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## **REGIONAL AND STATE EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT: FEBRUARY 2005**

Regional and state unemployment rates were generally little changed in February. All four regions and 43 states and the District of Columbia recorded unemployment rate shifts of 0.3 percentage point or less from January, the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the U.S. Department of Labor reported today. Over the year, jobless rates were down in 35 states, up in 13 states and the District of Columbia, and unchanged in 2 states. In February, the national unemployment rate edged up to 5.4 percent. Nonfarm payroll employment increased in 41 states over the month.

### Regional Unemployment (Seasonally Adjusted)

The Northeast registered the lowest unemployment rate in February, 4.9 percent, while the Midwest had the highest rate, 5.8 percent. Jobless rates in all four regions were about unchanged over the month. The West and Northeast recorded over-the-year unemployment rate declines of -0.8 and -0.7 percentage point, respectively. The jobless rates in the South and Midwest were little different from those of February 2004. (See table 1.)

Among the nine geographic divisions, the lowest unemployment rates in February were reported in the Mountain and New England divisions, 4.6 percent each; South Atlantic, 4.8 percent; West North Central, 4.9 percent; and Middle Atlantic, 5.0 percent. The East North Central division had the highest unemployment rate, 6.2 percent, after posting an increase of 0.3 percentage point from January. Rates in the remaining eight divisions were about unchanged over the month. The largest over-the-year unemployment rate declines were reported in the Middle Atlantic and Pacific divisions (-0.8 percentage point each) and the Mountain division (-0.7 point). The New England and West South Central divisions registered smaller declines (-0.5 and -0.3 percentage point, respectively).

### State Unemployment (Seasonally Adjusted)

The lowest state unemployment rates in February were recorded in Wyoming, 2.9 percent; Hawaii, 3.0 percent; and North Dakota and Virginia, 3.3 percent each. This was the lowest rate posted by Wyoming since November 1979; it also marked the first time since March 1982 that Wyoming had the lowest state rate. The states with the highest jobless rates were Michigan, 7.5 percent; Alaska, 7.2 percent; and South Carolina, 7.1 percent. The District of Columbia reported a jobless rate of 8.2 percent. Two states reported the lowest rates in their revised series in February—Idaho, 4.1 percent, and Nevada, 3.9 percent (Nevada also recorded an unemployment rate of 3.9 percent in January). (All state series begin in 1976.) In February, 20 states registered unemployment rates that were measurably below the

U.S. rate. (See table A.) Seven states and the District of Columbia had higher rates (Alaska, Michigan, Mississippi, Ohio, Oregon, South Carolina, and Texas), and 23 states had rates that were statistically little different from that of the nation. (See table 3 and chart 1.)

Six states recorded over-the-month jobless rate increases that were statistically significant in February. New Jersey and Ohio posted the largest rate increases (+0.5 percentage point each), followed closely by New Hampshire and North Carolina (+0.4 point each) and Georgia and New Mexico (+0.3 point each). The remaining 44 states and the District of Columbia registered rates that statistically were little different from those of January.

The states with the largest over-the-year jobless rate declines were New York, Oregon, and Washington (-1.1 percentage points each) and Rhode Island (-1.0 point). Twenty-one other states also had statistically significant unemployment rate decreases. (See table B.) Four states and the District of Columbia recorded statistically significant rate increases from a year earlier. Mississippi experienced the largest increase (+1.3 percentage points), followed by Georgia (+0.8 point), the District of Columbia (+0.6 point), Tennessee (+0.5 point), and Iowa (+0.4 point). Twenty-one states recorded jobless rates that were not statistically different from those of February 2004.

#### Nonfarm Payroll Employment (Seasonally Adjusted)

From January to February, total nonfarm employment increased in 41 states, decreased in 8 states and the District of Columbia, and was unchanged in 1 state. The largest employment gains occurred in California (+27,600), Florida (+17,600), Georgia (+13,000), Kansas and Washington (+10,800 each), Missouri (+10,400), Michigan (+10,300), and Oregon (+10,100). Kansas reported the largest over-the-month percentage increase in employment (+0.8 percent), followed by Hawaii and North Dakota (+0.7 percent each), Idaho and Oregon (+0.6 percent each), and Mississippi (+0.5 percent). The largest employment decreases occurred in Ohio (-4,100), South Carolina (-3,300), Alaska (-2,500), Pennsylvania (-2,300), and Louisiana (-2,200). The largest over-the-month percentage losses in employment were reported in Alaska (-0.8 percent), New Hampshire (-0.3 percent), and South Carolina (-0.2 percent). (See table 5.)

Over the year, nonfarm employment increased in 49 states and the District of Columbia and decreased in 1 state, Michigan. Florida recorded the largest over-the-year gain in employment (+257,300), followed by California (+234,500), Texas (+136,800), Arizona (+89,500), and Virginia (+83,000). The largest percentage gains were reported in Nevada (+6.4 percent), Oregon (+3.9 percent), Arizona (+3.8 percent), Florida (+3.5 percent), Utah (+3.4 percent), and Hawaii (+3.0 percent). Michigan recorded the only decline in employment over the year (-8,300, -0.2 percent). (See chart 2.)

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The Metropolitan Area Employment and Unemployment release for February 2005 is scheduled to be issued on April 7. The Regional and State Employment and Unemployment release for March is scheduled to be issued on April 22.

### Use of Error Measures in the Regional and State News Release

With the release of data for January 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. These error measures allow data users and the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) to consider statistical significance when analyzing and describing the LAUS data. The first paragraph of this release, however, preserves a long-time practice of highlighting the direction of the movements in state and regional unemployment rates regardless of their statistical significance. The remainder of the unemployment analysis takes the statistical significance of monthly and annual movements into consideration. Subsequent releases will follow this same format.

Error measures for the nonfarm payroll employment estimates are being updated. BLS expects to have those measures available for the next Regional and State Employment and Unemployment news release, scheduled for issuance on April 22. Beginning with that release, BLS will incorporate the use of statistical significance in analyzing changes in the payroll survey measures in the same manner as the LAUS measures described above.

**Table A. States with unemployment rates below that of the U.S., February 2005, seasonally adjusted (Based on statistical significance)**

States	February 2005
Arizona .....	4.4
Delaware .....	4.1
Florida .....	4.5
Hawaii .....	3.0
Idaho .....	4.1
Maine .....	4.7
Maryland .....	4.2
Minnesota .....	4.2
Montana .....	4.5
Nebraska .....	3.9
Nevada .....	3.9
New Hampshire .....	3.8
New Jersey .....	4.4
North Dakota .....	3.3
Oklahoma .....	4.2
Rhode Island .....	4.4
South Dakota .....	3.7
Vermont .....	3.6
Virginia .....	3.3
Wyoming .....	2.9

**Table B. States with statistically significant unemployment rate decreases from February 2004, seasonally adjusted**

States	February 2004	February 2005	Over-the-year rate change
Arizona .....	5.3	4.4	-0.9
California .....	6.4	5.8	-.6
Colorado .....	5.8	4.9	-.9
Florida .....	4.9	4.5	-.4
Hawaii .....	3.6	3.0	-.6
Idaho .....	5.0	4.1	-.9
Illinois .....	6.4	5.9	-.5
Kansas .....	5.8	5.4	-.4
Kentucky .....	5.7	5.2	-.5
Massachusetts .....	5.5	4.9	-.6
Minnesota .....	5.0	4.2	-.8
Nevada .....	4.7	3.9	-.8
New Jersey .....	5.3	4.4	-.9
New York .....	6.2	5.1	-1.1
North Carolina .....	5.8	5.4	-.4
Oklahoma .....	5.1	4.2	-.9
Oregon .....	7.7	6.6	-1.1
Rhode Island .....	5.4	4.4	-1.0
Texas .....	6.3	6.0	-.3
Utah .....	5.4	4.8	-.6
Vermont .....	4.1	3.6	-.5
Virginia .....	3.7	3.3	-.4
Washington .....	6.6	5.5	-1.1
Wisconsin .....	5.4	4.9	-.5
Wyoming .....	3.8	2.9	-.9

# 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 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 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.** 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 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 February 18, 2004. A detailed list of the geographic definitions is available on the Web at <http://www.bls.gov/lau/laumsa.htm> and also is published annually in the May issue of *Employment and Earnings*.

## Employment—from the CES program

**Definitions.** Employment data refer to persons on establishment payrolls who receive pay for any part of the pay period which includes the 12th of the month. Persons are counted at their place of work rather than at their place of residence; those appearing on more than one payroll are counted on each payroll. Industries are classified on the basis of their principal activity in accordance with the 2002 version of the North American Industry Classification System.

**Method of estimation.** The employment data are estimated using a “link relative” technique in which a ratio (link relative) of current-month employment to that of the previous month is computed from a sample of establishments reporting for both months. The estimates of employment for the current month are obtained by multiplying the estimates for the previous month by these ratios.

**Annual revisions.** Employment estimates are adjusted annually to a complete count of jobs, called benchmarks, derived principally from tax reports which are submitted by employers who are covered under state unemployment insurance (UI) laws. The benchmark information is used to adjust the monthly estimates between the new benchmark and the preceding one and also to establish the level of employment for the new benchmark month. Thus, the benchmarking process establishes the level of employment, and the sample is used to measure the month-to-month changes in the level for the subsequent months.

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

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

### **Reliability of the estimates**

The estimates presented in this release are based on sample survey, 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.

**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>. 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 slightly more than +/- 0.3 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 the BLS monthly periodical, *Employment and Earnings*.

**Employment estimates.** Measures of sampling error for state CES data at the supersector level and for metropolitan area CES data at the total nonfarm level are available on the BLS Web site at <http://www.bls.gov/sae/790stderr.htm>. Information on recent benchmark revisions for states is available on the BLS Web site at <http://www.bls.gov/sae/>.

### **Additional information**

More complete information on the technical procedures used to develop these estimates and additional data appear in *Employment and Earnings*, which is available by subscription from the Superintendent of Documents, U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, DC 20402 (telephone 202-512-1800), and from the BLS Handbook of Methods, Bulletin 2490, August 1997.

