

for 50 or 60 thousand. I have indicated that the reductions within manufacturing have been heavily concentrated in the durable goods industries and particularly among the secondary manufacturers of durable goods.

Let us turn to another aspect of the problem, the characteristics of the people out of work. One of the significant features of unemployment is its heavy incidence among young people. The rates for people under twenty years of age are more than double the overall rates. For people in their early twenties they are lower but still well above the average. The rates move up and down with the changing level of unemployment, but the relationships remain the same. Another significant feature is the difference in the rates for men and women. The overall female rate is normally less than half of the male rate. In large measure this is a reflection of the heavy concentration of the female labour force in the service-producing industries in which employment has been expanding both rapidly and in a smooth and orderly manner. To a lesser degree it may also reflect a problem of measurement, namely that married women who are out of work tend to report themselves as housewives rather than as people who are seeking jobs.

TABLE 15.—UNEMPLOYMENT RATES BY AGE AND SEX (PERSONS WITHOUT JOBS AND SEEKING WORK AS PERCENTAGE OF THE CIVILIAN LABOUR FORCE)

Age Group	1950-1954 Average		1955-1959 Average		1960 (Preliminary Estimates)	
	Men	Women	Men	Women	Men	Women
	%	%	%	%	%	%
Under 20.....	6.9	4.0	11.9	5.5	15.6	8.5
20-24.....	4.9	1.8	8.5	2.5	11.4	3.1
25-44.....	2.5	1.3	4.6	1.8	6.1	2.3
45-64.....	2.6	1.1	4.5	1.6	6.1	2.0
65 and Over.....	2.6	—	4.0	—	3.8	—
All Ages.....	3.2	1.9	5.5	2.5	7.3	3.3

TABLE 16.—THE PERCENTAGE DISTRIBUTION OF UNEMPLOYMENT (PERSONS WITHOUT JOBS AND SEEKING WORK) BY AGE AND SEX

	1950-54	1955-59	1960
	Average	Average	(Preliminary Estimates)
	%	%	%
Men:			
Under 20.....	15	14	14
20-24.....	15	15	15
25-44.....	33	34	34
45-64.....	20	21	22
65 and Over.....	3	3	2
All Ages.....	86	87	87
Women:			
Under 20.....	5	5	5
20-24.....	3	2	2
25-44.....	4	4	4
45-64.....	2	2	2
65 and Over.....	—	—	—
All Ages.....	14	13	13
Total.....	100	100	100