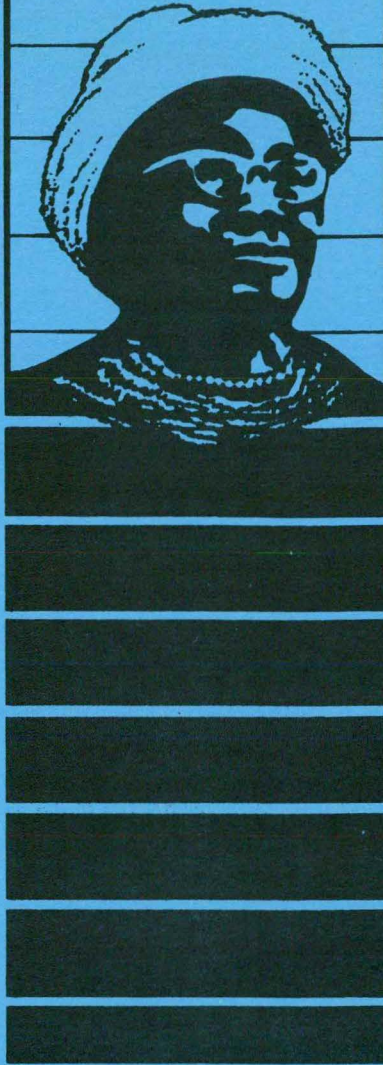
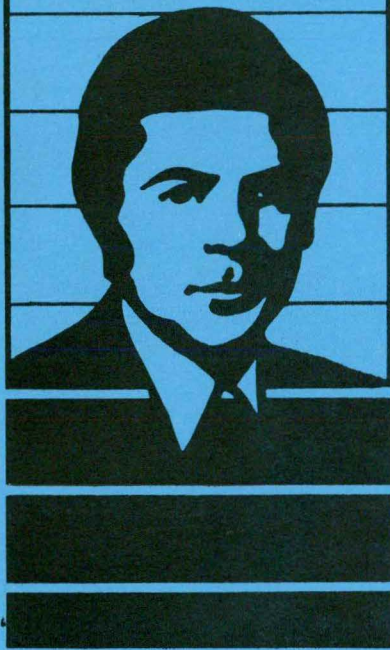


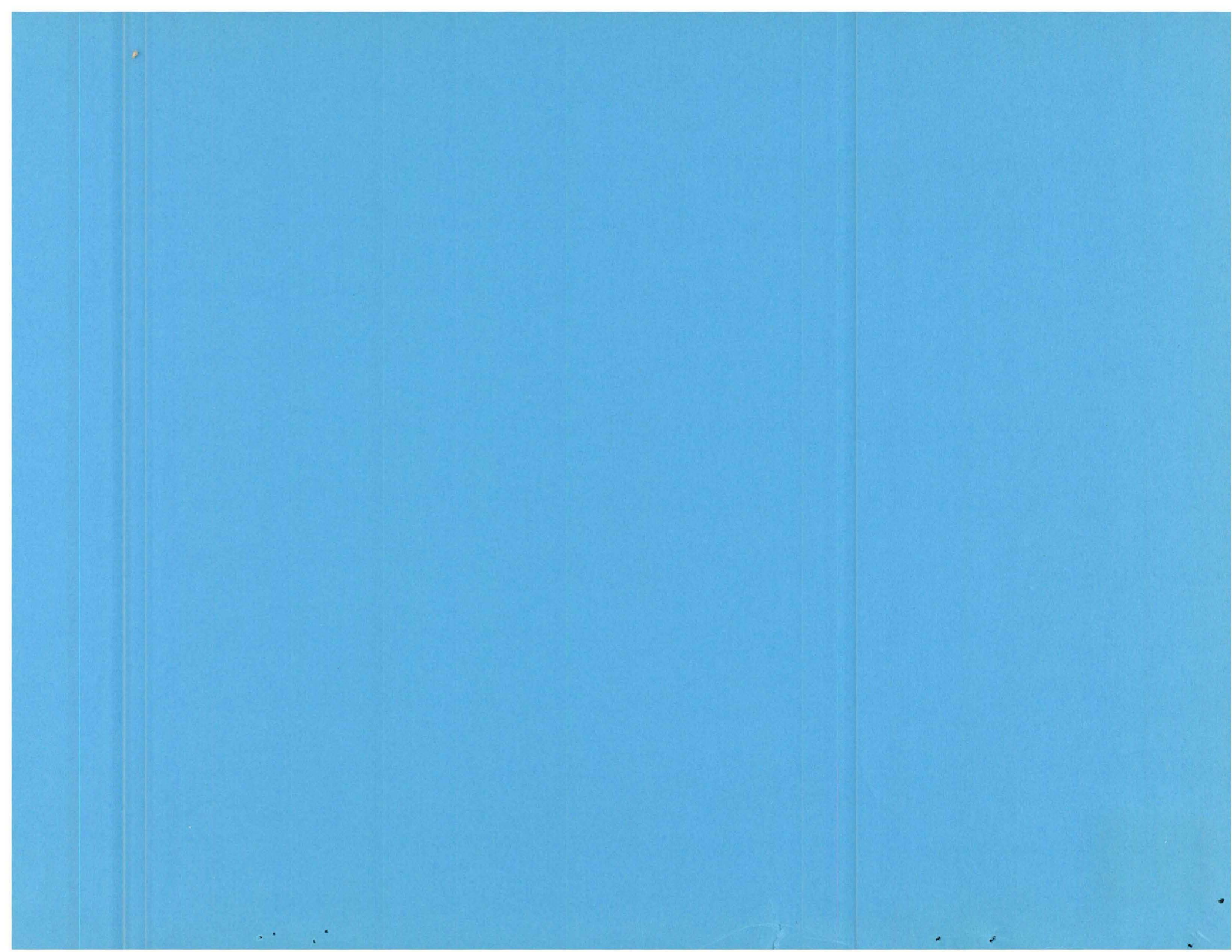
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This quarterly publication is designed to disseminate information on the characteristics of the insured unemployed to manpower planners, officials and other users of labor market information concerned with the problems of the unemployed. An unemployment 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 payment under Federal U.I. programs. The publication is concerned primarily with those under the regular 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:

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QUARTERLY REPORT ON THE

CHARACTERISTICS OF THE INSURED UNEMPLOYED

Data for the Quarter Ending June 30, 1977

I. General Economic Conditions

The Waterloo-Cedar Falls SMSA is defined as Black Hawk County. The SMSA has two principal cities, Waterloo (pop. 75,533) and Cedar Falls (pop. 29,597).

During the first five months of 1977 the number of unemployment remained considerably lower than during the same period of 1976. Total unemployment dropped by 1,500 from 3,600 in May 1976 to 2,100 in May 1977. The May 1977 unemployment rate was two and one half percentage points lower than the May 1976 rate of 5.9%. This drop in the number of unemployed is directly related to two factors: One, a manufacturing employment increase of 800 over the past twelve months, led by increases in machinery and other durable goods manufacturing; Two, increases in services and government led nonmanufacturing employment to an over the year increase of 600.

The number of persons entering the labor force usually increases in June. This usually means that total unemployment will increase in June, but unemployment is expected to remain lower than June 1976. Most of these new entrants to the labor force have little or no work experience and would not qualify for Job Insurance benefits.

As young people find jobs or withdraw from the labor force, the total unemployment rate should decrease slightly from June to July. Vacation or inventory layoffs may cause the August rate to rise. Students returning to school and fall construction activity will probably lower the unemployment rate in September. Since the overall economy is healthier than last year, the unemployment rate during the July to September 1977 period is expected to remain lower than this three month period of 1976.

II. Characteristics of the Insured Unemployed

The number of insured unemployed in the regular job Insurance program exceeded 1,300 each month during the January through March period. The count then dropped to 1,041 in April, 808 in May and 758 in June (because of seasonal improvements in construction and trade employment).

NOTE: This count includes only Black Hawk County residents who were receiving regular Job Insurance benefits (UI). Persons receiving benefits from other Job Insurance programs, such as Extended Benefits (EB), Special Unemployment Assistance (SUA), or other federal programs are not counted. Unemployed persons who are not eligible for job insurance are also excluded from the count.

In April, 67.9% of the insured unemployed were male and 32.1% were female. The number of male claimants decreased by over 250 from April to June. This was due to a seasonal drop in the number of insured unemployed last attached to the construction industry. The number of female claimants changed little during the three month period. During the first six months of 1977 the percentage of male claimants ranged from 75.3% in January to 59.1% in June. During the April, May and June period, approximately 4% of the claimants were nonwhites.

