

Table 11. Covered¹ establishments, employment, and wages in the 323 largest counties, fourth quarter 2005²

| County ³ | Establishments, fourth quarter 2005 (thousands) | Employment | | | Average weekly wage ⁵ | | |
|----------------------------------|---|---------------------------|---|---------------------------|----------------------------------|---|---------------------------|
| | | December 2005 (thousands) | Percent change, December 2004-05 ⁴ | Ranking by percent change | Average weekly wage | Percent change, fourth quarter 2004-05 ⁴ | Ranking by percent change |
| United States ⁶ | 8,690.4 | 133,834.6 | 1.7 | - | \$825 | 1.5 | - |
| Jefferson, AL | 18.9 | 375.8 | 0.8 | 202 | 836 | 0.5 | 221 |
| Madison, AL | 8.3 | 172.2 | 2.8 | 81 | 844 | -0.4 | 260 |
| Mobile, AL | 9.9 | 171.1 | 3.4 | 61 | 712 | 6.6 | 12 |
| Montgomery, AL | 6.7 | 138.5 | 4.0 | 49 | 725 | 0.6 | 209 |
| Tuscaloosa, AL | 4.3 | 82.9 | 4.2 | 43 | 740 | 3.9 | 32 |
| Anchorage Borough, AK | 7.9 | 144.0 | 1.1 | 170 | 837 | 0.8 | 189 |
| Maricopa, AZ | 86.1 | 1,784.8 | 5.8 | 8 | 818 | 2.1 | 94 |
| Pima, AZ | 18.7 | 364.2 | 3.1 | 70 | 717 | 2.4 | 80 |
| Benton, AR | 4.9 | 91.5 | 4.7 | 26 | 743 | 2.3 | 87 |
| Pulaski, AR | 13.7 | 248.7 | 1.2 | 164 | 749 | -1.1 | 284 |
| Washington, AR | 5.4 | 91.9 | 4.4 | 29 | 685 | 2.4 | 80 |
| Alameda, CA | 48.0 | 683.1 | 0.5 | 222 | 1,052 | -0.5 | 264 |
| Contra Costa, CA | 27.5 | 344.5 | -0.4 | 282 | 1,010 | 0.0 | 248 |
| Fresno, CA | 29.1 | 345.3 | 4.0 | 49 | 662 | 1.5 | 128 |
| Kern, CA | 16.7 | 275.1 | 8.6 | 2 | 683 | -0.1 | 249 |
| Los Angeles, CA | 378.7 | 4,196.5 | 1.8 | 128 | 966 | 0.3 | 234 |
| Marin, CA | 11.6 | 111.4 | -0.1 | 260 | 1,133 | 6.7 | 10 |
| Monterey, CA | 11.9 | 150.9 | 0.2 | 235 | 720 | 2.9 | 59 |
| Orange, CA | 91.7 | 1,507.7 | 1.9 | 123 | 964 | 2.6 | 68 |
| Placer, CA | 9.9 | 134.7 | 2.4 | 99 | 810 | 1.8 | 107 |
| Riverside, CA | 40.7 | 625.2 | 4.3 | 35 | 683 | 0.9 | 179 |
| Sacramento, CA | 48.6 | 629.0 | 2.4 | 99 | 894 | 3.5 | 42 |
| San Bernardino, CA | 44.0 | 654.3 | 4.4 | 29 | 718 | 0.8 | 189 |
