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REGIONAL AND STATE EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT: DECEMBER 2005

Regional and state unemployment rates were generally little changed in December. Overall, 36 states and the District of Columbia registered over-the-month unemployment rate decreases, 10 states recorded increases, and 4 states had no change, the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the U.S. Department of Labor reported today. Over the year, jobless rates were down in 32 states and the District of Columbia, up in 17 states, and unchanged in 1 state. In December, the national unemployment rate, 4.9 percent, was little changed from November, but was down by 0.5 percentage point from a year earlier.

Nonfarm payroll employment increased in 38 states over the month and decreased in 12 states and the District of Columbia. California experienced the largest employment gain (+24,300), followed by Florida (+16,100), Arizona (+14,800), and Texas (+13,400). Louisiana and Montana posted the largest over-the-month percentage increases in employment (+0.7 percent each), followed by Arizona and Utah (+0.6 percent each). The largest employment decreases occurred in Ohio (-10,700), Kansas (-3,700), Maryland (-3,300), Mississippi (-2,300), and Alabama (-1,800). The largest over-the-month percentage decreases in employment occurred in Kansas and Rhode Island (-0.3 percent each), followed by Mississippi and Ohio (-0.2 percent each).

Hurricane Katrina

In December, BLS and its state partners again made modifications to the usual estimation procedures for the Local Area Unemployment Statistics (LAUS) program to reflect the impact on the unemployment statistics in Katrina-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 metropolitan area using an alternative to the model-based method; and (4) not publishing labor force estimates for the parishes within the New Orleans 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 December 2005, see *Hurricane Information: Katrina and Rita* on the BLS Web site at <http://www.bls.gov/Katrina/home.htm> or call (202) 691-6392.

Regional Unemployment (Seasonally Adjusted)

The South recorded the lowest regional unemployment rate in December, 4.8 percent, followed closely by the Northeast and West, 4.9 percent each. The Midwest again registered the highest rate, 5.4 percent. The South and West reported the only statistically significant rate changes from November (-0.4 and -0.2 percentage point, respectively). Over the year, unemployment rates were down significantly in the West (-0.7 percentage point), South (-0.5 point), and Midwest (-0.2 point). (See table 1.)

Among the nine geographic divisions, the lowest unemployment rates in December were recorded in the Mountain and South Atlantic, 4.3 percent each, and the West North Central, 4.5 percent. The highest division jobless rates were reported in the East North Central and East South Central, 5.8 percent each. Over the month, statistically significant unemployment rate changes were posted in the West South Central (-0.9 percentage point), Mountain (-0.3 point), and South Atlantic (-0.2 point) divisions. Significant over-the-year unemployment rate declines were reported in the Pacific (-0.8 percentage point), West South Central (-0.7 point), South Atlantic (-0.6 point), and Mountain (-0.4 point) divisions. New England had the only significant jobless rate increase from December 2004 (+0.4 percentage point).

State Unemployment (Seasonally Adjusted)

Hawaii continued to record the lowest state unemployment rate, 2.7 percent, in December. The next lowest rates were reported in Wyoming, 3.2 percent, and Florida, North Dakota, and Virginia, 3.3 percent each. The Florida rate was the lowest in its series. Four additional states also registered historical lows: Alabama, 3.5 percent, Idaho, 3.4 percent, Montana, 3.7 percent, and Nevada, 3.8 percent. (All state series begin in 1976.) Mississippi recorded the highest unemployment rate, 9.9 percent. South Carolina, at 7.0 percent, and Alaska, at 6.9 percent, had the next highest rates. Overall, 16 states registered unemployment rates that were significantly below the U.S. rate, 7 states and the District of Columbia had measurably higher rates, and 27 states had rates that were statistically little different from that of the nation. (See tables A and 3 and chart 1.)

In December, the Louisiana jobless rate declined by 5.7 percentage points to 6.4 percent; this decrease reflects a substantial drop in unemployment insurance claims. Statistically significant over-the-month changes also were reported in 10 additional states: Wyoming (-0.7 percentage point); Montana (-0.6 point); Colorado (-0.4 point); Florida, Idaho, Iowa, Kansas, Maryland, and Nevada (-0.3 percentage point each); and Texas (-0.2 point). The remaining 39 states and the District of Columbia registered rates that were not appreciably different from those of November, even though some states had changes that were at least as large numerically as those with statistically significant changes.

The largest state jobless rate declines from December 2004 were recorded in Alabama (-1.8 percentage points), Florida and Oregon (-1.3 points each), Utah (-1.2 points), Arkansas (-1.1 points), and Idaho (-1.0 point). Eighteen additional states also had statistically significant rate decreases, ranging from -0.2 to -0.9 percentage point. The District of Columbia's rate declined by 2.8 percentage points from a year earlier. The largest unemployment rate increases from December 2004 were registered in Mississippi (+3.2 percentage points) and Kentucky (+1.6 points). Five additional states reported statistically significant rate increases over the year, ranging from +0.2 to +0.5 percentage point. Nineteen states recorded December 2005 jobless rates that were not appreciably different from those of a year earlier. (See table B.)

Nonfarm Payroll Employment (Seasonally Adjusted)

Between November and December, the measured changes in employment were statistically significant in six states. All six states—Arizona (+14,800), Louisiana (+11,600), Oregon (+7,500), Utah (+6,600), Iowa (+6,100), and Montana (+3,000)—registered gains in employment. (See tables C and 5.)

Over the year, the measured changes in employment were statistically significant in 30 states and the District of Columbia. All had gains in employment except for Louisiana (-195,300) and Mississippi (-24,300). The decreases in Louisiana and Mississippi reflect the impact of Hurricane Katrina, which struck the Gulf Coast in late August 2005. The largest gains were reported in Florida (+248,100), California (+233,700), Texas (+153,500), and Arizona (+108,900). Four states and the District of Columbia experienced statistically significant employment gains that were less than 15,000: the District of Columbia (+11,700), Nebraska (+11,600), West Virginia (+7,800), North Dakota (+6,800), and Wyoming (+6,100). (See table D.)

The Metropolitan Area Employment and Unemployment release for December 2005 is scheduled to be issued on February 1. The Regional and State Employment and Unemployment release for January 2006 is scheduled to be issued on March 9.

Revisions in the Regional and State Employment and Unemployment Data

Effective with the release of 2005 annual average estimates on March 1, the labor force data for regions, divisions, states, the District of Columbia, and the modeled substate areas presented in tables 1-4 of this news release will be revised to incorporate updated population controls, reestimation of models, adjustment to new division and national control totals, and revised seasonal adjustment factors. Both not seasonally adjusted and seasonally adjusted data will be revised back to 2000. The updated population controls reflect the annual updating of population estimates by the U.S. Census Bureau.

In addition, effective with the release of January 2006 estimates on March 9, all nonfarm payroll employment estimates for states and areas presented in tables 5 and 6 of this news release will be adjusted to 2005 benchmark levels. Not seasonally adjusted payroll data back to April 2004 and seasonally adjusted data for states back to January 2001 will be subject to revision.

Use of Error Measures in the Regional and State News

With the release of data for January 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. These error measures allow data users and the Bureau of Labor Statistics to consider statistical significance when analyzing and describing the LAUS data. Error measures for the nonfarm payroll employment data had been available prior to January 2005, although they were not used in the analysis of those data in this release.

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.

Table A. States with unemployment rates significantly different from that of the U.S., December 2005, seasonally adjusted

State	December 2005 ^p
United States	4.9
Alabama	3.5
Alaska	6.9
District of Columbia	6.0
Florida	3.3
Hawaii	2.7
Idaho	3.4
Kentucky	6.3
Maryland	3.9
Michigan	6.7
Minnesota	4.1
Mississippi.....	9.9
Montana	3.7
Nebraska	3.7
Nevada	3.8
New Hampshire	3.5
North Dakota.....	3.3
Ohio	5.9
Oregon.....	5.7
South Carolina	7.0
South Dakota	3.9
Utah.....	3.8
Vermont	3.6
Virginia	3.3
Wyoming.....	3.2

p = preliminary.

Table B. States with statistically significant unemployment rate changes from December 2004 to December 2005, seasonally adjusted

State	December 2004	December 2005 ^p	Over-the-year rate change ^p
Alabama	5.3	3.5	-1.8
Alaska	7.6	6.9	-.7
Arkansas	5.6	4.5	-1.1
California	6.0	5.1	-.9
Colorado	5.4	4.6	-.8
Delaware	4.2	4.4	.2
District of Columbia	8.8	6.0	-2.8
Florida	4.6	3.3	-1.3
Georgia	4.8	5.2	.4
Idaho	4.4	3.4	-1.0
Illinois	6.0	5.5	-.5
Iowa	5.0	4.5	-.5
Kansas	5.3	4.9	-.4
Kentucky	4.7	6.3	1.6
Michigan	7.5	6.7	-.8
Minnesota	4.6	4.1	-.5
Mississippi.....	6.7	9.9	3.2
Missouri	5.7	5.1	-.6
Montana	4.4	3.7	-.7
Nevada	4.0	3.8	-.2
New Jersey	4.2	4.7	.5
New Mexico	5.6	4.8	-.8
New York	5.6	5.1	-.5
North Carolina	5.3	4.9	-.4
Oregon.....	7.0	5.7	-1.3
Pennsylvania	5.7	4.9	-.8
Rhode Island	4.8	5.2	.4
South Dakota	3.5	3.9	.4
Texas	5.9	5.1	-.8
Utah.....	5.0	3.8	-1.2
Washington	5.9	5.3	-.6
Wyoming.....	3.7	3.2	-.5

p = preliminary.

Table C. States with statistically significant employment changes from November 2005 to December 2005, seasonally adjusted

State	November 2005	December 2005 ^p	Over-the-month change ^p
Arizona.....	2,508,900	2,523,700	14,800
Iowa.....	1,484,700	1,490,800	6,100
Louisiana.....	1,710,000	1,721,600	11,600
Montana.....	424,600	427,600	3,000
Oregon.....	1,665,100	1,672,600	7,500
Utah.....	1,159,100	1,165,700	6,600

p = preliminary.

Table D. States with statistically significant employment changes from December 2004 to December 2005, seasonally adjusted

State	December 2004	December 2005 ^p	Over-the-year change ^p
Arizona.....	2,414,800	2,523,700	108,900
California.....	14,645,500	14,879,200	233,700
Colorado.....	2,203,400	2,243,600	40,200
District of Columbia.....	673,800	685,500	11,700
Florida.....	7,608,600	7,856,700	248,100
Hawaii.....	591,300	607,600	16,300
Idaho.....	591,500	619,100	27,600
Illinois.....	5,812,700	5,874,000	61,300
Iowa.....	1,461,800	1,490,800	29,000
Kansas.....	1,334,200	1,355,200	21,000
Louisiana.....	1,916,900	1,721,600	-195,300
Maryland.....	2,540,900	2,575,100	34,200
Minnesota.....	2,697,000	2,730,500	33,500
Mississippi.....	1,127,600	1,103,300	-24,300
Nebraska.....	926,100	937,700	11,600
Nevada.....	1,187,100	1,255,800	68,700
New Jersey.....	4,032,200	4,069,400	37,200
New Mexico.....	799,100	816,400	17,300
New York.....	8,491,500	8,553,900	62,400
North Carolina.....	3,856,700	3,909,600	52,900
North Dakota.....	337,900	344,700	6,800
Oklahoma.....	1,483,800	1,505,700	21,900
Oregon.....	1,616,200	1,672,600	56,400
Pennsylvania.....	5,665,900	5,730,300	64,400
Texas.....	9,530,600	9,684,100	153,500
Utah.....	1,116,100	1,165,700	49,600
Virginia.....	3,623,500	3,664,700	41,200
Washington.....	2,722,400	2,800,600	78,200
West Virginia.....	736,800	744,600	7,800
Wisconsin.....	2,812,100	2,851,000	38,900
Wyoming.....	257,700	263,800	6,100

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 have a job from which they were temporarily absent, whether or not paid, for such reasons as labor-management dispute, illness, or vacation. Unemployed persons are those who did not work at all (in the reference week), have actively looked for a job (sometime in the 4-week period ending with the reference week), and are currently available for work; persons on layoff expecting recall need not be looking for work to be counted as unemployed.

