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REGIONAL AND STATE EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT: FEBRUARY 2006

Regional and state unemployment rates were generally up slightly in February, the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the U.S. Department of Labor reported today. Thirty-three states recorded rate increases over the month, 11 states and the District of Columbia experienced rate decreases, and 6 states had no changes in their rates. Over the year, jobless rates were down in 39 states and the District of Columbia, up in 8 states, and unchanged in 3 states. The national unemployment rate, 4.8 percent in February, was little changed from that of January but was down by 0.6 percentage point from a year earlier.

Nonfarm payroll employment increased in 41 states and the District of Columbia over the month and decreased in 9 states. The largest employment gains occurred in California (+31,100), Texas (+25,400), Florida (+22,900), Arizona (+16,200), Washington (+13,800), and North Carolina (+13,000). Idaho and Kansas reported the largest over-the-month percentage increases in employment (+0.9 percent each), followed by Montana (+0.8 percent) and Hawaii and Louisiana (+0.7 percent each). The largest employment decreases were reported in Michigan (-9,400), Virginia (-2,400), Kentucky (-2,200), Ohio (-2,000), Nebraska (-1,800), and New Hampshire (-1,600). The largest over-the-month percentage losses in employment occurred in New Hampshire (-0.3 percent), Michigan and Nebraska (-0.2 percent each), and Kentucky, North Dakota, Vermont, and Virginia (-0.1 percent each). Over the year, nonfarm employment increased in 48 states and the District of Columbia and decreased in 2 states (Louisiana and Michigan). The largest percentage gains were reported in Nevada (+6.1 percent), Idaho (+5.3 percent), Arizona (+5.2 percent), and Utah (+4.0 percent).

Regional Unemployment (Seasonally Adjusted)

In February, the South posted the lowest regional unemployment rate, 4.5 percent, followed by the Northeast and West, 4.7 percent each. The Midwest continued to report the highest regional unemployment rate, 5.1 percent. None of the four regions registered statistically significant changes in their jobless rates from January. In contrast, all four regions experienced significant rate decreases over the year—the West had the largest decline (-0.7 percentage point), followed by the Midwest and South (-0.6 point each) and the Northeast (-0.2 point). (See table 1.)

Among the nine geographic divisions, the South Atlantic again had the lowest unemployment rate, 4.0 percent in February, followed closely by the Mountain, 4.1 percent. The East South Central and East North Central divisions again posted the highest jobless rates, 5.6 and 5.4 percent, respectively. New England was the only division to experience a statistically significant over-the-month rate change (+0.3 percentage point).

Seven of the nine divisions posted significant changes from last February: the East North Central, Pacific, South Atlantic, and West South Central (-0.7 percentage point each), Mountain (-0.6 point), West North Central (-0.4 point), and Middle Atlantic (-0.2 point). No division had a rate increase over the year.

State Unemployment (Seasonally Adjusted)

Hawaii again reported the lowest unemployment rate, 2.5 percent in February. Six other states posted rates below 3.5 percent: Virginia, 3.0 percent, Florida, 3.2 percent, Wyoming, 3.3 percent, and Idaho, Nebraska, and North Dakota, 3.4 percent each. Two states recorded the lowest unemployment rates in their series—Louisiana, 4.3 percent, and Montana, 3.7 percent. (All state series begin in 1976.) In Montana, the jobless rate has edged down steadily over nearly eight years. The Louisiana figure accounts for only persons residing in the state. The Louisiana labor force is at its lowest level since 1993. It is possible that persons displaced from Louisiana by Hurricane Katrina are seeking jobs in other states. Once again, Mississippi had the highest jobless rate, 8.4 percent in February, followed by Alaska, 7.0 percent. Three other states reported unemployment rates above 6.0 percent: Michigan, 6.6 percent, South Carolina, 6.4 percent, and Kentucky, 6.3 percent. Seventeen states registered jobless rates that were significantly below the U.S. rate, 6 states reported significantly higher rates, and 27 states and the District of Columbia had rates that statistically were little different from that of the nation. (See tables A and 3 and chart 1.)

Eight states posted statistically significant over-the-month jobless rate increases in February—Arkansas, Indiana, Massachusetts, and Rhode Island (+0.4 percentage point each), Iowa, North Dakota, and Wisconsin (+0.3 point each), and Pennsylvania (+0.2 point). Colorado was the only state with a statistically significant over-the-month rate decrease (-0.4 percentage point). Forty-one states and the District of Columbia registered February unemployment rates that were not appreciably different from those of January.

Twenty-nine states and the District of Columbia recorded statistically significant unemployment rate decreases from February 2005, 2 states posted significant rate increases, and 19 states had rates that were little different from those of a year ago. Louisiana recorded the largest over-the-year drop among state jobless rates (-1.2 percentage points), followed by Colorado, Florida, and Illinois (-0.9 point each) and Missouri, Oklahoma, Oregon, and Washington (-0.8 point each). The District of Columbia also reported a statistically significant rate decrease (-1.7 percentage points). Mississippi and Kentucky again experienced the only significant unemployment rate increases from a year earlier (+1.6 percentage points and +0.7 point, respectively). (See table B.)

Nonfarm Payroll Employment (Seasonally Adjusted)

Between January and February 2006, the measured changes in employment were statistically significant in 11 states. All states with statistically significant changes experienced employment increases. The largest gains occurred in California (+31,100), Arizona (+16,200), Washington (+13,800), and North Carolina (+13,000). (See tables C and 5.)

Over the year, the measured changes in employment were statistically significant in 36 states and the District of Columbia. All had gains in employment except for Louisiana (-165,500) and Michigan (-38,900). The decrease in Louisiana reflects the impact of Hurricane Katrina, which struck the Gulf Coast in late August 2005. The largest gains were reported in Florida (+295,400), California (+281,900), Texas (+279,700), and Arizona (+128,600). Six states and the District of Columbia experienced statistically significant employment gains that were less than 15,000: Arkansas (+14,900), Nebraska (+13,400), the

District of Columbia (+9,400), Wyoming (+8,500), Delaware (+8,200), West Virginia (+8,000), and North Dakota (+6,100). (See table D.)

The Metropolitan Area Employment and Unemployment release for February 2006 is scheduled to be issued on April 5. The Regional and State Employment and Unemployment release for March is scheduled to be issued on April 21.

Elimination of Monthly Revisions to Local Area Unemployment Statistics (LAUS) Data

Effective with this release, the LAUS program will no longer revise the prior month's state labor force estimates (tables 3 and 4) each month. Estimates from the LAUS program will be subject to revision at the beginning of the following calendar year. This change, which results from budget constraints, applies to all of the more than 7,200 LAUS geographic areas. Region and division estimates have not been subject to monthly revisions and therefore are not affected by this change.

This change also does not affect nonfarm payroll employment estimates, which will continue to be presented on a preliminary and revised basis (tables 5 and 6) each month.

Hurricane Katrina

For February, BLS and its state partners again made modifications to the usual estimation procedures for the LAUS program to reflect the impact of Hurricane Katrina on the labor force statistics in affected areas. These modifications included: (1) allowing the state labor force estimates for Louisiana and Mississippi to reflect the effects of Katrina by overriding the built-in feature of the methodology that smoothes over large shifts in key inputs—unemployment insurance claims and nonfarm wage and salary employment; (2) modifying the state population controls to account for displacement due to Katrina; (3) developing labor force estimates for the New Orleans-Metairie-Kenner metropolitan area using an alternative to the model-based method; and (4) not publishing labor force estimates for the parishes within the New Orleans-Metairie-Kenner metropolitan area or cities within those parishes where the quality of input data was severely compromised by the hurricane.

For more information on LAUS procedures and estimates for February 2006, see *Hurricane Information: Katrina and Rita* on the BLS Web site at <http://www.bls.gov/Katrina/home.htm> or call (202) 691-6392.

Table A. States with unemployment rates significantly different from that of the U.S., February 2006, seasonally adjusted

State	February 2006
United States	4.8
Alabama	3.6
Alaska	7.0
Delaware	4.0
Florida	3.2
Hawaii	2.5
Idaho	3.4
Kentucky	6.3
Maryland	3.5
Michigan	6.6
Mississippi.....	8.4
Montana	3.7
Nebraska	3.4
Nevada	3.8
New Hampshire	3.5
North Dakota.....	3.4
Oklahoma	3.6
Oregon.....	5.6
South Carolina	6.4
South Dakota	3.5
Utah	3.8
Vermont	3.5
Virginia	3.0
Wyoming.....	3.3

Table B. States with statistically significant unemployment rate changes from February 2005 to February 2006, seasonally adjusted

State	February 2005	February 2006	Over-the-year rate change
Alabama	4.3	3.6	-0.7
Arkansas	5.0	4.7	-.3
California	5.6	5.0	-.6
Colorado	5.2	4.3	-.9
District of Columbia	7.0	5.3	-1.7
Florida	4.1	3.2	-.9
Hawaii	2.9	2.5	-.4
Idaho	4.1	3.4	-.7
Illinois	5.9	5.0	-.9
Iowa	4.7	4.4	-.3
Kansas	5.3	4.7	-.6
Kentucky	5.6	6.3	.7
Louisiana	5.5	4.3	-1.2
Maryland	4.1	3.5	-.6
Mississippi	6.8	8.4	1.6
Missouri	5.6	4.8	-.8
Montana	4.1	3.7	-.4
Nebraska	3.9	3.4	-.5
Nevada	4.2	3.8	-.4
New Mexico	5.5	4.8	-.7
New York	5.1	4.7	-.4
North Carolina	5.1	4.6	-.5
Ohio	6.0	5.3	-.7
Oklahoma	4.4	3.6	-.8
Oregon	6.4	5.6	-.8
Pennsylvania	5.2	4.5	-.7
South Dakota	4.0	3.5	-.5
Texas	5.4	5.0	-.4
Utah	4.4	3.8	-.6
Virginia	3.3	3.0	-.3
Washington	5.6	4.8	-.8
West Virginia	4.8	4.1	-.7

Table C. States with statistically significant employment changes from January 2006 to February 2006, seasonally adjusted

State	January 2006	February 2006 ^p	Over-the-month change ^p
Arizona	2,567,700	2,583,900	16,200
California	14,935,700	14,966,800	31,100
Hawai	610,700	615,000	4,300
Idaho	629,800	635,500	5,700
Iowa	1,489,800	1,498,400	8,600
Kansas	1,330,200	1,342,800	12,600
Louisiana	1,747,700	1,760,500	12,800
Montana	421,900	425,100	3,200
Nevada	1,258,100	1,264,600	6,500
North Carolina	3,949,600	3,962,600	13,000
Washington	2,828,100	2,841,900	13,800

p = preliminary.