Estimates of labor force and unemployment, as well as nonfarm employment from the CES program, for over 370 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 <sup>1</sup>**

(Numbers in thousands)

Census region and division	Civilian labor force				Unemployed							
					Number				Percent of labor force			
	Feb. 2004	Dec. 2004	Jan. 2005	Feb. 2005 <sup>P</sup>	Feb. 2004	Dec. 2004	Jan. 2005	Feb. 2005 <sup>P</sup>	Feb. 2004	Dec. 2004	Jan. 2005	Feb. 2005 <sup>P</sup>
<b>Northeast</b> .....	27,462.6	27,648.3	27,575.0	27,613.4	1,547.8	1,381.4	1,297.3	1,348.8	5.6	5.0	4.7	4.9
New England .....	7,549.0	7,496.9	7,493.2	7,500.3	387.9	323.9	334.3	348.1	5.1	4.3	4.5	4.6
Middle Atlantic .....	19,913.6	20,151.4	20,081.8	20,113.1	1,159.9	1,057.5	963.1	1,000.8	5.8	5.2	4.8	5.0
<b>South</b> .....	51,519.0	52,103.6	52,247.6	52,364.9	2,740.5	2,768.0	2,677.0	2,752.4	5.3	5.3	5.1	5.3
South Atlantic .....	27,131.5	27,510.3	27,570.6	27,648.0	1,310.9	1,355.7	1,272.1	1,330.2	4.8	4.9	4.6	4.8
East South Central .....	8,353.9	8,362.7	8,390.7	8,414.6	461.9	463.4	478.3	484.8	5.5	5.5	5.7	5.8
West South Central .....	16,033.6	16,230.6	16,286.2	16,302.2	967.6	949.0	926.7	937.4	6.0	5.8	5.7	5.7
<b>Midwest</b> .....	34,373.3	34,504.9	34,539.7	34,630.8	1,976.3	1,942.1	1,925.9	2,006.6	5.7	5.6	5.6	5.8
East North Central .....	23,560.3	23,647.2	23,693.6	23,757.1	1,441.9	1,416.7	1,390.1	1,473.5	6.1	6.0	5.9	6.2
West North Central .....	10,813.0	10,857.7	10,846.2	10,873.7	534.4	525.4	535.9	533.1	4.9	4.8	4.9	4.9
<b>West</b> .....	33,489.4	33,846.7	33,844.6	34,036.4	2,080.3	1,883.7	1,819.2	1,846.8	6.2	5.6	5.4	5.4
Mountain .....	9,989.6	10,130.7	10,154.0	10,198.4	532.9	478.8	455.6	467.1	5.3	4.7	4.5	4.6
Pacific .....	23,499.8	23,716.0	23,690.5	23,838.0	1,547.5	1,404.9	1,363.6	1,379.7	6.6	5.9	5.8	5.8

<sup>1</sup> Census region estimates are derived by summing the Census division model-based estimates.

P = preliminary.

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.

**Table 2. Civilian labor force and unemployment by census region and division, not seasonally adjusted <sup>1</sup>**

(Numbers in thousands)

Census region and division	Civilian labor force				Unemployed							
					Number				Percent of labor force			
	January		February		January		February		January		February	
2004	2005	2004	2005 <sup>P</sup>	2004	2005	2004	2005 <sup>P</sup>	2004	2005	2004	2005 <sup>P</sup>	
<b>Northeast</b> .....	27,355.4	27,378.9	27,330.7	27,420.8	1,749.1	1,460.6	1,668.6	1,502.6	6.4	5.3	6.1	5.5
New England .....	7,518.4	7,436.0	7,501.8	7,435.4	440.1	384.0	419.1	387.9	5.9	5.2	5.6	5.2
Middle Atlantic .....	19,837.0	19,942.9	19,828.9	19,985.4	1,309.0	1,076.6	1,249.5	1,114.7	6.6	5.4	6.3	5.6
<b>South</b> .....	51,226.8	51,847.5	51,246.3	51,978.7	2,947.6	2,852.5	2,795.8	2,862.9	5.8	5.5	5.5	5.5
South Atlantic .....	26,983.0	27,369.5	27,004.0	27,458.7	1,396.4	1,343.0	1,336.7	1,384.4	5.2	4.9	5.0	5.0
East South Central .....	8,295.1	8,311.6	8,286.0	8,329.7	506.7	520.6	480.4	512.4	6.1	6.3	5.8	6.2
West South Central .....	15,948.7	16,166.4	15,956.3	16,190.3	1,044.5	988.9	978.6	966.2	6.5	6.1	6.1	6.0
<b>Midwest</b> .....	34,105.7	34,205.7	34,143.6	34,330.8	2,195.7	2,157.1	2,131.1	2,203.7	6.4	6.3	6.2	6.4
East North Central .....	23,373.2	23,462.0	23,400.8	23,552.9	1,594.5	1,545.8	1,557.0	1,621.3	6.8	6.6	6.7	6.9
West North Central .....	10,732.5	10,743.6	10,742.8	10,777.9	601.2	611.3	574.0	582.4	5.6	5.7	5.3	5.4
<b>West</b> .....	33,380.1	33,683.6	33,433.1	33,919.0	2,251.0	1,973.7	2,173.7	1,980.1	6.7	5.9	6.5	5.8
Mountain .....	9,939.8	10,092.3	9,953.4	10,140.4	585.3	497.7	553.5	497.8	5.9	4.9	5.6	4.9
Pacific .....	23,440.2	23,591.3	23,479.7	23,778.6	1,665.7	1,476.0	1,620.3	1,482.3	7.1	6.3	6.9	6.2

<sup>1</sup> Census region estimates are derived by summing the Census division model-based estimates. The composition of the regions and divisions is described in table 1.

P = preliminary.

NOTE: Data refer to place of residence.

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

(Numbers in thousands)

State and area	Civilian labor force				Unemployed							
					Number				Percent of labor force			
	Feb. 2004	Dec. 2004	Jan. 2005	Feb. 2005P	Feb. 2004	Dec. 2004	Jan. 2005	Feb. 2005P	Feb. 2004	Dec. 2004	Jan. 2005	Feb. 2005P
Alabama	2,139.8	2,156.2	2,160.9	2,161.9	119.6	114.9	113.6	112.4	5.6	5.3	5.3	5.2
Alaska	332.2	334.2	334.5	336.5	25.5	25.3	24.5	24.4	7.7	7.6	7.3	7.2
Arizona	2,750.8	2,796.7	2,801.8	2,803.9	144.6	125.8	116.9	124.0	5.3	4.5	4.2	4.4
Arkansas	1,291.8	1,321.5	1,319.5	1,325.8	73.4	73.4	70.6	73.2	5.7	5.6	5.4	5.5
California	17,471.9	17,630.4	17,610.3	17,738.6	1,125.7	1,050.6	1,020.2	1,020.8	6.4	6.0	5.8	5.8
Los Angeles-Long Beach-Glendale <sup>1</sup>	4,781.4	4,842.2	4,818.2	4,846.9	314.5	312.8	292.3	291.0	6.6	6.5	6.1	6.0
Colorado	2,506.1	2,544.0	2,537.8	2,543.0	146.3	136.9	121.7	124.2	5.8	5.4	4.8	4.9
Connecticut	1,802.0	1,791.5	1,782.3	1,776.6	93.9	79.9	84.0	85.2	5.2	4.5	4.7	4.8
Delaware	422.1	424.0	426.6	426.4	17.0	17.6	18.1	17.4	4.0	4.2	4.3	4.1
District of Columbia	299.8	302.7	305.6	306.3	22.8	26.7	24.9	25.0	7.6	8.8	8.1	8.2
Florida	8,316.8	8,480.8	8,512.0	8,562.1	405.0	390.5	370.6	388.7	4.9	4.6	4.4	4.5
Miami-Miami Beach-Kendall <sup>1</sup>	1,103.5	1,113.9	1,115.7	1,126.1	65.3	59.3	55.3	58.9	5.9	5.3	5.0	5.2
Georgia	4,355.2	4,422.1	4,444.5	4,450.0	186.4	212.7	212.9	228.9	4.3	4.8	4.8	5.1
Hawaii	613.3	618.3	621.4	628.0	21.9	18.8	18.3	18.9	3.6	3.0	2.9	3.0
Idaho	698.0	707.2	714.9	724.2	35.0	31.0	30.6	29.8	5.0	4.4	4.3	4.1
Illinois	6,386.7	6,409.2	6,456.3	6,466.8	410.4	386.4	360.5	383.6	6.4	6.0	5.6	5.9
Chicago-Naperville-Joliet <sup>1</sup>	3,975.8	3,988.3	4,002.4	4,007.3	253.2	232.5	221.7	245.7	6.4	5.8	5.5	6.1
Indiana	3,170.7	3,171.1	3,184.0	3,201.8	169.9	163.5	173.4	183.0	5.4	5.2	5.4	5.7
Iowa	1,622.2	1,628.0	1,624.1	1,636.6	75.6	81.9	82.3	83.3	4.7	5.0	5.1	5.1
Kansas	1,461.9	1,468.3	1,465.1	1,464.1	84.9	77.5	76.9	79.3	5.8	5.3	5.2	5.4
Kentucky	1,978.4	1,967.7	1,972.5	1,980.5	112.3	91.9	97.7	102.5	5.7	4.7	5.0	5.2
Louisiana	2,047.2	2,069.9	2,091.4	2,094.4	115.8	117.9	119.5	125.6	5.7	5.7	5.7	6.0
New Orleans-Metairie-Kenner <sup>2</sup>	612.9	614.1	624.2	621.1	29.8	26.6	35.4	35.3	4.9	4.3	5.7	5.7
Maine	696.4	702.9	700.9	701.8	32.5	32.7	30.6	32.7	4.7	4.6	4.4	4.7
Maryland	2,880.5	2,884.7	2,893.0	2,897.2	120.9	119.4	119.3	121.6	4.2	4.1	4.1	4.2
Massachusetts	3,400.0	3,385.1	3,371.3	3,376.7	187.4	159.9	160.4	164.2	5.5	4.7	4.8	4.9
Michigan	5,067.5	5,092.9	5,086.9	5,110.8	354.8	384.5	359.0	380.8	7.0	7.5	7.1	7.5
Detroit-Warren-Livonia <sup>2</sup>	2,202.9	2,210.1	2,177.7	2,192.8	148.5	167.7	153.4	170.6	6.7	7.6	7.0	7.8
Minnesota	2,931.5	2,966.3	2,963.5	2,967.3	147.9	135.3	129.1	124.5	5.0	4.6	4.4	4.2
Mississippi	1,321.4	1,337.3	1,345.3	1,343.1	72.5	89.0	95.2	91.3	5.5	6.7	7.1	6.8
Missouri	3,016.1	3,040.3	3,024.2	3,024.3	167.2	173.9	182.2	174.3	5.5	5.7	6.0	5.8
Montana	477.7	488.0	487.9	488.5	21.3	21.3	21.4	22.1	4.4	4.4	4.4	4.5
Nebraska	981.9	988.0	983.9	990.9	38.9	37.6	39.0	38.4	4.0	3.8	4.0	3.9
Nevada	1,166.0	1,190.0	1,194.8	1,202.6	54.4	47.5	47.1	47.2	4.7	4.0	3.9	3.9
New Hampshire	720.9	725.5	726.6	727.3	29.6	24.5	25.0	27.7	4.1	3.4	3.4	3.8
New Jersey	4,379.8	4,389.6	4,390.1	4,399.1	231.2	186.0	172.2	193.3	5.3	4.2	3.9	4.4
New Mexico	905.8	919.5	922.0	929.8	52.8	51.1	48.5	52.3	5.8	5.6	5.3	5.6
New York	9,332.3	9,392.8	9,357.3	9,386.9	578.3	521.4	469.4	478.7	6.2	5.6	5.0	5.1
New York City	3,718.7	3,731.0	3,708.6	3,728.4	287.3	245.9	216.9	229.3	7.7	6.6	5.8	6.2
North Carolina	4,240.7	4,264.2	4,284.5	4,280.6	247.6	227.2	215.1	231.5	5.8	5.3	5.0	5.4
North Dakota	353.1	356.6	354.9	356.5	12.2	12.7	11.6	11.9	3.5	3.6	3.3	3.3
Ohio	5,877.3	5,887.1	5,890.9	5,915.6	361.1	357.3	348.3	378.5	6.1	6.1	5.9	6.4
Cleveland-Elyria-Mentor <sup>2</sup>	1,111.6	1,084.5	1,085.1	1,090.4	65.9	63.1	62.8	70.0	5.9	5.8	5.8	6.4
Oklahoma	1,708.2	1,711.3	1,720.3	1,722.8	86.3	76.3	79.8	73.1	5.1	4.5	4.6	4.2
Oregon	1,849.9	1,858.4	1,852.0	1,866.8	141.9	130.2	117.5	122.3	7.7	7.0	6.3	6.6
Pennsylvania	6,230.8	6,325.7	6,337.6	6,331.7	342.1	357.5	324.1	332.0	5.5	5.7	5.1	5.2
Rhode Island	561.9	560.1	558.5	561.7	30.5	26.7	24.6	24.8	5.4	4.8	4.4	4.4
South Carolina	2,032.8	2,061.6	2,072.0	2,076.9	136.4	142.7	144.1	148.4	6.7	6.9	7.0	7.1
South Dakota	427.1	430.1	429.7	430.2	15.2	15.1	15.5	15.9	3.6	3.5	3.6	3.7
Tennessee	2,928.7	2,902.7	2,914.5	2,924.3	158.2	155.2	172.9	173.4	5.4	5.3	5.9	5.9
Texas	10,989.9	11,093.9	11,149.6	11,165.2	691.5	654.5	658.1	664.5	6.3	5.9	5.9	6.0
Utah	1,197.8	1,208.6	1,209.5	1,220.2	64.3	60.4	58.9	59.0	5.4	5.0	4.9	4.8
Vermont	353.0	354.7	353.1	353.4	14.5	12.7	12.2	12.6	4.1	3.6	3.5	3.6
Virginia	3,793.2	3,830.8	3,847.2	3,856.2	141.6	134.1	126.8	125.7	3.7	3.5	3.3	3.3
Washington	3,208.3	3,271.4	3,251.4	3,261.8	213.2	193.4	177.0	180.8	6.6	5.9	5.4	5.5
Seattle-Bellevue-Everett <sup>1</sup>	1,325.5	1,341.8	1,333.8	1,326.7	73.3	66.6	60.7	64.0	5.5	5.0	4.5	4.8
West Virginia	790.0	784.5	788.5	791.0	43.2	38.5	37.0	39.4	5.5	4.9	4.7	5.0
Wisconsin	3,078.6	3,070.8	3,077.3	3,072.3	167.0	144.6	148.8	150.4	5.4	4.7	4.8	4.9
Wyoming	279.3	283.8	283.9	283.2	10.5	10.6	9.8	8.3	3.8	3.7	3.4	2.9
Puerto Rico	1,345.8	1,387.1	1,383.8	1,360.3	139.4	152.3	153.6	130.5	10.4	11.0	11.1	9.6

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<sup>1</sup> Metropolitan division.

<sup>2</sup> Metropolitan statistical area.

NOTE: Data refer to place of residence. Data for Puerto Rico are derived from a monthly household survey similar to the Current Population Survey. Area definitions are based on Office of Management and Budget Bulletin No.

04-03, dated February 18, 2004, and are available at <http://www.bls.gov/lau/lauusmsa.htm> and in the May issue of *Employment and Earnings*. Estimates for the latest month are revised the following month, and at least 3 years of estimates are subject to revision at the end of the year, to incorporate updated inputs and reestimation.



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			
	January		February		January		February		January		February	
	2004	2005	2004	2005P	2004	2005	2004	2005P	2004	2005	2004	2005P
Alabama	2,127.7	2,142.1	2,124.3	2,146.4	127.1	118.1	122.6	118.9	6.0	5.5	5.8	5.5
Alaska	329.5	331.0	329.7	333.3	28.6	27.4	28.9	28.0	8.7	8.3	8.8	8.4
Arizona	2,747.4	2,793.8	2,749.8	2,794.4	153.4	121.8	141.1	122.3	5.6	4.4	5.1	4.4
Arkansas	1,269.3	1,295.1	1,282.7	1,313.5	83.1	80.5	81.7	82.7	6.5	6.2	6.4	6.3
California	17,457.9	17,560.1	17,488.7	17,713.3	1,213.2	1,097.6	1,176.2	1,088.7	6.9	6.3	6.7	6.1
Los Angeles-Long Beach-Glendale <sup>1</sup>	4,773.9	4,802.6	4,795.1	4,847.7	327.5	302.9	316.4	296.6	6.9	6.3	6.6	6.1
Colorado	2,492.4	2,519.6	2,493.6	2,523.0	160.3	133.0	153.8	133.1	6.4	5.3	6.2	5.3
Connecticut	1,793.2	1,764.8	1,791.0	1,757.1	100.7	92.2	100.0	93.8	5.6	5.2	5.6	5.3
Delaware	421.4	425.0	420.8	424.0	18.6	19.9	18.5	19.2	4.4	4.7	4.4	4.5
District of Columbia	294.1	298.9	297.0	303.1	22.0	22.9	22.2	24.9	7.5	7.7	7.5	8.2
Florida	8,248.6	8,438.3	8,269.9	8,499.6	407.0	374.2	384.7	380.5	4.9	4.4	4.7	4.5
Miami-Miami Beach-Kendall <sup>1</sup>	1,100.4	1,113.3	1,097.3	1,118.7	61.7	54.4	59.1	55.4	5.6	4.9	5.4	4.9
Georgia	4,354.8	4,431.8	4,353.9	4,436.3	198.0	221.5	184.2	233.2	4.5	5.0	4.2	5.3
Hawaii	615.7	622.4	612.5	626.0	20.9	17.5	19.8	17.1	3.4	2.8	3.2	2.7
Idaho	693.3	709.8	694.6	719.7	44.2	38.9	41.9	37.2	6.4	5.5	6.0	5.2
Illinois	6,335.7	6,400.0	6,352.3	6,424.5	440.4	393.1	428.3	415.0	7.0	6.1	6.7	6.5
Chicago-Naperville-Joliet <sup>1</sup>	3,954.4	3,971.2	3,969.3	3,995.4	267.7	233.1	254.3	253.4	6.8	5.9	6.4	6.3
Indiana	3,140.0	3,146.9	3,138.1	3,163.7	182.8	190.9	183.6	203.0	5.8	6.1	5.9	6.4
Iowa	1,616.3	1,612.4	1,619.3	1,628.3	90.1	84.4	84.4	95.3	5.6	6.1	5.2	5.9
Kansas	1,455.1	1,457.2	1,457.1	1,454.6	88.3	85.0	82.8	81.9	6.1	5.8	5.7	5.6
Kentucky	1,961.2	1,951.5	1,953.8	1,957.7	124.4	110.3	124.7	119.6	6.3	5.7	6.4	6.1
Louisiana	2,021.7	2,063.0	2,021.2	2,062.7	131.8	132.1	110.7	121.8	6.5	6.4	5.5	5.9
New Orleans-Metairie-Kenner <sup>2</sup>	603.0	612.7	607.1	613.9	31.2	37.3	28.0	34.6	5.2	6.1	4.6	5.6
Maine	687.9	689.3	688.7	691.4	38.4	36.1	38.3	39.3	5.6	5.2	5.6	5.7
Maryland	2,869.6	2,872.2	2,865.4	2,875.2	134.6	133.0	128.4	133.1	4.7	4.6	4.5	4.6
Massachusetts	3,398.0	3,350.0	3,390.0	3,354.0	211.0	180.9	198.0	179.2	6.2	5.4	5.8	5.3
Michigan	5,024.5	5,040.5	5,030.1	5,066.6	386.9	399.8	367.2	404.9	7.7	7.9	7.3	8.0
Detroit-Warren-Livonia <sup>2</sup>	2,189.2	2,158.9	2,189.9	2,174.2	160.0	169.7	150.8	177.4	7.3	7.9	6.9	8.2
Minnesota	2,918.6	2,936.7	2,912.8	2,937.3	170.8	152.2	157.2	138.9	5.9	5.2	5.4	4.7
Mississippi	1,314.0	1,335.0	1,312.8	1,334.2	81.8	103.5	71.3	91.7	6.2	7.8	5.4	6.9
Missouri	3,002.9	2,998.3	3,006.4	3,002.0	176.2	198.9	177.3	191.1	5.9	6.6	5.9	6.4
Montana	472.1	481.9	474.1	483.5	26.7	26.5	25.5	26.7	5.7	5.5	5.4	5.5
Nebraska	974.8	972.9	979.3	984.5	43.3	44.5	41.6	42.9	4.4	4.6	4.2	4.4
Nevada	1,165.3	1,191.5	1,169.1	1,202.8	61.8	53.0	56.4	50.0	5.3	4.4	4.8	4.2
New Hampshire	720.4	723.3	719.5	722.9	33.3	28.4	32.2	31.2	4.6	3.9	4.5	4.3
New Jersey	4,353.5	4,358.6	4,360.2	4,375.5	260.9	193.8	247.1	213.1	6.0	4.4	5.7	4.9
New Mexico	897.3	912.4	902.0	924.4	55.1	49.6	53.4	53.9	6.1	5.4	5.9	5.8
New York	9,307.2	9,308.0	9,297.3	9,344.1	657.3	520.9	621.0	527.5	7.1	5.6	6.7	5.6
New York City	3,724.6	3,701.0	3,724.2	3,731.7	314.6	229.5	295.9	241.4	8.4	6.2	7.9	6.5
North Carolina	4,224.5	4,252.7	4,219.5	4,247.6	268.4	234.4	258.7	250.8	6.4	5.5	6.1	5.9
North Dakota	345.2	345.6	347.0	348.9	14.9	14.3	14.1	14.4	4.3	4.1	4.1	4.1
Ohio	5,822.5	5,827.3	5,820.0	5,850.7	405.9	397.5	389.8	421.5	7.0	6.8	6.7	7.2
Cleveland-Elyria-Mentor <sup>2</sup>	1,093.6	1,067.2	1,096.4	1,078.9	69.8	69.0	69.5	76.6	6.4	6.5	6.3	7.1
Oklahoma	1,698.6	1,707.0	1,698.8	1,709.1	97.2	89.2	94.0	81.6	5.7	5.2	5.5	4.8
Oregon	1,837.3	1,833.9	1,837.2	1,850.2	158.8	131.1	156.0	138.6	8.6	7.1	8.5	7.5
Pennsylvania	6,176.4	6,276.3	6,171.4	6,265.8	390.8	362.0	381.3	374.2	6.3	5.8	6.2	6.0
Rhode Island	566.9	558.8	560.4	559.0	38.6	31.3	34.1	29.5	6.8	5.6	6.1	5.3
South Carolina	2,010.0	2,049.0	2,013.9	2,054.3	140.0	151.8	140.3	156.5	7.0	7.4	7.0	7.6
South Dakota	419.7	420.5	421.0	422.3	17.7	18.3	16.6	18.0	4.2	4.4	3.9	4.3
Tennessee	2,892.2	2,883.0	2,895.1	2,891.4	173.4	188.7	161.9	182.2	6.0	6.5	5.6	6.3
Texas	10,959.1	11,101.2	10,953.6	11,105.0	732.4	687.1	692.2	680.1	6.7	6.2	6.3	6.1
Utah	1,195.3	1,203.2	1,193.5	1,212.9	69.4	62.0	68.5	63.8	5.8	5.2	5.7	5.3
Vermont	351.9	349.9	352.1	351.0	18.0	15.1	16.5	14.9	5.1	4.3	4.7	4.2
Virginia	3,778.9	3,824.1	3,779.7	3,834.7	157.1	140.0	148.8	137.1	4.2	3.7	3.9	3.6
Washington	3,199.9	3,243.9	3,211.6	3,255.9	244.1	202.3	239.3	210.0	7.6	6.2	7.5	6.4
Seattle-Bellevue-Everett <sup>1</sup>	1,326.2	1,338.1	1,328.8	1,328.9	79.0	63.5	79.7	69.8	6.0	4.7	6.0	5.3
West Virginia	781.1	777.6	783.9	783.9	50.8	45.2	51.0	49.2	6.5	5.8	6.5	6.3
Wisconsin	3,050.4	3,047.4	3,060.4	3,047.5	178.5	164.5	188.0	177.0	5.9	5.4	6.1	5.8
Wyoming	276.7	280.2	276.8	279.7	14.4	12.9	12.9	10.7	5.2	4.6	4.6	3.8
Puerto Rico	1,353.6	1,373.0	1,350.3	1,363.9	153.0	148.4	145.6	136.6	11.3	10.8	10.8	10.0

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

(In thousands)

State	Total <sup>1</sup>				Construction				Manufacturing			
	Feb. 2004	Dec. 2004	Jan. 2005	Feb. 2005 <sup>P</sup>	Feb. 2004	Dec. 2004	Jan. 2005	Feb. 2005 <sup>P</sup>	Feb. 2004	Dec. 2004	Jan. 2005	Feb. 2005 <sup>P</sup>
Alabama	1,888.5	1,914.4	1,917.9	1,920.9	103.2	106.5	107.0	107.5	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)
Alaska	300.5	304.3	307.6	305.1	17.2	18.0	18.1	18.2	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)
Arizona	2,339.2	2,414.8	2,423.3	2,428.7	184.8	198.0	199.2	201.2	175.9	175.4	176.3	177.0
Arkansas	1,153.2	1,164.1	1,165.4	1,166.3	50.9	52.1	51.9	52.0	203.6	203.9	203.3	202.8
California	14,447.1	14,645.5	14,654.0	14,681.6	827.8	870.3	870.2	880.9	1,529.6	1,535.1	1,538.1	1,535.8
Colorado	2,158.2	2,203.4	2,202.4	2,212.2	149.0	156.2	155.6	157.7	153.8	154.8	155.0	154.7
Connecticut	1,643.2	1,664.6	1,661.0	1,663.5	63.2	68.1	67.5	67.7	197.2	197.9	197.6	198.7
Delaware <sup>3</sup>	422.0	429.0	430.9	432.4	25.8	27.0	27.7	28.2	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)
District of Columbia <sup>3</sup>	671.7	673.8	674.6	674.4	12.4	12.0	12.0	12.0	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)
Florida	7,404.2	7,608.6	7,643.9	7,661.5	475.8	504.9	511.3	508.6	385.1	385.3	388.0	388.0
Georgia	3,878.0	3,906.6	3,892.3	3,905.3	197.5	198.5	197.7	199.4	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)
Hawaii <sup>3</sup>	574.9	591.3	587.9	592.0	28.7	30.6	30.6	30.9	15.5	15.6	15.7	15.6
Idaho	579.6	591.5	591.5	595.1	38.4	40.7	40.7	41.4	61.2	61.0	60.7	60.8
Illinois	5,795.2	5,812.7	5,809.8	5,814.7	268.3	265.9	263.1	264.1	696.7	699.7	694.6	693.3
Indiana	2,905.0	2,943.6	2,956.5	2,963.9	144.8	149.3	150.8	152.8	569.5	575.0	575.3	575.6
Iowa	1,449.3	1,461.8	1,458.5	1,459.5	67.0	69.5	68.0	68.1	221.0	224.2	224.7	225.0
Kansas	1,305.4	1,334.2	1,320.9	1,331.7	59.8	65.3	62.1	63.3	174.7	178.5	180.0	179.8
Kentucky	1,790.7	1,802.7	1,802.4	1,803.3	83.4	84.9	85.2	85.6	264.5	264.2	264.6	264.7
Louisiana	1,917.8	1,916.9	1,926.5	1,924.3	119.0	116.7	117.9	117.0	153.5	151.3	151.8	151.4
Maine	611.6	616.2	615.7	617.3	31.4	31.0	31.2	31.8	63.0	63.0	62.5	62.3
Maryland <sup>3</sup>	2,502.2	2,540.9	2,542.5	2,544.5	173.3	179.5	179.4	178.0	143.0	142.2	140.5	140.4
Massachusetts	3,170.4	3,188.1	3,190.0	3,191.3	135.5	139.8	140.1	139.8	313.7	312.7	312.7	313.2
Michigan	4,394.8	4,386.8	4,376.2	4,386.5	190.7	188.3	192.2	191.3	702.5	690.4	680.9	689.5
Minnesota	2,658.5	2,697.0	2,694.9	2,696.4	124.9	127.8	126.0	126.5	340.0	347.9	347.2	347.5
Mississippi	1,121.6	1,127.6	1,131.3	1,136.8	48.4	49.3	49.2	49.1	179.0	178.9	178.7	179.2
Missouri	2,675.7	2,706.6	2,691.0	2,701.4	133.4	139.7	136.7	138.6	310.7	314.7	310.0	314.4
Montana	405.4	419.4	412.4	413.0	23.6	25.8	25.2	25.2	19.1	19.2	19.1	19.3
Nebraska <sup>3</sup>	914.6	926.1	930.3	930.3	47.8	47.5	46.8	48.3	101.4	100.5	98.8	98.4
Nevada	1,122.8	1,187.1	1,190.1	1,194.6	109.1	125.6	126.9	129.2	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)
New Hampshire	621.7	632.7	632.9	631.1	29.0	30.1	29.9	30.2	79.5	81.0	81.0	80.8
New Jersey	3,976.9	4,032.2	4,030.5	4,038.4	160.4	170.3	167.7	167.3	341.3	337.0	335.0	334.2
New Mexico	784.8	799.1	799.7	798.9	49.0	51.5	51.9	51.8	35.9	36.5	36.1	35.7
New York	8,414.9	8,491.5	8,488.8	8,491.2	317.2	320.1	320.3	320.9	600.9	589.8	589.9	589.6
North Carolina	3,798.7	3,856.7	3,846.1	3,846.8	212.8	219.8	223.0	221.4	576.8	579.0	576.2	576.5
North Dakota	334.5	337.9	338.1	340.3	16.7	16.9	16.7	17.2	23.9	24.4	24.5	24.6
Ohio	5,394.0	5,414.6	5,406.7	5,402.6	233.9	236.8	234.6	234.3	823.2	827.8	824.5	823.3
Oklahoma	1,461.2	1,483.8	1,483.8	1,486.7	61.6	63.3	63.1	62.6	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)
Oregon	1,570.3	1,616.2	1,621.3	1,631.4	79.4	84.2	84.7	85.8	195.8	201.8	202.4	204.5
Pennsylvania	5,613.2	5,665.9	5,676.0	5,673.7	245.7	249.3	249.4	248.8	690.8	689.2	687.9	686.1
Rhode Island	487.0	490.2	491.1	491.9	21.1	21.0	20.8	21.0	57.1	56.4	56.3	56.3
South Carolina	1,815.5	1,819.5	1,820.9	1,817.6	113.4	110.9	111.6	111.8	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)
South Dakota	380.6	384.4	385.1	386.2	19.5	19.9	19.9	20.0	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)
Tennessee	2,698.3	2,716.4	2,717.4	2,720.3	117.3	118.4	120.0	119.6	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)
Texas	9,425.3	9,530.6	9,553.3	9,562.1	544.9	542.9	543.4	542.9	888.7	887.3	885.6	886.5
Utah	1,090.2	1,116.1	1,124.4	1,127.7	70.0	73.1	75.1	76.4	113.4	116.7	116.7	115.8
Vermont	301.2	306.6	305.4	305.8	16.4	16.7	16.8	17.0	36.9	37.1	37.1	37.3
Virginia	3,545.0	3,623.5	3,629.3	3,628.0	225.4	236.5	239.9	237.6	298.2	299.7	299.0	299.2
Washington	2,674.8	2,722.4	2,723.8	2,734.6	161.1	165.1	164.4	167.8	262.3	265.7	266.6	267.4
West Virginia	732.7	736.8	741.1	741.4	34.2	34.4	36.1	36.6	63.4	62.5	62.8	62.7
Wisconsin	2,789.2	2,812.1	2,811.2	2,820.3	126.0	125.8	127.1	131.7	500.3	503.0	500.6	503.5
Wyoming	254.1	257.7	259.2	259.6	19.6	19.0	19.0	19.2	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)

See footnotes at end of table.

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

(In thousands)

