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REGIONAL AND STATE EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT: APRIL 2003

Regional and state unemployment rates were little changed in April. All four regions and 45 states recorded shifts of 0.3 percentage point or less, the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the U.S. Department of Labor reported today. The national jobless rate rose to 6.0 percent in April. Nonfarm employment increased in 27 states and the District of Columbia in April.

Regional Unemployment (Seasonally Adjusted)

Among the four regions, the Midwest recorded the lowest unemployment rate in April, 5.5 percent, closely followed by the South, at 5.6 percent, and the Northeast, at 5.7 percent. The West continued to report the highest rate, 6.5 percent. Over the year, the four regions registered little or no change in their jobless rates. (See table 1.)

Among the nine geographic divisions, the West North Central continued to post the lowest unemployment rate, 4.4 percent in April. The next lowest rates were reported in the New England and South Atlantic divisions, 5.2 percent each. The Pacific division once again experienced the highest jobless rate, 6.8 percent, followed by the West South Central division, with a rate of 6.3 percent. Over the year, the South Atlantic and West North Central divisions recorded the largest rate declines (-0.3 percentage point each), while New England reported the largest increase (+0.4 point).

State Unemployment (Seasonally Adjusted)

In April, South Dakota posted the lowest unemployment rate, 3.1 percent, followed by North Dakota, at 3.4 percent. Oregon continued to experience the highest rate, 8.0 percent. The three states with the next highest unemployment rates also were in the Pacific division—Washington, 7.3 percent, Alaska, 7.2 percent, and California, 6.7 percent. The District of Columbia also reported one of the highest rates, 7.3 percent. (See table 3 and chart 1.)

Compared with March, unemployment rates increased in 27 states and the District of Columbia, decreased in 16 states, and were unchanged in 7 states. The District of Columbia recorded the largest over-the-month rate increase (+0.8 percentage point), followed by Mississippi (+0.5 point). No state recorded a jobless rate decrease greater than 0.4 percentage point.

Over the year, unemployment rates were lower in 29 states, higher in 17 states and the District of Columbia, and unchanged in 4 states. Utah reported the largest rate decrease from April 2002

(-1.0 percentage point), followed by North Dakota (-0.7 point). Meanwhile, Connecticut posted the greatest over-the-year rate increase (+1.1 percentage points), followed by the District of Columbia (+0.8 point). Three of the four states with over-the-year jobless rate increases of one-half percentage point or more were located in New England.

Nonfarm Payroll Employment (Seasonally Adjusted)

From March to April, total nonfarm employment increased in 27 states and the District of Columbia, decreased in 21 states, and was unchanged in 2 states. The largest employment increases occurred in Florida (+28,100), New Jersey (+19,900), Maryland (+14,200), and Ohio (+14,000). Montana posted the largest over-the-month percentage increase in employment (+0.8 percent), followed by Maryland and Vermont (+0.6 percent each) and New Jersey, Oklahoma, and South Dakota (+0.5 percent each). The largest employment decreases occurred in Michigan (-17,800), Illinois (-13,600), California (-13,100), Georgia (-11,800), and Indiana (-10,700). The largest over-the-month percentage decreases in employment were reported in Alaska, Kentucky, and Oregon (-0.5 percent each), Indiana, Michigan, and New Hampshire (-0.4 percent each), and Alabama and Georgia (-0.3 percent each). (See table 5.)

Over the year, employment decreased in 31 states. The largest employment decreases were in Michigan (-71,500), New York (-65,700), Ohio (-57,500), and Massachusetts (-47,800). Michigan and Missouri recorded the largest percentage declines in employment (-1.6 percent each), followed by Massachusetts (-1.5 percent) and Connecticut (-1.2 percent). The largest over-the-year gains in employment occurred in Florida (+92,800), New Jersey (+21,300), Arizona (+15,000), and New Mexico (+14,100). The largest percentage gains were reported in Hawaii (+2.5 percent), New Mexico (+1.8 percent), and Florida and Nevada (+1.3 percent each). (See chart 2.)

The Metropolitan Area Employment and Unemployment release for April is scheduled to be issued on June 5. The Regional and State Employment and Unemployment release for May is scheduled to be issued on June 20.

Correction of Nonfarm Payroll Employment Data for Georgia

Seasonally adjusted nonfarm payroll employment data for Georgia presented in table 5 of this release have been corrected from January 1990 to the present. Additionally, the not seasonally adjusted nonfarm payroll employment data for Georgia presented in table 6 of this release have been corrected from January 1990 through December 2000.

Technical Note

This release presents labor force and unemployment data for census regions and divisions, states, the Los Angeles-Long Beach metropolitan area, and New York City from the Local Area Unemployment Statistics (LAUS) program (tables 1-4). Also presented are nonfarm payroll employment estimates by state and major industry from the Current Employment Statistics (CES) program (tables 5 and 6). The LAUS and CES programs are both Federal-State cooperative endeavors.

Labor force and unemployment—from the LAUS program

Definitions. The labor force and unemployment data are based on the same concepts and definitions as those used for the official national estimates obtained from the Current Population Survey (CPS), a sample survey of households that is conducted for the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) by the U.S. Census Bureau. The labor force includes both the employed and the unemployed. Employed persons are those who did any work at all for pay or profit in the survey reference week (the week including the 12th of the month) or worked 15 hours or more without pay in a family business or farm, plus those not working who have a job from which they were temporarily absent, whether or not paid, for such reasons as labor-management dispute, illness, or vacation. Unemployed persons are those who did not work at all (in the reference week), have actively looked for a job (sometime in the 4-week period ending with the survey reference week), and are currently available for work; persons on layoff expecting recall need not be looking for work to be counted as unemployed.

Method of estimation. Effective January 1996, estimates for all states, the District of Columbia, the Los Angeles-Long Beach metropolitan area, and New York City are produced using estimating equations based on regression techniques. This method utilizes data from several sources, including the CPS, the CES, and state unemployment insurance (UI) data. A detailed description of the estimation procedures is available from BLS upon request. Effective January 1998, estimates for census regions and divisions are obtained by summing the model-based estimates for the component states and then calculating the unemployment rate.

Annual revisions. Labor force and unemployment data shown for the prior year reflect adjustments made at the end of each year, usually with January estimates. The adjusted estimates reflect updated population data from the U.S. Census Bureau and any revisions in the other data sources. In addition, data for all states, the District of Columbia, and the two large substate areas noted are adjusted annually to equal the CPS annual averages, usually effective with January estimates. The regional and state data will not sum to national totals obtained from the CPS, since the monthly state estimates are not based directly on the CPS.

Seasonal adjustment. Seasonal adjustment of state (and Los Angeles-Long Beach and New York City) labor force levels are computed by aggregating independently seasonally adjusted employment and unemployment levels. Unemployment rates are then computed from these independently adjusted levels. Region and

division levels are calculated as the sum of the levels of the component states. Revisions of historical data for the most recent 5 years are usually made at the beginning of each calendar year, usually coincident with January estimates.

Employment from the CES program

Definitions. Employment data refer to persons on establishment payrolls who receive pay for any part of the pay period which includes the 12th of the month. Persons are counted at their place of work rather than at their place of residence; those appearing on more than one payroll are counted on each payroll. Industries are classified on the basis of their principal activity in accordance with the 2002 version of the North American Industry Classification System.

