondurable Goods



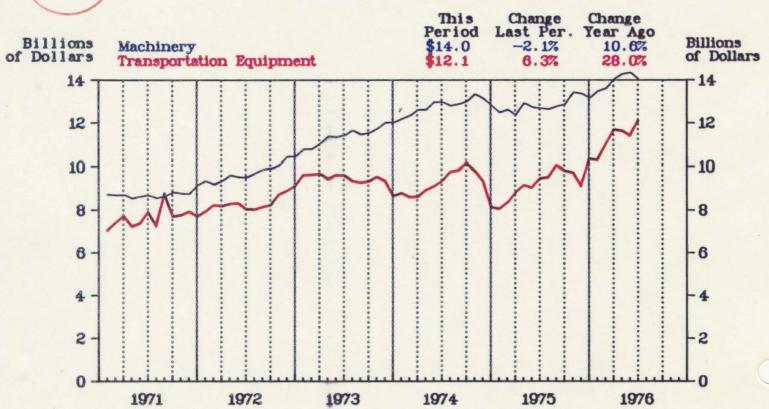
- Shipments of Nondurable Goods declined for the second month in June, down \$471 million (1.0 percent) for a total decrease of 1.8 percent since the April peak.
  - The Food industries reported the largest drop, down \$303 million.
- Following a \$472 million rise in May, Nondurable Inventories rose a further \$841 million to a new high of \$53.3 billion.
  - Food Inventories, which have shown little change since March, rose \$141 million to \$12.0 billion.
  - Petroleum and Coal Inventories rose for the second month, up \$200 million to a new peak of \$4.6 billion.

## A.4.4-Manufacturers' New Orders Components of Durable Goods

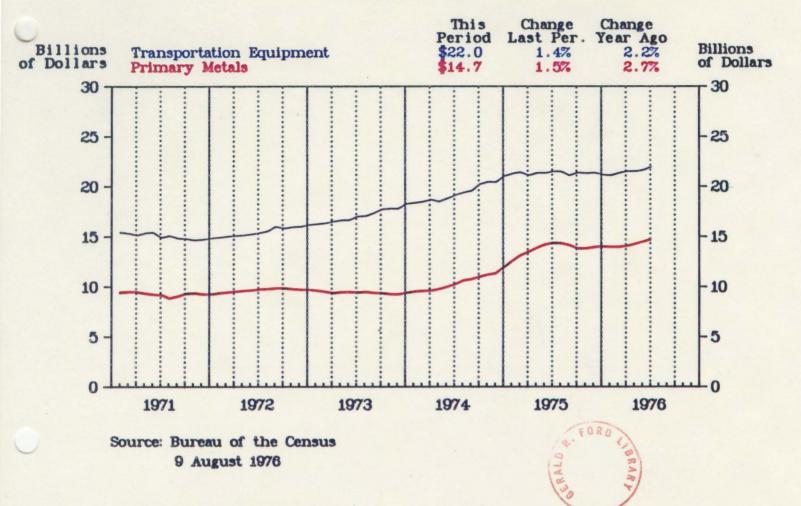




#### A.4.4—Manufacturers' Shipments Components of Durable Goods



### A.4.4-Manufacturers' Inventories Durable Goods



#### NEW ORDERS FOR DURABLE GOODS

- New Orders for Transportation Equipment posted the major gain, up \$956 million (8.4 percent) to \$12.4 billion, almost repeating the March high.
- A \$750 million (8.5 percent) drop in New Orders for Primary Metals, erasing almost half the May gain, was partially offsetting.

