

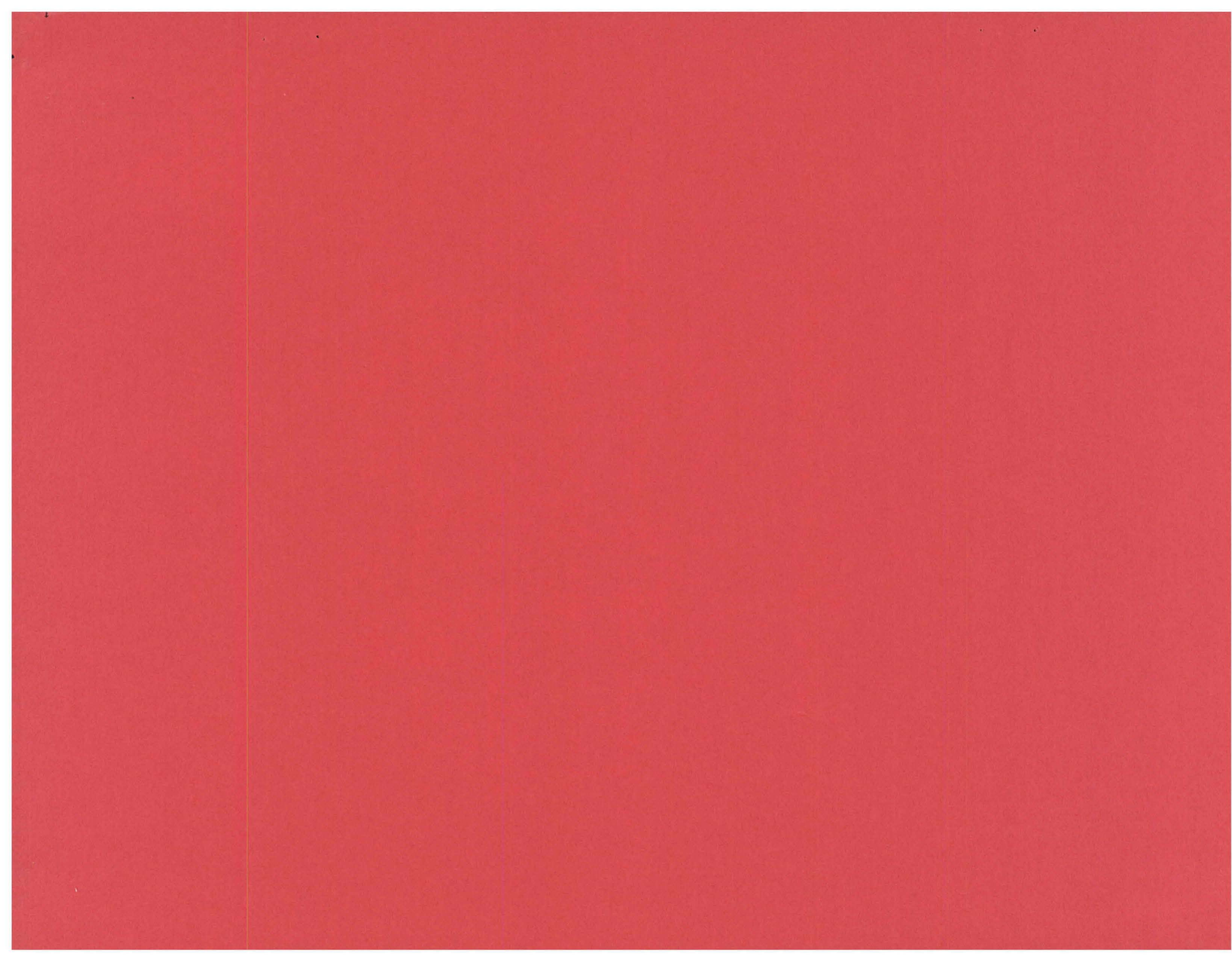
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This quarterly publication is designed to disseminate information on the characteristics of the insured unemployed to manpower planners, officials and other users of labor market information concerned with the problems of the unemployed. An unemployment 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 1977

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General Economic Conditions

Overall business activity picked up markedly during the Second Quarter of 1977. All major industrial segments were hiring with most of the activity coming from agriculture, construction and trade. Much of this was seasonal. The addition of approximately 200 construction workers at the new ISU generating plant near Chillicothe gave an added boost.