Method of estimation. 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 which includes the 12th of the month. Persons are counted at their place of work rather than at their place of residence; those appearing on more than one payroll are counted on each payroll. Industries are classified on the basis of their principal activity in accordance with the 2002 version of the North American Industry Classification System.

Method of estimation. The employment data are estimated using a “link relative” technique in which a ratio (link relative) of current-month employment to that of the previous month is computed from a sample of establishments reporting for both months. The estimates of employment for the current month are obtained by multiplying the estimates for the previous month by these ratios.

Annual revisions. Employment estimates are adjusted annually to a complete count of jobs, called benchmarks, derived principally from tax reports which are submitted by employers who are covered under state unemployment insurance (UI) laws. The benchmark information is used to adjust the monthly estimates between the new benchmark and the preceding one and also to establish the level of employment for the new benchmark month. Thus, the benchmarking process establishes the level of employment, and the sample is used to measure the month-to-month changes in the level for the subsequent months.

Seasonal adjustment. Payroll employment data are seasonally adjusted at the statewide supersector level. In some states, the seasonally adjusted payroll employment total is computed by aggregating the independently adjusted supersector series. In other states, the seasonally adjusted payroll employment total is independently adjusted. Revisions of historical data for the most recent 5 years are made once a year, coincident with annual benchmark adjustments.

Caution on aggregating state data. State estimation procedures are designed to produce accurate data for each individual state. BLS independently develops a national employment series; state estimates are not forced to sum to national totals. Because each state series is subject to larger sampling and nonsampling errors than the national series, summing them cumulates individual state level errors and can cause significant distortions at an aggregate level. Due to these statistical limitations, BLS does not compile a “sum-of-states” employment series, and cautions users that such a series is subject to a relatively large and volatile error structure.

Reliability of the estimates

The estimates presented in this release are based on sample survey, 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.

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 slightly more than +/- 0.3 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/>.

Information in this release will be made available to sensory impaired individuals upon request. Voice phone: 202-691-5200; TDD message referral phone: 1-800-877-8339.

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

(Numbers in thousands)

Census region and division	Civilian labor force				Unemployed							
					Number				Percent of labor force			
	Dec. 2004	Oct. 2005	Nov. 2005	Dec. 2005	Dec. 2004	Oct. 2005	Nov. 2005	Dec. 2005	Dec. 2004	Oct. 2005	Nov. 2005	Dec. 2005
Northeast	27,648.3	27,895.4	27,852.7	27,901.1	1,381.4	1,305.2	1,402.1	1,357.8	5.0	4.7	5.0	4.9
New England	7,496.9	7,589.9	7,610.7	7,618.9	323.9	366.2	362.1	355.5	4.3	4.8	4.8	4.7
Middle Atlantic	20,151.4	20,305.5	20,242.0	20,282.2	1,057.5	939.0	1,040.0	1,002.3	5.2	4.6	5.1	4.9
South	52,103.6	53,055.4	53,057.4	52,925.0	2,768.0	2,747.5	2,757.8	2,523.6	5.3	5.2	5.2	4.8
South Atlantic	27,510.3	28,257.5	28,278.1	28,274.4	1,355.7	1,268.3	1,281.0	1,204.7	4.9	4.5	4.5	4.3
East South Central	8,362.7	8,421.9	8,392.1	8,393.6	463.4	499.4	495.8	487.0	5.5	5.9	5.9	5.8
West South Central	16,230.6	16,376.0	16,387.2	16,256.9	949.0	979.8	981.1	831.9	5.8	6.0	6.0	5.1
Midwest	34,504.9	34,644.0	34,758.5	34,748.0	1,942.1	1,799.9	1,847.8	1,868.5	5.6	5.2	5.3	5.4
East North Central	23,647.2	23,789.0	23,878.3	23,859.2	1,416.7	1,323.4	1,337.0	1,375.5	6.0	5.6	5.6	5.8
West North Central	10,857.7	10,854.9	10,880.2	10,888.8	525.4	476.5	510.7	493.0	4.8	4.4	4.7	4.5
West	33,846.7	34,475.6	34,470.4	34,534.9	1,883.7	1,748.9	1,750.2	1,679.7	5.6	5.1	5.1	4.9
Mountain	10,130.7	10,329.6	10,333.7	10,335.6	478.8	480.5	473.4	439.4	4.7	4.7	4.6	4.3
Pacific	23,716.0	24,146.0	24,136.7	24,199.3	1,404.9	1,268.4	1,276.8	1,240.4	5.9	5.3	5.3	5.1

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.

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			
	November		December		November		December		November		December	
	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005
Northeast	27,654.0	27,827.5	27,602.5	27,815.2	1,286.8	1,330.6	1,297.9	1,267.7	4.7	4.8	4.7	4.6
New England	7,502.9	7,599.6	7,477.2	7,587.3	307.8	336.6	298.3	327.2	4.1	4.4	4.0	4.3
Middle Atlantic	20,151.2	20,228.0	20,125.3	20,227.8	979.0	994.0	999.6	940.6	4.9	4.9	5.0	4.6
South	52,127.2	53,051.2	52,037.6	52,759.9	2,651.6	2,664.4	2,624.7	2,363.1	5.1	5.0	5.0	4.5
South Atlantic	27,489.8	28,249.6	27,440.0	28,150.8	1,298.2	1,242.1	1,283.5	1,123.1	4.7	4.4	4.7	4.0
East South Central	8,395.9	8,406.4	8,381.6	8,397.3	443.2	475.3	438.6	458.7	5.3	5.7	5.2	5.5
West South Central	16,241.6	16,395.2	16,216.0	16,211.8	910.2	947.1	902.6	781.3	5.6	5.8	5.6	4.8
Midwest	34,575.4	34,758.6	34,399.4	34,589.9	1,865.9	1,734.9	1,857.0	1,775.7	5.4	5.0	5.4	5.1
East North Central	23,717.0	23,889.2	23,591.3	23,766.6	1,369.6	1,256.3	1,352.8	1,308.0	5.8	5.3	5.7	5.5
West North Central	10,858.4	10,869.3	10,808.1	10,823.3	496.3	478.6	504.2	467.7	4.6	4.4	4.7	4.3
West	33,889.6	34,471.4	33,833.1	34,471.2	1,859.4	1,703.1	1,817.3	1,604.7	5.5	4.9	5.4	4.7
Mountain	10,145.7	10,339.5	10,126.8	10,313.8	466.1	452.6	461.0	417.1	4.6	4.4	4.6	4.0
Pacific	23,743.9	24,132.0	23,706.3	24,157.4	1,393.3	1,250.5	1,356.3	1,187.6	5.9	5.2	5.7	4.9

¹ Census region estimates are derived by summing the Census division model-based estimates. The composition of the regions and

divisions is described in table 1.

NOTE: Data refer to place of residence.