Table D. States with statistically significant employment changes from February 2005 to February 2006, seasonally adjusted

State	February 2005	February 2006 ^p	Over-the-year change ^p
Alabama	1,926,600	1,970,100	43,500
Arizona	2,455,300	2,583,900	128,600
Arkansas	1,172,300	1,187,200	14,900
California	14,684,900	14,966,800	281,900
Colorado	2,208,200	2,257,300	49,100
Delaware	427,600	435,800	8,200
District of Columbia ..	681,200	690,600	9,400
Florida	7,694,500	7,989,900	295,400
Georgia	3,969,200	4,056,200	87,000
Hawaii	594,100	615,000	20,900
Idaho	603,400	635,500	32,100
Illinois	5,842,200	5,887,100	44,900
Iowa	1,472,000	1,498,400	26,400
Louisiana	1,926,000	1,760,500	-165,500
Maryland	2,543,100	2,577,400	34,300
Michigan	4,399,600	4,360,700	-38,900
Minnesota	2,695,800	2,731,500	35,700
Missouri	2,716,100	2,753,600	37,500
Nebraska	931,300	944,700	13,400
Nevada	1,192,300	1,264,600	72,300
New Jersey	4,026,500	4,066,700	40,200
New Mexico	800,600	824,400	23,800
New York	8,500,600	8,572,500	71,900
North Carolina	3,894,100	3,962,600	68,500
North Dakota	342,900	349,000	6,100
Oklahoma	1,495,200	1,533,800	38,600
Oregon	1,640,800	1,698,900	58,100
Pennsylvania	5,683,300	5,747,500	64,200
South Carolina	1,856,800	1,885,100	28,300
Tennessee	2,729,600	2,760,400	30,800
Texas	9,622,600	9,902,300	279,700
Utah	1,130,200	1,175,600	45,400
Virginia	3,637,200	3,704,300	67,100
Washington	2,746,700	2,841,900	95,200
West Virginia	742,900	750,900	8,000
Wisconsin	2,829,600	2,866,000	36,400
Wyoming	260,300	268,800	8,500

p = preliminary.

Technical Note

This release presents labor force and unemployment data for census regions and divisions, states, and selected substate areas 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 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 had 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), had actively looked for a job (sometime in the 4-week period ending with the reference week), and were currently available for work; persons on layoff expecting recall need not be looking for work to be counted as unemployed.

Method of estimation. Estimates for all census divisions, states, the District of Columbia, the Los Angeles-Long Beach-Glendale metropolitan division, and New York City are produced using estimating equations based on regression techniques. This method, which underwent substantial enhancement at the beginning of 2005, utilizes data from several sources, including the CPS, the CES, and state unemployment insurance (UI) data. Estimates for the six other areas contained in this release use a different regression approach. A detailed description of the estimation procedures is available from BLS upon request. Estimates for census regions are obtained by summing the model-based estimates for the component divisions 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 implemented with January estimates. The adjusted estimates reflect updated population data from the U.S. Census Bureau, any revisions in the other data sources, and model reestimation.

Seasonal adjustment. Seasonal adjustment of census division, state, and substate area model employment and unemployment levels is performed within the modeling

procedure. The model estimation is based on the classical approach to seasonal adjustment, in which the series is decomposed into trend, seasonal, irregular, and survey error. This directly yields seasonally adjusted estimates for employment and unemployment levels with reliability measures. Labor force levels and unemployment rates are calculated from these two estimates. Additionally, measures for the state of California are derived by summing the seasonally adjusted estimates for the Los Angeles-Long Beach-Glendale metropolitan division and the balance of California, and the estimates for the State of New York are the sum of the estimates for New York City and the balance of New York. Labor force estimates for census regions are calculated as the sum of the levels of the component divisions, and the unemployment rate is then calculated. In most years, historical data for the most recent 5 years are revised near the beginning of each calendar year, usually coincident with the release of January estimates.

Area definitions. The substate area data published in this release reflect the standards and definitions established by the U.S. Office of Management and Budget on February 18, 2004. A detailed list of the geographic definitions is available on the Web at <http://www.bls.gov/lau/laumsa.htm> and also is published annually in the May issue of *Employment and Earnings*.

Employment—from the CES program

Definitions. Employment data refer to persons on establishment payrolls who receive pay for any part of the pay period that 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 that 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, administrative data, and modeling 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 specific 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 from unrounded data rather than from data that may be displayed in the tables; differences, however, are generally insignificant.

Use of error measures. In 2005, the Local Area Unemployment Statistics (LAUS) program introduced several improvements to its methodology. Among these was the development of model-based error measures for the monthly estimates and the estimates of over-the-month changes. The introductory section of this release preserves the long-time practice of highlighting the direction of the movements in regional and state unemployment rates and state nonfarm payroll employment regardless of their statistical significance. The remainder of the analysis in the release takes the statistical significance of monthly and annual changes into consideration.

Labor force and unemployment estimates. Model-based error measures for both seasonally adjusted and not seasonally adjusted data, and for over-the-month change, are available on the BLS Web site at <http://www.bls.gov/lau/lastderr.htm>. BLS uses a 90-percent confidence level in determining whether changes in LAUS unemployment rates are statistically significant. The average magnitude of the over-the-month change in a state unemployment rate that is required in order to be statistically significant at the 90-percent confidence level is between 0.3 and 0.4 percentage point. More details can be found on the Web site. Measures of nonsampling error 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 for state CES data at the total nonfarm and supersector level and for metropolitan area CES data at the total nonfarm level are available on the BLS Web site at <http://www.bls.gov/sae/790stderr.htm>. BLS uses a 90-percent confidence level in determining whether changes in CES employment levels are statistically significant. 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, as well as nonfarm employment from the CES program, for over 370 metropolitan areas and metropolitan New England City and Town Areas (NECTAs) 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 on the BLS Web site at <http://www.bls.gov/lau/>. Employment data from the CES program are available at <http://www.bls.gov/sae/>.

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Table 1. Civilian labor force and unemployment by census region and division, seasonally adjusted ¹

(Numbers in thousands)

Census region and division	Civilian labor force				Unemployed							
					Number				Percent of labor force			
	Feb. 2005	Dec. 2005	Jan. 2006	Feb. 2006	Feb. 2005	Dec. 2005	Jan. 2006	Feb. 2006	Feb. 2005	Dec. 2005	Jan. 2006	Feb. 2006
Northeast	27,591.2	27,825.0	27,838.0	27,907.1	1,341.6	1,340.4	1,243.2	1,299.2	4.9	4.8	4.5	4.7
New England	7,523.9	7,583.5	7,568.6	7,592.6	351.5	352.2	333.3	353.7	4.7	4.6	4.4	4.7
Middle Atlantic	20,067.3	20,241.5	20,269.4	20,314.5	990.1	988.2	909.9	945.5	4.9	4.9	4.5	4.7
South	52,519.4	53,166.4	53,194.7	53,358.1	2,679.6	2,516.8	2,352.0	2,394.1	5.1	4.7	4.4	4.5
South Atlantic	27,798.5	28,352.2	28,378.5	28,480.9	1,312.1	1,201.6	1,101.2	1,136.7	4.7	4.2	3.9	4.0
East South Central	8,389.0	8,437.9	8,437.9	8,458.6	475.0	482.8	469.2	476.0	5.7	5.7	5.6	5.6
West South Central	16,331.9	16,376.4	16,378.4	16,418.5	892.5	832.4	781.6	781.4	5.5	5.1	4.8	4.8
Midwest	34,549.5	34,730.9	34,736.4	34,774.3	1,953.6	1,847.8	1,717.4	1,774.1	5.7	5.3	4.9	5.1
East North Central	23,678.4	23,810.8	23,847.7	23,854.8	1,432.7	1,358.3	1,260.9	1,289.9	6.1	5.7	5.3	5.4
West North Central	10,871.2	10,920.1	10,888.7	10,919.5	520.8	489.4	456.5	484.2	4.8	4.5	4.2	4.4
West	33,949.0	34,445.4	34,346.6	34,558.8	1,823.4	1,664.6	1,604.7	1,629.8	5.4	4.8	4.7	4.7
Mountain	10,264.6	10,447.6	10,444.6	10,647.3	480.1	442.6	452.4	441.1	4.7	4.2	4.3	4.1
Pacific	23,684.4	23,997.7	23,902.0	23,911.5	1,343.3	1,222.0	1,152.3	1,188.7	5.7	5.1	4.8	5.0

¹ Census region estimates are derived by summing the Census division model-based estimates.

NOTE: Data refer to place of residence. 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. Estimates for the current year are subject to revision early in the following calendar year.

Table 2. Civilian labor force and unemployment by census region and division, not seasonally adjusted ¹

(Numbers in thousands)

Census region and division	Civilian labor force				Unemployed							
					Number				Percent of labor force			
	January		February		January		February		January		February	
	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006
Northeast	27,339.7	27,638.6	27,398.1	27,708.1	1,488.1	1,401.9	1,518.4	1,449.4	5.4	5.1	5.5	5.2
New England	7,451.8	7,509.1	7,459.3	7,526.4	395.0	381.4	397.4	393.0	5.3	5.1	5.3	5.2
Middle Atlantic	19,887.9	20,129.5	19,938.8	20,181.7	1,093.1	1,020.5	1,121.0	1,056.4	5.5	5.1	5.6	5.2
South	51,961.7	52,786.2	52,134.4	52,965.9	2,831.3	2,519.0	2,841.0	2,505.0	5.4	4.8	5.4	4.7
South Atlantic	27,491.8	28,169.3	27,601.6	28,283.2	1,362.0	1,166.4	1,389.5	1,190.8	5.0	4.1	5.0	4.2
East South Central	8,297.3	8,357.8	8,309.2	8,375.8	512.6	510.2	512.9	504.2	6.2	6.1	6.2	6.0
West South Central	16,172.7	16,259.1	16,223.6	16,306.9	956.7	842.4	938.6	810.0	5.9	5.2	5.8	5.0
Midwest	34,135.2	34,391.4	34,268.5	34,479.8	2,151.9	1,938.4	2,191.5	1,974.2	6.3	5.6	6.4	5.7
East North Central	23,380.0	23,610.7	23,487.2	23,651.6	1,552.9	1,408.5	1,610.8	1,438.9	6.6	6.0	6.9	6.1
West North Central	10,755.3	10,780.7	10,781.3	10,828.1	599.0	530.0	580.6	535.2	5.6	4.9	5.4	4.9
West	33,674.5	34,179.6	33,841.9	34,437.7	1,971.6	1,758.4	1,997.2	1,769.0	5.9	5.1	5.9	5.1
Mountain	10,138.2	10,382.8	10,208.3	10,589.9	510.5	494.1	518.1	468.8	5.0	4.8	5.1	4.4
Pacific	23,536.4	23,796.8	23,633.6	23,847.8	1,461.1	1,264.3	1,479.1	1,300.2	6.2	5.3	6.3	5.5

¹ Census region estimates are derived by summing the Census division model-based estimates.

NOTE: Data refer to place of residence. The composition of the regions

and divisions is described in table 1. Estimates for the current year are subject to revision early in the following calendar year.