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

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

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

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

Reliability of the estimates

The estimates presented in this release are based on sample survey and administrative data and thus are subject to sampling and other

types of errors. Sampling error is a measure of sampling variability—that is, variation that occurs by chance because a sample rather than the entire population is surveyed. Survey data also are subject to nonsampling errors, such as those which can be introduced into the data collection and processing operations. Estimates not directly derived from sample surveys are subject to additional errors resulting from the special estimation processes used. The sums of individual items may not always equal the totals shown in the same tables because of rounding. With respect to the LAUS program, unemployment rates are computed, in most instances, from unrounded data rather than from data that may be displayed in the tables; differences, however, are generally insignificant.

Labor force and unemployment estimates. Measures of sampling error, in the form of standard errors for state annual average estimates derived from the CPS, are available in the annual BLS bulletin, *Geographic Profile of Employment and Unemployment*. Measures of nonsampling error for CPS data are not available, but additional information on the subject is provided in the BLS monthly periodical, *Employment and Earnings*.

Employment estimates. Measures of sampling error will be available for state CES data at the supersector level and for metropolitan area CES data at the total nonfarm level. Information on

recent benchmark revisions for states is available on the BLS Web site at (<http://www.bls.gov/sae/>).

Additional information

More complete information on the technical procedures used to develop these estimates and additional data appear in *Employment and Earnings*, which is available by subscription from the Superintendent of Documents, U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, DC 20402 (telephone 202-512-1800), and from the *BLS Handbook of Methods*, Bulletin 2490, August 1997.

Estimates of labor force and unemployment for over 330 metropolitan areas are available in the news release, *Metropolitan Area Employment and Unemployment*. Estimates of labor force, employment, and unemployment for all states, metropolitan areas, labor market areas, counties, cities with a population of 25,000 or more, and other areas used in the administration of various federal economic assistance programs are available from the BLS Internet at (<http://www.bls.gov/lau/>). Employment data from the CES program are available at (<http://www.bls.gov/sae/>).

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

Table 1. Civilian labor force and unemployment by census regions and divisions, seasonally adjusted¹

(Numbers in thousands)

Census region and division	Civilian labor force				Unemployed							
					Number				Percent of labor force			
	Apr. 2002	Feb. 2003	Mar. 2003	Apr. 2003 ^P	Apr. 2002	Feb. 2003	Mar. 2003	Apr. 2003 ^P	Apr. 2002	Feb. 2003	Mar. 2003	Apr. 2003 ^P
Northeast	27,496.6	27,573.7	27,508.3	27,565.3	1,526.0	1,586.7	1,570.6	1,581.6	5.5	5.8	5.7	5.7
New England	7,534.9	7,577.2	7,565.6	7,568.1	359.0	377.1	395.6	389.9	4.8	5.0	5.2	5.2
Middle Atlantic	19,961.8	19,996.6	19,942.7	19,997.2	1,167.0	1,209.5	1,175.0	1,191.7	5.8	6.0	5.9	6.0
South	50,721.3	51,255.7	51,242.4	51,364.2	2,894.3	2,805.5	2,850.2	2,886.9	5.7	5.5	5.6	5.6
South Atlantic	26,695.9	26,889.7	26,878.2	26,930.0	1,455.3	1,362.3	1,381.5	1,407.1	5.5	5.1	5.1	5.2
East South Central	8,307.3	8,364.8	8,359.1	8,367.2	484.6	448.4	453.8	470.2	5.8	5.4	5.4	5.6
West South Central	15,718.0	16,001.1	16,005.1	16,066.9	954.4	994.8	1,014.9	1,009.6	6.1	6.2	6.3	6.3
Midwest	34,183.5	34,437.3	34,421.3	34,346.1	1,915.7	1,892.6	1,924.0	1,905.8	5.6	5.5	5.6	5.5
East North Central	23,469.7	23,683.1	23,671.5	23,587.7	1,416.2	1,433.9	1,453.5	1,428.0	6.0	6.1	6.1	6.1
West North Central	10,713.8	10,754.1	10,749.9	10,758.4	499.5	458.7	470.5	477.8	4.7	4.3	4.4	4.4
West	32,882.9	33,241.1	33,281.3	33,295.9	2,144.6	2,092.1	2,133.2	2,156.2	6.5	6.3	6.4	6.5
Mountain	9,683.2	9,759.0	9,758.1	9,791.7	560.9	524.9	549.2	553.8	5.8	5.4	5.6	5.7
Pacific	23,199.6	23,482.0	23,523.1	23,504.1	1,583.7	1,567.2	1,584.0	1,602.4	6.8	6.7	6.7	6.8

¹ These estimates are obtained by summing the state estimates.

^P = preliminary.

NOTE: The States (including the District of Columbia) that compose the various census divisions are: New England: Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, and Vermont; Middle Atlantic: New Jersey, New York, and Pennsylvania; South Atlantic: Delaware, District of Columbia, Florida, Georgia, Maryland, North Carolina, South Carolina, Virginia, and West Virginia; East South Central:

Alabama, Kentucky, Mississippi, and Tennessee; West South Central: Arkansas, Louisiana, Oklahoma, and Texas; East North Central: Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Ohio, and Wisconsin; West North Central: Iowa, Kansas, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, and South Dakota; Mountain: Arizona, Colorado, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, Utah, and Wyoming; and Pacific: Alaska, California, Hawaii, Oregon, and Washington. All estimates are provisional and will be revised when new benchmark and population information becomes available.

Table 2. Civilian labor force and unemployment by census regions and divisions, not seasonally adjusted¹

(Numbers in thousands)

Census region and division	Civilian labor force				Unemployed							
					Number				Percent of labor force			
	March		April		March		April		March		April	
2002	2003	2002	2003 ^P	2002	2003	2002	2003 ^P	2002	2003	2002	2003 ^P	
Northeast	27,355.0	27,410.6	27,282.9	27,352.2	1,594.9	1,658.1	1,454.1	1,511.3	5.8	6.0	5.3	5.5
New England	7,481.4	7,528.2	7,472.3	7,505.6	378.8	422.3	351.5	383.1	5.1	5.6	4.7	5.1
Middle Atlantic	19,873.6	19,882.4	19,810.7	19,846.6	1,216.1	1,235.8	1,102.6	1,128.2	6.1	6.2	5.6	5.7
South	50,366.8	50,966.7	50,424.2	51,062.9	2,804.3	2,787.9	2,702.1	2,694.0	5.6	5.5	5.4	5.3
South Atlantic	26,513.2	26,732.4	26,548.0	26,780.4	1,408.0	1,343.2	1,361.8	1,315.5	5.3	5.0	5.1	4.9
East South Central	8,247.3	8,310.1	8,246.1	8,306.1	485.2	457.5	454.7	440.8	5.9	5.5	5.5	5.3
West South Central	15,606.2	15,924.1	15,630.1	15,976.4	911.1	987.3	885.6	937.7	5.8	6.2	5.7	5.9
Midwest	33,978.9	34,191.1	33,990.9	34,157.5	2,052.9	2,082.9	1,892.8	1,887.2	6.0	6.1	5.6	5.5
East North Central	23,333.0	23,504.0	23,299.4	23,422.5	1,516.1	1,569.0	1,392.2	1,407.7	6.5	6.7	6.0	6.0
West North Central	10,645.9	10,687.1	10,691.6	10,735.0	536.7	514.0	500.6	479.5	5.0	4.8	4.7	4.5
West	32,699.7	33,150.5	32,678.5	33,092.6	2,202.2	2,197.2	2,099.5	2,112.6	6.7	6.6	6.4	6.4
Mountain	9,598.9	9,685.9	9,619.9	9,728.3	571.3	553.2	543.2	536.8	6.0	5.7	5.6	5.5
Pacific	23,100.8	23,464.6	23,058.6	23,364.3	1,630.9	1,644.1	1,556.2	1,575.7	7.1	7.0	6.7	6.7

¹ These estimates are obtained by summing the state estimates. The composition of the regions and divisions is described in table 1.
^P = preliminary.

