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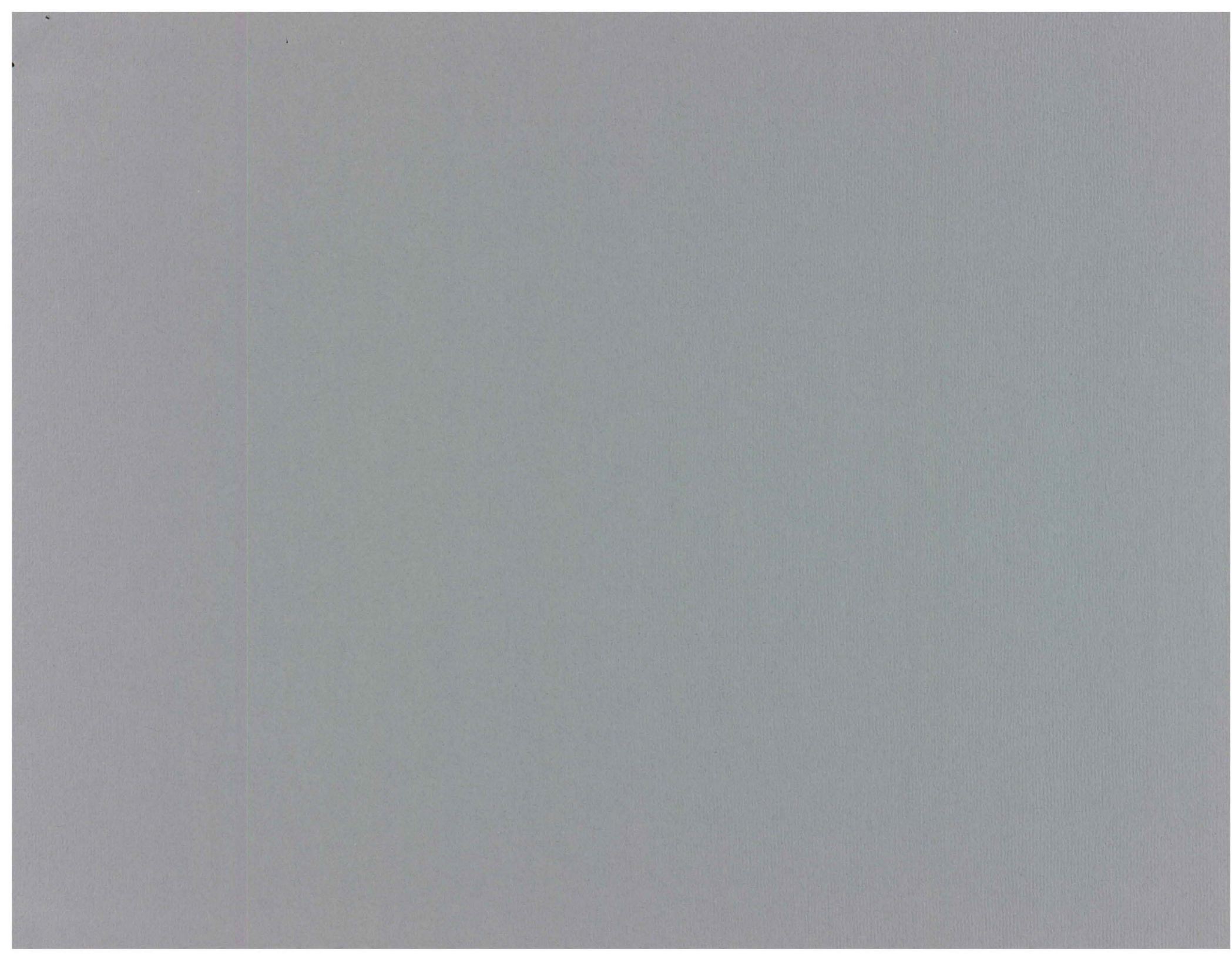


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This quarterly publication is designed to disseminate information on the characteristics of the insured unemployed to manpower planners, officials and other users of labor market information concerned with the problems of the unemployed. An unemployment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

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

Employment in Dubuque County averaged 40,600 for the July through September period. The same average prevailed during the third quarter. Employment was highest in September, when the level was recorded at 40,700. A high of 41,200 was recorded for June. Resident nonagricultural wage and salary employment averaged 34,900 for both the third and fourth quarters.