During April 25.8% of claimants were last attached to the construction industry. As weather improved and outdoor activity picked up, the number of claimants attached to construction dropped from 269 in April to 107 in May and 105 in June. The number of claimants last attached to manufacturing industries remained relatively steady during the three month period. During April 21.2% were last attached to manufacturing. This percentage rose to 29.6% in May and June as total claimants decreased but insured unemployed in manufacturing held steady. During the three month period the greatest percentage of insured unemployed were attached to trade (between 30% and 35%). The number of claimants attached to trade decreased from 320 in April to 281 in May and 264 in June. This decline in the number of claimants reflects the increase in trade employment which usually occurs during this time of year.

The occupational group with the greatest number of reported claimants was clerical/sales. No other occupational group was predominate during May and June. There were a number of claimants in miscellaneous occupations and structural work during April. These groups decreased in May as outdoor activity increased. Structural work includes most construction occupations. Miscellaneous occupations represents primarily material handling and transportation jobs. Of those in industrial categories around 80% had low complexity (or relatively unskilled) jobs. Most male claimants fell into the industrial categories, while most female claimants had clerical or sales experience.

NOTE: Occupational information is only available for those claimants who have registered for work with the local Job Service office. Only claimants who do not have strong attachments to their previous occupations are required by law to register for work with Job Service. Often these are the claimants who would benefit most by manpower training. This occupational information can be used to better identify the characteristics of this group.

During April and May over 70% of the insured unemployed had been receiving benefits less than 15 weeks. In June the percentage of claimants who have been unemployed 15 weeks or longer (long-term) increased to 32.5%. Trade employment had the greatest number of long term insured unemployed in June.

About 38% of the claimants were under 25 years. Claimants 55 years and older accounted for about 10% of the total. The number of insured unemployed tended to decrease as the age group increased. Older workers with more experience and seniority have a better chance of remaining on the job.

III. Outlook

During July and August the total number of insured unemployed is expected to increase only if vacation or inventory layoffs occur during the reference week. These temporary layoffs usually occur during the summer in manufacturing. The remainder of the insured unemployed will primarily be attached to trade industries.

Total unemployment will remain substantially higher than insured unemployment this summer. Students and other new entrants account for much of the summer unemployment total. These persons do not usually qualify for job insurance. Many persons in this group will return to school in September and the total number of unemployed will drop closer to the number of insured unemployed.

IV. 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 1-6 contain data on the insured unemployed who were residents of the Waterloo-Cedar Falls SMSA during the Third Quarter (April, May and June) of 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 1/
WATERLOO-CEDAR FALLS SMSA

	JUNE 1977	MAY 1977	APRIL 1977	Net Change		Percent Change	
				MAY TO JUNE 1977	APRIL TO JUNE 1977	MAY TO JUNE 1977	APRIL TO JUNE 1977
TOTAL	758	808	1041	-50	-283	-6.2%	-27.2%
SEX							
Male	448	486	707	-38	-259	-7.8%	-36.6%
Female	310	322	334	-12	- 24	-3.7%	- 7.2%
RACE							
White	733	776	993	-43	-260	-5.5%	-26.2%
Nonwhite	25	32	48	- 7	- 23	-21.9%	-47.9%
SEX & RACE							
White Male	431	461	670	-30	-239	-6.5%	-35.7%
Nonwhite Male	17	25	37	- 8	- 20	-32.0%	-54.1%
White Female	302	315	323	-13	- 21	-4.1%	- 6.5%
Nonwhite Female	8	7	11	+ 1	- 3	+14.3%	-27.3%

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 1/
WATERLOO-CEDAR FALLS SMSA

INDUSTRY ATTACHMENT	JUNE 1977	MAY 1977	APR 1977	Net Change		Percent Change	
				MAY TO JUNE 1977	APR TO JUNE 1977	MAY TO JUNE 1977	APR TO JUNE 1977
TOTAL	758	808	1041	-50	-283	-6.2%	-27.2%
Manufacturing	224	239	221	-15	+ 3	-6.3%	+ 1.4%
Durable Goods	157	141	129	+16	+ 28	+11.3%	+21.7%
Stone, Clay & Glass Prod.	21	16	23	+ 5	- 2	+31.3%	- 8.7%
Fabricated Metal Prod.	53	51	24	+ 2	+ 29	+ 3.9%	+120.8%
Machinery	69	55	64	+14	+ 5	+25.4%	+ 7.8%
Other Durable Goods	14	19	18	- 5	- 4	-26.3%	-22.2%
Nondurable Goods	67	98	92	-31	- 25	-31.6%	-27.2%
Food and Kindred Prod.	53	81	70	-28	- 17	-34.6%	-24.3%
Printing & Publishing	9	12	14	- 3	- 5	-25.0%	-35.7%
Other Nondurable Goods	5	5	8	0	- 3	---	-37.5%
Nonmanufacturing	527	554	797	-27	-270	- 4.9%	-33.9%
Mining	*	*	6	**	**	**	**
Contract Construction	105	107	269	- 2	-164	- 1.9%	-61.0%
Trans., Comm. & Public Util.	19	27	41	- 8	- 22	-29.6%	-53.7%
Wholesale and Retail Trade	264	281	320	-17	- 56	- 6.0%	-17.5%
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	19	19	28	0	- 9	---	-32.1%
Services	108	111	124	- 3	- 16	- 2.7%	-12.9%
State & Local Government	12	8	9	+ 4	+ 3	+50.0%	+33.3%
Information Not Available	7	15	23	- 8	- 16	-53.3%	-69.6%

