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REGIONAL AND STATE EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT: FEBRUARY 2003

Most regional and state unemployment rates were little changed in February. All regions and 42 states recorded over-the-month shifts of 0.3 percentage point or less, the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the U.S. Department of Labor reported today. The national jobless rate was about unchanged at 5.8 percent. Non-farm employment decreased in 33 states and the District of Columbia in February.

Regional Unemployment (Seasonally Adjusted)

The South had the lowest unemployment rate in February, 5.4 percent, followed closely by the Midwest, at 5.5 percent. The West continued to report the highest rate, 6.2 percent. Over the year, the West registered the largest jobless rate decrease among the regions (-0.3 percentage point). The Northeast had the largest increase from a year ago (+0.3 percentage point). (See table 1.)

Among the nine geographic divisions, the West North Central continued to record the lowest jobless rate, 4.2 percent in February. The Pacific again reported the highest rate, 6.6 percent. All divisions posted little or no change from January. Over the year, the Mountain division recorded the largest unemployment rate decrease (-0.5 percentage point). Three other divisions reported rate decreases of 0.4 percentage point—the East South Central, South Atlantic, and West North Central. Three divisions reported the largest over-the-year rate increases—the Middle Atlantic, New England, and West South Central (+0.3 percentage point each).

State Unemployment (Seasonally Adjusted)

In February, Hawaii reported the lowest unemployment rate, 3.0 percent. This was the first time in 2 years that a state from outside the West North Central division posted the lowest rate and the first time since 1991 that Hawaii recorded the lowest state rate. Three of the six states with rates below 4.0 percent were located in the West North Central—South Dakota, 3.3 percent, Nebraska, 3.5 percent, and North Dakota, 3.6 percent. Montana again reached a new low in its series, 4.0 percent in February. (Virtually all regional and state series begin in 1978.) Oregon continued to post the highest jobless rate, 7.3 percent, along with two other Pacific states—Alaska, 7.0 percent, and Washington, 6.8 percent. In February, 35 states reported unemployment rates below the U.S. average, 13 states and the District of Columbia had higher rates, and 2 states had the same rate. (See table 3 and chart 1.)

Unemployment rates increased over the month in 24 states and the District of Columbia, declined in 18 states, and were unchanged in 8 states. West Virginia reported the largest over-the-month rate in-

crease (+0.5 percentage point), while three states and the District of Columbia recorded slightly smaller rate increases (+0.4 point each). The largest rate decrease from January was reported in New Hampshire (-0.8 percentage point), followed by Hawaii (-0.6 point) and Mississippi (-0.5 point).

Unemployment rates were lower over the year in 30 states, higher in 18 states, and unchanged in 2 states and the District of Columbia. Hawaii and Nevada again posted the largest unemployment rate declines (-1.7 and -1.2 percentage points, respectively), followed by North Carolina (-1.0 point). Both Hawaii and Nevada had registered substantial unemployment rate increases in the period following the September 2001 terrorist attacks, due to a dropoff of employment in tourism-related activities. Thirteen additional states reported decreases of 0.5 percentage point or more. Connecticut registered the largest over-the-year unemployment rate increase (+0.9 percentage point), while three other states had rate increases of 0.5 point or more.

Nonfarm Payroll Employment (Seasonally Adjusted)

Total nonfarm employment decreased in 33 states and the District of Columbia, increased in 16 states, and was unchanged in 1 state from January to February. The largest employment decreases occurred in Illinois (-30,200), New York (-22,000), California (-15,100), Virginia (-13,900), and North Carolina and Ohio (-12,900 each). The largest over-the-month percentage decreases in employment occurred in Utah (-0.7 percent), Illinois and Vermont (-0.5 percent each), and Delaware, Hawaii, Louisiana, Maine, and Virginia (-0.4 percent each). The largest employment increases were posted in Florida (+8,700), Missouri (+7,500), South Carolina (+3,200), and Kansas (+3,000). Wyoming reported the largest over-the-month percentage increase in employment (+0.4 percent), followed by Missouri, Nevada, and New Mexico (+0.3 percent each). (See table 5.)

Over the year, employment decreased in 30 states. The largest employment decreases were in Ohio (-66,600), New York (-64,500), Missouri (-58,500), and Massachusetts (-48,800). Missouri recorded the largest percentage decline in employment (-2.2 percent), followed by Massachusetts (-1.5 percent) and Ohio and Utah (-1.2 percent each). The largest over-the-year gains in employment occurred in Florida (+109,100), California (+33,900), Nevada (+21,400), and Arizona (+20,200). The largest percentage gains were reported in Hawaii (+2.5 percent), Nevada (+2.1 percent), and New Mexico (+1.8 percent). (See chart 2.)

The Metropolitan Area Employment and Unemployment release for February is scheduled to be issued on April 22. The Regional and State Employment and Unemployment release for March is scheduled to be issued on May 8.

Correction of Nonfarm Payroll Employment Data for Oregon

Seasonally adjusted nonfarm payroll employment data for Oregon for total nonfarm; natural resources and mining; construction; trade, transportation, and utilities; financial activities; education and health services; leisure and hospitality; and government presented in table 5 of this release have been corrected from August 2002 through December 2002.

Technical Note

This release presents labor force and unemployment data for census regions and divisions, states, the Los Angeles-Long Beach metropolitan area, and New York City from the Local Area Unemployment Statistics (LAUS) program (tables 1-4). Also presented are nonfarm payroll employment estimates by state and major industry from the Current Employment Statistics (CES) program (tables 5 and 6). The LAUS and CES programs are both Federal-State cooperative endeavors.

Labor force and unemployment—from the LAUS program

Definitions. The labor force and unemployment data are based on the same concepts and definitions as those used for the official national estimates obtained from the Current Population Survey (CPS), a sample survey of households that is conducted for the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) by the U.S. Census Bureau. The labor force includes both the employed and the unemployed. Employed persons are those who did any work at all for pay or profit in the survey reference week (the week including the 12th of the month) or worked 15 hours or more without pay in a family business or farm, plus those not working who have a job from which they were temporarily absent, whether or not paid, for such reasons as labor-management dispute, illness, or vacation. Unemployed persons are those who did not work at all (in the reference week), have actively looked for a job (sometime in the 4-week period ending with the survey reference week), and are currently available for work; persons on layoff expecting recall need not be looking for work to be counted as unemployed.

Method of estimation. Effective January 1996, estimates for all states, the District of Columbia, the Los Angeles-Long Beach metropolitan area, and New York City are produced using estimating equations based on regression techniques. This method utilizes data from several sources, including the CPS, the CES, and state unemployment insurance (UI) data. A detailed description of the estimation procedures is available from BLS upon request. Effective January 1998, estimates for census regions and divisions are obtained by summing the model-based estimates for the component states and then calculating the unemployment rate.

Annual revisions. Labor force and unemployment data shown for the prior year reflect adjustments made at the end of each year, usually with January estimates. The adjusted estimates reflect updated population data from the U.S. Census Bureau and any revisions in the other data sources. In addition, data for all states, the District of Columbia, and the two large substate areas noted are adjusted annually to equal the CPS annual averages, usually effective with January estimates. The regional and state data will not sum to national totals obtained from the CPS, since the monthly state estimates are not based directly on the CPS.

Seasonal adjustment. Seasonal adjustment of state (and Los Angeles-Long Beach and New York City) labor force levels are computed by aggregating independently seasonally adjusted employment and unemployment levels. Unemployment rates are then computed from these independently adjusted levels. Region and

division levels are calculated as the sum of the levels of the component states. Revisions of historical data for the most recent 5 years are usually made at the beginning of each calendar year, usually coincident with January estimates.

Employment from the CES program

Definitions. Employment data refer to persons on establishment payrolls who receive pay for any part of the pay period which includes the 12th of the month. Persons are counted at their place of work rather than at their place of residence; those appearing on more than one payroll are counted on each payroll. Industries are classified on the basis of their principal activity in accordance with the 2002 version of the North American Industry Classification System.

Method of estimation. The employment data are estimated using a “link relative” technique in which a ratio (link relative) of current-month employment to that of the previous month is computed from a sample of establishments reporting for both months. The estimates of employment for the current month are obtained by multiplying the estimates for the previous month by these ratios.

Annual revisions. Employment estimates are adjusted annually to a complete count of jobs, called benchmarks, derived principally from tax reports which are submitted by employers who are covered under state unemployment insurance (UI) laws. The benchmark information is used to adjust the monthly estimates between the new benchmark and the preceding one and also to establish the level of employment for the new benchmark month. Thus, the benchmarking process establishes the level of employment, and the sample is used to measure the month-to-month changes in the level for the subsequent months.

Seasonal adjustment. Payroll employment data are seasonally adjusted at the statewide supersector level. In some states, the seasonally adjusted payroll employment total is computed by aggregating the independently adjusted supersector series. In other states, the seasonally adjusted payroll employment total is independently adjusted. Revisions of historical data for the most recent 5 years are made once a year, coincident with annual benchmark adjustments.

Caution on aggregating state data. State estimation procedures are designed to produce accurate data for each individual state. BLS independently develops a national employment series; state estimates are not forced to sum to national totals. Because each state series is subject to larger sampling and nonsampling errors than the national series, summing them cumulates individual state level errors and can cause significant distortions at an aggregate level. Due to these statistical limitations, BLS does not compile a “sum-of-states” employment series, and cautions users that such a series is subject to a relatively large and volatile error structure.

Reliability of the estimates

The estimates presented in this release are based on sample survey and administrative data and thus are subject to sampling and other

types of errors. Sampling error is a measure of sampling variability—that is, variation that occurs by chance because a sample rather than the entire population is surveyed. Survey data also are subject to nonsampling errors, such as those which can be introduced into the data collection and processing operations. Estimates not directly derived from sample surveys are subject to additional errors resulting from the special estimation processes used. The sums of individual items may not always equal the totals shown in the same tables because of rounding. With respect to the LAUS program, unemployment rates are computed, in most instances, from unrounded data rather than from data that may be displayed in the tables; differences, however, are generally insignificant.

Labor force and unemployment estimates. Measures of sampling error, in the form of standard errors for state annual average estimates derived from the CPS, are available in the annual BLS bulletin, *Geographic Profile of Employment and Unemployment*. Measures of nonsampling error for CPS data are not available, but additional information on the subject is provided in the BLS monthly periodical, *Employment and Earnings*.

Employment estimates. Measures of sampling error will be available for state CES data at the supersector level and for metropolitan area CES data at the total nonfarm level. Information on

recent benchmark revisions for states is available on the BLS Web site at (<http://www.bls.gov/sae/>).

Additional information

More complete information on the technical procedures used to develop these estimates and additional data appear in *Employment and Earnings*, which is available by subscription from the Superintendent of Documents, U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, DC 20402 (telephone 202-512-1800), and from the *BLS Handbook of Methods*, Bulletin 2490, August 1997.

Estimates of labor force and unemployment for over 330 metropolitan areas are available in the news release, *Metropolitan Area Employment and Unemployment*. Estimates of labor force, employment, and unemployment for all states, metropolitan areas, labor market areas, counties, cities with a population of 25,000 or more, and other areas used in the administration of various federal economic assistance programs are available from the BLS Internet at (<http://www.bls.gov/lau/>). Employment data from the CES program are available at (<http://www.bls.gov/sae/>).