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			
	Dec. 2004	Oct. 2005	Nov. 2005	Dec. 2005 ^P	Dec. 2004	Oct. 2005	Nov. 2005	Dec. 2005 ^P	Dec. 2004	Oct. 2005	Nov. 2005	Dec. 2005 ^P
Alabama	2,156.2	2,181.5	2,163.1	2,161.7	114.9	98.9	77.7	76.1	5.3	4.5	3.6	3.5
Alaska	334.2	344.6	344.1	344.7	25.3	23.6	24.1	23.9	7.6	6.8	7.0	6.9
Arizona	2,796.7	2,853.4	2,855.1	2,855.0	125.8	139.0	137.3	131.2	4.5	4.9	4.8	4.6
Arkansas	1,321.5	1,368.3	1,375.4	1,369.4	73.4	67.1	65.6	61.7	5.6	4.9	4.8	4.5
California	17,630.4	17,974.3	17,946.6	18,038.1	1,050.6	936.4	943.4	920.5	6.0	5.2	5.3	5.1
Los Angeles-Long Beach-Glendale ¹	4,842.2	4,894.3	4,916.1	4,960.0	312.8	219.7	249.7	270.9	6.5	4.5	5.1	5.5
Colorado	2,544.0	2,539.3	2,539.0	2,544.6	136.9	125.6	126.1	118.1	5.4	4.9	5.0	4.6
Connecticut	1,791.5	1,821.3	1,824.4	1,829.2	79.9	96.8	93.8	87.4	4.5	5.3	5.1	4.8
Delaware	424.0	440.9	442.1	443.9	17.6	18.6	19.2	19.7	4.2	4.2	4.3	4.4
District of Columbia	302.7	296.0	294.2	294.5	26.7	18.0	18.0	17.7	8.8	6.1	6.1	6.0
Florida	8,480.8	8,764.0	8,787.1	8,765.5	390.5	302.8	317.9	289.1	4.6	3.5	3.6	3.3
Miami-Miami Beach-Kendall ¹	1,113.9	1,144.0	1,145.5	1,136.6	59.3	46.2	49.5	43.1	5.3	4.0	4.3	3.8
Georgia	4,422.1	4,552.9	4,568.0	4,562.7	212.7	241.4	246.2	236.5	4.8	5.3	5.4	5.2
Hawaii	618.3	647.9	649.0	650.1	18.8	17.6	18.2	17.8	3.0	2.7	2.8	2.7
Idaho	707.2	737.4	738.1	737.3	31.0	26.7	27.0	24.8	4.4	3.6	3.7	3.4
Illinois	6,409.2	6,492.5	6,512.9	6,497.8	386.4	355.3	342.6	355.9	6.0	5.5	5.3	5.5
Chicago-Naperville-Joliet ¹	3,988.3	3,973.2	3,998.1	3,966.4	232.5	225.2	216.2	224.9	5.8	5.7	5.4	5.7
Indiana	3,171.1	3,217.3	3,238.5	3,231.4	163.5	174.8	171.3	176.4	5.2	5.4	5.3	5.5
Iowa	1,628.0	1,651.6	1,666.2	1,655.4	81.9	74.1	79.5	74.1	5.0	4.5	4.8	4.5
Kansas	1,468.3	1,468.7	1,468.0	1,471.7	77.5	73.8	76.5	71.7	5.3	5.0	5.2	4.9
Kentucky	1,967.7	2,023.9	2,016.9	2,017.0	91.9	124.0	124.5	127.2	4.7	6.1	6.2	6.3
Louisiana	2,069.9	1,967.6	1,947.0	1,834.9	117.9	235.6	236.5	116.8	5.7	12.0	12.1	6.4
New Orleans-Metairie-Kenner ²	614.1	(3)	(3)	(3)	26.6	(3)	(3)	(3)	4.3	(3)	(3)	(3)
Maine	702.9	719.4	721.1	720.6	32.7	37.4	35.7	34.6	4.6	5.2	5.0	4.8
Maryland	2,884.7	2,967.1	2,957.3	2,972.2	119.4	120.9	123.7	115.9	4.1	4.1	4.2	3.9
Massachusetts	3,385.1	3,378.8	3,388.2	3,383.6	159.9	161.0	164.8	165.2	4.7	4.8	4.9	4.9
Michigan	5,092.9	5,100.9	5,134.5	5,138.8	384.5	308.7	337.5	344.1	7.5	6.1	6.6	6.7
Detroit-Warren-Livonia ²	2,210.1	2,196.4	2,211.0	2,208.3	167.7	134.8	158.4	162.3	7.6	6.1	7.2	7.3
Minnesota	2,966.3	2,936.0	2,938.1	2,949.4	135.3	107.6	118.9	122.1	4.6	3.7	4.0	4.1
Mississippi	1,337.3	1,297.0	1,295.1	1,293.4	89.0	112.5	130.1	127.7	6.7	8.7	10.0	9.9
Missouri	3,040.3	3,029.6	3,037.7	3,037.6	173.9	152.4	170.7	155.5	5.7	5.0	5.6	5.1
Montana	488.0	493.7	496.6	495.2	21.3	21.5	21.4	18.4	4.4	4.3	4.3	3.7
Nebraska	988.0	983.0	982.9	982.1	37.6	35.8	37.8	36.3	3.8	3.6	3.8	3.7
Nevada	1,190.0	1,233.6	1,236.7	1,235.5	47.5	50.5	51.0	46.4	4.0	4.1	4.1	3.8
New Hampshire	725.5	740.6	740.4	739.5	24.5	29.1	28.0	26.0	3.4	3.9	3.8	3.5
New Jersey	4,389.6	4,500.7	4,497.9	4,507.8	186.0	176.1	205.8	212.8	4.2	3.9	4.6	4.7
New Mexico	919.5	941.4	941.7	941.3	51.1	50.4	48.5	45.1	5.6	5.4	5.1	4.8
New York	9,392.8	9,474.9	9,434.6	9,473.1	521.4	459.1	512.5	487.1	5.6	4.8	5.4	5.1
New York City	3,731.0	3,757.3	3,741.8	3,744.5	245.9	212.6	239.3	224.6	6.6	5.7	6.4	6.0
North Carolina	4,264.2	4,365.4	4,350.3	4,357.0	227.2	233.6	226.3	215.2	5.3	5.4	5.2	4.9
North Dakota	356.6	357.6	357.4	357.6	12.7	12.4	12.1	11.9	3.6	3.5	3.4	3.3
Ohio	5,887.1	5,924.5	5,930.2	5,923.7	357.3	346.6	339.7	346.9	6.1	5.9	5.7	5.9
Cleveland-Elyria-Mentor ²	1,084.5	1,079.4	1,083.2	1,073.6	63.1	64.6	64.1	62.5	5.8	6.0	5.9	5.8
Oklahoma	1,711.3	1,737.0	1,737.6	1,738.6	76.3	75.0	71.9	71.7	4.5	4.3	4.1	4.1
Oregon	1,858.4	1,871.6	1,861.2	1,861.1	130.2	110.5	106.5	106.6	7.0	5.9	5.7	5.7
Pennsylvania	6,325.7	6,314.3	6,309.6	6,306.1	357.5	293.4	320.3	307.3	5.7	4.6	5.1	4.9
Rhode Island	560.1	576.7	580.2	580.6	26.7	31.3	30.2	30.2	4.8	5.4	5.2	5.2
South Carolina	2,061.6	2,101.1	2,106.2	2,104.6	142.7	145.6	150.1	147.4	6.9	6.9	7.1	7.0
South Dakota	430.1	430.3	432.6	433.0	15.1	17.0	17.4	16.8	3.5	4.0	4.0	3.9
Tennessee	2,902.7	2,921.1	2,914.9	2,927.0	155.2	164.9	166.5	157.7	5.3	5.6	5.7	5.4
Texas	11,093.9	11,305.3	11,316.6	11,310.2	654.5	599.2	602.0	577.2	5.9	5.3	5.3	5.1
Utah	1,208.6	1,243.9	1,237.4	1,242.7	60.4	55.5	49.9	47.8	5.0	4.5	4.0	3.8
Vermont	354.7	357.2	357.7	360.5	12.7	14.1	12.6	13.1	3.6	3.9	3.5	3.6
Virginia	3,830.8	3,961.2	3,967.5	3,960.1	134.1	136.3	139.5	129.4	3.5	3.4	3.5	3.3
Washington	3,271.4	3,332.5	3,342.1	3,325.9	193.4	186.9	185.9	176.5	5.9	5.6	5.6	5.3
Seattle-Bellevue-Everett ¹	1,341.8	1,380.1	1,384.1	1,381.8	66.6	66.8	67.3	65.5	5.0	4.8	4.9	4.7
West Virginia	784.5	803.6	802.7	802.4	38.5	41.5	39.3	37.4	4.9	5.2	4.9	4.7
Wisconsin	3,070.8	3,046.5	3,051.4	3,058.7	144.6	137.4	144.0	147.8	4.7	4.5	4.7	4.8
Wyoming	283.8	287.1	287.4	285.2	10.6	11.8	11.3	9.1	3.7	4.1	3.9	3.2
Puerto Rico	1,387.1	1,430.5	1,441.4	1,416.8	152.3	180.7	190.6	168.9	11.0	12.6	13.2	11.9

^P = preliminary.

¹ Metropolitan division.

² Metropolitan statistical area.

³ Estimates are not model-based as of September 2005.

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. 04-03, dated February 18, 2004, and are available at <http://www.bls.gov/lau/lausmsa.htm> and in the May issue of *Employment and Earnings*. Estimates for the latest month are revised the following month, and at least 3 years of estimates are subject to revision at the end of the year, to incorporate updated inputs and reestimation.

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			
	November		December		November		December		November		December	
	2004	2005	2004	2005P	2004	2005	2004	2005P	2004	2005	2004	2005P
Alabama	2,167.1	2,171.0	2,163.4	2,164.5	116.5	74.2	111.7	69.2	5.4	3.4	5.2	3.2
Alaska	331.6	341.2	331.6	341.3	24.2	23.2	25.3	23.9	7.3	6.8	7.6	7.0
Arizona	2,804.5	2,859.5	2,797.4	2,852.7	121.9	130.8	115.5	121.2	4.3	4.6	4.1	4.2
Arkansas	1,315.0	1,371.1	1,315.9	1,358.7	66.7	58.5	72.9	59.1	5.1	4.3	5.5	4.3
California	17,668.6	17,942.0	17,626.4	17,992.9	1,032.2	923.9	996.6	870.0	5.8	5.1	5.7	4.8
Los Angeles-Long Beach-Glendale ¹	4,862.3	4,931.4	4,859.1	4,967.4	303.0	242.0	291.3	252.6	6.2	4.9	6.0	5.1
Colorado	2,542.2	2,540.3	2,540.3	2,538.6	131.1	122.2	133.3	114.5	5.2	4.8	5.2	4.5
Connecticut	1,787.4	1,820.1	1,776.7	1,819.2	75.4	87.2	69.1	77.8	4.2	4.8	3.9	4.3
Delaware	425.6	442.9	424.8	443.6	15.6	17.1	16.2	17.8	3.7	3.9	3.8	4.0
District of Columbia	300.6	292.1	302.1	292.4	26.5	17.4	27.1	17.2	8.8	6.0	9.0	5.9
Florida	8,493.0	8,785.5	8,488.3	8,741.6	393.7	312.4	379.0	260.6	4.6	3.6	4.5	3.0
Miami-Miami Beach-Kendall ¹	1,120.4	1,149.5	1,121.5	1,140.4	60.9	48.6	61.4	42.0	5.4	4.2	5.5	3.7
Georgia	4,435.4	4,575.7	4,449.9	4,573.7	206.1	236.9	211.2	224.6	4.6	5.2	4.7	4.9
Hawaii	619.1	649.3	620.0	650.0	18.8	18.3	16.9	15.8	3.0	2.8	2.7	2.4
Idaho	705.6	736.3	705.9	734.7	29.2	25.1	30.8	24.6	4.1	3.4	4.4	3.3
Illinois	6,431.0	6,515.4	6,405.4	6,481.4	374.2	320.6	367.1	342.0	5.8	4.9	5.7	5.3
Chicago-Naperville-Joliet ¹	4,000.4	3,998.6	3,987.4	3,956.2	233.2	206.1	221.2	215.6	5.8	5.2	5.5	5.5
Indiana	3,175.2	3,235.9	3,156.6	3,209.6	156.8	162.8	157.0	171.4	4.9	5.0	5.0	5.3
Iowa	1,628.7	1,668.8	1,626.3	1,653.4	76.7	75.0	83.0	76.6	4.7	4.5	5.1	4.6
Kansas	1,470.2	1,470.5	1,459.7	1,464.4	76.9	75.2	68.7	63.6	5.2	5.1	4.7	4.3
Kentucky	1,972.7	2,019.1	1,971.6	2,015.6	88.0	118.2	90.1	121.8	4.5	5.9	4.6	6.0
Louisiana	2,079.9	1,948.4	2,059.2	1,815.7	113.1	229.2	111.3	107.7	5.4	11.8	5.4	5.9
New Orleans-Metairie-Kenner ²	619.8	(3)	611.5	(3)	28.3	(3)	26.7	4.6	(3)	4.4	(3)	(3)
Maine	698.2	717.6	695.2	714.4	31.7	35.4	30.8	33.5	4.5	4.9	4.4	4.7
Maryland	2,889.6	2,951.4	2,873.2	2,953.4	120.2	121.8	116.9	106.6	4.2	4.1	4.1	3.6
Massachusetts	3,378.9	3,383.9	3,370.8	3,375.9	143.8	149.8	141.4	151.6	4.3	4.4	4.2	4.5
Michigan	5,121.4	5,146.3	5,089.9	5,127.7	357.6	317.5	360.9	327.2	7.0	6.2	7.1	6.4
Detroit-Warren-Livonia ²	2,222.1	2,217.6	2,207.6	2,207.0	161.1	150.2	154.9	149.2	7.3	6.8	7.0	6.8
Minnesota	2,961.6	2,936.1	2,945.4	2,931.2	119.7	108.0	127.3	118.3	4.0	3.7	4.3	4.0
Mississippi	1,339.3	1,291.0	1,340.7	1,292.2	84.8	120.8	85.0	119.8	6.3	9.4	6.3	9.3
Missouri	3,032.5	3,028.4	3,020.2	3,019.6	165.0	159.2	162.9	147.1	5.4	5.3	5.4	4.9
Montana	485.3	494.1	482.7	489.4	21.1	21.4	21.6	18.5	4.3	4.3	4.5	3.8
Nebraska	986.6	981.8	982.0	975.9	33.4	34.3	35.8	34.4	3.4	3.5	3.6	3.5
Nevada	1,188.6	1,236.5	1,187.9	1,231.6	45.7	49.2	45.9	44.5	3.8	4.0	3.9	3.6
New Hampshire	723.4	739.3	721.6	736.2	22.6	26.3	22.0	24.0	3.1	3.6	3.0	3.3
New Jersey	4,404.4	4,491.2	4,397.0	4,497.9	172.6	191.8	170.3	197.2	3.9	4.3	3.9	4.4
New Mexico	923.0	945.4	921.1	941.8	48.4	45.9	47.0	41.0	5.2	4.9	5.1	4.4
New York	9,390.2	9,413.2	9,395.1	9,441.6	477.2	496.0	502.8	467.8	5.1	5.3	5.4	5.0
New York City	3,728.3	3,738.9	3,738.6	3,737.7	224.4	235.0	235.8	214.2	6.0	6.3	6.3	5.7
North Carolina	4,278.4	4,352.3	4,255.9	4,333.9	227.1	222.5	224.5	202.5	5.3	5.1	5.3	4.7
North Dakota	350.4	352.2	349.6	350.9	10.4	10.3	11.9	11.3	3.0	2.9	3.4	3.2
Ohio	5,919.4	5,941.9	5,875.5	5,901.0	352.6	324.2	335.3	330.3	6.0	5.5	5.7	5.6
Cleveland-Elyria-Mentor ²	1,089.0	1,079.4	1,076.9	1,060.3	59.4	59.4	58.3	57.7	5.5	5.5	5.4	5.5
Oklahoma	1,726.1	1,746.4	1,712.8	1,734.6	78.0	68.7	76.2	69.4	4.5	3.9	4.4	4.0
Oregon	1,866.7	1,863.0	1,851.8	1,850.0	128.4	101.5	124.5	101.6	6.9	5.4	6.7	5.5
Pennsylvania	6,356.5	6,323.6	6,333.2	6,288.3	329.2	306.3	326.5	275.5	5.2	4.8	5.2	4.4
Rhode Island	562.3	581.6	559.6	581.3	22.9	25.9	23.7	28.1	4.1	4.5	4.2	4.8
South Carolina	2,054.4	2,094.8	2,046.8	2,081.5	142.4	146.6	141.1	140.1	6.9	7.0	6.9	6.7
South Dakota	428.5	431.6	424.9	427.8	14.2	16.5	14.8	16.3	3.3	3.8	3.5	3.8
Tennessee	2,916.8	2,925.3	2,905.9	2,925.0	153.9	162.1	151.8	147.9	5.3	5.5	5.2	5.1
Texas	11,120.5	11,329.3	11,128.1	11,302.7	652.4	590.7	642.3	545.2	5.9	5.2	5.8	4.8
Utah	1,213.0	1,240.4	1,209.2	1,241.7	58.0	47.1	55.9	43.4	4.8	3.8	4.6	3.5
Vermont	352.7	357.1	353.3	360.4	11.4	12.0	11.3	12.2	3.2	3.4	3.2	3.4
Virginia	3,825.7	3,952.2	3,816.3	3,932.4	129.8	131.3	131.0	119.9	3.4	3.3	3.4	3.0
Washington	3,258.0	3,336.5	3,276.6	3,323.3	189.7	183.7	193.1	176.2	5.8	5.5	5.9	5.3
Seattle-Bellevue-Everett ¹	1,339.3	1,381.8	1,347.2	1,384.3	65.4	67.8	63.7	63.4	4.9	4.9	4.7	4.6
West Virginia	787.0	802.7	782.6	798.2	36.8	36.0	36.6	33.8	4.7	4.5	4.7	4.2
Wisconsin	3,069.9	3,049.7	3,063.9	3,047.0	128.5	131.2	132.4	137.1	4.2	4.3	4.3	4.5
Wyoming	283.5	286.8	282.3	283.4	10.7	11.0	11.0	9.3	3.8	3.8	3.9	3.3
Puerto Rico	1,372.8	1,433.1	1,383.5	1,415.4	136.3	180.4	136.0	152.6	9.9	12.6	9.8	10.8

