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## THE EMPLOYMENT SITUATION: DECEMBER 2005

Total nonfarm payroll employment increased by 108,000 in December, and the unemployment rate was little changed at 4.9 percent, the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the U.S. Department of Labor reported today. The December increase in payroll employment followed a gain of 305,000 in November (as revised). Several industries added jobs over the month, including food services, professional and business services, health care, and manufacturing.

Chart 1. Unemployment rate, seasonally adjusted,  
January 2003 – December 2005

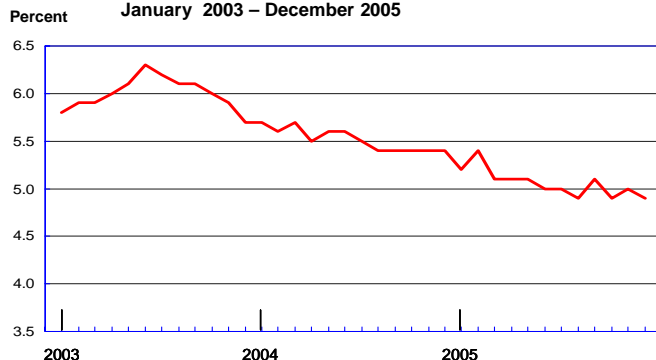
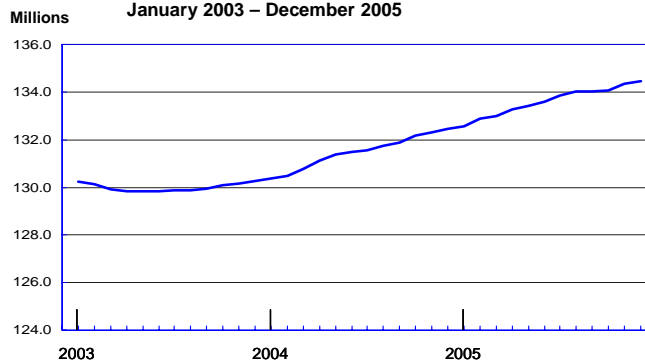


Chart 2. Nonfarm payroll employment, seasonally adjusted,  
January 2003 – December 2005



### Unemployment (Household Survey Data)

Both the unemployment rate, 4.9 percent, and the number of unemployed persons, 7.4 million, were little changed in December. The unemployment rate has ranged from 4.9 to 5.1 percent since March.

The unemployment rates for adult men (4.3 percent), adult women (4.5 percent), whites (4.3 percent), and Hispanics or Latinos (6.0 percent) showed little or no change in December. The jobless rates for

### Revision of Seasonally Adjusted Household Survey Data

Seasonally adjusted household survey data have been revised using updated seasonal adjustment factors that incorporate 2005 data. Seasonally adjusted estimates back to January 2001 were subject to revision. The unemployment rates for January-December 2005 (as originally published and as revised) appear on page 6, along with additional information on the revisions.

**Table A. Major indicators of labor market activity, seasonally adjusted**

(Numbers in thousands)

Category	Quarterly averages		Monthly data			Nov.- Dec. change
	2005		2005			
	III	IV	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	
<b>HOUSEHOLD DATA</b>						
Labor force status						
Civilian labor force.....	149,827	150,126	150,043	150,183	150,153	-30
Employment.....	142,324	142,671	142,625	142,611	142,779	168
Unemployment.....	7,503	7,455	7,418	7,572	7,375	-197
Not in labor force.....	76,595	77,070	76,916	77,021	77,271	250
Unemployment rates						
All workers.....	5.0	5.0	4.9	5.0	4.9	-0.1
Adult men.....	4.4	4.3	4.3	4.3	4.3	.0
Adult women.....	4.6	4.5	4.6	4.6	4.5	-.1
Teenagers.....	16.1	16.1	15.9	17.1	15.2	-1.9
White.....	4.3	4.3	4.4	4.2	4.3	.1
Black or African American.....	9.5	9.7	9.1	10.6	9.3	-1.3
Hispanic or Latino ethnicity.....	6.0	6.0	5.9	6.1	6.0	-.1
<b>ESTABLISHMENT DATA</b>						
Employment						
Nonfarm employment.....	133,969	p134,294	134,055	p134,360	p134,468	p108
Goods-producing <sup>1</sup> .....	22,152	p22,236	22,197	p22,250	p22,262	p12
Construction.....	7,262	p7,324	7,299	p7,341	p7,332	p-9
Manufacturing.....	14,258	p14,268	14,257	p14,265	p14,283	p18
Service-providing <sup>1</sup> .....	111,817	p112,058	111,858	p112,110	p112,206	p96
Retail trade <sup>2</sup> .....	15,221	p15,181	15,178	p15,190	p15,175	p-16
Professional and business services.....	16,995	p17,113	17,051	p17,127	p17,160	p33
Education and health services.....	17,417	p17,476	17,443	p17,480	p17,505	p25
Leisure and hospitality.....	12,798	p12,798	12,755	p12,808	p12,831	p23
Government.....	21,841	p21,871	21,850	p21,874	p21,888	p14
Hours of work <sup>3</sup>						
Total private.....	33.7	p33.8	33.8	p33.8	p33.7	p-0.1
Manufacturing.....	40.6	p40.8	41.0	p40.8	p40.7	p-.1
Overtime.....	4.5	p4.5	4.6	p4.5	p4.5	p.0
Indexes of aggregate weekly hours (2002=100) <sup>3</sup>						
Total private.....	103.0	p103.4	103.3	p103.6	p103.4	p-0.2
Earnings <sup>3</sup>						
Average hourly earnings, total private.....	\$16.17	p\$16.30	\$16.28	p\$16.29	p\$16.34	p\$0.05
Average weekly earnings, total private.....	545.36	p550.51	550.26	p550.60	p550.66	p.06

<sup>1</sup> Includes other industries, not shown separately.<sup>2</sup> Quarterly averages and the over-the-month change are calculated using unrounded data.<sup>3</sup> Data relate to private production or nonsupervisory workers.

p = preliminary.

NOTE: Seasonally adjusted household data have been revised. See note on page 6.

teenagers (15.2 percent) and blacks (9.3 percent) declined over the month; the rate for black teenagers had an unusually large decline and fell to 24.4 percent. The unemployment rate for Asians was 3.8 percent, not seasonally adjusted. (See tables A-1, A-2, and A-3.)

In December, 18.2 percent of the unemployed had been without a job for 27 weeks or longer, compared with 20.4 percent a year earlier. (See table A-9.)

#### Total Employment and the Labor Force (Household Survey Data)

Total employment, at 142.8 million in December, was little changed over the month but was 2.6 million higher than a year earlier. The employment-population ratio held at 62.8 percent in December, 0.4 percentage point higher than a year earlier. The labor force participation rate, at 66.0 percent, was unchanged over the year. (See table A-1.)

The number of persons who work part time for economic reasons, at 4.1 million, was about unchanged in December but was down by 327,000 over the year. This category includes persons who indicated that they would like to work full time but were working part time because their hours had been cut back or because they were unable to find full-time jobs. (See table A-5.)

#### Persons Not in the Labor Force (Household Survey Data)

The number of persons marginally attached to the labor force was 1.6 million in December, about the same as a year earlier. (Data are not seasonally adjusted.) These individuals wanted and were available to work and had looked for a job sometime in the prior 12 months. They were not counted as unemployed, however, because they did not actively search for work in the 4 weeks preceding the survey. Among the marginally attached, there were 451,000 discouraged workers in December, essentially the same as a year earlier. Discouraged workers were not currently looking for work specifically because they believed no jobs were available for them. The other 1.1 million marginally attached persons had not searched for work for reasons such as school attendance or family responsibilities. (See table A-13.)

#### Employment Status of Hurricane Katrina Evacuees (Household Survey Data)

Beginning in October, questions were added to the household survey to identify persons who evacuated from their homes, even temporarily, due to Hurricane Katrina. Data collected through these questions do not account for all evacuees; persons living outside of the scope of the survey—such as those living in hotels or shelters—are not included. The questions were asked of persons in the household survey sample throughout the country, since some evacuees relocated far from the storm-affected areas. An additional question determined whether evacuees had returned to their homes by the time of the survey.

These additional questions provided information to analyze the employment status of this subgroup of evacuees. The total number of evacuees estimated from the household survey may change from month to month as people move in and out of the scope of the survey.

Information gathered in December showed that about 1.1 million persons age 16 and over had evacuated from where they were living in August due to Hurricane Katrina. These evacuees either had returned to their homes or were living in other residential units covered in the survey in December. About 600,000 of the evacuees had returned to their August 2005 residences. Of all evacuees identified, 58.2 percent were in the labor force in December. The employment-population ratio for these evacuees was 51.0 percent. The unemployment rate for persons identified as evacuees was 12.4 percent; it was much higher for evacuees who had not returned home (20.7 percent) than for those who had returned (5.6 percent). (See table B.)

**Table B. Employment status in December 2005 of persons 16 years and over who evacuated from their August residence, even temporarily, due to Hurricane Katrina <sup>1</sup>**

(Numbers in thousands, not seasonally adjusted)

Employment status in December 2005	Total	Residence in December	
		Same as in August	Different than in August
Civilian noninstitutional population .....	1,105	605	500
Civilian labor force .....	643	353	290
Participation rate .....	58.2	58.4	58.0
Employed .....	563	333	230
Employment-population ratio .....	51.0	55.1	46.0
Unemployed .....	80	20	60
Unemployment rate .....	12.4	5.6	20.7
Not in labor force .....	462	252	210

<sup>1</sup> Represents persons in the civilian noninstitutional population age 16 and over who resided in households that were eligible to be selected for the Current Population Survey (CPS). These data are not representative of the total evacuee population because they do not include children or people residing in shelters, hotels, places of worship, or other units outside the scope of the CPS. The total number of evacuees estimated from the CPS may change from month to month as people move in and out of the scope of the survey and because of sampling variability.

NOTE: These data use population controls that have been adjusted to account for interstate moves by evacuees.

#### Industry Payroll Employment (Establishment Survey Data)

Total nonfarm payroll employment rose by 108,000 in December to 134.5 million, seasonally adjusted. This increase followed a gain of 305,000 in November (as revised). Over the year, payroll employment grew by 2.0 million. December's increase included gains in manufacturing, health care, food services and drinking places, and professional and business services. (See table B-1.)

In December, manufacturing employment increased by 18,000, after edging up in November. Most of December's increase occurred in durable goods, which added 15,000 jobs. Employment rose in several of the component industries, including wood products and computer and electronic products.

Over the month, employment in construction was little changed, following strong growth in November. Over the year, the construction industry added 246,000 jobs. Employment growth in residential building and residential specialty trade contractors accounted for about two-thirds of the over-the-year gain. Mining employment continued to trend up in December. Over the year, this industry added 48,000 jobs, with most of the growth occurring in support activities for mining, particularly oil and gas.

Within the service-providing sector, employment in health care grew by 21,000 in December. Both ambulatory care services (which includes doctors' offices and outpatient clinics) and hospitals continued to add jobs in December. Employment in the health care industry expanded by 271,000 in 2005.

In leisure and hospitality, food services and drinking places added 36,000 jobs in December. Despite faltering in September and October, employment growth in the industry averaged 18,000 per month in 2005.

Professional and business services employment continued to trend up in December and increased by 486,000 over the year. Financial activities also continued to add jobs over the month and posted an over-the-year gain of 188,000. Much of the over-the-year increase occurred in credit intermediation and real estate.

Retail trade employment was little changed over the month. Employment was down in general merchandise stores, as seasonal hiring was less than usual; employment in the industry has been trending down since July. Building material and garden supply stores continued to add jobs in December. Over the month, employment in the transportation and warehousing industry fell; employment of couriers and messengers declined by 6,000, and air transportation continued to lose jobs (-5,000).

#### Weekly Hours (Establishment Survey Data)

The average workweek for production or nonsupervisory workers on private nonfarm payrolls decreased by 0.1 hour to 33.7 hours in December, seasonally adjusted. The manufacturing workweek fell by 0.1 hour to 40.7 hours, and factory overtime was unchanged at 4.5 hours. (See table B-2.)

The index of aggregate weekly hours of production or nonsupervisory workers on private nonfarm payrolls decreased by 0.2 percent in December to 103.4 (2002=100). The manufacturing index was down by 0.1 percent over the month to 94.9. (See table B-5.)

#### Hourly and Weekly Earnings (Establishment Survey Data)

Average hourly earnings of production or nonsupervisory workers on private nonfarm payrolls increased by 5 cents in December to \$16.34, seasonally adjusted. Average weekly earnings were little changed over the month at \$550.66. Over the year, both average hourly and weekly earnings increased by 3.1 percent. (See table B-3.)

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The Employment Situation for January 2006 is scheduled to be released on Friday, February 3, at 8:30 A.M. (EST).

#### **Revisions in the Establishment Survey Data**

With the release of January data on February 3, BLS will introduce revisions to the nonfarm payroll employment, hours, and earnings data to reflect the annual benchmark adjustments for March 2005 and updated seasonal adjustment factors. Unadjusted data since April 2004 and seasonally adjusted data since January 2001 are subject to revision.

#### **Planned Changes in the Household Survey Data**

Effective with the release of data for January 2006, revisions will be introduced into the population controls for the household survey. These changes reflect the routine annual updating of intercensal population estimates by the U.S. Census Bureau. In addition, new seasonally adjusted employment data for multiple jobholders will be added to table A-6 of this release.

### Revision of Seasonally Adjusted Household Survey Data

At the end of each calendar year, BLS routinely updates the seasonal adjustment factors for the labor force series derived from the Current Population Survey (CPS), or household survey, to incorporate the data for that year. This year, seasonally adjusted data for January 2001-December 2005 were subject to revision. (Seasonally adjusted establishment data will be revised next month, concurrent with the introduction of annual benchmark adjustments.)

Table C summarizes the effects of the revisions on the overall unemployment rate in 2005. Largely due to rounding, the rate was revised in 3 months, in each case by -0.1 percentage point. Revised seasonally adjusted data for major labor force series beginning in December 2004 appear in table D.

The January 2006 issue of *Employment and Earnings* will contain an article describing the current seasonal adjustment methodology for the household survey data and revised data for the most recent months or quarters for all regularly published tables containing seasonally adjusted household survey data. A copy of the article will be available at <http://www.bls.gov/cps/cpsrs2006.pdf> on the Internet. Historical data for the household series contained in the "A" tables of this release also can be accessed at <http://www.bls.gov/cps/cpsatabs.htm> on the BLS Internet site. Revised historical seasonally adjusted monthly and quarterly data for additional series are available on the Internet at <ftp://ftp.bls.gov/pub/special.requests/lf/>.

**Table C. Seasonally adjusted unemployment rates and changes due to revision, January-December 2005**

Month and year	As first published	As revised	Change
<b>2005</b>			
January .....	5.2	5.2	0.0
February .....	5.4	5.4	.0
March .....	5.2	5.1	-.1
April .....	5.2	5.1	-.1
May .....	5.1	5.1	.0
June .....	5.0	5.0	.0
July .....	5.0	5.0	.0
August .....	4.9	4.9	.0
September .....	5.1	5.1	.0
October .....	5.0	4.9	-.1
November .....	5.0	5.0	.0
December .....	4.9	(1)	(1)

<sup>1</sup> Because of the use of concurrent seasonal adjustment, there is no revised estimate for December.