The impact of the closing of the Barker Poultry Equipment Company plant in mid-May was absorbed by the local economy. In fact, the number of manufacturing attached insured unemployed decreased from May to June.

As a result of the improving economic conditions, the Ottumwa unemployment rate bottomed at 4.6 in May. This was the first time it had been below 5.0 since late 1972 - prior to the Morrell closing.

Characteristics of the Insured Unemployed

The number of insured unemployed Wapello County residents decreased sharply during the second quarter of 1977. In March, 1977, there were 649 workers receiving job insurance benefits. This tally has decreased since then to less than half that number in June - 303 workers.

NOTE: Only Wapello County residents who were receiving regular Job Insurance benefits were included here. Those receiving benefits from other Job Insurance programs, such as Extended Benefits (EB), Special Unemployment Assistance (SUA), or other federal programs, were not counted. Also excluded were those not eligible for job insurance.

The largest categories of insured unemployed were contract construction and manufacturing. Since First Quarter, 1977, both have decreased by more than fifty percent. Since contract construction activity depends on good weather and the first three months of 1977 saw particularly harsh weather, there was very little contract construction employment available.

Manufacturing employment is very much indicative of the improving local economy. More than 100 manufacturing workers receiving UI benefits in March are currently working. Also, 60 workers laid off by Barker Poultry in May can be added to this for a net gain of 160 finding jobs.

Occupational information was not available for over 75% of the insured unemployed since only those claimants who do not have strong attachments to their previous occupations were required to register for work with Job Placement. These remaining 25% would benefit most from manpower training and occupational information can better identify their characteristics.

The number of female claimants has held relatively stable since the beginning of 1977. The number of male claimants, however, has decreased by nearly two-thirds (from 538 in March to 190 in June). This corresponds directly to the massive reductions experienced in the number of claimants last attached to contract construction and manufacturing (predominantly male industries) during this same time frame. It also relates to the relative stability of trade and service.

Approximately half of the local claimants have been unemployed 5-14 weeks. However, of major significance is the substantial reduction of chronic unemployed from May to June. Fifty-six workers who had been out of work longer than 15 weeks found jobs during this period.

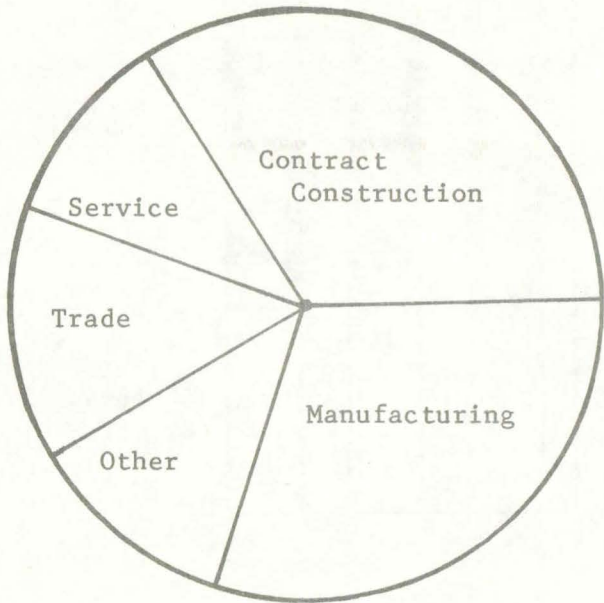
The age distribution of the insured unemployed was fairly even in relation to the size of the labor force of each group. Those 25-34 years old make up the largest group. However, there was a slight reduction in the insured unemployment rate with age. Seniority rights play a large role here.

The number of insured unemployed represents more than half of the total local unemployed tally. Thus their characteristics can be useful for operational planning by vocational educators, labor, business, local planners and other community leaders.

