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METROPOLITAN AREA EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT: SEPTEMBER 2003

In September, 166 metropolitan areas recorded higher unemployment rates than a year earlier, 143 areas had lower rates, and 22 areas had rates that were unchanged, the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the U.S. Department of Labor reported today. Fourteen areas posted unemployment rates below 3.0 percent, with nine of these located in the Midwest and four in the South. Seven metropolitan areas had jobless rates of at least 10.0 percent; four of these were located in California's Central Valley and the other three were along the Mexican border in other states. The national unemployment rate was 5.8 percent, not seasonally adjusted, in September.

Metropolitan Area Unemployment (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

Sixty-six metropolitan areas reported jobless rates below 4.0 percent in September, down from 74 areas a year earlier, while 49 areas recorded rates of at least 7.0 percent, up from 37 areas a year earlier. The lowest unemployment rates were posted in Columbia, Mo., and Fargo-Moorhead, N.D.-Minn., 2.0 percent each. The highest rate again was in Yuma, Ariz., 29.5 percent, where summer jobless rates are roughly double those of the winter. The next highest rates were reported in McAllen-Edinburg-Mission, Texas, and Visalia-Tulare-Porterville, Calif., 13.1 and 12.4 percent, respectively. (See table 1 and the map.)

In September, Saginaw-Bay City-Midland, Mich., registered the largest over-the-year jobless rate increase (+2.4 percentage points), followed by Steubenville-Weirton, Ohio-W.Va. (+2.0 points). Seventeen additional areas, including seven in Michigan, recorded rate increases of at least 1.0 percentage point. Florence, Ala., had the largest over-the-year unemployment rate decrease (-2.8 percentage points). The next largest rate decreases were in Rocky Mount, N.C. (-1.7 percentage points), and Biloxi-Gulfport-Pascagoula, Miss., and Provo-Orem, Utah (-1.5 points each). Eleven additional areas recorded over-the-year jobless rate decreases of at least 1.0 percentage point. Among the 15 areas with rate decreases of 1.0 percentage point or more, 4 were located in the East South Central division and 4 were in the Mountain division.

Of the 51 metropolitan areas with a 1990 Census population of 1 million or more, Portland-Vancouver, Ore.-Wash., continued to report the highest unemployment rate, 8.0 percent, followed by New York, N.Y., 7.9 percent. Four other areas had rates of 7.0 percent or more. The lowest jobless rates among the large areas again were recorded in Washington, D.C.-Md.-Va.-W.Va., 3.2 percent, and Orange County, Calif., 3.6 percent. These were the only two large areas that had unemployment rates below 4.0 percent in September. Compared with a year earlier, 25 of these large areas reported lower rates, 22 areas had higher rates, and 4 areas had no change. San Jose, Calif., had the largest over-the-year rate decrease

(-1.3 percentage points), followed by Salt Lake City-Ogden, Utah, and San Francisco, Calif. (-1.0 point each). Six additional large areas recorded rate decreases of at least 0.5 percentage point from September 2002. Detroit, Mich., registered the largest over-the-year unemployment rate increase (+1.3 percentage points). Charlotte-Gastonia-Rock Hill, N.C.-S.C., New York, N.Y., and Portland-Vancouver, Ore.-Wash., had the next largest increases (+0.8 point each). Three other large areas experienced rate increases of at least one-half percentage point from a year earlier.

Metropolitan Area Nonfarm Employment (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

Among the 272 metropolitan areas for which over-the-year comparisons could be made, 154 reported over-the-year decreases in employment, 109 recorded increases, and 9 had no change. The largest over-the-year employment declines were posted in New York, N.Y. (-41,500), Los Angeles-Long Beach, Calif. (-39,700), Chicago, Ill. (-39,200), San Jose, Calif. (-38,400), and Boston, Mass.-N.H. (-35,500). The largest over-the-year percentage declines in employment were reported in Lawton, Okla. (-5.2 percent), San Jose, Calif. (-4.3 percent), Sharon, Pa. (-4.1 percent), Lowell, Mass.-N.H. (-3.7 percent), and Huntsville, Ala., Steubenville-Weirton, Ohio-W.Va., and Worcester, Mass.-Conn. (-3.6 percent each).

The largest over-the-year employment increases were reported in Atlanta, Ga. (+65,700), Las Vegas, Nev.-Ariz. (+23,700), and Phoenix-Mesa, Ariz. (+19,400). The largest over-the-year percentage increases in employment were reported in Sarasota-Bradenton, Fla. (+4.4 percent), West Palm Beach-Boca Raton, Fla. (+3.4 percent), and McAllen-Edinburg-Mission, Texas (+3.3 percent).

Over-the-year nonfarm employment comparisons could be made in 37 metropolitan areas with annual average employment levels above 750,000 in 2002. Employment declined in 24 of these 37 areas. The largest over-the-year percentage declines in employment in these large metropolitan areas were posted in San Jose, Calif. (-4.3 percent), Milwaukee-Waukesha, Wis. (-2.4 percent), Portland-Vancouver, Ore.-Wash. (-2.1 percent), and Indianapolis, Ind. (-2.0 percent). Among the largest areas, Atlanta, Ga., and Las Vegas, Nev.-Ariz., had the highest over-the-year percentage increase in employment (+3.0 percent each), followed by Orlando, Fla. (+1.9 percent), Tampa-St. Petersburg-Clearwater, Fla. (+1.3 percent), and Phoenix-Mesa, Ariz., and Riverside-San Bernardino, Calif. (+1.2 percent each).

Manufacturing remained the weakest industry, with 217 metropolitan areas experiencing employment losses over the year. Employment declines in trade, transportation, and utilities were reported in 146 metropolitan areas, while employment declines in government occurred in 130 metropolitan areas. Employment growth was most widespread in education and health services and in financial activities, with increases occurring in 189 and 140 metropolitan areas, respectively.

The Regional and State Employment and Unemployment release for October is scheduled to be issued on November 21. The Metropolitan Area Employment and Unemployment release for October is scheduled to be issued on December 4.

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. 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 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 will be available for state CES data, at the supersector level and for metropolitan area CES data at the total nonfarm level. Information on recent

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

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			
	August		September		August		September		August		September	
	2002	2003	2002	2003 ^P	2002	2003	2002	2003 ^P	2002	2003	2002	2003 ^P
Alabama	2,103.1	2,144.5	2,098.2	2,141.3	129.0	127.5	125.8	118.6	6.1	5.9	6.0	5.5
Anniston	51.7	52.1	51.8	52.6	2.9	2.8	2.9	2.8	5.6	5.4	5.6	5.3
Auburn-Opelika	51.7	51.6	52.3	52.6	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.0	4.2	4.3	4.1	3.8
Birmingham	470.7	482.5	469.5	479.5	22.2	21.9	22.0	20.5	4.7	4.5	4.7	4.3
Decatur	70.4	73.1	70.5	74.6	4.9	5.0	4.7	5.3	6.9	6.8	6.6	7.1
Dothan	65.8	66.6	65.4	66.6	3.1	3.1	2.9	2.9	4.7	4.7	4.4	4.3
Florence	64.0	61.4	63.6	61.3	6.5	4.9	6.3	4.4	10.1	7.9	9.9	7.1
Gadsden	47.3	47.9	47.3	47.9	2.9	2.8	2.7	2.6	6.1	5.9	5.7	5.4
Huntsville	176.7	176.4	176.3	176.1	7.6	8.1	7.6	8.0	4.3	4.6	4.3	4.6
Mobile	266.9	272.9	265.0	271.5	17.4	17.3	16.7	16.3	6.5	6.3	6.3	6.0
Montgomery	161.7	167.3	160.5	166.2	8.0	9.2	7.9	8.2	5.0	5.5	4.9	4.9
Tuscaloosa	83.1	84.5	83.8	85.6	3.3	3.2	2.9	2.9	3.9	3.8	3.5	3.3
Alaska	330.8	352.2	325.3	347.8	22.6	23.7	22.9	23.7	6.8	6.7	7.1	6.8
Anchorage	145.9	155.5	145.0	155.2	7.5	8.0	7.7	8.1	5.1	5.1	5.3	5.2
Arizona	2,700.8	2,697.5	2,691.3	2,677.2	178.3	172.9	173.9	157.8	6.6	6.4	6.5	5.9
Flagstaff	71.5	71.6	71.3	70.8	3.7	4.7	3.5	4.1	5.2	6.5	4.9	5.8
Phoenix-Mesa	1,805.6	1,803.5	1,799.4	1,791.4	104.2	98.8	104.2	92.7	5.8	5.5	5.8	5.2
Tucson	425.8	427.7	428.3	428.1	20.8	20.0	20.6	18.6	4.9	4.7	4.8	4.3
Yuma	82.1	79.2	79.0	74.9	27.3	26.8	24.1	22.1	33.3	33.8	30.5	29.5
Arkansas	1,301.6	1,314.1	1,294.2	1,308.5	66.8	67.8	61.7	68.8	5.1	5.2	4.8	5.3
Fayetteville-Springdale-Rogers	170.7	176.2	170.1	174.4	4.0	4.6	3.8	4.7	2.4	2.6	2.2	2.7
Fort Smith	101.4	104.1	100.6	102.4	4.3	4.7	4.2	4.8	4.3	4.5	4.2	4.7
Jonesboro	45.4	47.2	45.5	47.1	2.1	2.2	1.9	2.3	4.5	4.6	4.2	4.8
Little Rock-North Little Rock	319.1	320.3	315.2	316.6	14.4	14.1	13.4	14.4	4.5	4.4	4.2	4.5
Pine Bluff	37.1	38.0	36.6	37.9	3.3	3.1	3.0	3.1	9.0	8.1	8.3	8.1
California	17,520.9	17,711.2	17,450.5	17,585.9	1,151.5	1,168.2	1,131.7	1,075.6	6.6	6.6	6.5	6.1
Bakersfield	304.3	312.1	301.6	308.4	29.8	33.1	29.6	30.5	9.9	10.6	9.8	9.9
Chico-Paradise	91.5	94.3	91.5	93.6	6.4	6.7	5.9	5.6	7.0	7.1	6.5	6.0
Fresno	468.8	476.2	475.6	478.8	53.3	53.3	52.6	49.2	11.4	11.2	11.1	10.3
Los Angeles-Long Beach	4,706.9	4,793.6	4,735.7	4,773.4	329.7	344.9	318.2	324.1	7.0	7.2	6.7	6.8
Merced	90.4	93.9	90.0	92.2	9.7	10.7	9.0	9.2	10.7	11.4	10.0	10.0
Modesto	225.6	231.2	221.8	224.3	20.6	21.3	20.0	19.4	9.1	9.2	9.0	8.6
Oakland	1,299.5	1,312.1	1,287.4	1,302.1	82.6	82.8	81.9	75.3	6.4	6.3	6.4	5.8
Orange County	1,565.3	1,581.9	1,555.2	1,572.3	67.8	61.9	67.4	56.8	4.3	3.9	4.3	3.6
Redding	82.2	82.1	82.0	80.7	5.3	5.9	5.2	5.3	6.5	7.2	6.4	6.6
Riverside-San Bernardino	1,650.1	1,692.9	1,644.1	1,685.8	105.8	109.5	104.6	100.2	6.4	6.5	6.4	5.9
Sacramento	874.5	880.3	865.4	870.6	46.3	48.4	46.5	45.8	5.3	5.5	5.4	5.3
Salinas	201.9	202.5	199.3	198.9	13.4	14.0	13.4	12.6	6.7	6.9	6.7	6.3
San Diego	1,477.2	1,499.8	1,457.4	1,484.3	66.1	66.6	66.0	60.8	4.5	4.4	4.5	4.1
San Francisco	946.3	942.7	938.0	936.9	58.0	53.7	56.9	47.7	6.1	5.7	6.1	5.1
San Jose	964.3	923.1	946.5	907.7	83.0	74.2	83.3	67.8	8.6	8.0	8.8	7.5
San Luis Obispo-Atascadero-Paso Robles	122.7	124.2	122.1	122.8	4.3	4.2	4.2	3.7	3.5	3.3	3.4	3.0
Santa Barbara-Santa Maria-Lompoc	207.7	209.6	204.9	207.4	8.0	7.7	8.4	7.2	3.8	3.7	4.1	3.5
Santa Cruz-Watsonville	145.4	146.0	144.9	145.5	8.6	9.1	8.9	8.3	5.9	6.2	6.1	5.7
Santa Rosa	267.9	268.4	270.3	272.3	12.2	13.1	11.7	11.7	4.6	4.9	4.3	4.3
Stockton-Lodi	277.8	281.5	277.2	280.1	23.8	26.1	23.3	23.7	8.6	9.3	8.4	8.5
Vallejo-Fairfield-Napa	286.7	293.1	285.7	292.0	14.7	16.0	14.4	14.3	5.1	5.4	5.1	5.0
Ventura	424.8	422.0	426.7	422.2	26.5	24.8	26.2	23.3	6.2	5.9	6.1	5.5
Visalia-Tulare-Porterville	176.3	178.4	174.4	174.9	22.6	23.4	22.1	21.7	12.8	13.1	12.7	12.4
Yolo	95.3	96.3	94.6	95.6	4.0	4.4	4.0	3.9	4.2	4.6	4.2	4.1
Yuba City	60.7	60.9	59.5	59.7	6.0	6.7	6.0	6.2	9.9	11.1	10.1	10.4
Colorado	2,475.3	2,514.1	2,474.3	2,508.9	137.5	138.2	137.6	135.1	5.6	5.5	5.6	5.4
Boulder-Longmont ^{1,2}	197.2	173.0	200.7	175.8	11.6	9.1	11.5	8.8	5.9	5.3	5.7	5.0
Colorado Springs	281.5	282.5	282.1	280.4	18.1	16.5	18.2	16.2	6.4	5.8	6.4	5.8
Denver ^{1,2}	1,236.9	1,275.8	1,237.8	1,277.0	71.4	74.4	72.3	73.5	5.8	5.8	5.8	5.8
Fort Collins-Loveland	159.3	161.8	160.6	161.9	7.9	8.1	8.0	8.1	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0
Grand Junction	65.4	69.1	65.9	69.6	3.0	3.6	2.9	3.3	4.6	5.2	4.4	4.7
Greeley	98.2	102.0	98.7	102.5	5.7	6.3	5.8	6.2	5.8	6.1	5.9	6.0
Pueblo	62.6	63.7	63.2	63.8	4.1	4.2	4.1	4.0	6.5	6.6	6.5	6.3
Connecticut	1,805.8	1,809.4	1,764.0	1,763.5	79.2	90.3	70.4	80.2	4.4	5.0	4.0	4.6
Bridgeport	228.3	230.4	224.1	225.6	12.4	14.4	11.0	12.8	5.4	6.2	4.9	5.7
Danbury	116.5	119.8	115.2	117.3	3.8	4.1	3.3	3.6	3.3	3.4	2.9	3.1
Hartford	610.7	608.2	600.6	595.3	27.8	32.8	25.1	29.1	4.5	5.4	4.2	4.9
New Haven-Meriden	289.1	291.6	284.5	284.4	12.6	14.7	11.0	12.9	4.3	5.0	3.9	4.6
New London-Norwich	172.0	174.3	166.2	168.0	6.5	7.5	5.6	6.6	3.8	4.3	3.4	4.0
Stamford-Norwalk	198.7	196.5	189.0	188.7	6.1	6.3	5.5	5.6	3.1	3.2	2.9	3.0
Waterbury	119.8	118.6	116.5	115.2	7.0	7.5	6.2	6.8	5.8	6.3	5.3	5.9
Delaware	425.1	423.8	417.0	416.5	18.6	19.8	17.7	18.2	4.4	4.7	4.2	4.4
Dover	73.9	73.7	72.9	73.1	3.0	3.5	2.8	3.2	4.0	4.7	3.8	4.4
Wilmington-Newark	309.8	309.4	306.8	307.5	15.4	16.5	14.4	15.0	5.0	5.3	4.7	4.9

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			
	August		September		August		September		August		September	
	2002	2003	2002	2003 ^P	2002	2003	2002	2003 ^P	2002	2003	2002	2003 ^P
District of Columbia	306.5	315.2	300.7	309.0	19.4	23.1	18.5	18.5	6.3	7.3	6.2	6.0
Washington	2,849.3	2,884.4	2,820.9	2,861.7	105.1	97.7	102.7	92.2	3.7	3.4	3.6	3.2
Florida	8,214.2	8,182.5	8,120.1	8,124.0	465.5	461.7	452.1	438.9	5.7	5.6	5.6	5.4
Daytona Beach	219.2	220.9	217.4	219.2	11.2	11.9	10.9	11.6	5.1	5.4	5.0	5.3
Fort Lauderdale	869.8	865.2	862.3	863.4	52.5	52.3	51.4	49.7	6.0	6.0	6.0	5.8
Fort Myers-Cape Coral	211.5	212.9	208.2	210.6	9.0	9.6	8.9	9.1	4.3	4.5	4.3	4.3
Fort Pierce-Port St. Lucie	145.7	144.9	142.8	143.2	13.2	12.8	12.4	12.0	9.1	8.8	8.7	8.4
Fort Walton Beach	91.4	91.0	89.4	88.8	2.6	2.3	2.6	2.2	2.8	2.5	2.9	2.5
Gainesville	113.7	111.0	112.8	110.8	3.1	2.9	2.8	2.8	2.7	2.6	2.5	2.6
Jacksonville	608.6	603.1	596.1	594.3	32.0	33.0	31.0	31.8	5.3	5.5	5.2	5.4
Lakeland-Winter Haven	223.1	220.4	219.8	218.3	16.5	16.8	15.4	16.1	7.4	7.6	7.0	7.4
Melbourne-Titusville-Palm Bay	226.9	223.5	222.9	219.6	12.1	11.3	12.0	10.8	5.3	5.1	5.4	4.9
Miami	1,131.2	1,109.0	1,127.2	1,111.8	87.7	83.8	85.1	79.9	7.7	7.6	7.6	7.2
Naples	117.2	123.0	117.6	122.6	7.4	8.0	7.2	7.5	6.3	6.5	6.1	6.1
Ocala	106.3	105.6	104.4	104.5	5.3	5.1	5.0	4.8	5.0	4.8	4.8	4.6
Orlando	978.0	975.0	964.5	967.8	50.2	50.9	48.5	47.8	5.1	5.2	5.0	4.9
Panama City	70.8	71.1	69.0	69.1	3.2	3.5	3.2	3.4	4.5	4.9	4.6	4.9
Pensacola	182.2	177.6	179.1	175.1	7.5	7.3	7.3	6.8	4.1	4.1	4.1	3.9
Punta Gorda	56.0	58.0	56.5	58.4	2.3	2.4	2.6	2.5	4.2	4.1	4.6	4.3
Sarasota-Bradenton	297.0	305.2	293.4	301.6	11.5	11.7	12.2	11.8	3.9	3.8	4.2	3.9
Tallahassee	158.5	155.0	157.5	155.1	6.3	5.9	5.7	5.5	3.9	3.8	3.6	3.6
Tampa-St. Petersburg-Clearwater	1,346.8	1,337.0	1,327.7	1,325.3	62.4	62.2	61.4	59.1	4.6	4.6	4.6	4.5
West Palm Beach-Boca Raton	588.2	597.9	581.0	590.7	39.1	38.9	37.7	36.7	6.6	6.5	6.5	6.2
Georgia	4,287.6	4,379.4	4,305.0	4,396.3	223.7	206.0	231.3	203.5	5.2	4.7	5.4	4.6
Albany	55.1	56.4	55.5	56.5	3.1	2.7	3.1	2.7	5.6	4.8	5.6	4.8
Athens	75.8	77.2	76.4	78.4	2.5	2.4	2.5	2.4	3.4	3.2	3.3	3.0
Atlanta	2,371.4	2,431.6	2,377.7	2,444.5	129.4	117.9	134.1	117.2	5.5	4.9	5.6	4.8
Augusta-Aiken	209.2	214.8	208.9	213.8	11.1	10.6	11.5	10.0	5.3	4.9	5.5	4.7
Columbus	124.9	125.4	125.3	125.3	7.8	7.6	7.8	7.4	6.2	6.1	6.2	5.9
Macon	154.3	155.1	155.4	155.9	6.9	6.4	7.3	6.4	4.5	4.1	4.7	4.1
Savannah	142.2	143.1	142.5	143.9	6.2	5.9	6.2	5.9	4.4	4.1	4.4	4.1
Hawaii	580.8	607.8	575.8	602.1	23.7	26.9	23.8	26.0	4.1	4.4	4.1	4.3
Honolulu	409.2	427.6	407.0	424.6	15.2	17.2	15.4	17.2	3.7	4.0	3.8	4.0
Idaho	693.2	694.6	686.2	689.0	35.2	34.6	33.1	31.3	5.1	5.0	4.8	4.5
Boise City	253.0	245.2	249.6	242.5	12.4	12.5	12.5	11.8	4.9	5.1	5.0	4.9
Pocatello	38.4	39.3	38.4	41.1	2.3	2.1	2.2	1.9	6.0	5.4	5.7	4.6
Illinois	6,391.7	6,466.0	6,336.8	6,426.1	408.8	432.3	392.5	424.9	6.4	6.7	6.2	6.6
Bloomington-Normal	92.2	94.1	94.7	95.5	2.4	2.5	2.3	2.5	2.6	2.7	2.4	2.7
Champaign-Urbana	98.3	100.3	99.1	99.9	3.2	3.3	2.9	3.2	3.3	3.3	2.9	3.3
Chicago	4,302.2	4,351.7	4,253.7	4,311.3	286.7	297.4	277.7	295.5	6.7	6.8	6.5	6.9
Davenport-Moline-Rock Island	188.9	187.8	187.6	186.2	8.9	9.8	8.3	8.7	4.7	5.2	4.4	4.7
Decatur	57.0	57.0	56.5	56.5	4.8	4.4	4.5	4.2	8.5	7.7	7.9	7.5
Kankakee	52.8	53.4	52.4	52.8	3.8	4.0	3.6	3.9	7.1	7.4	6.9	7.5
Peoria-Pekin	181.7	184.8	179.8	182.9	9.2	10.1	8.8	10.0	5.0	5.5	4.9	5.5
Rockford	200.1	201.9	197.6	199.8	14.5	16.6	14.3	16.1	7.2	8.2	7.2	8.1
Springfield	111.6	111.2	107.8	107.9	5.2	6.0	4.8	5.8	4.6	5.4	4.4	5.4
Indiana	3,199.7	3,243.2	3,182.6	3,203.7	156.1	161.7	147.4	152.5	4.9	5.0	4.6	4.8
Bloomington	61.5	60.6	64.3	65.1	2.2	2.0	1.8	1.7	3.5	3.3	2.8	2.6
Elkhart-Goshen	98.7	104.7	96.9	101.9	4.4	4.7	4.0	4.2	4.5	4.5	4.2	4.2
Evansville-Henderson	168.1	169.3	164.2	166.2	6.9	7.2	6.5	6.8	4.1	4.2	4.0	4.1
Fort Wayne	273.2	281.1	271.2	276.4	13.4	14.8	12.6	14.1	4.9	5.3	4.7	5.1
Gary	303.1	304.3	301.6	299.9	17.9	18.2	16.8	15.4	5.9	6.0	5.6	5.1
Indianapolis	906.6	907.8	889.9	894.5	42.2	43.3	40.6	42.8	4.7	4.8	4.6	4.8
Kokomo	52.0	51.6	51.4	50.6	2.5	2.5	2.7	2.7	4.8	4.9	5.3	5.4
Lafayette	93.0	92.6	97.1	96.4	3.2	3.9	3.3	3.9	3.5	4.3	3.4	4.0
Muncie	57.8	59.6	60.3	61.0	3.2	3.2	2.9	3.0	5.5	5.3	4.8	4.9
South Bend	139.1	139.1	137.3	137.1	6.8	7.1	6.2	6.1	4.9	5.1	4.5	4.4
Terre Haute	71.8	71.3	71.9	71.5	4.1	4.1	3.7	3.9	5.6	5.7	5.2	5.4
Iowa	1,679.0	1,629.4	1,675.8	1,621.5	62.9	67.4	61.7	66.3	3.7	4.1	3.7	4.1
Cedar Rapids	120.3	115.1	119.2	115.6	5.7	5.0	5.4	4.9	4.8	4.3	4.5	4.3
Des Moines	280.0	271.9	275.6	271.7	9.0	9.6	9.2	9.7	3.2	3.5	3.4	3.6
Dubuque	50.7	48.7	51.0	48.5	1.6	1.7	1.9	1.6	3.1	3.4	3.7	3.4
Iowa City	74.8	72.3	77.0	75.0	2.5	2.6	2.5	2.6	3.3	3.5	3.2	3.5
Sioux City	66.5	64.3	66.3	64.3	2.6	3.2	2.6	3.2	3.9	5.0	3.9	4.9
Waterloo-Cedar Falls	71.3	69.8	72.4	71.0	2.8	3.5	2.9	3.2	4.0	5.1	4.0	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			
	August		September		August		September		August		September	
	2002	2003	2002	2003 ^P	2002	2003	2002	2003 ^P	2002	2003	2002	2003 ^P
Kansas	1,418.3	1,474.8	1,409.5	1,465.8	70.5	67.5	68.8	65.8	5.0	4.6	4.9	4.5
Lawrence	55.5	56.9	57.4	58.0	2.7	2.3	2.6	2.3	4.8	4.1	4.5	4.0
Topeka	92.1	95.9	91.1	94.7	4.1	4.2	4.1	4.5	4.4	4.4	4.5	4.7
Wichita	289.9	295.4	285.8	292.2	18.1	18.8	18.0	17.6	6.2	6.4	6.3	6.0
Kentucky	1,974.9	1,998.6	1,951.6	1,984.9	98.5	105.0	97.5	105.8	5.0	5.3	5.0	5.3
Lexington	253.4	255.9	253.4	257.2	9.2	9.7	9.1	9.7	3.6	3.8	3.6	3.8
Louisville	566.3	575.8	556.9	571.0	27.2	27.9	26.3	29.4	4.8	4.8	4.7	5.2
Owensboro	49.6	50.5	48.3	49.8	2.6	2.9	2.6	2.8	5.3	5.7	5.3	5.7
Louisiana	2,014.1	2,040.6	1,993.5	2,038.1	122.9	148.0	118.9	122.3	6.1	7.3	6.0	6.0
Alexandria	59.6	59.5	58.5	58.9	3.4	4.1	3.3	3.2	5.8	6.9	5.6	5.4
Baton Rouge	302.1	306.0	300.4	308.4	17.6	21.7	16.8	18.3	5.8	7.1	5.6	5.9
Houma	98.7	99.3	97.3	99.6	3.6	4.0	3.5	3.5	3.6	4.1	3.6	3.5
Lafayette	179.1	180.8	177.1	180.6	9.8	11.3	9.7	9.5	5.4	6.3	5.5	5.3
Lake Charles	86.9	89.0	86.7	89.0	5.2	6.7	5.2	5.5	6.0	7.5	6.0	6.2
Monroe	72.2	72.6	72.0	72.7	3.6	5.0	3.4	4.0	5.1	6.9	4.8	5.5
New Orleans	593.8	609.4	586.7	608.3	32.7	40.3	32.5	33.6	5.5	6.6	5.5	5.5
Shreveport-Bossier City	180.9	182.0	178.7	180.7	12.3	14.3	12.0	11.8	6.8	7.9	6.7	6.5
Maine	702.6	709.8	688.0	701.6	24.7	28.0	26.4	30.5	3.5	3.9	3.8	4.4
Bangor	52.1	53.9	52.5	54.1	1.3	1.5	1.4	1.7	2.5	2.8	2.6	3.1
Lewiston-Auburn	54.4	54.4	53.7	54.5	1.9	2.2	2.1	2.5	3.6	4.1	4.0	4.5
Portland	144.9	145.0	140.8	143.0	3.4	3.7	3.7	4.2	2.3	2.6	2.6	3.0
Maryland	2,928.5	2,947.1	2,908.1	2,917.6	125.4	123.0	120.4	120.9	4.3	4.2	4.1	4.1
Baltimore	1,365.9	1,374.3	1,349.3	1,353.2	66.3	67.5	63.2	65.3	4.9	4.9	4.7	4.8
Cumberland	43.4	43.6	43.5	44.4	2.6	2.6	2.2	2.5	6.0	6.0	5.0	5.6
Hagerstown	70.7	70.8	71.1	71.0	2.8	2.6	2.6	2.6	3.9	3.7	3.7	3.7
Massachusetts	3,544.3	3,505.6	3,485.8	3,440.3	191.2	199.5	193.1	197.8	5.4	5.7	5.5	5.7
Barnstable-Yarmouth	94.0	94.9	85.9	87.1	2.9	3.2	2.8	3.2	3.1	3.3	3.3	3.6
Boston	1,950.7	1,921.6	1,915.6	1,887.3	96.8	101.1	99.9	100.7	5.0	5.3	5.2	5.3
Brocton	144.2	145.3	142.5	141.8	8.1	9.1	8.1	8.9	5.6	6.2	5.7	6.3
Fitchburg-Leominster	73.6	74.6	72.3	72.8	5.7	5.9	5.7	5.7	7.8	8.0	7.8	7.8
Lawrence	224.3	221.2	221.0	217.4	18.2	18.0	18.3	17.9	8.1	8.1	8.3	8.2
Lowell	184.2	178.2	184.3	177.0	12.7	12.2	13.1	11.9	6.9	6.9	7.1	6.7
New Bedford	86.5	83.8	84.5	83.7	7.5	6.4	6.1	6.2	8.7	7.6	7.2	7.5
Pittsfield	42.9	42.9	41.7	41.9	2.1	2.1	2.1	2.1	5.0	5.0	5.0	4.9
Springfield	297.4	296.7	300.4	297.3	15.8	17.3	15.5	17.4	5.3	5.8	5.2	5.9
Worcester	269.8	263.6	267.0	258.8	16.4	17.2	16.3	16.7	6.1	6.5	6.1	6.5
Michigan	5,017.2	5,142.4	4,953.3	5,084.4	281.8	355.2	274.0	348.1	5.6	6.9	5.5	6.8
Ann Arbor	307.4	314.1	308.5	314.0	10.2	12.6	10.0	12.7	3.3	4.0	3.2	4.0
Benton Harbor	80.8	81.3	79.7	81.2	4.5	6.0	4.3	5.8	5.6	7.3	5.4	7.1
Detroit	2,228.5	2,284.9	2,189.3	2,254.3	129.3	162.3	127.5	161.2	5.8	7.1	5.8	7.1
Flint	183.9	189.0	182.5	187.4	14.9	18.0	14.1	17.2	8.1	9.5	7.7	9.2
Grand Rapids-Muskegon-Holland	609.7	622.0	601.1	617.4	36.8	46.0	36.0	44.9	6.0	7.4	6.0	7.3
Jackson	80.0	81.3	78.8	80.1	4.7	6.4	4.7	6.1	5.9	7.9	6.0	7.6
Kalamazoo-Battle Creek	229.6	230.9	224.8	229.4	11.7	14.7	11.0	14.1	5.1	6.4	4.9	6.1
Lansing-East Lansing	244.6	251.5	247.4	252.0	8.7	11.6	8.3	11.3	3.5	4.6	3.4	4.5
Saginaw-Bay City-Midland	198.0	203.2	196.1	200.4	11.3	16.2	11.1	16.0	5.7	8.0	5.6	8.0
Minnesota	2,945.1	2,953.7	2,920.1	2,928.4	117.5	117.4	120.5	128.5	4.0	4.0	4.1	4.4
Duluth-Superior	132.8	133.4	132.3	133.4	5.5	6.3	5.1	6.5	4.2	4.7	3.9	4.9
Minneapolis-St. Paul	1,854.5	1,847.5	1,828.5	1,826.9	76.2	75.7	78.8	84.3	4.1	4.1	4.3	4.6
Rochester	84.8	85.1	82.6	82.8	3.0	3.1	3.1	3.4	3.5	3.6	3.7	4.1
St. Cloud	105.6	104.8	106.4	104.4	4.2	3.8	4.5	4.1	4.0	3.6	4.2	4.0
Mississippi	1,290.2	1,319.1	1,281.2	1,301.5	86.2	83.8	81.6	65.0	6.7	6.4	6.4	5.0
Biloxi-Gulfport-Pascagoula	170.6	172.5	168.9	170.6	9.1	8.1	9.1	6.7	5.3	4.7	5.4	3.9
Hattiesburg	53.1	54.4	52.8	54.2	2.6	2.4	2.3	1.8	4.9	4.4	4.3	3.3
Jackson	232.5	237.5	230.0	234.6	10.4	10.0	10.3	8.0	4.5	4.2	4.5	3.4
Missouri	2,972.7	2,979.1	2,965.1	2,964.4	166.0	172.1	155.3	155.7	5.6	5.8	5.2	5.3
Columbia	88.7	87.3	88.4	88.3	2.1	2.1	1.9	1.8	2.4	2.4	2.2	2.0
Joplin	82.7	79.8	83.1	81.0	5.1	4.6	4.5	3.9	6.2	5.7	5.4	4.9
Kansas City	1,006.3	1,029.3	992.2	1,005.8	59.6	60.3	57.9	56.4	5.9	5.9	5.8	5.6
St. Joseph	51.9	51.0	52.8	52.4	2.9	2.9	2.9	2.8	5.6	5.7	5.4	5.3
St. Louis ²	1,377.9	1,396.5	1,366.1	1,376.1	81.4	86.0	75.6	80.3	5.9	6.2	5.5	5.8
Springfield	173.3	179.4	175.5	179.0	8.0	7.2	7.5	6.6	4.6	4.0	4.3	3.7
Montana	470.1	487.4	461.4	478.1	16.2	18.7	16.5	19.3	3.4	3.8	3.6	4.0
Billings	68.9	76.7	67.3	73.8	2.1	2.4	2.1	2.3	3.1	3.2	3.2	3.1
Great Falls	37.0	36.8	36.8	36.3	1.3	1.4	1.3	1.5	3.4	3.9	3.6	4.2
Missoula	51.7	58.8	52.7	58.8	1.5	1.8	1.6	2.0	3.0	3.1	3.1	3.5

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					Number				Percent of labor force			
	August		September		August		September		August		September	
	2002	2003	2002	2003 ^P	2002	2003	2002	2003 ^P	2002	2003	2002	2003 ^P
Nebraska	959.4	986.8	949.2	977.6	31.8	35.4	30.0	35.3	3.3	3.6	3.2	3.6
Lincoln	153.2	155.9	153.4	153.9	4.6	5.7	4.5	5.8	3.0	3.6	2.9	3.8
Omaha	417.9	424.7	413.6	420.0	15.0	17.0	14.3	16.9	3.6	4.0	3.5	4.0
Nevada	1,126.3	1,114.5	1,126.1	1,112.9	57.1	55.9	55.1	56.0	5.1	5.0	4.9	5.0
Las Vegas	889.9	883.7	891.3	883.7	47.4	46.7	46.3	46.4	5.3	5.3	5.2	5.3
Reno	200.2	196.8	199.9	196.4	8.4	7.6	7.9	7.6	4.2	3.9	3.9	3.9
New Hampshire	715.8	726.9	701.0	713.0	33.9	31.4	31.7	30.1	4.7	4.3	4.5	4.2
Manchester	113.0	114.9	111.6	114.4	5.4	5.2	5.1	5.1	4.8	4.5	4.6	4.4
Nashua	108.7	106.5	106.0	105.2	7.1	6.2	6.7	6.0	6.5	5.9	6.3	5.7
Portsmouth-Rochester	138.3	139.7	135.1	137.4	6.1	5.5	5.7	5.3	4.4	3.9	4.2	3.8
New Jersey	4,391.5	4,457.7	4,341.9	4,402.8	260.8	260.5	254.7	253.1	5.9	5.8	5.9	5.7
Atlantic-Cape May	186.6	191.4	180.8	183.2	11.2	11.8	11.0	11.9	6.0	6.2	6.1	6.5
Bergen-Passaic	679.6	689.5	675.2	683.1	41.1	42.0	39.3	40.0	6.0	6.1	5.8	5.9
Jersey City	293.8	296.5	293.9	297.3	24.1	23.1	24.1	22.9	8.2	7.8	8.2	7.7
Middlesex-Somerset-Hunterdon	678.9	683.3	671.4	674.8	36.1	34.2	34.9	32.7	5.3	5.0	5.2	4.8
Monmouth-Ocean	581.5	590.4	563.7	570.9	30.1	31.0	29.1	29.6	5.2	5.3	5.2	5.2
Newark	1,060.1	1,083.0	1,050.6	1,070.6	66.1	66.6	65.2	64.7	6.2	6.1	6.2	6.0
Trenton	186.7	188.4	186.1	189.2	10.1	9.5	10.0	9.2	5.4	5.0	5.4	4.9
Vineland-Millville-Bridgeton	64.3	65.7	65.5	65.2	5.3	5.4	5.3	5.1	8.2	8.1	8.2	7.8
New Mexico	878.6	897.5	877.1	896.9	47.8	53.9	47.0	53.2	5.4	6.0	5.4	5.9
Albuquerque	383.6	393.8	384.9	394.5	19.2	21.0	19.1	20.8	5.0	5.3	5.0	5.3
Las Cruces	75.5	77.4	75.2	78.0	4.5	4.9	4.5	5.1	5.9	6.3	5.9	6.5
Santa Fe	80.2	82.6	79.0	81.8	2.2	2.8	2.1	2.8	2.8	3.4	2.7	3.4
New York	9,492.9	9,479.9	9,328.5	9,326.0	557.2	567.7	547.7	583.1	5.9	6.0	5.9	6.3
Albany-Schenectady-Troy	477.2	483.3	468.8	470.6	15.5	17.1	16.6	17.4	3.2	3.5	3.6	3.7
Binghamton	127.1	124.6	126.3	125.0	6.9	6.3	7.3	6.7	5.4	5.1	5.8	5.4
Buffalo-Niagara Falls	585.7	592.6	572.3	575.4	33.4	37.0	32.4	34.6	5.7	6.2	5.7	6.0
Dutchess County	131.1	133.3	128.7	131.3	5.1	4.4	5.6	4.8	3.9	3.3	4.3	3.7
Elmira	43.6	43.3	42.7	42.2	2.7	2.6	2.8	2.6	6.3	5.9	6.5	6.1
Glens Falls	65.6	68.0	60.8	62.2	2.3	2.5	2.4	2.5	3.5	3.7	3.9	4.0
Jamestown	69.6	70.5	66.5	67.4	3.7	4.0	3.9	4.0	5.3	5.6	5.8	6.0
Nassau-Suffolk	1,495.2	1,510.5	1,467.9	1,475.6	66.3	64.7	63.7	60.7	4.4	4.3	4.3	4.1
New York	4,477.2	4,405.0	4,408.8	4,367.7	324.9	327.6	311.8	344.5	7.3	7.4	7.1	7.9
New York City	3,781.7	3,698.3	3,726.6	3,679.6	296.0	299.0	283.8	317.6	7.8	8.1	7.6	8.6
Newburgh	193.2	196.9	188.9	192.6	8.2	9.5	8.0	9.0	4.3	4.8	4.2	4.7
Rochester	584.8	581.6	573.7	570.4	31.5	31.2	33.7	32.6	5.4	5.4	5.9	5.7
Syracuse	373.5	383.7	372.6	381.8	17.7	20.0	19.3	21.3	4.7	5.2	5.2	5.6
Utica-Rome	149.4	152.4	145.3	147.6	6.8	6.4	6.8	6.4	4.5	4.2	4.7	4.4
North Carolina	4,191.2	4,194.1	4,154.3	4,173.8	270.7	270.6	255.6	248.8	6.5	6.5	6.2	6.0
Asheville	116.6	118.4	115.6	116.1	4.6	4.3	4.2	3.9	4.0	3.6	3.6	3.4
Charlotte-Gastonia-Rock Hill	868.1	874.9	863.0	871.9	53.9	61.7	50.3	57.5	6.2	7.1	5.8	6.6
Fayetteville	125.4	124.4	126.4	126.5	7.6	6.9	7.3	6.5	6.1	5.5	5.7	5.1
Goldsboro	52.4	52.8	51.8	52.4	3.0	3.0	2.7	2.6	5.7	5.7	5.2	5.0
Greensboro—Winston-Salem—High Point	671.8	676.7	669.7	671.3	41.5	42.7	38.9	39.3	6.2	6.3	5.8	5.9
Greenville	71.5	72.6	72.5	74.1	4.8	5.2	4.5	4.7	6.7	7.2	6.2	6.4
Hickory-Morganton-Lenoir	180.1	174.9	176.6	173.3	14.9	15.7	14.1	14.6	8.3	9.0	8.0	8.4
Jacksonville	51.7	50.3	50.8	50.0	3.0	2.6	2.8	2.5	5.7	5.2	5.4	4.9
Raleigh-Durham-Chapel Hill	706.7	704.3	697.7	704.3	37.4	32.4	34.8	29.9	5.3	4.6	5.0	4.2
Rocky Mount	71.0	70.2	69.8	69.5	6.8	6.0	6.6	5.4	9.6	8.5	9.4	7.7
Wilmington	126.3	127.4	124.3	126.6	7.7	6.5	7.4	5.9	6.1	5.1	5.9	4.7
North Dakota	354.3	361.5	347.2	354.9	13.2	12.4	10.7	9.5	3.7	3.4	3.1	2.7
Bismarck	56.4	56.6	55.5	55.5	1.7	1.5	1.5	1.3	3.0	2.7	2.7	2.3
Fargo-Moorhead	109.9	109.9	109.4	109.5	2.4	2.7	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.4	2.0	2.0
Grand Forks	53.5	54.1	54.6	54.1	2.5	2.1	2.0	1.5	4.7	3.9	3.7	2.7
Ohio	5,888.2	5,939.8	5,800.7	5,846.8	312.9	325.1	315.9	323.5	5.3	5.5	5.4	5.5
Akron	374.0	385.6	372.0	381.3	18.3	19.0	18.6	18.9	4.9	4.9	5.0	5.0
Canton-Massillon	206.0	209.0	205.6	206.2	10.4	12.5	11.1	12.2	5.0	6.0	5.4	5.9
Cincinnati	882.1	894.5	863.1	880.5	41.1	41.9	40.7	42.2	4.7	4.7	4.7	4.8
Cleveland-Lorain-Elyria	1,123.0	1,127.7	1,107.8	1,113.8	68.7	67.2	69.9	68.8	6.1	6.0	6.3	6.2
Columbus	893.1	902.3	875.0	882.7	40.0	40.8	40.5	40.8	4.5	4.5	4.6	4.6
Dayton-Springfield	476.0	478.5	471.4	473.6	25.6	27.2	26.1	26.4	5.4	5.7	5.5	5.6
Hamilton-Middletown	196.8	200.0	198.4	201.3	8.5	8.2	8.7	8.3	4.3	4.1	4.4	4.1
Lima	76.5	77.4	74.8	75.0	4.1	4.3	4.1	3.8	5.4	5.5	5.4	5.1
Mansfield	83.8	83.8	82.1	81.6	5.8	6.0	5.7	6.0	7.0	7.1	6.9	7.4
Steubenville-Weirton	54.8	55.1	54.3	54.0	2.5	3.7	2.4	3.4	4.6	6.8	4.4	6.4
Toledo	323.6	320.2	320.1	317.7	19.2	20.9	19.5	20.7	5.9	6.5	6.1	6.5
Youngstown-Warren	273.5	275.6	272.1	272.9	17.2	17.9	17.1	17.8	6.3	6.5	6.3	6.5

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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			
	August		September		August		September		August		September	
	2002	2003	2002	2003 ^P	2002	2003	2002	2003 ^P	2002	2003	2002	2003 ^P
Oklahoma	1,690.0	1,711.2	1,690.5	1,710.9	70.6	88.5	73.1	83.4	4.2	5.2	4.3	4.9
Enid	26.2	27.8	26.6	27.3	0.7	0.9	0.8	0.9	2.6	3.2	2.8	3.2
Lawton	41.8	41.1	41.3	40.2	1.3	1.4	1.3	1.4	3.1	3.4	3.1	3.5
Oklahoma City	575.0	583.1	572.6	582.0	21.6	26.6	22.4	25.0	3.8	4.6	3.9	4.3
Tulsa	432.4	433.0	426.7	424.0	20.4	25.7	21.5	24.4	4.7	5.9	5.0	5.7
Oregon	1,859.3	1,858.3	1,843.0	1,820.3	124.5	138.5	120.0	132.9	6.7	7.5	6.5	7.3
Corvallis	40.1	41.1	40.1	40.1	1.5	1.6	1.4	1.6	3.8	3.9	3.5	4.0
Eugene-Springfield	167.7	170.8	166.5	168.1	10.4	12.5	9.9	12.2	6.2	7.3	6.0	7.3
Medford-Ashland	93.4	95.6	94.8	95.0	6.0	6.6	5.3	5.9	6.4	6.9	5.6	6.2
Portland-Vancouver	1,101.1	1,084.8	1,088.6	1,063.7	79.7	87.7	78.7	85.2	7.2	8.1	7.2	8.0
Salem	187.5	189.4	184.6	183.9	10.6	13.1	10.0	12.2	5.6	6.9	5.4	6.6
Pennsylvania	6,367.6	6,256.8	6,282.5	6,149.7	351.7	314.4	333.4	296.9	5.5	5.0	5.3	4.8
Allentown-Bethlehem-Easton	340.3	335.8	335.1	328.8	19.0	17.7	18.3	17.1	5.6	5.3	5.5	5.2
Altoona	66.5	65.9	66.4	65.3	3.5	2.7	3.5	2.7	5.2	4.1	5.3	4.1
Erie	145.6	140.4	143.4	138.9	10.0	8.7	9.5	8.0	6.8	6.2	6.6	5.8
Harrisburg-Lebanon-Carlisle	373.8	372.6	365.4	362.8	14.3	12.9	13.4	11.8	3.8	3.5	3.7	3.3
Johnstown	104.7	102.3	102.2	100.7	7.0	6.0	6.2	5.6	6.7	5.9	6.1	5.6
Lancaster	265.1	264.8	261.2	257.5	9.9	9.3	9.1	8.7	3.7	3.5	3.5	3.4
Philadelphia	2,679.1	2,665.2	2,643.5	2,637.6	155.6	142.8	151.2	142.1	5.8	5.4	5.7	5.4
Pittsburgh	1,225.1	1,196.4	1,205.4	1,174.0	65.0	58.8	60.0	53.8	5.3	4.9	5.0	4.6
Reading	192.7	188.1	191.8	185.8	11.8	10.1	11.8	9.7	6.1	5.4	6.1	5.2
Scranton-Wilkes-Barre-Hazleton	316.1	307.5	312.0	302.8	18.0	16.2	16.6	15.0	5.7	5.3	5.3	4.9
Sharon	59.8	58.1	59.9	57.8	2.6	2.7	2.3	2.4	4.3	4.6	3.9	4.1
State College	69.8	68.8	71.9	70.3	2.4	2.2	2.2	2.0	3.4	3.3	3.0	2.8
Williamsport	58.8	57.4	58.1	56.3	3.6	3.2	3.4	3.0	6.1	5.6	5.9	5.3
York	204.4	201.5	203.5	197.8	10.2	9.2	9.6	8.4	5.0	4.6	4.7	4.2
Rhode Island	565.2	576.0	560.3	568.9	28.7	30.3	28.8	25.4	5.1	5.3	5.1	4.5
Providence-Fall River-Warwick	636.7	646.9	633.1	639.4	33.7	35.7	34.1	31.2	5.3	5.5	5.4	4.9
South Carolina	1,997.5	2,048.1	1,977.5	2,028.6	120.5	130.9	114.7	127.1	6.0	6.4	5.8	6.3
Charleston-North Charleston	285.9	298.4	282.2	295.4	11.6	13.6	11.0	13.1	4.1	4.6	3.9	4.4
Columbia	286.6	293.2	284.9	289.6	10.5	11.3	10.2	11.4	3.7	3.9	3.6	3.9
Florence	64.4	67.2	64.1	66.9	4.6	5.2	4.4	5.2	7.1	7.8	6.8	7.8
Greenville-Spartanburg-Anderson	494.3	509.9	491.9	507.1	29.6	31.5	27.8	29.3	6.0	6.2	5.7	5.8
Myrtle Beach	113.1	106.9	108.0	103.8	3.9	4.1	4.0	4.2	3.5	3.9	3.7	4.1
Sumter	46.4	47.2	45.9	47.5	3.6	3.5	3.4	3.5	7.8	7.4	7.4	7.3
South Dakota	429.9	431.1	421.5	422.7	10.9	12.7	9.4	11.7	2.5	3.0	2.2	2.8
Rapid City	52.8	51.9	50.8	50.3	1.1	1.4	1.1	1.4	2.1	2.6	2.1	2.8
Sioux Falls	112.1	112.6	112.4	111.7	2.1	2.6	2.1	2.7	1.9	2.3	1.9	2.4
Tennessee	2,953.1	2,923.1	2,945.6	2,920.3	144.8	149.6	134.3	145.5	4.9	5.1	4.6	5.0
Chattanooga	239.3	237.1	238.8	236.7	9.8	8.9	8.9	8.2	4.1	3.7	3.7	3.5
Clarksville-Hopkinsville	93.2	93.5	92.3	93.8	4.6	4.6	4.4	4.8	5.0	4.9	4.8	5.1
Jackson	62.5	60.6	62.5	60.2	3.5	3.1	3.2	3.0	5.6	5.1	5.1	4.9
Johnson City-Kingsport-Bristol	233.3	232.2	232.4	232.1	13.1	12.4	11.2	12.2	5.6	5.4	4.8	5.2
Knoxville	383.0	378.4	383.4	380.1	11.7	12.1	10.6	11.7	3.1	3.2	2.8	3.1
Memphis	588.8	584.5	583.6	580.6	30.9	33.4	30.0	32.5	5.2	5.7	5.1	5.6
Nashville	707.3	700.4	707.7	698.1	28.8	27.3	27.1	27.3	4.1	3.9	3.8	3.9
Texas	10,822.2	11,100.9	10,794.1	11,062.3	708.0	753.7	696.0	727.0	6.5	6.8	6.4	6.6
Abilene	60.0	61.4	60.5	61.5	2.6	2.7	2.5	2.6	4.4	4.4	4.2	4.2
Amarillo	115.1	118.0	115.5	117.9	4.5	5.0	4.5	4.8	3.9	4.3	3.9	4.0
Austin-San Marcos	772.9	796.8	771.8	795.5	45.0	45.0	44.4	44.1	5.8	5.7	5.7	5.5
Beaumont-Port Arthur	180.1	186.1	179.1	185.8	16.0	18.0	15.5	17.5	8.9	9.6	8.6	9.4
Brazoria	112.0	115.9	113.2	116.8	9.1	10.6	8.9	10.4	8.1	9.2	7.9	8.9
Brownsville-Harlingen-San Benito	144.3	147.9	142.9	146.2	15.6	15.8	15.1	15.0	10.8	10.7	10.6	10.3
Bryan-College Station	76.7	81.1	82.2	85.3	1.6	2.1	1.5	1.9	2.1	2.6	1.8	2.3
Corpus Christi	179.3	186.9	180.1	186.9	11.8	12.7	11.5	12.1	6.6	6.8	6.4	6.5
Dallas	2,058.0	2,076.4	2,042.7	2,065.4	151.0	147.6	148.9	142.9	7.3	7.1	7.3	6.9
El Paso	294.4	307.1	297.3	309.2	25.4	30.4	25.1	30.1	8.6	9.9	8.4	9.7
Fort Worth-Arlington	965.4	984.9	959.2	975.7	60.4	63.2	59.3	60.9	6.3	6.4	6.2	6.2
Galveston-Texas City	123.8	126.4	122.2	124.8	10.2	11.2	9.8	10.7	8.2	8.9	8.0	8.6
Houston	2,303.3	2,370.3	2,296.4	2,363.6	142.2	166.2	141.2	161.4	6.2	7.0	6.1	6.8
Killeen-Temple	122.0	124.8	121.7	124.7	6.3	6.9	6.3	6.8	5.2	5.5	5.2	5.5
Laredo	80.5	82.4	80.9	82.4	5.5	5.6	5.5	5.5	6.8	6.9	6.8	6.7
Longview-Marshall	106.0	108.8	106.0	107.9	7.4	7.3	7.3	6.8	7.0	6.8	6.9	6.3
Lubbock	129.2	133.0	129.1	132.3	4.3	5.3	3.8	4.6	3.3	4.0	2.9	3.4
McAllen-Edinburg-Mission	212.6	224.6	214.8	226.2	28.1	30.6	28.2	29.7	13.2	13.6	13.2	13.1
Odessa-Midland	125.0	128.2	126.0	128.9	7.9	7.6	8.0	7.2	6.3	5.9	6.3	5.6
San Angelo	51.3	51.6	51.0	51.7	2.0	1.9	2.0	2.0	3.9	3.8	3.9	3.8
San Antonio	821.6	854.9	818.6	851.9	45.1	48.4	43.6	46.6	5.5	5.7	5.3	5.5
Sherman-Denison	51.7	52.9	51.5	52.5	3.5	4.1	3.4	3.8	6.8	7.8	6.6	7.3
Texarkana	57.7	58.4	57.7	58.6	3.0	3.1	2.9	3.1	5.1	5.3	5.1	5.2

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(Numbers in thousands)

State and area	Civilian labor force				Unemployed							
					Number				Percent of labor force			
	August		September		August		September		August		September	
	2002	2003	2002	2003 ^P	2002	2003	2002	2003 ^P	2002	2003	2002	2003 ^P
Texas—Continued												
Tyler	96.5	98.0	96.1	97.5	4.5	4.7	4.4	4.5	4.7	4.8	4.6	4.6
Victoria	46.0	46.1	45.4	46.0	2.5	2.4	2.5	2.4	5.5	5.1	5.4	5.1
Waco	104.4	108.7	104.6	109.0	5.2	5.9	4.8	5.5	4.9	5.4	4.6	5.0
Wichita Falls	65.4	66.7	65.5	66.4	3.7	3.7	4.0	3.4	5.7	5.5	6.2	5.2
Utah	1,191.2	1,228.7	1,182.1	1,224.7	75.4	65.4	69.3	59.4	6.3	5.3	5.9	4.9
Provo-Orem	180.0	185.3	182.6	188.8	10.8	7.9	9.7	7.2	6.0	4.3	5.3	3.8
Salt Lake City-Ogden	757.3	777.2	745.5	769.2	48.9	43.3	45.3	39.6	6.5	5.6	6.1	5.1
Vermont	351.8	355.3	350.9	354.2	11.9	12.5	11.2	13.2	3.4	3.5	3.2	3.7
Burlington	107.7	108.0	107.3	108.8	3.2	3.3	3.0	4.1	3.0	3.1	2.8	3.7
Virginia	3,780.5	3,830.9	3,729.1	3,785.7	157.7	147.1	150.4	143.8	4.2	3.8	4.0	3.8
Charlottesville	77.2	79.6	78.1	78.5	2.1	2.8	1.9	2.5	2.8	3.5	2.4	3.2
Danville	57.7	59.4	58.3	58.9	4.7	5.6	4.2	4.9	8.1	9.4	7.2	8.3
Lynchburg	105.2	105.1	105.8	104.0	5.9	4.9	5.4	5.1	5.6	4.7	5.1	4.9
Norfolk-Virginia Beach-Newport News	796.9	804.7	781.1	794.5	33.6	34.8	32.9	33.9	4.2	4.3	4.2	4.3
Richmond-Petersburg	546.3	554.9	535.2	544.1	23.2	23.2	22.7	22.8	4.2	4.2	4.2	4.2
Roanoke	132.2	129.3	130.3	128.0	5.1	4.4	4.3	4.3	3.9	3.4	3.3	3.4
Washington	3,108.5	3,111.8	3,097.0	3,083.9	212.6	225.1	206.8	217.1	6.8	7.2	6.7	7.0
Bellingham	86.3	88.1	83.8	84.3	4.8	5.2	4.8	5.0	5.6	5.9	5.7	5.9
Bremerton	100.6	101.3	99.3	99.4	5.8	5.9	5.9	5.8	5.8	5.8	6.0	5.8
Olympia	104.1	105.9	102.8	103.9	5.5	6.1	5.6	6.1	5.3	5.7	5.4	5.9
Richland-Kennewick-Pasco	101.4	104.1	102.9	104.8	5.9	7.1	5.6	7.0	5.8	6.8	5.5	6.7
Seattle-Bellevue-Everett	1,395.8	1,389.1	1,384.8	1,371.6	92.0	97.0	92.3	96.4	6.6	7.0	6.7	7.0
Spokane	210.1	209.0	211.4	207.0	13.3	13.6	12.9	13.1	6.3	6.5	6.1	6.3
Tacoma	344.9	347.2	344.3	346.1	24.9	26.7	24.9	26.3	7.2	7.7	7.2	7.6
Yakima	112.2	114.2	115.6	119.4	10.5	10.7	8.0	8.7	9.4	9.3	6.9	7.3
West Virginia	807.2	813.6	798.5	801.1	46.7	50.5	44.6	41.6	5.8	6.2	5.6	5.2
Charleston	133.9	133.8	131.6	131.2	6.4	6.7	6.4	5.8	4.8	5.0	4.9	4.4
Huntington-Ashland	134.7	138.0	133.6	136.8	7.5	8.8	7.2	7.9	5.6	6.4	5.4	5.8
Parkersburg-Marietta	77.1	79.2	76.2	77.3	4.0	4.9	4.0	4.1	5.2	6.2	5.2	5.3
Wheeling	73.8	74.3	71.9	73.5	3.6	3.4	3.0	3.0	4.8	4.6	4.2	4.0
Wisconsin	3,055.4	3,131.9	3,008.2	3,087.2	154.9	170.2	138.4	150.8	5.1	5.4	4.6	4.9
Appleton-Oshkosh-Neenah	235.7	241.9	231.9	237.3	10.8	11.7	10.4	10.5	4.6	4.8	4.5	4.4
Eau Claire	84.9	85.8	84.4	85.6	3.8	4.0	3.3	3.5	4.5	4.7	3.9	4.1
Green Bay	143.5	149.9	142.0	148.3	6.6	7.2	6.1	6.4	4.6	4.8	4.3	4.3
Janesville-Beloit	78.9	79.9	77.3	78.6	5.0	5.3	4.5	4.8	6.3	6.6	5.9	6.1
Kenosha	83.9	86.2	82.1	85.1	4.6	5.1	4.3	4.6	5.5	5.9	5.2	5.4
La Crosse	74.5	75.4	73.7	75.5	2.9	2.9	2.6	2.5	3.9	3.8	3.5	3.4
Madison	281.9	296.1	278.8	293.4	7.4	8.5	6.7	7.7	2.6	2.9	2.4	2.6
Milwaukee-Waukesha	824.3	829.9	808.0	814.0	50.3	54.2	45.4	48.6	6.1	6.5	5.6	6.0
Racine	94.6	98.3	92.1	96.4	7.0	8.2	6.2	7.1	7.4	8.4	6.7	7.4
Sheboygan	65.3	67.3	64.3	66.6	2.9	3.1	2.6	2.8	4.4	4.6	4.1	4.2
Wausau	76.4	78.2	75.0	76.9	3.1	3.3	2.7	2.9	4.1	4.3	3.6	3.8
Wyoming	273.0	279.4	269.9	276.0	9.2	9.4	9.6	9.5	3.4	3.4	3.6	3.4
Casper	35.1	36.2	34.6	35.6	1.4	1.5	1.5	1.5	4.0	4.2	4.2	4.1
Cheyenne	42.2	43.8	42.1	43.3	1.4	1.6	1.5	1.6	3.2	3.6	3.5	3.7
Puerto Rico	1,359.7	1,378.5	1,357.3	1,361.0	178.7	168.4	170.5	166.2	13.1	12.2	12.6	12.2
Aguadilla	51.8	50.0	48.7	49.1	9.3	7.9	8.6	7.6	17.9	15.7	17.6	15.5
Arecibo	57.2	57.9	57.3	57.9	9.7	8.4	9.3	8.1	17.0	14.4	16.2	14.0
Caguas	119.1	119.6	118.6	117.2	14.7	14.2	14.0	14.1	12.4	11.9	11.8	12.0
Mayaguez	88.7	90.8	88.2	90.1	14.2	13.2	13.6	12.8	16.0	14.5	15.4	14.2
Ponce	104.5	106.4	105.6	105.8	17.7	16.4	17.5	16.5	16.9	15.4	16.5	15.6
San Juan-Bayamon	762.8	784.3	763.5	772.6	77.2	78.5	73.7	77.6	10.1	10.0	9.6	10.0

¹ Data for 2003 are not directly comparable with data for previous years because of a change in metropolitan area definitions.

² Area boundaries do not reflect official OMB definitions.

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

(Numbers in thousands)

State and area	August		September		Change September 2002 to September 2003 ^P	
	2002	2003	2002	2003 ^P	Number	Percent
Alabama	1,886.3	1,863.9	1,896.7	1,872.6	-24.1	-1.3
Birmingham	480.1	479.0	481.5	478.8	-2.7	-6
Huntsville	186.3	179.8	186.7	180.0	-6.7	-3.6
Mobile	225.1	223.6	225.3	223.8	-1.5	-7
Montgomery	163.4	163.1	162.8	163.3	.5	.3
Tuscaloosa	82.4	81.5	83.6	83.1	-.5	-6
Alaska	317.6	319.5	310.7	314.5	3.8	1.2
Anchorage	147.8	149.4	146.3	149.1	2.8	1.9
Arizona	2,246.3	2,264.5	2,267.3	2,292.3	25.0	1.1
Phoenix-Mesa	1,580.4	1,595.1	1,593.0	1,612.4	19.4	1.2
Tucson	339.3	343.3	345.5	350.5	5.0	1.4
Arkansas	1,143.7	1,143.3	1,159.0	1,154.9	-4.1	-.4
Fayetteville-Springdale-Rogers	169.4	171.4	171.3	172.1	.8	.5
Fort Smith	100.6	101.6	101.2	101.3	.1	.1
Little Rock-North Little Rock	317.3	313.7	319.0	314.4	-4.6	-1.4
Pine Bluff	35.0	35.9	35.4	36.2	.8	2.3
California	14,426.9	14,379.2	14,491.3	14,433.7	-57.6	-.4
Bakersfield	200.8	203.1	201.6	204.3	2.7	1.3
Fresno	315.0	320.5	316.0	320.6	4.6	1.5
Los Angeles-Long Beach	4,005.5	3,968.3	4,033.9	3,994.2	-39.7	-1.0
Modesto	156.8	159.5	157.2	157.9	.7	.4
Oakland	1,038.8	1,035.1	1,043.0	1,042.0	-1.0	-.1
Orange County	1,394.7	1,395.4	1,403.9	1,403.1	-.8	-.1
Riverside-San Bernardino	1,047.5	1,059.8	1,057.7	1,070.1	12.4	1.2
Sacramento	745.8	739.6	747.6	739.8	-7.8	-1.0
Salinas	133.3	131.8	132.5	131.5	-1.0	-.8
San Diego	1,223.3	1,225.2	1,222.3	1,227.7	5.4	.4
San Francisco	984.5	968.0	986.1	972.1	-14.0	-1.4
San Jose	905.1	862.2	898.2	859.8	-38.4	-4.3
Santa Barbara-Santa Maria-Lompoc	164.4	163.6	164.3	163.8	-.5	-.3
Santa Rosa	185.9	182.4	188.9	186.1	-2.8	-1.5
Stockton-Lodi	197.4	195.7	198.7	197.0	-1.7	-.9
Vallejo-Fairfield-Napa	182.9	183.9	184.0	184.8	.8	.4
Ventura	276.4	271.1	279.9	272.9	-7.0	-2.5
Colorado	2,199.7	2,167.7	2,190.8	2,162.4	-28.4	-1.3
Boulder-Longmont ¹	180.6	154.1	183.3	157.3	(¹)	(¹)
Colorado Springs	240.9	237.3	240.3	236.0	-4.3	-1.8
Denver ¹	1,156.8	1,159.6	1,152.6	1,158.0	(¹)	(¹)
Connecticut	1,655.5	1,636.1	1,668.9	1,646.9	-22.0	-1.3
Bridgeport	184.7	184.6	186.1	186.2	.1	.1
Danbury	89.2	91.1	90.5	91.6	1.1	1.2
Hartford	601.5	593.9	606.8	598.3	-8.5	-1.4
New Haven-Meriden	257.0	257.5	259.9	258.4	-1.5	-.6
New London-Norwich	148.7	149.2	147.6	148.2	.6	.4
Stamford-Norwalk	201.6	198.7	196.7	196.7	.0	.0
Waterbury	84.2	82.8	84.0	82.7	-1.3	-1.5
Delaware	413.4	411.7	416.1	413.2	-2.9	-.7
Dover	55.1	54.5	55.8	55.2	-.6	-1.1
Wilmington-Newark	313.7	311.7	317.7	316.0	-1.7	-.5
District of Columbia	669.1	662.4	665.5	665.9	.4	.1
Washington PMSA	2,799.9	2,816.5	2,817.3	2,830.2	12.9	.5
Florida	7,195.5	7,285.8	7,206.7	7,303.2	96.5	1.3
Daytona Beach	167.6	171.3	168.9	172.2	3.3	2.0
Fort Lauderdale	694.3	704.2	700.7	713.0	12.3	1.8
Fort Myers-Cape Coral	180.5	184.4	180.3	184.9	4.6	2.6
Gainesville	120.6	120.3	121.9	121.6	-.3	-.2
Jacksonville	563.9	569.1	562.1	568.2	6.1	1.1
Lakeland-Winter Haven	187.2	188.4	188.3	188.7	.4	.2
Melbourne-Titusville-Palm Bay	189.8	191.4	189.5	190.6	1.1	.6
Miami	1,001.6	1,005.7	1,019.2	1,024.1	4.9	.5
Orlando	908.6	922.8	911.8	928.7	16.9	1.9
Pensacola	155.7	154.9	155.5	154.9	-.6	-.4
Sarasota-Bradenton	271.0	282.8	270.8	282.6	11.8	4.4
Tallahassee	156.0	155.8	158.4	158.4	.0	.0
Tampa-St. Petersburg-Clearwater	1,217.6	1,230.7	1,219.2	1,235.4	16.2	1.3
West Palm Beach-Boca Raton	516.8	535.7	518.9	536.4	17.5	3.4

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(Numbers in thousands)