| San Diego, CA | 88.9 | 1,315.8 | 0.9 | 192 | 890 | 1.8 | 107 |
| San Francisco, CA | 43.5 | 538.1 | 1.9 | 123 | 1,378 | 7.5 | 7 |
| San Joaquin, CA | 16.4 | 218.5 | 1.0 | 180 | 718 | 1.6 | 119 |
| San Luis Obispo, CA | 8.7 | 100.4 | 1.9 | 123 | 690 | 1.5 | 128 |
| San Mateo, CA | 22.7 | 333.1 | -0.4 | 282 | 1,365 | 3.5 | 42 |
| Santa Barbara, CA | 13.2 | 179.0 | 3.3 | 65 | 798 | 1.4 | 138 |
| Santa Clara, CA | 53.7 | 877.2 | 1.7 | 134 | 1,490 | 1.8 | 107 |
| Santa Cruz, CA | 8.5 | 91.9 | 0.1 | 241 | 738 | -4.4 | 314 |
| Solano, CA | 9.6 | 131.2 | 2.7 | 86 | 765 | 1.5 | 128 |
| Sonoma, CA | 17.4 | 191.4 | 0.4 | 225 | 821 | 2.8 | 61 |
| Stanislaus, CA | 13.5 | 172.6 | 2.5 | 95 | 691 | 3.1 | 53 |
| Tulare, CA | 8.6 | 140.6 | 4.7 | 26 | 583 | 1.6 | 119 |
| Ventura, CA | 20.9 | 318.3 | 2.7 | 86 | 892 | -1.5 | 288 |
| Yolo, CA | 5.3 | 98.4 | 1.8 | 128 | 729 | -4.3 | 313 |
| Adams, CO | 9.0 | 150.5 | 4.0 | 49 | 776 | -0.4 | 260 |
| Arapahoe, CO | 19.3 | 274.7 | 1.4 | 152 | 974 | -0.9 | 280 |
| Boulder, CO | 12.3 | 156.5 | 1.3 | 156 | 971 | 1.8 | 107 |
| Denver, CO | 24.9 | 431.6 | 1.8 | 128 | 1,003 | 0.9 | 179 |
| El Paso, CO | 16.7 | 244.3 | 2.3 | 104 | 750 | 1.4 | 138 |
| Jefferson, CO | 18.5 | 209.0 | 1.1 | 170 | 817 | -0.8 | 275 |
| Larimer, CO | 9.8 | 125.1 | 1.6 | 140 | 755 | 3.0 | 55 |
| Fairfield, CT | 32.3 | 420.6 | 0.9 | 192 | 1,496 | 4.3 | 25 |
| Hartford, CT | 24.6 | 493.5 | 1.3 | 156 | 1,033 | 1.5 | 128 |
| New Haven, CT | 22.1 | 366.4 | -0.4 | 282 | 895 | 1.0 | 170 |
| New London, CT | 6.7 | 130.1 | 0.1 | 241 | 842 | -0.7 | 271 |
| New Castle, DE | 19.5 | 286.6 | 0.0 | 251 | 1,068 | 9.0 | 5 |
| Washington, DC | 30.9 | 673.5 | 1.0 | 180 | 1,354 | 4.9 | 17 |
| Alachua, FL | 6.3 | 125.1 | (7) | - | 656 | (7) | - |
| Brevard, FL | 14.0 | 207.3 | 5.0 | 18 | 777 | 0.5 | 221 |
| Broward, FL | 62.3 | 752.1 | 4.3 | 35 | 813 | 1.0 | 170 |
| Collier, FL | 12.0 | 136.8 | 5.6 | 10 | 801 | 7.4 | 8 |
| Duval, FL | 24.9 | 462.3 | 4.2 | 43 | 816 | 1.2 | 154 |
| Escambia, FL | 7.7 | 128.8 | 2.4 | 99 | 675 | 3.7 | 36 |