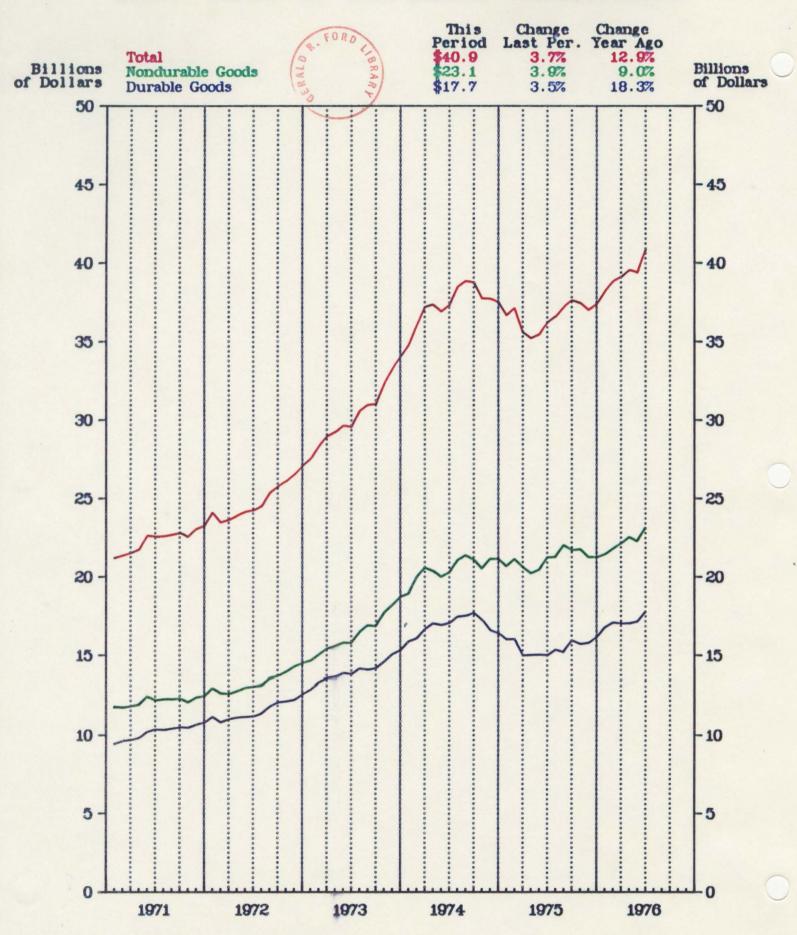
#### SHIPMENTS OF DURABLE GOODS

- Leading the June rise in Durable Shipments were Shipments of Transportation Equipment, up \$713 million (6.3 percent) to a new high of \$12.1 billion.
- •A \$304 million (2.1 percent) decrease in Machinery Shipments, the first in 6 months, was the largest decline.

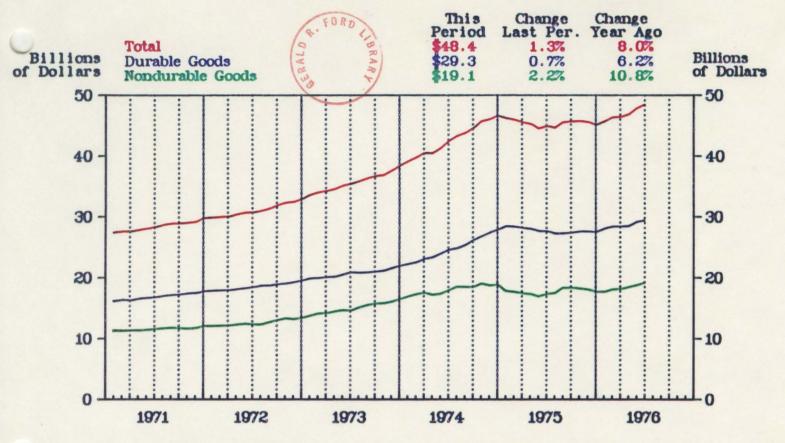
#### DURABLE INVENTORIES

• Among components posting the largest gains were Transportation Equipment, up \$312 million; and Primary Metals, up \$220 million.

