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REGIONAL AND STATE EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT: APRIL 2005

Regional and state unemployment rates were generally little changed in April. All 4 regions and 36 states and the District of Columbia recorded unemployment rate shifts of 0.2 percentage point or less from March, the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the U.S. Department of Labor reported today. Over the year, jobless rates were down in 35 states and the District of Columbia, up in 12 states, and unchanged in 3 states. In April, the national unemployment rate, 5.2 percent, was unchanged from March and down by 0.3 percentage point from a year earlier.

Nonfarm payroll employment increased in 46 states and the District of Columbia over the month and decreased in 4 states. Employment gains of 10,000 or more occurred in Florida (+21,000), California (+20,400), Illinois (+17,700), Nevada (+13,500), North Carolina (+13,400), Texas (+12,100), and Michigan (+10,000). Nevada reported the largest over-the-month percentage increase in employment (+1.1 percent), followed by the District of Columbia (+0.9 percent), North Dakota (+0.7 percent), Idaho and South Dakota (+0.6 percent each), and Iowa and Wyoming (+0.5 percent each). Employment decreases were reported in Colorado (-3,600), Delaware (-1,800), Louisiana (-500), and West Virginia (-200). The largest over-the-month percentage losses in employment occurred in Delaware (-0.4 percent) and Colorado (-0.2 percent). Over the year, nonfarm employment increased in 48 states and the District of Columbia and decreased in 2 states (Michigan and South Carolina). The largest percentage gains were reported in Nevada (+6.4 percent), Arizona (+3.9 percent), Utah (+3.5 percent), Oregon (+3.3 percent), and Florida (+3.0 percent).

Regional Unemployment (Seasonally Adjusted)

The Northeast continued to register the lowest unemployment rate in April, 4.6 percent, while the Midwest again had the highest rate, 5.5 percent. Jobless rates in the South and West were 5.0 and 5.3 percent, respectively. No region reported a statistically significant rate change from March. Over the year, unemployment rates were down significantly in the Northeast (-0.9 percentage point), West (-0.8 point), and South (-0.3 point). (See table 1.)

Among the nine geographic divisions, the lowest unemployment rates in April were reported in the New England, South Atlantic, and West North Central divisions, 4.6 percent each; the Middle Atlantic, 4.7 percent; and the Mountain, 4.9 percent. The highest rates were recorded in the East North Central and East South Central divisions, 5.9 and 5.6 percent, respectively. No division registered a statistically significant

over-the-month unemployment rate change. The largest over-the-year unemployment rate changes were reported in the Pacific (-1.1 percentage points), Middle Atlantic (-1.0 point), and West South Central (-0.6 point) divisions. The New England and Mountain divisions also posted significant rate declines from April 2004 (-0.4 and -0.3 percentage point, respectively). No division had a statistically significant jobless rate increase over the year.

State Unemployment (Seasonally Adjusted)

Hawaii had the lowest state unemployment rate in April, 2.9 percent. The next lowest state rates were recorded in North Dakota, 3.2 percent; Vermont, 3.3 percent; and New Hampshire, 3.4 percent. The states with the highest jobless rates were Michigan, 7.0 percent; Mississippi, 6.8 percent; Alaska, 6.7 percent; and Oregon and South Carolina, 6.5 percent each. The District of Columbia recorded a rate of 7.7 percent. Idaho posted the lowest rate in its series in April, 4.0 percent. (All state series begin in 1976.) In April, 16 states registered unemployment rates that were measurably below the U.S. rate, 7 states and the District of Columbia had higher rates, and 27 states had rates that were little different from that of the nation. (See tables A and 3 and chart 1.)

Three states recorded over-the-month jobless rate decreases that were statistically significant in April: Iowa (-0.6 percentage point), Pennsylvania (-0.5 point), and Minnesota (-0.4 point). Virginia and Washington posted the only statistically significant rate increases (+0.3 percentage point each). The remaining 45 states—including 2 with increases of 0.4 percentage point—and the District of Columbia registered rates that statistically were little different from those of March.

The largest over-the-year jobless rate declines were in Alabama (-1.2 percentage points), New York (-1.1 points), and California (-1.0 point). Twenty other states also had statistically significant rate decreases. Four states registered significant unemployment rate increases from a year earlier: Mississippi (+1.2 percentage points), Georgia (+0.6 point), Tennessee (+0.4 point), and South Dakota (+0.3 point). (See table B.) Twenty-three states and the District of Columbia recorded jobless rates that were not appreciably different from those of April 2004.

Nonfarm Payroll Employment (Seasonally Adjusted)

Between March and April, the measured changes in employment were statistically significant in six states and the District of Columbia. All registered gains in employment—Illinois (+17,700), Nevada (+13,500), North Carolina (+13,400), Arizona (+8,800), Iowa (+6,700), the District of Columbia (+6,400), and North Dakota (+2,500). (See tables C and 5.)

Over the year, the measured changes in employment were statistically significant in 29 states and the District of Columbia. All 29 states and the District of Columbia registered job gains. The largest gains were in California (+247,600), Florida (+224,700), Texas (+110,600), Arizona (+92,800), Nevada (+73,600), and New York (+73,400). Less populous states with significant gains included Delaware (+9,400), North Dakota (+6,500), and Wyoming (+5,700); the District of Columbia added 7,800 jobs over the year. (See table D.)

The Metropolitan Area Employment and Unemployment release for April 2005 is scheduled to be issued on June 1. The Regional and State Employment and Unemployment release for May is scheduled to be issued on June 17.

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. Error measures for the nonfarm payroll employment data had been available prior to January 2005, although they were not used in the analysis of those data in this release.

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.

Table A. States with unemployment rates significantly different (90-percent confidence level) from that of the U.S., April 2005, seasonally adjusted

State	April 2005
United States	5.2
Alaska	6.7
Delaware	3.9
District of Columbia	7.7
Florida	4.2
Hawaii.....	2.9
Idaho	4.0
Illinois	5.9
Iowa	4.5
Maryland.....	4.3
Michigan	7.0
Minnesota	4.0
Mississippi	6.8
Nebraska	3.9
Nevada	4.0
New Hampshire	3.4
New Jersey.....	4.2
North Dakota	3.2
Ohio	6.1
Oregon	6.5
South Carolina	6.5
South Dakota	3.7
Vermont	3.3
Virginia	3.6
Wyoming.....	3.5

Table B. States with statistically significant (90-percent confidence level) unemployment rate changes from April 2004 to April 2005, seasonally adjusted

State	April 2004	April 2005	Over-the-year rate change
Alabama	5.6	4.4	-1.2
Alaska	7.4	6.7	-.7
Arkansas	5.7	4.9	-.8
California	6.4	5.4	-1.0
Florida	4.8	4.2	-.6
Georgia	4.4	5.0	.6
Hawaii	3.4	2.9	-.5
Idaho	4.9	4.0	-.9
Kansas	5.5	5.2	-.3
Massachusetts	5.3	4.7	-.6
Minnesota	4.5	4.0	-.5
Mississippi.....	5.6	6.8	1.2
Nevada	4.5	4.0	-.5
New Hampshire	4.0	3.4	-.6
New Jersey	5.1	4.2	-.9
New York	6.0	4.9	-1.1
North Carolina	5.7	5.3	-.4
Oklahoma	5.0	4.5	-.5
Oregon.....	7.4	6.5	-.9
Pennsylvania	5.4	4.9	-.5
Rhode Island	5.3	4.7	-.6
South Dakota	3.4	3.7	.3
Tennessee	5.4	5.8	.4
Texas	6.2	5.5	-.7
Vermont	3.8	3.3	-.5
Washington	6.3	5.5	-.8
Wisconsin.....	5.0	4.5	-.5

Table C. States with statistically significant (90-percent confidence level) employment changes from March 2005 to April 2005, seasonally adjusted

State	March 2005	April 2005	Over-the-month change
Arizona	2,438,100	2,446,900	8,800
District of Columbia	674,500	680,900	6,400
Illinois	5,831,100	5,848,800	17,700
Iowa	1,462,200	1,468,900	6,700
Nevada	1,201,700	1,215,200	13,500
North Carolina	3,857,100	3,870,500	13,400
North Dakota	341,000	343,500	2,500

Table D. States with statistically significant (90-percent confidence level) employment changes from April 2004 to April 2005, seasonally adjusted