**Table D. Employment status of the civilian population by sex and age, seasonally adjusted**

(Numbers in thousands)

Employment status, sex, and age	2004	2005											
	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
<b>TOTAL</b>													
Civilian noninstitutional population <sup>1</sup> .....	224,640	224,837	225,041	225,236	225,441	225,670	225,911	226,153	226,421	226,693	226,959	227,204	227,425
Civilian labor force .....	148,173	147,956	148,271	148,217	148,839	149,201	149,243	149,605	149,792	150,083	150,043	150,183	150,153
Participation rate .....	66.0	65.8	65.9	65.8	66.0	66.1	66.1	66.2	66.2	66.2	66.1	66.1	66.0
Employed .....	140,133	140,234	140,285	140,601	141,196	141,571	141,750	142,111	142,425	142,435	142,625	142,611	142,779
Employment-population ratio .....	62.4	62.4	62.3	62.4	62.6	62.7	62.7	62.8	62.9	62.8	62.8	62.8	62.8
Unemployed .....	8,040	7,723	7,986	7,616	7,644	7,629	7,493	7,494	7,367	7,648	7,418	7,572	7,375
Unemployment rate .....	5.4	5.2	5.4	5.1	5.1	5.1	5.0	5.0	4.9	5.1	4.9	5.0	4.9
<b>Men, 20 years and over</b>													
Civilian noninstitutional population <sup>1</sup> .....	100,126	100,219	100,321	100,419	100,520	100,634	100,754	100,874	101,004	101,136	101,265	101,383	101,489
Civilian labor force .....	75,726	75,650	75,929	75,965	76,202	76,445	76,471	76,619	76,787	76,792	76,780	76,722	76,786
Participation rate .....	75.6	75.5	75.7	75.6	75.8	76.0	75.9	76.0	76.0	75.9	75.8	75.7	75.7
Employed .....	72,037	72,092	72,246	72,513	72,855	73,108	73,178	73,345	73,479	73,331	73,500	73,441	73,468
Employment-population ratio .....	71.9	71.9	72.0	72.2	72.5	72.6	72.6	72.7	72.7	72.5	72.6	72.4	72.4
Unemployed .....	3,689	3,558	3,683	3,453	3,347	3,337	3,294	3,274	3,307	3,461	3,281	3,282	3,318
Unemployment rate .....	4.9	4.7	4.9	4.5	4.4	4.4	4.3	4.3	4.3	4.5	4.3	4.3	4.3
<b>Women, 20 years and over</b>													
Civilian noninstitutional population <sup>1</sup> .....	108,221	108,316	108,403	108,486	108,573	108,672	108,776	108,880	108,996	109,114	109,228	109,332	109,425
Civilian labor force .....	65,227	65,260	65,284	65,080	65,461	65,528	65,582	65,813	65,778	66,129	66,175	66,223	66,215
Participation rate .....	60.3	60.2	60.2	60.0	60.3	60.3	60.4	60.3	60.6	60.6	60.6	60.6	60.5
Employed .....	62,169	62,236	62,220	62,129	62,426	62,515	62,552	62,744	62,901	63,074	63,162	63,170	63,249
Employment-population ratio .....	57.4	57.5	57.4	57.3	57.5	57.5	57.6	57.7	57.7	57.8	57.8	57.8	57.8
Unemployed .....	3,058	3,024	3,064	2,952	3,036	3,013	3,030	3,070	2,877	3,055	3,013	3,053	2,966
Unemployment rate .....	4.7	4.6	4.7	4.5	4.6	4.6	4.6	4.7	4.4	4.6	4.6	4.6	4.5
<b>Both sexes, 16 to 19 years</b>													
Civilian noninstitutional population <sup>1</sup> .....	16,293	16,302	16,317	16,332	16,347	16,364	16,381	16,399	16,421	16,443	16,465	16,489	16,511
Civilian labor force .....	7,219	7,046	7,058	7,172	7,176	7,228	7,189	7,172	7,228	7,163	7,088	7,238	7,152
Participation rate .....	44.3	43.2	43.3	43.9	43.9	44.2	43.9	43.7	44.0	43.6	43.0	43.9	43.3
Employed .....	5,927	5,906	5,818	5,960	5,915	5,948	6,020	6,022	6,045	6,030	5,964	6,000	6,061
Employment-population ratio .....	36.4	36.2	35.7	36.5	36.2	36.4	36.8	36.7	36.8	36.7	36.2	36.4	36.7
Unemployed .....	1,292	1,140	1,240	1,212	1,261	1,280	1,169	1,150	1,183	1,133	1,124	1,238	1,091
Unemployment rate .....	17.9	16.2	17.6	16.9	17.6	17.7	16.3	16.0	16.4	15.8	15.9	17.1	15.2

<sup>1</sup> The population figures are not adjusted for seasonal variation.  
 NOTE: Data have been revised to reflect updated seasonal adjustment factors.

# Explanatory Note

This news release presents statistics from two major surveys, the Current Population Survey (household survey) and the Current Employment Statistics survey (establishment survey). The household survey provides the information on the labor force, employment, and unemployment that appears in the A tables, marked HOUSEHOLD DATA. It is a sample survey of about 60,000 households conducted by the U.S. Census Bureau for the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS).

The establishment survey provides the information on the employment, hours, and earnings of workers on nonfarm payrolls that appears in the B tables, marked ESTABLISHMENT DATA. This information is collected from payroll records by BLS in cooperation with state agencies. The sample includes about 160,000 businesses and government agencies covering approximately 400,000 individual worksites. The active sample includes about one-third of all nonfarm payroll workers. The sample is drawn from a sampling frame of unemployment insurance tax accounts.

For both surveys, the data for a given month relate to a particular week or pay period. In the household survey, the reference week is generally the calendar week that contains the 12th day of the month. In the establishment survey, the reference period is the pay period including the 12th, which may or may not correspond directly to the calendar week.

## Coverage, definitions, and differences between surveys

**Household survey.** The sample is selected to reflect the entire civilian noninstitutional population. Based on responses to a series of questions on work and job search activities, each person 16 years and over in a sample household is classified as employed, unemployed, or not in the labor force.

People are classified as *employed* if they did any work at all as paid employees during the reference week; worked in their own business, profession, or on their own farm; or worked without pay at least 15 hours in a family business or farm. People are also counted as employed if they were temporarily absent from their jobs because of illness, bad weather, vacation, labor-management disputes, or personal reasons.

People are classified as *unemployed* if they meet all of the following criteria: They had no employment during the reference week; they were available for work at that time; and they made specific efforts to find employment sometime during the 4-week period ending with the reference week. Persons laid off from a job and expecting recall need not be looking for work to be counted as unemployed. The unemployment data derived from the household survey in no way depend upon the eligibility for or receipt of unemployment insurance benefits.

The *civilian labor force* is the sum of employed and unemployed persons. Those not classified as employed or unemployed are *not in the labor force*. The *unemployment rate* is the number unemployed as a percent of the labor force. The *labor force participation rate* is the labor force as a percent of the population, and the *employment-population ratio* is the employed as a percent of the population.

**Establishment survey.** The sample establishments are drawn from private nonfarm businesses such as factories, offices, and stores, as well as federal, state, and local government entities. *Employees on nonfarm payrolls* are those who received pay for any part of the reference pay period, including persons on paid leave. Persons are counted in each job they hold. *Hours and earnings* data are for private businesses and relate only to production workers in the goods-producing sector and nonsupervisory workers in the service-providing sector. Industries are classified on the basis of their principal activity in accordance with the 2002 version of the North American Industry Classification System.

**Differences in employment estimates.** The numerous conceptual and methodological differences between the household and establishment surveys result in important distinctions in the employment estimates derived from the surveys. Among these are:

- The household survey includes agricultural workers, the self-employed, unpaid family workers, and private household workers among the employed. These groups are excluded from the establishment survey.
- The household survey includes people on unpaid leave among the employed. The establishment survey does not.
- The household survey is limited to workers 16 years of age and older. The establishment survey is not limited by age.
- The household survey has no duplication of individuals, because individuals are counted only once, even if they hold more than one job. In the establishment survey, employees working at more than one job and thus appearing on more than one payroll would be counted separately for each appearance.

## Seasonal adjustment

Over the course of a year, the size of the nation's labor force and the levels of employment and unemployment undergo sharp fluctuations due to such seasonal events as changes in weather, reduced or expanded production, harvests, major holidays, and the opening and closing of schools. The effect of such seasonal variation can be very large; seasonal fluctuations may account for as much as 95 percent of the month-to-month changes in unemployment.

Because these seasonal events follow a more or less regular pattern each year, their influence on statistical trends can be eliminated by adjusting the statistics from month to month. These adjustments make nonseasonal developments, such as declines in economic activity or increases in the participation of women in the labor force, easier to spot. For example, the large number of youth entering the labor force each June is likely to obscure any other changes that have taken place relative to May, making it difficult to determine if the level of economic activity has risen or declined. However, because the effect of students finishing school in previous years is known, the statistics for the current year can be adjusted to allow for a comparable change. Insofar as the seasonal adjustment is made correctly, the adjusted figure provides a more useful tool with which to analyze changes in economic activity.

Most seasonally adjusted series are independently adjusted in both the household and establishment surveys. However, the ad-



justed series for many major estimates, such as total payroll employment, employment in most supersectors, total employment, and unemployment are computed by aggregating independently adjusted component series. For example, total unemployment is derived by summing the adjusted series for four major age-sex components; this differs from the unemployment estimate that would be obtained by directly adjusting the total or by combining the duration, reasons, or more detailed age categories.

For both the household and establishment surveys, a concurrent seasonal adjustment methodology is used in which new seasonal factors are calculated each month, using all relevant data, up to and including the data for the current month. In the household survey, new seasonal factors are used to adjust only the current month's data. In the establishment survey, however, new seasonal factors are used each month to adjust the three most recent monthly estimates. In both surveys, revisions to historical data are made once a year.

### Reliability of the estimates

Statistics based on the household and establishment surveys are subject to both sampling and nonsampling error. When a sample rather than the entire population is surveyed, there is a chance that the sample estimates may differ from the "true" population values they represent. The exact difference, or *sampling error*, varies depending on the particular sample selected, and this variability is measured by the standard error of the estimate. There is about a 90-percent chance, or level of confidence, that an estimate based on a sample will differ by no more than 1.6 standard errors from the "true" population value because of sampling error. BLS analyses are generally conducted at the 90-percent level of confidence.

For example, the confidence interval for the monthly change in total employment from the household survey is on the order of plus or minus 430,000. Suppose the estimate of total employment increases by 100,000 from one month to the next. The 90-percent confidence interval on the monthly change would range from -330,000 to 530,000 (100,000 +/- 430,000). These figures do not mean that the sample results are off by these magnitudes, but rather that there is about a 90-percent chance that the "true" over-the-month change lies within this interval. Since this range includes values of less than zero, we could not say with confidence that employment had, in fact, increased. If, however, the reported employment rise was half a million, then all of the values within the 90-percent confidence interval would be greater than zero. In this case, it is likely (at least a 90-percent chance) that an employment rise had, in fact, occurred. At an unemployment rate of around 5.5 percent, the 90-percent confidence interval for the monthly change in unemployment is about +/- 280,000, and for the monthly change in the unemployment rate it is about +/- .19 percentage point.

In general, estimates involving many individuals or establishments have lower standard errors (relative to the size of the estimate) than estimates which are based on a small number of observations. The precision of estimates is also improved when the data are cumulated over time such as for quarterly and annual averages. The seasonal adjustment process can also improve the stability of the monthly estimates.

The household and establishment surveys are also affected by *nonsampling error*. Nonsampling errors can occur for many reasons, including the failure to sample a segment of the population, inability to obtain information for all respondents in the sample, inability or unwillingness of respondents to provide correct information on a timely basis, mistakes made by respondents, and errors made in the collection or processing of the data.

For example, in the establishment survey, estimates for the most recent 2 months are based on incomplete returns; for this reason, these estimates are labeled preliminary in the tables. It is only after two successive revisions to a monthly estimate, when nearly all sample reports have been received, that the estimate is considered final.

Another major source of nonsampling error in the establishment survey is the inability to capture, on a timely basis, employment generated by new firms. To correct for this systematic underestimation of employment growth, an estimation procedure with two components is used to account for business births. The first component uses business deaths to impute employment for business births. This is incorporated into the sample-based link relative estimate procedure by simply not reflecting sample units going out of business, but imputing to them the same trend as the other firms in the sample. The second component is an ARIMA time series model designed to estimate the residual net birth/death employment not accounted for by the imputation. The historical time series used to create and test the ARIMA model was derived from the unemployment insurance universe micro-level database, and reflects the actual residual net of births and deaths over the past five years.

The sample-based estimates from the establishment survey are adjusted once a year (on a lagged basis) to universe counts of payroll employment obtained from administrative records of the unemployment insurance program. The difference between the March sample-based employment estimates and the March universe counts is known as a benchmark revision, and serves as a rough proxy for total survey error. The new benchmarks also incorporate changes in the classification of industries. Over the past decade, the benchmark revision for total nonfarm employment has averaged 0.2 percent, ranging from less than 0.05 percent to 0.5 percent.

### Additional statistics and other information

More comprehensive statistics are contained in *Employment and Earnings*, published each month by BLS. It is available for \$27.00 per issue or \$53.00 per year from the U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, DC 20402. All orders must be prepaid by sending a check or money order payable to the Superintendent of Documents, or by charging to Mastercard or Visa.

*Employment and Earnings* also provides measures of sampling error for the household and establishment survey data published in this release. For unemployment and other labor force categories, these measures appear in tables 1-B through 1-D of its "Explanatory Notes." For the establishment survey data, the sampling error measures and the actual size of revisions due to benchmark adjustments appear in tables 2-B through 2-F of *Employment and Earnings*.

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Table A-1. Employment status of the civilian population by sex and age

(Numbers in thousands)

Employment status, sex, and age	Not seasonally adjusted			Seasonally adjusted <sup>1</sup>					
	Dec. 2004	Nov. 2005	Dec. 2005	Dec. 2004	Aug. 2005	Sept. 2005	Oct. 2005	Nov. 2005	Dec. 2005
<b>TOTAL</b>									
Civilian noninstitutional population .....	224,640	227,204	227,425	224,640	226,421	226,693	226,959	227,204	227,425
Civilian labor force .....	147,877	150,239	149,874	148,173	149,792	150,083	150,043	150,183	150,153
Participation rate .....	65.8	66.1	65.9	66.0	66.2	66.2	66.1	66.1	66.0
Employed .....	140,278	142,968	142,918	140,133	142,425	142,435	142,625	142,611	142,779
Employment-population ratio .....	62.4	62.9	62.8	62.4	62.9	62.8	62.8	62.8	62.8
Unemployed .....	7,599	7,271	6,956	8,040	7,367	7,648	7,418	7,572	7,375
Unemployment rate .....	5.1	4.8	4.6	5.4	4.9	5.1	4.9	5.0	4.9
Not in labor force .....	76,763	76,964	77,550	76,467	76,629	76,610	76,916	77,021	77,271
Persons who currently want a job .....	4,607	4,466	4,808	4,957	4,829	4,945	4,994	4,887	5,167
<b>Men, 16 years and over</b>									
Civilian noninstitutional population .....	108,392	109,745	109,863	108,392	109,332	109,475	109,616	109,745	109,863
Civilian labor force .....	79,093	80,296	80,140	79,393	80,355	80,333	80,249	80,394	80,431
Participation rate .....	73.0	73.2	72.9	73.2	73.5	73.4	73.2	73.3	73.2
Employed .....	74,707	76,481	76,287	74,937	76,404	76,257	76,396	76,410	76,529
Employment-population ratio .....	68.9	69.7	69.4	69.1	69.9	69.7	69.7	69.6	69.7
Unemployed .....	4,385	3,816	3,854	4,457	3,951	4,076	3,853	3,941	3,902
Unemployment rate .....	5.5	4.8	4.8	5.6	4.9	5.1	4.8	5.0	4.9
Not in labor force .....	29,300	29,449	29,722	28,999	28,977	29,142	29,367	29,351	29,432
<b>Men, 20 years and over</b>									
Civilian noninstitutional population .....	100,126	101,383	101,489	100,126	101,004	101,136	101,265	101,383	101,489
Civilian labor force .....	75,625	76,756	76,670	75,726	76,787	76,792	76,780	76,722	76,786
Participation rate .....	75.5	75.7	75.5	75.6	76.0	75.9	75.8	75.7	75.7
Employed .....	71,897	73,593	73,315	72,037	73,479	73,331	73,500	73,441	73,468
Employment-population ratio .....	71.8	72.6	72.2	71.9	72.7	72.5	72.6	72.4	72.4
Unemployed .....	3,727	3,163	3,355	3,689	3,307	3,461	3,281	3,282	3,318
Unemployment rate .....	4.9	4.1	4.4	4.9	4.3	4.5	4.3	4.3	4.3
Not in labor force .....	24,501	24,626	24,819	24,400	24,218	24,344	24,485	24,660	24,703
<b>Women, 16 years and over</b>									
Civilian noninstitutional population .....	116,247	117,459	117,562	116,247	117,089	117,218	117,343	117,459	117,562
Civilian labor force .....	68,785	69,943	69,734	68,779	69,438	69,750	69,794	69,789	69,722
Participation rate .....	59.2	59.5	59.3	59.2	59.3	59.5	59.5	59.4	59.3
Employed .....	65,571	66,488	66,631	65,196	66,022	66,178	66,229	66,200	66,250
Employment-population ratio .....	56.4	56.6	56.7	56.1	56.4	56.5	56.4	56.4	56.4
Unemployed .....	3,214	3,455	3,102	3,583	3,416	3,572	3,565	3,588	3,473
Unemployment rate .....	4.7	4.9	4.4	5.2	4.9	5.1	5.1	5.1	5.0
Not in labor force .....	47,463	47,516	47,828	47,468	47,652	47,468	47,549	47,670	47,840
<b>Women, 20 years and over</b>									
Civilian noninstitutional population .....	108,221	109,332	109,425	108,221	108,996	109,114	109,228	109,332	109,425
Civilian labor force .....	65,383	66,510	66,376	65,227	65,778	66,129	66,175	66,223	66,215
Participation rate .....	60.4	60.8	60.7	60.3	60.3	60.6	60.6	60.6	60.5
Employed .....	62,581	63,572	63,669	62,169	62,901	63,074	63,162	63,170	63,249
Employment-population ratio .....	57.8	58.1	58.2	57.4	57.7	57.8	57.8	57.8	57.8
Unemployed .....	2,802	2,938	2,707	3,058	2,877	3,055	3,013	3,053	2,966
Unemployment rate .....	4.3	4.4	4.1	4.7	4.4	4.6	4.6	4.6	4.5
Not in labor force .....	42,838	42,822	43,048	42,994	43,219	42,985	43,053	43,109	43,209
<b>Both sexes, 16 to 19 years</b>									
Civilian noninstitutional population .....	16,293	16,489	16,511	16,293	16,421	16,443	16,465	16,489	16,511
Civilian labor force .....	6,870	6,973	6,828	7,219	7,228	7,163	7,088	7,238	7,152
Participation rate .....	42.2	42.3	41.4	44.3	44.0	43.6	43.0	43.9	43.3
Employed .....	5,800	5,803	5,934	5,927	6,045	6,030	5,964	6,000	6,061
Employment-population ratio .....	35.6	35.2	35.9	36.4	36.8	36.7	36.2	36.4	36.7
Unemployed .....	1,070	1,170	894	1,292	1,183	1,133	1,124	1,238	1,091
Unemployment rate .....	15.6	16.8	13.1	17.9	16.4	15.8	15.9	17.1	15.2
Not in labor force .....	9,423	9,516	9,683	9,074	9,193	9,281	9,377	9,251	9,359

<sup>1</sup> The population figures are not adjusted for seasonal variation; therefore, identical numbers appear in the unadjusted and seasonally adjusted columns.