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

(Numbers in thousands)

State and area	Civilian labor force				Unemployed							
					Number				Percent of labor force			
	Feb. 2005	Dec. 2005	Jan. 2006	Feb. 2006	Feb. 2005	Dec. 2005	Jan. 2006	Feb. 2006	Feb. 2005	Dec. 2005	Jan. 2006	Feb. 2006
Alabama	2,145.4	2,164.8	2,173.5	2,175.7	91.4	77.3	81.6	78.5	4.3	3.6	3.8	3.6
Alaska	337.9	341.8	340.8	343.1	23.6	23.5	22.8	23.9	7.0	6.9	6.7	7.0
Arizona	2,804.1	2,880.2	2,888.3	2,944.6	126.7	136.2	139.2	131.0	4.5	4.7	4.8	4.4
Arkansas	1,343.1	1,376.8	1,393.1	1,392.3	67.4	64.4	60.4	65.1	5.0	4.7	4.3	4.7
California	17,598.8	17,823.4	17,714.2	17,694.6	988.3	911.0	858.7	878.9	5.6	5.1	4.8	5.0
Los Angeles-Long Beach-Glendale ¹	4,795.8	4,872.1	4,850.0	4,868.4	273.2	266.1	248.3	260.3	5.7	5.5	5.1	5.3
Colorado	2,534.2	2,560.4	2,565.3	2,612.4	130.7	122.7	120.0	112.1	5.2	4.8	4.7	4.3
Connecticut	1,811.8	1,818.9	1,820.0	1,829.4	89.7	83.9	82.9	82.6	5.0	4.6	4.6	4.5
Delaware	433.7	443.1	444.4	444.5	17.1	20.5	17.4	17.8	3.9	4.6	3.9	4.0
District of Columbia	300.0	293.3	295.2	294.3	20.9	17.2	15.8	15.6	7.0	5.9	5.4	5.3
Florida	8,569.3	8,734.9	8,789.4	8,831.3	352.3	295.0	266.9	278.5	4.1	3.4	3.0	3.2
Miami-Miami Beach-Kendall ¹	1,109.1	1,117.4	1,117.8	1,124.3	52.2	43.6	40.3	41.4	4.7	3.9	3.6	3.7
Georgia	4,536.0	4,637.9	4,650.4	4,669.6	232.6	246.1	224.0	233.2	5.1	5.3	4.8	5.0
Hawaii	627.2	644.1	645.7	646.6	18.4	17.5	15.3	16.3	2.9	2.7	2.4	2.5
Idaho	731.4	746.1	748.6	762.0	30.1	25.9	24.5	25.6	4.1	3.5	3.3	3.4
Illinois	6,453.3	6,484.0	6,513.5	6,510.3	379.9	354.0	339.7	328.0	5.9	5.5	5.2	5.0
Chicago-Naperville-Joliet ¹	3,978.4	3,947.7	3,988.6	3,986.1	248.3	223.1	214.0	205.6	6.2	5.7	5.4	5.2
Indiana	3,199.1	3,228.5	3,260.7	3,273.8	177.5	176.0	153.9	168.3	5.5	5.5	4.7	5.1
Iowa	1,650.5	1,667.2	1,666.9	1,672.9	76.8	74.8	68.0	72.9	4.7	4.5	4.1	4.4
Kansas	1,473.1	1,479.8	1,471.4	1,473.6	77.8	72.2	65.5	69.0	5.3	4.9	4.5	4.7
Kentucky	1,984.7	2,013.4	2,013.5	2,019.1	111.0	130.0	126.0	126.7	5.6	6.5	6.3	6.3
Louisiana	2,096.1	1,909.8	1,892.9	1,892.1	114.6	121.4	91.7	82.3	5.5	6.4	4.8	4.3
Maine	705.6	717.4	715.3	717.4	33.8	33.7	32.2	32.7	4.8	4.7	4.5	4.6
Maryland	2,909.2	2,955.5	2,964.8	2,975.0	119.0	118.4	106.0	103.3	4.1	4.0	3.6	3.5
Massachusetts	3,364.6	3,366.8	3,359.7	3,365.6	164.9	161.9	156.1	168.3	4.9	4.8	4.6	5.0
Michigan	5,095.8	5,106.2	5,104.7	5,113.7	355.3	341.9	317.8	337.9	7.0	6.7	6.2	6.6
Detroit-Warren-Livonia ²	2,201.7	2,189.8	2,170.5	2,172.3	163.4	158.7	150.0	146.2	7.4	7.2	6.9	6.7
Minnesota	2,937.6	2,960.2	2,947.7	2,953.3	124.8	123.6	121.6	129.2	4.2	4.2	4.1	4.4
Mississippi	1,345.0	1,318.8	1,325.1	1,330.0	91.7	116.2	111.4	112.1	6.8	8.8	8.4	8.4
Missouri	3,022.8	3,031.2	3,023.3	3,032.3	170.6	157.2	141.0	146.6	5.6	5.2	4.7	4.8
Montana	489.8	496.6	495.8	503.4	20.2	19.2	18.8	18.4	4.1	3.9	3.8	3.7
Nebraska	987.8	988.4	981.5	990.6	38.5	37.7	33.6	33.8	3.9	3.8	3.4	3.4
Nevada	1,201.4	1,230.8	1,231.7	1,260.7	50.7	47.1	44.9	47.3	4.2	3.8	3.6	3.8
New Hampshire	729.8	733.9	736.2	735.9	27.2	25.4	24.6	25.4	3.7	3.5	3.3	3.5
New Jersey	4,399.5	4,467.0	4,481.8	4,479.1	195.8	203.8	201.8	208.7	4.4	4.6	4.5	4.7
New Mexico	928.4	944.6	944.7	961.7	50.8	46.9	46.1	45.7	5.5	5.0	4.9	4.8
New York	9,374.5	9,457.2	9,494.7	9,517.4	475.1	468.8	437.8	444.0	5.1	5.0	4.6	4.7
New York City	3,713.2	3,761.1	3,787.3	3,800.9	217.9	217.5	208.2	201.7	5.9	5.8	5.5	5.3
North Carolina	4,300.4	4,369.5	4,362.1	4,374.0	221.2	223.8	189.4	202.3	5.1	5.1	4.3	4.6
North Dakota	357.5	360.5	361.7	363.5	12.3	11.9	11.2	12.3	3.4	3.3	3.1	3.4
Ohio	5,890.6	5,911.9	5,908.3	5,903.1	356.0	346.5	312.2	314.6	6.0	5.9	5.3	5.3
Cleveland-Elyria-Mentor ²	1,096.2	1,091.4	1,095.1	1,100.8	64.1	61.7	56.7	56.2	5.8	5.7	5.2	5.1
Oklahoma	1,727.8	1,752.9	1,753.6	1,754.2	75.2	74.0	68.3	63.8	4.4	4.2	3.9	3.6
Oregon	1,853.1	1,866.4	1,869.2	1,884.6	118.2	105.7	98.4	105.5	6.4	5.7	5.3	5.6
Pennsylvania	6,287.8	6,288.9	6,290.6	6,311.5	324.6	295.9	270.6	285.7	5.2	4.7	4.3	4.5
Rhode Island	564.5	574.0	574.2	574.9	28.3	29.4	27.2	29.0	5.0	5.1	4.7	5.1
South Carolina	2,063.6	2,106.8	2,096.4	2,103.7	137.0	151.6	129.3	134.8	6.6	7.2	6.2	6.4
South Dakota	430.2	433.7	430.2	432.5	17.2	16.9	14.5	15.0	4.0	3.9	3.4	3.5
Tennessee	2,898.0	2,916.6	2,926.1	2,927.4	160.1	158.3	149.2	151.6	5.5	5.4	5.1	5.2
Texas	11,148.8	11,310.8	11,348.4	11,388.0	602.7	589.9	569.9	573.7	5.4	5.2	5.0	5.0
Utah	1,254.6	1,282.3	1,283.5	1,307.5	55.3	51.0	49.6	49.7	4.4	4.0	3.9	3.8
Vermont	354.3	359.3	360.9	362.6	12.7	12.9	12.2	12.7	3.6	3.6	3.4	3.5
Virginia	3,896.4	3,963.7	3,968.8	3,973.1	129.7	132.0	117.5	120.0	3.3	3.3	3.0	3.0
Washington	3,259.4	3,321.3	3,313.5	3,333.9	183.0	173.4	152.1	159.2	5.6	5.2	4.6	4.8
Seattle-Bellevue-Everett ¹	1,344.7	1,378.8	1,370.6	1,386.7	67.0	66.2	57.8	59.0	5.0	4.8	4.2	4.3
West Virginia	793.9	804.2	805.1	808.0	37.9	38.5	30.9	33.0	4.8	4.8	3.8	4.1
Wisconsin	3,041.3	3,047.2	3,061.3	3,066.1	146.9	147.3	137.2	147.1	4.8	4.8	4.5	4.8
Wyoming	281.1	285.9	286.2	291.3	8.7	9.4	8.9	9.6	3.1	3.3	3.1	3.3
Puerto Rico	1,366.3	1,419.6	1,400.0	1,417.4	132.9	169.3	162.9	147.3	9.7	11.9	11.6	10.4

¹ Metropolitan division.

² Metropolitan statistical area.

NOTE: Data refer to place of residence. Data for Puerto Rico are derived from a monthly household survey similar to the Current Population Survey. Area definitions are based on Office of Management and Budget Bulletin No. 06-01,

dated December 5, 2005, and are available at <http://www.bls.gov/lau/lausmsa.htm> and in the May issue of *Employment and Earnings*. Estimates for the current year are subject to revision early in the following calendar year.

Table 4. Civilian labor force and unemployment by state and selected area, not seasonally adjusted

(Numbers in thousands)

