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REGIONAL AND STATE EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT: MARCH 2008

Regional and state unemployment rates were generally higher in March. Overall, 36 states and the District of Columbia recorded over-the-month unemployment rate increases, 5 states registered decreases, and 9 states had no change, the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the U.S. Department of Labor reported today. Over the year, jobless rates were up in 39 states and the District of Columbia, down in 9 states, and unchanged in 2 states. The national unemployment rate was 5.1 percent in March, up from 4.8 percent in February and 4.4 percent in March 2007.

Between February 2008 and March 2008, employment increased in 22 states, decreased in 27 states and the District of Columbia, and was unchanged in 1 state (Maine). Texas recorded the largest over-the-month increase in employment (+13,200), followed by Minnesota (+5,200), Colorado (+5,100), and Utah (+4,600). New Mexico and Utah experienced the largest over-the-month percentage increase in employment (+0.4 percent each), followed by Hawaii, Montana, and New Hampshire (+0.3 percent each), and Colorado, Kansas, Minnesota, Mississippi, North Dakota, South Dakota, and West Virginia (+0.2 percent each). The largest over-the-month decreases in employment occurred in Michigan (-21,900), Florida (-17,400), Missouri (-10,600), North Carolina (-8,400), South Carolina (-5,400), and Nevada (-5,300). Rhode Island experienced the largest over-the-month percentage decrease in employment (-0.6 percent), followed by Michigan (-0.5 percent), Missouri and Nevada (-0.4 percent each), and Delaware, the District of Columbia, and South Carolina (-0.3 percent each). Over the year, nonfarm employment increased in 39 states and the District of Columbia and decreased in 11 states. The largest over-the-year percentage increases in employment occurred in Wyoming (+2.9 percent), Utah (+2.3 percent), and Texas (+2.1 percent). Rhode Island recorded the largest over-the-year percentage decrease in employment (-2.0 percent), followed by Michigan (-1.7 percent), Florida (-0.7 percent), and Nevada (-0.4 percent).

Regional Unemployment (Seasonally Adjusted)

In March, the Midwest and West recorded the highest unemployment rates among the regions, 5.3 percent each. The South again reported the lowest rate, 4.7 percent. The West and South posted the only statistically significant rate changes from February (+0.3 and +0.2 percentage point, respectively). All four regions registered significant over-the-year jobless rate increases. The West had the largest rate increase (+0.8 percentage point), followed by the Northeast and South (+0.5 point each) and Midwest (+0.4 point). (See table 1.)

Among the nine geographic divisions, the Pacific reported the highest unemployment rate in March, 5.9 percent, followed closely by the East North Central at 5.8 percent. The Mountain and West South Central

divisions recorded the lowest rates, 4.1 and 4.2 percent, respectively. The Pacific and South Atlantic divisions registered the only statistically significant jobless rate changes from a month earlier (+0.4 and +0.3 percentage point, respectively). Eight of the nine divisions posted significant over-the-year unemployment rate changes, all increases: the Pacific (+0.9 percentage point), South Atlantic (+0.8 point), Mountain (+0.6 point), East North Central, East South Central, and Middle Atlantic (+0.5 point each), New England (+0.4 point), and West North Central (+0.3 point).

State Unemployment (Seasonally Adjusted)

In March, Michigan continued to report the highest jobless rate, 7.2 percent. The states with the next highest rates were Alaska, 6.7 percent; California, 6.2 percent; Rhode Island, 6.1 percent; and Mississippi, 6.0 percent. The District of Columbia had an unemployment rate of 6.2 percent. South Dakota again posted the lowest rate, 2.5 percent, followed by Nebraska at 2.9 percent. Overall, 19 states registered unemployment rates that were significantly below the U.S. rate of 5.1 percent, 5 states and the District of Columbia recorded measurably higher rates, and 26 states had rates that were statistically little different from that of the nation. (See tables A and 3 and chart 1.)

Twelve states reported statistically significant over-the-month jobless rate increases in March, the largest of which occurred in Louisiana (+0.8 percentage point). The remaining 38 states and the District of Columbia recorded March unemployment rates that were not appreciably different from those of a month earlier, even though some had changes that were at least as large numerically as the significant changes. (See table B.)

California, Florida, Nevada, and Rhode Island reported the largest jobless rate increases from March 2007 (+1.2 percentage points each). Twenty-two additional states and the District of Columbia had smaller, yet also statistically significant, rate increases. Five states registered significant over-the-year unemployment rate decreases, the largest of which occurred in Oklahoma (-1.2 percentage points). The remaining 19 states recorded jobless rates that were not appreciably different from those of a year earlier. (See table C.)

Nonfarm Payroll Employment (Seasonally Adjusted)

Between February 2008 and March 2008, two states experienced statistically significant changes in employment. The statistically significant decreases in employment occurred in Michigan (-21,900) and Rhode Island (-3,100). (See tables D and 5.)

Over the year, 11 states recorded statistically significant changes in employment. The largest statistically significant employment gains were reported in Texas (+213,500), New York (+68,800), Washington (+53,300), North Carolina (+46,000), and Colorado (+40,400). Statistically significant over-the-year employment declines were reported in Michigan (-74,200) and Rhode Island (-10,100). Two states reported statistically significant over-the-year employment increases that were less than 15,000: Nebraska (+13,200) and Wyoming (+8,400). (See table E.)

The Metropolitan Area Employment and Unemployment release for March is scheduled to be issued on Tuesday, April 29. The Regional and State Employment and Unemployment release for April is scheduled to be issued on Friday, May 16.

Hurricane Katrina

For March, BLS and its state partners continued to make modifications to the usual estimation procedures for the LAUS program to reflect the impact of Hurricane Katrina on the labor force statistics in affected areas. These modifications included: (1) modifying the state population controls to account for displacement due to Katrina; (2) developing labor force estimates for the New Orleans-Metairie-Kenner metropolitan area using an alternative to the model-based method; and (3) not publishing labor force estimates for the months immediately following the hurricane for the parishes within the New Orleans-Metairie-Kenner metropolitan areas within those parishes where the quality of input data was severely compromised by the hurricane.

For more information on LAUS procedures and estimates for March 2008, see *Hurricane Information: Katrina and Rita* on the BLS Web site at <http://www.bls.gov/Katrina/home.htm> or call (202) 691-6392.

Table A. States with unemployment rates significantly different from that of the U.S., March 2008, seasonally adjusted

State	Rate ^P
United States ¹	5.1
Alaska.....	6.7
Arizona.....	4.0
California.....	6.2
Colorado.....	4.4
Delaware.....	3.8
District of Columbia.....	6.2
Hawaii.....	3.1
Idaho.....	3.0
Iowa.....	3.5
Kansas.....	4.1
Maryland.....	3.6
Michigan.....	7.2
Montana.....	3.6
Nebraska.....	2.9
Nevada.....	5.8
New Hampshire.....	3.9
New Mexico.....	3.7
North Dakota.....	3.1
Oklahoma.....	3.1
Rhode Island.....	6.1
South Dakota.....	2.5
Texas.....	4.3
Utah.....	3.3
Virginia.....	3.7
Wyoming.....	3.1

¹ Data are not preliminary.

^P = preliminary.

Table B. States with statistically significant unemployment rate changes from February 2008 to March 2008, seasonally adjusted

State	Rate		Over-the-month rate change ^P
	February 2008	March 2008 ^P	
California.....	5.7	6.2	0.5
Florida.....	4.6	4.9	.3
Indiana.....	4.6	5.1	.5
Kansas.....	3.7	4.1	.4
Louisiana.....	3.7	4.5	.8
Montana.....	3.3	3.6	.3
Nevada.....	5.5	5.8	.3
New Mexico.....	3.2	3.7	.5
New York.....	4.4	4.8	.4
Ohio.....	5.3	5.7	.4
Utah.....	3.0	3.3	.3
Washington.....	4.5	4.9	.4

^P = preliminary.

Table C. States with statistically significant unemployment rate changes from March 2007 to March 2008, seasonally adjusted

State	Rate		Over-the-year rate change ^P
	March 2007	March 2008 ^P	
Alabama.....	3.4	4.1	0.7
Alaska.....	6.0	6.7	.7
Arkansas.....	5.3	4.9	-.4
California.....	5.0	6.2	1.2
Colorado.....	3.7	4.4	.7
Connecticut.....	4.4	5.3	.9
Delaware.....	3.4	3.8	.4
District of Columbia.....	5.7	6.2	.5
Florida.....	3.7	4.9	1.2
Georgia.....	4.2	5.3	1.1
Hawaii.....	2.5	3.1	.6
Illinois.....	4.6	5.5	.9
Indiana.....	4.6	5.1	.5
Iowa.....	3.7	3.5	-.2
Maine.....	4.6	5.0	.4
Missouri.....	4.7	5.7	1.0
Montana.....	3.1	3.6	.5
Nevada.....	4.6	5.8	1.2
New Jersey.....	4.3	4.8	.5
New York.....	4.4	4.8	.4
North Carolina.....	4.5	5.2	.7
Oklahoma.....	4.3	3.1	-1.2
Oregon.....	5.0	5.7	.7
Pennsylvania.....	4.3	4.9	.6
Rhode Island.....	4.9	6.1	1.2
South Dakota.....	3.0	2.5	-.5
Tennessee.....	4.5	5.6	1.1
Texas.....	4.4	4.3	-.1
Utah.....	2.4	3.3	.9
Vermont.....	4.0	4.6	.6
Virginia.....	2.9	3.7	.8
Washington.....	4.4	4.9	.5

^P = preliminary.

Table D. States with statistically significant employment changes from February 2008 to March 2008, seasonally adjusted

State	February 2008	March 2008 ^P	Over-the-month change ^P
Michigan	4,234,500	4,212,600	-21,900
Rhode Island	487,900	484,800	-3,100

^P = preliminary.

Table E. States with statistically significant employment changes from March 2007 to March 2008, seasonally adjusted

State	March 2007	March 2008 ^P	Over-the-year change ^P
Colorado.....	2,317,600	2,358,000	40,400
Georgia.....	4,141,200	4,176,500	35,300
Michigan.....	4,286,800	4,212,600	-74,200
Nebraska.....	956,700	969,900	13,200
New York.....	8,709,400	8,778,200	68,800
North Carolina.....	4,134,600	4,180,600	46,000
Rhode Island.....	494,900	484,800	-10,100
Texas.....	10,301,300	10,514,800	213,500
Utah.....	1,243,600	1,272,000	28,400
Washington.....	2,913,100	2,966,400	53,300
Wyoming.....	286,300	294,700	8,400

^P = preliminary.

Technical Note

This release presents labor force and unemployment data for census regions and divisions, states, and selected substate areas from the Local Area Unemployment Statistics (LAUS) program (tables 1-4). Also presented are nonfarm payroll employment estimates by state and major industry from the Current Employment Statistics (CES) program (tables 5 and 6). The LAUS and CES programs are both federal-state cooperative endeavors.

Labor force and unemployment—from the LAUS program

Definitions. The labor force and unemployment data are based on the same concepts and definitions as those used for the official national estimates obtained from the Current Population Survey (CPS), a sample survey of households that is conducted for the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) by the U.S. Census Bureau. The labor force includes both the employed and the unemployed. Employed persons are those who did any work at all for pay or profit in the reference week (the week including the 12th of the month) or worked 15 hours or more without pay in a family business or farm, plus those not working who had a job from which they were temporarily absent, whether or not paid, for such reasons as labor-management dispute, illness, or vacation. Unemployed persons are those who did not work at all (in the reference week), had actively looked for a job (sometime in the 4-week period ending with the reference week), and were currently available for work; persons on layoff expecting recall need not be looking for work to be counted as unemployed.

Method of estimation. Estimates for all census divisions, states, the District of Columbia, the Los Angeles-Long Beach-Glendale metropolitan division, and New York City are produced using estimating equations based on regression techniques. This method, which underwent substantial enhancement at the beginning of 2005, utilizes data from several sources, including the CPS, the CES, and state unemployment insurance (UI) data. Estimates for the six other areas contained in this release use a different regression approach. A detailed description of the estimation procedures is available from BLS upon request. Estimates for census regions are obtained by summing the model-based estimates for the component divisions and then calculating the unemployment rate.