State	Trade, transportation, and utilities				Financial activities				Professional and business services			
	Feb. 2004	Dec. 2004	Jan. 2005	Feb. 2005P	Feb. 2004	Dec. 2004	Jan. 2005	Feb. 2005P	Feb. 2004	Dec. 2004	Jan. 2005	Feb. 2005P
Alabama	376.1	375.9	377.7	379.1	96.8	96.0	95.4	95.4	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)
Alaska	61.2	62.6	62.0	61.9	14.6	14.6	14.6	14.7	23.0	23.3	23.3	23.3
Arizona	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	162.2	165.4	165.4	165.1	327.0	343.1	340.7	341.4
Arkansas	241.4	242.5	241.8	242.4	50.8	51.2	51.5	51.8	107.1	108.4	110.3	110.1
California	2,728.5	2,778.9	2,768.0	2,764.8	894.0	916.4	917.8	917.8	2,072.1	2,130.4	2,126.7	2,135.9
Colorado	404.2	410.0	412.5	414.4	154.0	158.6	156.2	157.1	293.8	305.0	304.6	307.7
Connecticut	306.5	311.7	309.7	311.0	140.8	140.8	140.7	140.9	196.6	199.5	197.8	198.3
Delaware <sup>3</sup>	80.6	82.5	81.5	82.3	44.5	44.7	44.7	44.8	61.9	62.9	63.3	63.4
District of Columbia <sup>3</sup>	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	142.1	143.8	142.0	143.2
Florida	1,487.4	1,508.2	1,517.9	1,523.5	496.0	507.1	507.4	508.4	1,252.5	1,324.7	1,335.2	1,339.6
Georgia	826.6	825.4	822.6	820.8	217.6	219.4	221.8	220.6	503.8	519.2	521.1	521.0
Hawaii <sup>3</sup>	109.5	114.4	113.8	114.9	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)
Idaho	116.7	119.0	117.8	118.2	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	71.5	73.5	74.8	75.6
Illinois	1,176.5	1,180.9	1,172.9	1,175.4	399.5	399.5	398.5	398.6	788.2	799.3	794.1	800.2
Indiana	574.8	575.6	578.0	578.1	140.2	141.4	140.3	140.5	260.5	269.6	270.3	271.9
Iowa	304.7	308.0	305.8	305.8	96.1	97.4	97.9	97.9	107.2	105.2	105.7	106.2
Kansas	262.0	258.8	258.8	259.8	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)
Kentucky	371.7	372.7	372.8	372.5	87.4	86.1	85.7	85.6	159.1	166.0	164.0	164.4
Louisiana	381.2	380.6	382.4	381.6	102.1	103.0	103.1	103.8	183.6	181.9	185.2	185.8
Maine	125.4	126.7	126.6	126.9	35.3	34.5	34.5	34.7	49.8	49.3	49.1	49.5
Maryland <sup>3</sup>	467.1	470.9	472.1	473.7	155.4	155.8	157.4	157.8	369.0	377.5	378.0	380.7
Massachusetts	575.1	572.8	575.2	574.3	220.5	219.4	218.7	219.2	444.9	454.6	454.3	455.7
Michigan	812.3	808.7	815.1	814.1	216.4	218.7	218.4	218.2	580.2	584.6	571.6	573.3
Minnesota	518.4	528.9	530.1	528.9	176.4	175.1	177.8	177.3	298.9	303.1	298.7	302.7
Mississippi	220.4	220.0	220.2	222.4	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)
Missouri	530.0	539.5	533.4	533.9	161.9	165.8	165.4	165.3	300.9	302.6	299.6	303.0
Montana	86.1	86.0	85.6	86.2	20.9	21.2	21.1	21.2	32.2	33.0	32.7	32.9
Nebraska <sup>3</sup>	193.7	198.3	198.5	198.9	62.6	63.4	63.4	63.5	93.0	94.3	94.8	95.3
Nevada	201.6	210.7	209.0	209.9	60.2	62.8	63.2	63.5	127.4	137.7	139.2	138.3
New Hampshire	139.5	140.9	140.8	140.6	36.8	38.2	38.4	38.8	56.4	56.2	55.2	55.3
New Jersey	873.6	878.1	882.8	885.6	275.6	280.8	280.3	280.9	578.9	585.0	578.4	581.3
New Mexico	137.5	137.8	137.9	138.0	34.3	35.0	35.1	35.0	88.5	92.1	91.7	91.6
New York	1,475.0	1,494.2	1,484.5	1,487.4	698.6	706.2	706.2	706.5	1,048.9	1,060.3	1,057.0	1,058.9
North Carolina	720.9	725.3	718.3	722.4	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	424.1	436.9	430.9	435.0
North Dakota	72.4	72.5	72.5	73.1	18.7	18.7	18.8	18.6	23.7	23.9	23.9	24.0
Ohio	1,038.3	1,037.8	1,033.9	1,032.2	312.2	313.5	313.5	313.5	618.0	630.0	627.2	626.6
Oklahoma	277.2	275.2	276.4	276.0	84.3	84.7	84.4	84.8	159.7	165.1	165.8	165.5
Oregon	317.0	324.5	327.9	328.9	95.8	97.6	98.1	98.2	173.2	180.0	180.1	182.0
Pennsylvania	1,118.1	1,127.1	1,126.7	1,125.6	337.0	335.5	335.2	334.8	626.1	641.2	644.8	649.2
Rhode Island	80.9	79.3	78.9	78.6	34.0	34.4	35.0	35.2	52.7	54.6	54.9	55.3
South Carolina	351.8	354.2	353.7	353.7	92.7	93.5	93.1	93.2	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)
South Dakota	76.5	77.2	77.9	78.3	27.7	28.2	28.8	28.8	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)
Tennessee	584.4	585.9	592.0	592.2	141.2	143.1	144.0	144.0	296.6	306.1	305.5	306.9
Texas	1,933.6	1,954.3	1,959.0	1,957.3	591.0	599.5	599.9	600.3	1,075.6	1,090.2	1,097.3	1,103.5
Utah	217.0	221.7	224.1	224.8	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	137.3	139.9	141.1	141.1
Vermont	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	20.9	21.2	21.2	21.2
Virginia	644.3	652.6	655.0	655.7	186.8	190.1	190.8	190.8	564.6	589.1	589.1	591.6
Washington	513.2	528.9	528.3	532.7	151.7	152.4	151.4	151.7	296.0	305.6	305.7	306.9
West Virginia	136.6	137.4	138.1	137.9	30.5	30.3	30.4	30.0	58.3	57.7	57.9	58.2
Wisconsin	536.8	543.9	540.3	538.7	157.7	157.4	156.9	157.6	248.4	249.9	247.3	250.0
Wyoming	49.2	49.8	49.6	49.7	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	15.3	15.2	15.1	15.1

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			
	Feb. 2004	Dec. 2004	Jan. 2005	Feb. 2005P	Feb. 2004	Dec. 2004	Jan. 2005	Feb. 2005P	Feb. 2004	Dec. 2004	Jan. 2005	Feb. 2005P
Alabama	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )	158.5	160.4	161.2	161.4	358.5	359.9	360.0	361.1
Alaska	34.3	35.0	35.3	35.6	29.4	29.9	30.2	30.2	81.3	81.1	81.8	81.7
Arizona	254.3	266.4	268.4	269.0	238.4	245.6	247.1	247.0	395.6	405.6	405.2	407.7
Arkansas	141.3	144.7	144.5	144.7	90.2	90.9	91.9	92.2	199.7	201.6	201.9	201.8
California	1,552.6	1,571.1	1,577.4	1,578.1	1,431.1	1,454.0	1,468.8	1,468.0	2,394.7	2,380.8	2,381.5	2,383.4
Colorado	216.2	221.3	222.2	223.1	248.1	253.2	253.3	253.9	356.3	362.0	362.0	362.8
Connecticut	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )	126.6	128.1	128.9	129.2	242.7	242.0	242.3	241.9
Delaware <sup>3</sup>	51.2	52.9	53.6	52.9	39.6	40.8	41.8	41.8	57.5	58.6	59.1	58.9
District of Columbia <sup>3</sup>	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )	50.8	51.8	52.6	52.7	230.9	230.9	231.1	230.9
Florida	907.5	933.4	935.8	936.8	841.7	869.1	870.3	875.8	1,062.7	1,076.8	1,079.6	1,081.2
Georgia	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )	356.7	357.2	359.5	360.6	632.8	643.5	642.0	645.8
Hawaii <sup>3</sup>	66.6	68.6	68.9	68.8	102.3	105.5	105.8	106.3	119.0	120.2	117.2	119.3
Idaho	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )	55.6	55.7	55.8	56.3	113.7	115.3	115.1	115.3
Illinois	724.9	731.5	729.8	728.8	503.0	509.1	517.9	519.0	845.4	838.2	845.6	843.6
Indiana	364.9	374.3	372.8	373.1	271.8	275.1	279.7	280.6	423.4	425.2	430.2	429.5
Iowa	190.7	192.4	192.5	192.4	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )	244.4	243.4	243.1	242.6
Kansas	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )	108.2	112.2	111.9	112.3	250.4	254.0	248.6	255.9
Kentucky	229.5	232.3	232.0	232.3	159.4	161.7	162.5	163.7	310.1	308.2	309.4	308.3
Louisiana	249.6	252.1	252.1	252.7	201.7	204.3	206.4	205.0	380.9	381.4	382.5	382.4
Maine	109.9	112.3	112.5	112.5	58.7	61.1	60.5	60.3	104.5	105.4	105.1	105.0
Maryland <sup>3</sup>	344.6	350.7	352.7	353.2	222.3	231.0	232.2	235.5	463.5	461.6	461.4	460.7
Massachusetts	579.2	584.2	585.1	585.2	288.9	293.7	295.7	298.2	407.8	405.2	405.1	406.3
Michigan	552.2	552.8	555.0	552.2	403.7	402.5	402.8	405.6	681.1	688.0	687.4	688.9
Minnesota	372.2	382.0	379.3	381.2	232.4	237.6	238.1	238.3	410.9	411.1	414.4	410.5
Mississippi	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )	124.6	124.6	125.5	127.1	242.2	242.9	243.9	244.3
Missouri	356.0	359.9	363.6	362.5	265.3	266.7	263.1	266.0	429.1	428.2	430.3	428.7
Montana	53.5	54.8	54.6	54.9	52.9	58.3	55.1	54.3	86.3	87.9	86.6	86.6
Nebraska <sup>3</sup>	124.1	127.6	128.9	128.2	76.6	78.4	81.2	80.2	159.5	159.9	160.3	159.9
Nevada	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )	307.9	315.7	318.1	319.7	136.0	140.9	141.0	141.4
New Hampshire	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )	63.1	64.9	65.0	65.4	89.1	90.8	93.1	89.7
New Jersey	541.3	553.2	555.7	557.7	323.0	332.3	333.2	333.9	627.7	640.8	641.7	640.8
New Mexico	101.2	104.2	104.6	104.5	82.5	82.9	83.2	83.1	197.5	200.2	200.5	200.7
New York	1,511.8	1,534.2	1,537.3	1,538.6	655.4	668.0	674.6	674.4	1,482.0	1,488.5	1,485.3	1,481.8
North Carolina	437.0	454.2	456.1	455.2	341.2	349.7	348.4	347.9	646.1	650.5	650.8	649.3
North Dakota	48.1	48.8	48.8	49.6	30.3	30.8	30.9	31.2	74.6	74.8	75.6	75.5
Ohio	740.0	749.1	753.9	753.9	494.3	492.7	491.4	490.6	803.0	797.4	797.6	798.2
Oklahoma	177.9	179.9	181.2	181.4	127.8	130.2	131.9	131.8	297.3	306.3	305.2	306.9
Oregon	190.0	196.8	194.0	196.4	153.0	159.0	159.1	160.7	267.6	271.4	274.1	273.6
Pennsylvania	986.4	1,004.6	1,010.0	1,010.2	471.7	480.1	480.6	480.2	744.0	746.1	747.0	745.4
Rhode Island	92.1	93.7	94.2	94.7	49.4	50.6	50.8	50.7	65.6	65.3	65.6	65.7
South Carolina	179.9	167.3	167.9	167.0	197.6	205.6	210.4	209.5	323.4	330.6	328.9	328.5
South Dakota	56.4	56.8	56.9	56.8	40.5	41.5	41.0	41.2	74.4	74.6	75.0	75.1
Tennessee	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )	251.6	256.7	258.1	259.2	427.6	412.6	414.3	411.6
Texas	1,137.4	1,157.0	1,160.0	1,162.8	874.4	890.3	893.2	894.4	1,646.9	1,664.7	1,666.2	1,670.0
Utah	121.5	126.2	125.8	126.2	100.4	103.4	104.3	104.6	196.9	199.4	200.8	200.7
Vermont	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )	52.2	52.9	53.0	52.9
Virginia	376.3	385.3	384.7	384.1	317.2	324.5	325.4	323.7	645.5	655.9	654.2	655.4
Washington	316.2	322.3	323.8	324.7	252.7	255.4	255.6	255.9	521.5	524.7	524.6	524.5
West Virginia	110.0	112.1	112.2	112.3	68.1	68.2	68.4	69.0	142.6	142.6	143.9	143.5
Wisconsin	371.9	381.7	382.5	381.7	248.7	249.3	248.7	249.8	411.3	412.3	418.9	417.7
Wyoming	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )	31.2	32.1	32.4	32.4	64.2	64.5	64.5	64.1

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

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

<sup>3</sup> Natural resources and mining is combined with construction.  
P = preliminary.

NOTE: Data are counts of jobs by place of work. Estimates are currently projected from 2004 benchmark levels. Estimates subsequent to the current benchmarks are provisional and will be revised when new information becomes available.