### A.4.7-Sales of Merchant Wholesalers

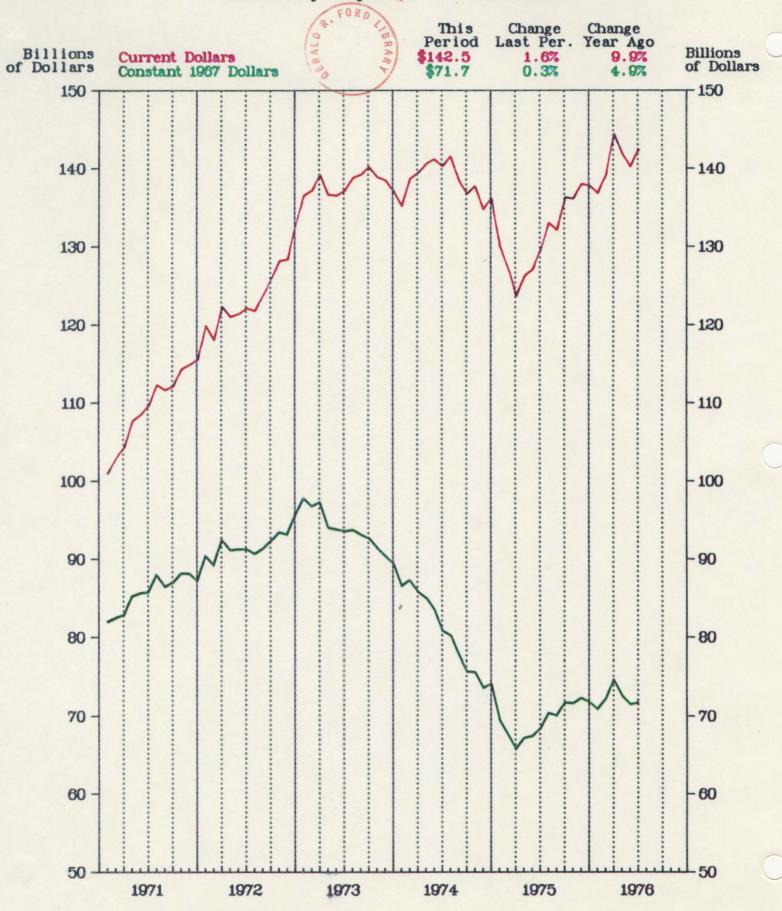


#### A.4.7-Inventories of Merchant Wholesalers

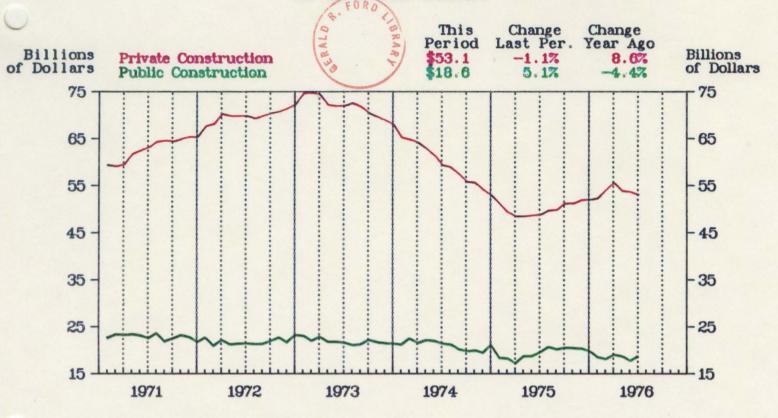


- Reflecting widespread gains, Total Sales of Merchant Wholesalers, jumped \$1.5 billion in June (3.7 percent) to \$40.9 billion.
  - Sales of Nondurable Goods, recovering from a \$259 million decline in May, rose \$866 million (3.9 percent) to \$23.1 billion.
  - Durable Goods Sales, which have shown little change since February, rose \$601 million to \$17.7 billion, eclipsing the previous high reported in September 1974.
- \*Total Inventories of Merchant Wholesalers rose less in June, up \$618 million (1.3 percent) compared to \$973 million in May.
  - Durable Inventories rose \$209 million (0.7 percent), approximately one-third the gain posted in May.
  - Nondurable Inventories rose \$409 million (2.2 percent) following a \$307 million increase in May.

A.7.2-Value of New Construction Work Done Seasonally Adjusted Annual Rates

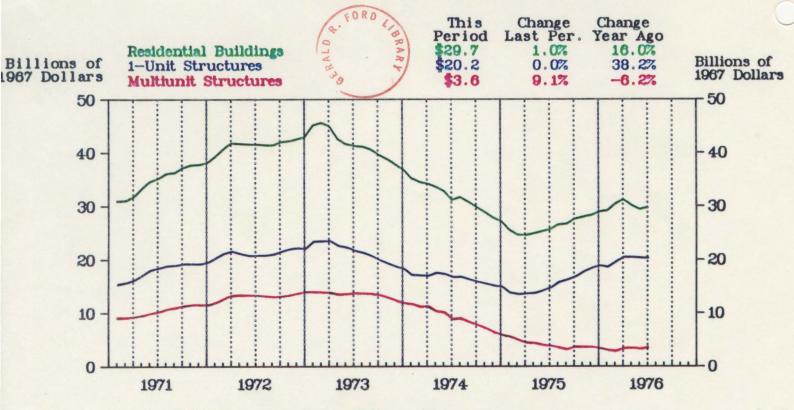


## A.7.2-Value of New Construction Work Done Private and Public Construction In Constant Dollars

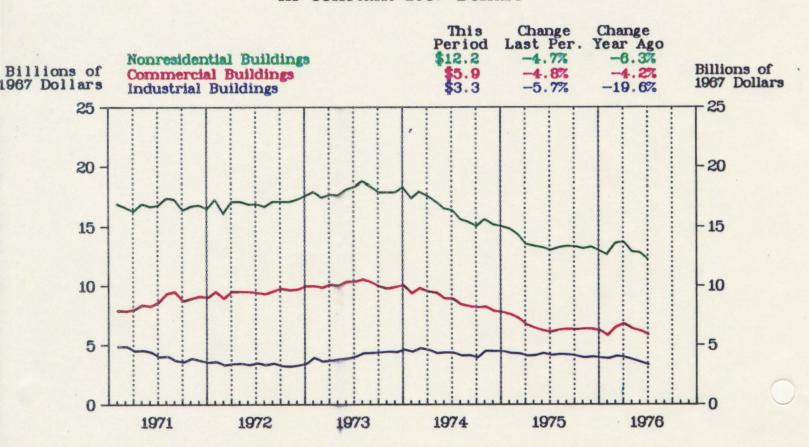


- •Following two successive monthly declines, the Value of New Construction Work Done, measured in constant dollars, recorded a slight rise of \$0.2 billion, or 0.3 percent over May's upward revised estimate of \$71.5 billion to an annual rate of \$71.7 billion in June.
  - Construction outlays, in current dollars, increased 1.6 percent to an annual rate of \$142.5 billion.
- Public Construction, rising 5.1 percent to an annual rate of \$18.6 billion, accounted for all of the increase in construction activity.
  - Private Construction, declining 1.1 percent to \$53.1 billion, was partially offsetting.