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Table 11. Covered¹ establishments, employment, and wages in the 323 largest counties, fourth quarter 2005² —
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| County ³ | Establishments, fourth quarter 2005 (thousands) | Employment | | | Average weekly wage ⁵ | | |
|------------------------|--|---------------------------------|---|---------------------------------|----------------------------------|---|---------------------------------|
| | | December 2005 (thousands) | Percent change, December 2004-05 ⁴ | Ranking by percent change | Average weekly wage | Percent change, fourth quarter 2004-05 ⁴ | Ranking by percent change |
| Hillsborough, FL | 35.1 | 643.8 | 2.7 | 86 | \$781 | 0.6 | 209 |
| Lake, FL | 6.5 | 83.4 | 6.5 | 7 | 669 | 6.7 | 10 |
| Lee, FL | 17.9 | 223.6 | 9.2 | 1 | 733 | 2.8 | 61 |
| Leon, FL | 7.8 | 147.6 | -0.7 | 297 | 708 | 0.9 | 179 |
| Manatee, FL | 8.3 | 130.8 | 1.1 | 170 | 642 | 2.4 | 80 |
| Marion, FL | 7.6 | 101.5 | (⁷) | - | 613 | 1.7 | 114 |
| Miami-Dade, FL | 84.4 | 1,022.1 | 2.1 | 113 | 833 | 1.5 | 128 |
| Okaloosa, FL | 6.1 | 83.6 | (⁷) | - | 666 | (⁷) | - |
| Orange, FL | 33.4 | 675.4 | 4.5 | 28 | 766 | 0.9 | 179 |
| Palm Beach, FL | 47.9 | 565.1 | 3.1 | 70 | 826 | 0.9 | 179 |
| Pasco, FL | 8.8 | 96.5 | 7.9 | 3 | 600 | -0.2 | 251 |
| Pinellas, FL | 30.9 | 446.6 | 0.6 | 216 | 730 | 1.1 | 162 |
| Polk, FL | 12.0 | 211.8 | 5.0 | 18 | 660 | 2.6 | 68 |
| Sarasota, FL | 14.9 | 164.3 | 2.6 | 91 | 740 | 4.2 | 27 |
| Seminole, FL | 13.8 | 174.3 | 7.8 | 4 | 777 | 3.7 | 36 |
| Volusia, FL | 13.5 | 166.0 | 4.8 | 22 | 611 | -1.6 | 291 |
| Bibb, GA | 4.8 | 86.6 | -1.3 | 308 | 682 | 1.8 | 107 |
| Chatham, GA | 7.3 | 132.6 | 0.6 | 216 | 718 | 4.7 | 19 |
| Clayton, GA | 4.4 | 111.0 | 3.0 | 77 | 758 | -8.6 | 319 |
| Cobb, GA | 20.3 | 318.9 | 4.2 | 43 | 885 | 0.6 | 209 |
| De Kalb, GA | 17.0 | 295.2 | 0.5 | 222 | 864 | -0.3 | 253 |
| Fulton, GA | 38.3 | 757.1 | 1.7 | 134 | 1,139 | 7.6 | 6 |
| Gwinnett, GA | 22.5 | 323.5 | 3.4 | 61 | 862 | 0.9 | 179 |