^P = preliminary.

¹ Metropolitan division.

² Metropolitan statistical area.

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

(In thousands)

State	Total ¹				Construction				Manufacturing			
	Dec. 2004	Oct. 2005	Nov. 2005	Dec. 2005P	Dec. 2004	Oct. 2005	Nov. 2005	Dec. 2005P	Dec. 2004	Oct. 2005	Nov. 2005	Dec. 2005P
Alabama	1,914.4	1,930.5	1,933.4	1,931.6	106.5	105.7	106.6	107.3	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)
Alaska	304.3	309.1	308.7	309.9	18.0	18.4	18.3	18.8	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)
Arizona	2,414.8	2,501.2	2,508.9	2,523.7	198.0	220.1	221.7	224.1	175.4	175.7	175.8	176.2
Arkansas	1,164.1	1,174.9	1,176.6	1,177.1	52.1	53.3	53.7	53.8	203.9	201.2	200.7	199.8
California	14,645.5	14,822.4	14,854.9	14,879.2	870.3	923.7	931.4	938.0	1,535.1	1,536.7	1,536.7	1,538.7
Colorado	2,203.4	2,235.2	2,236.5	2,243.6	156.2	162.3	163.7	164.3	154.8	153.0	151.9	151.8
Connecticut	1,664.6	1,674.3	1,675.7	1,675.3	68.1	71.0	71.0	70.9	197.9	196.8	196.9	196.5
Delaware ³	429.0	431.9	434.4	435.3	27.0	27.4	27.7	27.8	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)
District of Columbia ³	673.8	683.6	686.3	685.5	12.0	12.0	12.1	12.1	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)
Florida	7,608.6	7,822.8	7,840.6	7,856.7	504.9	533.2	530.9	529.8	385.3	392.4	391.5	390.4
Georgia	3,906.6	3,945.7	3,959.4	3,970.7	198.5	202.7	203.2	204.7	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)
Hawaii ³	591.3	605.2	605.9	607.6	30.6	33.7	33.9	34.2	15.6	15.2	15.1	15.4
Idaho	591.5	612.3	615.8	619.1	40.7	45.7	46.2	47.1	61.0	61.6	62.3	62.3
Illinois	5,812.7	5,870.4	5,873.6	5,874.0	265.9	267.4	268.1	269.1	699.7	692.3	693.1	692.5
Indiana	2,943.6	2,958.7	2,954.8	2,956.5	149.3	152.1	151.9	152.4	575.0	571.1	570.5	569.9
Iowa	1,461.8	1,483.5	1,484.7	1,490.8	69.5	68.3	68.5	70.1	224.2	228.9	229.1	230.4
Kansas	1,334.2	1,351.3	1,358.9	1,355.2	65.3	67.5	68.4	64.4	178.5	177.1	178.6	179.6
Kentucky	1,802.7	1,822.9	1,822.7	1,823.6	84.9	87.1	87.2	87.8	264.2	265.9	265.7	265.2
Louisiana	1,916.9	1,700.4	1,710.0	1,721.6	116.7	87.6	92.8	94.3	151.3	139.0	138.8	139.6
Maine	616.2	618.1	618.3	618.7	31.0	31.5	31.4	31.4	63.0	61.4	61.6	61.6
Maryland ³	2,540.9	2,578.8	2,578.4	2,575.1	179.5	180.6	180.6	179.9	142.2	138.0	137.5	137.6
Massachusetts	3,188.1	3,200.3	3,200.5	3,202.2	139.8	141.9	141.8	142.3	312.7	312.5	312.7	312.9
Michigan	4,386.8	4,349.0	4,352.8	4,362.6	188.3	187.7	188.0	187.5	690.4	670.7	668.8	669.9
Minnesota	2,697.0	2,728.1	2,723.6	2,730.5	127.8	128.9	128.3	127.0	347.9	349.4	350.7	350.0
Mississippi	1,127.6	1,095.7	1,105.6	1,103.3	49.3	49.9	49.9	49.4	178.9	174.1	175.1	175.2
Missouri	2,706.6	2,715.6	2,721.7	2,729.3	139.7	139.8	140.1	140.1	314.7	316.2	316.8	316.7
Montana	419.4	421.3	424.6	427.6	25.8	26.4	27.1	27.1	19.2	18.9	18.9	19.3
Nebraska ³	926.1	936.3	937.9	937.7	47.5	49.1	49.0	47.6	100.5	100.8	100.5	100.7
Nevada	1,187.1	1,246.6	1,249.4	1,255.8	125.6	139.2	139.3	140.8	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)
New Hampshire	632.7	640.9	640.6	642.2	30.1	31.3	31.3	31.2	81.0	81.6	81.4	81.7
New Jersey	4,032.2	4,061.1	4,066.4	4,069.4	170.3	165.7	167.1	168.5	337.0	325.4	324.3	322.9
New Mexico	799.1	811.6	812.7	816.4	51.5	54.4	54.6	55.3	36.5	36.2	36.7	36.9
New York	8,491.5	8,538.7	8,549.3	8,553.9	320.1	322.0	323.6	323.2	589.8	574.5	574.5	573.2
North Carolina	3,856.7	3,898.4	3,905.0	3,909.6	219.8	226.4	226.4	227.0	579.0	569.7	568.2	565.8
North Dakota	337.9	343.6	344.9	344.7	16.9	17.7	18.1	18.0	24.4	25.2	25.2	24.9
Ohio	5,414.6	5,427.0	5,428.9	5,418.2	236.8	234.7	235.8	236.6	827.8	822.6	823.4	822.8
Oklahoma	1,483.8	1,504.2	1,507.3	1,505.7	63.3	63.4	63.6	63.3	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)
Oregon	1,616.2	1,656.5	1,665.1	1,672.6	84.2	94.1	95.1	95.8	201.8	205.6	208.7	211.2
Pennsylvania	5,665.9	5,726.4	5,730.0	5,730.3	249.3	256.8	255.7	254.7	689.2	675.6	674.4	673.6
Rhode Island	490.2	494.5	495.5	494.0	21.0	21.5	21.6	21.5	56.4	54.6	54.7	54.5
South Carolina	1,832.1	1,839.3	1,842.5	1,850.5	110.9	112.3	112.9	115.3	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)
South Dakota	384.4	391.3	391.7	391.4	19.9	20.8	21.3	21.3	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)
Tennessee	2,716.4	2,733.9	2,730.9	2,732.3	118.4	120.3	119.8	120.7	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)
Texas	9,530.6	9,645.9	9,670.7	9,684.1	542.9	558.1	558.5	560.1	887.3	891.3	890.8	892.2
Utah	1,116.1	1,154.1	1,159.1	1,165.7	73.1	84.0	83.9	85.0	116.7	117.5	117.6	118.6
Vermont	306.6	309.3	309.2	310.7	16.7	17.8	17.7	17.8	37.1	37.5	37.3	37.3
Virginia	3,623.5	3,664.0	3,663.7	3,664.7	236.5	246.8	246.5	249.0	299.7	297.4	296.9	295.8
Washington	2,722.4	2,788.8	2,795.9	2,800.6	165.1	177.9	178.9	180.1	265.7	268.7	271.7	272.9
West Virginia	736.8	745.7	745.1	744.6	34.4	38.0	38.0	37.9	62.5	61.9	62.0	61.7
Wisconsin	2,812.1	2,839.0	2,846.0	2,851.0	125.8	131.9	133.4	132.3	503.0	502.4	503.1	506.2
Wyoming	257.7	263.2	263.7	263.8	19.0	19.8	19.8	19.7	(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			
	Dec. 2004	Oct. 2005	Nov. 2005	Dec. 2005P	Dec. 2004	Oct. 2005	Nov. 2005	Dec. 2005P	Dec. 2004	Oct. 2005	Nov. 2005	Dec. 2005P
Alabama	375.9	382.4	382.3	380.3	96.0	95.7	96.0	95.8	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)
Alaska	62.6	62.8	63.3	63.4	14.6	14.9	14.9	14.8	23.3	23.9	23.9	24.1
Arizona	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	165.4	172.2	173.3	173.4	343.1	356.6	360.0	363.6
Arkansas	242.5	244.7	245.0	245.8	51.2	52.2	52.3	52.5	108.4	109.4	109.4	109.9
California	2,778.9	2,787.3	2,794.8	2,794.4	916.4	924.3	925.4	927.8	2,130.4	2,152.7	2,158.0	2,163.7
Colorado	410.0	413.9	413.7	416.5	158.6	159.7	161.0	161.9	305.0	313.9	314.2	315.5
Connecticut	311.7	316.7	315.2	313.5	140.8	142.3	142.1	142.2	199.5	199.4	200.9	200.3
Delaware ³	82.5	82.9	83.8	84.5	44.7	45.4	46.1	46.2	62.9	62.9	63.0	63.3
District of Columbia ³	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	143.8	146.9	147.2	147.6
Florida	1,508.2	1,541.5	1,542.6	1,543.9	507.1	518.5	518.6	518.4	1,324.7	1,388.4	1,400.5	1,402.2
Georgia	825.4	832.3	833.3	834.7	219.4	222.8	222.1	223.7	519.2	526.1	526.9	529.5
Hawaii ³	114.4	119.4	119.1	119.0	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)
Idaho	119.0	122.5	124.0	124.6	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	73.5	77.5	77.7	78.8
Illinois	1,180.9	1,188.2	1,190.0	1,190.6	399.5	403.7	404.4	406.3	799.3	832.4	831.4	824.5
Indiana	575.6	579.6	576.4	578.6	141.4	141.7	141.6	141.9	269.6	272.9	273.1	272.3
Iowa	308.0	309.3	310.4	311.4	97.4	100.6	100.6	100.9	105.2	105.8	106.1	106.2
Kansas	258.8	260.6	262.4	261.2	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)
Kentucky	372.7	376.3	376.2	375.3	86.1	84.3	84.5	84.8	166.0	169.5	169.6	170.2
Louisiana	380.6	335.7	342.8	345.7	103.0	96.1	96.7	97.8	181.9	156.2	156.4	156.4
Maine	126.7	126.3	126.9	127.5	34.5	34.2	34.2	34.2	49.3	49.8	49.5	49.4
Maryland ³	470.9	476.5	476.6	476.7	155.8	158.9	158.7	158.3	377.5	388.9	388.2	386.0
Massachusetts	572.8	575.2	574.4	572.7	219.4	219.0	219.1	220.0	454.6	461.0	461.1	462.7
Michigan	808.7	798.3	799.7	800.8	218.7	219.4	218.9	218.8	584.6	587.0	587.7	592.5
Minnesota	528.9	526.5	522.6	525.0	175.1	179.8	180.4	181.2	303.1	310.1	306.5	307.9
Mississippi	220.0	212.7	217.4	218.6	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)
Missouri	539.5	538.2	541.1	543.6	165.8	168.7	168.7	169.1	302.6	305.5	305.5	306.9
Montana	86.0	86.6	87.3	87.4	21.2	21.1	21.2	21.3	33.0	34.3	34.5	34.4
Nebraska ³	198.3	198.5	198.9	199.9	63.4	64.6	65.0	64.9	94.3	96.1	97.5	97.7
Nevada	210.7	213.5	215.7	218.0	62.8	66.7	66.1	67.5	137.7	149.5	147.8	148.9
New Hampshire	140.9	144.0	143.6	144.3	38.2	38.3	38.6	38.8	56.2	56.9	56.2	56.2
New Jersey	878.1	891.0	890.3	889.8	280.8	282.3	283.1	283.7	585.0	589.2	590.7	589.4
New Mexico	137.8	139.4	140.1	140.2	35.0	35.4	35.6	35.6	92.1	93.9	93.4	93.7
New York	1,494.2	1,495.8	1,496.7	1,496.1	706.2	717.9	717.1	717.2	1,060.3	1,079.8	1,082.6	1,083.2
North Carolina	725.3	723.5	722.3	724.2	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	436.9	453.0	453.4	454.7
North Dakota	72.5	74.0	73.9	74.0	18.7	18.8	19.0	19.0	23.9	24.8	24.7	24.8
Ohio	1,037.8	1,029.4	1,031.3	1,027.4	313.5	313.9	314.1	314.1	630.0	645.6	645.4	641.7
Oklahoma	275.2	278.6	280.0	278.6	84.7	86.9	86.5	86.5	165.1	167.2	167.4	168.8
Oregon	324.5	335.3	338.0	336.6	97.6	98.4	98.9	99.3	180.0	182.8	182.9	184.0
Pennsylvania	1,127.1	1,134.6	1,137.6	1,139.2	335.5	338.6	339.2	339.3	641.2	652.3	654.8	655.4
Rhode Island	79.3	78.7	78.6	78.1	34.4	35.3	35.6	35.7	54.6	55.1	55.3	55.5
South Carolina	354.2	361.8	360.4	361.6	93.5	94.3	94.6	94.7	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)
South Dakota	77.2	78.6	78.9	78.5	28.2	29.0	29.0	28.9	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)
Tennessee	585.9	599.2	593.8	592.2	143.1	144.1	144.5	144.8	306.1	302.8	303.5	304.4
Texas	1,954.3	1,970.4	1,975.9	1,973.4	599.5	606.8	607.8	607.8	1,090.2	1,115.8	1,123.9	1,126.3
Utah	221.7	226.0	228.2	228.6	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	139.9	148.3	148.6	149.6
Vermont	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	21.2	22.2	22.2	22.3
Virginia	652.6	660.5	656.9	659.8	190.1	191.4	192.1	191.7	589.1	598.3	600.9	599.1
Washington	528.9	539.4	539.4	539.8	152.4	154.6	155.0	155.1	305.6	319.7	319.7	320.0
West Virginia	137.4	138.1	137.8	136.9	30.3	29.9	30.5	30.5	57.7	59.5	59.2	59.8
Wisconsin	543.9	539.2	538.6	545.0	157.4	158.4	158.0	158.4	249.9	259.2	261.4	259.6
Wyoming	49.8	50.7	51.0	51.1	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	15.2	15.7	15.9	15.6