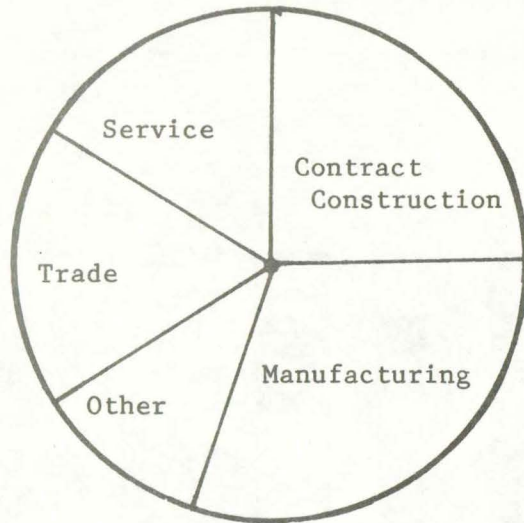
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SECOND QUARTER 1977

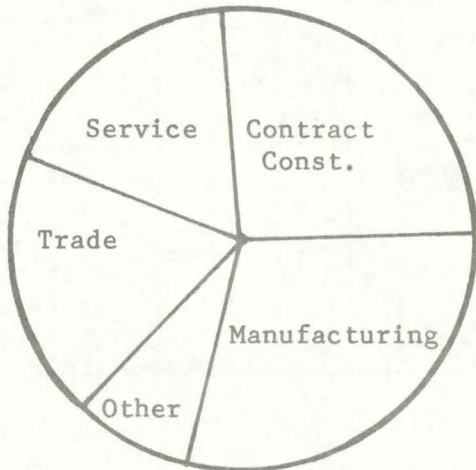
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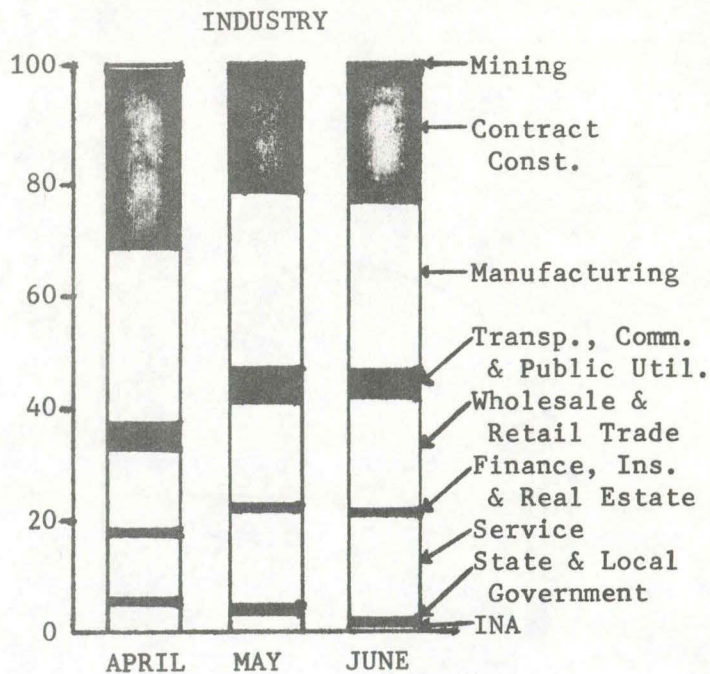
