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REGIONAL AND STATE EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT: MARCH 2003

Most regional and state unemployment rates were little changed in March. All regions and 44 states and the District of Columbia 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 unchanged at 5.8 percent. Nonfarm employment decreased in 31 states in March.

Regional Unemployment (Seasonally Adjusted)

The South registered the lowest unemployment rate in March, 5.5 percent. The Midwest and Northeast followed closely, with rates of 5.6 and 5.7 percent, respectively. The West continued to record the highest rate, 6.4 percent. Each of the four regions posted little or no change in its unemployment rate from a year ago. (See table 1.)

Among the nine geographic divisions, the West North Central again had the lowest jobless rate, 4.4 percent in March. The Pacific continued to report the highest rate, 6.6 percent. All divisions posted little or no change from February. Over the year, the largest unemployment rate decrease was registered in the East South Central division (-0.4 percentage point). The Mountain and South Atlantic divisions recorded the next largest rate declines (-0.3 percentage point each). New England had the largest over-the-year unemployment rate increase (+0.5 percentage point), followed by the West South Central division (+0.3 point).

State Unemployment (Seasonally Adjusted)

In March, South Dakota reported the lowest unemployment rate, 3.2 percent. Two of the three additional states that posted rates below 4.0 percent also were located in the West North Central division. These were Nebraska and North Dakota, which along with Hawaii in the Pacific division, had rates of 3.7 percent each. Oregon continued to record the highest jobless rate, 7.6 percent, followed by two other Pacific states—Washington, 7.0 percent, and Alaska, 6.8 percent. These three states have reported the highest rates for the last year and a half. Four very large states registered the next highest rates in March: Michigan and Texas, 6.7 percent each, and California and Illinois, 6.6 percent each. Overall in March, 32 states reported unemployment rates below the U.S. average of 5.8 percent, 16 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 33 states, declined in 10 states and the District of Columbia, and were unchanged in 7 states. Hawaii reported the largest over-the-month rate increase

(+0.7 percentage point). Three additional states posted increases of at least one-half percentage point—Louisiana (+0.6 percentage point) and Nevada and Utah (+0.5 point each). The largest jobless rate decrease from February was recorded in Pennsylvania (-0.4 percentage point).

Compared with March 2002, unemployment rates were lower in 29 states, higher in 16 states, and unchanged in 5 states and the District of Columbia. Hawaii and North Carolina registered the largest over-the-year jobless rate declines (-0.9 percentage point each). Of the 12 states that reported decreases of one-half percentage point or more, 5 each were located in the South and West. Connecticut again posted the largest over-the-year unemployment rate increase (+1.1 percentage points). The next highest rate increases over the year were recorded in Massachusetts and Oklahoma (+0.6 percentage point each) and New Mexico (+0.5 point).

Nonfarm Payroll Employment (Seasonally Adjusted)

From February to March, total nonfarm employment decreased in 31 states, increased in 18 states and the District of Columbia, and was unchanged in 1 state. The largest employment decreases occurred in Michigan (-17,700), Illinois (-17,400), New York (-10,300), South Carolina (-9,300), and Ohio (-8,300). The largest over-the-month percentage decreases in employment were reported in South Carolina (-0.5 percent), Iowa, Michigan, and Wyoming (-0.4 percent each), and Illinois, Montana, Oklahoma, Oregon, Utah, and Washington (-0.3 percent each). The largest employment increases occurred in New Jersey (+21,800), Georgia (+14,100), Texas (+9,900), and Pennsylvania (+9,500). The District of Columbia and New Jersey posted the largest over-the-month percentage increases in employment (+0.5 percent each), followed by Georgia (+0.4 percent) and Nebraska and Nevada (+0.3 percent each). (See table 5.)

Over the year, employment decreased in 30 states. The largest employment decreases were in Ohio (-72,600), Missouri (-71,800), New York (-67,100), and Massachusetts (-57,600). Missouri recorded the largest percentage decline in employment (-2.7 percent), followed by Massachusetts (-1.8 percent) and Ohio (-1.3 percent). The largest over-the-year gains in employment occurred in Florida (+89,200), Arizona (+20,600), Nevada (+18,800), and New Mexico (+14,400). The largest percentage gains were reported in Hawaii (+2.1 percent), New Mexico (+1.9 percent), and Nevada (+1.8 percent). (See chart 2.)

The Metropolitan Area Employment and Unemployment release for March is scheduled to be issued on May 13. The Regional and State Employment and Unemployment release for April is scheduled to be issued on May 30.

Correction of Nonfarm Payroll Employment Data for Delaware

Seasonally adjusted total nonfarm payroll employment data for Delaware presented in table 5 of this release have been corrected from January 1990 through February 2003.

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			
	Mar. 2002	Jan. 2003	Feb. 2003	Mar. 2003 ^P	Mar. 2002	Jan. 2003	Feb. 2003	Mar. 2003 ^P	Mar. 2002	Jan. 2003	Feb. 2003	Mar. 2003 ^P
Northeast	27,455.3	27,603.1	27,573.7	27,511.5	1,507.8	1,591.0	1,586.7	1,566.5	5.5	5.8	5.8	5.7
New England	7,520.6	7,574.8	7,577.2	7,564.7	352.5	375.5	377.1	394.2	4.7	5.0	5.0	5.2
Middle Atlantic	19,934.6	20,028.3	19,996.6	19,946.7	1,155.4	1,215.5	1,209.5	1,172.3	5.8	6.1	6.0	5.9
South	50,635.0	51,219.0	51,255.7	51,224.0	2,866.3	2,764.6	2,805.5	2,830.2	5.7	5.4	5.5	5.5
South Atlantic	26,651.6	26,922.7	26,889.7	26,864.5	1,448.1	1,359.3	1,362.3	1,367.7	5.4	5.0	5.1	5.1
East South Central	8,296.6	8,353.8	8,364.8	8,355.7	481.8	448.0	448.4	451.1	5.8	5.4	5.4	5.4
West South Central	15,686.9	15,942.5	16,001.1	16,003.8	936.4	957.3	994.8	1,011.4	6.0	6.0	6.2	6.3
Midwest	34,206.9	34,420.5	34,437.3	34,412.3	1,899.0	1,839.9	1,892.6	1,916.4	5.6	5.3	5.5	5.6
East North Central	23,497.9	23,677.2	23,683.1	23,668.6	1,404.9	1,370.9	1,433.9	1,448.0	6.0	5.8	6.1	6.1
West North Central	10,709.0	10,743.2	10,754.1	10,743.7	494.1	468.9	458.7	468.4	4.6	4.4	4.3	4.4
West	32,828.9	33,257.0	33,241.1	33,260.8	2,139.2	2,081.8	2,092.1	2,112.8	6.5	6.3	6.3	6.4
Mountain	9,669.3	9,761.4	9,759.0	9,759.3	567.9	523.3	524.9	550.3	5.9	5.4	5.4	5.6
Pacific	23,159.6	23,495.6	23,482.0	23,501.4	1,571.3	1,558.6	1,567.2	1,562.6	6.8	6.6	6.7	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			
	February		March		February		March		February		March	
	2002	2003	2002	2003 ^P	2002	2003	2002	2003 ^P	2002	2003	2002	2003 ^P
Northeast	27,213.3	27,391.8	27,355.0	27,413.8	1,630.9	1,734.9	1,594.9	1,654.0	6.0	6.3	5.8	6.0
New England	7,426.7	7,504.7	7,481.4	7,527.4	382.5	414.5	378.8	420.9	5.2	5.5	5.1	5.6
Middle Atlantic	19,786.5	19,887.0	19,873.6	19,886.4	1,248.4	1,320.3	1,216.1	1,233.1	6.3	6.6	6.1	6.2
South	50,138.3	50,795.7	50,366.8	50,949.2	2,911.6	2,880.5	2,804.3	2,768.8	5.8	5.7	5.6	5.4
South Atlantic	26,407.4	26,657.5	26,513.2	26,719.6	1,472.3	1,399.6	1,408.0	1,330.2	5.6	5.3	5.3	5.0
East South Central	8,219.1	8,292.8	8,247.3	8,306.7	502.8	478.0	485.2	454.8	6.1	5.8	5.9	5.5
West South Central	15,511.9	15,845.4	15,606.2	15,922.9	936.5	1,002.9	911.1	983.8	6.0	6.3	5.8	6.2
Midwest	33,861.7	34,077.4	33,978.9	34,182.0	2,058.2	2,094.0	2,052.9	2,075.3	6.1	6.1	6.0	6.1
East North Central	23,260.9	23,426.9	23,333.0	23,501.1	1,515.1	1,578.4	1,516.1	1,563.4	6.5	6.7	6.5	6.7
West North Central	10,600.8	10,650.5	10,645.9	10,680.9	543.1	515.6	536.7	511.8	5.1	4.8	5.0	4.8
West	32,634.4	33,071.1	32,699.7	33,130.0	2,246.3	2,222.0	2,202.2	2,176.9	6.9	6.7	6.7	6.6
Mountain	9,583.0	9,674.4	9,598.9	9,687.1	588.0	546.8	571.3	554.2	6.1	5.7	6.0	5.7
Pacific	23,051.3	23,396.7	23,100.8	23,442.9	1,658.2	1,675.2	1,630.9	1,622.6	7.2	7.2	7.1	6.9

