

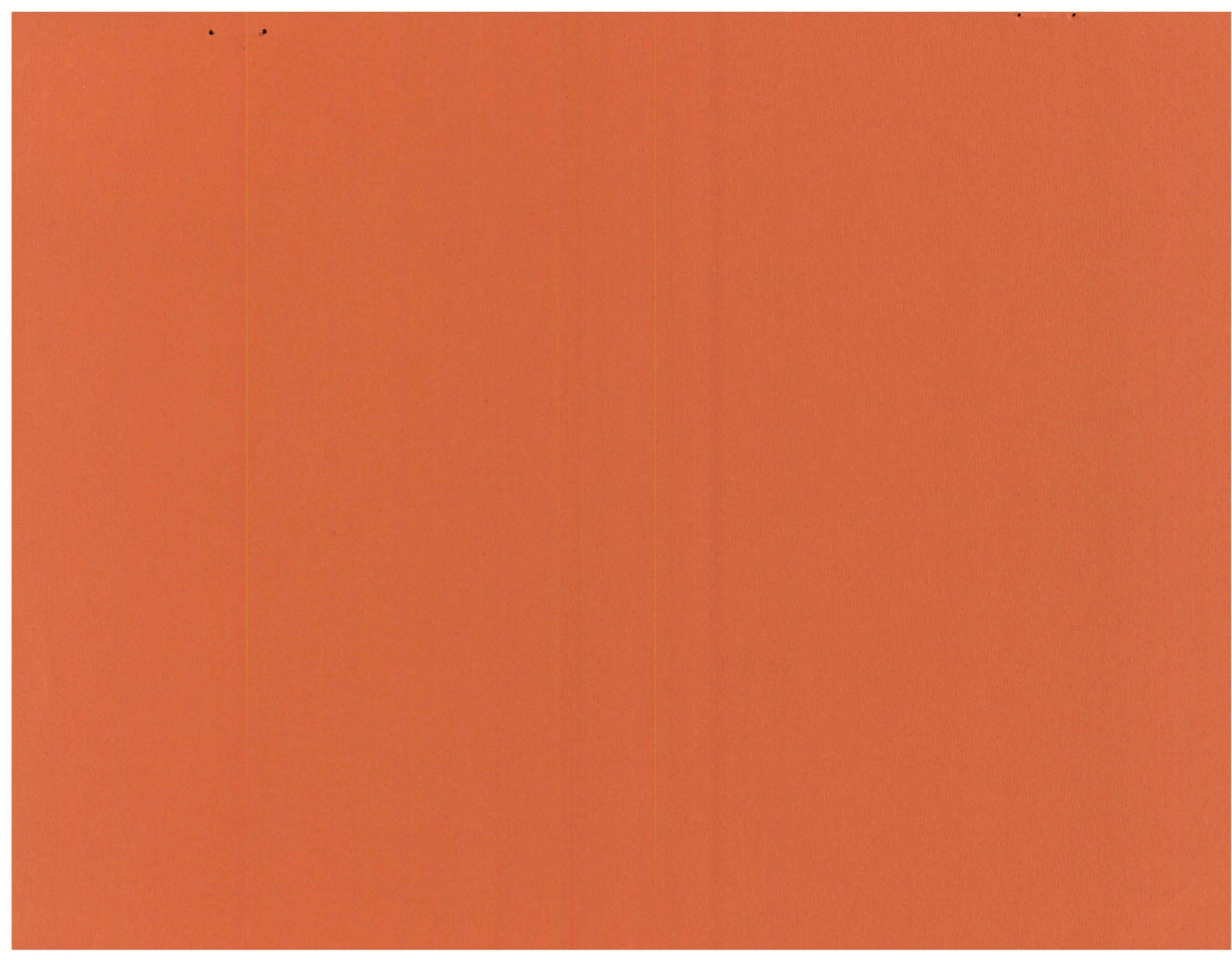
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This quarterly publication is designed to disseminate information on the characteristics of the insured unemployed to manpower planners, officials and other users of labor market information concerned with the problems of the unemployed. An unemployment insurance (U.I.) claimant is an individual who has been determined monetarily eligible for benefit payments under state job insurance programs and whose benefit year or compensation 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.