Information in this release will be made available to sensory impaired individuals upon request. Voice phone: 202-691-5200; TDD message referral phone: 1-800-877-8339.

Table 1. Civilian labor force and unemployment by census regions and divisions, seasonally adjusted¹

(Numbers in thousands)

Census region and division	Civilian labor force				Unemployed							
					Number				Percent of labor force			
	Feb. 2002	Dec. 2002	Jan. 2003	Feb. 2003 ^P	Feb. 2002	Dec. 2002	Jan. 2003	Feb. 2003 ^P	Feb. 2002	Dec. 2002	Jan. 2003	Feb. 2003 ^P
Northeast	27,394.7	27,752.2	27,603.1	27,569.1	1,483.8	1,640.4	1,591.0	1,582.6	5.4	5.9	5.8	5.7
New England	7,498.7	7,596.5	7,574.8	7,574.8	345.3	389.1	375.5	374.6	4.6	5.1	5.0	4.9
Middle Atlantic	19,895.9	20,155.7	20,028.3	19,994.3	1,138.5	1,251.3	1,215.5	1,207.9	5.7	6.2	6.1	6.0
South	50,599.4	50,757.2	51,219.0	51,221.7	2,837.2	2,852.8	2,764.6	2,780.8	5.6	5.6	5.4	5.4
South Atlantic	26,638.8	26,672.9	26,922.7	26,864.7	1,437.1	1,410.5	1,359.3	1,342.9	5.4	5.3	5.0	5.0
East South Central	8,292.4	8,278.2	8,353.8	8,358.8	474.1	467.3	448.0	445.8	5.7	5.6	5.4	5.3
West South Central	15,668.2	15,806.2	15,942.5	15,998.1	926.0	975.1	957.3	992.1	5.9	6.2	6.0	6.2
Midwest	34,220.5	34,016.1	34,420.5	34,434.7	1,862.2	1,876.4	1,839.9	1,884.0	5.4	5.5	5.3	5.5
East North Central	23,516.5	23,297.9	23,677.2	23,678.9	1,374.7	1,383.5	1,370.9	1,427.5	5.8	5.9	5.8	6.0
West North Central	10,704.0	10,718.2	10,743.2	10,755.8	487.5	492.9	468.9	456.5	4.6	4.6	4.4	4.2
West	32,804.7	33,093.6	33,257.0	33,213.1	2,117.4	2,162.6	2,081.8	2,066.0	6.5	6.5	6.3	6.2
Mountain	9,666.3	9,725.5	9,761.4	9,759.1	566.3	553.4	523.3	526.2	5.9	5.7	5.4	5.4
Pacific	23,138.4	23,368.1	23,495.6	23,454.0	1,551.1	1,609.1	1,558.6	1,539.9	6.7	6.9	6.6	6.6

¹ These estimates are obtained by summing the state estimates.

^P = preliminary.

NOTE: The States (including the District of Columbia) that compose the various census divisions are: New England: Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, and Vermont; Middle Atlantic: New Jersey, New York, and Pennsylvania; South Atlantic: Delaware, District of Columbia, Florida, Georgia, Maryland, North Carolina, South Carolina, Virginia, and West Virginia; East South Central:

Alabama, Kentucky, Mississippi, and Tennessee; West South Central: Arkansas, Louisiana, Oklahoma, and Texas; East North Central: Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Ohio, and Wisconsin; West North Central: Iowa, Kansas, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, and South Dakota; Mountain: Arizona, Colorado, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, Utah, and Wyoming; and Pacific: Alaska, California, Hawaii, Oregon, and Washington. All estimates are provisional and will be revised when new benchmark and population information becomes available.

Table 2. Civilian labor force and unemployment by census regions and divisions, not seasonally adjusted¹

(Numbers in thousands)

Census region and division	Civilian labor force				Unemployed							
					Number				Percent of labor force			
	January		February		January		February		January		February	
	2002	2003	2002	2003 ^P	2002	2003	2002	2003 ^P	2002	2003	2002	2003 ^P
Northeast	27,136.9	27,379.3	27,213.3	27,387.1	1,616.1	1,741.7	1,630.9	1,730.7	6.0	6.4	6.0	6.3
New England	7,421.4	7,504.0	7,426.7	7,502.4	385.3	421.4	382.5	412.0	5.2	5.6	5.2	5.5
Middle Atlantic	19,715.6	19,875.4	19,786.5	19,884.8	1,230.7	1,320.3	1,248.4	1,318.7	6.2	6.6	6.3	6.6
South	50,031.5	50,637.7	50,138.3	50,762.1	3,021.4	2,950.3	2,911.6	2,856.2	6.0	5.8	5.8	5.6
South Atlantic	26,313.9	26,585.9	26,407.4	26,633.0	1,510.6	1,429.1	1,472.3	1,380.7	5.7	5.4	5.6	5.2
East South Central	8,213.0	8,260.3	8,219.1	8,286.6	527.6	491.4	502.8	475.3	6.4	5.9	6.1	5.7
West South Central	15,504.5	15,791.5	15,511.9	15,842.5	983.2	1,029.7	936.5	1,000.2	6.3	6.5	6.0	6.3
Midwest	33,828.6	34,001.9	33,861.7	34,074.6	2,076.5	2,086.8	2,058.2	2,085.2	6.1	6.1	6.1	6.1
East North Central	23,234.0	23,365.2	23,260.9	23,422.5	1,521.2	1,540.9	1,515.1	1,571.9	6.5	6.6	6.5	6.7
West North Central	10,594.6	10,636.7	10,600.8	10,652.1	555.3	545.8	543.1	513.3	5.2	5.1	5.1	4.8
West	32,524.7	33,024.5	32,634.4	33,043.2	2,272.3	2,248.7	2,246.3	2,195.9	7.0	6.8	6.9	6.6
Mountain	9,559.9	9,664.9	9,583.0	9,674.5	593.2	556.4	588.0	548.1	6.2	5.8	6.1	5.7
Pacific	22,964.8	23,359.6	23,051.3	23,368.6	1,679.1	1,692.3	1,658.2	1,647.9	7.3	7.2	7.2	7.1

¹ These estimates are obtained by summing the state estimates. The composition of the regions and divisions is described in table 1.

^P = preliminary.

NOTE: All estimates are provisional and will be revised when new benchmark and population information becomes available.

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Table 3. Civilian labor force and unemployment by state and selected areas, seasonally adjusted

(Numbers in thousands)

State and Area	Civilian labor force				Unemployed							
					Number				Percent of labor force			
	Feb. 2002	Dec. 2002	Jan. 2003	Feb. 2003P	Feb. 2002	Dec. 2002	Jan. 2003	Feb. 2003P	Feb. 2002	Dec. 2002	Jan. 2003	Feb. 2003P
Alabama	2,111.7	2,091.0	2,158.1	2,160.9	123.3	124.3	120.4	118.3	5.8	5.9	5.6	5.5
Alaska	320.2	327.5	339.5	341.7	22.6	27.5	23.3	23.9	7.1	8.4	6.9	7.0
Arizona	2,648.0	2,674.8	2,662.8	2,651.8	166.1	158.8	147.8	152.1	6.3	5.9	5.5	5.7
Arkansas	1,268.3	1,298.4	1,299.2	1,298.7	68.6	70.1	63.4	63.9	5.4	5.4	4.9	4.9
California	17,348.8	17,497.8	17,578.5	17,576.8	1,130.6	1,206.3	1,163.1	1,154.8	6.5	6.9	6.6	6.6
Los Angeles-Long Beach	4,688.8	4,709.4	4,716.0	4,741.3	320.4	310.3	309.1	311.5	6.8	6.6	6.6	6.6
Colorado	2,426.0	2,441.8	2,455.8	2,460.3	138.7	142.6	134.5	135.2	5.7	5.8	5.5	5.5
Connecticut	1,761.7	1,783.3	1,777.5	1,785.3	71.7	84.0	86.3	88.5	4.1	4.7	4.9	5.0
Delaware	426.5	419.2	421.3	418.5	16.8	17.8	14.4	15.5	3.9	4.3	3.4	3.7
District of Columbia	306.1	302.5	300.7	304.1	20.0	19.8	18.5	19.9	6.5	6.6	6.1	6.5
Florida	8,069.1	8,076.6	8,125.3	8,089.0	456.2	431.0	429.5	418.7	5.7	5.3	5.3	5.2
Georgia	4,262.8	4,316.5	4,353.9	4,353.2	212.5	226.9	202.9	195.9	5.0	5.3	4.7	4.5
Hawaii	584.0	582.3	595.7	592.8	27.5	22.9	21.7	17.6	4.7	3.9	3.6	3.0
Idaho	686.3	684.5	691.0	693.9	40.2	41.6	38.1	37.0	5.9	6.1	5.5	5.3
Illinois	6,410.1	6,362.8	6,402.7	6,370.1	398.0	423.9	405.8	415.5	6.2	6.7	6.3	6.5
Indiana	3,161.2	3,177.5	3,191.2	3,181.0	166.1	155.6	152.0	155.7	5.3	4.9	4.8	4.9
Iowa	1,654.0	1,677.1	1,649.5	1,651.7	63.1	69.8	63.3	65.3	3.8	4.2	3.8	4.0
Kansas	1,401.0	1,425.8	1,471.4	1,472.2	69.7	73.7	69.5	67.6	5.0	5.2	4.7	4.6
Kentucky	1,971.7	1,958.7	1,986.6	1,994.1	110.8	108.2	106.3	111.9	5.6	5.5	5.3	5.6
Louisiana	2,020.1	2,001.8	2,043.3	2,057.3	123.1	125.7	107.9	117.3	6.1	6.3	5.3	5.7
Maine	684.4	687.7	697.9	700.1	28.5	32.9	31.7	32.1	4.2	4.8	4.5	4.6
Maryland	2,888.4	2,897.0	2,927.9	2,926.9	126.3	122.7	118.8	123.3	4.4	4.2	4.1	4.2
Massachusetts	3,454.3	3,505.7	3,454.9	3,452.3	174.2	193.0	180.3	184.0	5.0	5.5	5.2	5.3
Michigan	5,052.1	4,941.2	5,103.6	5,124.6	310.3	307.2	317.6	336.2	6.1	6.2	6.2	6.6
Minnesota	2,916.5	2,913.7	2,910.2	2,917.6	131.3	124.4	127.3	124.9	4.5	4.3	4.4	4.3
Mississippi	1,298.5	1,298.5	1,322.8	1,315.2	84.7	90.5	86.3	79.2	6.5	7.0	6.5	6.0
Missouri	3,011.9	2,968.5	2,965.5	2,963.6	161.3	164.7	150.5	138.0	5.4	5.5	5.1	4.7
Montana	462.6	466.5	469.3	469.3	21.4	21.8	20.2	18.7	4.6	4.7	4.3	4.0
Nebraska	957.4	962.2	976.9	980.2	34.6	34.9	32.8	34.3	3.6	3.6	3.4	3.5
Nevada	1,120.5	1,118.7	1,113.7	1,115.4	69.9	55.0	55.8	55.9	6.2	4.9	5.0	5.0
New Hampshire	702.0	706.5	719.1	715.1	31.2	35.2	33.2	26.9	4.4	5.0	4.6	3.8
New Jersey	4,360.5	4,380.3	4,409.0	4,407.1	241.8	260.7	244.3	249.0	5.5	6.0	5.5	5.7
New Mexico	870.3	885.0	890.6	891.1	46.8	47.8	51.7	51.9	5.4	5.4	5.8	5.8
New York	9,271.1	9,455.3	9,355.4	9,337.0	552.5	606.2	590.0	570.6	6.0	6.4	6.3	6.1
New York City	3,701.7	3,791.5	3,689.9	3,694.1	276.4	321.1	319.0	326.3	7.5	8.5	8.6	8.8
North Carolina	4,187.0	4,152.0	4,169.9	4,147.4	283.4	278.0	252.4	240.0	6.8	6.7	6.1	5.8
North Dakota	346.2	346.2	349.9	349.1	13.1	13.5	12.5	12.7	3.8	3.9	3.6	3.6
Ohio	5,855.4	5,788.5	5,878.7	5,897.7	327.7	323.4	328.1	355.3	5.6	5.6	5.6	6.0
Oklahoma	1,692.5	1,698.7	1,704.5	1,700.3	75.9	79.6	85.1	87.5	4.5	4.7	5.0	5.1
Oregon	1,829.0	1,836.0	1,848.5	1,836.0	147.9	133.5	139.8	133.4	8.1	7.3	7.6	7.3
Pennsylvania	6,264.3	6,320.1	6,263.9	6,250.2	344.1	384.4	381.1	388.3	5.5	6.1	6.1	6.2
Rhode Island	551.0	561.5	573.7	571.6	26.7	30.8	29.7	29.2	4.9	5.5	5.2	5.1
South Carolina	1,954.5	1,982.2	2,031.3	2,033.2	115.7	122.5	127.5	126.8	5.9	6.2	6.3	6.2
South Dakota	417.0	424.6	419.8	421.4	14.5	12.0	13.1	13.8	3.5	2.8	3.1	3.3
Tennessee	2,910.5	2,929.9	2,886.3	2,888.6	155.3	144.3	135.1	136.4	5.3	4.9	4.7	4.7
Texas	10,687.3	10,807.3	10,895.6	10,941.8	658.4	699.7	700.8	723.4	6.2	6.5	6.4	6.6
Utah	1,181.5	1,184.1	1,203.7	1,201.8	72.2	74.0	64.5	64.0	6.1	6.3	5.4	5.3
Vermont	345.2	351.9	351.8	350.4	13.0	13.2	14.2	13.9	3.8	3.7	4.0	4.0
Virginia	3,731.0	3,734.4	3,785.3	3,784.5	159.9	143.7	151.4	154.9	4.3	3.8	4.0	4.1
Washington	3,056.4	3,124.6	3,133.4	3,106.7	222.6	219.0	210.6	210.2	7.3	7.0	6.7	6.8
West Virginia	813.5	792.4	807.0	807.9	46.2	48.1	43.8	48.0	5.7	6.1	5.4	5.9
Wisconsin	3,037.7	3,027.9	3,101.2	3,105.5	172.5	173.4	167.3	164.9	5.7	5.7	5.4	5.3
Wyoming	271.1	270.1	274.6	275.5	11.1	11.8	10.9	11.3	4.1	4.4	4.0	4.1
Puerto Rico	1,362.8	1,352.6	1,380.6	1,371.2	179.2	166.2	156.8	163.9	13.1	12.3	11.4	12.0