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			
	Mar. 2002	Jan. 2003	Feb. 2003	Mar. 2003P	Mar. 2002	Jan. 2003	Feb. 2003	Mar. 2003P	Mar. 2002	Jan. 2003	Feb. 2003	Mar. 2003P
Alabama	2,109.9	2,158.1	2,161.9	2,156.0	125.2	120.4	118.5	122.7	5.9	5.6	5.5	5.7
Alaska	320.9	339.5	341.7	339.9	23.6	23.3	23.9	23.3	7.4	6.9	7.0	6.8
Arizona	2,650.7	2,662.8	2,651.3	2,655.3	165.4	147.8	151.7	157.8	6.2	5.5	5.7	5.9
Arkansas	1,274.6	1,299.2	1,298.8	1,296.1	69.8	63.4	63.9	64.2	5.5	4.9	4.9	5.0
California	17,357.4	17,578.5	17,600.9	17,607.7	1,146.2	1,163.1	1,178.9	1,159.2	6.6	6.6	6.7	6.6
Los Angeles-Long Beach	4,686.2	4,716.0	4,750.8	4,772.0	324.8	309.1	320.8	306.8	6.9	6.6	6.8	6.4
Colorado	2,429.6	2,455.8	2,460.0	2,456.0	141.4	134.5	135.3	140.4	5.8	5.5	5.5	5.7
Connecticut	1,764.5	1,777.5	1,785.2	1,782.4	72.7	86.3	88.7	93.5	4.1	4.9	5.0	5.2
Delaware	425.6	421.3	418.5	419.4	17.7	14.4	15.6	17.2	4.2	3.4	3.7	4.1
District of Columbia	306.1	300.7	304.4	307.6	19.7	18.5	20.1	19.8	6.4	6.1	6.6	6.4
Florida	8,066.9	8,125.3	8,102.7	8,082.8	452.3	429.5	433.2	424.7	5.6	5.3	5.3	5.3
Georgia	4,271.8	4,353.9	4,353.6	4,348.7	216.5	202.9	196.7	200.2	5.1	4.7	4.5	4.6
Hawaii	582.1	595.7	593.0	592.5	26.8	21.7	17.8	21.9	4.6	3.6	3.0	3.7
Idaho	685.2	691.0	692.9	694.7	40.3	38.1	36.2	38.2	5.9	5.5	5.2	5.5
Illinois	6,399.4	6,402.7	6,371.9	6,397.7	407.2	405.8	416.8	422.3	6.4	6.3	6.5	6.6
Indiana	3,159.8	3,191.2	3,180.6	3,167.3	165.4	152.0	156.0	150.4	5.2	4.8	4.9	4.7
Iowa	1,655.8	1,649.5	1,652.6	1,648.7	63.8	63.3	65.5	65.6	3.9	3.8	4.0	4.0
Kansas	1,404.5	1,471.4	1,472.9	1,470.4	70.3	69.5	68.2	68.6	5.0	4.7	4.6	4.7
Kentucky	1,972.7	1,986.6	1,994.5	1,995.9	112.5	106.3	112.9	113.1	5.7	5.3	5.7	5.7
Louisiana	2,012.4	2,043.3	2,058.8	2,061.4	120.9	107.9	117.7	129.1	6.0	5.3	5.7	6.3
Maine	685.0	697.9	700.0	695.6	29.1	31.7	31.9	31.4	4.3	4.5	4.6	4.5
Maryland	2,897.9	2,927.9	2,927.4	2,931.9	129.7	118.8	124.1	131.7	4.5	4.1	4.2	4.5
Massachusetts	3,468.5	3,454.9	3,453.1	3,450.4	178.5	180.3	185.0	195.4	5.1	5.2	5.4	5.7
Michigan	5,044.6	5,103.6	5,124.1	5,104.8	319.3	317.6	336.6	343.6	6.3	6.2	6.6	6.7
Minnesota	2,915.8	2,910.2	2,919.0	2,918.1	132.3	127.3	126.1	128.8	4.5	4.4	4.3	4.4
Mississippi	1,298.5	1,322.8	1,314.8	1,313.5	86.7	86.3	79.4	77.6	6.7	6.5	6.0	5.9
Missouri	3,010.5	2,965.5	2,959.9	2,953.8	165.4	150.5	138.7	142.2	5.5	5.1	4.7	4.8
Montana	462.6	469.3	469.6	469.1	22.1	20.2	18.9	19.5	4.8	4.3	4.0	4.2
Nebraska	958.3	976.9	980.1	981.9	34.6	32.8	34.5	36.8	3.6	3.4	3.5	3.7
Nevada	1,119.8	1,113.7	1,115.5	1,113.9	67.1	55.8	56.2	61.1	6.0	5.0	5.0	5.5
New Hampshire	703.6	719.1	716.4	716.1	32.0	33.2	28.2	29.2	4.5	4.6	3.9	4.1
New Jersey	4,365.6	4,409.0	4,405.0	4,424.0	248.8	244.3	249.5	259.3	5.7	5.5	5.7	5.9
New Mexico	872.3	890.6	891.4	894.4	47.3	51.7	51.7	52.8	5.4	5.8	5.8	5.9
New York	9,299.3	9,355.4	9,343.6	9,302.4	561.2	590.0	573.9	554.4	6.0	6.3	6.1	6.0
New York City	3,716.2	3,689.9	3,694.3	3,661.1	284.7	319.0	326.3	309.8	7.7	8.6	8.8	8.5
North Carolina	4,179.4	4,169.9	4,151.9	4,151.6	287.2	252.4	241.4	249.5	6.9	6.1	5.8	6.0
North Dakota	346.0	349.9	349.0	349.9	13.4	12.5	12.7	13.1	3.9	3.6	3.7	3.7
Ohio	5,856.2	5,878.7	5,900.1	5,892.0	339.5	328.1	359.2	361.1	5.8	5.6	6.1	6.1
Oklahoma	1,694.7	1,704.5	1,700.8	1,692.2	76.6	85.1	87.7	85.8	4.5	5.0	5.2	5.1
Oregon	1,829.9	1,848.5	1,835.8	1,851.1	145.3	139.8	133.2	139.8	7.9	7.6	7.3	7.6
Pennsylvania	6,269.8	6,263.9	6,248.0	6,220.3	345.3	381.1	386.1	358.6	5.5	6.1	6.2	5.8
Rhode Island	552.7	573.7	571.9	568.5	26.9	29.7	29.5	30.2	4.9	5.2	5.2	5.3
South Carolina	1,960.9	2,031.3	2,032.2	2,015.0	118.9	127.5	126.4	119.2	6.1	6.3	6.2	5.9
South Dakota	418.2	419.8	420.7	420.7	14.4	13.1	13.0	13.4	3.4	3.1	3.1	3.2
Tennessee	2,915.5	2,886.3	2,893.7	2,890.4	157.3	135.1	137.6	137.7	5.4	4.7	4.8	4.8
Texas	10,705.1	10,895.6	10,942.8	10,954.0	669.2	700.8	725.5	732.3	6.3	6.4	6.6	6.7
Utah	1,178.3	1,203.7	1,202.9	1,201.1	73.1	64.5	63.8	69.2	6.2	5.4	5.3	5.8
Vermont	346.3	351.8	350.6	351.7	13.3	14.2	13.9	14.6	3.8	4.0	4.0	4.1
Virginia	3,731.5	3,785.3	3,789.8	3,803.9	158.0	151.4	156.5	159.5	4.2	4.0	4.1	4.2
Washington	3,069.2	3,133.4	3,110.6	3,110.2	229.4	210.6	213.4	218.4	7.5	6.7	6.9	7.0
West Virginia	811.5	807.0	809.4	803.5	48.1	43.8	48.2	45.9	5.9	5.4	6.0	5.7
Wisconsin	3,037.9	3,101.2	3,106.4	3,106.9	173.4	167.3	165.3	170.6	5.7	5.4	5.3	5.5
Wyoming	270.8	274.6	275.5	274.8	11.3	10.9	11.3	11.1	4.2	4.0	4.1	4.1
Puerto Rico	1,353.1	1,380.6	1,371.2	1,388.6	167.8	156.8	163.9	169.7	12.4	11.4	12.0	12.2

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.

