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## **REGIONAL AND STATE EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT: OCTOBER 2003**

Regional and state unemployment rates were generally unchanged or slightly lower in October. All 4 regions and 37 states recorded shifts of 0.3 percentage point or less in their unemployment rates, the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the U.S. Department of Labor reported today. The national jobless rate was essentially unchanged over the month at 6.0 percent. Nonfarm payroll employment increased in 35 states and the District of Columbia in October.

### Regional Unemployment (Seasonally Adjusted)

The South again recorded the lowest unemployment rate, 5.4 percent in October. The West continued to register the highest rate, 6.2 percent. The largest over-the-year unemployment rate change in any of the regions was a 0.3-percentage point decrease in the West. (See table 1.)

Among the nine geographic divisions, the West North Central again experienced the lowest unemployment rate, 4.6 percent in October, followed by the South Atlantic, 4.9 percent. The Pacific division continued to have the highest unemployment rate, 6.6 percent. The East North Central and West South Central divisions posted the next highest rates, 6.2 percent each. The Mountain division recorded the largest over-the-month rate change (-0.3 percentage point). That division also reported the largest rate change from a year earlier (-0.6 percentage point), followed by the South Atlantic (-0.4 point).

### State Unemployment (Seasonally Adjusted)

In October, South Dakota recorded the lowest jobless rate, 3.1 percent, followed by Virginia, 3.5 percent, and North Dakota, 3.6 percent. Michigan and Oregon had the highest unemployment rates, 7.6 percent each. Three other states posted rates of 7.0 percent or higher: Alaska, 7.3 percent, South Carolina, 7.1 percent, and Washington, 7.0 percent. (See table 3 and chart 1.)

Compared with September, unemployment rates were lower in 36 states, higher in 11 states and the District of Columbia, and unchanged in 3 states. Montana reported the largest jobless rate decrease from the previous month (-0.7 percentage point). Six other states had rate declines of one-half percentage point or more. South Carolina had the largest over-the-month rate increase (+0.7 percentage point), followed by the District of Columbia (+0.6 point). No other state recorded a rate increase greater than 0.3 point.

Over the year, unemployment rates decreased in 28 states, increased in 19 states and the District of Columbia, and remained unchanged in 3 states. Utah reported the largest rate reduction (-1.4 percentage

points). Four more states registered over-the-year jobless rate decreases of one percentage point or more: Mississippi (-1.3 points), Arizona (-1.1 points), Georgia (-1.1 points), and Rhode Island (-1.0 point). Eight additional states had rate declines of at least 0.5 percentage point. Michigan posted the largest over-the-year rate increase from October 2002 (+1.5 percentage points), followed by South Carolina (+1.1 points). Five additional states recorded over-the-year jobless rate increases of 0.5 percentage point or more.

#### Nonfarm Payroll Employment (Seasonally Adjusted)

From September to October 2003, total nonfarm employment increased in 35 states and the District of Columbia and decreased in 15 states. The largest employment increases occurred in California (+34,800), Virginia (+11,300), Washington (+10,100), New York (+9,600), and Nebraska (+9,500). Nebraska posted the largest over-the-month percentage increase in employment (+1.0 percent), followed by Nevada (+0.7 percent), the District of Columbia (+0.6 percent), Hawaii (+0.5 percent), and Washington (+0.4 percent). The largest employment decreases occurred in Ohio (-13,700), Massachusetts (-10,700), Maryland (-9,700), Pennsylvania (-3,900), and Tennessee and West Virginia (-3,500 each). The largest over-the-month percentage decreases in employment were reported in West Virginia (-0.5 percent), Maryland (-0.4 percent), Massachusetts, Ohio, and Wyoming (-0.3 percent each), and Arkansas and Vermont (-0.2 percent each). (See table 5.)

Over the year, employment increased in 26 states and the District of Columbia and decreased in 24 states. The largest over-the-year gains in employment occurred in Florida (+94,100), Georgia (+72,100), Nevada (+35,100), Texas (+32,600), and Arizona (+28,700). The largest percentage gains were reported in Nevada (+3.3 percent), Georgia and Idaho (+1.8 percent each), Hawaii (+1.7 percent), New Mexico (+1.6 percent), and Alaska, Arizona, and Florida (+1.3 percent each). The largest over-the-year employment decreases were in Michigan (-69,300), Ohio (-65,800), Illinois (-58,300), Massachusetts (-47,800), and South Carolina (-37,500). South Carolina recorded the largest percentage decline in employment (-2.1 percent), followed by Massachusetts and Michigan (-1.5 percent each), Connecticut and Ohio (-1.2 percent each), Indiana (-1.1 percent), and Illinois and Oregon (-1.0 percent each). (See chart 2.)

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The Metropolitan Area Employment and Unemployment release for October is scheduled to be issued on December 4. The Regional and State Employment and Unemployment release for November is scheduled to be released on December 19.

# 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 adjusted<sup>1</sup>**

(Numbers in thousands)

Census region and division	Civilian labor force				Unemployed							
					Number				Percent of labor force			
	Oct. 2002	Aug. 2003	Sept. 2003	Oct. 2003 <sup>P</sup>	Oct. 2002	Aug. 2003	Sept. 2003	Oct. 2003 <sup>P</sup>	Oct. 2002	Aug. 2003	Sept. 2003	Oct. 2003 <sup>P</sup>
<b>Northeast</b> .....	27,713.3	27,576.4	27,570.8	27,578.1	1,589.6	1,563.3	1,584.2	1,555.4	5.7	5.7	5.7	5.6
New England .....	7,597.6	7,577.4	7,577.1	7,574.6	382.3	402.1	396.5	385.7	5.0	5.3	5.2	5.1
Middle Atlantic .....	20,115.8	19,999.1	19,993.7	20,003.5	1,207.3	1,161.3	1,187.7	1,169.7	6.0	5.8	5.9	5.8
<b>South</b> .....	50,794.3	51,353.3	51,471.5	51,442.1	2,841.2	2,912.0	2,855.5	2,772.0	5.6	5.7	5.5	5.4
South Atlantic .....	26,703.3	26,906.5	26,977.8	26,941.5	1,404.7	1,399.7	1,375.4	1,307.7	5.3	5.2	5.1	4.9
East South Central .....	8,294.2	8,352.0	8,368.6	8,393.2	465.4	467.6	461.1	467.3	5.6	5.6	5.5	5.6
West South Central .....	15,796.8	16,094.8	16,125.1	16,107.4	971.2	1,044.7	1,019.0	997.1	6.1	6.5	6.3	6.2
<b>Midwest</b> .....	34,102.8	34,511.7	34,511.9	34,614.5	1,886.0	2,014.5	2,034.4	1,979.1	5.5	5.8	5.9	5.7
East North Central .....	23,369.6	23,737.9	23,739.4	23,791.4	1,391.0	1,510.0	1,525.7	1,480.4	6.0	6.4	6.4	6.2
West North Central .....	10,733.2	10,773.8	10,772.6	10,823.1	495.0	504.5	508.7	498.7	4.6	4.7	4.7	4.6
<b>West</b> .....	33,085.1	33,332.7	33,291.0	33,407.7	2,145.1	2,167.3	2,105.8	2,073.1	6.5	6.5	6.3	6.2
Mountain .....	9,737.9	9,838.9	9,825.5	9,813.3	553.7	549.3	534.4	504.4	5.7	5.6	5.4	5.1
Pacific .....	23,347.2	23,493.9	23,465.5	23,594.4	1,591.4	1,618.0	1,571.4	1,568.6	6.8	6.9	6.7	6.6

<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			
	September		October		September		October		September		October	
2002	2003	2002	2003 <sup>P</sup>	2002	2003	2002	2003 <sup>P</sup>	2002	2003	2002	2003 <sup>P</sup>	
<b>Northeast</b> .....	27,503.0	27,424.1	27,667.8	27,548.6	1,497.4	1,515.0	1,507.5	1,477.1	5.4	5.5	5.4	5.4
New England .....	7,550.0	7,541.7	7,589.4	7,568.8	361.7	378.5	355.0	358.8	4.8	5.0	4.7	4.7
Middle Atlantic .....	19,953.0	19,882.4	20,078.4	19,979.7	1,135.7	1,136.5	1,152.4	1,118.3	5.7	5.7	5.7	5.6
<b>South</b> .....	50,759.3	51,459.8	50,869.9	51,483.4	2,794.2	2,819.0	2,766.5	2,701.4	5.5	5.5	5.4	5.2
South Atlantic .....	26,710.4	26,979.4	26,738.6	26,958.2	1,405.4	1,374.0	1,394.5	1,301.4	5.3	5.1	5.2	4.8
East South Central .....	8,276.6	8,354.2	8,315.8	8,407.7	439.1	437.4	460.4	463.1	5.3	5.2	5.5	5.5
West South Central .....	15,772.4	16,126.3	15,815.5	16,117.5	949.7	1,007.6	911.6	936.8	6.0	6.2	5.8	5.8
<b>Midwest</b> .....	33,970.1	34,403.7	34,117.4	34,608.4	1,724.8	1,880.3	1,695.1	1,790.5	5.1	5.5	5.0	5.2
East North Central .....	23,281.6	23,665.1	23,383.6	23,783.8	1,268.3	1,406.1	1,251.3	1,339.4	5.4	5.9	5.4	5.6
West North Central .....	10,688.5	10,738.6	10,733.8	10,824.5	456.5	474.2	443.8	451.0	4.3	4.4	4.1	4.2
<b>West</b> .....	33,059.9	33,329.9	33,194.2	33,510.4	2,047.3	2,016.4	2,062.2	1,996.3	6.2	6.0	6.2	6.0
Mountain .....	9,768.4	9,864.6	9,767.8	9,842.5	542.0	520.8	533.6	485.5	5.5	5.3	5.5	4.9
Pacific .....	23,291.5	23,465.3	23,426.5	23,667.9	1,505.3	1,495.5	1,528.6	1,510.8	6.5	6.4	6.5	6.4

