

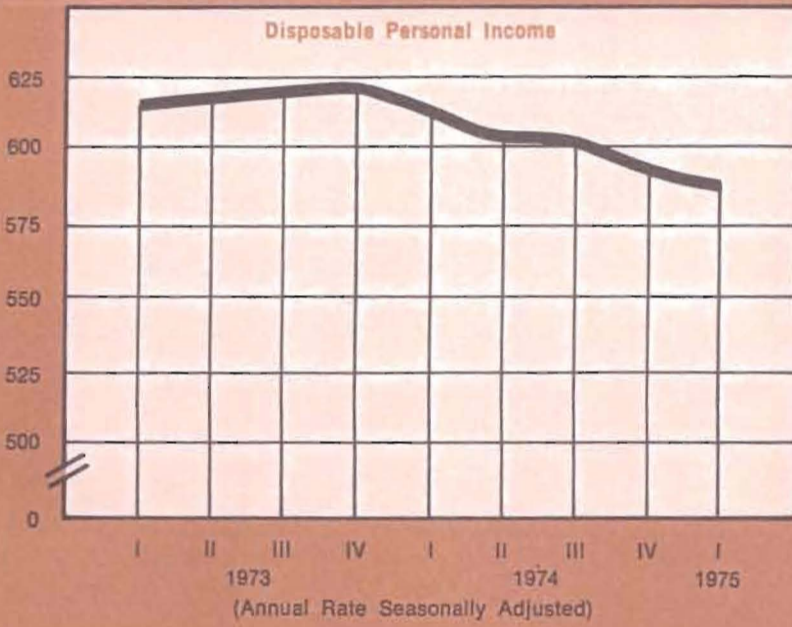
The Auto Industry: Slowdown in Sales, Stall in Jobs

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CHART 1

CONSUMERS HAVE RECENTLY SEEN THEIR INFLATION-ADJUSTED
SPENDING POWER DROP . . .

Billions of Constant (1958) Dollars

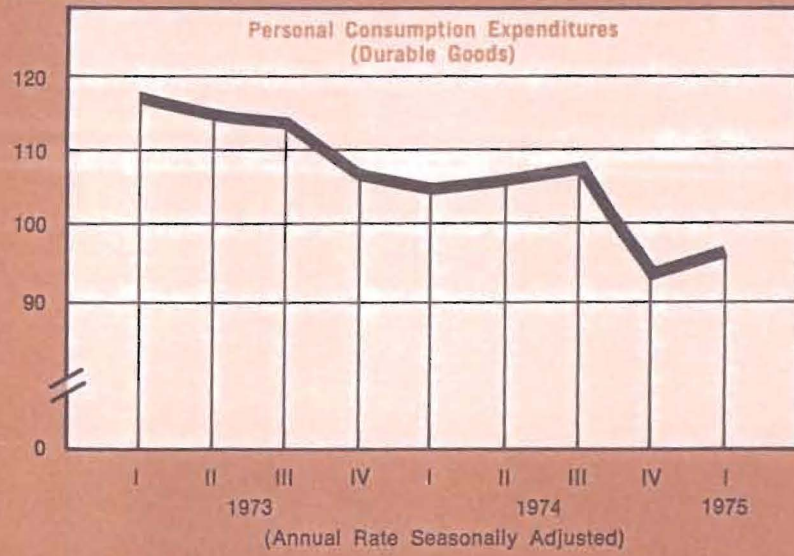


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CHART 2

AND THEY RESPONDED IN PART BY CUTTING BACK ON THEIR PURCHASES OF DURABLES.