P = preliminary.

NOTE: Data refer to place of residence. Data for Puerto Rico are derived from a monthly household survey similar to the Current Population

Survey. All estimates are provisional and will be revised when new benchmark and population information becomes available.

**LABOR FORCE DATA
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Table 4. Civilian labor force and unemployment by state and selected areas, not seasonally adjusted

(Numbers in thousands)

State and Area	Civilian labor force				Unemployed							
					Number				Percent of labor force			
	January		February		January		February		January		February	
	2002	2003	2002	2003P	2002	2003	2002	2003P	2002	2003	2002	2003P
Alabama	2,091.6	2,134.2	2,096.3	2,145.5	123.0	120.5	125.3	120.4	5.9	5.6	6.0	5.6
Alaska	315.0	334.3	316.0	337.0	27.2	28.9	27.8	29.4	8.6	8.6	8.8	8.7
Arizona	2,624.5	2,642.3	2,631.1	2,634.9	159.0	144.9	159.0	145.2	6.1	5.5	6.0	5.5
Arkansas	1,240.5	1,275.8	1,253.7	1,283.5	81.4	76.0	78.3	73.0	6.6	6.0	6.2	5.7
California	17,214.1	17,478.7	17,285.2	17,515.4	1,201.3	1,249.6	1,186.3	1,210.9	7.0	7.1	6.9	6.9
Los Angeles-Long Beach	4,646.1	4,688.2	4,686.3	4,750.4	322.1	318.7	319.4	310.5	6.9	6.8	6.8	6.5
Colorado	2,393.0	2,425.5	2,392.9	2,426.9	146.6	143.7	143.0	139.7	6.1	5.9	6.0	5.8
Connecticut	1,741.1	1,758.4	1,739.2	1,763.0	79.4	94.4	80.0	96.7	4.6	5.4	4.6	5.5
Delaware	424.2	418.2	425.4	417.4	19.9	17.4	19.7	18.4	4.7	4.2	4.6	4.4
District of Columbia	304.2	297.4	303.5	301.4	20.8	19.3	21.2	21.1	6.8	6.5	7.0	7.0
Florida	7,966.3	8,013.8	7,982.5	8,004.4	474.9	448.8	438.9	403.2	6.0	5.6	5.5	5.0
Georgia	4,209.7	4,308.8	4,244.4	4,333.2	200.8	195.2	213.0	196.6	4.8	4.5	5.0	4.5
Hawaii	588.9	597.1	584.9	594.1	28.9	21.9	27.6	17.7	4.9	3.7	4.7	3.0
Idaho	675.8	680.4	676.6	684.2	48.2	46.6	48.9	45.8	7.1	6.9	7.2	6.7
Illinois	6,350.0	6,333.0	6,360.3	6,322.5	435.0	450.0	431.7	451.2	6.9	7.1	6.8	7.1
Indiana	3,114.7	3,146.0	3,126.7	3,146.3	183.6	168.9	182.9	172.9	5.9	5.4	5.9	5.5
Iowa	1,643.2	1,643.9	1,645.8	1,643.8	77.9	81.4	77.1	79.6	4.7	5.0	4.7	4.8
Kansas	1,388.8	1,460.6	1,389.1	1,459.2	76.7	76.9	74.7	72.9	5.5	5.3	5.4	5.0
Kentucky	1,957.9	1,964.9	1,946.5	1,969.4	133.9	124.1	126.7	128.1	6.8	6.3	6.5	6.5
Louisiana	1,997.7	2,016.9	1,992.4	2,029.6	142.9	127.7	123.4	117.7	7.2	6.3	6.2	5.8
Maine	671.6	683.9	670.5	685.9	34.5	37.7	34.4	37.9	5.1	5.5	5.1	5.5
Maryland	2,854.5	2,896.5	2,861.9	2,900.5	141.0	130.5	137.5	134.4	4.9	4.5	4.8	4.6
Massachusetts	3,423.8	3,428.8	3,426.1	3,423.9	189.3	200.1	184.9	194.8	5.5	5.8	5.4	5.7
Michigan	4,997.6	5,028.7	4,988.6	5,057.6	359.6	362.4	339.0	365.0	7.2	7.2	6.8	7.2
Minnesota	2,877.7	2,871.8	2,878.3	2,879.3	149.1	148.9	146.7	140.5	5.2	5.2	5.1	4.9
Mississippi	1,293.6	1,315.3	1,295.4	1,312.3	92.6	93.6	86.2	80.7	7.2	7.1	6.7	6.1
Missouri	2,949.9	2,942.0	2,989.9	2,942.1	178.8	168.8	174.1	151.1	6.0	5.7	5.8	5.1
Montana	455.3	462.8	458.0	464.6	25.9	24.8	26.9	24.2	5.7	5.4	5.9	5.2
Nebraska	945.3	967.3	951.6	974.4	37.8	37.3	38.7	38.5	4.0	3.9	4.1	3.9
Nevada	1,115.9	1,107.1	1,119.1	1,113.9	80.9	63.3	72.7	58.9	7.3	5.7	6.5	5.3
New Hampshire	695.8	714.1	696.5	709.5	33.4	36.3	33.5	29.1	4.8	5.1	4.8	4.1
New Jersey	4,315.6	4,369.3	4,334.3	4,380.8	248.6	258.3	252.5	259.5	5.8	5.9	5.8	5.9
New Mexico	860.1	882.7	864.3	885.1	47.4	53.5	45.8	50.9	5.5	6.1	5.3	5.7
New York	9,183.1	9,301.9	9,241.5	9,307.5	595.1	644.5	607.3	625.6	6.5	6.9	6.6	6.7
New York City	3,677.5	3,683.5	3,711.8	3,704.2	285.5	334.3	290.6	340.7	7.8	9.1	7.8	9.2
North Carolina	4,158.5	4,125.0	4,160.5	4,120.1	311.2	274.1	302.8	259.7	7.5	6.6	7.3	6.3
North Dakota	338.1	341.4	338.8	341.6	16.9	16.4	15.3	14.9	5.0	4.8	4.5	4.4
Ohio	5,767.6	5,790.1	5,772.6	5,815.8	354.0	367.2	356.3	384.3	6.1	6.3	6.2	6.6
Oklahoma	1,667.1	1,681.7	1,679.4	1,687.6	81.0	91.5	82.5	94.1	4.9	5.4	4.9	5.6
Oregon	1,811.1	1,828.2	1,814.4	1,820.8	172.2	158.0	170.0	155.7	9.5	8.6	9.4	8.6
Pennsylvania	6,216.9	6,204.2	6,210.7	6,196.5	387.0	417.5	388.6	433.6	6.2	6.7	6.3	7.0
Rhode Island	545.5	568.4	549.5	569.6	32.1	34.7	32.9	35.4	5.9	6.1	6.0	6.2
South Carolina	1,909.0	1,988.0	1,931.3	2,010.0	122.1	133.5	122.0	133.2	6.4	6.7	6.3	6.6
South Dakota	406.6	409.8	407.3	411.7	18.1	16.2	16.4	15.7	4.5	4.0	4.0	3.8
Tennessee	2,870.0	2,845.9	2,880.9	2,859.5	178.1	153.3	164.6	146.2	6.2	5.4	5.7	5.1
Texas	10,599.3	10,817.1	10,586.5	10,841.8	677.9	734.5	652.4	715.4	6.4	6.8	6.2	6.6
Utah	1,169.3	1,194.9	1,173.8	1,193.4	71.3	65.9	77.8	69.3	6.1	5.5	6.6	5.8
Vermont	343.7	350.5	344.9	350.4	16.6	18.3	16.8	18.1	4.8	5.2	4.9	5.2
Virginia	3,682.4	3,742.4	3,695.7	3,749.3	167.4	159.4	164.4	159.6	4.5	4.3	4.4	4.3
Washington	3,035.7	3,121.2	3,050.8	3,101.3	249.6	233.9	246.5	234.1	8.2	7.5	8.1	7.5
West Virginia	805.3	795.7	802.3	796.8	52.5	50.9	52.8	54.5	6.5	6.4	6.6	6.8
Wisconsin	3,004.0	3,067.5	3,012.7	3,080.3	189.1	192.3	205.2	198.5	6.3	6.3	6.8	6.4
Wyoming	266.1	269.1	267.2	271.6	13.8	13.6	13.9	14.1	5.2	5.1	5.2	5.2
Puerto Rico	1,322.7	1,374.9	1,374.7	1,384.0	150.6	156.5	188.0	173.4	11.4	11.4	13.7	12.5

P = preliminary.