The county unemployment rate averaged 4.1% during the quarter, slightly under the previous quarter's average of 4.2%. The rate climbed to 4.6% in July due to the number of students seeking employment. A low of 3.4% was recorded for September. The level of unemployment averaged 1700 for the quarter.

Job Service records on new hiring activity and placement performance depict a strong fourth quarter despite the completion of "F.I.S.T." filming and a slowdown in manufacturing. Inventory layoffs and a series of labor disputes kept new hires in manufacturing at a minimum. However, hiring activity was strong in retail and wholesale trade and the services. The opening of Ardan's in September created a need for cashiers and sales workers. The reopening of schools in August opened up a number of jobs in the services -- bus drivers, cooks, clerks, guards and maintenance workers.

The following percentage distribution reflects the industrial composition of major market placements made during the third and fourth quarters:

	<u>July - Sept.</u>	<u>Apr. - June</u>
<u>Total</u>	100.0	100.0
Construction and mining	3.3	3.4
Manufacturing	43.1	71.0
Transportation, communication and public utilities	0.2	1.1
Wholesale and retail trade	24.8	8.8
Finance, insurance and real estate	1.5	1.1
Services	27.1	13.7

### Characteristics of the Insured Unemployed

During the fourth quarter, the total number of insured unemployed peaked at 731 in August. An inventory shutdown in durable goods manufacturing was partially responsible for the increase. The number of insured unemployed dropped to 428 in September, the lowest monthly total on record for the year.

Characteristics of the insured unemployed indicate that about 44% of the persons receiving jobless benefits during the quarter were women. During



the previous quarter, females comprised a smaller percentage -- 32.5%. Data for the third and fourth quarters depict a trend where the percentage of insured unemployed females stood at 27.2% in April, and gradually increased over the next five months. Females accounted for the highest percentage in September -- 44.6%. Seasonal factors influenced this trend. The percentage of males receiving jobless benefits is usually higher in winter and spring, as layoffs in construction and manufacturing become heavier. On the other hand, layoffs in the services and trades are more prevalent during the summer. For example, a large number of school workers file for unemployment benefits during the summer. (They are eligible to collect benefits if there is no "reasonable assurance" of being recalled to the job.) A large percentage of these workers are females who have been laid off from school food services.

Age characteristics for the insured unemployed show a high concentration of claimants in the under 22 to 35 age groups. During the fourth quarter, about 40% of the claimants were under 25. Another 24% were in the 25 to 34 age group.

Industry attachment of the insured unemployed also reflect several seasonal developments. The mid-quarter slowdown in manufacturing is evident in the claimant characteristics for August. August data show a sharp upturn in the number of persons separated from manufacturing employers. Claims from construction workers were down considerably during the quarter. The reopening of schools in September brought a decrease in claims from the wholesale and retail trades and the services.

The duration of unemployment for Dubuque County claimants deviated from the data submitted for unemployed persons in the U. S. Locally, about 52% of the insured unemployed collected jobless benefits from 5 to 14 weeks. Short-term unemployment (less than 5 weeks) accounted for about 19% of the persons collecting jobless benefits. Monthly percentage distributions, based on the duration of unemployment for U. S. jobless persons, show a high concentration of individuals collecting benefits for less than 5 weeks. The graph on the following page compares the duration of unemployment for Dubuque County and the U. S.