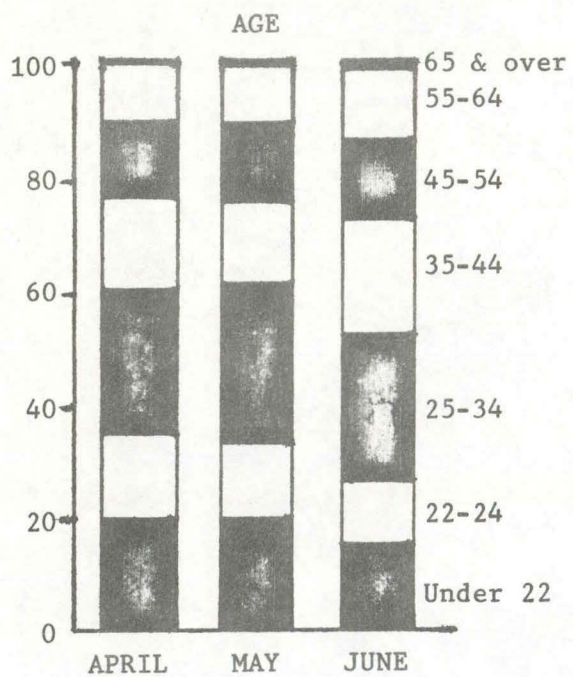
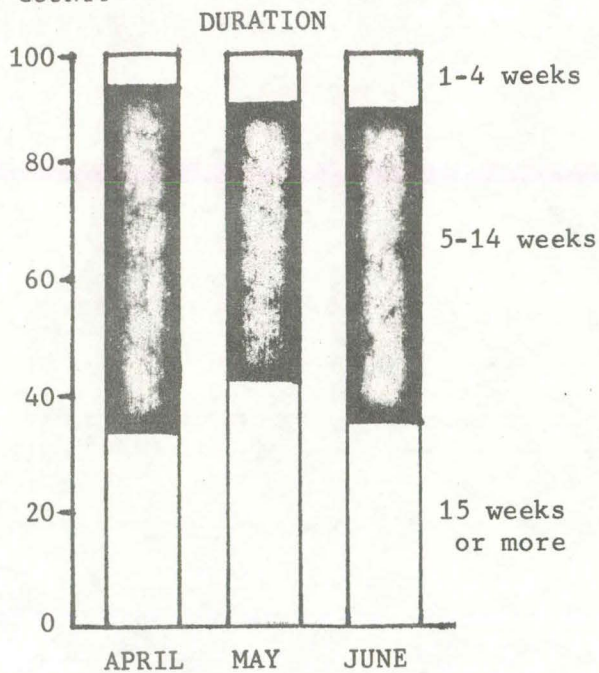
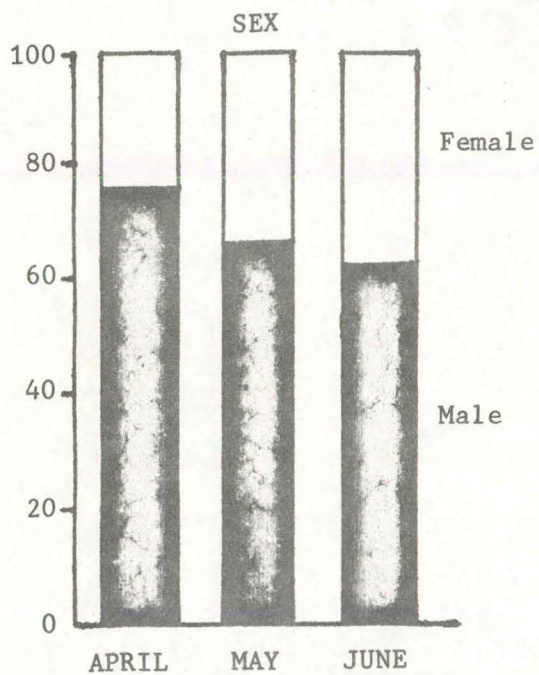
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CHARACTERISTICS OF THE INSURED UNEMPLOYED BY PERCENT