State	April 2004	April 2005	Over-the-year change
Alabama	1,894,400	1,927,600	33,200
Arizona	2,354,100	2,446,900	92,800
California	14,475,500	14,723,100	247,600
Colorado	2,175,200	2,214,400	39,200
Connecticut	1,648,000	1,669,200	21,200
Delaware	421,300	430,700	9,400
District of Columbia	673,100	680,900	7,800
Florida	7,476,000	7,700,700	224,700
Hawaii	579,500	594,700	15,200
Idaho	585,500	602,200	16,700
Illinois	5,805,800	5,848,800	43,000
Indiana	2,929,600	2,968,600	39,000
Maryland	2,509,200	2,554,300	45,100
Nebraska	919,400	934,500	15,100
Nevada	1,141,600	1,215,200	73,600
New Jersey	3,984,100	4,047,600	63,500
New Mexico	789,200	804,000	14,800
New York	8,430,700	8,504,100	73,400
North Carolina	3,811,700	3,870,500	58,800
North Dakota	337,000	343,500	6,500
Oklahoma	1,467,600	1,493,800	26,200
Oregon	1,588,100	1,640,500	52,400
Pennsylvania	5,628,900	5,690,100	61,200
Tennessee	2,698,300	2,728,000	29,700
Texas	9,464,800	9,575,400	110,600
Utah	1,098,900	1,137,900	39,000
Virginia	3,573,500	3,627,300	53,800
Washington	2,695,800	2,747,800	52,000
Wisconsin	2,797,000	2,826,700	29,700
Wyoming	255,700	261,400	5,700

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 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 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 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*, 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/>.

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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			
	Apr. 2004	Feb. 2005	Mar. 2005	Apr. 2005 ^P	Apr. 2004	Feb. 2005	Mar. 2005	Apr. 2005 ^P	Apr. 2004	Feb. 2005	Mar. 2005	Apr. 2005 ^P
Northeast	27,491.0	27,613.4	27,580.5	27,689.3	1,506.2	1,348.8	1,318.0	1,285.3	5.5	4.9	4.8	4.6
New England	7,537.2	7,500.3	7,512.8	7,546.9	376.1	348.1	353.1	345.5	5.0	4.6	4.7	4.6
Middle Atlantic	19,953.8	20,113.1	20,067.7	20,142.4	1,130.1	1,000.8	964.9	939.8	5.7	5.0	4.8	4.7
South	51,633.8	52,364.9	52,312.1	52,571.9	2,732.6	2,752.4	2,638.3	2,633.1	5.3	5.3	5.0	5.0
South Atlantic	27,209.2	27,648.0	27,654.8	27,809.5	1,316.4	1,330.2	1,292.7	1,290.2	4.8	4.8	4.7	4.6
East South Central	8,360.7	8,414.6	8,382.5	8,391.0	461.7	484.8	469.7	468.3	5.5	5.8	5.6	5.6
West South Central	16,063.9	16,302.2	16,274.9	16,371.4	954.6	937.4	875.9	874.6	5.9	5.7	5.4	5.3
Midwest	34,364.6	34,630.8	34,595.6	34,742.8	1,929.8	2,006.6	1,938.8	1,920.8	5.6	5.8	5.6	5.5
East North Central	23,553.4	23,757.1	23,719.4	23,857.3	1,416.0	1,473.5	1,408.2	1,415.5	6.0	6.2	5.9	5.9
West North Central	10,811.1	10,873.7	10,876.1	10,885.5	513.9	533.1	530.6	505.3	4.8	4.9	4.9	4.6
West	33,567.6	34,036.4	33,962.7	34,158.1	2,044.6	1,846.8	1,755.7	1,800.1	6.1	5.4	5.2	5.3
Mountain	10,026.5	10,198.4	10,220.6	10,290.6	526.0	467.1	485.7	500.6	5.2	4.6	4.8	4.9
Pacific	23,541.0	23,838.0	23,742.1	23,867.4	1,518.6	1,379.7	1,270.0	1,299.5	6.5	5.8	5.3	5.4

¹ 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 ¹

(Numbers in thousands)

Census region and division	Civilian labor force				Unemployed							
					Number				Percent of labor force			
	March		April		March		April		March		April	
	2004	2005	2004	2005 ^P	2004	2005	2004	2005 ^P	2004	2005	2004	2005 ^P
Northeast	27,413.6	27,431.5	27,295.0	27,473.8	1,665.8	1,406.0	1,444.2	1,235.3	6.1	5.1	5.3	4.5
New England	7,504.7	7,464.3	7,482.4	7,487.4	416.6	379.9	364.8	337.7	5.6	5.1	4.9	4.5
Middle Atlantic	19,908.9	19,967.3	19,812.6	19,986.5	1,249.2	1,026.1	1,079.4	897.6	6.3	5.1	5.4	4.5
South	51,406.7	52,075.0	51,397.0	52,306.4	2,785.8	2,630.2	2,551.0	2,474.1	5.4	5.1	5.0	4.7
South Atlantic	27,108.2	27,561.9	27,080.8	27,667.2	1,328.7	1,281.5	1,236.5	1,221.6	4.9	4.6	4.6	4.4
East South Central	8,311.8	8,322.2	8,302.8	8,325.5	483.8	481.3	422.4	432.6	5.8	5.8	5.1	5.2
West South Central	15,986.7	16,191.0	16,013.4	16,313.8	973.4	867.4	892.1	819.9	6.1	5.4	5.6	5.0
Midwest	34,230.4	34,389.1	34,167.5	34,521.2	2,167.1	2,095.6	1,864.0	1,869.7	6.3	6.1	5.5	5.4
East North Central	23,462.9	23,571.0	23,378.9	23,668.8	1,580.7	1,515.3	1,363.3	1,375.7	6.7	6.4	5.8	5.8
West North Central	10,767.5	10,818.1	10,788.5	10,852.4	586.4	580.3	500.7	494.0	5.4	5.4	4.6	4.6
West	33,473.0	33,849.3	33,396.4	33,972.5	2,212.8	1,854.5	1,976.5	1,756.1	6.6	5.5	5.9	5.2
Mountain	9,948.8	10,159.1	9,972.8	10,230.8	548.5	506.0	509.0	489.3	5.5	5.0	5.1	4.8
Pacific	23,524.2	23,690.1	23,423.6	23,741.8	1,664.3	1,348.5	1,467.4	1,266.8	7.1	5.7	6.3	5.3