NOTE: Data refer to place of residence. Data for Puerto Rico are derived from a monthly household survey similar to the Current

Population Survey. All estimates are provisional and will be revised when new benchmark and population information becomes available.

Table 5. Employees on nonfarm payrolls by state and selected industry sector, seasonally adjusted

(In thousands)

State	Total ¹				Construction				Manufacturing			
	Feb. 2002	Dec. 2002	Jan. 2003	Feb. 2003 ^P	Feb. 2002	Dec. 2002	Jan. 2003	Feb. 2003 ^P	Feb. 2002	Dec. 2002	Jan. 2003	Feb. 2003 ^P
Alabama	1,887.2	1,883.2	1,880.9	1,874.8	101.5	100.4	100.1	100.3	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)
Alaska	293.8	299.5	297.6	298.1	15.4	16.2	15.5	15.8	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)
Arizona	2,250.8	2,264.6	2,273.9	2,271.0	170.9	174.2	174.6	175.1	188.1	178.8	178.0	177.4
Arkansas	1,145.0	1,148.4	1,149.4	1,146.9	54.5	55.7	56.1	53.8	216.5	212.5	212.8	211.1
California	14,444.3	14,464.9	14,493.3	14,478.2	773.9	784.1	780.9	783.5	1,665.2	1,607.3	1,599.6	1,598.4
Colorado	2,181.8	2,173.5	2,172.1	2,166.7	161.0	158.5	156.6	155.4	169.3	161.4	160.0	159.0
Connecticut	1,674.3	1,660.2	1,661.7	1,656.7	65.1	62.1	61.0	60.8	216.2	209.3	208.6	206.9
Delaware ³	413.8	411.5	411.1	409.3	24.5	23.4	24.7	23.8	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)
District of Columbia ³	661.0	662.0	665.7	664.1	11.7	12.4	12.2	12.0	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)
Florida ³	7,151.9	7,238.8	7,252.3	7,261.0	431.0	437.8	432.8	437.1	412.5	401.2	398.6	397.8
Georgia	3,910.9	3,905.2	3,899.6	3,901.0	204.4	198.1	198.1	199.8	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)
Hawaii ³	550.7	562.2	566.3	564.2	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)
Idaho	563.1	569.3	563.2	564.1	36.1	36.7	36.4	36.5	64.6	63.6	62.5	62.4
Illinois	5,896.7	5,919.4	5,901.4	5,871.2	276.6	277.7	285.7	276.0	767.5	747.6	743.5	743.6
Indiana	2,889.3	2,880.4	2,882.3	2,873.3	148.3	137.5	140.6	138.1	587.5	586.5	590.3	585.8
Iowa	1,450.8	1,443.5	1,445.0	1,445.3	64.5	65.4	65.8	65.0	229.8	225.3	225.4	224.6
Kansas	1,333.3	1,339.0	1,333.8	1,336.8	63.5	64.2	62.2	62.5	185.5	181.5	181.6	180.3
Kentucky	1,788.5	1,783.3	1,792.5	1,786.9	85.0	83.7	87.1	84.2	279.4	272.8	272.1	271.5
Louisiana	1,896.9	1,898.4	1,903.2	1,894.8	120.7	115.7	115.7	117.0	162.6	160.0	159.8	158.0
Maine	604.7	604.2	605.4	603.3	29.2	29.3	28.8	28.4	69.6	67.2	65.1	64.6
Maryland ³	2,477.9	2,478.2	2,469.2	2,470.5	168.2	169.0	167.1	166.5	160.5	153.9	153.8	154.8
Massachusetts	3,258.2	3,220.9	3,215.1	3,209.4	139.6	139.0	138.3	137.7	355.7	339.7	338.3	337.8
Michigan	4,474.8	4,451.1	4,445.6	4,437.9	203.6	199.7	203.6	202.0	766.7	752.6	751.4	737.2
Minnesota	2,652.4	2,647.1	2,639.3	2,639.0	122.6	122.5	121.2	120.6	361.0	349.8	349.7	348.0
Mississippi	1,125.3	1,126.5	1,125.9	1,126.6	54.7	54.4	55.2	54.9	192.4	184.8	183.7	183.2
Missouri	2,702.8	2,660.1	2,636.8	2,644.3	139.1	131.4	133.3	133.0	327.2	314.9	313.7	312.5
Montana	393.8	395.0	394.2	394.2	21.5	22.5	22.4	22.0	20.2	18.9	18.9	18.6
Nebraska	906.8	904.0	900.2	901.5	44.5	45.1	44.5	44.0	106.9	106.1	105.0	105.3
Nevada	1,037.2	1,056.5	1,055.9	1,058.6	89.6	92.2	91.8	92.4	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)
New Hampshire	617.8	616.7	618.2	616.2	28.4	28.2	28.2	27.6	86.8	82.8	81.5	80.5
New Jersey	4,002.4	3,984.6	3,993.1	3,984.5	163.1	159.2	163.6	162.4	376.3	362.1	360.5	358.5
New Mexico	761.5	772.0	773.2	775.4	46.7	45.2	45.8	45.4	38.8	38.2	37.7	37.4
New York	8,460.0	8,412.9	8,417.5	8,395.5	324.0	321.6	323.8	322.3	664.4	634.3	631.5	628.1
North Carolina	3,846.8	3,820.0	3,832.2	3,819.3	221.8	216.0	212.8	213.4	656.8	623.8	622.4	615.1
North Dakota	330.1	330.4	329.0	328.9	15.8	14.9	14.5	14.2	23.7	23.0	23.1	23.2
Ohio	5,458.6	5,408.4	5,404.9	5,392.0	237.6	233.3	237.1	232.5	895.4	872.2	867.7	867.1
Oklahoma	1,490.2	1,478.6	1,473.2	1,475.0	65.4	64.0	65.0	64.5	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)
Oregon ⁴	1,569.6	1,568.3	1,572.6	1,571.9	78.0	80.7	78.5	78.1	203.4	199.3	199.2	197.6
Pennsylvania	5,648.5	5,643.0	5,626.0	5,623.3	250.6	248.7	247.3	248.6	773.9	746.9	738.9	736.8
Rhode Island	477.5	480.5	479.7	479.4	19.6	19.3	19.3	19.3	63.3	60.6	61.1	61.4
South Carolina	1,798.6	1,817.3	1,805.0	1,808.2	111.2	110.4	111.6	110.2	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)
South Dakota	374.6	381.3	374.7	374.9	18.5	20.1	19.0	19.0	38.3	37.4	38.0	37.9
Tennessee	2,659.3	2,661.7	2,657.5	2,657.1	116.1	113.8	111.4	111.1	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)
Texas	9,426.3	9,420.2	9,431.0	9,429.4	570.6	571.1	574.2	571.5	969.6	929.9	930.5	929.0
Utah	1,082.3	1,066.4	1,077.2	1,069.4	67.8	67.8	67.4	66.0	115.1	112.0	111.8	110.8
Vermont	299.6	299.9	302.9	301.3	15.3	15.1	15.0	15.3	42.0	38.8	39.1	39.2
Virginia	3,491.5	3,486.7	3,486.0	3,472.1	214.8	205.6	206.1	205.9	324.0	318.6	315.3	313.2
Washington	2,652.4	2,665.1	2,666.5	2,660.7	154.2	156.1	156.7	156.6	293.6	275.8	275.1	273.0
West Virginia	734.5	728.2	733.9	732.3	34.7	33.3	35.3	34.0	69.8	67.5	66.8	66.0
Wisconsin	2,779.7	2,764.2	2,775.2	2,775.0	123.6	121.3	119.9	119.8	533.2	522.4	524.8	521.4
Wyoming	247.5	248.3	247.8	248.7	19.8	20.9	20.4	20.5	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)

See footnotes at end of table.

Table 5. Employees on nonfarm payrolls by state and selected industry sector, seasonally adjusted—Continued

(In thousands)