Annual revisions. Labor force and unemployment data shown for the prior year reflect adjustments made at the end of each year, usually implemented with January estimates. The adjusted estimates reflect updated population data from the U.S. Census Bureau, any revisions in the other data sources, and model reestimation.

Seasonal adjustment. Seasonal adjustment of census division, state, and substate area model employment and

unemployment levels is performed within the modeling procedure. The model estimation is based on the classical approach to seasonal adjustment, in which the series is decomposed into trend, seasonal, irregular, and survey error. This directly yields seasonally adjusted estimates for employment and unemployment levels with reliability measures. Labor force levels and unemployment rates are calculated from these two estimates. Additionally, measures for the state of California are derived by summing the seasonally adjusted estimates for the Los Angeles-Long Beach-Glendale metropolitan division and the balance of California, and the estimates for the state of New York are the sum of the estimates for New York City and the balance of New York. Labor force estimates for census regions are calculated as the sum of the levels of the component divisions, and the unemployment rate is then calculated. In most years, historical data for the most recent 5 years are revised near the beginning of each calendar year, usually coincident with the release of January estimates.

Area definitions. The substate area data published in this release reflect the standards and definitions established by the U.S. Office of Management and Budget on November 20, 2007. A detailed list of the geographic definitions is available on the Internet at <http://www.bls.gov/lau/lausmsa.htm>.

Employment—from the CES program

Definitions. Employment data refer to persons on establishment payrolls who receive pay for any part of the pay period that includes the 12th of the month. Persons are counted at their place of work rather than at their place of residence; those appearing on more than one payroll are counted on each payroll. Industries are classified on the basis of their principal activity in accordance with the 2007 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 39 percent of CES published series which have insufficient sample for direct sample-based estimates.

Annual revisions. Employment estimates are adjusted annually to a complete count of jobs, called benchmarks, derived principally from tax reports that are submitted by employers who are covered under state unemployment insurance (UI) laws. The benchmark information is used to ad-

just the monthly estimates between the new benchmark and the preceding one and also to establish the level of employment for the new benchmark month. Thus, the benchmarking process establishes the level of employment, and the sample is used to measure the month-to-month changes in the level for the subsequent months.

Seasonal adjustment. Payroll employment data are seasonally adjusted at the statewide supersector level. In some states, the seasonally adjusted payroll employment total is computed by aggregating the independently adjusted supersector series. In other states, the seasonally adjusted payroll employment total is independently adjusted. Revisions of historical data for the most recent 5 years are made once a year, coincident with annual benchmark adjustments.

Caution on aggregating state data. State estimation procedures are designed to produce accurate data for each individual state. BLS independently develops a national employment series; state estimates are not forced to sum to national totals. Because each state series is subject to larger sampling and nonsampling errors than the national series, summing them cumulates individual state level errors and can cause significant distortions at an aggregate level. Due to these statistical limitations, BLS does not compile a “sum-of-states” employment series, and cautions users that such a series is subject to a relatively large and volatile error structure.

Reliability of the estimates

The estimates presented in this release are based on sample survey, administrative data, and modeling and, thus, are subject to sampling and other types of errors. Sampling error is a measure of sampling variability—that is, variation that occurs by chance because a sample rather than the entire population is surveyed. Survey data also are subject to nonsampling errors, such as those which can be introduced into the data collection and processing operations. Estimates not directly derived from sample surveys are subject to additional errors resulting from the specific estimation processes used. The sums of individual items may not always equal the totals shown in the same tables because of rounding. With respect to the LAUS program, unemployment rates are computed from unrounded data rather than from data that may be displayed in the tables; differences, however, are generally insignificant.

Use of error measures. In 2005, the Local Area Unemployment Statistics (LAUS) program introduced several improvements to its methodology. Among these was the development of model-based error measures for the monthly estimates and the estimates of over-the-month changes. The introductory section of this release preserves the long-time

practice of highlighting the direction of the movements in regional and state unemployment rates and state nonfarm payroll employment regardless of their statistical significance. The remainder of the analysis in the release takes the statistical significance of monthly and annual changes into consideration.

Labor force and unemployment estimates. Model-based error measures for both seasonally adjusted and not seasonally adjusted data, and for over-the-month change, are available on the BLS Web site at <http://www.bls.gov/lau/lastderr.htm>. BLS uses a 90-percent confidence level in determining whether changes in LAUS unemployment rates are statistically significant. The average magnitude of the over-the-month change in a state unemployment rate that is required in order to be statistically significant at the 90-percent confidence level is between 0.3 and 0.4 percentage point. More details can be found on the Web site. Measures of nonsampling error are not available, but additional information on the subject is provided in *Employment and Earnings Online* at <http://www.bls.gov/pub/ee/home.htm>.

Employment estimates. Measures of sampling error for state CES data at the total nonfarm and supersector level and for metropolitan area CES data at the total nonfarm level are available on the BLS Web site at <http://www.bls.gov/sae/790stderr.htm>. BLS uses a 90-percent confidence level in determining whether changes in CES employment levels are statistically significant. Information on recent benchmark revisions for states is available on the BLS Web site at <http://www.bls.gov/sae/>.

Additional information

More complete information on the technical procedures used to develop these estimates and additional data appear in *Employment and Earnings Online*.

Estimates of labor force and unemployment, as well as nonfarm employment from the CES program, for over 300 metropolitan areas and metropolitan New England City and Town Areas (NECTAs) are available in the news release, *Metropolitan Area Employment and Unemployment*. Estimates of labor force, employment, and unemployment for all states, metropolitan areas, labor market areas, counties, cities with a population of 25,000 or more, and other areas used in the administration of various federal economic assistance programs are available on the BLS Web site at <http://www.bls.gov/lau/>. Employment data from the CES program are available at <http://www.bls.gov/sae/>.

Information in this release will be made available to sensory impaired individuals upon request. Voice phone: (202) 691-5200; TDD message referral phone: 1-800-877-8339.

Table 1. Civilian labor force and unemployment by census region and division, seasonally adjusted ¹

(Numbers in thousands)

Census region and division	Civilian labor force				Unemployed							
					Number				Percent of labor force			
	March 2007	Jan. 2008	Feb. 2008	March 2008	March 2007	Jan. 2008	Feb. 2008	March 2008	March 2007	Jan. 2008	Feb. 2008	March 2008
Northeast	27,863.5	28,157.8	28,060.9	28,035.6	1,197.8	1,347.9	1,311.8	1,350.3	4.3	4.8	4.7	4.8
New England	7,637.8	7,693.5	7,671.7	7,678.5	338.1	354.0	356.6	369.8	4.4	4.6	4.6	4.8
Middle Atlantic	20,225.8	20,464.2	20,389.2	20,357.1	859.7	993.9	955.1	980.5	4.3	4.9	4.7	4.8
South	54,203.8	54,903.1	54,684.6	54,873.9	2,300.9	2,494.7	2,441.4	2,573.8	4.2	4.5	4.5	4.7
South Atlantic	29,113.9	29,502.6	29,418.5	29,493.9	1,163.1	1,344.0	1,336.6	1,409.5	4.0	4.6	4.5	4.8
East South Central	8,557.7	8,663.2	8,622.2	8,632.6	413.7	425.7	433.4	457.2	4.8	4.9	5.0	5.3
West South Central	16,532.2	16,737.3	16,643.8	16,747.3	724.2	725.0	671.3	707.0	4.4	4.3	4.0	4.2
Midwest	34,824.3	35,011.3	34,996.1	35,048.6	1,718.2	1,825.2	1,802.4	1,870.8	4.9	5.2	5.2	5.3
East North Central	23,956.1	24,072.1	24,093.4	24,115.7	1,274.3	1,356.9	1,341.5	1,388.4	5.3	5.6	5.6	5.8
West North Central	10,868.2	10,939.2	10,902.7	10,932.9	443.8	468.3	460.9	482.3	4.1	4.3	4.2	4.4
West	35,231.8	35,846.1	35,776.0	35,903.3	1,588.0	1,832.8	1,800.6	1,914.4	4.5	5.1	5.0	5.3
Mountain	10,839.4	11,113.0	11,098.6	11,127.0	379.3	442.2	441.3	456.2	3.5	4.0	4.0	4.1
Pacific	24,392.5	24,733.1	24,677.4	24,776.4	1,208.7	1,390.6	1,359.3	1,458.1	5.0	5.6	5.5	5.9

¹ Census region estimates are derived by summing the Census division model-based estimates.

NOTE: Data refer to place of residence. The States (including the District of Columbia) that compose the various census divisions are: New England: Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, and Vermont; Middle Atlantic: New Jersey, New York, and Pennsylvania; South Atlantic: Delaware, District of Columbia, Florida, Georgia, Maryland, North Carolina, South Carolina, Virginia, and West Virginia; East South Central: Alabama, Kentucky, Mississippi, and

Tennessee; West South Central: Arkansas, Louisiana, Oklahoma, and Texas; East North Central: Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Ohio, and Wisconsin; West North Central: Iowa, Kansas, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, and South Dakota; Mountain: Arizona, Colorado, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, Utah, and Wyoming; and Pacific: Alaska, California, Hawaii, Oregon, and Washington. Estimates for the current year are subject to revision early in the following calendar year.

Table 2. Civilian labor force and unemployment by census region and division, not seasonally adjusted ¹

(Numbers in thousands)

Census region and division	Civilian labor force				Unemployed							
					Number				Percent of labor force			
	February		March		February		March		February		March	
	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008
Northeast	27,745.9	27,862.5	27,781.3	27,879.1	1,346.2	1,460.0	1,244.7	1,437.8	4.9	5.2	4.5	5.2
New England	7,589.8	7,603.2	7,605.6	7,626.7	379.9	396.6	352.9	396.2	5.0	5.2	4.6	5.2
Middle Atlantic	20,156.1	20,259.3	20,175.7	20,252.4	966.3	1,063.4	891.9	1,041.6	4.8	5.2	4.4	5.1
South	53,912.1	54,286.5	54,106.2	54,630.4	2,407.0	2,552.3	2,218.9	2,565.1	4.5	4.7	4.1	4.7
South Atlantic	28,957.4	29,213.6	29,088.5	29,384.7	1,199.9	1,386.7	1,113.1	1,396.9	4.1	4.7	3.8	4.8
East South Central	8,498.6	8,543.1	8,522.2	8,575.8	449.6	467.2	411.2	469.1	5.3	5.5	4.8	5.5
West South Central	16,456.1	16,529.8	16,495.5	16,669.9	757.5	698.4	694.7	699.2	4.6	4.2	4.2	4.2
Midwest	34,626.7	34,705.2	34,691.3	34,839.2	1,919.3	2,005.5	1,807.9	2,020.8	5.5	5.8	5.2	5.8
East North Central	23,810.8	23,891.9	23,856.6	23,966.4	1,410.1	1,487.1	1,334.3	1,492.3	5.9	6.2	5.6	6.2
West North Central	10,815.9	10,813.4	10,834.7	10,872.8	509.2	518.4	473.6	528.5	4.7	4.8	4.4	4.9
West	35,146.3	35,648.6	35,201.9	35,786.6	1,705.5	1,935.5	1,620.2	2,003.2	4.9	5.4	4.6	5.6
Mountain	10,790.4	11,039.4	10,808.1	11,064.3	403.5	468.3	385.2	474.8	3.7	4.2	3.6	4.3
Pacific	24,355.9	24,609.3	24,393.9	24,722.3	1,302.0	1,467.1	1,235.0	1,528.4	5.3	6.0	5.1	6.2

¹ Census region estimates are derived by summing the Census division model-based estimates.

NOTE: Data refer to place of residence. The composition of the regions

and divisions is described in table 1. Estimates for the current year are subject to revision early in the following calendar year.