¹ 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			
	Apr. 2004	Feb. 2005	Mar. 2005	Apr. 2005P	Apr. 2004	Feb. 2005	Mar. 2005	Apr. 2005P	Apr. 2004	Feb. 2005	Mar. 2005	Apr. 2005P
Alabama	2,144.9	2,161.7	2,153.2	2,143.6	121.1	112.4	101.8	94.5	5.6	5.2	4.7	4.4
Alaska	331.6	336.4	336.8	339.8	24.5	24.2	22.3	22.8	7.4	7.2	6.6	6.7
Arizona	2,765.1	2,804.0	2,810.7	2,834.9	144.3	124.0	131.6	140.5	5.2	4.4	4.7	5.0
Arkansas	1,301.3	1,325.7	1,327.8	1,339.0	74.0	73.0	68.5	66.0	5.7	5.5	5.2	4.9
California	17,495.7	17,742.3	17,656.8	17,744.7	1,112.4	1,024.8	957.7	952.8	6.4	5.8	5.4	5.4
Los Angeles-Long Beach-Glendale ¹	4,804.4	4,846.0	4,856.5	4,922.6	323.2	290.5	275.3	280.3	6.7	6.0	5.7	5.7
Colorado	2,510.5	2,542.8	2,543.8	2,558.7	138.5	124.1	130.8	134.3	5.5	4.9	5.1	5.2
Connecticut	1,798.3	1,776.7	1,789.6	1,808.2	89.3	85.3	88.0	88.3	5.0	4.8	4.9	4.9
Delaware	422.5	426.3	426.9	429.6	17.1	17.3	16.7	16.7	4.1	4.1	3.9	3.9
District of Columbia	298.2	306.3	303.4	303.4	23.4	25.0	23.6	23.5	7.9	8.1	7.8	7.7
Florida	8,365.4	8,564.6	8,560.9	8,620.5	400.2	391.4	375.0	361.3	4.8	4.6	4.4	4.2
Miami-Miami Beach-Kendall ¹	1,105.6	1,126.4	1,129.8	1,139.5	63.9	59.3	56.7	53.2	5.8	5.3	5.0	4.7
Georgia	4,372.6	4,448.7	4,456.7	4,471.0	194.0	227.8	221.5	224.4	4.4	5.1	5.0	5.0
Hawaii	614.8	627.8	626.2	631.1	20.8	18.7	17.4	18.5	3.4	3.0	2.8	2.9
Idaho	701.4	724.2	724.2	728.5	34.4	29.9	30.5	28.9	4.9	4.1	4.2	4.0
Illinois	6,381.2	6,465.4	6,449.0	6,496.3	394.5	382.7	362.8	384.7	6.2	5.9	5.6	5.9
Chicago-Naperville-Joliet ¹	3,978.5	4,006.4	3,993.6	4,025.7	250.0	245.0	235.8	246.7	6.3	6.1	5.9	6.1
Indiana	3,166.3	3,202.2	3,207.0	3,217.5	160.1	184.1	179.2	172.3	5.1	5.7	5.6	5.4
Iowa	1,622.4	1,636.4	1,643.1	1,645.7	76.8	83.1	83.3	73.5	4.7	5.1	5.1	4.5
Kansas	1,461.3	1,464.4	1,465.6	1,471.7	80.9	79.5	78.9	76.2	5.5	5.4	5.4	5.2
Kentucky	1,977.9	1,980.8	1,983.3	1,993.4	109.6	102.7	105.0	110.7	5.5	5.2	5.3	5.6
Louisiana	2,054.3	2,094.3	2,081.6	2,100.7	117.1	125.3	109.9	108.2	5.7	6.0	5.3	5.1
New Orleans-Metairie-Kenner ²	612.7	621.1	615.7	615.5	28.6	35.3	31.4	29.3	4.7	5.7	5.1	4.8
Maine	696.9	701.4	701.7	706.0	30.8	32.3	32.7	33.5	4.4	4.6	4.7	4.7
Maryland	2,879.1	2,896.3	2,899.4	2,915.8	119.9	120.8	123.4	124.8	4.2	4.2	4.3	4.3
Massachusetts	3,395.3	3,377.0	3,369.6	3,377.2	179.1	164.5	164.8	157.4	5.3	4.9	4.9	4.7
Michigan	5,062.2	5,110.6	5,099.4	5,141.2	337.4	380.6	353.6	361.1	6.7	7.4	6.9	7.0
Detroit-Warren-Livonia ²	2,200.7	2,192.6	2,175.1	2,197.1	149.2	170.4	162.9	171.7	6.8	7.8	7.5	7.8
Minnesota	2,948.5	2,967.4	2,970.4	2,970.0	133.1	124.6	130.4	118.3	4.5	4.2	4.4	4.0
Mississippi	1,323.5	1,343.4	1,343.7	1,343.4	74.0	91.5	94.1	91.3	5.6	6.8	7.0	6.8
Missouri	3,028.0	3,024.2	3,016.9	3,023.2	163.7	174.4	172.9	169.0	5.4	5.8	5.7	5.6
Montana	482.2	488.7	490.2	490.8	21.3	22.2	22.7	21.5	4.4	4.5	4.6	4.4
Nebraska	982.8	990.9	990.1	989.1	36.5	38.4	39.2	38.7	3.7	3.9	4.0	3.9
Nevada	1,173.2	1,202.4	1,207.9	1,217.4	52.9	47.2	47.4	48.5	4.5	3.9	3.9	4.0
New Hampshire	722.2	727.2	729.6	733.3	28.9	27.7	27.1	25.2	4.0	3.8	3.7	3.4
New Jersey	4,389.4	4,398.5	4,396.3	4,413.8	225.4	192.8	188.5	183.2	5.1	4.4	4.3	4.2
New Mexico	910.4	930.0	935.2	941.8	52.5	52.4	55.2	56.7	5.8	5.6	5.9	6.0
New York	9,337.1	9,386.3	9,331.8	9,409.9	557.8	478.4	432.2	457.1	6.0	5.1	4.6	4.9
New York City	3,714.9	3,728.3	3,693.1	3,727.8	271.2	229.0	192.1	210.7	7.3	6.1	5.2	5.7
North Carolina	4,254.2	4,281.5	4,286.1	4,302.0	242.3	231.5	220.8	229.2	5.7	5.4	5.2	5.3
North Dakota	352.7	356.6	356.2	356.0	11.3	11.9	11.7	11.6	3.2	3.3	3.3	3.2
Ohio	5,880.0	5,918.7	5,923.9	5,946.6	360.5	379.4	373.9	362.6	6.1	6.4	6.3	6.1
Cleveland-Elyria-Mentor ²	1,108.4	1,091.0	1,088.1	1,100.8	66.0	70.2	64.8	62.9	6.0	6.4	6.0	5.7
Oklahoma	1,709.4	1,723.7	1,720.1	1,725.1	84.9	73.8	76.0	77.0	5.0	4.3	4.4	4.5
Oregon	1,854.9	1,866.5	1,863.1	1,873.8	136.9	121.5	114.2	122.6	7.4	6.5	6.1	6.5
Pennsylvania	6,256.8	6,333.5	6,336.0	6,329.1	340.4	333.3	342.8	312.4	5.4	5.3	5.4	4.9
Rhode Island	563.3	561.7	564.0	567.7	30.0	24.8	25.4	26.7	5.3	4.4	4.5	4.7
South Carolina	2,037.4	2,076.1	2,070.7	2,073.1	136.5	147.7	139.7	135.7	6.7	7.1	6.7	6.5
South Dakota	427.0	430.3	429.9	430.4	14.5	15.9	16.1	16.0	3.4	3.7	3.7	3.7
Tennessee	2,916.1	2,924.0	2,902.0	2,907.3	156.6	173.0	169.7	169.5	5.4	5.9	5.8	5.8
Texas	11,005.5	11,164.8	11,144.7	11,209.0	677.1	664.4	626.1	621.4	6.2	6.0	5.6	5.5
Utah	1,199.9	1,220.0	1,224.3	1,233.8	62.9	58.9	59.1	60.7	5.2	4.8	4.8	4.9
Vermont	353.4	353.3	352.7	352.4	13.3	12.5	11.9	11.7	3.8	3.5	3.4	3.3
Virginia	3,806.0	3,856.9	3,861.4	3,896.9	140.8	126.4	127.8	140.2	3.7	3.3	3.3	3.6
Washington	3,228.3	3,260.3	3,253.6	3,271.6	204.0	179.5	168.1	180.0	6.3	5.5	5.2	5.5
Seattle-Bellevue-Everett ¹	1,329.1	1,326.1	1,317.1	1,333.9	72.2	63.5	61.0	60.6	5.4	4.8	4.6	4.5
West Virginia	789.5	790.6	797.9	798.1	42.8	39.3	41.7	41.1	5.4	5.0	5.2	5.2
Wisconsin	3,068.7	3,071.1	3,051.6	3,059.3	153.2	150.1	140.4	139.1	5.0	4.9	4.6	4.5
Wyoming	279.7	283.2	283.4	283.8	10.0	8.3	8.9	9.8	3.6	2.9	3.1	3.5
Puerto Rico	1,362.0	1,360.3	1,378.3	1,366.9	147.8	130.5	153.3	153.7	10.9	9.6	11.1	11.2

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² Metropolitan statistical area.