State and area	August		September		Change September 2002 to September 2003 ^P	
	2002	2003	2002	2003 ^P	Number	Percent
Georgia	3,911.8	3,963.5	3,912.5	3,980.8	68.3	1.7
Albany	56.7	57.7	57.0	57.7	.7	1.2
Athens	73.7	73.7	74.1	75.0	.9	1.2
Atlanta	2,177.6	2,225.9	2,175.0	2,240.7	65.7	3.0
Augusta-Aiken	198.7	199.7	198.1	200.3	2.2	1.1
Columbus	115.3	114.1	115.4	114.4	-1.0	-0.9
Macon	148.4	147.8	148.5	148.7	.2	.1
Savannah	138.7	138.3	138.3	139.2	.9	.7
Hawaii	552.4	563.4	555.4	564.3	8.9	1.6
Honolulu	407.9	416.0	411.8	416.5	4.7	1.1
Idaho	575.6	578.8	579.0	585.9	6.9	1.2
Boise City	229.9	228.0	231.0	230.4	-.6	-.3
Illinois	5,916.9	5,865.2	5,927.0	5,871.7	-55.3	-.9
Bloomington-Normal	90.2	90.2	93.5	92.5	-1.0	-1.1
Champaign-Urbana	102.7	102.6	104.5	103.2	-1.3	-1.2
Chicago	4,162.7	4,120.6	4,154.7	4,115.5	-39.2	-0.9
Davenport-Moline-Rock Island	179.1	178.0	180.4	179.3	-1.1	-.6
Decatur	54.7	54.1	54.7	54.1	-.6	-1.1
Kankakee	43.6	43.2	43.8	43.1	-.7	-1.6
Peoria-Pekin	170.6	169.4	170.2	169.4	-.8	-.5
Rockford	177.1	173.2	176.2	173.1	-3.1	-1.8
Springfield	118.6	115.0	115.4	112.4	-3.0	-2.6
Indiana	2,881.0	2,847.9	2,920.3	2,881.1	-39.2	-1.3
Bloomington	62.6	60.3	66.8	66.6	-.2	-.3
Elkhart-Goshen	119.3	123.6	119.1	122.7	3.6	3.0
Evansville-Henderson	162.5	159.6	161.3	159.4	-1.9	-1.2
Fort Wayne	267.3	267.5	270.2	267.6	-2.6	-1.0
Gary	255.1	250.4	258.7	252.4	-6.3	-2.4
Indianapolis	877.7	858.9	877.4	859.8	-17.6	-2.0
Kokomo	50.9	49.5	50.8	49.0	-1.8	-3.5
Lafayette	93.6	90.6	99.5	96.2	-3.3	-3.3
Muncie	53.1	53.7	57.1	56.4	-.7	-1.2
South Bend	132.2	128.7	132.9	129.8	-3.1	-2.3
Terre Haute	66.9	64.7	68.5	66.1	-2.4	-3.5
Iowa	1,431.9	1,431.1	1,453.1	1,452.9	-.2	.0
Cedar Rapids	116.9	115.7	117.5	117.7	.2	.2
Des Moines	286.6	286.0	285.6	290.1	4.5	1.6
Dubuque	50.3	49.6	51.2	50.3	-.9	-1.8
Iowa City	72.3	71.7	75.6	75.9	.3	.4
Sioux City	63.8	62.4	64.4	63.7	-.7	-1.1
Waterloo-Cedar Falls	71.1	70.6	73.3	73.3	.0	.0
Kansas	1,323.6	1,316.1	1,338.7	1,339.8	1.1	.1
Lawrence	48.2	47.8	51.1	49.6	-1.5	-2.9
Topeka	103.3	102.7	103.5	103.0	-.5	-.5
Wichita	279.8	272.8	280.9	275.7	-5.2	-1.9
Kentucky	1,788.1	1,767.3	1,794.4	1,777.6	-16.8	-.9
Lexington	273.5	272.8	277.8	277.5	-.3	-.1
Louisville	571.3	571.7	570.7	571.8	1.1	.2
Owensboro	44.2	44.3	43.7	44.3	.6	1.4
Louisiana	1,893.3	1,880.8	1,905.1	1,899.3	-5.8	-.3
Alexandria	56.3	55.3	56.2	55.2	-1.0	-1.8
Baton Rouge	301.5	300.9	303.8	304.5	.7	.2
Houma	84.3	84.3	83.9	84.3	.4	.5
Lafayette	169.5	168.8	169.4	169.2	-.2	-.1
Lake Charles	84.5	85.2	85.2	85.7	.5	.6
Monroe	73.4	72.4	74.5	72.9	-1.6	-2.1
New Orleans	608.4	618.1	613.0	619.1	6.1	1.0
Shreveport-Bossier City	171.3	170.2	171.6	170.3	-1.3	-.8
Maine	615.9	612.2	617.3	615.7	-1.6	-.3
Lewiston-Auburn	45.8	45.6	46.2	46.2	.0	.0
Portland	159.8	159.2	158.6	158.8	.2	.1

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(Numbers in thousands)

State and area	August		September		Change September 2002 to September 2003 ^P	
	2002	2003	2002	2003 ^P	Number	Percent
Maryland	2,459.6	2,470.5	2,480.0	2,476.9	-3.1	-0.1
Baltimore PMSA	1,247.4	1,248.8	1,249.9	1,249.8	-.1	.0
Baltimore City	387.0	382.4	388.6	381.7	-6.9	-1.8
Suburban Maryland-D.C.	912.1	919.9	926.9	932.5	5.6	.6
Massachusetts	3,233.4	3,190.1	3,259.7	3,211.0	-48.7	-1.5
Barnstable-Yarmouth	73.7	73.1	68.4	68.7	.3	.4
Boston	1,973.4	1,934.0	1,975.4	1,939.9	-35.5	-1.8
Brockton	99.9	99.8	100.9	99.8	-1.1	-1.1
Fitchburg-Leominster	51.8	52.2	52.1	52.0	-.1	-.2
Lawrence	155.1	151.8	156.3	152.3	-4.0	-2.6
Lowell	123.2	119.1	125.7	121.0	-4.7	-3.7
New Bedford	64.3	62.6	65.4	64.7	-.7	-1.1
Pittsfield	43.4	43.2	43.3	43.4	.1	.2
Springfield	253.0	250.8	261.9	256.8	-5.1	-1.9
Worcester	228.6	222.0	230.9	222.7	-8.2	-3.6
Michigan	4,465.8	4,375.1	4,509.0	4,426.9	-82.1	-1.8
Ann Arbor	285.4	282.3	293.3	288.5	-4.8	-1.6
Benton Harbor	70.0	67.3	70.9	69.1	-1.8	-2.5
Detroit	2,082.5	2,047.9	2,089.0	2,063.4	-25.6	-1.2
Flint	160.9	158.4	163.7	160.7	-3.0	-1.8
Grand Rapids-Muskegon-Holland	573.6	559.8	577.1	569.2	-7.9	-1.4
Jackson	64.2	61.8	64.3	62.4	-1.9	-3.0
Kalamazoo-Battle Creek	209.1	201.6	210.6	206.9	-3.7	-1.8
Lansing-East Lansing	237.8	235.6	246.2	241.9	-4.3	-1.7
Saginaw-Bay City-Midland	178.0	173.9	180.3	175.2	-5.1	-2.8
Minnesota	2,656.8	2,645.5	2,659.6	2,642.0	-17.6	-.7
Duluth-Superior	115.4	114.4	117.4	115.8	-1.6	-1.4
Minneapolis-St. Paul	1,712.3	1,701.0	1,720.8	1,703.6	-17.2	-1.0
Rochester	88.1	88.1	87.3	87.1	-.2	-.2
St. Cloud	92.6	91.8	94.5	93.4	-1.1	-1.2
Mississippi	1,129.8	1,124.3	1,129.2	1,127.9	-1.3	-.1
Jackson	230.2	233.5	230.7	232.9	2.2	1.0
Missouri	2,642.8	2,620.9	2,696.3	2,672.2	-24.1	-.9
Kansas City	939.6	935.9	946.0	935.6	-10.4	-1.1
St. Louis	1,295.4	1,288.9	1,311.8	1,298.5	-13.3	-1.0
Springfield	162.5	166.2	168.1	170.3	2.2	1.3
Montana	401.1	401.7	402.8	403.2	.4	.1
Billings	69.6	70.1	69.7	69.9	.2	.3
Missoula	51.1	52.5	53.0	53.8	.8	1.5
Nebraska	903.0	900.6	906.5	905.7	-.8	-.1
Lincoln	158.9	157.3	160.7	157.8	-2.9	-1.8
Omaha	432.1	431.3	432.6	432.6	.0	.0
Nevada	1,057.3	1,079.4	1,062.9	1,090.1	27.2	2.6
Las Vegas	791.2	811.1	796.5	820.2	23.7	3.0
Reno	197.2	200.9	198.1	202.6	4.5	2.3
New Hampshire	618.7	619.6	624.8	624.4	-.4	-.1
Manchester	105.6	106.3	107.8	108.5	.7	.6
Nashua	94.2	91.5	94.9	92.9	-2.0	-2.1
Portsmouth-Rochester	127.2	127.2	128.1	127.5	-.6	-.5
New Jersey	3,983.7	4,012.0	3,990.3	4,011.5	21.2	.5
Atlantic-Cape May	202.4	204.4	198.0	197.6	-.4	-.2
Bergen-Passaic	651.4	654.5	657.2	657.5	.3	.0
Camden	509.0	514.8	511.5	518.7	7.2	1.4
Jersey City	253.1	254.2	256.0	257.4	1.4	.5
Middlesex-Somerset-Hunterdon	652.3	653.0	654.3	653.7	-.6	-.1
Monmouth-Ocean	414.7	415.1	406.2	406.9	.7	.2
Newark	999.0	1,012.5	1,003.2	1,013.7	10.5	1.0
Trenton	220.1	220.6	222.0	224.6	2.6	1.2
Vineland-Millville-Bridgeton	59.0	59.6	60.9	60.4	-.5	-.8

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(Numbers in thousands)