State	Trade, transportation, and utilities				Financial activities				Professional and business services			
	Feb. 2002	Dec. 2002	Jan. 2003	Feb. 2003P	Feb. 2002	Dec. 2002	Jan. 2003	Feb. 2003P	Feb. 2002	Dec. 2002	Jan. 2003	Feb. 2003P
Alabama	374.8	346.3	374.1	379.4	97.4	97.2	97.0	96.9	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)
Alaska	61.1	61.3	60.3	61.0	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)	22.9	23.1	23.0	23.3
Arizona	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)	156.0	151.2	155.6	153.6	311.5	310.5	317.0	314.6
Arkansas	241.5	241.5	242.5	242.8	49.6	50.4	50.1	49.9	99.1	100.5	102.1	101.8
California	2,715.2	2,717.9	2,749.4	2,740.8	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)	2,128.8	2,135.4	2,128.5	2,122.9
Colorado	411.6	415.5	413.4	411.8	148.2	147.5	149.6	150.1	295.0	278.3	276.6	276.9
Connecticut	309.8	292.2	306.8	315.2	143.2	142.6	141.1	141.4	203.9	198.8	198.2	198.2
Delaware ³	76.5	80.0	78.1	76.6	39.0	37.4	38.1	37.7	69.2	65.8	67.1	67.4
District of Columbia ³	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)	138.3	138.3	139.9	139.4
Florida ³	1,475.2	1,466.0	1,479.0	1,471.9	473.0	473.2	475.3	477.1	1,207.0	1,235.4	1,242.3	1,244.5
Georgia	836.7	810.7	827.9	831.4	213.4	211.2	216.1	215.4	524.9	510.9	523.4	524.3
Hawaii ³	105.7	103.6	107.6	108.5	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)
Idaho	115.8	116.4	114.1	114.4	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)	67.6	69.5	68.0	68.5
Illinois	1,200.0	1,194.3	1,195.4	1,195.5	400.9	403.1	404.5	404.0	788.7	790.1	785.2	779.3
Indiana	585.1	579.0	579.8	582.6	140.5	140.5	140.2	140.2	250.5	245.2	240.8	238.5
Iowa	307.2	302.4	303.9	302.4	93.8	94.3	93.5	94.0	105.1	106.5	105.4	105.9
Kansas	267.7	266.2	267.8	270.6	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)
Kentucky	374.3	366.7	366.0	367.7	84.7	84.4	87.2	86.9	152.5	153.6	155.5	155.1
Louisiana	385.3	382.9	387.7	382.9	99.5	99.5	100.2	99.1	182.9	178.6	178.3	177.7
Maine	123.6	124.9	123.5	122.8	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)	51.1	50.9	51.3	50.9
Maryland ³	466.3	450.9	461.2	464.7	150.9	151.1	151.3	150.6	362.1	370.9	359.9	360.1
Massachusetts	580.0	575.8	577.8	580.5	230.7	229.7	230.0	229.3	458.1	443.7	438.6	434.5
Michigan	836.2	836.1	829.8	832.8	213.8	214.9	214.5	214.9	591.1	579.5	575.0	582.6
Minnesota	527.2	526.1	522.0	522.0	169.8	169.7	169.5	168.8	297.7	292.6	288.5	290.6
Mississippi	220.8	217.5	221.8	227.1	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)
Missouri	541.7	540.0	540.5	540.2	160.1	158.6	158.9	159.3	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)
Montana	84.6	84.9	84.5	84.1	19.2	19.7	19.8	19.9	32.4	32.4	32.5	32.5
Nebraska	195.8	198.2	198.2	198.9	61.3	62.6	62.9	63.0	92.0	88.5	88.6	87.7
Nevada	189.1	196.0	191.3	191.0	55.5	56.1	56.4	56.5	111.4	114.2	115.8	115.6
New Hampshire	137.2	138.9	138.2	139.0	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)
New Jersey	883.6	883.3	888.6	887.0	279.4	276.6	275.5	275.9	584.0	579.7	578.1	579.8
New Mexico	135.0	135.6	136.9	137.5	33.4	34.6	35.0	35.0	88.8	91.2	91.1	91.6
New York	1,476.1	1,481.1	1,486.5	1,486.0	710.5	697.2	702.0	702.1	1,056.5	1,044.7	1,037.6	1,032.2
North Carolina	724.2	719.0	720.8	717.1	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)	414.3	411.5	415.0	415.8
North Dakota	71.6	72.5	72.3	72.2	17.9	17.6	18.0	18.1	23.9	24.1	24.0	24.0
Ohio	1,066.6	1,056.8	1,056.5	1,059.5	308.7	306.3	306.6	306.8	614.8	608.6	614.5	612.5
Oklahoma	287.1	285.1	284.5	285.7	83.7	83.9	83.6	83.5	163.2	158.3	160.1	158.7
Oregon ⁴	314.9	311.0	314.0	315.3	94.9	94.7	95.8	96.6	171.1	171.1	171.2	170.1
Pennsylvania	1,121.2	1,108.6	1,107.6	1,101.3	335.7	339.0	337.7	337.8	601.9	602.8	594.7	589.3
Rhode Island	79.7	78.5	81.5	82.2	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)	49.4	48.2	47.5	46.7
South Carolina	347.1	349.8	348.3	347.6	88.2	89.6	89.7	90.2	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)
South Dakota	76.1	79.5	76.9	76.4	28.2	27.5	27.5	27.6	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)
Tennessee	576.8	565.1	568.3	567.7	138.5	137.7	138.9	139.4	299.0	312.4	308.3	308.4
Texas	1,972.0	1,956.8	1,958.0	1,958.7	579.9	581.5	583.5	583.6	1,055.3	1,045.8	1,046.9	1,050.4
Utah	216.2	212.7	216.6	216.1	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)	135.9	132.5	131.4	129.7
Vermont	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)	19.8	20.6	20.3	20.6
Virginia	637.5	637.8	637.0	636.6	181.1	182.6	182.8	183.0	548.4	541.3	541.0	538.3
Washington	511.3	515.7	512.0	508.8	144.7	148.5	150.4	150.2	287.9	289.2	289.2	290.7
West Virginia	138.3	135.6	137.1	135.7	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)	56.2	57.7	58.6	59.1
Wisconsin	538.5	526.0	535.8	537.6	152.8	153.4	153.1	153.2	237.6	238.2	239.2	240.8
Wyoming	48.3	48.0	48.4	48.4	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)	15.6	15.2	15.0	15.4

See footnotes at end of table.

Table 5. Employees on nonfarm payrolls by state and selected industry sector, seasonally adjusted—Continued

(In thousands)

State	Education and health services				Leisure and hospitality				Government			
	Feb. 2002	Dec. 2002	Jan. 2003	Feb. 2003 ^P	Feb. 2002	Dec. 2002	Jan. 2003	Feb. 2003 ^P	Feb. 2002	Dec. 2002	Jan. 2003	Feb. 2003 ^P
Alabama	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)	151.3	157.1	156.8	154.8	352.3	355.0	355.2	354.4
Alaska	29.4	30.8	30.6	31.0	28.8	29.4	29.1	29.3	80.1	82.5	82.5	81.9
Arizona	228.3	240.3	239.7	241.7	226.9	229.2	230.4	230.5	384.7	390.6	386.0	387.4
Arkansas	133.5	137.0	137.7	137.3	87.1	87.0	86.4	87.6	195.6	196.3	195.3	196.0
California	1,482.7	1,513.7	1,510.2	1,513.5	1,366.5	1,382.9	1,403.9	1,402.6	2,431.3	2,460.3	2,469.5	2,466.8
Colorado	205.5	211.0	211.0	210.3	244.8	246.4	251.8	250.7	351.6	366.3	365.9	365.2
Connecticut	257.8	263.8	260.1	265.0	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)	250.2	246.4	251.2	246.4
Delaware ³	48.1	49.2	49.1	49.0	36.2	37.9	38.0	37.8	57.0	56.5	56.2	55.8
District of Columbia ³	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)	46.8	48.0	48.3	48.2	231.6	230.1	232.0	232.4
Florida ³	847.6	867.8	871.3	872.0	789.7	812.1	808.6	810.8	1,028.8	1,057.5	1,061.7	1,064.6
Georgia	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)	334.7	336.1	335.6	337.3	621.0	632.2	632.2	632.1
Hawaii ³	62.6	63.3	64.1	64.7	96.2	98.6	99.1	98.2	117.4	119.5	121.2	119.6
Idaho	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)	52.7	54.4	54.0	54.2	111.6	112.0	112.8	111.7
Illinois	706.2	712.2	718.4	717.4	487.0	501.2	494.2	490.4	860.1	865.8	861.7	849.6
Indiana	343.6	352.0	349.6	351.9	266.6	263.4	264.7	263.6	411.2	418.1	418.1	416.2
Iowa	186.8	189.3	189.6	190.1	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)	244.8	244.5	241.3	244.4
Kansas	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)	108.5	108.1	107.3	106.3	250.2	252.2	253.4	254.1
Kentucky	218.6	225.7	226.4	228.1	152.8	154.2	159.1	158.8	312.6	312.9	315.2	311.4
Louisiana	232.2	240.3	241.0	240.6	193.5	194.2	193.7	195.1	372.4	376.6	377.9	375.8
Maine	103.7	105.6	106.3	106.4	56.8	56.4	57.7	57.7	102.5	103.1	103.2	103.3
Maryland ³	329.4	334.6	338.0	337.4	212.2	217.2	206.3	205.7	459.8	463.1	463.3	462.4
Massachusetts	563.3	570.7	570.1	571.1	279.5	279.1	281.0	279.8	430.3	428.9	426.1	425.3
Michigan	525.3	536.4	538.9	540.4	392.5	382.0	388.4	383.9	687.0	690.8	685.5	688.4
Minnesota	352.0	357.7	363.3	364.6	227.7	230.2	233.1	229.2	402.9	406.7	403.1	406.2
Mississippi	111.6	113.3	112.6	113.5	121.3	120.6	119.9	119.9	238.0	243.0	243.5	243.2
Missouri	348.5	352.3	346.7	347.8	258.5	255.8	255.0	251.5	427.6	417.7	414.5	420.0
Montana	51.4	52.1	52.2	52.1	50.7	51.1	51.8	51.8	84.2	83.0	81.9	83.1
Nebraska	111.8	111.3	109.0	111.7	76.1	72.9	72.6	72.1	158.9	160.5	160.4	160.6
Nevada	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)	295.0	293.5	296.9	298.0	128.8	133.6	133.6	134.2
New Hampshire	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)	59.9	61.1	61.7	61.2	88.1	85.3	88.7	89.0
New Jersey	523.5	534.3	536.8	537.5	307.5	309.5	310.1	304.6	614.6	618.2	619.0	619.1
New Mexico	91.4	95.5	96.7	96.8	79.1	80.1	79.6	80.1	189.0	192.9	192.0	192.8
New York	1,447.3	1,471.5	1,472.4	1,479.7	634.3	639.2	647.8	642.9	1,491.8	1,482.2	1,483.8	1,474.5
North Carolina	411.3	413.1	412.8	413.9	325.9	323.4	330.1	329.6	637.5	654.1	655.7	654.8
North Dakota	46.4	47.0	47.1	47.2	30.0	29.4	29.5	29.3	74.2	75.8	74.6	74.6
Ohio	707.9	717.9	714.1	712.5	484.2	476.3	473.0	472.6	799.8	795.7	797.5	793.7
Oklahoma	171.1	175.1	173.9	174.4	126.7	125.4	124.1	124.3	298.6	298.1	298.2	297.8
Oregon ⁴	183.1	184.4	185.7	187.0	148.6	150.0	151.1	152.7	272.9	272.9	273.4	270.4
Pennsylvania	957.9	972.4	978.4	982.7	460.1	465.2	467.4	470.4	738.2	748.1	745.4	749.2
Rhode Island	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)	47.2	48.0	48.1	47.8	66.0	66.1	66.0	65.7
South Carolina	170.2	178.8	173.0	177.2	185.3	194.4	197.8	193.1	324.3	336.0	332.3	334.9
South Dakota	53.5	54.9	54.7	54.7	38.8	39.1	37.6	38.3	73.4	75.3	74.2	74.2
Tennessee	292.6	304.6	303.4	305.4	237.3	236.9	238.2	238.5	408.7	410.1	412.9	413.2
Texas	1,069.0	1,105.2	1,112.3	1,113.2	839.0	847.4	844.9	847.0	1,612.6	1,637.8	1,639.3	1,643.2
Utah	111.9	118.0	117.4	118.0	107.9	99.1	100.0	98.9	192.0	196.0	197.2	195.8
Vermont	49.2	51.0	52.2	49.8	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)	50.6	50.4	52.2	51.5
Virginia	356.7	367.9	369.6	368.7	300.4	304.3	306.0	300.6	631.5	634.1	638.5	637.5
Washington	304.1	310.0	312.2	312.5	242.9	245.1	246.1	246.0	513.4	525.4	524.5	522.8
West Virginia	106.6	106.5	108.5	107.8	63.7	63.4	64.7	64.5	142.0	142.2	141.5	143.5
Wisconsin	352.7	358.5	361.3	359.0	239.0	237.6	240.7	237.1	414.9	418.0	409.7	417.6
Wyoming	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)	30.3	30.6	30.6	31.0	61.9	62.1	62.8	62.9

¹ Includes natural resources and mining, information, and other services, except public administration, not shown separately.

² This series is not published seasonally adjusted because the seasonal component, which is small relative to the trend-cycle and irregular components, cannot be separated with sufficient precision.

³ Natural resources and mining is combined with construction.

⁴ Seasonally adjusted data for Oregon for total nonfarm; natural resources and mining; construction; trade, transportation, and utilities; financial activities; education and health services; leisure and hospitality; and government have been corrected from August 2002 through December 2002.

^P = preliminary.