SECOND QUARTER 1977
 WAPELLO COUNTY



Outlook

The insured unemployed level will remain near 300 in July and August. By September, however, most students will have returned to school - some leaving permanent jobs. Thus, the insured unemployed tally will again decrease filling these jobs.

Some shuffling is likely to occur within the industrial segments in the coming months. Contract construction will continue its sharp downward plunge through August. Thus, the remaining industries will fluctuate slightly leaving the total unchanged.

A possibility for higher manufacturing unemployment exists this summer. If an inventory or vacation layoff occurs during the reference week, probationary employees are often eligible to file for unemployment insurance.

The number of workers jobless more than 14 weeks will continue down throughout summer. Also, the male to female ratio will approach fifty percent. This corresponds to the projected contract construction decline.

Supporting Statistical Tables

Tables I-VII contain insured unemployment data on Wapello County residents for Third Quarter (April, May, June) FY 1977. Data were compiled as part of a cooperative program with the Employment and Training Administration, U. S. Department of Labor.

Characteristics by Race were deleted from the tables to avoid disclosure of individual data. Less than one percent of the insured unemployed were nonwhite.

TABLE I

INDUSTRY ATTACHMENT OF THE INSURED UNEMPLOYED IN WAPELLO COUNTY 1/

INDUSTRY ATTACHMENT	JUNE 1977	MAY 1977	APR. 1977	Net Change to JUNE 1977 from		Percent Change to JUNE 1977 from	
				MAY 1977	APR. 1977	MAY 1977	APR. 1977
TOTAL	303	384	495	-81	-192	-21.1	-38.8
Mining	1	1	3	0	-2	0	-66.7
Contract Construction	79	95	167	-16	-88	-16.8	-52.7
Manufacturing	88	117	150	-29	-62	-24.8	-41.3
Durable Goods	63	84	104	-21	-41	-25.0	-39.4
Machinery (exc. elec.)	29	39	44	-10	-15	-25.6	-34.1
Nondurable Goods	25	33	46	-8	-21	-24.2	-45.7
Food and Kindred Prod.	18	23	30	-5	-12	-21.7	-40.0
Transportation, Communication & Public Utilities	13	22	21	-9	-8	-40.9	-38.1
Wholesale and Retail Trade	57	68	70	-11	-13	-16.2	-18.6
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	4	3	4	+1	0	+33.3	0
Services	54	63	53	-9	+1	-14.3	+1.9
State & Local Government	4	4	4	0	0	0	0
Information Not Available	5	13	23				

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 II

OCCUPATIONAL ATTACHMENT OF THE INSURED UNEMPLOYED IN WAPELLO COUNTY 1/

OCCUPATIONAL ATTACHMENT	JUNE 1977	MAY 1977	APR. 1977	Net Change to		Percent Change to	
				JUNE 1977 from MAY 1977	APR. 1977	JUNE 1977 from MAY 1977	APR. 1977
TOTAL	303	384	495	-81	-192	-21.1	-38.8
Prof./Tech./Managerial	7	9	7	-2	0	-22.2	0
Clerical/Sales	15	15	20	0	-5	0	-25.0
Service	11	13	9	-2	+2	-15.4	+22.2
Farming/Fishing/Forestry	0	1	2	-1	-2	-100.0	-100.0
Industrial Categories:							
By Type of Work							
Processing	7	8	13	-1	-6	-12.5	-46.2
Machine Trades	7	11	10	-4	-3	-36.4	-30.0
Bench Work	2	4	7	-2	-5	-50.0	-71.4
Structural Work	10	18	29	-8	-19	-44.4	-65.5
Miscellaneous	9	16	23	-7	-14	-43.8	-60.9
By Complexity 2/							
High	3	5	--	-2	--	-40.0	---
Medium	3	6	--	-3	--	-50.0	---
Low	29	46	--	-17	--	-37.0	---
Information Not Available	235	289	375				
MEN CLAIMANTS	190	257	378	-67	-188	-26.1	-49.7
Prof./Tech./Managerial	1	2	3	-1	-2	-50.0	-66.7
Clerical/Sales	5	5	6	0	-1	0	-16.7
Service	3	6	3	-3	0	-50.0	0
Farming/Fishing/Forestry	0	1	2	-1	-2	-100.0	-100.0
Industrial Categories:							
By Type of Work							
Processing	6	6	11	0	-5	0	-45.5
Machine Trades	6	9	8	-3	-2	-33.3	-25.0
Bench Work	1	1	2	0	-1	0	-50.0
Structural Work	10	18	29	-8	-19	-44.4	-65.5
Miscellaneous	8	15	22	-7	-14	-46.7	-63.6
By Complexity 2/							
High	3	5	--	-2	--	-40.0	---
Medium	3	5	--	-2	--	-40.0	---
Low	25	39	--	-14	--	-35.9	---
Information Not Available	150	194	292				

TABLE II (cont.)