Since this publication is directed toward planners, we would appreciate any suggestions you may have that would be useful in providing the most useful and complete information available. Any questions or suggestions should be directed to the:

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CHARACTERISTICS OF THE INSURED UNEMPLOYED

Data for the Quarter Ending September 30, 1977

General Economic Conditions

Third quarter employment in the Des Moines Standard Metropolitan Statistical Area (Polk and Warren Counties) was improved over the second quarter -- mostly in the nonmanufacturing sector. Largest gains were in construction, allowed by settlement of the 60 day labor-management dispute, and in service industries. Other nonmanufacturing industries have remained stable.

Hiring in manufacturing has been very slow this quarter with layoffs and strikes depressing employment in machinery and other durable goods. Draught conditions have affected agriculture and related industries to some extent. Retail sales have been generally good.

The number of unemployed totalling 5,500 in June and July decreased by 300 in August and is expected to decline further during September and October as students and other summer workers withdraw from the labor force. The jobless rate usually reaches the low point of the year in October then rises as construction workers are laid off for the winter.

Characteristics of the Insured Unemployed

During this quarter, the number of insured unemployed peaked in August with 2,760 claimants, then dropped 43.3% in September to 1,565 -- slightly below the July level. All race/sex groups declined significantly but females decreased to a lesser degree than the male and white groups.

During August and September, manufacturing as the industry of last attachment accounted for the most claimants -- mostly males -- followed by wholesale and retail trade. In July, most claimants were last attached to trade industries followed by manufacturing and services. In manufacturing the most substantial change was in the machinery industry -- down 54.7% from August to September but up 197.1% from July to September.

Most female claimants were last attached to clerical and sales occupations and most men to industrial occupational categories -- bench work, structural and miscellaneous. Long term claims for job insurance were greatest in the manufacturing and wholesale and retail trade industries. Nonwhite claimants averaged 5.3% of the total this quarter, compared to 7.9% in the preceding quarter. Most were last attached to service or manufacturing industries and most were between 25 and 44 years of age.

Outlook

The outlook for the coming months is for the number of insured unemployed to increase, with the timing dependent upon the onset of inclement weather and the completion of construction projects. Holiday hiring in retail trade establishments could temper the increase.

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 1/, has not ended and who has not exhausted his benefit right.

SUPPORTING STATISTICAL TABLES

Tables 1-6 contain data on the insured unemployed who are residents of the Des Moines, Iowa Standard Metropolitan Statistical Area (Polk and Warren Counties) for the Fourth Quarter (July, August and September) for Fiscal Year 1977. Data were compiled as part of a cooperative program with the Employment and Training Administration, U. S. Department of Labor.

1/ Effective July 24, 1977, Iowa will no longer be on the federal extended benefit program. Under this federal program states are eligible to receive funds to pay unemployment insurance benefits for an additional 13 weeks once benefits are exhausted under the regular state programs. States are eligible under the federal extended benefits program when the state insured unemployment is at 4.0% or above or the national insured unemployment rate is at 4.5% or above.

TABLE 1. SEX AND RACE OF THE INSURED UNEMPLOYED 1/

	SEPT. 1977	AUG. 1977	JULY 1977	Net Change		Percent Change	
				AUG.- SEPT. 1977	JULY- SEPT. 1977	AUG.- SEPT. 1977	JULY- SEPT. 1977
TOTAL	1,565	2,760	1,611	-1,195	-46	-43.3	- 2.9
SEX							
Male	957	1,753	988	- 796	-31	-45.4	- 3.1
Female	608	1,007	623	- 399	-15	-39.6	- 2.4
RACE							
White	1,474	2,616	1,531	-1,142	-57	-43.7	- 3.7
Nonwhite	91	144	80	- 53	11	-36.8	13.8
MEN CLAIMANTS							
White	910	1,662	938	- 752	-28	-45.2	- 3.0
Nonwhite	47	91	50	- 44	- 3	-48.4	- 6.0
WOMEN CLAIMANTS							
White	564	954	593	- 390	-29	-40.9	- 4.9
Nonwhite	44	53	30	- 9	14	-17.0	46.7