State and area	Civilian labor force				Unemployed							
					Number				Percent of labor force			
	January		February		January		February		January		February	
	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006
Alabama	2,129.0	2,155.2	2,133.4	2,161.1	102.5	87.8	104.5	86.6	4.8	4.1	4.9	4.0
Alaska	334.0	337.5	335.0	340.2	26.8	26.1	27.9	27.9	8.0	7.7	8.3	8.2
Arizona	2,788.7	2,880.5	2,804.6	2,935.6	129.2	144.2	128.5	128.7	4.6	5.0	4.6	4.4
Arkansas	1,312.5	1,368.6	1,331.4	1,378.6	79.5	69.3	80.4	74.6	6.1	5.1	6.0	5.4
California	17,506.5	17,658.7	17,581.6	17,665.7	1,079.2	936.3	1,080.3	947.6	6.2	5.3	6.1	5.4
Los Angeles-Long Beach-Glendale ¹	4,770.2	4,834.0	4,798.4	4,869.1	289.5	260.0	286.1	266.8	6.1	5.4	6.0	5.5
Colorado	2,511.9	2,548.1	2,524.5	2,593.1	140.3	131.4	143.4	120.3	5.6	5.2	5.7	4.6
Connecticut	1,789.1	1,803.1	1,790.3	1,811.9	95.8	91.3	98.6	91.4	5.4	5.1	5.5	5.0
Delaware	431.0	442.7	430.7	441.7	19.6	19.0	19.8	19.4	4.5	4.3	4.6	4.4
District of Columbia	293.9	290.7	298.2	291.9	20.6	15.8	22.8	16.1	7.0	5.4	7.6	5.5
Florida	8,456.2	8,715.7	8,501.3	8,772.5	366.8	271.3	361.3	270.6	4.3	3.1	4.3	3.1
Miami-Miami Beach-Kendall ¹	1,101.6	1,114.5	1,103.5	1,119.2	51.6	38.7	52.4	39.8	4.7	3.5	4.7	3.6
Georgia	4,499.4	4,636.2	4,522.0	4,656.9	238.2	230.2	248.8	237.3	5.3	5.0	5.5	5.1
Hawaii	624.0	645.9	625.1	644.8	17.4	14.5	17.1	14.6	2.8	2.2	2.7	2.3
Idaho	722.1	743.1	729.4	757.1	38.3	37.7	38.3	32.8	5.3	4.4	5.2	4.3
Illinois	6,384.1	6,457.5	6,416.7	6,467.0	405.6	371.6	424.3	357.1	6.4	5.8	6.6	5.5
Chicago-Naperville-Joliet ¹	3,941.1	3,960.7	3,966.0	3,973.4	252.9	224.3	264.0	211.2	6.4	5.7	6.7	5.3
Indiana	3,149.6	3,224.5	3,163.1	3,236.8	193.5	170.5	203.7	188.2	6.1	5.3	6.4	5.8
Iowa	1,631.8	1,654.2	1,643.5	1,664.6	91.5	82.9	90.3	85.3	5.6	5.0	5.5	5.1
Kansas	1,464.9	1,463.4	1,465.8	1,464.7	85.3	73.2	81.7	72.6	5.8	5.0	5.6	5.0
Kentucky	1,960.8	1,990.4	1,964.9	1,995.5	123.9	137.8	134.0	143.3	6.3	6.9	6.8	7.2
Louisiana	2,066.3	1,862.0	2,066.7	1,859.0	132.1	102.7	117.0	77.6	6.4	5.5	5.7	4.2
Maine	691.3	703.4	694.3	707.0	37.8	37.6	40.6	39.4	5.5	5.3	5.8	5.6
Maryland	2,880.4	2,945.1	2,884.8	2,953.1	136.4	119.6	135.3	111.4	4.7	4.1	4.7	3.8
Massachusetts	3,336.1	3,338.1	3,338.2	3,342.8	182.8	176.9	180.2	184.0	5.5	5.3	5.4	5.5
Michigan	5,030.2	5,055.6	5,057.9	5,070.3	392.7	356.9	392.7	364.1	7.8	7.1	7.8	7.2
Detroit-Warren-Livonia ²	2,172.3	2,145.4	2,186.2	2,149.8	173.6	163.8	175.7	150.8	8.0	7.6	8.0	7.0
Minnesota	2,914.3	2,921.1	2,912.2	2,923.4	150.6	146.4	141.3	144.7	5.2	5.0	4.9	4.9
Mississippi	1,337.2	1,315.5	1,339.1	1,322.4	104.4	120.1	96.7	113.6	7.8	9.1	7.2	8.6
Missouri	3,000.1	2,997.8	3,004.1	3,010.0	192.4	157.3	189.3	163.0	6.4	5.2	6.3	5.4
Montana	482.3	489.7	486.5	497.9	25.0	23.8	25.4	22.8	5.2	4.9	5.2	4.6
Nebraska	976.2	971.2	982.6	984.5	44.7	39.4	43.5	37.8	4.6	4.1	4.4	3.8
Nevada	1,193.9	1,228.0	1,205.5	1,261.2	56.0	50.7	54.7	50.1	4.7	4.1	4.5	4.0
New Hampshire	723.7	733.0	724.6	731.4	29.5	27.9	30.8	29.0	4.1	3.8	4.2	4.0
New Jersey	4,350.2	4,450.4	4,376.8	4,454.2	207.9	224.4	218.6	229.7	4.8	5.0	5.0	5.2
New Mexico	916.3	934.4	927.4	957.1	50.5	46.7	54.6	47.8	5.5	5.0	5.9	5.0
New York	9,313.9	9,448.3	9,337.5	9,478.0	527.8	490.0	530.6	493.8	5.7	5.2	5.7	5.2
New York City	3,694.7	3,781.0	3,718.7	3,806.3	228.8	221.3	232.9	213.6	6.2	5.9	6.3	5.6
North Carolina	4,256.3	4,331.1	4,265.9	4,337.8	240.6	206.4	251.6	220.3	5.7	4.8	5.9	5.1
North Dakota	347.7	352.5	350.3	356.3	14.9	13.9	15.1	14.9	4.3	3.9	4.3	4.2
Ohio	5,806.2	5,839.2	5,830.6	5,835.2	396.5	356.5	411.3	355.9	6.8	6.1	7.1	6.1
Cleveland-Elyria-Mentor ²	1,073.2	1,076.1	1,080.8	1,089.4	68.1	62.1	71.7	61.3	6.3	5.8	6.6	5.6
Oklahoma	1,712.7	1,738.9	1,715.5	1,739.8	88.9	76.9	87.4	71.2	5.2	4.4	5.1	4.1
Oregon	1,829.1	1,851.3	1,838.2	1,869.6	130.5	111.8	137.4	122.2	7.1	6.0	7.5	6.5
Pennsylvania	6,223.8	6,230.7	6,224.5	6,249.4	357.4	306.1	371.8	332.9	5.7	4.9	6.0	5.3
Rhode Island	561.0	573.4	560.3	572.6	33.8	32.8	32.2	34.1	6.0	5.7	5.7	6.0
South Carolina	2,036.2	2,073.0	2,043.7	2,081.3	148.1	136.7	153.2	143.3	7.3	6.6	7.5	6.9
South Dakota	420.2	420.4	422.8	424.6	19.6	16.8	19.5	17.0	4.7	4.0	4.6	4.0
Tennessee	2,870.3	2,896.8	2,871.8	2,896.8	181.8	164.5	177.7	160.8	6.3	5.7	6.2	5.5
Texas	11,081.1	11,289.6	11,110.0	11,329.5	656.2	593.4	653.9	586.6	5.9	5.3	5.9	5.2
Utah	1,245.2	1,276.4	1,252.1	1,300.3	58.8	52.7	61.9	54.5	4.7	4.1	4.9	4.2
Vermont	350.5	358.2	351.6	360.7	15.3	14.8	15.1	15.1	4.4	4.1	4.3	4.2
Virginia	3,857.7	3,941.0	3,868.5	3,947.6	145.3	129.3	147.1	130.2	3.8	3.3	3.8	3.3
Washington	3,242.8	3,303.3	3,253.7	3,327.5	207.3	175.6	216.4	187.9	6.4	5.3	6.6	5.6
Seattle-Bellevue-Everett ¹	1,345.6	1,374.2	1,342.9	1,389.5	68.5	59.6	74.9	63.7	5.1	4.3	5.6	4.6
West Virginia	780.8	793.8	786.5	800.5	46.3	38.0	49.5	42.2	5.9	4.8	6.3	5.3
Wisconsin	3,009.9	3,033.9	3,018.9	3,042.3	164.6	153.0	178.8	173.7	5.5	5.0	5.9	5.7
Wyoming	277.7	282.6	278.5	287.7	12.3	11.9	11.3	11.9	4.4	4.2	4.1	4.1
Puerto Rico	1,373.0	1,385.1	1,363.9	1,401.5	148.4	159.8	136.6	136.9	10.8	11.5	10.0	9.8

¹ Metropolitan division.

² Metropolitan statistical area.

NOTE: Data refer to place of residence. Data for Puerto Rico are derived from a monthly household survey similar to the Current Population Survey. Area definitions are based on Office of Management and Budget Bulletin No. 06-01,

dated December 5, 2005, and are available at <http://www.bls.gov/lau/lausmsa.htm> and in the May issue of *Employment and Earnings*. Estimates for the current year are subject to revision early in the following calendar year.

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

(In thousands)

State	Total ¹				Construction				Manufacturing			
	Feb. 2005	Dec. 2005	Jan. 2006	Feb. 2006P	Feb. 2005	Dec. 2005	Jan. 2006	Feb. 2006P	Feb. 2005	Dec. 2005	Jan. 2006	Feb. 2006P
Alabama	1,926.6	1,959.5	1,964.7	1,970.1	103.6	108.2	108.1	108.8	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)
Alaska	307.9	310.6	312.5	312.7	18.3	18.4	18.5	18.9	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)
Arizona	2,455.3	2,567.4	2,567.7	2,583.9	207.3	230.5	230.9	234.7	180.1	182.9	183.5	184.4
Arkansas	1,172.3	1,183.6	1,186.3	1,187.2	53.7	54.7	54.6	54.9	201.9	197.5	197.5	196.5
California	14,684.9	14,918.9	14,935.7	14,966.8	877.5	933.3	931.5	935.5	1,521.0	1,510.6	1,505.1	1,505.9
Colorado	2,208.2	2,249.2	2,252.0	2,257.3	156.1	164.7	165.6	166.3	151.3	150.1	150.2	150.0
Connecticut	1,659.6	1,668.6	1,669.2	1,671.6	66.6	66.4	66.2	66.1	196.5	194.0	193.9	193.7
Delaware ³	427.6	434.0	434.8	435.8	27.2	28.2	28.2	28.7	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)
District of Columbia ³	681.2	686.6	690.1	690.6	13.0	12.1	12.4	12.4	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)
Florida	7,694.5	7,943.5	7,967.0	7,989.9	555.2	597.9	605.8	611.4	397.2	399.9	399.6	400.8
Georgia	3,969.2	4,030.7	4,046.2	4,056.2	205.1	214.9	214.2	214.7	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)
Hawaii ³	594.1	611.2	610.7	615.0	31.9	35.7	36.0	36.1	15.3	15.4	15.3	15.3
Idaho	603.4	627.0	629.8	635.5	43.0	48.1	49.3	50.5	62.7	63.8	63.0	63.6
Illinois	5,842.2	5,894.0	5,876.1	5,887.1	270.4	274.9	271.4	273.8	692.1	687.5	687.1	685.6
Indiana	2,949.0	2,975.9	2,965.9	2,968.5	147.5	150.1	150.0	149.1	572.4	571.2	573.3	571.4
Iowa	1,472.0	1,495.7	1,489.8	1,498.4	70.1	73.8	72.8	74.2	227.5	232.4	232.6	233.8
Kansas	1,334.5	1,334.7	1,330.2	1,342.8	61.9	63.2	65.7	68.0	179.6	178.1	177.6	177.2
Kentucky	1,815.5	1,836.0	1,838.5	1,836.3	84.2	85.6	86.0	85.5	262.0	262.0	261.8	262.1
Louisiana	1,926.0	1,738.9	1,747.7	1,760.5	116.0	101.6	102.6	104.2	154.5	143.1	143.1	144.5
Maine	611.2	612.3	611.3	611.4	30.3	30.9	30.3	30.5	62.6	59.8	59.6	59.5
Maryland ³	2,543.1	2,568.4	2,571.6	2,577.4	181.8	185.6	185.5	187.5	142.0	139.3	139.6	138.5
Massachusetts	3,192.2	3,206.0	3,203.1	3,212.0	138.1	142.9	144.5	144.0	309.7	304.4	303.7	305.2
Michigan	4,399.6	4,396.5	4,370.1	4,360.7	191.9	193.4	189.7	189.5	689.8	676.9	666.0	658.1
Minnesota	2,695.8	2,730.6	2,731.6	2,731.5	129.0	130.5	128.2	128.3	346.0	349.2	346.1	344.2
Mississippi	1,133.0	1,126.2	1,133.0	1,135.4	49.2	54.2	56.1	55.4	180.3	176.1	177.2	176.8
Missouri	2,716.1	2,739.6	2,746.0	2,753.6	138.8	142.3	146.6	144.2	310.2	306.3	302.7	305.8
Montana	417.0	424.8	421.9	425.1	26.6	28.2	27.5	28.9	19.6	19.2	19.2	19.3
Nebraska ³	931.3	940.3	946.5	944.7	48.0	46.3	47.8	49.1	101.1	102.8	103.4	103.6
Nevada	1,192.3	1,256.6	1,258.1	1,264.6	127.7	143.9	144.1	145.8	47.4	48.4	48.6	48.7
New Hampshire	633.3	636.6	639.4	637.8	29.1	30.1	30.0	30.1	80.2	78.3	78.1	77.6
New Jersey	4,026.5	4,064.5	4,062.0	4,066.7	167.3	171.0	172.3	171.5	334.0	323.2	322.0	321.0
New Mexico	800.6	821.5	823.2	824.4	52.5	56.5	57.3	58.1	36.2	36.7	36.8	37.0
New York	8,500.6	8,566.3	8,565.8	8,572.5	324.5	326.9	330.5	331.0	586.9	569.7	570.1	570.2
North Carolina	3,894.1	3,943.5	3,949.6	3,962.6	227.8	235.4	235.1	236.1	570.8	563.7	562.9	561.6
North Dakota	342.9	348.4	349.4	349.0	17.2	17.5	17.5	17.6	25.7	25.8	25.9	26.0
Ohio	5,418.3	5,445.7	5,438.5	5,436.5	232.7	234.3	231.9	233.1	815.3	814.2	812.6	810.5
Oklahoma	1,495.2	1,529.4	1,531.0	1,533.8	64.3	66.8	67.1	67.4	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)
Oregon	1,640.8	1,686.6	1,694.7	1,698.9	87.4	96.2	96.6	97.6	203.8	206.9	209.9	210.7
Pennsylvania	5,683.3	5,737.6	5,743.5	5,747.5	251.6	257.9	257.5	257.2	684.8	677.2	675.9	673.6
Rhode Island	490.3	493.0	490.8	492.9	21.5	22.6	22.6	22.8	56.0	54.1	54.0	53.8
South Carolina	1,856.8	1,875.5	1,877.5	1,885.1	115.4	120.8	120.4	122.8	266.1	258.1	259.1	258.9
South Dakota	387.2	391.8	394.1	395.5	20.7	20.1	21.5	21.5	39.5	40.9	41.3	41.7
Tennessee	2,729.6	2,760.9	2,756.3	2,760.4	119.3	120.7	122.8	123.4	412.5	405.0	405.5	406.6
Texas	9,622.6	9,861.3	9,876.9	9,902.3	555.0	580.2	580.3	584.2	892.7	905.1	902.6	904.4
Utah	1,130.2	1,175.8	1,173.0	1,175.6	78.1	85.0	85.6	87.3	116.6	118.8	119.6	119.1
Vermont	304.7	306.6	306.4	306.0	16.3	16.8	16.5	16.4	37.0	36.8	36.8	36.7
Virginia	3,637.2	3,699.5	3,706.7	3,704.3	239.4	253.2	255.7	257.1	298.1	294.9	295.2	294.7
Washington	2,746.7	2,822.1	2,828.1	2,841.9	171.9	183.9	185.4	187.9	269.1	277.9	279.1	280.7
West Virginia	742.9	752.3	750.6	750.9	36.9	38.2	37.0	37.4	62.4	61.2	61.4	61.6
Wisconsin	2,829.6	2,861.0	2,857.7	2,866.0	128.0	132.9	136.0	137.0	506.0	509.0	507.6	508.7
Wyoming	260.3	265.9	268.1	268.8	20.1	20.8	21.0	21.2	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)