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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			
	February		March		February		March		February		March	
	2002	2003	2002	2003 ^P	2002	2003	2002	2003 ^P	2002	2003	2002	2003 ^P
Alabama	2,096.3	2,146.4	2,095.7	2,141.6	125.3	120.7	115.8	113.4	6.0	5.6	5.5	5.3
Alaska	316.0	337.0	316.1	334.6	27.8	29.4	26.6	26.1	8.8	8.7	8.4	7.8
Arizona	2,631.1	2,634.4	2,638.7	2,642.7	159.0	144.8	152.6	145.1	6.0	5.5	5.8	5.5
Arkansas	1,253.7	1,283.5	1,273.9	1,295.1	78.3	73.0	74.4	68.4	6.2	5.7	5.8	5.3
California	17,285.2	17,539.5	17,320.6	17,572.1	1,186.3	1,235.0	1,180.5	1,193.6	6.9	7.0	6.8	6.8
Los Angeles-Long Beach	4,696.3	4,759.9	4,688.9	4,775.0	319.4	319.9	317.3	299.5	6.8	6.7	6.8	6.3
Colorado	2,392.9	2,426.6	2,401.7	2,427.8	143.0	139.8	145.8	145.2	6.0	5.8	6.1	6.0
Connecticut	1,739.2	1,762.8	1,758.5	1,776.8	80.0	96.9	75.5	96.2	4.6	5.5	4.3	5.4
Delaware	425.4	417.3	426.3	420.0	19.7	18.5	18.4	17.8	4.6	4.4	4.3	4.2
District of Columbia	303.5	301.7	304.1	305.6	21.2	21.3	19.1	19.2	7.0	7.1	6.3	6.3
Florida	7,982.5	8,017.6	8,023.8	8,036.9	438.9	417.1	419.9	394.1	5.5	5.2	5.2	4.9
Georgia	4,244.4	4,333.5	4,266.7	4,341.7	213.0	197.5	217.8	201.5	5.0	4.6	5.1	4.6
Hawaii	584.9	594.3	582.1	592.2	27.6	17.9	24.8	19.9	4.7	3.0	4.3	3.4
Idaho	676.6	683.3	678.4	687.9	48.9	45.0	46.5	44.4	7.2	6.6	6.9	6.5
Illinois	6,360.3	6,324.4	6,364.6	6,363.8	431.7	452.7	431.6	448.1	6.8	7.2	6.8	7.0
Indiana	3,126.7	3,146.0	3,138.9	3,146.4	182.9	173.2	176.0	161.3	5.9	5.5	5.6	5.1
Iowa	1,645.8	1,644.7	1,650.8	1,644.0	77.1	79.9	77.6	79.7	4.7	4.9	4.7	4.8
Kansas	1,389.1	1,460.0	1,399.4	1,465.0	74.7	73.5	73.2	71.5	5.4	5.0	5.2	4.9
Kentucky	1,946.5	1,969.9	1,951.9	1,975.2	126.7	129.2	117.6	118.2	6.5	6.6	6.0	6.0
Louisiana	1,992.4	2,031.0	2,001.3	2,050.2	123.4	118.0	115.3	123.4	6.2	5.8	5.8	6.0
Maine	670.5	685.8	676.8	687.3	34.4	37.7	34.1	36.3	5.1	5.5	5.0	5.3
Maryland	2,861.9	2,901.0	2,874.5	2,908.5	137.5	135.2	127.1	129.0	4.8	4.7	4.4	4.4
Massachusetts	3,426.1	3,424.7	3,450.2	3,433.9	184.9	195.9	191.1	208.2	5.4	5.7	5.5	6.1
Michigan	4,988.6	5,057.2	5,012.1	5,069.6	339.0	365.4	350.1	375.1	6.8	7.2	7.0	7.4
Minnesota	2,878.3	2,880.7	2,889.5	2,892.0	146.7	141.8	145.6	142.5	5.1	4.9	5.0	4.9
Mississippi	1,295.4	1,311.9	1,299.0	1,313.9	86.2	80.8	90.4	81.3	6.7	6.2	7.0	6.2
Missouri	2,989.9	2,938.3	2,997.2	2,940.9	174.1	151.8	170.6	147.5	5.8	5.2	5.7	5.0
Montana	458.0	464.9	459.3	465.8	26.9	24.3	26.3	23.7	5.9	5.2	5.7	5.1
Nebraska	951.6	974.3	955.2	978.9	38.7	38.7	36.4	38.6	4.1	4.0	3.8	3.9
Nevada	1,119.1	1,114.0	1,114.2	1,107.9	72.7	59.2	66.5	60.6	6.5	5.3	6.0	5.5
New Hampshire	696.5	710.9	700.3	712.8	33.5	30.4	34.4	31.6	4.8	4.3	4.9	4.4
New Jersey	4,334.3	4,378.7	4,351.3	4,409.8	252.5	260.0	255.2	265.7	5.8	5.9	5.9	6.0
New Mexico	864.3	885.4	872.9	895.1	45.8	50.6	46.2	51.7	5.3	5.7	5.3	5.8
New York	9,241.5	9,314.0	9,279.7	9,283.2	607.3	629.0	588.6	581.6	6.6	6.8	6.3	6.3
New York City	3,711.8	3,704.5	3,737.4	3,682.3	290.6	340.7	295.2	320.2	7.8	9.2	7.9	8.7
North Carolina	4,160.5	4,124.6	4,155.9	4,126.4	302.8	261.1	289.0	251.6	7.3	6.3	7.0	6.1
North Dakota	338.8	341.6	341.0	344.8	15.3	15.0	16.7	16.3	4.5	4.4	4.9	4.7
Ohio	5,772.6	5,818.2	5,802.7	5,838.2	356.3	388.1	356.7	379.2	6.2	6.7	6.1	6.5
Oklahoma	1,679.4	1,688.1	1,693.9	1,692.3	82.5	94.4	78.2	87.5	4.9	5.6	4.6	5.2
Oregon	1,814.4	1,820.6	1,819.7	1,840.2	170.0	155.5	159.5	154.1	9.4	8.5	8.8	8.4
Pennsylvania	6,210.7	6,194.3	6,242.6	6,193.3	388.6	431.4	372.2	385.8	6.3	7.0	6.0	6.2
Rhode Island	549.5	569.9	550.3	565.9	32.9	35.7	28.6	31.9	6.0	6.3	5.2	5.6
South Carolina	1,931.3	2,009.0	1,949.3	2,003.8	122.0	132.8	111.3	112.1	6.3	6.6	5.7	5.6
South Dakota	407.3	410.9	412.7	415.3	16.4	14.9	16.7	15.7	4.0	3.6	4.0	3.8
Tennessee	2,880.9	2,864.5	2,900.8	2,875.9	164.6	147.3	161.3	141.8	5.7	5.1	5.6	4.9
Texas	10,586.5	10,842.8	10,637.1	10,885.3	652.4	717.5	643.3	704.5	6.2	6.6	6.0	6.5
Utah	1,173.8	1,194.4	1,164.1	1,186.5	77.8	69.0	74.1	70.5	6.6	5.8	6.4	5.9
Vermont	344.9	350.6	345.2	350.8	16.8	18.0	15.1	16.6	4.9	5.1	4.4	4.7
Virginia	3,695.7	3,754.5	3,709.2	3,781.1	164.4	161.2	153.3	154.8	4.4	4.3	4.1	4.1
Washington	3,050.8	3,105.3	3,062.3	3,103.8	246.5	237.3	239.5	228.9	8.1	7.6	7.8	7.4
West Virginia	802.3	798.2	803.3	795.5	52.8	54.7	52.1	50.0	6.6	6.9	6.5	6.3
Wisconsin	3,012.7	3,081.2	3,014.8	3,083.2	205.2	198.9	201.7	199.7	6.8	6.5	6.7	6.5
Wyoming	267.2	271.5	269.6	273.5	13.9	14.1	13.3	13.1	5.2	5.2	4.9	4.8
Puerto Rico	1,374.7	1,384.0	1,358.8	1,394.8	188.0	173.4	166.9	169.0	13.7	12.5	12.3	12.1

