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## **REGIONAL AND STATE EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT: MARCH 2004**

Regional and state unemployment rates were generally little changed in March, but most were down over the year. All four regions and 43 states had shifts of 0.3 percentage point or less in their unemployment rates from February, the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the U.S. Department of Labor reported today. The national jobless rate was about unchanged at 5.7 percent in March. Nonfarm payroll employment increased in 37 states and the District of Columbia.

### Regional Unemployment (Seasonally Adjusted)

In March, the South again had the lowest unemployment rate among the four regions, 5.1 percent, while the West continued to report the highest rate, 5.9 percent. The South and West recorded the largest over-the-year declines in their unemployment rates (-0.7 percentage point each), while the Midwest and the Northeast experienced smaller declines (-0.4 and -0.3 point, respectively). (See table 1.)

The West North Central and South Atlantic divisions continued to report the lowest unemployment rates among the nine geographic divisions, 4.5 and 4.6 percent, respectively. The Pacific division again recorded the highest rate, 6.4 percent, followed by the East North Central and West South Central, 5.9 percent each. No division had an over-the-month rate change greater than 0.2 percentage point in either direction. All nine divisions had over-the-year jobless rate declines, with the largest in the Mountain division (-1.0 percentage point) and the East South Central, South Atlantic, and West South Central divisions (-0.7 point each).

### State Unemployment (Seasonally Adjusted)

In March, North Dakota and South Dakota again reported the lowest unemployment rates, 3.0 and 3.3 percent, respectively, while another seven states also recorded rates below 4.0 percent. Among these nine states, three were located in the South Atlantic and three were in the West North Central division. Oregon and Alaska again posted the highest jobless rates, 7.2 and 7.1 percent, respectively. Michigan and the District of Columbia had the next highest rates, 6.9 percent each. Six additional states reported rates of 6.0 percent or higher in March. (See table 3 and chart 1.)

Compared with February, unemployment rates were lower in 26 states, higher in 17 states and the District of Columbia, and unchanged in 7 states. The largest over-the-month unemployment rate decreases were reported in Mississippi (-1.3 percentage points), North Carolina (-0.8 point), and Colorado (-0.6 point). As a result of the drop in its jobless rate, Mississippi recorded the lowest rate in its series, 4.2 percent. (Virtually all regional and state series begin in 1978.) The District of Columbia had the largest

over-the-month rate increase (+0.7 percentage point). No state recorded a rate increase larger than 0.4 percentage point.

Unemployment rates were down over the year in 44 states, up in 5 states, and unchanged in 1 state and the District of Columbia. Mississippi posted the largest unemployment rate decline from March 2003 (-2.2 percentage points), followed by Washington (-1.4 points). Nine other states reported rate decreases of 1.0 percentage point or more. An additional 25 states recorded over-the-year declines of 0.5 percentage point or more. No state had a rate increase of more than 0.2 percentage point from a year earlier.

#### Nonfarm Payroll Employment (Seasonally Adjusted)

From February to March, total nonfarm employment increased in 37 states and the District of Columbia, decreased in 12 states, and remained unchanged in 1 state. The largest employment increases occurred in Florida (+18,800), Missouri (+17,900), New York (+15,700), Texas (+13,500), and New Jersey (+12,900). The largest over-the-month percentage increases occurred in Missouri (+0.7 percent), Idaho and Oklahoma (+0.6 percent each), and Arkansas, Colorado, and Nebraska (+0.5 percent each). The largest employment decreases occurred in Tennessee (-15,400), Georgia (-8,600), Connecticut and North Carolina (-2,200 each), and Kentucky (-1,600). The largest over-the-month percentage decreases in employment were reported in Tennessee (-0.6 percent), Wyoming (-0.4 percent), and Georgia and Rhode Island (-0.2 percent each). (See table 5.)

Over the year, employment increased in 39 states and the District of Columbia and decreased in 11 states. The largest over-the-year gains in employment occurred in Florida (+146,900), Virginia (+74,200), California (+55,500), New Jersey (+54,200), and Arizona (+48,200). The largest percentage gains were reported in Nevada (+4.1 percent), Arizona and Virginia (+2.1 percent each), Florida (+2.0 percent), and Alaska (+1.8 percent). The largest over-the-year employment decreases were in Michigan (-52,200), Massachusetts (-35,500), Pennsylvania (-21,900), Ohio (-16,700), and Illinois (-10,500). The largest percentage declines in employment occurred in Michigan (-1.2 percent), Massachusetts (-1.1 percent), West Virginia (-0.6 percent), Connecticut (-0.5 percent), and Colorado and Pennsylvania (-0.4 percent each).

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The Metropolitan Area Employment and Unemployment release for March 2004 is scheduled to be issued on April 28. The Regional and State Employment and Unemployment release for April is scheduled to be issued on May 21.

#### **Correction of Nonfarm Payroll Employment Data for Idaho**

Nonfarm payroll employment data for Idaho presented in tables 5 and 6 of this release have been corrected back to 1994 and new seasonal factors have been calculated to reflect the corrected data.

# 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 for state CES data at the 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>). Information on recent benchmark revisions for states is available 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 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 regions and divisions, seasonally adjusted<sup>1</sup>**

(Numbers in thousands)

Census region and division	Civilian labor force				Unemployed							
					Number				Percent of labor force			
	Mar. 2003	Jan. 2004	Feb. 2004	Mar. 2004 <sup>P</sup>	Mar. 2003	Jan. 2004	Feb. 2004	Mar. 2004 <sup>P</sup>	Mar. 2003	Jan. 2004	Feb. 2004	Mar. 2004 <sup>P</sup>
<b>Northeast</b> .....	27,461.2	27,492.0	27,459.9	27,491.5	1,631.8	1,562.6	1,516.8	1,531.8	5.9	5.7	5.5	5.6
New England .....	7,563.9	7,562.3	7,551.0	7,526.2	417.9	381.2	375.1	368.6	5.5	5.0	5.0	4.9
Middle Atlantic .....	19,897.3	19,929.8	19,908.9	19,965.3	1,213.9	1,181.4	1,141.7	1,163.2	6.1	5.9	5.7	5.8
<b>South</b> .....	51,009.5	51,668.2	51,650.6	51,589.6	2,953.3	2,695.1	2,652.3	2,618.1	5.8	5.2	5.1	5.1
South Atlantic .....	26,860.2	27,254.2	27,239.9	27,235.2	1,425.6	1,266.6	1,266.7	1,242.6	5.3	4.6	4.7	4.6
East South Central .....	8,293.0	8,396.9	8,393.1	8,376.8	486.2	454.8	444.7	439.3	5.9	5.4	5.3	5.2
West South Central .....	15,856.3	16,017.2	16,017.5	15,977.6	1,041.6	973.7	941.0	936.2	6.6	6.1	5.9	5.9
<b>Midwest</b> .....	34,202.3	34,458.1	34,451.1	34,408.4	2,004.8	1,898.5	1,908.0	1,877.3	5.9	5.5	5.5	5.5
East North Central .....	23,483.4	23,675.5	23,651.5	23,612.8	1,479.4	1,423.6	1,415.4	1,392.3	6.3	6.0	6.0	5.9
West North Central .....	10,718.9	10,782.6	10,799.6	10,795.6	525.4	474.9	492.6	485.1	4.9	4.4	4.6	4.5
<b>West</b> .....	33,148.8	33,547.1	33,587.8	33,539.1	2,183.3	2,007.5	1,986.9	1,992.1	6.6	6.0	5.9	5.9
Mountain .....	9,786.8	9,970.6	9,989.0	9,977.1	565.6	511.6	504.0	482.3	5.8	5.1	5.0	4.8
Pacific .....	23,362.0	23,576.5	23,598.8	23,562.0	1,617.7	1,495.9	1,482.9	1,509.8	6.9	6.3	6.3	6.4

<sup>1</sup> These estimates are obtained by summing the state estimates.

<sup>P</sup> = 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 adjusted<sup>1</sup>**

(Numbers in thousands)

Census region and division	Civilian labor force				Unemployed							
					Number				Percent of labor force			
	February		March		February		March		February		March	
	2003	2004	2003	2004 <sup>P</sup>	2003	2004	2003	2004 <sup>P</sup>	2003	2004	2003	2004 <sup>P</sup>
<b>Northeast</b> .....	27,292.9	27,269.4	27,330.7	27,360.1	1,774.9	1,671.9	1,715.6	1,616.4	6.5	6.1	6.3	5.9
New England .....	7,490.7	7,477.9	7,521.8	7,483.3	444.1	412.9	447.9	398.6	5.9	5.5	6.0	5.3
Middle Atlantic .....	19,802.2	19,791.6	19,808.9	19,876.9	1,330.8	1,259.0	1,267.6	1,217.8	6.7	6.4	6.4	6.1
<b>South</b> .....	50,483.2	51,177.0	50,726.5	51,308.2	2,985.9	2,721.8	2,899.8	2,570.5	5.9	5.3	5.7	5.0
South Atlantic .....	26,570.9	26,985.7	26,703.0	27,081.2	1,440.7	1,299.5	1,388.6	1,209.6	5.4	4.8	5.2	4.5
East South Central .....	8,221.8	8,328.7	8,252.0	8,335.6	504.3	469.1	491.9	444.9	6.1	5.6	6.0	5.3
West South Central .....	15,690.6	15,862.6	15,771.5	15,891.4	1,040.8	953.2	1,019.3	916.0	6.6	6.0	6.5	5.8
<b>Midwest</b> .....	33,840.7	34,105.6	33,982.5	34,183.3	2,197.0	2,120.2	2,176.8	2,049.0	6.5	6.2	6.4	6.0
East North Central .....	23,223.5	23,405.1	23,320.2	23,446.4	1,621.6	1,570.9	1,604.8	1,518.8	7.0	6.7	6.9	6.5
West North Central .....	10,617.2	10,700.5	10,662.3	10,736.9	575.4	549.3	572.0	530.2	5.4	5.1	5.4	4.9
<b>West</b> .....	32,948.6	33,409.6	33,014.5	33,403.4	2,290.3	2,108.6	2,249.2	2,058.5	7.0	6.3	6.8	6.2
Mountain .....	9,672.6	9,886.6	9,699.7	9,889.4	575.9	521.8	574.6	491.7	6.0	5.3	5.9	5.0
Pacific .....	23,275.9	23,523.0	23,314.8	23,513.9	1,714.4	1,586.7	1,674.6	1,566.8	7.4	6.7	7.2	6.7

<sup>1</sup> These estimates are obtained by summing the state estimates. The composition of the regions and divisions is described in table 1.

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

(Numbers in thousands)

State and Area	Civilian labor force				Unemployed							
					Number				Percent of labor force			
	Mar. 2003	Jan. 2004	Feb. 2004	Mar. 2004P	Mar. 2003	Jan. 2004	Feb. 2004	Mar. 2004P	Mar. 2003	Jan. 2004	Feb. 2004	Mar. 2004P
Alabama .....	2,130.9	2,169.2	2,157.3	2,160.3	121.6	130.5	119.9	127.6	5.7	6.0	5.6	5.9
Alaska .....	328.6	342.7	342.9	342.6	26.0	25.0	25.2	24.2	7.9	7.3	7.3	7.1
Arizona .....	2,681.0	2,743.1	2,750.2	2,750.7	157.7	141.9	144.4	135.8	5.9	5.2	5.2	4.9
Arkansas .....	1,268.0	1,307.9	1,310.6	1,310.6	74.6	67.9	71.9	71.1	5.9	5.2	5.5	5.4
California .....	17,428.7	17,576.9	17,588.0	17,536.9	1,179.5	1,096.8	1,103.3	1,131.1	6.8	6.2	6.3	6.5
Los Angeles-Long Beach .....	4,794.0	4,795.6	4,781.7	4,764.7	326.7	305.6	300.8	299.4	6.8	6.4	6.3	6.3
Colorado .....	2,466.5	2,499.3	2,507.8	2,485.1	151.4	139.4	137.7	121.1	6.1	5.6	5.5	4.9
Connecticut .....	1,809.4	1,794.1	1,796.0	1,786.6	103.0	84.2	85.6	87.5	5.7	4.7	4.8	4.9
Delaware .....	415.8	421.2	421.9	424.9	19.2	14.5	14.4	16.1	4.6	3.4	3.4	3.8
District of Columbia .....	304.0	303.4	305.5	304.8	20.9	19.1	18.9	21.0	6.9	6.3	6.2	6.9
Florida .....	8,127.8	8,284.0	8,313.3	8,310.9	431.1	364.1	393.2	398.6	5.3	4.4	4.7	4.8
Georgia .....	4,381.8	4,419.6	4,397.6	4,394.2	214.7	191.2	168.7	158.0	4.9	4.3	3.8	3.6
Hawaii .....	611.3	628.0	625.0	627.9	25.1	24.7	26.0	24.2	4.1	3.9	4.2	3.8
Idaho .....	690.7	697.1	699.6	702.8	38.5	32.9	33.3	32.5	5.6	4.7	4.8	4.6
Illinois .....	6,314.9	6,389.5	6,393.4	6,375.1	418.3	400.4	398.3	383.3	6.6	6.3	6.2	6.0
Indiana .....	3,178.6	3,208.3	3,188.4	3,196.3	160.1	162.3	169.3	167.5	5.0	5.1	5.3	5.2
Iowa .....	1,625.1	1,621.6	1,629.4	1,621.8	70.4	66.8	67.2	66.1	4.3	4.1	4.1	4.1
Kansas .....	1,429.1	1,463.2	1,464.3	1,463.4	76.9	69.5	71.4	69.8	5.4	4.7	4.9	4.8
Kentucky .....	1,950.1	1,981.2	1,978.5	1,986.1	120.4	104.6	105.4	109.0	6.2	5.3	5.3	5.5
Louisiana .....	2,031.0	2,039.7	2,042.7	2,024.1	134.8	124.1	119.2	111.1	6.6	6.1	5.8	5.5
Maine .....	689.0	699.0	698.1	693.7	34.0	33.7	34.4	33.9	4.9	4.8	4.9	4.9
Maryland .....	2,901.1	2,946.0	2,936.5	2,939.2	134.9	124.8	116.2	118.2	4.7	4.2	4.0	4.0
Massachusetts .....	3,431.8	3,421.8	3,414.0	3,401.2	202.8	190.6	182.8	173.6	5.9	5.6	5.4	5.1
Michigan .....	5,018.3	5,073.9	5,071.4	5,072.7	350.0	336.1	334.4	349.9	7.0	6.6	6.6	6.9
Minnesota .....	2,917.4	2,944.3	2,950.5	2,953.7	142.0	135.3	138.4	140.0	4.9	4.6	4.7	4.7
Mississippi .....	1,304.7	1,311.6	1,314.0	1,302.7	83.4	74.5	72.9	54.9	6.4	5.7	5.5	4.2
Missouri .....	3,005.4	2,997.1	2,999.5	3,000.6	167.5	142.2	154.4	149.3	5.6	4.7	5.1	5.0
Montana .....	471.1	481.4	481.0	477.7	22.0	22.2	19.4	20.1	4.7	4.6	4.0	4.2
Nebraska .....	972.4	987.0	984.7	983.7	39.7	38.4	36.9	35.5	4.1	3.9	3.7	3.6
Nevada .....	1,134.9	1,173.0	1,175.8	1,179.6	60.1	53.4	52.3	51.9	5.3	4.5	4.4	4.4
New Hampshire .....	713.0	725.3	726.0	725.1	31.1	29.6	30.1	29.2	4.4	4.1	4.1	4.0
New Jersey .....	4,364.8	4,403.2	4,402.1	4,403.0	267.8	242.3	235.7	226.8	6.1	5.5	5.4	5.2
New Mexico .....	890.5	897.2	898.0	901.5	54.4	51.0	50.3	51.0	6.1	5.7	5.6	5.7
New York .....	9,332.7	9,325.2	9,293.4	9,328.4	584.4	610.9	587.8	603.4	6.3	6.6	6.3	6.5
New York City .....	3,702.9	3,672.6	3,656.7	3,679.4	312.5	309.8	292.6	289.2	8.4	8.4	8.0	7.9
North Carolina .....	4,190.9	4,204.1	4,194.6	4,192.1	268.0	244.6	252.0	219.4	6.4	5.8	6.0	5.2
North Dakota .....	346.1	347.4	347.8	348.5	14.3	10.4	10.7	10.4	4.1	3.0	3.1	3.0
Ohio .....	5,906.4	5,892.7	5,878.9	5,858.1	373.0	368.0	349.7	332.9	6.3	6.2	5.9	5.7
Oklahoma .....	1,694.6	1,699.7	1,701.6	1,699.5	91.8	87.5	82.8	80.5	5.4	5.1	4.9	4.7
Oregon .....	1,863.7	1,869.7	1,870.5	1,870.9	152.0	144.6	132.7	135.3	8.2	7.7	7.1	7.2
Pennsylvania .....	6,199.9	6,201.4	6,213.4	6,234.0	361.8	328.2	318.2	332.9	5.8	5.3	5.1	5.3
Rhode Island .....	570.4	568.7	563.2	565.7	31.4	29.6	29.2	31.5	5.5	5.2	5.2	5.6
South Carolina .....	1,985.7	2,040.7	2,039.5	2,047.2	129.0	127.1	128.7	136.6	6.5	6.2	6.3	6.7
South Dakota .....	423.4	422.0	423.4	423.8	14.6	12.3	13.6	14.0	3.4	2.9	3.2	3.3
Tennessee .....	2,907.3	2,934.9	2,943.4	2,927.6	160.8	145.2	146.4	147.7	5.5	4.9	5.0	5.0
Texas .....	10,862.7	10,969.9	10,962.6	10,943.4	740.4	694.3	667.1	673.6	6.8	6.3	6.1	6.2
Utah .....	1,176.8	1,201.5	1,198.9	1,203.0	69.2	60.1	56.9	60.5	5.9	5.0	4.7	5.0
Vermont .....	350.3	353.4	353.7	353.9	15.6	13.5	13.0	12.8	4.5	3.8	3.7	3.6
Virginia .....	3,763.0	3,838.8	3,833.5	3,826.4	158.0	139.8	131.2	132.0	4.2	3.6	3.4	3.4
Washington .....	3,129.8	3,159.2	3,172.4	3,183.6	235.1	204.8	195.7	195.0	7.5	6.5	6.2	6.1
West Virginia .....	790.0	796.4	797.6	795.6	49.8	41.2	43.5	42.9	6.3	5.2	5.5	5.4
Wisconsin .....	3,065.2	3,111.1	3,119.4	3,110.5	178.0	156.8	163.7	158.6	5.8	5.0	5.2	5.1
Wyoming .....	275.4	278.1	277.7	276.7	12.3	10.9	9.8	9.3	4.5	3.9	3.5	3.4
Puerto Rico .....	1,387.0	1,395.9	1,374.3	1,405.7	168.5	163.3	141.4	164.6	12.1	11.7	10.3	11.7

<sup>P</sup> = preliminary.

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

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

(Numbers in thousands)

State and Area	Civilian labor force				Unemployed							
					Number				Percent of labor force			
	February		March		February		March		February		March	
	2003	2004	2003	2004P	2003	2004	2003	2004P	2003	2004	2003	2004P
Alabama .....	2,115.0	2,145.9	2,118.7	2,148.0	121.4	120.3	112.2	118.2	5.7	5.6	5.3	5.5
Alaska .....	325.2	339.2	323.0	336.4	31.3	30.1	28.2	26.3	9.6	8.9	8.7	7.8
Arizona .....	2,646.5	2,717.2	2,657.8	2,728.1	148.0	134.8	145.5	123.7	5.6	5.0	5.5	4.5
Arkansas .....	1,257.3	1,296.9	1,265.5	1,308.1	81.7	80.6	78.4	74.8	6.5	6.2	6.2	5.7
California .....	17,376.6	17,537.2	17,405.1	17,513.2	1,239.7	1,158.5	1,209.7	1,161.2	7.1	6.6	7.0	6.6
Los Angeles-Long Beach .....	4,799.8	4,791.4	4,803.5	4,774.7	327.3	300.2	317.5	290.5	6.8	6.3	6.6	6.1
Colorado .....	2,426.9	2,471.8	2,436.8	2,455.6	152.2	142.1	158.2	128.6	6.3	5.7	6.5	5.2
Connecticut .....	1,785.1	1,774.4	1,801.7	1,779.0	106.8	94.8	107.1	91.7	6.0	5.3	5.9	5.2
Delaware .....	413.3	420.1	415.0	424.0	20.7	17.5	20.0	16.8	5.0	4.2	4.8	4.0
District of Columbia .....	299.4	302.2	301.8	302.6	21.8	20.1	20.4	20.5	7.3	6.7	6.8	6.8
Florida .....	8,024.2	8,210.0	8,073.1	8,259.2	413.0	377.0	400.5	370.7	5.1	4.6	5.0	4.5
Georgia .....	4,344.2	4,375.4	4,373.1	4,383.4	209.3	167.6	216.6	159.9	4.8	3.8	5.0	3.6
Hawaii .....	606.9	622.4	608.4	624.7	21.4	24.0	23.1	22.2	3.5	3.9	3.8	3.5
Idaho .....	681.3	691.1	685.0	697.2	46.8	41.8	45.0	39.1	6.9	6.0	6.6	5.6
Illinois .....	6,255.3	6,336.6	6,277.6	6,333.0	452.7	431.4	444.1	407.0	7.2	6.8	7.1	6.4
Indiana .....	3,140.2	3,149.6	3,151.0	3,168.1	175.7	185.7	170.7	178.2	5.6	5.9	5.4	5.6
Iowa .....	1,622.3	1,620.8	1,621.0	1,616.6	84.2	81.3	85.0	79.7	5.2	5.0	5.2	4.9
Kansas .....	1,416.6	1,452.5	1,425.5	1,459.8	80.7	76.3	80.2	73.1	5.7	5.2	5.6	5.0
Kentucky .....	1,925.0	1,956.5	1,933.0	1,968.7	136.3	121.2	126.4	114.5	7.1	6.2	6.5	5.8
Louisiana .....	2,008.4	2,021.6	2,024.8	2,018.1	130.2	118.7	130.8	107.0	6.5	5.9	6.5	5.3
Maine .....	675.8	685.2	680.8	685.2	39.5	40.1	38.8	38.7	5.8	5.8	5.7	5.6
Maryland .....	2,875.9	2,917.3	2,881.7	2,920.1	141.2	128.5	134.2	117.7	4.9	4.4	4.7	4.0
Massachusetts .....	3,404.2	3,380.6	3,411.4	3,380.6	209.6	194.7	217.5	188.6	6.2	5.8	6.4	5.6
Michigan .....	4,963.5	5,014.2	4,985.2	5,040.5	376.5	367.2	383.2	383.8	7.6	7.3	7.7	7.6
Minnesota .....	2,881.0	2,913.6	2,891.1	2,927.5	157.2	156.5	157.3	155.8	5.5	5.4	5.4	5.3
Mississippi .....	1,298.7	1,311.8	1,307.1	1,305.1	82.9	73.3	88.3	59.8	6.4	5.6	6.8	4.6
Missouri .....	2,979.1	2,979.3	2,995.4	2,990.4	177.2	165.6	172.2	153.9	5.9	5.6	5.8	5.1
Montana .....	465.3	476.3	467.3	473.9	26.7	24.6	26.1	24.1	5.7	5.2	5.6	5.1
Nebraska .....	965.9	980.3	969.9	981.3	42.4	41.1	42.0	37.8	4.4	4.2	4.3	3.9
Nevada .....	1,132.3	1,174.7	1,126.0	1,170.8	60.8	55.0	59.9	51.7	5.4	4.7	5.3	4.4
New Hampshire .....	705.7	721.1	710.1	722.2	31.8	31.7	33.0	31.2	4.5	4.4	4.7	4.3
New Jersey .....	4,334.4	4,375.2	4,350.3	4,388.8	274.7	247.0	276.3	235.8	6.3	5.6	6.4	5.4
New Mexico .....	881.8	891.3	890.8	901.8	51.6	49.2	53.0	49.5	5.8	5.5	5.9	5.5
New York .....	9,312.9	9,259.0	9,295.6	9,291.1	638.2	642.1	606.5	625.8	6.9	6.9	6.5	6.7
New York City .....	3,732.1	3,666.6	3,713.2	3,689.8	337.0	310.5	322.1	298.9	9.0	8.5	8.7	8.1
North Carolina .....	4,148.0	4,158.8	4,159.1	4,160.5	282.6	267.4	268.2	219.6	6.8	6.4	6.4	5.3
North Dakota .....	338.7	340.2	341.6	343.0	17.3	12.9	18.3	13.3	5.1	3.8	5.4	3.9
Ohio .....	5,821.1	5,805.1	5,859.6	5,812.0	404.0	386.5	397.0	358.6	6.9	6.7	6.8	6.2
Oklahoma .....	1,681.7	1,687.8	1,690.6	1,694.8	97.6	90.1	93.5	82.2	5.8	5.3	5.5	4.8
Oregon .....	1,842.7	1,857.4	1,855.9	1,863.3	169.3	156.1	167.5	150.9	9.2	8.4	9.0	8.1
Pennsylvania .....	6,154.9	6,157.4	6,163.0	6,196.9	417.9	369.9	384.8	356.3	6.8	6.0	6.2	5.8
Rhode Island .....	570.0	563.8	568.0	563.4	37.2	35.2	33.4	33.5	6.5	6.2	5.9	5.9
South Carolina .....	1,961.9	2,016.6	1,972.9	2,034.4	134.6	133.7	119.5	127.2	6.9	6.6	6.1	6.3
South Dakota .....	413.7	413.9	417.8	418.3	16.4	15.7	17.1	16.5	4.0	3.8	4.1	4.0
Tennessee .....	2,883.1	2,914.4	2,893.2	2,913.8	163.7	154.4	165.0	152.4	5.7	5.3	5.7	5.2
Texas .....	10,743.2	10,856.3	10,790.6	10,870.5	731.3	663.7	716.7	652.1	6.8	6.1	6.6	6.0
Utah .....	1,167.5	1,190.1	1,162.2	1,187.0	74.8	61.8	72.9	64.0	6.4	5.2	6.3	5.4
Vermont .....	349.9	352.7	349.8	352.9	19.2	16.5	18.2	14.9	5.5	4.7	5.2	4.2
Virginia .....	3,723.6	3,798.5	3,744.6	3,809.5	159.9	137.0	155.1	129.9	4.3	3.6	4.1	3.4
Washington .....	3,124.5	3,166.8	3,122.4	3,176.3	252.7	218.0	246.1	206.3	8.1	6.9	7.9	6.5
West Virginia .....	780.4	786.9	781.7	787.3	57.6	50.7	54.0	47.2	7.4	6.4	6.9	6.0
Wisconsin .....	3,043.5	3,099.7	3,046.8	3,092.8	212.7	200.1	209.8	191.2	7.0	6.5	6.9	6.2
Wyoming .....	271.1	274.1	273.7	275.0	15.0	12.6	13.9	10.9	5.5	4.6	5.1	4.0
Puerto Rico .....	1,384.0	1,383.2	1,394.8	1,413.6	173.4	149.2	169.0	165.7	12.5	10.8	12.1	11.7

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 <sup>1</sup>				Construction				Manufacturing			
	Mar. 2003	Jan. 2004	Feb. 2004	Mar. 2004P	Mar. 2003	Jan. 2004	Feb. 2004	Mar. 2004P	Mar. 2003	Jan. 2004	Feb. 2004	Mar. 2004P
Alabama	1,878.2	1,878.3	1,875.9	1,878.0	99.9	99.9	100.3	102.3	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)
Alaska	298.8	304.8	302.7	304.1	15.9	17.3	17.0	16.9	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)
Arizona	2,276.9	2,321.6	2,324.0	2,325.1	173.2	186.0	186.2	188.8	176.3	173.4	173.9	173.6
Arkansas	1,141.9	1,144.2	1,145.1	1,144.3	50.9	49.9	50.3	49.9	208.4	203.8	204.1	204.0
California	14,390.1	14,442.7	14,440.4	14,445.6	784.1	807.1	809.0	809.5	1,564.1	1,526.4	1,526.5	1,524.5
Colorado	2,150.5	2,131.7	2,130.5	2,141.2	150.7	146.1	144.4	143.4	158.2	153.1	152.6	154.2
Connecticut	1,646.7	1,639.3	1,640.0	1,637.8	60.6	61.6	61.2	60.8	202.3	195.0	194.3	194.5
Delaware <sup>3</sup>	410.5	416.5	415.0	415.8	23.4	25.5	24.8	24.7	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)
District of Columbia <sup>3</sup>	667.0	668.6	669.4	671.8	13.4	13.6	13.8	14.1	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)
Florida	7,241.5	7,354.1	7,369.6	7,388.4	439.7	457.7	461.2	464.7	393.2	383.1	384.3	386.0
Georgia	3,858.1	3,896.9	3,885.0	3,876.4	193.9	201.9	201.2	200.7	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)
Hawaii <sup>3</sup>	565.2	576.2	573.2	572.8	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)
Idaho <sup>4</sup>	571.6	576.4	576.7	580.1	36.5	37.6	37.5	37.4	62.5	60.9	60.5	61.3
Illinois	5,807.2	5,787.7	5,789.9	5,796.7	272.9	272.0	270.7	275.7	726.8	711.2	708.5	709.2
Indiana	2,892.9	2,913.6	2,903.3	2,910.0	142.8	151.7	150.7	151.6	578.9	569.1	567.8	569.1
Iowa	1,439.5	1,447.2	1,446.8	1,446.9	63.8	67.2	66.8	67.1	221.0	219.5	218.4	218.7
Kansas	1,312.6	1,314.0	1,308.8	1,314.1	63.2	63.7	59.8	63.0	174.5	173.3	171.7	172.2
Kentucky	1,782.4	1,793.4	1,788.2	1,786.6	82.9	86.3	84.2	86.4	267.4	266.9	265.8	265.3
Louisiana	1,905.0	1,910.5	1,909.7	1,909.2	118.4	120.3	118.8	117.9	157.3	155.3	155.3	155.5
Maine	604.9	607.7	607.3	607.3	30.1	31.1	30.9	30.9	64.4	62.1	61.2	61.1
Maryland <sup>3</sup>	2,472.7	2,486.4	2,488.9	2,495.8	166.4	170.7	169.3	170.9	150.2	144.8	144.9	144.6
Massachusetts	3,190.9	3,162.0	3,153.5	3,155.4	135.4	139.3	138.8	139.3	331.0	321.3	321.6	321.6
Michigan	4,423.8	4,374.8	4,365.7	4,371.6	187.1	188.4	186.0	186.5	738.8	714.5	716.1	712.1
Minnesota	2,647.1	2,659.4	2,657.3	2,656.8	122.7	127.6	126.3	126.5	345.8	345.6	344.8	344.9
Mississippi	1,116.5	1,119.7	1,119.5	1,120.2	51.5	50.6	49.4	49.5	180.3	177.3	178.8	179.0
Missouri	2,679.5	2,681.2	2,669.4	2,687.3	133.2	136.6	131.6	139.4	314.6	313.1	312.8	313.4
Montana	398.2	400.9	402.2	403.1	22.5	23.1	23.1	23.6	19.3	18.5	18.4	18.7
Nebraska	903.7	904.3	898.8	902.9	45.2	47.0	44.9	46.2	102.9	101.8	101.6	101.7
Nevada	1,076.5	1,112.4	1,116.3	1,120.8	97.5	105.0	106.9	108.0	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)
New Hampshire	613.7	614.6	616.9	619.5	27.9	27.9	28.5	28.5	81.0	77.8	77.1	77.0
New Jersey	3,958.3	3,999.7	3,999.6	4,012.5	156.0	160.7	161.8	160.1	353.8	348.7	346.9	344.8
New Mexico	771.8	780.4	782.2	784.9	46.2	47.2	47.8	48.3	36.6	35.7	35.6	35.8
New York	8,409.9	8,417.5	8,417.0	8,432.7	319.5	318.8	319.8	320.0	625.5	601.8	602.2	603.0
North Carolina	3,794.3	3,799.3	3,807.7	3,805.5	211.1	213.8	214.7	214.9	615.4	587.4	587.7	584.8
North Dakota	331.5	332.8	332.3	333.4	15.6	16.7	16.6	16.6	23.4	23.1	23.1	23.4
Ohio	5,398.1	5,378.6	5,373.5	5,381.4	227.7	230.0	230.9	230.6	858.6	829.1	828.4	828.3
Oklahoma	1,460.1	1,441.7	1,448.6	1,457.0	62.9	61.3	62.1	62.8	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)
Oregon	1,563.7	1,561.0	1,570.7	1,573.0	76.3	77.2	80.9	80.5	197.5	196.0	196.9	199.6
Pennsylvania	5,608.7	5,576.4	5,575.8	5,586.8	245.6	242.9	243.0	244.4	724.7	699.6	697.1	695.5
Rhode Island	481.1	487.2	488.2	487.4	19.5	22.4	22.6	22.6	59.4	58.1	58.7	58.4
South Carolina	1,812.4	1,821.7	1,820.1	1,827.6	113.1	112.0	111.8	113.2	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)
South Dakota	377.0	379.8	379.1	380.0	19.1	19.7	19.5	19.6	37.9	37.3	38.1	38.4
Tennessee	2,658.2	2,682.7	2,695.9	2,680.5	114.8	117.1	115.3	115.9	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)
Texas	9,377.1	9,385.4	9,398.4	9,411.9	551.0	552.3	552.1	552.3	908.2	888.4	888.2	887.7
Utah	1,068.0	1,085.0	1,082.8	1,083.2	67.6	69.2	69.7	69.9	112.3	113.2	113.0	112.8
Vermont	297.8	300.1	299.2	299.0	14.8	15.7	15.8	15.8	38.1	36.8	36.8	37.0
Virginia	3,485.9	3,549.4	3,554.9	3,560.1	213.6	228.7	229.0	227.8	311.9	295.2	295.4	296.6
Washington	2,650.9	2,675.7	2,680.1	2,688.8	153.9	158.3	161.1	163.2	271.2	260.8	260.2	259.9
West Virginia	726.7	724.0	721.8	722.2	32.7	33.8	33.0	32.2	65.3	64.2	64.3	64.6
Wisconsin	2,774.4	2,789.6	2,796.3	2,798.8	122.3	127.8	128.0	130.7	509.8	500.9	506.2	504.5
Wyoming	247.7	252.5	252.8	251.9	19.0	19.6	19.4	19.4	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)

See footnotes at end of table.



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

(In thousands)

State	Trade, transportation, and utilities				Financial activities				Professional and business services			
	Mar. 2003	Jan. 2004	Feb. 2004	Mar. 2004P	Mar. 2003	Jan. 2004	Feb. 2004	Mar. 2004P	Mar. 2003	Jan. 2004	Feb. 2004	Mar. 2004P
Alabama	369.6	375.6	375.8	374.9	96.4	96.5	96.5	96.0	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)
Alaska	60.8	62.0	61.7	61.5	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	23.0	23.1	23.2	23.5
Arizona	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	159.2	162.7	162.0	161.3	316.1	328.4	326.5	322.0
Arkansas	238.7	241.1	240.5	239.3	49.8	50.7	50.7	50.8	102.8	103.8	103.7	103.6
California	2,712.2	2,731.9	2,728.4	2,740.3	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	2,092.2	2,135.1	2,142.2	2,140.9
Colorado	406.7	399.1	399.7	401.0	152.7	153.3	154.1	154.1	285.9	280.7	281.1	285.7
Connecticut	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	142.3	143.2	143.2	143.0	197.8	194.6	194.8	193.8
Delaware <sup>3</sup>	77.9	79.6	78.3	79.3	45.3	45.5	44.6	44.7	58.8	59.3	59.8	60.1
District of Columbia <sup>3</sup>	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	140.1	143.5	144.1	143.9
Florida	1,458.4	1,460.6	1,463.4	1,467.0	480.1	490.4	489.9	488.6	1,234.2	1,284.0	1,287.2	1,290.3
Georgia	825.6	809.8	815.5	816.4	215.8	223.0	221.1	220.0	493.1	509.2	502.9	496.8
Hawaii <sup>3</sup>	107.7	109.1	109.4	109.7	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)
Idaho <sup>4</sup>	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	70.1	70.5	71.0	72.9
Illinois	1,188.6	1,176.9	1,180.3	1,179.5	400.8	402.3	403.3	402.9	767.4	754.6	757.7	755.4
Indiana	574.6	575.4	574.1	575.4	141.3	140.9	141.2	140.6	254.1	258.8	258.1	258.6
Iowa	304.2	303.3	300.8	301.6	94.7	97.3	98.0	98.3	104.4	104.5	105.2	105.4
Kansas	262.4	261.5	261.4	261.5	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)
Kentucky	370.4	371.4	372.1	371.9	85.7	89.0	88.1	87.2	153.8	155.4	155.0	153.8
Louisiana	382.5	382.1	382.6	384.3	101.1	101.0	101.4	100.1	179.2	178.3	178.7	179.5
Maine	122.7	123.7	123.9	123.8	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	50.5	50.8	50.2	49.8
Maryland <sup>3</sup>	461.3	461.6	465.4	465.8	155.0	157.7	158.1	157.9	359.8	359.3	360.8	364.1
Massachusetts	573.9	565.8	565.1	566.1	224.9	223.2	223.1	222.3	437.8	429.5	427.1	427.2
Michigan	818.4	809.9	807.4	811.1	217.0	219.6	220.1	218.8	590.1	576.9	574.3	574.7
Minnesota	521.9	522.8	526.1	527.6	174.6	177.1	179.0	179.2	295.4	293.1	293.3	291.3
Mississippi	219.3	220.6	218.1	218.1	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)
Missouri	534.3	533.4	527.4	530.4	162.0	163.7	164.3	164.6	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)
Montana	84.2	84.7	84.9	85.2	20.2	20.6	20.6	20.9	32.3	33.0	32.9	32.6
Nebraska	194.8	193.4	193.6	194.4	62.3	61.5	61.4	61.4	90.4	89.9	89.7	91.8
Nevada	194.9	202.2	201.6	201.1	57.1	60.3	60.5	61.0	117.7	126.1	126.5	127.0
New Hampshire	137.9	139.1	140.7	141.3	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)
New Jersey	876.7	874.0	875.4	880.4	276.8	281.9	282.2	282.0	570.5	575.8	575.6	582.3
New Mexico	135.9	135.2	135.5	135.8	33.5	34.1	34.4	34.5	89.0	88.7	88.5	89.3
New York	1,472.7	1,476.3	1,474.3	1,474.8	693.5	702.1	701.1	700.8	1,044.4	1,038.2	1,039.3	1,047.1
North Carolina	718.9	723.6	722.0	726.3	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	418.2	418.0	425.4	425.9
North Dakota	71.7	71.9	72.2	72.1	18.4	18.5	18.5	18.6	23.6	23.7	23.7	23.8
Ohio	1,043.9	1,042.8	1,039.9	1,041.6	310.6	315.0	315.1	315.5	613.0	608.4	607.5	607.7
Oklahoma	278.5	274.6	275.5	278.6	82.8	84.9	85.5	84.9	157.3	153.6	155.1	157.5
Oregon	314.9	312.3	313.3	313.5	97.6	98.8	98.2	97.9	169.1	170.8	170.6	173.1
Pennsylvania	1,113.6	1,109.6	1,110.2	1,111.1	337.2	338.8	338.9	338.8	599.2	593.6	590.8	594.2
Rhode Island	80.6	80.7	81.2	81.1	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	48.8	49.5	49.8	50.0
South Carolina	347.5	347.8	349.4	349.8	90.5	91.7	91.6	92.1	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)
South Dakota	76.3	77.4	76.4	76.8	27.9	27.9	28.0	28.1	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)
Tennessee	578.2	584.8	584.3	584.4	138.6	141.2	141.1	140.8	285.8	292.3	292.7	290.8
Texas	1,933.2	1,934.5	1,936.6	1,942.3	583.5	585.3	587.3	587.6	1,045.0	1,039.2	1,040.7	1,041.4
Utah	213.4	213.7	213.1	213.8	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	129.7	132.0	132.2	132.6
Vermont	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	20.0	20.2	20.4	20.5
Virginia	632.6	645.6	649.0	650.3	185.0	191.2	191.6	192.0	543.3	566.8	566.7	568.0
Washington	508.5	519.1	518.2	518.4	150.6	156.1	156.4	156.9	289.5	296.3	296.7	297.9
West Virginia	135.2	134.7	134.1	134.5	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	56.4	56.8	56.9	56.7
Wisconsin	533.1	543.6	543.3	545.1	156.1	160.1	160.3	159.6	244.3	247.2	248.8	249.1
Wyoming	48.2	48.7	48.5	48.3	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	15.1	15.2	15.1	15.1

See footnotes at end of table.

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

(In thousands)

State	Education and health services				Leisure and hospitality				Government			
	Mar. 2003	Jan. 2004	Feb. 2004	Mar. 2004P	Mar. 2003	Jan. 2004	Feb. 2004	Mar. 2004P	Mar. 2003	Jan. 2004	Feb. 2004	Mar. 2004P
Alabama	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	153.3	157.9	155.6	155.3	358.6	358.8	357.6	357.7
Alaska	32.4	34.3	34.2	34.7	29.7	30.8	30.4	30.4	81.6	82.2	81.5	81.8
Arizona	241.6	254.1	255.2	256.2	230.8	233.9	233.7	234.6	392.9	395.5	397.1	398.3
Arkansas	138.8	141.7	141.4	141.9	88.2	87.6	88.5	88.8	196.9	198.8	198.9	198.6
California	1,519.0	1,558.5	1,555.8	1,556.8	1,391.3	1,404.4	1,406.3	1,405.8	2,442.5	2,399.6	2,391.6	2,385.6
Colorado	211.6	217.4	218.4	220.0	243.7	244.0	243.4	245.6	357.2	356.2	354.7	355.3
Connecticut	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	247.4	245.3	244.0	244.1
Delaware <sup>3</sup>	49.8	50.6	50.7	51.3	37.3	37.5	37.5	37.0	56.5	57.7	57.3	57.4
District of Columbia <sup>3</sup>	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	49.7	51.1	50.1	50.7	232.5	229.8	230.2	231.1
Florida	877.9	895.5	899.9	902.9	806.0	824.2	821.8	824.2	1,052.2	1,058.4	1,059.0	1,061.7
Georgia	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	346.9	355.1	352.5	352.8	632.8	637.4	634.9	632.3
Hawaii <sup>3</sup>	64.9	66.6	66.2	66.7	99.2	101.1	101.2	101.2	119.1	120.3	118.6	119.2
Idaho <sup>4</sup>	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	54.2	54.0	53.9	54.5	112.7	113.9	114.7	114.6
Illinois	713.5	722.3	721.6	723.2	490.5	501.8	503.2	503.6	857.0	857.3	850.0	848.0
Indiana	358.1	364.2	362.7	364.6	268.2	273.8	275.4	276.4	421.2	426.4	420.3	420.9
Iowa	189.6	191.2	191.1	191.1	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	244.7	243.6	245.5	244.6
Kansas	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	108.5	110.0	110.4	111.3	250.4	250.8	250.3	249.5
Kentucky	227.2	230.2	229.5	229.0	154.9	156.9	160.7	161.0	314.0	309.2	306.1	306.0
Louisiana	242.8	248.9	247.0	247.0	197.1	200.6	200.6	198.8	378.5	377.7	379.4	379.0
Maine	106.3	107.7	107.9	108.1	58.1	59.2	59.4	59.2	103.6	104.1	103.8	103.7
Maryland <sup>3</sup>	336.4	343.8	343.3	344.2	215.4	219.0	221.1	223.0	461.7	460.0	459.9	460.4
Massachusetts	573.7	574.5	571.2	571.9	284.9	288.9	287.3	287.0	418.4	410.5	411.4	411.9
Michigan	541.2	545.3	543.1	546.1	395.1	397.1	397.6	400.3	684.7	676.7	675.0	676.1
Minnesota	365.0	371.0	370.4	371.5	229.7	236.4	236.2	236.3	404.1	400.2	396.8	394.9
Mississippi	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	123.0	123.2	123.9	123.2	242.1	244.8	244.6	245.7
Missouri	352.4	360.5	357.5	357.6	259.3	262.3	259.1	260.5	430.8	428.9	431.1	430.3
Montana	53.0	53.6	53.8	53.7	52.1	52.5	52.6	52.8	84.8	84.9	85.7	85.3
Nebraska	113.3	114.3	111.8	110.7	77.7	78.5	79.7	79.7	159.4	160.7	159.6	159.7
Nevada	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	302.5	305.3	305.9	307.1	134.4	136.0	136.2	136.8
New Hampshire	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	60.8	63.3	63.4	63.9	89.2	90.0	90.3	90.1
New Jersey	534.9	547.2	546.3	547.2	315.2	324.7	324.5	324.9	619.6	633.1	633.7	635.6
New Mexico	97.3	101.6	101.5	101.3	81.0	81.5	82.0	82.3	193.6	197.7	198.0	198.3
New York	1,490.0	1,515.5	1,516.6	1,519.4	643.0	653.8	653.1	654.1	1,487.7	1,484.4	1,483.5	1,485.3
North Carolina	424.9	434.1	433.6	433.8	331.7	338.6	336.4	337.8	638.2	649.9	648.7	649.3
North Dakota	47.3	47.5	47.3	47.4	29.9	29.4	29.0	29.3	75.3	75.6	75.8	76.0
Ohio	725.0	732.3	730.2	731.4	481.0	493.2	492.1	495.7	801.2	795.4	798.4	798.1
Oklahoma	176.4	175.9	176.5	177.8	126.0	125.7	126.0	126.4	295.2	289.8	291.0	290.4
Oregon	188.3	187.9	189.6	188.0	151.0	151.7	152.0	152.2	268.8	267.2	268.2	267.9
Pennsylvania	974.2	979.6	981.2	984.0	466.5	474.8	475.7	476.3	746.4	737.4	740.2	741.8
Rhode Island	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	48.4	50.5	50.4	49.9	66.3	66.5	66.7	66.6
South Carolina	175.0	182.0	183.2	183.5	191.6	207.4	206.1	201.3	327.2	332.8	329.9	330.2
South Dakota	54.9	55.7	55.5	55.4	39.4	40.1	40.0	39.9	74.4	74.9	74.6	74.7
Tennessee	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	246.4	251.0	250.8	250.7	410.2	409.5	423.1	408.3
Texas	1,112.3	1,136.7	1,139.8	1,142.6	855.4	867.8	866.9	867.6	1,647.9	1,646.3	1,648.8	1,650.6
Utah	117.7	122.4	122.1	122.3	99.0	102.1	101.1	101.6	196.0	198.8	198.4	197.6
Vermont	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	51.7	51.8	51.6	51.6
Virginia	367.9	371.9	373.2	375.6	304.9	312.2	309.7	310.1	634.9	642.0	643.4	646.7
Washington	310.5	313.4	314.8	315.5	247.2	245.9	246.1	248.7	519.4	524.2	524.8	525.9
West Virginia	108.0	107.0	106.7	107.2	65.7	65.7	66.1	65.9	142.4	142.5	142.2	141.5
Wisconsin	362.2	374.3	373.1	374.0	243.2	249.7	248.1	247.0	416.7	407.0	409.3	408.9
Wyoming	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	30.6	30.9	31.0	30.8	63.3	63.9	64.4	64.3

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

<sup>2</sup> 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.

<sup>3</sup> Natural resources and mining is combined with construction.

<sup>4</sup> Data for Idaho have been corrected back to 1994 and new seasonal factors have been calculated to reflect the corrected data.

P = preliminary.

NOTE: Data are counts of jobs by place of work. Estimates are currently projected from 2003 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			
	Feb.		Mar.		Feb.		Mar.		Feb.		Mar.		Feb.		Mar.	
	2003	2004	2003	2004 <sup>P</sup>	2003	2004	2003	2004 <sup>P</sup>	2003	2004	2003	2004 <sup>P</sup>	2003	2004	2003	2004 <sup>P</sup>
Alabama	1,863.9	1,866.5	1,875.0	1,876.5	12.4	12.4	12.5	12.3	97.6	98.3	99.3	101.2	298.2	288.5	297.9	289.0
Alaska	285.3	289.2	288.3	292.3	10.2	9.7	10.3	9.8	12.7	13.5	13.1	13.7	11.8	11.8	11.9	12.1
Arizona	2,279.4	2,328.9	2,292.3	2,337.4	8.0	7.9	7.9	8.0	169.0	183.2	170.5	185.7	176.2	172.8	176.1	172.7
Arkansas	1,133.1	1,136.4	1,140.4	1,143.8	6.6	6.7	6.6	6.7	48.7	47.8	49.5	48.9	208.2	203.7	207.8	203.4
California	14,302.1	14,351.4	14,381.3	14,423.0	21.0	20.6	21.0	20.7	751.6	776.6	764.1	785.6	1,560.2	1,514.7	1,561.5	1,520.2
Colorado	2,133.6	2,115.7	2,137.5	2,131.3	12.6	12.6	12.7	12.6	143.1	135.7	143.4	136.9	158.1	152.1	157.1	153.2
Connecticut	1,626.0	1,617.7	1,630.8	1,623.1	.6	.6	.6	.7	54.3	54.8	55.2	56.1	202.4	194.1	202.1	194.4
Delaware	400.4	405.3	404.6	410.6	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	21.6	23.1	22.2	23.5	35.5	35.5	35.7	35.8
District of Columbia	659.0	663.5	665.2	670.4	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	12.8	13.2	13.2	13.6	2.6	2.4	2.6	2.5
Florida	7,243.5	7,384.7	7,298.9	7,436.7	7.0	7.2	7.0	7.3	434.8	458.5	438.2	462.5	394.7	384.9	394.5	386.5
Georgia	3,827.6	3,848.1	3,847.6	3,862.4	11.9	12.5	11.7	12.6	190.0	196.1	191.7	198.3	459.5	449.9	457.4	450.4
Hawaii	564.5	574.4	567.9	576.4	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	26.8	28.8	27.1	28.0	14.7	14.8	14.7	14.8
Hawaii <sup>2</sup>	556.5	563.6	561.2	571.0	3.2	3.3	2.9	3.1	32.0	32.3	32.7	33.5	62.9	59.8	61.9	60.2
Illinois	5,712.1	5,694.4	5,742.5	5,731.2	9.1	9.1	9.3	9.4	240.8	240.9	248.2	250.7	725.8	705.6	725.1	708.3
Indiana	2,849.4	2,872.1	2,868.6	2,891.7	6.7	6.9	6.7	7.0	128.5	136.8	133.0	140.9	577.2	565.0	576.2	566.6
Iowa	1,411.4	1,421.0	1,420.5	1,431.0	1.5	1.6	1.6	1.7	52.5	55.4	54.6	57.8	219.3	216.3	219.5	217.2
Kansas	1,300.8	1,296.7	1,307.0	1,310.1	6.2	6.4	6.3	6.4	58.1	54.2	59.7	59.5	174.6	170.3	174.0	171.0
Kentucky	1,753.3	1,767.2	1,768.0	1,777.7	19.3	18.5	19.3	18.7	74.2	78.8	78.4	82.4	267.9	265.5	266.6	264.5
Louisiana	1,896.2	1,901.5	1,902.4	1,907.3	47.3	47.7	47.4	48.3	117.3	117.1	117.0	117.1	155.5	153.1	156.0	154.2
Maine	585.1	588.8	587.8	591.3	2.7	2.7	2.6	2.7	26.0	27.1	26.5	27.5	63.4	60.6	63.5	60.5
Maryland	2,426.9	2,452.8	2,452.7	2,478.6	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	158.5	161.2	161.9	165.1	149.2	144.1	149.5	144.6
Massachusetts	3,137.0	3,106.5	3,149.7	3,119.1	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.6	120.6	125.2	122.7	127.6	331.3	321.0	330.2	321.9
Michigan	4,357.4	4,308.1	4,368.3	4,326.1	7.6	7.3	7.6	7.4	163.0	162.5	164.5	164.9	739.4	711.2	737.8	708.5
Minnesota	2,596.6	2,611.1	2,602.6	2,620.7	6.0	5.3	6.0	5.4	102.6	105.8	103.6	108.1	341.7	340.9	342.0	342.4
Mississippi	1,108.7	1,112.7	1,112.1	1,118.2	8.3	8.4	8.5	8.6	51.1	47.9	50.8	48.5	180.2	177.8	180.0	178.5
Missouri	2,643.1	2,642.3	2,664.8	2,674.7	4.4	4.5	4.4	4.4	123.1	120.8	126.4	131.8	314.6	311.5	315.4	311.9
Montana	388.7	393.5	390.4	395.3	5.9	6.4	5.7	6.4	19.0	19.7	19.4	20.4	18.8	18.2	18.8	18.1
Nebraska	892.0	887.2	895.6	895.9	1.3	1.0	1.3	1.2	40.6	40.4	41.4	42.4	102.5	101.3	102.3	101.0
Nevada	1,062.9	1,106.8	1,071.8	1,116.5	8.6	8.8	8.7	8.9	92.4	103.2	94.9	105.8	43.0	44.8	43.1	45.0
New Hampshire	602.6	609.9	605.1	611.8	.8	.9	.9	1.0	24.9	26.0	25.2	26.2	81.0	77.1	81.2	77.0
New Jersey	3,898.5	3,946.1	3,922.2	3,976.6	1.4	1.4	1.5	1.4	144.3	148.3	147.1	151.9	352.6	344.6	352.4	344.5
New Mexico	765.2	775.7	769.9	782.2	13.9	14.6	14.0	14.8	44.2	45.7	44.9	46.7	36.0	34.8	36.0	35.1
New York	8,297.7	8,305.4	8,341.4	8,363.6	4.4	4.5	4.6	4.9	286.3	285.4	293.2	292.6	621.1	594.3	623.3	597.4
North Carolina	3,753.5	3,774.9	3,776.9	3,797.9	7.5	7.3	7.6	7.3	204.6	208.4	206.8	211.0	617.1	584.9	615.6	582.8
North Dakota	325.3	328.2	327.2	330.0	2.9	3.1	3.0	3.2	12.2	13.1	12.4	13.3	22.9	23.1	23.0	23.2
Ohio	5,307.0	5,298.0	5,339.4	5,325.5	11.3	11.7	11.4	11.9	200.8	204.2	207.5	209.8	856.9	825.9	855.5	826.6
Oklahoma	1,452.9	1,438.2	1,456.4	1,452.7	28.1	29.4	28.2	29.5	61.2	60.2	61.8	61.9	145.5	141.9	145.3	142.4
Oregon	1,545.0	1,553.7	1,549.1	1,559.9	8.9	8.6	8.8	8.5	72.0	76.6	72.1	76.2	194.8	193.2	194.1	194.9
Pennsylvania	5,530.4	5,510.7	5,569.3	5,547.8	17.1	16.7	17.3	16.8	218.3	217.4	226.1	225.0	722.9	691.7	721.0	691.6
Rhode Island	469.9	478.3	473.5	480.0	.1	.1	.2	.1	16.6	19.8	17.3	20.2	59.6	58.5	59.5	58.4
South Carolina	1,790.2	1,801.9	1,806.9	1,820.1	5.1	4.7	5.1	4.7	111.1	109.8	112.3	111.7	281.7	269.9	281.2	270.0
South Dakota	367.2	371.1	368.9	373.1	.8	.8	.8	.8	15.6	16.3	16.0	16.6	37.2	37.8	37.4	38.0
Tennessee	2,627.8	2,666.6	2,645.8	2,667.4	4.2	4.2	4.2	4.3	108.3	109.7	110.9	112.3	415.6	413.6	415.1	413.2
Texas	9,335.4	9,349.5	9,369.7	9,403.4	143.4	146.4	144.5	147.3	547.4	544.3	550.0	549.9	911.0	885.9	906.8	886.1
Utah	1,059.0	1,073.5	1,062.3	1,077.2	6.5	6.5	6.6	6.4	62.0	62.9	62.5	64.1	111.3	111.1	111.3	111.7
Vermont	297.8	299.7	296.9	300.0	.8	.8	.9	.8	12.4	13.5	12.5	13.6	37.8	36.4	37.7	36.6
Virginia	3,435.8	3,512.6	3,464.0	3,542.2	9.9	10.0	10.1	10.1	202.6	220.1	208.1	222.9	312.6	294.7	310.9	296.3
Washington	2,618.0	2,642.9	2,624.3	2,663.8	8.7	8.3	8.5	8.1	145.2	150.6	145.8	154.8	267.8	255.7	267.0	256.2
West Virginia	711.1	710.1	719.6	717.1	21.6	20.4	22.1	21.1	27.1	28.3	29.3	29.5	64.9	63.6	64.9	64.0
Wisconsin	2,718.4	2,748.0	2,726.6	2,761.4	3.1	3.1	3.2	3.4	105.0	109.7	106.6	114.2	504.9	501.1	504.2	499.5
Wyoming	388.4	243.7	240.0	244.5	17.2	19.1	17.2	18.9	16.2	16.6	16.6	17.0	8.9	9.0	8.8	8.8
Puerto Rico	991.6	998.3	999.0	998.6	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2	70.1	68.6	71.4	68.9	116.4	116.5	117.2	116.4

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Table 6. Employees on nonfarm payrolls by state and selected industry sector, not seasonally adjusted—Continued

(In thousands)