NOTE: All estimates are provisional and will be revised when new benchmark and population information becomes available.

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

(Numbers in thousands)

State and Area	Civilian labor force				Unemployed							
					Number				Percent of labor force			
	Apr. 2002	Feb. 2003	Mar. 2003	Apr. 2003P	Apr. 2002	Feb. 2003	Mar. 2003	Apr. 2003P	Apr. 2002	Feb. 2003	Mar. 2003	Apr. 2003P
Alabama	2,108.3	2,161.9	2,157.1	2,152.4	125.1	118.5	122.8	124.6	5.9	5.5	5.7	5.8
Alaska	321.3	341.7	339.9	341.5	24.3	23.9	23.2	24.6	7.6	7.0	6.8	7.2
Arizona	2,657.6	2,651.3	2,655.4	2,665.6	162.6	151.7	157.3	159.0	6.1	5.7	5.9	6.0
Arkansas	1,280.7	1,298.8	1,296.2	1,300.7	71.6	63.9	64.2	68.8	5.6	4.9	5.0	5.3
California	17,374.4	17,600.9	17,627.9	17,610.5	1,154.4	1,178.9	1,179.4	1,180.6	6.6	6.7	6.7	6.7
Los Angeles-Long Beach	4,686.6	4,750.8	4,779.3	4,774.5	325.5	320.8	313.9	311.5	6.9	6.8	6.6	6.5
Colorado	2,432.4	2,460.0	2,455.7	2,474.1	139.3	135.3	140.7	147.2	5.7	5.5	5.7	6.0
Connecticut	1,768.9	1,785.2	1,782.7	1,784.9	74.4	88.7	93.5	94.4	4.2	5.0	5.2	5.3
Delaware	426.1	418.5	419.3	420.1	18.7	15.6	17.3	17.9	4.4	3.7	4.1	4.3
District of Columbia	305.9	304.4	307.8	306.2	19.7	20.1	19.9	22.2	6.5	6.6	6.5	7.3
Florida	8,077.3	8,102.7	8,093.2	8,085.5	446.2	433.2	436.6	427.1	5.5	5.3	5.4	5.3
Georgia	4,282.3	4,353.6	4,348.3	4,368.2	217.2	196.7	200.9	205.1	5.1	4.5	4.6	4.7
Hawaii	580.9	593.0	592.5	597.1	25.8	17.8	21.9	22.5	4.4	3.0	3.7	3.8
Idaho	685.2	692.9	694.4	693.9	39.8	36.2	37.3	39.5	5.8	5.2	5.4	5.7
Illinois	6,390.8	6,371.9	6,399.0	6,375.5	416.2	416.8	423.5	400.2	6.5	6.5	6.6	6.3
Indiana	3,166.6	3,180.6	3,166.5	3,167.4	168.3	156.0	150.8	160.6	5.3	4.9	4.8	5.1
Iowa	1,661.4	1,652.6	1,648.7	1,642.5	66.0	65.5	65.8	68.1	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.1
Kansas	1,408.1	1,472.9	1,470.9	1,472.0	71.1	68.2	69.0	71.2	5.1	4.6	4.7	4.8
Kentucky	1,971.4	1,994.5	1,996.6	1,993.9	112.7	112.9	114.0	114.6	5.7	5.7	5.7	5.7
Louisiana	2,011.3	2,058.8	2,061.1	2,050.8	123.9	117.7	123.9	127.1	6.2	5.7	6.3	6.2
Maine	685.6	700.0	695.5	697.6	29.3	31.9	31.2	33.6	4.3	4.6	4.5	4.8
Maryland	2,900.2	2,927.4	2,931.0	2,939.4	132.2	124.1	131.5	130.6	4.6	4.2	4.5	4.4
Massachusetts	3,476.9	3,453.1	3,451.4	3,449.8	182.7	185.0	196.8	187.7	5.3	5.4	5.7	5.4
Michigan	5,025.5	5,124.1	5,106.7	5,057.1	315.8	336.6	344.1	333.2	6.3	6.6	6.7	6.6
Minnesota	2,920.0	2,919.0	2,920.1	2,920.7	133.8	126.1	129.3	125.7	4.6	4.3	4.4	4.3
Mississippi	1,300.7	1,314.8	1,314.3	1,322.4	90.6	79.4	78.3	86.2	7.0	6.0	6.0	6.5
Missouri	3,000.1	2,959.9	2,956.7	2,969.2	165.3	138.7	142.9	149.5	5.5	4.7	4.8	5.0
Montana	462.7	469.6	469.3	469.7	21.5	18.9	19.7	18.7	4.6	4.0	4.2	4.0
Nebraska	958.8	980.1	982.8	985.6	35.1	34.5	37.0	38.5	3.7	3.5	3.8	3.9
Nevada	1,119.3	1,115.5	1,114.1	1,114.8	63.6	56.2	61.5	61.6	5.7	5.0	5.5	5.5
New Hampshire	703.6	716.4	715.7	713.7	32.3	28.2	29.1	28.8	4.6	3.9	4.1	4.0
New Jersey	4,360.0	4,405.0	4,420.0	4,426.4	252.2	249.5	259.7	255.5	5.8	5.7	5.9	5.8
New Mexico	873.9	891.4	893.5	895.3	47.7	51.7	52.6	52.9	5.5	5.8	5.9	5.9
New York	9,323.6	9,343.6	9,302.6	9,352.6	567.9	573.9	557.0	572.0	6.1	6.1	6.0	6.1
New York City	3,733.2	3,694.3	3,659.8	3,686.9	291.2	326.3	309.7	305.0	7.8	8.8	8.5	8.3
North Carolina	4,188.6	4,151.9	4,155.2	4,173.3	290.0	241.4	250.5	268.6	6.9	5.8	6.0	6.4
North Dakota	346.4	349.0	350.0	347.9	14.2	12.7	13.1	11.7	4.1	3.7	3.7	3.4
Ohio	5,857.0	5,900.1	5,893.2	5,895.8	348.5	359.2	364.2	368.1	5.9	6.1	6.2	6.2
Oklahoma	1,696.6	1,700.8	1,693.1	1,696.3	78.3	87.7	86.9	86.2	4.6	5.2	5.1	5.1
Oregon	1,834.4	1,835.8	1,850.9	1,841.5	142.4	133.2	139.8	147.0	7.8	7.3	7.6	8.0
Pennsylvania	6,278.1	6,248.0	6,220.1	6,218.2	346.9	386.1	358.3	364.2	5.5	6.2	5.8	5.9
Rhode Island	552.7	571.9	568.4	568.7	27.3	29.5	30.3	30.3	4.9	5.2	5.3	5.3
South Carolina	1,963.1	2,032.2	2,014.7	2,027.7	116.3	126.4	118.9	124.6	5.9	6.2	5.9	6.1
South Dakota	419.0	420.7	420.7	420.5	13.9	13.0	13.4	13.2	3.3	3.1	3.2	3.1
Tennessee	2,927.0	2,893.7	2,891.1	2,898.6	156.2	137.6	138.6	144.8	5.3	4.8	4.8	5.0
Texas	10,729.5	10,942.8	10,954.6	11,019.1	680.7	725.5	734.5	727.5	6.3	6.6	6.7	6.6
Utah	1,181.1	1,202.9	1,200.8	1,203.0	74.6	63.8	68.8	64.0	6.3	5.3	5.7	5.3
Vermont	347.1	350.6	352.0	353.4	13.1	13.9	14.6	15.1	3.8	4.0	4.1	4.3
Virginia	3,743.4	3,789.8	3,805.7	3,805.4	165.7	156.5	159.9	163.0	4.4	4.1	4.2	4.3
Washington	3,088.6	3,110.6	3,111.8	3,113.6	236.8	213.4	219.7	227.7	7.7	6.9	7.1	7.3
West Virginia	809.0	809.4	803.0	804.3	49.3	48.2	45.9	48.2	6.1	6.0	5.7	6.0
Wisconsin	3,029.7	3,106.4	3,106.0	3,091.9	167.5	165.3	170.9	166.0	5.5	5.3	5.5	5.4
Wyoming	271.1	275.5	274.9	275.4	11.8	11.3	11.2	10.9	4.4	4.1	4.1	4.0
Puerto Rico	1,356.3	1,371.2	1,388.6	1,411.6	166.1	163.9	169.7	176.2	12.2	12.0	12.2	12.5

