Employment growth by earnings group, first-quarter 1996 through third-quarter 2001 (seasonally adjusted quarterly averages]

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