NOTE: Beginning in January 2005, data reflect revised population controls used in the household survey. Seasonally adjusted data have been revised to reflect updated seasonal adjustment factors.

Table A-2. Employment status of the civilian population by race, sex, and age

(Numbers in thousands)

Employment status, race, sex, and age	Not seasonally adjusted			Seasonally adjusted <sup>1</sup>					
	Dec. 2004	Nov. 2005	Dec. 2005	Dec. 2004	Aug. 2005	Sept. 2005	Oct. 2005	Nov. 2005	Dec. 2005
<b>WHITE</b>									
Civilian noninstitutional population .....	183,483	185,187	185,327	183,483	184,669	184,851	185,028	185,187	185,327
Civilian labor force .....	121,257	122,880	122,752	121,507	122,638	122,843	122,810	122,813	122,994
Participation rate .....	66.1	66.4	66.2	66.2	66.4	66.5	66.4	66.3	66.4
Employed .....	115,978	117,921	117,803	115,908	117,446	117,354	117,396	117,598	117,729
Employment-population ratio .....	63.2	63.7	63.6	63.2	63.6	63.5	63.4	63.5	63.5
Unemployed .....	5,279	4,959	4,949	5,599	5,193	5,489	5,415	5,215	5,264
Unemployment rate .....	4.4	4.0	4.0	4.6	4.2	4.5	4.4	4.2	4.3
Not in labor force .....	62,226	62,307	62,575	61,976	62,031	62,008	62,218	62,374	62,333
<b>Men, 20 years and over</b>									
Civilian labor force .....	63,110	63,896	63,925	63,206	63,879	63,849	63,901	63,827	64,028
Participation rate .....	76.0	76.1	76.1	76.1	76.3	76.2	76.2	76.0	76.2
Employed .....	60,466	61,674	61,455	60,595	61,485	61,280	61,465	61,498	61,586
Employment-population ratio .....	72.8	73.5	73.2	73.0	73.5	73.2	73.3	73.3	73.3
Unemployed .....	2,645	2,223	2,470	2,611	2,394	2,568	2,436	2,328	2,441
Unemployment rate .....	4.2	3.5	3.9	4.1	3.7	4.0	3.8	3.6	3.8
<b>Women, 20 years and over</b>									
Civilian labor force .....	52,459	53,238	53,175	52,356	52,756	52,971	52,998	53,037	53,067
Participation rate .....	59.8	60.1	60.0	59.6	59.8	59.9	59.9	59.9	59.9
Employed .....	50,625	51,292	51,365	50,305	50,786	50,851	50,856	50,976	51,034
Employment-population ratio .....	57.7	58.0	58.0	57.3	57.5	57.5	57.5	57.6	57.6
Unemployed .....	1,834	1,946	1,810	2,052	1,970	2,120	2,141	2,061	2,034
Unemployment rate .....	3.5	3.7	3.4	3.9	3.7	4.0	4.0	3.9	3.8
<b>Both sexes, 16 to 19 years</b>									
Civilian labor force .....	5,688	5,746	5,651	5,945	6,004	6,023	5,912	5,949	5,899
Participation rate .....	45.0	45.1	44.3	47.1	47.3	47.4	46.5	46.7	46.3
Employed .....	4,887	4,955	4,983	5,009	5,175	5,222	5,074	5,123	5,110
Employment-population ratio .....	38.7	38.9	39.1	39.6	40.7	41.1	39.9	40.2	40.1
Unemployed .....	801	791	669	936	829	801	838	826	789
Unemployment rate .....	14.1	13.8	11.8	15.7	13.8	13.3	14.2	13.9	13.4
<b>BLACK OR AFRICAN AMERICAN</b>									
Civilian noninstitutional population .....	26,273	26,705	26,744	26,273	26,572	26,618	26,663	26,705	26,744
Civilian labor force .....	16,773	17,197	17,001	16,744	17,130	17,068	17,150	17,118	16,979
Participation rate .....	63.8	64.4	63.6	63.7	64.5	64.1	64.3	64.1	63.5
Employed .....	15,033	15,395	15,487	14,936	15,476	15,455	15,591	15,299	15,397
Employment-population ratio .....	57.2	57.6	57.9	56.9	58.2	58.1	58.5	57.3	57.6
Unemployed .....	1,739	1,802	1,514	1,808	1,654	1,613	1,559	1,819	1,582
Unemployment rate .....	10.4	10.5	8.9	10.8	9.7	9.5	9.1	10.6	9.3
Not in labor force .....	9,500	9,509	9,743	9,529	9,442	9,549	9,513	9,587	9,766
<b>Men, 20 years and over</b>									
Civilian labor force .....	7,507	7,634	7,560	7,490	7,727	7,672	7,659	7,556	7,553
Participation rate .....	71.1	71.1	70.3	71.0	72.3	71.7	71.4	70.4	70.2
Employed .....	6,696	6,910	6,897	6,696	7,065	7,006	7,006	6,849	6,903
Employment-population ratio .....	63.4	64.3	64.1	63.4	66.1	65.5	65.3	63.8	64.2
Unemployed .....	811	724	663	794	662	666	653	707	651
Unemployment rate .....	10.8	9.5	8.8	10.6	8.6	8.7	8.5	9.4	8.6
<b>Women, 20 years and over</b>									
Civilian labor force .....	8,532	8,735	8,667	8,491	8,604	8,664	8,726	8,714	8,633
Participation rate .....	64.3	64.9	64.3	64.0	64.2	64.6	64.9	64.8	64.1
Employed .....	7,804	7,960	7,965	7,725	7,899	7,959	8,069	7,927	7,896
Employment-population ratio .....	58.8	59.2	59.1	58.2	58.9	59.3	60.0	58.9	58.6
Unemployed .....	727	775	702	765	705	705	658	787	738
Unemployment rate .....	8.5	8.9	8.1	9.0	8.2	8.1	7.5	9.0	8.5
<b>Both sexes, 16 to 19 years</b>									
Civilian labor force .....	734	827	774	763	799	733	765	848	792
Participation rate .....	30.0	32.9	30.7	31.2	32.1	29.4	30.6	33.8	31.5
Employed .....	533	524	624	515	512	490	517	523	598
Employment-population ratio .....	21.8	20.9	24.8	21.1	20.6	19.7	20.7	20.8	23.8
Unemployed .....	201	303	150	249	287	242	248	326	194
Unemployment rate .....	27.4	36.6	19.3	32.6	35.9	33.1	32.4	38.4	24.4
<b>ASIAN</b>									
Civilian noninstitutional population .....	9,658	10,044	10,036	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)
Civilian labor force .....	6,394	6,642	6,652	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)
Participation rate .....	66.2	66.1	66.3	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)
Employed .....	6,130	6,403	6,400	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)
Employment-population ratio .....	63.5	63.7	63.8	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)
Unemployed .....	264	239	252	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)
Unemployment rate .....	4.1	3.6	3.8	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)
Not in labor force .....	3,264	3,403	3,384	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)

<sup>1</sup> The population figures are not adjusted for seasonal variation; therefore, identical numbers appear in the unadjusted and seasonally adjusted columns.

<sup>2</sup> Data not available.

NOTE: Estimates for the above race groups will not sum to totals shown in table A-1

because data are not presented for all races. Beginning in January 2005, data reflect revised population controls used in the household survey. Seasonally adjusted data have been revised to reflect updated seasonal adjustment factors.

Table A-3. Employment status of the Hispanic or Latino population by sex and age

(Numbers in thousands)

Employment status, sex, and age	Not seasonally adjusted			Seasonally adjusted <sup>1</sup>					
	Dec. 2004	Nov. 2005	Dec. 2005	Dec. 2004	Aug. 2005	Sept. 2005	Oct. 2005	Nov. 2005	Dec. 2005
<b>HISPANIC OR LATINO ETHNICITY</b>									
Civilian noninstitutional population .....	28,608	29,552	29,645	28,608	29,264	29,361	29,456	29,552	29,645
Civilian labor force .....	19,514	20,274	20,316	19,489	19,925	19,944	20,047	20,214	20,292
Participation rate .....	68.2	68.6	68.5	68.1	68.1	67.9	68.1	68.4	68.4
Employed .....	18,236	19,052	19,084	18,219	18,760	18,647	18,871	18,991	19,066
Employment-population ratio .....	63.7	64.5	64.4	63.7	64.1	63.5	64.1	64.3	64.3
Unemployed .....	1,279	1,222	1,232	1,270	1,164	1,297	1,176	1,223	1,226
Unemployment rate .....	6.6	6.0	6.1	6.5	5.8	6.5	5.9	6.1	6.0
Not in labor force .....	9,094	9,278	9,329	9,119	9,340	9,417	9,409	9,338	9,353
<b>Men, 20 years and over</b>									
Civilian labor force .....	11,175	11,626	11,664	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )
Participation rate .....	83.8	84.3	84.3	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )
Employed .....	10,541	11,072	11,071	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )
Employment-population ratio .....	79.1	80.3	80.0	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )
Unemployed .....	634	554	593	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )
Unemployment rate .....	5.7	4.8	5.1	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )
<b>Women, 20 years and over</b>									
Civilian labor force .....	7,312	7,585	7,590	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )
Participation rate .....	57.9	58.2	58.1	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )
Employed .....	6,827	7,096	7,135	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )
Employment-population ratio .....	54.0	54.4	54.6	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )
Unemployed .....	485	489	455	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )
Unemployment rate .....	6.6	6.4	6.0	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )
<b>Both sexes, 16 to 19 years</b>									
Civilian labor force .....	1,028	1,063	1,061	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )
Participation rate .....	38.9	39.0	38.7	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )
Employed .....	868	883	878	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )
Employment-population ratio .....	32.8	32.4	32.0	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )
Unemployed .....	160	180	184	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )
Unemployment rate .....	15.6	16.9	17.3	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )

<sup>1</sup> The population figures are not adjusted for seasonal variation; therefore, identical numbers appear in the unadjusted and seasonally adjusted columns.

<sup>2</sup> Data not available.

NOTE: Persons whose ethnicity is identified as Hispanic or Latino may be of any race.

Beginning in January 2005, data reflect revised population controls used in the household survey. Seasonally adjusted data have been revised to reflect updated seasonal adjustment factors.

Table A-4. Employment status of the civilian population 25 years and over by educational attainment

(Numbers in thousands)

Educational attainment	Not seasonally adjusted			Seasonally adjusted					
	Dec. 2004	Nov. 2005	Dec. 2005	Dec. 2004	Aug. 2005	Sept. 2005	Oct. 2005	Nov. 2005	Dec. 2005
<b>Less than a high school diploma</b>									
Civilian labor force .....	12,895	12,595	12,490	12,791	12,818	12,729	12,502	12,529	12,388
Participation rate .....	45.3	45.7	45.6	45.0	45.9	45.2	45.4	45.4	45.3
Employed .....	11,762	11,678	11,499	11,741	11,839	11,690	11,611	11,602	11,465
Employment-population ratio .....	41.3	42.3	42.0	41.3	42.4	41.5	42.1	42.1	41.9
Unemployed .....	1,133	917	991	1,050	979	1,039	891	927	923
Unemployment rate .....	8.8	7.3	7.9	8.2	7.6	8.2	7.1	7.4	7.5
<b>High school graduates, no college <sup>1</sup></b>									
Civilian labor force .....	37,842	38,542	38,167	37,817	38,123	38,324	38,467	38,372	38,173
Participation rate .....	63.3	63.6	63.1	63.3	63.5	63.9	63.8	63.4	63.1
Employed .....	36,035	36,770	36,445	35,971	36,343	36,404	36,627	36,547	36,417
Employment-population ratio .....	60.3	60.7	60.3	60.2	60.5	60.7	60.8	60.4	60.2
Unemployed .....	1,808	1,771	1,722	1,846	1,781	1,921	1,840	1,825	1,756
Unemployment rate .....	4.8	4.6	4.5	4.9	4.7	5.0	4.8	4.8	4.6
<b>Some college or associate degree</b>									
Civilian labor force .....	34,391	35,326	35,329	34,520	35,046	35,148	35,310	35,411	35,498
Participation rate .....	72.1	72.1	72.0	72.4	72.1	72.4	72.3	72.3	72.4
Employed .....	32,968	33,999	33,978	33,059	33,781	33,866	33,967	34,059	34,115
Employment-population ratio .....	69.1	69.4	69.3	69.3	69.5	69.8	69.6	69.5	69.6
Unemployed .....	1,423	1,326	1,350	1,461	1,265	1,282	1,343	1,352	1,383
Unemployment rate .....	4.1	3.8	3.8	4.2	3.6	3.6	3.8	3.8	3.9
<b>Bachelor's degree and higher <sup>2</sup></b>									
Civilian labor force .....	40,835	41,659	42,100	40,876	41,431	41,558	41,616	41,600	42,097
Participation rate .....	78.3	78.2	78.4	78.4	78.1	78.1	77.7	78.1	78.4
Employed .....	39,894	40,771	41,262	39,857	40,579	40,588	40,670	40,665	41,187
Employment-population ratio .....	76.5	76.5	76.8	76.4	76.5	76.3	75.9	76.3	76.7
Unemployed .....	941	888	838	1,019	852	970	946	936	910
Unemployment rate .....	2.3	2.1	2.0	2.5	2.1	2.3	2.3	2.2	2.2

<sup>1</sup> Includes persons with a high school diploma or equivalent.

<sup>2</sup> Includes persons with bachelor's, master's, professional, and doctoral degrees.

NOTE: Beginning in January 2005, data reflect revised population controls used in the

household survey. Seasonally adjusted data have been revised to reflect updated seasonal adjustment factors.