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.

* Less than 5 claimants.

** No changes are computed for characteristics with less than 5 claimants reported.

TABLE 3. OCCUPATIONAL ATTACHMENT OF THE INSURED UNEMPLOYED 1/
WATERLOO-CEDAR FALLS SMSA

OCCUPATIONAL ATTACHMENT	JUNE 1977	MAY 1977	APR 1977	Net Change		Percent Change	
				MAY TO JUNE 1977	APR TO JUNE 1977	MAY TO JUNE 1977	APR TO JUNE 1977
TOTAL	758	808	1041	-50	-283	-6.2%	-27.2%
Prof./Tech./Managerial	15	6	16	+ 9	- 1	+150.0%	- 6.3%
Clerical/Sales	55	58	66	- 3	- 11	-5.2%	-16.7%
Service	18	17	23	+ 1	- 5	+5.9%	-21.7%
Farming/Fishing/Forestry	11	10	11	+ 1	0	+10.0%	---
Industrial Categories:							
By Type of Work							
Processing	8	11	11	- 3	- 3	-27.3%	-27.3%
Machine Trades	20	22	23	- 2	- 3	-9.1%	-13.0%
Bench Work	*	6	6	**	**	**	**
Structural Work	12	14	40	- 2	- 28	-14.3%	-70.0%
Miscellaneous	24	29	44	- 5	- 20	-17.3%	-45.5%
By Complexity <u>2/</u>							
High	7	6	NA	+ 1	NA	+16.7%	NA
Medium	7	8	NA	- 1	NA	-12.5%	NA
Low	54	68	NA	-14	NA	-20.6%	NA
Information Not Available	591	635	801	-44	-210	-6.9%	-26.2%
MEN CLAIMANTS							
Prof./Tech./Managerial	9	*	10	**	- 1	**	-10.0%
Clerical/Sales	14	15	17	- 1	- 3	-6.7%	-17.6%
Service	6	6	11	0	- 5	---	-45.4%
Farming/Fishing/Forestry	6	6	6	0	0	---	---
Industrial Categories:							
By Type of Work							
Processing	5	7	8	- 2	- 3	-28.6%	-37.5%
Machine Trades	16	17	21	- 1	- 5	-5.9%	-23.8%
Bench Work	*	*	*	**	**	**	**
Structural Work	12	14	40	- 2	- 28	-14.3%	-70.0%
Miscellaneous	22	24	40	- 2	- 18	-8.3%	-45.0%
By Complexity <u>2/</u>							
High	6	*	NA	**	NA	**	NA
Medium	5	6	NA	- 1	NA	-16.7%	NA
Low	48	56	NA	- 8	NA	-14.3%	NA
Information Not Available	354	390	550	-36	-196	-9.2%	-35.6%

TABLE 3. OCCUPATIONAL ATTACHMENT OF THE INSURED UNEMPLOYED 1/
 WATERLOO-CEDAR FALLS SMSA
 (Continued)

OCCUPATIONAL ATTACHMENT	JUNE 1977	MAY 1977	APR 1977	Net Change		Percent Change	
				MAY TO JUNE 1977	APR TO JUNE 1977	MAY TO JUNE 1977	APR TO JUNE 1977
WOMEN CLAIMANTS							
Prof./Tech./Managerial	6	*	6	**	0	**	---
Clerical/Sales	41	43	49	-2	-8	-4.7%	-16.3%
Service	12	11	12	+1	0	+9.1%	---
Farming/Fishing/Forestry	5	*	5	**	0	**	---
Industrial Categories:							
By Type of Work							
Processing	*	*	*	**	**	**	**
Machine Trades	*	5	*	**	**	**	**
Bench Work	*	*	*	**	**	**	**
Structural Work	*	*	*	**	**	**	**
Miscellaneous	*	5	*	**	**	**	**
By Complexity <u>2/</u>							
High	*	*	NA	**	NA	**	NA
Medium	*	*	NA	**	NA	**	NA
Low	6	12	NA	-6	NA	-50.0%	NA
Information Not Available	237	245	251	-8	-14	-3.3%	-5.6%

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.