| Muscogee, GA | 4.8 | 98.7 | 0.7 | 210 | 647 | 3.7 | 36 |
| Richmond, GA | 4.9 | 107.0 | 1.2 | 164 | 677 | 0.4 | 228 |
| Honolulu, HI | 23.9 | 452.5 | 2.3 | 104 | 763 | 0.9 | 179 |
| Ada, ID | 14.2 | 203.5 | 5.4 | 14 | 751 | 1.2 | 154 |
| Champaign, IL | 4.0 | 91.6 | 0.8 | 202 | 679 | 0.6 | 209 |
| Cook, IL | 132.3 | 2,547.4 | 0.9 | 192 | 1,000 | 1.4 | 138 |
| Du Page, IL | 34.0 | 591.4 | 0.6 | 216 | 967 | -0.7 | 271 |
| Kane, IL | 11.8 | 207.6 | 1.6 | 140 | 776 | 1.7 | 114 |
| Lake, IL | 19.8 | 325.3 | 0.0 | 251 | 1,025 | -0.6 | 267 |
| McHenry, IL | 7.9 | 98.9 | 2.2 | 109 | 746 | 1.8 | 107 |
| McLean, IL | 3.5 | 85.6 | 2.5 | 95 | 761 | -4.4 | 314 |
| Madison, IL | 5.8 | 93.8 | -0.3 | 273 | 718 | 3.3 | 49 |
| Peoria, IL | 4.6 | 100.9 | 1.2 | 164 | 800 | 1.4 | 138 |
| Rock Island, IL | 3.4 | 79.4 | 1.6 | 140 | 908 | 0.6 | 209 |
| St. Clair, IL | 5.2 | 95.0 | 1.0 | 180 | 664 | 2.8 | 61 |
| Sangamon, IL | 5.2 | 131.5 | 0.7 | 210 | 788 | 2.1 | 94 |
| Will, IL | 11.9 | 173.7 | 4.3 | 35 | 773 | 0.5 | 221 |
| Winnebago, IL | 6.8 | 137.1 | -1.0 | 302 | 707 | 1.0 | 170 |
| Allen, IN | 8.8 | 183.7 | 1.2 | 164 | 704 | -0.8 | 275 |
| Elkhart, IN | 4.8 | 127.8 | 3.1 | 70 | 730 | 2.1 | 94 |
| Hamilton, IN | 6.8 | 98.0 | 4.8 | 22 | 823 | -2.0 | 298 |
| Lake, IN | 10.0 | 196.1 | 0.9 | 192 | 716 | -2.3 | 301 |
| Marion, IN | 23.5 | 585.3 | 0.1 | 241 | 839 | 0.8 | 189 |
| St. Joseph, IN | 6.0 | 126.8 | -0.1 | 260 | 689 | 0.6 | 209 |
| Vanderburgh, IN | 4.8 | 110.1 | 1.5 | 145 | 682 | -0.3 | 253 |
| Linn, IA | 6.1 | 119.6 | 0.8 | 202 | 802 | 1.5 | 128 |
| Polk, IA | 14.2 | 267.6 | 1.7 | 134 | 828 | 1.2 | 154 |
| Scott, IA | 5.1 | 89.7 | 2.3 | 104 | 684 | 0.1 | 239 |
| Johnson, KS | 19.6 | 306.7 | 2.3 | 104 | 846 | 0.5 | 221 |
| Sedgwick, KS | 12.0 | 247.9 | 0.8 | 202 | 746 | 2.6 | 68 |
| Shawnee, KS | 4.8 | 94.4 | -0.6 | 291 | 691 | 1.0 | 170 |
| Wyandotte, KS | 3.2 | 78.1 | 1.4 | 152 | 782 | -0.5 | 264 |
| Fayette, KY | 8.9 | 172.3 | 1.7 | 134 | 757 | 1.3 | 147 |
| Jefferson, KY | 22.1 | 429.5 | 0.8 | 202 | 798 | -1.5 | 288 |