1/ 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, IOWA SMSA 1/

INDUSTRY ATTACHMENT	SEPT. 1977	AUG. 1977	JULY 1977	Net Change		Percent Change	
				AUG.- SEPT. 1977	JULY- SEPT. 1977	AUG.- SEPT. 1977	JULY- SEPT. 1977
TOTAL	1,565	2,760	1,611	-1,195	- 46	-43.3	- 2.9
Contract Construction	113	233	236	- 120	-123	-51.5	-52.1
Manufacturing	522	1,020	355	- 498	167	-48.8	47.0
Durable Goods	390	777	179	- 387	211	-49.8	117.9
Lumber & Furniture	9	19	17	- 10	- 8	-52.6	-47.1
Stone, Clay & Glass Prod.	8	12	9	- 4	- 1	-33.3	-11.1
Primary & Fabricated Metal Products	60	60	36	0	24	0.0	66.6
Machinery	303	669	102	- 366	201	-54.7	197.1
Other durable goods	10	17	15	7	- 5	-41.2	-33.3
Nondurable Goods	132	243	176	- 111	- 44	-45.7	-25.0
Food & Kindred Products	32	80	50	- 48	- 18	-60.0	-36.0
Printing & Publishing	52	97	71	- 45	- 19	-46.4	-26.8
Other Nondurable Goods	48	66	55	- 18	- 7	-27.3	-12.7
Public Utilities	71	135	78	- 64	- 7	-47.4	- 9.0
Wholesale & Retail Trade	460	753	538	- 293	- 78	-38.9	-14.5
Finance, Insurance, Real Estate	78	128	85	- 50	- 7	-39.1	- 8.2
Services & Mining	246	380	260	- 134	- 14	-35.3	- 5.4
State & Local Government	57	91	39	- 34	18	-37.4	46.2
Information Not Available	23	32	29	- 9	- 6	-28.1	-20.7

1/ 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 3. OCCUPATIONAL ATTACHMENT OF THE INSURED UNEMPLOYED 1/

OCCUPATIONAL ATTACHMENT	SEPT. 1977	AUG. 1977	JULY 1977	Net Change		Percent Change	
				AUG.- SEPT. 1977	JULY- SEPT. 1977	AUG.- SEPT. 1977	JULY- SEPT. 1977
TOTAL	1,565	2,760	1,611	-1,195	- 46	-43.3	- 2.9
Prof./Tech./Managerial	68	99	68	- 31	0	-31.3	0.0
Clerical/Sales	127	204	127	- 77	0	-37.7	0.0
Service	37	74	56	- 37	- 19	-50.0	-33.9
Farming/Fishing/Forestry	1	3	1	- 2	0	-66.6	0.0
Industrial Categories							
By Type of Work							
Processing	9	19	12	- 10	- 3	-52.6	-25.0
Machine Trades	28	58	30	- 30	- 2	-51.7	- 6.7
Bench Work	51	79	26	- 28	25	-35.4	96.2
Structural Work	56	103	63	- 47	- 7	-45.6	-11.1
Miscellaneous	78	123	68	- 45	10	-36.6	14.7
By Complexity 2/							
High	16	29	26	- 13	- 10	-44.8	-38.5
Medium	23	43	14	- 20	9	-53.5	64.3
Low	183	310	158	- 127	25	-41.0	15.8
Information Not Available	1,110	1,998	1,160	-1,888	- 50	-94.5	- 4.3
MEN CLAIMANTS							
Prof./Tech./Managerial	39	54	44	- 15	- 5	-27.8	-11.4
Clerical/Sales	35	44	32	- 9	3	-20.5	9.4
Service	17	31	24	- 14	- 7	-45.2	-29.2
Farming/Fishing/Forestry	1	3	1	- 2	0	-66.6	0.0
Industrial Categories							
By Type of Work							
Processing	6	13	10	- 7	- 4	-53.8	-40.0
Machine Trades	22	52	29	- 30	- 7	-57.7	-24.1
Bench Work	39	63	19	- 24	20	-38.1	105.3
Structural Work	52	98	62	- 46	- 10	-46.9	-16.1
Miscellaneous	66	108	59	- 42	7	-38.9	11.9
By Complexity 2/							
High	15	28	25	- 13	- 10	-46.4	-40.0
Medium	20	37	12	- 17	8	-45.9	66.6
Low	150	269	141	- 119	9	-44.2	6.4
Information Not Available	680	1,287	708	- 607	- 28	-47.2	- 4.0