State	Trade, transportation, and utilities				Information				Financial activities				Professional and business services			
	Feb.		Mar.		Feb.		Mar.		Feb.		Mar.		Feb.		Mar.	
	2003	2004	2003	2004 <sup>P</sup>	2003	2004	2003	2004 <sup>P</sup>	2003	2004	2003	2004 <sup>P</sup>	2003	2004	2003	2004 <sup>P</sup>
Alabama .....	363.7	371.7	366.7	373.4	32.6	30.9	32.6	30.7	95.5	96.0	95.7	95.6	184.4	185.0	186.0	186.9
Alaska .....	56.9	57.8	57.3	58.3	6.8	6.9	6.8	6.9	13.7	14.3	13.9	14.6	21.9	22.0	22.2	22.2
Arizona .....	441.7	447.7	442.7	447.5	49.9	47.8	50.1	48.1	157.4	160.9	158.9	161.6	313.2	323.3	317.3	322.1
Arkansas .....	235.3	237.4	236.7	238.4	20.1	20.0	20.1	20.1	49.4	50.2	49.6	50.4	101.5	100.9	102.0	102.3
California .....	2,681.5	2,698.1	2,685.0	2,708.8	486.5	466.7	481.0	464.2	871.3	893.2	876.2	895.9	2,073.3	2,123.3	2,090.9	2,132.1
Colorado .....	401.6	393.4	400.8	394.2	86.1	83.3	85.7	82.7	152.8	154.8	153.2	155.0	279.7	275.5	280.4	280.8
Connecticut .....	300.9	300.7	302.5	302.1	39.9	38.9	39.8	38.9	141.7	142.5	141.7	142.4	193.4	190.3	194.4	191.4
Delaware .....	75.1	76.1	76.2	77.4	7.5	7.3	7.5	7.3	45.3	44.2	45.2	44.6	57.9	59.0	58.2	59.6
District of Columbia .....	27.3	27.6	27.7	27.7	25.3	24.2	25.4	24.4	30.8	30.7	30.8	31.1	137.9	142.2	138.8	142.8
Florida .....	1,454.8	1,457.7	1,457.4	1,461.7	172.6	171.6	173.0	170.1	477.7	488.2	479.7	489.5	1,229.7	1,286.4	1,246.5	1,297.0
Georgia .....	814.0	810.9	818.7	812.6	129.4	127.3	127.3	126.5	213.0	218.1	214.6	218.3	488.1	494.6	491.0	495.5
Hawaii .....	107.0	108.8	106.8	108.9	10.9	9.8	10.9	9.8	27.9	28.5	28.1	28.5	68.6	70.6	69.2	70.9
Idaho <sup>2</sup> .....	113.0	113.7	113.9	114.5	9.1	9.2	9.1	9.2	26.1	26.9	26.3	27.0	67.0	68.9	68.2	71.2
Illinois .....	1,168.0	1,164.0	1,171.1	1,165.5	136.3	131.2	135.2	131.4	398.1	401.4	399.3	401.2	746.3	743.5	749.8	746.7
Indiana .....	561.7	564.8	564.6	567.7	40.7	40.9	41.1	41.0	139.5	140.4	140.2	140.1	246.5	251.8	248.2	254.5
Iowa .....	295.7	294.5	297.6	296.4	33.9	33.5	33.7	33.3	94.2	97.5	94.2	97.7	102.2	102.9	102.5	103.3
Kansas .....	258.0	257.1	258.3	258.0	48.1	47.3	48.0	47.5	68.5	70.8	69.0	70.8	122.0	120.7	121.8	122.1
Kentucky .....	362.9	366.6	365.2	368.5	30.6	30.1	30.8	30.0	84.7	86.8	85.2	86.8	149.7	151.6	151.6	151.9
Louisiana .....	378.8	378.7	380.2	381.9	28.9	29.5	29.1	28.7	101.0	100.9	100.8	100.1	178.8	178.6	179.7	179.7
Maine .....	116.9	118.5	116.8	118.6	11.4	11.1	11.3	11.1	34.8	34.6	34.9	34.6	49.1	48.8	49.3	49.1
Maryland .....	450.1	452.8	453.3	455.7	50.5	49.0	50.6	49.2	153.3	156.4	154.3	156.4	350.0	354.7	355.1	360.9
Massachusetts .....	560.2	555.2	562.2	556.1	93.1	88.4	93.0	88.0	223.2	221.1	223.5	220.7	428.3	417.8	429.5	420.3
Michigan .....	798.5	788.4	800.3	795.2	70.8	68.3	71.1	68.9	214.7	216.5	215.0	215.7	575.2	564.6	577.4	565.5
Minnesota .....	511.2	514.2	511.4	516.3	62.3	61.6	62.3	61.8	172.6	177.4	173.2	177.7	288.1	287.3	288.9	287.7
Mississippi .....	217.1	216.3	216.9	217.5	15.3	14.7	15.3	14.4	45.7	46.6	45.8	46.8	77.1	80.1	77.0	80.2
Missouri .....	524.8	519.5	527.6	524.5	68.5	65.6	68.6	65.9	160.4	163.0	160.8	163.8	299.7	299.1	302.4	300.3
Montana .....	81.8	82.8	82.2	83.0	7.8	7.6	7.7	7.6	19.9	20.5	20.0	20.7	31.3	32.0	31.7	31.9
Nebraska .....	191.1	190.6	192.0	191.4	21.5	21.2	21.5	21.2	61.8	61.2	62.0	61.1	89.0	89.2	89.6	91.3
Nevada .....	189.7	197.5	191.3	198.1	16.0	15.6	15.8	15.5	56.9	60.0	57.0	60.5	117.8	125.8	118.1	126.3
New Hampshire .....	133.3	138.0	134.3	138.2	12.4	11.4	12.4	11.5	36.8	37.4	36.7	37.4	52.0	52.6	52.1	52.6
New Jersey .....	863.9	863.2	865.2	867.6	102.4	99.7	102.8	100.8	273.8	280.1	274.3	280.5	559.0	568.5	565.2	578.1
New Mexico .....	133.3	133.4	134.1	134.2	16.1	15.5	16.3	15.4	33.4	34.1	33.4	34.2	88.6	87.3	88.8	88.4
New York .....	1,445.7	1,448.9	1,449.5	1,452.2	281.0	273.6	278.1	276.2	690.1	695.9	689.7	696.0	1,018.5	1,024.5	1,028.1	1,035.6
North Carolina .....	707.9	710.4	710.5	716.1	76.1	75.6	75.8	75.1	187.7	190.5	188.9	191.6	409.4	423.8	414.6	425.0
North Dakota .....	70.2	71.0	70.4	71.0	7.6	7.7	7.7	7.7	18.1	18.4	18.3	18.5	23.5	23.4	23.3	23.4
Ohio .....	1,023.7	1,021.0	1,026.8	1,024.2	97.7	95.0	97.7	95.1	308.7	312.2	309.6	312.5	597.4	597.4	602.2	600.9
Oklahoma .....	274.5	271.8	275.6	274.3	33.2	30.8	32.9	31.7	81.7	84.5	82.0	84.4	154.8	152.3	154.8	155.6
Oregon .....	308.3	306.2	308.4	307.3	34.7	33.6	34.5	33.3	96.2	97.2	96.9	96.9	165.0	167.8	166.0	170.8
Pennsylvania .....	1,092.1	1,092.9	1,097.1	1,096.2	123.5	120.9	124.3	121.7	335.2	336.3	336.1	337.0	586.3	581.2	591.9	587.7
Rhode Island .....	78.5	79.7	78.6	79.4	11.1	10.8	11.0	10.8	33.2	33.1	33.5	33.3	46.5	47.3	47.0	47.8
South Carolina .....	341.5	343.8	344.2	346.5	27.6	26.0	27.5	26.0	88.8	91.2	89.5	91.7	183.0	183.6	186.7	187.0
South Dakota .....	74.3	75.2	74.5	75.5	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	27.6	27.8	27.8	28.0	24.1	23.7	23.9	23.8
Tennessee .....	569.1	574.8	572.1	577.8	51.9	51.0	51.8	50.9	137.8	139.0	138.4	139.6	282.2	287.8	284.0	288.3
Texas .....	1,912.2	1,914.7	1,915.2	1,924.8	237.9	229.1	237.5	230.4	579.8	583.7	581.2	584.9	1,032.2	1,030.5	1,038.5	1,036.5
Utah .....	209.6	209.8	210.0	210.5	30.0	30.1	29.9	29.9	64.8	65.1	64.4	64.7	126.4	131.0	127.0	131.4
Vermont .....	57.4	56.7	56.8	56.9	6.4	6.4	6.5	6.5	13.0	12.9	13.0	13.0	19.4	19.7	19.3	19.9
Virginia .....	618.4	635.4	621.0	638.9	101.6	100.3	101.5	100.4	183.3	190.0	184.2	190.8	535.9	560.2	541.4	564.8
Washington .....	498.0	504.9	498.3	507.6	92.0	93.4	91.5	93.8	148.9	154.5	149.7	155.2	284.6	291.9	285.6	295.1
West Virginia .....	131.7	131.8	132.9	132.6	12.8	12.6	12.8	12.6	30.8	30.5	30.8	30.5	55.4	56.2	55.8	56.3
Wisconsin .....	521.9	531.5	521.8	534.7	50.1	49.2	50.1	48.9	154.9	159.5	155.0	158.8	236.4	242.0	238.3	242.8
Wyoming .....	46.5	46.9	46.5	46.9	4.1	4.1	4.2	4.0	9.8	10.5	10.0	10.5	14.5	14.5	14.5	14.7
Puerto Rico .....	176.2	181.3	176.4	180.7	21.0	20.7	21.0	20.8	41.3	41.8	41.5	41.7	97.0	94.0	97.9	93.1

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Table 6. Employees on nonfarm payrolls by state and selected industry sector, not seasonally adjusted—Continued

(In thousands)