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| County ³ | Establishments, fourth quarter 2005 (thousands) | Employment | | | Average weekly wage ⁵ | | |
|----------------------------|---|---------------------------|---|---------------------------|----------------------------------|---|---------------------------|
| | | December 2005 (thousands) | Percent change, December 2004-05 ⁴ | Ranking by percent change | Average weekly wage | Percent change, fourth quarter 2004-05 ⁴ | Ranking by percent change |
| Caddo, LA | 7.2 | 126.2 | 3.2 | 69 | \$689 | 1.6 | 119 |
| Calcasieu, LA | 4.8 | 84.7 | 1.3 | 156 | 697 | 4.7 | 19 |
| East Baton Rouge, LA | 13.5 | 262.2 | 5.6 | 10 | 711 | 3.5 | 42 |
| Jefferson, LA | 14.3 | 179.5 | -17.0 | 313 | 812 | 16.2 | 3 |
| Lafayette, LA | 8.0 | 127.7 | 5.5 | 12 | 754 | 4.7 | 19 |
| Orleans, LA | 12.6 | 149.5 | -39.3 | 315 | 968 | 28.7 | 1 |
| Cumberland, ME | 11.8 | 173.7 | -0.3 | 273 | 749 | -2.3 | 301 |
| Anne Arundel, MD | 14.2 | 227.0 | 2.0 | 116 | 853 | 2.4 | 80 |
| Baltimore, MD | 21.3 | 378.9 | 1.5 | 145 | 872 | 1.3 | 147 |
| Frederick, MD | 5.8 | 92.5 | 0.3 | 233 | 779 | 1.6 | 119 |
| Harford, MD | 5.5 | 82.7 | 2.2 | 109 | 742 | -0.8 | 275 |
| Howard, MD | 8.3 | 141.3 | 1.7 | 134 | 962 | 0.1 | 239 |
| Montgomery, MD | 32.5 | 467.9 | 1.6 | 140 | 1,109 | 4.0 | 31 |
| Prince Georges, MD | 15.5 | 318.2 | -0.1 | 260 | 897 | 3.8 | 33 |
| Baltimore City, MD | 14.0 | 353.0 | -0.7 | 297 | 992 | 7.1 | 9 |
| Barnstable, MA | 9.2 | 88.4 | 0.0 | 251 | 730 | 0.8 | 189 |
| Bristol, MA | 15.5 | 223.1 | 0.1 | 241 | 737 | 1.4 | 138 |
| Essex, MA | 20.5 | 298.4 | 0.8 | 202 | 885 | 2.3 | 87 |
| Hampden, MA | 14.2 | 201.3 | -0.4 | 282 | 758 | 1.2 | 154 |
| Middlesex, MA | 47.3 | 803.7 | 1.3 | 156 | 1,158 | 1.0 | 170 |
| Norfolk, MA | 21.6 | 323.7 | 0.9 | 192 | 1,013 | 0.6 | 209 |
| Plymouth, MA | 13.7 | 178.6 | 0.7 | 210 | 804 | 0.2 | 235 |
| Suffolk, MA | 21.7 | 572.6 | 1.3 | 156 | 1,412 | 3.7 | 36 |
| Worcester, MA | 20.5 | 322.1 | 0.1 | 241 | 831 | 0.5 | 221 |
| Genesee, MI | 8.3 | 151.1 | (⁷) | - | 771 | -3.3 | 309 |
| Ingham, MI | 7.1 | 162.3 | (⁷) | - | 789 | 2.9 | 59 |
| Kalamazoo, MI | 5.5 | 117.8 | 1.0 | 180 | 741 | 0.8 | 189 |
| Kent, MI | 14.5 | 346.1 | 1.8 | 128 | 770 | -1.2 | 286 |
| Macomb, MI | 18.1 | 332.1 | 0.4 | 225 | 890 | -0.6 | 267 |
| Oakland, MI | 40.5 | 721.7 | -0.8 | 299 | 1,018 | 0.8 | 189 |
| Ottawa, MI | 5.8 | 112.6 | 1.1 | 170 | 744 | 0.8 | 189 |
| Saginaw, MI | 4.5 | 89.4 | -1.5 | 311 | 747 | -0.8 | 275 |
| Washtenaw, MI | 8.1 | 197.0 | -1.1 | 304 | 915 | 1.1 | 162 |
| Wayne, MI | 34.0 | 793.6 | -1.4 | 309 | 951 | 0.2 | 235 |
| Anoka, MN | 8.0 | 116.7 | 1.8 | 128 | 774 | -4.7 | 316 |
| Dakota, MN | 10.6 | 174.2 | 1.1 | 170 | 807 | -1.8 | 295 |
| Hennepin, MN | 42.9 | 850.6 | 1.3 | 156 | 1,013 | -3.4 | 310 |
| Olmsted, MN | 3.6 | 89.4 | 1.2 | 164 | 811 | 1.0 | 170 |
| Ramsey, MN | 15.8 | 334.5 | 1.1 | 170 | 884 | -3.5 | 311 |
| St. Louis, MN | 6.0 | 96.0 | 1.3 | 156 | 674 | -2.3 | 301 |
| Stearns, MN | 4.5 | 79.6 | 1.9 | 123 | 640 | -3.2 | 308 |
| Harrison, MS | 4.5 | 72.2 | -20.2 | 314 | 680 | 18.9 | 2 |
| Hinds, MS | 6.5 | 128.6 | -0.6 | 291 | 736 | 3.2 | 51 |
| Boone, MO | 4.4 | 81.7 | 3.0 | 77 | 626 | -0.3 | 253 |
| Clay, MO | 5.0 | 88.0 | 1.5 | 145 | 755 | 0.1 | 239 |
| Greene, MO | 8.1 | 153.3 | 3.5 | 60 | 626 | 1.5 | 128 |
| Jackson, MO | 18.8 | 367.3 | 0.7 | 210 | 839 | 2.6 | 68 |
| St. Charles, MO | 7.7 | 119.1 | 2.0 | 116 | 706 | 1.1 | 162 |
| St. Louis, MO | 34.0 | 627.5 | 0.3 | 233 | 887 | 3.0 | 55 |
| St. Louis City, MO | 8.1 | 223.2 | 0.5 | 222 | 897 | 1.6 | 119 |
| Douglas, NE | 15.4 | 314.7 | 1.0 | 180 | 789 | 4.2 | 27 |
| Lancaster, NE | 7.8 | 154.5 | 0.9 | 192 | 662 | 1.1 | 162 |
| Clark, NV | 43.3 | 895.6 | 6.7 | 5 | 771 | 0.1 | 239 |
| Washoe, NV | 13.5 | 217.6 | 2.9 | 79 | 782 | 1.7 | 114 |
| Hillsborough, NH | 12.3 | 200.3 | 1.0 | 180 | 949 | 1.9 | 103 |
| Rockingham, NH | 10.9 | 138.6 | 1.1 | 170 | 860 | -1.5 | 288 |
| Atlantic, NJ | 6.7 | 145.5 | -0.3 | 273 | 749 | 0.7 | 203 |