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04-03, dated February 18, 2004, and are available at <http://www.bls.gov/lau/lausmsa.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			
	March		April		March		April		March		April	
	2004	2005	2004	2005P	2004	2005	2004	2005P	2004	2005	2004	2005P
Alabama	2,133.7	2,139.8	2,130.1	2,127.1	123.1	99.1	107.0	81.0	5.8	4.6	5.0	3.8
Alaska	329.0	333.0	327.2	335.4	28.5	24.5	25.4	23.8	8.7	7.4	7.8	7.1
Arizona	2,750.9	2,801.2	2,758.1	2,825.0	140.9	128.2	137.3	132.6	5.1	4.6	5.0	4.7
Arkansas	1,290.2	1,321.4	1,303.1	1,341.1	78.1	71.0	71.4	63.8	6.1	5.4	5.5	4.8
California	17,504.3	17,627.7	17,422.5	17,658.1	1,220.6	998.9	1,083.5	923.6	7.0	5.7	6.2	5.2
Los Angeles-Long Beach-Glendale ¹	4,798.2	4,851.2	4,777.7	4,894.6	327.3	270.4	308.5	265.8	6.8	5.6	6.5	5.4
Colorado	2,487.2	2,520.9	2,490.4	2,535.6	151.1	138.9	137.1	131.7	6.1	5.5	5.5	5.2
Connecticut	1,793.0	1,778.8	1,789.1	1,798.5	95.0	89.7	87.5	87.0	5.3	5.0	4.9	4.8
Delaware	422.9	426.9	421.5	428.7	18.5	17.6	16.6	16.3	4.4	4.1	3.9	3.8
District of Columbia	297.9	300.8	296.2	300.2	23.9	22.8	21.7	20.6	8.0	7.6	7.3	6.9
Florida	8,327.6	8,538.6	8,317.2	8,575.8	392.2	356.0	377.8	339.6	4.7	4.2	4.5	4.0
Miami-Miami Beach-Kendall ¹	1,093.0	1,116.7	1,096.6	1,130.7	62.2	53.4	60.2	50.6	5.7	4.8	5.5	4.5
Georgia	4,360.9	4,450.1	4,348.9	4,445.6	191.3	221.9	178.4	209.6	4.4	5.0	4.1	4.7
Hawaii	615.5	626.1	615.9	632.3	22.0	16.5	19.8	17.9	3.6	2.6	3.2	2.8
Idaho	696.5	721.2	697.1	723.7	41.7	36.8	36.8	31.0	6.0	5.1	5.3	4.3
Illinois	6,359.5	6,416.6	6,346.5	6,459.0	426.0	380.6	383.9	375.1	6.7	5.9	6.0	5.8
Chicago-Naperville-Joliet ¹	3,967.9	3,982.9	3,956.3	4,005.1	259.2	241.7	246.0	248.8	6.5	6.1	6.2	6.2
Indiana	3,151.4	3,184.4	3,158.3	3,208.3	181.7	192.5	157.9	169.7	5.8	6.0	5.0	4.5
Iowa	1,615.7	1,635.7	1,616.7	1,640.7	86.8	92.9	76.6	73.5	5.4	5.7	4.7	4.5
Kansas	1,457.2	1,459.3	1,453.8	1,464.9	83.8	80.2	75.4	71.9	5.8	5.5	5.2	4.9
Kentucky	1,968.2	1,969.6	1,967.6	1,984.0	123.4	113.1	102.9	106.4	6.3	5.7	5.2	5.4
Louisiana	2,033.6	2,064.7	2,045.4	2,091.9	107.7	102.2	103.1	95.2	5.3	5.0	5.0	4.6
New Orleans-Metairie-Kenner ²	611.1	613.6	613.9	616.4	24.8	27.4	23.2	25.0	4.1	4.5	3.8	4.0
Maine	689.7	693.7	690.3	698.1	37.9	38.0	33.2	36.0	5.5	5.5	4.8	5.2
Maryland	2,870.0	2,886.6	2,854.3	2,892.0	125.2	128.2	112.3	118.4	4.4	4.4	3.9	4.1
Massachusetts	3,390.2	3,353.9	3,376.0	3,351.1	200.5	179.2	172.1	150.6	5.9	5.3	5.1	4.5
Michigan	5,054.8	5,069.3	4,990.2	5,068.1	398.5	384.8	312.9	336.7	7.9	7.6	6.3	6.6
Detroit-Warren-Livonia ²	2,194.8	2,163.8	2,167.8	2,160.2	159.9	171.8	130.1	153.6	7.3	7.9	6.0	7.1
Minnesota	2,926.4	2,953.0	2,937.8	2,959.0	166.5	148.4	134.4	121.0	5.7	5.0	4.6	4.1
Mississippi	1,313.5	1,336.9	1,315.2	1,334.4	69.7	93.7	66.6	84.3	5.3	7.0	5.1	6.3
Missouri	3,017.3	3,007.5	3,022.6	3,017.8	175.8	183.2	154.5	162.5	5.8	6.1	5.1	5.4
Montana	477.3	487.2	482.2	490.3	26.2	27.1	22.0	21.9	5.5	5.6	4.6	4.5
Nebraska	979.6	986.8	981.2	987.1	40.6	42.1	34.3	37.1	4.1	4.3	3.5	3.8
Nevada	1,167.1	1,205.0	1,170.7	1,214.1	55.4	48.2	52.9	48.3	4.7	4.0	4.5	4.0
New Hampshire	719.2	726.2	717.6	727.8	31.9	29.4	29.0	25.2	4.4	4.0	4.0	3.5
New Jersey	4,375.7	4,381.8	4,361.0	4,387.6	247.1	200.7	216.1	172.9	5.6	4.6	5.0	3.9
New Mexico	901.4	928.2	905.2	936.2	53.4	54.9	50.7	54.7	5.9	5.9	5.6	5.8
New York	9,322.5	9,293.3	9,258.5	9,335.9	622.1	457.4	541.5	437.6	6.7	4.9	5.8	4.7
New York City	3,739.8	3,703.3	3,699.1	3,713.4	299.5	197.3	263.2	201.4	8.0	5.3	7.1	5.4
North Carolina	4,232.1	4,266.9	4,233.2	4,278.3	247.9	223.0	229.2	217.5	5.9	5.2	5.4	5.1
North Dakota	348.1	350.6	350.9	354.0	15.1	14.7	11.8	12.3	4.3	4.2	3.4	3.5
Ohio	5,836.9	5,873.4	5,837.9	5,900.8	383.8	392.5	350.5	350.6	6.6	6.7	6.0	5.9
Cleveland-Elyria-Mentor ²	1,101.3	1,081.3	1,100.1	1,095.8	70.5	67.8	63.2	60.3	6.4	6.3	5.7	5.5
Oklahoma	1,701.6	1,711.8	1,703.7	1,718.4	90.0	78.8	78.0	71.1	5.3	4.6	4.6	4.1
Oregon	1,849.3	1,852.4	1,849.9	1,867.4	159.4	125.5	138.0	124.2	8.6	6.8	7.5	6.7
Pennsylvania	6,210.8	6,292.2	6,193.2	6,263.0	380.0	368.0	321.9	287.1	6.1	5.8	5.2	4.6
Rhode Island	560.3	561.0	558.1	562.7	34.6	29.5	28.0	25.6	6.2	5.3	5.0	4.6
South Carolina	2,022.9	2,052.8	2,034.7	2,069.0	134.3	134.0	127.9	127.2	6.6	6.5	6.3	6.1
South Dakota	423.2	425.2	425.6	428.9	17.9	18.8	13.8	15.6	4.2	4.4	3.2	3.6
Tennessee	2,896.4	2,875.9	2,889.8	2,879.9	167.6	175.4	145.9	161.0	5.8	6.1	5.0	5.6
Texas	10,961.3	11,093.1	10,961.3	11,162.4	697.5	615.3	639.6	589.8	6.4	5.5	5.8	5.3
Utah	1,190.1	1,213.4	1,190.9	1,223.9	67.3	60.8	61.2	58.4	5.7	5.0	5.1	4.8
Vermont	352.3	350.7	351.1	349.2	16.7	14.1	14.8	13.2	4.7	4.0	4.2	3.8
Virginia	3,794.9	3,852.4	3,788.5	3,882.4	147.4	131.5	129.3	130.5	3.9	3.4	3.4	3.4
Washington	3,226.0	3,251.0	3,208.2	3,248.5	233.8	183.1	200.6	177.4	7.2	5.6	6.3	5.5
Seattle-Bellevue-Everett ¹	1,342.0	1,328.8	1,326.6	1,332.3	78.7	62.7	68.3	57.5	5.9	4.7	5.1	4.3
West Virginia	779.1	786.9	786.4	795.2	48.1	46.6	43.1	41.9	6.2	5.9	5.5	5.3
Wisconsin	3,060.2	3,027.3	3,046.0	3,032.6	190.7	165.0	158.1	143.6	6.2	5.5	5.2	4.7
Wyoming	278.3	282.0	278.2	281.8	12.4	11.1	10.9	10.7	4.5	3.9	3.9	3.8
Puerto Rico	1,379.3	1,389.1	1,370.0	1,375.6	161.7	158.3	150.2	156.5	11.7	11.4	11.0	11.4