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

(Numbers in thousands)

State and area	Civilian labor force				Unemployed							
					Number				Percent of labor force			
	March 2007	Jan. 2008	Feb. 2008	March 2008P	March 2007	Jan. 2008	Feb. 2008	March 2008P	March 2007	Jan. 2008	Feb. 2008	March 2008P
Alabama	2,176.3	2,219.9	2,200.7	2,205.0	74.1	89.1	82.0	91.1	3.4	4.0	3.7	4.1
Alaska	351.3	353.3	353.8	356.9	21.2	22.6	23.0	24.0	6.0	6.4	6.5	6.7
Arizona	3,014.1	3,082.6	3,072.4	3,077.0	112.9	132.4	123.9	123.6	3.7	4.3	4.0	4.0
Arkansas	1,368.0	1,376.0	1,362.9	1,368.9	71.9	76.8	68.4	66.6	5.3	5.6	5.0	4.9
California	18,094.4	18,302.6	18,265.5	18,327.3	904.3	1,084.1	1,048.9	1,133.3	5.0	5.9	5.7	6.2
Los Angeles-Long Beach-Glendale ¹	4,883.2	4,931.4	4,953.7	4,966.0	236.8	281.7	262.7	290.5	4.8	5.7	5.3	5.8
Colorado	2,681.3	2,760.3	2,757.9	2,767.0	98.3	116.0	121.0	121.5	3.7	4.2	4.4	4.4
Connecticut	1,855.6	1,885.7	1,885.3	1,885.1	81.9	90.0	93.9	100.5	4.4	4.8	5.0	5.3
Delaware	441.8	445.0	444.5	445.4	15.0	16.7	16.6	16.8	3.4	3.8	3.7	3.8
District of Columbia	325.6	328.8	331.5	333.7	18.5	20.4	19.5	20.6	5.7	6.2	5.9	6.2
Florida	9,105.6	9,265.3	9,214.4	9,214.6	337.9	424.9	425.7	452.5	3.7	4.6	4.6	4.9
Miami-Miami Beach-Kendall ¹	1,186.5	1,199.7	1,198.4	1,197.0	44.2	48.5	47.7	48.4	3.7	4.0	4.0	4.0
Georgia	4,786.3	4,863.8	4,858.5	4,890.5	203.2	239.8	249.0	260.3	4.2	4.9	5.1	5.3
Hawaii	651.9	653.6	650.3	658.0	16.3	20.2	20.9	20.5	2.5	3.1	3.2	3.1
Idaho	750.5	758.7	755.3	756.2	20.8	21.1	21.5	22.3	2.8	2.8	2.8	3.0
Illinois	6,649.0	6,787.9	6,803.6	6,809.2	306.8	380.9	372.9	371.8	4.6	5.6	5.5	5.5
Chicago-Naperville-Joliet ²	4,092.2	4,192.8	4,187.7	4,185.2	189.7	224.1	225.9	225.6	4.6	5.3	5.4	5.4
Indiana	3,218.1	3,223.4	3,225.5	3,227.3	149.3	144.2	148.4	164.6	4.6	4.5	4.6	5.1
Iowa	1,657.5	1,673.5	1,669.2	1,673.1	61.9	60.7	58.3	57.9	3.7	3.6	3.5	3.5
Kansas	1,474.3	1,483.8	1,481.0	1,487.1	58.7	56.9	55.5	60.7	4.0	3.8	3.7	4.1
Kentucky	2,044.1	2,053.4	2,044.7	2,039.6	114.5	107.7	107.5	115.3	5.6	5.2	5.3	5.7
Louisiana	1,995.4	2,012.3	2,008.0	2,017.2	78.8	79.7	75.2	91.4	3.9	4.0	3.7	4.5
Maine	704.1	709.6	706.4	707.9	32.3	35.1	33.6	35.7	4.6	4.9	4.8	5.0
Maryland	2,974.2	2,989.5	2,993.9	2,999.2	104.4	104.1	102.5	108.4	3.5	3.5	3.4	3.6
Massachusetts	3,410.7	3,422.2	3,408.9	3,411.2	157.1	155.4	151.6	150.1	4.6	4.5	4.4	4.4
Michigan	5,036.4	5,004.9	5,001.7	4,995.1	350.2	353.6	357.9	359.8	7.0	7.1	7.2	7.2
Detroit-Warren-Livonia ²	2,150.5	2,134.0	2,136.1	2,124.8	159.3	158.8	158.1	163.9	7.4	7.4	7.4	7.7
Minnesota	2,925.8	2,935.7	2,930.2	2,937.8	132.7	130.7	133.0	137.9	4.5	4.5	4.5	4.7
Mississippi	1,309.8	1,332.7	1,320.3	1,332.4	84.2	80.4	77.3	79.7	6.4	6.0	5.9	6.0
Missouri	3,022.7	3,036.5	3,023.0	3,022.4	143.6	165.8	162.0	172.6	4.7	5.5	5.4	5.7
Montana	502.0	504.9	503.2	504.8	15.5	16.4	16.6	18.0	3.1	3.2	3.3	3.6
Nebraska	976.6	992.9	987.0	989.9	26.7	29.1	27.9	28.9	2.7	2.9	2.8	2.9
Nevada	1,322.6	1,373.8	1,375.3	1,384.7	60.4	75.9	75.9	80.0	4.6	5.5	5.5	5.8
New Hampshire	737.8	742.8	741.6	743.4	27.8	25.9	27.6	28.8	3.8	3.5	3.7	3.9
New Jersey	4,469.0	4,491.2	4,507.7	4,495.5	193.6	204.1	216.3	217.0	4.3	4.5	4.8	4.8
New Mexico	943.3	946.2	946.8	950.1	34.8	29.6	30.5	34.8	3.7	3.1	3.2	3.7
New York	9,493.3	9,600.1	9,535.4	9,532.3	416.3	478.9	424.3	454.5	4.4	5.0	4.4	4.8
New York City	3,822.7	3,903.5	3,837.9	3,831.9	180.6	223.4	158.2	173.9	4.7	5.7	4.1	4.5
North Carolina	4,512.1	4,547.2	4,533.1	4,540.7	201.6	221.4	226.3	234.1	4.5	4.9	5.0	5.2
North Dakota	364.3	369.7	368.2	370.2	11.5	11.7	11.5	11.5	3.2	3.2	3.1	3.1
Ohio	5,968.6	5,975.8	5,975.1	5,988.8	329.1	328.7	316.3	344.2	5.5	5.5	5.3	5.7
Cleveland-Elyria-Mentor ²	1,096.0	1,090.5	1,084.8	1,083.9	62.7	62.1	62.7	65.5	5.7	5.7	5.8	6.0
Oklahoma	1,730.4	1,734.0	1,716.7	1,721.4	74.4	64.2	53.0	52.8	4.3	3.7	3.1	3.1
Oregon	1,921.2	1,948.1	1,941.4	1,954.0	96.3	106.3	105.2	111.0	5.0	5.5	5.4	5.7
Pennsylvania	6,280.1	6,360.9	6,346.1	6,323.6	271.7	303.2	314.5	308.0	4.3	4.8	5.0	4.9
Rhode Island	576.9	574.6	571.2	572.7	28.4	32.9	33.5	35.1	4.9	5.7	5.9	6.1
South Carolina	2,129.0	2,145.9	2,127.4	2,141.5	122.1	130.3	116.0	123.0	5.7	6.1	5.5	5.7
South Dakota	441.1	443.0	444.3	444.8	13.2	11.6	11.4	11.0	3.0	2.6	2.6	2.5
Tennessee	3,022.2	3,060.1	3,054.2	3,055.6	135.0	148.5	162.9	170.0	4.5	4.9	5.3	5.6
Texas	11,449.7	11,613.2	11,561.9	11,632.9	505.1	502.6	479.0	494.4	4.4	4.3	4.1	4.3
Utah	1,346.3	1,392.8	1,390.9	1,394.1	33.0	41.5	41.1	46.2	2.4	3.0	3.0	3.3
Vermont	355.2	354.5	352.6	351.9	14.3	15.0	15.1	16.1	4.0	4.2	4.3	4.6
Virginia	4,032.5	4,093.1	4,090.8	4,115.3	116.7	140.7	143.2	154.0	2.9	3.4	3.5	3.7
Washington	3,382.9	3,461.0	3,455.6	3,467.6	149.1	154.1	155.6	168.3	4.4	4.5	4.5	4.9
Seattle-Bellevue-Everett ¹	1,426.4	1,458.7	1,455.4	1,446.5	55.7	53.3	52.1	53.8	3.9	3.7	3.6	3.7
West Virginia	806.9	812.1	811.7	814.5	35.7	35.8	37.1	38.4	4.4	4.4	4.6	4.7
Wisconsin	3,089.3	3,083.5	3,100.5	3,106.0	153.6	150.9	152.2	150.3	5.0	4.9	4.9	4.8
Wyoming	286.4	291.1	291.4	292.5	8.6	7.8	7.7	9.0	3.0	2.7	2.7	3.1
Puerto Rico	1,422.4	1,367.7	1,374.9	1,355.8	144.4	147.6	154.1	133.2	10.1	10.8	11.2	9.8

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² Metropolitan statistical area.

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

(Numbers in thousands)