#### A.7.2-Value of New Construction Work Done Private Residential Structures In Constant 1967 Dollars



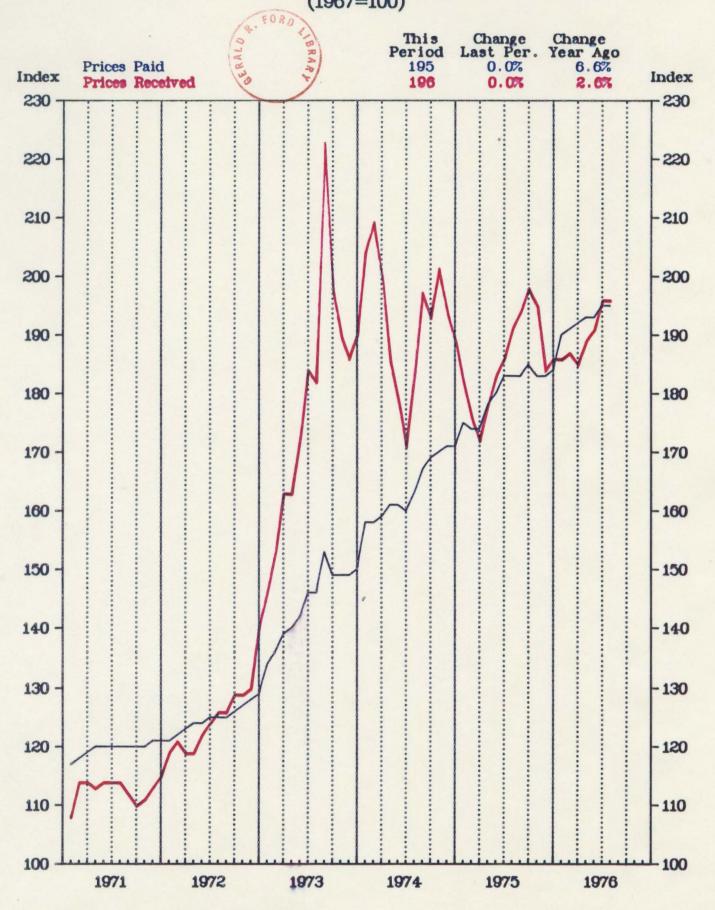
Private Nonresidential Structures In Constant 1967 Dollars





- The slight increase in construction activity in June resulted from offsetting movements in residential and nonresidential construction.
  - New construction work on Residential Buildings rose \$0.3 billion or 1 percent, to an annual rate of \$29.7 billion.
    - Increase was due to a \$0.3 billion rise in construction of Multiunit Structures.
    - •The pace of construction activity in 1-unit Structures remained unchanged.
- The value of New Construction for Nonresidential Buildings declined 4.7 percent to \$12.2 billion, the third successive monthly decrease and the lowest level in 5 years.
  - The rate of new construction for Commercial Buildings, down 4.8 percent to an annual pace of \$5.9 billion accounted for most of the decline.
  - Industrial Building construction decreased 5.7 percent to \$3.3 billion.

A.9.1-Prices Received and Paid By Farmers Not Seasonally Adjusted (1967=100)



Source: Department of Agriculture 9 August 1976

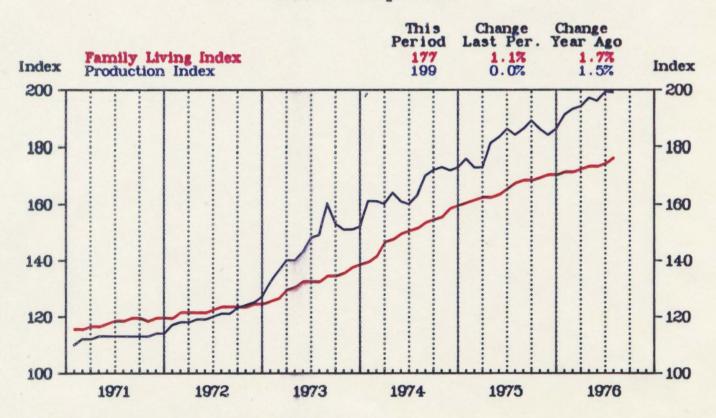


- The Index of Prices Received by Farmers for all farm products held steady during the month ended July 15 at 196, following increases during the 3 previous months.
- Prices Paid by Farmers (for commodities and services, interest, taxes, and farm wage rates) was 195, also unchanged from mid-June.
  - Lower feeder livestock prices offset higher prices for feed, fuel, and family living items.