TABLE 3. OCCUPATIONAL ATTACHMENT OF THE INSURED UNEMPLOYED (Cont'd)

OCCUPATIONAL ATTACHMENT	SEPT. 1977	AUG. 1977	JULY 1977	Net Change		Percent Change		
				AUG.- SEPT. 1977	JULY- SEPT. 1977	AUG.- SEPT. 1977	JULY- SEPT. 1977	
WOMEN CLAIMANTS								
Prof./Tech./Managerial	29	45	24	- 16	5	-35.6	20.8	
Clerical/Sales	92	180	95	- 88	- 3	-48.9	- 3.2	
Service	20	43	32	- 23	-12	-53.5	-37.5	
Farming/Fishing/Forestry	0	0	0	0	0	-----	-----	
Industrial Categories								
By Type of Work								
Processing	3	6	2	- 3	1	-50.0	50.0	
Machine Trades	6	6	1	0	5	0.0	500.0	
Bench Work	12	16	7	- 4	5	-25.0	71.4	
Structural Work	4	5	1	- 1	3	-20.0	300.0	
Miscellaneous	12	15	9	- 3	3	-20.0	33.3	
By Complexity ^{2/}								
High	1	1	1	0	0	0.0	0.0	
Medium	3	6	2	- 3	1	-50.0	50.0	
Low	33	41	17	- 8	16	-19.5	94.1	
Information Not Available	430	711	452	-281	-22	-39.5	- 4.9	

^{1/} 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.

^{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.

TABLE 4. DURATION OF UNEMPLOYMENT OF THE INSURED UNEMPLOYED IN IOWA BY SEX AND RACE ^{1/}

DURATION BY SEX AND RACE	SEPT. 1977	AUG. 1977	JULY 1977	Net Change		Percent Change	
				AUG.- SEPT. 1977	JULY- SEPT. 1977	AUG.- SEPT. 1977	JULY- SEPT. 1977
TOTAL	1,565	2,760	1,611	-1,195	- 46	-43.3	- 2.9
1-4 Weeks	306	771	192	- 465	114	-60.3	59.4
5-14 Weeks	866	1,106	908	- 240	- 42	-21.7	- 4.6
15 Weeks and Over	393	883	511	- 490	-118	-55.5	-23.1
SEX BY WEEKS UNEMPLOYED							
Men Claimants							
1-4 Weeks	203	547	127	- 344	76	-62.9	59.8
5-14 Weeks	522	651	542	- 129	- 20	-19.8	- 3.7
15 Weeks and Over	232	555	319	- 323	- 87	-58.2	-27.3
Women Claimants							
1-4 Weeks	103	224	65	- 121	38	-54.0	58.5
5-14 Weeks	344	455	366	- 111	- 22	-24.4	- 6.0
15 Weeks and Over	161	328	192	- 167	- 31	-50.9	-16.1
RACE BY WEEKS UNEMPLOYED							
White Claimants							
1-4 Weeks	288	732	175	- 444	113	-60.7	64.6
5-14 Weeks	813	1,042	858	- 229	- 45	-22.0	- 5.2
15 Weeks and Over	373	842	498	- 469	-125	-55.7	-25.1
Nonwhite Claimants							
1-4 Weeks	18	39	17	- 21	1	-53.8	5.9
5-14 Weeks	53	64	50	- 11	3	-17.2	6.0
15 Weeks and Over	20	41	13	- 21	7	-51.2	53.8

