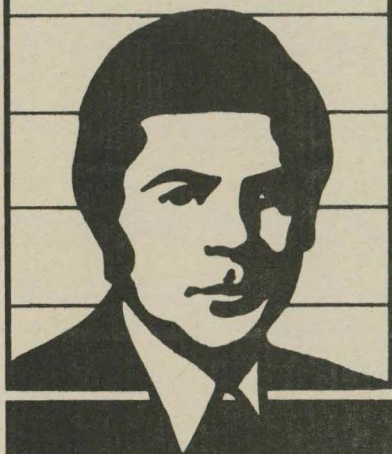


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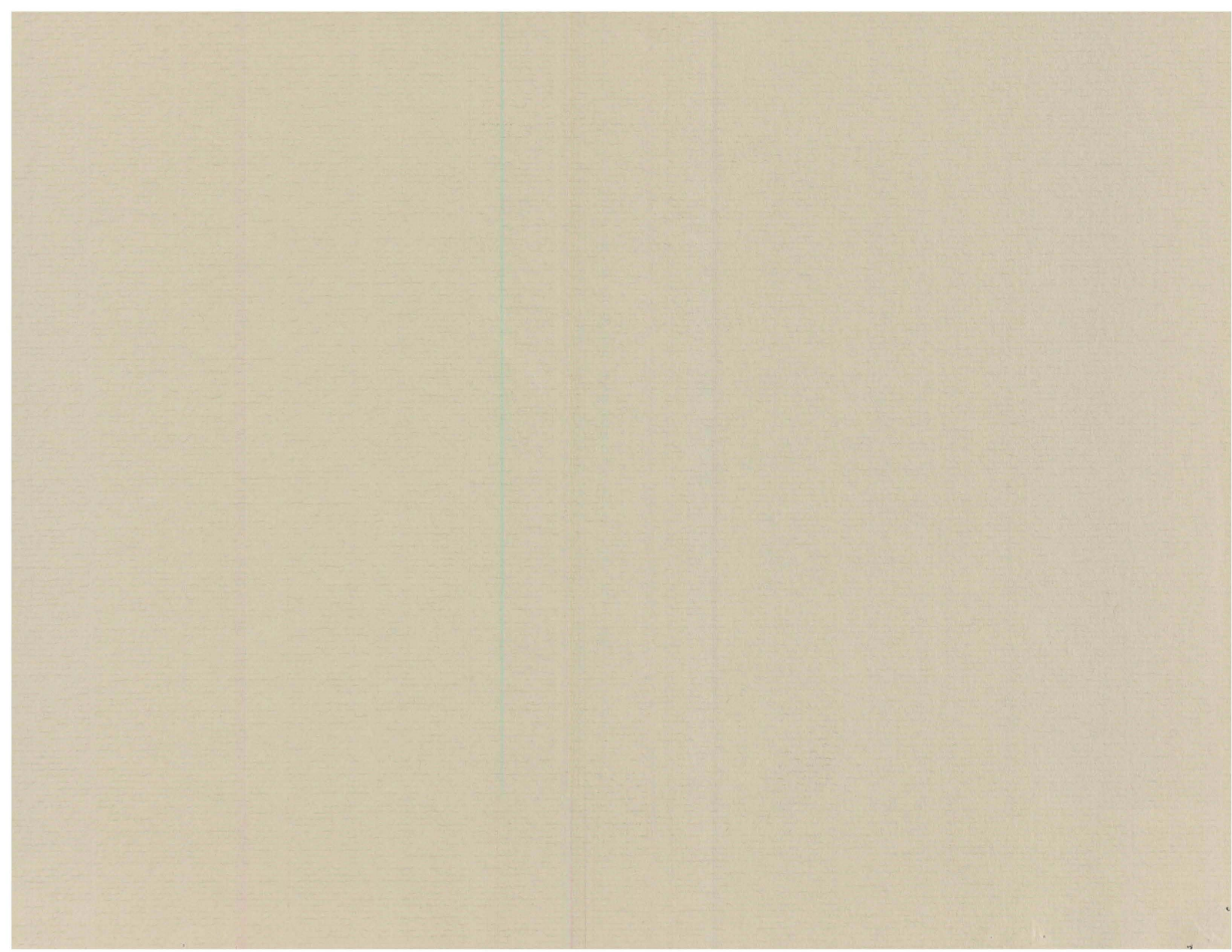


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This quarterly publication is designed to disseminate information on the characteristics of the insured unemployed to manpower planners, officials and other users of labor market information concerned with the problems of the unemployed. An unemployment insurance (U. I.) claimant is an individual who has been determined monetarily eligible for benefit payments under one or more of the Federal or State U.I. programs and whose benefit year or compensation, by reason of an extended duration period, has not ended and who has not exhausted his benefit right. Additional claimant groups include those receiving benefit payments under Federal U.I. programs. The publication is concerned primarily with those under the state U.I. programs.

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## CHARACTERISTICS OF THE INSURED UNEMPLOYED

Data for Quarter Ending June 30, 1977 Vo. 2

### General Economic Conditions

Second quarter employment in the Des Moines Standard Metropolitan Statistical Area (Polk and Warren Counties) was characterized by the usual seasonal increases in the outdoor related industries, and offsetting labor-management disputes in contract construction, printing and publishing, and primary and fabricated metal products.