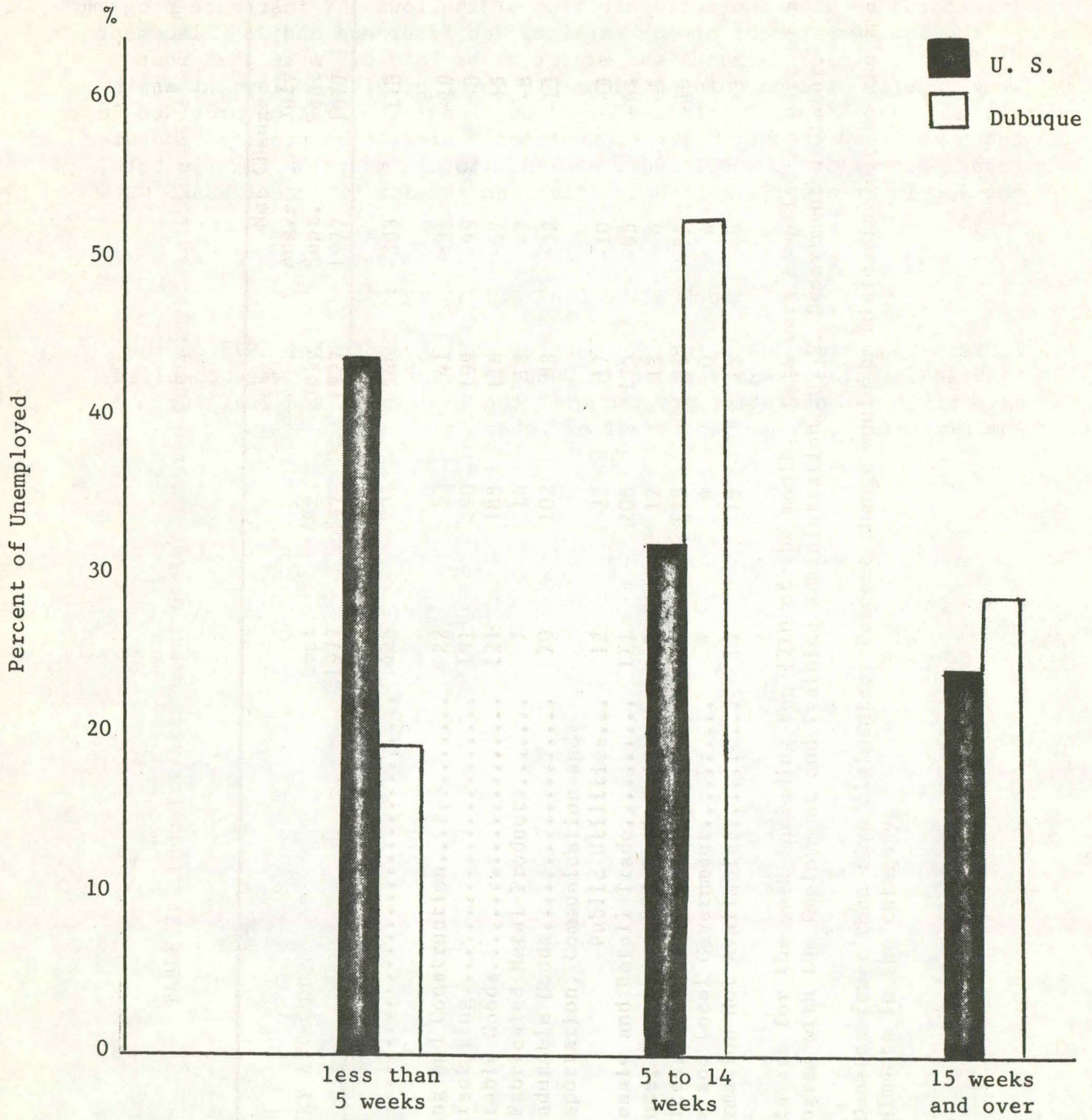
#### Outlook

The number of insured unemployed is expected to increase over the next quarter. The permanent layoff of Caradco's door-division workers, the seasonal layoff of construction workers, and seasonal slowdowns in other manufacturing industries will result in a greater number of people receiving jobless benefits. Energy-related layoffs might also boost joblessness in January and February.



Comparison of the Duration of Unemployment  
for U. S. Unemployed and Dubuque County Insured Unemployed

July through September 1977





## Technical Notes

The data presented in this report represents characteristics of job insurance claimants who filed claims for benefits covering the survey week containing the 12th of the month. The data represents individual claimants receiving benefit payments, not the number of weeks claimed during the survey week.

In accordance with the administration of the Iowa job insurance program by the Iowa Department of Job Service, Job Insurance and Job Placement Divisions, those claimants who expect to be laid off more than four weeks and/or have no union attachments which provide employment assistance, have 6-digit Dictionary of Occupational information provided in codes assigned to them. The occupational information provided in this report represents the DOT codes assigned to claimants who are in both the Job Insurance claimant data files and the Job Placement ESARS data files.

## SUPPORTING STATISTICAL TABLES

Tables 1-5 contain data for the quarter ending September 1977 on the insured unemployed who resided in Dubuque County. Data were compiled as part of a cooperative program with the Employment and Training Administration, U. S. Department of Labor.