Table A-5. Employed persons by class of worker and part-time status

(In thousands)

Category	Not seasonally adjusted			Seasonally adjusted					
	Dec. 2004	Nov. 2005	Dec. 2005	Dec. 2004	Aug. 2005	Sept. 2005	Oct. 2005	Nov. 2005	Dec. 2005
<b>CLASS OF WORKER</b>									
Agriculture and related industries .....	1,996	2,117	1,942	2,190	2,157	2,140	2,126	2,154	2,130
Wage and salary workers .....	1,061	1,164	1,058	1,189	1,196	1,118	1,161	1,187	1,187
Self-employed workers .....	918	923	868	975	918	978	936	928	921
Unpaid family workers .....	16	30	15	( <sup>1</sup> )	( <sup>1</sup> )	( <sup>1</sup> )	( <sup>1</sup> )	( <sup>1</sup> )	( <sup>1</sup> )
Nonagricultural industries .....	138,282	140,851	140,976	137,944	140,294	140,421	140,577	140,427	140,638
Wage and salary workers .....	128,783	131,366	131,616	128,352	131,028	130,937	131,123	131,001	131,170
Government .....	20,381	20,321	20,252	20,308	20,436	20,255	20,330	20,224	20,192
Private industries .....	108,401	111,045	111,364	108,102	110,575	110,688	110,799	110,787	111,021
Private households .....	789	750	782	( <sup>1</sup> )	( <sup>1</sup> )	( <sup>1</sup> )	( <sup>1</sup> )	( <sup>1</sup> )	( <sup>1</sup> )
Other industries .....	107,612	110,295	110,582	107,338	109,621	109,858	109,986	110,039	110,261
Self-employed workers .....	9,420	9,376	9,294	9,493	9,273	9,359	9,356	9,274	9,370
Unpaid family workers .....	80	109	66	( <sup>1</sup> )	( <sup>1</sup> )	( <sup>1</sup> )	( <sup>1</sup> )	( <sup>1</sup> )	( <sup>1</sup> )
<b>PERSONS AT WORK PART TIME <sup>2</sup></b>									
All industries:									
Part time for economic reasons .....	4,516	4,067	4,183	4,465	4,450	4,565	4,240	4,175	4,138
Slack work or business conditions .....	2,851	2,570	2,654	2,728	2,752	2,893	2,643	2,595	2,541
Could only find part-time work .....	1,304	1,198	1,132	1,439	1,392	1,331	1,299	1,246	1,246
Part time for noneconomic reasons .....	20,361	20,792	20,420	19,484	19,548	19,581	19,696	19,612	19,582
Nonagricultural industries:									
Part time for economic reasons .....	4,399	3,977	4,069	4,382	4,406	4,500	4,161	4,105	4,051
Slack work or business conditions .....	2,774	2,518	2,591	2,685	2,728	2,846	2,592	2,567	2,508
Could only find part-time work .....	1,288	1,191	1,129	1,401	1,394	1,335	1,284	1,230	1,230
Part time for noneconomic reasons .....	19,962	20,423	20,040	19,120	19,168	19,207	19,255	19,235	19,214

<sup>1</sup> Data not available.

<sup>2</sup> Persons at work excludes employed persons who were absent from their jobs during the entire reference week for reasons such as vacation, illness, or industrial dispute. Part time for noneconomic reasons excludes persons who usually work full time but worked only 1 to 34 hours during the reference week for reasons such as holidays, illness, and bad weather.

NOTE: Detail for the seasonally adjusted data shown in this table will not necessarily add to totals because of the independent seasonal adjustment of the various series. Beginning in January 2005, data reflect revised population controls used in the household survey. Seasonally adjusted data have been revised to reflect updated seasonal adjustment factors.

Table A-6. Selected employment indicators

(In thousands)

Characteristic	Not seasonally adjusted			Seasonally adjusted					
	Dec. 2004	Nov. 2005	Dec. 2005	Dec. 2004	Aug. 2005	Sept. 2005	Oct. 2005	Nov. 2005	Dec. 2005
<b>AGE AND SEX</b>									
Total, 16 years and over .....	140,278	142,968	142,918	140,133	142,425	142,435	142,625	142,611	142,779
16 to 19 years .....	5,800	5,803	5,934	5,927	6,045	6,030	5,964	6,000	6,061
16 to 17 years .....	2,168	2,231	2,270	2,238	2,297	2,290	2,290	2,285	2,334
18 to 19 years .....	3,632	3,572	3,664	3,680	3,773	3,739	3,673	3,694	3,713
20 years and over .....	134,478	137,165	136,984	134,206	136,380	136,405	136,661	136,610	136,717
20 to 24 years .....	13,819	13,947	13,799	13,857	13,790	13,841	13,945	13,931	13,840
25 years and over .....	120,659	123,218	123,185	120,391	122,709	122,601	122,719	122,731	122,906
25 to 54 years .....	97,836	99,214	99,104	97,660	98,984	98,852	98,834	98,849	98,934
25 to 34 years .....	30,509	31,144	30,876	30,499	30,751	30,714	30,864	30,920	30,866
35 to 44 years .....	34,707	34,614	34,681	34,608	34,689	34,821	34,601	34,513	34,581
45 to 54 years .....	32,620	33,457	33,547	32,553	33,543	33,317	33,369	33,416	33,486
55 years and over .....	22,823	24,004	24,081	22,731	23,725	23,748	23,885	23,883	23,972
Men, 16 years and over .....	74,707	76,481	76,287	74,937	76,404	76,257	76,396	76,410	76,529
16 to 19 years .....	2,810	2,887	2,972	2,900	2,924	2,926	2,896	2,970	3,061
16 to 17 years .....	992	1,056	1,041	1,042	1,068	1,053	1,043	1,062	1,090
18 to 19 years .....	1,818	1,831	1,931	1,839	1,877	1,865	1,848	1,890	1,951
20 years and over .....	71,897	73,593	73,315	72,037	73,479	73,331	73,500	73,441	73,468
20 to 24 years .....	7,274	7,305	7,280	7,353	7,298	7,247	7,310	7,330	7,356
25 years and over .....	64,623	66,288	66,034	64,738	66,271	66,035	66,192	66,142	66,157
25 to 54 years .....	52,464	53,527	53,239	52,589	53,533	53,324	53,429	53,419	53,375
25 to 34 years .....	16,785	17,203	17,032	16,829	17,135	17,033	17,107	17,103	17,080
35 to 44 years .....	18,697	18,783	18,710	18,722	18,780	18,808	18,800	18,745	18,739
45 to 54 years .....	16,983	17,541	17,497	17,038	17,619	17,483	17,522	17,571	17,556
55 years and over .....	12,159	12,762	12,795	12,149	12,738	12,711	12,763	12,723	12,782
Women, 16 years and over .....	65,571	66,488	66,631	65,196	66,022	66,178	66,229	66,200	66,250
16 to 19 years .....	2,990	2,916	2,962	3,027	3,121	3,104	3,068	3,031	3,000
16 to 17 years .....	1,176	1,175	1,229	1,196	1,229	1,237	1,247	1,223	1,245
18 to 19 years .....	1,814	1,741	1,733	1,841	1,896	1,874	1,825	1,804	1,762
20 years and over .....	62,581	63,572	63,669	62,169	62,901	63,074	63,162	63,170	63,249
20 to 24 years .....	6,545	6,642	6,519	6,503	6,492	6,594	6,635	6,601	6,484
25 years and over .....	56,036	56,930	57,150	55,653	56,437	56,566	56,527	56,589	56,749
25 to 54 years .....	45,372	45,688	45,865	45,072	45,450	45,528	45,405	45,430	45,559
25 to 34 years .....	13,724	13,941	13,844	13,670	13,617	13,680	13,757	13,817	13,786
35 to 44 years .....	16,011	15,831	15,971	15,886	15,910	16,013	15,801	15,768	15,843
45 to 54 years .....	15,637	15,916	16,050	15,515	15,924	15,835	15,847	15,845	15,930
55 years and over .....	10,664	11,243	11,285	10,581	10,987	11,037	11,122	11,159	11,190
<b>MARITAL STATUS</b>									
Married men, spouse present .....	45,499	45,635	45,708	45,264	45,666	45,457	45,634	45,480	45,469
Married women, spouse present .....	35,213	35,331	35,438	34,746	34,960	34,943	34,868	34,910	34,948
Women who maintain families .....	8,884	9,033	9,028	( <sup>1</sup> )	( <sup>1</sup> )	( <sup>1</sup> )	( <sup>1</sup> )	( <sup>1</sup> )	( <sup>1</sup> )
<b>FULL- OR PART-TIME STATUS</b>									
Full-time workers <sup>2</sup> .....	115,117	117,459	117,791	115,517	117,625	117,469	117,783	117,860	118,135
Part-time workers <sup>3</sup> .....	25,161	25,509	25,127	24,736	24,880	25,009	24,898	24,814	24,743

<sup>1</sup> Data not available.<sup>2</sup> Employed full-time workers are persons who usually work 35 hours or more per week.<sup>3</sup> Employed part-time workers are persons who usually work less than 35 hours per week.

NOTE: Detail for the seasonally adjusted data shown in this table will not necessarily add to totals because of the independent seasonal adjustment of the various series. Beginning in January 2005, data reflect revised population controls used in the household survey. Seasonally adjusted data have been revised to reflect updated seasonal adjustment factors.

Table A-7. Selected unemployment indicators, seasonally adjusted

Characteristic	Number of unemployed persons (in thousands)			Unemployment rates <sup>1</sup>					
	Dec. 2004	Nov. 2005	Dec. 2005	Dec. 2004	Aug. 2005	Sept. 2005	Oct. 2005	Nov. 2005	Dec. 2005
<b>AGE AND SEX</b>									
Total, 16 years and over .....	8,040	7,572	7,375	5.4	4.9	5.1	4.9	5.0	4.9
16 to 19 years .....	1,292	1,238	1,091	17.9	16.4	15.8	15.9	17.1	15.2
16 to 17 years .....	596	624	507	21.0	18.6	18.8	18.7	21.4	17.8
18 to 19 years .....	693	613	580	15.8	15.0	13.9	14.2	14.2	13.5
20 years and over .....	6,748	6,335	6,284	4.8	4.3	4.6	4.4	4.4	4.4
20 to 24 years .....	1,358	1,274	1,283	8.9	8.8	8.7	8.5	8.4	8.5
25 years and over .....	5,398	5,042	5,010	4.3	3.8	4.1	3.9	3.9	3.9
25 to 54 years .....	4,610	4,255	4,227	4.5	4.0	4.2	4.1	4.1	4.1
25 to 34 years .....	1,818	1,634	1,625	5.6	5.0	5.4	4.8	5.0	5.0
35 to 44 years .....	1,460	1,407	1,381	4.0	3.7	3.7	3.9	3.9	3.8
45 to 54 years .....	1,333	1,214	1,221	3.9	3.2	3.5	3.6	3.5	3.5
55 years and over .....	824	774	808	3.5	3.2	3.6	3.2	3.1	3.3
Men, 16 years and over .....	4,457	3,984	3,902	5.6	4.9	5.1	4.8	5.0	4.9
16 to 19 years .....	767	702	584	20.9	18.0	17.4	16.5	19.1	16.0
16 to 17 years .....	347	327	269	25.0	21.4	21.3	18.1	23.6	19.8
18 to 19 years .....	418	350	312	18.5	16.2	15.1	15.5	15.6	13.8
20 years and over .....	3,689	3,282	3,318	4.9	4.3	4.5	4.3	4.3	4.3
20 to 24 years .....	732	737	743	9.1	10.0	9.8	9.4	9.1	9.2
25 years and over .....	2,960	2,522	2,583	4.4	3.6	3.9	3.7	3.7	3.8
25 to 54 years .....	2,524	2,112	2,154	4.6	3.8	4.0	3.8	3.8	3.9
25 to 34 years .....	1,033	798	785	5.8	4.4	5.0	4.4	4.5	4.4
35 to 44 years .....	782	707	725	4.0	3.6	3.5	3.5	3.6	3.7
45 to 54 years .....	708	608	643	4.0	3.3	3.5	3.5	3.3	3.5
55 years and over .....	436	410	430	3.5	3.1	3.3	3.2	3.1	3.3
Women, 16 years and over .....	3,583	3,588	3,473	5.2	4.9	5.1	5.1	5.1	5.0
16 to 19 years .....	525	535	507	14.8	14.7	14.3	15.2	15.0	14.4
16 to 17 years .....	249	296	238	17.2	15.9	16.6	19.1	19.5	16.1
18 to 19 years .....	275	263	268	13.0	13.8	12.6	12.8	12.7	13.2
20 years and over .....	3,058	3,053	2,966	4.7	4.4	4.6	4.6	4.6	4.5
20 to 24 years .....	626	537	540	8.8	7.4	7.4	7.5	7.5	7.7
25 years and over .....	2,438	2,519	2,427	4.2	4.0	4.3	4.2	4.3	4.1
25 to 54 years .....	2,086	2,142	2,073	4.4	4.2	4.4	4.4	4.5	4.4
25 to 34 years .....	784	837	840	5.4	5.7	5.8	5.3	5.7	5.7
35 to 44 years .....	677	699	656	4.1	3.9	4.0	4.4	4.2	4.0
45 to 54 years .....	624	606	577	3.9	3.2	3.6	3.7	3.7	3.5
55 years and over <sup>2</sup> .....	350	357	340	3.2	3.8	3.9	3.1	3.1	2.9
<b>MARITAL STATUS</b>									
Married men, spouse present .....	1,412	1,210	1,219	3.0	2.9	2.7	2.6	2.6	2.6
Married women, spouse present .....	1,240	1,187	1,151	3.4	3.2	3.4	3.3	3.3	3.2
Women who maintain families <sup>2</sup> .....	675	700	671	7.1	7.2	7.6	7.3	7.2	6.9
<b>FULL- OR PART-TIME STATUS</b>									
Full-time workers <sup>3</sup> .....	6,604	6,018	5,920	5.4	4.9	5.0	4.9	4.9	4.8
Part-time workers <sup>4</sup> .....	1,435	1,514	1,454	5.5	5.1	5.3	5.4	5.7	5.5

<sup>1</sup> Unemployment as a percent of the civilian labor force.<sup>2</sup> Not seasonally adjusted.<sup>3</sup> Full-time workers are unemployed persons who have expressed a desire to work full time (35 hours or more per week) or are on layoff from full-time jobs.<sup>4</sup> Part-time workers are unemployed persons who have expressed a desire to work

part time (less than 35 hours per week) or are on layoff from part-time jobs.

NOTE: Detail shown in this table will not necessarily add to totals because of the independent seasonal adjustment of the various series. Beginning in January 2005, data reflect revised population controls used in the household survey. Data have been revised to reflect updated seasonal adjustment factors.

Table A-8. Unemployed persons by reason for unemployment

(Numbers in thousands)

Reason	Not seasonally adjusted			Seasonally adjusted					
	Dec. 2004	Nov. 2005	Dec. 2005	Dec. 2004	Aug. 2005	Sept. 2005	Oct. 2005	Nov. 2005	Dec. 2005
<b>NUMBER OF UNEMPLOYED</b>									
Job losers and persons who completed temporary jobs .....	4,166	3,329	3,622	4,029	3,474	3,697	3,508	3,455	3,486
On temporary layoff .....	1,040	744	1,013	962	874	970	944	899	935
Not on temporary layoff .....	3,126	2,585	2,609	3,067	2,600	2,726	2,564	2,556	2,552
Permanent job losers .....	2,272	1,894	1,866	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)
Persons who completed temporary jobs .....	854	691	743	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)
Job leavers .....	845	889	752	938	839	874	889	900	841
Reentrants .....	2,040	2,423	2,083	2,367	2,455	2,423	2,349	2,538	2,430
New entrants .....	548	630	499	711	633	626	654	679	644
<b>PERCENT DISTRIBUTION</b>									
Total unemployed .....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Job losers and persons who completed temporary jobs .....	54.8	45.8	52.1	50.1	46.9	48.5	47.4	45.6	47.1
On temporary layoff .....	13.7	10.2	14.6	12.0	11.8	12.7	12.8	11.9	12.6
Not on temporary layoff .....	41.1	35.6	37.5	38.1	35.1	35.8	34.7	33.8	34.5
Job leavers .....	11.1	12.2	10.8	11.7	11.3	11.5	12.0	11.9	11.4
Reentrants .....	26.8	33.3	30.0	29.4	33.2	31.8	31.7	33.5	32.8
New entrants .....	7.2	8.7	7.2	8.8	8.6	8.2	8.8	9.0	8.7
<b>UNEMPLOYED AS A PERCENT OF THE CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE</b>									
Job losers and persons who completed temporary jobs .....	2.8	2.2	2.4	2.7	2.3	2.5	2.3	2.3	2.3
Job leavers .....	.6	.6	.5	.6	.6	.6	.6	.6	.6
Reentrants .....	1.4	1.6	1.4	1.6	1.6	1.6	1.6	1.7	1.6
New entrants .....	.4	.4	.3	.5	.4	.4	.4	.5	.4

<sup>1</sup> Data not available.

NOTE: Beginning in January 2005, data reflect revised population controls used in the household survey. Seasonally adjusted data have been revised to reflect updated seasonal adjustment factors.