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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			
	Apr. 2004	Feb. 2005	Mar. 2005	Apr. 2005 ^P	Apr. 2004	Feb. 2005	Mar. 2005	Apr. 2005 ^P	Apr. 2004	Feb. 2005	Mar. 2005	Apr. 2005 ^P
Alabama	1,894.4	1,920.2	1,924.7	1,927.6	102.6	107.2	107.1	105.9	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)
Alaska	302.4	305.0	307.0	307.7	17.4	18.2	18.2	18.5	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)
Arizona	2,354.1	2,431.2	2,438.1	2,446.9	187.3	201.3	205.7	207.9	175.2	177.3	177.3	176.6
Arkansas	1,155.8	1,165.8	1,168.3	1,168.9	51.8	52.0	52.6	53.3	204.4	202.9	203.2	203.3
California	14,475.5	14,681.7	14,702.7	14,723.1	841.0	882.7	887.3	888.8	1,529.7	1,535.8	1,532.9	1,533.1
Colorado	2,175.2	2,212.8	2,218.0	2,214.4	151.4	157.8	159.1	158.4	154.3	154.7	154.2	153.7
Connecticut	1,648.0	1,664.2	1,666.7	1,669.2	65.6	67.7	68.8	70.8	197.5	198.9	198.9	198.8
Delaware ³	421.3	432.7	432.5	430.7	26.2	28.1	28.2	27.9	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)
District of Columbia ³	673.1	675.3	674.5	680.9	12.8	12.1	12.2	12.5	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)
Florida	7,476.0	7,662.8	7,679.7	7,700.7	489.1	509.4	510.9	512.9	389.7	388.0	388.8	388.6
Georgia	3,892.5	3,905.1	3,911.2	3,912.6	198.4	199.5	199.5	199.3	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)
Hawaii ³	579.5	591.7	592.9	594.7	28.6	30.8	31.2	31.5	15.4	15.6	15.6	15.2
Idaho	585.5	595.5	598.8	602.2	40.0	41.4	42.7	43.5	61.7	61.2	62.0	62.2
Illinois	5,805.8	5,814.8	5,831.1	5,848.8	269.7	264.1	268.8	269.2	695.8	693.3	693.0	690.0
Indiana	2,929.6	2,963.0	2,966.6	2,968.6	148.5	152.3	153.7	153.4	571.8	575.7	576.3	575.3
Iowa	1,455.7	1,459.5	1,462.2	1,468.9	69.6	67.8	68.4	69.1	221.9	224.8	224.9	225.8
Kansas	1,324.5	1,332.0	1,337.7	1,342.0	63.4	63.2	66.1	66.2	176.0	179.8	179.1	179.0
Kentucky	1,796.4	1,803.6	1,807.4	1,815.1	83.5	85.7	86.7	87.2	264.2	264.5	265.1	266.8
Louisiana	1,922.8	1,924.8	1,931.5	1,931.0	118.8	117.2	119.9	119.8	153.2	151.2	151.3	151.4
Maine	613.3	617.4	616.3	618.4	31.2	31.8	32.1	31.6	63.0	62.4	62.2	62.2
Maryland ³	2,509.2	2,546.8	2,549.7	2,554.3	176.7	178.4	178.5	178.8	142.7	140.5	140.3	140.1
Massachusetts	3,181.6	3,191.1	3,195.3	3,200.0	137.6	140.0	141.3	142.0	314.5	313.3	312.0	312.7
Michigan	4,408.7	4,387.1	4,368.1	4,378.1	192.5	190.9	189.6	190.7	704.2	689.2	676.9	678.2
Minnesota	2,682.9	2,696.1	2,698.2	2,703.2	131.1	126.0	125.3	126.9	341.4	347.6	347.8	345.9
Mississippi	1,125.6	1,136.7	1,136.1	1,138.1	49.0	49.5	49.1	49.5	180.3	178.9	179.4	179.3
Missouri	2,695.2	2,699.9	2,709.1	2,710.7	137.8	138.1	140.0	140.8	312.4	314.0	315.6	314.3
Montana	411.4	413.9	416.3	417.9	25.0	25.6	26.1	26.4	19.2	19.3	19.5	19.5
Nebraska ³	919.4	929.8	934.2	934.5	48.9	48.3	50.3	49.1	100.6	98.9	99.3	99.1
Nevada	1,141.6	1,195.3	1,201.7	1,215.2	114.9	129.0	130.1	132.4	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)
New Hampshire	626.1	631.0	634.5	634.7	29.8	30.0	30.4	30.8	79.8	80.9	80.9	80.5
New Jersey	3,984.1	4,037.2	4,038.0	4,047.6	164.3	167.0	166.2	166.4	338.3	333.9	332.4	331.6
New Mexico	789.2	799.4	802.1	804.0	49.4	51.8	52.8	52.8	36.0	35.7	35.8	35.5
New York	8,430.7	8,489.5	8,497.8	8,504.1	318.8	320.8	321.4	322.6	598.3	588.7	586.3	582.3
North Carolina	3,811.7	3,850.8	3,857.1	3,870.5	215.4	222.2	222.8	225.4	577.4	575.9	575.7	574.7
North Dakota	337.0	340.2	341.0	343.5	18.1	17.3	17.0	18.4	24.2	24.6	24.9	25.3
Ohio	5,407.3	5,411.0	5,416.1	5,422.5	236.7	234.7	236.4	236.8	825.4	823.1	823.7	823.1
Oklahoma	1,467.6	1,487.9	1,490.8	1,493.8	61.9	62.7	62.6	63.0	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)
Oregon	1,588.1	1,632.9	1,640.1	1,640.5	82.5	86.0	88.1	89.1	198.3	204.6	206.1	204.7
Pennsylvania	5,628.9	5,673.5	5,680.4	5,690.1	246.9	248.7	249.8	253.7	690.7	686.2	685.6	684.9
Rhode Island	486.7	492.0	492.3	493.0	20.7	21.1	21.0	21.1	57.0	56.5	55.9	55.1
South Carolina	1,825.7	1,820.3	1,817.6	1,818.9	114.7	112.0	111.8	112.3	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)
South Dakota	382.9	385.9	387.4	389.9	20.2	19.7	20.9	21.6	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)
Tennessee	2,698.3	2,720.6	2,720.5	2,728.0	117.2	119.6	119.9	119.7	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)
Texas	9,464.8	9,553.5	9,563.3	9,575.4	544.7	542.9	544.2	548.2	889.5	886.5	888.3	889.6
Utah	1,098.9	1,128.7	1,134.9	1,137.9	72.3	76.2	77.3	77.5	114.3	116.8	117.4	117.6
Vermont	302.6	305.8	305.2	305.6	17.0	17.0	17.2	17.8	36.8	37.4	37.4	37.3
Virginia	3,573.5	3,630.5	3,625.7	3,627.3	229.2	237.3	237.9	238.1	299.6	298.4	298.4	299.1
Washington	2,695.8	2,733.7	2,744.0	2,747.8	163.7	167.9	170.5	170.9	263.5	266.4	267.4	267.6
West Virginia	737.0	740.3	742.5	742.3	35.2	36.7	36.8	36.9	63.5	62.7	62.6	62.6
Wisconsin	2,797.0	2,815.2	2,818.5	2,826.7	128.2	131.8	131.5	134.0	501.6	504.0	506.4	503.8
Wyoming	255.7	259.9	260.1	261.4	19.7	19.3	19.5	19.7	(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			
	Apr. 2004	Feb. 2005	Mar. 2005	Apr. 2005P	Apr. 2004	Feb. 2005	Mar. 2005	Apr. 2005P	Apr. 2004	Feb. 2005	Mar. 2005	Apr. 2005P
Alabama	377.4	379.3	380.7	382.2	96.5	95.5	95.5	95.6	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)
Alaska	61.8	61.7	61.9	62.2	14.8	14.7	15.0	15.0	23.1	23.3	23.8	23.9
Arizona	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)	164.2	165.6	165.6	166.8	330.4	343.6	343.0	345.8
Arkansas	241.2	242.3	242.2	242.5	50.9	51.9	52.0	52.0	107.1	109.9	109.5	109.4
California	2,741.9	2,763.4	2,769.4	2,765.8	896.3	917.2	917.4	915.6	2,076.1	2,135.4	2,135.7	2,138.4
Colorado	406.8	414.2	413.6	413.2	154.5	156.6	156.9	156.8	299.0	307.6	309.4	305.7
Connecticut	307.0	310.8	312.1	313.0	140.5	141.2	141.3	141.3	196.9	198.1	198.0	198.0
Delaware ³	80.6	82.3	81.3	81.1	44.3	44.8	44.4	44.4	60.5	63.3	63.4	63.5
District of Columbia ³	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)	142.6	143.3	144.3	145.8
Florida	1,497.8	1,524.0	1,529.1	1,532.0	501.2	508.5	508.5	512.3	1,279.4	1,339.2	1,343.7	1,349.5
Georgia	829.8	820.7	823.7	821.6	218.4	220.5	220.5	220.6	507.4	520.4	519.3	518.8
Hawaii ³	111.6	115.0	115.3	116.2	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)
Idaho	117.6	118.2	118.7	118.9	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)	72.6	75.4	75.5	76.4
Illinois	1,179.5	1,175.4	1,179.1	1,184.5	399.2	398.6	400.5	400.5	795.9	800.2	806.1	822.3
Indiana	576.9	578.0	579.8	579.7	140.0	140.5	141.1	140.7	264.8	272.0	272.5	272.9
Iowa	305.2	305.7	305.9	306.7	96.5	98.0	98.4	98.7	108.0	106.3	106.7	108.1
Kansas	262.7	259.7	259.8	259.9	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)
Kentucky	372.6	372.6	372.6	373.1	87.6	85.6	85.0	84.9	160.8	164.4	165.2	167.5
Louisiana	381.3	381.2	382.1	382.2	102.7	103.8	104.1	104.5	184.4	185.8	185.0	185.2
Maine	125.7	127.0	126.2	126.1	35.1	34.7	34.5	34.4	49.8	49.6	49.6	49.9
Maryland ³	467.5	474.0	473.3	474.9	155.5	157.5	158.1	158.1	370.7	380.9	383.3	384.4
Massachusetts	573.4	574.3	574.0	573.6	220.5	219.4	219.6	219.6	448.4	455.7	455.4	460.1
Michigan	813.3	816.3	812.9	814.2	217.4	217.8	218.3	217.6	584.1	573.0	572.8	569.4
Minnesota	521.8	527.5	527.5	527.5	177.0	178.1	178.8	179.1	302.7	302.6	301.9	304.6
Mississippi	220.9	221.8	222.3	223.5	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)
Missouri	532.7	534.0	536.4	537.2	163.0	165.6	165.6	166.1	305.9	302.2	304.3	306.2
Montana	86.4	85.8	86.5	86.6	21.0	21.2	21.3	21.4	33.2	33.2	33.7	34.0
Nebraska ³	195.0	199.1	200.8	201.1	62.9	63.8	64.2	64.1	93.6	94.9	95.8	95.2
Nevada	203.4	209.9	210.4	211.1	60.9	63.5	64.0	64.5	130.7	138.3	140.2	143.1
New Hampshire	139.9	140.5	141.4	141.7	37.2	38.6	38.7	38.5	57.5	55.2	55.9	56.2
New Jersey	870.8	885.3	887.4	890.4	277.3	281.2	281.0	281.9	582.8	581.4	583.1	584.4
New Mexico	138.1	138.0	138.4	138.1	34.5	35.0	35.3	35.2	90.0	91.6	91.8	92.1
New York	1,478.2	1,487.8	1,489.1	1,492.0	699.6	707.5	710.0	707.4	1,052.4	1,058.4	1,061.4	1,065.8
North Carolina	724.5	723.6	724.1	727.2	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)	423.4	435.3	439.4	443.9
North Dakota	72.7	73.1	73.4	73.7	18.6	18.6	18.8	18.9	24.2	24.0	23.9	24.2
Ohio	1,037.0	1,032.1	1,033.7	1,030.9	312.4	313.7	313.1	311.7	621.9	633.7	638.0	643.1
Oklahoma	277.0	276.8	277.7	277.6	84.4	84.8	85.6	85.6	160.7	165.3	166.3	167.8
Oregon	319.2	329.6	330.4	330.1	96.3	98.3	98.2	98.6	176.6	181.7	181.9	181.9
Pennsylvania	1,118.2	1,126.5	1,127.9	1,128.0	336.8	334.9	335.2	335.3	630.6	648.5	648.2	648.5
Rhode Island	79.5	78.6	79.2	79.8	34.1	35.2	35.3	35.2	52.9	55.2	55.3	55.7
South Carolina	353.3	354.5	355.7	355.2	92.7	93.1	93.1	93.5	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)
South Dakota	76.7	77.7	78.3	79.0	27.7	28.8	28.6	28.0	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)
Tennessee	586.2	592.6	593.1	594.0	141.4	144.0	143.8	143.5	300.5	306.9	304.5	305.5
Texas	1,942.9	1,955.8	1,956.7	1,959.4	593.2	600.3	600.8	600.2	1,084.6	1,103.1	1,106.5	1,109.0
Utah	218.1	223.9	224.7	224.7	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)	137.8	141.8	143.6	145.4
Vermont	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)	21.5	21.2	21.2	21.5
Virginia	647.2	656.6	655.6	656.8	189.3	191.0	191.3	192.5	570.0	592.1	590.4	590.9
Washington	518.2	532.8	532.1	530.6	151.8	151.7	152.2	152.6	300.2	308.1	310.5	312.5
West Virginia	136.7	137.8	138.5	137.8	30.7	30.0	30.2	29.7	57.8	58.1	58.1	58.1
Wisconsin	538.0	540.6	539.2	543.1	158.2	157.7	158.4	158.6	249.5	248.3	249.9	251.9
Wyoming	49.4	49.8	49.8	49.7	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)	15.4	15.4	15.3	15.8