# A.9.1-Prices Received By Farmers Selected Crops Not Seasonally Adjusted



Prices Paid By Farmers
Not Seasonally Adjusted
Selected Components

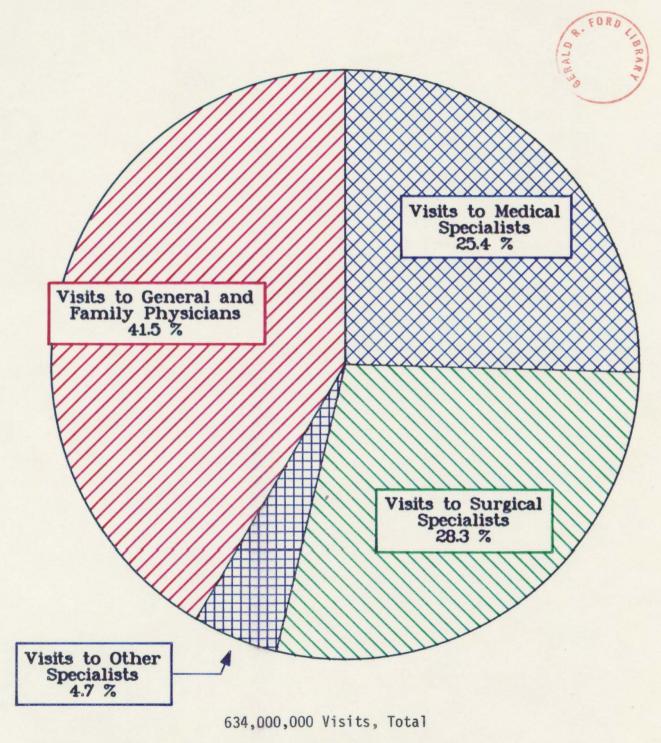


Source: Department of Agriculture 9 August 1976



- Higher prices for most crops, especially Soybeans, and Cotton were offset by lower prices for Meat Animals.
  - Oil-Bearing Crops increased 18 points (8 percent) to 240.
    - Soybeans at \$6.73 per bushel were 57 cents above June.
  - Cotton rose 38 points (13 percent) to 340.
  - Meat Animals declined 11 points (5 percent) to 176.
    - Average prices of beef cattle, hogs, and calves showed substantial declines.
- Prices Paid for Family Living Items was 2 points (1 percent) higher than in mid-June.
  - Due to rises in prices paid for food, autos and auto supplies, and clothing and textiles.
- Production items were 199, unchanged from mid-June.

# B.3.5-Office Visits to Physicians of All Specialties: 1974



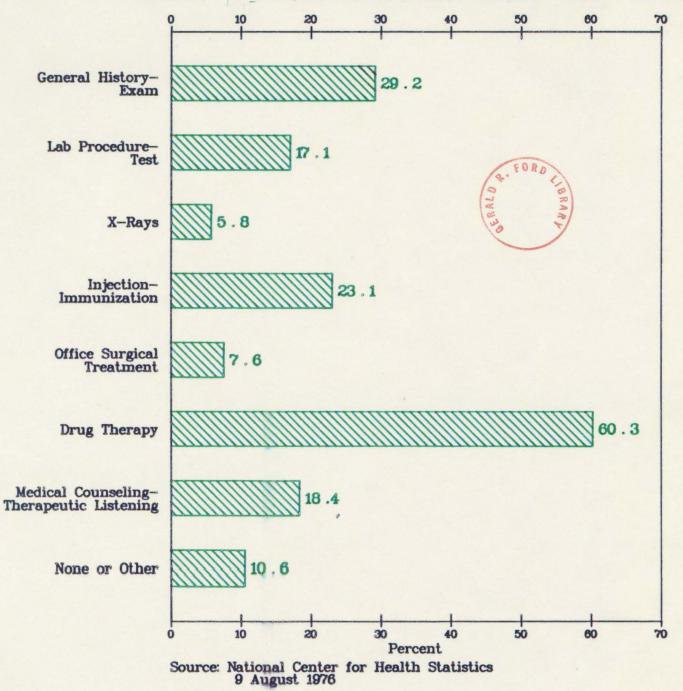
Source: National Center for Health Statistics 9 August 1976



- Based on a study by the National Center for Health Statistics of physicians in office-based patient care practice, Americans made an estimated 634 million visits to physicians' offices in 1974.
- Data from other studies indicate that almost 70 percent of all ambulatory care occurs in physicians' offices.
  - Two of every five visits were made to the offices of general and family physicians.

Note: This survey excludes physicians practicing in Alaska and Hawaii, those physicians whose specialties are anesthesiology, pathology, and radiology, and all physicians in government service.

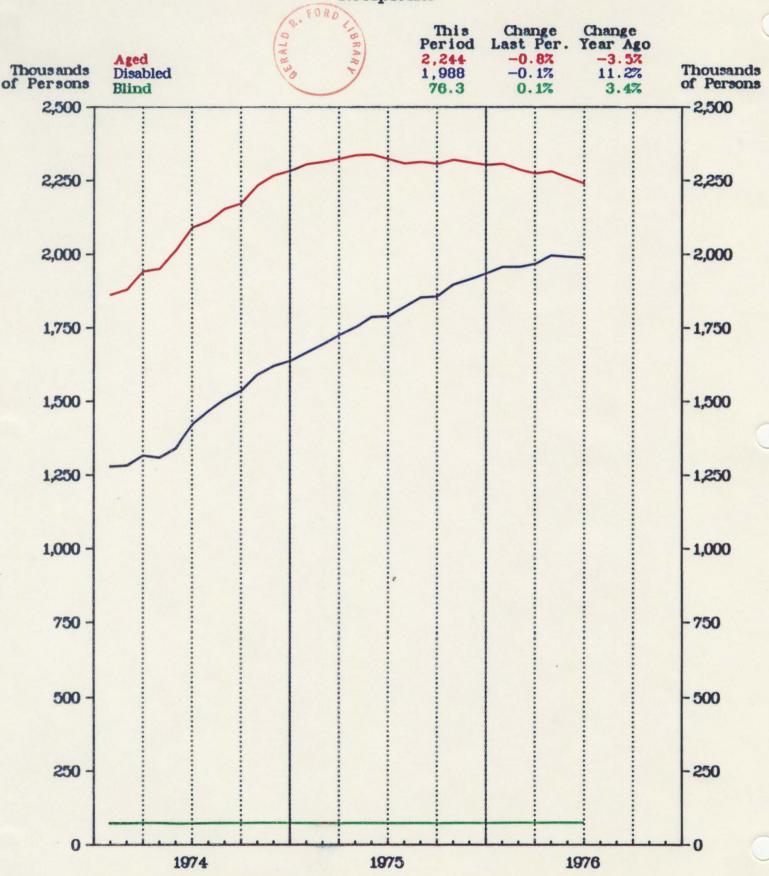
B. 3. 5—General and Family Physician Visits—Treatments and Services: 1974





- Drug therapy was the major treatment or service administered in visits to general and family physicians.
  - In six out of ten visits some form of drug was ordered or dispensed.
- Services such as "counseling" or "listening", while difficult to quantify and therefore probably dramatically underestimated, were reported for about 18 percent of the visits.