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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. 2005	Dec. 2005	Jan. 2006	Feb. 2006P	Feb. 2005	Dec. 2005	Jan. 2006	Feb. 2006P	Feb. 2005	Dec. 2005	Jan. 2006	Feb. 2006P
Alabama	380.7	383.5	382.3	382.7	97.6	98.2	98.0	98.9	204.3	212.2	213.7	214.2
Alaska	62.8	63.4	63.6	63.6	14.7	14.8	15.0	14.9	23.6	24.0	24.0	24.2
Arizona	479.4	496.0	499.2	500.9	169.8	177.8	178.1	178.5	356.6	385.8	382.3	387.0
Arkansas	244.3	246.3	246.6	246.7	51.2	52.0	52.2	52.3	110.5	113.7	114.9	115.5
California	2,798.0	2,830.3	2,842.5	2,845.2	916.7	937.8	939.0	940.3	2,128.4	2,177.9	2,185.7	2,196.5
Colorado	410.1	420.4	420.1	421.3	156.3	159.5	160.2	160.9	311.9	321.0	322.8	323.2
Connecticut	311.2	312.9	313.8	313.4	141.7	143.0	143.4	143.6	198.5	200.9	200.4	201.5
Delaware ³	81.3	82.3	82.7	83.3	45.4	45.0	45.2	45.6	61.8	63.9	62.5	62.9
District of Columbia ³	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)	147.2	148.8	151.7	152.2
Florida	1,541.8	1,591.2	1,589.2	1,596.5	518.7	534.6	536.0	537.5	1,297.6	1,354.8	1,363.1	1,367.9
Georgia	843.6	851.8	858.0	859.9	224.4	228.3	229.4	230.2	526.6	543.3	547.4	549.2
Hawaii ³	115.9	120.4	120.6	122.6	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)
Idaho	120.9	125.4	126.1	126.8	28.9	30.9	31.1	31.4	75.7	79.0	79.9	81.1
Illinois	1,183.5	1,191.6	1,179.4	1,182.3	399.6	406.5	406.6	406.4	816.9	830.6	830.2	831.0
Indiana	581.3	589.5	581.1	580.2	138.9	140.0	139.3	139.7	272.5	275.2	273.5	274.1
Iowa	305.9	309.2	307.8	308.7	98.0	99.5	99.9	100.2	111.3	114.5	113.8	115.6
Kansas	262.5	261.0	259.5	259.6	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)	132.0	132.9	134.6	133.2
Kentucky	377.1	380.7	380.8	379.6	87.3	87.6	88.9	89.0	169.6	175.1	173.2	173.1
Louisiana	380.2	352.8	359.5	362.8	99.3	93.2	93.9	94.2	188.3	162.9	162.9	164.1
Maine	125.8	126.1	125.9	125.7	34.2	33.8	33.9	33.8	49.5	50.5	50.5	50.5
Maryland ³	470.7	473.1	476.5	475.5	157.9	159.3	159.9	160.5	380.1	388.3	387.0	389.7
Massachusetts	572.0	570.0	569.3	569.9	219.2	222.2	222.5	222.7	457.4	465.1	463.7	466.5
Michigan	807.4	804.4	795.9	795.0	218.8	219.1	218.4	218.9	590.5	598.2	598.4	597.2
Minnesota	525.7	529.2	531.3	532.9	177.1	181.6	181.0	182.4	300.9	304.8	304.5	303.9
Mississippi	221.3	222.3	223.8	226.9	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)	86.8	89.5	90.6	90.3
Missouri	536.8	542.2	544.3	547.3	163.6	167.3	167.1	167.0	316.3	322.9	323.9	323.1
Montana	87.0	88.0	87.8	88.2	21.0	21.8	21.5	21.6	34.1	34.7	34.7	34.7
Nebraska ³	199.8	200.1	201.9	201.6	64.2	65.3	65.3	65.7	95.9	97.2	97.0	97.6
Nevada	211.4	219.7	220.1	221.9	63.6	67.3	67.5	67.6	141.2	149.3	150.7	151.0
New Hampshire	140.9	140.6	141.8	140.2	38.3	39.9	40.2	40.5	58.6	60.1	60.3	60.6
New Jersey	877.2	884.9	877.5	879.3	278.2	283.3	284.2	283.0	589.5	596.8	595.4	596.2
New Mexico	138.9	141.1	141.5	141.8	34.8	35.5	35.3	35.3	91.5	93.7	94.2	94.3
New York	1,497.1	1,506.9	1,501.9	1,503.5	707.6	719.2	722.8	724.4	1,071.0	1,090.8	1,084.6	1,086.7
North Carolina	736.1	733.0	731.4	735.7	194.8	200.9	200.2	201.6	439.5	451.3	449.3	451.1
North Dakota	73.8	75.6	75.7	75.4	18.7	19.1	19.2	19.2	25.2	27.2	26.9	26.6
Ohio	1,043.7	1,043.2	1,041.7	1,044.6	307.9	309.8	311.9	313.2	636.5	650.5	647.7	644.6
Oklahoma	276.4	282.5	282.3	283.0	83.4	85.0	84.7	85.1	168.4	175.0	173.9	174.5
Oregon	325.6	334.8	337.5	336.1	100.4	104.4	103.9	105.8	182.8	188.2	192.3	191.5
Pennsylvania	1,121.8	1,131.7	1,133.0	1,133.8	334.6	336.1	335.9	335.7	652.4	665.9	663.5	667.5
Rhode Island	80.3	79.5	79.2	79.7	34.0	35.2	35.1	35.5	54.7	56.1	56.3	56.8
South Carolina	359.9	358.9	363.0	364.2	97.2	100.3	101.3	103.1	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)
South Dakota	78.5	78.8	79.2	79.5	28.1	28.6	28.7	29.2	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)
Tennessee	594.8	602.9	604.8	604.9	142.4	144.7	143.2	143.5	309.1	317.6	310.4	311.4
Texas	1,969.7	2,012.5	2,021.2	2,020.2	602.8	618.3	620.8	622.1	1,130.2	1,185.9	1,189.8	1,200.4
Utah	222.6	230.1	230.9	230.7	66.1	69.8	67.8	68.3	143.0	154.2	153.4	153.5
Vermont	59.5	59.7	59.9	59.9	13.2	13.3	13.2	13.3	21.8	22.0	22.2	22.2
Virginia	653.9	658.7	662.3	658.5	191.3	195.1	194.9	193.3	598.0	618.6	622.1	615.7
Washington	527.3	538.7	540.0	541.2	153.0	157.0	157.2	157.6	311.0	325.5	325.6	328.2
West Virginia	139.2	139.8	140.4	140.8	29.8	30.0	30.8	30.8	58.3	59.9	59.3	59.7
Wisconsin	541.2	539.1	538.0	540.5	159.0	157.2	156.9	157.9	259.5	262.8	261.9	262.6
Wyoming	50.0	50.9	50.8	51.2	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)	15.6	15.8	15.9	15.7