TABLE 1. Sex and Age of the Insured Unemployed for Dubuque, Iowa SMSA 1/

CHARACTERISTIC	Sept. 1977	Number		Net Change		Percent Change	
		Aug. 1977	July 1977	Aug.- Sept. 1977	July- Sept. 1977	Aug.- Sept. 1977	July- Sept. 1977
TOTAL.....	428	731	546	-303	-118	-41.5	-21.6
Under 22.....	89	161	164	-72	-75	-44.7	-45.7
22-24.....	76	121	90	-45	-14	-37.2	-15.6
25-34.....	114	170	126	-56	-12	-32.9	-9.5
35-44.....	45	75	51	-30	-6	-40.0	-11.8
45-54.....	50	83	52	-33	-2	-39.8	-3.8
55-59.....	26	46	19	-20	+7	-43.5	+36.8
60-64.....	18	46	27	-28	-9	-60.9	-33.3
65 and over.....	10	29	17	-19	-7	-65.5	-41.2
MEN CLAIMANTS.....	237	416	312	-179	-75	-43.0	-24.0
Under 22.....	58	103	103	-45	-45	-43.7	-43.7
22-24.....	45	71	61	-26	-16	-36.6	-26.2
25-34.....	64	100	68	-36	-4	-36.0	-5.9
35-44.....	19	33	21	-14	-2	-42.4	-9.5
45-54.....	23	37	21	-14	+2	-37.8	+9.5
55-59.....	10	18	8	-8	+2	-44.4	+25.0
60-64.....	11	30	17	-19	-6	-63.3	-35.3
65 and over.....	7	24	13	-17	-6	-70.8	-46.2
WOMEN CLAIMANTS.....	191	315	234	-124	-43	-39.4	-18.4
Under 22.....	31	58	61	-27	-30	-46.6	-49.2
22-24.....	31	50	29	-19	+2	-38.0	+6.9
25-34.....	50	70	58	-20	-8	-28.6	-13.8
35-44.....	26	42	30	-16	-4	-38.1	-13.3
45-54.....	27	46	31	-19	-4	-41.3	-12.9
55-59.....	16	28	11	-12	+5	-42.9	+45.5
60-64.....	7	16	10	-9	-3	-56.3	-30.0
65 and over.....	*	5	*	*	*	*	*

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.

\* Denotes fewer than five claimants. Percent change would be misleading due to the small number of claimants in the category.



TABLE 2. Industry Attachment of the Insured Unemployed in Dubuque, 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.....	428	731	546	-303	-118	-41.5	-21.6
Mining and Construction.....	22	53	41	-31	-19	-58.5	-46.3
Manufacturing.....	191	290	199	-99	-8	-34.1	-4.0
Durable Goods.....	121	188	116	-67	+5	-35.6	+4.3
Fabricated Metal Products.....	7	14	15	-7	-8	-50.0	-53.3
Nondurable Goods.....	70	102	83	-32	-13	-31.4	-15.7
Transportation, Communication and Public Utilities...	12	22	17	-10	-5	-45.5	-29.4
Wholesale and Retail Trade.....	111	206	175	-95	-64	-46.1	-36.6
Finance, Insurance and Real Estate..	8	12	13	-4	-5	-33.3	-38.5
Services.....	70	125	86	-55	-16	-44.0	-18.6
State and Local Government.....	*	*	0	*	*	*	*
Information Not Available.....	13	18	15	-6	-3	-33.3	-20.0

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TABLE 3. Occupational Attachment of the Insured Unemployed for Dubuque, Iowa SMSA 1/