#### C.1.2-Supplemental Security Income to the Aged, Blind, and Disabled Recipients



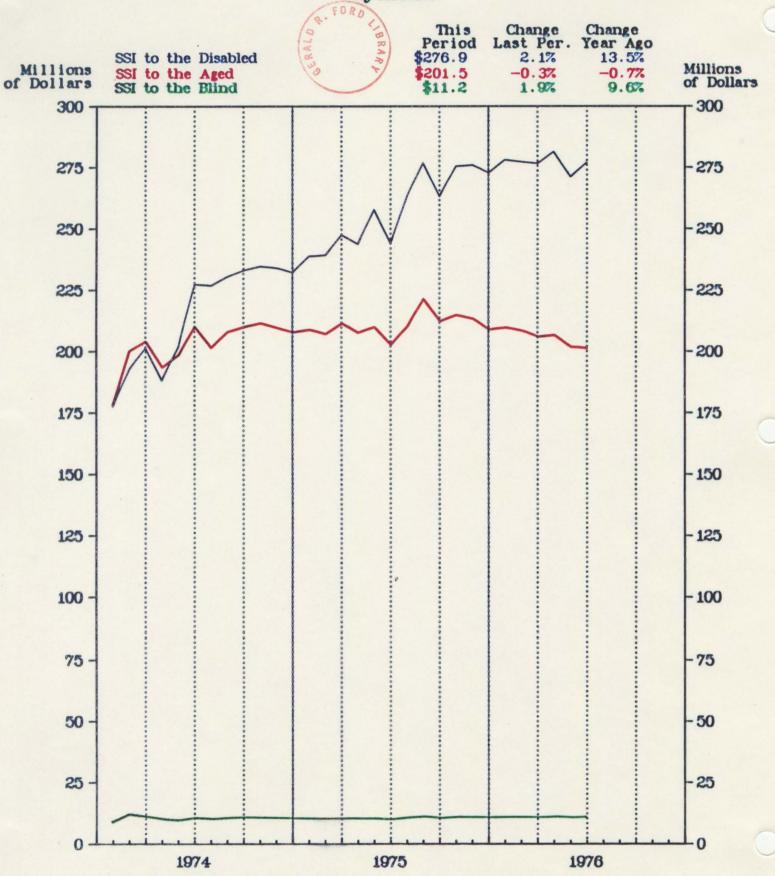
Source: Social Security Administration 9 August 1976



- The number of Aged persons receiving SSI payments declined for the second month in June, down about 19,000 persons (0.8 percent) to 2,244,200.
  - This is the lowest level since October 1974, and represents a decline of 3.5 percent since June 1975.
- The number of persons receiving SSI payments to the Disabled edged down again in June for a total decline of 5,987 persons since the April peak.
  - About 1,988,000 persons were receiving SSI payments to the Disabled in June, an increase of 11.2 percent since a year earlier.
- Approximately 76,300 persons received SSI payments to the Blind in June, little changed from May.

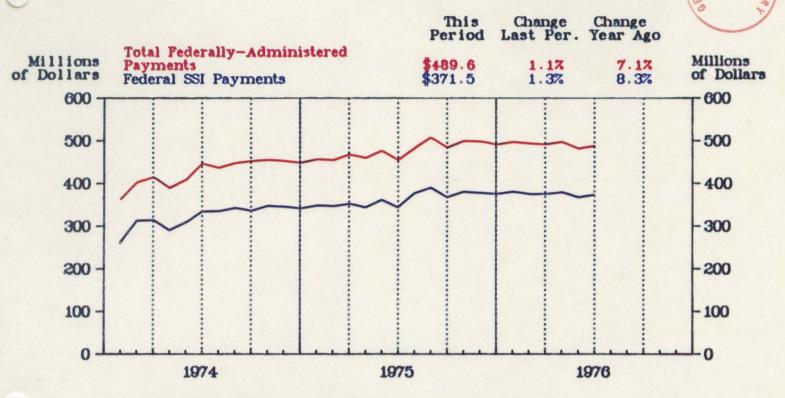
Note: The Federally-Administered Supplemental Security Income program (SSI) was established in January 1974, replacing Federal grants to the states for aid to the aged, blind, and disabled. The SSI program provides for uniform Federal payments and mandatory state supplementary payments for persons adversely affected by the transition from state aid to the Federal SSI program.