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|-----------------------|---|---------------------------|---|---------------------------|----------------------------------|---|---------------------------|
| | | December 2005 (thousands) | Percent change, December 2004-05 ⁴ | Ranking by percent change | Average weekly wage | Percent change, fourth quarter 2004-05 ⁴ | Ranking by percent change |
| Bergen, NJ | 34.3 | 456.2 | 0.1 | 241 | \$1,072 | 0.5 | 221 |
| Burlington, NJ | 11.3 | 203.7 | 0.1 | 241 | 878 | 1.3 | 147 |
| Camden, NJ | 13.5 | 212.9 | -0.2 | 269 | 892 | 3.1 | 53 |
| Essex, NJ | 21.4 | 364.8 | 0.0 | 251 | 1,069 | -1.7 | 293 |
| Gloucester, NJ | 6.3 | 106.9 | 3.3 | 65 | 766 | 0.9 | 179 |
| Hudson, NJ | 14.1 | 239.0 | -0.2 | 269 | 1,068 | 0.8 | 189 |
| Mercer, NJ | 10.9 | 227.6 | 2.4 | 99 | 1,085 | 1.9 | 103 |
| Middlesex, NJ | 20.9 | 396.8 | -0.3 | 273 | 1,043 | -0.6 | 267 |
| Monmouth, NJ | 20.3 | 258.1 | 0.4 | 225 | 925 | 1.2 | 154 |
| Morris, NJ | 17.9 | 288.0 | -0.1 | 260 | 1,239 | 1.7 | 114 |
| Ocean, NJ | 11.7 | 146.9 | 2.1 | 113 | 745 | 0.7 | 203 |
| Passaic, NJ | 12.5 | 180.2 | 0.9 | 192 | 893 | -0.4 | 260 |
| Somerset, NJ | 10.1 | 174.8 | 3.3 | 65 | 1,296 | 4.5 | 22 |
| Union, NJ | 14.8 | 229.5 | (7) | - | 1,078 | 0.7 | 203 |
| Bernalillo, NM | 16.7 | 326.5 | 2.3 | 104 | 731 | 0.4 | 228 |
| Albany, NY | 9.7 | 231.6 | -0.5 | 288 | 826 | 0.6 | 209 |
| Bronx, NY | 15.7 | 224.5 | 1.7 | 134 | 780 | 0.9 | 179 |
| Broome, NY | 4.5 | 96.1 | -0.1 | 260 | 631 | 1.1 | 162 |
| Dutchess, NY | 8.1 | 119.4 | -0.9 | 300 | 823 | 1.6 | 119 |
| Erie, NY | 23.3 | 461.3 | -1.0 | 302 | 708 | -0.7 | 271 |
| Kings, NY | 43.0 | 464.1 | 1.1 | 170 | 741 | 0.8 | 189 |
| Monroe, NY | 17.7 | 390.5 | 0.8 | 202 | 785 | 0.8 | 189 |
| Nassau, NY | 51.7 | 613.4 | 0.1 | 241 | 953 | 3.0 | 55 |
| New York, NY | 114.8 | 2,310.7 | 2.0 | 116 | 1,684 | 4.3 | 25 |
| Oneida, NY | 5.3 | 110.0 | (7) | - | 633 | 0.6 | 209 |
| Onondaga, NY | 12.7 | 253.1 | 0.2 | 235 | 770 | 0.8 | 189 |
| Orange, NY | 9.6 | 130.9 | -0.1 | 260 | 708 | 0.9 | 179 |
| Queens, NY | 41.1 | 487.0 | 1.0 | 180 | 822 | 0.7 | 203 |
| Richmond, NY | 8.3 | 91.6 | -0.3 | 273 | 738 | 0.4 | 228 |
| Rockland, NY | 9.5 | 115.0 | -0.1 | 260 | 873 | 1.3 | 147 |
| Suffolk, NY | 48.8 | 617.5 | 0.2 | 235 | 894 | 1.5 | 128 |
| Westchester, NY | 35.9 | 420.7 | -0.3 | 273 | 1,173 | 5.4 | 14 |
| Buncombe, NC | 7.2 | 110.6 | 0.4 | 225 | 658 | 1.2 | 154 |
| Catawba, NC | 4.4 | 87.6 | -0.6 | 291 | 638 | -0.3 | 253 |
| Cumberland, NC | 5.8 | 116.6 | 1.6 | 140 | 620 | 2.5 | 75 |
| Durham, NC | 6.3 | 172.3 | 1.5 | 145 | 1,015 | -1.2 | 286 |
| Forsyth, NC | 8.6 | 184.0 | 2.2 | 109 | 754 | -2.2 | 300 |
| Guilford, NC | 13.7 | 275.5 | 1.1 | 170 | 743 | 0.4 | 228 |
| Mecklenburg, NC | 28.2 | 533.2 | 2.5 | 95 | 932 | -1.6 | 291 |
| New Hanover, NC | 6.7 | 98.5 | 5.1 | 17 | 683 | 4.4 | 23 |
| Wake, NC | 24.4 | 416.9 | 4.3 | 35 | 828 | 1.5 | 128 |
| Cass, ND | 5.8 | 92.9 | 2.6 | 91 | 691 | 0.1 | 239 |
| Butler, OH | 7.0 | 139.5 | 2.2 | 109 | 734 | -0.9 | 280 |
| Cuyahoga, OH | 38.0 | 756.8 | -0.6 | 291 | 855 | -0.6 | 267 |
| Franklin, OH | 29.1 | 693.9 | 0.4 | 225 | 806 | 0.1 | 239 |
| Hamilton, OH | 24.5 | 547.2 | -0.1 | 260 | 895 | 2.8 | 61 |
| Lake, OH | 6.9 | 100.8 | 0.4 | 225 | 692 | -0.1 | 249 |
| Lorain, OH | 6.2 | 101.8 | -1.1 | 304 | 702 | -1.8 | 295 |
| Lucas, OH | 10.9 | 229.2 | -0.2 | 269 | 730 | -2.0 | 298 |
| Mahoning, OH | 6.4 | 107.3 | 0.7 | 210 | 624 | 0.2 | 235 |
| Montgomery, OH | 13.1 | 280.8 | -1.4 | 309 | 777 | -0.5 | 264 |
| Stark, OH | 9.2 | 166.5 | -1.8 | 312 | 649 | -0.3 | 253 |
| Summit, OH | 14.9 | 274.6 | 1.0 | 180 | 767 | -2.5 | 305 |
| Trumbull, OH | 4.8 | 84.3 | -0.5 | 288 | 704 | -5.8 | 318 |
| Oklahoma, OK | 22.6 | 420.6 | 1.4 | 152 | 713 | 2.3 | 87 |
| Tulsa, OK | 18.7 | 339.4 | 3.9 | 52 | 744 | 1.6 | 119 |
| Clackamas, OR | 12.2 | 147.4 | 4.4 | 29 | 761 | 1.2 | 154 |

