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METROPOLITAN AREA EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT: DECEMBER 2006

Unemployment rates were lower in December than a year earlier in 238 of the 367 metropolitan areas, higher in 99 areas, and unchanged in 30 areas, the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the U.S. Department of Labor reported today. Forty-nine metropolitan areas registered jobless rates below 3.0 percent, while two areas recorded rates of at least 10.0 percent. The national unemployment rate in December was 4.3 percent, not seasonally adjusted, down from 4.6 percent a year earlier.

Metropolitan Area Unemployment (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

In December, 167 metropolitan areas reported unemployment rates below 4.0 percent, up from 125 areas a year earlier, while 24 areas posted rates of at least 7.0 percent, unchanged from December 2005. Honolulu, Hawaii, and Logan, Utah-Idaho, had the lowest unemployment rates, 1.6 and 1.8 percent, respectively. El Centro, Calif., and Yuma, Ariz.—two adjacent, highly agricultural areas—registered the highest jobless rates, 14.5 and 11.2 percent, respectively. Overall, 202 areas recorded unemployment rates below the U.S. figure of 4.3 percent, 160 areas had higher rates, and 5 areas had the same rate. (See table 1 and the map.)

Six areas affected by Hurricanes Katrina and/or Rita reported the largest over-the-year jobless rate decreases: Gulfport-Biloxi, Miss. (-9.7 percentage points), Pascagoula, Miss. (-4.9 points), New Orleans-Metairie-Kenner, La. (-4.2 points), Baton Rouge, La., and Beaumont-Port Arthur, Texas (-1.9 points each), and Houma-Bayou Cane-Thibodaux, La. (-1.8 points). Thirty additional areas had rate decreases of 1.0 percentage point or more. El Centro, Calif., registered the largest unemployment rate increase from a year earlier (+1.3 percentage points), followed closely by Jackson, Mich. (+1.2 points) and Decatur, Ala. (+1.1 points). No other area reported a rate increase greater than 0.9 percentage point.

Of the 49 metropolitan areas with a Census 2000 population of 1 million or more, Richmond, Va., recorded the lowest jobless rate in December, 2.8 percent, followed closely by Birmingham-Hoover, Ala., Orlando-Kissimmee, Fla., and Washington-Arlington-Alexandria, D.C.-Va.-Md.-W.Va., at 2.9 percent each. Detroit-Warren-Livonia, Mich., posted the highest rate among the large areas, 7.2 percent. The areas with the next highest rates were Cleveland-Elyria-Mentor, Ohio, 5.3 percent, Memphis, Tenn.-Miss.-Ark., 5.1 percent, and Providence-Fall River-Warwick, R.I.-Mass., 5.0 percent. Thirty-four of the large areas reported lower unemployment rates than in December 2005, 13 registered higher rates, and 2 had no change. New Orleans-Metairie-Kenner, La., posted the largest over-the-year jobless rate decrease (-4.2 percentage points). The areas with the next largest rate decreases were Chicago-Naperville-Joliet, Ill.-Ind.-Wis. (-1.4

percentage points), Louisville-Jefferson County, Ky.-Ind. (-1.3 points), Houston-Sugar Land-Baytown, Texas (-1.1 points), and New York-Northern New Jersey-Long Island, N.Y.-N.J.-Pa. (-1.0 point). Las Vegas-Paradise, Nev., recorded the largest over-the-year rate increase (+0.7 percentage point), followed by Detroit-Warren-Livonia, Mich. (+0.5 point).

Metropolitan Division Unemployment (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

Eleven of the most populous metropolitan areas are composed of 34 metropolitan divisions, which are essentially separately identifiable employment centers. Bethesda-Gaithersburg-Frederick, Md., and Fort Lauderdale-Pompano Beach-Deerfield Beach, Fla., reported the lowest division unemployment rates in December, 2.7 percent each. Washington-Arlington-Alexandria, D.C.-Va.-Md.-W.Va., and West Palm Beach-Boca Raton-Boynton Beach, Fla., had the next lowest rates, 2.9 and 3.0 percent, respectively.

Thirteen additional divisions registered rates below 4.0 percent. As in November, the divisions with the highest unemployment rates were Detroit-Livonia-Dearborn, Mich., 8.3 percent, and Lawrence-Methuen-Salem, Mass.-N.H., 7.8 percent. (See table 2.)

Twenty-one of the 34 metropolitan divisions recorded over-the-year unemployment rate decreases in December, 11 had rate increases, and 2 had rates that were unchanged from those of December 2005. The divisions registering the largest jobless rate declines were Chicago-Naperville-Joliet, Ill. (-1.6 percentage points), New York-White Plains-Wayne, N.Y.-N.J. (-1.3 points), and Wilmington, Del.-Md.-N.J. (-1.1 points). December was the ninth straight month that Chicago-Naperville-Joliet, Ill., reported the largest over-the-year rate decline. Brockton-Bridgewater-Easton, Mass., posted the largest unemployment rate increase from December 2005 (+0.7 percentage point), followed by Warren-Troy-Farmington Hills, Mich. (+0.6 point) and Lawrence-Methuen-Salem, Mass.-N.H., and Taunton-Norton-Raynham, Mass. (+0.5 point each).

In 4 of the 11 metropolitan areas that contain divisions, the ranges between the highest and lowest division unemployment rates were 1.0 percentage point or more in December. The metropolitan areas that had the widest rate ranges between their divisions were Boston-Cambridge-Quincy, Mass.-N.H. (Lawrence-Methuen-Salem, Mass.-N.H., 7.8 percent, compared with Nashua, N.H.-Mass., 3.4 percent), and Detroit-Warren-Livonia, Mich. (Detroit-Livonia-Dearborn, 8.3 percent, compared with Warren-Troy-Farmington Hills, 6.4 percent).

Metropolitan Area Nonfarm Employment (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

In December, 298 metropolitan areas reported over-the-year increases in nonfarm payroll employment, 60 reported decreases, and 9 had no change. The largest over-the-year employment gain was posted in Phoenix-Mesa-Scottsdale, Ariz. (+88,800), followed by Houston-Sugar Land-Baytown, Texas (+73,100), Washington-Arlington-Alexandria, D.C.-Va.-Md.-W.Va. (+71,200), Dallas-Fort Worth-Arlington, Texas (+65,200), and Los Angeles-Long Beach-Santa Ana, Calif. (+62,000). The largest over-the-year percentage increases in employment were reported in Gulfport-Biloxi, Miss. (+11.5 percent), New Orleans-Metairie-Kenner, La. (+9.4 percent), Hot Springs, Ark., and St. George, Utah (+8.1 percent each), and Prescott, Ariz. (+7.2 percent). (See table 3.)

The largest over-the-year decreases in employment occurred in Detroit-Warren-Livonia, Mich. (-22,700), Buffalo-Niagara Falls, N.Y. (-5,000), Flint, Mich. (-2,300), and Cleveland-Elyria-Mentor, Ohio; Dayton, Ohio; and Lafayette, Ind. (-1,900 each). The largest over-the-year percentage decreases in employment were reported in Danville, Va. (-3.5 percent), Gadsden, Ala., and Mansfield, Ohio (-3.0 percent each), and Jackson, Mich. (-2.3 percent).

Over the year, nonfarm employment rose in 33 of the 36 metropolitan areas with annual average employment levels above 750,000 in 2005. The largest over-the-year percentage increases in employment in these large metropolitan areas were posted in Las Vegas-Paradise, Nev. (+5.1 percent), Phoenix-Mesa-Scottsdale, Ariz. (+4.8 percent), Orlando-Kissimmee, Fla. (+3.1 percent), and Houston-Sugar Land-Baytown, Texas (+3.0 percent). Among the largest areas, only three reported decreases in employment: Detroit-Warren-Livonia, Mich. (-1.1 percent), Cleveland-Elyria-Mentor, Ohio (-0.2 percent), and St. Louis, Mo.-Ill. (about unchanged at -400 or less than a 0.01 percent decrease).

Metropolitan Division Nonfarm Employment (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

Nonfarm payroll employment data were available in December 2006 for 32 metropolitan divisions, which are essentially separately identifiable employment centers within a metropolitan area. Twenty-eight of the 32 metropolitan divisions reported over-the-year employment gains, while 4 reported losses. The largest over-the-year employment increases in the metropolitan divisions occurred in Washington-Arlington-Alexandria, D.C.-Va.-Md.-W.Va. (+58,600), Dallas-Plano-Irving, Texas (+51,200), Los Angeles-Long Beach-Glendale, Calif. (+47,100), and Chicago-Naperville-Joliet, Ill. (+46,100). (See table 4.)

The largest over-the-year percentage increases in employment among the metropolitan divisions were reported in West Palm Beach-Boca Raton-Boynton Beach, Fla. (+3.8 percent), Seattle-Bellevue-Everett, Wash. (+2.8 percent), Dallas-Plano-Irving, Texas, and Fort Lauderdale-Pompano Beach-Deerfield Beach, Fla. (+2.6 percent each). Over-the-year percentage decreases in employment were reported in Detroit-Livonia-Dearborn, Mich. (-1.2 percent), Warren-Troy-Farmington Hills, Mich. (-1.0 percent), Nashua, N.H.-Mass. (-0.4 percent), and Newark-Union, N.J.-Pa. (-0.2 percent).

The Regional and State Employment and Unemployment release for January is scheduled to be issued on Thursday, March 8. The Metropolitan Area Employment and Unemployment release for January is scheduled to be issued on Wednesday, March 21.

Hurricane Katrina

For December, BLS and its state partners continued to make modifications to the usual estimation procedures for the LAUS program to reflect the impact of Hurricane Katrina on the labor force statistics in affected areas. These modifications included: (1) allowing the state labor force estimates for Louisiana to reflect the effects of Katrina by overriding the built-in feature of the methodology that smoothes over large shifts in a key input—nonfarm wage and salary employment; (2) modifying the state population controls to account for displacement due to Katrina; (3) developing labor force estimates for the New Orleans-Metairie-Kenner metropolitan area using an alternative to the model-based method; and (4) not publishing labor force estimates for the parishes within the New Orleans-Metairie-Kenner metropolitan area or cities within those parishes where the quality of input data was severely compromised by the hurricane.

For more information on LAUS procedures and estimates for December 2006, see *Hurricane Information: Katrina and Rita* on the BLS Web site at <http://www.bls.gov/Katrina/home.htm> or call (202) 691-6392.

Revisions in the State and Metropolitan Area Employment and Unemployment Data

Effective with the release of 2006 annual average estimates on February 27, the labor force data for all states, the District of Columbia, and the seven substate modeled areas presented in tables 1 and 2 of this news release will be revised to incorporate updated population controls, reestimation of models, and adjustment to new census division and national control totals. Labor force estimates for all other metropolitan areas subsequently will be revised to reflect updated inputs and the new statewide estimates. Data back to 2002 are subject to revision. The updated population controls reflect the annual updating of population estimates by the U.S. Census Bureau.

In addition, effective with the release of January 2007 estimates on March 8, all non-farm payroll employment estimates for states and areas presented in tables 3 and 4 of this news release will be adjusted to 2006 benchmark levels. Data back to April 2005 will be subject to revision.

Technical Note

This release presents labor force and unemployment data from the Local Area Unemployment Statistics (LAUS) program (tables 1 and 2) for 375 metropolitan statistical areas and metropolitan New England City and Town Areas (NECTAs), including those in Puerto Rico. Estimates for over 30 metropolitan and NECTA divisions also are presented. Nonfarm payroll employment estimates from the Current Employment Statistics (CES) program (tables 3 and 4) are provided for the same areas. State estimates were previously published in the news release, *Regional and State Employment and Unemployment*, and are republished in this release for ease of reference. 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 had 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), had actively looked for a job (sometime in the 4-week period ending with the survey reference week), and were 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 2005, estimates for all census divisions, states, the District of Columbia, the Los Angeles-Long-Beach-Glendale metropolitan division, and New York City were produced using updated time-series models with real-time benchmarking. Model-based estimation was extended to the following areas and respective balances-of-state: Chicago-Naperville-Joliet, IL Metropolitan Division; Cleveland-Elyria-Mentor, OH Metropolitan Statistical Area; Detroit-Warren-Livonia, MI Metropolitan Statistical Area; Miami-Miami-Beach-Kendall, FL Metropolitan Division; New Orleans-Metairie-Kenner, LA Metropolitan Statistical Area; and Seattle-Bellevue-Everett, WA Metropolitan Division. This will improve the statistical basis of the estimation for these areas and provide important tools for analysis, such as measures of errors and seasonally adjusted series. For all other substate areas, estimates are prepared through indirect estimation procedures. Employment estimates, which are based largely on “place of work” estimates from the CES program, are adjusted to refer to place of residence as used in the CPS. Unemployment estimates are aggregates of persons previously employed in industries covered by state unemployment (UI) laws and entrants to the labor force data from the CPS. The substate estimates of employment and unemployment, which geographically exhaust the entire state, are adjusted proportionally to ensure that they add to the independently estimated state or balance-of-state totals. A detailed description of the estimation procedures is available from BLS upon request.

Annual revisions. Labor force and unemployment data shown for the prior year reflect adjustments made at the end of each year, usually implemented with January estimates. The adjusted estimates reflect updated population data from the U.S. Census Bureau, any revisions in the other data sources, and model reestimation at the state and selected area level. All substate estimates are adjusted to add to the revised model-based 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 that 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. Small-domain models are used as the official estimators for the approximately 10 percent of CES published series which have insufficient sample for direct sample-based estimates.

Annual revisions. Employment estimates are adjusted annually to a complete count of jobs, called benchmarks, derived principally from tax reports that 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.

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 are also 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 from unrounded data rather than from data that may be displayed in the tables; differences, however, are generally insignificant.

Labor force and unemployment estimates. Model-based error measures, including for over-the-month change, are available for states on the BLS Web site at <http://www.bls.gov/lau/lastderr.htm>. Measures of nonsampling error are not available, but additional information on the subject is provided in the BLS monthly periodical, *Employment and Earnings*.

Employment estimates. Measures of sampling error for state CES data at the 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>.

Area definitions

The substate area data published in this release reflect the standards and definitions established by the U.S. Office of Management and Budget on December 5, 2005. A detailed list of the geographic definitions is available on the Web at <http://www.bls.gov/lau/lausmsa.htm> and also is published annually in the May issue of *Employment and Earnings*.

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 Super-

intendent of Documents, U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, DC 20402 (telephone 202-512-1800).

Estimates of unadjusted and seasonally adjusted labor force and unemployment data for states, census regions and divisions, and eight areas are available in the news release, *Regional and State Employment and Unemployment*. Estimates of labor force 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 state and metropolitan area—Continued

(Numbers in thousands)

State and area	Civilian labor force				Unemployed							
					Number				Percent of labor force			
	November		December		November		December		November		December	
	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006
Ohio—Continued												
Cincinnati-Middletown	1,104.2	1,127.9	1,103.3	1,127.8	58.4	54.5	56.3	54.0	5.3	4.8	5.1	4.8
Cleveland-Elyria-Mentor	1,091.3	1,101.7	1,080.9	1,090.9	58.6	54.5	57.5	57.5	5.4	4.9	5.3	5.3
Columbus	932.0	943.4	930.5	943.9	46.8	42.0	44.3	42.4	5.0	4.4	4.8	4.5
Dayton	424.5	427.0	423.2	426.5	24.8	24.1	23.9	24.5	5.8	5.6	5.6	5.7
Lima	52.8	53.0	52.3	53.0	3.1	3.3	3.0	3.4	5.9	6.2	5.7	6.5
Mansfield	62.7	61.8	62.8	61.9	3.9	3.7	3.9	4.0	6.3	6.0	6.3	6.4
Sandusky	42.0	42.1	41.4	41.9	2.6	2.4	2.8	2.8	6.2	5.8	6.8	6.6
Springfield	70.9	71.1	70.4	71.4	4.6	3.9	4.4	4.1	6.4	5.4	6.2	5.7
Toledo	337.5	341.4	337.4	341.6	21.1	19.2	21.2	20.5	6.3	5.6	6.3	6.0
Weirton-Steubenville	57.7	57.5	56.9	57.0	4.6	3.8	4.0	3.9	7.9	6.7	7.0	6.8
Youngstown-Warren-Boardman	283.0	283.8	282.6	284.1	17.6	16.1	17.6	17.1	6.2	5.7	6.2	6.0
Oklahoma	1,763.0	1,767.0	1,753.2	1,763.8	69.8	66.0	69.4	65.8	4.0	3.7	4.0	3.7
Lawton	46.8	45.5	46.4	45.4	2.1	2.0	2.0	2.0	4.5	4.4	4.4	4.4
Oklahoma City	593.5	596.8	591.4	593.5	22.8	21.4	22.7	21.2	3.8	3.6	3.8	3.6
Tulsa	460.9	464.5	458.0	463.3	17.8	16.4	17.7	16.4	3.9	3.5	3.9	3.5
Oregon	1,871.6	1,915.7	1,858.1	1,896.1	103.6	96.1	99.8	97.7	5.5	5.0	5.4	5.2
Bend	74.3	77.8	74.2	77.2	3.6	3.1	3.8	3.4	4.8	4.0	5.2	4.4
Corvallis	43.4	44.1	42.4	42.8	2.0	1.8	1.9	1.7	4.5	4.0	4.4	3.9
Eugene-Springfield	175.4	180.4	174.8	179.5	9.6	9.3	9.3	9.2	5.5	5.1	5.3	5.1
Medford	102.1	104.3	102.2	104.3	5.2	5.1	5.0	5.3	5.1	4.9	4.9	5.1
Portland-Vancouver-Beaverton	1,115.4	1,138.6	1,109.4	1,130.6	58.7	53.8	53.7	53.0	5.3	4.7	4.8	4.7
Salem	183.1	187.6	180.4	184.9	10.2	9.7	9.9	10.0	5.6	5.2	5.5	5.4
Pennsylvania	6,317.9	6,342.4	6,285.0	6,337.7	292.8	276.3	270.6	262.4	4.6	4.4	4.3	4.1
Allentown-Bethlehem-Easton	412.7	416.6	411.2	416.9	18.4	17.1	17.2	16.3	4.5	4.1	4.2	3.9
Altoona	65.2	65.8	64.6	65.8	3.1	2.8	2.9	2.7	4.7	4.3	4.6	4.1
Erie	141.8	140.2	140.8	140.3	7.3	6.8	7.0	6.7	5.1	4.9	5.0	4.8
Harrisburg-Carlisle	279.9	284.5	278.8	284.7	10.7	10.3	9.6	9.4	3.8	3.6	3.5	3.3
Johnstown	67.8	67.4	67.5	67.3	3.7	3.6	3.6	3.4	5.4	5.4	5.3	5.1
Lancaster	271.4	273.8	267.6	274.1	9.4	9.2	8.4	8.5	3.5	3.3	3.1	3.1
Lebanon	70.7	71.3	70.0	71.4	2.3	2.3	2.2	2.1	3.3	3.3	3.1	3.0
Philadelphia-Camden-Wilmington	2,961.4	2,991.7	2,961.7	2,994.5	135.8	127.8	125.0	117.6	4.6	4.3	4.2	3.9
Pittsburgh	1,213.8	1,216.6	1,210.0	1,212.4	58.1	53.2	54.5	51.4	4.8	4.4	4.5	4.2
Reading	200.7	200.6	199.1	200.4	9.0	8.4	8.2	7.7	4.5	4.2	4.1	3.9
Scranton-Wilkes-Barre	280.5	284.2	280.5	282.4	13.9	13.4	13.3	12.8	4.9	4.7	4.8	4.5
State College	75.6	76.4	74.1	75.6	2.6	2.6	2.4	2.5	3.4	3.4	3.2	3.3
Williamsport	60.0	60.6	59.6	60.7	3.0	3.0	3.1	2.9	5.1	4.9	5.2	4.8
York-Hanover	220.7	222.5	220.3	222.5	8.7	8.4	7.8	7.6	4.0	3.8	3.5	3.4
Rhode Island	576.7	580.1	575.7	579.0	25.7	26.8	27.6	26.9	4.5	4.6	4.8	4.6
Providence-Fall River-Warwick	711.2	715.4	710.9	714.9	32.4	34.0	35.8	35.9	4.6	4.7	5.0	5.0
South Carolina	2,094.6	2,136.7	2,087.1	2,137.8	144.3	137.5	140.7	136.3	6.9	6.4	6.7	6.4
Anderson	82.7	82.3	82.3	83.5	6.2	6.0	6.0	5.6	7.5	7.3	7.3	6.7
Charleston-North Charleston	295.5	303.7	293.9	301.1	16.1	15.7	15.1	14.7	5.5	5.2	5.1	4.9
Columbia	358.4	368.9	359.3	371.7	20.7	20.2	19.7	19.8	5.8	5.5	5.5	5.3
Florence	93.8	96.6	93.8	95.5	8.4	7.2	8.3	7.4	8.9	7.5	8.8	7.7
Greenville	298.4	303.5	297.7	304.8	17.8	17.1	17.2	16.3	6.0	5.6	5.8	5.3
Myrtle Beach-Conway-North Myrtle Beach	121.6	126.7	120.7	125.8	6.8	6.1	7.4	6.6	5.6	4.8	6.1	5.2
Spartanburg	129.8	131.3	129.4	132.0	9.8	9.1	10.4	8.9	7.6	6.9	8.0	6.8
Sumter	47.1	48.3	47.2	48.7	4.2	3.9	4.1	3.8	8.8	8.1	8.6	7.8
South Dakota	433.3	436.6	428.8	434.6	15.8	13.2	16.2	14.0	3.6	3.0	3.8	3.2
Rapid City	64.6	65.6	63.4	64.8	2.4	2.0	2.4	2.0	3.8	3.0	3.8	3.1
Sioux Falls	121.9	124.6	121.0	123.9	3.8	3.1	3.7	3.3	3.1	2.5	3.1	2.7
Tennessee	2,937.0	3,039.0	2,925.2	3,042.4	156.5	146.2	148.6	133.2	5.3	4.8	5.1	4.4
Chattanooga	253.7	260.3	253.4	261.1	11.8	10.8	11.0	9.8	4.7	4.1	4.3	3.8
Clarksville	106.1	109.4	105.6	109.0	6.2	5.8	5.9	5.2	5.9	5.3	5.6	4.8
Cleveland	54.0	55.5	53.9	55.6	2.9	2.6	2.6	2.3	5.3	4.7	4.8	4.2
Jackson	54.6	56.7	54.3	56.9	3.0	2.9	2.8	2.7	5.6	5.2	5.1	4.7
Johnson City	96.8	101.1	96.4	100.8	4.8	4.5	4.5	4.2	4.9	4.5	4.7	4.1
Kingsport-Bristol-Bristol	140.6	143.3	140.3	143.3	6.9	6.5	6.4	5.9	4.9	4.5	4.6	4.1
Knoxville	343.2	356.4	341.3	356.6	15.0	13.5	13.6	11.9	4.4	3.8	4.0	3.3
Memphis	604.9	622.8	605.9	624.0	35.8	35.2	35.4	32.1	5.9	5.6	5.8	5.1
Morristown	63.5	65.2	63.5	65.4	3.7	3.4	3.5	3.1	5.8	5.3	5.6	4.7
Nashville-Davidson—Murfreesboro	756.2	793.7	754.7	795.2	33.2	31.3	30.1	27.5	4.4	3.9	4.0	3.5

See footnotes at end of table.

Table 1. Civilian labor force and unemployment by state and metropolitan area—Continued

(Numbers in thousands)

State and area	Civilian labor force				Unemployed							
					Number				Percent of labor force			
	November		December		November		December		November		December	
	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006
Wisconsin—Continued												
Wausau	74.0	75.0	74.3	75.6	2.6	2.9	2.7	3.1	3.6	3.9	3.6	4.1
Wyoming	285.8	291.9	285.0	289.8	9.7	8.5	9.3	9.1	3.4	2.9	3.3	3.1
Casper	40.7	41.4	40.6	41.3	1.3	1.1	1.3	1.2	3.2	2.7	3.1	2.9
Cheyenne	42.5	42.7	42.2	42.3	1.6	1.5	1.6	1.7	3.7	3.6	3.7	4.1
Puerto Rico	1,433.1	1,409.2	1,415.4	1,406.6	180.4	136.2	152.6	133.6	12.6	9.7	10.8	9.5
Aguadilla-Isabela-San Sebastian	117.5	109.6	115.9	109.5	18.9	12.8	16.2	12.4	16.1	11.7	14.0	11.3
Fajardo	29.4	28.4	29.1	28.7	4.6	3.4	4.0	3.4	15.6	12.1	13.6	12.0
Guayama	27.1	27.1	26.6	27.2	4.9	3.7	4.3	3.6	17.9	13.5	16.2	13.2
Mayaguez	38.7	38.0	38.3	37.9	5.6	4.1	4.8	4.0	14.4	10.7	12.5	10.6
Ponce	95.7	93.6	94.3	93.5	12.8	9.6	10.6	9.2	13.4	10.2	11.2	9.9
San German-Cabo Rojo	53.3	51.5	51.6	51.3	6.8	5.2	5.9	5.2	12.9	10.2	11.5	10.1
San Juan-Caguas-Guaynabo	971.5	964.3	961.8	961.5	110.3	85.1	92.8	83.8	11.4	8.8	9.6	8.7
Yauco	39.6	38.8	39.0	38.7	6.4	4.8	5.5	4.7	16.1	12.3	14.1	12.3

¹ Area boundaries do not reflect official OMB definitions.

NOTE: Data refer to place of residence. Data for Puerto Rico are derived from a monthly household survey similar to the Current Population Survey. Area definitions are based on Office of Management and Budget Bulletin No. 06-01, dated December 5, 2005, and are available at <http://www.bls.gov/lau/lausmsa.htm> and in the May issue of *Employment and Earnings*. Areas in the six New England states are Metropolitan New England City and Town Areas

(NECTAs), while areas in other states are county-based. Some metropolitan areas lie in two or more states. They are listed under the state that appears first in their titles. Davenport-Moline-Rock Island, Iowa-Ill., and Weirton-Steubenville, W.Va.-Ohio, are the exceptions in that they are listed under Illinois and Ohio, respectively, for operational reasons. Data for 2005 have been revised to incorporate updated inputs and adjustments to new state controls.

Table 2. Civilian labor force and unemployment by state, selected metropolitan area, and metropolitan division ¹

(Numbers in thousands)

State, area, and division	Civilian labor force				Unemployed							
					Number				Percent of labor force			
	November		December		November		December		November		December	
	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006
California	17,809.5	17,880.7	17,805.1	17,903.5	902.7	808.3	853.3	817.7	5.1	4.5	4.8	4.6
Los Angeles-Long Beach-Santa Ana	6,489.5	6,480.3	6,497.3	6,478.5	308.7	251.2	296.6	253.9	4.8	3.9	4.6	3.9
Los Angeles-Long Beach-Glendale	4,877.1	4,857.6	4,886.7	4,855.3	250.3	196.4	245.7	202.7	5.1	4.0	5.0	4.2
Santa Ana-Anaheim-Irvine	1,612.4	1,622.7	1,610.6	1,623.1	58.4	54.7	50.9	51.2	3.6	3.4	3.2	3.2
San Francisco-Oakland-Fremont	2,188.2	2,215.6	2,191.5	2,220.7	99.2	88.3	87.5	83.7	4.5	4.0	4.0	3.8
Oakland-Fremont-Hayward	1,269.7	1,285.3	1,272.2	1,288.5	59.3	53.5	52.5	50.8	4.7	4.2	4.1	3.9
San Francisco-San Mateo-Redwood City	918.5	930.3	919.3	932.2	39.8	34.8	35.0	33.0	4.3	3.7	3.8	3.5
District of Columbia	291.5	293.1	292.0	293.4	17.0	16.8	16.7	18.2	5.8	5.7	5.7	6.2
Washington-Arlington-Alexandria ²	2,890.5	2,973.4	2,890.2	2,973.7	91.0	89.2	82.0	85.6	3.1	3.0	2.8	2.9
Bethesda-Gaithersburg-Frederick ³	631.3	652.6	631.0	653.8	18.9	19.1	16.1	17.4	3.0	2.9	2.5	2.7
Washington-Arlington-Alexandria ²	2,259.1	2,320.8	2,259.2	2,320.0	72.1	70.1	65.9	68.2	3.2	3.0	2.9	2.9
Florida	8,752.0	9,117.4	8,729.7	9,143.9	298.5	297.9	257.0	275.1	3.4	3.3	2.9	3.0
Miami-Fort Lauderdale-Miami Beach	2,709.2	2,826.2	2,704.3	2,838.8	102.2	95.5	87.7	88.1	3.8	3.4	3.2	3.1
Fort Lauderdale-Pompano Beach-Deerfield Beach	967.7	997.9	965.9	1,006.0	34.2	30.2	27.9	27.4	3.5	3.0	2.9	2.7
Miami-Miami Beach-Kendall	1,122.4	1,180.2	1,118.1	1,178.3	44.6	43.6	40.7	40.9	4.0	3.7	3.6	3.5
West Palm Beach-Boca Raton-Boynton Beach	619.1	648.1	620.3	654.5	23.3	21.7	19.0	19.8	3.8	3.3	3.1	3.0
Illinois	6,493.7	6,647.9	6,478.8	6,670.0	323.8	246.8	336.1	260.5	5.0	3.7	5.2	3.9
Chicago-Naperville-Joliet ²	4,736.9	4,874.9	4,724.7	4,894.8	244.3	182.2	250.6	191.4	5.2	3.7	5.3	3.9
Chicago-Naperville-Joliet	3,962.8	4,081.7	3,947.1	4,101.6	208.7	150.3	212.2	156.8	5.3	3.7	5.4	3.8
Gary ³	329.7	335.4	330.2	334.9	17.4	15.5	18.3	16.3	5.3	4.6	5.5	4.9
Lake County-Kenosha County ²	444.5	457.9	447.3	458.3	18.2	16.5	20.2	18.3	4.1	3.6	4.5	4.0
Massachusetts	3,371.5	3,394.9	3,365.0	3,387.9	152.5	155.1	150.3	165.9	4.5	4.6	4.5	4.9
Boston-Cambridge-Quincy ²	2,454.1	2,473.5	2,448.6	2,466.2	105.9	106.2	101.0	109.6	4.3	4.3	4.1	4.4
Boston-Cambridge-Quincy	1,476.0	1,488.7	1,472.5	1,482.6	61.3	62.2	57.8	63.3	4.2	4.2	3.9	4.3
Brockton-Bridgewater-Easton	123.7	124.3	123.1	123.1	6.0	6.3	5.8	6.7	4.9	5.1	4.7	5.4
Framingham	144.0	145.2	144.3	145.2	5.3	5.4	5.2	5.6	3.7	3.7	3.6	3.9
Haverhill-North Andover-Amesbury ²	119.7	121.6	119.2	121.2	5.4	5.2	5.1	5.4	4.5	4.3	4.3	4.5
Lawrence-Methuen-Salem ²	69.6	69.7	69.6	70.0	5.0	4.9	5.1	5.4	7.1	7.0	7.3	7.8
Lowell-Billerica-Chelmsford ²	150.7	151.7	150.2	151.6	7.3	7.1	7.0	7.6	4.8	4.7	4.6	5.0
Lynn-Peabody-Salem	126.9	127.5	126.9	127.4	6.1	6.0	5.8	6.2	4.8	4.7	4.6	4.9
Nashua ²	180.9	182.1	180.4	181.4	6.7	6.3	6.5	6.3	3.7	3.5	3.6	3.4
Taunton-Norton-Raynham	62.5	62.7	62.4	62.7	2.8	2.9	2.7	3.1	4.5	4.6	4.4	4.9
Michigan	5,123.0	5,089.6	5,103.3	5,113.7	320.0	328.6	321.4	351.3	6.2	6.5	6.3	6.9
Detroit-Warren-Livonia	2,199.5	2,186.2	2,190.1	2,192.7	151.6	148.3	146.1	157.3	6.9	6.8	6.7	7.2
Detroit-Livonia-Dearborn	908.6	901.1	904.5	903.6	75.7	71.9	71.2	74.8	8.3	8.0	7.9	8.3
Warren-Troy-Farmington Hills	1,290.9	1,285.1	1,285.7	1,289.0	75.9	76.4	74.8	82.5	5.9	5.9	5.8	6.4
New York	9,455.8	9,421.7	9,447.8	9,420.8	475.1	380.6	458.6	359.2	5.0	4.0	4.9	3.8
New York-Northern New Jersey-Long Island ²	9,221.0	9,188.2	9,222.4	9,200.3	450.7	374.0	432.9	341.5	4.9	4.1	4.7	3.7
Edison ³	1,183.4	1,191.9	1,183.8	1,194.9	47.2	45.8	46.5	41.2	4.0	3.8	3.9	3.5
Nassau-Suffolk	1,479.4	1,479.8	1,482.0	1,486.2	59.8	51.5	57.4	47.7	4.0	3.5	3.9	3.2
New York-White Plains-Wayne ²	5,470.6	5,429.2	5,468.7	5,430.5	296.3	229.9	282.0	210.1	5.4	4.2	5.2	3.9
Newark-Union ³	1,087.6	1,087.4	1,087.8	1,088.7	47.4	46.8	46.9	42.5	4.4	4.3	4.3	3.9
Pennsylvania	6,317.9	6,342.4	6,285.0	6,337.7	292.8	276.3	270.6	262.4	4.6	4.4	4.3	4.1
Philadelphia-Camden-Wilmington ²	2,961.4	2,991.7	2,961.7	2,994.5	135.8	127.8	125.0	117.6	4.6	4.3	4.2	3.9
Camden ³	659.8	669.0	660.5	672.2	28.3	28.0	27.5	25.4	4.3	4.2	4.2	3.8
Philadelphia	1,942.8	1,957.1	1,940.2	1,957.2	92.7	87.0	81.5	80.1	4.8	4.4	4.2	4.1
Wilmington ³	358.8	365.6	361.0	365.2	14.9	12.8	15.9	12.1	4.2	3.5	4.4	3.3
Texas	11,333.7	11,634.9	11,325.8	11,616.5	578.6	533.0	540.8	475.3	5.1	4.6	4.8	4.1
Dallas-Fort Worth-Arlington	3,069.2	3,157.4	3,066.0	3,146.4	150.0	141.1	140.1	124.9	4.9	4.5	4.6	4.0
Dallas-Plano-Irving	2,057.4	2,115.7	2,053.8	2,110.5	102.1	95.0	95.3	83.9	5.0	4.5	4.6	4.0
Fort Worth-Arlington	1,011.8	1,041.7	1,012.2	1,036.0	47.9	46.2	44.7	41.0	4.7	4.4	4.4	4.0
Washington	3,328.8	3,357.4	3,322.7	3,359.1	178.7	166.3	171.6	167.6	5.4	5.0	5.2	5.0
Seattle-Tacoma-Bellevue	1,762.1	1,795.5	1,765.2	1,796.3	88.5	83.5	81.7	77.8	5.0	4.6	4.6	4.3
Seattle-Bellevue-Everett	1,379.3	1,411.2	1,382.7	1,411.4	67.6	64.6	62.8	59.2	4.9	4.6	4.5	4.2
Tacoma	382.8	384.3	382.4	385.0	20.9	18.9	18.9	18.6	5.5	4.9	4.9	4.8

¹ These 11 areas contain all of the 34 metropolitan divisions.

² Part of the area (or division) is in one or more adjacent states.

³ All of the division is in one or more adjacent states.

NOTE: Data refer to place of residence. Area definitions are based on Office of Management and Budget Bulletin No. 06-01, dated December 5, 2005, and are available at <http://www.bls.gov/lau/lausmsa.htm> and in the May issue of *Employment and Earnings*. Areas in the six New England states are Metropolitan New England City and Town Areas (NECTAs), while areas in other states are county-based. Some metropolitan areas lie in two or more states. They are listed under the state that corresponds to the first city in their title. Metropolitan divisions

are listed under their metropolitan areas. Some divisions lie in more than one state, and some, like Camden, N.J., are totally outside the states under which their metropolitan areas are listed. Three sets of metropolitan areas and divisions have similar or identical titles. For Washington-Arlington-Alexandria, D.C.-Va.-Md.-W.Va., the metropolitan area and division titles are identical. For the Boston-Cambridge-Quincy, Mass.-N.H., and Chicago-Naperville-Joliet, Ill.-Ind.-Wis., metropolitan areas, the division titles are similar but include only Massachusetts and Illinois, respectively. Data for 2005 have been revised to incorporate updated inputs and adjustments to new state controls.

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Table 3. Employees on nonfarm payrolls by state and metropolitan area

(Numbers in thousands)

State and area	November		December		Change from December 2005 to December 2006 ^P	
	2005	2006	2005	2006 ^P	Number	Percent
Alabama	1,969.0	1,986.6	1,971.3	1,987.9	16.6	0.8
Anniston-Oxford	51.6	51.6	51.5	51.7	.2	.4
Auburn-Opelika	53.3	53.8	53.2	53.6	.4	.8
Birmingham-Hoover	525.1	531.3	525.8	532.2	6.4	1.2
Decatur	57.3	56.9	57.4	56.6	-.8	-1.4
Dothan	62.0	63.3	62.1	63.1	1.0	1.6
Florence-Muscle Shoals	55.9	56.1	55.7	56.0	.3	.5
Gadsden	39.9	38.4	39.7	38.5	-1.2	-3.0
Huntsville	201.4	206.7	201.4	206.3	4.9	2.4
Mobile	178.5	181.5	179.0	182.0	3.0	1.7
Montgomery	174.9	176.4	174.8	176.4	1.6	.9
Tuscaloosa	93.7	95.1	93.6	95.2	1.6	1.7
Alaska	300.9	306.5	298.6	303.9	5.3	1.8
Anchorage	165.0	168.1	165.2	168.2	3.0	1.8
Fairbanks	37.5	37.8	37.2	37.4	.2	.5
Arizona	2,588.1	2,703.0	2,603.4	2,719.4	116.0	4.5
Flagstaff	64.2	65.5	63.1	64.4	1.3	2.1
Phoenix-Mesa-Scottsdale	1,850.3	1,938.6	1,862.8	1,951.6	88.8	4.8
Prescott	61.8	66.3	61.5	65.9	4.4	7.2
Tucson	375.6	396.4	378.6	397.7	19.1	5.0
Yuma	53.0	55.5	55.0	56.8	1.8	3.3
Arkansas	1,191.9	1,201.7	1,189.8	1,204.1	14.3	1.2
Fayetteville-Springdale-Rogers	203.4	208.8	203.3	208.8	5.5	2.7
Fort Smith	122.5	119.2	121.2	120.8	-.4	-.3
Hot Springs	37.1	40.0	37.0	40.0	3.0	8.1
Jonesboro	49.2	50.1	48.7	49.8	1.1	2.3
Little Rock-North Little Rock	337.7	343.9	339.1	345.0	5.9	1.7
Pine Bluff	40.4	40.9	40.2	41.1	.9	2.2
California	15,019.8	15,179.0	15,034.6	15,206.5	171.9	1.1
Bakersfield	226.1	232.4	225.4	232.2	6.8	3.0
Chico	74.9	76.8	74.5	76.5	2.0	2.7
El Centro	43.7	45.2	44.4	45.7	1.3	2.9
Fresno	295.9	296.4	295.4	295.6	.2	.1
Hanford-Corcoran	33.2	34.6	33.0	34.3	1.3	3.9
Los Angeles-Long Beach-Santa Ana	5,581.5	5,629.6	5,581.7	5,643.7	62.0	1.1
Madera	33.9	34.6	33.8	34.5	.7	2.1
Merced	59.2	60.3	59.9	60.3	.4	.7
Modesto	162.1	161.3	162.0	161.5	-.5	-.3
Napa	63.5	64.6	62.8	63.8	1.0	1.6
Oxnard-Thousand Oaks-Ventura	295.6	299.4	296.6	301.1	4.5	1.5
Redding	64.6	64.7	64.0	64.5	.5	.8
Riverside-San Bernardino-Ontario	1,240.2	1,267.6	1,246.0	1,275.3	29.3	2.4
Sacramento—Arden-Arcade—Roseville	894.8	910.1	898.4	912.5	14.1	1.6
Salinas	128.7	131.1	128.5	131.0	2.5	1.9
San Diego-Carlsbad-San Marcos	1,297.5	1,311.7	1,302.2	1,312.0	9.8	.8
San Francisco-Oakland-Fremont	2,006.4	2,051.0	2,014.6	2,056.8	42.2	2.1
San Jose-Sunnyvale-Santa Clara	874.7	889.5	875.9	891.9	16.0	1.8
San Luis Obispo-Paso Robles	101.7	103.2	101.2	103.0	1.8	1.8
Santa Barbara-Santa Maria	173.6	175.1	172.4	173.9	1.5	.9
Santa Cruz-Watsonville	93.6	96.1	93.4	95.6	2.2	2.4
Santa Rosa-Petaluma	190.2	188.7	189.3	188.6	-.7	-.4
Stockton	209.6	213.4	209.4	212.4	3.0	1.4
Vallejo-Fairfield	129.5	131.7	129.4	131.8	2.4	1.9
Visalia-Porterville	109.6	108.4	109.3	108.6	-.7	-.6
Yuba City	41.7	41.6	41.4	40.6	-.8	-1.9
Colorado	2,250.4	2,293.6	2,269.6	2,313.1	43.5	1.9
Boulder	163.2	166.4	163.7	167.8	4.1	2.5
Colorado Springs	255.6	260.8	255.7	261.4	5.7	2.2
Denver-Aurora	1,207.3	1,223.6	1,211.5	1,228.8	17.3	1.4
Fort Collins-Loveland	133.1	134.8	132.6	134.9	2.3	1.7
Grand Junction	57.7	61.3	57.8	61.3	3.5	6.1
Greeley	78.6	80.7	78.2	80.9	2.7	3.5
Pueblo	55.7	58.0	55.9	58.4	2.5	4.5
Connecticut	1,685.2	1,695.7	1,691.0	1,701.8	10.8	.6
Bridgeport-Stamford-Norwalk	416.5	419.4	418.0	420.6	2.6	.6
Danbury	70.0	70.1	70.4	70.5	.1	.1
Hartford-West Hartford-East Hartford	553.3	558.9	552.9	559.3	6.4	1.2
New Haven	276.3	277.7	275.7	277.7	2.0	.7
Norwich-New London	135.9	134.9	136.4	135.5	-.9	-.7
Waterbury	69.8	68.7	69.9	69.2	-.7	-1.0
Delaware	438.1	444.6	437.1	443.8	6.7	1.5
Dover	66.3	68.0	65.8	67.8	2.0	3.0
District of Columbia	689.3	698.5	689.2	697.6	8.4	1.2
Washington-Arlington-Alexandria	2,966.3	3,033.9	2,971.6	3,042.8	71.2	2.4

See footnotes at end of table.

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Table 3. Employees on nonfarm payrolls by state and metropolitan area—Continued

(Numbers in thousands)

State and area	November		December		Change from December 2005 to December 2006 ^P	
	2005	2006	2005	2006 ^P	Number	Percent
Florida	7,968.7	8,192.5	8,031.8	8,247.0	215.2	2.7
Cape Coral-Fort Myers	228.3	237.6	231.6	240.0	8.4	3.6
Deltona-Daytona Beach-Ormond Beach	174.6	179.5	175.5	180.3	4.8	2.7
Fort Walton Beach-Crestview-Destin	88.3	91.7	88.5	91.7	3.2	3.6
Gainesville	132.6	135.7	132.0	135.1	3.1	2.3
Jacksonville	618.5	631.1	622.1	633.8	11.7	1.9
Lakeland	215.7	221.5	217.9	223.1	5.2	2.4
Miami-Fort Lauderdale-Miami Beach	2,429.3	2,483.5	2,452.0	2,508.7	56.7	2.3
Naples-Marco Island	131.7	137.4	134.2	138.9	4.7	3.5
Ocala	102.3	104.1	102.8	104.6	1.8	1.8
Orlando-Kissimmee	1,062.3	1,098.4	1,070.8	1,104.1	33.3	3.1
Palm Bay-Melbourne-Titusville	212.8	216.9	214.9	217.9	3.0	1.4
Panama City-Lynn Haven	73.3	74.2	73.2	74.3	1.1	1.5
Pensacola-Ferry Pass-Brent	169.8	175.0	171.5	175.6	4.1	2.4
Port St. Lucie-Fort Pierce	129.6	133.6	131.1	134.8	3.7	2.8
Punta Gorda	41.2	42.3	41.6	42.5	.9	2.2
Sarasota-Bradenton-Venice	307.8	319.5	311.2	321.6	10.4	3.3
Sebastian-Vero Beach	48.6	49.6	49.1	50.1	1.0	2.0
Tallahassee	175.7	179.9	175.6	180.1	4.5	2.6
Tampa-St. Petersburg-Clearwater	1,313.1	1,338.7	1,317.6	1,344.4	26.8	2.0
Georgia	4,056.0	4,138.9	4,063.9	4,145.4	81.5	2.0
Albany	66.0	65.8	66.0	65.7	-.3	-.5
Athens-Clarke County	80.8	82.0	80.4	82.0	1.6	2.0
Atlanta-Sandy Springs-Marietta	2,379.9	2,428.3	2,384.6	2,436.2	51.6	2.2
Augusta-Richmond County	215.5	219.4	216.0	219.7	3.7	1.7
Brunswick	44.9	46.5	45.1	46.5	1.4	3.1
Columbus	123.7	125.7	124.3	126.4	2.1	1.7
Dalton	79.6	80.1	79.4	79.7	.3	.4
Gainesville	70.9	72.7	70.7	72.9	2.2	3.1
Hinesville-Fort Stewart	17.8	18.1	17.7	18.2	.5	2.8
Macon	102.0	102.4	102.3	102.3	.0	.0
Rome	43.8	44.5	43.9	44.6	.7	1.6
Savannah	154.1	159.5	154.4	159.0	4.6	3.0
Valdosta	55.1	55.9	55.2	55.7	.5	.9
Warner Robins	53.5	56.4	53.6	56.7	3.1	5.8
Hawaii	615.6	631.7	620.4	632.7	12.3	2.0
Honolulu	454.2	464.8	458.0	466.1	8.1	1.8
Idaho	630.2	654.2	627.7	653.5	25.8	4.1
Boise City-Nampa	263.5	276.1	263.6	276.0	12.4	4.7
Coeur d'Alene	53.2	55.7	52.9	55.2	2.3	4.3
Idaho Falls	53.3	54.7	53.3	54.4	1.1	2.1
Lewiston	26.9	26.8	26.8	26.7	-.1	-.4
Pocatello	39.7	41.1	39.5	40.9	1.4	3.5
Illinois	5,948.2	6,006.9	5,942.1	6,007.6	65.5	1.1
Bloomington-Normal	93.1	91.9	92.7	91.9	-.8	-.9
Champaign-Urbana	115.2	115.6	114.6	114.7	.1	.1
Chicago-Naperville-Joliet	4,528.6	4,575.5	4,522.2	4,574.2	52.0	1.1
Danville	32.5	32.7	32.4	32.8	.4	1.2
Davenport-Moline-Rock Island	189.8	189.5	189.6	189.3	-.3	-.2
Decatur	55.1	55.2	55.1	55.0	-.1	-.2
Kankakee-Bradley	43.0	43.1	42.8	43.1	.3	.7
Peoria	181.8	182.7	181.1	181.7	.6	.3
Rockford	155.3	157.8	155.2	157.6	2.4	1.5
Springfield	113.0	113.4	112.7	113.4	.7	.6
Indiana	3,004.3	3,017.4	2,999.9	3,010.3	10.4	.3
Anderson	45.3	44.6	45.2	44.4	-.8	-1.8
Bloomington	84.6	84.3	84.3	83.8	-.5	-.6
Columbus	43.6	44.2	43.5	44.2	.7	1.6
Elkhart-Goshen	130.2	131.4	129.7	131.1	1.4	1.1
Evansville	180.2	181.5	179.7	181.1	1.4	.8
Fort Wayne	218.4	219.6	218.0	219.2	1.2	.6
Indianapolis-Carmel	896.1	903.0	895.4	902.5	7.1	.8
Kokomo	47.9	47.7	47.5	47.6	.1	.2
Lafayette	95.5	95.0	95.3	93.4	-1.9	-2.0
Michigan City-La Porte	47.9	48.6	47.5	48.4	.9	1.9
Muncie	54.0	53.2	53.7	53.0	-.7	-1.3
South Bend-Mishawaka	150.0	148.2	149.4	148.3	-1.1	-.7
Terre Haute	75.5	75.6	75.1	75.5	.4	.5
Iowa	1,508.8	1,535.7	1,509.4	1,534.2	24.8	1.6
Ames	47.7	49.3	47.3	48.7	1.4	3.0
Cedar Rapids	133.5	132.6	133.5	131.9	-1.6	-1.2
Des Moines-West Des Moines	310.9	315.8	310.4	315.3	4.9	1.6
Dubuque	54.4	56.7	54.7	56.3	1.6	2.9
Iowa City	88.8	89.5	88.3	89.2	.9	1.0
Sioux City	73.3	74.0	73.3	74.4	1.1	1.5
Waterloo-Cedar Falls	89.8	91.2	89.4	90.6	1.2	1.3

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Table 3. Employees on nonfarm payrolls by state and metropolitan area—Continued

(Numbers in thousands)

State and area	November		December		Change from December 2005 to December 2006 ^P	
	2005	2006	2005	2006 ^P	Number	Percent
Kansas	1,355.7	1,359.2	1,347.5	1,358.8	11.3	0.8
Lawrence	52.4	53.9	52.1	54.0	1.9	3.6
Topeka	111.5	110.3	110.8	110.8	.0	.0
Wichita	289.1	294.3	288.6	294.7	6.1	2.1
Kentucky	1,851.7	1,863.0	1,851.2	1,862.9	11.7	.6
Bowling Green	61.1	62.2	61.5	62.4	.9	1.5
Elizabethtown	46.9	46.3	46.7	46.4	-.3	-.6
Lexington-Fayette	251.8	255.2	253.0	255.9	2.9	1.1
Louisville-Jefferson County	615.1	616.5	613.7	617.6	3.9	.6
Owensboro	50.5	51.2	50.9	51.6	.7	1.4
Louisiana	1,744.7	1,806.1	1,750.6	1,810.2	59.6	3.4
Alexandria	65.0	66.2	65.4	66.2	.8	1.2
Baton Rouge	361.7	371.0	361.4	371.9	10.5	2.9
Houma-Bayou Cane-Thibodaux	85.3	88.7	84.7	88.9	4.2	5.0
Lafayette	142.3	144.7	142.8	144.8	2.0	1.4
Lake Charles	89.5	91.7	92.6	92.1	-.5	-.5
Monroe	79.6	80.2	79.8	79.9	.1	.1
New Orleans-Metairie-Kenner	404.1	445.9	408.5	447.1	38.6	9.4
Shreveport-Bossier City	178.3	180.9	178.4	180.9	2.5	1.4
Maine	619.2	622.3	616.7	620.7	4.0	.6
Bangor	67.2	68.0	66.9	67.7	.8	1.2
Lewiston-Auburn	48.9	49.6	48.9	49.6	.7	1.4
Portland-South Portland-Biddeford	195.9	196.6	196.0	197.0	1.0	.5
Maryland	2,592.0	2,626.4	2,590.3	2,628.9	38.6	1.5
Baltimore-Towson	1,307.8	1,320.9	1,308.1	1,322.9	14.8	1.1
Cumberland	40.9	40.7	40.6	40.6	.0	.0
Hagerstown-Martinsburg	101.2	101.7	101.1	101.6	.5	.5
Salisbury	55.6	56.0	55.2	55.9	.7	1.3
Massachusetts	3,234.1	3,255.2	3,238.7	3,257.4	18.7	.6
Barnstable Town	98.6	98.8	97.4	97.8	.4	.4
Boston-Cambridge-Quincy	2,454.2	2,471.4	2,456.2	2,473.2	17.0	.7
Leominster-Fitchburg-Gardner	51.0	50.7	50.9	50.7	-.2	-.4
New Bedford	65.2	65.2	64.7	65.1	.4	.6
Pittsfield	36.3	36.5	36.7	36.9	.2	.5
Springfield	298.5	300.9	298.4	300.5	2.1	.7
Worcester	245.8	247.7	246.3	248.2	1.9	.8
Michigan	4,445.5	4,418.8	4,429.0	4,409.0	-20.0	-.5
Ann Arbor	208.6	207.9	208.0	207.5	-.5	-.2
Battle Creek	62.8	62.3	63.1	62.5	-.6	-1.0
Bay City	39.9	39.8	39.8	39.5	-.3	-.8
Detroit-Warren-Livonia	2,066.7	2,040.4	2,062.4	2,039.7	-22.7	-1.1
Flint	157.6	154.8	157.4	155.1	-2.3	-1.5
Grand Rapids-Wyoming	400.0	400.3	401.6	400.7	-.9	-.2
Holland-Grand Haven	118.2	118.6	117.9	118.3	.4	.3
Jackson	62.3	60.6	61.9	60.5	-1.4	-2.3
Kalamazoo-Portage	147.7	147.3	146.7	146.7	.0	.0
Lansing-East Lansing	232.0	233.1	231.2	231.9	.7	.3
Monroe	43.3	43.7	44.2	43.5	-.7	-1.6
Muskegon-Norton Shores	67.8	67.1	67.7	67.1	-.6	-.9
Niles-Benton Harbor	65.9	65.2	65.5	64.8	-.7	-1.1
Saginaw-Saginaw Township North	94.1	93.0	94.2	92.5	-1.7	-1.8
Minnesota	2,750.7	2,815.2	2,746.3	2,800.6	54.3	2.0
Duluth	132.7	134.0	131.9	133.5	1.6	1.2
Minneapolis-St. Paul-Bloomington	1,785.9	1,822.4	1,783.8	1,817.8	34.0	1.9
Rochester	105.2	108.3	105.2	108.3	3.1	2.9
St. Cloud	100.0	101.0	99.8	101.4	1.6	1.6
Mississippi	1,134.7	1,155.5	1,130.3	1,159.5	29.2	2.6
Gulfport-Biloxi	99.8	101.4	91.5	102.0	10.5	11.5
Hattiesburg	57.5	58.8	58.2	58.7	.5	.9
Jackson	258.4	263.1	258.6	263.3	4.7	1.8
Pascagoula	54.1	57.2	55.1	58.0	2.9	5.3
Missouri	2,758.9	2,782.3	2,756.7	2,779.1	22.4	.8
Columbia	93.1	95.1	92.7	94.7	2.0	2.2
Jefferson City	79.0	78.8	79.1	78.5	-.6	-.8
Joplin	78.5	78.6	78.9	78.3	-.6	-.8
Kansas City	989.8	996.0	989.4	995.1	5.7	.6
St. Joseph	55.1	56.0	55.2	56.1	.9	1.6
St. Louis ¹	1,356.3	1,353.6	1,356.5	1,356.1	-.4	.0
Springfield	193.9	198.0	194.5	198.0	3.5	1.8

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(Numbers in thousands)

State and area	November		December		Change from December 2005 to December 2006 ^P	
	2005	2006	2005	2006 ^P	Number	Percent
Montana	426.1	445.2	425.3	443.1	17.8	4.2
Billings	77.1	78.9	77.0	79.1	2.1	2.7
Great Falls	34.2	35.8	34.2	35.5	1.3	3.8
Missoula	56.3	58.4	55.5	57.7	2.2	4.0
Nebraska	949.3	965.2	947.0	963.3	16.3	1.7
Lincoln	172.0	174.8	170.9	174.5	3.6	2.1
Omaha-Council Bluffs	459.7	466.2	458.6	464.9	6.3	1.4
Nevada	1,261.4	1,319.7	1,264.0	1,324.3	60.3	4.8
Carson City	33.3	34.0	33.3	33.9	.6	1.8
Las Vegas-Paradise	900.1	944.2	901.7	947.6	45.9	5.1
Reno-Sparks	222.2	232.3	223.4	233.3	9.9	4.4
New Hampshire	639.0	646.9	642.5	648.2	5.7	.9
Manchester	101.1	103.6	101.5	103.6	2.1	2.1
Portsmouth	55.7	56.7	56.0	57.1	1.1	2.0
Rochester-Dover	56.9	56.7	57.1	56.5	-.6	-1.1
New Jersey	4,092.7	4,113.8	4,101.5	4,122.0	20.5	.5
Atlantic City	153.2	159.7	153.4	159.5	6.1	4.0
Ocean City	40.1	42.0	40.3	41.9	1.6	4.0
Trenton-Ewing	240.1	245.9	241.2	246.8	5.6	2.3
Vineland-Millville-Bridgeton	65.9	64.8	65.6	64.8	-.8	-1.2
New Mexico	822.9	843.6	826.2	844.5	18.3	2.2
Albuquerque	384.6	394.9	385.1	394.8	9.7	2.5
Farmington	50.6	52.4	50.4	52.0	1.6	3.2
Las Cruces	67.6	69.8	67.8	69.9	2.1	3.1
Santa Fe	62.7	63.6	62.5	63.7	1.2	1.9
New York	8,663.3	8,730.3	8,680.4	8,742.2	61.8	.7
Albany-Schenectady-Troy	452.5	455.4	453.0	455.2	2.2	.5
Binghamton	114.7	115.7	114.2	115.2	1.0	.9
Buffalo-Niagara Falls	555.4	553.0	555.9	550.9	-5.0	-.9
Elmira	40.9	41.9	40.9	41.8	.9	2.2
Glens Falls	53.2	54.3	52.7	53.7	1.0	1.9
Ithaca	64.1	64.2	63.9	64.0	.1	.2
Kingston	64.7	65.4	64.5	65.3	.8	1.2
New York-Northern New Jersey-Long Island	8,493.2	8,545.8	8,520.5	8,574.9	54.4	.6
Poughkeepsie-Newburgh-Middletown	258.9	261.8	259.6	262.0	2.4	.9
Rochester	516.0	515.5	512.6	513.6	1.0	.2
Syracuse	327.3	330.1	328.4	328.8	.4	.1
Utica-Rome	134.3	134.6	134.5	134.7	.2	.1
North Carolina	3,977.0	4,032.4	3,971.2	4,027.6	56.4	1.4
Asheville	169.5	174.9	169.7	174.6	4.9	2.9
Burlington	59.7	61.0	59.6	61.1	1.5	2.5
Charlotte-Gastonia-Concord	806.6	820.8	808.9	822.1	13.2	1.6
Durham	273.3	280.6	274.9	280.4	5.5	2.0
Fayetteville	126.8	127.0	127.0	126.7	-.3	-.2
Goldensboro	43.3	42.6	43.5	42.6	-.9	-2.1
Greensboro-High Point	361.3	360.4	362.0	361.1	-.9	-.2
Greenville	71.2	73.8	71.2	73.7	2.5	3.5
Hickory-Lenoir-Morganton	162.5	161.8	162.9	161.7	-1.2	-.7
Jacksonville	42.5	44.7	42.8	44.7	1.9	4.4
Raleigh-Cary	474.5	494.0	475.5	494.8	19.3	4.1
Rocky Mount	62.4	62.1	62.3	62.2	-.1	-.2
Wilmington	136.3	138.6	135.9	138.1	2.2	1.6
Winston-Salem	212.7	217.2	213.1	218.0	4.9	2.3
North Dakota	351.7	358.5	351.1	357.2	6.1	1.7
Bismarck	57.9	58.7	57.9	58.8	.9	1.6
Fargo	115.2	117.2	115.1	117.2	2.1	1.8
Grand Forks	54.2	55.9	54.0	55.6	1.6	3.0
Ohio	5,505.0	5,508.1	5,497.3	5,500.3	3.0	.1
Akron	344.0	346.2	343.7	345.8	2.1	.6
Canton-Massillon	178.9	179.0	178.0	178.5	.5	.3
Cincinnati-Middletown	1,048.9	1,059.0	1,049.1	1,061.3	12.2	1.2
Cleveland-Elyria-Mentor	1,082.1	1,080.1	1,078.8	1,076.9	-1.9	-.2
Columbus	939.2	943.3	938.3	944.8	6.5	.7
Dayton	412.4	409.9	411.2	409.3	-1.9	-.5
Lima	58.5	57.8	57.8	57.6	-.2	-.3
Mansfield	59.4	57.8	59.6	57.8	-1.8	-3.0
Sandusky	38.4	38.3	37.4	37.6	.2	.5
Springfield	53.4	53.9	53.0	53.7	.7	1.3
Toledo	335.3	337.6	334.7	336.6	1.9	.6
Weirton-Steubenville	47.7	47.8	47.4	47.5	.1	.2
Youngstown-Warren-Boardman	248.9	248.3	248.1	247.9	-.2	-.1