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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			
	Mar. 2002	Jan. 2003	Feb. 2003	Mar. 2003P	Mar. 2002	Jan. 2003	Feb. 2003	Mar. 2003P	Mar. 2002	Jan. 2003	Feb. 2003	Mar. 2003P
Alabama	1,886.5	1,880.9	1,876.3	1,873.9	101.7	100.1	100.4	98.8	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)
Alaska	294.2	297.6	297.8	297.5	15.4	15.5	15.9	16.0	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)
Arizona	2,252.8	2,273.9	2,270.4	2,273.4	171.5	174.6	174.8	176.1	187.0	178.0	177.2	176.9
Arkansas	1,145.5	1,149.4	1,147.1	1,147.2	54.4	56.1	53.7	53.4	215.6	212.8	211.1	210.0
California	14,464.8	14,493.3	14,478.2	14,474.1	773.1	780.9	783.6	792.0	1,660.5	1,599.6	1,598.1	1,595.9
Colorado	2,181.5	2,172.1	2,165.3	2,165.5	160.6	156.6	155.6	155.6	168.8	160.0	158.7	157.6
Connecticut	1,673.5	1,661.7	1,655.0	1,655.2	65.1	61.0	60.2	60.3	215.1	208.6	206.6	206.7
Delaware ^{3,4}	412.3	412.5	409.3	409.3	24.2	24.7	24.0	23.4	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)
District of Columbia ³	663.1	665.7	664.5	667.7	11.6	12.2	12.0	12.0	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)
Florida ³	7,163.9	7,252.3	7,259.3	7,253.1	431.3	432.8	435.2	438.1	411.1	398.6	397.6	393.7
Georgia	3,909.8	3,899.6	3,899.4	3,913.5	203.7	198.1	199.8	203.8	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)
Hawaii ³	551.5	566.3	564.1	563.1	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)
Idaho	562.9	563.2	563.8	563.3	35.6	36.4	36.5	36.1	64.5	62.5	62.5	61.7
Illinois	5,880.9	5,901.4	5,872.1	5,854.7	274.7	285.7	276.2	276.6	763.8	743.5	743.5	742.4
Indiana	2,882.7	2,882.3	2,871.9	2,871.7	146.2	140.6	138.2	139.5	588.1	590.3	585.7	584.5
Iowa	1,448.6	1,445.0	1,447.6	1,441.6	64.6	65.8	65.1	62.7	228.6	225.4	224.6	223.8
Kansas	1,336.0	1,333.8	1,337.2	1,334.1	63.2	62.2	62.6	62.7	185.0	181.6	180.4	178.9
Kentucky	1,789.6	1,792.5	1,785.3	1,784.3	84.3	87.1	84.2	83.1	278.7	272.1	271.8	272.8
Louisiana	1,894.3	1,903.2	1,897.9	1,897.4	118.3	115.7	116.4	117.0	162.2	159.8	157.7	158.0
Maine	605.4	605.4	603.6	604.7	29.0	28.8	28.6	28.7	68.9	65.1	64.6	64.5
Maryland ³	2,479.0	2,469.2	2,469.8	2,474.9	168.0	167.1	165.7	164.0	159.7	153.8	155.0	154.8
Massachusetts	3,260.6	3,215.1	3,209.1	3,203.0	140.3	138.3	137.6	134.3	354.0	338.3	337.7	336.9
Michigan	4,472.1	4,445.6	4,437.0	4,419.3	201.6	203.6	202.0	198.7	764.9	751.4	738.0	736.7
Minnesota	2,647.7	2,639.3	2,639.2	2,635.3	121.5	121.2	121.5	120.4	349.7	349.7	348.6	350.4
Mississippi	1,125.1	1,125.9	1,125.2	1,127.3	54.6	55.2	54.5	53.3	191.7	183.7	183.3	183.3
Missouri	2,704.3	2,636.8	2,638.1	2,632.5	138.3	133.3	133.0	133.6	326.5	313.7	313.2	313.0
Montana	392.5	394.2	394.8	393.5	20.9	22.4	22.0	21.6	20.0	18.9	18.7	19.4
Nebraska	907.7	900.2	900.8	903.1	44.7	44.5	44.3	44.3	106.3	105.0	105.6	104.6
Nevada	1,041.3	1,055.9	1,057.4	1,060.1	90.4	91.8	92.3	93.1	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)
New Hampshire	618.7	618.2	615.9	617.3	28.7	28.2	27.1	26.9	86.3	81.5	80.7	81.0
New Jersey	4,003.0	3,993.1	3,980.1	4,001.9	162.8	163.6	162.0	165.7	374.0	360.5	358.6	360.0
New Mexico	762.6	773.2	776.7	777.0	46.5	45.8	45.7	46.3	38.7	37.7	37.9	37.6
New York	8,457.3	8,417.5	8,400.5	8,390.2	322.7	323.8	321.7	323.1	661.8	631.5	628.1	626.0
North Carolina	3,847.1	3,832.2	3,827.5	3,829.8	220.8	212.8	213.7	211.4	654.0	622.4	617.6	616.9
North Dakota	328.8	329.0	328.4	329.0	15.4	14.5	14.2	14.3	23.7	23.1	23.1	23.6
Ohio	5,454.1	5,404.9	5,389.8	5,381.5	236.5	237.1	231.7	230.4	891.7	867.7	866.4	864.7
Oklahoma	1,489.4	1,473.2	1,475.8	1,471.2	64.7	65.0	65.4	65.4	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)
Oregon	1,569.7	1,572.6	1,572.0	1,567.1	78.0	78.5	78.3	78.1	202.8	199.2	197.8	195.8
Pennsylvania	5,654.2	5,626.0	5,623.2	5,632.7	251.1	247.3	248.3	250.0	770.3	738.9	736.2	735.1
Rhode Island	478.4	479.7	479.6	479.3	19.9	19.3	19.3	19.5	63.4	61.1	61.3	61.0
South Carolina	1,800.1	1,805.0	1,805.9	1,796.6	111.6	111.6	110.0	107.5	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)
South Dakota	374.4	374.7	375.1	375.0	18.3	19.0	19.0	19.1	38.4	38.0	37.9	37.8
Tennessee	2,656.0	2,657.5	2,663.9	2,669.6	114.5	111.4	111.1	109.7	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)
Texas	9,429.9	9,431.0	9,426.4	9,436.3	572.1	574.2	573.2	574.9	963.5	930.5	928.7	928.0
Utah	1,071.3	1,077.2	1,073.4	1,070.6	67.9	67.4	66.1	65.9	114.6	111.8	110.8	110.5
Vermont	299.8	302.9	301.8	301.3	15.1	15.0	15.3	15.2	41.7	39.1	39.0	38.7
Virginia	3,491.6	3,486.0	3,483.0	3,478.4	214.5	206.1	205.9	204.3	323.1	315.3	313.0	311.9
Washington	2,645.7	2,666.5	2,662.1	2,655.2	152.1	156.7	156.6	156.1	291.5	275.1	273.2	271.6
West Virginia	734.6	733.9	734.2	732.5	34.6	35.3	34.6	34.3	69.5	66.8	66.1	66.4
Wisconsin	2,780.0	2,775.2	2,775.7	2,773.4	122.7	119.9	119.0	116.6	531.9	524.8	520.8	520.1
Wyoming	247.4	247.8	248.4	247.3	19.8	20.4	20.5	19.7	(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			
	Mar. 2002	Jan. 2003	Feb. 2003	Mar. 2003P	Mar. 2002	Jan. 2003	Feb. 2003	Mar. 2003P	Mar. 2002	Jan. 2003	Feb. 2003	Mar. 2003P
Alabama	374.9	374.1	379.8	378.6	97.2	97.0	96.9	97.2	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)
Alaska	61.4	60.3	60.6	60.5	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	22.9	23.0	23.3	22.9
Arizona	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	155.1	155.6	154.1	153.0	312.7	317.0	313.0	313.8
Arkansas	241.8	242.5	242.8	243.6	49.7	50.1	49.9	50.1	99.7	102.1	102.0	101.0
California	2,720.2	2,749.4	2,741.8	2,736.2	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	2,128.8	2,128.5	2,120.9	2,111.6
Colorado	412.2	413.4	411.7	407.8	148.0	149.6	150.0	150.8	293.9	276.6	277.3	279.5
Connecticut	310.4	306.8	315.4	318.3	142.9	141.1	141.4	141.6	204.2	198.2	198.1	199.9
Delaware ^{3,4}	76.8	78.1	76.6	77.3	39.0	38.1	38.0	38.2	67.9	67.1	67.2	67.6
District of Columbia ³	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	138.9	139.9	139.5	140.2
Florida ³	1,475.9	1,479.0	1,473.8	1,473.3	472.8	475.3	475.9	475.7	1,210.7	1,242.3	1,242.9	1,238.4
Georgia	835.4	827.9	838.4	834.4	212.7	216.1	214.6	214.6	523.5	523.4	521.1	528.6
Hawaii ³	105.8	107.6	108.6	108.8	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)
Idaho	115.8	114.1	114.3	114.1	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	67.4	68.0	68.5	68.7
Illinois	1,199.1	1,195.4	1,193.9	1,189.1	400.4	404.5	403.7	402.5	781.4	785.2	780.6	781.8
Indiana	583.9	579.8	582.1	580.0	139.9	140.2	140.3	139.9	250.4	240.8	238.0	239.9
Iowa	307.0	303.9	302.2	300.8	94.0	93.5	93.8	93.5	104.7	105.4	105.9	104.1
Kansas	267.1	267.8	270.7	270.5	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)
Kentucky	374.8	366.0	367.7	368.0	84.7	87.2	86.8	86.1	152.8	155.5	155.1	153.1
Louisiana	385.0	387.7	387.3	386.1	99.3	100.2	99.4	98.7	183.1	178.3	177.8	177.3
Maine	123.9	123.5	122.7	121.9	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	51.4	51.3	50.9	50.7
Maryland ³	467.4	461.2	464.2	465.9	150.4	151.3	150.6	150.4	361.4	359.9	360.3	362.6
Massachusetts	580.6	577.8	580.1	579.6	229.7	230.0	229.2	229.1	457.4	438.6	434.6	434.4
Michigan	837.3	829.8	832.7	832.3	213.9	214.5	214.9	215.6	589.9	575.0	578.1	576.3
Minnesota	526.9	522.0	522.4	520.9	169.6	169.5	168.9	168.0	296.3	288.5	289.9	289.8
Mississippi	220.4	221.8	226.9	225.7	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)
Missouri	541.8	540.5	539.3	532.9	162.0	158.9	159.3	158.8	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)
Montana	84.6	84.5	84.0	84.0	19.2	19.8	20.0	19.8	32.1	32.5	32.5	32.6
Nebraska	195.8	198.2	197.8	197.4	61.4	62.9	63.0	63.1	92.8	88.6	87.7	89.2
Nevada	189.6	191.3	190.7	190.9	55.5	56.4	56.4	56.6	112.0	115.8	115.3	115.8
New Hampshire	137.8	138.2	138.9	139.0	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)
New Jersey	885.7	888.6	887.2	885.8	278.2	275.5	276.1	278.9	586.0	578.1	574.8	582.1
New Mexico	135.0	136.9	137.7	136.7	33.4	35.0	34.9	34.5	89.3	91.1	91.4	91.3
New York	1,478.8	1,486.5	1,487.4	1,488.5	708.7	702.0	700.8	699.4	1,055.1	1,037.6	1,032.9	1,028.9
North Carolina	724.4	720.8	719.9	721.1	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	413.6	415.0	415.9	420.9
North Dakota	71.5	72.3	71.9	72.2	17.9	18.0	18.1	18.1	23.9	24.0	24.1	24.1
Ohio	1,066.8	1,056.5	1,059.3	1,058.6	308.6	306.6	307.3	307.1	614.0	614.5	611.5	609.6
Oklahoma	287.5	284.5	285.4	283.0	83.4	83.6	83.0	83.3	162.8	160.1	159.1	157.2
Oregon	315.1	314.0	315.1	315.7	94.5	95.8	96.7	95.5	171.0	171.2	169.9	171.2
Pennsylvania	1,124.4	1,107.6	1,100.4	1,101.0	336.2	337.7	338.0	338.5	602.6	594.7	589.0	593.5
Rhode Island	79.9	81.5	82.2	82.7	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	49.4	47.5	46.7	47.0
South Carolina	347.7	348.3	347.5	347.4	88.6	89.7	90.1	90.4	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)
South Dakota	75.9	76.9	76.4	75.8	28.0	27.5	27.6	27.8	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)
Tennessee	576.1	568.3	573.9	574.7	138.3	138.9	139.4	139.1	299.0	308.3	308.4	311.5
Texas	1,971.5	1,958.0	1,959.3	1,954.3	579.3	583.5	584.0	583.9	1,054.2	1,046.9	1,049.3	1,052.9
Utah	215.0	216.6	217.3	216.0	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	131.5	131.4	132.4	131.7
Vermont	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	19.8	20.3	20.6	20.6
Virginia	636.1	637.0	635.2	634.6	181.3	182.8	182.6	181.6	548.4	541.0	539.5	544.0
Washington	510.3	512.0	509.3	507.9	144.9	150.4	150.3	149.6	286.9	289.2	290.7	292.2
West Virginia	138.4	137.1	136.2	136.4	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	56.2	58.6	59.2	59.3
Wisconsin	538.4	535.8	538.2	537.1	152.6	153.1	153.0	153.3	239.4	239.2	239.3	239.3
Wyoming	48.3	48.4	48.4	48.1	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	15.5	15.0	15.3	15.5