P = preliminary.

NOTE: Data refer to place of residence. Data for Puerto Rico are derived from a monthly household survey similar to the Current Population

Survey. All estimates are provisional and will be revised when new benchmark and population information becomes available.

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

(Numbers in thousands)

State and Area	Civilian labor force				Unemployed							
					Number				Percent of labor force			
	March		April		March		April		March		April	
	2002	2003	2002	2003 ^P	2002	2003	2002	2003 ^P	2002	2003	2002	2003 ^P
Alabama	2,095.7	2,142.8	2,097.7	2,141.6	115.8	113.5	116.5	115.8	5.5	5.3	5.6	5.4
Alaska	316.1	334.5	315.0	334.8	26.6	26.1	24.5	24.9	8.4	7.8	7.8	7.4
Arizona	2,638.7	2,642.7	2,651.5	2,659.3	152.6	144.7	151.4	147.6	5.8	5.5	5.7	5.6
Arkansas	1,273.9	1,295.2	1,281.0	1,301.1	74.4	68.5	68.2	65.5	5.8	5.3	5.3	5.0
California	17,320.6	17,592.3	17,275.3	17,512.2	1,180.5	1,213.8	1,130.8	1,157.4	6.8	6.9	6.5	6.6
Los Angeles-Long Beach	4,688.9	4,782.4	4,653.6	4,742.4	317.3	306.6	314.4	300.9	6.8	6.4	6.8	6.3
Colorado	2,401.7	2,427.5	2,402.0	2,443.5	145.8	145.5	136.5	144.6	6.1	6.0	5.7	5.9
Connecticut	1,758.5	1,777.1	1,757.1	1,772.4	75.5	96.3	72.0	92.1	4.3	5.4	4.1	5.2
Delaware	426.3	420.0	424.6	418.6	18.4	18.0	17.6	16.7	4.3	4.3	4.2	4.0
District of Columbia	304.1	305.7	304.3	304.5	19.1	19.3	17.4	19.9	6.3	6.3	5.7	6.5
Florida	8,023.8	8,046.5	8,031.1	8,036.0	419.9	405.2	426.8	408.3	5.2	5.0	5.3	5.1
Georgia	4,266.7	4,341.3	4,264.0	4,349.5	217.8	202.2	202.6	190.6	5.1	4.7	4.8	4.4
Hawaii	582.1	592.3	582.4	598.7	24.8	19.9	25.8	22.4	4.3	3.4	4.4	3.7
Idaho	678.4	687.7	680.7	689.5	46.5	43.6	41.9	41.6	6.9	6.3	6.1	6.0
Illinois	6,364.6	6,365.1	6,349.5	6,334.8	431.6	449.3	404.0	389.4	6.8	7.1	6.4	6.1
Indiana	3,138.9	3,145.6	3,168.0	3,168.8	176.0	161.7	169.2	161.7	5.6	5.1	5.3	5.1
Iowa	1,650.8	1,644.0	1,656.0	1,637.0	77.6	79.9	67.1	69.3	4.7	4.9	4.1	4.2
Kansas	1,399.4	1,465.5	1,400.2	1,463.5	73.2	72.0	69.6	69.7	5.2	4.9	5.0	4.8
Kentucky	1,951.9	1,975.9	1,958.1	1,980.6	117.6	119.1	108.1	110.1	6.0	6.0	5.5	5.6
Louisiana	2,001.3	2,049.9	2,004.7	2,044.2	115.3	123.7	111.9	115.0	5.8	6.0	5.6	5.6
Maine	676.8	687.1	676.6	688.2	34.1	36.2	31.9	36.2	5.0	5.3	4.7	5.3
Maryland	2,874.5	2,907.6	2,868.4	2,907.8	127.1	128.8	121.5	119.8	4.4	4.4	4.2	4.1
Massachusetts	3,450.2	3,434.8	3,449.6	3,423.1	191.1	209.6	175.3	180.7	5.5	6.1	5.1	5.3
Michigan	5,012.1	5,071.6	4,969.1	5,001.6	350.1	375.7	307.1	325.0	7.0	7.4	6.2	6.5
Minnesota	2,889.5	2,894.0	2,917.6	2,918.2	145.6	142.9	141.2	133.3	5.0	4.9	4.8	4.6
Mississippi	1,299.0	1,314.7	1,290.4	1,312.1	90.4	82.1	82.4	78.1	7.0	6.2	6.4	6.0
Missouri	2,997.2	2,943.8	2,998.1	2,966.9	170.6	148.2	160.7	144.8	5.7	5.0	5.4	4.9
Montana	459.3	466.0	462.6	469.7	26.3	23.9	21.5	18.8	5.7	5.1	4.7	4.0
Nebraska	955.2	979.8	956.2	983.0	36.4	38.9	32.9	36.4	3.8	4.0	3.4	3.7
Nevada	1,114.2	1,108.1	1,112.6	1,107.6	66.5	60.9	62.9	60.7	6.0	5.5	5.6	5.5
New Hampshire	700.3	712.4	699.6	709.8	34.4	31.6	33.7	30.2	4.9	4.4	4.8	4.3
New Jersey	4,351.3	4,405.8	4,333.4	4,400.0	255.2	266.1	236.5	240.0	5.9	6.0	5.5	5.5
New Mexico	872.9	894.2	873.0	894.4	46.2	51.4	45.3	50.4	5.3	5.7	5.2	5.6
New York	9,279.7	9,283.4	9,255.5	9,284.7	588.6	584.2	545.1	549.6	6.3	6.3	5.9	5.9
New York City	3,737.4	3,680.9	3,720.6	3,674.7	295.2	320.1	282.4	296.6	7.9	8.7	7.6	8.1
North Carolina	4,155.9	4,130.0	4,169.9	4,155.0	289.0	252.6	275.2	254.2	7.0	6.1	6.6	6.1
North Dakota	341.0	344.9	345.3	346.7	16.7	16.3	15.1	12.5	4.9	4.7	4.4	3.6
Ohio	5,802.7	5,839.5	5,801.0	5,842.8	356.7	382.3	333.4	353.8	6.1	6.5	5.7	6.1
Oklahoma	1,693.9	1,693.2	1,696.7	1,696.8	78.2	88.5	75.5	83.4	4.6	5.2	4.5	4.9
Oregon	1,819.7	1,840.0	1,825.8	1,832.9	159.5	154.0	142.6	147.3	8.8	8.4	7.8	8.0
Pennsylvania	6,242.6	6,193.1	6,221.9	6,161.9	372.2	385.5	321.0	338.7	6.0	6.2	5.2	5.5
Rhode Island	550.3	565.8	545.8	562.1	28.6	32.0	24.9	27.9	5.2	5.7	4.6	5.0
South Carolina	1,949.3	2,003.5	1,959.8	2,024.5	111.3	111.8	106.6	115.1	5.7	5.6	5.4	5.7
South Dakota	412.7	415.2	418.2	419.6	16.7	15.7	14.0	13.4	4.0	3.8	3.4	3.2
Tennessee	2,900.8	2,876.6	2,899.9	2,871.8	161.3	142.8	147.7	136.7	5.6	5.0	5.1	4.8
Texas	10,637.1	10,885.8	10,647.7	10,934.4	643.3	706.6	630.0	673.7	6.0	6.5	5.9	6.2
Utah	1,164.1	1,186.2	1,167.7	1,190.2	74.1	70.1	71.3	61.5	6.4	5.9	6.1	5.2
Vermont	345.2	351.0	343.5	349.9	15.1	16.7	13.8	16.0	4.4	4.7	4.0	4.6
Virginia	3,709.2	3,782.8	3,721.2	3,784.2	153.3	155.3	143.9	141.8	4.1	4.1	3.9	3.7
Washington	3,062.3	3,105.4	3,060.2	3,085.8	239.5	230.2	232.5	223.8	7.8	7.4	7.6	7.3
West Virginia	803.3	795.0	804.7	800.1	52.1	49.9	50.2	49.2	6.5	6.3	6.2	6.1
Wisconsin	3,014.8	3,082.2	3,011.8	3,074.5	201.7	200.0	178.5	177.8	6.7	6.5	5.9	5.8
Wyoming	269.6	273.6	269.9	274.2	13.3	13.1	12.5	11.6	4.9	4.8	4.6	4.2
Puerto Rico	1,358.8	1,394.8	1,353.4	1,409.4	166.9	169.0	162.7	173.6	12.3	12.1	12.0	12.3