OCCUPATIONAL ATTACHMENT OF THE INSURED UNEMPLOYED IN WAPELLO COUNTY 1/

OCCUPATIONAL ATTACHMENT	JUNE 1977	MAY 1977	APR. 1977	Net Change to JUNE 1977 from		Percent Change to JUNE 1977 from	
				MAY 1977	APR. 1977	MAY 1977	APR. 1977
WOMEN CLAIMANTS	113	127	117	-14	-4	-11.0	-3.4
Prof./Tech./Managerial	6	7	4	-1	+2	-14.3	+50.0
Clerical/Sales	10	10	14	0	-4	0	-28.6
Service	8	7	6	+1	+2	+14.3	+33.3
Farming/Fishing/Forestry	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Industrial Categories:							
By Type of Work							
Processing	1	2	2	-1	-1	-50.0	-50.0
Machine Trades	1	2	2	-1	-1	-50.0	-50.0
Bench Work	1	3	5	-2	-4	-66.7	-80.0
Structural Work	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Miscellaneous	1	1	1	0	0	0	0
By Complexity <u>2/</u>							
High	0	0	--	0	--	0	---
Medium	0	1	--	-1	--	-100.0	---
Low	4	7	--	-3	--	-42.9	---
Information Not Available	85	95	83				

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 III

DURATION OF UNEMPLOYMENT OF THE INSURED UNEMPLOYED IN WAPELLO COUNTY 1/

DURATION BY SEX	JUNE 1977	MAY 1977	APR. 1977	Net Change to JUNE 1977 from		Percent Change to JUNE 1977 from	
				MAY 1977	APR. 1977	MAY 1977	APR. 1977
TOTAL	303	384	495	-81	-192	-21.1	-38.8
1-4 Weeks	29	35	28	-6	+1	-17.1	+3.6
5-14 Weeks	165	184	298	-19	-133	-10.3	-44.6
15 Weeks and Over	109	165	169	-56	-60	-33.9	-35.5
SEX BY WEEKS UNEMPLOYED							
Men Claimants	190	257	378	-67	-188	-26.1	-49.7
1-4 Weeks	23	17	15	+6	+8	+35.3	+53.3
5-14 Weeks	99	114	216	-15	-117	-13.2	-54.2
15 Weeks and Over	68	126	147	-58	-79	-46.0	-53.7
Women Claimants	113	127	117	-14	-4	-11.0	-3.4
1-4 Weeks	6	18	13	-12	-7	-66.7	-53.8
5-14 Weeks	66	70	82	-4	-16	-5.7	-19.5
15 Weeks and Over	41	39	22	+2	+19	+5.1	+86.4

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TABLE IV

AGE BY SEX OF THE INSURED UNEMPLOYED IN WAPELLO COUNTY 1/

AGE BY SEX	JUNE 1977	MAY 1977	APR. 1977	Net Change to JUNE 1977 from		Percent Change to JUNE 1977 from	
				MAY 1977	APR. 1977	MAY 1977	APR. 1977
TOTAL	303	384	495	-81	-192	-21.1	-38.8
Under 22	47	74	97	-27	-50	-36.5	-51.5
22-24	34	50	72	-16	-38	-32.0	-52.8
25-34	81	107	126	-26	-45	-24.3	-35.7
35-44	61	56	82	+5	-21	+8.9	-25.6
45-54	43	53	68	-10	-25	-18.9	-36.8
55-59	15	26	30	-11	-15	-42.3	-50.0
60-64	17	14	16	+3	+1	+21.4	+6.3
65 and Over	5	4	4	+1	+1	+25.0	+25.0
MEN CLAIMANTS	190	257	378	-67	-188	-26.1	-49.7
Under 22	29	53	76	-24	-47	-45.3	-61.8
22-24	22	33	56	-11	-34	-33.3	-60.7
25-34	47	73	98	-26	-51	-35.6	-52.0
35-44	35	33	58	+2	-23	+6.1	-39.7
45-54	30	36	53	-6	-23	-16.7	-43.4
55-59	10	18	22	-8	-12	-44.4	-54.5
60-64	13	8	12	+5	+1	+62.5	+8.3
65 and Over	4	3	3	+1	+1	+33.3	+33.3
WOMEN CLAIMANTS	113	127	117	-14	-4	-11.0	-3.4
Under 22	18	21	21	-3	-3	-14.3	-14.3
22-24	12	17	16	-5	-4	-29.4	-25.0
25-34	34	34	28	0	+6	0	+21.4
35-44	26	23	24	+3	+2	+13.0	+8.3
45-54	13	17	15	-4	-2	-23.5	-13.3
55-59	5	8	8	-3	-3	-37.5	-37.5
60-64	4	6	4	-2	0	-33.3	0
65 and Over	1	1	1	0	0	0	0