Hiring was spotty in manufacturing during this period but employment held fairly even except for those industries affected by strike activity. Greatest employment gains have been in the retail sales and service industries (especially amusement related) and agriculture.

The number of unemployed totalling 6,400 in March dropped 21.9 percent in April, held even through May, and is expected to rise again during June and July. This normal seasonal increase results from the influx of students and graduates into the labor market, and factory shut-downs for vacations and retooling. This year, the economic impact of the May/June construction strike is also a factor. The jobless rate in the Des Moines SMSA continues to follow the statewide trend but is slightly higher. The Des Moines rate has fallen from 4.9% in January to 3.1% in April and May, but is expected to rise moderately during June and July.

The number of insured unemployed is not expected to rise to the same extent as total unemployed, and may decline some.

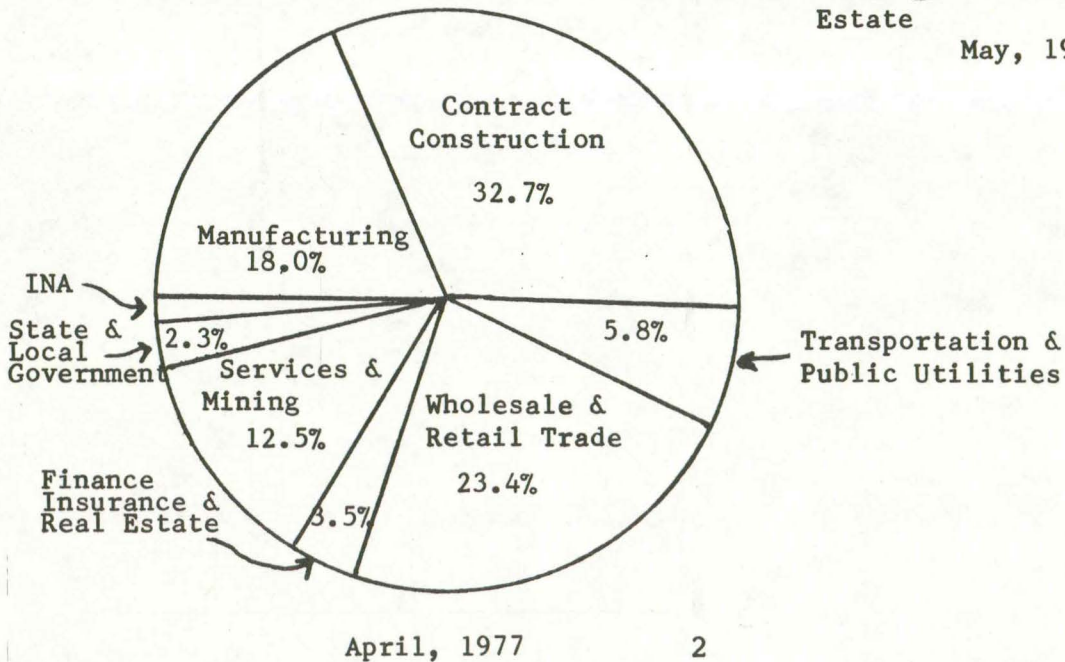
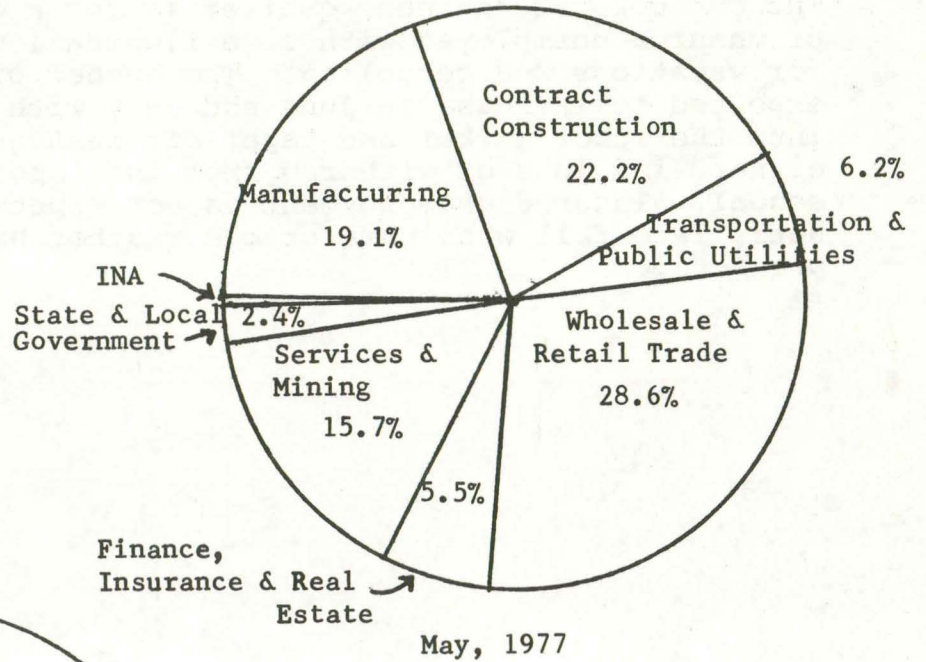
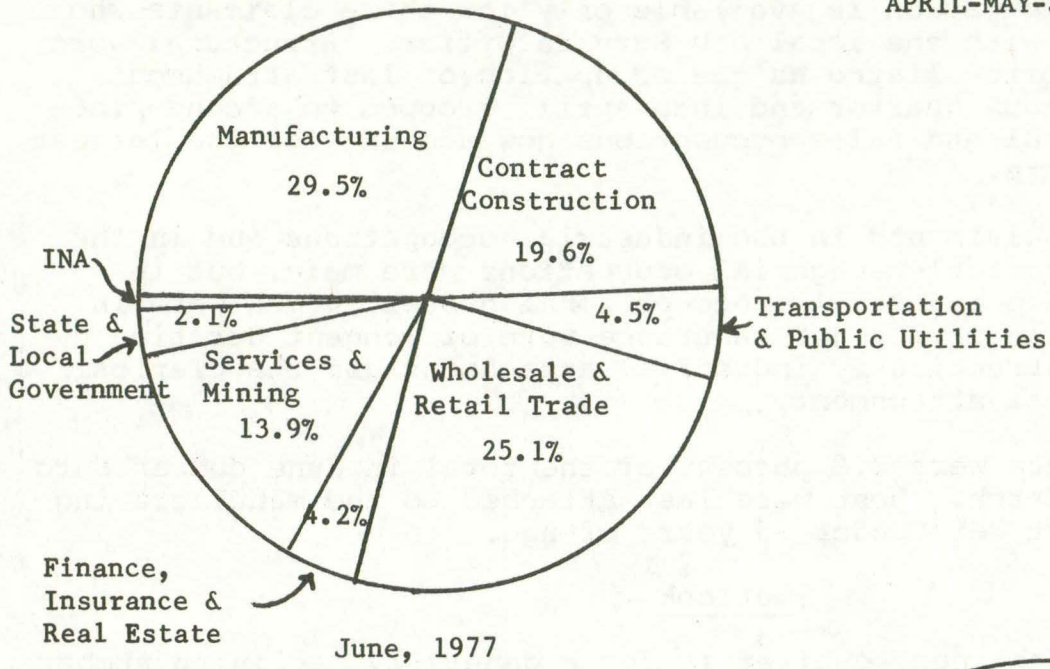
### Characteristics of the Insured Unemployed