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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. 2005	Dec. 2005	Jan. 2006	Feb. 2006P	Feb. 2005	Dec. 2005	Jan. 2006	Feb. 2006P	Feb. 2005	Dec. 2005	Jan. 2006	Feb. 2006P
Alabama	197.6	201.9	203.1	202.5	162.6	167.2	167.2	168.5	360.5	362.0	363.9	364.4
Alaska	35.4	36.1	36.2	36.4	30.5	30.9	31.3	31.3	81.4	82.1	80.7	82.1
Arizona	268.1	280.5	280.8	281.3	247.2	260.0	260.2	262.1	403.5	403.8	403.6	404.6
Arkansas	145.2	148.2	148.3	148.6	93.7	94.8	95.5	95.5	202.5	206.5	206.7	207.0
California	1,574.8	1,597.4	1,599.0	1,601.6	1,455.7	1,492.9	1,501.3	1,504.0	2,406.8	2,425.5	2,425.7	2,425.9
Colorado	222.9	226.5	226.4	227.3	255.4	258.3	257.6	258.6	361.6	365.2	365.5	365.7
Connecticut	271.6	273.2	273.8	274.3	128.9	129.6	130.6	131.2	242.5	247.2	245.8	246.0
Delaware ³	53.5	54.3	54.8	54.5	40.5	41.7	40.9	41.2	58.6	59.4	59.7	60.0
District of Columbia ³	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)	53.0	55.1	56.0	56.4	233.3	231.9	231.7	231.8
Florida	931.3	953.3	955.0	956.4	875.2	907.1	911.0	913.1	1,075.0	1,091.8	1,093.0	1,092.8
Georgia	419.7	426.8	429.0	430.1	366.8	372.7	374.5	376.4	644.8	655.3	656.1	660.1
Hawaii ³	69.5	70.8	71.0	71.0	105.1	107.5	107.4	108.0	119.3	119.7	117.6	120.4
Idaho	67.4	69.0	69.1	69.7	56.4	60.4	61.1	61.5	115.3	116.5	116.3	116.8
Illinois	739.8	752.7	752.5	753.8	508.9	518.7	519.3	521.4	844.5	843.5	840.5	843.6
Indiana	373.2	381.1	381.0	381.0	276.5	281.0	285.0	286.8	427.9	428.9	424.8	427.7
Iowa	193.2	198.3	198.2	199.0	129.9	129.2	129.2	129.8	244.2	247.2	245.2	246.3
Kansas	164.3	165.1	164.4	167.4	111.8	111.1	111.8	112.3	252.3	252.6	247.3	255.1
Kentucky	233.8	236.8	237.5	238.0	163.6	166.8	168.2	168.0	311.5	312.4	314.1	313.3
Louisiana	254.4	208.0	207.5	212.7	207.3	168.6	169.8	171.9	380.4	374.8	375.3	372.4
Maine	111.4	112.7	112.5	112.1	59.0	59.5	58.7	58.7	104.8	105.4	105.5	105.8
Maryland ³	351.0	357.9	359.2	360.2	228.5	233.1	232.2	232.9	462.5	467.5	464.9	468.0
Massachusetts	586.2	592.8	593.2	593.7	292.4	290.8	289.8	291.2	410.9	410.6	410.4	412.1
Michigan	567.1	569.8	568.3	569.6	402.9	406.3	402.6	404.2	677.4	673.1	676.6	673.4
Minnesota	382.4	390.8	395.9	393.9	238.7	243.8	243.9	245.2	414.3	418.4	419.3	418.8
Mississippi	120.6	122.2	121.8	121.8	125.5	113.4	114.2	115.1	242.4	241.2	241.6	241.2
Missouri	363.2	369.2	369.6	370.8	272.4	275.5	277.4	281.3	428.6	429.5	431.5	431.6
Montana	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)	54.8	55.6	55.3	55.9	86.5	87.3	87.1	87.3
Nebraska ³	126.5	129.2	130.6	130.2	78.5	80.5	82.0	81.3	160.5	161.5	162.0	159.0
Nevada	83.0	86.3	86.4	87.0	318.4	333.8	333.7	334.6	142.2	146.1	145.9	146.5
New Hampshire	96.3	99.2	100.3	100.8	63.6	64.6	65.0	64.5	91.7	89.0	88.6	88.4
New Jersey	554.2	565.9	566.9	567.9	330.2	339.5	341.2	342.7	639.5	642.4	644.9	646.8
New Mexico	103.7	107.5	107.7	107.6	83.7	84.3	84.6	84.5	200.1	203.6	203.5	203.6
New York	1,532.0	1,558.1	1,558.1	1,562.2	667.4	670.6	670.4	670.1	1,486.5	1,488.9	1,489.8	1,488.8
North Carolina	457.8	470.0	475.2	475.6	353.8	362.0	362.9	365.2	662.1	667.9	673.9	674.5
North Dakota	48.5	49.2	49.4	49.6	31.3	31.5	31.8	32.1	75.4	74.9	75.2	75.1
Ohio	756.0	768.1	766.3	765.8	499.8	504.3	502.7	503.9	799.8	795.9	800.2	797.1
Oklahoma	179.6	184.9	184.8	184.8	132.0	133.3	133.9	134.6	308.5	313.7	313.7	314.9
Oregon	196.5	204.2	203.4	206.9	157.7	164.7	164.2	164.0	286.2	285.2	286.5	286.0
Pennsylvania	1,017.9	1,042.5	1,048.6	1,048.8	480.9	487.3	486.6	488.6	745.7	745.8	748.6	748.7
Rhode Island	94.0	96.2	95.2	96.3	50.7	50.5	49.9	49.8	65.1	64.8	65.0	65.2
South Carolina	184.4	186.5	188.5	188.7	201.9	201.4	200.5	200.8	325.3	333.3	332.2	333.6
South Dakota	57.3	58.5	58.5	58.5	41.2	41.7	41.9	42.0	75.0	75.7	75.7	76.0
Tennessee	326.0	332.7	333.6	333.3	259.0	266.4	268.1	267.9	412.9	416.2	413.7	414.4
Texas	1,169.8	1,204.6	1,207.6	1,207.7	899.2	919.0	921.2	921.8	1,672.0	1,688.9	1,690.5	1,694.6
Utah	126.6	130.8	131.4	131.5	103.4	106.0	104.6	105.4	200.9	204.4	204.0	203.7
Vermont	53.9	54.6	54.9	54.8	33.0	32.9	32.8	32.8	52.8	53.0	53.2	53.2
Virginia	388.3	400.2	398.9	398.7	328.3	329.8	328.1	332.8	656.8	665.1	663.2	666.8
Washington	325.2	336.2	336.0	337.8	258.6	267.5	268.9	270.2	525.2	526.9	526.8	529.0
West Virginia	112.2	114.7	114.4	114.4	69.0	70.7	69.2	69.2	143.9	144.0	145.0	143.8
Wisconsin	379.9	392.4	388.5	386.9	253.8	265.1	264.3	266.7	412.9	415.2	416.0	416.5
Wyoming	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)	31.9	32.7	33.0	32.7	64.8	65.3	65.7	66.3

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.
P = preliminary.

NOTE: Data are counts of jobs by place of work. Estimates are currently projected from 2005 benchmark levels. Estimates subsequent to the current benchmarks are provisional and will be revised when new information becomes available.

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			
	January		February		January		February		January		February		January		February	
	2005	2006	2005	2006 ^P	2005	2006	2005	2006 ^P	2005	2006	2005	2006 ^P	2005	2006	2005	2006 ^P
Alabama	1,899.8	1,950.2	1,910.5	1,959.3	12.7	13.4	12.7	13.4	100.6	106.5	101.6	107.6	292.3	301.6	292.5	301.9
Alaska	288.6	293.2	293.0	298.3	9.9	10.7	10.3	11.0	14.6	14.9	14.7	15.2	10.8	10.6	11.6	11.5
Arizona	2,413.1	2,551.2	2,454.6	2,588.0	8.6	9.6	8.7	9.8	199.2	227.5	203.3	231.4	178.6	183.1	179.6	183.8
Arkansas	1,151.0	1,169.5	1,162.1	1,176.4	6.5	7.0	6.6	7.0	50.3	52.0	50.9	52.3	201.3	196.5	201.1	195.7
California	14,451.9	14,768.2	14,568.2	14,859.6	21.7	22.7	21.9	22.8	823.8	899.6	844.8	904.6	1,500.6	1,487.8	1,507.0	1,494.3
Colorado	2,163.5	2,218.5	2,181.9	2,233.4	15.4	17.9	15.8	18.2	144.7	156.0	146.3	157.2	149.4	149.3	150.0	149.1
Connecticut	1,630.3	1,644.7	1,636.0	1,648.9	.7	.7	.6	.7	60.9	60.2	59.6	59.1	196.4	193.9	195.7	193.5
Delaware	416.8	425.1	417.9	426.1	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	25.9	27.1	25.5	26.9	32.2	33.3	33.5	33.3
District of Columbia ..	670.3	679.8	676.0	684.9	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	12.3	12.0	12.6	12.1	2.2	2.1	2.2	2.0
Florida	7,631.8	7,933.4	7,714.9	8,006.9	7.1	7.3	7.1	7.3	543.1	599.3	551.6	606.9	394.6	398.4	396.8	400.3
Georgia	3,910.8	3,996.8	3,931.5	4,020.1	11.8	12.0	11.9	11.9	199.8	208.7	200.6	210.0	445.6	444.2	447.0	446.8
Hawaii	585.0	605.4	593.1	614.9	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	30.8	35.2	31.1	35.4	15.1	15.2	15.2	15.2
Idaho	581.5	611.7	588.5	618.9	3.8	4.1	3.6	4.0	37.7	44.3	38.2	44.8	61.6	62.4	61.9	62.4
Illinois	5,700.8	5,762.8	5,716.3	5,780.8	8.8	9.6	8.9	9.6	236.7	242.8	235.7	242.0	686.4	681.7	686.6	681.8
Indiana	2,882.2	2,923.3	2,900.6	2,940.4	6.7	6.4	6.7	6.6	132.4	139.1	132.1	137.1	568.4	569.1	568.4	568.4
Iowa	1,434.2	1,462.0	1,442.3	1,470.9	1.7	1.7	1.7	1.7	59.0	63.1	58.4	62.5	224.8	230.7	224.8	230.9
Kansas	1,303.3	1,315.4	1,316.0	1,328.3	7.2	7.4	7.3	7.5	55.8	60.6	56.8	60.9	178.1	177.6	178.4	177.3
Kentucky	1,778.9	1,811.1	1,787.2	1,813.7	20.1	22.3	20.1	22.3	76.2	80.9	77.4	80.0	262.6	262.4	261.6	261.8
Louisiana	1,905.0	1,734.2	1,914.0	1,753.5	44.0	46.0	44.2	46.5	112.2	102.4	113.9	103.3	152.7	141.8	152.4	142.5
Maine	589.5	589.4	591.3	591.7	2.9	3.0	2.9	3.0	27.0	27.4	26.5	26.9	61.4	58.9	61.1	58.5
Maryland	2,482.0	2,520.2	2,494.2	2,533.8	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	174.8	178.2	173.1	178.0	141.1	138.4	140.9	138.0
Massachusetts	3,113.6	3,145.2	3,126.1	3,154.9	1.8	1.7	1.7	1.6	124.5	133.8	120.7	130.2	307.6	303.7	307.7	304.7
Michigan	4,283.9	4,278.1	4,317.1	4,293.4	7.7	7.8	7.7	7.8	168.0	168.4	164.6	165.0	675.6	659.7	686.2	656.0
Minnesota	2,629.3	2,673.4	2,634.4	2,679.2	5.6	5.4	5.7	5.5	108.3	109.4	106.5	106.6	340.8	341.9	340.3	339.5
Mississippi	1,118.4	1,121.8	1,126.1	1,128.1	8.5	8.3	8.4	8.5	47.4	54.2	47.5	53.7	180.0	175.6	179.9	175.8
Missouri	2,656.0	2,694.6	2,671.5	2,710.6	4.9	4.9	4.9	4.9	126.5	136.3	127.6	133.7	308.6	302.1	308.9	303.8
Montana	400.8	409.9	405.9	414.5	7.3	7.9	7.5	8.0	21.7	24.2	22.8	24.9	19.0	18.9	19.1	18.9
Nebraska	911.8	932.9	915.8	931.6	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	43.0	43.4	42.7	44.1	99.7	102.9	100.5	103.2
Nevada	1,166.7	1,243.4	1,179.5	1,254.3	9.8	11.1	9.8	11.1	120.2	139.3	124.3	141.6	46.8	48.4	47.0	48.5
New Hampshire	621.4	627.8	620.2	626.8	.9	1.0	.9	1.0	26.3	27.9	25.8	27.3	79.9	78.1	79.9	77.5
New Jersey	3,946.0	3,997.3	3,951.3	4,000.6	1.6	1.8	1.5	1.8	155.4	160.9	151.4	157.0	330.8	319.4	331.2	318.7
New Mexico	786.5	808.2	793.6	816.1	15.9	18.0	15.9	18.2	50.2	54.5	50.3	55.0	35.3	35.7	35.2	35.9
New York	8,329.6	8,406.4	8,369.2	8,449.3	4.9	5.2	4.8	5.2	295.0	299.0	290.1	296.5	581.4	562.2	580.3	563.6
North Carolina	3,832.7	3,898.5	3,848.9	3,916.4	6.8	6.8	6.8	6.7	219.3	230.0	220.2	230.2	568.5	559.4	568.6	558.5
North Dakota	333.4	342.8	336.1	344.0	3.6	4.3	3.7	4.2	13.6	14.4	13.6	14.2	24.8	25.5	25.0	25.6
Ohio	5,287.2	5,333.5	5,313.9	5,351.3	10.8	10.5	10.8	10.4	204.9	208.3	203.9	207.1	810.0	808.9	809.5	807.1
Oklahoma	1,465.5	1,508.0	1,479.9	1,522.2	34.4	37.8	34.5	38.1	61.1	64.3	61.4	64.9	141.3	145.6	142.4	146.1
Oregon	1,600.2	1,664.0	1,614.9	1,678.9	9.2	8.1	9.4	8.5	80.8	92.2	82.0	93.4	199.2	205.6	200.0	207.1
Pennsylvania	5,568.7	5,634.7	5,597.1	5,661.4	18.6	19.0	18.6	18.9	228.0	234.7	224.0	230.6	681.0	669.7	677.9	666.5
Rhode Island	475.8	479.6	478.6	483.2	.2	.2	.2	.2	18.8	20.4	18.3	20.1	55.8	53.7	55.7	53.8
South Carolina	1,820.5	1,850.8	1,833.9	1,867.2	4.9	4.8	4.9	4.8	112.5	118.1	112.9	120.7	265.2	257.7	265.4	257.4
South Dakota	375.3	384.0	376.3	385.7	.8	.7	.7	.8	17.3	18.2	17.2	18.0	38.8	41.2	38.9	41.4
Tennessee	2,671.3	2,716.8	2,696.1	2,730.4	4.0	4.1	4.0	4.2	113.0	116.7	113.6	117.3	409.0	403.7	409.8	404.3
Texas	9,493.0	9,774.0	9,563.8	9,847.0	158.5	167.0	159.2	168.7	540.4	568.9	545.8	576.3	885.8	897.8	887.8	900.8
Utah	1,110.8	1,161.9	1,118.0	1,166.8	7.6	9.1	7.8	9.2	71.1	80.5	72.1	81.5	115.3	118.9	115.5	118.0
Vermont	302.9	304.5	304.0	305.9	.7	.7	.7	.7	14.4	14.6	13.8	14.0	36.5	36.3	36.6	36.2
Virginia	3,573.4	3,658.5	3,588.8	3,659.5	10.4	10.8	10.4	10.8	230.5	249.8	230.1	250.1	297.1	294.5	296.9	293.4
Washington	2,688.2	2,778.1	2,704.2	2,799.4	8.8	8.2	8.9	8.2	158.4	174.0	162.0	177.7	263.9	275.0	264.1	276.0
West Virginia	727.1	737.5	728.4	738.5	24.4	26.2	24.7	26.2	31.9	33.8	32.1	33.5	62.0	61.2	61.9	61.3
Wisconsin	2,757.8	2,796.4	2,766.0	2,807.9	3.3	3.2	3.3	3.3	112.1	121.4	109.5	120.1	496.6	503.5	498.5	502.5
Wyoming	249.6	258.7	250.7	259.4	21.0	24.3	21.3	24.6	17.0	18.4	17.2	18.3	9.6	9.7	9.3	9.5
Puerto Rico	1,036.5	1,049.2	1,041.2	1,050.7	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	65.2	68.1	67.2	69.9	116.9	111.5	116.9	110.5