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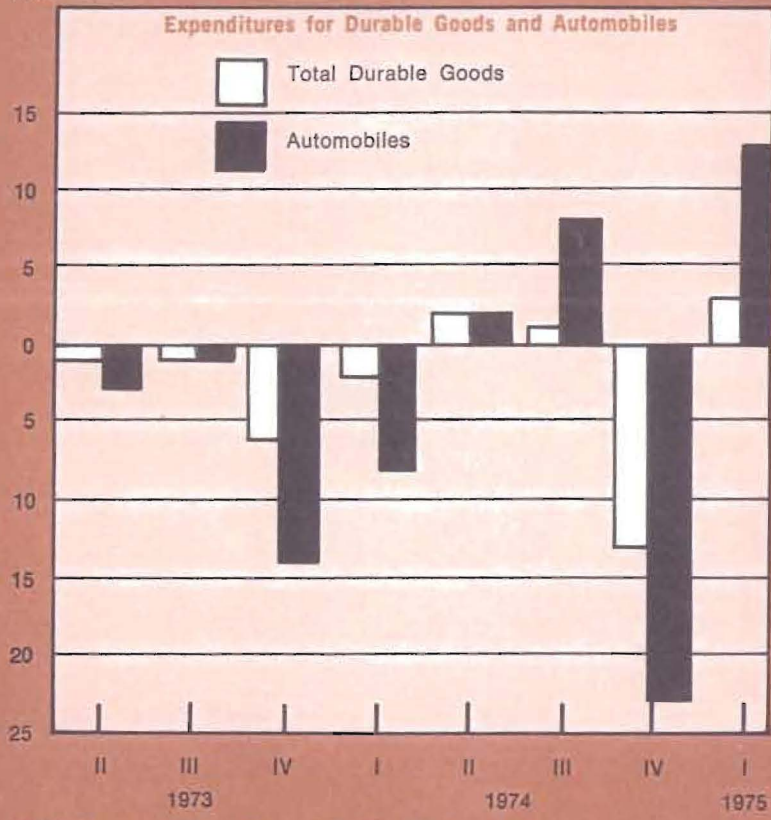


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CHART 3

AUTOMOBILES WERE ONE OF THE BIG-TICKET ITEMS HIT HARD . . .

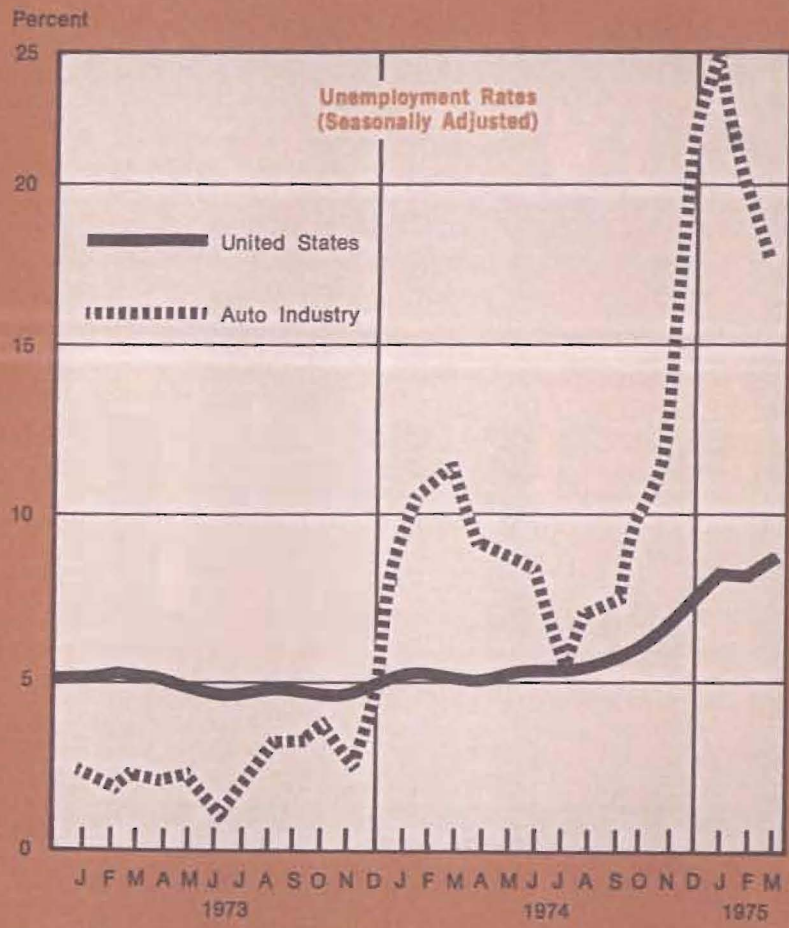
Percent Changes
Annual Rate (Seasonally Adjusted)
1958 Dollars



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CHART 4

WHICH HELPED PUSH THE JOBLESS RATE IN THAT INDUSTRY ABOVE THE OVERALL RATE.



SOURCE: U. S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics.