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METROPOLITAN AREA EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT: DECEMBER 2002

In December, unemployment rates were higher than a year earlier in 192 metropolitan areas, lower in 122 areas, and unchanged in 17 areas, the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the U.S. Department of Labor reported today. Twelve metropolitan areas had jobless rates of at least 10.0 percent. Eight of these were located in California's agricultural Central Valley, and three were along the Mexican border in other states. Twenty-three areas posted unemployment rates below 3.0 percent; 11 were located in the Midwest and 8 in the South. The national unemployment rate in December was 5.7 percent, not seasonally adjusted.

Metropolitan Area Unemployment (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

Fifty-one metropolitan areas had unemployment rates of at least 6.5 percent in December, while 46 areas had rates below 3.5 percent. Yuma, Ariz., again reported the highest unemployment rate, 17.8 percent. Five California areas posted the next highest rates—Visalia-Tulare-Porterville, 17.2 percent, Merced, 16.2 percent, Fresno, 15.3 percent, Salinas, 14.5 percent, and Yuba City, 13.8 percent. Bryan-College Station, Texas, recorded the lowest unemployment rate, 1.7 percent, closely followed by Columbia, Mo., at 1.8 percent. (See table 1 and the map.)

In December, Yuma, Ariz., also registered the largest over-the-year unemployment rate increase (+1.8 percentage points). Twenty-nine additional areas—12 of which were located in the Northeast—recorded increases of at least a full percentage point. The largest rate decreases from December 2001 were posted in Danville, Va. (-4.3 percentage points), and Elkhart-Goshen, Ind. (-2.5 points). Both areas had experienced notable manufacturing employment losses in 2001. An additional 18 areas reported over-the-year jobless rate decreases of 1.0 percentage point or more. Nine of these were located in the West, and seven were in the South.

Of the 51 metropolitan areas with a 1990 census population of 1 million or more, New York, N.Y., and San Jose, Calif., reported the highest unemployment rates, 7.5 percent each in December. The next highest rates were in Portland-Vancouver, Ore.-Wash., 6.9 percent, and Miami, Fla., 6.8 percent. Washington, D.C.-Md.-Va.-W.Va., continued to post the lowest unemployment rate among these largest areas, 3.1 percent, followed by Minneapolis-St. Paul, Minn.-Wis., 3.5 percent. Over the year, jobless rates were up in 34 large areas, down in 14 areas, and unchanged in 3 areas. Of the five areas with over-the-year rate increases of at least 1.0 percentage point, San Jose, Calif., recorded the largest (+1.2 percentage points). Two areas in Florida reported the largest over-the-year unemployment rate declines among the large areas—Miami (-1.2 percentage points) and Orlando (-1.1 points).

Metropolitan Area Nonfarm Employment (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

Among the 274 metropolitan areas for which December nonfarm payroll data were available, 162 reported over-the-year declines in employment, 107 reported increases, and 5 had no change. The largest over-the-year employment decreases were posted in Chicago, Ill. (-57,400), New York, N.Y. (-45,100), Detroit, Mich. (-39,000), and San Jose, Calif. (-34,100). The largest over-the-year percentage declines in employment were reported in Flint, Mich. (-4.3 percent), San Jose, Calif. (-3.5 percent), Decatur, Ill. (-3.3 percent), and Bridgeport, Conn. (-3.1 percent). (See table 2.)

The largest over-the-year employment increases were recorded in Riverside-San Bernardino, Calif. (+22,000), followed by Las Vegas, Nev.-Ariz. (+21,600), Miami, Fla. (+18,500), and San Diego, Calif. (+17,800). The largest percentage increases in employment occurred in Elkhart-Goshen, Ind. (+4.5 percent), Fayetteville-Springdale-Rogers, Ark. (+3.8 percent), McAllen-Edinburg-Mission, Texas (+3.4 percent), and Santa Fe, N.M. (+3.3 percent).

Over the year, nonfarm employment declined in 29 of the 38 metropolitan areas with annual average employment levels above 750,000 in 2001. The largest over-the-year percentage declines in employment in these large metropolitan areas were posted in San Jose, Calif. (-3.5 percent), San Francisco, Calif. (-2.1 percent), and Detroit, Mich. (-1.8 percent). Among the largest areas, Las Vegas, Nev.-Ariz., had the highest over-the-year percentage increase in employment (+2.8 percent), followed by Riverside-San Bernardino, Calif. (+2.1 percent), and Miami, Fla. (+1.8 percent).

Over the year, manufacturing continued to be the weakest industry division, with 207 metropolitan areas experiencing employment losses. Employment growth was most prevalent in services, in government, and in finance, insurance, and real estate, with increases occurring in 177, 172, and 122 metropolitan areas, respectively.

The Regional and State Employment and Unemployment release for January is scheduled to be issued on March 20. The Metropolitan Area Employment and Unemployment release for January is scheduled to be issued on March 26.

Upcoming Changes to State and Metropolitan Area Data Series in March 2003

Labor Force Data Series

Effective with the release of January 2003 estimates in March 2003, the labor force data series for all states, the District of Columbia, the Los Angeles-Long Beach metropolitan area, and New York City shown in table 1 of this news release will be revised to incorporate population controls reflecting the results of Census 2000, reestimation of models, and benchmarking to Current Population Survey annual averages. Labor force estimates for the remaining metropolitan areas will be revised to reflect updated inputs and the new statewide estimates. Data back to 2000 are subject to revision. Questions about these upcoming changes to the labor force data series can be directed to the Division of Local Area Unemployment Statistics at 202-691-6392.

Nonfarm Payroll Data Series

NAICS conversion. The nonfarm payroll series for states and metropolitan areas, produced from the Current Employment Statistics (CES) program and presented in table 2 of this news release, will be converted from the 1987 Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) basis to the 2002 North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) basis with the release of January 2003 estimates in March 2003. The NAICS conversion involves major definitional changes to many of the currently published SIC-based series. After the conversion to NAICS, SIC-based series will no longer be produced or published. Historical time series will be reconstructed as part of the NAICS conversion process. At the State and metropolitan area levels, the NAICS-based reconstruction effort will cover only the all employee series, which will have a NAICS-based history extending back to January 1990, except for total nonfarm employment series, which will retain their current beginning dates. There will be no reconstruction of average weekly hours, average hourly earnings, or other data types; these series will begin in January 2001 on a NAICS basis.

Completion of the CES sample redesign. March 2003 also will mark the completion of the CES sample redesign phase-in at the state and metropolitan area levels. The redesign converts the CES from a quota-based sample to a probability-based sample. In March 2003, at the state and metropolitan area levels, the transportation and public utilities; finance, insurance, and real estate; retail trade; and services industries will be converted to the new sample. All other private sector industries have already been converted. The final stage of sample redesign phase-in may result in level shifts for average weekly hours, average hourly earnings, and production worker employment series. New levels for these series are being recomputed from the NAICS-based probability sample.

Small domain models. With the full implementation of the CES sample redesign at the state and metropolitan area levels in March 2003, some redistribution of sample from smaller to larger metropolitan areas will be needed in order to maximize the reliability of the statewide total nonfarm estimates. In order to sustain the viability of the employment series for smaller domains, primarily detailed industry series within the smallest metropolitan areas, the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) has developed a small domain model, based on weighted least squares regression methodology. The inputs for the model are available sample, time series history, and additional information from the full state sample. In March 2003, the model will be implemented as the official estimator for the approximately 10 percent of CES published series which have insufficient sample for direct sample-based estimates.

Further information on upcoming changes to CES data series is available through the BLS public database at the state and area homepage at <http://www.bls.gov/sae/> or by calling 202-691-6559.

Technical Note

This release presents labor force and unemployment data from the Local Area Unemployment Statistics (LAUS) program (table 1) for 337 metropolitan areas, including those in Puerto Rico. Nonfarm payroll employment estimates from the Current Employment Statistics (CES) program (table 2) are provided for over 270 of these 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 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. 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 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 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. All other substate estimates are adjusted to add to the revised (benchmarked) state 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, except for federal government employment, which represents the number of persons who occupied positions on the last day 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 product or activity in accordance with the *1987 Standard Industrial Classification Manual*.

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.

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, 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 the standard errors for state annual average estimates derived from the CPS, are available in the annual BLS bulletin, *Geographic Profile of Employment and Unemployment*. Error measures cannot be computed for substate areas because of the special estimation processes used. 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 are not available for state CES data, but the relatively large size of the samples maintained by the state agencies and the annual adjustment of employment estimates to more recent benchmark levels assure a high degree of

accuracy. Information on recent benchmark revisions for states is available upon request.

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, dated June 30, 1996. A detailed list of the geographic definitions 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 Superintendent 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 two 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 from the BLS Internet at (<http://stats.bls.gov/lau/>). Employment data from the CES program are available at (<http://stats.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

(Numbers in thousands)

State and area	Civilian labor force				Unemployed							
					Number				Percent of labor force			
	November		December		November		December		November		December	
	2001	2002	2001	2002 ^P	2001	2002	2001	2002 ^P	2001	2002	2001	2002 ^P
Alabama	2,167.3	2,175.4	2,157.9	2,165.3	128.4	127.2	120.1	116.8	5.9	5.8	5.6	5.4
Anniston	52.6	52.4	52.1	52.1	3.1	3.0	3.0	2.6	6.0	5.8	5.8	5.1
Auburn-Opelika	51.4	51.6	50.7	51.3	2.2	2.2	2.0	1.9	4.3	4.3	3.9	3.7
Birmingham	483.4	488.6	481.5	486.0	20.4	22.1	18.5	20.2	4.2	4.5	3.8	4.2
Decatur	73.0	72.9	73.3	72.7	4.6	5.1	5.2	4.6	6.3	6.9	7.1	6.3
Dothan	67.5	68.7	67.3	68.6	3.3	2.9	3.0	2.7	4.9	4.3	4.5	3.9
Florence	66.7	64.4	66.3	63.8	6.8	5.8	6.8	5.3	10.1	9.0	10.2	8.3
Gadsden	47.6	47.5	47.5	47.3	2.9	2.9	2.8	2.7	6.2	6.2	5.9	5.7
Huntsville	179.9	180.0	179.4	179.8	7.3	7.8	7.2	7.3	4.1	4.4	4.0	4.1
Mobile	276.1	276.4	274.3	275.9	17.0	16.6	15.7	15.5	6.2	6.0	5.7	5.6
Montgomery	166.9	169.1	165.7	167.8	7.5	8.5	7.1	7.7	4.5	5.0	4.3	4.6
Tuscaloosa	84.3	84.3	84.6	83.9	3.0	2.9	2.9	2.7	3.5	3.5	3.5	3.2
Alaska	319.6	328.4	316.7	327.5	19.0	21.9	19.6	24.7	5.9	6.7	6.2	7.6
Anchorage	146.7	150.4	146.5	150.7	5.8	7.0	5.8	7.8	4.0	4.7	4.0	5.1
Arizona	2,467.0	2,514.7	2,467.2	2,514.5	133.1	142.4	135.5	134.8	5.4	5.7	5.5	5.4
Flagstaff	65.6	65.5	64.3	64.7	3.3	3.5	3.6	3.7	5.1	5.4	5.6	5.7
Phoenix-Mesa	1,657.6	1,686.4	1,659.9	1,686.1	83.7	88.4	87.8	84.3	5.1	5.2	5.3	5.0
Tucson	402.3	408.5	402.3	411.8	17.2	18.1	17.6	17.6	4.3	4.4	4.4	4.3
Yuma	60.5	65.3	59.9	63.7	12.3	14.0	9.6	11.3	20.2	21.5	16.0	17.8
Arkansas	1,220.2	1,280.3	1,209.1	1,268.4	57.5	56.7	64.0	62.1	4.7	4.4	5.3	4.9
Fayetteville-Springdale-Rogers	154.0	168.1	152.0	166.2	3.4	3.4	3.7	3.8	2.2	2.0	2.4	2.3
Fort Smith	97.2	99.1	95.6	98.3	4.2	4.1	4.4	4.5	4.3	4.1	4.6	4.6
Jonesboro	42.5	44.5	42.3	44.0	1.7	1.7	2.1	1.8	4.0	3.7	5.1	4.0
Little Rock-North Little Rock	297.7	309.8	294.7	307.4	11.8	11.5	12.5	12.2	4.0	3.7	4.3	4.0
Pine Bluff	35.3	36.6	35.1	36.5	2.5	2.7	2.7	2.9	7.0	7.4	7.8	8.0
California	17,528.9	17,683.3	17,444.2	17,564.5	1,050.1	1,139.8	1,009.6	1,102.5	6.0	6.4	5.8	6.3
Bakersfield	292.0	299.1	293.8	302.5	31.5	34.8	32.7	37.9	10.8	11.6	11.1	12.5
Chico-Paradise	88.5	92.4	87.7	91.0	6.1	6.8	6.5	6.9	6.9	7.4	7.4	7.6
Fresno	436.1	442.0	436.8	440.6	60.4	67.3	60.3	67.3	13.9	15.2	13.8	15.3
Los Angeles-Long Beach	4,965.7	4,924.6	4,925.9	4,885.2	305.6	293.7	291.5	281.1	6.2	6.0	5.9	5.8
Merced	84.9	84.1	84.0	83.6	12.5	12.9	13.2	13.6	14.7	15.3	15.8	16.2
Modesto	211.7	214.4	211.2	214.2	22.6	25.1	22.6	24.7	10.7	11.7	10.7	11.5
Oakland	1,275.8	1,296.7	1,270.0	1,291.8	65.1	78.1	59.2	73.0	5.1	6.0	4.7	5.7
Orange County	1,549.6	1,565.2	1,548.6	1,559.7	55.5	62.5	49.8	57.6	3.6	4.0	3.2	3.7
Redding	77.7	78.4	77.9	78.1	5.5	5.8	5.7	5.6	7.0	7.4	7.3	7.2
Riverside-San Bernardino	1,595.4	1,653.9	1,597.5	1,653.5	82.5	97.0	75.5	89.7	5.2	5.9	4.7	5.4
Sacramento	836.2	850.0	834.8	846.2	36.2	45.7	35.0	42.8	4.3	5.4	4.2	5.1
Salinas	196.1	197.2	195.2	195.8	17.7	19.9	27.1	28.4	9.1	10.1	13.9	14.5
San Diego	1,439.4	1,486.6	1,439.3	1,482.3	52.8	63.6	47.7	58.7	3.7	4.3	3.3	4.0
San Francisco	983.9	975.3	974.6	962.3	49.7	51.8	43.8	48.0	5.1	5.3	4.5	5.0
San Jose	1,002.8	989.2	995.1	980.6	69.7	79.5	62.4	73.8	6.9	8.0	6.3	7.5
San Luis Obispo-Atascadero-Paso Robles	120.1	122.4	119.4	120.4	3.5	4.4	3.4	4.2	2.9	3.6	2.9	3.5
Santa Barbara-Santa Maria-Lompoc	203.5	205.9	201.8	202.4	8.1	9.6	8.4	9.7	4.0	4.6	4.2	4.8
Santa Cruz-Watsonville	145.3	146.4	143.1	143.4	10.3	11.8	11.9	13.1	7.1	8.0	8.3	9.1
Santa Rosa	264.1	269.0	261.5	264.5	9.7	12.0	8.8	11.2	3.7	4.5	3.4	4.2
Stockton-Lodi	265.3	273.5	264.0	268.7	26.0	28.6	26.0	28.2	9.8	10.5	9.9	10.5
Vallejo-Fairfield-Napa	269.2	273.6	265.8	269.1	12.4	15.2	11.9	14.5	4.6	5.6	4.5	5.4
Ventura	425.2	431.0	421.8	425.7	22.6	25.1	21.0	23.6	5.3	5.8	5.0	5.5
Visalia-Tulare-Porterville	169.5	168.8	169.5	169.5	27.3	27.5	28.1	29.2	16.1	16.3	16.6	17.2
Yolo	94.0	94.7	93.2	93.1	4.5	5.3	4.7	5.3	4.7	5.6	5.0	5.7
Yuba City	57.9	58.3	57.4	57.6	7.6	8.0	7.7	8.0	13.2	13.8	13.4	13.8
Colorado	2,331.9	2,371.4	2,318.2	2,356.6	112.9	123.1	112.6	123.2	4.8	5.2	4.9	5.2
Boulder-Longmont	193.9	192.7	193.0	191.9	9.2	9.8	9.1	9.6	4.8	5.1	4.7	5.0
Colorado Springs	269.8	274.1	269.3	270.6	15.3	15.8	15.1	15.5	5.7	5.8	5.6	5.7
Denver	1,166.8	1,185.3	1,152.7	1,172.2	57.1	62.2	57.2	63.0	4.9	5.2	5.0	5.4
Fort Collins-Loveland	151.0	154.1	150.0	153.0	6.4	7.2	6.3	7.3	4.2	4.7	4.2	4.8
Grand Junction	58.8	61.8	58.4	61.1	2.4	2.7	2.5	2.9	4.0	4.4	4.3	4.8
Greeley	91.2	95.1	90.4	94.7	4.3	5.3	4.3	5.4	4.7	5.6	4.8	5.6
Pueblo	59.6	59.3	59.7	59.3	3.8	3.9	3.9	3.9	6.4	6.5	6.5	6.6
Connecticut	1,701.1	1,719.7	1,694.3	1,712.4	57.2	67.5	59.5	71.5	3.4	3.9	3.5	4.2
Bridgeport	213.5	212.1	212.4	210.7	9.3	10.3	9.6	10.9	4.4	4.8	4.5	5.2
Danbury	107.8	108.7	107.9	108.2	2.9	3.0	3.0	3.2	2.7	2.8	2.8	2.9
Hartford	579.9	583.2	575.5	579.9	19.4	24.5	20.1	26.3	3.4	4.2	3.5	4.5
New Haven-Meriden	274.8	282.1	274.6	281.4	8.7	10.4	9.1	10.8	3.2	3.7	3.3	3.8
New London-Norwich	152.6	158.9	152.1	157.9	4.0	5.6	4.2	5.8	2.6	3.5	2.8	3.7
Stamford-Norwalk	190.3	190.2	191.0	190.9	5.1	5.1	5.4	5.3	2.7	2.7	2.8	2.8
Waterbury	113.8	115.3	113.2	115.0	5.5	5.9	5.8	6.4	4.8	5.1	5.1	5.5
Delaware	423.5	413.6	421.5	411.6	12.6	15.1	13.0	14.5	3.0	3.7	3.1	3.5
Dover	73.5	73.3	73.4	73.0	2.0	2.6	2.1	2.5	2.7	3.6	2.9	3.5
Wilmington-Newark	315.4	306.7	313.7	305.2	9.9	11.8	10.0	11.0	3.1	3.8	3.2	3.6

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	
	2001	2002	2001	2002 ^P	2001	2002	2001	2002 ^P	2001	2002	2001	2002 ^P
District of Columbia	276.0	268.1	273.9	267.1	18.5	16.3	16.5	16.3	6.7	6.1	6.0	6.1
Washington	2,748.3	2,790.3	2,729.9	2,767.4	105.0	90.8	96.5	86.2	3.8	3.3	3.5	3.1
Florida	7,746.6	7,779.8	7,721.5	7,749.2	434.1	408.5	421.6	378.3	5.6	5.3	5.5	4.9
Daytona Beach	195.2	195.5	193.9	194.2	10.4	10.5	10.6	10.0	5.3	5.4	5.4	5.1
Fort Lauderdale	820.8	814.0	818.6	811.7	50.9	48.1	49.0	44.8	6.2	5.9	6.0	5.5
Fort Myers-Cape Coral	194.2	197.1	194.1	197.4	7.4	8.4	7.1	8.0	3.8	4.3	3.7	4.1
Fort Pierce-Port St. Lucie	131.6	132.3	130.5	131.8	9.7	9.0	8.6	8.1	7.3	6.8	6.6	6.1
Fort Walton Beach	83.0	85.2	82.9	84.9	3.0	2.6	3.2	2.6	3.7	3.1	3.8	3.0
Gainesville	108.7	109.0	107.0	107.9	2.8	2.6	2.8	2.4	2.6	2.4	2.6	2.2
Jacksonville	574.2	578.5	570.5	574.5	28.0	28.4	27.1	26.2	4.9	4.9	4.8	4.6
Lakeland-Winter Haven	205.6	206.6	206.3	206.0	12.6	11.8	13.0	10.5	6.1	5.7	6.3	5.1
Melbourne-Titusville-Palm Bay	213.3	209.4	211.9	208.1	11.6	11.4	11.2	10.8	5.5	5.4	5.3	5.2
Miami	1,099.6	1,105.2	1,096.0	1,102.7	91.8	80.0	87.9	74.5	8.4	7.2	8.0	6.8
Naples	112.0	119.6	112.9	120.4	4.5	5.0	4.1	4.4	4.1	4.2	3.6	3.7
Ocala	99.0	98.6	98.9	98.1	4.9	4.6	4.9	4.4	5.0	4.7	5.0	4.5
Orlando	916.0	912.0	911.4	906.9	52.1	45.3	51.7	41.8	5.7	5.0	5.7	4.6
Panama City	64.3	64.6	64.3	64.0	4.7	4.8	5.0	4.6	7.4	7.4	7.8	7.1
Pensacola	170.5	170.0	169.4	168.9	7.8	7.2	7.6	6.6	4.6	4.2	4.5	3.9
Punta Gorda	53.4	57.0	53.8	57.2	1.9	2.3	1.9	2.1	3.6	4.1	3.5	3.6
Sarasota-Bradenton	291.6	288.8	290.5	288.3	9.7	9.8	9.1	9.1	3.3	3.4	3.1	3.1
Tallahassee	152.8	156.3	151.0	154.4	5.0	5.4	4.8	5.0	3.3	3.5	3.2	3.3
Tampa-St. Petersburg-Clearwater	1,273.8	1,282.6	1,270.0	1,276.6	56.8	57.6	55.9	53.3	4.5	4.5	4.4	4.2
West Palm Beach-Boca Raton	545.7	551.5	545.3	550.0	33.1	30.6	31.1	27.9	6.1	5.6	5.7	5.1
Georgia	4,136.0	4,237.1	4,135.9	4,264.0	176.8	188.5	177.9	195.4	4.3	4.4	4.3	4.6
Albany	54.5	54.4	53.7	54.8	2.9	2.5	2.8	2.6	5.3	4.5	5.3	4.7
Athens	74.1	78.6	74.8	78.9	2.1	2.1	2.1	2.2	2.8	2.6	2.8	2.7
Atlanta	2,289.4	2,346.0	2,284.4	2,364.4	92.9	107.9	95.2	111.5	4.1	4.6	4.2	4.7
Augusta-Aiken	207.1	209.9	205.9	209.7	11.0	9.7	10.6	9.7	5.3	4.6	5.1	4.6
Columbus	126.7	128.8	127.7	129.3	6.7	6.6	5.9	6.4	5.2	5.1	4.6	4.9
Macon	145.9	150.1	146.4	150.7	5.3	6.1	5.2	6.1	3.6	4.0	3.5	4.0
Savannah	136.0	143.0	135.6	144.5	4.2	4.9	4.4	5.1	3.1	3.4	3.2	3.5
Hawaii	612.9	594.6	609.8	594.3	34.6	23.5	30.4	22.5	5.6	4.0	5.0	3.8
Honolulu	435.2	421.2	433.0	422.3	23.2	15.3	19.8	14.5	5.3	3.6	4.6	3.4
Idaho	691.4	686.2	690.3	685.9	34.4	37.5	40.6	41.5	5.0	5.5	5.9	6.1
Boise City	253.5	249.9	253.5	249.2	11.4	13.2	12.4	13.5	4.5	5.3	4.9	5.4
Pocatello	41.6	41.1	41.4	41.0	2.2	2.2	2.4	2.2	5.3	5.4	5.7	5.5
Illinois	6,337.2	6,243.7	6,317.4	6,201.4	350.0	394.0	364.8	389.2	5.5	6.3	5.8	6.3
Bloomington-Normal	93.2	91.8	93.2	91.8	1.9	2.3	2.0	2.5	2.0	2.5	2.1	2.7
Champaign-Urbana	101.5	100.1	100.5	99.9	2.4	2.9	2.5	2.9	2.4	2.9	2.5	2.9
Chicago	4,240.9	4,173.8	4,228.8	4,141.5	243.6	273.3	250.0	267.4	5.7	6.5	5.9	6.5
Davenport-Moline-Rock Island	184.2	186.6	186.7	185.1	8.0	8.1	11.0	8.9	4.4	4.4	5.9	4.8
Decatur	57.2	55.3	57.2	55.0	3.6	4.2	3.8	4.0	6.2	7.6	6.7	7.3
Kankakee	51.7	51.8	51.5	51.3	2.8	3.6	3.0	3.7	5.5	7.0	5.9	7.3
Peoria-Pekin	181.3	180.3	180.3	179.5	7.7	9.6	8.1	9.6	4.2	5.3	4.5	5.3
Rockford	195.8	194.7	195.4	194.2	13.4	14.6	14.2	14.8	6.8	7.5	7.3	7.6
Springfield	105.7	105.7	105.1	104.8	3.9	4.9	4.1	4.7	3.7	4.7	3.9	4.5
Indiana	3,123.3	3,133.2	3,100.0	3,119.0	151.0	147.8	157.8	147.6	4.8	4.7	5.1	4.7
Bloomington	63.0	63.8	62.0	63.2	1.9	1.9	2.0	1.9	3.1	2.9	3.2	2.9
Elkhart-Goshen	95.3	97.1	93.9	97.4	6.3	4.2	6.4	4.1	6.7	4.3	6.8	4.3
Evansville-Henderson	159.0	158.3	155.8	157.0	6.2	6.7	6.2	6.8	3.9	4.3	4.0	4.3
Fort Wayne	264.3	267.0	262.0	265.5	14.3	12.6	14.3	12.9	5.4	4.7	5.5	4.9
Gary	295.8	291.4	293.0	289.7	16.2	15.6	18.2	15.8	5.5	5.3	6.2	5.5
Indianapolis	869.0	882.8	864.5	878.4	34.5	39.6	35.3	38.3	4.0	4.5	4.1	4.4
Kokomo	49.6	49.7	49.3	49.6	2.6	2.6	2.9	2.7	5.1	5.2	5.9	5.5
Lafayette	94.5	95.5	92.9	93.8	3.3	3.8	3.3	3.3	3.5	3.9	3.6	3.5
Muncie	60.5	61.5	60.2	61.4	2.6	2.8	2.8	3.0	4.3	4.5	4.6	4.9
South Bend	136.5	135.4	135.3	135.0	7.1	6.0	7.2	6.2	5.2	4.5	5.3	4.6
Terre Haute	70.9	72.3	70.4	71.8	3.9	3.7	4.2	3.6	5.5	5.1	5.9	5.0
Iowa	1,598.6	1,621.2	1,600.0	1,617.8	54.4	59.8	59.3	63.7	3.4	3.7	3.7	3.9
Cedar Rapids	115.6	118.3	116.1	117.2	3.8	5.0	3.9	4.9	3.3	4.2	3.4	4.2
Des Moines	262.4	271.5	264.9	274.0	7.0	8.7	7.6	9.3	2.7	3.2	2.9	3.4
Dubuque	48.8	49.3	49.0	49.7	2.1	1.5	1.9	1.8	4.3	3.1	3.9	3.5
Iowa City	73.0	75.0	73.3	74.9	1.8	2.1	1.8	2.1	2.5	2.8	2.5	2.8
Sioux City	63.8	66.5	64.4	66.5	2.0	2.5	2.2	2.6	3.1	3.7	3.5	3.9
Waterloo-Cedar Falls	68.6	69.4	68.6	68.8	2.6	2.9	2.8	3.1	3.8	4.1	4.1	4.5

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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	
	2001	2002	2001	2002 ^P	2001	2002	2001	2002 ^P	2001	2002	2001	2002 ^P
Kansas	1,384.9	1,460.4	1,373.6	1,446.3	61.4	66.9	56.6	60.9	4.4	4.6	4.1	4.2
Lawrence	57.5	60.6	57.1	60.0	2.5	2.4	2.2	2.1	4.3	3.9	3.9	3.5
Topeka	88.2	92.5	88.1	91.9	3.5	3.7	3.2	3.4	3.9	4.0	3.7	3.7
Wichita	279.0	292.5	277.9	290.6	12.8	17.4	12.4	15.9	4.6	6.0	4.4	5.5
Kentucky	1,975.2	1,985.9	1,968.2	1,976.7	112.4	97.5	113.7	100.0	5.7	4.9	5.8	5.1
Lexington	265.2	268.7	261.8	266.1	11.2	8.7	10.1	8.9	4.2	3.2	3.8	3.3
Louisville	564.9	569.4	565.0	567.9	28.6	26.2	30.3	26.9	5.1	4.6	5.4	4.7
Owensboro	49.7	50.9	49.8	51.1	2.4	2.4	2.5	2.6	4.9	4.7	5.1	5.1
Louisiana	2,062.1	1,999.1	2,043.2	1,994.0	127.4	117.6	130.9	121.7	6.2	5.9	6.4	6.1
Alexandria	60.4	58.8	59.7	58.7	3.7	3.3	3.7	3.4	6.1	5.7	6.2	5.8
Baton Rouge	314.3	305.0	311.6	302.8	17.6	16.5	17.7	17.0	5.6	5.4	5.7	5.6
Houma	94.9	93.4	93.0	93.2	3.6	3.4	3.6	3.4	3.8	3.7	3.9	3.6
Lafayette	182.0	175.4	179.9	174.3	10.5	9.2	10.4	9.3	5.8	5.2	5.8	5.3
Lake Charles	90.9	86.3	90.1	86.7	5.1	4.7	5.4	5.0	5.7	5.4	6.0	5.7
Monroe	74.1	72.1	73.3	71.8	3.8	3.7	3.9	3.8	5.2	5.2	5.3	5.3
New Orleans	612.1	590.1	609.5	589.8	34.5	31.1	34.3	31.5	5.6	5.3	5.6	5.3
Shreveport-Bossier City	185.7	181.2	184.2	180.9	13.1	12.0	13.6	12.4	7.0	6.6	7.4	6.8
Maine	682.0	686.1	676.2	684.0	28.5	29.7	27.4	30.9	4.2	4.3	4.0	4.5
Bangor	53.2	53.8	52.9	53.5	1.5	1.6	1.4	1.6	2.8	2.9	2.6	3.1
Lewiston-Auburn	54.2	53.8	53.7	53.4	2.3	2.1	2.2	2.2	4.3	4.0	4.0	4.1
Portland	138.8	140.3	138.6	140.0	3.9	3.6	3.5	3.6	2.8	2.6	2.5	2.6
Maryland	2,860.6	2,908.8	2,835.3	2,878.9	126.4	115.4	117.8	108.6	4.4	4.0	4.2	3.8
Baltimore	1,345.0	1,365.3	1,336.9	1,356.4	64.7	60.2	61.0	55.8	4.8	4.4	4.6	4.1
Cumberland	45.2	43.8	44.5	44.6	2.7	2.4	2.7	2.6	6.0	5.5	6.1	5.8
Hagerstown	69.9	70.9	69.1	69.6	3.0	2.7	2.9	2.7	4.3	3.8	4.2	3.9
Massachusetts	3,305.5	3,373.3	3,293.7	3,358.9	137.3	163.2	133.3	163.0	4.2	4.8	4.0	4.9
Barnstable-Yarmouth	75.6	78.8	74.7	78.0	2.9	3.3	3.1	3.6	3.9	4.2	4.1	4.6
Boston	1,836.0	1,862.6	1,829.1	1,852.2	70.6	82.4	67.6	80.8	3.8	4.4	3.7	4.4
Brocton	131.2	133.5	130.9	133.6	5.3	6.5	5.1	6.5	4.0	4.9	3.9	4.9
Fitchburg-Leominster	67.2	68.8	66.8	68.5	3.7	4.6	3.6	4.6	5.5	6.7	5.4	6.7
Lawrence	218.2	223.3	217.4	221.9	14.6	16.3	13.8	15.8	6.7	7.3	6.4	7.1
Lowell	179.3	181.9	177.2	180.6	9.2	10.6	8.7	10.3	5.1	5.9	4.9	5.7
New Bedford	79.2	81.8	79.5	82.2	4.2	5.3	4.3	5.7	5.3	6.5	5.5	6.9
Pittsfield	37.9	39.2	38.2	39.4	1.4	1.9	1.5	1.9	3.8	4.7	4.0	4.8
Springfield	284.3	295.6	283.1	294.5	10.6	14.0	10.6	14.4	3.7	4.7	3.7	4.9
Worcester	254.0	261.9	254.4	261.9	11.3	13.8	10.9	13.9	4.5	5.3	4.3	5.3
Michigan	5,207.0	5,139.9	5,173.4	5,099.1	297.6	273.5	301.2	285.9	5.7	5.3	5.8	5.6
Ann Arbor	318.1	317.8	315.8	315.7	11.4	9.4	11.2	9.8	3.6	3.0	3.5	3.1
Benton Harbor	85.8	84.1	84.3	83.6	5.1	4.1	5.2	4.4	6.0	4.9	6.2	5.2
Detroit	2,326.8	2,284.7	2,314.6	2,268.3	127.7	121.0	124.6	123.4	5.5	5.3	5.4	5.4
Flint	193.2	184.2	191.1	182.0	15.6	13.7	14.3	13.9	8.1	7.4	7.5	7.7
Grand Rapids-Muskegon-Holland	630.2	628.1	627.8	623.5	36.6	35.7	37.0	36.6	5.8	5.7	5.9	5.9
Jackson	80.5	81.7	80.7	80.9	4.9	4.7	5.2	5.0	6.0	5.7	6.5	6.2
Kalamazoo-Battle Creek	241.9	239.9	240.6	237.7	11.8	11.0	12.3	11.6	4.9	4.6	5.1	4.9
Lansing-East Lansing	251.8	249.4	248.3	247.9	8.7	8.7	9.5	9.3	3.5	3.5	3.8	3.8
Saginaw-Bay City-Midland	204.0	198.9	202.2	197.6	11.4	11.5	11.8	12.3	5.6	5.8	5.8	6.2
Minnesota	2,835.4	2,854.3	2,806.2	2,817.9	101.1	102.7	107.1	103.5	3.6	3.6	3.8	3.7
Duluth-Superior	129.8	130.7	128.3	128.8	6.2	5.4	6.2	5.3	4.8	4.1	4.8	4.1
Minneapolis-St. Paul	1,796.5	1,808.9	1,776.8	1,790.1	62.7	63.9	61.9	61.9	3.5	3.5	3.5	3.5
Rochester	78.8	80.1	78.1	79.1	1.9	2.5	2.0	2.3	2.4	3.1	2.5	3.0
St. Cloud	102.9	103.0	101.9	101.8	3.2	3.8	3.9	4.1	3.1	3.7	3.8	4.0
Mississippi	1,297.4	1,316.1	1,303.2	1,320.5	73.5	80.7	77.3	81.2	5.7	6.1	5.9	6.1
Biloxi-Gulfport-Pascagoula	172.5	175.4	173.5	176.2	7.9	8.4	8.0	8.3	4.6	4.8	4.6	4.7
Hattiesburg	53.6	52.4	54.4	52.7	1.7	2.2	1.7	2.2	3.2	4.1	3.1	4.1
Jackson	233.3	230.3	235.2	231.8	8.3	9.7	8.4	10.0	3.5	4.2	3.6	4.3
Missouri	2,950.3	2,941.3	2,936.2	2,927.5	138.2	141.2	140.7	141.4	4.7	4.8	4.8	4.8
Columbia	86.7	87.1	85.6	87.2	1.6	1.6	1.6	1.6	1.8	1.9	1.9	1.8
Joplin	83.2	81.4	82.5	80.3	3.6	4.2	3.6	4.0	4.3	5.1	4.3	5.0
Kansas City	1,012.2	1,040.3	1,013.5	1,043.0	46.9	52.6	44.8	49.6	4.6	5.1	4.4	4.8
St. Joseph	51.3	50.3	50.7	49.8	2.8	2.7	2.8	2.6	5.5	5.4	5.5	5.3
St. Louis LMA	1,356.8	1,349.7	1,357.6	1,349.9	65.9	70.0	66.2	68.3	4.9	5.2	4.9	5.1
Springfield	174.3	180.1	174.4	179.3	6.2	6.6	6.3	6.4	3.5	3.6	3.6	3.6
Montana	458.7	471.7	457.0	468.3	20.9	20.8	23.4	21.9	4.6	4.4	5.1	4.7
Billings	68.8	74.4	69.5	74.2	2.4	2.7	2.5	2.3	3.4	3.6	3.7	3.1
Great Falls	37.1	36.4	37.0	36.2	1.6	1.4	1.7	1.6	4.2	3.9	4.5	4.4
Missoula	52.9	57.6	52.8	57.8	2.0	2.0	2.2	2.2	3.7	3.4	4.2	3.8

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					Number				Percent of labor force			
	November		December		November		December		November		December	
	2001	2002	2001	2002 ^P	2001	2002	2001	2002 ^P	2001	2002	2001	2002 ^P
Nebraska	932.0	957.1	924.3	950.7	27.6	29.0	29.0	30.2	3.0	3.0	3.1	3.2
Lincoln	146.2	149.1	143.8	149.6	4.1	4.3	4.2	4.3	2.8	2.9	2.9	2.9
Omaha	396.6	402.5	397.5	402.2	12.6	13.5	13.0	13.8	3.2	3.3	3.3	3.4
Nevada	1,042.9	1,051.8	1,038.2	1,046.4	68.4	48.9	68.8	50.1	6.6	4.6	6.6	4.8
Las Vegas	820.2	830.7	816.1	826.2	57.2	40.2	56.0	41.2	7.0	4.8	6.9	5.0
Reno	185.9	188.8	185.5	187.8	8.3	7.0	9.3	7.0	4.5	3.7	5.0	3.8
New Hampshire	691.3	716.1	687.2	711.8	27.7	33.5	25.8	32.7	4.0	4.7	3.8	4.6
Manchester	109.3	112.3	109.1	112.9	4.4	5.3	3.9	5.1	4.0	4.7	3.6	4.5
Nashua	109.3	112.9	108.7	112.6	5.9	6.7	5.4	6.5	5.4	5.9	4.9	5.8
Portsmouth-Rochester	131.9	135.5	130.5	133.4	4.2	6.1	3.9	5.6	3.2	4.5	3.0	4.2
New Jersey	4,200.3	4,264.6	4,202.3	4,256.4	194.0	228.9	192.7	222.5	4.6	5.4	4.6	5.2
Atlantic-Cape May	163.9	170.4	162.8	169.5	10.9	12.8	11.3	12.9	6.7	7.5	6.9	7.6
Bergen-Passaic	658.4	661.4	658.9	660.7	31.4	34.6	31.0	33.3	4.8	5.2	4.7	5.0
Jersey City	286.9	290.5	287.3	288.4	19.3	21.3	19.4	20.6	6.7	7.3	6.8	7.2
Middlesex-Somerset-Hunterdon	666.2	677.9	666.5	677.7	25.1	30.4	24.4	28.7	3.8	4.5	3.7	4.2
Monmouth-Ocean	529.8	543.8	530.4	543.9	22.1	27.4	22.7	26.8	4.2	5.0	4.3	4.9
Newark	1,016.2	1,031.1	1,019.5	1,030.0	49.2	57.9	48.4	55.6	4.8	5.6	4.7	5.4
Trenton	180.1	181.8	180.3	181.5	6.6	8.5	6.6	8.3	3.7	4.7	3.7	4.6
Vineland-Millville-Bridgeton	61.8	62.8	61.8	62.5	4.2	4.9	4.4	5.0	6.8	7.8	7.2	8.0
New Mexico	843.1	867.3	837.9	861.2	40.8	48.6	38.7	46.7	4.8	5.6	4.6	5.4
Albuquerque	373.5	386.8	373.0	385.8	15.7	19.0	14.5	17.9	4.2	4.9	3.9	4.6
Las Cruces	72.3	75.8	71.2	74.4	4.4	4.5	4.3	4.3	6.1	6.0	6.0	5.7
Santa Fe	74.8	79.8	74.0	78.7	1.9	2.2	1.7	2.1	2.5	2.7	2.3	2.6
New York	8,820.9	8,969.9	8,814.8	8,995.8	486.6	528.5	489.0	545.5	5.5	5.9	5.5	6.1
Albany-Schenectady-Troy	442.1	452.4	440.8	453.3	14.7	15.4	15.5	16.3	3.3	3.4	3.5	3.6
Binghamton	120.7	120.3	119.8	120.3	6.4	6.6	6.6	7.2	5.3	5.5	5.5	6.0
Buffalo-Niagara Falls	547.4	554.9	544.0	556.2	29.4	30.4	30.1	32.1	5.4	5.5	5.5	5.8
Dutchess County	119.8	122.8	119.2	122.4	4.3	4.6	4.2	4.6	3.6	3.8	3.5	3.7
Elmira	42.0	41.6	42.1	41.8	2.6	2.6	2.7	2.6	6.2	6.3	6.5	6.3
Glens Falls	56.4	56.9	56.1	56.8	2.7	2.9	3.4	3.2	4.9	5.2	6.0	5.7
Jamestown	64.0	64.7	63.5	64.7	3.8	3.7	3.8	3.9	6.0	5.7	6.1	6.0
Nassau-Suffolk	1,396.9	1,425.2	1,402.4	1,435.2	52.8	55.5	51.5	55.9	3.8	3.9	3.7	3.9
New York	4,136.4	4,208.2	4,139.8	4,221.8	272.6	308.1	270.2	315.8	6.6	7.3	6.5	7.5
New York City	3,495.1	3,551.7	3,498.1	3,564.7	249.4	284.0	247.5	292.1	7.1	8.0	7.1	8.2
Newburgh	176.3	179.9	175.9	179.7	7.0	7.2	6.9	7.1	4.0	4.0	3.9	3.9
Rochester	553.8	558.6	550.7	559.3	28.6	30.2	29.2	31.4	5.2	5.4	5.3	5.6
Syracuse	356.0	361.5	353.7	361.4	18.4	18.4	18.8	19.3	5.2	5.1	5.3	5.3
Utica-Rome	138.4	140.6	138.1	140.9	6.4	6.9	6.7	7.2	4.6	4.9	4.8	5.1
North Carolina	4,022.2	3,960.8	3,991.4	3,929.9	257.6	241.8	247.4	238.8	6.4	6.1	6.2	6.1
Asheville	111.6	112.6	111.0	112.2	4.4	4.0	4.2	4.1	3.9	3.6	3.8	3.7
Charlotte-Gastonia-Rock Hill	814.3	821.8	806.3	812.6	47.9	48.2	46.1	46.0	5.9	5.9	5.7	5.7
Fayetteville	120.1	116.7	119.9	115.7	7.4	6.9	7.2	6.5	6.2	5.9	6.0	5.7
Goldensboro	49.2	48.1	48.4	47.9	2.8	2.6	2.5	2.6	5.7	5.4	5.3	5.4
Greensboro—Winston-Salem—High Point	646.7	636.3	642.7	635.9	37.4	36.7	35.5	35.8	5.8	5.8	5.5	5.6
Greenville	69.6	67.5	68.4	67.2	4.6	3.9	4.1	3.8	6.6	5.8	6.1	5.6
Hickory-Morganton-Lenoir	185.1	176.9	185.0	174.8	15.4	14.0	15.1	13.5	8.3	7.9	8.1	7.7
Jacksonville	49.0	48.6	48.7	48.0	2.6	2.8	2.5	2.8	5.2	5.8	5.0	5.7
Raleigh-Durham-Chapel Hill	666.7	670.1	666.4	665.7	29.6	32.3	28.2	31.1	4.4	4.8	4.2	4.7
Rocky Mount	68.3	65.7	67.8	65.3	6.7	6.1	6.4	5.9	9.7	9.3	9.5	9.0
Wilmington	117.8	115.1	117.2	114.1	7.8	6.9	7.7	7.1	6.6	6.0	6.6	6.2
North Dakota	333.8	332.9	332.6	329.7	9.1	10.7	10.9	10.4	2.7	3.2	3.3	3.2
Bismarck	53.7	54.6	54.6	53.8	1.3	2.3	1.7	1.6	2.5	4.2	3.1	3.0
Fargo-Moorhead	105.3	105.3	105.8	104.7	1.7	1.9	2.2	2.1	1.6	1.8	2.1	2.0
Grand Forks	52.7	52.8	52.7	52.5	1.4	1.4	1.5	1.5	2.6	2.7	2.9	2.8
Ohio	5,917.8	5,906.3	5,880.3	5,859.4	269.2	306.6	265.9	293.6	4.5	5.2	4.5	5.0
Akron	372.6	373.2	369.1	370.7	17.0	18.2	16.8	18.1	4.6	4.9	4.6	4.9
Canton-Massillon	209.6	211.4	208.6	210.2	8.9	11.0	8.8	11.1	4.2	5.2	4.2	5.3
Cincinnati	872.6	869.7	868.1	861.7	36.4	37.6	34.9	33.7	4.2	4.3	4.0	3.9
Cleveland-Lorain-Elyria	1,139.0	1,135.6	1,134.6	1,127.3	60.2	65.6	59.8	63.1	5.3	5.8	5.3	5.6
Columbus	884.0	889.0	878.7	880.6	28.3	38.6	27.9	34.8	3.2	4.3	3.2	4.0
Dayton-Springfield	485.4	483.7	482.9	479.4	21.8	25.2	21.3	23.1	4.5	5.2	4.4	4.8
Hamilton-Middletown	200.2	198.5	198.9	196.9	7.0	8.0	6.4	7.2	3.5	4.0	3.2	3.7
Lima	76.8	75.9	76.4	75.9	3.8	4.3	3.7	4.0	5.0	5.6	4.9	5.3
Mansfield	84.7	84.3	83.5	83.5	5.1	5.7	4.9	5.4	6.0	6.8	5.9	6.5
Steubenville-Weirton	56.0	54.5	56.0	53.8	2.5	2.4	2.7	2.2	4.4	4.4	4.9	4.2
Toledo	328.4	328.6	326.0	325.9	15.7	18.6	15.5	17.9	4.8	5.7	4.7	5.5
Youngstown-Warren	279.1	273.7	276.9	272.7	15.6	16.6	15.4	16.9	5.6	6.1	5.6	6.2

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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	
	2001	2002	2001	2002 ^P	2001	2002	2001	2002 ^P	2001	2002	2001	2002 ^P
Oklahoma	1,692.1	1,688.0	1,678.7	1,679.4	72.8	70.2	76.5	77.1	4.3	4.2	4.6	4.6
Enid	26.2	25.9	25.8	25.6	0.8	0.7	0.8	0.7	3.1	2.7	3.2	2.9
Lawton	41.3	40.8	40.9	40.6	1.5	1.2	1.6	1.4	3.6	2.9	3.8	3.4
Oklahoma City	564.4	559.9	558.7	558.1	24.1	21.2	25.4	22.7	4.3	3.8	4.5	4.1
Tulsa	428.0	427.8	424.6	426.7	17.4	20.7	17.9	22.3	4.1	4.8	4.2	5.2
Oregon	1,788.8	1,817.5	1,770.8	1,795.0	131.0	122.8	134.3	121.6	7.3	6.8	7.6	6.8
Corvallis	40.9	42.2	40.2	41.7	1.4	1.4	1.4	1.4	3.4	3.4	3.5	3.4
Eugene-Springfield	164.9	168.9	164.1	168.1	11.9	10.1	12.0	10.1	7.2	6.0	7.3	6.0
Medford-Ashland	92.7	93.6	92.3	93.2	5.4	5.1	6.0	5.0	5.8	5.5	6.5	5.3
Portland-Vancouver	1,072.7	1,089.0	1,065.5	1,080.3	79.3	76.5	77.3	74.4	7.4	7.0	7.3	6.9
Salem	170.0	172.8	167.0	169.7	12.2	11.0	12.6	11.1	7.1	6.4	7.5	6.5
Pennsylvania	6,091.9	6,099.4	6,060.8	6,094.5	296.3	325.9	275.0	333.3	4.9	5.3	4.5	5.5
Allentown-Bethlehem-Easton	324.9	322.6	324.0	324.3	16.1	18.1	14.8	18.3	5.0	5.6	4.6	5.6
Altoona	63.4	63.3	63.2	63.5	3.8	3.5	3.5	3.7	6.0	5.5	5.6	5.9
Erie	141.6	141.8	141.2	141.5	8.4	9.1	8.8	9.9	5.9	6.4	6.2	7.0
Harrisburg-Lebanon-Carlisle	351.9	352.8	351.0	353.1	12.4	13.2	11.2	14.3	3.5	3.8	3.2	4.0
Johnstown	102.3	100.7	101.1	101.2	6.5	6.9	6.6	7.7	6.4	6.9	6.5	7.6
Lancaster	251.1	256.1	251.9	257.3	8.4	9.0	7.5	9.6	3.3	3.5	3.0	3.7
Philadelphia	2,554.3	2,563.6	2,544.1	2,558.6	116.2	135.3	105.3	129.1	4.5	5.3	4.1	5.0
Pittsburgh	1,175.4	1,180.0	1,165.9	1,174.3	51.7	59.8	49.4	62.4	4.4	5.1	4.2	5.3
Reading	187.5	189.1	187.1	189.3	9.9	12.1	8.7	11.9	5.3	6.4	4.7	6.3
Scranton—Wilkes-Barre—Hazleton	311.8	307.7	309.3	306.5	17.2	17.2	16.6	18.2	5.5	5.6	5.4	5.9
Sharon	58.6	57.9	57.9	57.6	2.9	2.4	2.7	2.7	4.9	4.1	4.6	4.8
State College	70.1	70.7	67.7	68.3	2.2	2.0	2.2	2.4	3.1	2.9	3.3	3.5
Williamsport	58.3	58.0	58.4	58.4	3.5	3.4	3.7	3.7	6.0	5.9	6.3	6.4
York	197.9	195.5	196.5	196.3	9.1	9.3	7.8	9.5	4.6	4.7	4.0	4.9
Rhode Island	504.8	516.5	506.3	513.7	21.6	23.5	23.0	25.6	4.3	4.6	4.6	5.0
Providence-Fall River-Warwick	577.1	590.4	578.2	588.7	25.1	28.0	26.4	30.3	4.4	4.7	4.6	5.2
South Carolina	1,919.7	2,005.5	1,908.9	1,991.5	104.6	117.4	110.0	115.6	5.5	5.9	5.8	5.8
Charleston-North Charleston	269.5	282.7	266.3	282.5	9.4	10.7	9.8	11.0	3.5	3.8	3.7	3.9
Columbia	269.6	281.0	266.8	279.2	8.1	9.7	8.8	9.5	3.0	3.4	3.3	3.4
Florence	61.0	63.9	60.8	63.8	3.2	4.5	3.4	4.6	5.2	7.0	5.6	7.2
Greenville-Spartanburg-Anderson	492.4	520.1	491.8	514.8	23.6	27.2	24.2	26.2	4.8	5.2	4.9	5.1
Myrtle Beach	99.3	104.4	98.2	103.7	5.2	5.5	5.9	6.5	5.2	5.2	6.0	6.2
Sumter	46.1	47.9	46.1	47.7	3.3	3.3	3.5	3.2	7.2	6.8	7.6	6.8
South Dakota	405.5	410.1	399.9	404.8	14.0	11.0	16.2	12.5	3.5	2.7	4.0	3.1
Rapid City	47.7	48.4	47.3	47.9	1.6	1.2	1.7	1.3	3.4	2.5	3.6	2.8
Sioux Falls	107.2	110.5	106.8	110.0	2.6	2.3	3.1	2.6	2.4	2.1	2.9	2.4
Tennessee	2,860.5	2,888.0	2,826.3	2,855.2	138.5	124.8	127.2	118.3	4.8	4.3	4.5	4.1
Chattanooga	235.7	238.8	234.6	238.2	8.4	7.8	7.7	7.7	3.5	3.3	3.3	3.2
Clarksville-Hopkinsville	91.9	93.8	91.2	92.8	5.0	3.7	4.5	3.6	5.4	4.0	4.9	3.9
Jackson	59.9	60.5	58.8	59.4	3.0	2.9	2.7	2.7	5.0	4.8	4.7	4.5
Johnson City-Kingsport-Bristol	226.4	227.9	223.8	225.4	10.8	10.0	10.1	9.7	4.8	4.4	4.5	4.3
Knoxville	366.1	371.9	361.9	366.8	11.8	10.9	11.5	10.4	3.2	2.9	3.2	2.8
Memphis	573.4	572.0	567.9	566.0	28.0	26.8	26.0	25.3	4.9	4.7	4.6	4.5
Nashville	682.8	697.9	674.3	691.4	24.8	23.7	22.0	21.7	3.6	3.4	3.3	3.1
Texas	10,552.3	10,757.8	10,531.1	10,715.0	564.0	653.1	546.9	611.3	5.3	6.1	5.2	5.7
Abilene	56.7	56.6	56.2	56.1	2.0	2.3	1.9	2.1	3.5	4.0	3.4	3.8
Amarillo	112.6	112.9	112.2	112.1	3.5	4.1	3.4	3.8	3.1	3.6	3.1	3.4
Austin-San Marcos	763.1	776.5	759.1	771.8	37.1	40.0	35.2	36.8	4.9	5.1	4.6	4.8
Beaumont-Port Arthur	176.3	179.5	177.0	180.1	13.4	14.3	13.0	14.1	7.6	7.9	7.3	7.8
Brazoria	108.6	110.2	108.7	109.8	6.2	7.7	5.9	7.7	5.7	7.0	5.5	7.0
Brownsville-Harlingen-San Benito	133.9	137.1	133.0	135.9	13.5	15.2	12.0	13.9	10.1	11.1	9.0	10.2
Bryan-College Station	80.3	81.1	79.6	80.3	1.2	1.5	1.1	1.4	1.5	1.8	1.4	1.7
Corpus Christi	172.8	177.7	173.0	176.9	9.3	10.4	9.3	9.5	5.4	5.8	5.4	5.4
Dallas	2,028.1	2,053.0	2,025.3	2,049.0	123.4	135.7	119.6	124.8	6.1	6.6	5.9	6.1
El Paso	284.6	288.1	281.6	284.7	23.0	25.3	20.7	23.1	8.1	8.8	7.4	8.1
Fort Worth-Arlington	939.6	952.3	938.3	948.0	46.8	56.0	45.4	51.6	5.0	5.9	4.8	5.4
Galveston-Texas City	117.5	119.3	117.1	118.4	7.2	8.5	7.1	8.1	6.2	7.2	6.0	6.9
Houston	2,221.9	2,272.8	2,216.9	2,259.4	101.0	130.1	100.1	121.2	4.5	5.7	4.5	5.4
Killeen-Temple	117.6	118.6	116.9	118.3	5.4	6.2	5.0	6.0	4.6	5.2	4.3	5.1
Laredo	75.8	78.1	76.0	78.5	5.0	5.2	4.9	5.2	6.5	6.6	6.4	6.6
Longview-Marshall	102.8	103.6	102.7	103.3	5.7	6.6	5.7	6.2	5.6	6.4	5.6	6.0
Lubbock	128.6	132.0	128.1	131.2	2.9	3.5	2.8	3.4	2.2	2.7	2.2	2.6
McAllen-Edinburg-Mission	209.6	222.6	212.3	223.4	26.2	30.5	26.9	29.6	12.5	13.7	12.7	13.3
Odessa-Midland	120.8	123.7	120.5	122.6	4.9	6.9	4.8	6.3	4.0	5.6	4.0	5.1
San Angelo	50.1	51.7	50.3	51.8	1.5	2.0	1.3	1.7	2.9	3.8	2.7	3.2
San Antonio	797.4	813.9	791.9	807.6	36.9	41.2	33.5	38.1	4.6	5.1	4.2	4.7
Sherman-Denison	49.9	49.6	49.6	49.4	3.3	3.0	3.3	2.9	6.7	6.0	6.6	5.8
Texarkana	55.5	56.7	55.5	56.5	2.4	2.7	2.4	2.7	4.3	4.8	4.4	4.9

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State and area	Civilian labor force				Unemployed							
					Number				Percent of labor force			
	November		December		November		December		November		December	
	2001	2002	2001	2002 ^P	2001	2002	2001	2002 ^P	2001	2002	2001	2002 ^P
Texas—Continued												
Tyler	93.8	95.8	93.8	95.8	4.6	4.2	4.3	4.0	4.9	4.4	4.6	4.2
Victoria	44.1	45.2	43.9	45.2	1.8	2.1	1.8	2.0	4.1	4.7	4.0	4.4
Waco	101.5	102.2	100.8	102.0	4.0	4.3	3.8	4.1	3.9	4.2	3.8	4.0
Wichita Falls	63.8	64.7	63.5	64.0	2.5	3.4	2.3	2.8	4.0	5.2	3.7	4.4
Utah	1,126.7	1,143.9	1,123.4	1,134.6	51.5	55.0	54.9	53.6	4.6	4.8	4.9	4.7
Provo-Orem	176.7	178.2	175.4	176.4	7.2	7.3	8.6	7.2	4.1	4.1	4.9	4.1
Salt Lake City-Ogden	716.4	724.5	715.5	719.1	32.6	35.6	33.8	34.3	4.6	4.9	4.7	4.8
Vermont	337.0	347.7	338.0	350.4	13.4	13.6	13.3	13.5	4.0	3.9	3.9	3.9
Burlington	103.1	105.8	103.7	106.9	3.1	3.4	3.0	3.3	3.0	3.2	2.9	3.1
Virginia	3,693.3	3,773.1	3,677.2	3,749.6	154.4	137.9	152.7	133.8	4.2	3.7	4.2	3.6
Charlottesville	78.1	79.9	77.8	79.3	1.8	1.8	1.9	1.7	2.3	2.2	2.4	2.1
Danville	58.8	56.8	58.5	55.9	5.9	3.4	5.8	3.2	10.0	6.1	10.0	5.7
Lynchburg	106.3	107.2	105.9	106.0	6.4	4.8	6.2	4.8	6.0	4.4	5.8	4.5
Norfolk-Virginia Beach-Newport News	757.4	777.7	754.8	773.3	31.7	29.9	31.3	29.6	4.2	3.8	4.1	3.8
Richmond-Petersburg	533.6	541.8	529.5	539.5	22.5	20.5	21.9	20.0	4.2	3.8	4.1	3.7
Roanoke	130.8	131.6	130.2	129.9	4.3	4.2	4.4	4.1	3.3	3.2	3.4	3.1
Washington	2,967.4	3,051.6	2,976.8	3,067.3	215.7	205.9	218.6	209.0	7.3	6.7	7.3	6.8
Bellingham	79.5	80.9	79.7	81.1	5.9	4.7	6.0	4.8	7.4	5.8	7.5	5.9
Bremerton	92.4	97.6	92.9	98.6	6.1	5.8	5.9	6.0	6.6	5.9	6.4	6.1
Olympia	99.5	104.3	100.6	105.1	6.1	5.6	6.1	5.6	6.2	5.4	6.1	5.3
Richland-Kennewick-Pasco	93.0	100.3	92.9	98.9	7.3	7.2	7.8	7.8	7.9	7.2	8.5	7.9
Seattle-Bellevue-Everett	1,356.5	1,378.7	1,361.9	1,391.2	85.7	85.3	84.6	83.9	6.3	6.2	6.2	6.0
Spokane	204.6	208.2	207.1	210.4	14.2	12.6	15.4	13.4	6.9	6.0	7.5	6.4
Tacoma	326.0	347.8	330.0	351.5	23.3	23.9	23.1	23.7	7.2	6.9	7.0	6.7
Yakima	101.9	101.6	101.4	100.6	12.6	10.8	14.1	12.2	12.4	10.7	13.9	12.1
West Virginia	831.4	810.1	832.8	805.5	36.2	47.2	38.0	44.2	4.4	5.8	4.6	5.5
Charleston	137.2	132.2	136.6	130.1	5.1	6.2	5.1	5.6	3.7	4.7	3.7	4.3
Huntington-Ashland	139.1	134.8	138.4	135.0	8.4	6.9	8.1	6.7	6.0	5.1	5.8	4.9
Parkersburg-Marietta	77.0	76.6	77.4	76.1	3.0	4.2	3.1	4.0	3.9	5.4	4.0	5.2
Wheeling	74.6	73.6	75.1	73.2	2.6	4.1	3.1	3.9	3.5	5.5	4.1	5.3
Wisconsin	2,994.3	3,056.1	2,981.1	3,050.6	133.1	139.4	132.1	150.6	4.4	4.6	4.4	4.9
Appleton-Oshkosh-Neenah	228.8	233.6	227.8	233.3	9.0	9.8	8.5	10.2	3.9	4.2	3.7	4.4
Eau Claire	83.8	85.7	83.4	85.2	3.6	3.6	4.1	4.3	4.3	4.1	4.9	5.0
Green Bay	139.9	142.8	139.7	141.8	5.6	6.4	5.5	6.4	4.0	4.5	3.9	4.5
Janesville-Beloit	80.1	79.9	78.3	80.2	5.6	4.2	4.3	4.5	6.9	5.3	5.5	5.6
Kenosha	82.6	85.5	82.2	84.9	3.6	4.2	3.8	4.7	4.4	4.9	4.6	5.6
La Crosse	73.7	76.1	73.6	75.3	2.4	2.6	2.6	2.8	3.2	3.4	3.5	3.7
Madison	275.4	284.1	271.7	281.8	5.5	6.4	5.8	6.7	2.0	2.3	2.1	2.4
Milwaukee-Waukesha	814.8	826.6	811.7	827.5	39.6	42.6	36.2	42.5	4.9	5.2	4.5	5.1
Racine	92.9	94.4	92.5	95.2	6.0	6.2	5.8	6.8	6.5	6.6	6.3	7.2
Sheboygan	62.4	62.0	62.2	61.8	2.6	2.7	2.5	2.8	4.2	4.3	4.0	4.5
Wausau	74.1	76.7	74.2	76.9	2.8	2.8	2.7	2.9	3.8	3.6	3.7	3.8
Wyoming	271.3	271.5	269.9	270.3	10.2	10.7	11.5	12.0	3.7	4.0	4.3	4.4
Casper	35.6	35.5	35.7	35.4	1.3	1.6	1.5	1.7	3.7	4.4	4.2	4.7
Cheyenne	42.5	42.6	42.4	42.6	1.4	1.5	1.6	1.7	3.3	3.6	3.9	3.9
Puerto Rico	1,323.8	1,361.5	1,314.4	1,350.4	146.7	149.3	127.8	147.8	11.1	11.0	9.7	10.9
Aguadilla	46.6	47.8	46.0	47.3	7.7	7.6	6.8	7.5	16.6	15.8	14.8	15.9
Arecibo	52.2	53.9	50.9	52.9	7.2	8.1	6.3	7.7	13.8	15.0	12.3	14.6
Caguas	122.9	126.2	122.1	125.2	12.2	12.6	10.5	12.3	9.9	10.0	8.6	9.9
Mayaguez	91.6	92.4	90.1	90.9	12.3	12.3	10.5	11.7	13.4	13.3	11.6	12.9
Ponce	110.2	117.0	109.5	115.5	14.4	16.1	12.2	15.4	13.1	13.7	11.2	13.3
San Juan-Bayamon	737.5	760.3	735.3	759.9	66.4	63.8	58.7	64.5	9.0	8.4	8.0	8.5