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State and area	November		December		Change from December 2005 to December 2006 ^P	
	2005	2006	2005	2006 ^P	Number	Percent
Oklahoma	1,538.1	1,558.9	1,538.8	1,559.1	20.3	1.3
Lawton	41.1	40.3	41.1	40.4	-.7	-1.7
Oklahoma City	564.7	574.2	566.1	576.4	10.3	1.8
Tulsa	419.3	429.8	420.3	430.8	10.5	2.5
Oregon	1,698.3	1,737.0	1,697.2	1,728.8	31.6	1.9
Bend	65.0	67.8	64.9	67.7	2.8	4.3
Corvallis	38.2	38.4	38.0	38.4	.4	1.1
Eugene-Springfield	151.9	155.3	152.4	155.9	3.5	2.3
Medford	85.3	86.5	86.1	87.4	1.3	1.5
Portland-Vancouver-Beaverton	1,004.4	1,026.8	1,007.1	1,026.6	19.5	1.9
Salem	147.9	151.2	146.6	150.3	3.7	2.5
Pennsylvania	5,787.5	5,838.9	5,783.6	5,833.3	49.7	.9
Allentown-Bethlehem-Easton	341.3	347.0	340.7	346.8	6.1	1.8
Altoona	62.5	63.5	62.3	63.3	1.0	1.6
Erie	134.5	133.9	134.0	133.5	-.5	-.4
Harrisburg-Carlisle	327.3	333.6	327.5	333.8	6.3	1.9
Johnstown	61.2	60.7	61.1	60.8	-.3	-.5
Lancaster	239.2	241.1	238.8	241.3	2.5	1.0
Lebanon	48.8	49.0	48.8	49.1	.3	.6
Philadelphia-Camden-Wilmington	2,815.0	2,846.2	2,821.5	2,853.4	31.9	1.1
Pittsburgh	1,153.1	1,159.4	1,149.4	1,155.1	5.7	.5
Reading	171.6	171.6	171.7	171.5	-.2	-.1
Scranton—Wilkes-Barre	264.9	268.1	264.9	267.0	2.1	.8
State College	76.2	77.2	74.9	76.0	1.1	1.5
Williamsport	54.2	54.9	54.1	54.9	.8	1.5
York-Hanover	178.9	180.2	179.4	180.3	.9	.5
Rhode Island	499.9	500.0	497.9	498.0	.1	.0
Providence-Fall River-Warwick	592.8	594.6	590.4	592.6	2.2	.4
South Carolina	1,883.7	1,924.8	1,885.7	1,918.8	33.1	1.8
Anderson	62.6	62.2	62.6	63.1	.5	.8
Charleston-North Charleston	283.6	289.3	284.1	288.6	4.5	1.6
Columbia	359.5	371.1	362.8	372.8	10.0	2.8
Florence	87.1	89.2	87.7	89.8	2.1	2.4
Greenville	308.6	310.7	309.9	311.2	1.3	.4
Myrtle Beach-Conway-North Myrtle Beach	119.2	123.8	118.3	121.9	3.6	3.0
Spartanburg	124.3	124.7	123.7	125.0	1.3	1.1
Sumter	41.4	42.8	41.8	43.2	1.4	3.3
South Dakota	394.1	402.9	391.4	403.1	11.7	3.0
Rapid City	59.0	59.8	58.2	60.0	1.8	3.1
Sioux Falls	128.1	131.8	127.8	131.8	4.0	3.1
Tennessee	2,782.3	2,810.4	2,789.3	2,816.7	27.4	1.0
Chattanooga	243.8	245.7	244.3	245.9	1.6	.7
Clarksville	84.1	85.2	84.3	84.4	.1	.1
Cleveland	42.4	42.6	42.8	42.8	.0	.0
Jackson	61.7	62.7	61.7	62.9	1.2	1.9
Johnson City	82.2	83.6	82.2	83.5	1.3	1.6
Kingsport-Bristol-Bristol	121.5	121.3	122.0	121.6	-.4	-.3
Knoxville	333.0	337.0	333.0	337.3	4.3	1.3
Memphis	635.8	643.2	636.8	642.9	6.1	1.0
Morristown	51.8	51.6	52.1	51.7	-.4	-.8
Nashville-Davidson—Murfreesboro	750.4	768.2	752.5	768.8	16.3	2.2
Texas	9,913.2	10,117.1	9,923.7	10,138.4	214.7	2.2
Abilene	65.3	66.4	65.6	66.3	.7	1.1
Amarillo	109.4	112.3	110.1	112.5	2.4	2.2
Austin-Round Rock	708.3	727.0	706.7	728.3	21.6	3.1
Beaumont-Port Arthur	153.4	154.6	154.2	154.4	.2	.1
Brownsville-Harlingen	118.1	122.2	119.2	122.7	3.5	2.9
College Station-Bryan	91.7	93.4	91.2	93.0	1.8	2.0
Corpus Christi	171.4	174.0	172.1	174.6	2.5	1.5
Dallas-Fort Worth-Arlington	2,820.3	2,884.5	2,827.1	2,892.3	65.2	2.3
El Paso	264.7	270.2	264.8	270.7	5.9	2.2
Houston-Sugar Land-Baytown	2,391.6	2,468.3	2,404.1	2,477.2	73.1	3.0
Killeen-Temple-Fort Hood	118.9	119.7	119.1	119.9	.8	.7
Laredo	83.5	88.2	84.0	88.6	4.6	5.5
Longview	91.9	93.3	92.0	93.8	1.8	2.0
Lubbock	128.5	129.6	128.3	129.3	1.0	.8
McAllen-Edinburg-Mission	201.0	209.0	203.1	210.9	7.8	3.8
Midland	61.1	63.4	61.1	63.8	2.7	4.4
Odessa	55.1	56.6	55.3	56.6	1.3	2.4
San Angelo	44.1	44.1	44.1	44.1	.0	.0
San Antonio	790.2	808.0	789.9	810.0	20.1	2.5
Sherman-Denison	44.2	45.7	44.4	45.9	1.5	3.4
Texarkana	56.0	56.4	56.1	56.6	.5	.9
Tyler	92.1	91.0	91.9	91.2	-.7	-.8
Victoria	49.5	51.1	49.7	51.4	1.7	3.4
Waco	106.7	108.7	106.8	108.7	1.9	1.8
Wichita Falls	62.1	63.5	62.3	63.2	.9	1.4

See footnotes at end of table.

Table 3. Employees on nonfarm payrolls by state and metropolitan area—Continued

(Numbers in thousands)

State and area	November		December		Change from December 2005 to December 2006 ^P	
	2005	2006	2005	2006 ^P	Number	Percent
Utah	1,182.7	1,236.6	1,188.9	1,241.0	52.1	4.4
Logan	51.0	52.7	51.4	52.9	1.5	2.9
Ogden-Clearfield	193.6	198.9	192.8	197.8	5.0	2.6
Provo-Orem	178.1	186.7	178.5	186.9	8.4	4.7
St. George	49.3	53.4	49.3	53.3	4.0	8.1
Salt Lake City	604.0	630.3	610.9	636.6	25.7	4.2
Vermont	308.6	311.1	312.5	314.6	2.1	.7
Burlington-South Burlington	114.6	116.0	114.1	116.2	2.1	1.8
Virginia	3,732.4	3,781.0	3,722.3	3,777.8	55.5	1.5
Blacksburg-Christiansburg-Radford	74.7	75.4	73.2	74.0	.8	1.1
Charlottesville	98.4	101.4	98.4	101.5	3.1	3.2
Danville	43.4	41.5	42.9	41.4	-1.5	-3.5
Harrisonburg	62.0	62.1	62.0	62.1	.1	.2
Lynchburg	108.7	109.4	108.8	109.8	1.0	.9
Richmond	624.9	629.8	625.2	631.0	5.8	.9
Roanoke	163.6	164.3	163.4	164.3	.9	.6
Virginia Beach-Norfolk-Newport News	772.2	786.4	772.3	788.6	16.3	2.1
Winchester	57.8	58.2	57.2	57.8	.6	1.0
Washington	2,841.4	2,916.1	2,834.3	2,905.4	71.1	2.5
Bellingham	83.3	85.0	83.2	84.6	1.4	1.7
Bremerton-Silverdale	86.2	86.7	86.0	86.6	.6	.7
Kennewick-Richland-Pasco	87.5	89.4	87.4	89.1	1.7	1.9
Longview	37.7	39.1	37.6	39.0	1.4	3.7
Mount Vernon-Anacortes	46.1	47.0	46.1	46.8	.7	1.5
Olympia	97.6	99.7	97.8	99.9	2.1	2.1
Seattle-Tacoma-Bellevue	1,682.4	1,729.0	1,681.5	1,727.0	45.5	2.7
Spokane	211.4	217.9	210.9	217.6	6.7	3.2
Wenatchee	38.5	40.0	38.2	39.7	1.5	3.9
Yakima	78.1	79.5	77.4	78.5	1.1	1.4
West Virginia	757.1	765.6	757.4	765.1	7.7	1.0
Charleston	149.5	151.9	150.5	152.4	1.9	1.3
Huntington-Ashland	121.3	123.5	120.9	123.4	2.5	2.1
Morgantown	59.3	62.0	59.1	62.0	2.9	4.9
Parkersburg-Marietta-Vienna	74.4	74.7	73.9	74.5	.6	.8
Wheeling	69.7	70.7	69.9	70.8	.9	1.3
Wisconsin	2,879.2	2,899.1	2,872.0	2,890.4	18.4	.6
Appleton	117.6	117.4	117.6	117.1	-.5	-.4
Eau Claire	81.3	82.6	80.6	82.3	1.7	2.1
Fond du Lac	48.9	48.8	48.7	48.7	.0	.0
Green Bay	172.2	172.5	171.0	171.8	.8	.5
Janesville	69.9	69.6	69.6	69.6	.0	.0
La Crosse	73.9	73.7	73.6	73.6	.0	.0
Madison	348.9	355.5	348.5	354.4	5.9	1.7
Milwaukee-Waukesha-West Allis	838.7	847.3	838.2	848.3	10.1	1.2
Oshkosh-Neenah	93.5	95.1	93.2	94.9	1.7	1.8
Racine	82.2	83.0	82.3	82.8	.5	.6
Sheboygan	63.5	63.1	63.4	63.0	-.4	-.6
Wausau	72.6	72.9	72.7	73.1	.4	.6
Wyoming	264.0	277.1	263.6	277.5	13.9	5.3
Casper	37.9	39.2	37.6	39.5	1.9	5.1
Cheyenne	42.0	42.8	41.8	42.7	.9	2.2
Puerto Rico	1,046.6	1,041.0	1,075.9	1,041.1	-34.8	-3.2
Aguadilla-Isabela-San Sebastian	50.1	47.9	51.8	47.9	-3.9	-7.5
Fajardo	17.0	16.8	17.7	16.9	-.8	-4.5
Guayama	17.8	18.3	18.3	18.6	.3	1.6
Mayaguez	40.9	41.2	42.5	41.0	-1.5	-3.5
Ponce	66.9	66.5	68.9	66.5	-2.4	-3.5
San German-Cabo Rojo	22.7	21.9	22.4	21.8	-.6	-2.7
San Juan-Caguas-Guaynabo	788.4	782.8	811.2	783.4	-27.8	-3.4
Yauco	14.7	14.7	15.1	14.8	-.3	-2.0
Virgin Islands	43.7	44.6	43.9	44.9	1.0	2.3