During this quarter, the number of insured unemployed was highest in April at 2,431, dropped 36.5 percent in May and then increased 8.0 percent in June to a total of 2,048. Between May and June the number of male claimants increased 9.1 percent compared to a 5.6 percent increase in the number of female claimants. The difference was more pronounced between April and June with male claimants decreasing 23.0 percent and female claimants increasing 7.4 percent. Much of this difference can be attributed to the reduction in the number of claimants (mostly male) with attachment to the construction industry. Male claimants made up from 69 to 76 percent of the total during the quarter. About 97 percent of claimants were white, and most (60%) were under 35 years of age.

During June, manufacturing as the industry of last attachment accounted for the largest group of claimants and wholesale and retail attachment accounted for the second largest group. The contract construction industry has shifted to third place from first place during the first quarter.



INDUSTRY ATTACHMENT OF INSURED UNEMPLOYED  
APRIL-MAY-JUNE 1977



Occupational information is available only for those claimants who have registered with the local Job Service office. Structural work, which was most often listed as the occupation of last attachment during the previous quarter and into April, dropped to second place in June. Clerical and sales occupations now account for the largest group of claimants.

The majority of claimants in the industrial occupations and in the professional-technical-managerial occupations were male, but in the clerical/sales and service occupational groups, women were in the majority. Claims for job insurance were of longest duration in contract construction by industrial attachment and the clerical/sales occupational attachment.

Nonwhite claimants were 3.8 percent of the total in June compared to 1.6 percent in March. Most were last attached to the manufacturing industry and most were under 35 years of age.

#### Outlook

The outlook for the next quarter is for a generally declining number of insured unemployed with some fluctuation as factories shut down for vacations and retooling. The number of total unemployed is expected to increase in June and July with the influx of students into the labor market and taper off in August and September as they either find jobs or withdraw from the labor force to return to school. Insured unemployment is not expected to increase significantly until late fall when unfavorable weather halts most construction projects.



## TECHNICAL NOTES

The data presented in this report represents characteristics of unemployment insurance (U.I.) claimants who filed U.I. claims for benefits covering the survey week containing the 12th of the month. An unemployment insurance (U.I.) claimant is an individual who has been determined monetarily eligible for benefit payments under the Iowa unemployment insurance program and whose benefit year or compensation, by reason of an extended duration period, has not ended and who has not exhausted his benefit right.

## SUPPORTING STATISTICAL TABLES

Tables 1-7 contain data on the insured unemployed who are residents of the Des Moines, Iowa Standard Metropolitan Statistical Area (Polk and Warren Counties) for the Third Quarter (April, May, and June) for Fiscal Year 1977. Data were compiled as part of a cooperative program with the Employment and Training Administration, U. S. Department of Labor.