^P = preliminary.

NOTE: Data refer to place of residence. Data for Puerto Rico are derived from a monthly household survey similar to the Current

Population Survey. All estimates are provisional and will be revised when new benchmark and population information becomes available.

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

(In thousands)

State	Total ¹				Construction				Manufacturing			
	Apr. 2002	Feb. 2003	Mar. 2003	Apr. 2003 ^P	Apr. 2002	Feb. 2003	Mar. 2003	Apr. 2003 ^P	Apr. 2002	Feb. 2003	Mar. 2003	Apr. 2003 ^P
Alabama	1,887.1	1,876.3	1,875.6	1,869.9	99.3	100.4	98.8	99.5	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)
Alaska	293.3	297.8	297.9	296.5	15.4	15.9	16.1	15.6	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)
Arizona	2,262.9	2,270.4	2,275.3	2,277.9	172.0	174.8	175.2	176.1	186.5	177.2	176.9	176.7
Arkansas	1,145.5	1,147.1	1,147.5	1,148.5	54.5	53.7	53.4	53.4	215.0	211.1	210.3	209.9
California	14,486.4	14,478.2	14,475.2	14,462.1	772.2	783.6	790.7	789.8	1,661.3	1,598.1	1,596.6	1,591.4
Colorado	2,188.2	2,165.3	2,163.6	2,167.6	162.3	155.6	154.3	155.5	168.4	158.7	157.8	157.3
Connecticut	1,675.2	1,655.0	1,656.2	1,655.0	64.6	60.2	60.6	60.7	214.1	206.6	206.7	205.6
Delaware ³	412.1	409.3	408.4	409.3	24.2	24.0	23.4	23.6	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)
District of Columbia ³	663.8	664.5	667.7	669.1	11.7	12.0	11.9	12.0	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)
Florida ³	7,184.3	7,259.3	7,249.0	7,277.1	433.4	435.2	438.0	440.5	410.0	397.6	393.7	394.2
Georgia ⁴	3,916.8	3,899.4	3,910.7	3,898.9	200.5	199.9	203.6	204.8	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)
Hawaii ³	548.3	564.1	563.0	562.1	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)
Idaho	566.3	563.8	565.6	566.3	35.8	36.5	36.7	36.6	64.7	62.5	61.8	61.9
Illinois	5,887.2	5,872.1	5,855.3	5,841.7	273.0	276.2	276.1	272.1	761.2	743.5	741.8	739.7
Indiana	2,880.3	2,871.9	2,868.6	2,857.9	144.6	138.2	138.9	136.2	588.0	585.7	584.7	579.0
Iowa	1,449.4	1,447.6	1,440.9	1,440.8	64.6	65.1	62.9	63.0	228.6	224.6	223.3	221.3
Kansas	1,339.0	1,337.2	1,334.3	1,331.6	62.2	62.6	62.8	62.8	183.9	180.4	178.9	176.9
Kentucky	1,788.1	1,785.3	1,783.1	1,774.6	83.2	84.2	83.0	82.8	277.7	271.8	272.0	269.5
Louisiana	1,901.5	1,897.9	1,895.7	1,894.0	119.3	116.4	117.0	119.4	161.7	157.7	158.6	155.1
Maine	606.0	603.6	604.6	605.2	29.2	28.6	28.7	28.8	68.7	64.6	64.5	64.7
Maryland ³	2,475.0	2,469.8	2,473.5	2,487.7	167.6	165.7	164.4	166.4	159.2	155.0	154.7	154.3
Massachusetts	3,256.3	3,209.1	3,202.6	3,208.5	140.3	137.6	134.3	131.4	351.0	337.7	336.7	334.3
Michigan	4,474.9	4,437.0	4,421.2	4,403.4	200.8	202.0	198.7	192.0	762.2	738.0	741.2	732.3
Minnesota	2,647.4	2,639.2	2,638.6	2,638.6	122.1	121.5	121.0	121.8	359.1	348.6	350.4	346.9
Mississippi	1,124.4	1,125.2	1,127.5	1,128.5	53.5	54.5	53.6	53.6	190.4	183.3	183.1	182.0
Missouri	2,689.2	2,638.1	2,635.3	2,645.3	133.0	133.0	132.5	131.0	325.6	313.2	313.7	312.5
Montana	394.1	394.8	393.1	396.2	20.7	22.0	21.6	21.8	20.1	18.7	19.2	20.1
Nebraska	907.7	900.8	904.9	907.4	44.5	44.3	44.0	44.1	105.9	105.6	104.7	105.0
Nevada	1,046.7	1,057.4	1,059.3	1,060.6	91.9	92.3	93.0	93.5	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)
New Hampshire	618.0	615.9	616.3	613.6	27.3	27.1	27.3	26.1	85.7	80.7	80.9	81.9
New Jersey	3,993.0	3,980.1	3,994.4	4,014.3	162.0	162.0	164.4	164.2	372.0	358.6	360.0	358.7
New Mexico	763.3	776.7	775.8	777.4	46.3	45.7	46.0	46.1	38.8	37.9	37.2	37.4
New York	8,453.6	8,400.5	8,385.5	8,387.9	321.3	321.7	323.1	325.5	659.5	628.1	626.0	623.5
North Carolina	3,843.4	3,827.5	3,836.6	3,833.3	221.2	213.7	212.6	210.1	649.5	617.6	620.2	619.7
North Dakota	329.0	328.4	329.2	328.9	15.1	14.2	14.3	14.5	23.7	23.1	23.5	23.4
Ohio	5,450.3	5,389.8	5,378.6	5,392.6	235.0	231.7	231.1	231.6	890.2	866.4	864.6	860.2
Oklahoma	1,486.5	1,475.8	1,470.7	1,478.2	64.0	65.4	65.2	66.4	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)
Oregon	1,570.4	1,572.0	1,566.0	1,557.7	78.1	78.3	77.1	75.8	202.9	197.8	195.9	194.9
Pennsylvania	5,652.0	5,623.2	5,632.9	5,631.4	249.1	248.3	249.6	248.9	768.2	736.2	733.7	731.8
Rhode Island	478.7	479.6	478.9	478.9	19.4	19.3	19.5	19.5	62.8	61.3	60.8	60.2
South Carolina	1,808.0	1,805.9	1,796.3	1,795.6	112.2	110.0	107.7	106.7	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)
South Dakota	375.5	375.1	374.6	376.4	18.3	19.0	18.9	18.8	38.5	37.9	37.6	37.7
Tennessee	2,668.4	2,663.9	2,669.1	2,671.6	113.8	111.1	109.7	108.4	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)
Texas	9,432.7	9,426.4	9,432.4	9,431.5	571.1	573.2	574.8	576.8	958.9	928.7	927.9	926.1
Utah	1,074.2	1,073.4	1,070.8	1,071.9	68.0	66.1	65.6	65.3	114.3	110.8	111.0	111.3
Vermont	299.9	301.8	301.7	303.5	15.2	15.3	15.2	15.3	41.5	39.0	38.9	38.8
Virginia	3,495.8	3,483.0	3,483.8	3,497.2	214.2	205.9	204.4	205.6	322.5	313.0	312.7	310.8
Washington	2,653.0	2,662.1	2,655.8	2,656.6	153.6	156.6	156.0	157.5	289.0	273.2	271.8	271.9
West Virginia	733.2	734.2	731.8	730.2	34.0	34.6	34.3	32.3	69.4	66.1	66.3	66.3
Wisconsin	2,780.2	2,775.7	2,771.2	2,773.7	123.6	119.0	113.7	115.0	530.1	520.8	520.9	519.3
Wyoming	247.4	248.4	247.6	248.4	20.1	20.5	19.7	19.9	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)