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TABLE V

SELECTED CHARACTERISTICS OF THE INSURED UNEMPLOYED BY INDUSTRY AND OCCUPATION, WAPELLO COUNTY 1/
JUNE, 1977

INDUSTRY AND OCCUPATION	TOTAL	MALE	AGE GROUP		WEEKS CLAIMED	
			UNDER 25	OVER 54	UNDER 5	OVER 14
INDUSTRY						
TOTAL	303	190	89	41	29	132
Mining	1	1	1	0	0	0
Contract Construction	79	77	13	16	11	43
Manufacturing	88	53	33	7	9	35
Durable Goods	63	38	22	4	8	25
Nondurable Goods	25	15	11	3	1	10
Transportation, Communica- tion and Public Utilities	13	11	3	1	1	5
Wholesale and Retail Trade	57	24	23	6	3	25
Finance, Insurance and Real Estate	4	3	2	0	0	2
Services	54	16	11	10	5	19
State and Local Government	4	1	2	0	0	1
Information Not Available	5					
OCCUPATION						
TOTAL	303	190	89	41	29	132
Prof./Tech./Managerial	7	1	2	2	1	2
Clerical/Sales	15	5	7	0	1	12
Service	11	3	3	1	1	3
Farming/Fishing/Forestry	0	0	0	0	0	0
Industrial Categories:						
By Type of Work						
Processing	7	6	2	1	0	3
Machine Trades	7	6	3	0	0	3
Bench Work	2	1	1	0	0	1
Structural Work	10	10	1	1	1	8
Miscellaneous	9	8	6	1	0	4
By Complexity						
High	3	3	1	0	0	1
Medium	3	3	1	0	0	3
Low	29	25	11	3	1	15
Information Not Available	235	150	64	35	25	96

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TABLE VI

SELECTED CHARACTERISTICS OF THE INSURED UNEMPLOYED BY INDUSTRY, WAPELLO COUNTY 1/
JUNE, 1977

INDUSTRY	MINING	CON-TRACT CON-STRUC-TION	MANU-FAC-TURING	DURABLE GOODS	NON-DURABLE GOODS	TRANSP. COMM. & PUBLIC UTIL.	WHOLE-SALE & RETAIL TRADE	FINANCE INS. & REAL ESTATE	SERVICES	STATE & LOCAL GOVERN- MENT
TOTAL	1	79	88	63	25	13	57	4	54	4
MALE	1	77	53	38	15	11	24	3	16	1
FEMALE	0	2	35	25	10	2	33	1	38	3
UNDER 22	0	5	17	11	6	2	15	1	6	0
22-24	1	7	14	10	4	0	5	1	4	1
25-34	0	20	23	17	6	3	14	0	18	2
35-44	0	17	18	16	2	4	11	1	10	1
45-54	0	17	9	5	4	3	7	1	6	0
55-59	0	4	2	2	0	1	1	0	6	0
60-64	0	7	4	2	2	0	3	0	3	0
65 AND OVER	0	2	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	0