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			
	January		February		January		February		January		February		January		February	
	2004	2005	2004	2005 <sup>P</sup>	2004	2005	2004	2005 <sup>P</sup>	2004	2005	2004	2005 <sup>P</sup>	2004	2005	2004	2005 <sup>P</sup>
Alabama	1,862.7	1,904.3	1,872.4	1,911.3	12.2	12.8	12.2	12.8	99.6	105.0	101.2	105.7	286.5	292.4	286.7	292.6
Alaska	283.3	288.0	286.8	291.7	9.4	9.8	9.7	10.0	13.7	14.3	13.8	14.3	10.6	10.5	11.5	11.4
Arizona	2,308.5	2,407.3	2,339.1	2,434.5	7.8	8.8	7.9	8.9	178.3	196.1	180.6	198.2	174.5	176.0	175.2	176.1
Arkansas	1,135.2	1,151.0	1,142.5	1,156.8	7.0	7.2	6.9	7.3	47.8	49.7	47.8	49.5	202.7	202.8	202.7	202.4
California	14,231.3	14,496.1	14,327.1	14,580.9	21.5	21.6	21.6	21.7	792.0	840.1	797.5	849.5	1,508.4	1,519.2	1,515.9	1,523.5
Colorado	2,121.6	2,174.0	2,131.0	2,188.8	13.2	15.0	13.4	15.2	140.1	146.6	138.7	148.5	152.3	154.1	152.4	153.8
Connecticut	1,616.6	1,637.9	1,618.6	1,640.9	.6	.6	.6	.6	57.5	61.6	56.4	60.7	197.0	197.7	196.4	198.1
Delaware	410.7	420.8	412.6	422.2	( <sup>1</sup> )	( <sup>1</sup> )	( <sup>1</sup> )	( <sup>1</sup> )	24.4	26.5	24.1	26.3	34.3	33.2	35.0	34.6
District of Columbia	657.9	664.7	665.1	669.0	( <sup>1</sup> )	( <sup>1</sup> )	( <sup>1</sup> )	( <sup>1</sup> )	11.9	11.6	11.9	11.6	2.4	2.4	2.5	2.4
Florida	7,343.8	7,606.7	7,415.8	7,670.3	7.2	6.7	7.2	6.7	463.5	505.2	471.0	504.5	382.9	387.3	385.1	388.4
Georgia	3,818.2	3,851.0	3,838.1	3,869.8	12.3	11.9	12.2	11.9	193.7	192.5	193.3	194.6	442.2	435.5	446.0	438.8
Hawaii	568.9	584.4	574.5	591.9	( <sup>1</sup> )	( <sup>1</sup> )	( <sup>1</sup> )	( <sup>1</sup> )	27.6	30.1	27.9	30.4	15.3	15.5	15.4	15.5
Idaho	558.3	575.5	564.1	580.7	3.6	3.8	3.5	3.7	33.6	36.3	33.5	36.4	60.2	60.1	60.4	60.0
Illinois	5,666.8	5,698.8	5,673.3	5,710.6	8.6	8.6	8.6	8.6	238.8	236.3	233.7	234.6	691.7	690.6	691.8	690.8
Indiana	2,851.2	2,911.3	2,857.3	2,930.4	6.8	6.8	6.7	6.8	131.4	140.0	129.6	140.1	565.0	571.0	565.3	572.4
Iowa	1,417.8	1,431.7	1,419.7	1,433.8	1.6	1.7	1.6	1.7	57.5	58.8	55.6	57.0	218.8	222.7	218.5	222.5
Kansas	1,289.9	1,308.9	1,290.9	1,319.6	6.6	7.5	6.5	7.6	57.4	57.2	54.7	57.6	173.0	178.4	173.8	178.6
Kentucky	1,760.1	1,778.2	1,762.4	1,783.4	19.1	19.7	18.9	19.8	77.5	80.1	76.5	80.1	264.4	265.4	263.5	264.5
Louisiana	1,893.7	1,911.2	1,904.9	1,916.6	44.9	44.0	44.9	43.9	116.9	116.4	116.6	115.7	151.5	150.4	151.4	149.4
Maine	588.4	594.3	591.6	597.5	2.7	2.7	2.7	2.8	28.0	28.0	27.5	27.7	62.4	62.0	61.5	61.5
Maryland	2,448.7	2,494.0	2,451.5	2,503.8	( <sup>1</sup> )	( <sup>1</sup> )	( <sup>1</sup> )	( <sup>1</sup> )	166.4	172.4	165.1	169.4	141.9	139.4	141.7	139.9
Massachusetts	3,101.4	3,134.5	3,107.0	3,140.2	1.7	1.9	1.6	1.7	122.5	129.6	120.1	126.4	312.5	312.9	311.8	312.5
Michigan	4,299.2	4,289.5	4,309.2	4,318.9	7.4	7.4	7.4	7.4	166.8	170.3	163.4	166.1	698.6	675.3	696.7	684.9
Minnesota	2,598.2	2,642.7	2,601.3	2,649.2	5.6	5.4	5.6	5.7	105.5	107.8	103.5	105.7	335.4	343.4	334.5	343.0
Mississippi	1,108.3	1,121.2	1,113.3	1,129.3	8.6	8.4	8.5	8.5	47.2	47.6	47.0	47.6	177.9	177.2	178.4	178.3
Missouri	2,629.6	2,648.5	2,630.8	2,669.8	4.6	4.6	4.5	4.7	126.2	127.3	122.3	128.8	309.1	309.1	309.1	312.9
Montana	390.5	401.3	394.3	403.4	6.6	7.6	6.5	7.6	19.8	22.1	19.9	21.6	18.6	18.8	18.6	18.8
Nebraska	901.8	915.7	899.2	917.7	( <sup>1</sup> )	( <sup>1</sup> )	( <sup>1</sup> )	( <sup>1</sup> )	43.6	42.7	42.4	43.2	101.0	98.5	100.8	98.2
Nevada	1,101.5	1,174.0	1,108.3	1,183.6	9.0	10.1	9.1	10.1	102.8	122.6	105.2	125.2	44.0	46.4	44.5	46.5
New Hampshire	608.0	623.7	609.2	622.0	.8	.9	.9	.9	26.4	27.9	25.7	27.3	79.5	80.9	79.2	80.7
New Jersey	3,905.8	3,970.4	3,907.6	3,974.9	1.5	1.4	1.4	1.4	151.0	156.9	148.0	153.9	338.1	332.3	338.0	331.9
New Mexico	769.8	785.3	778.0	791.7	14.4	15.4	14.3	15.5	46.7	49.5	46.8	49.4	35.0	35.0	34.9	34.8
New York	8,233.1	8,329.7	8,289.9	8,371.7	4.7	4.9	4.6	5.0	285.6	289.1	283.7	286.7	593.5	581.3	594.8	582.3
North Carolina	3,739.7	3,801.8	3,749.9	3,808.9	6.8	6.2	6.8	6.3	206.0	216.9	205.0	215.4	574.9	574.2	574.6	574.0
North Dakota	326.5	332.3	328.2	335.4	3.2	3.5	3.2	3.5	13.1	13.6	13.0	13.6	23.2	24.4	23.3	24.4
Ohio	5,277.0	5,314.0	5,292.7	5,326.7	11.3	11.3	11.3	11.2	208.5	211.7	205.6	208.9	817.4	821.1	817.9	820.7
Oklahoma	1,439.8	1,463.6	1,448.3	1,475.4	29.6	31.4	29.7	31.6	59.7	60.2	59.2	60.2	141.3	139.9	140.8	141.2
Oregon	1,530.6	1,593.9	1,546.8	1,609.7	8.8	9.6	9.0	9.5	72.4	80.5	74.2	81.6	190.9	198.5	192.2	200.2
Pennsylvania	5,507.1	5,570.1	5,530.4	5,596.8	17.2	17.5	17.2	17.4	223.4	227.9	219.4	224.4	687.1	682.4	684.6	679.8
Rhode Island	473.2	480.3	475.5	482.3	.2	.1	.2	.1	18.6	18.8	18.0	18.4	56.7	56.0	56.8	56.1
South Carolina	1,781.8	1,788.5	1,791.7	1,795.2	5.1	4.3	5.1	4.2	110.8	108.9	110.9	109.1	267.1	266.2	266.7	265.2
South Dakota	369.7	376.0	370.0	377.2	.7	.7	.7	.7	16.4	16.9	16.0	16.7	37.6	39.0	37.7	39.1
Tennessee	2,637.4	2,678.5	2,668.4	2,691.3	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	111.3	113.5	111.2	113.4	406.7	409.1	407.6	408.9
Texas	9,304.2	9,444.4	9,368.7	9,507.6	149.3	153.8	149.4	153.6	534.4	532.1	535.7	536.1	882.8	882.1	884.6	883.7
Utah	1,072.3	1,112.7	1,077.7	1,117.6	6.7	7.4	6.6	7.4	63.9	70.0	63.8	70.3	111.8	115.6	112.1	114.5
Vermont	298.7	303.9	300.6	306.1	.8	.8	.8	.8	14.1	15.1	13.8	14.7	36.2	36.7	36.5	36.8
Virginia	3,483.3	3,582.1	3,495.8	3,584.7	10.0	10.1	10.1	10.0	215.3	231.0	215.4	228.6	297.3	298.4	296.9	298.2
Washington	2,614.0	2,677.1	2,633.7	2,693.6	8.2	8.7	8.4	8.7	147.3	154.1	151.0	157.6	257.5	262.0	257.4	262.7
West Virginia	716.2	726.9	717.5	728.6	22.4	24.6	22.1	24.6	29.1	32.3	29.2	32.2	63.0	62.4	62.9	62.2
Wisconsin	2,718.1	2,749.7	2,727.3	2,765.4	3.1	2.9	3.2	2.9	110.4	111.9	107.6	113.4	493.5	496.3	492.6	497.9
Wyoming	243.9	249.9	244.3	250.2	18.9	21.4	19.0	21.6	16.5	16.8	16.6	16.7	9.2	9.7	9.0	9.3
Puerto Rico	1,025.1	1,036.6	1,027.9	1,039.5	( <sup>1</sup> )	( <sup>1</sup> )	( <sup>1</sup> )	( <sup>1</sup> )	67.3	67.1	69.2	68.9	117.6	116.4	118.5	116.6

See footnotes at end of table.