See footnotes at end of table.

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

(In thousands)

State	Trade, transportation, and utilities				Financial activities				Professional and business services			
	Apr. 2002	Feb. 2003	Mar. 2003	Apr. 2003P	Apr. 2002	Feb. 2003	Mar. 2003	Apr. 2003P	Apr. 2002	Feb. 2003	Mar. 2003	Apr. 2003P
Alabama	375.8	379.8	379.1	373.8	97.5	96.9	97.1	96.5	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)
Alaska	61.1	60.6	60.7	60.1	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	22.8	23.3	22.9	22.8
Arizona	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	155.6	154.1	153.5	152.9	314.8	313.0	315.0	315.6
Arkansas	241.5	242.8	243.5	244.2	49.6	49.9	50.1	50.0	100.6	102.0	100.9	100.8
California	2,730.0	2,741.8	2,737.2	2,729.0	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	2,120.5	2,120.9	2,115.2	2,113.7
Colorado	413.4	411.7	408.6	406.7	147.4	150.0	150.9	152.4	294.4	277.3	278.4	282.4
Connecticut	311.8	315.4	319.2	318.8	142.7	141.4	141.8	142.3	203.7	198.1	199.9	201.5
Delaware ³	76.4	76.6	77.3	77.1	39.0	38.0	38.1	38.1	68.5	67.2	67.7	67.8
District of Columbia ³	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	139.7	139.5	140.0	141.5
Florida ³	1,480.1	1,473.8	1,469.9	1,464.5	473.6	475.9	478.7	480.3	1,219.0	1,242.9	1,235.1	1,248.6
Georgia ⁴	840.6	835.5	840.1	830.0	212.2	214.6	214.6	213.4	524.2	521.1	527.6	533.8
Hawaii ³	106.3	108.6	109.0	109.6	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)
Idaho	116.2	114.3	113.8	113.5	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	69.2	68.5	69.7	70.2
Illinois	1,198.5	1,193.9	1,188.3	1,192.5	399.8	403.7	402.9	401.5	785.7	780.6	782.7	781.6
Indiana	581.5	582.1	579.5	578.4	139.3	140.3	140.0	139.4	251.3	238.0	239.7	238.4
Iowa	306.7	302.2	300.7	302.1	94.1	93.8	93.4	93.3	104.9	105.9	104.2	105.6
Kansas	268.8	270.7	270.4	270.1	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)
Kentucky	372.8	367.7	367.7	366.9	84.7	86.8	86.2	86.3	153.7	155.1	153.2	153.3
Louisiana	386.3	387.3	387.0	386.7	100.3	99.4	99.9	99.1	182.9	177.8	176.4	176.1
Maine	124.2	122.7	121.8	121.7	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	51.6	50.9	50.7	50.6
Maryland ³	465.2	464.2	465.7	463.7	150.6	150.6	150.7	151.2	361.2	360.3	362.2	366.6
Massachusetts	580.9	580.1	578.9	580.2	228.5	229.2	229.0	228.8	457.7	434.6	434.8	438.5
Michigan	837.5	832.7	830.4	826.3	215.1	214.9	215.4	217.7	594.9	578.1	575.2	581.0
Minnesota	527.8	522.4	522.2	523.3	169.9	168.9	167.9	168.3	294.7	289.9	289.1	291.2
Mississippi	221.1	226.9	225.6	226.2	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)
Missouri	539.0	539.3	535.2	533.3	158.8	159.3	158.8	158.2	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)
Montana	84.8	84.0	83.7	84.0	19.3	20.0	19.8	19.8	32.0	32.5	32.2	32.8
Nebraska	195.5	197.8	197.6	196.8	61.2	63.0	63.1	63.4	93.0	87.7	89.5	90.0
Nevada	191.1	190.7	190.8	190.3	55.7	56.4	56.7	56.6	112.4	115.3	115.7	115.8
New Hampshire	138.1	138.9	138.2	138.1	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)
New Jersey	881.5	887.2	885.3	891.0	276.7	276.1	277.3	276.3	586.4	574.8	582.6	591.1
New Mexico	135.4	137.7	136.8	136.6	33.4	34.9	34.7	34.5	88.6	91.4	90.9	90.7
New York	1,479.9	1,487.4	1,486.4	1,483.5	708.6	700.8	699.3	699.8	1,055.0	1,032.9	1,030.1	1,040.0
North Carolina	724.8	719.9	723.6	720.7	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	413.8	415.9	420.3	419.8
North Dakota	71.3	71.9	72.1	71.8	17.9	18.1	18.1	18.1	23.8	24.1	24.0	23.6
Ohio	1,066.4	1,059.3	1,055.8	1,055.9	307.9	307.3	307.0	307.7	613.6	611.5	610.1	615.4
Oklahoma	287.1	285.4	283.2	285.0	83.2	83.0	83.6	84.3	163.0	159.1	157.6	158.0
Oregon	315.6	315.1	315.2	313.2	94.0	96.7	95.8	94.7	171.3	169.9	171.3	171.6
Pennsylvania	1,121.1	1,100.4	1,100.9	1,097.3	335.9	338.0	338.3	339.1	606.0	589.0	596.6	597.9
Rhode Island	80.4	82.2	82.7	83.2	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	49.4	46.7	46.8	47.9
South Carolina	349.4	347.5	346.8	343.9	89.2	90.1	90.4	91.8	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)
South Dakota	76.3	76.4	76.0	76.2	28.0	27.6	27.5	27.6	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)
Tennessee	575.0	573.9	574.3	574.0	139.3	139.4	139.0	140.0	306.8	308.4	311.5	311.0
Texas	1,971.1	1,959.3	1,954.8	1,945.5	578.1	584.0	584.1	584.8	1,057.8	1,049.3	1,049.9	1,051.4
Utah	216.1	217.3	216.1	215.8	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	131.8	132.4	131.7	131.4
Vermont	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	20.1	20.6	20.6	20.8
Virginia	637.9	635.2	635.1	638.2	181.1	182.6	182.1	182.5	549.1	539.5	544.7	546.9
Washington	511.5	509.3	508.6	506.8	145.3	150.3	149.6	149.1	288.4	290.7	292.1	292.6
West Virginia	137.8	136.2	136.3	135.8	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	56.7	59.2	59.3	59.6
Wisconsin	537.6	538.2	536.8	536.6	153.0	153.0	153.8	156.3	241.5	239.3	239.8	242.8
Wyoming	48.3	48.4	48.0	47.9	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	15.5	15.3	15.5	15.7