NOTE: Data are counts of jobs by place of work. Estimates are currently projected from March 2002 benchmark levels. Estimates subsequent to the current benchmark month are provisional and will be revised when new information becomes available. Data reflect the conversion to the 2002 version of the North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) as the basis for the assignment and tabulation of economic data by industry, replacing the 1987 Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) system. Due to differences in NAICS and SIC structures, NAICS-based data by industry are not comparable with the SIC-based data.

Table 6. Employees on nonfarm payrolls by state and selected industry sector, not seasonally adjusted

(In thousands)

State	Total				Natural resources and mining				Construction				Manufacturing			
	Jan.		Feb.		Jan.		Feb.		Jan.		Feb.		Jan.		Feb.	
	2002	2003	2002	2003 ^P	2002	2003	2002	2003 ^P	2002	2003	2002	2003 ^P	2002	2003	2002	2003 ^P
Alabama	1,859.6	1,865.9	1,868.4	1,867.3	13.2	13.2	13.1	13.1	96.8	97.7	98.3	98.1	310.1	301.5	308.5	298.8
Alaska	271.1	277.7	280.3	285.0	10.5	10.1	10.7	10.1	12.2	12.2	12.4	12.5	8.2	8.2	11.9	11.5
Arizona	2,228.2	2,253.4	2,251.8	2,275.5	8.9	8.5	8.9	8.4	167.0	171.4	167.4	172.3	187.6	177.6	187.2	176.4
Arkansas	1,125.3	1,133.9	1,132.8	1,137.6	6.5	6.6	6.5	6.6	51.3	53.4	51.7	51.4	215.5	211.8	215.2	210.7
California	14,237.6	14,334.1	14,328.0	14,383.5	22.5	21.7	22.4	21.9	735.4	750.4	741.8	751.9	1,648.3	1,582.0	1,651.7	1,585.6
Colorado	2,147.2	2,152.5	2,158.0	2,154.8	12.9	12.8	12.8	13.0	150.5	148.2	151.3	147.1	169.2	159.5	167.6	158.5
Connecticut	1,648.1	1,636.8	1,648.7	1,635.2	.7	.6	.6	.6	59.4	55.8	58.5	55.1	217.1	208.4	215.4	206.5
Delaware	403.5	401.8	405.1	401.3	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	23.4	23.1	23.1	22.1	37.1	34.3	38.0	35.5
District of Columbia	648.3	653.7	653.4	657.5	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	11.1	11.7	11.3	11.5	3.2	2.8	3.1	2.8
Florida	7,101.6	7,218.1	7,157.3	7,272.9	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	426.0	429.2	427.2	434.9	412.0	398.6	411.8	398.2
Georgia	3,863.4	3,852.8	3,876.5	3,869.8	12.6	11.8	12.6	11.9	199.0	193.5	198.6	195.4	465.4	462.5	468.2	460.3
Hawaii	541.9	560.6	549.4	564.8	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	24.4	26.3	24.3	26.8	15.6	14.8	15.6	14.9
Idaho	545.8	550.4	548.2	552.8	3.7	3.6	3.6	3.3	31.5	31.9	31.0	31.5	64.3	61.9	63.7	61.6
Illinois	5,778.8	5,795.2	5,781.8	5,777.3	9.6	9.1	9.5	9.3	246.4	255.3	244.1	246.3	764.9	738.3	762.3	739.9
Indiana	2,833.3	2,832.3	2,847.0	2,842.8	6.8	6.8	6.9	6.7	134.4	125.8	133.5	123.8	582.4	584.4	583.6	582.3
Iowa	1,422.7	1,417.5	1,420.8	1,419.3	1.7	1.6	1.7	1.5	54.8	55.6	53.1	53.7	227.8	223.0	226.9	222.2
Kansas	1,319.8	1,321.4	1,318.6	1,325.3	6.6	6.5	6.5	6.4	58.2	57.8	57.6	57.5	185.4	180.1	184.4	179.5
Kentucky	1,759.4	1,761.4	1,761.8	1,765.0	21.2	19.6	21.0	19.4	77.9	79.5	78.2	77.8	279.5	272.6	277.8	271.2
Louisiana	1,874.4	1,885.3	1,882.3	1,886.0	49.6	48.6	48.9	47.7	119.3	113.8	117.9	115.4	159.9	157.9	160.2	156.2
Maine	583.7	584.2	585.5	585.8	2.8	2.7	2.8	2.7	26.4	26.1	25.5	25.0	68.8	65.1	68.2	64.6
Maryland	2,421.1	2,432.4	2,436.6	2,440.1	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	159.4	160.2	160.4	159.0	159.1	152.6	158.9	153.7
Massachusetts	3,209.7	3,175.8	3,203.9	3,175.8	1.3	1.5	1.3	1.4	128.4	127.6	125.8	124.6	358.4	338.3	354.6	336.4
Michigan	4,381.7	4,370.5	4,401.3	4,381.1	8.0	6.8	8.0	6.8	182.3	180.8	177.8	176.9	755.6	744.6	766.8	732.8
Minnesota	2,603.0	2,588.9	2,601.0	2,594.9	6.2	6.3	5.6	6.2	106.1	104.2	103.2	101.5	357.8	345.2	356.0	343.8
Mississippi	1,111.0	1,116.0	1,113.8	1,119.8	8.9	9.1	8.9	8.8	53.3	53.0	53.2	53.3	190.6	182.8	191.1	181.9
Missouri	2,660.5	2,598.7	2,667.0	2,620.2	4.5	4.1	4.5	3.8	129.9	123.2	129.0	122.3	324.9	313.4	326.3	311.9
Montana	381.7	384.7	383.3	385.9	5.9	6.2	5.9	6.1	18.2	19.3	18.0	18.7	19.9	18.9	19.6	18.5
Nebraska	887.8	889.5	891.7	892.7	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2	40.0	40.6	39.6	39.8	106.9	104.8	106.5	105.1
Nevada	1,019.1	1,044.0	1,025.9	1,051.5	9.0	8.5	8.9	8.5	85.0	88.8	85.6	89.3	42.1	42.2	42.1	42.3
New Hampshire	607.9	610.2	608.6	609.4	.9	.9	.9	.9	26.2	26.5	25.4	25.3	87.4	81.7	86.9	80.8
New Jersey	3,932.8	3,933.2	3,940.2	3,934.3	1.6	1.3	1.6	1.3	153.0	151.7	152.2	148.8	372.7	357.3	372.8	356.7
New Mexico	748.5	759.5	754.1	768.2	14.6	13.0	14.4	13.3	44.7	43.4	44.3	43.3	38.3	36.7	37.9	36.4
New York	8,291.3	8,257.5	8,339.0	8,281.2	4.4	4.7	4.4	4.7	293.8	291.2	291.5	288.0	657.9	622.7	656.7	620.6
North Carolina	3,814.4	3,794.0	3,809.6	3,790.3	8.0	7.7	8.0	7.9	237.5	207.3	214.4	207.4	657.0	622.0	656.4	614.6
North Dakota	322.6	324.9	323.9	326.1	2.9	3.0	2.8	3.0	12.4	11.9	12.2	11.4	23.1	23.3	23.2	23.3
Ohio	5,348.6	5,321.5	5,363.6	5,332.4	12.0	11.8	12.0	11.6	212.2	211.1	210.4	206.0	893.6	865.1	890.9	864.5
Oklahoma	1,468.5	1,456.6	1,476.8	1,466.4	27.8	27.6	27.7	27.3	63.1	62.5	63.3	62.3	155.4	146.8	154.9	148.1
Oregon	1,535.7	1,546.1	1,546.2	1,551.3	8.7	9.6	8.7	9.7	72.6	74.1	72.9	73.6	199.2	195.0	198.9	193.4
Pennsylvania	5,549.6	5,541.8	5,575.0	5,562.7	18.7	17.2	18.7	17.1	225.0	226.0	224.5	223.7	772.1	735.2	768.4	732.4
Rhode Island	466.0	469.1	467.1	469.8	.2	.2	.2	.1	17.4	17.5	17.3	17.0	63.5	60.5	63.5	60.5
South Carolina	1,762.2	1,774.3	1,773.6	1,786.5	5.1	5.3	5.1	5.2	107.5	109.2	108.8	108.1	294.3	283.1	292.8	281.6
South Dakota	365.7	369.4	365.7	369.8	.9	.8	.9	.8	15.5	16.4	15.2	16.2	38.6	38.0	37.9	37.6
Tennessee	2,612.2	2,619.3	2,623.1	2,628.3	4.4	4.2	4.4	4.2	110.1	105.4	109.9	105.2	430.1	416.3	428.8	414.4
Texas	9,312.0	9,327.3	9,366.3	9,382.3	147.8	141.0	146.9	140.5	556.6	559.7	563.2	563.5	969.1	927.2	964.1	925.7
Utah	1,062.8	1,058.9	1,069.6	1,057.6	6.7	7.0	6.7	7.1	63.9	61.4	61.5	60.1	114.8	111.1	113.8	110.2
Vermont	299.4	301.1	299.4	301.9	.9	.9	.9	.9	13.4	13.4	12.9	13.0	42.2	38.6	41.5	38.7
Virginia	3,433.6	3,440.0	3,444.5	3,433.4	11.0	10.3	10.9	10.3	205.0	197.7	206.0	197.8	323.1	315.3	321.6	313.2
Washington	2,606.2	2,620.7	2,611.2	2,623.0	9.0	8.9	9.1	8.8	143.2	146.2	143.5	146.0	291.5	270.2	287.6	268.1
West Virginia	717.2	720.3	719.9	720.0	24.4	22.4	24.1	22.9	29.7	30.7	30.0	29.3	69.7	66.5	69.4	65.8
Wisconsin	2,719.4	2,721.3	2,717.6	2,731.3	3.2	3.4	3.2	3.6	108.7	105.1	105.7	102.0	531.6	520.6	526.0	516.7
Wyoming	237.9	239.1	237.7	239.5	18.4	17.3	18.1	17.3	17.6	18.0	17.0	17.8	9.5	9.3	9.1	8.9
Puerto Rico	973.9	987.3	980.9	984.5	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2	67.5	64.4	69.3	65.4	118.4	117.3	118.4	117.9

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Table 6. Employees on nonfarm payrolls by state and selected industry sector, not seasonally adjusted—Continued

(In thousands)