**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			
	January		February		January		February		January		February		January		February	
	2004	2005	2004	2005 <sup>P</sup>	2004	2005	2004	2005 <sup>P</sup>	2004	2005	2004	2005 <sup>P</sup>	2004	2005	2004	2005 <sup>P</sup>
Alabama .....	371.0	376.8	370.4	376.1	31.3	30.9	31.2	30.8	95.6	95.1	95.9	94.8	187.5	200.1	188.8	201.5
Alaska .....	57.0	58.3	57.0	58.3	6.8	6.7	6.8	6.7	13.9	14.2	14.0	14.3	21.7	21.9	21.9	22.1
Arizona .....	453.6	477.0	453.1	474.6	48.5	46.1	48.5	46.2	160.3	164.1	161.2	165.2	319.0	336.3	322.7	339.2
Arkansas .....	237.6	239.1	237.6	239.1	20.4	20.1	20.3	20.2	50.2	51.1	50.3	51.2	105.2	107.3	105.2	107.3
California .....	2,702.1	2,750.6	2,691.9	2,731.9	485.6	475.5	490.7	484.7	886.6	912.3	890.2	914.9	2,028.0	2,098.4	2,049.7	2,116.0
Colorado .....	401.7	409.2	397.7	406.9	82.7	77.6	82.8	76.7	153.5	156.6	153.8	157.3	283.0	295.6	285.6	298.1
Connecticut .....	304.9	311.7	301.0	307.3	39.2	39.2	38.8	39.1	140.1	140.0	139.6	140.0	191.2	193.4	191.3	193.7
Delaware .....	78.6	79.9	78.1	79.7	7.3	6.5	7.2	6.7	44.1	44.2	44.1	44.3	59.8	62.4	61.2	62.5
District of Columbia .....	27.8	27.5	27.7	27.4	24.3	22.8	24.1	22.8	30.0	30.3	30.1	30.4	137.7	139.8	139.5	141.5
Florida .....	1,482.4	1,515.9	1,480.2	1,514.8	168.1	168.8	167.5	167.7	490.5	503.7	493.5	506.1	1,234.1	1,318.9	1,253.7	1,338.3
Georgia .....	817.4	816.8	813.9	811.9	118.4	117.3	118.1	117.4	214.9	218.0	215.9	218.7	493.2	509.1	498.3	513.2
Hawaii .....	109.3	114.4	108.8	114.2	10.2	11.3	10.1	11.2	28.5	28.8	28.5	29.0	69.4	71.0	70.1	71.7
Idaho .....	113.9	115.8	113.5	115.3	9.2	10.0	9.2	10.0	26.9	28.0	27.0	28.0	67.1	71.6	68.1	72.4
Illinois .....	1,164.7	1,165.9	1,153.2	1,156.7	122.2	117.7	122.1	117.4	396.7	396.7	396.2	396.8	758.5	778.4	762.3	782.7
Indiana .....	566.6	572.6	561.1	570.6	40.8	40.4	40.4	40.5	138.6	139.8	138.6	140.1	248.9	262.5	251.7	264.7
Iowa .....	299.5	302.3	296.8	299.3	33.3	33.6	33.3	33.5	95.3	97.3	95.4	97.4	104.1	103.2	104.3	103.7
Kansas .....	259.0	256.6	256.9	255.5	42.9	41.3	42.7	41.4	68.8	70.0	69.0	69.9	120.2	126.0	121.5	126.7
Kentucky .....	367.2	369.0	364.6	367.3	28.9	28.2	29.0	28.1	86.5	84.8	86.5	84.6	153.7	160.3	154.8	160.8
Louisiana .....	376.6	378.1	376.0	377.5	29.1	28.6	29.4	28.6	101.7	102.9	101.8	103.3	181.8	184.6	182.9	186.1
Maine .....	121.3	123.4	119.8	121.2	11.6	11.8	11.4	11.7	34.9	34.1	35.0	34.3	47.8	47.6	48.2	47.9
Maryland .....	460.6	466.3	456.2	461.1	50.3	50.5	49.6	50.2	153.8	156.1	153.9	156.3	357.6	370.1	359.5	372.7
Massachusetts .....	568.2	570.1	561.4	562.6	87.4	85.1	86.8	84.2	218.8	218.4	218.6	218.0	431.7	443.1	431.6	442.5
Michigan .....	796.9	803.3	789.9	794.8	68.8	66.3	68.3	65.7	214.5	216.6	214.0	216.4	563.3	558.1	563.2	559.4
Minnesota .....	511.5	523.1	506.0	517.7	60.6	58.2	60.5	58.4	174.9	176.5	174.6	176.2	288.7	292.8	290.6	295.5
Mississippi .....	217.7	219.6	217.0	220.2	14.9	14.2	14.8	14.4	45.5	45.7	45.4	46.2	80.2	83.7	80.9	84.5
Missouri .....	525.1	530.4	519.7	525.8	65.1	63.5	65.2	64.0	160.1	164.7	159.8	164.7	296.5	294.7	296.8	298.3
Montana .....	83.9	84.2	83.6	84.0	7.6	7.8	7.6	7.8	20.7	21.0	20.7	21.1	30.4	31.5	31.0	31.9
Nebraska .....	192.3	197.7	189.8	196.2	21.3	21.9	21.3	21.6	62.2	63.1	62.1	63.2	90.8	93.2	90.8	93.9
Nevada .....	197.9	206.0	197.5	205.7	14.9	14.5	14.6	14.3	59.5	62.6	59.7	62.9	128.0	139.1	126.4	137.8
New Hampshire .....	137.1	139.8	135.2	137.8	12.1	12.7	12.3	12.6	36.7	38.3	36.7	38.5	54.3	54.5	54.6	54.3
New Jersey .....	866.8	879.2	859.3	871.3	100.1	96.6	98.7	96.2	273.1	278.7	272.7	279.0	564.0	567.8	562.7	569.6
New Mexico .....	135.9	136.4	135.4	135.5	14.9	13.9	15.2	13.9	34.3	34.8	34.1	34.8	87.0	89.9	87.6	90.4
New York .....	1,457.4	1,477.2	1,443.6	1,461.7	266.6	267.1	268.1	268.6	692.0	702.0	692.7	701.8	1,017.8	1,033.9	1,025.8	1,038.5
North Carolina .....	710.2	711.0	706.9	709.4	73.0	69.8	72.5	69.7	189.4	191.5	189.8	191.8	413.0	428.2	416.9	432.3
North Dakota .....	71.3	71.8	71.0	71.9	7.6	7.7	7.6	7.7	18.5	18.6	18.6	18.5	22.9	23.4	23.3	23.7
Ohio .....	1,026.0	1,022.0	1,015.1	1,011.5	93.4	92.0	93.0	91.6	309.8	311.5	310.5	311.3	600.5	616.5	601.1	617.2
Oklahoma .....	274.6	273.3	272.3	271.5	31.6	30.4	31.6	30.7	83.1	84.2	83.3	84.4	154.2	160.7	155.8	162.1
Oregon .....	311.7	322.9	309.1	321.5	32.7	33.2	32.8	33.6	94.1	96.8	94.4	97.0	165.5	173.2	168.1	175.8
Pennsylvania .....	1,108.6	1,119.6	1,098.1	1,106.8	113.9	109.4	113.2	109.1	335.9	333.3	334.8	332.4	609.1	629.7	610.9	633.3
Rhode Island .....	79.7	78.6	78.9	77.3	11.1	10.9	11.0	10.8	33.8	34.7	33.8	34.9	49.9	52.7	50.3	52.9
South Carolina .....	345.9	349.6	345.4	348.7	26.8	26.3	26.5	26.4	90.3	92.5	91.0	92.7	185.1	182.2	187.4	183.2
South Dakota .....	75.2	76.4	74.4	76.3	6.8	6.7	6.8	6.7	27.7	28.6	27.6	28.6	22.9	22.7	23.5	23.0
Tennessee .....	575.9	583.1	574.8	581.8	50.1	48.5	49.9	48.4	140.6	142.8	140.4	142.7	288.5	301.1	291.8	302.8
Texas .....	1,915.0	1,945.9	1,909.1	1,935.8	227.6	226.3	225.7	225.8	586.5	595.4	587.4	596.7	1,053.1	1,079.9	1,061.7	1,088.4
Utah .....	214.6	221.2	213.1	220.7	29.4	30.4	30.0	31.1	63.7	66.4	64.2	66.8	132.2	138.0	133.6	139.0
Vermont .....	57.9	58.5	57.4	58.1	6.4	6.2	6.4	6.3	13.3	13.4	13.1	13.4	20.0	20.4	20.0	20.5
Virginia .....	635.8	650.6	630.2	643.4	101.1	100.8	100.7	100.2	184.8	189.9	185.0	189.5	551.7	578.7	556.7	583.4
Washington .....	501.9	520.6	500.9	519.3	91.7	92.1	91.7	92.1	149.9	149.8	150.2	150.2	286.2	298.7	290.0	301.1
West Virginia .....	134.7	136.1	133.3	135.0	11.8	12.0	11.7	11.8	30.3	29.9	30.1	29.5	57.3	57.0	57.2	57.4
Wisconsin .....	529.5	533.3	522.5	525.7	50.2	50.6	49.8	50.2	156.7	156.6	156.5	156.8	240.0	239.3	241.0	241.6
Wyoming .....	47.5	48.5	47.4	48.0	4.3	4.3	4.3	4.3	10.2	10.5	10.2	10.4	14.3	14.4	14.3	14.5
Puerto Rico .....	183.3	187.1	181.2	180.9	21.5	22.9	21.4	23.1	46.1	46.2	46.3	46.2	100.8	102.2	102.2	102.1