* Less than 5 claimants.

** No changes are computed for characteristics with less than 5 claimants.

NA Not Available

TABLE 4. DURATION OF UNEMPLOYMENT OF THE INSURED UNEMPLOYED BY SEX AND RACE ^{1/}
WATERLOO-CEDAR FALLS SMSA

DURATION BY SEX AND RACE	JUNE 1977	MAY 1977	APR 1977	Net Change		Percent Change	
				MAY TO JUNE 1977	APR TO JUNE 1977	MAY TO JUNE 1977	APR TO JUNE 1977
TOTAL	758	808	1041	-50	-283	-6.2%	-27.2%
1-4 Weeks	83	135	82	-52	+ 1	-38.5%	+1.2%
5-14 Weeks	429	443	662	-14	-233	-3.2%	-35.2%
15 Weeks and Over	246	230	297	+16	- 51	+7.0%	-17.2%
SEX BY WEEKS UNEMPLOYED							
Men Claimants	448	486	707	-38	-259	-7.8%	-36.6%
1-4 Weeks	58	106	61	-48	- 3	-45.3%	-4.9%
5-14 Weeks	250	240	431	+10	-181	+4.2%	-42.0%
15 Weeks and Over	140	140	215	0	- 75	---	-34.9%
Women Claimants	310	322	334	-12	- 24	-3.7%	-7.2%
1-4 Weeks	25	29	21	- 4	+ 4	-13.8%	+19.0%
5-14 Weeks	179	203	231	-24	- 52	-11.8%	-22.5%
15 Weeks and Over	106	90	82	+16	+ 24	+17.8%	+29.3%
RACE BY WEEKS UNEMPLOYED							
White Claimants	733	776	993	-43	-260	-5.5%	-26.2%
1-4 Weeks	82	130	79	-48	+ 3	-36.9%	+3.8%
5-14 Weeks	413	421	627	- 8	-214	-1.9%	-34.1%
15 Weeks and Over	238	225	287	+13	- 49	+5.8%	-17.1%
Nonwhite Claimants	25	32	48	- 7	- 23	-21.9%	-47.9%
1-4 Weeks	*	5	*	**	**	**	**
5-14 Weeks	16	22	35	- 6	- 19	-27.3%	-54.3%
15 Weeks and Over	8	5	10	+ 3	- 2	+60.0%	-20.0%

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TABLE 5. AGE BY SEX AND RACE OF THE INSURED UNEMPLOYED 1/
WATERLOO-CEDAR FALLS SMSA

	JUNE 1977	MAY 1977	APR 1977	Net Change		Percent Change	
				MAY TO JUNE 1977	APR TO JUNE 1977	MAY TO JUNE 1977	APR TO JUNE 1977
TOTAL	758	808	1041	-50	-283	-6.2%	-27.2%
Under 22	184	200	261	-16	- 77	-8.0%	-29.5%
22-24	98	114	145	-16	- 47	-14.0%	-32.4%
25-34	195	186	263	+ 9	- 68	+4.8%	-25.9%
35-44	113	119	141	- 6	- 28	-5.0%	-19.9%
45-54	90	100	132	-10	- 42	-10.0%	-31.8%
55-59	39	42	46	- 3	- 7	- 7.1%	-15.2%
60-64	28	34	38	- 6	- 10	-17.6%	-26.3%
65 and Over	11	13	15	- 2	- 4	-15.4%	-26.7%
MEN CLAIMANTS	448	486	707	-38	-259	-7.8%	-36.6%
Under 22	102	126	169	-24	- 67	-19.0%	-39.6%
22-24	64	74	107	-10	- 43	-13.5%	-40.2%
25-34	132	109	181	+23	- 49	+21.1%	-27.1%
35-44	55	65	88	-10	- 33	-15.4%	-37.5%
45-54	47	57	85	-10	- 38	-17.5%	-44.7%
55-59	22	23	36	- 1	- 14	-4.3%	-38.9%
60-64	20	24	31	- 4	- 11	-16.7%	-35.5%
65 and Over	6	8	10	- 2	- 4	-25.0%	-40.0%
WOMEN CLAIMANTS	310	322	334	-12	- 24	-3.7%	-7.2%
Under 22	82	74	92	+ 8	- 10	+10.8%	-10.9%
22-24	34	40	38	- 6	- 4	-15.0%	-10.5%
25-34	63	77	82	-14	- 19	-18.2%	-23.2%
35-44	58	54	53	+ 4	+ 5	+7.4%	+9.4%
45-54	43	43	47	0	- 4	---	-8.5%
55-59	17	19	10	- 2	+ 7	-10.5%	+70.0%
60-64	8	10	7	- 2	+ 1	-20.0%	+14.3%
65 and Over	5	5	5	0	0	---	---