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Table 4. Employees on nonfarm payrolls by state, selected metropolitan area, and metropolitan division

(Numbers in thousands)

State, area, and division	November		December		Change from December 2005 to December 2006 ^P	
	2005	2006	2005	2006 ^P	Number	Percent
California	15,019.8	15,179.0	15,034.6	15,206.5	171.9	1.1
Los Angeles-Long Beach-Santa Ana	5,581.5	5,629.6	5,581.7	5,643.7	62.0	1.1
Los Angeles-Long Beach-Glendale	4,073.1	4,108.7	4,072.5	4,119.6	47.1	1.2
Santa Ana-Anaheim-Irvine	1,508.4	1,520.9	1,509.2	1,524.1	14.9	1.0
San Francisco-Oakland-Fremont	2,006.4	2,051.0	2,014.6	2,056.8	42.2	2.1
Oakland-Fremont-Hayward	1,051.3	1,071.1	1,056.7	1,074.3	17.6	1.7
San Francisco-San Mateo-Redwood City	955.1	973.9	957.9	976.5	18.6	1.9
District of Columbia	689.3	698.5	689.2	697.6	8.4	1.2
Washington-Arlington-Alexandria ¹	2,966.3	3,033.9	2,971.6	3,042.8	71.2	2.4
Bethesda-Gaithersburg-Frederick ²	580.0	591.8	581.7	594.3	12.6	2.2
Washington-Arlington-Alexandria ¹	2,386.3	2,442.1	2,389.9	2,448.5	58.6	2.5
Florida	7,968.7	8,192.5	8,031.8	8,247.0	215.2	2.7
Miami-Fort Lauderdale-Miami Beach	2,429.3	2,483.5	2,452.0	2,508.7	56.7	2.3
Fort Lauderdale-Pompano Beach-Deerfield Beach	786.8	807.4	796.6	817.7	21.1	2.6
Miami-Miami Beach-Kendall	1,059.6	1,071.3	1,064.5	1,077.5	13.0	1.2
West Palm Beach-Boca Raton-Boynton Beach	582.9	604.8	590.9	613.5	22.6	3.8
Illinois	5,948.2	6,006.9	5,942.1	6,007.6	65.5	1.1
Chicago-Naperville-Joliet ¹	4,528.6	4,575.5	4,522.2	4,574.2	52.0	1.1
Chicago-Naperville-Joliet	3,849.1	3,890.3	3,844.4	3,890.5	46.1	1.2
Gary ²	281.3	282.0	281.2	282.0	.8	.3
Lake County-Kenosha County ¹	398.2	403.2	396.6	401.7	5.1	1.3
Massachusetts	3,234.1	3,255.2	3,238.7	3,257.4	18.7	.6
Boston-Cambridge-Quincy ¹	2,454.2	2,471.4	2,456.2	2,473.2	17.0	.7
Boston-Cambridge-Quincy	1,667.4	1,682.6	1,670.8	1,682.9	12.1	.7
Brockton-Bridgewater-Easton	90.5	90.6	90.3	90.6	.3	.3
Framingham	155.9	157.2	157.2	158.4	1.2	.8
Haverhill-North Andover-Amesbury ¹	77.2	79.2	77.4	79.3	1.9	2.5
Lowell-Billerica-Chelmsford ¹	117.7	119.0	117.8	119.0	1.2	1.0
Lynn-Peabody-Salem	102.6	103.1	103.6	103.9	.3	.3
Nashua ¹	134.8	135.0	135.7	135.2	-.5	-.4
Michigan	4,445.5	4,418.8	4,429.0	4,409.0	-20.0	-.5
Detroit-Warren-Livonia	2,066.7	2,040.4	2,062.4	2,039.7	-22.7	-1.1
Detroit-Livonia-Dearborn	827.9	818.4	829.3	819.5	-9.8	-1.2
Warren-Troy-Farmington Hills	1,238.8	1,222.0	1,233.1	1,220.2	-12.9	-1.0
New York	8,663.3	8,730.3	8,680.4	8,742.2	61.8	.7
New York-Northern New Jersey-Long Island ¹	8,493.2	8,545.8	8,520.5	8,574.9	54.4	.6
Edison ²	1,033.0	1,043.9	1,036.2	1,046.3	10.1	1.0
Nassau-Suffolk	1,261.7	1,263.4	1,268.9	1,271.3	2.4	.2
New York-White Plains-Wayne ¹	5,160.9	5,203.0	5,175.6	5,219.6	44.0	.9
Newark-Union ²	1,037.6	1,035.5	1,039.8	1,037.7	-2.1	-.2
Pennsylvania	5,787.5	5,838.9	5,783.6	5,833.3	49.7	.9
Philadelphia-Camden-Wilmington ¹	2,815.0	2,846.2	2,821.5	2,853.4	31.9	1.1
Camden ²	544.2	553.7	547.1	556.2	9.1	1.7
Philadelphia	1,915.9	1,933.3	1,919.5	1,937.3	17.8	.9
Wilmington ²	354.9	359.2	354.9	359.9	5.0	1.4
Texas	9,913.2	10,117.1	9,923.7	10,138.4	214.7	2.2
Dallas-Fort Worth-Arlington	2,820.3	2,884.5	2,827.1	2,892.3	65.2	2.3
Dallas-Plano-Irving	1,992.8	2,042.9	1,997.3	2,048.5	51.2	2.6
Fort Worth-Arlington	827.5	841.6	829.8	843.8	14.0	1.7
Washington	2,841.4	2,916.1	2,834.3	2,905.4	71.1	2.5
Seattle-Tacoma-Bellevue	1,682.4	1,729.0	1,681.5	1,727.0	45.5	2.7
Seattle-Bellevue-Everett	1,412.4	1,452.0	1,410.6	1,449.9	39.3	2.8
Tacoma	270.0	277.0	270.9	277.1	6.2	2.3

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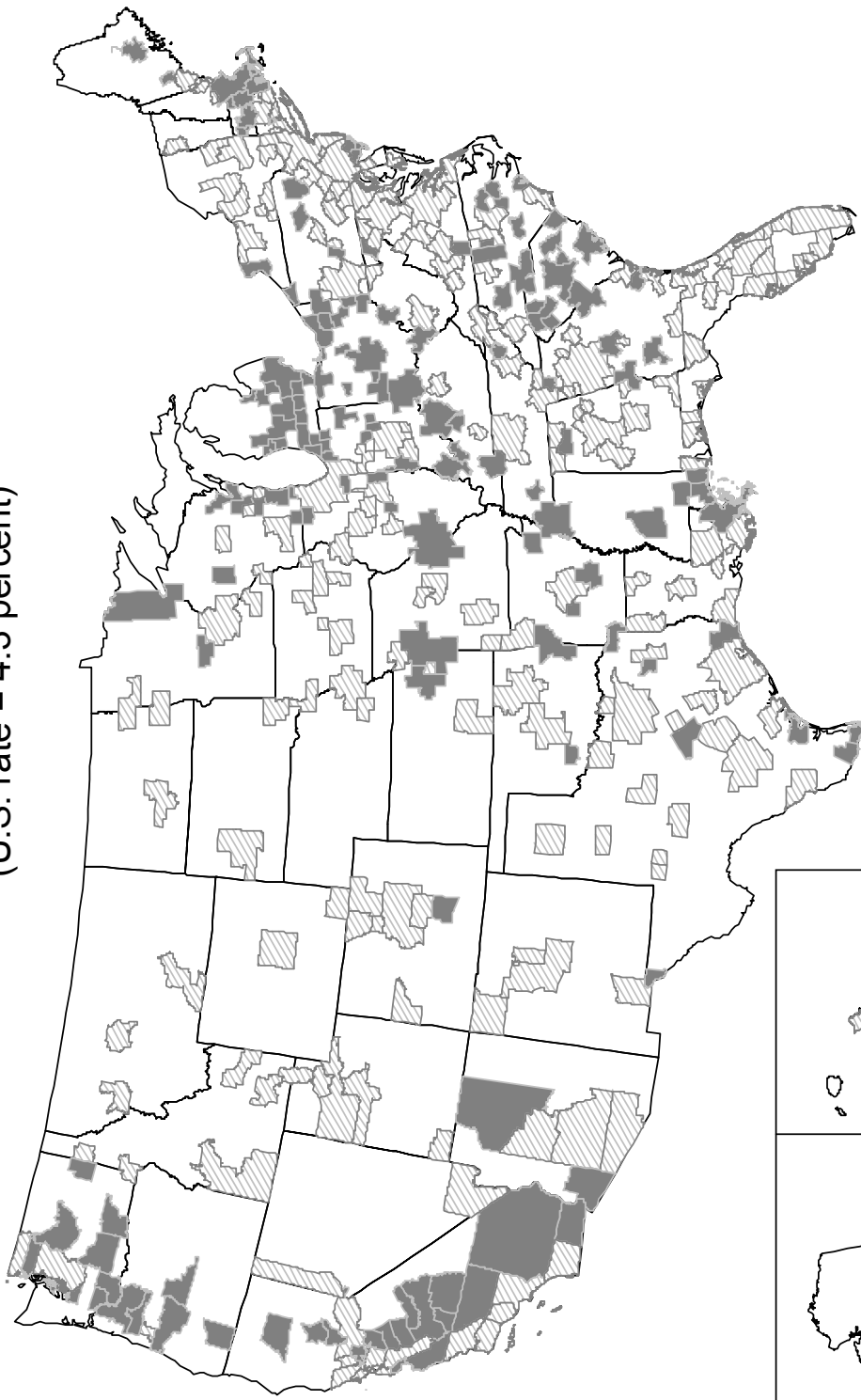
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