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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			
	January		February		January		February		January		February		January		February	
	2004	2005	2004	2005 <sup>P</sup>	2004	2005	2004	2005 <sup>P</sup>	2004	2005	2004	2005 <sup>P</sup>	2004	2005	2004	2005 <sup>P</sup>
Alabama .....	188.0	194.2	189.4	195.3	151.2	155.4	153.5	156.7	81.1	80.3	81.4	80.6	358.7	361.3	361.7	364.4
Alaska .....	33.8	34.8	34.2	35.2	24.9	25.7	25.3	26.0	10.6	11.1	10.8	11.2	80.9	80.7	81.8	82.2
Arizona .....	253.6	268.0	255.2	269.8	234.7	244.6	239.5	248.7	87.8	88.6	89.1	88.9	390.4	401.7	406.1	418.7
Arkansas .....	140.1	144.1	141.4	144.8	84.2	86.8	86.4	88.6	40.5	40.9	40.7	40.9	199.5	201.9	203.2	205.5
California .....	1,535.8	1,564.6	1,558.3	1,582.8	1,380.9	1,430.2	1,400.7	1,443.6	494.4	500.9	499.7	507.4	2,396.0	2,382.7	2,410.9	2,404.9
Colorado .....	214.7	221.6	216.0	223.5	244.8	253.0	245.5	253.6	86.0	87.8	85.7	88.2	349.6	356.9	359.4	367.0
Connecticut .....	264.4	268.7	268.2	272.7	117.9	121.0	117.5	120.8	61.5	62.1	61.4	61.8	242.3	241.9	247.4	246.1
Delaware .....	51.0	53.2	51.1	52.9	35.5	38.3	35.3	37.9	18.6	18.4	18.7	18.5	57.1	58.2	57.8	58.8
District of Columbia .....	89.7	92.0	94.2	94.3	48.0	49.9	49.0	50.9	57.2	59.0	57.5	59.2	228.9	229.4	228.6	228.5
Florida .....	900.7	931.6	908.8	937.9	832.0	860.7	850.7	882.4	317.8	322.4	320.3	325.2	1,064.6	1,085.5	1,077.8	1,098.3
Georgia .....	400.8	407.7	404.1	411.3	340.6	345.4	344.6	348.8	154.9	152.2	154.9	153.0	629.8	644.6	636.8	650.2
Hawaii .....	65.5	68.1	66.6	68.9	100.9	105.2	102.1	106.1	23.8	23.8	24.1	23.9	118.4	116.2	120.9	121.0
Idaho .....	63.2	66.0	64.0	66.8	52.5	53.2	53.0	53.8	17.7	17.9	17.8	18.1	110.4	112.8	114.1	116.2
Illinois .....	719.7	725.7	723.9	728.5	473.9	491.1	473.3	490.4	254.8	255.6	256.0	255.7	837.2	832.2	852.2	848.4
Indiana .....	365.3	374.0	367.3	377.0	255.0	265.7	255.3	267.6	106.1	109.5	106.7	110.4	426.7	429.0	434.6	440.2
Iowa .....	191.2	193.0	193.0	194.8	117.3	121.7	117.3	121.8	55.9	55.6	55.5	55.2	243.3	241.8	248.4	246.9
Kansas .....	157.5	161.5	158.3	161.7	103.0	107.6	103.2	107.9	52.1	53.2	52.3	53.4	249.4	249.6	252.0	259.3
Kentucky .....	227.7	231.0	229.2	232.3	149.0	153.9	149.7	155.6	78.8	78.1	77.0	78.5	309.3	307.7	312.7	311.8
Louisiana .....	248.7	253.0	249.8	253.0	195.1	201.5	197.6	201.6	70.1	72.4	70.4	71.8	377.3	379.3	384.1	385.7
Maine .....	108.4	110.9	110.3	113.0	48.1	49.7	48.3	49.6	19.6	19.6	19.6	19.6	103.6	104.5	107.3	108.2
Maryland .....	343.3	351.0	343.9	353.7	203.9	214.7	204.4	216.8	111.7	114.0	112.6	114.7	459.2	459.5	464.6	469.0
Massachusetts .....	573.5	578.6	584.8	590.9	263.4	273.2	262.8	274.0	114.2	114.6	114.5	114.6	407.5	407.0	413.0	412.8
Michigan .....	545.9	551.9	552.5	555.1	375.3	380.8	375.9	381.4	175.5	174.9	176.7	176.6	686.2	684.6	701.2	711.1
Minnesota .....	369.6	377.3	374.1	383.4	217.8	225.1	216.9	224.0	117.0	117.5	116.1	117.7	411.6	415.6	418.9	421.9
Mississippi .....	118.3	121.0	118.9	122.1	119.8	122.4	121.0	123.7	37.5	36.9	37.8	37.3	240.7	244.5	243.6	246.5
Missouri .....	352.2	360.9	355.9	362.8	242.6	246.5	243.0	250.1	116.8	118.0	117.1	119.2	431.3	428.8	437.4	438.5
Montana .....	53.5	54.7	53.7	55.2	49.0	52.0	49.3	51.3	16.3	16.9	16.4	16.9	84.1	84.7	87.0	87.2
Nebraska .....	124.7	127.7	125.0	128.4	72.9	77.1	72.7	76.7	34.2	34.6	34.3	35.2	158.8	159.2	160.0	161.1
Nevada .....	77.2	81.9	78.0	82.8	303.1	314.5	303.2	316.4	31.4	37.8	32.1	38.4	133.7	138.5	138.0	143.5
New Hampshire .....	93.6	96.1	94.5	96.7	57.8	60.3	57.9	60.4	20.6	19.9	20.4	20.0	89.1	92.4	91.8	92.8
New Jersey .....	537.4	553.2	539.9	556.9	298.1	308.4	299.2	309.1	150.9	155.4	151.4	155.8	624.8	640.5	636.3	649.8
New Mexico .....	101.6	105.1	102.4	105.8	79.1	79.8	79.7	80.3	27.9	28.4	28.1	28.6	193.0	197.1	199.5	202.7
New York .....	1,490.4	1,521.6	1,523.0	1,548.0	608.7	627.8	613.3	632.9	345.0	350.2	346.8	352.0	1,471.4	1,474.6	1,493.5	1,494.2
North Carolina .....	432.7	453.4	435.6	454.7	320.2	325.8	322.2	326.8	163.0	167.1	164.1	165.7	650.5	657.7	655.5	662.8
North Dakota .....	47.9	48.7	47.9	49.5	28.5	29.7	28.7	30.0	14.8	14.9	15.0	14.9	75.5	76.0	76.6	77.7
Ohio .....	734.7	750.1	741.5	757.0	457.4	460.5	457.8	460.3	222.7	224.8	223.6	225.7	795.3	792.5	815.3	811.3
Oklahoma .....	176.7	180.9	177.9	182.1	121.5	125.0	122.6	126.3	73.0	73.6	73.3	73.7	294.5	304.0	301.8	311.6
Oregon .....	187.0	193.8	191.8	198.8	144.9	152.7	145.9	154.2	55.4	57.8	56.2	57.9	267.2	274.9	273.1	279.6
Pennsylvania .....	973.6	995.8	996.0	1,019.3	439.6	449.5	438.5	449.5	257.6	261.5	257.6	262.0	741.1	743.5	760.1	762.8
Rhode Island .....	90.8	93.1	93.3	95.9	43.6	46.0	44.1	46.3	22.7	23.1	22.8	23.1	66.1	66.3	66.3	66.5
South Carolina .....	178.3	166.9	179.5	167.3	181.0	194.9	185.5	197.6	65.0	65.7	65.6	66.1	326.4	331.0	328.1	334.7
South Dakota .....	56.1	56.8	56.5	57.0	36.4	37.5	36.3	37.5	15.6	16.0	15.6	16.0	74.3	74.7	74.9	75.6
Tennessee .....	313.6	320.3	316.5	323.1	234.8	242.4	237.6	245.1	100.8	101.3	101.5	101.9	411.1	412.4	433.1	419.2
Texas .....	1,124.8	1,152.9	1,135.8	1,162.1	839.3	857.7	851.4	870.7	351.2	356.4	353.5	358.1	1,640.2	1,661.9	1,674.4	1,696.6
Utah .....	121.4	126.1	122.9	127.3	98.4	102.6	99.4	103.4	31.8	32.7	32.0	33.0	198.4	202.3	200.0	204.1
Vermont .....	51.9	53.5	52.7	54.2	35.5	35.9	35.5	35.9	10.1	10.0	10.1	10.1	52.5	53.4	54.3	55.3
Virginia .....	376.4	386.3	379.1	388.3	292.4	302.1	294.4	301.4	176.0	180.9	176.6	179.6	642.5	653.3	650.7	662.1
Washington .....	312.9	322.1	316.9	325.9	239.6	243.5	241.6	244.6	97.1	99.4	98.0	99.9	521.7	526.1	527.6	531.5
West Virginia .....	108.5	111.6	110.0	112.5	64.1	65.7	64.3	65.9	54.6	54.5	54.7	54.6	140.4	140.8	142.0	142.9
Wisconsin .....	368.6	380.5	371.3	383.3	230.3	234.3	229.4	233.5	132.6	132.6	133.1	133.8	403.2	411.4	420.3	426.3
Wyoming .....	21.2	21.7	21.1	22.0	28.1	28.7	28.2	29.0	9.5	9.7	9.6	9.7	64.2	64.2	64.6	64.7
Puerto Rico .....	95.8	96.8	98.7	98.3	69.9	70.1	70.2	71.0	20.3	22.1	20.5	22.8	302.5	305.7	299.7	309.6

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

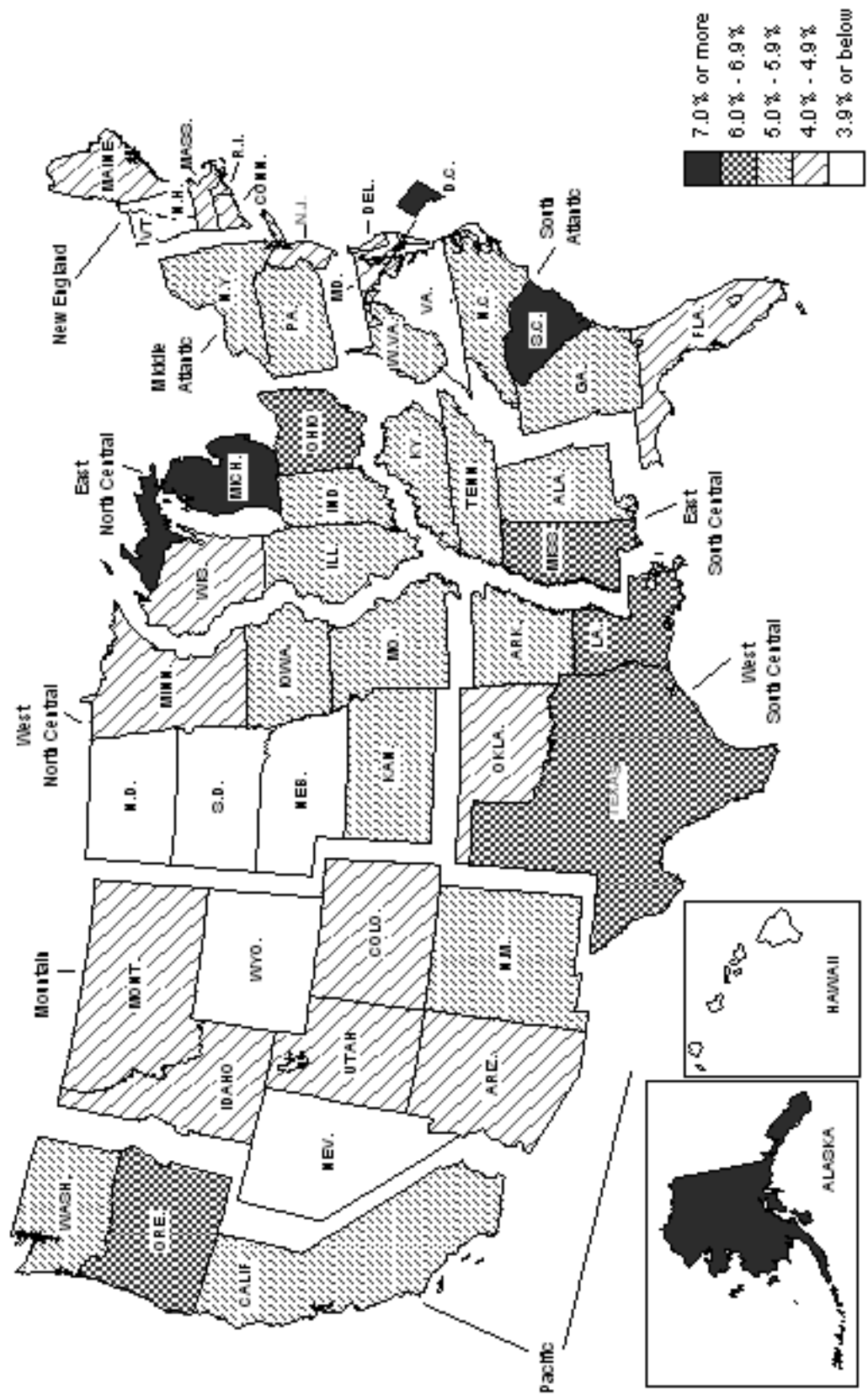
<sup>P</sup> = preliminary.

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

2004 benchmark levels. Estimates subsequent to the current benchmarks are provisional and will be revised when new information becomes available.

# Chart 1. Unemployment rates by state, seasonally adjusted February 2005

(U.S. rate = 5.4 percent)





**Chart 2. Percentage change in nonfarm employment by state, seasonally adjusted, February 2004 – February 2005**