See footnotes at end of table.

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

(In thousands)

State	Education and health services				Leisure and hospitality				Government			
	Apr. 2002	Feb. 2003	Mar. 2003	Apr. 2003P	Apr. 2002	Feb. 2003	Mar. 2003	Apr. 2003P	Apr. 2002	Feb. 2003	Mar. 2003	Apr. 2003P
Alabama	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)	150.9	154.8	153.2	150.5	353.2	354.6	354.6	354.6
Alaska	29.9	31.0	30.8	31.1	29.0	29.5	29.5	30.0	80.1	81.7	81.6	81.6
Arizona	229.8	241.8	242.3	244.7	230.4	230.5	231.2	232.3	387.0	387.4	386.8	388.7
Arkansas	134.7	137.6	138.3	138.1	86.8	87.6	87.7	88.9	195.1	195.9	196.3	196.1
California	1,490.9	1,514.9	1,520.6	1,525.0	1,387.3	1,402.8	1,401.5	1,399.7	2,442.6	2,466.4	2,460.8	2,461.0
Colorado	207.3	210.5	210.6	211.8	247.1	251.1	252.1	253.2	354.2	363.3	363.8	362.3
Connecticut	259.5	264.8	263.5	266.1	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)	249.7	246.7	246.2	244.6
Delaware ³	48.3	49.4	49.3	49.3	37.6	37.7	37.8	36.9	56.1	55.8	55.7	56.6
District of Columbia ³	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)	47.7	48.5	49.1	49.7	232.0	232.4	233.0	231.8
Florida ³	852.7	872.2	871.6	876.2	795.6	812.0	809.1	819.3	1,030.6	1,065.3	1,065.9	1,067.2
Georgia ⁴	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)	342.5	337.4	336.2	339.2	623.0	631.5	630.1	630.3
Hawaii ³	62.7	64.7	64.7	65.1	96.9	98.2	98.1	98.2	113.4	119.5	118.9	118.0
Idaho	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)	53.0	54.0	54.3	54.8	111.4	111.6	112.3	112.1
Illinois	707.9	717.7	716.6	716.4	488.0	491.0	485.1	482.2	863.4	849.3	847.2	851.3
Indiana	343.6	351.1	349.2	348.9	266.8	263.3	260.5	262.8	408.3	416.6	419.9	418.2
Iowa	186.9	190.8	191.5	191.7	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)	244.4	245.9	246.1	245.0
Kansas	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)	108.4	106.3	107.0	107.2	249.3	253.9	251.6	250.4
Kentucky	220.2	228.0	228.3	228.0	153.0	156.9	155.7	153.7	313.6	311.5	311.0	310.8
Louisiana	233.7	239.6	238.6	239.1	195.6	195.8	196.3	196.4	372.7	376.0	375.0	376.1
Maine	104.9	106.4	106.7	107.0	56.9	57.7	58.1	57.0	102.5	103.5	103.5	104.0
Maryland ³	328.8	337.1	337.6	338.2	214.2	205.7	208.0	213.5	459.1	462.7	461.4	463.7
Massachusetts	566.6	571.1	569.5	572.6	282.9	279.8	281.2	284.4	428.4	425.3	424.7	425.0
Michigan	530.0	541.5	540.7	541.6	395.9	384.0	379.1	374.0	679.7	690.0	684.2	684.1
Minnesota	354.1	364.6	366.5	366.3	228.4	229.4	230.3	228.3	399.1	405.0	403.7	403.1
Mississippi	112.5	112.5	113.3	113.3	121.7	119.9	120.6	120.9	238.6	243.4	243.3	245.0
Missouri	348.1	346.3	348.1	350.4	259.8	251.3	251.5	255.9	426.7	415.7	415.7	415.5
Montana	51.8	52.0	51.9	52.4	51.2	51.9	51.3	51.8	84.2	83.6	83.4	84.0
Nebraska	113.1	111.7	113.3	112.9	76.5	71.9	72.7	74.7	158.5	160.6	160.9	161.3
Nevada	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)	297.0	297.7	297.7	298.5	128.8	134.2	134.1	133.8
New Hampshire	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)	60.6	61.6	61.7	61.4	88.0	88.9	88.9	88.8
New Jersey	523.6	536.7	538.1	539.5	309.0	304.7	306.5	309.9	615.0	619.6	619.5	623.3
New Mexico	92.9	96.9	97.8	99.3	80.0	81.1	81.4	81.8	188.8	192.1	192.1	192.4
New York	1,453.0	1,478.9	1,478.7	1,479.8	639.0	643.0	639.4	641.2	1,486.1	1,477.5	1,472.6	1,465.6
North Carolina	413.5	415.3	420.1	423.3	330.4	329.7	328.1	326.5	636.4	655.2	657.9	659.7
North Dakota	46.5	47.2	47.0	47.3	29.7	29.1	29.1	29.3	74.4	74.7	74.9	74.8
Ohio	709.7	712.7	715.1	716.1	485.3	472.3	466.9	478.2	799.5	794.6	793.8	795.7
Oklahoma	172.2	173.9	173.2	172.8	126.8	124.4	125.7	126.8	298.7	297.8	295.9	296.1
Oregon	185.3	186.1	185.9	186.7	149.0	152.5	150.4	147.6	272.7	271.5	270.1	269.2
Pennsylvania	962.1	982.7	985.7	985.3	463.6	470.4	470.5	471.5	737.3	751.1	751.4	750.6
Rhode Island	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)	47.9	47.8	47.1	47.7	66.2	65.7	66.0	65.7
South Carolina	171.9	176.9	176.6	177.1	187.5	192.2	183.9	180.4	324.9	334.7	334.3	335.3
South Dakota	53.5	54.8	54.6	54.7	39.2	38.2	38.5	38.9	73.3	74.1	74.3	74.5
Tennessee	295.2	305.4	307.9	308.6	238.3	238.5	238.4	242.8	409.6	413.2	413.5	414.3
Texas	1,075.9	1,112.3	1,115.0	1,120.2	844.1	844.7	844.5	846.7	1,618.2	1,642.3	1,646.6	1,648.4
Utah	112.7	117.8	117.8	118.4	102.2	99.1	97.1	96.8	193.3	195.5	196.1	196.1
Vermont	49.8	50.0	50.0	50.7	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)	50.8	51.8	52.0	52.4
Virginia	359.5	369.7	367.1	370.4	302.9	307.8	311.6	313.8	632.7	639.2	636.6	641.6
Washington	306.4	312.6	312.9	313.4	243.9	246.0	242.7	243.3	514.0	523.5	522.9	522.8
West Virginia	106.4	107.8	107.5	107.5	63.7	65.2	63.7	63.3	142.1	143.1	142.0	142.9
Wisconsin	354.6	360.6	361.3	360.3	237.6	237.1	236.8	236.7	414.8	417.8	416.3	414.5
Wyoming	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)	30.5	31.0	30.7	30.4	62.1	62.9	63.1	63.9