State and area	August		September		Change September 2002 to September 2003 ^P	
	2002	2003	2002	2003 ^P	Number	Percent
New Mexico	768.3	780.2	771.8	783.8	12.0	1.6
Albuquerque	359.3	366.3	361.1	367.6	6.5	1.8
Las Cruces	60.2	61.2	60.0	61.9	1.9	3.2
Santa Fe	79.3	80.1	78.0	79.2	1.2	1.5
New York	8,411.9	8,362.6	8,422.2	8,379.4	-42.8	-.5
Albany-Schenectady-Troy	459.7	459.5	463.0	460.9	-2.1	-.5
Binghamton	113.5	110.7	115.9	114.2	-1.7	-1.5
Buffalo-Niagara Falls	545.6	545.1	548.5	546.6	-1.9	-.3
Dutchess County	118.2	119.6	118.6	120.9	2.3	1.9
Elmira	41.1	40.5	41.2	40.6	-.6	-1.5
Glens Falls	54.3	55.5	51.7	52.4	.7	1.4
Nassau-Suffolk	1,200.4	1,203.5	1,212.3	1,213.3	1.0	.1
New York PMSA	4,115.8	4,056.2	4,095.8	4,054.3	-41.5	-1.0
New York City	3,565.1	3,501.5	3,540.2	3,496.3	-43.9	-1.2
Newburgh	134.5	135.2	135.1	136.4	1.3	1.0
Rochester	530.2	523.1	533.2	527.3	-5.9	-1.1
Rockland County	113.0	114.7	113.8	116.1	2.3	2.0
Syracuse	341.7	345.1	349.1	353.4	4.3	1.2
Utica-Rome	133.8	135.3	133.7	135.1	1.4	1.0
Westchester County	413.6	415.8	417.8	418.2	.4	.1
North Carolina	3,835.3	3,822.3	3,846.6	3,830.6	-16.0	-.4
Asheville	110.1	111.4	110.9	109.6	-1.3	-1.2
Charlotte-Gastonia-Rock Hill	838.8	829.3	846.1	831.3	-14.8	-1.7
Greensboro--Winston-Salem--High Point	632.1	631.4	639.3	629.3	-10.0	-1.6
Raleigh-Durham-Chapel Hill	681.1	678.8	681.6	681.4	-.2	.0
North Dakota	325.8	326.1	333.7	334.6	.9	.3
Bismarck	52.0	52.3	53.0	53.3	.3	.6
Fargo-Moorhead	103.9	103.4	106.5	106.5	.0	.0
Grand Forks	46.5	47.3	49.4	49.5	.1	.2
Ohio	5,448.9	5,383.4	5,463.7	5,397.4	-66.3	-1.2
Akron	326.4	330.7	331.2	332.8	1.6	.5
Canton-Massillon	184.0	179.6	184.7	180.6	-4.1	-2.2
Cincinnati	879.2	875.4	876.0	877.0	1.0	.1
Cleveland-Lorain-Elyria	1,120.5	1,106.5	1,125.5	1,113.1	-12.4	-1.1
Columbus	881.5	873.6	880.3	871.9	-8.4	-1.0
Dayton-Springfield	463.1	455.3	467.1	460.8	-6.3	-1.3
Hamilton-Middletown	130.7	130.6	134.4	134.2	-.2	-.1
Lima	77.9	77.3	77.6	76.9	-.7	-.9
Mansfield	78.5	76.9	78.4	76.2	-2.2	-2.8
Steubenville-Weirton	49.6	48.3	50.0	48.2	-1.8	-3.6
Toledo	317.5	306.4	319.9	310.5	-9.4	-2.9
Youngstown-Warren	232.2	229.5	235.8	231.2	-4.6	-2.0
Oklahoma	1,463.1	1,461.8	1,483.4	1,472.1	-11.3	-.8
Enid	22.9	23.7	23.4	23.4	.0	.0
Lawton	39.4	37.2	38.7	36.7	-2.0	-5.2
Oklahoma City	536.7	536.0	543.5	543.1	-.4	-.1
Tulsa	392.8	385.5	393.6	383.3	-10.3	-2.6
Oregon	1,577.3	1,554.6	1,585.6	1,569.0	-16.6	-1.0
Eugene-Springfield	140.0	139.6	140.2	140.9	.7	.5
Medford-Ashland	72.9	73.6	74.7	74.8	.1	.1
Portland-Vancouver	935.1	912.5	936.8	917.5	-19.3	-2.1
Salem	141.1	140.1	142.9	142.1	-.8	-.6
Pennsylvania	5,625.8	5,601.6	5,672.1	5,650.1	-22.0	-.4
Allentown-Bethlehem-Easton	286.7	285.6	287.9	286.9	-1.0	-.3
Altoona	60.7	61.2	61.6	62.1	.5	.8
Erie	131.0	128.5	131.6	130.3	-1.3	-1.0
Harrisburg-Lebanon-Carlisle	368.2	370.2	366.9	370.1	3.2	.9
Johnstown	85.7	84.7	85.8	84.8	-1.0	-1.2
Lancaster	228.7	229.1	229.9	230.3	.4	.2
Philadelphia PMSA	2,394.3	2,401.1	2,403.9	2,415.6	11.7	.5
Philadelphia City	678.0	672.6	681.0	676.2	-4.8	-.7
Pittsburgh	1,119.8	1,105.1	1,126.0	1,111.5	-14.5	-1.3
Reading	166.3	164.6	168.6	167.2	-1.4	-.8
Scranton--Wilkes-Barre--Hazleton	277.7	273.2	280.2	276.0	-4.2	-1.5
Sharon	49.8	47.9	51.1	49.0	-2.1	-4.1
State College	69.9	69.3	73.7	73.0	-.7	-.9
Williamsport	53.5	52.8	54.1	53.5	-.6	-1.1
York	167.5	167.2	170.4	168.7	-1.7	-1.0

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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	August		September		Change September 2002 to September 2003 ^P	
	2002	2003	2002	2003 ^P	Number	Percent
Rhode Island	478.8	481.3	483.8	484.6	0.8	0.2
Providence-Fall River-Warwick	527.5	525.7	534.0	530.3	-3.7	-7
South Carolina	1,811.0	1,775.8	1,822.7	1,781.3	-41.4	-2.3
Charleston-North Charleston	256.8	254.6	256.4	255.4	-1.0	-4
Columbia	303.7	295.5	304.6	295.2	-9.4	-3.1
Greenville-Spartanburg-Anderson	467.7	459.6	470.5	464.0	-6.5	-1.4
South Dakota	383.5	384.7	381.2	381.9	.7	.2
Rapid City	53.5	53.3	51.6	51.9	.3	.6
Sioux Falls	117.2	119.2	117.7	119.1	1.4	1.2
Tennessee	2,679.0	2,679.3	2,687.5	2,688.5	1.0	.0
Chattanooga	229.5	229.4	231.0	231.2	.2	.1
Johnson City-Kingsport-Bristol	195.1	194.5	197.4	196.1	-1.3	-7
Knoxville	346.9	346.0	350.4	351.1	.7	.2
Memphis	585.0	581.0	583.6	582.4	-1.2	-2
Nashville	677.1	676.5	680.9	680.6	-.3	.0
Texas	9,407.8	9,423.1	9,453.6	9,483.0	29.4	.3
Abilene	55.2	55.4	56.2	55.7	-.5	-.9
Amarillo	97.2	96.8	98.0	97.5	-.5	-.5
Austin-San Marcos	658.2	664.3	662.7	669.1	6.4	1.0
Beaumont-Port Arthur	155.3	155.9	156.3	157.1	.8	.5
Brazoria	77.6	77.7	79.0	78.9	-.1	-.1
Brownsville-Harlingen-San Benito	115.3	115.9	116.3	116.6	.3	.3
Bryan-College Station	74.0	75.9	80.1	80.9	.8	1.0
Corpus Christi	159.3	161.4	161.4	163.7	2.3	1.4
Dallas	1,934.7	1,914.4	1,936.7	1,922.3	-14.4	-7
El Paso	256.5	257.9	260.8	261.1	.3	.1
Ft. Worth-Arlington	788.7	783.9	788.4	783.9	-4.5	-6
Galveston-Texas City	87.7	86.5	87.1	86.4	-.7	-.8
Houston	2,109.2	2,101.8	2,115.8	2,108.6	-7.2	-3
Killeen-Temple	104.8	104.5	105.0	105.3	.3	.3
Laredo	73.2	73.0	73.7	73.6	-.1	-.1
Longview-Marshall	91.8	92.0	92.5	92.4	-.1	-.1
Lubbock	121.2	121.0	122.0	122.2	.2	.2
McAllen-Edinburg-Mission	164.7	169.4	167.4	173.0	5.6	3.3
Odessa-Midland	104.1	104.5	105.6	106.0	.4	.4
San Angelo	44.2	43.1	44.3	43.8	-.5	-1.1
San Antonio	726.4	737.0	728.9	739.1	10.2	1.4
Sherman-Denison	44.1	43.5	44.4	43.8	-.6	-1.4
Texarkana	53.0	52.5	53.5	53.4	-.1	-.2
Tyler	86.0	85.2	86.4	85.7	-.7	-.8
Victoria	37.6	37.2	37.7	37.3	-.4	-1.1
Waco	100.2	101.7	101.5	103.2	1.7	1.7
Wichita Falls	59.4	58.9	59.4	59.2	-.2	-.3
Utah	1,067.6	1,065.6	1,078.5	1,078.7	.2	.0
Provo-Orem	148.9	149.0	154.3	154.3	.0	.0
Salt Lake City-Ogden	707.0	703.0	708.5	706.7	-1.8	-.3
Vermont	294.0	298.5	300.9	304.1	3.2	1.1
Barre-Montpelier	34.1	34.7	34.4	35.6	1.2	3.5
Burlington	105.9	107.6	108.2	109.9	1.7	1.6
Virginia	3,487.7	3,494.1	3,505.5	3,513.0	7.5	.2
Bristol	40.1	40.5	41.0	40.8	-.2	-.5
Charlottesville	85.5	85.7	88.1	86.1	-2.0	-2.3
Danville	45.4	45.3	47.0	46.3	-.7	-1.5
Lynchburg	98.3	97.5	101.0	97.6	-3.4	-3.4
Norfolk-Virginia Beach-Newport News	730.6	728.7	728.6	730.0	1.4	.2
Northern Virginia	1,177.5	1,187.7	1,179.9	1,191.2	11.3	1.0
Richmond-Petersburg	567.0	569.8	565.4	566.6	1.2	.2
Roanoke	145.2	140.8	146.1	141.3	-4.8	-3.3
Washington	2,662.0	2,658.7	2,674.1	2,669.5	-4.6	-.2
Seattle-Bellevue-Everett	1,356.6	1,347.5	1,358.6	1,349.2	-9.4	-7
Spokane	193.5	192.1	196.6	193.5	-3.1	-1.6
Tacoma	243.9	245.4	246.3	248.4	2.1	.9

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(Numbers in thousands)

State and area	August		September		Change September 2002 to September 2003 ^P	
	2002	2003	2002	2003 ^P	Number	Percent
West Virginia	735.1	730.1	735.3	732.6	-2.7	-0.4
Charleston	135.9	135.0	134.7	134.8	.1	.1
Huntington-Ashland	120.9	121.2	121.9	122.4	.5	.4
Parkersburg-Marietta	69.9	70.3	70.3	70.2	-.1	-.1
Wheeling	66.8	66.5	66.6	67.0	.4	.6
Wisconsin	2,794.1	2,798.5	2,793.6	2,788.1	-5.5	-.2
Appleton-Oshkosh-Neenah	206.9	208.4	206.2	205.9	-.3	-.1
Eau Claire	76.4	75.9	77.5	76.5	-1.0	-1.3
Green Bay	147.4	151.3	148.2	150.8	2.6	1.8
Janesville-Beloit	68.2	67.7	68.1	67.2	-.9	-1.3
Kenosha	54.2	54.8	54.2	54.4	.2	.4
La Crosse	72.7	72.4	73.1	73.1	.0	.0
Madison	296.2	305.1	297.6	304.2	6.6	2.2
Milwaukee-Waukesha	839.2	829.1	840.0	819.9	-20.1	-2.4
Racine	80.4	81.5	80.1	81.1	1.0	1.2
Sheboygan	63.2	63.9	63.1	63.7	.6	1.0
Wausau	70.3	70.6	69.7	70.2	.5	.7
Wyoming	254.5	255.7	253.2	254.1	.9	.4
Casper	34.0	34.4	33.7	34.1	.4	1.2
Puerto Rico	972.3	984.8	978.4	990.5	12.1	1.2
Caguas	64.7	66.4	64.6	66.1	1.5	2.3
Mayaguez	62.3	64.1	62.3	65.2	2.9	4.7
Ponce	68.0	69.8	68.8	69.9	1.1	1.6
San Juan-Bayamon	634.9	641.8	639.1	644.4	5.3	.8
Virgin Islands	42.8	42.8	42.3	42.1	-.2	-.5

¹ Data for 2003 are not directly comparable with data for previous years because of a change in metropolitan area definitions.

^P = preliminary.

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

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