^P = preliminary.

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

are provisional and will be revised when new benchmark and population information becomes available. Area definitions are published annually in the May issue of *Employment and Earnings*.

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(Numbers in thousands)

State and area	November		December		Change: December 2001 to December 2002 ^P	
	2001	2002	2001	2002 ^P	Number	Percent
Alabama	1,918.4	1,904.0	1,915.6	1,903.9	-11.7	-0.6
Birmingham	487.5	486.9	487.3	485.7	-1.6	-.3
Huntsville	186.8	184.5	186.5	184.8	-1.7	-.9
Mobile	230.3	228.4	229.6	228.8	-.8	-.3
Montgomery	166.8	166.4	165.8	165.5	-.3	-.2
Tuscaloosa	82.3	81.6	82.7	81.3	-1.4	-1.7
Alaska	282.4	287.2	279.8	283.9	4.1	1.5
Anchorage	137.5	139.9	137.7	140.0	2.3	1.7
Arizona	2,277.3	2,284.9	2,283.0	2,286.9	3.9	.2
Phoenix-Mesa	1,601.4	1,606.6	1,605.4	1,604.9	-.5	.0
Tucson	353.1	353.9	354.1	356.1	2.0	.6
Arkansas	1,160.6	1,160.2	1,155.2	1,157.3	2.1	.2
Fayetteville-Springdale-Rogers	162.3	168.1	161.4	167.5	6.1	3.8
Fort Smith	102.0	99.9	101.2	99.4	-1.8	-1.8
Little Rock-North Little Rock	315.7	312.3	314.6	311.7	-2.9	-.9
Pine Bluff	36.4	35.5	36.2	35.6	-.6	-1.7
California	14,751.7	14,752.2	14,779.6	14,757.8	-21.8	-.1
Bakersfield	204.3	207.6	204.9	208.7	3.8	1.9
Fresno	309.0	310.1	308.0	309.3	1.3	.4
Los Angeles-Long Beach	4,109.8	4,092.9	4,115.4	4,097.2	-18.2	-.4
Modesto	151.5	150.6	151.8	151.7	-.1	-.1
Oakland	1,060.6	1,057.9	1,060.8	1,059.0	-1.8	-.2
Orange County	1,429.2	1,425.1	1,434.1	1,425.5	-8.6	-.6
Riverside-San Bernardino	1,053.6	1,076.5	1,059.1	1,081.1	22.0	2.1
Sacramento	739.2	736.2	739.1	735.8	-3.3	-.4
Salinas	130.0	129.3	129.6	129.1	-.5	-.4
San Diego	1,234.4	1,255.4	1,239.4	1,257.2	17.8	1.4
San Francisco	1,059.0	1,036.8	1,060.1	1,037.4	-22.7	-2.1
San Jose	984.4	952.4	984.6	950.5	-34.1	-3.5
Santa Barbara-Santa Maria-Lompoc	167.3	167.3	167.7	167.1	-.6	-.4
Santa Rosa	189.8	189.9	189.9	189.8	-.1	-.1
Stockton-Lodi	194.0	197.1	193.4	196.5	3.1	1.6
Vallejo-Fairfield-Napa	178.5	178.2	177.1	176.2	-.9	-.5
Ventura	282.0	284.1	282.4	284.5	2.1	.7
Colorado	2,224.6	2,188.3	2,228.1	2,196.1	-32.0	-1.4
Boulder-Longmont	191.5	184.9	191.5	185.8	-5.7	-3.0
Colorado Springs	248.0	245.5	248.7	244.3	-4.4	-1.8
Denver	1,172.8	1,160.1	1,164.8	1,159.1	-5.7	-.5
Connecticut	1,691.2	1,685.3	1,697.6	1,688.7	-8.9	-.5
Bridgeport	186.4	180.9	186.6	180.9	-5.7	-3.1
Danbury	88.4	87.4	89.3	88.0	-1.3	-1.5
Hartford	616.7	604.3	616.2	604.5	-11.7	-1.9
New Haven-Meriden	264.4	265.1	265.3	265.1	-.2	-.1
New London-Norwich	143.4	145.0	143.4	144.7	1.3	.9
Stamford-Norwalk	207.9	203.4	209.2	204.7	-4.5	-2.2
Waterbury	86.3	85.7	86.1	85.9	-.2	-.2
Delaware	419.9	412.8	421.5	412.4	-9.1	-2.2
Dover	56.2	56.8	56.5	56.6	.1	.2
Wilmington-Newark	329.4	323.8	330.3	324.0	-6.3	-1.9
District of Columbia	653.1	655.8	654.2	653.6	-.6	-.1
Washington PMSA	2,819.7	2,794.2	2,822.9	2,791.6	-31.3	-1.1
Florida	7,227.3	7,279.0	7,249.3	7,311.1	61.8	.9
Daytona Beach	159.9	159.7	159.7	160.0	.3	.2
Fort Lauderdale	703.1	698.9	707.4	703.0	-4.4	-.6
Fort Myers-Cape Coral	179.4	180.9	180.5	182.4	1.9	1.1
Gainesville	123.8	124.7	122.9	124.3	1.4	1.1
Jacksonville	574.3	578.6	574.9	579.4	4.5	.8
Lakeland-Winter Haven	185.2	186.2	185.7	187.2	1.5	.8
Melbourne-Titusville-Palm Bay	191.9	188.4	192.0	188.3	-3.7	-1.9
Miami	1,039.7	1,057.5	1,044.6	1,063.1	18.5	1.8
Orlando	908.7	911.1	909.1	913.6	4.5	.5
Pensacola	155.8	155.3	155.8	155.8	.0	.0
Sarasota-Bradenton	285.1	281.4	286.2	282.8	-3.4	-1.2
Tallahassee	163.1	165.9	162.7	165.8	3.1	1.9
Tampa-St. Petersburg-Clearwater	1,232.9	1,238.3	1,235.2	1,240.9	5.7	.5
West Palm Beach-Boca Raton	516.0	523.5	520.3	526.9	6.6	1.3

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State and area	November		December		Change: December 2001 to December 2002 ^P	
	2001	2002	2001	2002 ^P	Number	Percent
Georgia	3,925.6	3,880.0	3,924.6	3,881.0	-43.6	-1.1
Albany	57.2	55.7	56.5	55.8	-.7	-1.2
Athens	73.8	75.5	74.3	75.6	1.3	1.7
Atlanta	2,174.1	2,144.4	2,168.3	2,145.5	-22.8	-1.1
Augusta-Aiken	201.1	198.6	200.9	198.1	-2.8	-1.4
Columbus	119.4	118.3	121.2	118.5	-2.7	-2.2
Macon	149.9	150.0	150.9	150.5	-.4	-.3
Savannah	136.6	138.8	136.5	139.6	3.1	2.3
Hawaii	549.8	556.7	552.0	561.1	9.1	1.6
Honolulu	408.9	413.3	411.0	417.1	6.1	1.5
Idaho	575.4	568.5	571.7	565.3	-6.4	-1.1
Boise City	232.7	229.3	232.6	228.6	-4.0	-1.7
Illinois	6,010.8	5,946.7	5,989.7	5,924.0	-65.7	-1.1
Bloomington-Normal	93.4	92.6	93.6	92.7	-.9	-1.0
Champaign-Urbana	108.9	107.9	107.8	108.0	.2	.2
Chicago	4,221.5	4,166.3	4,201.1	4,143.7	-57.4	-1.4
Davenport-Moline-Rock Island	183.2	183.3	181.9	181.3	-.6	-.3
Decatur	57.3	55.0	57.0	55.1	-1.9	-3.3
Kankakee	44.2	44.1	44.1	43.7	-.4	-.9
Peoria-Pekin	174.8	173.9	173.4	173.0	-.4	-.2
Rockford	176.9	176.5	176.1	176.6	.5	.3
Springfield	115.4	115.3	114.6	115.0	.4	.3
Indiana	2,947.1	2,935.2	2,937.6	2,926.7	-10.9	-.4
Bloomington	67.3	67.4	66.7	66.9	.2	.3
Elkhart-Goshen	117.5	120.6	116.3	121.5	5.2	4.5
Evansville-Henderson	160.2	156.6	157.9	155.6	-2.3	-1.5
Fort Wayne	268.5	269.0	267.9	267.4	-.5	-.2
Gary	261.3	254.0	258.6	253.3	-5.3	-2.0
Indianapolis	886.9	882.7	886.5	879.5	-7.0	-.8
Kokomo	50.4	49.8	50.1	49.5	-.6	-1.2
Lafayette	99.5	98.6	98.5	97.4	-1.1	-1.1
Muncie	59.1	58.8	58.7	58.8	.1	.2
South Bend	135.0	132.9	134.5	132.9	-1.6	-1.2
Terre Haute	69.2	69.5	68.8	69.4	.6	.9
Iowa	1,480.5	1,478.9	1,475.7	1,473.0	-2.7	-.2
Cedar Rapids	122.9	121.4	122.4	120.3	-2.1	-1.7
Des Moines	291.7	292.5	290.7	293.4	2.7	.9
Dubuque	51.6	51.8	51.8	52.1	.3	.6
Iowa City	76.7	76.9	76.4	76.4	.0	.0
Sioux City	66.3	67.3	66.5	67.0	.5	.8
Waterloo-Cedar Falls	74.2	72.9	73.4	72.1	-1.3	-1.8
Kansas	1,372.1	1,374.9	1,371.8	1,372.7	.9	.1
Lawrence	53.1	52.8	53.1	52.5	-.6	-1.1
Topeka	104.5	103.3	104.7	103.1	-1.6	-1.5
Wichita	289.2	281.5	288.7	281.0	-7.7	-2.7
Kentucky	1,834.2	1,854.6	1,831.7	1,852.9	21.2	1.2
Lexington	290.3	293.5	288.9	291.8	2.9	1.0
Louisville	583.1	583.4	583.8	583.7	-.1	.0
Owensboro	45.4	46.2	45.6	46.2	.6	1.3
Louisiana	1,949.6	1,942.6	1,952.4	1,946.5	-5.9	-.3
Alexandria	56.7	57.0	56.7	57.2	.5	.9
Baton Rouge	313.9	315.2	313.9	313.1	-.8	-.3
Houma	80.6	81.5	80.2	81.8	1.6	2.0
Lafayette	171.3	170.3	171.6	170.0	-1.6	-.9
Lake Charles	88.6	87.0	88.6	87.4	-1.2	-1.4
Monroe	75.2	75.5	75.1	75.4	.3	.4
New Orleans	626.7	626.0	629.8	625.8	-4.0	-.6
Shreveport-Bossier City	175.4	177.1	175.0	176.7	1.7	1.0
Maine	613.5	615.5	611.7	613.6	1.9	.3
Lewiston-Auburn	47.0	46.2	47.2	46.4	-.8	-1.7
Portland	157.9	158.1	159.0	158.7	-.3	-.2