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			
	Mar. 2002	Jan. 2003	Feb. 2003	Mar. 2003P	Mar. 2002	Jan. 2003	Feb. 2003	Mar. 2003P	Mar. 2002	Jan. 2003	Feb. 2003	Mar. 2003P
Alabama	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)	151.1	156.8	154.8	152.6	352.4	355.2	354.6	354.7
Alaska	29.6	30.6	31.0	30.7	28.7	29.1	29.5	29.3	80.1	82.5	81.7	81.4
Arizona	229.0	239.7	241.8	242.2	227.2	230.4	230.5	231.4	385.0	386.0	387.4	386.1
Arkansas	134.3	137.7	137.6	138.2	86.8	86.4	87.6	87.7	195.5	195.3	195.9	196.1
California	1,486.2	1,510.2	1,514.9	1,520.6	1,367.7	1,403.9	1,402.8	1,402.4	2,438.0	2,469.5	2,466.4	2,462.3
Colorado	206.1	211.0	210.5	210.4	243.7	251.8	251.1	251.9	353.6	365.9	363.3	364.6
Connecticut	257.9	260.1	264.8	263.9	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)	250.1	251.2	246.7	246.4
Delaware ^{3,4}	48.0	49.1	49.4	49.3	36.2	38.0	37.7	37.8	56.5	56.2	55.8	56.6
District of Columbia ³	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)	47.3	48.3	48.5	49.0	232.2	232.0	232.4	232.6
Florida ³	850.2	871.3	872.2	875.1	791.3	808.6	812.0	806.7	1,030.3	1,061.7	1,065.3	1,065.5
Georgia	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)	336.0	335.6	337.7	338.4	621.3	632.2	631.5	629.5
Hawaii ³	62.6	64.1	64.7	64.6	96.5	99.1	98.2	98.2	117.6	121.2	119.5	119.1
Idaho	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)	52.6	54.0	54.0	53.9	111.6	112.8	111.6	112.1
Illinois	706.8	718.4	717.7	715.7	486.2	494.2	491.0	483.9	860.8	861.7	849.3	847.2
Indiana	343.6	349.6	351.1	350.4	265.5	264.7	263.3	261.6	409.2	418.1	416.6	420.0
Iowa	186.5	189.6	190.8	191.8	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)	244.5	241.3	245.9	246.0
Kansas	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)	108.8	107.3	106.3	106.8	250.5	253.4	253.9	251.5
Kentucky	218.9	226.4	228.0	227.8	153.4	159.1	156.9	156.6	312.7	315.2	311.5	311.1
Louisiana	232.6	241.0	239.6	239.9	193.7	193.7	195.8	196.6	372.3	377.9	376.0	376.2
Maine	104.2	106.3	106.4	106.8	57.0	57.7	57.7	58.0	102.6	103.2	103.5	103.5
Maryland ³	329.4	338.0	337.1	337.5	213.4	206.3	205.7	208.2	460.7	463.3	462.7	462.5
Massachusetts	565.6	570.1	571.1	569.4	281.1	281.0	279.8	281.2	430.2	426.1	425.3	424.8
Michigan	526.7	538.9	541.5	540.2	394.8	388.4	384.0	378.9	684.9	685.5	690.0	684.1
Minnesota	352.8	363.3	364.6	365.7	227.3	233.1	229.4	228.6	401.9	403.1	405.0	403.9
Mississippi	112.0	112.6	112.5	113.2	121.2	119.9	119.9	120.8	238.1	243.5	243.4	243.3
Missouri	348.1	346.7	346.3	345.5	258.7	255.0	251.3	251.1	427.1	414.5	415.7	414.4
Montana	51.6	52.2	52.0	51.9	50.4	51.8	51.9	51.2	84.0	81.9	83.6	82.9
Nebraska	112.8	109.0	111.7	113.4	76.1	72.6	71.9	71.5	158.5	160.4	160.6	160.7
Nevada	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)	296.1	296.9	297.7	297.8	129.0	133.6	134.2	134.3
New Hampshire	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)	60.4	61.7	61.6	62.1	88.3	88.7	88.9	88.7
New Jersey	523.4	536.8	536.7	539.5	308.2	310.1	304.7	309.1	615.1	619.0	619.6	619.6
New Mexico	92.0	96.7	96.9	97.5	79.4	79.6	81.1	82.1	188.9	192.0	192.1	191.9
New York	1,451.3	1,472.4	1,478.9	1,479.7	635.8	647.8	643.0	639.7	1,492.5	1,483.8	1,477.5	1,473.9
North Carolina	412.0	412.8	415.3	416.6	327.6	330.1	329.7	329.8	637.4	655.7	655.2	659.0
North Dakota	46.1	47.1	47.2	46.8	29.6	29.5	29.1	29.1	74.2	74.6	74.7	74.8
Ohio	708.5	714.1	712.7	716.9	484.4	473.0	472.3	466.2	800.0	797.5	794.6	793.7
Oklahoma	171.0	173.9	173.9	175.6	127.3	124.1	124.4	125.5	298.3	298.2	297.8	295.4
Oregon	184.0	185.7	186.1	186.1	148.5	151.1	152.5	150.7	273.3	273.4	271.5	269.8
Pennsylvania	960.4	978.4	982.7	985.2	462.8	467.4	470.4	471.4	736.9	745.4	751.1	751.2
Rhode Island	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)	47.7	48.1	47.8	47.2	66.0	66.0	65.7	65.9
South Carolina	171.3	173.0	176.9	176.5	185.8	197.8	192.2	184.3	324.2	332.3	334.7	334.6
South Dakota	53.6	54.7	54.8	54.6	38.9	37.6	38.2	38.2	73.3	74.2	74.1	74.4
Tennessee	293.7	303.4	305.4	307.9	236.9	238.2	238.5	238.4	408.9	412.9	413.2	413.5
Texas	1,071.6	1,112.3	1,112.3	1,114.3	842.4	844.9	844.7	845.9	1,615.8	1,639.3	1,642.3	1,646.6
Utah	112.2	117.4	117.8	117.5	102.5	100.0	99.1	98.1	193.2	197.2	195.5	195.6
Vermont	49.5	52.2	50.0	49.8	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)	50.6	52.2	51.8	52.0
Virginia	357.9	369.6	369.7	367.2	301.1	306.0	307.8	308.8	632.5	638.5	639.2	636.9
Washington	305.0	312.2	312.6	312.8	242.8	246.1	246.0	242.6	512.5	524.5	523.5	523.2
West Virginia	106.6	108.5	107.8	108.0	63.8	64.7	65.2	64.3	142.2	141.5	143.1	141.5
Wisconsin	352.5	361.3	360.6	361.8	238.3	240.7	237.1	236.8	416.9	409.7	417.8	416.6
Wyoming	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)	30.1	30.6	31.0	30.7	62.1	62.8	62.9	62.8

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 Delaware for total nonfarm have been corrected from January 1990 through February 2003.