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TABLE 5. AGE BY SEX AND RACE OF THE INSURED UNEMPLOYED 1/

SEX AND RACE	SEPT. 1977	AUG. 1977	JULY 1977	Net Change		Percent Change	
				AUG.- SEPT. 1977	JULY- SEPT. 1977	AUG.- SEPT. 1977	JULY- SEPT. 1977
TOTAL	1,565	2,760	1,611	-1,195	-46	-43.3	- 2.9
Under 22	221	313	194	- 92	27	-29.4	13.9
22-24	232	418	231	- 186	1	-44.5	0.4
25-34	514	944	499	- 430	15	-45.6	3.0
35-44	234	449	256	- 215	-22	-47.9	- 8.6
45-54	190	356	228	- 166	-38	-46.6	-16.7
55-59	100	155	112	- 55	-12	-35.5	-10.7
50-64	44	85	65	- 41	-21	-48.2	-32.3
65 and Over	30	40	26	- 10	4	-25.0	15.4
WOMEN CLAIMANTS							
Under 22	67	106	63	- 39	4	-36.8	6.3
22-24	75	124	82	- 49	- 7	-39.5	- 8.5
25-34	170	284	172	- 114	- 2	-40.1	- 1.2
35-44	103	188	118	- 85	-15	-45.2	-12.7
45-54	98	159	90	- 61	8	-38.4	8.9
55-59	59	79	59	- 20	0	-25.3	0.0
60-64	24	46	27	- 22	- 3	-47.8	-11.1
65 and Over	12	21	12	- 9	0	-42.9	0.0
NONWHITE CLAIMANTS							
Under 22	3	7	9	- 4	- 6	-51.1	-66.7
22-24	9	17	9	- 8	0	-47.1	0.0
25-34	35	62	31	- 27	4	-43.5	12.9
35-44	21	27	10	- 6	11	-22.2	110.0
45-54	10	14	11	- 4	- 1	-28.6	- 9.1
55-59	7	12	6	- 5	1	-41.7	16.7
60-64	3	3	4	0	- 1	0.0	-25.0
65 and Over	3	2	0	1	3	50.0	-----