Table A-9. Unemployed persons by duration of unemployment

(Numbers in thousands)

Duration	Not seasonally adjusted			Seasonally adjusted					
	Dec. 2004	Nov. 2005	Dec. 2005	Dec. 2004	Aug. 2005	Sept. 2005	Oct. 2005	Nov. 2005	Dec. 2005
<b>NUMBER OF UNEMPLOYED</b>									
Less than 5 weeks .....	2,546	2,617	2,443	2,887	2,544	2,751	2,708	2,779	2,764
5 to 14 weeks .....	2,244	2,263	2,189	2,285	2,268	2,253	2,263	2,268	2,240
15 weeks and over .....	2,809	2,391	2,324	2,926	2,672	2,584	2,477	2,492	2,417
15 to 26 weeks .....	1,202	1,041	1,014	1,276	1,229	1,120	1,045	1,108	1,068
27 weeks and over .....	1,608	1,350	1,310	1,650	1,444	1,464	1,432	1,383	1,350
Average (mean) duration, in weeks .....	19.5	17.8	17.5	19.4	18.9	18.2	18.0	17.6	17.3
Median duration, in weeks .....	9.6	8.5	8.6	9.4	9.4	8.5	8.6	8.5	8.5
<b>PERCENT DISTRIBUTION</b>									
Total unemployed .....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Less than 5 weeks .....	33.5	36.0	35.1	35.7	34.0	36.3	36.4	36.9	37.2
5 to 14 weeks .....	29.5	31.1	31.5	28.2	30.3	29.7	30.4	30.1	30.2
15 weeks and over .....	37.0	32.9	33.4	36.1	35.7	34.1	33.3	33.0	32.6
15 to 26 weeks .....	15.8	14.3	14.6	15.8	16.4	14.8	14.0	14.7	14.4
27 weeks and over .....	21.2	18.6	18.8	20.4	19.3	19.3	19.2	18.3	18.2

NOTE: Beginning in January 2005, data reflect revised population controls used in the household survey. Seasonally adjusted data have been revised to reflect updated seasonal adjustment factors.



**Table A-10. Employed and unemployed persons by occupation, not seasonally adjusted**

(Numbers in thousands)

Occupation	Employed		Unemployed		Unemployment rates	
	Dec. 2004	Dec. 2005	Dec. 2004	Dec. 2005	Dec. 2004	Dec. 2005
Total, 16 years and over <sup>1</sup> .....	140,278	142,918	7,599	6,956	5.1	4.6
Management, professional, and related occupations .....	49,184	50,524	1,281	1,010	2.5	2.0
Management, business, and financial operations occupations .....	20,170	21,100	567	385	2.7	1.8
Professional and related occupations .....	29,014	29,424	713	625	2.4	2.1
Service occupations .....	22,907	22,936	1,440	1,469	5.9	6.0
Sales and office occupations .....	35,511	36,296	1,632	1,572	4.4	4.2
Sales and related occupations .....	15,930	16,467	770	773	4.6	4.5
Office and administrative support occupations .....	19,581	19,829	862	799	4.2	3.9
Natural resources, construction, and maintenance occupations .....	14,649	15,264	1,279	1,156	8.0	7.0
Farming, fishing, and forestry occupations .....	845	843	183	129	17.8	13.3
Construction and extraction occupations .....	8,517	9,303	880	827	9.4	8.2
Installation, maintenance, and repair occupations .....	5,287	5,117	217	199	3.9	3.7
Production, transportation, and material moving occupations .....	18,027	17,899	1,368	1,213	7.1	6.3
Production occupations .....	9,411	9,353	708	657	7.0	6.6
Transportation and material moving occupations .....	8,616	8,546	660	556	7.1	6.1

<sup>1</sup> Persons with no previous work experience and persons whose last job was in the Armed Forces are included in the unemployed total.

NOTE: Beginning in January 2005, data reflect revised population controls used in the household survey.

**Table A-11. Unemployed persons by industry and class of worker, not seasonally adjusted**

Industry and class of worker	Number of unemployed persons (in thousands)		Unemployment rates	
	Dec. 2004	Dec. 2005	Dec. 2004	Dec. 2005
Total, 16 years and over <sup>1</sup> .....	7,599	6,956	5.1	4.6
Nonagricultural private wage and salary workers .....	6,045	5,611	5.3	4.8
Mining .....	16	23	2.5	3.5
Construction .....	870	813	9.5	8.2
Manufacturing .....	872	757	5.1	4.5
Durable goods .....	529	461	4.9	4.2
Nondurable goods .....	344	296	5.5	5.0
Wholesale and retail trade .....	1,058	968	5.0	4.5
Transportation and utilities .....	204	202	3.8	3.6
Information .....	173	128	5.7	3.7
Financial activities .....	290	204	3.1	2.1
Professional and business services .....	875	788	6.9	6.1
Education and health services .....	562	529	3.1	2.8
Leisure and hospitality .....	850	930	7.4	7.9
Other services .....	276	269	4.3	4.3
Agriculture and related private wage and salary workers .....	165	127	14.0	11.1
Government workers .....	499	393	2.4	1.9
Self employed and unpaid family workers .....	341	327	3.2	3.1

<sup>1</sup> Persons with no previous work experience are included in the unemployed total.

NOTE: Beginning in January 2005, data reflect revised population controls used in the household survey.

Table A-12. Alternative measures of labor underutilization

(Percent)

Measure	Not seasonally adjusted			Seasonally adjusted					
	Dec. 2004	Nov. 2005	Dec. 2005	Dec. 2004	Aug. 2005	Sept. 2005	Oct. 2005	Nov. 2005	Dec. 2005
U-1 Persons unemployed 15 weeks or longer, as a percent of the civilian labor force .....	1.9	1.6	1.6	2.0	1.8	1.7	1.7	1.7	1.6
U-2 Job losers and persons who completed temporary jobs, as a percent of the civilian labor force .....	2.8	2.2	2.4	2.7	2.3	2.5	2.3	2.3	2.3
<b>U-3 Total unemployed, as a percent of the civilian labor force (official unemployment rate) .....</b>	<b>5.1</b>	<b>4.8</b>	<b>4.6</b>	<b>5.4</b>	<b>4.9</b>	<b>5.1</b>	<b>4.9</b>	<b>5.0</b>	<b>4.9</b>
U-4 Total unemployed plus discouraged workers, as a percent of the civilian labor force plus discouraged workers .....	5.4	5.1	4.9	5.7	5.2	5.3	5.2	5.3	5.2
U-5 Total unemployed, plus discouraged workers, plus all other marginally attached workers, as a percent of the civilian labor force plus all marginally attached workers .....	6.1	5.7	5.6	6.4	5.9	6.0	5.8	5.9	5.9
U-6 Total unemployed, plus all marginally attached workers, plus total employed part time for economic reasons, as a percent of the civilian labor force plus all marginally attached workers .....	9.1	8.4	8.4	9.3	8.9	9.0	8.6	8.7	8.6

NOTE: Marginally attached workers are persons who currently are neither working nor looking for work but indicate that they want and are available for a job and have looked for work sometime in the recent past. Discouraged workers, a subset of the marginally attached, have given a job-market related reason for not currently looking for a job. Persons employed part time for economic reasons are those who want and are available for full-time work but

have had to settle for a part-time schedule. For further information, see "BLS introduces new range of alternative unemployment measures," in the October 1995 issue of the *Monthly Labor Review*. Beginning in January 2005, data reflect revised population controls used in the household survey. Seasonally adjusted data have been revised to reflect updated seasonal adjustment factors.

Table A-13. Persons not in the labor force and multiple jobholders by sex, not seasonally adjusted

(Numbers in thousands)

Category	Total		Men		Women	
	Dec. 2004	Dec. 2005	Dec. 2004	Dec. 2005	Dec. 2004	Dec. 2005
<b>NOT IN THE LABOR FORCE</b>						
Total not in the labor force .....	76,763	77,550	29,300	29,722	47,463	47,828
Persons who currently want a job .....	4,607	4,808	2,138	2,146	2,469	2,662
Searched for work and available to work now <sup>1</sup> .....	1,463	1,589	737	833	726	756
Reason not currently looking:						
Discouragement over job prospects <sup>2</sup> .....	442	451	265	266	177	185
Reasons other than discouragement <sup>3</sup> .....	1,021	1,139	472	568	549	571
<b>MULTIPLE JOBHOLDERS</b>						
Total multiple jobholders <sup>4</sup> .....	7,834	7,665	4,061	3,794	3,774	3,871
Percent of total employed .....	5.6	5.4	5.4	5.0	5.8	5.8
Primary job full time, secondary job part time .....	4,086	4,045	2,339	2,173	1,747	1,872
Primary and secondary jobs both part time .....	1,757	1,818	552	641	1,205	1,177
Primary and secondary jobs both full time .....	270	295	192	175	77	120
Hours vary on primary or secondary job .....	1,685	1,455	963	784	722	671

<sup>1</sup> Data refer to persons who have searched for work during the prior 12 months and were available to take a job during the reference week.

<sup>2</sup> Includes those who think no work available, could not find work, lacks schooling or training, employer thinks too young or old, and other types of discrimination.

<sup>3</sup> Includes those who did not actively look for work in the prior 4 weeks for such reasons as school or family responsibilities, ill health, and transportation problems, as well

as a small number for which reason for nonparticipation was not determined.

<sup>4</sup> Includes persons who work part time on their primary job and full time on their secondary job(s), not shown separately.

NOTE: Beginning in January 2005, data reflect revised population controls used in the household survey.

Table B-1. Employees on nonfarm payrolls by industry sector and selected industry detail

(In thousands)

Industry	Not seasonally adjusted				Seasonally adjusted							Change from: Nov. 2005 <sup>P</sup> -Dec. 2005 <sup>P</sup>
	Dec. 2004	Oct. 2005	Nov. 2005 <sup>P</sup>	Dec. 2005 <sup>P</sup>	Dec. 2004	Aug. 2005	Sept. 2005	Oct. 2005	Nov. 2005 <sup>P</sup>	Dec. 2005 <sup>P</sup>		
Total nonfarm .....	133,187	134,999	135,461	135,188	132,449	134,013	134,030	134,055	134,360	134,468	108	
Total private .....	111,143	112,826	113,141	112,944	110,749	112,164	112,174	112,205	112,486	112,580	94	
Goods-producing .....	21,924	22,456	22,400	22,162	22,022	22,159	22,164	22,197	22,250	22,262	12	
Natural resources and mining .....	602	650	648	646	602	632	636	641	644	647	3	
Logging .....	68.0	67.0	64.7	65.4	67.9	64.9	64.2	63.7	63.1	64.5	1.4	
Mining .....	533.8	583.1	583.5	580.8	534.4	566.7	571.4	577.4	581.3	582.5	1.2	
Oil and gas extraction .....	124.0	127.6	128.6	127.2	124.1	126.5	127.0	128.0	128.9	127.5	-1.4	
Mining, except oil and gas <sup>1</sup> .....	209.3	225.8	224.2	217.6	211.3	220.3	220.2	222.0	222.1	220.4	-1.7	
Coal mining .....	74.5	79.2	79.2	81.1	73.9	77.6	78.5	79.3	79.1	80.2	1.1	
Support activities for mining .....	200.5	229.7	230.7	236.0	199.0	219.9	224.2	227.4	230.3	234.6	4.3	
Construction .....	6,984	7,523	7,467	7,219	7,086	7,267	7,284	7,299	7,341	7,332	-9	
Construction of buildings .....	1,669.6	1,744.0	1,740.6	1,731.6	1,678.9	1,705.4	1,704.5	1,715.0	1,726.5	1,738.3	11.8	
Residential building .....	920.8	963.2	964.8	963.5	927.4	947.3	949.1	952.7	960.3	968.9	8.6	
Nonresidential building .....	748.8	780.8	775.8	768.1	751.5	758.1	755.4	762.3	766.2	769.4	3.2	
Heavy and civil engineering construction .....	871.8	1,003.3	988.0	910.4	907.8	939.0	947.0	941.1	954.9	946.3	-8.6	
Specialty trade contractors .....	4,442.8	4,775.2	4,738.4	4,576.9	4,499.2	4,622.5	4,632.3	4,642.8	4,659.6	4,647.7	-11.9	
Residential specialty trade contractors .....	2,110.0	2,301.0	2,282.0	2,213.4	2,125.5	2,206.0	2,219.9	2,235.3	2,243.3	2,239.5	-3.8	
Nonresidential specialty trade contractors .....	2,332.8	2,474.2	2,456.2	2,363.3	2,373.7	2,416.5	2,412.4	2,407.5	2,416.3	2,408.2	-8.1	
Manufacturing .....	14,338	14,283	14,285	14,297	14,334	14,260	14,244	14,257	14,265	14,283	18	
Production workers .....	10,102	10,147	10,169	10,177	10,097	10,086	10,089	10,113	10,140	10,161	21	
Durable goods .....	8,968	8,957	8,969	8,988	8,957	8,945	8,934	8,954	8,958	8,973	15	
Production workers .....	6,180	6,258	6,287	6,313	6,170	6,215	6,216	6,251	6,273	6,297	24	
Wood products .....	551.0	550.9	550.0	551.0	555.2	549.7	549.8	547.9	549.6	553.8	4.2	
Nonmetallic mineral products .....	503.6	507.1	505.3	494.5	506.5	499.8	499.5	498.9	499.3	497.9	-1.4	
Primary metals .....	467.6	467.4	468.8	472.7	465.2	465.3	467.0	468.4	469.6	470.4	.8	
Fabricated metal products .....	1,514.0	1,525.9	1,530.1	1,535.6	1,512.8	1,523.2	1,523.8	1,524.0	1,529.2	1,534.2	5.0	
Machinery .....	1,149.8	1,165.9	1,162.8	1,165.9	1,146.0	1,159.5	1,160.3	1,168.8	1,162.5	1,161.5	-1.0	
Computer and electronic products <sup>1</sup> .....	1,326.4	1,333.6	1,335.4	1,341.3	1,325.8	1,334.2	1,334.9	1,335.7	1,337.4	1,340.9	3.5	
Computer and peripheral equipment .....	210.1	213.7	213.0	216.0	210.4	214.7	214.8	215.0	214.0	216.1	2.1	
Communications equipment .....	152.4	155.2	155.4	155.8	153.7	153.5	154.6	155.0	155.9	156.7	.8	
Semiconductors and electronic components .....	448.4	446.3	446.9	449.6	448.0	447.7	448.1	447.4	447.9	449.6	1.7	
Electronic instruments .....	437.3	442.3	444.2	444.1	435.7	441.1	441.6	442.8	444.1	442.9	-1.2	
Electrical equipment and appliances .....	446.7	435.9	437.9	438.0	445.8	439.1	437.8	437.6	437.9	437.2	-.7	
Transportation equipment <sup>1</sup> .....	1,780.2	1,758.8	1,764.6	1,772.5	1,771.9	1,760.3	1,746.9	1,760.4	1,760.3	1,763.3	2.7	
Motor vehicles and parts <sup>2</sup> .....	1,111.3	1,077.1	1,078.7	1,079.1	1,104.0	1,076.0	1,087.0	1,077.0	1,075.0	1,071.7	-3.3	
Furniture and related products .....	571.3	557.3	554.9	558.4	571.7	559.1	558.8	558.4	555.8	558.0	2.2	
Miscellaneous manufacturing .....	657.7	654.1	658.8	657.9	656.4	654.9	654.9	653.4	655.8	655.4	-.4	
Nondurable goods .....	5,370	5,326	5,316	5,309	5,377	5,315	5,310	5,303	5,307	5,310	3	
Production workers .....	3,922	3,889	3,882	3,864	3,927	3,871	3,873	3,862	3,867	3,864	-3	
Food manufacturing .....	1,497.8	1,496.8	1,484.2	1,482.7	1,498.8	1,482.5	1,478.0	1,475.2	1,476.8	1,478.8	2.0	
Beverages and tobacco products .....	192.4	194.4	191.3	190.7	193.0	189.8	190.1	191.2	190.6	191.0	.4	
Textile mills .....	232.3	218.3	216.3	214.3	233.2	221.1	219.4	218.1	216.5	215.2	-1.3	
Textile product mills .....	176.0	179.7	182.1	183.8	178.0	178.2	179.9	181.3	182.8	184.7	1.9	
Apparel .....	269.1	250.6	253.5	250.9	271.9	255.0	253.2	250.6	253.0	252.7	-.3	
Leather and allied products .....	42.9	43.2	43.5	44.7	43.1	43.4	43.3	43.8	44.0	44.6	.6	
Paper and paper products .....	499.3	490.3	489.5	486.8	497.9	494.7	492.3	489.6	488.3	485.8	-2.5	
Printing and related support activities .....	663.5	653.9	657.8	658.3	660.8	652.2	654.0	653.5	655.7	655.2	-.5	
Petroleum and coal products .....	111.6	117.8	115.8	112.5	113.8	117.2	116.5	116.5	115.9	115.2	-.7	
Chemicals .....	880.0	877.7	877.6	882.5	880.5	877.6	880.5	880.4	879.9	882.9	3.0	
Plastics and rubber products .....	805.2	803.6	804.1	802.0	806.2	802.9	802.9	802.6	803.4	803.4	.0	

See footnotes at end of table.