TABLE 1. SEX AND RACE OF THE INSURED UNEMPLOYED IN THE DES MOINES SMSA <sup>1/</sup>

ITEM	NUMBER			Net Change		Percent Change	
	JUNE 1977	MAY 1977	APRIL 1977	MAY- JUNE 1977	APR- JUNE 1977	MAY- JUNE 1977	APR- JUNE 1977
TOTAL.....	2,048	1,896	2,431	152	-383	8.0	-15.8
<u>SEX</u>							
Male.....	1,426	1,307	1,852	119	-426	9.1	-23.0
Female.....	622	589	579	33	43	5.6	7.4
<u>RACE</u>							
White.....	1,971	1,843	2,393	128	-422	6.9	-17.6
Nonwhite.....	77	53	38	24	39	45.3	102.6
<u>MEN CLAIMANTS</u>							
White.....	1,380	1,274	1,825	106	-445	8.3	-24.4
Nonwhite.....	46	33	27	13	19	39.4	70.4
<u>WOMEN CLAIMANTS</u>							
White.....	591	569	568	22	23	3.9	4.0
Nonwhite.....	31	20	11	11	20	55.0	181.8

<sup>1/</sup> Data are for the week including the 12th of the month. Data were compiled as part of a cooperative program with the Employment and Training Administration, U. S. Department of Labor.



TABLE 2. INDUSTRY ATTACHMENT OF THE INSURED UNEMPLOYED IN DES MOINES SMSA 1/

INDUSTRY ATTACHMENT	Number			Net Change		Percent Change	
	JUNE 1977	MAY 1977	APRIL 1977	MAY JUNE 1977	APR.- JUNE 1977	MAY JUNE 1977	APR. JUNE 1977
TOTAL.....	2,048	1,896	2,431	152	-383	8.0	-15.8
Contract Construction.....	402	421	795	- 19	-393	- 4.5	--49.4
Manufacturing.....	605	362	438	243	167	67.1	38.1
Durable Goods.....	154	172	214	- 18	- 60	- 10.5	28.0
Lumber & Furniture.....	16	19	25	- 3	- 9	- 15.9	-36.0
Stone, Clay & Glass Prod...	13	16	53	- 3	- 40	- 18.8	-75.5
Primary & Fab. Metal Prod..	40	50	53	- 10	- 13	- 20.0	-24.5
Machinery.....	76	71	66	5	- 10	7.0	-15.2
Other Durable Goods.....	9	16	17	- 7	- 8	- 43.8	-47.1
Nondurable Goods.....	451	190	224	261	227	137.4	101.3
Food & Kindred Prod.....	41	48	81	- 7	- 40	- 14.6	-49.4
Printing & Publishing.....	357	75	87	282	270	376.0	310.3
Other Nondurable Goods.....	53	67	56	- 14	- 3	- 20.9	- 5.4
Public Utilities.....	93	118	142	- 25	- 49	- 21.2	34.5
Wholesale and Retail Trade.....	515	543	569	- 28	- 54	- 5.2	- 9.5
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate.....	85	104	86	- 19	- 1	- 18.3	- 1.2
Services & Mining.....	284	297	303	- 13	- 19	- 4.4	- 6.3
State & Local Government.....	43	45	56	- 2	- 13	- 4.4	-23.2
Information Not Available.....	37	26	42	11	- 5	42.3	-11.9

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TABLE 3. OCCUPATIONAL ATTACHMENT OF THE INSURED UNEMPLOYED IN DES MOINES SMSA 1/

OCCUPATIONAL ATTACHMENT	Number			Net Change		Percent Change	
	JUNE	MAY	APRIL	MAY-	APR.-	MAY-	APR.-
	1977	1977	1977	JUNE	JUNE	JUNE	JUNE
TOTAL.....	2,048	1,896	2,431	152	-383	8.0	-15.8
Prof./Tech./Managerial.....	78	80	71	- 2	7	- 2.5	9.9
Clerical/Sales.....	118	120	124	- 2	- 6	- 1.7	4.8
Service.....	58	72	80	- 14	- 22	-19.4	-27.5
Farming/Fishing/Forestry.....	*	*	7	----	----	-----	-----
Industrial Categories:							
By Type of Work							
Processing.....	11	12	7	- 1	4	- 8.3	57.1
Machine Trades.....	44	44	41	0	3	.0	7.3
Bench Work.....	33	28	40	5	- 7	17.9	-17.5
Structural Work.....	85	91	162	- 6	- 77	6.6	47.5
Miscellaneous.....	75	76	123	- 1	- 48	- 1.3	39.0
By Complexity 2/							
High.....	27	27	INA	0	----	.0	----
Medium.....	33	35	INA	- 2	----	- 5.7	----
Low.....	188	189	INA	- 1	----	- 0.5	----
Information Not Available.....	1,545	1,370	1,776	175	-231	12.8	-13.0
MEN CLAIMANTS							
Prof./Tech./Managerial.....	46	46	39	0	7	.0	17.9
Clerical/Sales.....	36	38	36	- 2	0	- 5.3	.0
Service.....	24	33	42	- 9	- 6	-27.3	-14.3
Industrial Categories:							
By Type of Work							
Processing.....	9	8	5	1	4	12.5	80.0
Machine Trades.....	41	41	37	0	4	.0	10.8
Bench Work.....	22	19	31	3	- 9	15.8	-29.0
Structural Work.....	84	90	160	- 6	- 76	- 6.7	-47.5
Miscellaneous.....	67	70	115	- 3	- 48	- 4.3	-41.7
By Complexity 2/							
High.....	26	27	INA	- 1	----	- 3.7	-----
Medium.....	31	33	INA	- 2	----	- 6.1	-----
Low.....	166	168	INA	- 2	----	- 1.2	-----
Information Not Available.....	1,096	960	1,381	136	-285	14.2	- 20.6

(over)



TABLE 3. OCCUPATIONAL ATTACHMENT OF THE INSURED UNEMPLOYED IN DES MOINES SMSA 1/ (Cont'd)