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State and area	November		December		Change: December 2001 to December 2002 ^P	
	2001	2002	2001	2002 ^P	Number	Percent
Maryland	2,493.5	2,497.0	2,495.4	2,503.8	8.4	0.3
Baltimore PMSA	1,273.3	1,272.4	1,276.3	1,276.1	-.2	.0
Baltimore City	403.2	399.3	404.3	401.3	-3.0	-.7
Suburban Maryland-D.C.	926.7	932.5	927.5	934.3	6.8	.7
Massachusetts	3,340.9	3,298.3	3,339.8	3,290.8	-49.0	-1.5
Barnstable-Yarmouth	63.8	64.7	63.2	63.8	.6	.9
Boston	2,045.7	2,019.0	2,045.7	2,016.4	-29.3	-1.4
Brockton	100.8	99.3	100.7	99.5	-1.2	-1.2
Fitchburg-Leominster	52.9	52.1	52.5	52.1	-.4	-.8
Lawrence	163.8	162.6	164.5	163.0	-1.5	-.9
Lowell	132.8	131.0	131.7	130.6	-1.1	-.8
New Bedford	66.5	66.2	66.5	66.3	-.2	-.3
Pittsfield	42.2	42.4	42.4	42.5	.1	.2
Springfield	267.6	269.8	267.0	269.0	2.0	.7
Worcester	238.1	238.0	239.4	238.9	-.5	-.2
Michigan	4,613.7	4,587.6	4,607.2	4,565.9	-41.3	-.9
Ann Arbor	292.1	294.6	292.2	293.8	1.6	.5
Benton Harbor	73.7	73.1	72.8	73.0	.2	.3
Detroit	2,156.5	2,130.4	2,164.1	2,125.1	-39.0	-1.8
Flint	167.2	161.0	167.6	160.4	-7.2	-4.3
Grand Rapids-Muskegon-Holland	588.3	588.3	590.1	587.4	-2.7	-.5
Jackson	63.8	65.0	63.9	64.7	.8	1.3
Kalamazoo-Battle Creek	220.4	219.5	220.3	218.2	-2.1	-1.0
Lansing-East Lansing	242.7	241.2	240.1	240.3	.2	.1
Saginaw-Bay City-Midland	182.2	177.6	181.3	176.5	-4.8	-2.6
Minnesota	2,678.5	2,670.7	2,664.4	2,652.7	-11.7	-.4
Duluth-Superior	117.2	118.0	116.7	117.4	.7	.6
Minneapolis-St. Paul	1,756.0	1,756.2	1,751.2	1,749.5	-1.7	-.1
Rochester	87.3	87.5	87.2	87.1	-.1	-.1
St. Cloud	96.5	94.9	96.0	94.6	-1.4	-1.5
Mississippi	1,137.1	1,136.4	1,132.2	1,137.6	5.4	.5
Jackson	231.6	232.3	231.9	231.6	-.3	-.1
Missouri	2,733.1	2,688.9	2,716.6	2,676.9	-39.7	-1.5
Kansas City	994.5	986.2	995.9	989.6	-6.3	-.6
St. Louis	1,326.9	1,304.6	1,324.9	1,305.1	-19.8	-1.5
Springfield	170.6	173.6	170.3	172.8	2.5	1.5
Montana	392.6	401.0	391.0	398.1	7.1	1.8
Billings	67.4	69.0	67.5	68.8	1.3	1.9
Missoula	53.0	54.0	52.6	53.3	.7	1.3
Nebraska	920.8	922.3	915.8	920.2	4.4	.5
Lincoln	157.1	156.8	154.2	157.2	3.0	1.9
Omaha	428.1	424.4	428.1	423.5	-4.6	-1.1
Nevada	1,055.4	1,084.0	1,055.7	1,081.4	25.7	2.4
Las Vegas	779.6	804.6	780.9	802.5	21.6	2.8
Reno	198.7	202.5	198.4	202.6	4.2	2.1
New Hampshire	627.8	627.5	630.9	627.9	-3.0	-.5
Manchester	107.6	106.6	108.3	107.9	-.4	-.4
Nashua	100.3	99.9	100.7	100.2	-.5	-.5
Portsmouth-Rochester	127.9	126.1	127.8	125.8	-2.0	-1.6
New Jersey	4,049.5	4,043.4	4,061.6	4,047.4	-14.2	-.3
Atlantic-Cape May	185.3	188.8	183.8	188.3	4.5	2.4
Bergen-Passaic	672.8	666.6	674.9	667.8	-7.1	-1.1
Camden	509.2	510.0	511.7	512.2	.5	.1
Jersey City	263.5	262.9	264.8	262.9	-1.9	-.7
Middlesex-Somerset-Hunterdon	684.3	685.0	686.4	687.2	.8	.1
Monmouth-Ocean	400.9	403.6	401.8	405.4	3.6	.9
Newark	1,022.2	1,019.6	1,028.2	1,021.8	-6.4	-.6
Trenton	227.0	224.7	227.9	225.2	-2.7	-1.2
Vineland-Millville-Bridgeton	60.7	60.2	60.4	59.9	-.5	-.8

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State and area	November		December		Change: December 2001 to December 2002 ^P	
	2001	2002	2001	2002 ^P	Number	Percent
New Mexico	761.6	769.7	763.8	769.8	6.0	0.8
Albuquerque	361.4	360.5	362.9	361.5	-1.4	-.4
Las Cruces	59.0	60.3	58.8	60.1	1.3	2.2
Santa Fe	75.6	77.8	75.6	78.1	2.5	3.3
New York	8,672.0	8,627.0	8,679.0	8,634.2	-44.8	-.5
Albany-Schenectady-Troy	467.9	469.8	467.4	469.0	1.6	.3
Binghamton	119.1	116.1	118.0	115.2	-2.8	-2.4
Buffalo-Niagara Falls	563.6	560.6	560.9	558.7	-2.2	-.4
Dutchess County	119.1	119.6	119.1	119.2	.1	.1
Elmira	43.6	42.5	43.7	42.6	-1.1	-2.5
Glens Falls	49.9	49.6	49.9	49.2	-.7	-1.4
Nassau-Suffolk	1,244.0	1,243.8	1,253.7	1,250.0	-3.7	-.3
New York PMSA	4,245.4	4,200.7	4,256.0	4,210.9	-45.1	-1.1
New York City	3,681.2	3,635.7	3,689.0	3,645.6	-43.4	-1.2
Newburgh	134.6	135.2	134.8	135.0	.2	.1
Rochester	554.8	547.9	552.4	545.7	-6.7	-1.2
Rockland County	112.2	112.5	113.1	113.0	-.1	-.1
Syracuse	356.5	355.5	355.4	354.3	-1.1	-.3
Utica-Rome	136.1	135.4	136.1	135.3	-.8	-.6
Westchester County	427.7	428.6	429.8	428.4	-1.4	-.3
North Carolina	3,925.6	3,923.3	3,921.6	3,917.2	-4.4	-.1
Asheville	113.3	115.8	113.1	115.7	2.6	2.3
Charlotte-Gastonia-Rock Hill	844.1	857.9	839.9	854.5	14.6	1.7
Greensboro--Winston-Salem--High Point	659.4	652.6	658.9	656.8	-2.1	-.3
Raleigh-Durham-Chapel Hill	700.8	704.2	704.0	704.5	.5	.1
North Dakota	333.8	333.2	332.4	332.4	.0	.0
Bismarck	53.1	53.3	53.0	53.5	.5	.9
Fargo-Moorhead	106.1	105.8	105.3	105.5	.2	.2
Grand Forks	49.9	49.9	49.7	49.8	.1	.2
Ohio	5,595.3	5,559.1	5,600.1	5,558.5	-41.6	-.7
Akron	330.0	330.7	328.4	330.6	2.2	.7
Canton-Massillon	188.6	189.2	188.8	189.0	.2	.1
Cincinnati	886.4	881.3	886.0	880.3	-5.7	-.6
Cleveland-Lorain-Elyria	1,159.0	1,153.8	1,158.4	1,151.2	-7.2	-.6
Columbus	894.0	891.4	892.0	889.5	-2.5	-.3
Dayton-Springfield	481.7	478.1	481.3	477.4	-3.9	-.8
Hamilton-Middletown	135.7	134.2	135.5	134.4	-1.1	-.8
Lima	79.4	78.0	79.3	78.8	-.5	-.6
Mansfield	80.8	79.8	80.1	79.9	-.2	-.2
Steubenville-Weirton	50.5	50.3	50.4	49.7	-.7	-1.4
Toledo	329.4	328.0	328.5	326.8	-1.7	-.5
Youngstown-Warren	241.1	236.3	240.5	236.4	-4.1	-1.7
Oklahoma	1,527.5	1,534.2	1,527.5	1,532.6	5.1	.3
Enid	23.7	23.7	23.6	23.7	.1	.4
Lawton	39.2	39.7	39.4	39.8	.4	1.0
Oklahoma City	548.5	553.1	547.4	553.5	6.1	1.1
Tulsa	410.2	411.0	410.6	411.0	.4	.1
Oregon	1,600.9	1,602.9	1,591.4	1,595.9	4.5	.3
Eugene-Springfield	143.6	146.0	143.4	146.0	2.6	1.8
Medford-Ashland	77.3	77.1	76.2	76.5	-.3	-.4
Portland-Vancouver	961.0	954.6	960.2	951.8	-8.4	-.9
Salem	137.5	138.4	136.4	137.2	.8	.6
Pennsylvania	5,718.4	5,689.6	5,709.1	5,674.6	-34.5	-.6
Allentown-Bethlehem-Easton	289.6	285.5	289.5	285.9	-3.6	-1.2
Altoona	60.4	60.4	60.3	60.4	.1	.2
Erie	135.3	134.8	134.6	133.8	-.8	-.6
Harrisburg-Lebanon-Carlisle	365.6	364.7	365.5	364.3	-1.2	-.3
Johnstown	87.9	86.1	86.9	86.0	-.9	-1.0
Lancaster	229.1	231.7	229.8	232.5	2.7	1.2
Philadelphia PMSA	2,426.9	2,413.7	2,432.6	2,421.2	-11.4	-.5
Philadelphia City	690.5	690.0	692.6	689.7	-2.9	-.4
Pittsburgh	1,138.2	1,134.3	1,130.8	1,126.3	-4.5	-.4
Reading	171.9	170.9	172.3	171.1	-1.2	-.7
Scranton--Wilkes-Barre--Hazleton	288.6	284.2	286.7	282.3	-4.4	-1.5
Sharon	50.8	50.6	50.4	50.2	-.2	-.4
State College	74.2	74.8	71.4	71.8	.4	.6
Williamsport	56.0	55.6	55.7	55.4	-.3	-.5
York	171.3	168.8	171.0	169.1	-1.9	-1.1