Table B-1. Employees on nonfarm payrolls by industry sector and selected industry detail—Continued

(In thousands)

Industry	Not seasonally adjusted				Seasonally adjusted						
	Dec. 2004	Oct. 2005	Nov. 2005 <sup>P</sup>	Dec. 2005 <sup>P</sup>	Dec. 2004	Aug. 2005	Sept. 2005	Oct. 2005	Nov. 2005 <sup>P</sup>	Dec. 2005 <sup>P</sup>	Change from: Nov. 2005-Dec. 2005 <sup>P</sup>
Service-providing .....	111,263	112,543	113,061	113,026	110,427	111,854	111,866	111,858	112,110	112,206	96
Private service-providing .....	89,219	90,370	90,741	90,782	88,727	90,005	90,010	90,008	90,236	90,318	82
Trade, transportation, and utilities .....	26,250	25,965	26,348	26,485	25,620	25,910	25,870	25,870	25,905	25,880	-25
Wholesale trade .....	5,696.8	5,751.2	5,763.6	5,765.6	5,683.6	5,733.9	5,738.2	5,741.9	5,752.4	5,754.4	2.0
Durable goods .....	2,969.5	2,999.2	3,010.1	3,018.1	2,964.5	2,990.8	2,994.6	2,999.2	3,008.0	3,012.8	4.8
Nondurable goods .....	2,013.5	2,019.4	2,018.3	2,010.6	2,009.9	2,013.1	2,012.7	2,011.6	2,011.3	2,008.5	-2.8
Electronic markets and agents and brokers .....	713.8	732.6	735.2	736.9	709.2	730.0	730.9	731.1	733.1	733.1	.0
Retail trade .....	15,646.1	15,222.9	15,585.1	15,729.4	15,077.0	15,230.7	15,183.1	15,177.5	15,190.2	15,174.6	-15.6
Motor vehicle and parts dealers <sup>1</sup> .....	1,895.7	1,924.8	1,912.0	1,900.0	1,905.9	1,923.9	1,923.2	1,917.1	1,911.0	1,910.0	-1.0
Automobile dealers .....	1,245.3	1,254.1	1,242.3	1,235.7	1,249.1	1,255.7	1,256.8	1,249.8	1,242.1	1,240.0	-2.1
Furniture and home furnishings stores .....	586.6	573.9	589.8	598.2	563.7	567.6	570.9	571.4	572.6	573.4	.8
Electronics and appliance stores .....	542.6	538.7	561.1	567.5	516.5	532.3	534.0	536.3	538.9	539.6	.7
Building material and garden supply stores .....	1,221.0	1,262.1	1,263.4	1,259.4	1,243.5	1,275.1	1,269.5	1,269.8	1,276.8	1,283.7	6.9
Food and beverage stores .....	2,857.2	2,827.3	2,854.2	2,862.1	2,819.8	2,828.5	2,819.3	2,826.1	2,827.1	2,826.9	-2
Health and personal care stores .....	958.3	961.5	969.2	972.0	946.6	962.4	955.5	961.2	961.4	960.7	-.7
Gasoline stations .....	868.5	880.1	870.6	868.6	871.3	880.5	878.1	878.3	872.4	872.7	.3
Clothing and clothing accessories stores .....	1,493.5	1,402.7	1,484.0	1,532.0	1,381.3	1,420.6	1,404.3	1,407.2	1,420.5	1,417.5	-3.0
Sporting goods, hobby, book, and music stores .....	702.2	636.8	670.6	701.5	635.8	636.7	626.5	632.3	635.7	635.8	.1
General merchandise stores <sup>1</sup> .....	3,118.1	2,858.1	3,034.5	3,067.9	2,852.9	2,862.0	2,857.3	2,837.6	2,838.8	2,816.1	-22.7
Department stores .....	1,819.6	1,626.8	1,753.2	1,786.8	1,619.3	1,635.1	1,629.9	1,610.3	1,607.0	1,597.2	-9.8
Miscellaneous store retailers .....	948.5	922.8	925.8	943.2	918.2	920.0	918.8	916.4	911.8	914.8	3.0
Nonstore retailers .....	453.9	434.1	449.9	457.0	421.5	421.1	425.7	423.8	423.2	423.4	.2
Transportation and warehousing .....	4,338.1	4,414.5	4,422.6	4,415.1	4,288.0	4,368.6	4,371.9	4,372.7	4,384.3	4,374.0	-10.3
Air transportation .....	512.6	496.0	491.0	485.8	512.3	503.9	496.8	493.5	489.6	484.9	-4.7
Rail transportation .....	224.5	223.8	223.6	223.0	224.0	223.1	223.2	223.1	222.9	222.8	-.1
Water transportation .....	57.2	64.5	64.4	65.3	58.6	62.8	63.9	64.8	66.0	66.7	.7
Truck transportation .....	1,367.2	1,417.0	1,415.5	1,407.8	1,366.5	1,392.4	1,397.0	1,400.8	1,406.4	1,407.6	1.2
Transit and ground passenger transportation .....	407.7	408.1	412.8	408.3	391.0	391.1	392.6	392.7	397.0	391.6	-5.4
Pipeline transportation .....	38.6	39.2	39.1	39.1	38.7	39.5	39.5	39.2	39.2	39.1	-.1
Scenic and sightseeing transportation .....	22.0	29.9	24.4	24.1	26.6	29.0	28.4	29.1	29.1	29.8	.7
Support activities for transportation .....	550.7	557.5	558.7	563.7	547.0	554.3	557.8	556.2	558.6	560.4	1.8
Couriers and messengers .....	581.9	586.2	596.8	603.2	556.4	586.8	586.9	588.7	590.3	584.2	-6.1
Warehousing and storage .....	575.7	592.3	596.3	594.8	566.9	585.7	585.8	584.6	585.2	586.9	1.7
Utilities .....	568.5	576.3	576.8	574.5	571.3	577.1	576.7	577.4	578.1	577.4	-.7
Information .....	3,139	3,132	3,152	3,160	3,127	3,147	3,153	3,142	3,146	3,149	3
Publishing industries, except Internet .....	909.5	908.5	911.2	911.9	905.7	909.0	909.0	908.6	908.2	908.6	.4
Motion picture and sound recording industries .....	390.2	387.6	400.5	409.0	384.8	396.0	403.3	395.1	397.9	402.7	4.8
Broadcasting, except Internet .....	333.1	331.5	331.5	332.7	329.7	333.0	330.8	331.2	330.5	330.2	-.3
Internet publishing and broadcasting .....	33.6	35.5	35.8	36.3	34.0	35.6	35.8	35.8	35.9	36.7	.8
Telecommunications .....	1,031.4	1,030.9	1,033.3	1,029.7	1,031.5	1,031.4	1,031.6	1,031.5	1,033.6	1,029.9	-3.7
ISPs, search portals, and data processing .....	390.5	389.1	389.5	390.5	390.4	392.2	392.5	390.5	389.4	391.0	1.6
Other information services .....	50.6	49.2	50.2	50.2	50.7	50.2	50.1	49.7	50.3	50.3	.0
Financial activities .....	8,124	8,279	8,292	8,315	8,128	8,248	8,265	8,289	8,304	8,316	12
Finance and insurance .....	6,017.4	6,110.2	6,126.7	6,145.2	6,014.5	6,086.4	6,101.1	6,119.8	6,131.2	6,139.8	8.6
Monetary authorities - central bank .....	20.6	20.3	20.5	20.7	20.6	20.3	20.4	20.4	20.6	20.7	.1
Credit intermediation and related activities <sup>1</sup> .....	2,868.6	2,942.4	2,947.2	2,954.9	2,871.9	2,931.2	2,940.0	2,949.1	2,951.5	2,955.6	4.1
Depository credit intermediation <sup>1</sup> .....	1,774.2	1,811.6	1,817.0	1,825.6	1,778.8	1,809.9	1,814.8	1,820.4	1,823.2	1,828.5	5.3
Commercial banking .....	1,292.9	1,314.7	1,319.8	1,323.9	1,296.8	1,315.3	1,318.9	1,321.5	1,324.7	1,327.0	2.3
Securities, commodity contracts, investments .....	780.7	795.0	799.3	804.0	779.7	791.5	794.3	797.4	799.9	802.8	2.9
Insurance carriers and related activities .....	2,263.8	2,267.4	2,274.3	2,280.4	2,258.1	2,258.2	2,261.5	2,267.4	2,273.4	2,275.0	1.6
Funds, trusts, and other financial vehicles .....	83.7	85.1	85.4	85.2	84.2	85.2	84.9	85.5	85.8	85.7	-.1
Real estate and rental and leasing .....	2,106.5	2,169.0	2,165.2	2,169.5	2,113.6	2,161.5	2,163.9	2,169.2	2,172.7	2,176.4	3.7
Real estate .....	1,433.4	1,487.7	1,485.2	1,490.3	1,437.8	1,475.8	1,480.0	1,485.2	1,487.7	1,493.3	5.6
Rental and leasing services .....	648.2	654.3	653.0	652.8	650.9	659.6	657.5	657.3	658.2	656.6	-1.6
Lessors of nonfinancial intangible assets .....	24.9	27.0	27.0	26.4	24.9	26.1	26.4	26.7	26.8	26.5	-3

See footnotes at end of table.

Table B-1. Employees on nonfarm payrolls by industry sector and selected industry detail—Continued

(In thousands)

Industry	Not seasonally adjusted				Seasonally adjusted						Change from: Nov. 2005-Dec. 2005 <sup>P</sup>
	Dec. 2004	Oct. 2005	Nov. 2005 <sup>P</sup>	Dec. 2005 <sup>P</sup>	Dec. 2004	Aug. 2005	Sept. 2005	Oct. 2005	Nov. 2005 <sup>P</sup>	Dec. 2005 <sup>P</sup>	
Professional and business services .....	16,660	17,235	17,250	17,160	16,674	16,983	17,037	17,051	17,127	17,160	33
Professional and technical services <sup>1</sup> .....	6,871.3	6,982.0	7,010.2	7,075.5	6,869.9	6,986.2	7,008.0	7,020.3	7,041.4	7,069.4	28.0
Legal services .....	1,168.5	1,154.7	1,156.6	1,163.0	1,164.4	1,162.5	1,154.6	1,155.2	1,156.1	1,159.0	2.9
Accounting and bookkeeping services .....	819.8	799.3	805.0	858.2	840.8	863.5	868.9	869.2	873.2	879.2	6.0
Architectural and engineering services .....	1,285.9	1,345.7	1,347.9	1,343.9	1,289.5	1,322.3	1,332.5	1,335.8	1,341.6	1,346.0	4.4
Computer systems design and related services.....	1,183.3	1,203.4	1,212.4	1,215.6	1,174.3	1,187.8	1,192.4	1,199.7	1,203.6	1,206.2	2.6
Management and technical consulting services.....	796.6	824.9	829.4	837.2	789.9	814.7	817.2	820.6	826.4	830.6	4.2
Management of companies and enterprises .....	1,733.9	1,728.8	1,738.4	1,738.2	1,725.6	1,735.9	1,727.3	1,730.1	1,732.0	1,731.6	-4
Administrative and waste services .....	8,054.3	8,524.4	8,501.2	8,346.7	8,078.0	8,261.0	8,301.6	8,301.0	8,353.6	8,359.1	5.5
Administrative and support services <sup>1</sup> .....	7,730.4	8,203.4	8,185.4	8,032.2	7,751.4	7,935.6	7,979.3	7,981.5	8,036.6	8,041.7	5.1
Employment services <sup>1</sup> .....	3,638.8	3,929.1	3,940.3	3,854.4	3,584.5	3,721.2	3,758.6	3,759.3	3,808.1	3,791.4	-16.7
Temporary help services .....	2,507.3	2,739.2	2,723.4	2,675.0	2,479.4	2,561.9	2,592.4	2,604.9	2,626.1	2,635.1	9.0
Business support services .....	768.1	746.8	748.3	753.0	757.0	751.0	750.5	742.4	741.9	741.9	.0
Services to buildings and dwellings .....	1,628.2	1,786.0	1,767.1	1,679.1	1,706.1	1,735.3	1,735.7	1,742.8	1,752.9	1,756.4	3.5
Waste management and remediation services .....	323.9	321.0	315.8	314.5	326.6	325.4	322.3	319.5	317.0	317.4	.4
Education and health services .....	17,310	17,618	17,706	17,671	17,142	17,418	17,455	17,443	17,480	17,505	25
Educational services .....	2,950.8	2,990.4	3,024.3	2,968.9	2,805.5	2,846.2	2,858.1	2,824.0	2,829.7	2,828.0	-1.7
Health care and social assistance .....	14,358.7	14,627.3	14,681.7	14,701.7	14,336.1	14,571.8	14,596.6	14,618.7	14,650.3	14,676.9	26.6
Health care <sup>3</sup> .....	12,187.4	12,398.3	12,439.6	12,458.3	12,168.4	12,363.5	12,381.2	12,393.4	12,418.0	12,439.1	21.1
Ambulatory health care services <sup>1</sup> .....	5,028.6	5,137.4	5,164.0	5,171.2	5,017.0	5,120.1	5,126.6	5,134.4	5,150.5	5,159.6	9.1
Offices of physicians .....	2,092.5	2,141.6	2,155.0	2,162.7	2,084.3	2,133.4	2,135.7	2,141.3	2,148.6	2,153.6	5.0
Outpatient care centers .....	450.2	465.6	469.4	470.3	450.3	462.5	465.4	466.5	468.7	470.0	1.3
Home health care services .....	796.1	811.6	813.4	814.5	790.7	808.9	809.9	809.4	810.0	810.7	.7
Hospitals .....	4,325.4	4,400.3	4,411.2	4,416.9	4,323.5	4,391.4	4,396.8	4,402.1	4,408.0	4,415.7	7.7
Nursing and residential care facilities <sup>1</sup> .....	2,833.4	2,860.6	2,864.4	2,870.2	2,827.9	2,852.0	2,857.8	2,856.9	2,859.5	2,863.8	4.3
Nursing care facilities .....	1,577.4	1,577.4	1,579.6	1,583.3	1,574.5	1,575.9	1,576.7	1,575.2	1,576.3	1,579.4	3.1
Social assistance <sup>1</sup> .....	2,171.3	2,229.0	2,242.1	2,243.4	2,167.7	2,208.3	2,215.4	2,225.3	2,232.3	2,237.8	5.5
Child day care services .....	789.4	811.7	814.5	810.8	780.4	791.6	795.3	800.6	802.3	802.0	-3
Leisure and hospitality .....	12,303	12,704	12,546	12,529	12,589	12,830	12,762	12,755	12,808	12,831	23
Arts, entertainment, and recreation .....	1,661.6	1,794.1	1,699.1	1,671.0	1,811.0	1,840.2	1,830.3	1,832.5	1,838.4	1,829.7	-8.7
Performing arts and spectator sports .....	348.3	358.2	339.9	330.0	357.9	363.7	361.3	353.2	349.9	344.9	-5.0
Museums, historical sites, zoos, and parks .....	110.3	118.1	114.5	111.6	114.8	117.1	118.7	117.1	117.1	117.2	.1
Amusements, gambling, and recreation .....	1,203.0	1,317.8	1,244.7	1,229.4	1,338.3	1,359.4	1,350.3	1,362.2	1,371.4	1,367.6	-3.8
Accommodations and food services .....	10,641.5	10,909.6	10,846.9	10,857.6	10,778.4	10,989.3	10,931.4	10,922.9	10,969.9	11,001.2	31.3
Accommodations .....	1,756.1	1,811.4	1,776.4	1,761.8	1,824.6	1,831.4	1,831.1	1,830.6	1,831.9	1,827.4	-4.5
Food services and drinking places .....	8,885.4	9,098.2	9,070.5	9,095.8	8,953.8	9,157.9	9,100.3	9,092.3	9,138.0	9,173.8	35.8
Other services .....	5,433	5,437	5,447	5,462	5,447	5,469	5,468	5,458	5,466	5,477	11
Repair and maintenance .....	1,222.2	1,230.5	1,231.8	1,242.1	1,229.9	1,239.4	1,236.1	1,234.5	1,238.5	1,248.0	9.5
Personal and laundry services .....	1,276.1	1,272.2	1,276.6	1,274.5	1,276.8	1,281.2	1,279.3	1,277.2	1,278.1	1,277.3	-8
Membership associations and organizations .....	2,934.8	2,934.2	2,939.0	2,945.3	2,940.6	2,948.8	2,952.7	2,946.3	2,949.1	2,951.9	2.8
Government .....	22,044	22,173	22,320	22,244	21,700	21,849	21,856	21,850	21,874	21,888	14
Federal .....	2,723	2,714	2,714	2,723	2,706	2,718	2,718	2,716	2,718	2,712	-6
Federal, except U.S. Postal Service .....	1,929.4	1,935.4	1,931.5	1,930.0	1,939.5	1,936.5	1,937.2	1,936.9	1,939.3	1,939.3	.2
U.S. Postal Service .....	793.7	778.7	782.7	792.7	766.4	781.1	780.8	779.3	779.1	772.3	-6.8
State government .....	5,110	5,166	5,196	5,156	5,020	5,033	5,039	5,037	5,045	5,057	12
State government education .....	2,384.6	2,425.4	2,457.7	2,414.0	2,277.9	2,287.3	2,292.1	2,286.8	2,292.0	2,298.9	6.9
State government, excluding education .....	2,725.3	2,740.2	2,738.1	2,742.4	2,741.9	2,745.3	2,746.5	2,750.3	2,752.5	2,758.1	5.6
Local government .....	14,211	14,293	14,410	14,365	13,974	14,098	14,099	14,097	14,111	14,119	8
Local government education .....	8,117.1	8,125.8	8,241.6	8,221.6	7,810.8	7,899.7	7,887.9	7,888.3	7,894.1	7,906.2	12.1
Local government, excluding education .....	6,093.5	6,167.1	6,168.2	6,143.1	6,163.1	6,198.7	6,210.9	6,208.6	6,216.5	6,213.2	-3.3