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			
	Feb.		Mar.		Feb.		Mar.		Feb.		Mar.		Feb.		Mar.	
	2002	2003	2002	2003 ^P	2002	2003	2002	2003 ^P	2002	2003	2002	2003 ^P	2002	2003	2002	2003 ^P
Alabama	1,868.4	1,868.8	1,882.6	1,873.9	13.1	13.1	13.2	13.1	98.3	98.2	100.5	98.0	308.5	298.9	308.8	298.7
Alaska	280.3	284.7	283.5	286.2	10.7	10.0	10.8	10.1	12.4	12.6	12.8	13.0	11.9	11.8	11.7	11.6
Arizona	2,251.8	2,274.9	2,268.3	2,284.8	8.9	8.4	8.9	8.4	167.4	172.0	169.7	173.6	187.2	176.2	186.5	175.9
Arkansas	1,132.8	1,137.8	1,144.1	1,146.6	6.5	6.6	6.6	6.6	51.7	51.3	53.2	52.5	215.2	210.7	214.8	209.6
California	14,328.0	14,383.5	14,459.1	14,450.0	22.4	21.9	22.1	21.8	741.8	752.0	752.3	766.8	1,651.7	1,585.3	1,659.2	1,589.5
Colorado	2,158.0	2,153.4	2,171.3	2,158.4	12.8	13.2	12.9	13.3	151.3	147.3	154.5	149.5	167.6	158.2	167.8	156.7
Connecticut	1,648.7	1,633.5	1,657.5	1,640.3	.6	.6	.7	.6	58.5	54.5	59.9	55.8	215.4	206.2	214.9	206.1
Delaware	405.1	400.5	407.9	404.9	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	23.1	22.3	23.2	22.3	38.0	34.1	38.0	33.6
District of Columbia	653.4	657.9	660.4	663.7	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	11.3	11.5	11.4	11.7	3.1	2.8	3.2	2.8
Florida	7,157.3	7,271.2	7,219.8	7,303.0	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	427.2	433.0	429.9	436.5	411.8	398.0	412.2	394.5
Georgia	3,876.5	3,868.2	3,903.9	3,901.8	12.6	11.9	12.7	11.7	198.6	195.4	199.8	201.6	468.2	457.0	470.5	453.7
Hawaii	549.4	564.7	554.0	567.0	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	24.3	26.8	24.9	27.1	15.6	14.9	15.7	14.9
Idaho	548.2	552.5	553.5	555.0	3.6	3.3	3.2	3.1	31.0	31.5	31.9	32.2	63.7	61.7	64.0	60.7
Illinois	5,781.8	5,778.1	5,819.9	5,796.2	9.5	9.3	9.7	9.4	244.1	246.5	251.4	250.9	762.3	739.8	761.9	740.2
Indiana	2,847.0	2,840.9	2,865.1	2,854.2	6.9	6.7	7.0	7.0	133.5	123.9	137.0	128.2	583.6	582.2	585.0	581.0
Iowa	1,420.8	1,421.5	1,429.8	1,427.2	1.7	1.5	1.9	1.7	53.1	53.8	55.4	54.2	226.9	222.2	226.9	222.3
Kansas	1,318.6	1,325.6	1,330.6	1,330.1	6.5	6.4	6.5	6.4	57.6	57.6	59.5	59.7	184.4	179.6	184.3	178.4
Kentucky	1,761.8	1,763.4	1,774.7	1,772.7	21.0	19.4	20.8	19.5	78.2	77.8	79.7	79.0	277.8	271.5	277.7	272.3
Louisiana	1,882.3	1,889.1	1,893.1	1,896.2	48.9	47.7	48.6	47.0	117.9	114.8	118.5	116.3	160.2	155.9	160.7	156.6
Maine	585.5	586.1	588.9	589.0	2.8	2.7	2.7	2.7	25.5	25.2	25.6	25.6	68.2	64.6	68.0	64.4
Maryland	2,436.6	2,439.4	2,462.2	2,461.2	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	160.4	158.2	164.0	158.7	158.9	153.9	158.8	154.2
Massachusetts	3,203.9	3,175.5	3,223.4	3,179.2	1.3	1.4	1.4	1.3	125.8	124.5	128.8	123.4	354.6	336.3	353.8	336.2
Michigan	4,401.3	4,380.2	4,427.5	4,383.6	8.0	6.9	8.1	6.7	177.8	176.9	180.4	176.8	766.8	733.6	766.4	734.5
Minnesota	2,601.0	2,595.1	2,607.9	2,602.4	5.6	6.2	6.2	6.4	103.2	102.4	104.1	103.7	356.0	344.4	356.6	347.3
Mississippi	1,113.8	1,118.4	1,120.3	1,124.0	8.9	9.0	9.0	9.0	53.2	52.9	53.9	52.4	191.1	182.0	191.1	182.4
Missouri	2,667.0	2,613.9	2,691.0	2,624.8	4.5	3.8	4.5	3.9	129.0	122.3	132.2	126.3	326.3	312.6	326.5	312.4
Montana	383.3	386.5	385.6	386.8	5.9	6.2	5.8	6.0	18.0	18.7	18.1	18.8	19.6	18.6	19.5	18.7
Nebraska	891.7	892.0	898.9	895.6	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.3	39.6	40.1	41.2	40.8	106.5	105.4	106.0	104.2
Nevada	1,025.9	1,050.3	1,037.4	1,057.5	8.9	8.5	8.8	8.5	85.6	89.2	88.1	91.1	42.1	42.3	42.1	42.3
New Hampshire	608.6	609.1	611.4	609.9	.9	.8	.9	.9	25.4	24.9	25.7	24.9	86.9	81.0	86.6	81.3
New Jersey	3,940.2	3,930.0	3,968.8	3,969.3	1.6	1.3	1.7	1.3	152.2	148.4	155.2	156.6	372.8	356.8	372.6	359.3
New Mexico	754.1	769.4	760.9	774.5	14.4	13.4	14.3	13.5	44.3	43.6	45.1	44.8	37.9	36.8	38.1	36.9
New York	8,339.0	8,286.2	8,392.3	8,328.1	4.4	4.7	4.6	4.7	291.5	287.4	297.1	294.7	656.7	620.6	658.8	621.0
North Carolina	3,809.6	3,798.5	3,837.6	3,820.7	8.0	7.9	8.1	7.8	214.4	207.7	216.9	208.3	656.4	617.1	654.3	615.6
North Dakota	323.9	325.6	323.9	326.4	2.8	3.0	2.9	3.0	12.2	11.4	12.2	11.6	23.2	23.2	23.3	23.3
Ohio	5,363.6	5,330.2	5,398.0	5,350.0	12.0	11.6	12.1	11.7	210.4	205.2	216.8	210.4	890.9	863.8	889.1	863.0
Oklahoma	1,476.8	1,467.2	1,487.6	1,470.5	27.7	27.9	27.7	28.7	63.3	63.2	63.7	64.3	154.9	148.0	154.9	145.8
Oregon	1,546.2	1,551.5	1,554.6	1,553.1	8.7	9.7	8.7	9.1	72.9	73.8	73.9	73.9	198.9	193.6	199.0	191.2
Pennsylvania	5,575.0	5,562.7	5,613.9	5,596.6	18.7	17.1	18.8	17.2	224.5	223.4	231.6	231.0	768.4	731.8	767.4	732.2
Rhode Island	467.1	470.0	471.4	472.6	.2	.2	.2	.2	17.3	17.0	18.0	17.6	63.5	60.4	63.7	60.7
South Carolina	1,773.6	1,784.2	1,794.8	1,791.2	5.1	5.2	5.1	5.1	108.8	107.9	110.4	106.5	292.8	281.8	292.3	280.3
South Dakota	365.7	370.0	367.3	371.3	.9	.8	.9	.8	15.2	16.2	15.4	16.4	37.9	37.6	37.9	37.6
Tennessee	2,623.1	2,635.1	2,644.3	2,656.8	4.4	4.2	4.6	4.4	109.9	105.2	111.3	106.6	428.8	415.1	428.4	415.5
Texas	9,366.3	9,379.3	9,423.6	9,426.9	146.9	140.4	146.1	140.8	563.2	565.2	572.8	572.3	964.1	925.4	961.8	924.8
Utah	1,069.6	1,061.6	1,065.7	1,064.2	6.7	7.1	6.7	7.1	61.5	60.2	62.9	61.4	113.8	110.2	113.6	110.1
Vermont	299.4	302.4	299.1	302.2	.9	.9	.9	1.0	12.9	13.0	12.8	13.0	41.5	38.5	41.4	38.3
Virginia	3,444.5	3,444.3	3,472.7	3,461.6	10.9	10.2	11.0	10.2	206.0	197.8	210.0	200.0	321.6	313.0	321.5	311.9
Washington	2,611.2	2,624.4	2,623.0	2,633.1	9.1	8.8	8.9	8.7	143.5	146.0	144.6	147.7	287.6	268.3	287.1	267.5
West Virginia	719.9	721.9	727.5	726.2	24.1	22.9	23.6	22.9	30.0	29.9	31.0	30.9	69.4	65.9	69.3	65.9
Wisconsin	2,717.6	2,732.1	2,735.9	2,741.8	3.2	3.5	3.3	3.5	105.7	101.2	108.0	102.0	526.0	516.1	527.3	514.9
Wyoming	237.7	239.2	240.2	240.4	18.1	17.3	17.9	17.5	17.0	17.8	17.5	17.6	9.1	8.9	9.3	8.8
Puerto Rico	980.9	985.9	982.4	989.0	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2	69.3	65.6	68.5	65.1	118.4	117.9	118.5	119.1