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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			
	Dec. 2004	Oct. 2005	Nov. 2005	Dec. 2005P	Dec. 2004	Oct. 2005	Nov. 2005	Dec. 2005P	Dec. 2004	Oct. 2005	Nov. 2005	Dec. 2005P
Alabama	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)	160.4	162.4	162.4	162.4	359.9	360.6	360.2	359.2
Alaska	35.0	35.7	35.8	36.1	29.9	31.3	30.7	30.9	81.1	81.2	81.1	81.2
Arizona	266.4	279.6	280.6	281.3	245.6	256.4	256.7	257.9	405.6	408.5	406.5	409.6
Arkansas	144.7	147.9	149.3	149.0	90.9	92.1	91.7	91.7	201.6	205.8	206.0	206.1
California	1,571.1	1,592.6	1,593.1	1,596.3	1,454.0	1,488.2	1,490.4	1,489.8	2,380.8	2,408.2	2,409.7	2,411.5
Colorado	221.3	225.9	225.7	226.6	253.2	257.2	257.9	258.0	362.0	368.7	367.4	367.8
Connecticut	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)	128.1	129.7	129.1	129.3	242.0	242.8	242.7	243.1
Delaware ³	52.9	53.4	53.6	53.3	40.8	41.7	42.0	42.2	58.6	59.1	59.3	59.1
District of Columbia ³	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)	51.8	53.9	54.0	53.9	230.9	230.8	231.6	230.5
Florida	933.4	960.3	962.5	965.6	869.1	892.2	896.9	904.6	1,076.8	1,095.6	1,094.6	1,098.2
Georgia	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)	357.2	371.4	373.3	372.8	643.5	648.1	651.2	649.6
Hawaii ³	68.6	70.2	70.1	70.3	105.5	107.6	108.1	108.0	120.2	119.6	119.7	120.0
Idaho	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)	55.7	57.6	57.8	58.0	115.3	114.9	115.1	114.9
Illinois	731.5	740.2	741.2	740.6	509.1	523.2	521.5	521.0	838.2	843.5	845.5	844.3
Indiana	374.3	380.8	381.3	381.5	275.1	279.6	278.9	279.6	425.2	423.1	423.0	421.9
Iowa	192.4	194.5	195.2	196.3	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)	243.4	246.1	245.4	245.8
Kansas	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)	112.2	111.7	112.9	112.2	254.0	259.3	259.5	259.7
Kentucky	232.3	235.7	235.9	236.5	161.7	165.8	166.0	166.5	308.2	309.7	308.9	308.9
Louisiana	252.1	211.2	208.8	210.9	204.3	163.1	162.6	165.7	381.4	377.9	376.6	376.3
Maine	112.3	114.2	114.5	114.1	61.1	60.9	61.3	62.1	105.4	106.0	105.8	105.8
Maryland ³	350.7	358.9	360.1	360.9	231.0	238.1	237.4	237.7	461.6	466.7	465.4	464.7
Massachusetts	584.2	586.7	587.6	588.0	293.7	296.4	295.3	295.9	405.2	404.9	406.0	406.1
Michigan	552.8	556.1	556.8	554.2	402.5	406.2	407.5	407.7	688.0	670.7	672.2	676.4
Minnesota	382.0	391.9	393.7	394.5	237.6	242.5	243.8	245.6	411.1	416.6	415.7	416.6
Mississippi	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)	124.6	111.4	113.4	109.2	242.9	241.6	242.2	242.1
Missouri	359.9	367.1	367.8	369.3	266.7	264.8	266.5	267.6	428.2	424.6	423.9	425.1
Montana	54.8	56.1	56.4	56.5	58.3	57.6	58.3	59.9	87.9	87.5	87.9	88.5
Nebraska ³	127.6	128.3	128.6	128.5	78.4	79.8	79.4	79.5	159.9	162.9	162.2	161.9
Nevada	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)	315.7	332.3	331.7	331.8	140.9	144.5	145.5	146.1
New Hampshire	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)	64.9	66.9	66.9	68.2	90.8	90.9	89.8	89.7
New Jersey	553.2	561.2	564.5	566.2	332.3	346.2	346.2	348.0	640.8	642.7	642.2	642.6
New Mexico	104.2	105.4	105.9	106.4	82.9	83.2	82.9	83.6	200.2	202.3	201.9	202.8
New York	1,534.2	1,556.3	1,561.3	1,562.6	668.0	677.5	677.8	678.2	1,488.5	1,483.6	1,483.4	1,486.8
North Carolina	454.2	463.2	464.8	465.1	349.7	352.6	357.4	356.8	650.5	660.7	662.2	663.2
North Dakota	48.8	49.8	49.6	49.8	30.8	31.8	32.0	31.9	74.8	74.7	75.0	74.9
Ohio	749.1	755.6	756.3	754.5	492.7	497.9	496.2	496.9	797.4	796.0	795.6	794.2
Oklahoma	179.9	183.7	183.7	183.2	130.2	127.9	128.9	128.8	306.3	315.8	315.8	314.5
Oregon	196.8	203.0	205.0	207.7	159.0	161.5	159.8	160.8	271.4	271.2	272.6	273.1
Pennsylvania	1,004.6	1,025.9	1,026.8	1,028.0	480.1	492.5	493.0	493.2	746.1	756.2	754.2	753.0
Rhode Island	93.7	97.1	97.5	96.3	50.6	52.1	52.3	52.5	65.3	65.6	65.9	65.6
South Carolina	179.9	185.8	186.1	187.5	205.6	206.6	203.0	203.3	330.6	329.9	330.5	331.3
South Dakota	56.8	57.8	58.3	58.5	41.5	41.1	41.3	41.9	74.6	75.0	74.9	75.0
Tennessee	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)	256.7	257.5	259.1	259.8	412.6	414.0	413.8	414.2
Texas	1,157.0	1,177.5	1,178.3	1,182.1	890.3	903.8	907.4	910.0	1,664.7	1,672.4	1,674.3	1,674.8
Utah	126.2	129.1	129.9	131.1	103.4	104.7	105.3	106.2	199.4	203.3	203.1	203.7
Vermont	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)	52.9	53.2	52.9	52.7
Virginia	385.3	391.3	393.1	393.0	324.5	327.3	326.2	325.1	655.9	659.5	659.7	662.1
Washington	322.3	331.3	332.2	332.9	255.4	262.7	264.4	266.4	524.7	527.2	526.9	525.3
West Virginia	112.1	114.6	114.2	113.6	68.2	67.6	68.3	68.1	142.6	143.2	142.5	143.0
Wisconsin	381.7	385.6	387.0	387.7	249.3	256.1	258.4	257.4	412.3	416.1	416.2	416.2
Wyoming	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)	32.1	31.7	32.2	32.6	64.5	65.2	65.1	65.2

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 2004 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			
	November		December		November		December		November		December		November		December	
	2004	2005	2004	2005 ^P	2004	2005	2004	2005 ^P	2004	2005	2004	2005 ^P	2004	2005	2004	2005 ^P
Alabama	1,925.0	1,945.8	1,927.5	1,944.9	12.8	13.0	12.8	13.0	106.7	107.1	106.4	107.2	293.7	296.6	293.8	297.4
Alaska	296.0	300.6	293.2	298.6	9.8	10.5	10.0	10.7	17.3	17.7	15.9	16.7	7.6	7.7	5.8	6.0
Arizona	2,446.6	2,544.0	2,451.0	2,561.8	8.8	9.6	8.8	9.7	198.9	223.6	198.7	224.9	176.1	176.3	176.4	177.2
Arkansas	1,171.9	1,185.6	1,171.6	1,184.7	7.4	7.6	7.5	7.6	52.2	53.7	51.7	53.4	204.4	200.9	204.3	200.2
California	14,757.1	14,957.3	14,755.9	14,990.0	23.3	23.5	22.9	23.2	871.4	937.1	863.5	931.5	1,529.9	1,532.7	1,528.6	1,532.4
Colorado	2,203.6	2,244.0	2,223.1	2,263.4	15.4	16.6	15.3	16.8	155.2	165.0	153.4	161.6	155.4	152.6	155.7	152.7
Connecticut	1,681.8	1,693.3	1,686.3	1,697.1	.8	.8	.7	.7	69.8	72.8	68.0	70.8	198.3	197.5	199.0	197.6
Delaware	430.0	437.5	432.6	438.9	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	27.2	28.2	27.2	28.0	34.3	34.2	34.9	34.4
District of Columbia	676.4	689.7	676.6	688.3	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	12.3	12.2	12.0	12.1	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5
Florida	7,635.8	7,892.1	7,695.0	7,945.4	6.9	6.6	6.8	6.5	504.1	533.5	507.5	532.6	387.1	392.5	387.1	392.2
Georgia	3,924.5	3,984.7	3,932.2	3,997.3	12.0	12.0	12.0	12.0	198.4	202.7	197.2	203.4	441.8	441.4	441.3	442.2
Hawaii	596.1	610.9	598.6	615.3	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	30.6	34.0	30.5	34.1	15.6	15.2	15.5	15.3
Idaho	596.7	621.5	593.6	621.0	4.2	4.6	4.1	4.4	41.4	47.1	39.9	46.3	61.2	62.6	61.1	62.4
Illinois	5,865.1	5,932.9	5,862.8	5,925.7	9.1	9.4	9.1	9.3	276.1	277.2	263.2	266.6	699.1	692.9	699.5	692.3
Indiana	2,981.1	2,990.0	2,972.6	2,985.8	7.0	7.3	6.9	7.4	152.6	155.0	147.8	150.9	575.2	571.2	575.5	570.4
Iowa	1,479.9	1,503.3	1,473.4	1,502.6	2.2	2.3	2.1	2.2	71.2	71.1	67.8	68.6	225.3	229.7	224.1	230.3
Kansas	1,344.8	1,371.0	1,343.5	1,364.8	7.6	8.3	7.6	8.4	65.1	68.5	63.6	62.8	178.9	179.3	178.7	179.8
Kentucky	1,818.3	1,840.1	1,818.2	1,839.1	19.8	21.0	19.7	21.0	85.8	89.1	85.2	88.1	265.3	266.3	266.0	267.0
Louisiana	1,936.0	1,724.5	1,930.7	1,734.0	44.8	45.5	44.8	46.2	117.6	93.6	117.2	94.8	152.6	139.6	152.0	140.2
Maine	622.9	625.5	620.3	622.9	2.7	2.7	2.8	2.7	31.6	32.3	30.3	30.7	64.6	62.9	64.1	62.7
Maryland	2,560.3	2,603.1	2,565.1	2,598.9	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	182.0	183.0	179.7	180.0	142.5	137.8	142.4	137.8
Massachusetts	3,218.8	3,233.1	3,222.0	3,236.1	2.0	2.0	2.0	1.9	143.5	146.0	139.9	142.4	313.7	313.5	313.8	314.0
Michigan	4,447.3	4,410.8	4,423.1	4,398.0	8.2	8.5	7.8	8.2	196.4	194.3	184.4	183.4	687.2	670.7	694.8	674.3
Minnesota	2,714.9	2,747.4	2,711.7	2,745.2	5.8	6.4	5.6	6.1	132.0	132.3	122.4	121.6	346.2	350.1	346.7	348.8
Mississippi	1,136.0	1,111.8	1,133.5	1,109.2	8.6	8.2	8.5	8.3	50.0	50.4	49.3	49.4	179.1	175.2	179.3	175.7
Missouri	2,726.5	2,749.9	2,726.7	2,749.0	4.8	5.4	4.7	5.2	140.7	141.2	136.8	137.1	314.4	317.9	316.7	318.6
Montana	420.0	427.8	419.5	427.7	7.8	8.1	7.8	8.1	26.5	27.9	25.2	26.5	19.1	19.2	19.3	19.4
Nebraska	934.2	948.2	933.8	945.7	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	47.6	49.6	46.4	46.5	100.3	100.6	100.9	101.1
Nevada	1,188.2	1,258.0	1,192.0	1,260.9	10.0	10.7	10.1	10.8	125.5	140.5	125.1	140.3	46.8	48.2	46.8	48.1
New Hampshire	634.0	643.5	638.6	648.4	1.0	1.1	1.0	1.0	30.6	31.8	30.1	31.2	81.1	81.5	81.3	82.0
New Jersey	4,059.4	4,097.3	4,067.8	4,105.0	1.6	1.5	1.6	1.5	173.6	170.7	170.5	168.7	339.5	326.2	338.3	324.2
New Mexico	801.2	817.3	803.7	821.2	15.3	16.9	15.5	17.1	51.1	55.2	51.2	55.0	36.3	36.5	35.9	36.3
New York	8,581.5	8,647.8	8,604.6	8,667.5	6.2	6.5	5.7	5.9	330.6	334.5	320.2	323.4	593.3	577.9	591.8	575.1
North Carolina	3,883.9	3,937.0	3,881.3	3,934.3	6.5	6.3	6.4	6.3	220.0	227.7	220.0	227.2	582.9	570.3	581.8	568.8
North Dakota	342.1	348.8	340.5	347.4	3.7	4.1	3.6	4.2	17.3	18.4	15.5	16.5	24.9	25.5	24.7	25.2
Ohio	5,472.6	5,482.0	5,472.0	5,473.8	11.4	11.7	11.4	11.8	244.4	243.2	235.8	235.5	827.6	824.3	830.8	825.7
Oklahoma	1,489.2	1,518.3	1,493.3	1,515.4	31.2	32.4	31.6	32.6	62.1	63.3	62.0	62.0	141.7	143.1	142.4	144.0
Oregon	1,633.3	1,685.1	1,628.4	1,685.5	9.7	9.1	9.7	8.4	85.7	96.5	83.3	95.0	202.1	209.2	200.2	209.5
Pennsylvania	5,721.9	5,789.4	5,715.0	5,779.3	18.9	18.6	18.4	18.4	254.5	260.9	244.3	249.7	691.6	675.8	691.0	675.4
Rhode Island	496.1	502.2	496.1	499.9	.2	.2	.2	.2	21.6	22.3	21.1	21.6	57.2	55.3	57.1	55.1
South Carolina	1,843.5	1,852.8	1,836.5	1,854.6	4.3	3.8	4.3	3.8	112.4	113.7	110.2	114.5	269.6	262.0	268.0	261.8
South Dakota	386.4	393.5	384.6	391.6	.9	.9	.8	.8	19.9	21.7	18.9	20.3	39.6	40.4	39.3	40.5
Tennessee	2,736.6	2,753.3	2,742.2	2,758.1	4.1	4.1	4.2	4.2	118.9	121.1	118.8	121.1	412.7	411.3	413.7	411.0
Texas	9,580.1	9,725.8	9,585.9	9,739.3	154.0	157.9	154.4	158.6	540.3	556.0	538.2	555.4	890.6	892.1	888.1	892.8
Utah	1,124.9	1,171.4	1,130.0	1,180.4	7.4	8.4	7.4	8.6	75.3	85.9	73.3	85.1	116.8	118.5	117.1	119.0
Vermont	307.4	311.1	312.4	316.5	.9	1.1	.9	1.1	17.3	18.3	16.7	17.8	37.4	37.6	37.5	37.7
Virginia	3,647.8	3,690.1	3,645.6	3,686.3	10.2	10.2	10.3	10.4	236.6	248.4	235.9	248.4	300.9	298.2	300.8	296.9
Washington	2,742.9	2,821.3	2,733.2	2,811.4	9.2	9.0	9.0	9.1	166.7	180.6	161.8	176.8	265.9	272.5	264.5	271.6
West Virginia	745.3	752.7	742.3	750.3	24.6	25.7	24.6	25.7	35.9	39.4	34.2	37.8	62.8	62.1	62.6	61.8
Wisconsin	2,843.6	2,870.0	2,822.4	2,860.1	3.9	3.7	3.5	3.3	130.3	137.9	123.0	129.5	503.6	502.6	501.1	504.2
Wyoming	256.4	262.9	256.0	262.2	21.3	23.5	21.4	23.8	19.4	20.2	18.3	19.0	9.9	10.0	9.8	9.7
Puerto Rico	1,049.6	1,000.4	1,062.1	1,000.1	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	67.5	62.9	67.2	62.6	117.4	114.5	117.4	113.7