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Table 2. Employees on nonfarm payrolls by state and selected metropolitan areas, not seasonally adjusted — Continued

(Numbers in thousands)

State and area	November		December		Change: December 2001 to December 2002 ^P	
	2001	2002	2001	2002 ^P	Number	Percent
Rhode Island	485.2	489.8	484.2	487.9	3.7	0.8
Providence-Fall River-Warwick	540.4	543.5	540.0	541.7	1.7	.3
South Carolina	1,842.0	1,840.3	1,836.4	1,836.5	.1	.0
Charleston-North Charleston	251.7	254.5	249.8	254.5	4.7	1.9
Columbia	296.4	297.7	295.0	297.1	2.1	.7
Greenville-Spartanburg-Anderson	486.7	495.2	489.4	492.5	3.1	.6
South Dakota	378.8	377.0	376.5	375.4	-1.1	-.3
Rapid City	50.1	50.2	49.9	49.6	-.3	-.6
Sioux Falls	117.0	118.5	116.8	118.1	1.3	1.1
Tennessee	2,731.0	2,723.4	2,735.1	2,725.1	-10.0	-.4
Chattanooga	237.4	235.5	238.3	235.9	-2.4	-1.0
Johnson City-Kingsport-Bristol	199.3	197.0	198.5	196.6	-1.9	-1.0
Knoxville	349.3	348.3	348.3	346.2	-2.1	-.6
Memphis	598.6	587.9	599.1	587.2	-11.9	-2.0
Nashville	691.6	693.2	692.3	695.0	2.7	.4
Texas	9,510.1	9,469.4	9,508.4	9,481.7	-26.7	-.3
Abilene	54.2	53.5	54.4	53.8	-.6	-1.1
Amarillo	99.0	97.8	99.3	98.1	-1.2	-1.2
Austin-San Marcos	676.6	678.8	675.5	676.9	1.4	.2
Beaumont-Port Arthur	158.5	159.5	159.7	159.7	.0	.0
Brazoria	79.4	78.8	80.0	78.6	-1.4	-1.8
Brownsville-Harlingen-San Benito	111.8	111.9	112.3	111.8	-.5	-.4
Bryan-College Station	80.4	80.3	80.1	79.7	-.4	-.5
Corpus Christi	160.0	162.0	160.7	162.4	1.7	1.1
Dallas	1,991.2	1,984.8	1,994.6	1,989.4	-5.2	-.3
El Paso	255.9	254.8	256.4	254.9	-1.5	-.6
Ft. Worth-Arlington	799.5	794.5	801.4	796.1	-5.3	-.7
Galveston-Texas City	87.1	86.7	87.4	86.5	-.9	-1.0
Houston	2,126.8	2,128.7	2,131.5	2,136.0	4.5	.2
Killeen-Temple	104.5	103.7	104.4	103.8	-.6	-.6
Laredo	71.1	72.7	71.2	72.9	1.7	2.4
Longview-Marshall	93.0	92.0	93.4	92.3	-1.1	-1.2
Lubbock	125.2	126.4	124.9	125.9	1.0	.8
McAllen-Edinburg-Mission	164.6	170.2	166.2	171.9	5.7	3.4
Odessa-Midland	106.0	105.6	106.1	105.7	-.4	-.4
San Angelo	44.6	45.3	45.0	45.6	.6	1.3
San Antonio	731.1	735.8	731.7	736.9	5.2	.7
Sherman-Denison	44.2	43.8	44.2	43.8	-.4	-.9
Texarkana	53.5	53.2	53.6	53.2	-.4	-.7
Tyler	85.7	87.0	85.9	87.1	1.2	1.4
Victoria	37.7	37.7	37.6	37.6	.0	.0
Waco	101.2	100.6	100.9	100.8	-.1	-.1
Wichita Falls	60.4	59.6	60.4	59.8	-.6	-1.0
Utah	1,087.1	1,073.9	1,086.1	1,074.2	-11.9	-1.1
Provo-Orem	157.3	154.6	155.4	154.3	-1.1	-.7
Salt Lake City-Ogden	722.5	710.1	722.7	710.9	-11.8	-1.6
Vermont	299.7	300.4	303.2	304.1	.9	.3
Barre-Montpelier	34.1	34.6	34.7	34.9	.2	.6
Burlington	109.2	108.5	109.9	109.5	-.4	-.4
Virginia	3,531.5	3,525.4	3,529.3	3,518.6	-10.7	-.3
Bristol	40.3	40.3	40.1	40.2	.1	.2
Charlottesville	88.1	87.7	88.2	87.8	-.4	-.5
Danville	45.8	45.1	45.8	44.7	-1.1	-2.4
Lynchburg	100.5	100.4	100.7	100.0	-.7	-.7
Norfolk-Virginia Beach-Newport News	708.4	714.1	707.3	713.8	6.5	.9
Northern Virginia	1,163.5	1,169.0	1,163.2	1,171.2	8.0	.7
Richmond-Petersburg	564.8	563.3	564.4	564.2	-.2	.0
Roanoke	147.2	144.9	146.5	144.1	-2.4	-1.6
Washington	2,694.9	2,668.9	2,669.1	2,655.9	-13.2	-.5
Seattle-Bellevue-Everett	1,393.9	1,360.3	1,378.9	1,356.8	-22.1	-1.6
Spokane	197.3	194.2	195.5	193.6	-1.9	-1.0
Tacoma	243.5	250.0	242.8	249.8	7.0	2.9

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(Numbers in thousands)

State and area	November		December		Change: December 2001 to December 2002 ^P	
	2001	2002	2001	2002 ^P	Number	Percent
West Virginia	742.6	735.2	741.1	733.5	-7.6	-1.0
Charleston	137.4	136.2	136.7	135.3	-1.4	-1.0
Huntington-Ashland	124.0	122.9	123.5	123.7	.2	.2
Parkersburg-Marietta	70.2	70.3	70.3	70.0	-.3	-.4
Wheeling	67.8	67.0	67.8	67.1	-.7	-1.0
Wisconsin	2,843.3	2,870.0	2,836.0	2,856.0	20.0	.7
Appleton-Oshkosh-Neenah	207.2	209.0	206.8	208.4	1.6	.8
Eau Claire	77.6	78.5	76.8	77.4	.6	.8
Green Bay	148.3	149.3	148.4	148.0	-.4	-.3
Janesville-Beloit	70.5	70.9	70.1	70.9	.8	1.1
Kenosha	55.6	56.7	55.3	56.1	.8	1.4
La Crosse	74.4	75.8	74.2	75.0	.8	1.1
Madison	298.6	304.6	294.6	301.7	7.1	2.4
Milwaukee-Waukesha	863.2	866.4	863.6	865.1	1.5	.2
Racine	82.0	82.4	81.8	82.4	.6	.7
Sheboygan	62.1	61.0	62.1	60.7	-1.4	-2.3
Wausau	69.9	71.7	70.3	71.9	1.6	2.3
Wyoming	244.9	246.4	243.8	245.0	1.2	.5
Casper	33.2	33.4	33.4	33.4	.0	.0
Puerto Rico	1,000.0	1,004.0	1,018.2	1,021.8	3.6	.4
Caguas	71.6	71.8	72.9	72.7	-.2	-.3
Mayaguez	69.6	68.0	70.4	68.8	-1.6	-2.3
Ponce	79.2	81.9	81.4	83.1	1.7	2.1
San Juan-Bayamon	640.6	649.7	650.2	660.8	10.6	1.6
Virgin Islands	43.7	42.2	44.1	42.4	-1.7	-3.9

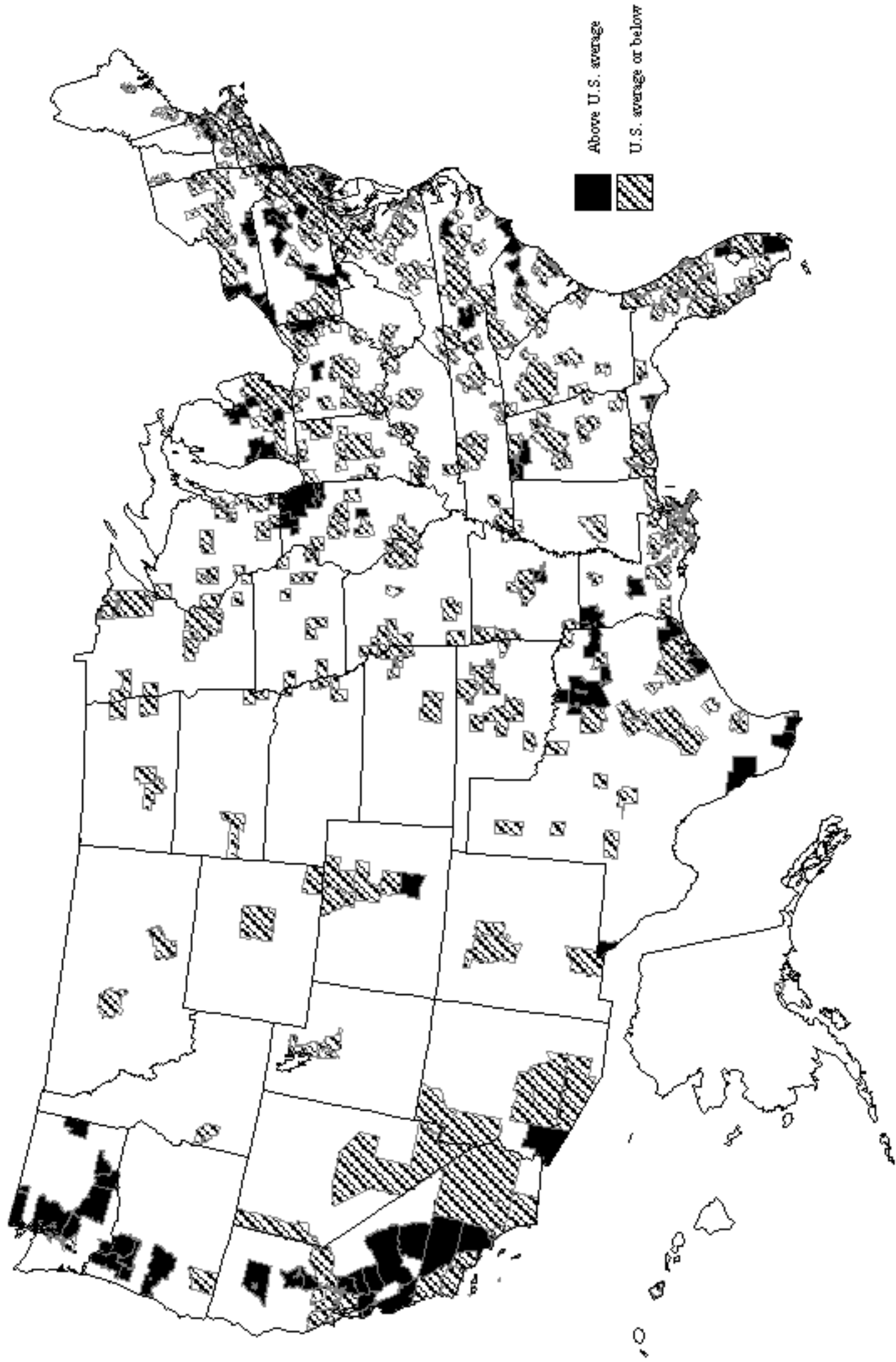
^P = preliminary.

NOTE: Data are counts of jobs by place of work. Estimates are currently projected from March 2001 benchmark levels. Estimates subsequent to the current benchmark

month are provisional and will be revised when new information becomes available. Area definitions are published annually in the May issue of *Employment and Earnings*.

Unemployment rates for metropolitan areas, not seasonally adjusted, December 2002

(U.S. rate = 5.7 percent)



NOTE: Map includes data for 323 areas based on 1993 definitions.