# C.1.2-Supplemental Security Income to the Aged, Blind, and Disabled



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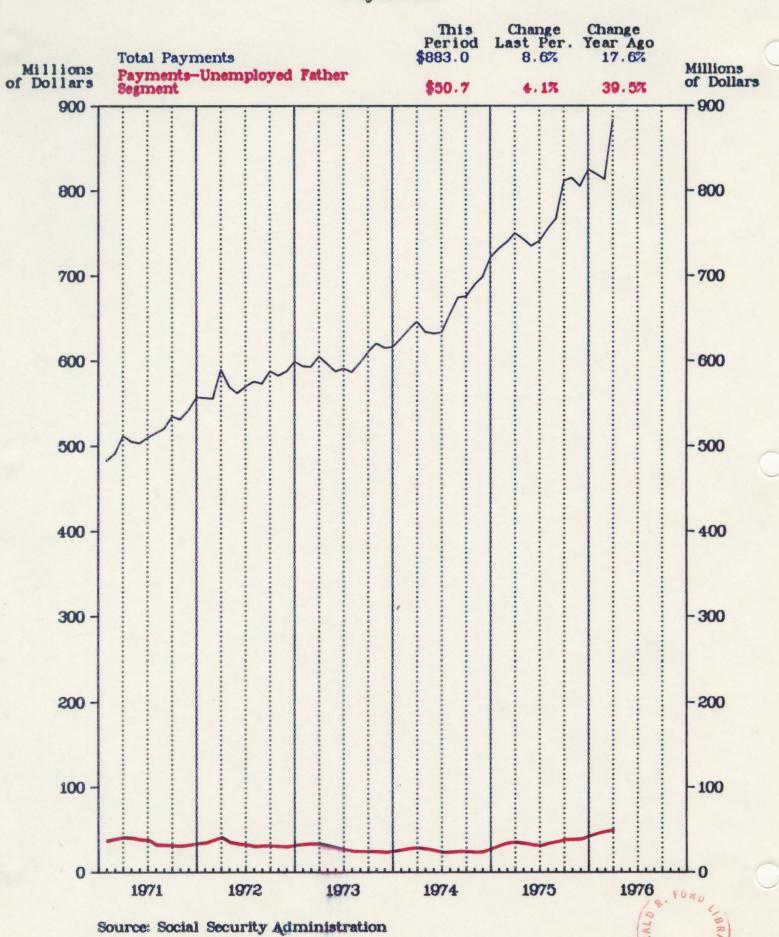
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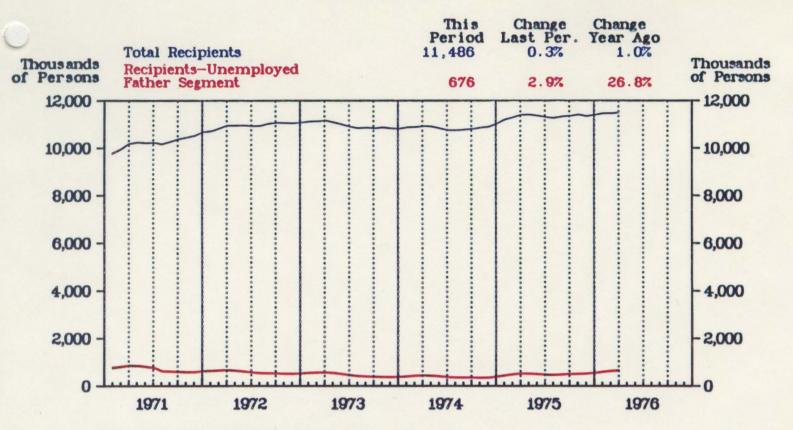
- Supplemental Security Income (SSI) payments to the permanently and totally Disabled rose \$5.8 million (2.1 percent) in June to \$276.9 million.
- SSI payments to the Aged declined for the second month--down \$635,000 (0.3 percent) to \$201.5 million.
- SSI payments to the Blind edged up \$206,000 (1.9 percent) to \$11.2 million.
- Total Federally-Administered SSI Payments to the Aged, Blind and Disabled rose \$5.3 million (1.1 percent) in June to \$489.6 million.
  - Despite the June rise, Total Payments remain 3.9 percent below the August 1975 peak of \$509.6 million.
- The Federal portion, accounting for about three-fourths of Total Payments, rose \$4.7 million (1.3 percent) in June to \$371.5 million.
- Federally-Administered State SSI Payments (the difference between Total Federally-Administered Payments and Federal SSI Payments) rose \$654,000 to \$118.1 million.

## C.1.4-Aid to Families with Dependent Children

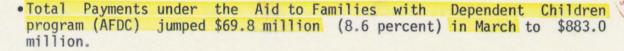


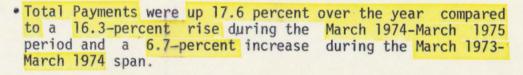
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## C.1.4—Aid to Families with Dependent Children