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			
	November		December		November		December		November		December		November		December	
	2004	2005	2004	2005 ^P	2004	2005	2004	2005 ^P	2004	2005	2004	2005 ^P	2004	2005	2004	2005 ^P
Alabama	382.3	388.0	386.5	390.0	30.8	31.1	31.0	31.0	96.2	96.0	96.1	95.9	202.2	209.6	202.6	209.1
Alaska	60.6	61.6	60.9	61.6	6.8	7.0	6.9	6.9	14.7	14.7	14.5	14.7	22.9	23.5	22.7	23.4
Arizona	480.7	500.1	488.8	508.1	46.9	46.0	46.4	46.3	165.1	173.2	166.5	174.6	343.5	361.2	343.8	364.4
Arkansas	245.1	248.5	247.1	250.5	20.2	19.9	20.2	20.0	51.1	52.3	51.4	52.7	108.7	109.9	107.9	109.4
California	2,833.0	2,847.6	2,863.8	2,879.6	491.3	484.0	479.1	485.7	913.3	925.3	917.9	929.4	2,139.5	2,169.7	2,141.5	2,175.0
Colorado	416.9	421.5	421.1	427.8	79.0	75.1	78.8	74.9	156.1	159.5	158.2	161.5	302.7	313.3	304.5	314.9
Connecticut	319.1	321.4	325.4	327.3	39.2	39.1	39.3	39.2	140.6	142.3	141.0	142.5	201.3	202.1	200.6	201.4
Delaware	83.4	85.4	84.2	86.3	7.0	7.0	7.1	7.0	44.6	46.0	44.5	46.0	62.4	63.1	63.2	63.6
District of Columbia	28.1	28.9	28.8	29.4	23.1	23.3	23.1	23.5	30.3	30.8	30.4	30.9	143.7	148.1	144.8	148.7
Florida	1,530.6	1,567.9	1,560.3	1,597.2	169.5	169.9	169.8	170.5	503.9	517.4	507.4	518.7	1,316.4	1,402.9	1,328.8	1,406.7
Georgia	844.6	852.6	853.2	862.0	117.3	117.8	117.8	118.3	219.5	223.3	220.4	224.7	519.5	530.1	519.9	530.6
Hawaii	116.0	120.9	118.3	123.0	11.2	10.8	11.2	10.8	28.7	29.5	28.8	29.5	71.4	74.8	72.1	75.3
Idaho	120.5	126.2	121.0	126.8	10.2	11.0	10.1	11.1	28.3	29.8	28.4	30.0	74.9	78.8	73.3	78.6
Illinois	1,200.8	1,210.9	1,216.1	1,226.2	119.1	117.3	119.1	117.4	400.2	405.2	400.5	407.3	803.1	837.7	806.9	832.2
Indiana	586.7	587.4	590.6	593.6	40.6	40.6	40.6	40.6	140.5	141.6	141.4	141.9	272.1	275.5	270.3	272.9
Iowa	312.6	315.3	313.9	317.4	33.7	33.9	33.9	33.9	97.0	100.6	97.5	101.1	106.9	107.1	105.9	106.7
Kansas	262.8	266.5	264.1	266.6	41.1	40.1	41.4	40.9	70.0	72.7	70.4	73.1	129.5	134.4	129.4	134.1
Kentucky	379.9	382.9	381.9	384.4	28.4	27.6	28.4	27.5	86.2	84.6	86.2	84.9	167.9	172.4	168.2	172.5
Louisiana	386.2	347.6	388.1	352.5	28.6	27.4	28.7	27.1	103.0	96.8	103.2	98.0	182.9	157.1	183.2	157.4
Maine	130.7	131.2	131.5	132.3	11.8	12.0	11.9	12.0	34.3	34.1	34.6	34.3	49.6	49.5	49.1	49.2
Maryland	480.6	489.2	488.0	494.1	51.0	51.2	51.4	51.1	156.2	158.9	156.6	159.1	379.6	390.6	380.5	389.0
Massachusetts	585.0	585.9	593.9	593.7	85.7	84.0	85.9	84.1	218.5	218.6	219.5	220.1	457.0	465.3	457.0	465.2
Michigan	826.2	817.6	832.1	824.3	66.9	63.9	66.7	64.0	217.5	217.8	218.3	218.4	591.5	591.9	581.4	589.2
Minnesota	537.3	533.0	541.7	537.9	59.4	58.7	59.1	59.1	174.2	180.0	175.2	181.3	306.3	309.4	304.4	309.1
Mississippi	223.2	220.5	224.5	223.1	14.4	14.2	14.1	14.3	45.7	45.3	45.8	45.2	85.2	85.2	84.7	85.1
Missouri	544.6	550.0	550.9	555.1	63.1	64.0	63.7	64.3	165.1	168.5	166.0	169.4	303.0	307.5	303.6	307.8
Montana	87.1	88.5	87.9	89.3	7.8	7.9	7.7	7.8	21.0	21.2	21.2	21.3	33.5	34.8	32.7	34.1
Nebraska	202.8	203.3	203.4	205.1	21.7	21.7	21.8	21.8	63.1	64.9	63.3	64.9	95.8	99.1	95.5	98.9
Nevada	213.1	220.6	216.0	223.5	14.6	14.4	14.6	14.4	62.8	67.3	63.1	67.8	137.7	149.9	137.3	148.5
New Hampshire	144.5	147.4	146.6	150.1	12.9	13.2	12.9	13.2	38.1	38.6	38.3	38.9	56.7	56.5	56.6	56.6
New Jersey	894.3	907.0	906.5	918.7	98.0	96.1	97.4	95.8	280.0	282.9	281.1	283.9	585.3	591.6	585.1	589.3
New Mexico	140.1	142.6	141.8	144.3	14.2	14.9	14.0	15.0	34.7	35.4	35.0	35.6	91.6	93.5	92.3	93.9
New York	1,526.8	1,530.2	1,550.2	1,552.4	273.5	272.4	274.2	273.9	704.6	716.8	708.4	719.6	1,067.0	1,090.5	1,069.4	1,092.5
North Carolina	740.4	736.7	741.0	739.8	69.9	72.3	70.3	72.0	192.0	195.4	192.8	196.0	438.3	454.8	436.0	453.7
North Dakota	73.4	75.0	74.1	75.6	7.7	7.6	7.8	7.8	18.6	19.0	18.8	19.1	24.0	24.8	23.8	24.7
Ohio	1,060.4	1,053.3	1,073.9	1,063.1	92.5	91.3	92.6	91.2	312.5	314.0	313.8	314.4	636.2	649.0	631.3	642.9
Oklahoma	278.8	284.4	282.0	285.4	30.5	31.1	30.9	31.1	84.6	86.5	84.9	86.7	163.9	167.4	163.9	167.6
Oregon	330.7	345.4	334.9	347.3	33.0	35.5	33.0	35.8	97.3	99.0	97.6	99.4	181.0	184.3	180.5	184.5
Pennsylvania	1,150.4	1,162.4	1,161.7	1,174.2	110.6	108.0	110.9	107.4	333.8	337.8	335.4	339.2	643.5	659.8	642.9	657.2
Rhode Island	81.6	80.7	82.8	81.4	10.7	10.8	10.9	10.7	34.1	35.7	34.4	35.8	55.5	56.4	55.3	56.3
South Carolina	356.4	364.0	360.7	368.2	25.8	27.3	25.9	27.5	92.5	93.6	92.7	93.9	189.8	192.9	187.5	190.4
South Dakota	77.9	80.0	78.7	80.0	6.8	6.9	6.8	6.9	28.1	28.9	28.2	28.9	23.8	24.0	23.3	23.7
Tennessee	602.1	608.0	606.0	612.2	49.8	47.9	49.8	48.0	143.1	144.8	143.7	145.4	307.6	305.7	308.0	306.5
Texas	1,983.2	2,006.1	2,004.6	2,024.1	225.3	232.4	226.8	232.0	598.2	607.4	600.6	608.9	1,098.2	1,127.6	1,092.4	1,128.3
Utah	226.4	233.8	229.3	236.5	30.4	32.6	30.6	33.0	65.2	67.9	65.5	68.7	139.9	149.3	140.9	150.7
Vermont	60.1	60.5	61.1	61.4	6.3	6.1	6.3	6.2	13.3	13.6	13.5	13.8	21.4	22.3	21.3	22.4
Virginia	670.5	674.4	674.2	681.4	100.3	98.8	100.8	98.7	189.3	191.6	190.2	191.8	589.3	600.6	588.9	598.5
Washington	536.0	550.0	541.5	552.8	92.5	95.5	92.4	95.6	152.0	155.0	152.2	154.9	308.0	322.1	306.2	320.6
West Virginia	140.3	140.7	140.7	140.2	12.0	12.1	12.0	12.2	30.4	30.5	30.3	30.5	58.2	59.8	58.3	60.4
Wisconsin	557.5	551.5	557.1	558.0	50.1	50.3	50.6	50.4	156.9	157.9	157.4	158.4	254.5	262.6	249.3	258.7
Wyoming	50.0	51.3	50.1	51.4	4.3	4.2	4.3	4.3	10.5	10.8	10.6	10.6	15.3	15.7	14.8	15.2
Puerto Rico	187.5	179.0	193.2	184.1	23.3	22.4	23.4	22.5	46.2	46.5	46.7	47.0	101.9	99.9	102.1	99.8