OCCUPATIONAL ATTACHMENT	Number			Net Change		Percent Change	
	JUNE 1977	MAY 1977	APRIL 1977	MAY- JUNE 1977	APR.- JUNE 1977	MAY- JUNE 1977	APR.- JUNE 1977
<b>WOMEN CLAIMANTS</b>							
Prof./Tech./Managerial.....	32	34	32	- 2	0	- 5.9	.0
Clerical/Sales.....	82	82	88	0	- 6	.0	- 6.8
Service.....	34	39	38	- 5	- 4	-12.8	-10.5
Farming/Fishery/Forestry.....	*	*	*				
<b>Industrial Categories</b>							
<b>By Type of Work</b>							
Processing.....	*	*	*	----	----	----	----
Machine Trades.....	*	*	*	----	----	----	----
Bench Work.....	11	9	9	2	2	22.2	22.2
Structural Work.....	*	*	*	----	----	----	----
Miscellaneous.....	8	6	8	2	0	33.3	.0
<b>By Complexity <u>2/</u></b>							
High.....	1	0	INA	1	----	----	----
Medium.....	2	2	INA	0	----	.0	----
Low.....	22	21	INA	1	----	4.8	----
Information Not Available.....	449	410	395	39	54	9.5	13.7

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2/ Only industrial occupational categories are arranged by degree of complexity. Indicated groups are classified on the basis of the fourth digit of the occupation code.

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TABLE 4. AGE BY SEX AND RACE OF THE INSURED UNEMPLOYED IN THE DES MOINES SMSA 1/

AGE, SEX AND RACE	Number			Net Change		Percent Change	
	JUNE	MAY	APRIL	MAY-	APR.-	MAY-	APR.-
	1977	1977	1977	JUNE	JUNE	JUNE	JUNE
TOTAL.....	2,048	1,896	2,431	152	-383	8.0	- 15.8
Under 22.....	368	299	356	69	12	23.1	3.4
22-24.....	273	260	349	13	- 76	5.0	- 21.8
25-34.....	625	577	708	48	- 83	8.3	- 11.7
35-44.....	311	283	389	32	- 78	11.3	- 20.1
45-54.....	267	279	376	- 12	-109	- 4.3	- 29.0
55-59.....	112	105	122	7	- 10	6.7	- 8.2
60-64.....	69	69	103	0	- 34	.0	- 33.0
65 and Over.....	23	24	28	- 1	- 5	- 4.2	- 17.9
<b>MEN CLAIMANTS</b>							
Under 22.....	275	202	277	73	- 2	36.1	- 0.7
22-24.....	185	175	258	10	- 73	5.7	- 28.3
25-34.....	470	430	573	40	-103	9.3	- 18.0
35-44.....	184	178	286	6	-102	3.4	- 35.7
45-54.....	190	199	275	- 9	- 85	- 4.5	- 30.9
55-59.....	65	64	91	1	- 26	1.6	- 28.6
60-64.....	45	46	76	- 1	- 31	- 2.2	- 40.8
65 and Over.....	12	13	16	- 1	- 4	- 7.7	- 25.0
<b>WOMEN CLAIMANTS</b>							
Under 22.....	93	97	79	- 4	14	- 4.1	17.7
22-24.....	88	85	91	3	- 3	3.5	- 3.3
25-34.....	155	147	135	8	20	5.4	14.8
35-44.....	127	105	103	22	24	21.0	23.3
45-54.....	77	80	101	- 3	- 24	- 3.8	- 23.8
55-59.....	47	41	31	6	16	14.6	51.6
60-64.....	24	23	27	1	- 3	4.3	- 11.1
65 and Over.....	11	11	12	0	- 1	.0	- 8.3
<b>WHITE CLAIMANTS</b>							
Under 22.....	357	291	349	66	8	22.7	2.3
22-24.....	256	253	345	3	167	1.2	48.4
25-34.....	602	559	694	43	- 92	7.7	- 13.3
35-44.....	301	275	381	26	- 80	9.5	- 21.0

(Over)



TABLE 4. AGE BY SEX AND RACE OF THE INSURED UNEMPLOYED IN THE DES MOINES SMSA 1/ (Cont'd)

AGE, SEX AND RACE	Number			Net Change		Percent Change	
	JUNE	MAY	APRIL	MAY-	APR.-	MAY-	APR.-
	1977	1977	1977	JUNE	JUNE	JUNE	JUNE
<b>WHITE CLAIMANTS (Cont'd)</b>							
45-54.....	256	272	373	- 16	-117	- 5.9	- 31.4
55-59.....	108	101	120	7	- 12	6.9	- 10.0
60-64.....	68	68	103	0	- 35	.0	- 34.0
65 and Over.....	23	24	28	- 1	- 5	4.2	- 17.9
<b>NONWHITE CLAIMANTS</b>							
Under 22.....	11	8	7	3	4	37.5	57.1
22-24.....	17	7	*	10	----	142.9	-----
25-34.....	23	18	14	5	9	27.8	64.3
35-44.....	10	8	8	2	2	25.0	25.0
45-54.....	11	7	*	4	----	57.1	-----
55-59.....	*	*	*	----	----	----	-----
60-64.....	*	*	*	----	----	----	-----
65 and Over.....	*	*	*	----	----	----	-----

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TABLE 5. DURATION OF UNEMPLOYMENT OF THE INSURED UNEMPLOYED IN THE DES MOINES SMSA BY SEX AND RACE 1/

DURATION BY SEX AND RACE	Number			Net Change		Percent Change	
	JUNE 1977	MAY 1977	APRIL 1977	MAY- JUNE 1977	APR.- JUNE 1977	MAY- JUNE 1977	APR.- JUNE 1977
TOTAL.....	2,048	1,896	2,431	152	-383	8.0	- 15.8
1-4 Weeks.....	383	251	170	132	213	52.6	125.3
5-14 Weeks.....	1,055	972	1,477	83	-422	8.5	- 28.6
15 Weeks and Over.....	610	673	784	- 63	-174	9.4	- 22.2
SEX BY WEEKS UNEMPLOYED							
Men Claimants							
1-4 Weeks.....	301	156	124	145	177	92.9	142.7
5-14 Weeks.....	701	668	1,121	33	-420	4.9	- 37.5
15 Weeks and Over.....	424	483	607	- 59	-183	-12.2	- 30.1
Women Claimants							
1-4 Weeks.....	82	95	46	- 13	36	-13.7	78.3
5-14 Weeks.....	354	304	356	50	- 2	16.4	- 0.6
15 Weeks and Over.....	186	190	177	- 4	9	- 2.1	5.1
RACE BY WEEKS UNEMPLOYED							
White Claimants							
1-4 Weeks.....	368	236	168	132	200	55.9	119.0
5-14 Weeks.....	1,006	947	1,458	59	-452	6.2	- 31.0
15 Weeks and Over.....	597	660	767	- 63	-170	9.5	- 22.2
Nonwhite Claimants							
1-4 Weeks.....	15	15	*	0	----	.0	-----
5-14 Weeks.....	49	25	19	24	30	96.0	157.9
15 Weeks and Over.....	13	13	17	0	- 4	0	- 23.5

1/ Data are for the week including the 12th of the month.

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TABLE 6. SELECTED CHARACTERISTICS OF THE INSURED UNEMPLOYED BY INDUSTRY AND OCCUPATION, DES MOINES SMSA 1/

MONTH: JUNE 1977

INDUSTRY AND OCCUPATION	TOTAL	NON- WHITE	MALE	Age Group		Weeks Claimed	
				Under 25	Over 54	Under 5	Over 14
INDUSTRY:							
TOTAL.....	2,048	77	1,426	730	235	383	686
Contract Construction.....	402	12	395	78	75	22	191
Manufacturing.....	605	24	449	258	39	281	120
Durable Goods.....	154	5	117	55	16	12	54
Nondurable Goods.....	451	19	332	203	23	269	66
Public Utilities.....	93	0	71	32	6	7	37
Wholesale and Retail Trade..	515	15	316	214	58	44	170
Finance, Insurance, and Real Estate.....	85	*	27	36	8	6	33
Services.....	284	21	130	84	41	17	112
State and Local Government..	43	*	22	13	7	*	19
Information Not Available...	37	--	-----	---	---	---	---
OCCUPATION:							
TOTAL.....	2,048	77	1,426	730	235	383	686
Prof./Tech./Managerial.....	78	*	46	19	6	8	35
Clerical Sales.....	118	*	36	44	16	13	56
Service.....	58	6	24	23	*	0	25
Farming/Fishing/Forestry....	1	*	*	*	*	*	*
Industrial Categories:							
By Type of Work							
Processing.....	11	0	9	5	0	*	*
Machine Trades.....	44	0	41	15	5	5	16
Bench Work.....	33	*	22	18	*	7	8
Structural Work.....	85	5	84	31	10	5	42
Miscellaneous.....	75	*	67	46	*	14	22
By Complexity							
High.....	27	*	26	9	3	3	13
Medium.....	33	*	31	16	4	2	17
Low.....	188	11	166	90	11	28	60
Information Not Available...	1,545	54	1,096	528	187	329	479