TABLE 5. AGE BY SEX AND RACE OF THE INSURED UNEMPLOYED ^{1/}
 WATERLOO-CEDAR FALLS SMSA
 (Continued)

	JUNE 1977	MAY 1977	APR 1977	Net Change		Percent Change	
				MAY TO JUNE 1977	APR TO JUNE 1977	MAY TO JUNE 1977	APR TO JUNE 1977
WHITE CLAIMANTS	733	776	993	-43	-260	-5.5%	-26.2%
Under 22	177	190	247	-13	- 70	-6.8%	-28.3%
22-24	96	109	137	-13	- 41	-11.9%	-29.9%
25-34	190	182	252	+ 8	- 62	+4.4%	-24.6%
35-44	105	112	134	- 7	- 29	-6.3%	-21.6%
45-54	89	97	128	- 8	- 39	-8.2%	-30.5%
55-59	37	40	43	- 3	- 6	-7.5%	-14.0%
60-64	28	33	37	- 5	- 9	-15.2%	-24.3%
65 and Over	11	13	15	- 2	- 4	-15.4%	-26.7%
NONWHITE CLAIMANTS	25	32	48	- 7	- 23	-21.9%	-47.9%
Under 22	7	10	14	- 3	- 7	-30.0%	-50.0%
22-24	*	5	8	**	**	**	**
25-34	5	*	11	**	- 6	**	-54.5%
35-44	8	7	7	+ 1	+ 1	♦14.3%	+14.3%
45-54	*	*	*	**	**	**	**
55-59	*	*	*	**	**	**	**
60-64	*	*	*	**	**	**	**
65 and Over	*	*	*	**	**	**	**

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* Less than 5 claimants.

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TABLE 6. SELECTED CHARACTERISTICS OF THE INSURED UNEMPLOYED BY INDUSTRY AND OCCUPATION ^{1/}
WATERLOO-CEDAR FALLS SMSA

MONTH: JUNE 1977

INDUSTRY AND OCCUPATION	TOTAL	NON- WHITE	MALE	Age Group		Weeks Claimed		
				25 AND UNDER	54 AND OVER	UNDER 5	14 AND OVER	
INDUSTRY:								
TOTAL	758	25	448	314	89	83	278	
Manufacturing	224	10	145	76	34	20	55	
Durable Goods	157	7	99	62	19	16	42	
Nondurable Goods	67	*	46	14	15	*	13	
Nonmanufacturing	527	15	293	231	53	63	217	
Mining	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	
Contract Construction	105	*	98	38	11	23	34	
Public Utilities	19	*	12	*	*	*	10	
Wholesale and Retail Trade	264	*	141	144	25	26	120	
Finance, Insurance and Real Estate	19	*	8	*	*	*	12	
Services	108	6	29	39	16	11	39	
State and Local Government	12	*	5	*	*	*	*	
Information Not Available	7	*	10	7	*	*	6	
OCCUPATION:								
TOTAL	758	25	448	314	89	83	278	
Prof./Tech./Managerial	15	*	9	*	*	*	5	
Clerical/Sales	55	*	14	29	5	*	25	
Service	18	*	6	9	*	*	6	
Farming/Fishing/Forestry	11	*	6	10	*	*	5	
Industrial Categories:								
By Type of Work								
Processing	8	*	5	*	*	*	*	
Machine Trades	20	*	16	11	*	*	7	
Bench Work	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	
Structural Work	12	*	12	5	*	*	*	
Miscellaneous	24	*	22	11	*	*	8	
By Complexity								
High	7	*	6	*	*	*	*	
Medium	7	*	5	*	*	*	*	
Low	54	*	48	25	*	*	19	
Information Not Available	591	21	354	230	77	68	213	

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