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			
	November		December		November		December		November		December		November		December	
	2004	2005	2004	2005 ^P	2004	2005	2004	2005 ^P	2004	2005	2004	2005 ^P	2004	2005	2004	2005 ^P
Alabama	195.7	198.6	195.5	197.9	159.1	160.9	158.3	160.4	80.9	80.3	80.8	80.1	364.6	364.6	363.7	362.9
Alaska	34.8	35.8	35.0	36.1	27.5	28.2	27.3	28.2	11.7	11.5	11.7	11.6	82.3	82.4	82.5	82.7
Arizona	266.6	281.8	267.2	282.2	245.3	257.0	246.5	258.9	90.0	93.3	90.1	93.8	424.7	421.9	417.8	421.7
Arkansas	145.4	150.4	145.8	150.1	89.8	90.8	88.8	89.6	41.1	41.0	41.2	41.0	206.5	210.6	205.7	210.2
California	1,586.6	1,609.7	1,583.4	1,608.9	1,445.1	1,479.4	1,448.6	1,484.0	506.7	508.7	506.0	509.5	2,417.0	2,439.6	2,400.6	2,430.8
Colorado	222.2	227.1	222.9	228.3	243.3	248.6	256.0	260.8	86.9	88.4	87.6	88.8	370.5	376.3	369.6	375.3
Connecticut	274.1	276.8	274.3	276.9	126.9	127.7	127.3	128.5	62.8	63.0	63.2	63.6	248.9	249.8	247.5	248.6
Delaware	52.5	53.7	53.2	53.6	40.0	41.2	39.7	41.1	18.7	18.3	18.6	18.4	59.9	60.4	60.0	60.5
District of Columbia ..	95.7	99.1	93.7	96.8	52.0	54.5	51.8	53.9	59.1	60.6	59.2	60.6	229.6	229.7	230.3	229.9
Florida	935.5	967.9	939.5	971.6	858.1	889.7	867.7	903.4	321.7	326.2	323.2	327.3	1,102.0	1,117.6	1,096.9	1,118.7
Georgia	411.9	421.7	411.6	422.0	353.9	369.3	354.7	370.2	153.8	155.4	153.5	155.2	651.8	658.4	650.6	656.7
Hawaii	69.0	70.8	69.2	70.9	105.2	108.2	106.0	108.6	24.0	25.0	24.1	25.2	124.4	121.7	122.9	122.6
Idaho	66.8	70.3	67.0	70.6	53.4	55.4	54.2	56.3	18.2	18.6	18.2	18.6	117.6	117.1	116.3	115.9
Illinois	738.4	745.9	735.7	744.7	506.3	518.8	503.8	515.6	256.5	256.5	257.7	257.2	856.4	861.1	851.2	856.9
Indiana	379.8	386.8	379.6	386.8	274.0	278.0	272.9	277.5	110.0	109.5	110.1	110.2	442.6	437.1	436.9	433.6
Iowa	197.1	200.1	196.5	200.4	126.8	134.4	126.5	133.9	56.1	56.6	56.2	56.7	251.0	252.2	249.0	251.4
Kansas	162.7	165.0	162.6	165.1	111.9	112.7	111.0	111.0	53.9	56.4	53.9	56.4	261.3	267.1	260.8	266.6
Kentucky	233.5	237.8	233.4	237.7	160.0	165.2	159.3	164.1	78.4	79.8	78.5	79.9	313.1	313.4	311.4	312.0
Louisiana	255.7	211.3	253.2	211.8	204.3	162.2	203.2	164.8	72.4	61.5	72.4	61.9	387.9	381.9	384.7	379.3
Maine	113.4	115.5	112.9	114.7	54.5	55.4	53.4	54.3	19.7	19.5	19.8	19.7	110.0	110.4	109.9	110.3
Maryland	352.8	362.9	352.8	362.9	224.8	232.0	223.4	229.2	114.9	117.7	115.7	118.1	475.9	479.8	474.6	477.6
Massachusetts	595.1	599.3	594.6	598.5	289.3	290.3	285.6	287.1	115.2	114.0	115.8	114.2	413.8	414.2	414.0	414.9
Michigan	560.8	563.7	558.2	559.7	394.7	398.2	393.2	397.5	178.3	181.0	177.3	181.5	719.6	703.2	708.9	697.5
Minnesota	383.1	397.0	384.6	397.2	230.8	237.3	230.9	238.8	118.4	117.4	119.4	118.1	421.4	425.8	421.7	427.2
Mississippi	121.3	120.4	121.4	120.5	124.4	112.6	123.4	108.2	37.6	34.6	37.3	35.0	246.5	245.2	245.2	244.4
Missouri	363.6	372.7	363.5	372.9	267.0	266.5	262.4	263.1	119.6	120.4	120.1	120.4	440.6	435.8	438.3	435.1
Montana	55.2	56.9	55.3	57.0	54.1	55.5	55.7	57.3	17.5	17.2	17.8	17.4	90.4	90.6	88.9	89.5
Nebraska	128.6	129.8	128.9	129.8	77.6	79.0	77.0	78.1	34.3	35.2	34.6	35.4	162.4	165.0	162.0	164.1
Nevada	82.0	87.0	82.3	87.5	314.2	330.8	314.8	330.7	37.4	39.6	37.5	39.7	144.1	149.0	144.4	149.6
New Hampshire	95.4	98.8	96.6	99.0	60.2	62.4	61.1	64.2	20.4	19.4	20.2	19.3	93.1	92.8	93.9	92.9
New Jersey	555.4	568.2	556.9	569.8	323.7	337.4	321.5	337.2	155.7	160.7	156.2	161.4	652.3	655.0	652.7	654.5
New Mexico	105.4	107.1	105.2	107.4	81.1	81.5	81.4	82.1	28.7	29.0	28.7	29.1	202.7	204.7	202.7	205.4
New York	1,556.6	1,585.0	1,557.0	1,585.4	660.9	670.8	661.8	671.8	355.1	358.1	356.0	359.0	1,506.9	1,505.1	1,509.9	1,508.5
North Carolina	454.9	467.9	457.8	468.8	341.0	349.8	337.8	345.0	168.1	173.8	168.5	174.8	669.9	682.0	668.9	681.9
North Dakota	49.0	49.7	48.9	49.8	30.9	31.9	30.6	31.7	15.1	15.1	15.1	15.1	77.5	77.7	77.6	77.7
Ohio	758.6	766.7	759.2	764.8	485.6	487.4	482.0	485.0	226.4	227.6	226.7	228.2	817.0	813.5	814.5	811.2
Oklahoma	181.8	185.5	181.3	184.6	129.1	128.3	128.1	126.7	73.3	74.5	74.0	74.1	312.2	321.8	312.2	320.6
Oregon	199.8	209.0	199.0	210.1	157.0	157.4	155.6	157.4	57.9	59.6	58.1	59.8	279.1	280.1	276.5	278.3
Pennsylvania	1,021.0	1,044.1	1,017.1	1,040.5	467.2	480.1	468.1	480.8	262.9	267.6	263.9	268.4	767.5	774.3	761.3	768.1
Rhode Island	95.2	99.2	95.4	98.0	49.2	51.1	48.7	50.5	23.3	23.2	23.4	23.2	67.5	67.3	66.8	67.1
South Carolina	184.8	190.8	182.4	190.2	201.5	199.7	200.6	198.3	67.6	67.2	66.7	67.8	338.8	337.8	337.5	338.2
South Dakota	57.2	58.6	57.2	58.9	39.6	39.5	39.1	39.4	16.5	16.3	16.3	15.8	76.1	76.3	76.0	76.4
Tennessee	324.1	330.6	324.1	330.4	253.7	256.8	252.7	255.6	102.2	103.1	102.3	103.2	418.3	419.9	418.9	420.5
Texas	1,160.5	1,184.7	1,161.0	1,186.0	876.0	893.2	873.6	893.0	357.5	360.8	357.9	361.6	1,696.3	1,707.6	1,688.3	1,698.6
Utah	127.3	132.0	127.7	132.7	100.7	103.1	103.3	106.2	32.8	33.3	32.8	33.5	202.7	206.6	202.1	206.4
Vermont	54.5	55.4	54.7	55.6	30.1	30.3	34.3	34.6	10.2	10.1	10.3	10.3	55.9	55.8	55.8	55.6
Virginia	387.9	396.8	388.5	396.2	314.8	316.0	311.9	312.5	178.2	180.6	179.7	180.8	669.8	674.5	664.4	670.7
Washington	324.8	335.2	324.3	334.8	250.1	259.5	250.7	261.4	100.2	102.8	100.4	102.9	537.5	539.1	530.2	530.9
West Virginia	114.6	115.5	113.0	114.5	66.4	67.0	67.0	67.0	54.9	55.0	55.0	55.2	145.2	144.9	144.6	145.0
Wisconsin	384.4	390.8	384.0	390.0	241.2	248.9	240.3	248.1	135.2	135.4	134.8	134.1	426.0	428.4	421.3	425.4
Wyoming	22.0	22.3	21.9	22.3	28.7	29.1	29.3	29.8	9.5	9.7	9.8	9.8	65.5	66.1	65.7	66.3
Puerto Rico	99.6	95.1	100.7	96.1	71.8	70.4	72.0	70.5	22.4	23.2	22.6	22.9	312.0	286.5	316.8	280.9

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 2004 benchmark levels. Estimates subsequent to the current benchmarks are provisional and will be revised when new information becomes available.

Chart 1. Unemployment rates by state, seasonally adjusted December 2005

(U.S. rate = 4.9 percent)

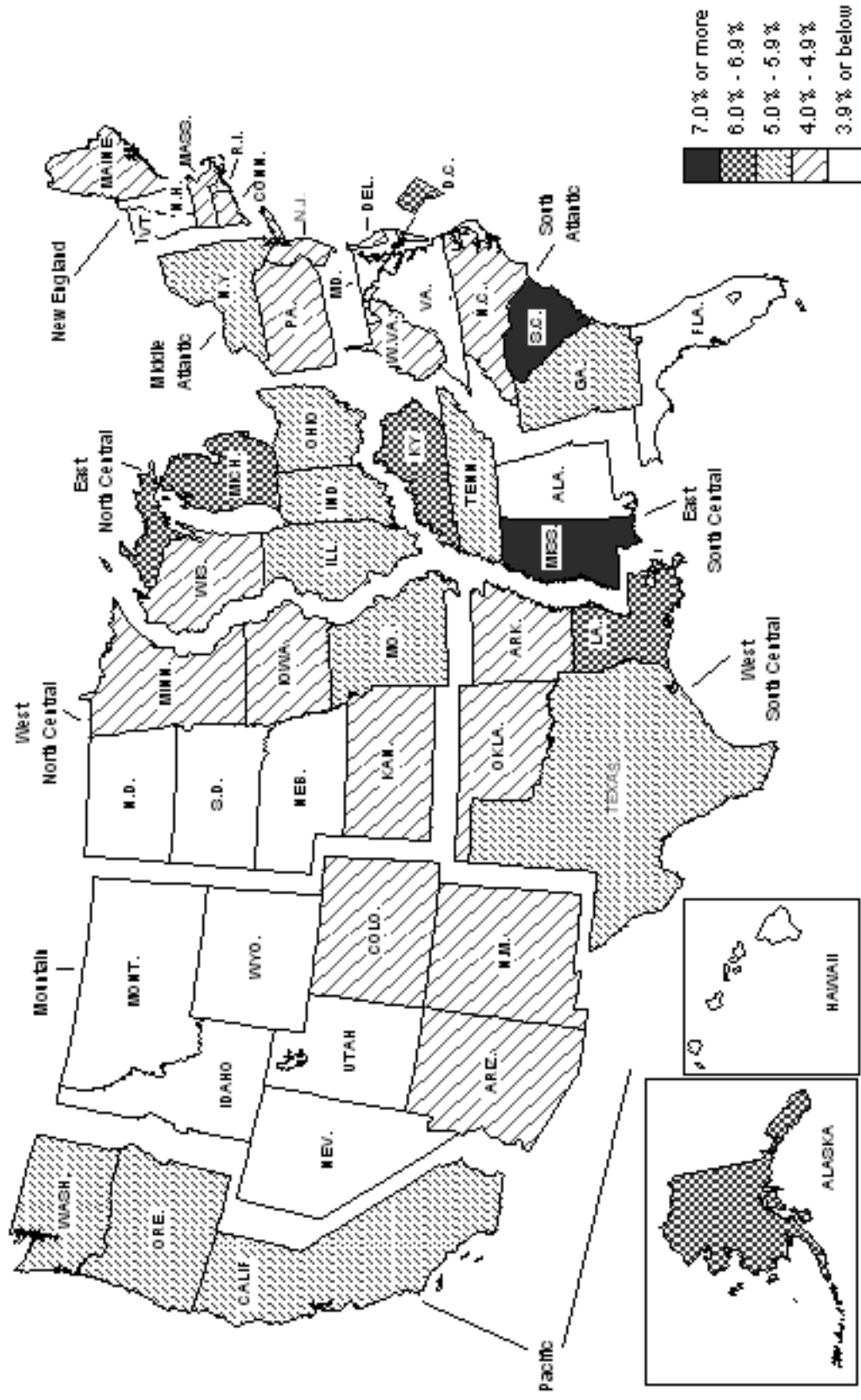


Chart 2. Percentage change in nonfarm employment by state, seasonally adjusted, December 2004 – December 2005