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			
	Apr. 2004	Feb. 2005	Mar. 2005	Apr. 2005P	Apr. 2004	Feb. 2005	Mar. 2005	Apr. 2005P	Apr. 2004	Feb. 2005	Mar. 2005	Apr. 2005P
Alabama	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)	159.0	161.3	161.6	161.4	358.7	360.9	361.4	360.7
Alaska	34.6	35.6	36.2	36.2	29.6	30.2	30.3	30.2	81.2	81.7	82.2	81.5
Arizona	256.9	268.9	270.2	271.8	238.4	247.2	248.0	248.7	397.1	408.0	406.8	408.8
Arkansas	141.9	144.7	144.9	145.2	90.1	92.1	93.0	91.7	199.7	201.7	202.2	202.5
California	1,558.8	1,579.3	1,577.5	1,584.0	1,433.7	1,465.9	1,471.4	1,477.7	2,391.6	2,387.4	2,387.8	2,392.4
Colorado	217.1	222.8	223.0	223.5	250.7	254.4	255.9	256.7	359.0	364.3	364.3	364.8
Connecticut	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)	126.9	129.2	129.7	129.0	243.0	242.0	243.4	243.1
Delaware ³	51.4	53.1	53.1	53.2	39.3	41.7	41.2	41.4	57.2	59.5	60.3	60.1
District of Columbia ³	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)	50.3	52.7	52.5	53.4	231.1	230.8	229.8	230.4
Florida	914.4	936.8	940.0	941.7	848.2	875.5	874.0	875.4	1,062.0	1,081.3	1,082.9	1,086.0
Georgia	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)	357.4	360.5	361.8	363.2	637.9	646.1	646.9	649.8
Hawaii ³	66.7	68.7	68.8	69.0	102.9	106.0	105.7	106.0	120.3	119.3	119.1	119.4
Idaho	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)	55.1	56.2	55.7	55.8	114.2	115.5	115.7	116.2
Illinois	727.1	728.9	730.5	732.7	504.8	519.0	519.2	524.2	842.2	843.6	844.6	839.7
Indiana	367.1	373.2	373.6	374.3	274.8	280.4	280.1	283.1	425.0	429.3	427.7	428.5
Iowa	191.1	192.4	192.4	192.5	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)	244.8	242.4	242.1	242.8
Kansas	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)	110.0	112.3	112.6	112.4	251.7	255.8	255.5	255.5
Kentucky	230.1	232.5	232.2	232.4	160.5	163.7	165.0	166.4	310.2	308.4	309.0	309.0
Louisiana	251.2	253.0	253.8	252.1	203.0	205.2	206.8	207.8	381.3	382.6	382.6	382.9
Maine	110.6	112.6	112.6	113.2	58.9	60.3	59.9	60.3	104.7	104.6	104.7	105.1
Maryland ³	345.2	352.9	353.4	354.2	223.2	235.5	236.6	237.0	463.3	462.2	462.5	462.0
Massachusetts	580.4	585.3	586.3	585.5	290.7	297.9	298.7	300.9	408.5	406.0	405.9	406.7
Michigan	556.6	553.7	553.6	554.8	403.5	405.6	406.2	412.7	682.7	687.3	685.4	687.0
Minnesota	374.9	382.0	383.2	382.3	236.6	238.6	238.3	240.9	411.0	411.4	412.9	413.9
Mississippi	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)	124.7	127.2	126.4	127.3	243.0	244.5	244.8	244.8
Missouri	357.7	362.5	363.3	362.9	266.6	265.1	267.0	267.0	429.5	429.8	428.6	426.9
Montana	54.0	54.5	54.3	54.6	54.2	55.2	56.1	56.7	86.7	86.7	86.2	85.7
Nebraska ³	125.5	127.4	126.7	127.5	77.1	80.1	80.8	82.0	159.9	160.0	159.8	160.5
Nevada	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)	311.3	319.7	321.1	327.5	137.5	142.3	142.9	143.4
New Hampshire	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)	63.3	65.5	66.2	66.0	90.4	90.1	90.8	90.7
New Jersey	543.2	557.8	558.4	559.1	322.6	333.7	333.0	336.0	629.8	640.6	640.5	640.7
New Mexico	101.7	104.7	104.5	105.2	83.3	83.1	83.2	83.8	197.8	201.1	201.3	202.0
New York	1,516.4	1,538.7	1,540.0	1,542.4	656.9	674.1	676.1	677.4	1,481.7	1,481.5	1,481.9	1,479.9
North Carolina	441.7	454.8	454.9	456.7	345.1	347.3	347.8	348.8	647.6	651.0	651.9	652.7
North Dakota	48.6	49.5	49.6	49.3	30.2	31.2	31.6	31.9	74.6	75.5	75.6	75.6
Ohio	742.8	753.5	752.7	752.6	495.6	490.9	491.4	497.3	803.6	799.1	797.0	797.4
Oklahoma	179.1	180.9	181.0	181.9	127.8	131.9	130.7	130.9	299.0	307.9	308.6	308.1
Oregon	191.5	197.3	198.7	198.8	155.0	160.7	160.7	159.3	268.8	273.3	273.2	274.0
Pennsylvania	991.7	1,010.1	1,013.0	1,014.2	473.8	480.4	481.3	484.0	746.3	745.0	745.4	747.6
Rhode Island	92.8	94.6	95.2	95.3	49.2	50.8	51.2	51.4	65.5	65.7	65.7	66.0
South Carolina	180.6	167.5	168.2	168.4	198.9	210.4	209.3	207.7	323.7	329.6	330.3	331.0
South Dakota	56.1	57.3	57.2	56.9	40.8	41.4	41.7	41.9	75.0	74.9	75.2	75.7
Tennessee	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)	252.7	259.2	256.2	256.3	412.6	411.6	412.9	416.3
Texas	1,143.2	1,161.7	1,163.4	1,165.9	880.2	893.9	895.2	897.5	1,650.0	1,664.0	1,662.9	1,664.3
Utah	122.3	126.5	127.1	127.3	100.9	104.8	105.3	105.2	198.0	201.1	201.7	201.7
Vermont	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)	52.3	52.8	52.7	52.8
Virginia	378.3	386.2	387.5	386.4	318.5	323.0	318.6	319.8	649.7	654.5	654.6	652.8
Washington	318.3	324.4	325.8	327.0	255.3	255.2	256.7	258.4	522.9	523.7	525.3	524.9
West Virginia	110.5	112.3	112.3	112.0	68.2	69.0	69.0	69.4	143.1	142.7	143.6	143.5
Wisconsin	373.7	381.7	383.3	382.8	249.9	248.9	250.1	254.6	409.3	413.3	411.2	409.2
Wyoming	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)	31.7	32.4	32.6	32.7	64.6	64.2	64.6	65.0