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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			
	Feb.		Mar.		Feb.		Mar.		Feb.		Mar.		Feb.		Mar.	
	2002	2003	2002	2003 ^P	2002	2003	2002	2003 ^P	2002	2003	2002	2003 ^P	2002	2003	2002	2003 ^P
Alabama	368.9	367.3	371.6	369.1	34.4	33.5	34.6	33.6	96.4	96.5	96.7	96.8	179.2	182.1	183.2	183.0
Alaska	57.0	57.5	57.9	57.9	6.8	6.9	6.9	6.9	13.1	13.2	13.4	13.4	21.8	22.1	22.0	22.1
Arizona	434.0	445.0	436.7	445.5	53.2	49.5	52.7	49.1	154.7	152.9	154.2	153.2	307.7	310.8	313.1	314.4
Arkansas	236.9	238.7	239.8	241.7	20.5	19.8	20.2	19.9	49.2	49.5	49.5	49.7	96.9	98.9	99.1	99.7
California	2,679.9	2,706.2	2,694.3	2,703.4	511.3	470.3	519.8	472.0	840.4	857.2	843.7	860.2	2,103.7	2,103.9	2,126.3	2,105.3
Colorado	405.3	405.1	406.4	401.7	97.0	89.8	96.2	89.7	148.3	151.2	148.7	152.0	287.0	273.4	288.8	276.1
Connecticut	303.8	304.4	305.4	304.6	41.9	39.9	41.8	40.1	142.1	140.8	142.1	141.0	197.7	194.1	200.7	197.1
Delaware	74.2	75.3	75.1	76.2	7.8	7.8	7.8	8.1	38.7	37.6	38.9	38.0	68.5	66.6	68.0	67.2
District of Columbia	27.7	27.2	27.5	27.3	25.6	25.5	26.0	25.3	30.6	30.4	30.9	30.9	136.3	137.7	137.5	139.1
Florida	1,467.4	1,465.0	1,475.6	1,467.4	180.6	169.0	180.8	170.4	471.7	474.9	473.3	476.7	1,206.7	1,241.7	1,220.9	1,245.8
Georgia	822.4	827.5	826.5	827.7	140.2	127.0	141.5	127.3	211.8	211.2	211.4	212.2	520.9	513.7	523.5	527.3
Hawaii	104.8	107.2	104.9	107.2	11.7	11.3	11.6	11.3	27.3	27.9	27.6	28.1	64.9	67.9	65.4	68.4
Idaho	112.6	111.8	113.3	112.2	9.1	9.0	9.1	8.9	25.2	25.6	25.3	25.7	64.5	66.9	65.8	67.3
Illinois	1,177.1	1,177.2	1,182.7	1,177.2	147.8	145.6	147.6	144.5	398.3	401.3	399.1	400.5	762.5	771.2	766.0	777.1
Indiana	572.6	571.0	574.5	571.6	42.6	41.5	42.9	41.8	138.9	139.5	138.9	139.4	240.8	232.6	244.8	236.4
Iowa	299.1	296.3	300.3	295.9	35.6	34.2	35.4	34.5	93.0	93.1	93.3	92.9	102.5	104.1	103.7	104.2
Kansas	262.8	266.2	263.1	266.0	51.3	50.0	51.4	50.3	68.4	69.2	68.8	69.4	124.3	124.3	126.3	124.4
Kentucky	366.9	361.8	369.5	364.0	32.2	31.6	32.2	31.7	83.9	85.1	84.1	85.3	149.2	151.2	151.1	151.6
Louisiana	379.0	382.7	382.2	383.4	29.3	29.3	29.5	29.5	98.9	98.8	99.1	98.6	182.3	177.4	183.5	177.7
Maine	118.1	117.9	118.1	117.7	11.7	11.5	11.6	11.4	34.6	34.4	34.8	34.5	49.4	49.5	50.0	49.9
Maryland	455.8	451.7	460.1	455.2	54.9	51.0	54.8	51.5	149.3	149.1	149.4	149.0	353.4	354.5	357.6	359.3
Massachusetts	567.4	569.1	569.5	568.6	102.7	94.5	102.5	94.1	228.9	228.5	228.3	228.4	447.2	429.8	450.3	431.4
Michigan	814.9	816.2	820.4	818.5	75.9	74.0	75.8	75.6	212.2	212.9	212.2	214.1	575.4	569.8	578.8	570.3
Minnesota	516.0	510.7	516.8	510.0	67.2	65.4	67.2	65.1	168.6	167.2	168.6	166.7	289.8	285.0	290.4	287.8
Mississippi	217.3	222.1	218.3	223.7	16.4	15.9	16.3	16.0	45.4	46.1	45.5	45.9	76.5	76.9	77.1	78.1
Missouri	530.8	530.1	535.2	526.5	72.8	67.8	72.4	67.8	158.4	157.9	160.7	157.8	305.2	289.5	307.4	293.0
Montana	82.1	82.1	82.6	82.1	7.8	7.9	7.8	8.0	18.9	19.8	19.0	19.6	31.6	31.5	31.7	31.8
Nebraska	191.9	194.6	192.6	194.2	24.8	24.2	24.8	24.2	60.7	62.9	60.9	62.8	89.8	87.2	91.4	88.5
Nevada	185.6	188.3	186.4	189.0	17.3	16.1	17.1	16.1	55.1	56.0	55.4	56.2	110.7	114.7	112.6	115.2
New Hampshire	133.6	136.3	134.3	136.2	13.3	12.4	13.1	12.4	36.2	36.8	36.2	36.8	52.8	52.2	53.1	52.4
New Jersey	869.5	873.9	874.8	873.4	120.3	110.8	120.3	110.9	276.2	274.2	275.1	277.2	570.8	569.1	581.0	578.6
New Mexico	132.7	135.2	133.1	134.9	17.1	16.8	17.2	16.7	33.3	34.5	33.4	34.2	87.8	90.0	88.9	90.5
New York	1,447.0	1,459.0	1,455.7	1,463.1	303.3	279.6	299.0	281.4	705.5	694.5	705.4	694.5	1,035.7	1,018.8	1,041.4	1,021.9
North Carolina	710.2	707.7	716.6	709.6	79.4	78.3	79.6	78.6	185.9	191.3	187.1	192.0	407.1	415.4	411.6	419.6
North Dakota	70.3	70.8	70.3	71.0	8.0	7.8	7.9	7.8	17.8	17.9	17.8	18.0	23.5	23.7	23.6	23.6
Ohio	1,045.3	1,038.1	1,050.2	1,040.6	102.5	97.4	102.2	96.9	306.9	304.4	307.5	304.6	597.0	601.1	603.2	602.3
Oklahoma	281.7	281.7	284.3	280.2	36.9	34.6	36.4	34.1	82.6	82.5	82.6	83.1	158.3	156.1	160.7	155.7
Oregon	307.4	306.9	308.6	308.1	38.2	35.8	37.5	35.8	94.1	94.5	93.9	93.8	166.7	168.0	168.4	169.5
Pennsylvania	1,101.1	1,083.9	1,107.8	1,086.7	130.0	128.8	130.7	128.8	333.9	335.6	334.9	336.8	588.8	582.5	595.6	588.8
Rhode Island	77.7	80.1	77.9	80.3	11.2	11.4	11.3	11.3	32.3	32.5	32.2	32.7	47.0	45.5	47.7	46.1
South Carolina	339.6	341.9	343.8	344.3	27.6	27.5	27.8	27.5	86.7	89.7	87.5	90.0	176.7	174.7	179.4	174.1
South Dakota	74.3	75.6	74.3	75.3	6.7	6.7	6.8	6.6	28.0	27.4	27.9	27.7	24.4	23.6	24.5	23.8
Tennessee	566.4	563.6	570.7	567.2	53.9	51.9	54.4	52.4	137.6	138.0	137.9	138.2	293.4	305.6	297.3	309.6
Texas	1,946.3	1,933.8	1,953.6	1,934.8	256.3	236.0	255.2	234.6	575.9	580.5	577.2	581.6	1,042.0	1,038.8	1,049.6	1,047.6
Utah	212.5	212.4	211.7	211.9	31.7	30.9	31.1	30.9	63.4	63.9	62.9	64.0	132.7	130.5	129.6	130.3
Vermont	57.7	58.6	57.9	58.4	6.7	6.6	6.7	6.7	13.0	13.1	13.0	13.2	19.2	20.0	19.3	20.1
Virginia	623.7	622.6	625.5	623.7	109.4	100.9	108.8	101.0	179.7	181.2	180.4	180.7	541.5	534.1	547.3	540.7
Washington	498.9	497.6	500.1	498.8	93.9	93.1	93.5	93.0	143.6	147.1	144.0	147.3	282.3	286.1	284.6	289.1
West Virginia	134.9	133.7	135.9	134.1	13.4	12.8	13.4	12.8	30.4	31.1	30.7	30.6	54.8	58.3	55.6	58.8
Wisconsin	524.7	525.8	527.4	526.9	51.3	50.1	51.2	50.7	151.7	152.7	151.7	152.9	229.5	234.3	233.1	235.0
Wyoming	46.4	46.6	46.7	46.7	4.2	4.2	4.2	4.3	9.7	10.1	9.7	10.1	14.8	14.6	15.0	15.0
Puerto Rico	174.0	172.2	173.7	171.4	21.2	21.2	21.2	21.1	44.0	44.7	44.4	44.6	96.6	98.9	95.5	98.7

