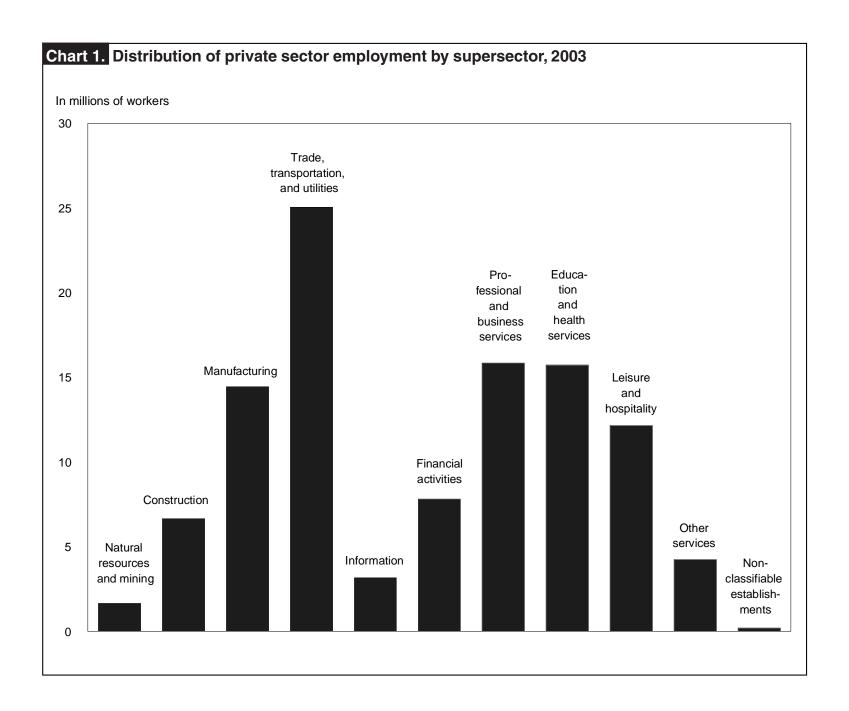
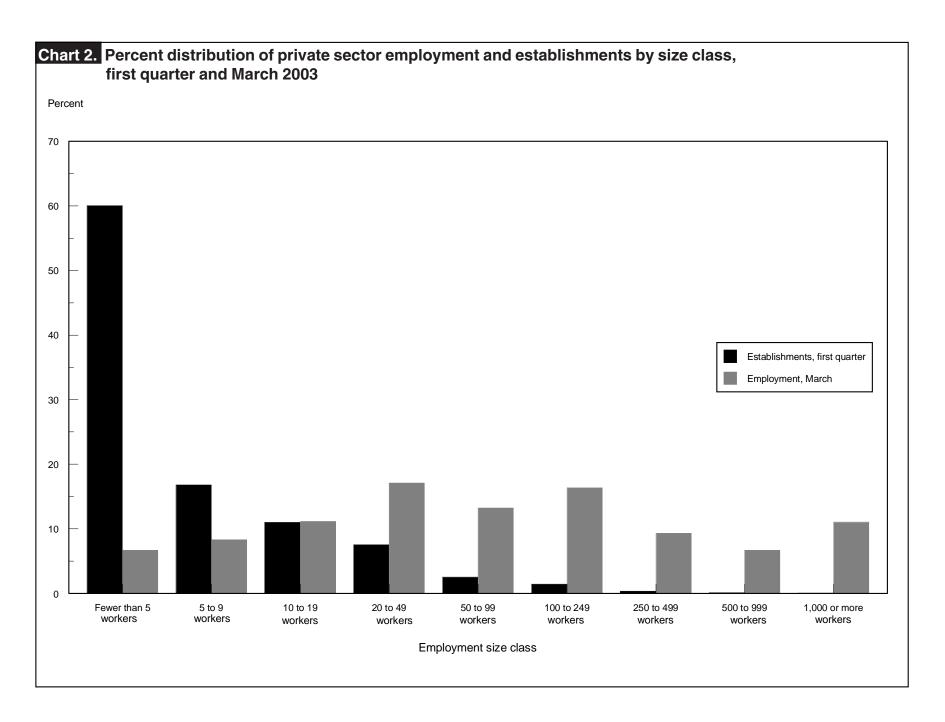
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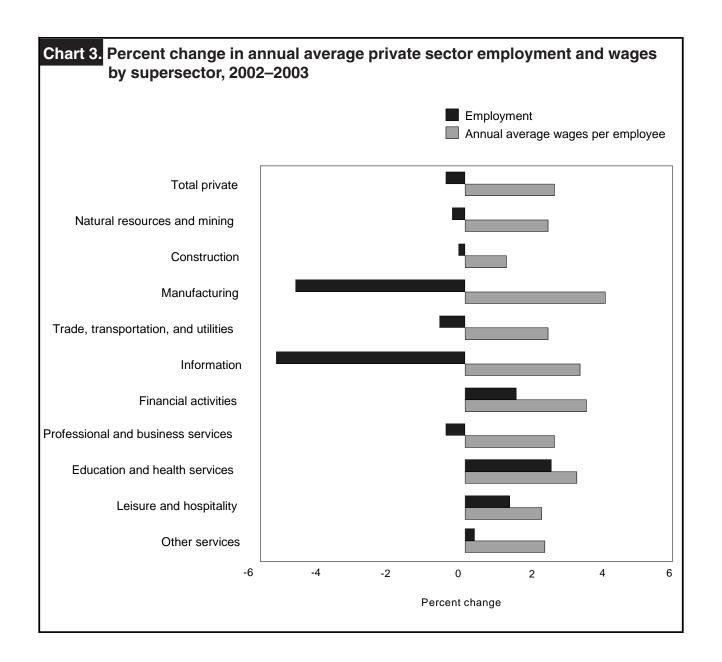
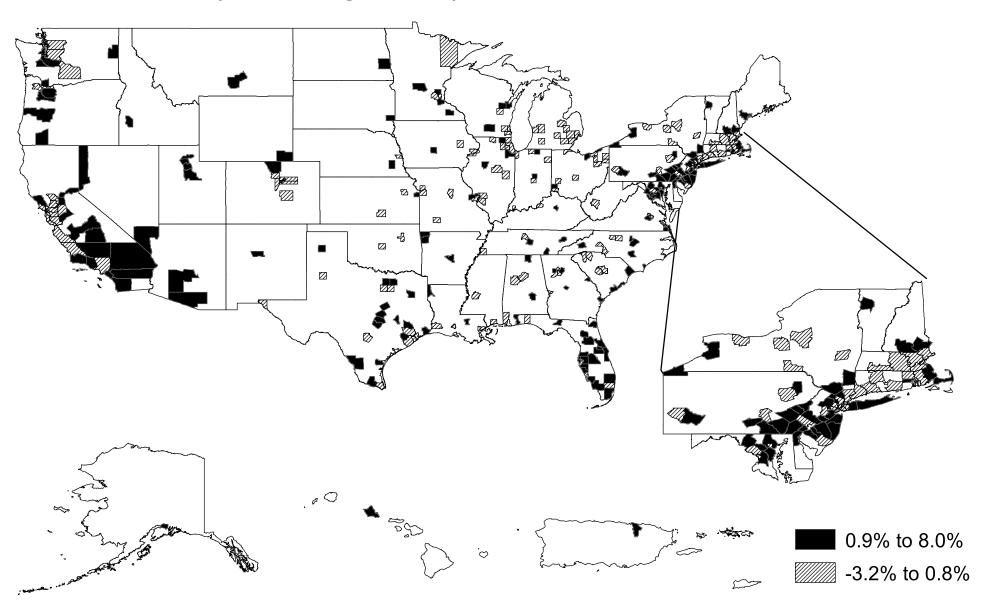