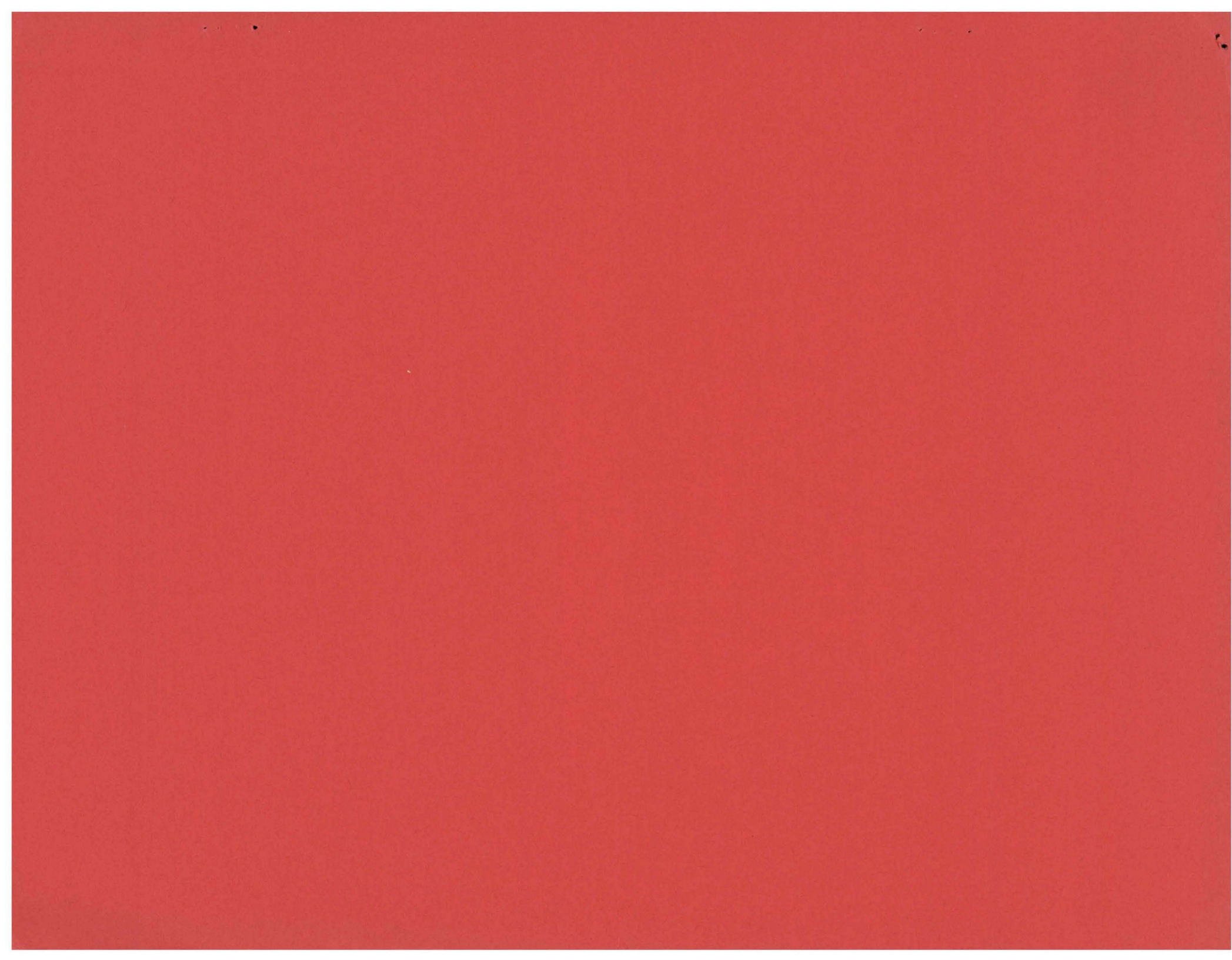
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TABLE VII

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 JUNE, 1977

OCCUPATION	Prof./ Tech./ Mana- gerial	Cleri- cal/ Sales	Service	Farming/ Fishing/ Forest- ry	Proces- sing	Machine Trades	Bench Work	Stru- tural Work	Misc.	INA
TOTAL	7	15	11	0	7	7	2	10	9	235
MALE	1	5	3	0	6	6	1	10	8	150
FEMALE	6	10	8	0	1	1	1	0	1	85
UNDER 22	1	6	2	0	1	1	1	0	4	31
22-24	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	1	2	28
25-34	4	5	3	0	0	3	0	6	1	59
35-44	0	1	3	0	3	0	1	1	0	52
45-54	0	2	1	0	1	3	0	1	1	34
55-59	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	11
60-64	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	15
65 AND OVER	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5

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