OCCUPATIONAL ATTACHMENT	Sept. 1977	Aug. 1977	July 1977	Net Change		Percent Change	
				Aug.- Sept. 1977	July- Sept. 1977	Aug.- Sept. 1977	July Sept.
TOTAL.....	428	731	546	-303	-118	-41.5	-21.6
Professional, Technical, Managerial.....	9	12	14	-3	-5	-25.0	-35.7
Clerical and Sales.....	15	22	17	-7	-2	-31.8	-11.8
Service.....	12	24	21	-12	-9	-50.0	-42.9
Farming, Fishing, Forestry.....	0	0	*	0	*	0.0	*
Industrial Categories:							
By Type of Work							
Processing.....	5	17	10	-12	-5	-70.6	-50.0
Machine Trades.....	15	18	*	-3	*	-16.7	*
Bench Work.....	9	15	12	-6	-3	-40.0	-25.0
Structural Work.....	11	16	15	-5	-4	-31.3	-26.7
Miscellaneous.....	14	23	21	-9	-7	-39.1	-33.3
Information Not Available.....	338	584	430	-246	-92	-42.1	-21.4
MEN CLAIMANTS.....	237	416	312	-179	-75	-43.0	-24.0
Professional, Technical, Managerial.....	7	7	8	0	-1	0.0	-12.5
Clerical and Sales.....	5	*	*	*	*	*	*
Service.....	*	5	*	*	*	*	*
Farming, Fishing, Forestry.....	0	0	*	0	*	0.0	*
Industrial Categories:							
By Type of Work							
Processing.....	*	13	8	*	*	*	*
Machine Trades.....	12	17	*	-5	*	-29.4	*
Bench Work.....	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Structural Work.....	7	14	12	-7	-5	-50.0	-41.7
Miscellaneous.....	12	20	20	-8	-8	-40.0	-40.0
Information Not Available.....	187	333	248	-146	-61	-43.8	-24.6



TABLE 3. Occupational Attachment of the Insured Unemployed for Dubuque, Iowa SMSA (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.....	191	315	234	-124	-43	-39.4	-18.4
Professional, Technical, Managerial.....	*	5	6	*	*	*	*
Clerical and Sales.....	10	19	13	-9	-3	-47.4	-23.1
Service.....	10	19	17	-9	-7	-47.4	-41.2
Farming, Fishing, Forestry.....	0	0	*	0	*	0.0	*
Industrial Categories:							
By Type of Work							
Processing.....	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Machine Trades.....	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Bench Work.....	6	11	8	-5	-2	-45.5	-25.0
Structural Work.....	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Miscellaneous.....	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Information Not Available.....	151	251	182	-100	-31	-39.8	-17.0

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TABLE 4. Duration of Unemployment of the Insured Unemployed in Dubuque, Iowa SMSA by Sex 1/

DURATION BY SEX	Sept. 1977	Aug. 1977	July 1977	Net Change		Percent Change	
				Aug.- Sept. 1977	July- Sept. 1977	Aug.- Sept. 1977	July- Sept. 1977
TOTAL.....	428	731	546	-303	-118	-41.5	-21.6
1-4 Weeks.....	91	138	94	-47	-3	-34.1	-3.2
5-14 Weeks.....	240	323	303	-83	-63	-25.7	-20.8
15 Weeks and Over.....	97	270	149	-173	-52	-64.1	-34.9
 MEN CLAIMANTS.....	 237	 416	 312	 -179	 -75	 -43.0	 -24.0
1-4 Weeks.....	65	81	47	-16	+18	-19.8	+38.3
5-14 Weeks.....	124	177	173	-53	-49	-29.9	-28.3
15 Weeks and Over.....	48	158	92	-110	-44	-69.6	-47.8
 WOMEN CLAIMANTS.....	 191	 315	 234	 -124	 -43	 -39.4	 -18.4
1-4 Weeks.....	26	57	47	-31	-21	-54.4	-44.7
5-14 Weeks.....	116	146	130	-30	-14	-20.5	-10.8
15 Weeks and Over.....	49	112	57	-63	-8	-56.3	-14.0

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TABLE 5. Selected Characteristics of the Insured Unemployed by Industry and Occupation, Dubuque, Iowa SMSA 1/