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 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			
	March		April		March		April		March		April		March		April	
	2004	2005	2004	2005 ^P	2004	2005	2004	2005 ^P	2004	2005	2004	2005 ^P	2004	2005	2004	2005 ^P
Alabama	1,886.6	1,924.1	1,898.1	1,931.3	12.2	12.8	12.2	12.8	103.0	106.4	102.1	105.4	287.5	294.9	289.7	295.8
Alaska	291.2	295.8	295.2	299.3	9.9	10.1	10.2	10.3	14.1	14.8	15.3	16.1	11.6	11.4	10.1	10.0
Arizona	2,357.8	2,451.5	2,371.9	2,463.0	7.9	9.0	8.2	9.1	183.0	202.9	185.7	206.4	175.7	176.6	174.8	176.0
Arkansas	1,152.9	1,166.9	1,157.7	1,171.5	6.9	7.3	7.0	7.3	49.7	51.3	51.3	52.6	202.9	202.5	203.8	202.5
California	14,440.1	14,671.9	14,465.8	14,719.1	21.7	21.7	22.2	21.8	810.8	863.4	824.9	874.1	1,524.4	1,527.8	1,523.1	1,528.0
Colorado	2,149.6	2,202.1	2,166.3	2,208.0	13.6	15.4	13.9	15.5	142.7	152.4	147.7	155.3	152.8	153.2	153.5	153.5
Connecticut	1,627.7	1,650.7	1,645.9	1,667.2	.7	.7	.7	.7	58.6	63.3	64.2	69.3	197.2	198.5	197.6	198.4
Delaware	417.4	426.4	418.6	428.9	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	25.1	26.8	25.8	27.4	35.0	34.9	35.3	33.5
District of Columbia	670.7	674.5	673.8	681.0	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	12.2	11.9	12.5	12.3	2.5	2.4	2.4	2.4
Florida	7,482.1	7,725.5	7,522.2	7,741.0	7.2	6.8	7.2	6.7	479.9	508.1	484.7	510.1	387.7	389.8	389.4	388.8
Georgia	3,866.9	3,894.0	3,891.2	3,907.1	12.2	12.0	12.2	12.1	196.0	197.2	196.8	198.5	447.1	438.9	447.2	439.1
Hawaii	578.0	594.8	577.9	595.9	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	27.4	31.0	28.4	31.7	15.3	15.5	15.3	15.3
Idaho	571.9	589.1	581.6	598.1	3.2	3.4	3.1	3.2	35.4	38.7	38.4	41.7	60.7	60.9	61.1	61.1
Illinois	5,723.9	5,760.5	5,787.5	5,825.4	9.0	8.9	9.3	9.1	245.1	244.4	262.8	261.3	693.9	692.6	694.6	691.3
Indiana	2,891.0	2,947.0	2,933.9	2,971.3	7.0	6.9	7.3	7.0	136.5	144.4	146.7	150.6	567.0	573.5	569.6	573.9
Iowa	1,433.0	1,447.1	1,460.0	1,473.9	1.9	1.9	2.2	2.2	59.7	59.3	67.9	67.4	219.2	223.0	221.3	225.2
Kansas	1,307.7	1,334.1	1,328.2	1,345.8	6.7	7.7	6.8	7.7	59.0	62.5	63.3	65.9	174.8	178.3	175.3	178.5
Kentucky	1,778.3	1,797.7	1,798.0	1,816.3	19.2	19.9	19.6	20.2	78.8	82.9	82.7	85.8	263.4	264.5	262.8	265.7
Louisiana	1,922.3	1,930.7	1,928.4	1,934.2	45.4	44.5	45.3	45.0	120.2	119.0	118.3	119.0	151.7	150.4	152.3	150.6
Maine	594.0	599.1	604.4	608.7	2.7	2.8	2.1	2.2	28.3	28.4	29.7	30.1	61.3	61.3	62.3	61.5
Maryland	2,485.1	2,530.4	2,500.3	2,554.7	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	170.9	172.7	175.0	176.3	142.1	140.1	142.6	140.0
Massachusetts	3,129.8	3,154.1	3,172.3	3,193.0	1.6	1.9	1.9	2.0	124.8	129.8	134.5	138.3	313.1	312.0	314.1	312.1
Michigan	4,335.3	4,320.1	4,394.3	4,361.3	7.6	7.5	8.0	8.2	167.4	167.3	183.2	181.0	700.6	673.3	702.0	675.9
Minnesota	2,612.8	2,660.5	2,668.5	2,693.5	5.6	5.8	5.8	5.9	105.8	106.6	120.3	117.6	335.0	344.5	338.7	343.9
Mississippi	1,120.9	1,133.6	1,129.9	1,140.9	8.8	8.4	8.7	8.5	47.7	47.7	48.9	49.0	179.1	179.1	180.6	179.7
Missouri	2,666.9	2,697.3	2,707.0	2,725.1	4.6	5.0	4.8	5.3	130.3	133.3	136.7	137.8	310.8	314.1	312.5	313.8
Montana	399.4	407.6	409.0	413.7	6.6	7.7	6.8	7.7	21.1	22.8	24.4	25.3	18.7	18.9	18.8	19.0
Nebraska	908.5	926.1	920.4	933.7	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	44.9	45.8	48.3	48.1	100.9	98.9	100.1	98.8
Nevada	1,122.0	1,197.0	1,140.4	1,213.7	9.2	10.2	9.2	10.2	107.5	127.7	113.5	131.0	44.9	46.8	45.4	46.8
New Hampshire	615.4	625.5	620.7	629.0	.9	1.0	.9	1.0	26.2	27.8	28.9	29.8	79.6	80.8	79.8	80.5
New Jersey	3,944.2	3,999.7	3,970.7	4,035.7	1.5	1.4	1.6	1.5	154.9	156.9	162.3	164.1	338.9	331.3	337.7	330.7
New Mexico	783.8	799.1	790.0	804.6	14.5	15.9	14.8	16.1	47.7	51.0	49.0	52.2	35.0	35.1	35.4	35.1
New York	8,363.9	8,426.9	8,390.8	8,479.0	5.0	5.2	5.3	5.7	293.6	293.9	307.3	311.0	599.2	582.0	594.6	579.5
North Carolina	3,786.9	3,844.2	3,818.9	3,879.0	6.9	6.2	6.9	6.3	210.1	219.3	214.8	224.5	575.9	574.2	577.2	573.1
North Dakota	330.6	337.5	337.1	342.6	3.3	3.7	3.4	3.8	13.7	13.8	16.3	16.3	23.5	24.7	23.9	24.9
Ohio	5,342.6	5,369.9	5,394.8	5,414.7	11.5	11.5	11.7	11.8	216.0	216.9	229.2	229.2	820.4	822.2	823.2	822.0
Oklahoma	1,463.2	1,488.7	1,472.9	1,500.2	30.1	31.8	30.4	31.5	61.3	61.2	61.5	63.0	141.3	140.6	141.6	141.7
Oregon	1,562.6	1,623.4	1,580.4	1,633.1	9.2	9.4	9.4	10.0	76.2	83.5	79.2	85.5	193.0	201.2	195.8	201.2
Pennsylvania	5,582.2	5,640.1	5,634.0	5,695.4	17.7	17.6	18.4	18.1	230.7	231.7	242.5	249.1	686.1	681.1	687.8	681.3
Rhode Island	478.5	484.8	485.7	491.5	.2	.1	.2	.2	18.4	18.8	20.2	20.6	56.8	55.9	57.0	55.4
South Carolina	1,816.8	1,812.9	1,834.9	1,827.8	5.1	4.2	5.1	4.2	113.2	110.0	114.6	111.0	268.3	264.4	268.2	264.5
South Dakota	372.1	379.4	380.4	386.8	.7	.7	.8	.8	16.7	17.8	19.2	20.3	37.9	39.3	38.7	39.5
Tennessee	2,678.9	2,707.5	2,702.8	2,728.1	4.1	4.1	4.1	4.1	113.7	115.9	116.1	118.3	408.9	409.6	411.1	411.1
Texas	9,430.8	9,554.7	9,477.0	9,593.6	150.7	154.5	150.9	154.8	542.1	542.9	543.8	546.4	885.5	886.6	887.3	887.8
Utah	1,086.2	1,126.6	1,099.1	1,137.1	6.6	7.4	6.8	7.5	66.1	71.9	69.8	74.6	112.6	116.1	113.7	116.8
Vermont	300.1	305.6	299.8	303.3	.8	.8	1.0	.9	13.9	14.9	15.7	16.4	36.3	37.0	36.5	37.1
Virginia	3,535.3	3,608.6	3,567.4	3,626.6	10.2	10.1	10.2	9.9	221.4	232.5	227.3	234.4	298.0	298.3	298.5	298.3
Washington	2,659.7	2,718.2	2,683.9	2,737.2	8.3	8.6	8.5	8.6	155.5	162.5	159.0	166.2	258.9	263.5	261.2	264.7
West Virginia	727.8	735.6	736.9	741.0	22.5	24.3	23.4	24.5	31.7	34.0	34.7	36.1	62.8	62.2	63.5	62.5
Wisconsin	2,744.3	2,776.1	2,783.7	2,810.3	3.3	3.1	3.7	3.4	110.9	115.4	122.2	126.9	494.5	500.9	497.3	499.4
Wyoming	246.9	252.0	250.7	255.5	19.1	21.4	19.2	21.6	17.2	17.3	18.7	18.8	9.1	9.0	9.2	9.1
Puerto Rico	1,033.7	1,042.6	1,034.4	1,042.7	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	70.0	68.7	69.0	66.9	118.6	117.1	118.3	118.9