State	Trade, transportation, and utilities				Information				Financial activities				Professional and business services			
	Jan.		Feb.		Jan.		Feb.		Jan.		Feb.		Jan.		Feb.	
	2002	2003	2002	2003 ^P	2002	2003	2002	2003 ^P	2002	2003	2002	2003 ^P	2002	2003	2002	2003 ^P
Alabama	370.7	369.2	368.9	366.9	34.7	33.5	34.4	33.5	96.8	96.9	96.4	96.5	177.5	181.2	179.2	181.9
Alaska	56.6	57.3	57.0	57.9	6.9	6.9	6.8	7.0	13.2	13.2	13.1	13.2	21.2	21.8	21.8	22.1
Arizona	437.2	447.3	434.0	444.0	53.2	49.9	53.2	49.6	153.2	152.0	154.7	152.4	303.6	310.0	307.7	312.4
Arkansas	236.9	239.3	236.9	238.7	20.8	19.8	20.5	19.8	49.4	49.7	49.2	49.5	96.4	98.4	96.9	98.7
California	2,697.4	2,724.7	2,679.9	2,705.2	510.1	473.7	511.3	470.4	834.8	854.0	840.4	857.3	2,090.4	2,100.8	2,103.7	2,105.9
Colorado	409.0	411.3	405.3	405.2	98.1	90.2	97.0	90.3	147.7	150.6	148.3	151.3	284.6	273.3	287.0	273.0
Connecticut	309.4	310.2	303.8	304.2	42.2	39.9	41.9	39.9	142.8	141.0	142.1	140.8	197.7	194.6	197.7	194.2
Delaware	74.9	76.6	74.2	75.3	7.8	7.7	7.8	7.8	38.8	37.6	38.7	37.3	68.9	66.4	68.5	66.8
District of Columbia	27.5	27.3	27.7	27.2	25.7	25.2	25.6	25.5	30.4	30.2	30.6	30.3	135.2	137.0	136.3	137.6
Florida	1,476.5	1,474.6	1,467.4	1,463.1	181.1	168.4	180.6	168.9	469.5	472.4	471.7	476.1	1,185.3	1,228.6	1,206.7	1,243.3
Georgia	828.6	829.6	822.4	820.6	141.0	126.3	140.2	127.0	212.8	211.8	211.8	212.0	517.3	507.1	520.9	516.9
Hawaii	105.5	107.7	104.8	107.1	11.7	11.5	11.7	11.4	27.2	27.9	27.3	27.9	63.5	68.2	64.9	67.9
Idaho	113.5	112.4	112.6	111.9	9.2	9.0	9.1	9.0	25.1	25.3	25.2	25.6	63.7	66.7	64.5	66.9
Illinois	1,194.4	1,189.4	1,177.1	1,178.8	148.5	146.2	147.8	145.2	398.7	402.5	398.3	401.6	764.0	775.0	762.5	769.9
Indiana	579.0	573.1	572.6	571.5	42.9	41.5	42.6	41.5	139.2	139.5	138.9	139.4	239.4	234.3	240.8	233.1
Iowa	303.6	300.0	299.1	296.5	35.6	34.5	35.6	34.2	93.0	93.1	93.0	93.3	102.5	104.3	102.5	104.1
Kansas	266.6	266.1	262.8	266.1	51.4	50.4	51.3	50.1	68.2	69.2	68.4	69.1	123.4	122.5	124.3	124.1
Kentucky	370.0	363.0	366.9	361.8	32.3	31.8	32.2	31.6	83.6	85.2	83.9	85.2	149.2	150.8	149.2	151.2
Louisiana	380.5	383.4	379.0	378.3	29.3	29.3	29.3	29.3	99.0	99.2	98.9	98.5	181.9	177.1	182.3	177.3
Maine	120.3	120.8	118.1	118.0	11.8	11.5	11.7	11.5	34.6	34.4	34.6	34.4	49.4	49.7	49.4	49.5
Maryland	461.4	457.5	455.8	452.2	55.2	50.9	54.9	51.0	148.8	149.6	149.3	149.1	350.5	353.4	353.4	354.3
Massachusetts	577.4	575.5	567.4	569.5	103.5	95.4	102.7	94.4	230.2	230.0	228.9	228.6	450.5	432.9	447.2	429.7
Michigan	826.1	822.4	814.9	816.3	76.1	74.2	75.9	74.0	212.0	212.8	212.2	212.9	574.5	568.3	575.4	574.3
Minnesota	525.2	515.9	516.0	510.3	67.5	65.2	67.2	65.6	168.3	168.1	168.6	167.1	290.1	284.5	289.8	285.7
Mississippi	218.1	221.1	217.3	222.3	16.5	15.7	16.4	15.9	45.6	46.1	45.4	46.0	75.8	75.9	76.5	77.0
Missouri	535.9	535.6	530.8	531.0	72.8	68.6	72.8	67.8	158.5	157.6	158.4	157.9	302.1	286.6	305.2	288.9
Montana	82.6	83.1	82.1	82.2	7.8	7.8	7.8	7.9	18.8	19.6	18.9	19.7	31.3	31.2	31.6	31.5
Nebraska	194.4	196.8	191.9	195.7	24.9	24.1	24.8	24.2	60.6	62.6	60.7	62.9	89.0	87.7	89.8	87.2
Nevada	187.5	189.6	185.6	188.6	17.5	16.3	17.3	16.1	54.4	55.8	55.1	56.1	110.7	114.6	110.7	115.0
New Hampshire	137.1	138.2	133.6	136.4	13.4	12.7	13.3	12.5	36.3	37.0	36.2	36.8	53.0	52.5	52.8	52.3
New Jersey	879.3	884.2	869.5	873.7	121.0	109.4	120.3	110.8	277.3	273.6	276.2	274.0	569.0	570.0	570.8	574.0
New Mexico	133.9	135.5	132.7	135.0	16.8	16.8	17.1	17.0	33.4	34.6	33.3	34.6	87.7	89.3	87.8	90.2
New York	1,467.3	1,476.8	1,447.0	1,457.6	299.4	277.3	303.3	279.1	705.5	695.0	705.5	695.8	1,031.8	1,018.9	1,035.7	1,018.1
North Carolina	715.3	713.6	710.2	704.9	79.6	78.6	79.4	78.3	185.3	192.5	185.9	191.1	400.8	414.5	407.1	415.3
North Dakota	71.0	71.7	70.3	71.1	8.0	7.8	8.0	7.8	17.7	17.8	17.8	17.9	23.1	23.5	23.5	23.6
Ohio	1,058.1	1,044.9	1,045.3	1,038.3	103.5	98.2	102.5	97.8	305.6	304.0	306.9	303.9	596.8	601.0	597.0	602.1
Oklahoma	283.8	282.5	281.7	282.0	36.8	34.8	36.9	34.6	82.9	83.3	82.6	83.0	156.5	155.1	158.3	155.7
Oregon	309.7	309.0	307.4	307.1	38.1	36.3	38.2	35.8	93.7	93.7	94.1	94.4	164.6	167.1	166.7	168.2
Pennsylvania	1,117.9	1,104.3	1,101.1	1,084.8	130.4	128.3	130.0	128.6	334.1	335.7	333.9	335.4	587.9	585.2	588.8	582.8
Rhode Island	79.0	81.0	77.7	80.1	11.3	11.3	11.2	11.4	32.3	32.2	32.3	32.4	47.2	45.8	47.0	45.5
South Carolina	340.5	344.1	339.6	342.0	27.7	27.5	27.6	27.6	86.4	89.4	86.7	89.8	174.4	173.1	176.7	175.1
South Dakota	75.0	76.1	74.3	75.6	6.8	6.7	6.7	6.7	28.0	27.3	28.0	27.4	24.0	23.6	24.4	23.3
Tennessee	569.7	560.9	566.4	557.5	54.1	52.1	53.9	51.9	137.2	137.6	137.6	138.0	292.3	305.5	293.4	305.6
Texas	1,958.5	1,942.3	1,946.3	1,933.2	258.3	238.9	256.3	236.2	575.2	579.4	575.9	580.1	1,037.1	1,033.3	1,042.0	1,039.9
Utah	214.2	213.1	212.5	211.2	31.8	31.1	31.7	30.8	63.4	63.8	63.4	64.0	129.5	129.0	132.7	127.9
Vermont	58.3	58.9	57.7	58.4	6.7	6.6	6.7	6.6	13.0	13.2	13.0	13.1	19.2	19.8	19.2	20.0
Virginia	632.9	632.3	623.7	624.0	109.9	102.0	109.4	100.1	179.0	181.5	179.7	181.6	537.1	532.9	541.5	532.9
Washington	505.1	503.3	498.9	497.1	94.2	92.5	93.9	93.3	143.0	146.8	143.6	147.0	279.8	284.1	282.3	286.1
West Virginia	136.1	135.5	134.9	133.2	13.4	12.9	13.4	12.9	30.2	31.1	30.4	30.8	54.5	57.7	54.8	58.2
Wisconsin	533.0	529.4	524.7	525.2	51.8	50.5	51.3	49.7	151.4	153.2	151.7	152.9	228.8	234.2	229.5	235.7
Wyoming	47.0	47.1	46.4	46.6	4.2	4.3	4.2	4.2	9.6	10.0	9.7	10.1	14.5	14.4	14.8	14.7
Puerto Rico	176.5	175.4	174.0	171.7	21.2	21.4	21.2	21.3	43.3	44.9	44.0	44.7	94.8	97.3	96.6	97.6

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Table 6. Employees on nonfarm payrolls by state and selected industry sector, not seasonally adjusted—Continued

(In thousands)