See footnotes at end of table.

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			
	January		February		January		February		January		February		January		February	
	2005	2006	2005	2006 ^P	2005	2006	2005	2006 ^P	2005	2006	2005	2006 ^P	2005	2006	2005	2006 ^P
Alabama	376.2	379.8	375.6	378.8	31.1	31.0	31.1	31.1	96.2	97.5	96.8	98.1	198.7	210.4	201.5	211.8
Alaska	58.3	59.5	58.4	59.4	6.8	6.8	6.9	6.8	14.3	14.6	14.2	14.5	21.9	22.5	22.4	22.8
Arizona	476.8	500.5	477.8	499.1	44.2	44.5	44.8	44.6	167.3	176.9	168.8	178.4	346.0	377.4	351.5	383.8
Arkansas	241.1	243.7	240.6	243.2	20.2	20.2	20.4	20.2	50.8	51.8	50.7	51.8	107.1	112.2	108.8	113.2
California	2,778.9	2,820.6	2,762.0	2,804.5	473.1	466.0	476.9	470.4	908.6	934.2	912.7	937.5	2,083.1	2,156.6	2,109.3	2,177.4
Colorado	405.8	417.7	403.7	415.4	78.3	75.7	77.9	75.7	155.2	159.5	156.0	160.2	302.6	311.7	303.7	313.1
Connecticut	310.2	312.5	306.3	308.2	38.5	37.9	38.6	38.0	140.5	142.6	140.5	142.8	191.9	195.7	193.2	196.7
Delaware	79.9	81.3	78.9	80.6	6.4	6.9	6.4	7.1	45.1	44.8	45.1	45.0	60.8	61.7	60.7	62.0
District of Columbia ..	27.3	27.9	27.1	27.5	22.8	22.7	23.0	23.1	29.9	30.5	30.1	30.5	144.2	148.3	145.5	149.6
Florida	1,532.4	1,590.0	1,535.7	1,592.2	166.9	169.0	167.7	168.6	512.1	531.6	516.0	534.5	1,278.8	1,348.0	1,300.2	1,367.2
Georgia	832.8	850.5	831.4	848.2	116.2	115.4	116.5	115.3	222.3	227.7	223.3	228.8	516.8	536.8	521.9	541.6
Hawaii	114.9	121.1	114.9	121.6	10.4	11.0	10.6	11.0	28.7	29.5	29.0	29.7	71.9	75.2	72.5	75.9
Idaho	117.7	123.5	117.7	123.2	10.5	11.0	10.7	11.0	28.3	30.6	28.5	30.8	71.0	76.4	72.7	77.7
Illinois	1,170.9	1,175.0	1,159.2	1,165.9	118.8	116.6	118.3	116.0	396.2	403.8	395.9	403.6	786.6	804.7	790.8	807.5
Indiana	570.1	576.2	567.6	573.4	40.0	40.4	40.1	40.6	137.2	138.6	137.2	138.8	260.5	265.3	264.1	267.0
Iowa	300.1	304.0	298.2	301.6	33.4	32.6	33.3	32.6	97.3	99.3	97.4	99.6	107.0	111.4	108.4	113.0
Kansas	258.6	256.9	257.5	255.4	40.2	39.0	40.3	38.6	69.3	69.9	69.4	70.8	127.8	130.8	128.7	129.9
Kentucky	372.4	377.0	370.1	374.3	28.6	29.1	28.7	29.1	86.4	87.4	86.5	87.8	164.1	169.1	165.7	168.9
Louisiana	375.9	356.7	375.2	359.0	31.2	28.8	30.3	28.4	98.6	93.7	98.9	93.8	187.0	161.9	187.4	164.5
Maine	123.1	122.9	120.7	120.5	11.2	11.2	11.1	11.2	34.0	33.4	33.9	33.5	47.8	48.7	47.8	48.8
Maryland	462.5	470.5	459.8	464.9	48.8	50.2	49.0	50.2	156.3	158.7	156.7	159.1	368.3	374.8	371.4	378.8
Massachusetts	565.2	565.1	559.8	558.0	86.5	87.1	86.7	87.1	217.5	221.9	217.1	221.4	443.1	451.7	443.3	450.9
Michigan	791.0	785.7	785.3	778.1	68.0	66.9	67.4	67.2	216.3	216.9	216.3	216.9	572.5	576.3	573.5	577.1
Minnesota	517.6	525.1	512.7	522.1	58.7	58.2	58.6	58.4	175.2	179.6	175.1	181.1	291.1	294.5	292.0	295.2
Mississippi	218.8	222.5	218.0	224.9	14.5	13.8	14.5	14.0	45.9	46.0	45.9	46.2	84.6	89.2	86.7	89.5
Missouri	530.4	539.0	526.0	536.6	62.8	61.7	62.9	61.9	160.8	166.0	161.6	165.9	309.4	314.5	311.9	317.1
Montana	85.0	86.0	84.6	85.8	7.7	7.7	7.8	7.7	20.8	21.4	20.8	21.4	32.1	32.9	32.6	33.3
Nebraska	196.7	200.8	196.2	198.7	20.4	20.2	20.5	19.8	63.5	65.0	63.8	65.5	93.3	95.4	93.9	96.0
Nevada	207.6	219.3	207.5	219.1	15.0	14.5	14.4	14.4	63.0	66.9	63.0	67.1	139.4	150.5	140.1	150.2
New Hampshire	139.2	140.4	136.7	136.9	12.5	13.0	12.5	13.0	38.2	40.1	38.1	40.2	56.6	58.7	56.7	58.9
New Jersey	870.8	874.7	862.3	866.2	96.7	96.3	96.4	96.0	275.8	282.2	275.1	281.3	570.0	578.8	571.5	581.1
New Mexico	137.5	139.8	136.9	139.1	13.9	14.6	14.1	14.6	34.7	35.1	34.6	35.2	90.2	92.4	90.5	93.0
New York	1,480.5	1,494.7	1,463.3	1,477.5	263.5	267.7	265.7	268.3	701.0	718.3	701.2	719.4	1,045.5	1,057.5	1,047.0	1,062.1
North Carolina	723.0	722.2	722.9	721.0	75.4	76.0	75.1	76.7	191.4	198.4	192.2	199.3	430.8	438.4	432.6	443.8
North Dakota	72.3	74.8	72.3	74.2	7.6	7.7	7.6	7.6	18.6	19.1	18.6	19.1	24.5	26.3	24.7	26.3
Ohio	1,028.2	1,028.6	1,020.4	1,021.9	89.9	89.0	89.5	88.9	305.7	309.3	305.8	310.3	615.1	630.8	619.0	632.3
Oklahoma	272.1	279.2	271.8	278.6	30.2	29.8	30.4	30.0	82.3	84.3	82.4	84.7	162.2	168.7	164.9	170.5
Oregon	319.1	332.8	317.8	329.5	32.6	33.5	33.0	33.8	98.0	102.8	98.8	104.7	174.8	184.9	177.9	185.6
Pennsylvania	1,111.9	1,125.2	1,100.7	1,112.6	109.1	106.9	108.8	106.6	332.3	333.8	332.4	332.9	633.6	647.2	636.7	649.9
Rhode Island	78.9	78.5	78.3	77.8	10.8	10.5	10.8	10.4	33.7	35.0	33.8	35.2	51.8	54.2	52.2	54.5
South Carolina	354.2	359.2	354.0	359.5	26.6	26.7	26.7	26.6	95.4	100.2	95.7	102.0	195.5	199.9	197.6	200.7
South Dakota	76.4	77.7	76.4	77.2	6.6	7.0	6.6	7.0	28.2	28.6	28.0	29.1	22.9	23.5	23.4	23.7
Tennessee	578.4	596.9	585.4	595.3	49.7	49.8	49.7	49.8	141.3	142.4	141.7	142.7	300.6	307.2	304.4	309.1
Texas	1,955.5	2,008.5	1,944.1	1,997.4	222.0	221.7	222.3	223.2	597.4	616.2	599.1	618.5	1,103.6	1,169.8	1,117.4	1,185.3
Utah	219.7	228.0	218.8	226.7	31.0	32.5	31.5	33.0	65.5	68.7	66.0	69.1	138.2	149.5	139.5	150.7
Vermont	59.0	59.2	58.6	58.8	6.3	6.2	6.2	6.3	13.1	13.1	13.1	13.1	20.8	21.2	20.9	21.3
Virginia	646.9	657.1	640.6	646.2	93.5	92.5	93.4	92.4	188.7	194.2	189.4	192.3	584.8	611.4	590.4	607.9
Washington	517.2	532.1	515.2	529.7	92.7	95.6	93.5	95.8	150.5	155.4	151.2	155.8	300.0	317.1	304.7	321.4
West Virginia	136.9	138.2	136.1	137.3	11.6	11.7	11.4	11.7	29.6	30.5	29.5	30.3	57.6	58.4	57.1	59.0
Wisconsin	532.0	530.8	526.7	527.5	49.6	48.7	49.4	48.9	158.3	156.6	157.7	157.2	249.6	252.5	251.6	253.0
Wyoming	48.2	49.7	48.2	49.4	4.3	4.3	4.3	4.2	10.5	10.6	10.4	10.6	14.5	14.9	14.6	14.9
Puerto Rico	188.2	192.9	184.8	189.5	22.7	23.4	22.4	23.4	48.2	51.3	48.4	51.1	102.9	105.1	104.0	107.1