State and area	Civilian labor force				Unemployed							
					Number				Percent of labor force			
	February		March		February		March		February		March	
	2007	2008	2007	2008P	2007	2008	2007	2008P	2007	2008	2007	2008P
Alabama	2,165.1	2,185.1	2,168.6	2,190.4	80.9	89.8	69.7	88.7	3.7	4.1	3.2	4.1
Alaska	348.4	350.7	347.8	353.0	24.9	26.9	23.1	26.2	7.2	7.7	6.6	7.4
Arizona	3,006.6	3,063.2	3,011.6	3,066.9	108.1	121.8	104.8	119.8	3.6	4.0	3.5	3.9
Arkansas	1,356.9	1,349.9	1,365.3	1,364.5	80.1	77.0	71.2	68.3	5.9	5.7	5.2	5.0
California	18,073.3	18,233.8	18,092.2	18,299.2	970.1	1,115.4	930.0	1,177.0	5.4	6.1	5.1	6.4
Los Angeles-Long Beach-Glendale ¹	4,883.3	4,954.2	4,887.6	4,962.3	236.5	269.1	229.9	287.5	4.8	5.4	4.7	5.8
Colorado	2,664.8	2,738.9	2,665.0	2,744.7	107.1	129.6	102.0	129.8	4.0	4.7	3.8	4.7
Connecticut	1,837.3	1,866.4	1,849.1	1,874.6	89.0	102.4	80.7	103.6	4.8	5.5	4.4	5.5
Delaware	439.7	442.0	442.6	445.0	16.5	18.4	15.5	17.6	3.7	4.2	3.5	4.0
District of Columbia	323.5	329.0	324.0	333.0	18.4	19.1	17.4	21.5	5.7	5.8	5.4	6.4
Florida	9,045.8	9,148.6	9,108.2	9,184.5	319.0	413.5	312.3	435.1	3.5	4.5	3.4	4.7
Miami-Miami Beach-Kendall ¹	1,185.1	1,192.3	1,180.9	1,183.8	40.9	45.3	40.9	46.4	3.5	3.8	3.5	3.9
Georgia	4,779.1	4,845.8	4,792.4	4,883.9	205.6	254.4	194.5	256.8	4.3	5.3	4.1	5.3
Hawaii	650.4	648.4	653.6	659.0	14.3	19.6	15.5	19.6	2.2	3.0	2.4	3.0
Idaho	745.6	750.5	747.7	751.5	27.3	28.9	25.9	28.8	3.7	3.8	3.5	3.8
Illinois	6,623.1	6,759.5	6,627.9	6,770.3	343.3	404.7	308.8	386.6	5.2	6.0	4.7	5.7
Chicago-Naperville-Joliet ¹	4,087.4	4,176.3	4,084.0	4,172.7	194.8	235.7	178.8	229.6	4.8	5.6	4.4	5.5
Indiana	3,195.9	3,190.5	3,206.4	3,207.4	169.4	167.5	156.4	179.1	5.3	5.3	4.9	5.6
Iowa	1,651.3	1,658.8	1,651.6	1,663.4	71.8	69.5	66.9	65.5	4.3	4.2	4.1	3.9
Kansas	1,472.4	1,472.4	1,472.0	1,482.6	65.2	59.4	58.8	64.7	4.4	4.0	4.0	4.4
Kentucky	2,029.2	2,022.5	2,038.2	2,026.6	134.6	125.2	120.4	124.1	6.6	6.2	5.9	6.1
Louisiana	1,960.2	1,975.4	1,983.2	2,001.5	69.3	69.7	69.8	86.4	3.5	3.5	3.5	4.3
Maine	695.6	696.4	697.1	700.1	38.3	39.8	35.7	40.8	5.5	5.7	5.1	5.8
Maryland	2,954.5	2,970.7	2,967.3	2,983.2	116.1	112.0	103.0	109.8	3.9	3.8	3.5	3.7
Massachusetts	3,393.0	3,384.6	3,397.5	3,393.4	173.7	167.6	163.4	163.9	5.1	5.0	4.8	4.8
Michigan	5,007.9	4,960.5	5,016.6	4,966.9	365.1	384.3	366.7	390.6	7.3	7.7	7.3	7.9
Detroit-Warren-Livonia ²	2,131.7	2,115.2	2,140.7	2,113.6	152.7	161.9	158.2	171.7	7.2	7.7	7.4	8.1
Minnesota	2,910.0	2,900.9	2,914.7	2,920.3	147.2	149.6	144.4	156.3	5.1	5.2	5.0	5.4
Mississippi	1,305.6	1,311.5	1,306.2	1,325.8	86.2	77.9	81.9	78.7	6.6	5.9	6.3	5.9
Missouri	3,015.9	3,003.1	3,022.1	3,014.9	164.1	181.0	146.1	182.5	5.4	6.0	4.8	6.1
Montana	494.8	498.0	498.2	501.7	19.2	21.0	18.3	21.9	3.9	4.2	3.7	4.4
Nebraska	973.8	980.0	976.2	986.5	31.7	31.4	28.4	31.7	3.3	3.2	2.9	3.2
Nevada	1,320.7	1,375.6	1,321.6	1,381.3	60.1	78.6	58.3	80.5	4.5	5.7	4.4	5.8
New Hampshire	734.2	737.2	735.9	740.2	31.0	31.4	29.0	31.5	4.2	4.3	3.9	4.3
New Jersey	4,456.1	4,486.3	4,461.4	4,481.7	207.4	238.2	195.6	230.8	4.7	5.3	4.4	5.1
New Mexico	938.4	942.5	938.8	943.6	35.8	32.8	32.6	34.8	3.8	3.5	3.5	3.7
New York	9,472.2	9,496.1	9,469.3	9,493.3	459.3	474.3	416.5	480.2	4.8	5.0	4.4	5.1
New York City	3,836.1	3,842.8	3,837.9	3,839.7	192.2	168.3	174.8	178.1	5.0	4.4	4.6	4.6
North Carolina	4,487.9	4,500.1	4,500.5	4,515.6	219.9	244.2	198.2	235.8	4.9	5.4	4.4	5.2
North Dakota	358.3	361.4	360.3	365.3	13.8	14.1	14.0	14.5	3.9	3.9	3.9	4.0
Ohio	5,906.7	5,903.3	5,929.8	5,936.1	353.1	352.3	331.5	361.9	6.0	6.0	5.6	6.1
Cleveland-Elyria-Mentor ²	1,085.1	1,072.2	1,086.3	1,073.2	66.7	68.3	62.0	68.0	6.1	6.4	5.7	6.3
Oklahoma	1,720.8	1,703.4	1,724.9	1,713.3	80.3	59.6	74.5	55.5	4.7	3.5	4.3	3.2
Oregon	1,909.8	1,927.3	1,914.0	1,945.0	113.7	121.9	106.5	123.1	6.0	6.3	5.6	6.3
Pennsylvania	6,227.9	6,276.9	6,245.0	6,277.4	299.6	351.0	279.8	330.6	4.8	5.6	4.5	5.3
Rhode Island	575.5	568.1	572.1	568.4	31.5	37.9	28.4	38.1	5.5	6.7	5.0	6.7
South Carolina	2,113.0	2,106.6	2,119.2	2,126.4	131.8	123.8	114.6	118.0	6.2	5.9	5.4	5.5
South Dakota	434.1	436.7	437.6	439.9	15.4	13.4	15.1	13.2	3.5	3.1	3.4	3.0
Tennessee	2,998.8	3,024.0	3,009.2	3,033.0	147.9	174.3	139.2	177.5	4.9	5.8	4.6	5.9
Texas	11,418.1	11,501.1	11,422.1	11,590.6	527.7	492.2	479.1	488.9	4.6	4.3	4.2	4.2
Utah	1,337.2	1,382.6	1,339.6	1,383.5	36.1	45.8	33.3	48.4	2.7	3.3	2.5	3.5
Vermont	354.1	350.6	354.0	350.0	16.4	17.5	15.7	18.4	4.6	5.0	4.4	5.3
Virginia	4,011.9	4,066.3	4,035.0	4,108.0	127.0	154.9	118.2	159.1	3.2	3.8	2.9	3.9
Washington	3,373.9	3,449.1	3,386.2	3,466.0	179.0	183.3	159.9	182.4	5.3	5.3	4.7	5.3
Seattle-Bellevue-Everett ¹	1,423.4	1,456.1	1,435.9	1,453.6	61.0	56.0	57.6	55.1	4.3	3.8	4.0	3.8
West Virginia	802.0	804.5	799.3	805.1	45.5	46.2	39.4	43.2	5.7	5.7	4.9	5.4
Wisconsin	3,077.1	3,078.2	3,075.9	3,085.7	179.2	178.3	170.9	174.1	5.8	5.8	5.6	5.6
Wyoming	282.4	287.9	285.6	291.1	9.8	9.7	10.0	10.9	3.5	3.4	3.5	3.8
Puerto Rico	1,448.7	1,374.3	1,432.1	1,361.9	155.4	145.4	143.9	125.5	10.7	10.6	10.0	9.2

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

(In thousands)

State	Total ¹				Construction				Manufacturing			
	Mar. 2007	Jan. 2008	Feb. 2008	Mar. 2008P	Mar. 2007	Jan. 2008	Feb. 2008	Mar. 2008P	Mar. 2007	Jan. 2008	Feb. 2008	Mar. 2008P
Alabama	2,003.0	2,015.6	2,015.1	2,014.8	112.7	114.4	114.4	114.8	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)
Alaska	317.5	318.7	319.4	319.5	17.9	17.2	17.1	17.0	12.7	12.9	12.4	12.5
Arizona	2,672.9	2,667.2	2,664.4	2,663.9	230.9	209.5	207.4	206.0	183.3	180.0	180.4	179.6
Arkansas	1,206.1	1,207.0	1,208.7	1,208.3	57.5	55.7	55.9	55.4	191.8	185.7	185.5	185.1
California	15,178.2	15,141.7	15,165.2	15,166.2	916.5	837.6	834.9	828.6	1,470.0	1,450.1	1,447.0	1,447.1
Colorado	2,317.6	2,351.1	2,352.9	2,358.0	166.9	164.9	163.5	164.4	146.9	145.1	144.0	143.4
Connecticut	1,689.9	1,704.0	1,702.7	1,699.3	68.0	68.9	67.7	67.8	191.7	190.4	190.1	189.9
Delaware ³	436.0	436.9	437.6	436.5	27.9	27.9	27.6	27.4	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)
District of Columbia ³	693.0	700.6	701.9	699.5	12.3	12.6	12.6	12.4	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)
Florida	8,071.1	8,047.9	8,031.9	8,014.5	625.0	562.4	549.6	542.9	394.6	377.4	374.1	372.7
Georgia	4,141.2	4,180.4	4,181.2	4,176.5	223.9	222.7	222.8	220.7	435.3	427.1	425.1	423.7
Hawaii ³	624.3	628.6	627.2	629.2	38.6	39.9	40.3	40.2	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)
Idaho	652.5	654.4	653.2	652.9	52.8	51.1	50.1	49.0	66.9	64.5	63.7	63.1
Illinois	5,978.1	6,008.8	6,001.4	5,999.8	275.0	272.9	264.4	266.8	679.9	677.0	675.1	673.3
Indiana	2,985.9	2,994.8	2,986.5	2,985.4	152.0	149.1	145.6	146.7	553.4	545.8	543.9	539.3
Iowa	1,512.7	1,524.4	1,523.9	1,523.6	71.7	72.6	71.8	72.0	229.2	230.0	230.2	230.8
Kansas	1,376.2	1,384.0	1,384.2	1,386.7	64.8	65.3	65.2	63.9	185.2	187.3	187.0	187.6
Kentucky	1,862.7	1,881.5	1,880.5	1,881.2	85.0	87.0	86.3	86.0	255.4	250.6	250.4	253.1
Louisiana	1,910.0	1,938.8	1,939.9	1,939.7	132.5	136.5	137.5	136.6	157.0	159.7	159.3	158.2
Maine	616.8	619.1	617.3	617.3	30.9	30.6	30.0	30.1	59.2	58.5	58.1	58.2
Maryland ³	2,605.1	2,626.0	2,630.9	2,634.5	190.5	189.9	190.9	190.2	132.6	131.0	131.1	130.4
Massachusetts	3,269.2	3,289.0	3,289.7	3,292.6	137.4	136.2	134.8	135.4	296.9	292.4	292.7	292.9
Michigan	4,286.8	4,232.9	4,234.5	4,212.6	171.4	163.1	160.5	159.0	629.5	597.0	598.1	583.3
Minnesota	2,767.9	2,783.9	2,780.4	2,785.6	122.7	119.5	117.3	117.5	342.7	340.5	340.2	341.5
Mississippi	1,146.8	1,155.6	1,154.7	1,157.1	59.3	59.1	58.1	58.9	167.1	167.7	166.9	166.0
Missouri	2,797.4	2,801.2	2,801.3	2,790.7	149.0	147.0	149.1	147.1	302.5	294.4	292.6	288.2
Montana	443.5	448.4	450.0	451.3	32.1	32.7	32.8	33.3	20.6	20.4	20.3	20.6
Nebraska ³	956.7	969.9	970.9	969.9	49.7	52.0	51.3	49.9	100.9	101.5	101.0	101.1
Nevada	1,294.3	1,294.2	1,294.0	1,288.7	137.4	128.2	126.9	125.1	50.6	50.7	50.9	50.9
New Hampshire	645.5	654.3	653.1	655.0	27.8	27.7	27.8	27.9	77.8	77.9	77.9	77.9
New Jersey	4,067.2	4,074.0	4,071.9	4,072.9	171.0	169.3	168.9	168.2	314.6	309.7	308.7	308.3
New Mexico	843.1	843.0	848.2	851.3	59.1	57.6	59.0	59.4	37.8	36.0	35.5	35.3
New York	8,709.4	8,785.6	8,778.4	8,778.2	346.1	356.4	351.6	352.6	557.8	544.5	543.2	541.1
North Carolina	4,134.6	4,189.7	4,189.0	4,180.6	256.1	256.6	257.5	255.1	544.0	534.2	532.2	529.1
North Dakota	356.6	362.9	362.0	362.7	19.2	20.0	19.6	20.0	25.9	26.1	25.9	26.0
Ohio	5,427.5	5,432.2	5,420.5	5,417.9	225.1	226.0	223.0	222.4	779.4	766.4	767.0	758.8
Oklahoma	1,566.5	1,582.2	1,581.4	1,582.0	70.8	74.0	73.9	73.7	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)
Oregon	1,731.2	1,741.0	1,741.9	1,739.2	104.7	98.4	98.6	97.9	206.2	202.9	201.8	200.5
Pennsylvania	5,786.9	5,811.7	5,802.9	5,800.0	261.5	265.8	261.8	260.8	662.1	649.1	646.9	646.1
Rhode Island	494.9	489.0	487.9	484.8	22.8	21.1	20.8	21.0	51.3	49.4	49.3	48.6
South Carolina	1,941.5	1,966.4	1,955.9	1,950.5	127.5	127.2	123.5	121.4	250.8	249.2	249.2	247.4
South Dakota ³	404.9	410.5	410.6	411.3	23.0	23.1	23.3	23.4	42.2	42.2	42.1	42.5
Tennessee ³	2,795.8	2,797.7	2,796.6	2,795.0	137.0	138.5	138.7	138.8	387.5	373.2	374.5	373.8
Texas	10,301.3	10,485.5	10,501.6	10,514.8	632.1	654.3	651.9	649.4	933.7	932.2	932.6	932.4
Utah	1,243.6	1,265.7	1,267.4	1,272.0	103.6	103.4	101.8	102.0	127.4	128.7	129.5	130.1
Vermont	307.7	307.8	308.2	308.0	17.1	16.4	16.1	16.2	36.2	35.7	36.0	35.7
Virginia	3,755.1	3,767.2	3,771.1	3,767.3	242.4	238.3	237.4	237.7	281.4	274.3	273.1	272.0
Washington	2,913.1	2,964.5	2,969.4	2,966.4	205.7	206.8	206.7	207.3	290.7	297.6	297.6	297.3
West Virginia	757.7	754.7	758.9	760.6	40.0	37.2	38.0	38.4	59.5	57.9	57.9	57.6
Wisconsin	2,881.0	2,869.6	2,869.1	2,872.4	127.9	121.2	120.8	121.4	502.0	493.8	492.7	493.1
Wyoming	286.3	292.6	294.6	294.7	25.8	27.0	27.0	27.2	10.4	10.4	10.4	10.4

See footnotes at end of table.