<sup>1</sup> Includes other industries, not shown separately.<sup>2</sup> Includes motor vehicles, motor vehicle bodies and trailers, and motor vehicle parts.<sup>3</sup> Includes ambulatory health care services, hospitals, and nursing and residential care facilities.<sup>P</sup> = preliminary.

Table B-2. Average weekly hours of production or nonsupervisory workers<sup>1</sup> on private nonfarm payrolls by industry sector and selected industry detail

Industry	Not seasonally adjusted				Seasonally adjusted						
	Dec. 2004	Oct. 2005	Nov. 2005 <sup>P</sup>	Dec. 2005 <sup>P</sup>	Dec. 2004	Aug. 2005	Sept. 2005	Oct. 2005	Nov. 2005 <sup>P</sup>	Dec. 2005 <sup>P</sup>	Change from: Nov. 2005- Dec. 2005 <sup>P</sup>
Total private .....	33.8	34.1	33.8	33.7	33.7	33.7	33.8	33.8	33.8	33.7	-0.1
Goods-producing .....	40.3	40.6	40.6	40.3	40.0	39.9	40.0	40.3	40.4	40.1	-.3
Natural resources and mining .....	45.3	46.4	45.5	45.3	45.4	46.0	45.7	45.8	45.3	45.4	.1
Construction .....	38.2	39.1	39.3	38.1	38.4	38.3	38.3	38.6	39.3	38.5	-.8
Manufacturing .....	41.2	41.2	41.1	41.3	40.5	40.5	40.7	41.0	40.8	40.7	-.1
Overtime hours .....	4.9	4.8	4.7	4.9	4.5	4.5	4.5	4.6	4.5	4.5	.0
Durable goods .....	41.7	41.7	41.7	41.8	41.1	41.1	41.1	41.6	41.4	41.1	-.3
Overtime hours .....	5.1	4.9	4.9	5.0	4.6	4.7	4.6	4.7	4.7	4.5	-.2
Wood products .....	40.4	41.1	41.0	40.2	40.3	39.5	39.8	40.8	40.7	40.1	-.6
Nonmetallic mineral products .....	42.1	43.6	43.6	41.1	42.3	41.6	42.1	43.0	43.3	41.5	-1.8
Primary metals .....	43.4	43.4	43.5	43.7	42.8	43.1	43.3	43.4	43.3	43.1	-.2
Fabricated metal products .....	41.6	41.8	41.6	41.9	40.9	40.8	40.7	41.5	41.3	41.2	-.1
Machinery .....	42.8	42.1	42.2	42.9	42.0	42.0	42.1	42.2	42.1	42.1	.0
Computer and electronic products .....	40.4	40.6	40.9	41.1	39.8	39.7	40.0	40.4	40.4	40.4	.0
Electrical equipment and appliances .....	40.8	41.7	41.8	41.7	40.0	40.9	41.2	41.2	41.2	41.0	-.2
Transportation equipment .....	43.4	43.2	43.0	43.5	42.4	42.8	42.6	43.0	42.8	42.5	-.3
Motor vehicles and parts <sup>2</sup> .....	43.5	43.2	42.6	43.0	42.6	42.9	42.6	42.8	42.4	42.1	-.3
Furniture and related products .....	40.6	38.8	38.7	39.6	39.5	39.1	39.4	39.1	38.7	38.6	-.1
Miscellaneous manufacturing .....	38.8	39.1	38.6	38.5	38.3	38.8	38.7	39.0	38.4	38.2	-.2
Nondurable goods .....	40.3	40.3	40.2	40.5	39.8	39.7	39.9	40.1	39.8	39.9	.1
Overtime hours .....	4.5	4.6	4.5	4.7	4.3	4.3	4.3	4.4	4.3	4.5	.2
Food manufacturing .....	39.4	39.4	39.1	39.9	38.8	38.8	38.7	39.0	38.5	39.1	.6
Beverages and tobacco products .....	39.2	40.6	40.1	39.1	39.6	40.0	39.5	40.8	40.1	39.7	-.4
Textile mills .....	40.1	39.9	40.8	41.6	39.8	40.0	40.1	40.3	40.7	41.2	.5
Textile product mills .....	39.5	39.0	39.2	38.8	39.0	38.6	38.8	38.8	39.0	38.4	-.6
Apparel .....	36.4	36.2	36.3	36.6	35.9	35.7	35.7	36.1	36.0	36.0	.0
Leather and allied products .....	38.0	39.0	39.4	37.9	37.6	38.5	38.4	38.5	39.0	38.0	-1.0
Paper and paper products .....	42.9	43.1	43.3	43.4	42.0	42.5	42.9	42.9	42.8	42.5	-.3
Printing and related support activities .....	39.0	38.8	38.8	38.7	38.5	38.4	38.7	38.5	38.3	38.2	-.1
Petroleum and coal products .....	44.9	47.6	46.6	45.4	44.6	45.3	47.0	47.2	46.0	45.5	-.5
Chemicals .....	43.1	42.7	42.4	42.5	42.6	41.7	42.0	42.8	42.1	42.0	-.1
Plastics and rubber products .....	40.4	40.1	40.4	40.9	39.8	39.9	40.1	40.0	40.1	40.2	.1
Private service-providing .....	32.4	32.6	32.3	32.3	32.4	32.4	32.4	32.4	32.4	32.4	.0
Trade, transportation, and utilities .....	33.6	33.5	33.3	33.5	33.6	33.3	33.3	33.4	33.5	33.4	-.1
Wholesale trade .....	37.5	38.2	37.9	37.8	37.6	37.5	37.7	37.9	37.8	37.9	.1
Retail trade .....	31.0	30.4	30.3	30.7	30.8	30.5	30.5	30.5	30.6	30.5	-.1
Transportation and warehousing .....	37.7	37.1	37.2	37.1	37.4	36.9	36.6	36.8	37.0	36.8	-.2
Utilities .....	40.5	41.6	41.8	41.2	40.7	41.1	41.3	41.3	41.4	41.5	.1
Information .....	36.4	37.0	36.6	36.5	36.4	36.5	36.7	36.7	36.5	36.6	.1
Financial activities .....	35.5	36.5	35.6	35.6	35.7	36.0	36.0	36.0	35.8	35.8	.0
Professional and business services .....	34.1	34.6	34.2	34.2	34.2	34.2	34.3	34.3	34.2	34.3	.1
Education and health services .....	32.5	32.8	32.5	32.4	32.5	32.5	32.7	32.6	32.5	32.5	.0
Leisure and hospitality .....	25.4	25.9	25.4	25.2	25.7	25.7	25.8	25.7	25.7	25.6	-.1
Other services .....	30.8	31.0	30.8	30.9	30.8	30.9	30.9	30.9	30.9	30.9	.0

<sup>1</sup> Data relate to production workers in natural resources and mining and manufacturing, construction workers in construction, and nonsupervisory workers in the service-providing industries. These groups account for approximately four-fifths of the total employment on private nonfarm payrolls.

<sup>2</sup> Includes motor vehicles, motor vehicle bodies and trailers, and motor vehicle parts.

<sup>P</sup> = preliminary.

Table B-3. Average hourly and weekly earnings of production or nonsupervisory workers<sup>1</sup> on private nonfarm payrolls by industry sector and selected industry detail

Industry	Average hourly earnings				Average weekly earnings			
	Dec. 2004	Oct. 2005	Nov. 2005 <sup>P</sup>	Dec. 2005 <sup>P</sup>	Dec. 2004	Oct. 2005	Nov. 2005 <sup>P</sup>	Dec. 2005 <sup>P</sup>
Total private .....	\$15.88	\$16.35	\$16.32	\$16.37	\$536.74	\$557.54	\$551.62	\$551.67
Seasonally adjusted .....	15.85	16.28	16.29	16.34	534.15	550.26	550.60	550.66
Goods-producing .....	17.43	17.81	17.80	17.82	702.43	723.09	722.68	718.15
Natural resources and mining .....	18.46	19.02	19.09	18.87	836.24	882.53	868.60	854.81
Construction .....	19.31	19.75	19.67	19.72	737.64	772.23	773.03	751.33
Manufacturing .....	16.46	16.69	16.72	16.82	678.15	687.63	687.19	694.67
Durable goods .....	17.22	17.52	17.58	17.71	718.07	730.58	733.09	740.28
Wood products .....	13.17	13.26	13.29	13.10	532.07	544.99	544.89	526.62
Nonmetallic mineral products .....	16.36	16.71	16.54	16.51	688.76	728.56	721.14	678.56
Primary metals .....	18.75	19.09	19.31	19.31	813.75	828.51	839.99	843.85
Fabricated metal products .....	15.59	15.93	16.00	16.14	648.54	665.87	665.60	676.27
Machinery .....	16.99	17.04	17.05	17.21	727.17	717.38	719.51	738.31
Computer and electronic products .....	17.92	18.66	18.61	18.75	723.97	757.60	761.15	770.63
Electrical equipment and appliances .....	15.12	15.38	15.44	15.55	616.90	641.35	645.39	648.44
Transportation equipment .....	22.17	22.55	22.69	22.81	962.18	974.16	975.67	992.24
Furniture and related products .....	13.46	13.47	13.45	13.64	546.48	522.64	520.52	540.14
Miscellaneous manufacturing .....	14.05	14.10	14.13	14.35	545.14	551.31	545.42	552.48
Nondurable goods .....	15.21	15.31	15.28	15.31	612.96	616.99	614.26	620.06
Food manufacturing .....	13.03	13.01	13.05	13.09	513.38	512.59	510.26	522.29
Beverages and tobacco products .....	18.82	18.53	19.09	18.55	737.74	752.32	765.51	725.31
Textile mills .....	12.25	12.31	12.51	12.43	491.23	491.17	510.41	517.09
Textile product mills .....	11.43	11.71	11.44	11.60	451.49	456.69	448.45	450.08
Apparel .....	10.00	10.27	10.48	10.43	364.00	371.77	380.42	381.74
Leather and allied products .....	11.51	11.49	11.51	11.51	437.38	448.11	453.49	436.23
Paper and paper products .....	18.07	17.91	17.81	17.95	775.20	771.92	771.17	779.03
Printing and related support activities .....	15.80	15.91	15.81	16.11	616.20	617.31	613.43	623.46
Petroleum and coal products .....	24.48	24.57	24.68	25.00	1,099.15	1,169.53	1,150.09	1,135.00
Chemicals .....	19.59	19.86	19.77	19.77	844.33	848.02	838.25	840.23
Plastics and rubber products .....	14.76	14.79	14.73	14.70	596.30	593.08	595.09	601.23
Private service-providing .....	15.46	15.95	15.92	15.98	500.90	519.97	514.22	516.15
Trade, transportation, and utilities .....	14.61	15.11	15.01	15.00	490.90	506.19	499.83	502.50
Wholesale trade .....	17.87	18.45	18.40	18.43	670.13	704.79	697.36	696.65
Retail trade .....	12.10	12.42	12.29	12.32	375.10	377.57	372.39	378.22
Transportation and warehousing .....	16.59	16.84	16.91	16.97	625.44	624.76	629.05	629.59
Utilities .....	26.00	27.28	27.25	27.03	1,053.00	1,134.85	1,139.05	1,113.64
Information .....	21.74	22.87	22.55	22.79	791.34	846.19	825.33	831.84
Financial activities .....	17.67	18.24	18.27	18.27	627.29	665.76	650.41	650.41
Professional and business services .....	17.73	18.33	18.22	18.37	604.59	634.22	623.12	628.25
Education and health services .....	16.44	16.86	16.92	17.01	534.30	553.01	549.90	551.12
Leisure and hospitality .....	9.11	9.25	9.28	9.36	231.39	239.58	235.71	235.87
Other services .....	14.17	14.35	14.37	14.43	436.44	444.85	442.60	445.89

<sup>1</sup> See footnote 1, table B-2.

p = preliminary.

Table B-4. Average hourly earnings of production or nonsupervisory workers<sup>1</sup> on private nonfarm payrolls by industry sector and selected industry detail, seasonally adjusted

Industry	Dec. 2004	Aug. 2005	Sept. 2005	Oct. 2005	Nov. 2005 <sup>P</sup>	Dec. 2005 <sup>P</sup>	Percent change from: Nov. 2005- Dec. 2005 <sup>P</sup>
Total private:							
Current dollars .....	\$15.85	\$16.17	\$16.19	\$16.28	\$16.29	\$16.34	0.3
Constant (1982) dollars <sup>2</sup> .....	8.23	8.16	8.06	8.10	8.16	N.A.	( <sup>3</sup> )
Goods-producing .....	17.36	17.67	17.65	17.74	17.76	17.77	.1
Natural resources and mining .....	18.37	18.87	19.00	19.03	19.08	18.84	-1.3
Construction .....	19.29	19.51	19.53	19.60	19.63	19.69	.3
Manufacturing .....	16.34	16.65	16.59	16.70	16.70	16.71	.1
Excluding overtime <sup>4</sup> .....	15.48	15.77	15.72	15.81	15.83	15.83	.0
Durable goods .....	17.06	17.46	17.39	17.51	17.53	17.56	.2
Nondurable goods .....	15.16	15.30	15.28	15.33	15.29	15.29	.0
Private service-providing .....	15.45	15.77	15.80	15.89	15.89	15.95	.4
Trade, transportation, and utilities .....	14.72	15.02	14.99	15.07	15.04	15.11	.5
Wholesale trade .....	17.87	18.24	18.29	18.36	18.39	18.43	.2
Retail trade .....	12.21	12.43	12.32	12.42	12.34	12.42	.6
Transportation and warehousing .....	16.54	16.81	16.83	16.82	16.88	16.93	.3
Utilities .....	26.11	26.90	27.03	27.15	27.09	27.11	.1
Information .....	21.70	22.26	22.36	22.70	22.45	22.69	1.1
Financial activities .....	17.71	17.97	18.09	18.15	18.30	18.30	.0
Professional and business services .....	17.69	18.09	18.08	18.26	18.25	18.33	.4
Education and health services .....	16.37	16.75	16.81	16.86	16.91	16.94	.2
Leisure and hospitality .....	9.01	9.16	9.21	9.21	9.23	9.25	.2
Other services .....	14.13	14.28	14.29	14.33	14.35	14.37	.1

<sup>1</sup> See footnote 1, table B-2.