State	Education and health services				Leisure and hospitality				Other services				Government			
	Feb.		Mar.		Feb.		Mar.		Feb.		Mar.		Feb.		Mar.	
	2003	2004	2003	2004 <sup>P</sup>	2003	2004	2003	2004 <sup>P</sup>	2003	2004	2003	2004 <sup>P</sup>	2003	2004	2003	2004 <sup>P</sup>
Alabama .....	186.2	187.9	186.5	188.0	148.0	151.5	151.5	154.4	83.3	82.4	83.4	82.7	362.0	361.9	362.9	362.3
Alaska .....	32.3	33.8	32.5	34.2	25.7	26.1	26.0	26.5	11.2	11.2	11.3	11.1	82.1	82.1	83.0	82.9
Arizona .....	242.5	255.9	243.1	256.8	232.2	235.5	235.8	239.4	85.3	86.1	86.1	87.0	404.0	407.8	403.8	408.5
Arkansas .....	138.6	141.8	139.6	142.7	84.3	85.2	86.6	87.5	40.1	40.2	40.5	40.5	200.3	202.5	201.4	202.9
California .....	1,524.4	1,561.7	1,534.8	1,569.7	1,362.9	1,382.7	1,376.7	1,392.7	503.2	499.5	505.5	503.1	2,466.2	2,414.3	2,484.6	2,430.0
Colorado .....	211.1	218.6	211.7	220.1	242.8	244.3	244.8	248.0	85.2	86.0	85.2	86.4	360.5	359.4	362.5	361.4
Connecticut .....	264.3	267.2	263.0	265.4	114.6	118.3	116.4	120.0	61.3	61.8	61.9	62.3	252.6	248.5	253.2	249.4
Delaware .....	49.6	50.7	50.0	51.6	33.0	33.9	34.2	34.6	17.6	18.1	17.7	18.2	57.3	57.4	57.7	58.0
District of Columbia .....	89.7	92.1	90.7	93.0	47.7	48.5	49.2	50.3	55.3	54.6	55.8	55.1	229.6	228.0	231.0	229.9
Florida .....	878.6	900.7	884.4	905.7	812.6	828.7	830.6	847.8	317.5	323.2	320.5	326.3	1,063.5	1,077.6	1,067.1	1,082.3
Georgia .....	383.8	388.2	385.9	389.8	334.6	341.1	342.7	348.6	165.3	170.0	167.1	170.0	638.0	639.4	639.5	639.8
Hawaii .....	64.6	66.6	65.2	67.3	98.5	101.1	99.5	101.2	23.9	24.2	24.0	24.3	121.6	121.2	122.4	122.7
Idaho <sup>2</sup> .....	61.4	64.4	61.7	64.5	51.4	51.8	52.4	52.9	17.8	17.8	18.0	18.3	112.6	115.5	114.1	116.6
Illinois .....	712.2	721.6	716.0	725.9	463.5	474.7	471.5	484.5	246.4	246.0	248.7	248.2	865.6	856.4	868.3	859.4
Indiana .....	359.6	366.7	360.8	368.4	253.2	262.2	258.4	267.1	104.7	104.4	105.4	104.4	431.1	432.2	434.0	434.0
Iowa .....	191.9	193.6	193.1	194.9	116.0	120.4	118.0	122.4	55.5	55.8	55.9	56.2	248.7	249.5	249.8	250.1
Kansas .....	156.3	157.8	156.0	157.6	103.9	106.2	105.5	108.2	52.5	52.3	52.7	52.3	252.6	253.6	255.7	256.7
Kentucky .....	226.6	229.3	227.5	229.3	144.7	151.4	149.4	155.3	75.6	77.8	76.2	78.1	317.1	310.8	317.8	312.2
Louisiana .....	243.2	248.1	242.7	248.0	193.3	197.1	195.5	197.7	70.4	68.5	70.9	69.3	381.7	382.2	383.1	382.3
Maine .....	106.3	108.3	107.0	108.8	47.9	48.8	48.7	49.6	20.1	21.3	20.2	21.3	106.5	107.0	107.0	107.5
Maryland .....	335.2	344.2	337.5	345.7	198.2	207.0	203.8	212.8	113.5	115.1	115.3	116.5	468.4	468.3	471.4	471.7
Massachusetts .....	578.1	578.1	581.5	580.3	260.9	264.9	264.5	268.4	114.8	115.6	116.0	115.9	425.0	417.7	425.1	418.3
Michigan .....	540.8	547.8	541.2	550.0	368.0	375.9	373.5	379.5	170.2	169.3	171.7	169.6	709.2	696.3	708.2	700.9
Minnesota .....	366.7	372.3	368.2	375.0	215.1	222.6	216.4	224.8	117.9	115.7	118.4	116.1	412.4	408.0	412.2	405.4
Mississippi .....	114.7	117.1	115.2	117.6	119.7	120.6	121.5	122.1	37.3	36.1	38.0	36.0	242.2	247.1	243.1	248.0
Missouri .....	352.0	358.9	353.1	359.0	237.0	243.7	245.8	250.9	116.0	115.8	116.9	120.5	442.6	439.9	443.4	441.7
Montana .....	53.6	54.1	53.5	54.1	49.0	49.7	49.4	50.1	15.9	15.9	16.0	16.1	85.7	86.6	86.0	86.9
Nebraska .....	115.1	111.9	114.6	112.8	73.9	75.4	75.2	76.9	34.5	34.1	34.8	34.9	160.7	160.9	160.9	161.7
Nevada .....	74.4	78.3	74.7	78.8	298.0	303.2	300.9	306.3	29.6	31.1	30.0	31.5	136.5	138.5	137.3	139.8
New Hampshire .....	92.9	95.1	93.2	95.8	56.0	58.9	55.9	59.2	20.3	19.0	20.5	19.2	92.2	93.5	92.7	93.7
New Jersey .....	532.5	545.9	536.2	549.2	292.7	300.7	297.3	305.3	148.5	151.1	149.4	151.8	627.4	642.6	630.8	645.5
New Mexico .....	98.5	102.8	98.6	103.0	78.3	79.3	79.6	80.8	27.6	28.3	27.7	28.4	195.3	199.9	196.5	201.2
New York .....	1,498.6	1,525.9	1,509.5	1,537.8	603.4	612.9	610.1	621.6	345.7	344.6	348.2	347.7	1,502.9	1,494.9	1,507.1	1,501.6
North Carolina .....	423.4	434.6	425.4	437.4	313.5	316.0	320.8	324.3	158.9	159.8	159.1	159.9	647.4	663.6	651.8	667.4
North Dakota .....	47.0	47.3	47.1	47.5	28.2	27.9	28.9	28.7	15.2	15.2	15.2	15.3	77.5	78.0	77.9	78.2
Ohio .....	725.2	734.4	727.2	736.4	447.1	459.8	456.7	466.8	225.1	224.1	227.2	225.5	813.1	812.3	817.6	815.8
Oklahoma .....	176.8	177.0	176.6	178.7	121.4	120.5	123.8	123.3	74.6	74.4	74.6	74.9	301.1	295.4	300.8	296.0
Oregon .....	189.4	191.4	190.1	190.5	144.1	146.1	146.2	148.3	55.9	58.7	56.3	58.3	275.7	274.3	275.7	274.9
Pennsylvania .....	984.0	991.0	988.2	994.9	433.4	445.7	443.0	454.1	255.5	258.6	258.1	260.5	762.1	758.3	766.2	762.3
Rhode Island .....	91.6	92.5	92.6	93.3	43.4	46.0	44.0	46.0	22.2	23.0	22.4	23.0	67.1	67.5	67.4	67.7
South Carolina .....	174.5	184.1	175.4	184.4	180.0	187.9	186.7	195.0	63.9	64.9	64.7	65.6	333.0	336.0	333.6	337.5
South Dakota .....	55.1	55.6	55.2	55.8	35.5	36.2	36.0	36.6	15.5	15.7	15.5	15.8	74.8	75.3	75.1	75.5
Tennessee .....	310.5	317.3	311.3	318.1	231.6	237.6	238.2	243.3	101.3	101.9	102.2	102.8	415.3	429.7	417.6	416.8
Texas .....	1,107.8	1,139.1	1,112.4	1,143.7	831.9	844.9	848.8	860.4	354.0	356.4	358.7	360.4	1,677.8	1,674.5	1,676.1	1,679.0
Utah .....	118.4	122.7	119.1	123.3	98.4	100.0	99.5	101.4	31.9	32.5	32.1	32.2	199.7	201.8	199.9	201.6
Vermont .....	51.4	53.9	51.8	53.9	35.4	35.5	34.6	34.7	9.9	9.9	10.0	9.9	53.9	54.0	53.8	54.2
Virginia .....	369.7	377.7	371.8	379.6	282.7	288.9	292.0	298.9	179.0	184.7	181.3	185.3	640.1	650.6	641.7	654.2
Washington .....	311.4	316.3	312.6	317.8	237.2	236.2	239.6	240.7	97.9	99.3	98.4	100.1	526.3	531.8	527.3	534.4
West Virginia .....	108.2	107.0	108.7	107.6	61.7	63.4	63.3	64.4	54.6	55.0	55.0	55.3	142.3	141.3	144.0	143.2
Wisconsin .....	361.6	374.8	361.9	375.5	224.0	232.7	226.6	235.1	131.6	127.4	132.7	129.1	424.9	417.0	426.2	419.4
Wyoming .....	20.5	21.3	20.4	21.3	27.5	27.4	27.7	27.3	9.5	9.4	9.6	9.6	63.7	64.9	64.5	65.5
Puerto Rico .....	88.0	91.3	89.6	91.9	66.1	67.9	66.6	68.0	16.1	15.9	16.1	15.9	298.2	299.1	300.1	300.0

<sup>1</sup> Natural resources and mining is combined with construction.

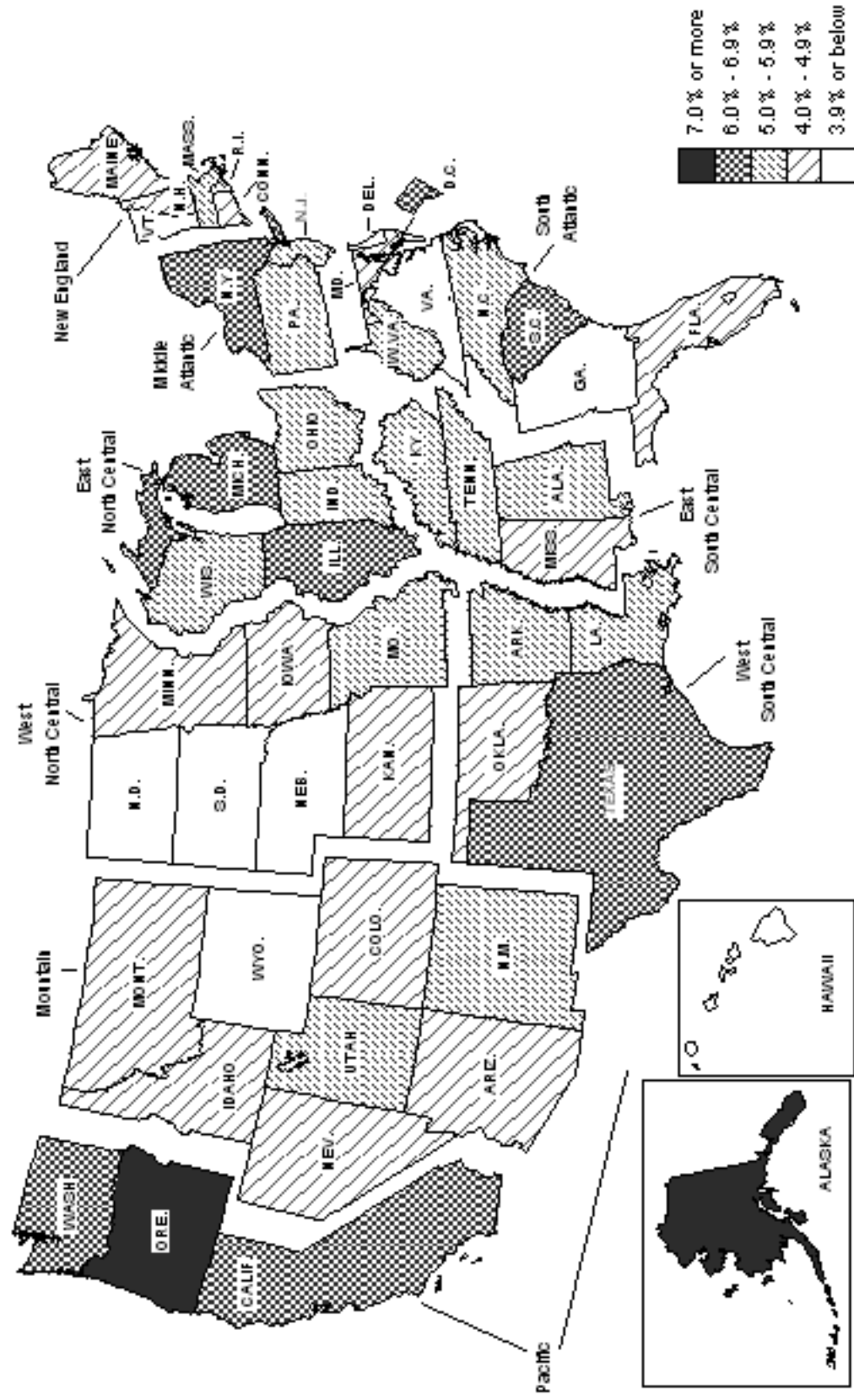
<sup>2</sup> Data for Idaho have been corrected back to 1994.

<sup>P</sup> = preliminary.

NOTE: Data are counts of jobs by place of work. Estimates are currently projected from 2003 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 March 2004

(U.S. rate = 5.7 percent)



**Chart 2. Percentage change in nonfarm employment by state, seasonally adjusted, March 2003 – March 2004**