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

(In thousands)

State	Trade, transportation, and utilities				Financial activities				Professional and business services			
	Mar. 2007	Jan. 2008	Feb. 2008	Mar. 2008P	Mar. 2007	Jan. 2008	Feb. 2008	Mar. 2008P	Mar. 2007	Jan. 2008	Feb. 2008	Mar. 2008P
Alabama	393.7	398.8	399.0	398.0	100.0	100.3	100.6	100.8	221.5	223.8	224.3	224.5
Alaska	64.1	64.7	65.2	64.8	15.0	14.9	14.9	14.9	24.8	25.1	25.3	25.5
Arizona	524.3	526.6	524.8	524.0	186.8	179.9	179.3	179.3	405.8	401.2	401.1	401.9
Arkansas	251.6	249.4	249.4	250.2	52.9	53.7	53.7	53.8	116.3	118.6	118.9	118.0
California	2,908.2	2,915.1	2,917.6	2,912.9	921.9	885.5	881.4	878.8	2,261.9	2,287.8	2,288.2	2,285.8
Colorado	427.7	434.1	435.2	436.2	160.4	158.1	158.3	158.2	344.6	352.6	353.6	354.7
Connecticut	310.5	311.7	310.7	310.7	145.0	143.5	143.1	142.6	204.8	205.3	204.9	204.0
Delaware ³	82.8	83.4	83.2	83.0	45.4	45.9	45.7	45.9	60.0	59.3	59.2	59.3
District of Columbia ³	27.6	27.5	27.5	27.6	29.5	28.9	28.7	28.7	153.6	156.1	156.4	155.4
Florida	1,614.9	1,617.7	1,615.6	1,609.5	545.8	542.5	538.8	536.9	1,331.9	1,337.6	1,330.9	1,313.9
Georgia	885.2	900.0	900.0	899.3	232.8	228.9	229.0	229.0	559.5	566.4	567.0	568.1
Hawaii ³	122.2	121.4	121.0	121.2	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)
Idaho	132.6	131.6	131.6	131.9	32.4	32.2	32.2	32.2	82.1	81.6	82.2	82.1
Illinois	1,211.3	1,225.0	1,222.2	1,223.4	405.2	404.9	404.3	403.6	867.2	873.6	875.1	874.3
Indiana	588.3	586.4	583.9	584.7	139.3	138.3	138.2	138.4	288.6	289.7	288.4	289.0
Iowa	309.0	309.9	309.4	308.7	102.1	103.4	103.7	104.0	119.9	122.2	122.3	122.1
Kansas	264.3	264.2	263.6	264.3	74.2	74.0	74.1	74.1	142.3	146.4	146.2	146.4
Kentucky	386.9	390.7	391.6	390.8	92.8	94.4	94.7	94.4	181.7	183.6	183.6	184.9
Louisiana	382.2	384.0	383.4	384.7	97.3	96.8	97.1	96.8	201.0	202.5	202.2	202.5
Maine	126.3	127.1	126.5	126.8	33.3	33.0	32.9	32.7	52.9	54.1	54.1	53.9
Maryland ³	478.0	478.7	478.3	479.2	158.9	156.3	156.2	156.1	395.0	401.6	402.5	403.7
Massachusetts	570.3	570.4	568.6	569.1	225.7	224.0	224.3	224.1	478.6	484.2	487.3	488.3
Michigan	789.6	787.6	787.8	787.3	212.8	209.4	209.3	208.8	578.4	570.1	574.6	574.4
Minnesota	529.4	534.0	531.3	530.1	180.0	179.5	180.0	179.9	329.4	332.5	331.7	331.6
Mississippi	227.1	227.9	227.0	228.4	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)	94.2	94.9	94.9	94.9
Missouri	551.0	549.5	550.2	548.9	166.9	165.9	166.1	165.7	335.9	343.0	342.0	340.5
Montana	91.9	93.6	93.8	93.4	21.8	21.7	21.8	21.9	40.3	41.8	41.9	42.1
Nebraska ³	203.7	205.7	206.3	206.5	68.7	69.2	69.4	69.3	103.1	107.3	107.7	108.2
Nevada	231.0	236.8	237.3	237.6	65.8	63.8	63.3	63.1	159.2	155.4	156.2	153.3
New Hampshire	142.0	142.8	141.9	142.4	38.5	38.4	38.6	38.7	64.8	67.0	67.4	67.5
New Jersey	873.8	877.3	874.2	875.2	277.0	269.3	269.2	269.2	604.7	609.0	609.5	608.9
New Mexico	144.4	145.7	146.8	147.1	35.3	35.6	35.4	35.3	108.6	108.0	108.8	109.3
New York	1,524.6	1,533.6	1,527.3	1,528.4	731.5	730.1	731.0	730.7	1,130.7	1,137.1	1,133.3	1,132.3
North Carolina	779.5	786.5	785.1	785.6	211.2	210.7	210.6	211.1	494.9	511.9	509.4	502.8
North Dakota	76.3	77.2	77.3	77.5	19.5	20.2	20.2	20.3	29.3	30.5	30.3	30.2
Ohio	1,049.9	1,054.6	1,050.8	1,052.1	301.5	300.6	300.2	300.2	664.6	667.6	667.7	668.5
Oklahoma	290.9	291.1	290.3	291.8	83.4	84.3	84.2	83.9	180.5	181.4	181.6	179.7
Oregon	339.9	342.7	343.9	342.3	108.2	105.1	105.3	105.4	198.2	200.1	200.9	200.8
Pennsylvania	1,134.2	1,135.6	1,131.4	1,132.2	332.5	330.9	331.1	331.0	699.7	711.2	711.6	710.9
Rhode Island	80.0	79.0	78.9	78.4	35.5	34.2	34.1	33.7	56.6	55.1	54.5	54.0
South Carolina	375.1	380.1	378.1	376.1	105.9	107.7	106.6	107.0	225.1	230.9	228.2	227.8
South Dakota ³	81.2	82.9	82.8	81.8	30.7	30.7	31.3	31.7	27.0	28.7	27.9	28.4
Tennessee ³	611.2	613.6	612.7	612.6	144.2	143.0	142.7	143.3	319.5	319.7	319.2	318.7
Texas	2,099.8	2,120.6	2,128.9	2,136.7	642.8	644.7	646.1	647.1	1,281.9	1,329.1	1,329.7	1,329.9
Utah	244.1	249.7	250.5	251.6	74.8	75.3	75.6	75.5	159.2	163.8	163.7	164.5
Vermont	59.3	59.3	59.2	58.8	13.3	13.3	13.2	13.3	22.2	22.2	22.3	22.3
Virginia	667.8	667.9	666.7	664.0	195.6	191.6	192.6	192.3	641.1	646.5	649.0	649.3
Washington	551.0	558.3	557.5	556.9	156.2	154.5	154.4	154.2	344.1	350.1	351.5	350.5
West Virginia	143.8	142.2	143.0	143.3	29.8	29.5	29.6	29.6	60.3	60.9	61.3	62.0
Wisconsin	548.8	545.5	545.3	544.9	162.9	162.5	162.7	162.8	276.0	278.8	279.4	279.9
Wyoming	54.9	56.9	57.1	57.1	11.2	11.6	11.6	11.6	18.3	18.4	18.7	18.7

See footnotes at end of table.

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

(In thousands)

State	Education and health services				Leisure and hospitality				Government			
	Mar. 2007	Jan. 2008	Feb. 2008	Mar. 2008 ^P	Mar. 2007	Jan. 2008	Feb. 2008	Mar. 2008 ^P	Mar. 2007	Jan. 2008	Feb. 2008	Mar. 2008 ^P
Alabama	207.4	209.1	209.3	209.3	173.7	174.4	175.1	174.8	375.3	378.6	379.2	379.5
Alaska	37.1	37.1	37.1	37.4	32.2	32.1	32.3	32.5	81.8	81.7	82.0	81.7
Arizona	301.0	309.2	311.1	312.8	272.7	273.1	273.8	273.3	416.5	436.6	433.5	434.5
Arkansas	153.1	155.7	156.4	156.7	98.4	100.4	100.8	100.7	210.0	211.8	212.0	212.4
California	1,655.2	1,684.6	1,696.9	1,702.3	1,549.4	1,561.9	1,565.7	1,568.3	2,484.6	2,527.7	2,529.6	2,531.5
Colorado	237.9	243.6	245.1	245.9	268.9	275.2	275.4	276.0	372.4	380.3	380.3	381.8
Connecticut	285.4	291.6	292.1	292.3	134.1	136.2	137.1	136.2	247.6	252.1	252.5	251.9
Delaware ³	57.4	59.3	59.3	58.9	41.3	39.7	39.8	39.7	61.0	61.0	60.8	60.7
District of Columbia ³	98.4	100.2	100.6	100.9	54.7	54.8	55.0	54.3	230.7	233.5	233.6	233.1
Florida	998.9	1,027.3	1,031.1	1,034.0	927.9	934.5	938.9	945.4	1,120.0	1,138.3	1,141.9	1,144.4
Georgia	449.7	463.5	463.1	463.2	394.5	400.8	402.9	400.6	673.9	681.9	683.0	684.4
Hawaii ³	72.6	73.8	74.3	74.2	110.1	109.3	109.3	109.5	122.0	123.7	122.9	124.0
Idaho	72.5	74.3	74.1	74.9	62.5	64.0	64.0	64.3	116.0	119.9	119.9	119.9
Illinois	774.9	788.3	788.7	788.8	529.5	527.6	529.2	529.4	848.2	851.9	855.0	853.8
Indiana	390.8	405.4	404.8	405.6	284.5	283.5	283.8	283.5	430.3	436.4	437.7	437.8
Iowa	202.1	203.3	203.9	204.2	136.2	137.3	137.1	136.4	249.0	252.5	252.4	252.7
Kansas	169.9	171.0	171.3	172.3	115.8	115.1	114.7	115.3	257.3	258.8	260.3	260.7
Kentucky	240.4	241.7	241.3	240.8	171.7	176.1	174.9	174.1	321.0	328.0	328.4	328.9
Louisiana	243.9	250.2	251.2	252.2	193.4	199.3	199.5	199.1	355.6	363.9	364.0	362.7
Maine	115.9	116.8	117.0	116.8	60.4	61.2	61.4	60.9	104.0	104.0	103.6	104.2
Maryland ³	371.4	379.3	380.1	381.1	233.3	238.2	238.7	239.5	477.2	480.9	482.7	483.8
Massachusetts	617.7	633.0	633.0	632.6	302.6	303.7	304.0	305.2	431.5	435.7	435.2	435.8
Michigan	590.6	601.9	603.7	603.6	405.1	404.4	402.2	401.8	660.0	650.6	649.4	646.8
Minnesota	422.1	433.3	433.8	436.1	247.2	248.7	248.8	250.1	413.1	416.7	417.2	418.6
Mississippi	124.9	127.1	127.3	127.6	124.8	126.5	127.1	127.4	242.5	245.8	246.0	246.4
Missouri	382.5	386.3	387.6	387.7	282.6	282.1	282.5	282.0	437.9	441.8	441.3	440.7
Montana	58.5	59.8	60.0	60.3	57.5	59.0	59.5	59.3	87.5	86.1	86.4	86.5
Nebraska ³	131.8	133.0	134.7	134.8	81.7	82.6	82.8	82.9	163.2	165.0	163.9	163.4
Nevada	91.1	94.5	94.8	94.6	339.9	341.4	340.5	339.7	155.4	159.0	159.5	159.5
New Hampshire	102.4	104.3	105.5	105.8	64.2	64.0	63.9	63.8	92.9	96.6	94.6	95.4
New Jersey	578.2	586.5	587.9	587.9	338.8	339.3	340.1	341.4	648.3	648.5	648.9	649.6
New Mexico	110.6	112.5	113.7	114.6	88.0	88.6	88.7	89.0	194.7	194.9	195.3	195.8
New York	1,593.1	1,628.0	1,631.3	1,632.1	695.9	704.9	708.9	708.7	1,497.8	1,510.1	1,511.0	1,511.9
North Carolina	508.8	523.0	525.0	527.2	392.4	399.6	400.9	399.5	691.0	702.2	702.5	703.8
North Dakota	50.4	51.4	51.4	51.7	32.7	33.8	33.6	33.4	75.4	75.7	75.3	75.1
Ohio	785.6	800.6	798.2	800.4	502.2	499.7	498.7	499.5	797.5	796.3	795.5	796.7
Oklahoma	190.5	195.3	195.8	196.2	139.9	142.5	142.6	142.4	322.7	319.8	320.6	321.1
Oregon	210.0	218.6	216.5	217.8	170.8	175.7	176.3	175.6	287.8	292.6	294.1	295.2
Pennsylvania	1,068.4	1,084.5	1,085.7	1,086.1	499.8	504.9	505.6	504.9	744.7	744.1	742.7	742.3
Rhode Island	98.9	100.2	100.6	100.2	51.3	51.2	51.0	50.8	64.5	64.6	64.4	64.2
South Carolina	199.0	205.6	205.0	204.5	216.4	218.7	219.2	220.0	335.2	341.3	340.9	341.0
South Dakota ³	59.4	61.2	60.9	61.0	43.2	43.0	43.5	43.8	75.4	75.4	75.7	75.6
Tennessee ³	347.9	354.7	355.7	355.9	275.7	278.0	278.3	278.7	419.5	424.2	422.0	420.7
Texas	1,244.5	1,275.1	1,278.4	1,280.6	967.7	1,000.4	1,004.7	1,009.0	1,724.6	1,735.5	1,734.8	1,735.9
Utah	138.0	143.2	143.6	144.0	112.4	115.2	115.7	116.3	205.6	207.2	208.0	208.6
Vermont	56.2	57.0	57.4	57.4	32.8	32.5	32.7	33.1	54.0	54.2	54.1	54.1
Virginia	413.5	421.4	422.1	423.3	344.4	350.1	350.6	348.7	682.3	690.2	692.0	692.8
Washington	344.2	353.4	354.8	354.4	277.8	287.4	289.2	288.4	528.5	538.3	539.3	538.3
West Virginia	112.9	114.5	115.5	115.5	70.9	71.6	72.7	73.5	145.3	144.9	144.7	144.3
Wisconsin	397.0	401.9	404.6	406.0	262.0	256.9	256.3	256.7	413.9	418.0	416.5	418.4
Wyoming	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)	33.6	34.1	34.6	34.5	66.5	67.2	67.8	68.0

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

² This series is not published seasonally adjusted because the seasonal component, which is small relative to the trend-cycle and irregular components, cannot be separated with sufficient precision.

³ Natural resources and mining is combined with construction.

^P = preliminary.

NOTE: Data are counts of jobs by place of work. Estimates are currently projected from 2007 benchmark levels. Estimates subsequent to the current benchmarks are provisional and will be revised when new information becomes available. Data reflect the conversion to the 2007 version of the North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) as the basis for the assignment and tabulation of economic data by industry, replacing NAICS 2002. See <http://www.bls.gov/sae/saenaics07.htm> for more details.

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

(In thousands)

State	Total				Natural resources and mining				Construction				Manufacturing			
	February		March		February		March		February		March		February		March	
	2007	2008	2007	2008 ^P	2007	2008	2007	2008 ^P	2007	2008	2007	2008 ^P	2007	2008	2007	2008 ^P
Alabama	1,987.3	2,004.2	2,004.4	2,015.6	13.0	12.7	13.1	12.7	110.7	112.9	113.2	114.8	297.9	291.8	297.6	291.8
Alaska	303.0	304.7	305.8	307.2	13.2	14.3	13.3	14.3	14.8	13.5	14.9	13.8	11.7	11.6	11.8	11.8
Arizona	2,668.5	2,669.3	2,686.3	2,678.8	10.5	12.3	10.7	12.3	227.6	204.5	228.5	203.7	183.8	179.8	183.5	179.6
Arkansas	1,193.3	1,198.2	1,207.8	1,207.2	8.7	10.1	9.0	10.2	53.6	53.2	56.4	54.2	191.6	184.4	191.5	184.3
California	15,047.2	15,066.1	15,151.5	15,134.9	24.8	24.8	24.6	24.7	879.9	808.5	894.0	808.7	1,461.3	1,435.3	1,464.4	1,439.9
Colorado	2,280.5	2,327.2	2,306.3	2,344.8	23.6	26.8	23.9	27.3	154.4	155.0	160.5	158.6	145.6	143.3	146.1	142.7
Connecticut	1,668.4	1,681.0	1,671.9	1,683.4	.6	.6	.6	.6	60.7	61.1	62.4	62.6	191.7	189.7	191.8	189.6
Delaware	425.1	428.0	430.4	431.3	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	26.0	26.0	26.8	26.3	33.0	34.0	33.3	33.7
District of Columbia ..	690.3	697.6	693.1	698.7	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	12.0	12.2	12.1	12.2	1.7	1.6	1.7	1.6
Florida	8,077.4	8,041.3	8,141.6	8,063.7	6.8	6.4	6.7	6.4	621.2	546.4	625.3	540.3	395.7	374.1	395.5	373.3
Georgia	4,114.8	4,151.1	4,130.9	4,161.3	12.1	11.8	12.1	11.8	220.2	218.4	221.3	217.9	436.2	423.5	434.4	422.9
Hawaii	623.0	627.6	626.6	630.8	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	37.9	39.7	38.1	39.9	15.4	15.1	15.4	15.2
Idaho	635.5	638.8	642.3	643.2	4.0	4.3	3.8	4.0	47.8	45.0	49.4	45.3	66.2	63.0	66.2	62.5
Illinois	5,845.5	5,885.2	5,903.2	5,924.5	9.7	9.2	10.0	9.5	233.6	233.4	249.8	244.3	675.3	672.1	676.8	671.5
Indiana	2,924.6	2,948.8	2,965.4	2,966.5	6.7	6.6	6.9	6.8	132.4	133.0	142.1	137.6	549.1	540.2	551.4	537.1
Iowa	1,485.7	1,497.2	1,496.4	1,508.1	1.7	1.7	2.0	1.7	60.7	61.4	63.4	63.9	226.9	227.8	227.5	228.8
Kansas	1,351.9	1,371.1	1,372.9	1,382.8	8.9	9.1	9.0	9.2	57.8	60.4	62.5	62.1	183.5	186.2	184.7	186.6
Kentucky	1,830.9	1,855.5	1,849.8	1,870.1	22.2	21.9	22.4	21.8	75.5	80.6	80.9	82.5	258.4	249.9	255.2	252.6
Louisiana	1,895.4	1,935.3	1,915.5	1,945.8	49.8	51.0	50.0	51.4	130.5	136.0	132.7	137.1	155.2	157.4	156.0	157.6
Maine	596.2	597.1	599.1	599.3	2.9	2.8	2.9	2.8	26.9	26.3	27.4	26.6	57.9	57.1	58.2	57.2
Maryland	2,552.7	2,585.5	2,586.3	2,611.2	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	180.2	182.1	186.0	184.3	131.8	130.2	132.1	129.9
Massachusetts	3,206.1	3,233.2	3,221.1	3,248.6	1.3	1.4	1.4	1.4	121.5	121.0	123.8	123.6	296.6	292.1	295.8	292.2
Michigan	4,213.0	4,160.7	4,234.0	4,161.6	7.2	6.7	7.0	6.6	145.2	135.6	149.7	137.1	629.9	593.8	628.3	580.5
Minnesota	2,711.9	2,725.4	2,722.2	2,739.7	5.6	5.6	5.6	5.6	104.0	97.6	106.5	99.8	337.0	334.4	337.3	337.0
Mississippi	1,144.5	1,150.6	1,148.3	1,157.7	9.3	9.4	9.4	9.5	56.6	56.5	58.4	57.8	172.3	166.4	167.2	166.0
Missouri	2,741.7	2,759.3	2,785.3	2,778.4	5.0	5.7	5.2	5.8	133.1	138.4	143.4	141.8	302.3	292.4	303.1	288.9
Montana	430.2	438.1	436.4	442.2	8.1	8.4	8.3	8.6	27.6	29.2	29.1	30.1	20.2	20.0	20.3	20.2
Nebraska	940.7	958.5	947.4	963.3	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	44.0	46.3	46.2	47.5	100.4	100.7	100.4	100.9
Nevada	1,283.1	1,284.8	1,290.7	1,286.8	11.7	12.2	11.9	12.2	132.0	123.1	134.7	122.8	49.8	50.7	50.3	50.9
New Hampshire	633.9	642.2	635.8	645.1	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.1	24.6	24.8	24.8	25.3	77.3	77.3	77.6	77.3
New Jersey	3,989.4	4,003.2	4,020.6	4,029.5	1.5	1.5	1.6	1.6	155.4	154.5	160.7	157.7	313.5	306.4	313.5	307.0
New Mexico	833.9	839.7	842.3	847.6	19.0	19.3	19.1	19.3	56.8	56.1	58.1	57.6	37.3	34.8	37.2	34.9
New York	8,571.5	8,650.6	8,627.9	8,698.2	5.3	5.2	5.5	5.5	310.5	316.8	318.8	325.1	553.5	538.0	554.7	538.6
North Carolina	4,076.8	4,141.6	4,117.2	4,162.8	6.9	6.9	7.0	7.0	247.0	250.8	252.0	251.5	543.9	528.5	542.5	527.6
North Dakota	349.6	356.3	352.6	358.6	4.7	5.1	4.8	5.2	15.3	16.0	16.1	16.7	25.3	25.4	25.5	25.6
Ohio	5,321.0	5,325.1	5,369.0	5,361.6	11.0	11.5	11.2	11.7	195.6	197.5	206.1	203.9	775.6	762.2	776.4	757.0
Oklahoma	1,543.8	1,569.7	1,565.2	1,580.9	44.2	50.0	44.8	50.5	67.7	71.6	70.2	72.8	149.3	150.4	150.3	150.3
Oregon	1,704.5	1,721.4	1,717.7	1,728.1	8.9	8.2	8.9	7.7	98.9	93.7	100.5	93.7	203.4	198.9	203.5	197.9
Pennsylvania	5,690.8	5,722.3	5,742.4	5,756.7	19.8	20.4	20.2	20.7	232.9	235.5	244.0	242.6	653.6	640.7	658.2	642.0
Rhode Island	483.5	477.6	485.9	477.0	.2	.2	.2	.2	19.9	18.4	20.4	18.9	51.5	49.2	51.3	48.6
South Carolina	1,916.2	1,934.7	1,939.6	1,949.6	4.7	4.5	4.7	4.5	124.4	121.3	126.7	120.8	250.7	247.2	251.4	247.3
South Dakota	392.8	400.6	396.4	403.2	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	19.0	19.7	20.0	20.6	41.6	41.8	41.9	42.2
Tennessee	2,753.7	2,763.4	2,784.0	2,783.2	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	130.1	133.3	135.0	135.8	387.3	373.0	387.1	373.6
Texas	10,206.6	10,446.3	10,301.8	10,511.0	199.3	215.0	201.4	216.8	622.2	645.0	635.2	650.2	929.0	928.8	930.3	929.6
Utah	1,226.7	1,255.5	1,238.5	1,265.0	10.6	11.2	10.8	11.3	96.5	95.7	99.3	97.2	125.7	128.7	126.6	129.2
Vermont	306.8	307.2	306.4	306.8	.8	.8	.8	.8	14.2	13.5	14.4	13.7	35.8	35.5	35.7	35.3
Virginia	3,705.7	3,724.7	3,737.1	3,748.5	11.2	10.6	11.4	10.7	233.3	229.8	237.6	232.5	280.6	271.2	280.8	271.3
Washington	2,873.7	2,927.1	2,891.4	2,940.4	7.9	7.9	7.6	7.9	194.4	196.3	199.6	199.8	288.1	293.5	287.3	294.1
West Virginia	741.5	745.3	752.0	753.6	27.9	28.4	27.9	28.5	34.2	33.4	37.2	35.2	58.9	57.5	59.2	57.3
Wisconsin	2,810.0	2,812.2	2,830.0	2,825.1	3.2	3.0	3.3	3.0	107.9	105.5	113.0	107.8	496.3	487.0	495.9	487.3
Wyoming	276.9	285.8	280.3	287.8	26.9	27.4	26.8	27.3	22.4	24.3	23.6	24.9	10.1	10.1	10.2	10.0
Puerto Rico	1,025.1	1,011.9	1,030.0	1,013.9	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	67.6	66.9	66.8	67.9	107.2	103.0	106.7	103.1