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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			
	Feb.		Mar.		Feb.		Mar.		Feb.		Mar.		Feb.		Mar.	
	2002	2003	2002	2003 ^P	2002	2003	2002	2003 ^P	2002	2003	2002	2003 ^P	2002	2003	2002	2003 ^P
Alabama	180.9	184.9	181.2	185.2	146.2	149.2	149.2	151.1	86.6	85.9	87.0	85.6	355.9	359.2	356.6	359.7
Alaska	29.4	30.8	29.7	30.7	24.9	25.3	25.0	25.5	11.8	12.1	12.0	12.2	80.5	82.4	81.3	82.8
Arizona	229.4	242.5	230.7	243.2	228.4	232.2	232.5	236.0	85.6	86.2	86.6	87.4	395.3	399.2	396.7	398.1
Arkansas	133.8	138.1	135.0	138.9	82.8	84.7	85.2	87.1	40.3	40.0	40.7	40.5	199.0	199.5	200.0	200.4
California	1,491.7	1,522.5	1,503.0	1,532.8	1,335.3	1,378.3	1,355.4	1,389.3	500.0	499.8	503.8	502.3	2,449.8	2,486.1	2,479.2	2,506.6
Colorado	205.7	210.9	206.4	211.0	243.4	252.1	246.1	254.2	84.7	84.0	85.3	84.1	354.9	368.2	358.2	370.1
Connecticut	258.9	264.1	258.9	263.6	113.0	115.6	115.0	117.2	61.9	62.4	62.3	62.7	254.9	250.9	255.8	251.5
Delaware	48.0	49.4	48.2	49.7	32.6	34.1	33.7	35.3	17.2	17.4	17.3	17.4	57.0	55.9	57.7	57.3
District of Columbia	89.7	91.8	92.1	93.1	44.9	47.0	46.7	48.5	55.1	55.1	55.3	55.4	229.1	228.9	229.8	229.6
Florida	847.2	872.8	854.8	878.6	794.7	820.1	814.0	831.7	305.8	315.4	309.5	316.7	1,044.2	1,081.3	1,048.8	1,084.7
Georgia	366.8	375.7	369.9	377.5	321.5	326.9	330.7	335.7	187.9	186.6	191.8	190.7	625.6	635.3	625.6	636.4
Hawaii	62.6	65.0	62.9	65.2	95.8	98.2	96.8	98.6	23.3	23.8	23.6	23.8	119.1	121.7	120.6	122.4
Idaho	58.9	61.2	59.4	61.6	50.0	52.0	50.8	52.4	17.6	17.1	17.6	17.1	112.0	112.4	113.1	113.8
Illinois	706.1	716.8	709.9	718.1	460.6	464.6	469.9	467.6	247.4	248.3	249.2	249.1	866.1	857.5	872.5	861.6
Indiana	347.3	355.0	348.4	354.6	252.1	250.5	257.1	254.0	104.7	108.4	105.6	107.4	424.0	429.6	423.9	432.8
Iowa	188.7	193.5	189.6	195.7	116.0	116.6	117.8	118.2	55.9	56.4	56.3	56.7	248.3	249.8	249.2	250.9
Kansas	155.1	160.1	155.9	160.0	103.7	102.7	106.0	103.9	52.4	53.3	52.8	53.2	252.1	256.2	256.0	258.4
Kentucky	218.2	227.3	218.7	227.8	143.5	147.8	147.8	151.0	74.5	74.2	74.9	74.3	316.4	315.7	318.2	316.2
Louisiana	232.7	240.3	233.0	240.9	189.5	192.5	192.2	195.4	68.1	70.7	68.7	70.8	375.5	379.0	377.1	380.0
Maine	104.2	106.8	104.8	107.4	46.7	47.0	47.9	48.1	19.1	19.8	19.2	19.9	105.2	106.7	106.2	107.4
Maryland	329.2	337.9	330.2	339.4	196.0	196.6	202.6	202.9	111.3	115.5	112.8	116.5	467.4	471.0	471.9	474.5
Massachusetts	569.3	578.0	573.1	578.1	255.4	264.3	262.0	268.0	114.6	116.6	116.2	117.7	436.7	432.5	437.5	432.0
Michigan	524.7	544.7	527.3	543.4	367.8	363.2	375.6	362.4	172.0	173.9	173.3	174.2	705.8	708.1	709.2	707.1
Minnesota	353.1	365.7	355.2	368.1	213.6	216.3	215.0	217.2	116.7	116.4	117.0	116.1	411.2	415.4	410.8	414.0
Mississippi	111.9	112.3	112.6	112.7	116.9	117.1	119.6	119.8	36.9	38.3	37.3	38.4	239.3	245.8	239.6	245.6
Missouri	348.4	349.1	348.8	347.9	236.5	238.5	245.6	244.6	116.0	118.3	117.0	119.0	439.1	424.0	440.7	425.6
Montana	51.6	52.4	51.9	52.4	47.1	48.6	47.8	48.6	15.6	15.8	15.7	15.9	85.1	84.9	85.7	84.9
Nebraska	112.0	111.5	113.7	113.4	72.5	70.5	73.7	70.6	33.2	32.9	33.2	33.3	159.5	161.5	160.2	162.3
Nevada	70.0	73.7	70.7	74.2	290.3	294.9	294.3	297.0	29.4	30.1	29.9	30.4	130.9	136.5	132.0	137.5
New Hampshire	91.5	93.9	92.2	93.8	54.9	57.3	55.7	57.6	21.9	21.9	21.8	21.9	91.2	91.6	91.8	91.7
New Jersey	522.9	536.5	524.4	541.5	285.0	282.2	290.8	291.1	146.5	147.9	147.1	149.3	622.4	628.9	625.8	630.1
New Mexico	92.6	98.4	93.5	99.1	76.3	78.4	78.0	80.6	27.0	28.2	27.2	28.3	190.7	194.1	192.1	195.0
New York	1,457.5	1,484.8	1,471.0	1,496.0	592.8	603.1	603.8	608.4	342.4	344.4	345.1	347.9	1,502.2	1,489.3	1,510.4	1,494.5
North Carolina	410.5	417.8	412.2	419.9	309.3	308.8	318.2	316.6	177.5	177.5	178.4	178.5	650.9	669.0	654.6	674.2
North Dakota	46.3	47.3	46.0	47.1	28.4	28.4	28.6	28.9	15.3	15.1	15.3	15.1	76.1	77.0	76.0	77.0
Ohio	708.9	717.7	709.8	722.6	449.9	455.8	461.1	458.7	226.6	226.3	228.5	227.2	813.2	808.8	817.5	812.0
Oklahoma	170.8	174.4	171.1	176.8	121.8	120.9	125.2	123.7	74.8	76.2	75.3	77.1	304.0	301.7	305.7	301.0
Oregon	184.0	188.3	185.1	188.9	141.6	145.0	143.6	146.6	55.3	58.4	55.6	59.1	278.4	277.5	280.3	277.1
Pennsylvania	969.6	991.5	973.3	994.1	429.2	439.4	439.3	448.3	255.4	260.3	257.3	262.0	755.4	768.4	757.2	770.7
Rhode Island	87.7	90.3	88.7	90.5	42.3	43.7	43.4	43.6	21.1	22.3	21.2	22.6	66.8	66.6	67.1	67.0
South Carolina	170.2	177.3	172.1	177.2	173.9	172.6	181.7	179.0	63.4	65.7	64.7	65.7	328.8	339.9	330.0	341.5
South Dakota	53.7	55.0	54.0	55.3	34.9	36.3	35.7	36.5	15.6	15.9	15.7	16.0	74.1	74.9	74.2	75.3
Tennessee	291.2	304.9	293.8	307.5	223.1	226.3	228.9	232.2	99.6	100.8	100.2	101.5	414.8	419.5	416.8	421.7
Texas	1,066.2	1,111.8	1,071.0	1,115.6	816.3	824.4	835.3	841.2	351.1	354.4	355.9	359.0	1,638.0	1,668.6	1,645.1	1,674.6
Utah	112.9	117.4	113.4	117.1	106.3	97.3	103.3	98.7	33.1	32.1	32.5	32.6	195.0	199.6	198.0	200.1
Vermont	49.7	51.7	50.0	52.1	35.5	35.8	34.6	34.8	9.7	10.2	9.8	10.2	52.6	54.0	52.7	54.4
Virginia	360.2	372.7	362.1	371.6	279.2	288.6	289.3	297.8	175.0	177.3	176.4	178.3	637.3	645.9	640.4	645.7
Washington	305.6	313.7	307.3	314.9	232.2	235.9	236.0	236.5	95.4	97.3	95.9	97.6	519.1	530.5	521.0	532.0
West Virginia	106.7	108.0	107.4	108.5	60.2	62.6	61.7	63.0	55.0	55.2	55.2	55.9	141.0	141.5	143.7	142.8
Wisconsin	352.3	362.4	353.0	363.6	220.7	223.6	222.5	226.6	131.0	137.9	132.2	139.5	421.5	424.5	426.2	426.2
Wyoming	19.7	19.8	19.8	19.9	27.0	27.3	27.2	27.2	9.4	9.3	9.5	9.4	62.3	63.3	63.4	63.9
Puerto Rico	83.4	86.3	85.4	88.3	63.1	64.0	63.4	64.3	16.5	15.8	16.5	15.7	293.2	298.1	294.1	299.5

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 March 2003

(U.S. rate = 5.8 percent)

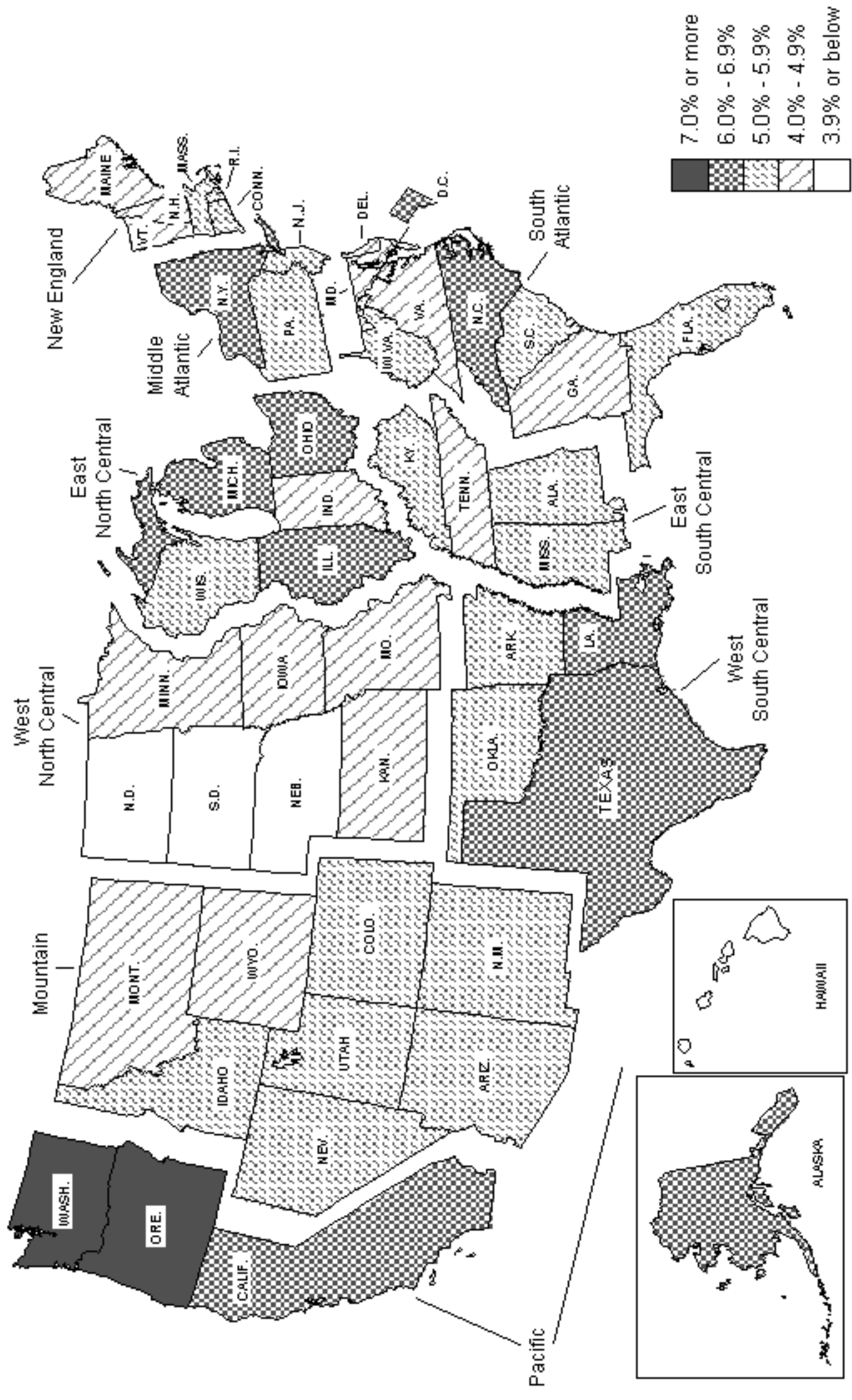


Chart 2. Percentage change in nonfarm employment by state, seasonally adjusted, March 2002 – March 2003