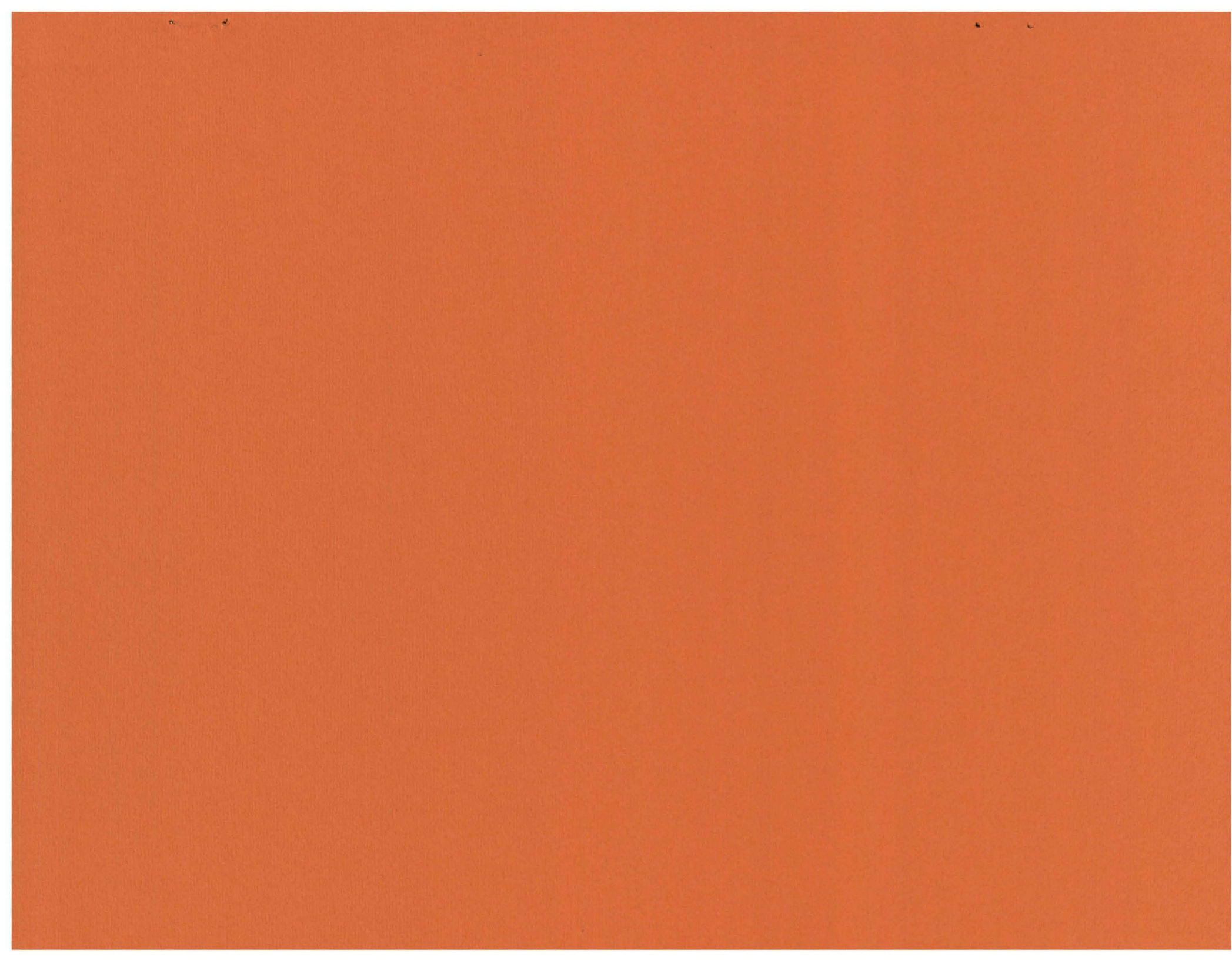
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TABLE 6. SELECTED CHARACTERISTICS OF THE INSURED UNEMPLOYED BY INDUSTRY AND OCCUPATION, DES MOINES, IOWA SMSA 1/

MONTH: SEPTEMBER 1977

INDUSTRY AND OCCUPATION	TOTAL	NON- WHITE	MALE	Age Group		Weeks Claimed	
				UNDER 25	OVER 54	UNDER 5	OVER 14
INDUSTRY:							
TOTAL	1,565	91	957	453	174	306	393
Contract Construction	113	3	104	21	18	19	43
Manufacturing	522	25	385	168	36	97	119
Durable Goods	390	17	291	118	20	67	81
Nondurable Goods	132	8	94	50	16	30	38
Public Utilities	71	5	52	17	4	10	23
Wholesale and Retail Trade	460	18	264	142	57	111	121
Finance, Insurance and Real Estate	78	6	21	27	5	16	19
Services and Mining	246	30	104	57	42	43	69
State and Local Government	57	10	14	7	12	7	7
Information Not Available	23	--	13	14	---	3	---
OCCUPATION:							
TOTAL	1,565	91	957	453	174	306	393
Prof./Tech./Managerial	68	2	39	9	5	16	17
Clerical/Sales	127	8	35	34	18	29	27
Service	37	4	17	13	5	3	10
Farming/Fishing/Forestry	1	0	1	0	0	0	0
Industrial Categories:							
By Type of Work							
Processing	9	3	6	2	1	1	5
Machine Trades	28	2	22	7	3	3	5
Bench Work	51	4	39	25	2	15	20
Structural Work	56	4	52	16	2	8	16
Miscellaneous	78	3	66	36	3	15	20
By Complexity							
High	16	0	15	2	1	5	4
Medium	23	2	20	9	2	4	4
Low	183	14	150	75	8	33	50
Information Not Available	1,110	61	680	311	135	216	296

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