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

(In thousands)

State	Trade, transportation, and utilities				Information				Financial activities				Professional and business services			
	February		March		February		March		February		March		February		March	
	2007	2008	2007	2008 ^P	2007	2008	2007	2008 ^P	2007	2008	2007	2008 ^P	2007	2008	2007	2008 ^P
Alabama	387.5	394.5	391.8	396.7	28.1	28.6	28.2	28.7	99.1	99.8	99.7	100.1	218.1	222.3	221.1	224.1
Alaska	59.8	60.7	60.4	61.1	6.9	6.8	6.9	6.9	14.6	14.5	14.7	14.5	23.7	24.1	23.9	24.3
Arizona	520.8	523.7	523.2	524.3	42.4	42.5	42.3	42.3	185.9	179.3	186.5	179.3	399.3	398.5	403.9	401.8
Arkansas	245.9	245.9	250.3	248.5	19.6	19.9	19.6	19.9	52.4	53.3	52.6	53.5	115.1	117.3	116.6	117.7
California	2,871.3	2,878.6	2,878.1	2,880.4	471.2	462.1	473.5	468.8	920.6	879.8	922.3	879.3	2,240.2	2,270.6	2,255.9	2,278.3
Colorado	419.7	428.4	422.3	430.4	75.0	75.3	75.0	75.0	160.1	157.7	160.4	158.0	334.0	343.3	338.8	347.0
Connecticut	305.3	306.0	306.6	307.2	37.9	39.4	37.7	38.8	144.4	142.2	144.1	142.1	200.4	200.1	201.6	201.4
Delaware	80.6	81.0	81.1	81.4	6.8	6.7	6.8	6.8	44.9	45.5	44.9	45.7	58.5	58.0	59.4	58.6
District of Columbia ..	27.2	27.3	27.4	27.4	22.5	21.3	22.4	21.2	29.7	28.5	29.7	28.6	152.3	155.0	152.8	154.7
Florida	1,603.8	1,609.1	1,612.6	1,609.5	161.2	160.4	161.8	160.3	544.1	536.2	546.1	536.2	1,334.7	1,328.1	1,345.8	1,321.4
Georgia	874.8	887.6	877.1	889.6	114.7	114.6	114.8	114.7	232.1	227.9	232.0	227.9	552.9	562.4	558.3	565.2
Hawaii	120.3	120.6	121.4	120.2	11.0	10.5	10.9	10.7	30.0	29.9	30.2	30.0	75.7	76.9	76.0	77.3
Idaho	128.6	128.2	130.1	129.4	10.6	10.9	10.7	11.0	31.9	31.6	32.0	31.7	78.8	78.8	80.2	79.6
Illinois	1,185.7	1,198.3	1,196.3	1,205.9	115.7	116.4	115.7	116.5	402.8	401.0	402.8	401.1	837.5	845.3	847.2	854.5
Indiana	572.5	575.0	579.9	578.5	39.6	40.5	39.5	40.5	137.8	137.2	138.1	137.6	276.8	280.2	283.5	283.1
Iowa	302.5	302.6	304.1	304.1	33.5	32.9	33.7	32.9	101.2	103.0	101.6	103.4	117.1	119.2	117.7	120.2
Kansas	257.7	259.4	261.5	261.5	41.2	40.7	41.3	40.7	73.3	73.6	73.9	73.8	139.5	142.9	141.3	144.6
Kentucky	378.2	384.6	383.2	387.4	29.5	30.3	29.6	29.8	92.3	94.0	92.4	94.1	177.0	179.0	179.6	182.0
Louisiana	377.9	381.9	382.4	385.7	27.5	26.6	29.6	26.8	98.0	96.7	97.1	96.8	199.7	201.5	201.7	203.0
Maine	120.7	121.3	121.1	121.5	11.4	11.3	11.4	11.2	33.0	32.6	33.0	32.5	51.0	52.1	51.3	52.3
Maryland	467.3	468.2	471.8	472.2	49.7	50.7	50.5	50.9	158.0	155.0	158.3	155.2	386.2	393.1	391.8	398.8
Massachusetts	557.2	556.8	558.8	558.4	86.7	89.3	87.6	89.7	223.8	222.6	223.8	222.4	463.8	472.5	467.2	476.0
Michigan	770.1	768.6	772.1	771.7	65.6	65.2	65.3	64.8	211.1	207.4	210.9	207.1	563.2	557.8	563.6	558.3
Minnesota	518.8	520.6	519.3	520.8	57.9	58.5	58.2	58.3	179.2	179.5	179.3	180.1	321.1	321.2	323.2	322.5
Mississippi	223.3	225.6	226.1	228.3	13.3	13.2	13.3	13.1	46.7	46.6	46.8	46.7	94.3	94.5	95.4	95.2
Missouri	538.4	540.7	546.0	544.1	62.4	64.3	62.9	64.4	164.9	164.9	165.6	164.8	328.9	335.3	334.8	337.5
Montana	89.4	91.0	90.2	91.4	7.5	7.7	7.5	7.7	21.4	21.6	21.6	21.7	38.5	40.3	39.3	40.7
Nebraska	199.9	203.7	201.1	204.8	19.1	19.0	19.1	19.0	68.2	69.4	68.4	69.2	101.2	106.1	102.0	106.8
Nevada	227.5	234.9	228.8	235.8	15.8	15.5	15.6	15.5	65.1	62.9	65.5	62.9	161.1	155.3	159.4	153.3
New Hampshire	138.1	138.5	138.6	139.0	12.2	12.2	12.1	12.3	38.1	38.4	38.2	38.5	63.2	65.7	63.1	65.9
New Jersey	857.7	858.6	860.6	862.4	97.1	97.2	97.5	97.3	274.3	267.4	274.3	267.5	585.3	593.5	594.0	600.6
New Mexico	141.8	144.1	143.2	145.2	15.5	15.8	15.8	16.3	35.0	35.2	35.3	35.2	107.6	107.5	108.3	108.0
New York	1,489.6	1,498.0	1,496.6	1,503.0	261.9	265.7	262.3	266.2	724.4	725.8	726.4	726.3	1,104.8	1,108.5	1,116.4	1,114.3
North Carolina	761.8	769.6	770.5	776.3	72.6	72.8	72.4	72.6	207.7	207.8	209.1	208.8	484.4	502.1	490.1	498.9
North Dakota	75.0	75.9	75.1	76.3	7.6	7.5	7.6	7.6	19.4	20.0	19.5	20.1	28.3	29.7	28.8	29.6
Ohio	1,024.8	1,029.0	1,033.8	1,036.1	87.4	86.7	87.0	86.4	301.2	298.4	300.0	298.2	646.7	650.2	653.4	657.6
Oklahoma	282.6	286.4	288.3	289.4	29.0	28.8	28.6	28.8	83.3	83.7	83.5	83.7	176.4	177.9	179.7	178.9
Oregon	332.3	336.3	333.8	336.8	35.3	36.1	35.8	36.0	106.5	104.3	107.1	104.4	193.0	195.7	195.3	197.4
Pennsylvania	1,111.1	1,111.9	1,119.8	1,117.7	106.5	106.1	106.4	105.9	330.4	328.5	330.6	329.1	681.6	696.6	688.1	702.0
Rhode Island	78.0	77.0	78.2	76.8	10.4	10.9	10.5	10.8	35.3	34.0	35.2	33.6	54.0	52.3	54.3	52.2
South Carolina	368.4	373.8	373.9	375.4	27.2	27.5	27.4	27.6	104.1	106.3	105.0	106.6	222.6	222.8	224.2	224.7
South Dakota	78.7	80.6	79.5	80.0	7.1	7.1	7.0	7.1	30.4	31.2	30.7	31.8	28.4	27.7	26.6	27.9
Tennessee	600.6	603.7	607.1	608.1	49.3	49.4	49.2	49.2	142.8	141.9	143.8	142.6	312.6	314.0	316.0	315.9
Texas	2,064.6	2,103.8	2,085.0	2,121.3	220.7	220.3	220.7	221.0	636.8	643.1	639.8	644.9	1,263.1	1,316.0	1,276.9	1,323.3
Utah	239.9	246.8	241.8	248.6	32.0	31.1	32.2	31.7	74.4	75.4	74.6	75.1	154.5	160.0	156.4	161.5
Vermont	58.4	58.1	58.0	57.7	5.9	6.0	5.9	6.0	13.1	13.0	13.2	13.2	21.3	21.5	21.6	21.7
Virginia	654.2	654.6	658.5	656.1	91.3	89.5	90.7	90.1	193.9	190.6	194.7	191.1	631.9	641.5	638.2	646.2
Washington	539.1	545.6	541.9	547.0	101.3	103.5	101.0	103.8	154.5	152.9	155.2	153.1	335.6	344.3	339.9	346.3
West Virginia	140.1	139.8	141.6	141.1	11.3	11.3	11.2	11.3	29.5	29.4	29.6	29.6	58.8	60.6	59.7	61.5
Wisconsin	533.5	531.8	536.3	533.2	49.5	49.6	49.4	49.6	161.9	161.8	161.5	161.9	267.2	270.0	269.2	271.0
Wyoming	53.2	55.3	53.8	55.7	4.0	3.9	4.0	4.0	11.0	11.5	11.1	11.5	17.1	17.6	17.5	18.1
Puerto Rico	181.2	177.7	182.1	176.3	22.4	22.0	22.6	22.1	48.3	48.3	48.4	48.3	108.6	103.9	109.2	103.6

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

(In thousands)