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| | | December 2005 (thousands) | Percent change, December 2004-05 ⁴ | Ranking by percent change | Average weekly wage | Percent change, fourth quarter 2004-05 ⁴ | Ranking by percent change |
| Jackson, OR | 6.5 | 85.5 | 3.9 | 52 | \$602 | 1.2 | 154 |
| Lane, OR | 10.7 | 149.7 | 4.4 | 29 | 656 | 2.2 | 90 |
| Marion, OR | 9.0 | 134.6 | 3.4 | 61 | 638 | 1.4 | 138 |
| Multnomah, OR | 26.4 | 438.8 | 2.5 | 95 | 822 | 1.0 | 170 |
| Washington, OR | 15.4 | 242.7 | 4.3 | 35 | 904 | -0.8 | 275 |
| Allegheny, PA | 34.8 | 687.7 | 0.0 | 251 | 858 | 0.8 | 189 |
| Berks, PA | 9.0 | 167.4 | 1.3 | 156 | 725 | -1.0 | 283 |
| Bucks, PA | 19.7 | 264.5 | 1.4 | 152 | 807 | 0.7 | 203 |
| Chester, PA | 15.0 | 235.3 | 1.9 | 123 | 1,062 | 0.5 | 221 |
| Cumberland, PA | 5.8 | 125.9 | -0.6 | 291 | 754 | 0.1 | 239 |
| Dauphin, PA | 7.1 | 177.9 | 0.8 | 202 | 785 | -3.1 | 307 |
| Delaware, PA | 13.7 | 211.7 | 0.0 | 251 | 892 | 2.2 | 90 |
| Erie, PA | 7.1 | 127.9 | -0.3 | 273 | 646 | 0.2 | 235 |
| Lackawanna, PA | 5.7 | 101.3 | 0.9 | 192 | 648 | 1.7 | 114 |
| Lancaster, PA | 12.0 | 229.8 | 0.6 | 216 | 712 | 0.1 | 239 |
| Lehigh, PA | 8.2 | 176.2 | 0.7 | 210 | 820 | -0.7 | 271 |
| Luzerne, PA | 7.9 | 142.9 | -0.2 | 269 | 650 | 0.8 | 189 |
| Montgomery, PA | 27.7 | 491.3 | 1.5 | 145 | 1,024 | 1.1 | 162 |
| Northampton, PA | 6.2 | 95.2 | 1.5 | 145 | 723 | 0.4 | 228 |
| Philadelphia, PA | 29.0 | 640.6 | 0.2 | 235 | 962 | -0.9 | 280 |
| Washington, PA | 5.3 | 75.9 | 0.0 | 251 | 700 | 1.0 | 170 |
| Westmoreland, PA | 9.5 | 139.4 | 0.4 | 225 | 635 | -1.9 | 297 |
| York, PA | 8.8 | 175.5 | 2.0 | 116 | 781 | 10.8 | 4 |
| Kent, RI | 5.7 | 83.5 | 0.0 | 251 | 735 | 1.4 | 138 |
| Providence, RI | 18.2 | 289.9 | 0.1 | 241 | 813 | 3.4 | 46 |
| Charleston, SC | 12.6 | 199.5 | 1.8 | 128 | 703 | 5.2 | 16 |
| Greenville, SC | 12.7 | 229.8 | 1.0 | 180 | 725 | 0.8 | 189 |
| Horry, SC | 8.6 | 105.6 | 3.7 | 57 | 556 | -0.2 | 251 |
| Lexington, SC | 5.9 | 90.2 | 2.0 | 116 | 628 | -1.1 | 284 |
| Richland, SC | 9.8 | 210.1 | 0.0 | 251 | 696 | -0.3 | 253 |
| Spartanburg, SC | 6.4 | 116.1 | -1.1 | 304 | 700 | 1.3 | 147 |
| Minnehaha, SD | 6.1 | 113.0 | 3.1 | 70 | 678 | 2.4 | 80 |
| Davidson, TN | 18.0 | 453.2 | 2.9 | 79 | 835 | 0.7 | 203 |
| Hamilton, TN | 8.4 | 194.6 | 0.1 | 241 | 724 | 2.5 | 75 |
| Knox, TN | 10.5 | 222.2 | 1.0 | 180 | 729 | 3.0 | 55 |
| Rutherford, TN | 3.8 | 97.4 | 3.6 | 59 | 730 | -2.4 | 304 |
| Shelby, TN | 19.8 | 509.2 | 0.9 | 192 | 848 | 1.8 | 107 |
| Bell, TX | 4.3 | 94.9 | 2.7 | 86 | 616 | 2.7 | 66 |
| Bexar, TX | 30.5 | 687.8 | 4.2 | 43 | 744 | 3.6 | 40 |
| Brazoria, TX | 4.3 | 81.8 | 4.4 | 29 | 757 | 2.2 | 90 |
| Brazos, TX | 3.6 | 83.4 | 4.4 | 29 | 588 | 2.6 | 68 |
| Cameron, TX | 6.2 | 118.5 | 2.0 | 116 | 506 | 1.4 | 138 |
| Collin, TX | 14.6 | 255.2 | 5.4 | 14 | 964 | 1.4 | 138 |
| Dallas, TX | 66.5 | 1,457.5 | 2.8 | 81 | 1,033 | 3.4 | 46 |
| Denton, TX | 9.4 | 154.3 | 5.3 | 16 | 725 | 2.0 | 99 |
| El Paso, TX | 12.9 | 263.7 | 2.8 | 81 | 575 | -0.3 | 253 |
| Fort Bend, TX | 7.3 | 114.1 | 4.8 | 22 | 854 | 2.2 | 90 |
| Galveston, TX | 4.9 | 89.2 | 3.1 | 70 | 723 | 4.9 | 17 |
| Harris, TX | 91.1 | 1,919.8 | 3.8 | 55 | 1,014 | 3.8 | 33 |
| Hidalgo, TX | 9.8 | 204.3 | 4.2 | 43 | 512 | 1.6 | 119 |
| Jefferson, TX | 5.8 | 120.5 | 4.3 | 35 | 815 | 5.4 | 14 |
| Lubbock, TX | 6.5 | 121.3 | 2.1 | 113 | 619 | 2.5 | 75 |
| McLennan, TX | 4.8 | 102.7 | 1.1 | 170 | 647 | 0.6 | 209 |
| Montgomery, TX | 7.1 | 107.4 | 6.6 | 6 | 781 | 4.4 | 23 |
| Nueces, TX | 8.1 | 148.3 | 2.0 | 116 | 687 | 1.5 | 128 |
| Potter, TX | 3.7 | 71.9 | -0.3 | 273 | 667 | 3.3 | 49 |
| Smith, TX | 5.0 | 91.7 | 2.8 | 81 | 723 | 3.6 | 40 |