¹ Includes natural resources and mining, information, and other services, except public administration, not shown separately.

² This series is not published seasonally adjusted because the seasonal component, which is small relative to the trend-cycle and irregular components, cannot be separated with sufficient precision.

³ Natural resources and mining is combined with construction.

⁴ All seasonally adjusted data for Georgia have been corrected from January 1990 to present.

P = preliminary.

NOTE: Data are counts of jobs by place of work. Estimates are currently projected from March 2002 benchmark levels. Estimates subsequent to the current benchmark month are provisional and will be revised when new information becomes available. Data reflect the conversion to the 2002 version of the North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) as the basis for the assignment and tabulation of economic data by industry, replacing the 1987 Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) system. Due to differences in NAICS and SIC structures, NAICS-based data by industry are not comparable with the SIC-based data.

Chart 1. Unemployment rates by state, seasonally adjusted

April 2003

(U.S. rate = 6.0 percent)

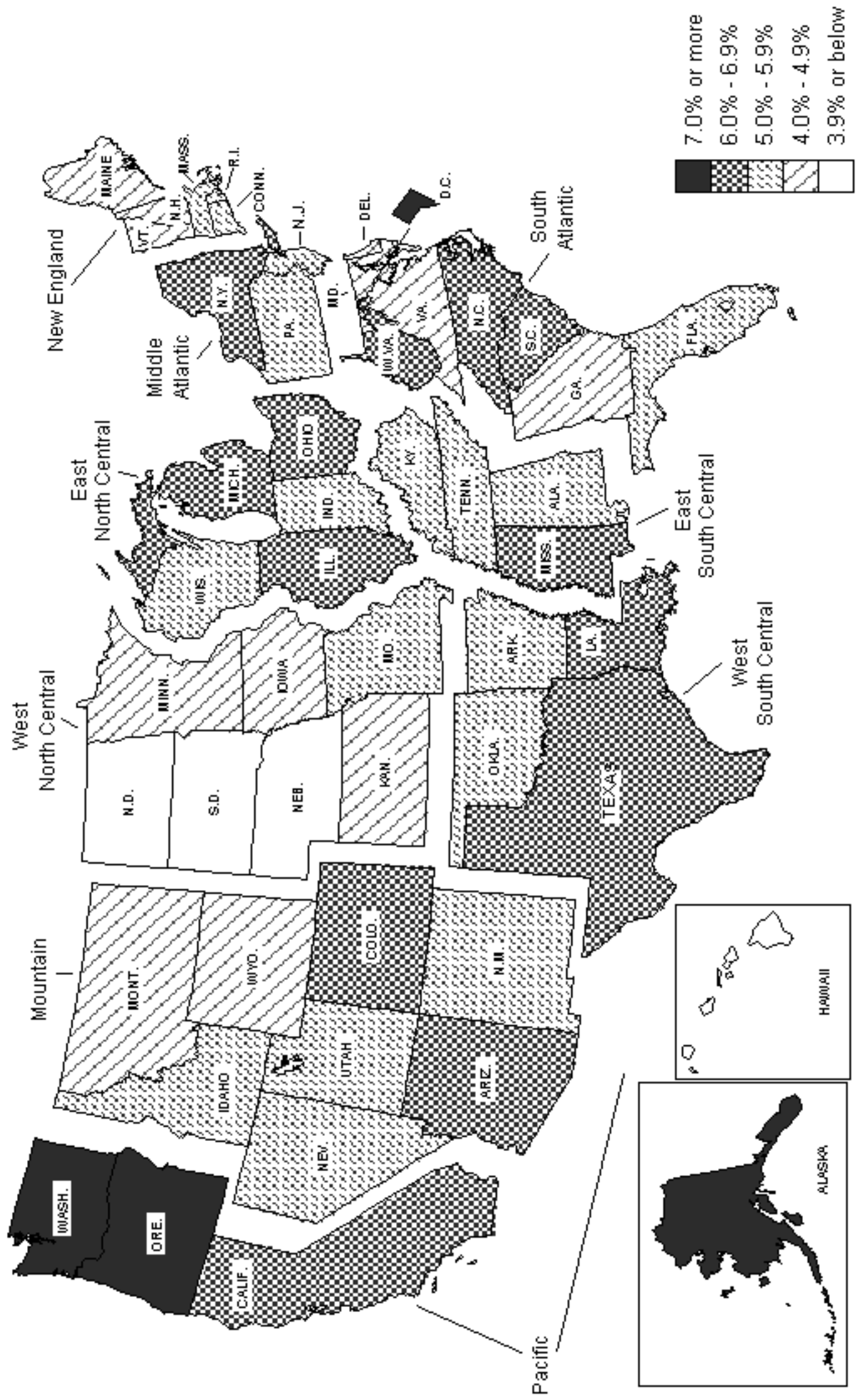


Chart 2. Percentage change in nonfarm employment by state, seasonally adjusted, April 2002 – April 2003