State	Education and health services				Leisure and hospitality				Other services				Government			
	Jan.		Feb.		Jan.		Feb.		Jan.		Feb.		Jan.		Feb.	
	2002	2003	2002	2003 ^P	2002	2003	2002	2003 ^P	2002	2003	2002	2003 ^P	2002	2003	2002	2003 ^P
Alabama	177.1	182.8	180.9	184.5	144.2	147.9	146.2	149.2	86.0	85.4	86.6	85.8	352.5	356.6	355.9	359.0
Alaska	29.0	30.4	29.4	30.8	24.0	24.7	24.9	25.2	11.6	12.0	11.8	12.1	77.7	80.9	80.5	82.6
Arizona	227.3	239.7	229.4	242.4	223.0	227.6	228.4	232.2	84.9	85.4	85.6	86.2	382.3	384.0	395.3	399.2
Arkansas	133.0	137.1	133.8	137.8	80.5	82.4	82.8	84.7	40.1	40.0	40.3	40.1	194.9	195.4	199.0	199.6
California	1,465.5	1,499.6	1,491.7	1,521.1	1,318.1	1,366.0	1,335.3	1,378.1	492.5	496.6	500.0	499.6	2,422.6	2,464.6	2,449.8	2,486.5
Colorado	204.2	210.2	205.7	210.7	242.2	252.3	243.4	251.7	84.7	84.2	84.7	83.9	344.1	359.9	354.9	370.1
Connecticut	255.1	259.6	258.9	264.3	112.9	116.0	113.0	117.1	62.1	62.6	61.9	61.9	248.7	248.1	254.9	250.6
Delaware	47.6	48.8	48.0	49.0	32.4	34.6	32.6	34.2	16.9	17.4	17.2	17.4	55.7	55.3	57.0	55.9
District of Columbia	86.9	89.0	89.7	91.8	43.4	45.9	44.9	46.8	54.6	54.9	55.1	55.1	230.3	229.7	229.1	228.9
Florida	839.5	866.9	847.2	872.6	774.6	798.9	794.7	818.9	303.2	313.5	305.8	316.3	1,033.9	1,067.0	1,044.2	1,080.6
Georgia	363.3	374.7	366.8	374.7	318.5	322.5	321.5	326.5	183.7	180.8	187.9	188.6	621.2	632.2	625.6	635.9
Hawaii	61.5	63.4	62.6	65.0	94.7	98.1	95.8	98.2	23.2	23.8	23.3	23.8	114.6	118.9	119.1	121.8
Idaho	58.6	60.6	58.9	61.2	49.5	51.8	50.0	52.2	17.3	16.8	17.6	17.1	109.4	110.4	112.0	112.5
Illinois	699.8	713.9	706.1	716.5	459.7	469.1	460.6	464.0	247.0	251.1	247.4	248.0	845.8	845.3	866.1	857.8
Indiana	345.2	351.0	347.3	355.8	250.5	251.3	252.1	250.8	104.0	108.2	104.7	108.7	409.5	416.4	424.0	429.2
Iowa	187.0	190.6	188.7	192.8	115.7	116.8	116.0	116.2	55.8	56.5	55.9	56.5	245.2	241.5	248.3	248.3
Kansas	154.2	159.9	155.1	160.1	103.0	103.0	103.7	102.7	52.3	52.8	52.4	53.3	250.5	253.1	252.1	256.4
Kentucky	217.3	224.8	218.2	227.4	141.8	148.6	143.5	149.6	74.3	73.5	74.5	74.2	312.3	312.0	316.4	315.6
Louisiana	230.3	240.8	232.7	241.3	186.9	189.6	189.5	191.8	67.7	70.7	68.1	71.4	370.0	374.9	375.5	378.8
Maine	101.9	104.6	104.2	106.8	46.7	47.0	46.7	47.0	19.1	19.7	19.1	19.8	101.9	102.6	105.2	106.5
Maryland	324.3	335.4	329.2	338.2	194.9	197.4	196.0	196.6	110.1	114.9	111.3	115.3	457.4	460.5	467.4	470.7
Massachusetts	558.0	565.1	569.3	578.0	254.1	264.1	255.4	264.3	114.4	116.3	114.6	116.4	433.5	429.1	436.7	432.5
Michigan	520.2	536.2	524.7	543.6	367.2	366.6	367.8	363.1	170.9	175.2	172.0	173.9	688.8	682.6	705.8	706.5
Minnesota	346.3	360.6	353.1	365.7	213.8	219.6	213.6	216.1	116.6	115.9	116.7	116.3	405.1	403.4	411.2	416.6
Mississippi	111.6	112.1	111.9	113.3	115.6	117.6	116.9	117.1	36.8	38.7	36.9	38.6	238.2	243.9	239.3	245.6
Missouri	345.6	343.6	348.4	350.6	234.9	238.9	236.5	238.7	115.5	113.4	116.0	118.9	435.9	413.7	439.1	428.4
Montana	51.4	52.3	51.6	52.5	46.7	48.3	47.1	48.5	15.5	15.9	15.6	15.9	83.6	82.1	85.1	84.4
Nebraska	109.8	108.7	112.0	111.5	71.8	70.8	72.5	70.7	32.8	33.2	33.2	32.9	156.4	159.0	159.5	161.5
Nevada	69.1	73.1	70.0	73.8	288.9	293.7	290.3	295.2	29.0	29.9	29.4	30.1	125.9	131.5	130.9	136.5
New Hampshire	90.4	93.4	91.5	94.0	54.8	57.4	54.9	56.9	21.9	21.9	21.9	21.8	86.5	88.0	91.2	91.7
New Jersey	517.6	533.6	522.9	537.3	283.3	285.7	285.0	282.1	146.0	148.6	146.5	147.2	612.0	617.8	622.4	628.4
New Mexico	91.7	97.1	92.6	98.3	75.7	76.6	76.3	77.4	26.6	27.8	27.0	27.9	185.1	188.7	190.7	194.8
New York	1,429.5	1,457.7	1,457.5	1,485.6	584.3	601.2	592.8	603.0	340.3	343.0	342.4	342.4	1,477.1	1,469.0	1,502.2	1,486.3
North Carolina	406.7	412.4	410.5	416.4	305.6	306.4	309.3	308.7	176.6	176.7	177.5	177.1	642.0	662.3	650.9	668.6
North Dakota	46.2	47.1	46.3	47.3	28.0	28.5	28.4	28.6	15.1	14.9	15.3	15.2	75.1	75.4	76.1	76.9
Ohio	698.2	710.5	708.9	717.5	448.2	454.1	449.9	456.1	225.6	227.2	226.6	226.7	794.8	793.6	813.2	807.9
Oklahoma	169.2	173.6	170.8	174.9	120.2	119.4	121.8	120.8	74.5	74.3	74.8	76.0	298.3	296.7	304.0	301.7
Oregon	180.5	185.7	184.0	189.2	140.8	144.0	141.6	145.2	54.8	57.7	55.3	58.4	273.0	273.9	278.4	276.3
Pennsylvania	947.3	966.7	969.6	991.5	426.7	437.5	429.2	439.4	254.0	259.6	255.4	260.6	735.5	746.1	755.4	766.4
Rhode Island	85.6	88.1	87.7	90.2	41.7	43.4	42.3	43.7	21.1	22.3	21.1	22.3	66.7	66.8	66.8	66.6
South Carolina	168.9	172.5	170.2	177.6	169.4	171.5	173.9	173.4	62.6	65.2	63.4	66.0	325.4	333.4	328.8	340.1
South Dakota	53.3	54.6	53.7	54.9	34.7	36.3	34.9	36.4	15.6	15.5	15.6	15.9	73.3	74.1	74.1	75.0
Tennessee	288.7	302.5	291.2	304.9	220.6	223.9	223.1	226.3	98.6	99.9	99.6	100.8	406.4	411.0	414.8	419.5
Texas	1,054.8	1,104.8	1,066.2	1,112.7	801.5	811.3	816.3	826.7	347.7	353.4	351.1	354.3	1,605.4	1,636.0	1,638.0	1,669.5
Utah	111.7	116.6	112.9	117.6	100.5	96.8	106.3	97.1	32.0	31.8	33.1	31.7	194.3	197.2	195.0	199.9
Vermont	49.0	51.3	49.7	51.5	35.6	35.9	35.5	35.8	9.8	10.1	9.7	10.2	51.3	52.4	52.6	53.7
Virginia	355.9	370.7	360.2	371.6	275.8	285.1	279.2	281.4	173.6	174.8	175.0	176.3	630.3	637.4	637.3	644.2
Washington	301.7	310.9	305.6	313.6	231.4	235.1	232.2	235.9	95.0	97.1	95.4	97.3	512.3	525.6	519.1	529.8
West Virginia	105.4	107.9	106.7	108.0	59.8	62.4	60.2	61.9	54.9	55.1	55.0	55.1	139.1	138.1	141.0	141.9
Wisconsin	350.3	358.0	352.3	360.8	221.0	225.8	220.7	223.6	131.0	137.1	131.0	136.8	408.6	404.0	421.5	424.3
Wyoming	19.3	20.0	19.7	19.8	26.6	26.8	27.0	27.3	9.3	9.4	9.4	9.5	61.9	62.5	62.3	63.3
Puerto Rico	81.4	85.2	83.4	87.0	62.4	63.8	63.1	64.0	16.4	15.6	16.5	15.7	290.8	300.8	293.2	298.0

¹ Natural resources and mining is combined with construction.

^P = preliminary.

NOTE: Data are counts of jobs by place of work. Estimates are currently projected from March 2002 benchmark levels. Estimates subsequent to the current benchmark month are provisional and will be revised when new information becomes available. Data reflect the

conversion to the 2002 version of the North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) as the basis for the assignment and tabulation of economic data by industry, replacing the 1987 Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) system. Due to differences in NAICS and SIC structures, NAICS-based data by industry are not comparable with the SIC-based data.

Chart 1. Unemployment rates by state, seasonally adjusted February 2003

(U.S. rate = 5.8 percent)

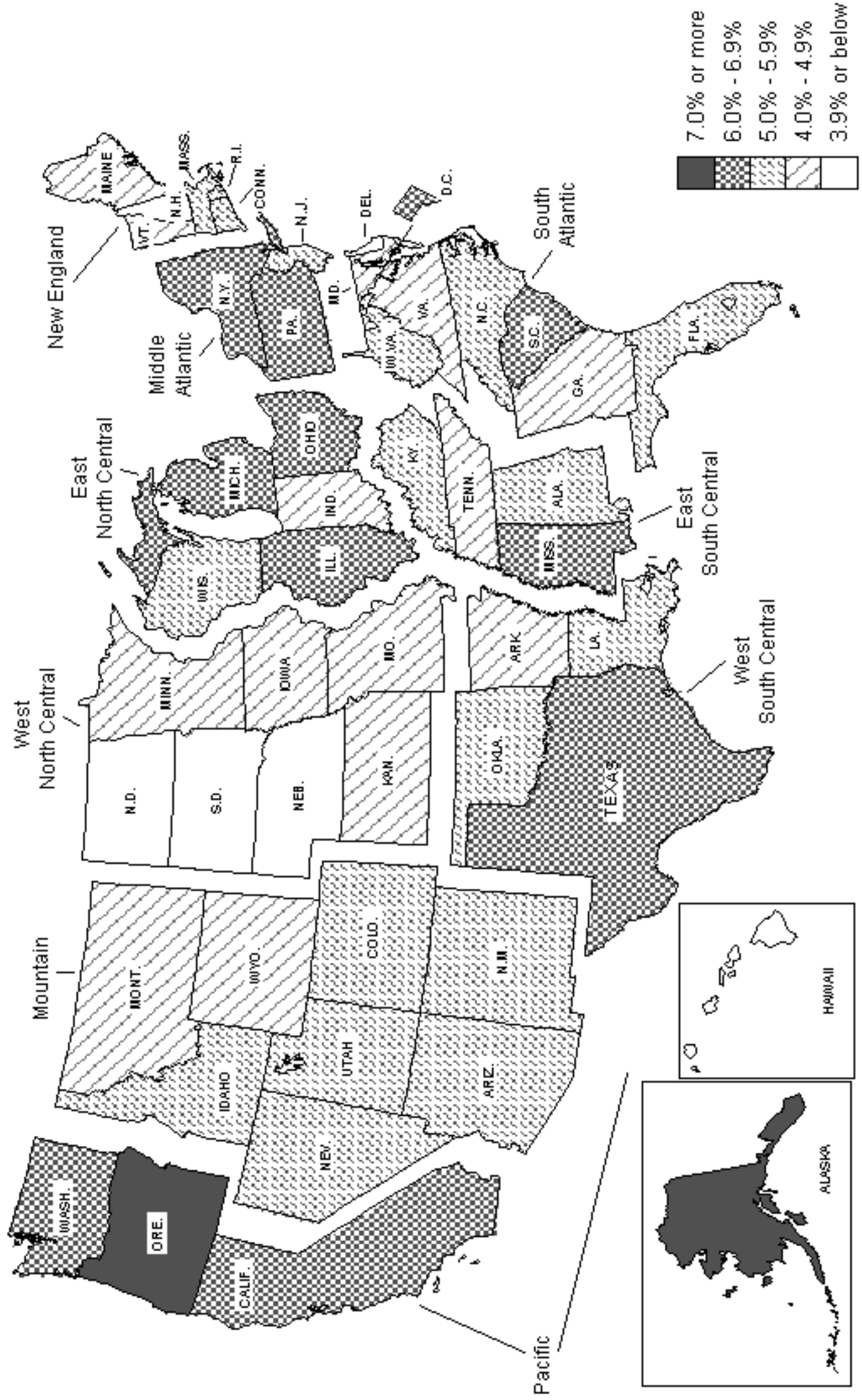


Chart 2. Percentage change in nonfarm employment by state, seasonally adjusted, February 2002 – February 2003