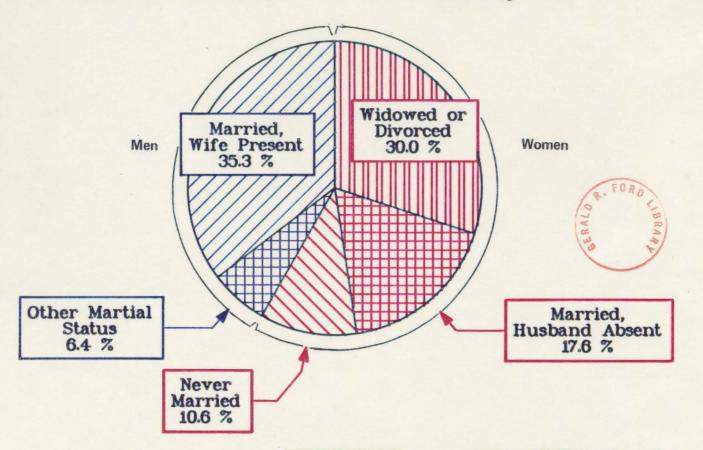
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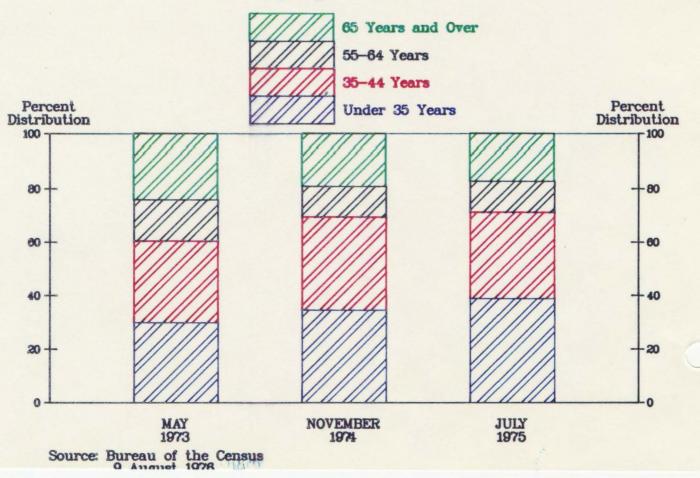
- Payments to recipients in the Unemployed Father Segment rose \$2.0 million (4.1 percent) to \$50.7 million.
- The total number of Recipients of AFDC payments rose 32,000 (0.3 percent) in March to 11,486,000.
  - Almost 60 percent of this rise was attributed to a 19,000 (2.9 percent) increase in Recipients in the Unemployed-Father Segment.

### C.1.7-Food Stamp Households by Martial Status of Head: July 1975



C.1.7-Food Stamp Households: July 1975

By Age of Head

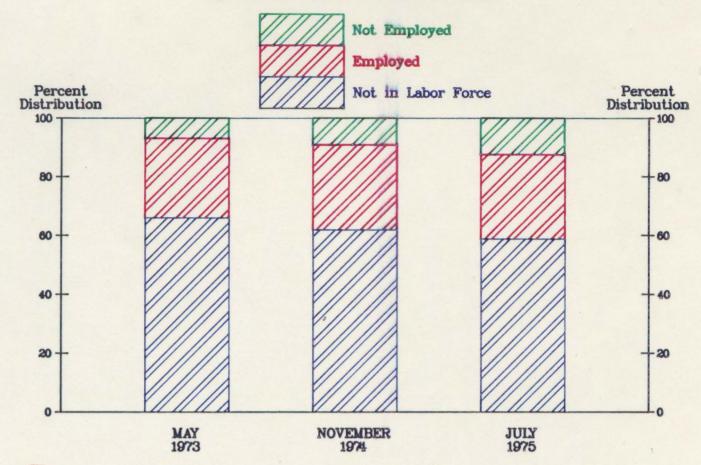




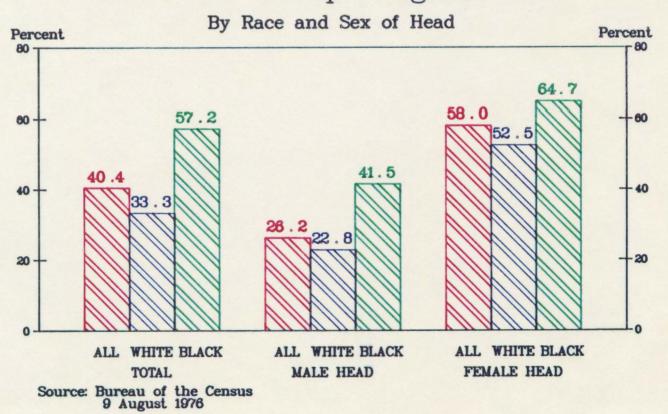
- According to the Current Population Survey, in July 1975, 59 percent of the households purchasing food stamps were headed by persons who were not in the labor force.
  - However, this proportion had declined about 7 percentage points over the two years since May 1973.
- Rising unemployment rates in late 1974 and continued high levels of unemployment in 1975 resulted in an increase in the proportion of food stamp households headed by the unemployed.
- According to an April 1975 survey, overall about 40 percent of all families with incomes below the poverty level in 1974 (\$5,038 for a nonfarm family of four persons) participated in the food stamp program in one or more months of 1974.

C.1.7—Food Stamp Households: Selected Periods

By Labor Force Status of Head



C.1.7—Proportion of Low-Income Families Participating in The Food Stamp Program: 1974





- Fifty-eight percent of all food stamp households were headed by women in July 1975, about half of whom were widowed or divorced.
- •The proportion of households purchasing food stamps headed by the elderly (65 years old or over) declined from 24 percent in May 1973 to 17 percent in July 1975, while the proportion headed by younger people, under age 35, rose from 30 to 39 percent during the same period.