<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			
	Oct. 2002	Aug. 2003	Sept. 2003	Oct. 2003P	Oct. 2002	Aug. 2003	Sept. 2003	Oct. 2003P	Oct. 2002	Aug. 2003	Sept. 2003	Oct. 2003P
Alabama .....	2,099.0	2,142.3	2,148.5	2,165.6	123.1	122.3	117.2	120.3	5.9	5.7	5.5	5.6
Alaska .....	325.4	345.1	347.6	346.2	26.8	27.4	27.1	25.3	8.2	7.9	7.8	7.3
Arizona .....	2,686.4	2,685.5	2,668.3	2,664.8	164.7	161.0	148.7	134.4	6.1	6.0	5.6	5.0
Arkansas .....	1,298.3	1,304.4	1,311.5	1,313.7	71.3	70.7	78.6	81.4	5.5	5.4	6.0	6.2
California .....	17,473.9	17,593.1	17,588.6	17,694.4	1,188.1	1,182.5	1,137.4	1,160.9	6.8	6.7	6.5	6.6
Los Angeles-Long Beach .....	4,713.0	4,774.6	4,741.9	4,768.3	309.9	329.0	324.3	329.9	6.6	6.9	6.8	6.9
Colorado .....	2,446.9	2,483.6	2,481.9	2,477.8	141.7	141.3	138.9	135.1	5.8	5.7	5.6	5.5
Connecticut .....	1,781.3	1,782.0	1,778.1	1,780.6	80.7	89.9	89.7	87.0	4.5	5.0	5.0	4.9
Delaware .....	421.3	420.0	421.7	424.0	18.2	19.2	18.9	17.1	4.3	4.6	4.5	4.0
District of Columbia .....	301.8	310.6	310.8	314.4	19.2	22.6	19.1	21.2	6.4	7.3	6.1	6.7
Florida .....	8,088.7	8,085.0	8,111.6	8,071.3	430.7	440.6	433.5	387.4	5.3	5.4	5.3	4.8
Georgia .....	4,313.6	4,394.2	4,400.4	4,394.5	227.1	204.1	195.1	184.9	5.3	4.6	4.4	4.2
Hawaii .....	581.9	607.6	607.8	608.4	22.7	26.1	25.3	25.8	3.9	4.3	4.2	4.2
Idaho .....	682.6	685.4	686.3	689.7	39.6	38.6	37.4	36.9	5.8	5.6	5.4	5.3
Illinois .....	6,369.7	6,437.9	6,449.1	6,476.4	431.9	440.3	459.8	431.8	6.8	6.8	7.1	6.7
Indiana .....	3,187.6	3,226.3	3,205.2	3,202.3	160.1	169.0	167.8	164.1	5.0	5.2	5.2	5.1
Iowa .....	1,678.4	1,623.6	1,621.5	1,644.3	71.2	73.9	74.1	74.0	4.2	4.6	4.6	4.5
Kansas .....	1,424.2	1,477.2	1,480.3	1,478.5	74.4	69.9	70.5	69.1	5.2	4.7	4.8	4.7
Kentucky .....	1,959.5	1,989.1	1,998.7	1,992.6	105.7	115.3	117.2	110.4	5.4	5.8	5.9	5.5
Louisiana .....	1,993.6	2,029.5	2,047.1	2,045.2	121.9	147.1	125.1	112.6	6.1	7.2	6.1	5.5
Maine .....	687.1	694.4	700.7	696.5	31.0	33.7	34.9	35.5	4.5	4.9	5.0	5.1
Maryland .....	2,903.6	2,921.4	2,918.2	2,920.3	122.4	123.1	123.9	118.8	4.2	4.2	4.2	4.1
Massachusetts .....	3,508.4	3,459.6	3,456.5	3,455.7	192.5	202.3	198.6	193.4	5.5	5.8	5.7	5.6
Michigan .....	4,975.1	5,103.6	5,113.6	5,148.7	304.8	377.8	381.3	391.8	6.1	7.4	7.5	7.6
Minnesota .....	2,919.2	2,928.1	2,926.0	2,933.9	124.9	127.7	134.1	135.3	4.3	4.4	4.6	4.6
Mississippi .....	1,300.1	1,322.7	1,316.2	1,324.3	91.1	83.6	70.7	75.2	7.0	6.3	5.4	5.7
Missouri .....	2,977.8	2,983.0	2,978.1	2,994.6	164.0	167.8	162.5	156.8	5.5	5.6	5.5	5.2
Montana .....	465.9	480.2	480.7	478.1	21.5	22.7	23.5	20.2	4.6	4.7	4.9	4.2
Nebraska .....	962.6	985.8	988.9	992.3	33.6	37.7	39.9	37.4	3.5	3.8	4.0	3.8
Nevada .....	1,121.0	1,111.5	1,107.7	1,107.2	54.4	58.3	58.2	54.8	4.9	5.2	5.3	5.0
New Hampshire .....	709.3	718.2	720.4	720.4	35.1	31.8	32.2	30.8	5.0	4.4	4.5	4.3
New Jersey .....	4,382.3	4,434.3	4,434.8	4,435.7	263.1	260.4	258.4	251.6	6.0	5.9	5.8	5.7
New Mexico .....	883.4	898.8	900.4	898.0	48.3	54.4	54.7	54.4	5.5	6.1	6.1	6.1
New York .....	9,428.4	9,376.7	9,395.6	9,385.4	582.5	579.9	604.8	582.0	6.2	6.2	6.4	6.2
New York City .....	3,780.1	3,678.6	3,717.0	3,691.3	308.9	299.0	328.6	302.3	8.2	8.1	8.8	8.2
North Carolina .....	4,158.9	4,159.9	4,185.1	4,181.1	274.0	271.4	266.6	253.1	6.6	6.5	6.4	6.1
North Dakota .....	346.8	352.8	354.0	355.4	14.8	13.2	13.0	12.8	4.3	3.7	3.7	3.6
Ohio .....	5,809.9	5,866.7	5,865.0	5,852.3	328.0	340.5	339.3	325.6	5.6	5.8	5.8	5.6
Oklahoma .....	1,695.7	1,710.7	1,714.3	1,707.3	76.6	92.9	87.8	90.6	4.5	5.4	5.1	5.3
Oregon .....	1,837.1	1,834.5	1,809.8	1,824.8	132.2	146.4	144.6	139.2	7.2	8.0	8.0	7.6
Pennsylvania .....	6,305.1	6,188.0	6,163.3	6,182.4	361.7	320.9	324.5	336.0	5.7	5.2	5.3	5.4
Rhode Island .....	560.8	570.1	568.4	567.4	30.2	30.3	25.8	24.8	5.4	5.3	4.5	4.4
South Carolina .....	1,978.8	2,021.4	2,029.1	2,041.1	118.8	125.2	129.3	144.6	6.0	6.2	6.4	7.1
South Dakota .....	424.2	423.4	423.8	424.1	12.2	14.3	14.6	13.3	2.9	3.4	3.5	3.1
Tennessee .....	2,935.6	2,897.8	2,905.2	2,910.6	145.6	146.4	156.0	161.4	5.0	5.1	5.4	5.5
Texas .....	10,809.2	11,050.1	11,052.3	11,041.3	701.3	733.9	727.5	712.4	6.5	6.6	6.6	6.5
Utah .....	1,182.2	1,218.1	1,223.6	1,221.0	72.2	61.8	61.9	57.7	6.1	5.1	5.1	4.7
Vermont .....	350.7	353.2	353.1	353.9	12.8	13.9	15.3	14.2	3.7	3.9	4.3	4.0
Virginia .....	3,739.9	3,787.7	3,799.9	3,792.2	144.6	140.4	142.2	133.3	3.9	3.7	3.7	3.5
Washington .....	3,129.0	3,113.6	3,111.7	3,120.5	221.8	235.6	237.0	217.4	7.1	7.6	7.6	7.0
West Virginia .....	796.7	806.3	801.0	802.6	49.7	53.2	46.7	47.4	6.2	6.6	5.8	5.9
Wisconsin .....	3,027.2	3,103.3	3,106.5	3,111.6	166.2	182.5	177.5	167.1	5.5	5.9	5.7	5.4
Wyoming .....	269.5	275.8	276.6	276.8	11.4	11.3	11.2	10.9	4.2	4.1	4.0	3.9
Puerto Rico .....	1,361.7	1,383.2	1,369.8	1,396.2	160.0	155.2	161.1	159.3	11.8	11.2	11.8	11.4

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			
	September		October		September		October		September		October	
	2002	2003	2002	2003P	2002	2003	2002	2003P	2002	2003	2002	2003P
Alabama .....	2,098.2	2,144.6	2,107.4	2,168.2	125.8	118.9	130.1	127.3	6.0	5.5	6.2	5.9
Alaska .....	325.3	347.8	324.6	345.0	22.9	23.7	24.2	23.4	7.1	6.8	7.5	6.8
Arizona .....	2,691.3	2,676.8	2,687.5	2,667.8	173.9	157.2	167.4	137.4	6.5	5.9	6.2	5.2
Arkansas .....	1,294.2	1,308.4	1,290.2	1,303.4	61.7	68.7	56.7	65.0	4.8	5.2	4.4	5.0
California .....	17,450.5	17,605.9	17,538.9	17,752.4	1,131.7	1,094.2	1,151.4	1,128.3	6.5	6.2	6.6	6.4
Los Angeles-Long Beach .....	4,735.7	4,780.4	4,738.2	4,792.7	318.2	331.7	307.1	327.0	6.7	6.9	6.5	6.8
Colorado .....	2,474.3	2,509.5	2,465.5	2,495.2	137.6	135.3	136.9	130.6	5.6	5.4	5.6	5.2
Connecticut .....	1,764.0	1,763.7	1,779.6	1,780.5	70.4	80.4	74.2	80.1	4.0	4.6	4.2	4.5
Delaware .....	417.0	416.7	418.1	420.8	17.7	18.4	16.6	15.5	4.2	4.4	4.0	3.7
District of Columbia .....	300.7	309.2	300.8	313.6	18.5	18.6	18.9	20.8	6.2	6.0	6.3	6.6
Florida .....	8,120.1	8,135.3	8,116.0	8,089.9	452.1	449.6	443.5	398.2	5.6	5.5	5.5	4.9
Georgia .....	4,305.0	4,396.5	4,326.0	4,406.2	231.3	203.9	231.0	192.4	5.4	4.6	5.3	4.4
Hawaii .....	575.8	602.0	578.4	604.8	23.8	26.0	22.2	25.6	4.1	4.3	3.8	4.2
Idaho .....	686.2	689.1	681.9	687.8	33.1	31.2	33.1	30.7	4.8	4.5	4.9	4.5
Illinois .....	6,336.8	6,427.5	6,361.9	6,466.9	392.5	426.2	390.3	392.1	6.2	6.6	6.1	6.1
Indiana .....	3,182.6	3,205.6	3,196.2	3,212.9	147.4	153.0	148.6	152.3	4.6	4.8	4.6	4.7
Iowa .....	1,675.8	1,621.5	1,673.8	1,642.6	61.7	66.4	58.6	62.0	3.7	4.1	3.5	3.8
Kansas .....	1,409.5	1,466.2	1,426.7	1,478.5	68.8	66.3	73.8	69.1	4.9	4.5	5.2	4.7
Kentucky .....	1,951.6	1,986.2	1,954.8	1,983.6	97.5	106.6	100.8	104.8	5.0	5.4	5.2	5.3
Louisiana .....	1,993.5	2,038.3	1,996.2	2,042.3	118.9	122.6	118.6	110.1	6.0	6.0	5.9	5.4
Maine .....	688.0	701.9	691.1	699.0	26.4	30.8	28.1	32.8	3.8	4.4	4.1	4.7
Maryland .....	2,908.1	2,924.0	2,914.3	2,929.4	120.4	120.4	120.7	116.6	4.1	4.1	4.1	4.0
Massachusetts .....	3,485.8	3,440.3	3,501.3	3,451.2	193.1	198.7	181.2	182.4	5.5	5.8	5.2	5.3
Michigan .....	4,953.3	5,091.8	4,980.4	5,144.4	274.0	350.1	268.4	354.2	5.5	6.9	5.4	6.9
Minnesota .....	2,920.1	2,930.7	2,931.8	2,946.2	120.5	129.0	110.1	120.0	4.1	4.4	3.8	4.1
Mississippi .....	1,281.2	1,302.6	1,298.8	1,321.4	81.6	66.0	91.7	76.9	6.4	5.1	7.1	5.8
Missouri .....	2,965.1	2,965.1	2,971.3	2,988.9	155.3	156.0	150.0	145.3	5.2	5.3	5.0	4.9
Montana .....	461.4	478.3	463.6	475.8	16.5	19.3	19.3	18.2	3.6	4.0	4.2	3.8
Nebraska .....	949.2	977.5	961.1	989.9	30.0	35.4	30.8	34.3	3.2	3.6	3.2	3.5
Nevada .....	1,126.1	1,113.4	1,125.3	1,112.3	55.1	56.3	52.8	52.7	4.9	5.1	4.7	4.7
New Hampshire .....	701.0	712.7	706.0	716.6	31.7	30.0	32.0	28.2	4.5	4.2	4.5	3.9
New Jersey .....	4,341.9	4,404.5	4,377.3	4,430.8	254.7	252.9	255.3	244.9	5.9	5.7	5.8	5.5
New Mexico .....	877.1	896.9	885.1	899.4	47.0	53.0	46.1	51.9	5.4	5.9	5.2	5.8
New York .....	9,328.5	9,328.9	9,408.4	9,373.6	547.7	586.0	564.7	566.6	5.9	6.3	6.0	6.0
New York City .....	3,726.6	3,682.8	3,774.6	3,690.3	283.8	317.9	312.4	306.0	7.6	8.6	8.3	8.3
North Carolina .....	4,154.3	4,179.4	4,168.8	4,190.1	255.6	249.2	264.5	246.5	6.2	6.0	6.3	5.9
North Dakota .....	347.2	354.8	344.0	353.0	10.7	9.4	9.7	8.5	3.1	2.7	2.8	2.4
Ohio .....	5,800.7	5,851.4	5,828.8	5,865.5	315.9	325.7	305.2	300.0	5.4	5.6	5.2	5.1
Oklahoma .....	1,690.5	1,712.6	1,707.0	1,719.5	73.1	84.5	76.3	90.0	4.3	4.9	4.5	5.2
Oregon .....	1,843.0	1,819.9	1,835.5	1,823.3	120.0	132.7	120.1	126.2	6.5	7.3	6.5	6.9
Pennsylvania .....	6,282.5	6,149.0	6,292.6	6,175.4	333.4	297.6	332.4	306.8	5.3	4.8	5.3	5.0
Rhode Island .....	560.3	569.0	561.6	568.4	28.8	25.4	28.8	23.7	5.1	4.5	5.1	4.2
South Carolina .....	1,977.5	2,030.1	1,973.4	2,034.3	114.7	127.5	115.2	141.4	5.8	6.3	5.8	6.9
South Dakota .....	421.5	422.9	425.1	425.5	9.4	11.7	10.7	11.8	2.2	2.8	2.5	2.8
Tennessee .....	2,945.6	2,920.9	2,954.8	2,934.5	134.3	146.0	137.8	154.1	4.6	5.0	4.7	5.3
Texas .....	10,794.1	11,067.0	10,822.2	11,052.3	696.0	731.9	660.1	671.8	6.4	6.6	6.1	6.1
Utah .....	1,182.1	1,224.2	1,188.6	1,227.1	69.3	59.0	68.1	54.6	5.9	4.8	5.7	4.4
Vermont .....	350.9	354.0	349.9	353.1	11.2	13.1	10.7	11.7	3.2	3.7	3.1	3.3
Virginia .....	3,729.1	3,787.9	3,727.7	3,776.0	150.4	144.8	140.0	128.1	4.0	3.8	3.8	3.4
Washington .....	3,097.0	3,089.7	3,149.1	3,142.4	206.8	219.0	210.7	207.2	6.7	7.1	6.7	6.6
West Virginia .....	798.5	800.2	793.3	797.8	44.6	41.6	44.1	42.0	5.6	5.2	5.6	5.3
Wisconsin .....	3,008.2	3,088.8	3,016.3	3,094.2	138.4	151.0	138.8	140.8	4.6	4.9	4.6	4.6
Wyoming .....	269.9	276.4	270.3	277.2	9.6	9.5	9.8	9.4	3.6	3.4	3.6	3.4
Puerto Rico .....	1,357.3	1,361.0	1,349.7	1,381.7	170.5	166.2	162.2	161.4	12.6	12.2	12.0	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			
	Oct. 2002	Aug. 2003	Sept. 2003	Oct. 2003P	Oct. 2002	Aug. 2003	Sept. 2003	Oct. 2003P	Oct. 2002	Aug. 2003	Sept. 2003	Oct. 2003P
Alabama	1,891.0	1,873.3	1,875.7	1,874.4	101.2	101.8	103.7	103.1	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)
Alaska	297.8	299.2	300.8	301.6	16.0	16.1	16.5	16.2	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)
Arizona	2,271.4	2,294.3	2,295.5	2,300.1	173.0	176.8	178.9	178.9	180.6	174.4	174.1	173.4
Arkansas	1,148.7	1,149.7	1,148.1	1,145.5	54.7	54.3	54.3	54.0	213.5	207.0	206.6	206.2
California	14,492.5	14,435.7	14,424.8	14,459.6	771.7	784.7	786.0	793.6	1,619.3	1,572.9	1,575.9	1,575.2
Colorado	2,181.0	2,165.2	2,160.4	2,161.6	158.8	150.2	148.4	150.0	163.0	152.4	151.1	151.0
Connecticut	1,662.9	1,644.3	1,642.2	1,643.7	62.7	58.6	59.3	60.2	210.6	201.7	200.8	200.6
Delaware <sup>3</sup>	415.9	408.3	412.2	412.3	23.5	24.0	24.1	24.5	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)
District of Columbia <sup>3</sup>	665.5	657.8	665.5	669.3	12.9	12.1	12.0	12.9	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)
Florida <sup>3</sup>	7,236.6	7,307.5	7,329.7	7,330.7	440.9	454.1	455.9	453.1	404.8	390.1	390.5	391.9
Georgia	3,909.3	3,963.5	3,976.5	3,981.4	199.6	211.2	216.2	217.9	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)
Hawaii <sup>3</sup>	562.3	569.7	569.4	572.1	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)
Idaho	569.2	575.2	579.2	579.3	36.0	37.5	37.6	37.4	64.7	61.8	62.3	61.4
Illinois	5,914.1	5,847.7	5,848.2	5,855.8	276.3	271.4	271.6	271.7	747.7	728.1	726.7	725.3
Indiana	2,898.7	2,865.7	2,859.8	2,866.9	136.6	140.0	141.9	145.7	590.1	574.3	572.4	571.9
Iowa	1,447.3	1,441.2	1,446.4	1,447.2	64.2	63.0	63.3	63.8	225.5	220.6	221.5	222.1
Kansas	1,338.6	1,329.6	1,339.0	1,341.3	62.9	64.0	64.8	64.3	181.8	176.1	175.9	176.6
Kentucky	1,786.4	1,768.2	1,767.3	1,772.9	82.9	80.4	81.1	81.3	274.0	269.3	268.6	268.8
Louisiana	1,895.8	1,895.8	1,894.9	1,895.1	115.3	122.0	125.1	126.0	159.3	155.0	155.5	156.2
Maine	605.9	604.3	604.8	605.2	29.2	28.8	29.0	28.8	67.3	62.6	63.0	63.4
Maryland <sup>3</sup>	2,466.5	2,507.1	2,484.5	2,474.8	165.9	168.0	166.4	165.6	155.2	152.9	152.2	152.1
Massachusetts	3,238.4	3,215.5	3,201.3	3,190.6	139.9	131.5	131.4	132.2	342.8	330.4	330.7	330.8
Michigan	4,481.9	4,399.3	4,409.7	4,412.6	197.6	200.3	199.6	197.2	754.3	730.6	720.9	724.7
Minnesota	2,655.7	2,641.9	2,640.6	2,649.1	122.6	127.3	126.9	127.1	352.8	344.5	345.3	345.9
Mississippi	1,128.4	1,125.0	1,126.2	1,127.3	54.9	55.4	54.7	55.4	185.0	176.2	176.5	176.7
Missouri	2,671.1	2,643.6	2,662.6	2,659.3	129.7	136.8	134.4	135.4	320.6	315.3	315.3	312.1
Montana	396.3	398.2	396.7	397.3	21.8	22.2	22.4	22.6	18.8	18.3	18.2	17.6
Nebraska	909.8	903.2	905.6	915.1	44.0	44.9	45.0	44.9	106.1	103.9	104.2	104.0
Nevada	1,057.1	1,081.8	1,084.9	1,092.2	92.9	97.8	99.1	100.4	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)
New Hampshire	620.7	618.4	621.6	622.0	28.1	26.9	26.5	26.7	84.4	82.4	82.0	81.7
New Jersey	4,000.8	4,010.7	4,019.8	4,022.1	159.0	168.1	165.0	163.5	363.4	354.4	354.4	354.7
New Mexico	766.4	779.2	778.5	778.3	44.8	47.4	47.4	47.4	37.5	36.1	35.9	36.5
New York	8,427.2	8,390.0	8,391.7	8,401.3	317.0	327.4	327.2	328.5	642.1	612.7	609.0	611.7
North Carolina	3,833.3	3,830.9	3,825.1	3,833.6	218.7	216.8	217.9	217.4	629.7	603.2	601.8	598.5
North Dakota	330.7	329.9	332.2	331.9	15.1	14.8	15.5	15.6	23.1	24.1	22.9	22.7
Ohio	5,441.0	5,407.2	5,388.9	5,375.2	236.7	234.2	234.8	234.5	878.4	852.5	847.1	840.8
Oklahoma	1,479.6	1,470.6	1,469.4	1,472.5	63.6	65.8	66.0	65.7	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)
Oregon	1,574.0	1,558.5	1,560.1	1,558.2	79.9	76.2	76.5	75.9	201.3	193.6	195.5	198.3
Pennsylvania	5,647.3	5,635.5	5,634.1	5,630.2	248.4	248.6	248.9	248.9	752.4	724.6	722.2	718.5
Rhode Island	478.3	481.8	481.1	481.0	19.1	20.5	20.2	20.4	61.0	59.7	59.4	59.0
South Carolina	1,818.8	1,777.6	1,779.4	1,781.3	110.8	109.0	108.8	109.5	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)
South Dakota	381.1	385.2	382.9	383.1	19.7	19.0	19.5	20.2	37.3	38.5	36.9	35.3
Tennessee	2,666.7	2,678.3	2,675.3	2,671.8	114.2	109.7	110.4	109.7	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)
Texas	9,431.7	9,451.5	9,463.4	9,464.3	566.8	581.0	583.9	582.2	936.8	908.1	907.4	903.6
Utah	1,070.3	1,069.9	1,069.7	1,070.8	67.7	67.0	66.0	66.3	113.0	111.0	111.4	111.4
Vermont	299.5	304.0	302.6	302.1	14.4	14.8	14.9	14.7	39.4	38.5	37.7	38.5
Virginia	3,504.2	3,503.5	3,507.0	3,518.3	212.9	212.1	213.2	215.4	319.9	307.3	306.0	304.7
Washington	2,667.5	2,657.9	2,660.3	2,670.4	155.7	159.0	159.1	159.8	279.3	263.5	263.5	261.8
West Virginia	731.5	731.9	731.1	727.6	32.8	33.0	32.8	32.4	67.9	65.8	65.2	64.8
Wisconsin	2,781.6	2,794.6	2,776.9	2,785.9	122.5	115.0	115.1	115.4	526.3	513.8	510.9	508.5
Wyoming	246.3	249.0	249.9	249.1	20.1	19.8	19.8	19.3	(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			
	Oct. 2002	Aug. 2003	Sept. 2003	Oct. 2003P	Oct. 2002	Aug. 2003	Sept. 2003	Oct. 2003P	Oct. 2002	Aug. 2003	Sept. 2003	Oct. 2003P
Alabama	373.7	376.5	375.6	371.1	97.8	97.1	98.4	98.3	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)
Alaska	61.1	61.0	61.5	61.3	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	23.7	24.6	24.5	24.4
Arizona	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	152.7	153.9	153.3	153.3	319.5	319.6	322.2	323.9
Arkansas	242.2	243.2	241.9	243.2	50.1	50.4	50.7	50.6	100.0	100.4	99.9	98.9
California	2,743.7	2,725.5	2,730.6	2,761.4	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	2,133.8	2,108.7	2,108.5	2,117.5
Colorado	411.4	406.9	408.7	407.7	150.1	152.8	154.8	156.1	286.9	290.5	289.7	289.2
Connecticut	306.6	309.5	311.3	306.0	143.1	142.4	142.9	143.1	201.6	198.5	197.6	198.8
Delaware <sup>3</sup>	77.3	76.0	76.6	76.6	38.3	38.1	38.3	38.5	66.5	68.9	67.8	68.0
District of Columbia <sup>3</sup>	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	140.5	141.1	142.2	142.2
Florida <sup>3</sup>	1,470.0	1,466.4	1,467.7	1,465.8	474.6	483.4	487.1	484.4	1,229.3	1,258.4	1,264.5	1,263.8
Georgia	833.2	835.5	835.0	833.0	212.3	212.6	211.7	212.0	512.2	554.6	556.1	558.1
Hawaii <sup>3</sup>	108.2	109.3	109.5	109.4	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)
Idaho	116.0	117.4	118.4	118.2	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	69.8	74.0	74.7	75.2
Illinois	1,196.5	1,192.2	1,191.6	1,191.3	402.1	397.1	400.1	401.7	793.6	792.5	791.0	790.9
Indiana	579.3	572.8	573.3	574.3	139.0	139.2	138.5	138.0	251.1	239.7	239.0	239.0
Iowa	302.2	302.0	300.9	298.7	94.4	93.4	94.1	94.7	106.0	110.6	110.7	110.1
Kansas	267.0	269.7	270.1	270.6	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)
Kentucky	371.9	365.9	365.5	368.3	83.8	84.1	83.7	83.4	154.6	154.3	154.8	154.8
Louisiana	381.0	382.1	381.7	383.2	99.0	99.3	100.2	98.5	182.8	173.9	175.2	173.4
Maine	125.5	124.8	125.5	126.1	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	51.2	51.2	51.2	51.3
Maryland <sup>3</sup>	459.2	460.5	457.4	457.8	150.4	150.4	150.9	151.2	360.6	364.0	363.0	361.4
Massachusetts	577.3	569.6	574.1	573.8	230.4	231.7	230.6	230.6	449.5	440.6	439.8	434.6
Michigan	837.0	831.3	834.7	836.6	216.5	221.0	219.1	217.4	602.3	578.8	585.8	579.1
Minnesota	528.1	521.6	524.6	523.3	170.2	166.2	166.9	168.2	300.5	294.3	297.4	298.1
Mississippi	223.9	226.9	226.4	226.6	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)
Missouri	542.5	528.0	529.5	531.2	157.2	156.4	157.4	157.1	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)
Montana	85.0	84.7	85.1	85.2	19.7	19.9	20.0	20.1	32.8	32.6	31.6	31.7
Nebraska	196.8	196.0	196.3	197.5	62.1	64.0	64.0	63.8	91.5	90.6	91.0	92.9
Nevada	192.2	193.6	195.1	197.7	55.5	57.4	57.2	57.7	114.5	118.4	119.1	119.9
New Hampshire	140.4	138.3	140.0	139.9	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)
New Jersey	888.9	876.4	884.1	883.0	277.2	277.8	278.4	280.2	587.2	589.4	589.9	589.3
New Mexico	135.4	137.0	136.8	136.5	33.8	34.3	34.3	34.3	89.6	89.5	89.1	88.7
New York	1,477.9	1,470.1	1,471.6	1,471.8	698.7	696.1	695.2	698.2	1,047.9	1,035.6	1,039.6	1,037.9
North Carolina	707.8	720.3	717.8	719.4	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	417.8	428.7	430.8	430.5
North Dakota	71.7	71.5	71.6	71.7	17.9	18.2	18.1	18.2	24.1	24.0	24.1	23.9
Ohio	1,058.1	1,046.4	1,047.4	1,044.7	305.9	307.6	309.5	309.2	618.8	607.6	606.6	606.7
Oklahoma	284.7	282.3	282.1	284.2	83.5	84.4	85.1	86.4	159.2	158.3	160.5	161.0
Oregon	315.0	311.5	311.2	309.2	91.8	92.2	92.4	93.0	173.1	174.0	173.1	175.0
Pennsylvania	1,115.4	1,088.2	1,090.7	1,095.0	337.1	337.6	338.9	339.4	607.8	606.0	607.1	607.5
Rhode Island	80.5	83.4	84.3	83.2	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	48.3	49.0	48.3	48.1
South Carolina	347.1	343.4	342.5	344.0	90.2	90.5	88.9	88.0	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)
South Dakota	78.5	78.3	77.7	79.0	27.3	27.7	27.6	28.0	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)
Tennessee	573.2	576.2	573.6	572.3	137.0	139.3	137.7	137.7	309.5	316.4	313.9	313.7
Texas	1,961.7	1,937.9	1,940.9	1,944.1	582.2	587.6	588.2	587.4	1,055.3	1,053.1	1,054.0	1,053.6
Utah	214.7	213.9	213.9	213.8	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	133.8	129.8	131.0	132.2
Vermont	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	21.1	20.9	20.8	20.7
Virginia	637.0	637.4	638.1	641.9	182.8	183.8	183.4	183.9	545.2	549.5	551.7	554.6
Washington	511.9	506.5	507.7	509.6	146.7	148.1	148.6	149.3	291.7	293.5	294.6	295.5
West Virginia	136.7	134.5	134.8	135.2	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	57.6	59.0	59.0	58.7
Wisconsin	532.4	546.2	542.7	542.6	153.9	158.5	158.8	158.7	241.7	243.7	244.8	244.0
Wyoming	47.9	48.5	48.8	48.4	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	15.4	15.6	15.4	15.3

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			
	Oct. 2002	Aug. 2003	Sept. 2003	Oct. 2003P	Oct. 2002	Aug. 2003	Sept. 2003	Oct. 2003P	Oct. 2002	Aug. 2003	Sept. 2003	Oct. 2003P
Alabama	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	154.4	149.5	151.6	153.6	354.9	357.1	354.8	354.0
Alaska	30.7	32.5	32.6	32.8	29.2	29.6	29.8	82.2	82.2	82.2	82.8	82.4
Arizona	238.5	250.3	249.9	252.3	229.7	230.9	231.0	232.6	388.2	397.0	390.3	391.1
Arkansas	136.6	140.4	139.8	139.5	87.6	90.9	90.0	89.0	196.3	195.5	197.9	197.4
California	1,511.6	1,530.2	1,530.7	1,529.9	1,389.5	1,417.1	1,409.9	1,413.0	2,454.4	2,433.7	2,427.5	2,415.3
Colorado	210.8	213.7	214.2	215.4	245.5	253.0	250.7	248.5	365.0	359.2	358.6	360.8
Connecticut	263.8	257.1	262.8	266.7	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	245.6	245.8	242.8	240.6
Delaware <sup>3</sup>	49.7	49.9	50.3	50.0	38.4	38.3	37.8	37.7	56.7	53.6	56.4	55.4
District of Columbia <sup>3</sup>	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	48.6	49.2	49.2	49.5	230.7	224.7	230.1	230.8
Florida <sup>3</sup>	870.4	879.1	881.4	881.3	805.4	826.1	822.9	824.9	1,056.9	1,067.6	1,077.7	1,082.2
Georgia	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	339.4	344.3	345.9	345.5	630.7	639.5	637.8	637.0
Hawaii <sup>3</sup>	63.9	65.9	65.6	65.6	97.3	100.4	100.6	100.4	119.5	118.8	118.5	120.5
Idaho	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	53.6	54.9	54.5	54.2	111.5	110.5	111.9	113.4
Illinois	716.9	717.7	717.8	719.3	504.6	493.0	494.9	496.6	862.0	854.8	850.9	853.1
Indiana	351.1	349.7	349.1	349.2	273.8	269.7	267.0	269.3	419.3	421.3	420.3	421.1
Iowa	189.6	195.1	194.4	194.0	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	243.8	243.4	244.0	243.8
Kansas	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	108.3	107.4	107.1	107.4	252.5	246.4	253.8	254.0
Kentucky	224.0	224.8	226.6	227.7	152.9	153.0	151.9	153.4	313.1	311.1	309.9	309.1
Louisiana	239.2	239.1	237.2	239.2	193.7	197.1	195.8	194.2	375.6	379.2	376.7	376.4
Maine	104.6	107.2	107.4	107.4	56.3	57.3	56.3	56.2	103.1	103.2	103.0	103.0
Maryland <sup>3</sup>	333.1	339.8	339.9	338.9	214.9	227.5	222.3	217.3	463.3	473.8	463.6	463.4
Massachusetts	569.0	575.1	574.0	574.6	284.6	299.1	289.3	284.3	429.9	420.3	421.7	420.2
Michigan	533.6	535.6	539.5	546.4	389.7	387.6	385.1	379.4	691.4	657.0	672.4	677.6
Minnesota	357.7	364.4	364.0	364.6	228.8	232.0	233.0	233.3	406.0	401.8	395.1	397.9
Mississippi	112.0	110.1	112.1	112.8	123.8	121.6	121.6	120.7	242.3	244.5	246.7	246.1
Missouri	352.3	356.1	356.5	356.7	256.4	269.6	264.0	256.7	416.9	392.7	423.6	425.9
Montana	52.3	53.3	53.3	53.0	51.5	51.0	51.0	52.2	84.1	86.8	85.3	84.9
Nebraska	111.8	111.5	112.6	116.6	77.7	75.9	73.9	75.0	160.7	156.7	158.7	160.7
Nevada	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	297.5	304.6	304.3	304.8	133.1	135.6	135.3	136.1
New Hampshire	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	60.6	64.2	63.4	62.8	87.9	89.7	92.6	91.8
New Jersey	533.1	545.4	547.0	545.8	310.8	314.7	313.2	317.9	617.4	623.0	625.5	626.7
New Mexico	95.3	100.0	98.9	99.4	79.1	83.0	82.5	81.7	192.0	192.4	193.7	194.3
New York	1,476.0	1,479.4	1,487.1	1,492.7	641.6	646.5	648.9	650.9	1,484.3	1,483.2	1,481.9	1,477.5
North Carolina	412.4	431.3	430.3	427.4	321.4	326.7	326.6	323.7	657.7	643.2	643.5	653.8
North Dakota	46.6	47.6	47.4	47.1	30.3	31.2	30.8	31.1	75.7	71.8	75.1	75.3
Ohio	714.1	718.5	727.2	727.2	490.0	507.5	495.1	491.1	796.0	800.1	789.0	789.3
Oklahoma	173.9	170.6	169.5	170.4	127.5	132.4	127.8	128.3	298.8	289.6	291.9	289.1
Oregon	184.6	190.0	188.8	188.4	150.3	148.7	149.5	150.1	273.4	269.3	270.0	266.5
Pennsylvania	964.8	993.6	987.6	985.9	465.4	472.7	473.7	469.2	746.5	749.0	750.3	751.7
Rhode Island	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	48.8	48.6	48.4	48.4	65.9	66.0	65.4	65.5
South Carolina	177.8	175.7	178.7	178.7	186.8	176.5	180.6	184.4	335.0	329.5	328.0	329.5
South Dakota	54.8	55.6	56.3	56.3	40.1	42.7	41.5	41.0	75.1	75.2	75.7	75.6
Tennessee	303.6	308.3	311.9	312.7	238.2	244.5	242.4	241.6	409.6	412.2	414.4	412.7
Texas	1,096.7	1,132.6	1,131.4	1,133.8	847.8	859.9	859.9	855.9	1,638.5	1,648.7	1,664.4	1,667.6
Utah	117.4	114.1	118.5	120.1	97.3	99.6	98.5	97.4	195.6	198.6	197.8	197.4
Vermont	50.5	53.6	52.7	51.3	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	51.1	51.4	51.2	51.4
Virginia	367.2	362.1	369.0	370.1	309.8	320.8	313.4	316.2	638.7	640.9	641.5	638.6
Washington	307.3	315.7	315.1	315.8	248.9	248.5	248.6	248.0	526.1	518.4	521.2	529.6
West Virginia	106.5	107.9	107.8	106.8	65.2	67.4	67.2	66.6	142.1	141.7	141.8	141.0
Wisconsin	358.6	368.4	368.5	370.7	238.0	246.1	242.1	241.8	418.3	408.0	401.2	410.4
Wyoming	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	29.7	30.6	30.9	30.5	62.6	63.6	63.5	64.1

<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.  
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.

**ESTABLISHMENT DATA  
NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED**

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**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			
	Sept.		Oct.		Sept.		Oct.		Sept.		Oct.		Sept.		Oct.	
	2002	2003	2002	2003 <sup>P</sup>	2002	2003	2002	2003 <sup>P</sup>	2002	2003	2002	2003 <sup>P</sup>	2002	2003	2002	2003 <sup>P</sup>
Alabama .....	1,896.7	1,877.6	1,897.9	1,881.9	13.3	13.1	13.1	13.2	102.6	104.7	101.9	103.8	306.7	294.1	305.7	294.6
Alaska .....	310.7	314.3	298.7	302.5	10.9	10.0	10.8	9.9	19.0	19.6	17.7	18.0	13.5	13.5	9.6	10.0
Arizona .....	2,267.3	2,293.2	2,287.1	2,316.2	8.9	8.5	9.0	8.5	174.5	180.7	175.5	181.4	182.2	174.7	181.3	174.0
Arkansas .....	1,159.0	1,154.8	1,158.2	1,155.0	7.0	6.9	6.9	6.9	56.2	55.5	55.5	54.8	214.3	206.8	213.6	206.3
California .....	14,491.3	14,439.5	14,543.7	14,512.1	23.8	23.6	23.7	23.6	795.1	813.9	791.9	813.6	1,641.8	1,593.2	1,621.1	1,576.8
Colorado .....	2,190.8	2,164.2	2,182.6	2,163.2	13.3	14.4	13.2	14.3	164.3	153.0	161.7	153.0	165.2	151.3	163.9	151.8
Connecticut .....	1,668.9	1,647.1	1,674.1	1,655.2	.8	.7	.7	.7	65.1	62.1	64.3	61.7	212.3	201.4	210.8	200.8
Delaware .....	416.1	413.4	416.7	413.1	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	24.4	24.7	24.1	24.9	36.4	34.6	36.2	35.3
District of Columbia .....	665.5	667.5	667.8	671.3	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	13.1	12.5	13.2	13.2	3.0	2.8	2.9	2.8
Florida .....	7,206.7	7,304.6	7,233.4	7,329.3	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	441.4	456.5	442.8	455.1	405.4	389.7	403.8	391.1
Georgia .....	3,912.5	3,980.5	3,914.7	3,985.4	12.1	12.0	11.8	11.7	198.6	216.5	199.1	217.2	475.0	452.5	473.7	449.6
Hawaii .....	555.4	563.7	560.6	570.4	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	26.3	27.6	26.6	27.6	14.9	14.8	14.9	14.8
Idaho .....	579.0	586.5	576.3	586.4	4.3	3.6	4.3	3.5	39.4	40.7	38.6	40.0	65.5	63.1	65.7	62.4
Illinois .....	5,927.0	5,871.6	5,950.7	5,890.9	9.7	9.6	9.7	9.6	293.1	289.8	290.6	285.7	750.8	728.9	749.4	726.8
Indiana .....	2,920.3	2,885.1	2,929.4	2,898.1	7.3	7.3	7.1	7.3	146.8	148.4	141.8	151.0	593.0	574.7	591.6	573.6
Iowa .....	1,453.1	1,452.2	1,460.6	1,460.2	2.1	2.2	2.1	2.2	68.3	68.1	68.1	67.6	226.9	222.0	225.8	222.4
Kansas .....	1,338.7	1,339.6	1,347.5	1,350.3	6.5	6.8	6.4	6.8	65.0	66.2	64.2	65.6	181.8	176.2	181.8	176.6
Kentucky .....	1,794.4	1,778.7	1,796.8	1,783.6	19.9	19.5	20.0	19.5	86.2	84.2	85.6	83.9	273.8	268.6	273.8	268.5
Louisiana .....	1,905.1	1,899.2	1,907.5	1,907.0	48.9	47.9	50.2	48.2	118.7	125.7	116.7	127.4	161.2	156.5	160.7	157.6
Maine .....	617.3	615.7	614.0	613.1	2.7	2.7	2.7	2.7	31.3	30.9	30.8	30.4	67.6	63.2	67.3	63.4
Maryland .....	2,480.0	2,491.2	2,493.1	2,501.8	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	170.0	170.7	169.7	169.6	155.9	153.0	155.5	152.4
Massachusetts .....	3,259.7	3,209.2	3,266.6	3,219.4	1.7	1.6	1.7	1.7	146.4	137.7	145.3	137.6	345.6	331.4	343.3	331.5
Michigan .....	4,509.0	4,433.8	4,534.0	4,464.5	9.3	8.2	9.3	8.1	212.7	211.9	209.6	209.2	760.9	725.9	756.2	726.1
Minnesota .....	2,659.6	2,645.8	2,676.7	2,669.6	6.7	6.2	6.7	6.2	135.1	138.6	132.3	136.7	356.1	348.2	353.7	346.8
Mississippi .....	1,129.2	1,128.3	1,133.2	1,132.0	9.2	9.4	9.2	9.4	54.8	55.6	55.5	56.0	187.1	177.2	186.5	178.1
Missouri .....	2,696.3	2,673.1	2,693.8	2,682.1	4.7	4.2	4.7	4.2	138.4	141.2	134.9	140.5	322.8	313.7	321.3	312.7
Montana .....	402.8	403.8	402.3	403.2	6.4	6.2	6.4	6.4	23.9	24.5	23.8	24.6	20.0	18.7	19.8	18.5
Nebraska .....	906.5	905.0	914.5	919.5	1.3	1.5	1.3	1.4	46.6	46.9	45.6	46.4	105.5	104.2	105.9	103.8
Nevada .....	1,062.9	1,091.0	1,063.6	1,098.7	8.8	8.6	8.7	8.6	95.3	100.9	94.3	101.8	42.8	43.3	42.9	43.8
New Hampshire .....	624.8	624.1	623.2	624.5	1.0	1.1	1.0	1.1	29.4	27.5	28.9	27.4	83.9	81.6	84.0	81.4
New Jersey .....	3,990.3	4,014.8	4,016.2	4,038.0	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	167.2	171.1	164.6	169.1	366.3	355.8	365.0	356.5
New Mexico .....	771.8	784.2	771.7	783.7	13.7	14.1	13.6	14.2	45.6	48.4	45.8	48.4	39.3	37.9	38.5	37.5
New York .....	8,422.2	8,382.4	8,492.0	8,466.6	5.4	5.4	5.5	5.4	336.3	346.9	334.2	345.7	649.3	615.7	646.9	616.0
North Carolina .....	3,846.6	3,844.6	3,870.8	3,872.1	7.9	7.1	7.9	7.0	219.2	220.2	220.0	218.7	637.4	603.6	631.6	600.4
North Dakota .....	333.7	334.8	335.5	336.8	3.4	3.3	3.4	3.3	17.0	17.3	16.5	17.1	23.9	23.5	24.1	23.7
Ohio .....	5,463.7	5,400.8	5,484.4	5,419.3	12.4	12.3	12.3	12.4	250.4	248.1	248.9	246.5	882.3	848.8	878.9	841.6
Oklahoma .....	1,483.4	1,473.5	1,488.4	1,480.9	27.9	29.8	28.4	29.8	64.6	67.1	64.5	66.6	150.0	148.5	149.7	149.3
Oregon .....	1,585.6	1,567.4	1,595.6	1,579.6	9.9	9.9	10.0	9.2	84.2	81.3	84.1	80.0	205.6	200.7	204.2	201.3
Pennsylvania .....	5,672.1	5,647.0	5,696.0	5,679.7	19.2	18.1	19.1	18.1	261.1	261.8	259.2	259.7	759.4	725.1	753.6	719.9
Rhode Island .....	483.8	484.9	485.1	487.7	.2	.3	.2	.3	20.3	21.3	19.9	21.2	62.2	60.2	62.1	60.1
South Carolina .....	1,822.7	1,784.7	1,825.0	1,788.4	5.2	5.2	5.2	5.2	112.3	110.0	111.4	110.2	291.6	273.5	289.8	273.2
South Dakota .....	381.2	382.3	383.1	385.2	1.0	.9	1.0	.9	20.2	20.8	20.6	21.1	38.4	36.8	38.6	36.6
Tennessee .....	2,687.5	2,688.8	2,681.8	2,686.7	4.6	4.4	4.5	4.3	117.5	112.8	115.4	110.8	426.3	415.5	423.7	414.7
Texas .....	9,453.6	9,482.3	9,462.3	9,492.7	145.4	142.8	145.8	143.0	571.6	586.9	568.4	583.6	944.3	909.8	939.8	906.4
Utah .....	1,078.5	1,078.3	1,078.3	1,079.4	7.2	6.9	7.1	6.8	71.1	70.0	70.2	68.9	113.7	111.7	113.6	112.0
Vermont .....	300.9	303.8	304.1	306.9	1.1	1.2	1.1	1.2	15.8	16.1	15.4	15.8	39.7	37.9	39.6	38.7
Virginia .....	3,505.5	3,516.7	3,523.0	3,537.2	10.5	10.4	10.4	10.3	217.5	217.0	215.7	218.2	319.3	306.3	320.1	304.7
Washington .....	2,674.1	2,677.8	2,689.0	2,691.9	9.6	9.6	9.6	9.6	164.4	169.0	163.2	167.3	285.4	268.6	283.2	265.7
West Virginia .....	735.3	731.3	737.0	733.1	22.8	22.8	22.9	22.6	35.7	35.0	35.4	35.0	68.5	65.4	68.0	64.9
Wisconsin .....	2,793.6	2,791.0	2,807.7	2,811.2	4.3	4.6	4.3	4.7	131.2	123.8	130.0	122.9	531.0	514.5	527.5	509.5
Wyoming .....	253.2	255.1	249.4	252.1	17.9	18.1	18.1	18.2	21.8	21.4	21.4	20.6	9.5	9.2	9.8	9.4
Puerto Rico .....	978.4	991.1	983.5	999.1	1.3	1.3	1.2	1.3	66.0	64.4	66.4	63.9	118.6	117.8	118.5	118.3