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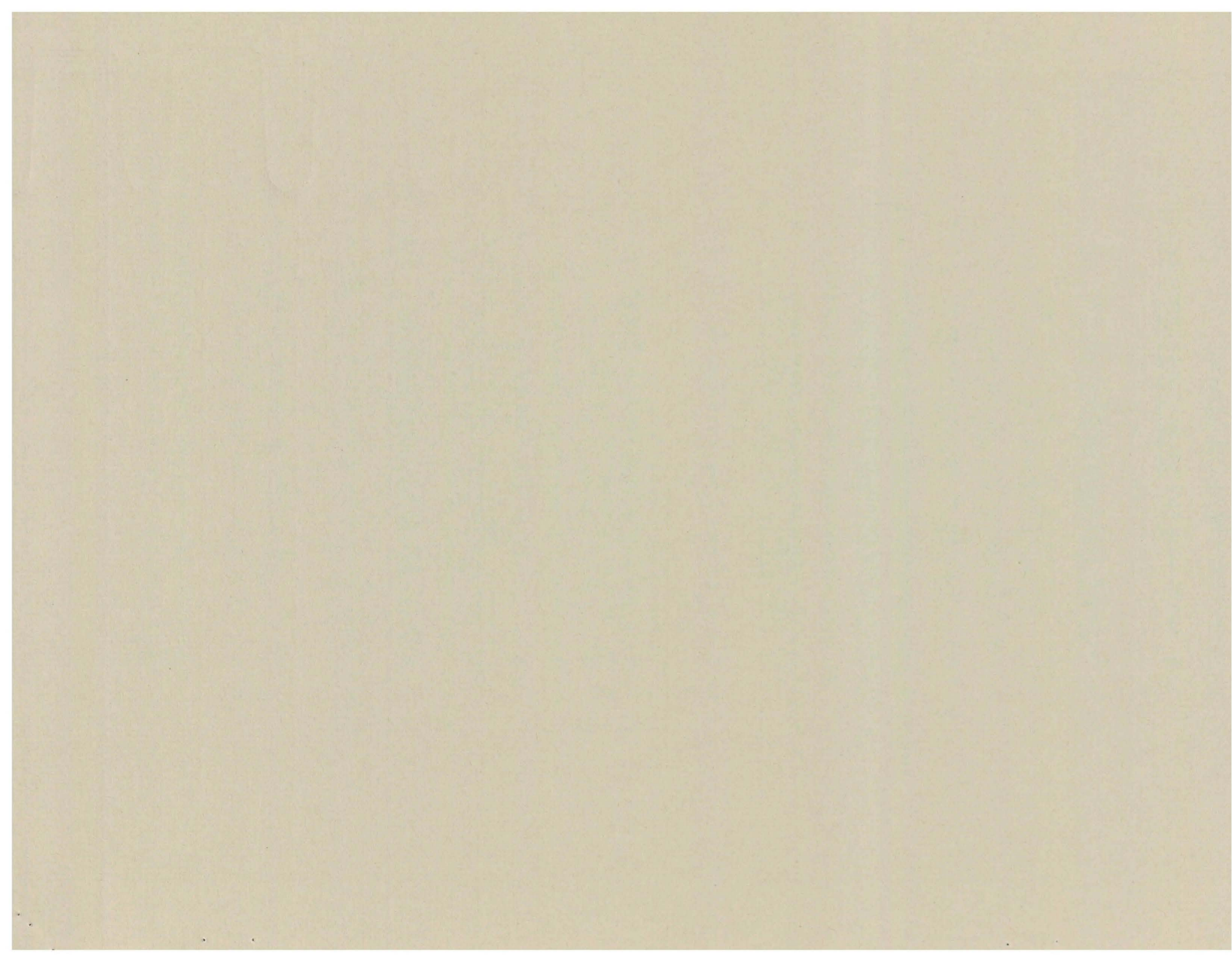
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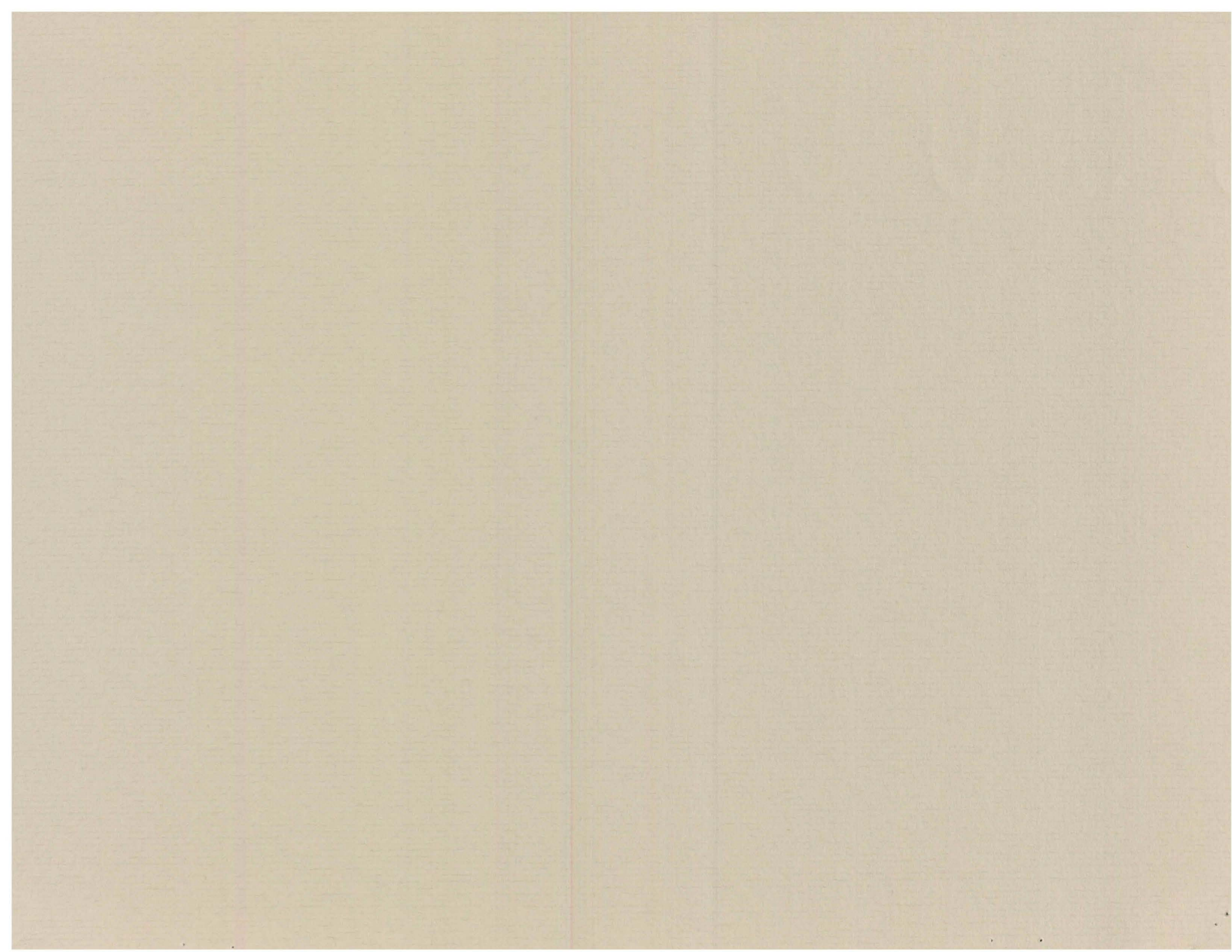
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TOTAL.....	402	605	154	451	93	515	85	284	43
MALE.....	395	449	117	332	71	316	27	130	22
FEMALE.....	7	156	37	119	22	199	58	154	21
UNDER 22.....	33	153	22	131	14	116	10	26	*
22-24.....	36	83	25	58	14	76	15	41	7
25-34.....	115	199	48	151	30	144	28	89	14
35-44.....	53	88	30	58	21	69	11	60	*
45-54.....	98	50	18	32	9	61	15	30	8
55-59.....	35	19	*	15	*	31	*	20	*
60-64.....	30	9	*	5	*	16	*	10	*
65 & Over...	*	*	*	*	*	2	*	8	*
WHITE.....	390	581	149	432	93	500	83	263	40
NON-WHITE.....	12	24	5	19	0	15	2	21	3