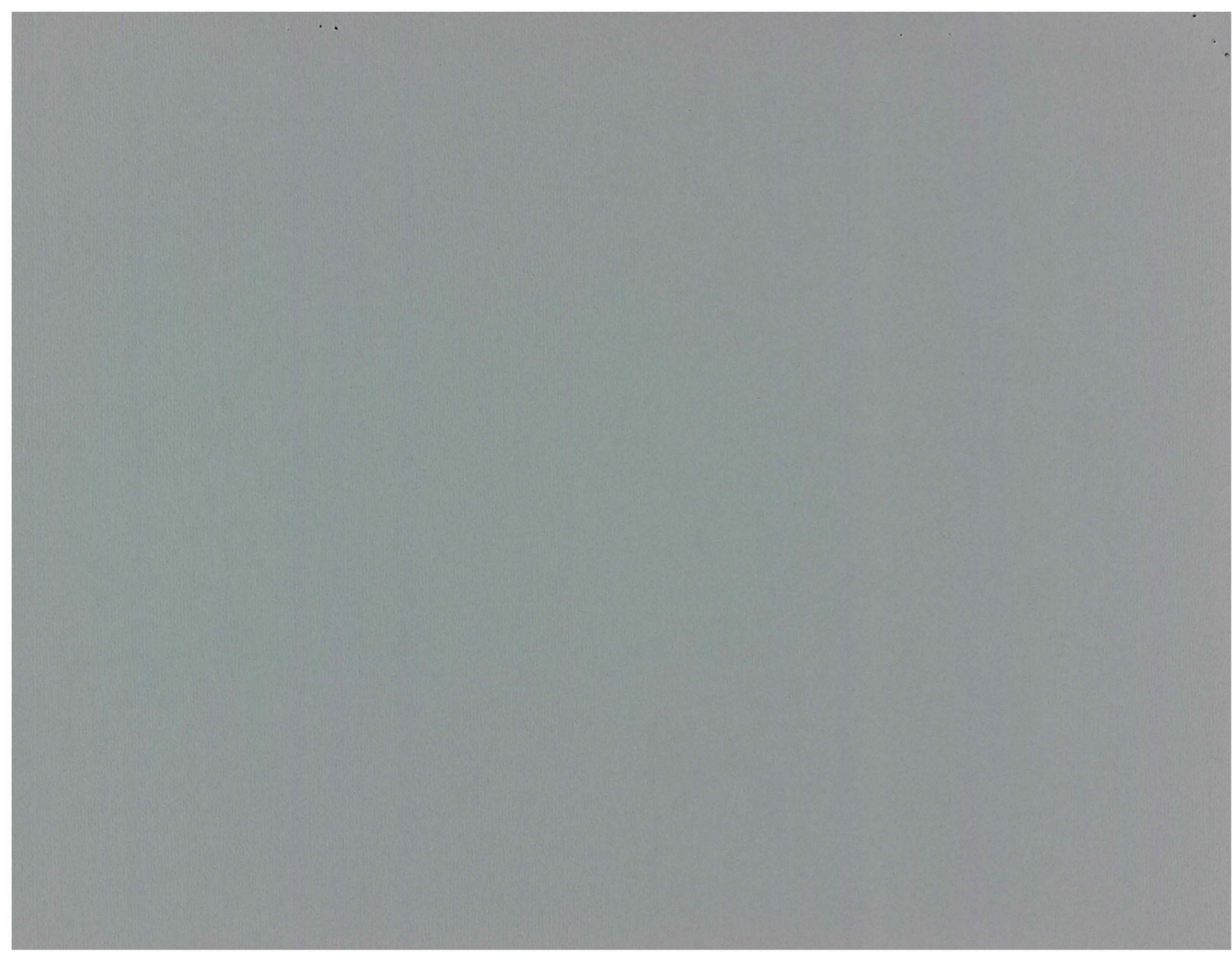
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INDUSTRY AND OCCUPATION	Total	Male	Age Group		Weeks Claimed	
			Under 25	Over 54	Under 5	Over 14
TOTAL.....	428	237	165	54	91	97
INDUSTRY:						
Mining and Construction.....	22	20	4	4	6	10
Manufacturing.....	191	115	63	27	55	30
Durable Goods.....	121	60	31	18	28	16
Nondurable Goods.....	70	55	32	9	27	14
Public Utilities.....	12	10	5	0	1	1
Wholesale and Retail Trade.....	111	52	49	13	18	34
Finance, Insurance and Real Estate.....	8	4	5	1	0	3
Services.....	70	27	31	8	10	19
State and Local Government.....	1	0	0	0	0	0
Information Not Available.....	13	9	8	1	1	0
OCCUPATION:						
Professional, Technical, Managerial.....	9	7	1	1	1	2
Clerical and Sales.....	15	5	8	3	3	3
Service.....	12	2	4	2	2	3
Farming, Fishing, Forestry.....	0	0	0	0	0	0
Industrial Categories:						
By Type of Work						
Processing.....	5	2	0	1	1	2
Machine Trades.....	15	12	4	3	6	0
Bench Work.....	9	3	3	1	1	0
Structural Work.....	11	7	4	0	2	1
Miscellaneous.....	14	12	6	2	1	4
Information Not Available.....	338	187	135	41	74	85

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