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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			
	Sept.		Oct.		Sept.		Oct.		Sept.		Oct.		Sept.		Oct.	
	2002	2003	2002	2003 <sup>P</sup>	2002	2003	2002	2003 <sup>P</sup>	2002	2003	2002	2003 <sup>P</sup>	2002	2003	2002	2003 <sup>P</sup>
Alabama .....	370.8	368.5	374.5	371.8	33.9	33.3	33.5	33.8	97.7	98.3	97.6	98.1	190.4	188.9	189.4	188.6
Alaska .....	63.6	63.5	60.7	60.9	7.3	7.2	7.2	7.2	14.0	14.4	13.8	14.3	24.8	25.3	23.9	24.6
Arizona .....	440.9	443.5	445.2	449.9	50.2	48.2	50.1	48.4	152.9	153.6	153.4	153.9	318.4	322.8	320.8	325.2
Arkansas .....	242.3	242.1	243.3	244.2	20.3	19.5	20.1	19.4	50.3	50.8	50.1	50.6	104.0	102.3	102.5	101.4
California .....	2,743.7	2,733.3	2,748.4	2,766.9	485.7	465.9	483.0	464.2	854.7	865.2	856.5	864.6	2,136.4	2,116.9	2,138.9	2,121.7
Colorado .....	412.0	408.7	412.1	408.5	90.7	84.6	91.7	84.2	146.9	153.4	147.3	153.1	292.1	292.3	287.9	290.4
Connecticut .....	310.0	308.8	310.3	309.4	40.4	39.6	40.4	39.6	143.2	142.8	142.9	142.8	202.6	199.6	203.6	200.8
Delaware .....	77.5	77.1	77.8	77.1	7.8	7.7	7.9	8.0	38.1	38.3	38.1	38.3	68.8	68.4	69.8	67.9
District of Columbia .....	27.6	27.6	27.5	27.5	25.5	25.7	25.4	25.4	30.5	30.8	30.8	30.8	139.4	142.3	141.5	143.2
Florida .....	1,463.0	1,458.9	1,468.6	1,464.3	173.6	167.8	173.2	168.5	474.0	485.6	473.5	483.4	1,224.2	1,260.7	1,230.1	1,265.1
Georgia .....	830.4	830.6	835.3	834.9	129.8	127.8	129.3	129.0	211.6	213.0	212.4	212.0	517.5	559.2	515.9	562.0
Hawaii .....	106.9	108.6	107.6	108.9	12.2	11.2	11.5	11.2	27.7	28.4	28.0	28.3	68.0	69.3	68.0	69.3
Idaho .....	116.8	119.0	116.9	119.1	9.0	9.3	9.1	9.2	26.0	27.7	25.6	27.4	71.1	75.6	70.7	76.1
Illinois .....	1,191.6	1,188.0	1,200.4	1,194.9	147.2	144.7	147.9	143.4	402.3	399.7	400.8	400.5	800.0	795.7	798.2	795.6
Indiana .....	577.9	573.5	582.7	577.8	41.7	41.4	41.8	41.6	138.5	138.2	138.9	137.9	252.6	241.7	253.6	241.4
Iowa .....	305.5	301.9	304.0	300.5	34.6	35.4	34.8	35.6	93.9	94.0	94.0	94.3	107.1	110.4	106.5	110.7
Kansas .....	266.3	269.8	268.4	272.0	49.8	49.3	50.5	49.4	69.0	70.7	69.2	70.9	128.0	126.1	127.3	125.9
Kentucky .....	369.7	365.2	372.2	368.6	31.6	31.3	31.6	32.0	84.9	84.8	84.9	84.6	157.7	156.9	157.3	157.5
Louisiana .....	384.3	382.1	382.3	384.7	29.0	29.4	29.0	29.4	99.9	100.3	99.3	98.8	180.5	175.4	183.6	174.3
Maine .....	125.8	125.9	126.4	127.0	11.5	11.6	11.7	11.5	34.9	34.9	34.8	34.8	51.6	51.4	51.2	51.3
Maryland .....	459.9	457.9	463.0	461.5	51.8	50.3	51.6	50.1	150.8	151.2	150.4	151.2	362.1	364.1	364.8	365.7
Massachusetts .....	574.7	571.8	579.4	576.1	96.5	91.2	96.7	91.0	229.2	230.1	229.9	230.1	455.8	440.7	450.7	435.9
Michigan .....	836.2	833.8	843.1	842.8	73.3	74.1	73.5	74.1	218.2	219.3	216.4	217.3	600.7	588.1	604.8	581.4
Minnesota .....	521.9	522.2	530.1	525.2	65.5	65.5	65.9	66.6	170.6	167.5	170.0	167.8	300.3	297.7	301.1	298.7
Mississippi .....	222.5	223.5	223.2	225.7	15.9	16.2	15.9	16.2	45.7	45.6	46.3	45.5	76.2	80.6	77.0	80.4
Missouri .....	543.6	529.5	545.3	533.9	68.8	66.5	69.1	67.0	159.3	157.7	157.6	157.6	304.2	297.1	303.9	297.8
Montana .....	85.5	85.7	85.3	85.5	7.8	7.6	7.7	7.5	19.5	20.0	19.7	20.1	32.7	32.1	33.4	32.3
Nebraska .....	195.8	195.5	197.8	198.5	24.5	24.9	24.4	24.9	61.5	63.6	61.9	63.5	90.9	91.3	92.4	93.8
Nevada .....	192.5	196.4	193.3	198.8	16.8	15.7	17.2	15.7	56.4	57.9	56.0	58.1	116.5	120.4	115.3	120.6
New Hampshire .....	139.6	138.8	141.0	140.5	12.7	12.0	12.7	12.0	36.8	37.2	36.7	37.1	53.3	52.9	53.6	52.8
New Jersey .....	881.4	880.6	891.6	885.6	111.2	108.1	111.9	107.6	276.2	279.0	276.4	279.4	589.4	592.3	589.7	591.7
New Mexico .....	136.0	136.9	136.3	137.3	16.5	16.5	16.8	16.0	33.9	34.4	33.8	34.3	89.9	90.0	90.0	89.1
New York .....	1,479.8	1,473.3	1,489.7	1,483.5	288.9	276.3	291.9	279.2	701.6	696.6	698.7	698.2	1,049.8	1,041.5	1,052.9	1,042.7
North Carolina .....	712.5	720.7	714.6	726.6	81.9	79.7	81.4	79.4	191.0	192.8	192.0	192.5	419.4	429.1	418.4	431.1
North Dakota .....	71.0	71.0	71.7	71.7	7.9	8.1	7.8	8.0	17.8	18.1	17.8	18.1	24.5	24.3	24.6	24.4
Ohio .....	1,057.0	1,044.3	1,065.7	1,052.0	98.8	94.9	98.5	94.5	307.4	310.1	305.9	309.3	626.6	612.7	625.4	613.4
Oklahoma .....	283.4	280.4	285.0	284.5	35.0	33.8	35.4	33.7	83.6	85.0	83.5	86.4	161.6	162.7	160.0	161.7
Oregon .....	318.2	313.1	318.8	312.9	36.2	35.6	36.8	35.1	93.8	94.1	92.6	93.8	178.3	175.9	174.9	176.8
Pennsylvania .....	1,114.9	1,088.5	1,122.6	1,102.7	127.9	128.9	128.4	129.6	336.5	337.9	335.6	338.0	608.7	608.3	610.3	609.9
Rhode Island .....	81.2	83.6	81.7	84.4	11.2	11.0	11.2	10.9	32.6	32.7	32.5	32.5	49.8	49.6	49.7	49.5
South Carolina .....	346.0	343.2	347.3	344.3	27.5	27.7	27.5	27.6	90.8	88.9	90.4	88.2	183.3	179.0	184.8	179.8
South Dakota .....	76.7	77.1	78.0	78.6	6.7	7.0	6.7	7.0	27.8	27.7	27.2	27.9	24.4	23.9	24.8	24.4
Tennessee .....	576.0	574.7	576.8	575.7	52.8	51.6	52.9	51.8	138.7	139.0	138.0	138.7	312.6	316.7	311.5	315.6
Texas .....	1,958.8	1,939.0	1,965.4	1,948.0	243.3	231.8	242.5	231.3	581.8	589.4	582.8	588.0	1,062.5	1,057.2	1,058.9	1,056.8
Utah .....	216.2	214.1	215.9	215.1	30.4	30.4	30.3	30.4	62.8	64.2	62.8	64.1	134.5	132.8	134.3	132.7
Vermont .....	58.5	59.2	59.5	59.7	6.6	6.7	6.5	6.8	13.2	13.4	13.2	13.4	21.1	21.1	21.4	21.0
Virginia .....	636.2	638.4	642.2	647.0	102.4	100.3	100.8	101.0	182.4	183.5	181.9	183.0	548.0	554.5	548.6	557.9
Washington .....	514.8	512.8	515.8	513.7	92.9	94.0	93.0	93.9	147.0	150.6	147.5	150.1	295.9	297.5	294.3	298.1
West Virginia .....	136.2	134.7	137.0	135.5	13.2	12.9	13.3	12.9	31.4	31.1	31.5	31.3	57.7	58.9	57.8	58.9
Wisconsin .....	536.3	542.2	538.0	548.0	50.5	50.4	50.2	50.1	153.6	158.6	153.6	158.4	244.3	248.0	244.9	247.2
Wyoming .....	48.9	49.5	48.1	48.6	4.0	4.2	4.0	4.3	10.2	10.0	10.1	10.2	15.8	15.7	15.5	15.4
Puerto Rico .....	170.4	169.5	172.5	170.3	21.4	21.0	21.5	20.9	44.1	44.5	44.4	44.7	97.8	96.2	98.0	96.7