Chart 4. Percent change in employment in counties with 75,000 employees or more, March 2003–2004 (U.S. Average = 0.8%)



Note: The following counties have fewer than 75,000 employees but are included because they are the largest in their state or territory: Laramie, WY, Yellowstone, MT, and St. Thomas, VI.

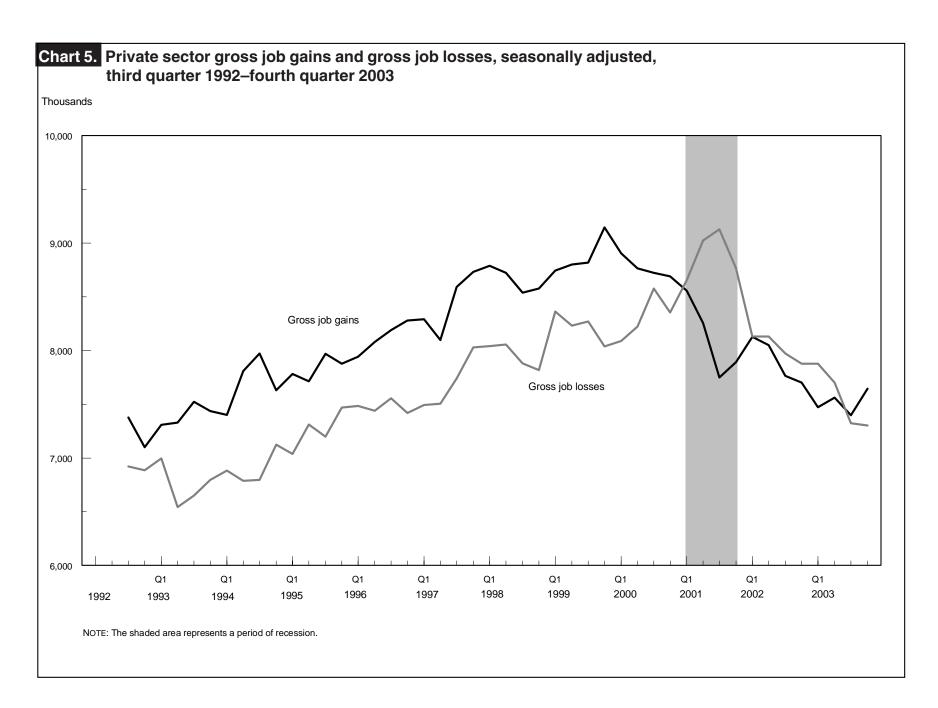


Chart 6. Components of private sector gross job gains and gross job losses, seasonally adjusted, third quarter 1992-fourth quarter 2003 Thousands 8,000 7,000 Expansions 6,000 Contractions 5,000 4,000 3,000 Openings 2,000 Closings 1,000 Q1 1992 1993 1994 1995 1996 1997 1998 1999 2000 2001 2002 2003 NOTE: The shaded area represents a period of recession.