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Chart 1. Unemployment rates by state, seasonally adjusted April 2005

(U.S. rate = 5.2 percent)

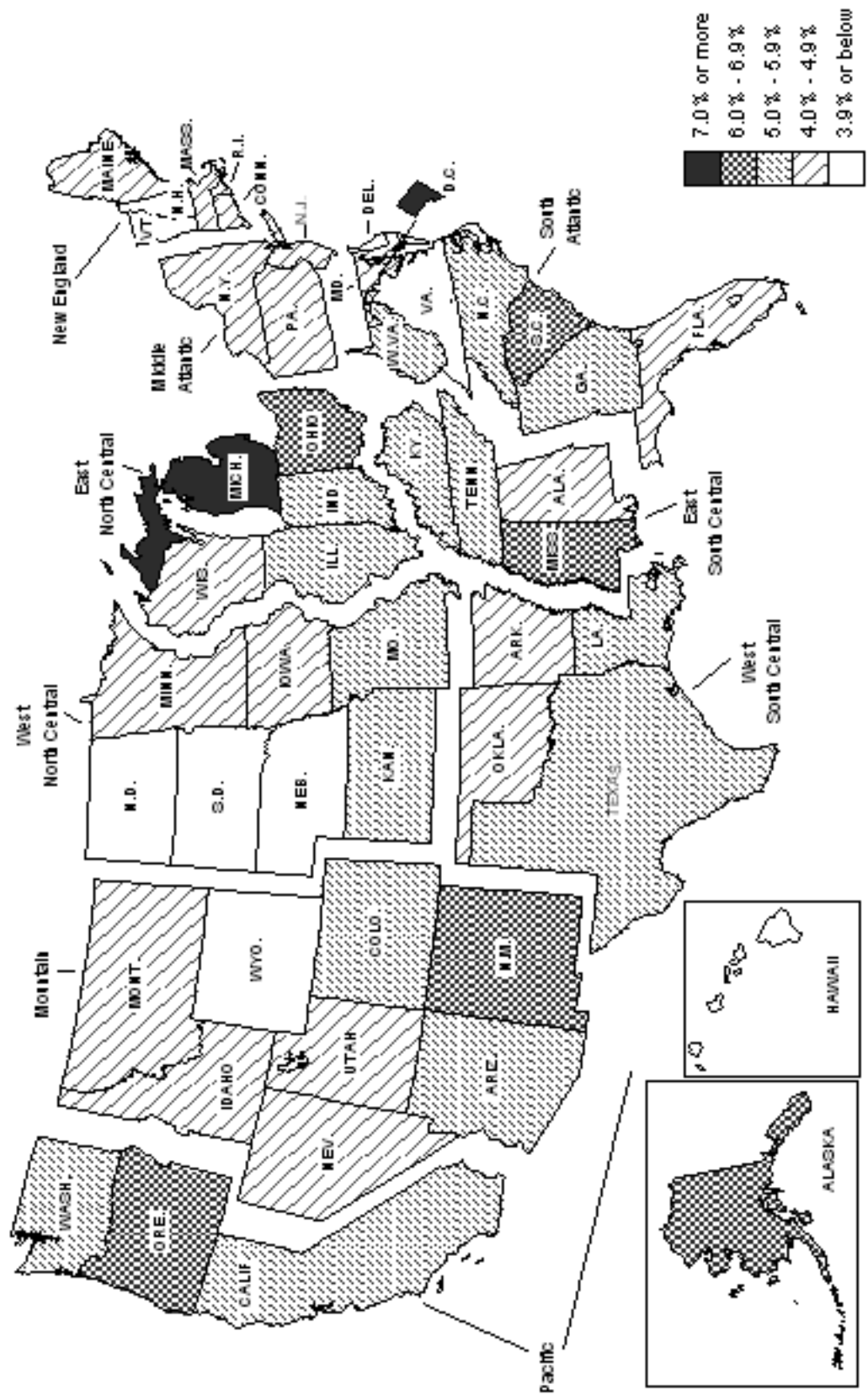


Chart 2. Percentage change in nonfarm employment by state, seasonally adjusted, April 2004 – April 2005