See footnotes at end of table.

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			
	January		February		January		February		January		February		January		February	
	2005	2006	2005	2006 ^P	2005	2006	2005	2006 ^P	2005	2006	2005	2006 ^P	2005	2006	2005	2006 ^P
Alabama	196.0	201.8	197.3	203.0	155.1	162.3	157.5	164.4	80.8	81.1	80.9	81.4	360.1	364.8	363.0	367.8
Alaska	35.1	35.8	35.4	36.1	25.8	26.7	26.1	26.9	10.8	11.1	11.0	11.2	80.3	80.0	82.0	82.9
Arizona	266.2	280.7	268.4	282.7	242.5	258.2	248.1	263.9	88.1	93.8	89.0	94.9	395.6	399.0	414.6	415.6
Arkansas	144.1	147.7	145.4	148.6	87.5	89.5	90.1	91.6	41.2	42.0	41.5	42.2	200.9	206.9	206.0	210.6
California	1,557.4	1,587.5	1,580.2	1,607.8	1,408.5	1,460.8	1,424.5	1,476.2	495.8	508.2	502.4	514.9	2,400.4	2,424.2	2,426.5	2,449.2
Colorado	220.3	225.8	223.0	227.8	250.8	256.7	252.7	258.0	88.2	89.1	88.1	89.0	352.8	359.1	364.7	369.7
Connecticut	269.0	271.9	273.4	276.2	119.1	122.0	119.5	121.8	61.6	61.8	61.7	62.0	241.5	245.5	246.9	249.9
Delaware	53.2	54.4	53.4	54.5	36.3	37.6	36.3	37.5	19.3	19.5	19.3	19.4	57.7	58.5	58.8	59.8
District of Columbia ..	91.6	95.0	94.7	98.0	50.5	53.5	51.5	54.6	57.8	57.7	58.1	58.1	231.7	230.1	231.2	229.4
Florida	924.0	950.6	932.8	956.5	865.7	901.5	885.2	922.7	326.0	336.5	328.3	338.1	1,081.1	1,101.2	1,093.5	1,112.6
Georgia	415.8	426.4	417.8	429.2	352.3	361.0	355.4	365.1	154.9	156.9	155.8	158.3	642.5	657.2	649.9	664.9
Hawaii	68.7	70.4	69.5	71.1	103.8	107.0	104.7	107.8	24.5	25.2	24.6	25.3	116.2	115.6	121.0	121.9
Idaho	66.9	69.0	67.5	69.9	54.0	58.3	53.7	58.8	17.9	18.0	18.1	18.2	112.1	114.1	115.9	118.1
Illinois	734.6	747.3	738.3	752.2	476.4	493.3	478.5	493.9	252.4	257.9	253.0	258.7	833.0	830.1	851.1	849.6
Indiana	371.6	380.8	375.7	383.9	257.5	272.4	260.0	274.9	109.0	109.2	109.5	109.9	428.8	425.8	439.2	439.8
Iowa	193.1	198.8	195.5	201.3	120.1	121.4	121.1	122.3	55.3	54.9	55.5	55.1	242.4	244.1	248.0	250.3
Kansas	163.3	164.4	163.8	167.8	105.5	107.2	106.8	107.7	52.1	52.3	52.8	52.9	245.4	249.3	254.2	259.5
Kentucky	231.4	236.3	233.7	238.0	152.1	158.4	153.6	159.3	75.4	75.8	75.9	75.7	309.6	312.4	313.9	316.5
Louisiana	254.9	208.1	254.9	213.1	202.0	164.9	203.3	168.7	70.0	57.8	70.2	57.8	376.5	372.1	383.3	375.9
Maine	110.0	111.0	111.6	112.6	48.6	48.4	48.6	48.4	19.5	19.6	19.5	19.7	104.0	104.9	107.6	108.6
Maryland	347.6	357.8	350.3	360.7	210.3	214.3	210.9	214.9	115.1	117.3	115.9	118.1	457.2	460.0	466.2	471.1
Massachusetts	578.9	586.6	591.7	599.6	265.2	266.7	265.9	267.4	114.2	115.3	114.6	115.5	409.1	411.6	416.9	418.5
Michigan	559.8	566.0	567.8	572.4	373.1	380.1	375.6	380.0	174.4	175.4	175.3	176.1	677.5	674.9	697.4	696.8
Minnesota	377.6	391.5	384.1	394.8	223.0	230.6	222.3	230.6	115.0	115.8	115.0	115.9	416.4	421.4	422.1	429.5
Mississippi	120.6	121.8	121.3	122.7	120.7	110.9	122.1	112.0	37.0	37.4	37.6	37.5	240.4	242.1	244.2	243.3
Missouri	359.6	367.6	363.1	370.6	247.2	256.9	249.7	260.1	118.0	116.3	118.4	115.7	427.8	429.3	436.5	440.3
Montana	55.6	57.2	55.8	57.5	50.4	52.2	51.1	52.8	16.4	16.4	16.6	16.4	84.8	85.1	87.2	87.8
Nebraska	126.0	130.1	126.9	130.2	73.9	77.9	74.4	77.8	35.5	36.1	36.0	36.3	159.8	161.1	160.9	160.0
Nevada	81.9	85.9	82.9	87.0	311.5	329.3	313.6	330.9	32.4	35.1	32.7	35.6	139.1	143.1	144.2	148.8
New Hampshire	95.7	100.2	96.6	101.0	58.5	59.8	58.2	59.3	20.7	20.7	20.7	20.7	92.9	87.9	94.1	91.0
New Jersey	549.3	564.5	552.9	567.6	305.1	317.7	305.3	318.3	154.3	156.5	155.1	157.0	636.2	644.5	648.6	655.6
New Mexico	104.0	108.3	104.6	109.0	80.6	81.2	81.1	81.6	28.0	28.6	28.3	28.7	196.2	200.0	202.1	205.8
New York	1,511.3	1,543.1	1,544.6	1,572.5	617.6	625.3	623.4	629.4	349.2	354.0	350.8	355.1	1,479.7	1,479.4	1,498.0	1,499.7
North Carolina	453.1	471.4	456.6	474.7	332.1	340.8	334.0	343.8	166.2	174.5	167.4	174.4	666.1	680.6	672.5	687.3
North Dakota	48.2	49.3	48.2	49.5	29.7	30.2	29.7	30.4	14.9	15.1	15.0	15.2	75.6	76.1	77.7	77.7
Ohio	748.6	763.8	757.1	769.6	460.6	469.3	463.2	471.0	221.1	221.3	222.3	222.2	792.3	793.7	812.4	810.5
Oklahoma	178.6	184.6	179.4	185.6	124.9	128.2	126.6	129.9	73.2	73.6	73.6	74.0	305.2	311.9	312.5	319.8
Oregon	193.9	202.0	197.8	209.1	149.4	156.8	150.1	157.2	55.8	57.6	56.6	57.8	287.4	287.7	291.5	292.2
Pennsylvania	1,004.5	1,035.7	1,028.3	1,059.8	446.1	454.7	446.5	456.2	260.2	262.3	260.7	262.8	743.4	745.5	762.5	764.6
Rhode Island	92.7	94.0	95.2	97.4	44.7	45.2	45.4	45.4	22.9	22.3	22.9	22.4	65.5	65.6	65.8	66.0
South Carolina	182.6	187.8	184.3	189.2	185.5	187.7	189.7	191.1	71.1	75.8	72.4	76.2	327.0	332.9	330.3	339.0
South Dakota	57.1	58.4	57.3	58.7	37.0	38.1	37.0	38.1	15.3	15.1	15.4	15.2	74.9	75.5	75.4	76.5
Tennessee	323.1	330.9	325.2	332.9	243.0	252.6	244.8	254.0	99.0	99.8	99.8	100.6	410.2	412.7	417.7	420.2
Texas	1,157.6	1,200.6	1,167.9	1,207.1	862.4	887.1	875.1	899.1	343.3	347.8	344.4	349.4	1,666.5	1,688.6	1,700.7	1,721.2
Utah	126.8	132.0	128.0	133.2	100.9	103.6	102.2	104.7	32.4	33.2	32.6	33.3	202.3	205.9	204.0	207.4
Vermont	53.3	54.5	53.9	55.1	35.6	35.2	35.3	35.1	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	53.4	53.7	55.1	55.5
Virginia	387.3	401.1	391.3	403.9	302.3	306.2	305.9	309.4	178.0	179.2	179.1	180.1	653.9	661.7	661.3	673.0
Washington	322.1	334.0	325.5	338.7	248.1	256.0	247.2	257.7	100.2	102.6	101.1	103.3	526.3	528.1	530.8	535.1
West Virginia	110.9	114.0	112.1	114.6	65.1	66.1	65.3	66.0	54.6	55.0	54.6	55.1	142.5	142.4	143.6	143.5
Wisconsin	377.1	387.3	379.1	388.6	233.8	247.6	233.9	248.4	133.9	133.3	134.5	134.2	411.5	411.5	421.8	424.2
Wyoming	21.7	22.2	21.7	22.2	28.7	29.6	28.9	29.5	9.4	9.7	9.6	9.7	64.7	65.3	65.2	66.5
Puerto Rico	96.9	98.8	100.0	101.1	72.2	74.0	72.5	73.6	20.9	22.3	21.1	22.2	302.4	301.8	303.9	302.3

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 2005 benchmark levels. Estimates subsequent to the current benchmarks are provisional and will be revised when new information becomes available.

Chart 2. Percentage change in nonfarm employment by state, seasonally adjusted, February 2005 – February 2006