See footnotes at end of table.

Table 11. Covered¹ establishments, employment, and wages in the 323 largest counties, fourth quarter 2005² — Continued

| County ³ | Establishments, fourth quarter 2005 (thousands) | Employment | | | Average weekly wage ⁵ | | |
|-------------------------------|---|---------------------------|---|---------------------------|----------------------------------|---|---------------------------|
| | | December 2005 (thousands) | Percent change, December 2004-05 ⁴ | Ranking by percent change | Average weekly wage | Percent change, fourth quarter 2004-05 ⁴ | Ranking by percent change |
| Tarrant, TX | 34.9 | 730.8 | 2.8 | 81 | \$827 | 1.6 | 119 |
| Travis, TX | 25.7 | 538.9 | 3.7 | 57 | 935 | 0.6 | 209 |
| Webb, TX | 4.5 | 84.3 | 5.7 | 9 | 548 | 1.9 | 103 |
| Williamson, TX | 6.0 | 104.4 | 5.5 | 12 | 807 | -8.6 | 319 |
| Davis, UT | 6.9 | 97.8 | 3.8 | 55 | 670 | 4.2 | 27 |
| Salt Lake, UT | 37.7 | 558.0 | 4.3 | 35 | 769 | 3.4 | 46 |
| Utah, UT | 12.3 | 161.9 | 4.9 | 20 | 629 | 2.1 | 94 |
| Weber, UT | 5.6 | 89.5 | 1.0 | 180 | 607 | 2.4 | 80 |
| Chittenden, VT | 5.8 | 95.8 | -1.1 | 304 | 789 | 1.0 | 170 |
| Arlington, VA | 7.3 | 156.5 | -0.1 | 260 | 1,345 | 4.2 | 27 |
| Chesterfield, VA | 6.9 | 117.7 | 2.6 | 91 | 753 | 1.3 | 147 |
| Fairfax, VA | 31.3 | 578.9 | 3.1 | 70 | 1,247 | 0.4 | 228 |
| Henrico, VA | 8.6 | 174.2 | 0.4 | 225 | 887 | 2.8 | 61 |
| Loudoun, VA | 7.2 | 124.5 | 4.1 | 48 | 1,059 | 2.7 | 66 |
| Prince William, VA | 6.4 | 103.6 | 4.3 | 35 | 749 | 2.6 | 68 |
| Alexandria City, VA | 5.9 | 94.9 | 0.2 | 235 | 1,077 | 2.4 | 80 |
| Chesapeake City, VA | 5.2 | 97.6 | 2.6 | 91 | 660 | 2.6 | 68 |
| Newport News City, VA | 3.9 | 99.5 | 0.6 | 216 | 737 | -0.4 | 260 |
| Norfolk City, VA | 5.7 | 144.5 | -0.9 | 300 | 807 | 3.5 | 42 |
| Richmond City, VA | 7.0 | 162.0 | 1.2 | 164 | 940 | 3.2 | 51 |
| Virginia Beach City, VA | 11.1 | 178.0 | 1.5 | 145 | 658 | 2.0 | 99 |
| Clark, WA | 11.0 | 128.8 | 4.9 | 20 | 734 | 2.5 | 75 |
| King, WA | 76.3 | 1,145.1 | 3.4 | 61 | 985 | 1.1 | 162 |
| Kitsap, WA | 6.4 | 83.7 | 2.4 | 99 | 733 | 6.4 | 13 |
| Pierce, WA | 19.8 | 264.3 | 3.3 | 65 | 711 | 2.0 | 99 |
| Snohomish, WA | 16.5 | 227.5 | 4.8 | 22 | 815 | 3.8 | 33 |
| Spokane, WA | 14.7 | 201.3 | 2.7 | 86 | 643 | 1.1 | 162 |
| Thurston, WA | 6.4 | 95.1 | 3.1 | 70 | 709 | 1.9 | 103 |
| Whatcom, WA | 6.6 | 79.9 | 3.9 | 52 | 613 | 2.5 | 75 |
| Yakima, WA | 7.8 | 87.2 | -0.5 | 288 | 552 | 2.0 | 99 |
| Kanawha, WV | 6.1 | 108.2 | -0.6 | 291 | 699 | 1.3 | 147 |
| Brown, WI | 6.8 | 149.2 | 0.9 | 192 | 732 | -5.1 | 317 |
| Dane, WI | 14.2 | 302.8 | 1.0 | 180 | 756 | -1.7 | 293 |
| Milwaukee, WI | 21.9 | 497.8 | -0.4 | 282 | 833 | 0.6 | 209 |
| Outagamie, WI | 5.0 | 101.2 | -0.3 | 273 | 722 | 2.1 | 94 |
| Racine, WI | 4.3 | 76.6 | -0.4 | 282 | 783 | -3.9 | 312 |
| Waukesha, WI | 13.5 | 233.2 | 0.2 | 235 | 826 | 0.1 | 239 |
| Winnebago, WI | 3.9 | 88.5 | 0.6 | 216 | 776 | -2.9 | 306 |
| San Juan, PR | 14.5 | 330.1 | -2.0 | (⁶) | 549 | 3.0 | (⁶) |

¹ Includes workers covered by Unemployment Insurance (UI) and Unemployment Compensation for Federal Employees (UCFE) programs. These 322 U.S. counties comprise 70.8 percent of the total covered workers in the U.S.

² Data are preliminary. A version of this table appears in the fourth quarter news release available at www.bls.gov/schedule/archives/cewqtr_nr.htm.

³ Includes areas not officially designated as counties. See news release Technical Note.

⁴ Percent changes were computed from quarterly employment and pay data adjusted for noneconomic county reclassifications. See news release Technical Note.

⁵ Average weekly wages were calculated using unrounded data.

⁶ Totals for the United States do not include data for Puerto Rico or the Virgin Islands.

⁷ Data do not meet BLS or State agency disclosure standards.

⁸ This county was not included in the U.S. rankings.