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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			
	Sept.		Oct.		Sept.		Oct.		Sept.		Oct.		Sept.		Oct.	
	2002	2003	2002	2003 <sup>P</sup>	2002	2003	2002	2003 <sup>P</sup>	2002	2003	2002	2003 <sup>P</sup>	2002	2003	2002	2003 <sup>P</sup>
Alabama .....	184.6	183.1	185.0	183.7	154.1	153.3	153.0	152.1	86.7	85.5	86.0	85.0	355.9	354.8	358.2	357.2
Alaska .....	30.4	32.5	30.7	32.8	32.4	32.9	28.3	28.5	12.7	12.7	12.6	12.7	82.1	82.7	83.4	83.6
Arizona .....	236.0	249.4	238.3	252.0	225.5	227.7	228.3	231.1	85.5	88.7	85.1	88.8	392.3	395.4	400.1	403.0
Arkansas .....	137.1	140.5	137.9	140.8	89.8	91.0	87.8	89.3	41.1	40.7	40.7	40.4	196.6	198.7	199.8	200.9
California .....	1,498.8	1,526.1	1,521.5	1,540.6	1,397.9	1,424.0	1,386.9	1,410.7	506.6	500.9	505.7	502.0	2,406.8	2,376.5	2,466.1	2,427.4
Colorado .....	209.9	214.2	211.3	215.8	248.7	249.7	236.7	239.6	85.6	85.3	84.7	84.6	362.1	357.3	372.1	367.9
Connecticut .....	260.0	262.9	264.0	266.9	125.6	125.5	123.8	124.0	61.6	62.0	62.4	62.6	247.3	241.7	250.9	245.9
Delaware .....	49.4	50.1	49.9	50.2	40.1	39.2	38.3	37.6	18.0	18.5	17.8	18.3	55.6	54.8	56.8	55.5
District of Columbia .....	89.8	90.6	92.4	93.9	48.8	49.4	49.3	50.2	56.3	55.5	56.0	55.6	231.5	230.3	228.8	228.7
Florida .....	866.8	881.0	873.6	884.6	791.6	808.9	786.8	806.8	311.2	313.5	310.4	314.1	1,055.5	1,082.0	1,070.6	1,096.3
Georgia .....	376.3	385.6	380.3	387.4	339.4	345.9	335.9	342.0	188.3	201.5	186.6	198.8	633.5	635.9	634.4	640.8
Hawaii .....	63.3	65.1	64.1	65.8	97.7	100.3	97.1	100.2	23.9	24.2	23.9	24.2	114.5	114.2	118.9	120.1
Idaho .....	60.4	61.3	61.1	61.8	56.4	56.6	52.8	53.4	18.0	18.1	17.6	17.7	112.1	111.5	113.9	115.8
Illinois .....	714.6	715.9	718.9	721.2	508.9	503.7	506.0	498.1	255.2	250.3	256.6	252.1	853.6	845.3	872.2	863.0
Indiana .....	352.5	352.2	355.5	353.7	277.4	271.5	275.6	271.1	108.5	109.2	109.5	109.5	424.1	427.0	431.3	433.2
Iowa .....	187.3	193.0	194.4	198.9	128.8	124.8	125.1	121.8	56.6	57.9	57.4	57.8	242.0	242.5	248.4	248.4
Kansas .....	159.2	160.5	158.8	161.5	111.0	109.6	109.6	108.8	53.1	53.8	53.8	53.8	249.0	250.6	257.5	259.0
Kentucky .....	223.5	227.3	225.2	228.8	156.0	155.8	153.4	153.9	76.2	73.4	75.9	73.5	314.9	311.7	316.9	312.8
Louisiana .....	239.2	238.2	240.7	240.6	196.6	196.8	194.1	194.6	71.5	70.2	70.8	70.5	375.3	376.7	380.1	380.9
Maine .....	105.0	107.8	105.7	108.5	64.0	63.9	57.2	57.0	19.8	20.2	19.9	20.2	103.1	103.2	106.3	106.3
Maryland .....	331.4	338.8	335.5	341.3	222.9	222.6	213.1	215.5	114.1	118.5	113.8	118.6	461.1	464.1	475.7	475.9
Massachusetts .....	565.1	569.5	577.2	582.8	297.4	296.3	288.0	287.6	116.8	116.8	117.1	117.3	430.5	422.1	437.3	427.8
Michigan .....	532.4	536.8	537.9	550.8	402.8	393.9	393.7	383.5	176.7	169.9	172.2	169.9	685.8	671.9	712.6	699.0
Minnesota .....	354.0	361.8	361.5	368.5	238.0	239.4	227.4	231.9	117.2	115.9	116.5	118.0	394.2	382.8	411.5	403.2
Mississippi .....	112.5	112.3	112.5	113.3	124.8	122.3	123.6	120.5	37.7	38.3	38.2	37.7	242.8	247.3	245.3	249.2
Missouri .....	353.2	357.6	356.6	361.0	269.2	270.3	260.1	260.6	117.7	113.0	117.1	114.5	414.4	422.3	423.2	432.3
Montana .....	52.0	52.8	52.4	53.1	53.9	54.1	50.8	51.5	16.3	16.1	16.3	16.2	84.8	86.0	86.7	87.5
Nebraska .....	110.2	112.7	112.0	116.8	79.0	74.2	77.9	75.2	33.4	33.1	33.4	33.4	157.8	157.1	161.9	161.8
Nevada .....	72.3	76.6	72.5	76.9	300.2	305.8	297.1	304.4	30.4	30.6	30.1	30.6	130.9	134.8	136.2	139.4
New Hampshire .....	92.5	93.1	93.1	94.1	64.1	65.9	60.6	62.8	21.5	21.4	21.6	21.4	90.0	92.6	90.0	93.9
New Jersey .....	529.3	543.2	535.6	548.3	320.7	325.6	307.3	314.4	148.0	150.9	149.4	150.9	599.1	606.7	623.2	633.0
New Mexico .....	95.4	99.7	96.5	100.7	81.8	83.9	79.1	81.8	28.1	28.6	27.6	28.4	191.6	193.8	193.7	196.0
New York .....	1,463.5	1,478.2	1,491.6	1,509.1	656.4	663.8	645.3	654.8	343.9	347.3	346.7	350.1	1,447.3	1,437.4	1,488.6	1,481.9
North Carolina .....	410.4	426.9	419.7	435.1	329.3	332.2	325.4	327.9	178.7	177.2	180.4	178.0	658.9	655.1	679.4	675.4
North Dakota .....	46.6	47.2	46.8	47.3	30.9	31.0	30.3	31.1	15.0	15.3	15.1	15.1	75.7	75.7	77.4	77.0
Ohio .....	708.2	725.0	720.5	733.7	502.7	501.0	489.0	490.1	228.5	222.7	230.3	223.1	789.4	780.9	809.0	802.7
Oklahoma .....	174.5	170.0	175.2	171.7	130.4	130.3	127.6	128.4	74.1	74.3	74.8	74.5	298.3	291.6	304.3	294.3
Oregon .....	184.9	188.2	187.7	191.6	153.1	152.5	150.4	150.3	57.9	57.7	57.9	57.6	263.5	258.4	278.2	271.0
Pennsylvania .....	968.2	987.6	982.3	1,003.6	478.1	481.8	464.9	468.7	261.0	265.5	261.5	265.8	737.1	743.5	758.5	763.7
Rhode Island .....	87.5	88.3	89.3	90.7	50.9	50.4	49.0	48.6	22.7	22.8	22.6	23.0	65.2	64.7	66.9	66.5
South Carolina .....	176.9	179.1	179.1	180.0	190.9	187.5	185.6	183.3	64.9	63.9	66.2	64.4	333.3	326.7	337.7	332.2
South Dakota .....	54.0	55.7	54.9	56.4	42.1	42.0	39.7	40.6	16.1	15.8	15.7	15.3	73.8	74.6	75.9	76.4
Tennessee .....	303.4	312.4	304.0	313.1	244.7	247.2	239.1	242.6	101.9	102.3	100.8	101.2	409.0	412.2	415.1	418.2
Texas .....	1,100.1	1,136.3	1,102.9	1,140.0	857.4	864.8	841.0	848.9	354.7	358.2	355.3	357.4	1,633.7	1,666.1	1,659.5	1,689.3
Utah .....	116.6	119.1	117.9	120.7	99.1	99.5	96.4	96.5	32.7	32.8	32.1	32.6	194.2	196.8	197.7	199.6
Vermont .....	50.6	51.8	51.7	52.6	32.7	34.4	31.9	33.5	10.2	10.3	10.1	10.2	51.4	51.7	53.7	54.0
Virginia .....	366.8	370.5	371.7	374.5	314.2	320.0	307.2	313.6	178.1	179.7	178.1	180.7	630.1	636.1	646.3	646.3
Washington .....	307.5	314.4	309.5	318.0	253.8	256.6	246.9	245.9	98.9	99.3	98.2	98.4	503.9	505.4	527.8	531.2
West Virginia .....	106.8	107.3	107.6	107.9	67.1	67.9	65.2	66.6	55.3	55.8	55.1	55.4	140.6	139.5	143.2	142.1
Wisconsin .....	358.3	367.4	360.8	372.9	246.5	248.9	237.7	241.3	134.1	136.6	134.5	138.0	403.5	396.0	426.2	418.2
Wyoming .....	19.9	20.5	20.0	20.6	33.2	33.7	29.1	29.9	9.6	9.7	9.3	9.5	62.4	63.1	64.0	65.4
Puerto Rico .....	86.4	88.2	87.1	88.4	63.9	64.8	63.5	65.3	16.3	15.7	16.2	15.7	292.2	307.7	294.2	313.6

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

March 2002 benchmark levels. Estimates subsequent to the current benchmark month are provisional and will be revised when new information becomes available.

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

# Chart 1. Unemployment rates by state, seasonally adjusted October 2003

(U.S. rate = 6.0 percent)

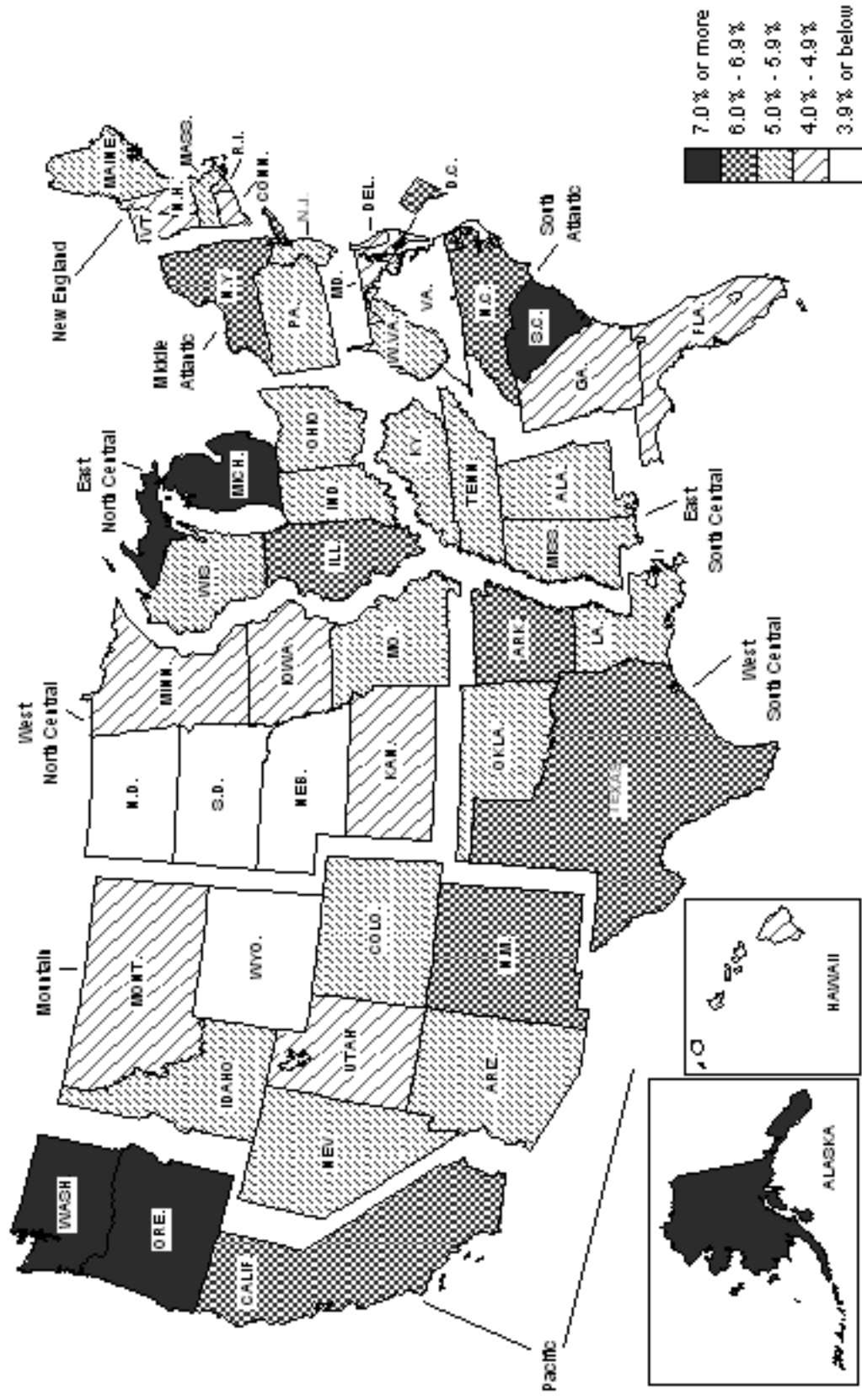


Chart 2. Percentage change in nonfarm employment by state, seasonally adjusted, October 2002 – October 2003