<sup>2</sup> The Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W) is used to deflate this series.

<sup>3</sup> Change was 0.7 percent from Oct. 2005 to Nov. 2005, the latest month available.

<sup>4</sup> Derived by assuming that overtime hours are paid at the rate of time and one-half.

N.A. = not available.

<sup>P</sup> = preliminary.



**Table B-5. Indexes of aggregate weekly hours of production or nonsupervisory workers<sup>1</sup> on private nonfarm payrolls by industry sector and selected industry detail**

(2002=100)

Industry	Not seasonally adjusted				Seasonally adjusted						Percent change from: Nov. 2005- Dec. 2005 <sup>P</sup>
	Dec. 2004	Oct. 2005	Nov. 2005 <sup>P</sup>	Dec. 2005 <sup>P</sup>	Dec. 2004	Aug. 2005	Sept. 2005	Oct. 2005	Nov. 2005 <sup>P</sup>	Dec. 2005 <sup>P</sup>	
Total private .....	102.1	104.9	104.3	103.8	101.2	102.9	103.2	103.3	103.6	103.4	-0.2
Goods-producing .....	97.7	102.0	101.8	99.6	97.5	98.3	98.7	99.7	100.4	99.7	-7
Natural resources and mining .....	108.6	121.8	118.7	118.2	109.0	116.8	116.6	117.8	117.2	118.7	1.3
Construction .....	101.7	113.5	113.2	105.0	104.0	106.6	107.0	108.1	110.8	108.1	-2.4
Manufacturing .....	95.5	95.9	95.9	96.5	93.9	93.8	94.2	95.2	95.0	94.9	-1
Durable goods .....	96.8	98.1	98.5	99.1	95.3	96.0	96.0	97.7	97.6	97.2	-4
Wood products .....	100.6	103.2	102.5	100.7	101.1	98.1	99.3	101.7	101.6	100.9	-7
Nonmetallic mineral products .....	97.3	101.3	100.8	92.3	98.3	95.3	96.0	97.9	98.5	93.9	-4.7
Primary metals .....	94.3	94.2	94.5	96.1	92.6	93.0	93.7	94.3	94.3	94.2	-1
Fabricated metal products .....	100.1	101.4	101.7	102.6	98.4	99.0	98.8	100.6	100.8	100.9	.1
Machinery .....	98.4	99.4	99.5	101.9	96.5	98.7	98.9	100.1	99.6	99.9	.3
Computer and electronic products .....	91.2	101.0	103.4	105.5	89.7	96.1	98.3	100.6	102.2	103.7	1.5
Electrical equipment and appliances .....	89.9	90.0	90.1	90.7	87.5	88.3	88.8	89.0	88.8	88.5	-3
Transportation equipment .....	99.3	99.0	99.3	101.2	96.4	97.3	96.1	98.5	98.4	98.0	-4
Motor vehicles and parts <sup>2</sup> .....	99.2	96.1	94.8	95.9	96.4	94.7	95.6	95.1	93.9	93.0	-1.0
Furniture and related products .....	96.3	89.5	89.3	91.9	93.6	90.5	91.1	90.4	89.3	89.4	.1
Miscellaneous manufacturing .....	92.6	91.9	91.2	90.7	90.9	91.1	90.5	91.3	89.9	89.3	-7
Nondurable goods .....	93.1	92.3	91.9	92.2	92.0	90.5	91.0	91.2	90.6	90.8	.2
Food manufacturing .....	98.0	98.4	97.1	98.4	96.7	95.7	95.3	95.7	94.7	96.2	1.6
Beverages and tobacco products .....	89.9	102.0	97.5	95.8	91.0	95.5	94.1	100.2	96.9	97.0	.1
Textile mills .....	76.5	70.4	70.7	70.2	76.2	71.7	71.2	70.8	70.4	70.1	-4
Textile product mills .....	92.8	95.3	97.0	95.9	92.1	93.1	94.9	95.4	96.5	95.1	-1.5
Apparel .....	71.0	64.3	66.2	66.2	70.9	64.7	64.5	64.1	65.4	65.5	.2
Leather and allied products .....	85.4	88.2	89.4	88.5	85.0	86.8	86.9	87.4	88.8	88.5	-3
Paper and paper products .....	91.4	90.6	91.1	90.6	89.2	90.0	90.6	89.9	89.7	88.5	-1.3
Printing and related support activities .....	95.0	93.0	93.4	93.1	93.5	91.7	92.5	92.1	91.8	91.5	-3
Petroleum and coal products .....	103.1	110.7	105.2	99.8	104.7	104.7	107.5	108.2	103.8	102.8	-1.0
Chemicals .....	99.0	97.0	96.7	97.2	97.8	95.1	96.3	97.7	96.3	96.1	-2
Plastics and rubber products .....	94.0	92.8	93.3	94.1	92.8	91.8	92.5	92.2	92.5	92.6	.1
Private service-providing .....	103.2	105.4	104.9	105.0	102.5	104.2	104.3	104.3	104.6	104.6	.0
Trade, transportation, and utilities .....	103.4	102.1	103.2	104.4	100.4	101.2	100.9	101.3	101.7	101.3	-4
Wholesale trade .....	99.4	103.2	102.6	102.4	99.4	100.8	101.5	102.2	102.1	102.5	.4
Retail trade .....	105.0	99.9	102.2	104.6	99.9	100.3	99.8	99.8	100.2	99.7	-5
Transportation and warehousing .....	106.1	107.0	107.5	106.9	103.8	105.0	104.2	104.9	105.7	104.9	-8
Utilities .....	93.8	98.5	99.3	97.3	94.7	97.3	97.9	98.0	98.6	98.3	-3
Information .....	102.0	104.2	103.6	103.3	101.3	103.0	104.3	103.8	103.4	103.1	-3
Financial activities .....	102.9	107.8	105.3	105.8	103.6	106.0	106.2	106.5	106.2	106.4	.2
Professional and business services .....	103.7	109.8	108.7	108.1	103.9	106.6	107.3	107.4	107.8	108.4	.6
Education and health services .....	105.7	108.4	108.0	107.4	104.7	106.3	107.1	106.7	106.6	106.7	.1
Leisure and hospitality .....	100.4	106.0	102.6	101.5	104.2	105.9	106.2	105.7	106.2	105.9	-3
Other services .....	96.4	97.2	96.8	97.3	96.6	97.5	97.5	97.3	97.5	97.7	.2

<sup>1</sup> See footnote 1, table B-2.<sup>2</sup> Includes motor vehicles, motor vehicle bodies and trailers, and motor vehicle parts.<sup>P</sup> = preliminary.

NOTE: The indexes of aggregate weekly hours are calculated by

dividing the current month's estimates of aggregate hours by the corresponding 2002 annual average levels. Aggregate hours estimates are the product of estimates of average weekly hours and production or nonsupervisory worker employment.

**Table B-6. Indexes of aggregate weekly payrolls of production or nonsupervisory workers<sup>1</sup> on private nonfarm payrolls by industry sector and selected industry detail**

(2002=100)

Industry	Not seasonally adjusted				Seasonally adjusted						Percent change from: Nov. 2005- Dec. 2005 <sup>P</sup>
	Dec. 2004	Oct. 2005	Nov. 2005 <sup>P</sup>	Dec. 2005 <sup>P</sup>	Dec. 2004	Aug. 2005	Sept. 2005	Oct. 2005	Nov. 2005 <sup>P</sup>	Dec. 2005 <sup>P</sup>	
Total private .....	108.4	114.7	113.9	113.7	107.4	111.3	111.8	112.5	112.9	113.0	0.1
Goods-producing .....	104.3	111.2	111.0	108.7	103.7	106.4	106.7	108.3	109.2	108.4	-.7
Natural resources and mining .....	116.6	134.7	131.8	129.7	116.5	128.2	128.8	130.4	130.1	130.1	.0
Construction .....	106.1	121.1	120.2	111.8	108.3	112.3	112.8	114.4	117.4	115.0	-2.0
Manufacturing .....	102.8	104.7	104.9	106.1	100.3	102.1	102.2	103.9	103.7	103.7	.0
Durable goods .....	104.1	107.2	108.1	109.6	101.5	104.6	104.2	106.8	106.8	106.6	-.2
Nondurable goods .....	100.1	99.9	99.2	99.7	98.6	97.9	98.3	98.8	97.9	98.1	.2
Private service-providing .....	109.6	115.5	114.8	115.2	108.8	112.9	113.2	113.8	114.2	114.7	.4
Trade, transportation, and utilities .....	107.8	110.0	110.5	111.7	105.5	108.4	107.9	108.9	109.1	109.2	.1
Wholesale trade .....	104.7	112.2	111.2	111.2	104.7	108.3	109.4	110.5	110.6	111.2	.5
Retail trade .....	108.9	106.3	107.7	110.4	104.5	106.8	105.3	106.3	106.0	106.1	.1
Transportation and warehousing .....	111.7	114.3	115.3	115.1	108.9	112.0	111.3	111.9	113.2	112.6	-5
Utilities .....	101.8	112.1	113.0	109.8	103.2	109.2	110.4	111.0	111.5	111.3	-.2
Information .....	109.8	117.9	115.7	116.6	108.8	113.5	115.4	116.6	114.9	115.8	.8
Financial activities .....	112.5	121.6	119.0	119.5	113.5	117.7	118.7	119.5	120.1	120.4	.2
Professional and business services .....	109.4	119.7	117.9	118.1	109.4	114.8	115.5	116.7	117.1	118.2	.9
Education and health services .....	114.3	120.2	120.1	120.1	112.6	117.1	118.3	118.3	118.5	118.8	.3
Leisure and hospitality .....	106.7	114.3	111.0	110.8	109.4	113.1	114.0	113.5	114.3	114.2	-.1
Other services .....	99.5	101.6	101.3	102.3	99.5	101.4	101.5	101.6	101.9	102.2	.3

<sup>1</sup> See footnote 1, table B-2.

<sup>P</sup> = preliminary.

NOTE: The indexes of aggregate weekly payrolls are calculated by dividing the current month's estimates of aggregate payrolls by

the corresponding 2002 annual average levels. Aggregate payroll estimates are the product of estimates of average hourly earnings, average weekly hours, and production or nonsupervisory worker employment.

Table B-7. Diffusion indexes of employment change

(Percent)

Time span	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
	Private nonfarm payrolls, 278 industries <sup>1</sup>											
Over 1-month span:												
2001 .....	49.5	47.7	48.6	32.7	42.4	40.8	36.7	39.0	37.6	33.6	36.9	37.1
2002 .....	41.0	35.6	39.7	39.2	40.5	47.7	42.8	43.0	42.1	39.0	41.5	35.1
2003 .....	44.4	38.7	35.3	41.4	39.4	39.9	42.1	39.4	50.4	48.9	50.0	50.5
2004 .....	50.9	53.4	66.0	67.3	64.6	59.7	55.4	53.8	57.6	58.6	54.7	54.3
2005 .....	54.1	61.2	53.1	61.7	57.4	54.7	58.8	54.9	56.8	54.0	<sup>P</sup> 66.0	<sup>P</sup> 54.9
Over 3-month span:												
2001 .....	53.2	49.8	49.8	42.3	38.1	34.2	37.8	37.6	34.7	35.4	30.8	32.0
2002 .....	35.3	37.9	36.5	34.2	34.4	39.4	40.6	44.1	37.8	37.1	35.8	36.7
2003 .....	38.3	35.4	33.3	33.5	36.5	41.7	37.8	37.4	43.2	46.4	48.6	50.2
2004 .....	52.5	53.8	56.7	69.4	75.4	71.2	63.5	56.8	57.4	59.9	59.7	56.3
2005 .....	58.5	60.3	63.7	62.4	59.4	64.2	61.3	60.4	56.7	52.0	<sup>P</sup> 57.0	<sup>P</sup> 63.1
Over 6-month span:												
2001 .....	53.1	50.9	52.0	45.5	43.0	39.7	38.5	33.6	33.5	34.2	33.6	30.9
2002 .....	29.5	29.9	32.0	31.7	30.9	37.4	37.1	38.7	35.3	36.0	37.9	35.1
2003 .....	32.7	32.2	31.3	31.3	33.1	37.6	33.6	32.2	40.3	43.7	46.4	49.3
2004 .....	47.3	50.4	54.9	62.6	64.4	69.6	67.3	68.9	64.6	62.2	59.7	55.9
2005 .....	60.3	62.8	63.7	62.2	62.6	63.1	64.0	61.5	62.4	57.0	<sup>P</sup> 57.0	<sup>P</sup> 57.4
Over 12-month span:												
2001 .....	59.5	59.5	53.4	49.3	48.6	45.0	43.3	43.9	39.9	37.8	37.1	34.9
2002 .....	33.6	31.7	30.2	30.4	30.2	29.1	32.0	31.3	30.0	29.5	32.9	34.7
2003 .....	34.5	31.5	32.9	33.5	34.2	35.1	32.7	33.1	37.1	36.7	37.2	39.2
2004 .....	40.3	42.1	44.8	48.7	52.0	56.7	57.4	57.6	60.3	62.1	64.6	64.0
2005 .....	61.2	64.7	64.2	65.8	63.8	60.4	63.8	67.3	62.2	60.4	<sup>P</sup> 58.6	<sup>P</sup> 63.1
	Manufacturing payrolls, 84 industries <sup>1</sup>											
Over 1-month span:												
2001 .....	22.0	17.3	22.0	17.9	16.1	22.6	13.1	15.5	18.5	17.3	14.9	11.9
2002 .....	19.0	19.6	22.0	32.1	26.2	31.0	35.7	23.2	28.6	15.5	18.5	16.7
2003 .....	35.1	19.0	19.0	11.9	19.6	20.8	22.6	24.4	32.7	35.1	39.9	42.9
2004 .....	39.3	49.4	50.0	65.5	60.1	51.8	60.7	48.8	42.9	42.3	46.4	44.6
2005 .....	42.3	44.6	41.1	47.6	44.0	33.9	50.0	39.9	48.8	51.2	<sup>P</sup> 53.6	<sup>P</sup> 55.4
Over 3-month span:												
2001 .....	32.7	20.8	16.7	14.3	14.3	11.9	11.9	9.5	7.7	12.5	11.3	9.5
2002 .....	10.7	11.9	11.3	17.9	14.9	20.2	25.6	23.8	20.2	13.7	8.9	9.5
2003 .....	16.1	14.3	12.5	8.9	10.7	10.7	14.3	15.5	18.5	27.4	31.5	35.1
2004 .....	42.3	43.5	42.9	58.3	69.0	69.6	62.5	53.6	52.4	44.6	45.2	35.7
2005 .....	45.2	42.9	52.4	46.4	41.7	38.7	41.1	36.9	41.7	38.1	<sup>P</sup> 42.3	<sup>P</sup> 54.8
Over 6-month span:												
2001 .....	22.6	24.4	21.4	19.6	14.3	11.9	13.1	11.3	10.7	7.1	7.7	5.4
2002 .....	6.0	8.3	8.3	9.5	7.1	13.1	12.5	11.3	14.3	8.3	8.3	7.7
2003 .....	12.5	10.1	7.1	8.3	11.3	10.7	4.8	10.1	13.1	16.7	19.6	26.8
2004 .....	27.4	29.8	33.3	47.0	52.4	57.1	60.1	58.9	58.9	50.6	45.2	42.9
2005 .....	43.5	44.0	42.3	39.3	38.7	36.9	36.9	34.5	41.1	44.6	<sup>P</sup> 36.3	<sup>P</sup> 41.1
Over 12-month span:												
2001 .....	29.8	32.1	20.8	19.0	13.1	12.5	10.7	11.9	11.9	10.1	8.3	6.0
2002 .....	7.1	6.0	6.0	6.5	7.1	3.6	4.8	6.0	4.8	7.1	4.8	8.3
2003 .....	10.7	6.0	6.5	6.0	8.3	7.1	7.1	8.3	10.7	10.7	9.5	10.7
2004 .....	13.1	14.3	13.1	19.0	25.6	34.5	43.5	40.5	45.8	48.2	49.4	46.4
2005 .....	45.2	45.8	47.6	44.6	42.3	39.3	39.3	38.7	31.0	39.3	<sup>P</sup> 34.5	<sup>P</sup> 44.0

<sup>1</sup>Based on seasonally adjusted data for 1-, 3-, and 6-month spans and unadjusted data for the 12-month span.

<sup>P</sup>= preliminary.

NOTE: Figures are the percent of industries with employment

increasing plus one-half of the industries with unchanged employment, where 50 percent indicates an equal balance between industries with increasing and decreasing employment.