State	Education and health services				Leisure and hospitality				Other services				Government			
	February		March		February		March		February		March		February		March	
	2007	2008	2007	2008 ^P	2007	2008	2007	2008 ^P	2007	2008	2007	2008 ^P	2007	2008	2007	2008 ^P
Alabama	206.6	209.1	207.5	209.3	169.2	170.3	172.9	173.7	80.5	80.1	81.4	80.5	376.6	382.1	377.9	383.2
Alaska	37.1	37.0	37.3	37.5	27.3	27.8	27.9	28.4	11.4	11.4	11.5	11.5	82.5	83.0	83.2	83.1
Arizona	301.1	311.9	302.8	313.8	272.9	275.3	278.4	279.0	98.6	97.5	99.6	98.1	425.6	444.0	426.9	444.6
Arkansas	153.0	156.5	153.9	157.3	94.9	97.1	97.8	99.7	44.9	45.1	45.5	45.5	213.6	215.4	214.6	216.4
California	1,657.7	1,705.3	1,672.0	1,714.3	1,514.2	1,537.3	1,534.7	1,552.9	507.2	512.9	510.8	517.2	2,498.8	2,550.9	2,521.2	2,570.4
Colorado	236.8	245.6	238.4	246.3	264.7	273.8	270.0	277.7	91.9	94.0	92.9	94.7	374.7	384.0	378.0	387.1
Connecticut	286.6	294.0	285.2	292.1	125.2	128.0	126.5	129.2	63.2	63.2	63.6	63.6	252.4	256.7	251.8	256.2
Delaware	57.1	59.2	57.4	59.2	37.0	36.2	38.0	36.9	20.1	20.5	20.3	20.6	61.1	60.9	62.4	62.1
District of Columbia	101.6	103.9	102.4	104.2	52.8	53.5	54.5	54.3	61.6	63.7	61.9	64.0	228.9	230.6	228.2	230.5
Florida	997.9	1,030.8	1,003.2	1,035.6	934.6	946.9	957.2	969.6	342.3	343.5	346.8	348.4	1,135.1	1,159.4	1,140.6	1,162.7
Georgia	450.0	463.1	449.1	463.1	383.7	391.8	391.6	396.7	158.6	160.5	159.0	160.3	679.5	689.5	681.2	691.2
Hawaii	72.7	74.1	72.9	74.4	109.6	109.1	110.4	109.4	26.2	26.8	26.4	26.9	124.2	124.9	124.9	126.8
Idaho	72.5	74.6	72.8	75.4	59.4	61.6	60.7	62.6	18.9	19.4	19.2	19.6	116.8	121.4	117.2	122.1
Illinois	773.8	788.0	777.4	789.6	499.2	501.2	509.4	509.3	255.4	257.7	258.4	258.0	856.8	862.6	859.4	864.3
Indiana	391.4	406.7	393.6	408.7	268.1	270.5	275.1	274.4	109.6	111.4	111.3	112.4	440.6	447.5	444.0	449.8
Iowa	204.1	206.3	205.5	207.3	127.9	128.7	130.2	130.8	56.4	57.2	57.1	57.7	253.7	256.4	253.6	257.3
Kansas	168.8	171.9	170.1	172.5	109.8	110.8	113.0	112.9	51.3	51.7	52.2	52.0	260.1	264.4	263.4	266.9
Kentucky	239.5	241.1	240.5	240.9	161.7	167.2	166.9	170.1	74.6	76.1	75.5	76.3	322.0	330.8	323.6	332.6
Louisiana	243.1	252.4	244.6	253.7	188.7	196.4	193.2	198.4	67.8	68.3	68.7	68.6	357.2	367.1	359.5	366.7
Maine	116.5	117.4	116.6	117.4	50.3	50.5	50.8	51.0	19.3	19.4	19.4	19.5	106.3	106.3	107.0	107.3
Maryland	370.1	380.5	372.8	382.0	214.7	221.2	221.4	227.4	116.2	117.8	117.4	119.0	478.5	486.7	484.2	491.5
Massachusetts	623.1	638.6	624.7	640.4	276.0	278.1	279.8	282.5	116.4	116.1	117.4	116.3	439.7	444.7	440.8	445.7
Michigan	591.3	603.4	594.2	605.4	377.8	377.0	384.6	382.1	173.7	173.6	175.3	174.9	677.9	671.6	683.0	673.1
Minnesota	421.1	434.1	422.9	437.4	231.9	234.3	234.0	237.1	114.8	113.6	116.3	115.0	420.5	426.0	419.6	426.1
Mississippi	125.1	128.0	125.9	128.4	121.9	124.6	123.6	126.7	37.1	37.8	37.4	37.9	244.6	248.0	244.8	248.1
Missouri	381.2	386.8	383.2	387.9	260.1	262.8	271.7	271.3	119.0	118.0	120.3	119.1	446.4	450.0	449.1	452.8
Montana	58.7	60.2	59.0	60.5	54.0	56.0	54.9	56.8	16.8	16.9	17.2	17.1	88.0	86.8	89.0	87.4
Nebraska	131.9	134.4	132.1	134.8	77.8	79.5	79.2	80.7	34.3	34.6	34.7	34.9	163.9	164.8	164.2	164.7
Nevada	91.2	94.8	91.6	95.0	335.7	337.1	338.4	338.6	35.3	36.2	36.0	36.7	157.9	162.1	158.5	163.1
New Hampshire	102.5	105.9	102.9	106.3	59.1	59.0	59.2	59.2	21.4	21.9	21.6	21.8	96.4	97.5	96.7	98.4
New Jersey	575.6	587.4	580.1	589.9	312.8	316.0	318.2	321.6	159.6	162.8	160.3	163.7	656.6	657.9	659.8	660.2
New Mexico	110.9	114.8	111.8	115.8	85.3	85.5	86.9	87.3	28.7	28.8	28.9	29.1	196.0	197.8	197.7	198.9
New York	1,605.0	1,643.9	1,616.0	1,653.3	649.8	664.5	659.8	673.7	357.7	362.6	360.3	365.7	1,509.0	1,521.6	1,511.1	1,526.5
North Carolina	505.3	524.4	509.1	527.7	370.8	380.7	381.0	387.6	175.9	183.7	177.8	185.4	700.5	714.3	705.7	719.4
North Dakota	50.1	51.4	50.3	51.6	31.1	32.0	31.7	32.4	15.0	15.4	15.2	15.5	77.8	77.9	78.0	78.0
Ohio	785.2	800.9	789.5	804.4	466.4	463.9	478.4	476.0	219.4	218.0	221.9	219.7	807.7	806.8	811.3	810.6
Oklahoma	188.6	195.9	190.0	196.8	134.2	137.9	138.9	140.7	62.1	63.2	62.7	63.3	326.4	323.9	328.2	325.7
Oregon	211.3	219.1	212.4	220.8	163.2	169.9	166.2	171.4	59.6	59.3	60.0	59.7	292.1	299.9	294.2	302.3
Pennsylvania	1,076.0	1,097.9	1,081.2	1,099.2	464.8	471.0	474.9	479.5	252.8	254.1	254.4	256.1	761.3	759.6	764.6	761.9
Rhode Island	100.1	101.9	101.0	102.2	46.0	45.9	46.7	46.0	22.7	22.7	22.8	22.5	65.4	65.1	65.3	65.2
South Carolina	198.1	205.5	199.1	206.0	203.0	207.7	211.3	215.9	73.8	72.8	74.4	73.7	339.2	345.3	341.5	347.1
South Dakota	59.1	61.1	59.5	61.4	39.1	39.4	39.7	40.2	15.6	15.7	15.7	15.8	75.8	76.3	75.8	76.2
Tennessee	345.7	354.5	347.4	355.8	260.5	265.1	268.9	271.7	102.3	102.2	104.2	103.2	422.5	426.3	425.3	427.3
Texas	1,237.0	1,277.1	1,245.2	1,281.8	937.3	981.5	960.9	1,000.9	348.5	354.2	351.9	356.3	1,748.1	1,761.5	1,754.5	1,764.9
Utah	139.1	145.1	139.8	145.7	111.2	114.8	113.3	116.9	34.8	35.7	35.0	35.9	208.0	211.0	208.7	211.9
Vermont	56.3	57.6	56.4	57.7	34.8	34.9	34.2	34.3	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	56.4	56.5	56.4	56.6
Virginia	414.9	426.2	417.7	428.3	323.9	329.2	333.7	336.3	182.7	185.6	184.5	186.5	687.8	695.9	689.3	699.4
Washington	344.7	355.4	346.9	356.6	266.7	277.6	270.5	280.2	103.8	104.9	104.7	105.7	537.6	545.2	536.8	545.9
West Virginia	112.7	115.7	113.5	116.2	66.9	69.0	69.0	70.7	55.4	55.5	55.7	56.0	145.8	144.7	147.4	146.2
Wisconsin	395.4	404.4	396.4	406.0	242.8	239.3	246.0	242.2	135.5	135.5	136.5	135.9	416.8	424.3	422.5	427.2
Wyoming	22.9	23.8	23.0	23.6	31.0	31.6	31.3	31.8	11.4	11.8	11.6	11.7	66.9	68.5	67.4	69.2
Puerto Rico	104.7	104.9	106.9	106.9	71.8	73.5	72.6	72.5	18.1	18.2	18.5	18.0	295.2	293.5	296.2	295.2

¹ Natural resources and mining is combined with construction.

^P = preliminary.

NOTE: Data are counts of jobs by place of work. Estimates are currently projected from 2007 benchmark levels. Estimates subsequent to the current benchmarks are

provisional and will be revised when new information becomes available. Data reflect the conversion to the 2007 version of the North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) as the basis for the assignment and tabulation of economic data by industry, replacing NAICS 2002. For more details, see <http://www.bls.gov/sae/saenaics07.htm>.

Chart 1. Unemployment rates by state, seasonally adjusted, March 2008

(U.S. rate = 5.1 percent)

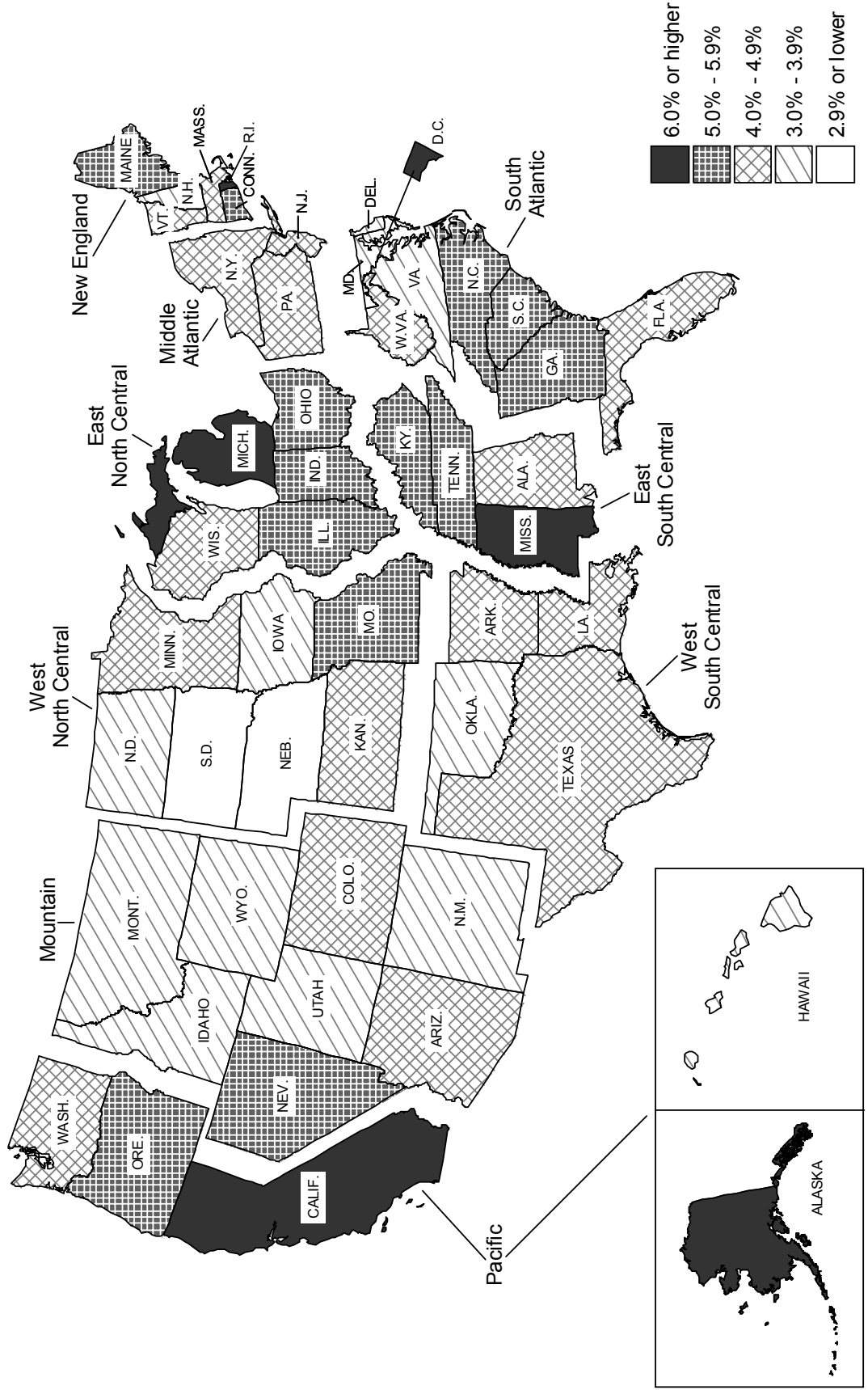


Chart 2. Percentage change in nonfarm employment by state, seasonally adjusted, March 2007 – March 2008