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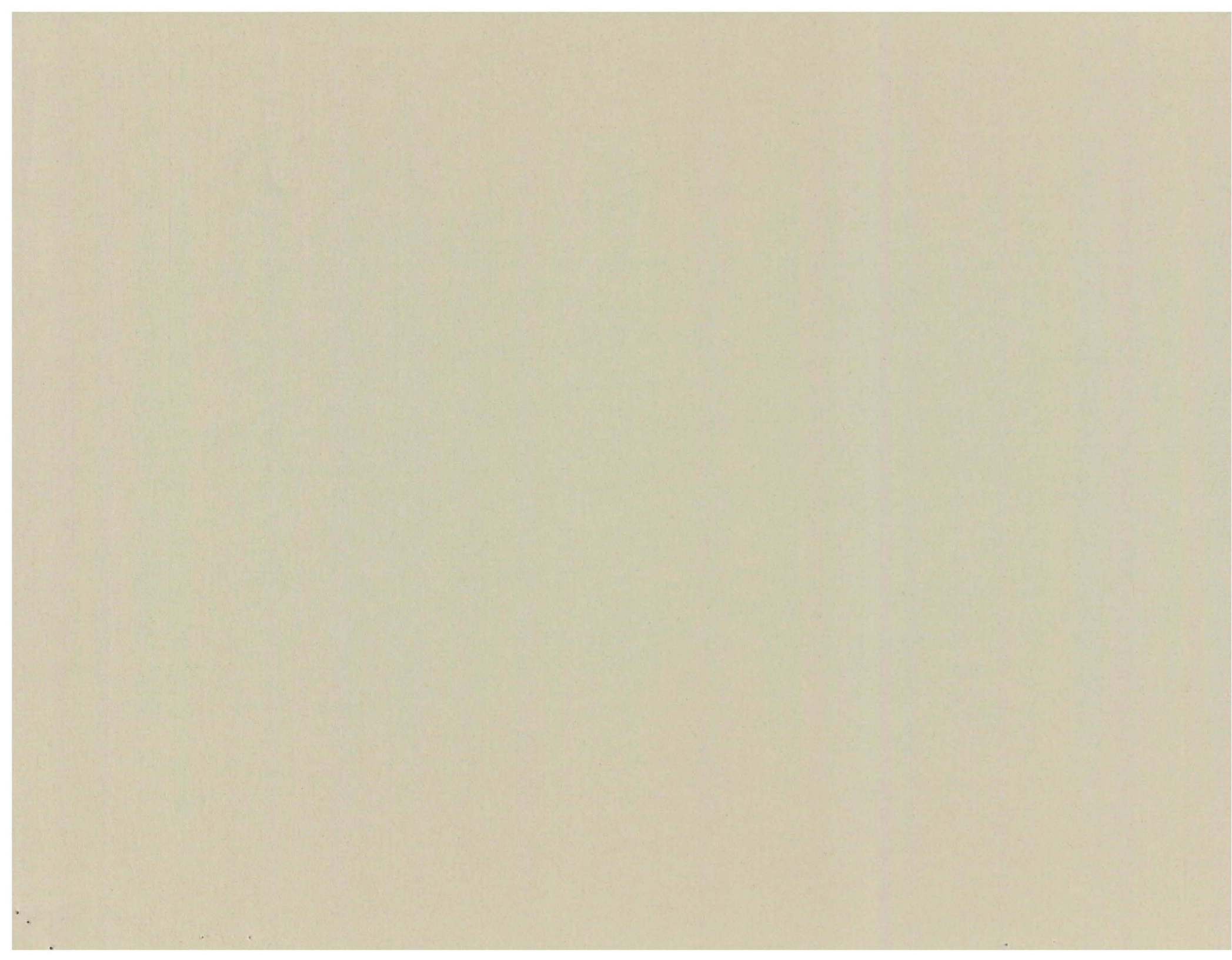
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